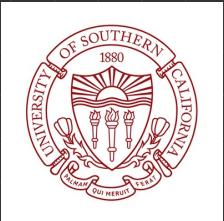
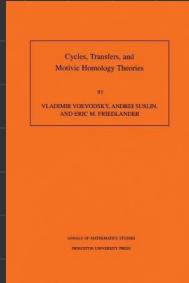


Hochschild Homology: classical, topological, & motivic



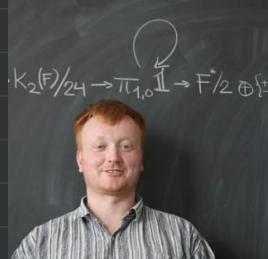
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Hochschild homology of mod- p motivic cohomology over algebraically closed fields

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Abstract

We perform Hochschild homology calculations in the algebro-geometric setting of motivic ring spectra. The motivic Hochschild homology coefficient ring contains torsion classes which arise from the mod- p motivic Steenrod algebra and from generating functions on the natural numbers with finite non-empty support. Under the Betti realization, we recover Bökstedt's calculation of the topological Hochschild homology of finite prime fields.

1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{R} be a motivic ring spectrum such as algebraic cobordism, homotopy algebraic K-theory, or motivic cohomology [31]. Working in the stable motivic homotopy category $\mathcal{SH}(F)$ of a field F , we define the motivic Hochschild homology $\mathbf{MHH}(\mathcal{R})$ of \mathcal{R} as the derived tensor product

$$\mathcal{R} \wedge_{\mathcal{S}\text{-dgpr}} \mathcal{R}. \quad (1)$$

The concepts of Hochschild homology for associative algebras and topological Hochschild homology for structured ring spectra inspire our constructions. In the event \mathcal{R} is commutative one may equivalently to (1) form the tensor product in the category of commutative motivic ring spectra with the simplicial circle

$$S^1 \otimes \mathcal{R}. \quad (2)$$

The primary purpose of this paper is to calculate the homotopy groups of motivic Hochschild homology of \mathbf{MF}_p over algebraically closed fields — the Snaith-Voevodsky mod- p motivic cohomology ring spectrum for p any prime number. When the base field F admits embedding into the complex numbers \mathbb{C} , the Betti realization functor allows us to compare our \mathbf{MHH} calculations with Bökstedt's preceding work on topological Hochschild homology of the corresponding topological Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum $\mathbf{THH}(\mathcal{R})$. We find that \mathbf{MHH} specializes to the one or \mathbf{THH} in [8]. Additionally, $\mathbf{THH}(\mathcal{R})$ splits as a restricted product of Thomason-Lichtenbaum terms in the stable homotopy category. This is not the case, however, for $\mathbf{MHH}(\mathbb{F}_p)$, \mathbf{MF}_p , and $\mathcal{SH}(F)$. The source of this extra layer of complexity is the abundance of τ -torsion elements in the coefficients. Here τ is a canonical class in the mod- p motivic cohomology of F , which maps to the unit element in singular cohomology under Betti realization.

We express the coefficient ring $\mathbf{MHH}_*(\mathbb{F}_p)$ in terms of algebra generators $\tau, \mu_i, \kappa_{S,f}$ arising from the mod- p motivic Steenrod algebra [17], [34], and generating endofunctions $f : \mathbb{N} \circlearrowleft$ with finite non-empty support containing some subset $S \subset \mathbb{N}$. The infinity of τ -torsion classes $\kappa_{S,f}$ is not witnessed in $\mathbf{THH}_*(\mathbb{F}_p)$. For example, Kronecker delta functions give rise to such classes (in this case, S is either empty or a singleton set).

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① Hochschild homology

Setup: k a field, A a commutative k -algebra

Hochschild complex ($\otimes = \otimes_k$):

$$\circledast : \dots \rightarrow A^{\otimes n+1} \rightarrow A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow A$$

$$a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i a_0 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes a_i a_{i+1} \otimes a_{i+2} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \\ + (-1)^n a_n a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1}.$$

$$\text{E.g. } a \otimes b \otimes c \mapsto ab \otimes c - a \otimes bc + ca \otimes b.$$

$$\text{Defn} \quad HH_n(A/k) = H_n(\circledast) = \text{Tor}_n^{A \otimes A}(A, A)$$

derived
version of
 $A \otimes A$

Hochschild - Kostant - Rosenberg Theorem

Suppose $\text{char } k = 0$ and A is smooth of finite type over k .

Then $\underbrace{\text{HH}_*(A/k)}$ $\simeq \underbrace{\Omega_{A/k}^*}$.

de Rham complex: $\Omega_{A/k}$ corepresents k -linear derivations on A ($\text{Hom}_k(\Omega_{A/k}, M) \cong \text{Der}_k(A, M)$),

$\Omega_{A/k}^n = \bigwedge_k^n \Omega_{A/k}$ with "exterior derivative" differential

→ Does $\text{HH}_*(A/k)$ carry a natural differential compatible with de Rham?

Yes, coming from an S' -action.

Going in Circles

Recall $\underbrace{HH(A/k)}_{\text{Hochschild complex}} = A \underset{A \otimes A}{\otimes^{\mathbb{L}}} A$. By Dold-Kan, this is the previously \star .

geometric realization of some simplicial commutative k -algebra.

Fact $HH(A/k) = \left| \text{pushout} \left(\begin{array}{c} A \amalg A \rightarrow A \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{array} \right) \right|$

each $A \in [\Delta^{\text{op}}, \text{CAlg}_k]$ constant

$= | S^1 \otimes A |$, using ① $[\Delta^{\text{op}}, \text{CAlg}_k]$ is tensored over $[\Delta^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$,

② $S^1 = \text{pushout} \left(\begin{array}{c} S^0 \rightarrow * \\ \downarrow \\ I \end{array} \right)$.

Going in Circles (ct'd)

So $S' \otimes A$ carries an action of S' and pushed through
Dold-Kan, we get an action of $C^*(S', k)$ on $\mathrm{HH}(A/k)$
 $\implies H_*(S'; k) \cong k[\varepsilon]/(\varepsilon^2)$ acts on $\mathrm{HH}_*(A/k)$.
 $|\varepsilon| = 1$

The "Connes differential" is $\mathrm{HH}_n(A/k) \longrightarrow \mathrm{HH}_{n+1}(A/k)$.

$$\eta \longmapsto \varepsilon \cdot \eta$$

Under the hypotheses of HKR, this corresponds to the de Rham differential.

② Topological Hochschild Homology

sphere spectrum!

Instead of working over k (or \mathbb{Z}), let's work over \mathbb{S} .

"Just" as one has

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}\text{-mod} & \xrightleftharpoons[-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R]{} & R\text{-mod} & \xrightleftharpoons[-\otimes_R \mathbb{C}]{} & \mathbb{C}\text{-mod} \\ \text{res} & & & & \text{res} \end{array}$$

we also have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z} = -\Lambda \text{ Hz} & & \text{derived category of Abelian groups} \\ \mathbb{S}^p & \xrightleftharpoons[H]{} & D(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

symmetric monoidal ∞ -category of spectra,

$\otimes = \wedge$; constructed from pointed spaces by inverting suspension $\Sigma = S^1 \wedge -$.

Topological Hochschild Homology (ct'd)

Every spectrum X has Abelian homotopy groups $\pi_n X$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

For $C \in D(\mathbb{Z})$, $\pi_n HC = H_n(C)$.

Given a commutative ring object $A \in D(\mathbb{Z})$ (usual ring, dga, ...)

Bökstedt defined

$$THH(A) := \underset{HA \wedge HA}{HA \wedge HA} = S^1 \otimes HA.$$

(In fact, may form $THH(E_\infty\text{-ring})$ in this fashion.)

Then $THH_n(A) := \pi_n THH(A)$.

By Serre finiteness, if $A \cong \mathbb{Q}$, then $THH_*(A) \cong HH_*(A/\mathbb{Z})$.

Applications

① Improved de Rham theory in characteristic p.

Thm (Hesselholt) k a perfect field of char $p > 0$, R a smooth k -algebra, then $\text{THH}_n(R) \cong \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \Omega_{R/k}^{n-2i}$ as R -modules.

Work of Bhattacharya - Morrow - Scholze et al in p -adic Hodge theory.

② Trace methods: \exists Dennis / Bökstedt trace

$$\underbrace{K(R)}_{\text{algebraic K-theory spectrum of } R} \longrightarrow \text{THH}(R)$$

which factors through $\text{TC}(R)$, the topological cyclic homology of R . Dundas - McCarthy: cyclotomic trace is an "infinitesimal p -adic equivalence".

Computations

Since $\mathrm{THH}(A) = \frac{\mathrm{HA} \wedge \mathrm{HA}}{\mathrm{HA} \wedge \mathrm{HA}}$ and $\pi_* \mathrm{HA} = A$ (in $\deg 0$) ,

we have a Tor-spectral sequence

$$E_{h,t}^2 = \mathrm{Tor}_{h,t}^{\pi_* \mathrm{HA} \wedge \mathrm{HA}}(A, A) \Rightarrow \mathrm{THH}_{h+t}(A)$$

and $d^r : E_{h,t}^r \rightarrow E_{h-r, t+r-1}^r$.

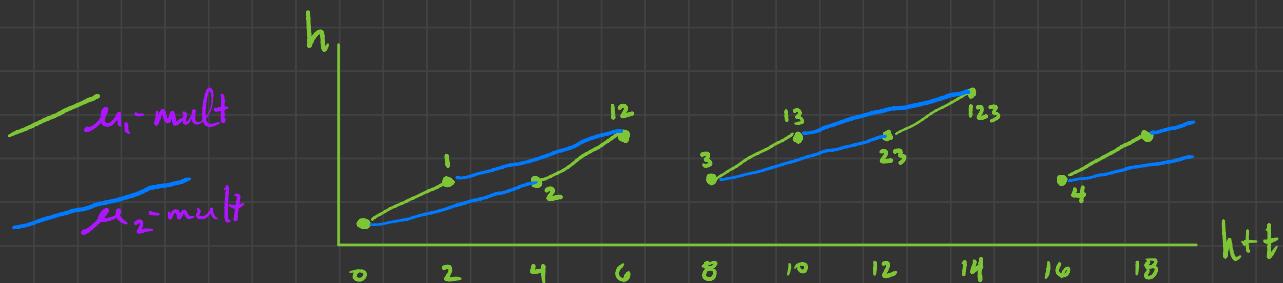
For $A = \mathbb{F}_2$, $\pi_* H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge H\mathbb{F}_2 = A_* = \mathbb{F}_2[\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots]$, $|\xi_i| = 2^i - 1$ is the mod-2 dual Steenrod algebra.

Thus $E^2 \cong \bigwedge_{\mathbb{F}_2}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \dots)$ with $|\mu_i| = (1, 2^i - 1)$.

Pictorially ...

Computations (ct'd)

$$E^2 \cong \bigwedge_{\mathbb{F}_2} (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \dots) \quad \text{with } |\mu_i| = (1, 2^i - 1)$$



Note ① One class in each even degree.

② Differentials go 1 left & down, so $E^2 = E^\infty$.

Fact By a power operations argument, $\mu_i^2 = \mu_{i+1} \in \mathrm{THH}_*(\mathbb{F}_2)$.

Thm (Bökstedt) $\mathrm{THH}_*(\mathbb{F}_p) = \mathbb{F}_p[\mu]$, $|\mu|=2$ for all primes p.

Motivic Hochschild Homology

Now move from spectra to motivic spectra and replace HA with MA, the motivic Eilenberg-Mac Lane spectrum.

Morel-Voevodsky:

$[Sm/k, [\Delta^{op}, \text{Set}]] + \text{Nisnevich } \mathbb{A}'\text{-localize} = \text{motivic spaces } Spc_k$



Motivic Hochschild Homology (ct'd)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A^{\wedge} \setminus O & \longrightarrow & A^{\wedge} \simeq * \\
 \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \\
 * \simeq A^{\wedge} & \longrightarrow & P^{\wedge}
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow P^{\wedge} \simeq S^1 \wedge (A^{\wedge} \setminus O)$$

simplicial circle
 }
 geometric circle

Upshot Bigraded spheres $S^{m,n} := (S^1)^{\wedge m-n} \wedge (A^{\wedge} \setminus O)^{\wedge n}$

total degree weight

Thus we have bigraded homotopy groups

$$\pi_{m,n} X := [S^{m,n}, X]$$

for $X \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{P}_k}$.

Note Need homotopy sheaves to detect weak equivs.

Motivic Hochschild Homology (ct'd)

Important (co)homology theories are representable in Spk :

- MA = motivic cohomology with coefficients in A
- KGL = (homotopy) algebraic K-theory
- KQ = Hermitian K-theory
- MGL = algebraic cobordism

We define the motivic Hochschild homology of a commutative ring A to be the motivic spectrum

$$\boxed{\text{MHH}(A) := MA \wedge MA = S^1 \otimes_{MA} MA}$$

with coefficients $\text{MHH}_{*,*}(A) = \bigoplus_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}} \pi_{m,n} \text{MHH}(A)$.

(3)

Computations over \mathbb{C}

Fix k algebraically closed, $A = \mathbb{F}_p$, $p \neq \text{char}(k)$.

Theorem 1.1. Over an algebraically closed field of exponential characteristic $e(F) \neq p$, there is an algebra isomorphism

$$\mathbf{MHH}_\star(\mathbb{F}_p) \cong \mathbb{F}_p[\tau, \mu_i, x_{S,f}]_{i \in \mathbb{N}, (S \subset \text{supp } f, f: \mathbb{N} \circ)} / \mathcal{I} \quad (3)$$

with the ideal of relations

$$\mathcal{I} = \left(\begin{array}{l} \mu_i^p - \tau^{p-1} \mu_{i+1}, \\ \tau^{p-1} x_{S,f}, \\ x_{S,f} \cdot x_{T,g} - \sum_{u \in \text{supp}(f+g) - S \cup T} \epsilon_u \cdot x_{S \cup T \cup \{u\}, f+g} \end{array} \right).$$

Here the support of f is a finite non-empty subset of the natural numbers and $S \subset \text{supp } f \subset \mathbb{N}$ does not contain the minimal element of $\text{supp } f$. The coefficient $\epsilon_u \in \mathbb{F}_p$ is given explicitly in Definition 2.12. The algebra generators have bidegrees given by $|\tau| = (0, -1)$, $|\mu_i| = (2p^i, p^i - 1)$, and

$$|x_{S,f}| = (|S| + 1)(-1, p - 1) + p \sum_{j \in \text{supp } f} f(j)(2p^j, p^j - 1).$$

(3)

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Definition 2.12. For functions $f, g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with finite support and non-empty finite sets $S, T \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ define $K_{S,T,f,g} \in \mathbb{F}_p$ by

$$K_{S,T,f,g} = \left(\prod_{s \in S} \binom{fs - 1 + gs}{fs - 1} \right) \left(\prod_{t \in T} \binom{ft + gt - 1}{ft} \right) \left(\prod_{c \notin S \cup T} \binom{fc + gc}{fc} \right)$$

if $(S, f), (T, g) \in J$ and $S \cap T = \emptyset$, and set $K_{S,T,f,g} = 0$ otherwise. Moreover, we define

$$\epsilon_{u,S,T,f,g} = K_{S \cup \{u\}, T \cup \{t_{f+g}\}, f+g} + K_{S \cup \{t_{f+g}\}, T \cup \{u\}, f+g}.$$

Yikes! Goals ① Shape of the computation when $p=2$.
 ② Consequences in motivic homotopy.

Computation Strategy

Input $\pi_{**} M\mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{F}_2[\tau]$, $|\tau| = (0, -1)$

$$\mathcal{A}_{**} = \pi_{**} M\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge M\mathbb{F}_2 \cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \tau_0, \tau_1, \dots] / (\tau_i^2 - \tau \xi_{i+1} \mid i \geq 0)$$

$$|\xi_i| = (2^{i+1} - 2, 2^i - 1), \quad |\tau_i| = (2^{i+1} - 1, 2^i - 1)$$

Step 1 Calculate étale motivic Hochschild homology

$$MHH_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)[\tau^\pm] \cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \mu_0, \mu_1, \dots] / (\mu_i^2 - \tau \mu_{i+1} \mid i \geq 0)$$

$$\cong THH_*(\mathbb{F}_2)[\tau^{\pm 1}]$$

Step 2 Calculate mod- τ MHH

$$MHH_*(\mathbb{F}_2)/\tau \cong \mathbb{F}_2(\bar{\mu}_0, \bar{\mu}_1, \dots) \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_2}(\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \dots)$$

divided powers algebra

Computation Strategy

Step 3 τ -torsion in $MHH_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)$ injects into $MHH_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)/\tau$ with image that of the τ -Bockstein.

Step 4 Give a presentation of τ -torsion in $MHH_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)$ in terms of generators $x_{S,f}$ where $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ has finite support and $S \subseteq \text{supp } f$.

Step 5 Combine étale and τ -torsion computations via a pullback square.

Step 1 Étale MHH

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{**} \text{MF}_2 \wedge \text{MF}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}] &\cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \tau_0, \tau_1, \dots] / (\tau_i^2 - \tau \xi_{i+1} \mid i \geq 0) \\ &\cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \tau_0, \tau_1, \dots], \quad |\tau_i| = (2^{i+1}-1, 2^i-1) \end{aligned}$$

so the Tor-spectral sequence takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} E^2 &= \text{Tor}_{*,*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \tau_0, \tau_1, \dots], (\mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}], \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}])) \\ &\cong \bigwedge_{\mathbb{F}_2} (\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots)[\tau^{\pm 1}] \implies \text{MHH}_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)[\tau^{\pm 1}] \end{aligned}$$

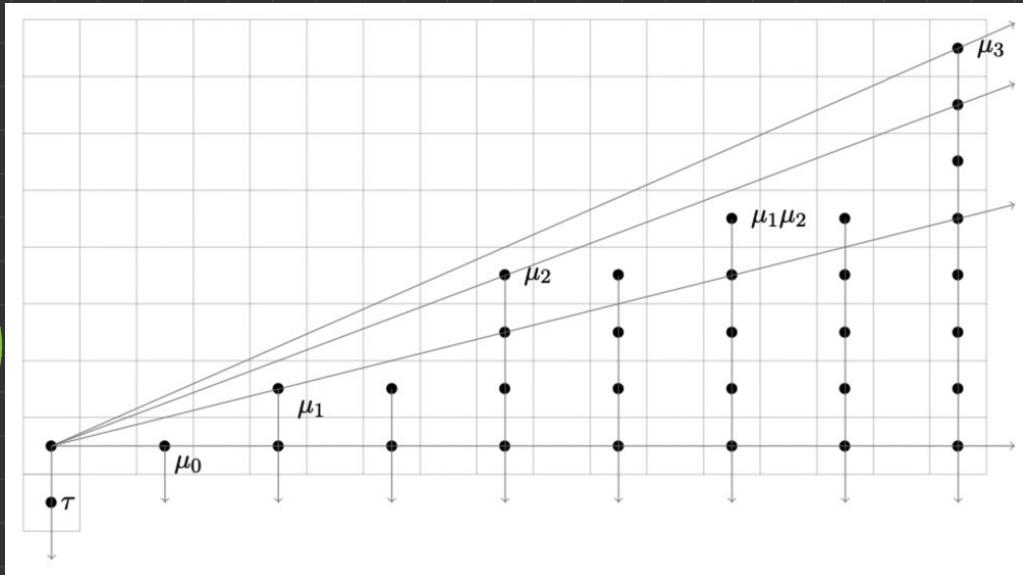
with $|\mu_i| = (1, 2^{i+1}-1, 2^i-1)$.

- Degree considerations $\Rightarrow E^2 = E^\infty$.
- Power operations $\Rightarrow \mu_i^2 = \tau \mu_{i+1}$.

Step 1 Étale MHH (ct'd)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Upshot } \text{MHH}_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)[\tau^{-1}] &\cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \mu_0, \mu_1, \dots] / (\mu_i^2 - \tau \mu_{i+1} \mid i \geq 0) \\ &\cong \mathbb{F}_2[\tau^{\pm 1}, \mu_0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{im}(\text{MHH}_{**}(\mathbb{F}_2)) \\ \rightarrow (\text{" })[\tau^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$



Step 2 Mod- τ MHH

$A_{**}/\tau \cong F_2[\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \dots] \otimes \Lambda_{F_2}(\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots)$ so the Tor-spectral sequence takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} E^2 &= \text{Tor}_{*,*,*}^{A_{**}/\tau}(F_2, F_2) \quad \text{divided powers algebra} \\ &\cong \Lambda_{F_2}(\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \dots) \otimes \Gamma_{F_2}(\bar{\mu}_0, \bar{\mu}_1, \dots) \Rightarrow MHH_{**}(F_2)/\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Advanced degree yoga $\Rightarrow E^2 = E^\infty$ with no hidden ext's.

Upshot

$$MHH_{**}(F_2)/\tau \cong \Lambda_{F_2}(\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \dots) \otimes \Gamma_{F_2}(\bar{\mu}_0, \bar{\mu}_1, \dots).$$

(See arXiv: 2204.0041 for Steps 3-5.)

④ Consequences

Since $\text{THH}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is an $H\mathbb{F}_p$ -module, we get the splitting

$$\text{THH}(\mathbb{F}_p) \simeq \bigvee_{i \geq 0} [^{2i} H\mathbb{F}_p].$$

The τ -torsion in $MHH_{**}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ implies that this fails wildly in $\text{Sp}_{\mathbb{C}}$:

$MHH(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is not a free $M\mathbb{F}_p$ -module.

In Sp , the following are true:

- ① $H\mathbb{F}_2$ is a Thom spectrum of an E_2 -map with target $\Omega^2 S^3$
- ② $\text{THH}(\text{Thom}_1) = \text{Thom}_2 = \text{Thom}_1 \wedge B(\text{base}_1)_+$.
- ③ $B\Omega^2 S^3 \simeq \bigvee (\text{spheres})$ stably ^{$\eta_{\text{top}} = 0$} .

Consequences (ct'd)

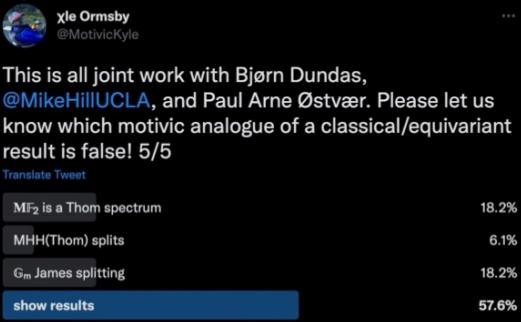
Potential motivic analogues:

① MF_2 is a Thom spectrum over $\Sigma^{2,1} S^{3,1}$.

② $\text{MHH}(\text{Thom}_+)$ $\simeq \text{Thom}_+ \wedge B(\text{base}_+)_+$.

③ $B\Sigma^{2,1} S^{3,1}$ is a wedge of spheres stably,
i.e. $\Sigma^\infty \Sigma^{1,1} \Sigma^{1,1} S^2$ satisfies "Gm-James splitting".

Thom (Dundas, Hill, Ø, Østvær) At most two of these are true!



Thank You!



Questions welcome.