# Bilinear Rubio de Francia inequalities

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## Thm.[Bernicot, V.,'18]

For all  $\epsilon>0$  and finite family  $\mathscr R$  of disjoint dyadic rectangles

$$\|\Big(\sum_{R\in\mathscr{R}}|\sqcap_{R}(f,g)|^{r}\Big)^{1/r}\|_{L^{s}}\lesssim_{\epsilon}(\#\mathscr{R})^{\epsilon}\|f\|_{L^{p}}\|g\|_{L^{q}}$$

for 
$$r' < p$$
 ,  $q < r$  ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1/s.$ 

Proof uses a time-frequency analysis similar to the previous one, except:

- we don't resolve the singularities (no wavepackets!) but look at some local  $L^2$  and  $L^\infty$  norms;
- no wavepackets means no Bessel inequalities, so we replace them with pointwise estimates using Variational Carleson operators.

# Thank you for your attention!