87. Degeneration of Surfaces with Trivial Canonical Bundles

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The purpose of this note is to study a degeneration of surfaces with trivial canonical bundles, especially one which contains a surface of class VII in its singular fiber. Details will be published elsewhere. I would like to thank Prof. K. Ueno for his invaluable suggestions and encouragement.

§1. Let $\pi: X \to \Delta$ be a proper surjective holomorphic map of a three dimensional complex manifold X to a disk $\Delta = \{t \in C | |t| < \varepsilon\}$ with connected fibers. Assume that π is smooth at each point of $\pi^{-1}(\Delta^*)$, $\Delta^* = \Delta - \{0\}$. We call such a holomorphic map $\pi: X \to \Delta$ a degeneration of surfaces (or briefly, a degeneration). By a singular fiber X_0 , we mean a divisor on X defined by $\pi = 0$. A smooth fiber $X_t = \pi^{-1}(t)$ ($t \neq 0$) is called a general fiber.

A degeneration $\pi': X' \to \Delta$ is called a modification of a degeneration $\pi: X \to \Delta$, if there exists a bimeromorphic map $\Phi: X \to X'$ such that the diagram



is commutative and over Δ^* , res $\Phi : \pi^{-1}(\Delta^*) \rightarrow \pi'^{-1}(\Delta^*)$ is biholomorphic.

A degeneration $\pi: X \rightarrow \Delta$ is called semi-stable, if the singular fiber X_0 is a reduced divisor with simple normal crossings. Note that by Mumford's theorem every degeneration can be made semi-stable after a base change and a modification.

In this note, we shall study degenerations of surfaces up to modifications. We are mainly interested in a semi-stable degeneration of K3 surfaces which is not assumed to be projective nor Kähler.

§2. Theorem. Let $\pi: X \rightarrow \Delta$ be a semi-stable degeneration of K3 surfaces. Then this satisfies one of the following conditions:

(i) there exists a modification $\pi': X' \to \Delta$ of $\pi: X \to \Delta$ such that π' is also semi-stable and the canonical bundle $K_{x'}$ on X' is trivial.

(ii) one of the components of the singular fiber X_0 is a Hopf surface of its blown-up surface.