A Bergman kernel proof of the Kawamata subadjunction theorem

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Abstract. The main purpose of the following article is to give a proof of Y. Kawamata’s celebrated subadjunction theorem in the spirit of our previous work on Bergman kernels. We will use two main ingredients: an $L^2$–extension theorem of Ohsawa-Takegoshi type (which is also a new result) and a more complete version of our former results.

§0 Introduction

Let $X$ be a projective manifold and let $\Theta$ be a closed positive current of $(1,1)$–type on $X$. A quantitative measure of the logarithmic singularities of $\Theta$ is its critical exponent introduced e.g. in [10] as follows:

$$C(X, \Theta) := \sup\{c \geq 0 : \exp(-c\varphi_\Omega) \in L^1(\Omega)\}$$

for all coordinate set $\Omega \subset X$. The function $\varphi_\Omega$ above is a local potential of $\Theta$ on the coordinate set $\Omega$ (see the paragraph 3 for the expression of the normalization we use). We remark that the above notion makes sense, since two local potentials of the same current differ by a smooth function.

One can see that the notion of critical exponent of a closed positive $(1,1)$–current is the analytic counterpart of the log canonical threshold in algebraic geometry. Indeed, if we have $\Theta = [D]$ where $D$ is some effective $\mathbb{Q}$–divisor on $X$, then $C(X, \Theta) = 1$ if and only if $D$ is log canonical. Pushing the analogy with the algebraic geometry a little bit further, one can easily imagine what the notion of center of a current $\Theta$ with $C(X, \Theta) = 1$ should be: we have to consider the components of the multiplier ideal sheaf associated to $\Theta$. However, it is not yet known that the multiplier ideal sheaf of such a current is strictly contained in the structural sheaf of $X$; therefore, in this article we will consider exclusively psh functions with analytic singularities (but nevertheless, it is possible to obtain partial results concerning the psh functions whose singularities admit accurate enough approximations with analytic singularities).

Concerning the minimal center of a $\mathbb{Q}$–effective and log canonical divisor $D$ we have the deep subadjunction theorem of Y. Kawamata, stating that the restriction of the canonical bundle of the ambient manifold twisted with $D$ to the center is linearly equivalent to the canonical class of the center plus a closed positive current.

We establish now the general framework for our results:

a) The current $\Theta$ has analytic singularities;

b) $C_{x_0}(X, \Theta) = 1$ (this is the local version of the quantity above, see the paragraph 1.3);

c) The cohomology class of $\Theta$ is rational. We let $G$ be a $\mathbb{Q}$–line bundle whose first Chern class contains $\Theta$. 
In this perspective, the main goal of the present article is to give a proof of the following version of the subadjunction theorem by using the convexity properties of the fiberwise Bergman kernels.

0.1 Main Theorem. Let $\Theta$ be a closed positive $(1,1)$–current on a projective manifold $X$ which satisfies the properties a), b) and c) above. Let $W \subset X$ be the minimal center of $(X, \Theta)$ at $x_0$; we assume that it is non-singular. Then there exists a closed positive current $\Theta_W$ on $W$ such that

$$\Theta_W \in \{K_X + G_W - K_W\},$$

and moreover the current $\Theta_W$ is the weak limit of the currents $\Theta^{(\varepsilon)}_W$ such that

$$(\ast) \quad C_W(x_0, \Theta^{(\varepsilon)}_W) \geq 1.$$ 

We remark that the cohomology class of the currents $\Theta^{(\varepsilon)}_W$ varies as $\varepsilon \to 0$. Also, the assumption “$W$ non-singular” above is just for the convenience, as if the center $W$ is not smooth, one can see from the proof that our result apply in fact to its desingularization.

Let us outline now the main ideas and statements involved in the proof of the result 0.1.

The crucial result in the proof of the main theorem is the following complement to our work [4]; see equally [3], [19], [29], [35] for related results. We remark that the qualitative part of the theorem below can be seen as a consequence of E. Viehweg’s results on weak positivity of direct images (again, see [35] and the references therein, as well as the recent results of A. Höring [17]).

0.2 Theorem. Let $p : X \to Y$ be a surjective projective map and let $L \to X$ be a line bundle endowed with a metric $h_L$ such that:

1) The curvature current of the bundle $(L,h_L)$ is semipositive, i.e. $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{h_L}(L) \geq 0$;
2) There exist a generic point $z \in Y$ and a section $u \in H^0(X_z, mK_{X_z} + L)$ such that

$$\int_{X_z} [u,u]_{(m,\frac{\varphi}{m})} < \infty.$$ 

Then the line bundle $mK_{X/Y} + L$ admits a metric with positive curvature current. Moreover, this metric is equal to the fiberwise $m$–Bergman kernel metric on the generic fibers of $p$.

In the statement above the notation under the integral sign is the $L^2$ norm of our section $u$. The difference between this result and the one we obtain in [4] is that here we allow the map $p$ to be singular (in our previous work we have assumed that $p$ is a smooth fibration).
The relevant technical result in the proof of 0.2 is the next $L^{2/m}$ extension theorem which will be the starting point of this article. The set-up is the following: let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be a ball of radius $r$ and let $h : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function, such that $\sup_{\Omega} |h| \leq 1$; moreover, we assume that the gradient $\partial h$ of $h$ is nowhere zero on the set $V := (h = 0)$. We denote by $\varphi$ a plurisubharmonic function, such that its restriction to $V$ is well-defined (i.e., $\varphi|_V \neq -\infty$). Then the Ohsawa-Takegoshi extension theorem states that for any $f$ holomorphic on $V$, there exists a function $F$, holomorphic in all of $\Omega$, such that $F = f$ on $V$, and moreover

$$\int_{\Omega} |F|^2 \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \leq C_0 \int_V |f|^2 \exp(-\varphi) \frac{d\lambda_V}{|\partial h|^2}.$$ 

Here, $C_0$ is an absolute constant. Our generalization is the following.

0.3 Theorem. For any holomorphic function $f : V \to \mathbb{C}$ with the property that

$$\int_V |f|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) \frac{d\lambda_V}{|\partial h|^2} \leq 1,$$

there exist a function $F \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ such that:

(i) $F|_V = f$ i.e. the function $F$ is an extension of $f$;

(ii) The next $L^{2/m}$ bound holds

$$\int_{\Omega} |F|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \leq C_0 \int_V |f|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) \frac{d\lambda_V}{|\partial h|^2},$$

where $C_0$ is the same constant as in the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem.

Once this result is established, the proof of 0.2 runs as follows: we first restrict ourselves to the Zariski open set $Y_0 \subset Y$ which does not contain any critical value of $p$, and such that $\forall z \in Y_0$, all the sections of the bundle $mK_X + L$ extend locally near $z$ (the existence of such a set $Y_0$ is a consequence of standard semi-continuity arguments). Over $Y_0$, we can apply the result in [4] and therefore the $m$–Bergman kernel metric has a psh variation. We then use the $L^{2/m}$ extension result to estimate our metric from above by a uniform constant. Standard results of pluripotential theory then give that the metric extends to a semipositive metric on all of $X$.

The main theorem is proved by resolving the singularities of the current $\Theta$ and by using the properties of the metric constructed in 0.2. Indeed, after a few standard perturbation arguments, we will have

$$\mu^*(K_X + G|_W - K_W) + E|_W \equiv K_S/W + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}|W}$$

where $\mu : \hat{X} \to X$ is a modification which maps the hypersurface $S$ to the minimal center $W$, $E$ is effective and $\mu$-contractible, $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$ is effective and has critical exponent greater than 1 and finally $R_{\hat{X}}$ is effective and its image via $\mu$ does not contain $W$ (where we still denote by $G, \Delta$... the approximations of the corresponding bundles for our initial data).
Our strategy is to show that the current associated to the Bergman kernel metric of the bundle
\[ m_0(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) \]
is at least as singular as \( m_0[E] \). Intuitively, this has to be so because the said current admits an extension to \( \hat{X} \) provided that we add to it \( m_0R_{\hat{X}} \) plus the inverse image of a large enough positive \((1,1)\)-form from \( X \). The (crucial) extension properties of closed positive currents are established in the second part of our article; the main tools involved in our arguments are regularization results and the invariance of plurigenera.

In conclusion, the existence of this particular representative of the Chern class of the right hand side in the formula above show that we can withdrew \( E \) and still have a pseudoeffective line bundle. The currents \( \Theta^{(\varepsilon)}_W \) are obtained by taking the direct image of the difference. We would like to stress on the fact that the explicit expression of the \( m_0 \)-Bergman kernel metric is essential for the evaluation of the critical exponent of the currents \( \Theta^{(\varepsilon)}_W \).

In a sequel to this paper [5], the second author will obtain analogous subadjunction--type results for differences of closed positive currents. The techniques used are somehow similar to those here, but the whole construction of the proof is a bit more complicated.

Notations and conventions.
- The metrics of line bundles in this article are allowed to be singular unless explicitly stated otherwise (the singularities which we admit are such that the local weights of the metrics are in \( L^1 \), so that the curvature current of such object is well defined).
- Given a metric \( h_L \) on a line bundle \( L \), we will systematically denote by \( \varphi_L \) its local weight; if the notation of the bundle is more complicated e.g. \( L = \Delta_{\hat{X}} \) then we will denote its weight by \( \varphi_{\Delta} \).

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§1. Proof of the main result

We start by establishing some technical tools which will be needed later in our arguments. In the paragraph 1.1 we deal with a local $L^{2/m}$ extension result (theorem 0.3), whereas in 1.2 we prove some positivity results concerning the twisted relative canonical bundle (theorem 0.2). The manner in which these technics are combined in order to prove 0.1 is explained in the subsection 1.3 and 1.4 together with comments about the more general statements/expectations.

§1.1 The $L^{2/m}$ version of the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem

In this section we establish an extension theorem with $L^{2/m}$ bounds, analogous to the Ohsawa-Takegoshi result; as we have already mentioned, we will need it for the proof of the theorem 0.1. We recall that the setting is the following: let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be a ball of radius $r$ and let $h : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function, such that $\sup_{\Omega} |h| \leq 1$; moreover, we assume that the gradient $\partial h$ of $h$ is nowhere zero on the set $V := (h = 0)$. We denote by $\varphi$ a plurisubharmonic function, such that its restriction to $V$ is well-defined (i.e., $\varphi|_V \not\equiv -\infty$).

Proof of the theorem 0.3. Let $f$ be a holomorphic function $f : V \to \mathbb{C}$ with the property that
\[
\int_V |f|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) \frac{d\lambda}{|\partial h|^2} = 1.
\]

We begin with some reductions. In the first place we can assume that the function $\varphi$ is smooth, and that the functions $h$ (respectively $f$) can be extended in a neighbourhood of $\Omega$ (of $V$ inside $V \cap \overline{\Omega}$, respectively). Once the result is established under these additional assumptions, the general case follows by approximations and standard normal families arguments.

We can then clearly find some holomorphic $F_1$ in $\Omega$ that extends $f$ and satisfies
\[
\int_{\Omega} |F_1|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \leq A < \infty.
\]

We then apply the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem with weight
\[
\varphi_1 = \varphi + (1 - 1/m) \log |F_1|^2
\]
and obtain a new extension $F_2$ of $f$ satisfying
\[
\int \frac{|F_2|^2}{|F_1|^{2-2/m}} \exp -\varphi d\lambda \leq C_0 \int \frac{|f|^2}{|F_1|^{2-2/m}} \exp -\varphi \frac{d\lambda}{|\partial h|^2} = C_0.
\]

Hölder’s inequality gives that
\[
\int_{\Omega} |F_2|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda = \int_{\Omega} \frac{|F_2|^{2/m}}{|F_1|^{(2-2/m)/m}} |F_1|^{(2-2/m)/m} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \leq
\]
\[
\leq \left( \int_{\Omega} \frac{|F_2|^2}{|F_1|^{2-2/m}} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \right)^{1/m} \left( \int_{\Omega} |F_1|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi) d\lambda \right)^{m/(m-1)}
\]
which is smaller than
\[ C_0^{1/m} A^{m/(m-1)} = A(C_0/A)^{1/m} =: A_1. \]

If \( A > C_0 \), then \( A_1 < A \). We can then repeat the same argument with \( F_1 \) replaced by \( F_2 \), etc, and get a decreasing sequence of constants \( A_k \), such that
\[ A_{k+1} = A_k (C_0/A_k)^{1/m} \]
for \( k \geq 0 \). It is easy to see that \( A_k \) tends to \( C_0 \). Indeed, if \( A_k > rC_0 \) for some \( r > 1 \), then \( A_k \) would tend to zero by the relation above. This completes the proof.

For further use, let us reformulate the above result in terms of differential forms. We recall the following notation: if \( u \) is a holomorphic \( m \)-canonical form on an open set \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^p \) and \( \varphi \) is some psh function on \( \Omega \), then we recall the next notation
\[
[u, u]_{(m, \varphi)} := ((-1)^{mp^2} u \wedge \overline{u})^{1/m} \exp(-\varphi);
\]
it is a (singular) measure on \( \Omega \). Then we have the next reformulation of the previous result (we use the same notations as at the beginning of the paragraph).

0.3' Theorem. Given \( u \) a holomorphic \( m \)-canonical form on \( V \) such that
\[
\int_V [u, u]_{(m, \varphi)} < \infty,
\]
there exist a holomorphic \( m \)-canonical form \( U \) on \( \Omega \) such that :
(i) \( U = u \wedge (dh)^{\otimes m} \) on \( V \) i.e. the form \( U \) is an extension of \( u \).
(ii) The next \( L^{2/m} \) bound holds
\[
\int_\Omega [U, U]_{(m, \varphi)} \leq C_0 \int_V [u, u]_{(m, \varphi)},
\]
where \( C_0 \) is the constant appearing in the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem.

§1.2 Positivity properties of the \( m \)-Bergman kernel metric

For convenience of the reader, let us start by recalling some facts concerning the variation of the fiberwise \( m \)-Bergman metric (also called NS metric in [4], [29], or just a pseudo-norm in [18]).

The general set-up is the following: let \( p : X \to Y \) be a surjective projective map between two non-singular manifolds and consider a line bundle \( L \to X \), endowed with a metric \( h_L \), such that \( \sqrt{-1} \Theta_{h}(L) \geq 0 \). To start with, we will assume that \( h_L \) is a genuine metric (i.e. non-singular) and that the map \( p \) is a smooth fibration.

With this data, for each positive integer \( m \) we can construct a metric \( h_{L}^{(m)} \) on the twisted relative bundle \( mK_{X/Y} + L \) as follows: let us take a vector \( \xi \) in the fiber \(-(mK_{X/Y} + L)_{x}\); then we define its norm
\[
\|\xi\|^2 := \sup |\tilde{\sigma}(x) \cdot \xi|^2
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the "sup" being taken over all sections $\sigma$ to $mK_{X_y} + L$ such that

$$\int_{X_y} [\sigma, \sigma]_{(m, \frac{1}{m}\varphi_L)} \leq 1;$$

in the above notation $\varphi_L$ denotes as usual the metric of $L$ and $p(x) = y$; also, we have used the notation $\tilde{\sigma}$ to denote the section of the bundle $mK_{X/Y} + L|_{X_y}$ corresponding to $\sigma$ via the standard identification (see e.g. [4], section 1).

For further use, we give now the expression of the local weights of the metric $h^{(m)}_{X/Y}$; we denote by $(z^j)$ respectively $(t^i)$ some local coordinates centered at $x$, respectively $y$. Then we have

$$\exp \left( \varphi^{(m)}_{X/Y}(x) \right) = \sup_{\|u\|_{m,y} \leq 1} |u'(x)|^2$$

where $u \in H^0(X_y, mK_{X_y} + L)$ is a global section and the above norm means

$$\|u\|^{2/m}_{m,y} := \int_{X_y} \langle u, u \rangle_{(m, \frac{1}{m}\varphi)}.$$  

Finally, we denote by $\tilde{u} := u \wedge (p^*dt)^{\otimes m}$ and the above $u'$ is obtained as $\tilde{u} = u'(dz)^{\otimes m}$.

In our previous article [4], among other things we have established the fact that the metric $h^{(m)}_{X/Y}$ above has semi-positive curvature current, or it is identically $+\infty$. The latter situation occurs precisely when there are no global $L$–twisted $m$-canonical forms on the fibers.

In fact, it turns out that the above construction has a meaning even if the metric $h_L$ we start with is allowed to be singular (but we still assume that the map $p$ is a non-singular fibration). We remark that in this case some fibers $X_y$ may be contained in the unbounded locus of $h_L$, i.e. $h_L|_{X_y} \equiv \infty$, but for such $y \in Y$ we adopt the convention that the metric $h^{(m)}_{X/Y}$ is identically $+\infty$ as well. As for the fibers in the complement of this set, the family of sections we consider in order to define the metric consists in twisted pluricanonical forms whose $m^{th}$ root is $L^2$.

We recall now the result we have proved in the section 3 of [4] (see also [29] where a related result is claimed).

**Theorem [4].** Let $p : X_0 \to Y_0$ be a proper projective non-singular fibration, and let $L \to X_0$ be a line bundle endowed with a metric $h_L$ such that:

1) The curvature current of the bundle $(L, h_L)$ is positive, i.e. $\sqrt{-1}\Theta_{h_L}(L) \geq 0$;
2) For each $y \in Y_0$, all the sections of the bundle $mK_{X_y} + L$ extend near $y$;
3) There exist $z \in Y_0$ and a section $u \in H^0(X_z, mK_{X_z} + L)$ such that

$$\int_{X_z} \langle u, u \rangle_{(m, \frac{1}{m}\varphi_L)} < \infty.$$
Then the above fiberwise \( m\)-Bergman kernel metric \( h_{X_0/Y_0}^{(m)} \) has semi-positive curvature current. \( \square \)

We prove now the theorem 0.2.

Proof. By the usual semi-continuity arguments, there exist a Zariski open set \( Y_0 \subset Y \) such that the condition (2) above is fulfilled; by restricting further the set \( Y_0 \) we can assume that if we denote by \( X_0 \) the inverse image of the set \( Y_0 \) via the map \( p \), then \( p : X_0 \to Y_0 \) is a non-singular fibration.

Then we can use the above result and infer that our metric \( h_{0}^{(m)} \) is explicitly given over the fibers \( X_y \), as soon as \( y \in Y_0 \) and the restriction of \( h_L \) to \( X_y \) is well defined. We are going to show now that this metric admits an extension to the whole manifold \( X \). The method of proof is borrowed from our previous work: we show that the local weights of the metric \( h_{0}^{(m)} \) are locally bounded near \( X \setminus X_0 \) and then standard results in pluripotential theory imply the result.

Let us pick a point \( x \in X \), such that \( y := p(x) \in Y_0 \); assume that the restriction of \( h_L \) to \( X_y \) is well defined. Let \( u \) be some global section of the bundle \( mK_{X_y} + L \). Locally near \( x \) we consider a coordinates ball \( \Omega \) and let \( \Omega_y \) be its intersection with the fiber \( X_y \). Thus on \( \Omega_y \) our section \( u \) is just the \( m \)'th tensor power of some \( (n,0) \) form, and let \( \tilde{u} := u \wedge p^*(dt)^{\otimes m} \). With respect to the local coordinates \( (z^j) \) on \( \Omega \) we have \( \tilde{u} = u'dz^{\otimes m} \) and as explained before, the local weight of the metric \( h_{0}^{(m)} \) near \( x \) is given by the supremum of \( |u'| \) when \( u \) is normalized by the condition

\[
\int_{X_y} [u, u]_{(m, \frac{1}{m} \varphi)} \leq 1.
\]

But now we just invoke the theorem 0.3', in order to obtain some \( m \)-form of maximal degree \( \tilde{U} \) on \( \Omega \) such that its restriction on \( \Omega_y \) is just \( \tilde{u} \), and such that the next inequality hold

\[
\int_{\Omega} [\tilde{U}, \tilde{U}]_{(m, \frac{1}{m} \varphi)} \leq C_0 \int_{\Omega_y} [u, u]_{(m, \frac{1}{m} \varphi)}.
\]

The mean value inequality applied to the relation above show that we have

(1) \( |u'(x)|^{2/m} \leq C \)

where moreover the bound \( C \) above does not depend at all on the geometry of the fiber \( X_y \), but on the ambient manifold \( X \). In particular, the metric \( h_{0}^{(m)} \) admit an extension to the whole manifold \( X \) and its curvature current is semipositive, so our theorem 0.3 is proved. \( \square \)

1.2.1 Remark. For further use, let us point out the fact that the constant “\( C \)” above only depends on the sup norm of the \( m \)-th root of the metric of the bundle \( L \) and the geometry of the ambient manifold \( X \) (and not at all on the geometry of the fiber \( X_y \)). For example, one can easily convinced oneself that if we apply the above arguments to a sequence \( pK_{X/Y} + L_p \), then the constant in question will be uniformly bounded with respect to \( p \), provided that \( \frac{1}{p} \varphi_{L_p} \) is bounded from above. \( \square \)
§1.3 Preliminaries

Let $X$ be a non-singular projective manifold and let $T$ be a closed positive $(1,1)$–current on $X$. On a coordinate ball $\Omega \subset X$ there exist a psh function $\varphi$ such that

$$T|_{\Omega} = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \varphi_{\Omega};$$

the function $\varphi_{\Omega}$ above is called local potential of the current $T$ on $\Omega$.

The notion of local critical exponent which was discussed in the introduction of this article is the following.

1.3.1 Definition. Let $x_0 \in X$ be a point; the quantity

$$C_{x_0}(X,T) := \sup\{c \geq 0 : \exp(-c \varphi_{\Omega}) \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega, x_0), \text{ for some } \Omega \subset X, x_0 \in \Omega\}$$

is called the critical exponent of the pair $(X, \Theta)$ at $x_0$; it is a positive real number or it equals $+\infty$.

We recall the following notion as well (see [13] and the references therein).

1.3.2 Definition. The current $T$ has analytic singularities if there exist a modification $\mu : \hat{X} \to X$ such that

$$\mu^*T = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \nu_j[Y_j] + \Lambda$$

where $(Y_j)$ are irreducible divisors on $\hat{X}$, the numbers $(\nu_j)$ are positive reals and $\Lambda$ is a smooth, positive $(1,1)$–form.

In the right hand side of the above equality, we denote by $\mu^*T$ the current whose local potentials are precisely $\varphi_{T} \circ \mu$.

One can see that the local potential of a current $T$ with analytic singularities can be written as

$$\varphi_{\Omega} = \sum_p \lambda_p \log(\sum_j |f_j^{(p)}|^2)$$

modulo smooth functions, for any $\Omega \subset X$; in the above expression, $(\lambda_p)$ are positive real numbers which may depend on $\Omega$, and $(f_j^{(p)})$ are holomorphic functions on $\Omega$.

We will give now a few examples of such currents.

- Let $L \to X$ be a line bundle and let $T$ be the curvature current associated to a finite number of sections $(u_j) \subset H^0(X, mL)$. Then $T$ has analytic singularities, as one can see by considering a log resolution of the ideal associated to $(u_j)$. 

- More generally, let $T$ be a closed positive current whose local potentials have the following form

$$\varphi_{\Omega} = \sum_{p=1}^{N} \lambda_p \log(\sum_{j=1}^{M} |f_j^{(p,\Omega)}|^2)$$

This is a consequence of the work in [13].
modulo smooth functions, where \((\lambda_p)\) are positive rational numbers. Then we claim that \(T\) has analytic singularities. To verify this claim, let us consider the following coherent ideal

\[
J^\infty(mT)_x := \{ g \in \mathcal{O}_{(X,x)} : |g|^2 \exp(-m \varphi_{\bar{\Omega}}) < \mathcal{O}(1) \}
\]

We remark that the coherence of this ideal is precisely due to the fact that the local potentials of the current are given as in (3). Next, let us consider a finite covering of the manifold \(X\) with the coordinate charts \((\Omega_\alpha)\) and let \((\theta_\alpha)\) be a partition of unit subordinate to this cover. For each index \(\alpha\), let us consider the generators \((g_{\alpha,j})\) of the restriction of the ideal \(J^\infty(mT)\) to \(\Omega_\alpha\). We define the current

\[
T_1 := \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi m} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \left( \sum_{\alpha} \theta_\alpha^2 \sum_j |g_{\alpha,j}|^2 \right)
\]

We remark that \(T_1 \geq -C\omega\), where \(\omega\) is a fixed metric on \(X\) and \(C\) is a positive constant (see e.g. [9]). The next observation is that the singularities of \(T_1\) and \(T\) are the same, provided that \(m\) is divisible enough. Indeed, this is a consequence of the fact that the \(m\lambda\) power of each holomorphic function \(f_{\Omega_j}\) belong to the ideal \(J^\infty(mT)\). Therefore, if we consider the log resolution of the ideal \(J(mT_1)\), the inverse image of the current \(T\) will have the decomposition required by the definition. \(\square\)

For the rest of this paragraph, we will assume that the current \(\Theta\) verify the assumptions in the statement 0.1, namely, it has analytic singularities, rational cohomology class and it is normalized such that

\[
C_{x_0}(X, \Theta) = 1
\]

(we remark that this supposes implicitly that the Lelong number of \(\Theta\) at \(x_0\) is positive).

We now rewrite the equality (5) by using a modification of \(X\). To this end, we first remark that we can choose a birational map \(\mu : \hat{X} \to X\) such that:

\[(P_1)\] We have

\[
\mu^*(\Theta) = \sum_{p=1}^N a_{\Theta_p}^p [Y_p] + \Lambda
\]

where \((Y_p)\) are divisors in \(\hat{X}\); we assume that all the exceptional divisors of \(\mu\) are among this family, therefore some of the coefficients \(a_{\Theta_p}^p \geq 0\) may be zero and \(\Lambda\) is a non-singular, semi-positive \((1, 1)\)-form on \(\hat{X}\);

\[(P_2)\] The divisors \((Y_p)\) have normal crossing intersections.

Indeed, the existence of \(\mu\) is guaranteed by the “analytic singularities” hypothesis on the current \(\Theta\), together with Hironaka desingularization theorem.

Let \(K_{\hat{X}/X} = \sum_q a_{\hat{X}/X}^q E_q\) be the relative canonical bundle of the map \(\mu\). Then for any positive real \(t\) we have

\[
(1^\dagger) \quad \mu^*(K_X + tG) \equiv K_{\hat{X}} + \sum_{q=1}^N \left( t a_{\hat{X}/X}^q - a_{\hat{X}/X}^q \right) [Y_q] + t\Lambda
\]
We recall the cohomology class of the current $\Theta$ is assumed to be the same as the Chern class of the $\mathbb{Q}$-bundle $G$ above (see the hypothesis (3) on the page 2). The significance of the above formula is that the first Chern classes of the corresponding $\mathbb{R}$-bundles coincide.

Let $S_0$ be the set of indexes $p \in \{1, ..., N\}$ such that $\mu(Y_p)$ contains the point $x_0$. The above relation coupled with the change of variables formula show that

$$\max_{p \in S_0} (a^p_{\Theta} C_{x_0}(X, \Theta) - a^q_{\hat{X}/X}) = 1;$$

thus the above relation together with the normalization hypothesis (5) show that

$$(6) \max_{p \in S_0} (a^p_{\Theta} - a^q_{\hat{X}/X}) = 1.$$

We denote by $C(x_0, \Theta, \mu)$ the set of irreducible divisors $(Y_p)$ for which the maximum above is obtained.

Next, let us introduce the following notion, analog of the classical one in algebraic geometry.

**1.3.3 Definition.** The analytic set $W \subset X$ is called a local center of the pair $(X, \Theta)$ at $x_0$ if there exist a birational map $\mu$ with the properties $(P_1)$ and $(P_2)$ above, and a divisor $S \in C(x_0, \Theta, \mu)$ such that $\mu(S) = W$.

Let us consider the multiplier ideal $I(\Theta) \subset \mathcal{O}_X$, that is

$$I(\Theta)_x := \{f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} : \int_{(X,x)} |f|^2 \exp(-\varphi_\Theta) d\lambda < \infty\}$$

We recall that $I(\Theta)$ is coherent; also, by using a log resolution, we see that the local relative centers are located among the components of the associated zero set of $I(\Theta)$ which contain $x_0$, together with their intersections. In particular this show that we have a finite number of local centers at $x_0$.

Among the several centers a current can have, the following one will be very interesting for us.

Let $D$ be an effective $\mathbb{Q}$-divisor such that its critical exponent at $x_0$ is equal to 1 (i.e. it is lc at $x_0$). In the paper [19], Y. Kawamata show that given the centers $W_1$ and $W_2$ of $(X, D)$ at some point $x_0 \in X$, then any irreducible component $W$ of the intersection $W_1 \cap W_2$ such that $x \in W$ is again a local center of $(X, D)$ at $x_0$. In this way he shows that there is a well-defined notion of minimal center of $(X, D)$ which is unique.

Our remark is that the same considerations apply in our setting i.e. the result of Kawamata and Kollár (see e.g. [11] and the references therein) concerning the uniqueness of the minimal center still holds. Indeed, let us give here few details about the technique we use.

**Theorem ("Connectedness Lemma" [11]).** Let $\mu : \hat{X} \to X$ be a birational map, where $X$ and $\hat{X}$ are smooth. Let $\hat{D} = \sum d_i V_i$ be a $\mathbb{Q}$-divisor on $\hat{X}$, such that $-(K_{\hat{X}} + D)$ is $\mu$-nef and big; we denote the support of the multiplier ideal sheaf of the effective
part of $\hat{D}$ with $S$. We assume that if $d_i < 0$, then the corresponding hypersurface $V_i$ is contractible. 

Then $S \cap \mu^{-1}(x)$ is connected, for any $x \in X$.

We are going to use this lemma in our setting as follows. In the first place, we can assume that the class of the form $\Lambda$ in the inequality (1†) is ample, by a slight perturbation of the bundle $G$. Indeed, we recall that given any ample $A \to X$, the divisor

$$\mu^*(A) - \sum \delta_j E_j$$

is ample on $\hat{X}$, for small and well chosen positive ($\delta_j$).

Next, we see that if we denote by $\hat{D} := \sum_{p=1}^N (a_p^\Theta - a_p^\hat{X}/X)[Y_p]$ then we have $-(K_X + \hat{D})$ is $\mu$-nef and big, since it equals $\Lambda$, modulo the pull-back of a line bundle from $X$. Under these circumstances, one proves that given $W_1$ and $W_2$ two centers, then any component of their intersection is still a center (see e.g. [19]), thus the notion of minimal center has a meaning in our setting.

Let $W$ be the minimal center of $(X, \Theta)$ at $x_0$. Together with this data, we have a birational map $\mu : \hat{X} \to X$ and eventually several divisors with multiplicity 1 dominating $W$; the next statement show that we can slightly better.

Claim. Then there exist a divisor $H$ on $X$ and another birational map $\mu_0$ such that for any positive $\varepsilon$ the set $\mathcal{C}(x_0, \Theta, \mu_0)$ corresponding to the currents $\Theta_\varepsilon := (1 - \varepsilon)\Theta + \delta_\varepsilon H$ has an unique element.

The argument is absolutely standard (see e.g. [11]), but nevertheless we will give few explanations, for the sake of completeness.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be a positive number; we consider the current $(1 - \varepsilon)\Theta + \delta_\varepsilon H$, where $H$ is a very ample divisor such that $W \subset H$ and such that $H$ do not contain any other center passing thru $x_0$. We consider a further blow-up of $\hat{X}$ and call $\mu_0$ the composed map, such that the inverse image of $\Theta + [H]$ together with the exceptional divisors have normal crossings; the equality (1†) become

$$\begin{align*}
\mu_0^*(K_X + (1 - \varepsilon)\Theta + \delta_\varepsilon H) &= K_{\hat{X}} + \sum_{p=1}^N ((1 - \varepsilon)a_p^\Theta - a_p^\hat{X}/X)[Y_p] + (1 - \varepsilon)\Lambda + \\
&+ \delta_\varepsilon \left( \sum_{p} a_p^H[Y_p] + \Delta \right)
\end{align*}$$

(2†)

where we have denoted the divisors/coefficients involved in the above formula with the same symbols as above. The last line of (2†) equals $\delta_\varepsilon \mu_0^*(H)$; we remark that the coefficients of $Y_j$ in the first term in the formula above are strictly smaller than 1: this
is a consequence of the fact that the divisorial part of the inverse image of \( \Theta \) via \( \mu \) has normal crossing.

The support of the divisor \( \Delta \) above is disjoint from the other divisors in the decomposition. If necessary, we can further perturb our data, such that the coefficients \( a^p_H \) are distinct.

Considering all this, one can easily choose \( \delta_\epsilon \) such that the previous claim is verified. We remark that the (unique) divisor with coefficient equal to 1 will map to the center \( W \) precisely because of the minimality assumption. In conclusion, the so-called “tie-break” method in algebraic geometry apply in our context without any further modification.

\[ \square \]

**Conclusion.** In the “perturbed” setting there exist a unique divisor \( S \) in \( \hat{X} \) whose corresponding coefficient in the formula (2†) is equal to 1, such that it dominates the minimal center \( W \).

In order to keep the notations reasonably simple, we still denote by \( \Theta \) the current obtained after the previous perturbation operations, but we have to keep in mind that at the end of the proof the objects we will get are the \( \Theta_{(\epsilon)}^W \) in the statement 0.1. Also, by a slight perturbation of the coefficients \( a^p \) and \( b^q \) we can assume that they are rational (a-priori, they can be arbitrary real numbers, by the definition of analytic singularities we adopt here) ; the error term will be absorbed by \( \Lambda \). Since the cohomology class of \( \Theta \) is rational, we see that after the perturbation \( \{ \Lambda \} \) will still be rational.

Now, we write the relation (2†) as follows:

\[
\mu^*(K_X + G) + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{C}_J} (a^p_{\hat{X}/X} - a^p_\Theta)Y_p \equiv K_{\hat{X}} + S + \sum_{p \in J} (a^p_\Theta - a^p_{\hat{X}/X})Y_p + \Lambda.
\]

In the above relation \( J \) denotes the set of integers \( p \in \{1, \ldots, N\} \) such that the corresponding coefficient of \( Y_p \) is positive ; we denote its complement by \( \mathcal{C}_J \).

We will denote by \( \Delta_\hat{X} \) the \( \mathbb{Q} \)-line bundle whose first Chern class contains the following current

\[
(7) \sum_{p \in J_0} (a^p_\Theta - a^p_{\hat{X}/X})[Y_p] + \Lambda
\]

and such that the relation (3†) below become an equality. In the definition (7) above we denote by

\[ J_0 := \{ p \in J : x_0 \in \mu(Y_q) \}. \]

An important fact is that the critical exponent of the current (7) is greater than 1. We equally denote by \( R_{\hat{X}} \) the natural \( \mathbb{Q} \)-line bundle associated to the divisor

\[
(8) \sum_{q \in J \setminus J_0} (a^p_\Theta - a^p_{\hat{X}/X})[Y_p]
\]
and remark that the image via μ of the support of the current above does not contain W.

With these notations, the formula above become

$$(3\dagger) \quad \mu^*(K_X + G) + E = K_{\hat{X}} + S + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}}$$

where

$$E = \sum_{p \in C} (a_p^X - a_p^\Theta)Y_p$$

is a contractible Q-divisor on $\hat{X}$.

We recall the next form of the Hartogs extension principle, concerning the line bundles

$$\hat{L} := \mu^*L + \hat{E}$$

where $L \to X$ is a line bundle and $\hat{E} = \sum b(q)E_q$ is effective and contractible. The map $\mu : \hat{X} \to X$ is assumed to be a composition of blow-up maps with non-singular centers.

**Hartog’s Lemma.** Let $\hat{T} \in c_1(\hat{L})$ be a closed positive current. Then

$$\hat{T} \geq [\hat{E}];$$

in particular, the zero set of any holomorphic section of some line bundle numerically equivalent to $\hat{L}$ contains the divisor $\hat{E}$.

**Proof.** Let us consider the direct image $T$ of the current $\hat{T}$ on $X$. It is a closed positive current in the class $c_1(L)$, and therefore the difference

$$\hat{T} - \mu^*T$$

lies in the class $\{\hat{E}\}$. On the other hand, we can write

$$\hat{T} = \chi_{\hat{X} \setminus E}\hat{T} + \sum \rho^{(j)}E_j$$

and

$$\mu^*T = \chi_{\hat{X} \setminus E}\mu^*T + \sum \tau^{(j)}E_j$$

(where $E'$ is the support of the exceptional divisor). Since the two currents coincide outside $E'$, we infer that

$$\hat{T} - \mu^*T = \sum (\rho^{(j)} - \tau^{(j)})E_j.$$

We invoke now a cohomological argument: the classes associated to the hypersurfaces $E_j$ are independent in $H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{R})$ and therefore by the above relations we obtain $\rho^{(j)} - \tau^{(j)} = b^{(j)}$ for any $j$, so our claim is proved.

The following statement plays an important rôle in the proof of the main theorem (see e.g. [11] and the references therein for similar results).
1.3.5 Proposition. Let \( w \in W \) be a generic point and let \( m \geq 1 \) be a positive integer which is divisible enough. Then the divisor \( mE \) is contained in the zero set of any section \( u \) of the bundle
\[
m(K_{S_w} + \Delta_{\hat{X}|S_w}).
\]

1.3.6 Remark. The idea of the following proof is quite simple: we first show that the sections above twisted with inverse image of the section of some large enough ample line bundle on \( X \) extend to \( \hat{X} \). To this end, the main tools are the theorem 0.2 combined with a version of the Hacon-McKernan lifting lemma (see [16]) obtained by Ein-Popa in [14]. Then we apply the Hartogs lemma above.

Proof (of 1.3.5). Since \( m \) is assumed to be divisible enough, the multiple \( m\Delta_{\hat{X}} \) is a genuine line bundle. We denote by \( p \) the restriction of \( \mu \) to \( S \). We want to apply the theorem 0.2 in order to construct a metric \( h^{(m)}_{S/W} \) on the bundle \( m(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) \) with positive curvature current and such that if \( w \in W \) is generic, then the restriction of the metric to the fiber \( S_w \) has the same singularities as the algebraic metric given by the sections of the bundle
\[
m(K_{S_w} + \Delta_{\hat{X}|S_w}).
\]

The metric we use on \( \Delta_{\hat{X}} \) is the one induced by the expression (7) and thus we have to be able to show that for the generic fiber of the map \( p : S \to W \), the space of sections which satisfy the \( L^2 \) condition (2) in the theorem 0.2 contains some non-zero element.

Indeed this is the case, since we recall that the critical exponent of \( (S, \Delta_{\hat{X}|S}) \) is strictly greater than 1 (and \( w \) is generic), so the corresponding root of any non-zero section will be integrable. We remark that we do have such sections, since the bundle \( mE \) is still effective when restricted to \( S_w \), and since \( R_{\hat{X}} \) is vertical with respect to the map \( \mu|_S = p \).

Let \( A \to X \) be a positive enough line bundle; we want to apply the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem (see the statement 2.2 and the remark 2.3 in the appendix) to the bundle \( m(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) + \mu^*A \) in order to extend \( u \) (we have already used similar techniques in our article [4]).

To this end, let us write it as an adjoint bundle as follows
\[
m(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) + \mu^*A = K_S + (m-1)(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + \mu^*(A - K_W)
\]

The second bundle in the above decomposition is endowed with the appropriate multiple of the metric \( h^{(m)}_{S/W} \). If we denote by
\[
F := (m-1)(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}) + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + \mu^*(A - K_W)
\]
then we have
\[
u \in H^0(S_w, K_S + F_{\mid S_w})
\]
and let \( h_F \) be the metric on \( F \) induced by the \( h^{(m)}_{S/W} \) together with the metric on \( \Delta_{\hat{X}} \) given by the divisors in the decomposition (7) and with the smooth, semi-positively
curved metric on $\Lambda_2$ and on $\mu^*(A-K_W)$. Then we claim that the curvature assumptions and the $L^2$ conditions required by the extension theorem are satisfied.

To verify this claim, let $B \to X$ be a very ample line bundle, such that there exist a family of sections $\rho_j \in H^0(X, B)$ with the property that $w = \cap_j (\rho_j = 0)$. The curvature conditions to be fulfilled are:

i) $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{h^p}(F) + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(\sum |\rho_j \circ \mu|^2) \geq 0$ where we measure the norm of the sections $\rho_j$ above by a positively curved metric of $B$;

ii) $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{h^p}(F) + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(\sum |\rho_j \circ \mu|^2) \geq \delta \mu^*(\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta(B))$ where $\delta$ is a positive real.

We see that both conditions will be satisfied if the curvature of $F$ is greater than say $2\mu^* \Theta(B)$; this last condition can be easily satisfied if $A$ is positive enough.

Concerning the integrability of the section, we remark that we have

$$\int_{S_w} [u, u] \left( m^{-1} \varphi^{(m)}_{S/W} + \varphi_{A-K_W} \right) \leq C \int_{S_w} [u, u] (m, \varphi_{A-K_W}) < \infty$$

(we refer to the paragraph 1.1 for the meaning of the notation under the integral sign); the first inequality is satisfied because $u$ is bounded with respect to $h^{(m)}_{S/W}$ and the second one holds because the ideal sheaf of $\Delta_{\widehat{X}}$ restricted to $S_w$ is trivial, provided that $w$ is generic (which is the case).

Then the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem show that $u$ admit an extension $U_1$ as section of the bundle $m(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{\widehat{X}}) + \mu^* A$. We twist the section $U_1$ with the canonical section of the bundle $mR_{\widehat{X}|S}$ and denote by $U$ the resulting section; we remark that it belongs to the linear system $|m(K_{S/W} + R_{\widehat{X}} + \Delta_{\widehat{X}}) + \mu^* A|$ and that its restriction to the fiber $S_w$ is a (non-zero) multiple of our initial section $u$.

In order to simplify the writing, we introduce the next notation

$$R_m := \Delta_{\widehat{X}} + R_{\widehat{X}} + \frac{2}{m} \mu^* A.$$ 

Now let $V \in H^0(W, mK_W + A)$ which is non-zero at $w$ (again we use the fact that $A$ is positive enough here). Then the section

$$U \otimes \mu^* V \in H^0(S, m(K_S + R_m))$$

extends (a multiple of) $u$.

By the definition above, we remark that the bundle $R_m$ is naturally decomposed in two parts: the $m^{th}$ root of the first one has critical exponent greater than 1 (since it is equal to $\Delta_{\widehat{X}}$) and the section $U \otimes \mu^* V$ contains the second part in the set of its zeroes.

In this context, the above section (9) can be extended further to $\widehat{X}$; the argument is just the Ein-Popa extension theorem [14], see also 2.4 in the second part of the present article, where we offer (for the convenience of the reader) a proof of their result “with analytic flavour”.

To see how this result will be applied, the $\mathbb{Q}$-divisor $\Delta$ in the theorem 2.4 will be simply $R_m$. The divisors $\Delta_1$ and $\Delta_0$ are respectively the singular part of $R_{\hat{X}}$ and $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$. Finally, the ample part of $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$ plus $\frac{2}{m}\mu^*A$ will be $\Delta_2$. Next, we recall that we have the relation

\begin{equation}
\mu^*(K_X + \Theta + \frac{2}{m}A) + E = K_{\hat{X}} + S + R_{\hat{X}} + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + \frac{2}{m}\mu^*A
\end{equation}

The hypersurfaces $(Y_p)$ have normal crossing intersections, and since the supports of $E$ and $S + R_{\hat{X}} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}$ are disjoint, we see that indeed we can apply the result 2.4 (i.e. the conditions (1)-(4) on the page 29 and the other hypothesis of 2.4 are fulfilled).

Let

\[ U_{\hat{X}} \in H^0(\hat{X}, m(K_{\hat{X}} + S + R_m)) \]

be any extension of $U \otimes \mu^*V$; by the equality $(3\dagger)$, the Chern class of its zero set is the same as the one of the bundle $m\mu^*(K_X + G + 2/mA) + E$. By the previous Hartog’s lemma, the zero set of $U_{\hat{X}}$ contains the divisor $mE$. When restricted to $S_w$, we infer that our section $u$ is a multiple of $u_{E}^{m}$, thus we are done (we use the fact that $V$ does not vanish at $w$). □

\section*{§1.4 Proof of the Main Theorem}

We prove in this subsection the Main Theorem; as mentioned in the introduction, the forthcoming paper [5] will contain a much more involved statement and our feeling is that the arguments presented here can serve as an introduction to more general facts which will follow.

The main steps in our proof are the next ones. After few preliminaries, we first show the qualitative part of our statement, i.e. the existence of the closed positive currents $\Theta^{(e)}_W$; this will be a consequence of the theorem 0.2 and 2.1 (in the second part). We analyze afterwards the size of its critical exponent.

\subsection*{§1.4.A The singularities of the Bergman metric}

To start with, we recall the formula $(3\dagger)$ which states

\begin{equation}
\mu^*(K_X + G) + E \equiv K_{\hat{X}} + S + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}}
\end{equation}

where $E$ is a contractible, effective $\mathbb{Q}$ divisor. We recall that the divisor $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$ admits a metric with trivial multiplier sheaf and contains a small ample part (as a result of the perturbation); as for $R_{\hat{X}}$, it is $\mathbb{Q}$-effective and trivial on the generic fiber of the map $\mu|_S : S \to W$.

We restrict the relation (12) to $S$ and withdraw the inverse image of the canonical bundle of $W$; we denote by $p$ the restriction of the map $\mu$ to $S$ and we get

\begin{equation}
p^*(K_X + G|_W - K_W) + E \equiv K_{\hat{S}/W} + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}}
\end{equation}
(remark that we still denote by $E, \Delta_{\hat{X}}$ the restrictions of the divisors in questions to $S$).

Let $m_0$ be a positive integer, such that the multiples $m_0G$, $m_0\Delta_{\hat{X}}$ and $m_0R_{\hat{X}}$ become integral. We want now to apply our theorem 0.2 in order analyze the positivity properties of the bundle

$$m_0K_{S/W} + m_0\Delta_{\hat{X}}.$$  

The dimension of the space of holomorphic sections of its restriction to a generic fiber $S_w$ (where $w \in W_0$) is equal to 1, as a consequence of the proposition 1.3.5; on the other hand, we can easily identify the space in question: it consists of multiples of the divisor $m_0E$ restricted to $S_w$. We remark that any section of the above line bundle automatically satisfies the integrability conditions required by 0.2, since the restriction of $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$ to any generic fiber $S_w$ is still greater than 1.

Thus we have a well-defined $m_0$–Bergman kernel metric $h_{S/W}$ on the bundle (14), whose associated curvature current will be denoted by $\frac{-1}{2\pi} \Theta_{S/W}$. We want to show now that this current is at least as singular as $m_0E$.

To this end, let $A_X \to X$ be a positive line bundle, such that $K_W + A_X$ is still positive. We define

$$T_W := \frac{-1}{2m_0\pi} \Theta_{S/W} + [R_{\hat{X}}] + \mu^*(\Theta(K_W + A_X)) \in c_1(K_S + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}} + \mu^*(A_X));$$

it is a closed positive current, and our next claim is that there exist a fixed ample bundle $\hat{A} \to \hat{X}$ such that for any $m \geq 0$, large and divisible enough, the metric defined by the local potentials of the current above on the $\mathbb{Q}$–bundle $K_S + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}} + \mu^*(A_X)$ admits a sub-extension metric $h^{(m)}$ of the bundle

$$K_{\hat{X}} + S + \Delta_{\hat{X}} + R_{\hat{X}} + \mu^*(A_X) + \frac{1}{m} \hat{A},$$

defined on $\hat{X}$, with positive curvature current. The existence of such an object is stated in the theorem 2.1 in the second part of this article, so let us verify the fact that we are in position to apply this result.

The $\mathbb{Q}$–bundle $\Delta$ in the theorem 2.1 will be $R_{\hat{X}} + \Delta_{\hat{X}}$. The divisors $\Delta_1$ and $\Delta_0$ are respectively $R_{\hat{X}}$ and $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$. If $A_X$ and $m_1$ are large enough, the general member of the linear space $H^0(\hat{X}, m_1\mu^*(K_X + G + A_X) + m_1E)$ will have normal crossing intersections with the support of the bundles $R_{\hat{X}}$ and $\Delta_{\hat{X}}$; we define $T$ to be the $1/m_1$ times the current of integration over the zero set of such a member. In order to show that with this choice we can apply 2.1 we refer to the part two of our article (pages 30-31).

Therefore, we get the metric $h^{(m)}$ on the bundle (15) on $\hat{X}$, with positive curvature current, whose restriction to $S$ is well defined, and such that

$$\varphi_T \leq \varphi_{(m)}^{(S)} + C(m)$$

pointwise on $S$. On the other hand, the bundle (15) is numerically equivalent to

$$\mu^*(K_X + G + A_X) + E + \frac{1}{m} \hat{A}$$
and since we can take $\hat{A} := \mu^* B - E_0$ where $B$ is ample on $X$ and $E_0$ is effective and contractible, the Hartog’s lemma imply that the current associated to $h^{(m)}$ is more singular than $(1 - \delta_m)[E]$, where $\delta_m \to 0$ as $m \to \infty$ (this little error is induced by $E_0$ above).

Since this is true for all $m$ large enough, we infer from (16) that

\[(17) \quad T_W \geq [E].\]

One the other hand the current $T_W$ is a sum of the positive current $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2m_0 \pi} \Theta_{S/W} + [R_X]$ plus a smooth term, therefore we have

\[(18) \quad \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{S/W} + m_0[R_X] \geq m_0[E].\]

As a consequence, the above inequality combined with the formula (13) allows us to define the closed positive current

$\Theta_W \in c_1(K_X + G|_W - K_W)$

on $W$ such that

$p^*(\Theta_W) = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2m_0 \pi} \Theta_{S/W} + [R_X] - [E];$

this already show that the bundle

$K_X + G|_W - K_W$

is pseudoeffective.

\[\square\]

§1.4.B The critical exponent of $\Theta_W$

We will show in this paragraph that the critical exponent of the current $\Theta_W$ is greater than 1.

To this end, we will analyze during the next few lines the structure of the curvature current of the bundle (14), endowed with the metric given in the theorem 0.2.

Let us consider a coordinate set $V \subset W$; there exist a meromorphic section $u_V$ of the bundle

\[(19) \quad m_0K_{S/W} + m_0\Delta_X|_{p^{-1}(V)}\]

defined by the relation

\[(20) \quad u_V := \frac{u_{m_0E}}{u_{m_0R_X}}.\]

One can see that here we implicitly use the fact that the bundle $K_X + G - K_W|_V$ is trivial, in order to identify the quotient in (20) with a section in the bundle (19).
We remark that the restriction of the meromorphic section above to the *generic* fiber $S_w$ is holomorphic, and it is the only section of the bundle $m_0K_{S/W} + m_0\Delta_{|S_w}$ up to a multiple. The term “generic” in the sentence above simply means $w \in W_1 := W \setminus p(R_X \cup E^v)$.

In the above relation, we denote by $E^v$ the vertical part (with respect to $p$) of the divisor $E$. By the discussion at the beginning of the paragraph 1.2, the local weight of the metric on $m_0K_{S/W} + m_0\Delta_{|S_w}$ is given in terms of the section $u_V$ normalized in a correct manner, as follows: for $w \in W_1$, let $\tau_w$ be the positive real number such that

$$\tau_w^2 \int_{S_w} \frac{|u_V|^2/m_0}{|\Lambda^r dp|^2} \exp(-\varphi_\Delta) d\lambda = 1.$$  

One can see that a-priori we need to fix metrics on $S$ and $W$ in order to measure the norms above, but they are completely irrelevant, provided that we identify $u_V|_{S_w}$ with a section of $m_0K_{S_w} + m_0\Delta_{|S_w}$; therefore we skip this point, hoping that the confusion caused by it is not too big.

We denote by $\varphi_{S/W}^{(m_0)}$ the local weight of the $m_0$-Bergman kernel metric on the bundle $m_0(K_{S/W} + \Delta_{X})$ and then we have

$$\exp(\varphi_{S/W}^{(m_0)}(x)) = \tau_0^{|m_0| f_V(x)|^2}$$

where $y = p(x)$ and $f_V$ is the local expression of the section $u_V$ near the point $x$ in the fiber $S_y$. It is understood that the equality (22) holds for $y \in V \setminus W_1$, and that the content of the theorem 0.2 is that the expression on the right hand side of (22) is uniformly bounded from above.

From the definition of the current $\Theta_W$, the exponential of the $m_0$ times its local potential is given by the function

$$x \rightarrow \exp(\varphi_{S/W}^{(m_0)}) \frac{|f_{m_0 R_X}|^2}{|f_{m_0 E}|^2}(x)$$

(which in particular, it is log-psh, since $\Theta_W$ is positive). On the other hand, the above function is equal to $\tau_{p(x)}$ on $V \setminus W_1$; it is this expression which we will use in order to evaluate the critical exponent of $\Theta_W$.

Let $\Omega \subset W$ be a coordinate open set which does not intersect the direct image of $R_X$; we want to show that the integral

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{d\lambda(w)}{\tau_w^2}$$

converge.

To this end, remember that by the definition of $\tau$ we have

$$\tau^2(w) \int_{S_w} \frac{|u_{m_0 E}|^2/m_0}{|\Lambda^r dp|^2} \exp(-\varphi_\Delta - \varphi_R) = 1.$$
Of course, it may happen that over some fiber $S_w$ above the metric of $\Delta^X$ is identically $\infty$, or that the $m_0$ root of the section $u_{m_0E}$ does not belong to the multiplier ideal of the restriction of the metric, but this kind of accident can only happen for $w$ in an analytic set; for such values of $w$ we simply assign the value 0 to $\tau(w)$.

We have
\[
\int_{\Omega} \frac{d\lambda(w)}{\tau^2 w} = \int_{\Omega} d\lambda(w) \int_{S_w} \frac{|u_{m_0E}|^{2/m_0}}{|\Lambda^r dp|^2} \exp(-\varphi_\Delta - \varphi_R) \leq \int_{\mu^{-1}(\Omega)} |u_{m_0E}|^{2/m_0} \exp(-\varphi_\Delta - \varphi_R) < \infty
\]
where the last inequality is due to the fact that $\Delta^X$ has trivial multiplier ideal sheaf. Therefore, the theorem is proved, modulo the fact that we have used a perturbation of $\Theta$ at the beginning. In order to recover the current $\Theta_W$, we simply take the limit in the sense of currents. We would like to mention that the multiplier ideal of the limit current may be not trivial. The theorem 0.1 is therefore completely proved.

1.4.7 Remark. The theorem 0.1 can be seen as a consequence of the original Kawamata’s result. Indeed, since the current $\Theta$ has analytic singularities, we can apply e.g. the arguments in [11] to derive the result. However, our proof seems to us technically ‘lighter’. On the other hand, the information provided by the original approach argument of Kawamata (see equally [11]) is more complete, in the sense that the current $\Theta_W$ is decomposed in a numerically effective part and an effective part in a natural manner.

1.4.8 Remark. As a consequence of the psh property of the function defined by the relation (23), we see that the normalization function $y \to \tau_y$ is uniformly bounded from above. We recall that this function is only (explicitly) defined on a Zariski open set and therefore the existence of an upper bound for $\tau$ is a-priori far from obvious, as one can see by regarding the integral in (21) for $w'$ near some $w \in p(E^v)$. Nevertheless it is true, and it imply the next fact: the jacobian $\wedge^r dp$ vanish identically on the fiber $S_w \subset E^v$ to a high order, enough to make the integral
\[
\int_{S_w} \frac{|u_V|^{2/m_0}}{|\Lambda^r dp|^2} \exp(-\varphi_\Delta) d\lambda
\]
bounded from below, as $w' \to w$. This may be seen as a consequence of the presence of $E$ in the left hand side of (12): the singularities of some part of the exceptional divisor are bigger than the singularities of the current $\Theta$. Also, $S$ has a very special status among the exceptional divisors of $\mu$.

1.4.9 Remark. The method of proof we have used for the theorem 0.1 can be adapted to a more general context, as follows.

We are giving ourselves a surjective map $p : X \to Y$ and a bundle $L \to X$ endowed with a metric with semi-positive curvature, but in addition, let us assume that
\[
h^0(X_y, m(K_{X_y} + L)) = 1
\]
for all $m$ large enough and $y \in Y$ generic. Remark that this kind of hypothesis may look odd at a first sight, but in fact it turn out to be quite natural in “subadjunction” context, as the proposition 1.3.5 shows it. Moreover we will assume that the metric $h_L$ has trivial multiplier sheaf and analytic singularities. Then we have the next consequence of our previous results.

1.4.10 Corollary. Under the above hypothesis, there exist metric on the twisted relative canonical bundle

$$K_{X/Y} + L$$

whose curvature current equals

$$\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{X/Y} := [\Xi] + \chi Z^p(R_Y)$$

where $\Xi$ is an effective $\mathbb{R}$-divisor on $X$ such that its intersection to the generic fiber is the current of integration over the zero set of the section in (24) renormalized, $Z$ is $p$-vertical and finally $R_Y$ is a closed positive current on $Y$.

Proof. The argument is derived from the theory of closed positive currents, (especially the structure theorems of Y.-T. Siu, see [30]), combined with our theorem 0.2. Indeed, let us consider the curvature current $\Theta_{X/Y}$ of the metric $h_{X/Y}^{(m)}$; it is closed, positive, and its restriction to the fiber $X_y$ is given by the current of integration over the analytic set corresponding to the section in $m(K_{X_y} + L)$ normalized by the factor $1/m$, if $y \in Y \setminus Z$, where $Z$ is a Zariski closed set.

On the other hand, if $m \gg 0$ then there exist a divisor $D_m$ on $X$ whose intersection with the generic fiber of $p$ is the zero set of the section in the linear system $m(K_{X_y} + L)$; this fact is also a consequence of usual extension theorems, together with the hypothesis (24). Now by the results in [29], the generic Lelong number of $\Theta_{X/Y}$ along $D_m$ is the same as the generic Lelong number of the restriction of $\Theta_{X/Y}$ to a generic fiber along the corresponding restriction of $D_m$. Thus we have

$$\chi_{X \setminus Z} \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{X/Y} \geq \frac{1}{m} \chi_{X \setminus Z}[D_m]$$

and the restriction of the difference of the currents above to the generic fibers of $p$ is equal to zero. Positivity considerations show the existence of a closed positive current $R_Y$ on $Y$ such that

$$\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{X/Y} - \frac{1}{m} D_m = p^*(R_Y)$$

holds on the complement of the Zariski closed subset of $Z \subset X$: indeed, one first show that such a current exists on the complement of the critical values of $p$, and then that is extends since it has bounded mass near this set. Remark that in this way we have determined the part of the current $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_{X/Y}$ outside $Z$. But the part of the current supported in $Z$ is of divisorial type as well, by the support theorem [30], thus this gives the current $\Xi$ and the corollary is proved.
1.4.11 Remark. Let $\Theta$ be a closed positive current on $X$ of $(1,1)$–type. We assume that its critical exponent at some point $x_0 \in X$ is equal to 1. Concerning the setting we have the next so-called openness conjecture, due to Demailly-Kollár in [10].

Conjecture ([10]). The integral

$$\int_{(X,x_0)} \exp(-\varphi_T) d\lambda$$

is divergent.

As far as we are aware, the previous statement was only established for surfaces (see [15]). It would be extremely useful to have it for arbitrary dimensions, since in our opinion this is the missing piece in order to prove the theorem 0.1 without the analytic singularities hypothesis.

§2. Extension of metrics

In this second part we prove an extension theorem concerning metrics with positive curvature current of adjoint $\mathbb{Q}$–line bundles. Particular cases of the statement below (and its corollaries) were used several times in the proof of the main theorem.

The general framework of our result is as follows.

• We consider a projective, non-singular manifold $X$, and let $\Delta_0 \to X$ be a $\mathbb{Q}$–line bundle, such that for any $m$ large and divisible enough, we have

$$m\Delta_0 \equiv L_1 + \cdots + L_{m-1}$$

where for each $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$ the $L_j$ is a line bundle, endowed with a metric $h_j$ whose curvature current is assumed to be positive.

• $\Delta_1 \to X$ is a $\mathbb{Q}$–line bundle, whose first Chern class contains a closed positive current $\Xi$. We introduce the notation

$$\Delta := \Delta_0 + \Delta_1.$$

• $S \subset X$ is a non-singular hypersurface such that $h_j|_S$ and $\Xi|_S$ are well-defined, in the sense that the local potentials of $h_j$ are not identically $-\infty$ when restricted to $S$. We assume the existence of a closed positive current

$$T \in c_1(K_X + S + \Delta)$$

such that:

(\mathcal{R}) The restriction of $T$ to $S$ is well defined;

(\mathcal{I}) There is some positive number $\varepsilon$ such that for any $\delta > 0$ and any $j = 1, \ldots, m - 1$ we have

$$(\mathcal{I}_j) \quad \mathcal{I}((1-\delta)\varphi_{L_j} + \varepsilon\varphi_{T|S}) = \mathcal{O}_S.$$
We observe that under the hypothesis \((T_j)\) the multiplier sheaf of the metric \((1 - \delta)\varphi_j\) is automatically trivial for any \(\delta > 0\). The assumption above intuitively means that the singularities of \(\varphi_j\) and \(\varphi_T\) are transversal.

The following statement is a metric version of the extension theorem due to Ein-Popa and Hacon-McKernan [14], [16] (as it will be seen in the corollaries which follow the proof). The origin of this kind of results is the seminal article of Y.-T. Siu [32].

**Theorem 2.1.** Let \(S\) be a non-singular hypersurface of a projective manifold \(X\) and let \(\Delta_0, \Delta_1, T\) be respectively \(\mathbb{Q}\)-line bundles and a closed positive current with the properties stated above. We consider a metric \(h_{K_S + \Delta}\) on the \(\mathbb{Q}\)-line bundle \(K_S + \Delta\) such that:

i) The corresponding curvature current is positive;

ii) We have

\[
\varphi_{K_S + \Delta} \leq \varphi_{\Xi|S},
\]

or more generally, it is enough to assume that for any positive integer \(m\) we have

\[
\mathcal{I}(m\varphi_{K_S + \Delta}) \subset \mathcal{I}(m\varphi_{\Xi|S}).
\]

Then there exist an ample line bundle \(A \to X\) such that for any positive integer \(m\), the metric \(h_{K_S + \Delta}\) admits a sub-extension \(h^{(m)}\), where \(h^{(m)}\) is a metric of the \(\mathbb{Q}\)-line bundle \(K_X + S + \Delta + 1/mA\) defined on \(X\), with positive curvature current. \(\square\)

In other words, we claim the existence of a metric \(h^{(m)}\) of the \(\mathbb{Q}\)-line bundle \(K_X + S + \Delta + 1/mA\) with positive curvature and such that its restriction to \(S\) is well defined and satisfies the next inequality

\[
\varphi_{K_S + \Delta} \leq \varphi^{(m)} - \varphi_A/m,
\]

at each point of \(S\), where \(\varphi_A\) is a smooth metric on \(A\).

**Proof.** Our arguments involve two main ingredients: an approximation theorem for closed positive currents (which is originally due to Demailly in [9], and further polished by Boucksom in [6]) and the invariance of plurigenera techniques. The first technical tool allows us to “convert” the metric \(h_{K_S + \Delta}\) to a family of sections of the bundle \(m(K_S + \Delta) + A\), whereas the second will show that each member of the family of sections obtained in this way admits an extension to \(X\). We remark that for the second step we could just quote the recent result of Ein-Popa [14]; however, we prefer to present an alternative proof, which is more analytic in spirit (the reader can profitably consult the original proof in [16], based on the theory of adjoint ideals).

§2.1 Approximation of closed positive currents

To start with, we recall the (crucial) fact that a closed positive current of \((1, 1)\)-type can be approximate in a very accurate way by a sequence of currents given by algebraic metrics.
Theorem A ([6], [9]). There exist an ample line bundle $A \to X$ and a smooth metric $h_A$ on $A$ such that the following holds. Let $m$ be a large and divisible enough positive integer, and let $(\sigma_j^{(m)})$ be an orthonormal basis of the space

$$H^0(S, m(K_S + \Delta) + A)$$

endowed with the metric whose local weights are given by the functions $m\varphi_{K_S+\Delta} + \varphi_A$ and an arbitrary smooth volume form on $S$. Then we have the pointwise inequality

$$\varphi_A/m + \varphi_{K_S+\Delta} \leq \frac{1}{m} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} |f_j^{(m)}|^2 \right) + C$$

where $f_j^{(m)}$ is the local holomorphic function corresponding to the section $\sigma_j^{(m)}$, for any $j$.

We remark that the precise statement in [6], [9] is slightly different, but the proof given there clearly contains the inequality (27) above. Notice that if the metric $\varphi_{K_S+\Delta}$ satisfies condition (ii) of Theorem 2.1, then the sections $(\sigma_j^{(m)})$ satisfy the integrability relation

$$\sigma_j^{(m)} \in I(m\varphi_{\Xi}|S)$$

for any positive integers $j, m$.

§2.2 Extension of sections

Let $u$ be a section of $m(K_S + \Delta) + A$ such that

$$\int_S |u|^2 \exp(-m\varphi_{K_S+\Delta} - \varphi_A)d\lambda < \infty;$$

so that in particular $u \in I(m\varphi_{\Xi}|S)$ (for example, $u$ may be one of the $\sigma_j^{(m)}$ involved in the approximation process above).

The main part of the proof of 2.1 is to show that $u$ extends to $X$. (Of course, we are going to use heavily the other metric assumptions in the statement 2.1, i.e. just the relation (29) above is not sufficient). To this end, we will use the invariance of plurigenera techniques. The argument is derived from the original article of Siu, see [32], as well as [13], [26].

We denote by $L_m := m\Delta_1$ and

$$L^{(p)} := p(K_X + S) + L_1 + ... + L_p$$

where $p = 1, ..., m$. By convention, $L^{(0)}$ is the trivial bundle. We can assume that the bundle $A \to X$ in the approximation statement above is ample enough, but independent of $m$, so that the next two conditions are satisfied.
For each $0 \leq p \leq m - 1$, the bundle $L^{(p)} + mA$ is generated by its global sections, which we denote by $(s_j^{(p)})$;

Any section of the bundle $L^{(m)} + mA|_S$ admits an extension to $X$.

We formulate now the following inductive statement (depending on a positive integer $k$ and on $0 \leq p \leq m - 1$): 

\begin{itemize}
  \item[(P\textsubscript{k,p})] The sections $u^k \otimes s_j^{(p)} \in H^0(S, L^{(p)} + kL^{(m)} + (k + m)A|_S)$

extend to $X$, for each $j = 1, ..., N_p$.
\end{itemize}

If we can show that $P\textsubscript{k,p}$ is true for any $k$ and $p$, then we are done, since the extensions $U_j^{(km)}$ of the sections $u^k \otimes s_j^{(0)}$ can be used to define a metric $\log \sum |U_j^{(km)}|^2$

on the bundle $km(K_X + S + \Delta) + (k + m)A$

whose $km^{th}$ root is defined to be $h^{(m)}$ (for $k \gg 0$). Theorem A shows that $h^{(m)}$ is then indeed a sub-extension of the given metric $h_{K_S + \Delta}$.

Thus, it is enough to check the property $P\textsubscript{k,p}$; our arguments rely heavily on the next version of the Ohsawa-Takegoshi theorem, proved by L. Manivel (see [1], [2], [12], [22], [24], [25] to quote only a few), and further refined by McNeal-Varolin in [23].

\section*{2.2 Theorem ([23])}
Let $X$ be a projective $n$-dimensional manifold, and let $S \subset X$ be a non-singular hypersurface. Let $F$ be a line bundle, endowed with a metric $h_F$. We assume the existence of some non-singular metric $h_S$ on the bundle $O(S)$ such that :

\begin{itemize}
  \item[(1)] $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_F \geq 0$ on $X$;
  \item[(2)] $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_F - \alpha \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_S \geq 0$ for some $\alpha > 0$;
  \item[(3)] The restriction of the metric $h_F$ on $S$ is well defined.
\end{itemize}

Then every section $u \in H^0(S, (K_X + S + F|_S) \otimes I(h_F|_S))$ admits an extension $U$ to $X$ such that

$$c_n \int_X U \wedge \overline{U} \exp \left( - \varphi_F - \varphi_S - \log \left( |s|^2 \log^2(|s|) \right) \right) < \infty$$

where $s$ is a section whose zero set is precisely the hypersurface $S$ and its norm in the integral above is measured with respect to $h_S$. In particular

$$c_n \int_X U \wedge \overline{U} \exp \left( - \varphi_F - \varphi_S \right) / |s|^{2(1-\delta)} < \infty$$
for any \( \delta > 0 \).

2.3 Remark. In fact, the general result in [23] allow to extend sections of bundles
\( K_X + E|_W \) defined on higher codimensional manifolds \( W \subset X \) which are complete
intersections

\[
W = \cap_j (\rho_j = 0)
\]

where \( \rho_j \) are sections of some line bundle \( \Lambda \). Of course, in this case the curvature
and integrability conditions (1) – (3) are modified : basically we replace \( \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_F \) with
\( \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \Theta_E + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \partial^\ast \log (\sum |\rho_j|^2) \), and the curvature term of \( \mathcal{O}(S) \) with the curvature
of \( \Lambda \) (if \( W = S \) is a hypersurface, the bundle \( E \) in this setting is just \( F + S \)). We refer
to [23] for the precise statement.

We will use inductively the theorem above, in order to show the extension property
\( \mathcal{P}_{k,p} \). The first steps are as follows.

1. For each \( j = 1, \ldots, N_0 \), the section \( u \otimes s_j^{(0)} \in H^0(S, L^{(m)} + (m+1)A|_S) \) admits an
extension \( U_j^{(m)} \in H^0(X, L^{(m)} + (m+1)A) \), by the property \( \dagger \dagger \).

2. We use the sections \( (U_j^{(m)}) \) to construct a metric

\[
\varphi^{(m)} = \log \sum |U_j^{(m)}|^2
\]
on the bundle \( L^{(m)} + (m+1)A \).

3. Let us consider the section \( u \otimes s_j^{(1)} \in H^0(S, L^{(1)} + L^{(m)} + (1+m)A|_S) \). We remark
that the bundle

\[
L^{(1)} + L^{(m)} + (m+1)A = K_X + S + L_1 + L^{(m)} + (m+1)A
\]
can be written as \( K_X + S + F \) where

\[
F := L_1 + L^{(m)} + (m+1)A.
\]

We are going to construct a metric on \( F \) which satisfy the curvature and integrability
assumptions in the theorem 2.2.

Let \( 0 < \delta \ll \varepsilon \ll 1 \) be positive real numbers. We endow the bundle \( F \) with the
metric given by

\[
\varphi_{\delta, \varepsilon}^{(m)} := (1 - \delta)\varphi_{L_1} + \delta \bar{\varphi}_{L_1} + (1 - \varepsilon)\varphi^{(m)} + \varepsilon((m+1)\varphi_A + m\varphi_T)
\]

where the metric \( \bar{\varphi}_{L_1} \) is smooth (no curvature requirements) and \( \varphi_{L_1} \) is the singular
metric whose existence is given by hypothesis. The curvature conditions (1) and (2) in
2.2 are satisfied, since we can use the metric on \( A \) in order to absorb the negativity of
\( \bar{\varphi}_{L_1} \).
Next we claim that the sections $u \otimes s_j^{(1)}$ are integrable with respect to the metric defined in (31). Indeed, the integrand is less singular than

$$\exp \left( - (1 - \delta) \varphi_{L_1} - \varepsilon \varphi_T \right)$$

which is integrable by the hypothesis ($T_1$).

(4) We apply the extension theorem 2.2 and we get $U_j^{(m+1)}$, whose restriction on $S$ is precisely $u \otimes s_j^{(1)}$. $\blacksquare$

Now the assertion $P_{k,p}$ will be obtained by iterating the procedure (1)-(4) several times. Indeed, assume that the proposition $P_{k,p}$ has been checked, and consider the set of global sections

$$U_j^{(km+p)} \in H^0(X, L^{(p)} + kL^{(m)} + (k + m)A)$$

which extend $u^k \otimes s_j^{(p)}$. They induce a metric on the above bundle, denoted by $\varphi^{(km+p)}$. If $p < m - 1$, then we define the family of sections

$$u^k \otimes s_j^{(p+1)} \in H^0(S, L^{(p+1)} + kL^{(m)} + (k + m)A|_S)$$

on $S$. As in the step (3) above we have that

$$L^{(p+1)} = K_X + S + L_{p+1} + L^{(p)}.$$

To apply the extension result 2.2, we have to exhibit a metric on the bundle

$$F := L_{p+1} + L^{(p)} + kL^{(m)} + (k + m)A$$

for which the curvature conditions are satisfied, and such that the family of sections above are $L^2$ with respect to it. We define

$$\varphi_{(km+p+1)}^{(\delta, \varepsilon)} := (1-\delta)\varphi_{L_{p+1}} + \delta \tilde{\varphi}_{L_{p+1}} + (1-\varepsilon)\varphi^{(km+p)} + \varepsilon (\tilde{\varphi}_{L^{(p)}} + mk \varphi_T + (m+k) \varphi_A)$$

and we see that the parameters $\varepsilon, \delta$ have to satisfy the conditions:

(A) We don’t assume any relation between the zero set of $u$ and the singularities of $T$, thus we have to keep the poles of $T$ “small” in the expression of the metric above, as we have to use ($T_{p+1}$). This impose $mk \varepsilon \ll 1$;

(B) We have to absorb the negativity in the smooth curvature terms in (32), thus we are forced to have $\delta \ll \varepsilon$.

Clearly we can choose $\varepsilon, \delta$ with the properties required above. Let us check next the $L^2$ condition. As before, the integrand is less singular than

$$\exp \left( - (1 - \delta) \varphi_{L_{p+1}} - mk \varepsilon \varphi_T \right).$$

This is again integrable because of the transversality hypothesis ($T_{p+1}$).
Finally, let us indicate how to perform the induction step if \( p = m - 1 \): we consider the family of sections
\[
u^{k+1} \otimes s_j^{(0)} \in H^0(S, (k+1)L^{(m)} + (m+k+1)A_{|S}),
\]
In this case we have to exhibit a metric on the bundle
\[L_m + L^{(m-1)} + kL^{(m)} + (m+k+1)A.\]
This is easier than before, since we can simply take
\[
\varphi^{m(k+1)} := m\varphi_{\Xi} + \varphi_A + \varphi^{(km+m-1)}
\]
With this choice, the curvature conditions are satisfied; as for the \( L^2 \) ones, we remark that we have
\[
\int |u^{k+1} \otimes s_j^{(0)}|^2 \exp(-m\varphi_{\Xi})dV < C \int |u \otimes s_j^{(0)}|^2 \exp(-m\varphi_{\Xi})dV < \infty
\]
where the last relation holds because of (29). The proof of the extension theorem is therefore finished.

Next, we will highlight a very useful geometric context for which the numerous hypothesis in the theorem 2.1 are satisfied.

To this end, let us consider the next objects:

1. \( \Delta_0 \) is an effective \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor and has critical exponent greater than 1 (i.e. it is klt);
2. \( \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \) are effective, respectively ample \( \mathbb{Q} \)-bundles;
3. The support of \( S + \Delta_0 + \Delta_1 \) has normal crossing and \( S \) is not contained in the support of \( \Delta_0 + \Delta_1 \);
4. Let \( \Delta := \Delta_0 + \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 \); we assume that there exist a closed positive current
\[
T \in c_1(K_X + S + \Delta)
\]
such that the restriction of \( T \) to any intersection of components of the support of the divisor \( S + \Delta_0 + \Delta_1 \) is well defined (compare with the Hacon-McKernan assumption on the stable base loci in [?]).

Our claim is that the assumptions in the theorem 2.1 are satisfied, provided that (1) – (4) are. Indeed, let us first define the line bundles \( L_j \) such that
\[
m\Delta_0 = L_1 + \cdots + L_{m-1}
\]
and the corresponding metrics on them.
By hypothesis, the \( \mathbb{Q} \)-divisor \( \Delta_0 \) is effective, its critical exponent is greater than one and the divisors in his support have normal crossing. Therefore, we have the decomposition

\[
\Delta_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{p_j}{q_j} Z_j
\]

where the \((p_j, q_j)\) above are positive integers, such that coefficients above are strictly smaller than 1; we will assume that the sequence \((\frac{p_j}{q_j})\) is increasing. As a consequence of the above decomposition, we see that for any positive and divisible enough \( m \) we can find the line bundles \( L_1, \ldots, L_{m-1} \) such that

\[
m\Delta_0 \equiv L_1 + \ldots + L_{m-1}
\]

and such that

\[
L_j \equiv \sum_{p \in \Lambda_j} Z_p
\]

with \( \Lambda_j \subset \{1, \ldots, N\} \). To see this, we first remark that for each index \( j \) we have \( m_j := m \frac{p_j}{q_j} \leq m - 1 \), and then we define

\[
\Lambda_j := \{1, \ldots, N\}
\]

for \( j = 1, \ldots, m_1 \). The next package of \((L_j)\) is defined by the set

\[
\Lambda_j := \{2, \ldots, N\}
\]

for \( j = m_1 + 1, \ldots, m_2 \), and so on. In this way we have our bundles \( L_1, \ldots, L_{m-1} \); we endow the corresponding \( L_j \) with the natural singular metric induced by the hypersurfaces \((Z_p)\) whose indexes belong to \( \Lambda_j \). We define

\[
L_m := m(\Delta_1 + \Delta_3).
\]

In view of the assumptions (1) – (4) above, all that still needs to be checked is the fact that the multiplier sheaves \((\mathcal{T}_j)\) are trivial; we are going to explain this along the following lines.

Let \( y \in S \) be an arbitrary point, and let \( j \in \{1, \ldots, m - 1\} \) be an arbitrary index. We have to show that

\[
\int_{(S,y)} \exp \left( (1 - \delta) \varphi_{L_j} - \varepsilon \varphi_{T} \right) d\lambda < \infty
\]

for all couple of parameters \( 0 < \delta \ll \varepsilon \ll 1 \). In order to simplify the notations, we can assume that \( L_j = Z_1 + \ldots + Z_r \), and that \( y \in S \cap Z_1 \cap \ldots \cap Z_b \) and \( y \notin Z_k \) for some \( b \leq r, k \geq b + 1 \). For each \( p = 1, \ldots, b \) we define the complete intersection

\[
S_p := S \cap Z_1 \cap \ldots \cap Z_p
\]
and the Skoda theorem [?] imply that
\[
\int_{(S_b, y)} \exp(-\varepsilon \varphi_T) d\lambda < \infty
\]
for any \( \varepsilon \ll 1 \) (we remark that here we use the hypothesis (4) concerning the restriction of \( T \) to the sets \( S_p \)).

By the local version of the theorem 2.2 above, we can extent the constant function equal to 1 on \( S_b \) to a holomorphic function \( f_{b-1} \in \mathcal{O}(S_{b-1}, y) \) such that
\[
\int_{(S_{b-1}, y)} |f_{b-1}|^2 \exp \left( - (1 - \delta) \varphi_{Z_b} - \varepsilon \varphi_T \right) d\lambda < \infty;
\]
we repeat this procedure \( b \) times, until we get a function \( f_0 \in \mathcal{O}(S, y) \) such that
\[
\int_{(S, y)} |f_0|^2 \exp \left( - (1 - \delta) \varphi_{L_j} - \varepsilon \varphi_T \right) d\lambda < \infty.
\]
Since the function \( f_0 \) is constant equal to 1 in a open set centered at \( y \) in \( S_b \), we are done.

As a by-product of the preceding arguments, we have the following integrability criteria.

**Lemma.** Let \( \Theta \) be a closed \((1,1)\)-current on a Kähler manifold \((X, \omega)\), such that
\[
\Theta \geq -C\omega
\]
for some positive constant \( C \). Let \((Y_j)_{j \in J}\) be a finite set of hypersurfaces, which are supposed to be non-singular and to have normal crossings. Moreover, we assume that the restriction of \( \Theta \) to the intersection \( \bigcap_{i \in I} Y_i \) is well defined, for any \( I \subset J \). Then there exist a positive \( \varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0(\{\Theta\}, C) \) depending only on the cohomology class of the current and on the lower bound \( C \) such that for any \( \delta \in [0,1] \) and \( \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0 \) we have
\[
\int_{(X, x)} \exp \left( - (1 - \delta) \sum_{j \in J} \varphi_{Y_j} - \varepsilon \varphi_{\Theta} \right) d\Lambda < \infty,
\]
at each point \( x \in X \).

Indeed, the fact that the \( \varepsilon_0 \) only depends on the quantities in the above statement is a consequence of the fact that the Lelong numbers of closed positive currents on Kähler manifolds are bounded by the cohomology class of the current. Also, it is very likely that the preceding statement hold true under the weaker assumption
\[
\nu_{\bigcap_{i \in I} Y_i}(\Theta) = 0
\]
that is to say, we expect the previous lemma to be true if the generic Lelong number of \( \Theta \) along all the intersections above is zero.
We remark next that the setting (1) – (4) is precisely the context in which we have found ourselves in the section 1.3. We recall now the result by Ein-Popa (see [14], as well as [7], [13], [26], [27], [28], [29], [31], [32], [33], [34]).

2.3 Theorem ([14]). Let $X$ be a non-singular projective manifold. Let $S \subset X$ be a non-singular hypersurface, and let $\Delta = \Delta_0 + \Delta_1 + \Delta_2$ be a sum of $\mathbb{Q}$–line bundles on $X$ which verify the properties 1)-4) above. Then any section $u$ of the bundle $m(K_X + S + \Delta)|_S$ whose zero set contains the divisor $m\Delta_1$ extends to $X$, for any $m$ divisible enough.

Proof. We will use the notations in the proof of the theorem 2.1; it was established during this proof that the family of sections $(u^k \otimes s_j^{(0)})$ admits an extension to $X$, which was denoted by

$$U_j^{(km)} \in H^0(X, kL^{(m)} + mA)$$

Here we remark that we have the factor $mA$ instead of $(k+m)A$ in the 2.1 above, simply because $u$ is a section of the bundle $m(K_X + S + \Delta)|_S$ (and not of $A + m(K_X + S + \Delta)|_S$ as in 2.1). We take $k \gg 0$, so that

$$\frac{m - 1}{k} A < \Delta_3,$$

in the sense that the difference is ample (we recall that $\Delta_3$ is ample). Let $h_A$ be a smooth, positively curved metric on $\Delta_3 - \frac{m - 1}{k} A$.

We apply now the extension theorem 2.2 with the following data

$$F := \frac{m - 1}{m} L^{(m)} + \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3$$

and the metric $h$ on $F$ constructed as follows:

1. on the factor $\frac{m - 1}{m} L^{(m)} + \frac{m - 1}{k} A$ we consider the appropriate power of the metric $\varphi^{(km)}$ given by the sections $(U_j^{(k)})$; on $\Delta_1$ and $\Delta_2$ we consider the singular metric induced by the corresponding divisors, and finally on $\Delta_3 - \frac{m - 1}{k} A$ we take the metric $h_A$;

2. we take an arbitrary, smooth metric $h_S$ on the bundle associated to the hypersurface $S$.

With our choice of the bundle $F$, the section $u$ we want to extend become a section of the adjoint bundle $K_X + S + F|_S$ and the positivity requirements (1) and (2) in the extension theorem are satisfied since we have

$$\sqrt{-1} \frac{\Theta_h(F)}{2\pi} \geq \sqrt{-1} \frac{\Theta_{h_A}(\Delta_3 - \frac{m - 1}{mk} B)}{2\pi} > 0$$

Concerning the integrability of $u$, remark that we have

$$\int_S |u|^2 \exp(-\varphi_{\Delta_1} - \varphi_{\Delta_2} - \varphi_A) \left(\sum_j |U_j^{(km)}|^2\right)^{\frac{m - 1}{m}} \leq C \int_S |u|^{2/m} \exp(-\varphi_{\Delta_2} - \varphi_A) \exp(-\varphi_{\Delta_1})dV < \infty$$
and this last integral converge by the hypothesis concerning the zero set of $u$ and the fact that the multiplier ideal sheaf of the restriction of $\Delta_1$ to $S$ is trivial.
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