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# ON $L^p$ RESOLVENT ESTIMATES FOR ELLIPTIC OPERATORS ON COMPACT MANIFOLDS

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**ABSTRACT.** We prove uniform  $L^p$  estimates for resolvents of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators on compact manifolds without boundary, generalizing a corresponding result of [3] in the case of Laplace–Beltrami operators on Riemannian manifolds. In doing so, we follow the methods, developed in [1] very closely. We also show that spectral regions in our  $L^p$  resolvent estimates are optimal.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The purpose of this paper is to extend the result of [3], see also [1], for the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_g$  on a compact Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  without boundary of dimension  $n \geq 3$ , to the case of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators, and specifically to show how the methods of [1] apply in this context.

In [3] it was established that given  $\delta > 0$  small, there exists a constant  $C = C(\delta) > 0$  such that for all  $u \in C^\infty(M)$  and all  $\zeta \in \mathcal{R}_\delta$ , the following  $L^p$  resolvent bound holds,

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(M)} \leq C \|(-\Delta_g - \zeta)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+2}}(M)}, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_\delta = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : (\operatorname{Im} \zeta)^2 \geq 4\delta^2(\operatorname{Re} \zeta + \delta^2)\}.$$

Notice that  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  is the exterior of a parabolic region, containing the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$ , see Figure 1. We observe that the bound (1.1) cannot hold if  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  intersects the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$ , as the latter is discrete. The interesting question, posed in [3] and subsequently studied in [1], is how close  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  can come to the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$  near infinity, while still having the uniform estimate (1.1).

Thanks to the work [1], we know that the region  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  is in general the maximal possible for the uniform estimate (1.1) to hold. Indeed, in [1] it is shown that the region cannot be improved when  $M$  is the standard sphere, or more generally, a Zoll manifold, due to a cluster structure of the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$  on such manifolds, [17]. As explained in [1], any sharpening in the spectral region is related to improvements in estimates for the remainder term in the sharp Weyl law for  $-\Delta_g$ , which measures how uniformly its spectrum is distributed. Consequently,

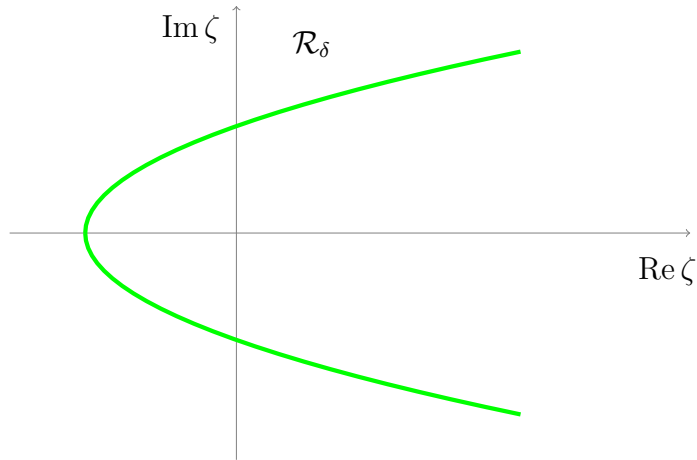


FIGURE 1. Spectral region  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  in the uniform resolvent bound (1.1).

improvements in the spectral region  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  are available for manifolds of nonpositive curvature and in the case of the torus with a flat metric, see [1], and also [13].

The corresponding uniform  $L^p$  resolvent estimates for the standard Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , were obtained in [9]. Here in contrast to the case of a compact manifold, the estimates are valid for all values of the complex spectral parameter  $\zeta$ . In [5] the results of [9] were generalized to the case of non-trapping asymptotically conic manifolds.

To formulate our results let us begin by fixing some notation. Let  $M$  be a compact connected  $C^\infty$  manifold without boundary of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , equipped with a strictly positive  $C^\infty$  volume density  $d\mu$ . Let  $P$  be a differential operator on  $M$  of order  $m \geq 1$  with  $C^\infty$  coefficients. We assume that  $P$  is elliptic and formally self-adjoint with respect to  $d\mu$ ,

$$\int_M P u \bar{v} d\mu = \int_M u \overline{P v} d\mu, \quad u, v \in C^\infty(M).$$

Let  $p(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(T^*M)$  be the principal symbol of  $P$ , which is a real-valued homogeneous polynomial in  $\xi$  of degree  $m$ . Since  $p(x, \xi) \neq 0$  for  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $T^*M \setminus \{0\}$  is connected, without loss of generality we shall assume, as we may, that  $p(x, \xi) > 0$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ . The order  $m$  of the operator  $P$  is therefore even.

If we equip the operator  $P$  with the domain  $C^\infty(M)$ ,  $P$  becomes an unbounded symmetric essentially self-adjoint operator on  $L^2(M)$ , i.e.  $P$  has a unique self-adjoint extension, which we shall denote again by  $P$ . The domain of the self-adjoint extension is  $\mathcal{D}(P) = H^m(M)$ , the standard Sobolev space on  $M$ .

An application of Gårding's inequality implies that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $P \geq -CI$  in the sense of self-adjoint operators. Thus, after replacing  $P$  by  $P + CI$ , we assume, as we may, that  $P \geq 0$ .

The spectrum of  $P$  is discrete, consisting only of real eigenvalues, where each eigenvalue is isolated and of finite multiplicity. Let  $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$  be the eigenvalues of  $P$  repeated according to their multiplicity, and let  $e_1, e_2, \dots \in L^2(M)$  be the corresponding orthonormal basis of eigenfunctions.

Seeking to generalize (1.1), our goal is to find a region  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , for which there holds a uniform  $L^p$  bound of the form,

$$\|u\|_{L^q(M)} \leq C_{\mathcal{R}} \|(P - \zeta)u\|_{L^p(M)}, \quad u \in C^\infty(M), \quad \zeta \in \mathcal{R}, \quad (1.2)$$

for suitable  $p$  and  $q$ . Motivated by the classical Sobolev inequalities, we shall be interested in the estimate (1.2) for pairs  $(p, q)$  belonging to the Sobolev line

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{m}{n}, \quad (1.3)$$

assuming that  $p < n/m$ . Following [1, 3], we shall also require the pairs  $(p, q)$  to be on the duality line,

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \quad (1.4)$$

The restrictions (1.3) and (1.4) imply that

$$p = \frac{2n}{n+m}, \quad q = \frac{2n}{n-m}, \quad n > m.$$

It is clear that the estimate (1.2) can only hold away from the spectrum of  $P$ . Similarly to the case of  $-\Delta_g$ , when establishing the estimate (1.2), we shall in fact be concerned with the case of  $\zeta$  away from all of  $[0, \infty)$ . Given  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , it will then be convenient to write  $\zeta = z^m$  with  $z \in \Xi$ , where

$$\Xi = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m)\}.$$

This is due to that fact that the map

$$f = f_m : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty), \quad z \mapsto z^m,$$

is a conformal isomorphism. This map extends continuously to  $f : \bar{\Xi} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $f(\partial\Xi) = [0, \infty)$ .

Notice that the region  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  in the uniform bound (1.1) satisfies

$$\mathcal{R}_\delta = f_2(\Xi_\delta), \quad \Xi_\delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z \geq \delta\},$$

By analogy with this, it is natural to try to establish the estimate (1.2) for  $\zeta = z^m$ , where

$$z \in \Xi_\delta = \{z \in \Xi : \text{dist}(z, \partial\Xi) \geq \delta\},$$

with  $\delta > 0$  small but fixed. We have

$$\Xi_\delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m), \text{Im } z \geq \delta, -\text{Im}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \geq \delta\}.$$

Associated with the principal symbol  $p(x, \xi)$  of the operator  $P$  is the cosphere

$$\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : p(x, \xi) = 1\}, \quad x \in M.$$

We may notice that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is a  $C^\infty$  compact connected hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , see the discussion before Lemma 2.9 below. The cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is called strictly convex if the second fundamental form is definite at each point of  $\Sigma_x$ . This is equivalent to the fact that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Sigma_x$  is non-vanishing.

The following theorem is the main result of this paper, which is a generalization of the uniform estimate (1.1), obtained in [3], to the case of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Assume that  $n > m \geq 2$  and that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is strictly convex. Then given  $\delta > 0$  small, there is a constant  $C = C(\delta) > 0$  such that for all  $u \in C^\infty(M)$  and all  $z \in \Xi_\delta$ , the following estimate holds*

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|(P - z^m)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \quad (1.5)$$

In the case of an elliptic operator  $P$  of order  $m \geq 4$ , letting  $\mathcal{R}_\delta = f(\Xi_\delta)$ , a straightforward computation show that for  $R > 0$  sufficiently large, we have

$$\mathcal{R}_\delta \cap \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| \geq R\} = (\mathcal{R}_\delta^+ \cup \mathcal{R}_\delta^-) \cap \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| \geq R\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_\delta^+ &:= \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} \zeta \geq (\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-1}{m}} m\delta + \mathcal{O}((\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-3}{m}}), \operatorname{Re} \zeta \geq 0\} \\ &\cup \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} \zeta \leq -(\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-1}{m}} m\delta - \mathcal{O}((\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-3}{m}}), \operatorname{Re} \zeta \geq 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_\delta^- := \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \zeta \leq 0\}.$$

Thus, for  $|\zeta|$  sufficiently large, similarly to the case of  $-\Delta_g$ , the region  $\mathcal{R}_\delta$  is the exterior of a parabolic neighborhood of the spectrum of the operator  $P$ , see Figure 2.

As an example of an operator  $P$  to which Theorem 1.1 applies, one can consider  $P = (-\Delta_g)^k$ ,  $2k < n$ , where  $-\Delta_g$  is the Laplace–Beltrami operator on a compact Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ .

Our proof of Theorem 1.1 relies on the approach, developed in [1]. The main ingredients here are the spectral cluster estimates, obtained in [15] in the case of the Laplace–Beltrami operator on a compact Riemannian manifold, and in [11] in the case of higher order elliptic operators, the method of stationary phase, as well as the Hörmander–Lax parametrix for the operator  $e^{it\sqrt{P}}$  for small times.

Let us remark that the strict convexity of the cospheres  $\Sigma_x$  in Theorem 1.1 guarantees that the Fourier transform of the surface measure on  $\Sigma_x$  has essentially the same decay at infinity, as that of the surface measure on the sphere, thanks to the method of stationary phase, see [14, Theorem 1.2.1, p. 50]. This assumption also plays a crucial role in the derivation of the spectral cluster estimates for higher order elliptic operators in [11].

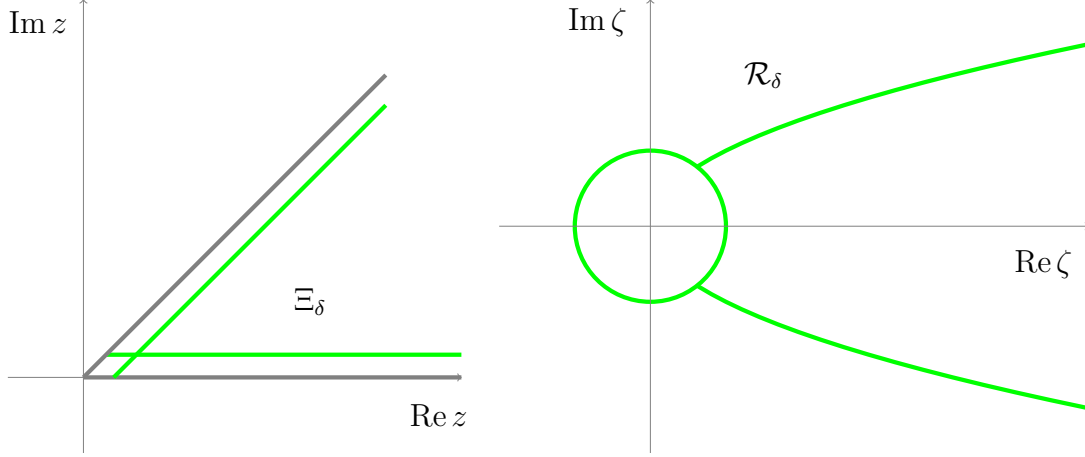


FIGURE 2. The spectral regions  $\Xi_\delta$  and  $\mathcal{R}_\delta = f(\Xi_\delta)$  in the uniform estimate (1.5).

We may also notice that the a priori estimate (1.5) implies that the  $L^2$  resolvent of  $P$ ,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$ ,  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , is a bounded operator:  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ , see Proposition 2.10 below.

Our next result shows that the region  $\Xi_\delta$  in (1.5) is in general optimal for higher order elliptic operators, since it cannot be improved for an operator whose principal symbol has a periodic Hamilton flow. This is due to the fact that the spectrum of such an operator is distributed in a non-uniform fashion, displaying a cluster structure, see [2] and [17].

**Theorem 1.2.** *Assume that  $n > m \geq 2$  and that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is strictly convex. Assume furthermore that the subprincipal symbol of the operator  $P$  vanishes, and that the Hamilton flow of the principal symbol  $p$  is periodic, with a common minimal period on  $p^{-1}(1)$ . Then there exist*

(i) *a sequence  $z_k \in \Xi$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} z_k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 < \operatorname{Im} z_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and*

$$\|(P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty,$$

and

(ii) *a sequence  $z_k \in \Xi$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(z_k e^{-2\pi i/m}) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 < -\operatorname{Im}(z_k e^{-2\pi i/m}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and*

$$\|(P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

As an example of the operator  $P$  in Theorem 1.2 we can take  $P = (-\Delta_g)^k$ ,  $2k < n$ , on a Zoll manifold  $M$ , similarly to the case when  $k = 1$  in [1]. To prove Theorem 1.2 we shall also use the methods of [1].

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1 while Section 3 contains the proof of Theorem 1.2.

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

**2.1. Formula for the resolvent  $(P - z^m)^{-1}$  based on a half wave group for  $P^{1/m}$ .** We shall denote by  $\Psi_{\text{cl}}^\mu(M)$  the space of classical pseudodifferential operators of order  $\mu$  on  $M$ . Let  $Q = P^{1/m}$  be defined by the spectral theorem. According to Seeley's theorem, see [14, Theorem 3.3.1], we have  $Q \in \Psi_{\text{cl}}^1(M)$  with the principal symbol  $q = p^{1/m}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathcal{D}(Q) = H^1(M)$ , and the eigenvalues of  $Q$  are  $\mu_j = \lambda_j^{1/m}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$

Letting  $z \in \Xi$  and following [1], let us derive a natural formula for the  $L^2$  resolvent  $(P - z^m)^{-1}$ . To that end, we write  $(P - z^m)^{-1} = m_z(Q)$ , where the multiplier  $m_z(Q)$  is given by  $m_z(\tau) = (\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}$ . Using the inverse Fourier transform, we get

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{m}_z(t) e^{it\tau} dt, \quad \widehat{m}_z(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau.$$

We shall need the following result.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $z \in \Xi$ . Then for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau = \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m + i|t|\tau_k}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\tau_k = ze^{2\pi ki/m}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ . Here  $\text{Im } \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ .

*Proof.* To show (2.1) we shall use the residue calculus. To that end writing  $z = |z|e^{i\varphi}$ ,  $0 < \varphi < 2\pi/m$ , we obtain that the poles of the rational function  $\mathbb{C} \ni \tau \mapsto (\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}$  are given by

$$\tau_k = |z|e^{i(m\varphi + 2\pi k)/m} = ze^{2\pi ki/m}, \quad k = 0, \dots, m-1.$$

Notice that the poles are simple, none of them are on the real line, the poles  $\tau_k$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, m/2 - 1$ , are in the upper half plane, and the poles  $\tau_k$ ,  $k = m/2, \dots, m-1$ , are in the lower half plane.

We have  $|e^{-it\tau}| = e^{t\text{Im}\tau}$ . Let first  $t \leq 0$ . Deforming the contour of integration in the upper half plane, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau &= 2\pi i \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \text{Res} \left( \frac{e^{-it\tau}}{\tau^m - z^m}; \tau_k \right) = 2\pi i \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \frac{e^{-it\tau_k}}{m\tau_k^{m-1}} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m - it\tau_k}, \quad t \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let now  $t > 0$ . Then by deforming the contour of integration in the lower half plane, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau &= -2\pi i \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} \operatorname{Res} \left( \frac{e^{-it\tau}}{\tau^m - z^m}; \tau_k \right) = -2\pi i \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} \frac{e^{-it\tau_k}}{m\tau_k^{m-1}} \\ &= -\frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} e^{2\pi ki/m - it\tau_k} = -\frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{\pi i} e^{2\pi ki/m - it\tau_{m/2+k}} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m + it\tau_k}, \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.1) follows. The proof of Lemma 2.1 is complete.  $\square$

Let  $z \in \Xi$ . Then by (2.1), we obtain that

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i|t|\tau_k + it\tau} dt.$$

Therefore, we have the following formula for the resolvent of  $P$ ,

$$(P - z^m)^{-1} = m_z(Q) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{itQ} dt. \quad (2.2)$$

Here  $\tau_k = ze^{2\pi ki/m}$  and  $\operatorname{Im} \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ .

**2.2. Consequences of the spectral projection estimates.** Assume that, for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x, \xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Consider the  $k$ 'th spectral cluster of the operator  $Q$ ,

$$\{\mu_j \in \operatorname{spec}(Q) : \mu_j \in [k-1, k)\},$$

and denote by  $\chi_k$  the spectral projection operator on the space, generated by the eigenfunctions, corresponding to the  $k$ th spectral cluster,

$$\chi_k f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1, k)} E_j f, \quad f \in C^\infty(M).$$

Here  $E_j : L^2(M) \rightarrow L^2(M)$  is the orthogonal projection onto the space, spanned by  $e_j$ , i.e.

$$E_j f(x) = \left( \int_M f(y) \overline{e_j(y)} d\mu(y) \right) e_j(x).$$

It was shown in [11], see also [14, Theorem 5.1.1], that for  $p \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , we have

$$\|\chi_k\|_{L^2(M) \rightarrow L^p(M)} \leq Ck^{\sigma(p)}, \quad \sigma(p) = n \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) - \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.3)$$



where  $C > 0$  is a constant, and the dual estimate,

$$\|\chi_k\|_{L^{p'}(M) \rightarrow L^2(M)} \leq Ck^{\sigma(p)}, \quad p' = \frac{p}{p-1}. \quad (2.4)$$

Similarly to [1, Lemma 2.3], we have the following consequence of the spectral clusters estimates (2.3) and (2.4).

**Lemma 2.2.** *Assume that, for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x, \xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Let  $\alpha \in C([0, \infty), \mathbb{C})$  and define the operators  $\alpha_k(Q)$  as follows,*

$$\alpha_k(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1, k]} \alpha(\mu_j) E_j f, \quad f \in C^\infty(M),$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then if  $p \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , we get

$$\|\alpha_k(Q)f\|_{L^p(M)} \leq Ck^{2\sigma(p)} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [k-1, k]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(M)}, \quad \sigma(p) = n \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) - \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $C > 0$  is a constant independent of the function  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* First notice that  $\alpha_k(Q) = \chi_k \circ \alpha_k(Q)$ . Let  $p \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ . Then using the spectral clusters estimates (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_k(Q)f\|_{L^p(M)} &\leq Ck^{\sigma(p)} \|\alpha_k(Q)f\|_{L^2(M)} \\ &= Ck^{\sigma(p)} \left( \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1, k]} |\alpha(\mu_j)|^2 \|E_j f\|_{L^2(M)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq Ck^{\sigma(p)} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [k-1, k]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \left( \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1, k]} \|E_j f\|_{L^2(M)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= Ck^{\sigma(p)} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [k-1, k]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \|\chi_k f\|_{L^2(M)} \\ &\leq Ck^{2\sigma(p)} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [k-1, k]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.3.** *Assume that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x, \xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Let  $\alpha \in C([0, \infty), \mathbb{C})$  be such that*

$$A = \sup_{\tau \in [0, \infty)} (1 + \tau^m) |\alpha(\tau)| < \infty. \quad (2.6)$$

Then we have

$$\|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq CA \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\alpha(Q)$  is the operator defined by

$$\alpha(Q)f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha(\mu_j) E_j f, \quad f \in C^\infty(M),$$

and  $C > 0$  is a constant independent of the function  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* To establish (2.7), we shall follow [1, Lemma 2.3], see also [9], and use the one dimensional Littlewood–Paley theory. To that end, let

$$\chi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in [1/2, 1), \\ 0, & t \notin [1/2, 1), \end{cases}$$

be the characteristic function of the interval  $[1/2, 1)$ . Setting  $\chi_j(\tau) = \chi(2^{-j}\tau)$ , we obtain the dyadic partition of unity in  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\chi_0(\tau) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \chi_j(\tau) = 1$ , where  $\chi_0(\tau) = 1$  when  $\tau \in [0, 1)$ , and  $\chi_0(\tau) = 0$  otherwise.

Define  $\alpha_j(\tau) = \alpha(\tau)\chi_j(\tau)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ . Assume that we have proved that

$$\|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq S \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (2.8)$$

with some constant  $S > 0$ . By the Littlewood–Paley theorem and Minkowski's inequality, we conclude from (2.8) that

$$\|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C_{q,p} S \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (2.9)$$

where  $C_{q,p} > 0$  depends on  $q$  and  $p$  only, see [9] and [10]. Let us present these arguments for the convenience of the reader. We shall write  $p = \frac{2n}{n+m}$  and  $q = \frac{2n}{n-m}$ . Then  $1 < p < 2 < q$ . As  $q > 1$ , by Littlewood–Paley theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^q(M)} &\leq C_q \left\| \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_j(Q)f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^q(M)} \\ &= C_q \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_j(Q)f|^2 \right\|_{L^{q/2}(M)}^{1/2} := I_1. \end{aligned}$$

As  $q/2 \geq 1$ , we may write from Minkowski's inequality that

$$I_1 \leq C_q \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^{q/2}(M)}^2 \right)^{1/2} = C_q \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^q(M)}^2 \right)^{1/2} := I_2.$$

As  $\chi_j = \chi_j^2$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , it follows from (2.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq C_q S \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\chi_j(Q)f\|_{L^p(M)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= C_q S \left( \left\| \left\{ \int_M |\chi_j(Q)f(x)|^p d\mu(x) \right\} \right\|_{l^{2/p}} \right)^{1/p} := I_3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\{a_j\}\|_{l^{2/p}}$  denotes the  $l^{2/p}$ -norm of the sequence  $\{a_j\}$ . Since  $2/p > 1$ , by Minkowski's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &\leq C_q S \left( \int_M \|\{|\chi_j(Q)f|^p\}\|_{l^{2/p}} d\mu \right)^{1/p} = C_q S \left\| \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\chi_j(Q)f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p(M)} \\ &\leq C_q C_p S \|f\|_{L^p(M)}, \end{aligned}$$

which shows (2.9).

Thus, we are left with proving (2.8). Let  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ . For  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j(Q)f &= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j(\mu_l) E_l f = \sum_{\mu_l \in [2^{j-1}, 2^j]} \alpha_j(\mu_l) E_l f \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 2^{j-1}} \sum_{\mu_l \in [2^{j-1+r-1}, 2^{j-1+r}]} \alpha_j(\mu_l) E_l f = \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 1} \alpha_{j, 2^{j-1+r}}(Q)f, \end{aligned}$$

where the truncated operator  $\alpha_{j,k}(Q)$  is given by

$$\alpha_{j,k}(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_l \in [k-1, k]} \alpha_j(\mu_l) E_l f.$$

Since  $\frac{2n}{n-m} \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , by (2.5) and the fact that  $\sigma(2n/(n-m)) = (m-1)/2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 1} \|\alpha_{j, 2^{j-1+r}}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \\ &\leq C \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 1} (2^{j-1} + r)^{m-1} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [2^{j-1+r-1}, 2^{j-1+r}]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now using (2.6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq CA \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 1} (2^{j-1} + r)^{m-1} \frac{1}{(2^{j-1} + r - 1)^m} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \\ &\leq CA \sum_{r=1}^{2^j - 1} \frac{(2^{j-1} 2)^{m-1}}{(2^{j-1})^m} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \leq CA \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . We also have

$$\alpha_0(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_l \in [0, 1]} \alpha(\mu_l) E_l f,$$

and therefore, it follows from (2.5) that

$$\|\alpha_0(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \left( \sup_{\tau \in [0, 1]} |\alpha(\tau)| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \leq CA \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \tag{2.11}$$

We obtain (2.8) as a consequence of (2.10) and (2.11). The proof of Lemma 2.3 is complete.  $\square$

**2.3. Derivation of the resolvent estimate with bounded  $|z|$ .** Let us first prove the resolvent estimate (1.5) for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta$  when  $|z|$  is bounded by a fixed constant, i.e.  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . To that end, consider the multiplier

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m}, \quad \tau \in [0, \infty).$$

First notice that  $\tau^m - z^m \neq 0$  for all  $\tau \geq 0$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m)$ . Then by continuity of  $|\tau^m - z^m|$  on a compact set, we have that for any  $A, D, \delta > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $|\tau^m - z^m| \geq 1/C$  for  $\tau \in [0, A]$  and  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . For  $\tau$  large and  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ , we have  $|\tau^m - z^m| \sim \tau^m$ , and therefore, we conclude that

$$|m_z(\tau)| \leq C_{\delta, D}(1 + \tau^m)^{-1}$$

uniformly in  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . By appealing to Lemma 2.3, we obtain the resolvent estimate (1.5) for  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ .

**Remark 2.4.** Notice that applying Lemma 2.3, we can immediately obtain the (non-uniform) estimate

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C_\zeta \|(P - \zeta)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$

for all  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$  and  $u \in C^\infty(M)$ .

**2.4. Uniform bounds for a local term in the case of unbounded  $|z|$ .** Let  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ . Here it will be convenient to use the representation (2.2) for the multiplier  $m_z(Q)$ . To define the localized version of  $m_z(Q)$ , we fix a function  $\rho \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying

$$\rho(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| \leq \varepsilon/2, \\ 0, & |t| \geq \varepsilon, \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

where  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  will be specified later. In view of (2.2), the localized version of  $m_z(Q)$  is given by

$$m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)f = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{itQ} f dt, \quad f \in C^\infty(M). \quad (2.13)$$

Here  $\tau_k = ze^{2\pi ki/m}$  and  $\text{Im } \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ .

To prove the resolvent estimate (1.5) for  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , let us first establish this estimate for  $m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)$ , i.e.

$$\|m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \quad (2.14)$$

When doing so we shall use a dyadic partition of the  $t$ -interval in the definition (2.13) of  $m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)$ . To that end let  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $\text{supp}(\psi) \subset [-2, 2]$ ,  $\psi = 1$  on  $[-1, 1]$ , and  $\psi$  is even. Define  $\beta(t) = \psi(t) - \psi(2t)$ . Thus,

$$\beta(t) = 0, \quad |t| \notin [1/2, 2],$$

and

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}t) = 1, \quad t \neq 0.$$

It will be convenient to write,

$$\tilde{\rho}(t) = 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}t) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}).$$

Notice that  $\tilde{\rho}(t) = 0$  when  $|t| \geq 1$ .

For a given  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , we define the multipliers

$$S_{z,j}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t) \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.15)$$

and

$$\tilde{S}_z(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{\rho}(|z|t) \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt. \quad (2.16)$$

We have

$$S_{z,j} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad 2^{-j}|z| \leq 1. \quad (2.17)$$

Indeed, if  $|t| \leq \varepsilon$ , then  $2^{-j}|z||t| < 1/2$  and therefore,  $\beta(2^{-j}|z|t) = 0$ .

The bound (2.14) follows once we show that there is a uniform constant  $C$  so that for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , we have

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C 2^j \frac{2n-m-nm}{2n} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (2.18)$$

and

$$\|\tilde{S}_z(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \quad (2.19)$$

Let us start with establishing the estimate (2.19). When doing so, we shall follow [12] and obtain the following result.

**Lemma 2.5.** *The multiplier  $\tilde{S}_z$  belongs to the symbol class  $S^{-m}(\mathbb{R})$  uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ , i.e.*

$$|d_\tau^j \tilde{S}_z(\tau)| \leq C_j (1 + |\tau|)^{-m-j}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.20)$$

with the constants  $C_j$  independent of  $z$ .

*Proof.* Recall first that  $\tilde{\rho}(|z|t) = 0$  when  $|t| \geq 1/|z|$ . Furthermore, as  $\text{Im } \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ , we conclude that  $|e^{it|\tau_k}| \leq 1$ .

Let  $|\tau| \leq 1$ . Then for  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have

$$|d_\tau^j \tilde{S}_z(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{-1/|z|}^{1/|z|} |t|^j dt \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m+j}} \leq C,$$

uniformly in  $z$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ , which shows the estimate (2.20) in the case  $|\tau| \leq 1$ .

Assume now that  $|\tau| > 1$ . Let us first prove the estimate (2.20) for  $j = 0$ . To that end we shall integrate by parts  $m$  times in the expression (2.16) for  $\tilde{S}_z$ .

Let us first explain that all boundary terms vanish when we integrate by parts  $m - 1$  times in (2.16). Indeed, integrating by parts once in (2.16), we obtain the following boundary terms,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{i\tau m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} \left( \tilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t) e^{-it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} \Big|_{t=-\infty}^{t=0} + \tilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t) e^{it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=+\infty} \right) \\ = \frac{i}{i\tau m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (1 - 1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the fact that  $\tilde{\rho}$  and  $\rho$  are compactly supported, and  $\tilde{\rho}(0) = \rho(0) = 1$ .

Furthermore, since all the derivatives of  $\tilde{\rho}$  and  $\rho$  vanish at the origin, when integrating by parts  $m$  times in (2.16), the only possible contribution to the boundary terms may be written in the form  $\sum_{l=1}^m B_l$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} B_l &= \frac{i}{(i\tau)^l m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (-1)^{l-1} \left( \tilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t) (-i\tau_k)^{l-1} e^{-it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} \Big|_{t=-\infty}^{t=0} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \tilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t) (i\tau_k)^{l-1} e^{it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=+\infty} \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{(i\tau)^l m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (-1)^{l-1} ((-i\tau_k)^{l-1} - (i\tau_k)^{l-1}). \end{aligned}$$

When  $l$  is odd, it is clear that  $B_l = 0$ . Recall now that  $m$  is even. When  $l$  is even and  $l \neq m$ , we also have  $B_l = 0$  due to the fact that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (\tau_k)^{l-1} = z^{l-1} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} (e^{2\pi l i/m})^k = z^{l-1} \frac{1 - e^{\pi l i}}{1 - e^{2\pi l i/m}} = 0.$$

Here we have used that  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$  and the fact that  $e^{2\pi l i/m} \neq 1$  when  $2 \leq l \leq m - 2$ . Hence, when integrating by parts  $m$  times in (2.16), the only possible

contribution to the boundary terms is of the form,

$$B_m = \frac{2}{\tau^m m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (\tau_k)^{m-1} = \frac{2}{\tau^m m} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i} = \frac{1}{\tau^m}. \quad (2.21)$$

Let us explain how to estimate the integrals arising after having integrated by parts  $m$  times in (2.16). The worst case scenario occurs when no derivatives fall on  $\rho(t)$ , and the corresponding contribution can be estimated by a constant times

$$\left| \frac{1}{\tau^m} \int_{-1/|z|}^0 |z|^{l_1} (d_t^{l_1} \tilde{\rho})(|z|t) \rho(t) (-i\tau_k)^{l_2} e^{-it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt \right| \leq C \frac{|z|^{m-1}}{|\tau|^m}. \quad (2.22)$$

Here  $l_1 + l_2 = m$ . Then it follows from (2.16), (2.22) and (2.21) that

$$|\tilde{S}_z(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|\tau|^m},$$

which shows (2.20) for  $j = 0$  in the case  $|\tau| > 1$ .

To establish (2.20) for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  in the case  $|\tau| > 1$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} d_\tau^j \tilde{S}_z(\tau) &= \frac{i}{m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} \left( \int_{-\infty}^0 \tilde{\rho}(|z|t) \rho(t) e^{-it\tau_k} (it)^j e^{it\tau} dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{+\infty} \tilde{\rho}(|z|t) \rho(t) e^{it\tau_k} (it)^j e^{it\tau} dt \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

and integrate by parts  $(m+j)$  times in (2.23). Due to the appearance of the terms  $t^j$  in the integrands in (2.23), no boundary terms arise when integrating by parts the first  $j$  times. Integrating by parts further, the contributions to the boundary terms that one has to consider would be similar to those in the case  $j = 0$ , and therefore, we need only to discuss the integrals obtained after an integration by parts  $m + j$  times in (2.23). The worst case scenario here occurs when no derivatives fall on  $\rho(t)$ , and the corresponding contribution to the integrals can be bounded by a constant times

$$\left| \frac{1}{\tau^{m+j}} \int_{-1/|z|}^0 |z|^{l_1} (d_t^{l_1} \tilde{\rho})(|z|t) \rho(t) (-i\tau_k)^{l_2} e^{-it\tau_k} t^{j-l_3} e^{it\tau} dt \right| \leq C |z|^{m-1} \frac{1}{|\tau|^{m+j}}.$$

Here  $l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = m + j$ ,  $0 \leq l_3 \leq j$ . Together with (2.23) this implies (2.20). The proof is complete.  $\square$

Combing Lemma 2.5 with the fact that  $Q \in \Psi_{\text{cl}}^1(M)$  is elliptic and self-adjoint, we conclude from [14, Theorem 4.3.1] that  $\tilde{S}_z(Q)$  is a pseudodifferential operator of order  $-m$ , with the symbol seminorms uniformly bounded in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ .

Let  $\tilde{S}_z(Q)(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}'(M \times M)$  be the Schwartz kernel of the operator  $\tilde{S}_z(Q)$ . Then  $\tilde{S}_z(Q)(x, y)$  is  $C^\infty$  away from the diagonal  $\{(x, x) : x \in M\}$ . By [16, Proposition

1, p. 241], since  $n - m > 0$ , we have near the diagonal, in local coordinates,

$$|\tilde{S}_z(Q)(x, y)| \leq C|x - y|^{m-n},$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ . An application of the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality gives the estimate (2.19).

Let us now prove the estimate (2.18). By the Riesz–Thorin interpolation theorem, (2.18) follows, if we show that there is a constant  $C = C(\delta)$  so that for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , we have

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^2(M)} \leq C|z|^{-m}2^j\|f\|_{L^2(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (2.24)$$

and

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^\infty(M)} \leq C|z|^{n-m}2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j}\|f\|_{L^1(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots \quad (2.25)$$

Here the interpolation parameter  $\theta = \frac{n-m}{n}$ , and

$$(|z|^{-m}2^j)^\theta(|z|^{n-m}2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j})^{1-\theta} = 2^{j\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}}.$$

When proving the estimate (2.24), we use the identity  $\|e^{itQ}f\|_{L^2(M)} = \|f\|_{L^2(M)}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the fact that  $\beta(2^{-j}|z|t) = 0$  when  $|t| \notin [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]$ , and Minkowski's inequality, to get

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^2(M)} \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{|t| \in [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]} \|e^{itQ}f\|_{L^2(M)} dt \leq \frac{C}{|z|^m} 2^j \|f\|_{L^2(M)},$$

uniformly in  $z$ , which shows (2.24).

Now we are left with proving (2.25). Let us denote by  $K_{z,j}(x, y)$  the Schwartz kernel of the operator  $S_{z,j}(Q)$ . The estimate (2.25) is implied by the estimate

$$|K_{z,j}(x, y)| \leq C|z|^{n-m}2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j}, \quad x, y \in M, \quad (2.26)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , uniformly in  $z$ . By (2.15), we have

$$K_{z,j}(x, y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t)\rho(t)e^{it\tau_k}e^{itQ}(x, y)dt, \quad (2.27)$$

where  $e^{itQ}(x, y)$  is the Schwartz kernel of the half-wave operator  $e^{itQ}$ . To proceed, we shall make use of the Hörmander–Lax parametrix for the the half-wave operator  $e^{itQ}$ , see [6], [14, Theorem 4.1.2].

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $Q \in \Psi_{\text{cl}}^1(M)$  be elliptic and self-adjoint with respect to a positive  $C^\infty$  density  $d\mu$ , and  $q(x, \xi)$  be the principal symbol of  $Q$ . Then there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  small, depending on  $M$  and  $Q$ , so that if  $|t| < \varepsilon$ ,*

$$e^{itQ} = G(t) + R(t),$$

where the remainder  $R(t)$  has the kernel  $R(t, x, y) \in C^\infty([-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times M)$ , and the kernel  $G(t, x, y)$  is supported in a small neighborhood of the diagonal in  $M \times M$ , for  $|t| < \varepsilon$ . Furthermore, suppose that local coordinates are chosen in a patch



$\Omega \subset M$  so that  $d\mu$  agrees with the Lebesgue measure in the corresponding open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\omega \subset \Omega$  is relatively compact,  $G(t, x, y)$  has the form,

$$G(t, x, y) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\varphi(x, y, \xi) + tq(y, \xi)]} g(t, x, y, \xi) d\xi$$

when  $(t, x, y) \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times \omega$ . Here  $g \in S_{1,0}^0$ , i.e.

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_t^{\beta_1} \partial_x^{\beta_2} \partial_y^{\beta_3} g(t, x, y, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3} (1 + |\xi|)^{-|\alpha|},$$

for all multi-indices  $\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ , and  $g$  is supported in a small neighborhood of the diagonal in  $\omega \times \omega$ , and  $\varphi$  is a real function which is homogeneous of degree one in  $\xi$ ,  $C^\infty$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ , and satisfies

$$\varphi(x, y, \xi) = \langle x - y, \xi \rangle + \mathcal{O}_{S^1}(|x - y|^2 |\xi|), \quad (2.28)$$

i.e.

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha (\varphi(x, y, \xi) - \langle x - y, \xi \rangle)| \leq C_\alpha |x - y|^2 |\xi|^{1-|\alpha|},$$

for all multi-indices  $\alpha$ .

In what follows, we shall make the choice of  $\varepsilon$  in the definition (2.12) of the function  $\rho(t)$  so that Lemma 2.6 is applicable.

We assume that  $2^{-j}|z| > 1$ , as otherwise  $S_{z,j} = 0$ , cf. (2.17). Let us write

$$K_{z,j}(x, y) = K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) + K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x, y),$$

where

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t) \rho(t) e^{it|\tau_k} G(t, x, y) dt,$$

$$K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x, y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t) \rho(t) e^{it|\tau_k} R(t, x, y) dt.$$

Since  $R(t, x, y) \in C^\infty([-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times M)$ , we have

$$|K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \left| \int_{|t| \in [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]} dt \right| \leq \frac{2^j C}{|z|^m}. \quad (2.29)$$

As  $2^{-j}|z| > 1$ , the estimate (2.29) is better than the desired bound (2.26) for  $K_{z,j}$ .

Let us now estimate  $K_{z,j}^{(1)}$ . Setting

$$r = \frac{2^j}{|z|}, \quad \frac{1}{|z|} \leq r < 1,$$

and assuming that the local coordinates are chosen as in Lemma 2.6, we write

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t/r) \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{i[\varphi(x,y,\xi) + tq(y,\xi)]} g(t, x, y, \xi) dt d\xi, \quad (2.30)$$

for  $(x, y) \in M \times \omega$ . We would like to replace  $\varphi$  by the Euclidean phase function  $\varphi_0 = \langle x - y, \xi \rangle$ . In doing so, we shall follow [11] and notice that both  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_0$  parametrize the trivial Lagrangian manifold  $\{(x, \xi, x, \xi)\}$ . This is due to the fact that when  $(x, y)$  is in a neighborhood of the diagonal, we have  $\varphi'_\xi = 0$  precisely when  $x = y$ , and then  $\varphi'_x = -\varphi'_y = \xi$ . Following [11], we can use the following result of [7, Theorem 3.1.6].

**Lemma 2.7.** *Suppose that  $\varphi$  is as in Lemma 2.6, i.e.  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.28). Then, for  $(x, y)$  close to the diagonal, there is a  $C^\infty$  for  $\xi \neq 0$  homogeneous of degree one change of coordinates*

$$\eta = \kappa_{x,y}(\xi)$$

so that

$$\varphi(x, y, \kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta)) = \langle x - y, \eta \rangle.$$

The transformation  $\kappa_{x,y}$  depends smoothly on the parameters  $x, y$ , and in addition,

$$\kappa_{x,y} = \text{Identity}, \quad \text{when } x = y. \quad (2.31)$$

Lemma 2.7 implies that (2.30) can be rewritten as

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t/r) \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{i[\langle x-y, \eta \rangle + t\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)]} \tilde{g}(t, x, y, \eta) dt d\eta, \quad (2.32)$$

where

$$\tilde{g}(t, x, y, \eta) = g(t, x, y, \kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta)) \left| \frac{D(\kappa_{x,y}^{-1})(\eta)}{D\eta} \right|,$$

with  $\frac{D(\kappa_{x,y}^{-1})(\eta)}{D\eta}$  being the Jacobian of the transformation  $\kappa_{x,y}^{-1}$ , has the same properties as  $g$ , in particular  $\tilde{g} \in S_{1,0}^0$ . Also,

$$\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = q(y, \kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta))$$

depends smoothly on  $x, y$ . Furthermore, since strict convexity is preserved under diffeomorphisms that are sufficiently close to the identity in the  $C^\infty$  sense, the surface

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_{x,y} = \{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = 1\}$$

is strictly convex.

Making the change of variables  $t \mapsto t/r$  in (2.32), we get

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) = \frac{ir}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t) \rho(rt) e^{ir|t|\tau_k} e^{i(x-y, \eta)} e^{itr\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)} \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta) dt d\eta. \quad (2.33)$$

As  $q$  and  $\kappa_{x,y}$  are homogeneous of degree one, we have

$$r\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = q(x, y, r\kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta)) = \tilde{q}(x, y, r\eta).$$

Making further change of variables  $\eta \mapsto r\eta$  in (2.33), we obtain that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y) = \frac{ir^{1-n}}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t) \rho(rt) e^{ir|t|\tau_k} e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle} e^{it\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)} \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) dt d\eta. \quad (2.34)$$

As  $\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$  is not smooth at  $\eta = 0$ , it will be convenient to write

$$J_1(x, y, t, r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)]} \chi(\eta) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) d\eta,$$

$$J_2(x, y, t, r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)]} (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) d\eta,$$

where  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\chi = 1$  when  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . Here  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$  and  $0 < r \leq 1$ .

As  $\tilde{g} \in S_{1,0}^0$ , we see that

$$|J_1(x, y, t, r)| \leq C, \quad (2.35)$$

for all  $x, y \in \omega$ ,  $|x - y|$  small enough, uniformly in  $r$ .

Let us now estimate the absolute value of the oscillatory integral  $J_2(x, y, t, r)$  when  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$ . To that end, consider

$$\nabla_\eta \left[ \left\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \right\rangle + t\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) \right], \quad |t| \in [1/2, 2].$$

As  $\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$  is homogeneous of degree one in  $\eta$ , by the Euler homogeneity relation, we have

$$\eta \cdot \nabla_\eta \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta).$$

This and the ellipticity of  $\tilde{q}$  imply that  $\nabla_\eta \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) \neq 0$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus, there is a constant  $A > 1/2$  such that  $|\nabla_\eta \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \geq A^{-1}$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , and therefore, by the fact that  $\nabla_\eta \tilde{q}$  is homogeneous of degree zero, we conclude that

$$|\nabla_\eta \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \geq A^{-1} \quad \text{for all } \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

On the other hand, since  $\nabla_\eta \tilde{q} \in S_{1,0}^0$ , for  $|\eta| \geq 1$ , we have

$$|\nabla_\eta \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \leq A.$$

Hence, for  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$ , if  $x, y$  are such that

$$\frac{|x - y|}{r} \notin [A^{-1}/4, 4A], \quad (2.36)$$

then

$$|\nabla_\eta[\langle \frac{x - y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)]| \geq A^{-1}/2. \quad (2.37)$$

Assume first that (2.36) holds. Then we shall integrate by parts in the oscillatory integral  $J_2$ , see [7, Lemma 1.2.1]. To that end, setting

$$\psi(t, x, y, \eta) = \langle \frac{x - y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta),$$

we consider the operator

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \partial_{\eta_j}, \quad a_j = \frac{\partial_{\eta_j} \psi}{i|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2}.$$

We have  $L^N(e^{i\psi(\eta)}) = e^{i\psi(\eta)}$  for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the transpose  $L'$  of  $L$  is given by

$$L' = - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \partial_{\eta_j} - \operatorname{div} a, \quad a = (a_1, \dots, a_n). \quad (2.38)$$

Hence, we get

$$J_2(x, y, t, r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\psi(\eta)} (L')^N ((1 - \chi(\eta))\tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r)) d\eta.$$

We observe that

$$(1 - \chi(\eta))\tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) \in S_{1,0}^0 \quad (2.39)$$

uniformly in  $0 < r \leq 1$ . This follows from the facts that when  $|\eta| \geq 1$ ,

$$|\partial_\eta^\alpha \partial_t^{\beta_1} \partial_x^{\beta_2} \partial_y^{\beta_3} \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r)| \leq \frac{r^{\beta_1}}{r^{|\alpha|}} C_{\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3} (1 + |\eta|/r)^{-|\alpha|} \leq C_{\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3} (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\alpha|},$$

for all  $\beta_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and all  $\alpha, \beta_2, \beta_3 \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , and

$$|\partial_\eta^\alpha \chi(\eta)| \leq C_{\alpha, N} (1 + |\eta|)^{-N},$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$  and all  $N > 0$ .

Let us now show that

$$a_j(\eta) \in S_{1,0}^0, \quad |\eta| \geq 1, \quad (2.40)$$

uniformly in  $r, x, y$  and  $t$  satisfying (2.36). Indeed, first using (2.37), we have

$$|a_j(\eta)| = \frac{|\partial_{\eta_j} \psi|}{|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2} \leq 2A. \quad (2.41)$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$  be such that  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ . Then by Leibniz formula, we get

$$\partial_\eta^\alpha a_j(\eta) = \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} c_{\beta,\gamma} \partial_\eta^\beta (\partial_{\eta_j} \psi) \partial_\eta^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2} \right), \quad (2.42)$$

with constants  $c_{\beta,\gamma}$ . Here

$$\partial_{\eta_j} \psi = \frac{x_j - y_j}{r} + t \partial_{\eta_j} \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta),$$

and hence, for  $|\beta| \geq 1$ , we have

$$|\partial_\eta^\beta (\partial_{\eta_j} \psi)| \leq C_\beta (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\beta|}, \quad (2.43)$$

uniformly in  $r$ . To estimate the absolute value of  $\partial_\eta^\gamma (1/|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2)$  for  $|\gamma| \geq 1$ , we shall use the Faà di Bruno formula, see [18, p. 94],

$$\partial_\eta^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{1}{b} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq |\gamma| \\ |\gamma| = |\gamma^1| + \dots + |\gamma^k| \\ |\gamma^j| \geq 1}} C_{\gamma^1, \dots, \gamma^k} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\partial_\eta^{\gamma^j} b}{b}. \quad (2.44)$$

For  $|\gamma^j| \geq 1$ , using Leibniz formula and (2.43), we have

$$|\partial_\eta^{\gamma^j} (|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2)| \leq C_{\gamma^j} |\nabla_\eta \psi| (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\gamma^j|}.$$

Therefore, (2.44) implies that for  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,

$$\left| \partial_\eta^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2} \right) \right| \leq C_\gamma \frac{1}{|\nabla_\eta \psi|^2} (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\gamma|} \quad (2.45)$$

uniformly in  $r$ . We conclude from (2.42) with the help of (2.43) and (2.45) that for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ ,

$$|\partial_\eta^\alpha a_j(\eta)| \leq C_\alpha (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\alpha|}, \quad (2.46)$$

uniformly in  $r$ . Hence, (2.40) follows from (2.41) and (2.46).

Using (2.46), we obtain that

$$\operatorname{div} a \in S_{1,0}^{-1}, \quad |\eta| \geq 1, \quad (2.47)$$

uniformly in  $r$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $t$  satisfying (2.36). Thus, it follows from (2.38) with the help of (2.40), (2.47) and (2.39) that

$$(L')^N ((1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r)) \in S_{1,0}^{-N}$$

uniformly in  $r$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $t$  satisfying (2.36).

Hence, choosing  $N$  sufficiently large, we conclude that

$$|J_2(x, y, t, r)| \leq C. \quad (2.48)$$

Therefore, it follows from (2.34), (2.35) and (2.48) that

$$|K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y)| \leq C \frac{r^{1-n}}{|z|^{m-1}} = 2^{j(1-n)} |z|^{n-m}, \quad (2.49)$$

when  $x, y$  are such that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \notin [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$ . The estimate (2.49) is better than the desired estimate (2.26).

Assume now that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \in [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$  and let us estimate the absolute value of  $K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x, y)$  in this case. As above, we only need to estimate the absolute value of

$$\begin{aligned} K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x, y) &= \frac{ir^{1-n}}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t) \rho(rt) e^{ir|t|\tau_k} \\ &\quad e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle} e^{it\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)} (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) dt d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is such that  $\chi = 1$  when  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . Using (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x, y) &= \frac{r^{1-n}}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{it(-r\tau + \tilde{q}(x,y,\eta))}}{\tau^m - z^m} d\tau \\ &\quad \beta(t) \rho(rt) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle} (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) d\eta dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.50)$$

Making the change of variables  $\tau \mapsto -r\tau + \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$ , we obtain that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x, y) = \frac{r^{-n}}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{\left(\frac{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta) - \tau}{r}\right)^m - z^m} d\eta d\tau, \quad (2.51)$$

where

$$h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{it\tau} \beta(t) \rho(rt) (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) dt \quad (2.52)$$

is the inverse Fourier transform of the compactly supported smooth function  $t \mapsto \beta(t) \rho(rt) (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r)$ .

We have

$$|\partial_\eta^\gamma h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta)| \leq C_{N,\gamma} (1 + |\tau|)^{-N} (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\gamma|}, \quad (2.53)$$

uniformly in  $r$ , for all  $N > 0$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ . This can be seen by using (2.39) in the case  $|\tau| \leq 1$ , and by integrating by parts  $N$  times in (2.52) and using (2.39) in the case  $|\tau| \geq 1$ .

We write

$$\left(\frac{\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) - \tau}{r}\right)^m - z^m = \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} \left(\frac{\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) - \tau}{r} - ze^{2\pi ki/m}\right),$$

and using a partial fraction decomposition, we get

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)-\tau}{r}\right)^m - z^m} = \frac{r}{z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{A_k}{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta) - \tau - rze^{2\pi ki/m}},$$

where

$$A_k = \left( \prod_{\substack{l=0 \\ l \neq k}}^{m-1} (e^{2\pi ki/m} - e^{2\pi li/m}) \right)^{-1}.$$

Thus, it follows from (2.51) that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y) = \frac{r^{1-n}}{(2\pi)^n z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} A_k \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta) - (\tau + rze^{2\pi ki/m})} d\eta d\tau. \quad (2.54)$$

Recalling that  $\arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m)$ , we see that  $\tau + rze^{2\pi ki/m}$  avoids the real axis, for  $k = 0, \dots, m-1$ . To proceed further, we shall need the following result, similar to [1, Proposition 2.4].

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $h \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  satisfy the Mihlin-type condition,*

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha h(\xi)| \leq H_\alpha |\xi|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n. \quad (2.55)$$

*Let  $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  be homogeneous of degree one. Assume that  $a(\xi) > 0$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and that the cosphere  $\Sigma = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : a(\xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , and all  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , we have*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi) e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \leq C(|x|^{1-n} + (|w|/|x|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}). \quad (2.56)$$

*Proof.* First notice that since  $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  is homogeneous of degree one, we have

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha a(\xi)| \leq A_\alpha |\xi|^{1-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$

Let  $b \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  be such that

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha b(\xi)| \leq B_\alpha |\xi|^{-1-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$

Then it follows from [16, p. 245] that the Fourier transform of  $b(\xi)$  satisfies

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} b(\xi) e^{-i\langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \leq C|x|^{1-n}, \quad x \neq 0. \quad (2.57)$$

Assume first that  $w$  is outside of a small but fixed conic neighborhood of the positive real axis  $[0, \infty)$ , i.e.  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  for some  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed,

and  $|w| = 1$ . Let us establish that

$$b_w(\xi) = \frac{h(\xi)}{a(\xi) - w} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}),$$

satisfies

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha b_w(\xi)| \leq B_\alpha |\xi|^{-1-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n, \quad (2.58)$$

uniformly in  $w$ .

To that end, let us show that

$$|a(\xi) - w| \geq \frac{1}{C_\theta} (|\xi| + 1), \quad (2.59)$$

with a constant  $C_\theta > 0$  uniformly in  $w$ . When doing so, we notice there is a constant  $\delta > 0$  such that  $a(\xi) \geq \delta|\xi|$ , and then (2.59) follows for all  $|\xi|$  large enough. It remains to consider the case when  $|\xi|$  is bounded. Then if  $\arg w \in [\theta, \pi - \theta] \cup [\pi + \theta, 2\pi - \theta]$ , we get

$$|a(\xi) - w| \geq |\operatorname{Im}(w)| \geq \frac{1}{C_\theta}.$$

If  $\arg w \in (\pi - \theta, \pi + \theta)$ , we write  $\arg w = \pi + \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ . Then  $w = -1 - \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ , and therefore,

$$|a(\xi) - w| = |a(\xi) + 1 + \mathcal{O}(\theta)| \geq \frac{1}{2},$$

for  $\theta$  small enough. The bound (2.59) follows.

By the Leibniz formula we write

$$\partial_\xi^\alpha (b_w(\xi)) = \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_{\beta,\gamma} \partial_\xi^\beta (h(\xi)) \partial_\xi^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{a(\xi) - w} \right), \quad (2.60)$$

with constants  $C_{\beta,\gamma}$ . It follows from the Faà di Bruno formula (2.44) and (2.59) that for  $|\gamma| \geq 0$ ,

$$\left| \partial_\xi^\gamma \left( \frac{1}{a(\xi) - w} \right) \right| \leq C_{\gamma,\theta} |\xi|^{-1-|\gamma|}, \quad \xi \neq 0, \quad (2.61)$$

uniformly in  $w$ . Hence, we conclude from (2.60), with the help of (2.55) and (2.61), that (2.58) holds.

Thus, applying (2.57) for  $b_w$ , we obtain that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi) e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \leq C |x|^{1-n}, \quad x \neq 0, \quad (2.62)$$

uniformly in  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| = 1$ .



Assume now that  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| \neq 1$ . Letting  $\tilde{w} = w/|w|$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi = \frac{1}{|w|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi/|w|) - \tilde{w}} d\xi = |w|^{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(|w|\xi)e^{i\langle |w|x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - \tilde{w}} d\xi.$$

Since the dilate  $h(|w|\xi)$  of  $h(\xi)$  satisfies exactly the same bounds as in (2.55), as above, we obtain the uniform estimate (2.62), for all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed.

Assume now that  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| = 1$ . Then  $w = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ , and therefore,

$$|a(\xi) - w| = |a(\xi) - 1 - \mathcal{O}(\theta)| \geq \frac{1}{C},$$

for  $\xi \notin a^{-1}([1/2, 2])$ , uniformly in  $w$ . Hence, letting  $0 \leq \chi \in C_0^\infty((0, \infty))$  be such that  $\chi(t) = 1$  when  $t \in [1/2, 2]$  and  $\text{supp}(\chi) \subset [1/4, 4]$ , by the above argument, we conclude that

$$b_w(\xi) := \frac{h(\xi)(1 - \chi(a(\xi)))}{a(\xi) - w}$$

satisfies the bound (2.58) uniformly in  $w$ . Therefore,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)(1 - \chi(a(\xi)))e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \leq C|x|^{1-n},$$

uniformly in  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| = 1$ .

Let us now write,

$$I(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi = I_1(x) + I_2(x), \quad (2.63)$$

where

$$I_1(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))(a(\xi) - w_1)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} d\xi, \quad I_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{ih(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))w_2e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} d\xi.$$

Here  $w_1 = \text{Re } w = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ ,  $w_2 = \text{Im } w = \mu + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ , and  $\mu := \arg w$ ,  $|\mu|$  small.

Using the coarea formula in the integral  $I_2(x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2(x)| &\leq C|w_2| \int_{a^{-1}([1/4, 4])} \frac{d\xi}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} \\ &= C|w_2| \int_{1/4}^4 \int_{a(\xi)=E} \frac{dS_E}{|\nabla_\xi a(\xi)|} \frac{dE}{(E - w_1)^2 + w_2^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.64)$$

where  $dS_E$  is the Lebesgue measure on the surface  $a(\xi) = E$ .

Let us notice that by Euler homogeneity relations for  $a(\xi) = E$ , we have

$$|\nabla_\xi a(\xi)| \geq 1/C,$$

uniformly in  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ . Therefore,

$$|I_2(x)| \leq C|w_2| \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{dE}{(E - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} \leq C|w_2| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dE}{E^2 + w_2^2} \leq C, \quad (2.65)$$

uniformly in  $\mu$ .

Appealing to the coarea formula in the integral  $I_1(x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &= \int_{a^{-1}([1/4, 4])} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))(a(\xi) - w_1)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} d\xi \\ &= \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{(E - w_1)}{(E - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} J(E, x) dE, \end{aligned} \quad (2.66)$$

where

$$J(E, x) = \chi(E) \int_{a(\xi)=E} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{|\nabla_\xi a(\xi)|} dS_E = E^{n-1} \chi(E) \int_{a(\xi)=1} \frac{h(E\xi)e^{i\langle x, E\xi \rangle}}{|\nabla_\xi a(\xi)|} dS_1.$$

We see that  $J(E, x)$  is  $C^\infty$  in  $E, x$ . Making the change of variables  $E \mapsto E - w_1$  in (2.66), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &= \left( \int_{1/4-w_1}^0 + \int_0^{w_1-1/4} + \int_{w_1-1/4}^{4-w_1} \right) \frac{E}{E^2 + w_2^2} J(E + w_1, x) dE \\ &= \int_0^{w_1-1/4} \frac{E(J(E + w_1, x) - J(-E + w_1, x))}{E^2 + w_2^2} dE \\ &\quad + \int_{w_1-1/4}^{4-w_1} \frac{E}{E^2 + w_2^2} J(E + w_1, x) dE. \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(E) = J(E + w_1, x) - J(-E + w_1, x)$  is  $C^\infty$  in  $E, w_1$ , and  $x$ , and  $f(0) = 0$ , it follows that  $f(E) = Eg(E)$  with a function  $g$  which is  $C^\infty$  in  $E, w_1$ , and  $x$ . Hence, recalling that  $w_1 = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ , for  $|x| \leq 1$ , we get

$$|I_1(x)| \leq C \int_0^2 \frac{E^2}{E^2 + w_2^2} dE + C \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{1}{E} dE \leq C, \quad (2.67)$$

uniformly in  $\mu$  with  $0 < |\mu| \leq \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is sufficiently small.

We conclude from (2.63), (2.65) and (2.67) that

$$|I(x)| \leq C,$$

for  $|x| \leq 1$ , uniformly in  $\mu$  with  $0 < |\mu| \leq \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is sufficiently small.

Let us now show that when  $|x| \geq 1$ , we get

$$|I(x)| \leq C|x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}}, \quad (2.68)$$

uniformly in  $\mu$ . First using the coarea formula in (2.63), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) &= \int_{1/4}^4 \int_{a(\xi)=E} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(E)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{(E-w) |\nabla_\xi a(\xi)|} dS_E dE \\ &= \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{E^{n-1}\chi(E)}{E-w} \int_{a(\xi)=1} \frac{h(E\xi)}{|\nabla_\xi a(\xi)|} e^{i\langle Ex, \xi \rangle} dS_1 dE. \end{aligned}$$

To proceed recall that  $a(\xi)$  is homogeneous of degree one,  $C^\infty$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ , and  $a(\xi) > 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\nabla_\xi a \neq 0$  along the cosphere  $\Sigma = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : a(\xi) = 1\}$ , which is therefore is a  $C^\infty$  compact hypersurface. Furthermore,  $\Sigma$  is homeomorphic to the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  via the homeomorphism  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow \Sigma$ ,  $\omega \mapsto \omega/a(\omega)$ . Hence,  $\Sigma$  is connected. The assumption that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Sigma$  never vanishes implies that the Gauss map is a diffeomorphism from  $\Sigma$  to  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ . Thus, given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , there are exactly two points  $\xi_1(x), \xi_2(x) \in \Sigma$  with normal  $x$ . Since  $\xi_1(x), \xi_2(x)$ , are homogeneous of degree zero and smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , it follows that the functions  $\langle x, \xi_1(x) \rangle, \langle x, \xi_2(x) \rangle$  are also smooth for  $x \neq 0$  and homogeneous of degree one.

We shall need the following result concerning the inverse Fourier transform of a smooth measure carried by the cosphere  $\Sigma$ , which is an application of the stationary phase theorem, see [14, Theorem 1.2.1, p. 50] and [14, p. 68].

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $d\sigma(\xi) = \beta(\xi)dS(\xi)$  with  $\beta \in C^\infty(\Sigma)$  and  $dS$  is the surface measure on  $\Sigma$ . Then under the above assumptions, the inverse Fourier transform of the measure  $d\sigma$  satisfies*

$$(2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\Sigma} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} d\sigma(\xi) = \frac{b_1(x)e^{i\langle x, \xi_1(x) \rangle}}{|x|^{(n-1)/2}} + \frac{b_2(x)e^{i\langle x, \xi_2(x) \rangle}}{|x|^{(n-1)/2}}, \quad |x| \geq 1,$$

where the functions  $b_j$  are such that

$$|\partial_x^\alpha b_j(x)| \leq C_\alpha |x|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$

As  $\xi_j(x)$  is homogeneous of degree zero, by Lemma 2.9, for  $|x| \geq 1$ , we get

$$I(x) = (2\pi)^n |x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{E^{(n-1)/2} \chi(E) b_j(x, E)}{E-w} e^{iE\langle x, \xi_j(x) \rangle} dE,$$

with some functions  $b_j \in C^\infty$  for  $|x| \geq 1$  and  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ , and

$$|\partial_E^l \partial_x^\alpha b_j(x, E)| \leq C_{l,\alpha} |x|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad E \in [1/4, 4], \quad l \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n. \quad (2.69)$$

The estimate (2.68) would follow if we could show that

$$\left| \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{E^{(n-1)/2} \chi(E) b_j(x, E)}{E-w} e^{iE\langle x, \xi_j(x) \rangle} dE \right| \leq C, \quad (2.70)$$

uniformly in  $\mu$ ,  $0 < |\mu| \leq \theta \ll 1$ . To show (2.70), we let

$$f(E, x) = E^{(n-1)/2} \chi(E) b_j(x, E), \quad \varphi(x) = \langle x, \xi_j(x) \rangle.$$

For  $|x| \geq 1$ , the function  $f(\cdot, x)$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support in  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ , and (2.69) yields that

$$|\partial_E^l f(E, x)| \leq C_l. \quad (2.71)$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} J(x) &= \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{f(E, x) e^{iE\varphi(x)}}{E - w} dE = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t, x) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{iE(t+\varphi(x))}}{E - w_1 - iw_2} dE dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t, x) e^{iw_1(t+\varphi(x))} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-i\tau(t+\varphi(x))}}{w_2 - i\tau} d\tau dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\widehat{f}(t, x)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(E, x)$ . We shall use the following fact: for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-i\tau t}}{\alpha - i\tau} d\tau = \operatorname{sgn} \alpha H(\alpha t) e^{-\alpha t},$$

where  $H(t)$  is the Heaviside function which equals one for  $t \geq 0$  and zero for  $t < 0$ , see [1, Lemma 2.1]. As  $w_2 \neq 0$ , we get

$$J(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t, x) i e^{iw_1(t+\varphi(x))} \operatorname{sgn}(w_2) H(w_2(t + \varphi(x))) e^{-w_2(t+\varphi(x))} dt,$$

and therefore, using that  $f$  has compact support in  $E$  and (2.71), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |J(x)| &\leq C \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(t, x)| dt \leq C \|(1 + t^2) \widehat{f}(t, x)\|_{L_t^\infty} \\ &\leq C(\|f(E, x)\|_{L_E^1} + \|\partial_E^2 f(E, x)\|_{L_E^1}) \leq C, \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in  $w$ . This establishes (2.70), and hence, (2.68). Thus, for  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| = 1$ , we get

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi) e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \leq C(|x|^{1-n} + |x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}}), \quad x \neq 0, \quad (2.72)$$

uniformly in  $w$ . In the case when  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| \neq 1$ , the estimate (2.56) follows from (2.72) by a change of scale. The proof of Lemma 2.8 is complete.  $\square$

Now using Lemma 2.8, the estimate (2.53), and the fact that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \in [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$ , we obtain that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta) - (\tau + rz e^{2\pi k i/m})} d\eta \right| \leq C_N (1 + |\tau|)^{-N} (1 + |\tau| + r|z|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, \quad (2.73)$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$  and  $N > 0$ . It follows from (2.54) and (2.73) that for  $N > 0$  sufficiently large,

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x, y)| &\leq C \frac{r^{1-n}}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 + |\tau|)^{-N + \frac{n-1}{2}} (1 + r|z|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} d\tau \\ &\leq Cr^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}} |z|^{\frac{n+1-2m}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used that  $r|z| \geq 1$ . Recalling that  $r = 2^j/|z|$ , the above estimate completes the proof of the estimate (2.26), and therefore, the estimates (2.25) and (2.18). As  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^j \frac{2^{n-m-nm}}{2^n} = 1/(1 - 2^{\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}})$ , we have obtained the (2.14) for the local operator.

**2.5. Uniform estimate for the non-local operator in the case of unbounded  $|z|$ .** Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the multipliers

$$r_z(\tau) = m_z(\tau) - m_z^{\text{loc}}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 - \rho(t)) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt, \quad (2.74)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ .

In order to prove (1.5), we are left with establishing that

$$\|r_z(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (2.75)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , uniformly in  $z$ .

Let us first show that  $r_z(\tau)$  is bounded for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , uniformly in  $z$ . Indeed, we have

$$|r_z(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-\varepsilon/2} e^{t\text{Im}\tau_k} dt + \int_{\varepsilon/2}^{+\infty} e^{-t\text{Im}\tau_k} dt \right) \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{\text{Im}\tau_k}. \quad (2.76)$$

Recall that  $\tau_k = ze^{2\pi ki/m}$ , and therefore,  $0 < \arg(\tau_k) < \pi$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, m/2 - 1$ . If now  $0 < \arg(\tau_k) \leq \pi/2$ , then

$$\frac{\text{Im}\tau_k}{|z|} = \sin(\arg(\tau_k)) \geq \sin(\arg(z)),$$

and thus, using the fact that  $z \in \Xi_\delta$ , we get

$$\text{Im}\tau_k \geq \text{Im}z \geq \delta. \quad (2.77)$$

If  $\pi/2 < \arg(\tau_k) < \pi$ , then

$$\frac{\text{Im}\tau_k}{|z|} = \sin(\pi - \arg(\tau_k)) \geq \sin(\pi - \arg(\tau_{m/2-1})) = -\sin(\arg(z) - 2\pi/m),$$

and therefore,

$$\text{Im}\tau_k \geq -\text{Im}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \geq \delta. \quad (2.78)$$

Hence, it follows from (2.76), (2.77) and (2.78) that

$$|r_z(\tau)| \leq C\delta^{-1}, \quad (2.79)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_\delta \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq 1\}$ , uniformly in  $z$ .

To obtain the decay of  $r_z(\tau)$ , let us integrate by parts  $N$  times,  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ , in (2.74). We have

$$\begin{aligned} r_z(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} & \left( \frac{(-1)^N}{i^N(-\tau_k + \tau)^N} \int_{-\infty}^0 (-\partial_t^N \rho(t)) e^{it(-\tau_k + \tau)} dt \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(-1)^N}{i^N(\tau_k + \tau)^N} \int_0^{+\infty} (-\partial_t^N \rho(t)) e^{it(\tau_k + \tau)} dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that all the boundary terms disappear when integrating by parts due to the presence of the term  $(1 - \rho(t))$  in (2.74) and the fact that  $\text{Im}\tau_k > 0$ . As

$$\begin{aligned} |\pm \tau_k + \tau| &= \sqrt{|\pm \text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|^2 + |\text{Im} \tau_k|^2} \geq \sqrt{|\pm \text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|^2 + \delta^2} \\ &\geq \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + |\pm \text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta < 1$ , we obtain that

$$|r_z(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} ((1 + |-\text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|)^{-N} + (1 + |\text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|)^{-N}),$$

uniformly in  $z$ . Thus, for  $\tau \geq 0$ , we get

$$|r_z(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \sum_{\substack{k=0, \dots, m/2-1 \\ \text{Re} \tau_k \geq 0}} (1 + |-\text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|)^{-N} + \sum_{\substack{k=0, \dots, m/2-1 \\ \text{Re} \tau_k < 0}} (1 + |\text{Re} \tau_k + \tau|)^{-N} \right) \quad (2.80)$$

We have

$$r_z(Q)f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r_z(\mu_j) E_j f = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} r_z^l(Q)f, \quad f \in C^\infty(M), \quad (2.81)$$

where

$$r_z^l(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [l-1, l]} r_z(\mu_j) E_j f, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots$$

Using Lemma 2.2 and (2.80) with  $N = m + 1$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_z^l(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq Cl^{m-1} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [l-1, l]} |r_z(\tau)| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \leq \frac{Cl^{m-1}}{|z|^{m-1}} \\ &\left( \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ \operatorname{Re} \tau_k \geq 0}}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{(1 + |-\operatorname{Re} \tau_k + l|)^{m+1}} + \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ \operatorname{Re} \tau_k < 0}}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{(1 + |\operatorname{Re} \tau_k + l|)^{m+1}} \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.82)$$

Here we have used the fact that for  $l - 1 \leq \tau \leq l$ , we have

$$|\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + l| \leq |\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau| + |l - \tau| \leq |\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau| + 1.$$

Hence, (2.75) would follow from (2.81) and (2.82), if we could show that

$$\Sigma := \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1 + | -a + l|)^{m+1}} \leq C, \quad a = |\operatorname{Re} \tau_k|, \quad (2.83)$$

with some constant  $C > 0$  uniform in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ .

Let us now show (2.83). Assume first that  $a \leq 1$ . Then

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1 - a + l)^{m+1}} \leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l^2} \leq C,$$

with a constant  $C > 0$  uniform in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ . Consider now the case  $a > 1$ . Then denoting  $[a]$  the integer part of  $a$ , we write

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &:= \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l \leq [a]-1} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1 + a - l)^{m+1}}, \\ \Sigma_2 &:= \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \frac{[a]^{m-1}}{(1 + | -a + [a]|)^{m+1}} + \frac{([a] + 1)^{m-1}}{(1 + | -a + [a] + 1|)^{m+1}} \right), \\ \Sigma_3 &:= \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l \geq [a]+2} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1 - a + l)^{m+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $a \leq |z|$ , we see that  $\Sigma_2 \leq C$ , uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ .

We shall next estimate  $\Sigma_3$ . As the function  $t^{m-1}/(1 - a + t)^{m+1}$  is decreasing for  $t > 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_3 &\leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{[a]+1}^{+\infty} \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1 - a + t)^{m+1}} dt = \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{2+[a]-a}^{+\infty} \frac{(t + a - 1)^{m-1}}{t^{m+1}} dt \\ &\leq \frac{C_m}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} + (a - 1)^{m-1} \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{m+1}} \right) \leq C, \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ .

Let us now estimate  $\Sigma_1$ . Since the function  $t^{m-1}/(1+a-t)^{m+1}$  is increasing for  $t > 0$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &\leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_1^{[a]} \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1+a-t)^{m+1}} dt \leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{1+a-[a]}^a \frac{|1+a-t|^{m-1}}{t^{m+1}} dt \\ &\leq \frac{C_m}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( (1+a)^{m-1} \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{m+1}} + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} \right) \leq C, \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ . This completes the proof of (2.83) and hence, of Theorem 1.1.

Finally let us remark that the a priori estimate (1.5) implies the following simple result concerning the  $L^2$  resolvent of  $P$ ,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ . Then the resolvent  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$  is a bounded operator:  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta \notin \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots\}$  so that  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : L^2(M) \rightarrow L^2(M)$  is bounded. By elliptic regularity, we have  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}C^\infty(M) \subset C^\infty(M)$ , and therefore, the linear continuous operator  $P - \zeta : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  is bijective. By the open mapping theorem,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  is continuous.

We have next the linear continuous map  $P - \zeta : \mathcal{D}'(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(M)$  given by

$$\langle (P - \zeta)u, \varphi \rangle = \langle u, \overline{(P - \bar{\zeta})\bar{\varphi}} \rangle, \quad \varphi \in C^\infty(M),$$

which is bijective, with continuous inverse  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : \mathcal{D}'(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(M)$ .

By Remark 2.4, when  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , we have the following a priori estimate

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C_\zeta \|(P - \zeta)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$

for all  $u \in C^\infty(M)$ . Thus, for any  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , we get

$$\|(P - \zeta)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C_\zeta \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \quad (2.84)$$

Now let  $f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$ . Then there is a sequence  $f_j \in C^\infty(M)$ , converging to  $f$  in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows from (2.84) that  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}f_j$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ , and therefore, it converges in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ . As  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : \mathcal{D}'(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(M)$  continuous, we have  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$  and  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}f_j$  converges to  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}f$  in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, (2.84) is valid for any  $f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$ , which shows the claim of Proposition 2.10.  $\square$



## 3. SATURATION OF THE RESOLVENT ESTIMATES. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

We shall need the following Bernstein type inequality, established in [1, Lemma 3.1].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\beta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $0 \notin \text{supp}(\beta)$ . Then if  $1 \leq q \leq r \leq \infty$ , there is a constant  $C = C(r, q)$  so that*

$$\|\beta(Q/\alpha)f\|_{L^r(M)} \leq C\alpha^{n(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{r})}\|f\|_{L^q(M)}, \quad \alpha \geq 1.$$

In Theorem 1.1 we obtained the uniform estimate (1.5) for all  $z$  in the sector  $\Xi$  of the complex plane such that  $\text{dist}(\partial\Xi, z) \geq \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . The next result shows that removing the eigenvalues of the operator  $Q = P^{1/m}$  in some interval  $[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1]$  allows us to obtain the uniform estimate (1.5) for all  $z \in \Xi$  with  $\text{Re } z = \alpha \gg 1$  or  $\text{Re}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) = \alpha \gg 1$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let*

$$\chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha-1, \alpha+1]} E_j f.$$

*Then we have the uniform estimate:*

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (3.1)$$

*with  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $\text{Re } z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < \text{Im } z \leq 1$ , and the uniform estimate:*

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (3.2)$$

*with  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $\text{Re}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < -\text{Im}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \leq 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let us start by proving (3.1). Let  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $\text{Re } z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and assume first that  $\delta \leq \text{Im } z = \beta \leq 1$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . We write

$$\chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]} \circ (P - z^m)^{-1}f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha-1, \alpha+1]} (\mu_j^m - z^m)^{-1}E_j f.$$

By (2.5), we get

$$\|\chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]} \circ (P - z^m)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C\alpha^{m-1} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [\alpha-1, \alpha+1]} |(\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}| \right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (3.3)$$

Writing

$$z^m = (\alpha + i\beta)^m = \alpha^m(1 + mi\beta/\alpha + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2/\alpha^2)),$$

we have

$$\text{Im } z^m = m\beta\alpha^{m-1} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2\alpha^{m-2}) \geq \frac{m}{2}\beta\alpha^{m-1} \geq \frac{m}{2}\delta\alpha^{m-1}, \quad (3.4)$$

for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large. Therefore, it follows from (3.3), (3.4) and (1.5) that

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $\delta \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq 1$ , uniformly in  $z$ .

Let  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < \operatorname{Im} z = \beta \leq 1/2$ . Then using the fact that  $\alpha + i \in \Xi$  for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large and (3.5), we see that (3.1) follows once we establish that

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ ((P - z^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha + i)^m)^{-1})f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad (3.6)$$

uniformly in  $z$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & (I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ ((P - z^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha + i)^m)^{-1})f \\ &= \left( \sum_{\mu_j \in [0, \alpha-1]} + \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha+1, +\infty)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m} \right) E_j f \\ &= \left( \sum_{\mu_j \in [0, \alpha-1]} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha+k-1, \alpha+k]} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m} \right) E_j f. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By (2.5), for  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha+k-1, \alpha+k]} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m} \right) E_j f \right\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq C(\alpha + k)^{m-1} \\ &\sup_{\tau \in [\alpha+k-1, \alpha+k]} \left| \frac{z^m - (\alpha + i)^m}{(\tau^m - z^m)(\tau^m - (\alpha + i)^m)} \right| \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

We have, for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large, that

$$z^m - (\alpha + i)^m = \alpha^{m-1} m i (\beta - 1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2}),$$

and therefore,

$$|z^m - (\alpha + i)^m| \leq C\alpha^{m-1}. \quad (3.9)$$

As  $\operatorname{Re} z^m = \alpha^m + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau^m - z^m| &\geq |\tau^m - \alpha^m - \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})| \\ &= |(\tau - \alpha)(\tau^{m-1} + \tau^{m-2}\alpha + \dots + \tau\alpha^{m-2} + \alpha^{m-1}) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})| \\ &\geq (k-1)(\tau^{m-1} + \alpha^{m-1}) - |\mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})| \geq (k-1)\tau^{m-1} \geq (k-1)(\alpha + k)^{m-1}/C, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

for  $\tau \in [\alpha + k - 1, \alpha + k]$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $\alpha$  sufficiently large. Thus, it follows from (3.8), (3.9), and (3.10) that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha+k-1, \alpha+k]} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m} \right) E_j f \right\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \\ \leq \frac{C}{(k-1)^2} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

for  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ . Using (2.5) and rescaling, we get

$$\left\| \sum_{\mu_j \in [0, \alpha-1]} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m} \right) E_j f \right\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \quad (3.12)$$

Hence, (3.6) follows from (3.7), (3.11), and (3.12). The proof of (3.1) is complete.

Let us now show (3.2). To that end, letting  $w = ze^{-2\pi i/m}$ , we have  $w^m = z^m$ , and therefore, (3.2) is a consequence of the uniform estimate,

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1, \alpha+1]}) \circ ((P - w^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha + i)^m)^{-1})f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$

with  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $w = ze^{-2\pi i/m}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} w = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < -\operatorname{Im} w \leq 1$ . This is obtained similarly to the derivation of (3.6). The proof of Lemma 3.2 is complete.  $\square$

Let

$$N(\alpha) = \#\{j : \mu_j < \alpha\}$$

be the counting function for the eigenvalues of the operator  $Q$ . We have

$$N(\alpha) = \int_M S_\alpha(x, x) d\mu(x), \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$S_\alpha(x, y) = \sum_{\mu_j < \alpha} e_j(x) \overline{e_j(y)}$$

is the spectral function.

Similarly to [1, Theorem 1.2] we obtain the following result which gives a sufficient condition for the optimality of the region  $\Xi_\delta$  in the uniform resolvent estimate (1.5) for operators of order  $m$ , in terms of the density of eigenvalues in shrinking intervals of the form  $[\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k]$ ,  $\alpha_k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 < \beta_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Assume that there exist sequences  $\alpha_k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $0 < \beta_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  such that*

$$(\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} [N(\alpha_k + \beta_k) - N(\alpha_k - \beta_k)] \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.14)$$

Let  $z_k^{(1)} = \alpha_k + i\beta_k$  and  $z_k^{(2)} = e^{2\pi i/m}(\alpha_k - i\beta_k)$ . Then we have

$$\|(P - (z_k^{(j)})^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty, \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (3.15)$$

*Proof.* In what follows we shall only establish (3.15) for  $j = 1$ , the proof in the other case being similar. We shall then write  $z_k = z_k^{(1)}$ . Let us notice that  $z_k \in \Xi$  for  $k$  large enough.

By (3.1), we know that for large  $k$ ,

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]}) \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq C,$$

uniformly in  $k$ . Thus, we only need to show that

$$\|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.16)$$

Let  $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $0 \notin \text{supp}(g)$  and  $g(\tau) = 1$  for  $\tau \in [1/2, 2]$ . Then for large  $k$ , we have

$$\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} = g(Q/\alpha_k) \circ \chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ g(Q/\alpha_k). \quad (3.17)$$

Using (3.17) and Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1} f\|_{L^\infty(M)} \\ &= \|g(Q/\alpha_k) \circ \chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1} \circ g(Q/\alpha_k) f\|_{L^\infty(M)} \\ &\leq C \alpha_k^{\frac{n-m}{2}} \|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \|g(Q/\alpha_k) f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \\ &\leq C \alpha_k^{n-m} \|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \rightarrow L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \|f\|_{L^1(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in order to show (3.16) it suffices to check that

$$\alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^1(M) \rightarrow L^\infty(M)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.18)$$

The kernel of the operator  $\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}$  is given by

$$K(x, y) = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z_k^m} e_j(x) \overline{e_j(y)}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^1(M) \rightarrow L^\infty(M)} = \alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x, y \in M} |K(x, y)| \\ &\geq \alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x \in M} \left| \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z_k^m} |e_j(x)|^2 \right| \\ &\geq \alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x \in M} \left| \text{Im} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k-1, \alpha_k+1]} \frac{\mu_j^m - \overline{z_k^m}}{|\mu_j^m - z_k^m|^2} |e_j(x)|^2 \right| \\ &\geq \alpha_k^{-(n-m)} |\text{Im}(-\overline{z_k^m})| \sup_{x \in M} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k-\beta_k, \alpha_k+\beta_k]} \frac{1}{|\mu_j^m - z_k^m|^2} |e_j(x)|^2 := L_k, \end{aligned}$$

for  $k$  sufficiently large. Writing  $\overline{z_k^m} = (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^m$ , we get

$$\text{Im}(-\overline{z_k^m}) = m\beta_k \alpha_k^{m-1} + \mathcal{O}(\beta_k^2 \alpha_k^{m-2}) \geq m\beta_k \alpha_k^{m-1}/2, \quad (3.19)$$

for  $k$  sufficiently large. Using the fact that  $\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k]$  in the last sum, we obtain that

$$|\mu_j^m - z_k^m| = |\mu_j - z_k| |\mu_j^{m-1} + \mu_j^{m-2} z_k + \cdots + \mu_j z_k^{m-2} + z_k^{m-1}| \leq C \beta_k \alpha_k^{m-1}, \quad (3.20)$$

for  $k$  sufficiently large. It follows from (3.13), (3.19), (3.20) and (3.14) that

$$\begin{aligned} L_k &\geq \frac{1}{C}(\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \sup_{x \in M} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k]} |e_j(x)|^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{C}(\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(M)} \int_M \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k]} |e_j(x)|^2 d\mu(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{C}(\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(M)} [N(\alpha_k + \beta_k) - N(\alpha_k - \beta_k)] \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, we get (3.18), which completes the proof of (3.15). The proof of Lemma 3.3 is complete.  $\square$

Notice that the Weyl law, see [6],

$$N(\alpha) = C\alpha^n + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{n-1}), \quad C = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint_{\{(x,\xi) \in T^*M: q(x,\xi) \leq 1\}} dx d\xi,$$

implies that

$$N(\alpha_k + 1) - N(\alpha_k - 1) = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_k^{n-1}).$$

Consequently, to find sequences  $\alpha_k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $0 < \beta_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  satisfying (3.14), we would like to exhibit a situation when the spectrum of the operator  $Q$  is distributed in a non-uniform fashion, clustering around the sequence  $\alpha_k$ .

To verify the assumption (3.14) in Lemma 3.3, we shall need the following result concerning the spectrum of  $Q$ , when the Hamilton flow of  $q$  is periodic, due to [17] and [2], see also [8, Theorem 29.2.2].

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $Q \in \Psi_{\text{cl}}^1(M)$  be positive elliptic self-adjoint operator with principal symbol  $q$  and zero subprincipal symbol. Assume that the Hamilton flow  $\exp(tH_q)$ , generated by the principal symbol  $q$ , is periodic with a common minimal period  $T$  on  $q^{-1}(1)$ . Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that all eigenvalues of  $Q$ , except finitely many, belong to the intervals  $I_k := [\frac{2\pi}{T}(k + \frac{\alpha}{4}) - \frac{C}{k}, \frac{2\pi}{T}(k + \frac{\alpha}{4}) + \frac{C}{k}]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  is a constant. Furthermore, the number of eigenvalues of  $Q$  in  $I_k$ , denoted by  $d_k$ , is a polynomial in  $k$  of degree  $n - 1$  of the form*

$$d_k = nk^{n-1}T^{-n} \iint_{q < 1} dx d\xi + \mathcal{O}(k^{n-2}).$$

To prove Theorem 1.2, let  $Q = P^{1/m}$  and observe that the subprincipal symbol of  $Q$  vanishes, see [4, Section 1]. It follows from Theorem 3.4 that the assumptions of Lemma 3.3 are satisfied with  $\alpha_k = \frac{2\pi}{T}(k + \frac{\alpha}{4})$  and  $C/k < \beta_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . The proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.

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