

## THE INEQUALITIES OF COMMUTATORS ON WEAK HERZ SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the boundedness of some commutators related to linear operators on weak Herz spaces are obtained.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $T$  be a standard Calderon-Zygmund operator. The commutator  $[b, T]$  generated by  $b$  and  $T$  is defined by

$$[b, T]f(x) = b(x)Tf(x) - T(bf)(x).$$

A classical result of Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss [2] states that commutator  $[b, T]$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). Chanillo [1] considered the similar question when Calderon-Zygmund operator is replaced by the fractional integral operator. In recent years, the theory of Herz type spaces has been developed (see [3], [6]). Lu and Yang [7] generalized these results to the case of Herz spaces (also see [5]), in fact, they have proved that if  $[b, T]$  is bounded on  $L^q$  for some  $q \in (1, \infty)$ , then  $[b, T]$  is bounded on Herz space  $K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any  $\alpha \in (-n/q, n(1 - 1/q))$  and  $p \in (0, \infty]$  only under certain very weak local conditions on the size of  $T$ . The main purpose of this paper is to consider the boundedness of commutators on weak Herz spaces  $WK_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  when  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q)$ . It was observed that commutator  $[b, T]$  is not be of weak type (1.1). In fact, Perez proved that  $[b, T]$  satisfy  $L(\log L)$  type inequalities (see [9]). We also show that commutator  $[b, T]$  satisfy  $L(\log L)$  type estimates in Herz spaces when  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q)$ , in addition, we get the weak boundedness of commutators in Herz spaces when  $b$  satisfies certain condition. Let us first introduce some notations (see [3], [6]).

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Let  $B_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^k\}$ ,  $A_k = B_k \setminus B_{k-1}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\chi_k = \chi_{A_k}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of the set  $E$ .

DEFINITION 1. Let  $0 < p, q < \infty$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(1) The homogeneous Herz space is defined by

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

where

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

(2) The nonhomogeneous Herz space is defined by

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

where

$$\|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left[ \|f\chi_{B_0}\|_{L^q}^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \|f\chi_k\|_{L^q}^p \right]^{1/p}.$$

DEFINITION 2. Let  $0 < p, q < \infty$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and measurable function  $f(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $m_k(\lambda, f) = |\{x \in A_k : |f(x)| > \lambda\}|$ ; for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\tilde{m}_k(\lambda, f) = m_k(\lambda, f)$  and  $\tilde{m}_0(\lambda, f) = |\{x \in B_0 : |f(x)| > \lambda\}|$ .

(1) The homogeneous weak Herz space is defined by

$$W\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f : \|f\|_{W\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{W\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} m_k(\lambda, f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p}.$$

(2) The nonhomogeneous weak Herz space is defined by

$$WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f : \|f\|_{WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p}.$$

DEFINITION 3. Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The commutators of the maximal operator and the fractional maximal operator are defined, respectively, by

$$M_b f(x) = \sup_{r>0} |B(x, r)|^{-1} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dy$$

and

$$M_b^\lambda f(x) = \sup_{r>0} |B(x, r)|^{-1/\lambda'} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $1 \leq \lambda \leq \infty$  and  $1/\lambda + 1/\lambda' = 1$ .

### 2. Main results and their proofs

We begin with the boundedness of the commutators  $M_b$  and  $M_b^\lambda$  on weak Herz spaces, which will be useful to the main results in this paper and are themselves of independent interest.

THEOREM 1. Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 < p \leq 1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q)$ . Then for any  $f \in K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exist constant  $C > 0$  independent on  $f$  and  $\lambda$ , such that

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, M_b f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \leq C \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( 1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \right).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j(x)$ , where  $\text{supp } a_j \subset B_j$ ,  $\|a_j\|_{L^q} \leq C 2^{-j\alpha}$  for  $j \in N \cup \{0\}$  and  $\|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha, p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p}$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, M_b f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} &\leq C \left[ \sum_{k=0}^3 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, M_b f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ &+ C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, M_b f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \equiv I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I$ , by the boundedness of  $M_b$  on  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 < q < \infty$  (see [10]) and  $0 < p \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\|f\|_{L^q}\left(\sum_{k=0}^3 2^{k\alpha p}\right)^{1/p} \leq C\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|\|a_j\|_{L^q} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|2^{-j\alpha} \leq C\lambda^{-1}\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j| \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|^p\right)^{1/p} \leq C\lambda^{-1}\|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} II &\leq C\left[\sum_{k=4}^{\infty}2^{k\alpha p}\tilde{m}_k\left(\lambda/2,\sum_{j=0}^{k-3}|\lambda_j|M_b a_j\right)^{p/q}\right]^{1/p} \\ &\quad + C\left[\sum_{k=4}^{\infty}2^{k\alpha p}\tilde{m}_k\left(\lambda/2,M_b\left(\sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|a_j\right)\right)^{p/q}\right]^{1/p} \\ &\equiv II_1 + II_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the boundedness of  $M_b$  on  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} II_2 &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\left[\sum_{k=4}^{\infty}2^{k\alpha p}\left\|\sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty}\lambda_j a_j\right\|_{L^q}^p\right]^{1/p} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\left[\sum_{k=4}^{\infty}2^{k\alpha p}\sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|^p 2^{-j\alpha p}\right]^{1/p} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|^p\sum_{k=0}^{j+2}2^{(k-j)\alpha p}\right]^{1/p} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}|\lambda_j|^p\right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1}\|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}; \end{aligned}$$

For  $II_1$ , denoting  $b_j = |B_j|^{-1} \int_{B_j} b(y) dy$ , by the properties of  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see [12]), we have, for  $x \in A_k$  with  $j \leq k - 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & M_b a_j(x) \\ & \leq C 2^{-kn} \int_{B_j} |b(x) - b(y)| |a_j(y)| dy \\ & \leq C 2^{-kn} \left( |b(x) - b_j| \|a_j\|_{L^q} |B_j|^{1-1/q} + \|b\|_{BMO} \|a_j\|_{L^q} |B_j|^{1-1/q} \right) \\ & \leq C 2^{-kn} (|b(x) - b_k| + k \|b\|_{BMO}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} II_1 & \leq C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k \left( \lambda/4, C 2^{-kn} |b(x) - b_k| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \quad + C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k \left( \lambda/4, C k 2^{-kn} \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \equiv II_1^{(1)} + II_1^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using John-Nirenberg inequality, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} II_1^{(1)} & \leq C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left( \exp \left( -\frac{c 2^{kn} \lambda}{\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|} \right) 2^{kn} \right)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p + kn p/q} \exp \left( -\frac{c \lambda 2^{kn}}{\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|} \right) \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \left[ \int_0^{\infty} x^{p-1} \exp \left( -\frac{c \lambda x}{\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|} \right) dx \right]^{1/p} \\ & = C \lambda^{-1} \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \left( \int_0^{\infty} t^{p-1} e^{-t} dt \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $II_1^{(2)}$ , by using the fact: if there exist  $y > 1$  such that  $2^x/x < y$  holds for  $x > 3$ , then  $2^x \leq cy \log_2 y$ , we see that, for  $k > 3$ , if  $|\{x \in A_k : C2^{-kn}k\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| > \lambda/4\}| \neq 0$ ,

$$1 < 2^{kn}/kn < C\lambda^{-1}\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|,$$

and thus

$$2^{kn} \leq C\lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right) \left[ 1 + \log^+ \left( \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right) \right].$$

Let  $K_\lambda$  denote the maximal integer which satisfies this estimation. Then

$$\begin{aligned} II_1^{(2)} &\leq C \left( \sum_{k=4}^{K_\lambda} 2^{k\alpha p} \cdot 2^{kn p/q} \right)^{1/p} \leq C2^{K_\lambda n} \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right) \left[ 1 + \log^+ \left( \lambda^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \right) \right] \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \left[ 1 + \log^+ \left( \lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \right) \right] \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} [1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)})]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the estimations of  $I, II_2, II_1^{(1)}$  and  $II_1^{(2)}$ , we gain the conclusion of the theorem. □

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $b$  satisfy the condition  $L : |b(x) - b_j| \leq C|b(x) - b_k|$  for any  $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j \leq k - 3, x \in A_k$ . If  $0 < p \leq 1 < q < \infty, \alpha = n(1 - 1/q)$ . Then  $M_b$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $W\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).*

*Proof.* We only prove the homogeneous case. Let  $f(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j(x) \in \dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\text{supp} a_j \subset B_j, \|a_j\|_{L^q} \leq C2^{-j\alpha}$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$\|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim \left(\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p\right)^{1/p}$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} & \|M_b f\|_{W\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}} \\ & \leq C \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \\ & \quad \times \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : M_b \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{k-3} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) > \lambda/2 \right\} \right|^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \quad + C \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \\ & \quad \times \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : M_b \left( \sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) > \lambda/2 \right\} \right|^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \equiv I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For  $II$ , using the boundedness of  $M_b$  on  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 < q < \infty$ , and  $0 < p \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} II & \leq C \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left\| \sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j \right\|_{L^q}^p \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \sum_{k=-\infty}^{j+2} 2^{(k-j)\alpha p} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I$ , using the estimation of  $M_b a_j$  in the proof of Theorem 1 and condition  $L$  we see that, for  $x \in A_k$  with  $j \leq k - 3$ ,

$$M_b a_j(x) \leq C 2^{-kn} (|b(x) - b_k| + \|b\|_{BMO}),$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &\leq C \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : C2^{-kn} |b(x) - b_k| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| > \lambda/4 \right\} \right|^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\
 &\quad + C \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : C2^{-kn} \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| > \lambda/4 \right\} \right|^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\
 &\equiv I_1 + I_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using John-Nirenberg inequality, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq C \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{knp} \exp \left( -\frac{c\lambda 2^{kn}}{\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|} \right) \right]^{1/p} \\
 &\leq C \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For any fixed  $\lambda > 0$ , if  $\left| \left\{ x \in A_k : C2^{-kn} \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| > \lambda/4 \right\} \right| \neq 0$ , then

$$2^{kn} \leq C\lambda^{-1} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|.$$

Let  $K_\lambda$  denote the maximal integer which satisfies this estimation. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{K_\lambda} 2^{k\alpha p} \cdot 2^{knp/q} \right)^{1/p} \leq C \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda 2^{K_\lambda n} \\
 &\leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \leq C \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 2.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $1 < \lambda < \infty$ ,  $0 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1 < q_1 < \lambda$ ,  $1/q_2 = 1/q_1 - 1/\lambda$ ,  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q_1)$ .



(1) For any  $s > 0$  and  $f \in K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \tilde{m}_k(s, M_b^\lambda f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \leq Cs^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( 1 + \log^+(s^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \right).$$

(2) Furthermore, if  $b$  satisfies the condition  $L$ , then  $M_b^\lambda$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $W\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

*Proof.* Notice that if  $p_2 \geq p_1$ , then

$$W\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset W\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } WK_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset WK_{q_2}^{\alpha, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Thus, we only need to show the theorem in the case  $p_1 = p_2$ .

(1) Let  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j(x) \in K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where every  $a_j$  are the same as in the proof of Theorem 1 and  $\|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|_1^p \right)^{1/p_1}$ .

We write

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \tilde{m}_k(s, M_b^\lambda f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} &\leq C \left[ \sum_{k=0}^3 2^{k\alpha p_2} \tilde{m}_k(s, M_b^\lambda f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \\ &+ C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \tilde{m}_k(s, M_b^\lambda f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \equiv I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I$ , using the fact that  $M_b^\lambda$  is of type  $(q_1, q_2)$  (see [10]) and  $0 < p \leq 1$ , we obtain, by using an argument similar to the proof of Theorem 1,

$$I \leq Cs^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} II &\leq C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : M_b^\lambda \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-3} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) > s/2 \right\} \right|^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \\ &+ C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \left| \left\{ x \in A_k : M_b^\lambda \left( \sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) > s/2 \right\} \right|^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \\ &= II_1 + II_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M_b^\lambda$  is of type  $(q_1, q_2)$ , we deduce

$$II_2 \leq Cs^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

For  $II_1$ , using an argument similar to the proof of Theorem 1, we have, if  $x \in A_k$  and  $0 \leq j \leq k - 3$ ,

$$M_b^\lambda a_j(x) \leq C2^{-kn/\lambda'} |b(x) - b_k| + Ck2^{-kn/\lambda'} \|b\|_{BMO}.$$

Thus, using the argument same as the proof of Theorem 1, we deduce

$$II_1 \leq Cs^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left(1 + \log^+(s^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)})\right).$$

The proof of (2) is similar to the proof of Theorem 2, we omit the details. This finishes the proof of Theorem 3.  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $1 < \lambda < \infty$ ,  $0 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1 < q_1 < \lambda$ ,  $1/q_2 = 1/q_1(1 - p_1/\lambda)$ ,  $\alpha_1 = n(1 - 1/q_1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + n(p_1/q_1 - 1)/\lambda$ . Then*

(1) *For any  $s > 0$  and  $f \in K_{q_1}^{\alpha_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have*

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha_2 p_2} \tilde{m}_k(s, M_b^\lambda f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \leq Cs^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left(1 + \log^+(s^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)})\right).$$

(2) *Furthermore, if  $b$  satisfies the condition  $L$ , then  $M_b^\lambda$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}_{q_1}^{\alpha_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K_{q_1}^{\alpha_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $W\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha_2, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK_{q_2}^{\alpha_2, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).*

The proof of the theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3, we omit the details.

Now let us state one of our main theorems.

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $T$  be a linear operator. Suppose that the commutator  $[b, T]$  is of weak type  $(q, q)$  for some  $q \in (1, +\infty)$  and that  $T$  satisfies the local size condition*

$$|Tf(x)| \leq C|x|^{-n} \int |f(y)|dy$$

for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\text{supp} f \subset A_k$  and  $|x| \geq 2^{k+1}$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $0 < p \leq 1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q)$ . Then

(1) For any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, [b, T]f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \leq C\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} (1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)})).$$

(2) Furthermore, if  $b$  satisfies the condition  $L$ , then  $[b, T]$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

*Proof.* (1) Let  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j(x) \in K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where the  $a_j$  are the same as in the proof of Theorem 1 and  $\|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p\right)^{1/p}$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, [b, T]f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \leq C \left[ \sum_{k=0}^3 2^{k\alpha p} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, [b, T]f)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & + C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} m_k \left( \lambda/2, [b, T] \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-3} \lambda_j a_j \right) \right)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & + C \left[ \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} m_k(\lambda/2, [b, T] \left( \sum_{j=k-2}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j \right) \right)^{p/q} \right]^{1/p} \\ & \equiv I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition that  $[b, T]$  is of weak type  $(q, q)$  and  $0 < p \leq 1$ , we have for  $i = 1, 3$ ,

$$I_i \leq C\lambda^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq C\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

For  $I_2$ , note that  $x \in A_k$  and  $j \leq k - 3$ , by using the size condition of  $T$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| [b, T] \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-3} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) \right| & \leq C|x|^{-n} \int |b(x) - b(y)| \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-3} \lambda_j a_j(y) \right| dy \\ & \leq CM_b f(x), \end{aligned}$$

and thus, by Theorem 1,

$$I_2 \leq C\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left( 1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \right).$$

The proof of (2) may be obtained by using Theorem 2.

This finishes the proof of Theorem 5. □

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 < l < n$ . Suppose that the linear operator  $T_l$  satisfies*

$$|T_l f(x)| \leq C|x|^{-(n-l)} \int |f(y)| dy$$

for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\text{supp} f \subset A_k$  and  $|x| \geq 2^{k+1}$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $0 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1 < q_1 < n/l$ ,  $\alpha = n(1 - 1/q_1)$ ,  $1/q_2 = 1/q_1 - l/n$ , and that  $[b, T_l]$  is of weak type  $(q_1, q_2)$ . Then

(1) For any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in K_{q_1}^{\alpha,p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p_2} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda, [b, T_l]f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \\ & \leq C\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha,p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} (1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K_{q_1}^{\alpha,p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)})). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Furthermore, if  $b$  satisfies the condition  $L$ , then  $[b, T_l]$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}_{q_1}^{\alpha,p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K_{q_1}^{\alpha,p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $W\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha,p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK_{q_2}^{\alpha,p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3, we only notice that, if  $x \in A_k$  and  $\text{supp} a_j \subset B_j$  with  $j \leq k - 3$ ,

$$\left| [b, T_l] \left( \sum_{j \leq k-3} \lambda_j a_j \right) (x) \right| \leq CM_b^{n/l} f(x),$$

then, we obtain the conclusion of Theorem 6 by using Theorem 3.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 < l < n$ . Suppose that the linear operator  $T_l$  satisfies*

$$|T_l f(x)| \leq C|x|^{-(n-l)} \int |f(y)| dy$$

for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\text{supp}f \subset A_k$  and  $|x| \geq 2^{k+1}$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $0 < p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1 < q_1 < n/l$ ,  $\alpha_1 = n(1 - 1/q_1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + l(p_1/q_1 - 1)$ ,  $1/q_2 = 1/q_1(1 - lp_1/n)$ , and that  $[b, T_l]$  is of weak type  $(q_1, q_2)$ . Then

(1) For any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in K^{\alpha_1, p_1}_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha_2 p_2} \tilde{m}_k(\lambda : [b, T_l]f)^{p_2/q_2} \right]^{1/p_2} \leq C \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K^{\alpha_1, p_1}_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} (1 + \log^+(\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{K^{\alpha_1, p_1}_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)})).$$

(2) Furthermore, if  $b$  satisfies the condition  $L$ , then  $[b, T_l]$  is bounded from  $\dot{K}^{\alpha_1, p_1}_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $K^{\alpha_1, p_1}_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) to  $W\dot{K}^{\alpha_2, p_2}_{q_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (or  $WK^{\alpha_2, p_2}_{q_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

The proof is similar. We omit the details.

COROLLARY 1. If the size condition of  $T$  in Theorem 5 is replaced by

$$(1.1) \quad |Tf(x)| \leq C \int |f(y)| |x - y|^{-n} dy$$

for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with compact support and  $x \notin \text{supp}f$ . Then the conclusions of Theorem 5 also hold.

COROLLARY 2. If the size condition of  $T$  in Theorem 6 and Theorem 7 is replaced by

$$(1.2) \quad |T_l f(x)| \leq C \int |f(y)| |x - y|^{-(n-l)} dy$$

for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with compact support and  $x \notin \text{supp}f$ . Then the conclusions of Theorem 6 and Theorem 7 also hold.

REMARK 1. The size conditions (1.1) and (1.2) are satisfied by many operators in harmonic analysis, such as Calderon-Zygmund operators, Fefferman's singular multiplier, Ricci-Stein's oscillatory singular integral, the Bochner-Riesz operators at the critical index, fractional integral operators and so on. Thus, the weak type estimates of these operators in Herz spaces are obtained.

REMARK 2. If  $b$  does not to satisfy the condition  $L$ , the weak type estimates of  $[b, T]$  in the homogeneous Herz space is still an open problem.

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