# A VERY AMPLENESS RESULT

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Let (M, L) be a polarized manifold. The aim of this paper is to establish a connection between the generators of the graded algebra  $\bigoplus_{i\geq 1} H^0(M, iL)$ and the very ampleness of the line bundle rL. Some applications are given.

# 1. Introduction.

Let *L* be an ample line bundle on an algebraic manifold *M*, the problem of finding the least *n* such that *nL* is very ample is a basic one in the classification theory of polarized varieties. Many attempts were made in order to establish a general formula. A fundamental result due to Matsusaka [9] says that there is a constant *c*, depending only on the Hilbert polynomial of (M, L), such that *cL* is very ample. Moving in another direction Fujita conjectured ([5], § 2, Conjecture b) that  $K_M + (n+2)L$  is very ample and  $K_M + (n+1)L$  is spanned for every polarized manifold (M, L) with  $n = \dim M$ . In this paper we consider the graded algebra:

$$G(M, L) = \bigoplus_{i \ge 1} H^0(M, iL).$$

Now the generators of this algebra describe the whole structure of (M, L). They also allows us to determine the embedding of M via the linear system |rL| for  $r \gg 0$ , so there must be a connection between these generators and the very ampleness of rL. The aim of this paper is pointing out this connection. The

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paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we prove the main theorem asserting the very ampleness of rL, outside the base locus of L, for L a r-generated line bundle. This also implies the very ampleness of 2L for any ample 2-generated line bundle 2.7. In Section 3 some applications of the main Theorem 2.2 are given, concerning: a) sectionally hyperelliptic polarized varieties of type (-), b) surfaces of general type, c) del Pezzo surfaces.

### 2. The main theorem.

All notation used in this paper are standard in algebraic geometry. Let L be a line bundle on a projective manifold M and consider the associated graded algebra G(M, L). The following definition generalizes the notion of simply generated line bundle.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $r \ge 1$  be an integer. A line bundle L on M is r-generated if G(M, L) is generated by the sections of  $H^0(M, L), \ldots, H^0(M, rL)$ . We also say that the pair (M, L) is r-generated.

There is a connection between the r-generation of L and the very ampleness of the line bundle rL; this connection, extending a known fact holding for simply generated line bundles, is expressed by the following

**Theorem 2.2.** Given a polarized manifold (M, L) with L effective and r-generated, then  $\varphi_{|rL|}$  is an embedding of  $M \setminus Bs |L|$ .

*Proof.* Set  $N = M \setminus Bs |L|$  and  $\varphi = \varphi_{|rL|}$ . First of all we observe that  $\varphi$  is well defined in N, since L is spanned on N and so are its multiples. By hypothesis there is an integer  $k \ge 1$  such that kL is very ample. Take  $p, q \in N$  and by contradiction suppose that no section of  $H^0(iL)$  with  $1 \le i \le r$  separates p and q. Then each section  $s \in H^0(M, iL)$  that vanish at p must vanish at q too. Consider two sections  $s_1, s_2 \in H^0(iL)$ , and define  $\gamma, \lambda$  so that  $s_1(p) = \gamma s_1(q)$  e  $s_2(p) = \lambda s_2(q)$ . If we take  $s = s_1(p)s_2 - s_2(p)s_1$  we have that s(p) = 0 and necessarily  $0 = s(q) = s_1(q)s_2(q)(\gamma - \lambda)$ . This implies that  $\gamma = \lambda$ . We note that if one of the two sections vanishes at q it must vanish also at p, otherwise it will separate p and q, but in this situation we may equally take  $\gamma = \lambda$ .

The previous argument shows that there exist some constants  $\gamma_i$  associate to each  $H^0(iL)$  for  $1 \le i \le r$  such that for each section  $s \in H^0(iL)$  we have  $s(p) = \gamma_i s(q)$ .

Now note that since G(M, L) is an algebra, the constants  $\gamma_i$  have to satisfy the relations:

$$\gamma_i = \gamma^i$$
 where  $\gamma := \gamma_1$ .

For, since *L* is effective there exists  $\sigma \in H^0(L)$ , then  $\sigma^i(p) = \gamma^i \sigma^i(q)$ , but  $\sigma^i \in H^0(iL)$  so we have also  $\sigma^i(p) = \gamma_i \sigma^i(q)$  and this implies the previous equation.

Now let us consider a section  $s \in H^0(kL)$ . By the *r*-generation hypothesis the sections of  $H^0(M, kL)$  are linear combinations of products of sections in  $H^0(iL)$  with  $1 \le i \le r$ . Then we can write  $s = \sum \xi_j s_j$  where  $\xi_j \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $s_j = \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{n_i=1}^{\alpha_i} \sigma_{n_i}$  with  $\sigma_{n_i} \in H^0(iL)$ , where  $\alpha_i$  is the number of sections of  $H^0(iL)$  that appears in the product. Note that  $\sum_{i=0}^r i\alpha_i = k$ , because  $s_j \in H^0(kL)$ . We have

$$s(p) = \sum \xi_{j} s_{j}(p) = \sum \xi_{j} (\prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p)) = \sum \xi_{j} (\prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \gamma^{i} \sigma_{n_{i}}(q)) =$$
  
=  $\sum \xi_{j} (\prod_{i=1}^{r} (\gamma^{i\alpha_{i}} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(q))) = \sum \xi_{j} \gamma^{(\sum_{i=1}^{r} i\alpha_{i})} (\prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(q)) =$   
=  $\sum \xi_{j} \gamma^{k} (\prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(q)) = \gamma^{k} \sum \xi_{j} s_{j}(q) = \gamma^{k} s(q).$ 

We thus obtained that the sections of  $H^0(kL)$  do not separate points, which is absurd. Then there exists a section  $\sigma \in H^0(iL)$  which separates p and q, i.e.  $\sigma(p) = 0$  and  $\sigma(q) \neq 0$ . Since L is spanned outside Bs |L| we may take a section  $\delta \in H^0(L)$  such that  $\delta(q) \neq 0$ . Now the section  $\sigma \delta^{r-i} H^0(rL)$  separates p and q.

In order to show that the map  $\varphi$  is an immersion at each point  $p \in N$  we have to show that for each vector  $\tau \in T_p M$ , there exists a section  $\sigma \in H^0(iL)$  such that  $d\sigma(\tau) \neq 0$  and  $\sigma(p) = 0$ . By contradiction suppose that such a section does not exist, then for each  $1 \leq i \leq r$  there exists a constant  $\eta_i$  such that for each  $s \in H^0(iL)$ ,  $ds(\tau) = \eta_i s(p)$ . To show this let  $s_1, s_2 \in H^0(iL)$  and consider  $\alpha, \beta$  such that  $ds_1(\tau) = \alpha s_1(p)$  and  $ds_2(\tau) = \beta s_2(p)$ . Now consider the section  $s = s_1(p)s_2 - s_2(p)s_1$ ; we have s(p) = 0 and  $0 = ds(\tau) = s_1(p)s_2(p)(\beta - \alpha)$ . This implies  $\alpha = \beta$ .

Define  $\eta := \eta_1$ . Take  $\sigma^i \in H^0(iL)$  then  $\eta_i \sigma^i(p) = d[\sigma^i](\tau) = id\sigma(\tau)\sigma^{i-1}(p) = i\eta\sigma^i(p)$ . Hence we have:

$$\eta_i = i\eta.$$

Now for a section  $s \in H^0(kL)$  we have:

$$ds(\tau) = \sum \xi_j ds_j(\tau) = \sum \xi_j d[\prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{n_i=1}^{\alpha_i} \sigma_{n_i}](\tau) =$$

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$$= \sum_{h=1}^{r} \xi_{j} (\sum_{h=1}^{r} d[\prod_{n_{h}=1}^{\alpha_{h}} \sigma_{n_{h}}](\tau) \prod_{i=1, i \neq h}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p)) =$$

$$= \sum_{h=1}^{r} \xi_{j} (\sum_{h=1}^{r} (\sum_{m=0}^{\alpha_{h}} d\sigma_{m}(\tau) \prod_{n_{h}=1, n_{h} \neq m}^{\alpha_{h}} \sigma_{n_{h}}(p)) \prod_{i=1, i \neq h}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p)) =$$

$$= \sum_{h=1}^{r} \xi_{j} (\sum_{h=1}^{r} (\sum_{m=0}^{\alpha_{h}} h\eta_{1} \prod_{n_{h}=1}^{\alpha_{h}} \sigma_{n_{h}}(p)) \prod_{i=1, i \neq h}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p)) =$$

$$= \sum_{h=1}^{r} \xi_{j} (\sum_{h=1}^{r} h\alpha_{h}\eta_{1}) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p) = \sum_{h=1}^{r} \xi_{j} k\eta_{1} \prod_{i=1}^{r} \prod_{n_{i}=1}^{\alpha_{i}} \sigma_{n_{i}}(p) = \eta_{k} s(p).$$

This implies that the sections of  $H^0(kL)$  do not separate p from the vector  $\tau$ , but this contradicts the very ampleness of kL.

Theorem 2.2 immediately gives the following

**Corollary 2.3.** Let (M, L) a polarized manifold with L spanned and r-generated, then t L is very ample.

Note that Theorem 2.2 cannot be inverted. The following examples show very ample line bundles L which are not 1-generated.

**Example 2.4.** Let (S, L) be an abelian surface polarized by a very ample line bundle. Let  $L^2 = 2d$ , since S is abelian  $K_S$  is the trivial bundle, so we have  $h^i(L) = h^i(K_S + L) = 0$  for i = 1, 2. It follows that  $h^0(L) = \chi(L) = \chi \mathcal{O}_S + \frac{L^2 - LK_S}{2} = d$ .

Let  $S^2(H^0(\tilde{L}))$  denote the second symmetric power of  $H^0(L)$ . Then:

$$\dim S^2(H^0(L)) = \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$$

Now if *L* is simply generated we have  $S^2(H^0(L)) \cong H^0(2L)$ , but  $h^0(2L) = \chi(\mathcal{O}_S) + \frac{4L^2 - 2LK_S}{2} = 4d$ . So if  $d \le 6$  we have  $h^0(2L) = 4d > \frac{d(d+1)}{2} = S^2(H^0(L))$ . It is well known that there exist abelian surfaces of degree 2d = 10 in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $Q = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ , we have  $\operatorname{Pic}(Q) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $L_1, L_2 \in \operatorname{Pic}(Q)$  be two generators; then  $2L_1 + 4L_2$  is very ample ([6], Ch. 2.18, p. 380). So there exists a smooth curve  $C \in |2L_1 + 4L_2|$ . Now consider the polarized curve (C, L), where  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)_C$ . Since C is smooth

we have:  $2g(C) - 2 = (2L_1 + 4L_2 + K_Q)(2L_1 + 4L_2) = (2L_1 + 4L_2 - 2L_1 - 2L_2)(2L_1 + 4L_2) = 2L_2(2L_1 + 4L_2) = 4$ . Hence g(C) = 3 and deg  $L = (L_1 + L_2)(2L_1 + 4L_2) = 6 > 2g(C) - 1$ . Then  $h^1(L) = 0$  and  $h^0(L) = 4$ . From this it follows that: dim  $S^2(H^0(L)) = h^0(2L) = 10$ . Now consider the exact sequence:

$$0 \to \mathcal{I}_C \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3} \to \mathcal{O}_C \to 0.$$

Tensoring with  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)$  and taking cohomology, we obtain:

$$0 \to H^0(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) \to H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)) \to H^0(2L) \to \cdots$$

Since *C* is contained in a quadric it follows that  $H^0(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) \neq 0$ , and recalling that  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)) = S^2(H^0(L))$  we immediately see that the map:  $S^2(H^0(L)) \rightarrow H^0(2L)$  cannot be surjective.

Theorem 2.2 can be regarded as a generalization of the following well known fact

**Proposition 2.6.** Let (M, L) be a polarized manifold and assume that L is simply generated (i.e. 1-generated), then L is very ample.

We have only to show that in this case  $BS|L| = \emptyset$ . By contradiction suppose that there exists  $p \in Bs|L|$  and let tL be very ample. Since L is 1-generated, each section of tL is a sum of products of sections belonging to  $H^0(L)$ , then tL would not be spanned at p.

Theorem 2.2 also allows us to prove the following

**Theorem 2.7.** Let (M, L) be a polarized manifold with effective and 2generated line bundle; then 2L is very ample.

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.2 we have only to show that:

- 2*L* is spanned.
- 2L separates p, q with at least one in Bs |L|.
- 2*L* separates  $p \in Bs |L|$  from each  $\tau \in T_p M$ .

Let  $tL, t \ge 2$ , be a very ample line bundle. Each section  $s \in H^0(tL)$  is of the form

(1) 
$$s = \sum (\prod_{i=0}^{a} \alpha_i \prod_{j=0}^{b} \beta_j),$$

with  $\alpha_i \in H^0(2L)$  and  $\beta_j \in H^0(L)$  so that 2a + b = t. Now 2L is spanned outside Bs |L|, since Bs  $|2L| \subset$  Bs |L|. Let  $p \in$  Bs |L|, if every  $\alpha \in H^0(2L)$  vanishes at p then each product in 1 must vanish, so tL is not spanned.

If  $p \in Bs |L|$  and  $q \notin Bs |L|$  take  $\beta \in H^0(L)$  such that  $\beta(q) \neq 0$ ,  $\beta^2 \in H^0(2L)$  separates p and q. Let  $p, q \in Bs |L|$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2.2 the same shows that there exists a section in  $H^0(L)$  or in  $H^0(2L)$  separating p from q, then 2L separates p and q.

If  $p \in Bs |L|$  and  $\tau \in T_p M$ , then as before we know that exists a section of  $H^0(L)$  or of  $H^0(2L)$  separating p and  $\tau$ . But in this case we may have a  $\beta \in H^0(L)$  with  $d\beta_p(\tau) \neq 0$ . This doesn't tell anything on  $H^0(2L)$  because  $\beta^2(p) = 0$  but also  $d\beta_p^2(\tau) = 0$ . Now we prove that, if 2L does not separate p and  $\tau$ , such a  $\beta$  does not exists. We have two cases:

*t* is even. Let  $\eta$  be as in Theorem 2.2 such that  $d\alpha_p(\tau) = \eta\alpha(p)$ , for each  $\alpha \in H^0(2L)$ . Let t = 2r and consider  $s \in H^0 = (tL)$ :

$$ds_p(\tau) = \sum (d(\prod_{i=1}^a \alpha_i \prod_{2j=0}^b \beta_j)_p(\tau)) = \sum (d(\prod_{i=1}^r \alpha_i)_p(\tau)) =$$
$$= \sum \sum_{i=1}^r (\prod_{j\neq i} \alpha_j(p)) d\alpha_{ip}(\tau) = \sum \sum_{i=1}^r \eta(\prod_{j=1}^r \alpha_j(p)) =$$
$$= \sum r \eta(\prod_{j=1}^r \alpha_j(p)) = r \eta s(p).$$

So tL does not separate p and  $\tau$ .

t is odd. Since  $\beta_j(p) = 0$  for each j, we have:

$$s(p) = \sum (\prod_{i=0}^{a} \alpha_i(p) \prod_{2j+1=0}^{b} \beta_j(p)) = 0.$$

Then tL would not span in p.  $\Box$ 

#### 3. Some applications.

In this section we discuss some applications of Theorem 2.2. First we consider a polarized manifold (M, L) with  $Bs|L| = \{p_1, \ldots, p_n\}$ (a finite set) and we obtain some information on the generator of G(M, L). To apply the main technique: "the Apollonius method" see [3], recall that given (M, L) be a polarized manifold, a sequence of irreducible and reduced subvarieties  $D_i$  of M such that  $D_i \in |L_{D_{i-1}}|$  and  $D_1 \in |L|$  is called a *ladder* of (M, L) and the  $D_i$  are said the *rungs* of the ladder. In the second applications we study some connection between the generator of the canonical ring  $G(S, K_S)$  of a surface of general type and the very ampleness of  $tK_S$ . Finally we study the very ampleness of  $-tK_S$  for a del Pezzo surface.

#### *a) Hyperelliptic polarized manifold of type* (-)*.*

In this subsection we apply the main theorem to provide an evidence for the first conjecture of Fujita in a special case. First of all we recall Fujita's conjecture, see [5] (§ 2, Conjecture b).

**Conjecture 3.1.** For every polarized manifold (M, L) with dim M = n,  $K_M + (n + 2)L$  is very ample.

We recall that the delta-genus  $\Delta(M, L)$  of a polarized manifold (M, L) is defined as  $\Delta(M, L) = L^n + n - h^0(M, L)$ . Here we deal with polarized manifolds with  $\Delta(M, L) = 1$ . In this case for  $L^n \ge 3$  it is known [3] that L is very ample. It is also easy to prove that for  $L^n = 2$  the line bundle (g + 1)L is very ample [7].

The case  $L^n = 1$  is very difficult to classify and there are only partial results, see [4]. Here we consider only polarized manifolds sectionally hyperelliptic of type (–). In this case Fujita [4] proved the following facts:

(2) 
$$H^{q}(M, tL) = 0 \text{ for } q \ge 1, t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

(3) 
$$K_M = (2g - n - 1)L$$
 where  $g = g(M, L)$  and  $n = \dim M$ ,

(4) Pic 
$$M \cong \mathbb{Z}$$
, generated by  $L$ ,

(5) 
$$(M, L)$$
 has a ladder.

Properties 2 and 3 are true also for the rungs  $(D, L_D)$  of this ladder. In this situation we may apply Theorem 2.2 to prove the very ampleness of  $K_M + (n+2)L = (2g+1)L$ .

We start with a lemma on the r-generation inspired by [3], 2.3.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let (M, L) be a polarized manifold with  $\Delta(M, L) = d(M, L) = 1$ , sectionally hyperelliptic of type (-); if the line bundle  $L_C$  is r-generated, then L is r-generated.

*Proof.* Consider a ladder of (M, L):  $(M_1, L_1) = (M, L), \ldots, (M_n, L_n) = (C, L_C)$  and proceed by induction on n.

For n = 1 the assumption is true. Now suppose that it is true for k + 1 and consider the exact sequence:

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}_{M_k}(-L_k) \to \mathcal{O}_{M_k} \to \mathcal{O}_{M_{k+1}} \to 0,$$

tensor with  $\mathcal{O}_{M_k}(tL_k)$  and consider the exact cohomology sequence, recalling 2 we get:

(6) 
$$0 \to H^0(M_k, (t-1)L_k) \to H^0(M_k, tL_k) \to H^0(M_{k+1}, tL_{k+1}) \to 0.$$

So for each *t* the restriction map  $\psi$ :

$$H^{0}(M_{k}, tL_{k}) \to H^{0}(M_{k+1}, tL_{k+1})$$

is surjective. Let us take a set of generators  $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_i$  of  $G(M_{k+1}, L_{k+1})$  and their inverse images  $\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_i$  in  $G(M_k, L_k)$ , if  $\sigma \in H^0(M_k, L_k)$  is the defining section of  $M_{k+1}$  then  $G(M_k, L_k)$  is generated by the  $\eta_j$  and  $\sigma$ . To show this, observe that by 6  $H^0(M_k, L_k)$  is generated by  $\sigma$  and by the  $\eta_j$  that belong to  $H^0(M_{k+1}, L_{k+1})$ . Proceeding by induction on t it is simple to prove the assertion. Finally observe that  $\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_i$  and  $\sigma$  belong to  $H^0(M_k, tL_k)$  with  $t \leq r$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Considering the ladder of (M, L), by adjunction from 3 we have:

$$K_{M_i} = (2g - i - 1)L_i.$$

Then  $K_C = (2g - 2)L_C = (2g - 2)p$ , with p = Bs |L|. Hence g(M, L) = g = g(C) the genus of the curve C. Then since C is an hyperelliptic curve we have that  $L_C$  is exactly 2g + 1-generated. Then by the lemma (M, L) is 2g + 1-generated.

The following theorem extends what proved in [8] for g = 1.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let (M, L) be a polarized manifold with  $\Delta(M, L) = L^n = 1$ , sectionally hyperelliptic of type (-), then (2g + 1)L is very ample.

*Proof.* Since L is (2g + 1)-generated, by 2.2 we know that  $\varphi_{|(2g+1)L|}$  is an embedding of  $M \setminus \{p\}$ .

To see that (2g + 1)L is spanned on p we proceed by induction. Clearly  $(2g + 1)L_C$  is very ample. Consider a smooth  $D \in |L|$  (we know that such a D exists by the ladder property), then consider the exact sequence:

$$0 \to H^0(2gL) \to H^0((2g+1)L) \to H^0((2g+1)L_D) \to 0$$

By induction we have that  $(2g + 1)L_D$  is spanned on p then there exists  $\sigma \in H^0((2g + 1)L_D)$  with  $\sigma(p) \neq 0$ . By the surjectivity of the restriction map we have a  $\gamma \in H^0((2g + 1)L)$  such that  $\gamma(p) \neq 0$ .

To see that (2g + 1)L defines an embedding in p, consider a vector  $\tau \in T_pM$ . We say that exists a section  $\eta \in H^0(M, L)$  such that  $d\eta(\tau) \neq 0$ . To construct  $\eta$  we may take an hypersurface  $D \in |L|$  such that  $\tau \notin T_pD$  then the section that define D clearly have a differential that does not vanish on  $\tau$ . Suppose by contradiction that for each  $D \in |L|\tau \in T_pD$  then the intersection of n such  $D_i$  cannot be transverse, so  $L^n > 1$ , absurd. Section  $\eta^{2g+1}$  defines an embedding in p.

Now consider a point  $q \in M$  different from p, we have to find a section in  $H^0((2g+1)L)$  that separates p and q, i.e. that vanishes on p but not on q. To see this observe that every section of  $H^0(L)$  vanish on p, since p = Bs |L|, but there is a section  $\sigma \in H^0(L)$  that does not vanish on q, otherwise  $q \in \text{Bs } |L|$ . Now consider  $\sigma^{2g+1} \in H^0((2g+1)L)$ , this section separates p from q.  $\Box$ 

Theorem 3.3 is as best as possible as proved in the following:

**Proposition 3.4.** Given a polarized manifold (M, L) with  $\Delta(M, L)=d(M, L)=1$ , sectionally hyperelliptic of type (-), the least integer t such that tL is very ample is 2g + 1, i.e.  $K_M + rL$  is not very ample for  $r \le n + 1$ .

*Proof.* By contradiction suppose that 2gL is very ample and consider a regular ladder of (M, L). Since the ladder is regular, the very ampleness of 2gL implies the very ampleness of the line bundles  $L_{M_i}$ .

In particular we have that 2gp is very ample, where p = Bs |L| and 2gp is a divisor on *C*, where *C* is the one-dimensional element of the ladder. Note that *C* is an hyperelliptic curve and that g(M, L) = g(C).

Now we may compute canonical bundle by adjunction. By 6 we have  $K_M = (2g - n - 1)L$ , then we obtain:  $K_D = (K_M + L)_D = (2g - n)L_D$ , and by induction:  $K_C = (2g - 2)L_C$ . But  $L_C = \text{Bs} |L| = p$  so we have  $K_C = (g - 1)2p$ . Since C is hyperelliptic we know that  $h^0(2p) = 2$ . Now consider the canonical map  $\varphi_{|K_C|}$  on C and let  $\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$  is a basis of  $H^0(2p)$ , a basis of  $H^0(K_C)$  is:  $\langle \sigma^{g-1}, \sigma^{g-2}\tau, \dots, \tau^{g-1} \rangle$ .

Now observe that  $\langle \sigma^g, \sigma^{g-1}\tau \dots, \tau^g \rangle$  is a basis of  $H^0(K_C + 2p)$ . In fact by Riemann-Roch we have  $h^0(K_C + 2p) = g + 1$ . This theorem implies that also  $\varphi_{|K_C+2p|}$  is a double covering of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  followed by the Veronese embedding, but this implies that  $(2g + 1)L_C = K_C + 2p$  is not very ample.  $\Box$ 

#### b) Surfaces of general type.

Let S be a minimal surface of general type (i.e. of Kodaira dimension 2) and let  $K_S$  be its canonical bundle. It is known [1] that K is ample outside the set of

(-2)-curves, i.e. KC = 0 if and only if C is a (-2)-curve. In literature there are results [1] on the C-isomorphism property of the maps  $\varphi_n = \varphi_{|nL|}$ , there are also results [2] on the generation of the canonical ring:

$$\bigoplus_{t\geq 1} H^0(S, tK_S).$$

As Theorem 2.2 shows there must be a connection between these results. In the following table the results on the generation of the canonical ring, for surfaces with  $q = H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S) = 0$ , are compared with the very ampleness of  $rK_S$ . For each pair of values of  $K_S^2$  and  $P_g(S) = h^0(S, K_S)$  are compared the *C*-isomorphism property of  $\varphi_{|rK_S|}$  and the *r*-generation of  $K_S$ .

$K_S^2$	$\varphi r K_S$ is a <i>C</i> -isomorphism	$P_g$	$K_S$ is <i>r</i> -generated
1	5	0	$\leq 6$
		1	$\leq 4$
		2	5
2	4	0	$\leq 6$
		1	$\leq 4$
		2	3(*)
		3	4
3	$3K_S$ is spanned and $\varphi_3$ is a birational morphism	0	$\leq 6$
		1	$\leq 4$
		2	3(*)
		3	2(•)

Where (\*) means that the result is true if  $|K_S|$  contains an irreducible element and (•) means that the result is true if  $K_S$  is base point free and  $\varphi_{|K_S|}(S)$  is not a rational surface of degree r - 1 in  $\mathbb{P}^r(r = h^0(K_S))$ .

We observe that *r*-generation of  $K_S$  is not so far from the very ampleness of  $rK_S$  and by Theorem 2.2 we have also the following propositions:

**Proposition 3.5.** Let S be a surface of general type with  $P_g = K^2 = 2$  and q = 0. If the generic element of  $|K_S|$  is irreducible, then  $\varphi_{|3K_S|}$  is a C-isomorphism outside  $Bs |K_S|$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.7 of [2],  $K_S$  is 3-generated so the proof follows from Theorem 2.2.

Similarly one can prove

**Proposition 3.6.** Let *S* a surface of general type with q = 0,  $P_g \ge 3$ ,  $K_S^2 \ge 3$  and  $K_S$  spanned, then we have two cases:

- $\varphi_{|K_S|}(S)$  is a rational surface of degree r 1 in  $\mathbb{P}^r(r = h^0(K_S))$ ,
- 2K<sub>S</sub> is a C-isomorphism.

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In the following table is resumed the correspondence between very ampleness and *r*-generation for a Del Pezzo Surface. Here  $L = -K_S$ 

degree	very ampleness	r-generation
$L^2 = 3$	L	1-generated
$L^2 = 2$	2L	2-generated
$L^2 = 1$	3L	3-generated

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