# Cox ring of K3 surfaces of Picard number three This is a joint work with M. Artebani and A. Laface 

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## Remarks:

- We observe that $R(X)$ is a $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{X})$-graded algebra over $\mathbb{C}$, i.e it has a direct sum decomposition into complex vector spaces $H^{0}\left(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}(D)\right)$, where $[D] \in \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{X})$ such that if $f_{1} \in H^{0}\left(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(D_{1}\right)\right), f_{2} \in H^{0}\left(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(D_{2}\right)\right)$ then $f_{1} \cdot f_{2} \in H^{0}\left(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(D_{1}+D_{2}\right)\right)$.
- Given a homogeneous element $f \in H^{0}\left(X, \mathcal{O}_{X}(D)\right)$ we define its degree to be $\operatorname{deg}(f)=[D]$.


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- If $D$ is an effective divisor such that $[D]$ is an element of the Hilbert basis of $\mathrm{Eff}(X) \subseteq \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{X})_{\mathbb{Q}}$, then the Cox ring $R(X)$ has a generator in degree $[D]$. Because, the degrees of a set of homogeneous generators of $R(X)$ generate Eff(X), see [AHL10, Proposition 2.1]

In this context there are two main problems:

1. determine conditions on $X$ such that $R(X)$ is finitely generated,
2. find an explicit presentation for $R(X)$.

Examples of Mori dream surfaces (explicit computations) are:

- toric surfaces (Cox 1995)
- Del Pezzo surfaces (Batyrev, Popov 2002)
- $\mathbb{C}^{*}$-surfaces (Hausen, Suss 2010)
- all smooth rational surfaces of Picard number at most six (Hausen, Keicher, Laface 2016)
- extremal rational elliptic surfaces (Artebani, Garbagnati, Laface 2016)
- some K3 surfaces:
(Artebani, Hausen, Laface 2010; Ottem 2013)


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Known explicit presentations of the cox ring of:
[AHL10] all generic K3 surfaces with a non-symplectic involution when $2 \leq \rho(X) \leq 5$. Moreover, they computed the Cox ring of K3 surfaces that are general double covers of del Pezzo surfaces.
[Ott13] several examples of K3 surfaces of Picard number 2.

The first characterization of Mori dream spaces for K3 surfaces is as follows

## Theorem 1 ([AHL10], [McK10])

Let $X$ be a complex projective K3 surface. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1. $X$ is a Mori dream surface.
2. The effective cone $\mathrm{Eff}(\mathrm{X}) \subseteq \mathrm{Cl}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathrm{X})$ is polyhedral.
3. The automorphism group of $X$ is finite.

Moreover, if the Picard number is at least three, then $X$ is a Mori dream surface if and only if $X$ contains a finite non-zero number of smooth rational curves.
In this case, these curves are ( -2 )-curves and their classes generate the effective cone.

K3 surfaces with the properties in the previous Theorem have been classified in a series of papers by Piatetski-Shapiro and Shafarevich [PŠŠ71], Nikulin [Nik79, Nik84, Nik00] and Vinberg [Vin07].

For Picard number $\geq 3$ there is a finite number of families with such property. (Explicit classification, see book [ADHL15, Theorem 5.1.5.3]).

## Theorem 2 ([Nik84])

Let $X$ be a complex projective K3 surface with Picard number $\rho(X)=3$. Then $X$ is a Mori dream surface if and only if $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{X})$ is isometric to one of the following 26 lattices:

$$
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Problem: Find a minimal set of generators for Cox ring of families of K3 surface of Picard number 3.

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Then there is an exact sequence of sheaves:

$$
0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(-E_{1}-E_{2}\right) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(-E_{1}\right) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{X}\left(-E_{2}\right) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X} \longrightarrow 0
$$

tensoring with $\mathcal{O}_{X}(D)$ :

$$
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and taking the associated long exact sequence in cohomology

$$
\begin{gathered}
\cdots \rightarrow H^{0}\left(X, D-E_{1}\right) \oplus H^{0}\left(X, D-E_{2}\right) \rightarrow H^{0}(X, D) \rightarrow \\
\rightarrow H^{1}\left(X, D-E_{1}-E_{2}\right) \rightarrow H^{1}\left(X, D-E_{1}\right) \oplus H^{1}\left(X, D-E_{2}\right) \rightarrow \ldots
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There are examples for the case (ii)3, in this way, we can say that the previous theorem is optimal.

## Sketch of the proof of Theorem 3

- $R(X)$ has a generator in all the degrees of the $(-2)$-curves.
- If $D$ is effective and not nef then there exists a ( -2 )-curve $C$ such that $D \cdot C<0$, this implies that $C \in B s(|D|)$ and, the multiplication

$$
H^{0}(X, D-C) \rightarrow H^{0}(X, D)
$$

by a non-zero element of $H^{0}(X, C)$ is surjective.
Thus $R(X)$ has no generators in degree $[D]$, and we can assume $D$ to be nef.

- Assume that $D \sim \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} N_{i}$, where $a_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}$with $\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} \geq 4$ and $\left[N_{i}\right] \in \operatorname{BNef}(X)$.
By the hypothesis on $D$ we can find three effective nef divisors $N_{1}, N_{2}, N_{3}$ such that $D-\sum_{i=1}^{3} N_{i}$ is nef and not linearly equivalent to zero.
- The divisors $N_{i}$ can be chosen with $N_{1} \cap N_{2} \cap N_{3}=\emptyset$, unless $D$ is of the following types: $D \sim 4(2 F+E)$ or $D \sim 3(2 F+E)+F$, where $F$ is a smooth elliptic curve and $E$ is a ( -2 )-curve with $F \cdot E=1$.


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- Let $A_{i j}:=D-N_{i}-N_{j}$, with distinct $i, j \in\{1,2,3\}$. The divisors $A_{i j}$ are nef and by [KL07]

$$
h^{1}\left(X, D-N_{i}-N_{j}\right)=0
$$

unless $A_{i j} \sim k F$, where $F$ is a smooth elliptic curve and $k \geq 2$ is an integer.

- Since $D-N_{1}-N_{2}-N_{3}$ is an effective non zero divisor then

$$
h^{2}\left(X, D-N_{1}-N_{2}-N_{3}\right)=h^{0}\left(X, N_{1}+N_{2}+N_{3}-D\right)=0 .
$$

Thus, by Proposition 2 with $E_{i}=N_{i}$ for $i=1,2,3$ we conclude that $R(X)$ has no generators in degree $[D]$, unless $A_{i j} \sim k F$.

- If $A_{i j} \sim k F$, that is $D \sim N_{i}+N_{j}+k F$ with $k$ and $F$ as above. We obtain that $R(X)$ is not generated in degree $[D]$ unless $D \sim 2\left(F+F^{\prime}\right)$ with $F \cdot F^{\prime}=2$.


## K3 surfaces of Picard number three

From Theorem 2, we know that in the case of Picard number three there are 26 families of Mori dream K3 surfaces.

We described the extremal rays and the Hilbert basis of the effective cone and the nef cone for each of the 26 families [ACDL21, Proposition 3.1], by means of a Magma [BCP97] library Find-2.m.

Moreover, we obtained the following main result.

Theorem 4 ([ACDL21])
Let $X$ be a Mori dream K3 surface of Picard number three. The degrees of a set of generators of the Cox ring $R(X)$ are given in the following Table. All degrees in the Table are necessary to generate $R(X)$, except possibly for those marked with a star.

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| 3 | $S_{3}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 4 | $S_{4}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 5 | $S_{5}$ | $E$, BNef $[i], i=1,2,5$ |
| 6 | $S_{6}$ | $E, \mathrm{BNef}[i], i=1-7,10,11^{*}, 12,13,15,16,18-20,25,27,28,30,33$, <br> $34,38,40^{*}, 41,42^{*}, 43^{*}$ |
| 7 | $S_{4,1,2}^{\prime}$ | $E, \mathrm{BNef}$ |
| 8 | $S_{4,1,1}$ | $E, \mathrm{BNef}$ |
| 9 | $S_{5,1,1}$ | $E, \mathrm{BNef}$ |
| 10 | $S_{6,1,1}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 11 | $S_{7,1,1}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 12 | $S_{8,1,1}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 13 | $S_{10,1,1}$ | $E, \mathrm{BNef}, 3 \mathrm{BNef}[2]$ <br> BNef $[2]+\mathrm{BNef}[i], i=1^{*}, 5^{*}, 6^{*}, 8^{*}, 10^{*}, 13^{*}, 16^{*}, 17^{*}, 19^{*}, 20^{*}, 21^{*}, 24^{*}$ |
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| 17 | $S_{1,4,1}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1-12,13^{*}, 14,15^{*}$ |
| 18 | $S_{1,5,1}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1-17,18^{*}, 19-26,27^{*}$ |
| 19 | $S_{1,6,1}$ | $E$, BNef |
| 20 | $S_{1,9,1}$ | $E$, BNef, BNef $[11]+\operatorname{BNef}[i], i=20^{*}, 34^{*}, 43^{*}$ BNef $[2]+\operatorname{BNef}[i], i=11^{*}, 12^{*}, 13^{*}, 20^{*}, 29^{*}, 33^{*}$ |
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| 22 | $S_{1,1,2}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[1], \operatorname{BNef}[2], \operatorname{BNef}[1]+\operatorname{BNef}[2]+\operatorname{BNef}[3]$ |
| 23 | $S_{1,1,3}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[1], \mathrm{BNef}[2], \mathrm{BNef}[6]$ |
| 24 | $S_{1,1,4}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[1], \mathrm{BNef}[3], \mathrm{BNef}[7]$ |
| 25 | $S_{1,1,6}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1,2,3,5,6,9,13-17$ |
| 26 | $S_{1,1,8}$ | $\begin{aligned} & E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1,2,3,5,7,11,15,19,20,24,29,34,35,38,39,41 \\ & \text { BNef }[2]+\text { BNef }[i], i=7^{*}, 11^{*}, 19^{*} \quad \text { BNef }[19]+\operatorname{BNef}[i], i=7^{*}, 11^{*} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

## K3 surfaces of Picard number four

By [Vin07, Theorem 1] there are 14 families of K3 surfaces with Picard number four whose general member has finitely generated Cox ring.

In [ACDR20, Theorem 2.1] we described the set of extremal rays of the effective cone and its Hilbert basis, and the set of extremal rays of the nef cone and its Hilbert basis by means of the Magma library Find-2.m.

We also describe projective models for all Mori dream K3 surfaces of Picard number four and we geometrically identified the degrees of the generators of the Cox ring. These results are contained in [ACDR20].

Projective models for all families of Mori dream K3 surfaces have been recently given by Roulleau ([Rou20b], [Rou20a]).

Our main result is the following:

## Theorem 5 ([ACDR20])

Let $X$ be a Mori dream K3 surface of Picard number four such that $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{X})$ is not isometric to $V_{14}$. The degrees of a set of generators of the Cox ring $R(X)$ are given in the following Table. All degrees in the Table are necessary to generate $R(X)$, except possibly for those marked with a star.

## Degrees of a set of generators of $R(X)$ for $\rho(X)=4$

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| 6 | $V_{6}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[15]$ |
| 7 | $V_{7}$ | E |
| 8 | $V_{8}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1,2,3,5$ |
| 9 | $V_{9}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1-4,6,7$ |
| 10 | $V_{10}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=2-5$ |
| 11 | $V_{11}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=4,7,9,11,13,15,16,18,20,21,23,24,26,27$ ${\operatorname{BNef}[i]^{*}, i=1-3,5,6,8,10,12,14,17,19,22,25}^{2}$ |
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| 13 | $V_{13}$ | $E, \operatorname{BNef}[i], i=1^{*}, 7,9,12,14,16,17,27,28,30-39$ |
| 14 | $V_{14}$ | Contains the degrees in the following Table |

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| $N^{\circ}$ | Degrees of generators |
| :---: | :---: |
| 14 | $(1,0,-1,-2),(0,-1,1,-1),(1,2,-1,0),(2,2,-3,-2),(0,0,1,0)$, |
|  | $(0,0,-1,1),(1,1,0,-2),(2,3,-3,-1),(1,-1,0,-1),(1,0,-1,-1)$, |
|  | $(1,0,0,0),(1,1,-1,-1),(1,1,-1,0),(2,-3,2,-1),(2,-2,1,-1)$, |
|  | $(2,-1,-2,-3),(2,1,-3,-2),(2,1,0,-4),(2,2,-3,-1),(2,2,0,-3)$, |
|  | $(2,3,-3,0),(2,3,-2,1),(3,0,-4,-4),(3,1,2,-7),(3,2,-2,-5)$, |
|  | $(3,2,2,-6),(3,3,-5,-2),(3,3,-2,-4),(3,4,-5,-1),(3,4,-2,-3)$, |
|  | $(3,5,-4,1),(4,1,0,-9),(4,4,-4,-5),(4,5,-4,-4),(4,5,0,-5)$, |
|  | $(7,5,-6,-11),(7,8,-12,-4),(7,9,-12,-3),(7,10,-6,-6),(7,12,-8,4)$, |
|  | $(8,3,8,-19),(8,7,-8,-11),(8,11,-8,-7),(9,10,-10,-10),(9,11,-10,-9)$, |
|  | $(11,3,-2,-24),(11,15,-2,-12),(13,3,-2,-29),(13,18,-2,-14)$, |
|  | $(14,10,-23,-13),(14,22,-23,-1),(17,12,-28,-16),(17,27,-28,-1)$, |
|  | $(18,22,-31,-9),(19,15,-18,-28),(19,27,-18,-16),(22,27,-38,-11)$, |
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