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## LOCAL HARDY–LITTLEWOOD MAXIMAL OPERATOR IN VARIABLE LEBESGUE SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We investigate the class  $\mathcal{B}^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of exponents  $p(\cdot)$  for which the local Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator is bounded in variable exponent Lebesgue spaces  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Littlewood–Paley square function characterization of  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  spaces with the above class of exponent are also obtained.

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