Complex Hessian equations with prescribed singularity on compact Kähler manifolds

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Abstract. Let (X, ω) be a compact Kähler manifold of dimension *n* and fix $1 \le m \le n$. We prove that the total mass of the complex Hessian measure of ω -*m*-subharmonic functions is non-decreasing with respect to the singularity type. We then solve complex Hessian equations with prescribed singularity, and prove a Hodge index type inequality for positive currents.

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