

# Homological Mirror Symmetry for chain type polynomials

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# Invertible polynomials

**Invertible polynomial**  $w \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ :

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{a_{ij}},$$

where  $c_i \neq 0$ ,  $A = (a_{ij})$  is nondegenerate and  $w$  has an isolated critical point at the origin (can make  $c_i = 1$ ).

**Dual** invertible polynomial  $w^\vee$ : replace  $A$  by the transposed matrix  $A^t$ .

**Group of symmetries**  $G_w \subset (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  consists of diagonal transformations  $g$  such that  $w(gx) = w(x)$ .

# Invertible polynomials

Invertible polynomials have been classified by Kreuzer and Skarke. **Atomic types:**

- $w = x_1^{a_1}$  (Fermat)
- $w = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n + x_n^{a_n}$ , where  $a_i > 1$  (chain)
- $w = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n + x_n^{a_n} x_1$ , where  $a_i > 1$  (loop)

For **chain polynomial**  $p_a = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n + x_n^{a_n}$ , where  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , the dual is  $p_{a^\vee}$ , where  $a^\vee = (a_n, \dots, a_1)$ . The group of diagonal symmetries of  $p_a$ ,  $G_a$ , consists of  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  such that

$$\lambda_1^{a_1} \lambda_2 = 1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} \lambda_n = 1, \lambda_n^{a_n} = 1,$$

so it is cyclic of order  $a_1 \dots a_n$ .

# Mirror symmetry for invertible polynomials

**LG Mirror Symmetry:**  $(\mathbb{C}^n/G_w, w)$  and  $(\mathbb{C}^n, w^\vee)$  are **mirror dual**.

There are many levels of this duality. E.g., one can compare Frobenius algebras, Frobenius manifolds, Cohomological field theories. This involves Saito-Givental's theory on the B-side and Fan-Jarvis-Ruan-Witten theory on the A-side.

Today: will discuss the relevant equivalence of categories, i.e., **homological mirror symmetry**. Almost the entire talk will be about the B-side. For more details on the A-side, see Umut's talk available online.

## B-side category

On the B-side to the pair  $(\mathbb{C}^n/G_w, w)$  we associate the category of **graded matrix factorizations**.

Set  $S = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Recall that a **matrix factorization** of  $w$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded free  $S$ -module  $P_0 \oplus P_1$  equipped with odd  $S$ -linear operator  $\delta$  such that  $\delta^2 = w \cdot \text{id}$ .

There is a natural  **$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -dg-category** of matrix factorizations:  $\text{hom}((P, \delta_P), Q, \delta_Q) = \text{Hom}_0(P, Q) \oplus \text{Hom}_1(P, Q)$  where the differential is given by  $d(f) = \delta_Q f - (-1)^{|f|} f \delta_P$ .

If  $G$  is a finite group of symmetries of  $w$  then there is a natural definition of the category of  **$G$ -equivariant** matrix factorizations.

## B-side category

To define a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded category of matrix factorizations one needs to use a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action. Note that an invertible polynomial is **quasi-homogeneous**, i.e., there exists a grading  $\deg(x_j) = d_j > 0$  such that  $w$  is homogeneous of degree  $d$ .

Consider the algebraic group  $\Gamma_w \subset (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  together with a natural homomorphism  $\chi : \Gamma_w \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  consisting of all  $g \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  such that  $w(gx) = \chi(x)w(x)$ . It is an extension of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  by  $G_w$ . Then there is a natural  **$\mathbb{Z}$ -graded dg-category of  $\Gamma_w$ -equivariant matrix factorizations** of  $w$ .

Equivalently, we can consider the abelian group  $L_w$  dual to  $\Gamma_w$ , and consider the category of  **$L_w$ -graded matrix factorizations** of  $w$ . We denote this category by  $\text{MF}_{gr}(w)$ .

## A-side category and equivalence

On the A-side, consider **Fukaya-Seidel category**  $DF(w)$  of the map  $w : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

Objects are Lagrangians, such that outside of compact set they project to radial lines (the ray  $\mathbb{R}_{<0}$  is not allowed).

**Conjecture.** For every invertible polynomial  $w$ , there is an equivalence  $DF(w) \simeq MF_{gr}(w^\vee)$ .

**Our result:** proof for **chain polynomials**, i.e.,  $DF(p_a) \simeq MF_{gr}(p_{a^\vee})$ , where  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a^\vee = (a_n, \dots, a_1)$ , under some (standard) assumptions on the A-side.

## Exceptional collections

An object  $E$  in a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$  is called **exceptional** if  $\text{Ext}^{>0}(E, E) = 0$ ,  $\text{Hom}(E, E) = k$ , the ground field.

A **collection**  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  of exceptional objects is **exceptional** if  $\text{Ext}^*(E_i, E_j) = 0$  for  $i > j$  and all  $\text{Ext}^*(E_i, E_j)$  are finite dimensional.

An exceptional collection is **full** if it generates  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e.,  $\text{Hom}(E_i, X) = 0$  for all  $i$  implies that  $X = 0$ .

**Standard example:**  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1), \dots, \mathcal{O}(n))$  in  $D^b(\text{Coh } \mathbb{P}^n)$ .

If  $\text{Ext}^{>0}(E_i, E_j) = 0$  for all  $i, j$  the collection is called **strong**. The category generated by a full strong exceptional collection is equivalent to  $D^b(A - \text{mod})$ , where  $A$  is the Hom-algebra of the collection.



## Aramaki-Takahashi collection

For a regular sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in S$  such that  $w = a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_m b_m$ , can define a **Koszul matrix factorization**

$$\text{stab}(a_1, \dots, a_m) = (\bigwedge^\bullet(S^m), \sum_i a_i t e_i^* + \sum_i b_i e_i \wedge ?)$$

It depends only on the ideal  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  and corresponds to the module  $S/(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  under the equivalence of MF( $w$ ) with the **singularity category** of  $S/(w)$ .

In our case  $w = p_a = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n + x_n^{a_n}$ , and we consider the matrix factorization

$$E = \begin{cases} \text{stab}(x_2, x_4, \dots, x_n), & n \text{ even,} \\ \text{stab}(x_1, x_3, \dots, x_n), & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

## Aramaki-Takahashi collection

Recall that we consider  $L$ -graded matrix factorizations where the **grading group**  $L$  is generated by  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n$  with the relations

$$a_1 \bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2 = a_2 \bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_3 = \dots = a_{n-1} \bar{x}_{n-1} + \bar{x}_n = a_n \bar{x}_n = \bar{\rho}.$$

Set  $\tau = (-1)^{n\bar{x}_1}$  and consider the twist operation  $M(i) := M(i\tau)$  on graded matrix factorizations.

**Theorem** ([Aramaki-Takahashi]).  $(E, E(1), \dots, E(\mu^\vee - 1))$  is a full exceptional collection in  $MF_{gr}(p_a)$ , where  $\mu^\vee = \mu(a^\vee) = a_1 \dots a_n - a_1 \dots a_{n-1} + a_1 \dots a_{n-2} - \dots$  (this is the Milnor number of the dual singularity  $p_{a^\vee} = 0$ ).

We refer to  $(E, \dots, E(\mu^\vee - 1))$  as **AT collection**.

## Ext-algebra

The shift functor  $T$  on  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$  satisfies  $2T = \bar{p}$ . So we can define a bigger abelian group  $\tilde{L}$  generated by  $L$  and  $T$ , and the **Ext-algebra** of the collection will be the  $\tilde{L}$ -graded algebra

$$\mathcal{B}_a := \bigoplus_{\ell \in \tilde{L}} \text{Hom}^0(E, E(\ell)).$$

This algebra was computed by [Aramaki-Takahashi]. Assume for simplicity that  $a_1 > 2$ . Then

$$\mathcal{B}_a \simeq \begin{cases} k[x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}] / (x_1^{a_1}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}}), & n \text{ even,} \\ k[x_0, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}] / (x_0^2, x_2^{a_2}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}}), & n \text{ odd,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\deg(x_0) = \tau + T$ .

## Examples: $n \leq 3$

For  $n = 1$ ,  $p = x_1^{a_1}$ ,  $E = \text{stab}(x_1)$ .

The only nontrivial Ext in the AT-collection  $(E, \dots, E(a_1 - 2))$  are given by  $x_0 \in \text{Ext}^1(E(i), E(i + 1))$ , where  $x_0^2 = 0$ .

The element  $x_0$  comes from the extension of  $S$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow S/(x_1)(-\bar{x}_1) \xrightarrow{x_1} S/(x_1^2) \rightarrow S/(x_1) \rightarrow 0$$

which gives rise to an exact triangle in the category of matrix factorizations with  $S/(x_1)$  going to  $E$ , and  $S/(x_1)(-\bar{x}_1)$  going to  $E(1)$ .

For  $n = 2$ ,  $p = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2}$ ,  $E = \text{stab}(x_2)$ .

The AT-collection  $(E, E(1), \dots, E(\mu^\vee - 1))$ , where  $\mu^\vee = a_1 a_2 - a_1 + 1$ , is strong (no higher Ext's), and the Hom-algebra is generated by  $x_1 : E(i) \rightarrow E(i + 1)$ , with the relation  $x_1^{a_1} = 0$ .

## Examples: $n \leq 3$

For  $n = 3$ ,  $\rho = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + x_3^{a_3}$ ,  $E = \text{stab}(x_1, x_3)$ .

The AT-collection  $(E, E(1), \dots, E(\mu^\vee - 1))$  is **no longer strong**.

We have generators  $x_0 \in \text{Ext}^1(E(i), E(i+1))$  and

$x_2 \in \text{Ext}^2(E(i), E(i+a_1))$ . (Note that

$\bar{x}_2 = \bar{\rho} - a_1 \bar{x}_1 = 2T + a_1 \tau$ .)

The corresponding  $A_\infty$ -algebra is **homotopically nontrivial**. In fact, one can calculate that

$$m_{a_1}(x_0, \dots, x_0) = x_2.$$

## Socle of the Ext-algebra: glimpse of a recursion

The algebra  $\mathcal{B}_a$  is **Gorenstein**, with 1-dimensional **socle** generated by  $x_1^{a_1-1} x_3^{a_3-1} \dots x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}-1}$  if  $n$  is even (resp.,  $x_0 x_2^{a_2-1} \dots x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}-1}$  if  $n$  is odd).

In the grading group  $L$  we have relations

$$\bar{x}_i \equiv (-1)^i a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-1} \cdot \bar{x}_1 \pmod{2T \cdot \mathbb{Z}}.$$

So say for even  $n$ , the socle lives in degree  $N_T$ , where

$$N = (a_1 - 1) + a_1 a_2 (a_3 - 1) + \dots + a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-2} (a_{n-1} - 1) = \mu^\vee(a_-)$$

modulo  $2T \cdot \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $a_- = (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ .

In other words, this gives a basis vector in  $\text{Ext}^*(E, E(\mu^\vee(a_-)))$  and  $\text{Ext}^*(E, E(i)) = 0$  for  $i > \mu^\vee(a_-)$  in the AT-collection.

## Recursion. I: VGIT embedding

- Plan:** 1) Identify the subcategory  $\langle E, E(1), \dots, E(\mu^\vee(a_-) - 1) \rangle$ , generated by the **initial segment** of the AT-collection, with the **previous** category  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_{a_-})$ , where  $a_- = (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ .
- 2) Recover the entire AT-collection from this initial segment.

To do 1) we use the VGIT construction of [BFK], as explained in [Favero-Kaplan-Kelly].

Consider the polynomial

$W = x_1^{a_1} x_2 + x_2^{a_2} x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n + x_n^{a_n} x_{n+1}^{a_n}$ , invariant with respect to the  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathbb{A}^{n+1}$  with the **weights**

$$c_1 = -1, c_2 = a_1, c_3 = -a_1 a_2, \dots, c_n = \pm a_1 \dots a_{n-1}, c_{n+1} = -c_n.$$

**Main idea:** on the open subset  $U_+ = (x_{n+1} \neq 0)$  the  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action allows to reduce to  $x_{n+1} = 1$  which gives  $W_+ = p_a(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , while on  $U_- = (x_n \neq 0)$  the  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action allows to reduce to  $x_n = 1$  which gives  $W_- = p_{a_-}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_{n+1}^{a_n}$ .

## VGIT embedding

For every interval  $I \subset \mathbb{Z}$ , one defines the **window** subcategory  $\mathcal{W}_I \subset \text{MF}_\Gamma(W)$  consisting of matrix factorizations  $F$  such that  $F|_0$  has weights in  $I$  with respect to the above  $\mathbb{G}_m \subset \Gamma$ .

Set  $\alpha_n = a_1 \dots a_n + a_1 \dots a_{n-2} + \dots$ , and consider the intervals

$$I^- = [0, \alpha_{n-1} - 1] \subset I^+ = [0, a_1 \dots a_{n-1} + \alpha_{n-2} - 1].$$

**Theorem**([FKK]). The restriction to  $U_+$  induces an **equivalence**  $\mathcal{W}_{I^+} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{MF}_{\Gamma_+}(W_+) = \text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$ , while the restriction to  $U_-$  gives  $\mathcal{W}_{I^-} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{MF}_{\Gamma_-}(W_-) = \text{MF}_{gr}(p_{a^-} + x_{n+1}^{a_n})$ .

We also have a fully faithful **embedding**  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p(a^-)) \rightarrow \text{MF}_{gr}(p(a^-) + x_{n+1}^{a_n})$  sending  $F$  to  $F \boxtimes \text{stab}(x_{n+1})$ .



## VGIT embedding

So we get a fully faithful embedding

$$\Phi : \mathrm{MF}_{gr}(\rho_{a-}) \rightarrow \mathrm{MF}_{gr}(W_-) \simeq \mathcal{W}_{I-} \subset \mathcal{W}_{I+} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{MF}_{gr}(\rho_a).$$

**Naive hope:** the image of the AT-collection in  $\mathrm{MF}_{gr}(\rho(a-))$  will give a segment of the AT-collection in  $\mathrm{MF}_{gr}(\rho_a)$ .

This is false. For example, for  $n = 2$ , the AT-collection in  $\mathrm{MF}_{gr}(\rho_{a_1, a_2})$  consists of  $E(i)$ , where  $E = \mathrm{stab}(x_2)$ . But  $\Phi(\text{AT-collection})$  will consist of  $F(i)$ , where  $F = \mathrm{stab}(x_1, x_2)$ .

# Mutations

For  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{D}$  an **admissible subcategory** (e.g., generated by an exceptional collection) there exist left and right adjoints  $\lambda_{\mathcal{C}}, \rho_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  to the inclusion of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider the subcategories  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}^{\perp} \subset \mathcal{D}$ , where  $X \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{C}$  (resp.,  $X \in \mathcal{C}^{\perp}$ ) if  $\text{Hom}(X, \mathcal{C}) = 0$  (resp.,  $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}, X) = 0$ ).

For  $X \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{C}$ , we have an exact triangle  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow X \rightarrow L_{\mathcal{C}}(X) \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $\mathcal{C} = \rho_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$  and  $L_{\mathcal{C}}(X) = \lambda_{\mathcal{C}^{\perp}}(X)$ . This triangle implies that  $L_{\mathcal{C}}(X) \in \mathcal{C}^{\perp}$ . The functor

$$L_{\mathcal{C}} : {}^{\perp}\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\perp}$$

is an equivalence, called **left mutation through  $\mathcal{C}$** .

The inverse functor is provided by the functor of the **right mutation**

$$R_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C}^{\perp} \rightarrow {}^{\perp}\mathcal{C}.$$

## Dual exceptional collection

If  $E_0, \dots, E_n$  is an exceptional collection then the **left dual** exceptional collection is  $(F_{-n}, \dots, F_0)$  given by

$$F_0 = E_0, F_{-1} = L_{E_0} E_1, F_{-2} = L_{E_0, E_1} E_2, \dots, F_{-n} = L_{E_0, \dots, E_{n-1}} E_n.$$

It has the property  $\text{Hom}^*(E_i, F_{-j}) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  while  $\text{Hom}^*(E_i, F_{-i})$  is 1-dimensional.

**Example.** The left dual collection to  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1), \dots, \mathcal{O}(n))$  on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is  $(\Omega^n(n), \dots, \Omega^1(1), \mathcal{O})$ .

## Dual of the initial segment of AT-collection

We want to relate  $(E, \dots, E(\mu^\vee(a-) - 1))$  in  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$  to the image of  $\Phi : \text{MF}_{gr}(p_{a-}) \rightarrow \text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$ . This requires passing to a **dual** collection and an extra **mutation**.

Consider the subcategory  $\mathcal{C} = \langle E(-\mu^\vee(a-)), \dots, E(-1) \rangle$ . Then the image of the AT-collection in  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_{a-})$  under  $\Phi$  (suitably twisted) is left dual to the collection  $L_{\mathcal{C}}(E, \dots, E(\mu^\vee - 1))$ .

This image (up to a twist) is given by  $(F(\mu^\vee(a-) - 1), \dots, F(1), F)$ , where

$$F = \begin{cases} \text{stab}(x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n), & n \text{ even,} \\ \text{stab}(x_2, x_4, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n), & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}.$$

# Helices

If  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  is an exceptional collection in  $\mathcal{D}$  then it extends to a **helix**  $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , where

$$E_{i-n} = L_{E_{i-n+1}, \dots, E_{i-1}} E_i, \quad E_{i+n} = R_{E_{i+1}, \dots, E_{i+n-1}} E_i.$$

For  $(\mathcal{O}, \dots, \mathcal{O}(n))$  on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  this gives  $(\mathcal{O}(i))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  (up to a shift).

If  $(E_1, \dots, E_n)$  generates  $\mathcal{D}$  then  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}(E_i) \simeq E_{i-n}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}$  is the **Serre functor** on  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e.,  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)^* \simeq \text{Hom}(Y, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{D}}(X))$ .

The Serre functor on the category  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$  has form  $\mathcal{S}(F) = F(-\mu^\vee)[m]$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence, the helix generated by the AT-collection is simply  $(E(i))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  (up to shift).

## Helices and the AT-collections

Let  $(E_0, \dots, E_{M-1})$  denote the AT-collection in  $\mathcal{D} = \text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$ , where  $M = \mu^\vee$ . We replace it and its initial segment  $(E_0, \dots, E_{m-1})$ , where  $m = \mu^\vee(a_-)$ , by the left dual collections  $(F_{-M+1}, \dots, F_0)$  and  $(F_{-m+1}, \dots, F_0)$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} = \langle F_{-m+1}, \dots, F_0 \rangle$ . Consider the functor  $\lambda : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  left adjoint to the inclusion.

**Key result:**  $(\lambda(F_{-M+1}), \dots, \lambda(F_0))$  is a **segment of the helix** generated by  $(F_{-m+1}, \dots, F_0)$  (note that  $\lambda(F_{-i}) = F_{-i}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$ ), and the functor  $\lambda$  induces isomorphisms

$$\text{Ext}^*(F_{-j}, F_{-i}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}^*(\lambda(F_{-j}), \lambda(F_{-i}))$$

for  $i \leq j$  (from left to right).

**Crucial fact** for the proof:  $\text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_m)$  is 1-dimensional and  $\text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_i) \otimes \text{Ext}^*(E_i, E_m) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_m)$  is a **perfect pairing**.

## Example: $M=m+1$

Assume  $\text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_m)$  is 1-dimensional and  $\text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_i) \otimes \text{Ext}^*(E_i, E_m) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^*(E_0, E_m)$  is a **perfect pairing**. Consider  $\mathcal{C} = \langle E_0, \dots, E_{m-1} \rangle$ , and let  $\lambda, \rho : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  denote the left and right adjoints to the inclusion.

**Claim:**  $\lambda(L_{\mathcal{C}}E_m) \simeq \rho(E_m) \simeq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{C}}(E_0)$  and  $\lambda$  induces isomorphisms  $\text{Ext}^*(L_{\mathcal{C}}E_m, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^*(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{C}}(E_0), \mathcal{C})$  for  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Proof:**  $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}, \rho(E_m)) \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}, E_m) \simeq \text{Hom}(E_0, \mathcal{C})^{\vee} \simeq \text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{C}}(E_0))$ .

Now, if  $F_{-m}, \dots, F_0$  is the dual collection to  $E_0, \dots, E_m$ , then  $\mathcal{C} = \langle F_{-m+1}, \dots, F_0 \rangle$  and  $F_{-m} = L_{\mathcal{C}}(E_m)$ .

## Recursion: conclusion

Starting from the AT-collection  $(E_0, \dots, E_{m-1})$  in  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_{a-})$  for  $a- = (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ , we have a **recipe** for constructing a category with an exceptional collection, which will be equivalent to  $\text{MF}_{gr}(p_a)$  with its AT-collection.

**Step 1.** Extend  $(E_0, \dots, E_{m-1})$  to a helix  $(E_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , and take any segment of length  $M$ , say,  $(E_0, \dots, E_{M-1})$ .

**Step 2.** Leave only Ext's from left to right (but remember the  $A_\infty$ -structure).

**Step 3.** Pass to the right dual exceptional collection.



## A-side

On the A-side we consider the **perturbation**

$x_1 + p_a(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that has only nondegenerate critical points. There are

$\mu = \mu(a) = a_1 \dots a_n - a_2 \dots a_n + a_3 \dots a_n - \dots$  critical points, and they form one orbit with respect to the group of rotations through multiples of  $2\pi/\mu$ .

We consider a diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  given by the  $2\pi/\mu$  rotation inside some circle containing critical values and is identity outside a bigger circle, together with its lift as a symplectomorphism  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

## A-side

We take a path  $\gamma$  from a large regular value to a critical value, and consider the set of paths

$$\gamma, \varphi(\gamma), \dots, \varphi^{\mu-1}(\gamma).$$

Corresponding **Lefschetz thimbles** form an exceptional collection in the Fukaya-Seidel category  $DF(a)$ , which is an analog of the AT-collection.

Using Lefschetz bifibration method one can show the recursion that gives  $DF(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  from  $DF(a_2, \dots, a_n)$ .