

# Moduli spaces of Gushel–Mukai varieties

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# Gushel–Mukai varieties

## Definition

A **Gushel–Mukai (GM)** variety is a smooth Fano variety  $X$  such that

- $\text{Pic}(X) = \mathbb{Z}H$  ( $H$  is the ample generator);
- $\text{coindex}(X) = 3$ , i.e.,  $K_X = -(n - 2)H$ , where  $n = \dim(X)$ ;
- $\deg(X) := H^n = 10$ .

- The above definition implies  $n \geq 3$ .
- One can include the case  $n = 2$  (**GM surfaces**), i.e.
  - polarized K3 surfaces of degree 10
  - can replace  $\text{Pic}(X) = \mathbb{Z}H$  by *Brill–Noether generality*:  
(i.e.,  $h^0(D)h^0(H - D) < h^0(H)$  for  $0 < D < H$ ).
- One can include mildly singular varieties.

# Classification of GM varieties

Theorem (Gushel, Mukai, D-K)

If  $X$  is a GM variety then

$$X = \text{CGr}(2, V_5) \cap \mathbb{P}(W_{n+2}) \cap Q,$$

where

- $\text{CGr}(2, V_5) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{k} \oplus \wedge^2 V_5)$ , a cone over the Grassmannian;
  - $W_{n+5} \subset \mathbb{k} \oplus \wedge^2 V_5$ , a vector subspace;
  - $Q \subset \mathbb{P}(W_{n+5})$ , a quadric hypersurface.
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- In particular,  $\dim(X) \leq 6$ .
  - $Q$  is defined ambiguously (modulo *Plücker quadrics*).

## Ordinary vs. special GM varieties

- 1 The vertex of the cone is not in  $\mathbb{P}(W)$ ; then

$$X = \text{Gr}(2, V_5) \cap \mathbb{P}(W_{n+5}) \cap Q.$$

Such GM varieties are called **ordinary**.

- 2 The vertex of the cone is in  $\mathbb{P}(W)$  (but not on  $X$ ); then

$$X \xrightarrow{2:1} \text{Gr}(2, V_5) \cap \mathbb{P}(W'_{n+4}),$$

branched along  $\text{Gr}(2, V_5) \cap \mathbb{P}(W'_{n+4}) \cap Q$  (ordinary GM  $(n-1)$ -fold).  
Such GM varieties are called **special**.

- $\left\{ \text{special GM } n\text{-folds} \right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{ \text{ordinary GM } (n-1)\text{-folds} \right\}$
- If  $\dim(X) = 6$  then  $X$  is special.

# GM data

## Definition

**GM-data** is a collection  $(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)$ , where

- $W = W_{n+5}, V_5 \subset V_6$ ;
- $\mu: W \rightarrow \wedge^2 V_5 \quad (- \otimes (V_6/V_5))$ ;
- $q: V_6 \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 W^\vee \quad (- \otimes \det(V_5) \otimes (V_6/V_5)^{\otimes 2})$ ;

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_5 \otimes \text{Sym}^2 W & \hookrightarrow & V_6 \otimes \text{Sym}^2 W \\ \mu \wedge \mu \downarrow & & q \downarrow \\ V_5 \otimes \text{Sym}^2(\wedge^2 V_5) & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & \det(V_5) \quad - \otimes (V_6/V_5)^{\otimes 2} \end{array}$$

In other words  $q(v)(w_1, w_2) = v \wedge \mu(w_1) \wedge \mu(w_2)$  if  $v \in V_5$ .

# GM varieties vs. GM data

From GM varieties to GM data:

- $W = H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(H))^\vee$ ;
- $V_6 = H^0(\mathbb{P}(W), \mathcal{J}_X(2))$ ;
- $V_5 = H^0(\mathbb{P}(\wedge^2 V_5), \mathcal{J}_{\text{Gr}(2, V_5)}(2)) \subset V_6$ ;
- $\mu: H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(H))^\vee \rightarrow H^0(\text{Gr}(2, 5), \mathcal{O}(1))^\vee$ ;
- $q: H^0(\mathbb{P}(W), \mathcal{J}_X(2)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}(W), \mathcal{O}(2))$ .

From GM data to GM varieties:

$$X(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q) := \bigcap_{v \in V_6} Q_v \subset \mathbb{P}(W).$$

GM data is **smooth** if  $X(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)$  is smooth of dimension  $n$ .

Theorem

$$\left\{ \text{smooth GM varieties} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ \text{smooth GM data} \right\}.$$

## Ordinary vs. special GM data

GM data is **ordinary** if  $\mu: W \rightarrow \wedge^2 V_5$  is injective; otherwise it is **special**.

Let  $(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)$  be a special smooth GM data:

- $W_1 := \text{Ker}(\mu)$  (then  $\dim(W_1) = 1$  and  $\mathbb{P}(W_1) = \bigcap_{v \in V_5} \text{Sing}(Q_v)$ );
- $W_0 = W_1^{\perp_{Q_{v_0}}}$ ,  $v_0 \in V_6 \setminus V_5$ ;
- $W = W_0 \oplus W_1$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_0, 0)$ ,  $q = (q_0 \oplus q_1)$ ;
- $(W_0, V_6, V_5, \mu_0, q_0)$  is an ordinary smooth GM data.
- $X(W_0, V_6, V_5, \mu_0, q_0) = X(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)_{\text{ord}}$ .

Let  $(W_0, V_6, V_5, \mu_0, q_0)$  be an ordinary smooth GM data:

- choose an isomorphism  $q_1 \cong V_6/V_5 \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Sym}^2 W_1^{\vee}$ ;
- set  $W = W_0 \oplus W_1$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_0, 0)$ ,  $q = (q_0, q_1)$ ;
- $(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)$  is a special smooth GM data.
- $X(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q) = X(W_0, V_6, V_5, \mu_0, q_0)_{\text{spe}}$ .

This gives a bijection of isomorphism classes if  $\sqrt{\mathbb{k}} = \mathbb{k}$ .

# Lagrangian data

## Definition

**Lagrangian data** is a triple  $(V_6, V_5, A)$ , where

- $V_5 \subset V_6$ ;
- $A \subset \wedge^3 V_6$  is *Lagrangian* w.r.to  $\wedge^3 V_6 \otimes \wedge^3 V_6 \xrightarrow{\wedge} \det(V_6)$ .

In particular,  $\dim(A) = 10$ .

## Theorem

$$\left\{ \text{ordinary GM data} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ \text{Lagrangian data} \right\}.$$



## From Lagrangian data to GM data

Let  $\lambda: V_6 \rightarrow V_6/V_5$  be the natural map.

- Leibniz rule:  $\lambda_p: \wedge^p V_6 \rightarrow \wedge^{p-1} V_5 \otimes (V_6/V_5)$ ;
- $W := \text{Im} \left( A \hookrightarrow \wedge^3 V_6 \xrightarrow{\lambda_3} \wedge^2 V_5 \otimes (V_6/V_5) \right)$ ,  $\mu: W \hookrightarrow \wedge^2 V_5$   
(note that  $\text{Ker}(A \twoheadrightarrow W) = \wedge^3 V_5 \cap A$ );
- $\tilde{q}: V_6 \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 A^\vee$ ,  $\tilde{q}(v)(a_1, a_2) = -\lambda_4(v \wedge a_1) \wedge \lambda_3(a_2)$ :
  - Symmetry:  $\tilde{q}(v)(a_1, a_2) = -\lambda(v)a_1 \wedge \lambda_3(a_2) + v \wedge \lambda_3(a_1) \wedge \lambda_3(a_2)$ ,  
 $0 = \lambda_6(a_1 \wedge a_2) = \lambda_3(a_1) \wedge a_2 - a_1 \wedge \lambda_3(a_2)$ ;
  - Kernel: if  $a_2 \in \wedge^3 V_5 \cap A$  then  $\tilde{q}(v)(a_1, a_2) = 0$  for any  $v \in V_6$ ,  $a_1 \in A$ ;
  - Plücker: if  $v \in V_5$  then  $\tilde{q}(v)(a_1, a_2) = v \wedge \lambda_3(a_1) \wedge \lambda_3(a_2)$ .

Therefore,  $\tilde{q}$  descends to  $q: V_6 \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 W^\vee$ .

Lemma

$(W, V_6, V_5, \mu, q)$  is ordinary GM data.

# From GM data to Lagrangian data

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} V_5 \otimes W & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \Lambda^3 V_5 \oplus V_6 \otimes W & \xrightarrow{f_2} & W^V \\ & & \downarrow f_3 & & \\ & & \Lambda^3 V_6 & & \end{array}$$

- $f_1(v \otimes w) = (-v \wedge \mu(w), v \otimes w)$ ;
- $f_2(\xi, v \otimes w)(w') = \xi \wedge \mu(w') + q(v)(w, w')$ ;
- $f_3(\xi, v \otimes w) = \xi + v \wedge \mu(w)$ .
- $f_2 \circ f_1 = 0$ ,  $f_3 \circ f_1 = 0$ ,  $f_1$  mono,  $f_2$  epi,  $\text{Ker}(f_3) = \text{Im}(f_1)$ .
- $A := f_3(\text{Ker}(f_2) / \text{Im}(f_1)) \subset \Lambda^3 V_6$ .

Lemma

$(V_6, V_5, A)$  is Lagrangian data.

# Properties of GM variety from Lagrangian data

From Lagrangian data  $(V_6, V_5, A)$  we obtain

- ordinary GM variety  $X_{\text{ord}}(V_6, V_5, A)$ ,
- special GM variety  $X_{\text{spe}}(V_6, V_5, A)$ .

Theorem

$X_{\text{ord}}(V_6, V_5, A)$  (resp.  $X_{\text{spe}}(V_6, V_5, A)$ ) is smooth of dimension  $n \iff$

- 1  $\dim(\wedge^3 V_5 \cap A) = 5 - n$  (resp.  $\dim(\wedge^3 V_5 \cap A) = 6 - n$ );
- 2  $\mathbb{P}(A) \cap \text{Gr}(3, V_6) = \emptyset$  ( $A$  has no decomposable vectors).

Corollary

If  $\sqrt{\mathbb{k}} = \mathbb{k}$  isomorphism classes of GM  $n$ -folds are in bijection with  $\left\{ (V_6, V_5, A) \mid \dim(\wedge^3 V_5 \cap A) \in \{5 - n, 6 - n\}, \mathbb{P}(A) \cap \text{Gr}(3, V_6) = \emptyset \right\}$ .

# Moduli stack of GM varieties

Let  $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}$  be the moduli stack of smooth GM  $n$ -folds (smooth GM data):

- $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}(S) = \{\mathcal{X} \rightarrow S\}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_s$  is a smooth GM  $n$ -fold for any  $s \in S$ .
- $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}(S) = \{(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, q) \mid \dots\}$ .

Lemma

In the diagram  $\mu$  is surjective, hence  $(\wedge^{n+5} q) = (\wedge^{n+5} \mu^\vee)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{V}_5 \otimes \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5^\vee \\ & \searrow q & \swarrow \mu^\vee \\ & \mathcal{W}^\vee & \end{array}$$

Definition

- $S_{\text{spe}} = (\wedge^{n+5} q) = (\wedge^{n+5} \mu^\vee)$ ;
- $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\text{ord}}^{\text{GM}}(S) := \{\mathcal{X}/S \mid S_{\text{spe}} = \emptyset\}$ ,
- $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\text{spe}}^{\text{GM}}(S) := \{\mathcal{X}/S \mid S_{\text{spe}} = S\}$ .

# Moduli stack of Lagrangian data

Let  $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$  be the moduli stack of Lagrangian data:

- $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}(S) = \left\{ (\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_S) \cap \text{Gr}(3, \mathcal{V}_{6,S}) = \emptyset, \\ \dim(\wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_{5,S} \cap \mathcal{A}_S) \in \{5-n, 6-n\} \end{array} \right\}$ .
- For  $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \in \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}(S)$  set

$$\varphi: \mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_6 \xrightarrow{\lambda_3} \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5 \otimes (\mathcal{V}_6/\mathcal{V}_5).$$

Then  $(\wedge^{n+6} \varphi) = 0$ ,  $(\wedge^{n+4} \varphi) = 1$ .

## Definition

- $S_{\text{spe}} = (\wedge^{n+5} \varphi)$ ;
- $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\text{ord}}^{\text{Lag}}(S) := \{(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \mid S_{\text{spe}} = \emptyset\}$ ;
- $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\text{spe}}^{\text{Lag}}(S) := \{(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \mid S_{\text{spe}} = S\}$ .

# Morphism of stacks

As before

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{V}_5 \otimes \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_5 \oplus \mathcal{V}_6 \otimes \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{f_2} & \mathcal{W}^\vee \\ & & \downarrow f_3 & & \\ & & \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_6 & & \end{array}$$

Set  $\mathcal{A} := f_3(\text{Ker}(f_2)/\text{Im}(f_1)) \subset \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_6$ .

Definition

Define a morphism of stacks  $\alpha: \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$  by

$$\alpha(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, q) = (\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}).$$

# Morphism of stacks: special loci

Lemma

Let  $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) = \mathfrak{a}(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, q)$ .

The ideals of  $S_{\text{Lag, spe}} \subset S$  and  $S_{\text{Lag, spe}} \subset S$  satisfy  $J_{\text{Lag, spe}} = J_{\text{GM, spe}}^2$ .

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Ker}(f_2) \hookrightarrow & \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_5 \oplus \mathcal{V}_6 \otimes \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{f_3} & \wedge^3 \mathcal{V}_6 & \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow (0, \lambda) & & \downarrow \lambda_3 & \\
 \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5 \\
 & \searrow \varphi & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$J_{\text{Lag, spe}} = (\wedge^{n+5} \varphi) = (\wedge^{n+5} \nu) \cdot (\wedge^{n+5} \mu) = J_{\text{GM, spe}}^2. \quad \square$$

Upshot:  $\mathfrak{a}$  is not an isomorphism of stacks!

# Inverse construction: Step 1

## Theorem

Let  $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \in \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}(S)$ . Assume  $S_{\text{Lag, spe}} = 2E$  for a Cartier divisor  $E$ . Then there is a unique  $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, \eta) \in \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}(S)$  such that

$$(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) = \alpha(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, \eta).$$

- Away from  $E$  the pointwise construction works nicely.
- Need to extend it to a neighborhood of  $E$ .
  - Have a morphism  $\varphi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5$  of rank  $n + 5$ .
  - Need to find its factorization

$$\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\nu} \mathcal{W} \xrightarrow{\mu} \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5.$$

through a vector bundle  $\mathcal{W}$  of rank  $n + 5$ .



# Factorization lemma

## Lemma

Let  $\varphi: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  be a morphism of vector bundles on  $S$  such that

- $(\wedge^{r_0+1}\varphi) = 0$  (i.e.,  $\text{rk}(\varphi) \leq r_0$ );
- $(\wedge^{r_0-1}\varphi) = 1$  (i.e.,  $\text{rk}(\varphi) \geq r_0 - 1$ );
- $(\wedge^{r_0}\varphi) = D$ , a Cartier divisor.

Then there is a unique factorization of  $\varphi$

$$\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} \mathcal{F}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F},$$

where

- $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_1$  are vector bundles of rank  $r_0$ ;
- $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1$  epi,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  fiberwise mono;
- $\varphi_1$  is mono,  $\text{Coker}(\varphi_1)$  is a line bundle on  $D$ .

## Inverse construction: Step 1 continued

- Apply factorization lemma to  $\varphi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5$ .
- Obtain the factorization

$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}' \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} \mathcal{W}'' \hookrightarrow \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5.$$

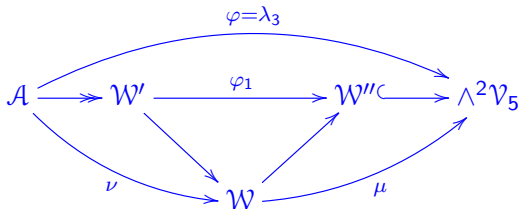
- $\text{Coker}(\varphi_1)$  is a line bundle on  $D = 2E$ .
- Represent it (uniquely) as an extension of line bundles on  $E$ .
- Obtain the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{W}' & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & \mathcal{W}'' & \hookrightarrow & \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5 \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & & \uparrow & & \nearrow \\ & & \mathcal{W} & & & & \end{array}$$

- $\text{Coker}(\mathcal{W}' \rightarrow \mathcal{W})$  and  $\text{Coker}(\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}'')$  are line bundles on  $E$ .

## Inverse construction: Step 2

Recall



- As before,  $\tilde{q}: \mathcal{V}_6 \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{A}^\vee$ ,  $\tilde{q}(v)(a_1, a_2) = -\lambda_4(v \wedge a_1) \wedge \lambda_3(a_2)$ .
- $\text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}') \subset \text{Ker}(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \wedge^2 \mathcal{V}_5) \subset \text{Ker}(\tilde{q})$ , hence  $q$  factors as
- $\mathcal{V}_6 \xrightarrow{q'} \text{Sym}^2(\mathcal{W}')^\vee \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{A}^\vee$ .
- Need  $\mathcal{V}_6 \xrightarrow{q} \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{W}^\vee \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}^2(\mathcal{W}')^\vee \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{A}^\vee$ .

# Hecke transform for families of quadratic forms

## Lemma

- $q': \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2(\mathcal{E}')^\vee$ , a family of quadratic forms,
- $D = 2E$ , a Cartier divisor,
- $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{E}'_D$ , a line subbundle contained in  $\text{Ker } q'_D$ .

Define the bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  from the exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^\vee \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}')^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_E^\vee \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_E(E) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then

- 1  $\exists!$  factorization  $\mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{q} \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{E}^\vee \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}^2(\mathcal{E}')^\vee$  of  $q'$ ;
- 2  $\mathcal{E}_E = (\mathcal{E}'_E/\mathcal{K}_E) \oplus \mathcal{K}_E(E)$ , orthogonal with respect to  $q$ ;
- 3 the restriction of  $q$  to the first summand is induced by  $q'$ .

## Inverse construction: Step 2 continued

- We have  $q': \mathcal{V}_6 \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathcal{W}')^\vee$ , set  $\mathcal{K} = \mathrm{Ker}(\mathcal{W}'_D \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} \mathcal{W}''_D)$ .
- Hecke transform gives  $q: \mathcal{V}_6 \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^2 \mathcal{W}^\vee$ ,
- $\mathcal{W}_E = (\mathcal{W}'_E/\mathcal{K}_E) \oplus \mathcal{K}_E(E)$ , orthogonal with respect to  $q$ , the restriction of  $q$  to the first summand is induced by  $q'$ .
- $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}, \mu, q)$  is a family of GM data, hence gives  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow S$ , a family of GM intersections; need to prove smoothness.
- Away from  $E$  we have  $\mathcal{X}_s = X_{\mathrm{ord}}(\mathcal{V}_{6,s}, \mathcal{V}_{5,s}, \mathcal{A}_s)$ , hence is smooth.
- On  $E$  if  $\mathcal{W}_0 := \mathcal{W}'_E/\mathcal{K}_E$  then  $(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{W}_0, \mu, q)$  is a family of smooth (ordinary) GM data of dimension  $n - 1$ .
- The form  $q(v)$  on  $\mathcal{W}_1 = \mathcal{K}_E(E)$  is non-degenerate for  $v \in \mathcal{V}_{6,s} \setminus \mathcal{V}_{5,s}$ , hence  $\mathcal{X}_s = X_{\mathrm{spe}}(\mathcal{V}_{6,s}, \mathcal{V}_{5,s}, \mathcal{A}_s)$ .

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# Moduli stack $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}$ as a root stack

Upshot:

- There is a morphism of stacks  $\alpha: \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$ ,
- $\alpha: \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}(S, E) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}(S, 2E)$  is an isomorphism, where
  - $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}(S, E) = \{\mathcal{X}/S \mid S_{\text{GM, spe}} = E\}$ ,
  - $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}(S, D) = \{(\mathcal{V}_6, \mathcal{V}_5, \mathcal{A}) \mid S_{\text{Lag, spe}} = D\}$ .

Theorem

*The morphism  $\alpha: \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$  is a root stack w.r.t.  $\mathfrak{M}_{n, \text{spe}}^{\text{Lag}} \subset \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$ .*

This is an exotic root stack!

## Exotic root stacks

- Assume  $Z \subset Y$ ,  $Y \setminus Z$  is smooth, and étale locally along  $Z$

$$Y \cong Z \times (\mathbb{A}^m / \{\pm 1\}).$$

- Locally consider the quotient stack

$$\hat{Y} = Z \times [\mathbb{A}^m / \{\pm 1\}]$$

and glue globally.

### Remark

When  $m = 1$  this is the usual root stack construction.

### Definition

$\hat{Y} \rightarrow Y$  is the root stack w.r.t  $Z \subset Y$ .

### Theorem

The morphism  $\alpha: \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$  is a root stack w.r.t.  $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\text{spe}}^{\text{Lag}} \subset \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$ .

## Global quotient stack constructions

Fix  $V_6$ , set

$$S_n = \{(V_5, A) \mid \dim(\wedge^2 V_5 \cap A) = 5 - n, \mathbb{P}(A) \cap \text{Gr}(3, V_6) = \emptyset\},$$

$$\bar{S}_n = \{(V_5, A) \mid \dim(\wedge^2 V_5 \cap A) \in \{5 - n, 6 - n\}, \mathbb{P}(A) \cap \text{Gr}(3, V_6) = \emptyset\}.$$

Then  $\bar{S}_n = S_n \sqcup S_{n-1}$ ,  $\text{codim}_{\bar{S}_n}(S_{n-1}) = 6 - n$ , locally around  $S_{n-1}$

$$\bar{S}_n \cong S_{n-1} \times (\mathbb{A}^{6-n}/\{\pm 1\}).$$

Let  $\hat{S}_n \rightarrow \bar{S}_n$  be the root stack with respect to  $S_{n-1} \subset \bar{S}_n$ .

Theorem

$$\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{Lag}} = [\bar{S}_n/\text{PGL}(V_6)], \mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} = [\hat{S}_n/\text{PGL}(V_6)].$$

*These stacks are separated DM stacks of finite presentation over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

Remark

$\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}}$  can be realized as a quotient stack of a scheme by  $\text{GL}(V_6)/\mu_{3(5-n)}$ .



# Coarse moduli spaces

Recall

$$\bar{S}_n = \{(V_5, A) \mid \dim(\wedge^2 V_5 \cap A) \in \{5 - n, 6 - n\}, \mathbb{P}(A) \cap \text{Gr}(3, V_6) = \emptyset\}.$$

Note that  $\bar{S}_n \subset \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee) \times \text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6)$ .

Theorem

The coarse moduli spaces  $\mathbf{M}_n^{\text{GM}}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_n^{\text{Lag}}$  are isomorphic to

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \cong \mathbf{M}_n^{\text{Lag}} \cong \bar{S}_n // \text{PGL}(V_6),$$

the GIT quotients w.r.t. linearizations on  $\mathcal{O}(6, 2m)$  for  $m \gg 0$ .

## Applications: period maps

Recall  $\bar{S}_n \subset \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee) \times \text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6)$ .

Theorem

*The morphism*

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{\text{GM}} = \bar{S}_n // \text{PGL}(V_6) \rightarrow \text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6) // \text{PGL}(V_6)$$

*is the period map for GM  $n$ -folds for  $n \in \{4, 6\}$ .*

Remark

For  $n \in \{3, 5\}$  the period factors through  $\mathbf{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6) // \text{PGL}(V_6)$ .

## Applications: complete families of smooth GM varieties

The “inverse construction” can be applied to produce

- smooth families  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  of GM 5-folds;
- smooth families  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow Y$  of smooth GM 4-folds over double EPW sextics  $Y$ , hence also families over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ;
- smooth families  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow Y_2$  of smooth GM 3-folds over EPW surfaces  $Y_2$  (of general type).

### Remark

Any complete family of GM varieties is contained in the fiber of the period map  $\mathfrak{M}_n^{\text{GM}} \rightarrow \text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6) // \text{PGL}(V_6)$ , because  $\text{LGr}(\wedge^3 V_6) // \text{PGL}(V_6)$  is affine.

Thanks for attention!