

# Donaldson's $Q$ -operators for symplectic manifolds

*In memory of Professor LU QiKeng (1927–2015)*

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**Abstract** We prove an estimate for Donaldson's  $Q$ -operator on a prequantized compact symplectic manifold. This estimate is an ingredient in the recent result of Keller and Lejmi (2017) about a symplectic generalization of Donaldson's lower bound for the  $L^2$ -norm of the Hermitian scalar curvature.

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## 1 Introduction

The  $Q$ -operator is an integral operator whose kernel is the square norm of the Bergman kernel of a positive line bundle (see (1.8) and (1.9)). It was introduced by Donaldson [5] in order to find explicit numerical approximations of Kähler-Einstein metrics on projective manifolds, and have attracted much attention recently (see [1, 6, 8–10, 16]).

Using the full asymptotic expansion of the Bergman kernel [2], Liu and Ma [10, Theorem 0.1] verified a statement of Donaldson [5, Subsection 4.2] about the relation of the asymptotics of  $Q_{K_p}$  to the heat kernel. Such statement was needed for the convergence of the approximation procedure in [5]. In [6], Liu and Ma improved the statement to a  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -estimate for  $Q_{K_p}$  on Kähler manifolds, as a crucial step towards the result of [6] about the convergence of the balancing flow to the Calabi flow. This is a parabolic analogue of Donaldson's theorem relating balanced embeddings to metrics with constant scalar curvature [3]. Besides, such results also turn out to be important in Cao and Keller's work [1] on Calabi's problem.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -estimates of the operators  $Q_{K_p}$  to the case of symplectic manifolds. This result, together with [11], plays an important role in the recent work of Keller and Lejmi [8] about a lower bound for the  $L^2$ -norm of the Hermitian scalar curvature. Such a lower bound was obtained in the Kähler case by Donaldson [4]. Our proof is based on the asymptotic expansion of the (generalized) Bergman kernel, which in our case is the kernel of the spectral projection on lower

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lying eigenstates of the normalized Bochner Laplacian. We refer the readers to the monograph [14] (see also [12, 15]) for more information on the Bergman kernel on symplectic manifolds.

Let us describe our result in detail. Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a compact symplectic manifold of real dimension  $2n$ . Let  $(L, h^L)$  be an Hermitian line bundle on  $X$ , and let  $\nabla^L$  be an Hermitian connection on  $(L, h^L)$  with curvature  $R^L = (\nabla^L)^2$ . Let  $(E, h^E)$  be an auxiliary Hermitian vector bundle with Hermitian connection  $\nabla^E$ . We assume throughout the paper that  $(L, h^L)$  satisfies the pre-quantization condition

$$\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} R^L = \omega. \tag{1.1}$$

We choose an almost complex structure  $J$  on  $TX$  (i.e.,  $J \in \text{End}(TX)$  and  $J^2 = -1$ ) such that  $\omega$  is  $J$ -invariant and  $\omega(\cdot, J\cdot) > 0$ . The almost complex structure  $J$  induces a splitting

$$TX \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = T^{(1,0)}X \oplus T^{(0,1)}X,$$

where  $T^{(1,0)}X$  and  $T^{(0,1)}X$  are the eigenbundles of  $J$  corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\sqrt{-1}$  and  $-\sqrt{-1}$ , respectively.

Let  $g^{TX}(\cdot, \cdot) := \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$  be the Riemannian metric on  $TX$  induced by  $\omega$  and  $J$ . The Riemannian volume form  $dv_X$  of  $(X, g^{TX})$  has the form  $dv_X = \omega^n/n!$ . We denote by  $L^p := L^{\otimes p}$  the tensor powers of  $L$  for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and by

$$h^{L^p} := (h^L)^{\otimes p}, \quad h^{L^p \otimes E} = h^{L^p} \otimes h^E,$$

the induced Hermitian metrics on  $L^p$  and  $L^p \otimes E$ , respectively. The  $L^2$ -Hermitian product on the space  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  of smooth sections of  $L^p \otimes E$  on  $X$  is given by

$$\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle = \int_X \langle s_1(x), s_2(x) \rangle_{h^{L^p \otimes E}} dv_X(x). \tag{1.2}$$

Let  $\nabla^{TX}$  be the Levi-Civita connection on  $(X, g^{TX})$ , and let  $\nabla^{L^p \otimes E}$  be the connection on  $L^p \otimes E$  induced by  $\nabla^L$  and  $\nabla^E$ . Let  $\{e_k\}$  be a local orthonormal frame of  $(TX, g^{TX})$ . The Bochner Laplacian acting on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  is given by

$$\Delta^{L^p \otimes E} = - \sum_k [(\nabla_{e_k}^{L^p \otimes E})^2 - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_k}^{TX} e_k}^{L^p \otimes E}]. \tag{1.3}$$

Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(X, \text{End}(E))$  be Hermitian (i.e., self-adjoint with respect to  $h^E$ ). The renormalized Bochner Laplacian is defined by

$$\Delta_{p, \Phi} = \Delta^{L^p \otimes E} - 2\pi n p + \Phi. \tag{1.4}$$

By [7] and [13, Corollary 1.2], there exists  $C_L > 0$  independent of  $p$  such that

$$\text{Spec}(\Delta_{p, \Phi}) \subset [-C_L, C_L] \cup [4\pi p - C_L, +\infty), \tag{1.5}$$

where  $\text{Spec}(A)$  denotes the spectrum of the operator  $A$ . Since  $\Delta_{p, \Phi}$  is an elliptic operator on a compact manifold, it has discrete spectrum and its eigensections are smooth. Let

$$\mathcal{H}_p := \bigoplus_{\lambda \in [-C_L, C_L]} \text{Ker}(\Delta_{p, \Phi} - \lambda) \subset \mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E) \tag{1.6}$$

be the direct sum of eigenspaces of  $\Delta_{p, \Phi}$  corresponding to the eigenvalues lying in  $[-C_L, C_L]$ . In mathematical physics terms, the operator  $\Delta_{p, \Phi}$  is a semiclassical Schrödinger operator and the space  $\mathcal{H}_p$  is the space of its bound states as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . By [14, Theorem 8.3.1],

$$\dim \mathcal{H}_p = \int_X \text{Td}(T^{(1,0)}X) \text{ch}(L^p \otimes E), \tag{1.7}$$

where  $\text{Td}(\cdot)$  and  $\text{ch}(\cdot)$  denote the Todd class and the Chern character of the corresponding complex vector bundle. The formula (1.7) agrees with the Riemann-Roch-Hirzebruch theorem and Kodaira vanishing

theorem in the Kähler case. The space  $\mathcal{H}_p$  proves to be an appropriate replacement for the space of holomorphic sections  $H^0(X, L^p \otimes E)$  from the Kähler case.

Let  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}$  be the orthogonal projection from  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_p$ . The kernel  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')$  of  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}$  with respect to  $dv_X(x')$  is called a generalized Bergman kernel [15]. Note that

$$P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x') \in (L^p \otimes E)_x \otimes (L^p \otimes E)_{x'}^*.$$

Set

$$\text{Vol}(X, dv_X) = \int_X dv_X.$$

Following Donaldson [5, Section 4], we set

$$K_p(x, x') = |P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')|^2, \quad R_p := (\dim \mathcal{H}_p) / \text{Vol}(X, dv_X). \tag{1.8}$$

Let  $K_p$  and  $Q_{K_p}$  be the integral operators associated to  $K_p$  which is defined by for  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(X)$ ,

$$(K_p f)(x) = \int_X K_p(x, y) f(y) dv_X(y), \quad Q_{K_p} = \frac{1}{R_p} K_p f. \tag{1.9}$$

The operator  $Q_{K_p}$  has been studied by Donaldson [5], Liu and Ma [6, Appendix; 10], and Ma and Marinescu [16, Section 6] in the case of Kähler manifolds.

The main result of this paper is as follows. For Kähler manifolds it was obtained by Liu and Ma [6, Appendix; 10].

**Theorem 1.1.** *For any integer  $m \geq 0$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(X)$ ,*

$$\|Q_{K_p}(f) - f\|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq \frac{C}{p} \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}^{m+2}(X)}. \tag{1.10}$$

Moreover, (1.10) is uniform in the following sense. Consider  $Q_{K_p}$  as a function of the parameters  $g^{TX}, h^L, \nabla^L, h^E, \nabla^E$  and  $\Phi$ , i.e.,

$$Q_{K_p} = Q_{K_p}(g^{TX}, h^L, \nabla^L, h^E, \nabla^E, \Phi).$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a subset of the infinite dimensional manifold  $\mathcal{D}$  of all compatible tuples  $g^{TX}, h^L, \nabla^L, h^E, \nabla^E$  and  $\Phi$ . Assume that

(i) the covariant derivatives in the direction  $X$  of order  $\ell \leq 2n + m + 6$  of elements of  $\mathcal{M}$  form a set of tensors on  $X \times \mathcal{M}$  which is bounded in the  $\mathcal{C}^0$ -norm calculated in the direction of  $\mathcal{M}$ ;

(ii) the projection of  $\mathcal{M}$  on the space of Riemannian metrics is bounded below in the  $\mathcal{C}^0$ -norm.

Then there exists  $C = C_m(\mathcal{M})$  such that (1.10) holds for all tuples of parameters from  $\mathcal{M}$ . Moreover, the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norm in (1.10) can be taken on  $X \times \mathcal{M}$ .

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we establish the asymptotic expansion of the generalized Bergman kernel which extends [14, Subsection 8.3]. In Section 3, we prove Theorem 1.1.

## 2 Asymptotic expansion of the generalized Bergman kernel

In this section, we assume that  $g^{TX}$  is an arbitrary  $J$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $X$ . Let  $\Delta^{L^p \otimes E}$  be the Bochner Laplacian acting on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  associated with  $g^{TX}$  and  $\nabla^{L^p \otimes E}$ . Let  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(X, \text{End}(E))$  be Hermitian.

Let  $dv_X$  be the Riemannian volume form on  $(X, g^{TX})$ . Now the Hermitian product on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  is induced by  $h^L, h^E$  and  $dv_X$ .

We identify the two form  $R^L$  with the Hermitian matrix  $\dot{R}^L \in \text{End}(T^{(1,0)}X)$  such that for  $W, Y \in T^{(1,0)}X$ ,

$$R^L(W, \bar{Y}) = \langle \dot{R}^L W, \bar{Y} \rangle. \tag{2.1}$$

Set

$$\tau = \text{Tr} |_{T^{(1,0)}X} \dot{R}^L, \quad \mu_0 = \inf_{u \in T_x^{(1,0)}X, x \in X} R_x^L(u, \bar{u})/|u|_{g^{TX}}^2 > 0. \tag{2.2}$$

Note that if  $g^{TX} = \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$ , then  $\tau = 2\pi n$  and  $\mu_0 = 2\pi$ .

Then the renormalized Bochner Laplacian is defined as

$$\Delta_{p,\Phi} = \Delta^{L^p \otimes E} - \tau p + \Phi. \tag{2.3}$$

By the same references as those in Section 1, there exists  $C_L > 0$  independent of  $p$  such that

$$\text{Spec}(\Delta_{p,\Phi}) \subset [-C_L, C_L] \cup [2\mu_0 p - C_L, +\infty). \tag{2.4}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{H}_p$  in (1.6) is still well-defined and (1.7) holds.

Let  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')$  be the smooth kernel of the orthogonal projection  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}$  from  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X, L^p \otimes E)$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_p$  with respect to  $dv_X(x')$ . In this section, we study the asymptotics of  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $a^X$  be the injectivity radius of  $(X, g^{TX})$ . We fix  $\varepsilon \in (0, a^X/4)$ . Let  $d(x, y)$  denote the Riemannian distance from  $x$  to  $y$  on  $(X, g^{TX})$ . By [14, Proposition 8.3.5] and the argument after [14, Proposition 8.3.5], we get for any  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$|P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X \times X)} \leq Cp^{-l}, \quad \text{if } d(x, x') > \varepsilon p^{-\frac{\theta}{2}}. \tag{2.5}$$

Now we still need to understand the asymptotics of  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')$  for  $d(x, x') \leq \varepsilon p^{-\frac{\theta}{2}}$ .

We recall first the procedure of [15, Subsection 1.2] and [14, Subsection 8.3].

Denote by  $B^X(x, \varepsilon)$  and  $B^{T_x X}(0, \varepsilon)$  the open balls in  $X$  and  $T_x X$  with center  $x$  and radius  $\varepsilon$ , respectively. We identify  $B^{T_x X}(0, \varepsilon)$  with  $B^X(x, \varepsilon)$  by using the exponential map of  $(X, g^{TX})$ .

We fix  $x_0 \in X$ . For  $Z \in B^{T_{x_0} X}(0, \varepsilon)$ , we identify  $L_Z, E_Z$  and  $(L^p \otimes E)_Z$  to  $L_{x_0}, E_{x_0}$  and  $(L^p \otimes E)_{x_0}$  by parallel transport with respect to the connections  $\nabla^L, \nabla^E$  and  $\nabla^{L^p \otimes E}$  along the curve

$$\gamma_Z : [0, 1] \ni u \rightarrow \exp_{x_0}^X(uZ).$$

Then under our identification,  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p}(Z, Z')$  is a function on  $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0} X, |Z|, |Z'| < \varepsilon$ . We denote it by  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p, x_0}(Z, Z')$ . Let  $\pi : TX \times_X TX \rightarrow X$  be the natural projection from the fiberwise product of  $TX$  on  $X$ . Then we can view  $P_{\mathcal{H}_p, x_0}(Z, Z')$  as a smooth function over  $TX \times_X TX$  by identifying a section

$$s \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(TX \times_X TX, \pi^*(\text{End}(E)))$$

with the family  $(s_x)_{x \in X}$ , where  $s_x = s|_{\pi^{-1}(x)}$ .

Let  $\{e_i\}_i$  be an oriented orthonormal basis of  $T_{x_0} X$ , and let  $\{e^i\}_i$  be its dual basis. For  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough, we extend the geometric objects from  $B^{T_{x_0} X}(0, \varepsilon)$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \simeq T_{x_0} X$  where the identification is given by

$$(Z_1, \dots, Z_{2n}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mapsto \sum_i Z_i e_i \in T_{x_0} X, \tag{2.6}$$

such that  $\Delta_{p,\Phi}$  is the restriction of a renormalized Bochner-Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  associated with an Hermitian line bundle with positive curvature. In this way, we replace  $X$  by  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ .

At first, we denote by  $L_0$  and  $E_0$  the trivial bundles with fiber  $L_{x_0}$  and  $E_{x_0}$  on  $X_0 = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . We still denote by  $\nabla^L, \nabla^E$  and  $h^L$ , etc. the connections and metrics on  $L_0$  and  $E_0$  on  $B^{T_{x_0} X}(0, 4\varepsilon)$  induced by the above identification. Then  $h^L$  and  $h^E$  are identified to the constant metrics  $h^{L_0} = h^{L_{x_0}}$  and  $h^{E_0} = h^{E_{x_0}}$ .

Let  $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a smooth even function such that

$$\rho(v) = 1 \quad \text{if } |v| < 2, \quad \rho(v) = 0 \quad \text{if } |v| > 4. \tag{2.7}$$

Let  $\varphi_\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  be the map defined by  $\varphi_\varepsilon(Z) = \rho(|Z|/\varepsilon)Z$ . Then  $\Phi_0 = \Phi \circ \varphi_\varepsilon$  is a smooth function on  $X_0$ . Let  $g^{TX_0}(Z) = g^{TX}(\varphi_\varepsilon(Z))$  be the metric on  $X_0$ . Set  $\nabla^{E_0} = \varphi_\varepsilon^* \nabla^E$ . Then  $\nabla^{E_0}$  is the extension

of  $\nabla^E$  on  $B^{T_{x_0}X}(0, \varepsilon)$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{R} = \sum_i Z_i e_i = Z$  the radial vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . We define the Hermitian connection  $\nabla^{L_0}$  on  $(L^0, h^{L_0})$  by

$$\nabla^{L_0}|_Z = \varphi_\varepsilon^* \nabla^L + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \rho^2(|Z|/\varepsilon))R_{x_0}^L(\mathcal{R}, \cdot). \tag{2.8}$$

Let  $R^{L_0}$  denote the curvature of  $\nabla^{L_0}$  and  $\{e_i\}_i$  be an orthonormal frame of  $(TX_0, g^{TX_0})$ . Let  $J_0$  be an almost complex structure on  $X_0$  compatible with  $g^{TX_0}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi}R^{L_0}$  such that  $J_0 = J$  on  $B^{T_{x_0}X}(0, 2\varepsilon)$  and  $J_0 = J_{x_0}$  outside  $B^{T_{x_0}X}(0, 4\varepsilon)$ . Set (see (2.2))

$$\tau_0 = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2} \sum_i R^{L_0}(e_i, J_0 e_i). \tag{2.9}$$

Let

$$\Delta_{p, \Phi_0}^{X_0} = \Delta^{L_0^p \otimes E_0} - p\tau_0 + \Phi_0$$

be the renormalized Bochner-Laplacian on  $X_0$  associated to the above data as in (1.4). By [15, (1.23)], there exists  $C_{L_0} > 0$  such that

$$\text{Spec}(\Delta_{p, \Phi_0}^{X_0}) \subset [-C_{L_0}, C_{L_0}] \cup [\mu_0 p - C_{L_0}, +\infty). \tag{2.10}$$

Let  $S_L$  be a unit vector of  $L_0$ . Using  $S_L$  and the above discussion, we get an isometry  $L_0^p \simeq \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $P_{0, \mathcal{H}_p}$  be the spectral projection of  $\Delta_{p, \Phi_0}^{X_0}$  from  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X_0, L_0^p \otimes E_0) \simeq \mathcal{C}^\infty(X_0, E_0)$  corresponding to the interval  $[-C_{L_0}, C_{L_0}]$ , and let  $P_{0, \mathcal{H}_p}(x, x')$  be the smooth kernel of  $P_{0, \mathcal{H}_p}$  with respect to the volume form  $dv_{X_0}(x')$ . By [15, Proposition 1.3] (for  $q = 0$  therein), for any  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $C_{l, m} > 0$  such that for  $x, x' \in B^{T_{x_0}X}(0, \varepsilon)$ , we have

$$|(P_{0, \mathcal{H}_p} - P_{\mathcal{H}_p})(x, x')|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X \times X)} \leq C_{l, m} p^{-l}, \tag{2.11}$$

where the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norm is induced by  $\nabla^{TX}, \nabla^L, \nabla^E, h^L, h^E$  and  $g^{TX}$ .

Let  $dv_{TX}$  be the Riemannian volume form on  $(T_{x_0}X, g^{T_{x_0}X})$ . Let  $\kappa(Z)$  be the smooth positive function defined by the equation

$$dv_{X_0}(Z) = \kappa(Z)dv_{TX}(Z), \tag{2.12}$$

with  $\kappa(0) = 1$ . Denote by  $\nabla_U$  the ordinary differentiation operation on  $T_{x_0}X$  in the direction  $U$ . Denote by  $t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$ . For  $s \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, E_0)$  and  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} (S_t s)(Z) &= s(Z/t), \quad \nabla_t = tS_t^{-1} \kappa^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla^{L_0} \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}} S_t, \\ \mathcal{L}_t &= S_t^{-1} \kappa^{\frac{1}{2}} t^2 \Delta_{p, \Phi_0}^{X_0} \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}} S_t. \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

It follows from (2.10) and (2.13) that for  $t$  small enough (see [15, (1.43)]),

$$\text{Spec}(\mathcal{L}_t) \subset [-C_{L_0} t^2, C_{L_0} t^2] \cup \left[ \frac{1}{2} \mu_0, +\infty \right). \tag{2.14}$$

Let  $\delta$  be the counterclockwise oriented circle in  $\mathbb{C}$  of center 0 radius  $\frac{1}{4} \mu_0$ . By (2.14), there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that the resolvent  $(\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-1}$  exists for  $\lambda \in \delta$  and  $t \in (0, t_0]$ .

We denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{0, L^2}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{0, L^2}$  the scalar product and the  $L^2$ -norm on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(X_0, E_0)$  induced by  $g^{TX_0}$  as in (1.2). For  $s \in C^\infty(X_0, E_0)$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} \|s\|_{t, 0}^2 &= \|s\|_0^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |s(Z)|_{h^{E_0}}^2 dv_{TX}(Z), \\ \|s\|_{t, m}^2 &= \sum_{l=1}^m \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_l=1}^{2n} \|\nabla_{t, e_{i_1}} \cdots \nabla_{t, e_{i_l}} s\|_{t, 0}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

We denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  the inner product on  $C^\infty(X_0, E_0)$  corresponding to  $\| \cdot \|_{t,0}$ . Let  $H_t^m$  be the Sobolev space of order  $m$  with norm  $\| \cdot \|_{t,m}$ . Let  $H_t^{-1}$  be the Sobolev space of order  $-1$  and let  $\| \cdot \|_{t,-1}$  be the norm on  $H_t^{-1}$  defined by

$$\|s\|_{t,-1} = \sup_{0 \neq s' \in H_t^1} |\langle s, s' \rangle_{t,0}| / \|s'\|_{t,1}.$$

If  $A \in \mathcal{L}(H^m, H^{m'})$ , then we denote by  $\|A\|_t^{m,m'}$  the norm of  $A$  with respect to the norms  $\| \cdot \|_{t,m}$  and  $\| \cdot \|_{t,m'}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{0,t}$  be the orthogonal projection from  $(\mathcal{C}^\infty(X_0, E_0), \| \cdot \|_0)$  onto the space of the direct sum of eigenspaces of  $\mathcal{L}_t$  corresponding to the eigenvalues lying in  $[-C_{L_0}t^2, C_{L_0}t^2]$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_{0,t}(Z, Z') = \mathcal{P}_{0,t,x_0}(Z, Z')$  (with  $Z, Z' \in X_0$ ) be the smooth kernel of  $\mathcal{P}_{0,t}$  with respect to  $dv_{TX}(Z')$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{C}^m(X)$  the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norm for the parameter  $x_0 \in X$ . By [14, (4.2.9)], we have the following extension of [15, Theorem 1.10] (for  $q = 0$ ).

**Claim.** For any  $r, m', m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \in (0, t_0]$  and  $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0}X$ ,

$$\sup_{|\alpha|+|\alpha'| \leq m'} \left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|+|\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^\alpha \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \mathcal{P}_{0,t}(Z, Z') \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq C(1 + |Z| + |Z'|)^{M_{r,m',m}} \tag{2.16}$$

with

$$M_{r,m',m} = 2n + 2 + 2r + m' + 2m. \tag{2.17}$$

We will sketch the proof of the claim. The readers are referred to [2], [14, Chapter 4] and [15, Section 1] for more details. In fact, by (2.14), for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  (see [15, (1.55)]),

$$\mathcal{P}_{0,t} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_\delta \lambda^{k-1} (\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k} d\lambda. \tag{2.18}$$

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{Q}^m$  be the set of operators  $\{\nabla_{t,e_{i_1}} \cdots \nabla_{t,e_{i_j}}\}_{j \leq m}$ . By [15, (1.58)],

$$\|Q\mathcal{P}_{0,t}Q'\|_t^{0,0} \leq C_m, \quad \text{for } Q, Q' \in \mathcal{Q}^m. \tag{2.19}$$

Let  $\| \cdot \|_m$  be the usual Sobolev norm on  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, E_0)$  induced by  $h^{E_0}$  and the volume form  $dv_{TX}(Z)$ . By [14, (4.2.9)], there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $s \in C^\infty(X_0, E_0)$  with  $\text{supp}(s) \subset B^{T_{x_0}X}(0, q)$ ,  $m \geq 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{C}(1 + q)^{-m} \|s\|_{t,m} \leq \|s\|_m \leq C(1 + q)^m \|s\|_{t,m}. \tag{2.20}$$

Now (2.19) and (2.20) together with Sobolev inequalities imply that for  $Q, Q' \in \mathcal{Q}^m$ ,

$$\sup_{|Z|, |Z'| \leq q} |Q_Z Q'_{Z'} \mathcal{P}_{0,t}(Z, Z')| \leq C(1 + q)^{2n+2}. \tag{2.21}$$

Combining [15, (1.35)] and (2.21) yields (2.16) for  $r = m' = 0$ . To obtain (2.16) for  $r \geq 1$  and  $m' = 0$ , note that by (2.18),

$$\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \mathcal{P}_{0,t} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_\delta \lambda^{k-1} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} (\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k} d\lambda. \tag{2.22}$$

For  $k, r \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , let

$$I_{k,r} = \left\{ (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = (k_i, r_i) \mid \sum_{i=0}^j k_i = k + j, \sum_{i=1}^j r_i = r, k_i + r_i \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}. \tag{2.23}$$

Then there exist  $a_r^k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$A_r^k(\lambda, t) = (\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k_0} \frac{\partial^{r_1} \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial t^{r_1}} (\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k_1} \cdots \frac{\partial^{r_j} \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial t^{r_j}} (\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k_j},$$

$$\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r}(\lambda - \mathcal{L}_t)^{-k} = \sum_{(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \in I_{k,r}} a_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{k}} A_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{k}}(\lambda, t). \tag{2.24}$$

We can now carry on nearly word by word the corresponding part of the proof of [15, Theorem 1.10] to finish the proof of (2.16). We finish the proof of the claim.

Set (see [14, (4.1.65)])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_r &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}r!} \int_{\delta} \lambda^{k-1} \sum_{(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \in I_{k,r}} a_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{k}} A_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{k}}(\lambda, 0) d\lambda, \\ \mathcal{F}_{r,t} &= \frac{1}{r!} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \mathcal{P}_{0,t} - \mathcal{F}_r. \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_r(Z, Z')$  ( $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0}X$ ) be the smooth kernel of  $\mathcal{F}$  with respect to  $dv_{TX}(Z')$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_r(Z, Z') \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(TX \times_X TX, \pi^* \text{End}(E))$ . By the proof of (2.16), we observe that  $\mathcal{F}_r$  verifies the similar inequalities to (2.16), i.e., to replace the factor  $\frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \mathcal{P}_{0,r}$  in (2.16) by  $\mathcal{F}_r$ . Using this observation, (2.16) and (2.25), we obtain the extension of [15, Theorem 1.12]. There exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \in (0, t_0]$  and  $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0}X$ ,

$$|\mathcal{F}_{r,t}(Z, Z')| \leq Ct^{1/(2n+1)}(1 + |Z| + |Z'|)^{2n+2}. \tag{2.26}$$

By (2.25) and (2.26), we have (see [15, (1.78)])

$$\frac{1}{r!} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial t^r} \mathcal{P}_{0,t} \Big|_{t=0} = \mathcal{F}_r. \tag{2.27}$$

By (2.16), (2.27) and the Taylor expansion

$$G(t) - \sum_{r=0}^k \frac{1}{r!} \frac{\partial^r G}{\partial t^r}(0)t^r = \frac{1}{k!} \int_0^t (t-s)^k \frac{\partial^{k+1} G}{\partial s^{k+1}}(s) ds, \tag{2.28}$$

we obtain the extension of [15, Theorem 1.13]. For any  $k, m, m' \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \in (0, t_0]$ ,  $Z, Z' \in T_{x_0}X$  and for  $|\alpha| + |\alpha'| \leq m'$ ,

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|+|\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^\alpha \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \left( \mathcal{P}_{0,t} - \sum_{r=0}^k \mathcal{F}_r t^r \right) (Z, Z') \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq Ct^{k+1} (1 + |Z| + |Z'|)^{M_{k+1, m', m}}. \tag{2.29}$$

By (2.12) and (2.13), for  $Z, Z' \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  (see [15, (1.112)]),

$$P_{0, \mathcal{H}_p}(Z, Z') = t^{-2n} \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z) \mathcal{P}_{0,t}(Z/t, Z'/t) \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z'). \tag{2.30}$$

Combining (2.11), (2.29) and (2.30), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|+|\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^\alpha \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \left( \frac{1}{p^n} P_{\mathcal{H}_p, x_0}(Z, Z') - \sum_{r=0}^k \mathcal{F}_r(\sqrt{p}Z, \sqrt{p}Z') \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z) \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z') p^{-\frac{r}{2}} \right) \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \\ & \leq Cp^{-\frac{k-m'+1}{2}} (1 + \sqrt{p}|Z| + \sqrt{p}|Z'|)^{M_{k+1, m', m}}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.31}$$

Now we fix  $k_0, m'$  and  $m$ . Take

$$k = k_0 + m' + 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = 1/(2M_{k+1, m', m}). \tag{2.32}$$

Then for  $|\alpha| + |\alpha'| \leq m'$  and  $|Z|, |Z'| < p^{-\frac{1}{2} + \theta}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|+|\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^\alpha \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \left( \frac{1}{p^n} P_{\mathcal{H}_p, x_0}(Z, Z') - \sum_{r=0}^k \mathcal{F}_r(\sqrt{p}Z, \sqrt{p}Z') \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z) \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z') p^{-\frac{r}{2}} \right) \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \\ & \leq Cp^{-\frac{k_0}{2} - 1}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

To sum up, we have finished the proof of the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** For any  $k_0, m', m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $|\alpha| + |\alpha'| \leq m'$  and  $|Z|, |Z'| < p^{-\frac{1}{2} + \theta}$  with

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2(2n + 8 + 2k_0 + 3m' + 2m)}, \tag{2.34}$$

we have

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha| + |\alpha'|}}{\partial Z^\alpha \partial Z'^{\alpha'}} \left( \frac{1}{p^n} P_{\mathcal{H}_{p,x_0}}(Z, Z') - \sum_{r=0}^k \mathcal{F}_r(\sqrt{p}Z, \sqrt{p}Z') \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z) \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}(Z') p^{-\frac{r}{2}} \right) \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq Cp^{-\frac{k_0}{2} - 1}, \tag{2.35}$$

where  $k = k_0 + m' + 2$ .

We choose  $\{w_j\}_{j=1}^n$  an orthonormal basis of  $T_{x_0}^{(1,0)}X$  such that

$$\dot{R}_{x_0}^L = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \text{End}(T_{x_0}^{(1,0)}X). \tag{2.36}$$

Then  $e_{2j-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(w_j + \bar{w}_j)$  and  $e_{2j} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\sqrt{2}}(w_j - \bar{w}_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , form an orthonormal basis of  $T_{x_0}X$ . We use the coordinates on  $T_{x_0}X \simeq \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  induced by  $\{e_i\}$  as in (2.6) and in what follows we also introduce the complex coordinates  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n \simeq \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Set

$$\mathcal{P}(Z, Z') = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j}{2\pi} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j (|z_j|^2 + |z'_j|^2 - 2z_j \bar{z}'_j) \right]. \tag{2.37}$$

By [15, Theorem 1.18], there exist  $J_r(Z, Z')$  polynomials in  $Z$  and  $Z'$  with the same parity as  $r$  and degree  $\leq 3r$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_r(Z, Z') = J_r(Z, Z') \mathcal{P}(Z, Z'), \quad J_0(Z, Z') = 1. \tag{2.38}$$

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Now  $g^{TX}(\cdot, \cdot) := \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$ , thus  $a_j = 2\pi$  in (2.37).

Recall that the classical heat kernel on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is  $e^{-u\Delta}(Z, Z') = (4\pi u)^{-n} e^{-\frac{1}{4u}|Z-Z'|^2}$ . Then

$$|\mathcal{P}(Z, Z')|^2 = e^{-\pi|Z-Z'|^2} = e^{-\frac{\Delta}{4\pi}}(Z, Z'). \tag{3.1}$$

Note that  $|P_{\mathcal{H}_{p,x_0}}(Z, Z')|^2 = P_{\mathcal{H}_{p,x_0}}(Z, Z') \overline{P_{\mathcal{H}_{p,x_0}}(Z, Z')}$ . By (1.8), (2.35), (2.38) and (3.1), there exist polynomials  $J'_r(Z, Z')$  in  $Z$  and  $Z'$  such that for  $|Z|, |Z'| < p^{-\frac{1}{2} + \theta}$  with  $\theta$  in (2.34),

$$\left| \frac{1}{p^{2n}} K_{p,x_0}(Z, Z') - \left( 1 + \sum_{r=1}^k p^{-\frac{r}{2}} J'_r(\sqrt{p}Z, \sqrt{p}Z') \right) e^{-\pi p|Z-Z'|^2} \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq Cp^{-\frac{k_0}{2} - 1}, \tag{3.2}$$

with

$$J'_1(0, Z') = (J_1 + \bar{J}_1)(0, Z'). \tag{3.3}$$

For a function  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(X)$ , we denote by  $f_{x_0}(Z)$  the function  $f$  in normal coordinates  $Z$  around a point  $x_0 \in X$ . We have thus a family  $(f_{x_0})$  of functions indexed by the parameter  $x_0 \in X$ . Combining (1.8), (2.5) with  $\theta$  in (2.34), and (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{p^n} K_p f - p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon p^{-\theta/2}} \left( 1 + \sum_{r=1}^k p^{-\frac{r}{2}} J'_r(0, \sqrt{p}Z') \right) e^{-\pi p|Z'|^2} f_{x_0}(Z') dv_X(Z') \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \\ & \leq Cp^{-\frac{k_0}{2} - 1} |f|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

By using Taylor expansion of  $f_{x_0}(Z')$  at 0, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon p^{-\theta/2}} J'_r(0, \sqrt{p}Z') e^{-\pi p|Z'|^2} f_{x_0}(Z') dv_X(Z') \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq C |f|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)}, \\ & \left| p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon p^{-\theta/2}} e^{-\pi p|Z'|^2} f_{x_0}(Z') dv_X(Z') - f(x_0) \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{\mathcal{C}^{m+2}(X)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Finally, by [15, Theorem 1.18] and [15, (1.97), (1.98) and (1.111)], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Z' \in \mathbb{C}^n} \overline{J_1}(0, Z') |\mathcal{P}|^2(0, Z') dZ' \\ &= \int_{Z' \in \mathbb{C}^n} \mathcal{P}(0, Z') J_1(Z', 0) \mathcal{P}(Z', 0) dZ' \\ &= (\mathcal{P} J_1 \mathcal{P})(0, 0) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Combining Taylor expansion of  $f_{x_0}(Z')$  at 0, and (3.6) yields

$$\left| p^n \int_{|Z'| \leq \varepsilon p^{-\theta/2}} p^{-1/2} J'_1(0, \sqrt{p}Z') e^{-\pi p|Z'|^2} f_{x_0}(Z') dv_X(Z') \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{\mathcal{C}^{m+2}(X)}. \tag{3.7}$$

Combining (3.4) for  $k_0 = 0$ , (3.5) and (3.7) yields

$$\left| \frac{1}{p^n} K_p f - f \right|_{\mathcal{C}^m(X)} \leq \frac{C}{p} |f|_{\mathcal{C}^{m+2}(X)}. \tag{3.8}$$

Then the desired  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -estimate (1.10) follows from (1.9) and (3.8). The proof of the uniformity assertion from Theorem 1.1 is modeled on [14, Subsection 4.1.7] and [15, Subsection 1.5]. First, we notice that in the proof of (2.16), we only use the derivatives of the coefficients of  $\mathcal{L}_t$  with order  $\leq 2n + m + m' + r + 2$ . Thus, by (2.28), the constants in (2.16) and (2.26) ((2.29) and (2.31), respectively) are bounded, if with respect to a fixed metric  $g_0^{TX}$ , the  $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+m'+r+3}$  ( $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+m'+k+4}$ , respectively)-norms on  $X$  of the data  $g^{TX}, h^L, \nabla^L, h^E, \nabla^E$  and  $\Phi$  are bounded and  $g^{TX}$  is bounded below. Note  $k = k_0 + m' + 2$  in (2.35). Then the constants in (2.35) ((3.2), (3.4) and (3.8), respectively) are bounded if with respect to a fixed metric  $g_0^{TX}$ , the  $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+2m'+k_0+6}$  ( $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+k_0+6}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+k_0+6}$  and  $\mathcal{C}^{2n+m+6}$ , respectively)-norm on  $X$  of the data  $g^{TX}, h^L, \nabla^L, h^E, \nabla^E$  and  $\Phi$  are bounded and  $g^{TX}$  is bounded below. Moreover, taking derivatives with respect to the parameters we obtain a similar equation to (2.22) (see [15, (1.65)]). Thus the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norm in (3.8) can also include the parameters of the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norm if the  $\mathcal{C}^m$ -norms (with respect to the parameter  $x_0 \in X$ ) of derivatives of the above data with order  $\leq 2n + 6$  are bounded. Thus we can take  $C$  in (1.10) independent of  $g^{TX}$ . The proof of Theorem 1.1 is completed.

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