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Carlos Barrera-Rodriguez\* (barrera@cimat.mx), Prol. Mineral de Valenciana #4C, Col. Marfil, 36251 Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico. A collection of interpolating multicurve complexes of a surface S. Preliminary report.

We introduce a new collection of simplicial complexes associated to a connected orientable compact surface  $S = S_{g,n}$ , called k-curve complexes and denoted by k- $\mathcal{C}(S)$ . Each complex is realized by: vertices given by multicurves ((k-1)-simplices of the original curve complex of S) and edges given by a restricted nonfillingness property between vertices. We prove that for each  $k, 1 \leq k \leq 3g + n - 5$ , the corresponding complex of this collection is connected and we study the coarse geometry of 1- $\mathcal{C}(S)$ . In particular, we prove that 1- $\mathcal{C}(S)$  is hyperbolic. We also show a small application of these complexes to a Heegaard splitting of a manifold and a useful relation with the mapping class group of the surface S. Keywords: curve complex, Teichmüller space, Heegaard splittings, pants complex, pseudo-Anosov map (Received May 14, 2013)