

Weighted inequalities for oscillatory integrals

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or more generally, a Hörmander–Mikhlin multiplier, i.e.

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