# Obstructions to deforming curves on Fano 3-folds and 4-folds

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## **Plan of Talk**

- Mumford's pathology (Motivation)
- Hilbert scheme of Fano 3-folds
- Obstructions to deforming space curves lying on a del Pezzo surface (Kleppe-Ellia conjecture and its generalization, cf. arXiv:2501.15788)

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# §1 Mumford's example (Motivation)

- §1.2 Murphy's law
- §1.3 A generalizati

## Hilbert scheme

We work over a field  $k = \overline{k}$  of char k = 0.

 $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ : a closed subscheme.

 $O_X(1)$ : a very ample line bundle on X.

 $C \subset X$ : a closed subscheme with Hilbert polynomial P(C) = P.

## Theorem 1 (Grothendieck'60)

There exists a projective scheme  $\operatorname{Hilb}_P X$  (called the Hilbert scheme of X), parametrizing all closed subschemes C' of X with (the same) Hilbert polynomial P.

Let  $\mathbf{Hilb}\ X := \bigsqcup_{P} \mathbf{Hilb}_{P}\ X$  (full Hilbert scheme) and let  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc}\ X$  denote the open and closed subscheme

 $Hilb^{sc} X := \{smooth connected curves <math>C \subset X\} \subset Hilb X.$ 

Today we consider  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} X$  of a smooth Fano manifold X from the viewpoint of Mumford's example.

# Infinitesimal property of Hilbert schemes

- The tangent space of Hilb X at [C] is isomorphic to  $H^0(C, N_{C/X})$ .
- $C \subset X$ : a locally complete intersection  $\Longrightarrow$  every obstruction to deforming C in X is contained in  $H^1(C, N_{C/X})$  ( $\subset \operatorname{Ext}^1(I_C, O_C)$ ) and

$$\underbrace{h^0(C,N_{C/X})-h^1(C,N_{C/X})}_{\text{exp.dim.}(=\chi(N_{C/X})\text{ if }C\text{ is a curve})} \leq \dim_{[C]} \text{Hilb }X \leq \underbrace{h^0(C,N_{C/X})}_{\text{tangential dimension}}.$$

- We say  $C \subset X$  is unobstructed if Hilb X is nonsingular at [C].
- $H^1(C, N_{C/X}) = 0 \Longrightarrow C$  is unobstructed. The converse is not true (e.g. c.i. curves  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  may have large  $H^1(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3})$  but unobstructed.).

#### Purpose 2

Determine  $\dim_{[C]} \operatorname{Hilb} X$  at a singular point [C] of  $\operatorname{Hilb} X$ .

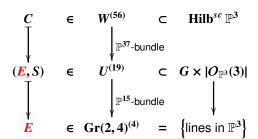
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# Mumford's example (pathology)

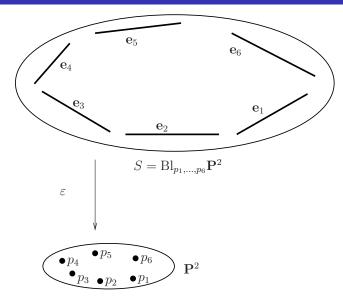
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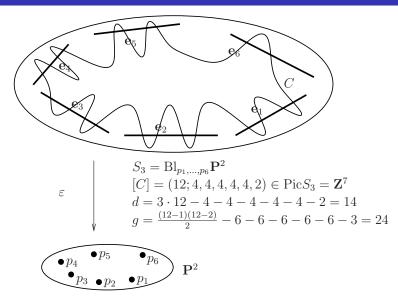
- C is contained in a smooth cubic surface  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ .
- There exists a line E on S such that C belongs to a complete linear system  $\Lambda := |-4K_S + 2E| (\simeq \mathbb{P}^{37})$  on S.
- **3** dim W = 56,  $h^0(C, N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3}) = 57$ , and C is of degree 14 and genus 24.



# Smooth cubic and Blow-up of $\mathbb{P}^2$



# Curves on a smooth cubic (Mumford's ex.)



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- **3** dim W = 56,  $h^0(C, N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3}) = 57$ , and C is of degree 14 and genus 24.
  - The above example appeared in a paper "Further pathologies in algebraic geometry".
  - Here C and  $\mathbb{P}^3$  are geometrically innocent-looking (a pathology).
- Later many non-reduced components of  $Hilb^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$  were found by e.g. Gruson-Peskine'82, Kleppe'87, Ellia'87, Fløystad'93, N'05, Kleppe-Ottem'15, etc. and also those of  $Hilb^{sc} \mathbb{P}^n$  (n > 3) have been more recently found by Choi-Iliev-Kim'22,23.

# Murphy's law in AG

Moreover, to the question: "How bad can the deformation space of an object be?", R. Vakil has answered:

## Law 3 (Murphy's law in AG)

Unless there is some a priori reason otherwise, the deformation space may be as bad as possible

#### Theorem 4 (Vakil'06)

The following moduli spaces satisfy Murphy's law,i.e., they have every singularity type of finite type over  $\mathbb{Z}!$ :

- the Hilbert scheme of smooth connected curves  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^r$   $(r \geq 4)$
- the versal deformation spaces of smooth n-folds X (with very ample  $K_X$ ,  $n \ge 2$ )
- the Hilbert scheme of smooth surfaces  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^r$   $(r \geq 4)$
- ...

# A generalization of Mumford's example (with Mukai)

We have found that in Mumford's example, (-1)-curves  $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  (on smooth cubics) play an important role.

## Theorem 5 (Mukai-N'09, char $k \geq 0$ )

Let *X* be a smooth projective 3-fold satisfying the following:

- there exists a smooth rational curve E on X s.t.  $N_{E/X}$  is globally generated, and
- 1 there exists a smooth surface S s.t.  $E \subset S \subset X$ ,  $E^2 = -1$  on S, and  $H^1(S, N_{S/X}) = p_{\sigma}(S) = 0.$

Then the Hilbert scheme Hilbse X has infinitely many generically non-reduced components (GNRC).

#### Remark 6

- 1 In Mumford's ex.,  $X = \mathbb{P}^3$ , S is a smooth cubic, E is a line.
- Many uniruled 3-folds X satisfy the assumption of the theorem.

# The idea of the proof

- Let  $\varepsilon: S \to F$  be the contraction of the (-1)-curve E and  $\Delta \ge 0$  a sufficiently general divisor on F. We consider a linear system  $|\varepsilon^*\Delta K_X|_S + 2E|$  on S and its general member C (i.e. a smooth curve on S).
- ullet We consider an irreducible component  $oldsymbol{W}_{C,S}$  of the Hilbert-flag scheme

$$\operatorname{HF} X = \left\{ (C', S') \mid \text{ two closed subschemes of } X \text{ s.t. } C' \subset S' \right\}$$
 passing through the point  $[(C, S)]$ , and let  $W_{C,S}$  be it image in  $\operatorname{Hilb}^{sc} X$ .

• For every general  $C \in W_{C,S}$ , there exists a first order infinitesimal deformation  $\tilde{C}$  of C in X not contained in any  $\tilde{S}$  of S in X. We prove its obstruction  $ob(\tilde{C})$  is nonzero (which will be explained later).

# §2 Hilbert schemes of Fano 3-folds

## Hilbert scheme of Fano 3-folds

- A Fano manifold is a smooth projective variety X with ample  $-K_X$ .
- The index r of a Fano manifold X is the maximal integer r such that  $-K_X \sim rH$  with some  $H \in \operatorname{Pic} X$ .

Let X be a smooth Fano 3-fold of index r.

- $X \simeq \mathbb{P}^3$  if r = 4 and  $X \simeq \mathbb{Q}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  if r = 3, and X is called del Pezzo if r = 2, and prime if r = 1 and  $\rho = 1$ .
- If we restrict X with  $\rho = 1$ , then there exist 17 deformation equivalence classes of X (Fujita, Iskovskih'77,'78):

r	4	3	2	1
the number of cls.	1	1	5	10
variety / cls.	$\mathbb{P}^3$	$Q^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$	del Pezzo	prime Fano

Table: the number of deformation equivalence classes of X

## Applying Theorem 5, we obtain

## Example 2 (N'10)

If r > 1 (and of any  $\rho(X)$ ), then  $Hilb^{sc} X$  contains a a generically non-reduced component W satisfying:

- every general member C of W is contained in a smooth del Pezzo surface S ( $\sim -\frac{r-1}{r}K_X$ ), and
- ② there exists a (good) line E on S and  $C \sim -K_X|_S + 2E$  in  $\operatorname{Pic} S$ .

#### Here

- A curve  $E \subset X$  is a line  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Longleftrightarrow} E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $-\frac{1}{r}K_X.E = 1$ .
- A line  $E \subset X$  is good  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Longleftrightarrow} N_{E/X} \simeq O_E^{\oplus 2}$  (for r=2,3).
- dim W = 56, 42 and  $(-K_X)^3/2 + 4$  for r = 4, 3, 2, respectively.

# Hilbert scheme of prime Fano 3-folds (r = 1)

If X is prime (r=1), then there exists NO del Pezzo surface  $S \subset X$ . However, we can make use of K3 surfaces  $S \subset X$  and (-2)-curves  $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  on S instead of (-1)-curves.

## Theorem 7 (N'19)

Let X be a prime Fano 3-fold of genus  $g := (-K_X)^3/2 + 1$ . Then  $Hilb^{sc} X$  contains a generically non-reduced component W with the following properties:

- Every general member C of W is contained in a K3 surface S  $(\sim -K_X)$ .
- ② There exists a good conic  $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  on S such that  $C \sim -2K_X|_S + 2E$ .
- **3** dim W = 5g + 1,  $h^0(C, N_{C/X}) = 5g + 2$ , and C is of degree 4g and genus 4g + 1.

Here a conic E on X is called good if  $N_{E/X} \simeq O_E^{\oplus 2}$ .

# Another generalization of Mumford's example

## Corollary 8

If X is a smooth Fano 3-fold and  $\rho(X) = 1$ , then  $\operatorname{Hilb}^{sc} X$  contains a generically non-reduced component.

3-fold X	surface $S$	$[C] \in \operatorname{Pic} S$	E	
$\mathbb{P}^3$				Mumford['62]
$Q^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$	del Pezzo	$-K_X _S + 2E$	line	Mukai-N['09]
del Pezzo				Mukai-N['09], N['10]
prime Fano	К3	$-2K_X _S + 2E$	conic	N['19]

Table: Generically non-reduced component of Mumford type

# Enriques surface and half pencil

#### **Definition 9**

A smooth projective surface S is called Enriques if  $H^i(S, O_S) = 0$  for i = 1, 2 and  $2K_S \sim 0$ .

#### Remark 10

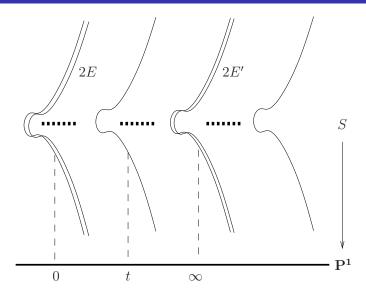
Let S be an Enriques surface. Then

- **1**  $S \simeq X/\varepsilon$  for some K3 surface X and a fixed-free involution  $\varepsilon$ .
- ② *S* admits an elliptic fibration  $\varphi: S \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ , which has two double fibers  $\varphi^{-1}(0) = 2E$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(\infty) = 2E'$ .

## **Definition 11**

Such effective divisors E and E' are called a half pencil on S.

# **Elliptic fibration on Enriques surface**



# **Enriques-Fano 3-folds**

#### Definition 12

An Enriques-Fano 3-fold (EF3, for short) is a projective 3-fold  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  containing an Enriques surface S as a hyperplane section, and such that X is not a cone over S.

#### Remark 13

Every EF3 X has isolated sings (Conte-Murre'85). X has only cyc. quot. term. sings if and only if  $X \simeq Y/\theta$  for a smooth Fano Y and an involution  $\theta$  on Y (classified by Bayle'94 and Sano'95).

## Example 3 (EF3 of g = 9)

Let  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  be a smooth complete intersection of 2 quadrics

$$q_i(x_0, x_1, x_2) + q'_i(x_3, x_4, x_5) = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2),$$
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where  $x_0, \ldots, x_5$  are coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^5$ . Consider the involution on Y

$$\theta:(x_0,x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4,x_5)\longmapsto(x_0,x_1,x_2,-x_3,-x_4,-x_5).$$

Then  $X := Y/\theta$  is an EF3. In fact, Y contains a smooth K3 on which  $\theta$  acts freely.

## Theorem 14 (N'21)

Let X be an Enriques-Fano 3-fold, S an Enriques surface in X. The  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc}\ X$  contains a generically non-reduced component if there exists a half pencil E on S such that

- $(-K_X.E)_X \ge 2$ , and
- ②  $H^1(E, N_{E/X}(E)) = 0$ , where  $N_{E/X}(E) := N_{E/X} \otimes_E N_{E/S}$ ,

# Generalization of Mumford's example

We have obtained the following non-reduced components so far:

3-fold X	surface $S$	$[C] \in \operatorname{Pic} S$	$\boldsymbol{E}$	
$\mathbb{P}^3$		_		Mumford['62]
$Q^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$	del Pezzo	$-K_X _S + 2E$	line	Mukai-N['09]
del Pezzo				Mukai-N['09], N['10]
$\mathbb{P}^3$ or $X_4 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$		_	elliptic curve	N['17]
prime Fano	<i>K</i> 3	$-2K_X _S + 2E$	conic	N['19]
Enriques-Fano	Enriques	$-K_X _S + 2E$	half pencil	N['21]

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## Question 15

(non-reduced comp. of **Hilb** X)  $\overset{\text{relation?}}{\longleftrightarrow}$  ( $\mathbb{P}^1$  or elliptic curves on X)

# §3 Obstructions to deforming space curves lying on a del Pezzo surface

# **Primary obstructions**

Let X be a projective scheme over k, C a loc. c. i. closed subscheme of X, and  $k[\varepsilon] := k[t]/(t^2)$  (the ring of dual numbers).

- A first order (infinitesimal) deformation of C is a deformation  $\tilde{C}$  ( $\subset X \times \operatorname{Spec} k[\varepsilon]$ ) of C in X over  $k[\varepsilon]$ .
- $\tilde{C}$  naturally corresponds to  $\alpha \in H^0(C, N_{C/X}) (\simeq \operatorname{Hom}(I_C, O_C))$ .
- There is an element  $\operatorname{ob}(\alpha)$  in  $H^1(C, N_{C/X})$  (called the primary obstruction of  $\alpha$ ) such that

$$\operatorname{ob}(\alpha) = 0 \iff \tilde{C}$$
 is liftable to some  $\tilde{\tilde{C}}$  over  $k[t]/(t^3)$ .

•  $ob(\alpha)$  can be expressed as a cup product, and

$$ob(\alpha) = \alpha \cup e \cup \alpha$$
 in  $Ext^1(I_C, O_C)$ 

where 
$$e := [0 \rightarrow I_C \rightarrow O_X \rightarrow O_C \rightarrow 0].$$

ob(α) ≠ 0 for some α implies that Hilb X is singular at [C] by infinitesimal lifting property of smoothness.

## Obstructedness Criterion (with Mukai)

[Mukai-N'09] gave a sufficient condition for  $ob(\alpha) \neq 0$  when dim X = 3. Let C be an irreducible curve on a 3-fold X.

Assumption 1

- there exists an intermediate surface  $C \subset S \subset X$  s.t.  $C \hookrightarrow S$  and  $S \hookrightarrow X$  are regular embeddings.
- there exists an irreducible curve  $E \neq C$  on S s.t.  $[O_S \hookrightarrow O_S(E)] \otimes O_S(mE)$  induces the injection

$$H^1(S, O_S(m\mathbf{E})) \hookrightarrow H^1(S, O_S((m+1)\mathbf{E}))$$

for all m > 0. (e.g.  $E = (-1) - \mathbb{P}^1$  on S)

## **Obstructedness Criterion (Continued)**

Let  $\alpha \in H^0(N_{C/X})$  be a first order deformation of C in X and  $\operatorname{ob}(\alpha) \in H^1(N_{C/X})$  its primary obstruction. We consider the "exterior" components

$$\pi_{C/S}(\alpha) := H^0(\pi_{C/S})(\alpha), \qquad \operatorname{ob}_S(\alpha) := H^1(\pi_{C/S})(\operatorname{ob}(\alpha)).$$

by the projection

$$\pi_{C/S}:N_{C/X}\to N_{S/X}|_{C}.$$

Assumption 2

• Suppose  $\pi_{C/S}(\alpha)$  lifts to a global section  $\beta$  of  $N_{S/X}(E)$ .

$$H^0(N_{S/X}) \subset H^0(N_{S/X}(\underline{E})) \ni E$$

$$\alpha \in H^0(N_{C/X}) \xrightarrow{\pi_{C/S}} H^0(N_{S/X}|_C) \subset H^0(N_{S/X}(\underline{E})|_C)$$

Here  $\beta$  is called an infinitesimal deformation with pole:

## **Obstructedness Criterion (Continued)**

## Theorem 16 (Mukai-N'09)

 $ob_S(\alpha)$  is nonzero if

- ② Let  $\beta|_E$  be the principal part of  $\beta$  along E. Then  $\beta|_E \cup k_E \neq 0$  in  $H^1(E, O_E(2E))$ , where

$$\mathbf{k}_{E} := [0 \longrightarrow N_{E/S} \longrightarrow N_{E/X} \xrightarrow{\pi_{E/S}} N_{S/X} \Big|_{E} \longrightarrow 0]$$

$$\in \operatorname{Ext}_{E}^{1}(N_{S/X} \Big|_{E}, N_{E/S}).$$

① the restriction map  $H^0(S, \Delta) \to H^0(E, \Delta|_E)$  is surjective,

## Remark 17

In [Mukai-N'09], this criterion was applied to the proof of Thm. 5. We obtained the generically non-reduced components explained in §2 by this criterion.

# Stable degeneration

Toward a generalization into higher dimensions, we study the deformations of space curves lying on a del Pezzo surface of degree. Let

$$C \subset S \subset X$$

be a flag of algebraic varieties.

#### **Definition 18**

We say  $C \subset X$  is stably degnerate (or stably contained in S), if every small deformation C' of C in X is contained in a deformation S' of S in X.

If there exists a component  $W_{C,S}$  of  $\operatorname{HF} X$  passing through (C,S) such that the first projection

$$pr_1: W_{C,S} \to \text{Hilb } X, \qquad (C',S') \mapsto [C']$$

is locally surjective at  $[C] \in Hilb X$ , then  $C \subset X$  is stably degenerate.

# Kleppe-Ellia conjecture

## Conjecture (Kleppe'87, modified by Ellia'87)

Let  $C \subset S_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  be a smooth connected curve of degree d and genus g lying on a smooth cubic surface  $S_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ . Then C is stably degenerate if

- $\bigcirc$  *g* ≥ 3*d* − 18,
- ② C is linearly normal, i.e.  $H^1(I_C(1)) = 0$ ,
- 0 d > 9 and C is general in  $[C] \in \operatorname{Pic} S_3$ .

#### Remark 19

- the first two assumptions are necessary for the conclusion.
- 2 The conjecture is known to be true if
  - C is 3-normal, i.e.  $H^1(I_C(3)) = 0$  (Kleppe'87),
  - C is not 3-normal and g >> d (Kleppe'87 and Ellia'87), or
  - C is 2-normal, i.e.  $H^1(I_C(2)) = 0$  (N'23)

# Generalized Kleppe-Ellia conjecture

## Conjecture (generalized K-E conj.)

Let  $C \subset S_n \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  be a smooth connected curve lying on a smooth del Pezzo surface  $S_n \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  of degree  $n \geq 3$ . Then C is stably degenerate if

- ② C is linearly normal,
- **3** deg(C) > 9 for n = 3 and deg(C) > 2n for n ≥ 4, and C is general in  $[C] ∈ Pic S_n$ .

#### Remark 20

The first assumption is equivalent to that

$$\dim_{(C,S)} \operatorname{HF} \mathbb{P}^n = \chi(N_{(C,S)/\mathbb{P}^n}) \ge \chi(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^n}) = (\text{exp.dim.of Hilb } X \text{ at } [C]),$$

where 
$$N_{(C,S)/X} := N_{C/X} \times_{N_{S/X}|_C} N_{S/X}$$
.

## **Application**

## **Proposition 21**

If the generalized K-E conjecture is true, then

$$\dim_{[C]} \operatorname{Hilb} \mathbb{P}^n = d + g + n^2 + 9 \ (= \dim_{(C,S)} \operatorname{HF} \mathbb{P}^n).$$

Thus we can determine the dimension of **Hilb**  $\mathbb{P}^n$  at (even singular) point [C].

We focus on the case n=4, i.e.  $S\simeq S_4$  is a smooth complete intersection  $S_{2,2}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ . We say  $C\subset \mathbb{P}^4$  is 2-normal if  $H^1(I_C(2))=0$ , and 2-nonspecial if  $H^1(O_C(2))=0$ .

#### Theorem A

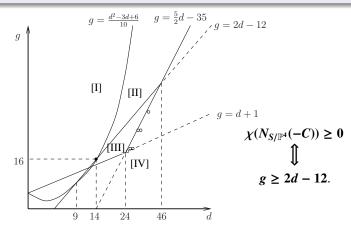
Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  be a smooth connected curve of degree d > 8 and genus g contained in a smooth c.i.  $S = S_{2,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ . Then

- Such curves C are parametrised by a finite union of locally closed irreducible subsets  $W \subset \operatorname{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  of the same dimension d+g+25.
- ② If C is 2-normal, then the closure  $\overline{W}$  of W in  $Hilb^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  is a genericaly smooth component of  $Hilb^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$ .
- If C is 2-nonspecial, then  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  is smooth along W and  $\overline{W}$  is a (proper) closed subset of  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  of codimension  $2h^1(I_C(2))$ .

# **Theorem A** (continued)

#### Theorem A (continued)

**1** C is 2-normal (resp. 2-nonspecial) if (d, g) belongs to the region [I] (resp. [IV] except the 6 pairs corresponding to  $\circ$ ).



# Theorem B (Obstructedness)

We expect that if  $(d, g) \in [II]$  and C is not 2-normal, then  $\overline{W}$  corresponds to a generically non-reduced component of  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$ .

#### Theorem B

Let W be a maximal irreducible family of smooth connected curve  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  of degree d and genus g contained in a smooth c.i.  $S = S_{2,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ . If d > 8,  $g \ge 2d - 12$  and  $h^1(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) = 1$  (then  $(d, g) \in [II]$ ), then

- $\bullet$  every general member C of W is stably degenerate and obstructed,
- ②  $\overline{W}$  is a component of  $(\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \, \mathbb{P}^4)_{\mathbf{red}}$ , and
- **1** Hilb<sup>sc</sup>  $\mathbb{P}^4$  is generically non-reduced along  $\overline{W}$ .

## Corollary 22

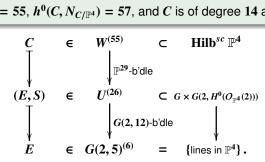
Generalized K-E conjecture holds to be true, if n = 4 and  $h^1(I_C(2)) = 1$ .

# **Analogy of Mumford's example**

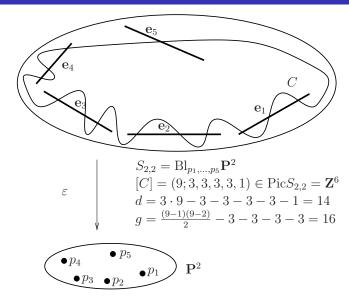
## Example 4

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- C is contained in a smooth c.i.  $S = S_{2,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ ,
- there exists a line E on S such that C belongs to a complete linear system  $\Lambda := |-3K_S + 2E| (\simeq \mathbb{P}^{29})$  on S, and
- **3** dim W = 55,  $h^0(C, N_{C/\mathbb{P}^4}) = 57$ , and C is of degree 14 and genus 16.



# Curves on $S_{2,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ (analogy of Mumford's ex.)



## Sketch of Proof of Thm. B

Let  $C \subset S_{2,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  be a smooth connected curve of degree d > 8 and genus g lying on a smooth complete intersection  $S_{2,2}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ .

- $S = S_{2,2}$  s.t  $C \subset S \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  is uniquely determined by d > 8.
- Since  $H^i(N_{C/S}) = H^i(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}) = 0$  for i > 0, it follows from an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N_{C/S} \longrightarrow N_{(C,S)/\mathbb{P}^4} \stackrel{\pi_2}{\longrightarrow} N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4} \longrightarrow 0$$

that  $H^i(N_{(C,S)/\mathbb{P}^4}) = 0$  for i > 0, which implies  $HF \mathbb{P}^4$  is nonsingular and of expected dimension at (C,S).

There exists another exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}(-C) \longrightarrow N_{(C,S)/\mathbb{P}^4} \stackrel{\pi_1}{\longrightarrow} N_{C/\mathbb{P}^4} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\pi_1$  induces the tangent map  $p_1$  of  $pr_1: \operatorname{HF} \mathbb{P}^4 \to \operatorname{Hilb} \mathbb{P}^4$  at (C,S) and we obtain

$$H^0(N_{(C,S)/\mathbb{P}^4}) \xrightarrow{p_1} H^0(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^4}) \longrightarrow \underbrace{H^1(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}(-C))}_{\cong H^1(I_{C}(2))^{\oplus 2}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

## Sketch of Proof of Thm. B

• Suppose now that  $g \ge 2d - 12$  and  $h^1(I_C(2)) = 1$ . Then dim coker  $p_1 = 2$  and there exists a line E on S such that

$$|C + 2K_S| = |C + 2K_S - E| + E$$
. (Zariski decomp.)

• We note  $N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4} \simeq O_S(-2K_S)^{\oplus 2}$  and

$$H^1(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}(E-C)) = H^1(-L^{\oplus 2}) = 0,$$

because  $L := C + 2K_S - E$  is nef and big (by  $g \ge 2d - 12$ ).

- For every  $\alpha \in H^0(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^4}) \setminus \operatorname{im} p_1$ , its exterior component  $\pi_{C/S}(\alpha)$  in  $H^0(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}|_C)$  lifts to a global section  $\beta$  of  $N_{S/\mathbb{P}^4}(E)$  (after admitting a pole along E).
- Applying a "modification" of the obstructedness criterion to the infinitesimal deformation  $\beta$  with poles, we obtain  $ob(\alpha) \neq 0$ . This implies

$$\dim_{[C]} \operatorname{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4 = \dim_{(C,S)} \operatorname{HF} \mathbb{P}^4 = d + g + 25,$$

and thereby *C* is obstructed and stably degenerate.

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# $S_{2,2}$ -maximal families of curves in $\mathbb{P}^4$

Let  $C \subset S \subset X$  be a flag of algebraic varieties. We say an irreducible closed subset W of  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} X$  is S-maximal if there exists an irreducible component  $W_{C,S}$  of  $\mathbf{HF}^{sc} X$  (:=  $pr_1^{-1}(\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} X)$ ) passing through (C,S) and  $pr_1(W_{C,S}) = W$ .

If d > 8, then there exists a natural 1-to-1 correspondence between the set of  $S_{2,2}$ -maximal families in  $\operatorname{Hilb}_{d,g}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  and the set of 6-tuples of integer  $(a;b_1,\ldots,b_5)$  satisfying

$$a > b_1 \ge \dots \ge b_5 \ge 0$$
 and  $a \ge b_1 + b_2 + b_3$  (1)

and

$$d = 3a - \sum_{i=1}^{5} b_i \quad \text{and} \quad g = \frac{(a-1)(a-2)}{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{b_i(b_i-1)}{2}, \quad (2)$$

by coordinates in  $\operatorname{Pic} S_{2,2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}^6$ , i.e.,

$$[C] = a[\varepsilon^* O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)] - \sum_{i=1}^5 b_i \mathbf{e}_i \longleftrightarrow (a; b_1, \dots, b_5).$$

## Theorem C (Criterion)

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Let  $W := W(a; b_1, \dots, b_5) \subset \operatorname{Hilb}_{d, \sigma}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  be the  $S_{2,2}$ -maximal family of smooth connected curves of degree d and genus g in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  corresponding to  $(a; b_1, \ldots, b_5)$ . Suppose that d > 10 and  $g \ge 2d - 12$ . Then

- If  $b_5 \ge 2$ , then W is an irreducible component of Hilb $_{d,g}^{sc}$   $\mathbb{P}^4$  and  $\operatorname{Hilb}_{d,\sigma}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  is generically smooth along W.
- If  $b_5 = 1$  and  $b_4 \ge 2$ , then W is an irreducible component of  $(\operatorname{Hilb}_{d,\sigma}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4)_{\operatorname{red}}$  and  $\operatorname{Hilb}_{d,\sigma}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4$  is generically non-reduced along W.
- If  $b_5 = 0$ , then W is not an irreducible component of  $(\operatorname{Hilb}_{d,a}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^4)_{\operatorname{red}}$ , i.e., there exists an irreducible component of  $V \supseteq W$ .

# **Examples**

Table:  $S_{2,2}$ -maximal families in  $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc}_{d,g}\,\mathbb{P}^4$ 

(d,g)	$(a; b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$	$W(a; b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$
(14, 16)	(8; 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)	gen. smooth component
(14, 16)	(9;4,3,2,2,2)	gen. smooth component
(14, 16)	(9;3,3,3,3,1)	gen. non-reduced component
(15, 18)	(9; 4, 2, 2, 2, 2)	gen. smooth component
(15, 18)	(9; 3, 3, 3, 2, 1)	gen. non-reduced component
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(18, 24)	(9; 2, 2, 2, 2, 1)	gen. non-reduced component
(18, 24)	(10; 4, 3, 3, 1, 1)	$unknown (h^1(I_C(2)) = 2)$
(18, 24)	(10; 3, 3, 3, 3, 0)	non-component $(h^1(I_C(2)) = 3)$
(18, 24)	(11; 6, 3, 2, 2, 2)	gen. smooth component
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