



## Cohomologies of certain orbifolds



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### ABSTRACT

We study the Bott–Chern cohomology of complex orbifolds obtained as a quotient of a compact complex manifold by a finite group of biholomorphisms.

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### Introduction

In order to investigate cohomological aspects of compact complex non-Kähler manifolds, and in particular with the aim to get results allowing to construct new examples of non-Kähler manifolds, we study the cohomology of complex orbifolds.

Namely, an *orbifold* (or *V-manifold*, as introduced by I. Satake, [1]) is a singular complex space whose singularities are locally isomorphic to quotient singularities  $\mathbb{C}^n/G$ , for finite subgroups  $G \subset GL(n; \mathbb{C})$ , where  $n$  is the complex dimension: in other words, local geometry of orbifolds reduces to local  $G$ -invariant geometry. A special case is provided by orbifolds of global-quotient type, namely, by orbifolds  $\tilde{X} = X/G$ , where  $X$  is a complex manifold and  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms of  $X$ ; such orbifolds have been studied, among others, by D.D. Joyce in constructing examples of compact manifolds with special holonomy, see [2–5]. As proven by I. Satake, and W.L. Baily, from the cohomological point of view, one can adapt both the sheaf-theoretic and the analytic tools for the study of the de Rham and the Dolbeault cohomology of complex orbifolds, [1,6,7].

In particular, useful tools in studying the cohomological properties of non-Kähler manifolds are provided by the *Bott–Chern cohomology*, that is, the bi-graded algebra

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) := \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial \bar{\partial}},$$

and by the *Aeppli cohomology*, that is, the bi-graded  $H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X)$ -module

$$H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) := \frac{\ker \partial \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial + \text{im } \bar{\partial}}.$$

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After R. Bott and S.S. Chern, [8], and A. Aeppli, [9], several authors studied the Bott–Chern and Aeppli cohomologies in many different contexts: for example, they have been recently considered by L.-S. Tseng and S.-T. Yau in the framework of Generalized Geometry and type II String Theory, [10]. While for compact Kähler manifolds  $X$  one has that the Bott–Chern cohomology and the Aeppli cohomology are naturally isomorphic to the Dolbeault cohomology, [11, Lemma 5.15, Remarks 5.16, 5.21, Lemma 5.11], in general, for compact non-Kähler manifolds  $X$ , the natural maps  $H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X)$  and  $H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X; \mathbb{C})$ , and  $H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(X)$  and  $H_{dR}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(X)$  induced by the identity are neither injective nor surjective. One says that a compact complex manifold satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma if every  $\partial$ -closed  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed d-exact form is  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -exact, that is, if the natural map  $H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet,\bullet}(X; \mathbb{C})$  is injective; compact Kähler manifolds provide the main examples of complex manifolds satisfying the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, [11, Lemma 5.11], other than motivations for their study.

In this note, we study the *Bott–Chern cohomology* and the *Aeppli cohomology* of compact complex orbifolds  $\tilde{X} = X/G$  of global-quotient type (where  $X$  is a compact complex manifold and  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms of  $X$ ), that is,

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial \bar{\partial}} \quad \text{and} \quad H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \partial \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial + \text{im } \bar{\partial}},$$

where  $\partial: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1,\bullet} \tilde{X}$  and  $\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet+1} \tilde{X}$ , and  $\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X}$  is the bi-graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of differential forms on  $\tilde{X}$ , that is, of  $G$ -invariant differential forms on  $X$ . We prove the following result in Section 2.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\tilde{X} = X/G$  be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension  $n$ , where  $X$  is a compact complex manifold and  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms of  $X$ . For any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H_{BC}^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X}$  denotes the space of currents of bi-degree  $(p, q)$  on  $\tilde{X}$ , that is, the space of  $G$ -invariant currents of bi-degree  $(p, q)$  on  $X$ .

Furthermore, given a Hermitian metric on  $\tilde{X}$  (that is, a  $G$ -invariant Hermitian metric on  $X$ ), there are canonical isomorphisms

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \quad \text{and} \quad H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A,$$

where  $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$  and  $\tilde{\Delta}_A$  are the 4th order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} := (\partial \bar{\partial}) (\partial \bar{\partial})^* + (\partial \bar{\partial})^* (\partial \bar{\partial}) + (\bar{\partial}^* \partial)^* (\bar{\partial}^* \partial) + (\bar{\partial}^* \partial)^* (\bar{\partial}^* \partial) + \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} + \partial^* \partial \in \text{End} \left( \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \right)$$

and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_A := \partial \partial^* + \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* + (\partial \bar{\partial})^* (\partial \bar{\partial}) + (\partial \bar{\partial}) (\partial \bar{\partial})^* + (\bar{\partial} \partial^*)^* (\bar{\partial} \partial^*) + (\bar{\partial} \partial^*) (\bar{\partial} \partial^*)^* \in \text{End} \left( \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \right).$$

In particular, the Hodge- $*$ -operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet_1,\bullet_2}(\tilde{X}) \simeq H_A^{n-\bullet_2,n-\bullet_1}(\tilde{X}).$$

We notice that the previous theorem in the case of compact complex manifolds has been proven by M. Schweitzer in [12]. As regards the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma for complex orbifolds, by adapting a result by R.O. Wells in [13], we get the following result.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\tilde{Y}$  and  $\tilde{X}$  be compact complex orbifolds of the same complex dimension, and let  $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  be a proper surjective morphism of complex orbifolds. If  $\tilde{Y}$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, then also  $\tilde{X}$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma.*

### 1. Preliminaries on orbifolds

The notion of orbifolds has been introduced by I. Satake in [1], with the name of *V-manifold*, and has been studied, among many others, by W.L. Baily, [6,7].

In this section, we start by recalling the main definitions and some classical results concerning complex orbifolds and their cohomology, referring to [14,5,1,6,7].

A *complex orbifold of complex dimension  $n$*  is a singular complex space whose singularities are locally isomorphic to quotient singularities  $\mathbb{C}^n/G$ , for finite subgroups  $G \subset \text{GL}(n; \mathbb{C})$ , [1, Definition 2].

By definition, an object (e.g., a differential form, a Riemannian metric, a Hermitian metric) on a complex orbifold  $\tilde{X}$  is defined locally at  $x \in \tilde{X}$  as a  $G_x$ -invariant object on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , where  $G_x \subseteq \text{GL}(n; \mathbb{C})$  is such that  $\tilde{X}$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^n/G_x$  at  $x$ .

Given  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  complex orbifolds, a *morphism*  $f: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  of complex orbifolds is a morphism of complex spaces given, locally at  $y \in \tilde{Y}$ , by a map  $\mathbb{C}^m/H_y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/G_{f(y)}$ , where  $\tilde{Y}$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^m/H_y$  at  $y$  and  $\tilde{X}$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^n/G_{f(y)}$  at  $f(y)$ .

In particular, one gets a differential complex  $(\wedge^\bullet \tilde{X}, d)$ , and a double complex  $(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X}, \partial, \bar{\partial})$ . Define the de Rham, Dolbeault, Bott–Chern, and Aeppli cohomology groups of  $\tilde{X}$  respectively as

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) := \frac{\ker d}{\text{im } d}, \quad H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \bar{\partial}},$$

$$H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \partial \cap \ker \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial \bar{\partial}}, \quad H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) := \frac{\ker \partial \bar{\partial}}{\text{im } \partial + \text{im } \bar{\partial}}.$$

The structure of double complex of  $(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X}, \partial, \bar{\partial})$  induces naturally a spectral sequence  $\{(E_r^{\bullet,\bullet}, d_r)\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$ , called *Hodge and Frölicher spectral sequence of  $\tilde{X}$* , such that  $E_1^{\bullet,\bullet} \simeq H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X})$  (see, e.g., [15, Section 2.4]). Hence, one has the *Frölicher inequality*, see [16, Theorem 2],

$$\sum_{p+q=k} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{\bar{\partial}}^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \geq \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_{dR}^k(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}),$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Given a Riemannian metric on a complex orbifold  $\tilde{X}$  of complex dimension  $n$ , one can consider the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear Hodge- $*$ -operator  $*_g: \wedge^{\bullet_1, \bullet_2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{2n-\bullet_1, \bullet_2} \tilde{X}$ , and hence the 2nd order self-adjoint elliptic differential operator  $\Delta := [d, d^*] := d d^* + d^* d \in \text{End}(\wedge^\bullet \tilde{X})$ .

Analogously, given a Hermitian metric on a complex orbifold  $\tilde{X}$  of complex dimension  $n$ , one can consider the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear Hodge- $*$ -operator  $*_g: \wedge^{\bullet_1, \bullet_2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{n-\bullet_1, n-\bullet_2} \tilde{X}$ , and hence the 2nd order self-adjoint elliptic differential operator  $\bar{\Delta} := [\bar{\partial}, \bar{\partial}^*] := \bar{\partial} \bar{\partial}^* + \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X})$ . Furthermore, in [17, Proposition 5], and [12, Section 2], the following 4th order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators are defined:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} := (\partial \bar{\partial})(\partial \bar{\partial})^* + (\partial \bar{\partial})^*(\partial \bar{\partial}) + (\bar{\partial}^* \partial)(\bar{\partial}^* \partial)^* + (\bar{\partial}^* \partial)^*(\bar{\partial}^* \partial) + \bar{\partial}^* \bar{\partial} + \partial^* \partial \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X})$$

and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_A := \partial \bar{\partial}^* + \bar{\partial} \partial^* + (\partial \bar{\partial})^*(\partial \bar{\partial}) + (\partial \bar{\partial})(\partial \bar{\partial})^* + (\bar{\partial} \partial^*)^*(\bar{\partial} \partial^*) + (\bar{\partial} \partial^*)(\bar{\partial} \partial^*)^* \in \text{End}(\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X}).$$

As a matter of notation, given a compact complex orbifold  $\tilde{X}$  of complex dimension  $n$ , denote the constant sheaf with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$  over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathbb{R}_{\tilde{X}}$ , the sheaf of germs of smooth functions over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathcal{C}_{\tilde{X}}^\infty$ , the sheaf of germs of  $(p, q)$ -forms (for  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ) over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{p,q}$ , the sheaf of germs of  $k$ -forms (for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^k$ , the sheaf of germs of bidimension- $(p, q)$ -currents (for  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ) over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{p,q} := \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{n-p, n-q}$ , the sheaf of germs of dimension- $k$ -currents (for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^k := \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{2n-k}$ , and the sheaf of holomorphic  $p$ -forms (for  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) over  $\tilde{X}$  by  $\Omega_{\tilde{X}}^p$ .

The following result, concerning the de Rham cohomology of a compact complex orbifold, has been proven by I. Satake, [1], and by W.L. Baily, [6].

**Theorem 3** ([1, Theorem 1], [6, Theorem H]). *Let  $\tilde{X}$  be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension  $n$ . There is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \check{H}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}_{\tilde{X}}).$$

Furthermore, given a Riemannian metric on  $\tilde{X}$ , there is a canonical isomorphism

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \ker \Delta.$$

In particular, the Hodge- $*$ -operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq H_{dR}^{2n-\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}).$$

The isomorphism  $H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \simeq \ker \Delta$  can be seen as a consequence of a more general decomposition theorem on compact orbifolds, [6, Theorem D], which holds for 2nd order self-adjoint elliptic differential operators. In particular, as regards the Dolbeault cohomology, the following result by W.L. Baily, [7,6], holds.

**Theorem 4** ([7, p. 807], [6, Theorem K]). Let  $\tilde{X}$  be a compact complex orbifold of complex dimension  $n$ . There is a canonical isomorphism

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \check{H}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \Omega_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, \bullet}).$$

Furthermore, given a Hermitian metric on  $\tilde{X}$ , there is a canonical isomorphism

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \bar{\square}.$$

In particular, the Hodge- $\ast$ -operator induces an isomorphism

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq H_{\bar{\partial}}^{n-\bullet, n-\bullet}(\tilde{X}).$$

## 2. Bott–Chern cohomology of complex orbifolds of global-quotient type

Compact complex orbifolds of the type  $\tilde{X} = X/G$ , where  $X$  is a compact complex manifold and  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms of  $X$ , constitute one of the simplest examples of singular manifolds: more precisely, in this section, we study the Bott–Chern cohomology for such orbifolds, proving that it can be defined using either currents or forms, or also by computing the  $G$ -invariant  $\Delta_{BC}$ -harmonic forms on  $X$ , [Theorem 1](#).

Consider

$$\tilde{X} = X/G,$$

where  $X$  is a compact complex manifold and  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms of  $X$ : by the Bochner linearization theorem, [18, Theorem 1], see also [19, Theorem 1.7.2],  $\tilde{X}$  turns out to be an orbifold as in I. Satake's definition.

Such orbifolds of global-quotient type have been considered and studied by D.D. Joyce in constructing examples of compact 7-dimensional manifolds with holonomy  $G_2$ , [2] and [5, Chapters 11–12], and examples of compact 8-dimensional manifolds with holonomy  $\text{Spin}(7)$ , [3,4] and [5, Chapters 13–14]. See also [20,21] for the use of orbifolds of global-quotient type to construct a compact 8-dimensional simply-connected non-formal symplectic manifold (which do not satisfy, respectively satisfy, the Hard Lefschetz condition), answering to a question by I.K. Babenko and I.A. Taïmanov, [22, Problem].

Since  $G$  is a finite group of biholomorphisms, the singular set of  $\tilde{X}$  is

$$\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) = \{xG \in X/G : x \in X \text{ and } g \cdot x = x \text{ for some } g \in G \setminus \{\text{id}_X\}\}.$$

In order to investigate Bott–Chern and Aeppli cohomologies of compact complex orbifolds of global-quotient type, we prove now [Theorem 1](#). (See [12, Section 4.d, Théorème 2.2, Section 2.c] for the case of compact complex manifolds.)

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We use the same argument as in the proof of [23, Theorem 3.7] to show that, since the de Rham cohomology and the Dolbeault cohomology of  $\tilde{X}$  can be computed using either differential forms or currents, the same holds true for the Bott–Chern and Aeppli cohomologies.

Indeed, note that, for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow & \frac{\text{im} \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right) \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X}}{\text{im} \left( \partial\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X} \right)} \\ \rightarrow & \frac{\ker \left( d: \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q+1}\tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X} \right)} \rightarrow \frac{\ker \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q+1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)}{\text{im} \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the maps are induced by the identity. By [1, Theorem 1], one has

$$\frac{\ker \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q+1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)}{\text{im} \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)} \simeq \frac{\ker \left( d: (\wedge^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\wedge^{p+q+1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)}{\text{im} \left( d: (\wedge^{p+q-1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\wedge^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right)},$$

therefore it suffices to prove that the space

$$\frac{\text{im} \left( d: (\mathcal{D}^{p+q-1}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p+q}\tilde{X} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \right) \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X}}{\text{im} \left( \partial\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X} \right)}$$

can be computed using just differential forms on  $\tilde{X}$ .

Firstly, we note that, since, by [7, p. 807],

$$\frac{\ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet+1}\tilde{X} \right)}{\operatorname{im} \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet-1}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} \right)} \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet+1}\tilde{X} \right)}{\operatorname{im} \left( \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet-1}\tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} \right)},$$

one has that, if  $\psi \in \wedge^{r,s}\tilde{X}$  is a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed differential form, then every solution  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1}$  of  $\bar{\partial}\phi = \psi$  is a differential form up to  $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms. Indeed, since  $[\psi] = 0$  in  $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \mathcal{D}^{r,s}\tilde{X}}{\operatorname{im} \bar{\partial}}$  and hence in  $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \wedge^{r,s}\tilde{X}}{\operatorname{im} \bar{\partial}}$ , there is a differential form  $\alpha \in \wedge^{r,s-1}\tilde{X}$  such that  $\psi = \bar{\partial}\alpha$ . Hence,  $\phi - \alpha \in \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1}\tilde{X}$  defines a class in  $\frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \mathcal{D}^{r,s-1}\tilde{X}}{\operatorname{im} \bar{\partial}} \simeq \frac{\ker \bar{\partial} \cap \wedge^{r,s-1}\tilde{X}}{\operatorname{im} \bar{\partial}}$ , and hence  $\phi - \alpha$  is a differential form up to a  $\bar{\partial}$ -exact form, and so  $\phi$  is.

By conjugation, if  $\psi \in \wedge^{r,s}\tilde{X}$  is a  $\partial$ -closed differential form, then every solution  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}^{r-1,s}$  of  $\partial\phi = \psi$  is a differential form up to  $\partial$ -exact terms.

Now, let

$$\omega^{p,q} = d\eta \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \in \frac{\operatorname{im} d \cap \mathcal{D}^{p,q}X}{\operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial}}.$$

Decomposing  $\eta =: \sum_{p,q} \eta^{p,q}$  in pure-type components, where  $\eta^{p,q} \in \mathcal{D}^{p,q}\tilde{X}$ , the previous equality is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial \eta^{p+q-1,0} = 0 \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{p+q-\ell,\ell-1} + \partial \eta^{p+q-\ell-1,\ell} = 0 \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \quad \text{for } \ell \in \{1, \dots, q-1\} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{p,q-1} + \partial \eta^{p-1,q} = \omega^{p,q} \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{\ell,p+q-\ell-1} + \partial \eta^{\ell-1,p+q-\ell} = 0 \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial} \quad \text{for } \ell \in \{1, \dots, p-1\} \\ \bar{\partial} \eta^{0,p+q-1} = 0 \operatorname{mod} \operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial}. \end{cases}$$

By the above argument, we may suppose that, for  $\ell \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ , the currents  $\eta^{\ell,p+q-\ell-1}$  are differential forms: indeed, they are differential forms up to  $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms, but  $\bar{\partial}$ -exact terms give no contribution in the system, which is modulo  $\operatorname{im} \partial \bar{\partial}$ . Analogously, we may suppose that, for  $\ell \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$ , the currents  $\eta^{p+q-\ell-1,\ell}$  are differential forms. Then we may suppose that  $\omega^{p,q} = \bar{\partial} \eta^{p,q-1} + \partial \eta^{p-1,q}$  is a differential form. Hence (1) is proven.

Now, we prove that, fixed a  $G$ -invariant Hermitian metric on  $\tilde{X}$ , the Bott–Chern cohomology of  $\tilde{X}$  is isomorphic to the space of  $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ -harmonic  $G$ -invariant forms on  $X$ . Indeed, since the elements of  $G$  commute with  $\partial$ ,  $\bar{\partial}$ ,  $\partial^*$ , and  $\bar{\partial}^*$ , and hence with  $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ , the following decomposition, [12, Théorème 2.2],

$$\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}X = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \oplus \partial \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet-1,\bullet-1}X \oplus \left( \partial^* \wedge^{\bullet+1,\bullet}X + \bar{\partial}^* \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet+1}X \right)$$

induces a decomposition

$$\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X} = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \oplus \partial \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet-1,\bullet-1}\tilde{X} \oplus \left( \partial^* \wedge^{\bullet+1,\bullet}\tilde{X} + \bar{\partial}^* \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet+1}\tilde{X} \right);$$

more precisely, let  $\alpha \in \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}$ , that is,  $\alpha$  is a  $G$ -invariant form on  $X$ ; if  $\alpha$  has a decomposition  $\alpha = h_\alpha + \partial \bar{\partial} \beta + \left( \partial^* \gamma + \bar{\partial}^* \eta \right)$  with  $h_\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \eta \in \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}X$  such that  $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} h_\alpha = 0$ , then one has

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \alpha = \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha \right) + \partial \bar{\partial} \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \beta \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \partial^* \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \gamma \right) + \bar{\partial}^* \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \eta \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha, \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \beta, \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \gamma, \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \eta \in \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}\tilde{X}$  and

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* h_\alpha \right) = \frac{1}{\operatorname{ord} G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (\tilde{\Delta}_{BC} h_\alpha) = 0.$$

As regards the Aeppli cohomology, one has the decomposition, [12, Section 2.c],

$$\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet}X = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A \oplus \left( \partial \wedge^{\bullet-1,\bullet}X + \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet-1}X \right) \oplus (\partial \bar{\partial})^* \wedge^{\bullet+1,\bullet+1}X,$$

and hence the decomposition

$$\wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} = \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A \oplus \left( \partial \wedge^{\bullet-1,\bullet} \tilde{X} + \bar{\partial} \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet-1} \tilde{X} \right) \oplus (\partial \bar{\partial})^* \wedge^{\bullet+1,\bullet+1} \tilde{X},$$

from which one gets the isomorphism  $H_A^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \ker \tilde{\Delta}_A$ .

Finally, note that the Hodge- $*$ -operator  $*$ :  $\wedge^{\bullet_1,\bullet_2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{n-\bullet_2,n-\bullet_1} \tilde{X}$  sends  $\tilde{\Delta}_{BC}$ -harmonic forms to  $\tilde{\Delta}_A$ -harmonic forms, and hence it induces an isomorphism

$$*: H_{BC}^{\bullet_1,\bullet_2}(\tilde{X}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} H_A^{n-\bullet_2,n-\bullet_1}(\tilde{X}),$$

concluding the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 5.** We note that another proof of the isomorphism

$$H_{BC}^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

and a proof of the isomorphism

$$H_A^{p,q}(\tilde{X}) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1,q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial: \mathcal{D}^{p-1,q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right) + \text{im} \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p,q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p,q} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

follow from the sheaf-theoretic interpretation of the Bott–Chern and Aeppli cohomologies, developed by J.-P. Demailly, [24, Section V I.12.1] and M. Schweitzer, [12, Section 4]; see also [25, Section 3.2].

More precisely, we recall that, for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , the complex  $(\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet})$  of sheaves is defined as

$$\left( \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet} \right) : \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{0,0} \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=1 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q-2 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots,$$

and the complex  $(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet})$  of sheaves is defined as

$$\left( \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X},p,q}^\bullet} \right) : \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{0,0} \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=1 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\text{pr} \circ d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q-2 \\ r < p, s < q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{\partial \bar{\partial}} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \xrightarrow{d} \bigoplus_{\substack{r+s=p+q \\ r \geq p, s \geq q}} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{r,s} \rightarrow \dots,$$

where  $\text{pr}$  denotes the projection onto the appropriate space.

Take  $\phi$  a germ of a  $d$ -closed  $k$ -form on  $\tilde{X}$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , that is, a germ of a  $G$ -invariant  $k$ -form on  $X$ ; by the Poincaré lemma, see, e.g., [24, I.1.22], there exists  $\psi$  a germ of a  $(k - 1)$ -form on  $X$  such that  $\phi = d \psi$ ; since  $\phi$  is  $G$ -invariant, one has

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (d \psi) = d \left( \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi \right),$$

that is, taking the germ of the  $G$ -invariant  $(k - 1)$ -form

$$\tilde{\psi} := \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi$$

on  $X$ , one gets a germ of a  $(k - 1)$ -form on  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $\phi = d \tilde{\psi}$ . As regards the case  $k = 0$ , one has straightforwardly that every  $(G$ -invariant)  $d$ -closed function on  $X$  is locally constant. The same argument applies for the sheaves of currents, by using the Poincaré lemma for currents; see, e.g., [24, Theorem I.2.24].

Analogously, take  $\phi$  a germ of a  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $(p, q)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q)$ -current) on  $\tilde{X}$ , with  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , that is, a germ of a  $G$ -invariant  $(p, q)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q)$ -current) on  $X$ ; by the Dolbeault and Grothendieck lemma, see, e.g., [24, I.3.29], there exists  $\psi$  a germ of a  $(p, q - 1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q - 1)$ -current) on  $X$  such that  $\phi = \bar{\partial} \psi$ ; since  $\phi$  is  $G$ -invariant, one has

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \phi = \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* (\bar{\partial} \psi) = \bar{\partial} \left( \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi \right),$$

that is, taking the germ of the  $G$ -invariant  $(p, q - 1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q - 1)$ -current)

$$\tilde{\psi} := \frac{1}{\text{ord } G} \sum_{g \in G} g^* \psi$$

on  $X$ , one gets a germ of a  $(p, q - 1)$ -form (respectively, bidimension- $(p, q - 1)$ -current) on  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $\phi = \bar{\partial} \tilde{\psi}$ . As regards the case  $q = 0$ , one has that every  $(G$ -invariant)  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed bidimension- $(p, 0)$ -current on  $X$  is locally a holomorphic  $p$ -form; see, e.g., [24, I.3.29].

By the Poincaré lemma and the Dolbeault and Grothendieck lemma, one gets M. Schweitzer’s lemma [12, Lemme 4.1], which can be extended also to the context of orbifolds by using the same trick.

As in [24, Lemma VI.12.1], see also [25, Proposition 3.4.1], the map

$$\left( \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right)$$

of complexes of sheaves is a quasi-isomorphism, and hence, see, e.g., [24, Section IV.12.6], for every  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathbb{H}^{\ell} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \mathbb{H}^{\ell} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right).$$

Since, for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sheaves  $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^k$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^k$  are fine (indeed, they are sheaves of  $(\mathcal{C}_{\tilde{X}}^{\infty} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})$ -modules over a paracompact space, see [6, item 5 at p. 807]), one has, see, e.g., [24, IV.4.19, (IV.12.9)],

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-1} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial: \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-1} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \right) \cap \ker \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-2} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial: \wedge^{p-2, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right) + \text{im} \left( \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{p-1, q-2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{H}^{p+q-2} \left( \tilde{X}; \left( \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}, d_{\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{X}}^{\bullet, p, q}} \right) \right) \simeq \frac{\ker \left( \partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \right)}{\text{im} \left( \partial: \mathcal{D}^{p-2, q-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right) + \text{im} \left( \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-2} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \right)},$$

proving the stated isomorphisms.

By considering local charts, note that the same argument can be applied for general orbifolds (possibly not given by a global-quotient), as pointed out by the referee.

### 3. Complex orbifolds satisfying the $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -lemma

We recall that a bounded double complex  $(K^{\bullet, \bullet}, d', d'')$  of vector spaces, whose associated simple complex is  $(K^{\bullet}, d)$  with  $d := d' + d''$ , is said to satisfy the  $d' d''$ -lemma, [11], if

$$\ker d' \cap \ker d'' \cap \text{im } d = \text{im } d' d'';$$

other equivalent conditions are provided in [11, Lemma 5.15].

An orbifold  $\tilde{X}$  is said to satisfy the  $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -lemma if the double complex  $(\wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}, \partial, \bar{\partial})$  satisfies the  $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -lemma, that is, if every  $\partial$ -closed  $\bar{\partial}$ -closed  $d$ -exact form is  $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -exact, namely, in other words, if the natural map  $H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$  induced by the identity is injective.

Characterizations of compact complex manifolds satisfying the  $\partial \bar{\partial}$ -lemma in terms of their cohomological properties have been provided by P. Deligne, Ph.A. Griffiths, J. Morgan and D.P. Sullivan in [11, Proposition 5.17, 5.21], and by the author and A. Tomassini in [26, Theorem B]. As a corollary of their characterization, P. Deligne, Ph.A. Griffiths, J. Morgan and

D.P. Sullivan proved that, given  $X$  and  $Y$  compact complex manifolds of the same dimension and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a holomorphic birational map, if  $X$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, then also  $Y$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, [11, Theorem 5.22].

In this section, we extend [11, Theorem 5.22] to the case of orbifolds, by straightforwardly adapting a result by R.O. Wells, [13, Theorem 3.1], to the orbifold case.

**Theorem 6** (See [13, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $\tilde{Y}$  and  $\tilde{X}$  be compact complex orbifolds of the same complex dimension, and let  $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  be a proper surjective morphism of complex orbifolds. Then the map  $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  induces injective maps*

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}), \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}), \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}).$$

**Proof.** We follow closely the proof of [13, Theorem 3.1] and adapt it to the orbifold case.

**Step 1–Notations.** The morphism  $\epsilon: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  of complex orbifolds induces morphisms

$$\epsilon^*: \wedge^\bullet \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{Y}$$

of  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces and  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces, and hence, by duality,

$$\epsilon_*: \mathcal{D}_\bullet \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\bullet \tilde{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*: \mathcal{D}_{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X}.$$

Moreover, recall that, for  $X \in \{\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}\}$ , there are natural inclusions

$$T: \wedge^\bullet X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\bullet X :=: \mathcal{D}_{2n-\bullet} X \quad \text{and} \quad T: \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet} X :=: \mathcal{D}_{n-\bullet, n-\bullet} X,$$

where  $n$  is the complex dimension of  $X$ .

Both  $\epsilon^*$  and  $\epsilon_*$  commute with  $d$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$ , and hence they induce morphisms of complexes

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: (\wedge^\bullet \tilde{X}, d) \rightarrow (\wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y}, d) \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*^{dR}: (\mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{Y}, d) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{X}, d),$$

and, for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: (\wedge^{p,\bullet} \tilde{X}, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\wedge^{p,\bullet} \tilde{Y}, \bar{\partial}) \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_*^{\bar{\partial}}: (\mathcal{D}^{p,\bullet} \tilde{Y}, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p,\bullet} \tilde{X}, \bar{\partial}),$$

and, for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\epsilon_{BC}^*: \left( \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right) \rightarrow \left( \wedge^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} \tilde{Y} \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} \tilde{Y} \right)$$

and

$$\epsilon_*^{BC}: \left( \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{Y} \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{Y} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{Y} \right) \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} \tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} \tilde{X} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} \tilde{X} \right);$$

hence, they induce morphisms between the corresponding cohomologies:

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^\bullet(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}), \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}), \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}).$$

Recall that  $T$  commutes with  $d$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$ , and hence it induces, for  $X \in \{\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}\}$ , morphisms

$$T: (\wedge^\bullet X, d) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^\bullet X, d),$$

and, for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$T: (\wedge^{p,\bullet} X, \bar{\partial}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}^{p,\bullet} X, \bar{\partial}),$$

and, for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$T: \left( \wedge^{p-1, q-1} X \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p, q} X \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \wedge^{p+1, q} X \oplus \wedge^{p, q+1} X \right) \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{D}^{p-1, q-1} X \xrightarrow{\partial\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p, q} X \xrightarrow{\partial+\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{D}^{p+1, q} X \oplus \mathcal{D}^{p, q+1} X \right);$$

by [1, Theorem 1], by [7, p. 807], and by Theorem 1, these maps are in fact quasi-isomorphisms.

**Step 3–It holds  $\epsilon_* T = \mu \cdot T$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ .** Indeed, consider the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^\bullet \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{Y} \\ \epsilon^* \uparrow & & \downarrow \epsilon_* \\ \wedge^\bullet \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^\bullet \tilde{X} \end{array}, \quad \text{respectively} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{Y} \\ \epsilon^* \uparrow & & \downarrow \epsilon_* \\ \wedge^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & \mathcal{D}^{\bullet,\bullet} \tilde{X} \end{array}.$$



One has that there exists a proper analytic subset  $S_{\tilde{Y}}$  of  $\tilde{Y} \setminus \text{Sing}(\tilde{Y})$  such that  $S_{\tilde{Y}}$  has measure zero in  $\tilde{Y}$  and

$$\epsilon_{\tilde{Y} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}})} : \tilde{Y} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}}) \rightarrow \tilde{X} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))$$

is a finitely-sheeted covering mapping of sheeting number  $\mu \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} := \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$  be an open covering of  $\tilde{X} \setminus (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))$ , and let  $\{\rho_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$  be an associated partition of unity. For every  $\varphi, \psi \in \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}$ , one has that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \epsilon_* T. \epsilon^* \varphi, \psi \rangle &= \langle T. \epsilon^* \varphi, \epsilon^* \psi \rangle = \int_{\tilde{Y}} \epsilon^* \varphi \wedge \epsilon^* \psi = \int_{\tilde{Y}} \epsilon^* (\varphi \wedge \psi) = \int_{\tilde{Y} - (\text{Sing}(\tilde{Y}) \cup S_{\tilde{Y}})} \epsilon^* (\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \int_{\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)} \epsilon^* (\rho_\alpha (\varphi \wedge \psi)) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{\#\{U \in \mathcal{U} : \pi^{-1}(U) = \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)\}} \int_{U_\alpha} \rho_\alpha (\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ &= \mu \cdot \int_{\tilde{X} - (\text{Sing}(\tilde{X}) \cup \epsilon(S_{\tilde{Y}}))} \varphi \wedge \psi = \mu \cdot \int_{\tilde{X}} \varphi \wedge \psi = \langle \mu T. \varphi, \psi \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and hence one gets that

$$\epsilon_* T. \epsilon^* = \mu \cdot T.$$

**Step 4—Conclusion.** Hence one has the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(d: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(d: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{dR}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_*^{dR} \\ \frac{\ker(d: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(d: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_*^{dR} T. \epsilon_{dR}^* = \mu \cdot T.,$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_*^{\bar{\partial}} \\ \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_*^{\bar{\partial}} T. \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^* = \mu \cdot T.,$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{X})}{\text{im}(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X}) + \text{im}(d: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{X})} \\ \uparrow \epsilon_{BC}^* & & \downarrow \epsilon_*^{BC} \\ \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\partial \bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \wedge^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \wedge^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} & \xrightarrow{T} & \frac{\ker(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet+1, \bullet+1} \tilde{Y})}{\text{im}(\partial \bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y}) + \text{im}(\bar{\partial}: \mathcal{D}^{\bullet-1, \bullet-1} \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{\bullet, \bullet} \tilde{Y})} \end{array}$$

such that

$$\epsilon_*^{BC} T. \epsilon_{BC}^* = \mu \cdot T.$$

Since  $T.$  are isomorphisms in cohomology, one gets that

$$\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{R}), \quad \epsilon_{\bar{\partial}}^*: H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{\bar{\partial}}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y}), \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet, \bullet}(\tilde{Y})$$

are injective.  $\square$

Now, as a corollary, we can prove [Theorem 2](#).

**Proof of Theorem 2.** One has the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) & \xrightarrow[1:1]{\epsilon_{BC}^*} & H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \\ \downarrow \text{id}_X^* & & \downarrow \text{id}_Y^* \\ H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow[1:1]{\epsilon_{dR}^*} & H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

where  $\text{id}_X^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$  and  $\text{id}_Y^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$  are the natural maps induced in the cohomology by the identity. Since  $\text{id}_Y^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$  is injective by the assumption that  $\tilde{Y}$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma, and  $\epsilon_{BC}^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{Y})$  and  $\epsilon_{dR}^*: H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{Y}; \mathbb{C})$  are injective by [Theorem 6](#), we get that also  $\text{id}_X^*: H_{BC}^{\bullet,\bullet}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow H_{dR}^{\bullet}(\tilde{X}; \mathbb{C})$  is injective, and hence  $\tilde{X}$  satisfies the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -lemma.  $\square$

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