

# Stable pairs and their moduli

Semi-log canonical singularities

$(X, \Delta)$  (slc) 1) reduced,  $S_2$ , nodal in codim 1  
 demi-normal

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X^n & \xrightarrow{\nu} & X \text{ norm} \\ \uparrow \text{gen} & & \uparrow \\ D^n & \xrightarrow{2:1} & D = V(\text{cond}) \end{array}$$

$$\nu^*(K_X + \Delta) = K_{X^n} + \Delta^n + D^n$$

2)  $(X^n, \Delta^n + D^n)$  is log canonical

3)  $K_X + \Delta$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier

Stable pairs = semi-log canonical model (slc)

$(X, \Delta)$  is a stable pair if

1) it has slc singularities

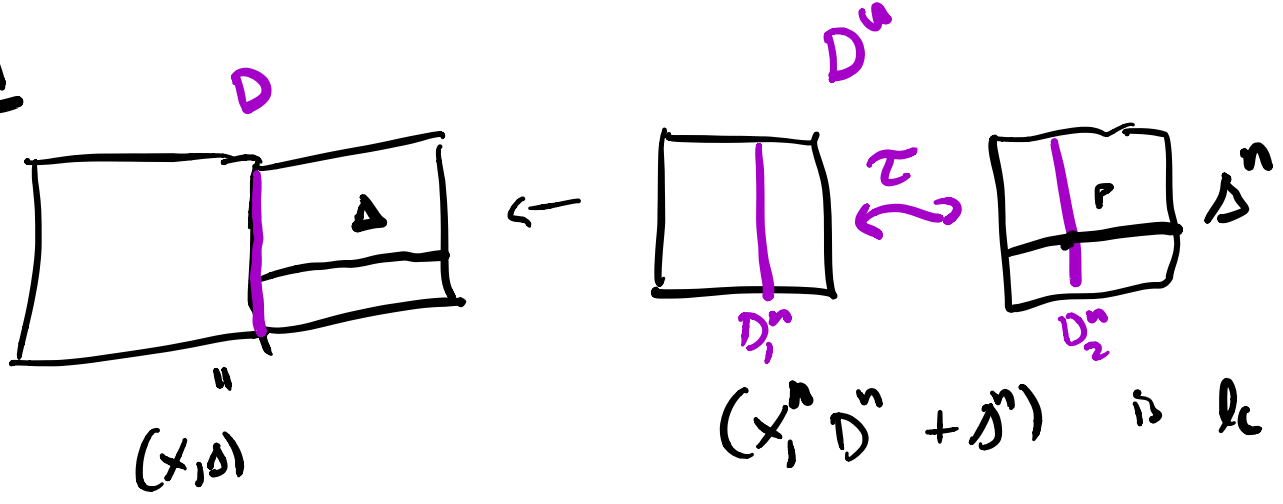
2)  $K_X + \Delta$  is an ample

$\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier divisor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Q} & & \\ \vdots & \dashrightarrow & D^n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 2:1 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ D & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

this is a pushout in schemes

Ex 1

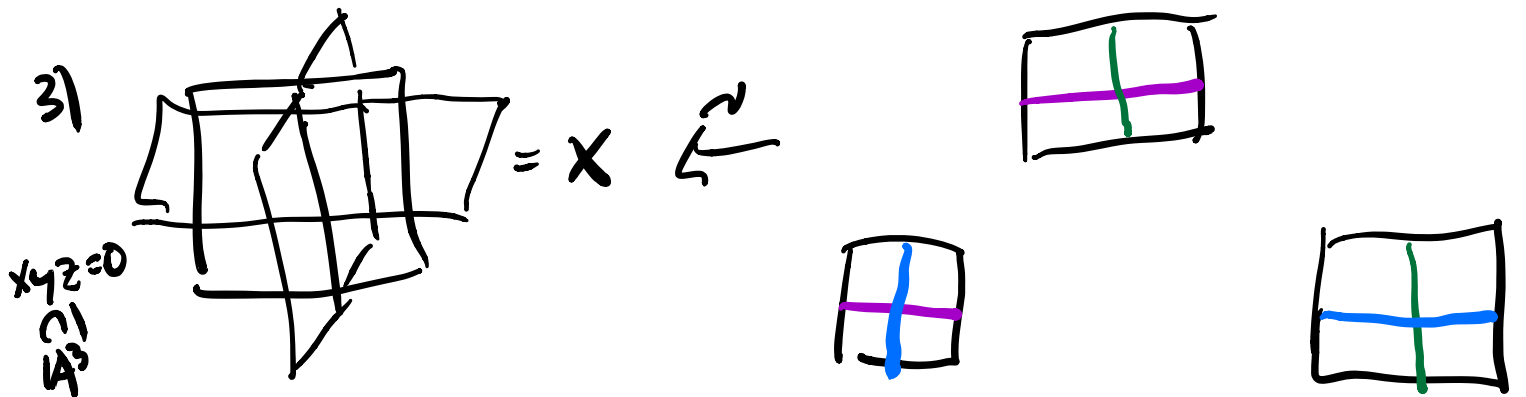
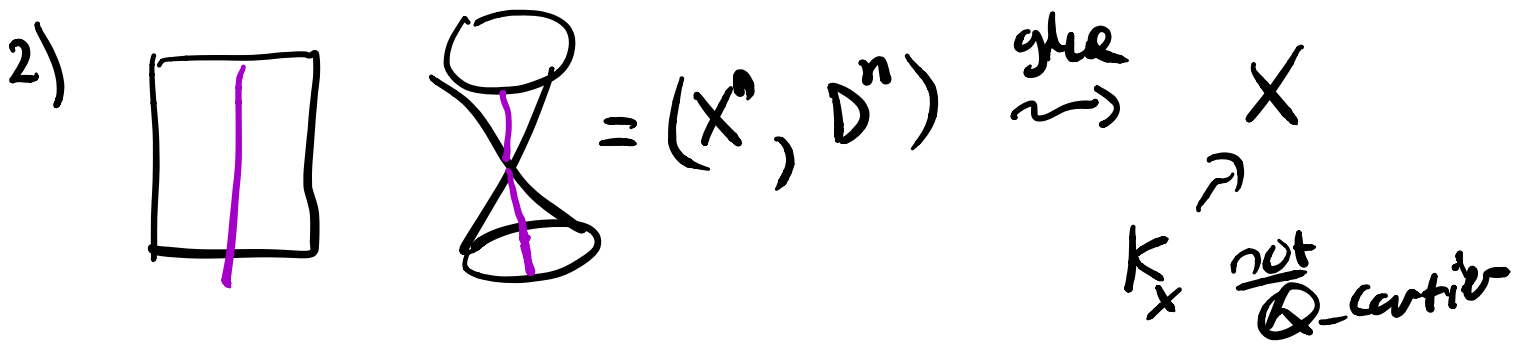


$$\nu^*(K_X + D)|_{D_1^n} = (K_{X_1^n} + D_1^n + D^n)|_{D_1^n} = K_{D_1^n} + 0 = -2$$

$$\nu^*(K_X + D)|_{D_2^n} = (K_{X_2^n} + D_2^n + D^n)|_{D_2^n} = K_{D_2^n} + P$$

necessary cond for  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier:  $= -1$

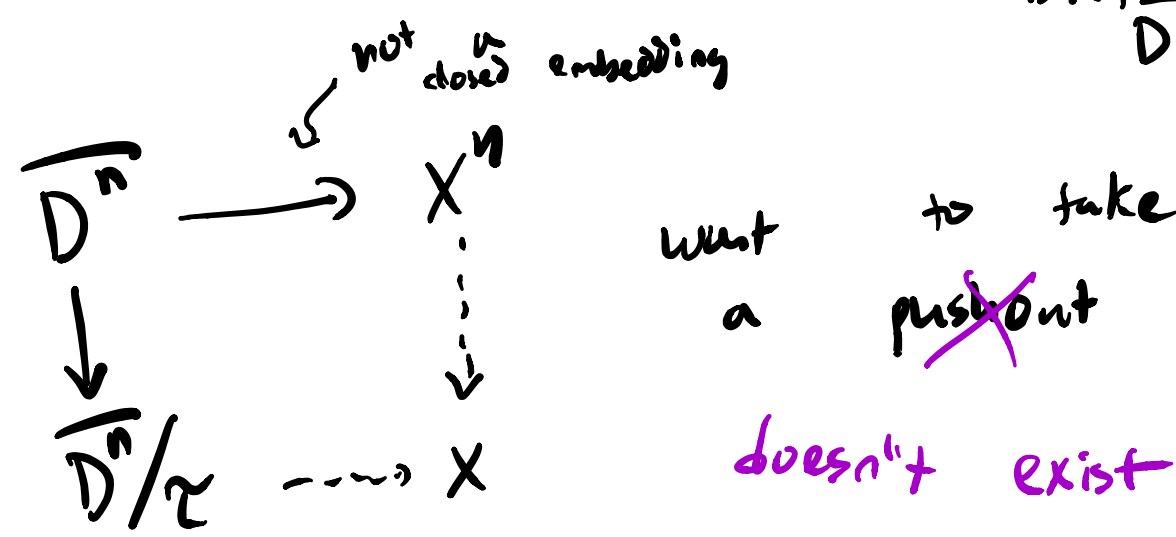
$\text{Diff}_{D^n}(\Delta^n)$  is  $\tau$ -invariant



here  $\tau$  is not defined at the origin

but:  $\tau: \overline{D^n} \rightarrow \overline{D^n}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 normalization of  $D^n$

$(X, \Delta^n + D^n), \tau: \overline{D^n} \rightarrow \overline{D^n}, \tau$  preserves  $\text{Diff}_{\overline{D^n}}(\Delta^n)$



Kollár 1) such quotients exist in the log canonical

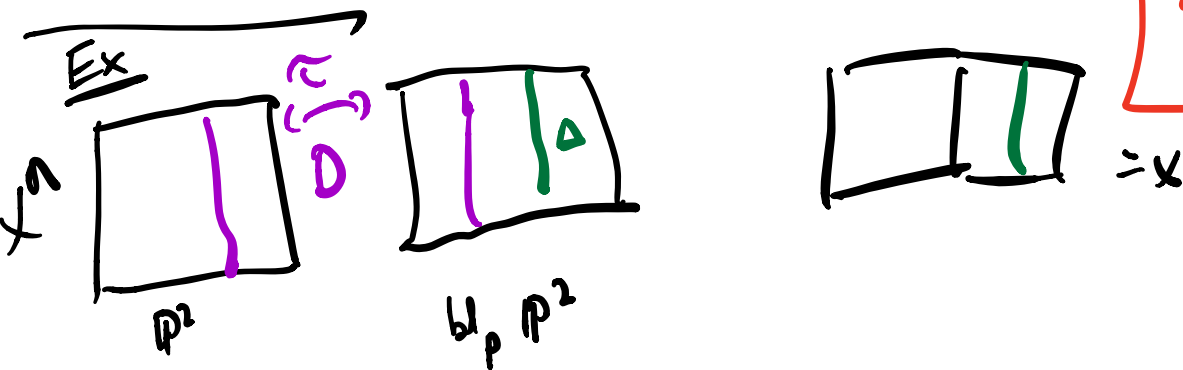
2)  $K_X + D$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Diff}_{\overline{D^n}}(\Delta^n)$  is  $\tau$ -invariant

Thm (Kollár)  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{semi-log} \\ \text{stable} \end{array} \right\} \text{ canonical pairs} \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{triples of} \\ (X, \Delta^n + D^n) \text{ st. } K_X + D \text{ ample} \\ \tau: \overline{D^n} \rightarrow \overline{D^n} \text{ different preserving} \end{array} \right\}$

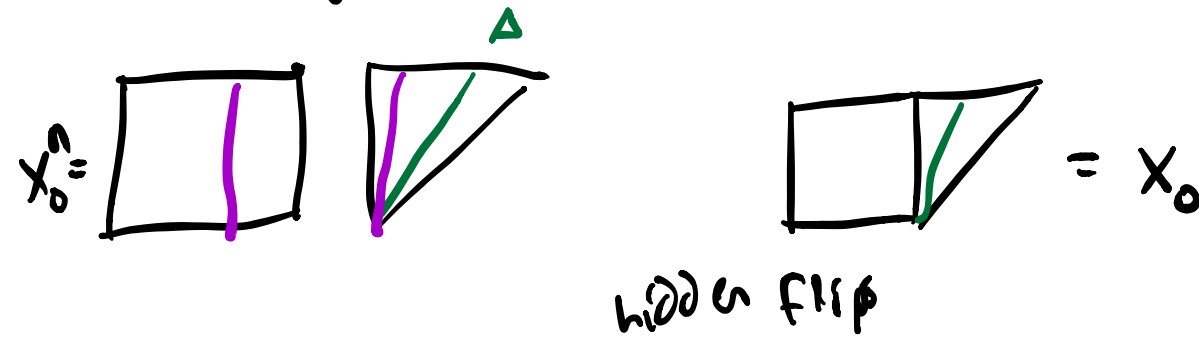
# Strategy for MMP

- input  $(X, \Delta)$  slc
- normalize  $(X^n, \Delta^n + D^n)$
- run mmp  $\uparrow$  here to get  $\text{LCM}(X^n, \Delta^n + D^n)$
- re-glue to get the stable model of  $(X, \Delta)$

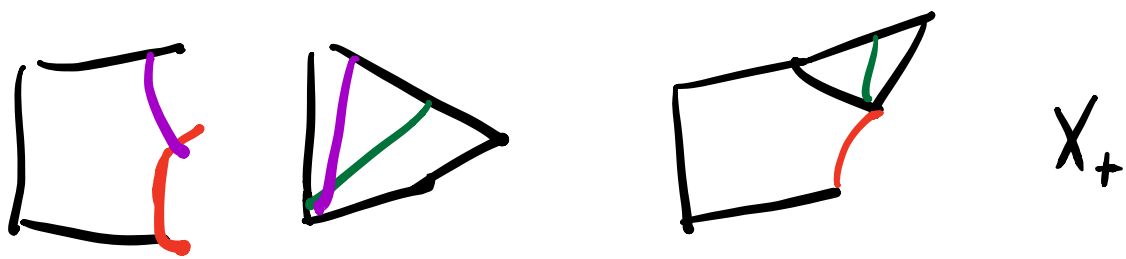
does not work in general



$\downarrow$  lc model



$K_{X_0}$  not  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier



$K_{X_+}$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier

Kollar examples of slc surfaces  
s.t.  $R(K_X + \Delta)$  not f.g.

Lemma  $(X, S+\Delta)$  is log canonical

s.t.  $L_{S+\Delta} = S$ .

Suppose  $S$  is  $S_2$ , then

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if  $S$  is Cartier

then its automatically  $S_2$

$(S, \text{Diff}_S(\Delta))$  is s.l.c

Moduli of higher dimensional varieties

{collection of varieties}  $\cong \mathcal{P}$

Moduli space:

space  $\mathcal{M}$  with a morphism  $\pi$  s.t.

$\mathcal{P} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{M}$

1)  $\pi$  is a flat family of varieties in  $\mathcal{P}$

2)  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$   $x \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow X_x \in \mathcal{P}$

3)  $(\mathcal{M}, \pi)$  satisfies a universal property  
represents a functor

Checklist of wants for  $\mathcal{M}$

- 1) separated
- 2) finite type (boundedness)

- 3) proper
- 4) projective (coarse moduli space)

1-dimensional example

$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n} = \{ (C, P_1, \dots, P_n) \mid \left. \begin{array}{l} C \text{ smooth proj} \\ \text{genus } g \text{ curve, } \\ P_i \text{ marked points} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\bigcap 2g - 2 + n > 0$$

$(C, \sum P_i)$  is an LCM

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n} = \left\{ \longrightarrow \mid \left. \begin{array}{l} C \text{ is at worst nodal, } \\ P_i \in \text{smooth points, } \\ K_C + \sum P_i \text{ ample} \end{array} \right\} \right\}$$

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upshot  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  parametrizes

Stable pairs = str models  
in dimension 1

$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$  satisfies our checklist!

Want the same in higher dim

1)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{moduli of smooth} \\ \text{projective} \\ \text{varieties} \end{array} \right\}$  not separated  
if  $\dim \geq 2!$

val criterion of separated:

if limits exist  $\Rightarrow$  unique

MMP  $\Downarrow$

analogue of  $d_{g,n}$   
is the space of  $L(M(X, \Delta))$

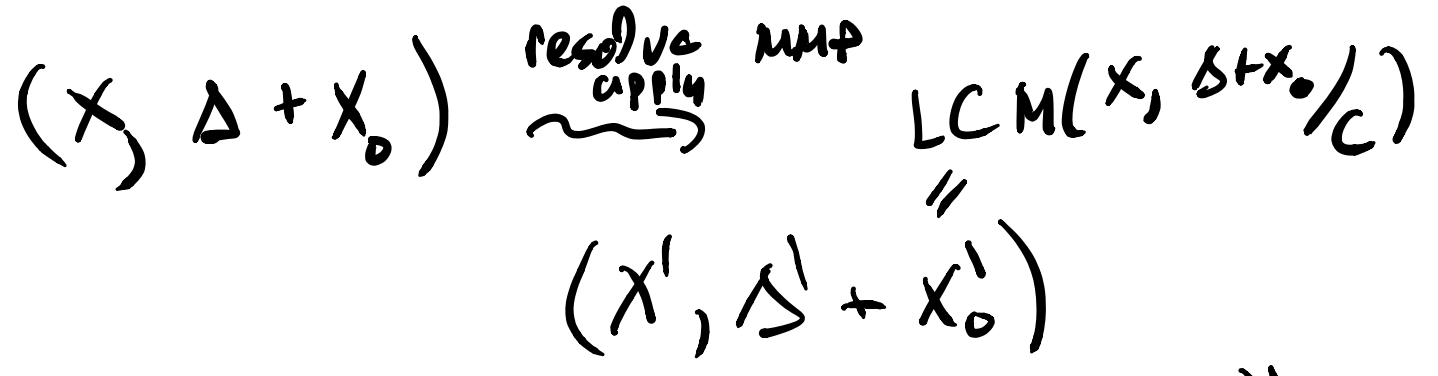
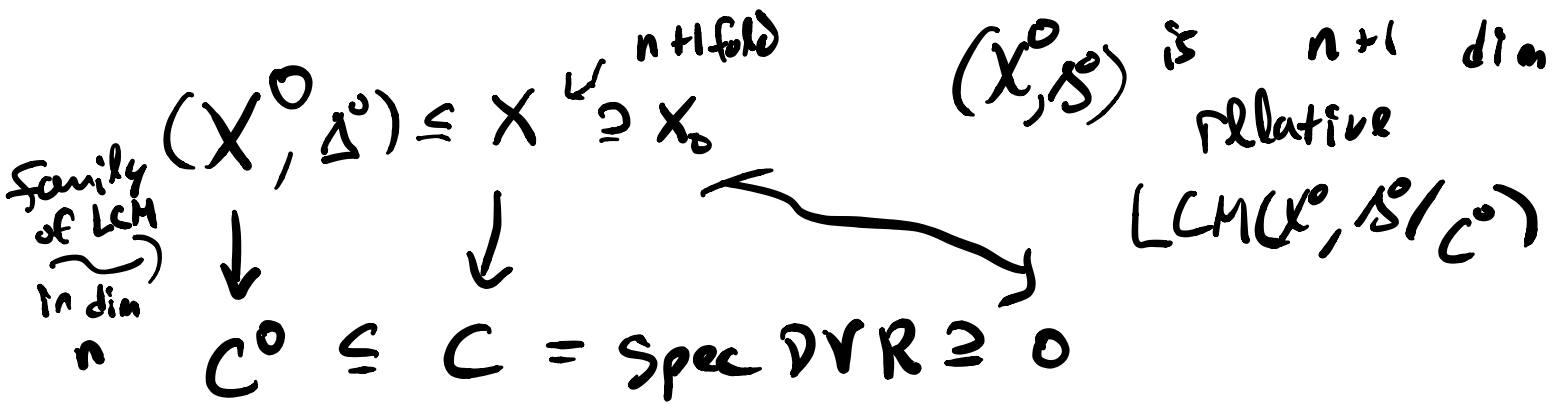
2) boundedness/finite type

HMX  $\rightarrow$  if you fix the coefficient  
set of  $\Delta$ , &  
fix volume  $\text{vol}(K_X + \Delta)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the  $L(M(X, \Delta))$  form  
a bounded family

3) if you all semi-log canonical stable pairs, then the functor/moduli space is proper

Valuative criteria for proper

all limits exist & are unique



by adjunction  $\Rightarrow (X_0', \text{Diff}_{X_0'}(\mathcal{S}'))$

is semi-log canonical + stable

so upshot: stable pairs form a proper moduli space



Kollár - Shepherd-Barron surfaces

Alexeev

BCHM, HX Existence of  $k$  closures

4) Kollár - projectivity of complete moduli  $\sim '90$

Kovács - Patakfalvi -

proved projectivity for moduli of stable pairs

Thms (many people)

stable pairs of fixed volume & coefficient set form a proper moduli space w/ projective coarse space.

5) moduli functor

Families of stable pairs  $\neq$  flat morphisms

with fibers being stable pairs

Kollar - Moduli of varieties of  
general type