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In their recent work, Barthel, Schlank, Stapleton, and Weinstein determined the periodic stable homotopy groups of the sphere spectrum rationally. They made an essential use of the structure afforded by perfectoid spaces for computing relevant group cohomology in the framework of condensed mathematics. These spaces appear in an equivariant isomorphism between two towers: (1) the Lubin–Tate tower that parametrizes deformations of a formal group of fixed height with level structures and (2) the Drinfeld tower that parametrizes those for shtukas. I’m obliged to introduce this exciting mathematical landscape to the greater “perfection” community, and appeal for further insights and collaborations. This also includes: (a) my ongoing joint work with Guozhen Wang which computes unstable higher-periodic homotopy types integrally, (b) Xuecai Ma’s spectral realization of finite levels of the Lubin–Tate tower as non-even commutative ring spectra, which generalize Morava, Hopkins, Miller, Goerss, and Lurie’s spectra at the ground level, and (c) Hongxiang Zhao’s work which connects Ando’s norm through homotopical descent of level structures along the tower, to Coleman’s norm in the context of Lubin and Tate’s explicit local class field theory.

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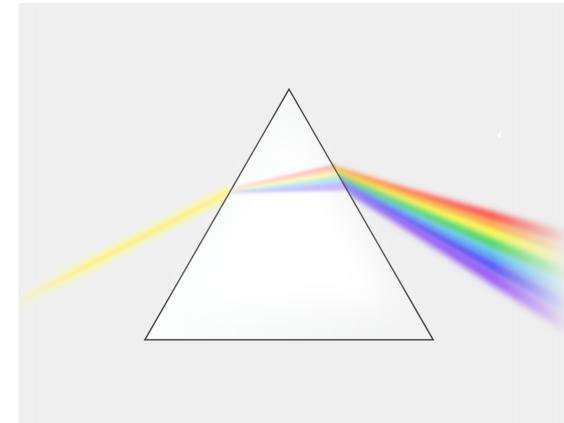


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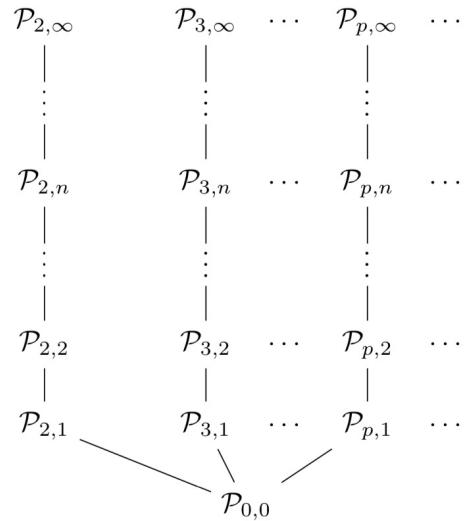
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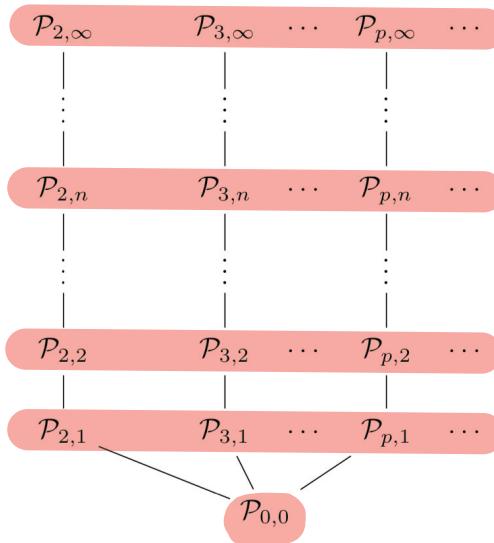
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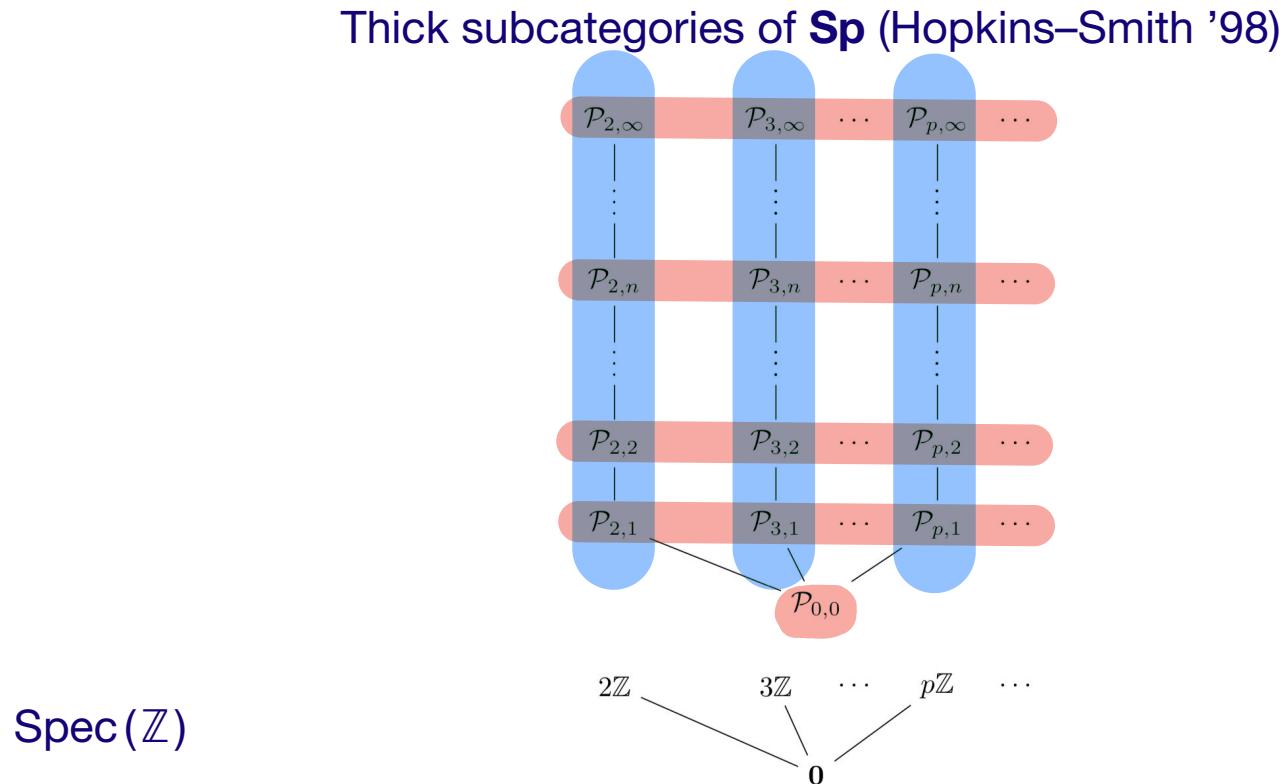
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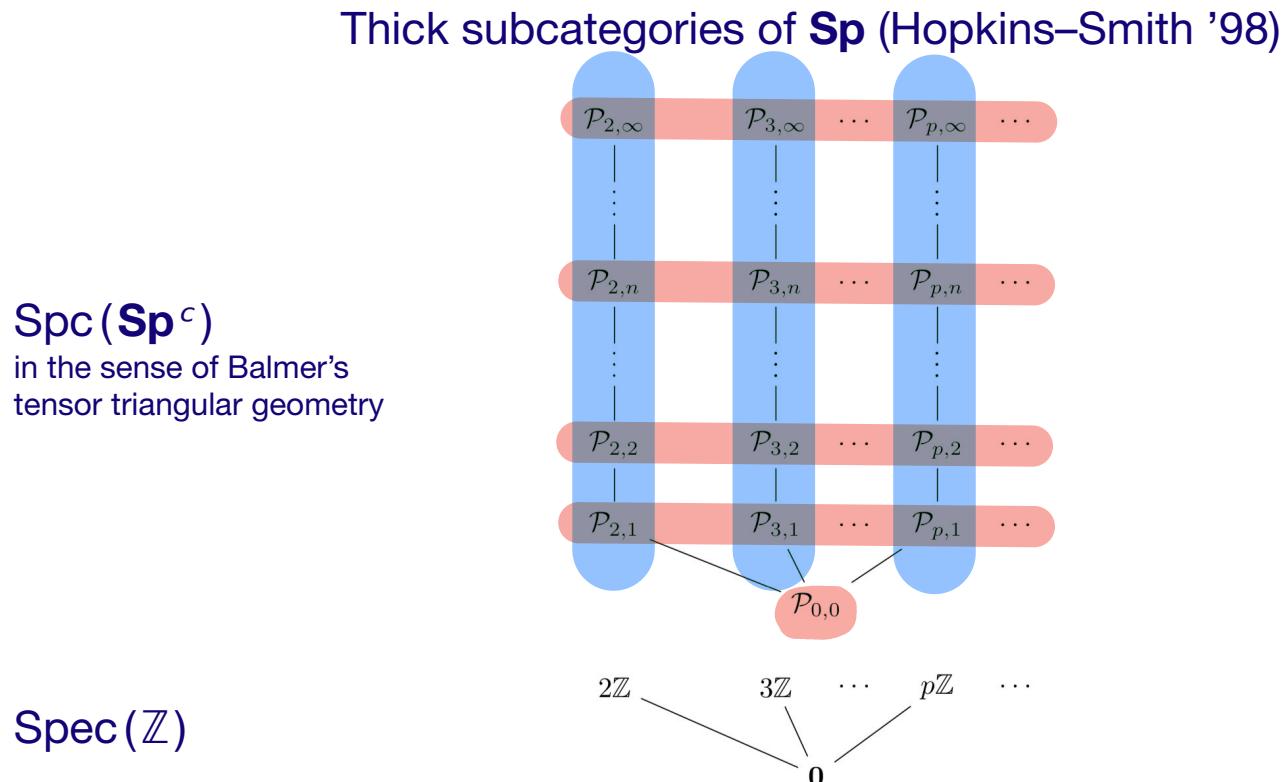
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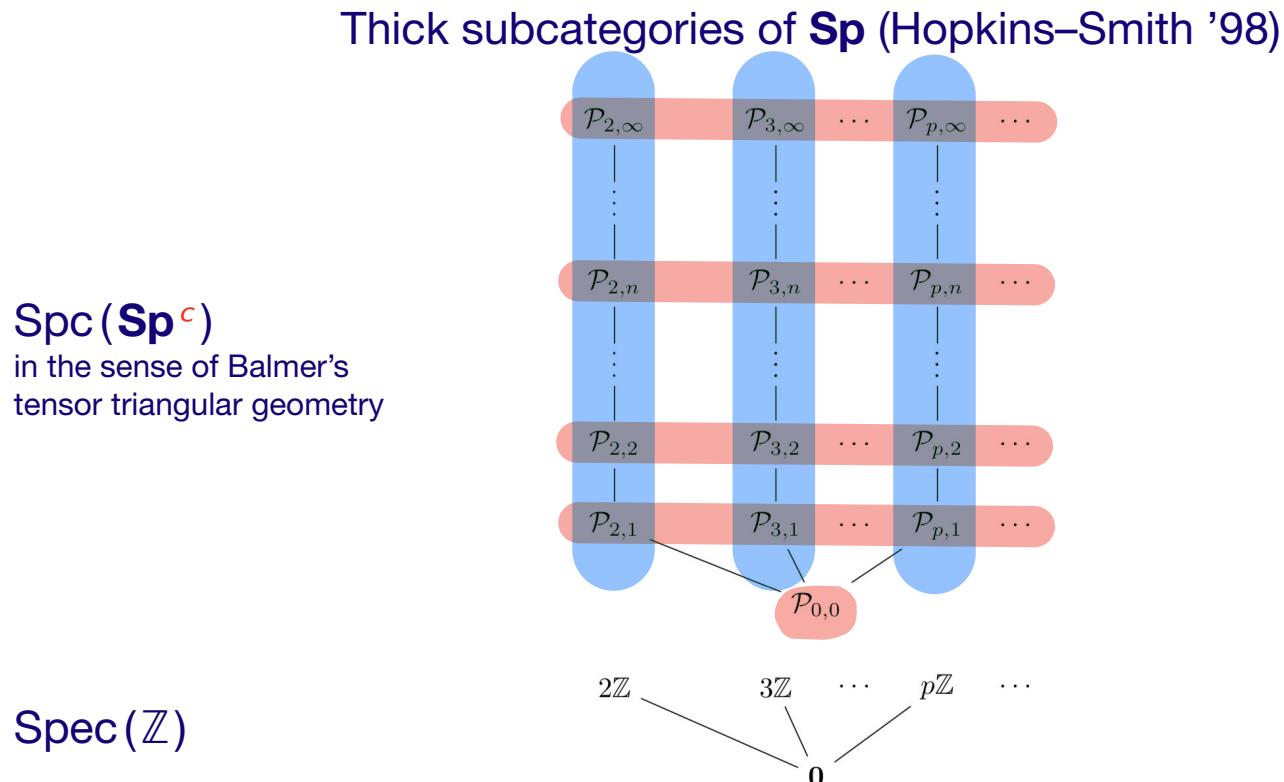
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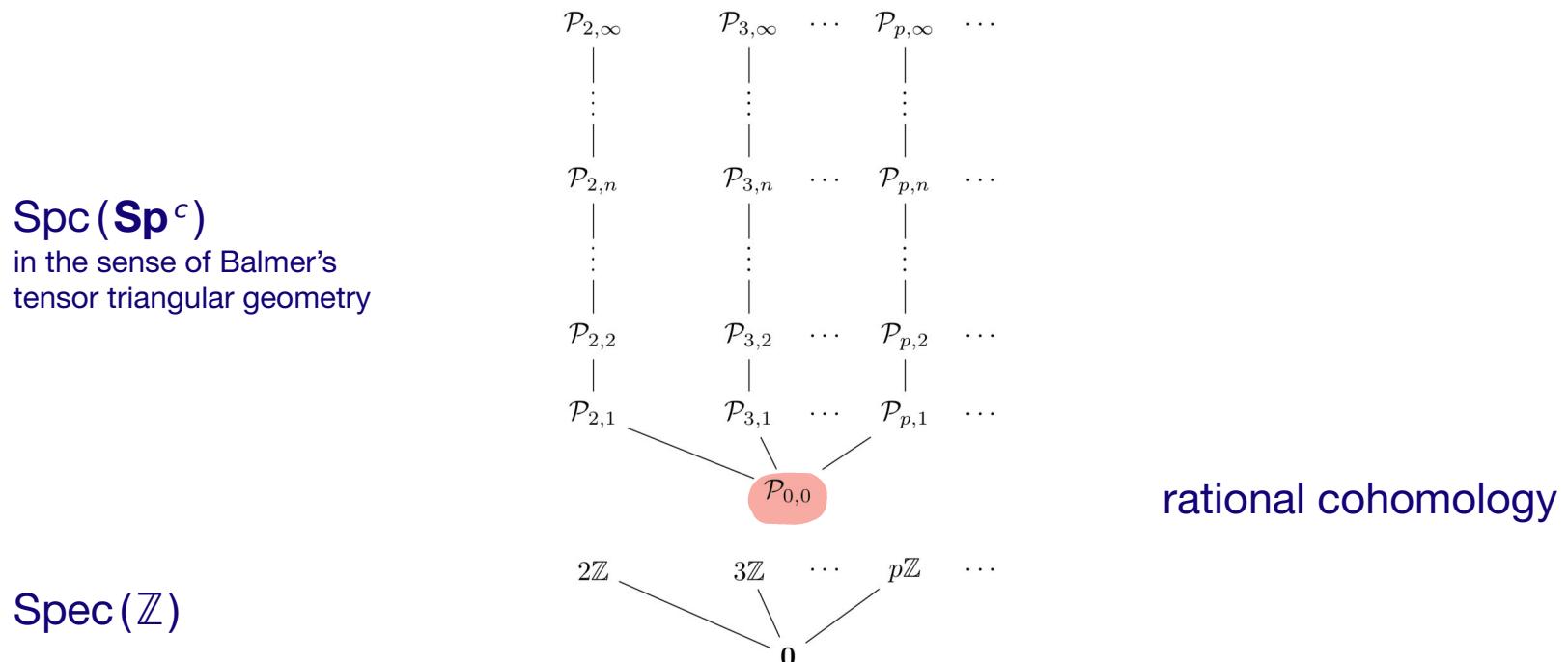


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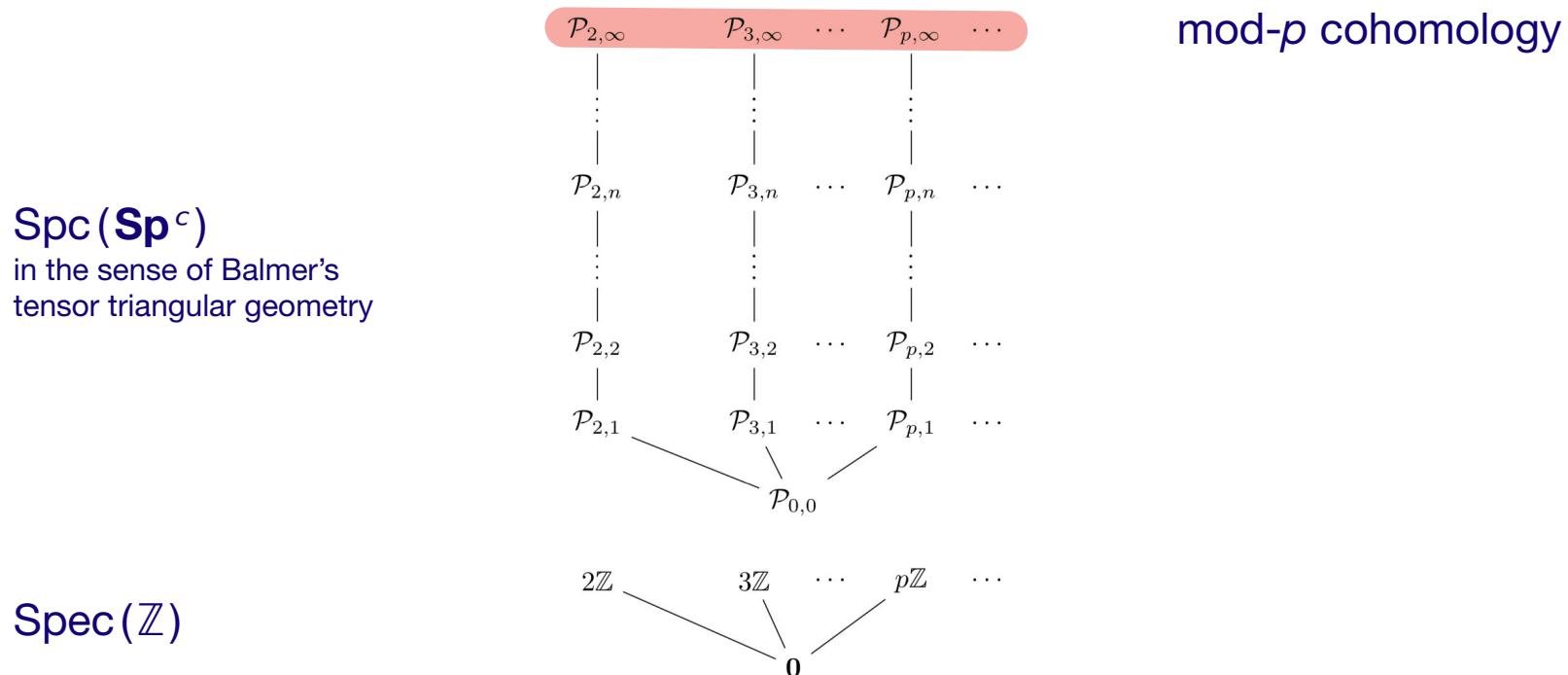


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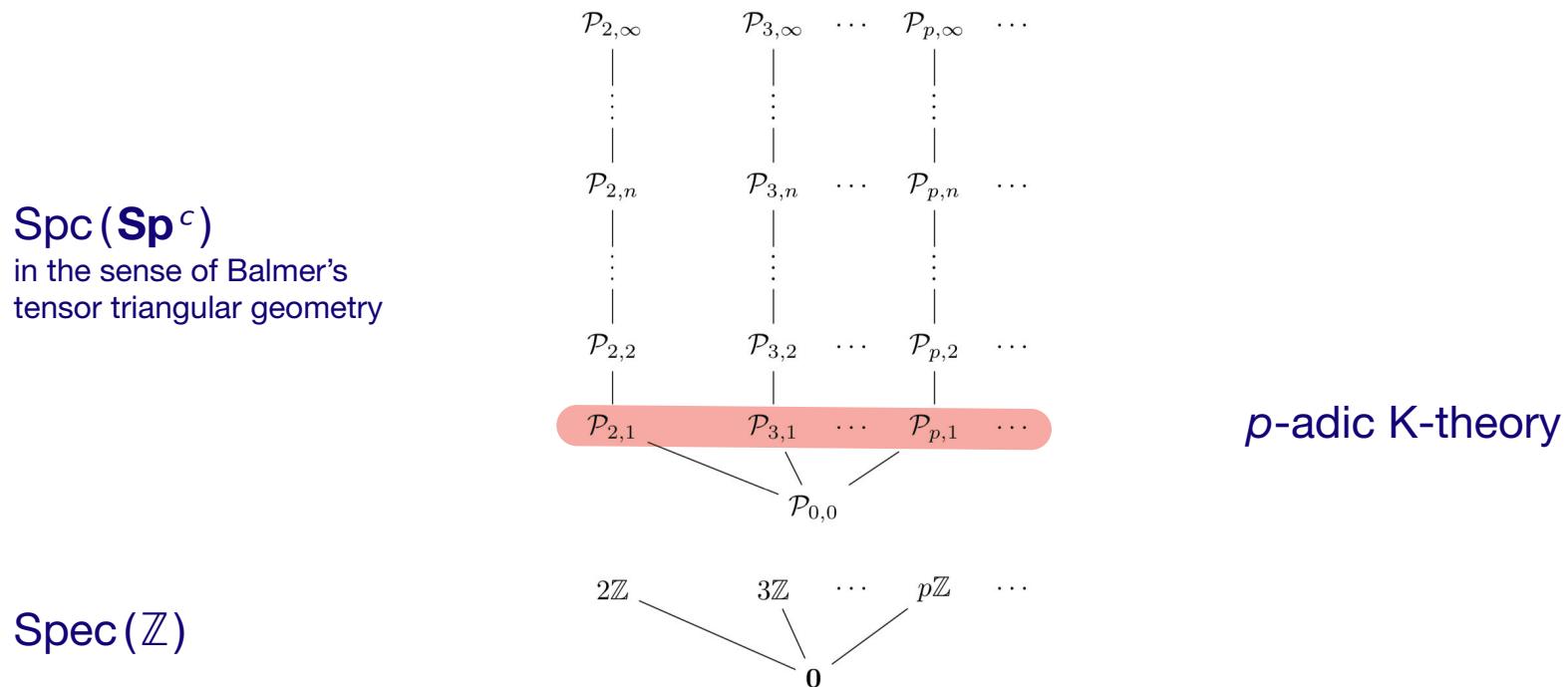


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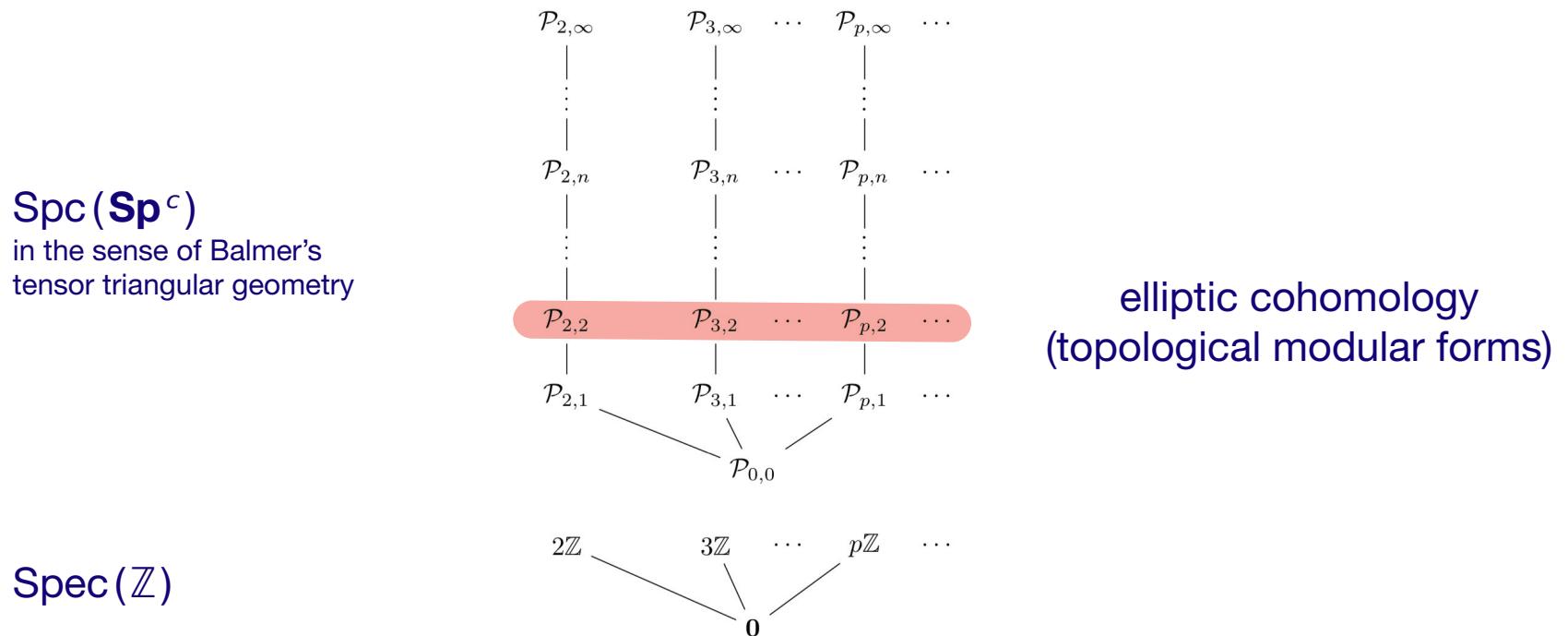


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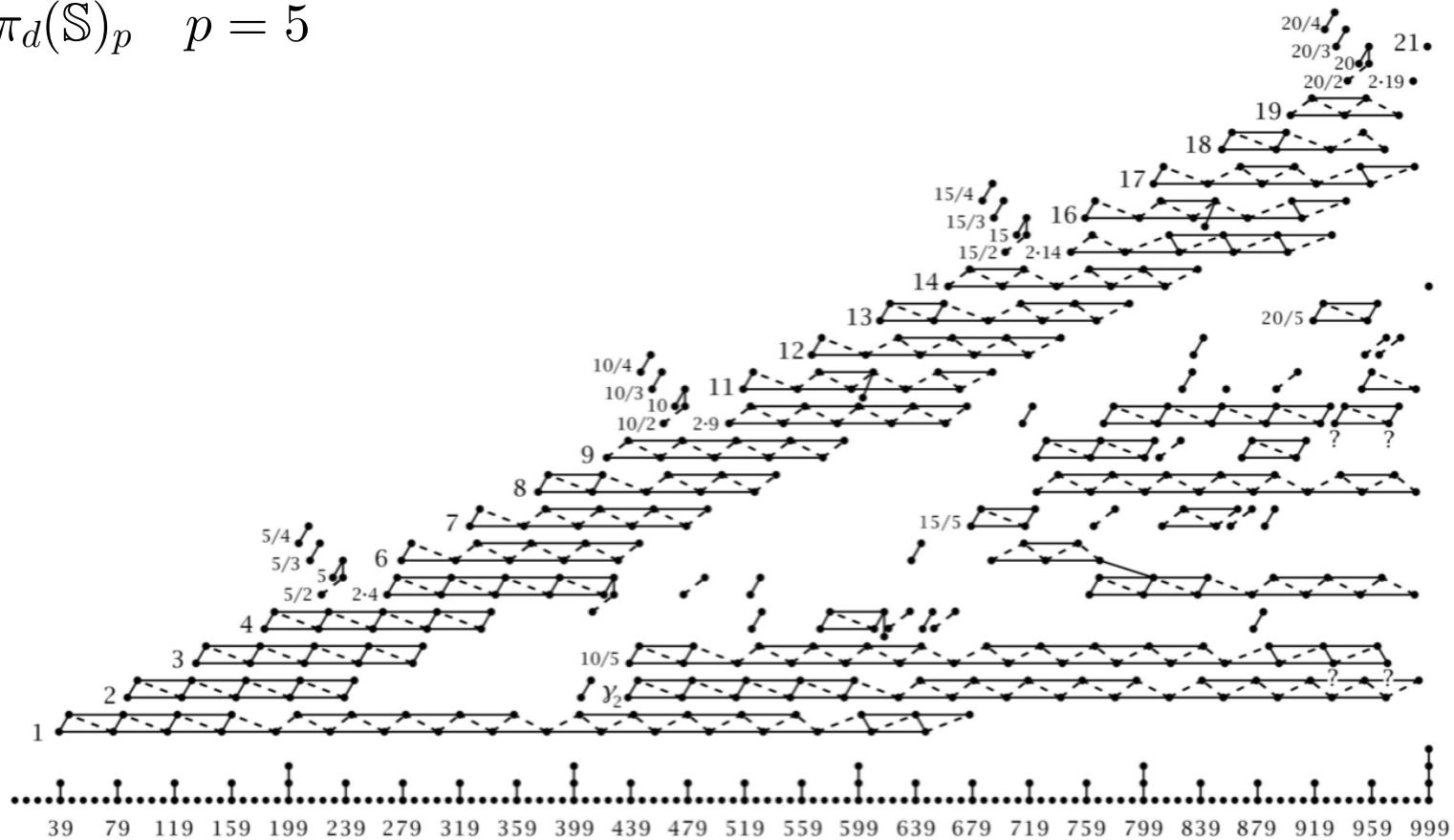
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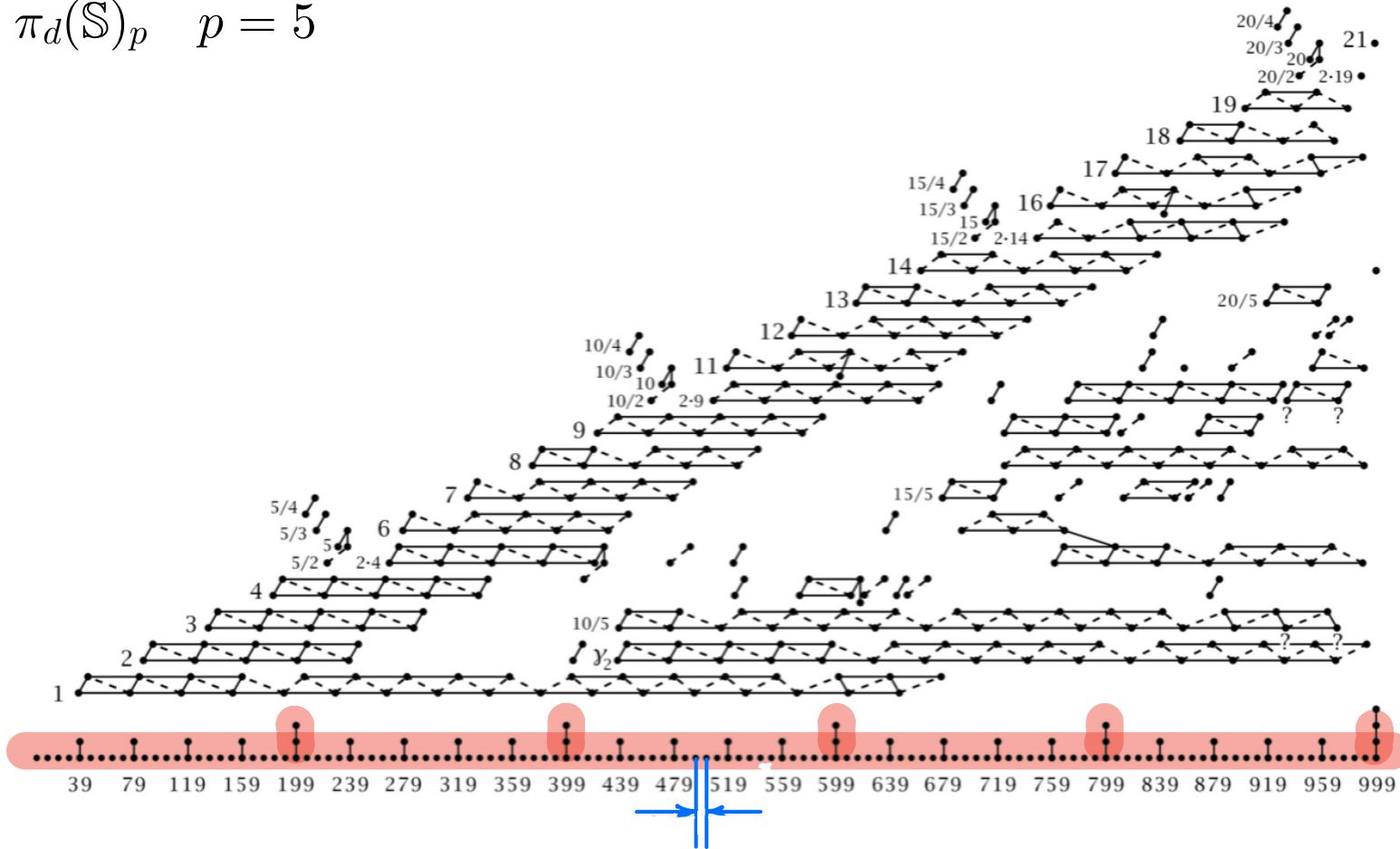
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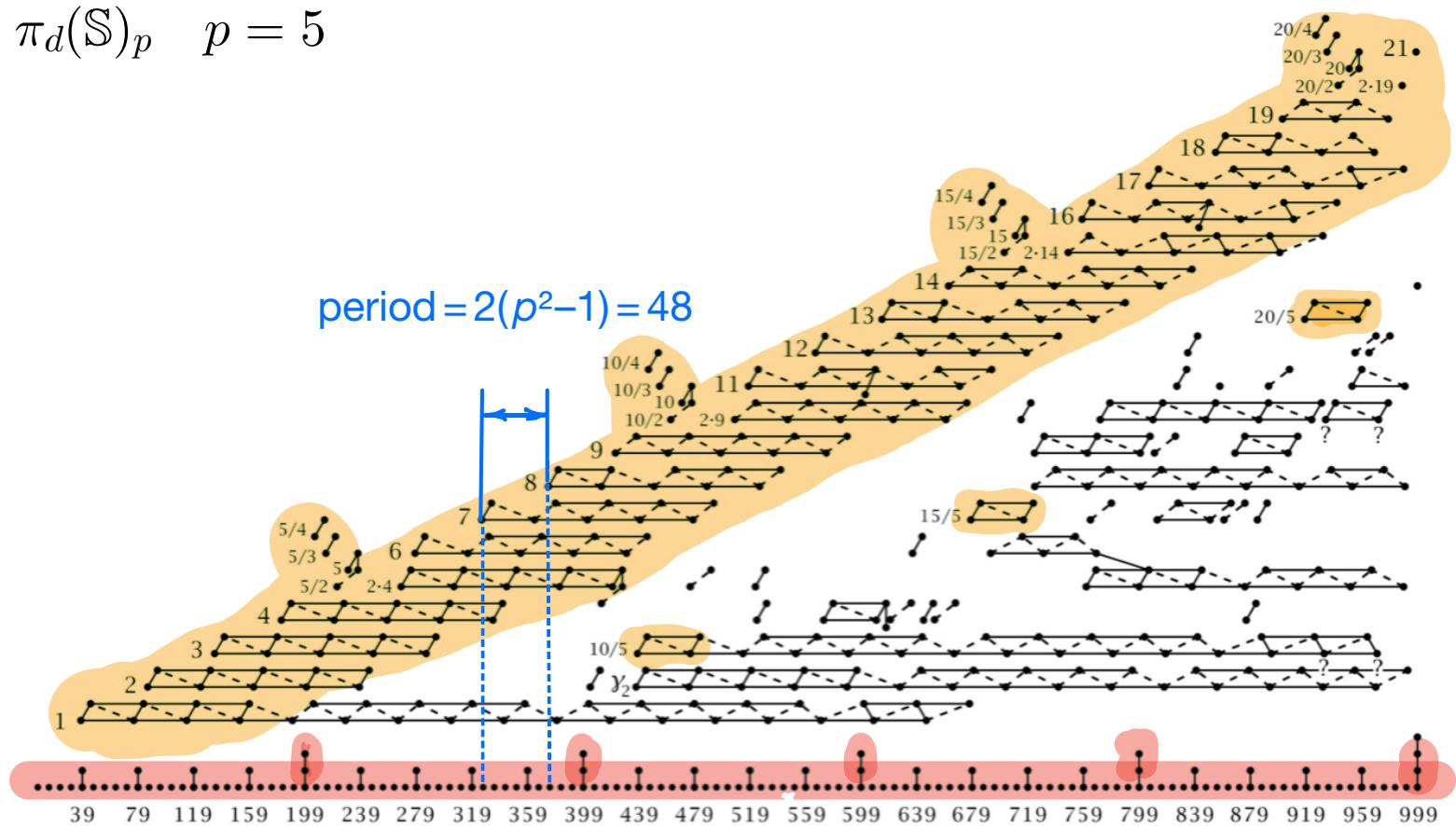


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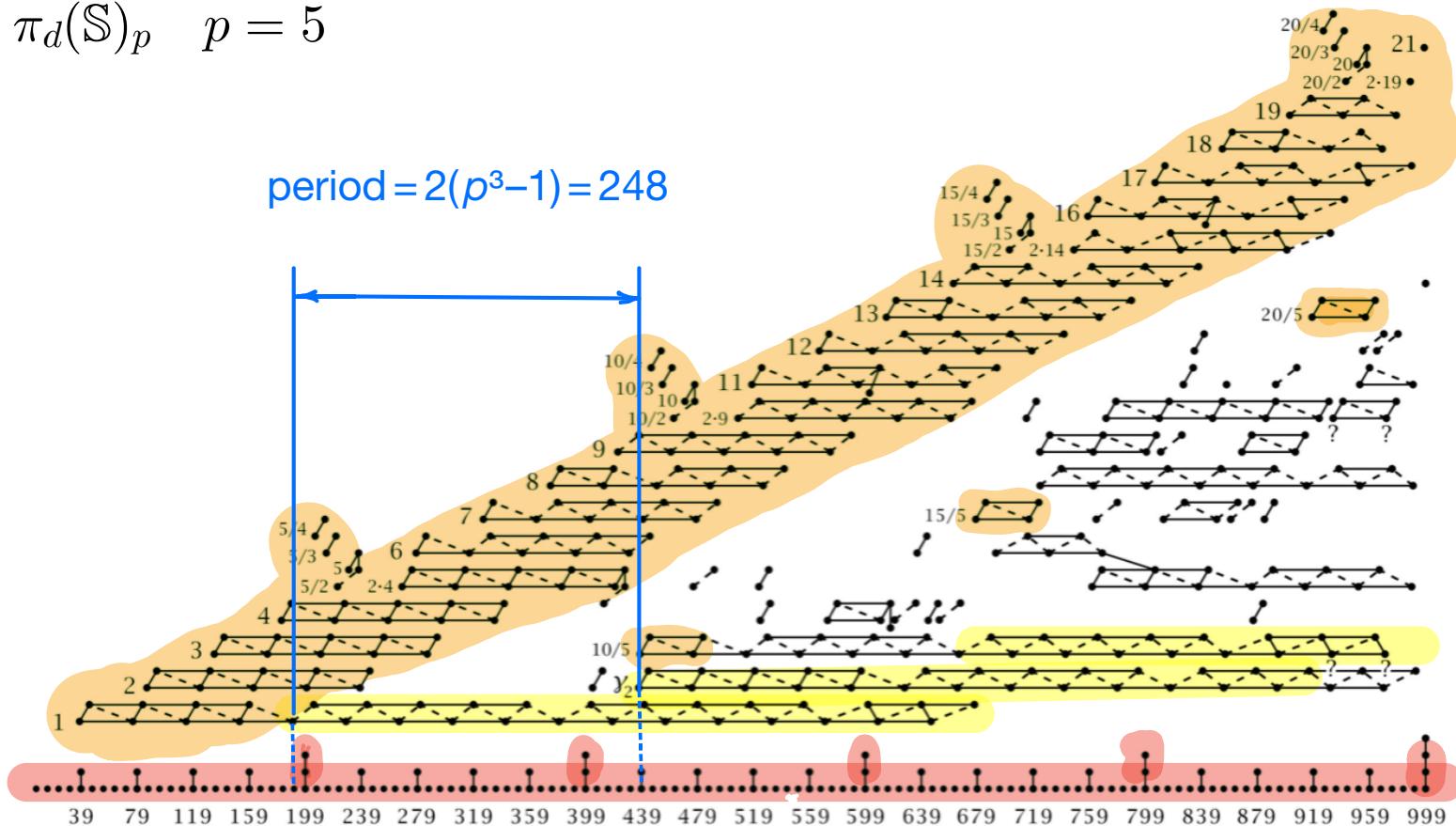


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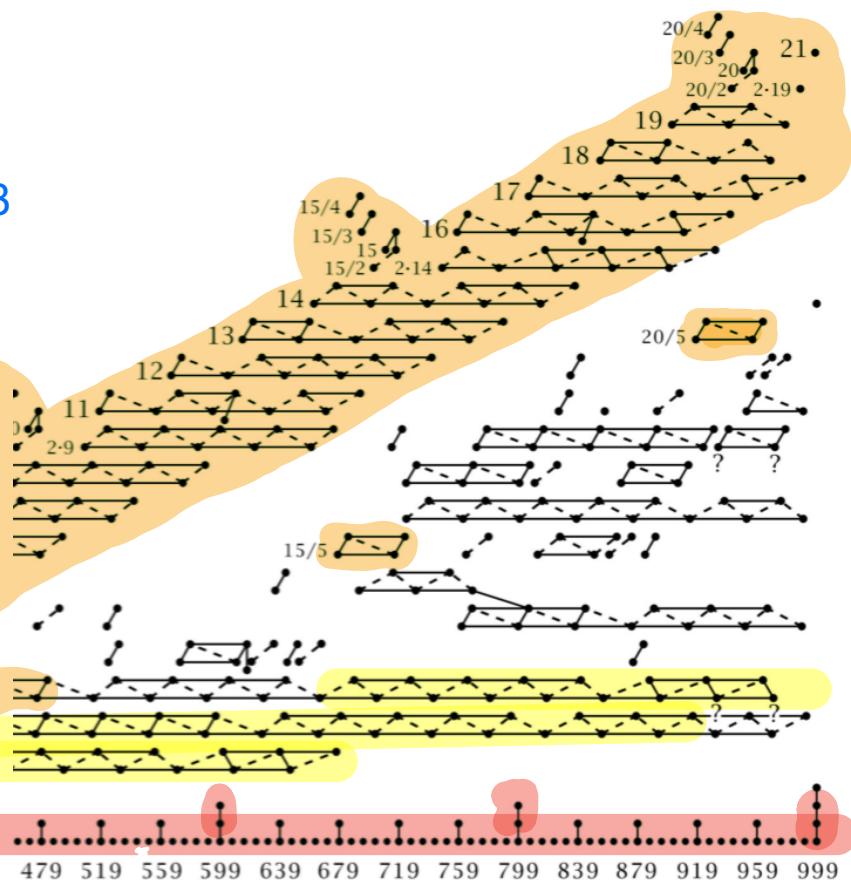


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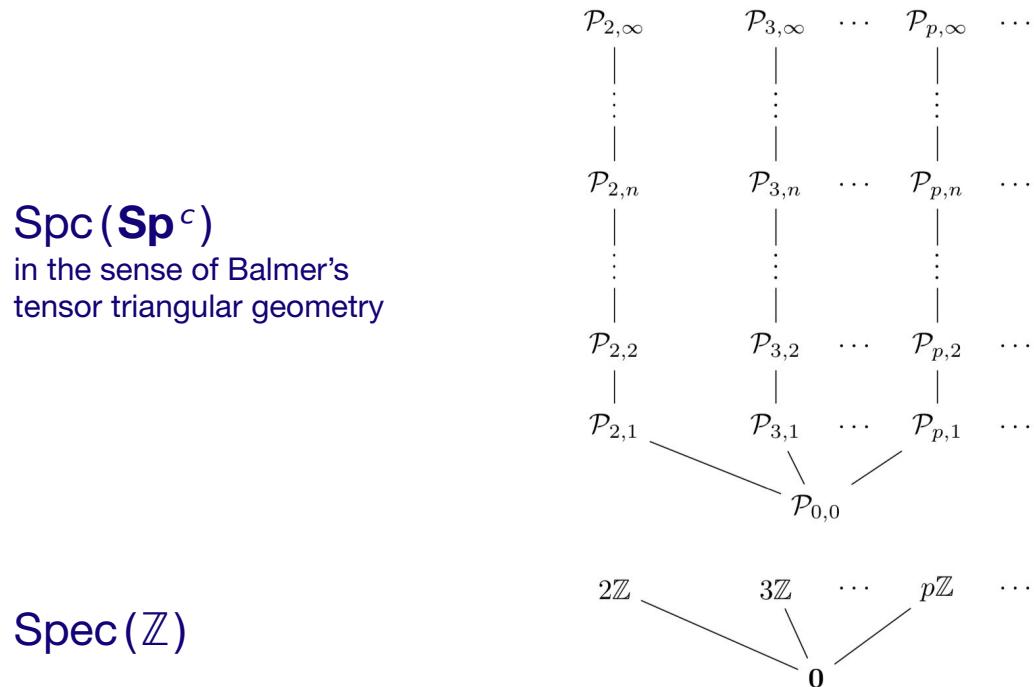


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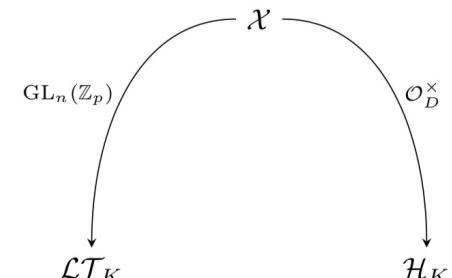
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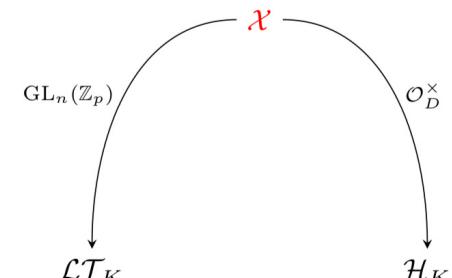
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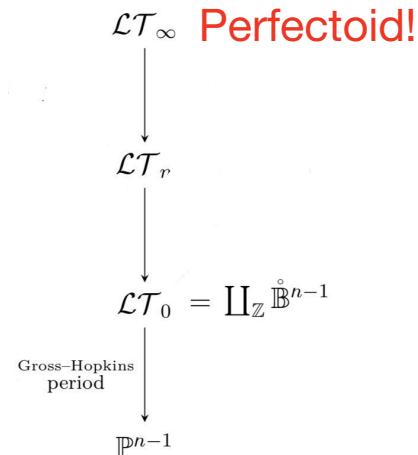
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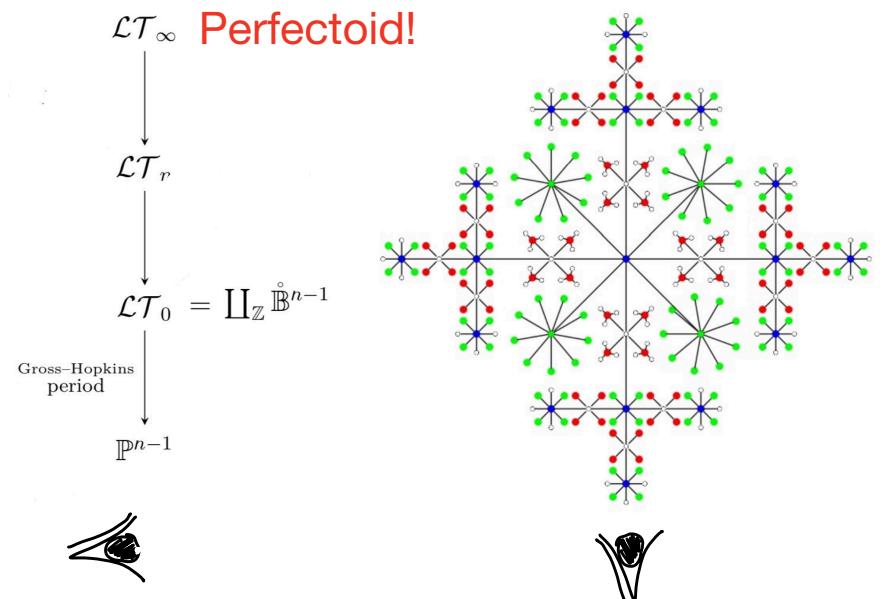
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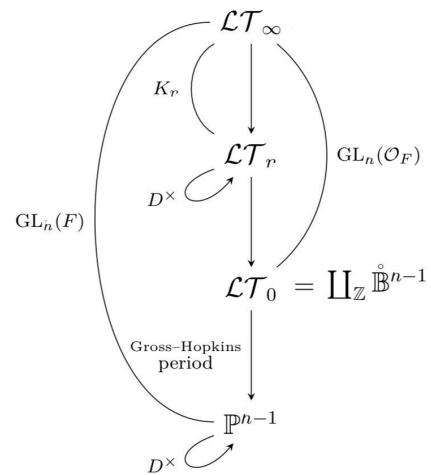
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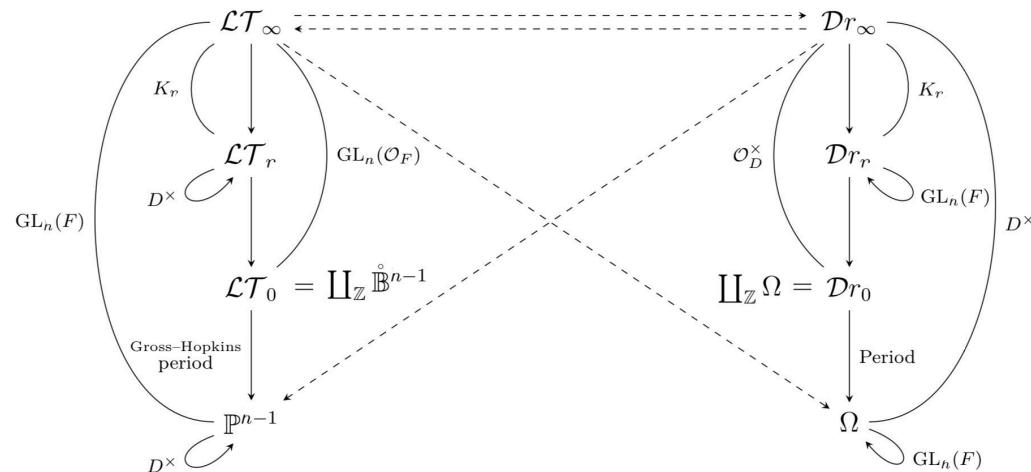
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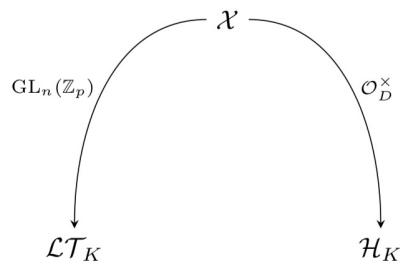
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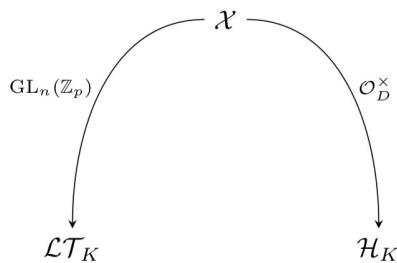
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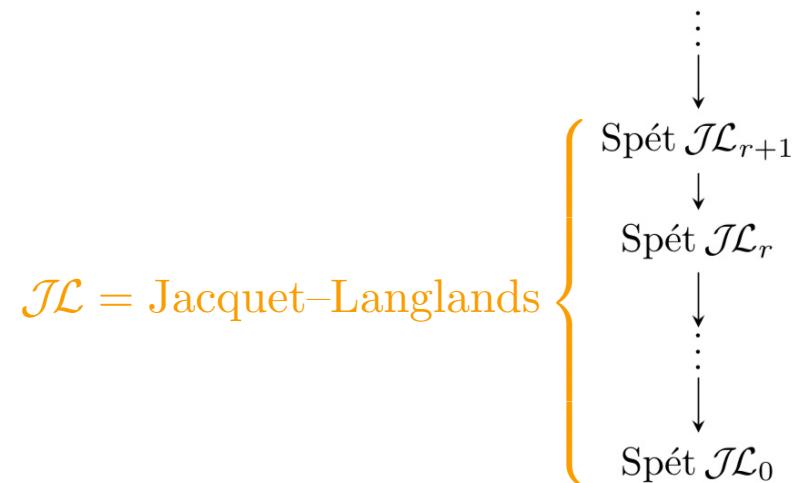
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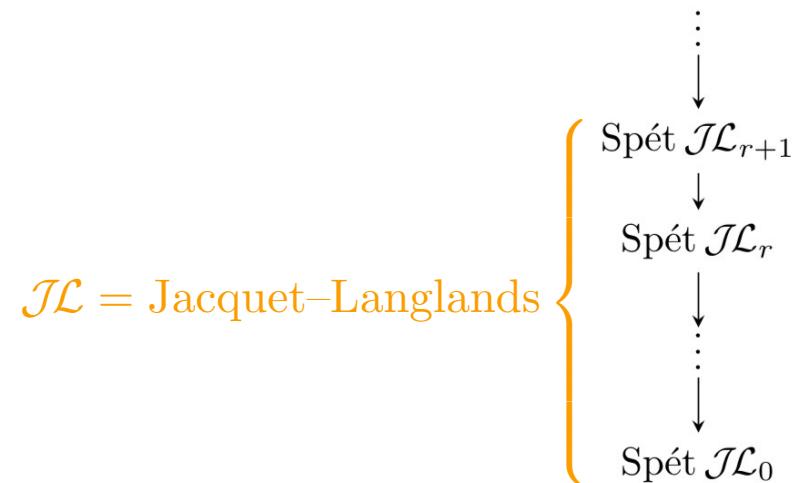
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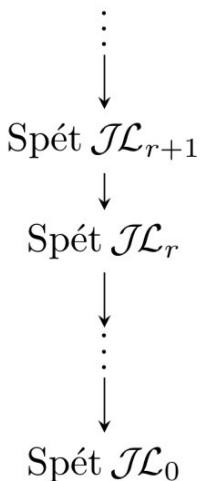
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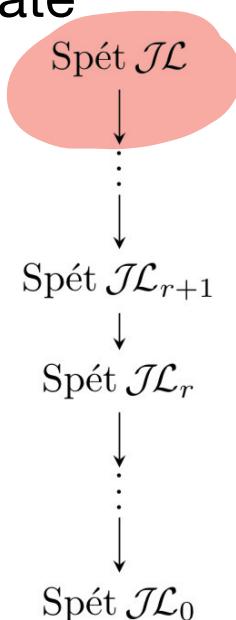


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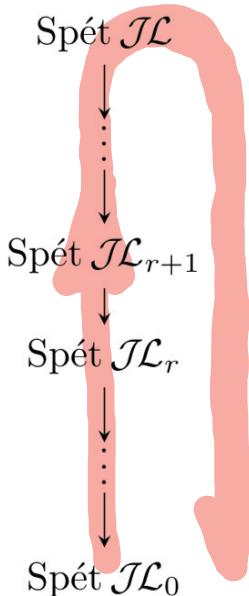


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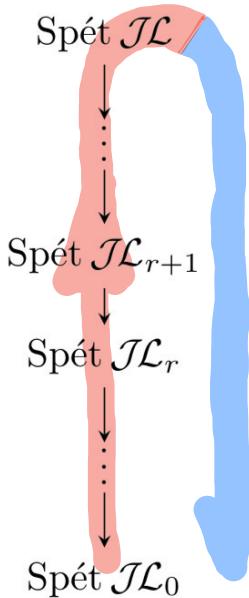


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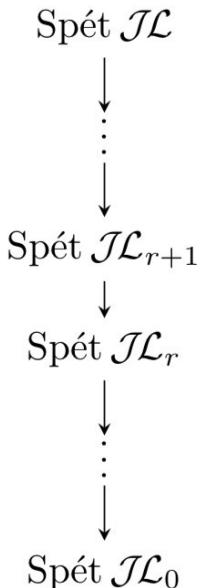
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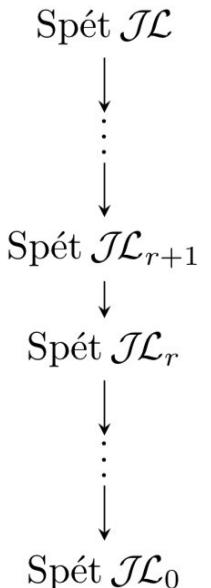
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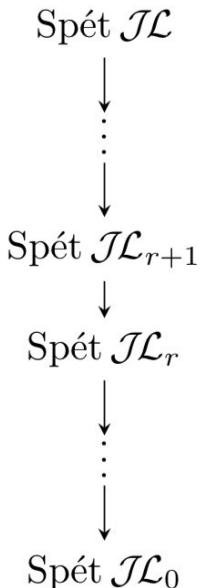
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Thank you.



Afterthoughts

Mathematics has become so developed and specialized, that the heavy notations of individual subfields make it feel as if each small, distinguished group of people set a rule, a roadmap for themselves, their friends and descendants to play within. That said, we must not give up the effort to increase the understandability of mathematics across subfields, convey the essential ideas, learn and get inspirations from each other, so as to make the better of it for the future.