# On locally convex weakly Lindelöf $\Sigma$ -spaces

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#### Abstract

A family  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  of sets covering a set *E* is called a resolution for *E* if  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq A_{\beta}$  whenever  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . A locally convex space (lcs) *E* is said to belong to class  $\mathfrak{G}$  if there is a resolution  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  for  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  such that each sequence in any  $A_{\alpha}$  is equicontinuous. The class  $\mathfrak{G}$  contains 'almost all' useful locally convex spaces (including (LF)-spaces and (DF)-spaces). We show that (*i*) every semi-reflexive lcs *E* in class  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space in the weak topology (this extends a corresponding result of Preiss-Talagrand for WCG Banach spaces) and the weak\* dual of *E* is both *K*-analytic and has countable tightness, (*ii*) a barrelled space *E* has a weakly compact resolution if and only if *E* is weakly *K*-analytic, and (*iii*) if *E* is barrelled or bornological then *E'* has a weak\* compact resolution if and only if it is weak\* *K*-analytic. As an additional consequence we provide another approach to show that the weak\* dual of a quasi-barrelled space in class  $\mathfrak{G}$  is *K*-analytic. These results supplement earlier work of Talagrand, Preiss, Cascales, Ferrando, Kąkol, López Pellicer and Saxon.

### 1 Introduction

As mentioned in the abstract, a family  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  of sets covering a set *E* is called a *resolution* for *E* if  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq A_{\beta}$  whenever  $\alpha \leq \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . This paper deals with the two following general problems: (*i*) for any locally convex space *E*, characterize in terms of *E* the existence of a non-empty set  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and an upper

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semi-continuous compact-valued map *T* from  $\Sigma$  into  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  covering *E*, i.e. such that  $\bigcup \{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\} = E$ , and (*ii*) provide sufficient conditions on *E* to ensure that the existence of a compact resolution for  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  (for  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ ) guarantees that  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  (resp.  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ ) is *K*-analytic. There are several results motivating these problems. For example, concerning to the first one, in [3, Corollary 1.6] Cascales proved the following

**Theorem 1** (Cascales). For a semi-reflexive lcs E the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *E* has a bounded resolution, i.e. a resolution consisting of bounded sets.
- 2. *E* endowed with the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$  is a K-analytic space.
- *3.*  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  *is a quasi-Suslin space.*

On the other hand, relative to the second problem, in [11, Theorem 1] it is shown that

**Theorem 2** (Ferrando-Kąkol-López Pellicer-Saxon). *Let E be an lcs. If*  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  *is quasi-Suslin, the following are equivalent.* 

- 1. The weak space  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is countably tight.
- 2. The weak\* dual  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is realcompact.
- *3.* The weak\* dual  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is K-analytic.
- 4. The weak dual  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is Lindelöf.
- 5. The Mackey space  $(E, \mu(E, E'))$  is barrelled.

A simple example of an lcs with a bounded resolution is provided by any lcs *E* admitting a stronger metrizable locally convex topology  $\tau$ . Indeed, if  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a decreasing base of  $\tau$ -neighborhoods of the origin, for any  $\alpha = (n_k) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  define  $A_{\alpha} := \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k U_k$ .

In this paper we provide partial solutions concerning the above problems, see Theorem 11 and the consequences mentioned in the abstract.

Let  $\Sigma$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is equipped with the discrete topology, and let  $\mathcal{A} := \{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$  be a family of subsets of a set X. For each  $\alpha \in \Sigma$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define

$$A(\alpha|n) := \bigcup \{A_{\beta} : \beta \in \Sigma, \beta(i) = \alpha(i), 1 \le i \le n\}.$$

Clearly  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq A(\alpha|n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A(\alpha|n+1) \subseteq A(\alpha|n)$  for all  $(\alpha, n) \in \Sigma \times \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $A(\alpha|n) = A(\beta|n)$  whenever  $\alpha(i) = \beta(i)$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ , the family  $\mathcal{E} := \{A(\alpha|n) : \alpha \in \Sigma, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (called the *envelope* of  $\mathcal{A}$ ) is countable. It is easy to see that if  $\Sigma = \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  is a bounded resolution, i.e. a resolution consisting of bounded sets in a locally convex space E, then for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  and each neighborhood of zero U in E there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A(\alpha|n) \subseteq nU$ . Indeed, otherwise there exist a neighborhood of zero V in E,  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , and a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  with  $x_n \in A(\beta|n) \setminus nV$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Choose a sequence  $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  with  $\beta_n(i) = \beta(i)$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  such that  $x_n \in A_{\beta_n}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then there exists  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\beta_n \leq \gamma$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $x_n \in A_{\beta_n} \subseteq A_{\gamma}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $A_{\gamma} \subseteq mV$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we reach a contradiction. This motivates the following useful concept. Following [9] we will say that the envelope  $\mathcal{E}$  of a family  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$  of subsets of an lcs E covering E (a  $\Sigma$ -covering henceforth) is *limited* if for each  $\alpha \in \Sigma$  and a neighborhood of zero U in E there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A(\alpha|n) \subseteq nU$ .

Recall that a completely regular Hausdorff topological space *X* is called *Lindelöf*  $\Sigma$  (or *K*-countably determined) if there is an upper semi-continuous compact-valued map *T* from a non-empty subset  $\Sigma$  of the product space  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into *X* (actually into the set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of all subsets of *X*) covering *X*, i.e. such that  $\bigcup \{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\} = X$ , see [1]. If the same holds for  $\Sigma = \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then *X* is called *K*-analytic. On the other hand, *X* is called *quasi-Suslin* if there exists a set-valued map *T* (called a quasi-Suslin map) from  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into *X* covering *X* which is quasi-Suslin, i.e. such that if  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$  in  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $x_n \in T(\alpha_n)$  then  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  has a cluster point in  $T(\alpha)$ , see [23]. Alternatively, a completely regular space *X* is Lindelöf  $\Sigma$  if and only if there is a compact-valued mapping *T* from a subspace  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into *X* such that  $\{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$  covers *X* and if  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$  in  $\Sigma$  and  $x_n \in T(\alpha_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  has a cluster point *contained in*  $T(\alpha)$ . Note that *K*-analytic  $\Leftrightarrow$  (Lindelöf  $\land$  quasi-Suslin), and *K*-analytic  $\Rightarrow$  Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ .

In what follows all vector spaces are supposed to be real. For the benefit of the reader we explicitly quote a number of results that will be used in what follows.

**Theorem 3.** ([1, Theorem IV.9.4]) If the realcompactification vX of a completely regular Hausdorff space X is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, then there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space Z such that  $C_p(X) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^X$ .

Although the next theorem was formulated for the original topology of *E*, the same proof yields the following

**Theorem 4.** ([9, Lemma 2]) If an lcs E admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Sigma\}, \Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , with limited envelope in the weak topology of E, then there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space Z such that  $(E', \sigma(E', E)) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{E}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^{E}$  is endowed with the product topology.

We shall also need the following facts about Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -spaces.

**Theorem 5.** ([9, Proposition 10]) Let *E* be a linear subspace of an lcs *F* If there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space *X* such that  $E \subseteq X \subseteq F$ , then *E* admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope.

**Theorem 6.** ([9, Theorem 3]) vX is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space if and only if  $C_p(X)$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope.

**Theorem 7.** ([15, Proposition 9.15]) If X is quasi-Suslin, the space vX is K-analytic.

Let us recall that a topological space *X* is called *web-compact* if there is a map *T* from a subspace  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into *X* such that  $\overline{\bigcup \{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\}} = X$  and if  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$  in  $\Sigma$  and  $x_n \in T(\alpha_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\{x_n\}$  has a cluster point in *X* (this definition is equivalent to that given in [18, Definition]). Every Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space is web-compact and Lindelöf, but  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is a simple example of a web-compact space

which is not Lindelöf. On the other hand a topological space *X* is *angelic* if relatively countably compact sets in *X* are relatively compact and for every relatively compact subset *A* of *X* each point of  $\overline{A}$  is the limit of a sequence of *A*, [12]. The following two additional results will be used later.

**Theorem 8.** ([18, Theorem 3]) If X is a web-compact space, then  $C_p(X)$  is angelic.

**Theorem 9.** ([3, Corollary 1.1]) For an angelic space X the following are equivalent:

- 1. X has a compact resolution.
- 2. X is quasi-Suslin.
- 3. X is K-analytic.

Let us recall that a locally convex space *E* belongs to *class*  $\mathfrak{G}$  if there is a resolution  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  in the weak\* dual  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  of *E* such that each sequence in any  $A_{\alpha}$  is equicontinuous, see [6]. Therefore every set  $A_{\alpha}$  is relatively  $\sigma(E', E)$ -countably compact. The class  $\mathfrak{G}$  is indeed large and contains 'almost all' important locally convex spaces (including (LF)-spaces and (DF)-spaces). Furthermore  $\mathfrak{G}$  is stable by taking subspaces, Hausdorff quotients and countable direct sums and products.

**Theorem 10.** ([6, Theorem 13]) If *E* is an lcs of the class  $\mathfrak{G}$  that is weakly countably determined (i.e. a weakly Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space), then the density character of *E* is equal to the density character of  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ .

## 2 Results

Before we state our first result let us recall that an lcs E is *barrelled* (*quasi-barrelled*) if every weak\* bounded (resp. strongly bounded) set in E' is equicontinuous, hence relatively weak\* compact. Let us point out that every barrelled space is quasi-barrelled; metrizable and bornological spaces are also examples of quasi-barrelled spaces.

**Theorem 11.** Let *E* be a locally convex space such that every weak\* bounded set in *E'* is relatively weak\* compact. The space  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope if and only if  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space.

*Proof.* If  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope, by Theorem 4 there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space Z such that  $(E', \sigma(E', E)) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^E$ . Hence there is  $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and a compact-valued upper semi-continuous map  $S : \Delta \to Z$  such that  $\bigcup \{S(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\} = Z$ . Given  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , the compactness of  $S(\alpha)$  ensures that  $S(\alpha) \cap E'$  is a closed bounded set in  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ , so according to the hypotheses  $S(\alpha) \cap E'$  is weak\* compact.

Set  $\Sigma = \{ \alpha \in \Delta : S(\alpha) \cap E' \neq \emptyset \}$  and define  $T : \Sigma \to (E', \sigma(E', E))$  by

$$T(\alpha) = S(\alpha) \cap E'.$$

Clearly *T* is compact-valued and  $\bigcup \{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\} = E'$ . Let us show that *T* is upper semi-continuous.

Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $\Sigma$  such that  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$  in  $\Sigma$  and let  $u_n \in T(\alpha_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $u_n \in S(\alpha_n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and S is upper semi-continuous there is a cluster point u of  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in Z such that  $u \in S(\alpha)$ . We claim that  $\{u_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a bounded set in  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ . Otherwise there is an absolutely convex neighborhood of the origin U in  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  and a strictly increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}$  of positive integers such that  $u_{n_k} \notin kU$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let V be a neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^E$  such that  $V \cap E' = U$ . Since  $\alpha_{n_k} \to \alpha$ , then  $\{u_{n_k}\}$  has a cluster point  $v \in S(\alpha)$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $S(\alpha) \subseteq mV$ . Since  $mV \cap Z$  is a neighborhood of v in Z, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there is  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k' \ge k$ such that  $u_{n_{k'}} \in mV$ . Particularly  $u_{n_{m'}} \in mV \cap E' = mU$ . But since  $m' \ge m$  then  $u_{n_{m'}} \in mU \subseteq m'U$ , a contradiction.

The weak\* boundedness of  $\{u_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in E' implies that  $K = \overline{\{u_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}}^{\text{weak*}}$  is a weak\* compact set in E', hence a compact set in Z. Therefore K contains all cluster points of  $\{u_n\}$  in Z. This is tantamount to saying that  $u \in K \subseteq E'$  and, consequently, that  $u \in T(\alpha)$ . So T is upper semi-continuous, which proves that  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, as stated.

For the converse set  $X := (E', \sigma(E', E))$  and apply Theorem 6 to show that  $C_p(X)$  has a  $\Sigma$ -covering  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$  with limited envelope. Then  $\{A_\alpha \cap E : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$  is a  $\Sigma$ -covering of  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  with limited envelope.

**Example 12.** Theorem 11 fails for quasibarrelled spaces E.

*Proof.* Let  $X := [0, ω_1)$ . Then X is sequentially compact non-compact and under (CH) it even has a compact resolution, see [21, Theorem 3.6]. Since vX is K-analytic, by [8, Theorem 3] the space  $E := C_p(X)$  admits a Σ-covering with limited envelop. According to [8, Corollary 2] the weak\* dual  $L_p(X)$  of  $C_p(X)$  is quasi-Suslin but not K-analytic. Hence  $L_p(X)$  cannot be a Lindelöf Σ-space. On the other hand  $C_p(X)$  is always quasibarrelled, see [14, Corollary 11.7.3].

**Corollary 13.** *Let E be a barrelled space. The following conditions hold* 

- 1. If  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, then  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space.
- 2.  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is quasi-Suslin if and only if  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is K-analytic.

*Proof.* (1) If  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, by Theorem 5 it has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope. Since very weak\* bounded set in E' is relatively weak\* compact, Theorem 11 ensures that  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space. (2) It suffices to show that E has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope, since in this case the statement is consequence of Theorem 11. In fact, if  $Y = (E', \sigma(E', E))$  is quasi-Suslin then, according to Theorem 7, the space vY is K-analytic. Thus by Theorem 3 there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space Z such that  $C_p(Y) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^Y$ . Since  $(E, \sigma(E, E')) \subseteq C_p(Y)$ , applying Theorem 5 with X = Z and  $F = \mathbb{R}^Y$ , we get that E has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope.

Clearly the converse in Corollary 13 (1) fails in general; any infinite dimensional Banach space which is not weakly Lindelöf provides such an example. Condition (2) of Corollary 13 does not hold if *E* is only a quasi-barrelled space as the example 12 shows. The following result provides a variant of Theorem 1 for weakly Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -spaces.

**Proposition 14.** Let *E* be a semi-reflexive locally convex space. Then  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space if and only if  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope.

*Proof.* If  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope, by Theorem 4 there exists a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space Z such that  $(E', \sigma(E', E)) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^E$ . So, according to Theorem 5, the space  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope. Since  $E = (E', \sigma(E', E))'$  is semi-reflexive, Theorem 11 ensures that  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space. For the converse apply Theorem 5 with  $E = X = F = (E, \sigma(E, E'))$ .

According to Talagrand [20] every Weakly Compactly Generated (WCG) Banach space is weakly Lindelöf. This fails however for (WCG) lcs in general, see [2]. Our next result provide a large class of weakly Lindelöf locally convex spaces.

**Proposition 15.** Let E be an lcs in class  $\mathfrak{G}$ . If E is semi-reflexive then the following conditions hold.

- 1. *E* is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space in the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$  of *E*.
- 2. The weak\* dual of E is a K-analytic space with countable tightness.
- 3. dens  $(E, \sigma(E, E')) = \text{dens}(E', \sigma(E', E))$ , where dens  $(\cdot)$  means the density.

*Proof.* If *E* belongs to class  $\mathfrak{G}$  its weak<sup>\*</sup> dual  $Y = (E', \sigma(E', E))$  is quasi-Suslin, see [11, Theorem 4]. Hence, according to Theorem 7, the space vY is *K*-analytic. By Theorem 3 there is a Lindelöf Σ-space *Z* such that  $C_p(Y) \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^Y$ . Since  $E \subseteq C_p(Y)$ , applying again Theorem 5 with X = Z and  $F = \mathbb{R}^Y$ , we get that *E* has a Σ-covering with limited envelope.

(1) Since *E* is semi-reflexive and admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope, part (1) follows from Proposition 14.

(2) By the previous condition  $X := (E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, so  $C_p(X)$  is angelic by virtue of Theorem 8. Since  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is linearly embedded in  $C_p(X)$ , it follows that  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is angelic too. On the other hand, due to the fact that E belongs to class  $\mathfrak{G}$  we know that its weak\* dual  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is quasi-Suslin. Therefore  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  being quasi-Suslin and angelic, it is K-analytic by virtue of Theorem 9. Concerning the second statement, according to Condition 1 any finite product  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))^n$  is a Lindelöf space. So, applying [1, Theorem II.1.1], which ensures that if  $X^n$ , for X completely regular, is a Lindelöf space for each n then  $C_p(X)$  has countable tightness, we get that  $C_p(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  has countable tightness. Since  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is embedded into  $C_p(E, \sigma(E, E'))$ , the conclusion follows.

(3) According to Condition 1 the space *E* is weakly Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ , so we may apply Theorem 10. The proof is complete.

The proof of Proposition 15 uses the fact that *E* in class  $\mathfrak{G}$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope. The converse statement is not true.

**Example 16.** A locally convex space admitting a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope which does not belong to the class  $\mathfrak{G}$ . If  $X = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  then  $C_p(X)$  has a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope (see [9, Example 17]) but  $C_p(X)$  is not in class  $\mathfrak{G}$  since X is uncountable [5].

**Remark 17.** *Proposition 14 easily implies Theorem 1.* Let us see the only nontrivial implication  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . In fact, if *E* has a bounded resolution  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in N^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  then clearly  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope. So, if *E* is in addition semi-reflexive, Proposition 14 guarantees that  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space. The semi-reflexivity of *E* also guarantees that  $\{\overline{A}_{\alpha}^{\sigma(E,E')} : \alpha \in N^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  is a weakly compact resolution (i.e. consisting of weakly compact sets) for *E*, so that  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is quasi-Suslin [3, Proposition 1]. Since every quasi-Suslin Lindelöf space is *K*-analytic, we are done.

Theorem 11 easily applies to provide another proof of the following results from [4, Theorem 4.6].

**Proposition 18.** Let *E* be either a quasi-barrelled (*DF*)-space or an (*LF*)-space. Then the space  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is *K*-analytic. In general, this holds for every quasi-barrelled lcs in class  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

*Proof.* Let *E* be a quasi-barrelled (*DF*)-space and let  $\{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a fundamental sequence of absolutely convex closed bounded sets in  $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$ . Let *F* be the completion of *E* and denote by  $K_n$  the closure of  $B_n$  in *F* for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since *E* is quasi-barrelled, then by [19, Proposition 8.2.27] we have  $F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$  and  $\{K_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a fundamental sequence of bounded sets in the barrelled (*DF*)-space *F* (recall that the completion of a quasi-barrelled space is barrelled). By Theorem 11 the space (*E'*,  $\sigma(E', F)$ ) is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space, hence Lindelöf. On the other hand, (*E'*,  $\sigma(E', E)$ ) is quasi-Suslin by [11]; hence (*E'*,  $\sigma(E', F)$ ) is *K*-analytic. Since  $\sigma(E', E) \leq \sigma(E', F)$ , the space (*E'*,  $\sigma(E', E)$ ) is *K*-analytic.

Let *E* be an (LF)-space, i.e. the inductive limit of a sequence  $(E_n, \xi_n)_n$  of metrizable and complete lcs such that  $\xi_{n+1}|E_n \leq \xi_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let  $(U_k^n)_k$  be a countable basis of absolutely convex neighborhoods of zero in  $E_n$ such that  $U_k^n \subset U_k^{n+1}$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , see [7] or [24]. For each  $\alpha = (j_k) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ set  $A_{\alpha}^n := \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} j_k U_k^n$ . Then  $\{A_{\alpha}^n : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  is a bounded resolution in each  $(E_n, \xi_n)$ . For  $\alpha = (p_1, j_1, j_2, ...) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  set  $B_{\alpha} := A_{(j_1, j_2, ...)}^{p_1}$ . It is easy to see that  $\{B_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  is a bounded resolution in *E*. Since *F* is barrelled and  $(E', \sigma(E', F))$ is quasi-Suslin, see [11, Theorem 4], we apply the same argument as above to show that  $(E', \sigma(E', F))$  is *K*-analytic, which yields the conclusion.

Finally, assume that *E* is a quasi-barrelled lcs in class  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Since the completion *F* of *E* also belongs to class  $\mathfrak{G}$ , the space *F* is a barrelled space in class  $\mathfrak{G}$ . Then  $Y = (E', \sigma(E', F))$  is quasi-Suslin, see again [11, Theorem 4]. Hence, according to Corollary 13 the space *Y* is *K*-analytic, consequently  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is *K*-analytic.

Let us recall that an lcs *E* is called  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled if every weak\* bounded sequence in *E'* is equicontinuous. Each barrelled space is  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled and each metrizable  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled space, as well as each separable  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled space, is

barrelled. There are locally convex spaces *E* equipped with the Mackey topology  $\mu(E, E')$  which are  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled but not barrelled [22].

**Proposition 19.** Let *E* be an  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled space. If *E* has a weak  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope, then *E* is weakly angelic.

*Proof.* If  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  has a Σ-covering with limited envelope, a similar argument to that of the proof of Theorem 11 provides a Lindelöf Σ-space *Z* with  $(E', \sigma(E', E)) \subset Z \subset \mathbb{R}^E$  and a compact-valued upper semi-continuous map  $S : \Delta \to Z$  with  $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\bigcup \{S(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\} = Z$ . Setting again  $\Sigma = \{\alpha \in \Delta : S(\alpha) \cap E' \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $T(\alpha) = S(\alpha) \cap E'$  then clearly  $\bigcup \{T(\alpha) : \alpha \in \Sigma\} = E'$ . We claim that  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a web-compact space. Indeed, if  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in Σ such that  $\alpha_n \to \alpha$  in Σ and  $u_n \in T(\alpha_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\{u_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a bounded set in  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ , so that  $K = \overline{\{u_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}}^{\text{weak}^*}$  is a weak\* compact set in E'. Consequently the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  has a cluster point in  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ . Thus  $Y := (E', \sigma(E', E))$  is web-compact and hence  $C_p(Y)$  is angelic by Theorem 8, which implies that  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is also angelic.

It is known that every *K*-analytic space admits a compact resolution, see [3]. The converse implication fails in general, although some positive results hold, see [15] as a source of several information. The following result provides another fact of this type.

**Corollary 20.** If *E* is an  $\ell^{\infty}$ -barrelled lcs, particularly a barrelled space, the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *E* has a weakly compact resolution.
- 2. E is weakly quasi-Suslin.
- 3. E is weakly K-analytic.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is well known. Assume that *E* is weakly quasi-Suslin. Hence it admits a bounded resolution, hence  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  admits a  $\Sigma$ -covering with limited envelope. By Proposition 19 the space  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  angelic.  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  being both quasi-Suslin and angelic, it is *K*-analytic by virtue of Theorem 9. This shows (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Finally, if *E* is weakly *K*-analytic, then *E* has a weakly compact resolution.

**Remark 21.** Last corollary applies to provide another proof of Khurana's theorem [16], stating that every (WCG) Fréchet space is weakly K-analytic. It suffices to show that *E* admits a weakly compact resolution. If  $\{C_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a sequence of weakly compact sets with  $\overline{\text{span}}(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n) = E$ , define  $K_n = \overline{\text{abx}}(\bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i)$  for  $n \in N$  and note by Krein's theorem that each  $K_n$  is a weakly compact subset of *E*. If  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a decreasing base of absolutely convex neighborhoods of the origin in *E*, setting  $A_{\alpha} := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (\alpha(i) K_{\alpha(i)} + U_i^{00})$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $U^{00}$  stands for the bipolar on *U* in *E''*, then every  $A_{\alpha}$  is bounded in *E* and weak\* closed in *E''*, hence weak\* compact in *E''*. Moreover  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq A_{\beta}$  whenever  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and, due to the fact that *E* is  $\beta(E'', E')$ -closed in *E''* and  $\{U_i^{00} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a base of neighborhoods of the origin in  $(E'', \beta(E'', E'))$ , we can see that  $A_{\alpha} \subseteq E$  for all

 $\alpha \in N^{\mathbb{N}}$ . On the other hand, since  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} nK_n$  is a dense linear subspace of *E*, for  $x \in E$  and  $i \in N$  there is  $y \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} nK_n$  with  $x - y \in U_i$ . So if  $y \in n_iK_{n_i}$  then  $x \in n_iK_{n_i} + U_i$ . Thus  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (n_iK_{n_i} + U_i) \subseteq A_{\gamma}$  with  $\gamma = (n_1, n_2, \ldots)$ , which shows that  $\bigcup \{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}\} = E$ .

A different approach to those used so far allows us to supplement Corollary 13 for bornological spaces. Recall that an lcs *E* is *bornological* if every bounded linear mapping from *E* into any lcs *F* is continuous. Particularly every metrizable lcs is bornological.

**Proposition 22.** *If E is a bornological lcs, then*  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  *is quasi-Suslin if and only if*  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  *is K-analytic.* 

*Proof.* Assume that  $Y := (E', \sigma(E', E))$  is a quasi-Suslin space. Then by [8, Corollary 4] each compact set in  $C_{v}(Y)$  is Talagrand compact. Since  $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$  is linearly embedded into  $C_{v}(Y)$ , it follows that each weakly compact set of E is Talagrand compact as well. If  $\mathcal{K}(E)$  denotes the family of all weakly compact subsets of *E* then the space  $C_{p}(K)$  is *K*-analytic for each  $K \in \mathcal{K}(E)$  equipped with the relative weak topology of *E*. Hence each  $C_{p}(K)$  is Lindelöf and consequently  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$  is realcompact. Note that  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  is realcompact. Indeed, set  $X := (E, \sigma(E, E'))$  and consider the map  $f \mapsto \{f|_{K} : K \in \mathcal{K}(E)\}$  from  $C_{p}(X)$ into  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$ . Observe that this is an isomorphism (into) which embeds Y into  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$ . Indeed, if  $\{y_d : d \in D\}$  is a net in Y (viewed as a subspace of  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$ , that converges to some  $\{h_K : K \in \mathcal{K}(E)\} \in \prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$ , define  $u(x) = h_K(x)$  whenever  $x \in K$ . Given  $P, Q \in \mathcal{K}(E)$  such that  $P \cap Q \neq A$  $\emptyset$ , it follows from the nature of the embedding of Y into  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$  that  $y_{d}|_{P\cap O}(x) \rightarrow h_{P\cap Q}(x), y_{d}|_{P}(x) \rightarrow h_{P}(x) \text{ and } y_{d}|_{Q}(x) \rightarrow h_{Q}(x) \text{ for each } x \in \mathbb{C}$  $P \cap Q$ . This ensures that  $h_P(x) = h_O(x)$  for each  $x \in P \cap Q$ , which means that *u* is well-defined. Furthermore, the fact that  $y_d|_K(x) \to h_K(x) = u(x)$  if  $x \in K$ implies that  $y_d \rightarrow u$  pointwise on E. Clearly u is a linear functional on E. Since  $u|_{K} = h_{K} \in C(K)$ , we can see that *u* is a sequentially continuous linear functional on *E*. Given that *E* is bornological, we get that  $u \in Y$ . This shows that *Y* is (homeomorphic to) a closed subspace of  $\prod_{K \in \mathcal{K}(E)} C_p(K)$ . Hence Y is realcompact. Since *Y* is quasi-Suslin, it is *K*-analytic.

Since every (*LM*)-space is bornological and its weak\* dual is quasi-Suslin, Proposition 22 nicely applies to complement Proposition 18.

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