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# On the construction of the $EO_n$ 's

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$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{reduce} \\ \text{mod} \\ M \end{array} \right) \cdot \pi_0 : A_{\infty}^{LT} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Fg}_{\text{sep. closed}}^{\text{or}}$$

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is an equivalence of topological categories, i.e.

- essentially surjective
  - fully faithful in topological sense :
- } have shown this in Vigleik's talk

$$A_{\infty}^{LT}(E, F) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Fg}((\mathbb{R}_2, \Gamma_2), (\mathbb{R}_1, \Gamma_1))$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

↳ discrete topology

$$E_2 \in A_{\infty}^{LT} \longmapsto (F_4, \Gamma_2)$$

$$G = \tau^* \times \mathbb{Z}/12 \quad \text{⌚}$$

↑ binary tetrahedral group

tetrahedral group (order 12)  $\subset SO(3)$

look at preimage in univ. cover of  $SO(3)$

i.e. in  $SU(2)$ ,

this is a central extension (universal one)  
there is

an action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  on the tetrahedral group

$$1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \overline{G} \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

corresponding to the outer autom we get by exchanging vertices & faces.  $\rightsquigarrow \times$

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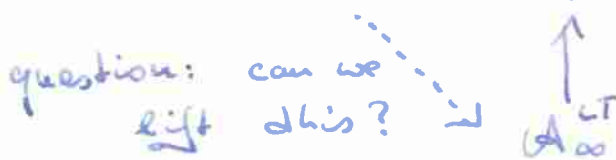
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Also write  $G$  for the category  $\mathcal{G}_G$ .

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We have  $G \rightarrow \text{Fig}^{\text{op}}$

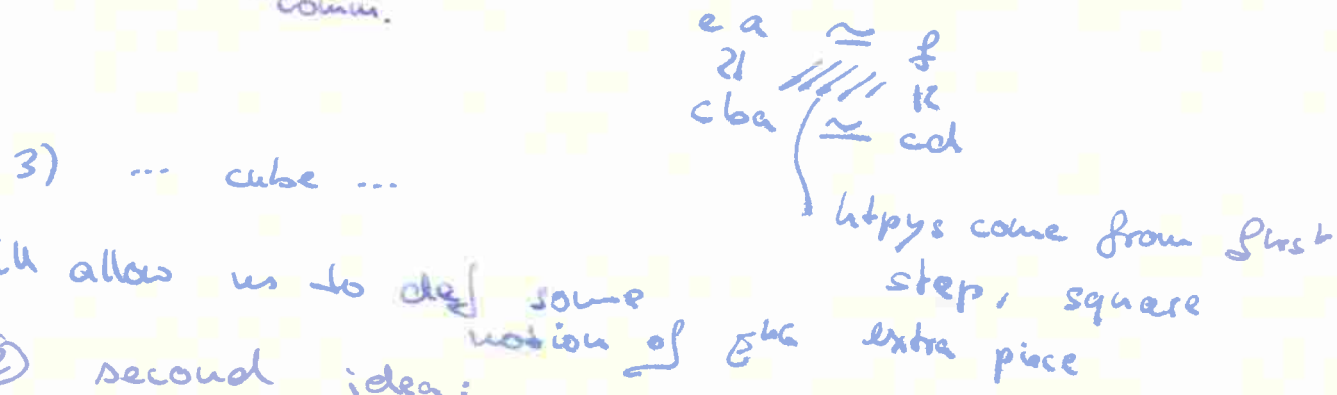
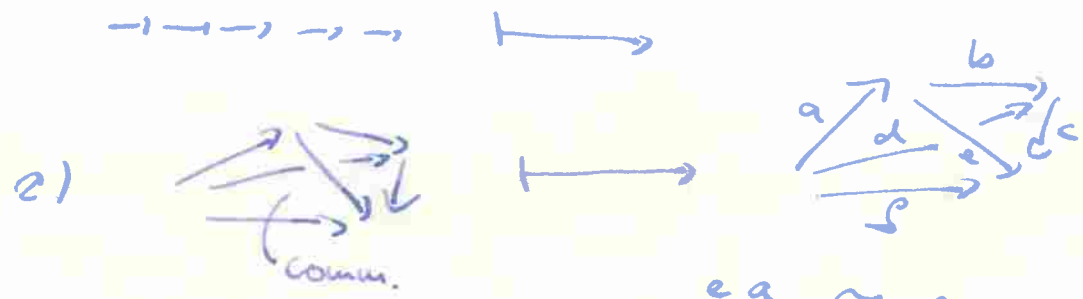
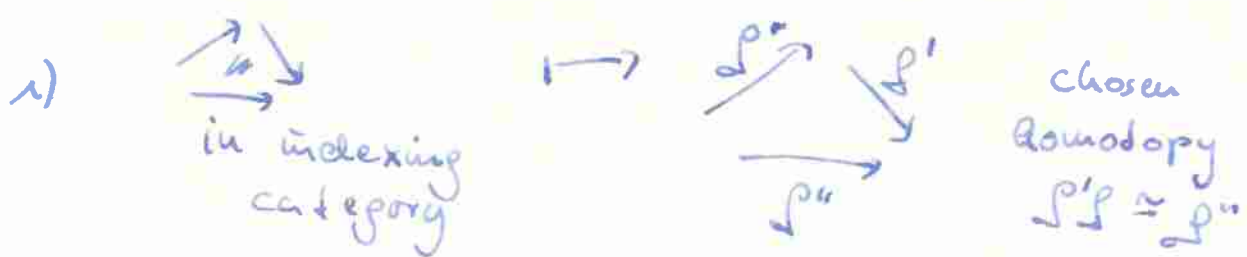
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Once we lift it (for a good model of  $E_2$  that has strict action of  $G$ ).

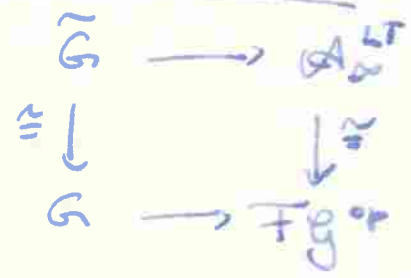
We can form  $EO_2 = E_2^{hG} = F(EG_+, E_2)^G = \frac{\text{Equiv } E_2}{G}$

① Relax notion of functor



will allow us to def some notion of  $E^{hG}$

② second idea:



$G \sim = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ object} \\ \text{morphisms} = A_2^{LT}(E_2, E_2) \\ \text{that map to } G \\ \text{i.e. has 24 connected components} \dots \end{array} \right\}$



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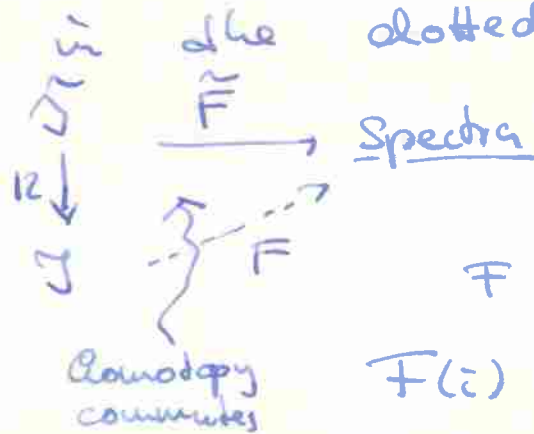
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cosimplicial spectrum,

$\text{Tot}(-)$  gives back  $\Delta$ 's  
with all the nice compatibility  
conditions

$$\text{Tot}(\mathcal{F}) =: \text{colim}_{\leftarrow J} X_i$$

At this point it becomes easy to  
fill in the dotted arrow above



$$F(i) = \text{colim}_{\leftarrow \substack{(i \rightarrow j) \text{ all} \\ \text{arrows} \\ \in (i \downarrow J)}} \tilde{F}(j)$$

$$\tilde{F}(i)$$

$i = \text{initial object}$

## Where are we and why?

We are ultimately interested in  $\pi_* \mathcal{S}^0$ , or say  $\pi_* \mathcal{S}^0(p)$ . But the  $p$ -local stable homotopy category is already much more complicated than the rational one (latter  $\cong$  graded  $\mathbb{Q}$  vs'  $\rightarrow$  Mike Hill)

There is a theorem, the thick subcategory theorem that is making the sense in which this category is more complicated precise: it tells us that for each  $p$  there is a tower of non-trivial Bousfield localizations of  $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{fin}$  (finite  $p$ -local spectra). Think of Bousfield localization at a homology theory  $E_n(-)$  as

$$\mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{fin} / E\text{-acyclic spectra (i.e. } x \text{ s.t. } E_n(x) = 0) \text{ also denoted } \langle E \rangle.$$

Fact:  $L_E = L_F \iff \langle E \rangle = \langle F \rangle$ ,  $\langle E \rangle \leq \langle F \rangle \implies L_E L_F = L_F$

Thick subcategory theorem:  $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{fin}$  has a filtration  $L_E \rightarrow L_F$  (Hopkins, Smith)

$$(*) \quad \mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{fin} = \mathcal{E}^0 \supseteq \mathcal{E}^1 \supseteq \mathcal{E}^2 \dots \supseteq \mathcal{E}^n \supseteq \dots$$

$\uparrow$   
=  $K(n-1)$ -acyclics

s.t. for any spectrum  $E$ ,  $\langle E \rangle = \mathcal{E}^n$  for some  $n$ .

Note:  $K(n) = n^{\text{th}}$  Morava  $K$ -theory, constructed by Jardine & Sullivan, using cobordism of  $m$ -fs w/ singularities, coefficients are  $\mathbb{F}_p[u_n^{\pm 1}]$  ( $\leadsto$  Kjeilek's first talk).  $|u_n| = 2p^n - 2$  carry Honda spl.

- The inclusions are a non-trivial statement, only true for finite spectra "universal"
  - On finite spectra  $\langle K(n) \rangle = \langle E(n) \rangle$ ,  $E(n) = \text{Johnson}$  "high n spl"  
Wilson spectra def. by LEFT &
- $$E(n)_+ = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[u_1, \dots, u_n^{\pm 1}]$$

(\*) This is called "the chromatic filtration of the stable homotopy category".

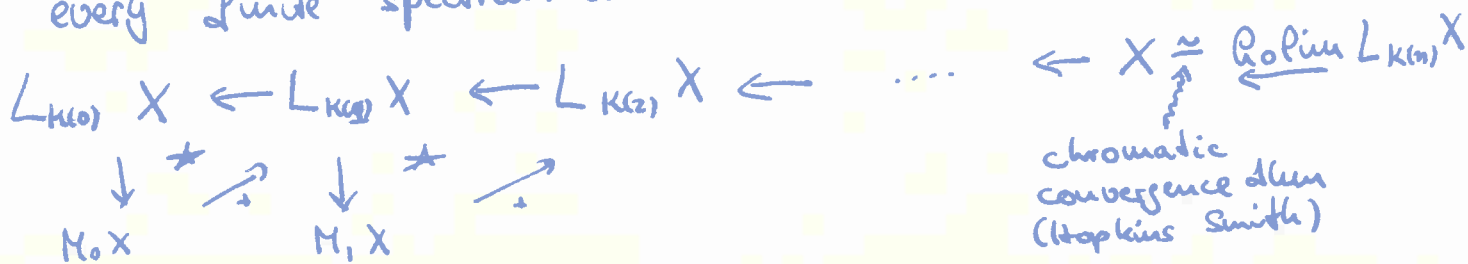
- For big enough  $p$ , there are alg. models for  $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}(n)$ .
- $X \in \mathcal{E}^n - \mathcal{E}^{n+1}$  is called fixed n - 1 - "of type  $n$ ".

Since  $\pi_* \mathbb{S}_{(p)}^0$  is too difficult for us to understand, we can try our luck in the localized categories and look at  $\pi_*(L_E X)$ . ( $L_E$  <sup>(induced by the)</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>(L-functorial)</sup> fibration replacement in new model str (BL keeps w.fib, extends w.eqs. & therefore has fewer ~~maps~~) or  $\mathcal{S} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{R}]{\mathcal{L}}$   $\mathcal{S}_E$  has right adjoint,  $L_E := R \circ \mathcal{L}$ .) (careful: it is not clear whether  $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}} \subset \mathcal{S}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}}$  is full  $\leadsto$  telescope conj. (?) )

The thick subcategory theorem tells us that  $L_{K(0)}$  should be the easiest to understand (indeed  $K(0) = H(-; \mathbb{Q})$ ), then  $L_{K(2)}$  and so on. ( $K(n) = H(-, \mathbb{Z}/p^n)$ )

~~How far are people today~~

In other words: (thick sub. thm)  
every finite spectrum admits a tower



apply  $\pi_*$  to get an exact couple, the corresponding spectral sequence is called the geometric chromatic spectral sequence, it converges to the (geometric) chromatic filtration of the stable homotopy groups of  $X$

$$\dots F^{n-1} \subseteq F^n = \text{ker}(\pi_* X \rightarrow \pi_* L_{K(n)} X) \in \pi_* X$$

How far are we today?

$\pi_* L_{K(0)} \mathbb{S}^0$  ✓ well understood

$\pi_* L_{K(2)} \mathbb{S}^0$ : ~~this~~ is ~~computed~~: It is the image of  $J$ .

Therefore there is a geometric definition of these elements.

Recall from Mike Hopkins' table that it is computed at

odd primes using some sort of spectral sequence that had to do with  $K_p^\wedge$ , and that at  $p=2$ ,  $KO_2^\wedge$  was a better starting point than  $K_2^\wedge$  (compare also Adams original paper on the image of  $\mathcal{J} \text{ IV}$ ).

As of today, people are still trying to get a good understanding of the second chromatic localization

$L_{K(2)} \mathcal{S}^0$ . For this purpose,

$$E_2 := E_{F_4, \Gamma = \text{Honda}} \text{ sgl}$$

will play the rôle of  $K_p^\wedge$ -theory, and  $EO_2$  will play the rôle of  $KO_2^\wedge$  (at primes 2 and 3 ~~and~~).  
 $\approx 24 \text{ (}\odot\text{)}$

More precisely: To compute  $L_{K(n)} \mathcal{S}^0$ ,

one uses the ~~Ass~~  $K(n)$ -local  $E_n$ -Adams-

spectral sequence (discussed in the Appendix of Dev. & Hopkins's paper on City fixed points spectra for closed subgroups of the Morava stabilizer group),

~~Setup is like traditional~~ this is the  $E_n$ -ASS in the  $K(n)$ -local category, convergence follows from the fact that any  $K(n)$ -local spectrum  $X$  is  $E_n$ -nilpotent

def:  $F_*$ -local  $E$ -nilp spectra smallest class  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $F_*$ -local spectra s.t.

- i)  $L_F E \in \mathcal{C}$
- ii)  $L_F(N \wedge X) \in \mathcal{C}$  whenever  $N \notin \mathcal{C}$
- iii)  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under retracts & cofibres

$$E_n = E_{\mathbb{F}_p^n}, \text{ Honda's gl}$$

Don't confuse with  $E(n)!$

Devine and Hopkins show that this spectral sequence is actually a homotopy fixed point spectral sequence (in a continuous sense) for  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}^0 \simeq E_n^{hG_n} \text{ full Morava stabilizer group} \\ \times \text{action of Galois group.}$$

Its  $E_2$ -term is the same as that of the chromatic spectral sequence

htpy fixed pts s.s.  $H_c^*(G_n, E_{n*}) \Rightarrow \Pi_* L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}^0$

$K(n)$ -local  $E_n$  ASS  $\text{Ext}_{E_n * E_n}^{||R} (E_{n*}, E_{n*} \mathbb{S}^0) \xrightarrow{\text{same s.s.}} \Pi_* L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}^0$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\cong E_{n*} \mathbb{S}^0}$

THIS MIGHT BE NOT TRUE, BUT THE TELESCOPE CONJECTURE?

and I believe that that is not by coincidence, Ravenel, red book p. 80 (top) makes a sort of mysterious remark that sounds like their E.s.s. could indeed be the same as the ANSS for  $L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}^0$ . Then we would have a picture of s.s. looking like this

$$H_c^*(G_n, E_{n*}) \Rightarrow \Pi_* L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}^0 \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{B}P_* \mathbb{B}P}^{(\mathbb{B}P_*, \mathbb{B}P_*)} \Rightarrow \Pi_* \mathbb{S}^0$$

However, historically, the algebraic side was there first.

and possibly the ~~at~~ left vertical spectral sequence is the same as the chromatic spectral sequence (?).



~~that is what the EO~~

But this point of view makes clear, what the EO-theories are good for — they break up the homotopy fixed point spectral sequence into two steps, which are hopefully easier to compute.

Remark about elements that go where.  
FOR THE REST OF THE SEMINAR  $n=2$ .  
Mike Hill will tell us about one of the two steps, namely the computation of  $(EO_{2*}, EO_{2*}EO_2)$ ; it is indeed possible to make some computations in  $\pi_*(k(z), S^0)$  with this (→ Goerss, Mahowald, Rezk?).

But this is a different story from what I want to speak about today.

Let's stick with the picture that we want to understand chromatic level two phenomena, and that these should somehow be observed by height 2 chrom. theories.

## Some Complex orientable cohom. theories with height $\leq 2$ formal group laws

There is a geometric source of height  $\leq 2$  formal group laws:

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an elliptic curve. Define the formal completion of  $\mathcal{C}$  around 0 by

$$\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge = (\text{pt}, \varinjlim_{\text{spec } \mathbb{R}} \mathcal{O}_x / \mathcal{I}(0)^n)$$

$$\boxed{X_1^\wedge = (\mathbb{Y}, \varinjlim_{\text{str. sheaf}} \mathcal{O}_x / \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{Y})^n)}$$

Then  $\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge$  is an (affine 1-dimensional) formal group: The ~~multiplication~~ addition of  $\mathcal{C}$  induces

$$\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge \times \mathcal{C}_0^\wedge \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_0^\wedge$$

and  $\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge \cong \hat{A}_0^1$ ;  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\hat{A}_0^1} = \mathbb{R}[[x]]$ .  
non canonically

Ways to think about this formal completion:

- You are looking at all infinitesimal neighbourhoods of 0 in  $\mathcal{C}$  at once

- Picking a coordinate  $x$  around 0 will give an isomorphism of a neighbourhood of 0 with  $\hat{A}^1 = \text{spec } \mathbb{R}[[x]]$   
 $\Rightarrow$  an isom  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge} \cong \mathbb{R}[[x]]$ . That is the reason for the terminology "x = coordinate of the formal group".

- Think you are expanding the multiplication as a power series using the chosen coordinate. around 0

Height:  $[p]_{\mathbb{F}}$  is the Frobenius map!

Theorem ( $\rightarrow$  Silverman): Formal groups of the form  $\mathcal{C}_0^\wedge$  have height  $\leq 2$ . (actually 1 or 2)

Def: If the height equals 2, we call the curve "supersingular".

At the prime 2 there is only one supersingular elliptic curve (up to autom) given by

$$C: y^2 + y = x^3$$

over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ .

At the prime 3:

## Elliptic spectra:

Let  $E$  be an even periodic ring spectrum (i.e.  $E^{\text{odd}} = 0$ ,  $E^2 \cong \text{unit}$ ).  
Then the ASS for  $E^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$  collapses and it follows that  $E$  is complex orientable.

Definition (Ando, Hopkins, Strickland): An elliptic spectrum is a triple  $(E, \mathcal{E}, t)$ , where  $E$  is an even periodic ring spectrum,  $\mathcal{E}$  is an elliptic curve over  $E^0$  and  $t$  is an isomorphism between  $\hat{C}_0^*$  and the formal group over  $E^0 \mathbb{C}P^\infty$ .

Note: We need to be careful and speak about formal groups rather than formal group laws, that is one reason why we look at even per. ring spectra and at  $E^0$  rather than  $E^*$ . (No graded fgl's, no strict isoms.)

We do not want to choose a coordinate (= MPU-orientation  $(\Rightarrow MU \rightarrow MPU \rightarrow E)$ ), it is not a natural thing to do if you come from elliptic curves and would destroy modularity properties.

A morphism of elliptic spectra is: guess what.

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We would like to have a universal elliptic cohomology theory that maps into each of the others. Note that this can't exist, there is no such thing as a universal elliptic curve, and also, if we have a spectrum that maps into each elliptic spectrum naturally (wrt maps of ell spectra), it cannot be ex orientable ( $\neq 2$ -periodic), because otherwise that would give us a coordinate on all ell. fgl's (already Ando's of  $H(\ ; \mathbb{C}ATu_2^+ ])$  fails).

Correction about last time:

geom. chrom. s.s.

$$L_{E(n)} \mathcal{B}^0 \leftarrow L_{E(n)} \mathcal{B}^0 \leftarrow L_{E(n)} \mathcal{B}^0 \leftarrow \dots \quad \mathcal{B}^0 \simeq \varprojlim_n L_{E(n)} \mathcal{B}^0$$

$$E(n) = \text{Johnson Wilson spectra} \quad E(n)_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \langle v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1} \rangle$$

Lenders exact.

(don't confuse with  $E_n$ 's)

proof that  $\mathcal{E}^1$  has height  $\leq 2$ :

## Topological modular forms

We would like to have a universal elliptic cohomology theory that maps into each of the other ones in a natural way. Note that for several reasons such a thing cannot exist:

- 1) There is no such thing as a universal elliptic coe  
→ Stacks 😊
- 2) Such a spectrum that maps into all the elliptic spectra naturally can't be even periodic: otherwise it would be complex orientable, and the universality would imply a coordinate on the formal group of every elliptic spectrum, natural under maps of elliptic spectra. But such a coordinate can't exist, ~~as~~ already the example  $H^*(-; \mathbb{C}[u_2^{\pm 1}])$  has automorphisms that don't preserve any coordinate.
- 3) Therefore we can certainly not hope for our spectrum to be Landweber exact.

But we will see that the Landweber exact functor theorem gets us as prett