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# Degeneration of families of projective hypersurfaces and Hodge conjecture

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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  $E = \bigcup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset Y$  which is the singular fiber of a pencil  $f: Y \to \mathbb{A}^1$  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 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). On the other hand, if X is a connected smooth projective variety of dimension d, there exists (see proposition 2) a family of smooth projective hypersurfaces  $f_X: Y \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$  with

- Y a smooth complex algebraic variety,  $f_X$  flat projective,
- $Y_s := f_X^{-1}(s) \subset \mathbb{P}^{d+1}_{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $s \in \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \{0\}$  are smooth projective hypersurfaces,
- $E := f_X^{-1}(0) = \bigcup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset Y$  is a normal crossing divisor and  $E_0$  is birational to X.

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: We consider its canonical rational deformation  $\tilde{f}_X: \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}} \times S$  with

- $\mathcal{Y}$  a smooth algebraic variety over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $S \subset \mathbb{A}^s_{\mathbb{Q}}$  an open subset,  $\tilde{f}_X$  flat projective
- $Y = \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{O}} \times \{t\}), f_X = \tilde{f}_X \times_S \{t\}, \text{ with } t \in S(\mathbb{C})$
- $\mathcal{E} = \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{E}_i := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\{0\} \times S) \subset \mathcal{Y}$  is a normal crossing divisor,  $\tilde{f}_{X,0} : \mathcal{E}_I := \cap_{i \in I} \mathcal{E}_i \to S$  smooth projective for each  $I \subset [0, \dots, r], \ \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t} = E$ ,
- $\tilde{f}_X \times_{\mathbb{A}^1} (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) : \mathcal{Y}^o \to \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$  has fibers which are smooth projective hypersurfaces.

We then have then an injection of mixed Hodge module over S (in fact of geometric variation of mixed Hodge structures over S) given by the specialization map

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_{\mathcal{X}}}: E^{2p}_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \hookrightarrow H^{2p}\Phi_0 E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\setminus\{0\})\times S)),$$

whose de Rham part are morphism of filtered vector bundle over S with Gauss-Manin connexion defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The injectivity of  $Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}$  follows from the fact that  $H^{2p-1}(Y_s,\mathbb{Q})=0=H_E^{2p-1}(Y)$ , by the weak Lefchetz theorem since  $Y_s$  and E are projective hypersurfaces. Consider the exact sequence of variation of mixed Hodge structure over S

$$0 \to W_{2p-2}E^{2p}_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \to E^{2p}_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{q} \oplus_{i=0}^{r}E^{2p}_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}_{i}/S) \to 0.$$

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

$$HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{q} \oplus_{i=0}^{r} HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{e} J(W_{2p-2}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) := \operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathbb{Q}_{S}^{Hdg}, W_{2p-2}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})),$$

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. Let  $\lambda \in F^pH^{2p}(E_0^{an},\mathbb{Q})$ , where we recall  $E_0 = \mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C},t}$ . Consider

$$\tilde{\lambda} \in H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q}), \text{ s.t. } q(\tilde{\lambda}) = \lambda, \text{ and } \tilde{\lambda} := Sp_{E/f_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \in Sp_{E/f_X}(H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})).$$

The locus of Hodge classes passing through  $\lambda$ 

$$\mathbb{V}^p_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}) \cap F^p E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) = q(\mathbb{V}^p_S(\tilde{\lambda})) \cup p^{-1}_{S,E_{DR}}(V(e(\lambda))) \subset E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

is thus an intersection the De Rham vector bundle, where  $\pi_S: H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{C}) \times \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to E^{2p,an}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the morphism given by the universal covering  $\pi_S: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Now,

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

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\mathbb{V}_S^p(\tilde{\lambda})) = \overline{\mathbb{V}_{(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \times S}^p(Sp_{E/f_X}(\tilde{\lambda}))} \cap p^{-1}(0 \times S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E_{DR,V_0}^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times S_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

is an algebraic subvariety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , where the equality follows from [6] lemma 2.11,

• assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to d-1,

$$\mathbb{V}(e(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset S_{\mathbb{C}}$$

is an algebraic variety defined over  $\mathbb{O}$ .

Hence,  $\mathbb{V}_{S}^{p}(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . By [4] theorem 4, we get

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

Since  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\lambda \in F^pH^{2p}(E_0^{an},\mathbb{Q})$  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  $S \in \text{Cat}$  and  $X \in S$ , we denote  $S/X \in \text{Cat}$  the category whose objects are Y/X := (Y, f) with  $Y \in S$  and  $f: Y \to X$  is a morphism in S, and whose morphisms Hom((Y', f'), (Y, f)) consists of  $g: Y' \to Y$  in S such that  $f \circ g = f'$ .
- Let  $(S, O_S) \in \mathbb{R}$ Cat a ringed topos with topology  $\tau$ . For  $F \in C_{O_S}(S)$ , we denote by  $k : F \to E_{\tau}(F)$  the canonical flasque resolution in  $C_{O_S}(S)$  (see [3]). In particular for  $X \in S$ ,  $H^*(X, E_{\tau}(F)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{H}_{\tau}^*(X, F)$ .
- For  $f: \mathcal{S}' \to \mathcal{S}$  a morphism with  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}' \in RC$ at, endowed with topology  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  respectively, we denote for  $F \in C_{O_S}(\mathcal{S})$  and each  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

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-f^* := H^j \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, k \circ \operatorname{ad}(f^*, f_*)(F)) : \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}, F) \to \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}', f^*F),
-f^* := H^j \Gamma(\mathcal{S}, k \circ \operatorname{ad}(f^{*mod}, f_*)(F)) : \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}, F) \to \mathbb{H}^j(\mathcal{S}', f^{*mod}F),
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the canonical maps.

- For  $m: A \to B$ ,  $A, B \in C(A)$ , A an additive category, we denote  $c(A): \operatorname{Cone}(m: A \to B) \to A[1]$  and  $c(B): B \to \operatorname{Cone}(m: A \to B)$  the canonical maps.
- Denote by Sch  $\subset$  RTop the subcategory of schemes (the morphisms are the morphisms of locally ringed spaces). We denote by PSch  $\subset$  Sch the full subcategory of proper schemes. For a field k, we consider Sch /k := Sch / Spec k the category of schemes over Spec k. The objects are  $X := (X, a_X)$  with  $X \in$  Sch and  $a_X : X \to$  Spec k a morphism and the morphisms are the morphisms of schemes  $f : X' \to X$  such that  $f \circ a_{X'} = a_X$ . We then denote by
  - $\operatorname{Var}(k) = \operatorname{Sch}^{ft}/k \subset \operatorname{Sch}/k$  the full subcategory consisting of algebraic varieties over k, i.e. schemes of finite type over k,
  - $PVar(k) \subset QPVar(k) \subset Var(k)$  the full subcategories consisting of quasi-projective varieties and projective varieties respectively,
  - $-\operatorname{PSmVar}(k)\subset\operatorname{SmVar}(k)\subset\operatorname{Var}(k),$   $\operatorname{PSmVar}(k):=\operatorname{PVar}(k)\cap\operatorname{SmVar}(k),$  the full subcategories consisting of smooth varieties and smooth projective varieties respectively.
- Denote by  $\operatorname{AnSp}(\mathbb{C}) \subset \operatorname{RTop}$  the subcategory of analytic spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and by  $\operatorname{AnSp}(\mathbb{C}) \subset \operatorname{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$  the full subcategory of smooth analytic spaces (i.e. complex analytic manifold).
- For  $X \in \text{Var}(k)$  and  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$  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  $J \subset I$ ,  $i_{IJ} : X_I := \bigcap_{i \in I} X_i \hookrightarrow X_J := \bigcap_{i \in J} X_i$  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  $H^j_{DR}(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$ .
  - Let  $X \in \operatorname{Var}(k)$ . 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  $X \in \operatorname{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$ . Considering its De Rham complex  $\Omega_X^{\bullet} := DR(X)(O_X)$ , we have for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  its De Rham cohomology  $H^j_{DR}(X) := \mathbb{H}^j(X, \Omega_X^{\bullet})$ .
- For  $X \in \operatorname{AnSp}(\mathbb{C})$ , we denote  $\alpha(X) : \mathbb{C}_X \hookrightarrow \Omega_X^{\bullet}$  the embedding in C(X). For  $X \in \operatorname{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\alpha(X) : \mathbb{C}_X \hookrightarrow \Omega_X^{\bullet}$  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

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

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

$$f^*: C^*_{\operatorname{sing}}(X,R) \to C^*_{\operatorname{sing}}(X,R), \sigma \mapsto f^*\sigma := (\gamma \mapsto \sigma(f \circ \gamma)).$$

In particular, we get by functoriality the complex

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

We recall that

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

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

is a quasi-isomorphism by Whitney approximation theorem.

#### 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  $X \in PSmVar(\mathbb{C})$  connected of dimension d. Let  $\epsilon : \tilde{X}_Z \to X$  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  $X, X' \in PSmVar(\mathbb{C})$  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

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

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

(ii): Follows from (i) since if  $\pi: X^o \to X'$  is a birational map,  $X^o \subset X$  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  $X \in PSmVar(\mathbb{C})$  connected. Then there exists a family of smooth projective hypersurfaces  $f_X : Y \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$  with

- $Y \in \operatorname{SmVar}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $f_X$  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,
- $E := f_X^{-1}(0) = \bigcup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset Y$  is a normal crossing divisor 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 and consider the desingularization of a generic pencil passing through Y.

#### 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

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

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,  $\mathrm{PSh}_{\mathcal{D}(1,0)fil,S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I P_{fil}(S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}})$  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  $\tilde{S} \in \operatorname{SmVar}(k)$ , (K, W) is a filtered Perverse sheaf on  $S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , and  $\alpha: l_*(K, W) \otimes \mathbb{C} \to DR(\tilde{S})((M, W)^{an})$  is an isomorphism in  $D_{fil}(\tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}})$ .
- whose morphism between  $((M, F, W), (K, W), \alpha)$  and  $((M', F, W), (K', W), \alpha')$ , are couples of morphisms  $(\phi : (M, F, W) \to (M', F, W), \psi : (K, W) \to (K', W))$  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

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

consisting of mixed Hodge module whose De Rham part is defined over k, where  $D_{\mathcal{D}(1,0)fil,S}(\tilde{S}) \times_I D_{fil,c}(S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}})$  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  $S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$  whose cohomology are constructible sheaves, and  $\alpha: l_*(K, W) \otimes \mathbb{C} \to DR(\tilde{S})((M, W)^{an})$  is an isomorphism in  $D_{fil}(\tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}})$ .
- whose morphism are given in [3],

We have then the six functors formalism:

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

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

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

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

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

We then have the specialization map:

**Definition-Proposition 1.** Let k be field of characteristic zero. Let  $f: X \to \mathbb{A}^1_k \times S$  be a projective morphism with  $X, S \in \operatorname{SmVar}(k)$ . Assume that

- $f^o := f \otimes_{\mathbb{A}^1} (\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) : X^o \to (\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S$  is smooth
- $E := f^{-1}(0 \times S) = \bigcup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset X$  is a normal crossing divisor and that for  $I \subset [0, \dots r]$ ,  $f_{0,I} := f_{|E_I|} : E_I := \bigcap_{i \in I} E_i \to S$  are smooth. We have by definition  $X^o = X \setminus E$ .

Denote for  $I \subset J \subset [0, ...r]$ ,  $i_{JI} : E_J \hookrightarrow E_I$  and  $i_I : E_I \hookrightarrow E$ ,  $i_E : E \hookrightarrow X$  the closed embeddings. We have then, c.f. [8], the distinguished triangles in  $D(MHM_{k,gm}(E))$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{Z}_E^{Hdg} &:= i_E^* \mathbb{Z}_X^{Hdg} = ((i_{\bullet *} \Omega_{E^{\bullet}}^{\bullet}, F, W), (\mathbb{Z}_E, W), \alpha(E)) \xrightarrow{sp_E/X} \\ \Phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg} &= ((i_E^{*mod} \Omega_{X/\mathbb{A}^1 \times S}^{\bullet} (\log E), F, W), \Phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}, \Phi_E \alpha(X)) \xrightarrow{c(\Phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg})} \\ \phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg} &:= \operatorname{Cone}(sp_{E/X}) \xrightarrow{c(\mathbb{Z}_E^{Hdg})} \mathbb{Z}_E^{Hdg}[1]. \end{split}$$

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

$$E_{Hdg}(E/S) \xrightarrow{sp_{E/f}:=(f \circ i_E)_* sp_{E/X}} (f \circ i_E)_* (\Phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg}) = \Phi_0 E_{Hdg}(X^o/((\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S))$$

$$\xrightarrow{(f \circ i_E)_* c(\Phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg})} (f \circ i_E)_* (\phi_E \mathbb{Z}_{X^o}^{Hdg}) = \phi_0 E_{Hdg}(X^o/((\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S)) \xrightarrow{(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Z}_{X}^{Hdg})} E_{Hdg}(E/S)[1]$$

If for each  $t \in S(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $H^{k-1}(X_{(s,t)},\mathbb{Q}) = 0$  for  $s \in \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0$  and  $H^{k-1}_E(X_{\mathbb{A}^1 \times t},\mathbb{Q}) = 0$ , then the induced map on cohomology

$$sp_{E/f}: E^k_{Hdg}(E/S) \to H^k \Phi_0 E_{Hdg}(X^o/((\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S))$$

is injective.

*Proof.* Follows from the exact sequence

$$\cdots \to H^l_{E_t}(X_{\mathbb{A}^1 \times t}, \mathbb{Q}) \to \mathbb{H}^l(E_t, \phi_0 \mathbb{Z}_{X^o_{(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \times t}}) \xrightarrow{V} \mathbb{H}^l(E_t, \Phi_0 \mathbb{Z}_{X^o_{(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \times t}}) \to H^{l+1}_{E_t}(X_{\mathbb{A}^1 \times t}, \mathbb{Q}) \to \cdots$$
given in [8].

### 3 Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties

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

*Proof.* Up to split X into its connected components, we may assume that X is connected of dimension d. 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. Consider by proposition 2 a family of smooth projective hypersurfaces  $f_X: Y \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}$  with

- $Y \in \text{SmVar}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $f_X$  flat projective,
- $Y_s:=f_X^{-1}(s)\subset \mathbb{P}^{d+1}_{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $s\in \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}\backslash 0$  are smooth projective hypersurfaces

•  $E := f_X^{-1}(0) = \bigcup_{i=0}^r E_i \subset Y$  is a normal crossing divisor and  $E_0$  is birational to X,

and its canonical rational deformation  $\widetilde{f}_X:\mathcal{Y}\to\mathbb{A}^1_\mathbb{Q}\times S$  with

- $\mathcal{Y} \in \text{SmVar}(\mathbb{Q}), S \subset \mathbb{A}^s_{\mathbb{Q}}$  an open subset,  $\tilde{f}_X$  flat projective
- $Y = \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{O}} \times \{t\}), f_X = \tilde{f}_X \times_S \{t\}, \text{ with } t \in S(\mathbb{C})$
- $\mathcal{E} = \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{E}_i := \tilde{f}_X^{-1}(\{0\} \times S) \subset \mathcal{Y}$  is a normal crossing divisor,  $\tilde{f}_{X,0} : \mathcal{E}_I := \cap_{i \in I} \mathcal{E}_i \to S$  smooth projective for each  $I \subset [0, \dots, r], \ \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C},t} = E$ ,
- $\tilde{f}_X \times_{\mathbb{A}^1} (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \mathcal{Y}^o \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}} \setminus 0$  has fibers which are smooth projective hypersurfaces.

We have by definition the commutative diagram in  $SmVar(\mathbb{Q})$ 

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{Y}^o & \xrightarrow{j} & \mathcal{Y} \longleftarrow i\varepsilon & \mathcal{E} \\ \tilde{f}_X^o & & & \int \tilde{f}_X & & \int \tilde{f}_{X,0} \\ \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}} \setminus \{0\} \times S & \xrightarrow{j \times I_S} & \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}} \times S & \longleftarrow i_0 \times I_S & \{0\} \times S \end{array}$$

whose squares are cartesian, j the open embedding and  $i_{\mathcal{E}}$  the closed embedding. Denote for  $I \subset [0, \ldots, r]$ ,  $i_I : \mathcal{E}_I \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}$  and for  $I \subset J \subset [0, \ldots, r]$ ,  $i_{JI} : \mathcal{E}_J \to \mathcal{E}_I$  the closed embeddings. Then, definition-proposition 1 applied to  $\tilde{f}_X : \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}} \times S$  gives the distinguish in  $D(MHM_{\mathbb{Q},gm}(S))$ ,

$$E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{sp_{\mathcal{E}/f_X} := (\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}})_* sp_{\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{Y}}} \Phi_0 E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S))$$

$$\xrightarrow{(\tilde{f}_X \circ i_{\mathcal{E}}) c(\Phi_{\mathcal{E}} \mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}^o}^{Hdg})} \phi_0 E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1 \backslash 0) \times S)) \xrightarrow{(f \circ i_E)_* c(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{E}}^{Hdg})} E_{Hdg}(E/S)[1]$$

given in definition-proposition 1. Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Taking the cohomology to this distinguish triangle, we get in particular, for each  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a map in  $MHM_{\mathbb{Q},gm}(S)$ 

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}: E^{2p}_{Hdg}(\mathcal{E}/S) \hookrightarrow H^{2p}\Phi_0 E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0) \times S)).$$

which is injective by definition-proposition 1 and the weak Lefchetz theorem since for  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$  and  $s \in \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_{(s,t')}$  and  $E_{t'}$  are projective hypersurfaces. For  $\lambda \in H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}^{an}_{0,\mathbb{C},t'},\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $t' \in S(\mathbb{C})$ , we consider  $\pi_S : \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$  the universal covering in  $AnSm(\mathbb{C})$  and

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

with  $\pi_S: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \times H^{2p}(\mathcal{E}^{an}_{0,t'},\mathbb{C}) \to E^{2p,an}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  the universal covering and

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

which is an algebraic variety by [6]. We have

$$H^{2p}E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0)\times S))=((E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0)\times S)),F),R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}^o},\tilde{f}_{X*}\alpha(\mathcal{Y}^o))\in MHM_{\mathbb{Q},gm}(S)$$

By [8], the filtered vector bundle

$$(E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0)\times S)),F)=H^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}E_{zar}(\Omega^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{Y}^o/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0)\times S})\in \mathrm{Vect}_{\mathcal{D}fil}(S)$$

extend to a filtered vector bundle

$$(E^{2p}_{DR,V_0}(\mathcal{Y}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\times S)),F)=H^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}E_{zar}(\Omega^{\bullet}_{\mathcal{Y}/\mathbb{A}^1_{n}\times S}(\log\mathcal{E})\in \mathrm{Vect}_{\mathcal{D}fil}(S)$$

such that

$$H^{2p}\Phi_0E_{Hdg}(\mathcal{Y}^o/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\backslash 0)\times S))=(i_0^{*mod}(E^{2p}_{DR,V_0}(\mathcal{Y}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}\times S)),F),(\Phi_0R^{2p}\tilde{f}_{X*}\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{Y}^o},W),\Phi_0\tilde{f}_{X*}\alpha(\mathcal{Y}^o)).$$

For

$$\alpha \in H^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}^{an}_{(s,t')}, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{H}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}^{an}_{t'}, \Phi_0 R \tilde{f}_{X*} \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{V}^o}), (s,t') \in (\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0) \times S_{\mathbb{C}}$$

we consider

•  $\pi_{S,G_m} = \pi_S \times \pi_{G_m} : \tilde{G}_m \times \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to (\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0) \times S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$  the universal covering in AnSm( $\mathbb{C}$ ) and

$$\mathbb{V}_{(\mathbb{A}^1\backslash 0)\times S}(\alpha):=\pi_{S,G_m}(\alpha)\subset E_{DR}^{2p,an}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}\backslash 0)\times S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

with  $\pi_{S,G_m}: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \times \tilde{G}_m \times H^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}^{an}_{(s,t')}, \mathbb{C}) \to E^{2p,an}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  and

$$\mathbb{V}^p_{(\mathbb{A}^1\backslash 0)\times S}(\alpha) := \mathbb{V}_{(\mathbb{A}^1\backslash 0)\times S}(\alpha) \cap F^p E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}\backslash 0)\times S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}}\backslash 0)\times S_{\mathbb{C}}),$$

which is an algebraic subvariety by [6],

•  $\pi_S: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$  the universal covering in  $\mathrm{AnSm}(\mathbb{C})$  and

$$\mathbb{V}_S(\alpha) := \pi_S(\alpha) \subset H^{2p} \Phi_0 E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0) \times S_{\mathbb{C}}))^{an}$$

with 
$$\pi_S: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \times H^{2p}(\mathcal{Y}^{an}_{(s,t')}, \mathbb{C}) \to H^{2p}\Phi_0 E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0) \times S_{\mathbb{C}}))^{an}$$
 and

$$\mathbb{V}_{S}^{p}(\alpha) := \mathbb{V}_{S}(\alpha) \cap F^{p}H^{2p}\Phi_{0}E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o}/((\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1}\backslash 0)\times S_{\mathbb{C}}))^{an} \subset H^{2p}\Phi_{0}E_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C}}^{o}/((\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1}\backslash 0)\times S_{\mathbb{C}}))^{an}.$$

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

$$0 \to W_{2p-2}E^{2p}_{Hdq}(\mathcal{E}/S) \to E^{2p}_{Hdq}(\mathcal{E}/S) \xrightarrow{q} \oplus_{i=0}^r E^{2p}_{Hdq}(\mathcal{E}_i/S) \to 0.$$

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

$$HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{q} \oplus_{i=0}^{r} HL^{2p,p}(\mathcal{E}_{i,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) \xrightarrow{e} J(W_{2p-2}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})) := \operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathbb{Q}_{S}^{Hdg}, W_{2p-2}E_{Hdg}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})),$$

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. Let  $\lambda \in F^pH^{2p}(E_0^{an},\mathbb{Q})$ , where we recall  $E_0 = \mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C},t}$ . Consider

$$\tilde{\lambda} \in H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q}), \text{ s.t. } q(\tilde{\lambda}) = \lambda, \text{ and } \tilde{\lambda} := Sp_{E/f_X}(\tilde{\lambda}) \in Sp_{E/f_X}(H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{Q})).$$

The locus of Hodge classes passing through  $\lambda$ 

$$\mathbb{V}^p_S(\lambda) := \pi_S(\lambda \times \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{C}}) \cap F^p E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}}) = q(\mathbb{V}^p_S(\tilde{\lambda})) \cup p^{-1}_{S,E_{DR}}(V(e(\lambda))) \subset E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{0,\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$$

is thus an intersection the De Rham vector bundle, where  $\pi_S: H^{2p}(E^{an}, \mathbb{C}) \times \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to E^{2p,an}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is the morphism given by the universal covering  $\pi_S: \tilde{S}^{an}_{\mathbb{C}} \to S^{an}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Now,

• we have, by [6],

$$Sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}(\mathbb{V}^p_S(\tilde{\lambda})) = \overline{\mathbb{V}^p_{(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \times S}(Sp_{E/f_X}(\tilde{\lambda}))} \cap p^{-1}(0 \times S_{\mathbb{C}}) \subset E^{2p}_{DR,V_0}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \times S_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

where  $p: E^{2p}_{DR,V_0}(\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbb{C}}/(\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \times S_{\mathbb{C}})) \to \mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \times S_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the projection (the first equality is obvious since  $sp_{\mathcal{E}/\tilde{f}_X}$  is a morphism of variation of mixed Hodge structures over S, whereas the inclusion  $\supset$  follows from [6] lemma 2.11 and the invariant cycle theorem of a geometric variation of Hodge structures by strictness of the Hodge filtration), but by [5] theorem 1, the Hodge conjecture holds for projective hypersurfaces hence

$$\mathbb{V}^p_{(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus 0) \times S}(Sp_{E/f_X}(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{Y}^o_{\mathbb{C}}/((\mathbb{A}^1_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus 0) \times S_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , hence  $\mathbb{V}^p_S(\tilde{\lambda}) \subset E^{2p}_{DR}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

• assuming the Hodge conjecture for smooth projective varieties of dimension less or equal to d-1,

$$\mathbb{V}(e(\tilde{\lambda})) \subset S_{\mathbb{C}}$$

is an algebraic variety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Hence  $\mathbb{V}_{S}^{p}(\lambda) \subset E_{DR}^{2p}(\mathcal{E}_{0\mathbb{C}}/S_{\mathbb{C}})$  is defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus, 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  $\lambda \in F^pH^{2p}(E_0^{an},\mathbb{Q})$  are arbitrary, the Hodge conjecture holds for  $E_0$ . Proposition 1(ii) and the fact that the Hodge conjecture is true for smooth 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  $X, E_0 \in \mathrm{PSmVar}(\mathbb{C})$  are connected of dimension d.

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