# **Double fibration transforms with conjugate points**

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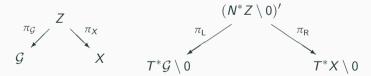
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### **Double fibration**

Following Mazzucchelli-Salo-Tzou [2], we introduce double fibration transforms.

- Let  $\mathcal{G}$  and X be oriented smooth manifolds without boundaries.  $N := \dim(\mathcal{G})$  and  $n := \dim(X)$ . Denote by  $d\mathcal{G}$  and dX the orientation forms of  $\mathcal{G}$  and X respectively.
- Let Z be an oriented embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G} \times X$ , and let dZ be the orientation form.
- Assume that  $N+n>\dim(Z)>N\geqq n\geqq 2$ , and set  $n':=\dim(Z)-N$  and n'':=n-n'. Then  $\dim(Z)=N+n'$ , n=n'+n'' and n',  $n''=1,\ldots,n-1$ .



• We assume that Z is a double fibration, that is, the natural projections  $\pi_{\mathcal{G}}: Z \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  and  $\pi_X: Z \rightarrow X$  are submersions respectively.

# Orientation forms on $G_z := \pi_x \circ \pi_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(z)$ and $H_x := \pi_{\mathcal{G}} \circ \pi_X^{-1}(x)$

- $G_z := \pi_x \circ \pi_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(z)$  becomes an n'-dim submanifold of X for any  $z \in \mathcal{G}$ , and  $H_x := \pi_{\mathcal{G}} \circ \pi_X^{-1}(x)$  forms an (N n'')-dim submanifold of  $\mathcal{G}$  for any  $x \in X$ .
- Fix arbitrary  $(z, x) \in Z$ , and let  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  and  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_N\}$  be bases of  $T_x X$  and  $T_z \mathcal{G}$  respectively such that

$$T_{(z,x)}Z = \operatorname{span}\langle v_1, \ldots, v_{n'}, w_1, \ldots, w_N \rangle = \operatorname{span}\langle v_1, \ldots, v_n, w_1, \ldots, w_{N-n''} \rangle.$$

The induced orientation forms  $dG_z$  on  $G_z$  and  $dH_x$  on  $H_x$  are given by

$$\begin{split} dG_{z}\big(d\pi_{X}(v_{1}),\ldots,d\pi_{X}(v_{n'})\big) &:= dZ_{\pi_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(z)}(v_{1},\ldots,v_{n'}) \\ &= \frac{dZ(v_{1},\ldots,v_{n'},w_{1},\ldots,w_{N})}{d\mathcal{G}\big(d\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(w_{1}),\ldots,d\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(w_{N})\big)}, \\ dH_{x}\big(d\pi_{\mathcal{G}}(w_{1}),\ldots,d\pi_{X}(w_{N-n''})\big) &:= dZ_{\pi_{X}^{-1}(x)}(w_{1},\ldots,w_{N-n''}) \\ &= \frac{dZ(v_{1},\ldots,v_{n},w_{1},\ldots,w_{N-n''})}{dX\big(d\pi_{X}(v_{1}),\ldots,d\pi_{X}(v_{n})\big)}. \end{split}$$

### **Double fibration transform**

Suppose that a weight function  $\kappa(z,x) \in C^{\infty}(\mathcal{G} \times X)$  is nowhere vanishing. A double fibration transform  $\mathcal{R}$  associated with the double fibration Z is defined by

$$\mathcal{R}f(z) := \left( \int_{G_z} \kappa(z, x) \frac{f}{|dX|^{1/2}}(x) dG_z(x) \right) |d\mathcal{G}(z)|^{1/2}$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{D}(X, \Omega_X^{1/2})$ . The adjoint  $\mathcal{R}^*$  is given by

$$\mathcal{R}^* u(x) = \left( \int_{\mathcal{H}_x} \overline{\kappa(z, x)} \frac{u}{|d\mathcal{G}|^{1/2}}(z) d\mathcal{H}_x(z) \right) |dX(x)|^{1/2}$$

for  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}, \Omega_{\mathcal{G}}^{1/2})$ . Then we deduce that

$$\mathcal{R}: \mathscr{D}(X,\Omega_X^{1/2}) \to \mathscr{E}(\mathcal{G},\Omega_\mathcal{G}^{1/2}), \quad \mathcal{R}^*: \mathscr{D}(\mathcal{G},\Omega_\mathcal{G}^{1/2}) \to \mathscr{E}(X,\Omega_X^{1/2}),$$

are continuous linear mappings, and so are

$$\mathcal{R}: \mathscr{E}'(X,\Omega_X^{1/2}) \to \mathscr{D}'(\mathcal{G},\Omega_\mathcal{G}^{1/2}), \quad \mathcal{R}^*: \mathscr{E}'(\mathcal{G},\Omega_\mathcal{G}^{1/2}) \to \mathscr{D}'(X,\Omega_X^{1/2}).$$

More precisely  $\mathcal R$  and  $\mathcal R^*$  are elliptic Fourier integral operators.

# Mapping properties of double fibration transforms

### Theorem 1 ([2, Theorem 2.2] & [Hörmander IV, Theorem25.2.2)

Suppose that Z is a double fibration with  $\dim(Z) = N + n'$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{R}^*$  are elliptic Fourier integral operators of order -(N+2n'-n)/4 with canonical relations  $(N^*Z\setminus 0)'$  and  $((N^*Z\setminus 0)^T)'$  respectively. More precisely

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{R} &\in \mathcal{I}^{-(N+2n'-n)/4} \big( \mathcal{G} \times X, N^* Z \setminus 0; \Omega_{\mathcal{G} \times X}^{1/2} \big), \\ \mathcal{R}^* &\in \mathcal{I}^{-(N+2n'-n)/4} \big( X \times \mathcal{G}, (N^* Z \setminus 0)^T; \Omega_{X \times \mathcal{G}}^{1/2} \big), \end{split}$$

where

$$N^*Z \setminus 0 = \{ (z, A(z, x)\eta, x, \eta) : (z, x) \in Z, \eta \in N_x^*G_z \setminus \{0\} \}$$
  
= \{ (z, \zeta, x, B(z, x)\zeta) : (z, x) \in Z, \zeta \in N\_z^\*H\_x \ \{0\}\},

 $A(z,x) \in \text{Hom}(N_x^*G_z, T_z^*G)$  and  $B(z,x) \in \text{Hom}(N_z^*H_x, T_x^*X)$  smoothly depend on  $(z,x) \in Z$  respectively.

### **Preliminaries**

For local coordinates  $(z,x)=(z',z'',x',x'')\in\mathbb{R}^{N-n''}\times\mathbb{R}^{n''}\times\mathbb{R}^{n''}\times\mathbb{R}^{n''}$ , There exist  $\mathbb{R}^{n''}$ -valued functions  $\phi(z,x')$  and b(x,z') such that we have locally

$$Z = \{x'' = \phi(z, x')\} = \{z'' = b(x, z')\}.$$

### Lemma 2 ([2, Lemmas 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6])

$$\begin{split} N_{(z,x)}^* Z &= \Big\{ \Big( -\phi_z(z,x')^T \eta'', \big( -\phi_{x'}(z,x')^T \eta'', \eta'' \big) \Big) : \eta'' \in \mathbb{R}^{n''} \Big\}, \\ A(z,x) &\left[ \begin{matrix} -\phi_{x'}(z,x')^T \\ I_{n''} \end{matrix} \right] \eta'' = -\phi_z(z,x')^T \eta'', \quad \eta'' \in \mathbb{R}^{n''}. \end{split}$$

Similar results hold for b(x, z') and B(z, x).

# Variation fields and conjugate points

Fix arbitrary  $(z,w)\in T\mathcal{G}$ , and consider a curve in  $\mathcal{G}$  of the form

$$z(s) = z + sw + \mathcal{O}(s^2)$$
 near  $s = 0$ .

Then  $(G_{z(s)})$  is said to be a variation of  $G_z$ , and the variation field  $J_w: G_z \to (N_x^*G_z)^*$  associated to  $(G_{z(s)})$  is defined by

$$J_w(x) := A(z,x)^* w \simeq -\phi_z(z,x') w \in (N_x^* G_z)^* \simeq N_x G_z = T_x X / T_x G_z$$

for  $x \in G_z$ . Note that

$$A(z,x)^* \in \operatorname{Hom}(T_z\mathcal{G},(N_x^*G_z)^*) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}(T_z\mathcal{G},N_xG_z), \quad (z,x) \in Z,$$

For  $z \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $x, y \in G_z$ , set

$$V_z(x,y) := \{J_w(x) : w \in T_z \mathcal{G}, J_w(y) = 0\}.$$

Note that  $\dim \bigl(V_z(x,y)\bigr) \leq n''$  holds since  $\operatorname{rank}\bigl(A(z,x)^*\bigr) = n''$ , and  $\dim \bigl(V_z(x,y)\bigr) = \dim \bigl(V_z(y,x)\bigr)$  holds for any  $z \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $x,y \in \mathcal{G}_z$ . cf. If  $x = \exp_y(tu)$ , then  $J_w(x) \simeq Y(t) := tD \exp_y(tu)w$ .

### **Z**-conjugate triplets

#### **Definition 3**

Suppose that Z is a double fibration and  $N \ge 2n''$ . Let k = 1, ..., n''.

- Z-conjugate triplet of degree k: Let  $z \in \mathcal{G}$  and let  $x, y \in G_z$  with  $x \neq y$ . We say that (z; x, y) is a Z-conjugate triplet of degree k if  $\dim(V_z(x, y)) = n'' k$ .
- Regular Z-conjugate triplet of degree k: We say that a Z-conjugate triplet (z; x, y) of degree k is regular if there exit a nbd  $U_x$  of x in X, a nbd  $U_y$  of y in X, and a nbd  $W_z$  of z in G such that any Z-conjugate triplet  $(z'; x', y') \in W_z \times U_x \times U_y$  is also of degree k. The set of all the regular Z-conjugate triplets of degree k is denoted by  $C_{R,k}$ .
- The set of all the Z-conjugate triplets which are not regular is denoted by  $C_S$ .

#### Lemma 4

Suppose that Z is a double fibration and  $N \ge 2n''$ . For any k = 1, ..., n'',  $C_{R,k}$  is an (N + n')-dimensional embedded submanifold of  $\mathcal{G} \times X \times X$ .

# Normal operators without conjugate points

$$\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}f(x) = \left(\iint_{H_x \times G_z} \overline{\kappa(z, x)} \kappa(z, y) \frac{f}{|dX|^{1/2}}(y) dG_z(y) dH_x(z)\right) |dX(x)|^{1/2}, \quad x \in X.$$

Set  $\mathcal{C} := (N^*Z \setminus 0)'$ , which is the canonical relation of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

#### Theorem 5

Suppose that Z is a double fibration. In addition, we assume  $N \ge 2n''$  and the following:

- $\pi_X: Z \to X$  is proper, and  $\pi_X^{-1}(x)$  is connected for any  $x \in X$ .
- There are no Z-conjugate triplets, and  $D\pi_L$  is injective at all  $(z, \zeta, x, \eta) \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Then  $C^T \circ C$  is a clean intersection with excess e = N - n, and  $\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}$  is an elliptic pseudodifferential operator of order -n' on X.

Proof: Some lemmas in [2] and the assumptions guarantee the Bolker condition.

# Known results on geodesic X-ray transforms with conjugate points

• Let (M,g) be a compact Riemannian manifold with strictly convex boundary. Set  $\gamma_w(t) := \exp_{\pi_M(w)}(tw)$  for  $w \in \partial_- SM$ . Consider the geodesic X-ray fransform

$$\mathcal{X}f(w) := \left( \int_0^{\tau(w)} \kappa(\gamma_w(t), \dot{\gamma}_w(t)) \frac{f}{|dM|^{1/2}} (\gamma_w(t)) dt \right) |d\partial_- SM(w)|^{1/2}.$$

• Stefanov and Uhlmann (2012) [3]: If  $v_0 = |v_0|\theta_0$  is a fold conjugate vector at  $p_0$ , and  $v_0$  is the only singularity of  $\exp_{p_0}(v)$  on  $\gamma_{\theta_0}$  near  $p_0$ , then the localized normal operator is decomposed as

$$\mathcal{X}^*\chi\mathcal{X} = A + F$$
 near  $p_0$ ,

where A is a PsDOs of order -1, and F is a FIO of order -n/2.

• Holman and Uhlmann (2018) [1]: If  $C_S = \emptyset$ , then

$$\mathcal{X}^*\mathcal{X} = A + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{M_k} F_{k,\alpha},$$

where A is a PsDOs of order -1, and F is a FIO of order -(n-k+1)/2.

# Normal operators with conjugate points

#### Theorem 6

Suppose that Z is a double fibration,  $C_S = \emptyset$ ,  $N \ge (n-1) + n''$  and the following:

- $\pi_X$  is proper, and  $\pi_X^{-1}(x)$  is connected for any  $x \in X$ .
- If  $\pi_L^{-1}ig((z,\zeta)ig)=\{(z,\zeta,x,\eta)\}$  for  $(z,\zeta,x,\eta)\in\mathcal{C}$ , then  $D\pi_L|_{(z,\zeta,x,\eta)}$  is injective.

Then we have a decomposition of  $\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}$  of the form

$$\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R} = A + \sum_{k=1}^{n''} \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda_k} F_{k,\alpha},$$

where A is an elliptic PsDO of order -n' on X,  $F_{k,\alpha}$  is a FIO in  $\mathcal{I}^{-(n+n'-k)/2}(X\times X,\mathcal{C}'_{A_{k,\alpha}};\Omega^{1/2}_{X\times X})$  with some canonical relation of  $\mathcal{C}_{F_{k,\alpha}}$ , associated to the decomposition of connected components  $C_{R,k}=\bigcup_{\alpha\in\Lambda_k}C_{R,k,\alpha}$ .

# Outline of the proof

•  $\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}$  is given by

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}f}{|dX|^{1/2}}(x) = \iint_{H_X \times G_Z} \overline{\kappa(z,x)} \kappa(z,y) \frac{f}{|dX|^{1/2}}(y) dG_z(y) dH_x(z).$$

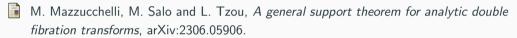
- Follow the idea of Holman and Uhlmann [1]: a partition of unity of  $\mathcal{G} \times X \times X$ .
- Set  $C_{\delta} := \{(z; x, x) : z \in \mathcal{G}, x \in X\}$ , which is related to the elliptic term.
- $C_{R,k,\alpha}$  are disjoint since  $C_S=\emptyset$ , so are  $C_{R,k,\alpha}$  and  $C_\delta$ . Pick up disjoint nbds  $U_{k,\alpha}$  and  $U_\delta$  of  $C_{R,k,\alpha}$  and  $C_\delta$  respectively in  $\mathcal{G}\times X\times X$ .
- We can find an open set  $U_0$  in  $\mathcal{G} \times X \times X$  such that

$$U_0 \bigcup U_\delta \bigcup (\cup U_{k,\alpha}) = \mathcal{G} \times X \times X, \quad U_0 \bigcap (C_\delta \bigcup (\cup C_{R,k,\alpha})) = \emptyset.$$

• Pick up a partition of unity subordinated to  $\{U_0, U_{\delta}, U_{k,\alpha}\}$ , and split the Schwartz kernel of  $\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}$ .  $U_0$ -part of  $\mathcal{R}^*\mathcal{R}$  is a smoothing operator, and is absorbed in  $U_{\delta}$ -part A.

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