

# Sarkisov program

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# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this article is to show that two different Mori fibre spaces as outputs of a klt pair can be linked by composition of Sarkisov links.

## 1.1 Motivation and Main theorem

The **Minimal model program (MMP)** aims to classify varieties up to birational equivalent classed, by finding a minimal model all or Mori fibre space. Let  $(X, B)$  be a (klt or lc) pair, and assume we can run  $(K_X + B)$ -MMP on it. Note that the varieties appear in the program are called **results** of the MMP, and the varieties where the MMP ends are called the **output** of the MMP.

1. If  $\kappa(X, B) \geq 0$ , then we expected that MMP ends with a **minimal model**, i.e. a birational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  such that  $(K_Y + B_Y)$  is nef;
2. If  $\kappa(X, B) = -\infty$ , then we expected that MMP ends with a Mori fibre space, i.e. a birational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  and a contraction  $Y \rightarrow S$  such that  $\dim Y < \dim X$  and  $-(K_Y + B_Y)$  is relative ample.

However, for each case the output may not be unique.

For the first case, it is shown that two different minimal model can be linked by flops:

**Theorem 1.1.1** ([?]). *Let  $(W, B_W)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal pair, and  $(X, B), (Y, D)$  are two minimal models of  $(W, B_W)$ . Then the birational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  may be factored as sequence of  $(K_X + B)$  flops.*

For the second case, it is shown that:

**Theorem 1.1.2.** *Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow S$  and  $f' : (X', B') \rightarrow S'$  be two MMP related  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt log Mori fibre spaces with induced induced birational map  $\Phi$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X, B) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & (X', B') \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ S & & S' \end{array}$$

Then  $\Phi$  can be decomposed into sequence of Sarkisov links.

**Definition 1.1.3.** *The following four types of birational maps  $X \dashrightarrow X_1$  are called Sarkisov links:*

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{I:} & \begin{array}{ccc} Z & \dashrightarrow & X_1 \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow f_1 \\ X & & S_1 \\ f \downarrow & \nearrow t & \\ S & & \end{array} & \text{II:} & \begin{array}{ccc} Z & \dashrightarrow & Z' \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ X & & X_1 \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f_1 \\ S & \xrightarrow{\sim} & S_1 \end{array} & \text{III:} & \begin{array}{ccc} X & \dashrightarrow & Z \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ S & & X_1 \\ & \searrow s & \downarrow f_1 \\ & & S_1 \end{array} & \text{IV:} & \begin{array}{ccc} X & \dashrightarrow & X_1 \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f_1 \\ S & & S_1 \\ & \searrow s & \nearrow t \\ & & T \end{array} \end{array}$$

Here, all  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow S$  and  $f_1 : (X_1, B_1) \rightarrow S_1$  are log Mori fibre space, and all  $p, q$  are divisorial contractions, and all dash arrows are composition of flips, flops and inverse flips.

## 1.2 Using MMP

Assume  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow S'$  and  $f' : (X', B') \rightarrow S'$  are two Mori fibre spaces as outputs of  $(K_W + B_W)$ -MMP on  $W$ . The Sarkisov program constructs each Sarkisov link  $X_i \dashrightarrow X_{i+1}$  inductively. For each  $X_i$  we shall find some  $W_i$  such that  $X_i$  and  $X_{i+1}$  are two Mori fibre spaces as outputs of certain MMP on  $W_i$ . Moreover,  $W_i \dashrightarrow X_{i+1}$  is a 2-tay game. More precisely, there are two cases:

- A Find a contraction  $g : X_i \rightarrow T_i$  such that  $\rho(X_i/T_i) = 2$  and factor through  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow S_i$ , then we run MMP on  $X_i$  over  $T_i$ , and obtains a Sarkisov link of type III or IV. Here  $W_i = X_i$ ;
- B Find a divisorial contraction  $p : Z_i \rightarrow X_i$ , and therefore  $\rho(Z_i/S_i) = 2$ . Then we run MMP on  $Z_i$  over  $S_i$ , and obtains a Sarkisov link of type I or II. Here  $W_i = Z_i$ .

In [?], original proof;  
In [?], double scaling;

## 1.3 Using polytope

## 1.4 Structure of the article

# 2 Preliminary

In this article, all varieties are over complex number  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## 2.1 Models

**Definition 2.1.1.** A rational map  $f : X \rightarrow S$  is called a **rational contraction** if there is a resolution  $p : W \dashrightarrow X$  and  $q : W \dashrightarrow Y$  of  $f$  such that  $p$  and  $q$  are contraction morphisms and  $p$  is birational.  $f$  is called a **birational contraction** if  $q$  is in addition birational and every  $p$ -exceptional divisor is  $q$ -exceptional. If in addition  $f^{-1}$  is also a **birational contraction**, then  $f$  is called a **small birational map**.

**Definition 2.1.2.** Let  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a birational map of normal quasi-projective varieties, and  $p : W \rightarrow X$  and  $q : W \rightarrow Y$  be a resolution of indeterminacy of  $f$ . Let  $D$  be a  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier divisor on  $X$  such  $D_Y = f_*D$  is also  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier. Then  $f$  is called  **$D$ -non-positive** ( **$D$ -negative**) if

- $f$  does not extract any divisor;
- $E = p^*D - q^*D_Y$  is effective and exceptional over  $Y$  (and  $\text{Supp } p_*E$  contains all  $f$ -exceptional divisors).

**Definition 2.1.3.** Let  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a rational map of normal quasi-projective varieties over  $S$ , and  $D$  be a  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor on  $X$  with  $f_*D = D_Y$ . Then  $f$  is called  **$D$ -trivial** if  $D$  is pull back of a  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier divisor on  $S$ .

Recall the definitions of models in [?]

**Definition 2.1.4** (ample models). Let  $\pi : (X, D) \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties and let  $D$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier divisor on  $X$ . Let  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a birational map over  $U$ , then  $Z$  is an **semiample model** for  $D$  over  $U$  if  $f$  is  $K_X + D$ -non-positive and  $K_Y + f_*D$  is semiample over  $U$ .

Let  $g : X \dashrightarrow Z$  be a rational map over  $U$ , then  $Z$  is an **ample model** for  $D$  over  $U$  if there is an ample divisor over  $U$  on  $Z$  such that if  $p : W \rightarrow X$  and  $q : W \rightarrow Z$  resolves  $g$ , then  $q$  is a contraction morphism and we may write  $p^*D \sim_{\mathbb{R},U} q^*H + E$ , where  $E \geq 0$  and for any  $B \in |p^*D/U|_{\mathbb{R}}$ , then  $B \geq E$ .

**Definition 2.1.5** (models). Let  $\pi : (X, D) \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, if  $K_X + D$  is log canonical and  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a birational map extracts no divisors, then define:

1.  $Y$  is **weak log canonical model** for  $K_X + D$  over  $U$  if  $f$  is  $K_X + D$ -non-positive and  $K_Y + f_*D$  is nef over  $U$ ;
2.  $Y$  is **log canonical model** for  $K_X + D$  over  $U$  if  $f$  is  $K_X + D$ -non-positive and  $K_Y + f_*D$  is ample over  $U$ ;
3.  $Y$  is **log terminal model** for  $K_X + D$  over  $U$  if  $f$  is  $K_X + D$ -negative and  $K_Y + f_*D$  is dlt and nef over  $U$  and  $Y$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial.

**Lemma 2.1.6.** [?, Lemma 3.6.6] Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties and let  $D$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier divisor on  $X$ .

1. If  $g_i : X \dashrightarrow X_i, i = 1, 2$  are two ample models of  $D$  over  $U$ , then there is an isomorphism  $h : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and  $g_2 = h \circ g_1$ .
2. If  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a semiample model of  $D$  over  $U$ , then the ample model  $g : X \dashrightarrow Z$  of  $D$  over  $U$  exists and  $g = h \circ f$ , where  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a contraction and  $f_*D \sim_{\mathbb{R},U} h^*H$ .
3. If  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a birational map over  $U$ , then  $f$  is the ample model of  $D$  over  $U$  if and only if  $f$  is semiample model of  $D$  over  $U$  and  $f_*D$  is ample over  $U$ .

By above lemma there is another definition of log canonical models:

**Definition 2.1.7.** Let  $\pi : (X, D) \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties and  $K_X + D$  is log canonical and  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a birational map extracts no divisors, then  $Y$  is **log canonical model** if it is the ample model.

Futhermore, for big boundary, we have

**Lemma 2.1.8.** [?, Lemma 3.9.3] Let  $\pi : (X, D) \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties. Suppose  $(X, B)$  is a klt pair and  $B$  is big over  $U$ . If  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a weak log canonical model over  $U$  then

- $f$  is a semiample model over  $U$ ;
- the ample model  $g : X \dashrightarrow Z$  over  $U$  exists;
- there is a contraction  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $K_Y + f_*B \sim_{\mathbb{R},U} h^*H$  for some ample  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor  $H$  on  $Z$  over  $U$ .

**Definition 2.1.9** (polytopes of divisors). *Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, and let  $V$  be a finite dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathrm{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(X)$  defined over rational numbers. Define*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(V) &= \{D \in V : K_X + D \text{ is log canonical}\} \\ \mathcal{N}_{\pi}(V) &= \{D \in \mathcal{L} : K_X + D \text{ is nef over } U\}\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if fix an  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor  $A \geq 0$ , and then define

$$\begin{aligned}V_A &= \{D = A + B : B \in V\} \\ \mathcal{L}_A(V) &= \{D = A + B \in V_A : K_X + D \text{ is log canonical and } B \geq 0\} \\ \mathcal{E}_{A,\pi}(V) &= \{D = A + B \in \mathcal{L}_A(V) : K_X + D \text{ is pseudo effective over } U\} \\ \mathcal{N}_{A,\pi}(V) &= \{D \in \mathcal{L}_A(V) : K_X + D \text{ is nef over } U\}\end{aligned}$$

Given a birational contraction  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$ , define

$$\mathcal{W}_{A,f}(V) = \{D \in \mathcal{E}_A(V) : f \text{ is weak log model of } (X, D) \text{ over } U\}$$

Given a rational contraction  $g : X \dashrightarrow Z$  over  $U$ , define

$$\mathcal{A}_{A,g}(V) = \{D \in \mathcal{E}_A(V) : g \text{ is ample model of } (X, D) \text{ over } U\}$$

In addition, let  $\mathcal{C}_{A,g}(V)$  denote the closure of  $\mathcal{A}_{A,g}(V)$

By [?, Lemma 3.7.2], if  $V$  is a rational subspace, then  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  is a rational polytope.

**Lemma 2.1.10** (finiteness of weak log canonical models). *Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, and  $A$  be an general divisor relatively ample over  $U$ , and  $V \subset \mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{R}}(X)$  be a finite dimensions rational subspace. Suppose that there is a klt pair  $(X, \Delta_0)$ . Then there are finitely many birational maps  $f_i : X \dashrightarrow X_i$  such that if  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a weak log canonical model of  $K_X + D$  over  $U$  for some  $D \in \mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , then there is an isomorphism  $h_i : X_i \rightarrow Y$  and  $f = h_i \circ f_i$ .*

**Theorem 2.1.11** (finiteness of models). [?, Corollary 1.1.5] *Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, and  $A$  be an general divisor relatively ample over  $U$ , and  $V \subset \mathrm{Div}_{\mathbb{R}}(X)$  be a finite dimensions rational subspace. Suppose that there is a divisor  $\Delta_0 \in V$  such that  $(X, \Delta_0)$  is klt. Let  $A$  be a general ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor over  $U$  which has no components common with any element of  $V$ .*

1. *There are finitely many birational maps  $f_i : X \dashrightarrow X_i$  over  $U$  such that*

$$\mathcal{E}_{A,\pi}(V) = \bigcup_i \mathcal{W}_i$$

*where  $\mathcal{W}_i = \mathcal{W}_{A,f_i}(V)$  is a rational polytope. Moreover, if  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is a log terminal model of  $K_X + D$  over  $U$  for some  $D \in \mathcal{E}_A(V)$ , then  $f = f_i$  for some  $i$ .*

2. *There are finitely many birational maps  $g_j : X \dashrightarrow Z_j$  over  $U$  such that*

$$\mathcal{E}_{A,\pi}(V) = \coprod_j \mathcal{A}_j$$

*$\{\mathcal{A}_j = \mathcal{A}_{A,g_j}\}$  is a partition of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is a finite union of interiors of rational polytopes. If  $f_i$  is birational then  $\mathcal{C}_i = \mathcal{C}_{A,f_i}$  is a rational polytope;*

3. For every  $f_i$  there is a  $g_j$  and a morphism  $h_{ij} : Y_i \rightarrow Z_j$  such that  $W_i \subset \overline{\mathcal{A}_j}$ .

In particular  $\mathcal{E}_{A,\pi}$  is a rational polytope and  $\overline{\mathcal{A}_j}$  is a finite union of rational polytopes.

**Theorem 2.1.12** (finiteness of models). *Let  $W$  be a smooth projective varieties, and  $V$  be a finite dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathrm{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(W)$  defined over rational numbers and fix an ample effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A$ . Suppose that there is an element  $D_0$  of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  such that  $K_W + D_0$  is big and klt. Then there are finitely many rational contractions  $f_i : W \dashrightarrow X_i$  such that*

1.  $\{\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{A}_{A,f_i}\}$  is a partition of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is a finite union of interiors of rational polytopes. If  $f_i$  is birational then  $\mathcal{C}_i = \mathcal{C}_{A,f_i}$  is a rational polytope;

2.

**Theorem 2.1.13** (morphisms between models). *Let  $W$  be a smooth projective varieties, and  $V$  be a finite dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathrm{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(W)$  defined over rational numbers and fix an ample effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A$ . Suppose that there is an element  $D_0$  of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  such that  $K_W + D_0$  is big and klt. Then there are finitely many rational contractions  $f_i : W \dashrightarrow X_i$  such that*

1. If  $i, j$  are two indices such that  $\mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i \neq \emptyset$  then there is a contraction  $f_{ij} : X_i \rightarrow X_j$  and  $f_j = f_{ij} \circ f_i$ ;

Suppose in addition  $V$  spans  $\mathrm{NS}(W)$ , then

2. Pick  $i$  such that a connected components  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{C}_i$  intersects the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , TFAE:

a  $\mathcal{C}$  spans  $V$ ;

b If  $D \in \mathcal{A}_i \cap \mathcal{C}$  then  $f_i$  is a log terminal model of  $K_W + D$ ;

c  $f_i$  is birational and  $X_i$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial.

3. If  $i, j$  are two indices such that  $\mathcal{C}_i$  spans  $V$  and  $D$  is a general point of  $\mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$  which is also a point of interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , then  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\overline{\mathrm{NE}}(X_i/X_j)^* \times \mathbb{R}^k$  for some  $k \leq 0$ . Furthermore  $\rho(X_i/X_j)$  equals the difference in the dimensions of  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$ .

## 2.2 MMP

**Theorem 2.2.1.** [?, Corollary 1.4.2] *Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, and let  $(X, B)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair where  $K_X + B$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier and  $B$  is  $\pi$ -big. Let  $C \geq 0$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor. If  $K_X + B + C$  is klt and  $\pi$ -nef, then we may run  $(K_X + B)$ -MMP over  $U$  with scaling of  $C$  and terminates.*

**Theorem 2.2.2.** [?, Corollary 1.3.3] *Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow U$  be a projective morphism of normal quasi-projective varieties, and let  $(X, B)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair where  $K_X + B$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -Cartier. If  $K_X + B + C$  is not  $\pi$ -pseudo-effective, then we may run  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  a  $(K_X + B)$ -MMP over  $U$  and end with a Mori fibre space  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ .*

**Corollary 2.2.3.** *Let  $(X, B)$  be a klt pair and  $\Sigma$  be any set of exceptional divisors such that contains only exceptional divisors  $E$  of discrepancy  $a(E; X, B) \leq 0$ . Then there is a birational morphism  $f : Z \rightarrow X$  and a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $B_Z$  such that:*

1.  $(Z, B_Z)$  is klt;

2.  $E$  is a  $f$ -exceptional divisor if and only if  $E \in \Sigma$ ;

3.  $B_Z = \sum -a(E; X, B)$  and  $f_*B_Z = B$  and  $K_Z + B_Z = f^*(K_X + B)$ .

In particular, if we take  $\Sigma$  containing all such divisors, then  $Z$  is called **terminalization** of  $X$ ; if take  $\Sigma$  containing only one such divisor, then  $f : Z \rightarrow X$  is called a **divisorial extraction**.

**Definition 2.2.4.** [?, Definition 3.3] Two or more pairs  $\{(X_i, B_i)\}$  are called **MMP-related** if they are results of  $(K + B)$ -MMP from a nonsingular projective variety  $W$  and boundary  $B_W$  with only normal crossing.

**Definition 2.2.5.** Let  $(X, B)$  be a pair and let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a log resolution of  $(X, B)$ . Suppose

$$K_Y + C = f^*(K_X + B),$$

then the discrepancy of exceptional divisor  $E_i$  over  $X$  is

$$a(E_i; X, B) = -\text{mult}_{E_i} C.$$

Moreover, let

$$\text{discrep}(X, B) := \inf\{a(E; X, B) : E \text{ is an exceptional divisor over } X\}$$

and

$$\text{totdiscrep}(X, B) := \inf\{a(E; X, B) : E \text{ is a divisor over } X\}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.6.** [?, Proposition 3.4] Let  $\{(X_l, B_l)\}$  be a finite set of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pairs such that birational to other, then TFAE:

a They are MMP-related;

b There is a nonsingular pair  $(W, B_W)$  with snc boundary, and projective birational morphisms  $f_l : W \rightarrow X_l$  dominating each  $X_l$ , such that  $f_{l*}B_W = B_l$  and

$$K_W + B_W = f_l^*(K_{X_l} + B_l) + \sum_{\text{exceptional}} a_{li} E_{li}$$

with  $a_{li} > 0$  for all  $f_i$ -exceptional divisors;

c For any two pairs  $(X, B = \sum_i b_i B_i), (X', B' = \sum_j b'_j B'_j)$  in the set,  $a(B_i; X', B') \geq -b_i$  and strict inequality holds if and only if  $B_i$  exceptional over  $X'$ , and  $a(B'_j; X, B) \geq -b'_j$  and strict inequality holds if and only if  $B'_j$  exceptional over  $X$ .

Let  $K = K(X)$  be the function field, and let  $\Sigma = \{\nu\}$  be the set of discrete valuations of the field

**Definition 2.2.7.** [?, Definition 3.5] Let  $\theta : \Sigma \rightarrow [0, 1)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be a function. Then we can construct a collection  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  of pairs associated to  $\theta$ , consists of klt pairs  $(X, B = \sum a_i B_i)$  satisfying

1.  $a_i = \theta(B_i)$ ;
2.  $a(E; X, B) > -\theta(E)$  for all  $E$  exceptional over  $X$ .

For example, if we take  $\theta \equiv 0$  constant, the  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  is the collection of all terminal varieties  $Y$  without boundary birational to  $X$ . Furthermore, we can define the corresponding discrepancy:

**Definition 2.2.8** ( $\theta$ -discrepancy). *Let  $(X, B)$  be a pair in the category  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  for some function  $\theta$  and let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a log resolution of  $(X, B)$ . Suppose*

$$K_Y + B_Y + C = f^*(K_X + B)$$

where  $B_Y = (f^{-1})_*B + \sum_{E_i \text{ exceptional}} \theta(E_i)E_i$ , then the  $\theta$ -discrepancy of exceptional divisor  $E_i$  over  $X$  is

$$a_\theta(E_i; X, B) = -\text{mult}_{E_i} C.$$

Or equivalently, we have

$$a_\theta(E_i; X, B) = a(E_i; X, B) + \theta(E_i).$$

A pair  $(X, B)$  is called  $\theta$ -canonical( $\theta$ -terminal) if  $a_\theta(E; X, B) \geq 0$  ( $a_\theta(E; X, B) > 0$ ) for all exceptional divisors  $E$  over  $X$ . Note that  $\theta$ -canonical pair is not always in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$ .

### 2.3 Others

**Theorem 2.3.1.** *Let  $d$  be a natural number and  $\delta$  be a positivity real number, then the projective varieties  $X$  such that  $(X, B)$  is a  $\delta$ -lc pair of dimension  $d$  for some boundary  $B$  with  $-(K_X + B)$  big and nef form a bounded family.*

**Lemma 2.3.2.** *[Anti-pluri...]lemma2.24: Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a bounded set of couples. Then there is a natural number  $I$  depending only on  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfying the following: Assume  $X$  is projective with klt singularities and  $M \geq 0$  an integral divisor on  $X$  so that  $(X, \text{Supp } M) \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $IK_X$  and  $IM$  are cartier.*

**Theorem 2.3.3.** *Fix a positive integral  $n$ ,  $I \subset [0, 1]$  and a subset  $J$  of positive real numbers. If  $I, J$  satisfy the DCC, then  $\text{LCT}_n(I, J)$  satisfies ACC.*

## 3 Original proof

### 3.1 Prepare

First we fix a category:

**Proposition 3.1.1.** *[?, Lemma 3.6] Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow S, f' : (X', B') \rightarrow S'$  be two  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial log Mori fibre spaces with only klt singularities and MMP-related, inducing a birational map  $\Phi$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X, B) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & (X', B') \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ S & & S' \end{array}$$

Suppose  $B = \sum_i b_i B_i + \sum_j d_j D_j$  and  $B' = \sum_j d'_j D_j + \sum_k b'_k B'_k$ , where  $B_i$  are divisors on  $X$  but not on  $X'$ ,  $B'_k$  are divisors on  $X'$  but not on  $X$ , and  $D_j$  are divisors on both  $X$  and  $X'$ . By Lemma 2.2.6,  $d_j = d'_j$ . Take a rational number  $\epsilon < 1$  such that  $\epsilon > -\text{totdiscrep}(X, B), -\text{totdiscrep}(X', B')$ , and take the function  $\theta : \{\nu\} \rightarrow [0, 1]_{\mathbb{Q}}$  as following:



- $\theta(B_i) = b_i, \theta(D_j) = d_j, \theta(B'_k) = b'_k$ ;
- $\theta(E) = \epsilon$  if  $E$  is exceptional over both  $X$  and  $X'$ ;
- $\theta(D) = 0$  if  $D$  is a divisor on both  $X$  and  $X'$ , but not a component of  $B$  or  $B'$ .

Then the collection  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  satisfies

- 1  $(X, B)$  and  $(X', B')$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$ ;
- 2 For any finitely many klt pairs  $\{(X_l, B_l)\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$ , there is an object  $(Z, B_Z) \in \mathcal{C}_\theta$  and projective birational morphisms  $Z \rightarrow X_l$  dominating each  $X_l$  as a process of  $(K_Z + B_Z)$ -MMP over  $X_l$  (thus over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$ );
- 3 Any  $(K+B)$ -MMP starting from an object in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  stays inside of  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$ , and so does any  $(K+B+cH)$ -MMP where  $H$  is base point free and  $c \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ .

**Remark 3.1.2.** Let  $\delta = 1 - \epsilon$ , then all pairs in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  is  $\delta$ -lc.

With notations and assumptions in Proposition 3.1.1, we shall define the Sarkisov degree. We take a very ample divisor  $A'$  on  $S'$  and a sufficiently large and divisible integer  $\mu' > 1$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}' = |-\mu'(K_{X'} + B') + f'^*A'|$$

is a very ample complete linear system on  $X'$  over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $(W, B_W)$  be a common log resolution of  $X$  and  $X'$  in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  with projective birational morphism  $\sigma : W \rightarrow X$ ,  $\sigma' : W \rightarrow X'$  and  $\sigma_*B_W = B, \sigma'_*B_W = B'$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_W := \sigma'^*\mathcal{H}'$  and then  $\mathcal{H} := (\Phi^{-1})_*\mathcal{H}' = \sigma_*\mathcal{H}_W$ . Furthermore, if  $\mathcal{H}$  is not base point free, then

$$\sigma^*\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_W + F$$

where  $F = \sum f_l F_l \geq 0$  is the fixed part. Take a general member  $H'$  of the linear system  $\mathcal{H}'$  such that  $H_W := \sigma'^*H' = (\sigma'^{-1})_*H' \in \mathcal{H}_W$ , and let  $H := (\Phi^{-1})_*H' = \sigma_*H_W$ , then  $H$  is  $f$ -ample and  $\sigma^*H = H_W + F$ . By taking further resolution, we may assume  $H_W$  is smooth and crosses normally with exceptional locus of  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$ .

Now we can define the Sarkisov degree in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  with respect to  $H'$  (or  $\mathcal{H}'$ ):

**Definition 3.1.3.** [?, Definition 3.8] Sarkisov degree of  $(X, B)$  with respect to  $H$  (or  $\mathcal{H}$ ) in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  is a triple  $(\mu, \lambda, e)$  ordered lexicographically:

- **Nef threshold  $\mu$ :** Let  $C \subset X$  be a curve contracted by  $f$ , then

$$\mu := -\frac{H.C}{(K_X + B).C}$$

i.e.  $K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H \equiv_S 0$ ;

- **$\theta$ -canonical threshold  $c$  and  $\lambda$ :**  $\lambda = 0$  if  $\mathcal{H}$  is base point free; otherwise,

$$c := \frac{1}{\lambda} := \max\{t : a_\theta(E; X, B + tH) \geq 0, E \text{ exceptional over } X\}$$

- **Number of  $(K_X + B_X + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ -crepant divisors:** Let  $e = 0$  if  $\mathcal{H}$  is base point free (and hence  $\lambda = 0$ ), otherwise

$$e = \#\{E; E \text{ is } \sigma\text{-exceptional and } a_\theta(E; X, B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H) = 0\}$$

**Remark 3.1.4.** 1. The Sarkisov degree is dependent on the choice of  $A', H'$  and  $\theta$ .

2. Take a common log resolution  $(W, B_W) \in \mathcal{C}_\theta$  with  $B_W = \sum \theta(E)E$  and projective birational morphisms  $\sigma : W \rightarrow X$ ,  $\sigma' : W \rightarrow X'$ . Since  $\sigma^*\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_W + \sum f_l F_l$ , we have ramification formula:

$$K_W + B_W + tH_W = \sigma^*(K_X + B + tH) + \sum (a_l - t f_l)E_l$$

where  $\sum a_l E_l$  is effective and supported on  $\text{Exc } \sigma$ . Then  $\lambda := \max\{\frac{f_l}{a_l}\}$ . If  $\mathcal{H}$  is base point free, then  $\sum f_l F_l = 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$ .

3.  $e$  is the number of components in  $\sum (a_l - c f_l)E_l$  with coefficient 0 in the formula

$$K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_W = \sigma^*(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H) + \sum (a_l - \lambda f_l)E_l.$$

Such prime divisors  $E_1 \dots E_e$  are called  $(K_X + B_X + \frac{1}{\lambda}H)$ - $\theta$ -crepant.

We also need some extraction map in this category:

**Lemma 3.1.5.** Using the notation in the definition of Sarkisov degree, then there is a contraction  $f : Z \rightarrow X$  such that

- $(Z, B_Z) \in \mathcal{C}_\theta$  and  $(Z, B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z)$  is  $\theta$ -terminal and  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial;
- $\rho(Z) = \rho(X) + 1$ ;
- $f$  is  $(K_X + B_X + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_X)$ -crepant, that is

$$K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z = f^*(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H).$$

*Proof.* Let  $(W, B_W) \in \mathcal{C}_\theta$  and  $\sigma : W \rightarrow X, \sigma' : W \rightarrow X'$  be the common resolution as in Definition 3.1.3, and suppose  $E_1, \dots, E_e$  are  $(K_X + B_X + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ - $\theta$ -crepant divisors after renumbering. Then we have

$$K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_W = \sigma^*(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H) + \sum_{l=1}^e 0 \cdot E_l + \sum_{l>e} (a_l - \frac{1}{\lambda}f_l)E_l.$$

We run  $(K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_W)$ -MMP on  $W$  over  $X$  with scaling of some ample divisor, then the MMP ends with a minimal model  $p : (Y, B_Y + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Y) \rightarrow X$  of  $(W, B_W + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_W)$  over  $X$  and the exceptional locus is exactly  $\cup_{i=1}^e E_i$  and  $p$  is crepant:

$$K_Y + B_Y + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Y = p^*(K_X + B_X + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_X).$$

Then we run  $(K_Y + B_Y)$ -MMP on  $Y$  over  $X$  with scaling of some ample divisor. This ends with the minimal model  $(X, B)$  of  $(Y, B_Y)$  over  $X$ , and the last contraction in the MMP is  $f : Z \rightarrow X$  as required.  $\square$

### 3.2 Flowchart for the Log Sarkisov program

We follow [?, Flowchart for the Sarkisov program] in this subsection.

If  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H$  is nef, the two Mori fibre spaces are isomorphic (shown in next subsection by proposition 3.3.2) and we stop here. Otherwise:

**Claim 3.2.1.** *A If  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H$  is not nef, then there is a contraction  $f : X \rightarrow T$  and a Sarkisov link  $\phi_1 : X \dashrightarrow X_1$  of type III or IV; ...*

*B If  $\lambda > \mu$ , then there is a divisorial extraction  $p : Z \rightarrow X$  and a Sarkisov link  $\phi_1 : X \dashrightarrow X_1$  of type I or II.*

*Proof.* A Suppose  $f$  is the contraction with respect to a  $(K_X + B)$ -negative extremal ray  $R = \overline{\text{NE}}(X/S)$ , then  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H).R = 0$  by definition of  $\mu$ . There is an extremal ray  $P \subset \overline{\text{NE}}(X)$  such that  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H).P < 0$  and  $F := P + R$  is an extremal face (Check [?, 5.4.2] for details). Take  $0 < t \ll 1$  such that  $(K_X + B + (\frac{1}{\mu} - t)H).P < 0$ , then  $(K_X + B + (\frac{1}{\mu} - t)H).R < 0$  since  $H$  is  $f$ -ample, and  $F$  is a  $(K_X + B + (\frac{1}{\mu} - t)H)$ -negative extremal face. Since  $(X, B + (\frac{1}{\mu} - t)H)$  is klt, there is a contraction  $g : X \rightarrow T$  with respect to  $F$  factorizing through  $f : X \rightarrow S$ . Since  $(X, B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$  is klt, and  $\rho(X/T) = 2$ , we can run  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ -MMP on  $X$  with scaling of some ample divisor  $C$ . Since  $B + \frac{1}{\mu}H$  is relatively big, the MMP terminates. There are following cases:

- 1 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow Z$ , first non-flip contraction is a divisorial contraction  $p : Z \rightarrow X_1$ , and then followed by a Mori fibre space  $(X_1, B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1) \rightarrow S_1$ . Then  $S_1 \cong T$  and this is a link of type III.
- 2 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow X_1$ , first non-flip contraction is a Mori fibre space  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow S_1$ . This is a link of type IV.
- 3 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow Z$ , first non-flip contraction is a divisorial contraction  $p : Z \rightarrow X_1$  with

$$K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\mu}H_Z = p^*(K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1) + eE$$

where  $e > 0$  and  $E = \text{Exc } p$  and  $g_1 : (X_1, B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1) \rightarrow T$  is a log minimal model of  $(X, B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$  over  $T$ . In fact the only ray of  $\overline{\text{NE}}(X_1/T)$  is  $(K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1)$ -trivial and hence is  $(K_{X_1} + B_1)$ -negative, therefore  $(X_1, B_1)/T$  is a log Mori fibre space. Take  $S_1 = T$ , then this is a link of type III:

- 4 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow X_1$ ,  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ -MMP ends with a log minimal model  $(X_1, B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1)$  over  $T$ . Then there is an extremal ray  $R$  of  $\overline{\text{NE}}(X_1/T)$ , which is  $(K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1)$ -trivial and  $(K_{X_1} + B_1)$ -negative. Let  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow S_1$  be the contraction with respect to  $R$ . This is a link of type IV. In fact,  $X \dashrightarrow S_1$  is the ample model of  $K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H$ .

B Take an extraction  $p : (Z, B_Z, H_Z) \rightarrow (X, B, H)$  as in Lemma 3.1.5. That is,  $(Z, B_Z)$  is  $\theta$ -terminal and  $p^*(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H) = K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z$  where  $B_Z = \sum \theta(E_\nu)E_\nu$  and  $E = \text{Exc } p$  is a prime divisor on  $Z$ . Then we run  $(K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z)$ -MMP on  $Z$  over  $S$  with scaling of some ample divisor  $C$ . Since  $Z$  is covered by  $(K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z)$ -negative curves,  $(K_Z + B_Z + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_Z)$  is not relatively pseudo-effective. Hence this ends with a Mori fibre space by Theorem 2.2.2. There are two cases:

- 1 After finitely many flips  $Z \dashrightarrow Z'$ , the first non-flip contraction is a divisorial contraction  $q : Z' \rightarrow X_1$ . Then  $X_1 \rightarrow S$  is a log Mori fibre space of  $(X, B)$  and  $(X, B + \frac{1}{\lambda}H)$ . Let  $S_1 = S$  and this is a link of type II.
- 2 After finitely many flips  $Z \dashrightarrow X_1$ , first non-flip contraction is a fibering contraction  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow S_1$ . Since  $(K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}H_1)$  is  $f_1$ -negative and  $H_1$  is  $f_1$ -ample,  $(K_{X_1} + B_1)$  is  $f_1$ -negative, and  $(X_1, B_1)/Y$  is a log Mori fibre space. Take  $S_1 = Y$  and this is a link of type I.

□

**Remark 3.2.2.** *A 1 For case A1 and A2, since  $K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1$  is  $f_1$ -negative, we have  $\mu_1 < \mu$ .*

*2 For case A3 and A4, Since  $(K_{X_1} + B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1)$  is trivial on the ray  $R = \overline{\text{NE}}(X_1/S_1)$  for both cases, we have  $\mu_1 = \mu$ . Notice that  $(X_1, B_1 + \frac{1}{\mu}H_1)$  stays  $\theta$ -canonical, we have  $\lambda_1 \leq \mu = \mu_1$ , thus this goes back to case A. Furthermore, for case A3 we have  $\rho(X_1) = \rho(X) - 1$ .*

*B For case B:*

- 1 For both case B1 and B2, we have  $\mu_1 \leq \mu$  with equality holds if and only if
  - either  $\dim S_i < \dim S_{i+1}$
  - or  $\dim S_i = \dim S_{i+1}$  and the link is square
- 2 We have  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda$  and if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$ , then  $e_1 < e$ .

### 3.3 Termination

First we need to show the procedure constructed in the last subsection terminates in finitely many steps. We need the following discreteness of nef threshold  $\mu$ :

**Corollary 3.3.1.** *The nef threshold  $\mu$  with respect to  $\theta$  is discrete.*

*Proof.* Notice that all pairs in  $\mathcal{C}_\theta$  are  $\delta$ -lc, then the general fibre of  $(F_i, B_{F_i})$  of  $(X_i, B_i) \rightarrow S_i$  is also  $\delta$ -lc with  $\dim F_i \leq \dim X_i$ . Thus they form a bounded family by Theorem 2.3.1. Take the integral  $I$  in Lemma 2.3.2, then  $I(K_{F_i} + B_{F_i})$  is Cartier. Take a rational curve  $C_{F_i}$  in  $\overline{\text{NE}}(F_i)$ , then

$$0 < -I(K_{F_i} + B_{F_i}).C_{F_i} \leq 2I \dim F_i$$

Notice that  $\mu = \frac{IH_{F_i}.C_{F_i}}{-I(K_{F_i} + B_{F_i}).C_{F_i}}$ , where  $H_{F_i}.C_{F_i}$  and  $-I(K_{F_i} + B_{F_i}).C_{F_i}$  are integers, thus

$$\mu \in \frac{1}{(2I \dim F_i)!} \mathbb{N}.$$

□

We prove the termination by contraction. Otherwise, if there is an infinite sequence, i.e. there are infinitely many  $X_i$  and birational maps obtained from the program:

$$X = X_0 \dashrightarrow X_1 \dashrightarrow \cdots \dashrightarrow X_i \dashrightarrow \cdots \dashrightarrow X'$$

Then we have:

- Since  $\mu' \leq \mu_{i+1} \leq \mu_i$ , and as is shown in 3.3.1 that  $\{\mu_i\}$  is discreteness, there is an integer  $N$  such that  $\mu_i = \mu_N$  for all  $i > N$ . In fact, we may assume  $N = 0$  and  $\mu_i = \mu_0 = \mu$  for all  $i$ ;
- Notice that for case A1 and A2, we have  $\mu_{i+1} < \mu_i$ , thus there is no such links in the infinite sequence. If there is a link as case A3 or A4, then  $\mu_{i+1} = \mu_i = \mu$  and  $\lambda_{i+1} \leq \mu$ , thus next link must be case A3 or A4 again, and all links following must be case A3 or A4. For case A3 we have  $\rho(X_{i+1}) = \rho(X_i) - 1$ , therefore there are only finitely many such links, and all links after are case A4;
- Each Sarkisov link  $X_i \dashrightarrow X_{i+1}$  is obtained by  $(K + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ -MMP with scaling of a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $C_i$ . But we can choose  $C_{i+1}$  to be the strict transform of  $C_i$  in  $X_{i+1}$ , then the whole sequence is  $(K + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$ -MMP with scaling of a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $C_0$ , and this ends. Therefore there are no links of case A3 or A4, and i.e. all links are of case B.
- For case B, recall that  $\mu_{i+1} = \mu_i$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{either } \dim S_i < \dim S_{i+1} \\ & \text{or } \dim S_i = \dim S_{i+1} \text{ and the link is square} \end{aligned}$$

and notice that  $\dim S_i < \dim X$ , hence we may assume  $\dim S_i = \dim S_0$  (Note that  $\dim S_0 \neq 0$ , otherwise all  $X_i$  are isomorphic, which is absurd).

We are left to show that there is no infinite sequence with stationary  $\mu_i$  and  $\dim S_i$ . Since for case B,  $\lambda_{i+1} \leq \lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_{i+1} = \lambda_i$  implies  $e_{i+1} < e_i$ , furthermore  $\frac{1}{\lambda_i} \leq \frac{1}{\mu_0}$ , we have

$$c := \lim_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i} > \frac{1}{\lambda_i} = c_i$$

We prove it in several steps:

Step 1 Claim that  $(X_i, B_i + cH_i)$  and  $(Z_i, B_i + cH_i)$  are log canonical for all  $i \gg 0$ . Otherwise, let

$$\alpha_i = \text{lct}(X_i, B_i; H_i)$$

then there are infinitely many  $i$  such that  $c > \alpha_i$ . By definition of  $\lambda_i$ , we have  $\alpha_i > c_i$ . Notice that  $c_i$  accumulates from below to  $c$  and never equals, there are infinitely many  $\alpha_i$ , which contradicts to acc condition of lct. The same argument applies to  $(Z_i, B_i + cH_i)$ . Therefore, we may assume all pairs are log canonical.

Step 2 For each link there are flips

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & Z_i = Z_i^0 & \cdots & Z_i^1 & \cdots & Z_i^k & \cdots \\ & \swarrow p_i^0 & \searrow q_i^0 & & \swarrow p_i^1 & \searrow q_i^1 & & \swarrow p_i^k & \searrow q_i^k \\ X_i = X_i^0 & & & & X_i^1 & & X_i^2 & & \dots \end{array}$$

This step we will show that such 2-ray game of  $(K + B + c_iH)$ -MMP on  $Z_i$  is also a 2-ray game of  $(K + B + cH)$ -MMP.

Let  $P^k = \overline{\text{NE}}(Z^k/X^k)$  and  $Q^k = \overline{\text{NE}}(Z^k/X^{k+1})$ , then  $P^k$  is  $(K_{Z^k} + B_{Z^k} + c_0 H_{Z^k})$ -positive and  $(K_{Z^k} + B_{Z^k} + c_0 H_{Z^k})$ -negative. Need to show this also holds for each  $(K_{Z^k} + B_{Z^k} + c H_{Z^k})$ . Prove this by induction on  $k$ .

Since  $c > c_i$ , we have

$$K_Z + B_Z + c H_Z = p^*(K_X + B + c H) - a E \ (a > 0)$$

By negativity lemma, there is a curve  $C_Z$  on  $Z$  mapping to a point on  $X$ , and  $E.C_Z < 0$ , thus we have  $(K_Z + B_Z + c H_Z).P^0 > 0$ , where  $P^0 = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C_Z] = \overline{\text{NE}}(Z/X)$ . Suppose  $(K_{Z^k} + B_{Z^k} + c H_{Z^k}).P^k > 0$ , then  $(K_{Z^k} + B_{Z^k} + c H_{Z^k})$  is not nef over  $S$ . In particular,  $P^k$  is positive, and the other extremal ray  $Q^k$  is negative. This implies step 2. Furthermore, by decreasing of canonical divisor, we have

$$a(\nu; X_i, B_i + c H_i) \leq a(\nu; X, B + c H)$$

and strictly inequality holds if and only if  $X_l \dashrightarrow X_{l+1}$  is not an isomorphism at center of  $\nu$  on  $X_l$  for some  $l < i$

Step 3 Claim that  $(X_i, B_i + c H_i)$  is klt for all  $i \gg 0$ . Otherwise, if there are infinitely many  $i$  such that  $(X_i, B_i + c H_i)$  is not klt, since they are all log canonical, this is equivalent to say there infinitely many  $i$  and  $\nu_i$  such that

$$-1 = a(\nu_i; X_i, B_i + c H_i) \geq a(\nu_i; X_0, B_0 + c H_0) \geq -1$$

Therefore  $a(\nu; X_i, B_i + c H_i) = -1$  and  $X_0 \dashrightarrow X_i$  isomorphism at the center  $z(\nu_i, X)$ . Thus the local  $\theta$ -canonical thresholds are same

$$ct_\theta(\nu_i; X, B; H) = ct_\theta(\nu_i; X_i, B_i; H_i)$$

On the other hand, by definition

$$c_i \leq ct_\theta(\nu_i; X_i, B_i; H_i)$$

and since  $(X, B + c H)$  is not klt along  $z(\nu_i, X)$ , it is not  $\theta$ -canonical, thus

$$ct_\theta(\nu_i; X_i, B_i; H_i) < c$$

Therefore

$$c_i \leq ct_\theta(\nu_i; X, B; H) < c$$

But the set  $\{ct_\theta(x; X, B; H); x \in X\}$  is finite, a contradiction! We may assume  $(X_i, B_i + c H_i)$  are all klt.

Step 4 Note that  $E_i = \text{Exc}(p_i)$  are all distinct. Otherwise, assume  $E_i = E_j$  for some  $i < j$ , then  $Z_i$  and  $Z_j$  are isomorphic in a neighborhood of  $E_i$  and  $E_j$ , thus

$$a(E_i; X_i, B_i + c H_i) = a(E_j; X_j, B_j + c H_j)$$

However, since  $E_i = E_j$  is not a divisor on  $X_j$ , there is  $k < j$  such that  $E_j$  is contracted by  $Z'_k \rightarrow X_{k+1}$ , therefore  $X_k \dashrightarrow X_{k+1}$  is not isomorphic at  $E_j$ , hence

$$a(E_i; X_i, B_i + c H_i) \leq a(E_j; X_k, B_k + c H_k) < a(E_j; X_{k+1}, B_{k+1} + c H_{k+1}) \leq a(E_j; X_j, B_j + c H_j)$$

which is a contradiction.

Since  $(X, B + cH)$  is klt, then there are only finitely many  $E_i$  with  $a(E_i, X, B + cH) < 0$ . But there are in fact infinitely many

$$a(E_i; X, B + cH) \leq a(E_i; X_i, B_i + cH_i) < -\theta(E) \leq 0,$$

a contradiction!

At last we have the Noether-Fano-Iskovskikh criterion to show when they are isomorphic:

**Theorem 3.3.2.** (*Noether-Fano-Iskovskikh Criterion*): *Notations as in the definition of Sarkisov degree, then*

1.  $\mu \geq \mu'$ ;
2. If  $\mu \geq \lambda$  and  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$  is nef, then  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism of Mori fibre space, i.e., we have commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow[\Phi]{\sim} & X' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ S & \xrightarrow{\sim} & S' \end{array}$$

*Proof.* 1. Only need to show  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$  is  $f$ -nef. Let  $\sigma : W \rightarrow X$  and  $\sigma' : W \rightarrow X'$  be the common resolution. Consider the ramification formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\mu'}H_W &= \sigma'^*(K_{X'} + B' + \frac{1}{\mu'}H') + \sum e'_j E_j + \sum g'_k G'_k \\ &= \sigma^*(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H) + \sum g_i G_i + \sum e_j E_j \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\{G_i\}, \{E_j\}$  are  $\sigma$ -exceptional divisors, and  $\{E_j\}, \{G'_k\}$  are  $\sigma'$ -exceptional divisors. Since  $H_W = \sigma'^*H'$ ,  $g'_k > 0$  (or there are no such  $G'_k$ ). Then take a general curve  $C \subset X$  contracted by  $f$ , such that its strict transform  $\tilde{C}$  on  $W$  is disjoint from  $G_i, E_j$ , and is not contained in  $G'_k$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} C \cdot \left( K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H \right) &= \tilde{C} \cdot \sigma^* \left( K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H \right) \\ &= \tilde{C} \cdot \left( \sigma^* \left( K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\mu'}H \right) + \sum g_i G_i + \sum e_j E_j \right) \\ &= \tilde{C} \cdot \left( K_W + B_W + \frac{1}{\mu'}H_W \right) \\ &= \tilde{C} \cdot \left( \sigma'^* \left( K_{X'} + B' + \frac{1}{\mu'}H' \right) + \sum e'_j E_j + \sum g'_k G'_k \right) \\ &= \tilde{C} \cdot \sigma'^* f'^* A' + C \cdot \left( \sum g'_k G'_k \right) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $(K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H)$  is  $f$ -nef and  $\mu \geq \mu'$ ;

2. First we show that  $\mu = \mu'$ . By 1, we only need to show  $(K_{X'} + B' + \frac{1}{\mu}H')$  is  $f'$ -nef. Indeed, same as 1, we can take a curve  $C'$  on  $X'$  contracted by  $f'$ , such that its strict transform  $\tilde{C}'$  on  $W$  is disjoint from  $G'_i, E_j$ , and is not contained in  $G'_k$  and  $C' \cdot (K_{X'} + B' + \frac{1}{\mu}H') \geq 0$ .

Then we show there are isomorphic. Take a very ample divisor  $D$  on  $X$  and let  $D'$  be its strict transform on  $X'$ .  $D'$  is  $f'$ -ample, thus there exists  $0 < d \ll 1$  such that the following holds:

- $K_X + B + \frac{1}{\mu}H_X + dD$  is ample;
- $K_{X'} + B' + \frac{1}{\mu}H' + dD'$  is ample.

Therefore  $X$  and  $X'$  are both log canonical models of  $(W, B_W + \frac{1}{\mu}H_W + dD_W)$ , hence  $X \cong X'$  and  $S \cong S'$ . □

## 4 Double scaling

This section we follows [?, 13.The Sarkisov program] and [?]

### 4.1 Prepare

Let  $(W, B_W)$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair and  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow S$  and  $f' : (X', B') \rightarrow S'$  be two different log Mori fibre spaces as outputs  $(K_W + B_W)$ -MMP. To modify the beginning setting, we need more conventions and lemmas:

**Definition 4.1.1.** *Let  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a birational map of normal quasi-projective varieties. If*

- *$f$  does not extract divisors;*
- *$a(E; X, B) \leq a(E; Y, B')$  for all divisor  $E$  over  $X$*

*then we write  $(X, B) \geq (Y, B')$ .*

In particular, for terminal pairs, we have following lemma:

**Lemma 4.1.2.** *Let  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  be a birational map where  $(W, B_W)$  is terminal. If*

- *$f$  does not extract divisors;*
- *$K_X + B$  is nef, where  $B = f_*B_W$ ;*
- *$a(E; X, B) \geq a(E; W, B_W)$  for all divisor  $E \subset W$ ,*

*then*

- *$(W, B_W) \geq (X, B)$ .*
- *$(X, B)$  is klt*
- *If  $Z \rightarrow X$  is a divisorial extraction of a divisor  $E$  with  $a(E; X, B) \leq 0$ , then  $E$  is a divisor on  $W$  ;*



- If  $Z \rightarrow X$  is terminalization of  $(X, B)$ , then  $W \dashrightarrow Z$  extracts no divisors.

Conversely, start from a klt pair and non-positive map, we have

**Lemma 4.1.3.** *Let  $p : (W, B_W) \dashrightarrow (X, B)$  be a  $K_W + B_W$ -non-positive birational map such that  $f_*(K_W + B_W) = K_X + B$  and  $(W, B_W)$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair. Then there is a resolution of indeterminacy  $\pi : W' \rightarrow W$  and  $p' : W' \rightarrow X$  such that*

- $(W', B'_W)$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal and  $\pi_* B'_W = B_W$ ,
- $p'$  is  $(K_{W'} + B'_W)$ -non-positive and  $(W', B'_W) \geq (X, B)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.4.** *Let  $f : (W, B_W) \dashrightarrow (X, B)$  be a  $(K_W + B_W)$ -non-positive birational map such that  $f_*(K_W + B_W) = K_X + B$  and  $(W, B_W)$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair. Then there is a resolution of indeterminacy  $\pi : W' \rightarrow W$  and  $p' : W' \rightarrow X$  such that*

- $(W', B_{W'})$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal and  $\pi_* B_{W'} = B_W$ ,
- $p'$  is  $(K_{W'} + B_{W'})$ -non-positive and  $(W', B_{W'}) \geq (X, B)$ .

By above lemma, we replace  $(W, B_W)$  by  $(W', B_{W'})$ , such that  $(W, B_W)$  is terminal and  $p : W \rightarrow X$  and  $q : W \rightarrow X'$  are  $(K_W + B_W)$ -non-positive morphisms, and  $(W, B_W) \geq (X, B), (X', B')$ .

Take very general ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors  $A$  and  $A'$  on  $S$  and  $S'$  such that  $G \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -(K_X + B) + f^*A$  and  $H \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -(K_{X'} + B') + f'^*A'$ . Moreover, we may assume  $G$  and  $H$  satisfying  $G_W := p^*G = p_*^{-1}G$  and  $H_W := q^*H = q_*^{-1}H$ . Furthermore, we may assume  $(W, B_W + gG_W + hH_W)$  is log smooth and terminal for all  $0 \leq g, h \leq 2$  by taking furthermore blowing up if necessary. Then we have Sarkisov program with double scaling of  $(G_W, H_W)$ :

**Theorem 4.1.5** (Double Scaling). *Notations as above, there is a finite sequence of Sarkisov links*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X = X_0 & \dashrightarrow & X_1 & \dashrightarrow & X_2 & \cdots & \dashrightarrow & X_N = X' \\
 f=f_0 \downarrow & & f_1 \downarrow & & f_2 \downarrow & & & f_N \downarrow \\
 S = S_0 & & S_1 & & S_2 & & & S_N = S'
 \end{array}$$

and rational numbers

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 = g_0 &\geq g_1 \geq \cdots \geq g_N &= 0 \\
 0 = h_0 &\leq h_1 \leq \cdots \leq h_N &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

such that

1.  $p_i : W \dashrightarrow X_i$  is  $(K_W + g_i G_W + h_i H_W)$ -non-positive, and  $(K_{X_i} + g_i G_i + h_i H_i) = p_{i*}(K_W + g_i G_W + h_i H_W)$  is nef and is relatively trivial over  $S_i$ ;
2.  $(W, B_W + g_i G_W + h_i H_W) \geq (X_i, B_i + g_i G_i + h_i H_i)$ ;
3. each Sarkisov link is given by a sequence of  $(K_{X_i} + g_i G_i + h_i H_i)$ -trivial maps.
4. The last link  $X_N \rightarrow S_N$  is isomorphic to  $X' \rightarrow S'$

## 4.2 Construct Sarkisov links

This subsection we construct the links inductively. Suppose

- $(W, B_W + 2G_W + 2H_W)$  is a terminal log smooth pair and  $f : X \rightarrow S$  is a Mori fibre space;
- $\pi : W \dashrightarrow X$  is  $(K_W + gG + hH_W)$ -non-positive birational map, and  $(K_X + gG + hH) = \pi_*(K_W + gG_W + hH_W)$  is nef and is relatively trivial over  $S$ ;
- $(W, B_W + gG_W + hH_W) \geq (X, B + gG + hH)$ ;
- $0 \leq g, h \leq 1$  are two rational numbers.

Then we need to show that there is a Sarkisov link  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  satisfying the theorem 4.1.5. Similar with Sarkisov degree, we need to define some invariants:

**Definition 4.2.1.** *Let  $C$  be a general  $f$ -vertical curve on  $X$ , then*

- $r := \frac{H \cdot C}{G \cdot C}$  ;
- Let  $\Gamma$  be the set of  $t \in [0, \frac{g}{r}]$  such that
  1.  $(W, B_W + gG_W + hH_W t(G_W - rH_W)) \geq (X, B + gG + hH + t(G - rH))$
  2.  $K_X + B_V + gG + hH + t(G - rH)$  is nef;

And Let  $s = \max \Gamma$ ;

- Let  $D_W(t) = B_W + gG_W + hH_W t(G_W - rH_W)$  and  $D(t) = B + gG + hH + t(G - rH)$ .  
Let  $g_Y = g - rs$  and  $h_Y = h + s$ , and let  $r_Y = \frac{H_Y \cdot C_Y}{G_Y \cdot C_Y}$

Then we have

1.  $r > 0$  is well defined;
2. either  $\Gamma = \{0\}$  or is a closed interval;
3.  $g_Y = g \Leftrightarrow h_Y = h \Leftrightarrow s = 0$ ;
4.  $\Gamma \subset [0, 1 - h]$ . In particular,  $h_Y \leq 1$ .

**Construct links:** The construction is quite the same as the original method. If  $s = \frac{g}{r}$ , then  $g_Y = 0$ , and we stop. Otherwise,  $s < \frac{g}{r}$ , then there are following cases:

A Suppose  $s$  is **NOT** the threshold of first condition of  $\Gamma$ , that is, there exists  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , such that for any  $X$ -exceptional divisor  $E$  on  $W$ , we have

$$a(E; X, D(s + \epsilon)) \geq a(E; W, D_W(s + \epsilon))$$

and  $K_X + D(s + \epsilon)$  is not nef. Then there is a 2-dimensional  $(K_X + D(s + \epsilon) - \delta G)$ -negative extremal face  $F$ , spanned by  $R = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C]$  and another extremal ray  $P$ . Hence there is a contraction  $X \rightarrow U$  factoring through  $f : X \rightarrow S$ . Then we run  $(K_X + D(s + \epsilon))$ -MMP on  $X$  over  $U$ .

- 1 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  there is a fibration  $Y \rightarrow T$ , and this is a link of type III. Furthermore,  $r_Y < r$ .

- 2 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow Z$  there is a divisorial contraction  $X \rightarrow Y$ , then let  $T = U$  and  $Y \rightarrow T$  is a Mori fibre space and this is a link of type IV.
- 3 After finitely many flips  $X \dashrightarrow Y$ , the contraction  $Y \rightarrow U$  is a minimal model. Let  $C_Y$  be the strict transform of  $C$  on  $Y$ , then  $(K_Y + B_Y + g_Y G_Y + h_Y H_Y).C_Y = 0$  and  $(K_Y + B_Y).C_Y < 0$ , therefore there is a contraction  $Y \rightarrow T$  which is a Mori fibre space. And this is a link of type IV. In this case we have  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ . Moreover, for any divisor  $E \subset W$  we have  $a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon)) \geq a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon))$  and there is a divisor  $F \subset W$  contracted by  $q$  and  $a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon)) > a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon))$ .
- B Suppose  $s$  is the threshold of second conditition, that is, there is a  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  and a  $X$ -exceptional divisor  $E$  on  $W$  such that

$$a(E; X, D(s + \epsilon)) < a(E; W, D_W(s + \epsilon)).$$

In this case, we have

$$a(E; X, D(s)) = a(E; W, D_W(s)).$$

Then we first take the extraction  $p : Z \rightarrow X$  of divisor  $E$ , and suppose

$$K_Z + D_Z(s) = p^*(K_X + D_X(s)).$$

Take a sufficiently small  $\delta$  such that  $0 < \delta \ll \epsilon \ll 1$  and

$$K_Z + \Delta = p^*(K_X + D_X(s + \epsilon) - \delta G)$$

is klt. Then run  $(K_Z + \Delta)$ -MMP on  $Z$  over  $S$  which ends with a Mori fibre space.

- 1 After finitely many flips  $Z \dashrightarrow Y$  there is a fibration  $Y \rightarrow T$ , and this is a link of type I. In this case we have  $\rho(Y) = \rho(X) + 1$ .
- 2 After finitely many flips  $Z \dashrightarrow Z'$  there is a divisorial contraction  $q : Z' \rightarrow Y$ , and then a fibration  $Y \rightarrow T = S$ , and this is a link of type II. In this case we have  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ . Moreover, for any divisor  $E \subset W$  we have  $a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon) - \delta G) \geq a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon) - \delta G_Y)$  and there is a divisor  $F \subset W$  contracted by  $q$  and  $a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon) - \delta G) > a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon) - \delta G_Y)$ .

**Lemma 4.2.2.** *During the flowchart, we have*

1.  $r_{i+1} \geq r_i$ . Moreover, in case A1 we have  $r_{i+1} > r_i$
2.  $h_i \leq 1$ , and  $h_i = 1$  if and only if  $g_i = 0$ ;
3. In the case A3 we have  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ . Moreover, for any divisor  $E \subset W$  we have

$$a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon)) \geq a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon))$$

and there is a divisor  $F \subset W$  contracted by  $q$  and

$$a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon)) > a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon))$$

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4. In this case B2 we have  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ . Moreover, for any divisor  $E \subset W$  we have

$$a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon) - \delta G) \geq a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon) - \delta G_Y)$$

and there is a divisor  $F \subset W$  contracted by  $q$  and

$$a(F, X, D_X(s + \epsilon) - \delta G) > a(F, Y, D_Y(s + \epsilon) - \delta G_Y)$$

### 4.3 Termination

**Lemma 4.3.1.** *Suppose we construct a sequence of Sarkisov links:*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X = X_0 & \cdots \longrightarrow & X_1 & \cdots \longrightarrow & X_2 & \longrightarrow & \cdots \longrightarrow X_i \longrightarrow \cdots, \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S = S_0 & & S_1 & & S_2 & & S_i \end{array}$$

then

1. *There are only finitely many possibilities of  $X_i$  up to isomorphism;*
2. *Sarkisov program of  $(X, B_X)$  with scaling of  $(G_W, H_W)$  terminates. That is, there exists an integer  $N > 0$  such that  $g_N = 0$ .*

*Proof.* 1. This follows from finiteness of weak log canonical models. We construct the space  $V$  as following:

- (a) If  $h_k > 0$  for some  $k$ : Since  $H_W$  is nef and big, take  $H_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_W + C_W$  ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A_W$  and effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor such that  $H_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_W + C_W$ . Let  $V$  be the affine space spanned by components of  $B_W, G_W, H_W, C_W$ , then

$$B_W + g_i G_W + h_i H_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} h_k A_W + B_W + g_i G_W + (h_i - h_k) H_W + h_k C_W =: \Delta_i \in \mathcal{L}_{h_k A_W}(V)$$

- (b) If  $h_k = 0$  for all  $k$ , then  $h_i \equiv 0$  and  $g_i \equiv 1$ . Since  $H_W$  is nef and big, take  $H_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_W + C_W$  ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A_W$  and effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor such that  $H_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_W + C_W$ . Let  $V$  be the affine space spanned by components of  $B_W, C_W$ , then

$$B_W + G_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_W + B_W + C_W =: \Delta_i \in \mathcal{L}_{A_W}(V)$$

Then all  $X_i$  are weak log canonical models of  $(W, \Delta_i)$ . By finiteness of weak log canonical models, there are finitely many  $X_i$  up to isomorphism.

2. Assume this sequence of links is infinite, then there are  $i > j$  such that  $X_i \cong X_j$ . Then we have  $g_{i+1} = g_{j+1}$  and  $h_{i+1} = h_{j+1}$ . Since sequences of  $h_k$  and  $g_k$  are monotone, we have  $h_i = h_k$  and  $g_i = g_k$  for all  $k > i$ . Suppose  $X_i \dashrightarrow X_{i+1}$  is a link in case A, then the next link is also in case A so are all the links follows. But  $X_i \cong X_j$  and therefore  $\rho(X_i) = \rho(X_j)$ , the link are all of type IV. But this contradicts the claim case A3, therefore there are no link of type III or IV after  $X_i$ . In other word, the links after  $X_i$  are all type I, II in case B.

Since  $\rho(X_i) = \rho(X_k)$  and Sarkisov link of type I increase the pscard number,  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  is linked by the Sarkisov links of type II. But this contradicts the lemma 4.2.2.

□

At last we need to show that  $X_N$  is isomorphic to  $X'$ . In fact, this follows directly by the Noether-Fano-Iskovskikh Criterion 3.3.2.

## 5 Using the Polytope

### 5.1 Morphisms between models

**Theorem 5.1.1** (Morphisms between ample models). *Let  $W$  be a smooth projective varieties, and  $V$  be a finite dimensional affine subspace of  $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(W)$  defined over rational numbers and fix an ample effective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A$ . Suppose that there is an element  $D_0$  of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  such that  $K_W + D_0$  is big and klt. Then there are finitely many rational contractions  $f_i : W \dashrightarrow X_i$  such that*

- 1  $\{\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{A}_{A, f_i}\}$  is a partition of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is a finite union of interiors of rational polytopes. If  $f_i$  is birational then  $\mathcal{C}_i = \mathcal{C}_{A, f_i}$  is a rational polytope;
- 2 If  $i, j$  are two indices such that  $\mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i \neq \emptyset$  then there is a contraction  $f_{ij} : X_i \rightarrow X_j$  and  $f_j = f_{ij} \circ f_i$ ;

Suppose in addition  $V$  spans  $\text{NS}(W)$ , then

- 3 Pick  $i$  such that a connected components  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{C}_i$  intersects the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , TFAE:

- a  $\mathcal{C}$  spans  $V$ ;
- b If  $D \in \mathcal{A}_i \cap \mathcal{C}$  then  $f_i$  is a log terminal model of  $K_W + D$ ;
- c  $f_i$  is birational and  $X_i$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial.

- 4 If  $i, j$  are two indices such that  $\mathcal{C}_i$  spans  $V$  and  $D$  is a general point of  $\mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$  which is also a point of interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , then  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\overline{\text{NE}}(X_i/X_j)^* \times \mathbb{R}^k$  for some  $k \leq 0$ . Furthermore  $\rho(X_i/X_j)$  equals the difference in the dimensions of  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$ .

*Proof.* 1 is proved in [?].

- 2 Pick a divisor  $D \in \mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$  and  $D' \in \mathcal{A}_i$  such that

$$D_t = D + t(D' - D) \in \mathcal{A}_i$$

for  $t \in (0, 1]$ . By finiteness of log terminal models, we may find a positive constant  $\delta > 0$  and a birational contraction  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  which is a log terminal model of  $K_W + D_t$  for  $t \in (0, \delta]$ . Replacing  $D' = D_1$  by  $D_\delta$  we may assume  $\delta = 1$ . If we set

$$B_t = f_* D_t,$$

then  $K_X + \Delta_t$  is klt and nef, and  $f$  is  $K_W + D_t$  non-positive for  $t \in [0, 1]$ . As  $D_t$  is big the base point free theorem implies that  $K_X + B_t$  is semiample and so there is an induced contraction morphism  $g_i : X \rightarrow X_i$  together with ample divisors  $H_{1/2}$  and  $H_1$  such that

$$K_X + B_{1/2} = g_i^* H_{1/2}, K_X + B_1 = g_i^* H_1$$

If we set

$$H_t = (2t - 1)H_1 + 2(1 - t)H_{1/2}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} K_X + B_t &= (2t - 1)(K_X + B_1) + 2(1 - t)H_{(1/2)} \\ &= (2t - 1)g_i^*H_1 + 2(1 - t)g_i^*H_{1/2} \\ &= g_i^*H_t \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . As  $K_X + B_0$  is semiample, it follows that  $H_0$  is semiample and the associated contraction  $f_{i,j} : X_i \rightarrow X_j$  is the required morphism.

3 Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  spans  $V$ . Pick  $D$  in the interior of  $\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{A}_i$ . Let  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  be a log terminal model of  $(K_W + D)$ , then  $f = f_j$  for some index  $1 \leq j \leq k$  and that  $D \in \mathcal{C}_j$ . But then  $\mathcal{A}_i \cap \mathcal{A}_j \neq \emptyset$  so that  $i = j$ . If  $f_i$  is a log terminal model of  $K_W + D$  then  $f_i$  is birational and  $X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial. Finally suppose that  $f_i$  is birational and  $X_i$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial. Fix  $D \in \mathcal{A}_i$ . Pick any divisor  $G \in V$  such that  $-G$  is ample and  $K_{X_i} + f_{i*}(D + G)$  is ample and  $D + G \in \mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . Then  $f_i$  is  $(K_W + D + G)$ -negative and so  $D + G \in \mathcal{A}_i$ . But  $\mathcal{C}_i$  spans  $V$ , this implies (3).

4 Let  $f = f_i$  and  $X = X_i$ . As  $\mathcal{C}_i$  spans  $V$ , (3) implies that  $f$  is birational and  $X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial so that  $f$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial weak log canonical model of  $K_W + D$ . Suppose that  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  are the divisors contracted by  $f$ . Pick  $F_i \in V$  numerically equivalent to  $E_i$ . If we let  $E_0 = \sum_{i=1}^k E_i$  and  $F_0 = \sum_{i=1}^k F_i$ , then  $E_0$  and  $F_0$  are numerically equivalent. As  $D$  belongs to interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  we may find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $K_W + D + \delta F_0$  and  $K_W + D + \delta B_0$  are both klt. Then  $f$  is  $(K_W + D + \delta E_0)$ -negative and so  $f$  is a log terminal model of  $(K_W + D + \delta E_0)$  and  $f_j$  is the ample model of  $K_W + D + \delta B_0$ . In particular  $D + \delta F_0 \in \mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$ . As we are supposing that  $D$  is general in  $\mathcal{A}_j \cap \mathcal{C}_i$ , in fact  $f$  must be a log terminal model of  $K_W + D$ , and  $f$  is  $(K_W + D)$ -negative.

Pick  $\epsilon > 0$  such that if  $G \in V$  and  $\|G - D\| < \epsilon$  then  $G$  belongs to the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$  and  $f$  is  $(K_W + G)$ -negative. Then  $G \in \mathcal{C}_i$  simply means  $K_X + H = f_*(K_W + G)$  is nef. Let  $V_X$  be the affine subspace of  $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(X)$  given by pushing forward the elements of  $V$  and let

$$\mathcal{N} = \{H \in V_X : K_X + H \text{ is nef}\}.$$

Given  $(a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and let  $F = \sum a_i F_i$  and  $E = \sum a_i E_i$ . If  $\|F\| < \epsilon$  then  $K_X + H \in \mathcal{N}$  if and only if  $K_X + H + f_*F \in \mathcal{N}$ . In particular  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{N} \times \mathbb{R}^k$ .

But since  $f_j$  is the ample model of  $K_W + D$ , in fact we can choose  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small such that  $K_X + H$  is nef if and only if  $K_X + H$  is nef over  $X_j$ . There is a surjective affine linear map from  $V_X$  to the space of Weil divisor on  $X$  modulo numerical equivalence over  $X_j$  and this induces an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{N} \cong \overline{\text{NE}}(X/X_j)^* \times \mathbb{R}^l,$$

in a neighbourhood of  $f_*D$ .

Note that  $K_X + f_*D$  is numerical trivial over  $X_j$ . As  $f_*D$  is big and  $K_X + f_*D$  is klt we may find an ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A'$  and a divisor  $B' \geq 0$  such that

$$K_X + A' + B' \sim_{\mathbb{R}} K_X + f_*D$$

is klt. But then

$$-(K_X + B') \sim_{\mathbb{R}} -(K_X + H) + A'$$

is ample over  $X_j$ . Hence  $f_{ij} : X \rightarrow X_j$  is a Fano fibration and so by cone theorem

$$\rho(X_i/X_j) = \dim \mathcal{N}$$

This is (4). □

**Lemma 5.1.2** (dense subspace). *If  $V$  spans  $\text{NS}(W)$ , then there is a Zariski dense open subset  $U$  of the Grassmannian  $G(r, V)$  of real affine subspace of dimension  $r$  such that any  $[V'] \in U$  defined on rational numbers satisfy (1-4) of 2.1.12*

*Proof.* Let  $U \subset G(r, V)$  be the set of real affine subspace  $V'$  of  $V$  of dimension  $r$ , which contain any sub no face of any  $\mathcal{C}_i$  or  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ . In particular, the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V')$  is contained in the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . Clearly that any  $V' \in U$  satisfies (1-4) of 2.1.12. □

From now on in this subsection, we always assume that  $V$  has dimension 2 and satisfies 5.1.1.

**Lemma 5.1.3** (maps at the edge of polytopes). *Let  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  and  $g : W \dashrightarrow Y$  be two rational contractions such that  $\mathcal{C}_{A,f}$  is dimension 2 and  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{C}_{A,f} \cap \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$  is dimension 1. Assume  $\rho(X) \geq \rho(Y)$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . Let  $D$  be an interior point of  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $B = f_*D$ . Then there is a rational contraction  $\pi : X \dashrightarrow Y$  and  $g = \pi \circ f$  such that either*

1  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y) + 1$  and  $\pi$  is  $(K_X + B)$ -trivial, and either

a  $\pi$  is birational and  $\mathcal{O}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ , and either

i  $\pi$  is a divisorial contraction and  $\mathcal{O} \neq \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$ , or

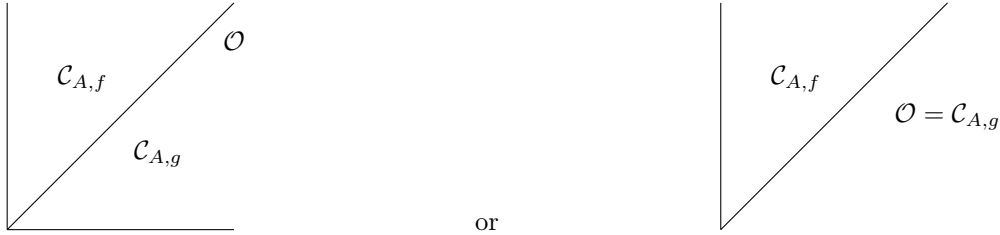
ii  $\pi$  is a small contraction and  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$

or

b  $\pi$  is a Mori fibre space, and  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$  is contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$

or

2  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ , and  $\pi$  is a  $(K_X + B)$ -flop and  $\mathcal{O} \neq \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ .



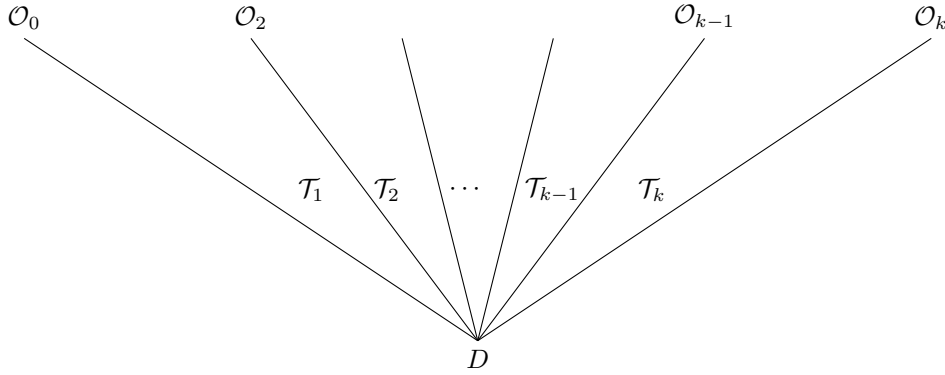
*Proof.* By assumption  $f$  is birational and  $X$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial. Let  $h : W \dashrightarrow S$  be the ample model corresponding to  $K_W + D$ . Since  $D$  is not a point of the boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ , if  $D$  belongs to the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A$  then  $K_W + D$  is not big and so  $h$  is not birational. As  $\mathcal{O}$  is a subset of both  $\mathcal{C}_{A,f}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{A,g}$  there are morphisms  $p : X \rightarrow S$  and  $q : Y \rightarrow S$  of relative Picard number at most one. There are therefore only two cases

1.  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y) + 1$ , or
2.  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$

Suppose we are in the first case, then  $q$  is the identity and  $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a contraction morphism such that  $g = p \circ f$ . Suppose that  $\pi$  is birational, then  $h$  is birational and  $\mathcal{O}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ . If  $\pi$  is divisorial then  $Y$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial and so  $\mathcal{O} \neq \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$ . If  $\pi$  is a small contraction then  $\pi$  is not  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial and so  $\mathcal{C}_{A,g} = \mathcal{O}$  is one dimensional. If  $\pi$  is a Mori fibre space then  $\mathcal{O}$  is contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$  and  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{C}_{A,g}$ .

Now suppose we are in the second case. Since  $\rho(X/S) = \rho(Y/S) = 1$ , we know that  $p, q$  are not divisorial contractions as  $\mathcal{O}$  is one dimensional and  $p, q$  are not Mori fibre spaces as  $\mathcal{O}$  is cannot be contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ . Hence  $p, q$  are small and the the rest is clear.  $\square$

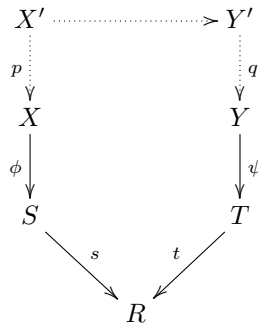
Let  $D = A + B$  be a point of boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$  in the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_k$  be the polytopes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  of dimension 2 containing  $D$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_0$  and  $\mathcal{O}_k$  be the intersection of  $\mathcal{T}_0$  and  $\mathcal{T}_k$  with boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$ , and let  $\mathcal{O}_i = \mathcal{O}_i \cap \mathcal{O}_{i+1}$ . Let  $f_i : W \rightarrow X_i$  be the rational contraction associated to  $\mathcal{T}_i$  and  $g_i : W \rightarrow S_i$  be the rational contraction associated to  $\mathcal{O}_i$ .



Set  $f = f_1 : W \dashrightarrow X, g = f_k : W \dashrightarrow Y$  and  $\phi : X \rightarrow S = S_0, \psi : Y \rightarrow T = S_k$  and  $X' = X_2, Y' = X_{k-1}$  and let  $W \dashrightarrow R$  be the ample model of  $D$ . Then

**Theorem 5.1.4** (Construct one Sarkisov link). *Suppose  $B_W$  is a divisor such that  $K_Z + B_W$  is klt and  $D - B_W$  is ample. Then  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are Mori fibre spaces as outputs of  $(K_Z + B_W)$ -MMP and connected by a Sarkisov link if  $D$  is contained in more than two polytopes.*

*Proof.* WMA  $k \geq 3$  and we have



Note that  $\rho(X_i/R) \leq 2$  and  $\rho(X/S) = \rho(Y/T) = 1$ . Thus

1.  $s$  is identity and  $p$  is a divisorial contraction (extraction), or



2.  $s$  is a contraction and  $p$  is a flop.

The same holds for  $q$  and  $t$ . And the map  $X' \rightarrow Y'$  is clear the composition of flops. This gives 4 types of links.  $\square$

## 5.2 Construction of Sarkisov links

**Lemma 5.2.1.** *Let  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  be a birational contraction between  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial varieties. Suppose  $(W, D)$  and  $(W, D + A)$  are both klt. If  $f$  is ample model of  $(W, D + A)$  and  $A$  is ample, then  $f$  is result of running  $(K_W + D)$ -MMP.*

This lemma guarantee that every variety in the Sarkisov links constructed later is a MMP result of  $(W, B_W)$ . We need a special resolution  $W$  and an affine subspace  $V \subset \text{WDiv}(W)$  such that we can find two Mori fibre spaces  $X/S$  and  $Y/T$  and vertexs connecting them. The following lemma shows the desired affine subspace exists.

**Lemma 5.2.2.** *Let  $\phi : X \rightarrow S$  and  $\psi : Y \rightarrow T$  be two MMP related Mori fibre space corresponding to two klt projective varieties  $(X, B_X)$  and  $(Y, B_Y)$ . Then we may find a smooth projective variety  $W$ , two birational morphism  $f : W \rightarrow X$  and  $g : W \rightarrow Y$ , a klt pair  $(W, B_W)$ , an ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $A$  on  $W$  and a two dimensional rational affine subspace  $V$  of  $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(W)$  such that*

1 If  $D \in \mathcal{L}_A(V)$  then  $D - B_W$  is ample;

2  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \phi \circ f}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \psi \circ g}$  are not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ ;

3  $V$  satisfy 2.1.12;

4  $\mathcal{C}_{A, f}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{A, g}$  are two dimensional;

5  $\mathcal{C}_{A, \phi \circ f}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{A, \psi \circ g}$  are one dimensional.

*Proof.* By assumption there is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial klt pair  $(W, B_W)$  such that  $f : W \dashrightarrow X$  and  $g : W \dashrightarrow Y$  are both outcomes of  $(K_W + B_W)$ -MMP. Let  $p' : W' \rightarrow W$  be any log resolution such that resolves the indeterminacy of  $f$  and  $g$ , then we may write

$$K_{W'} + B_{W'} = p'^*(K_W + B_W) + E'$$

where  $E' \geq 0$  and  $B_{W'} \geq 0$  have no common components, and  $E'$  is exceptional and  $p'_* B_{W'} = B_W$ . Pick a divisor  $-F$  which is ample over  $W$  with support equal to the full exceptional locus such that  $K_{W'} + B_{W'} + F$  is klt. As  $p'$  is  $(K_{W'} + B_{W'} + F)$ -negative and  $(K_W + B_W)$  is klt and  $W$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, the  $(K_{W'} + B_{W'} + F)$ -MMP over  $W$  terminates with the pair  $(W, B_W)$ . Replacing  $(W, B_W)$  by  $(W', B_{W'} + F)$  we may assume that  $(W, B_W)$  is log smooth and  $f, g$  are morphisms.

Pick general ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors  $A, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$  on  $W$  such that  $H_1, \dots, H_k$  generate the Neron-Severi group of  $W$ . Let

$$H = A + H_1 + \dots + H_k$$

Pick sufficiently ample divisor  $A_S$  on  $S$  and  $A_T$  on  $T$  such that

$$-(K_X + B_X) + \phi^* A_S \text{ and } -(K_Y + B_Y) + \psi^* A_T$$

are both ample. Pick a rational number  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that

$$-(K_X + B_X + \delta f_* H) + \phi^* A_S \text{ and } -(K_Y + B_Y + \delta g_* H) + \psi^* A_T$$

are both ample and  $(K_W + B_W + \delta H)$  is both  $f$  and  $g$  negative. Replacing  $H$  by  $\delta H$  we may assume that  $\delta = 1$ . Now pick a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $B_0 \leq B_W$  such that  $A + (B_0 - B_W)$ ,  $-(K_X + f_* B_0 + f_* H) + \phi^* A_S$  and  $-(K_Y + g_* B_0 + g_* H) + \psi^* A_T$  are all ample and  $(K_W + B_0 + H)$  is both  $f$  and  $g$  negative.

Pick general ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors  $F_1 \geq 0$  and  $G_1 \geq 0$  such that

$$F_1 \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -(K_X + f_* B_0 + f_* H) + \phi^* A_S \text{ and } G_1 \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} -(K_Y + g_* B_0 + g_* H) + \psi^* A_T$$

and

$$K_W + B_0 + H + F + G$$

is klt, where  $F = f^* F_1$  and  $G = g^* G_1$ .

Let  $V_0$  be the affine subspace of  $\text{WDiv}_{\mathbb{R}}(W)$  which is the translate by  $B_0$  of the vector subspace spanned by  $H_1, \dots, H_k, F, G$ . Suppose that  $D = A + B \in \mathcal{L}_A(V_0)$ . Then

$$D - B_W = (A + B_0 - B_W) + (B - B_0)$$

is ample, as  $B - B_0$  is nef by definition of  $V_0$ . Note the

$$B_0 + F + H \in \mathcal{A}_{A, \phi \circ f}(V_0), B_0 + G + H \in \mathcal{A}_{A, \psi \circ g}(V_0)$$

and  $f$ , respectively  $g$ , is a weak log canonical model of  $K_W + B_0 + F + H$ , respectively  $K_W + B_0 + G + H$ . Thus theorem 2.1.12 implies that  $V_0$  satisfies (1-4) of 2.1.12.

Since  $H_1, \dots, H_k$  generated the Neron-Severi group of  $W$  we may find constants  $h_1, \dots, h_k$  such that  $G \equiv \sum_{i=1}^k h_i H_i$ . Then there is  $0 < \delta \ll 1$  such that  $B_0 + F + \delta G + H - \delta(\sum_{i=1}^k h_i H_i) \in \mathcal{L}_A(V_0)$  and

$$B_0 + F + \delta G + H - \delta(\sum_{i=1}^k h_i H_i) \equiv B_0 + F + H.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \phi \circ f}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V_0)$ . Similarly  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \psi \circ g}$  is not contained in the boundary of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V_0)$ . In particular  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \phi \circ f}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{A, \psi \circ g}$  span affine hyperplanes of  $V_0$ , since  $\rho(X) = \rho(Y) = 1$ .

Let  $V_1$  be the translate by  $B_0$  of two dimensional vector space spanned by  $F + H - A$  and  $F + G - A$ . Let  $V$  be a small general perturbation of  $V_1$ , which is defined over rationals. This is the affine subspace we need.  $\square$

Then we can prove the main theorem

*Proof of the main theorem.* Let  $(W, B_W), A$  and  $V$  as in the lemma 5.2.2. Pick  $D_0 \in \mathcal{A}_{A, \phi \circ f}$  and  $D_1 \in \mathcal{C}_{A, g}$  belonging to the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . As  $V$  is two dimensional, removing  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  divides the boundary of  $\mathcal{E}_A(V)$  into two parts. The part which consists entirely of divisors which are not big is contained in the interior of  $\mathcal{L}_A(V)$ . Consider tracing this boundary from  $D_0$  to  $D_1$ . Then there are finitely many  $2 \leq i \leq N$  points  $D_i$  which are contained in more than two polytopes  $\mathcal{C}_{A, f_i}(V)$ . By lemma 5.1.4, each point  $D_i$  gives a Sarkisov link. And the birational map  $X \dashrightarrow Y$  is composition of such links.  $\square$

## **6 Generalization**

### **6.1 Surface case**

### **6.2 Generalized pairs**

## **7 Application**

## **8 Others**