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## Abstract

We prove by induction on dimension the Hodge conjecture for smooth complex projective varieties. Let  $X$  be a smooth complex projective variety. Then  $X$  is birational to a possibly singular projective hypersurface, hence to a smooth projective variety  $E_0$  which is a component of a normal crossing divisor  $E = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset Y$  which is the singular fiber of a pencil  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  of smooth projective hypersurfaces. Using the smooth hypersurface case ([5] theorem 1), the nearby cycle functor on mixed Hodge module with rational de Rham factor and the induction hypothesis, we prove that a Hodge class of  $E_0$  is absolute Hodge, more precisely the locus of Hodge classes inside the algebraic vector bundle given the De Rham cohomology of the rational deformation of  $E_0$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . By [4] theorem 4, we get the Hodge conjecture for  $E_0$ . By the induction hypothesis we also have the Hodge conjecture for  $X$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The main result of this article is an inductive proof of the Hodge conjecture using the results of [4] and [5]. More precisely, assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth complex projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d-1$ , the property of satisfying the Hodge conjecture for connected smooth complex projective varieties of dimension  $d$  is a birational invariant (proposition 1). Let  $X$  be a connected smooth complex projective variety of dimension  $d$ . then  $X$  is birational to a possibly singular hypersurface  $Y_{0_X} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1}$  of degree  $l_X := \deg(\mathbb{C}(X)/\mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_d))$ . Consider

$$f : \mathcal{Y}'_{\mathbb{C}} = V(\tilde{f}) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1} \times \mathbb{P}(l_X) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(l_X)$$

the universal family of projective hypersurfaces of degree  $l_X$ , and  $0_X \in \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  the point corresponding to  $Y_{0_X}$ . Denote  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  the discriminant locus parametrizing the hypersurfaces which are singular. Let  $\bar{S} := 0_X^{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Zariski closure of  $0_X$  inside  $\mathbb{P}(l_X)$ . If  $Y_{0_X}$  is smooth, then  $X$  satisfy the hodge conjecture since  $Y_{0_X}$  satisfy the Hodge conjecture by [5] and  $X$  is birational to  $Y_{0_X}$ , using the induction

hypothesis. Hence, we may assume that  $Y_{0_X}$  is singular, that is  $0_X \in \Delta$ . Then,  $\bar{S} \subset \Delta$  since  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\bar{T} \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  be an irreducible closed subvariety of dimension  $\dim(\bar{S}) + 1$  defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  such that

$$\bar{S} \subset \bar{T} \text{ and } T := \bar{T} \cap (\mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta) \neq \emptyset.$$

We take for  $\bar{T} = V(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  an irreducible complete intersection defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  which intersect  $\Delta$  properly and such that

- $V(f_1) \supset \text{sing}(\Delta) \cup \bar{S}$
- for each  $r \in [1, \dots, s]$ ,  $V(f_1, \dots, f_r) \supset \text{sing}(V(f_1, \dots, f_{r-1}) \cap \Delta) \cup \bar{S}$  contain inductively the singular locus of the intersection with  $\Delta$  and  $\bar{S}$ .

Then by the weak Lefschetz hyperplane theorem for homotopy groups,  $T \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta$  is not contained in a weakly special subvariety since

$$i_{T*} : \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta), \quad (\Delta = \Delta_{\mathbb{C}})$$

is an isomorphism if  $\dim \bar{T} \geq 2$  (i.e.  $\dim \bar{S} \geq 1$ ) and surjective if  $\dim \bar{T} = 1$  (i.e.  $\dim \bar{S} = 0$ ). We have then  $\bar{T} \cap \Delta = \bar{S} \cup \bar{S}'$ , where  $\bar{S}' \subset \bar{T}$  is a divisor. We then consider the family of algebraic varieties defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$

$$\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}^o} \xrightarrow{f \times_{\mathbb{P}(l_X)} \bar{T}^o} \bar{T}^o$$

where

- $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}} \xrightarrow{f \times_{\mathbb{P}(l_X)} \bar{T}} \bar{T}$  with  $\epsilon : (\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{E}') \rightarrow (\mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}}, \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}} \cup \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}'})$  is a desingularization over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , in particular  $\mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{E}''$  with  $\mathcal{E} = \cup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{E}_i := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\bar{S}) \subset \mathcal{Y}$  which is a normal crossing divisor, in particular  $\mathcal{Y}_T = \mathcal{Y}'_T$ ,
- $S \subset \bar{S}$  is the open subset such that  $S$  is smooth and  $\tilde{f}_X \times_{\bar{T}} S : \mathcal{E}_I := \cap_{i \in I} \mathcal{E}_i \rightarrow S$  is smooth projective for each  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$ ,  $\bar{T}^o \subset \bar{T}$  is an open subset such that  $\bar{T}^o \cap \Delta = S$  and  $T^o := \bar{T}^o \cap T$  is smooth, for simplicity we denote again  $\mathcal{E}$  for the open subset  $\mathcal{E}_S := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(S) \subset \mathcal{E}$ ,
- $t \in S(\mathbb{C})$  is the point such that  $\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathbb{C}, t} = Y_{0_X}$  and  $\epsilon_t : E_0 := \mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}, t} \rightarrow Y_{0_X}$  is surjective (there is at least one component of  $E$  dominant over  $Y_{0_X}$  since  $E$  is dominant over  $Y_{0_X}$  as  $\mathcal{E}$  is dominant over  $\mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}}$ ), in particular  $E_0$  is birational to  $Y_{0_X}$ , hence  $E_0$  is birational to  $X$ . We denote  $E_i := \mathcal{E}_{i, \mathbb{C}, t}$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq r$  and  $E := \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}, t} = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i$ .

Using [4] and [5], assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d - 1$ , we then prove the Hodge conjecture for the  $E_i$ , more specifically for  $E_0$  as follows : Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the hard Lefschetz theorem on  $H^*(E_0)$ , we may assume that  $2p \leq d$ . We then consider (see section 2.4) the morphism of mixed Hodge module over  $S$  (in fact of geometric variation of mixed Hodge structures over  $S$ ) given by the specialization map

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow H^{2p} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) = \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o),$$

whose de Rham part are morphism of filtered vector bundle over  $S$  with Gauss-Manin connexion defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Moreover, we have, see lemma 1, an isomorphism of variation of mixed Hodge structures over  $S$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\mathcal{E}} &:= H^{2p-1}(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* c(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}}^{Hdg}) \circ c_V : E_{Hdg, \mathcal{E}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o}/\bar{T}^o) \xrightarrow{\sim} \\ \phi_S E_{Hdg, \mathcal{E}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \ker(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o)). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the exact sequence of variation of mixed Hodge structure over  $S$

$$0 \rightarrow W_{2p-1} E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{(i_i^*)_{0 \leq i \leq r} := q} \oplus_{i=0}^r E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_i/S) \rightarrow 0.$$

It induces the exact sequence of presheaves on  $S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$ ,

$$J(W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) := \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_S^{Hdg}, W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) \xrightarrow{e} \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_S^{Hdg}, E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

where  $HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$ ,  $HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  are the locus of Hodge classes. Since the monodromy of  $R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}}^{an}$  is irreducible as  $i_{T^o*} : \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}^o) \rightarrow \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{P}(l_X)\setminus\Delta)$  is surjective, we have

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\ker q) := Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(W_{2p-1}E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S)) = 0, \quad (1)$$

using the fact that there exists a neighborhood  $V_{\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}}\cup\bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}} \subset \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}$  in  $\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  for the usual complex topology such that the inclusion  $i_{\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}}\cup\bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}} : \bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow V_{\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}}\cup\bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}}$  admits a retraction  $r : V_{\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}}\cup\bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}} \rightarrow \bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}$  which is an homotopy equivalence. On the other hand, since  $\tilde{f}_X \circ i_0 : \mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow S$  is a smooth projective morphism,  $E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S)$  is a variation of pure Hodge structure over  $S$  polarized by Poincare duality  $\langle -, - \rangle$ . In particular, by the proof of Deligne semi-simplicity theorem using Shimdt results, we have a splitting of variation of pure Hodge structure over  $S$

$$E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S) = q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}) \oplus q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X})^{\perp, \langle -, - \rangle}, \quad \pi_K : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S) \rightarrow q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}) \quad (2)$$

Let  $\lambda \in F^p H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ , where we recall  $E_0 = \mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C},t}$  and  $E = \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t} = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i$ . Consider then  $\tilde{\lambda} \in H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ , such that  $q(\tilde{\lambda}) = \lambda$ , and

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \in Sp_{E/f_X}(H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})) \subset i_t^* \psi_S R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}}^{an}.$$

By (1) and (2), if  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \neq 0$ , the locus of Hodge classes passing through  $\lambda$

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) := \mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \cap F^p E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}),$$

inside the De Rham vector bundle of  $\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{E_0} : \mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow S$  satisfy

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = q(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}))) \cap \pi_K^{-1}(0), \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \quad (3)$$

where

- $\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$ ,  $\mathbb{V}_S(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$ , are the flat leaves, e.g.  $\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$  where  $\pi_S : H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{C}) \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow E_{DR}^{2p,an}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the morphism induced by the universal covering  $\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$ ,
- $q := q \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the quotient map.
- $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} := Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow i_S^{*mod} E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$ .

Now,

- If  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) = 0$ , we have by lemma 1 applied to  $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o} \rightarrow \bar{T}^o$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda} = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\tilde{\lambda})$  with  $\tilde{\lambda} \in F^p H_E^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{C},\mathbb{C}}^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ , where  $\bar{C} \subset \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o$  is a smooth transversal slice of  $S_{\mathbb{C}}$  at  $t$  in particular  $\dim(\bar{C}) = 1$ ,  $\bar{C} \cap S_{\mathbb{C}} = \{t\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{C}}$  is smooth, and

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda}) = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda})), \quad \mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda}) \subset E_{DR,\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o,\mathbb{C}}/\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o),$$

with

$$c_{\mathcal{E}} : (E_{DR,\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o,\mathbb{C}}/\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o), F, W) \rightarrow (E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}), F, W).$$

We have for each  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ , the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \bigoplus_{\text{card} I=2} F^p H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{IC,t'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) &= F^p \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H^{2p-2}((\mathcal{Y}_{C,C'}^- \setminus \mathcal{E}_{t'})^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) \\ &\xrightarrow{c(\mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{Y}_{C,C'} \setminus \mathcal{E}_{t'}))} F^p \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H_E^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{C,C'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C' \subset \bar{T}_C^o$  is a smooth transversal slice of  $S$  at  $t'$  (hence  $\mathcal{Y}_{C'}$  is smooth) and  $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}_{C'}$  is a smooth compactification of  $\mathcal{Y}_{C'}$ . Hence, assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d-1$ ,

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset \text{Gr}_{2p}^W E_{DR, \mathcal{E}_C}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o, C}/\bar{T}_C^o), \quad \mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda)) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0C}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset \text{Gr}_{2p}^W E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_C/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

are defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes, since  $\dim(\mathcal{E}_{IC,t'}) = d-1$  for  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$  such that  $\text{card} I = 2$  and  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ .

- Consider now the case where  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \neq 0$ . By [5] theorem 1, the Hodge conjecture holds for projective hypersurfaces, hence

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) = \overline{\mathbb{V}_{T^o}^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}))} \cap p^{-1}(S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, C}/T_C^o),$$

where  $p := p \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR, V_0}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, C}/T_C^o) \rightarrow \bar{T}_C^o$  is the projection, is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes, where the equality follows from [6] lemma 2.11. Hence, using (3),

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = q(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})))) \cap \pi_K^{-1}(0) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0C}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes, where the second equality follows from the fact that  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\bar{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \neq 0$  and (3).

The fact that  $\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0C}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes gives, by [4] theorem 4,

$$\lambda = [Z] \in H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q}), \quad Z \in \mathcal{Z}^p(E_0).$$

We recall the key point is that since  $\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0C}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugate are also components of the locus of Hodge classes, we have for each  $\theta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}/\bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ ,

$$\theta(\lambda) \in \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\bar{\mathbb{Q}})(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda)_{\theta}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0C, \theta}/S_{\mathbb{C}, \theta}),$$

which implies that  $\theta(\lambda) \in H^{2p}(E_{0, \theta}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) \subset H^{2p}(E_{0, \theta}^{an}, \mathbb{C})$ , that is  $\lambda \in H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$  is absolute Hodge and we apply [4] corollary 1. Since  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\lambda \in F^p H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$  are arbitrary, this proves the Hodge conjecture for  $E_0$ . Since  $X$  is birational to  $E_0$ , the Hodge conjecture for  $E_0$  and the induction hypothesis implies the Hodge conjecture for  $X$ .

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## 2 Preliminaries and notations

### 2.1 Notations

- Denote by Top the category of topological spaces and RTop the category of ringed spaces.
- Denote by Cat the category of small categories and RCat the category of ringed topos.
- For  $\mathcal{S} \in \text{Cat}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{S}$ , we denote  $\mathcal{S}/X \in \text{Cat}$  the category whose objects are  $Y/X := (Y, f)$  with  $Y \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{S}$ , and whose morphisms  $\text{Hom}((Y', f'), (Y, f))$  consists of  $g : Y' \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $f \circ g = f'$ .

- Let  $(\mathcal{S}, O_{\mathcal{S}}) \in \text{RCat}$  a ringed topos with topology  $\tau$ . For  $F \in C_{O_{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{S})$ , we denote by  $k : F \rightarrow E_{\tau}(F)$  the canonical flasque resolution in  $C_{O_{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{S})$  (see [3]). In particular for  $X \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $H^*(X, E_{\tau}(F)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{H}_{\tau}^*(X, F)$ .
- For  $f : \mathcal{S}' \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  a morphism with  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}' \in \text{RCat}$ , endowed with topology  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  respectively, we denote for  $F \in C_{O_{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{S})$  and each  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,
  - $f^* := H^j \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, k \circ \text{ad}(f^*, f_*)(F)) : \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}, F) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}', f^*F)$ ,
  - $f^* := H^j \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, k \circ \text{ad}(f^{*mod}, f_*)(F)) : \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}, F) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}', f^{*mod}F)$ ,

the canonical maps.

- For  $m : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A, B \in C(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  an additive category, we denote  $c(A) : \text{Cone}(m : A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A[1]$  and  $c(B) : B \rightarrow \text{Cone}(m : A \rightarrow B)$  the canonical maps.
- Denote by  $\text{Sch} \subset \text{RTop}$  the subcategory of schemes (the morphisms are the morphisms of locally ringed spaces). We denote by  $\text{PSch} \subset \text{Sch}$  the full subcategory of proper schemes. For a field  $k$ , we consider  $\text{Sch}/k := \text{Sch}/\text{Spec } k$  the category of schemes over  $\text{Spec } k$ . The objects are  $X := (X, a_X)$  with  $X \in \text{Sch}$  and  $a_X : X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$  a morphism and the morphisms are the morphisms of schemes  $f : X' \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ a_{X'} = a_X$ . We then denote by
  - $\text{Var}(k) = \text{Sch}^{ft}/k \subset \text{Sch}/k$  the full subcategory consisting of algebraic varieties over  $k$ , i.e. schemes of finite type over  $k$ ,
  - $\text{PVar}(k) \subset \text{QPVar}(k) \subset \text{Var}(k)$  the full subcategories consisting of quasi-projective varieties and projective varieties respectively,
  - $\text{PSmVar}(k) \subset \text{SmVar}(k) \subset \text{Var}(k)$ ,  $\text{PSmVar}(k) := \text{PVar}(k) \cap \text{SmVar}(k)$ , the full subcategories consisting of smooth varieties and smooth projective varieties respectively.
- Denote by  $\text{AnSp}(\mathbb{C}) \subset \text{RTop}$  the subcategory of analytic spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and by  $\text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C}) \subset \text{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$  the full subcategory of smooth analytic spaces (i.e. complex analytic manifold).
- For  $X \in \text{Var}(k)$  and  $X = \cup_{i \in I} X_i$  with  $i_i : X_i \hookrightarrow X$  closed embeddings, we denote  $X_{\bullet} \in \text{Fun}(\Delta, \text{Var}(k))$  the associated simplicial space, with for  $J \subset I$ ,  $i_{IJ} : X_I := \cap_{i \in I} X_i \hookrightarrow X_J := \cap_{i \in J} X_i$  the closed embedding.
- Let  $(X, O_X) \in \text{RTop}$ . We consider its De Rham complex  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := DR(X)(O_X)$ .
  - Let  $X \in \text{Sch}$ . Considering its De Rham complex  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := DR(X)(O_X)$ , we have for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  its De Rham cohomology  $H_{DR}^j(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$ .
  - Let  $X \in \text{Var}(k)$ . Considering its De Rham complex  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := \Omega_{X/k}^{\bullet} := DR(X/k)(O_X)$ , we have for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  its De Rham cohomology  $H_{DR}^j(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$ . The differentials of  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := \Omega_{X/k}^{\bullet}$  are by definition  $k$ -linear, thus  $H_{DR}^j(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$  has a structure of a  $k$  vector space.
  - Let  $X \in \text{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$ . Considering its De Rham complex  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := DR(X)(O_X)$ , we have for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  its De Rham cohomology  $H_{DR}^j(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$ .
- For  $Y \in \text{Var}(\mathbb{Q})$  and  $X = V(I) = V(f_1, \dots, f_r) \subset Y_{\mathbb{C}}$ , we consider  $\mathcal{X} = V(\tilde{I}) = V(\tilde{f}_1, \dots, \tilde{f}_r) \subset Y \times \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^s$  the canonical rational deformation, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{if } f &= \sum_{I \subset [1, \dots, d]^n} a_I x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_n^{n_n} \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n], \\
 \tilde{f} &= \sum_{I \subset [1, \dots, d]^n} a_I x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_n^{n_n} \in \mathbb{Q}[(a_I)_{I \subset [1, \dots, d]^n}, x_1, \dots, x_n].
 \end{aligned}$$

- For  $X \in \text{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$ , we denote  $\alpha(X) : \mathbb{C}_X \hookrightarrow \Omega_X^\bullet$  the embedding in  $C(X)$ . For  $X \in \text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\alpha(X) : \mathbb{C}_X \hookrightarrow \Omega_X^\bullet$  is an equivalence usu local by Poincare lemma.
- We denote  $\mathbb{I}^n := [0, 1]^n \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{R})$  (with boundary). For  $X \in \text{Top}$  and  $R$  a ring, we consider its singular cochain complex

$$C_{\text{sing}}^*(X, R) := (\mathbb{Z} \text{Hom}_{\text{Top}}(\mathbb{I}^*, X)^\vee) \otimes R$$

and for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  its singular cohomology  $H_{\text{sing}}^l(X, R) := H^n C_{\text{sing}}^*(X, R)$ . For  $f : X' \rightarrow X$  a continuous map with  $X, X' \in \text{Top}$ , we have the canonical map of complexes

$$f^* : C_{\text{sing}}^*(X, R) \rightarrow C_{\text{sing}}^*(X', R), \sigma \mapsto f^* \sigma := (\gamma \mapsto \sigma(f \circ \gamma)).$$

In particular, we get by functoriality the complex

$$C_{X, R \text{ sing}}^* \in C_R(X), (U \subset X) \mapsto C_{\text{sing}}^*(U, R)$$

We recall that

- For  $X \in \text{Top}$  locally contractible, e.g.  $X \in \text{CW}$ , and  $R$  a ring, the inclusion in  $C_R(X)$   $c_X : R_X \rightarrow C_{X, R \text{ sing}}^*$  is by definition an equivalence top local and that we get by the small chain theorem, for all  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , an isomorphism  $H^l c_X : H^l(X, R_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{sing}}^l(X, R)$ .
- For  $X \in \text{Diff}(\mathbb{R})$ , the restriction map

$$r_X : \mathbb{Z} \text{Hom}_{\text{Diff}(\mathbb{R})}(\mathbb{I}^*, X)^\vee \rightarrow C_{\text{sing}}^*(X, R), w \mapsto w : (\phi \mapsto w(\phi))$$

is a quasi-isomorphism by Whitney approximation theorem.

- Let  $S \in \text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $L \in \text{Shv}(S)$  a local system. Consider  $E := L \otimes O_S \in \text{Vect}_{\mathcal{D}}(S)$  the corresponding holomorphic vector bundle with integrable connection  $\nabla$ . Let  $\pi_S : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$  be the universal covering. Consider the canonical fiber

$$L_0 := \Gamma(\tilde{S}, \pi_S^* L) = \Gamma(\tilde{S}, \pi_S^{* \text{mod}} E)^\nabla.$$

For  $\lambda \in L_0$ , we will consider the flat leaf

$$\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}) \subset E, \pi_S : L_0 \times \tilde{S} \rightarrow E, \pi_S(\nu, z) := (\nu(z), \pi_S(z)).$$

Note that for  $t \in S$ ,  $\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \cap p_S^{-1}(t) = \pi_1(S, t)(\lambda)$  is the orbit of  $\lambda$  under the monodromy action, where  $p_S : E \rightarrow S$  is the projection.

## 2.2 Birational projective varieties and Hodge conjecture

In this subsection, we recall that assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d - 1$ , the property of satisfying the Hodge conjecture for connected smooth projective varieties of dimension  $d$  is a birational invariant :

**Proposition 1.** (i) *Let  $X \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  connected of dimension  $d$ . Let  $\epsilon : \tilde{X}_Z \rightarrow X$  be the blow up of  $X$  along a smooth closed subvariety  $Z \subset X$ . Assume the Hodge conjecture hold for smooth complex projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d - 1$ . Then the Hodge conjecture hold for  $X$  if and only if it hold for  $\tilde{X}_Z$ .*

(ii) *Let  $X, X' \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  connected of dimension  $d$ . Assume the Hodge conjecture hold for smooth complex projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d - 1$ . If  $X$  is birational to  $X'$ , then the Hodge conjecture hold for  $X$  if and only if it hold for  $X'$*

*Proof.* (i): Follows from the fact that

$$(\epsilon^*, \oplus_{l=1}^c i_{E*}((-).h^{l-1})) : H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \oplus \oplus_{l=1}^c H^{k-2l}(E, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^k(\tilde{X}_Z, \mathbb{Q})$$

is an isomorphism of Hodge structures for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $c = \text{codim}(Z, X)$ ,  $i_E : E \hookrightarrow \tilde{X}_Z$  is the closed embedding,  $\epsilon|_E : E \rightarrow Z$  being a projective vector bundle.

(ii): Follows from (i) since if  $\pi : X^\circ \rightarrow X'$  is a birational map,  $X^\circ \subset X$  being an open subset, then  $X$  is connected to  $X'$  by a sequence of blow up of smooth projective varieties with smooth center by [1].  $\square$

### 2.3 A family of smooth projective hypersurfaces associated to a smooth projective variety

In this subsection, we recall that given a smooth complex projective variety  $X$ , there exists a family of smooth complex projective hypersurfaces which degenerates into a normal crossing divisor with one irreducible component birational to  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $X \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  connected of dimension  $d$ . Then there exists a family of smooth projective hypersurfaces  $f_X : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$  with*

- $Y \in \text{SmVar}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $f_X$  flat projective,
- $Y_s := f_X^{-1}(s) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1}$  for  $s \in \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \setminus 0$  are smooth projective hypersurfaces,
- $E := f_X^{-1}(0) = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i = \epsilon^{-1}(Y_0) \subset Y$  is a normal crossing divisor, where  $Y_0 \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1}$  is a possibly singular hypersurface birational to  $X$ ,  $\epsilon : (Y, E) \rightarrow (Y', Y_0)$  a desingularization, and  $E_0$  is birational to  $X$ ,

*Proof.* See [2] lemma 1.5.8 . It use the fact that  $X$  is birational to a possibly singular projective hypersurface  $Y_0$  and consider the desingularization of a generic pencil  $f'_X : Y' = V(f) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1} \times \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$  passing through  $Y_0$  and  $f_X = f'_X \circ \epsilon$ .  $\square$

### 2.4 The nearby cycle functor and the specialization map

Recall from [3] that for  $k \subset \mathbb{C}$  a subfield and  $S \in \text{Var}(k)$  quasi-projective, and  $l : S \hookrightarrow \tilde{S}$  a closed embedding with  $\tilde{S} \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ , we have the full subcategory

$$\iota : \text{MHM}_{k, gm}(S) \hookrightarrow \text{PSh}_{\mathcal{D}fil, S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I P(S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$$

consisting of geometric mixed Hodge module whose De Rham part is defined over  $k$ , where, using the fact that the  $V$ -filtration is defined over  $k$ ,  $\text{PSh}_{\mathcal{D}(1,0)fil, S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I P_{fil}(S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$  is the category

- whose objects are  $((M, F, W), (K, W), \alpha)$  where  $(M, F, W)$  is a filtered  $D_{\tilde{S}}$  module supported on  $S$ , where  $l : S \hookrightarrow \tilde{S}$  is a closed embedding and  $\tilde{S} \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ ,  $(K, W)$  is a filtered Perverse sheaf on  $S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$ , and  $\alpha : l_*(K, W) \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow DR(\tilde{S})((M, W)^{an})$  is an isomorphism in  $D_{fil}(\tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$ .
- whose morphism between  $((M, F, W), (K, W), \alpha)$  and  $((M', F, W), (K', W), \alpha')$ , are couples of morphisms  $(\phi : (M, F, W) \rightarrow (M', F, W), \psi : (K, W) \rightarrow (K', W))$  such that  $\phi \circ \alpha = \alpha' \circ \psi$ .

Then, by [3], we get for  $S \in \text{Var}(k)$  quasi-projective and  $l : S \hookrightarrow \tilde{S}$  is a closed embedding with  $\tilde{S} \in \text{SmVar}(k)$  an embedding

$$\iota : D(\text{MHM}_{k, gm}(S)) \hookrightarrow D_{\mathcal{D}fil, S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I D(S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$$

consisting of mixed Hodge module whose De Rham part is defined over  $k$ , where  $D_{\mathcal{D}(1,0)fil, S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I D_{fil, c}(S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$  is the category



- whose objects are  $((M, F, W), (K, W), \alpha)$  where  $(M, F, W)$  is a complex of filtered  $D_{\tilde{S}}$  module supported on  $S$ ,  $(K, W)$  is a filtered complex of presheaves on  $S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$  whose cohomology are constructible sheaves, and  $\alpha : l_*(K, W) \otimes \mathbb{C} \rightarrow DR(\tilde{S})((M, W)^{an})$  is an isomorphism in  $D_{fil}(\tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$ .
- whose morphism are given in [3],

We have then the six functors formalism :

$$D(MHM_{k, gm}(-)) : \text{Var}(k) \mapsto \text{TriCat}, \quad S \mapsto D(MHM_{k, gm}(S)), \quad (f : T \rightarrow S) \mapsto (f^*, f_*) : D(MHM_{k, gm}(S)) \rightarrow D(MHM_{k, gm}(T)), \quad (f!, f^!) : D(MHM_{k, gm}(T)) \rightarrow D(MHM_{k, gm}(S))$$

and for  $D \subset S$  a (Cartier) divisor the nearby cycle functor

$$\psi_D : D(MHM_{k, gm}(S)) \rightarrow D(MHM_{k, gm}(D)), \\ \psi_D((M, F, W), (K, W), \alpha) := (\psi_D(M, F, W), \psi_D(K, W), \psi_D(\alpha)).$$

For  $T \in \text{Var}(k)$  and  $\epsilon_{\bullet} : T_{\bullet} \rightarrow T$  a desingularization with  $T_{\bullet} \in \text{Fun}(\Delta, \text{SmVar}(k))$ , we have

$$\mathbb{Z}_T^{Hdg} := a_T^{*Hdg} \mathbb{Z}^{Hdg} = (\epsilon_{\bullet*} E_{zar}(O_{T_{\bullet}}, F, W), \epsilon_{\bullet*} E_{usu}(\mathbb{Z}_{T_{\bullet}^{an}}, W), \alpha(T_{\bullet}))$$

For  $f : X \rightarrow S$  a projective morphism with  $X, S \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ , we denote

$$E_{Hdg}(X/S) := f_* \mathbb{Z}_X^{Hdg} := \left( \int_f (O_X, F_b), Rf_* \mathbb{Z}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}, f_* \alpha(X) \right) \in D(MHM_{k, gm}(S))$$

and  $E_{Hdg}^j(X/S) := H^j E_{Hdg}(X/S)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If moreover  $Z \subset X$  is a closed subset, we denote

$$E_{Hdg, Z}(X/S) := f_* \Gamma_Z^{Hdg} \mathbb{Z}_X^{Hdg} := \left( \int_f \Gamma_Z^{Hdg}(O_X, F_b), Rf_* R\Gamma_Z \mathbb{Z}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}, f_* \Gamma_Z \alpha(X) \right) \in D(MHM_{k, gm}(S))$$

and  $E_{Hdg, Z}^j(X/S) := H^j E_{Hdg, Z}(X/S)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $f : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N \times S \xrightarrow{P} S$  a projective morphism with  $X, S \in \text{Var}(k)$ ,  $S$  smooth, we denote

$$E_{Hdg}(X/S) := f_* \mathbb{Z}_X^{Hdg} := \left( \int_p \Gamma_X^{\vee, Hdg}(O_{\mathbb{P}^N \times S}, F), Rf_* \mathbb{Z}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}, f_* \alpha(X) \right) \in D(MHM_{k, gm}(S))$$

and  $E_{Hdg}^j(X/S) := H^j E_{Hdg}(X/S)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In the particular case where  $E_{Hdg}^j(X/S)$  is a variation of mixed Hodge structure, the first factor of

$$E_{Hdg}^j(X/S) := (E_{DR}^j(X/S), R^j f_* \mathbb{Z}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}, H^j f_* \alpha(X)) \in MHM_{k, gm}(S)$$

is a vector bundle.

We then have the specialization map :

**Definition-Proposition 1.** *Let  $k \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a subfield.*

(i) *Let  $f' : X' \rightarrow T$  be a projective morphism with  $X', T \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ . Assume that*

- $f^o := f \otimes_T T : X^o \rightarrow T^o$  is smooth,  $T^o \subset T$  is an open subset,
- $X'_S := f'^{-1}(S) \subset X'$ ,  $S := T \setminus T^o$ . We have by definition  $X^o = X' \setminus X'_S$ .

We have then, see [3], the distinguished triangles in  $D(MHM_{k, gm}(X_S))$ ,

$$\mathbb{Z}_{X'_S}^{Hdg} := i_{X'_S}^* \mathbb{Z}_{X'}^{Hdg} \xrightarrow{Sp_{X'_S/X'}} \psi_{X'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg} := (\psi_{X'_S}(O_{X'}, F), \psi_{X'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}, \psi_{X'_S} \alpha(X')) \\ \xrightarrow{c(\psi_{X'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg})} \phi_{X'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg} := \text{Cone}(Sp_{X'/X_S}) \xrightarrow{c(\mathbb{Z}_{X'_S}^{Hdg})} \mathbb{Z}_{X'_S}^{Hdg} [1].$$

Applying the functor  $(f' \circ i_{X'_S})_*$ , we obtain the generalized distinguished triangle in  $D(\text{MHM}_{k, \text{gm}}(S))$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{Hdg}}(X'_S/S) &\xrightarrow{\text{Sp}_{X'_S/f} := (f' \circ i_{X'_S})_* \text{Sp}_{X'_S/X'}} \\ (f' \circ i_{X'_S})_*(\psi_{X'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X'^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}}) &= \psi_0 E_{\text{Hdg}}(X^{\circ}/T^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{(f' \circ i_{X'_S})_* c(\Phi_{X_0} \mathbb{Z}_{X'^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}})} \\ (f' \circ i_{X'_S})_*(\phi_{X_S} \mathbb{Z}_{X'^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}}) &= \phi_S E_{\text{Hdg}}(X^{\circ}/T^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{(f' \circ i_{X'_S})_* c(\mathbb{Z}_{X'_S}^{\text{Hdg}})} E_{\text{Hdg}}(X'_S/S)[1] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $f : X \rightarrow T$  be a projective morphism with  $X, T \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ . Assume that

- $f^{\circ} := f \otimes_T T^{\circ} : X^{\circ} \rightarrow T^{\circ}$  is smooth,  $T^{\circ} \subset T$  an open subset
- $S := T \setminus T^{\circ}$ ,  $E := f^{-1}(S) = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset X$  is a normal crossing divisor and that for  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$ ,  $f_{0,I} := f|_{E_I} : E_I := \cap_{i \in I} E_i \rightarrow S$  are smooth. We have by definition  $X^{\circ} = X \setminus E$ .

Denote for  $I \subset J \subset [0, \dots, r]$ ,  $i_{JI} : E_J \hookrightarrow E_I$  and  $i_I : E_I \hookrightarrow E$ ,  $i_E : E \hookrightarrow X$  the closed embeddings. In this particular case, c.f. [8], the distinguished triangle in  $D(\text{MHM}_{k, \text{gm}}(E))$  given in (i) become

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_E^{\text{Hdg}} &:= i_E^* \mathbb{Z}_X^{\text{Hdg}} = ((i_{\bullet\bullet} \Omega_{E^{\bullet}}, F, W), (\mathbb{Z}_{E^{\bullet}}, W), \alpha(E_{\bullet})) \xrightarrow{\text{Sp}_{E/X}} \\ \psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}} &= ((i_E^{*\text{mod}} \Omega_{X/T}^{\bullet}(\log E), F, W), \psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}, \psi_E \alpha(X)) \xrightarrow{c(\psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}})} \\ \phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}} &:= \text{Cone}(\text{Sp}_{E/X}) \xrightarrow{c(\mathbb{Z}_E^{\text{Hdg}})} \mathbb{Z}_E^{\text{Hdg}}[1]. \end{aligned}$$

Recall the map  $\text{Sp}_{E/X}$  is the defined as the factorization

$$\mathbb{Z}_X^{\text{Hdg}} \xrightarrow{\text{ad}(i_E^*, i_{E^*})(\mathbb{Z}_X^{\text{Hdg}})} \mathbb{Z}_E^{\text{Hdg}} \xrightarrow{\text{Sp}_{E/X}} \psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}}.$$

Applying the functor  $(f \circ i_E)_*$ , we obtain the generalized distinguished triangle in  $D(\text{MHM}_{k, \text{gm}}(S))$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{Hdg}}(E/S) &\xrightarrow{\text{Sp}_{E/f} := (f \circ i_E)_* \text{Sp}_{E/X}} (f \circ i_E)_*(\psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}}) = \psi_S E_{\text{Hdg}}(X^{\circ}/T^{\circ}) \\ \xrightarrow{(f \circ i_E)_* c(\psi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}})} &(f \circ i_E)_*(\phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^{\circ}}^{\text{Hdg}}) = \phi_S E_{\text{Hdg}}(X^{\circ}/T^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Z}_E^{\text{Hdg}})} E_{\text{Hdg}}(E/S)[1]. \end{aligned}$$

If  $f = f' \circ \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon : (X, E) \rightarrow (X, X_S)$  is a desingularization, we have  $\text{Sp}_{X_S/f'} = \text{Sp}_{E/f} \circ \epsilon^*$ .

*Proof.* See [8]. □

**Lemma 1.** Let  $k \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a subfield. Let  $f : X \rightarrow T$  be a projective morphism with  $X, T \in \text{SmVar}(k)$ . Assume that

- $f^{\circ} := f \otimes_T T^{\circ} : X^{\circ} \rightarrow T^{\circ}$  is smooth of relative dimension  $n$ ,  $T^{\circ} \subset T$  an open subset
- $S := T \setminus T^{\circ} = V(s) \subset T$  is a divisor,  $E := f^{-1}(S) = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset X$  is a normal crossing divisor and that for  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$ ,  $f_{0,I} := f|_{E_I} : E_I := \cap_{i \in I} E_i \rightarrow S$  are smooth. We have by definition  $X^{\circ} = X \setminus E$ .

Denote  $j_0 : E_0^{\circ} := E_0 \setminus \cup_{i=1}^r E_i \xrightarrow{j'_0} E_0 \xrightarrow{i_0} E$  the embedding.

(i) We have, for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a canonical map in  $\text{MHM}_{k, \text{gm}}(S)$

$$c_E : E_{\text{Hdg}, E}^{k-1}(X/T) \xrightarrow{c_V} \phi_S E_{\text{Hdg}}^{k-1}(X^{\circ}/T^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{H^{k-1}(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Q}_E^{\text{Hdg}})} E_{\text{Hdg}}^k(E/S).$$

(ii) If  $H^{2p-1}(X_t, \mathbb{Q}) = H^{2p-2}(X_t, \mathbb{Q}) = 0$  for  $t \in T \setminus S$ , then

$$c_E : E_{Hdg, E}^{k-1}(X/T) \xrightarrow{c_V} \phi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-1}(X^o/T^o) \\ \xrightarrow{H^{k-1}(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Q}_E^{Hdg})} \ker(sp_{E/f} : E_{Hdg}^k(E/S) \rightarrow \psi_S E_{Hdg}^k(X^o/T^o)).$$

is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* (i): See [8] for the definition of the map  $c_V$ . Recall that  $Var = DR(S)(s)$ .

(ii): Follows from the exact sequences in  $MHM_{k, gm}(S)$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-2}(X^o/T^o) \rightarrow E_{Hdg, E}^{k-1}(X/T) \xrightarrow{c_V} \phi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-1}(X^o/T^o) \xrightarrow{V} \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-1}(X^o/T^o) \rightarrow \cdots, \\ \cdots \rightarrow \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-1}(X^o/T^o) \xrightarrow{H^{k-1}(f \circ i_E)_* c(\psi_E \mathbb{Q}_{X^o}^{Hdg})} \\ \phi_S E_{Hdg}^{k-1}(X^o/T^o) \xrightarrow{H^{k-1}(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Q}_E^{Hdg})} E_{Hdg}^k(E/S) \xrightarrow{Sp_{E/f}} \psi_S E_{Hdg}^k(X^o/T^o) \rightarrow \cdots, \end{aligned}$$

given in [8] for the first one.  $\square$

### 3 Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $X \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$ . Then Hodge conjecture hold for  $X$ . That is, if  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\lambda \in F^p H^{2p}(X^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\lambda = [Z]$  with  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}^p(X)$ .*

*Proof.* The Hodge conjecture is true for curves and surfaces. Assume that the Hodge conjecture is true for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d-1$ . Let  $X \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  of dimension  $d$ . Up to split  $X$  into its connected components, we may assume that  $X$  is connected of dimension  $d$ . Then  $X$  is birational to a possibly singular hypersurface  $Y_{0_X} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1}$  of degree  $l_X := \deg(\mathbb{C}(X)/\mathbb{C}(x_1, \dots, x_d))$ . Consider

$$f : \mathcal{Y}'_{\mathbb{C}} = V(\tilde{f}) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{d+1} \times \mathbb{P}(l_X) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(l_X)$$

the universal family of projective hypersurfaces of degree  $l_X$ , and  $0_X \in \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  the point corresponding to  $Y_{0_X}$ . Denote  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  the discriminant locus parametrizing the hypersurfaces which are singular. Let  $\bar{S} := 0_X^{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}} \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  be the  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ -Zariski closure of  $0_X$  inside  $\mathbb{P}(l_X)$ . If  $Y_{0_X}$  is smooth, then  $X$  satisfy the hodge conjecture since  $Y_{0_X}$  satisfy the Hodge conjecture ([5]) and by proposition 1(ii) and the induction hypothesis since  $X$  is birational to  $Y_{0_X}$ . Hence, we may assume that  $Y_{0_X}$  is singular, that is  $0_X \in \Delta$ . Then,  $\bar{S} \subset \Delta$  since  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  is defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Let  $\bar{T} \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  be an irreducible closed subvariety of dimension  $\dim(\bar{S}) + 1$  defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  such that

$$\bar{S} \subset \bar{T} \text{ and } T := \bar{T} \cap (\mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta) \neq \emptyset.$$

We take for  $\bar{T} = V(f_1, \dots, f_s) \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X)$  an irreducible complete intersection defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  which intersect  $\Delta$  properly and such that

- $V(f_1) \supset \text{sing}(\Delta) \cup \bar{S}$
- for each  $r \in [1, \dots, s]$ ,  $V(f_1, \dots, f_r) \supset \text{sing}(V(f_1, \dots, f_{r-1}) \cap \Delta) \cup \bar{S}$  contain inductively the singular locus of the intersection with  $\Delta$  and  $\bar{S}$ .

Then by the weak Lefschetz hyperplane theorem for homotopy groups,  $T \subset \mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta$  is not contained in a weakly special subvariety since

$$i_{T*} : \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta)$$

is an isomorphism if  $\dim \bar{T} \geq 2$  and surjective if  $\dim \bar{T} = 1$ . We have then  $\bar{T} \cap \Delta = \bar{S} \cup \bar{S}'$ , where  $\bar{S}' \subset \bar{T}$  is a divisor. We then consider the family of algebraic varieties defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$

$$\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}^o} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_S} \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}^o} \xrightarrow{f \times_{\mathbb{P}(l_X)} \bar{T}^o} \bar{T}^o$$

where

- $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}} \xrightarrow{f \times_{\mathbb{P}(l_X)} \bar{T}} \bar{T}$  with  $\epsilon : (\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{E}') \rightarrow (\mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{T}}, \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}} \cup \mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}'})$  is a desingularization over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , in particular  $\mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{E}''$  with  $\mathcal{E} = \cup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{E}_i := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\bar{S}) \subset \mathcal{Y}$  which is a normal crossing divisor, in particular  $\mathcal{Y}_T = \mathcal{Y}'_T$ ,
- $S \subset \bar{S}$  is the open subset such that  $S$  is smooth and  $\tilde{f}_X \times_{\bar{T}} S : \mathcal{E}_I := \cap_{i \in I} \mathcal{E}_i \rightarrow S$  is smooth projective for each  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$ ,  $\bar{T}^o \subset \bar{T}$  is an open subset such that  $\bar{T}^o \cap \Delta = S$  and  $T^o := \bar{T}^o \cap T$  is smooth, for simplicity we denote again  $\mathcal{E}$  for the open subset  $\mathcal{E}_S := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(S) \subset \mathcal{E}$ ,
- $t \in S(\mathbb{C})$  is the point such that  $\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathbb{C}, t} = Y_{0_X}$  and  $\epsilon_t : E_0 := \mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}, t} \rightarrow Y_{0_X}$  is surjective (there is at least one component of  $E$  dominant over  $Y_{0_X}$  since  $E$  is dominant over  $Y_{0_X}$  as  $\mathcal{E}$  is dominant over  $\mathcal{Y}'_{\bar{S}}$ ), in particular  $E_0$  is birational to  $Y_{0_X}$ , hence  $E_0$  is birational to  $X$ . We denote  $E_i := \mathcal{E}_{i, \mathbb{C}, t}$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq r$  and  $E := \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}, t} = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i$ .

We then prove, assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d-1$ , the Hodge conjecture for the  $E_i$ , more specifically for  $E_0$ . Denote for  $I \subset [0, \dots, s]$ ,  $i_I : \mathcal{E}_I \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}$  and for  $I \subset J \subset [0, \dots, s]$ ,  $i_{JI} : \mathcal{E}_J \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_I$  the closed embeddings. Then,  $i_{\bullet} : \mathcal{E}_{\bullet} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  in  $\text{Fun}(\Delta, \text{Var}(\mathbb{Q}))$  is a simplicial resolution with  $\mathcal{E}_{\bullet} \in \text{Fun}(\Delta, \text{SmVar}(\mathbb{Q}))$ . We have then

$$E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) := (\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\bullet*} E_{zar}(\Omega_{\mathcal{E}_{\bullet}/S}^{\bullet}, F_b, W), (\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\bullet*} E_{usu}(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}_{\bullet}}^{an}, W)), \tilde{f} \circ i_{\bullet*} \alpha(\mathcal{E}_{\bullet})) \in D(MHM_{\mathbb{Q}, gm}(S))$$

Then, definition-proposition 1 applied to  $f_T = f \times_{\mathbb{P}(l_X)} \bar{T}^o : \mathcal{Y}'_{T^o} \rightarrow \bar{T}^o$  gives the distinguish in  $D(MHM_{\mathbb{Q}, gm}(S))$ ,

$$E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}'_S/S) \xrightarrow{Sp_{\mathcal{Y}'_S/f_T} := (f_T \circ i_{\mathcal{Y}'_S})_* Sp_{\mathcal{Y}_S/\mathcal{Y}'_{T^o}}} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}'_{T^o}/T^o) \\ \xrightarrow{(f_T \circ i_{\mathcal{Y}'_S})_* c(\psi_{\mathcal{Y}'_S} \mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}'_{T^o}}^{Hdg})} \phi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}'_{T^o}/T^o) \xrightarrow{(f_T \circ i_{\mathcal{Y}'_S})_* c(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}'_S}^{Hdg})} E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}'_S/S)[1]$$

and definition-proposition 1 applied to  $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o} \rightarrow \bar{T}^o$  gives the distinguish in  $D(MHM_{\mathbb{Q}, gm}(S))$ ,

$$E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} := (\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{Y}}} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) \\ \xrightarrow{(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* c(\psi_{\mathcal{E}} \mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}}^{Hdg})} \phi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) \xrightarrow{(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* c(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{E}}^{Hdg})} E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S)[1]$$

and  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} \circ \epsilon^* = Sp_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/f_T}$ . Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the hard Lefschetz theorem on  $H^*(E_0)$ , we may assume that  $2p \leq d$ . Taking the cohomology to this distinguish triangle, we get in particular, for each  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the maps in  $MHM_{\mathbb{Q}, gm}(S)$

- $Sp_{\mathcal{Y}'_S/f_T} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}'_S/S) \rightarrow H^{2p} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o)$
- $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow H^{2p} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o)$ .

Moreover, we have, see lemma 1, an isomorphism of variation of mixed Hodge structures over  $S$

$$c_{\mathcal{E}} := H^{2p-1}(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* c(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}}^{Hdg}) \circ c_V : E_{Hdg, \mathcal{E}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o}/\bar{T}^o) \xrightarrow{\sim} \\ \phi_S E_{Hdg, \mathcal{E}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o)).$$

For  $\lambda \in H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}, t'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ , we consider  $\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$  the universal covering in  $\text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$  and

$$\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p, an}(\mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

the flat leaf induced by the universal covering (see section 2.1) and

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) := \mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \cap F^p E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0, \mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}),$$

which is an algebraic variety by [6] (finite over  $S$ ). Note that  $\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset HLP^{p,2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the union of the irreducible components passing through  $\lambda$ . Similarly, for  $\eta \in H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t'}, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ , we consider  $\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$  the universal covering in  $\text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$  and

$$\mathbb{V}_S(\eta) := \pi_S(\eta \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p,an}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

the flat leaf induced by the universal covering (see section 2.1) and

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\eta) := \mathbb{V}_S(\eta) \cap F^p E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}).$$

We have

$$H^{2p} E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) = ((E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o), F), R^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}^{an}}, \tilde{f}_X^* \alpha(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o})) \in MHM_{\mathbb{Q}, gm}(T^o)$$

By [8], the filtered vector bundle

$$(E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o), F) = H^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* E_{zar}(\Omega_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o}^{\bullet}, F_b) \in \text{Vect}_{\mathcal{D}fil}(T^o)$$

extend to a filtered vector bundle

$$(E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o), F) := H^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* E_{zar}(\Omega_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o}^{\bullet}(\log \mathcal{E}), F_b) \in \text{Vect}_{\mathcal{D}fil}(\bar{T}^o)$$

such that

$$H^{2p} \psi_S E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) = (i_S^{*mod}(E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o), F, W), (\psi_S R^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}^{an}}, W), \psi_S \tilde{f}_X^* \alpha(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} &:= (Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}, Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}) : ((E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S), F, W), (R^{2p}(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\bullet})^* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}}, W), (\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\bullet})^* \alpha(\mathcal{E}_{\bullet})) \\ &\rightarrow (i_S^{*mod}(E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o), F, W) = ((E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) \cap p^{-1}(S), F), W), \\ &\quad (\psi_S R^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}^{an}}, W), \psi_S \tilde{f}_X^* \alpha(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o})) \end{aligned}$$

where  $p : E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o) \rightarrow \bar{T}^o$  is the projection. For

$$\alpha \in H^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{t''}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) = i_{t'}^* \psi_S R^{2p} \tilde{f}_X^* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}^{an}}, t' \in S_{\mathbb{C}}, t'' \in T^o(\mathbb{C}),$$

we consider

- $\pi_{T^o} : \tilde{T}^{o,an} \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an}$  the universal covering in  $\text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$ , the factorization

$$\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow \tilde{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an} \xrightarrow{\pi_{T^o}} \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an}$$

and

$$\mathbb{V}_{T^o}(\alpha) := \pi_{T^o}(\alpha \times \tilde{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p,an}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$$

the flat leaf (see section 2.1) and

$$\mathbb{V}_{T^o}^p(\alpha) := \mathbb{V}_{T^o}(\alpha) \cap F^p E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o),$$

which is an algebraic subvariety (finite over  $T^o$ ) by [6],

- $\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$  the universal covering in  $\text{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$  and

$$\mathbb{V}_S(\alpha) := \pi_S(\alpha \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}) \subset H^{2p} \psi_S E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)^{an} = i_S^{*mod}(E_{DR, V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o))^{an}$$

the flat leaf (see section 2.1) and

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\alpha) := \mathbb{V}_S(\alpha) \cap F^p H^{2p} \psi_S E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)^{an} \subset H^{2p} \psi_S E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o, \mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)^{an}.$$

Consider the exact sequence of variation of mixed Hodge structure over  $S$

$$0 \rightarrow W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{(i_i^*)_{0 \leq i \leq r:=q}} \oplus_{i=0}^r E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_i/S) \rightarrow 0.$$

It induces the exact sequence of vector bundles over  $S$

$$0 \rightarrow W_{2p-1}E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \rightarrow E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{(i_i^*)_{0 \leq i \leq r:=q}} \oplus_{i=0}^r E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_i/S) \rightarrow 0,$$

and the exact sequence of presheaves on  $S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$ ,

$$J(W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) := \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_S^{Hdg}, W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) \xrightarrow{\iota} \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_S^{Hdg}, W_{2p-1}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

$$HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{q} \oplus_{i=0}^r HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{e}$$

where  $HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$ ,  $HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  are the locus of Hodge classes. Since the monodromy of  $R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}}^{an}$  is irreducible by Picard Lefschetz theory as  $i_{T^o*} : \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}^o) \rightarrow \pi_1(T_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(\mathbb{P}(l_X) \setminus \Delta)$  is surjective, we have

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\ker q) := Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(W_{2p-1}E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S)) = 0, \quad (4)$$

using the fact that there exists a neighborhood  $V_{\bar{S} \cup \bar{S}'_C} \subset \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}$  in  $\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  for the usual complex topology such that the inclusion  $i_{\bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}} : \bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow V_{\bar{S} \cup \bar{S}'_C}$  admits a retraction  $r : V_{\bar{S} \cup \bar{S}'_C} \rightarrow \bar{S}_{\mathbb{C}} \cup \bar{S}'_{\mathbb{C}}$  which is an homotopy equivalence. On the other hand, since  $\tilde{f}_X \circ i_0 : \mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow S$  is a smooth projective morphism,  $E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S)$  is a variation of pure Hodge structure over  $S$  polarized by Poincare duality

$$\langle -, - \rangle := (\langle -, - \rangle, \langle -, - \rangle) : ((E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S), F), R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*} \circ i_{\mathcal{E}_0*} \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}_0^o}^{an}, \alpha(\mathcal{E}_0))^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_S^{Hdg}$$

In particular, by the proof of Deligne semi-simplicity theorem using Schimdt results, we have a splitting of variation of pure Hodge structure over  $S$

$$E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S) = q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}) \oplus q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X})^{\perp, \langle -, - \rangle}, \quad \pi_K : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S) \rightarrow q(\ker Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}) \quad (5)$$

Let  $\lambda \in F^p H^{2p}(E_0^o, \mathbb{Q})$ , where we recall  $E_0 = \mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C},t}$  and  $E = \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t} = \cup_{i=0}^r E_i$ . Consider then  $\tilde{\lambda} \in H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$ , such that  $q(\tilde{\lambda}) = \lambda$ , and

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \in Sp_{E/f_X}(H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})) \subset i_t^* \psi_S R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*} \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}}^{an}.$$

By (4) and (5), if  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \neq 0$ , the locus of Hodge classes passing through  $\lambda$

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) := \mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \cap F^p E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}),$$

inside the De Rham vector bundle of  $\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}_0} : \mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow S$  thus satisfy

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = q(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})))) \cap \pi_K^{-1}(0) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}), \quad (6)$$

where

- $\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$ ,  $\mathbb{V}_S(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$ , are the flat leaves, e.g.  $\mathbb{V}_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an})$  where  $\pi_S : H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{C}) \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow E_{DR}^{2p,an}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the morphism induced by the universal covering  $\pi_S : \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}^{an} \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}$ ,
- $q := q \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the quotient map.
- $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} := Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow i_S^{*mod} E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$ .

Indeed, by (4), we have a factorization

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X} : E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{q} E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_0/S) \xrightarrow{\text{Gr}_W^{2p} Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}} \psi_S E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o),$$

hence, by (5), for  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\lambda_{t'} \in F^p H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C},t'})$  if and only if  $Sp_{\mathcal{E},\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}_{t'}) \in F^p \psi_S E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o}/T^o)_{t'}$ . Now,

- If  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) = 0$ , we have by lemma 1 applied to  $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o} \rightarrow \bar{T}^o$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda} = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\tilde{\lambda})$  with  $\tilde{\lambda} \in F^p H_E^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C},C}^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$  where  $C \subset \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o$  is a smooth transversal slice, hence  $\dim(C) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_C$  is smooth, such that  $C \cap S_{\mathbb{C}} = \{t\}$  and

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda}) = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda})), \mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda}) \subset E_{DR,\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o,\mathbb{C}}/\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\mathcal{E}} = (c_{\mathcal{E}}, c_{\mathcal{E}}) : & ((E_{DR,\mathcal{E}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o}/\bar{T}^o), F, W), (R^{2p-1} \tilde{f}_{X*} \circ \Gamma_{\mathcal{E}} \mathbb{Q}_{\bar{T}^o,\mathbb{C}}^{an}, W), \alpha(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o})) \\ & \rightarrow ((E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}/S), F, W), (R^{2p}(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}}^{an}, W), \alpha(\mathcal{E}_{\bullet})) \end{aligned}$$

We have for each  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ , the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \oplus_{\text{card} I=2} F^p H^{2p}(E_{IC,t'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) &= F^p \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H^{2p-2}((\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C},C'} \setminus E)^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{c(\mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{Y}_C \setminus \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t'})})} \\ & F^p \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H_E^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C},C'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) = F^p \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H_E^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C},C'}^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $C \subset \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o$  is a smooth transversal slice, hence  $\dim(C') = 1$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_{C'}$  is smooth, such that  $C' \cap S_{\mathbb{C}} = \{t'\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_{C'} \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  is a smooth compactification of  $\mathcal{Y}_{C'}$ , the last equality follows from excision (note that  $E$  is proper). Hence, assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d-1$ ,

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset \text{Gr}_{2p}^W E_{DR,\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}}^{2p-1}(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{T}^o,\mathbb{C}}/\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o), \mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = c_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda)) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset \text{Gr}_{2p}^W E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

are defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes, since  $\dim(E_I) = d-1$  for  $I \subset [0, \dots, r]$  such that  $\text{card} I = 2$ .

- Consider now the case where  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \neq 0$ . We have the key equality

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) = \overline{\mathbb{V}_{T^o}^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda}))} \cap p^{-1}(S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$$

where  $p := p \otimes \mathbb{C} : E_{DR,V_S}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o) \rightarrow \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^o$  is the projection, the inclusion  $\subset$  is obvious whereas the inclusion  $\supset$  follows from [6] lemma 2.11 which state the invariance of  $\tilde{\lambda}$  under the monodromy

$$\text{Im}(\pi_1(p(\mathbb{V}_{T^o}^p(\tilde{\lambda})) \cap D^*) \rightarrow \pi_1(D^*)), (D, D^*) \rightarrow (\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an}, \bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o,an} \setminus S_{\mathbb{C}}^{an}).$$

But by [5] theorem 1, the Hodge conjecture holds for projective hypersurfaces hence

$$\mathbb{V}_{T^o}^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{T^o,\mathbb{C}}/T_{\mathbb{C}}^o)$$

is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes. Hence, using (6)

$$\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) = q(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}^{-1}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\tilde{\lambda})))) \cap \pi_K^{-1}(0) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

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The fact that  $\mathbb{V}_S^p(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is defined over  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  and its Galois conjugates are also components of the locus of Hodge classes gives, by [4] theorem 4,

$$\lambda = [Z] \in H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q}), \text{ with } Z \in \mathcal{Z}^p(E_0).$$

Since  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\lambda \in F^p H^{2p}(E_0^{an}, \mathbb{Q})$  are arbitrary, the Hodge conjecture holds for  $E_0$ . Proposition 1(ii) and the fact that the Hodge conjecture is true for smooth complex projective varieties of dimension less or equal to  $d - 1$  by induction hypothesis then implies that Hodge conjecture holds for  $X$ , since  $X$  is birational to  $E_0$  and  $X, E_0 \in \text{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  are connected of dimension  $d$ .  $\square$

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