

## Commutators of Littlewood-Paley Operators on Herz Spaces with Variable Exponent

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**Abstract.** Let  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  be homogeneous function of degree zero and  $b$  be BMO functions. In this paper, we obtain some boundedness of the Littlewood-Paley Operators and their higher-order commutators on Herz spaces with variable exponent.

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### 1 Introduction

The theory of function spaces with variable exponent has extensively studied by researchers since the work of Kováčik and Rákosník [7] appeared in 1991. In [9] and [10], the authors proved the boundedness of some Littlewood-Paley operators on variable  $L^p$  spaces, respectively.

Given an open set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and a measurable function  $p(\cdot): E \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(E)$  denotes the set of measurable functions  $f$  on  $E$  such that for some  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\int_E \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right)^{p(x)} dx < \infty.$$

This set becomes a Banach function space when equipped with the Luxemburg-Nakano norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_E \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right)^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\}.$$

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These spaces are referred to as variable  $L^p$  spaces, since they generalized the standard  $L^p$  spaces: if  $p(x) = p$  is constant, then  $L^{p(\cdot)}(E)$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $L^p(E)$ .

The space  $L_{\text{loc}}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$L_{\text{loc}}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) := \{f : f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(E) \text{ for all compact subsets } E \subset \Omega\}.$$

Define  $\mathcal{P}^0(E)$  to be set of  $p(\cdot) : E \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

$$p^- = \text{essinf}\{p(x) : x \in E\} > 0, \quad p^+ = \text{esssup}\{p(x) : x \in E\} < \infty.$$

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Denote  $p'(x) = p(x)/(p(x) - 1)$ .

Let  $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator is defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $B_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - y| < r\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the set of  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In addition, we denote the Lebesgue measure and the characteristic function of a measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $|A|$  and  $\chi_A$  respectively. The notation  $f \approx g$  means that there exist constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that  $C_1g \leq f \leq C_2g$ .

In variable  $L^p$  spaces there are some important lemmas as follows.

**Lemma 1.1.** *If  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and satisfies*

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{C}{-\log(|x - y|)}, \quad |x - y| \leq 1/2, \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{C}{\log(|x| + e)}, \quad |y| \geq |x|, \quad (1.2)$$

then  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , that is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Lemma 1.2** (see [7]). *Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $fg$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq r_p \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

where

$$r_p = 1 + 1/p^- - 1/p^+.$$

This inequality is named the generalized Hölder inequality with respect to the variable  $L^p$  spaces.

**Lemma 1.3** (see [5]). *Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all measurable subsets  $S \subset B$ ,*

$$\frac{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \frac{|B|}{|S|}, \quad \frac{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \left( \frac{|S|}{|B|} \right)^{\delta_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \left( \frac{|S|}{|B|} \right)^{\delta_2},$$

where  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  are constants with  $0 < \delta_1, \delta_2 < 1$ .

Throughout this paper  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  is the same as in Lemma 1.3.

**Lemma 1.4** (see [5]). *Suppose  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,*

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \|\chi_B\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_B\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C.$$

Next we recall the definition of the Herz-type spaces with variable exponent. Let  $B_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^k\}$  and  $A_k = B_k \setminus B_{k-1}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Denote  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  as the sets of all positive and non-negative integers,  $\chi_k = \chi_{A_k}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}_k = \chi_k$  if  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_0 = \chi_{B_0}$ .

**Definition 1.1** (see [5]). Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$  and  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The homogeneous Herz space with variable exponent  $\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by

$$\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L_{\text{loc}}^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}) : \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p}.$$

The non-homogeneous Herz space with variable exponent  $K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by

$$K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L_{\text{loc}}^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_{K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|f\tilde{\chi}_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p}.$$

Suppose that  $S^{n-1}$  is the unit sphere of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) equipped with normalized Lebesgue measure. Let  $\Omega \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , be homogeneous function of degree zero and

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \Omega(x') d\sigma(x') = 0, \tag{1.3}$$

where  $x' = x/|x|$  for any  $x \neq 0$ . The Littlewood-Paley area integral  $\mu_{\Omega,S}$  and  $g_{\lambda}^*$  function  $\mu_{\lambda}^*$  are defined by

$$\mu_{\Omega,S}(f)(x) = \left( \iint_{\Gamma(x)} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} f(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f)(x) = \left( \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} f(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2},$$

where  $\Gamma(x) = \{(y,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : |x-y| < t\}$  and  $\lambda > 1$ .

For an integer  $m \geq 1$ , let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the higher-order commutators  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,S}]$  and  $[b^m, \mu_{\lambda}^*]$  are defined by

$$[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,S}](f)(x) = \left( \iint_{\Gamma(x)} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(z)]^m f(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*](f)(x) = \left( \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(z)]^m f(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Motivated by [8, 9], we will study the boundedness for the Littlewood-Paley operators and their commutators on the Herz space with variable exponent, where  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$ .

## 2 Estimate for the Littlewood-Paley operators

In this section we will prove the boundedness of the Littlewood-Paley area integral  $\mu_{\Omega,S}$  and  $g_{\lambda}^*$  function  $\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*$  on Herz spaces with variable exponent.

A nonnegative locally integrable function  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to belong to  $A_p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ), if there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x) dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} < \infty,$$

where  $p' = p/(p-1)$ ,  $Q$  denotes a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with its sides parallel to the coordinate axes and  $|Q|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $Q$ .

The weighted  $(L^p, L^p)$  boundedness of  $\mu_{\Omega,S}$  and  $\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*$  have been proved by Ding, Fan and Pan [3].

**Lemma 2.1** (see [3]). *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L^s(S^{n-1})$  ( $s > 1$ ) satisfying (1.3). If  $\omega \in A_{p/\beta}$ ,  $\max\{s', 2\} = \beta < p < \infty$ , then there is a constant  $C$ , independent of  $f$ , such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\mu_{\Omega,S}(f)(x)|^p \omega(x) dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f)(x)|^p \omega(x) dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx.$$

**Lemma 2.2** (see [2]). *Given a family  $\mathcal{F}$  and an open set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , assume that for some  $p_0$ ,  $0 < p_0 < \infty$  and for every  $\omega \in A_\infty$ ,*

$$\int_E f(x)^{p_0} \omega(x) dx \leq C_0 \int_E g(x)^{p_0} \omega(x) dx, \quad (f, g) \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Given  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^0(E)$  such that  $p(\cdot)$  satisfies (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1. Then for all  $(f, g) \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(E)$ ,

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)}.$$

Since  $A_{p/\beta} \subset A_\infty$ , by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, it is easy to get the  $(L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ -boundedness of the Littlewood-Paley area integral  $\mu_{\Omega,S}$  and  $g_\lambda^*$  function  $\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*$ .

Now we give the main theorem in this section.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\lambda > 2$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1,  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  and  $-n\delta_1 < \alpha < n\delta_2$ . Then the Littlewood-Paley  $g_\lambda^*$  function  $\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*$  is bounded on  $\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*Proof.* We only prove homogeneous case. The non-homogeneous case can be proved in the same way. We suppose  $0 < p < \infty$ , since the proof of the case  $p = \infty$  is easier. Let  $f \in \dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Denote  $f_j = f \chi_j$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then we have  $f(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j(x)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f)\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &= \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f) \chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} \|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j) \chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} \|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j) \chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} \|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j) \chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &=: CI_1 + CI_2 + CI_3. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

We first estimate  $I_2$ , by the  $(L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ -boundedness of the commutator  $\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*$  we have

$$I_2 \leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|f_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} = C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.2}$$

Now we estimate  $I_1$ . By the Minkowski inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j)(x)| &= \left( \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|<t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} f_j(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} \\
&= \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|<t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} f_j(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_j(z)| \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz \\
&\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_j(z)| \left( \int_0^{|x-z|} \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz \\
&\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_j(z)| \left( \int_{|x-z|}^\infty \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz. \tag{2.3}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $z \in A_j$  and  $|y-z| < t$ . So we know that  $|y-z| \sim |y|$ , then for  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{|y-z|<t} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} dy &\leq \int_{|y|<t} \frac{|\Omega(y)|^2}{|y|^{2n-2}} dy \\
&\leq \int_0^t r^{1-n} dr \int_{S^{n-1}} |\Omega(y')|^2 d\sigma(y') \leq t^{2-n} \|\Omega\|_{L^2(S^{n-1})}^2. \tag{2.4}
\end{aligned}$$

For  $\lambda > 2$ , we take  $0 < \theta < (\lambda - 2)n$ . Since  $|x-z| \leq |x-y| + |y-z| \leq |x-y| + t$ , by (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^{|x-z|} \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \\
&\leq \int_0^{|x-z|} \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n - 2n - \theta} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{2n+\theta}} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{3-n-\theta}} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|x-z|^{2n+\theta}} \int_0^{|x-z|} \int_{|y-z|<t} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{3-n-\theta}} \\
&\leq \frac{\|\Omega\|_{L^2(S^{n-1})}^2}{|x-z|^{2n+\theta}} \int_0^{|x-z|} t^{\theta-1} dt \\
&\leq C|x-z|^{-2n}. \tag{2.5}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, noting that  $|y-z| \sim |y|$ , by (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{|x-z|}^\infty \int_{|y-z|<t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \\
&\leq \int_{|x-z|}^\infty \int_{|y-z|<t} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{3+n}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|\Omega\|_{L^2(S^{n-1})}^2 \int_{|x-z|}^\infty t^{-2n-1} dt \\ &\leq C|x-z|^{-2n}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $z \in A_j$  and  $j \leq k-2$ . By (2.5), (2.6) and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j)(x)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_j(z)|}{|x-z|^n} dz \leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad (2.7)$$

By Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j)\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\ &\leq C 2^{(j-k)n\delta_2} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(j-k)n\delta_2} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $1 < p < \infty$ , take  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . Since  $n\delta_2 - \alpha > 0$ , by the Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p'/2} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=j+2}^{\infty} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=j+2}^{\infty} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Let us now estimate  $I_3$ . Note that  $x \in A_k, y \in A_j$  and  $j \geq k+2$ , so we have  $|y-z| \sim |y|$ . By (2.3)-(2.6) and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j)(x)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_j(z)|}{|x-z|^n} dz \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad (2.10)$$

By Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f_j)\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\ &\leq C 2^{(k-j)n\delta_1} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n\delta_1} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $1 < p < \infty$ , take  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . Since  $n\delta_1 + \alpha > 0$ , by the Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p'/2} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.11}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.1), (2.2), (2.8), (2.9), (2.11) and (2.12), we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

Since  $\mu_{\Omega,S}(f)(x) \leq C_\lambda \mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*(f)(x)$ , we easily obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** Suppose that  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1,  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  and  $-n\delta_1 < \alpha < n\delta_2$ . Then the Littlewood-Paley area integral  $\mu_{\Omega,S}$  is bounded on  $\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

### 3 BMO estimate for the commutators of Littlewood-Paley operators

Let us first recall that the space  $\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  consists of all locally integrable functions  $f$  such that

$$\|f\|_* = \sup_Q \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x) - f_Q| dx < \infty,$$

where  $f_Q = |Q|^{-1} \int_Q f(y) dy$ , the supremum is taken over all cubes  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with sides parallel to the coordinate axes and  $|Q|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $Q$ .

Let  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The weighted  $(L^p, L^p)$  boundedness of  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  have been proved by Ding, Lu and Yabuta [4].

**Lemma 3.1** (see [4]). Suppose that  $\Omega \in L^s(S^{n-1})$  ( $s > 1$ ) satisfying (1.3). For an integer  $m \geq 1$ , if  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\omega \in A_{p/\beta}$ ,  $\max\{s', 2\} = \beta < p < \infty$ , then there is a constant  $C$ , independent of  $f$ , such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,S}](f)(x)|^p \omega(x) dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f)(x)|^p \omega(x) dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx.$$

By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 2.2, it is easy to get the  $(L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ -boundedness of the commutators  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, S}]$  and  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*]$ .

Next, we will give the corresponding result about the commutator  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  on Herz-type Hardy spaces with variable exponent.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\lambda > 2$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1,  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  and  $-n\delta_1 < \alpha < n\delta_2$ . Then  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*]$  is bounded on  $\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In the proof of Theorem 3.1, we also need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2** (see [6]). Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $m$  be a positive integer and  $B$  be a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then we have that for all  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and all  $j, i \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $j > i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C} \|b\|_*^m &\leq \sup_B \frac{1}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \|(b - b_B)^m \chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|b\|_*^m, \\ \|(b - b_{B_i})^m \chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq C(j-i)^m \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^i\}$  and  $B_j = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^j\}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* Similar to Theorem 2.1, we only prove homogeneous case and still suppose  $0 < p < \infty$ . Let  $f \in \dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and we write

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j \chi_j(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j(x).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f)\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &=: CJ_1 + CJ_2 + CJ_3. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Noting  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*]$  is bounded on  $L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , so we have

$$J_2 \leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|f_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} = C \|f\|_{K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad (3.2)$$

Now we estimate  $J_1$ . By the Minkowski inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j)(x)| \\ &= \left( \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} [b(x)-b(z)]^m f_j(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \left| \int_{|y-z|< t} \frac{\Omega(y-z)}{|y-z|^{n-1}} [b(x)-b(z)]^m f_j(z) dz \right|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |b(x)-b(z)|^m |f_j(z)| \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{|y-z|< t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |b(x)-b(z)|^m |f_j(z)| \left( \int_0^{|x-z|} \int_{|y-z|< t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |b(x)-b(z)|^m |f_j(z)| \left( \int_{|x-z|}^\infty \int_{|y-z|< t} \left( \frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{\lambda n} \frac{|\Omega(y-z)|^2}{|y-z|^{2n-2}} \frac{dydt}{t^{n+3}} \right)^{1/2} dz. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $z \in A_j$  and  $j \leq k-2$ . By (2.5), (2.6) and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j)(x)| \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_j(z)|}{|x-z|^n} |b(x)-b(z)|^m dz \\ &\leq C \left( |b(x)-b_{B_j}|^m \int_{A_j} \frac{|f_j(z)|}{|x-z|^n} dz + \int_{A_j} \frac{|f_j(z)|}{|x-z|^n} |b_{B_j}-b(z)|^m dz \right) \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( |b(x)-b_{B_j}|^m \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|(b_{B_j}-b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

By Lemma 1.3, Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|(b(\cdot)-b_{B_j})^m \chi_k(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( (k-j)^m \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C 2^{-kn} (k-j)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left\| \chi_{B_j} \right\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C (k-j)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\
&\leq C 2^{(j-k)n\delta_2} (k-j)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(j-k)n\delta_2} (k-j)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)} (k-j)^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p}.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $1 < p < \infty$ , take  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . Since  $n\delta_2 - \alpha > 0$ , by the Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p'/2} (k-j)^{mp'} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=j+2}^{\infty} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{3.5}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{j\alpha p} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p} (k-j)^{mp} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=j+2}^{\infty} 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\alpha)p} (k-j)^{mp} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{3.6}
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now estimate  $J_3$ . Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $y \in A_j$  and  $j \geq k+2$ , so we have  $|y-z| \sim |y|$ .

Similar to (3.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |[b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j)(x)| \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( |b(x) - b_{B_k}|^m \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|(b_{B_k} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By Lemma 1.3, Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| [b^m, \mu_{\Omega, \lambda}^*](f_j) \chi_k \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_j\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \|(b_{B_k} - b(\cdot))^m \chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (j-k)^m \|b\|_*^m \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} (j-k)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C (j-k)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\ & \leq C 2^{(k-j)n\delta_1} (j-k)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 & \leq C \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n\delta_1} (j-k)^m \|b\|_*^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ & = C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)} (j-k)^m \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $1 < p < \infty$ , take  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . Since  $n\delta_1 + \alpha > 0$ , by the Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 & \leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p'/2} (j-k)^{mp'} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right)^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ & = C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p/2} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 &\leq C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p} (j-k)^{mp} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= C \|b\|_*^m \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\alpha)p} (j-k)^{mp} \right) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore, by (3.1), (3.2), (3.5), (3.6), (3.8), (3.9), we complete the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

Since  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,S}](f)(x) \leq C_\lambda [b^m, \mu_{\Omega,\lambda}^*](f)(x)$ , we easily obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose that  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1,  $\Omega \in L^2(S^{n-1})$  and  $-n\delta_1 < \alpha < n\delta_2$ . Then  $[b^m, \mu_{\Omega,S}]$  is bounded on  $\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $K_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

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