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BOUNDEDNESS OF SOME SUBLINEAR OPERATORS  
AND COMMUTATORS ON MORREY-HERZ SPACES  
WITH VARIABLE EXPONENTS

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*Abstract.* We introduce a new type of variable exponent function spaces  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of Morrey-Herz type where the two main indices are variable exponents, and give some propositions of the introduced spaces. Under the assumption that the exponents  $\alpha$  and  $p$  are subject to the log-decay continuity both at the origin and at infinity, we prove the boundedness of a wide class of sublinear operators satisfying a proper size condition which include maximal, potential and Calderón-Zygmund operators and their commutators of BMO function on these Morrey-Herz type spaces by applying the properties of variable exponent and BMO norms.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Function spaces with variable exponents showed up around 1990s (see [13]) and have been intensively studied in the recent years by a significant number of authors (i.e. [3], [7]). The motivation for the increasing interest in such spaces comes not only from theoretical purposes, but also from applications to fluid dynamics, image restoration and PDE with non-standard growth conditions. A comprehensive review on this topic is given in the recent monograph [5].

It is well-known that Herz spaces play an important role in harmonic analysis. After they were introduced in [6], the theory of these spaces had a remarkable development in part due to its useful applications; we refer to [16] for more details. Herz

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spaces  $K_{p(\cdot),q}^{\alpha(\cdot)}$  and  $\dot{K}_{p(\cdot),q}^{\alpha(\cdot)}$  with variable exponent  $p$  but fixed  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q \in (0, \infty]$  were recently studied by Izuki [9] and these spaces with variable exponents  $\alpha$  and  $p$  were studied by Almeida and Drihem [1], where they explored the boundedness of a class of classical operators on such spaces. The class of Morrey-Herz spaces  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with variable exponent was initially defined by Izuki in [10] and [11], and the boundedness of both the sublinear operators satisfying a proper size condition and the fractional integrals on  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  were proved. We also note that Morrey-Herz spaces with variable exponent are generalizations of Morrey-Herz spaces [15] and Herz spaces with variable exponent [9].

We consider sublinear operators satisfying the size condition

$$(1) \quad |Tf(x)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x-y|^n} dy, \quad x \notin \text{supp } f,$$

for integrable and compactly supported functions  $f$  and commutators defined by

$$(2) \quad [b, T]f(x) = T((b(x) - b)f)(x), \quad b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Condition (1) is satisfied by several classical operators in harmonic analysis, such as Calderón-Zygmund operators, the Carleson maximal operator and the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator [1]. The main purpose of this paper is to discuss the boundedness of sublinear operators and their commutators satisfying a proper size condition on Morrey-Herz spaces  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with variable exponents  $\alpha$  and  $p$ .

The layout of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we recall the definitions of some function spaces with variable exponents. In Section 3 we give some key lemmas needed in the proofs of the main statements. The main results are formulated in Section 4, where we establish the boundedness of sublinear operators and their commutators on Morrey-Herz spaces  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with variable exponents  $\alpha$  and  $p$ .

## 2. DEFINITIONS OF FUNCTION SPACES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENTS

**Definition 1.** Let  $p(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function. The Lebesgue space with variable exponent  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by

$$L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) := \left\{ f \text{ is measurable: } \varrho_p\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) < \infty \text{ for some constant } \lambda > 0 \right\},$$

where  $\varrho_p(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx$ .

$L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space with the norm defined by

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0: \varrho_p\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We denote

$$p_- := \operatorname{ess\,inf}\{p(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}, \quad p_+ := \operatorname{ess\,sup}\{p(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}.$$

The set  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  consists of all  $p(\cdot)$  satisfying  $p_- > 1$  and  $p_+ < \infty$ . Let  $p'(\cdot)$  denotes the conjugate exponent of  $p(\cdot)$ , namely  $1/p(\cdot) + 1/p'(\cdot) = 1$  holds. We also note that the generalized Hölder's inequality

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

is true for all  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $r_p := 1 + 1/p_- - 1/p_+$  ([13] and [14]).

We say that a function  $g := \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally log-Hölder continuous, if there exists a constant  $c_{\log} > 0$  such that

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \frac{c_{\log}}{\log(e + 1/|x - y|)}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If

$$(3) \quad |g(x) - g(0)| \leq \frac{c_{\log}}{\log(e + 1/|x|)}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then we say that  $g$  is log-Hölder continuous at the origin (or has a log decay at the origin). If for some  $g_\infty \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c_{\log} > 0$  we have

$$(4) \quad |g(x) - g_\infty| \leq \frac{c_{\log}}{\log(e + |x|)}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then we say that  $g$  is log-Hölder continuous at infinity (or has a log decay at infinity). By  $\mathcal{P}_0^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_\infty^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we denote the class of all exponents  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which have a log decay at the origin and at infinity, respectively.

Next we define the Morrey-Herz space with variable exponents motivated by [1] and [10]. We use the following notation. For each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we denote

$$B_k := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^k\}, \quad R_k := B_k \setminus B_{k-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_k := \chi_{R_k}.$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $0 < q < \infty$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < \infty$  and  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The Morrey-Herz space with variable exponents  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by

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

where

$$\|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \|2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} f \chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

If  $\alpha$  is a constant, then  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  defined in [10]. If both  $\alpha$  and  $p$  are constants, and  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dot{K}_{q,p}^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are classical Herz spaces ([16]).

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

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} r^{-n} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $B(x,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - y| < r\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying the condition that  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

If  $p(\cdot)$  has a log-decay at the origin and at infinity, so does  $1/p(\cdot)$ . The following proposition was initially proved by Cruz-Uribe et al. [4], when  $p_+ < \infty$ . Later Cruz-Uribe et al. [2] and Diening et al. [5] have independently extended the result even to the case of  $p_+ = \infty$ .

**Proposition 1.** *If  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}_0^{\text{log}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{P}_\infty^{\text{log}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then we have  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

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**Lemma 1** ([1]). *Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}_\infty^{\text{log}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $R = B(0,r) \setminus B(0,r/2)$ . If  $|R| \geq 2^{-n}$ , then*

$$\|\chi_R\|_{p(\cdot)} \approx |R|^{1/p(x)} \approx |R|^{1/p_\infty}$$

*with the implicit constants independent of  $r$  and  $x \in R$ . The left hand side equivalence remains true for every  $|R| > 0$  if we assume, additionally,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_\infty^{\text{log}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{P}_0^{\text{log}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

**Lemma 2** ([1]). *Let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $r_1 > 0$ . If  $\alpha$  is log-Hölder continuous, both at the origin and at infinity, then*

$$r_1^{\alpha(x)} \leq Cr_2^{\alpha(y)} \times \begin{cases} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^{\alpha_+} & \text{if } 0 < r_2 \leq r_1/2; \\ 1 & \text{if } r_1/2 < r_2 \leq 2r_1; \\ \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^{\alpha_-} & \text{if } r_2 \geq 2r_1; \end{cases}$$

for any  $x \in B(0, r_1) \setminus B(0, r_1/2)$  and  $y \in B(0, r_2) \setminus B(0, r_2/2)$ , with the implicit constant not depending on  $x, y, r_1$  and  $r_2$ .

The following are the key lemmas due to the authors of [8] and [12].

**Lemma 3.** *If  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then there exist constants  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and  $C > 0$  such that for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all measurable subsets  $S \subset B$ ,*

$$\frac{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \frac{|B|}{|S|},$$

$$\frac{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \left(\frac{|S|}{|B|}\right)^\varepsilon.$$

**Lemma 4.** *If  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we have*

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

**Lemma 5.** *For all  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and all  $j, i \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $j > i$  we have,*

$$C^{-1} \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \sup_{B:\text{ball}} \frac{1}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \|(b - b_B)\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

$$\|(b - b_{B_i})\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C(j - i) \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

The following statement gives some basic embeddings between Morrey-Herz spaces.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < \infty$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $q_0, q_1 \in (0, \infty]$ . If  $q_0 \leq q_1$ , then*

$$M\dot{K}_{q_0, p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow M\dot{K}_{q_1, p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*Proof.* The embeddings are immediate consequences of the embedding  $l^{q_0} \hookrightarrow l^{q_1}$  for  $0 < q_0 \leq q_1 \leq \infty$ . □

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < \infty$ ,  $p_0, p_1 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $q_0, q_1 \in (0, \infty]$ . If  $p_0 \leq p_1$  and  $1/p_0 - 1/p_1$  is log-Hölder continuous, both at the origin and at infinity, then*

$$M\dot{K}_{q, p_1(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot) + n/p_0(\cdot) - n/p_1(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow M\dot{K}_{q, p_0(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to Proposition 3.5 in [1]. □

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < \infty$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $q \in (0, \infty]$ . If  $\alpha$  is log-Hölder continuous, both at the origin and at infinity, then*

$$\|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \approx \max \left\{ \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q}, \right. \\ \left. \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q} + 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=0}^L 2^{k\alpha_\infty q} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q} \right] \right\}.$$

**Proof.** If  $\alpha$  is log-Hölder continuous at infinity, then for  $k \geq 0$  and  $x \in C_k$  we have

$$k|\alpha(x) - \alpha_\infty| \geq \frac{k}{\log(e + |x|)} \geq 1.$$

Therefore  $2^{k\alpha(x)} \approx 2^{k\alpha_\infty}$  with constants independent of  $k$  and  $x$ , and hence

$$\|2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \approx 2^{k\alpha_\infty} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}.$$

If, in addition,  $\alpha$  is log-Hölder continuous at the origin, then for  $k < 0$  and  $x \in C_k$  we have  $2^{k\alpha(x)} \approx 2^{k\alpha(0)}$ . Thus

$$\|2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \approx 2^{k\alpha(0)} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$$

and hence the result follows. □

#### 4. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $0 < q < \infty$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}_0^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{P}_\infty^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < n/\lambda$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < n$ , and let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be log-Hölder continuous, both at the origin and at infinity, with*

$$(5) \quad \lambda - n/p_+ < \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < n(1 - 1/p_-).$$

*Suppose that  $T$  is a sublinear operator satisfying (1). If  $T$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $T$  is bounded on  $MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

**Proof.** Denoting  $f_j := f\chi_j$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we split  $f$  into  $f = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_j$ . Thus we have

$$\|Tf(x)\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q = \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \|2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} T f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\
&\quad + C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\
&\quad + C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha(\cdot)} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\
&=: U_1 + U_2 + U_3.
\end{aligned}$$

First we estimate  $U_1$ . We note that  $|x - y| > |x| - |y| > 2^k/4$ , if  $x \in R_k$ ,  $y \in R_j$  for every  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $k \leq L$  and  $j \leq k - 2$ . Using Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{k\alpha(x)} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} |Tf_j(x)| \chi_k(x) &\leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{k\alpha(x)} \int_{R_j} \frac{|f_j(y)|}{|x - y|^n} dy \chi_k(x) \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\alpha_+} 2^{-kn} \int_{R_j} 2^{j\alpha(y)} |f_j(y)| dy \chi_k(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder's inequality and Lemma 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\| 2^{k\alpha(x)} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} |Tf_j(x)| \chi_k \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\alpha_+} 2^{-kn} \| 2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \| \chi_j \|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \| \chi_k \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\approx C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\alpha_+} 2^{-kn} \| 2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} 2^{jn} |R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)(\alpha_+ + n/p_- - n)} \| 2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)},
\end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that  $|R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \geq 2^{(k-j)n/p_-}$  for  $j \leq k - 2$  which appears in the proof of Theorem 4.12 in [1].

Hence we have

$$U_1 \leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\delta} \| 2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q$$

where we put  $\delta = \alpha_+ - n + n/p_-$  for short. It follows from the condition (5) that  $\delta < 0$ . We consider two cases  $0 < q \leq 1$  and  $1 < q < \infty$ . When  $0 < q \leq 1$ , we apply



the inequality

$$(6) \quad \left( \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h \right)^q \leq \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} a_h^q (a_1, a_2, \dots \geq 0)$$

and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\delta q} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &= C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \sum_{k=j+2}^L 2^{(k-j)\delta q} \\ &\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

When  $1 < q < \infty$ , we use Hölder's inequality and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\delta q/2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\delta q'/2} \right)^{q/q'} \\ &\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{(k-j)\delta q/2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &= C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \sum_{k=j+2}^L 2^{(k-j)\delta q/2} \\ &\leq C \sup_{L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} \|2^{j\alpha(\cdot)} f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Next we estimate  $U_2$ . By Proposition 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &\approx \max \left\{ \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q, \right. \\ &\quad \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \left\| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=0}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha_{\infty}} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the sublinearity and the boundedness of  $T$  on  $L^{p(\cdot)}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q &\leq \left\| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &\leq \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |Tf_j(x)| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &\leq \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |f_j| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &\approx \max \left\{ C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{k+1} \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |f_j| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right), \right. \\ &\quad C \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |f \chi_k| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=0}^L \| 2^{k\alpha_\infty} |f \chi_k| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |f \chi_k| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q, \right. \\ &\quad C \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} |f \chi_k| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=0}^L \| 2^{k\alpha_\infty} |f \chi_k| \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

We now estimate  $U_3$ . By Proposition 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} U_3 &\approx \max \left\{ \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q, \right. \\ &\quad \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \left\| 2^{k\alpha(0)} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=0}^L \left\| 2^{k\alpha_\infty} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)| \right) \chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right] \right\} \\ &=: \max\{E, F\}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $U_3$ , we note that  $|x - y| > 2^j/4$  for  $x \in R_k, y \in R_j$  and  $j \geq k + 2$ , hence we have

$$|Tf_j(x)| \leq C \int_{R_j} \frac{|f_j(y)|}{|x - y|^n} dy \leq C2^{-jn} \int_{R_j} |f_j(y)| dy.$$

Applying Hölder's inequality to the last integral, we get

$$\left\| \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)|\chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{-jn} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

It follows from  $p \in \mathcal{P}_0^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{P}_{\infty}^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  that  $p' \in \mathcal{P}_0^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{P}_{\infty}^{\log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Lemma 1 tells us

$$\|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}} \approx |R_j|^{1/p'(x_j)}, \quad x_j \in R_j, \quad \text{and} \quad \|\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \approx |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)}, \quad x_k \in R_k.$$

Hence

$$\|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \approx |R_j|^{1/p'(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \leq 2^{jn} |R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)}.$$

Now we can distinguish three cases as follows:

*Case I:*  $j \geq k + 2 \geq 0$ . By Lemma 1 we have

$$|R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \approx |R_j|^{-1/p_{\infty}} |R_k|^{1/p_{\infty}} \approx 2^{(k-j)n/p_{\infty}} \geq 2^{(k-j)n/p_+}.$$

*Case II:*  $j > 0 \geq k + 2$ . In this case we obtain

$$|R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \geq |R_j|^{-1/p_+} |R_k|^{1/p_+} \geq 2^{(k-j)n/p_+}.$$

*Case III:*  $0 \geq j \geq k + 2$ . Here we have

$$|R_j|^{-1/p(x_j)} |R_k|^{1/p(x_k)} \approx \left( \frac{|R_k|}{|R_j|} \right)^{1/p(x_k)} |R_j|^{1/p(x_k) - 1/p(x_j)} \geq 2^{(k-j)n/p_+}.$$

Indeed, since  $|x_j| < 2^j, |x_k| < 2^k < 2^j$ , we make use of the local log-Hölder continuity of  $p$  at the origin and get, for  $j < 0$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1}{p(x_k)} - \frac{1}{p(x_j)} \right| \log \frac{1}{|R_j|} \geq \frac{\log(1/2^j)}{\log(e + 1/2^j)} \leq C$$

with  $C > 0$  independent of  $k, j, \chi_k, \chi_j$ .

Therefore, in all cases we have essentially the same bound and hence, combining the estimates above, we arrive at the inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} |Tf_j(x)|\chi_k \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

When  $0 < q \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q \\ &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^{L-1} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &\quad + C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \\ &=: E_1 + E_2. \end{aligned}$$

Observing that  $n/p_+ + \alpha(0) > n/p_+ + \alpha_- > 0$  by (5), we have an estimate of  $E_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0))q} \\ &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \leq C \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n/p_+ + \alpha(0) > 0$  and  $\lambda - \alpha(0) - n/p_+ < 0$ , the estimate of  $E_2$  is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+q} 2^{-j\alpha(0)q} 2^{j\lambda q} \\ &\quad \times 2^{-j\lambda q} \sum_{l=-\infty}^j 2^{l\alpha(0)q} \|f_l\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k(\alpha(0) + n/p_+q)} \right) \left( \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{j(\lambda - \alpha(0) - n/p_+q)} \right) \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &= C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} 2^{L(\alpha(0) + n/p_+q)} 2^{L(\lambda - \alpha(0) - n/p_+q)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &= C \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

When  $1 < q < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^L 2^{(k-j)n/p_+} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q \\
&\quad + C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)n/p_+} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q \\
&=: E_3 + E_4.
\end{aligned}$$

We use Hölder's inequality and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
E_3 &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=k+2}^L 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0))q/2} \\
&\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=k+2}^L 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0))q'/2} \right)^{q/q'} \\
&\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{j=-\infty}^L 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j-2} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0))q/2} \\
&\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{j=-\infty}^L 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot), \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha(0) + n/p_+ - \lambda > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E_4 &= C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) + \lambda)/2} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) - \lambda)/2} \right)^q \\
&\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) + \lambda)q/2} \\
&\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) - \lambda)q'/2} \right)^{q/q'} \\
&\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) + \lambda)q/2} 2^{j\lambda q} 2^{-j\lambda q} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{l=-\infty}^j 2^{l\alpha(0)q} \|f_l\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda q} \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\lambda q} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} 2^{(k-j)(n/p_+ + \alpha(0) - \lambda)q/2} \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we arrive at the inequality

$$E \leq C \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q.$$

We omit the estimate of  $F$  since it is essentially similar to that of  $E$ . Consequently, we have proved Theorem 1.  $\square$

Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy conditions (3) and (4). Then so does  $p'(\cdot)$ . In particular, we see that  $p'(\cdot) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Therefore applying Lemma 3 we can take a constant  $0 < r < 1/(p')_+$  so that

$$(7) \quad \frac{\|\chi_S\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \leq C \left( \frac{|S|}{|B|} \right)^r$$

for all balls  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all measurable subsets  $S \subset B$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy conditions (3) and (4), and take a constant  $0 < r < 1/(p')_+$  such that (7) holds. Let  $\alpha \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be log-Hölder continuous, both at the origin and at infinity, with*

$$(8) \quad \lambda < \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < nr.$$

Suppose that  $T$  is a sublinear operator satisfying (1). If commutators  $[b, T]$  are bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have for all  $f \in MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\|[b, T]f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**Proof.** By Proposition 4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|[b, T]f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\approx \max \left\{ \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \|[b, T]f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q}, \right. \\ &\quad \sup_{L \geq 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[ 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \|[b, T]f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{-L\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=0}^L 2^{k\alpha_\infty q} \|[b, T]f\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q} \right] \right\} \\ &=: \max\{I, J\}. \end{aligned}$$

First we estimate  $I$ :

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} \|[b, T]f_j \chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\ &\quad + C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} \|[b, T]f_j \chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\ &=: I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $|x - y| > 2^k/4$  for  $x \in R_k$ ,  $y \in R_j$  and  $j \leq k - 2$ . Using the generalized Hölder's inequality, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} |[b, T]f(x) \chi_k(x)| &\leq C \int_{R_j} |b(x) - b(y)| \frac{|f_j(y)|}{|x - y|^n} dy \chi_k(x) \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \int_{R_j} |b(x) - b(y)| |f_j(y)| dy \chi_k(x) \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \left\{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \int_{R_j} |f_j(y)| dy + \int_{R_j} |b_{B_j} - b(y)| |f_j(y)| dy \right\} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \{ |b(x) - b_{B_j}| \|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|(b_{B_j} - b)\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \}. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Lemma 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|[b, T]f \chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \{ \|(b - b_{B_j})\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad + \|(b_{B_j} - b)\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \{ (k - j) \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_j\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad + \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_k\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kn} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} (k - j) \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-kn} \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq C 2^{-kn} |B_k| \|\chi_{B_k}\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{-1} \|\chi_{B_j}\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C 2^{nr(j-k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{\alpha(0)j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} (k - j) 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)} \right)^q \right\}^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

We consider two cases  $0 < q \leq 1$  and  $1 < q < \infty$ . In the case of  $0 < q \leq 1$ , noting that  $\alpha(0) - nr < 0$ , we apply inequality (6) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q (k-j)^q 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q} \right) \right\}^{1/q} \\
&= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=j+2}^L (k-j)^q 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q} \right\}^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

In the case of  $1 < q < \infty$ , we use Hölder's inequality and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q/2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} (k-j)^{q'} 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q'/2} \right)^{q/q'} \right\}^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q/2} \right) \right\}^{1/q} \\
&= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=j+2}^L 2^{(k-j)(\alpha(0)-nr)q/2} \right\}^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-2} 2^{\alpha(0)jq} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{MK_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Next we estimate  $I_2$ . By the  $L^{p(\cdot)}$ -boundedness of  $[b, T]$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &\leq C \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
&= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right)^q \right\}^{1/q}.
\end{aligned}$$



Now we consider two cases  $0 < q \leq 1$  and  $1 < q < \infty$ . When  $0 < q \leq 1$ , we use inequality (6) again and get

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=k-1}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\quad + C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &=: I_{21} + I_{22}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The estimate of  $I_{21}$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{21} &= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j+1} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\alpha(0) > 0$  and  $\lambda - \alpha(0) < 0$ , we have estimate of  $I_{22}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{22} &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
 &\quad \times \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} 2^{j\lambda q} 2^{-j\lambda q} \sum_{l=-\infty}^j 2^{l\alpha(0)q} \|f_l\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q} 2^{j\lambda q} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q} \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{(\lambda-\alpha(0))jq} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} 2^{L\alpha(0)} 2^{(\lambda-\alpha(0))L} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\lambda < \alpha(0)$ , we can take a constant  $\theta > 1$  such that  $\lambda - \alpha(0)/\theta < 0$ . When  $1 < q < \infty$ , we use Hölder's inequality and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left( \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q\theta-1/\theta} \right)^{\theta/\theta'} \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=k-1}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=k-1}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\quad + C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &=: I_{23} + I_{24}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\alpha(0) > 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{23} &= C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j+1} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\infty}^{L-1} 2^{j\alpha(0)q} \|f_j\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, it follows from  $\lambda - \alpha(0)/\theta < 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{24} &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} 2^{j\lambda q} 2^{-j\lambda q} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left( \sum_{l=-\infty}^j 2^{l\alpha(0)q} \|f_l\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right) \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &\leq C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha(0)(k-j)q/\theta} 2^{j\lambda q} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= C\|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^L 2^{k\alpha(0)q/\theta} \sum_{j=L}^{\infty} 2^{j(\lambda-\alpha(0)/\theta)q} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right\}^{1/q}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{L < 0, L \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-L\lambda} 2^{L\alpha(0)/\theta} 2^{L(\lambda - \alpha(0)/\theta)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we arrive at the inequality

$$I \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{M\dot{K}_{q,p(\cdot)}^{\alpha(\cdot),\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

We omit the estimate of  $J$  since it is essentially similar to that of  $I$ . The proof of Theorem 2 is complete.  $\square$

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