

Motivic homotopy theory and calculation methods:  
On “The special fiber of the motivic deformation of the stable  
homotopy category is algebraic”

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For a fixed prime  $p$ , Voevodsky constructed the mod- $p$  motivic Eilenberg-Mac Lane spectrum that represents the mod- $p$  motivic cohomology. We denote it by  $H\mathbb{F}_p^{mot}$ . Its value at a point is  $\pi_{*,*}H\mathbb{F}_p^{mot} = \mathbb{F}[\tau]$ , and  $\tau$  has bi-degree  $(0, -1)$ .

We denote by  $S^{0,0}$  the motivic sphere spectrum. For the grading, we denote by  $S^{1,0}$  the suspension spectrum of the simplicial sphere  $S^1$ , and by  $S^{1,1}$  the suspension spectrum of the multiplicative group  $G_m = \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}$ .

The class  $\tau$  can be lifted to a map between  $H\mathbb{F}_p^{mot}$ -completed motivic sphere spectra  $\tau : \widehat{S}^{0,-1} \rightarrow \widehat{S}^{0,0}$  that induces a non-zero map on mod- $p$  motivic homology. We denote by  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$  the cofiber of  $\tau$ .

There is a Betti Realization functor  $Re$  from the motivic stable homotopy category over  $\mathbb{C}$  to the classical stable homotopy category.  $Re(S^{n,w}) \simeq S^{n,0}$  and  $Re(H\mathbb{F}_p^{mot}) \simeq H\mathbb{F}_p$ .

Let  $MGL$  be the cellular motivic algebraic cobordism spectrum introduced by Voevodsky.

We define

$$MU^{mot} := MGL \wedge_{S^{0,0}} \widehat{S}^{0,0}.$$

The motivic homotopy groups are computed by Hu–Kriz–Ormsby and Dugger–Isaksen:

$$\pi_{*,*}(MU^{mot}) = \mathbb{Z}_p[\tau][x_1, x_2, \dots], \quad \text{deg}(\tau) = (0, -1), \quad \text{def}(x_i) = (2i, i)$$

The spectrum  $MU^{mot}/\tau := \widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau \wedge_{\widehat{S}^{0,0}} MU^{mot}$  has motivic homotopy groups:

$$\pi_{*,*}(MU^{mot}/\tau) = \mathbb{Z}_p[x_1, x_2, \dots] = MU_{*,*}^{mot}/\tau$$

*Definition 2.1.* A *t-structure* on a stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a pair of two full subcategories  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$  that are stable under equivalences, satisfying the following three properties:

- (1) for  $X \in \mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  and  $Y \in \Sigma^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ , we have  $[X, Y]_{\mathcal{C}} = 0$ ;
- (2) there are inclusions  $\Sigma\mathcal{C}_{\geq 0} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\Sigma^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ ;
- (3) for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ , there exists a fiber sequence

$$X_{\geq 0} \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X_{\leq -1},$$

with  $X_{\geq 0} \in \mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  and  $X_{\leq -1} \in \Sigma^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$ .

*Definition 2.2.* Let  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}'$  be stable  $\infty$ -categories equipped with  $t$ -structures. We say that an exact functor  $f:\mathcal{C}\rightarrow\mathcal{C}'$  is *right  $t$ -exact*, if it carries  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  to  $\mathcal{C}'_{\geq 0}$ . An exact functor  $f:\mathcal{C}\rightarrow\mathcal{C}'$  is *left  $t$ -exact*, if it carries  $\mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$  to  $\mathcal{C}'_{\leq 0}$ . A functor is  *$t$ -exact* if it is both left and right  $t$ -exact.

*Definition 2.4.* Denote by  $\mathcal{C}^+$  and  $\mathcal{C}^-$  the stable full subcategories spanned by *left-bounded* and *right-bounded* objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ , respectively:

$$\mathcal{C}^+ = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_{\leq n} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}^- = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_{\geq -n},$$

and by

$$\mathcal{C}^b := \mathcal{C}^+ \cap \mathcal{C}^-$$

the stable subcategory of *bounded objects*. We say that the  $t$ -structure is *left-bounded*,

*right-bounded* or *bounded*, if the inclusion of  $\mathcal{C}^+$ ,  $\mathcal{C}^-$  or  $\mathcal{C}^b$ , respectively, in  $\mathcal{C}$ , is an equivalence.

The intersection

$$\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit = \mathcal{C}_{\geq 0} \cap \mathcal{C}_{\leq 0}$$

is called the *heart* of the *t*-structure.

The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit$  is always equivalent to (the nerve of) its homotopy category  $h\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit$ , which is an abelian category (see [41, Remark 1.2.1.12]). Following [41], we abuse the notation by identifying  $\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit$  with the abelian category  $h\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit$ .



## Definition

For any motivic spectrum  $X$ , consider its bigraded motivic homotopy groups  $\pi_{s,w}X$ . Here,  $s$  is the topological degree under the Betti realization, and  $w$  is the motivic weight. The **Chow–Novikov degree** of an element in  $\pi_{s,w}X$  is defined as  $s - 2w$ . We say that  $\pi_{s,w}X$  is concentrated in Chow–Novikov degrees  $I$ , where  $I$  is a set of integers, if all non-zero elements in  $\pi_{*,*}X$  are concentrated in Chow–Novikov degrees belonging to  $I$ .

For example, the homotopy groups of  $MU^{mot}/\tau$  are concentrated in Chow–Novikov degree zero, while the homotopy groups of  $MU^{mot}$  are concentrated in non-negative even Chow–Novikov degrees.

$$\pi_{*,*}(MU^{mot}) = \mathbb{Z}_p[\tau][x_1, x_2, \dots], \quad \text{deg}(\tau) = (0, -1), \quad \text{def}(x_i) = (2i, i)$$

$$\pi_{*,*}(MU^{mot}/\tau) = \mathbb{Z}_p[x_1, x_2, \dots] = MU_{*,*}^{mot}/\tau$$

- We define  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^b$  as the stable full subcategory of  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}$  spanned by objects whose homotopy groups are concentrated in bounded Chow-Novikov degrees.
- Define  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^{b,\geq 0}$ ,  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^{b,\leq 0}$ ,  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^{b,\heartsuit}$  as the full subcategories of  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^b$  spanned by objects whose homotopy groups are concentrated in non-negative, non-positive and zero Chow–Novikov degrees, respectively.
- Define  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}^b$  as the stable full subcategory of  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}$  spanned by objects whose  $MU^{mot}$ -homology groups are concentrated in bounded Chow–Novikov degrees.
- Define  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}^{b,\geq}$ ,  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}^{b,\leq}$ ,  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}^{b,\heartsuit}$  as the full subcategories of  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{harm}^b$  spanned by objects whose  $MU^{mot}$ -homology groups are concentrated in non-negative, non-positive and zero Chow-Novikov degrees respectively.

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## Theorem

There is an equivalence of stable  $\infty$ -categories equipped with  $t$ -structures at each prime  $p$ :

$$\mathcal{D}^b(BP_*BP\text{-Comod}^{ev}) \simeq \widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^b \quad (1)$$

between the bounded derived category of  $p$ -completed  $BP_*BP$ -comodules that are concentrated in even degrees, and the category of harmonic motivic left module spectra over  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ , whose  $MGL$ -homology has bounded Chow-Novikov degree, with morphisms the  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ -linear map.

Here,  $S^{0,0}/\tau$  is a motivic  $E_\infty$ -ring spectrum, which is also known as the cofiber of  $\tau$ . The motivic spectrum  $MGL$  is the algebraic cobordism spectrum. A motivic left-module spectrum over  $S^{0,0}/\tau$  is harmonic, if it is  $S^{0,0}/\tau$ -cellular and the map to its  $MGL$ -completion induces an isomorphism on  $\pi_{*,*}$ .

THEOREM 1.11. (1) *The full subcategories*

$$\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{b,\geq 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{b,\leq 0}$$

*define a  $t$ -structure on  $\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^b$ .*

(2) *The functor*

$$\pi_{*,*}: \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{\heartsuit} \longrightarrow \mathrm{MU}_*\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}^{\mathrm{ev}}$$

*is an equivalence.*

(3) *There exists an equivalence of stable  $\infty$ -categories*

$$\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^b \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}^b(\mathrm{MU}_*\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}^{\mathrm{ev}}),$$

*that preserves the given  $t$ -structures and extends the functor  $\pi_{*,*}$  on the heart.*

THEOREM 1.13. (1) *The full subcategories*

$$\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^{b,\geq 0} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^{b,\leq 0}$$

*define a  $t$ -structure on  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^b$ .*

(2) *The functor*

$$\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}: \widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^{\heartsuit} \longrightarrow \text{MU}_*\text{MU-Comod}^{\text{ev}}$$

*is an equivalence.*

(3) *There exists an equivalence of stable  $\infty$ -categories*

$$\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^b \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}^b(\text{MU}_*\text{MU-Comod}^{\text{ev}})$$

*that preserves the given  $t$ -structures and extends the functor  $\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}$  on the heart.*

PROPOSITION 2.12. *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a given bounded  $t$ -structure.*

*Suppose that the following conditions hold:*

- (1) the abelian category  $\mathcal{A} = h\mathcal{C}^\heartsuit$  has enough injective objects;*
- (2) for any pair of objects  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ , if  $Y$  is injective, then the abelian groups*

$$[\Sigma^{-i}X, Y]_{\mathcal{C}}$$

*vanish for  $i > 0$ .*

*Then, there exists an equivalence of stable  $\infty$ -categories*

$$G: \mathcal{D}^b(\mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

*extending the inclusion  $N(\mathcal{A}) \simeq \mathcal{C}^\heartsuit \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , and which preserves  $t$ -structures. Here,  $N(\mathcal{A})$  is the nerve of the abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is the bounded derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

**THEOREM 3.2.** (Universal coefficient spectral sequence) *For any*

$$X, Y \in \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}},$$

*there is a conditionally convergent spectral sequence*

$$E_2^{s,t,w} = \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau}^{s,t,w}(\pi_{*,*}X, \pi_{*,*}Y) \implies [\Sigma^{t-s,w}X, Y]_{\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau}.$$

*Moreover, if both  $\pi_{*,*}X$  and  $\pi_{*,*}Y$  are concentrated in bounded Chow–Novikov degrees, then the spectral sequence converges strongly and collapses at a finite page.*

**Proof:** For degree reasons.



COROLLARY 3.3. *Let*

$$X \in \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{b, \geq 0} \quad \text{and} \quad Y \in \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{b, \leq 0}.$$

*The abelian group of homotopy classes of bi-degree  $(0, 0)$  can be computed algebraically by the isomorphism*

$$[X, Y]_{\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}_{*,*}/\tau}(\pi_{*,*}X, \pi_{*,*}Y)$$

*that is induced by applying  $\pi_{*,*}$ .*

**Proof:** For degree reasons.

COROLLARY 3.4. *The functor*

$$\pi_{*,*}: \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{\heartsuit} \longrightarrow \mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}^0$$

is fully faithful. Here, the right-hand side is understood as a discrete  $\infty$ -category.

As a consequence, Corollary 3.4 shows that  $\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{\heartsuit}$  is also a discrete  $\infty$ -category.

*Proof.* For  $n \geq 0$  and two objects  $X, Y \in \mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{\heartsuit}$ , by Corollary 3.3, the edge homomorphism

$$[\Sigma^{n,0} X, Y]_{\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau} \xrightarrow{\pi_{*,*}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau}(\pi_{*,*} \Sigma^{n,0} X, \pi_{*,*} Y)$$

is an isomorphism. When  $n > 0$ , the bigraded module  $\pi_{*,*} \Sigma^{n,0} X$  is concentrated in positive Chow–Novikov degree. So the right-hand side of the above isomorphism is concentrated in the case  $n=0$ . This shows that  $\pi_{*,*}$  is fully faithful on  $\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathrm{cell}}^{\heartsuit}$ .  $\square$

## The equivalence on the heart 2

To show the equivalence on the heart, we only need to show the **essential surjectivity** of  $\pi_{*,*}$ . We need to show that any object  $M \in MU_{*,*}^{mot}/\tau\text{-mod}^0$  can be realized as the homotopy groups of an object in  $MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-mod}_{cell}^{heart}$ .

The free  $MU_{*,*}^{mot}/\tau$ -module can be realized by wedge of spectra  $MU^{mot}/\tau$ . For an arbitrary  $M$ , we can pick a free resolution  $0 \leftarrow M \leftarrow F_0 \leftarrow F_1 \leftarrow \dots$ , and they can be realized as  $Z_0 \leftarrow Z_1 \leftarrow \dots$ . and we can construct a tower  $X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \dots$  s.t.  $\Sigma^{i,0} Z_{i+1} \rightarrow X_i \rightarrow X_{i+1}$  is a cofiber sequence and  $X := \text{colim}(X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \dots)$ ,  $\pi_{*,*}(X) = M$ .

### Proposition

*The functor*

$$\pi_{*,*} : MU^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{cell}^{\heartsuit} \rightarrow MU_{*,*}^{mot}/\tau\text{-Mod}^0$$

*is an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories.*

For the category  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}_{\text{harm}}^b$ , the  $t$ -structure is defined in terms of  $\text{MU}^{\text{mot}}$ -homology. We therefore need a version of the motivic Adams–Novikov spectral sequence that computes  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ -linear maps.

Recall from Dugger–Isaksen [14, §8] or Hu–Kriz–Ormsby [28] the usual  $\text{MU}^{\text{mot}}$ -based motivic Adams–Novikov spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}}^{*,*,*}(\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}\widehat{S}^{0,0}, \text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}Y) \implies \pi_{*,*}Y_{\text{MU}^{\text{mot}}}^{\wedge}.$$

This spectral sequence is not what we need. We need a spectral sequence of the form

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}/\tau}(\text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}X, \text{MU}_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}Y) \implies [X, Y_{\text{MU}^{\text{mot}}}^{\wedge}]_{\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau},$$

To show the equivalence on the heart, we only need to show the essential surjectivity of  $\mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}$ .

Unlike the case for modules over  $\mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau$ , we do not have free resolutions for comodules over  $\mathrm{MU}_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}\mathrm{MU}^{\mathrm{mot}}/\tau$ . We will instead use Landweber's filtration theorem to realize all comodules that are finitely presented, and then extend the result using filtered colimits. In particular, all Smith–Toda complexes exist in  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau\text{-Mod}$ .

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# Comparison of ASS and ANSS

The Adams spectral sequence and the Adams–Novikov spectral sequence are two of the most effective methods of computing the homotopy groups of the  $p$ -completed sphere spectrum of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) &\cong E_2^{s,t} \Rightarrow \pi_{t-s}\mathbb{S}^0 \\ \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,t}(BP_*, BP_*) &\cong E_2^{s,t} \Rightarrow \pi_{t-s}\mathbb{S}^0 \end{aligned}$$

It is important to understand connections between them. A first connection is given by the Thom reduction map  $\rho : BP \rightarrow H\mathbb{F}_p$ , which is a ring spectra map and its behavior on the coefficient ring is given by  $\rho_*(v_n) = 0$  for all  $v_n \in BP_*(pt)$  and induces a map of spectral sequences:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,t}(BP_*, BP_*)$$

that preserves the  $(s, t)$ -degrees. However, a general homotopy class in  $\pi_*\mathbb{S}^0$  usually have different Adams filtration and Adams–Novikov filtration. So this map is not very useful for comparison of the Adams filtration and the Adams–Novikov filtration of a surviving homotopy class, it only tells us the latter is less or equal to the former.

A fundamental connection is the Miller square. We have an algebraic Novikov spectral sequence converging to the Adams-Novikov  $E^2$ -page, and a Cartan-Eilenberg spectral sequence converging to the Adams  $E^2$ -page. It turns out the  $E^2$ -pages of these two algebraic spectral sequences are isomorphic.

The algebraic Novikov spectral sequence comes from the filtration of powers of the augmentation ideal  $I = (p, v_1, v_2, \dots) \subset BP_*$ ,

$$E_2^{s,k,t} \cong Ext_{BP_*BP/I}^{s,t}(BP_*/I, I^k/I^{k+1}) \Rightarrow Ext_{BP_*BP}^{s,t}(BP_*, BP_*)$$

The Cartan-Eilenberg spectral sequence is:

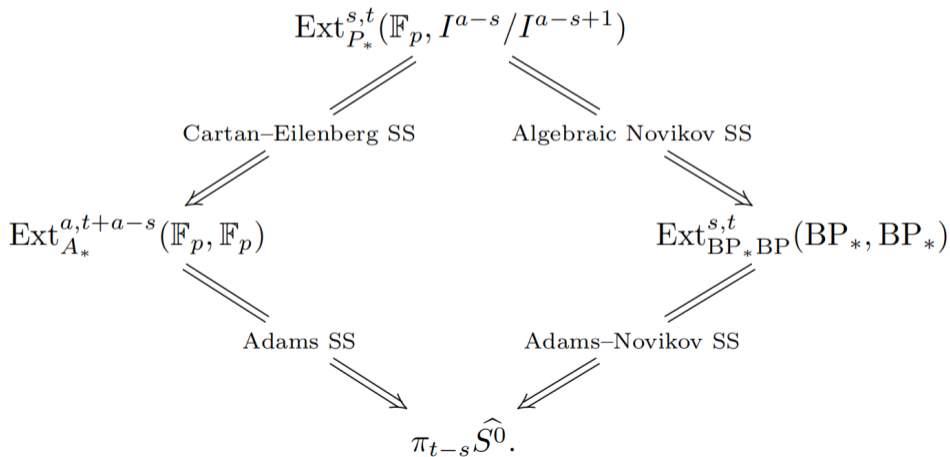
$$Ext_P^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, Ext_Q^k(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) \Rightarrow Ext_A^{s+k,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

where  $P$  is a sub-Hopf algebra of  $A$  and  $Q = A \otimes_P \mathbb{F}_2$ . We identify the  $E^2$ -pages of the Cartan-Eilenberg spectral sequence and the algebraic Novikov spectral sequence by using the isomorphism of Hopf algebroids  $(BP_*/I, BP_*BP/I) \cong (\mathbb{F}_p, P)$ .



So there is an isomorphism of  $E_2$  page:

$$\text{Ext}_P^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, \text{Ext}_Q^k(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP/I}^{s,t}(BP_*/I, I^k/I^{k+1})$$



# Equivalence of spectral sequences

**THEOREM 8.3.** *At each prime  $p$ , there is an isomorphism of tri-graded spectral sequences between the motivic Adams spectral sequence for  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ , which converges to the motivic homotopy groups of  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ , and the regraded algebraic Novikov spectral sequence, which converges to the Adams–Novikov  $E_2$ -page for the sphere spectrum.*

*The indexes are indicated in the following diagram:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathrm{BP}_*\mathrm{BP}/I}^{s,2w}(\mathrm{BP}_*/I, I^{a-s}/I^{a-s+1}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathrm{Ext}_{A_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}}^{a,2w-s+a,w}(\mathbb{F}_p[\tau], \mathbb{F}_p) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \text{Algebraic Novikov SS} & & \text{Motivic Adams SS} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathrm{BP}_*\mathrm{BP}}^{s,2w}(\mathrm{BP}_*, \mathrm{BP}_*) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \pi_{2w-s,w}(\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau).
 \end{array}$$

Here,  $A_{*,*}^{\mathrm{mot}}$  is the motivic mod- $p$  dual Steenrod algebra.

# Miller square and motivic SS 1

Which spectral sequence can we put in between these two spectral sequences and have a zig-zag diagram? Namely,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathrm{Ext}_{P_*}^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, I^{a-s}/I^{a-s+1}) & \longleftarrow & ? & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ext}_{A_*}^{a,t}(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Algebraic Novikov SS} & & & & \text{Adams SS} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathrm{BP}_* \mathrm{BP}}^{s,t}(\mathrm{BP}_*, \mathrm{BP}_*) & \longleftarrow & ? & \longrightarrow & \pi_* \widehat{S}^0. \end{array}$$

The answer is in the motivic world! It has been given by the equivalence of spectral sequences between Algebraic Novikov and motivic Adams of  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ .

# Miller square and motivic SS 2

Combine the motivic deformation and the naturality of the motivic Adams spectral sequences and the equivalence of spectral sequences give us a zig-zag diagram.





$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{Ext}_{\text{BP}_*\text{BP}/I}^{s,2w}(\mathbb{F}_p, I^{a-s}/I^{a-s+1}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Ext}_{A_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}}^{s,t+a-s,t/2}(\mathbb{F}_p[\tau], \mathbb{F}_p) & \longleftarrow & \text{Ext}_{A_{*,*}^{\text{mot}}}^{s,t+a-s,t/2}(\mathbb{F}_p[\tau], \mathbb{F}_p[\tau]) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_{A_*}^{a,t+a-s}(\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_p) \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{Algebraic Novikov SS} & & \text{Motivic Adams SS} & & \text{Motivic Adams SS} & & \text{Adams SS} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{Ext}_{\text{BP}_*\text{BP}}^{s,2w}(\text{BP}_*, \text{BP}_*) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} & \pi_{*,*} \widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau & \longleftarrow & \pi_{*,*} \widehat{S}^{0,0} & \xrightarrow{\text{Re}} & \pi_* \widehat{S}^0.
 \end{array}$$

Isaksen, Wang and Xu extend the computation of classical and motivic stable stems into a large range using the following steps:

- 1 Use a computer to carry out the entirely algebraic computation of the cohomology of the  $\mathbb{C}$ -motivic Steenrod algebra. These groups serve as the input to the  $\mathbb{C}$ -motivic Adams spectral sequence.
- 2 Use a computer to carry out the entirely algebraic computation of the algebraic Novikov spectral sequence that converges to the cohomology of the Hopf algebroid  $(BP_*, BP_*BP)$ . This includes all differentials, and the multiplicative structure of the cohomology of  $(BP_*, BP_*BP)$ .
- 3 Identify the algebraic Novikov spectral sequence with the motivic Adams spectral sequence that computes the homotopy groups of  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ . This includes an identification of  $Ext_{BP_*BP}^{s,t}(BP_*, BP_*)$  and  $\pi_{*,*}\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$ .
- 4 Use the inclusion of the bottom cell and the projection to the top cell to pull back and push forward Adams differentials for  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}/\tau$  to Adams differentials for the motivic sphere  $\widehat{S}^{0,0}$ .

## Computation strategy II

- 5 Apply a variety of ad-hoc arguments to deduce additional Adams differentials for the motivic sphere. The most important method involves shuffling Toda brackets.
- 6 Use a long exact sequence in homotopy groups to deduce hidden  $\tau$ -extensions in the motivic Adams spectral sequence for the sphere.
- 7 Invert  $\tau$  to obtain the classical Adams spectral sequence and the classical stable homotopy groups.

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