

# Level Structures and Morava E-theory

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- $\mathcal{L}BG := EG \times_G \mathcal{L}(*//G) \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B\mathbb{Z}_p, BG)$ .
- $E_G(-)$  is a cohomology theory on finite  $G$ -CW complexes  $\Rightarrow$  So is  $E_G(\mathcal{L}(-))$ .
- the algebro-geometric object associated to  $E_{\mathbb{Z}/p^k}^0(\mathcal{L}^h(-))$  is the  $p$ -divisible group  $\mathbb{G}_E \oplus (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^h$ .
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