

Compactness of Localization Operators on Modulation Spaces of ω -Tempered Distributions



Chiara Boiti and Antonino De Martino

Abstract We give sufficient conditions for compactness of localization operators on modulation spaces $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ of ω -tempered distributions whose short-time Fourier transform is in the weighted mixed space $L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$ for $m_\lambda(x) = e^{\lambda\omega(x)}$.

In this paper we study some properties of localization operators, which are pseudo-differential operators of time-frequency analysis suitable for applications to the reconstruction of signals, because they allow to recover a filtered version of the original signal. To introduce the problem, let us recall the *translation* and *modulation* operators

$$T_x f(y) = f(y - x), \quad M_\xi f(y) = e^{iy \cdot \xi} f(y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

and, for a window function $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, the *short-time Fourier transform* (briefly STFT) of a function $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$V_\psi f(z) = \langle f, M_\xi T_x \psi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \overline{\psi(y - x)} e^{-iy \cdot \xi} dy, \quad z = (x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}.$$

With respect to the inversion formula for the STFT (see [13, Cor. 3.2.3])

$$f = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d \langle \gamma, \psi \rangle} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} V_\psi f(x, \xi) M_\xi T_x \gamma \, dx d\xi,$$

C. Boiti (✉)

Dipartimento di Matematica e Informatica, Università di Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy
e-mail: chiara.boiti@unife.it

A. De Martino

Dipartimento di Matematica, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
e-mail: antonino.demartino@polimi.it

which gives a reconstruction of the signal f , the localization operator, as defined in (0.2), modifies $V_\psi f(x, \xi)$ by multiplying it by a suitable $a(x, \xi)$ before reconstructing the signal, so that a filtered version of the original signal f is recovered.

Another important operator in time-frequency analysis that we shall need in the following is the *cross-Wigner transform* defined, for $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, by

$$\text{Wig}(f, g)(x, \xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f\left(x + \frac{t}{2}\right) \overline{g\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right)} e^{-i\xi \cdot t} dt \quad x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

The *Wigner transform* of f is then defined by $\text{Wig } f := \text{Wig}(f, f)$.

The above Fourier integral operators, with standard generalizations to more general spaces of functions or distributions, have been largely investigated in time-frequency analysis. In particular, results about boundedness or compactness related to the subject of this paper can be found, for instance, in [1, 7, 10–12, 16, 17].

Inspired by Cordero and Gröchenig [7] and Fernández and Galbis [10], our aim in this paper is to study boundedness of localization operators on modulation spaces in the setting of ω -tempered distributions, for a weight functions ω defined as below:

Definition 0.1 A *non-quasianalytic subadditive weight function* is a continuous increasing function $\omega : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ satisfying the following properties:

- (α) $\omega(t_1 + t_2) \leq \omega(t_1) + \omega(t_2), \quad \forall t_1, t_2 \geq 0;$
- (β) $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} dt < +\infty;$
- (γ) $\exists A \in \mathbb{R}, B > 0$ s.t $\omega(t) \geq A + B \log(1 + t), \quad \forall t \geq 0;$
- (δ) $\varphi_\omega(t) := \omega(e^t)$ is convex.

We then consider $\omega(\xi) := \omega(|\xi|)$ for $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^d$.

Definition 0.2 The space $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is defined as the set of all $u \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $u, \hat{u} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and

- (i) $\forall \lambda > 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d: \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} e^{\lambda \omega(x)} |D^\alpha u(x)| < +\infty,$
- (ii) $\forall \lambda > 0, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d: \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d} e^{\lambda \omega(\xi)} |D^\alpha \hat{u}(\xi)| < +\infty,$

where $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

Note that for $\omega(t) = \log(1 + t)$ we obtain the classical Schwartz class $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, while in general $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. For more details about the spaces $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we refer to [3–6]. In particular, we can define on $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ different equivalent systems of seminorms that make $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ a Fréchet nuclear space. It is also an algebra under multiplication and convolution.

The corresponding strong dual space is denoted by $\mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and its elements are called ω -tempered distributions. Moreover, $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq \mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and the Fourier transform, the short-time Fourier transform and the Wigner transform are continuous from $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and from $\mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to $\mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

The “right” function spaces in time-frequency analysis to work with the STFT are the so-called *modulation spaces*, introduced by H. Feichtinger in [9]. In this context, we consider the weight $m_\lambda(z) := e^{\lambda\omega(z)}$, for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, and define $L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ as the space of measurable functions f on \mathbb{R}^{2d} such that

$$\|f\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x, \xi)|^p m_\lambda(x, \xi)^p dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\xi < +\infty,$$

for $1 \leq p, q < +\infty$, with standard changes if p (or q) is $+\infty$. We define then, for $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$, the modulation space

$$\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{f \in \mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d) : V_\varphi f \in L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})\},$$

which is independent of the window function $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$ and is a Banach space with norm $\|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} := \|V_\varphi f\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}}$ (see [4]). Moreover, for $1 \leq p, q < +\infty$, the space $\mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a dense subspace of $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$ by Boiti et al. [4, Prop. 3.9]. We shall denote $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,p}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\mathbf{M}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \mathbf{M}_{m_0}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

As in [13, Thm. 12.2.2] if $p_1 \leq p_2, q_1 \leq q_2$, and $\lambda \leq \mu$ then $\mathbf{M}_{m_\mu}^{p_1,q_1} \subseteq \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p_2,q_2}$ with continuous inclusion (see [8, Lemma 2.3.16]). Set

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\lambda,1}(x) &:= m_\lambda(x, 0), & m_{\lambda,2}(\xi) &:= m_\lambda(0, \xi), \\ v_\lambda(z) &= e^{|\lambda|\omega(z)}, & v_{\lambda,1}(x) &:= v_\lambda(x, 0), & v_{\lambda,2}(\xi) &:= v_\lambda(0, \xi), \end{aligned}$$

and prove the following generalization of [7, Prop. 2.4]:

Proposition 0.3 *Let $1 \leq p, q, r, t, t' \leq +\infty$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1 = \frac{1}{r}$ and $\frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t'} = 1$. Then, for all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq s \leq +\infty$,*

$$\mathbf{M}_{m_{\lambda,1} \otimes m_{\mu,2}}^{p,st}(\mathbb{R}^d) * \mathbf{M}_{v_{\lambda,1} \otimes v_{\lambda,2} m_{-\mu,2}}^{q,st'}(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{r,s}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

and
$$\|f * g\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{r,s}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_{\lambda,1} \otimes m_{\mu,2}}^{p,st}} \|g\|_{\mathbf{M}_{v_{\lambda,1} \otimes v_{\lambda,2} m_{-\mu,2}}^{q,st'}}. \tag{0.1}$$

Proof For the Gaussian function $g_0(x) = e^{-\pi|x|^2} \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ consider on $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{r,s}$ the modulation norm with respect to the window function $g(x) := g_0 * g_0(x) = 2^{-d/2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}|x|^2} \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Since $m_\lambda(x, \xi) \leq m_\lambda(x, 0)v_\lambda(0, \xi)$ and $\overline{g_0(-x)} = g_0(x)$, by Gröchenig [13, Lemma 3.1.1], Young and Hölder inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f * h\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{r,s}} &= \|V_g(f * h)\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^{r,s}} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_g(f * h)|^r m_\lambda^r(x, \xi) dx \right)^{\frac{s}{r}} d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |(f * M_\xi g_0) * (h * M_\xi g_0)(x)|^r m_\lambda(x, 0)^r dx \right)^{\frac{s}{r}} v_\lambda^s(0, \xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|(f * M_\xi g_0) * (h * M_\xi g_0)\|_{L^s_{m_{\lambda,1}}} v_\lambda^s(0, \xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|f * M_\xi g_0\|_{L^p_{m_{\lambda,1}}} \|h * M_\xi g_0\|_{L^q_{v_{\lambda,1}}} v_\lambda^s(0, \xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
 &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|V_{g_0} f\|_{L^p_{m_{\lambda,1}}} m_\mu^s(0, \xi) \|V_{g_0} h\|_{L^q_{v_{\lambda,1}}} m_{-\mu}^s(0, \xi) v_\lambda^s(0, \xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
 &\leq \|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_{\lambda,1} \otimes m_{\mu,2}}^{p,st}} \|h\|_{\mathbf{M}_{v_{\lambda,1} \otimes v_{\lambda,2} m_{-\mu,2}}^{q,st'}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Given two window functions $\psi, \gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$ and a symbol $a \in \mathcal{S}'_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$, the corresponding *localization operator* $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a$ is defined, for $f \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$, by

$$L_{\psi,\gamma}^a f = V_\gamma^*(a \cdot V_\psi f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} a(x, \xi) V_\psi f(x, \xi) M_\xi T_x \gamma dx d\xi, \tag{0.2}$$

where V_γ^* is the adjoint of V_γ . As in [2, Lemma 2.4] we have that $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a$ is a Weyl operator L^{a^w} with symbol $a^w = a * \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi)$:

$$L^{a^w} f := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \hat{a}^w(\xi, u) e^{-i\xi \cdot u} T_{-u} M_\xi f dud\xi. \tag{0.3}$$

Moreover, if $f, g \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ then by definition of adjoint operator we can write

$$\langle L_{\psi,\gamma}^a f, g \rangle = \langle a \cdot V_\psi f, V_\gamma g \rangle = \langle a, \overline{V_\psi f} V_\gamma g \rangle,$$

and, similarly as in [13, Thm. 14.5.2] (see also [8, Teo. 2.3.21]), we have, for $a^w \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\mu}^{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ with $\mu \geq 0$,

$$\|L^{a^w} f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} = \|L_{\psi,\gamma}^a f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} \leq \|a^w\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\mu}^{\infty,1}} \|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}}, \tag{0.4}$$

for all $f \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 0.4 *Let $\psi, \gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$ and $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$. Then $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a$ is bounded from $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, for $1 \leq p, q < +\infty$, and*

$$\|L_{\psi,\gamma}^a\|_{op} \leq \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_{-\lambda,2}}^\infty} \|\psi\|_{\mathbf{M}_{v_\lambda}^1} \|\gamma\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^p}.$$

Proof By definition $V_\psi : \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q} \rightarrow L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and, by Boiti et al. [4, Prop. 3.7], $V_\gamma^* : L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Let $f \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. To prove that $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a f = V_\gamma^*(a \cdot V_\psi f) \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$, it is then enough to show that $a \cdot V_\psi f \in L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. By the inversion

formula [4, Prop. 3.7], given two window functions $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ with $\langle \Phi, \Psi \rangle \neq 0$, we have, for $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \times \mathbb{R}^{2d}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |a(x, \xi)|^p |V_\psi f(x, \xi)|^p e^{p\lambda\omega(x, \xi)} dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{|\langle \Phi, \Psi \rangle|} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{4d}} |V_\Psi a(z)|^p |M_{z_2} T_{z_1} \Phi(x, \xi)|^p dz \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot |V_\psi f(x, \xi)|^p e^{p\lambda\omega(x, \xi)} dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\xi \Big)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{|\langle \Phi, \Psi \rangle|} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{4d}} (|V_\Psi a(z)| e^{\lambda\omega(z)})^p |M_{z_2} T_{z_1} \Phi(x, \xi)|^p dz \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot |V_\psi f(x, \xi)|^p e^{p\lambda\omega(x, \xi)} dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\xi \Big)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq C \|V_\Psi a\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^\infty} \cdot \|V_\psi f\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} = C \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty} \cdot \|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}}, \end{aligned}$$

for some $C > 0$. Therefore $a \cdot V_\psi f \in L_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a f \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

To prove that $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a$ is bounded, consider $g \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and set $\Psi = \text{Wig}(g, g) \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. For $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$, we set $\tilde{\xi} = (\xi_2, -\xi_1)$. By Cordero and Gröchenig [7, Lemma 2.2]

$$\begin{aligned} \| \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi) \|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_{\lambda,2}}^{1,p}} &= \| V_\Psi \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi) \|_{L_{m_{\lambda,2}}^{1,p}} \\ &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \left| V_g \psi \left(z + \frac{\tilde{\xi}}{2} \right) V_g \gamma \left(z - \frac{\tilde{\xi}}{2} \right) \right| dz \right)^p m_{\lambda,2}^p(\xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the change of variables $z + \frac{\tilde{\xi}}{2} = \tilde{z}$ and [4, formula (3.12)] we obtain (cf. also [7, Prop. 2.5]):

$$\begin{aligned} \| \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi) \|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_{\lambda,2}}^{1,p}} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} |V_g \psi(\tilde{z})| |V_g \gamma(\tilde{z} - \tilde{\xi})| d\tilde{z} \right)^p m_{\lambda,2}^p(\xi) d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} (|V_g \psi(\tilde{z})| * |V_g \gamma(-\tilde{z})|)^p(\tilde{\xi}) m_{\lambda,2}^p(\tilde{\xi}) d\tilde{\xi} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \|V_g \psi\|_{L_{v_\lambda}^1} \|V_g \gamma\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^p} = \|\psi\|_{\mathbf{M}_{v_\lambda}^1} \|\gamma\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^p}. \end{aligned} \tag{0.5}$$

Therefore $\text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi) \in \mathbf{M}_{m\lambda,2}^1(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and hence, from Proposition 0.3 (with $p = t = r = +\infty, q = s = t' = 1, \lambda = 0$ and $\mu = -\lambda$), we have that $\mathbf{M}_{m-\lambda,2}^\infty * \mathbf{M}_{m\lambda,2}^1 \subseteq \mathbf{M}^{\infty,1}$, so that $a^w = a * \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi) \in \mathbf{M}^{\infty,1}$ and by (0.4) with $\mu = 0$

$$\|L_{\psi,\gamma}^a\|_{op} \leq \|a^w\|_{\mathbf{M}^{\infty,1}}.$$

From (0.1) and (0.5) we finally have

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_{\psi,\gamma}^a\|_{op} &\leq \|a * \text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi)\|_{\mathbf{M}^{\infty,1}} \leq \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m-\lambda,2}^\infty} \|\text{Wig}(\gamma, \psi)\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m\lambda,2}^1} \\ &\leq \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m-\lambda,2}^\infty} \|\psi\|_{\mathbf{M}_{v\lambda}^1} \|\gamma\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^p}. \end{aligned}$$

□

A boundedness result analogous to that of Theorem 0.4 is proved, with different techniques, in [16] under further restrictions on the symbol $a(x, \xi)$ and without estimates on the norm of $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a$.

Set now

$$\mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \in \mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d) : \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \|V_g f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_{m\lambda}^1} e^{\lambda\omega(x)} = 0\}$$

and prove the following compactness result (cf. also [1, Prop. 2.3] and [12, Thm. 3.22]):

Theorem 0.5 *If $a^w \in \mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$, then L^{a^w} is a compact mapping of $\mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ into itself, for $1 \leq p, q < +\infty$.*

Proof The operator L^{a^w} maps $\mathbf{M}_{m\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ into itself by (0.4). To prove that L^{a^w} is compact we first assume $a^w \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. From (0.3)

$$\begin{aligned} L^{a^w} f(y) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \hat{a}^w(\xi, u) e^{-i\xi \cdot u} e^{i\xi \cdot (y+u)} f(y+u) du d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \hat{a}^w(\xi, x-y) e^{i\xi \cdot y} f(x) dx d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} k(x, y) f(x) dx, \end{aligned} \tag{0.6}$$

with kernel $k(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{a}^w(\xi, x-y) e^{i\xi \cdot y} d\xi$. Note that $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ because it is the inverse Fourier transform (with respect to the first variable) of the translation (with respect to the second variable) of $\hat{a}^w \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$.

Now, let $\phi \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\alpha_0, \beta_0 > 0$ such that $\{\phi_{jl}\}_{j,l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} = \{M_{\beta_0 l} T_{\alpha_0 j} \phi\}_{j,l \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ is a tight Gabor frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (see [13, Def. 5.1.1] for the definition). Then $\{\Phi_{jlmn}\}_{j,l,m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} = \{\phi_{jl}(x)\phi_{mn}(y)\}_{j,l,m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ is a tight Gabor frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. Since $k \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ we have that $\langle k, \Phi_{jlmn} \rangle = V_\phi k(\alpha_0 j, \alpha_0 m, \beta_0 l, \beta_0 n) \in \ell^1$ and (see [4, Lemma 3.15])

$$k = \sum_{j,l,m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k, \Phi_{jlmn} \rangle \Phi_{jlmn}.$$

Therefore from (0.6)

$$L^{a^w} f = \sum_{j,l,m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k, \Phi_{jlmn} \rangle \langle \phi_{jl}, f \rangle \phi_{mn},$$

with $\langle k, \Phi_{jlmn} \rangle \in \ell^1$, $(\phi_{jl})_{j,l \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ equicontinuous in $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p',q'}$ = $(\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q})^*$ and $(\phi_{mn})_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ bounded in $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n \{f \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q} : \|f\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} < 1\}$, so that L^{a^w} is a nuclear operator from $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$ to $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}$ (see [15, §17.3]). From [15, §17.3, Cor. 4] we thus have that L^{a^w} is compact.

Let us finally consider the general case $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. By Boiti et al. [4, Prop. 3.9] there exist $a_n \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ converging to a in $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{\infty,1}$ and hence, by (0.4)

$$\|L^{a^w} - L^{a_n^w}\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}} \leq \|a - a_n\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{\infty,1}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since the set of compact operators is closed we have that L^{a^w} is compact on $\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. □

We have the following generalization of [10, Lemma 3.4] and [11, Prop. 5.2]:

Lemma 0.6 *Let $g_0 \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, with $\lambda \geq 0$, such that*

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{|\xi| \leq R} |V_{g_0} a(x, \xi)| e^{\lambda \omega(x, \xi)} = 0, \quad \forall R > 0. \tag{0.7}$$

*Then $a * H \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for any $H \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$.*

Proof The case $\lambda = 0$ has been proved in [10, Lemma 3.4]. Let $\lambda > 0$. Since $g_0 \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $H \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$, by Gröchenig and Zimmermann [14, Thm. 2.7] we have that $V_{g_0} H \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and hence, for a fixed $\ell > 0$ (to be chosen later depending on λ), there exists $c_\lambda > 0$ such that

$$|V_{g_0} H(x, \xi)| \leq c_\lambda e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(x)} e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)}, \quad \forall x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Now, as in the proof of Proposition 0.3, for $g = g_0 * g_0$, we have that $|V_g(a * H)(\cdot, \xi)| = |V_{g_0}a(\cdot, \xi) * V_{g_0}H(\cdot, \xi)|$. Since ω is increasing and subadditive we have

$$\begin{aligned} |V_g(a * H)(x, \xi)| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| |V_{g_0}H(y, \xi)| dy \\ &\leq c_\lambda e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(y)} dy \\ &= c_\lambda e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(y)} e^{\lambda\omega(x-y,\xi)} e^{-\lambda\omega(x-y,\xi)} dy \\ &\leq c_\lambda e^{-3\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} e^{-\lambda\omega(x)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(x-y,\xi)} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &e^{\lambda\omega(x)+2\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} |V_g(a * H)(x, \xi)| \\ &\leq c_\lambda e^{-\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(x-y,\xi)} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy \tag{0.8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq c_\lambda e^{-\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy < +\infty, \tag{0.9}$$

if $\ell > \frac{1}{3} + \frac{d}{3B\lambda}$, where B is the constant of condition (γ) in Definition 0.1. Since $\lim_{|\xi| \rightarrow +\infty} \omega(\xi) = +\infty$, from (0.9) we have that for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $R_1 > 0$ such that

$$e^{\lambda\omega(x)+2\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} |V_g(a * H)(x, \xi)| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad |\xi| \geq R_1. \tag{0.10}$$

We now choose $\delta > 0$ small enough so that

$$\delta \left(1 + c_\lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy \right) \leq \varepsilon. \tag{0.11}$$

From the hypothesis (0.7) we can choose $R_2 > 0$ sufficiently large so that

$$\sup_{|\xi| \leq R_1} |V_{g_0}a(x, \xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(x,\xi)} < \delta, \quad |x| \geq R_2, \tag{0.12}$$

$$\int_{|y| > R_2} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy < \frac{\delta}{c_\lambda e^{-\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty}}, \quad |\xi| \leq R_1. \tag{0.13}$$

Therefore for $|x| \geq 2R_2$, $|y| \leq R_2$ (so that $|x - y| \geq R_2$) and $|\xi| \leq R_1$, by (0.8), (0.9), (0.13), (0.12) and (0.11):

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{\lambda\omega(x)+2\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} |V_g(a * H)(x, \xi)| \\ & \leq c_\lambda e^{-\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \|a\|_{\mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty} \int_{|y|>R_2} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy \\ & \quad + c_\lambda e^{-\ell\lambda\omega(\xi)} \int_{|y|\leq R_2} |V_{g_0}a(x - y, \xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(x-y,\xi)} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy \\ & < \delta + c_\lambda \delta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-(3\ell-1)\lambda\omega(y)} dy \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The above estimate, together with (0.10), gives

$$e^{\lambda\omega(x)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_g(a * H)(x, \xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(\xi)} d\xi \leq \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-(2\ell-1)\lambda\omega(\xi)} d\xi, \quad |x| \geq 2R_2.$$

Choosing now $\ell > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{d}{2B\lambda} > \frac{1}{3} + \frac{d}{3B\lambda}$ so that $e^{-(2\ell-1)\lambda\omega(\xi)} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, we finally obtain

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda\omega(x)} \|V_g(a * H)(x, \cdot)\|_{L_{m_\lambda}^1} = 0.$$

□

Theorem 0.7 *Let $\psi, \gamma \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $g_0 \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ satisfying (0.7), for some $\lambda \geq 0$. Then $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a : \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is compact, for $1 \leq p, q < +\infty$.*

Proof Set $H := W(\gamma, \psi) \in \mathcal{S}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. Since $a \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$, by Lemma 0.6 we have that $a^w = a * H \in \mathbf{M}_{m_\lambda}^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and hence $L_{\psi,\gamma}^a = L^{a^w}$ is compact by Theorem 0.5. □

Acknowledgments The authors are grateful to Proff. C. Fernández, A. Galbis and D. Jornet for helpful discussions. The first author is member of the GNAMPA-INdAM.

References

1. A. Bényi, K. Gröchenig, C. Heil, K. Okoudjou, Modulation spaces and a class of bounded multilinear pseudodifferential operators. *J. Oper. Theory* **54**(2), 387–399 (2005)
2. P. Boggiato, E. Cordero, K. Gröchenig Generalized anti-wick operators with symbols in distributional Sobolev space. *Integr. Equ. Oper. Theory* **48**, 424–442 (2004)
3. C. Boiti, D. Jornet, A. Oliaro, A regularity of partial differential operators in ultradifferentiable spaces and Wigner type transforms. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.* **446**, 920–944 (2017)

4. C. Boiti, D. Jornet, A. Oliaro, The Gabor wave front set in spaces of ultradifferentiable functions. *Monatsh. Math.* **188**, 199–246 (2018)
5. C. Boiti, D. Jornet, A. Oliaro, Real Paley-Wiener Theorems in spaces of ultradifferentiable functions. *J. Funct. Anal.* **278**(4), 108348, 1–45 (2020)
6. C. Boiti, D. Jornet, A. Oliaro, G. Schindl, Nuclearity of rapidly decreasing ultradifferentiable functions and time-frequency analysis *Collect. Math.* **72**(2), 423–442 (2021)
7. E. Cordero, K. Gröchenig, Time-frequency analysis of localization operators. *J. Funct. Anal.* **205**(1), 107–131 (2005)
8. A. De Martino, *Trasformata di Gabor ed applicazioni allo studio della regolarità di operatori pseudo-differenziali*. Master Thesis, University of Ferrara, 2019
9. H.G. Feichtinger, Modulation spaces on locally compact abelian groups. Technical report, University of Vienna, 1983
10. C. Fernández, A. Galbis, Compactness of time-frequency localization operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. *J. Funct. Anal.* **233**, 335–350 (2006)
11. C. Fernández, A. Galbis, Annihilating sets for the short time Fourier transform. *Adv. Math.* **224**(5), 1904–1926 (2010)
12. C. Fernández, A. Galbis, E. Primo, Compactness of Fourier integral operators on weighted modulation spaces. *Trans. Am. Math. Soc.* **372**(1), 733–753 (2019)
13. K. Gröchenig, *Foundations of Time-Frequency Analysis* (Birkhäuser, Boston, 2001)
14. K. Gröchenig, G. Zimmermann, Spaces of test functions via the STFT. *J. Funct. Spaces Appl.* **2**(1), 25–53 (2004)
15. H. Jarchow, *Locally Convex Spaces* (Vieweg Teubner Verlag, Stuttgart, 2014)
16. E. Primo, Boundedness and compactness of operators related to time-frequency analysis. Ph-D thesis, Universitat de València, 2018
17. J. Toft, The Bargman transform on modulation and Gelfand-Shilov spaces, with applications to Toeplitz and pseudo-differential operators. *J. Pseudo-Differ. Oper. Appl.* **3**(2), 145–227 (2012)