

# Thesis

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## 1 Overview Of Chromatic Homotopy Theory

Our goal is to motivate the introduction of Morava K-theory  $K(n)$  and Morava E-theory  $E(n)$ , and other variants of Morava E-theory  $E(k, \Gamma)$ , and their connection to formal group laws. There are different views on what chromatic homotopy theory is. **TODO write some more**

### 1.1 The Balmer Spectrum

We will start with an algebraic motivation. Let  $R$  be a noetherian ring. Consider the symmetric monoidal stable  $\infty$ -category  $\text{Ch}(R)$  of chain complexes on  $R$ . **TODO be more specific** It is then natural to ask how much information about  $R$  is encoded in the category  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . We will try to recover  $\text{Spec } R$ , as a topological space, from  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

*Remark 1.1.1.* Balmer's work actually recovers the structure sheaf as well. **TODO reference**

**Definition 1.1.2.** A *perfect complex* is a complex that is quasi-isomorphic to a bounded complex of finitely-generated projective modules. These objects are the compact objects in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ , thus they can be defined categorically. Their full subcategory is denoted by  $\text{Ch}_{\text{perf}}(R)$ .

**Definition 1.1.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be some symmetric monoidal stable  $\infty$ -category. A full subcategory  $\mathcal{T}$  is *thick* if:

- $0 \in \mathcal{T}$ ,
- it is closed under cofibers (that is if  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  is a cofiber sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $a, b \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $c \in \mathcal{T}$ ),
- it is closed under retracts.

*Example 1.1.4.* Consider the case  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Ch}_{\text{perf}}(R)$  (e.g. over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , bounded chain complexes of finitely-generated free abelian groups). Let  $K_{\bullet} \in \text{Ch}(R)$ , and define  $\mathcal{T}_{K_{\bullet}} = \{A_{\bullet} \in \text{Ch}_{\text{perf}}(R) \mid A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet} = 0\}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{T}_{K_{\bullet}}$  is thick. Clearly  $0 \in \mathcal{T}_{K_{\bullet}}$ . Let  $A_{\bullet} \rightarrow B_{\bullet}$  be a morphism between two complexes in  $\mathcal{T}$ . The cofiber of  $A_{\bullet} \rightarrow B_{\bullet}$  is the pushout  $B_{\bullet} \times_{A_{\bullet}} 0$ . Since tensor is left, tensoring the cofiber with  $K_{\bullet}$  is given by the pushout  $(B_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet}) \times_{A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet}} (0 \otimes K_{\bullet}) = 0 \times_0 0 = 0$ , therefore the cofiber is indeed in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Lastly, if  $A_{\bullet} \rightarrow B_{\bullet} \rightarrow A_{\bullet}$  is the identity and  $B_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet}$ , we get that  $\text{id}_{A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet}}$  factors through 0, which implies that  $A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet}$  is 0, so that  $A_{\bullet} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

**Definition 1.1.5.** A thick subcategory  $\mathcal{T}$  is an *ideal* if  $a \in \mathcal{T}, b \in \mathcal{C} \implies a \otimes b \in \mathcal{T}$ . Furthermore, it is a *prime ideal* if it is a proper subcategory, and  $a \otimes b \in \mathcal{T} \implies a \in \mathcal{T}$  or  $b \in \mathcal{T}$ . The *spectrum* of the category is defined similarly to the classical spectrum of a ring: As a set,  $\text{Spec } \mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{P} \text{ prime ideal}\}$ . For any family of objects  $S \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  we define  $V(S) = \{\mathcal{P} \in \text{Spec } \mathcal{C} \mid S \cap \mathcal{P} = \emptyset\}$ . We topologize  $\text{Spec } \mathcal{C}$  with the Zariski topology by declaring those to be the closed subsets. We also denote  $\text{Supp}(a) = V(\{a\})$ .

*Example 1.1.6.* We continue the example of  $\mathcal{T}_{K_{\bullet}}$ . Clearly if  $A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet} = 0$  then also  $A_{\bullet} \otimes B_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet} = 0$ , so it is an ideal. Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in  $R$  in the usual sense, and take  $K_{\bullet} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  (concentrated at degree 0), then  $A_{\bullet} \otimes K_{\bullet} = (A_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}}$  (level-wise localization). Now, assume that  $0 = (A_{\bullet} \otimes B_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}} = (A_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} (B_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Assume by negation that  $(A_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}}, (B_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$ , i.e.  $(A_n)_{\mathfrak{p}}, (B_m)_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$  but  $(A_n)_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} (B_m)_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$  for some  $n, m$ . Well, localization of projective is projective, and a projective over a local ring is free, and clearly if the tensor of two free modules vanish then one of them vanishes, so  $(A_n)_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$  or  $(B_m)_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a prime ideal.

**Theorem 1.1.7.** *The map  $\mathrm{Spec} R \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec}(\mathrm{Ch}_{\mathrm{perf}}(R))$ , given by  $\mathfrak{p} \mapsto \mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{A_{\bullet} \mid (A_{\bullet})_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0\}$  is a homeomorphism.*

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**Proposition 1.1.8.** *Prime ideals pullback: Let  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a reduced symmetric monoidal functor that preserves cofibers, between two symmetric monoidal stable  $\infty$ -categories, and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a prime ideal in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $F^*\mathcal{P} = \{a \in \mathcal{C} \mid F(a) \in \mathcal{P}\}$  is a prime ideal.*

*Proof.* Clearly  $F(0) = 0 \in \mathcal{P}$  since  $F$  is reduced, so  $0 \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $F$  preserves cofibers, for  $a, b \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ , i.e.  $F(a), F(b) \in \mathcal{P}$ , and a map  $a \rightarrow b$  we get  $F(\mathrm{cofib}(a \rightarrow b)) = \mathrm{cofib}(F(a) \rightarrow F(b)) = \mathrm{cofib}(F(a) \rightarrow F(b)) \in \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$  be a retract, that is the composition is the identity, s.t.  $b \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ . We know that  $F(a) \rightarrow F(b) \rightarrow F(a)$  is also a retract by functoriality, thus  $F(a) \in \mathcal{P}$ , that is  $a \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ . We conclude that  $F^*\mathcal{P}$  is indeed a thick subcategory.

Let  $a \in F^*\mathcal{P}, b \in \mathcal{C}$ , since  $F$  is monoidal,  $F(a \otimes b) = F(a) \otimes F(b) \in \mathcal{P}$ , so  $a \otimes b \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ , that is  $F^*\mathcal{P}$  is an ideal.

Lastly, assume that  $a \otimes b \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ , again since  $F$  is monoidal,  $F(a \otimes b) = F(a) \otimes F(b) \in \mathcal{P}$ , so  $a \in F^*\mathcal{P}$  or  $b \in F^*\mathcal{P}$ , that is  $F^*\mathcal{P}$  is a prime ideal.  $\square$

Now, recall that  $\mathrm{Ch}(R) \cong \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{HR}}$ , therefore we can reinterpret the above theorem as  $\mathrm{Spec} R \cong \mathrm{Spec}(\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{HR}}^{\mathrm{comp}})$  (where the comp denotes the compact objects in the category). We shall turn this theorem into a definition:

**Definition 1.1.9.** Let  $R$  be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring. We define the *spectrum* of  $R$  to be  $\mathrm{Spec} R = \mathrm{Spec}(\mathrm{Mod}_R^{\mathrm{comp}})$ .

A natural question to ask then is what is  $\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{S}$ . Recall that  $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{S}} = \mathrm{Sp}$ , the category of spectra, and that the compact objects in spectra are the finite spectra  $\mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}}$ . So, unwinding the definitions, the question can be rephrased as finding the prime ideals in  $\mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}}$ , and their topology. Chromatic homotopy theory provides an answer to this question.

## 1.2 MU And Complex Orientations

Throughout this section, let  $E$  be a multiplicative cohomology theory (that is, equipped with a map  $E \otimes E \rightarrow E$  which is associative and unital up to homotopy).

Consider the map  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathrm{BU}(1)$  classifying the universal complex line bundle. Concretely, under the identifications  $S^2 \cong \mathbb{CP}^1$  and  $\mathrm{BU}(1) \cong \mathbb{CP}^{\infty}$ , this map can be realized as the inclusion  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{CP}^{\infty}$ . This map induces a map  $\tilde{E}^2(\mathrm{BU}(1)) \rightarrow \tilde{E}^2(S^2) \cong \tilde{E}^0(S^0) \cong E^0(*) = E_0$ . Since  $E$  is unital, there is a canonical generator  $1 \in E_0$ .

**Definition 1.2.1.**  $E$  is called *complex oriented* if the map  $\tilde{E}^2(\mathrm{BU}(1)) \rightarrow E_0$  is surjective, equivalently, if  $1$  is in the image of that map. A choice of a lift  $x \in \tilde{E}^2(\mathrm{BU}(1))$  of  $1 \in E_0$  is called a *complex orientation*.

*Example 1.2.2.* Let  $R$  be some ring, and consider  $\mathrm{HR}$ . It is known that  $\mathrm{HR}^*(\mathbb{CP}^n) \cong R[x]/(x^{n+1})$  and  $\mathrm{HR}^*(\mathbb{CP}^{\infty}) \cong R[[x]]$ , where  $|x| = 2$ , and the maps induced by the inclusions of projective spaces maps  $x$  to  $x$ . Therefore we see that  $x \in \mathrm{HR}^2(\mathrm{BU}(1))$  is mapped to  $x \in \mathrm{HR}^2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}\{x\}$ , which is mapped to the generator of the reduced part of  $\mathrm{HR}^0(S^0) = R \oplus R$ . Therefore  $x$  is a complex orientation for  $\mathrm{HR}$ .

*Example 1.2.3.* Let  $K$  be complex  $K$ -theory, then we know that  $K_* = \mathbb{Z}[\beta^{\pm 1}]$  where  $\beta$  is the Bott element, with  $|\beta| = 2$ . It is also known (by Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence) that  $K^*(\mathbb{CP}^n) \cong K_*[t]/(t^{n+1})$  and  $K^*(\mathbb{CP}^{\infty}) \cong K_*[[t]]$  (here  $|t| = 0$ ), where the maps induced by the inclusions of projective spaces maps  $t$  to  $t$ . We deduce that  $\beta t \in K^2(\mathrm{BU}(1))$  is mapped to  $\beta t \in K^2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}\{\beta t\}$ , which is mapped to  $t \in K^0(S^0) = \mathbb{Z}\{t\}$ , which is indeed the generator of the reduced part. Therefore  $x = \beta t$  is complex orientation for  $K$ . **TODO write the reduced thing more clearly**

*Example 1.2.4.* Recall that  $\mathrm{MU}$  is constructed as the colimit  $\mathrm{MU} = \mathrm{colim} \mathrm{MU}(n)$ . Also,  $\mathrm{MU}(1) \cong \Sigma^{\infty-2}\mathrm{BU}(1)$ . Therefore we get a canonical map  $\Sigma^{\infty-2}\mathrm{BU}(1) \rightarrow \mathrm{MU}$ , which gives a cohomology class  $x_{\mathrm{MU}} \in \mathrm{MU}^2(\mathrm{BU}(1))$ .

**Proposition 1.2.5 (TODO reference).**  $x_{\mathrm{MU}}$  is indeed a complex orientation for  $\mathrm{MU}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.6.** *MU is the universal complex oriented cohomology theory: Let  $E$  be a multiplicative cohomology theory, then there is a bijection between (homotopy classes of) multiplicative maps  $\text{MU} \rightarrow E$  and complex orientations on  $E$ . The bijection is given in one direction by pulling back  $x_{\text{MU}}$  along a multiplicative map.*

Assume that  $E$  is complex oriented with a complex orientation  $x$ .

**Theorem 1.2.7** ([Rav86, 4.1.4]). *As  $E_*$ -algebras,  $E^*(\text{BU}(1)) \cong E^*[[x]]$  and  $E^*(\text{BU}(1) \times \text{BU}(1)) \cong E^*[[y, z]]$ .*

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The tensor product of complex line bundles is classified by a universal map  $\text{BU}(1) \times \text{BU}(1) \rightarrow \text{BU}(1)$ . Therefore we get a map  $E^*(\text{BU}(1)) \rightarrow E^*(\text{BU}(1) \times \text{BU}(1))$ , which is completely determined by the image of  $x \in E^*[[x]]$  in  $E^*[[y, z]]$  as above. Therefore, a choice of a complex orientation on  $E$  gives rise to an element  $F_E(y, z) \in E^*[[y, z]]$ .

**Proposition 1.2.8** ([Rav86, 4.1.4]).  *$F_E$  is a formal group law on  $E_*$ . We call the height of  $F_E$  the height of  $E$ .*

*Example 1.2.9.* Consider again  $\text{HR}$ . It is known that the tensor of complex line bundles induces the map  $R[[x]] = \text{HR}^*(\text{BU}(1)) \rightarrow \text{HR}^*(\text{BU}(1) \times \text{BU}(1)) = R[[y, z]]$  given by  $x \mapsto y + z$ . This is the additive formal group law. It is immediate that  $[p] = px$ . So for  $R = \mathbb{Q}$  we get that the height of  $\text{H}\mathbb{Q}$  is 0, while for  $R = \mathbb{F}_p$  we have  $px = 0$  so the height of  $\text{H}\mathbb{F}_p$  is  $\infty$ .

*Example 1.2.10.* We return to the example of complex K-theory. It is known that the tensor of complex line bundles induces the map  $K_*[[t]] = K^*(\text{BU}(1)) \rightarrow K^*(\text{BU}(1) \times \text{BU}(1)) = K_*[[u, v]]$  given by  $t \mapsto u + v + uv$ . Note that to comply with the definition of the formal group law, we should use the isomorphism  $K^*(\text{BU}(1)) \cong K_*[[x]]$ , i.e. the element  $x = \beta t$ . We get that  $x = \beta t \mapsto \beta u + \beta v + \beta uv = y + z + \beta^{-1}yz = F_K(y, z)$ . By induction we prove that the  $n$ -series is  $[n](x) = \beta(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^n - \beta$ . This is clear for  $n = 1$ , and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [n+1](x) &= x + [n](x) + \beta^{-1}x[n](x) \\ &= x + \beta(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^n - \beta + x(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^n - x \\ &= \beta(1 + \beta^{-1}x)(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^n - \beta \\ &= \beta(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^{n+1} - \beta \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1.2.11.* By taking the cofiber of the multiplication-by- $p$  map, we get a spectrum  $K/p$ , mod- $p$  K-theory, with coefficients  $(K/p)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[\beta^{\pm 1}]$ . It is evident that  $F_{K/p}(y, z) = y + z + \beta^{-1}yz$  as well. From the result above, it follows that  $[p](x) = \beta(1 + \beta^{-1}x)^p - \beta = \beta(1^p + \beta^{-p}x^p) - \beta = \beta^{-p}x^p$  which shows that the height is exactly 1.

A formal group law on  $E_*$  is the same data as a map from the Lazard ring  $L$ , so the complex orientation gives a map  $L \rightarrow E_*$ . In particular, since  $\text{MU}$  is complex oriented, there is a canonical map  $L \rightarrow \text{MU}_*$ .

**Theorem 1.2.12** (Quillen, [Rav86, 4.1.6]). *The canonical map  $L \rightarrow \text{MU}_*$  is an isomorphism.*

## 1.3 BP, Morava K-Theory And Morava E-Theory

A good principle in homotopy theory (and many other areas in math) is to do study it one prime at a time. This is possible in homotopy theory due to the arithmetic square **TODO reference**. So, let us fix a prime  $p$ . It turns out that once we  $p$ -localize  $\text{MU}$  to  $\text{MU}_{(p)}$ , it splits:

**Theorem 1.3.1** ([Rav86, 4.1.12]). *There exists an associative commutative ring spectrum  $\text{BP}$  (which depends on the prime  $p$ ), which is a retract of  $\text{MU}_{(p)}$ . The homotopy groups of  $\text{BP}$  are  $\text{BP}_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$  where  $|v_n| = 2(p^n - 1)$ .*

For convenience we denote  $v_0 = p$  (and indeed  $|v_0| = 2(p^0 - 1) = 0$ ). Since  $\text{BP}$  is a retract of  $\text{MU}$  it comes with a map  $\text{MU} \rightarrow \text{BP}$ , that is a complex orientation.

**Proposition 1.3.2 (TODO reference).** *The  $p$ -series of the formal group law associated to  $\text{BP}$  is  $[p](x) = \sum v_n x^{p^n}$ .*

Once we have BP, we can turn to the definition of Morava K-theory and Morava E-theory

**Definition 1.3.3.** Let  $0 < n < \infty$ . *Morava K-theory* at height  $n$  and prime  $p$ , denoted by  $K(p, n)$  or  $K(n)$  when the prime is clear, is the spectrum obtained by killing  $p = v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_{n+1}, \dots$  in BP and inverting  $v_n$ . Therefore  $K(n)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[v_n^{\pm 1}]$ . We also define  $K(0) = H\mathbb{Q}$  and  $K(\infty) = H\mathbb{F}_p$ . Similarly, *Morava E-theory* at height  $n$  and prime  $p$ , denoted by  $E(p, n)$  or  $E(n)$ , is the spectrum obtained by killing  $v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots$  in BP and inverting  $v_n$ . Therefore  $E(n)_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}]$ .

Since Morava K-theory and E-theory are obtained from BP by cofibers and filtered colimits, they are equipped with a map from BP, so they are also equipped with a complex orientation. It is then evident that the  $p$ -series associated to the formal group laws of  $K(n)$  and  $E(n)$  are  $v_n x^{p^n}$  and  $v_0 x + \dots v_n x^{p^n}$  respectively, and are therefore of height exactly  $n$  and height  $\leq n$  respectively. (Note that by the example of  $HR$ , this is also true for  $K(0)$  and  $K(\infty)$ .)

We want to describe some properties of Morava K-theory. To do so we first need some definitions.

**Definition 1.3.4.** Let  $R$  be an evenly graded ring.  $R$  is called a *graded field* if every non-zero homogenous element is invertible, equivalently it is a field  $F$  concentrated at degree 0, or  $F[\beta^{\pm 1}]$  for  $\beta$  of positive even degree. An  $\mathbb{A}_\infty$ -ring  $E$  is a *field* if  $E_*$  is a graded field.

*Example 1.3.5.* Clearly  $K(n)$  for  $0 \leq n \leq \infty$  is a field.

**Proposition 1.3.6.** A field  $E$  has *Kunneth*, i.e.  $E_*(X \otimes Y) \cong E_*(X) \otimes_{E_*} E_*(Y)$  for any spectra  $X, Y$ .

**Proposition 1.3.7** ([Lur10, 24]). Let  $E \neq 0$  be a complex oriented cohomology theory, whose formal group law has height exactly  $n$ , then  $E \otimes K(n) \neq 0$ . Let  $E$  be a field s.t.  $E \otimes K(n) \neq 0$ , then  $E$  admits the structure of a  $K(n)$ -module. (Here  $0 \leq n \leq \infty$ .)

*Example 1.3.8.* As we have seen before mod- $p$  K-theory,  $K/p$ , has height exactly 1 and coefficients  $(K/p)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[\beta^{\pm 1}]$ . It is also known that  $K$ , and  $K/p$ , are  $A_\infty$  ring spectra, from which it follows that  $K/p$  is a field. Therefore, we deduce that  $K/p$  is a  $K(1)$ -module. Since  $|\beta| = 2$  and  $|v_1| = 2(p-1)$  it is free of rank  $p-1$ .

From this we also deduce some form of uniqueness for Morava K-theory:

**Corollary 1.3.9.** Let  $E$  be a field with  $E_* \cong \mathbb{F}_p[v_n^{\pm 1}]$ , which is also complex oriented with height exactly  $n$ , then  $E \cong K(n)$  (as spectra).

## 1.4 The Balmer Spectrum $\text{Spec } \mathbb{S}_{(p)}$ And $\text{Spec } \mathbb{S}$

We are now in a position to state the answer for  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{S}$ . However, it will be easier to state it first for  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{S}_{(p)}$ , and then pullback prime ideals. We know that  $\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{S}_{(p)}} = \text{Sp}_{(p)}$ , and the compact objects there are  $\text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}}$ , the  $p$ -localizations of finite spectra.

**Proposition 1.4.1.** Let  $\mathcal{T}_E = \ker E_* = \{X \in \text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}} \mid E_*(X) = 0\}$  (equivalently  $X \otimes E = 0$ ) i.e. the  $E$ -acyclics, then  $\mathcal{T}_E$  is thick.

*Proof.* The exact same proof from  $\text{Ch}_{\text{perf}}(R)$  works. □

**Definition 1.4.2.** We define  $\mathcal{C}_{p, \geq n} = \mathcal{T}_{K(n-1)}$ , the  $K(n-1)$ -acyclics. By the above it is thick. Also,  $\mathcal{C}_{p, \geq 0} = \text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{p, \geq \infty} = \{0\}$ , which are trivially thick. When the prime is clear, we will denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.3** ([Lur10, 26]). For  $X \in \text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}}$ , if  $K(n)_*(X) = 0$  then  $K(n-1)_*(X) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.4.4.** We say that a spectrum  $X \in \text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}}$  is of *type*  $n$  (possibly  $\infty$ ), if its first non-zero Morava K-theory homology is  $K(n)$ .

**Corollary 1.4.5.**  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  is the full subcategory of finite  $p$ -local spectra of type  $\geq n$  (i.e.  $\{X \in \text{Sp}_{(p)}^{\text{fin}} \mid \forall m < n : K(m)_*(X) = 0\}$ ). Thus clearly  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n+1} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.6 (TODO reference).** The inclusions are proper  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n+1} \subsetneq \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.7.** *If  $X \in \mathrm{Sp}_{(p)}^{\mathrm{fin}}$  is not contractible, then  $X$  has a finite type. Therefore  $\bigcap_{n < \infty} \mathcal{C}_{\geq n} = \{0\} = \mathcal{C}_{\geq \infty}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be non-contractible. Then  $\mathrm{HZ}_*(X) \neq 0$ . Let  $m$  be the first non-zero degree. Using the universal coefficient theorem and the fact that the spectrum is  $p$ -local we get that  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_m(X) \neq 0$ , thus  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_*(X) \neq 0$ . Since  $X$  is finite,  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_*(X)$  is bounded. Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence for  $X$  with cohomology  $K(n)$  has  $E^2$ -page given by  $E_{p,q}^2 = H_p(X; K(n)_q(*))$ . Since  $K(n)_q = \mathbb{F}_p$  for  $q = 0 \bmod 2(p^n - 1)$  and 0 otherwise, we see that the rows  $q = 0 \bmod 2(p^n - 1)$  are  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_*(X)$ , and the others are 0. Therefore if we take  $n$  such that the period  $2(p^n - 1)$  is larger than the bound on  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_*(X)$ , then all differentials have either source or target 0. Thus, the spectral sequence collapses at the  $E^2$ -page, and since  $(\mathrm{H}\mathbb{F}_p)_*(X) \neq 0$ , we get that  $K(n)(X) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $X$  has type  $< n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 1.4.8.**  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  is a prime ideal (note that  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq 0}$  is not a proper subcategory, thus only for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ ).

*Proof.* For  $X, Y$  by Kunnetth we have  $K(n-1)_*(X \otimes Y) = K(n-1)_*(X) \otimes K(n-1)_*(Y)$ . Therefore, if  $X \in \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$ , i.e. the homology vanishes, then so does the homology of  $X \otimes Y$ , i.e.  $X \otimes Y \in \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$ , so  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  is an ideal. If  $X \otimes Y \in \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  then the homology of the product vanishes, therefore one in the right side must vanish (they are graded vector spaces), so  $\mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  is a prime ideal.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.4.9** (Thick Subcategory Theorem [HS98]). *If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a thick subcategory of  $\mathrm{Sp}_{(p)}^{\mathrm{fin}}$ , then  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{C}_{\geq n}$  for some  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ .*

*Remark 1.4.10.* The proof relies on a major theorem called the Nilpotence Theorem.

**Corollary 1.4.11.**  $\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{S}_{(p)} = \{\mathcal{C}_{\geq 1}, \mathcal{C}_{\geq 2}, \dots, \mathcal{C}_{\geq \infty}\}$ , and the topology is such that the closed subsets are chains  $\{\mathcal{C}_{\geq k}, \mathcal{C}_{\geq k+1}, \dots, \mathcal{C}_{\geq \infty}\}$  for some  $k \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Follows immediately from the previous results.  $\square$

We now want to move to finding  $\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{S}$ . Note that the  $p$ -localization functor  $L_{(p)}$  is a Bousfield localization. As such it is left (its right adjoint is the inclusion), and in particular preserves cofibers. It also clearly sends 0 to 0, i.e. reduced. Now, since  $L_{(p)}$  is smashing, i.e.  $L_{(p)}X = X \otimes \mathbb{S}_{(p)}$ , we also get that it is symmetric monoidal. As we have seen in 1.1.8, under these conditions we can pullback primes. Therefore  $\mathcal{P}_{p, \geq n} = L_{(p)}^* \mathcal{C}_{p, \geq n} = \{X \in \mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}} \mid K(n-1)_*(X_{(p)}) = 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{p, \geq \infty} = L_{(p)}^* \mathcal{C}_{p, \geq \infty} = \{X \in \mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}} \mid X_{(p)} = 0\}$  are prime ideals. Note that  $\mathcal{P}_{p, \geq 1} = \{X \in \mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}} \mid \mathrm{H}\mathbb{Q}_*(X_{(p)}) = 0\} = \{X \in \mathrm{Sp}^{\mathrm{fin}} \mid \mathrm{H}\mathbb{Q}_*(X) = 0\}$  **TODO explain** so it is independent of  $p$ , and we will denote it by  $\mathrm{Sp}_{\mathrm{tor}}^{\mathrm{fin}}$ .

**Theorem 1.4.12 (TODO explain/reference).**  $\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{S} = \{\mathrm{Sp}_{\mathrm{tor}}^{\mathrm{fin}}\} \cup \bigcup_p \{\mathcal{P}_{p, \geq 2}, \dots, \mathcal{P}_{p, \geq \infty}\}$ , and the topology is such that the closed subsets finite unions of chains  $\{\mathcal{P}_{\geq k}, \mathcal{P}_{\geq k+1}, \dots, \mathcal{P}_{\geq \infty}\}$  for some  $k \geq 1$  (i.e. they may include  $\mathrm{Sp}_{\mathrm{tor}}^{\mathrm{fin}}$ ). **TODO diagram**

**TODO** regarding the topology, maybe I should prove that the pullback is also continuous?

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