

## Algebraic Geometry Seminar

### *Blowups of scrolls and their degenerations*

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**Abstract:** It is a classical, but also difficult, problem to determine the defining equations of the blowup of  $\mathbb{P}^n$  along a given subvariety  $X$ . In this talk, I will focus on the cases where  $X$  is defined by the ideal of maximal minors of a  $2 \times n$  matrix of linear forms. I will explain how to determine the defining equations and the singularities of their blowup algebras. This relies on a stratification of the Hilbert scheme of determinantal ideals and the combinatorics of square-free degenerations. This is joint work with Alessio Sammartano.

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