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Let  $G$  be an affine algebraic group,  $G \subset GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  for some  $n$ . Then  $G$  is said to be reductive if any one of the following equivalent conditions hold:

1) for any f.d. representation  $V$  of  $G$ ,  
 $V = \bigoplus V_i$ , each  $V_i$  is a simple (irreducible)  $G$ -module.

2) The unipotent radical of  $G$   
 = (the largest closed, connected, normal unipotent subgroup of  $G$ ) is trivial.

Examples:  $G = GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$   
 $SO(2n, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $SO(2n+1, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $Sp(2n, \mathbb{C})$   
 or the other "exceptional" groups.

Only concerned with  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  and  $SL(n, \mathbb{C})$ .

If  $V$  is a possibly infinite-dimensional  
 v.s. on which  $G$  acts, we say that  
 $V$  is a rational  $G$ -module if

$V = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n$ , where  $V$  is an increasing  
 union of the  $V_n$ 's, where each  $V_n$   
 is a finite-dim.  $G$ -subspace of  $V$ .

Example:  $G = GL(n)$  acting on  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$   
 by substitution. Let now  $V$  be a  
 rational  $G$ -module.

We can write  $V = V^G \oplus V_G$

where

1) each of  $V^G$  and  $V_G$  are  $G$  submodules of  $V$ .

2)  $(V_G)^G = 0$ , i.e.  $V_G$  has no invariants. This complement  $V_G$  of  $V^G$  is unique.

Now let  $A$  be a f.g.  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra and let  $G$  act on  $A$  by  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphisms. We write  $A = A^G \oplus A_G$

as above.  $A^G$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -subalgebra of  $A$ .

Let  $R: A \rightarrow A^G$  be the projection of  $A$  onto  $A^G$ . One can prove  $R(xy) = xR(y)$  if  $x \in A^G$  and  $y \in A$ .

So  $R: A \rightarrow A$  is a  $A$  module map.  $R$  is called the Reynolds operator.

We now prove  $A^G$  is also a f.g.  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra (Hilbert's theorem):

First assume that  $G$  acts on a f.d. vector space  $V$ , and consider the action of  $G$  on  $S(V^*) := \bigoplus_d S^d(V^*)$ .

We have  $S(V^*) = \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ,  $n = \dim V$ .

Define  $B = S(V^*)^G$  and let  $R$  be the Reynolds operator:  $S(V^*) \rightarrow B$ .  
As  $R$  is  $B$ -linear,  $S(V^*)$  is a module over  $B$ . For any ideal  $J$  of  $B$ , we have  $J S(V^*) \cap B = J$  itself.

But  $S^*(V^\#) = \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is a Noetherian Ring (Hilbert's Basis Theorem) & hence satisfies the A.C.C.

So  $B$  also satisfies the A.C.C.

But  $B$  is a graded ring,  $B = \bigoplus_d B_d$ ,

where each  $B_d = S^d(V^\#)^{\mathbb{G}}$ . Now a

graded ring, which is Noetherian is

f.g. as an algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ , hence

$B = S^*(V^\#)^{\mathbb{G}}$  is a f.g. algebra.

Now let  $A$  be any f.g. algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ , on which  $\mathbb{G}$  act. Choosing generators

$f_1, \dots, f_n$  for  $A$ , we get a surjection of  $\mathbb{G}$ -algebras,

$$\mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{A}[X_1, \dots, X_n] \twoheadrightarrow A \twoheadrightarrow 0$$

Taking  $\mathbb{G}$ -invariants, (which preserve surjections), we get

$$\mathbb{A}^n \twoheadrightarrow A \twoheadrightarrow 0$$

b.g., so  $A^{\mathbb{G}}$  also f.g.

Properties of the map  $\pi = \text{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A^{\mathbb{G}})$ .

1)  $\pi$  is surjective, and affine, i.e. if  $U \subset \text{Spec}(A^{\mathbb{G}})$  is affine, then  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  also affine and

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_U) = \Gamma(\pi^{-1}(U), \mathcal{O}_{\pi^{-1}(U)}^{\mathbb{G}})$$

2) If  $x$  and  $y$  are points of  $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ ,

then  $\overline{\pi(x)} = \overline{\pi(y)}$  if and only if  $O(x) \cap O(y) \neq \emptyset$ .

(Very rarely is  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  an orbit map, that is  $\pi(x) = y \iff y = gx$  for some  $g \in G$ . There exist non-closed orbits!!)

In general, points in  $Y$  parametrize the closed orbits in  $X$ .

Now let  $G$  act on a vector space  $V$ .  
 let  $P(V) = \text{lines in } V$ , the associated proj. space. For  $x \in P(V)$ , let  $\hat{x}$  be any in  $V$  projecting to  $x$ . The following are equivalent:

1) There exists some  $f \in S^d(V^\#)^G$ ,

$d \geq 1$ , such that  $f(\hat{x}) \neq 0$

2) The orbit closure  $\overline{G(\hat{x})}$  in  $V$  does not contain  $0$ , the origin in  $V$ .

Such a point  $\hat{x}$  in  $V$  (or  $x$  in  $P(V)$ ) is called semi-stable for the action of  $G$  on  $V$ .

Suppose  $\exists \hat{x}$  in  $V$  such that the orbit map  $\pi_{\hat{x}}: G \rightarrow V$ ,  $g \rightarrow g\hat{x}$  is proper as a map of varieties. Then  $\hat{x}$  (or  $x$  in  $P(V)$ ) is called properly stable, or just stable.

Let  $G$  act on  $V$ , and hence on  $P(V)$ .

Theorem: (Mumford): 1) Both  $P(V)^s :=$  stable points and  $P(V)^{ss} :=$  semistable points are open and  $G$ -invariant in  $P(V)$ .

2)  $P(V)^{ss}/G$  is a good quotient and  $\overline{P(V)^{ss}/G}$  is a projective variety. This means: describe  $P(V)^{ss}/G$  by  $M$ . Then  $P(V)^{ss} \rightarrow M$  is surjective, affine,  $G$ -invariant map. And for some  $N \gg 0$ , the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_{P(V)}(N)$  descends to a line bundle  $L$  on  $M$ , hence  $M$  is projective.

$\exists$  an open subset  $M^3$  of  $M$   
 s.t. if we take  $\pi: P(V)^3 \rightarrow M$ ,  
 then  $\pi^{-1}(M^3) = P(V)^3$ , and  
 $P(V)^3 \rightarrow M^3$  is a geometric quotient  
 i.e. 'it is a good quotient and the  
 orbits under  $G$  are closed in  $P(V)^3$ .  
 So  $M^3$  is just the space of all orbits in  $P(V)^3$ .

Hilbert-Mumford criterion: Let  $\lambda: G_m \rightarrow G$  be a 1-parameter subgroup (1-PS). We write  $V$  as a direct sum of eigenspaces for the action of  $\lambda$

$$V = \bigoplus V_i, \text{ where each } V_i$$

$$\lambda(t)v = t^i v \text{ for any } v \in V_i.$$

Let  $v \in V$  and  $v = v_i + v_{i+1} + \dots$

be the decomposition of  $v$  into eigenvectors.

Define  $\mu(\lambda, v) = i$ .

Hilbert-Mumford:  $v$  is semistable

(stable, properly stable)  $\iff$  for  
any non-trivial 1PS:  $\lambda: G_m \rightarrow G$ ,

we have  $\mu(\lambda, v) \leq 0$  ( $< 0$ ).

Stable and semistable bundles on curves

Let  $X$  be a nonsingular projective curve of genus  $g \geq 2$ . Let  $V$  be a vector bundle on  $X$  of rank  $r$ . Define  $\deg V = \deg \pi^r V$  ( $\pi^r V$  line bundle on  $X$ ), denoted by  $d$ .

Define slope of  $V := \mu(V) = d/r$ .

Defn:  $V$  is stable (semistable)

$\Leftrightarrow$  for all proper subbundles  $W$  of  $V$ , we have  $\mu(W) < (<=) \mu(V)$ .

Let any line bundle of degree 1 on  $X$ , define

$$V(n) = V \otimes L^n. \quad \text{And } \chi_V(n) = \chi[V(n)] = \deg V(n) + rk V(n)(1-g) = \deg V + rn + r(1-g)$$

Now let  $X$  be a nonsingular projective variety of dim  $d$ ,  $H$  a very ample line

on  $X$ . Let  $V$  be a torsion-free sheaf on  $X$ .  
One defines a line bundle  $c_1(V)$  on  $X$ .

Define slope of  $V := \mu(V) = \frac{c_1(V) \cdot H^{d-1}}{\text{rk } V}$

Defn:  $V$  is  $\mu$ -stable ( $\mu$ -semistable)

iff  $\forall$  proper subsheaves  $W$  of  $V$ ,  
we have  $\mu(W) < (\leq) \mu(V)$ .

if  $V$  is any torsion-free sheaf on  $X$ ,

define  $\chi_V(n) = \chi[V \otimes H^n]$ , a poly.

of degree  $d$  in  $n$ .

$$\chi_V(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i \binom{n+i}{i}, \quad a_i \text{ integers}$$

Define  $V$  to be  $\chi$ -stable ( $\chi$ -semistable)

iff  $\forall$  proper subsheaves  $W$  of  $V$ ,

we have  $\frac{\chi_W(n)}{\text{rk } W} < (\leq) \frac{\chi_V(n)}{\text{rk } V}, \forall n \gg 0$

$\mu$ -stable  $\Rightarrow$   $\chi$ -stable  $\Rightarrow$   $\chi$  semistable  
 $\Rightarrow$   $\mu$  semistable, and no implication  
 can be reversed.

Assume  $X$  is a curve or a polarized  
 variety  $(X, H)$ , with  $\dim X \geq 2$ .

Let  $V$  be a vector-bundle (or a torsion  
 free sheaf) which is not semistable  
 ( $\mu$  definition). Then  $\exists!$  a filtration

$$0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_{n-1} \subset V_n = V$$

with 1) each  $V_i/V_{i-1}$   $\mu$ -semistable

$$2) \mu(V_i/V_{i-1}) > \mu(V_j/V_{j-1})$$

if  $i < j$ , (slopes are strictly decreasing)

3) each  $V_i/V_{i-1}$  is torsion-free

Suppose  $V$  is not  $\mathcal{X}$ -semistable

Then there exists a unique filtration

$$0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_{n-1} \subset V_n = V$$

with 1) each  $V_i/V_{i-1}$  is torsion-free

2) each  $V_i/V_{i-1}$  is  $\mathcal{X}$ -semistable

$$3) \chi_{V_i/V_{i-1}}(n) / \text{rk } V_i/V_{i-1} >$$

$$\chi_{V_J/V_{J-1}}(n) / \text{rk } V_J/V_{J-1}$$

if  $i < J$ .

These are called the Harder-Narasimhan filtrations for  $\mu$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  nonsemistability respectively.

Due to uniqueness, the H-N filtrations are rational: if  $V$  and  $X$  are defined over  $k \neq \bar{k}$ , and over  $\bar{k}$   $\bar{V}$  is not semistable over  $\bar{X}$ , then  $H.N.(\bar{V})$  is already defined over  $k$  (for both  $\mu$  and  $X$ ).

Let  $X$  be a curve or a polarized variety  $(X, H)$  with  $\dim X \geq 2$ . Suppose we are given a collection of torsion-free sheaves  $\{V\}$  on  $X$ . Then  $\{V\}$  is said to be a bounded family on  $X$  if any one of the 3 equivalent conditions hold:

1) There exists a scheme  $T$  of finite type over  $\mathbb{C}$  and a sheaf  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $X \times T$  such that for any  $V \in \{V\}$ ,  $\exists t \in T$  such that  $V \simeq \mathcal{V}|_{X \times (t)}$ .

2) There exists a fixed sheaf  $F$  on  $X$  such that every  $V$  is a quotient of  $F$  and the Hilbert Polynomials  $\chi_V(n)$ ,  $V \in \{V\}$  are finite.

3)  $\exists$  a positive integer  $m_0$  such that for all  $m \geq m_0$  and for all  $V$  in  $\{V\}$  we have  $H^i(X, V(m)) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and  $H^0(X, V(m))$  generates  $V(m)$ . And the Hilbert Polynomials  $\chi_V(n)$ ,  $V \in \{V\}$  are finite.

Definition - Construction of Quot Schemes:  
 Let  $(X, H)$  be any polarized variety. Let  $V$  be any coherent sheaf on  $X$ . We parametrize all quotients (or subs)

$\mathcal{Q} V, V \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$ , such that

Hilbert poly. of  $F, \chi_F(n)$  is fixed.

Exist a poly.  $P(n)$  and let

$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow V \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$  be a  
quotient of  $V$ , with  $\chi_V(n) = P(n)$ .

Then we show  $\exists m_0$  such that for all  
 $m \geq m_0$  and for all  $i > 0$

$$1) H^i(X, S(m)) = H^i(X, F(m)) =$$
 ~~$H^i(X, F)$~~   $H^i(X, V(m)) = 0$

and  $H^0(S(m), H^0(V(m)), H^0(F(m))$   
generate  $S(m), V(m)$  and  $F(m)$  resp.

As  $\chi_V(n)$  and  $\chi_F(n)$  are fixed,  $\chi_S(n)$   
is also fixed. So  $H^0 S(m)$  and  $H^0 F(m)$   
are constant dimensional vector spaces  
for any quotient  $V \rightarrow F$  and fixed  $m \geq m_0$ .

Put  $\dim H^0 S(m) = m_1$ ,  $\dim F(m) = m_2$

Then  $\dim H^0 V(m) = m := m_1 + m_2$

Each quotient  $F \subset V$  with  $\chi_V(n) = P(n)$  gives a point of  $\text{Gr}(m, m_2)$ , the Grassmannian of  $m_2$  dimensional quotients of a fixed  $m$ -dimensional vector space. This we get a projective scheme  $\text{Quot}(X, V, P)$  or just  $\text{Quot}$  if  $X, V$  and  $P$  are fixed.

Properties: On  $X \times \text{Quot}$ , there exists a surjection:  $p_1^*(V) \rightarrow G$ , with  $G$  a sheaf on  $X \times \text{Quot}$ , flat over  $\text{Quot}$ .

And for any scheme  $T$ , and for any surjection  $p_1^*(V) \rightarrow H$  on  $X \times T$ , with  $H$  flat over  $T$ , there exists a

unique morphism:  $f: T \rightarrow \text{Quot}$

such that  $(\text{id}_X \times f)^\# \mathcal{G} \simeq H$ .

$\text{Quot}(X, V, P)$  is a representable functor.

Construction of Moduli Spaces of Semistable Bundles on Curves:

Let  $X$  be a curve and let  $\{V\}$  be the set of all semistable bundles of rank  $r$  and degree  $d$ .

For any  $V \in \{V\}$ ,  $\chi_V(m) = \chi[V(m)]$   
 $= \deg V(m) + r(1-g) = d + rm + r(1-g)$ .

We show that  $\{V\}$  is a bounded family:  $\exists m_0$  s.t.  $\forall m \geq m_0$  and all  $V \in \{V\}$ , we have

$H^1(V(m)) = 0$  and  $H^0(V(m))$  generates  $V(m)$ . Then  $n = \dim H^0(V(m))$  is constant for  $V \in \{V\}$ . Consider  $\text{Quot}(X, \mathcal{O}_X^n, P)$  where  $P(m) = d + rm + r(1-g)$ , the Hilbert Polynomial of  $V \in \{V\}$

Let  $R^\delta \subset R^{\delta\delta}$  be the open subset of  $\text{Quot}$  s.t. 1)  $\forall x \in R^\delta \subset R^{\delta\delta}$

then the quotient  $V_x$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X^n$  is stable (semistable)

2) the canonical map  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X^n) = \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow H^0(V_x)$  is an

isomorphism. Then  $G := GL(n)$

acts on  $\text{Quot}$  and on  $R^\delta, R^{\delta\delta}$

Let  $R$  be the open subset of  $\mathbb{Q} \text{ubt}$  s.t.  $x \in R \iff$

$H^0(\mathcal{O}_X^n) \rightarrow H^0(V_x)$  is an iso.

(no condition of stability for  $x \in R$ )

For a map  $C$  ("the covariant")

$C: R \rightarrow P(W)$ ,  $W$  some vector space on which  $G$  acts s.t.

- 1)  $C$  is  $G$  inv.
- 2)  $\forall x \in R^3$ , then  $C(x) \in P(W)^3$
- 3)  $\forall x \in R$ , then  $C(x) \in P(W)^{33}$

$\iff x \in R^{33}$ .

3) shows that

$$R^{ss} \hookrightarrow P(W)^{ss}$$

$P(W)^{ss}/G$  exists as a good quotient. So  $R^{ss}/G$  exists as a good quotient.

2) also shows that, since  $P(W)/G$  exists as a geometric quotient (orbit space),  $R^s/G$  exists as a geometric quotient (orbit space)

Defn:  $R^s/G = M(r, d+rm)$

the coarse moduli space of semistable bundles of rank  $r$  and degree  $d+rm$

$$R^s/G = M^s(r, d+rm), \text{ the coarse}$$

moduli space of stable bundles  
of rank  $r$  and degree  $d+rm$ .

Properties: Let  $\mathcal{V}^\circ$  on  $X \times T$  be a family  
of stable bundles of rank  $r$  and  
degree  $d+rm$ . We get a set-theoretic  
map:  $c: T \rightarrow M^3$  given by  $t \mapsto$   
iso. class of  $\mathcal{V}^\circ / X \times \{t\}$ .

1)  $c$  is a morphism  $T \rightarrow M^3$ ,  
functorially in  $T$

2) pts. of  $M^3$  classify the iso.  
classes of stable bundles of rank  $r$   
and degree  $d+rm$

Define  $\underline{F}: \text{Schemes} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

$\underline{F}(T) =$  families of stable bundles

of rank  $r$ , degree  $d+rm$  on  $X \times T$

$$\underline{G}(T) = \text{Hom}(T, M^3)$$

a) We get a morphism of functors :

$$\underline{F} \rightarrow \underline{G}$$

that is, for every  $T$ ,  $\underline{F}(T) \rightarrow \underline{G}(T)$   
functorially in  $T$ .

b) And for  $T = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\underline{F}(\mathbb{C})$  is  
bijection with  $\underline{G}(\mathbb{C})$ .

For the whole  $M$ , semistable of  
rank  $r$  and degree  $d + rm$

we get maps  $\underline{F}(T) \rightarrow \underline{G}(T)$ .

But  $\underline{F}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \underline{G}(\mathbb{C})$  is not a  
bijection!

Does there exist a "universal family"

$\mathcal{U}$  on  $X \times M^3$  s.t. : for every  $T$ ,

and for every family  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $X \times T$

$\mathcal{V}$  on  $X \times T = (\text{id}_X \times c)^\#(\mathcal{U})$ , where

$c : T \rightarrow M^3$  is the classifying morphism.

This is true  $\Leftrightarrow (r, d) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$

$M = M^3$ , (every semistable is stable).

$\Leftrightarrow$  if there exists a  $GL(n)$  line

bundle  $L$  on  $R^3$  such that

the centre  $\{\lambda \text{Id}\}$  of  $GL(n)$  acts

by weight 1 on the fibres of the

universal bundle on  $X \times R^3$ .

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## Construction of Moduli of semistable Sheaves on Surfaces

Let  $(X, H)$  a smooth projective polarized over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $H$  is a very ample line bundle on  $X$ . Let  $\{V\}$  be the set of all  $X$ -semistable torsion free sheaves on  $X$ . Recall that  $V$  is  $X$ -stable ( $X$ -semistable)  $\Leftrightarrow$  for every  $W \subset V$ ,  $\frac{\chi_W(n)}{\text{rk } W} < (\leq \frac{\chi_V(n)}{\text{rk } V}) \forall n \gg 0$ .

We may assume that each  $V \in \{V\}$  has been twisted with  $m \gg 0$  so that

- 1)  $H^0(V)$  generates  $V$
- 2)  $H^i(V) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Then as  $(\text{rk } V, c_1, c_2)$  are fixed, we  $H^0(V)$  is constant,  $\forall V \in \{V\}$

Let  $n = \dim H^0(V)$  for  $V \in \{V\}$

We further assume that  $c_1(V)$  is a constant line bundle, for  $V \in \{V\}$ , call this  $L$ . As each  $V$  is globally generated, we get a map

$$T(V): \mathbb{A}^r[H^0(V)] \rightarrow H^0(\det V) = H^0(L)$$

for each  $V$ . Note that  $H^0(V)$  is a constant vector space, say  $W$ , of dim  $n$ . So

we get  $T(V): \mathbb{A}^r(W) \rightarrow H^0(L)$  for each  $V$

The group  $G = SL(r)$  [or  $GL(r)$ ]

acts on  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{A}^r(W), H^0(L))$ , Let

$Z$  be the projectivization of this space.

Let  $H = \overset{\text{Quot}}{\text{Hilb}}(X, \mathcal{O}_X^r, P)$  be the

Quotient scheme of all quotients of  $\mathcal{O}_X^r$ , with Hilbert polynomial  $P = \chi_r(n)$

Let  $R \supset R^{ss} \supset R^s$  be as before

i.e.  $R = \alpha \in \text{Quot}$  such that

in  $\theta_x^r \rightarrow F_x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $F_x$  is torsion-free

and  $H^0(\theta_x^r) \cong H^0(F_x)$ . For  $R^{ss}$

(resp.  $R^s$ ), we further demand that

$F_x$  is  $\alpha$ -semistable ( $\alpha$ -stable).

So  $T: R \rightarrow Z$ .

Basic properties of  $T$

1)  $T$  is proper, injective map.

2)  $T(R^s) \subset Z^s$

3)  $T(V) \in Z^{ss}$  if and only

if  $V$  is  $\alpha$ -semistable.

Again, by general theorems,  
 the good quotient  $R^{ss}/G$   
 exists and the geometric quotient  
 $R^s/G$  exists, and  $R^s/G$  is open  
 in  $R^{ss}/G$ . Here  $R^s/G$  parametrizes  
 the set of isomorphism classes of  
 $X$ -stable sheaves with fixed  $rk r$ ,  
 fixed  $\det. L$  and fixed  $c_2$ . Suppose  
 $V$  is strictly semistable, i.e. semistable  
 but not stable: Then  $\exists$  a filtration  
 $0 = V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_{m-1} \subset V_m = V$   
 such that  
 1) Each  $V_i/V_{i-1}$  is torsion-free

2) for each  $i$ ,  $\chi_{V_i/V_{i-1}}(n) / \text{rk } V_i/V_{i-1}$   
 $= \chi_V(n) / \text{rk } V$ . Such a

filtration is called the stable  
filtration or the Jordan-Holder

filtration. It is not unique,

but  $\text{gr}(V) := \bigoplus_i (V_i/V_{i-1})$

is unique. 2 sheaves  $V_1$  and

$V_2$  are called S-equivalent

if  $\text{gr}(V_1) \cong \text{gr}(V_2)$  as sheaves

on  $X$ .  $R^{33}/\mathcal{G}$  parametrizes the  
 set of S-equivalence classes

of  $X$ -semistable sheaves on  $X$ .

Note that  $V$  is stable  $\Leftrightarrow V \simeq \text{gr}(V)$ .

$R^{\text{ss}}/\mathbb{G} := M^{\text{ss}}$  is the coarse moduli space of  $X$ -<sup>semi</sup>stable sheaves on  $X$ , with num. invariants  $r, \det V, c_2$ . Let  $T$  be any scheme and  $\mathcal{V}$  a sheaf on  $X \times T$  such for each  $t \in T$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_t$  is semistable with num. invariants  $r, \det V, c_2$ . Then we get a map  $c: T \rightarrow M^{\text{ss}}$ , the classifying map. Similarly we get a map  $c: T \rightarrow M^{\text{s}}$  for each family of stable sheaves on  $X$ , parametrized by  $T$ ,

## Existence of Universal-families on $M^3$

Consider  $M^3$  with  $r, c_1$ , and  $c_2$  fixed.

$$\text{Write } X_V(n) = a_0 + a_1 \binom{n+1}{1} + a_2 \binom{n+2}{2}$$

with the  $a_i$  integers.

Prop: If  $\text{g.c.d.}(a_0, a_1, a_2) = 1$

then there exists a universal or a Poincaré family  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $X \times M^3$ .

$M^3$  is a fine moduli space.

Unlike the situation for curves, the converse does not hold in general (not known).

## Local Properties of $M^3$ .

We write  $M^3 = \mathbb{R}^3 / G$ . Let  $V$  be a stable bundle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and denote by  $V$  again its image in  $M^3$ . By Luna's étalé slice theorem  $\exists S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , with  $V \in S$  and  $T \subset M^3$ , with  $V \in T$  and a map  $\pi: S \rightarrow T$ , which is étalé at  $V$  i.e.  $\pi^{\#}$  induces an isomorphism:

$$(\mathcal{O}_{T, V})^{\wedge} = (\mathcal{O}_{M^3, V})^{\wedge} \simeq (\mathcal{O}_{S, V})^{\wedge}$$

$$\text{Put } R := (\mathcal{O}_{M^3, V})^{\wedge} \simeq (\mathcal{O}_{S, V})^{\wedge}$$

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is the universal family on  $X \times \mathbb{R}^3$  denote by  $\mathcal{U}$  again the restriction to  $X \times S$ . So we get a family on  $X \times \mathcal{O}_{S, V}$

and hence on  $X \times (\mathcal{O}_{S,v})^{\wedge} = X \times_n^{\text{Spec}} R$ .

Question: When is  $R$  smooth or non-singular

$R$  is smooth  $\Leftrightarrow$  for all Artin local rings  $C$ , for any ideal  $J \subset C$ ,

any map  $\bar{f}: R \rightarrow \bar{C} := C/J$

lifts to a map  $f: R \rightarrow C$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow \\ & \searrow \bar{f} & \\ & & C/J \end{array}$$

$\bar{f}$  gives a map  $\text{Spec}(C/J) \rightarrow \text{Spec} R$

So a family  $\bar{f}^{\#}(u)$  on  $X \times \text{Spec}(C/J)$

So  $\bar{f}$  extends to a map  $f: R \rightarrow C$

$\Leftrightarrow \bar{f}^{\#}(u)$  extends to a family

say  $W_s$  on  $X \times \text{Spec}(c)$ . In general, the obstructions to lifting bundles "modulo nilpotents" lie in the obstruction space  $H^2(X, \text{End}(V))$ .

So if  $H^2(X, \text{End}(V)) = 0$ , then  $M^s$  is smooth at  $V$ , or  $\mathcal{O}_{M^s, V}$  is regular.

Similarly, we may consider  $M_{\det}^s$  fixed, the fixed-determinant moduli space.

Now the obstructions to lifting fixed-determinant families of vector bundles "modulo nilpotents" lies in  $H^2(X, \text{End}^0(V))$ ,

where  $\text{End}^{\circ}(V)$  is the bundle of trace 0 endomorphisms.

We have

$$0 \rightarrow \text{End}^{\circ}(V) \rightarrow \text{End}(V) \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0$$

(this sequence splits on  $X$ ).

Now in general, the Zariski tangent space to  $V$  in  $M^s$  is given by  $H^1(X, \text{End } V)$ . Similarly, the tangent space to  $V$  in  $M^s_{\text{fixed, det}}$  is

$H^1(X, \text{End}^{\circ} V)$ . Now consider the map:  $\det: M^s \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$ , given by  $V \rightarrow \det V$

The fibre over  $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$   
 is  $M_L^3 = \{V \in M^3 \mid \det V = L\}$ .

A similar reasoning shows  
 that if  $H^2(X, \text{End}^0 V) = 0$   
 then  $M_L^3$  is smooth at  $V$ .

Suppose this holds, i.e.

$H^2(X, \text{End}^0 V) = 0$ . Then

$M_L^3$  is smooth at  $V$ . But  $\text{Pic}(X)$

is always smooth. So we have

Theorem: If  $H^2(X, \text{End}^0 V) = 0$

$\forall V \in M^3$ , then  $M^3$  is smooth

at all points. In general we have:

$$\dim H^1(\text{End} V) \geq \dim(M^3 \text{ at } V)$$

$$\geq \dim H^1(\text{End} V) - \dim H^2(\text{End} V).$$

## Construction of Bundles on Surfaces

Let  $X$  be a surface,  $V$  a globally generated vector bundle of rank  $r$ , with  $r > 2 = \dim X$ . Then we have

$$1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{r-2} \rightarrow V \rightarrow V' \rightarrow 0$$

2) For a general choice of  $r-1$  global sections in  $H^0(X, V)$  we have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{r-1} \rightarrow V \rightarrow V' \rightarrow 0$$

with  $V' = L \otimes \mathcal{I}_Z$ ,  $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$

$Z$  codim 2 subscheme.

3) For a general choice of  $r$  global sections in  $H^0(X, L)$

we have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^r \rightarrow V \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

with  $L$  a line bundle on a

$C \subset X$

## The Cayley-Bacharach property

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective surface,  $L$  and  $M \in \text{Pic}(X)$ ,  $Z = \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  a finite set of points on  $X$ . Then  $\exists$  an extension:

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow V \rightarrow M \otimes \mathcal{I}_Z$$

with  $V$  a vector bundle

if and only if: every section  $s \in H^0(L \otimes M \otimes K)$  vanishing at all but 1 point of  $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  also vanishes at that point.

Example: Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be 2 cubics in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , meeting at  $z_1, \dots, z_9$ .

Then any other cubic  $D$  passing through 8 of the 9 points

$(\mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_9)$  also passes through the ninth point.

Apply theorem to  $L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-3)$

$$M = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3). \text{ So } L^{\#} \otimes M \otimes K_{\mathbb{P}^2} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3) !!$$

Example: Suppose  $x$  is on a surface

$X$  and every  $s \in H^0(L^{\#} \otimes M \otimes K)$

vanishes at  $x$ . Then

$(L^{\#} \otimes M \otimes K_{X, x})$  has the C.B.

property.

Example: If  $x$  and  $y$  are 2 pts on

$X$  which cannot be separated

by  $H^0(L^{\#} \otimes M \otimes K_X)$ ,

then  $L^{\#} \otimes M \otimes K_X, \{x, y\}$

has the C.B. property

Theorem:  $X$  be smooth,  $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$

Then  $\exists c_0$  s.t for all  $c \geq c_0$ ,

$\exists$  a  $\mu$ -stable bundle  $V$   
of rank 2, with  $\det(V) = L$   
and  $c_2(V) = C_2$ .

### Elementary Transformations

Suppose  $X$  is a surface,  $C \subset X$   
a smooth curve.  $V$  a bundle on  $X$   
and  $W$  a bundle on  $C$ .

Then  $\exists$  a sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow V \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$$

on  $X$ ,  $V_1$  is an elementary  
transformation of  $V$  along  $W$ .

Example: If  $C \subset X$  are above,

let  $\Omega_X(\log C)$  be the  
1 forms with logarithmic poles  
along  $C$ . Then  $\exists$

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_X(\log C) \rightarrow \Omega_X(C) \rightarrow \Omega_C(C) \rightarrow 0$$

Now let  $V$  be a  $rk. r$  bundle on  $X$ . Then  $E^*(nH)$  is globally generated for  $\forall n \gg 0$ .

We get

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^r \rightarrow E^*(nH) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

$M$  a line bundle on some curve  $C \subset X$ . Dualize and

twist by  $(nH)$  to get

$$0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(nH)^{\oplus r} \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

where  $L \in Pic(C)$ .

**Theorem:** Every  $V$  of rank  $r$  is an elementary transformation of  $\mathcal{O}_X(nH)^{\oplus r}$  along a line bundle on some curve.

**Theorem:** Given  $L \in Pic(X)$ , and integer  $C_0$ ,  $\exists$  a  $\mu$ -stable  $rk r$   $V$  with  $\det(V) \cong L$  and  $c_2(V) \geq C_0$ .

## Examples of Moduli Spaces

1) Let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  be a general hypersurface of degree 4.

Then  $X$  is a K-3 surface:

$$1) H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$$

$K_X$  is trivial, hence  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$

has dim. 1.  $\text{Pic}(X)$  generated

by  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  [restriction of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1)$  to  $X$ ].

$$\text{Let } M = M(2, \mathcal{O}_X(-1), c_2)$$

be the moduli space of  $\mu$ -stable sheaves of rank 2, det  $\mathcal{O}_X(-1)$  and  $c_2(V) = c_2$ .

$$\text{Example: } M(2, \mathcal{O}_X(-1), 3) \simeq X$$

Sketch: Let  $V \in M$ . Then  $\exists$

$x \in X$  and an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_x^3 \rightarrow I_x(1) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_x$  is the ideal sheaf of  $x$

So  $V$  determines  $x \in X$ .

Take any  $x \in X$ , let  $V_x$

be the kernel of the surjection

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{I}_x(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_x(1))$$

we check:  $V_x$  is stable,

$$\text{rk } V = 2 \text{ and } c_2(V) = 3.$$

By writing a universal family

on  $X \times M$ , we see that each

is the moduli space of the other

Example: Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be an

elliptic K-3 surface with a

section  $\sigma: \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow X$ . Put  $H =$

$\sigma + 3f$ . Put  $H_m = H + mf$ , for  $m \gg 0$

Let  $M = M(2, \mathcal{O}_X(\sigma - f), 1)$

Then  $M \cong X$ .

We check there is a unique  
non-split extension

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(f) \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(\sigma-f) \rightarrow 0$$

Fix  $x \in X$ , and put  $F := \pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$

The above sequence restricted to  $F$   
does not split, we check  $\exists!$

$$\phi: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{F, X}(2\sigma), \text{ where}$$

$\mathcal{I}_{F, X}$  is the ideal sheaf of  $X$  in  $F$ .

$$E_x := \text{ker } \phi.$$

Check that  $E_x$  is stable with  
the correct Chern classes.

To see that  $X \cong M$ , we

write down a universal  
family on  $X \times M$ .

Construction of stable bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

On  $\mathbb{P}^n$  we have a sequence the Euler sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow T_{\mathbb{P}^n} \rightarrow 0.$$

This gives on  $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$  a vector

bundle  $W$  and a section  $s \in H^0(W)$

s.t.  $Z(s) = \text{diagonal } \Delta \subset \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^n$

This in turn gives a spectral

sequence, for sheaf  $E$  on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,

$$E_{p,q} = H^q(\mathbb{P}^n, E(p)) \otimes \mathcal{R}^{-p}(-p)$$

with  $E_{\infty}^{p,q} = 0$  if  $p+q \neq 0$

and  $\bigoplus_0^n E_{\infty}^{-p,p}$  is the associated

graded of a filtration of  $E$ .

Example: Let  $E$  be a rk. 2 stable

bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with  $c_1(E) = -1$  and  $c_2(E) = 1$ .

$$0 \rightarrow E_{-2,1} \rightarrow E_{-1,1} \rightarrow E_{0,1} \rightarrow 0$$

This is a monad on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ :

a sequence of bundles  
 $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$

NOT EXACT but

$A$  a subbundle of  $B$ , and

$A \subset \ker(B \rightarrow C) := K$ .

$K/A$  is called the cohomology bundle  
 of the monad.

Continuing with our example,

we compute  $E_{-2}^1$ ,  $E_{-1}^1$  and  $E_0^1$

we get  $E \simeq \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}^1(1)$ .

Example:  $E$  be rank 2 stable on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $c_1(E) = 0$

and  $c_2(E) = 2$

we get  $E$  as the cohomology of a monad

$$\mathcal{O}(-1)^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}^1(1)^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow 0$$

Example: Let  $E$  be a rk.  $r$  stable on  $\mathbb{P}^2$

Then  $E$  is the cohomology of

$$0 \rightarrow H \otimes_{\mathbb{P}^2} (-1) \rightarrow K \otimes_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow L \otimes_{\mathbb{P}^2} (1) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $H, K, L$  are f.d.  $\mathbb{C}$

vector spaces. Here  $c_1(E) = 0$ .

$$\underline{M_{\mathbb{P}^2}(0, n)}$$

Let  $V$  be a 3 dim. space over  $\mathbb{C}$

and  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}(V)$ . Let  $E$  be a rank

2 bundle on  $\mathbb{P}$  with  $c_1(E) = 0$ ,

$c_2(E) = n$ . Again we get  $E$

is the cohomology of a monad

$$0 \rightarrow H \otimes_{\mathbb{P}} (-1) \xrightarrow{a} K \otimes_{\mathbb{P}} \xrightarrow{b} H \otimes_{\mathbb{P}} (1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$H = H^1(\mathbb{P}, E(-2)), K = H^1(\mathbb{P}, E \otimes \mathcal{O}(1))$$

$$H' = H^1(\mathbb{P}, E(-1)) \simeq H^*$$

Now  $E$  is a rk 2 bundle, with

$\det E \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}$ . So  $\exists$  an iso.

$$f: E \rightarrow E^* \text{ with } f^{\#} = -f.$$

The space  $K$  carries a non-deg. symplectic 2 form  $q: K \rightarrow K^*$  with  $q^\# = -q$ . So  $E$  is the cohomology of a self-dual monad

$$0 \rightarrow H \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-1) \xrightarrow{\alpha} K \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}} \xrightarrow{\alpha^\#} H^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \rightarrow 0$$

$\alpha \qquad \qquad \qquad \alpha^\# \circ (q \otimes \text{id})$

The map  $\alpha: H \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-1) \rightarrow K \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}$

is in  $H^0(\mathbb{P}, H^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \otimes K) =$

$H^* \otimes K \otimes V^\#$ . Regard this  $\alpha$

as an element  $\alpha: V \rightarrow L(H, K)$

So for  $v \in V$ , we get  $\alpha(v): H \rightarrow K$

$\alpha(v)^\dagger: K^* \rightarrow H^* = K \rightarrow H^*$

Satisfying 3 conditions

(E1):  $\alpha(v): H \rightarrow K$  is injective  $\forall v \neq 0$

(E2):  $\alpha(v)^\dagger \circ \alpha(v): H \rightarrow H^*$  is zero

(E3):  $\hat{\alpha}: V \otimes H \rightarrow K$  is surjective

$$\hat{\alpha}(v \otimes h) = \alpha(v)h$$

Now take  $V, H, K$  be vector spaces of dim  $3, n$  and  $2n+2$ . On  $K$  fix

a non-degenerate symplectic form

$$q: K \rightarrow K^{\#}, \quad q^{\#} = -q. \quad \text{Let } Sp(q)$$

be the associated group. Then

$G := GL(H) \times Sp(q)$  acts on

$L(V, L(H, K))$ . Let  $P = \alpha \in$

$L(V, L(H, K))$ ,  $\alpha$  has properties

(E1), (E2), (E3).  $P$  is a  $G$ -invariant

subset. Then  $P/G$  is isomorphic

to  $M_{p2}(2, 0, n)$ .

Moduli spaces of sheaves on K-3 surfaces

Let  $X$  be a K-3 surface.

We define the Euler characteristic

of the pair of sheaves  $E, F$  by :=

$$\chi(E, F) = \sum_i (-1)^i \dim Ext^i(E, F)$$

Defn: If  $V = \bigoplus_{2i} V_i \in H(X, \mathbb{Z})$   
 $= \bigoplus_i H(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $v^v := \bigoplus_{2i} (-1)^i V_i$

For example if  $V = V_0 + V_1 + V_2, V_i \in H$ ,  
 then  $v^v = V_0 - V_1 + V_2$

Lemma:  $\chi(E, F) = \int_X (\text{ch } E) \text{ch}(F) \text{td } X$

Definition: Let  $E$  be a coherent sheaf on  $X$ . Then the Mukai vector of  $E$   
 $= \text{ch}(E) \cdot \sqrt{\text{td}(X)}$ . Recall

that  $\text{ch}(E) = \text{rk } E + c_1 + \frac{1}{2}(c_1^2 - 2c_2)$

Definition Define  $(v, w)$  by

$$(v, w) = - \int v^v \cdot w$$

$(v, w)$  is a bilinear form on  $H(X, \mathbb{Q})$

For sheaves  $E$  and  $F$ , we have  $\chi(E, F)$   
 $= -(v(E), v(F))$ .

Definition: For a K-3 surface  $X$ ,  
 if  $E$  is a torsion-free sheaf, then

with  $\text{rk } E = r$ ,  $c_1(E) = c_1$ ,  $c_2(E) = c_2$ ,  
 define  $v(E) := (r, c_1, c_1^2/2 - c_2 + r)$

We use the notation  $M(v)$  for the  
 moduli space of semistable  
 torsion-free sheaves of rank  $r$ ,  
 $c_1(E) = c_1$ ,  $c_2(E) = c_2$ .

Note  $M^s$ , the moduli of stable  
 sheaves is always smooth on a  
 K3 surface!!

Theorem: If  $(v, v) + 2 = 0$ , or  
 equivalently  $(v, v) = -2$ , then if  
 $M^s$  is nonempty, then  $M$  consists of  
 a single point, locally free and  
 stable. And  $M = M^s$

Theorem: Suppose  $(v, v) = 0$ . If  
 $M^s$  has a complete irreducible  
 component  $M_1$ , then  $M_1 = M^s = M$ ,

i.e.  $M$  is irreducible and all sheaves are stable (and  $M^3$  is smooth).

Definition: Let  $Y$  be any surface

Define  $\tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Z})$  (or  $\tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Q})$ )

natural weight 2 Hodge structure

on  $\tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Z})$  given by

$$\tilde{H}^{2,0}(Y, \mathbb{C}) = H^{2,0}(Y, \mathbb{C}),$$

$$\tilde{H}^{0,2}(Y, \mathbb{C}) = H^{0,2}(Y, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{H}^{1,1}(Y, \mathbb{C}) = H^0(Y, \mathbb{C}) \oplus H^{1,1}(Y, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\oplus H^4(Y, \mathbb{C}).$$

$\tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Z})$  has a pairing given

$$\text{by } v, w \rightarrow (v, w) := - \int_X v \cdot w$$

$$H^2(Y, \mathbb{Z}) \subset \tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Z}) \text{ is}$$

compatible with the Hodge structure.

The Mukai vector  $M(v)$  is an

element of  $\tilde{H}(Y, \mathbb{Z})$  of type  $(1, 1)$

The expected dimension of  $M$  is

$2 \iff V$  is isotropic i.e.  $(V, V) = 0$

Assume now that  $V$  is an isotropic vector s.t.  $M^s$  has a complete component. Then  $M^s = M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a quasi-universal family on  $X \times M$ , of rank  $s$ .

Definition: Let  $f: H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$

$\rightarrow H^*(M, \mathbb{Q})$  and  $f': H^*(M, \mathbb{Q})$

$\rightarrow H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$  be defined by

$$f(c) = q_{\#}(\mu \cdot p^{\#}(c)) \text{ and}$$

$$f'(c) = p_{\#}(v \cdot q^{\#}(c))$$

where  $\mu := v^v(\mathcal{E})/s$  and

$$v := v(\mathcal{E})/s$$

Theorem: Let  $V$  be isotropic and

assume  $M = M^s$ . Assume  $\exists$

a universal family on  $X \times M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the universal family.

Then:

1)  $M$  is a K-3 surface

2)  $f \circ f' = 1$

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