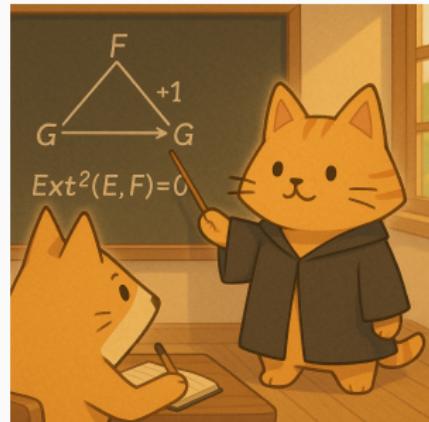


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- Varieties whose derived category admits a full exceptional collection: projective spaces \mathbb{P}^n , quadrics $Q^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$, Grassmannians $\mathrm{Gr}(k, n)$.
- Curves (= slope stability);
- Surfaces (tilt stability);
- Fano threefolds;
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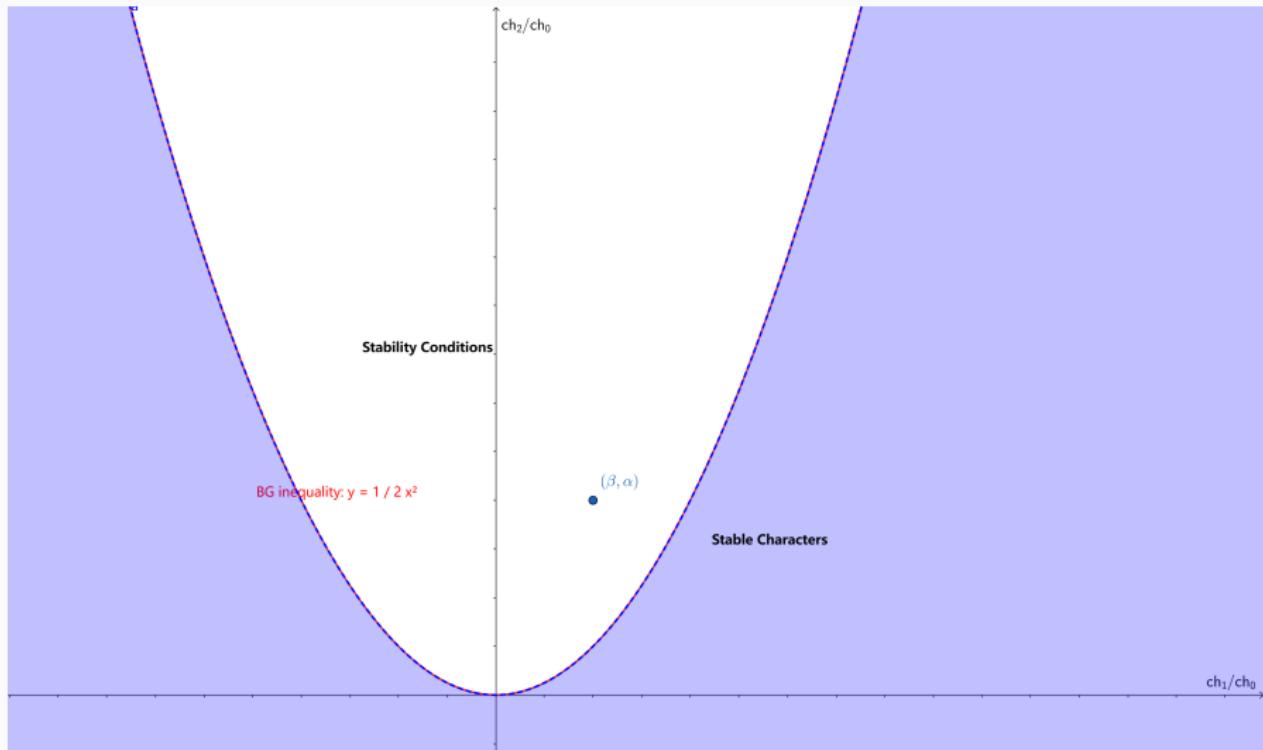
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Then we consider the **double tilt** $\text{Coh}^{\alpha,\beta}(X) := \langle \mathcal{F}_{\alpha,\beta}[1], \mathcal{T}_{\alpha,\beta} \rangle$.

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Theorem (Bayer, Macrì, Toda)

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Upshot: This stability condition has some symmetry: $(\tau_*)^d \sigma_G = \sigma_G[2]$.

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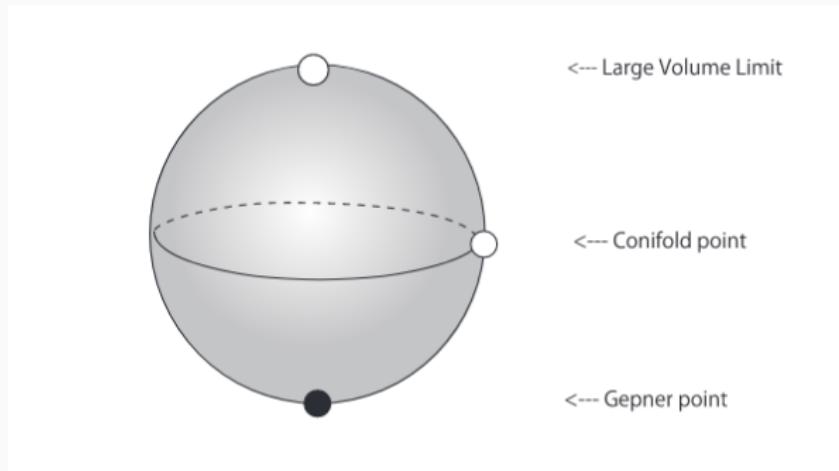


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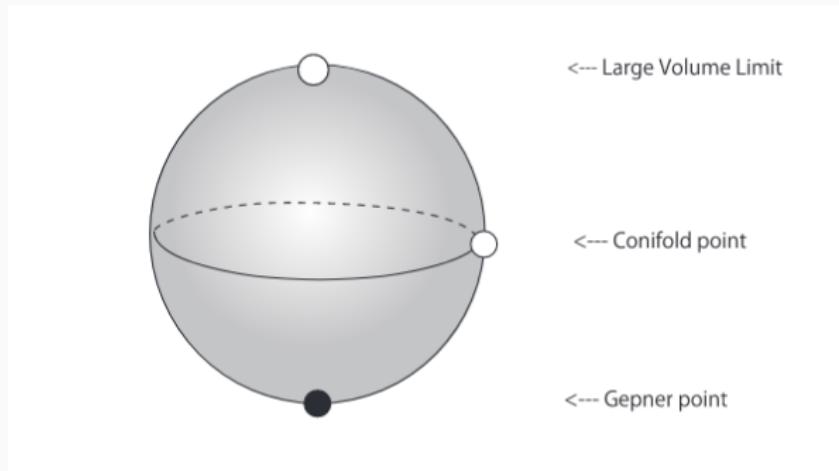


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Sign difference in α !

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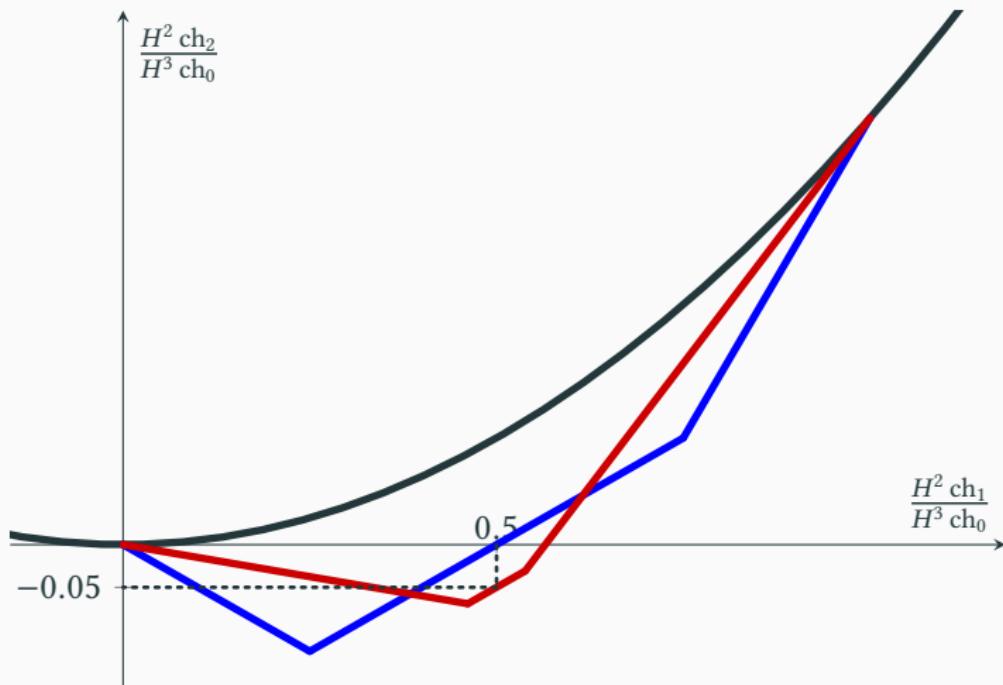


Figure 2: Blue:Li's bound Red: my bound

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