# Quasi-elliptic cohomology

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### Overview

#### Plan.

- Motivation and Definition
- Loop space construction: Witten's conjecture
- Geometric structure on Tate curve
- Global homotopy theory for elliptic cohomology theories
- Further problems
  - equivariant homotopy theory
  - chromatic homotopy theory
  - motivic homotopy theory

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### Elliptic cohomology

[AHS][Lurie]

R: commutative ring; C/R: elliptic curve over R.

E is an elliptic cohomology theory if  $E^0(\mathsf{pt}) \cong R$  and  $\mathsf{Spf}E^0(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong \widehat{C}$ .

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#### Question

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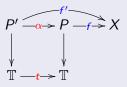
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### Motivating examples: Morava E-theories

- 1995, Matthew Ando: a classification of the level $-p^k$  structure of its formal group.
- 1998, Neil Strickland:  $\operatorname{Spec}(E^0(B\Sigma_{p^k})/I_{tr}) \cong \operatorname{Sub}_{p^k}(\mathbb{G}_E)$ . The Morava E—theory of the symmetric group  $\Sigma_n$  modulo a certain transfer ideal classifies the power subgroups of rank n of its formal group.
- 2015, Tomer M.Schlank, Nathaniel Stapleton:

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Via transchromatic character theory.

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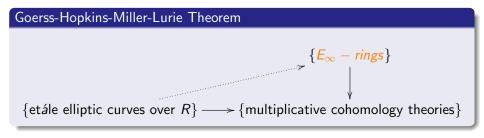
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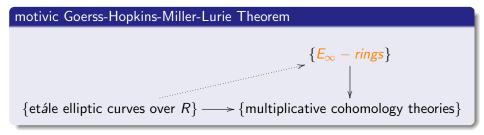
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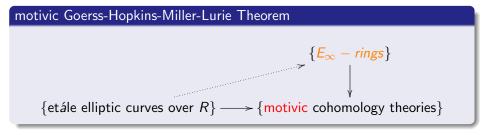
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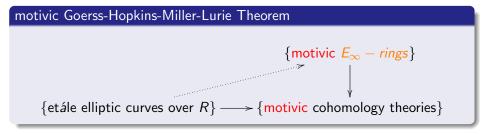
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