

# Minimal Model Program

Learning Seminar.

Week 22:

- Fano type varieties.
- Rationally connected varieties.

# Rationally connected varieties:

$(X, \Delta)$  klt singularities.

$(X, \Delta)$  is of **log general type** if  $K_X + \Delta$  is big  
 $(X, \Delta)$  is **log Calabi-Yau** if  $K_X + \Delta \equiv 0$ .  
 $(X, \Delta)$  is **log Fano** if  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  is ample

} positivity of  $\omega_X$ .

Can we "classify" by looking at rational curves:

**Uniruled:** through a general point  $x \in X$  there is a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .

**Rationally connected:** For any  $x, y \in X$  general, there is a  $\mathbb{P}^1$  passing through  $x$  &  $y$ .

**RCC:** For any  $x, y \in X$  general, there is a connected chain of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 's passing through  $x$  &  $y$ .

**unirational:**  $X$  of dim  $n$  admits  $\mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$  rational generically finite

**rational:**  $X$  of dim  $n$  is rational  $\mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$  birational

rational



Unirational.



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rationaly connected

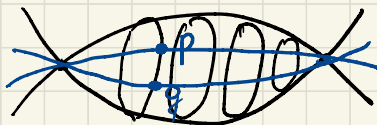


rationaly chain connected



uniruled.

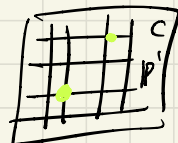
/// = existence of examples that it does not hold.



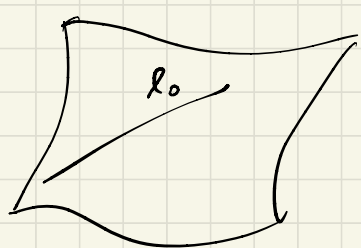
Cone over elliptic curve  
is RCC but not RC

$$C \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

$g \geq 1$



Unirational but not rational:  $X$  cubic 3-fold,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$



$$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$$

$$W = \{ (p, L) \mid p \text{ is in } L_0 \text{ and } L \text{ is tangent to } X \text{ at } p \}$$

$W$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^2$ -bundle over  $L_0$ .

$W$  is rational.

$$\mathbb{P}^3$$

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$\mathcal{C}: W \dashrightarrow X$ , "maps  $(p, L)$  to the third intersection point of  $L$  with  $X$ "

$$2:1$$

$X$  is not rational: Middle Hodge structure of  $X$  is not the Jacobian of a curve.

How these approaches compare?

- $X$  uniruled  $\implies \omega_X$  is negative.

What happens if  $\omega_X$  is positive or  $\omega_X$  trivial?

- $X$  smooth with no rational curves  $\implies \omega_X$  is nef.
- $K_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 0$ , there could be no rat curves (Ab var)  
dense set of rat curves ( $K3$  surface)
- If  $X$  is uniruled, then  $K_X$  is not pseudo-effective.

Remark:  $X$  rationally connected  $\sim$  " $\omega_X$  negative".



RC varieties are block-wise Fano type varieties.

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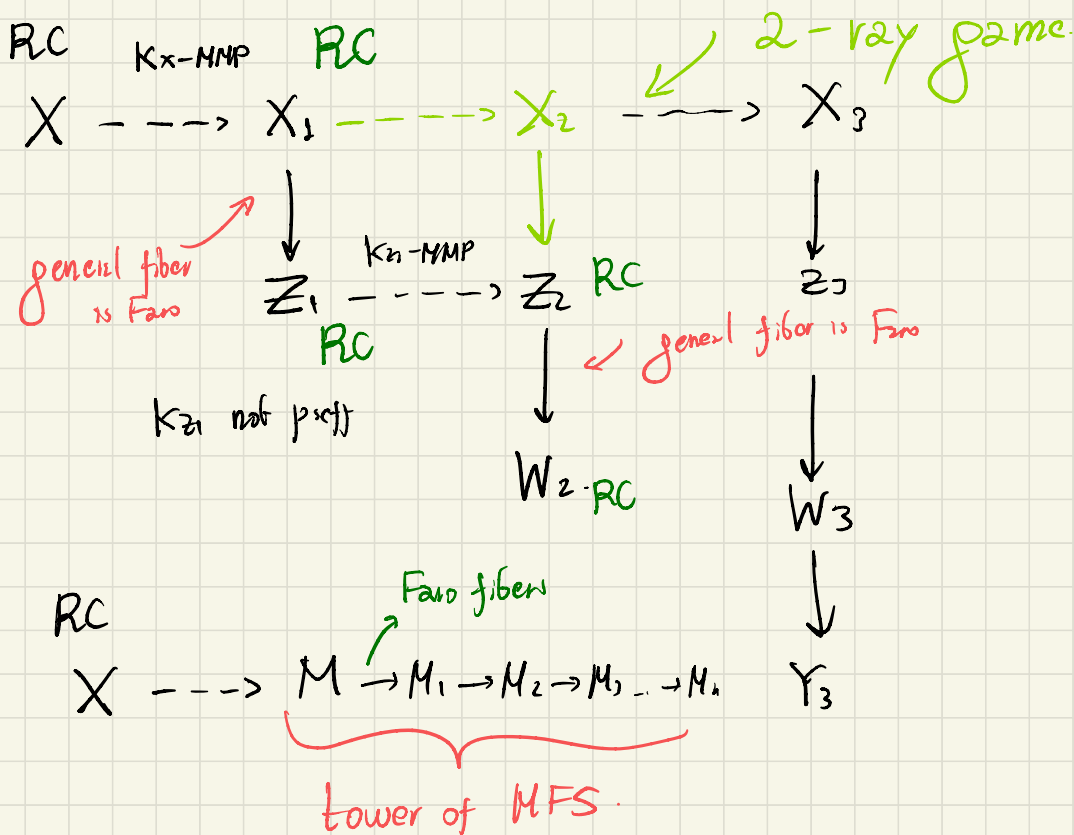
Theorem (Graber - Harris - Mazur - Stur):  $X \longrightarrow B$

s.t.  $B$  & general fiber are RC  $\implies X$  is RC.

Proposition: Image of RC is again RC

Warning: This is a big fish-forward.

Fano  $\implies$  RC.



RC are "block-wise" Fano varieties:

$$\{\text{Fano varieties}\} \subseteq \{\text{RC varieties}\} \sim \{\text{Towers of MFS}\}$$

↓  
birational to.

Ex: Bott or gen Bott towers.

Topology:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$  smooth proj over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\pi_{1, \text{top}}(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \pi_{1, \text{top}}(X)$$

$\mathbb{C}$  is a complete int of hyperplanes inside  $X$ .

Theorem (Kollár):  $X \xrightarrow{\text{smooth projective}} \text{RC}$ , for every  $x \in X$ ,

there is a family of rational curves.  $F: W \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow X$

$$F(W \times \{0:1\}) = \{x\}$$

for every  $w \in W$ , we have

$$\pi_1(F^{-1}(x), (w, (0:1))) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, x) \text{ surjective}$$

In particular, a smooth proper RC variety is simply connected.

Can a RC variety be a universal cover?  $X$  smooth

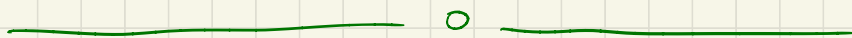
$X$  RC then it has no holomorphic forms,

By Hodge theory,  $H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  for  $i > 0$ .

In particular  $\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = 1$ .

$X \xleftarrow{\text{étale}} Y$ ,  $Y$  will be also RC.  
 $\cup \quad \downarrow \quad \cup$   
 $\mathbb{P}^1 \leftarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  Then  $\chi(\mathcal{O}_Y) = 1$

$$\chi(\mathcal{O}_Y) = \deg f \chi(\mathcal{O}_X) \implies \deg f = 1$$



## Theorem (Kontsevich - Tschinkel 2017):

$$\pi: X \longrightarrow B$$

$$\pi': X' \longrightarrow B$$

smooth proper morphisms.  $B$  smooth connected curve over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If the generic points of  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  are birational over  $\mathbb{K}(B)$ .

Then for any point  $b \in B$ , the fibers  $X_b$  and  $X'_b = \pi'^{-1}(b)$ , are birational over the residue field of  $b$ .

In particular, if the generic fiber is rat (resp. RC), then every fiber is rat (resp. RC).

## Maximally RC fibration:

$X$  equivalence  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{R} \iff x$  and  $y$  can be connected by rational curve.

Q:  $X \xrightarrow{\phi} Y$  so that the fibers are the equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

**Theorem:**  $X$  smooth complex projective varieties.

There exists  $X^\circ \subseteq X$  open, a normal variety  $T^\circ$ , and

a proj surj morphism  $X^\circ \xrightarrow{\varphi^\circ} T^\circ$  s.t.:

1.- The general fiber of  $\varphi^\circ$  is RC.

2.- the very general fiber of  $\varphi^\circ$  is an equivalence class of  $\mathcal{R}$

Moreover, this morphism is unique up to  $\sim$  bir.

**Example:**  $X$  RCC,  $\varphi: X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[t])$ .

$X$  K3 surface,  $\varphi: X \rightarrow X$ .

$X$  v.b over  $\text{Ab}$ ,  $\varphi: X \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ .

$$X \longleftarrow X^{\text{ter}}$$

$$\downarrow$$

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$$Y \longleftarrow Y^{\text{ter}}$$

$$X \prec \text{preff} + \text{RC}$$

$Y$  not terminal

neg coeff in the boundary

Q: For which kind of varieties  
can we realize the MRC  
fibration MMP-wave

**Theorem:** Let  $(X, \Delta)$  be a log pair and let

$f: X \rightarrow S$  be a projective birational morphism

such that  $-K_X$  is relatively big and  $\mathcal{O}_X(-m(K_X + \Delta))$   
is relatively generated for some  $m \geq 0$ .

Let  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  be any birational morphism and let

$\pi: Y \rightarrow X$  be the composition morphism.

Then, every fiber of  $\pi$  is rationally chain connected  
modulo the inverse image of non-klt  $(X, \Delta)$ .

Birational morphism  $\sim$  composition of FT morphisms.

$\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$  birational, both  $X$  &  $Y$  have term sing.

$$\varphi^*(K_Y) = K_X - \sum a_i E_i, \quad a_i > 0.$$

$\mathbb{Q}$ -fact

There exists

$E \subseteq X$  effective supported on  $Ex(\varphi)$  with  $-E$  ample over  $Y$ .

$A$  ample on  $X$ ,  $\varphi^* \varphi_* A = A + E$ ,  $A + E \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X} 0$ .

Understand  $B_{>0}(K_X)$  over  $Y$ .

$$B_{>0}(K_X) = \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} B_{>0}(K_X - \varepsilon E) \supseteq Ex(\varphi)$$

$K_X - \varepsilon E \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X} F \geq 0$ , then

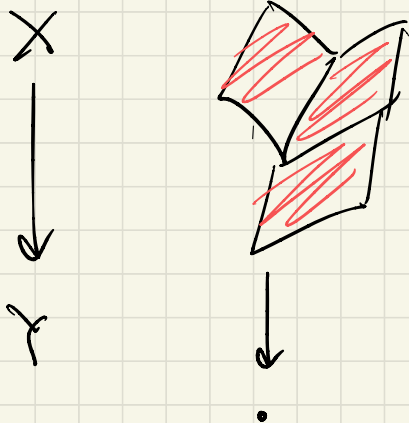
$$\sum a_i E_i - \varepsilon E \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X} F, \quad \text{so}$$

$$F - \underbrace{\sum a_i E_i + \varepsilon E}_{\sim 0} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X} 0.$$

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$\varphi_* F$  is eff, by Lemma:  $F - \sum a_i E_i \geq 0$   
 $F \geq \sum a_i E_i$

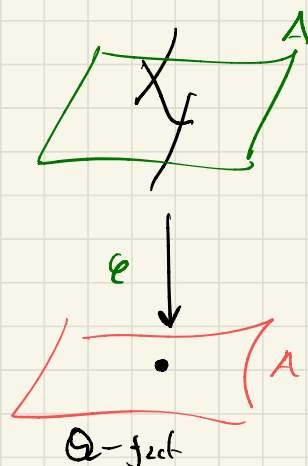
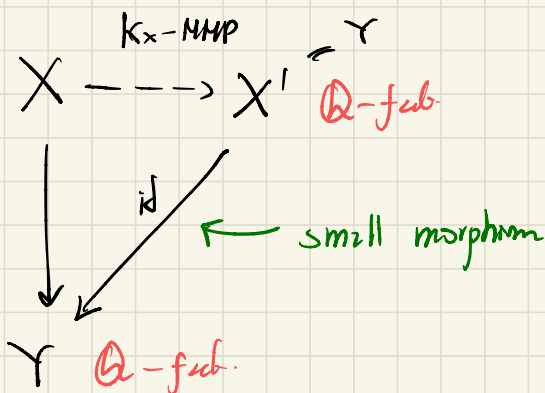
$$B_{>0}(K_X) \supseteq Ex(\varphi).$$



$K_X$  - MMP over  $Y$   
 every step is a FT morphism

**Fano type morphism:**  $X \rightarrow Z$  is said to be Fano type if there exists  $\Delta \geq 0$  on  $X$ :

- i)  $(X, \Delta)$  klt sing,
- ii)  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  is nef & big over  $Z$ .



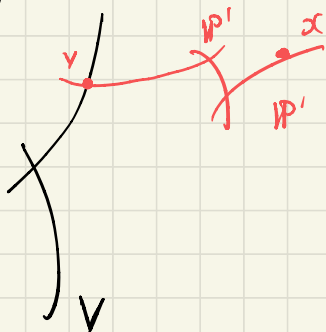
$$e^*(e_* A) = A \implies A \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X} 0.$$



Cor 1:  $(X, \Delta)$  log pair, such that  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  semiample + big. Then

$$\pi_1(\text{Non-klt}(X, \Delta)) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X).$$

Proof:



Assumption  $V \neq \emptyset$ .

Campini's Theorem.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi_1(V) \text{ in } \pi_1(X) \\ \text{has finite index.} \end{array} \right.$

$f$  be an étale finite cover.

$$W = \text{nonkl}t(X, \Gamma)$$

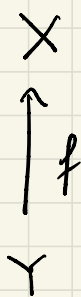
$$\Gamma = f^* \Delta.$$

$-(K_Y + \Gamma)$  semiample + big.

In a theorem in Kollár-Mori

$$\text{non-kl}t(X, \Gamma) = \pi^{-1}(V) = W$$

is connected.



Assume  $V = \emptyset$ .

$(X, \Delta)$  is klt.

$$Y \xrightarrow[\text{f}]{\text{étale}} X$$

By KV vanishing  $h^i(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = h^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ .

$\chi(\mathcal{O}_X) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_Y) = 1$  so  $f$  has degree 1

Then  $\pi_1(X) = \{1\}$

**Lemma:** Let  $(X, \Delta)$  klt,  $f: X \rightarrow S$  proj morphism.

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**Proof:**

Claim: There exists  $\mathbb{H} \geq 0$  for which  $(X, \mathbb{H})$  is klt and  $-(K_X + \mathbb{H})$  is ample. ✓

proof of the claim:  $-K_X \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, S} A + B \xrightarrow{\text{effective}}$   
 $\searrow$  ample over  $S$

$\mathbb{H} = (1 - \varepsilon)\Delta + \varepsilon B$ . Then

$$-(K_X + \mathbb{H}) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, S} \underbrace{-(1 - \varepsilon)(K_X + \Delta)}_{\text{nef over } S} + \underbrace{\varepsilon A}_{\text{ample over } S}.$$

ample over  $S$ .

For  $\varepsilon \ll 1$  the pair  $(X, \mathbb{H})$  remains klt.  $\square$

$\mathbb{D}$  nef,  $\mathbb{D} - (K_X + \mathbb{H})$  ample.

bpf  $\implies |m\mathbb{D}|$  base point free over  $S$ .  $\square$

Corollary 2:  $(X, \Delta)$  klt,  $f: X \rightarrow S$  proj.

$-K_X$  is big over  $S$  &  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  nef over  $S$ .

Then every fiber is RCC.

Proof: Trivial after the Lemma + Theorem.

Corollary 3: Let  $(X, \Delta)$  be a dlt pair.

If  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  is birational, then the fibers are RCC.

Proof: **Kollár-Mori**: dlt is approximation of klt.

Hence, the statement follows from the theorem.

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Remark:  $FT \xRightarrow{+klt} RCC \xRightarrow{+klt} RC$ .

$X$  FT,  $(X, \Delta)$  klt and  $-(K_X + \Delta)$  big & nef

$$X \rightarrow \text{Spec } (\mathbb{K}), \quad -K_X = \underbrace{-(K_X + \Delta)}_{\text{big}} + \underbrace{\Delta}_{\text{eff}}$$

$X$  is RCC

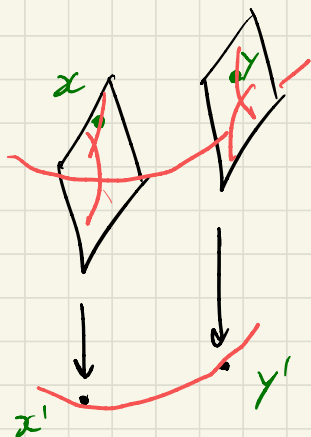
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Corollary 4:  $(X, \Delta)$  dlt,  $X$  RCC  $\iff X$  RC.

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Proof:

$Y$   
 $\downarrow \varphi$   
 $(X, \Delta)$   
 RCC



$Y$  smooth  
 fibers of  $\varphi$  are RCC.

$X$  RCC + fibers RCC

$\Downarrow$

$Y$  is RCC

$\Downarrow$

$Y$  smooth

$Y$  is RC

$\Downarrow$

$X$  is RC.

Remark:



cone over elliptic curve  
 is lc is not dlt  
 is RCC but not RC