

**BOUNDEDNESS OF THE SUBLINEAR OPERATORS WITH  
ROUGH KERNEL GENERATED BY FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS  
AND THEIR COMMUTATORS ON GENERALIZED VANISHING  
MORREY SPACES II**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the norm inequalities for sublinear operators with rough kernel generated by fractional integrals and their commutators on generalized Morrey spaces and on generalized vanishing Morrey spaces including their weak versions under generic size conditions which are satisfied by most of the operators in harmonic analysis, respectively. In all the cases the conditions for the boundedness of sublinear operators with rough kernel and their commutators are given in terms of Zygmund-type integral inequalities on  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ , where there is no assumption on monotonicity of  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  in  $r$ . As an example to the conditions of these theorems are satisfied, we can consider the Marcinkiewicz operator.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The classical Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\lambda}$  have been introduced by Morrey in [32] to study the local behavior of solutions of second order elliptic partial differential equations(PDEs). In recent years there has been an explosion of interest in the study of the boundedness of operators on Morrey-type spaces. It has been obtained that many properties of solutions to PDEs are concerned with the boundedness of some operators on Morrey-type spaces. In fact, better inclusion between Morrey and Hölder spaces allows to obtain higher regularity of the solutions to different elliptic and parabolic boundary problems (see [14, 36, 41, 43] for details).

Let  $B = B(x_0, r_B)$  denote the ball with the center  $x_0$  and radius  $r_B$ . For a given measurable set  $E$ , we also denote the Lebesgue measure of  $E$  by  $|E|$ . For any given  $\Omega_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 < p < \infty$ , denote by  $L_p(\Omega_0)$  the spaces of all functions  $f$  satisfying

$$\|f\|_{L_p(\Omega_0)} = \left( \int_{\Omega_0} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

We recall the definition of classical Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\lambda}$  as

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$$M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f : \|f\|_{M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))} < \infty \right\},$$

where  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq n$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Note that  $M_{p,0} = L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $M_{p,n} = L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda > n$ , then  $M_{p,\lambda} = \Theta$ , where  $\Theta$  is the set of all functions equivalent to 0 on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

We also denote by  $WM_{p,\lambda} \equiv WM_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the weak Morrey space of all functions  $f \in WL_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for which

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda}} \equiv \|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))} < \infty,$$

where  $WL_p(B(x,r))$  denotes the weak  $L_p$ -space of measurable functions  $f$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))} &\equiv \|f\chi_{B(x,r)}\|_{WL_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \sup_{t > 0} t |\{y \in B(x,r) : |f(y)| > t\}|^{1/p} \\ &= \sup_{0 < t \leq |B(x,r)|} t^{1/p} (f\chi_{B(x,r)})^*(t) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g^*$  denotes the non-increasing rearrangement of a function  $g$ .

Throughout the paper we assume that  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$  and also let  $B(x,r)$  denotes the open ball centered at  $x$  of radius  $r$ ,  $B^C(x,r)$  denotes its complement and  $|B(x,r)|$  is the Lebesgue measure of the ball  $B(x,r)$  and  $|B(x,r)| = v_n r^n$ , where  $v_n = |B(0,1)|$ . It is known that  $M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is an extension (a generalization) of  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in the sense that  $M_{p,0} = L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Morrey has stated that many properties of solutions to PDEs can be attributed to the boundedness of some operators on Morrey spaces. For the boundedness of the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator, the fractional integral operator and the Calderón–Zygmund singular integral operator on these spaces, we refer the readers to [1, 6, 38]. For the properties and applications of classical Morrey spaces, see [7, 8, 14, 36, 41, 43] and references therein. The generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi}$  are obtained by replacing  $r^\lambda$  with a function  $\varphi(r)$  in the definition of the Morrey space. During the last decades various classical operators, such as maximal, singular and potential operators have been widely investigated in classical and generalized Morrey spaces.

The study of the operators of harmonic analysis in vanishing Morrey space, in fact has been almost not touched. A version of the classical Morrey space  $M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  where it is possible to approximate by "nice" functions is the so called vanishing Morrey space  $VM_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  has been introduced by Vitanza in [50] and has been applied there to obtain a regularity result for elliptic PDEs. This is a subspace of functions in  $M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , which satisfies the condition

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ 0 < t < r}} t^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,t))} = 0.$$

Later in [51] Vitanza has proved an existence theorem for a Dirichlet problem, under weaker assumptions than in [30] and a  $W^{3,2}$  regularity result assuming that the partial derivatives of the coefficients of the highest and lower order terms belong to vanishing Morrey spaces depending on the dimension. Also Ragusa has proved a sufficient condition for commutators of fractional integral operators to belong to

vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see [39, 40]). For the properties and applications of vanishing Morrey spaces, see also [3]. It is known that, there is no research regarding boundedness of the sublinear operators with rough kernel on vanishing Morrey spaces.

Maximal functions and singular integrals play a key role in harmonic analysis since maximal functions could control crucial quantitative information concerning the given functions, despite their larger size, while singular integrals, Hilbert transform as it's prototype, recently intimately connected with PDEs, operator theory and other fields.

Let  $f \in L^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The Hardy-Littlewood(H-L) maximal operator  $M$  is defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{B(x,t)} |f(y)| dy.$$

Let  $\bar{T}$  be a standard Calderón-Zygmund(C-Z) singular integral operator, briefly a C-Z operator, i.e., a linear operator bounded from  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  taking all infinitely continuously differentiable functions  $f$  with compact support to the functions  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  represented by

$$\bar{T}f(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k(x-y)f(y) dy \quad x \notin \text{supp}f.$$

Such operators have been introduced in [11]. Here  $k$  is a C-Z kernel [16]. Chiarenza and Frasca [6] have obtained the boundedness of H-L maximal operator  $M$  and C-Z operator  $\bar{T}$  on  $M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . It is also well known that H-L maximal operator  $M$  and C-Z operator  $\bar{T}$  play an important role in harmonic analysis (see [15, 29, 46, 47, 48]). Also, the theory of the C-Z operator is one of the important achievements of classical analysis in the last century, which has many important applications in Fourier analysis, complex analysis, operator theory and so on.

Let  $f \in L^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The fractional maximal operator  $M_\alpha$  and the fractional integral operator (also known as the Riesz potential)  $\bar{T}_\alpha$  are defined by

$$M_\alpha f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x,t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{n}} \int_{B(x,t)} |f(y)| dy \quad 0 \leq \alpha < n$$

$$\bar{T}_\alpha f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} dy \quad 0 < \alpha < n.$$

It is well known that  $M_\alpha$  and  $\bar{T}_\alpha$  play an important role in harmonic analysis (see [47, 48]).

An early impetus to the study of fractional integrals originated from the problem of fractional derivation, see e.g. [35]. Besides its contributions to harmonic analysis, fractional integrals also play an essential role in many other fields. The H-L Sobolev inequality about fractional integral is still an indispensable tool to establish time-space estimates for the heat semigroup of nonlinear evolution equations, for some of this work, see e.g. [24]. In recent times, the applications to Chaos and Fractal have become another motivation to study fractional integrals, see e.g. [26]. It is well known that  $\bar{T}_\alpha$  is bounded from  $L_p$  to  $L_q$ , where  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ .

Spanne (published by Peetre [38]) and Adams [1] have studied boundedness of the fractional integral operator  $\overline{T}_\alpha$  on  $M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Their results, can be summarized as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** (*Spanne, but published by Peetre [38]*) *Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ . Moreover, let  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$ . Then for  $p > 1$  the operator  $\overline{T}_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{p,\lambda}$  to  $M_{q,\lambda}$  and for  $p = 1$  the operator  $\overline{T}_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{1,\lambda}$  to  $WM_{q,\lambda}$ .*

**Theorem 1.2.** (*Adams [1]*) *Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$  and  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n-\lambda}$ . Then for  $p > 1$  the operator  $\overline{T}_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{p,\lambda}$  to  $M_{q,\lambda}$  and for  $p = 1$  the operator  $\overline{T}_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{1,\lambda}$  to  $WM_{q,\lambda}$ .*

Recall that, for  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,

$$M_\alpha f(x) \leq \nu_n^{\frac{\alpha}{n}-1} \overline{T}_\alpha(|f|)(x)$$

holds (see [25], Remark 2.1). Hence Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 also imply boundedness of the fractional maximal operator  $M_\alpha$ , where  $\nu_n$  is the volume of the unit ball on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Suppose that  $S^{n-1}$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) equipped with the normalized Lebesgue measure  $d\sigma$ . Let  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$  with  $1 < s \leq \infty$  be homogeneous of degree zero. We define  $s' = \frac{s}{s-1}$  for any  $s > 1$ . Suppose that  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, n)$  represents a linear or a sublinear operator, which satisfies that for any  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with compact support and  $x \notin \text{supp} f$

$$(1.1) \quad |T_{\Omega,\alpha} f(x)| \leq c_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $c_0$  is independent of  $f$  and  $x$ .

For a locally integrable function  $b$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , suppose that the commutator operator  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, n)$  represents a linear or a sublinear operator, which satisfies that for any  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with compact support and  $x \notin \text{supp} f$

$$(1.2) \quad |T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f(x)| \leq c_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |b(x) - b(y)| \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $c_0$  is independent of  $f$  and  $x$ .

We point out that the condition (1.1) in the case of  $\Omega \equiv 1$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  has been introduced by Soria and Weiss in [44]. The conditions (1.1) and (1.2) are satisfied by many interesting operators in harmonic analysis, such as fractional Marcinkiewicz operator, fractional maximal operator, fractional integral operator (Riesz potential) and so on (see [27], [44] for details).

In 1971, Muckenhoupt and Wheeden [34] defined the fractional integral operator with rough kernel  $\overline{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}$  by

$$\overline{T}_{\Omega,\alpha} f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} f(y) dy \quad 0 < \alpha < n$$

and a related fractional maximal operator with rough kernel  $M_{\Omega,\alpha}$  is given by

$$M_{\Omega,\alpha}f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x,t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{n}} \int_{B(x,t)} |\Omega(x-y)| |f(y)| dy \quad 0 \leq \alpha < n,$$

where  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$  with  $1 < s \leq \infty$  is homogeneous of degree zero on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}$  satisfies the condition (1.1).

If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $M_{\Omega,0} \equiv M_{\Omega}$  H-L maximal operator with rough kernel. It is obvious that when  $\Omega \equiv 1$ ,  $M_{1,\alpha} \equiv M_{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{T}_{1,\alpha} \equiv \bar{T}_{\alpha}$  are the fractional maximal operator and the fractional integral operator, respectively.

In recent years, the mapping properties of  $\bar{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}$  on some kinds of function spaces have been studied in many papers (see [5], [12], [13], [34] for details). In particular, the boundedness of  $\bar{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}$  in Lebesgue spaces has been obtained.

**Lemma 1.1.** [5, 12, 33] *Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . If  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $s > \frac{n}{n-\alpha}$ , then we have*

$$\|\bar{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{L_q} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p}.$$

**Corollary 1.1.** *Under the assumptions of Lemma 1.1, the operator  $M_{\Omega,\alpha}$  is bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Moreover, we have*

$$\|M_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{L_q} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p}.$$

*Proof.* Set

$$\tilde{T}_{|\Omega|,\alpha}(|f|)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy \quad 0 < \alpha < n,$$

where  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$  ( $s > 1$ ) is homogeneous of degree zero on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It is easy to see that, for  $\tilde{T}_{|\Omega|,\alpha}$ , Lemma 1.1 is also hold. On the other hand, for any  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{|\Omega|,\alpha}(|f|)(x) &\geq \int_{B(x,t)} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy \\ &\geq \frac{1}{t^{n-\alpha}} \int_{B(x,t)} |\Omega(x-y)| |f(y)| dy. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum for  $t > 0$  on the inequality above, we get

$$M_{\Omega,\alpha}f(x) \leq C_{n,\alpha}^{-1} \tilde{T}_{|\Omega|,\alpha}(|f|)(x) \quad C_{n,\alpha} = |B(0,1)|^{\frac{n-\alpha}{n}}.$$

□

In 1976, Coifman, Rocherberg and Weiss [9] introduced the commutator generated by  $\bar{T}_{\Omega}$  and a local integrable function  $b$ :

$$(1.3) \quad [b, \bar{T}_{\Omega}]f(x) \equiv b(x)\bar{T}_{\Omega}f(x) - \bar{T}_{\Omega}(bf)(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [b(x) - b(y)] \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^n} f(y) dy.$$

Sometimes, the commutator defined by (1.3) is also called the commutator in Coifman-Rocherberg-Weiss's sense, which has its root in the complex analysis and harmonic analysis (see [9]).

Let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then for  $0 < \alpha < n$  and  $f$  is a suitable function, we define the commutators generated by fractional integral and maximal operators with rough kernel and  $b$  as follows, respectively:

$$[b, \bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]f(x) \equiv b(x)\bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}f(x) - \bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}(bf)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [b(x) - b(y)] \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} f(y) dy,$$

$$M_{\Omega, b, \alpha}(f)(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{n}} \int_{B(x, t)} |b(x) - b(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| |f(y)| dy$$

satisfy condition (1.2). The proof of boundedness of  $[b, \bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]$  in Lebesgue spaces can be found in [12] (by taking  $w = 1$  there).

**Theorem 1.3.** [12] *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero and has mean value zero on  $S^{n-1}$ . Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ , and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $s' < p$  or  $q < s$ , then the operator  $[b, \bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]$  is bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*Remark 1.1.* Using the method in the proof of Corollary 1.1 we have that

$$(1.4) \quad M_{\Omega, b, \alpha}f(x) \leq C_{n, \alpha}^{-1} [b, \bar{T}_{|\Omega|, \alpha}] (|f|)(x) \quad C_{n, \alpha} = |B(0, 1)|^{\frac{n-\alpha}{n}}.$$

By (1.4) we see that under the conditions of Theorem 1.3, the consequences of  $(L_p, L_q)$ -boundedness still hold for  $M_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$ .

*Remark 1.2.* [41, 42] When  $\Omega$  satisfies the specified size conditions, the kernel of the operator  $\bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}$  has no regularity, so the operator  $\bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}$  is called a rough fractional integral operator. In recent years, a variety of operators related to the fractional integrals, but lacking the smoothness required in the classical theory, have been studied. These include the operator  $[b, \bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]$ . For more results, we refer the reader to [2, 4, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28].

Finally, we present a relationship between essential supremum and essential infimum.

**Lemma 1.2.** (see [52] page 143) *Let  $f$  be a real-valued nonnegative function and measurable on  $E$ . Then*

$$(1.5) \quad \left( \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in E} f(x) \right)^{-1} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in E} \frac{1}{f(x)}.$$

Throughout the paper we use the letter  $C$  for a positive constant, independent of appropriate parameters and not necessarily the same at each occurrence. By  $A \lesssim B$  we mean that  $A \leq CB$  with some positive constant  $C$  independent of appropriate quantities. If  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$ , we write  $A \approx B$  and say that  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent.

## 2. GENERALIZED VANISHING MORREY SPACES

After studying Morrey spaces in detail, researchers have passed to generalized Morrey spaces. Mizuhara [31] has given generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p, \varphi}$  considering  $\varphi = \varphi(r)$  instead of  $r^\lambda$  in the above definition of the Morrey space. Later, Guliyev [17] has defined the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p, \varphi}$  with normalized norm as follows:

**Definition 2.1.** [17] (**generalized Morrey space**) Let  $\varphi(x, r)$  be a positive measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We denote by  $M_{p,\varphi} \equiv M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the generalized Morrey space, the space of all functions  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with finite quasinorm

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} |B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))}.$$

Also by  $WM_{p,\varphi} \equiv WM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we denote the weak generalized Morrey space of all functions  $f \in WL_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for which

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} |B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))} < \infty.$$

According to this definition, we recover the Morrey space  $M_{p,\lambda}$  and weak Morrey space  $WM_{p,\lambda}$  under the choice  $\varphi(x, r) = r^{\frac{\lambda-n}{p}}$ :

$$M_{p,\lambda} = M_{p,\varphi} \Big|_{\varphi(x,r)=r^{\frac{\lambda-n}{p}}}, \quad WM_{p,\lambda} = WM_{p,\varphi} \Big|_{\varphi(x,r)=r^{\frac{\lambda-n}{p}}}.$$

For brevity, in the sequel we use the notations

$$\mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}(f; x, r) := \frac{|B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))}}{\varphi(x, r)}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}^W(f; x, r) := \frac{|B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))}}{\varphi(x, r)}.$$

In this paper, extending the definition of vanishing Morrey spaces [50], we introduce the generalized vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , including their weak versions and studies the boundedness of the sublinear operators with rough kernel generated by fractional integrals and their commutators in these spaces. Indeed, we find it convenient to define generalized vanishing Morrey spaces in the form as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** (**generalized vanishing Morrey space**) The generalized vanishing Morrey space  $VM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the spaces of functions  $f \in M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}(f; x, r) = 0.$$

**Definition 2.3.** (**weak generalized vanishing Morrey space**) The weak generalized vanishing Morrey space  $WVM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the spaces of functions  $f \in WM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}^W(f; x, r) = 0.$$

Everywhere in the sequel we assume that

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(x, r)} = 0,$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \sup_{0 < r < \infty} \frac{1}{\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(x, r)} < \infty,$$

which make the spaces  $VM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $WVM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  non-trivial, because bounded functions with compact support belong to this space. The spaces  $VM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $WVM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are Banach spaces with respect to the norm

$$(2.5) \quad \|f\|_{VM_{p,\varphi}} \equiv \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}(f; x, r),$$

$$(2.6) \quad \|f\|_{WVM_{p,\varphi}} = \|f\|_{WM_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \mathfrak{M}_{p,\varphi}^W(f; x, r),$$

respectively.

### 3. SUBLINEAR OPERATORS WITH ROUGH KERNEL $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$ ON THE SPACES $M_{p,\varphi}$ AND $VM_{p,\varphi}$

In this section, we will first prove the boundedness of the operator  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$  satisfying (1.1) on the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by using Lemma 1.2 and the following Lemma 3.1. Then, we will also give the boundedness of  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$  satisfying (1.1) on generalized vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We first prove the following lemma (our main lemma).

**Lemma 3.1.** *(Our main lemma) Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$  be a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.1), bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p > 1$ , and bounded from  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $WL_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p = 1$ .*

*If  $p > 1$  and  $s' \leq p$ , then the inequality*

$$(3.1) \quad \|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x_0,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt$$

*holds for any ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and for all  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*If  $p > 1$  and  $q < s$ , then the inequality*

$$\|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x_0,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}-\frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} t^{\frac{n}{s}-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt$$

*holds for any ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and for all  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*Moreover, for  $p = 1 < q < s$  the inequality*

$$(3.2) \quad \|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{WL_q(B(x_0,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_1(B(x_0,t))} dt$$

*holds for any ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and for all  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq s' < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Set  $B = B(x_0, r)$  for the ball centered at  $x_0$  and of radius  $r$  and  $2B = B(x_0, 2r)$ . We represent  $f$  as

$$(3.3) \quad f = f_1 + f_2, \quad f_1(y) = f(y) \chi_{2B}(y), \quad f_2(y) = f(y) \chi_{(2B)^c}(y), \quad r > 0$$

and have

$$\|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B)} \leq \|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_1\|_{L_q(B)} + \|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_2\|_{L_q(B)}.$$



Since  $f_1 \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_1 \in L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and from the boundedness of  $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$  from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see Lemma 1.1) it follows that:

$$\|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_1\|_{L_q(B)} \leq \|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_1\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f_1\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} = C \|f\|_{L_p(2B)},$$

where constant  $C > 0$  is independent of  $f$ .

It is clear that  $x \in B$ ,  $y \in (2B)^C$  implies  $\frac{1}{2}|x_0 - y| \leq |x - y| \leq \frac{3}{2}|x_0 - y|$ . We get

$$|T_{\Omega,\alpha}f_2(x)| \leq 2^{n-\alpha}c_1 \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy.$$

By the Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy &\approx \int_{(2B)^C} |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| \int_{|x_0-y|}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} dy \\ &\approx \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{2r \leq |x_0-y| \leq t} |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy \\ (3.4) \quad &\lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \|\Omega(x-\cdot)\|_{L_s(B(x_0,t))} |B(x_0,t)|^{1-\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $x \in B(x_0, t)$ , notice that  $\Omega$  is homogenous of degree zero and  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $s > 1$ . Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( \int_{B(x_0, t)} |\Omega(x-y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} &= \left( \int_{B(x-x_0, t)} |\Omega(z)|^s dz \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
&\leq \left( \int_{B(0, t+|x-x_0|)} |\Omega(z)|^s dz \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
&\leq \left( \int_{B(0, 2t)} |\Omega(z)|^s dz \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
&= \left( \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_0^{2t} |\Omega(z')|^s d\sigma(z') r^{n-1} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
(3.5) \qquad &= C \|\Omega\|_{L_s(S^{n-1})} |B(x_0, 2t)|^{\frac{1}{s}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (3.5), it follows that:

$$|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f_2(x)| \lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.$$

Moreover, for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$  the inequality

$$(3.6) \qquad \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f_2\|_{L_q(B)} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}$$

is valid. Thus, we obtain

$$\|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{L_q(B)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_p(2B)} + r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f\|_{L_p(2B)} &\approx r^{\frac{n}{q}} \|f\|_{L_p(2B)} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} \\
(3.7) \qquad &\leq r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

By combining the above inequalities, we obtain

$$\|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{L_q(B)} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.$$

Let  $1 < q < s$ . Similarly to (3.5), when  $y \in B(x_0, t)$ , it is true that

$$(3.8) \quad \left( \int_{B(x_0, r)} |\Omega(x-y)|^s dy \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq C \|\Omega\|_{L_s(S^{n-1})} \left| B\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}t\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{s}}.$$

By the Fubini's theorem, the Minkowski inequality and (3.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f_2\|_{L_q(B)} &\leq \left( \int_B \left| \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0, t)} |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \right|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0, t)} |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_q(B)} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq |B(x_0, r)|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0, t)} |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B)} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_1(B(x_0, t))} \left| B\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}t\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} t^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{n}{q} - 1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $p = 1 < q < s \leq \infty$ . From the weak  $(1, q)$  boundedness of  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  and (3.7) it follows that:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f_1\|_{WL_q(B)} &\leq \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f_1\|_{WL_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|f_1\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_1(2B)} \lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_1(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (3.6) and (3.9) we get the inequality (3.2), which completes the proof.  $\square$

In the following theorem (our main result), we get the boundedness of the operator  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  on the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p, \varphi}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *(Our main result) Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  be a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.1), bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p > 1$ , and bounded from  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $WL_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p = 1$ . Let also, for  $s' \leq p < q$ ,  $p \neq 1$ , the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition*

$$(3.10) \quad \int_r^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt \leq C \varphi_2(x, r),$$

and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition

$$(3.11) \quad \int_r^\infty \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt \leq C \varphi_2(x, r) r^{\frac{n}{s}},$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $x$  and  $r$ .

Then the operator  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  is bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $M_{1, \varphi_1}$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ . Moreover, we have for  $p > 1$

$$\|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{M_{q, \varphi_2}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}},$$

and for  $p = 1$

$$\|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{WM_{q, \varphi_2}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1, \varphi_1}}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f \in M_{p, \varphi_1}$ , by (2.6) and the non-decreasing, with respect to  $t$ , of the norm  $\|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))}}{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{0 < t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}} \\ & \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < \tau < \infty} \frac{\|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))}}{\varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}} \\ & \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < \tau < \infty} \frac{\|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, \tau))}}{\varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}} \\ & \leq \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $s' \leq p < \infty$ , since  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies (3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} t^{-\frac{n}{q}} \frac{dt}{t} \\ & \leq \int_r^\infty \frac{\|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))}}{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}} \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}}} \frac{dt}{t} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}} \int_r^\infty \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x_0, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}}} \frac{dt}{t} \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}} \varphi_2(x_0, r). \end{aligned}$$

Then by (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{M_{q, \varphi_2}} &= \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi_2(x_0, r)^{-1} |B(x_0, r)|^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{L_q(B(x_0, r))} \\ &\leq C \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi_2(x_0, r)^{-1} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0, t))} t^{-\frac{n}{q}} \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

For the case of  $p = 1 < q < s$ , we can also use the same method, so we omit the details. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

In the case of  $q = \infty$  by Theorem 3.1, we get

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (3.10). Then the operators  $M_\alpha$  and  $\bar{T}_\alpha$  are bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $M_{1, \varphi_1}$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .*

**Corollary 3.2.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let also for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (3.10) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (3.11). Then the operators  $M_{\Omega, \alpha}$  and  $\bar{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}$  are bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $M_{1, \varphi_1}$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .*

Now using above results, we get the boundedness of the operator  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  on the generalized vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p, \varphi}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *(Our main result) Let  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , be homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  be a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.1), bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p > 1$ , and bounded from  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $WL_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let for  $s' \leq p$ ,  $p \neq 1$ , the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and*

$$(3.12) \quad c_\delta := \int_{\delta}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt < \infty$$

for every  $\delta > 0$ , and

$$(3.13) \quad \int_r^{\infty} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt \leq C_0 \varphi_2(x, r),$$

and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and also

$$(3.14) \quad c_{\delta'} := \int_{\delta'}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt < \infty$$

for every  $\delta' > 0$ , and

$$(3.15) \quad \int_r^{\infty} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt \leq C_0 \varphi_2(x, r) r^{\frac{n}{s}},$$

where  $C_0$  does not depend on  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$ .

Then the operator  $T_{\Omega, \alpha}$  is bounded from  $VM_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $M_{1, \varphi_1}$  to  $WVM_{q, \varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ . Moreover, we have for  $p > 1$

$$(3.16) \quad \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{VM_{q, \varphi_2}} \lesssim \|f\|_{VM_{p, \varphi_1}},$$

and for  $p = 1$

$$(3.17) \quad \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{WVM_{q, \varphi_2}} \lesssim \|f\|_{VM_{1, \varphi_1}}.$$

*Proof.* The norm inequalities follow from Theorem 3.1. Thus we only have to prove that

$$(3.18) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{p, \varphi_1}(f; x, r) = 0 \text{ implies } \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{q, \varphi_2}(T_{\Omega, \alpha} f; x, r) = 0$$

and

$$(3.19) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{p, \varphi_1}(f; x, r) = 0 \text{ implies } \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathfrak{M}_{q, \varphi_2}^W(T_{\Omega, \alpha} f; x, r) = 0.$$

To show that  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{L_q(B(x, r))}}{\varphi_2(x, r)} < \epsilon$  for small  $r$ , we split the right-hand side of (3.1):

$$(3.20) \quad \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega, \alpha} f\|_{L_q(B(x, r))}}{\varphi_2(x, r)} \leq C [I_{\delta_0}(x, r) + J_{\delta_0}(x, r)],$$

where  $\delta_0 > 0$  (we may take  $\delta_0 < 1$ ), and

$$I_{\delta_0}(x, r) := \frac{1}{\varphi_2(x, r)} \int_r^{\delta_0} t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x, t))} dt,$$

and

$$J_{\delta_0}(x, r) := \frac{1}{\varphi_2(x, r)} \int_{\delta_0}^{\infty} t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x, t))} dt,$$

and  $r < \delta_0$ . Now we use the fact that  $f \in VM_{p, \varphi_1}$  and we choose any fixed  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{t^{-\frac{n}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x, t))}}{\varphi_1(x, t)} < \frac{\epsilon}{2CC_0}, \quad t \leq \delta_0,$$

where  $C$  and  $C_0$  are constants from (3.13) and (3.20). This allows to estimate the first term uniformly in  $r \in (0, \delta_0)$ :

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} CI_{\delta_0}(x, r) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad 0 < r < \delta_0.$$

The estimation of the second term may be obtained by choosing  $r$  sufficiently small. Indeed, we have

$$J_{\delta_0}(x, r) \leq c_{\delta_0} \frac{\|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}}}{\varphi_2(x, r)},$$

where  $c_{\delta_0}$  is the constant from (3.12) with  $\delta = \delta_0$ . Then, by (2.3) it suffices to choose  $r$  small enough such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{\varphi_2(x, r)} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2c_{\delta_0} \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}}},$$

which completes the proof of (3.18).

The proof of (3.19) is similar to the proof of (3.18). For the case of  $q < s$ , we can also use the same method, so we omit the details.  $\square$

*Remark 3.1.* Conditions (3.12) and (3.14) are not needed in the case when  $\varphi(x, r)$  does not depend on  $x$ , since (3.12) follows from (3.13) and similarly, (3.14) follows from (3.15) in this case.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , be homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let also for  $s' \leq p$ ,  $p \neq 1$ , the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and (3.12)-(3.13) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and (3.14)-(3.15). Then the operators*

$M_{\Omega,\alpha}$  and  $\bar{T}_{\Omega,\alpha}$  are bounded from  $VM_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $VM_{1,\varphi_1}$  to  $WVM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .

In the case of  $q = \infty$  by Theorem 3.2, we get

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and (3.12)-(3.13). Then the operators  $M_\alpha$  and  $\bar{T}_\alpha$  are bounded from  $VM_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $VM_{1,\varphi_1}$  to  $WVM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .*

#### 4. COMMUTATORS OF THE SUBLINEAR OPERATORS WITH ROUGH KERNEL $T_{\Omega,\alpha}$ ON THE SPACES $M_{p,\varphi}$ AND $VM_{p,\varphi}$

In this section, we will first prove the boundedness of the operator  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$  satisfying (1.2) with  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  on the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi}$  by using Lemma 1.2 and the following Lemma 4.1. Then, we will also obtain the boundedness of  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$  satisfying (1.2) with  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  on generalized vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p,\varphi}$ .

Let  $T$  be a linear operator. For a locally integrable function  $b$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we define the commutator  $[b, T]$  by

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

for any suitable function  $f$ . Let  $\bar{T}$  be a C-Z operator. A well known result of Coifman et al. [9] states that when  $K(x) = \frac{\Omega(x')}{|x|^n}$  and  $\Omega$  is smooth, the commutator  $[b, \bar{T}]f = b\bar{T}f - \bar{T}(bf)$  is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , if and only if  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The commutator of C-Z operators plays an important role in studying the regularity of solutions of elliptic partial differential equations of second order (see, for example, [7, 8, ?]). The boundedness of the commutator has been generalized to other contexts and important applications to some non-linear PDEs have been given by Coifman et al. [10]. On the other hand, For  $b \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the commutator  $[b, \bar{T}_\alpha]$  of fractional integral operator (also known as the Riesz potential) is defined by

$$[b, \bar{T}_\alpha]f(x) = b(x)\bar{T}_\alpha f(x) - \bar{T}_\alpha(bf)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{b(x) - b(y)}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} f(y) dy \quad 0 < \alpha < n$$

for any suitable function  $f$ .

The function  $b$  is also called the symbol function of  $[b, \bar{T}_\alpha]$ . The characterization of  $(L_p, L_q)$ -boundedness of the commutator  $[b, \bar{T}_\alpha]$  of fractional integral operator has been given by Chanillo [4]. A well known result of Chanillo [4] states that the commutator  $[b, \bar{T}_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < q < \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n}$  if and only if  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . There are two major reasons for considering the problem of commutators. The first one is that the boundedness of commutators can produce some characterizations of function spaces (see [2, 4, 18, 19, 20, 21, 37, 42]). The other one is that the theory of commutators plays an important role in the study of the regularity of solutions to elliptic and parabolic PDEs of the second order (see [7, 8, 14, 41, 43]).

Let us recall the definition of the space of  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Suppose that  $b \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , let

$$\|b\|_* = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(y) - b_{B(x, r)}| dy < \infty,$$

where

$$b_{B(x,r)} = \frac{1}{|B(x,r)|} \int_{B(x,r)} b(y) dy.$$

Define

$$BMO(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{b \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|b\|_* < \infty\}.$$

If one regards two functions whose difference is a constant as one, then the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space with respect to norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$ .

*Remark 4.1.* [23] (1) The John-Nirenberg inequality [22]: there are constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$ , such that for all  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\beta > 0$

$$|\{x \in B : |b(x) - b_B| > \beta\}| \leq C_1 |B| e^{-C_2 \beta / \|b\|_*}, \quad \forall B \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(2) The John-Nirenberg inequality implies that

$$(4.1) \quad \|b\|_* \approx \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \left( \frac{1}{|B(x,r)|} \int_{B(x,r)} |b(y) - b_{B(x,r)}|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for  $1 < p < \infty$ .

(3) Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad |b_{B(x,r)} - b_{B(x,t)}| \leq C \|b\|_* \ln \frac{t}{r} \text{ for } 0 < 2r < t,$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $b, x, r$  and  $t$ .

As in the proof of Theorem 3.1, it suffices to prove the following Lemma (our main lemma).

**Lemma 4.1.** (Our main lemma) Let  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , be homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ ,  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$  is a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.2) and bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then, for  $s' \leq p$  the inequality

$$(4.3) \quad \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f\|_{L_q(B(x_0,r))} \lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt$$

holds for any ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and for all  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Also, for  $q < s$  the inequality

$$\|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f\|_{L_q(B(x_0,r))} \lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{n}{q} - 1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt$$

holds for any ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and for all  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3.1, we represent  $f$  in form (3.3) and have

$$\|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f\|_{L_q(B)} \leq \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f_1\|_{L_q(B)} + \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f_2\|_{L_q(B)}.$$



From the boundedness of  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$  from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see Theorem 1.3) it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f_1\|_{L_q(B)} &\leq \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f_1\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \|f_1\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|b\|_* \|f\|_{L_p(2B)}. \end{aligned}$$

It is known that  $x \in B$ ,  $y \in (2B)^C$ , which implies  $\frac{1}{2}|x_0 - y| \leq |x - y| \leq \frac{3}{2}|x_0 - y|$ . Then for  $x \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f_2(x)| &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(y) - b(x)| |f(y)| dy \\ &\approx \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(y) - b(x)| |f(y)| dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f_2\|_{L_q(B)} &\lesssim \left( \int_B \left( \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(y) - b(x)| |f(y)| dy \right)^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \int_B \left( \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| dy \right)^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + \left( \int_B \left( \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(x) - b_B| |f(y)| dy \right)^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

We have the following estimation of  $J_1$ . When  $s' \leq p$  and  $\frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ , by the Fubini's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\approx r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{(2B)^C} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| dy \\ &\approx r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{(2B)^C} |\Omega(x-y)| |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| \int_{|x_0-y|}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} dy \\ &\approx r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{2r \leq |x_0-y| \leq t} |\Omega(x-y)| |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |\Omega(x-y)| |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \text{ holds.} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Hölder's inequality and by (3.8), (4.1), (4.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |\Omega(x-y)| |b(y) - b_{B(x_0,t)}| |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&+ r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \int_{B(x_0,t)} |\Omega(x-y)| |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B(x_0,t))} \| (b(\cdot) - b_{B(x_0,t)}) \|_{L_\mu(B(x_0,t))} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&+ r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B(x_0,t))} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} |B(x_0,t)|^{1-\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate  $J_2$  note that

$$J_2 = \| (b(\cdot) - b_{B(x_0,t)}) \|_{L_q(B(x_0,t))} \int_{(2B)^c} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy.$$

By (4.1), we get

$$J_2 \lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{(2B)^c} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x_0-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy.$$

Thus, by (3.4) and (3.5)

$$J_2 \lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.$$

Summing up  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ , for all  $p \in (1, \infty)$  we get

$$(4.4) \quad \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f\|_{L_q(B)} \lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}}.$$

Finally, we have the following

$$\|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha} f\|_{L_q(B)} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{L_p(2B)} + \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}},$$

which completes the proof of first statement by (3.7).

On the other hand when  $q < s$ , by the Fubini's theorem and the Minkowski inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\lesssim \left( \int_B \left| \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |b(y) - b_{B(x_0,t)}| |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \right|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&+ \left( \int_B \left| \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \right|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |b(y) - b_{B(x_0,t)}| |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_q(B(x_0,t))} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&+ \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_q(B(x_0,t))} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim |B|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |b(y) - b_{B(x_0,t)}| |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B(x_0,t))} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&+ |B|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B(x_0,t))} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the Hölder's inequality and by (3.8), (4.1), (4.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|(b(\cdot) - b_{B(x_0,t)}) f\|_{L_1(B(x_0,t))} \left| B\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}t\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&+ r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} \left| B\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}t\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} \\
&\lesssim r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|(b(\cdot) - b_{B(x_0,t)})\|_{L_{p'}(B(x_0,t))} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} t^{\frac{n}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1}} \\
&+ r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} |b_{B(x_0,r)} - b_{B(x_0,t)}| \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} t^{\frac{n}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{n}{q} - 1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{1}{s}$ , then for  $J_2$ , by the Fubini's theorem, the Minkowski inequality, the Hölder's inequality and from (3.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &\lesssim \left( \int_B \left| \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| |b(x) - b_B| |\Omega(x-y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \right|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| \|(b(\cdot) - b_B) \Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_q(B)} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| \|b(\cdot) - b_B\|_{L_\nu(B)} \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B)} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_* |B|^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| \|\Omega(\cdot - y)\|_{L_s(B)} dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_1(B(x_0,t))} \left| B\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}t\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_* r^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{n}{q} - 1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x_0,t))} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

By combining the above estimates, we complete the proof of Lemma 4.1.  $\square$

Now we can give the following theorem (our main result).

**Theorem 4.1.** (Our main result) Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero and  $T_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  is a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.2) and bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Let also, for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition

$$(4.5) \quad \int_r^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} + 1}} dt \leq C \varphi_2(x, r),$$

and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition

$$(4.6) \quad \int_r^{\infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < \tau < \infty} \varphi_1(x, \tau) \tau^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt \leq C \varphi_2(x, r) r^{\frac{n}{s}},$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $x$  and  $r$ .

Then, the operator  $T_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  is bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$ . Moreover

$$\|T_{\Omega, b, \alpha} f\|_{M_{q, \varphi_2}} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}}.$$

*Proof.* The statement of Theorem 4.1 follows by Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 4.1 in the same manner as in the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

By Theorem 4.1, we get the following new result.

**Corollary 4.1.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition (4.5) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition (4.6). Then, the operators  $M_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  and  $[b, \overline{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]$  are bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$ .*

For the sublinear commutator of the fractional maximal operator is defined as follows

$$M_{b, \alpha}(f)(x) = \sup_{t > 0} |B(x, t)|^{-1 + \frac{\alpha}{n}} \int_{B(x, t)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dy$$

by Theorem 4.1 we get the following new result.

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ ,  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition (4.5). Then, the operators  $M_{b, \alpha}$  and  $[b, \overline{T}_{\alpha}]$  are bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q, \varphi_2}$ .*

Now using above results, we also obtain the boundedness of the operator  $T_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  on the generalized vanishing Morrey spaces  $VM_{p, \varphi}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *(Our main result) Let  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , be homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ ,  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $T_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  is a sublinear operator satisfying condition (1.2) and bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and*

$$(4.7) \quad \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt \leq C_0 \varphi_2(x, r),$$

where  $C_0$  does not depend on  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$(4.8) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \frac{1}{r}}{\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_2(x, r)} = 0$$

and

$$(4.9) \quad c_\delta := \int_\delta^\infty (1 + \ln |t|) \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt < \infty$$

for every  $\delta > 0$ , and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4) and also

$$(4.10) \quad \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt \leq C_0 \varphi_2(x, r) r^{\frac{n}{s}},$$

where  $C_0$  does not depend on  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \frac{1}{r}}{\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_2(x, r)} = 0$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad c_{\delta'} := \int_{\delta'}^\infty (1 + \ln |t|) \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_1(x, t) \frac{t^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{s} + 1}} dt < \infty$$

for every  $\delta' > 0$ .

Then the operator  $T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}$  is bounded from  $VM_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q,\varphi_2}$ . Moreover,

$$(4.12) \quad \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f\|_{VM_{q,\varphi_2}} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{VM_{p,\varphi_1}}.$$

*Proof.* The norm inequality having already been provided by Theorem 4.1, we only have to prove the implication

$$(4.13) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))}}{\varphi_1(x,r)} = 0 \text{ implies } \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x,r))}}{\varphi_2(x,r)} = 0.$$

To show that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x,r))}}{\varphi_2(x,r)} < \epsilon \text{ for small } r,$$

we use the estimate (4.3):

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x,r))}}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \lesssim \frac{\|b\|_*}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,t))} dt.$$

We take  $r < \delta_0$ , where  $\delta_0$  will be chosen small enough and split the integration:

$$(4.14) \quad \frac{r^{-\frac{n}{q}} \|T_{\Omega,b,\alpha}f\|_{L_q(B(x,r))}}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \leq C [I_{\delta_0}(x,r) + J_{\delta_0}(x,r)],$$

where  $\delta_0 > 0$  (we may take  $\delta_0 < 1$ ), and

$$I_{\delta_0}(x,r) := \frac{1}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \int_r^{\delta_0} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,t))} dt,$$

and

$$J_{\delta_0}(x,r) := \frac{1}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \int_{\delta_0}^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^{-\frac{n}{q}-1} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,t))} dt$$

Now we choose any fixed  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{t^{-\frac{n}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,t))}}{\varphi_1(x,t)} < \frac{\epsilon}{2CC_0}, \quad t \leq \delta_0,$$

where  $C$  and  $C_0$  are constants from (4.7) and (4.14). This allows to estimate the first term uniformly in  $r \in (0, \delta_0)$ :

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} CI_{\delta_0}(x,r) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad 0 < r < \delta_0.$$

For the second term, writing  $1 + \ln \frac{t}{r} \leq 1 + |\ln t| + \ln \frac{1}{r}$ , we obtain

$$J_{\delta_0}(x,r) \leq \frac{c_{\delta_0} + \widetilde{c}_{\delta_0} \ln \frac{1}{r}}{\varphi_2(x,r)} \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}},$$

where  $c_{\delta_0}$  is the constant from (4.9) with  $\delta = \delta_0$  and  $\widetilde{c}_{\delta_0}$  is a similar constant with omitted logarithmic factor in the integrand. Then, by (4.8) we can choose small enough  $r$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} J_{\delta_0}(x,r) < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

which completes the proof of (4.13).

For the case of  $q < s$ , we can also use the same method, so we omit the details.  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* Conditions (4.9) and (4.11) are not needed in the case when  $\varphi(x, r)$  does not depend on  $x$ , since (4.9) follows from (4.7) and similarly, (4.11) follows from (4.10) in this case.

**Corollary 4.3.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4)-(4.8) and (4.9)-(4.7) and for  $p < q$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4)-(4.8) and (4.11)-(4.10). Then, the operators  $M_{\Omega, b, \alpha}$  and  $[b, \overline{T}_{\Omega, \alpha}]$  are bounded from  $VM_{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $VM_{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

In the case of  $q = \infty$  by Theorem 4.2, we get

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4)-(4.8) and (4.9)-(4.7). Then the operators  $M_{b, \alpha}$  and  $[b, \overline{T}_{\alpha}]$  are bounded from  $VM_{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $VM_{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

## 5. SOME APPLICATIONS

In this section, we give the applications of Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.2, Theorem 4.1, Theorem 4.2 for the Marcinkiewicz operator.

**5.1. Marcinkiewicz Operator.** Let  $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped with the Lebesgue measure  $d\sigma$ . Suppose that  $\Omega$  satisfies the following conditions.

(a)  $\Omega$  is the homogeneous function of degree zero on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , that is,

$$\Omega(\mu x) = \Omega(x), \text{ for any } \mu > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

(b)  $\Omega$  has mean zero on  $S^{n-1}$ , that is,

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

where  $x' = \frac{x}{|x|}$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .

(c)  $\Omega \in Lip_{\gamma}(S^{n-1})$ ,  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , that is there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that,

$$|\Omega(x') - \Omega(y')| \leq M|x' - y'|^{\gamma} \text{ for any } x', y' \in S^{n-1}.$$

In 1958, Stein [45] defined the Marcinkiewicz integral of higher dimension  $\mu_{\Omega}$  as

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

where

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

Since Stein's work in 1958, the continuity of Marcinkiewicz integral has been extensively studied as a research topic and also provides useful tools in harmonic analysis [29, 46, 47, 48].

The Marcinkiewicz operator is defined by (see [49])

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

where

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

Note that  $\mu_{\Omega}f = \mu_{\Omega,0}f$ .

The sublinear commutator of the operator  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}$  is defined by

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

where

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

We consider the space  $H = \{h : \|h\| = (\int_0^\infty |h(t)|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3})^{1/2} < \infty\}$ . Then, it is clear that  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}(f)(x) = \|F_{\Omega,\alpha,t}(x)\|$ .

By the Minkowski inequality, we get

$$\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}(f)(x) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1-\alpha}} |f(y)| \left( \int_{|x-y|}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2} dy \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\Omega(x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy.$$

Thus,  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}$  satisfies the condition (1.1). It is known that for  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the operators  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}$  and  $[b, \mu_{\Omega,\alpha}]$  are bounded from  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p > 1$ , and bounded from  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $WL_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $p = 1$  (see [49]), then by Theorems 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 we get

**Corollary 5.1.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let also, for  $s' \leq p$ ,  $p \neq 1$ , the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (3.10) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (3.11) and  $\Omega$  satisfies conditions (a)–(c). Then the operator  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}$  is bounded from  $M_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $M_{1,\varphi_1}$  to  $WM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .*

**Corollary 5.2.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ . Let also, for  $s' \leq p$ ,  $p \neq 1$ , the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)–(2.4) and (3.12)–(3.13) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)–(2.4) and (3.14)–(3.15) and  $\Omega$  satisfies conditions (a)–(c). Then the operator  $\mu_{\Omega,\alpha}$  is bounded from  $VM_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p > 1$  and from  $VM_{1,\varphi_1}$  to  $WVM_{q,\varphi_2}$  for  $p = 1$ .*

**Corollary 5.3.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let also, for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (4.5) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies condition (4.6) and  $\Omega$  satisfies conditions (a)–(c). Then, the operator  $[b, \mu_{\Omega,\alpha}]$  is bounded from  $M_{p,\varphi_1}$  to  $M_{q,\varphi_2}$ .*



**Corollary 5.4.** *Suppose that  $\Omega \in L_s(S^{n-1})$ ,  $1 < s \leq \infty$ , is homogeneous of degree zero. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let also, for  $s' \leq p$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4)-(4.8) and (4.9)-(4.7) and for  $q < s$  the pair  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies conditions (2.3)-(2.4)-(4.8) and (4.11)-(4.10) and  $\Omega$  satisfies conditions (a)-(c). Then, the operator  $[b, \mu_{\Omega, \alpha}]$  is bounded from  $VM_{p, \varphi_1}$  to  $VM_{q, \varphi_2}$ .*

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