

# RESEARCH STATEMENT

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My main area of interest lies in algebraic geometry. I have been working on birational geometry of algebraic varieties. I am interested in topics related to the minimal model program (e.g., existence of good minimal models, non-vanishing conjecture, abundance conjecture, singularities, minimal log discrepancies) and properties of minimal varieties and Fano varieties (e.g., boundedness, birationality, geography, positivities, derived categories). I am interested in both exploring general theory in arbitrary dimensions and investigating explicit geometry and classification theory in lower dimensions.

## 1. PAST RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

**1.1. Explicit birational geometry and classification theory of algebraic varieties.** One of the final goals of algebraic geometry is to classify algebraic varieties. The classification theory of algebraic curves are well-understood in the time of Riemann. The classification theory of algebraic surfaces are well-understood by the work of Enriques and Kodaira after Italian school. Now we are interested in the classification theory of algebraic varieties of dimensions 3 and higher.

1.1.1. *Noether inequality.* Noether inequality for surfaces is a milestone in the classification theory of algebraic surfaces. In [10], joint with Jungkai Chen and Meng Chen, we established the optimal Noether inequality  $\text{vol}(X) \geq \frac{4}{3}p_g(X) - \frac{10}{3}$  for any 3-fold  $X$  of general type with  $p_g(X) \geq 11$ . This means that such inequality holds for all but finitely many 3-folds of general type.

1.1.2. *Explicit birational geometry of Fano 3-folds.* I studied effective boundedness problem for Fano 3-folds which helps to understand the classification of Fano 3-folds with mild singularities. In [3], working with Meng Chen, we showed that for a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Fano 3-fold (resp. weak  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Fano 3-fold)  $X$ ,  $| -mK_X |$  gives a birational map for all  $m \geq 39$  (resp.  $m \geq 97$ ). Later in the joint work [13], we improved this result by showing that, for a weak  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Fano 3-fold  $X$ , there is a birational model  $Y$  such that  $| -mK_Y |$  gives a birational map for all  $m \geq 52$ . In [20], we showed that for a canonical  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Fano 3-fold  $X$ , its anti-canonical degree  $-K_X^3$  is bounded from above by 324, this is the first effective upper bound in the literature.

1.1.3. *Explicit birational geometry of Calabi–Yau 3-folds.* In [2], I showed that for a minimal 3-fold  $X$  with  $K_X \equiv 0$  and a nef and big Weil divisor  $L$ ,  $|mL|$  and  $|K_X + mL|$  give birational maps for all  $m \geq 17$ . In [4], I treated smooth projective irregular 3-folds (resp. 4-folds)  $X$  with  $K_X \equiv 0$ .

## 1.2. Boundedness of Fano varieties and Calabi–Yau varieties.

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1.2.1. *BAB conjecture.* In a series of papers [1, 8, 17, 9], I studied the Borisov–Alexeev–Borisov Conjecture in dimension up to 3. In particular, I showed that the anti-canonical volumes of Fano 3-folds with  $\epsilon$ -klt singularities is bounded from above, and the set of all Fano 3-folds with  $\epsilon$ -klt singularities is birationally bounded. The Borisov–Alexeev–Borisov Conjecture was later proved by Birkar.

1.2.2. *LTT conjecture.* Applying boundedness results of Birkar, in [5] working with Christopher Hacon, we showed that for a uniruled variety and an ample line bundle, the sub-varieties with Fujita  $a$ -invariants bigger than that of the ambient space are contained in a proper Zariski closed subset. This confirms a conjecture by Lehmann, Tanimoto, and Tschinkel, which has applications for the geometric description of Manin’s conjecture.

1.2.3. *K-semistable Fano varieties.* In [12], I used birational geometry method to show that, for any  $\delta > 0$ , the set of all  $d$ -dimensional K-semistable Fano varieties  $X$  with  $(-K_X)^d > \delta$  is bounded. This result becomes an important step towards the K-moduli theory of Fano varieties established by Chenyang Xu and his collaborators.

It is known that any K-semistable Fano variety  $X$  has alpha invariant  $\alpha(X) \geq \frac{1}{\dim X}$ . In [6], I showed that  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is the only K-semistable Fano manifold of dimension  $d$  with  $\alpha(X) = \frac{1}{d}$ .

1.2.4. *Calabi–Yau varieties.* In the joint work [14], we showed that the set of all rationally connected klt Calabi–Yau 3-folds is birationally bounded. Later in [16], I showed that the set of all non-canonical klt Calabi–Yau 3-folds is bounded modulo flops, and the global indices of klt Calabi–Yau 3-folds are bounded. In [15], we studied the boundedness of log pluricanonical representations of log Calabi–Yau pairs in dimension 2.

1.3. **Singularities in birational geometry.** I studied the minimal log discrepancies of singularities in birational geometry. In [16], I showed a gap theorem saying that there exists a constant  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\text{mld}(X) < 1$  for a 3-fold  $X$ , then  $\text{mld}(X) \leq 1 - \delta$ . This confirms a special case of a conjecture of Shokurov. In [18], we confirm another conjecture of Shokurov on the singularities of the base of a conic bundle.

1.4. **Other interesting topics in birational geometry.** I studied Kawamata’s effective nonvanishing conjecture for Calabi–Yau manifolds, namely, every nef line bundle has a global section. In [11] working with Yalong Cao, we confirmed this conjecture for all 6-dimensional hyperkähler manifolds and certain complete intersection Calabi–Yau manifolds. In [19], I proved this conjecture for all hyperkähler manifolds by showing that the coefficients of the Riemann–Roch polynomial of a hyperkähler manifold are all positive.

In [7] working with Pu Cao, we classified all torsion exceptional sheaves on certain weak del Pezzo surfaces, partially confirmed a conjecture of Okawa and Uehara.

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