

# MODULUS OF CONTINUITY OF MONGE-AMPÈRE POTENTIALS IN BIG COHOMOLOGY CLASSES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we prove a uniform estimate for the modulus of continuity of solutions to degenerate complex Monge–Ampère equation in big cohomology classes. This improves the previous results of Di Nezza–Lu and of the first author.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of complex Monge–Ampère equations on compact Kähler manifolds has attracted considerable interest since Yau’s resolution of the Calabi conjecture. In connection with the Minimal Model Program, the search for singular Kähler–Einstein metrics leads to the study of degenerate complex Monge–Ampère equations; see [EGZ09, BBE<sup>+</sup>19, GZ17] and references therein.

Guedj and Zeriahi [GZ07] developed the first step of the study of the non-pluripolar Monge–Ampère measure and solved degenerate complex Monge–Ampère equations with rather general measures on the right-hand side. Their approach was later extended to the setting of big cohomology classes by Boucksom, Eyssidieux, Guedj, and Zeriahi [BEGZ10]. Since then, when the right-hand side belongs to  $L^p$  for some  $p > 1$ , the Hölder continuity of solutions to degenerate complex Monge–Ampère equations has been intensively studied by many authors [Kol98, Koh08, Hie10, EGZ11, BEGZ10, DDG<sup>+</sup>14, DN14, Dan22, DKN22]. The modulus of continuity of the solution plays a crucial role since it is closely related to the geometric properties of the corresponding Kähler metrics, such as the uniform bounds for diameter of metrics and Gromov–Hausdorff convergence; cf. [FGS20, GS22, GPTW21, GPSS24a, GPSS24b, GGZ25].

The primary goal of this paper is to study the modulus of continuity of solutions to complex Monge–Ampère equations when the right-hand side is not integrable. To state our result, we first introduce some notation and terminology. Let  $X$  be a compact Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$  equipped with a Kähler form  $\omega_X$ . We let  $d, d^c$  denote the real differential operators on  $X$  defined by  $d := \partial + \bar{\partial}$ ,  $d^c := \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\partial} - \partial)$  so that  $dd^c = i\partial\bar{\partial}$ . Fix a closed real smooth  $(1,1)$ -form  $\theta$  representing a big cohomology class. Let  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  denote the set of all  $\theta$ -psh functions. We say that the cohomology class  $\{\theta\}$  is *big* if the set  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta - \varepsilon\omega_X) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $\text{Amp}(\theta)$  denote the *ample locus* of  $\theta$  which is roughly speaking the largest Zariski open subset where  $\{\theta\}$  locally behaves like a Kähler class.

We are interested in studying the regularity of solutions to the complex Monge–Ampère equation type  $u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad (\theta + dd^c u)^n = \nu, \quad \sup_X u = 0,$$

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where  $\nu$  is a positive measure on  $X$  that puts no mass on pluripolar subsets and satisfies the compatibility condition  $\nu(X) = \text{Vol}(\theta)$ ,  $u$  is the unknown  $\theta$ -function, and the left-hand side of (1.1) denotes the non-pluripolar Monge–Ampère product [BT87, BEGZ10].

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the set of  $\omega_X$ -psh functions  $u$  normalized by  $\int_X u \omega_X^n = 0$ . This is a convex compact set in the  $L^1(X)$  topology. Define the following distance on  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\text{dist}(u, v) := \|u - v\|_{L^1}$$

where the  $L^1$ -norm is with respect to the measure  $\omega_X^n$ . We say that a measure  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  if for any  $u, v \in \mathcal{C}$

$$\int_X |u - v| \omega_X^n \leq B \|u - v\|_{L^1}^\beta.$$

Our main result is the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(X, \omega_X)$  be a compact Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $\theta$  a smooth closed  $(1, 1)$  form whose cohomology class is big. Let  $\mu$  be a Hölder continuous measure with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $\psi$  is a quasi-psh function on  $X$  satisfying  $\int_X e^{-\psi} d\mu = \text{Vol}(\theta)$  and  $\omega_X + a_0 dd^c \psi \geq 0$ , with  $a_0 > 0$ . Suppose that  $u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \theta)$  is a solution to the following equation*

$$(1.2) \quad (\theta + dd^c u)^n = e^{-\psi} \mu, \quad \sup_X u = 0.$$

*Then for each  $U \Subset \text{Amp}(\theta) \setminus \{\psi = -\infty\}$ , there exists a continuous function  $F_U : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $F(0) = 0$  such that*

$$|u(z_1) - u(z_2)| \leq F_U(\text{dist}(z_1, z_2)),$$

*for every  $z_1, z_2 \in U$ . Moreover, the choice of  $F_U$  depends only on  $X, U, \omega_X, n, \theta, a_0, B, \beta, \sup_U(-\psi)$  and an upper bound function for  $H(a) = \int_X e^{2(V_\theta - u)/a} d\mu$ .*

Here we notice that  $e^{2(V_\theta - u)/a} \in L^1(\mu)$  for every  $a > 0$  by Lemma 2.11. In the case  $\theta = \omega_X$ , we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $(X, \omega_X)$  be a compact Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $\mu$  be a Hölder continuous measure with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $\psi$  is a quasi-psh function on  $X$  satisfying  $\int_X e^{-\psi} d\mu = \text{Vol}(\theta)$ ,  $\omega_X + a_0 dd^c \psi \geq 0$  and*

$$(1.3) \quad \int_X h(-\psi) e^{-\psi} \mu \leq C_0$$

*where  $a_0, C_0 > 0$  are constants and  $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is an increasing, concave function with  $h(\infty) = \infty$ . Suppose that  $u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$  is a solution to the following equation*

$$(1.4) \quad (\omega_X + dd^c u)^n = e^{-\psi} \mu, \quad \sup_X u = 0.$$

*Then for each  $U \Subset X \setminus \{\psi = -\infty\}$ , there exists a continuous function  $F_U : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $F(0) = 0$  such that*

$$|u(z_1) - u(z_2)| \leq F_U(\text{dist}(z_1, z_2)),$$

*for every  $z_1, z_2 \in U$ . Moreover, the choice of  $F_U$  depends only on  $X, U, \omega_X, n, \theta, a_0, B, \beta, \sup_U(-\psi), C_0$ , and  $h$ .*

Let us emphasize that the continuity of the solution  $u$  to equation (1.4) was established by Di Nezza and Lu [DL17, Theorem 3.1]. The contribution of the corollary above is to establish the equicontinuity of the family of solutions corresponding to pairs  $(\mu, \psi)$  which satisfy the condition (1.3), given  $h$  and  $C_0$ . We also note that for each pair  $(\mu, \psi)$  with  $e^{-\psi} \in L^1(X, \mu)$ , there always exists a pair  $(h, C)$  such that the condition (1.3) holds; cf. Remark 2.14.

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper, we let  $X$  denote a compact Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$ , equipped with a Kähler form  $\omega_X$ .

**2.1. Quasi-plurisubharmonic functions.** Recall that an upper semi-continuous function  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$  is called *quasi-plurisubharmonic* (*quasi-psh* for short) if it is locally the sum of a smooth and a plurisubharmonic (psh for short) function.

We say that  $\varphi$  is  $\theta$ -*plurisubharmonic* ( $\theta$ -*psh* for short) if it is quasi-psh, and  $\theta + dd^c \varphi \geq 0$  in the sense of currents, where  $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$  and  $d^c = \frac{i}{2\pi}(\bar{\partial} - \partial)$  so that  $dd^c = \frac{i}{\pi} \partial \bar{\partial}$ . We let  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  denote the set of all  $\theta$ -psh functions, which are not identically  $-\infty$ . This set is endowed with the weak topology, which coincides with the  $L^1(X)$ -topology. By Hartogs' lemma,  $\varphi \mapsto \sup_X \varphi$  is continuous in this weak topology, it follows that the set of  $\varphi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$ , with  $\sup_X \varphi = 0$  is compact. We refer the reader to [Dem12, GZ17] for more properties of  $\theta$ -psh functions.

The cohomology class  $\{\theta\}$  is said to be *big* if the set  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta - \varepsilon \omega_X)$  is not empty for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We now assume that  $\{\theta\}$  is big unless otherwise specified. By Demailly's regularization theorem [Dem92], we can find a closed positive  $(1, 1)$ -current  $T_0 \in \{\theta\}$  such that

$$T_0 = \theta + dd^c \Psi_0 \geq \varepsilon_0 \omega_X$$

for some  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ , where  $\Psi_0$  is a quasi-psh function with *analytic singularities*, i.e., locally

$$\Psi_0 = c \log \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |f_j|^2 \right] + O(1),$$

where the  $f_j$ 's are holomorphic functions. Such a current  $T_0$  is then smooth on a Zariski open subset  $X \setminus \{\Psi_0 = -\infty\}$ . We thus define the *ample locus*  $\text{Amp}(\theta)$  of  $\theta$  as the largest Zariski open subset (which exists by the Noetherian property of closed analytic subsets; cf. [Bou04]).

Given  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$ , we say that  $\varphi$  is *less singular* than  $\psi$ , and denote by  $\psi \preceq \varphi$ , if there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $\psi \leq \varphi + C$  on  $X$ . We say that  $\varphi, \psi$  have the *same singularity type*, and denote by  $\varphi \simeq \psi$  if  $\varphi \preceq \psi$  and  $\psi \preceq \varphi$ . There is a natural least singular potential in  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  given by

$$V_\theta := \sup\{\varphi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta) : \varphi \leq 0\}.$$

A function  $\varphi$  is said to have *minimal singularities* if it has the same singularity type as  $V_\theta$ . In particular,  $V_\theta = 0$  if  $\theta$  is semi-positive. We see that  $V_\theta$  is locally bounded in the ample locus.

**2.2. Demailly's regularization.** We consider the exponential mapping  $\exp_x : T_x X \ni \zeta \rightarrow X$  as follows:  $\exp_x(\zeta) = \gamma(1)$  where  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is the geodesics starting from  $x = \gamma(0)$  with the initial velocity  $\gamma'(0) = \zeta$ . In the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  the exponential map  $\exp_x(\zeta) = x + \zeta$ .

Following [Dem82, Dem94], for each function  $u \in L^1(X)$ , we define its  $\delta$ -regularization  $\rho_\delta u = \Psi(u)(z, \delta)$  where

$$(2.1) \quad \Psi(u)(z, w) = \int_{\zeta \in T_z X} u(\exp_z(w\zeta)) \chi\left(\frac{|\zeta|_{\omega_X}^2}{\delta^2}\right) dV_{\omega_X}(\zeta), \quad \delta > 0,$$

where  $\chi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is defined by

$$\chi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta}{(1-t)^2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{t-1}\right) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases},$$

with a suitable constant  $\eta$ , such that  $\int_{\mathbb{C}^n} \chi(\|z\|^2) dV(z) = 1$ . The  $\delta$ -regularization  $\rho_\delta u$  can be written by

$$\rho_\delta u(z) = \frac{1}{\delta^{2n}} \int_{\zeta \in T_z X} u(\exp_z(\zeta)) \chi\left(\frac{|\zeta|_{\omega_X}^2}{\delta^2}\right) dV_{\omega_X}(\zeta).$$

Intuitively, this corresponds to the familiar convolution with smoothing kernels. Actually, in the case of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  endowed with the Euclidean metric, this is exactly the smoothing convolution; see [Dem94, Remark 4.6].

The following lemma is based on [BD12, Lemma 1.12] and [Dem94, Theorem 4.1], which will be crucial in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $u$  be a  $\theta$ -psh function and define the Kiselman-Legendre transform with level  $c$  by*

$$(2.2) \quad \Phi_{c,\delta} := \inf_{0 < t \leq \delta} \left[ \rho_t u(z) + K(t^2 - \delta^2) + K(t - \delta) - c \log\left(\frac{t}{\delta}\right) \right].$$

*Then for some positive constants  $0 < \delta_0 < 1$  and  $K > 1$  depending on the curvature, the function  $\rho_t u(z) + Kt^2$  is increasing in  $t \in (0, \delta_0]$  and one has the following estimate for the complex Hessian:*

$$(2.3) \quad \theta + dd^c \Phi_{c,\delta} \geq -(Ac + 2K\delta) \omega_X,$$

*where  $A$  is a lower bound of the negative part of the bisectional curvature of  $\omega_X$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is identical to that of [KN19, Lemma 4.1], which is still valid without the boundedness of  $u$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** The above lemma is extremely crucial for our goal in studying the modulus of continuity of solutions to complex Monge–Ampère equations. We proceed the same way as in the proof of [DDG<sup>+</sup>14, Theorem D]. The function  $\Phi_{c,\delta}$  in our lemma differs from the latter by adding term  $K(t - \delta)$  (as shown in [Dem94, Remark 4.7]); this term is applied to take care of the mixed term  $|dz||dw|$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$ . If  $\rho_\delta u$  is the regularization of  $u$  defined as in (2.1) then for  $\delta$  small enough we have*

$$\int_X \frac{\rho_\delta u - u}{\delta^2} \omega_X^n \leq C \|u\|_{L^1(X, \omega_X)},$$

*where  $C$  only depends on  $n$ ,  $X$ ,  $\omega_X$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows verbatim from that of [DDG<sup>+</sup>14, Lemma 2.3].  $\square$

Since the cohomology class  $\{\theta\}$  is big, there exists a negative  $\theta$ -psh function  $\Psi_0$  with analytic singularities such that  $\theta + dd^c \Psi_0 \geq \varepsilon_0 \omega_X$  for some  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ . It follows from [Bou04] that we can choose  $\psi$  so that  $\text{Amp}(\theta) = X \setminus \text{Sing}(\Psi_0)$ . By subtracting a positive constant, we can assume  $\Psi_0 \leq V_\theta$ .

Fix  $0 < c_1 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4A}$  and  $0 < \delta_1 < \min\{\delta_0, \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_0}{4K}}\}$ , where  $\delta_0$  is defined as in Lemma 2.1. For every  $0 < c < c_1$  and  $0 < \delta < \delta_1$ , we define

$$(2.4) \quad B_0 = B_0(c, \delta) = \frac{Ac + 2K\delta}{\varepsilon_0}.$$

Then, we have  $0 < B_0 < 1/2$ . We set

$$(2.5) \quad u_{c,\delta} = B_0 \Psi_0 + (1 - B_0) \Phi_{c,\delta}.$$

where  $\Phi_{c,\delta}$  is defined by (2.2). It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $\theta + d^c u_{c,\delta} \geq \varepsilon_0 B_0^2 \omega_X$  hence  $u_{c,\delta}$  is  $\theta$ -psh. From now on, we set  $\Omega := \text{Amp}(\theta) \setminus \{\psi = -\infty\}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $c : (0, \delta_1) \rightarrow (0, c_1)$  and  $B_1 : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be functions. Assume  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} c(\delta)/\delta = +\infty$ , so that  $2K\delta < Ac(\delta)$  for every  $0 < \delta < \delta_2$ , where  $\delta_2 \in (0, \delta_1)$  is sufficiently small. Let  $u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  be such that*

$$(2.6) \quad \sup_U (u_{c(\delta),\delta} - u) \leq B_1(\delta),$$

for every  $0 < \delta < \delta_2$ , where  $U$  is a relatively compact subset of  $\Omega$ . Then we have

$$(2.7) \quad \sup_U (\rho_{\kappa(\delta)} u - u) \leq 2(B_1 + C_U B_0 + K\delta),$$

where

$$C_U = \sup_U (V_\theta - \Psi_0) \text{ and } \kappa(\delta) = \delta \exp \left( \frac{-4A(C_U B_0 + B_1 + 2K\delta)}{\varepsilon_0 B_0} \right).$$

*Proof.* By the assumption, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &\geq u_{c,\delta}(z) - u(z) = B_0(\Psi_0(z) - u(z)) \\ &\quad + (1 - B_0) \left( \rho_{t_0} u(z) + K(t_0^2 - \delta^2) + K(t_0 - \delta) - c \log \left( \frac{t_0}{\delta} \right) - u(z) \right), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $z \in U$ , where  $t_0 = t_0(z) \in (0, \delta)$  is a minimum point of  $\rho_t u(z) + Kt^2 + Kt - c \log \left( \frac{t}{\delta} \right)$ . Since  $V_\theta \geq u$  and  $\rho_{t_0} u + Kt_0^2 \geq u$  (see Lemma 2.1), it follows that

$$B_0(\Psi_0(z) - V_\theta(z)) - c(1 - B_0) \log \left( \frac{t_0}{\delta} \right) \leq B_1 + K\delta^2 + K\delta \leq B_1 + 2K\delta$$

for every  $z \in U$ . Hence, for every  $z \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} t_0(z) &\geq \delta \exp \left( \frac{B_0(\Psi_0(z) - V_\theta(z)) - B_1 - 2K\delta}{c(1 - B_0)} \right) \\ &\geq \delta \exp \left( \frac{-4C_U B_0 - 4B_1 - 8K\delta}{A^{-1}\varepsilon_0 B_0} \right) = \kappa(\delta), \end{aligned}$$

using the facts that  $B_0\varepsilon_0 = Ac + 2K\delta \leq 2Ac$  and  $1 - B_0 \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Since  $t \mapsto \rho_t u + Kt^2$  is increasing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\kappa(\delta)} u(z) - u(z) &\leq \rho_{t_0} u(z) + Kt_0^2 - u(z) \\ &\leq \left( \rho_{t_0} u(z) + K(t_0^2 - \delta^2) + K(t_0 - \delta) - c \log \left( \frac{t_0}{\delta} \right) \right) - u(z) + 2K\delta \\ &\leq \Phi_{c,\delta}(z) - u(z) + 2K\delta \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - B_0} (u_{c,\delta}(z) - u(z)) + \frac{B_0}{1 - B_0} (u(z) - \Psi_0(z)) + 2K\delta \\ &\leq \frac{B_1}{1 - B_0} + \frac{B_0}{1 - B_0} (V_\theta(z) - \Psi_0(z)) + 2K\delta, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $z \in U$ , where the last inequality, holds due to (2.6). Therefore,

$$\rho_{\kappa(\delta)} u(z) - u(z) \leq \frac{B_1}{1 - B_0} + \frac{C_U B_0}{1 - B_0} + 2K\delta \leq 2(B_1 + B_0 C_U) + 2K\delta,$$

for every  $z \in U$ . The proof is thus complete.  $\square$

**2.3. Non-pluripolar product.** Let  $\theta^1, \dots, \theta^n$  be closed smooth real  $(1,1)$  form representing big cohomology classes, and  $\varphi_j \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta^j)$ . Following the construction of Bedford–Taylor [BT87], it has been shown in [BEGZ10] that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathbf{1}_{\cap_j \{\varphi_j > V_{\theta^j} - k\}} \theta_{\max(\varphi_1, V_{\theta^1} - k)}^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \theta_{\max(\varphi_n, V_{\theta^n} - k)}^n$$

is well-defined as a Borel positive measure with finite total mass. The sequence of these measures is non-decreasing in  $k$  and it converges weakly to the so-called *Monge–Ampère product*, denoted by

$$\theta_{\varphi_1}^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \theta_{\varphi_n}^n,$$

which does not charge pluripolar sets by definition. In particular,  $\theta^1 = \dots = \theta^n = \theta$  and  $\varphi_1 = \dots = \varphi_n$  we obtain the non-pluripolar Monge–Ampère measure of  $\varphi$ , denoted by  $(\theta + dd^c \varphi)^n$  or simply by  $\theta_\varphi^n$ .

The *volume* of a big cohomology class  $\{\theta\}$  is given by the total mass of the non-pluripolar Monge–Ampère measure of  $V_\theta$ , i.e.,

$$\text{Vol}(\theta) := \int_X \theta_{V_\theta}^n.$$

We say that  $\varphi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  has *full Monge–Ampère mass* if  $\int_X \theta_\varphi^n = \text{Vol}(\theta)$ . We let

$$\mathcal{E}(X, \theta) := \left\{ \varphi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta) : \int_X \theta_\varphi^n = \text{Vol}(\theta) \right\}$$

denote the set of  $\theta$ -psh functions with full Monge–Ampère mass. Note that  $\theta$ -psh functions with minimal singularities have full Monge–Ampère mass (see [BEGZ10, Theorem 1.16] for more details), but the converse is not true.

Given a measurable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define the  $\theta$ -psh envelope of  $h$  by

$$P_\theta(f) := (\sup\{u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta) : u \leq f \text{ on } X\})^*,$$

where the star means we take the upper semi-continuous regularization.

Given a  $\theta$ -psh function  $\phi$ , Ross and Witt-Nyström [RW14] introduced the “rooftop envelope” as follows

$$P_\theta[\phi](f) = \left( \lim_{C \rightarrow +\infty} P_\theta(\min(\phi + C, f)) \right)^*.$$

When  $f = 0$  we simply write  $P_\theta[\phi]$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A function  $\phi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  is called a *model potential* if  $\int_X \theta_\phi^n > 0$  and  $\phi = P_\theta[\phi]$ .

We recall a notion of Monge–Ampère capacity, which has been introduced in [DL17, DL15].

**Definition 2.6.** Given  $\phi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  and  $E \subset X$  a Borel subset we define

$$\text{Cap}_\phi(E) := \sup \left\{ \int_E \theta_u^n : u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta), \phi - 1 \leq u \leq \phi \right\}.$$

We recover the notion of Monge–Ampère capacity used in [BEGZ10] when  $\phi = V_\theta$ . In this case, we simply denote by  $\text{Cap}_\theta$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A family of positive measures  $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in I}$  on  $X$  is said to be uniformly absolutely continuous with respect to  $\phi$ -capacity if, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for each Borel subset  $E \subset X$  satisfying  $\text{Cap}_\phi(E) < \delta$  the inequality holds  $\mu_i(E) < \varepsilon$  for all  $i$ . We denote this by  $\mu_i \ll \text{Cap}_\phi$  uniformly for  $i$ . In particular, all such measures must vanish on pluripolar sets.

#### 2.4. Hölder continuous measures.

**Definition 2.8.** A positive measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  is said to be  $\text{PSH}(X, \theta)$ -Hölder continuous (or, for short, Hölder continuous) if there exist  $B > 0$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  such that

$$\int_X (u - v) d\mu \leq B \left( \int_X |u - v| \omega_X^n \right)^\beta,$$

for every  $u, v \in \mathcal{C} := \{w \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta) : \int_X w \omega_X^n = 0\}$ . In this case, we say that  $B$  is the Hölder constant and  $\beta$  is the Hölder exponent of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . We let  $\mathcal{M}(B, \beta)$  denote the set of such measures.

**Lemma 2.9** ([DN14, Lemma 3.3]). Assume  $\mu$  is a Hölder continuous measure with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then there exists  $C > 0$  depending only on  $B$  such that

$$\|u - v\|_{L^1(\mu)} \leq C \max \left\{ \|u - v\|_{L^1(X)}, \|u - v\|_{L^1(X)}^\beta \right\}$$

for all  $u, v \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$ . In particular, if a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\theta$ -psh functions is a relatively compact subset of  $L^1(X)$  then there exists  $C_{\mathcal{F}} > 0$  such that

$$\|u - v\|_{L^1(\mu)} \leq C_{\mathcal{F}} \|u - v\|_{L^1(X)}^\beta,$$

for all  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $\mu$  be a Hölder continuous measure on  $X$  with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $u, v$  are  $\theta$ -psh functions satisfying

$$\int_X e^{m(u-v)} \omega_X^n < C_0,$$

for positive constants  $m, C_0$ . Then, for every  $0 < \gamma < \beta$ , there exists  $C > 0$  depending only on  $C_0, m, B, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  such that

$$\int_X e^{\gamma m(u-v)} d\mu < C.$$

*Proof.* This is more slightly generalized than the one in [DN14, Proposition 4.4]. Denote  $w = v - u$ . We have

$$(2.8) \quad \text{Vol}(\{w < -M\}) \leq \int_X e^{-m(w+M)} dV \leq C_0 e^{-mM},$$

for every  $M > 0$ . Denote

$$w_M = \max\{w, -M\} = \max\{v, u - M\} - u.$$

We have  $w_M - w = \max\{v, u - M\} - v$  is the difference of two  $\theta$ -psh functions. By Lemma 2.9, there exists  $C_1 > 0$  depending only on  $B$  such that

$$(2.9) \quad \int_X (w_M - w) d\mu \leq C_1 \max \left\{ \|w_M - w\|_{L^1(X)}, \|w_M - w\|_{L^1(X)}^\beta \right\}.$$

Moreover, we also have

$$(2.10) \quad \mu(\{w < -M - 1\}) \leq \int_X (w_M - w) d\mu,$$

and by (2.8),

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_X (w_M - w) dV &= \int_0^\infty \text{Vol}(\{w < -M - t\}) dt \\ &\leq C_0 \int_0^\infty e^{-m(M+t)} dt = \frac{C_0 e^{-mM}}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.9), (2.10) and (2.11), we get

$$\mu(\{w < -M - 1\}) \leq C_1 \max \left\{ \frac{C_0 e^{-mM}}{m}, \left( \frac{C_0 e^{-mM}}{m} \right)^\beta \right\} \leq C_2 \cdot e^{-\beta m M},$$

where  $C_2 = C_1 \max\{\frac{C_0}{m}, (\frac{C_0}{m})^\beta\}$ . Then, for every  $0 < \gamma < \beta$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X e^{-\gamma m w} d\mu - \mu(X) &= \gamma m \int_0^\infty \mu(w < -t) e^{\gamma m t} dt \\ &\leq \gamma m C_2 e^{\beta m} \int_0^\infty e^{(-\beta + \gamma) m t} dt \\ &= \frac{C_2 \gamma e^{\beta m}}{\beta - \gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \theta)$ . Then*

$$\int_X e^{m(V_\theta - u)} d\mu < +\infty,$$

for every  $m > 0$ .

*Proof.* It follows from [Dan22, Proposition 2.10] that for any  $b > 0$ ,  $P_{\omega_X}(b(u - V_\theta)) \in \mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$  where  $P_{\omega_X}(f)$  denotes the largest  $\omega_X$ -psh function lying below  $f$ . We remark here that  $u - V_\theta$  is well-defined outside a pluripolar set. In particular, for  $0 < \gamma < \beta$ , we have

$$\int_X e^{m\gamma^{-1}(V_\theta - u)} \omega_X^n \leq \int_X e^{-m\gamma^{-1}P_{\omega_X}(u - V_\theta)} \omega_X^n < +\infty$$

as follows from Skoda's integrability theorem; cf. [GZ17, Theorem 2.50]. We, therefore, apply Proposition 2.10 to conclude. □

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $\phi \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta)$  be a model potential with  $\int_X \theta_\phi^n > \varrho > 0$ . Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(B, \beta)$ . Then, there exist constants  $0 < \gamma < 1$  and  $C > 0$  depending only on  $X, \omega_X, \theta, B$  and  $\beta$  such that*

$$(2.12) \quad \mu(E) \leq C \exp \left( -\gamma \left( \frac{\varrho}{\text{Cap}_\phi(E)} \right)^{1/n} \right),$$



for all Borel sets  $E \subset X$ .

*Proof.* The case when  $\theta = \omega_X$  and  $\phi = 0$  was shown in [DN14, Propositions 2.4, 4.4]. For the relative case, the proof relies on the arguments in [DDL18, Proposition 4.30], so we sketch it here. According to [DDL18, Section 4A2], for any Borel set  $E$ , we define the global  $\phi$ -extremal function of  $(E, \theta, \phi)$  by

$$V_{E,\phi} = \sup\{u \in \text{PSH}(X, \theta, \phi) : u \leq \phi \text{ on } E\}.$$

Set  $M_\phi(E) = \sup_X V_{E,\phi}^*$ . Thanks to [DDL18, Lemma 4.9], we have

$$\exp(-M_\phi(E)) \leq \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\varrho}{\text{Cap}_\phi(E)}\right)^{1/n}\right).$$

Noticing that we can assume  $M_\phi(E) \geq 1$ . As follows from [DN14, Proposition 4.4],  $\mu$  is weakly moderate, i.e. there are constants  $\alpha = \alpha(\beta) > 0$  and  $C = C(B, \beta) > 0$  such that  $\int_X \exp(-\alpha\varphi) d\mu \leq C$  for every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}$ . We apply this to  $V_{E,\phi}^* - \int_X V_{E,\phi}^* \omega_X^n$  to obtain

$$\int_X \exp(-\alpha V_{E,\phi}^*) d\mu \leq C \cdot \exp\left(-\alpha \int_X V_{E,\phi}^* \omega_X^n\right).$$

Since  $V_{E,\phi}^* \leq 0$  on  $E$  a.e. and  $\int_X V_{E,\phi}^* \omega_X^n \geq M_\phi(E) - C_{\omega_X}$  (see, e.g., [GZ17, Proposition 8.5]) we have

$$\mu(E) \leq C \cdot \exp\left(-\gamma \left(\frac{\varrho}{\text{Cap}_\phi(E)}\right)^{1/n}\right)$$

for  $\gamma > 0$ . □

**Proposition 2.13.** Fix  $a_0 > 0$ ,  $C_0 > 0$  and  $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is an increasing concave function with  $h(\infty) = \infty$ . Let  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(B, \beta, a_0, C_0, h)$  be the set of probability measures  $\nu$  on  $X$  such that  $\nu = e^{-\psi} \mu$  with  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(B, \beta)$ ,  $\psi \in \text{PSH}(X, a_0 \omega_X)$  and

$$(2.13) \quad \int_X h(-\psi) e^{-\psi} d\mu \leq C_0.$$

Then there exists a continuous function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $g(0) = 0$  such that for all Borel sets  $E$ ,

$$\nu(E) \leq g(\text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E)) \quad \text{for all } \nu \in \mathcal{N}.$$

In particular, the family of measures  $(\nu)_{\nu \in \mathcal{N}}$  is uniformly absolutely continuous with respect to capacity.

*Proof.* For any Borel subset  $E \subset X$ , we have for  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E e^{-\psi} d\mu &= \int_{E \cap \{\psi \geq -k\}} e^{-\psi} d\mu + \int_{E \cap \{\psi < -k\}} e^{-\psi} d\mu \\ &\leq e^k \mu(E) + \frac{1}{h(k)} \int_{E \cap \{\psi < -k\}} h(-\psi) e^{-\psi} d\mu \\ &\leq C(e^k \text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E) + h(k)^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from Proposition 2.12. Taking  $k := \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E)}} > 0$  we get that  $e^{-\psi} \mu(E) \leq g(\text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E))$  where

$$g(t) := C(t^{1/2} + h(\log(t^{-1/2}))^{-1}).$$

Otherwise, since  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E)}} \leq 1$ , the choice of  $g$  above ensures that  $\nu(E) \leq C \leq g(\text{Cap}_{\omega_X}(E))$ . □

**Remark 2.14.** For each non-pluripolar measure  $e^{-\psi}\mu$  with  $\int_X e^{-\psi}d\mu < \infty$ , there always exists a concave increasing function  $h: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $C > 0$  such that  $\int_X h(-\psi)e^{-\psi}d\mu \leq C$  as follows from [BEGZ10, Lemma 3.3].

We end this section with some examples of measures as introduced above.

**Example 2.15.** Dinh and Nguyễn [DN14] provided a characterization of Hölder continuous measures. Precisely, a measure  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous (in the sense of Definition 2.8) if and only if it is a Monge–Ampère measure of Hölder continuous potentials. In particular, we have some explicit examples as follows.

- $\mu = f\nu$  where  $\nu$  is a Hölder continuous measure and  $f \in L^p(\nu)$  for some  $p > 1$ ; cf. [Kol08, DDG<sup>+</sup>14].
- If there are constants  $C > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\mu(B(z, r)) \leq Cr^{2n-2+\alpha}$  for  $B(z, r)$  denoting the ball centered at  $z$  with radius  $r > 0$ , then  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous; cf. [Hie10, DDG<sup>+</sup>14].
- If  $\mu$  is a positive Radon measure compactly supported on a generic immersed  $C^3$  submanifold  $K$  of  $X$  of real codimension  $d > 0$ , then  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous; cf. [Vu18].

**Example 2.16.** We provide an example of measure with *radial singularities*, inspiring by [DGL21, Section 1.3] and [GGZ25, Section 5]. Let  $X = \mathbb{CP}^n$  be a complex projective manifold of dimension  $n$ , equipped with the Fubini–Study metric  $\omega_X = \omega_{FS}$ . We assume that  $\varphi$  is a  $\omega_{FS}$ -psh function on  $X$  which has a radial singularity at  $p$ , i.e. it is invariant under the group  $U(n, \mathbb{C})$  near  $p$ . We choose a local chart biholomorphic to the unit ball  $B$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , with  $p$  corresponding to the origin. Locally, the function  $\varphi$  can be written as  $\varphi = u - \frac{1}{2} \log[1 + \|z\|^2]$  for some psh function  $u$ .

We therefore consider a psh function  $u := \chi \circ L$  defined near the origin in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , where  $L(z) := \log \|z\|$  and  $\chi: \mathbb{R}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^-$  is a convex increasing function. A computation shows that

$$(dd^c u)^n = \frac{c_n(\chi' \circ L)^{n-1} \chi'' \circ L}{\|z\|^{2n}} \omega_X^n =: e^{-\psi_\chi} \omega_X^n.$$

To simplify the next computation, we assume that  $\chi(t)$  does not go to zero too fast at infinity  $-\infty$ , that is,  $\chi'(t), \chi''(t) \geq e^{Ct}$  near  $t = -\infty$ . It follows that  $\psi_\chi \sim \log \|z\|$ . Hence, the function  $h$  satisfies  $\int_X h(-\psi_\chi) e^{-\psi_\chi} \omega_X^n < \infty$  if and only if

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \chi'(t)^{n-1} \chi''(t) dt < \infty.$$

In what follows, we give several families of examples and check whether the condition mentioned above is satisfied.

- (1) Consider  $\chi_a(t) = -(-t)^{-a}$  for some  $a > 0$ . We observe that

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \chi'(t)^{n-1} \chi''(t) dt \lesssim \int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \cdot (-t)^{-na-n-1} dt < \infty$$

for  $h(s) = s^p$  with  $p < n(a+1)$ .

- (2) Consider  $\chi_a(t) = (-t)^a$  for  $a \in (0, 1)$ . We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \chi'(t)^{n-1} \chi''(t) dt \lesssim \int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \cdot (-t)^{-n(1-a)-1} dt < \infty$$

for  $h(s) = s^\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and  $a < \frac{n-\varepsilon}{n}$ .

(3) Consider  $\chi_a(t) = -(\log(-t))^a$ , where  $a > 0$ . We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \chi'(t)^{n-1} \chi''(t) dt \lesssim \int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \cdot (-t)^{-n-1} (\log(-t))^{n\alpha-n} dt < \infty$$

for  $h(s) = s^\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ .

(4)  $\chi(t) = -\log(\log(-t))$ . We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \chi'(t)^{n-1} \chi''(t) dt \lesssim \int_{-\infty}^0 h(-t) \cdot (-t)^{-n-1} (\log(-t))^{-n} dt =$$

for  $h(s) = s^\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ .

### 3. PROOF OF MAIN RESULTS

We prove some lemmas which will be used to prove the main theorem.

**Lemma 3.1.** Assume  $u, v$  are negative  $\theta$ -psh functions such that

- $v \leq P_\theta[u]$ ;
- $v = (1 - \lambda)v_1 + \lambda v_2$ , where  $v_1, v_2$  are  $\theta$ -psh functions with  $v_2$  having model singularity type and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Then, for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq \lambda$ , we have

$$t^n \text{Cap}_{v_2} \{u < v - s - t\} \leq \int_{\{u < v - s\}} \theta_u^n.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  be a  $\theta$ -psh function such that  $v_2 - 1 \leq \varphi \leq v_2$ . For every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < 1$ , we have

$$\{u < v - s - \lambda t\} \subset \{u < (1 - \lambda)v_1 + (1 - t)\lambda v_2 + \lambda t\varphi - s\} \subset \{u < v - s\}.$$

Denoting  $\hat{v} = (1 - \lambda)v_1 + (1 - t)\lambda v_2 + \lambda t\varphi$ , we have

$$\lambda^n t^n \int_{\{u < v - s - \lambda t\}} \theta_\varphi^n \leq \int_{\{u < v - s - \lambda t\}} \theta_{\hat{v}}^n \leq \int_{\{u < \hat{v} - s\}} \theta_{\hat{v}}^n,$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < 1$ . Since  $\hat{v} \leq P_\theta[u]$  it follows from the comparison principle [DDL21, Lemma 2.3] that

$$\int_{\{u < \hat{v} - s\}} \theta_{\hat{v}}^n \leq \int_{\{u < \hat{v} - s\}} \theta_u^n \leq \int_{\{u < v - s\}} \theta_u^n$$

Since  $\varphi$  was taken arbitrarily, it follows that

$$\lambda^n t^n \text{Cap}_{v_2} \{u < v - s - \lambda t\} \leq \int_{\{u < v - s\}} \theta_u^n,$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < 1$ . Substituting  $t \mapsto \lambda t$ , we obtain the desired inequality.  $\square$

The following lemma is due to De Giorgi, which was proved in [EGZ09, pages 614-615].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a non-increasing, right-continuous function such that,

$$tg(t + s) \leq C(g(s))^{1+\alpha},$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq \lambda$ , where  $C > 0$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$  are given. Assume that there exist  $S_0 > 0$  and  $0 \leq t_0 \leq \lambda$  satisfying  $g(S_0)^\alpha < \frac{t_0}{2C}$ . Then  $g(S) = 0$  for all  $S \geq S_0 + \frac{t_0}{1-2^{-\alpha}}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \theta)$  such that  $\theta_u^n = e^{-\psi} d\mu$ , where  $\mu$  is a Hölder continuous measure with Hölder constant  $B$  and Hölder exponent  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  with respect to  $\text{dist}_{L^1}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\psi$  is a negative quasi-psh function. Suppose that  $v$  is a  $\theta$ -psh function such that  $v \leq V_\theta + a\psi$  for some  $a > 0$ . Assume that  $\int_X \theta_{V_\theta}^n > \varrho > 0$ , where  $\varrho$  is a constant. Then, there exists  $C = C(n, X, \omega_X, \theta, \varrho, B, \beta) > 0$  such that, for every  $0 < \lambda < 1/2$ ,*

$$u \geq \lambda v + (1 - \lambda)V_\theta - Ca\lambda \left( 1 + \log_+ \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\lambda}} d\mu \right) - 2.$$

Here we note that  $e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\lambda}} \in L^1(\mu)$  by Lemma 2.11. Denote by  $\log_+(x) = \max(\log x, 0)$ .

*Proof.* Denote  $\widehat{v} := (1 - \lambda)V_\theta + \lambda v$ . By Lemma 3.1, for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1 - \lambda$ , we have

$$t^n \text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s - t) \leq \int_{\{u < \widehat{v} - s\}} \theta_u^n = \int_{\{u < \widehat{v} - s\}} e^{-\psi} d\mu.$$

Since  $v \leq V_\theta + a\psi$ , we have  $-\psi \leq \frac{V_\theta - \widehat{v}}{a\lambda}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} t^n \text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s - t) &\leq \int_{\{u < \widehat{v} - s\}} e^{\frac{V_\theta - \widehat{v}}{a\lambda}} d\mu \\ &\leq \int_{\{u < \widehat{v} - s\}} e^{\frac{V_\theta - u - s}{a\lambda}} d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Hölder's inequality, we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad t^n \text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s - t) \leq \left( \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u - s)}{a\lambda}} d\mu \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\{u < \widehat{v} - s\}} d\mu \right)^{1/2}.$$

Since the measure  $\mu$  is Hölder continuous, it follows from Proposition 2.12 that there exists  $C_1 > 0$  depending on  $X, \omega_X, \theta, \varrho, B$  and  $\beta$  such that

$$\mu(K) \leq C_1^{2n} [\text{Cap}_\theta(K)]^4,$$

for every Borel set  $K \subset X$ , using that  $\exp(e^{-1/x}) = O(x^4)$  for all  $x > 0$ . Then, by (3.1), we have

$$(3.2) \quad t^n \text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s - t) \leq C_1^n e^{\frac{-s}{a\lambda}} \left( \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\lambda}} d\mu \right)^{1/2} [\text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s)]^2$$

Set  $g(s) := [\text{Cap}_\theta(u < \widehat{v} - s)]^{1/n}$  and  $C_2 := \left( \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\lambda}} d\mu \right)^{1/2n}$ . By (3.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad tg(t + s) \leq C_1 C_2 g(s)^2,$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1 - \lambda$ . Moreover, it follows from (3.2) that

$$(3.4) \quad g(s + 1 - \lambda) \leq \frac{C_3}{1 - \lambda} e^{\frac{-s}{a\lambda n}},$$

for every  $s > 0$ , where  $C_3 = C_1 C_2 (\text{vol}(\theta))^{2/n}$ . Put  $s_0 = a\lambda n \log_+(16C_1 C_2 C_3)$  so that

$$\frac{C_3}{1 - \lambda} e^{\frac{-s_0}{a\lambda n}} < \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{4C_1 C_2}.$$

Then, by (3.4), we have  $g(s_0 + 1 - \lambda) < \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{4C_1 C_2}$ . Applying Lemma 3.2 with  $S = s_0 + 1 - \lambda$  and  $t_0 = \frac{1 - \lambda}{2} \in (0, 1 - \lambda)$ , we obtain  $g(s_0 + 2 - 2\lambda) = 0$ . Then

$$u \geq \widehat{v} - s_0 - 2 + 2\lambda \geq \widehat{v} - C_4 a\lambda \left( 1 + \log_+ \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\lambda}} d\mu \right) - 2,$$

where  $C_4 > 0$  is a constant depending only on  $n, X, \omega_X, \theta, \varrho, B$  and  $\beta$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $u, v$  be negative  $\theta$ -psh functions such that*

- $v \leq u + M$  for some  $M \geq 1$ ;
- $v = (1 - \lambda)v_1 + \lambda v_2$ , where  $v_1, v_2$  are  $\theta$ -psh functions with  $v_2$  has model singularity type and  $\lambda \in (0, 1/2)$ ;
- there exist  $C > 0$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$  such that, for every  $s > 0$ ,

$$(3.5) \quad \int_{\{u < v-s\}} \theta_u^n \leq C[\text{Cap}_{v_2}(u < v-s)]^{1+\alpha}.$$

Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sup_X (v - u) \leq \varepsilon + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\lambda} [\text{Cap}_{v_2}(u < v - \varepsilon)]^{\alpha/n}.$$

*Proof.* We adapt the same arguments as in [EGZ09]. By Lemma 3.1, for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < \lambda$ , we have

$$t^n \text{Cap}_{v_2} \{u < v - s - t\} \leq \int_{\{u < v-s\}} \theta_u^n.$$

Therefore, by (3.5), we obtain

$$t^n \text{Cap}_{v_2} \{u < v - s - t\} \leq C[\text{Cap}_{v_2}(u < v - s)]^{1+\alpha},$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < \lambda$ . Denote  $g(s) = [\text{Cap}_{v_2}(u < v - s)]^{1/n}$ . We have

$$tg(t+s) \leq C^{1/n} g(s)^{1+\alpha},$$

for every  $s > 0$  and  $0 < t < \lambda$ . If there exists  $0 \leq t_0 < \lambda$  such that  $g(\varepsilon)^\alpha = \frac{t_0}{2C^{1/n}}$  then it follows from Lemma 3.2 that  $g\left(\varepsilon + \frac{t_0}{1-2^{-\alpha}}\right) = 0$ . Hence

$$\sup_X (v - u) \leq \varepsilon + \frac{t_0}{1-2^{-\alpha}} \leq \varepsilon + \frac{2C^{1/n} g(\varepsilon)^\alpha}{1-2^{-\alpha}},$$

since  $1/(1-2^{-\alpha}) \leq 2 \leq M/\lambda$ . Otherwise  $2C^{1/n} g(\varepsilon)^\alpha \geq \lambda$ , we infer that

$$\sup_X (v - u) \leq M \leq \varepsilon + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\lambda} g(\varepsilon)^\alpha.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Under the assumption of Lemma 3.4, the following inequality holds:*

$$\sup_X (v - u) \leq \left(2 + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\lambda}\right) \|v - u\|_{L^1(\nu)}^{\frac{\alpha}{(n+1)\alpha+n}},$$

where  $\nu = \mathbf{1}_{\{u < v\}} \theta_u^n$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\sup(v - u) \leq 2\varepsilon + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\lambda} [\text{Cap}_{v_2}(u < v - 2\varepsilon)]^{\alpha/n}.$$

Then, by Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sup(v - u) &\leq 2\varepsilon + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\varepsilon^\alpha \lambda} \left( \int_{\{u < v-\varepsilon\}} d\nu \right)^{\alpha/n} \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon + \frac{2MC^{1/n}}{\varepsilon^{\alpha(n+1)/n} \lambda} \|v - u\|_{L^1(\nu)}^{\alpha/n}. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\varepsilon = \|v - u\|_{L^1(\nu)}^{\frac{\alpha}{(n+1)\alpha+n}}$ , we obtain the desired inequality.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* In this proof, we denote by  $M_j(a)$ , for  $j \geq 1$ , constants in  $[1, \infty)$  only depending on  $n, X, \omega_X, \theta, B, \beta$  and an upper bound for  $\int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a\varepsilon_0}} d\mu$ . We assume that  $a \mapsto M_j(a)$  is decreasing for every  $j \geq 1$ , and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} M_j(a) = \infty$ .

Assume  $0 < \delta < 1$ . We define  $B_0$  and  $u_{c,\delta}$  as in (2.4) and (2.5):

$$B_0 = B_0(c, \delta) = \frac{Ac + 2K\delta}{\varepsilon_0},$$

and

$$u_{c,\delta} = 2B_0\Psi_0 + (1 - 2B_0)\Phi_{c,\delta},$$

where  $c = c(\delta) > 0$  is a small constant that will be chosen later. By Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\theta + dd^c u_{c,\delta} \geq \varepsilon_0 B_0 \omega_X.$$

Let  $0 < a \leq a_0$  and denote  $v_{a,\delta} = u_{c,\delta} + B_0 a \varepsilon_0 \psi$ . Then  $v_{a,\delta}$  is a  $\theta$ -psh function satisfying  $v_{a,\delta} \leq V_\theta + B_0 a \varepsilon_0 \psi$ . Using Lemma 3.3 for  $\lambda = B_0$  and  $v = v_{a,\delta}$ , we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad u \geq B_0 v_{a,\delta} + (1 - B_0) V_\theta - M_2(a) \geq v_{a,\delta} - M_1(a B_0).$$

Since  $v_{a,\delta} \leq V_\theta + B_0 a \varepsilon_0 \psi$ , we also have  $-\psi \leq \frac{V_\theta - u}{a B_0 \varepsilon_0}$  on the set  $\{u < v_{a,\delta}\}$ . Combining with Theorem 2.12 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\}} \theta_u^n &= \int_{\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\}} e^{-\psi} d\mu \leq \int_{\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\}} e^{\frac{V_\theta - u}{a B_0 \varepsilon_0}} d\mu \\ &\leq \left( \int_X e^{\frac{2(V_\theta - u)}{a B_0 \varepsilon_0}} d\mu \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\}} d\mu \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq M_2(a B_0) [\text{Cap}_{V_\theta}(\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\})]^2. \end{aligned}$$

On the set  $\{u < v_{a,\delta}\}$ , we have

$$v_{a/2,\delta} + \frac{B_0 a \varphi_0}{2} \psi = v_{a,\delta} > u,$$

so

$$-\psi \leq \frac{2}{B_0 a \varepsilon_0} (v_{a/2,\delta} - u) \leq \frac{2M_1(\frac{a B_0}{2})}{B_0 a \varepsilon_0}$$

using (3.6). Combining this with Lemma 3.5 we infer that

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \sup_X (v_{a,\delta} - u - s) &\leq \frac{M_3(a B_0)}{B_0} \|v_{a,\delta} - u - s\|_{L^1(\nu_s)}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}} \\ &\leq \frac{M_4(a B_0)}{B_0} \|(v_{a,\delta} - u - s)_+\|_{L^1(\mu)}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $s \geq 0$ , where  $\nu_s = \mathbf{1}_{\{u < v_{a,\delta} - s\}} \theta_u^n$ . Using Lemma 3.3 for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $v = \Psi_0 + \varepsilon_0 a \psi$ , we also have

$$(3.8) \quad u(z) \geq \frac{\Psi_0 + \varepsilon_0 a \psi + V_\theta}{2} - M_5(a) \geq \Psi_0 + \frac{\varepsilon_0 a \psi}{2} - M_5(a),$$

for every  $z \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} v_{a,\delta} - u &= 2B_0(\Psi_0 + \frac{\varepsilon_0 a \psi}{2} - u) + (1 - B_0)(\Phi_{c,\delta} - u) \\ &\leq 2B_0 M_5(a) + (\Phi_{c,\delta} - u)_+ \end{aligned}$$

This combined with (3.7) implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_X (v_{a,\delta} - u) &\leq \sup_X (v_{a,\delta} - u - 2B_0M_5(a)) + 2B_0M_5(a) \\
&\leq \frac{M_4(aB_0)}{B_0} \|(v_{a,\delta} - u - 2B_0M_5(a))_+\|_{L^1(\mu)}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a) \\
&\leq \frac{M_4(aB_0)}{B_0} \|(\Phi_{c,\delta} - u)_+\|_{L^1(\mu)}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a) \\
&\leq \frac{M_6(aB_0)}{B_0} \|(\Phi_{c,\delta} - u)_+\|_{L^1(X)}^{\frac{\beta}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a) \\
&\leq \frac{M_6(aB_0)}{B_0} \|(\rho_\delta u - u)_+\|_{L^1(X)}^{\frac{\beta}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a) \\
&\leq \frac{M_7(aB_0)}{B_0} \delta^{\frac{2\beta}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a),
\end{aligned}$$

where the last estimate holds due to Lemma 2.3. Then, for  $U \subseteq \text{Amp}(\theta) \setminus \{-\psi = -\infty\}$  and  $m_U := \sup_U(-\psi)$ , we have

$$\sup_U (u_{c,\delta} - u) \leq B_0 a \varepsilon_0 m_U + \frac{M_7(aB_0)}{B_0} \delta^{\frac{2\beta}{2n+1}} + 2B_0M_5(a).$$

Denoting by  $h_1$  the function  $a \mapsto a \varepsilon_0 m_U + 2M_5(a)$  and choosing  $a = h_1^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{B_0}}\right)$ , we have

$$\sup_U (u_{c,\delta} - u) \leq \sqrt{B_0} + \frac{M_7\left(h_1^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{B_0}}\right) B_0\right)}{B_0} \delta^{\frac{2\beta}{2n+1}}.$$

Denoting by  $h_2$  the function  $t \mapsto \frac{M_7\left(h_1^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right) t\right)}{t^{3/2}}$  and choosing  $c$  so that  $h_2(B_0) = \delta^{\frac{-\beta}{2n+1}}$ , we get

$$\sup_U (u_{c,\delta} - u) \leq 2\sqrt{B_0(\delta)}.$$

Now, using Lemma 2.4, we obtain

$$\rho_{\kappa(\delta)} u(z) - u(z) \leq 4\sqrt{B_0(\delta)} + 2C_U B_0(\delta) + 2K\delta.$$

where

$$\kappa(\delta) = \delta \exp\left(\frac{-4A(C_U B_0 + 2\sqrt{B_0(\delta)} + 2K\delta)}{\varepsilon_0 B_0}\right), \quad C_U = \sup_U (V_\theta - \Psi_0).$$

Replacing  $\delta$  with  $\kappa(\delta)$  we obtain for  $\delta \leq \kappa(\delta_0)$ ,

$$\rho_\delta u(z) - u(z) \leq 4\sqrt{B_0(\kappa^{-1}(\delta))} + 2C_U B_0(\kappa^{-1}(\delta)).$$

The conclusion thus follows.  $\square$

We now deal with the special case when  $\theta = \omega_X$  is a Kähler form, proving Corollary 1.2. Recall that  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(B, \beta, a_0, C_0, h)$  is the set of probability measures  $\nu$  on  $X$  such that  $\nu = e^{-\psi} \mu$  with  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(B, \beta)$ ,  $\psi \in \text{PSH}(X, a_0 \omega_X)$  and

$$\int_X h(-\psi) e^{-\psi} d\mu \leq C_0$$

where  $a_0 > 0$ ,  $C_0 > 0$  are fixed constants and  $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is an increasing concave function with  $h(\infty) = \infty$ . We define the set

$$\mathcal{F} = \{u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X), \sup_X u = 0 : (\omega_X + dd^c u)^n \in \mathcal{N}\}.$$

**Lemma 3.6.** *The closure of  $\mathcal{F}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(u_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be a sequence of  $\omega_X$ -psh functions such that  $(\omega_X + dd^c u_j)^n \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $\sup_X u_j = 0$ . By Hartogs' lemma (see, e.g., [GZ17, Proposition 8.4]), we get that  $u_j \xrightarrow{L^1} u$  for some  $u \in \text{PSH}(X, \omega_X)$ . By Proposition 2.13, the family of non-pluripolar measures  $(\omega_X + dd^c u_j)^n$  is uniformly absolutely continuous with respect to capacity. Set  $v_j = \max(u_j, u)$ . We see that  $v_j$  converges to  $u$  in capacity thanks to Hartogs' lemma and the quasi-continuity of  $\omega_X$ -psh functions. As follows from [DH12, Propositions 2.10], the sequence of measures  $(\omega_X + dd^c v_j)^n$  is uniformly absolutely continuous with respect to capacity. From [DH12, Proposition 2.11], we infer that  $u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$ . Hence, the closure of  $\mathcal{F}$  in the  $L^1$  topology is contained in  $\mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary 1.2.* By Theorem 1.1, it suffices to show that there exists a positive constant  $C = C(a_0, X, \omega_X, \mu)$  such that

$$(3.9) \quad \int_X e^{-2u/a_0} d\mu \leq C.$$

Thanks to Lemma 3.6, the closure of the set  $\mathcal{F} = \{u \in \mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X), \sup_X u = 0: (\omega_X + dd^c u)^n \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is a compact family of functions in  $\mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$ . Since functions in  $\mathcal{E}(X, \omega_X)$  have zero Lelong number at every point on  $X$  by [GZ07], the uniform Skoda integrability theorem (see, e.g., [GZ17]) ensures that there exists a constant  $C$  depending on  $a_0$  and  $\bar{\omega}$  such that the inequality (3.9) holds for all  $u \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** Lemma 3.6 still holds in the more general setting where  $\theta$  is merely semi-positive and big (i.e.,  $\int_X \theta^n > 0$ ). Corollary 1.2 also remains valid, but in this case, the modulus of continuity is supported only on  $\text{Amp}(\theta) \setminus \{\psi = -\infty\}$ .

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