

Higher real K-theories and  
Topological Automorphic Forms

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## Overview:

Interested in:

" $v_n$ -periodic cohomology theories"

e.g.  $v_i$ -periodicity = Bott periodicity,

$\text{Im } J$

$W^1$

good  
better

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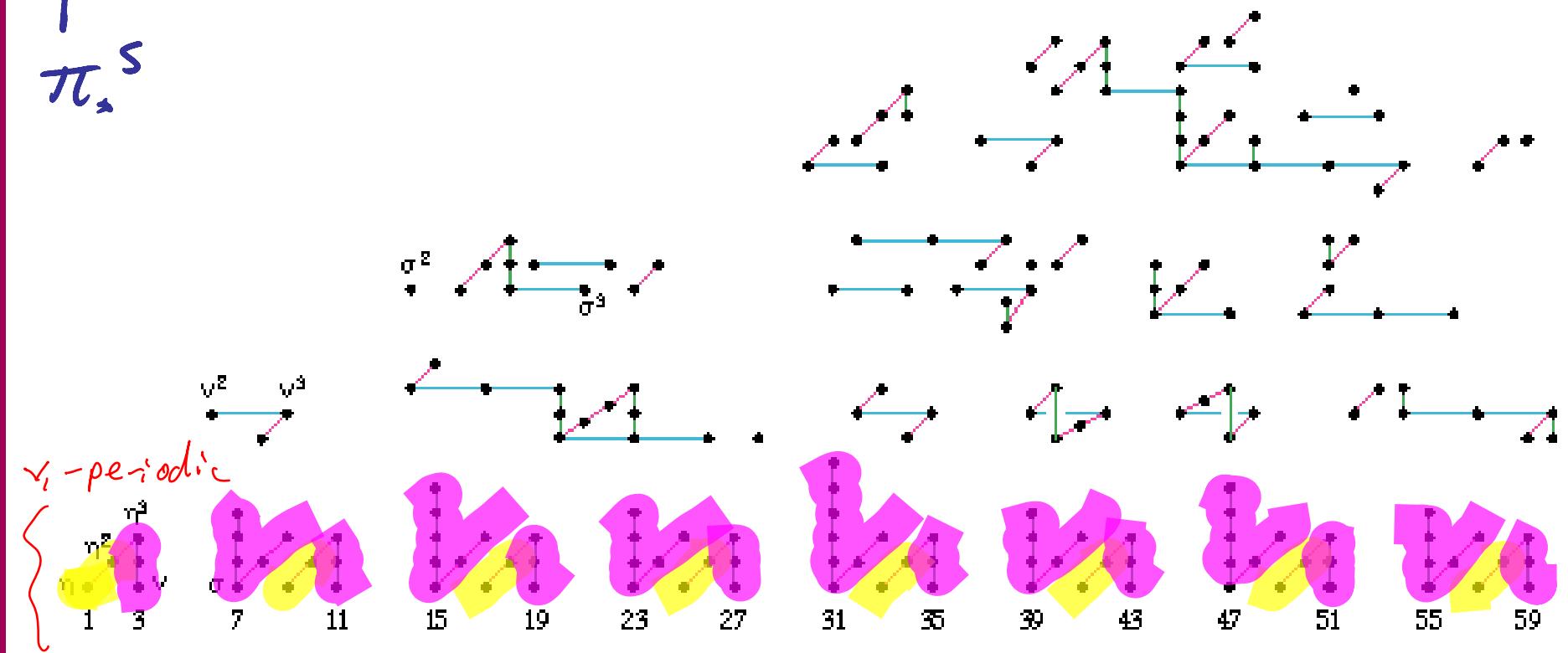
"Better"

 =  $I \cup J$

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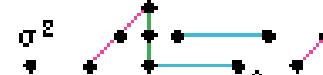
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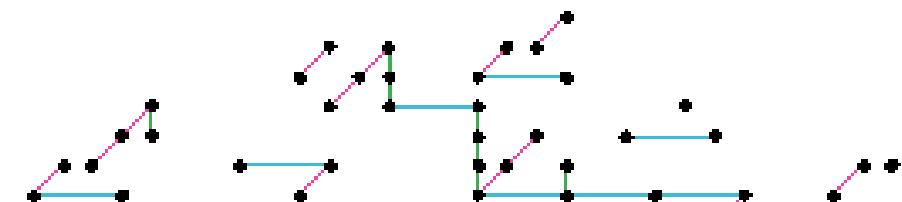
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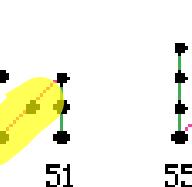
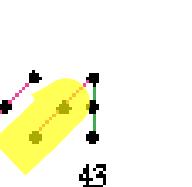
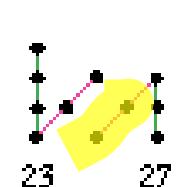
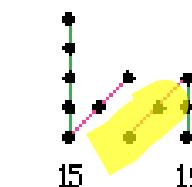
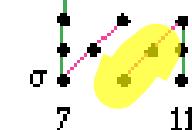
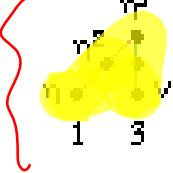
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"A-automorphic spectra"

TAF  
(Top'l automorphic forms)

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$$EO_n := E_n^{h(\text{Gutn})}$$

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Q: What is the relationship between

$TAF_{K(n)}$  and  $EO_n$  ?

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$$S_n = \text{Aut}(H_n) \subset \pi_0 E_n \hookrightarrow \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}/\mathbb{F}_p)$$

Morava Stab. Gp

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Issue: If  $(p-1)/n > 1$ , maximal finites not unique!  
"Many  $EO_n$ 's"

Thm (T. Hewett)

write  $n = (p-1)p^{r-1}s$   $p \nmid s$

Then  $\exists!$   $\xrightarrow{\text{max finite}}$   $G_{n,\alpha} \hookrightarrow S_n$

$\begin{array}{ll} 0 \leq \alpha \leq r & p \text{ odd} \\ 1 \leq \alpha \leq r & p = 2 \end{array}$

$\uparrow$   
(up to)  
(iso)

s.t.  $G_{n,\alpha}$  has elts w/ maximal  
p-order  $p^\alpha$

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n	$U = U(1, n-1)$	Sh = Shimura variety	TAFn only exists at 50% primes

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$$\cdot \hat{A} \underset{n-\dim}{\approx} \hat{A}_u \oplus \hat{A}_{\bar{u}}$$

$$\cdot \langle -, - \rangle_x \simeq \langle -, - \rangle$$

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Note that

$$\#|Sh^{[\infty]}(F_p)| < \infty$$

but typically  $\neq 1$  ( $\#$  class)

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A: Main Thm (B-Hopkins)

$p \leq 7$ ,  $n = (p-1)p^{r-1}$ ,  $\alpha = r \Rightarrow$  yes!

$p$  odd, not in above situation  $\Rightarrow$  No!

$p = 2$ , not in above situation  $\Rightarrow$  ?

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i.e.

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just not as efficiently"

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A: If  $(p-1)/n, n \geq 2$  then NO!

(using work of Florey, showed  $E_n^{hC_p}$  does not admit such an orientation)

New Question:

For which top'l gps

$$G \longrightarrow O$$

does there exist

$$MG \longrightarrow \text{TAF}$$

(Connective covers won't work!)

Method of Proof of Main thm ...

Local + Global Class fld thy

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$x \sim \text{central extension}$

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$$M \quad \text{Get} \quad M^\times \rightarrow E \rightarrow \text{Gal}(M/K)$$

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Notation  $B = B_{[a]}$

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$$\prod' K_v^\times \cong \prod_K \text{Art} \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(M/K) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n \subset \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Inv}_v(B_{[a]}) = \text{Art}(a_v)$$

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$\downarrow$

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$$\begin{aligned} D' &\subset D_{\gamma_n} \\ \text{ii} \\ \text{centralizer of } L \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Inv}(D') = \frac{1}{p-1}$$

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