



# Combinatorics and topology of toric arrangements II. Topology of arrangements in the complex torus



(An invitation to combinatorial algebraic topology)

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# TORIC ARRANGEMENTS

Recall: a toric arrangement in the complex torus  $T := (\mathbb{C}^*)^d$  is a set

$$\mathscr{A} := \{K_1, \ldots, K_n\}$$

of 'hypertori'  $K_i = \{z \in T \mid z^{a_i} = b_i\}$  with  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus 0$  and  $b_i \in \mathbb{C}^*$ 



The *complement* of  $\mathscr{A}$  is

$$M(\mathscr{A}):=T\setminus\cup\mathscr{A},$$

**PROBLEM:** Study the topology of  $M(\mathscr{A})$ .

#### The long game

Let 
$$A = [a_1, ..., a_n] \in M_{d \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$$
  
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arrangement arrangement arrangement  
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 $\boxed{\operatorname{rk} : 2^{[n]} \to \mathbb{N}}$   $?$   
 $M(\mathscr{A})$ 

### Hyperplanes: Brieskorn

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**Theorem** (Brieskorn 1972). The inclusions  $M(\mathscr{A}) \hookrightarrow M(\mathscr{A}_X)$  induce, for every k, an isomorphism of <u>free</u> abelian groups

$$b: \bigoplus_{\substack{X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A}) \\ \operatorname{codim} X = k}} H^k(M(\mathscr{A}_X), \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^k(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z})$$

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In fact:  $M(\mathscr{A})$  is a minimal space, i.e., it has the homotopy type of a CWcomplex with as many cells in dimension k as there are generators in k-th cohomology. [Dimca-Papadima '03]

# HYPERPLANES: THE ORLIK-SOLOMON ALGEBRA [Arnol'd '69, Orlik-Solomon '80]

 $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}),\mathbb{Z})\simeq E/\mathcal{J}(\mathscr{A}),$  where

E: exterior  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra with degree-1 generators  $e_1, \ldots, e_n$  (one for each  $H_i$ );

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathscr{A}): \text{ the ideal } \langle \sum_{l=1}^{k} (-1)^{l} e_{j_{1}} \cdots \widehat{e_{j_{l}}} \cdots e_{j_{k}} \mid \operatorname{codim}(\cap_{i=1...k} H_{j_{i}}) = k-1 \rangle$$

Fully determined by  $\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$  (cryptomorphisms!). For instance:



 $Poin(M(\mathscr{A}), t) =$  $1 + 4t + 5t^2 + 2t^3$ 

$$P(M(\mathscr{A}), t) = \sum_{X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})} \underbrace{\mu_{\mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})}(\hat{0}, X)}_{\substack{\text{Möbius} \\ \text{function} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})}} (-t)^{\text{rk}X}$$

# TORIC ARRANGEMENTS

Another good reason for considering  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$ , the poset of *layers* (i.e. connected components of intersections of the  $K_i$ ).



Theorem [Looijenga '93, De Concini-Procesi '05]

$$\operatorname{Poin}(M(\mathscr{A}),\mathbb{Z}) = \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})} \mu_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})}(Y)(-t)^{\operatorname{rk} Y}(1+t)^{d-\operatorname{rk} Y}$$

 $= (-t)^d \chi_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})}(-t(1+t))$ 

# TORIC ARRANGEMENTS

[De Concini – Procesi '05] compute the Poincaré polynomial and the cup product in  $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{C})$  when the matrix  $[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$  is totally unimodular. [d'Antonio–D. '11, '13]  $\pi_1(M(\mathscr{A}))$ , minimality, torsion-freeness (complexified) [Bibby '14] Q-cohomology algebra of unimodular abelian arrangements [Dupont '14] Algebraic model for  $\mathbb{C}$ -cohomology algebra of complements of hypersurface arrangements in manifolds with hyperplane-like crossings. [Callegaro-D. '15] Integer cohomology algebra, its dependency from  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$ . [Bergvall '16] Cohomology as repr. of Weyl group in type  $G_2$ ,  $F_4$ ,  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$ . Wonderful models: nonprojective [Moci'12], projective [Gaiffi-De Concini '16].

#### TOOLS

# Posets and categories

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- Posets are special cases of s.c.w.o.l.s;
- Every functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  induces a continuous map  $||F|| : ||\mathcal{C}|| \to ||\mathcal{D}||$ .
- Quillen-type theorems relate properties of ||F|| and F.

My favorite thing about scucks: offer - e.g., when C = F(X), GC X cellularly 11en/ ~ 11 C/G/1 in the cat. at sexuals Pos semuls Cat. [Baridson, Haffiger]

# FACE CATEGORIES

Let X be a polyhedral complex. The *face category* of X is  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ , with

- $Ob(\mathcal{F}(X)) = \{X_{\alpha}, \text{ polyhedra of } X\}.$
- $\operatorname{Mor}_{\mathcal{F}(X)}(X_{\alpha}, X_{\beta}) = \{ \text{ face maps } X_{\alpha} \to X_{\beta} \}$

**Theorem.** There is a homeomorphism  $||\mathcal{F}(X)|| \cong X$ . [Kozlov / Tamaki]

**Example 1:** X regular:  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  is a poset,  $||\mathcal{F}(X)|| = Bd(X)$ .

**Example 2:** A complexified toric arrangement  $(\mathscr{A} = \{\chi_i^{-1}(b_i)\}\)$  with  $b_i \in S^1$  induces a polyhedral cellularization of  $(S^1)^d$ : call  $\mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A})$  its face category.













# THE NERVE LEMMA

Let X be a paracompact space with a (locally) finite open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_I$ . For  $J \subseteq I$  write  $U_J := \bigcap_{i \in J} U_i$ .



Nerve of  $\mathcal{U}$ : the abstract simplicial complex  $\mathscr{N}(\mathcal{U}) = \{ \emptyset \neq J \subseteq I \mid U_J \neq \emptyset \}$ **Theorem** (Weil '51, Borsuk '48). If  $U_J$  is contractible for all  $J \in \mathscr{N}(\mathcal{U})$ ,

 $X \simeq |\mathscr{N}(\mathcal{U})|$ 

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# THE GENERALIZED NERVE LEMMA Application: the Salvetti complex

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a *complexified* arrangement of hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{C}^d$ (i.e. the defining equations for the hyperplanes are real).

[Salvetti '87] There is a poset  $\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})$  such that

 $||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})|| \simeq M(\mathscr{A}).$ 

Recall: complexified means  $\alpha_i \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$  and  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Consider the associated arrangement  $\mathscr{A}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{H_i^{\mathbb{R}}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $H_i^{\mathbb{R}} = \Re(H_i)$ .

# The Salvetti poset

For  $z \in \mathbb{C}^d$  and all j,

$$\alpha_j(z) = \alpha_j(\Re(z)) + i\alpha_j(\Im(z)).$$

We have  $z \in M(\mathscr{A})$  if and only if  $\alpha_j(z) \neq 0$  for all j.

Thus, surely for very region (chamber)  $C\in\mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}^{\mathbb{R}})$  we have

$$U(C) := C + i \mathbb{R}^d \subseteq M(\mathscr{A}).$$

G.N.L. applies to the covering by  $M(\mathscr{A})$ -closed sets  $\mathcal{U} := \left\{ \overline{U(C)} \right\}_{C \in \mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}^{\mathbb{R}})}$  (what's important is that each  $(M(\mathscr{A}), \overline{U(C)})$  is NDR-pair).

After some "massaging",  $\mathscr{N}(\mathcal{U}) \int \widehat{\mathscr{D}}$  becomes

$$\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \{[F,C] | & F \in \mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A}^{\mathbb{R}}), \underbrace{C \in \mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}_{|F|})}_{\leftrightarrow C \in \mathcal{R}(\mathscr{A}^{\mathbb{R}}), C \leq F} \\ [F,C] \geq [F',C'] & \text{if } F \leq F', \ C \subseteq C' \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\mathcal{A} = \{ \{ x = 0 \} \} \text{ in } \mathbb{C}^{4}$  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{\{x = o\}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{1}$ C, ⇒ FL\* C . Cz C, 7+162  $U(\mathcal{L}_{i})$ UCh) 7+ iC, Diagram 5 U(G) U(a) C, +iR C2+iR [7,G] [7,G] D Ully a Ulle) [Cz, R] [G,R]

### SALVETTI COMPLEXES OF PSEUDOARRANGEMENTS

Notice: the definition of  $Sal(\mathscr{A})$  makes sense also for general pseudoarrangements (oriented matroids).



**Theorem.** [D.–Falk '15] The class of complexes  $|| \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}) ||$  where  $\mathscr{A}$  is a pseudoarrangement gives rise to "new" fundamental groups. For instance, the non-pappus oriented matroid gives rise to a fundamental group that is not isomorphic to any realizable arrangement group.

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[Callegaro-D. '15] Let  $X \in \mathcal{L}(\mathscr{A})$  with codim X = k.

There is a map of posets  $\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}) \to \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}_X)$  that induces the Brieskorn inclusion  $b_X : H^k(M(\mathscr{A}_X), \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^k(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z}).$ 

Q: "Brieskorn decomposition" in the ("wiggly") case of oriented matroids?

# SALVETTI CATEGORY [d'Antonio-D., '11]

Any complexified toric arrangement  $\mathscr{A}$  lifts to a complexified arrangement of affine hyperplanes  $\mathscr{A}^{\uparrow}$  under the universal cover



The group  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  acts on  $\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}^{\uparrow})$  and we can define the *Salvetti category* of  $\mathscr{A}$ :

$$\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}) := \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}^{\uparrow}) / \mathbb{Z}^d$$

(quotient taken in the category of scwols).

Here the realization commutes with the quotient [Babson-Kozlov '07], thus

$$||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})|| \simeq M(\mathscr{A}).$$

DISCRETE MORSE THEORY [Forman, Chari, Kozlov,...; since '98] Here is a regular CW complex



with its poset of cells:



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# DISCRETE MORSE THEORY

The sequence of collapses is encoded in a matching of the poset of cells.



**Question:** Does every matchings encode such a sequence? **Answer:** No. Only (and exactly) those without "cycles" like



Acyclic matchings  $\leftrightarrow$  discrete Morse functions.

#### TOOLS

# DISCRETE MORSE THEORY

# Main theorem of Discrete Morse Theory [Forman '98].

Every acyclic matching on the poset of cells of a regular CW-complex X induces a homotopy equivalence of X with a CW-complex with as many cells in every dimension as there are non-matched ("*critical*) cells of the same dimension in X.

**Theorem.** [d'Antonio-D. '15] This theorem also holds for (suitably defined) acyclic matchings on face categories of polyhedral complexes.

DISCRETE MORSE THEORY Application: minimality of  $Sal(\mathscr{A})$ 

Let  ${\mathscr A}$  be a complexified toric arrangement.

**Theorem.** [d'Antonio-D., '15] The space  $M(\mathscr{A})$  is *minimal*, thus its cohomology groups  $H^k(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z})$  are torsion-free.

Recall: "minimal" means having the homotopy type of a CW-complex with one cell for each generator in homology.

**Proof.** Construction of an acyclic matching of the Salvetti category with  $Poin(\mathcal{M}(\mathscr{A}), 1)$  critical cells.

# THE SALVETTI CATEGORY - AGAIN

For  $F \in Ob(\mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A}))$  consider the hyperplane arrangement  $\mathscr{A}[F]$ :



[Callegaro – D. '15]  $||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})|| \simeq \operatorname{hocolim} \mathscr{D}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{D}: \quad \mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A}) \quad &\to \quad \mathrm{Top} \\ F \quad &\mapsto \quad ||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}[F])|| \end{aligned}$$

Call  $\mathscr{D}E_*^{p,q}$  the associated cohomology spectral sequence [Segal '68]. (equivalent to the Leray Spectral sequence of the canonical proj to  $||\mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A})||$ )

### The Salvetti category - ...and again

For  $Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$  define  $\mathscr{A}^Y = \mathscr{A} \cap Y$ , the arrangement induced on Y.



For every  $Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$  there is a subcategory  $\Sigma_Y \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})$  with

$$Y \times M(\mathscr{A}[Y]) \simeq ||\mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A}^Y) \times \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A}[Y])|| \simeq ||\Sigma_Y|| \hookrightarrow ||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})||$$

and we call  ${}_YE^{p,q}_*$  the Leray spectral sequence induced by the canonical projection

$$\pi_Y: \Sigma_Y \to \mathcal{F}(\mathscr{A}^Y).$$

# Spectral sequences

For every  $Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$ , the following commutative square

induces a morphism of spectral sequences  ${}_{\mathscr{D}}E^{p,q}_* \to {}_YE^{p,q}_*$ .

Next, we examine the morphism of spectral sequences associated to the corresponding map from  $\biguplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})} ||\Sigma_Y||$  to  $||\operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})||$ .

# Spectral sequences

[Callegaro – D., '15] (all cohomologies with Z-coefficients)



# A presentation for $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z})$

The inclusions  $\phi_{\bullet}: \Sigma_{\bullet} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sal}(\mathscr{A})$  give rise to a commutative triangle



with  $f_{Y \supseteq Y'} := \iota^* \otimes b_{Y'}$  obtained from  $\iota : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$  and the Brieskorn map b. **Proof.** Carrier lemma and 'combinatorial Brieskorn'.

This defines a 'compatibility condition' on  $\oplus_Y H^*(Y) \otimes H^*(M(\mathscr{A}[Y]))$ ; the (subalgebra of) compatible elements is isomorphic to  $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z})$ .

# A presentation for $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}), \mathbb{Z})$

More succinctly, define an 'abstract' algebra as the direct sum

$$\bigoplus_{Y \in \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})} H^*(Y, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^{\operatorname{codim} Y}(M(\mathscr{A}[Y]), \mathbb{Z})$$

with multiplication of  $\alpha, \alpha'$  in the Y, resp. Y' component, as

$$(\alpha * \alpha')_{Y''} := \begin{cases} f_{Y \supseteq Y''}(\alpha) \smile f_{Y' \supseteq Y''}(\alpha') & \text{if } Y \cap Y' \supseteq Y'' \text{ and} \\ & \text{rk } Y'' = \text{rk } Y + \text{rk } Y', \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

**Note:** this holds in general (beyond complexified). **Question:** is this completely determined by  $C(\mathscr{A})$ ?

# $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$ "Rules", if A has a unimodular basis

Recall that a centered toric arrangement is defined by a  $d \times n$  integer matrix  $A = [\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n].$ 

**Theorem.** [Callegaro-D. '15] If  $(S, \operatorname{rk}, m)$  is an arithmetic matroid associated to a matrix A that has a maximal minor equal to 1, then the matrix A can be reconstructed from the arithmetic matroid up to sign reversal of columns. Since the poset  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A})$  encodes the multiplicity data, this means that, in this case, the poset in essence determines the arrangement.

# An example

Consider the following two complexified toric arrangements in  $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$ .



Clearly  $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A}_1) \simeq \mathcal{C}(\mathscr{A}_2).$ 

There is an "ad hoc" ring isomorphism  $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}_1,\mathbb{Z}) \to H^*(M(\mathscr{A}_2,\mathbb{Z});$ 

 $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}_1),\mathbb{Z})$  and  $H^*(M(\mathscr{A}_2),\mathbb{Z})$  are *not* isomorphic as  $H^*(T,\mathbb{Z})$ -modules.

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 $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  [  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ ]  $\mathbf{c} \mathbf{M}$ 

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(Centered) elliptic arrangement  $\lambda_i: \mathbb{E}^d \to \mathbb{E}$   $\underline{z} \mapsto \sum_j a_{ji} z_j$   $L_i := \ker \lambda_i$   $\mathscr{A} = \{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$  $M(\mathscr{A}) := \mathbb{E}^d \setminus \cup \mathscr{A}$ 

Having a blast!

Doing pretty good.

Even Betti numbers are unknown...

#### TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE ABSTRACT THEORY

TOMORROW:

Ansatz: "periodic arrangements"



Abstractly: group actions on semimatroids!