

LONG-TIME DYNAMICS OF COHERENT STATES IN STRONG MAGNETIC FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. We consider the Schrödinger evolution of strongly localized wave packets under the magnetic Laplacian in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 . When the initial energy is low, we obtain a precise control, in Schwartz seminorms, of the propagated states for times of order $1/\hbar$, where \hbar is Planck's constant. In this semiclassical regime, we prove that the initial particle will always split into multiple coherent states, each one following the average dynamics of the guiding center motion but at its own speed, demonstrating a purely quantum 'ubiquity' phenomenon.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. **Motivation.** The aim of this article is to study the propagation of coherent states in the 2-dimensional plane, subject to a strong magnetic field B . In general, a magnetic field is a closed 2-form; in \mathbb{R}^2 , it is naturally identified with a function $B : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. In this article, B will be a C^∞ smooth, non vanishing function. From the Poincaré lemma, one can find a smooth function $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, the magnetic potential, such that

$$dA := \partial_2 A_1 - \partial_1 A_2 = B.$$

The classical magnetic Hamiltonian is

$$H : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \ni (q, p) \mapsto \|p - A(q)\|^2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

giving rise to the Hamiltonian flow $\Phi_H^t(q_0, p_0) = (q(t), p(t))$ defined by Hamilton's equations

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{q}(t) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{p}(t) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}(q(t), p(t)), \end{cases}$$

with initial condition $q(0) = q_0, p(0) = p_0$. The corresponding quantum operator, or magnetic Laplacian, is the differential operator given by

$$(1.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A} := \| -i\hbar\nabla - A(q) \|^2 := (-i\hbar\partial_1 - A_1(q))^2 + (-i\hbar\partial_2 - A_2(q))^2.$$

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It is well known that $\mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A}$, as an unbounded operator acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, is essentially self-adjoint [22], and one can define the associated Schrödinger unitary group on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ given by

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} i\hbar\partial_t\varphi_{\hbar}^t = \mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A}\varphi_{\hbar}^t \\ \varphi_{\hbar}^{t=0} = \varphi_{\hbar}^0 \end{cases}$$

We shall consider the case where the initial quantum state φ_{\hbar}^0 is coherent, which means strongly localized in phase space (see Section 2). The general semiclassical theory states that, for *finite* times (by *finite*, we mean a time t that does not depend on \hbar), the quantum evolution (1.3) closely follows the classical trajectories (1.1), in the regime where \hbar is small. Early works in semiclassical physics and chemistry emphasize the importance of this idea, see [20, 25]. More precisely, one can define the classical limit (or semiclassical wavefront set, see Definition 2.16) of a coherent state; this is a position $z = (q, p)$ in phase space. Then, if z_0 denotes the classical limit of the initial quantum state φ_{\hbar}^0 , Egorov's theorem (Proposition 2.9) ensures that the classical limit of φ_{\hbar}^t coincides with the flow at time t of the classical Hamiltonian starting from z_0 . See for instance [13, 5] for a mathematical account of this in the case of electric potentials, or [35, 46] for a more general formulation.

However, for *long times*, *i.e.* times that tend to infinity when $\hbar \rightarrow 0$, most of the results break down. In many cases, the non-commutativity of the limits $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ and $t \rightarrow \infty$ is simply inextricable, at least beyond the so-called Ehrenfest time $t \asymp |\ln \hbar|$. The importance of the Ehrenfest time, in relation to classical dynamics, is not to be demonstrated anymore, in particular in the presence of chaotic dynamics, where it plays a major role in the understanding of the Gutzwiller trace formula, see for instance [41, 36, 11, 44] and the many reference therein. In this paper, we will investigate the propagation of a coherent quantum wave packet under the action of strong magnetic fields, for times of order $t \asymp 1/\hbar$. How is this possible?

Classical trajectories of a charged particle under a strong magnetic field have a distinctive feature: they can be approximately described as a superposition of a fast rotation motion (cyclotron, or Larmor motion) with a slow drifting motion (often called the *guiding center motion* [24]), see Figure 1. *If the energy of the initial state is small enough*, then this guiding center motion can be controlled, and the fast rotation is almost decoupled, giving rise to an adiabatic invariant (see the classical book [28], or the recent review [6]). Then, since we work on a two-dimensional plane, the motion becomes nearly integrable. For general Hamiltonian systems, it is expected — at least in the sense of semiclassical measures, see [1, 26, 2] — that the control on the classical dynamics offered by the integrability permits the treatment of longer times for the associated quantum problem, see also [39, 40]. Thus, for a low energy motion under a strong magnetic field, even though the magnetic Hamiltonian is in

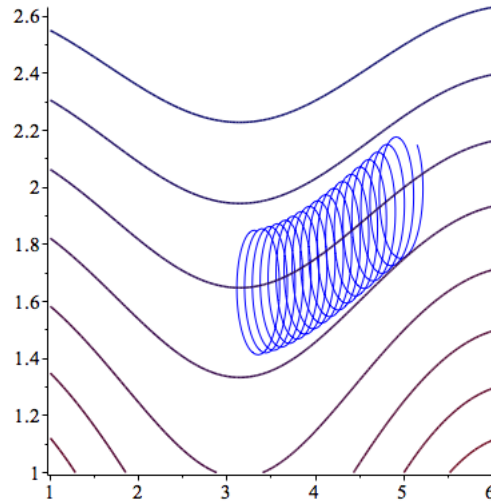


FIGURE 1. Motion of a classical particle in a strong magnetic field. The particle oscillates around a level line of B . Here $B(q_1, q_2) = 2 - \cos(q_1) + q_2^2$.

general neither classically or quantum mechanically integrable, this near-integrability is a crucial element in an attempt to explain why it is possible to describe the motion for such long times.

1.2. Mathematical background. We shall assume that the magnetic field B and its derivatives have at most polynomial growth at infinity, in the sense that B belongs to a symbol class $S(m)$ for some order function m on \mathbb{R}^2 (see Section 2.2). For instance, $m(q) = (\|q\|^2 + 1)^M$ for some $M \in \mathbb{R}$. Then one can find a potential A lying in some $S(m')$, with an order function m' on \mathbb{R}^2 , showing that $H \in S(m'')$ for an order function m'' on \mathbb{R}^4 . The magnetic Laplacian defined in (1.2) is the natural symmetric (Weyl) quantization of H , acting of the Schwartz space $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{h,A} := \text{Op}_h^w(H).$$

Since $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$ is essentially self-adjoint on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ we will identify $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$ with its self-adjoint extension, and we may now consider the magnetic Schrödinger evolution equation (1.3), where $\varphi_h^0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$. From Stone's theorem (see *e.g.* [34]), there is a unique continuous family of unitary operators $(P^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ satisfying the propagation equation

$$\begin{cases} i\hbar \partial_t P^t = \mathcal{L}_{h,A} P^t \\ P^{t=0} = id_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \end{cases}$$

and for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the solution to (1.3) is given by $\varphi_h^t := P^t \varphi_h^0$. In this work, φ_h^0 will be a coherent state in a generalized sense, as follows (see Section 2 for a precise definition).

Defining for $\hbar > 0$ and $z = (q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ the rescaled translation operator

$$T_h(z) \circ \Lambda_h : L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \ni f \mapsto \left[x \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar}} e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar} q \cdot p} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} x \cdot p} f \left(\frac{x - q}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right]$$

a state φ_z will be called a coherent state if one can find a function $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with normalized L^2 -norm, a family of functions $(g_h)_{h \in (0, \hbar_0)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with seminorms that are uniformly bounded in \hbar , and a real number $\beta > 0$, such that

$$\varphi_z := T_h(z) \Lambda_h \cdot (f + \hbar^\beta g_h).$$

Such a coherent state is said to be centered at z in phase space. We denote by \mathfrak{C} the set of coherent states. Since we are interested in the propagation of quantum states with low energy, we shall consider coherent states centered at a vanishing point of the Hamiltonian H , *i.e.* $z \in \Sigma$ with

$$\Sigma := H^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{(q, A(q)) \mid q \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \subset \mathbb{R}_q^2 \times \mathbb{R}_p^2.$$

On this smooth surface we define the pull-back \tilde{B} of the magnetic field B as follows. Let j be the projection

$$j : \Sigma \ni (q, A(q)) \mapsto q \in \mathbb{R}_q^2.$$

Since Σ is the graph of the function A , j is invertible and then we can view the magnetic field as a function on Σ via

$$\tilde{B} := B \circ j$$

One can check that, when B is non-vanishing, Σ is a symplectic submanifold of the canonical phase space $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 = T^*\mathbb{R}^2$ (in fact, the restriction to Σ of the canonical symplectic form on $T^*\mathbb{R}^2$ is exactly the pull-back $j^*(Bdq_1 \wedge dq_2)$). Hence \tilde{B} is now a Hamiltonian on Σ and we can consider its Hamiltonian flow $\Phi_{\tilde{B}}^t$. A basic result in magnetic dynamics (see also [33]) is that this flow gives a good approximation of the guiding center motion. In this work, in order to simplify notations, we will assume without loss of generality that B is positive.

1.3. Description of the main results. The main goal is to prove the following fact. Let φ_h^0 be a coherent state centered at a point z in the characteristic surface Σ . Classically, this state cannot move because it has zero kinetic energy. However, due to the uncertainty principle, the quantum state lives on a ball of radius $\asymp \hbar^{1/2}$ around z , and so almost all the points in this ball will actually move slowly, at various speeds of order \hbar , with a precise factor depending on the distance to Σ . But, because of energy quantization, the involved speeds will actually be *quantized*: only integer

multiples of $\hbar B_0$, for some positive constant B_0 , will play a part. Thus, the initial state will be *split* into a number of new coherent states evolving at these speed scales, becoming genuinely separated from each other after a time of order $\asymp \hbar^{-1}$.

Theorem 1.1. *There exists a self-adjoint pseudodifferential operator \mathcal{J}_\hbar (the ‘Quantum adiabatic invariant’) on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ such that for any $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $K > 0$, if $J_\hbar \in \mathbb{N}$ is a family of integers satisfying $J_\hbar \geq K\hbar^{-\alpha}$, then the following holds.*

Let $\varphi_\hbar^0 \in \mathfrak{C}$ be a coherent state centered in $z_0 \in \Sigma = H^{-1}(0)$ and consider its propagation $(\varphi_\hbar^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ through the Schrödinger equation (1.3):

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \varphi_\hbar^t := P^t \varphi_\hbar^0.$$

Then φ_\hbar^t can be decomposed as follows:

$$(1.4) \quad \varphi_\hbar^t = \sum_{j=0}^{J_\hbar} \alpha_j \varphi_{j,\hbar}^t + r_\hbar^t$$

where $(\alpha_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$, there exists $T > 0$ such that the remainder r_\hbar^t satisfies, for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(1.5) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \|(\mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A})^N r_\hbar^t\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty),$$

and the $\varphi_{j,\hbar}^t$ have the following properties.

- (1) $\forall j \geq 0$, $\alpha_j \varphi_{j,\hbar}^t$ is the orthogonal projection of φ_\hbar^t onto $\ker(\mathcal{J}_\hbar - (2j + 1)\hbar)$;
- (2) $\forall \tilde{t} \in [0, T]$,

$$(1.6) \quad \varphi_{j,\hbar}^{\tilde{t}/\hbar} \in \mathfrak{C};$$

- (3) we can follow the center of these coherent states : for any $\tilde{t} \in [0, T]$, we have

$$(1.7) \quad \mathcal{WF}(\varphi_{j,\hbar}^{\tilde{t}/\hbar}) = \{z((2j + 1)\tilde{t})\}$$

where $z(\tilde{t}) := \Phi_{\tilde{B}}^{\tilde{t}} z_0$, and $\Phi_{\tilde{B}}^{\tilde{t}}$ is the Hamiltonian flow of \tilde{B} on Σ .

Here, $\mathcal{WF}(f)$ denotes the semiclassical wavefront set of the function $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, see Definition 2.16 below. The quantum adiabatic invariant \mathcal{J}_\hbar corresponds to the pure cyclotron motion that one would obtain for a homogeneous magnetic field of strength 1. Its spectrum consists of the eigenvalues $\{(2j + 1)\hbar; j \in \mathbb{N}\}$, and the corresponding eigenspaces

$$\mathcal{H}_{j,\hbar} = \ker(\mathcal{J}_\hbar - (2j + 1)\hbar)$$

are infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces that one can call the adiabatic *Landau levels* of the system. Up to an error of size $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$, these spaces are preserved by the quantum dynamics. We see from (1.7) that the ‘‘adiabatic value’’ $(2j + 1)\hbar$ is coupled with the original dynamics in that it defines a quantized speed of motion for a coherent

state living in $\mathcal{H}_{j,h}$. Since, to the best of our knowledge, the description given by Theorem 1.1 is new, it would be very interesting to observe this quantization effect in a (real or numerical) experiment; but the long time \hbar^{-1} clearly poses serious numerical challenges.

Notice that the remainder in (1.5) is controlled in terms of the obvious Sobolev-like norms that are preserved by the dynamics: the L^2 -norms of arbitrary powers of the magnetic Laplacian (which, in particular, control the quadratic form $\langle \mathcal{L}_{h,A}\psi, \psi \rangle$), and hence, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the norm of the usual magnetic Sobolev space H_A^1 , where derivatives are replaced by magnetic derivatives $\hbar\partial_j + A_j$). But recall that $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$ is not elliptic in the semiclassical sense, since the characteristic manifold Σ extends to infinity in q . Therefore, if one is interested in quantum transport or, rather, quantum localization, it is in general an important, non obvious question to check whether, and to which extent, these norms can be compared to more 'localized' norms like Schwartz seminorms or standard Sobolev norms. The answer is expected to depend on the geometry of the magnetic field. Recently, the control of Schwartz seminorms has been obtained in [4], under the assumption that the magnetic field is uniformly non-vanishing, and satisfies the following property.

$$\mathbf{(P)} : \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^2, \text{ there exists } C > 0 \text{ such that, for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ \|\partial^\alpha B(x)\| \leq C\|B(x)\|.$$

This assumption states that the derivatives of the magnetic field are controlled by the magnetic field itself, preventing B from 'oscillating too much' at infinity. It appears to be rather known and used in literature. In dimension $d \geq 3$, this property is crucial to obtain that, under some ellipticity condition, $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$ has compact resolvent and hence no essential spectrum; and if these ellipticity conditions do not hold, there is a rather precise description of the essential spectrum (see [3, 18]). The lower bound at the bottom of the essential spectrum of $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$ obtained in [19] is an important ingredient in the localization estimates of [4].

In general, Property **(P)** is optimal to prove the compactness of the resolvent: in the paper [10], the author constructs a magnetic field that does not satisfy this property and such that $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$, while enjoying some ellipticity properties, has no compact resolvent. On the other hand, in dimension 2, the diamagnetic inequality gives an immediate lower bound on the essential spectrum *without* needing **(P)**. It would be interesting to investigate whether, in dimension 2, the localization estimates of [4] could be obtained under a weaker condition than **(P)**.

In this work, we take advantage of the results of [4] to obtain a stronger estimate of the remainder r_h^t in Theorem 1.1, as follows.

Theorem 1.2. *With the same notations as in Theorem 1.1, for a magnetic field B satisfying the above property **(P)**, assuming that there exists $b_0 > 0$ such that*

$$(1.8) \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad B(q) \geq b_0,$$

we get the following estimate of r_h^t : given any $T \in \mathbb{R}$ and any Schwartz seminorm p , we have

$$(1.9) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} p(r_h^t) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

We surmise that this result does not hold for general magnetic fields B . Although the control in terms of Schwartz seminorms is much more satisfying in the setting of coherent states, the price to pay for this is that the proof of Theorem 1.2 is substantially more involved than the proof of Theorem 1.1.

1.4. Organization of the article. In section 2, we define the class of coherent states that we will use, and we present some facts about their propagation. We will prove some short time propagation properties for these coherent states and some long-time estimates in the case of coherent states centered at a critical point of the classical dynamics. In section 3, we introduce the symplectic and quantum magnetic normal forms, which are here the main tools to study the long time dynamics. In section 4, we prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2.

2. A GENERAL CLASS OF COHERENT STATES AND RELATED PROPAGATION RESULTS

The goal of this section is to introduce a class of ‘coherent states’, which is large enough to contain the usual ones (such as the *Gaussian* coherent states and the *squeezed* ones — see for instance [7]), but also more flexible, allowing to replace exponential localization by a softer Schwartz-like ‘rapid decay’. As the following discussion holds in any dimension, in this paper we will not limit ourselves to the dimension 2, but we will consider instead the general dimension n . Recall that the Schwartz space $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ has the Fréchet topology induced by the seminorms

$$(2.1) \quad p_{m,N}(f) := \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m \\ \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\beta| \leq N}} |x^\beta \partial^\alpha f(x)|, \quad m, N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

2.1. Definition of the class. We consider first $\mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$, the set of shapes of coherent states defined as follows.

Definition 2.1. *We say that $f_h \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$ if and only if one can find $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1$, a family $(g_h)_{h \in (0, h_0)} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with seminorms uniformly bounded with respect to \hbar , and a real number $\beta > 0$ such that*

$$f_h = f + \hbar^\beta g_h.$$

In the definition below, we use the following unitary operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$: the rescaling operator

$$(\Lambda_{\hbar}u)(x) = \frac{1}{\hbar^{n/4}}u\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)$$

and the translation operator

$$\forall z = (q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, \quad (T_{\hbar}(z)u)(x) = e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar}q \cdot p} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}x \cdot p} u(x - q).$$

Definition 2.2. A coherent state φ_{\hbar} in the class $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$ is given by its center z in the phase space $\mathbb{R}_q^2 \times \mathbb{R}_p^2$, a phase $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ and a shape $f_{\hbar} \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$ by the formula

$$\varphi_{\hbar} = e^{-i\delta/\hbar} T_{\hbar}(z) \Lambda_{\hbar} \cdot f_{\hbar}.$$

In other words, we have

$$\mathfrak{C}^{[n]} := \left\{ \varphi_{\hbar} = e^{-i\delta/\hbar} T_{\hbar}(z) \Lambda_{\hbar} \cdot f_{\hbar} \mid \delta \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, f_{\hbar} \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]} \right\}.$$

We will denote $\mathfrak{C} := \mathfrak{C}^{[2]}$. In this text, unless explicitly stated, the expression ‘coherent state’ will always refer to an element of \mathfrak{C} . This definition mildly generalizes the ones in [13], [8] or [5], that only allow a \hbar independent part in the shape f_{\hbar} . In [31, 29], the author uses a full expansion in $\hbar^{1/2}$ for the shape in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in the Borel sense. In this paper, the shape of the coherent state admits an expansion at the first order in any \hbar^{β} in the shape, $\beta > 0$, bounded in \hbar in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Finally, an interesting thing in this definition is that, using results in [7, 8, 37], under short-time propagation this class must remain stable. This point will be dealt with in what follows.

2.2. Propagation results. A first and natural question is ‘How is such a coherent state propagated for finite times?’. The propagation of coherent states has been widely studied over the last few decades. A lot of results are related to approximation of the propagation of coherent states by sums of coherent states whose parameters depend on time. In [13, 14, 15] we find such propagation results for finite times and for Gaussian like coherent states, defined as the squeezed states in [8]. In [16, 17], the authors investigate the propagation for longer times, reaching Ehrenfest times, i.e. times of order $|\log(\hbar)|$ and the bounds in these approximations are precised in [7] in terms of the linearized flow around the underlying classical dynamics, using the well-known propagation of purely Gaussian coherent states through quadratic Hamiltonians and the theory of metaplectic operators. One can find a precise review of the quadratic propagation of coherent states in [36, 29]. In [43] the authors investigate expansion in power of \hbar instead of $\hbar^{1/2}$ of the dynamics of coherent states defined in the formalism of Lagrangian states. Nevertheless, due to the analysis of the turning points, this study holds for short times in the propagation. Finally, we

can state the work done in [30, 31] where the authors use coherent states and their propagation in order to build quasimodes for general Schrodinger operators

We now present some facts about the propagation of coherent states in the class $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$, and some Schwartz estimates of these propagations. Our goal is not to approximate the propagation by expansions of coherent states but, because of the general definition of the shape f_h , to turn these results into a stability property of the class through finite time propagation. We also give estimates on these propagations. To do so, it will be convenient to introduce the semiclassical Sobolev spaces, which are more suitable for pseudodifferential computations. We recall here their definition, and refer to [46, Chapter 8] for a more detailed presentation.

An order function on \mathbb{R}^{2n} is a function $m : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for which there is an integer N and a constant $C > 0$ such that for any $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$

$$m(X) \leq C \langle X - Y \rangle^N m(Y)$$

where $\langle X \rangle := (1 + \|X\|^2)^{1/2}$, $\|\cdot\|$ denoting the euclidian norm on \mathbb{R}^n (see for instance [9, Definition 7.4]). The symbol class associated with this function is

$$S(m) := \left\{ a \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n}; \mathbb{R}) \mid \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{2n}, \exists C_\alpha > 0, \forall X \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, |\partial^\alpha a(X)| \leq C_\alpha m(X) \right\}.$$

One can find an order function \tilde{m} such that $S(\tilde{m}) = S(m)$ and $\tilde{m} \in S(\tilde{m})$; therefore we will always assume that the order function m lies in its own class, i.e.

$$(2.2) \quad m \in S(m).$$

Given an ‘observable’ $a \in S(m)$, its Weyl quantization is the operator

$$[\text{Op}_h^w(a)\psi](x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^n} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(x-y)\eta} a\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \eta\right) \psi(y) dy d\eta$$

for $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let $g := \log(m)$ and $g^w := \text{Op}_h^w(g)$; the exponential $e^{\pm g^w}$ is a pseudodifferential operator with symbol $c_\pm \in S(m)$.

Definition 2.3. *The generalized Sobolev space associated with m is given by*

$$H_h(m) := \left\{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid e^{g^w} u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\}$$

and the norm on $H_h(m)$ is defined by

$$\|u\|_{H_h(m)} = \|e^{g^w} u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

We have the following equivalence of seminorms.

Lemma 2.4. *Let p be a Schwartz seminorm. One can find two order functions m and \tilde{m} satisfying (2.2) and $C > 0$ such that for any $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\hbar \in (0, 1]$,*

$$\frac{1}{C} \|u\|_{H_h(m)} \leq p(u) \leq C \|u\|_{H_h(\tilde{m})}.$$

Operators with a symbol in $S(m)$ map the Schwartz space to itself and, more precisely, the continuity between semiclassical Sobolev spaces is given by the following proposition.

Proposition 2.5. *Given two order functions m_1, m_2 , if $a \in S(m_1)$, then*

$$\text{Op}_h^w(a) : \text{H}_h(m_2) \rightarrow \text{H}_h\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1}\right)$$

defines a continuous operator uniformly for $\hbar \in (0, 1]$, such that as $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

$$\|\text{Op}_h^w(a)\|_{\text{H}_h(m_2) \rightarrow \text{H}_h(m_2/m_1)} = \mathcal{O}(1).$$

The following well-known (and straightforward) lemma will be repeatedly used to deal with the $\sqrt{\hbar}$ -localization of coherent states.

Lemma 2.6. *Let $c \in S(m)$, for some order function m on \mathbb{R}^{2n} . Then*

$$\left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h\right)^{-1} \text{Op}_h^w(c) T_h(z)\Lambda_h = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(c_1),$$

where $c_1(X) := c(z + \sqrt{\hbar}X)$ (and hence $c_1 \in S(m)$).

We can now prove some propagator estimates.

Lemma 2.7. *Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ and $\hbar > 0$. Then for any $f, \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for any order function ν on \mathbb{R}^{2n} ,*

$$\|T_h(z)\Lambda_h f\|_{\text{H}_h(\nu)} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)}$$

and

$$\left\| \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h\right)^{-1} \varphi \right\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)} \leq C_2 \|\varphi\|_{\text{H}_h(\nu)}$$

with C_1, C_2 independent of \hbar , and $\text{H}_1(\nu) := \text{H}_{\hbar=1}(\nu)$.

Proof. Let f, z, ν as above. Let $\gamma := \log(\nu)$, and $\gamma^w := \text{Op}_h^w(\gamma)$, $\gamma_1^w := \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(\gamma)$. Then, using the unitarity of $T_h(z)\Lambda_h$,

$$\|T_h(z)\Lambda_h f\|_{\text{H}_h(\nu)} = \left\| \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h\right)^{-1} e^{\gamma^w} T_h(z)\Lambda_h e^{-\gamma_1^w} e^{\gamma_1^w} f \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Since $e^{\pm\gamma^w} = \text{Op}_h^w(c^\pm)$ with $c^\pm \in S(\nu^{\pm 1})$, Lemma 2.6 gives

$$\left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h\right)^{-1} e^{\gamma^w} T_h(z)\Lambda_h = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(c_1)$$

with $c_1 : X \mapsto c(z + \sqrt{\hbar}X)$, $c_1 \in S(\nu)$. Therefore,

$$\left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h\right) e^{\gamma^w} T_h(z)\Lambda_h e^{-\gamma_1^w} = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(c_1) e^{-\gamma_1^w}$$

is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ because it is a pseudodifferential operator with a symbol in $S(1)$. Finally,

$$\|T_h(z)\Lambda_h f\|_{H_h(\nu)} \leq \|\text{Op}_h^w(c_1)e^{-\gamma_1^w}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{H_1(\nu)}.$$

For the reverse inequality, we can write

$$\left\| \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h \right)^{-1} \varphi \right\|_{H_1(\nu)} = \|T_h(z)\Lambda_h e^{\gamma_1^w} \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h \right)^{-1} e^{-\gamma^w} e^{\gamma^w} \varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

But,

$$T_h(z)\Lambda_h e^{\gamma_1^w} \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h \right)^{-1} = \text{Op}_h^w(c_{-1})$$

with

$$c_{-1} : X \mapsto c \left(\frac{X - z}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right),$$

The symbol c_{-1} belongs to the ‘limit’ class $S_{1/2}(\nu)$ (see [46, Chapitre 4] for a definition and the related theory). Thus, $\text{Op}_h^w(c_{-1})\text{Op}_h^w(c^-)$ is a pseudodifferential operator with a symbol in $S_{1/2}(1)$, and from the Calderon-Vaillancourt theorem it defines a bounded operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Finally,

$$\left\| \left(T_h(z)\Lambda_h \right)^{-1} \varphi \right\|_{H_1(\nu)} \leq \|\text{Op}_h^w(c_{-1})e^{-\gamma^w}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\varphi\|_{H_h(\nu)},$$

which concludes the proof. \square

We prove now the following continuity property of bounded propagators on generalized Sobolev spaces.

Lemma 2.8. *Let $(H_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ be a real-valued time-dependent family of Hamiltonians. We assume $(H_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ to be continuous in time and to lie in $S(1)$ uniformly in times. Then there exists a family $(U_h(t, s))_{t, s \in [0,1]}$ of unitary operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying*

$$(1) \ U_h(0, 0) = \text{id}_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \text{ and for any } r \in [0, 1],$$

$$U_h(t, s) = U_h(t, r)U_h(r, s);$$

$$(2) \ U_h(\cdot, \cdot) \text{ is strongly continuous on } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n);$$

$$(3) \ \text{for any } \psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and any } s \in [0, 1], \text{ the map } t \mapsto U_h(t, s)\psi \text{ is differentiable, and satisfies}$$

$$(2.3) \quad i\hbar \partial_t U_h(t, s)\psi = \text{Op}_h^w(H_t)U_h(t, s)\psi \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

and this family is unique. Moreover, for any order function ν , for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we have

$$\|U_h(t, 0)\varphi\|_{H_h(\nu)} \leq C\|\varphi\|_{H_h(\nu)}$$

where C is \hbar -independent.

Proof. We consider the equation

$$(2.4) \quad i\hbar\partial_t U_h(t, 0)\varphi = \text{Op}_h^w(H_t)U_h(t, 0)\varphi \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Let ν be an order function on $T^*\mathbb{R}^n$. Since $H_t \in S(1)$ uniformly for $t \in [0, 1]$, $\text{Op}_h^w(H_t)$ defines a continuous linear operator on $H_h(\nu)$ with a uniform bound for $t \in [0, 1]$. So, considering (2.4) as an EDO with values in $H_h(\nu)$, the Cauchy-Lipschitz theorem gives us a unique solution $(U_h(t, 0)\varphi) \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, 1], H_h(\nu))$, with $(U_h(t, s))_{(t,s) \in [0,1]}$ satisfying the above assumptions (1), (2) and (3). One should remark that $U_h(t, 0)$ then defines an operator in $\mathcal{C}^1([0, 1], \mathcal{L}(H_h(\nu)))$, that is unitary for $\nu = 1$, i.e. on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. In order to prove the announced estimate, let now $\gamma := \log(\nu)$ and $\gamma^w := \text{Op}_h^w(\gamma)$. We set also $U_h^\gamma := e^{\gamma^w} U_h e^{-\gamma^w}$, and $\hat{H}_t^\gamma := e^{\gamma^w} \text{Op}_h^w(H_t) e^{-\gamma^w}$, so that $U_h^\gamma \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, 1], \mathcal{L}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)))$ and \hat{H}_t^γ is a pseudodifferential operator with symbol in $S(1)$ such that

$$i\hbar\partial_t U_h^\gamma(t, 0) = \hat{H}_t^\gamma U_h^\gamma(t, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad -i\hbar\partial_t U_h^\gamma(t, 0)^* = U_h^\gamma(t, 0)^* \hat{H}_t^{\gamma*}.$$

Then we have for $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} i\hbar\partial_t \|U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 &= \left\langle U_h^\gamma(t, 0)^* e^{-\gamma^w} [e^{2\gamma^w}, \text{Op}_h^w(H_t)] e^{-\gamma^w} U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi, \varphi \right\rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \hbar \langle \eta^w(t) U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi, U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta^w(t) := \text{Op}_h^w(\eta(t)) = \frac{i}{\hbar} e^{-\gamma^w} [e^{2\gamma^w}, \text{Op}_h^w(H_t)] e^{-\gamma^w}$ whose symbol $\eta(t)$ belongs to $S(1)$ uniformly in time. Therefore $\eta^w(t) U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, which justifies the above computation. Then by Proposition 2.5, we have

$$\partial_t \|U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \|\eta^w(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2$$

which implies

$$\|U_h^\gamma(t, 0)\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \left(\exp \int_0^1 \|\eta^w(s)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} ds \right) \|\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Considering now $\psi \in H_h(\nu)$ and $\varphi = e^{\gamma^w} \psi$ proves the result. \square

We now turn to the propagation of coherent states for finite times. The following proposition generalizes to the class $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$ the result obtained by Robert for Gaussian states (see [8, Section 4.3.1]).

Proposition 2.9. *Let $(H_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ and the associated propagator $(U_h(t, s))_{t,s \in [0,1]}$ be as in Lemma 2.8. Consider the associated Hamiltonian flow $\Phi_H : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Then, for a coherent state $\varphi_h \in \mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$ centered at $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, the state $\psi_h := U_h(1, 0)\varphi_h$ is still a coherent state in $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$, centered at $z_1 := \Phi_H^{t=1}(z_0)$.*

Proof. Let

$$\varphi_h(t) = U_h(t, 0)\varphi_h \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_h = \varphi_h(1).$$

Since $\varphi_h \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, from Lemma 2.8 we know that, for all t in $[0, 1]$, $\varphi_h(t) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Because $\varphi_h \in \mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$, there are $f_h^0 \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$, $\delta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ such that

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi_h = e^{-i\delta_0/\hbar} T_h(z_0) \Lambda_h(f + \hbar^\beta g_h),$$

$\beta > 0$, $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $(g_h)_{h \in (0, h_0)} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (see Definition 2.2). Let $(z_t)_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$ denote the classical evolution from z_0 led by the time-dependent Hamiltonian $(H_t)_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$,

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], \quad z_t = \Phi_H^t(z_0).$$

As $(H_t)_{t \in [0, 1]}$ lies uniformly in times in $S(1)$, the corresponding Hamiltonian vector field is uniformly bounded in times, that ensures us the global existence of the flow $(\Phi_H^t)_{t \in [0, 1]}$. Introducing the action integral

$$\delta_t := \delta_0 + \int_0^t (p_s \cdot \dot{q}_s - H_s(z_s)) ds - \frac{1}{2}(q_t \cdot p_t - q_0 \cdot p_0),$$

we define

$$(2.7) \quad v_h(t) := e^{-i\delta_t/\hbar} \Lambda_h^{-1} T_h(-z_t) U_h(t, 0) \varphi_h(0).$$

We establish the propagation equation of $v_h(t)$. Noting that $\forall \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\partial_t (T(z_t)\psi)(x) = \left[T_h(-z_t) \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(\frac{\dot{q}_t p_t - q_t \dot{p}_t}{2} + \dot{p}_t \cdot x + \dot{q}_t \cdot i\hbar \nabla_x \right) \right) \psi \right] (x)$$

and by the differentiability property (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} i\partial_t v_h(t) = & \frac{1}{\hbar} \left[\Lambda_h^{-1} T_h(-z_t) \text{Op}_h^w(H_t) T_h(z_t) \Lambda_h \right. \\ & \left. - \Lambda_h^{-1} \left(\text{Op}_h^w(x) \partial_q H_t(z_t) - \text{Op}_h^w(\xi) \partial_p H_t(z_t) \right) \Lambda_h - H_t(z_t) \right] v_h(t) \end{aligned}$$

where $(x, \xi) = X \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Since

$$\Lambda_h^{-1} T_h(-z_t) \text{Op}_h^w(H_t) T_h(z_t) \Lambda_h = \text{Op}_h^w(X \mapsto H_t(z_t + \sqrt{\hbar}X)),$$

we are naturally led to Taylor expanding the function $X \mapsto H_t(z_t + \sqrt{\hbar}X)$ around the point z_t ; let

$$K_2(t, X) := X^T \text{Hess}(H_t, z_t) X$$

and let $R_h^{(3)}$ be the integral remaining term of order 3 in this Taylor expansion. We obtain

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t v_h(t) = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w \left(K_2(t, X) + \sqrt{\hbar} R_h^{(3)}(t, X) \right) v_h(t) \\ v_h(t=0) = f + \hbar^\beta g_h \end{cases}$$

Recall, from the definition (2.7) of $v_h(t)$, that this equation admits a propagator $P_1(\cdot, \cdot)$ given by

$$P_1 : (t, s) \in [0, 1]^2 \mapsto P_1(t, s) = \left(T_h(z_t)\Lambda_h\right)^{-1}U_h(t, s)T_h(z_t)\Lambda_h.$$

From this formula, P_1 inherits the group and strong continuity properties of U_h . Moreover, it defines a map from $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to itself that satisfies, for any $v \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$i\partial_t P_1(t, 0)v = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w\left(K_2 + \sqrt{\hbar}R_h^{(3)}\right)v,$$

and from Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.8, for any order function ν ,

$$\|P_1(t, 0)v\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)} \leq C\|v\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)},$$

where C is time and \hbar independent. We consider now the following propagation equation in $v^{(0)}$:

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{cases} i\partial_t v^{(0)}(t) = \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(K_2(t, \cdot))v^{(0)}(t) \\ v^{(0)}(t=0) = f \end{cases}.$$

Since it is defined by a time-dependent quadratic Hamiltonian, we may apply the result of [7, Theorem 2.8], which asserts that the propagator is well-defined as long as the classical flow z_t exists. Hence for $t \in [0, 1]$, Equation (2.8) admits a propagator $(P_q(t, s))_{t, s \in [0, 1]}$ (where the subscript q stands for ‘quadratic’), which is smooth in t and unitary on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, satisfying

$$P_q(t, r)P_q(r, s) = P_q(t, s).$$

In order to prove that P_q acts on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we will use Gaussian coherent states. Let G_0 be the normalized Gaussian on \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$G_0(X) = \frac{1}{\pi^{n/4}}e^{-\frac{X \cdot X}{2}}$$

and define

$$G_{\tilde{z}} := T_{\hbar=1}(\tilde{z})G_0.$$

Since $P_q(t, 0)f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the resolution of identity property of Gaussian coherent states gives

$$(2.9) \quad P_q(t, 0)f = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \langle f, P_q(t, 0)^*G_{\tilde{z}} \rangle G_{\tilde{z}} d\tilde{z}.$$

From [8, Chapter 3, Theorem 16], there is a differentiable map

$$t \in [0, 1] \mapsto \Gamma_t \in \Pi_n^+$$

where Π_n^+ is the Siegel space of complex and symmetric matrices with positive-definite imaginary part, such that,

$$P_q(t, 0)G_{\tilde{z}} = G_{\tilde{z}_t}^{\Gamma_t}.$$

Here we have denoted, for $\Gamma \in \Pi_n^+$,

$$G_0^\Gamma(X) = a_\Gamma e^{-i\frac{X \cdot \Gamma X}{2}},$$

where a_Γ is the L^2 -normalization constant and \tilde{z}_t corresponds to the Hamiltonian flow of the quadratic Hamiltonian starting from \tilde{z} . Since $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we can, for any $t \in [0, 1]$, integrate by parts and obtain, for any integer $N > 0$

$$\langle f, G_{\tilde{z}_t} \rangle_{L^2} \leq \frac{C_N(f, \Gamma_t)}{\langle \tilde{z}_t \rangle^N}.$$

This ensures, from usual theorems of derivation under the integral (2.9), that

$$[0, 1] \ni t \mapsto P_q(t, 0)f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

is continuous. We now prove that such a quadratic propagator satisfies the Schwartz estimates as in Lemma 2.8. To do so, considering ν an order function, $\gamma := \log(\nu)$, and $\gamma_1^w := \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(\gamma)$, we have for any Schwartz function f ,

$$\|P_q(t, 0)f\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)} = \|e^{\gamma_1^w} P_q(t, 0)f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |\langle f, G_{\tilde{z}_t}^{\Gamma_t} \rangle| \|e^{\gamma_1^w} G_{\tilde{z}}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} d\tilde{z}.$$

A computation gives (see Proposition 2.12) that there is an integer l depending only on the order function ν such that

$$\|e^{\gamma_1^w} G_{\tilde{z}}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \langle \tilde{z} \rangle^l,$$

where C is a constant depending only on ν ; hence one can find an order function $\tilde{\nu}$ such that

$$\|P_q(t, 0)f\|_{\text{H}_1(\nu)} \leq C(\nu) \|f\|_{\text{H}_1(\tilde{\nu})}.$$

So, Equation (2.8) admits a propagator family $(P_q(t, s))_{t, s \in [0, 1]}$ that satisfies the same Schwartz continuity property as P_1 . For $t \in [0, 1]$, let

$$v^{(0)}(t) := P_q(t, 0)f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

be the solution to (2.8); notice that $v^{(0)}(t)$ does not depend on \hbar and satisfies, for any $t \in [0, 1]$, $\|v^{(0)}(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|v^{(0)}(0)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. Using now Duhamel's principle, we get

$$v_\hbar(t) - v^{(0)}(t) = \hbar^\beta P_1(t, 0) g_\hbar - i\sqrt{\hbar} \int_0^t P_1(t, s) \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(R_\hbar^{(3)}) P_q(s, 0) f ds.$$

From Lemma 2.8, as the Schwartz seminorms of $(g_\hbar)_{\hbar > 0}$ are bounded, the same holds for $(P_1(t, 0) g_\hbar)_{\hbar > 0}$ for any $t \in [0, 1]$. Since $H_t \in S(1)$, it follows from Taylor's formula that $R_\hbar^{(3)} \in S(\langle X \rangle^2)$, uniformly for $t \in [0, 1]$. Therefore we may apply

Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 2.5 to conclude, from the continuity of $(P_1(t, s))_{t, s \in [0, 1]}$ and $(P_q(s, 0))_{s \in [0, 1]}$ with respect to (t, s) in $[0, 1]$, that the integral

$$\int_0^t P_1(t, s) \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(R_{\hbar}^{(3)}) P_q(s, 0) f ds$$

is uniformly bounded in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and $\hbar \in (0, 1]$. Finally, we have

$$v_{\hbar}(1) = v^{(0)}(1) + \hbar^{\tilde{\beta}} \tilde{g}_{\hbar}$$

where

$$\tilde{g}_{\hbar} := \hbar^{\beta - \tilde{\beta}} P_1(t, 0) g_{\hbar} - i \hbar^{1/2 - \tilde{\beta}} \int_0^t P_1(t, s) \text{Op}_{\hbar=1}^w(R_{\hbar}^{(3)}) P_q(s, 0) f ds$$

and $\tilde{\beta} := \min(1/2, \beta)$, which proves $v_{\hbar}(1) \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$ (actually we obtain $v_{\hbar}(t) \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$ for any $t \in [0, 1]$). Finally,

$$\psi_{\hbar} = e^{i\delta_1/\hbar} T_{\hbar}(z_1) \Lambda_{\hbar} v_{\hbar}(1)$$

where $\delta_1 := \delta_{t=1}$ and $z_1 := z_{t=1}$, which establishes the announced result. \square

Remark 2.10. *The fact that the function f in (2.6) is normalized in L^2 is not relevant. Indeed, the proof still works for any shape function of the form $f_{\hbar} = f + \hbar^{\beta} g_{\hbar}$, where f is an \hbar -independent function of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\beta > 0$ and $(g_{\hbar})_{\hbar > 0}$ is a family of functions in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with bounded seminorms, uniformly with respect to $\hbar \in (0, 1]$.*

We now develop some very useful tools on the study of the coherent state class we introduced earlier on, that is the Wigner transform.

2.3. Wigner transform of coherent states and applications. The main idea of the Wigner transform is to take advantage of the strong localization of coherent states (sometimes called ‘peak states’) to get estimates on pseudodifferential operators from the associated symbol. We refer to [12] for the definition below of the Wigner transform. In [36, 8], authors use fast decay properties of the Wigner transform of coherent states to get strong approximation results on the propagation of coherent states depending on the regularity of the generator of the propagation. Here, we will take advantage of the Schwartz property of our class of coherent states to prove some estimates on pseudodifferential operators for symbols class $S(m)$ for arbitrary large order functions m .

We consider a family $(\varphi_z)_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}}$ of coherent states with the same shape: for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, $\varphi_z = T_{\hbar}(z) \Lambda_{\hbar} f_{\hbar}$, where f_{\hbar} is a given shape in $\mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$. Now, let $a \in S(m)$ a given

symbol, with $m(z) \leq \langle z \rangle^l$ for an integer l . We have

$$\langle \text{Op}_\hbar^w(a) \varphi_z, \varphi_{z'} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{2^n}{(2\pi\hbar)^n} \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar}(x-\tilde{y})\eta} a(\tilde{y}, \eta) e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar}qp + \frac{i}{\hbar}p(2\tilde{y}-x)} f_\hbar\left(\frac{2\tilde{y}-x-q}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right) d\tilde{y}d\eta e^{\frac{i}{2\hbar}q'p' - \frac{i}{\hbar}p'x} \overline{f_\hbar\left(\frac{x-q'}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)} dx,$$

which leads to the following definition.

Definition 2.11. We define the Wigner function $\mathcal{W}_{z,z'}$ associated with the family $(\varphi_z)_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}}$ of coherent states with shape $f_\hbar \in \mathfrak{S}^{[n]}$ as

$$\mathcal{W}_{z,z'}(y, \eta) = \frac{2^n}{\hbar^{n/2}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\omega(Y - \frac{1}{2}z', z - z')} \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar}u\left(\eta - \frac{p+p'}{2}\right)} f_\hbar\left(\frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2} - u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right) \overline{f_\hbar\left(\frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2} + u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right)} du$$

where ω is the canonical symplectic form on \mathbb{R}^{2n}

$$\omega((a, b), (c, d)) = b \cdot c - a \cdot d$$

and where $Y := (y, \eta)$.

With this definition we have the following formula

$$(2.10) \quad \langle \text{Op}_\hbar^w(a) \varphi_z, \varphi_{z'} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} a(Y) \mathcal{W}_{z,z'}(Y) dY,$$

which highlights the Wigner function as a Kernel to compute the action of pseudo-differential operators on coherent states. Setting

$$\Psi_\hbar := (\hat{y}, u) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mapsto f_\hbar(\hat{y} - u) \overline{f_\hbar(\hat{y} + u)},$$

Ψ_\hbar is a Schwartz function on \mathbb{R}^{2n} with all Schwartz seminorm uniformly bounded with $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$ and we have the shorter expression

$$\mathcal{W}_{z,z'}(y, \eta) = \frac{2^n}{\hbar^{n/2}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\omega(Y - \frac{1}{2}z', z - z')} \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar}u\left(\eta - \frac{p+p'}{2}\right)} \Psi_\hbar\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}}\right) du.$$

The goal is to use the oscillating integral structure to show some fast decay with respect to $Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}$ and $z - z'$ and to prove the following key property for this article.

Proposition 2.12. Let $a \in S(m)$ for an order function m on \mathbb{R}^{2n} satisfying for $l \in \mathbb{N}$, $C > 0$,

$$\forall Y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, |m(Y)| \leq C \langle Y \rangle^l.$$

Let $(\varphi_z)_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}}$ being a family of coherent states with shape $\mathbf{f}_\hbar \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$. Then we have for $\varepsilon > 0$, for $N, M \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough,

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \hbar^{-3n/2} C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2-\varepsilon} \times \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \iint_{\mathrm{supp}(a)} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-N} dY \left\langle \frac{z-z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-M} dz'$$

with

$$(2.11) \quad C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) = \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq K} \left(\|\partial_\alpha a(Y) \langle Y \rangle^{-l}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in J} p_{i,j}(\mathbf{f}_\hbar)^{\delta_{i,j}}$$

where K is an integer depending on N and M and I, J finite sets depending only on N, M, l and ε , and with $p_{i,j}$ being some Schwartz seminorm, $\delta_{i,j} > 0$ depending on ε .

Remark 2.13. The parameter ε is necessary to handle the growth of the symbol a at infinity, which is compensated by $\mathbf{f}_\hbar^\varepsilon$. Of course, if $a \in S(1)$ we don't need this analysis, and the result holds for $\varepsilon = 0$, directly from the Calderon-Vaillancourt theorem.

Proof. Applying Plancherel's theorem along with (2.10), we first get

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3n}} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \left| \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} a(Y) \mathcal{W}_{z,z'}(Y) dY \right|^2 dz'.$$

We now use the fact that the Wigner function is an oscillating integral. Noting that

$$\left\langle \frac{z-z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-2N} \cdot (1 - \hbar\Delta_Y)^N \cdot e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\omega(Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}, z-z')} = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\omega(Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}, z-z')}$$

and, for any integer M ,

$$\left\langle \frac{\eta - \frac{p+p'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-2M} \cdot (1 - \hbar\Delta_u)^M e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar}u \cdot (\eta - \frac{p+p'}{2})} = 2^M e^{\frac{2i}{\hbar}u \cdot (\eta - \frac{p+p'}{2})}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 &\leq \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3n}} \cdot \frac{2^{2n}}{\hbar^n} \times \\ &\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \left[\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \frac{\langle Y \rangle^l}{\left\langle \frac{z-z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2N} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M}} \sum_{|k|=0}^{2N} 2^{2M} C_k \langle Y \rangle^{-l} |\partial_Y^k a(Y)| \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\langle \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M} \left| (1 - \hbar\Delta_u)^M \Psi_\hbar^{[k]} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right| dudY \right]^2 dz' \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\Psi_{\hbar}^{[k]} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) = \sum_{0 \leq |j_k^1|, |j_k^2| \leq 2N} \tilde{C}_k \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right)^{j_k^1} \partial_y^{j_k^2} \Psi_{\hbar} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right)$$

constants \tilde{C}_k not depending on \hbar , for $k \in \mathbb{N}^{2n}$. As $a \in S(m)$, with $\forall Y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ $|m(Y)| \leq \langle Y \rangle^l$, we have

$$\sup_{0 \leq |k| \leq N} \|2^{2M} C_k \partial_Y^k a(Y) \langle Y \rangle^{-l}\|_{L^\infty(dY)} \leq C(l, M)$$

with $C(l, M)$ independent of \hbar . Moreover,

$$\frac{\langle Y \rangle^l}{\left\langle \frac{z-z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2N} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M}} \leq \frac{C^l \langle z \rangle^l}{\left\langle \frac{z-z'}{2} \right\rangle^{2N-l} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M-l}}.$$

Finally, setting

$$C_{l,M}(Y) = C(k, l, M) \times \sum_{|k|=0}^{2N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\langle \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M} \left| (1 - \hbar \Delta_u)^M \Psi_{\hbar}^{[k]} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{y - \frac{q+q'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right| du,$$

from Hölder inequality in Y variable, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\text{Op}_{\hbar}^w(a) \varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \|\mathbf{f}_{\hbar}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 &\leq C^{2l} \langle z \rangle^{2l} \cdot \frac{2^{2n}}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3n} \hbar^n} \times \\ &\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \left[\iint_{\text{supp}(a)} \left(\left\langle \frac{z-z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2N-l} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M-l} \right)^{-2} dY \right] \times \\ &\left[\iint_{\text{supp}(a)} |C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 dY \right] dz'. \end{aligned}$$

We now estimate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 dY.$$

For more simplicity, we set

$$\hat{y} := y - \frac{q+q'}{2} \quad \hat{\eta} := \eta - \frac{p+p'}{2} \quad \hat{Y} := Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}$$

Noting that

$$\left\langle \frac{\hat{Y}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-1} \leq \left\langle \frac{\hat{\eta}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-1}$$

and that

$$\sum_{|k|=0}^{2N} \left\langle \frac{\hat{y}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{2M} (1 - \hbar \Delta_u)^M \Psi_{\hbar}^{[k]} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}}, \frac{\hat{y}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) = \sum_{i,j \in \hat{I}} C^{i,j} \left(\frac{\hat{y}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right)^i \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right)^j \partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{u - \hat{y}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \overline{\partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{\hat{y} + u}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right)}$$

where the \hat{I} is a finite set and $C^{i,j}$ only depends on the integers k, N, M and l , but not on the shape f_{\hbar} , we get for $\delta > 0$ small enough

$$|C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 \leq \sum_{i,j \in \tilde{J}} \tilde{C}^{i,j} \left\langle \frac{\hat{\eta}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-2\tilde{M}} p_{i,j} \left((v, w) \mapsto f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{w}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right)^{2\delta} \times \left[\left| \partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right|^{1-\delta} \star \left| \partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right|^{1-\delta} \right]^2 (2\hat{y})$$

with again \tilde{J} a finite set and $\tilde{C}^{i,j} > 0$, these two only depending on the integers k, N, M and l , but not on the shape f_{\hbar} , and where \star is the convolution product. So, integrating, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 dY \leq \sum_{i,j \in \tilde{J}} \tilde{C}^{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\langle \frac{\hat{\eta}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-2\tilde{M}} d\eta \times p_{i,j} \left(f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right)^{2\delta} p_{i,j} \left(f_{\hbar} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right)^{2\delta} 2^{-n} \times \left\| \partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}^{(1-\delta)} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \left\| \partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}^{(1-\delta)} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2$$

due to usual estimates on the convolution product. Noting that

$$\left\| \partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}^{(1-\delta)} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \hbar^{-n/2} \|\partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2(1-2\delta)} \|\partial^{\alpha_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2\delta}$$

and that

$$\left\| \partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}^{(1-\delta)} \left(\frac{\cdot}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right) \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \hbar^{-n/2} \|\partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{(1-2\delta)} p_K (\partial^{\beta_{i,j}} f_{\hbar})^{2\delta/(1+2\delta)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle x \rangle^K dx$$

for some fixed integer K and for p_K a seminorm depending on K , we use the following lemma to estimate the terms $\|\partial^{\alpha} f_{\hbar}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ and $\|\partial^{\beta} f_{\hbar}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. This lemma is known as the Kolmogorov inequalities.

Lemma 2.14. *Let $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then for any $L \in \mathbb{N}$, for any $c \in \mathbb{N}$, $c \leq L$, for any integer i such that $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have*

$$\|\partial_i^c f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-\frac{c}{L}} \|\partial_i^L f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\frac{c}{L}}$$

Then, for any $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for $\underline{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$, for $L \in \mathbb{N}$, $L \geq \max \underline{c}$, and $\underline{L} := (L, \dots, L)$, we have

$$\|\partial^{\underline{c}} f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\prod_{i=1}^n (1-\frac{c_i}{L})} \prod \|\partial^{\underline{L}} f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\prod_{i,j} (1-\frac{c_i}{L})^{\frac{c_j}{L}}}.$$

So,

$$(2.12) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 dY \leq \hbar^{-3n/2} C_{L,K,N,M,l}(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \times \sum_{i,j \in \hat{J}} \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2}^{4(1-2\delta) \prod_k \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_{i,j}^{(k)}}{L}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\beta_{i,j}^{(k)}}{L}\right)}$$

for, given $i, j \in \hat{J}$, $\alpha_{i,j} = (\alpha_{i,j}^{(0)}, \dots, \alpha_{i,j}^{(n)})$, $\beta_{i,j} = (\beta_{i,j}^{(0)}, \dots, \beta_{i,j}^{(n)})$, and for $L \in \mathbb{N}$, $L \geq \max_{i,j,k} (\alpha_{i,j}^{(k)}, \beta_{i,j}^{(k)})$. Let now $\varepsilon > 0$: for L great enough and δ small enough, from (2.12) we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} |C_{l,M}(Y)|^2 dY \leq \hbar^{-3n/2} C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{4-\varepsilon}$$

with $C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar)$ satisfying (2.11). We then get the expected result

$$\|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \hbar^{-3n/2} C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|^{2-\varepsilon} \times \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \iint_{\text{supp}(a)} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-N} dY \left\langle \frac{z - z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-M} dz'$$

□

We state two applications of this result. The first one is a straightforward application of the above Proposition 2.12.

Proposition 2.15. *Let $(\varphi_z)_{z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}}$ a family of coherent states with shape $\mathbf{f}_\hbar \in \mathfrak{s}^{[n]}$ and let m be any order function on \mathbb{R}^{2n} . Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have the continuity property*

$$(2.13) \quad \forall a \in S(m), \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, \|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \hbar^{-3n/2} \tilde{C}(a) C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2-\varepsilon}$$

with $\tilde{C}(a) \leq C \max_{0 \leq |\alpha| \leq K} \|m^{-1} \partial^\alpha a\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n})}$ where $C > 0$ only depending on m and with $C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar)$ as in (2.11).

This property gives a useful boundedness property for pseudodifferential operators acting on $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$. We will mainly use this property in the last part of the paper, where the shape will depend on a parameter $j \in \mathbb{N}$. The second property is about the localization of elements of $\mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$. We first define what mean by localization (one could also say microlocalization) of a function depending on \hbar .

Definition 2.16. *Let $\hbar_0 > 0$ and let $(\varphi_\hbar)_{\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0]}$ be a family of Schwartz functions on \mathbb{R}^n such that*

$$\|\varphi_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \mathcal{O}_\hbar(1).$$

We define its semi-classical wavefront set $\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_\hbar)$ as follows. Let $Z_0 \in T^\mathbb{R}^n$, then $Z_0 \notin \mathcal{WF}(\varphi_\hbar)$ if and only if there exists $a \in S(1)$ such that $a(Z) \geq \gamma > 0$ for a fixed $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and for Z in a small neighborhood of Z_0 with*

$$\|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Then a function $\varphi_\hbar \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is said localized at $X_0 \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ if $\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_\hbar) \subset \{X_0\}$.

Proposition 2.17. *Let φ_z be a coherent state centered at $z \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n$. Let $a \in S(m)$, for some order function m , and assume that one can find $\delta > 0$ such that a vanishes on $B(z, \delta)$, then*

$$\|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = \tilde{C}(a)C_\varepsilon(f_\hbar)\|f_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2-\varepsilon}\mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$$

with $\tilde{C}(a)$ and $C_\varepsilon(f_\hbar)$ as in Proposition 2.15 and with constants in $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$ only depending on δ .

Proof. Let $\delta > 0$ and $a \in S(m)$ such that $\text{supp}(a) \subset T^*\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus B(z, \delta)$. Then, if $\varepsilon > 0$, because of Proposition 2.12, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 &\leq C_\varepsilon(f_\hbar)\|f_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2-\varepsilon} \times \\ &\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus B(z, \delta)} \left\langle \frac{Y - \frac{z+z'}{2}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-N} dY \left\langle \frac{z - z'}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-M} dz'. \end{aligned}$$

We denote $C_\varepsilon := \tilde{C}(a)C_\varepsilon(f_\hbar)\|f_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{2-\varepsilon}$. Then, setting $\Upsilon := Y - z$ and $\zeta := z' - z$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\text{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 &\leq C_\varepsilon \left(\underbrace{\iint_{B(0, \delta)} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus B(0, \delta)} \left\langle \frac{\Upsilon}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-N} d\Upsilon \left\langle \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-M} d\zeta}_{(1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \underbrace{\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus B(0, \delta)} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus B(0, \delta)} \left\langle \frac{\Upsilon}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-N} d\Upsilon \left\langle \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \right\rangle^{-M} d\zeta}_{(2)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and one can check that $(\mathbf{1}) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^M)$ and $(\mathbf{2}) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^N)$, so that for any integer M, N , we have

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq C_\varepsilon \mathcal{O}(\hbar^N + \hbar^M).$$

□

From this we get the following strong localization property.

Proposition 2.18. *Let $z \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\varphi_z = T_\hbar(z)\Lambda_\hbar \mathbf{f}_\hbar \in \mathfrak{C}^{[n]}$. Then φ_z is localized at z , i.e.*

$$\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_z) = \{z\}.$$

Moreover if $a \in S(m)$, where m is a given order function, a vanishing near z , then for any order function μ and any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{\mathbf{H}_\hbar(\mu)} = \tilde{C}(a, \mu) C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar) \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-\varepsilon} \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$$

with $\tilde{C}(a, \mu)$, $C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{f}_\hbar)$ as in Proposition 2.17.

Proof. From Proposition 2.17, we get that

$$\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_z) \subset \{z\}.$$

Now, using stationary phase methods (see e.g. [46, Chapter 3]), for $a \in S(1)$ with compact support we get

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = |a(q, p)|^2 \|\mathbf{f}_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hbar),$$

which gives

$$\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_z) = \{z\}.$$

We now consider $a \in S(m)$ and $\gamma := \log(\mu)$, for some order functions m, μ . We have

$$\|\mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{\mathbf{H}_\hbar(\mu)} = \|e^{\gamma w} \mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)\varphi_z\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Since $L := e^{\gamma w} \mathrm{Op}_\hbar^w(a)$ is a pseudodifferential operator with its symbol in $S(m\mu)$, we may apply Proposition 2.17 to obtain the announced result. □

In order to apply the above properties to the magnetic propagation of coherent states, we now introduce the magnetic normal form background.

3. GEOMETRY AND PROPAGATION UNDER MAGNETIC FIELD

In this section, for the reader's convenience, we recall some recent results on the geometry and analysis of magnetic fields that will be crucial for our analysis.

The first part of this section is about the geometry underlying the magnetic field, more precisely about the classical and quantum normal forms of $\mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A}$. Classical and quantum normal forms for the magnetic Hamiltonian were introduced by Raymond and the second author, see [33]. We first briefly present the symplectic normal form adapted to the Hamiltonian H , and the corresponding quantum normal form. The

second part of this section recalls the long time quantum propagation estimates from [4].

3.1. Symplectic normal form. The following symplectic normal form result is about the existence of a symplectomorphism that locally around $\Sigma \cap \Omega$ transform the magnetic Hamiltonian H into an almost integrable system.

Theorem 3.1 ([33]). *Let*

$$H(q, p) := \|p - A(q)\|^2, \quad (q, p) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2,$$

where the magnetic potential $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is smooth. Let $B := \partial_{q_1} A_2 - \partial_{q_2} A_1$ be the corresponding magnetic field. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ be a bounded open set such that B does not vanish on

$$\Omega_0 = \{q \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (q, A(q)) \in \Omega\}.$$

Then there exists a symplectic diffeomorphism κ , defined in an open set $\tilde{\Omega} \subset \mathbb{C}_{z_1} \times \mathbb{R}_{z_2}^2$, with values in $T^*\mathbb{R}^2$, which identifies the plane $\{z_1 = 0\} \cap \tilde{\Omega}$ with the surface $\{H(q, p) = 0 \mid q \in \Omega_0\}$, and such that

$$H \circ \kappa = |z_1|^2 f(z_2, |z_1|^2) + \mathcal{O}(|z_1|^\infty),$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth. Moreover, the map

$$\phi : \Omega_0 \ni q \mapsto \kappa^{-1} \circ j(q) \in (\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}_{z_2}^2) \cap \tilde{\Omega}$$

is a local diffeomorphism and

$$f \circ (\phi(q), 0) = |B(q)|.$$

From this theorem, we get a better understanding of the dynamics near the characteristic surface Σ . Indeed, up to an $\mathcal{O}(|z_1|^\infty)$ term, that is for trajectories very close to Σ , the trajectories in the (z_1, z_2) coordinates are given by the Hamiltonian $|z_1|^2 f(z_2, |z_1|^2)$ that gives the center-guide dynamics, whose center $z_2(t)$ follows the Hamiltonian flow led by $f(\cdot, |z_1|^2)$. Moreover, as $f(z_2, |z_1|^2) = \tilde{B}(z_2) + \mathcal{O}(|z_1|^2)$, still near the surface Σ , the dynamics of the center $z_2(t)$ is given by the magnetic field pulled back on Σ , $\tilde{B} := B \circ \phi^{-1}$.

Remark 3.2. *The formal form $|z_1|^2 f(z_2, |z_1|^2)$, together with the ‘adiabatic invariant’ $|z_1|^2$, is a completely integrable Hamiltonian system in the sense of Liouville. Since the flow of $|z_1|^2$ is periodic, this system is actually semi-toric [42, 32], at least in a loose sense (the Morse type conditions imposed in [42] will depend on B itself). It would be interesting to systematically develop a KAM-like perturbation theory for semi-toric systems, with a view to applying this to the Schrödinger evolution problem.*

3.2. Quantum normal form. The following theorem is the quantum version of Theorem 3.1. It introduces the normal form of $\mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A}$.

Theorem 3.3 ([33]). *For \hbar small enough, there is a unitary Fourier integral operator U_\hbar such that*

$$U_\hbar^* \mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A} U_\hbar = \mathcal{N} + R_\hbar,$$

where

(1) \mathcal{N} is a pseudodifferential operator that commutes with

$$\mathcal{I}_\hbar := \hbar^2 \partial_{x_1}^2 + x_1^2;$$

(2) For any hermite function h_j , such that $\mathcal{I}_\hbar h_j = \hbar(2j+1)h_j$, the operator $\mathcal{N}^{(j)}$ acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})$ by

$$(3.1) \quad h_j \otimes \mathcal{N}^{(j)}(u) = \mathcal{N}(h_j \otimes u)$$

is a classical pseudodifferential operator in $S(1)$ of order 1 in \hbar with its principal symbol

$$n^{(j)}(x_2, \xi_2) = \hbar(2j+1)B \circ \phi^{-1}(x_2, \xi_2)$$

with ϕ the diffeomorphism in Theorem 3.1;

(3) Given any pseudodifferential operator D_\hbar whose principal symbol d_0 such that $d_0(z_1, z_2) = c(z_2)|z_1|^2 + \mathcal{O}(|z_1|^3)$, and any $N \geq 1$, there exist pseudodifferential operators $S_{\hbar,N}$ and Z_N such that

$$R_\hbar = S_{\hbar,N}(D_\hbar)^N + Z_N,$$

with Z_N a pseudodifferential operator whose symbol is supported away from a fixed neighborhood of $|z_1| = 0$.

(4) $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{H}_\hbar^0 + \mathcal{H}_\hbar^1$, where $\mathcal{H}_\hbar^0 = \text{Op}_\hbar^w(H^0)$, $H^0 = B \circ \phi^{-1}(z_2)|z_1|^2$, and the operator \mathcal{H}_\hbar^1 is relatively bounded with respect to \mathcal{H}_\hbar^0 with an arbitrarily small relative bound.

In [33], the authors used this normal form to produce magnetic quasimodes to all orders in various situations, the generic one being obtained by finding excited states of the reduced operator $\mathcal{N}^{(j)}$. Then, the true eigenfunctions have the form of ‘‘Gaussian beams’’, and can be seen as a degenerate (or subprincipal) case of the Gaussian beams studied in [45].

Actually, the above theorem is a slightly different formulation of the one stated in [33]. Indeed, in that paper, the Fourier integral operator \tilde{U}_\hbar is unitary only microlocally in a fixed neighborhood of Σ . It will be useful for us to have a genuinely unitary operator, which microlocally satisfies the same assumptions. Since the canonical transformation associated to U_\hbar is obtained by the flow of a compactly supported, time-dependent Hamiltonian, one can in fact obtain U_\hbar as the quantum flow of a

time-dependent, uniformly bounded self-adjoint propagator, as in Lemma 2.8; see [46, Chapter 11].

3.3. Quantum propagation under magnetic field. As is well known, for a general Schrödinger operator, and for times bigger than the Ehrenfest time $\asymp |\ln \hbar|$, propagated coherent states may not remain coherent. Thus, in order to obtain a rough control on the localization of the propagated state, it is natural to estimate the growth of its Schwartz seminorms. In the case of a purely magnetic propagation, this is given by the following theorem, proved in [4]. For the purpose of this article, we only state it in the 2-dimensional case.

Theorem 3.4 ([4]). *Let P^t be the propagator of $\mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A}$, given by Stone's theorem,*

$$P : t \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto P^t = e^{-\frac{it}{\hbar}\mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A}}.$$

Under property (P), and assuming $B \geq b_0 > 0$, we have

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad P^t \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

More precisely, for all $M \in \mathbb{N}^$, for any Schwartz seminorm p , there exist $\hbar_0 > 0$, $C > 0$, $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and a seminorm \tilde{p} , such that, for all $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$, and for all $\psi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and all $t \in [0, \hbar^{-M}]$,*

$$p(P^t \psi_0) \leq C \hbar^{-N} \tilde{p}(\psi_0).$$

In general, the difficulty for obtaining propagation estimates is to control the bracket term similar to the one appearing in (2.5). A general framework where the bracket can be estimated by symbolic calculus (which unfortunately does not apply to our situation) was recently set up in [27]. The proof of Theorem 3.4 involves iterated brackets, based on the special form of the magnetic Laplacian as a sum of squares, in the spirit of Hörmander's approach to hypoellipticity [21].

4. PROPAGATION OF \mathfrak{C} -CLASS STATES

Our goal is to propagate a state $\varphi_h^0 \in \mathfrak{C}$ through the magnetic Schrödinger equation,

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} i\hbar \partial_t \varphi_h^t = \mathcal{L}_{\hbar,A} \varphi_h^t \\ \varphi_h^{t=0} = \varphi_h^0, \end{cases}$$

where the initial state φ_h^0 is such that

$$\mathcal{WF}(\varphi_h^0) \subset \{X^0\} \text{ for } X^0 \in \Sigma \cap \Omega.$$

We consider the Fourier integral operator U_h from Theorem 3.3. Since U_h is the time-1 flow of a time-dependent quantum Hamiltonian, the same holds for the adjoint (or inverse) U_h^* , and we may apply Proposition 2.9, which shows that $\psi_h^0 := U_h^* \varphi_h^0$ is

still a coherent state of the class \mathfrak{C} . Moreover, because the canonical transformation associated with U_h^* is the symplectomorphism κ^{-1} , we obtain that ψ_h^0 is centered at a point $z_0 := \kappa^{-1}(X_0) \in \kappa^{-1}(\Sigma) = \{z_1 = 0\}$. Our strategy is to first propagate ψ_h^0 through the quantum normal form \mathcal{N} and then to relate it to the propagation of φ_h^0 through the initial Schrödinger equation (4.1).

4.1. Propagation through the normal form. The normal form \mathcal{N} of Theorem 3.3 defines an essentially self-adjoint operator on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$. Indeed, as

$$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{H}_h^0 + \mathcal{H}_h^1$$

with \mathcal{H}_h^1 relatively bounded with respect to \mathcal{H}_h^0 , it suffices to prove that \mathcal{H}_h^0 is essentially self-adjoint. This follows from the fact that \mathcal{H}_h^0 is a tensor product of two essentially self-adjoint operators on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$. Thus, we can study the following Cauchy problem:

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} i\hbar\partial_t\psi_h^t = \mathcal{N}\psi_h^t \\ \psi_h^{t=0} = \psi_h^0. \end{cases}$$

From Stone's theorem, we have a unique family of propagators $(Q^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$, unitary on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and satisfying

$$\forall \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2) \quad i\hbar\partial_t Q^t \psi = \mathcal{N}Q^t \psi.$$

Then, we denote $\psi_h^t := Q^t \psi_h^0$ the solution to (4.2). As explained above, $\psi_h^0 \in \mathfrak{C}$ is localized on

$$\kappa^{-1}(X^0) = (0, z_2^0).$$

Considering the harmonic oscillator in the variable z_1 ,

$$\mathcal{I}_h = -\hbar^2 \partial_{x_1}^2 + x_1^2,$$

and the associated Hermite functions $(h_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}_{x_1})$, we get the following Lemma.

Lemma 4.1. *There is a family of states $(f_j^0)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})$ and a sequence $(\alpha_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \ell^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ such that*

$$\psi_h^0 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_j \otimes f_j^0$$

with for any integer j , if $\alpha_j \neq 0$ then $\alpha_j^{-1} f_j^0 \in \mathfrak{C}^{[1]}$, and $\mathcal{WF}^{x_2}(f_j^0) = \{z_2^0\}$. In the case of $\alpha_j = 0$, we have $f_j = \mathcal{O}_{L^2}(\hbar^\beta)$ and $\mathcal{WF}^{x_2}(f_j^0) \subset \{z_2^0\}$.

Proof. From Definition 2.2, one can find a function f in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, with $\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = 1$, and a family $(g_h)_{h \in (0, \hbar_0)} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, with seminorms in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ bounded uniformly in \hbar , such that

$$\psi_h^0 = T_h(0, z_2^0) \Lambda_h(f + \hbar^\beta g_h).$$

Then we let

$$(4.3) \quad f_j^0 := \langle \psi_h^0, h_j \rangle_{dx_1} = T_h^{(z_2)}(z_2^0) \Lambda_h^{(z_2)} \langle (f + \hbar^\beta g_h), h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}_{x_2}).$$

Since $(h_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Hilbert basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_1})$, after defining

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_j := \|\langle f, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_1})}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})},$$

we get $\sum \alpha_j^2 = \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 = 1$ and, for $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $\alpha_j \neq 0$, $\alpha_j^{-1} f_j^0 \in \mathfrak{C}^{[1]}$, centered at z_2^0 . In the case of $\alpha_j = 0$, we get $f_j^0 = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\beta)$ and applying Proposition 2.17 we have $\mathcal{WF}^{x_2}(f_j^0) \subset \{z_2^0\}$, with equality if g_h is not $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty)$ (in that case, we have $\mathcal{WF}^{x_2}(f_j^0) = \emptyset$). \square

Lemma 4.1 expresses ψ_h^0 as a sum of functions, each one corresponding to a ‘Landau level’ of the harmonic oscillator: f_j^0 corresponds to the occupation of the j^{th} energy level. The following lemma gives the energy distribution of these levels, in the semiclassical limit $\hbar \rightarrow 0$.

Lemma 4.2. *Taking the \hbar -independent sequence $(\alpha_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \ell^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ introduced above, there is an \hbar -dependent sequence $(\varepsilon(\hbar))_j \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$\|f_j^0\|^2 = \alpha_j^2 + \hbar^\beta \varepsilon_j(\hbar)$$

with $\sum_{j \geq 0} \alpha_j^2 = 1$ and where $\sum_{j \geq 0} |\varepsilon_j(\hbar)|$ is bounded independently of \hbar .

Proof. From the proof of Lemma 4.1 we have $\sum_{j \geq 0} \alpha_j^2 = 1$ and we can compute, using (4.3):

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})}^2 &= \|\langle f, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}\|_{dx_2}^2 + \\ &\quad \hbar^\beta \left(2\mathbf{Re} \left(\langle \langle f, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}, \langle g_h, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1} \rangle_{dx_2} \right) + \hbar^\beta \|\langle g_h, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}\|_{dx_2}^2 \right) \\ &= \alpha_j^2 + \hbar^\beta \varepsilon_j(\hbar), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$|\varepsilon_j(\hbar)| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|\langle f, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}\|_{dx_2}^2 + \|\langle g_h, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}\|_{dx_2}^2) + \hbar^\beta \|\langle g_h, h_j^{(h=1)} \rangle_{dx_1}\|_{dx_2}^2$$

and

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} |\varepsilon_j(\hbar)| \leq \|g_h\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \hbar^\beta \right) + 1,$$

which is uniformly bounded for $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$. \square

Remark 4.3. *The result of Lemma 4.2 can be extended to the functions $x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \psi_h^0$, for any γ, δ in \mathbb{N}^2 . Indeed, we have*

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta T_h(z) \Lambda_h = \hbar^{-|\delta|} T_h(z) \Lambda_h [q + \sqrt{\hbar} x]^\gamma [ip + \sqrt{\hbar} \partial_x]^\delta$$

where we denote $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^2$, $z_1 = q_1 + ip_1$, $z_2 = (q_2, p_2)$ and finally $q = (q_1, q_2)$, $p = (p_1, p_2)$. Then, for $\psi_h^0 = T_h(z)\Lambda_h \cdot (f + \hbar^\beta g_h)$, with f and the family $(g_h)_h$ as in Definition 2.2, we get

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \psi_h^0 = \hbar^{-|\delta|} T_h(z) \Lambda_h (f^{\gamma, \delta} + \hbar^{\tilde{\beta}} g_h^{\gamma, \delta}),$$

with $\tilde{\beta} = \min(1/2, \beta)$, where the function $f^{\gamma, \delta} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ is independent of \hbar , and the family $(g_h^{\gamma, \delta})_h$ belongs to the Schwartz class with bounded seminorms, uniformly in \hbar , satisfying the definition of \mathfrak{C} . Then, letting

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \psi_h^0 = \hbar^{-|\delta|} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} h_j \otimes f_j^{\gamma, \delta}$$

with $f_j^{\gamma, \delta} = \hbar^{|\delta|} \langle x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \psi_h^0, h_j \rangle_{dx_1}$, mimicking the above proof, we get

$$\|f_j^{\gamma, \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2 = |\alpha_j^{\gamma, \delta}|^2 + \hbar^{\tilde{\beta}} \varepsilon_j^{\gamma, \delta}(\hbar)$$

where $(\alpha_j^{\gamma, \delta})_j$ and $(\varepsilon_j^{\gamma, \delta})_j$ are sequences as in Lemma 4.2 except that $\sum_j |\alpha_j^{\gamma, \delta}|^2$ is not necessarily equal to 1.

Applying Lemma 4.1, we now study the propagation of

$$\psi_h^0 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_j \otimes f_j^0.$$

From (3.1), the solution to (4.2) can be written as

$$\psi_h^t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_j \otimes f_j^t$$

where for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, f_j^t satisfies the evolution equation

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{cases} i\partial_t f_j^t = \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} \mathcal{N}^{(j)}\right) f_j^t \\ f_j^{t=0} = f_j^0 \end{cases}$$

where $\frac{1}{\hbar} \mathcal{N}^{(j)}$ is a semi classical pseudodifferential operator whose principal symbol is $(2j+1)B \circ \phi^{-1}$. In order to apply usual propagation results to (4.4) we rescale time as follows. Given $j \in \mathbb{N}$, we set $\tau_j := t \times \hbar(2j+1)$ so that τ_j represents the reduced time corresponding to the slow drift of the j^{th} landau level. So for a global time propagation $t \in [0, T\hbar^{-1}]$, we have a reduced time $\tau_j \in [0, (2j+1)T]$. We let now $\tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j} := f_j^t$ and get the following equivalent propagation equation

$$\begin{cases} i\hbar \partial_{\tau_j} \tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j} = \mathcal{F}^{(j)} \tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j} \\ \tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j=0} = f_j^0, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}^{(j)} := \frac{1}{\hbar(2j+1)} \mathcal{N}^{(j)}$$

is a pseudodifferential operator acting on $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})$ whose principal symbol is $B \circ \phi^{-1}$. At this point, we may highlight that even if the total symbol of $\mathcal{F}^{(j)}$ depends on j , its principal symbol does not. Since $\mathcal{N}^{(j)}$ is the restriction of an essentially selfadjoint operator to a stable subspace, it is essentially selfadjoint on $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})$. Therefore, from Stone's theorem we get a family of propagators $(Q_j^{\tau_j})_{\tau_j \in \mathbb{R}}$ for this equation; coming back to the initial propagation time t , we obtain, for $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$,

$$f_j^t = \tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j} = Q_j^{(2j+1)ht} f_j^0.$$

Furthermore, from Lemma 4.1 and Proposition 2.9, we know that $\alpha_j^{-1} \tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j}$ is a coherent state in $\mathfrak{C}^{[1]}$ when τ_j is fixed, and the evolution of its wavefront set is governed by the Hamiltonian flow of

$$K := B \circ \phi^{-1},$$

which is the pull back of the magnetic field B from $\Omega_0 \subset \mathbb{R}_q^2$ on the zero energy surface $\{z_1 = 0\}$ by $\phi = \kappa \circ (j|_{\Sigma})^{-1}$. More precisely, let Φ_K^t denote the Hamiltonian flow of K , and let $T > 0$ be such that $\Phi_K^{(2j+1)\tilde{t}}(z_2^0)$ stays in the open set $\tilde{\Omega}$ for $\tilde{t} \in [0, T]$. Then, since

$$\mathcal{WF}_{x_2}(f_j^{\tilde{t}=0}) \subset \{z_2^0\},$$

we get

$$\mathcal{WF}_{x_2}(\tilde{f}_j^{\tau_j}) \subset \{\Phi_K^{\tau_j}(z_2^0)\}$$

for $\tau_j \in [0, (2j+1)T]$. In other words, for any $\tilde{t} \in [0, T]$, the wavefront set of $f_j^{\tilde{t}/\hbar}$ is given by

$$(4.5) \quad \mathcal{WF}_{x_2}(f_j^{\tilde{t}/\hbar}) \subset \{\Phi_K^{(2j+1)\tilde{t}}(z_2^0)\},$$

while the solution to (4.2) is given by

$$\forall t \in [0, T/\hbar], \quad \psi_h^t = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} h_j \otimes f_j^t.$$

We can then at this stage of the proof give an informal explanation about the quantum phenomenon occurring here. Actually, our coherent state splits into a weighted sum of coherent states, each one with a wavefront set with its own dynamics. For times t of order \hbar^{-1} , the localization of ψ_h^t is no more a point in phase space but a sequence of points lying on the integral curve of the Hamiltonian provided by the magnetic field in restriction to the characteristic set, or the zero set. The

point labelled by ‘ j ’ corresponds to the occupation of the j^{th} Landau levels of \mathcal{I}_h . Furthermore, since the Schrödinger evolution preserves the L^2 -norm, that is

$$(4.6) \quad \|f_j^t\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})} = \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})},$$

the occupied energy level of the harmonic oscillator remains occupied with the same amount of energy, that is α_j^2 . In other words, we do not have any shift of energy to higher or lower levels during the evolution.

4.2. Back to the initial magnetic laplacian. After the study of the propagation in the normal form setting, we need to return to the initial laplacian $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$. The first step is the following lemma. Recall that from Lemma 4.1 that we write

$$(4.7) \quad \psi_h^0 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h_j \otimes f_j^0.$$

Lemma 4.4. *Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and for $K > 0$ consider an \hbar dependent integer J_h such that $J_h \geq K\hbar^{-\alpha}$.*

Then, for

$$(4.8) \quad \tilde{\psi}_h^0 := \sum_{j \leq J_h} h_j \otimes f_j^0,$$

we have

$$\psi_h^0 - \tilde{\psi}_h^0 = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Proof. Let us first recall a useful fact about Hermite coefficients of Schwartz functions. Consider some function ψ in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$. We have

$$\psi = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} c_j h_j$$

with $c_j := \langle \psi, h_j \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}$. Since $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, for any $\hbar > 0$, $\mathcal{I}_h^N \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$. Furthermore, we have

$$\mathcal{I}_h^N \psi = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \hbar^N (2j+1)^N c_j h_j.$$

Hence, taking the L^2 -norm of $\mathcal{I}_h^N \psi$, and $\hbar = 1$, we get

$$(4.9) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (2j+1)^{2N} |c_j|^2 < \infty$$

and so for any non negative integer N the sequence $(j^{2N} |c_j|^2)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded. Consider now the above function $\psi_h^0 \in \mathfrak{C} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$. We have

$$\psi_h^0 = T_h(0, z_2) \Lambda_h \cdot (f + \hbar^\beta g_h)$$

with f and $(g_h)_h$ as in Definition 2.2. In (4.7) we have $f_j^0 = \langle \psi_h^0, h_j \rangle_{L^2(dx_1)}$ and $\|f_j^0\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2 = \alpha_j^2 + \hbar^\beta \varepsilon(\hbar)$ according to Lemma 4.2. Then, from (4.9), and by definition

of the sequence $(\alpha_j)_j$, for any non negative integer N , $(\alpha_j^2 j^{2N})_j$ is bounded (and independent of \hbar). Moreover, from the \hbar -boundedness of $(g_\hbar)_\hbar$ in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, we get that for any N , $\|\mathcal{I}_\hbar^N g_\hbar\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$ is bounded uniformly with $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$. From this, we have that for any non negative integer N , $(j^{2N} \varepsilon_j(\hbar))_j$ is bounded uniformly with $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$. We now turn to (4.8); let

$$\mathfrak{d} := \psi_\hbar^0 - \tilde{\psi}_\hbar^0 = \sum_{j > J_\hbar} h_j \otimes f_j^0,$$

and we wish to prove that, for any $\gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{N}^2$

$$\|x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{d}\|_\infty = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

To do so, we note that

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{d} = \sum_{j > J_\hbar} x_1^{\gamma_1} \partial_{x_1}^{\delta_1} h_j \otimes x_2^{\gamma_2} \partial_{x_2}^{\delta_2} f_j.$$

First, if we set

$$f_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2} := \hbar^{\delta_2} (x_2^{\gamma_2} \partial_{x_2}^{\delta_2} f_j),$$

then because of the definition of the sequence $(f_j)_j$ and applying Remark 4.3, we get that there is a sequence of real numbers $(\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})_j$ independent of \hbar and a family of sequences $(\varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar))_j$ uniformly bounded with respect to $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$ such that

$$\|f_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2 = (\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})^2 + \hbar^{\tilde{\beta}} \varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar).$$

We now study the $x_1^{\gamma_1} \partial_{x_1}^{\delta_1} h_j$ term. One can note that from the 1-D recursion relations

$$h'_j = \sqrt{\frac{j}{2}} h_{j-1} - \sqrt{\frac{j+1}{2}} h_{j+1}$$

and

$$x h'_j = \sqrt{\frac{j}{2}} h_{j-1} + \sqrt{\frac{j+1}{2}} h_{j+1}$$

we get

$$x_1^{\gamma_1} \partial_{x_1}^{\delta_1} h_j = \sum_{k=j-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{j+(\gamma_1+\delta_1)} C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j} h_k$$

where $(C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j})_{k,j}$ is a sequence of real numbers such that for any integers γ_1, δ_1 , there exists $C_{\gamma_1, \delta_1} > 0$ such that for any k, j in \mathbb{N} ,

$$|C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j}| \leq C_{\gamma_1 \delta_1} j^{\frac{\gamma_1 + \delta_1}{2}}.$$

We finally get

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{D} = \hbar^{-\delta_2} \sum_{j > J_h} \left(\sum_{k=j-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{j+\gamma_1+\delta_1} C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j} h_k \right) \otimes f_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}$$

that we rewrite as

$$x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{D} = \hbar^{-\delta_2} \sum_{k > J_h - (\gamma_1 + \delta_1)} h_k \otimes \left(\sum_{j=k-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{k+\gamma_1+\delta_1} C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j} f_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2} \right).$$

Denoting

$$\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta} := \sum_{j=k-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{k+\gamma_1+\delta_1} C_k^{\gamma_1 \delta_1 j} f_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2},$$

which is a Schwartz function as a finite sum of Schwartz functions on \mathbb{R} , we get that

$$\|x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{D}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \leq \hbar^{-2\delta_2} \sum_{k > J_h^{\gamma_1 \delta_1}} \|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2$$

with $J_h^{\gamma_1 \delta_1} := J_h - (\gamma_1 + \delta_1)$. Note that there is a constant $\tilde{K} > 0$ such that $J_h^{\gamma_1 \delta_1} \geq \tilde{K} \hbar^{-\alpha}$. The sequence $\left((2k+1)^N \|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)} \right)_k$ is bounded uniformly with $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$. Indeed, from above computations,

$$\begin{aligned} (2k+1)^N \|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)} &\leq C_{\gamma_1 \delta_1} \sum_{j=k-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{k+(\gamma_1+\delta_1)} j^{\frac{\gamma_1+\delta_1}{2}+N} \left(\frac{2k+1}{j} \right)^N \left[(\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})^2 + \hbar_0^{\tilde{\beta}} |\varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar)| \right] \\ &\leq C_{N\gamma_1 \delta_1} \sum_{j=k-(\gamma_1+\delta_1)}^{k+(\gamma_1+\delta_1)} \left[j^{\frac{\gamma_1+\delta_1}{2}+N} (\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})^2 + j^{\frac{\gamma_1+\delta_1}{2}+N} \hbar_0^{\tilde{\beta}} |\varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar)| \right] \\ &\leq (2(\gamma_1 + \delta_1) + 1) C_{N\gamma_1 \delta_1} \left(\|j^{\frac{\gamma_1+\delta_1}{2}+N} (\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})^2\|_\infty \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hbar_0^{\tilde{\beta}} \|j^{\frac{\gamma_1+\delta_1}{2}+N} \varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar)\|_\infty \right) \end{aligned}$$

and from what precedes, for any non negative integer N , the sequences $\left((\alpha_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2})^2 j^{2N}\right)_j$ and $\left(\varepsilon_j^{\gamma_2 \delta_2}(\hbar) j^{2N}\right)$ are bounded uniformly in $\hbar \in (0, \hbar_0)$. Finally, from the boundedness of $\left((2k+1)^N \|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2}\right)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{d}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 &= \hbar^{-2\delta_2} \sum_{k > J_\hbar^{\gamma_1 \delta_1}} \|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2 \\ &= \hbar^{-2\delta_2} \sum_{k > J_\hbar^{\gamma_1 \delta_1}} \left(\|\check{f}_k^{\gamma \delta}\|_{L^2(dx_2)}^2 k^{2N}\right) (k\hbar^\alpha)^{-2N} \hbar^{2N\alpha} \\ &\leq C_{\gamma \delta N} \hbar^{2(N\alpha - \delta_2)} \sum_{k > J_\hbar^{\gamma_1 \delta_1}} (k\hbar^\alpha)^{-2N} \end{aligned}$$

for any non negative integer N . Then, by sum-integral comparison methods, we have

$$\|x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{d}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^{(2N-1)\alpha - 2\delta_2}),$$

from what we obtain that $x^\gamma \partial_x^\delta \mathfrak{d} = \mathcal{O}_{L^2}(\hbar^\infty)$ for any multi-indices γ, δ in \mathbb{N}^2 . So, giving any order function m , we get $\|\mathfrak{d}\|_{H_\hbar(m)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$, which is the expected result. \square

Remark 4.5. *It appears in the above proof that for any Schwartz seminorm p and for any $\delta > 0$, we have*

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} p(f_j^0)^\delta < \infty$$

We will use this property later on.

Thus, this lemma teaches us that only the first Landau levels of our initial state ψ_\hbar^0 matter in the propagation, but we need to consider a large number of levels in order to get a nice estimation of the remainder. We now relate the propagation of the state

$$\tilde{\psi}_\hbar^0 := \sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} \psi_{j, \hbar}^0$$

through \mathcal{N} to the propagation of φ_\hbar^0 through the initial laplacian.

Propagation under general magnetic fields. In what follows, we assume that the magnetic field B does not vanish on Ω_0 , but we don't require Property **(P)**. Recall also from the introduction that B belongs to a symbol class $S(m)$. Theorem 3.3 gives the relation between $\mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A}$ and \mathcal{N} ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A} = U_\hbar \mathcal{N} U_\hbar^* + U_\hbar R_\hbar U_\hbar^*.$$

For $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we let $\psi_{j,h}^t := h_j \otimes f_j^t$. From (4.4) we get the following propagation equation:

$$i\hbar \partial_t U_h \psi_{j,h}^t = \mathcal{L}_{h,A} U_h \psi_{j,h}^t - U_h R_h \psi_{j,h}^t.$$

Considering $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $J_h \in \mathbb{N}$ as in Lemma 4.4 and summing for $j \leq J_h$, we get the following propagation equation for $\tilde{\psi}_h^t := \sum_{j \leq J_h} h_j \otimes f_j^t$:

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{cases} i\hbar \partial_t U_h \tilde{\psi}_h^t = \mathcal{L}_{h,A} U_h \tilde{\psi}_h^t + \mathbf{e}_h^t \\ \tilde{\psi}_h^{t=0} = \tilde{\psi}_h^0 \end{cases}$$

with $\mathbf{e}_h^t = U_h R_h \tilde{\psi}_h^t$. We compare the solution to (4.10) to the solution φ_h^t to (4.1). For any $\hbar > 0$ and for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, setting $\mathcal{D}_h^t = \varphi_h - U_h \tilde{\psi}_h^t$, the Duhamel principle gives

$$(4.11) \quad \mathcal{D}_h^t = P^t \mathcal{D}_h^0 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t P^{t-s} \mathbf{e}_h^s ds$$

where P^t is the propagator associated with (4.1), given by Stone's theorem. We aim at proving that for a given time T and a given integer N , uniformly for times $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$,

$$\left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathcal{D}_h^t \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Since P^t is unitary and commutes with $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}$, we have

$$\left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathcal{D}_h^t \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq \left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathcal{D}_h^0 \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \frac{T}{\hbar^2} \sup_{s \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathbf{e}_h^s \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}.$$

Since $\mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N$ is a pseudo-differential operator with symbol in $S(m^N)$ and U_h is unitary, we have due to Lemma 4.4

$$\left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathcal{D}_h^0 \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq \left\| \sum_{j > J_h} \psi_{j,h}^0 \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(m^{-N})} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Noting that $\left\| \mathcal{L}_{h,A}^N \mathbf{e}_h^s \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq \left\| R_h \tilde{\psi}_h^s \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(m^{-N})}$, it remains to prove

$$(4.12) \quad \sup_{s \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left\| R_h \tilde{\psi}_h^s \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(m^{-N})} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Actually, we prove that for any order function μ ,

$$(4.13) \quad \sup_{s \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left\| R_h \tilde{\psi}_h^s \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty),$$

which implies (4.12). To do so, we begin with giving an explicit expression of R_h . Using $D_h = \mathcal{H}_0$ in Item 3 of Theorem 3.3, we get that for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, there are

pseudodifferential operators $S_{h,N}$, Z_N such that $R_h = S_{h,N}\mathcal{H}_0^N + Z_N$. Then, for any order function μ , as $j \leq K\hbar^{-\alpha}$

$$(4.14) \quad \left\| R_h \sum_{j \leq J_h} \psi_{j,h}^t \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \leq C_N \hbar^{(1-\alpha)N} \sum_{j \leq J_h} \left\| S_{h,N} \text{Op}_h^w \left(B \circ \phi^{-1} \right) (h_j \otimes f_j^t) \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \\ + \sum_{j \leq J_h} \left\| Z_N \psi_{j,h}^t \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)}.$$

From Proposition 2.15, we get that for $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$, for a given $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$,

$$(4.15) \quad \left\| S_{h,N} \text{Op}_h^w \left(B \circ \phi^{-1} \right) (h_j \otimes f_j^t) \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \leq \hbar^{-3/2} C(\mu, N) C(\psi_{j,h}^t) \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})}^{1-\varepsilon}$$

because of (4.6), with $C(\psi_{j,h}^t)$ as in (2.13). To estimate this constant, we note that

$$\psi_{j,h}^t = id_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_1})} \otimes Q_j^{\tilde{t}} \cdot [h_j \otimes \tilde{f}_j^0]$$

where $\tilde{t} = t\hbar \in [0, T]$ so from Lemma 2.8 and because of $n^{(j)} \in S(1)$, we have for any order function μ

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left\| \psi_{j,h}^t \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \leq \sup_{\tilde{t} \in [0, T]} \left\| id_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_1})} \otimes Q_j^{\tilde{t}} \cdot [h_j \otimes \tilde{f}_j^0] \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \leq C(\mu) \|f_j^0\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)}.$$

Then using the link between the Schwartz seminorms and the weighted Sobolev norms in Lemma 2.4, we get

$$(4.16) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} C(\psi_{j,h}^t) \leq \tilde{C}(f_j^0)$$

and because of the definition of f_j^0 , $(\|f_j^0\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\nu)})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a bounded sequence for any order function ν , and so is $(\tilde{C}(f_j^0))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then (4.15) becomes

$$(4.17) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left(\left\| S_{h,N} \text{Op}_h^w \left(B \circ \phi^{-1} \right) (h_j \otimes f_j^t) \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \right) \leq \hbar^{-3/2} M C(\mu, N) \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})}^{1-\varepsilon}.$$

We now estimate the Schwartz seminorms of $Z_N \psi_{j,h}^t$. Using Proposition 2.18, as Z_N is a pseudodifferential operator with symbol ℓ_N supported away from a fixed neighborhood of $\{z_1 = 0\}$, where the states $\psi_{j,h}^t$ are centered at any time $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$, and because of (4.16), we get for any order function μ and for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$(4.18) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left(\left\| Z_N \psi_{j,h}^t \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_h(\mu)} \right) \leq \tilde{C}(\ell_N, \mu) C_\varepsilon(f_j^0) \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{1-\varepsilon} \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Finally, using (4.17) and (4.18) with (4.14) we get, for any $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_\hbar \sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} \psi_{j,\hbar}^t\|_{\mathbb{H}_\hbar(\mu)} &\leq MC_N C(\mu, N) \hbar^{(1-\alpha)N-3/2} \sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^{1-\varepsilon} \\ &\quad + \tilde{C}(\ell_N, \mu) \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty) \sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} C_\varepsilon(f_j^0) \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^{1-\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from Remark 4.5, we get that

$$\sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} (1 + C_\varepsilon(f_j^0)) \|f_j^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^{1-\varepsilon}$$

is a convergent series whose sum is bounded uniformly with \hbar , so that

$$(4.19) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \|R_\hbar \sum_{j \leq J_\hbar} \psi_{j,\hbar}^t\|_{\mathbb{H}_\hbar(\mu)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$$

for any order function μ . This proves (4.13), and then we get

$$(4.20) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left\| \mathcal{L}_{\hbar, A}^N \left(\varphi_\hbar^t - U_\hbar \tilde{\psi}_\hbar^t \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Propagation under magnetic fields satisfying the property (P). We now establish the propagation result for magnetic fields satisfying (P). We assume henceforth that (P) holds for B . We assume also there exists $b_0 > 0$ such that $\forall q \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $B(q) \geq b_0$. Considering again $\mathcal{D}_\hbar^t = \varphi_\hbar^t - U_\hbar \tilde{\psi}_\hbar^t$, from (4.11) we have

$$\mathcal{D}_\hbar^t = P^t \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t P^{t-s} \mathbf{e}_\hbar^s ds$$

and we now aim at proving that for a given $T > 0$, uniformly for times $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$,

$$\mathcal{D}_\hbar^t = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty).$$

We will reach this goal in two steps. We first prove that $P^t \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty)$. We have

$$U_\hbar^* \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 = \sum_{j > J_\hbar} \psi_{j,\hbar}^0$$

then from Lemma 4.4, we get that

$$(4.21) \quad U_\hbar^* \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Applying Lemma 2.8 to U_\hbar , which is a time-1 quantum flow, we get

$$\mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 = U_\hbar \left(U_\hbar^* \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 \right) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Finally, applying Theorem 3.4 to P^t , $t \in [0, T/\hbar]$, we have the long-time estimate

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} \left(p \left(P^t \mathcal{D}_\hbar^0 \right) \right) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

It remains now to be shown that

$$(4.22) \quad \int_0^t P^{t-s} \mathbf{e}_h^s ds = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty).$$

We first prove that uniformly for times $s \in [0, T/\hbar]$, $\mathbf{e}_h^s = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}(\hbar^\infty)$. Recall that $\mathbf{e}_h^t = U_h R_h \sum_{j \leq J_h} \psi_{j,h}^t$ and the estimate (4.19), holding for any order function μ . Using Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.8, we get for any Schwartz seminorm p ,

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} p \left(U_h R_h \sum_{j \leq J_h} \psi_{j,h}^t \right) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$$

and so

$$\sup_{s \in [0, T/\hbar]} p(\mathbf{e}_h^s) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

Now, applying Theorem 3.4 again, the same estimate holds for $p(P^{t-s} \mathbf{e}_h^s)$, and by the semi-norm property we may integrate and obtain (4.22). This gives

$$\sup_{t \in [T/\hbar]} p(\mathcal{D}_h^t) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty).$$

In other words, letting $\varphi_{j,h}^t = U_h \psi_{j,h}^t$, we have proved

$$(4.23) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T/\hbar]} p \left(\varphi_h^t - \sum_{j \leq J_h} \varphi_{j,h}^t \right) = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty),$$

where $(\varphi_h^t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is the solution to (4.1),

4.3. End of the proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. We consider for any j the subspaces

$$\mathcal{H}_{j,h} = U_h \cdot \left(\text{span}(h_j) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2}) \right)$$

and the operator

$$\mathcal{J}_h = U_h \mathcal{I}_h U_h^*,$$

which is pseudodifferential by the Egorov theorem. Since $(h_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Hilbert basis, the spaces $\mathcal{H}_{j,h}$ are in direct sum, and

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_{j,h}, \mathcal{J}_h f = (2j + 1)\hbar f.$$

For all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi_{j,h}^t := U_h \psi_{j,h}^t$, and $\psi_{j,h}^t$ is the projection of ψ_h^t on the space $\text{span}(h_j) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_2})$. Therefore, $\varphi_{j,h}^t$ is the projection of φ_h^t on $\mathcal{H}_{j,h}$, so $\varphi_{j,h}^t \in \mathcal{H}_{j,h}$, and

$$\varphi_h^t = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_{j,h}^t.$$

This with (4.20) proves (1.4) and (1.5). Now, for each j , using (4.5) and Proposition 2.9 applied to the Fourier integral operator U_h , we see that the wavefront set of $\varphi_{j,h}^{t\hbar^{-1}}$ is located at the point

$$\kappa(0, \Phi_K^{(2j+1)t} z_2^0) = \Phi_B^{(2j+1)t} X_0$$

which proves (1.7). Finally, (1.6) is proved by Lemma 4.1. This ends the proof of Theorem 1.1. In order to prove Theorem 1.2, we still need to estimate the remainder r_h in Schwartz seminorms. These estimates are given by (4.23), which gives (1.9).

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have shown that localized quantum particles can be split into distinct pieces by long time magnetic propagation, a property that, in similar contexts, was sometimes called quantum ubiquity. On a mathematical level, this splitting always holds modulo a small $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^\infty)$ term in L^2 norm (Theorem 1.1). In order to get the stronger Schwartz estimates (1.9), in our study it was necessary for the magnetic field to satisfy property **(P)** and the ellipticity condition (1.8). These properties allow the use of Theorem 3.4 which is crucial in handling the remainder terms. It would be interesting to investigate whether, under magnetic confinement leading to discrete spectrum, as in [33], we could get rid of property **(P)**. In this case, thanks to the control on the Hamiltonian dynamics (see [33, Section 3]), one expects to get good estimates for quantum propagators up to times of order \hbar^{-M} for any $M > 0$. In this regime, the split wave-packets should self-interfere, giving rise to magnetic revivals (see [38, 23]). We hope to return to this question in the future.

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