

## §1: Motivation

Homotopy groups of spheres = HARD!

$$\sim \pi_n S^m = 0 \quad n < m$$

$\pi_{i+n} S^n = \text{Map}(S^{i+n}, S^n)$  only depends on  $n$  for large  $n$ , so it stabilizes

$\sim$  Try to understand just the stable part:

stable homotopy groups of spheres:  $\pi_i^S = \lim_n \pi_{i+n} S^n$

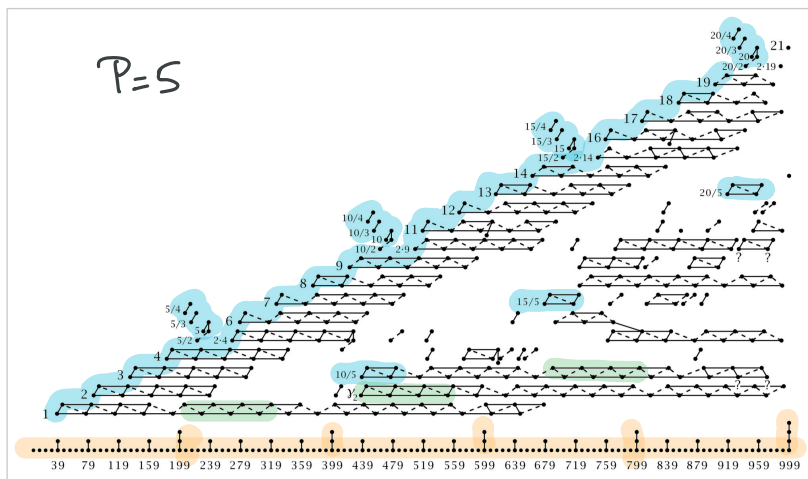
The sphere spectrum captures these:

$$\pi_i \mathbb{S} = \pi_i^S = \lim_n \pi_{i+n} S^n$$

Serre:  $\pi_n \mathbb{S} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ \text{finite ab. groups} & n>0 \end{cases}$

Maybe enough to calculate one torsion at a time?

$$\pi_i \mathbb{S} \begin{matrix} \swarrow & | & \searrow & \dots \\ \pi_i \mathbb{S}_2 & \pi_i \mathbb{S}_3 & \pi_i \mathbb{S}_p & \dots \end{matrix} \quad \text{where } \pi_i \mathbb{S}_p \text{ describes the } p\text{-primary part}$$



$$\pi_i \mathbb{S}_{(5)}$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathbb{Z}_{5^2}$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathbb{Z}_{5^3}$$

1st chromatic Layer - closely related to K-theory

- Period between each dot =  $2(p-1)=8$

$\sim v_1$ -periodic = image of  $\beta$

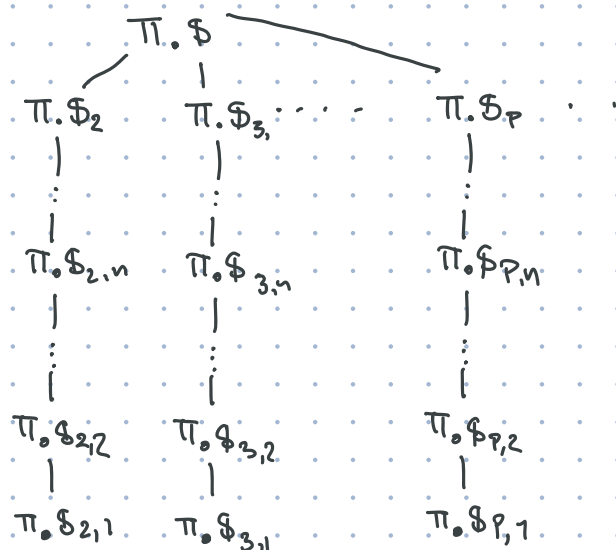
2nd chromatic Layer -

-  $v_2$ -periodic  $\sim 2(p^2-1)=48$

### 3rd chromatic layer -

-  $v_3$ -periodic  $\sim 2(p^3-1)=248$

$\sim$  chromatic filtration:



Have convergence theorems!

Idea: Fix  $p$ , construct spectra  $K(0), K(1), K(2), \dots$  called Morava  $K$ -theories

Define

$$L_n X := L_{K(0)} \vee \dots \vee L_{K(n)} X$$

It's a result by Hopkins-Ravenel that

$$\mathbb{S}_p \simeq \text{holim}_n \underbrace{L_n \mathbb{S}^0}_{\text{in } p\text{-th chromatic layer,}}$$

So want to study  $\mathbb{S}_p$  through this filtration.

## § Spectra

Def: An  $(\Omega\text{-})$  spectrum  $E$ :

- Sequence of based spaces  $E_n, n \geq 0$
- Weak equivalences

$$\omega_n: E_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega E_{n+1}$$

Morphisms:  $f: E \rightarrow F = \{f_n: E_n \rightarrow F_n\}$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_n & \xrightarrow{f_n} & F_n \\ \sim \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow \sim \\ \Omega E_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\Omega f_{n+1}} & \Omega F_{n+1} \end{array}$$

so not assuming  
w.eq  
↓

$\leadsto \text{Sp}$

Def: Specification of  $E = \{E_n: n \geq 0\}$  together w. inclusions  $\omega_n: E_n \hookrightarrow \Omega E_{n+1}$

$$\mathbb{I}E_n = \varinjlim_k \Omega^k E_{n+k}, \quad \mathbb{I}\omega_n = \varinjlim_k \Omega^k \omega_{n+k}$$

is a spectrum  $(\text{Sp}(E))$

E.g:  $\text{Sp}(E)_0 = \mathbb{I}E_0 = \text{colim}(E_0 \rightarrow \Omega E_1 \hookrightarrow \Omega^2 E_2 \hookrightarrow \dots)$

The idea of a spectra comes from cohomology theories due to Brown representability theorem:

If  $E$  is a cohomology theory, then there exists a spectrum  $(E_n, \omega_n)$  s.t.

$$\tilde{E}^n(X) \cong \underbrace{[X, E_n]}_{\text{Based homotopy classes of maps}} \sim E_n \text{ represents the (reduced) cohomology theory.}$$

Ex • Complex K-theory: Bott periodicity gives

$$\Omega U = \mathbb{Z} \times BU, \quad \Omega(\mathbb{Z} \times BU) \cong U \hookrightarrow \text{unitary group}$$

$$\begin{cases} U = \varinjlim U(n) \\ U(n) = n \times n \text{ unitary matrices} \\ BU = \varinjlim (BU(n) \hookrightarrow BU(n+1) \hookrightarrow \dots) \end{cases}$$

Complex K-theory  $K^*(-)$  is represented by

$$K = \{\mathbb{Z} \times BU, U, \mathbb{Z} \times BU, U, \dots\}$$

• Suspension spectra: "Think of based spaces as living in spectra"

$X \in \text{Top}_*$ . Then  $\Sigma^\infty X$  is the specification of

$$(\Sigma^\infty X)_n = \Sigma^n X, \quad \omega_n: \Sigma^n X \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma^{n+1} X$$

$$\Sigma X = X \wedge S^1$$

$$\Omega X = \text{Maps}(S^1, X)$$

↑  
The adjoint to the identity

$$\sigma_n: \Sigma \Sigma^n X \xrightarrow{=} \Sigma^{n+1} X$$

~> Sphere spectrum  $\mathbb{S} = \Sigma^\infty S^0$

Construction Complex Cobordism  $MU$  is the spectrification of

$$\{MU(1), \Sigma MU(1), MU(2), \Sigma MU(2), \dots\}$$

- $MU(n) = \text{Thom space of the canonical complex vector bundle}$

one-pt.  
compactification

(all points at  $\infty$  are  
sent to one point.)

$$\gamma_n \longrightarrow BU(n) (\cong Gr_n(\mathbb{C}^\infty))$$

$$P \longmapsto [P]$$

pt. = planes

fibers = vectors in that plane

n-plane inside  $\mathbb{C}^\infty$

- Consider the following pullback:

Tautological v.b.

$$\gamma_n := \{(v, x) \in BU(n) \times \mathbb{C}^\infty \mid x \in v \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\infty\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\gamma_n \oplus \mathbb{C} \cong \gamma_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & \gamma_{n+1} \\ \uparrow \text{trivial complex line bundle} & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ BU(n) & \xrightarrow{i} & BU(n+1) \end{array}$$

~> Induces a map on Thom spaces

$$\Sigma^2 MU(n) \cong Th(i^* \gamma_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{2n+1}} Th(\gamma_{n+1}) = MU(n+1)$$

↑  
since adding a trivial bundle means you suspend w. the dim.

- $\omega_{2n+1}: \Sigma MU(2n+1) \rightarrow MU(2n)$  is adjoint to  $\sigma_{2n+1}$  — to get the loop, adjoin a factor
- $\omega_{2n}: MU(n) \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma MU(n)$  is adjoint to the identity

$$\omega_n: E_n \rightarrow \Omega E_{n+1}$$

$$\omega_{2n+1}: \Sigma MU(2n+1) \rightarrow \Omega MU(2n+2)$$

$$\Sigma^2 MU(2n+1) \rightarrow MU(2n+2)$$



### §3: Stable Homotopy Category

Def:  $\mathcal{C}$  a category,  $\omega \subseteq \mathcal{C}$

- $\text{iso } \mathcal{C} \subseteq \omega$
- 2-out-of-3 of  $\{f, g, g \circ f\}$  in  $\omega$ , then so is the third

The homotopy category of  $\mathcal{C}$  (if it exists!) is

- Category  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}, \omega)$
- $\iota: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}, \omega)$  which maps all maps in  $\omega$  to isomorphisms and it's the initial such map, i.e.:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{isos} \\ \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{D} \\ \downarrow \iota & \Downarrow \cong & \nearrow \exists! \\ \text{Ho}(\mathcal{C}, \omega) & & \end{array}$$

Ex: Stable Homotopy Category:  $\text{SH} = \text{Ho}(\text{Sp}, \omega_0)$  where

$\omega_0 = \text{weak-equivalences } (= \pi_*\text{-isos})$

$$\pi_r E = \varinjlim_n \pi_{r+n} E_n$$

Several nice properties:

- $[X, Y] := \text{SH}(X, Y) \in \text{Ab}$
- Finite products and coproducts are equivalent
- Closed symmetric monoidal with unit  $S^0$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \rightarrow & \\ \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow \\ & \rightarrow & \end{array}$$

$$\underset{(\otimes)}{1} : \text{SH} \times \text{SH} \rightarrow \text{SH}, \quad F(-, -) : \text{SH}^{\text{op}} \times \text{SH} \rightarrow \text{SH}$$

$$F(x \wedge y, z) \cong F(x, F(y, z))$$

- Triangulated

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} (\Sigma^{\infty} X \wedge E)_n \\ \text{"} X \wedge E_n \text{" + spectrify} \end{array} \right]$$

Note: There exists other models for spectra

We know that having a cohomology theory we get a spectrum, but we can also go the other way.

Def:  $E \in \text{Sp}$ , E-cohomology -  $\tilde{E}_* : \text{SH} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  given by

$$\tilde{E}_n : \text{SH} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

$$X \mapsto \pi_n(E \wedge X)$$

E-cohomology -  $\tilde{E}^* : \text{SH}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{E}^n : SH^{op} & \longrightarrow & Ab \\ X & \longmapsto & \pi_{-n} F(X, E) = [X, \Sigma^n E] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \text{in } SH \\ \nwarrow \text{functions} \end{array}$$

Unreduced versions:

$$E_n := \tilde{E}_n(\mathbb{S}) = \pi_n E = \tilde{E}^{-n}(\mathbb{S}) =: E^{-n}$$

Ex: For  $E = \mathbb{S}$ , then the stable homotopy groups are the  $E$ -homology:

$$\tilde{\mathbb{S}}_*(X) \cong \pi_*(X) \quad (\text{For } X \text{ aspcce: } \pi_r^{\mathbb{S}} X = \varinjlim_{n \geq r} \pi_n X)$$

Weak equivalences in  $Sp$  are  $\tilde{\mathbb{S}}_*$ -isos and  $SH$  is obtained from  $Sp$  by inverting these.

Q: what about inverting other maps?

## §4: Bousfield Localization

Def: •  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$  is an E-equivalence if

$$\tilde{E}_*(f): \tilde{E}_*(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{E}_*(Y)$$

- $\mathcal{W}_E \subseteq \mathcal{SP}$  full subcategory of E-equivalences:

$$\text{"E-local"} \quad \mathcal{SH}_E := \text{Ho}(\mathcal{SP}, \mathcal{W}_E)$$

- $X$  is E-acyclic if  $\tilde{E}_*(X) = 0$

- $Y$  is E-local if  $[X, Y] = 0 \quad \forall X \text{ E-acyclic}$

} "orthogonal to each other in  $\mathcal{SH}$ "

Write  $\mathcal{SP}_E \subseteq \mathcal{SP}$  full subcat. of E-local spectra.

Fact: •  $\mathcal{SH}_E \cong \text{Ho}(\mathcal{SP}_E, \text{weak eq. in } \mathcal{SP}_E)$

- $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{SP}_E$  is a weak eq.  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is an E-equivalence

Construction: | Bousfield localization | Let  $E \in \mathcal{SP}$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{SH}$

- An E-localization is an E-equivalence  $\eta: X \rightarrow \underbrace{L_E X}_{\in \mathcal{SP}_E}$   $\leftarrow E\text{-iso}$

It's a result by Bousfield that these exists and  $\mathcal{SP}_E$  are unique in  $\mathcal{SH}$ , so we

get a functor:

$$L_E: \mathcal{SH} \longrightarrow \mathcal{SH}_E \quad + \quad \eta: 1_{\mathcal{SH}} \Rightarrow L_E \quad \leftarrow \text{identity}$$

(This is left adj. to the inclusion)

$\nwarrow$  Bousfield localization w.r.t. E

It has the following universal property: (so initial)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \eta \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! f_E \in \mathcal{SH} & \uparrow \in \mathcal{SP}_E \\ L_E X & & \end{array}$$

Fact: There is a distinguished triangle

$$C_E X \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{\eta} L_E X \rightarrow \Sigma C_E X$$

so sits in a cofiber seq.

$$C_E X \rightarrow X \rightarrow L_E X$$

where  $C_E X$  is the terminal  $E_*$ -acyclic spectrum with a map to  $X$ .

We use this for  $p$ -localization and -completion

Ex: Let  $E = S_{(p)}$   $p$ -local sphere, which is the spectrum representing the homology theory

$$X \mapsto \pi_* X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \quad \leftarrow p\text{-local}$$

$$\leadsto \text{p-local spectra} = E\text{-local spectra} \leadsto X_{(p)} := L_{S_{(p)}} X$$

Fact: For any spectrum  $X$ :  $\pi_* L_{S_{(p)}} X \cong \pi_* X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$

$\leadsto$  In particular: A spectrum is  $p$ -local iff its homotopy groups are

Ex: Let  $E = \mathbb{S}/p$  be the mod- $p$  sphere.

$\leadsto$   $p$ -complete =  $E$ -local  $\leadsto X_p := L_{\mathbb{S}/p} X$

Fact:  $L_{\mathbb{S}/p} X \cong \varprojlim X/p^n \leadsto \pi_* L_{\mathbb{S}/p} X \cong \pi_* X \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$  inverse limit  
 $= \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/p^i$

so there is a connection between the homotopy groups of  $p$ -local and  $p$ -complete spectra.

— The Eilenberg-MacLane space

Ex:  $S^1 = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) \in \mathcal{S}p$

$\leadsto S^1_p = K(\mathbb{Z}_p, 1)$

$S^1_{(p)} = K(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, 1)$

# §2: Complex oriented Cohomology theories

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$G$  group,  $BG$  = classifying space of  $G$

↳ Classifies principal  $G$ -bundles

$$BG = |NBG|$$

\* one object category,  $\text{Hom}_{BG}(*, *) \cong G$

$EG := |EG|$  : Contractible free  $G$ -space

$$EG_n := G \times G \times \dots \times G \quad \text{simplicial space}$$

This has a  $G$ -action, and from this POV:

$$BG = EG/G$$

We obtain the universal  $G$ -bundle

$$EG \longrightarrow BG,$$

i.e.  $\forall$  principal  $G$ -bundles  $V \rightarrow X$  arises as the pullback of  $EG \rightarrow BG$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^* \pi = V & \longrightarrow & EG \\ \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & BG \end{array} \quad [X, BG] \cong \{ \text{principal } G\text{-bundle over } X \} / \cong$$

Statement:

- $G = O(n) \rightsquigarrow$  principal  $G$ -bundle = real  $n$ -dimensional vector bundle
- $G = U(n) \rightsquigarrow$  principal  $G$ -bundle = complex  $n$ -dimensional vector bundle

Why care:  $M$  manifold  $\rightsquigarrow TM$  is a real vector bundle

In particular, if we consider  $G = U(1) = S^1$  then

$$[X, BU(1)] \cong [X, \mathbb{C}P^\infty] \cong [X, K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)] \cong H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

Once you have picked the isomorphisms  $\Rightarrow$  complex line bundle  $V \rightarrow X$  over  $X$

$$\rightsquigarrow c_1(V) \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{first Chern class}$$

When we have chosen such for the universal bundle  $H^*(BU(1); \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[t], |t|=2$

it is easy to generalise using the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}_1 & f^* H^2(BU(1); \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & t \longmapsto f^*(t) = c_1(V) \\ X \xrightarrow{f} BU(1) & & \end{array}$$

What about higher dimensional?

Prop:  $H^*(BU(n); \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  where  $s_i$  = fundamental symmetric polynomial in

$t_1, \dots, t_n$  where  
 $G(\pi_1^* \gamma_n)$

e.g.,  $s_1 = t_1 + \dots + t_n$ ,  $s_2 = t_1 t_2 + t_1 t_3 + \dots + t_{n-1} t_n$   
 $s_n = s_1 \dots s_{n-1}$

$\gamma_1$  ← universal bundle  
 $\downarrow$   
 $BU(1)$

$$\mathbb{CP}^\infty \times \mathbb{CP}^\infty \xrightarrow{\pi_1} \mathbb{CP}^\infty$$

Def:  $c_i(\gamma_n) := s_i$  and for  $V \rightarrow X$  an  $n$ -dimensional complex vector bundle,

classified by  $X \xrightarrow{f} BU(n)$ , we extend this to

$$c_i(V) = f^*(s_i) \quad \text{the Chern class}$$

The inclusion  $BU(n) \hookrightarrow BU(n+1)$  makes Chern classes compatible.

We write

$$C(V) := c_1(V) + c_2(V) + \dots + c_n(V) + \dots$$

Prop: •  $C(V \oplus W) = C(V) \cdot C(W)$

•  $C(\mathcal{O}(-1)) = 1 + t$

Now, consider the multiplication map

$$\text{show } \begin{cases} \mathbb{CP}^\infty \times \mathbb{CP}^\infty \xrightarrow{m} \mathbb{CP}^\infty \end{cases}$$

$$c(L^1 \otimes L^2) = c(L^1) + c(L^2)$$

$L$  = line bundle

So why did this work? It boils down to the fact that

$$H^*(\mathbb{CP}^\infty; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[[t]]$$

$$H^*(\mathbb{CP}^\infty \times \mathbb{CP}^\infty; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[[t_1, t_2]]$$

Def: Complex oriented cohomology theory  $E$  is a multiplicative cohomology theory such that

$$\tilde{E}^2(\mathbb{CP}^\infty) \rightarrow \tilde{E}^2(\mathbb{CP}^1) \cong \tilde{E}^2(S^2) \cong E^*(pt) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

is surjective.

A complex orientation is such a lift  $X \in \tilde{E}^2(\mathbb{CP}^\infty)$ .

Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence tells us that

$$\tilde{E}_2^{p,q} = H^p(\mathbb{CP}^\infty; E^q(pt)) \Rightarrow E^{p+q}(\mathbb{CP}^\infty)$$

Lurie says that a cohomology theory is complex oriented iff AHSS collapses at the  $E_2$ -page for  $\mathbb{C}P^\infty$ .

Prop. If  $E$  is an even cohomology theory  $\Rightarrow$  AHSS collapses

$$\Rightarrow E^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong E^*(pt.)[[t]]$$

Ex: • Complex K-theory is even:  $KU^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x^{\pm 1}][[t]]$

• MU is also even:  $MU^* \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2, \dots], |x_i| = 2i$

Wish to consider this on the tensor of line bundles:

$$c^E(\mathbb{Z}^1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}^2) = F_E(c(\mathbb{Z}^1), c(\mathbb{Z}^2))$$

$\leadsto$  Formal group laws



# §4 Landweber exact functor theorem

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Complex oriented cohomology theory  $E$

$\Downarrow$

$r^{st}$  E-Chern class for line bundles

$\Downarrow$

Formal group laws

Today - How do we  
go the other direction?

?

$\Uparrow$

Ring hom.  $MU_* \otimes L \rightarrow R$

$\Uparrow$

FGL over  $R$

The idea for our approach comes from the following theorem:

Thm. | Conner-Floyd |

$$KU_*(X) \cong MU_*(X) \otimes_{MU_*} KU_*$$

Generalize this:

$$E_*(X) := MU_*(X) \otimes_{MU_*} R$$

Q: Is this a homology theory?

Since  $MU_*$  is already such, most axioms holds trivially. "All" we are missing to check is exactness.

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  cofiber sequence of spaces

Want:  $MU_*(A) \otimes_{MU_*} R \rightarrow \dots$  exact would be nice if flat... But, not so interesting

We have that

$$0 \rightarrow MU_*(A) \rightarrow MU_*(B) \rightarrow MU_*(C) \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of  $(MU_*, MU_*(MU))$ -comodules

The Landweber exact functor theorem gives us a condition for when

$$(-) \otimes_{MU_*} R : \text{comod}(MU_* MU) \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

exact.

Note: Might be a cohomology theory without this being exact - so does not give us a complete description.

Recall: Given an  $R$ -module  $M$ , a sequence  $r_1, \dots, r_d \in R$  is regular for  $M$  if

$$M/(r_1, \dots, r_{k-1}) \xrightarrow{r_k} M/(r_1, \dots, r_{k+1})$$

"nice filtration" of the module

is injective for  $1 \leq k \leq d$

Thm: | Landweber exact functor theorem | For  $p$  prime, let  $v_i \in MU_*$  be the coefficient of  $x^{p^i}$  in  $[p](x)$  for the universal formal group law. is multiplication by  $p$  map

Further let  $M$  be an  $MU_*$ -module. Then

$$(-) \otimes_{MU_*} M: \text{Comod}(MU_* MU) \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

is exact iff  $\forall$  primes  $p$ ,  $p, v_1, v_2, \dots$  is regular for  $M$ .

Cor: Let  $F$  be a FGL over  $R$  corresponding to

$$\phi: MU_* \rightarrow R$$

Further let  $v_i \in R$  be the coefficients of  $x^{p^i}$  in  $[p]_F(x)$ . Then

$(-) \otimes_{MU_*} R$  is exact iff  $\forall p, p, v_1, v_2, \dots$  is regular for  $M$ .

Variation in the literature: Defining  $v_i$  using the Lazard ring in the following way:

$$MU_* \cong \mathbb{Z}[t_1, t_2, \dots], \quad v_i \equiv -t_{p^i-1} \pmod{p}$$

So when our FGL satisfies this, we get a cohomology theory, and one can show that by going back from cohomology theories to FGLs, we will recover the original FGL.

Ex: |  $F_{H\mathbb{Z}}(x, y) = x + y$  |

$$[p](x) = px \rightsquigarrow v_i = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 1$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cdot p} \mathbb{Z} \text{ injective } \checkmark$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/p \xrightarrow{\cdot p} \mathbb{Z}/p \text{ not injective } \times$$

Not Landweber exact

Ex: |  $F_{H\mathbb{Q}}(x, y) = x + y$  | "Fixes" the above:

$$\mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\cdot p} \mathbb{Q} \text{ injective } \checkmark$$

$$0 = \mathbb{Q}/p\mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\cdot p} \mathbb{Q}/p\mathbb{Q} = 0 \text{ injective } \checkmark$$

Landweber exact.

Ex:  $|F_{KU}(x, y) = x + y + \beta xy|$   $KU_* = \mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}]$ ,  $|\beta| = 2$

$v_i = \beta^{p^i - 1}$ ,  $v_i = 0$  for  $i > 1$

$\mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}] \xrightarrow{\cdot \beta} \mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}]$  injective ✓

$\mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}]/p \xrightarrow{\cdot \beta^{p^i}} \mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}]/p$  injective ✓  $\rightsquigarrow$  Landweber exact

Rest will just become  $0 \rightarrow 0$  injective

Construction:  $BP_* = (MU_*)_{(p)} / (t_i | i \neq p^n - 1)$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots] \in \text{comod}(MU_* MU)$

$v_i$  instead of  $t_i$ , since the image of the generators of  $MU_*$  is  $t_{p^i-1} \cong v_i$ .

These are the  $v_i$ 's we care about in the Landweber exact functor theorem

For  $q \neq p$ ,  $q$  is a unit

$BP_* \xrightarrow{\cdot p} BP_*$  injective

$\rightsquigarrow$  Landweber exact

$\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots] / p \xrightarrow{\cdot v_n} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \dots] / p$  injective

So this gives rise to the spectrum  $BP$ .

Fact: Plays the role of  $MU$  in the setting of  $p$ -typical: For  $R$  an  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra,  $p$ -typical FGLs correspond to  $BP_* \rightarrow R$ .

Construction: Johnson-Wilson theory  $\forall n, p$

$E(n)_* = BP_*[v_n^{-1}] / (v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots)$  using that this is Landweber exact

$\rightsquigarrow K(n)_* = E(n)_* / (p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{F}_p[v_n^{\pm 1}]$  not exact

Fix a perfect field  $k$  of characteristic  $p$  and FGL  $f(x,y) \in k[[x,y]]$  of height  $n$  over  $k$ .

Wish to understand which FGL's are in some sense "close" to  $f$ .   
 *extension of  $k$*  *"infinitesimal thickening"*

Def: A deformation of  $f$  over a complete local ring  $A$  equipped with a surjection

$\varphi: A \twoheadrightarrow A/m_A$ , where  $m_A$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ , is a pair  $(f_A, i)$ :

$$f_A \in \text{FGL}(A), \quad i: k \rightarrow A/m_A$$

such that

$$i^* f = \varphi^* f_A$$

$$f \in \text{FGL}(k)$$

$$\text{FGL}(A) \ni f_A$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \varphi^* \\ & \nearrow & \searrow \\ & \text{FGL}(A/m_A) & \end{array}$$

An  $*$ -isomorphism of deformations:

$$(\tilde{f}_A, i) \sim (\tilde{f}'_A, i) = \alpha: \tilde{f}_A \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{f}'_A \text{ s.t. } \varphi_* \alpha = \text{id}$$

$$\tilde{f}_A \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{f}'_A$$

they only differ by an invertible power series  $\alpha(t) \in A[[t]]$  s.t.  $\alpha(t) \equiv t \pmod{m_A}$

$$i^* f = \varphi^* \tilde{f}_A \xrightarrow{\varphi_* \alpha} \varphi^* \tilde{f}'_A \text{ in } \text{FGL}(A/m_A)$$

$\text{Def}_f(A) =$  *of  $f$*  Deformations over  $A$  and  $*$ -isomorphisms.

This defines a groupoid. Every morphism is invertible and can be described as

$$\text{Def}_f(A) \cong \coprod_{i: k \rightarrow A/m_A} \text{Def}_f(A)_i, \text{ full subcategory of } (\tilde{f}_A, i) \text{ w. } i=j.$$

This extends to a functor for fixed  $k, f$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inf. thicks of } \{(A, m_A, \varphi)\} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Groupoids} \\ \uparrow & & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Def}_f(A) \end{array}$$

and we wish to understand this one better.

Ex: Let's consider a specific deformation of  $f$ .

$W(k) =$  ring of Witt vectors of  $k$   $R = W(k)[[v_1, \dots, v_n]]$  Lubin-Tate ring

Have a canonical map

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow R/m_R \cong k, \quad m_R = (p, v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

$f \in \text{FGL}(k)$  of height  $n$  is classified by a map *characterisation by height*

$$\alpha_0: L(p) \rightarrow k, \quad L(p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[t_1, t_2, \dots] \quad |t_i| = -2i$$

*Lazard ring*

Assume that

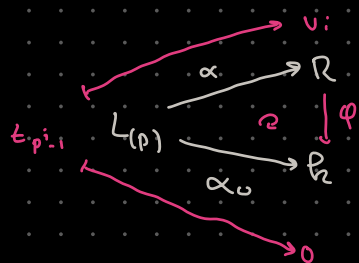
$$t_{p^{i-1}} = v_i$$

Recall from last time:  $v_i$  the coefficient of  $x^{p^i}$  in  $[P](x)$ .

for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Since  $f$  has height  $n$  we get

$$t_{p^{i-1}} \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

Next, let  $\alpha: L(p) \rightarrow R$  be any homomorphism which lifts  $\alpha_0$  and maps  $t_{p^{i-1}} \mapsto v_i$  for  $0 < i \leq n$  (notes says  $n$ )



$\leadsto \alpha$  classifies a formal group law  $E(k, f) \in \text{FGL}(R)$

s.t.  $\varphi \circ E(k, f) \cong f$  Lubin-Tate FGL

$\leadsto E(k, f) \in \text{Def}(R)$

since  $\mathbb{F}_p \cong R/\mathfrak{m}_R$  we just have  $i = \text{id}$

$$f \mapsto \bar{f} \\ \text{FGL}(k) \rightarrow \text{Def}(R)$$

Thm: |Lubin-Tate|  $E(k, f) \in \text{FGL}(R)$ ,  $R = \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{F}_p)[[u_1, \dots, u_n]]$  is a "universal deformation of  $f$ ". For all  $(A, m_A, \varphi_A)$ ,  $E(k, f)$  gives a bijection

$$\frac{E(k, f) \text{ represents}}{\text{Def}_f(A)} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(R, A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Def}_f(A) = \{(\bar{f}_A, i_A) \text{ s.t. } i_A^* \bar{f} = \varphi_A^* f_A\}$$

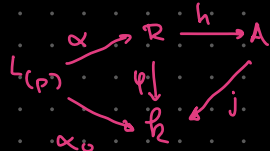
$$h: R \rightarrow A \mapsto h^* E(k, f) \cong \bar{f}_A$$

$$R \xrightarrow{h} A \\ \varphi \downarrow \quad \downarrow j \\ \mathbb{F}_p \quad \mathbb{F}_p$$

$\leadsto L(p) \xrightarrow{\alpha} R \xrightarrow{h} A$  determines a formal group law  $\bar{h} \in \text{FGL}(A)$

s.t.  $j^* \bar{h} = f$  in  $\text{FGL}(k)$  due to the following diagram:

Intuition when  $A/\mathfrak{m}_A \cong k$



Cor:  $\pi_0 \text{Def}_f(A) \cong m_A^{x(n-1)}$  corresponds to choices for the coefficients

$$x^{p^2}, \bar{h}_2 = 1, \dots, n-1 \text{ in } [P]_G(x)$$

$$\pi_1 \text{Def}_f(A)_i = \{1\} \leadsto \exists! \text{ s.t. } i \circ (\bar{f}_A, i) \cong (\bar{f}_A, i)$$

Key parts of proof:

1)  $A \mapsto \text{Def}(A)$  formally smooth, i.e.  $A \rightarrow A'$  surjective  $\Rightarrow \text{Def}(A) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A')$  surjective

$\hookrightarrow$  Because any FGL over  $A$  extends to a FGL over  $A'$ , since  $L$  is polynomial

2)  $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$  surjective maps  $\Rightarrow \text{Def}(A \times_B C) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A) \times_{\text{Def}(B)} \text{Def}(C)$  bijection

$\hookrightarrow$  Argument for this uses Spec.

Proof is then done by induction on the length of  $A$ .

Rem:  $E(k, \mathbb{F})$  Landweber exact:

- $V_0 = P, V_1, \dots, V_n$  regular per construction
- $V_n$  has invertible image in  $R/(V_0, V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}) \cong k$  by the assumption that  $\mathbb{F}$  has height  $n$ .   
 *Depends not only on  $n$ , but also on  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $P$*

$\leadsto$  Cohomology theory  $E_n$  Morava  $E$ -theory satisfying *Periodic version of  $L_{E(n)} E_n$*

$$(E_n)_* := \pi_* E_n \cong W(k)[V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}][\beta^{\pm 1}], \quad |\beta| = 2$$

$$(E_n)_0 \cong W(k)[V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}]$$

*Motivation:  $L_{E(n)}$  behaves like restricting to the open substack  $M_{FG}^{E(n)} \subseteq M_{FG} \times \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$*

A connection to the Johnson-Wilson spectrum:  $L_{E(n)} \cong L_{E(n)}$  *Smashing (preserves direct sum)*

A way to try and understand this thing is by the "Morava stabilizer group" which acts on  $(E_n)_*$  *automorphisms of  $\mathbb{F}$  over  $k$*

$$G_n := \text{Aut}(k, \mathbb{F}) \text{ Morava stabilizer group}$$

$\leadsto$  Produce automorphisms of the universal deformation by naturality

$\leadsto$   $G_n$  acts on  $(E_n)_0$  which extends  $(E_n)_*$

Ex:  $|n|=1:$

With  $k$  for the complex  $K$ -theory spectrum. This has a canonical complex orientation which determines a FGL

$$F_k(x, y) = x + y + \beta xy, \quad \beta \in \pi_{2k} k \text{ Bott element}$$

Fix  $p$  and write  $K_p$  for the  $p$ -adic completion of  $K$ . Then

$$\pi_0 K_p \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$$

we get that

$$F_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(x, y) = x + y + xy \in \text{FGL}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

is a deformation of

$$F_{\mathbb{F}_p}(x, y) = x + y + xy \in \text{FGL}(\mathbb{F}_p) \sim \pi_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \in \text{Def}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^{\mathbb{F}_p}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

$\leadsto$  Fix  $F_{\mathbb{F}_p}$  as above. Then  $E_1 \cong K_p$ ,  $(E_1)_* \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[\beta^{\pm 1}]$

In this case

$\mathbb{C}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^{\times} \hookrightarrow (E_1)_*$  the opposite of the Adams operations

For every  $p$ -adic unit  $\lambda$ , we let  $\gamma_\lambda$  denote the corresponding map in  $\Gamma$

### Construction of Morava K-theory:

$$\pi_* \mathcal{M}_{U(p)} \simeq L_{(p)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[t_1, \dots, t_n]$$

where we may assume  $v_i = t^{p^i-1}$  for  $i > 0$  and by convention we set  $t_0 = p \in \pi_0 MU_{(p)}$

Write

$$M(p_k) := \text{colib}(\sum^{z_k} MU_{(p_k)} \xrightarrow{\cdot t_k} MU_{(p)})$$

Prop:  $M(k)$  homotopy associative algebra over  $MU(p)$

Fix prime  $p$  and  $n \geq 0$ : Morava  $K$ -Theory

$$K(n) := M_{U(p)}[v_n^{-1}] \wedge (\bigotimes_{k \leq p^{n-1}} M(p_k))$$

which by the above has the structure of a homotopy associative  $MU_{(p)}$ -algebra.

If  $p \neq 2$  its homotopy commutative!

One can calculate that

$$\pi_* K(u) \simeq (\pi_* M(u_p)) [u_n^{-1}] / (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{p^{n-2}}, t_{p^{n-1}}, \dots) \\ \simeq \pi_p [u_n^{-1}] \quad |u_n| = 2(p^{n-1}).$$

We get a map of ring spectra

$$MU_{(p)} \rightarrow K(n) \leadsto \text{complex orientation on } K(n)$$

$$\leadsto \text{a } \text{FGL}(\pi_* K(n)) \text{ with height } n$$

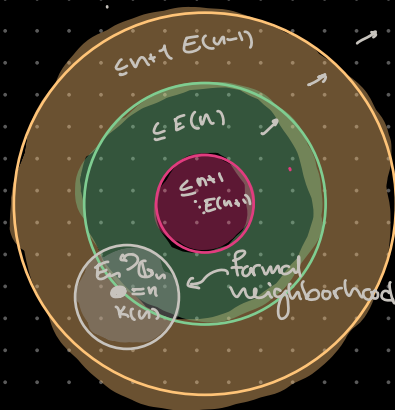
One can show that this construction of  $K(n)$  is independent of all the choices we made. Moduli stack

## Moduli space

## General motivation/ Intuition

Height  $\varphi: MU_* \rightarrow R_* \quad FGL(R_f)$

- $\varphi(v_n)$  unit in  $R_*$   
 $\leadsto F \text{ Height} \leq n$  at  $p$
- If further  $\varphi(v_i) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i < n$   
 $\leadsto F \text{ Height} = n$







# §6: Morava K-theory

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Recall:  $k$  perfect field of char  $p$ ,  $f \in \text{FGL}(k)$ ,  $A$  an infinitesimal thickening of  $k$ ,  $A \rightarrow k$ . Then a deformation of  $f$  over  $A$  is a  $g \in \text{FGL}(A)$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & g & \nearrow A \\ L(n) & \xrightarrow{f} & k \\ & \downarrow & \\ & & k \end{array}$$

We have that  $R = W(k)[[u_1, \dots, u_n]] \rightarrow k$  is the universal deformation in the sense that  $\text{FGL}(A) \cong \text{Def}(A) \cong \text{Hom}(R, A)$ .

$\leadsto$  The Lubin-Tate formal group law

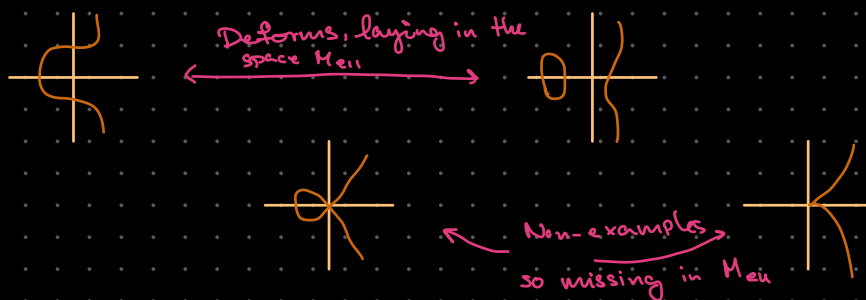
$\leadsto$  Landweber exact  $E(n)$   $p$ -local ring spectrum

Formal groups = Group object in formal schemes

$\leadsto M_{FG}$  = Moduli stack of formal groups

Recall: Elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  when 2, 3 are invertible in  $R$ ,  $\Delta \neq 0$

Over  $R$ :



Consider  $F: \text{Sch}/\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$\leftarrow$  site of schemes over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Q}$

$$F(x) \cong \text{Hom}(x, M_{\text{ell}})$$

to 'small' because elliptic curves have non-trivial automorphisms

Issue:  $M_{\text{ell}}$  can't be a scheme

$\leadsto M_{\text{ell}}$  will be a stack

Thm: | Goerss-Hopkins-Miller | The structure sheaf of  $M_{\text{ell}}$  can be lifted to a sheaf of  $E_\infty$ -ring spectra  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{top}}$ , and the spectrum of global sections of this  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{top}}$  is by definition  $\text{TMF}$  = the spectrum of topological modular forms

story of

"elliptic cohomology"

This is a good approximation of height 2.

Elliptic curves  $\mapsto$  formal groups of height  $\leq 2$

$$E \mapsto \hat{E} \text{ complete}$$

tmf allows you to understand  $E(2)$ -local spectra.

Slogan "localizing spectra at  $E(2)$  is like restricting

$$M_{FG}^{\leq n} \subseteq M_{FG}$$

Want to look at  $M_{FG}^{\leq n}$  - those of exactly height  $n$

$$\sum^{\mathbb{Z}_k} MU_{(p)} \xrightarrow{t_k} MU_{(p)} \rightarrow M(\mathbb{Z}_k)$$

$MU_{(p)}$  is a ring spectrum  $\sim$   $M(\mathbb{Z}_k)$  is an algebra over  $MU_{(p)}$

$$K(n) := MU_{(p)}[v_n^{-1}] \otimes_{\bigotimes_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n-1}} MU_{(p)}} M(\mathbb{Z}_k) \quad \text{Morava K-theory}$$

$L_{K(n)}$  is like restricting to  $M_{FG}^{\leq n}$

Thm: The following is a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_{E(n)} X & \longrightarrow & L_{E(n-1)} X \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \\ L_{K(n)} X & \longrightarrow & L_{E(n-1)} L_{K(n)} X \end{array}$$

Fracture square or the Hasse square

comes from Hasse-Minkowski thm

Thm: |Chromatic convergence|

$$X \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{holim} (L_{E(n)} \rightarrow L_{E(n-1)} \rightarrow \dots)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}_p & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q} \\ \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \\ \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Q}_p \cong \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \end{array}$$

Prop:  $\pi_* K(n) \cong \mathbb{F}_p[v_n^{\pm 1}]$

Def: A graded field is an evenly graded ring s.t. either

$$R \cong R_0 \cong k, \quad R \cong k[\beta^{\pm 1}], \quad |p| = 2k, k > 0.$$

Def: A ring spectrum  $E$  is a field if  $\pi_* E$  is a graded field

Ex:  $H\mathbb{Q}, H/\mathbb{F}_p, K(n)$

Thm: |Uniqueness|  $K(n)$  is the unique spectrum having height  $n$   $\mathbb{F}_p$  and which is a field.

Prop.  $E$ -field  $\Rightarrow E$ -module is w.e.g. to  $\bigoplus_a \sum \mathbb{Z}_a E$

$L_{H\mathbb{F}_p}$  =  $p$ -completion of spectra

$L_{H\mathbb{Z}_p}$  =  $p$ -localization of spectra

Balmer  
Spectrum  
 $\text{Spec}(\text{Spec}_{\text{fin}})$

•  $H\mathbb{F}_p$

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•  $K(2)$

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•  $K(1)$

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•  $H\mathbb{Q}$

Prop.  $L_{E(n)}$  is smashing, i.e. it preserves direct sum

$$\Rightarrow L_{E(n)} X \simeq L_{E(n)} S \wedge X$$

$L_{E(n)}$  is not smashing

We have

$$E(n)\text{-local SHT} = H\mathbb{Q}\text{-local SHT}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(H\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$E(1) \simeq KU_p^\wedge$$

# §7: The known big theorems & the telescope conjecture

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Where are we?

- Elements  $u_n$ :  $u_n \in MU_{(p^2-1)}$  is the coefficient of  $x^p$  in  $[P]_{F_{min}}(x) = px + \dots + u_1 x^p + \dots + u_n x^{p^n} + \dots$
- Height: A FGL classified by  $\varphi: MU_* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_*$  has height  $\leq n$  if  $\varphi(u_n)$  is a unit and  $\varphi(u_i) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i < n$ .
- Landweber Exact Functor Theorem  $\leadsto$  Morava E-theory  $E(n)_* \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[u_1, \dots, u_n, u_n^{\pm 1}]$  Height  $n$
- Morava K-theory  $K(n)_*$  for  $0 \leq n < \infty$   $\cong \mathbb{F}_p[u_1, \dots, u_n, u_n^{\pm 1}]$  Height  $n$ 
  - $K(n)_* \cong \mathbb{F}_p[u_n^{\pm 1}]$  Height  $n$
  - $K(n)_* K(m) = 0$  if  $m \neq n$
  - $X$  finite &  $K(n)_* X = 0 \Rightarrow K(n+1)_* X = 0$

Want to understand localizations with these things.

Need wedge of spectra

$$E \vee F \xrightarrow{\text{specification}} E \vee F_n \xrightarrow{E_n \vee F_n} \Omega E_{n+1} \vee \Omega F_{n+1} \rightarrow \Omega(E_{n+1} \vee F_{n+1})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Both product and coproduct in SH

## Chromatic fracture square

Write  $L_n X := L_{K(n)} \vee \dots \vee L_{K(n)} X$

Intuition:

- $L_n$  = inverting  $u_n$
- $L_{K(n)}$  = inverting  $u_n$  and completing at  $(p, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$

Thm:  $L_{E(n)} \cong L_n \cong L_{u_n^{-1} MU_{(p)}}$

There are clearly natural transformations  $L_n \rightarrow L_{n-1}$  so we get

$$\dots \rightarrow L_{E(n)} \rightarrow L_{E(n-1)} \rightarrow \dots$$

Def chromatic tower of  $X \in \text{Sp}$

$$\dots \rightarrow L_{E(n)} X \rightarrow L_{E(n-1)} X \rightarrow \dots$$

Monochromatic layers = Fibers of the maps in this tower

The natural transformation  $\eta_x: x \rightarrow L_{E(n)}x$  gives a map

$$x \rightarrow \text{holim}_n (L_{E(n)}x)$$

If this is an equivalence, we say **chromatically complete**

Thm: | Chromatic convergence - Barthel |  $X$  connective spectrum w. finite projective dimension is chromatically complete.

In particular

- $S^0$   $p$ -locally is chromatically complete
- $p$ -local finite spectra are chromatically complete

Thm: | Smash product theorem |  $L_n x \simeq L_{E(n)}x \simeq L_{E(n)}(S^0) \wedge x \simeq (L_n S^0) \wedge x$  **smashing**

Thm: | Localization theorem |  $BP \wedge L_{E(n)}x \simeq x \wedge L_{E(n)}BP$  **can compute  $BP_*(L_n x)$  in terms of  $BP_*x$**

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} BP_*(x) \neq 0 \text{ then } BP \wedge L_n x \simeq x \wedge \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} BP \Rightarrow BP_* L_n x \simeq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} BP_* x$$

Want to understand these maps  $L_{E(n)} \rightarrow L_{E(n-1)}$

Thm | Hasse square |

Chromatic  
Fracture  
square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_{E(n)}x & \xrightarrow{\text{natural map } L_{E(n)} \simeq L_n \rightarrow L_{K(n)}} & L_{K(n)} \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ L_{E(n-1)}x & \xrightarrow{L_{E(n-1)}L_{K(n)}(x)} & L_{K(n)}(x) \end{array}$$

$L_{E(n-1)} \text{ on } x \rightarrow L_{K(n)}(x)$

Chromatic splitting conjecture: This glueing process is as simple as possible

without being trivial

Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_n x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & L_{K(n)} x \\ \downarrow \alpha_n & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ L_{n-1} x & \xrightarrow[\delta_n]{} & L_{n-1} L_{K(n)} x \end{array}$$

Turns out that there exists such an  $\alpha_n$  making the top triangle commutes exactly if there exists a map  $\delta_n$  splitting  $L_{n-1}x \rightarrow L_{n-1}L_{K(n)}x$

Weak CSC:  $X$   $p$ -completion of a finite spectrum  $\Rightarrow \delta_n$  exists for all  $n$

This would imply that taking the limit of

$$L_{K(n-1)}x_p \xrightarrow{\alpha_{n-1}} L_n x_p \rightarrow L_{K(n)}x_p$$

gives an equivalence

$$X \xrightarrow{p} \lim_n L_{K(n)} X$$

From chromatic convergence theorem by cofinality

Finite spectrum  $X$  can be recovered

from its monochromatic pieces  $L_{K(n)} X$

Another consequence:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  map between (finite) spectra and  $L_{K(n)} f: L_{K(n)} X \rightarrow L_{K(n)} Y$  is null  $\Rightarrow f$  is null

General version is known for

- $n=1, p \geq 2$ : Adams-Bousfield-Baird-Ravenel
- $n=2, p \geq 5$ : Hopkins based on Shimomura-Yabe
- $n=2, p=3$ : Goerss-Henn-Mahowald
- $n=2, p=2$ : Beaudry-Goerss-Henn
- $n > 2, p \geq 2$ : Wide open

Batal computational.  
- No tactics that can be generalised

There are two different approaches to consider a "filtration" of the chromatic tower. The first one:

Algebraic chromatic filtration of a  $p$ -local spectrum  $X$  is for  $n \geq 1$

$$C_n^a(X) := \ker(\pi_* X \rightarrow \pi_* L_{n-1} X) \quad C_0^a(X) := \pi_* X$$

The other filtration will be a bit harder to construct, and relies on another localization.

## Geometric chromatic filtration

Def: A full subcategory  $T$  of the (homotopy) category of  $p$ -local spectra is thick if

- $0 \in T$
- Closed under fibers and cofibers
- Closed under retracts

Def: A  $p$ -local finite spectrum  $X$  is of type  $n$  if

$$K(i)_* X \cong \begin{cases} \neq 0 & i=n \\ =0 & i < n \end{cases}$$

Ex:  $S_{(p)}^\infty$  type 0 since

$$K(0)_*(S_{(p)}^\infty) \neq 0$$

•  $S\mathbb{Z}/p$  type 1

$$K(0)_* S\mathbb{Z}/p = 0$$

write

$$\mathcal{D}_n = \{ \text{finite } p\text{-local spectra of type } \geq n \}$$

$$K(1)_* S\mathbb{Z}/p \neq 0$$

i.e. those s.t.  $K(m)_* X \neq 0$ ,  $m < n$

$\hookrightarrow$  since finite,  $K(m)_* X = 0 \Rightarrow K(m+1)_* X = 0$ , so enough to consider  $n-1$



Note: Every such finite  $p$ -local spectrum is of type  $n$  for some  $n$ , and it can be shown that for all  $n \geq 0$  there exists one of type  $n$ . so all these  $\mathcal{P}_{\geq n}$ 's are different

Prop:  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is a thick subcategory. Actually "thick prime tensor ideals of  $SH_{(p)}^*$ "

The LES of  $K(n)$ -homology gives us that a cofiber sequence

$$X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \text{ satisfies 2-out-of-3 w.r.t. } \mathcal{P}_{\geq n}$$

A retract of a type  $n$  spectrum is again type  $n$ .

Thm: | Thick subcategory theorem - Ravenel/Mitchell/Hopkins-Smith |

Let  $\mathcal{P}_0 = \text{Category of } p\text{-local finite spectra } SH_{(p)}^*$ . Then

$$\mathcal{P}_0 \supsetneq \mathcal{P}_1 \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq \mathcal{P}_n \supsetneq \mathcal{P}_{n+1} \supsetneq \dots \supsetneq *$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a thick subcategory, then  $\mathcal{C} \supsetneq \mathcal{P}_n$  for some  $n \geq 0$ .

So  $\mathcal{P}_n$  are all of the thick subcategories. ~ The thick subcategories are the kernels of  $K(n)_*$

Cor: Let  $X$  be of type  $n$ , then  $L_n X \simeq L_{K(n)} X$

Pf Follows by the chromatic fracture square

Being of 'type  $n$ ' can equivalently be described as existence of some specific maps.

First we consider how to construct spectra of a specific type:

$n=0$ :  $H_*(X; \mathbb{Q}) \neq 0$  ~ take e.g.  $\mathbb{S}_{(p)}$

$n=1$ : Define  $X$  to be the mod  $p$  Moore spectrum which is defined by the cofiber

$$S \xrightarrow{p} S \rightarrow X$$

This has no rational homology. Furthermore, since multiplication by

$p$  annihilates  $K(1)_* S \simeq \mathbb{F}_p[v^{\pm 1}]$ , the map  $K(1)_* S \rightarrow K(1)_* X$  is injective

so in particular  $K(1)_* X \neq 0$  ~  $X$  type 1

$n > 1$  is much harder! We wish to proceed inductively.

Assume  $X$  is of type  $n$ . Then we wish to construct a self-map

$$f: \Sigma^k X \rightarrow X$$

so we can form the cofiber sequence

$$\Sigma^k X \rightarrow X \rightarrow X/f$$

By looking at LES on  $X^{(m)}$

such that  $X/f$  is of type  $n+1$ .

Turns out this is exactly the case when

- $f$  induces an isomorphism  $K(n)_* X \rightarrow K(n)_* X$ .  $K(n)$ -homology of  $X/f$  vanish
- $f$  does not induce an isomorphism  $K(n-1)_* X \rightarrow K(n-1)_* X$ .  $K(n-1)$ -homology does not vanish.

This motivates the following definition:

Def. A  $v_n$ -self map on a  $p$ -local finite spectrum  $X$ , is a map  $f: \Sigma^k X \rightarrow X$  st.

- $f$  induces an isomorphism  $K(n)_* X \rightarrow K(n)_* X$
- For  $m \neq n$ , the induced map  $K(m)_* X \rightarrow K(m)_* X$  is nilpotent.

This is equivalent to saying

$$K(m)_* f = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ v_n^{\infty} & n = m \end{cases}$$

For a suitable power

Can be done more generally.

(Nilpotence II, Hopkins-Smith)

Ex: If  $X$  has type  $\geq n$ , then  $K(n)_* X$  vanishes, so the zero map  $0: X \rightarrow X$  is a  $v_n$ -self map

Thm: | Periodicity theorem |

Follows by showing  $\mathcal{T} = \{p\text{-local finite spectra w. } v_n\text{-self map}\}$  is thick, followed by thick subcategory theorem.

- A spectrum  $X$  has type  $n$  iff it admits a  $v_n$ -self map
- Furthermore, if  $f, g$  both are  $v_n$ -self maps, then  $\exists i, j \geq 0$  s.t.

$$f^i = g^j \quad \text{Essentially unique!}$$

$\leadsto$  Want to think of these as periodic operators.  $f$  induces is on  $K(n)_*$ -hom and iterating will give us the same back at some point

So, if we have a type  $n$  spectrum and a  $v_n$ -self map we can construct a spectrum of type  $n+1$ :

Ex:

- $S \xrightarrow{\cdot p} S \rightarrow S\mathbb{Z}/p$  type 1  $\sim$  sometimes denoted  $M(1)$
- $p$  odd,

$$\alpha: \sum^{2(p-1)} M(1) \rightarrow M(1) \quad \text{Adams map}$$

satisfies  $K(1)_* \alpha = v_1^1$ . The cofiber has type 2 and we write  $M(1,1)$ .

In general: We inductively define a type  $n+1$  spectrum as follows.

- cokernel of a  $v_0$ -self map  $f_0$  satisfying  $K(1)_* (f_0) = v_0^{i_0}$   
 $\leadsto M(i_0)$  type 1

- cokernel of a  $v_n$ -self-map  $f_1: \Sigma^{2(p-1)i_1} M(i_0) \rightarrow M(i_0)$  s.t.

$$K(1)_*(f_1) = v_1^{i_1}$$

$\leadsto M(i_0, i_1)$  type 2

$M(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)$  is the type  $n+1$  spectrum defined as the cokernel of a  $v_n$ -self map

$$f_n: \Sigma^{2(p^n-1)i_n} M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}) \rightarrow M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$$

satisfying

"Periodic families":

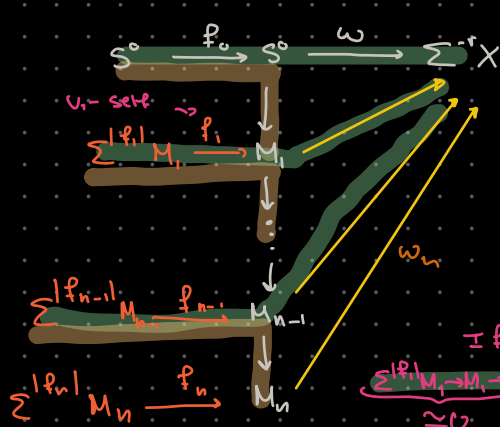
$$K(n)_*(f_n) = v_n^{i_n}$$

There is a lot of choices when constructing these  $M(i_0, \dots, i_n)$ !

Construction: Write  $M_n := M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$  type  $n$   $K(n)_* f_n = v_n^{i_n}$

$$\text{Let } \omega \in \pi_r X \quad S^r \xrightarrow{\omega} X \leadsto S^0 \xrightarrow{\omega} \Sigma^{-r} X$$

- $\omega$  is  $v_{n-1}$ -torsion if there exists a diagram



If  $\omega$  is  $p$ -torsion

$$\leadsto f_0 = \frac{p^{i_0}}{v_0}$$

so if the comp  $\omega \circ f_0 \neq 0$ , we get

that it extends, since

$$S^0 \xrightarrow{f_0} S^0 \rightarrow M_1 \text{ cofibre seq}$$

If we can find a power of  $f_1$  s.t.  $\Sigma^{i_1} M_1 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \Sigma^{-r} X \simeq 0$ , then we can again extend

So we are assuming we can continue this process until a type  $n$  spectrum  $M_n$ .

- $\omega$  is  $v_n$ -periodic if for any  $v_n$ -self map  $f_n$  of  $M_n$ ,  $\omega_n \circ f_n \neq 0$  so we can't continue the constr.

Def Geometric Chromatic Filtration

$$C_0^g(X) = \pi_* X$$

$$C_n^g(X) = v_{n-1}\text{-torsion elements} \quad n \geq 1$$

Decreasing Filtration:  $C_0^g(X) \supseteq C_1^g(X) \supseteq C_2^g(X) \supseteq \dots$

We now have two filtrations - when are they the same? Telescope conjecture

## Telescope conjecture

Recall that by the periodicity theorem tells us that a  $v_n$ -self map  $f: \Sigma^k X \rightarrow X$ , for  $X$  a type  $n$  spectrum, is essentially unique, so the following colimit is independent of  $f$ :

$$\text{Telescope of } f \quad X[f^{-1}] := \text{colim} (X \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-k} f} \Sigma^{-k} X \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-2k} f} \Sigma^{-2k} X \rightarrow \dots)$$

Def: For  $M_n = M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$  w:  $v_n$ -self map  $f_n$ , write  $\text{Tel}(n) := M_n[f_n^{-1}]$ .

Telescopic localization

$$L_n^t X := L_{\text{Tel}(n) v - v \text{Tel}(n)} X$$

- sometime people write ' $f$ ' for  $f_n$  - It's a finite localisation w:  $\ker(L_n^t)$  generated by any (finite)  $(n+1)$ -type spectra.  
 $L_n^t$  p-local spectrum

Prop: If  $X$  is of type  $\geq n$  and  $f$  is a  $v_n$ -self-map of  $X$ , then

$$L_n^t X \simeq X[f^{-1}].$$

Prop:  $L_n^t$  is a finite smashing localisation

This explains the name: It is the colimit of the telescope of a map

Using this we can redefine the geometric chromatic filtration

$$C_n^g X = \begin{cases} \pi_* X & n=0 \\ \ker(\pi_* X \rightarrow \pi_* L_{n-1}^t X) & n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

p-local spectrum

This is very similar to the algebraic one now!

$$C_n^a X = \begin{cases} \pi_* X & \\ \ker(\pi_* X \rightarrow L_{n-1} X) & \end{cases}$$

There exist a natural transformation:

$$L_n^t X \rightarrow L_n X$$

which is known to be an equivalence if

- $X$  is  $E(m)$ -local for some  $m \geq 0$
- $X$  is an MU-module spectrum localization theorem

Telescope conjecture: For every spectrum  $X$ , Ravenel made this conjecture

$$L_n^t X \xrightarrow{\sim} L_n X \quad \text{and the conjecture that it is false}$$

Known to be true for  $n=0, p \geq 2$  - Bousfield (tautology  $\text{Tel}(0) = S(0) = H(0) = K(0)$ )  
 $n=1, p \geq 2$   $\geq 2$  Miller  
 $= 2$  Mahowald

→ completely open for  $n \geq 1, p \geq 2$ . But attempts to disprove

Prop: For  $n \geq 1$  the following is equivalent:

- $L_n^t \simeq L_{n-1} \Rightarrow L_n^t \simeq L_n$

Using the thick subcategory theorem

- There exists a type  $n$  spectrum  $X$  w.  $X[f_n] \not\in L_n X$

so one example or counter example is enough to settle the passage from  $n-1$  to  $n$ .

## Periodic families

cw-spectrum

Let  $w \in \pi_r X$  be  $v_n$ -periodic, and  $M = M_n$  as above w.  $v_n$ -self map s.t.

$$\Sigma^d M \xrightarrow{f_n} M \xrightarrow{\omega_n} \Sigma^{-r} X \quad \text{non-zero}$$

Let  $M^r = r$ -skeleton of  $M$  and cofiber sequences

$$M^{r-1} \rightarrow M^r \rightarrow M_r^r, \quad M^{r-1} \rightarrow M \rightarrow M_r = M_r^{\dim M}$$

take  $r$ -skeleton and quotient out w.  $(r-1)$ -skeleton

Then there exists an  $r$  s.t. we can form the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^d M & \xrightarrow{f_n} & M \xrightarrow{\omega_n} \Sigma^{-r} X \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \uparrow \\ S^k \cong \Sigma^d M_r & \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} & \Sigma^d M_r \end{array} \quad \exists g \text{ s.t. } g \circ i \text{ non-trivial}$$

→ i.e.  $\omega_n \circ f_n$  is non-trivial on "some cell of  $M$ " - A cell that detects it

such elements  $g \circ i \in \pi_{k+r} X$  are part of the  $v_n$ -periodic family of  $w$ .

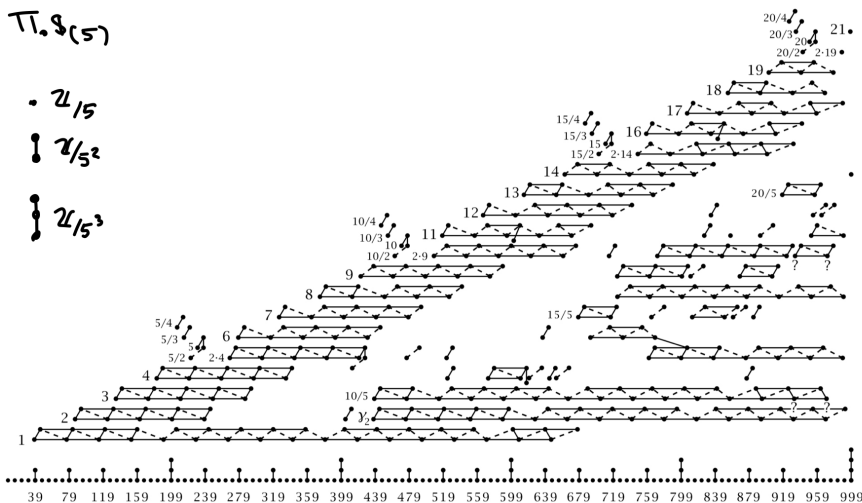
Thinking of  $f_n$  as "multiplication by  $v_n$ "

$\pi_{*}(5)$

•  $\mathbb{Z}/5$

!  $\mathbb{Z}/5^2$

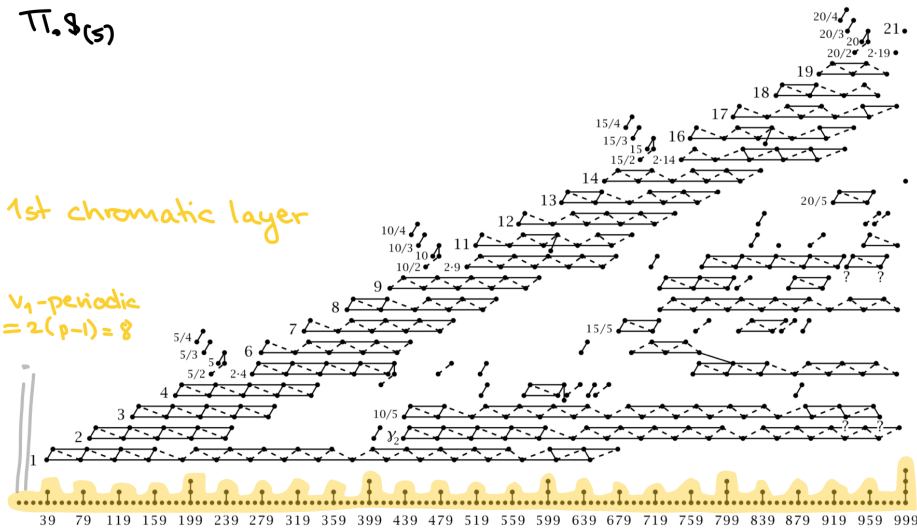
}  $\mathbb{Z}/5^3$



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1st chromatic layer

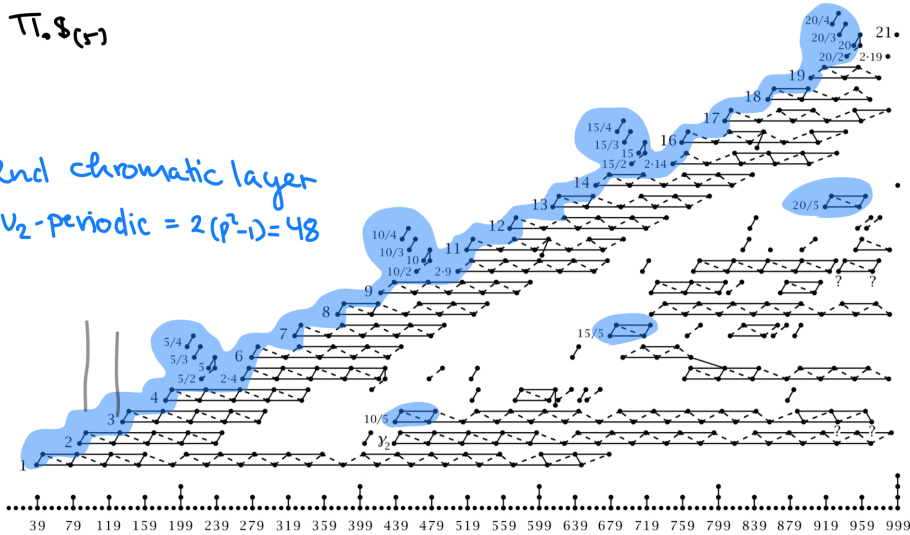
$v_1$ -periodic  
 $= 2(p-1) = 8$

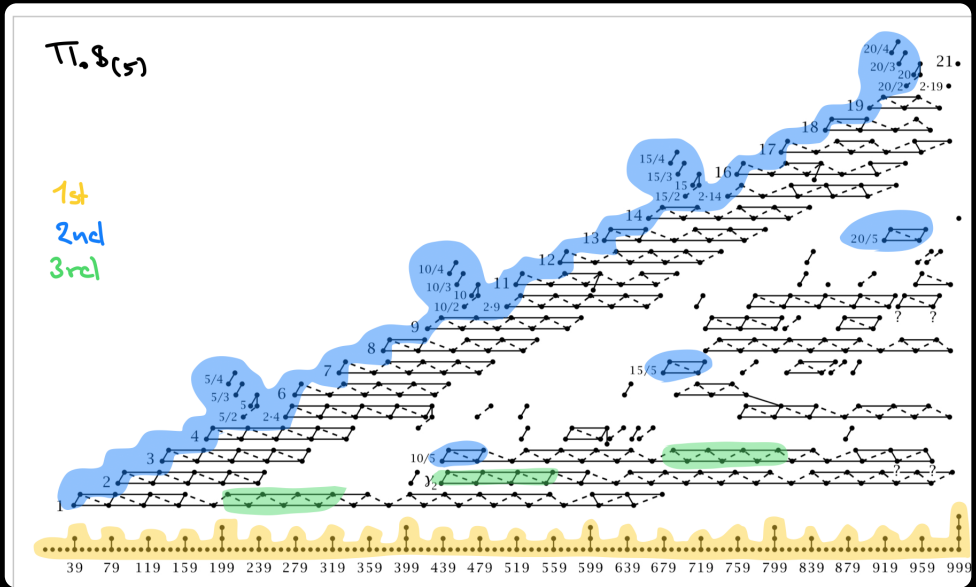
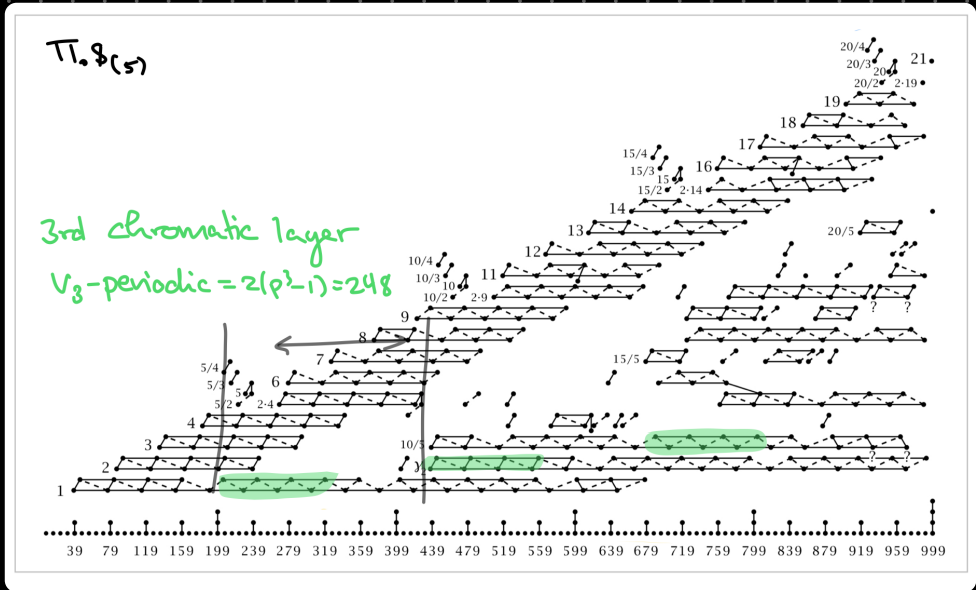


TT.8(r)

2nd chromatic layer

$v_2$ -periodic  $= 2(p^2-1) = 48$







# §8: The Red-Blue shift Conjecture

Talk 8  
15.03.23

First: Finish what we discussed last time - how does these  $v_n$ -self maps describe periodic families?

Recall: • Type  $n$  = finite  $p$ -local spectrum  $X$  s.t.  $K(n)_* X \neq 0$ ,  $K(n-1)_* X = 0$   
•  $v_n$ -self map on finite  $p$ -local spectrum  $X$ :  $f: \Sigma^k X \rightarrow X$  s.t.

$$K(m)_* f = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ v_n & n = m \end{cases}$$

so  $K(m)_* X = 0$   
 $m < n$   
For some suitable power  $N$

Motivation for this definition was that if  $X$  is type  $n$  and  $f$  a  $v_n$ -self map, then the cokernel of  $f$  is of type  $n+1$ .

$$\Sigma^k \xrightarrow{f} X \rightarrow X/f$$

In general: We inductively define a type  $n+1$  spectrum as follows.

- cokernel of a  $v_0$ -self-map  $f_0$  satisfying  $K(1)_*(f_0) = v_0^{i_0}$   
 $\leadsto M(i_0)$  type 1

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$M(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)$  is the type  $n+1$  spectrum defined as the cokernel of a  $v_n$ -self map

$$f_n: \Sigma^{2(p^n-1)i_n} M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}) \rightarrow M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$$

satisfying

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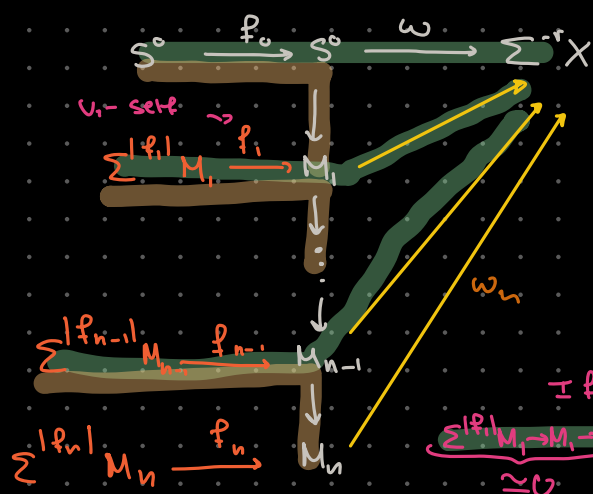
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"Periodic families":

Construction: Write  $M_n := M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$  type  $n$   $K(n)_* f_n = v_n^{i_n}$

Let  $w \in \pi_r X$   $S^r \xrightarrow{w} X \leadsto S^0 \xrightarrow{w} \Sigma^{-r} X$

- $\omega$  is  $U_{n-1}$ -torsion if there exists a diagram



If  $\omega$  is  $p$ -torsion

$$\leadsto f_0 = \frac{p^i}{v_0}$$

so if the comp.  $\omega \circ f_0 \approx 0$ , we get

that it extends, since

$$S^0 \xrightarrow{f_0} S^0 \rightarrow M_1 \text{ cofiber seq}$$

If we can find a power of  $f_1$  s.t.

$$\underbrace{\Sigma^{[f_1]} M_1 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \Sigma^{-r} X}_{\approx 0}, \text{ then we can again extend.}$$

So we are assuming we can continue this process until a type  $n$  spectrum  $M_n$ .

- $\omega$  is  $U_n$ -periodic if for any  $U_n$ -self map  $f_n$  of  $M_n$ ,  $\omega_n \circ f_n \neq 0$  so we can't continue the constr.

## Periodic families

$\omega$ -spectrum.

Let  $\omega \in \pi_r X$  be  $U_n$ -periodic, and  $M = M_n$  as above  $\omega$ .  $U_n$ -self map s.t.

$$\Sigma^d M \xrightarrow{f_n} M \xrightarrow{\omega_n} \Sigma^{-r} X \quad \text{non-zero}$$

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$$M^{r-1} \rightarrow M^r \rightarrow \underline{M^r}, \quad M^{r-1} \rightarrow M \rightarrow M_r = M_r^{\dim M}$$

take  $r$ -skeleton and quotient out  $\omega$ -( $r-1$ )-skeleton

Then there exists an  $r$  s.t. we can form the following diagram

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$\leadsto$  i.e.  $\omega_n \circ f_n$  is non-trivial on "some cell of  $M$ " - A cell that detects  $i$

such elements.  $g_{oi} \in \pi_{v_2+r} X$  are part of the  $U_n$ -periodic family of  $\omega$ .

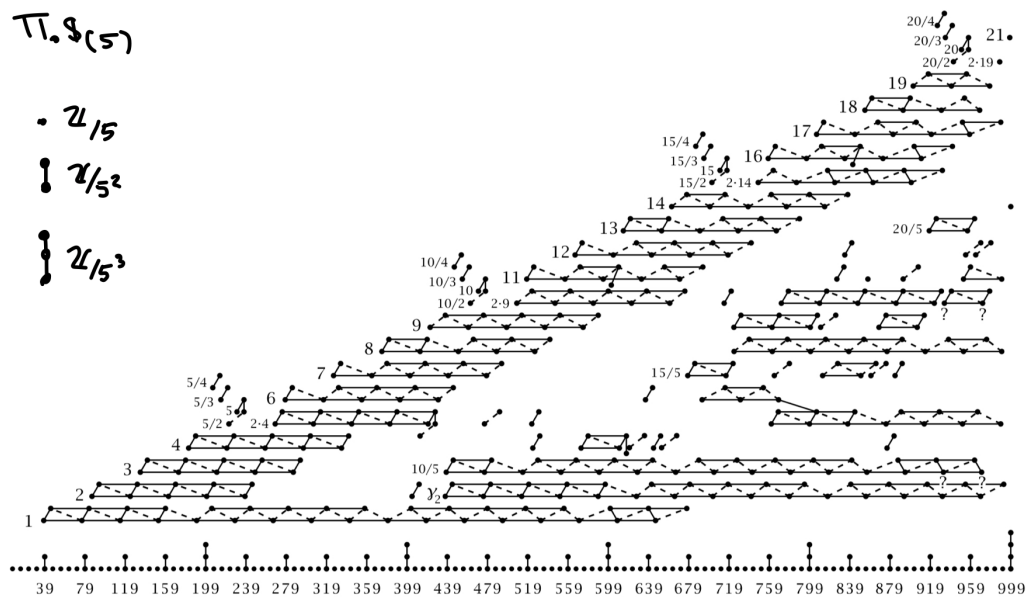
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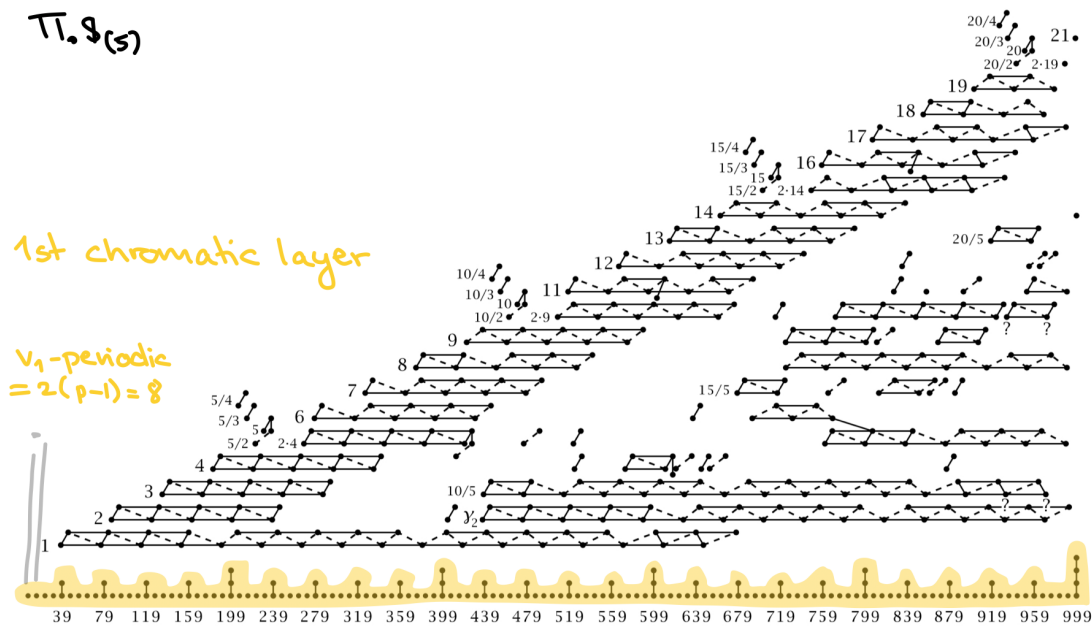
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1st chromatic layer

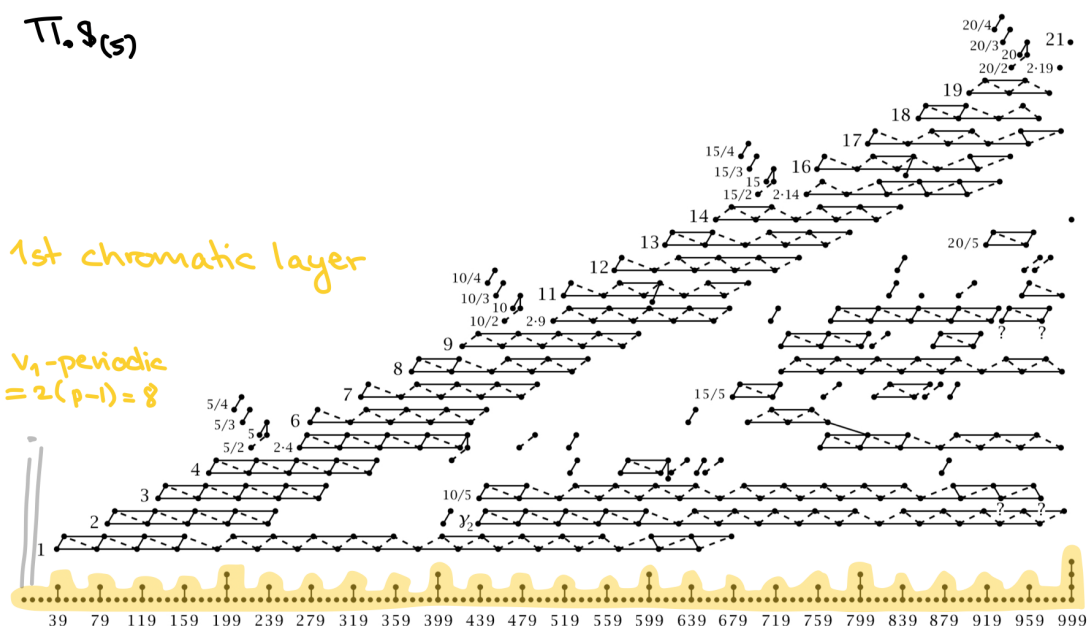
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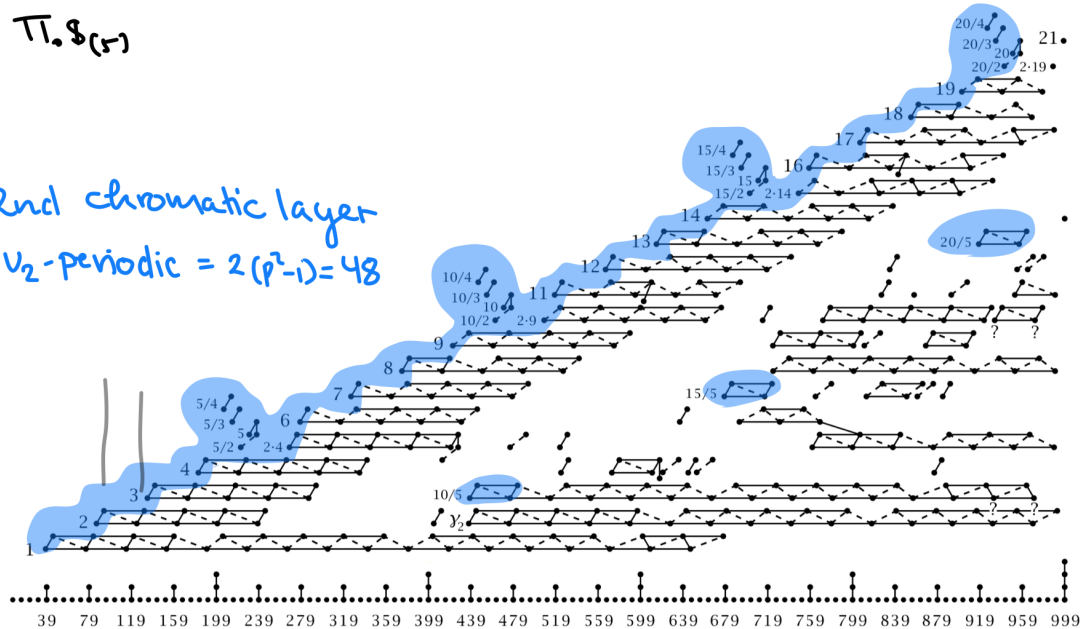
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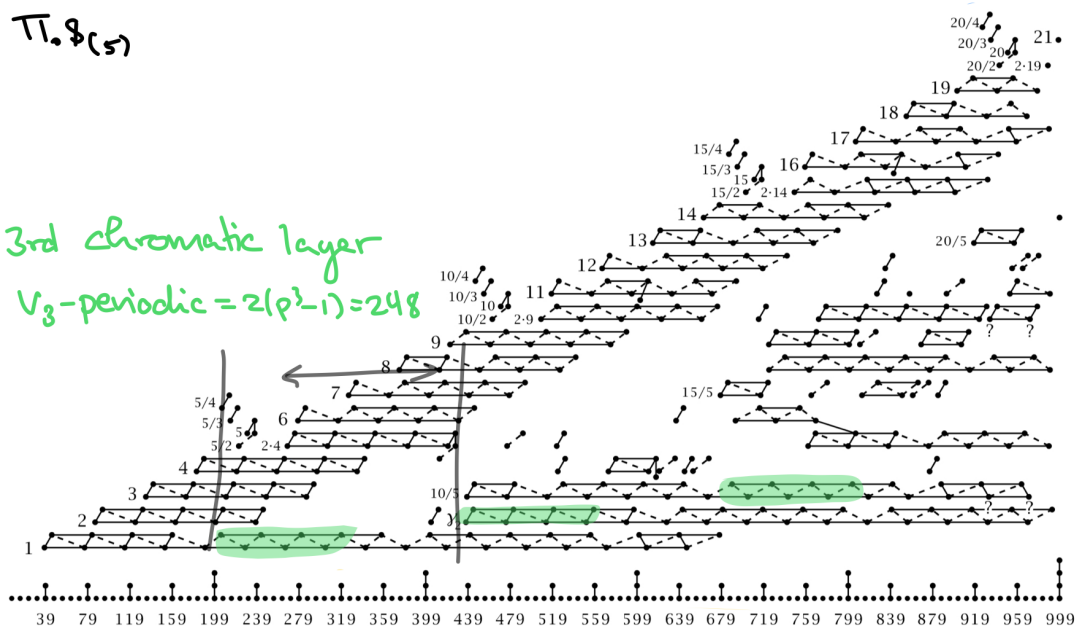
2nd chromatic layer

$v_2$ -periodic  $= 2(p^2-1) = 48$



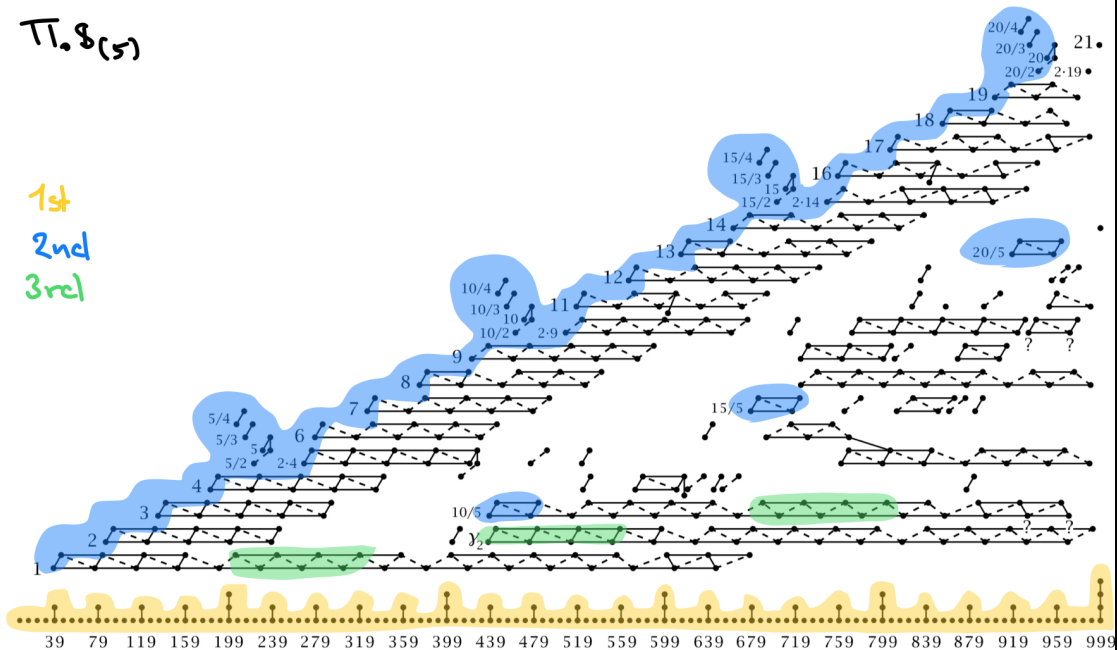
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3rd chromatic layer  
 $V_3$ -periodic =  $2(p^3-1)=248$

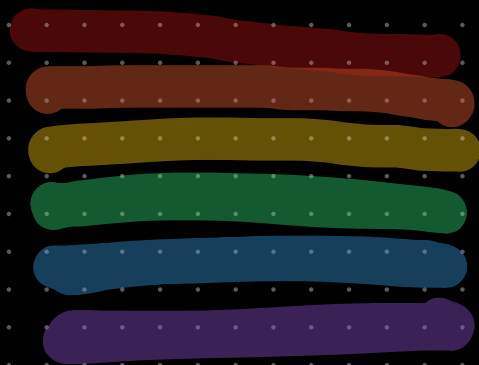


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# Red-Blue Shift Conjecture



↑ Red shift "Increasing wavelength"  
Increases chromatic information

↓ Blue shift "Decreases wavelength"  
Decreases chromatic information

Conjecture: Algebraic K-theory exhibits Red shift

Conjecture: Tate construction exhibits blue shift

## RED SHIFT

Idea:  $R$  structured ring spectrum related to a FGL, height  $n$

⇓

$K(R)$  related to a FGL height  $n+1$

In terms of periodic families: Homotopy of  $R$  is  $v_n$ -periodic, but not  $v_{n+1}$ -periodic, then often  $K(R)$  is  $v_{n+1}$ -periodic, but not  $v_{n+2}$ .

Thm: | Nullstellensatz '22 | The red shift conjecture holds for all (non-zero) commutative ring spectra

To discuss this in more detail, recall that the periodicity theorem tells us that

$X$  type  $n \iff X$  admits a  $v_n$ -self map

Furthermore, we introduced  $f: \Sigma^k X \rightarrow X$   $v_n$ -self map on  $X$  type  $n$

Telescope of  $f$   $X[f^{-1}] := \operatorname{colim}(X \xrightarrow{\Sigma f} \Sigma^{-k} X \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-2k} f} \Sigma^{-2k} X \rightarrow \dots)$

Def: For  $M_n = M(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1})$  w.  $v_n$ -self map  $f_n$ , write  $\operatorname{Tel}(n) := M_n[f_n^{-1}]$ .

Telescopic localization

sometime people write ' $f$ ' for  $f_n$  - It's a finite localisation w.  $\ker(L_n^f)$  generated by any (finite)  $(n+1)$ -type spectra

$L_n^f X := L_{\operatorname{Tel}(n)} v \dashv v^* \operatorname{Tel}(n) X$   
 $L$   $p$ -local spectrum

Prop: If  $X$  is of type  $\geq n$  and  $f$  is a  $v_n$ -self map of  $X$ , then

$L_n^f X \simeq X[f^{-1}]$



We further know that if  $X$  is  $E(m)$ -local, <sup>for some  $m$</sup>  then

$$L_n^t X \simeq L_n X \simeq L_{E(m)} X$$

To ease notation today:  $T(n) := \text{Tel}(n)$

We wish to study  $T(n)$ -local  $E_\infty$ -algebras

Can be shown that  $L_{T(n)} R \simeq 0 \Leftrightarrow L_{K(n)} R \simeq 0$

In the case of ring spectra we make the following definition

Def. The height of  $0 \neq R \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$  is

$$\text{height}(R) := \max \{n \geq -1 \mid T(n) \otimes R \neq 0\}$$

where we set  $T(-1) := \mathbb{S}$ .

The motivation for this comes from the following theorem:

Thm: | Hahn '16 |  $R \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ :

$$R \otimes T(n) = 0 \Rightarrow R \otimes T(n+1) = 0$$

$$T(n)\text{-acyclic} \Rightarrow T(n+1)\text{-acyclic}$$

$R$  height  $n \Rightarrow L_{T(n)} R$  vanishes for all  $k > n$

So the idea is, that if the higher chromatic information for some such  $R$  is zero, then the chromatic information is truncated at that level, i.e. there is no "even higher" information either.

So could equivalently:

$$\text{height}(R) = \max \{k \mid L_{T(k)} R \neq 0\}$$

Thm: | Redshift for  $E_\infty$  | Let  $0 \neq R \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$  s.t.  $\text{height}(R) = n$ . Then

$$\text{height}(K(R)) = n+1$$

so  $K(R)$  has a bit more fancy structure

Building blocks to prove that the jump is exactly one:

### ① No crazy jumps

It was proved in 2020 by Clausen-Matthew-Neumann-Noel that no crazy jumps in height can occur:

Thm:  $R \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$ :  $\text{height}(R) = n \Rightarrow \text{height}(K(R)) \leq n+1$

We can restate this as follows:

$$L_{T(n)} R \simeq 0 \Rightarrow L_{T(n+1)} K(R) = 0$$

## ② Maps of $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -ring spectra & height

Lem:  $\text{height}(R) = n$  iff  $\exists A \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$ ,  $\text{height}(A) = n$  together with a map of  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -rings  $A \rightarrow R$ .

So to figure out the height of  $R$ , we can try to compare it with something we know have height  $n$ .

Intuition about why this holds:

" $\Rightarrow$ " use the identity

" $\Leftarrow$ " The zero-ring have no non-zero modules, so if we have such a map  $A \rightarrow R$  from  $A$  non-zero, then  $R$  is non-zero.

$\sim$  Same holds  $T(n)$ -locally

Gives us information about the height of  $R$ , since it is defined by non-vanishing and vanishing of  $T(n)$ -locally, by using our known  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -map.

## ③ Height of K-theory of Lubin-Tate theory

Recall that

Landweber Exact Functor theorem  $\leadsto$  Morava  $E$ -theories

$$(E_n)_* \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \dots, v_n, v_n^{\pm 1}]$$

$$\quad \quad \quad W(k)[v_1, \dots, v_n, 1/p^{\pm 1}]$$

Height  $n$  Lubin-Tate theory.

We have  $E_n \in \text{CAlg}(Sp)$ , and we want  $\text{height}(K(n)) = n+1$ . This is done by constructing an  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -map

$$K(E_n) \rightarrow A$$

where  $\text{height}(A) = n+1$ .

- $\text{height}(E_{n+1}) = n+1$
- Blue shift:  $\text{height}(E_{n+1}^{t_{\mathbb{C}p}}) = n$
- $L_{T(n+1)} K(E_{n+1}^{t_{\mathbb{C}p}}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow K(E_{n+1}^{t_{\mathbb{C}p}}) = n+1$

trivial action

Red blue shift  
"inverses"

Dream: Construct a map  $E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}^{t_{\mathbb{C}p}}$  which would induce a map on K-theory, but sadly this does not work...



Instead: Construct a map "up to a sequence of Etalé extensions"

$$f: E_n \rightarrow \underbrace{L_{K(n)}(E_{n+1}^{E_{G_p}})^{\text{Sh}}_p}_{K\text{-theory of this has height } n+1}$$

#### ④ Nullstellensatz

Def: Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a presentable  $\infty$ -category. A non-terminal object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  is nullstellensatzian if every compact object in  $\mathcal{C}_C$  has a map to the initial object  $C$ .  
 *$\infty$ -categorical analogue of "finitely generated"*

Hilbert's Nullstellensatz Let  $L$  be an algebraically closed field,  $\exists$  some ideal of the polynomial ring  $L[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Then for all common roots of polynomials in  $L$ , there exists an  $L$ -algebra map

$$L[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\mathfrak{I} \rightarrow L$$

Note that  $L[x_1, \dots, x_n]/\mathfrak{I}$  is a finitely generated commutative algebra over  $L$ .

$\leadsto L$  is "nullstellensatzian"

Rem: Nullstellensatzian objects in  $\text{CAlg}(\text{Ab})$  are exactly the algebraically closed fields  $L$ , since all of the 'compact objects' *finitely generated* in  $\text{CAlg}_L$ , have a map  $A \rightarrow L$  by Hilbert's nullstellensatz

*nullstellensatzian objects ~ those that behave like algebraically closed fields in the category of rings*

Chromatic Nullstellensatz Let  $0 \neq R \in \text{CAlg}(\text{Sp}_{T(n)})$ . Then  $R$  is nullstellensatzian iff there exists some algebraically closed field  $L$ , such that

$$R \simeq E_n(L)$$

*Object in  $\text{CAlg}(\text{Sp}_{T(n)}) \sim \mathbb{E}_a\text{-ring } R + L_{T(n)} R \neq 0$*

Hence: Nullstellensatz  $T(n)$ -local  $\mathbb{E}_a$ -rings are exactly the Lubin-Tate  $T(n)$ -local theories over algebraically closed fields

" $E_n(L)$  = "algebraically closed field objects" in  $\text{Sp}_{T(n)}$ "

An important result they use to prove this, is the existence of maps

$$A \rightarrow E_n(L)$$

*More generally:  $R \in \text{CAlg}(\text{Sp}_{T(n)})$*

For any  $T(n)$ -local  $\mathbb{E}_a$ -ring  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  perfect algebra  $A$  of Krull dimension 0

and a nilpotence detecting map  $R \rightarrow E_n(A)$

What have we gained? For any  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -ring spectrum  $R$  we have

- or
- $R$  is  $\pi_n$ -acyclic.
  - There is a map of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -ring spectra  $R \rightarrow E_n(L)$

The map

$$R \rightarrow E_n(L) \rightsquigarrow K(R) \rightarrow K(E_n(L))$$

We know redshift holds for Lubin-Tate spectra, so

$$\text{height}(K(E_n(L))) = \text{height}(E_n(L)) + 1 = n+1$$

So we conclude

$$\text{height}(K(R)) = n+1$$