

# Stable and unstable del Pezzo surfaces

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## Fano manifolds

Let  $X$  be a complex projective manifold of dimension  $n$ . Put

$$-K_X = \bigwedge^n T_X.$$

### Definition

The manifold  $X$  is a *Fano* manifold if  $-K_X$  is an *ample* line bundle.

### Example

The projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is a Fano manifold.

### Example

The Grassmannian  $\mathrm{Gr}(r, m)$  is a Fano manifold.

### Example

Let  $X$  be a smooth hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^m$  of degree  $d$ . Then

the manifold  $X$  is a Fano manifold  $\iff d \leq m$ .

## Low dimensional Fano manifolds

- ▶ The only 1-dimensional Fano manifold is  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- ▶ There are 10 families of 2-dimensional Fano manifolds.

Let  $S$  be a 2-dimensional Fano manifold. Put

$$d = K_S^2.$$

Then  $d$  is said to be the degree of the manifold  $S$ .

### Theorem (Pasquale Del Pezzo)

*One has*

$$d \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}.$$

*Moreover, one of the following cases holds:*

1.  $S = \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $d = 9$ ,
2.  $S = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $d = 8$ ,
3. *there is a blow up  $\pi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  at  $9 - d \leq 8$  points.*

3-dimensional Fano manifolds are found by Iskovskikh, Mori, Mukai.

# Del Pezzo surfaces

## Definition

2-dimensional Fano manifolds are called *del Pezzo* surfaces.

Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$ .

- ▶  $S_9$  is the projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .
- ▶  $S_8$  is either  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  or the Hirzebruch surface  $\mathbb{F}_1$ .
- ▶  $S_7$  is the blow up of the plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in 2 different points.
- ▶  $S_6$  is the blow up of the plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  in 3 different points.
- ▶  $S_5$  is a section of the Grassmannian

$$\mathrm{Gr}(2, 5) \subset \mathbb{P}^9$$

in its Plücker embedding by a linear space of codimension 4.

- ▶  $S_4$  is a complete intersection of two quadrics in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ .
- ▶  $S_3$  is a cubic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .
- ▶  $S_2$  is a quartic surface in  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 1, 2)$ .
- ▶  $S_1$  is a sextic surface in  $\mathbb{P}(1, 1, 2, 3)$ .

The surface  $S_d$  is toric  $\iff d \geq 6 \iff \mathrm{Aut}(S_d)$  is infinite.

## Kähler–Einstein del Pezzo surfaces

Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$ .

- ▶ The Hirzebruch surface  $\mathbb{F}_1$  is not Kähler–Einstein.
- ▶ The surface  $S_7$  is not Kähler–Einstein.

**Theorem (Tian, 1990)**

*All other del Pezzo surfaces are Kähler–Einstein.*

**Example**

The Fubini–Study metric on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is Kähler–Einstein.

**Theorem (Tian, 1987)**

*Let  $X$  be a Fano manifold of dimension  $n$ . If*

$$\alpha(X) > \frac{n}{n+1},$$

*then  $X$  is Kähler–Einstein, where  $\alpha(X)$  is the  $\alpha$ -invariant.*

By Fujita,  $\alpha(X) \geq \frac{n}{n+1}$  also implies that  $X$  is Kähler–Einstein.

## Constant scalar curvature Kähler (cscK) metrics

- ▶ Let  $X$  be a complex projective manifold.
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on the manifold  $X$ .

### Question

When does  $X$  admit cscK metric in  $c_1(L)$ ?

- ▶ If  $X$  is a Fano manifold and  $L = -K_X$ , then  
it admit cscK metric in  $c_1(L) \iff X$  is Kähler–Einstein.

### Conjecture (Yau, Tian, Donaldson)

$X$  admits cscK metric in  $c_1(L) \iff (X, L)$  is  $K$ -stable.

- ▶  $\Rightarrow$ -direction of this conjecture is known.
- ▶ This conjecture holds for toric surfaces (Donaldson).

### Theorem (Chen, Donaldson, Sun)

*The conjecture holds when  $X$  is a Fano manifold and  $L = -K_X$ .*

- ▶ Donaldson got the Breakthrough Prize for this theorem.

## Ample cone of del Pezzo surfaces

Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$ .

- ▶ Identify line bundles on  $S_d$  with their first Chern classes.
- ▶ Consider line bundles on  $S_d$  as classes in  $H^2(S_d, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}^{10-d}$
- ▶ Identify  $H^2(S_d, \mathbb{Q}) = H_2(S_d, \mathbb{Q})$  using Poincare pairing.

### Definition

Denote by  $\text{Amp}(S_d)$  the cone in  $H^2(S_d, \mathbb{Q})$  of ample line bundles.

The cone  $\text{Amp}(S_d)$  is the dual cone to the Mori cone

$$\text{NE}(S_d) \subset H^2(S_d, \mathbb{Q})$$

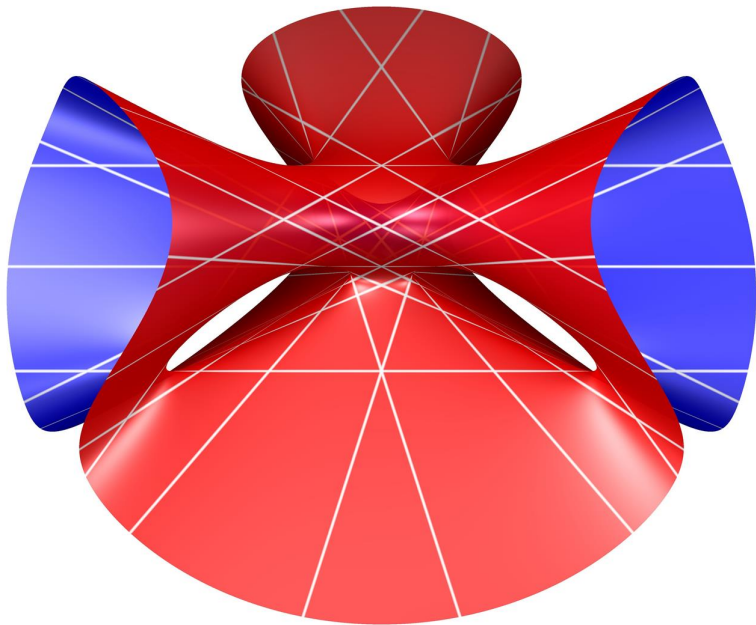
that is generated by all curves in the surface  $S_d$ .

- ▶ The cone  $\text{NE}(S_d)$  is a polyhedral cone.
- ▶ For  $d \leq 7$ , its rays are the curves  $C$  in  $S_d$  such that

$$C^2 = -1$$

and  $C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ . Such curves are called  $(-1)$ -curves.

$(-1)$ -curves on cubic surface





## Toric del Pezzo surfaces

- ▶ Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$ .
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $S_d$ .

If  $S_d$  admits **cscK** metric in  $c_1(L)$ , then  $\text{Aut}_0(S_d, L)$  is reductive.

### Corollary

If  $S_d = \mathbb{F}_1$ , then  $S_d$  does not admit **cscK** metric in  $c_1(L)$ .

### Corollary

If  $d = 7$ , then  $S_d$  does not admit **cscK** metric in  $c_1(L)$ .

- ▶ Recall that Fubini–Study metric is a **cscK** metric.

### Corollary

If  $S_d = \mathbb{P}^2$ , then  $S_d$  admits **cscK** metric in  $c_1(L)$ .

### Corollary

If  $S_d = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , then  $S_d$  admits **cscK** metric in  $c_1(L)$ .

## Del Pezzo surface of degree six

- ▶ Let  $S_6$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree 6.
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $S_6$ .

There exists a blow up  $\pi: S_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  at 3 points such that

$$\lambda L = -K_{S_6} + a_1 E_1 + a_2 E_2 + a_3 E_3,$$

where  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  are  $\pi$ -exceptional curves,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ , and  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

### Remark

The ampleness of  $L$  implies  $a_i < 1$  and  $a_i + a_j > -1$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

### Theorem (Donaldson)

The surface  $S_6$  admits *csck* metric in  $c_1(L)$  if and only if either

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

or  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ .

## Test configurations

- ▶ Let  $X$  be a complex projective manifold.
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on the manifold  $X$ .

Let  $\pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be a flat morphism such that

- (a) all fibers of  $\pi$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus [0 : 1]$  are isomorphic to  $X$ ,
- (b) the variety  $\mathcal{X}$  has *mild* singularities.

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a line bundle on  $\mathcal{X}$  such that

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}|_X = L$ , where  $X$  is any fiber of  $\pi$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus [0 : 1]$ ,
- (b) the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\pi$ -ample.

Suppose that there is an  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action on  $\mathcal{X}$  such that

- (a) both  $\pi$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -equivariant,
- (b) the fiber of  $\pi$  over  $[0 : 1]$  is  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -invariant.

Then  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}, \pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1)$  is a *test configuration* of the pair  $(X, L)$ .

## Donaldson–Futaki invariant

- ▶ Let  $X$  be a complex projective manifold of dimension  $n$ .
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on the manifold  $X$ . Put

$$\nu(L) = \frac{-K_X \cdot L^{n-1}}{L^n}.$$

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}, \pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1)$  is a *test configuration* of the pair  $(X, L)$ .

### Definition

The *Donaldson–Futaki invariant* of  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}, \pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1)$  is the number

$$\mathbf{DF} = \frac{n}{n+1} \nu(L) \mathcal{L}^{n+1} + \mathcal{L}^n \cdot \left( K_{\mathcal{X}} - \pi^*(K_{\mathbb{P}^1}) \right)$$

If  $\mathbf{DF} < 0$ , then the pair  $(X, L)$  is said to be *K-unstable*.

### Definition

The pair  $(X, L)$  is said to be *K-stable* if

- ▶  $\mathbf{DF} \geq 0$  for all test configurations,
- ▶  $\mathbf{DF} > 0$  for all non-isotrivial test configurations.

## Unstable del Pezzo surfaces

- ▶ Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d \geq 6$ .
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $S_d$ .

There exists a blow up  $\pi: S_d \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  at  $r = 9 - d$  points such that

$$\lambda L = -K_{S_d} + \sum_{i=1}^r a_i E_i,$$

where  $E_1, \dots, E_r$  are  $\pi$ -exceptional curves,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ , and  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Theorem (Ross, Thomas)**

*If  $a_i \gg a_1$  for  $i > 1$ , then  $(S_d, L)$  is  $K$ -unstable.*

- ▶ They used so-called slope-stability to prove this theorem.

**Theorem (Cheltsov, Martinez-Garcia)**

*If  $a_i \gg a_1$  and  $a_i \gg a_2$  for  $i > 2$ , then  $(S_d, L)$  is  $K$ -unstable.*

- ▶ We used slope-stability and **flops** to prove this theorem.

## Dervan's theorem

- ▶ Let  $X$  be a Fano manifold of dimension  $n$ .
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $X$ . Put

$$\nu(L) = \frac{-K_X \cdot L^{n-1}}{L^n} > 0.$$

### Theorem (Dervan)

Suppose that  $-K_X - \frac{n}{n+1}\nu(L)L$  is numerically effective

$$\alpha(X, L) > \frac{n}{n+1}\nu(L).$$

Then the pair  $(X, L)$  is  $K$ -stable.

- ▶ The  $\alpha$ -invariant  $\alpha(X, L)$  can be defined as

$$\sup \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{the log pair } (X, \lambda D) \text{ is log canonical} \\ \text{for every effective } \mathbb{Q}\text{-divisor } D \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} L \end{array} \right\}.$$

## Stable del Pezzo surfaces

- ▶ Let  $S_d$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$ .
- ▶ Let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $S_d$ .

### Theorem (Cheltsov, Martinez-Garcia)

Suppose that  $d \leq 2$  and

$$-K_{S_d} - \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{-K_{S_d} \cdot L}{L^2} \right) L$$

is numerically effective. Then  $(S_d, L)$  is  $K$ -stable.

### Example

Suppose that  $d = 1$ . Let  $E$  be a  $(-1)$ -curve on  $S_1$ . Put

$$L = -K_S + \lambda E,$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $-\frac{1}{3} < \lambda < 1$ . Then  $(S_1, L)$  is  $K$ -stable if

$$3 - \sqrt{10} < \lambda < \frac{1}{9}(\sqrt{10} - 1).$$

## Cubic surfaces

- ▶ Let  $S_3$  be a smooth cubic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .
- ▶ Let  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6$  be disjoint lines on  $S_3$
- ▶ Let  $\lambda$  be a rational number. Put

$$L = -K_S + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^6 E_i.$$

- ▶ Then  $L$  is ample  $\iff -\frac{1}{5} \leq \lambda < 1$ .

### Theorem (Arezzo, Pacard)

*Suppose that  $1 > \lambda \gg 0$ . Then  $(S_3, L)$  is  $K$ -stable.*

### Theorem (Cheltsov, Martinez-Garcia)

*Suppose that  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{10}$ . Then  $(S_3, L)$  is  $K$ -stable.*

- ▶ We expect that  $(S_3, L)$  is  $K$ -stable for every  $\lambda \in (-\frac{1}{5}, 1)$ .