

# General type results for moduli of hyperkähler varieties

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## Goal:

Give new general type results for moduli of hyperkähler varieties and explain challenges for extending.

## Main references:

Gritsenko–Hulek–Sankaran (GHS) 2007, 2010, 2011

## Plan:

1. Kodaira dimension & hyperkähler varieties
  2. Results
  3. Sketch proof
  4. Comments on proof
- ▶ Everything over  $\mathbb{C}$

## Kodaira dimension

Let  $X$  be a smooth connected complete variety,  $\omega_X = \wedge^{\dim X} \Omega_X$ .  
Let  $P_m := \dim H^0(X, \omega_X^{\otimes m})$ . The *Kodaira dimension* of  $X$  is

$$\kappa(X) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } P_m = 0 \text{ for all } m > 0; \\ \text{otherwise, the minimal } k \text{ s.t. } \frac{P_m}{m^k} \text{ is bounded} & \\ & \text{(i.e. } P_m \text{ grows like } m^k) \end{cases}$$

1.  $\kappa(X)$  is a birational invariant
  - ▶ for  $X$  singular (non-complete), define  $\kappa(X) := \kappa(X')$  for  $X'$  a desingularization (completion) of  $X$
2.  $\kappa(X) \in \{-\infty, 0, 1, \dots, \dim(X)\}$

$X$  is of *general type* if  $\kappa(X) = \dim(X)$ .

## Examples

- ▶ If  $C$  is a curve, then 
$$\begin{cases} \kappa(C) = -\infty & \iff g(C) = 0 \\ \kappa(C) = 0 & \iff g(C) = 1 \\ \kappa(C) = 1 & \iff g(C) > 1 \end{cases}$$
- ▶  $\kappa(\mathbb{P}^n) = -\infty$ . More generally,  $\kappa(X) = -\infty$  if  $X$  is *unirational*, i.e. there is a dominant rational map  $\mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$ .
- ▶ Severi (1915): the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g$  of curves of genus  $g$  is unirational when  $g \leq 10$
- ▶ Harris, Mumford, Eisenbud (1980s):  $\mathcal{M}_g$  is of general type when  $g \geq 24$
- ▶ Y.-S. Tai (1982): The moduli  $\mathcal{A}_g$  of principally polarized abelian varieties of dim.  $g$  is of general type when  $g \geq 9$ 
  - ▶ Main ingredient: *Siegel modular forms*

# Hyperkähler varieties

A *hyperkähler* (HK) variety is a smooth projective variety  $X$  s.t.

1.  $X$  is simply connected
2.  $H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$  is generated by a non-degenerate 2-form.

- ▶  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$  is even
- ▶  $\omega_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$
- ▶  $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  is torsion-free & has non-deg. symmetric bilinear form

$$q_X = ( , ): H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \times H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

i.p.  $(H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}), q_X)$  is a *lattice*.

A *polarization* on  $X$  is a primitive ample class  $h \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .  
The *degree* of  $h$  is  $h^2 = q_X(h, h) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Dimension 2

A HK variety of dim. 2 is called a *K3 surface* (quartic in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  branched in sextic, ...)

**Theorem (Piatetskii-Shapiro, Shafarevich 1971)**

*For any  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , there is a coarse moduli space  $\mathcal{F}_{2d}$  of polarized K3 surfaces of degree  $2d$ .*

**Remark:**  $\mathcal{F}_{2d}$  is a 19-dimensional irreducible quasi-projective variety with only finite quotient singularities.

**Theorem (GHS 2007)**

*For  $d > 61$  and  $d \in \{46, 50, 54, 57, 58, 60\}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{2d}$  is of general type.*

► Main ingredient: *orthogonal modular forms*

## Dimension $> 2$

Some HK varieties:

1.  $X = \text{Hilb}^n(S)$  for a K3 surface  $S \rightsquigarrow \dim X = 2n$
2.  $X = \text{Kum}^n(A)$  *generalized Kummer*: fibre of summation map  $\text{Hilb}^{n+1}(A) \rightarrow A$  for abelian surface  $A \rightsquigarrow \dim X = 2n$
3. 2 examples by O'Grady:
  - ▶ OG10: 10-dim'l example obtained from moduli of sheaves on K3
  - ▶ OG6: 6-dim'l ex. obtained from moduli of sheaves on abelian sfc

All known HK varieties are deformation equivalent to one of these.  
We say  $X$  is of  $\text{K3}^{[n]}$  type / OG10 type / ...

## Moduli of HK varieties

The *divisibility*  $\text{div}(h)$  of  $h$  is the number  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that  $\{q_X(h, w) \mid w \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})\} = n\mathbb{Z}$ .

►  $\text{deg} + \text{div}$  fixes  $O(H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}))$ -orbit of  $h$

### Theorem (GHS 2010)

*There is a coarse moduli space  $M_{2d, \gamma}^{[n]}$  ( $M_{2d, \gamma}^{\text{OG10}}$ ) of pairs  $(X, h)$  where  $X$  is HK of  $K3^{[n]}$  type (OG10 type) and  $h$  is a polarization on  $X$  with  $h^2 = 2d$  &  $\text{div}(h) = \gamma$ .*

**Remark:** If  $M_{2d, \gamma}^{[n]} \neq \emptyset$  ( $M_{2d, \gamma}^{\text{OG10}} \neq \emptyset$ ), each connected component is an irreducible quasi-projective variety of dim. 20 (21) with finite quotient singularities.



Apostolov, GHS:

- ▶  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[2]}$  is connected, and non-empty iff  $\begin{cases} \gamma = 1, \text{ or} \\ \gamma = 2 \ \& \ d \equiv -1 \end{cases} \quad (4)$
- ▶  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{\text{OG10}}$  is nonempty iff  $\gamma = 1$ , or  $\gamma = 3 \ \& \ d \equiv -3 \pmod{9}$ .

Theorem (GHS 2010/2011, “split” case)

- i)  $M_{2d,1}^{[2]}$  is of general type when  $d \geq 12$
- ii) Every component of  $M_{2d,1}^{\text{OG10}}$  is of general type when  $d \neq 2^n$

Theorem (BBBF, “non-split” case)

- i)  $M_{2d,2}^{[2]}$  is of general type when  $d = 4c - 1$  with  $c \geq 12$  or  $c = 10$
- ii) All components of  $M_{2d,3}^{\text{OG10}}$  are of general type when  $d = 9k - 3$  with  $k \geq 4$

## Idea of proof, for $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[2]}$

Let  $(X, h) \in M_{2d,\gamma}^{[2]}$

1. Let  $\Lambda_h :=$  lattice isometric to  $h^\perp \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Then  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[2]}$  is a dense open of  $\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda_h} := \mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h)/\tilde{O}(\Lambda_h)$ , where

$$\mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h) = \{x \in \mathbb{P}(\Lambda_h \otimes \mathbb{C}) \mid x^2 = 0, (x, \bar{x}) > 0\}$$

$$\tilde{O}(\Lambda_h) = \{g \in O(\Lambda_h) \mid g \text{ induces id on } \Lambda_h^\vee/\Lambda_h\}.$$

2. GHS: there is a “nice” compactification  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Lambda_h}$  of  $\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda_h}$ , i.p.  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Lambda_h}$  has canonical singularities.

Let  $Y$  be a desingularization of  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Lambda_h}$ .

3. On  $\mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h)$  canonical forms can be obtained from modular forms.

A modular form of weight  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and character  $\chi: \tilde{O}(\Lambda_h) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a holomorphic function  $F: \mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h)^\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

- i)  $F(\lambda \cdot Z) = \lambda^{-k} F(Z)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$
- ii)  $F(g(Z)) = \chi(g) F(Z)$ ,  $g \in \tilde{O}(\Lambda_h)$  (“modularity”)

4. Such  $F$  gives  $\tilde{O}(\Lambda_h)$ -invariant pluricanonical form on  $\mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h)$ ; get pluricanonical form  $s_F$  on

$$\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda_h} \setminus (\text{branch locus of } \mathcal{D}(\Lambda_h) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\Lambda_h}) \subset \overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Lambda_h, \text{reg}} \subset Y$$

5. “Low weight cusp form trick”:  $F$  of weight  $a < 20$ ,  $\chi = \det$ , vanishing along boundary (*cusp form*) & ramification locus.

Then for all  $G$  of weight  $(20 - a)m$ ,  $\chi = 1$ , the form  $s_F^m G$  extends to an element of  $H^0(Y, \omega_Y^{\otimes m})$ .

Fact: the dimension of the space of these  $G$  grows like  $m^{20}$ .

6. Trick to find cusp form: use embedding  $\varphi: \Lambda_h \hookrightarrow \Lambda_{2,26}$ .  
There is a cusp form  $\Phi_{12}$  for  $O(\Lambda_{2,26})$  of weight 12,  $\chi = \det$ .  
GHS: the “quasi-pullback” of  $\Phi_{12}$  along  $\varphi$  is a cusp form of weight  $< 20$  if

$$0 < \#\{v \in \varphi(\Lambda_h)^\perp \mid v^2 = -2\} < 16 \quad (1)$$

7. Left to do: find embedding  $\varphi: \Lambda_h \hookrightarrow \Lambda_{2,26}$  satisfying (1).

## What about other HK moduli?

For  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{\text{OG10}}$ : similar but for  $\gamma = 1$ , replace  $\tilde{O}(\Lambda_h)$  by bigger group  $G$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  choose  $\Lambda_h \hookrightarrow \Lambda_{2,26}$  s.t.  $\Phi_{12}|_{\Lambda_h}$  is modular w.r.t.  $G$

For  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[n]}$  with  $n > 2$ :

- ▶ When  $\gamma = 1, 2$ , have to replace  $\tilde{O}(\Lambda_h)$  with bigger group  $G$ .
  - need modularity w.r.t  $G$ ;
  - there can be “irregular cusps”: makes comparing cusp forms and canonical forms harder.
- S. Ma (2018):
  1. “refined” low weight cusp form trick;
  2. irregular cusps are rare ( $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[2]}$ ,  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{\text{OG10}}$ )
- [BBBF]: For  $M_{2d,\gamma}^{[n]}$  with  $n > 2$ , they are still “rare enough”
- ▶ Extra variable  $n$

## Uniformicity of lower bound

### Theorem (BLMNPS 2021)

*For any pair  $(a, b)$  of coprime integers, there is a unirational 20-dimensional locally complete family of polarized HK varieties of  $K3^{[n+1]}$  type where  $n = a^2 - ab + b^2$  and*

$$(\text{degree, divisibility}) = \begin{cases} (6n, 2n) & \text{if } 3 \nmid n \\ (\frac{2n}{3}, \frac{2n}{3}) & \text{if } 3 \mid n \end{cases}$$

[BBBF]: several more such series of unirational families

**Corollary:** There is no  $d_0$  such that for all  $n$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $M_{2d, \gamma}^{[n]}$  is of general type for all  $d > d_0$ .