

# Weak BAB conjecture for log del Pezzo surfaces and Mori fiber spaces

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## Definitions

We work over complex number field.

Let  $X$  be a normal projective variety and  $\Delta$  be an  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor on  $X$  with coefficients in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $K_X + \Delta$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier. We say that  $(X, \Delta)$  is a *log Fano variety* if  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  is ample. In dimension two, it is called log del Pezzo surface. Let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a log resolution of  $(X, \Delta)$ , write

$$K_Y = f^*(K_X + \Delta) + \sum a_i F_i,$$

where  $F_i$  is a prime divisor. For some  $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$ , the pair  $(X, \Delta)$  is called  $\epsilon$ -kawamata log terminal ( $\epsilon$ -klt, for short) if  $a_i > -1 + \epsilon$  for all  $i$ , or  $\epsilon$ -log canonical ( $\epsilon$ -lc, for short) if  $a_i \geq -1 + \epsilon$  for all  $i$ .

## Boundedness on log Fano varieties

One of the most interesting conjecture in minimal model theory is the following B-A-B Conjecture due to A. Borisov, L. Borisov and V. Alexeev.

### (Birational) BAB conjecture

Fix  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , an integer  $n > 0$ , and consider the set of all  $n$ -dimensional  $\epsilon$ -klt log Fano varieties  $(X, \Delta)$ . The set of underlying varieties  $\{X\}$  is (birationally) bounded.

The BAB Conjecture is still open in dimension three and higher. We are mainly interested in the following weak conjecture for anti-canonical volumes which is a consequence of BAB Conjecture.

### Weak BAB conjecture

Fix  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , an integer  $n > 0$ , and consider the set of all  $n$ -dimensional  $\epsilon$ -klt log Fano varieties  $(X, \Delta)$ . The volume  $\text{Vol}(-(K_X + \Delta)) = (-(K_X + \Delta))^n$  is bounded from above by a fixed number  $M(n, \epsilon)$  depending only on  $n$  and  $\epsilon$ .

## Weak BAB conjecture in dimension two

In dimension two, the conjecture is well-researched in history. We give an optimal bound.

### Theorem A

Let  $(X, \Delta)$  be an  $\epsilon$ -lc weak log del Pezzo surface. Then the anti-canonical volume  $\text{Vol}(-(K_X + \Delta)) = (K_X + \Delta)^2$  satisfies

$$(K_X + \Delta)^2 \leq \max \left\{ 9, \lfloor 2/\epsilon \rfloor + 4 + \frac{4}{\lfloor 2/\epsilon \rfloor} \right\},$$

where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  means round down.

Moreover, the equality holds if and only if one of the following holds:

- (1)  $\epsilon > \frac{2}{5}$  and  $(X, \Delta)$  is  $(\mathbb{P}^2, 0)$ ;
- (2)  $\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $(X, \Delta)$  is  $(\mathbb{F}_n, (1 - \frac{2}{n})S_n)$  or  $(PC_n, 0)$ , where  $n = \lfloor 2/\epsilon \rfloor$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_n$  is the  $n$ -th Hirzebruch surface,  $S_n \subset \mathbb{F}_n$  is the unique curve with negative self-intersection and  $PC_n$  is the projective cone over a rational normal curve of degree  $n$ .

## BAB conjecture for Mori fiber spaces

A variety  $X$  is said to be with a *Mori fiber space* structure if  $X$  has  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal singularities and there is a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow S$  such that  $-K_X$  is ample on fibers,  $\rho(X/S) = 1$  and  $\dim X > \dim S$ . We have the following facts.

### Fact

BAB  $\implies$  BAB for Mfs  $\implies$  birational BAB  
'weak BAB' for Mfs  $\implies$  weak BAB

So it is very interesting to investigate the boundedness of Mori fiber spaces.

## 3-fold Mori fiber spaces

There are three possible Mori fiber space structures on a 3-fold log Fano pair  $(X, \Delta)$ .

**Case 0:**  $\dim S = 0$

In this case  $X$  is a terminal Fano 3-fold with Picard number one. The BAB conjecture is true for this class of varieties by Kawamata. And the optimal bound for the anti-canonical volume is given by Prokhorov.

**Case 1:**  $\dim S = 1$

In this case  $S$  is just  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and the general fiber is smooth del Pezzo surface. We can prove BAB conjecture for  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundles over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , or more general,  $\mathbb{P}^n$ -bundles over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . The method is to compute discrepancies for some special centers to get some bound.

### Theorem B

$X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_n))$  with  $0 \leq a_1 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$ , and  $(X, \Delta)$  is  $\epsilon$ -klt log Fano for some  $\Delta$ . Then  $a_n < 2/\epsilon$ .

**Case 2:**  $\dim S = 2$

In this case  $X$  is a conic bundle over  $S$ . We can prove weak BAB conjecture for the case  $S = \mathbb{P}^2$ . The idea is that if the volume is big then we can construct non-klt centers and using connected lemma to get special non-klt centers which is very big on the fibers.

### Theorem C

Let  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  be a conic bundle, and  $(X, \Delta)$  is  $\epsilon$ -klt log Fano for some  $\Delta$ . Then  $-(K_X + \Delta)^3 \leq (12/\epsilon)^3$ .