

(a) **On a relation between a polytope duality for families of  $K3$  surfaces and coupling.**

Introduced by Ebeling, coupling is a duality between two weight systems using the magic square. Besides, for some weight systems that are coupling pairs, one can find a pair of defining invertible polynomials of some singularities in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  to be strange-dual, and then, they can be projectivized as anticanonical sections in the weighted projective spaces with weight systems determining simple  $K3$  singularities.

Take defining polynomials  $f$  and  $f'$  of strange-dual singularities in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  and their invertible projectivizations  $F$  and  $F'$  respectively as anticanonical sections in the weighted projective spaces  $\mathbb{P}_a$  and  $\mathbb{P}_b$  of weights  $a$  and  $b$ . We concluded that almost all the strange-dual pairs admit an extension of the Newton polytopes to polar-dual polytopes. We also expect that the result is applied to the geometrical study of reflexive polytopes associated to families of  $K3$  surfaces.

(b) **On integral lattices with an automorphism and isolated hypersurface singularities.** (joint work with Professor Claus Hertling)

A pair  $(H, h)$  of a finitely-generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice  $H$  and an automorphism  $h$  on it is said to admit a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks if the following two conditions are satisfied:

(1)  $H$  admits a decomposition into  $h$ -invariant sublattices  $H^{(i)}$  for which there exists an element  $e_0^{(i)}$  such that  $H^{(i)}$  is generated by finitely-many orbits of  $e_0^{(i)}$  by  $h$ .

(2) The characteristic polynomials of  $h$  on  $H^{(i)}$ , which we denote by  $p_{H^{(i)}, h}$ , divides the characteristic polynomial  $p_{H^{(i-1)}, h}$  for  $H^{(i-1)}$ , for all  $i$ .

In other words, the lattice  $H$  admits a decomposition with elementary divisors being its characteristic polynomials. In 1972, Orlik conjectured that for any isolated hypersurface singularities, its Milnor lattice together with a monodromy action admit a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks. In our study, we consider Orlik's conjecture for several cases.

Part 1: Let  $(H, h)$  be a pair of a single Orlik block  $H$  and an automorphism  $h$  and consider the power  $(H, h^\mu)$  of the lattice, where  $\mu$  is the rank of  $H$ . Firstly, we give a sufficient condition for  $(H, h^\mu)$  to admit a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks in terms of the set of orders of eigenvalues of  $h$ . As an application, together with a result by Orlik and Randell in 1977 that the Milnor lattice of chain-type singularity is of the form  $(H_{Mil}, h_{Mil}) = (H_{Mil}, h^\mu)$  with some automorphism  $h$ , we can give a sufficient condition for  $(H_{Mil}, h_{Mil})$  to admit a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks.

Part 2: Consider two single Orlik blocks  $(H^{(1)}, h^{(1)})$  and  $(H^{(2)}, h^{(2)})$  and their tensor product  $(H^{(1)} \otimes H^{(2)}, h^{(1)} \otimes h^{(2)})$ . Secondly, we give a sufficient condition for  $(H^{(1)} \otimes H^{(2)}, h^{(1)} \otimes h^{(2)})$  to admit a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks in terms of the set of orders of eigenvalues of  $h^{(1)} \otimes h^{(2)}$ . As an application, we obtain a method to judge a Thom-Sebastiani sum of two appropriate singularities admits a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks.

Part 3: Thirdly, we introduce a notion of "excellent orders" and partly interpret above results.

Part 4: We consider whether or not the Milnor lattice together with a monodromy action admits a standard decomposition into Orlik blocks for cyclic-type singularities. Cooper studied this topic in 1982, but it contains some errors. Following his method using spectral sequences, we carefully investigate generators of the lattice and finally obtain a standard decomposition of the Milnor lattice into Orlik blocks.