

a line  $l_0 \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  and contained in a 3-plane  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  containing  $l_0$ .

$\Gamma$   $\sigma_{n-2, n-3} = \{ \Lambda \in G(2, n+1) : \dim(\Lambda \cap V_2) \geq 1, \dim(\Lambda \cap V_4) \geq 2 \}$   
 $V_2 = l_0, \quad V_4 = S \text{ in } \mathbb{P}^n.$   
 $\Rightarrow \Lambda = l$  meets with  $l_0$  and is contained in  $S$  which is a 3-plane in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .  $\Downarrow$

Generically,  $W' = W \cap S$  will be a smooth quadric surface in  $S \cong \mathbb{P}^3$ , with  $l_0$  meeting it at two points  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ ; clearly any line  $l \subset \tau(W) \cap \sigma_{n-2, n-3}$  will pass through either  $p_1$  or  $p_2$ .

$\Gamma$   $l_0 \subset S$   
 $l \subset W$  and  $(\text{by def of } \sigma_{n-2, n-3})$  Given any line  $l \in \tau(W) \cap \sigma_{n-2, n-3}$ ,  
 $l_0 \cap l \neq \emptyset$  and  $l \subset S$   
 $\Rightarrow l \subset W' \Rightarrow l \cap l_0 \subset W' \cap l_0 = \{p_1, p_2\}.$   
 $\Rightarrow l \cap l_0$  is  $\{p_1\}$  or  $\{p_2\}$

See P167.  $\Downarrow$

" Comment: For a generic  $S$ ,  $W \cap S$  will be a quadric surface in  $S$ , but I don't see how it is smooth unless  $W$  is smooth. "

But any line on  $W'$  through  $p_i$  must lie in the tangent plane  $T_{p_i}(W')$ ; and  $T_{p_i}(W') \cap W$  is a singular curve of degree 2, hence consists of two lines.

$\Gamma$  According to P176.  $T_{p_i}(W') = \{ \text{The limiting position of chords } \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \overline{p, q(\lambda)}, \text{ where } q(\lambda) \text{ is an arc in } W' \text{ with } q(0) = p. \}$  Given any line  $l$  on  $W'$  through  $p_i$ ,