

Degeneration of Kähler-Einstein Metrics on Complete Kähler Manifolds

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0. Introduction.

According to algebraic geometers, a degeneration of projective varieties is a smooth holomorphic family $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$ with the following property: the fiber $X_t = \pi^{-1}(t)$ are smooth except for $t = 0$. Assume that the central fiber X_0 is a reduced divisor with normal crossings. In [T], G. Tian proved the convergence of complete Kähler-Einstein metrics as $t \rightarrow 0$ for two cases: 1) On X_t when X_t has ample canonical line bundle for $t \neq 0$, 2) On $X_t \setminus \mathcal{D}$ when $K_{X_t} + \mathcal{D} \cap X_t$ is ample for $t \neq 0$, where \mathcal{D} is a divisor of \mathcal{X} . In case 1) the result can be stated as

Theorem (Tian). *Let $g_{E,t}$ be Kähler-Einstein metric with*

$$\text{Ric}(g_{E,t}) = -g_{E,t}$$

on X_t . Assume that the central fiber X_0 is the union of smooth hypersurfaces, say X_{01}, \dots, X_{0m} , with normal crossings and each line bundle $K_{X_{0i}} + \sum_{j \neq i} X_{0j}$ is ample on X_{0i} , $1 \leq i \leq m$. Further assume that no three of divisors X_{0i} have non-empty intersection.

Then $g_{E,t}$ converge to a complete Kähler-Einstein metric on $X_0 \setminus \text{Sing}(X_0)$ in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov.

In this paper, we prove the same result without assuming that no three divisors have nonempty intersection. The key observation is that Lemma 1.5 in [T] can be weakened. We will prove our result in a larger setting. Before stating the main theorem of this paper we make several definitions.

Definition 0.1. Let M be a complex manifold of dimension n and C_j are smooth hypersurfaces in M ($j = 1, \dots, n_2$) such that $\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} C_j$ is a normal crossing divisor. Let m_j be natural numbers. Complex V-manifold $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ is defined in the following way.

- (i) As a topological space, $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ is M ,
- (ii) For a point $p \in M \setminus \cup C_j$, we take a small neighborhood U disjoint from $\cup C_j$, and consider (U, id) as a local uniformization,
- (iii) For a point p in some C_j , without loss of generality, assume $p \in (\cap_1^k C_j) \setminus (\cup_{k+1}^{n_2} C_j)$ for some k . We take a small neighborhood U of p with coordinate system (z^1, \dots, z^n) such that C_j is defined by $z^j = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$, and $C_j \cap U = \emptyset$ for $j = k + 1, \dots, n_2$. We define the uniformization of U to be $p_U : \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ with

$$p_U(w^1, \dots, w^n) = ((w^1)^{m_1}, \dots, (w^k)^{m_k}, w^{k+1}, \dots, w^n).$$

Given a Kähler metric g , we will denote its Kähler form by ω_g and its Ricci form by $\text{ric}(g)$.

Definition 0.2. Let $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ be a complex V-manifold.

- (i) A Kähler metric g on $M \setminus \cup C_j$ is called a Kähler V-metrics on $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ if for each $p \in \cup C_j$, $p_U^* g$ can be extended smoothly to \tilde{U} as a metric.
- (ii) A family of Kähler V-metrics g_t on $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ is said to converge in C^2 -topology if g_t converge in C^2 -topology on $M \setminus (\cup C_j)$ and $p_U^* g_t$ converge in C^2 -topology on \tilde{U} for each $p \in \cup C_j$.
- (iii) A Kähler V-metric g on $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ is called complete if g is a complete metric on $M \setminus \cup U$ with boundary $\partial(\cup U)$ and the extension of $p_U^* g$ is a complete metric on \tilde{U} with boundary $p_U^{-1}(\partial U)$.
- (iv) A Kähler V-metric g on $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ is called Kähler-Einstein if $\text{ric}(g) = -c \cdot \omega_g$ on $M \setminus \cup C_j$ for some constant c .

Definition 0.3. Let M be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and D be a \mathbb{Q} -divisor on M .

- (i) D is called numerically effective (nef in short) if for any curve C in M the intersection number $D \cdot C$ is non-negative. Such a divisor is called big if $D^n > 0$.

- (ii) D is called to be ample modulo another divisor E if for every effective reduced curve C on X which is not contained in E , $D \cdot C > 0$.

Let m_j be a family of natural numbers ($1 \leq j \leq n_2$). Let $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$ be a degeneration of projective varieties with two divisors \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} satisfying the following assumptions.

- (1) X_t is smooth for $t \neq 0$ and X_0 is a union of smooth hypersurfaces X_{0i} ($1 \leq i \leq n_1$) in \mathcal{X} with normal crossings,
- (2) $\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{D}$ is a reduced divisor with normal crossings. Divisor \mathcal{C} consists of smooth components $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_{n_2}$ and divisor \mathcal{D} consists of smooth components $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{n_3}$. We further assume that the restriction maps $d\pi|_{\mathcal{C}_j}$ and $d\pi|_{\mathcal{D}_k}$ are surjective ($1 \leq j \leq n_2, 1 \leq k \leq n_3$),
- (3) The divisor $\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{D}$ intersects both central fiber X_0 and its singular part $\text{Sing}(X_0)$ transversally.
- (4) Let $C_t = X_t \cap \mathcal{C}$, $C_{jt} = X_t \cap \mathcal{C}_j$ and $D_t = X_t \cap \mathcal{D}$, $D_{kt} = X_t \cap \mathcal{D}_k$, then each C_{jt} and D_{kt} is smooth. For $t \neq 0$, line bundle

$$K_{X_t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{kt} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j - 1}{m_j} C_{jt}$$

is nef, big and ample modulo D_t , $t \neq 0$. It follows that there is a unique complete Kähler-Einstein V-metric $g_{E,t}$ on

$$(X_t \setminus D_t) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$$

with $\text{ric}(g_{E,t}) = -\omega_{g_{E,t}}$ (see [TY], Theorem 2.1 for existence and [Y2], p.474 for completeness).

The following is the main theorem of this paper which provides a sufficient condition on the convergence of this family of metrics $g_{E,t}$ as t goes to 0.

Theorem 0.1. *Let $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$ be the degeneration family with properties (1)-(4) given above. We assume that for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n_1$, line bundle*

$$K_{X_{0i}} + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} X_{0l} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j - 1}{m_j} C_{j0}$$

is nef, big and ample modulo $\sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{k0}$ on X_{0i} . Then the complete Kähler-Einstein V-metric $g_{E,t}$ on $(X_t \setminus D_t) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$ converges to the unique complete Kähler-Einstein V-metric $g_{E,0}$ on

$$(X_0 \setminus (\text{Sing}(X_0) \cup D_0)) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j0} \right)$$

in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov: there are an exhaustion of compact sets $F_\beta \Subset X_0 \setminus (\text{Sing}(X_0) \cup D_0)$ and diffeomorphisms $\phi_{\beta,t}$ from F_β to X_t satisfying:

- i) $X_t \setminus (D_t \cup (\cup_\beta \phi_{\beta,t}(F_\beta)))$ consists of finite union of submanifolds of real codimension 1,
- ii) $\phi_{\beta,t}$ maps C_0 into C_t and $\phi_{\beta,t}^* g_{E,t}$ is a V-metric on F_β ,
- iii) for each fixed β , V-metrics $\phi_{\beta,t}^* g_{E,t}$ converge to $g_{E,0}$ on F_β in C^2 -topology as t goes to 0.

In section 1 we construct families of Kähler V-metrics on $(\mathcal{X} \setminus (D \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j0} \right)$ with prescribed asymptotic behavior near $X_0 \setminus (\text{Sing}(X_0) \cup D_0)$. In section 2 we prove Theorem 0.1 using the estimates in [TY] and results from section 1.

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1. Construction of family of Kähler V-metrics with asymptotic behavior.

In this section we adopt the notations used in introduction. For each $i(1 \leq i \leq n_1)$, we choose a neighborhood U_i of X_{0i} in \mathcal{X} such that $\bar{U}_{i_1} \cap \bar{U}_{i_2} = \emptyset$ when $X_{0i_1} \cap X_{0i_2} = \emptyset$, where \bar{U}_{i_1} and \bar{U}_{i_2} denote the closure of U_{i_1} and U_{i_2} respectively. We fix a relative volume \tilde{V} on \mathcal{X} . Without loss of generality, we assume $\mathcal{X} = \cup_{i=1}^{n_1} U_i$. Let \tilde{V}_i be the local representation of the relative volume form \tilde{V} on U_i , in particular, for each $t \in \Delta$, $\tilde{V}_i|_{X_t}$ is the volume form of $X_t \cap U_i$. We denote by $U_{i_1 \dots i_l}$ the intersection $U_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_l}$ for each tuple (i_1, \dots, i_l) . It is a neighborhood of $X_{0i_1 \dots i_l} = X_{0i_1} \cap \dots \cap X_{0i_l}$.

Now we begin to construct a family of Kähler V-metrics with the asymptotic behavior. Let s_i be the defining section of line bundle $[X_{0i}]$. By Lemma 1.1 and 1.2 in [T], there are Hermitian metrics $\| \cdot \|_i$ of line bundles $[X_{0i}]$ on \mathcal{X} satisfying $(1 \leq i \leq n_1)$:

- (1) $\|s_i\|_i \equiv 1$ outside U_i ,
- (2) $\|s_1\|_1 \cdots \|s_{n_1}\|_{n_1} \equiv |t|$ on \mathcal{X} ,
- (3) $\| \|_{i_1}^2 \cdot \tilde{V}_{i_1} = \| \|_{i_2}^2 \cdot \tilde{V}_{i_2}$ on $U_{i_1} \cap U_{i_2}$, $1 \leq i_1, i_2 \leq n_1$.

Without loss of generality, we may assume $\|s_i\|_i^2 \leq 3$ in \mathcal{X} . Assume the defining sections of C_j and D_k in \mathcal{X} are u_j and v_k respectively. We equip line bundles $[C_j]$ and $[D_k]$ with Hermitian metrics $\| \|_{j,2}$ and $\| \|_{k,3}$ respectively. Let μ_1, \dots, μ_{n_3} be rational numbers in $[0, 1]$ and ε be a small positive number. We will specify them later. Now we define a relative volume V on $\mathcal{X} \setminus (C \cup D \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))$ as follows. For $t \in \Delta \setminus \{0\}$,

$$V_{it} = \frac{\tilde{V}_i}{\prod_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^{2\mu_k} \cdot (-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)^2 \right]} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2m_j-2}{m_j}} \cdot \left(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \right)^2 \right]} \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2 \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2 \cdot \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2$$

on $U_i \cap (X_t \setminus (C_t \cup D_t))$

and

$$V_{i0} = \frac{2^{2n_1} \tilde{V}_i}{\prod_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^{2\mu_k} \cdot (-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)^2 \right]} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2m_j-2}{m_j}} \cdot \left(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \right)^2 \right]} \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} (-\log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2)^2 \cdot (-\log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2)^2}$$

on $U_i \cap (X_0 \setminus (C_0 \cup D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)))$.

In order to see that these volume forms V_{it} can be glued together to give a global volume form V_t , we simply observe that on

$$U_{i_1} \cap U_{i_2} \cap X_t \quad (1 \leq i_1, i_2 \leq n_1),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{i_1 t} &= \frac{\tilde{V}_{i_1}}{\varepsilon \|s_{i_2}\|_{i_2}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^{2\mu_k} \cdot \left(-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 \right)^2 \right]} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2m_j-2}{m_j}} \cdot \left(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \right)^2 \right]} \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_1, i_2}^{n_1} \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2 \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_{i_2}\|_{i_2}^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2 \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_1, i_2}^{n_1} \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2 \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_1}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2 \\
 &= \frac{\tilde{V}_{i_2}}{\varepsilon \|s_{i_1}\|_{i_1}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^{2\mu_k} \cdot \left(-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 \right)^2 \right]} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2m_j-2}{m_j}} \cdot \left(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \right)^2 \right]} \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_1, i_2}^{n_1} \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2 \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \left(\pi - \frac{\pi \log \left(\varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_2}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2 \right)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right) \right]^2 \\
 &\quad \cdot \prod_{l=1, l \neq i_1, i_2}^{n_1} \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right]^2 \cdot \left[\frac{-\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \left(\pi - \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_{i_1}\|_{i_1}^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right) \right]^2 \\
 &= V_{i_2 t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\omega_t = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log V_t \quad \text{on } X_t \setminus (C_t \cup D_t) \quad (t \neq 0),$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log V_0 \quad \text{on } X_0 \setminus (C_0 \cup D_0 \cup \operatorname{Sing}(X_0)).$$

Simple computations show: for $t \neq 0$, on $U_i \cap (X_t \setminus (C_t \cup D_t))$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_t &= -\operatorname{ric}(\tilde{V}_t) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \mu_k \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j - 1}{m_j} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{j,2}) + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\frac{2 \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3})}{\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2} + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\partial \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2}{(-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\frac{2\varepsilon \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}}{1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}} + \frac{2\varepsilon^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \wedge \bar{\partial} \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}}{(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}})^2} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \cdot \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l) \\
 & + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \partial \log \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \|s_l\|_l^2 \\
 & + \frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi \log(\varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \cdot \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log(\varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
 & \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \partial \log \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\operatorname{ric}(\tilde{V}_t)$, $\operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_i)$, $\operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{j,2})$, and $\operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3})$ denote the curvature tensor of the volume forms $\tilde{V}_t = V|_{X_t}$ and the Hermitian metrics $\|\cdot\|_i$, $\|\cdot\|_{j,2}$, and $\|\cdot\|_{k,3}$ respectively. Also, on $X_{0i} \setminus (C_0 \cup D_0 \cup \operatorname{Sing}(X_0))$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_0 = & -\operatorname{ric}(\tilde{V}_0) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \mu_k \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j - 1}{m_j} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{j,2}) + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l) \\
 & + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \left[\frac{2 \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3})}{\log(\varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)} + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\partial \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2}{(-\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)^2} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \left[\frac{2\varepsilon \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}}{1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}} + \frac{2\varepsilon^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}} \wedge \bar{\partial} \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}}}{(1 - \varepsilon \|u_j\|_{j,2}^{\frac{2}{m_j}})^2} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \left[\frac{2 \cdot \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l)}{\log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2} + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\partial \log \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \|s_l\|_l^2}{(\log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2)^2} \right] \\
 & + \frac{2 \cdot \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \operatorname{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l)}{\log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2} \\
 & + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \partial \log \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2 \\
 & \frac{(\log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \|s_l\|_l^2)^2}{}
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $K_{X_t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{kt} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} C_{jt}$ is nef, big and ample modulo D_t , $t \neq 0$. By a result of Y. Kawamata ([K]), there are constants $0 < \mu_k < 1$ ($1 \leq k \leq n_3$) such that for properly chosen volume \tilde{V} ,

$$-\text{ric}(\tilde{V}_t) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \mu_k \text{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} \text{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{j,2})$$

is a Kähler V-metric on $(X_t \setminus D_t) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$. Assume that for each i , $1 \leq i \leq n_1$, line bundle

$$K_{X_{0i}} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} C_{j0} + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} X_{0l}$$

is nef, big and ample modulo D_0 on X_{0i} , then

$$-\text{ric}(\tilde{V}_0) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} \mu_k \text{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{k,3}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} \text{ric}(\|\cdot\|_{j,2}) + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} \text{ric}(\|\cdot\|_l)$$

is a Kähler V-metric on $(X_{0i} \setminus (D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j0} \right)$ for the same reason. The following lemma follows directly from the formulas of ω_t and ω_0 above.

Lemma 1.1. *Assume that $K_{X_t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{kt} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} C_{jt}$ is nef, big and ample modulo D_t , $t \neq 0$, and assume that for each i , $1 \leq i \leq n_1$, line bundle*

$$K_{X_{0i}} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_3} D_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{m_j-1}{m_j} C_{j0} + \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^{n_1} X_{0l}$$

is nef, big and ample modulo D_0 on X_{0i} .

Then by choosing the volume form \tilde{V} properly and a small ε , ω_t is the Kähler forms of complete Kähler V-metrics g_t for t sufficiently small. Moreover, the Kähler V-metrics g_t converges to g_0 outside $D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)$ in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov: there are an exhaustion of compact subsets $F_\beta \Subset X_0 \setminus (D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))$ and diffeomorphisms $\phi_{\beta,t}$ from F_β into X_t satisfying:

- (1) $X_t \setminus \cup_\beta \phi_{\beta,t}(F_\beta)$ consists of finite union of submanifolds of real codimension 1,
- (2) $\phi_{\beta,t}$ map $F_\beta \cap C_0$ into C_t and $\phi_{\beta,t}^* g_t$ are V-metrics,

- (3) for each fixed β , $\phi_{\beta,t}^* g_t$ converge to g_0 on F_β in C^2 -topology on the space of V -metrics as t goes to 0.

Before we state the next lemma, we need a couple of definitions.

Definition 1.1. Let $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ be the V -manifold in Definition 0.1. Let B be a ball in \mathbb{C}^n and ψ is a holomorphic map from B into M . ψ is called a quasi-coordinate map if either $\psi(B) \cap (\cup C_j) = \emptyset$ and ψ is of maximal rank everywhere, or $\psi(B)$ is contained in some uniformizing neighborhood U , the lifting $\psi_U : B \rightarrow \tilde{U}$ is of maximal rank everywhere, and ψ satisfies $\psi = p_U \circ \psi_U$. (B, ψ) is called a local quasi-coordinate of the V -manifold.

Definition 1.2. Let $M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right)$ be a V -manifold and g is a smooth Kähler V -metric on it. We call that $(M \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_j \right), g)$ has bounded geometry of order $k + \beta$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}, \beta \in [0, 1)$, if the following conditions hold: There are a system of quasi-coordinates $\{(B_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)\}$ such that:

- (i) Every $x \in M$ is the image of the center of some B_α ,
- (ii) There are positive numbers ε and δ independent of α such that the radius of B_α is between ε and δ .
- (iii) There exists constant C such that

$$0 < C^{-1}(\delta_{ij}) \leq (g_{\alpha i \bar{j}}) \leq C(\delta_{ij})$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{|p|+|q|} g_{\alpha i \bar{j}}}{\partial z_\alpha^p \partial \bar{z}_\alpha^q} \right|_{C^\beta(B_\alpha)} \leq C$$

for all multi-indexes p, q with $|p| + |q| \leq k$, where $g_{\alpha i \bar{j}}$ is the pullback metric on B_α and $|\cdot|_{C^\beta(B_\alpha)}$ is the standard Hölder norm.

Lemma 1.2. *Same assumptions as Lemma 1.1. Then*

- (i) the Kähler V -metric g_0 in Lemma 1.1 has bounded geometry of order $4 + \beta$.
- (ii) the Kähler V -metrics g_t in Lemma 1.1 have uniformly bounded curvature tensors on the uniformization coordinate systems of the V -manifold for $t \neq 0$.

Proof. (i) we prove that $(X_{0i} \setminus (D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))) \left(\sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} C_{0j} \right)$ has bounded geometry of order $4 + \beta$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n_1$. In [TY] it has been proved that g_0 has bounded geometry on $(X_{0i} \setminus (D_0 \cup U(\text{Sing}(X_0)))) \left(\sum_j \frac{1}{m_j} C_{0j} \right)$, where $U(\text{Sing}(X_0))$ is a small neighborhood of $\text{Sing}(X_0)$ in X_{0i} . We only need to prove that g_0 has bounded geometry on $U(\text{Sing}(X_0))$.

Pick up a point $x_0 \in \text{Sing}(X_0) \cap X_{0i}$, for simplicity, we assume that

$$x_0 \in \left(\bigcap_{l=1}^{i_1} X_{0l} \right) \cap X_{0i} \cap \left(\bigcap_{j=1}^{j_1} C_{j0} \right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{k_1} D_{k0} \right),$$

$x_0 \notin X_{0l}$, for $l > i_1, l \neq i$, $x_0 \notin C_{j0}$, for $j > j_1$, and $x_0 \notin D_{k0}$, for $k > k_1$. Take a neighborhood U_{x_0} of x_0 with coordinate system (z^1, \dots, z^n) of X_{0i} such that X_{0l} is defined by $z^l = 0, l = 1, \dots, i_1$, D_{k0} is defined by $z^{i_1+k} = 0, k = 1, \dots, k_1$, and C_{j0} is defined by $z^{i_1+k_1+j} = 0, j = 1, \dots, j_1$. If we choose U_{x_0} small enough, we may assume that $\|s_l\|_l = 1, l = i_1 + 1, \dots, n, l \neq i$. On the uniformization $p_{x_0} : \tilde{U}_{x_0} \rightarrow U_{x_0}$ we have coordinate system (w^1, \dots, w^n) . Let $\Delta_\delta^* = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < |w| < \delta\}$ and $\Delta_\delta = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| < \delta\}$, then we may identify \tilde{U}_{x_0} with $(\Delta_\delta^*)^{i_1+k_1} \times (\Delta_\delta)^{n-i_1-k_1}$, where $\delta > 0$ only depends on X_0, C_0 , and D_0 . We will construct quasi-coordinate on \tilde{U}_{x_0} such that the pullback of g_0 has bounded geometry. The following two lemmas are well-known (see e.g. [TY, p. 602]).

Lemma 1.3. *The map $\rho_\theta : \Delta_\delta \rightarrow \Delta_\delta^*$ with $\rho_\theta(w) = \delta \exp\left(\frac{w+\delta}{w-\delta} + \sqrt{-1}\theta\right)$ is a universal covering map of Δ_δ^* , where $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. The fundamental domain over $\Delta_\delta^* \setminus \{te^{\sqrt{-1}\theta} : 0 < t < \delta\}$ is $\{w \in \Delta_\delta : 0 < \delta \text{Im}(w) < \pi|\delta - w|^2\}$.*

Lemma 1.4. *For $\eta \in (0, 1)$, $\phi_\eta : \Delta_\delta \rightarrow \Delta_\delta$, with $\phi_\eta(w) = \delta \frac{w-\delta\eta}{\delta-\eta w}$, is an automorphism mapping $\eta\delta$ to the origin. Furthermore*

$$\begin{aligned} & \{w \in \Delta_\delta : 0 < \delta \text{Im}(w) < \pi|\delta - w|^2, |w|^2 + (-\log r)|\delta - w|^2 < \delta^2\} \\ & \subset \bigcup_{0 < \eta < 1} \phi_\eta^{-1}\left(\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}\delta}\right), \end{aligned}$$

when r is chosen small enough.

If we shrink \tilde{U}_{x_0} to $(\Delta_{r\delta}^*)^{i_1+k_1} \times (\Delta_{r\delta})^{n-i_1-k_1}$, then it is covered by

$$\bigcup_{\substack{0 < \eta_l < 1 \\ \theta_l \in [0, 2\pi) \\ l=1, \dots, i_1+k_1}} \rho_{\theta_1} \circ \phi_{\eta_1}^{-1}\left(\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}\delta}\right) \times \dots \times \rho_{\theta_{i_1+k_1}} \circ \phi_{\eta_{i_1+k_1}}^{-1}\left(\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}\delta}\right) \times \left(\Delta_{\frac{1}{2}\delta}\right)^{n-i_1-k_1}.$$

Consider immersion $F : \Delta_{\frac{1}{2}\delta}^n \rightarrow \tilde{U}_{x_0}$, with

$$F(v^1, \dots, v^n) = (\rho_{\theta_1} \circ \phi_{\eta_1}^{-1}(v^1), \dots, \rho_{\theta_{i_1+k_1}} \circ \phi_{\eta_{i_1+k_1}}^{-1}(v^{i_1+k_1}), v^{i_1+k_1+1}, \dots, v^n).$$

Then by some simple computations, we get

$$(1.1) \quad w^l = \rho_{\theta_l} \circ \phi_{\eta_l}^{-1}(v^l) = \delta \exp \left(\frac{(1 + \eta_l)(v^l + \delta)}{(1 - \eta_l)(v^l - \delta)} + \sqrt{-1}\theta_l \right),$$

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial v^l} = -\frac{2\delta^2(1 + \eta_l)}{(1 - \eta_l)(v^l - \delta)^2} \exp \left(\frac{(1 + \eta_l)(v^l + \delta)}{(1 - \eta_l)(v^l - \delta)} + \sqrt{-1}\theta_l \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial w^l}$$

$$(1.3) \quad \log |w^l|^2 = 2 \log \delta + 2 \frac{(1 + \eta_l)(|v^l|^2 - \delta^2)}{(1 - \eta_l)|v^l - \delta|^2}$$

for $l = 1, \dots, i_1 + k_1$.

On \tilde{U}_{x_0} , we can write $\omega_0 = \omega'_0 + \omega''_0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega''_0 &= \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \partial \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2}{(\log \varepsilon \|v_k\|_{k,3}^2)^2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^{i_1} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \partial \log \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \|s_l\|_l^2}{(\log \varepsilon \|s_l\|_l^2)^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \partial \log \prod_{l=1}^{i_1} \|s_l\|_l^2 \wedge \bar{\partial} \log \prod_{l=1}^{i_1} \|s_l\|_l^2}{(\log \varepsilon \prod_{l=1}^{i_1} \|s_l\|_l^2)^2} \\ \omega'_0 = \omega_0 - \omega''_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j=1}^n b_{i\bar{j}} dw^i \wedge d\bar{w}^j. \end{aligned}$$

Then ω'_0 is a positive (1,1)-form on \tilde{U}_{x_0} . By the choice of (w^1, \dots, w^n) , we may assume $\|v_k\|_{k,3}^2 = h_{i_1+k}|w^{i_1+k}|^2$ and $\|s_l\|_l = h_l|w^l|^2$ for some positive functions h_i on \tilde{U}_{x_0} , $i = 1, \dots, i_1 + k_1$. Substituting (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3) into $F^*\omega_0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F^*\omega_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j \geq i_1+k_1+1} b_{i\bar{j}}(F(v^1, \dots, v^n)) dv^i \wedge d\bar{v}^j \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{l \leq i_1+k_1} \left[\frac{1}{\left(\delta^2 - |v^l|^2 - \frac{(1-\eta_l)|v^l-\delta|^2}{2(1+\eta_l)} \cdot \log(\varepsilon \delta^2 h_l) \right)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \left(\delta^2 dv^l - \frac{(1-\eta_l)(v_l-\delta)^2}{2(1+\eta_l)} \cdot \partial \log h_l \right) \\
& \wedge \left(\delta^2 d\bar{v}^l - \frac{(1-\eta_l)(\bar{v}_l-\delta)^2}{2(1+\eta_l)} \cdot \bar{\partial} \log h_l \right) \\
(1.4) \quad & + 4\delta^4 \sum_{i,j \leq i_1+k_1} b_{i\bar{j}}(F(v^1, \dots, v^n)) \frac{(1+\eta_i)(1+\eta_j)}{(1-\eta_i)(1-\eta_j)(v^i-\delta)^2(\bar{v}^j-\delta)^2} \\
& \cdot \exp \left(\frac{(1+\eta_i)(v^i+\delta)}{(1-\eta_i)(v^i-\delta)} + \sqrt{-1}\theta_i + \frac{(1+\eta_j)(\bar{v}^j+\delta)}{(1-\eta_j)(\bar{v}^j-\delta)} - \sqrt{-1}\theta_j \right) \\
& \cdot \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} dv^i \wedge d\bar{v}^j \\
& - 4\delta^2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\sum_{\substack{i \leq i_1+k_1 \\ j \geq i_1+k_1+1}} b_{i\bar{j}}(F(v^1, \dots, v^n)) \frac{1+\eta_i}{(1-\eta_i)(v^i-\delta)^2} \right. \\
& \quad \cdot \exp \left(\frac{(1+\eta_i)(v^i+\delta)}{(1-\eta_i)(v^i-\delta)} + \sqrt{-1}\theta_i \right) \left. \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} dv^i \wedge d\bar{v}^j \right] \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{l \leq i_1} \frac{2(1+\eta_l)(|v^l|^2-\delta^2)}{(1-\eta_l)|v^l-\delta|^2} + \log(\varepsilon\delta^{2i_1} \prod_{l \leq i_1} h_l) \right)^2} \\
& \cdot \sum_{l \leq i_1} \left(\frac{-2\delta^2(1+\eta_l)}{(1-\eta_l)(v^l-\delta)^2} dv^l + \partial \log h_l \right) \\
& \wedge \sum_{l \leq i_1} \left(\frac{-2\delta^2(1+\eta_l)}{(1-\eta_l)(\bar{v}^l-\delta)^2} d\bar{v}^l + \bar{\partial} \log h_l \right)
\end{aligned}$$

From the fact that $\lim x \rightarrow \infty x^p \exp(-x) = 0$ for any real number p , it is easy to see that in (1.4) the first two terms are equivalent to a Euclidean metric on $\Delta_{\frac{\eta}{2}\delta}^{\eta}$, the next two terms are very small since we may choose η close to 1, the last term is positive and bounded. It is straight forward to check that $F^*\omega_0$ has bounded geometry.

(ii) We show that g_t has uniformly bounded curvature tensor for $t \neq 0$ small. It is known that outside a neighborhood of $\operatorname{Sing}(X_0)$, g_t has uniformly bounded geometry ([TY]). It suffices to bound curvature tensor $Rm(g_t)$ on some neighborhood of $\operatorname{Sing}(X_0)$. For any $x_0 \in \operatorname{Sing}(X_0)$, for simplicity, we assume that $x_0 \in (\cap_{l=1}^{i_1} X_{0l}) \cap (\cap_{j=1}^{j_1} C_{j0}) \cap (\cap_{k=1}^{k_1} D_{k0})$, $x_0 \notin X_{0l}$, $l > i_1$, $x_0 \notin C_{j0}$, $j > j_1$, and $x_0 \notin D_{k0}$, $k > k_1$. Take a neighborhood of x_0 with

coordinate system (z^1, \dots, z^{n+1}) in \mathcal{X} such that X_{0l} is defined by

$$z^l = 0, l = n + 2 - i_1, \dots, n + 1,$$

D_k is defined by

$$z^k = 0, k = 1, \dots, k_1,$$

and C_j is defined by

$$z^{k_1+j} = 0, j = 1, \dots, j_1.$$

On the uniformization $p_{x_0} : \tilde{U}_{x_0} \rightarrow U_{x_0}$ we have coordinate system (w^1, \dots, w^{n+1}) . We may identify \tilde{U}_{x_0} with $(\Delta_\delta^*)^{k_1} \times (\Delta_\delta)^{n-k_1}$, where $\delta > 0$ only depends on \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{C} , and \mathcal{D} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{U}_{x_0} \cap p_{x_0}^{-1}(X_t) \\ = \{(w^1, \dots, w^{n+1}) : w^{n+2-i_1} \dots w^{n+1} = t, |w^l| < \delta, l = 1, \dots, n+1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\|v_k\|_k = h_k |w^k|^2$ and $\|s_l\|_l = h_l |w^l|^2$ for $k = 1, \dots, k_1, l = n+2-i_1, \dots, n+1$. By the definition of metric g_t , we have (here we take $i = n+1$ in the definition of V_{it})

$$\begin{aligned} p_{x_0}^* \omega_t = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \left[\frac{b}{\prod_{k=1}^{k_1} \varepsilon |w^k|^{2\mu_k} (-\log(h_k |w^k|^2))^2} \right. \\ \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{j_1} \varepsilon |w^{k_1+j}|^2 \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \varepsilon |w^l|^2} \\ \cdot \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \left(\frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\ \left. \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log(\varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

where b is a smooth function of

$$w^1, \bar{w}^1, \dots, w^n, \bar{w}^n, \frac{t}{\prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n w^l}, \frac{\bar{t}}{\prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \bar{w}^l}$$

with $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log b$ positive definite. By exchanging w^{n+1} with one of w^{n+2-i_1}, \dots, w^n if necessary, we may assume $|w^l| \geq \sqrt{|t|}$, $l = n+2-i_1, \dots, n$. Then simple computations show

$$\omega_t = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^{n+1} h_{\alpha\beta} dw^\alpha \wedge d\bar{w}^\beta - \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \partial \bar{\partial} \log(\log \varepsilon h_k |w^k|^2)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \partial \bar{\partial} \log \left(\frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \log \left(\frac{\pi}{\log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log (\varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
& = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^{n+1} h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dw^\alpha \wedge d\bar{w}^\beta \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \frac{\left(\frac{dw^k}{w^k} + \partial \log h_k \right) \wedge \left(\frac{d\bar{w}^k}{\bar{w}^k} + \partial \log h_k \right)}{(\log \varepsilon h_k |w^k|^2)^2} \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \frac{\partial \bar{\partial} \log h_k |w^k|^2}{(-\log \varepsilon h_k |w^k|^2)} \\
& - \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \cdot \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \log h_l}{\partial w^\alpha \partial \bar{w}^\beta} dw^\alpha \wedge d\bar{w}^\beta \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
& \cdot \left(\frac{dw^l}{w^l} + \partial \log h_l \right) \wedge \left(\frac{d\bar{w}^l}{\bar{w}^l} + \bar{\partial} \log h_l \right) \\
& - \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \cdot \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi \log (\varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \\
& \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \log \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l}{\partial w^\alpha \partial \bar{w}^\beta} dw^\alpha \wedge d\bar{w}^\beta \\
& + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log (\varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
& \cdot \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \left(\frac{dw^l}{w^l} + \partial \log h_l \right) \wedge \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \left(\frac{d\bar{w}^l}{\bar{w}^l} + \bar{\partial} \log h_l \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where $h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 \log h_i}{\partial w^\alpha \partial \bar{w}^\beta}$ are smooth functions of

$$w^1, \bar{w}^1, \dots, w^n, \bar{w}^n, \frac{t}{\prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n w^l}, \frac{\bar{t}}{\prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \bar{w}^l}$$

and $h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$ is positive definite on \tilde{U}_{x_0} .

Define

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega'_t &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^{n-1} h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}(w^1, \bar{w}^1, \dots, w^n, \bar{w}^n, 0, 0) dw^\alpha \wedge d\bar{w}^\beta \\
 (1.5) \quad &+ \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \frac{dw^k \wedge d\bar{w}^k}{(|w^k| \cdot \log \varepsilon h_k |w^k|^2)^2} \\
 &+ \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \frac{dw^l \wedge d\bar{w}^l}{|w^l|^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega''_t &= \omega'_t + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \operatorname{csc} \frac{\pi \log(\varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2)}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^2 \\
 (1.6) \quad &\cdot \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \frac{dw^l}{w^l} \wedge \sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \frac{d\bar{w}^l}{\bar{w}^l}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let g'_t and g''_t be the metric corresponding to ω'_t and ω''_t respectively. Using the fact that $|w^l| \geq \sqrt{|t|}$, $l = n + 2 - i_1, \dots, n$, g'_t has uniformly bounded curvature tensor. g''_t is equivalent to g'_t uniformly in t , and their difference is bounded in C^3 -norm defined by g'_t . So g''_t has uniformly bounded curvature tensor. One can check that $\omega_t - \omega''_t$ are uniformly small in C^3 -topology with respect to the metric g'_t when we choose ε small. So g_t has uniformly bounded curvature tensor on \tilde{U}_{x_0} . Lemma 1.2 is proved. \square

Lemma 1.5. *For the metric g_t in Lemma 1.1, there is a smooth function f on $\mathcal{X} \setminus (C \cup D \cup \operatorname{Sing}(X_0))$ compatible with the V -manifold structure and bounded from above such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{ric}(g_t) + \omega_t &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial\bar{\partial} f_t, \\
 \operatorname{ric}(g_0) + \omega_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial\bar{\partial} f_0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f_t = f|_{X_t \setminus (C_t \cup D_t)}$ and $f_0 = f|_{X_0 \setminus (C_0 \cup D_0 \cup \operatorname{Sing}(X_0))}$. Furthermore $-\Delta_{g_t} f_t \leq C$ for some constant C independent of t .

Proof. We define f by (t may be 0)

$$f_t = -\log \frac{\omega_t^n}{V_t}.$$

It suffices to show that f_t and $-\Delta_{g_t} f_t$ are uniformly bounded from above near $\mathcal{D} \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)$. Here we only show that they are uniformly bounded from above near $\text{Sing}(X_0)$, near \mathcal{D} the proof is similar and easier. First we prove that f is bounded from above near $\text{Sing}(X_0)$. Using the coordinate system (w^1, \dots, w^{n+1}) in the proof of Lemma 1.2(ii), we have $\omega_t^n = (\omega_t'')^n(1+h)$, where h is a function with very small values. So we need to prove that $-\log \frac{(\omega_t'')^n}{V_t}$ is uniformly bounded from above.

Since $(\omega_1 + \omega_2)^n \geq \omega_1^n$ when both ω_1 and ω_2 are non-negative (1,1)-forms, observing that last term in (1.6) is non-negative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\omega_t'')^n}{V_t} &\geq \frac{(\omega_t')^n}{V_t} \\ &\geq C \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{k_1} \frac{1}{|w^k|^{2(1-\mu_k)}} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^{-2}, \end{aligned}$$

where C is a constant independent of t . Since $u \sin \frac{\pi}{u} \geq \frac{1}{2}x$ for $0 < x \leq u$, using the fact that $|w_l| \geq \sqrt{|t|}$, we have

$$\left(\frac{-\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^{-2} \geq C \cdot \left(\sum_{l=n+2-i_1}^n \log \varepsilon h_l |w^l|^2 \right)^2.$$

So f is bounded from above by a positive constant independent of t .

Next we prove $-\Delta_{g_t} f_t \leq C$. Using the same coordinate system (w^1, \dots, w^{n+1}) as above. Then by some computations we find

$$\begin{aligned} f_t &= -\log \frac{(\omega_t'')^n(1+h_t)}{V_t} \\ &= \log \prod_{k=1}^{k_1} |w^k|^{2(1-\mu_k)} - \log \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^{-2} + \tilde{h}_t, \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{h} has uniformly bounded C^3 -norm with respect to metric g_t . However further computations show that both

$$-\Delta_{g_t} \log \prod_{k=1}^{k_1} |w^k|^{2(1-\mu_k)}$$

and

$$-\Delta_{g_t} \left[-\log \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \text{csc} \frac{\pi \log \varepsilon \prod_{l=n+2-i_1}^n h_l |w^l|^2}{2 \log \varepsilon |t|} \right)^{-2} \right]$$

are bounded from above. So the lemma is proved. □

2. Proof of Theorem 0.1.

We adopt the notations of section 1. Now let $g_{E,t}$ be the Kähler-Einstein V-metrics on $(X_t \setminus D_t \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$ for each $t \in \Delta$. Then there are smooth V-functions φ_t on $(X_t \setminus D_t \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$ such that

$$\omega_{E,t} = \omega_t + \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{2\pi} \partial \bar{\partial} \varphi_t,$$

where $\omega_{E,t}$ are the Kähler forms associated with $g_{E,t}$. Furthermore, the following equation follows from $\text{ric}(g_{E,t}) = -\omega_{E,t}$,

$$\omega_{E,t}^n = e^{f_t + \varphi_t} \omega_t^n,$$

where f_t is defined in Lemma 1.5.

Lemma 2.1. *There is a uniform constant C independent of t such that $\sup |\varphi_t + f_t| \leq C$ on $(X_t \setminus D_t \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$.*

Proof. It follows from maximal principle since by Lemma 1.2

$$(X_t \setminus D_t \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{jt} \right)$$

has uniformly bounded geometry. (See [TY] or [B]) □

Lemma 2.2. (i) *There are two constants c and C both independent of t and x such that $e^{-c\varphi_t(x)}(n + \Delta_{g_t} \varphi_t(x)) \leq C$.*

(ii) *For any compact set $K \subset \mathcal{X} \setminus (D \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))$, there is a uniform constant C_K depending on K but independent of t and x such that $n + \Delta_{g_t} \varphi_t \leq C_K$.*

Proof. (i) Let x_0 be the point where $e^{-c\varphi_t(x)}(n + \Delta_{g_t} \varphi_t(x))$ attains its maximum. Note that in [Y1] this second-order derivative estimate of φ is bounded by a constant depending only on $\sup f$ and $\sup(-\Delta_g f)$ for the complex

Monge-Apmère equation $(\omega_g + \partial\bar{\partial}\varphi)^n = e^{f+\varphi}\omega_g^n$. Using Lemma 1.2 and 1.5, we have the following estimate $n + \Delta_{g_t}\varphi_t(x_0) \leq C$ by the same computations as the second-order derivative estimate in [Y1] using quasi-coordinate system. On the other hand, from Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 1.5, we have $-\varphi_t(x) \leq f_t(x) + C \leq C' + C$. So $e^{-c\varphi_t(x_0)}(n + \Delta_{g_t}\varphi_t(x_0))$ is uniformly bounded.

(ii) From Lemma 2.1, for any compact set $K \subset \mathcal{X} \setminus (\mathcal{D} \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))$, we can find C_K such that for any x in K , $|\varphi_t(x)| \leq C_K$. Now (ii) follows from (i). \square

Corollary 2.1. *For any compact set $K \subset \mathcal{X} \setminus (\mathcal{D} \cup \text{Sing}(X_0))$, there is a constant C_K depending on K but independent of t such that*

$$\sup_{X_t \cap K} \{|\varphi_t|, |\nabla_{g_t}^k \varphi_t| : 1 \leq k \leq 3\} \leq C_K.$$

Proof. By working in the quasi-coordinate system, we can show that $\varphi_t + f_t$ has uniformly bounded $C^{2,\alpha}$ -norm on any compact set K (the proof is the same as the proof of Lemma 1.4 in [TY]). In the proof we need to use Lemma 2.1 above. The third derivative estimate of φ_t follows using Lemma 2.2 and the arguments in [Y1]. \square

Now we conclude the proof of Theorem 0.1. For any sequence φ_{t_i} , by a diagonalizing argument using Corollary 2.1, we can find a subsequence which converges in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov under $C^{2,\frac{1}{2}}$ -topology on $(X_0 \setminus D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j_0} \right)$. Let φ_{t_i} be any convergent sequence and φ_∞ be the limit on $(X_0 \setminus D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j_0} \right)$, then by Lemma 1.1 g_{E,t_i} will converge to a Kähler-Einstein V-metric $\tilde{g}_{E,0}$ outside $\text{Sing}(X_0)$ in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov. We now prove that V-metric $\tilde{g}_{E,0}$ is complete. Fix a point P on $(X_0 \setminus D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j_0} \right)$, let Q be another point close to $\text{Sing}(X_0)$ and $\phi_{\beta,t}$ be defined as in Lemma 1.1. Then the distance between $\phi_{\beta,t_i}(P)$ and $\phi_{\beta,t_i}(Q)$ defined by metric g_{t_i} can be chosen arbitrary large if Q is close enough to $\text{Sing}(X_0)$ and i is large enough. This is also true for the distance between $\phi_{\beta,t_i}(P)$ and $\phi_{\beta,t_i}(Q)$ defined by metric g_{E,t_i} . On the other hand if we choose i large enough, this distance approaches the distance between P and Q defined by metric $\tilde{g}_{E,0}$. So $\tilde{g}_{E,0}$ is complete ([Y2], p.474). However, the complete Kähler-Einstein V-metric on $(X_0 \setminus D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j_0} \right)$ is unique ([TY]), $\tilde{g}_{E,0} = g_{E,0}$.

This shows that φ_t converges to the unique smooth V-function φ_0 on $(X_0 \setminus D_0 \cup \text{Sing}(X_0)) \left(\sum \frac{1}{m_j} C_{j0} \right)$ in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov, so $g_{E,t}$ converge to $g_{E,0}$ in the sense of Cheeger-Gromov.

Remark. In [T], Tian proved that for degeneration $\pi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta$, the Peterson-Weil metrics bounded from above by $\frac{C \cdot |dz|^2}{|z|^2 (-\log|z|^2)^3}$ on the punctured disc $\Delta \setminus \{0\}$ for some constant C . However we can not prove it for the degeneration family in Theorem 0.1 because we do not have $g_{E,t} \leq C \cdot g_t$ for some C independent of t .

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