

Basic cohomology of canonical holomorphic foliations on complex moment-angle manifolds

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[Battaglia and Zaffran](#) computed the basic Betti numbers for the canonical holomorphic foliation on a moment-angle manifold corresponding to a shellable fan. They conjectured that the basic cohomology ring in the case of any complete simplicial fan has a description similar to the cohomology ring of a complete simplicial toric variety due to Danilov and Jurkiewicz. In this work we prove the conjecture. The proof uses an Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence argument; the key ingredient is the formality of the Cartan model for the torus action on a moment-angle manifold.

The moment-angle complex

\mathcal{K} an abstract simplicial complex on the set $[m] = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$
 $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \in \mathcal{K}$ a **simplex**; always assume $\emptyset \in \mathcal{K}$.

Consider the unit m -dimensional polydisc:

$$\mathbb{D}^m = \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m : |z_i|^2 \leq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

The **moment-angle complex** is

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} := \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{D} \times \prod_{i \notin I} \mathbb{S} \right) \subset \mathbb{D}^m,$$

where \mathbb{S} is the boundary of the unit disk \mathbb{D} .

$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ has a natural action of the torus

$$T^m = \{(t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m : |t_i| = 1\}.$$

When \mathcal{K} is simplicial subdivision of a sphere, $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is a topological manifold, called the **moment-angle manifold**.

We define an open submanifold $U(\mathcal{K}) \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ in a similar way:

$$U(\mathcal{K}) := \bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{C} \times \prod_{i \notin I} \mathbb{C}^\times \right),$$

where $\mathbb{C}^\times = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

$U(\mathcal{K})$ is a toric variety with the corresponding fan given by

$$\Sigma_{\mathcal{K}} = \{ \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \langle \mathbf{e}_i : i \in I \rangle : I \in \mathcal{K} \},$$

where \mathbf{e}_i denotes the i -th standard basis vector of \mathbb{R}^m .

Given a commutative ring R with unit, the **face ring** of \mathcal{K} is

$$R[\mathcal{K}] := R[v_1, \dots, v_m] / I_{\mathcal{K}},$$

where $R[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ is the polynomial algebra, $\deg v_i = 2$, and $I_{\mathcal{K}}$ is the **Stanley–Reisner ideal**, generated by those monomials $v_I = \prod_{i \in I} v_i$ for which I is not a simplex of \mathcal{K} .

Complex-analytic structures on moment-angle manifolds

Assume that $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ admits a T^m -invariant complex structure. Then the T^m -action extends to a holomorphic action of $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^m$ on $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$. The global stabilisers subgroup

$$H = \{g \in (\mathbb{C}^\times)^m : g \cdot x = x \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}\}$$

is a complex-analytic subgroup of $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^m$.

The Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of H is a complex subalgebra of $\text{Lie}(\mathbb{C}^\times)^m = \mathbb{C}^m$. Furthermore, \mathfrak{h} satisfies

- (a) the composite $\mathfrak{h} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^m \xrightarrow{\text{Re}} \mathbb{R}^m$ is injective;
- (b) the quotient map $q: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m / \text{Re}(\mathfrak{h})$ sends the fan $\Sigma_{\mathcal{K}}$ to a complete fan $q(\Sigma_{\mathcal{K}})$ in $\mathbb{R}^m / \text{Re}(\mathfrak{h})$.

Ishida proved that any complex moment-angle manifold $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is T^m -equivariantly biholomorphic to the quotient manifold $U(\mathcal{K})/H$.

Conversely, P. and Ustinovsky proved that if a complex subspace \mathfrak{h} of \mathbb{C}^m satisfies the conditions (a) and (b) above, then the Lie subgroup H of $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^m$ corresponding to \mathfrak{h} acts on $U(\mathcal{K})$ freely and properly, and the complex manifold $U(\mathcal{K})/H$ is T^m -equivariantly homeomorphic to $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$.

We therefore obtain that a moment-angle manifold $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ admits a complex structure if and only if \mathcal{K} is the underlying complex of a complete simplicial fan (that is, \mathcal{K} is a **star-shaped** sphere triangulation), and any complex structure on such $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is defined by a choice of a complex subspace $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ satisfying (a) and (b) above.

A holomorphic foliation on $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$

Define the Lie subalgebra and the corresponding Lie group

$$\mathfrak{h}' = \operatorname{Re}(\mathfrak{h}) \subset \mathbb{R}^m = \mathfrak{t}, \quad H' = \exp(\mathfrak{h}') \subset T^m.$$

The restriction of the T^m -action on $U(\mathcal{K})/H$ to $H' \subset T^m$ is almost free. We obtain a *holomorphic* foliation on $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ by the orbits of H' .

Remark

If the subspace $\mathfrak{h}' \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is rational (i. e., generated by integer vectors), then H' is a subtorus of T^m and the complete simplicial fan $\Sigma := q(\Sigma_{\mathcal{K}})$ is rational. The rational fan Σ defines a toric variety

$$V_{\Sigma} = \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}/H' = U(\mathcal{K})/H'_{\mathbb{C}}.$$

The holomorphic foliation of $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ by the orbits of H' becomes a holomorphic **Seifert fibration** over the toric orbifold V_{Σ} with fibres compact complex tori $H'_{\mathbb{C}}/H$.

Basic cohomology and equivariant cohomology

Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra. A \mathfrak{g}^* -DGA is a DGA equipped with an action of operators ι_ξ (concatenation) and L_ξ (Lie derivative) for $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$. For a \mathfrak{g}^* -DGA (A, d_A) , the basic subcomplex $A_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{g}}$ is given by

$$A_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{g}} := \{\omega \in A : \iota_\xi \omega = L_\xi \omega = 0 \text{ for any } \xi \in \mathfrak{g}\},$$

The **basic cohomology** of A is given by $H_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{g}}(A) = H(A_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{g}}, d_A)$. We omit \mathfrak{g} by writing $H_{\text{bas}}(A)$ for simplicity when \mathfrak{g} is clear from the context.

Let $S(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ denote the symmetric (polynomial) algebra on the dual Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}^* with generators of degree 2, and $\Lambda(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ the exterior algebra with generators of degree 1. The **Weil algebra** of \mathfrak{g} is the DGA

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{g}) := (\Lambda(\mathfrak{g}^*) \otimes S(\mathfrak{g}^*), d_{\mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{g})})$$

with the standard acyclic (Koszul) differential $d_{\mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{g})}$.

There are two models for equivariant cohomology of A .

The **Cartan model** is

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{g}}(A) = ((S(\mathfrak{g}^*) \otimes A)^{\mathfrak{g}}, d_{\mathfrak{g}}),$$

where $(S(\mathfrak{g}^*) \otimes A)^{\mathfrak{g}}$ denotes the \mathfrak{g} -invariant subalgebra.

An element $\omega \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ is a “ \mathfrak{g} -equivariant polynomial map from \mathfrak{g} to A ”.
The differential $d_{\mathfrak{g}}$ is given by

$$d_{\mathfrak{g}}(\omega)(\xi) = d_A(\omega(\xi)) - \iota_{\xi}(\omega(\xi)).$$

The **Weil model** is

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}(A) = ((\mathcal{W} \otimes A)_{\text{bas}}, d),$$

where $d = d_{\mathcal{W}} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d_A$.

The **Mathai–Quillen isomorphism** implies that the Weil model $\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ and the Cartan model $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ have the same cohomology $H_{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$.

$H_{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ is the **\mathfrak{g} -equivariant cohomology** of the \mathfrak{g}^* -algebra A .

A \mathcal{W}^* -algebra B is a \mathfrak{g}^* -DGA which is also a \mathcal{W} -module.

For a \mathcal{W}^* -algebra B , there are weak equivalences $B_{\text{bas}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{g}}(B) \simeq \mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}(B)$.

In particular, $H_{\text{bas}}(B) \cong H_{\mathfrak{g}}(B)$ if B is a \mathcal{W}^* -algebra.

Now let M be a smooth manifold with an action of a connected Lie group G , and let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of G . Then the algebra $\Omega(M)$ of differential forms on M is a \mathcal{W}^* -algebra, so we have algebra isomorphisms

$$H_{\text{bas}}(\Omega(M)) \cong H(\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\Omega(M))) \cong H(\mathcal{W}_{\mathfrak{g}}(\Omega(M))).$$

If in addition G is a compact, then the algebra above is isomorphic to the equivariant cohomology $H_G^*(M) := H^*(EG \times_G M)$:

$$H_{\text{bas}}(\Omega(M)) \cong H_G^*(M) \quad \text{for compact } G.$$

$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ a moment-angle manifold with a T^m -invariant complex structure.
Want to describe the basic cohomology algebra of $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}$ with respect to the canonical holomorphic foliation:

$$H_{\text{bas}}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) := H_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})).$$

Lemma

Consider the algebra

$$\mathcal{N} := \mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m}) = (S(\mathfrak{h}'^*) \otimes \Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m}, d_{\mathfrak{h}'}).$$

Then we have an isomorphism

$$H_{\text{bas}}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) \cong H(\mathcal{N}).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{bas}}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) &= H_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) \cong H_{\text{bas } \mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m}) \\ &= H(\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m})) = H(\mathcal{N}). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

A DGA B is called **formal** if it is weak equivalent to its cohomology algebra: $(B, d_B) \simeq (H^*(B, d_B), 0)$. (A **weak equivalence** is the equivalence generated by quasi-isomorphisms; it may not be realised by a single quasi-isomorphism of DGA, but rather by a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms.)

As T^m is compact, cohomology of the Cartan model

$$\mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) = (S(\mathfrak{t}^*) \otimes \Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m}, d_t)$$

is the equivariant cohomology $H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})$, which is a module over $S(\mathfrak{t}^*) = H_{T^m}^*(pt) = H^*(BT^m)$.

Lemma

The algebra $\mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))$ is formal. Furthermore, there is a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of DGAs between $\mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))$ and $H_{T^m}(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})$ which respect the $S(\mathfrak{t}^)$ -module structure.*

Proof

In this proof, \mathcal{W} is the Weil algebra $\mathcal{W}(\mathfrak{t})$ of the torus T^m .
 $E = EU(m)$ be the space of orthonormal m -frames in \mathbb{C}^∞ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m} \otimes \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m} \otimes \Omega(E) & & \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\
 C_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) & \xleftarrow{\varphi} & (\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m} \otimes \mathcal{W})_{\text{bas}} & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\text{bas}}} & (\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m} \otimes \Omega(E))_{\text{bas}} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 S(\mathfrak{t}^*) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathcal{W}_{\text{bas}} & \xrightarrow{\quad \cong \quad} & \Omega(E)_{\text{bas}} & \xrightarrow{\quad \cong \quad} & \Omega(BT^m)
 \end{array}$$

Here ι and ι_{bas} are the quasi-isomorphisms induced by the inclusion $\mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \Omega(E)$ of a free acyclic \mathcal{W}^* -algebra, and the restriction $\mathcal{W}_{\text{bas}} \hookrightarrow \Omega(E)_{\text{bas}}$ is the Chern–Weil homomorphism.

The quasi-isomorphism φ is given by Cartan’s Theorem.

The isomorphism ψ follows from the fact that T^m acts freely on E .

The middle line above gives a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms between $C_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))$ and $\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E)$ which respect the $S(\mathfrak{t}^*)$ -module structure.

Proof (continued)

Have a weak equivalence between $\mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))$ and $\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E)$.

Now, the Borel construction $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E$ is homotopy equivalent to the polyhedral product $(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)^{\mathcal{K}}$, which is a rationally formal space.

Rational formality implies a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms between $\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E)$ and $H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) = H^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E)$, as the de Rham forms $\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}} \times_{T^m} E)$ is a commutative cochain model. This zigzag can be chosen to respect the $H^*(BT^m)$ -module structure. □

We have the following extended functoriality property of Tor in the category of DGAs, which is a standard corollary of the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence:

Lemma (Eilenberg–Moore)

Let A and B be DGAs, let L, L' be a pair of A -modules and let M, M' be a pair of B -modules given together with morphisms

$$f: A \rightarrow B, \quad g: L \rightarrow M, \quad g': L' \rightarrow M'$$

where g and g' are f -linear. If f , g and g' are quasi-isomorphisms, then

$$\mathrm{Tor}_f(g, g'): \mathrm{Tor}_A(L, L') \rightarrow \mathrm{Tor}_B(M, M')$$

is an isomorphism.

Theorem

There is an isomorphism of algebras:

$$H_{\text{bas}}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) \cong \mathbb{R}[v_1, \dots, v_m]/(I_{\mathcal{K}} + J),$$

where $I_{\mathcal{K}}$ is the Stanley–Reisner ideal of \mathcal{K} , generated by the monomials

$$v_{i_1} \cdots v_{i_k} \quad \text{with } \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \notin \mathcal{K},$$

and J is the ideal generated by the linear forms

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \langle \mathbf{u}, q(\mathbf{e}_i) \rangle v_i \quad \text{with } \mathbf{u} \in (\mathfrak{t}/\mathfrak{h}')^*.$$

Here $q: \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}/\mathfrak{h}'$ is the projection, and $\mathfrak{t} = \mathbb{R}^m$.

Denote $\mathfrak{g}' := \mathfrak{t}/\mathfrak{h}'$. We have a splitting $\mathfrak{t} \cong \mathfrak{g}' \oplus \mathfrak{h}'$. Hence, $S(\mathfrak{t}^*) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes S(\mathfrak{h}'^*)$, and $S(\mathfrak{t}^*)$ is an $S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)$ -module via the linear monomorphism $q^*: \mathfrak{g}'^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*$. We also obtain a DGA isomorphism

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{t}}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) \cong S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{h}'}(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})^{T^m})$ and the right hand side is understood as the Cartan model of \mathcal{N} with respect to the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}' .

Recall that $H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) \cong \mathbb{R}[\mathcal{K}]$. Since the fan $\Sigma = q(\Sigma_{\mathcal{K}})$ is complete, the Stanley–Reisner ring $\mathbb{R}[\mathcal{K}]$ is Cohen–Macaulay, that is, it is a finitely-generated free module over its polynomial subalgebra.

Furthermore, the composite $\mathfrak{g}'^* \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{t}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_I^*$ is onto for any $I \in \mathcal{K}$, where \mathfrak{t}_I is the coordinate subspace generated by all \mathbf{e}_i with $i \in I$. Therefore, a criterion applies to show that $\mathbb{R}[\mathcal{K}]$ is a free module over $S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)$.

Proof (continued)

We have a sequence of algebra isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}(\mathbb{R}, S^*(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}) &\cong \mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))) \\ &\cong \mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}(\mathbb{R}, H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) \cong \mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}^0(\mathbb{R}, H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})) \\ &\cong \mathbb{R} \otimes_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)} H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}) \cong H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})/S^+(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \\ &\cong \mathbb{R}[v_1, \dots, v_m]/(I_{\mathcal{K}} + J). \quad (2)\end{aligned}$$

The first isomorphism follows from (1). The second isomorphism is by formality of the Cartan model $\mathcal{C}_t(\Omega(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}))$. In the third isomorphism, the higher Tor vanish because $H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})$ is a free module over $S^*(\mathfrak{g}'^*)$. The fourth and fifth isomorphisms are clear. For the last isomorphism, recall that $q: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h}' = \mathfrak{g}'$ is the quotient projection, so that $q^*(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle v_i$ for any $\mathbf{u} \in \mathfrak{g}'^*$.

On the other hand, we have a sequence of isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}(\mathbb{R}, S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}) &\cong \mathrm{Tor}_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)}^0(\mathbb{R}, S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}) \\ &\cong H(\mathbb{R}) \otimes_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)} H(S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}) \cong H(\mathbb{R} \otimes_{S(\mathfrak{g}'^*)} (S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N})) \\ &\cong H(\mathcal{N}) \cong H_{\mathrm{bas}}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}}). \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

For the first isomorphism, the higher Tor vanish by the previous page. The second isomorphism is by definition of Tor^0 . The third isomorphism follows from the Künneth Theorem, since $H(S(\mathfrak{g}'^*) \otimes \mathcal{N}) = H_{T^m}^*(\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{K}})$ is a free module over $S^*(\mathfrak{g}'^*)$. The fourth isomorphism is clear. The last isomorphism is a lemma above.

The theorem follows from (2) and (3). □

Using the notion of **transverse equivalence**, the theorem above can be generalised to arbitrary complex manifolds with holomorphic **maximal** torus actions. These include moment-angle manifolds and **LVMB-manifolds** (named after **Lopez de Medrano, Verjovsky, Meersseman and Bosio**.)

The conjecture of **Battaglia and Zaffran** is therefore proved completely.

This is the subject of the next talk by **Hiroaki Ishida**.

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