

## 1. motivation

Spanier - Whitehead category: obj: pointed CW cplx  
 mor:  $\text{Hom}(X, Y) := \varinjlim_{\mathbb{Z}} [\Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}} X, \Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}} Y]$

made possible by the Freudenthal suspension theorem.

more generally, we can consider the part with negative homotopy (non-connective).

obj: pairs  $(X, n)$   $X$  pointed CW cplx  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

mor:  $\text{Hom}((X, n), (Y, m)) := \varinjlim_{\mathbb{Z}} [\Sigma^{8+n} X, \Sigma^{8+m} Y]$ .

This is a triangulated category. But it doesn't satisfy some prop.

does not preserve coprod  $\Rightarrow$  Brown representability not hold.

## 2. basic notions.

a Spectrum has the following data:  $E_n \in \text{Top}_+$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

structure maps:  $\alpha_n: \Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$ .

by putting various conditions on  $E_n$  and  $\alpha_n$ , we can obtain special spectra.

- $\Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$  is identity  $\Rightarrow$  suspension spec. e.g. S sphere spectrum.
- $E_n$  are CW-cplx,  $\alpha_n$  are inclusions of subcplx.  $\Rightarrow$  CW-spec.
- the map  $E_n \rightarrow \Omega E_{n+1}$  corresponding to  $\alpha_n$  is an iso for every  $n$ .  $\Rightarrow$   $\Omega$ -spec.

from previous talk, spectra represent cohomology theories:

Let  $\tilde{E}^*(-)$  be a reduced cohomology theory, then  $\exists$  an  $\Omega$ -spec s.t.

$$\tilde{E}^n(X) \cong [X, E_n] \quad \text{for each } n.$$

- $\tilde{E}^*(-) = \tilde{H}^*(-; A) \iff E = HA$  Eilenberg McLane spectrum
- KU KU
- MU MU

spectra has good homotopy category structure. And it has strong connection with cohomology theories. So we may expect the structures/properties of cohom theories to show up in spectra.

## 3. product structure.

- $\tilde{H}^*(-)$  cup prod.
  - KU<sup>\*</sup>(-)
  - MU<sup>\*</sup>(-)
- (Grothendieck construction of v.b.). tensor of v.b. induced.
- Cartesian prod of manifolds.

Künneth theorem: in good situation identifies the cohomology of a product with the tensor prod of cohomologies.

$$\hat{E}^n(X) \otimes \hat{E}^m(Y) \rightarrow \hat{E}^{n+m}(X \wedge Y)$$

because of the representability, cohomologies are almost a "mapping space".

$$\hat{E}^*(X) \cong [X, E]_*. \text{ the multiplicative structure on this relies}$$

heavily on the target spaces.

motivating illustration:

$$[X, E_n] \otimes [X, E_m] \rightarrow [X \wedge X, E_n \wedge E_m] \xrightarrow{\Delta} [X, E_n \wedge E_m] \xrightarrow{\text{red}} [X, E_{n+m}]$$

we want a product on spectra!

4. smash product.

structure map hard to define where to go.  $\Sigma(X \wedge Y)_n \rightarrow (X \wedge Y)_{n+1}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & X_n & X_{n+1} \dots \\ | & & \\ Y_n & \xrightarrow{\bullet} & ? \downarrow \\ Y_{n+1} & & \\ | & & \end{array}$$

(well explained in Adams).

to make a good cat of spectra

But we just want a product! what is considered a "qualified" (good) one?

A1. The category  $Sp$  is a symmetric monoidal cat with respect to the smash product.

A2. There exists a lax monoidal adjunction

$$\Sigma^\infty : Top_* \rightleftarrows Sp : \Omega^\infty$$

implies

A3. The unit for the smash product in  $Sp$  is the sphere spectrum  
(The map  $\Sigma^\infty S^0 \rightarrow \text{Unit}$  is an iso).

A4. Either  $\exists$  a natural transformation

$$\phi : (\Sigma^\infty D) \wedge (\Omega^\infty E) \rightarrow \Omega^\infty (D \wedge E)$$

or  $\exists$  a natural transformation

$$\gamma : \Sigma^\infty (X \wedge Y) \rightarrow (\Sigma^\infty X) \wedge (\Sigma^\infty Y)$$

A5. let  $Q$  be the stabilization functor  $QX := \varinjlim_n \Omega^n \Sigma^n X$

$\exists$  a natural weak homotopy equivalence  $f$ .

s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \Omega^\infty \Sigma^\infty X \\ & \searrow & \downarrow f \\ & QX & \end{array}$$

commutes.

(Luris'  
Thm 1990)

There's no notion  
of cat of spectra  
satisfies A<sub>1</sub> ~ A<sub>5</sub>.



for those can't read  
Chinese, this says  
"but I can't make it"  
in a funny way :)

Sketch proof:

Since S is the unit, it is a commutative monoid. in Sp.

$\Omega^\infty$  is a lax Symm monoidal functor, so  $\Omega^\infty S$  is also a commutative monoid.  
Therefore  $QS^\circ$  is a commutative monoid.

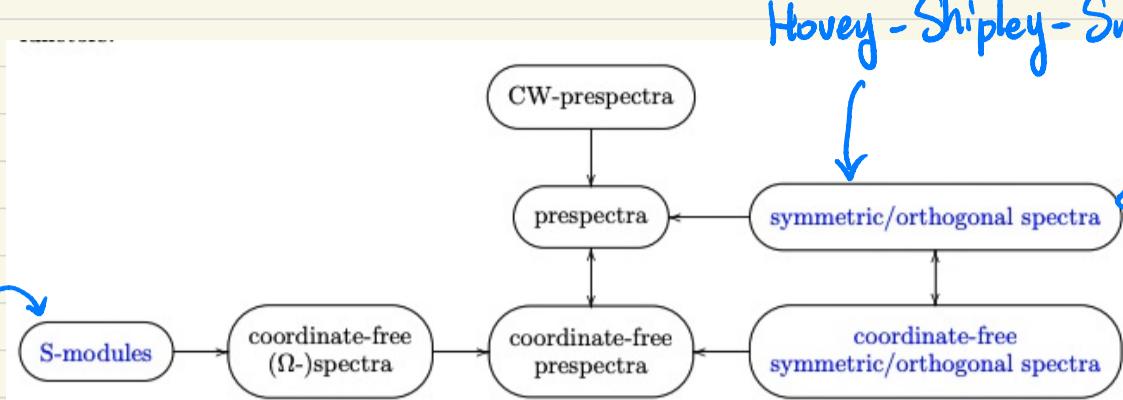
However, Moore's thm says, there's not that many things have strict ring structure.

If Sp is a cat satisfies A<sub>1</sub> ~ A<sub>4</sub>, E is a strict ring spectrum,  
then  $\Omega^\infty E \cong \pi_* E$ .

So.  $QS^\circ \cong \pi_* E$  which is false.

## 5. different models.

Elmendorf - Kriz -  
Mandell - May 1997



Mandell - May - Schwede  
- Shipley 1998

### • EKMM Spectra

take use of the linear isometry operad to make coordinate free.

Fix a universe  $U \cong \mathbb{R}^\infty$ , a prespectrum  $E$  has data:

- $E(V) \in \text{Top}_*$  for fin dim inner product vector space  $V$ .
- $\sigma_{V,W} : \Sigma^{W-V} E(V) \rightarrow E(W)$  for  $V \subseteq W$ .

if  $\sigma_{V,W}$  is a homeomorphism for  $V \subseteq W \subseteq U$ ,  $E$  is called a Lewis - May - Steinberger spectrum.  $\alpha : U \oplus U \rightarrow U$  sending  $(V, V') \mapsto W$

How to construct the smash product?  $E \wedge F(W) = \underset{\alpha}{\Sigma} E \wedge F(V, V') = E(V) \wedge F(V')$   
don't want to depend on  $\alpha$ . the linear isometry operad  $L(n) := L(U^{\otimes n}, U)$

notice that,  $L(2) =$  the space of all choices  $U \oplus U \rightarrow U$  is contractible.

So they construct a twisted half smash product

$L(2) \times (E \wedge F)$  and fix the associativity by quotienting out  $L(1) \times L(1)$ .

$$E \wedge_L F = L(2) \times_{L(1) \times L(1)} (E \wedge F).$$

then make  $\wedge_L$  unital by restricting to all  $E$  with  $E \wedge_L S \cong E$ . ( $S$ -modules).

### • Symmetric spectra.

$E$  consists of  $E_n \in \text{Top}_*$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

structure maps  $\sigma_n : \Sigma E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$

In-action on  $E_n$  s.t. the composite.

$$S^p \wedge E_q \rightarrow S^{p+1} \wedge E_{q+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S^1 \wedge E_{p+q} \rightarrow E_{p+q} \text{ is } (\Sigma_p \times \Sigma_q)\text{-equivariant.}$$

$$\text{Smash prod: } (E \wedge F)_n = \bigvee_{p+q=n} \Sigma_{p+q} + \wedge_{\Sigma_p \times \Sigma_q} (E_p \wedge F_q) / \sim,$$

where the  $\sim$  identifies.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p+q+r+s} \wedge (S^p \wedge E_q \wedge F_r) &\xrightarrow{\quad \wedge \Sigma_{p+q+r+s} \wedge \Sigma_q \times \Sigma_r (E_q \wedge F_r) \\ (\alpha \circ \tau_{qp}, \pi, \sigma_y)} \\ &\xrightarrow{\quad \wedge \Sigma_{p+q+r+s} \wedge \Sigma_{p+q} \times \Sigma_r (E_{p+q} \wedge F_r) \\ (\wedge, s\pi, y).} \end{aligned}$$

- Orthogonal Spectra. replace  $\Sigma$  action with  $O(n)$  action

- Pro and cons.

EKMM,  $Sp^\Sigma$ ,  $Sp^0$  all fail A5.

$Sp^0$ : easy to equivariantize.

all obj. fibrant.

Stable  $\pi_*$  is w.e.

$Sp^\Sigma$ :  $\exists$  convenient model str.

on comm ring.

make a lot more sense if  
use sSet.

stab  $\pi_*$  is not w.e.

EKMM:  $\Omega^\infty$  give 0-th space information

hard to define smash prod.

all obj. fibrant.

stable  $\pi_*$  is w.e.

- Stable homotopy category.

S-modules.  $Sp^\Sigma$  and  $Sp^0$  all have good smash products before passing to the homotopy cat.

$Sp^\Sigma$  and  $Sp^0$  has closed symm mon structure.

S-mod,  $Sp^\Sigma$ ,  $Sp^0$  are Quillen equivalent.

(so that they share iso. homotopy cat).

invert w.e. to the homotopy cat.

smash product  $\rightsquigarrow$  derived smash product  $\wedge^L$

$E \wedge^L F := C E \wedge C F$  where C is the cofibrant replacement.

S is cofibrant. so it is also the unit of  $\wedge^L$  in SH.

Good properties: Triangulated.

stable: fiber sequence = cofiber sequence.

- ring spectra. (is like H-space).

monoid in SH. in other words. E is a ring spectrum if  
 $\exists$  a multiplication  $m: E \wedge E \rightarrow E$ . and unit  $s: S^0 \wedge E \rightarrow E$

commute up to homotopy.

Warning: we can take monoids in  $\text{Sp}^I/\text{Sp}^0$  then pass to SH. But this would be too strict.

ring spectra  $\longleftrightarrow$  multiplicative cohomology theories.

Ex). MU, KU.

- richer ring structure. (see more in foling's talk).

What thing you exchange during weddings and commute?

A commutative ring!

What thing you exchange during weddings and almost commute?

An  $E_\infty$ -ring!

We might want more multiplicative structures. encode by operad.

In particular, there is a family called  $E_\infty$ -operad.

Ex). little disk operad.

Robinson defines  $E_n$ -stage (commute up to  $n$ -dim).

MU, KU, S are  $E_\infty$ -ring spectra.

non ex)  $(MU)^P \cong V\mathbb{Z}\text{BP}$ .

$B_p$  is  $E_4$ .