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# **K-moduli stacks and K-moduli spaces of Fano varieties can be singular**

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## Plan of the talk

- Fano varieties and their moduli/deformations
- Good moduli spaces and  $K$ -moduli
- An example where  $K$ -moduli have several branches
- An example where  $K$ -moduli is a fat point

$/\mathbb{C}$

**Fano**: normal projective variety  $X$  with  $-K_X$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier and ample

For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ ,

$\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}$  = stack of Fano  $n$ -folds with anticanonical volume  $V$

$\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}: (\text{Schemes})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Groupoids})$

$\forall T$  scheme

$\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}(T) := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X} \rightarrow T \text{ flat, proper, of finite presentation s.t.} \\ \bullet \text{ fibres are Fano } n\text{-folds with volume } V \\ \bullet \text{ Kollár condition / } \mathbb{Q}\text{-Gorenstein (qG) families} \end{array} \right\}$

$\hookrightarrow$  automatically satisfied if the fibres of  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$  are Gorenstein

$X$  Fano,  $\dim X = n$ ,  $(-K_X)^n = V \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad [X] \in \mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}(\mathbb{C})$ .

The local structure of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}$  at the point  $[X]$  is controlled by the action of  $\text{Aut}(X)$  on the functor of infinitesimal deformations of  $X$ :  
 $\text{Def}_X: (\text{Fat points})^{\text{op}} = (\text{Local finite } \mathbb{C}\text{-algebras}) \longrightarrow (\text{Sets})$

$\text{Def}_X(T) := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X} \rightarrow T \text{ flat, proper, of finite type s.t.} \\ \bullet \text{ the closed fibre is } X \\ \bullet \text{ Kollár condition / } \mathbb{Q}\text{-Gorenstein (qG) families} \end{array} \right\}$

*restriction of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Fano}}$*  *set of isom. class*

$\mathbb{T}_X^1 = \text{Ext}^1(\Omega_X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is the tangent space of  $\text{Def}_X = \text{Def}_X(\mathbb{C}[t]/(t^2))$   
 $\mathbb{T}_X^2 = \text{Ext}^2(\Omega_X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is an obstruction space of  $\text{Def}_X$

deformations of  $X$  are unobstructed

- $X$  smooth Fano  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{Def}_X$  smooth

*Proof:*  $n = \dim X$ .  $T_X = \Omega_X^{n-1} \otimes \omega_X^\vee$ .  $\mathbb{T}_X^2 = H^2(T_X) = 0$  by Kodaira–Nakano vanishing.  $\square$

$$\text{Ext}^2(\Omega_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{O}_X, T_X)$$

- $\dim X = 2$ ,  $X$  Fano with cyclic quotient singularities  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{Def}_X$  smooth [Odaka–Spotti–Sun, Akhtar–Coates–Corti–Heuberger–Kasprzyk–Oneto–P.–Prince–Tveiten]

- $\dim X = 3$ ,  $X$  Fano with terminal singularities  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{Def}_X$  smooth [Namikawa, Sano]

$$d=8 \quad dP_8 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^8 \quad \frac{\mathbb{C}[t]}{(t^2)}$$

But:

- $\exists$  obstructed Fano 3-folds with Gorenstein canonical singularities, e.g. the projective cone over  $dP_d \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$  for  $d \in \{8, 7, 6\}$  [Altmann]

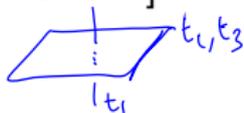
$$dP_8 = \mathbb{F}_1$$

anticanonically

del Pezzo surface of degree  $d$

$$d=6: \quad dP_6 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^6$$

$$\frac{\mathbb{C}[t_1, t_2, t_3]}{(t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3)}$$



*Artin*  
 $\mathcal{M}$  algebraic stack of finite type over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

[Alper] A **good moduli space** for  $\mathcal{M}$  is a morphism  $\phi: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow M$  such that

- $M$  is an algebraic space,
- $\phi_*: \mathrm{QCoh}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathrm{QCoh}(M)$  is exact,
- $\mathcal{O}_M = \phi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

*generalisation of  
COARSE MODULI  
SPACES for  
Deligne-Mumford  
stacks.*

### Example

A  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra of finite type with an action of a reductive group  $G$ .

Then

$[\mathrm{Spec} A / G]$   $\longrightarrow \mathrm{Spec} A^G$  is a good moduli space.

*stack theoretic quotient*

This is the local structure of every good moduli space (Luna étale slice theorem [Alper–Hall–Rydh])

[Tian, Donaldson, ...] There exist notions of **K-semistable**/**K-polystable**/**K-stable** klt Fano variety

Related to existence of Kähler–Einstein metrics on Fano varieties

$\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{Kss} \subset \mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{Fano}$  substack made up of families  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$  where all fibres are klt and K-semistable

Theorem (Alper, Blum, Fujita, Halpern-Leistner, Li, Liu, Odaka, Spotti, Sun, Wang, Xu, Zhuang, ...)

$\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{Kss}$  is an algebraic stack of finite type over  $\mathbb{C}$  and admits a good moduli space  $M_{n,V}^{Kps}$ , which is a separated algebraic space of finite type over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Moreover,  $M_{n,V}^{Kps}(\mathbb{C})$  is the set of K-polystable Fano  $n$ -folds with anticanonical volume  $V$ .

K-moduli space

## Question

What are the geometric properties of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Kss}}$  and of  $M_{n,V}^{\text{Kps}}$ ?  
Are these smooth?

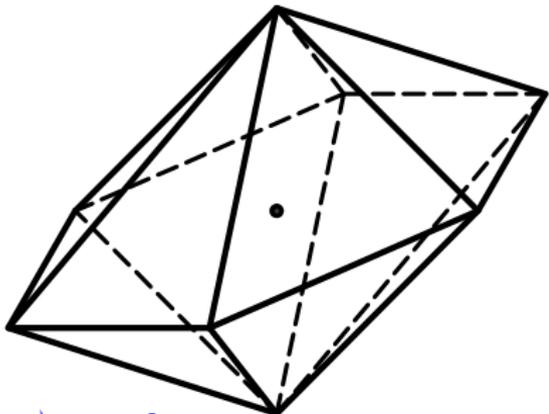
## Example [Liu–Xu]

For cubic 3-folds: K-stability = GIT-stability.

## Goal of this talk

Via toric geometry, show examples where  $\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Kss}}$  and  $M_{n,V}^{\text{Kps}}$  are not unibranch or not reduced.

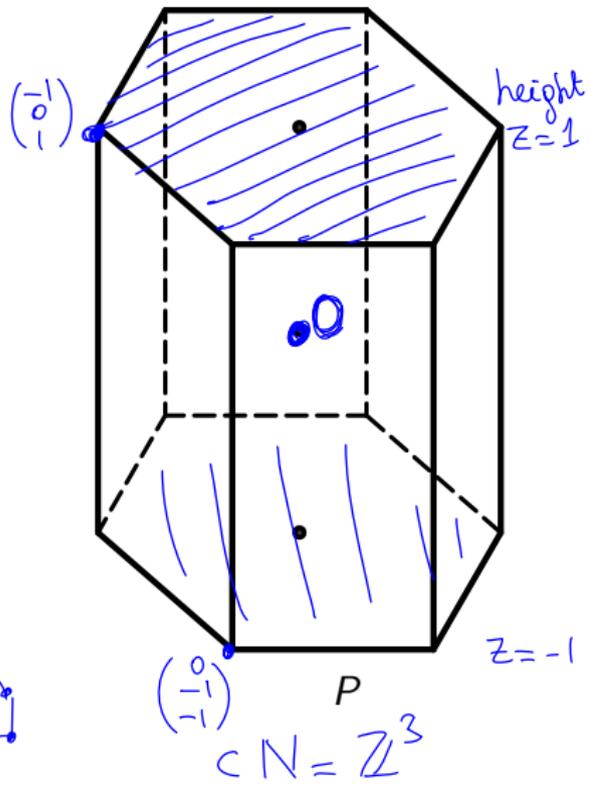
$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: M \times N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   
 $M_{\mathbb{R}} \times N_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



$Q$  is the polar of  $P$ :  
 $Q = \{x \in M_{\mathbb{R}} \mid \forall y \in P, \langle x, y \rangle \geq -1\}$

$Q$

$M = \text{Hom}(N, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^3$



$P$

$C N = \mathbb{Z}^3$

- $\Sigma =$  face fan of  $P =$  normal fan of  $Q$
- $X =$  toric variety associated to  $\Sigma$
- $Q$  is the moment polytope of  $(X, -K_X)$

the barycentre of  $Q$  is the origin [Berman]

### Theorem [Kaloghiros–P.]

- $X$  is a K-polystable Fano 3-fold with Gorenstein canonical singularities and degree  $(-K_X)^3 = 12$ .

↪ volume of the polytope  $Q$

- $\text{Def}_X \simeq \text{Spf } \mathbb{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_{24}]] / (t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_4 t_5, t_4 t_6)$ .

- $X$  deforms to the following 3 smooth Fano 3-folds as follows.

dim 22	→ On $(t_1 = t_4 = 0)$	<u>MM<sub>2-6</sub></u>	$\rho = 2$	$h^{1,2} = 9$
dim 21	→ On $(t_1 = t_5 = t_6 = 0)$	$V_{12}$	$\rho = 1$	$h^{1,2} = 7$
	↘ On $(t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = 0)$	$V_{12}$	$\rho = 1$	$h^{1,2} = 7$
dim 20	→ On $(t_2 = t_3 = t_5 = t_6 = 0)$	MM <sub>3-1</sub>	$\rho = 3$	$h^{1,2} = 8$

↑  
Picard rank

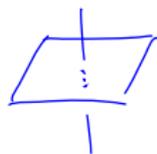
$P$  hexagonal prism



## Ingredients of the proof:

- the two hexagonal facets of  $P$  give two isolated singularities  $q_1, q_2$  which are the vertex of the affine cone over the anticanonical embedding of  $dP_6$  into  $\mathbb{P}^6$

$$\text{Def}_{q_i} = \text{Spf} \frac{\mathbb{C}[[t_1, t_2, t_3]]}{(t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3)}$$



$$\text{Sing}(X) = \{q_1, q_2\} \sqcup \Gamma$$

- Computation of  $\mathbb{T}_X^1 = H^0(\mathcal{T}_X^1)$

- $\text{Def}_X \rightarrow \text{Def}_{q_1} \times \text{Def}_{q_2}$  is smooth of relative dimension 18

$$\text{forgetful} \quad \text{Def}_X \simeq \mathbb{C}^{18} \times \text{Spf} \frac{\mathbb{C}[[t_1, t_2, t_3]]}{(t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3)} \times \text{Spf} \frac{\mathbb{C}[[t_4, t_5, t_6]]}{(t_4 t_5, t_4 t_6)}$$

- Computation with vanishing cycles to understand the topology of the 4 smoothings

Set  $A = \mathbb{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_4]] / (t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_4 t_5, t_4 t_6)$  and

$$G = \text{Aut}(X) = (\underbrace{\mathbb{C}^*}_{\text{big torus}})^3 \rtimes (\underbrace{D_6 \rtimes C_2}_{\text{Aut}(P)}).$$

$C_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2$  swapping top & bottom in  $P$

The local structure of the K-moduli stack and the K-moduli space at the point  $[X]$  is

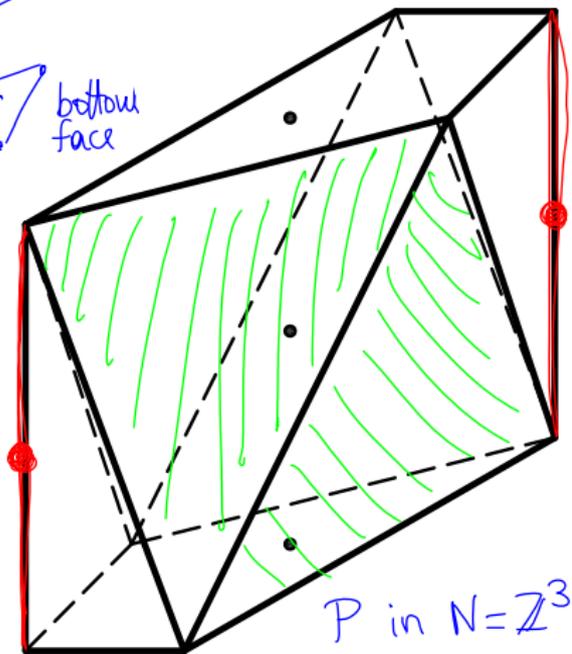
$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\text{Spec } A / G] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{3,12}^{\text{Kss}} & \text{K-moduli stack} \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & \\ \text{Spec } A^G & \longrightarrow & M_{3,12}^{\text{Kps}} & \text{K-moduli space} \end{array}$$

where  $\text{Spec } A^G$  has 3 irreducible components.

**Theorem [Kaloghiros–P.]**

$X$  gives a non-smooth point in  $\mathcal{M}_{3,12}^{\text{Kss}}$  and in  $M_{3,12}^{\text{Kps}}$ .

$\forall n \geq 4$ ,  $X \times \mathbb{P}^{n-3}$  gives a non-smooth point in  $\mathcal{M}_{n,V}^{\text{Kss}}$  and in  $M_{n,V}^{\text{Kps}}$ , where  $V = 2n(n-1)(n-2)^{n-2}$ .



$\Sigma =$  face fan of  $P$   
 $X =$  toric variety ass. to  $\Sigma$

Singularities of  $X$ :

- 2  $\times$  vertices of cone ( $\mathbb{F}_2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^8$ )  
 $\mathbb{C}[t]/(t^2)$
- 4  $\times \frac{1}{3}(1,1,2)$   
 canonical cover is  $A^3$   
 $qG$ -rigid, they don't contribute
- 2  $\times C$ ,  $X$  has transverse  
 $C \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $A_1$  sing along  $C$   
 $\tau_X^1 \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(-2)$   
 don't contribute to  $\pi_X^1$

### Theorem [Kaloghiros–P.]

$X$  is a  $K$ -polystable Fano 3-fold with canonical singularities, degree  $(-K_X)^3 = \frac{44}{3}$ , and  $\text{Def}_X \simeq \text{Spf } \mathbb{C}[[t_1, t_2]]/(t_1^2, t_2^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \mathbb{C}[t_1, t_2]/(t_1^2, t_2^2) \text{ and} \\ G &= \text{Aut}(X) = \underbrace{(\mathbb{C}^*)^3}_{\text{forms}} \times \underbrace{(C_2 \times C_2)}_{\text{Aut}(P)} \\ A^G &= \mathbb{C}[t]/(t^2) \end{aligned}$$

Local structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\text{Spec } A / G] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{3,44/3}^{\text{Kss}} \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } A^G & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{3,44/3}^{\text{Kps}} \end{array}$$

### Theorem [Kaloghiros–P.]

There exists a connected component of  $\mathcal{M}_{3,44/3}^{\text{Kps}}$  which is isomorphic to  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[t]/(t^2)$ .

Thanks for your attention!