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# ON THE MODULI B-DIVISORS OF LC-TRIVIAL FIBRATIONS

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ABSTRACT. — Roughly speaking, by using the semi-stable minimal model program, we prove that the moduli part of an lc-trivial fibration coincides with that of a klt-trivial fibration induced by adjunction after taking a suitable generically finite cover. As an application, we obtain that the moduli part of an lc-trivial fibration is b-nef and abundant by Ambro's result on klt-trivial fibrations.

RÉSUMÉ. — Grosso modo, en utilisant le programme des modèles minimaux semi-stables, nous montrons que la partie modulaire d'une fibration lc-triviale coïncide avec celle d'une fibration klt-triviale induite par adjonction après changement de base par un morphisme génériquement fini. Comme application, en utilisant le résultat de Ambro sur fibrations klt-triviales, on obtient que la partie modulaire d'une fibration lc-triviale est b-nef et abondante.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we prove the following theorem. More precisely, we reduce Theorem 1.1 to Ambro's result (see [2, Theorem 3.3]) by using the semi-stable minimal model program (see, for example, [14]). For a related result, see [6, Theorem 1.4].

**THEOREM 1.1** (cf. [2, Theorem 3.3]). — *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a projective surjective morphism between normal projective varieties with connected fibers. Assume that  $(X, B)$  is log canonical and  $K_X + B \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y} 0$ . Then the moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisor  $\mathbf{M}$  is b-nef and abundant.*

Let us recall the definition of *b-nef and abundant*  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors.

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DEFINITION 1.2 ([2, Definition 3.2]). — A  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisor  $\mathbf{M}$  of a normal complete algebraic variety  $Y$  is called *b-nef* and *abundant* if there exists a proper birational morphism  $Y' \rightarrow Y$  from a normal variety  $Y'$ , endowed with a proper surjective morphism  $h : Y' \rightarrow Z$  onto a normal variety  $Z$  with connected fibers, such that:

- (1)  $\mathbf{M}_{Y'} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} h^*H$ , for some nef and big  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $H$  of  $Z$ ;
- (2)  $\mathbf{M} = \overline{\mathbf{M}_{Y'}}$ .

Let us quickly explain the idea of the proof of Theorem 1.1. We assume that the pair  $(X, B)$  in Theorem 1.1 is dlt for simplicity. Let  $W$  be a log canonical center of  $(X, B)$  which is dominant onto  $Y$  and is minimal over the generic point of  $Y$ . We set  $K_W + B_W = (K_X + B)|_W$  by adjunction. Then we have  $K_W + B_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y} 0$ . Let  $h : W \rightarrow Y'$  be the Stein factorization of  $f|_W : W \rightarrow Y$ . Note that  $(W, B_W)$  is klt over the generic point of  $Y'$ . We prove that the moduli part  $\mathbf{M}$  of  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  coincides with the moduli part  $\mathbf{M}^{\min}$  of  $h : (W, B_W) \rightarrow Y'$  after taking a suitable generically finite base change by using the semi-stable minimal model program. We do not need the *mixed* period map nor the infinitesimal *mixed* Torelli theorem (see [2, Section 2] and [23]) for the proof of Theorem 1.1. We just reduce the problem on lc-trivial fibrations to Ambro's result on klt-trivial fibrations, which follows from the theory of period maps. Our proof of Theorem 1.1 partially answers the questions in [21, 8.3.8 (Open problems)].

It is conjectured that  $\mathbf{M}$  is *b*-semi-ample (see, for example, [1, 0. Introduction], [22, Conjecture 7.13.3], [6], [3], and [16, Section 3]). The *b*-semi-amplicity of the moduli part has been proved only for some special cases (see, for example, [19], [9], and [22, Section 8]). See also Remark 4.1 below.

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We will work over  $\mathbb{C}$ , the complex number field, throughout this paper. We will make use of the standard notation as in [12].

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we do not use  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisors. We only use  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisors.

2.1 (Pairs). — A pair  $(X, B)$  consists of a normal variety  $X$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  and a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $B$  on  $X$  such that  $K_X + B$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier. A pair  $(X, B)$  is called *subklt* (resp. *sublc*) if for any projective birational morphism  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  from a normal variety  $Z$ , every coefficient of  $B_Z$  is  $< 1$  (resp.  $\leq 1$ ) where  $K_Z + B_Z := g^*(K_X + B)$ . A pair  $(X, B)$  is called *klt* (resp. *lc*) if  $(X, B)$  is *subklt* (resp. *sublc*) and  $B$  is effective. Let  $(X, B)$  be an *lc* pair. If there is a log resolution  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  of  $(X, B)$  such that  $\text{Exc}(g)$  is a divisor and that the coefficients of the  $g$ -exceptional part of  $B_Z$  are  $< 1$ , then the pair  $(X, B)$  is called *divisorial log terminal* (*dlt*, for short). Let  $(X, B)$  be a *sublc* pair and let  $W$  be a closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $W$  is called a *log canonical center* of  $(X, B)$  if there are a projective birational morphism  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  from a normal variety  $Z$  and a prime divisor  $E$  on  $Z$  such that  $\text{mult}_E B_Z = 1$  and that  $g(E) = W$ . Moreover we say that  $W$  is *minimal* if it is minimal with respect to inclusion.

In this paper, we use the notion of *b-divisors* introduced by Shokurov. For details, we refer to [4, 2.3.2] and [15, Section 3].

2.2 (Canonical b-divisors). — Let  $X$  be a normal variety and let  $\omega$  be a top rational differential form of  $X$ . Then  $(\omega)$  defines a *b-divisor*  $\mathbf{K}$ . We call  $\mathbf{K}$  the *canonical b-divisor* of  $X$ .

2.3 ( $\mathbf{A}(X, B)$  and  $\mathbf{A}^*(X, B)$ ). — The discrepancy *b-divisor*  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(X, B)$  of a pair  $(X, B)$  is the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b-divisor* of  $X$  with the trace  $\mathbf{A}_Y$  defined by the formula

$$K_Y = f^*(K_X + B) + \mathbf{A}_Y,$$

where  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a proper birational morphism of normal varieties. Similarly, we define  $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^*(X, B)$  by

$$\mathbf{A}_Y^* = \sum_{a_i > -1} a_i A_i$$

for

$$K_Y = f^*(K_X + B) + \sum a_i A_i,$$

where  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a proper birational morphism of normal varieties. Note that  $\mathbf{A}(X, B) = \mathbf{A}^*(X, B)$  when  $(X, B)$  is *subklt*.

By the definition, we have  $\mathcal{O}_X(\lceil \mathbf{A}^*(X, B) \rceil) \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$  if  $(X, B)$  is *lc* (see [15, Lemma 3.19]). We also have  $\mathcal{O}_X(\lceil \mathbf{A}(X, B) \rceil) \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$  when  $(X, B)$  is *klt*.

2.4 (b-nef and b-semi-ample  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors). — Let  $X$  be a normal variety and let  $X \rightarrow S$  be a proper surjective morphism onto a variety  $S$ . A  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisor  $\mathbf{D}$  of  $X$  is b-nef over  $S$  (resp. b-semi-ample over  $S$ ) if there exists a proper birational morphism  $X' \rightarrow X$  from a normal variety  $X'$  such that  $\mathbf{D} = \overline{\mathbf{D}_{X'}}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{X'}$  is nef (resp. semi-ample) relative to the induced morphism  $X' \rightarrow S$ .

2.5. — Let  $D = \sum_i d_i D_i$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor on a normal variety, where  $D_i$  is a prime divisor for every  $i$ ,  $D_i \neq D_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , and  $d_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  for every  $i$ . Then we set

$$D^{\geq 0} = \sum_{d_i \geq 0} d_i D_i \quad \text{and} \quad D^{\leq 0} = \sum_{d_i \leq 0} d_i D_i.$$

### 3. A quick review of lc-trivial fibrations

In this section, we quickly recall some basic definitions and results on *klt-trivial fibrations* and *lc-trivial fibrations* (see also [16, Section 3]).

DEFINITION 3.1 (Klt-trivial fibrations). — A klt-trivial fibration  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  consists of a proper surjective morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between normal varieties with connected fibers and a pair  $(X, B)$  satisfying the following properties:

- (1)  $(X, B)$  is subklt over the generic point of  $Y$ ;
- (2)  $\text{rank } f_* \mathcal{O}_X([\mathbf{A}(X, B)]) = 1$ ;
- (3) There exists a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $D$  on  $Y$  such that

$$K_X + B \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} f^* D.$$

Note that Definition 3.1 is nothing but [1, Definition 2.1], where a klt-trivial fibration is called an lc-trivial fibration. So, our definition of lc-trivial fibrations in Definition 3.2 is different from the original one in [1, Definition 2.1].

DEFINITION 3.2 (Lc-trivial fibrations). — An lc-trivial fibration  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  consists of a proper surjective morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between normal varieties with connected fibers and a pair  $(X, B)$  satisfying the following properties:

- (1)  $(X, B)$  is sublc over the generic point of  $Y$ ;
- (2)  $\text{rank } f_* \mathcal{O}_X([\mathbf{A}^*(X, B)]) = 1$ ;
- (3) There exists a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $D$  on  $Y$  such that

$$K_X + B \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} f^* D.$$

In Section 4, we sometimes take various base changes and construct the induced lc-trivial fibrations and klt-trivial fibrations. For the details, see [1, Section 2].

3.3 (Induced lc-trivial fibrations by base changes). — Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  be a klt-trivial (resp. an lc-trivial) fibration and let  $\sigma : Y' \rightarrow Y$  be a generically finite morphism. Then we have an induced klt-trivial (resp. lc-trivial) fibration  $f' : (X', B_{X'}) \rightarrow Y'$ , where  $B_{X'}$  is defined by  $\mu^*(K_X + B) = K_{X'} + B_{X'}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X', B_{X'}) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & (X, B) \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ Y' & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & Y, \end{array}$$

Note that  $X'$  is the normalization of the main component of  $X \times_Y Y'$ . We sometimes replace  $X'$  with  $X''$  where  $X''$  is a normal variety such that there is a proper birational morphism  $\varphi : X'' \rightarrow X'$ . In this case, we set  $K_{X''} + B_{X''} = \varphi^*(K_{X'} + B_{X'})$ .

Let us explain the definitions of the discriminant and moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors.

3.4 (Discriminant  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors and moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors). — Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  be an lc-trivial fibration as in Definition 3.2. Let  $P$  be a prime divisor on  $Y$ . By shrinking  $Y$  around the generic point of  $P$ , we assume that  $P$  is Cartier. We set

$$b_P = \max \left\{ t \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \begin{array}{l} (X, B + tf^*P) \text{ is sublc over} \\ \text{the generic point of } P \end{array} \right\}$$

and set

$$B_Y = \sum_P (1 - b_P)P,$$

where  $P$  runs over prime divisors on  $Y$ . Then it is easy to see that  $B_Y$  is a well-defined  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor on  $Y$  and is called the discriminant  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor of  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$ . We set

$$M_Y = D - K_Y - B_Y$$

and call  $M_Y$  the moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor of  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $\sigma : Y' \rightarrow Y$  be a proper birational morphism from a normal variety  $Y'$  and let  $f' : (X', B_{X'}) \rightarrow Y'$  be the induced lc-trivial fibration by  $\sigma : Y' \rightarrow Y$  (see 3.3). We can define  $B_{Y'}$ ,  $K_{Y'}$  and  $M_{Y'}$  such that  $\sigma^*D = K_{Y'} + B_{Y'} + M_{Y'}$ ,  $\sigma_*B_{Y'} = B_Y$ ,  $\sigma_*K_{Y'} = K_Y$  and  $\sigma_*M_{Y'} = M_Y$ . Hence there exist a unique  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisor  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}_{Y'} = B_{Y'}$  for every  $\sigma : Y' \rightarrow Y$  and a unique

$\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisor  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $\mathbf{M}_{Y'} = M_{Y'}$  for every  $\sigma : Y' \rightarrow Y$ . Note that  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the discriminant  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisor and that  $\mathbf{M}$  is called the moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisor associated to  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$ . We sometimes simply say that  $\mathbf{M}$  is the moduli part of  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$ .

For the basic properties of the discriminant and moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisors, see [1, Section 2].

Let us recall the main theorem of [1]. Note that a klt-trivial fibration in the sense of Definition 3.1 is called an lc-trivial fibration in [1].

**THEOREM 3.5** (see [1, Theorem 2.7]). — *Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  be a klt-trivial fibration and let  $\pi : Y \rightarrow S$  be a proper morphism. Let  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  be the induced discriminant and moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisors of  $f$ . Then,*

- (1)  $\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{B}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-Cartier, that is, there exists a proper birational morphism  $Y' \rightarrow Y$  from a normal variety  $Y'$  such that  $\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{B} = \overline{K_{Y'}} + \overline{\mathbf{B}_{Y'}}$ ,
- (2)  $\mathbf{M}$  is *b*-nef over  $S$ .

Theorem 3.5 has some important applications, see, for example, [13, Proof of Theorem 1.1] and [15, The proof of Theorem 1.1].

By modifying the arguments in [1, Section 5] suitably with the aid of [10, Theorems 3.1, 3.4, and 3.9] (see also [17]), we can generalize Theorem 3.5 as follows.

**THEOREM 3.6.** — *Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  be an lc-trivial fibration and let  $\pi : Y \rightarrow S$  be a proper morphism. Let  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  be the induced discriminant and moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-divisors of  $f$ . Then,*

- (1)  $\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{B}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*b*-Cartier,
- (2)  $\mathbf{M}$  is *b*-nef over  $S$ .

Theorem 3.5 is proved by using the theory of variations of Hodge structure. On the other hand, Theorem 3.6 follows from the theory of variations of mixed Hodge structure. We do not adopt the formulation in [7, Section 4] (see also [21, 8.5]) because the argument in [1] suits our purposes better. For the reader's convenience, we include the main ingredient of the proof of Theorem 3.6, which easily follows from [10, Theorems 3.1, 3.4, and 3.9] (see also [17]).

**THEOREM 3.7** (cf. [1, Theorem 4.4]). — *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a projective morphism between algebraic varieties. Let  $\Sigma_X$  (resp.  $\Sigma_Y$ ) be a simple normal crossing divisor on  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) such that  $f$  is smooth over  $Y \setminus \Sigma_Y$ ,  $\Sigma_X$  is relatively normal crossing over  $Y \setminus \Sigma_Y$ , and  $f^{-1}(\Sigma_Y) \subset \Sigma_X$ . Assume that*

$f$  is semi-stable in codimension one. Let  $D$  be a simple normal crossing divisor on  $X$  such that  $\text{Supp } D \subset \Sigma_X$  and that every irreducible component of  $D$  is dominant onto  $Y$ . Then the following properties hold.

- (1)  $R^p f_* \omega_{X/Y}(D)$  is a locally free sheaf on  $Y$  for every  $p$ .
- (2)  $R^p f_* \omega_{X/Y}(D)$  is semi-positive for every  $p$ .
- (3) Let  $\rho : Y' \rightarrow Y$  be a projective morphism from a smooth variety  $Y'$  such that  $\Sigma_{Y'} = \rho^{-1}(\Sigma_Y)$  is a simple normal crossing divisor on  $Y'$ . Let  $\pi : X' \rightarrow X \times_Y Y'$  be a resolution of the main component of  $X \times_Y Y'$  such that  $\pi$  is an isomorphism over  $Y' \setminus \Sigma_{Y'}$ . Then we obtain the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \longrightarrow & X \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ Y' & \xrightarrow{\rho} & Y. \end{array}$$

Assume that  $f'$  is projective,  $D'$  is a simple normal crossing divisor on  $X'$  such that  $D'$  coincides with  $D \times_Y Y'$  over  $Y' \setminus \Sigma_{Y'}$ , and every stratum of  $D'$  is dominant onto  $Y'$ . Then there exists a natural isomorphism

$$\rho^*(R^p f_* \omega_{X/Y}(D)) \simeq R^p f'_* \omega_{X'/Y'}(D')$$

which extends the base change isomorphism over  $Y \setminus \Sigma_Y$  for every  $p$ .

*Remark 3.8.* — For the proof of Theorem 3.6, Theorem 3.7 for  $p = 0$  is sufficient. Note that all the local monodromies on  $R^q(f_0)_* \mathbb{C}_{X_0 \setminus D_0}$  around  $\Sigma_Y$  are unipotent for every  $q$  because  $f$  is semi-stable in codimension one, where  $X_0 = f^{-1}(Y \setminus \Sigma_Y)$ ,  $D_0 = D|_{X_0}$ , and  $f_0 = f|_{X_0 \setminus D_0}$ . More precisely, let  $C_0^{[d]}$  be the disjoint union of all the codimension  $d$  log canonical centers of  $(X_0, D_0)$ . If  $d = 0$ , then we put  $C_0^{[0]} = X_0$ . In this case, we have the following weight spectral sequence

$$wE_1^{-d, q+d} = R^{q-d}(f|_{C_0^{[d]}})_* \mathbb{C}_{C_0^{[d]}} \implies R^q(f_0)_* \mathbb{C}_{X_0 \setminus D_0}$$

which degenerates at  $E_2$  (see, for example, [5, Corollaire (3.2.13)]). Since  $f$  is semi-stable in codimension one, all the local monodromies on  $R^{q-d}(f|_{C_0^{[d]}})_* \mathbb{C}_{C_0^{[d]}}$  around  $\Sigma_Y$  are unipotent for every  $q$  and  $d$  (see, for example, [18, VII. The Monodromy theorem]). By the above spectral sequence, we obtain that all the local monodromies on  $R^q(f_0)_* \mathbb{C}_{X_0 \setminus D_0}$  around  $\Sigma_Y$  are unipotent.



We add a remark on the proof of Theorem 3.6. In Remark 3.9, we explain how to modify the arguments in the proof of [1, Lemma 5.2] in order to treat lc-trivial fibrations. It will help the reader to understand the main difference between klt-trivial fibrations and lc-trivial fibrations and the reason why we need Theorem 3.7.

*Remark 3.9.* — We use the notation in [1, Lemma 5.2]. We only assume that  $(X, B)$  is sublc over the generic point of  $Y$  in [1, Lemma 5.2]. We write

$$B = \sum_{i \in I} d_i B_i$$

where  $B_i$  is a prime divisor for every  $i$  and  $B_i \neq B_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . We set

$$J = \{i \in I \mid B_i \text{ is dominant onto } Y \text{ and } d_i = 1\}$$

and set

$$D = \sum_{i \in J} B_i.$$

In Ambro’s original setting in [1, Lemma 5.2], we have  $D = 0$  because  $(X, B)$  is subklt over the generic point of  $Y$ . In the proof of [1, Lemma 5.2 (4)], we have to replace

$$\tilde{f}_* \omega_{\tilde{X}/Y} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{b-1} f_* \mathcal{O}_X([(1-i)K_{X/Y} - iB + if^*B_Y + if^*M_Y]) \cdot \psi^i.$$

with

$$\tilde{f}_* \omega_{\tilde{X}/Y}(\pi^*D) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{b-1} f_* \mathcal{O}_X([(1-i)K_{X/Y} - iB + D + if^*B_Y + if^*M_Y]) \cdot \psi^i$$

in order to treat lc-trivial fibrations. We leave the details as exercises for the reader.

The following theorem is a part of [2, Theorem 3.3].

**THEOREM 3.10** (see [2, Theorem 3.3]). — *Let  $f : (X, B) \rightarrow Y$  be a klt-trivial fibration such that  $Y$  is complete, the geometric generic fiber  $X_{\bar{\eta}} = X \times \text{Spec } \overline{\mathbb{C}(\eta)}$  is a projective variety, and  $B_{\bar{\eta}} = B|_{X_{\bar{\eta}}}$  is effective, where  $\eta$  is the generic point of  $Y$ . Then the moduli  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisor  $\mathbf{M}$  is b-nef and abundant.*

### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let us give a proof of Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* — By taking a dlt blow-up, we may assume that the pair  $(X, B)$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial and dlt (see, for example, [14, Section 4]). If  $(X, B)$  is klt over the generic point of  $Y$ , then Theorem 1.1 follows from [2, Theorem 3.3] (see Theorem 3.10). Therefore, we may also assume that  $(X, B)$  is not klt over the generic point of  $Y$ . Let  $\sigma_1 : Y_1 \rightarrow Y$  be a suitable projective birational morphism such that  $\mathbf{M} = \overline{\mathbf{M}_{Y_1}}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_1}$  is nef by Theorem 3.6. Let  $W$  be an arbitrary log canonical center of  $(X, B)$  which is dominant onto  $Y$  and is minimal over the generic point of  $Y$ . We set

$$K_W + B_W = (K_X + B)|_W$$

by adjunction (see, for example, [11, 3.9]). By the construction, we have  $K_W + B_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y} 0$ . We consider the Stein factorization of  $f|_W : W \rightarrow Y$  and denote it by  $h : W \rightarrow Y'$ . Then  $K_W + B_W \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y'} 0$ . We see that  $h : (W, B_W) \rightarrow Y'$  is a klt-trivial fibration since the general fibers of  $f|_W$  are klt pairs. Let  $Y_2$  be a suitable resolution of  $Y'$  which factors through  $\sigma_1 : Y_1 \rightarrow Y$ . By taking the base change by  $\sigma_2 : Y_2 \rightarrow Y_1$ , we obtain  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_2} = \sigma_2^* \mathbf{M}_{Y_1}$  (see [1, Proposition 5.5]). Note that the proof of [1, Proposition 5.5] works for lc-trivial fibrations by some suitable modifications. By the construction, on the induced lc-trivial fibration  $f_2 : (X_2, B_{X_2}) \rightarrow Y_2$ , where  $X_2$  is the normalization of the main component of  $X \times_Y Y_2$ , there is a log canonical center  $W_2$  of  $(X_2, B_{X_2})$  such that  $f_2|_{W_2^\nu} : (W_2^\nu, B_{W_2^\nu}) \rightarrow Y_2$  is a klt-trivial fibration, which is birationally equivalent to  $h : (W, B_W) \rightarrow Y'$ . Note that  $\nu : W_2^\nu \rightarrow W_2$  is the normalization,  $K_{W_2^\nu} + B_{W_2^\nu} = \nu^*(K_{X_2} + B_{X_2})|_{W_2}$ , and  $f_2|_{W_2^\nu} = f_2|_{W_2} \circ \nu$ . It is easy to see that

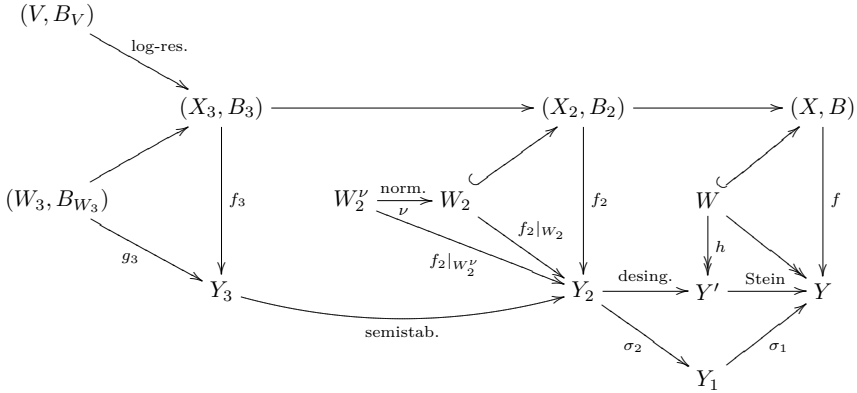
$$K_{Y_2} + \mathbf{M}_{Y_2} + \mathbf{B}_{Y_2} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} K_{Y_2} + \mathbf{M}_{Y_2}^{\min} + \mathbf{B}_{Y_2}^{\min}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}^{\min}$  and  $\mathbf{B}^{\min}$  are the induced moduli and discriminant  $\mathbb{Q}$ -b-divisors of  $f_2|_{W_2^\nu} : (W_2^\nu, B_{W_2^\nu}) \rightarrow Y_2$  such that

$$K_{W_2^\nu} + B_{W_2^\nu} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} (f_2|_{W_2^\nu})^*(K_{Y_2} + \mathbf{M}_{Y_2}^{\min} + \mathbf{B}_{Y_2}^{\min}).$$

By replacing  $Y_2$  birationally, we may further assume that  $\mathbf{M}^{\min} = \overline{\mathbf{M}_{Y_2}^{\min}}$  by Theorem 3.5. By Theorem 3.10, we see that  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_2}^{\min}$  is nef and abundant. Let  $\sigma_3 : Y_3 \rightarrow Y_2$  be a suitable generically finite morphism such that the induced lc-trivial fibration  $f_3 : (X_3, B_{X_3}) \rightarrow Y_3$  has a semi-stable resolution in codimension one (see, for example, [20], [23, (9.1) Theorem], and [1, Theorem 4.3]). Note that  $X_3$  is the normalization of the main component of  $X \times_Y Y_3$ . Here we draw the following big diagram for the reader's

convenience.



Note that  $g_3 : (W_3, B_{W_3}) \rightarrow Y_3$  is the induced klt-trivial fibration from  $f_2|_{W_2'} : W_2' \rightarrow Y_2$  by  $\sigma_3 : Y_3 \rightarrow Y_2$ . On  $Y_3$ , we will see the following claim by using the semi-stable minimal model program.

CLAIM. — *The following equality*

$$\mathbf{B}_{Y_3} = \mathbf{B}_{Y_3}^{\min}$$

holds.

*Proof of Claim.* — By taking general hyperplane cuts, we may assume that  $Y_3$  is a curve. We write

$$\mathbf{B}_{Y_3} = \sum_P (1 - b_P)P \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}_{Y_3}^{\min} = \sum_P (1 - b_P^{\min})P.$$

Let  $\varphi : (V, B_V) \rightarrow (X_3, B_{X_3})$  be a resolution of  $(X_3, B_{X_3})$  with the following properties:

- $K_V + B_V = \varphi^*(K_{X_3} + B_{X_3})$ ;
- $\pi^*Q$  is a reduced simple normal crossing divisor on  $V$  for every  $Q \in Y_3$ , where  $\pi : V \rightarrow X_3 \rightarrow Y_3$ ;
- $\text{Supp } \pi^*Q \cup \text{Supp } B_V$  is a simple normal crossing divisor on  $V$  for every  $Q \in Y_3$ ;
- $\pi$  is projective.

Let  $\Sigma$  be a reduced divisor on  $Y_3$  such that  $\pi$  is smooth over  $Y_3 \setminus \Sigma$  and that  $\text{Supp } B_V$  is relatively normal crossing over  $Y_3 \setminus \Sigma$ . We consider the set of prime divisors  $\{E_i\}$  where  $E_i$  is a prime divisor on  $V$  such that  $\pi(E_i) \in \Sigma$  and

$$\text{mult}_{E_i}(B_V + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi^*P) \geq 0 < 1.$$

We run the minimal model programs with ample scaling with respect to

$$K_V + (B_V + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi^* P)^{\geq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i$$

over  $X_3$  and  $Y_3$  for some small positive rational number  $\varepsilon$ . Note that

$$(V, (B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P)^{\geq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i)$$

is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial dlt pair because  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ . We set

$$E = -(B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P)^{\leq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i.$$

Then it holds that

$$K_V + (B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P)^{\geq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y_3} E \geq 0.$$

First we run a minimal model program with ample scaling with respect to

$$K_V + (B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P)^{\geq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, X_3} E \geq 0$$

over  $X_3$ . Note that every irreducible component of  $E$  which is dominant onto  $Y_3$  is exceptional over  $X_3$  by the construction. Thus, if  $E$  is dominant onto  $Y_3$ , then it is not contained in the relative movable cone over  $X_3$ . Therefore, after finitely many steps, we may assume that every irreducible component of  $E$  is contained in a fiber over  $Y_3$  (see, for example, [14, Theorem 2.2]). Next we run a minimal model program with ample scaling with respect to

$$K_V + (B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P)^{\geq 0} + \varepsilon \sum_i E_i \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y_3} E \geq 0$$

over  $Y_3$ . Then the minimal model program terminates at  $V'$  (see, for example, [14, Theorem 2.2]). Note that all the components of  $E + \sum_i E_i$  are

contracted by the above minimal model programs. Thus, we have

$$K_{V'} + (B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)^{\geq 0} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y_3} 0,$$

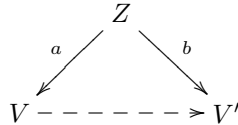
where  $\pi' : V' \rightarrow Y_3$  and  $B_{V'}$  is the pushforward of  $B_V$  on  $V'$ . Note that  $B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P$  is effective since  $\text{Supp}(E + \sum_i E_i)$  is contracted by the above minimal model programs. Of course, we see that

$$(V', (B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)^{\geq 0}) = (V', B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)$$

is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial dlt pair. By the construction, the induced proper birational map

$$(V, B_V + \sum_P b_P \pi^* P) \dashrightarrow (V', B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)$$

over  $Y_3$  is  $B$ -birational (see [8, Definition 1.5]), that is, we have a common resolution



over  $Y_3$  such that

$$a^*(K_V + B_V + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi^* P) = b^*(K_{V'} + B_{V'} + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi'^* P).$$

Let  $S$  be any log canonical center of  $(V', B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)$  which is dominant onto  $Y_3$  and is minimal over the generic point of  $Y_3$ . Then  $(S, B_S)$ , where

$$K_S + B_S = (K_{V'} + B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)|_S,$$

is not klt but lc over every  $P \in \Sigma$  since it holds that

$$B_{V'} + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi'^* P \geq \sum_{P \in \Sigma} \pi'^* P. \tag{♠}$$

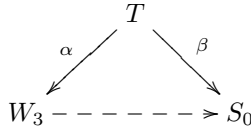
Note that (♠) follows from the fact that all the components of  $\sum_i E_i$  are contracted in the minimal model programs. Let  $g_3 : (W_3, B_{W_3}) \rightarrow Y_3$  be the induced klt-trivial fibration from  $(W_2', B_{W_2'}) \rightarrow Y_2$  by  $\sigma_2 : Y_3 \rightarrow Y_2$ . By [8, Claims (A<sub>n</sub>) and (B<sub>n</sub>) in the proof of Lemma 4.9], there is a log canonical center  $S_0$  of  $(V', B_{V'} + \sum_P b_P \pi'^* P)$  which is dominant onto  $Y_3$  and is minimal over the generic point of  $Y_3$  such that there is a  $B$ -birational map

$$(W_3, B_{W_3} + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P g_3^* P) \dashrightarrow (S_0, B_{S_0})$$

over  $Y_3$ , where

$$K_{S_0} + B_{S_0} = (K_{V'} + B_{V'} + \sum_{P \in \Sigma} b_P \pi'^* P)|_{S_0}.$$

This means that there is a common resolution



over  $Y_3$  such that

$$\alpha^*(K_{W_3} + B_{W_3} + \sum_P b_P g_3^* P) = \beta^*(K_{S_0} + B_{S_0}).$$

This implies that  $b_P = b_P^{\min}$  for every  $P \in \Sigma$ . Therefore, we have  $\mathbf{B}_{Y_3} = \mathbf{B}_{Y_3}^{\min}$ . □

Then we obtain

$$\mathbf{M}_{Y_3} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbf{M}_{Y_3}^{\min} = \sigma_3^* \mathbf{M}_{Y_2}^{\min}$$

because

$$K_{Y_3} + \mathbf{M}_{Y_3} + \mathbf{B}_{Y_3} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} K_{Y_3} + \mathbf{M}_{Y_3}^{\min} + \mathbf{B}_{Y_3}^{\min}.$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_3}$  is nef and abundant. Since

$$\mathbf{M}_{Y_3} = \sigma_3^* \mathbf{M}_{Y_2} = \sigma_3^* \sigma_2^* \mathbf{M}_{Y_1},$$

$\mathbf{M}$  is b-nef and abundant. Moreover, by replacing  $Y_3$  with a suitable generically finite cover, we have that  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_3}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_3}^{\min}$  are both Cartier (see [1, Lemma 5.2 (5), Proposition 5.4, and Proposition 5.5]) and  $\mathbf{M}_{Y_3} \sim \mathbf{M}_{Y_3}^{\min}$ . □

We close this paper with a remark on the b-semi-ampleness of  $\mathbf{M}$ . For some related topics, see [16, Section 3].

*Remark 4.1 (b-semi-ampleness).* — Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a projective surjective morphism between normal projective varieties with connected fibers. Assume that  $(X, B)$  is log canonical and  $K_X + B \sim_{\mathbb{Q}, Y} 0$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $(X, B)$  is dlt by taking a dlt blow-up. We set

$$d_f(X, B) = \left\{ \dim W - \dim Y \mid \begin{array}{l} W \text{ is a log canonical center of} \\ (X, B) \text{ which is dominant onto } Y \end{array} \right\}.$$

If  $d_f(X, B) \in \{0, 1\}$ , then the b-semi-ampleness of the moduli part  $\mathbf{M}$  follows from [19] and [22] by the proof of Theorem 1.1. Moreover, it is obvious that  $\mathbf{M} \sim_{\mathbb{Q}} 0$  when  $d_f(X, B) = 0$ .

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