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I will give part 2 of a joint talk with Brian Harbourne. We discuss parts of a paper, arXiv:1602.02300, written jointly also with D. Cook and U. Nagel. The well-known SHGH conjecture proposes a solution to the question of how many conditions a general union of fat points imposes on the complete linear system of plane curves of fixed degree  $d$ . We propose a new problem, namely to understand the number of conditions imposed by a general union of fat points on the incomplete linear system defined by the condition of passing through a finite set of points,  $Z$  (not general). Clearly the geometry of  $Z$  has to play a role, but how it manifests itself is slowly emerging. We give a careful analysis of the first interesting case, namely that of just one fat point, having multiplicity  $d-1$ . After studying the geometry inherent in those  $Z$  which admit unexpected curves (i.e. those  $Z$  for which a naive dimension count does not correctly predict the number of conditions imposed on the linear system), we relate our results to properties of the arrangement of lines dual to  $Z$ , using work of Di Gennaro-Ilardi-Valles and Faenzi-Valles. We also relate our results to a certain Lefschetz property, leading to a connection to Terao's conjecture on the freeness of line arrangements. (Received February 12, 2016)