

# Chromatic Localization

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## Origin story

Thm (Sullivan, Atiyah-Segal) After  $p$ -completion there is an equivalence of infinite loop spaces

$$\begin{aligned} BSU &\xrightarrow{\sim} BSU^{\otimes} \\ BSO &\xrightarrow{\sim} BSO^{\otimes} \end{aligned}$$

Thm (Mahowald, Adams-Priddy) If  $\mathbb{X}$  is a connected 2-complete spectrum with  $\Omega^{\infty} \mathbb{X} \sim BSO$  then  $\mathbb{X} \sim bso$ . Similarly if  $\mathbb{X}$  is a connected  $p$ -complete spectrum with  $\Omega^{\infty} \mathbb{X} \sim BSU_p$  then  $\mathbb{X} \sim bsu_p$ .

Remark Not true for  $BU$ .

$$BU \sim \mathbb{C}P^{\infty} \vee BSU$$

$$bu \not\sim \mathbb{Z}^2 H\mathbb{Z} \vee bsu$$

Remark This is not true without  $p$ -adic completion.

Thm (Madsen-Snaith-Tornehave) After  $p$ -completion the map

$$\Omega^{\infty}: [bsu, bsu] \rightarrow [BSU, BSU]$$

is a monomorphism with a describable image.

Bousfield gave an elegant, "non-computational" proof.

## Bousfield's proof

### 1) Factorization

Construct a functor  $\overline{\Phi}$  fitting into a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Spaces} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\Phi}} & K(i)\text{-local spectra} \\
 \uparrow \Omega^\infty & \nearrow L_{K(i)} & \\
 \text{Spectra} & & 
 \end{array}$$

### 2) Connectivity

Suppose that  $E$  is a spectrum. Show that the fiber of the map

$$L_{K(i)} \Omega^\infty E \rightarrow \Omega^\infty L_{K(i)} E$$

is  $\geq 2$  co-connected\*, so that

$$L_{K(i)} \Omega^\infty E \langle 3 \rangle \rightarrow (\Omega^\infty L_{K(i)} E) \langle 3 \rangle$$

is an equivalence.

Remark Actually one shows  $\pi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2$   
 $\pi_2$  is torsion free.

Proof of uniqueness of  $\text{BSup}$ :

$$\Omega^\infty X \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{BSU} \xrightarrow[\overline{\Phi}]{\cong} L_{K(i)} X \xrightarrow{\sim} L_{K(i)} \text{bsu}$$

connectivity:  $\Omega^\infty X \simeq L_{K(i)} \Omega^\infty X = L_{K(i)} \Omega^\infty X \langle 3 \rangle = \Omega^\infty L_{K(i)} X \langle 3 \rangle$

so the desired spectrum equivalence is  $L_{K(i)} X \langle 3 \rangle \xrightarrow{\sim} L_{K(i)} \text{bsu} \langle 3 \rangle$ .

Remark There are higher chromatic analogues of the above. Here is an example of a much more general result of Jeremy Hahn.

Thm (Hahn) If  $\mathbb{S}$  is a connective,  $p$ -complete spectrum with

$$\Omega^\infty \mathbb{S} \sim \Omega^\infty \Sigma^{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{BP}\langle 2 \rangle$$

then  $\mathbb{S} \sim \mathbb{BP}\langle 2 \rangle$ .

Not provable by the analogue of Bousfield's argument.

## Bousfield localization for spectra

$\mathcal{S}$  = category of spectra

$E \in \mathcal{S}$  a spectrum.

$$\text{Null}_E = \{ X \in \mathcal{S} \mid E \wedge X \sim * \}$$

Definition  $X \in \mathcal{S}$  is E-local if

$$Z \in \text{Null}_E \Rightarrow [Z, X] = 0.$$

Theorem (Bousfield) There exists a functor

$$L_E: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

and a natural transformation

$$\text{Id} \rightarrow L_E$$

with the following properties

- i)  $L_E X$  is E-local
- ii) The map  $X \rightarrow L_E X$  is an E-equivalence.

Consequences i) The fiber  $M_E X \rightarrow X \rightarrow L_E X$

is E-acyclic, so if  $Y$  is E-local then the restriction map

$$[L_E X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Y]$$

is an isomorphism, and

$$\text{Map}(L_E X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Map}(X, Y)$$

is a weak equivalence. So  $L_E$  can be regarded as a left adjoint to the inclusion  $\mathcal{S}_E \subset \mathcal{S}$  of the full subcategory of E-local spectra.

- ii)  $L_E$  is idempotent: the map  $L_E X \rightarrow L_E L_E X$  induced by  $1 \rightarrow L_E$  is a weak equivalence.

## Bousfield equivalence

Note that  $1 \rightarrow L_E$  depends only on  $\text{Null}_E$ .

Definition Two spectra  $E$  and  $F$  are Bousfield equivalent if  $\text{Null}_E = \text{Null}_F$ .

The Bousfield class  $\langle E \rangle$  of  $E$  is the equivalence class of  $E$  under this equivalence relation.

Relations among Bousfield classes:

$$\langle E \rangle \geq \langle F \rangle \iff \text{Null}_E \subseteq \text{Null}_F$$

$$\langle E \rangle \vee \langle F \rangle = \langle E \vee F \rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle \wedge \langle F \rangle = \langle E \wedge F \rangle$$

There is a cool theorem which we won't need

Thm (Okawa) The collection of Bousfield classes forms a set.

Note that if  $\langle E \rangle \geq \langle F \rangle$  then

$$\Sigma \text{ is } E\text{-local} \Rightarrow \Sigma \text{ is } F\text{-local}$$

and so there is a natural transformation

$$L_E \rightarrow L_F$$

which may be regarded as being derived from  $1 \rightarrow L_F$  by applying  $L_E$ .

## Dror nullification (Bousfield colocalization)

Generalization of Bousfield localization gotten by replacing  $Nulle$  by something more general. First described by Bousfield in "A Boolean algebra of spectra." Later generalized by Dror/Farjoun.

We will consider a special case.

Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Definition  $X \in \mathcal{S}$  is A-null if for all  $t$

$$[\Sigma^t A, X] = 0$$

or natural transformation

or equivalently if the function spectrum  $\Sigma^A$  is contractible.

Thm (Bousfield, Farjoun) There is a functor  $N_A: \text{Spectra} \rightarrow \text{Spectra}$  and a natural transformation  $\mathbb{J} \rightarrow N_A$  with the properties

i)  $N_A$  is A-null

ii) For any  $Y$  which is A-null, the map

$$[N_A X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Y]$$

is an isomorphism.

Variation Given  $f: A \rightarrow B$  say  $X$  is "f-null" if

$$\Sigma^B \rightarrow \Sigma^A$$

is a weak equivalence. There is also a functor  $N_f$

and a natural transformation  $\mathbb{J} \rightarrow N_f$  as above.

Remark In spectra  $X$  is f-null iff  $X$  is C-null, where  $C = \text{BUC}_f A$ .

It follows that  $N_f = N_C$ .

### Construction

In principle, every assertion about  $L_E$  and  $N_A$  follows from the universal property. Some things, however, are easier to prove using the construction.

The functor  $N_A(\Sigma)$  is constructed (transfinite) inductively as follows.

Choose an infinite ordinal  $\kappa$  for which  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -small:

$$\lim_{s < \kappa} \text{Map}(A, Y_s) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Map}(A, \lim_{s < \kappa} Y_s)$$

(for example one can assume  $A$  is a CW spectrum and take  $\kappa$  to be the smallest infinite ordinal of cardinality greater than the number of cells of  $A$ ). One constructs  $N_A \Sigma$  inductively, starting with  $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma$  and, having defined  $\Sigma_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$  defining  $\Sigma_\beta = \lim_{\alpha < \beta} \Sigma_\alpha$ , if  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal, and by the pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigvee \Sigma^t A & \longrightarrow & \bigvee C \Sigma^t A \\ \downarrow \iota, \Sigma^t A \rightarrow \Sigma_{\beta-1} & & \downarrow \iota, \Sigma^t A \rightarrow \Sigma_{\beta-1} \\ \Sigma_{\beta-1} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma_\beta \end{array}$$

In our case of interest  $A$  will be a finite CW complex so we can take  $\{s < \kappa\}$  to be the ordered set  $\{0 < 1 < 2 < \dots\}$ .

Here is an example of a theorem most easily seen from the construction

Theorem If  $E \wedge A \simeq *$  then for all  $\mathbb{S}$ , the map

$$E \wedge \mathbb{S} \rightarrow E \wedge M_A(\mathbb{S})$$

is an equivalence.

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The example Theorem

### Examples of Bousfield classes

$C_0$  = p-localization of finite spectra

$C_n = \{ \mathbb{S} \in C_0 \mid K(n-1)_* \mathbb{S} = 0 \}$  finite spectra of type n.

Thm (Landweber, Ravenel)  $C_n \subset C_{n-1}$

Thm (Mitchell)  $C_n \neq C_{n-1}$

Thm (H, Smith) If  $C \subset C_0$  is thick then  $C = C_n$  for some n.

Cor (H, Smith) If  $\mathbb{S}, \mathbb{Y}$  are finite then

$$\langle \mathbb{S} \rangle \leq \langle \mathbb{Y} \rangle \iff \{n \mid K(n)_* \mathbb{S} = 0\} \supseteq \{n \mid K(n)_* \mathbb{Y} = 0\}$$

↑

Class invariance



### $U_n$ self maps

Def Suppose  $\Sigma \in C_0$ . A map  $f: \Sigma^d \rightarrow \Sigma$  is a  $U_n$  self-map if

- 1)  $K(m)_* f$  is nilpotent for  $m \neq n$
- 2)  $n=0$  and  $H_*(f; \mathbb{Q}) = \text{mult by } d \text{ for some } d$
- or 3)  $n>0$  and  $K(n)_* f$  is an isomorphism.

Remark There was a choice made in this definition. After raising to a power a  $U_n$ -self-map can be shown to satisfy

- 1')  $K(m)_* f = 0$  for  $m \neq n$
- 2')  $K(n)_* f = \text{mult by a power of } U_n$ .

Thm (H,S) i)  $\Sigma$  admits a  $U_n$  self map  $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma \in C_n$

ii) If  $u, u'$  are  $U_n$  self maps of  $\Sigma$  then  $u^a = u'^b$  for some  $a, b$ .

iii) If  $\Sigma, \Upsilon \in C_n$   $f: \Sigma \rightarrow \Upsilon$  then there exist  $U_n$  self maps

$$v_\Sigma: \Sigma^d \rightarrow \Sigma$$

$$v_\Upsilon: \Sigma^d \Upsilon \rightarrow \Upsilon$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^d \Sigma & \rightarrow & \Sigma^d \Upsilon \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Sigma & \rightarrow & \Upsilon \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy.

Exercise i) If  $\Sigma \in C_n - C_{n+1}$  and  $v: \Sigma^d \rightarrow \Sigma$  is a  $U_n$  self-map then

$$\Sigma \cup_v C \Sigma^d \in C_{n+1} - C_n.$$

## $V_n$ self-maps and Bousfield classes

Lemma (Ravenel) Suppose  $f: \Sigma^d \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  is a self map. Then

$$\langle \mathbb{S} \rangle = \langle f^! \mathbb{S} \rangle \vee \langle \mathbb{S} \cup C \Sigma^d \mathbb{S} \rangle$$

proof An enjoyable exercise.

Start with  $\mathbb{S}_0 \in C_0 - C_1$ , (say  $\mathbb{S}_0 = S^0$ .)

$$v_0: \mathbb{S}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_0 \quad (\text{say } v_0 = p)$$

a  $v_0$  self map

Set  $\mathbb{S}_1 = \text{cofiber } v_0$ .

Having defined  $\mathbb{S}_{n-1}$  choose a  $v_{n-1}$  self-map

$$v_{n-1}: \Sigma^{d_{n-1}} \mathbb{S}_{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{n-1}$$

and set

$$\mathbb{S}_n = \text{cofiber } v_{n-1}.$$

By class invariance  $\langle \mathbb{S}_0 \rangle = \langle S^0 \rangle$ . By Ravenel's lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S^0 \rangle &= \langle v_0^! \mathbb{S}_0 \rangle \vee \langle \mathbb{S}_1 \rangle \\ &= \langle v_0^! \mathbb{S}_0 \rangle \vee \langle v_1^! \mathbb{S}_1 \rangle \vee \langle \mathbb{S}_2 \rangle \\ &\vdots \\ &= \langle v_0^! \mathbb{S}_0 \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle v_n^! \mathbb{S}_n \rangle \vee \langle \mathbb{S}_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition The above decomposition of  $\langle S^0 \rangle$  is orthogonal in the sense that if  $i < j$  then  $v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i \wedge \Sigma_j$  is contractible and hence so is  $(v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i) \wedge (v_j^{-1} \Sigma_j)$ .

proof Some power of

$$v_i \wedge \mathcal{M}: \Sigma^{d_i} \Sigma_i \wedge \Sigma_j \rightarrow \Sigma_i \wedge \Sigma_j$$

is zero in all Morava K-theories, hence contractible.

For simplicity write

$$E_n^f = v_0^{-1} \Sigma_0 \vee \dots \vee v_n^{-1} \Sigma_n$$

(it is really the Bousfield class of  $E_n^f$  we care about). Note that

$$\langle S^0 \rangle = \langle E_n^f \rangle \vee \langle \Sigma_{n+1} \rangle$$

and that

$$E_n^f \wedge \Sigma_{n+1} \sim *$$

We are interested in the localization functors

$$L_n^f = L_{E_n}$$

$$L_{\tau(n)} = L_{v_n^{-1} \Sigma_n}$$

## Bousfield and Dror

Proposition  $L_n^f = N_{\Sigma_{n+1}}$   
                   $\uparrow$                    $\leftarrow$   
Bousfield                  Dror

We need:

Lemma Both  $L_E$  and  $N_A$  commute with finite homotopy (co-) limits. In particular if  $S$  is finite (dualizable) then the natural maps

$$(L_E \mathbb{X}) \wedge S \rightarrow L_E(\mathbb{X} \wedge S)$$

$$(N_A \mathbb{X}) \wedge S \rightarrow N_A(\mathbb{X} \wedge S)$$

are weak equivalences.

proof For example, to show that

$$(L_E \mathbb{X}) \wedge S \rightarrow L_E(\mathbb{X} \wedge S)$$

is an equivalence it suffices to show that if  $W$  is  $E$ -local then  $W \wedge S$  is  $E$ -local. For this, suppose  $Z \in \text{Null}_E$ . Then

Spanier-Whitehead  
dual

$$E \wedge (Z \wedge DS) \sim (E \wedge Z) \wedge DS \sim *$$

implies that  $Z \wedge DS \in \text{Null}_E$ . Now observe

$$[Z, W \wedge S] = [Z \wedge DS, W] = 0.$$

The other assertions are similar.  $\square$

proof of the Proposition: Since  $E_n^f \wedge \Sigma_{n+1} \sim *$ , the spectrum  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  is  $E_n^f$ -null and so for all  $\mathbb{X}$

$$(L_n^f \mathbb{X})^{\Sigma_{n+1}} \sim *$$

By the universal property of  $N_{\Sigma_{n+1}}$  this means that there is a unique natural transformation

$$\mathbb{1} \rightarrow N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \rightarrow L_n^f$$

of functors (over  $\mathbb{1}$ ). To show it is an equivalence it suffices to show that for all  $\mathbb{X}$ ,  $N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{X}$  is  $E_n^f$ -local. For this suppose that  $z \in \text{Null}_{E_n^f}$ . We must show that any map

$$z \rightarrow N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{X}$$

is null. Since  $N_{\Sigma_{n+1}}$  is idempotent, it suffices to show that

$$N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} z$$

is contractible. By orthogonality, we know that for  $i \leq n$

$$v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i \wedge \Sigma_{n+1} \sim *$$

The example theorem then implies that for all  $i \leq n$

$$(v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i) \wedge z \rightarrow (v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i) \wedge N_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(z)$$

and so

$$(v_i^{-1} \Sigma_i) \wedge N_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(z) \sim *$$

But we also know, by definition, that

$$D\Sigma_{n+1} \wedge N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{Z} \sim (N_{\Sigma_{n+1}})^{\Sigma_{n+1}} \sim *.$$

By **class invariance**,  $\langle D\Sigma_{n+1} \rangle = \langle \Sigma_{n+1} \rangle$ . So after all of this we learn that

$$(N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{Z}) \wedge U_i^{-1} \Sigma_i \sim * \quad i \leq n$$

$$(N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{Z}) \wedge \Sigma_{n+1} \sim *.$$

It follows from

$$\langle S^0 \rangle = \langle U_0^{-1} \Sigma_0 \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle U_n^{-1} \Sigma_n \rangle \vee \langle \Sigma_{n+1} \rangle$$

that

$$U_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{Z} \sim S^0 \wedge N_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \mathbb{Z} \sim *. \quad \square$$

## Localization and nullification of spaces

The theory needs to be set up a little differently in Spaces.

Def A map  $A \rightarrow B$  is an  $E$ -equivalence if  $E_*A \rightarrow E_*B$  is an iso.

Def A space  $W$  is  $E$ -local if for all  $E$ -equivalences  $A \rightarrow B$ , the map

$$W^B \rightarrow W^A$$

is a weak equivalence.

Bousfield constructs an  $E$ -localization functor  $L_E: \text{Spaces} \rightarrow \text{Spaces}$  and a natural transformation

$$X \rightarrow L_E X$$

characterized by the evident analogue of the properties characterizing the localization of spectra.

Let  $A$  be a space. A space  $X$  is  $A$ -null if the inclusion

$$X \rightarrow X^{A^+} \leftarrow \text{to indicate unpointed maps}$$

of the constant maps is a weak equivalence. Following Bousfield, Jardine (Dror) constructs an  $A$ -nullification functor (and natural trans)

$$X \rightarrow N_A X$$

characterized by properties analogous to those characterizing the nullification of spectra.

## Unstable $L_n^f$ localization

(all spaces are pointed, all homology is reduced)

So we have several candidates for  $L_n^f$  on spaces.

- 1) Localization with respect to  $E_n^f$
- 2) Dyer nullification with respect to  $\Sigma_{n+1} \rightarrow \text{pt} \leftarrow \text{space of type } (n+1)$ .

Proposition Suppose that  $V$  and  $V'$  are finite CW complexes whose suspension spectra are in  $C_{n+1} \sim C_{n+2}$ . Choose an integer  $m > 0$  with the property that  $\exists d, d' \leq m$  with  $H_d(V; \mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0$  and  $H_{d'}(V'; \mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0$ . There is a natural weak equivalence

$$N_V \Sigma \langle m \rangle \sim N_{V'} \Sigma \langle m \rangle$$

(m-1)-connected cover

Proposition If  $V$  and  $d$  are as above, and  $W$  is a spectrum then the maps

$$\begin{aligned} (L_n^f \Omega^\infty W) \langle d \rangle &\rightarrow (\Omega^\infty L_n^f W) \langle d \rangle \\ (N_V \Omega^\infty W) \langle d \rangle &\xrightarrow{\sim} (\Omega^\infty N_V W) \langle d \rangle \end{aligned}$$

are weak equivalences.



I will establish one key point in the argument for these results now and return to the rest of the proof in a later talk.

Proposition Suppose that  $X$  is a space, and  $d > 0$  is an integer and

$$i) (E_n^{\mathbb{Z}_p})_* X = 0$$

$$ii) H_d(X; \mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0. \quad K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d) \text{ Proposition}$$

Then for all  $d' \geq d$ ,

$$(E_n^{\mathbb{Z}_p})_* (K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d')) = 0.$$

Note that for any non-contractible finite spectrum of type  $(n+1)$ , some suspension of  $V$  is the suspension spectrum of a space which we might as well call  $V$ . Since  $V$  is not contractible, there is a  $d$  for which  $H_d(V; \mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0$ . Thus a  $d$  exists with the property that for  $d' \geq d$ ,

$$L_n^{\mathbb{Z}_p} K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d') \sim *.$$

The smallest possible  $d$  is one greater than the minimum possible connectivity of an  $E_n^f$ -acyclic space. The theorem shows that this is attained on an Eilenberg-MacLane space  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p, d)$  (and not on a finite complex). The precise value of  $d$  is not known. One does know that

$$d \geq n+1$$

and the conjecture is that  $d = n+1$ . There is some progress toward proving this.

The proof of the proposition requires:

Lemma Suppose that  $E$  is a homology theory. If  $X \rightarrow B$  is a map having the property that for each  $b \in B$  the map

$$F_b \rightarrow b$$

Fibration Lemma

is an  $E$  equivalence, where  $F_b$  is the homotopy fiber over  $b$ , then

$$X \rightarrow B$$

is an  $E$ -equivalence.

proof One can use the usual argument inducing over a covering of  $B$  over which the fibration is a product, or, equivalently write

$$\begin{array}{c} X = \operatorname{holim}_B F_b \\ \downarrow \\ B = \operatorname{holim}_B \text{pt} \end{array}$$

and appeal to the fact that  $E$ -equivalences are preserved under homotopy colimits. □

Lemma Suppose  $E$  is a spectrum. If  $X \rightarrow pt$  is an  $E$ -equivalence then  $QX = \Omega^\infty \Sigma^\infty X \rightarrow pt$  is an  $E$ -equivalence.

proof If  $E$  is contractible there is nothing to prove. If  $E$  is not contractible then  $X$  must be connected. In this case we can use the Smith splitting of the May model

$$\Sigma^\infty QX \sim \bigvee E_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \wedge_{\Sigma_n} X^{\wedge n}$$

to reduce to showing that  $E_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \wedge_{\Sigma_n} X^{\wedge n}$  is  $E$ -acyclic. But as in the proof of the previous proposition the map

$$E_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \wedge_{\Sigma_n} X^{\wedge n} \rightarrow E_{\Sigma_{n+1}} \wedge_{\Sigma_n} pt \simeq *$$

is an  $E$ -equivalence.

Corollary With  $E$  and  $X$  as above, if  $Z$  is a  $(-i)$ -connected spectrum then

$$\Omega^\infty Z \wedge X$$

is  $E$ -acyclic.

proof: Working through a cell decomposition of  $Z$  one reduces to the assertion that if  $S^{n-1} \rightarrow Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2$  is a cofibration sequence and  $n \geq 1$  then the map

$$\Omega^\infty Z_1 \wedge \Sigma \rightarrow \Omega^\infty Z_2 \wedge \Sigma$$

is an E-equivalence. But this is a principal fibration with fiber

$$\Omega^\infty \Sigma^\omega S^{n-1} \bar{\Sigma}$$

so the result follows from the **fibration lemma**, and the above lemma with  $S^{n-1} \wedge \Sigma$  playing the role of  $\Sigma$ . □

Proof of the  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d)$  proposition: Since  $H_d(\mathbb{S}; \mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0$  the spectrum  $\Sigma^d H\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a retract of  $H\mathbb{Z}_p \wedge \Sigma$ , and so  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d)$  is a retract of  $\Omega^\infty H\mathbb{Z}_p \wedge \Sigma$ . The latter is  $E_n^f$ -acyclic by the corollary above. This implies that  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d)$  is  $E_n^f$ -acyclic. Replacing  $\Sigma$  with  $\Sigma^{d-d'} \Sigma$  gives the result for  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p, d')$ . □

## Nullification analogue

The above results hold for the nullification  $N_V$  with respect to a finite space  $V$  of type  $n$ .

We start with some general facts. First

Definition A space  $X$  is  $A$ -null if the inclusion of the constant maps  $X \rightarrow X^{A+}$  is an equivalence.

A space  $B$  is  $A$ -periodic ( $A$ -co-null) if for all  $A$ -null spaces  $X$  the inclusion of the constant maps  $X \rightarrow X^{B+}$  is an equivalence.

Lemma Suppose  $Z \rightarrow W$  has the property that for all  $A$ -null spaces  $D$ , the map

$$D^{W+} \rightarrow D^{Z+}$$

is an equivalence. Then  $N_A Z \rightarrow N_A W$  is a weak equivalence.

pf: Immediate from the universal property.

Lemma If  $X \rightarrow B$  is a map having the property that for each  $b \in B$  the homotopy fiber  $F_b$  is  $A$ -periodic then

$$F_b \rightarrow b \quad (\text{Fibration Lemma})$$

then  $N_A X \rightarrow N_A B$  is a weak equivalence.

proof As in the proof of the previous fibration lemma, the assumptions imply that for each  $A$ -null space  $D$ , the map  $D^{B+} \rightarrow D^{X+}$  is a weak equivalence. The claim follows from the lemma above.

Proposition If  $A$  is connected then  $\mathcal{Q}A = \Omega^\infty \Sigma^\infty A$  is  $A$ -periodic.

Proof We will use the May model  $\mathcal{Q}A = \varinjlim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Fil}_n$  in which  $\text{Fil}_1 = A$  and for  $n > 1$ ,  $\text{Fil}_n$  is defined inductively by the pushout square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C'_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A) & \longrightarrow & C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Fil}_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Fil}_n \end{array}$$

in which

$$C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A) = \{ S \subset \mathbb{R}^\infty, \ell: S \rightarrow A \mid |S| = n \}$$

is the configuration space of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  labeled by elements of  $A$ , the subspace  $C'_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A)$  is the subspace of  $(S, \ell)$  such that  $\ell(s) = *$  for some  $s \in S$  and the left map sends  $(s, \ell)$  to  $(s', \ell')$  where  $S'$  is the complement of some  $s \in S$  with  $\ell(s) = *$  and  $\ell'$  is the restriction of  $\ell$ . The result follows once one shows that for all  $A$ -null spaces  $D$ , the map

$$D^{(\text{Fil}_n)_+} \longrightarrow D^{(\text{Fil}_{n-1})_+}$$

is a weak equivalence. From the pushout square it is enough to show that

$$D^{C'_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A)_+} \longrightarrow D^{C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A)_+}$$

is a weak equivalence. Now the maps

$$C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A) \rightarrow C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; p\mathbb{Z})$$

$$C'_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A) \rightarrow C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; p\mathbb{Z})$$

are fibrations with fibers  $A^n$  and  $T^n(A) = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n \mid a_i = x, \text{ some } i\}$ .  
 One easily checks that  $A^n$  and  $T^n A$  are  $A$ -periodic, so the fibration lemma implies that in the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D \begin{array}{c} C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty, p\mathbb{Z})_+ \\ \downarrow \\ C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A)_+ \\ \downarrow \\ D \end{array} & \xlongequal{\quad} & D \begin{array}{c} C_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty, p\mathbb{Z})_+ \\ \downarrow \\ C'_n(\mathbb{R}^\infty; A)_+ \\ \downarrow \\ D \end{array} \\
 & \longrightarrow & 
 \end{array}$$

the vertical maps are weak equivalences. □

Now one can imitate the argument in the stable case to show

Proposition If  $H_d(A; \mathbb{Z}/p) \neq 0$  then  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p, d)$  is  $A$ -periodic. □