Some regularity results for integral functionals with variable growth conditions

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We deal with the regularity properties of local minimizers of integral functionals of the type

$$\mathcal{F}(u;\Omega) := \int_{\Omega} F(x, Du(x)) \, dx$$

where the integrand F is convex and satisfies the following so-called p(x)-growth conditions

$$|\xi|^{p(x)} \le F(x,\xi) \le C(1+|\xi|^{p(x)})$$

for an exponent function $p(\cdot)$ belonging to a suitable Orlicz-Sobolev class. More precisely, we show an higher differentiability result for the minimizers and a dimension free higher integrability result for their gradients which have been object of a recent paper in collaboration with Antonia Passarelli di Napoli ([1]). Moreover, we discuss about a $C^{1,\alpha}$ -partial regularity result for the local minimizers of functionals of the form

$$\mathcal{E}(u;\Omega) := \int_{\Omega} (1+|Du|^2)^{\frac{p(x)}{2}} dx,$$

 $p(\cdot) \geq 2$, which has been recently established ([2]).

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