Gromov-Hausdorff collapsing of Calabi-Yau manifolds

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This paper is a sequel to [12]. We further study Gromov-Hausdorff collapsing limits of Ricci-flat Kähler metrics on abelian fibered Calabi-Yau manifolds. Firstly, we show that in the same setup as [12], if the dimension of the base manifold is one, the limit metric space is homeomorphic to the base manifold. Secondly, if the fibered Calabi-Yau manifolds are Lagrangian fibrations of holomorphic symplectic manifolds, the metrics on the regular parts of the limits are special Kähler metrics. By combining these two results, we extend [13] to any fibered projective K3 surface without any assumption on the type of singular fibers.

1. Introduction

In this paper we continue our study in [12] of the structure of collapsed Gromov-Hausdorff limits of Ricci-flat Kähler metrics on compact Calabi-Yau manifolds. Let M be a projective Calabi-Yau manifold of complex dimension m, with Ω a nowhere vanishing holomorphic m-form on M. Let N be a projective manifold of dimension 0 < n < m, and $f: M \to N$ be a holomorphic fibration (i.e., a surjective holomorphic map with connected fibers) whose general fibre is an abelian variety. Let α be an ample class on M, and let $N_0 \subset N$ be the Zariski open subset such that, for any $y \in N_0$, $M_y = f^{-1}(y)$ is smooth (and therefore Calabi-Yau). Let $D = N \setminus N_0$ be the discriminant locus of the map f. Let α_0 be an ample class on N, and $\tilde{\omega}_t \in f^*\alpha_0 + t\alpha$ be the Ricci-flat Kähler metric given by Yau's Theorem [40] for $t \in (0, 1]$, which

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satisfies the complex Monge-Ampère equation

(1.1)
$$\tilde{\omega}_t^m = c_t t^{m-n} (-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}} \Omega \wedge \overline{\Omega}.$$

By [35] and [12], $\tilde{\omega}_t$ converges smoothly to $f^*\omega$ on $f^{-1}(K)$ for any compact $K \subset N_0$ as $t \to 0$, and on N_0 , where ω is the Kähler metric on N_0 with

$$Ric(\omega) = \omega_{WP}$$

obtained in [35] and [29] (see also [28]), and ω_{WP} is a Weil-Petersson semipositive form on N_0 coming from the variation of the complex structures of the fibers M_y . Furthermore, the Ricci-flat metrics $\tilde{\omega}_t$ have locally uniformly bounded curvature on $f^{-1}(N_0)$. Thanks to [34] and [41], the diameter of the metrics $\tilde{\omega}_t$ satisfies

$$\operatorname{diam}_{\tilde{\omega}_t}(M) \leqslant C$$
,

for a constant C > 0 independent of t. Gromov's pre-compactness theorem (cf. [10]) then implies that for any sequence $t_k \to 0$, a subsequence of $(M, \tilde{\omega}_{t_k})$ converges to a compact metric space (X, d_X) in the Gromov-Hausdorff sense (a priori different subsequences could result in non-isometric limits). In our earlier work [12] we proved that (N_0, ω) can be locally isometrically embedded into (X, d_X) , with open dense image $X_0 \subset X$, via a homeomorphism $\phi: N_0 \to X_0$. The following questions remain open (see [36, 37]).

- 1) Is (X, d_X) isometric to the metric completion of (N_0, ω) ?
- 2) Is the real Hausdorff codimension of $X \setminus X_0$ at least 2?
- 3) Is X homeomorphic to N?

Note that (1) implies that there is no need to pass to any subsequence to obtain Gromov-Hausdorff convergence.

The first result of this paper is that all these questions have an affirmative answer if N has complex dimension 1.

Theorem 1.1. If n = 1, then the Gromov-Hausdorff limit

$$(M, \tilde{\omega}_t) \stackrel{d_{GH}}{\longrightarrow} (X, d_X),$$

exists as $t \to 0$, and is isometric to the metric completion of (N_0, ω) . Furthermore, $X \setminus X_0 = X \setminus \phi(N_0)$ is a finite number of points, and X is homeomorphic to N.

In the case of non-collapsing limits, analogous results about metric completions have been obtained in [25–27], and homeomorphism results have been obtained in [6] (see also [33]).

Now we drop the assumption that the dimension of N equals 1, and assume instead that M is irreducible (i.e., simply connected and not the product of two lower-dimensional complex manifolds) and that it admits a holomorphic symplectic form Θ , which is a non-degenerate holomorphic 2-form. In this case the complex dimension of M must be even, m=2n, and (M,Θ) is called an irreducible holomorphic symplectic manifold. If $f: M \to N$ is a fibration as before, then it is known [23] that all smooth fibers M_y are complex n-tori, which are holomorphic Lagrangian, in the sense that $\Theta|_{M_y} = 0$. Also, the base manifold N is always biholomorphic to \mathbb{CP}^n [8, 16]. Furthermore, we have the nowhere vanishing holomorphic 2n-form $\Omega = \Theta^n$, and the Ricci-flat equation (1.1) says exactly that the metrics $\tilde{\omega}_t$ for any $0 < t \leqslant 1$ are all hyperkähler (i.e., their Riemannian holonomy equals Sp(n)).

In this case, the results of our previous work [12] apply, and we have again that the Ricci-flat metrics $\tilde{\omega}_t$ collapse smoothly with locally bounded curvature to a Kähler metric ω on N_0 , with the same properties as before. To state our next result, we need a few definitions. A Kähler metric ω on a complex manifold (N, J) is called a *special Kähler metric* [7] if there is a real flat torsion-free connection ∇ on M with $\nabla \omega = 0$ and such that

$$d^{\nabla}J = 0,$$

where $d^{\nabla}: \Omega^p(TN) \to \Omega^{p+1}(TN)$ is the extended deRham complex $((d^{\nabla})^2 = 0 \text{ since } \nabla \text{ is flat})$, and we are viewing J as an element of $\Omega^1(TN)$. This notion originated in the physics literature, and has been extensively studied, see e.g. [5, 7, 15, 20, 21, 31]. In particular, a special Kähler manifold carries an affine structure (given by local flat Darboux coordinates), with respect to which the metric is a $Hessian\ metric\ [4]\ (i.e.,\ its\ Riemannian\ metric\ in\ local\ Darboux\ coordinates\ is\ given\ by\ the\ Hessian\ of\ a\ real\ convex\ function),\ see [7, Proposition\ 1.24]. Recall\ [4,\ 14]\ that\ a\ Hessian\ metric\ is\ called\ a\ Monge-Ampère\ metric\ if\ its\ determinant\ is\ a\ constant,\ and\ that\ an\ affine\ structure\ is\ called\ integral\ if\ its\ transition\ functions\ have\ integral\ linear\ part\ [11].$

With these definitions in place, we can state our next result, which complements [12, Theorem 1.3]:

Theorem 1.2. If M is an irreducible holomorphic symplectic manifold, and $f: M \to N = \mathbb{CP}^n$ is a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration, then the limiting

metric ω is a special Kähler metric on N_0 . Its associated affine structure is integral, and its Riemannian metric is a Monge-Ampère metric on N_0 .

These last two facts are intimately related to the Strominger-Yau-Zaslow picture of mirror symmetry [32], and to a conjecture of Gross-Wilson [13, Conjecture 6.2], [1, Conjecture 7.32], Kontsevich-Soibelman [18, Conjecture 1] and Todorov [22, p. 66] which predicts that collapsed Gromov-Hausdorff limits of unit-diameter Ricci-flat Kähler metrics on Calabi-Yau manifolds which approach a large complex stucture limit should be half-dimensional Riemannian manifolds on a dense open set. Furthermore, this open set should carry an integral affine structure which makes the metric Monge-Ampère. And finally, the complement of this open set should have real Hausdorff codimension at least 2.

In our earlier work [12, Theorem 1.3] we proved the first part of this conjecture for families of hyperkähler manifolds satisfying some hypotheses. Theorem 1.2 applied to that same setup proves the second part of this conjecture. The third part follows from Theorem 1.1 in the case when n = 1, i.e., M is a K3 surface. This was proved by Gross-Wilson [13] for elliptically fibered K3 surfaces over \mathbb{CP}^1 with only singular fibers of type I_1 , while our results here apply to all elliptically fibered K3 surfaces over \mathbb{CP}^1 .

To prove Theorem 1.1 we first use Hodge theory to derive precise asymptotics for the fiberwise integrals of the holomorphic volume form on M over the fibers M_y as y approaches a critical value for f. This is the content of section 2. We then use these asymptotics together with estimates from our previous work [12] to complete the proof of Theorem 1.1 in section 3. The proof of Theorem 1.2 occupies section 4.

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2. Volume asymptotics

In this section we derive asymptotics for the pushforward of the holomorphic volume form on a Calabi-Yau manifold which is the total space of a holomorphic fibration over a curve.

We fix M an m-dimensional non-singular projective Calabi-Yau manifold with holomorphic m-form Ω , N a non-singular projective algebraic curve, and assume that we have a surjective map $f: M \to N$. Let $D \subseteq N$ be the discriminant locus of the map f.

By Hironaka's resolution of singularities, there is a birational morphism $\pi: \tilde{M} \to M$ such that \tilde{M} is non-singular and $\tilde{f}: \tilde{M} \to N$ is a normal crossings morphism, i.e., locally one can find coordinates (z_1, \ldots, z_m) on \tilde{M} such that \tilde{f} is given by $(z_1, \ldots, z_m) \mapsto \prod_{i=1}^m z_i^{d_i}$. Note that the fibres may be non-reduced.

Let U be an open neighbourhood in N of a point $y_0 \in D$ with U biholomorphic to the unit disc Δ . Let y be a holomorphic coordinate on U giving this biholomorphism taking the value 0 at y_0 . We write Ω also for the pull-back of Ω on M to \tilde{M} . Define a real function φ_U on U by the identity

$$(-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}}\tilde{f}_*\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} = \varphi_U \sqrt{-1} dy \wedge d\bar{y}.$$

The main result of this section is the following:

Proposition 2.1. After possibly shrinking U, we obtain the estimate

$$(2.1) |\varphi_U(y)| \leqslant C|y|^{\alpha} (1 - \log|y|)^d$$

for some non-negative integer d and rational number $\alpha > -2$ and for all $0 \neq y \in U$.

Proof. Let $n_0 \in U \setminus \{y_0\}$ be a basepoint and let

$$T: H^{m-1}(\tilde{f}^{-1}(n_0), \mathbb{C}) \to H^{m-1}(\tilde{f}^{-1}(n_0), \mathbb{C})$$

be the monodromy operator for a loop based at n_0 around y_0 . By the Monodromy Theorem (see e.g., the appendix of [19]) T is quasi-unipotent with $(T^{\beta} - I)^d = 0$ for some positive integers d and β , and β is the least common multiple of the multiplicities of the irreducible components of the fibre over y_0 . Let $\bar{U} = \Delta$ with coordinate w, and let $\mu : \bar{U} \to U$ be given by $\mu(w) = w^{\beta}$.

Pull-back and normalize the family $\tilde{M} \to N$ via the composition $\bar{U} \xrightarrow{\mu} U \hookrightarrow \tilde{N}$, to obtain a family $\bar{f} : \bar{M} \to \bar{U}$. This has discriminant locus $\bar{D} = \mu^{-1}(y_0) = \{0\}$ and \bar{f} now has the property that the monodromy around a loop in $\bar{U}^o := \bar{U} \setminus \mu^{-1}(y_0)$ is unipotent.

Now the trivial vector bundle $\mathcal{H}^{m-1} = (R^{m-1}\bar{f}_*\mathbb{C}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_{\bar{U}^o}$ on \bar{U}^o comes with the Gauss-Manin connection, whose flat sections are sections of $R^{m-1}\bar{f}_*\mathbb{C}$. It is standard that this vector bundle has a canonical extension

to \bar{U} , (see e.g., [9], Chapter IV) constructed as follows. Choosing a basepoint $t_0 \in \bar{U}^o$, let e_1, \ldots, e_s be a basis for $H^{m-1}(\bar{f}^{-1}(t_0))$. These extend to multi-valued flat sections of \mathcal{H}^{m-1} , which we write as $e_i(w)$. However,

$$\sigma_i(w) := \exp\left(-N\frac{\log w}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}}\right)e_i(w)$$

with $N = \log T$ is in fact a single-valued holomorphic section of \mathcal{H}^{m-1} . We then extend \mathcal{H}^{m-1} across \bar{U} by decreeing these sections to form a holomorphic frame for the vector bundle. Call this extension $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{U}}^{m-1}$

It is then standard (see again [9], Chapter IV) that the Hodge bundle $F_{\bar{U}^o}^{m-1} := (f_* \Omega_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}^{m-1})|_{\bar{U}^o} \subseteq \mathcal{H}^{m-1}$ has a natural extension $F_{\bar{U}}^{m-1} \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{\bar{U}}^{m-1}$ to \bar{U} . Next note that the form

$$\Omega^{rel} := \iota(\partial/\partial y)\Omega$$

is a well-defined section of $\tilde{f}_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{f}^{-1}(U)/U}$ and thus pulls back to a well-defined section $\Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}$ of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}^o}$. Furthermore, the function φ_U given in the statement of the theorem satisfies at a point $y \in U$

$$\varphi_U(y) = (-1)^{\frac{(m-1)^2}{2}} \int_{\tilde{f}^{-1}(y)} \Omega^{rel} \wedge \bar{\Omega}^{rel}.$$

We will show that the section $\Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}$ of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}^o}$ extends to a meromorphic section of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}}$ and investigate the order of the pole of this section at $\mu^{-1}(y_0)$.

Let \tilde{Y} denote the fibre of $\tilde{f}: \tilde{M} \to N$ over y_0 . We first determine the order of pole of Ω^{rel} at 0 as a section of $\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y})$. Locally on \tilde{M} , near a general point of an irreducible component of \tilde{Y} , the map \tilde{f} is given by $y = z_1^{\ell}$, with $\ell \geqslant 1$ and z_1, \ldots, z_m coordinates on \tilde{M} . We can write Ω as a form on \tilde{M} locally as

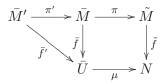
$$\Omega := \psi dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_m$$

for some holomorphic function ψ . In our local coordinate description, the vector field on \tilde{M} given by $\ell^{-1}z_1^{-\ell+1}\partial_{z_1}$ is a lift of ∂_y . Thus Ω^{rel} as a section of $\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y})$ is locally given by

$$\pm \frac{\psi}{\ell z_1^{\ell-1}} dz_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_m.$$

This shows that we can consider Ω^{rel} as a meromorphic section of $\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y})$, hence of $\tilde{f}_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y})$.

We now need to pull-back Ω^{rel} to $\Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}$ and study this section as a section of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}}$. To this end, we note that the stable reduction theorem [17] gives a resolution of singularities $\bar{M}' \to \bar{M}$ such that the composed map $\bar{M}' \to \bar{U}$ is normal crossings. So we have a diagram



Furthermore, the map π' is a toric resolution of singularities by the construction of [17], Chapter II. In particular, locally π' and π can be described as dominant morphisms of toric varieties of the same dimension. On such toric charts, by [24], Prop. 3.1, the sheaves of logarithmic differentials $\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y}), \Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})$, and $\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}')$ are trivial vector bundles generated by exterior products of logarithmic differentials of toric monomials, and thus $\pi^*\Omega^{m-1}_{\tilde{M}/N}(\log \tilde{Y}) \cong \Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})$ and $(\pi')^*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}) \cong \Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}')$. Furthermore,

$$\begin{split} \bar{f}'_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}') &\cong \bar{f}_*\pi'_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}') \\ &\cong \bar{f}_*\pi'_*(\pi')^*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}) \\ &\cong \bar{f}_*((\pi'_*\mathcal{O}_{\bar{M}'}) \otimes \Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})) \\ &\cong \bar{f}_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}). \end{split}$$

It also follows from [30] (see also [9], Chapter VII) that

$$F_{\bar{U}}^{m-1} \cong \bar{f}'_* \Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}').$$

Thus, in order to understand the behaviour of $\Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}$ as a section of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}}$, it is sufficient to pull back Ω^{rel} to $\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})$ and understand the behaviour of this form as a section of $\bar{f}_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})$.

Again, we do this locally near the inverse image of a general point of an irreducible component of \tilde{Y} . Using the same notation as before, we know that \bar{M} is locally given by the normalization of the equation $w^{\beta} = z_1^{\ell}$. Note that $\ell | \beta$, so a local description of the normalization is given by an equation

 $w^{\beta/\ell} = \xi z_1$ for ξ an ℓ -th root of unity. Thus Ω^{rel} pulls back to

$$C \cdot \psi w^{\frac{-\beta(\ell-1)}{\ell}} dz_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dz_{\beta}.$$

Thus letting ℓ be the largest multiplicity of any irreducible component of \tilde{Y} , we find $w^{\beta(\ell-1)/\ell}\Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}$ extends to a holomorphic section of $\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y})$, hence yields a holomorphic section of $F^{m-1}_{\bar{U}} = \bar{f}'_*\Omega^{m-1}_{\bar{M}'/\bar{U}}(\log \bar{Y}')$.

Now set

$$\Omega^{norm} := w^{\beta(\ell-1)/\ell} \Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o}.$$

This now extends to a holomorphic section of $F_{\bar{U}}^{m-1}$. Thus we can write Ω^{norm} , as a section of $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{U}}^{m-1}$, as

$$\Omega^{norm} = \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i(w)\sigma_i(w),$$

for h_i holomorphic functions on \bar{U} . We then compute, with $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denoting the cup product followed by evaluation on the fundamental class

$$H^{m-1}(f^{-1}(t_0), \mathbb{C}) \times H^{m-1}(f^{-1}(t_0), \mathbb{C}) \to \mathbb{C},$$

that

$$\int_{\bar{f}^{-1}(w)} \Omega^{norm} \wedge \bar{\Omega}^{norm}$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i(w) \sigma_i(w), \sum_{j=1}^{s} \bar{h}_j(w) \bar{\sigma}_j(w) \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{s} e^{-N \log w/2\pi \sqrt{-1}} h_i e_i, \sum_{j=1}^{s} e^{N \log \bar{w}/2\pi \sqrt{-1}} \bar{h}_j e_j \right\rangle.$$

Note the exponentials can be expanded in a finite power series because N is nilpotent, and hence a term in the above expression is

$$C \cdot h_i \bar{h}_j (\log w)^d (\log \bar{w})^{d'} \left\langle N^d e_i, N^{d'} e_j \right\rangle.$$

Here the constant C only depends on the powers d, d' occurring. We can assume that we have chosen the imaginary part of $\log w$ to lie between 0 and 2π (this is equivalent to choosing the branch of $e_i(y)$). Keeping in mind that the h_j are holomorphic on \bar{U} , after shrinking \bar{U} we can assume that

 $|h_j|$ are bounded by some constant, and so we see that the above term is bounded by a sum of a finite number of expressions of the form

$$C'(-\log|w|)^{d''}.$$

Thus the entire integral is bounded by an expression of the form

$$C(1 - \log|w|)^d$$

for suitable choice of constant C and exponent d.

Returning to $\Omega_{\bar{U}^o}^{rel}$, we see that

$$(-1)^{\frac{(m-1)^2}{2}} \int_{\bar{f}^{-1}(w)} \Omega^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o} \wedge \bar{\Omega}^{rel}_{\bar{U}^o} \leqslant C|w|^{-2\beta(\ell-1)/\ell} (1 - \log|w|)^d.$$

Using $y = w^{\beta}$ then gives the result.

In fact, the volume asymptotics we just proved can be easily generalized to the case when the base N has arbitrary dimension m, but these estimates are not enough for the arguments in section 3 to go through.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section we use the results for section 2 and give a proof of Theorem 1.1.

Therefore assume that we are in the setting of Theorem 1.1. As explained for example in [35, Section 4], (especially equation (4.3)) the limiting metric ω satisfies the equation

(3.1)
$$\omega = c_1 \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot \alpha^{m-1}}{(\alpha_0 + \alpha)^m} f_*((-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}} \Omega \wedge \overline{\Omega})$$

on N_0 . Now N is a compact Riemann surface, and therefore the discriminant locus $D = N \setminus N_0 = \bigcup_{k=1}^{|D|} \{p_k\}$ is a finite set (here |D| denotes the cardinality of D). For any p_k , there is a neighborhood U_k such that U_k admits a coordinate y, p_k is given by y = 0, and p_ℓ does not belong to U_k if $\ell \neq k$. Set $U_k^* = U_k - \{p_k\}$. Let $\Omega_{y,k}$ be a holomorphic relative volume form on $f^{-1}(U_k^*)$

(i.e., a nowhere vanishing holomorphic section of the relative canonical bundle $K_{f^{-1}(U_{*}^{*})/U_{*}^{*}}$) such that we have

(3.2)
$$\Omega = f^* dy \wedge \Omega_{y,k}.$$

on $f^{-1}(U_k^*)$. Then on U_k^* we have

$$(3.3) f_*((-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}}\Omega \wedge \overline{\Omega}) = (-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2} + m - 1} \left(\int_{M_y} \Omega_{y,k} \wedge \overline{\Omega}_{y,k} \right) dy \wedge d\overline{y}$$

(3.4)
$$\leqslant C\left((-1)^{\frac{(m-1)^2}{2}} \int_{M_y} \Omega_{y,k} \wedge \overline{\Omega}_{y,k}\right) \omega_0,$$

for C > 0 a fixed constant. Denote

(3.5)
$$\varphi_{U_k}(y) = (-1)^{\frac{(m-1)^2}{2}} \int_{M_y} \Omega_{y,k} \wedge \overline{\Omega}_{y,k}.$$

Thanks to (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3), there is a constant C > 0 such that

$$(3.6) \omega \leqslant C\varphi_{U_k}(y)\omega_0,$$

holds on U_k^* . For $0 < \rho \leqslant e^{-1}$, denote $\Delta_k^*(\rho) = \{y \in U_k \, | \, 0 < |y| < \rho\}$.

Lemma 3.1. For each given $1 \leq k \leq |D|$, there are constants C > 0, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $\alpha > -2$, such that for any $\rho > 0$ sufficiently small and for any two points q_1 and $q_2 \in \Delta_k^*(\rho)$, there is a curve $\gamma \subset \Delta_k^*(\rho)$ connecting q_1 and q_2 such that

$$\operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma) \leqslant C \rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}} (-\log \rho)^d$$

Furthermore, the metric completion of (N_0, ω) is a compact metric space homeomorphic to N.

Proof. Proposition 2.1 applied to U_k , shows that there is a small $\rho > 0$ (which we can assume is less than e^{-1}) and there are constants C > 0, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $\alpha > -2$, such that on $\Delta_k^*(\rho)$ we have

$$\varphi_{U_k}(y) \leqslant C|y|^{\alpha}(-\log|y|)^d.$$

Together with (3.6), this gives

$$\omega \leqslant C|y|^{\alpha}(-\log|y|)^{d}\omega_{0}$$

on $\Delta_k^*(\rho)$. Here and in the following, we use C to denote a fixed positive constant, which may change from line to line. For any $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$, we set $\gamma_{\theta}(s) = se^{\sqrt{-1}\theta}$, which for $0 < s < \rho$ gives a path in $\Delta_k^*(\rho)$. We also set $S^1(\rho) = \{y \in \Delta_k^*(\rho) \mid |y| = \rho\}$. Then we use the fact that $\rho < e^{-1}$ so that $-\log \rho \geqslant -\log e^{-1} \geqslant 1$, and use repeated integration by parts to compute

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma_{\theta}) &\leqslant C \int_{0}^{\rho} \sqrt{s^{\alpha}(-\log s)^{d}} ds \leqslant C' \int_{0}^{\rho} s^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} (-\log s)^{d} ds \\ &\leqslant C'' \rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}} (-\log \rho)^{d}. \end{aligned}$$

We also have that

$$\operatorname{length}_{\omega}(S^{1}(\rho)) \leqslant C\rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}(-\log \rho)^{\frac{d}{2}} \leqslant C\rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}(-\log \rho)^{d}.$$

Hence for any $q_1, q_2 \in \Delta_k^*(\rho)$, there is a curve $\gamma \subset \Delta_k^*(\rho)$ connecting q_1 and q_2 such that

(3.7)
$$\operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma) \leqslant C\rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}(-\log \rho)^d \to 0,$$

when $\rho \to 0$, because $\alpha > -2$. By repeating this argument near each point p_k , it follows that

$$\sup_{y_1, y_2 \in N_0} d_{\omega}(y_1, y_2) \leqslant C,$$

where d_{ω} is the metric space structure on N_0 induced by ω .

For any $q \in N_0$, $p_k \in D$, and a sequence $q_s \to p_k$, the distance $d_{\omega}(q, q_s)$ converges by passing to a subsequence. Define

$$d_{\omega}(q, p_k) = \lim_{s \to \infty} d_{\omega}(q, q_s).$$

If $q'_s \to p_k$ is another sequence, then by passing to subsequences we can assume that q_s and $q'_s \in \Delta_k^*(\frac{1}{s})$ for all s large. Thanks to (3.7), we see that $d_{\omega}(q_s, q'_s) \to 0$. Thus $d_{\omega}(q, p_k)$ does not depend on the choice of the sequence $\{q_k\}$, and is well-defined. Similarly, we can define $d_{\omega}(p_\ell, p_k)$ for any $p_\ell, p_k \in D$, and we clearly have $d_{\omega}(p_\ell, p_k) > 0$ for $k \neq \ell$. We obtain that d_{ω} is a compact metric space structure on (a space homeomorphic to) N which by definition is the metric completion of (N_0, ω) .

From now on we will denote by (N, d_{ω}) the metric completion of (N_0, ω) . Now pick any sequence $t_k \to 0$ such that $(M, \tilde{\omega}_{t_k})$ converges in the Gromov-Hausdorff topology to a compact length metric space (X, d_X) . As we recalled in the Introduction, in [12, Theorem 1.2] we constructed a local isometric embedding of (N_0, ω) into (X, d_X) with open dense image $X_0 \subset X$ via a homeomorphism $\phi: N_0 \to X_0$.

Lemma 3.2. The set $S_X = X \setminus X_0$ is finite, with cardinality less than or equal to the cardinality of D.

Proof. The density of X_0 implies that for every fixed $\rho > 0$ the set

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{|D|} \{ \overline{\phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))} \}$$

covers S_X . Then the fact that (X, d_X) is a length space implies that

$$\operatorname{diam}_{d_X}(\overline{\phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))}) = \operatorname{diam}_{d_X}(\phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))) = \sup_{p,q \in \phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))} \inf_{\sigma} \operatorname{length}_{d_X}(\sigma),$$

where the infimum is over all curves σ in X joining p and q. But p and q can be joined by curves of the form $\phi(\gamma)$, with $\gamma \subset \Delta_k^*(\rho)$, and since ϕ is a local isometry we have that

(3.8)
$$\operatorname{length}_{d_{x}}(\phi(\gamma)) = \operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma),$$

for any such curve γ . We can then use (3.7) and conclude that

$$\operatorname{diam}_{d_X}(\overline{\phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))}) \leqslant C\rho^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}(-\log \rho)^d,$$

for all $\rho > 0$ small and for C > 0 independent of ρ . Since this approaches 0 as $\rho \to 0$, we conclude that the 0-dimensional Hausdorff measure of

$$S_X \cap \bigcap_{\rho > 0} \overline{\phi(\Delta_k^*(\rho))}$$

equals 1, and so this set is a single point x_k . Therefore $S_X = \bigcup_{k=1}^{|D|} \{x_k\}$ is a finite set. Note that a priori the points x_k need not all be distinct. \square

The map ϕ extends to a surjective 1-Lipschitz map $\tilde{\phi}: N \to X$ by letting $\tilde{\phi}(p_k) = x_k$. Furthermore, if $\mathcal{H}_{d_X}^{\beta}$ denotes the β -dimensional Hausdorff measure on X, then

(3.9)
$$\mathcal{H}_{d_X}^{\beta}(S_X) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{H}_{d_X}^2(X) = \text{Vol}_{\omega}(N_0),$$

for $0 < \beta \leq 2$.

Note also that for any two points $x, y \in N_0$ we have

$$(3.10) d_X(\phi(x), \phi(y)) \leqslant d_{\omega}(x, y).$$

Indeed, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a path γ_{ε} in N_0 joining x and y with length_{ω}(γ_{ε}) $\leq d_{\omega}(x,y) + \varepsilon$. From (3.8) we see that

$$\operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma_{\varepsilon}) = \operatorname{length}_{d_X}(\phi(\gamma_{\varepsilon})) \geqslant d_X(\phi(x), \phi(y)),$$

and letting $\varepsilon \to 0$ proves (3.10).

Lemma 3.3. The map $\tilde{\phi}:(N,d_{\omega})\to (X,d_X)$ is an isometry. In particular we have $x_k\neq x_\ell$ for $k\neq \ell$.

Proof. If ν denotes the reduced measure in Section 5 of [12], then $\nu(S_X) = 0$ [12, Remark 5.3] and there exists a constant $\nu > 0$ such that for any $K \subset N_0$,

$$\nu(K) = \upsilon \int_{f^{-1}(K)} (-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}} \Omega \wedge \overline{\Omega} = \upsilon \int_K f_*(-1)^{\frac{m^2}{2}} \Omega \wedge \overline{\Omega} = \frac{\upsilon (\alpha_0 + \alpha)^m}{c_1 \alpha_0 \cdot \alpha^{m-1}} \int_K \omega$$

by (3.1). Thus

$$\nu(K) = \lambda \operatorname{Vol}_{\omega}(K) = \lambda \mathcal{H}_{d_X}^2(K),$$

for a constant $\lambda > 0$. Furthermore, ν is a Radon measure by [2, Theorem 1.10]. It follows that for any Borel set $A \subset X$ we have

$$\nu(A) = \nu(A \cap S_X) + \nu(A \setminus S_X) = \nu(A \setminus S_X),$$

and if we pick an exhaustion of $A \backslash S_X$ by compact sets $A_k \subset N_0$ then we have

$$\nu(A) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \nu(A_k),$$

because every Radon measure is inner regular. But since A_k is relatively compact in N_0 , we have $\nu(A_k) = \lambda \mathcal{H}_{d_x}^2(A_k)$ for all k, and so

$$\nu(A) = \lambda \lim_{k \to \infty} \mathcal{H}^2_{d_X}(A_k) = \lambda \mathcal{H}^2_{d_X}(A \setminus S_X),$$

because the Hausdorff measure $\mathcal{H}_{d_X}^2$ is inner regular. Using (3.9), we conclude that

$$\nu(A) = \lambda \mathcal{H}_{d_x}^{2m}(A),$$

i.e., that $\nu = \lambda \mathcal{H}_{d_X}^2$ as measures. Recall from [3, Section 2] the following construction: given a Borel measure μ on a metric space (Z, d) and a real

number β the Hausdorff measure in codimension β is defined by

$$\mu_{-\beta}(U) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} (\mu_{-\beta})_{\delta}(U),$$

for all subsets U of Z where

$$(\mu_{-\beta})_{\delta}(U) = \inf \sum_{i} r_i^{-\beta} \mu(B_i),$$

and the infimum is over all coverings of U by balls B_i of radii $r_i < \delta$. Then $\mu_{-\beta}$ is a metric outer measure, whose associated Radon measure is also denoted by $\mu_{-\beta}$. For example if $\mu = \mathcal{H}_{d_z}^2$ then $\mu_{-\beta}$ is uniformly equivalent to $\mathcal{H}_{d_z}^{2-\beta}$.

Then from the equality of measures $\nu = \lambda \mathcal{H}_{d_x}^2$ we deduce that

$$\nu_{-1}(S_X) = \lambda \mathcal{H}^1_{d_X}(S_X) = 0,$$

because S_X is a finite set. We can then apply [3, Theorem 3.7], and see that given any $x_1 \in X_0$ for $\mathcal{H}^2_{d_X}$ -almost all $y \in X_0$ there exists a minimal geodesic from x_1 to y which lies entirely in X_0 . In particular, given any two points $x_1, x_2 \in X_0$ and $\delta > 0$, there is a point $y \in X_0$ with $d_X(x_2, y) < \delta$ which can be joined to x_1 by a minimal geodesic σ_1 contained in X_0 . Furthermore we can take y close enough to x_2 so that it can also be joined to x_2 by a curve σ_2 contained in X_0 with d_X -length at most δ . Concatenating σ_1 and σ_2 we obtain a curve σ in X_0 joining x_1 to x_2 with

$$\operatorname{length}_{d_X}(\sigma) \leqslant d_X(x_1, y) + \delta \leqslant d_X(x_1, x_2) + 2\delta.$$

Since $\phi: N_0 \to X_0$ is a homeomorphism, we conclude that given any two points $q_1, q_2 \in N_0$ and $\delta > 0$, there is a curve γ in X_0 joining q_1 and q_2 with

$$\operatorname{length}_{\omega}(\gamma) \leqslant d_X(\phi(q_1), \phi(q_2)) + 2\delta.$$

Therefore, thanks to (3.10), we conclude that

$$d_X(\phi(q_1), \phi(q_2)) \leqslant d_\omega(q_1, q_2) \leqslant \operatorname{length}_\omega(\gamma) \leqslant d_X(\phi(q_1), \phi(q_2)) + 2\delta.$$

Letting $\delta \to 0$, we conclude that

$$d_{\omega}(q_1, q_2) = d_X(\phi(q_1), \phi(q_2)).$$

Thus the extension $\tilde{\phi}$ is an isometry between (N, ω) and (X, d_X) .

From Lemma 3.3 and Gromov's pre-compactness theorem, we immediately conclude that

$$(M, \tilde{\omega}_t) \stackrel{d_{GH}}{\longrightarrow} (N, d_{\omega}),$$

as $t \to 0$ without passing to subsequences. Putting together Lemmas 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

4. Proof of Theorem 1.2

In this section we give the proof of Theorem 1.2.

Let (M,Θ) be an irreducible holomorphic symplectic manifold of dimension 2n as in the hypotheses. By normalizing Θ , we assume that $\lim_{t\to 0} c_t = 1$. Then $(\tilde{\omega}_t, c_t^{\frac{1}{2n}} \sqrt{t}\Theta)$ is a hyperkähler structure for any t, and

$$\tilde{\omega}_t^{2n} = c_t t^n \Theta^n \wedge \overline{\Theta}^n.$$

Note that $f: f^{-1}(N_0) \to N_0$ with holomorphic symplectic form Θ and polarization α is an algebraic integrable system as in [7]. By Section 3 in [7], there is a \mathbb{Z}^{2n} -lattice subbundle $\Lambda \subset T^*N_0$ such that Λ is a holomorphic Lagrangian submanifold with respect to the canonical holomorphic symplectic form $\hat{\Theta}$ on T^*N_0 . The holomorphic symplectic form $\hat{\Theta}$ induces a holomorphic symplectic form on T^*N_0/Λ , still denoted by $\hat{\Theta}$. Furthermore, for any local Lagrangian section $s: B \to f^{-1}(B)$ where $B \subset N_0$, there is a biholomorphism $\Phi_s: T^*B/\Lambda \to f^{-1}(B)$ such that $\Phi_s^*\Theta = \hat{\Theta}$, and $\Phi_s^{-1}(s(B))$ is the zero section. Since any two biholomorphisms induced by local sections differ by a translation on each fiber, the polarization α induces a polarization $\hat{\alpha}$ on T^*N_0/Λ . By choosing a local section $s: B \to f^{-1}(B)$, we will not distinguish between $T^*N_0/\Lambda|_B$ and $f^{-1}(B)$, Θ and $\hat{\Theta}$, α and $\hat{\alpha}$.

Let $B \subset N_0$ be a subset biholomorphic to a polydisc Δ^n , and $U = f^{-1}(B)$. The polarization α induces a symplectic basis $\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n, \xi_1, \ldots, \xi_n$ of T^*B , which generates Λ . If x_i, x_{n+i} denote the coordinates corresponding to the basis δ_i, ξ_i , i.e., $T_p^*B = \{\sum x_i \delta_i + x_{n+i} \xi_i | x_i, x_{n+i} \in \mathbb{R} \}$ for any $p \in B$, then there exist positive integers d_i such that

$$\sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant n} d_i (dx_i \wedge dx_{n+i})|_{M_y}$$

is a Kähler metric on M_y which belongs to the class $\alpha|_{M_y}$, for any $y \in B$. If we denote $e_i = d_i^{-1}\delta_i$, then e_i is a Lagrangian section of T^*B , which implies that there are coordinates y_1, \ldots, y_n on B such that $e_i = \operatorname{Re} dy_i$. Let z_1, \ldots, z_n be

the coordinates corresponding to e_i , i.e., the identification $T^*B \cong B \times \mathbb{C}^n$ is given by $\sum z_i dy_i \mapsto (y, z_1, \dots, z_n)$. Then

$$\Theta = \sum_{1 \le i \le n} dz_i \wedge dy_i, \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda = \text{span}\{d_1 e_1, \dots, d_n e_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n\}$$

where $Z_i: B \to \mathbb{C}^n$ is a holomorphic map for each i and we write $Z = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_n)$. Furthermore, the Riemann bilinear relations say that $Z^T = Z$ and Im Z > 0.

Let ω_{SF} be the semi-flat form constructed in [12, Section 3], which satisfies

$$\omega_{SF}|_{M_y} = \sqrt{-1} \sum (\operatorname{Im} Z)_{ij}^{-1} dz_i \wedge d\overline{z}_j \in \alpha|_{M_y}$$

where $y \in B$. Following [12], we define $\lambda_t : B \times \mathbb{C}^n \to B \times \mathbb{C}^n$ by $\lambda_t(y,z) = (y, t^{-\frac{1}{2}}z)$ and $p : B \times \mathbb{C}^n \to T^*B/\Lambda$. It is proved in [12, Lemma 4.7] that

$$\lambda_t^* p^* T_\sigma^* \tilde{\omega}_t \to p^* (\omega_{SF} + f^* \omega),$$

in the C^{∞} topology where $\sigma: B \to U$ is a holomorphic section and $T_{\sigma}: U \to U$ is the fiberwise translation by σ . Note that

$$\lambda_t^* p^* T_\sigma^* \sqrt{t} \Theta = \sqrt{t} \left(\sum_i d\left(\frac{z_i}{\sqrt{t}}\right) \wedge dy_i + \sum_i d\sigma_i(y) \wedge dy_i \right)$$
$$= \Theta + \sqrt{t} \sum_i d\sigma_i(y) \wedge dy_i.$$

Thus

$$\lambda_t^* p^* T_\sigma^* \sqrt{t} \Theta \to \Theta,$$

in the C^{∞} topology and

$$(\omega_{SF} + f^*\omega)^{2n} = \Theta^n \wedge \overline{\Theta}^n.$$

Therefore $(\omega_{SF} + f^*\omega, \Theta)$ is a hyperkähler structure on T^*B .

Lemma 4.1. On B we have

$$\omega = \sqrt{-1} \sum (\operatorname{Im} Z)_{ij} dy_i \wedge d\overline{y}_j = \sum d_i^{-1} \delta_i \wedge \xi_i,$$

and ω is a special Kähler metric on N_0 .

Proof. Denote $\omega = \sqrt{-1} \sum A_{ij} dy_i \wedge d\overline{y}_j$, $C = (\operatorname{Im} Z)^{-1}$, and g the hyper-kähler metric of $(\omega_{SF} + f^*\omega, \Theta)$. If x belongs the zero section $\Phi_s^{-1}(s(B))$,

then, on $T_x(T^*B)$,

$$\omega_{SF} = \sqrt{-1} \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} dz_i \wedge d\overline{z}_j, \quad \text{Re } \Theta = \sum_{i,j} (dz_i' \wedge dy_i' - dz_i'' \wedge dy_i'')$$
$$g = \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} (dz_i' dz_j' + dz_i'' dz_j'') + \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} (dy_i' dy_j' + dy_i'' dy_j''),$$

where $z_i = z_i' + \sqrt{-1}z_i''$ and $y_i = y_i' + \sqrt{-1}y_i''$. We can define one of the complex structures J on T^*B compatible with the metric g by $\operatorname{Re}\Theta(\cdot,\cdot) = g(\cdot,J\cdot)$. We calculate that J acts as

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i'} &\mapsto -\sum A_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j'}, \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i''} &\mapsto \sum A_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j''}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i'} &\mapsto \sum C_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j'}, \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i''} &\mapsto -\sum C_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j''}. \end{split}$$

From $J^2 = -id$, we obtain $A = C^{-1} = \text{Im } Z$, and

$$\omega = \sqrt{-1} \sum (\operatorname{Im} Z)_{ij} dy_i \wedge d\overline{y}_j.$$

Note that $e_i = d_i^{-1} \delta_i$ and $\xi_i = \sum (\operatorname{Re} Z_{ij} e_j + \operatorname{Im} Z_{ij} I_B e_j)$, where I_B is the complex structure on B. Then

$$\sum d_i^{-1} \delta_i \wedge \xi_i = \sum (\operatorname{Im} Z)_{ij} \operatorname{Re} dy_i \wedge \operatorname{Im} dy_j = \omega.$$

Then [7, Theorem 3.4(a)] shows that ω is a special Kähler metric on N_0 . \square

We now prove the last two statements in Theorem 1.2. Since δ_i and ξ_i are closed 1-forms, there are flat Darboux coordinates v_1, \ldots, v_{2n} such that $\delta_i = dv_i$ and $\xi_i = dv_{n+i}$. Thanks to [7, Proposition 1.24], the corresponding Riemannian metric g_{ω} is the Hessian of a smooth function \mathcal{G} in the coordinates v_i , i.e.,

$$g_{\omega} = \sum \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{G}}{\partial v_i \partial v_j} dv_i \otimes dv_j.$$

Then we have

$$\sqrt{\det(g_{\omega,ij})}dv_1\wedge\cdots\wedge dv_{2n}=\omega^n=\left(\prod_i d_i^{-1}\right)dv_1\wedge\cdots\wedge dv_{2n}.$$

Therefore g_{ω} is a Monge-Ampère metric. Finally, thanks to [7, Remark 3.5], the transition functions of two such coordinates v_i and \tilde{v}_i satisfy that

$$(v_1,\ldots,v_{2n})=P(\tilde{v}_1,\ldots,\tilde{v}_{2n})+(b_1,\ldots,b_{2n}),$$

where $P \in Sp(2n, \mathbb{Z})$ and $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus these coordinates v_i define an integral affine structure on N_0 . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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