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COMMUTATORS OF MARCINKIEWICZ INTEGRALS  
ON HERZ SPACES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENT

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*Abstract.* Let  $\Omega \in L^s(S^{n-1})$  for  $s \geq 1$  be a homogeneous function of degree zero and  $b$  a BMO function. The commutator generated by the Marcinkiewicz integral  $\mu_\Omega$  and  $b$  is defined by

$$[b, \mu_\Omega](f)(x) = \left( \int_0^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2}.$$

In this paper, the author proves the  $(L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ -boundedness of the Marcinkiewicz integral operator  $\mu_\Omega$  and its commutator  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  when  $p(\cdot)$  satisfies some conditions. Moreover, the author obtains the corresponding result about  $\mu_\Omega$  and  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  on Herz spaces with variable exponent.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of function spaces with variable exponent has been extensively studied by researchers since the work of Kováčik and Rákosník [9] appeared in 1991, see [2], [4] and the references therein. In [1], [3] and [15], the authors proved the boundedness of some integral operators on variable  $L^p$  spaces.

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

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

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

For all compact subsets  $F \subset E$ , the space  $L_{\text{loc}}^{p(\cdot)}(E)$  is defined by  $L_{\text{loc}}^{p(\cdot)}(E) := \{f: f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(F)\}$ . Define  $\mathcal{P}^0(E)$  to be the set of  $p(\cdot): E \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

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

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Denote  $p'(x) = p(x)/(p(x) - 1)$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(E)$  be the set of  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(E)$  such that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(E)$ . 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 we have the following important lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** ([1]). *If  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies*

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

and

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

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** ([9]). 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

$$r_p = 1 + \frac{1}{p^-} - \frac{1}{p^+}.$$

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

**Lemma 1.3** ([8]). Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all measurable subsets  $S \subset B$ ,

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

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

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

**Lemma 1.4** ([8]). Suppose  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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

In 2010, Izuki [8], [7] introduced the Herz spaces with variable exponent and proved the boundedness of some operators on these spaces. Next we recall the definition of the Herz 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 by  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  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** ([8]). 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 nonhomogeneous 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  $S^{n-1}$  denotes the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) equipped with the normalized Lebesgue measure. Let  $\Omega \in \text{Lip}_\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  be a homogeneous function of degree zero and

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

where  $x' = x/|x|$  for any  $x \neq 0$ . In 1958, Stein [13] introduced the Marcinkiewicz integral related to the Littlewood-Paley  $g$  function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$\mu_\Omega(f)(x) = \left( \int_0^\infty |F_{\Omega,t}(f)(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2},$$

where

$$F_{\Omega,t}(f)(x) = \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f(y) dy.$$

It was shown that  $\mu_\Omega$  is of type  $(p,p)$  for  $1 < p \leq 2$  and of weak type  $(1,1)$ .

Let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; the commutator generated by the Marcinkiewicz integral  $\mu_\Omega$  and  $b$  is defined by

$$[b, \mu_\Omega](f)(x) = \left( \int_0^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Motivated by [10], [14], we will study the boundedness for the Marcinkiewicz integral operator  $\mu_\Omega$  and its commutator  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  on the Herz space with variable exponent, where  $\Omega \in L^s(S^{n-1})$  for  $s \geq 1$ .

## 2. ESTIMATE FOR THE MARCINKIEWICZ INTEGRAL OPERATOR

In this section we will prove the boundedness of the Marcinkiewicz integral operators  $\mu_\Omega$  on Herz spaces with variable exponent.

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

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

where  $p' = p/(p-1)$ .

The weighted  $(L^p, L^p)$  boundedness of  $\mu_\Omega$  was proved by Ding, Fan and Pan [5].

**Lemma 2.1** ([5]). *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$  ( $s > 1$ ) satisfies (1.3). If  $\omega \in A_{p/s'}$ ,  $s' < p < \infty$ , then there is a constant  $C$ , independent of  $f$ , such that*

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

**Lemma 2.2** ([3]). *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  $A_{p/s'} \subset A_\infty$ , 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 Marcinkiewicz integral operators  $\mu_\Omega$ .

To obtain Theorem 2.1, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3** ([11]). *If  $a > 0$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < d \leq s$  and  $-n + (n-1)d/s < \nu < \infty$ , then*

$$\left( \int_{|y| \leq a|x|} |y|^\nu |\Omega(x-y)|^d dy \right)^{1/d} \leq C|x|^{(\nu+n)/d} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})}.$$

**Lemma 2.4** ([12]). Define a variable exponent  $\tilde{q}(\cdot)$  by  $1/p(x) = 1/\tilde{q}(x) + 1/q$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ). Then we have

$$\|fg\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\tilde{q}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|fg\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for all measurable functions  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Lemma 2.5** ([4]). Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1. Then

$$\|\chi_Q\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx \begin{cases} |Q|^{1/p(x)} & \text{if } |Q| \leq 2^n \text{ and } x \in Q, \\ |Q|^{1/p(\infty)} & \text{if } |Q| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

for every cube (or ball)  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $p(\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} p(x)$ .

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

**P r o o f.** We only prove the homogeneous case. The nonhomogeneous 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

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

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

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

Now we estimate  $I_1$ . We consider

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu_\Omega(f_j)(x)| &\leq \left( \int_0^{|x|} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad + \left( \int_{|x|}^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\ &=: I_{11} + I_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $y \in A_j$  and  $j \leq k-2$ . So, we know that  $|x-y| \sim |x|$ , and by the mean value theorem we have

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} - \frac{1}{|x|^2} \right| \leq \frac{|y|}{|x-y|^3}.$$

By (2.3), the Minkowski inequality and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11} &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |f_j(y)| \left( \int_{|x-y|}^{|x|} \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |f_j(y)| \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} - \frac{1}{|x|^2} \right|^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |f_j(y)| \frac{|y|^{1/2}}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dy \\ &\leq C \frac{2^{j/2}}{|x|^{n+1/2}} \int_{A_j} |\Omega(x-y)| |f(y)| dy \\ &\leq C 2^{(j-k)/2} 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we consider  $I_{12}$ . Noting that  $|x-y| \sim |x|$ , by the Minkowski inequality and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |f_j(y)| \left( \int_{|x|}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^n} |f_j(y)| dy \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$|\mu_\Omega(f_j)(x)| \leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Noting that  $s > q' -$ , we denote  $\tilde{q}'(\cdot) > 1$  and  $1/q'(x) = 1/\tilde{q}'(x) + 1/s$ . By Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad & \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-j\nu} \left( \int_{A_j} |\Omega(x - y)|^s |y|^{s\nu} dy \right)^{1/s} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-j\nu} 2^{k(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

When  $|B_j| \leq 2^n$  and  $x_j \in B_j$ , by Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx |B_j|^{1/\tilde{q}'(x_j)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |B_j|^{-1/s}.$$

When  $|B_j| \geq 1$  we have

$$\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx |B_j|^{1/\tilde{q}'(\infty)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |B_j|^{-1/s}.$$

So, we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |B_j|^{-1/s}.$$

By (2.4), (2.5), Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mu_\Omega(f_j)\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-kn} 2^{-j\nu} 2^{k(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{-kn} 2^{-j\nu} 2^{k(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |B_j|^{-1/s} \\
& \quad \times \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
& \leq C 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\
& \leq C 2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2 - \nu - n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

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

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

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

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

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

Let us now estimate  $I_3$ . Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $y \in A_j$  and  $j \geq k+2$ , so we have  $|x-y| \sim |y|$ . We consider

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mu_{\Omega}(f_j)(x)| &\leq \left( \int_0^{|y|} \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\
&+ \left( \int_{|y|}^{\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\
&=: I_{31} + I_{32}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the estimate for  $I_{11}$ , we get

$$I_{31} \leq C 2^{(k-j)/2} 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x - \cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Similarly to the estimate for  $I_{12}$ , we get

$$I_{32} \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x - \cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

So, we have

$$|\mu_\Omega(f_j)(x)| \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x - \cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

By (2.4), (2.5), Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mu_\Omega(f_j) \chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\Omega(x - \cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} 2^{-j\nu} 2^{k(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C 2^{-jn} 2^{-j\nu} 2^{k(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |B_j|^{-1/s} \\ & \quad \times \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \frac{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\ & \leq C 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad I_3 & \leq C \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha p} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\nu+n/s+\alpha)p/2} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}^{1/p} \\ & \quad \times \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\nu+n/s+\alpha)p'/2} \right)^{p/p'} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Therefore, by (2.1), (2.2) and (2.6)–(2.9) we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

### 3. BMO ESTIMATE FOR THE COMMUTATOR OF MARCINKIEWICZ INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  was proved by Ding, Lu and Yabuta [6].

**Lemma 3.1** ([6]). Suppose that  $\Omega \in L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$  ( $s > 1$ ) satisfies (1.3). If  $b(x) \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\omega \in A_{p/s'}$ ,  $s' < p < \infty$ , then there is a constant  $C$ , independent of  $f$ , such that

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

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 commutator  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$ .

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

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies conditions (1.1) and (1.2) in Lemma 1.1,  $\Omega \in L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ ,  $s > q'^-$  and  $-n\delta_1 - \nu - n/s < \alpha < n\delta_2 - \nu - n/s$ . Then  $[b, \mu_\Omega]$  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** ([7]). Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , let  $k$  be a positive integer and  $B$  a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for all  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and all  $j, i \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $j > i$ ,

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

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

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

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j \chi_j(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j(x). \quad \text{Then we have}$$

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

Noting that  $[b, \mu]$  is bounded on  $L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

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

Now we estimate  $J_1$ . We consider

$$\begin{aligned} |[b, \mu_\Omega](f_j)(x)| &\leq \left( \int_0^{|x|} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad + \left( \int_{|x|}^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\ &=: J_{11} + J_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x \in A_k$ ,  $y \in A_j$  and  $j \leq k-2$ , and we know that  $|x-y| \sim |x|$ . By (2.3), the Minkowski inequality and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{11} &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| \left( \int_{|x-y|}^{|x|} \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} - \frac{1}{|x|^2} \right|^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)| |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} \frac{|y|^{1/2}}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dy \\ &\leq C \frac{2^{j/2}}{|x|^{n+1/2}} \int_{A_j} |\Omega(x-y)| |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| dy \\ &\leq C 2^{(j-k)/2} 2^{-kn} \left\{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \int_{A_j} |\Omega(x-y)| |f_j(y)| dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{A_j} |\Omega(x-y)| |b_{B_j} - b(y)| |f_j(y)| dy \right\} \\ &\leq C 2^{(j-k)/2} 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left\{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \|\Omega(x-\cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\Omega(x-\cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot)) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we consider  $J_{12}$ . Noting that  $|x-y| \sim |x|$ , by the Minkowski inequality and the generalized Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{12} &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| \left( \int_{|x|}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^n} |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| dy \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left\{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \|\Omega(x-\cdot) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|\Omega(x-\cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot)) \chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |[b, \mu_\Omega](f_j)(x)| &\leq C2^{-kn}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\{|b(x) - b_{B_j}|\|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad + \|\Omega(x - \cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $s > q^-$ , we denote  $\tilde{q}'(\cdot) > 1$  and  $1/q'(x) = 1/\tilde{q}'(x) + 1/s$ . By Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C2^{-j\nu}\left(\int_{A_j} |\Omega(x - y)|^s |y|^{s\nu} dy\right)^{1/s} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C2^{-j\nu}2^{k(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $|B_j| \leq 2^n$  and  $x_j \in B_j$ , by Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx |B_j|^{1/\tilde{q}'(x_j)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}|B_j|^{-1/s}.$$

When  $|B_j| \geq 1$  we have

$$\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx |B_j|^{1/\tilde{q}'(\infty)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}|B_j|^{-1/s}.$$

So, we obtain  $\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}|B_j|^{-1/s}$ .

So, we have

$$(3.3) \quad \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Similarly, by Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad &\|\Omega(x - \cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq \|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C\|b\|_*\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{\tilde{q}'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\Omega(x - \cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C\|b\|_*2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.3), (3.4), Lemma 1.3, Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|[b, \mu](f_j)\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C2^{-kn}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad \times (2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|(b(\cdot) - b_{B_j})\chi_k(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad + \|b\|_*2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C2^{-kn}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times ((k-j)\|b\|_*2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad + \|b\|_*2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \\
&\leq C(k-j)\|b\|_*\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}2^{-kn}2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \\
&\quad \times \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C(k-j)\|b\|_*\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)}\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\frac{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\
&\leq C2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\nu-n/s)}(k-j)\|b\|_*\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad J_1 &\leq C\|b\|_*\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \\
&\quad \times \left\{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2}2^{j\alpha p}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\nu-n/s-\alpha)p/2}\right)\right. \\
&\quad \times \left.\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2}2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\nu-n/s-\alpha)p'/2}(k-j)^{p'}\right)^{p/p'}\right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C\|b\|_*\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \\
&\quad \times \left\{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2}2^{j\alpha p}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\nu-n/s-\alpha)p/2}\right)\right\}^{1/p} \\
&= C\|b\|_*\|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \\
&\quad \times \left\{\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty}2^{j\alpha p}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p\left(\sum_{k=j+2}^{\infty}2^{(j-k)(n\delta_2-\nu-n/s-\alpha)p/2}\right)\right\}^{1/p} \\
&\leq C\|b\|_*\left\{\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty}2^{j\alpha p}\|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p\right\}^{1/p} = C\|b\|_*\|f\|_{\dot{K}_{q(\cdot)}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
|[b, \mu_\Omega](f_j)(x)| &\leq \left( \int_0^{|y|} \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\
&\quad + \left( \int_{|y|}^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} [b(x) - b(y)] f_j(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} \\
&=: J_{31} + J_{32}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the estimate for  $J_{11}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{31} &\leq C 2^{(k-j)/2} 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad + \|\Omega(x-\cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the estimate for  $J_{12}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{32} &\leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad + \|\Omega(x-\cdot)(b_{B_j} - b(\cdot))\chi_j(\cdot)\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

So, we have

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

By (3.3), (3.4), Lemma 1.3, Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|[b, \mu_\Omega](f_j)\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\times \left( 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|(b(\cdot) - b_{B_j})\chi_k(\cdot)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \|b\|_* 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times ((j-k) \|b\|_* 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad + \|b\|_* 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \\
&\leq C(j-k) \|b\|_* \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} 2^{-jn} 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \\
&\quad \times \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C(j-k) \|b\|_* \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} 2^{(k-j)(\nu+n/s)} \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \frac{\|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \\
&\leq C 2^{(k-j)(n\delta_1+\nu+n/s)} (j-k) \|b\|_* \|\Omega\|_{L^s(S^{n-1})} \|f_j\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

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

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

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

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

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

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

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