

# Tillman: $K(n)$ -compact groups

## §1. Some stable homotopy

Let  $K$  be any cohomology theory and  $X \rightarrow L_K X$  be the unstable localization,  $E \rightarrow L_K E$  the stable localization.

Denote by  $Sp_K$  the category of  $K$ -local spectra with unit  $L_K \mathbb{S}$  and smash product  $E \wedge F = L_K(E \wedge F)$  and mapping spectra  $\text{map}(E, F) = L_K \text{map}(E, F)$ .

### Dualizable objects

For any spectrum define  $D E = \text{map}(E, L_K \mathbb{S})$ . There is a natural map

$$D E \wedge E \rightarrow \text{map}(E, E)$$

If this is an equivalence, we call  $E$  dualizable. In this case  $D D E \simeq E$ .

### Examples

- 1)  $K = \mathbb{S}, H\mathbb{Z}$  Then  $E$  is dualizable iff  $E$  is a finite CW-spectrum.
- 2)  $K = H\mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $E$  is dualizable iff  $Hx(E; \mathbb{F}_p)$  is finite.
- 3)  $K = K(n)$ , then  $E$  is dualizable iff  $K(n)_x(E)$  is a f. dim.  $K(n)_x$ -vector space (in general this is not true). Recall that  $K(n)_x = \mathbb{F}_p\langle v_n, v_n^{-1} \rangle$  with  $|v_n| = 2p^n - 2$ , this is a graded field, so a module which respects the grading over  $K(n)_x$  is free.  
 $K_n$  is an extension of  $K(n)$  which also has Künneth iso.  $(K_n)_x = \mathbb{F}_p\langle u, u^{-1} \rangle$ ,  $|u| = 2$

Just like  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is the residue field of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $K(n)_x$  is the residue field of  $E(n)_x = \mathbb{Z}_p[v_1, \dots, v_n, v_i^{-1}]$  and  $(K(n)_x$  of  $(E(n)_x = \mathbb{Z}_p^n[v_1, \dots, v_n, v_i^{-1}]$  with vectors  $W(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

## §2. $K(n)$ -compact groups

Def: A  $K$ -compact group is a topological group  $G$  (or a loop space) which is  $K$ -local and such that the suspension spectrum localized at  $K$   $L_K \Sigma_+^\infty G$  is dualizable.

● Note: If one would assume  $BG$  is  $K$ -local, one can not see whether  $p$ -compact groups are  $K(n)$ -compact groups.

Example: If  $K(n)_x(L_{K(n)} \Sigma_+^\infty G)$  is a finite  $K(n)_x$ -vector space (i.e.  $G$  is a  $K(n)$ -compact group), then this is equivalent to require that  $K(n)_x(G)$  be finite. In this case

$$G \text{ } K(n)\text{-compact} \iff \begin{cases} G \text{ is } K(n)\text{-local} \\ G \text{ is } K(n)\text{-finite.} \end{cases}$$

### ● Examples

①  $G = L_{K(n)}(p\text{-compact group})$ . We have to show that

$K(n)_x(G)$  is finite. Use the AHSS

$$\underbrace{H_x(G; K(n)_x)}_{\text{finite } K(n)_x\text{-v.s.}} \implies K(n)_x(G) \text{ must be finite.}$$

If one would like to have  $BG$  local, one should take  $L_{K(n)} BG$  and compute  $\Omega L_{K(n)} BG$ . It is not known if  $\mathbb{P}^{in}$  is finite in  $K(n)$ -homology

$BS^1_p = CP^\infty$  for example is  $K(n)$ -local,  $n \geq 1$ . So there is no problem, but for other BG's...

② Abelian examples:  $K(n)_* (K(\mathbb{Z}/p^k, m)) = \begin{cases} \text{finite } k \leq m \leq n \\ 0 & m > n \end{cases}$   
(Ravard-Wilson)

In fact Bousfield proved that  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p^k, m)$  is either local or acyclic. Therefore all  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p^k, m)$ ,  $m \leq n$ , are  $K(n)$ -compact groups.

● Likewise Ravard and Wilson computed

$K(n)_* (K(\mathbb{Z}_p^\wedge, m))$  is  $\infty$ -dimensional, unless  $m \geq n+1$ , where  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p^\wedge, m)$  is acyclic, or  $m=1$ . So the only  $K(\mathbb{Z}_p^\wedge, m)$  which is a  $K(n)$ -compact group is  $(S^1)_p$ !

③ Open problem: Is  $\Omega L_{K(n)} BS^3$   $K(n)$ -finite?

### §3. Dimension

Let  $G$  be a  $K$ -compact group. Define

● 
$$S^G = (\Sigma_+^\infty G)^{hG^{op}} = \text{map}^G(EG_+, \Sigma_+^\infty G).$$

● This is a spectrum in  $\text{Sp}_K$  and has moreover a  $G$ -action (from the left).

J. Klein: If  $G$  is Lie,  $S^G = \mathcal{G} \cup \{\infty\}$ , the one point compactification of the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  with the adjoint action.

### Theorem

There is a homotopy equivalence  $D\Sigma_+^\infty G \wedge S^G \xrightarrow{\cong} \Sigma_+^\infty G$  in the category  $\text{Sp}_K$ , equivariant w.r.t  $G$ -action.

When  $k = K(n)$ , we see that  $K(n)_*(D\Sigma_+^{\infty} \wedge G \wedge S^{\mathbb{Z}}) = K(n)_*(G \wedge S^{\mathbb{Z}})$   

$$K(n)_*(D\Sigma_+^{\infty} G) \otimes_{K(n)_*} K(n)_*(S^{\mathbb{Z}})$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{K(n)_*} \text{Hom}(K(n)_*G, K(n)_*)$$

By looking at dimensions as  $K(n)_*$ -vector spaces we see that  $\dim_{K(n)_*} K(n)_*(S^{\mathbb{Z}}) = 1$

• Hovey-Strickland: This is equivalent to the existence of an inverse for smash product:  $\exists Y$  st.  $S^{\mathbb{Z}} \wedge Y = L_{K(n)} \mathbb{S}$ .

• By definition,  $S^{\mathbb{Z}}$  belongs to the Picard group  $\text{Pic}(K(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{\wedge}$  (+ a torsion part)

Example:  $\text{Pic}(HF_p) = \mathbb{Z}$  (all spheres  $\Sigma^n \mathbb{S}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) are the  $\wedge$ -invertible spectra.

Def: The dimension  $\dim(G)$  is the class  $[S^{\mathbb{Z}}]$  in the Picard group  $\text{Pic}(K(n))$ .

• How do we compute the dimension?  $n=1$ , replace  $K(n)$  by  $KU$

•  $KU^*(\mathbb{S}^{2m})$ . Use Adams operations to recover  $m$ :  
 $\psi^k: KU^0(\mathbb{S}^m) \xrightarrow{\cdot k^m} KU^0(\mathbb{S}^m)$ . How to deal with  $n > 1$ ?  
 There are operations  $\psi^k: E_n^0(X) \rightarrow E_n^0(X)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}$   
 stable & unstable:  $\psi^k: E_n^0(X) \rightarrow E_n^0(X)$

$\psi^k: E_n^0(\mathbb{C}P^{\infty}) \rightarrow E_n^0(\mathbb{C}P^{\infty})$   
 generator  $z \longmapsto [k]_F z = z +_F \dots +_F z$ .

Proposition  
 $\psi^k: E_n^0(\mathbb{S}^{2m}) \xrightarrow{\cdot k^m} E_n^0(\mathbb{S}^{2m})$

proof:  $S^{2m} = S^2 \wedge \dots \wedge S^2$ . So we are done if we prove it for  $m=1$  by Künneth isomorphism. But  $S^2 \subset \sum \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  is the bottom cell and we have seen that the effect on  $z$  in  $E_n(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$  is  $(F)_R z = Rz + \alpha_z z^2 + \dots$ . Projecting to  $S^2$  gives  $\psi^k(z) = R \cdot z$ .  $\square$

### Lemma

If  $\text{Pic}(K(n)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}_p^{\wedge 1}$ , then  $\psi^k$  acts as  $R^d$  on  $E_n^0(X)$ .

Example:  $p=2, n=1, X = \mathbb{R}P^\infty = \text{Fib}(\mathbb{C}P^\infty \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{C}P^\infty)$   
 $KU^*(\mathbb{R}P^\infty) = KU^*[\mathbb{Z}] / (2)z$   
 $= KU^*[\mathbb{Z}] / (2z + z^2)$

$k=3$ ,  $\psi^3(z) = \psi^3(L-1) = L^3 - 1 = z^3 + 3z^2 + 3z$  in  $\mathbb{C}P^\infty$   
 with

in the quotient:  $4z - 6z + 3z = z \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{d=0}}$

Open: If  $p > 2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}P^\infty$  is not a sphere, so the computation will be more difficult.

Question: Which spheres are  $K(n)$ -compact groups?  
 (Håkon Bergsaker, student of J. Rognes)

### Theorem

If  $G$  is a  $K(n)$ -compact group,  $G = L_{K(n)} S^{2n-1}$  and we have a mono  $L_{K(n)} S^1 \xrightarrow{i} L_{K(n)} G = G$ , then  $m < N$  for some fixed  $N = N(n, p)$ .

proof:  $p=2$ ,  $m$  odd. Consider the operations  $\psi^2, \psi^3$ , the unstable ones

$$E_n^0(BG) \xrightarrow{i^*} E_n^0(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$$

$$E_n^0[y] \longrightarrow E_n^0[z]$$

$$y \longmapsto z^m$$

$$\psi^3(z) = r_1 z + r_2 z^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{od } r_1 = 3$$

$$\psi^2(z) = t_1 z + t_2 z^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{and } t_1 = 2$$

$$t_i \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{(2, v_1, \dots, v_n)} & \text{if } i \neq 2^r \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

because the Formal Group Law is the universal one of height  $m$ .

● Restrict to  $\psi^3(y) = \sum p_i y^i$ ,  $p_1 = 3^m$

$$\psi^2(y) = \sum \tau_i y^i, \quad \tau_1 = 2^m$$

$$\tau_i \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

We will derive a bound on  $m$  by looking at  $\psi^3 \psi^2(y) = \psi^2 \psi^3(y) = \sum p_i (\sum \tau_j y^j)^i$

●  $\sum \tau_j (\sum p_i y^i)^j$

○ Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{3^m} p_i \tau_i + p_2 a_1 + \dots + p_{i-1} a_{i-1} + p_i 2^{im}$   
 $= \frac{\tau_1}{2^m} p_1 + \tau_2 b_2 + \dots + \tau_{i-1} b_{i-1} + \tau_i 3^{im}$

and  $a_i \in (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{i-1})$

So  $\tau_i (3^m (3^{(i-1)m} - 1)) = p_i 2^{im} (2^{(i-1)m} - 1) + p_2 a_2 + \dots + p_{i-1} a_{i-1} - \tau_2 b_2 - \dots - \tau_{i-1} b_{i-1}$

Look at the order mod  $m = (2, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$ :

$$\text{ord}(\tau_i) + \text{ord}_2(3^{(i-1)m} - 1) \geq \min\{m, \text{ord}(\tau_2), \dots, \text{ord}(\tau_{i-1})\}$$

By induction,  $\text{ord}(\tau_i) \geq m - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \text{ord}_2(3^{j^m} - 1)$

When  $i=q$ :  $m \leq \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \text{ord}_2(3^j m - 1) = 2^{n-1} - n - 3$

Remark: We only compute the obstruction to be an  $A_q$ -space (not really a loop space)

Question 1: Find maximal tori.

Question 2: Realize some spheres as  $K(h)$ -compact groups.

Question 3: Are there possibly infinite groups  $G$  acting on  $L_{K(h)}$  BT such that  $\Omega L_{K(h)}(BT_h G)$  is a  $K(h)$ -compact group?