

# AN INTRODUCTION TO CRYSTALLIZATION THEORY

A simplicial cell complex  $K$  of dimension  $d$  is a poset isomorphic to the face poset of a  $d$ -dimensional simplicial CW-complex  $X$ . If a topological space  $M$  is homeomorphic to  $X$ , then  $K$  is said to be a pseudotriangulation of  $M$ . In 1974, Pezzana proved that every connected closed PL  $d$ -manifold admits a  $(d+1)$ -vertex pseudotriangulation. For such a pseudotriangulation of a PL  $d$ -manifold one can associate a  $(d + 1)$ -regular colored graph, called a crystallization of the manifold. Actually, crystallization is a graph-theoretical tool to study topological and combinatorial properties of PL manifolds. In this talk, I shall define crystallization and show some applications on PL  $d$ -Manifolds for  $d = 2, 3$  and  $4$ . In dimension  $2$ , I shall show a proof of the classification of closed surfaces using crystallization. This concept has some important higher dimensional analogs, especially in dimensions  $3$  and  $4$ . In dimensions  $3$  and  $4$ , I shall give lower bounds for facets in a pseudotriangulation of a PL manifolds. Also, I shall talk on the regular genus (a higher dimensional analog of genus) of PL  $d$ -manifolds. Then I shall show the importance of the regular genus in dimension  $4$ . Additivity of regular genus has been proved for a huge class of PL  $4$ -manifolds. We have some observations on the regular genus, which is related to the 4-dimensional Smooth Poincaré Conjecture.

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