

Fano varieties from homogeneous vector bundles

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- dim 1: \mathbb{P}^1 .
- dim 2: 10 families: $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, $\text{Bl}_p \mathbb{P}^2$, $|p| \leq 8$ (del Pezzo).
- dim 3: 105 (17+88 according to ρ) (Iskovskikh, Mori–Mukai).
- dim ≥ 4 ? (although many examples known, cf. Batyrev, Coates, Galkin, Kalashnikov, Kasprzyk, Küchle, Prince, Strangeway, etc)

There are many ongoing projects attempting to classify Fano 4-folds in dimension 4 (e.g. using Mirror Symmetry), but no final picture yet.

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- $\iota_X = n - 2$ & $\rho_X = 1$: X is called *Mukai manifold* (classified).
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As we can see, the first outstanding case is for Fano 4-folds of index $\iota_X = 1$. This project has three main aims.

Aim

- *Produce many new examples in dimension 4, index 1.*
- *Establish a dictionary between the (biregular) list of examples and the (birational) Mori–Mukai-style language.*
- *(in higher dimension) Construct Fano with special Hodge-theoretical properties, and link with hyperkähler geometry.*

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When $G/P = \text{Gr}(k, n)$ a typical example is \mathcal{E} completely reducible, that is $\mathcal{E} = \bigoplus \Sigma_\alpha \mathcal{U} \otimes \Sigma_\beta \mathcal{Q}$ on $\text{Gr}(k, n)$, with \mathcal{U} the rank k tautological, \mathcal{Q} the rank $n - k$ quotient.

Advantages:

- Abundance of examples;
- Classification (of Fano of this type) can be reduced to a combinatorial problem;
- Easy to compute invariants (e.g. Hodge numbers) using Borel–Bott–Weil and Koszul complex.

Remark: All complete intersections are examples, but there are much more!

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- \mathbb{V}_5 , $(\frac{-K_X}{2})^3 = 5$. $(\text{Gr}(2, 5), \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 3})$;
- X_6 , $-K_X^3 = 10$. $(\text{Gr}(2, 5), \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}(2))$.
- X_7 , $-K_X^3 = 12$. $(\text{Gr}(5, 10), \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{U}^\vee \oplus \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{2})^{\oplus 7})$ or $(\text{Gr}(2, 5), \mathcal{U}^\vee(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1))$.
- X_8 , $-K_X^3 = 14$. $(\text{Gr}(2, 6), \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 5})$.
- X_9 , $-K_X^3 = 16$. $(\text{Gr}(3, 6), \wedge^2 \mathcal{U}^\vee \oplus \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 3})$.
- X_{10} , $-K_X^3 = 18$. $(\text{Gr}(2, 7), \mathcal{Q}^\vee(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 2})$.
- X_{12} , $-K_X^3 = 22$. $(\text{Gr}(3, 7), (\wedge^2 \mathcal{U}^\vee)^{\oplus 3})$.

Question: Do we obtain all (classified) Fano varieties in this way?

Answer: Yes. Classical in dimension 1 and 2. In dimension 3, the case of non-prime Fano 3-folds ($\rho_X > 1$), there are 88 cases left. The original classification by Mori–Mukai was completed using Mori Theory. These Fano are in most cases described in terms of blow up of curves or point in other Fano with lower Picard rank. This description however is difficult to generalise in dimension > 3 .

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Coates, Corti, Galkin and Kasprzyk (2013) rewrote Mori–Mukai classification. They were able to describe all Fano 3-folds as zero locus $(V // G, \mathcal{F})$, with the aim of computing the quantum periods. In many cases, their model of choice was a complete intersection in a toric variety.

As a first step, we decide to rewrite once again the Mori–Mukai classification. We wanted to check if we could describe the general element of each of 105 families taking as ambient variety only Grassmannians. This can be considered a test on the applicability of our tool in higher dimension.

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Remark: In few cases we needed to use weighted projective spaces (as in the case of 3-folds). Also, in some cases we needed to use homogeneous bundles which are not completely reducible.

Example: Fano 3-fold 2-16.

- *Birational:* Blow up of the complete intersection of two quadrics in \mathbb{P}^5 in a conic C .
- *Biregular:* $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \text{Gr}(2, 4), \mathcal{U}_{\text{Gr}(2,4)}^\vee(1, 0) \oplus \mathcal{O}(0, 2))$.

Example: Fano 3-fold 4-4.

- *Birational:* Blow up of a three dimensional quadric in two points and in the proper transform of a conic through the points.
- *Biregular:* $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^4, \mathcal{O}(1, 1, 0) \oplus \mathcal{O}(0, 0, 2) \oplus \mathcal{Q}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(0, 0, 1))$.

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- 1 Run a search to enumerate all the possible 3-folds that can be found as (G, \mathcal{F}) with $c_1(-K_G \otimes \det(\mathcal{F})) < 0$.
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E.g. in 2–16 above one first check compute that $c_1(K_G \otimes \det(\mathcal{F})) = -h_1 - h_2$. Then we compute by Riemann-Roch and Koszul complex that the invariants of X satisfy $h^0(-K_X) = 14$, $-K_X^3 = 22$, $h^{1,1}(X) = h^{2,2}(X) = 2$. To match this candidate with the actual Fano we can use the following lemma:

Lemma

$\text{Bl}_{\text{Gr}(k-1, n-1)} \text{Gr}(k, n) \cong (\text{Gr}(k, n-1) \times \text{Gr}(k, n), \mathcal{O} \boxtimes \mathcal{U}^\vee)$ where the centre of the blow up $\text{Gr}(k-1, n-1)$ is identified with $(\text{Gr}(k, n), \mathcal{O})$.

In particular $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \text{Gr}(2, 4), \mathcal{U}_{\text{Gr}(2,4)}^\vee(1, 0))$ gives the blow up of $\text{Gr}(2, 4)$ in \mathbb{P}^2 . The extra $\mathcal{O}(0, 2)$ section cut the $\text{Gr}(2, 4)$ in an extra quadric, and \mathbb{P}^2 in a conic!

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2. Similarly, we are currently producing large list of examples of Fano 4-folds in product of Grassmannians, with similar associated description. Of course we will have to cross-check these data with the existing DB of Fano (e.g. Batyrev, Coates, Kalashnikov, Kasprzyk, Prince, etc.) to see how many new examples are there.

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Moving away from dimension 4 only, there is another class of Fano varieties we are particularly interested in!

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Example

- A smooth cubic fourfold $X_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ with Hodge diamond

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 0 & & 1 & & 21 & & 1 & & 0 \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & & & 0 & & 1 & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & & 1
 \end{array}$$

- A 20-fold hypersurface $W_\sigma \subset \text{Gr}(3, 10)$, where $\sigma \in \bigwedge^3 V_{10}^\vee$.

Why are these varieties interesting? Our main motivation lies in the study of IHS (Irreducible Holomorphic Symplectic) varieties (a.k.a. hyperkähler). Recall that these are varieties with $\pi_1(X) \cong \{*\}$ and such that $H^0(\Omega_X^2) \cong \mathbb{C} \cdot \sigma_X$, σ_X non-degenerate. Unlike Fano varieties, it is not clear if they are bounded or not, but examples are extremely rare (two classes by Beauville, two by O'Grady).

Idea

To a family of FK3 one expects to associate (many) examples of IHS, of different degree, dimension and even deformation type. But FK3 varieties are easier to hunt than IHS!

Example

BD $X_3 \subset \mathbb{P}^5 \rightsquigarrow F_1(X_3) \subset \text{Gr}(2, 6)$. $F_1(X_3)$ is an IHS 4-fold, $\overset{\text{def}}{\sim} \text{Hilb}^2(S_8)$. One can describe $F_1(X_3) = (\text{Gr}(2, 6), \text{Sym}^3 \mathcal{U}^\vee)$.

DV $W_\sigma \subset \text{Gr}(3, 10) \rightsquigarrow Z_\sigma \subset \text{Gr}(6, 10)$ as space of $\text{Gr}(3, 6) \subset W_\sigma$.
 $Z_\sigma \overset{\text{def}}{\sim} \text{Hilb}^2(S_{12})$. One can describe $Z = (\text{Gr}(6, 10), \wedge^3 \mathcal{U}^\vee)$.

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Strategy: Translate the properties of *having a K3 structure* into relation between numerical invariants of Fano varieties. An example of such condition goes as follows:

Example

Let Y be a Fano $2t + 1$ -fold of index $\iota_Y = m$, such $t|m$. Assume that $lv(H^{2t+1}(Y)) \leq 1$ (+ some extra vanishing condition). Then a general element of $|-\frac{1}{t}K_Y|$ is a FK3.

It turns out that one can discover many more FK3! Below I recap the first result on this topic (more to come soon)

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Let us focus on some of the most interesting FK3.

- 1 $X = (\text{Gr}(3, 9), \Lambda^2 U^\vee \oplus \mathcal{O}(1))$. 14-fold of $\iota_X = 6$ with $1 \times$ K3 structure in H^{14} . Given by $(\sigma, \omega) \in \Lambda^3 V_9^\vee \oplus \Lambda^2 V_9^\vee$. [IM]
- 2 $Y = (\text{Gr}(3, 8), (\Lambda^2 U^\vee)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}(1))$. 8-fold of $\iota_X = 3$ with $1 \times$ K3 structure in H^8 . Given by $(\sigma, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Lambda^3 V_8^\vee \oplus \Lambda^2 V_8^\vee \oplus \Lambda^2 V_8^\vee$.
- 3 $T = (\text{Gr}(2, 10), \mathcal{Q}^\vee(1))$. 8-fold $\iota_X = 3$ with $3 \times$ K3 structure in $H^{6,8,10}$. Given by $\sigma \in \Lambda^3 V_{10}^\vee$.
- 4 $HT(\text{Gr}(2, 10), \mathcal{Q}^\vee(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1))$. 7-fold $\iota_X = 2$ with $2 \times$ K3 structure in $H^{6,8}$, $1 \times$ 3CY in H^7 .
- 5 $P \subset \mathbb{P}^9$, 6-fold $\iota_X = 3$ with $3 \times$ K3 structure in $H^{4,6,8}$. Given by $\sigma \in \Lambda^3 V_{10}^\vee$ (as degeneracy locus).

h^0	1			h^0	1			h^0	1			h^0	1			
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Turns out that the DV hyperkähler 4-fold can be reconstructed from each of the above varieties! The latter can be obtained as the parameter space for $SGr(3, 6) \subset X$ [IM], $(\mathbb{P}^1)^3 \subset Y$ [FM], $C_1 \subset T$ [FM], $C_2 \subset P$ [H], where C_1 and C_2 are certain rational special fourfolds (resp. threefolds).

Question: Can we obtain the DV from the above Fano as (G, \mathcal{F}) ? (Yes for X, Y , not known for the others yet).

Turns out that the above FK3 are related not via the DV 4-fold. Although very different varieties, their Hodge structure is the one coming from the linear section $W_\sigma \subset \text{Gr}(3, 10)$, spread and multiplied to all these varieties through a very specific set of correspondences. Namely we have the following.

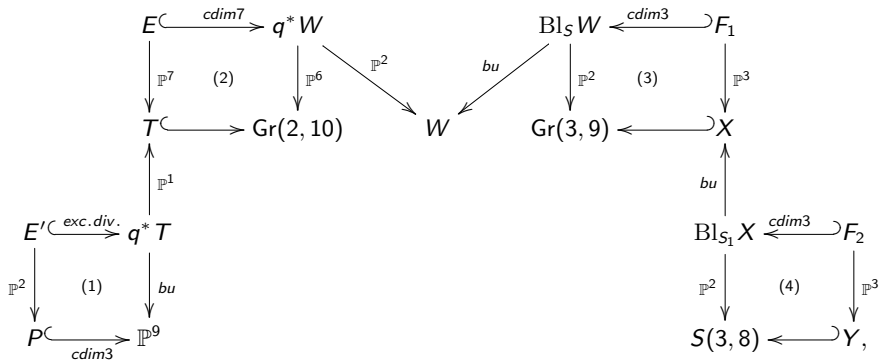
Theorem (Bernardara,–,Manivel)

Let $K := H_{van}^{20}(W_\sigma)$. Then $K \cong H_{van}^{14}(X) \cong H_{van}^8(Y)$ and $K \cong H_{prim}^i(T) \cong H_{prim}^j(P)$, $i = 6, 8, 10$, $j = 4, 6, 8$.

We have a similar statement for the derived category as well, with the Kuznetsov component A_W of $D^b(W)$ playing the role of the vanishing cohomology. We can predict the shapes of the semiorthogonal decomposition, as well as who should be the exceptional objects. However their number ($> 100!$) means that this is likely to be very hard to prove!

A diagram of correspondences

An idea of how this works, starting from $W = (\text{Gr}(3, 10), \mathcal{O}(1))$:



Thanks for the attention!