

# Lipschitz Decompositions of the Complements of Bilaterally Flat Sets

Jared Krandel

Department of Mathematics  
Stony Brook University

May 2, 2023

# Lipschitz graph domains

## Definition

We call an open set  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  an  $M$ -**Lipschitz graph domain** if, after possibly translating and dilating  $\Omega$ , there exists a function  $r : \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\partial\Omega = \{r(\theta)\theta : \theta \in \mathbb{S}^d\}$$

where for all  $\theta, \psi \in \mathbb{S}^d$ , we have

$$|r(\theta) - r(\psi)| \leq M|\theta - \psi|,$$

$$\frac{1}{M+1} \leq r(\theta) \leq 1.$$

# Jones's Lipschitz decomposition result in $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Theorem (Jones)

There is a constant  $M > 0$  such that for any *simply connected* domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ , there exists a rectifiable curve  $\Gamma$ , ( $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma) < \infty$ ) such that

$$\Omega \setminus \Gamma = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$$

where  $\{\Omega_j\}_j$  is a collection of disjoint  $M$ -Lipschitz graph domains satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$$

# Jones's Lipschitz decomposition result in $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Theorem (Jones)

There is a constant  $M > 0$  such that for any *simply connected* domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ , there exists a rectifiable curve  $\Gamma$ , ( $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma) < \infty$ ) such that

$$\Omega \setminus \Gamma = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$$

where  $\{\Omega_j\}_j$  is a collection of disjoint  $M$ -Lipschitz graph domains satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$$

## Question

For  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d > 2$ , can we find geometric sufficient conditions on  $\partial\Omega$  for the existence of Jones-type Lipschitz decompositions?

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

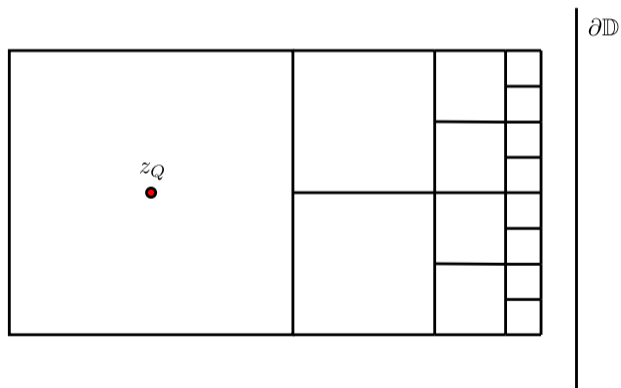
1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .

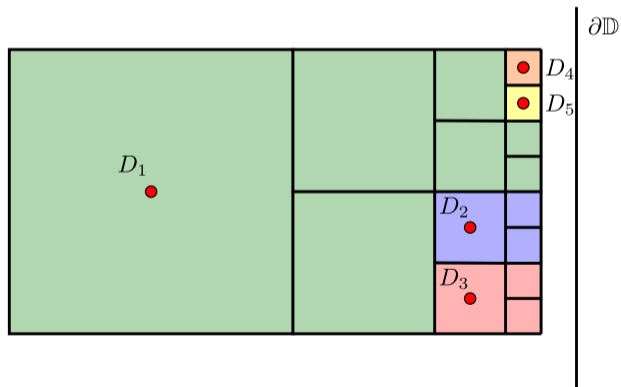
# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .



# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .





# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .
4.  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$  by **complex analysis estimates** using  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ .

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .
4.  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$  by **complex analysis estimates** using  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ .

## In higher dimensions

Apply this proof scheme in higher dimensions by replacing **complex analysis** with **GMT**

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .
4.  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$  by **complex analysis estimates** using  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ .

## In higher dimensions

Apply this proof scheme in higher dimensions by replacing **complex analysis** with **GMT**

- (a) Add  **$\partial\Omega$  Reifenberg flat**

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .
4.  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$  by **complex analysis estimates** using  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ .

## In higher dimensions

Apply this proof scheme in higher dimensions by replacing **complex analysis** with **GMT**

- (a) Add  **$\partial\Omega$  Reifenberg flat**
- (b) **Riemann map**  $\rightarrow$  **Reifenberg parameterization**

# Ideas of proof of Jones's result

1. Apply the **Riemann mapping theorem** to get biholomorphic  $\varphi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ .
2. Partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $\varphi'|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$ .
4.  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega_j) \leq M\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega)$  by **complex analysis estimates** using  $\mathcal{H}^1(\partial\Omega) < \infty$ .

## In higher dimensions

Apply this proof scheme in higher dimensions by replacing **complex analysis** with **GMT**

- (a) Add  **$\partial\Omega$  Reifenberg flat**
- (b) **Riemann map**  $\rightarrow$  **Reifenberg parameterization**
- (c) **complex analysis estimates**  $\rightarrow$  **Carleson packing estimates** for a “**corona decomposition**” of  **$\partial\Omega$**

## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition (Bilateral beta number)

For  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B$  a ball, the  $d$ -**bilateral beta number** for  $E$  inside  $B$  is

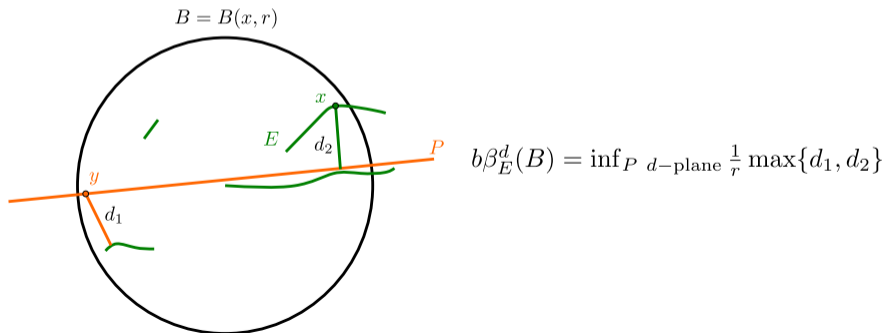
$$b\beta_E^d(B) = \frac{1}{\text{diam}(B)} \inf_P d_H(B \cap E, B \cap P).$$

# (a) Reifenberg flat sets

## Definition (Bilateral beta number)

For  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B$  a ball, the  $d$ -**bilateral beta number** for  $E$  inside  $B$  is

$$b\beta_E^d(B) = \frac{1}{\text{diam}(B)} \inf_P \inf_{d\text{-plane}} d_H(B \cap E, B \cap P).$$





## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition

We say that a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -**Reifenberg flat** if for all  $x \in E$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$b\beta_E(B(x, r)) \leq \epsilon.$$

## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition

We say that a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -**Reifenberg flat** if for all  $x \in E$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$b\beta_E(B(x, r)) \leq \epsilon.$$

$K_0$

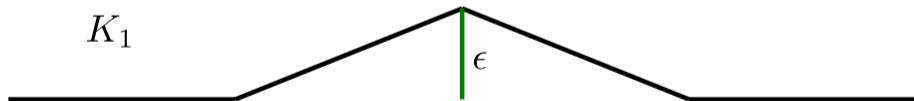
---

## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition

We say that a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -**Reifenberg flat** if for all  $x \in E$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$b\beta_E^d(B(x, r)) \leq \epsilon.$$

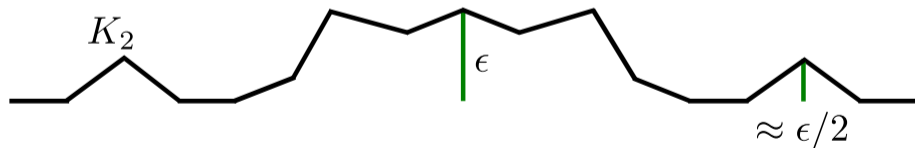


## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition

We say that a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -**Reifenberg flat** if for all  $x \in E$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$b\beta_E^d(B(x, r)) \leq \epsilon.$$



## (a) Reifenberg flat sets

### Definition

We say that a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -**Reifenberg flat** if for all  $x \in E$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$b\beta_E(B(x, r)) \leq \epsilon.$$

$$K = \lim_i K_i$$



## (b) Reifenberg parameterization

### Theorem (Reifenberg topological disk theorem)

If  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat with  $0 \in E$  for small  $\epsilon$ , then  $\exists g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  bi-Hölder which maps a  $d$ -disk onto  $E \cap B(0, 1)$ . Specifically,  $g$  satisfies

$$C^{-1}|x - y|^{1+C\epsilon} \leq |g(x) - g(y)| \leq C|x - y|^{1-C\epsilon}$$

and

$$E \cap B(0, 1) = g(\mathbb{B}^d(0, 1)).$$

## (b) Reifenberg parameterization

### Theorem (Reifenberg topological disk theorem)

If  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat with  $0 \in E$  for small  $\epsilon$ , then  $\exists g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  bi-Hölder which maps a  $d$ -disk onto  $E \cap B(0, 1)$ . Specifically,  $g$  satisfies

$$C^{-1}|x - y|^{1+C\epsilon} \leq |g(x) - g(y)| \leq C|x - y|^{1-C\epsilon}$$

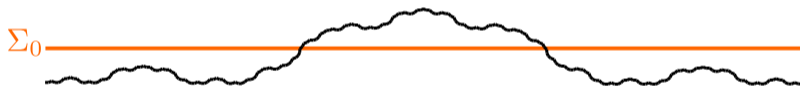
and

$$E \cap B(0, 1) = g(\mathbb{B}^d(0, 1)).$$

- G. David and T. Toro later gave an improved Reifenberg algorithm for “Reifenberg flat sets with holes” which also gave a condition for  $g$  to be bi-Lipschitz in terms of an upper bound on “accumulated wiggleness” over all scales at a given point.

## (b) Reifenberg parameterization and the geometry of $\partial\Omega$

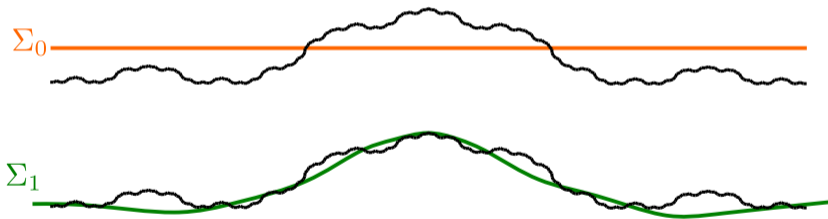
- Given Reifenberg flat  $E$ , the Reifenberg construction produces a collection  $\{\Sigma_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  of smooth approximations to  $E$  on scale  $2^{-k}$  used to construct  $g$ .





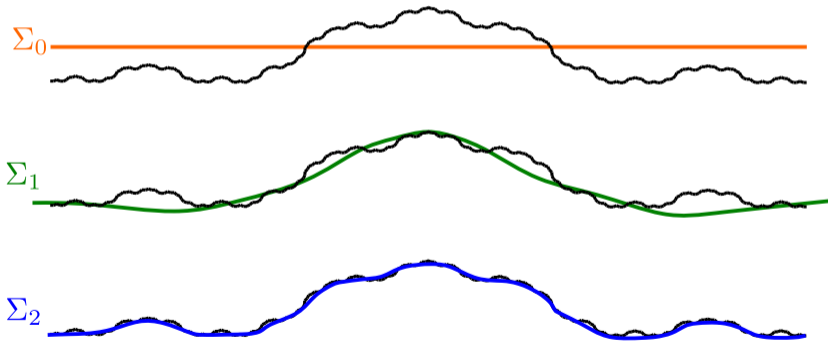
## (b) Reifenberg parameterization and the geometry of $\partial\Omega$

- Reifenberg construction produces a collection  $\{\Sigma_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  of smooth approximations to  $E$  on scale  $2^{-k}$  used to construct  $g$ .



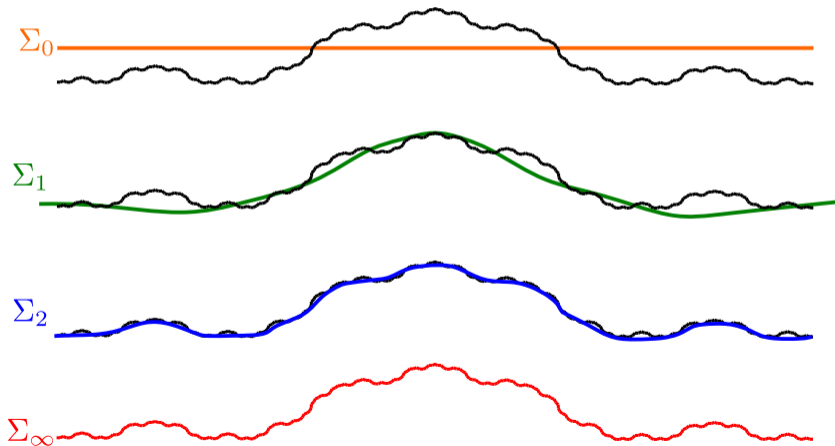
## (b) Reifenberg parameterization and the geometry of $\partial\Omega$

- Reifenberg construction produces a collection  $\{\Sigma_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  of smooth approximations to  $E$  on scale  $2^{-k}$  used to construct  $g$ .



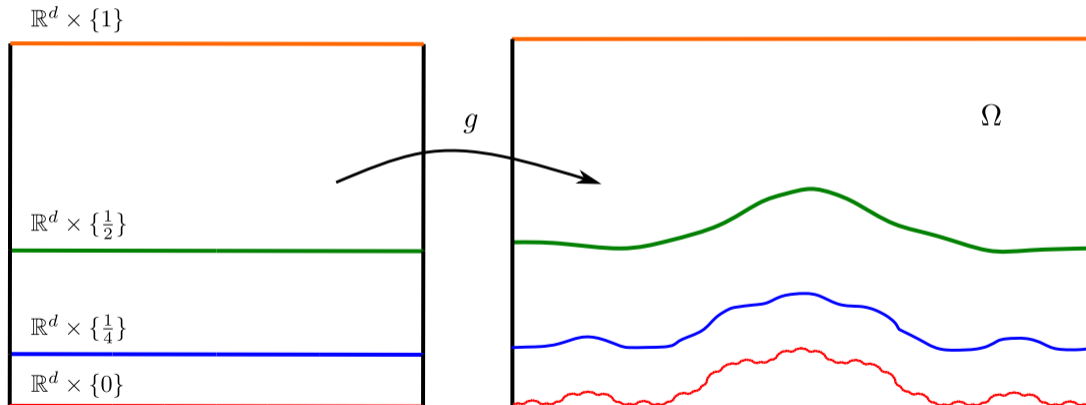
## (b) Reifenberg parameterization and the geometry of $\partial\Omega$

- Reifenberg construction produces a collection  $\{\Sigma_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  of smooth approximations to  $E$  on scale  $2^{-k}$  used to construct  $g$ .



## (b) Reifenberg parameterization and the geometry of $\partial\Omega$

$g(x, t)$  parameterizes smooth  $\Sigma_t$  at “height”  $\approx t$  above  $\partial\Omega$  by interpolating between  $\Sigma_k$ 's



## (c) Reifenberg flat corona decompositions

### Theorem (R. Schul, J. Azzam)

Let  $\Sigma$  be  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat. Then  $\Delta(\Sigma \cap B(0, 1)) = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{F}} S$  where for each  $S$ , for every  $x \in Q \in S$ ,

- (i)  $\angle(P_{Q(S)}, P_Q) \leq \delta_0$  (controlled tilting)
- (ii)  $\sum_{x \in Q \in S} \beta_{\text{cont}}(Q)^2 \leq \epsilon_0$  (controlled wiggleness)

and

$$\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{H}^d(Q(S)) \lesssim_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0, d} \mathcal{H}^d(\Sigma \cap B(0, 1)) \quad (1)$$

# (c) Reifenberg flat corona decompositions

## Theorem (R. Schul, J. Azzam)

Let  $\Sigma$  be  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat. Then  $\Delta(\Sigma \cap B(0, 1)) = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{F}} S$  where for each  $S$ , for every  $x \in Q \in S$ ,

- (i)  $\angle(P_{Q(S)}, P_Q) \leq \delta_0$  (controlled tilting)
- (ii)  $\sum_{x \in Q \in S} \beta_{\text{cont}}(Q)^2 \leq \epsilon_0$  (controlled wiggleness)

and

$$\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{H}^d(Q(S)) \lesssim_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0, d} \mathcal{H}^d(\Sigma \cap B(0, 1)) \quad (1)$$

## Proposition (K.)

$\mathbb{H}^{d+1}$  has a partition into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $Dg|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ , and the family  $\{\Omega_j\} = \{g(D_j)\}$  is a collection of Lipschitz graph domains satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0, 1)) \lesssim_d \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{H}^d(Q(S)) \stackrel{(1)}{\lesssim}_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0, d} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1)).$$

## (c) Reifenberg flat corona decompositions

### Proposition (K.)

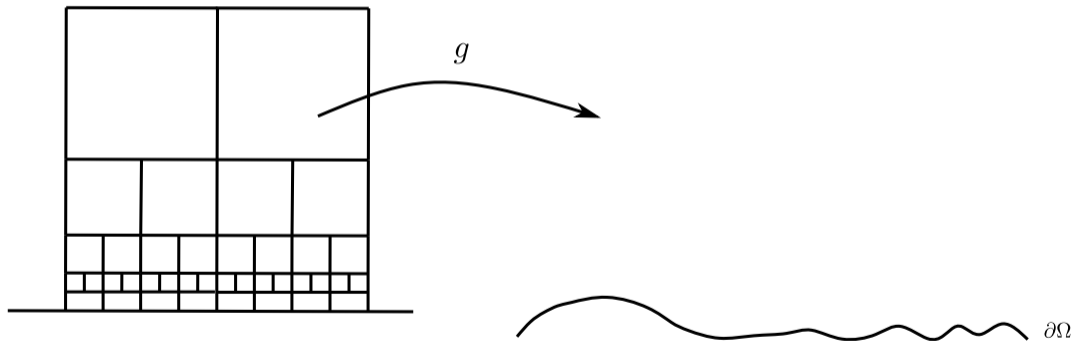
$\mathbb{H}^{d+1}$  has a partition into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  such that  $Dg|_{D_j} \approx \text{constant}$ , and the family  $\{\Omega_j\} = \{g(D_j)\}$  is a collection of Lipschitz graph domains satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0,1)) \lesssim_d \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{H}^d(Q(S)) \lesssim_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0, d} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0,1)).$$

Proposition produces a corona decomposition!

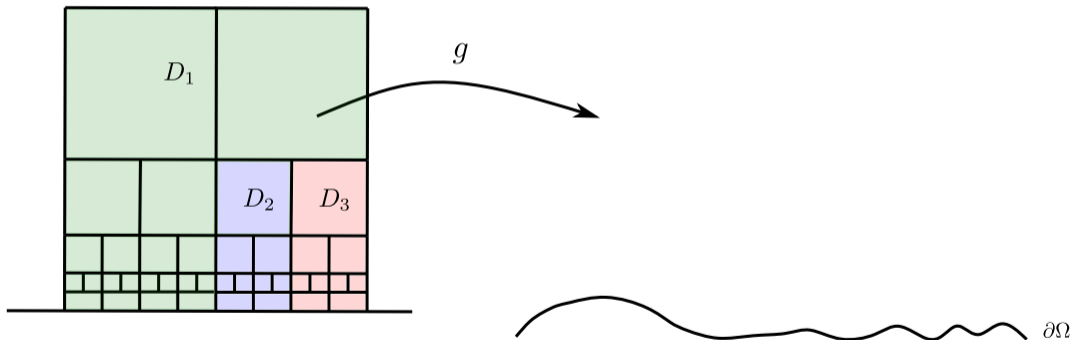
- controlled tilting  $\implies g$  (“bottom” of  $D_j$ ) is a graph
- controlled wiggleness  $\implies g$  (“bottom” of  $D_j$ ) has Lipschitz constant  $\lesssim \epsilon_0$

# RF Corona decomposition $\iff$ disjoint Lipschitz graph domains

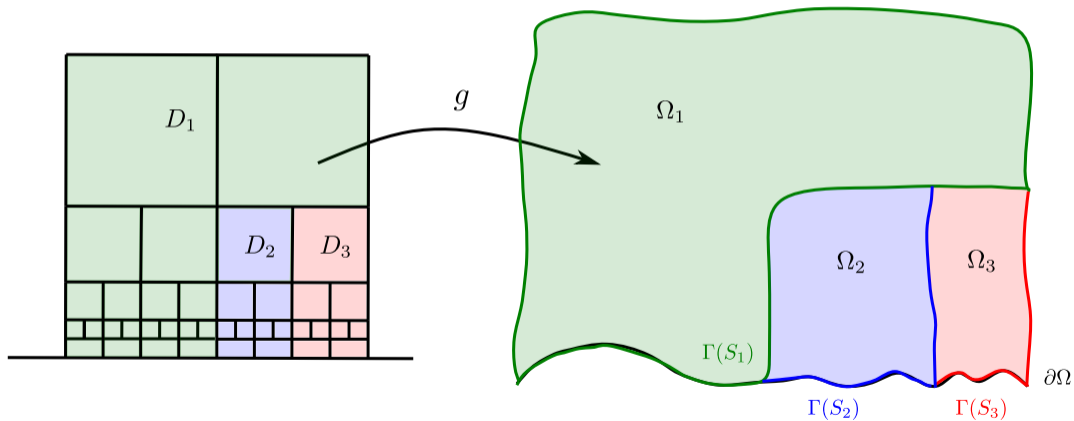




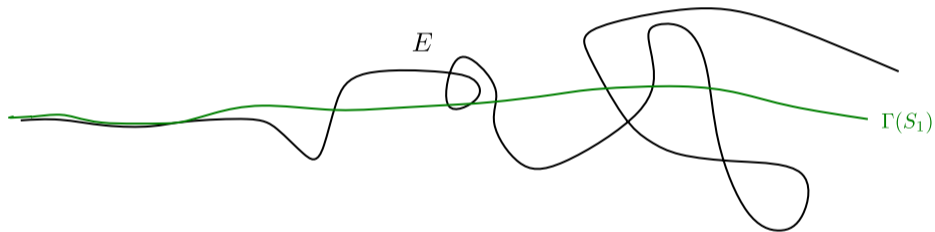
# RF Corona decomposition $\iff$ disjoint Lipschitz graph domains



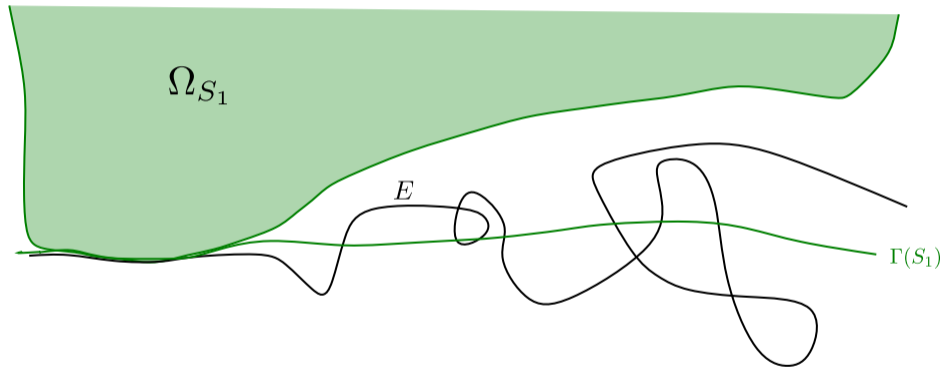
RF Corona decomposition  $\iff$  disjoint Lipschitz graph domains



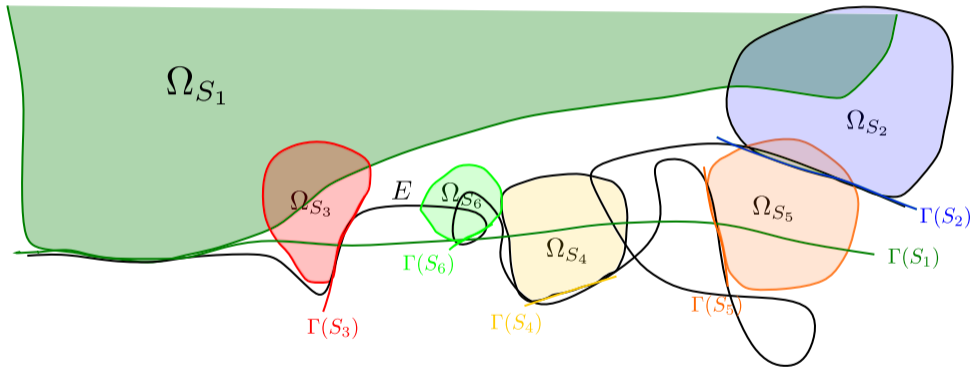
# Corona decomposition $\iff$ Lipschitz graph domains



# Corona decomposition $\iff$ Lipschitz graph domains



# Corona decomposition $\iff$ Lipschitz graph domains



# Jones's proof scheme with QGMT

To show that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  when  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat+ has a local decomposition into Lipschitz graph domains...

# Jones's proof scheme with QGMT

To show that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  when  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat+ has a local decomposition into Lipschitz graph domains...

1. Apply [David-Toro Reifenberg](#) to get [bi-Lipschitz](#)  $g : \mathbb{H}^{d+1} \rightarrow \Omega$

# Jones's proof scheme with QGMT

To show that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  when  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat+ has a local decomposition into Lipschitz graph domains...

1. Apply [David-Toro Reifenberg](#) to get [bi-Lipschitz](#)  $g : \mathbb{H}^{d+1} \rightarrow \Omega$
2. Partition  $\mathbb{H}^{d+1}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  on which  $Dg \approx \text{constant}$  [by following a corona decomposition of  \$\partial\Omega\$](#) .



# Jones's proof scheme with QGMT

To show that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  when  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat+ has a local decomposition into Lipschitz graph domains...

1. Apply [David-Toro Reifenberg](#) to get [bi-Lipschitz](#)  $g : \mathbb{H}^{d+1} \rightarrow \Omega$
2. Partition  $\mathbb{H}^{d+1}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  on which  $Dg \approx \text{constant}$  [by following a corona decomposition of  \$\partial\Omega\$](#) .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$

# Jones's proof scheme with QGMT

To show that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  when  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat+ has a local decomposition into Lipschitz graph domains...

1. Apply [David-Toro Reifenberg](#) to get [bi-Lipschitz](#)  $g : \mathbb{H}^{d+1} \rightarrow \Omega$
2. Partition  $\mathbb{H}^{d+1}$  into Lipschitz graph domains  $\{D_j\}$  on which  $Dg \approx \text{constant}$  [by following a corona decomposition of  \$\partial\Omega\$](#) .
3. Define  $\Omega_j = \varphi(D_j)$
4. Prove  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0, 1)) \leq M\mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1))$  by using [Carleson packing estimates](#).

# Reifenberg flat + Jones function bound

## Theorem (K.)

For all  $M > 0$ , there is  $\epsilon(d, M) > 0$  such that for any  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , if

1.  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$  Reifenberg flat,
2.  $\sum_{x \in Q} \beta_{\text{cont}}(Q)^2 \leq M$  for all  $x \in \partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1)$ ,

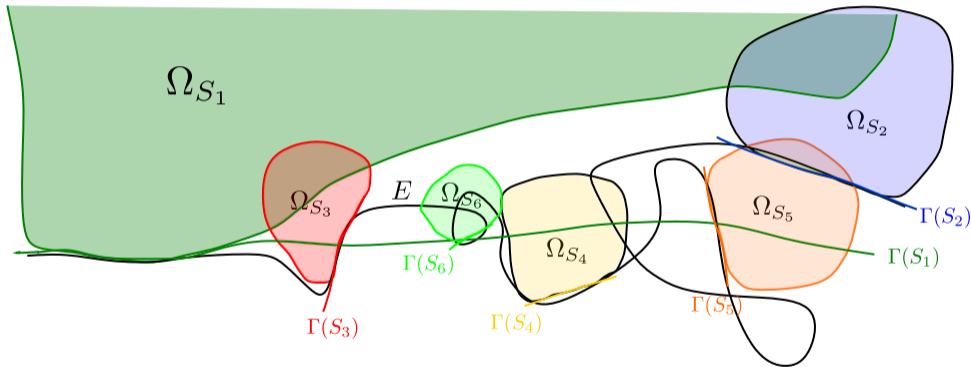
then there exists a  $d$ -rectifiable set  $\Sigma$  such that

$$\Omega \cap B(0, 1) \setminus \Sigma = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$$

where  $\Omega_j$  is  $M$ -Lipschitz and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0, 1)) \leq M \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1))$$

# No $\beta^2$ sum bound



# No $\beta^2$ sum bound

## Theorem (K.)

*There exist constants  $M(d), \epsilon(d) > 0$  such that if  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ -Reifenberg flat, then there exists a collection of  $M$ -Lipschitz graph domains  $\{\Omega_j\}$  such that*

- (a)  $\Omega_j \subseteq \Omega$
- (b)  $\Omega \cap B(0, 1) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$
- (c)  $\exists C(d) > 0$  such that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}, x \in \Omega_j$  for at most  $C$   $j$ 's
- (d)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0, 1)) \leq M\mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1))$

# No $\beta^2$ sum bound

## Theorem (K.)

*There exist constants  $M(d), \epsilon(d) > 0$  such that if  $\partial\Omega$  is  $(\epsilon, d)$ - Reifenberg flat, then there exists a collection of  $M$ -Lipschitz graph domains  $\{\Omega_j\}$  such that*

- (a)  $\Omega_j \subseteq \Omega$
- (b)  $\Omega \cap B(0, 1) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_j$
- (c)  $\exists C(d) > 0$  such that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}, x \in \Omega_j$  for at most  $C$   $j$ 's
- (d)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(0, 1)) \leq M\mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1))$

## Theorem (K.)

*Suppose  $\partial\Omega$  is  $d$ -uniformly rectifiable. Then there exists  $M > 0$  dependent on the uniform rectifiability constants such that there exists a collection of  $M$ -Lipschitz graph domains  $\{\Omega_j\}$  such that (a), (b), (c) of the previous theorem hold, and*

- (d')  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega_j \cap B(y, r)) \leq M\mathcal{H}^d(\partial\Omega \cap B(y, r))$  for all  $y \in \partial\Omega \cap B(0, 1)$  and  $r > 0$ .