

## EMBEDDINGS AND RELATED TOPICS IN GRAND VARIABLE EXPONENT HAJŁASZ–MORREY–SOBOLEV SPACES

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*Abstract.* Embeddings in the framework of grand variable exponent function spaces are studied. In particular, embeddings from grand variable exponent Hajlasz-Sobolev-Morrey spaces to variable exponent Hölder spaces are established. The regularity of a fractional integral operator defined with respect to a non-doubling measure is also investigated. In particular, mapping properties of this operator from a grand variable exponent Morrey space to a grand variable parameter Hölder space are studied. The results are proved under the log-Hölder continuity condition on the exponents. The spaces are defined, generally speaking, on quasi-metric measure spaces, however, the results are new even for Euclidean spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Our aim is to study problems related to embeddings from grand variable exponent Hajlasz-Morrey-Sobolev spaces (*GVEHMS* briefly)  $(HM)_{q(\cdot),\varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  to variable parameter Hölder spaces  $H^{\lambda(\cdot)}(X)$  (*VPHS* briefly) under the log-Hölder continuity condition on exponents and parameters. We treat also the regularity of a fractional integral operator in appropriate spaces. In particular, mapping properties of fractional-type integral operators defined on an open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with Ahlfors upper  $N$ -regular Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$ , from grand variable exponent Morrey spaces (*GVEMS* briefly) to *VPHS* are also studied.

The study of Hajlasz-Sobolev embeddings in the variable exponent setting was initiated in [1]. Later, a similar problem from the grand variable exponent viewpoint was investigated in [7], where the authors also studied Sobolev-type embeddings in the framework of these spaces defined on open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

In the last two decades it was realized that classical function spaces are no longer adequate for solving a number of contemporary problems arising naturally in various mathematical models of applied sciences. It thus became necessary to introduce and study the new nonstandard function spaces (*NSFS*) from various viewpoints. We emphasize that in recent years the following function spaces were studied: variable exponent Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces, “grand” function spaces, Morrey-type spaces, etc.

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*NSFSs* are extensively investigated by many authors nowadays. We emphasize some recent books and surveys published in this area, and recall, for example, the monographs [3], [5], [22], [23], the survey paper [17], etc.

Classical Morrey spaces were introduced by C. Morrey in 1938 and applied to the regularity problems of solutions to partial differential equations. We mention, for example, the recent two-volume monograph [27] for properties of Morrey-type spaces, and related topics.

Classical grand Lebesgue spaces  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , naturally arise, for example, when studying integrability problems of the Jacobian under minimal hypotheses (see [18]), while  $L^{p(\cdot),\theta}(\Omega)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ , is related to the investigation of the nonhomogeneous  $n$ -harmonic equation  $\operatorname{div} A(x, \nabla u) = \mu$  (see [14]). It is known (see, e.g., [12]) that the space  $L^{p(\cdot),\theta}(\Omega)$  is non-reflexive and non-separable.

Grand Morrey spaces were introduced in [25], where the boundedness of integral operators in these spaces was also established. Later, H. Rafeiro [26] considered the space, where the author “grandified” the parameter of the space as well.

Grand variable exponent Lebesgue spaces were introduced in [19] (see also [6] for more precise spaces). These spaces unify two non-standard spaces: variable and grand Lebesgue spaces. In the present paper we are interested in Hajlasz-Sobolev space based on *GVEMS* defined over quasi-metric measure spaces. The latter spaces were introduced in [21].

Sobolev embeddings in variable exponent Lebesgue spaces were studied in the papers [4], [9], [10] (see also the monograph [5] and references cited therein).

Finally we mention that the results of this paper were announced in [8].

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall the definition and some properties of a quasi-metric measure space.

Let  $X$  be a topological space endowed with a locally finite complete measure  $\mu$  and quasi-metric  $d : X \times X \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii) there exists a constant  $\kappa \geq 1$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,

$$d(x, y) \leq \kappa[d(x, z) + d(z, y)];$$

(iv) for every neighborhood  $V$  of a point  $x \in X$  there exists  $r > 0$  such that the ball  $B(x, r) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$  with center  $x$  and radius  $r$  is contained in  $V$ .

It is also assumed that all balls  $B(x, r) := \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$  in  $X$  are measurable with finite measure,  $\mu\{x\} = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , and that the class of continuous functions with compact supports is dense in the space of integrable functions on  $X$ .

In this case we say that  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a quasi-metric measure space. Further, we say that the measure  $\mu$  of the quasi-metric measure space  $(X, d, \mu)$  is Ahlfors upper  $\alpha$ -regular (or satisfies the growth condition) if there is a positive constant  $C$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $R > 0$ ,

$$\mu(B(x, R)) \leq CR^\alpha. \tag{1}$$

A quasi-metric measure space with this growth condition is also called a space of non-homogeneous type.

The measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  is said to satisfy a doubling condition ( $\mu \in DC(X)$ ) if there is a constant  $D_\mu > 0$  such that

$$\mu B(x, 2r) \leq D_\mu \cdot \mu B(x, r) \quad (2)$$

for every  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ . The best possible constant in (2) is called the doubling constant for  $\mu$  and will be denoted again by  $D_\mu$ .

Denote by  $d_X$  the diameter of  $X$ . Throughout the paper we will assume that  $d_X < \infty$ . In this case  $\mu$  is a finite measure, i.e.  $\mu(X) < \infty$ .

Further, it can be checked (see also [16], Lemma 14.6) that there is a positive constant  $C$  such that whenever  $0 < r \leq \rho < d_X$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $y \in B(x, r)$ ,

$$\frac{\mu B(x, \rho)}{\mu B(y, r)} \leq C \left( \frac{\rho}{r} \right)^N,$$

where

$$N = \log_2 D_\mu \quad (3)$$

and  $D_\mu$  is the doubling constant. Consequently, since  $d_X < \infty$ , there is a positive constant  $C_N$  such that

$$\mu(B(x, r)) \geq C_N r^N \quad (4)$$

whenever  $x \in X$  and  $0 < r < d_X$ , where  $N$  is defined by (3).

A quasi-metric measure space  $(X, d, \mu)$  with doubling measure  $\mu$  is called a space of homogeneous type (*SHT*).

Recall that for a quasi-metric measure space  $(X, d, \mu)$  with condition (1), the doubling condition might be not satisfied.

Examples of *SHT* are: (a) domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying the condition: there is a positive constant  $C > 0$  such that  $|\Omega \cap B(x, r)| \geq Cr^d$ , where  $|E|$  is the Lebesgue measure induced on  $\Omega$ ; here  $N = d$ ; (b) regular curves, i.e. rectifiable curves  $\Gamma$  satisfying the condition:  $v(\Gamma \cap D(x, r)) \leq Cr$ , where  $D(x, r)$  is the disc with center  $x$  and radius  $r > 0$  and  $v$  is the arc-length measure on  $\Gamma$  (in this case  $N = 1$ ); (c) nilpotent Lie groups  $G$  with appropriate distance and Haar measure, where  $N = Q$  is a homogeneous dimension of  $G$ . In particular, the Heisenberg group  $\mathcal{H}^n$  is a special case of such a group with  $Q = 2n + 2$ .

For basic properties and examples of an *SHT* we refer e.g., to [2].

To introduce grand variable exponent Hajlasz–Morrey spaces we need to recall some auxiliary definitions.

We denote by  $\mathbf{P}_0(X)$  (resp.  $\mathbf{P}(X)$ ) the family of all real-valued  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $p(\cdot)$  on  $X$  such that

$$0 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty, \quad (\text{resp. } 1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty,)$$

where

$$p_- := p_-(X) := \inf_X p(x), \quad p_+ := p_+(X) := \sup_X p(x).$$

It is clear that  $\mathbf{P}_0(X) \subset \mathbf{P}(X)$ .

We say that a function  $p(\cdot) \in \mathbf{P}_0(X)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$  (or  $p(\cdot)$  satisfies the log-Hölder continuity condition) if there is a positive constant  $\ell$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $0 < d(x, y) \leq 1/2$ ,

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{\ell}{-\ln(d(x, y))}. \tag{5}$$

The best possible constant in (5) is called the log-Hölder continuity constant and will be denoted again by  $\ell$ .

Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathbf{P}(X)$ . The variable exponent Lebesgue space  $L^{q(\cdot)}(X)$  (or  $L^{q(x)}(X)$ ) (VELS briefly) is also called a Nakano space. It is a special case of more general spaces called Musielak–Orlicz spaces.  $L^{q(\cdot)}(X)$  is the class of all  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  for which

$$S_{q(\cdot)}(f) := \int_X |f(x)|^{q(x)} d\mu(x) < \infty.$$

$L^{q(\cdot)}(X)$  is a Banach function space when given the norm defined by

$$\|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(X)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : S_{q(\cdot)}(f/\lambda) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The class of exponents  $\mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$  plays an important role in the theory mapping properties of integral operators in  $L^{q(\cdot)}$  spaces. For example, maximal, fractional and singular integral operators are bounded in  $L^{q(\cdot)}$  under the condition  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$  (see, e.g., the monographs [3], [5], [22] and references cited therein).

The following relations hold for VELs (see, e.g., [24] and p. 3 of [22]):

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}}^{q_+} &\leq S_{q(\cdot)}(f) \leq \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}}^{q_-}, \quad \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}} \leq 1, \\ \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}}^{q_-} &\leq S_{q(\cdot)}(f) \leq \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}}^{q_+}, \quad \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}} \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that (see e.g., [24]) Hölder’s inequality in VELs has the following form:

$$\|fg\|_{L^1} \leq C_{q(\cdot)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}} \|g\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}}, \tag{6}$$

where

$$C_{q(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{q_-} + \frac{1}{(q'_-)}, \quad q'(\cdot) = \frac{q(\cdot)}{q(\cdot) - 1}.$$

Further, the following statement is valid (see, e.g., [22], p. 9):

LEMMA 1. *Let  $s(\cdot)$  and  $r(\cdot)$  be variable exponents on  $X$  such that  $1 < s_- \leq s(x) \leq r(x) \leq r_+ < \infty$   $\mu$ -a.e. We set*

$$\frac{1}{p(x)} = \frac{1}{s(x)} - \frac{1}{r(x)}.$$

*If  $1 \in L^{p(\cdot)}$ , then*

$$\|f\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}} \leq 2^{1/s_-} \|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \|f\|_{L^{r(\cdot)}}.$$

We say that  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ , where  $1 < q_- \leq q_+ < \infty$ , if  $\varphi(\cdot)$  is defined and bounded on  $(0, q_- - 1)$ , is non-decreasing on  $(0, \delta)$  for some small positive constant  $\delta$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(x) = 0.$$

Further, we write that the pair of variable exponents  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathbf{P}}(X)$  if  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ .

Let  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathbf{P}}(X)$  and let  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . We recall the definitions of the spaces  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and  $L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  determined by the norms

$$\|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ 0 < r < d_X}} (\mu B(x, r))^{\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(B(x, r))}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} = \sup_{0 < c < q_- - 1} \varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q_- - c}} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot) - c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)},$$

respectively, where  $c$  is a constant.

The spaces  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and  $L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  are variable exponent Morrey spaces (*VEMS* briefly) and *GVEMS*, respectively.

If  $p(\cdot) = q(\cdot)$ , then  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  is the *VELS*  $L^{q(\cdot)}(X)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathbf{P}}(X)$  and let  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . We say that a function  $f \in L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  belongs to the Hajlasz-Morrey space  $(HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  if there is a non-negative  $g \in L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq d(x, y)[g(x) + g(y)], \quad \mu - a.e \text{ in } X.$$

In this case  $g(\cdot)$  is called a generalized gradient of  $f$ .

For  $p(\cdot) \equiv q(\cdot)$  this space was introduced and studied in [7].

If  $p(\cdot) \equiv q(\cdot) \equiv p_c = \text{const}$  and formally  $\theta = 0$ , then we have the space  $(HS)^{p_c}(X)$  which was introduced by P. Hajlasz [15] as a generalization of the classical Sobolev spaces  $W^{1, p_c}$  to the general setting of quasi-metric measure spaces.

**PROPOSITION 1.** *The space  $(HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  is the Banach space with respect to the norm:*

$$\|f\|_{(HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} = \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} + \inf \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)},$$

where the infimum is taken over all generalized gradients  $g$  of  $f$ .

Let  $p_- > N$ . We say that a bounded function  $f$  belongs to the variable exponent Hölder space (VEHS briefly)  $HP^{(\cdot)}(X)$ , if there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq Cd(x, y)^{\max\{1-N/p(x), 1-N/p(y)\}}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$  (see [1] for this definition).

Norms in these spaces are defined as follows:

$$\|f\|_{HP^{(\cdot)}(X)} = \|f\|_{L^\infty(X)} + [f]_{HP^{(\cdot)}(X)}$$

where

$$[f]_{HP^{(\cdot)}(X)} := \sup_{\substack{x, y \in X \\ 0 < d(x, y) \leq 1}} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{d(x, y)^{\max\{1-N/p(x), 1-N/p(y)\}}}.$$

### 3. Embeddings

Throughout this section it will be assumed that  $(X, d, \mu)$  is an SHT and that  $N$  is defined by (3).

To prove the main result of this section we need some definitions and auxiliary statements.

LEMMA 2. (see [7]) *Let  $\alpha(\cdot)$  and  $\beta(\cdot)$  be  $\mu$ -measurable functions on  $X$  such that  $0 < \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < \infty$ ,  $0 < \beta_- \leq \beta_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $f$  is a locally integrable function on  $X$ . Then for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C(\mu, \alpha(\cdot), \beta(\cdot)) \left[ d(x, y)^{\alpha(x)} M_{\alpha(\cdot)}^\# f(x) + d(x, y)^{\beta(y)} M_{\alpha(\cdot)}^\# f(y) \right],$$

where  $C(\mu, \alpha, \beta)$  is the constant defined by

$$C(\mu, \alpha(\cdot), \beta(\cdot)) := D_\mu \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{\alpha_- - 1}}; 2^{\beta_+} \left( \frac{1}{2^{\beta_- - 1}} + D_\mu \right) \right\}$$

and

$$M_{\alpha(\cdot)}^\# f(x) = \sup_{x \in X, r > 0} \frac{r^{-\alpha(x)}}{\mu B(x, r)} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y) - f_{B(x, r)}| d\mu(y).$$

Denote by  $M_{\lambda(\cdot)}$  the fractional maximal operator given by the formula:

$$M_{\lambda(\cdot)} f(x) = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ r > 0}} \frac{r^{\lambda(x)}}{\mu B(x, r)} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y), \quad 0 \leq \lambda(x) < \lambda_+ < N.$$

LEMMA 3. *Let  $0 \leq \lambda_- \leq \lambda_+ < 1$ ,  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(X)$ ,  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . Suppose that  $f \in (HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and that  $g$  is its gradient. Then*

$$M_{1-\lambda(\cdot)}^\# f(x) \leq 4\kappa M_{\lambda(\cdot)} g(x),$$

where  $\kappa$  is the quasi-metric constant.

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be the gradient of  $f$ . Then for  $B := B(x, r)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_B |f(y) - f_B| d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_B \int_B |f(y) - f(z)| d\mu(y) d\mu(z) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_B \int_B d(y, z) [g(y) + g(z)] d\mu(y) d\mu(z) \\ & \leq \frac{2\kappa r}{\mu(B)} \int_B \int_B [g(y) + g(z)] d\mu(y) d\mu(z) \\ & \leq \frac{4\kappa r}{\mu(B)} \int_B \int_B g(y) d\mu(y) d\mu(z) = 4\kappa r \int_B g(y) d\mu(y). \end{aligned}$$

Now the conclusion follows.  $\square$

Lemmas 2 and 3 imply the next statement.

LEMMA 4. Let  $\alpha(\cdot)$  and  $\beta(\cdot)$  be  $\mu$ -measurable functions on  $X$  such that  $0 \leq \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta_- \leq \beta_+ < 1$ . Suppose that  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(X)$ ,  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . Assume that  $f \in (HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  and that  $g$  is its gradient. Then for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \bar{C}(\mu, \alpha(\cdot), \beta(\cdot)) \left[ d(x, y)^{1-\alpha(x)} M_{\alpha(\cdot)} g(x) + d(x, y)^{1-\beta(y)} M_{\beta(\cdot)} g(y) \right],$$

where

$$\bar{C}(\mu, \alpha(\cdot), \beta(\cdot)) := 8C(\mu, 1 - \alpha(\cdot), 1 - \beta(\cdot))$$

and

$$C(\mu, 1 - \alpha(\cdot), 1 - \beta(\cdot)) = D_\mu \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{1-\alpha_+} - 1}; 2^{1-\beta_-} \left( \frac{1}{2^{1-\beta_+} - 1} + D_\mu \right) \right\}.$$

LEMMA 5. Let  $(r(\cdot), s(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(X)$  and let, in addition,  $r(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$ . Then for  $f \in L_{r(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$

$$M_{N/s(\cdot)} f(x) \leq C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)} \|f\|_{L_{r(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}},$$

where  $C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)}$  is such that

$$\sup_{0 < c < \sigma} C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)-c} < \infty \tag{7}$$

for some small positive constant  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R^{\frac{N}{s(x)}}}{\mu B(x, R)} \int_{B(x, R)} |f| d\mu &\leq \frac{2R^{\frac{N}{s(x)}}}{\mu B(x, R)} \|f\|_{L^{r(\cdot)}(B(x, R))} \|1\|_{L^{r'(\cdot)}(B(x, R))} \\ &\leq \frac{C_{r(\cdot)} R^{\frac{N}{s(x)}} R^{\frac{N}{r'(\cdot)}}}{R^N} \|f\|_{L^{r(\cdot)}(B(x, R))} \\ &\leq \frac{C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)} R^{\frac{N}{s(x)}} R^{\frac{N}{r(x)}} R^{\frac{N}{r(x)} - \frac{N}{s(x)}}}{R^N} \|f\|_{L_{r(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}(X)} \\ &= C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)} \|f\|_{L_{r(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}(X)}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to observe that condition (7) holds for the constant  $C_{s(\cdot), r(\cdot)}$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 6. *Let  $p(\cdot)$  and  $q(\cdot)$  are the variable exponents such that  $p_- > N$  and  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$ . Suppose that  $f \in (HM)_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ . Let  $g$  be a generalized gradient of  $f$ . Then*

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \tilde{C}_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)} \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} d(x, y)^{1-N/\max\{p(x), p(y)\}},$$

where  $\tilde{C}_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}$  is a constant satisfying the condition

$$\sup_{0 < c < \sigma} \tilde{C}_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)-c} < \infty \tag{8}$$

for some small positive constant  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* Applying Lemmas 4 and 5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &\leq C_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)} \left[ d(x, y)^{1-N/p(x)} M_{N/p(x)} g(x) + d(x, y)^{1-N/p(y)} M_{N/p(y)} g(y) \right] \\ &\leq C_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)} \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} \left[ d(x, y)^{1-N/p(x)} + d(x, y)^{1-N/p(y)} \right] \\ &\leq \tilde{C}_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)} \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} d(x, y)^{\max\{1-N/p(x); 1-N/p(y)\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since condition (8) holds for the constant  $\tilde{C}_{p(\cdot), q(\cdot)}$ , we are done.  $\square$

We will need some more auxiliary statements

LEMMA 7. ([23], p. 834) *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be an SHT,  $r(\cdot) \in \mathbf{P}(X) \cap \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$ . Then the following estimate holds for all balls  $B$ ,  $\mu(B) \leq 1$ :*

$$\mu(B)^{r_-(B)-r_+(B)} \leq C_{r(\cdot)},$$

where  $C_{r(\cdot)}$  is a constant such that

$$\sup_{0 < c < \sigma} C_{r(\cdot)-c} < \infty$$

for some small positive constant  $\sigma$ .

LEMMA 8. Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be an SHT and let  $\sigma$  be a small positive constant. Suppose that  $q(\cdot) \in \mathbf{P}(X) \cap \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$  and  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . Then there is a positive constant  $C_{q(\cdot), \sigma, \varphi(\cdot)}$  such that

$$\|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} \leq C_{q(\cdot), \sigma, \varphi(\cdot)} \sup_{0 < c \leq \sigma} \varphi^{1/(q_- - c)} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)}.$$

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\mu(X) \leq 1$ . Let  $\sigma < c < q_- - 1$ . Then by Lemmas 1, 7, and the fact that  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$  we find that for a ball  $B := B(x, r)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q_- - c}} \mu(B)^{\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x) - c}} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(B)} &\leq 2\varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q_- - c}} \mu(B)^{\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x) - c}} \|1\|_{L^{l(\cdot)}(B)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)-\sigma}(B)} \\ &\leq C_{q(\cdot), \sigma, \varphi(\cdot)} \varphi(\sigma)^{\frac{1}{q_- - \sigma}} \mu(B)^{\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x) - \sigma}} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)-\sigma}(B)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $l(\cdot) = \frac{(q(\cdot)-c)(q(\cdot)-\sigma)}{c-\sigma}$ .

Since

$$\|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} = \max \left\{ \sup_{0 < c \leq \sigma} \varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q_- - c}} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)}, \sup_{\sigma < c < q_- - 1} \varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q_- - c}} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} \right\},$$

we have the desired result.  $\square$

A similar relation for grand Lebesgue spaces with constant exponents was first observed in [11].

THEOREM 1. Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be an SHT with  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , and let  $N$  be determined by (3). Let  $p(\cdot)$  and  $q(\cdot)$  be variable exponents such that  $p_- > N$  and  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}(X)$ . Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(X)$ ,  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . Then

$$(HM)_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X) \hookrightarrow H^{p(\cdot)}(X).$$

*Proof.* Taking Lemma 8 into account, we deal with small positive  $c$ . Let  $0 < c < \sigma < q_- - 1$ . Then applying Lemma 5, we have that for  $x \in X, R_0 > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f_{B(x, R_0)}| &\leq D_\mu R_0^{1-N/p(x)} M_{1-N/p(\cdot)}^\# f(x) \\ &\leq CR_0^{1-N/p(x)} M_{N/p(\cdot)} g(x) \\ &\leq \overline{C} R_0^{1-N/p(x)} \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{B(x, R_0)}| &\leq 2\mu(B(x, R_0))^{-1} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)-c}(B(x, R_0))} \|1\|_{L^{(q(\cdot)-c)'}(B(x, R_0))} \\ &\leq 2R_0^{-N/(q(x)-c)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)-c}(X)} \leq 2R_0^{-N/p(x)} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking  $R_0 = \min \{1, \mu(X)\}$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &\leq C \left[ R_0^{1-N/p(x)} + R_0^{-N/p(x)} \right] \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f \in L^\infty(X)$ .

Further, observe that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \tilde{C}_{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)-c} \|g\|_{L_{q(\cdot)-c}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} d(x,y)^{\max\{1-N/p(x);1-N/p(y)\}} \tag{9}$$

where the constant  $\tilde{C}_{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)-c}$  is such that

$$\sup_{0 < c < \sigma} \tilde{C}_{p(\cdot),q(\cdot)-c} < \infty.$$

Finally, multiplying both sides of inequality (9) by  $\varphi(c)^{\frac{1}{q-c}}$  and taking the supremum with respect to  $c, 0 < c < \sigma$  (observe that the left-hand side of (9) does not depend on  $c$ ) we have the desired result.  $\square$

### 4. Regularity of potentials

Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure on  $\Omega$ . In this section we investigate the regularity of fractional integrals

$$J_\Omega^\gamma f(x) = \int_\Omega \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{n-\gamma}} d\mu(y), \quad 0 < \gamma < n, \quad x \in \Omega$$

for  $f \in L_{q(\cdot),\varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , where the measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition: there are positive constants  $c_0$  and  $n$  such that for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $R > 0$ ,

$$\mu(D(x,R)) \leq c_0 R^n, \quad D(x,R) := B(x,R) \cap \Omega. \tag{10}$$

In this section we will need the following class of exponents on  $\Omega$ .

DEFINITION 2. We say that  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  if there is a positive constant  $\ell_1$  such that

$$\mu(B(x,R))^{p-(D(x,R))-p+(D(x,R))} \leq \ell_1$$

for all  $x \in X$  and small positive  $R$ .

It is known that (see, e.g., [23], p. 834) that if  $(X, d, \mu)$  is an *SHT*, then  $\mathcal{P}^{log}(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ .

DEFINITION 3. Let  $\gamma$  be a constant such that  $0 < \gamma < n$  and let  $\varepsilon$  be a constant such that  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ . A function  $k_\gamma : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be a fractional kernel of order  $\gamma$  if there exists a positive constant  $C_k$  such that

$$(a) \quad |k_\gamma(x, y)| \leq \frac{C_{k_\gamma}}{|x - y|^{n-\gamma}}, \quad x \neq y; \quad (11)$$

$$(b) \quad |k_\gamma(x, y) - k_\gamma(x', y)| \leq \frac{C_{k_\gamma} |x - x'|^\varepsilon}{|x - y|^{n-\gamma+\varepsilon}}, \quad |x - y| \geq 2|x' - x|. \quad (12)$$

For  $k_\gamma$ , let

$$K^\gamma f(x) = \int_{\Omega} k_\gamma(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y), \quad x \in \Omega.$$

LEMMA 9. [13], [28]. Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a metric measure space and let  $x, y, z \in X$  be such that  $2d(x, y) \leq d(x, z)$ . Then the following estimate holds:

$$|d(x, z)^{\gamma-n} - d(y, z)^{\gamma-n}| \leq C \frac{d(x, y)}{d(x, z)^{n-\gamma+1}}$$

for  $0 < \gamma < n$ , where the positive constant  $C$  depends only on  $n$  and  $\gamma$ . Consequently conditions (a) and (b) are satisfied for  $k_\gamma(x, y) = |x - y|^{\gamma-n}$  and  $\varepsilon = 1$  with the constant  $C_{k_\gamma}$ .

Let  $\lambda : \Omega \rightarrow (0, 1]$  be a measurable function satisfying the condition  $0 < \lambda_- \leq \lambda_+ \leq 1$ . We say that a function  $f$  on  $\Omega$  is in the space  $H^{\lambda(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  if

$$[f]_{\lambda(\cdot)} = \sup_{\substack{x, x+h \in \Omega \\ 0 < |h| \leq 1}} \frac{|f(x+h) - f(x)|}{|h|^{\lambda(x)}}$$

is finite. In particular, we denote

$$[f]_{\gamma-\eta/p(\cdot)} := [f]_{\tilde{H}_{\gamma, \eta}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

LEMMA 10. Let  $p(\cdot)$  be an exponent on  $\Omega$  such that  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$ . Then there is a positive constant  $C$  depending on the log-Hölder continuity constant  $\ell$  for  $p(\cdot)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{C} |h|^{p(x+h)} \leq |h|^{p(x)} \leq C |h|^{p(x+h)}, \quad |h| \leq 1; \quad x, x+h \in \Omega.$$

*Proof.* Since  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$  we have that for all  $x$  and  $h$  such that if  $x, x+h \in \Omega$ ,  $|h| \leq 1$ ,

$$|p(x+h) - p(x)| \leq \frac{\ell}{-\ln|h|}$$

holds. Hence,

$$|h|^{p(x+h)-p(x)} \leq e^{-\ell}$$

from which the desired relation follows.  $\square$

LEMMA 11. Let  $q(\cdot)$  be an exponent such that  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  with appropriate constant  $\ell_1$ . Then  $\frac{1}{q'(\cdot)} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  with constant  $(\max\{1, \ell_1\})^{\frac{1}{(q_- - 1)^2}}$ .

*Proof.* It is enough to observe that for a set  $D := B \cap \Omega$ ,  $\mu(D) \leq 1$ , where  $B$  is a ball with center in  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\mu(D)^{\left(\frac{1}{q'}\right)_- (D) - \left(\frac{1}{q'}\right)_+ (D)} = \left(\mu(D)^{q_- (D) - q_+ (D)}\right)^{\frac{1}{(q_- - 1)^2}} \leq \ell_1^{\frac{1}{(q_- - 1)^2}}. \quad \square$$

Lemma 11 implies the next statement:

LEMMA 12. Let  $q(\cdot)$  be an exponent such that  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ . Then there is a positive constant  $\bar{C}_{q(\cdot)}$  such that for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$\|\chi_{D(x,r)}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}} \leq \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)} \mu(D(x,r))^{\frac{1}{q'(x)}}.$$

Moreover, the constant  $\bar{C}_{q(\cdot)}$  is such that

$$\sup_{0 < \varepsilon < \eta} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot) - \varepsilon} < \infty$$

for some small positive constant  $\eta$ .

The following statement is a quantitative version of Theorem 4.6 in [20].

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$  and let  $\mu$  satisfy (10). Let  $k_\gamma$  satisfy (a) and (b) of Definition 3. Let  $\gamma$  and  $\varepsilon$  be constants such that  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \gamma < n$ . Assume that  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\frac{n}{\gamma} < p_- \leq p_+ < \frac{n}{\gamma - \varepsilon}$ . If  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$  then there exists a constant  $C = C_{k_\gamma, n, q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \varepsilon}$  such that

$$[K^\gamma f]_{\tilde{H}_{\gamma, \eta}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)},$$

where  $C$  satisfies the condition

$$\sup_{0 < \lambda < \eta} C_{k_\gamma, n, q(\cdot) - \lambda, p(\cdot), \varepsilon} < \infty$$

with a small positive constant  $\eta$ .

*Proof.* By conditions (a) and (b) of Definition 3 we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |K^\gamma f(x+h) - K^\gamma f(x)| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |k_\gamma(x+h, y) - k_\gamma(x, y)| |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq \int_{D(x, 2|h|)} |k_\gamma(x+h, y)| |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\quad + \int_{D(x, 2|h|)} |k_\gamma(x, y)| |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega \setminus D(x, 2|h|)} |k_\gamma(x+h, y) - k_\gamma(x, y)| |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C_{k_\gamma} \int_{D(x, 2|h|)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x+h-y|^{n-\gamma}} d\mu(y) \\
 &\quad + C_{k_\gamma} \int_{D(x, 2|h|)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\gamma}} d\mu(y) \\
 &\quad + C_{k_\gamma} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{\Omega \setminus D(x, 2|h|)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x+h-y|^{n-\gamma+\varepsilon}} d\mu(y) \\
 &=: I_1 + I_2 + I_3,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $|h|$  is small and  $x+h \in \Omega$ .

Further, by using the representation  $|x+h-y|^{\gamma-n} = \frac{n-\gamma}{1-2^{\gamma-n}} \int_{|x+h-y|}^{2|x+h-y|} t^{\gamma-n-1} dt$ , and

Fubini's theorem, we see that

$$I_1 \leq C_{k_\gamma, n} \int_0^{6|h|} f_t(x+h) t^{\gamma-1} dt,$$

where  $f_t(x) := \frac{1}{t^n} \int_{D(x,t)} |f(y)| d\mu(y)$  and the positive constant  $C_{k_\gamma, n}$  depends only  $k_\gamma, n$ .

Applying now the Hölder inequality in the space  $L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , the growth condition for  $\mu$ , the assumptions  $1/q'(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$ , and observing that

$$\frac{1}{c} |h|^{\gamma-n/p(x+h)} \leq |h|^{\gamma-n/p(x)} \leq c |h|^{\gamma-n/p(x+h)}$$

for some constant  $c > 1$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_t(x+h) &\leq C_{q(\cdot)} t^{-n} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)} f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)}\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq C_{q(\cdot)} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)} t^{-n} \mu(D(x+h,t))^{1/q'(x+h)} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)} f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq C_{q(\cdot)} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)} C_0 t^{-n/q(x+h)} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)} f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &= C_{q(\cdot)} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)} C_0 t^{-n/p(x+h)} t^{n/p(x+h)-n/q(x+h)} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)} f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq C_{q(\cdot)} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)} C_0^2 t^{-n/p(x+h)} \mu(D(x+h,t))^{1/p(x+h)-1/q(x+h)} \|\chi_{D(x+h,t)} f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq D \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} t^{-n/p(x+h)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$D = C_0^2 C_{q(\cdot)} \bar{C}_{q(\cdot)}. \quad (13)$$

Consequently, since  $1/p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$  and  $\gamma > \frac{n}{p_-}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C_{k_\gamma} D \frac{6^n}{\gamma - \frac{n}{p_-}} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} |h|^{\gamma - n/p(x+h)} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} |h|^{\gamma - n/p(x)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C = c C_{k_\gamma} D \frac{6^n}{\gamma - \frac{n}{p_-}} \quad (14)$$

Further, similar arguments yield

$$I_2 \leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} |h|^{\gamma - n/p(x)}.$$

To estimate  $I_3$  we observe that if  $|x - y| \geq 2|h|$ , then  $|x - y + h| \geq |x - y| - |h| \geq |h|$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq C_{k_\gamma} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{\Omega \setminus D(x, 2|h|)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y + h|^{n - \gamma + \varepsilon}} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_{k_\gamma} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{\Omega \setminus D(x, 2|h|)} |f(y)| \left( \int_{|x-y+h|}^{2|x-y+h|} t^{\gamma - n - \varepsilon - 1} dt \right) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_{k_\gamma} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{|h|}^\infty t^{\gamma - n - \varepsilon - 1} \left( \int_{D(x+h, t)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \right) dt \\ &= C_{k_\gamma} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{|h|}^\infty t^{\gamma - \varepsilon - 1} f_t(x+h) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the arguments used to estimate  $I_1$  we see that

$$f_t(x+h) \leq D t^{-n/p(x+h)} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Since we assumed that  $\gamma < \varepsilon + n/p_+$  and  $1/p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} |h|^\varepsilon \int_{|h|}^\infty t^{\gamma - n/p(x+h) - \varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} |h|^{\gamma - n/p(x)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C \equiv C_{k_\gamma, n, q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \varepsilon}$  is a positive constant.

Combining the estimates for  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  we finally obtain that

$$\|K^\gamma f\|_{H^{\gamma - \frac{n}{p(\cdot)}}(\Omega)} \leq C_{k_\gamma, n, q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \varepsilon} \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)},$$

where the constant  $C_{k\gamma, n, q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \varepsilon}$  satisfies

$$\sup_{0 < c < \sigma} C_{k\gamma, n, q(\cdot) - c, p(\cdot), \varepsilon} < \infty$$

for some small positive constant  $\sigma$ .  $\square$

Finally, taking into account Proposition 2 and Lemma 9 we have

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure on  $\Omega$  satisfying condition (10). Suppose that  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ . Further, let  $p(\cdot)$  and  $q(\cdot)$  be variable exponents on  $\Omega$  such that  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\Omega)$ . Assume that  $\varphi(\cdot) \in A_{q(\cdot)}$ . Suppose that  $\gamma$  and  $\varepsilon$  are positive constants such that  $\frac{n}{\gamma} < p_- \leq p_+ < \frac{n}{\gamma - \varepsilon}$ . Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}^{\log}(\Omega)$ . Then the operator  $J_{\Omega}^{\gamma}$  is bounded from  $L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to  $\tilde{H}_{\gamma, n}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , i.e. there is a positive constant  $c_0$  such that for all  $f \in L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,*

$$\|J_{\Omega}^{\gamma} f\|_{\tilde{H}_{\gamma, n}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq c_0 \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (15)$$

**DEFINITION 4.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set and let  $n$  be a positive constant. We say that a Borel measure  $\mu$  defined on  $\Omega$  satisfies condition  $A(n, \Omega)$  (or  $\mu \in A(n, \Omega)$ ) if there is a positive constant  $c_0$  such that for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $R \in (0, \text{diam}\Omega)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{c_0} R^n \leq \mu(D(x, R)) \leq c_0 R^n. \quad (16)$$

For example, the induced Lebesgue measure  $|\cdot|_d$  on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying the condition  $|D(x, R)|_d \geq C_0 R^d$  belongs to the class  $A(d, \Omega)$ ; arc-length measure  $\nu$  on a regular curve  $\Gamma$  belongs to  $A(1, \Gamma)$ ; the Haar measure on a nilpotent Lie groups  $G$  belongs to  $A(Q, G)$ , where  $Q$  is the homogeneous dimension of  $G$ .

It is easy to see that any measure  $\mu$  satisfying condition (16) is doubling.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a finite measure on a bounded open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying the condition  $A(n, \Omega)$ . Suppose that  $p(\cdot)$  and  $q(\cdot)$  are variable exponents on  $\Omega$  such that  $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\Omega)$ . Assume that  $\varphi(\cdot) \in \mathcal{A}_{q(\cdot)}$ . Let  $\gamma$  and  $\varepsilon$  be positive constants such that  $\frac{n}{\gamma} < p_- \leq p_+ < \frac{n}{\gamma - \varepsilon}$ . Then the operator  $J_{\Omega}^{\gamma}$  is bounded from  $L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to  $\tilde{H}_{\gamma, n}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , i.e. there is a positive constant  $c_0$  such that for all  $f \in L_{q(\cdot), \varphi(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , (15) holds.*

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