

# On the equivariant $KU_G$ local sphere for finite abelian groups

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# Geometric fixed point

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- Let  $X$  be a pointed  $N$ -space. Regard  $X$  as a  $G$ -space via the quotient map  $G \rightarrow N$ . Then, as an  $N_p$ -spectrum,

$$(\Sigma_G^\infty \text{Inf}_N^G X)^N \simeq \text{Inf}_e^{N_p}(\Sigma_N^\infty X)^N.$$

- For any  $H \subset G$ , let  $Cyc^H$  be the family of cyclic subgroups of  $H$ . We have equivalences of  $N_p$ -spectra

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- After  $p$ -completion, we get  $\bigvee_{T \in Cyc} ((KU_{N_p})_p^\wedge)^{N_p}$ .

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## Theorem

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Thanks!