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*K3* surfaces associated to  
a double *EPW* sextic

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## K3 surfaces

### Definition

A K3 surface is a complex, compact smooth surface

- which is simply connected
- whose canonical bundle is trivial.

K3 surfaces appear in the Enriques-Kodaira classification of complex algebraic surfaces as surfaces of Kodaira dimension 0, together with Enriques surfaces, complex tori and bielliptic surfaces.

### Definition

A  $\langle 2t \rangle$ -polarized K3 surface is a pair  $(S, H)$  where  $S$  is a K3 surface and  $H$  is a primitive ample divisor with  $H^2 = 2t$ .

## Some examples

### Proposition

*For every  $t \geq 1$ , the ample divisor  $H$  induces  $\phi_{|H|} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{t+1}$ . For  $t \geq 2$  and  $(S, H)$  general, the morphism  $\phi_{|H|}$  is a closed embedding.*

If  $(S, H)$  is general, then

$t = 2$  :  $\phi_{|H|}(S) \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  is a quartic hypersurface. Every smooth quartic hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is a K3 surface.

$t = 3$  :  $\phi_{|H|}(S) \subset \mathbb{P}^4$  is the complete intersection of a quadric and a cubic. Every such intersection is a K3 surface.

$t = 4$  :  $\phi_{|H|}(S) \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  is the complete intersection of three quadrics. Every such intersection is a K3 surface.

### Remark

These are all the K3 surfaces that can be obtained as complete intersections inside a projective space!

The case  $t = 5$ 

For  $H^2 = 10$  we have  $\phi_{|H|} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$ . Take  $H$  very ample and consider  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^6$ .

## Theorem (Saint-Donat, 1974)

*If  $S$  is cut out by quadrics, we call  $V_6 = H^0(\mathbb{P}^6, \mathcal{I}_S(2))$  the 6-dimensional space of symmetric bilinear forms associated to quadrics containing  $S$ . Then there exists*

- a hyperplane  $V_5 \subset V_6$
- an embedding  $\mathbb{P}^6 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^2 V_5)$

*such that, via the embedding,*

$$S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q(x),$$

*where  $Q(x)$  is the projective quadric hypersurface of  $\mathbb{P}^6$  associated to any  $x \in V_6 - V_5$ .*

## Gushel-Mukai varieties

### Definition

*In this situation, we say that the embedded K3 surface  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  is a (smooth) ordinary Gushel-Mukai variety of dimension 2.*

We say that  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  is *strongly smooth* if the Fano variety  $M_S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5)$  is smooth.

### Definition

*We call  $\text{Aut}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$  the group of automorphisms of  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  induced by restriction of linear automorphisms of  $\mathbb{P}^6$ .*

### Lemma (B.)

*If  $S$  is strongly smooth, the group  $\text{Aut}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$  is a finite subgroup of  $PGL(2, \mathbb{C})$ . In particular it appears in the following list*

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq 66, \quad D_n \text{ for } 2 \leq n \leq 66, \quad A_4, \quad \mathfrak{S}_4, \quad A_5.$$

# Hyperkähler manifolds

## Definition

Let  $X$  be a complex smooth variety which is compact and Kähler. We say that  $X$  is a *hyperkähler manifold* if

- it is simply connected,
- $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2) = \mathbb{C} \cdot \varphi$  i.e. there is, up to constant, one and only one holomorphic 2-form on  $X$ ,
- the rank of  $\varphi$  is maximal on every point of  $X$ .

Hyperkähler manifolds are a natural generalization of K3 surfaces.

## Remark

In dimension 2, hyperkähler manifolds coincide with K3 surfaces.

## A first example of hyperkähler 4-fold: Hilbert squares on K3 surfaces

Let  $S$  be a projective K3 surface. We call  $S^{[2]}$  the **Hilbert square on  $S$**  i.e. the scheme parametrizing 0-dimensional subschemes  $(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$  of  $S$  whose length is two.

- $S^{[2]}$  can be thought of as the blow up of  $S^{(2)} =: S^2 / \langle \mathfrak{S}_2 \rangle$  along the diagonal  $\Delta = \{2p \mid p \in S\}$ .
- outside the exceptional divisor, a point of  $S^{[2]}$  is described by a non-ordered pair  $p + q$  for  $p, q \in S, p \neq q$ .

### Theorem (Fujiki, 1983)

*The scheme  $S^{[2]}$  is a hyperkähler 4-fold.*

Let  $(S, H)$  be a polarized K3 surface.

- The ample divisor  $H \in \text{Pic}(S)$  induces a *non-ample* divisor  $H_2 \in \text{Pic}(S^{[2]})$ .
- We call  $E \in \text{Pic}(S^{[2]})$  the class of the exceptional divisor of the blowing-up  $S^{[2]} \rightarrow S^{(2)}$ . ( $E = 2\delta$  for a primitive class  $\delta \in \text{Pic}(S^{[2]})$ ).

## The definition of EPW sextics

A volume form on  $V_6 \cong \mathbb{C}^6 \rightsquigarrow$  a bilinear form  $\omega : (\bigwedge^3 V_6) \times (\bigwedge^3 V_6) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

- Let  $A \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  a Lagrangian subspace i.e.  $A \cong \mathbb{C}^{10}$  such that  $\omega|_{A \times A} = 0$ .

### Remark

We always suppose  $\mathbb{P}(A) \cap G(3, V_6) = \emptyset$  i.e.  $A$  does not contain any vector in the form  $v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge v_3$  with  $v_i \in V_6$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

We define

$$Y_A = \{[v] \in \mathbb{P}(V_6) \text{ such that } A \cap (v \wedge \bigwedge^2 V_6) \neq 0\}$$

### Proposition (O'Grady, 2006)

*The variety  $Y_A \subset \mathbb{P}(V_6)$  is a singular and normal sextic hypersurface. We call it EPW sextic.*

$\text{Sing}(Y_A)$  is an irreducible surface.



## Dual EPW sextics

Let  $A$  be a Lagrangian subspace. The orthogonal complement  $A^\perp \subset (\bigwedge^3 V_6)^\vee$  is again a Lagrangian subspace.

### Definition

The EPW sextic  $Y_{A^\perp} \subset \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee)$  is called dual EPW sextic.

The dual EPW sextic  $Y_{A^\perp}$  is the projective dual of  $Y_A$ .

## A second example of hyperkähler 4-fold: double EPW sextics

### Theorem (O'Grady 2006)

Let  $A \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  be a Lagrangian subspace and  $Y_A$  the corresponding EPW sextic. There exists a double cover  $f_A : X_A \rightarrow Y_A$  ramified over the surface  $\text{Sing}(Y_A)$ . The variety  $X_A$  is called double EPW sextic.

### Theorem (O'Grady 2006)

The set of Lagrangian subspaces  $A \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  such that  $X_A$  is smooth is open inside the space parametrizing Lagrangian subspaces inside  $\bigwedge^3 V_6$ . In this case, the **double cover  $X_A$  is a hyperkähler 4-fold** (deformation equivalent to a Hilbert square on a K3 surface).

Double EPW sextics, with a natural polarization induced by the cover structure, are a locally complete family of polarized hyperkähler 4-folds.

## The point of the situation

Let  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  be a *strongly smooth* ordinary Gushel-Mukai variety of dimension 2 (general (10)-polarized K3 surface).

We consider the Hilbert square  $S^{[2]}$ , with the linear system  $|H_2 - E|$ , where

- $H_2$  is induced by the divisor  $H \in \text{Pic}(S)$  given by the embedding  $S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$ ,
- $E$  is the class of the exceptional divisor of the blow-up  $S^{[2]} \rightarrow S^{(2)}$ .

### Proposition (O'Grady, 2010)

$H^0(S^{[2]}, H_2 - E) \cong V_6$ , the 6-dimensional space of symmetric bilinear forms associated to quadrics containing  $S$ .

*The morphism  $\phi_{|H_2 - E|}$  is everywhere defined if  $S$  does not contain lines.*

So, under these conditions, we have a morphism  $\phi_{|H_2 - E|} : S^{[2]} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee)$ .

Once we fixed a volume form on  $V_6$ , there is a family of (dual) EPW sextics in the form  $Y_{A^\perp} \subseteq \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee)$  for  $A \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  Lagrangian subspace.

## The dual EPW sextic associated to a Gushel-Mukai variety of dimension 2

- We call  $P_S \subset S^{[2]}$  the closure of the scheme parametrizing lines inside  $M_S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5)$ . We have  $P_S \cong \mathbb{P}^2$  (Iskovskih, 1977).
- For any  $C \subset S$  smooth conic, we have  $C^{(2)} \subset S^{[2]}$  with  $C^{(2)} \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ .

### Theorem (O'Grady, 2010)

1) There exists a Lagrangian subspace  $A(S) \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  such that

$$\phi_{|H_2-E|}(S^{[2]}) = Y_{A(S)^\perp} \subset \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee).$$

2) Let  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  be the smooth conics contained in  $S$ . **If  $S$  does not contain any line, then  $\phi_{|H_2-E|}$  factorizes as**

$$S^{[2]} \xrightarrow{c} X_{A(S)^\perp} \xrightarrow{f_{A(S)^\perp}} Y_{A(S)^\perp} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V_6^\vee),$$

where  $c$  is an isomorphism on the complement of  $P_S \cup C_1^{(2)} \cup \dots \cup C_N^{(2)}$ .

3) The morphism  $c$  contracts each of  $P_S, C_1^{(2)}, \dots, C_k^{(2)}$  to a point, and  $\text{Sing}(X_{A(S)^\perp}) = \{c(P_S), c(C_1^{(2)}), \dots, c(C_N^{(2)})\}$ .

## Gushel-Mukai varieties associated to the same EPW sextic

Two strongly smooth ordinary Gushel-Mukai varieties  $(S, H)$ ,  $(S', H')$  are associated to the same Lagrangian subspace,  $A(S) = A(S') =: A$ , if and only if there exists a birational map  $\alpha : S^{[2]} \dashrightarrow (S')^{[2]}$  with  $\alpha^*(H'_2 - E') = H_2 - E$  i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^{[2]} & \overset{\alpha}{\dashrightarrow} & (S')^{[2]} \\
 \downarrow c & & \downarrow c' \\
 & X_{A^\perp} & \\
 \downarrow \phi|_{H_2-E} & \downarrow f_{A^\perp} & \downarrow \phi|_{H'_2-E'} \\
 & Y_{A^\perp} & 
 \end{array}$$

commutes, see O'Grady, 2010.

### Corollary (B.)

For  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  generic between Gushel-Mukai varieties **containing a conic**, there is exactly one 2-dimensional Gushel-Mukai variety  $S'$  non isomorphic to  $S$  such that  $A(S) = A(S')$ .

## Some questions

As  $S$  is strongly smooth, we have  $\mathbb{P}(A(S)) \cap G(3, V_6) = \mathbb{P}(A(S)^\perp) \cap G(3, V_6^\vee) = \emptyset$  (Debarre, Kuznetsov, 2015).

### Remark

$X_{A(S)^\perp}$  is never a hyperkähler manifold, since  $c(P_S) \in \text{Sing}(X_{A(S)^\perp})$ . A priori, we do not know if the double EPW sextic  $X_{A(S)}$  is.

### First question

*Can we give conditions on  $S$  to have  $X_{A(S)}$  smooth, hence hyperkähler?*

### Second question

*Can we get rid of the additional hypothesis " $S$  does not contain lines"?*

## Some answers

### Theorem (B.)

*If  $S = \mathbb{P}^6 \cap G(2, V_5) \cap Q$  contains a line, then  $X_{A(S)}$  is not a hyperkähler manifold. Moreover, if  $S$  contains neither a line nor an elliptic pencil of degree 5, then  $X_{A(S)}$  is a hyperkähler manifold.*

## A modular point of view

The conditions we found can be described as divisorial conditions on the moduli space  $\mathcal{K}_{10}$  of  $\langle 10 \rangle$ -polarized K3 surfaces.

We consider on  $\mathcal{K}_{10}$  the divisor

$\mathcal{D}_{x,y} = \{(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10} \text{ such that there is a primitive sublattice}$

$\mathbb{Z}H + \mathbb{Z}D \subseteq \text{Pic}(S) \text{ whose Gram matrix is } \begin{bmatrix} 10 & x \\ x & y \end{bmatrix}\}.$

### Corollary (B.)

*Consider  $(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10}$ . If  $(S, H) \notin \mathcal{D}_{h,0}$  for  $h = 1, \dots, 5$  and  $(S, H) \notin \mathcal{D}_{1,-2}$ , then  $X_{A(S)}$  is a hyperkähler manifold.*



# Automorphisms

## Definition

*An automorphism  $\sigma$  on a hyperkähler manifold is said to be symplectic if it acts trivially on a 2-form on the manifold. Otherwise  $\sigma$  is non-symplectic.*

Consider  $(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10}$  with associated Lagrangian subspace  $A(S) \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$ . We choose  $(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10}$  such that the double EPW sextic  $X_{A(S)}$  is a hyperkähler manifold.

We are interested in the biregular automorphisms of  $X_{A(S)}$ .

## Remark

There is an inclusion  $\text{Aut}(S, \mathbb{P}^6) \subset \text{Aut}(Y_{A(S)})$ , described by Debarre and Kuznetsov, 2015.

## Lifting groups of automorphisms to double $EPW$ sextics

We denote by  $\text{Aut}_{\iota_A}(X_A)$  the group of biregular automorphisms of  $X_A$  commuting with the covering involution  $\iota_A$ . There is a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \{\text{id}, \iota_A\} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\iota_A}(X_A) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Y_A) \rightarrow 1,$$

see Debarre, Kuznetsov, 2015.

Let  $A \subset \bigwedge^3 V_6$  be a Lagrangian subspace with associated  $EPW$  sextic  $Y_A$ . Take  $A$  such that  $X_A$  is a hyperkähler manifold.

### Proposition (Mongardi, 2013)

*Consider  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(Y_A)$ . If  $G$  acts trivially on a section of  $K_{Y_A}$ , then  $G$  lifts to a symplectic action on  $X_A$ .*

### Proposition (B.)

*Consider  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(Y_A)$ . If  $G$  has odd order, then  $G$  lifts to an action on  $X_A$ . Moreover, for every  $\alpha \in G$  the lifting of  $\alpha$  acts as a  $n$ -th root of the identity on a 2-form on  $X_A$  if and only if  $\alpha$  acts as a  $n$ -th root on a section of  $K_{Y_A}$ .*

## Automorphisms of EPW sextics associated to K3 surfaces

Consider  $(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10}$  such that the double EPW sextic  $X_{A(S)}$  is a hyperkähler manifold. We have  $\phi_{|H|} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$ .

### Definition

We call  $\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{C}}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$  the group of automorphisms of  $S$

- induced by  $\mathbb{P}^6$ , i.e. contained in  $\text{Aut}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$ ,
- that send every conic inside  $S$  in itself.

$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{C}}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$  appears in the following list

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq 66, \quad D_n \text{ for } 2 \leq n \leq 66, \quad A_4, \quad \mathfrak{S}_4 \quad A_5.$$

### Theorem (B.)

There is an exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{C}}(S, \mathbb{P}^6) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Y_{A(S)}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_{N+1},$$

where  $N$  is the number of conics on  $S$ .

## Symplecticity of automorphisms

Consider  $(S, H) \in \mathcal{K}_{10}$  such that the double EPW sextic  $X_{A(S)}$  is a hyperkähler manifold.

### Proposition (B.)

*For any  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(S, \mathbb{P}^6)$ , the induced action on  $Y_{A(S)}$*

- *lifts to a symplectic action on  $X_{A(S)}$  if and only if  $\sigma$  is symplectic,*
- *lifts to an automorphism that acts as a  $n$ -th root of the identity if and only if  $\sigma$  do.*

## Inducing automorphisms

There is a lot of literature on automorphisms of  $K3$  surfaces, for example actions of cyclic groups of prime order on  $K3$  surfaces are classified, both

- symplectic (Nikulin, 1979 - van Geemen, Sarti, 2007 - Sarti, Garbagnati, 2007) and
- non-symplectic (Nikulin, 1979 - Artebani, Sarti, 2008 - Artebani, Sarti, Taki, 2011).

### Corollary (B.)

*Let  $p = 2, 3, 5$ . We can induce a symplectic action of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  on a family of (hyperkähler) double EPW sextics associated to a family of  $K3$  surfaces.*

**Thanks for your attention!**