

# RESONANCE VARIETIES

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# SUPPORT VARIETIES

- Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be an algebraically closed field.
- Let  $S$  be a commutative, finitely generated  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra.
- Let  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}\text{-alg}}(S, \mathbb{k})$  be the maximal spectrum of  $S$ .
- Let  $E : \cdots \rightarrow E_j \xrightarrow{d_j} E_{j-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow 0$  be an  $S$ -chain complex.
- The *support varieties* of  $E$  are the subsets of  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S)$  given by

$$\mathcal{W}_S^i(E) = \text{supp} \left( \bigwedge^s H_i(E) \right).$$

- They depend only on the chain-homotopy equivalence class of  $E$ .
- For each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S) = \mathcal{W}_0^i(E) \supseteq \mathcal{W}_1^i(E) \supseteq \mathcal{W}_2^i(E) \supseteq \cdots$ .
- If all  $E_j$  are finitely generated  $S$ -modules, then the sets  $\mathcal{W}_S^i(E)$  are Zariski closed subsets of  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S)$ .

# HOMOLOGY JUMP LOCI

- The *homology jump loci* of the  $S$ -chain complex  $E$  are defined as

$$\mathcal{V}_s^i(E) = \{ \mathfrak{m} \in \mathfrak{mSpec}(S) \mid \dim_{\mathbb{k}} H_i(E \otimes_S S/\mathfrak{m}) \geq s \}.$$

- They depend only on the chain-homotopy equivalence class of  $E$ .
- For each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S) = \mathcal{V}_0^i(E) \supseteq \mathcal{V}_1^i(E) \supseteq \mathcal{V}_2^i(E) \supseteq \dots$ .
- (Papadima–S. 2014) Suppose  $E$  is a chain complex of *free*, finitely generated  $S$ -modules. Then:
  - Each  $\mathcal{V}_d^i(E)$  is a Zariski closed subset of  $\mathfrak{mSpec}(S)$ .
  - For each  $q$ ,

$$\bigcup_{i \leq q} \mathcal{V}_1^i(E) = \bigcup_{i \leq q} \mathcal{W}_1^i(E).$$

# RESONANCE VARIETIES

- Let  $A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} A^i$  be a commutative graded  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra, with  $A^0 = \mathbb{k}$ .
- Let  $a \in A^1$ , and assume  $a^2 = 0$  (this condition is redundant if  $\text{char}(\mathbb{k}) \neq 2$ , by graded-commutativity of the multiplication in  $A$ ).
- The *Aomoto complex* of  $A$  (with respect to  $a \in A^1$ ) is the cochain complex of  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces,

$$(A, \delta_a): A^0 \xrightarrow{a} A^1 \xrightarrow{a} A^2 \xrightarrow{a} \dots,$$

with differentials given by  $b \mapsto a \cdot b$ , for  $b \in A^i$ .

- The *resonance varieties* of  $A$  are the sets

$$\mathcal{R}_s^i(A) = \{a \in A^1 \mid a^2 = 0 \text{ and } \dim_{\mathbb{k}} H^i(A, a) \geq s\}.$$

- If  $A$  is locally finite (i.e.,  $\dim_{\mathbb{k}} A^i < \infty$ , for all  $i \geq 1$ ), then the sets  $\mathcal{R}_s^i(A)$  are Zariski closed cones inside the affine space  $A^1$ .

- Fix a  $\mathbb{k}$ -basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  for  $A^1$ , and let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be the dual basis for  $A_1 = (A^1)^\vee$ .
- Identify  $\text{Sym}(A_1)$  with  $S = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , the coordinate ring of the affine space  $A^1$ .
- Define a cochain complex of free  $S$ -modules,  $K(A) := (A^\bullet \otimes S, \delta)$ ,

$$\dots \longrightarrow A^i \otimes S \xrightarrow{\delta^i} A^{i+1} \otimes S \xrightarrow{\delta^{i+1}} A^{i+2} \otimes S \longrightarrow \dots,$$

where  $\delta^i(u \otimes s) = \sum_{j=1}^n e_j u \otimes s x_j$ .

- The specialization of  $(A \otimes S, \delta)$  at  $a \in A^1$  coincides with  $(A, \delta_a)$ .
- The cohomology support loci  $R_s^i(A) = \text{supp}(\bigwedge^s H^i(K(A)))$  are (closed) subvarieties of  $A^1$ .
- Both  $\mathcal{R}_s^i(A)$  and  $R_s^i(A)$  can be arbitrarily complicated (homogeneous) affine varieties.

### EXAMPLE (EXTERIOR ALGEBRA)

Let  $E = \wedge V$ , where  $V = \mathbb{k}^n$ , and  $S = \text{Sym}(V)$ . Then  $K(E)$  is the Koszul complex on  $V$ . E.g., for  $n = 3$ :

$$S \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_3 & -x_2 & x_1 \end{pmatrix}} S^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_2 & -x_1 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ 0 & x_3 & -x_2 \end{pmatrix}} S^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}} S.$$

This chain complex provides a free resolution  $\varepsilon: K(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  of the trivial  $S$ -module  $\mathbb{k}$ . Hence,

$$\mathcal{R}_s^i(E) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } s \leq \binom{n}{i}, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## EXAMPLE (NON-ZERO RESONANCE)

Let  $A = \wedge(e_1, e_2, e_3) / \langle e_1 e_2 \rangle$ , and set  $S = \mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3]$ . Then

$$K(A) : S^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ 0 & x_3 & -x_2 \end{pmatrix}} S^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}} S.$$

$$\mathcal{R}_s^1(A) = \begin{cases} \{x_3 = 0\} & \text{if } s = 1, \\ \{0\} & \text{if } s = 2 \text{ or } 3, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } s > 3. \end{cases}$$

## EXAMPLE (NON-LINEAR RESONANCE)

Let  $A = \wedge(e_1, \dots, e_4) / \langle e_1 e_3, e_2 e_4, e_1 e_2 + e_3 e_4 \rangle$ . Then

$$K(A) : S^3 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_4 & 0 & 0 & -x_1 \\ 0 & x_3 & -x_2 & 0 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & x_4 & -x_3 \end{pmatrix}} S^4 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}} S.$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1^1(A) = \{x_1 x_2 + x_3 x_4 = 0\}$$



# CHARACTERISTIC VARIETIES

- Let  $X$  be a connected, finite-type CW-complex.
- Fundamental group  $\pi = \pi_1(X, x_0)$ : a finitely generated, discrete group, with  $\pi_{\text{ab}} \cong H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .
- Fix a field  $\mathbb{k}$  with  $\bar{\mathbb{k}} = \mathbb{k}$  (usually  $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{C}$ ), and let  $S = \mathbb{k}[\pi_{\text{ab}}]$ .
- Identify  $\text{mSpec}(S)$  with the character group  $\text{Char}(X) = \text{Hom}(\pi, \mathbb{k}^\times)$ , also denoted  $\hat{\pi} = \widehat{\pi_{\text{ab}}}$ .
- The characteristic varieties of  $X$  are the homology jump loci of free  $S$ -chain complex  $E = C_*(X^{\text{ab}}, \mathbb{k})$ :

$$\mathcal{V}_s^i(X, \mathbb{k}) = \{\rho \in \text{Char}(X) \mid \dim_{\mathbb{k}} H_i(X, \mathbb{k}_\rho) \geq s\}.$$

- Each set  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(X, \mathbb{k})$  is a subvariety of  $\text{Char}(X)$ .

## EXAMPLE (CIRCLE)

Let  $X = S^1$ . We have  $(S^1)^{ab} = \mathbb{R}$ . Identify  $\pi_1(S^1, *) = \mathbb{Z} = \langle t \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]$ . Then:

$$C_*((S^1)^{ab}) : 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}] \xrightarrow{t-1} \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}] \longrightarrow 0$$

For each  $\rho \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{k}^\times) = \mathbb{k}^\times$ , get a chain complex

$$C_*(\widetilde{S^1}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{k}_\rho : 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{k} \xrightarrow{\rho-1} \mathbb{k} \longrightarrow 0$$

which is exact, except for  $\rho = 1$ , when  $H_0(S^1, \mathbb{k}) = H_1(S^1, \mathbb{k}) = \mathbb{k}$ . Hence:

$$\mathcal{V}_1^0(S^1) = \mathcal{V}_1^1(S^1) = \{1\}$$

and  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(S^1) = \emptyset$ , otherwise.

## EXAMPLE (TORUS)

Identify  $\pi_1(T^n) = \mathbb{Z}^n$ , and  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^n, \mathbb{k}^\times) = (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$ . Then:

$$\mathcal{V}_s^i(T^n) = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } s \leq \binom{n}{i}, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## EXAMPLE (WEDGE OF CIRCLES)

Identify  $\pi_1(\bigvee^n S^1) = F_n$ , and  $\text{Hom}(F_n, \mathbb{k}^\times) = (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$ . Then:

$$\mathcal{V}_s^1(\bigvee^n S^1) = \begin{cases} (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n & \text{if } s < n, \\ \{1\} & \text{if } s = n, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } s > n. \end{cases}$$

EXAMPLE (ORIENTABLE SURFACE OF GENUS  $g > 1$ )

$$\mathcal{V}_s^1(\Sigma_g) = \begin{cases} (\mathbb{k}^\times)^{2g} & \text{if } s < 2g - 1, \\ \{1\} & \text{if } s = 2g - 1, 2g, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } s > 2g. \end{cases}$$

- *Homotopy invariance:* If  $X \simeq Y$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(Y, \mathbb{k}) \cong \mathcal{V}_s^i(X, \mathbb{k})$ .
- *Product formula:*  

$$\mathcal{V}_1^i(X_1 \times X_2, \mathbb{k}) = \bigcup_{p+q=i} \mathcal{V}_1^p(X_1, \mathbb{k}) \times \mathcal{V}_1^q(X_2, \mathbb{k}).$$
- *Degree 1 interpretation:* The sets  $\mathcal{V}_s^1(X, \mathbb{k})$  depend only on  $\pi = \pi_1(X)$ —in fact, only on  $\pi/\pi''$ . Write them as  $\mathcal{V}_s^1(\pi, \mathbb{k})$ .
- *Functoriality:* If  $\varphi: \pi \twoheadrightarrow G$  is an epimorphism, then  $\hat{\varphi}: \hat{G} \hookrightarrow \hat{\pi}$  restricts to an embedding  $\mathcal{V}_s^1(G, \mathbb{k}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}_s^1(\pi, \mathbb{k})$ , for each  $s$ .
- *Universality:* Given any subvariety  $W \subset (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$ , there is a finitely presented group  $\pi$  such that  $\pi_{\text{ab}} = \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $\mathcal{V}_1^1(\pi, \mathbb{k}) = W$ .
- *Alexander invariant interpretation:* Let  $X^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow X$  be the maximal abelian cover. View  $H_*(X^{\text{ab}}, \mathbb{k})$  as a module over  $S = \mathbb{k}[\pi_{\text{ab}}]$ .  
Then:

$$\bigcup_{j \leq i} \mathcal{V}_1^j(X, \mathbb{k}) = \text{supp} \left( \bigoplus_{j \leq i} H_j(X^{\text{ab}}, \mathbb{k}) \right).$$

# THE TANGENT CONE THEOREM

- The *resonance varieties* of  $X$  (with coefficients in  $\mathbb{k}$ ) are the loci  $\mathcal{R}_d^i(X, \mathbb{k})$  associated to the cohomology algebra  $A = H^*(X, \mathbb{k})$ .
- Each set  $\mathcal{R}_s^i(X) := \mathcal{R}_s^i(X, \mathbb{C})$  is a homogeneous subvariety of  $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ , where  $n = b_1(X)$ .
- Recall that  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(X) := \mathcal{V}_s^i(X, \mathbb{C})$  is a subvariety of  $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}^\times) \cong (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \times \text{Tors}(H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}))$ .
- (Libgober 2002)  $\text{TC}_1(\mathcal{V}_s^i(X)) \subseteq \mathcal{R}_s^i(X)$ .
- Given a subvariety  $W \subset H^1(X, \mathbb{C}^\times)$ , let  $\tau_1(W) = \{z \in H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) \mid \exp(\lambda z) \in W, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\}$ .
- (Dimca–Papadima–S. 2009)  $\tau_1(W)$  is a finite union of rationally defined linear subspaces, and  $\tau_1(W) \subseteq \text{TC}_1(W)$ .
- Thus,  $\tau_1(\mathcal{V}_s^i(X)) \subseteq \text{TC}_1(\mathcal{V}_s^i(X)) \subseteq \mathcal{R}_s^i(X)$ .

# FORMALITY

- $X$  is *formal* if there is a zig-zag of cdga quasi-isomorphisms from  $(A_{\text{PL}}(X, \mathbb{Q}), d)$  to  $(H^*(X, \mathbb{Q}), 0)$ .
- $X$  is  *$k$ -formal* (for some  $k \geq 1$ ) if each of these morphisms induces an iso in degrees up to  $k$ , and a monomorphism in degree  $k + 1$ .
- $X$  is *1-formal* if and only if  $\pi = \pi_1(X)$  is 1-formal, i.e., its Malcev Lie algebra,  $\mathfrak{m}(\pi) = \widehat{\text{Prim}(\widehat{\mathbb{Q}\pi})}$ , is quadratic.
- For instance, compact Kähler manifolds and complements of hyperplane arrangements are formal.
- (Dimca–Papadima–S. 2009) Let  $X$  be a 1-formal space. Then, for each  $s > 0$ ,

$$\tau_1(\mathcal{V}_s^1(X)) = \text{TC}_1(\mathcal{V}_s^1(X)) = \mathcal{R}_s^1(X).$$

Consequently,  $\mathcal{R}_s^1(X)$  is a finite union of rationally defined linear subspaces in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{C})$ .

This theorem yields a very efficient formality test.

### EXAMPLE

Let  $\pi = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \mid [x_1, x_2], [x_1, x_4][x_2^{-2}, x_3], [x_1^{-1}, x_3][x_2, x_4] \rangle$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}_1^1(\pi) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^4 \mid x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 = 0\}$  splits into linear subspaces over  $\mathbb{R}$  but not over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is *not* 1-formal.

### EXAMPLE

Let  $F(\Sigma_g, n)$  be the configuration space of  $n$  labeled points of a Riemann surface of genus  $g$  (a smooth, quasi-projective variety).

Then  $\pi_1(F(\Sigma_g, n)) = P_{g,n}$ , the pure braid group on  $n$  strings on  $\Sigma_g$ . Compute:

$$\mathcal{R}_1^1(P_{1,n}) = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0, \\ x_i y_j - x_j y_i = 0, \text{ for } 1 \leq i < j < n \end{array} \right\}$$

For  $n \geq 3$ , this is an irreducible, non-linear variety (a rational normal scroll). Hence,  $P_{1,n}$  is not 1-formal.

# APPLICATIONS OF COHOMOLOGY JUMP LOCI

- Obstructions to formality and (quasi-) projectivity
  - Right-angled Artin groups and Bestvina–Brady groups
  - 3-manifold groups, Kähler groups, and quasi-projective groups
- Homology of finite, regular abelian covers
  - Homology of the Milnor fiber of an arrangement
  - Rational homology of smooth, real toric varieties
- Homological and geometric finiteness of regular abelian covers
  - Bieri–Neumann–Strebel–Renz invariants
  - Dwyer–Fried invariants
- Resonance varieties and representations of Lie algebras
  - Homological finiteness in the Johnson filtration of automorphism groups
- Lower central series and Chen Lie algebras
  - The resonance–Chen ranks formula



# QUASI-PROJECTIVE VARIETIES

THEOREM (ARAPURA 1997, ..., BUDUR–WANG 2015)

Let  $X$  be a smooth, quasi-projective variety. Then each  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(X)$  is a finite union of torsion-translated subtori of  $\text{Char}(X)$ .

THEOREM (DIMCA–PAPADIMA–S. 2009)

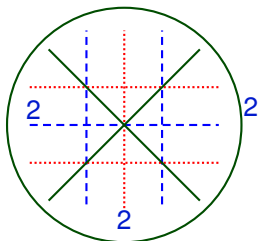
Let  $X$  be a smooth, quasi-projective variety. If  $X$  is 1-formal, then the (non-zero) irreducible components of  $\mathcal{R}_1^1(X)$  are linear subspaces of  $H^1(X, \mathbb{C})$  which intersect pairwise only at 0. Each such component  $L_\alpha$  is  $p$ -isotropic (i.e., the restriction of  $\cup_X$  to  $L_\alpha$  has rank  $p$ ), with  $\dim L_\alpha \geq 2p + 2$ , for some  $p = p(\alpha) \in \{0, 1\}$ , and

$$\mathcal{R}_s^1(X) = \{0\} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha: \dim L_\alpha > s + p(\alpha)} L_\alpha.$$

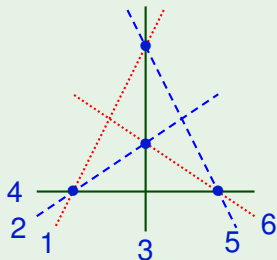
- If  $X$  is compact, then  $X$  is 1-formal, and each  $L_\alpha$  is 1-isotropic.
- If  $W_1(H^1(X, \mathbb{C})) = 0$ , then  $X$  is 1-formal, and each  $L_\alpha$  is 0-isotropic.

# HYPERPLANE ARRANGEMENTS

- Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$  be an arrangement in  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , and identify  $H^1(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{k}) = \mathbb{k}^n$ , with basis dual to the meridians.
- The resonance varieties  $\mathcal{R}_s^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{k}) := \mathcal{R}_s^1(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{k}) \subset \mathbb{k}^n$  lie in the hyperplane  $\{x \in \mathbb{k}^n \mid x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0\}$ .
- $\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{R}_1^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{C})$  is a union of linear subspaces in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , described in work of Falk, Cohen–Suciu, Libgober–Yuzvinsky, Falk–Yuzvinsky.
- Each subspace has dimension at least 2, and each pair of subspaces meets transversely at 0.
- $\mathcal{R}_s^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{C})$  is the union of those linear subspaces that have dimension at least  $s + 1$ .



- Each flat  $X \in L_2(\mathcal{A})$  of multiplicity  $k \geq 3$  gives rise to a *local* component of  $\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A})$ , of dimension  $k - 1$ .
- More generally, every  $k$ -*multinet* on a sub-arrangement  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  gives rise to a component of dimension  $k - 1$ , and all components of  $\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A})$  arise in this way.
- The resonance varieties  $\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{k})$  can be more complicated, e.g., they may have non-linear components.

EXAMPLE (BRAID ARRANGEMENT  $\mathcal{A}_4$ )

$\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathbb{C}^6$  has 4 components coming from the triple points, and one component from the above 3-net:

$$L_{124} = \{x_1 + x_2 + x_4 = x_3 = x_5 = x_6 = 0\},$$

$$L_{135} = \{x_1 + x_3 + x_5 = x_2 = x_4 = x_6 = 0\},$$

$$L_{236} = \{x_2 + x_3 + x_6 = x_1 = x_4 = x_5 = 0\},$$

$$L_{456} = \{x_4 + x_5 + x_6 = x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0\},$$

$$L = \{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = x_1 - x_6 = x_2 - x_5 = x_3 - x_4 = 0\}.$$

- Let  $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), \mathbb{k}^\times) = (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$  be the character torus.
- The characteristic variety  $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{k}) := \mathcal{V}_1^1(M(\mathcal{A}), \mathbb{k}) \subset (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$  lies in the subtorus  $\{t \in (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n \mid t_1 \cdots t_n = 1\}$ .
- $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{C})$  is a finite union of torsion-translates of algebraic subtori of  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$ .
- If a linear subspace  $L \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a component of  $\mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{A})$ , then the algebraic torus  $T = \exp(L)$  is a component of  $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A})$ .
- All components of  $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A})$  passing through the origin  $\mathbf{1} \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$  arise in this way (and thus, are combinatorially determined).
- In general, though, there are translated subtori in  $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A})$ .

## QUESTION

Is  $\mathcal{V}^1(\mathcal{A})$  combinatorially determined?

# TORIC COMPLEXES AND RAAGs

- Let  $L$  be a simplicial complex on  $n$  vertices.
- The *toric complex*  $T_L$  is the subcomplex of  $T^n$  obtained by deleting the cells corresponding to the missing simplices of  $L$ . That is:
  - $S^1 = e^0 \cup e^1$ .
  - $T^n = (S^1)^{\times n}$ , with product cell structure:

$$(k-1)\text{-simplex } \sigma = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \rightsquigarrow k\text{-cell } e^\sigma = e_{i_1}^1 \times \dots \times e_{i_k}^1$$

- $T_L = \bigcup_{\sigma \in L} e^\sigma$ .
- Examples:
  - $T_\emptyset = *$
  - $T_{n \text{ points}} = \bigvee^n S^1$
  - $T_{\partial \Delta^{n-1}} = (n-1)\text{-skeleton of } T^n$
  - $T_{\Delta^{n-1}} = T^n$

- $\pi_1(T_L)$  is the *right-angled Artin group* associated to the graph  $\Gamma = L^{(1)}$ :

$$G_L = G_\Gamma = \langle v \in V(\Gamma) \mid vw = wv \text{ if } \{v, w\} \in E(\Gamma) \rangle.$$

- If  $\Gamma = \bar{K}_n$  then  $G_\Gamma = F_n$ , while if  $\Gamma = K_n$ , then  $G_\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^n$ .
- If  $\Gamma = \Gamma' \amalg \Gamma''$ , then  $G_\Gamma = G_{\Gamma'} * G_{\Gamma''}$ .
- If  $\Gamma = \Gamma' * \Gamma''$ , then  $G_\Gamma = G_{\Gamma'} \times G_{\Gamma''}$ .
- $K(G_\Gamma, 1) = T_{\Delta_\Gamma}$ , where  $\Delta_\Gamma$  is the *flag complex* of  $\Gamma$ .  
(Davis–Charney 1995, Meier–VanWyk 1995)
- $H^*(T_L, \mathbb{Z})$  is the *exterior Stanley-Reisner ring* of  $L$ , with generators the duals  $v^*$ , and relations the monomials corresponding to the missing simplices of  $L$ .
- If  $H^*(T_K, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(T_L, \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $K \cong L$ . (Stretch 2017)
- $T_L$  is formal, and so  $G_L$  is 1-formal. (Notbohm–Ray 2005)

Identify  $H^1(T_L, \mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^V$ , the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with basis  $\{v \mid v \in V\}$ .

THEOREM (PAPADIMA–S. 2010)

$$\mathcal{R}_s^i(T_L, \mathbb{k}) = \bigcup_{\substack{W \subseteq V \\ \sum_{\sigma \in L_{V \setminus W}} \dim_{\mathbb{k}} \tilde{H}_{i-1-|\sigma|}(\mathrm{lk}_{L_W}(\sigma), \mathbb{k}) \geq s}} \mathbb{C}^W,$$

where  $L_W$  is the subcomplex induced by  $L$  on  $W$ , and  $\mathrm{lk}_K(\sigma)$  is the link of a simplex  $\sigma$  in a subcomplex  $K \subseteq L$ .

In particular (PS06):

$$\mathcal{R}_1^1(G_T, \mathbb{k}) = \bigcup_{\substack{W \subseteq V \\ \Gamma_W \text{ disconnected}}} \mathbb{k}^W.$$

Similar formula holds for  $\mathcal{V}_s^i(T_L, \mathbb{k})$ , with  $\mathbb{k}^W$  replaced by  $(\mathbb{k}^\times)^W$ .



## EXAMPLE

$$\Gamma = \begin{array}{cccc} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \end{array}$$

Maximal disconnected subgraphs:  $\Gamma_{\{134\}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\{124\}}$ . Thus:

$$\mathcal{R}_1(G_\Gamma) = \mathbb{C}^{\{134\}} \cup \mathbb{C}^{\{124\}}.$$

Note that:  $\mathbb{C}^{\{134\}} \cap \mathbb{C}^{\{124\}} = \mathbb{C}^{\{14\}} \neq \{0\}$  Since  $G_\Gamma$  is 1-formal,  $G_\Gamma$  is *not* a quasi-projective group.

## THEOREM (DPS09)

*The following are equivalent:*

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|---|--------------------------------|
| ① $G_\Gamma$ is a quasi-projective group                                  | ① $G_\Gamma$ is a Kähler group |
| ② $\Gamma = K_{n_1, \dots, n_r} := \bar{K}_{n_1} * \dots * \bar{K}_{n_r}$ | ② $\Gamma = K_{2r}$            |
| ③ $G_\Gamma = F_{n_1} \times \dots \times F_{n_r}$                        | ③ $G_\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^{2r}$ |