

# Power operations in Morava $E$ -theory

a survey

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# What are power operations?

$h^*$  = multiplicative cohomology theory:  $h^p(X) \otimes h^q(X) \rightarrow h^{p+q}(X)$ .

$m$ -th power map:

$$x \mapsto x^m : h^q(X) \rightarrow h^{mq}(X).$$

If  $h$  comes from a structured commutative ring spectrum, refine  $m$ -th power map to  $P^m$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & h^0(X \times B\Sigma_m) & \xrightarrow{/\alpha} h^0(X) \\ & \uparrow P^m & \downarrow [* \rightarrow B\Sigma_m] \\ h^0(X) & \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x^m} & h^0(X) \end{array}$$

$P_m$  is multiplicative, not additive.

Pairing with  $\alpha \in h_0(B\Sigma_m)$  gives an operation  $Q_\alpha : h^0(X) \rightarrow h^0(X)$ .

$R =$  commutative  $S$ -algebra.

$M =$  an  $R$ -module. Note:  $[R, M]_R \approx [S, M]_S \approx \pi_0 M$ .

Free commutative  $R$ -algebra on  $M$ :

$$\mathbb{P}_R M = \bigvee_{m \geq 0} \mathbb{P}_R^m M \approx \bigvee_{m \geq 0} \underbrace{(M \wedge_R \cdots \wedge_R M)}_{m \text{ times}}_{h\Sigma_m}$$

commutative  $R$ -algebra  $A =$  algebra for the monad  $\mathbb{P}_R$ , determined by

$$\mu: \mathbb{P}_R A \rightarrow A.$$

# How to build a power operation

$A =$  commutative  $R$ -algebra.

- Choose  $\alpha: S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^m(R) \approx R \wedge B\Sigma_m^+$  (map of spectra).
- Represent  $x \in \pi_0 A$  by  $f_x: R \rightarrow A$ .

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$$R \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{P}_R^m(R) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}_R^m(f_x)} \mathbb{P}_R^m(A) \subset \mathbb{P}_R(A) \xrightarrow{\mu} A$$

$Q_\alpha(x) \in \pi_0 A$  represented by composite.

Remarks:

- $Q_\alpha: \pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 A$  may not be additive or multiplicative.
- Can get  $Q_\alpha: \pi_q A \rightarrow \pi_{q+r} A$  from

$$\alpha: \Sigma^{q+r} R \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^m(\Sigma^q R) \approx R \wedge B\Sigma_m^q V_m.$$

## Example 1: $H\mathbb{F}_2$

$H = H\mathbb{F}_2 = \text{mod } 2$  Eilenberg Mac Lane spectrum.

$A = \text{commutative } H\text{-algebra spectrum.}$

$\pi_*A$  is a graded commutative  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -algebra.

### Operations on $\pi_*$ of $H$ -algebra

$Q^r: \pi_q A \rightarrow \pi_{q+r} A$  such that

- $Q^r(x + y) = Q^r(x) + Q^r(y).$
- $Q^r Q^s(x) = \sum \epsilon_{r,s}^{i,j} Q^i Q^j(x)$  if  $r > 2s$ , where  $i \leq 2j.$
- $Q^0(1) = 1, Q^r(1) = 0$  if  $r \neq 0.$
- $Q^r(xy) = \sum Q^i(x) Q^{r-i}(y).$
- $Q^r(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } r = q, \\ 0 & \text{if } r < q. \end{cases}$

$\pi_*\mathbb{P}_H(\Sigma^q H) \approx \text{free gadget (with above structure) on one generator in dimension } q.$  (See McClure in [BMMS 1986].)

Special cases:

- **Cochains on a space.**  $A = \text{Func}(\Sigma_+^\infty X, H\mathbb{F}_2) \rightsquigarrow$   
power operations are **Steenrod operations** on  $H^*(X, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .
- **Chains on an infinite loop space.**  $A = H\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge \Sigma_+^\infty \Omega^\infty Y \rightsquigarrow$   
power operations are **Kudo-Araki-Dyer-Lashof operations** on  $H_*(\Omega^\infty Y, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .

## Example 2: $p$ -complete $K$ -algebras [McClure]

$K$  = complex  $K$ -theory spectrum.

**$p$ -complete  $K$ -algebra**: commutative  $K$ -algebra  $A$  such that  $A \approx A_p^\wedge$ .

### Operations on $\pi_0$ of $p$ -complete $K$ -algebra

$\psi^p: \pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 A$  such that

- $\psi^p(x + y) = \psi^p(x) + \psi^p(y)$ .
- $\psi^p(1) = 1$ .
- $\psi^p(xy) = \psi^p(x)\psi^p(y)$ .
- $\theta: \pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 A$  such that  $\psi^p(x) = x^p + p\theta(x)$ .

$\psi^p$  and  $\theta$  correspond to elements of  $\alpha \in K_0^\wedge B\Sigma_p$ .

$$K_q^\wedge X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_q((K \wedge X)_p^\wedge).$$

$\psi^p$  is the  $p$ th **Adams operation**.

## Example 3: Morava $E$ -theory ( $n = 2, p = 2$ )

- $C_0/\mathbb{F}_2 =$  supersingular elliptic curve.
- $\widehat{C}_0 =$  formal completion — formal group of height 2.
- $E =$  Landweber exact spectrum associated to universal deformation of  $\widehat{C}$ .

$$\pi_* E \approx \mathbb{Z}_2[[a]][u, u^{-1}], \quad |a| = 0, |u| = 2.$$

Note:  $K(2) \approx E/(2, a)$  (Morava  $K$ -theory).

- $E$  is a commutative  $S$ -algebra (Hopkins-Miller Theorem).
- Power operations constructed by Ando (1992).

Next slide: calculation of the algebraic structure of power operations for  $K(2)$ -local commutative  $E$ -algebras (R., prefigured by Kashiwabara 1995).



## Example 3 (continued): Formulas

$A = K(2)$ -local commutative  $E$ -algebra ( $\pi_0 A$  is an  $E_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2[[a]]$ -algebra).

### Operations on $\pi_0$ of $K(2)$ -local $E$ -algebra

$Q_0, Q_1, Q_2: \pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 A$  such that

- $Q_i(x + y) = Q_i(x) + Q_i(y)$   
 $Q_0(ax) = a^2 Q_0(x) - 2a Q_1(x) + 6 Q_2(x)$
- $Q_1(ax) = 3 Q_0(x) + a Q_2(x)$   
 $Q_2(ax) = -a Q_0(x) + 3 Q_1(x)$
- $Q_1 Q_0(x) = 2 Q_2 Q_1(x) - 2 Q_0 Q_2(x)$   
 $Q_2 Q_0(x) = Q_0 Q_1(x) + a Q_0 Q_2(x) - 2 Q_1 Q_2(x)$
- $Q_0(1) = 1, Q_1(1) = Q_2(1) = 0$   
 $Q_0(xy) = Q_0 x Q_0 y + 2 Q_1 x Q_2 y + 2 Q_2 x Q_1 y$
- $Q_1(xy) = Q_0 x Q_1 y + Q_1 x Q_0 y + a Q_1 x Q_2 y + a Q_2 x Q_1 y + 2 Q_2 x Q_2 y$   
 $Q_2(xy) = Q_0 x Q_2 y + Q_2 x Q_0 y + Q_1 x Q_1 y + a Q_2 x Q_2 y$
- $\theta: \pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 A$  such that  $Q_0(x) = x^2 + 2\theta(x)$

## Example 3 (continued): The ring of power operations

### The ring $\Gamma$ of power operations

Associative ring containing  $E_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2[[a]]$  and generators  $Q_0, Q_1, Q_2$ , and subject to relations

$$Q_0 a = a^2 Q_0 - 2a Q_1 + 6 Q_2$$

$$Q_1 a = 3 Q_0 + a Q_2$$

$$Q_2 a = -a Q_0 + 3 Q_1$$

$$Q_1 Q_0 = 2 Q_2 Q_1 - 2 Q_0 Q_2$$

$$Q_2 Q_0 = Q_0 Q_1 + a Q_0 Q_2 - 2 Q_1 Q_2$$

$\Gamma$  has “admissible basis” as left  $\mathbb{Z}_2[[a]]$  module:

$$Q_0^i Q_{j_1} \cdots Q_{j_r}, \quad i \geq 0, j_k \in \{1, 2\}$$

Kashiwabara (1995): gives admissible basis for  $\bar{\Gamma} = \mathbb{F}_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2[[a]]} \Gamma$ .

Problem:  $\bar{\Gamma}$  is not a ring! (Kashiwabara knows this.)

He describes ring structure modulo indeterminacy.

## Example 3 (continued): Coproduct on $\Gamma$

“Cartan formula” is encoded by a coproduct.

Cocommutative coalgebra structure on  $\Gamma$

$\epsilon: \Gamma \rightarrow E_0$  and  $\Delta: \Gamma \rightarrow E_0 \Gamma \otimes E_0 \Gamma$  by

$$\epsilon(Q_0) = 1, \quad \epsilon(Q_1) = 0 = \epsilon(Q_2)$$

$$\Delta(Q_0) = Q_0 \otimes Q_0 + 2Q_1 \otimes Q_2 + 2Q_2 \otimes Q_1$$

$$\Delta(Q_1) = Q_0 \otimes Q_1 + Q_1 \otimes Q_0 + aQ_1 \otimes Q_2 + aQ_2 \otimes Q_1 + 2Q_2 \otimes Q_2$$

$$\Delta(Q_2) = Q_0 \otimes Q_2 + Q_2 \otimes Q_0 + Q_1 \otimes Q_1 + aQ_2 \otimes Q_2$$

( $E_0 M \otimes E_0 N$  means tensor using left-module structures.)

Coproduct and product “commute”.

### Conclusion

$\Gamma$  is a **twisted bialgebra** over  $E_0$  (like a Hopf algebra, but  $E_0$  isn't central).

Left  $\Gamma$ -modules have a symmetric monoidal tensor product:  $M \otimes_{E_0} N$ .

## Example 3: Summary

### Definition

A  $\Gamma$ -**ring** is a commutative ring object in  $\Gamma$ -modules.

### Definition

An **amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring** is a  $\Gamma$ -ring  $B$  equipped with  $\theta: B \rightarrow B$  such that  $Q_0(x) = x^2 + 2\theta(x)$  (together with formulas for  $\theta(x+y)$ ,  $\theta(xy)$ ,  $\theta(ax)$ ).

In summary:

### Proposition

For  $A$  a  $K(2)$ -local commutative  $E$ -algebra,  $\pi_0 A$  naturally has the structure of an amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring.

$\pi_0 L_{K(2)} \mathbb{P}_E(E) \approx F_{(2,a)}^\wedge$ , with  $F =$  free amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring on one generator.

This can be extended to non-zero degrees:

$\pi_* A$  is a **graded amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring**, etc.

# The general pattern

This is the general pattern for any Morava  $E$ -theory spectrum.

## Power operations for Morava $E$ -theory (height $n$ , prime $p$ )

$\pi_*$  of a  $K(n)$ -local commutative  $E$ -algebra is a **graded amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring**:

- $\Gamma$  is a certain twisted bialgebra over  $E_0$ .
- $Q_0 \in \Gamma$  and  $\theta$  such that  $Q_0(x) = x^p + p\theta(x)$ .
- $\pi_* L_{K(n)} \mathbb{P}_E(\Sigma^q E) \approx F_m^\wedge$ ,  
 $F =$  free graded amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring on one generator in dim.  $q$ .

## Questions / topics

- 1 How does the formal group of  $E$  produce  $\Gamma$ ? (Ando, Hopkins, Strickland)
- 2 Where does the “congruence” come from? (R.)
- 3 What is the algebraic structure of  $\Gamma$ ? (quadratic? Koszul?) (R.)
- 4 Logarithms and Hecke operators. (R., Ganter)

# Topic 1: Formal groups and operations

$E =$  even periodic ring spectrum  $\implies$  formal group  $G_E$ .

## Formal group $G_E$ of $E$

Formal scheme  $G_E = \mathrm{Spf}(E^0\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$  over  $\pi_0 E$ .

Group law  $G_E \times G_E \rightarrow G_E$  defined by

$$\mu^*: E^0\mathbb{C}P^\infty \rightarrow E^0(\mathbb{C}P^\infty \times \mathbb{C}P^\infty) \approx E^0\mathbb{C}P^\infty \widehat{\otimes}_{E_0} E^0\mathbb{C}P^\infty.$$

$\mu: \mathbb{C}P^\infty \times \mathbb{C}P^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  classifies  $\otimes$  of line bundles.

Additive and multiplicative transformation of functors:

$$E^0(X) \xrightarrow{\psi} F^0(X) \quad \implies \quad g^* G_E \xleftarrow{\psi^*} G_F$$

$\psi^*$  = homomorphism of formal groups over  $F_0$ ,  
where  $g = \psi: E^0(*) \rightarrow F^0(*)$ .

# Topic 1: Deformations & Morava $E$ -theory

Let  $G_0 =$  height  $n$  formal group over perfect field  $k$ ,  $\text{char} k = p$ ,  $n < \infty$ .  
Let  $R =$  complete local ring,  $\pi: R \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{m}$ .

## Definition

A **deformation** of  $G_0$  to  $R$  is  $(G, i, \psi)$ :

- $G$  a formal group over  $R$ ,
- $i: k \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{m}$ ,
- $\psi: \pi^* G \xrightarrow{\sim} i^* G_0$  iso of formal groups over  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ .

## Theorem (Lubin-Tate)

*There is a universal example of a deformation of  $G_0$ , defined over  $E_0 \approx \mathbb{W}_p k[[u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}]]$ .*

## Theorem (Morava; Hopkins-Miller)

*Given  $G_0/k$ , there is a corresponding even periodic commutative  $S$ -algebra  $E = E_{G_0/k}$ , whose formal group is the universal deformation of  $G_0$ .*

# Topic 1: Deformations of Frobenius

**Frobenius.**  $\phi: k \rightarrow k$  defined by  $\phi(x) = x^p$ .

**Relative Frobenius.**  $\text{Frob}: G_0 \rightarrow \phi^* G_0$ .

## Definition

A **deformation of Frobenius**  $(G, i, \psi) \rightarrow (G', i', \psi')$  (of deformations of  $G_0$  to  $R$ ) is a homomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  of formal groups over  $R$ , such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^* G & \xrightarrow{\pi^*(f)} & \pi^* G' \\ \psi \downarrow \sim & & \sim \downarrow \psi' \\ i^* G_0 & \xrightarrow{i^*(\text{Frob}^r)} & i'^* G_0 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} k & \xrightarrow{i'} & R/\mathfrak{m} \\ \phi^r \downarrow & \nearrow i & \\ k & & \end{array}$$

commute for some  $r \geq 0$ .

( $\pi: R \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{m}$ .)

Remark: Deformations of Frobenius with domain  $(G, i, \psi)$  correspond *exactly* to finite subgroup schemes of  $G$ . ( $f \rightsquigarrow \text{Ker}(f) \subset G$ .)



$E = E_{G_0/k}$ . Power map:

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{P^m} E^0(X) \otimes_{E_0} E^0(B\Sigma_m) \xrightarrow{\tau} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0 B\Sigma_m / I$$

Künneth isomorphism, if  $E^0 B\Sigma_m$  is finite and flat over  $E_0$  (true for Morava  $E$ -theory).

$I$  is the “transfer ideal”:

$$I = \sum_{0 < i < m} \text{Image} \left[ E^0 B(\Sigma_i \times \Sigma_{m-i}) \xrightarrow{\text{transfer}} E^0 B\Sigma_m \right].$$

## Proposition

$\tau P^m: E^0 X \rightarrow E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0 B\Sigma_m / I$  is a ring homomorphism.

Remark:  $E^0 B\Sigma_m / I = 0$  unless  $m = p^r$ .

Let  $(F_m)^0(X) = E^0 X \otimes_{E^0} E^0 B\Sigma_m / I$ .

Ring homomorphisms:

- $s^*: E_0 \rightarrow (F_m)_0$ , induced by  $B\Sigma_m \rightarrow *$ .
- $t^*: E_0 \rightarrow (F_m)_0$ , defined by  $\tau P^m: E^0(*) \rightarrow E^0(*) \otimes_{E^0} E^0(B\Sigma_m)/I$ .

The ring operation

$$E^0(X) \xrightarrow{\tau P^m} (F_m)^0(X) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad t^* G_E \xleftarrow{(\tau P^m)^*} s^* G_E$$

produces a homomorphism of formal groups defined over  $(F_m)_0$ .

What is this homomorphism?

# Topic 1: Deformations of Frobenius, revisited

Let  $m = p^r$ ,  $r > 0$ . Let  $j: * \rightarrow B\Sigma_m$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E^0 X & \xrightarrow{P^{p^r}} & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0(B\Sigma_{p^r}) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0 B\Sigma_{p^r} / I \\
 & \searrow^{x \mapsto x^{p^r}} & \downarrow \text{id} \otimes j^* & & \downarrow \pi \\
 & & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0(*) & \longrightarrow & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E_0/p
 \end{array}$$

Using the “double coset formula”, have

$$E^0 B\Sigma_{p^r} / (I + \text{Ker}(j^*)) \approx E_0/p.$$

Thus

$$\pi \tau P^{p^r}(x) = x^{p^r} \quad (\text{in } E^0 X / (p)).$$

## Conclusion

$(\tau P^{p^r})^*: s^* G_E \rightarrow t^* G_E$  is a deformation of Frobenius.

## Theorem (Strickland (1998))

*The homomorphism  $(\tau P_{p^r})^*: s^* G_E \rightarrow t^* G_E$  over  $(F_{p^r})_0$  is the universal example of a deformation of  $\text{Frob}^r$  between deformations of  $G_0$ .*

Remember: deformations of Frobenius correspond to finite subgroups of the domain.

Strickland actually proved the following statement:

## Theorem (Strickland (1998))

*The data  $(s^* G_E, \text{Ker}(\tau P_{p^r})^*)$  over  $(F_{p^r})_0$  is the universal example of a pair  $(G, H)$  consisting of a deformation  $G$  of  $G_0$  and a finite subgroup scheme  $H \subset G$  of rank  $m = p^r$ .*

# Topic 1: Descent (Ando-Hopkins-Strickland (mid 90s?))

$$\mathcal{D}(R) = \begin{cases} \text{Objects: deformations } (G, i, \phi) \text{ of } G_0/k \text{ to } R, \\ \text{Morphisms: deformations of Frobenius.} \end{cases}$$
$$f: R \rightarrow R' \quad \implies \quad f^*: \mathcal{D}(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(R').$$

## Definition

A **sheaf of modules**  $M$  on  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}(R)\}$  consists of

- functors  $M_R: \mathcal{D}(R)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_R$ ,
- natural isomorphisms  $M_f: R' \otimes_R M_R \xrightarrow{\sim} M_{R'} \circ f^*$ ,

satisfying obvious “coherence” axioms.

$\implies$  symmetric monoidal category  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{D}}$  of sheaves of modules.

Let  $\Gamma =$  ring of **additive power operations** for  $E$ .

That is,  $\Gamma \subset \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} E_0^\wedge B\Sigma_m$  consisting of  $\alpha$  such that  $Q_\alpha$  is additive.

## Theorem

*Equivalence  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{D}} \approx \text{Mod}_\Gamma$  of symmetric monoidal categories.*

## Example 3, revisited: Definition of $Q_i$

- $C_0/\mathbb{F}_2 =$  elliptic curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  defined by  $Y^2Z + YZ^2 = X^3$ .  
 $\implies E = E_{\widehat{C_0/\mathbb{F}_2}}$ .

### Proposition

$$(F_2)_0 = E^0 B\Sigma_2/I \approx (\mathbb{Z}_2[[a]])[d]/(d^3 - ad - 2).$$

- Write

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{\tau P^2} (E^0 X)[d]/(d^3 - ad - 2)$$

as

$$x \mapsto \tau P^2(x) = Q_0(x) + Q_1(x)d + Q_2(x)d^2.$$

- $\tau P^2$  is a ring homomorphism  $\implies$  Cartan formulas.

## Example 3, revisited: Subgroups of order 2

- Universal deformation of  $C_0/\mathbb{F}_2$ :

$C/E_0$  = elliptic curve defined over  $E_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2[[a]]$ , by

$$Y^2Z + aXYZ + YZ^2 = X^3.$$

- Affine chart:  $u = X/Y, v = Z/Y$ .

$$v + a uv + v^2 = u^3.$$

(Basepoint is at  $(u, v) = (0, 0)$ .)

- Subgroup schemes of rank 2: “generated” by points  $P$  of  $C$  of form  $(u(P), v(P)) = (d, -d^3)$  such that  $d^3 - ad - 2 = 0$ .
- These are also finite subgroups of the formal completion  $\widehat{C}$ , so

$$(F_2)_0 = E^0 B\Sigma_2/I \approx (\mathbb{Z}_2[[a]])[d]/(d^3 - ad - 2).$$

## Example 3, revisited: The homomorphism

- Given  $P \in C$  with  $(u(P), v(P)) = (d, -d^3)$ ,  $d^3 - ad - 2 = 0$   
 $\implies$  isogeny  $\psi_P: C \rightarrow C'$  such that  $\text{Ker}(\psi_P) = \langle P \rangle$ .

$$\{v + a uv + v^2 = u^3\} \rightarrow \{v' + (a^2 + 3d - ad^2) u'v' + v'^2 = u'^3\}$$

- Definition of  $\psi_P$ : if  $Q' = \psi_P(Q)$ , then

$$u'(Q') = -u(Q)u(Q + P), \quad v'(Q') = v(Q)v(Q + P).$$

- By construction,  $\psi_P$  is a deformation of Frobenius:  
if  $d = 0$ , then  $u'(Q') = u(Q)^2$  and  $v'(Q') = v(Q)^2$ .
- $\implies$  computation of  $t^*: E_0 \rightarrow (F_2)_0$ :

$$t^*(a) = \tau P^2(a) = a^2 + 3d - ad^2,$$

- $\tau P^2(ax) = \tau P^2(a) \cdot \tau P^2(x) \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(ax) + Q_1(ax) d + Q_2(ax) d^2 \\ = (a^2 + 3d - ad^2) (Q_0(x) + Q_1(x) d + Q_2(x) d^2). \end{aligned}$$



## Topic 2: The Frobenius congruence (Example 3)

In Example 3, we have

### Proposition

$$Q_0(x) \equiv x^2 \pmod{2}.$$

In the example:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E^0 X & \xrightarrow{P^2} & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0(B\Sigma_2) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & (E^0 X)[d]/(d^3 - ad - 2) \\ & \searrow_{x \mapsto x^2} & \downarrow \text{id} \otimes j^* & & \downarrow d \mapsto 0 \\ & & E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0(*) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & E_0 X/(2) \end{array}$$

Formula:

$$(\tau P^2)(x) = Q_0(x) + Q_1(x) d + Q_2(x) d^2,$$

pass to  $E_0/2$ :

$$x^2 \equiv Q_0(x) \pmod{2}.$$

$(G, i, \psi)$  = deformation of  $G_0/k$  to  $R$ .

When  $R \supset \mathbb{F}_p$ , there is a relative Frobenius homomorphism

$$\text{Frob}: G \rightarrow \phi^* G$$

$(G, i, \psi) \rightarrow (\phi^* G, i\phi, \phi^*(\psi))$  in  $\mathcal{D}(R)$ .

### Observation

Universal example of  $\text{Frob}: G \rightarrow \phi^* G$  is determined by

$$\pi: E^0 B\Sigma_p/I \rightarrow E_0/p.$$

### Definition

A sheaf of commutative rings  $B$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  is a **Frobenius sheaf** if for every  $R \supset \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $G \in \mathcal{D}(R)$ ,

$$B_R(G) \xrightarrow{B_R(\text{Frob})} B_R(\phi^* G) \approx R^\phi \otimes_R B_R(G)$$

is the relative Frobenius homomorphism of  $R$ -algebras.

### Theorem (R.)

*There is a functor*

$$\{\text{amplified } \Gamma\text{-rings}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Frobenius sheaves on } \mathcal{D}\}$$

*which restricts to an equivalence between the full subcategories of  $p$ -torsion free objects.*

## Topic 3: Koszul algebras

$A = \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} A_r$  graded associative ring,  $A_0 = R$  commutative.

### Definition

$A$  is **Koszul** if there exist  $R$ -modules  $C_r$  with  $C_0 = R$ , and an exact sequence (a “Koszul complex”)

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d} A \otimes_R C_3 \xrightarrow{d} A \otimes_R C_2 \xrightarrow{d} A \otimes_R C_1 \xrightarrow{d} A \otimes_R C_0 \xrightarrow{d} R \rightarrow 0$$

of left  $A$ -modules such that  $d$  raises degree by 1.

### Fact

If  $A$  is Koszul, then

$$A \approx T_R(A_1)/(U), \quad U \subset A_2$$

(i.e.,  $A$  is “quadratic”.)

- Back to the example:  $\Gamma \approx \bigoplus \Gamma_r \approx T_{E_0}(\Gamma_1)/(U)$ , where  $\Gamma_1 = E_0\{Q_0, Q_1, Q_2\}$ ,  $U = \text{Adem relations}$ .
- **PBW Theorem** (Priddy (1970)): if  $\Gamma$  has a “nice” admissible basis, then  $\Gamma$  is Koszul.
- $\implies$  Exact sequence.

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes_{E_0} C_2 \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes_{E_0} C_1 \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

$C_i$  are free modules over  $E_0$ :  $\text{rank} C_1 = 3$ ,  $\text{rank} C_2 = 2$ .

## Topic 3: Is $\Gamma$ always Koszul?

Theorem (Ando-Hopkins-Strickland(?), R.)

*For all  $E = E_{G_0/k}$ , the associated ring  $\Gamma$  of power operations is Koszul. The associated Koszul complex has the form*

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes_{E_0} C_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Gamma \otimes_{E_0} C_1 \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow 0,$$

*where  $n = \text{height of } G_0$ .*

- They developed a program to prove the result, using interesting ideas about a kind of “Bruhat-Tits building” formed using flags of certain finite subgroup schemes of  $G_E$ .
- I don’t believe they ever completed their program; there is probably no obstruction to doing so, however.
- There is another proof, which avoids using formal group theory; it uses ideas related to the Whitehead conjecture (Kuhn, Mitchell, Priddy) and calculus (Arone-Mahowald, Arone-Dwyer).

Here are some of the ideas in the proof.

## Definition

Given a (nonadditive) functor  $F: \text{Mod}_{E_0} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{E_0}$ , the **linearization**  $\mathcal{L}[F]: \text{Mod}_{E_0} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{E_0}$  is

$$\mathcal{L}[F](M) = \text{Cok} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} F(M \oplus M) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F(\pi_1 + \pi_2)} \\ \xrightarrow{F(\pi_1) + F(\pi_2)} \end{array} & F(M) \end{array} \right].$$

$\mathcal{L}[F]$  is initial additive quotient functor of  $F$ .

In some cases, including ours,  $\mathcal{L}[F \circ G] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}[F] \circ \mathcal{L}[G]$  is an isomorphism.

- $F: \text{Mod}_{E_0} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{E_0}$  the free amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring functor.
- For  $E$ -module  $M$  with  $\pi_* M = \text{free } E_*\text{-module concentrated in even degree}$ ,

$$F(\pi_0 M) \approx \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \pi_0 L_{K(n)} \mathbb{P}_E^m(M).$$

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$$\mathcal{L}[F](E_0) = \Delta.$$

$$\mathcal{L}[F \circ \dots \circ F](E_0) = \Delta \otimes_{E_0} \dots \otimes_{E_0} \Delta.$$

$\Delta$  is a ring, non-canonically isomorphic to  $\Gamma$ .

- Monadic bar construction  $\mathcal{B}_\bullet(F, F, F)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}[\mathcal{B}_\bullet(F, F, F)] \approx \mathcal{B}_\bullet(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta).$$



(Priddy 1970):

- If  $\Delta$  is a graded ring, filter  $\mathcal{B}_\bullet(M, \Delta, N)$  according to grading on  $\Delta$ .
- $\Delta$  is **Koszul** if  $\text{gr}_q \mathcal{B}_\bullet(E_0, \Delta, E_0)$  has homology concentrated in degree  $q$ .
- Koszul complex “is” the spectral sequence associated to this filtration on  $\mathcal{B}_\bullet(M, \Delta, N)$ ;  $E_1^{p,q} =$  chain complex.

- $$\mathcal{B}_q(F, F, F)(E_0) \approx (F \circ \dots \circ F)(E_0) \approx \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} E_0^\wedge(K_q(m)_{h\Sigma_m}).$$

$K_\bullet(m)$  is the **partition complex**:

$$K_\bullet(m) = \text{nerve} \{ \text{poset of partitions of } \{1, \dots, m\} \}.$$

- $$\mathcal{B}_q(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta) \approx \mathcal{L}[\mathcal{B}_q(F, F, F)](E_0) \approx \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} Q_m(K_q(m))$$

where

$$Q_m(X) = \text{Cok} \left[ \bigoplus_{0 < i < m} E_0^\wedge(X_{h(\Sigma_i \times \Sigma_{m-i})}) \rightarrow E_0^\wedge(X_{h\Sigma_m}) \right],$$

$X$  is a set with  $\Sigma_m$  action.

# Topic 3: The idea of the proof

- $\overline{K}_\bullet(m) = K_\bullet(m) / \sim$ , associated to  $\mathcal{B}_\bullet(E_0, \Delta, E_0) \approx \mathcal{B}_\bullet(\Delta, \Delta, \Delta) / \sim$ .
- $Q_m(\overline{K}_\bullet(m)) = 0$  if  $m \neq p^r$ .
- Need to show  $Q_{p^r}(\overline{K}_\bullet(p^r))$  has  $H_*$  concentrated in degree  $r$ .

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$$K_\bullet(p^r) \times \Sigma_{p^r} / (\Sigma_p \wr \cdots \wr \Sigma_p) \longrightarrow K_\bullet(p^r),$$

where

$$U_\bullet(p^r) = \bigcup_{\substack{A \subset \Sigma_{p^r} \\ \text{max. ab. subgp.}}} (K_\bullet(p^r) \times \Sigma_{p^r} / (\Sigma_p \wr \cdots \wr \Sigma_p))^A.$$

- Reduce to showing  $Q_{p^r}(\overline{U}_\bullet(p^r))$  is chain homotopy equivalent to a complex concentrated in degree  $r$ .
- Claim: There is a  $\Sigma_{p^r}$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence  $\overline{U}_\bullet(p^r) \approx X_+ \wedge S^r$ , where  $X$  is a  $\Sigma_{p^r}$ -set.

- $A \subset \Sigma_{p^r}$  maximal abelian subgroup:

$$K_{\bullet}(p^r)^A = \text{nerve} \{ \text{poset of subgroups of } A \}.$$

For  $A \approx (\mathbb{Z}/p)^r$ , the quotient  $\overline{K}_{\bullet}(p^r)^A$  is (a 2-fold suspension of) the Tits building for  $GL(r, \mathbb{F}_p)$ .

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$$\overline{K}_{\bullet}(p^r)^A \approx \begin{cases} \bigvee S^r & \text{if } A \approx (\mathbb{Z}/p)^r, \\ * & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$A = (\mathbb{Z}/p)^r$  result is theorem of Solomon-Tits (1969).

- Show  $\overline{U}_{\bullet}(p^r) \approx X_+ \wedge S^r$  by the same “shellability” argument that Solomon-Tits use for  $\overline{K}_{\bullet}(p^r)^{(\mathbb{Z}/p)^r}$ .

We return to the main example (height 2, prime 2).

- $\Psi \in \Gamma$  is element corresponding to the operation:

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{\tau P^4} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} (F_4)_0 \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \rho} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E_0$$

where  $\rho: (F_4)_0 \rightarrow E_0$  classifies  $[-2]: G_E \rightarrow G_E$   
 (since  $[-2](x) \equiv x^4 \pmod{(2, a)}$ , it is a deformation of  $\text{Frob}^2$ .)

- $\Psi = Q_0 Q_0 + a Q_0 Q_1 - 2 Q_1 Q_1 + a^2 Q_0 Q_2 - 2a Q_1 Q_2 + 4 Q_2 Q_2$ .
- $\Psi: B \rightarrow B$  is a ring homomorphism.

- $N: B \rightarrow B$  corresponds to the operation:

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{\tau P^2} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} (F_2)_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Norm}} E^0 X.$$

( $N$  is a “multiplicative Hecke operator”.)

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$$\begin{aligned} N(x) = & (Q_0 x)^3 + 2a (Q_0 x)^2 Q_2 x - a Q_0 x (Q_1 x)^2 + a^2 Q_0 x (Q_2 x)^2 \\ & - 6 Q_0 Q_1 x Q_2 x + 2 (Q_1 x)^3 - 2a Q_1 x (Q_2 x)^2 + 4 (Q_2 x)^3. \end{aligned}$$

- $N(xy) = N(x) N(y)$ , but  $N$  is not additive.
- $N(x) \equiv x^2 \Psi(x) \pmod{2}$ .

## Topic 4: A logarithmic operation (Example 3)

- If  $x \in B^\times$ , then  $N(x) \in B^\times$ , so  $N(x) \equiv x^2 \Psi(x) \pmod{2}$  implies

$$\frac{x^2 \Psi(x)}{N(x)} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

- For any 2-complete amplified  $\Gamma$ -ring, get a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \ell: B^\times &\rightarrow B, \\ x &\mapsto \frac{1}{2} \log \left[ \frac{x^2 \Psi(x)}{N(x)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- $A = a$  a  $K(2)$ -local commutative  $E$ -algebra, there is a map of spectra

$$\mathrm{gl}_1(A) \rightarrow A.$$

On  $\pi_0$ , this map is given by  $\ell$ .

- This works in a similar way at all heights and primes.

Now  $E$  is a general Morava  $E$ -theory (height  $n$ , prime  $p$ ).

- Elements  $\tilde{T}(p^k) \in \Gamma$ , given by

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{\tau P p^r} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} (F_{p^r})_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Trace}} E^0 X.$$

(First constructed by Ando (1992).)

- $\{\tilde{T}(p^k)\}$  generate a commutative subring  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\tilde{T}_1, \dots, \tilde{T}_n] \subset \Gamma$ , where

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r p^{r(r-1)/2} \tilde{T}_r \cdot U^r = \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} \tilde{T}(p^k) \cdot U^k \right)^{-1}$$

in  $\Gamma[[U]]$ .



Different construction of  $\tilde{T}(p^k)$ , due to Ganter.

$G =$  finite group.

- The  $K(n)$ -local Tate homology of  $BG$  vanishes (Hovey-Strickland (1999)):

$$L_{K(n)}BG_+ \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}(BG_+, L_{K(n)}S).$$

- $\implies L_{K(n)}BG_+$  is a **commutative Frobenius algebra** in the  $K(n)$ -local homotopy category (Strickland (2000)).  
(analogy between  $\mathcal{F}(BG_+, L_{K(n)}S)$  and representation ring  $RG$ .)
- Let  $I_G: L_{K(n)}S \rightarrow L_{K(n)}BG_+$ , dual to  $L_{K(n)}BG_+ \rightarrow L_{K(n)}S$ ,  
(analogous to  $\frac{1}{|G|} \text{Trace} \sum_{g \in G} g: RG \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .)

# Topic 4: Ganter's symmetric powers

- Define  $\sigma^m$  by

$$E^0 X \xrightarrow{P^m} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E^0 B\Sigma_m \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes I_{\Sigma_m}^*} E^0 X \otimes_{E_0} E_0.$$

- $\sigma^m: B \rightarrow B$  are non-additive functions, analogous to symmetric powers of representations.

## Theorem (Ganter (2004))

$$\exp \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{\tilde{T}(p^k)(x)}{p^k} \cdot U^{p^k} \right) = \sum_{m \geq 0} \sigma^m(x) \cdot U^m.$$

- $\implies$

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \tilde{T}(p^k)(x) \cdot U^{p^k} = \frac{d}{dU} \log \left( \sum_{m \geq 0} \sigma^m(x) \cdot U^m \right).$$

Let  $R =$  a  $K(n)$ -local  $S$ -algebra.

- Ganter's operations  $\sigma^m$  are defined on  $\pi_0 R$  for any  $K(n)$ -local  $S$  algebra. (They are defined using a homotopy class in  $\pi_0 L_{K(n)} B\Sigma_m^+$ .)
- $\implies$  Ganter's formula gives a definition of Hecke operators on  $\pi_0 R$  for any  $K(n)$ -local  $S$ -algebra.
- By “suspension”, get Hecke operators acting on  $\pi_q R$  for  $q \geq 0$  as well.

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