

# Tunnel effect for semiclassical random walk

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# Semiclassical random walk

Let  $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be a real function such that  $d\mu_h = e^{-\phi(x)/h} dx$  is a probability measure. We are interested in the random-walk operator defined on the space  $\mathcal{C}_0$  of continuous function going to 0 at infinity by

$$T_h f(x) = \frac{1}{\mu_h(B_h(x))} \int_{B_h(x)} f(x') d\mu_h(x'),$$

where  $B_h(x) = B(x, h)$ . By duality, this defines an operator  $T_h^*$  on the set  $\mathcal{M}_b$  of bounded Borel measures

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{C}_0, \forall \nu \in \mathcal{M}_b, T_h^*(\nu)(f) = \nu(T_h f)$$

# Stationnary distribution

Observe that if  $d\nu$  has a density with respect to Lebesgue measure  $d\nu = \rho(x)dx$ , then

$$T_h^*(d\nu) = \left( \int_{|x-y|<h} \frac{1}{\mu_h(B(x, h))} \rho(x) dx \right) e^{-\phi(y)/h} dy$$

As a consequence, the measure

$$d\nu_{h,\infty} = \frac{\mu_h(B_h(x)) e^{-\phi(x)/h}}{Z_h} dx := m_h(x) dx$$

where  $Z_h$  is chosen so that  $d\nu_{h,\infty}$  is a probability on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  satisfies

$$T_h^*(d\nu_{h,\infty}) = d\nu_{h,\infty}.$$

We say that  $d\nu_{h,\infty}$  is stationary for  $T_h$ .

# Convergence to equilibrium

## Question

For  $d\nu \in \mathcal{M}_b$ , what is the behavior of  $(T_h^*)^n(d\nu)$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Under suitable assumptions on  $\phi$  we can easily prove the following:

## Theorem

For any probability measure  $d\nu$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (T_h^*)^n(d\nu) = d\nu_{h,\infty}$$

We are willing to compute the speed of convergence in the above limit. The answer is closely related to the spectral theory of  $T_h$ .

# Some elementary properties

The operator  $T_h$  can be extended to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, d\nu_{h,\infty})$  by density. We denote  $T_h$  this extension. We have the following elementary properties:

## Proposition

The following hold true:

- $T_h$  is self-adjoint on  $L^2(M, d\nu_{h,\infty})$ .
- For all  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $\|T_h\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} = 1$ .
- 1 is an eigenvalue of  $T_h$  (Markov property) and  $1 \notin \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T_h)$ .

# Assumptions on $\phi$

We make the following assumptions on  $\phi$ :

- there exists  $c, R > 0$  and some constants  $C_\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$  such that:

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d \setminus \{0\}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad |\partial_x^\alpha \phi(x)| \leq C_\alpha$$

and

$$\forall |x| \geq R, \quad |\nabla \phi(x)| \geq c \quad \text{and} \quad |\phi(x)| \geq c|x|.$$

- $\phi$  is a **Morse function** (i.e.  $\phi$  the critical points of  $\phi$  are non-degenerate).
- Denoting  $\mathcal{U}^{(k)}$  the set of critical points of  $\phi$  of index  $k$ , the values  $\phi(U_j^{(1)}) - \phi(U_k^{(0)})$ ,  $U_j^{(1)} \in \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$ ,  $U_k^{(0)} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$  are **distincts**.

(recall that the index of a critical point  $U$  is the number of negative eigenvalues of  $\text{Hess}(\phi)(U)$ ).



# Description of “small” eigenvalues

## Theorem [Bony-Hérau-Michel]

Suppose that the previous assumptions are fulfilled. Then

- There exists  $\kappa_0 > 0$  such that:
  - $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T_h) \cap [1 - \kappa_0, 1] = \emptyset$
  - $\sigma(T_h) \cap [-1, -1 + \kappa_0] = \emptyset$
- There are  $m_0$  eigenvalues of  $T_h$  in the interval  $[1 - h^{3/2}, 1]$  and these eigenvalues enjoy the following asymptotics

$$\mu_{k,h} = 1 - h\theta_k e^{-S_k/h} (1 + \mathcal{O}(h))$$

where the coefficient  $\theta_k, S_k$  are defined later.

# Short heuristics

Let  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be fixed, using the change of variable  $y = x + hz$  and Taylor expansion, we show easily that

$$(1 - T_h)f(x) = -\frac{1}{2(d+2)}\Delta_{\phi,h}f(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

where  $-\Delta_{\phi,h} = -h^2\Delta + |\nabla\phi|^2 - h\Delta\phi$  is the semiclassical Witten Laplacian.

## Remark

- This expansion is not uniform with respect to  $f$
- $-\Delta_{\phi,h}$  is known to have very small eigenvalues  $\lambda \simeq e^{-\alpha/h}$  for some  $\alpha > 0$
- The term  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$  is not an error term from a spectral point of view.

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# Description of small eigenvalues (I)

- Under the above assumptions, the spectrum of semiclassical Witten laplacian has been analyzed by many authors: Witten 85, Helffer-Sjöstrand 85, Cycon-Froese-Kirsch-Simon 87, Bovier-Gayraud-Klein 04, Helffer-Klein-Nier 04.
- It is well known that  $-\Delta_{\phi,h}$  has  $m_0 := \#\mathcal{U}^{(0)}$  eigenvalues  $0 = \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{m_0}$ , in the interval  $[0, h^{3/2}]$ .
- The most accurate result in [HKN04] gives an approximation of these eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_k = (2d + 4)b_k e^{-S_k/h}$$

with  $b_k(h) = \sum_{j \geq 0} h^j \beta_{k,j}(x)$ ,  $\beta_{k,1} = \theta_k$ .

## Description of small eigenvalues (II)

- The quantities,  $S_k, \theta_k$  can be computed: there exists a labelling  $\mathcal{U}^{(0)} = \{U_1^{(0)}, \dots, U_{m_0}^{(0)}\}$  and  $j: \{1, \dots, m_0\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, m_1\}$  such that

$$S_k = 2(\phi(U_{j(k)}^{(1)}) - \phi(U_k^{(0)}))$$

and

$$\theta_k = \frac{|\hat{\lambda}_1(U_{j(k)}^{(1)})|}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\det(\text{Hess } \phi(U_k^{(0)}))}{\det(\text{Hess } \phi(U_{j(k)}^{(1)}))}}$$

where  $\hat{\lambda}_1(U_{j(k)}^{(1)})$  is the negative eigenvalue of  $\text{Hess } \phi(U_{j(k)}^{(1)})$ .

- If  $m_0 = 2$  then the above labelling and the function  $j$  are such that

$$S_2 = \min_{U^{(0)} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}, U^{(1)} \in \mathcal{U}^{(1)}} \phi(U^{(1)}) - \phi(U^{(0)}).$$

# Interaction matrix

The strategy of Helffer-Klein-Nier is the following:

- Introduce
  - $F^{(0)}$  = eigenspace associated to the  $m_0$  low lying eigenvalues on 0-forms
  - $\Pi^{(0)}$  = projector on  $F^{(0)}$ .
  - $M$  = restriction of  $\Delta_{\phi,h}$  to  $F^{(0)}$ .

We have to compute the eigenvalues of  $M$ .

- We compute suitable BKW approximations  $\psi_k^{(0)}$  of  $e_k$ , show that

$$\Pi^{(0)}\psi_k^{(0)} = \psi_k^{(0)} + \text{error}$$

and compute the matrix of  $M$  in the base  $\Pi^{(0)}\psi_k^{(0)}$ .

- Doing that leads to error terms which are too big.
- In order to overcome this difficulty, use the super symmetric structure.

# Using Supersymmetry (I)

- For  $p = 0, \dots, d - 1$ , denote  $d^{(p)} : \Lambda^p \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1} \mathbb{R}^d$  the exterior derivative and  $d^{(p),*} : \Lambda^{p+1} \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \Lambda^p \mathbb{R}^d$  its formal adjoint. Then the Hodge Laplacian on  $p$ -form is defined by

$$\Delta^{(p)} = d^{(p),*} d^{(p)} + d^{(p-1)} d^{(p-1),*}.$$

- The semiclassical Witten Laplacian (Witten, 1985) on  $p$ -form is defined by introducing the twisted exterior derivatives  $d_{\phi,h}^{(p)} = e^{-\phi/h} (hd^{(p)}) e^{\phi/h}$  and  $d_{\phi,h}^{(p),*}$  its adjoint and by setting

$$\Delta_{\phi,h}^{(p)} = d_{\phi,h}^{(p),*} d_{\phi,h}^{(p)} + d_{\phi,h}^{(p-1)} d_{\phi,h}^{(p-1),*}$$

- In particular, for  $p = 0$ , the Witten Laplacian on function is given by

$$\Delta_{\phi,h} = \Delta_{\phi,h}^{(0)} = d_{\phi,h}^{(0),*} d_{\phi,h}^{(0)} = h^2 \Delta - |\nabla \phi|^2 + h \Delta \phi.$$

## Using Supersymmetry (II)

The fundamental remarks are the following:

- $\Delta_{\phi,h}^{(p+1)} d_{\phi,h}^{(p)} = d_{\phi,h}^{(p)} \Delta_{\phi,h}^{(p)}$  and  $d_{\phi,h}^{(p),*} \Delta_{\phi,h}^{(p+1)} = \Delta_{\phi,h}^{(p)} d_{\phi,h}^{(p),*}$
- Denote  $F^{(1)}$  the eigenspace associated to low lying eigenvalues on 1 forms, then  $d_{\phi,h}^{(0)}(F^{(0)}) \subset F^{(1)}$  and  $d_{\phi,h}^{(0),*}(F^{(1)}) \subset F^{(0)}$ . Hence

$$M = L^* L$$

where  $L$  is the matrix of  $d_{\phi,h}^{(0)} : F^{(0)} \rightarrow F^{(1)}$ .

- The matrix  $L$  is well approximated by

$$L \simeq (\langle d_{\phi,h}^{(0)} \psi_j^{(0)}, \psi_k^{(1)} \rangle)_{j=1,\dots,m_0, k=1,\dots,m_1}$$

where  $\psi_k^{(1)}$  are BKW approximations of eigenfunctions on 1-form.

- We can conclude by computing the singular values of  $L$ .





# First Reduction (I)

The operator  $T_h$  is self-adjoint on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, d\nu_{h,\infty})$ .

- Using a unitary transformation, we are reduce to analyze the operator  $\tilde{T}_h$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  which is given by

$$\tilde{T}_h f(x) = a_h(x) \frac{1}{\alpha_d h^d} \int_{|x-y|<h} a_h(y) f(y) dy$$

where  $a_h(x)^{-2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_d h^d} \int_{|x-y|<h} e^{(\phi(x)-\phi(y))/h} dy$ .

- Observe that the operator  $f \mapsto \frac{1}{\alpha_d h^d} \int_{|x-y|<h} f(y) dy$  is a fourier multiplier  $G(hD_x)$  with

$$G(\xi) = \frac{1}{\alpha_d} \int_{|x|<1} e^{ix \cdot \xi} dx$$

Here we use the notation  $D_x = \frac{1}{i} \nabla_x$ .

# First Reduction (II)

- From the preceding observations we deduce:

$$\tilde{T}_h = a_h G(hD_x) a_h \quad \text{and} \quad a_h^{-2} = e^{\phi/h} G(hD_x) (e^{-\phi/h})$$

- Since we study the spectrum of  $\tilde{T}_h$  near 1, we introduce

$$\tilde{P}_h := 1 - \tilde{T}_h = a_h (V_h(x) - G(hD_x)) a_h$$

where  $V_h(x) = a_h^{-2}(x) = e^{\phi/h} G(hD_x) (e^{-\phi/h})$ .

- The important operator in the sequel is

$$P_h = V_h(x) - G(hD_x) = e^{\phi/h} G(hD_x) (e^{-\phi/h}) - G(hD_x)$$

- The Witten Laplacian on functions has the same form:

$$-\Delta_{\phi,h} = -h^2 \Delta + |\nabla \phi|^2 - h \Delta \phi = -h^2 \Delta + e^{\phi/h} h^2 \Delta (e^{-\phi/h})$$

We have seen the factorization  $-\Delta_{\phi,h} = d_{\phi,h}^* d_{\phi,h}$ .

### Question

Can we generalize such factorization to pseudodifferential operator  $P_h$  s.t.  $P_h(e^{-\phi/h}) = 0$ ? In particular to  $P_h = G(hD) - V_h(x)$ ?

### More precise question

Let  $P_h$  be a self-adjoint pseudodifferential operator with symbol  $p$ , such that  $P_h(e^{-\phi/h}) = 0$ . What assumption do we need on  $p$  so that there exists a pseudodifferential operator  $Q$  s.t.

$$P_h = (d_{\phi,h} Q)^* Q d_{\phi,h}.$$



# Recall on pseudodifferential operators

- Let  $\tau > 0$ , we say that a symbol  $p \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d}, \mathbb{C})$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{S}_\tau^0(1)$  if
  - for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\xi \mapsto p(x, \xi)$  is analytic with respect to  $\xi \in B_\tau = \{\xi \in \mathbb{C}^d, |\operatorname{Im} \xi| < \tau\}$
  - $\forall (x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times B_\tau$ ,  $|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta}$ .
- We say that  $p \in \mathcal{S}_\infty^0(1)$  if  $p \in \mathcal{S}_\tau^0(1)$  for all  $\tau > 0$ .
- For  $p \in \mathcal{S}_\tau^0(1)$ ,  $\tau \in [0, \infty]$  we define the Weyl-quantization of  $p$ :

$$\operatorname{Op}_h^W(p)u(x) = (2\pi h)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi/h} p\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \xi\right) u(y) dy d\xi$$

for any  $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Let  $\phi$  be as before. Let  $p \in \mathcal{S}_\infty^0(1)$  and  $P_h = \text{Op}_h^W(p)$ . Assume that the following assumptions hold true:

- $p$  is real-valued (and hence  $P_h$  is self-adjoint).
- $P_h(e^{-\phi/h}) = 0$
- For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , the function  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto p(x, \xi)$  is even.
- Near any critical points  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  we have

$$p(x, \xi) = |\xi|^2 + |\nabla\phi(x)|^2 + \mathcal{O}(h + |(x - U, \xi)|^4).$$

- $\forall \delta > 0, \exists \alpha > 0, \forall (x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^d, (d(x, \mathcal{U})^2 + |\xi|^2 \geq \delta \implies p(x, \xi) \geq \alpha)$

### Remark

The operator  $P_h = G(hD) - V_h(x)$  satisfies the above assumptions since  $G$  is the fourier transform of  $\mathbb{1}_{|z|<1}$ .

Let us introduce the operator  $D_{\phi,h} = -i(h\nabla_x + \nabla\phi(x))$  and  $\mathcal{A} : T^*\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$  given by  $\mathcal{A}_{i,j}(x, \xi) = (\langle \xi_i \rangle \langle \xi_j \rangle)^{-1}$ .

### Theorem (Bony-Hérau-Michel)

Under the above assumptions, there exists  $\tau > 0$  and a real valued symbol  $q \in \mathcal{S}_\tau^0(T^*\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{A})$  such that

$$P_h = D_{\phi,h}^* Q^* Q D_{\phi,h}$$

with  $Q = \text{Op}_h^w(q)$ . Moreover, the principal symbol  $q^0$  of  $Q$  satisfies  $q^0(x, \xi) = Id + \mathcal{O}((x - U, \xi)^2)$  near  $(U, 0)$  for any critical point  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .



The proof goes in several steps:

- **Step 1:** Show that there exists  $\widehat{Q}_\phi$  s.t.  $P_h = D_{\phi,h}^* \widehat{Q}_\phi D_{\phi,h}$
- **Step 2:** Show that we can modify  $\widehat{Q}_\phi$  in order that it has a pseudodifferential squareroot  $\widehat{Q}_\phi = \check{Q}^* \check{Q}$
- **Step 3:** Arrange things so that  $\check{Q}$  has analytic symbol in a small strip

- **Step 1: Show that there exists  $\widehat{Q}_\phi$  s.t.  $P_h = D_{\phi,h}^* \widehat{Q}_\phi D_{\phi,h}$ .**

Let  $P_{\phi,h} = e^{\phi/h} P_h e^{-\phi/h}$ . Since  $P_h$  has a symbol which is analytic w.r.t.  $\xi$ ,  $P_{\phi,h}$  is a pseudo. Moreover,  $P_{\phi,h}(1) = 0$ . Hence, we can factorize

$$P_{\phi,h} = \widetilde{Q}_\phi h D_x.$$

Going back to  $P_h$ , we get  $P_h = \overline{Q}_\phi D_{\phi,h}$ . Moreover, we have an exact expression for  $\overline{Q}_\phi$ .

It remains to factorize  $\overline{Q}_\phi$  by  $D_{\phi,h}^*$  on the left.

- This is equivalent to show that

$$\check{Q}_\phi := e^{-\phi/h} \overline{Q}_\phi e^{\phi/h} = e^{-2\phi/h} \check{\check{Q}}_\phi e^{2\phi/h}$$

can be factorized by *div* on the left.

- We introduce the symbol  $\check{\check{q}}_\phi$  of the left-quantization of  $\check{\check{Q}}_\phi$ . Since  $\xi \mapsto p(x, \xi)$  is an even function for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , exact computations shows that  $\check{\check{q}}_\phi(y, 0) = 0$  for all  $y$ .
- Going back to the original operator by conjugation by  $e^{\phi/h}$ , we get the first step.

- **Second Step: Show that you can choose  $\widehat{Q}_\phi$  non negative and construct its squareroot**

To simplify, assume we work on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then

$$P_h = \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi}^* \\ D_{2,\phi}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{Q}_{11} & \widehat{Q}_{12} \\ \widehat{Q}_{12}^* & \widehat{Q}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi} \\ D_{2,\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

The key point is that  $[D_{1,\phi}, D_{2,\phi}] = 0$  so that for any bounded operators  $A, B$ , we can rewrite  $P$  as

$$P_h = \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi}^* \\ D_{2,\phi}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{Q}_{11} + BD_{2,\phi} + D_{2,\phi}^* B^* & \widehat{Q}_{12} - BD_{1,\phi} \\ \widehat{Q}_{12}^* - D_{1,\phi}^* B^* & \widehat{Q}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi} \\ D_{2,\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$P_h = \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi}^* \\ D_{2,\phi}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{Q}_{11} + D_{2,\phi}^* A D_{2,\phi} & \widehat{Q}_{12} \\ \widehat{Q}_{12}^* & \widehat{Q}_{22} - D_{1,\phi}^* A D_{1,\phi} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi} \\ D_{2,\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

To simplify, assume that  $\phi$  has only one critical point in  $x = 0$ .

Denote  $p(x, \xi) = p(x_1, x_2, \xi_1, \xi_2)$  the symbol of  $P$ .

Given  $\delta > 0$ , we have to deal with 3 microlocal regions:

$$\Omega_0 = \{|\xi|^2 + |x|^2 \leq 2\delta\}, \quad \Omega_1 = \{|\xi_1|^2 + |x_1|^2 \geq \delta\},$$

$$\Omega_2 = \{|\xi_2|^2 + |x_2|^2 \geq \delta\}.$$

- On  $\Omega_0$ , since

$$p(x, \xi) = |\xi|^2 + |\nabla\phi(x)|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|(x, \xi)|^3),$$

it is easy to prove that  $\widehat{Q}_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(h + \epsilon)$ .

- $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are treated in a similar way, using the preceding remark. Let us study  $\Omega_1$ .

The idea is to choose  $A$  and  $B$  in order to **kill the antidiagonal terms and get a positive lower bound for diagonal terms.**

- Killing  $\widehat{Q}_{12}$  is done by choosing  $B = \widehat{Q}_{12}/D_{1,\phi}$ . This is possible since on  $\Omega_1$ ,  $D_{1,\phi}^* D_{1,\phi} \geq \epsilon > 0$ .
- Assume now that  $\widehat{Q}_{12} \simeq 0$ . We want to insure that  $\widehat{Q}_{11}$  and  $\widehat{Q}_{22}$  are positive. The fundamental point is that there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\forall (x, \xi) \in \Omega_1, \rho(x, \xi) \geq 2\alpha.$$

On the other hand,

$$\rho(x, \xi) = (|\xi_1|^2 + |\partial_1 \phi|^2) \widehat{q}_{11}(x, \xi) + (|\xi_2|^2 + |\partial_2 \phi|^2) \widehat{q}_{22}(x, \xi) + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

As a consequence

$$\widehat{q}_{11}(x, \xi) + (|\xi_2|^2 + |\partial_2 \phi|^2) \frac{\widehat{q}_{22}(x, \xi) - \frac{\alpha}{(1 + |\xi_2|^2 + |\partial_2 \phi|^2)}}{(|\xi_1|^2 + |\partial_1 \phi|^2)} \geq \frac{\alpha}{|\xi_1|^2 + |\partial_1 \phi|^2}$$

and we can take  $A = O_p h \left( \frac{\widehat{q}_{22}(x, \xi) - \frac{\alpha}{1 + (|\xi_2|^2 + |\partial_2 \phi|^2)}}{(|\xi_1|^2 + |\partial_1 \phi|^2)} \right)$ .

- Doing that we get a new factorisation on  $\Omega_1$ :

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi}^* \\ D_{2,\phi}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{Op}_h^w \begin{pmatrix} q_{11} & o(a(\xi)) \\ o(a(\xi)) & \frac{\alpha}{1+(|\xi_2|^2+|\partial_2\phi|^2)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi} \\ D_{2,\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $q_{11} \geq \frac{\alpha}{|\xi_1|^2+|\partial_1\phi|^2}$  on  $\Omega_1$  and  $a(\xi) = \langle \xi_1 \rangle^{-1} \langle \xi_2 \rangle^{-1}$ .

- Gluing all microlocal region we get a final prefactorisation:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi}^* \\ D_{2,\phi}^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{Op}_h^w \begin{pmatrix} q_{11} & o(a(\xi)) \\ o(a(\xi)) & q_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,\phi} \\ D_{2,\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $q_{11}, q_{22} \geq \frac{\alpha}{|\xi|^2+|\nabla\phi|^2}$

- Finally, operators such that  $\text{Op}_h^w \begin{pmatrix} q_{11} & o(a(\xi)) \\ o(a(\xi)) & q_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  can be written as square of pseudo by standard arguments.

## Back to random walk

- The factorization theorem applies to  $P_h = G(hD_x) - V_h(x)$ . This shows that

$$P_h^{(0)} := 1 - \tilde{T}_h = L_\phi^* L_\phi$$

with  $L_\phi = Q_\phi D_\phi a_h$  and  $Q_\phi = Op_h^w(q_\phi)$

- We define an operator on 1-form:

$$P_h^{(1)} = L_\phi L_\phi^* + (Q_\phi^*)^{-1} D_\phi^* \Omega D_\phi Q_\phi^{-1}$$

where  $\Omega$  is an operator acting on 1-form such that  $P_h^{(1)}$  is elliptic.

- Observe that  $P_h^{(1)} L_\phi = L_\phi P_h^{(0)}$
- Using this structure we can follow the strategy of proof of [Helffer-Klein-Nier] to get the announced result.