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## Ravenel's work at odd primes

$A^*$  = dual Steenrod algebra

$$p=2 \quad A^* = \mathbb{F}_2[\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots] \quad |\xi_n| = 2^n - 1$$

$$p \text{ odd} \quad A^* = E[\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots] \otimes P[\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots] \quad |\xi_n| = 2p^n - 2 \quad |\tau_n| = 2p^n - 1$$

$$BP_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots] \quad |v_n| = 2p^n - 2$$

$$BP_*BP = BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots] \quad |t_n| = 2p^n - 2$$

$$\text{At } p=2 \quad \exists h_j = [\xi_1^{2^j}] \in E_2^{1, 2^j}(\mathbb{S}, H\mathbb{F}_2)$$

Kervaire invariant problem  $\Leftrightarrow \exists h_j^2$  a permanent cycle?

$$p > 2 \quad \exists h_j = [\xi_1^{p^j}] \in E_2^{1, (2p-2)p^j}(\mathbb{S}, H\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$h_j^2 = h_j \cdot h_j = -h_j^2 \Rightarrow h_j^2 = 0$$

We can define  $b_i = \underbrace{\langle h_i, \dots, h_i \rangle}_{p\text{-times}}$  iterated Massey product

$$b_i = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{p} \binom{p}{j} \left[ \xi_1^{jp^i} \mid \xi_1^{(p-j)p^i} \right] \in E^{2, (2p-2)p^{i+1}}(\mathbb{S}, H\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$\text{For } p=2 \quad b_i = h_i^2$$

FACTS:  $\bullet$   $b_0$  is a permanent cycle, detecting a class  $\pi_{2p^2-2p-2} \mathbb{S}$  (which is the first nontrivial element in cohen  $\mathbb{J}$ )

$$\bullet \text{ Toda proved } d_{2p-1} b_1 = h_0 b_0^p$$

$b_2$ ? At  $p=3$   $b_2$  is a permanent cycle.

$p \geq 5$ ?  
Thm (Ravenel) For  $p \geq 5, i \geq 1$   $b_i$  is not a permanent cycle

At  $p=3$  it is an open problem.

Proof strategy: The classes are core about line in

$$b_i \in E_2^{2, (2p-2)p^{i+1}}(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{HF}_p)$$

Suppose  $b_i$  is a permanent cycle  $\Rightarrow$  it detects some high class of Adams filtration  
 ( $b_i$  cannot be hit by a diff  $\Rightarrow$  if it is a perm cycle it is non-trivial)

We have a map of SS

$$E_2^{2, (2p-2)p^{i+1}}(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{HF}_p) \longleftarrow E_2^{2, (2p-1)p^{i+1}}(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{BP})$$

$\Rightarrow$  it must lie in Novikov filtration  $\leq 2$ . Moreover by sparseness of the ANS

$\Rightarrow$  Novikov filtration 2  $\Rightarrow b_i$  has a lift which is a permanent cycle

We have  $\beta_{p^i/p^i}$  which is a lift of  $b_i$ . This is defined by the color cycle

$$\sum_{j=0}^{p^{i+1}-1} \frac{1}{p} \binom{p^{i+1}}{j} [t, \partial] t^{p^{i+1}-j}$$

We have SES of  $\mathrm{BP}_* - \text{comod}$ .

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{BP}_* \xrightarrow{f} \mathrm{BP}_* \rightarrow \mathrm{BP}_*/p \rightarrow 0$$

$\delta_0, \delta_1$  com homom.

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{BP}_*/p \xrightarrow{r_1^{p^i}} \mathrm{BP}_*/p \rightarrow \mathrm{BP}_*/(p, r_1^{p^i}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\beta_{p^i/p^i} = \delta_0 \delta_1 (r_2^{p^i})$$

$$\text{Now } E_2^{2, (2p-1)p^i}(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{BP}) = \mathbb{F}_p \langle \beta_{p^i/p^i} \rangle \oplus \bigoplus \mathbb{F}_p \langle \beta_{\dots} \rangle$$

goes to 0 in  $E_2(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{HF}_p)$

$\Rightarrow$  lots of lifts.

$$E_2^{2, (2p-2)p^{i+1}}(\mathbb{S}, \mathrm{BP}) = \mathrm{Coker}_{\mathrm{BP}_* \mathrm{BP}}^{2, (2p-2)p^{i+1}}(\mathrm{BP}_*, \mathrm{BP}_*) \rightarrow \mathrm{Coker}_{\mathrm{BP}_* \mathrm{BP}}^{2, (2p-1)p^{i+1}}(\mathrm{BP}_*, \mathrm{BP}_*/\mathbb{I}_3)$$

$$\mathbb{I}_3 = (p, r_1, r_2)$$

Any element in  $\bigoplus \mathbb{F}_p \langle \beta_{\dots} \rangle$  is sent to 0

We want to show that  $d^{2p-2} x \neq 0$  if  $x$  is a lift of  $b_i$

$$d^{2p-1} x \in \text{Cotor}^{2p+1, (2p-2)(p^{i+1}+1)}(BP_*, BP_*) \longrightarrow \text{Cotor}^{2p+1, \dots}(BP_*, BP_*/I)$$

if  $x \in \bigoplus \mathbb{F}_p\langle \beta_i \rangle \Rightarrow x \mapsto 0$  and if  $p \geq 3$  this comes from

$$\text{a map of SS given by } \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}/_{(p, r_1, r_2)} \Rightarrow d^{p+1} x = 0$$

So we just need to show  $d^{p+1}(\beta_{p^i/p^i}) \neq 0$ .

We can map this to  $E_{\mathbb{F}_{p^{p-1}}}[h] \otimes P_{\mathbb{F}_{p^{p-1}}}[b]$  (main point)

$$\text{sending } d^{2p-1} \beta_{p^i/p^i} = h_0 \beta_{p^{i-1}/p^{i-1}} + \text{elements killed by } \beta_{1/1}^{2^{i-1}}$$

$$\text{if } 2^i = \frac{p(p^{i-1})}{p-1}$$

Choose  $c \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{p-1}}^x$ , our map will send this to

$$c^{p^{i+1}}(hb^p) + \underbrace{\text{elements in the kernel of } (c^p b)^{2^{i-1}}}_{\text{must all be 0!}}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{p^{i+1}}(hb^p) \neq 0$$

So if we are able to build this map we're good.

The detection map is the composition of 6 maps

$$\textcircled{1} \text{Cotor}_{BP_*}(BP_*, BP_*/I_3) \longrightarrow \text{Cotor}_{BP_*BP}(BP_*, v_n^{-1}BP_*/I_n) \quad \text{for } n=p-1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{Cotor}_{BP_*BP}(BP_*, v_n^{-1}BP_*/I_n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Cotor}_{K(n)_*K(n)}(K(n)_*, K(n)_*)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{Cotor}_{K(n)_*K(n)}(K(n)_*, K(n)_*) \longrightarrow \text{Cotor}_{K(n)_*K(n) \otimes_{K(n)_*} \mathbb{F}_{p^n}}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, \mathbb{F}_{p^n})$$

$$\textcircled{4} K(n)_*K(n) \otimes_{K(n)_*} \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\text{ctr}}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[S_n], \mathbb{F}_{p^n})$$

$$\textcircled{5} \text{Hom}_{\text{ctr}}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[S_n], \mathbb{F}_{p^n}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{F}_p[\mathbb{Z}/p], \mathbb{F}_p) = A$$

And  $\text{Cotor}_A(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}, \mathbb{F}_{p^n}) = E[h] \otimes P[b]$  and we need to figure out

what happens to  $h_0, \beta_{p^i/p^i}$

$K(n)_*$  is a  $BP_*$ -module def  
 $\mathbb{F}_p[r_n^{\pm 1}]$   $K(n)_* K(n) = K(n)_* \otimes_{BP_*} BP_* \otimes_{BP_*} K(n)_*$

$\Delta$   $K(n)_* K(n)$  is not the  $K(n)$ -homology of  $K(n)$   $\Rightarrow K(n)_* K(n) = K(n)_* [t_1, \dots]$   
 $\frac{K(n)_* [t_1, \dots]}{(r_n t_i^{p^n} - r_n^{p^i} t_i)}$

We have  $K(n)_* \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  (non graded  $K(n)_*$ -mod.)  
 $r_n \mapsto 1$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \otimes_{K(n)_*} K(n)_* K(n) = \mathbb{F}_{p^n} [t_1, \dots] / (t_i^{p^n} - t_i)$

Let  $W\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  be the Witt vectors  $\Rightarrow W\mathbb{F}_{p^n}/p \simeq \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $\tau: \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow W\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  be the Teichmüller map (given by Hensel's lemma) and let  $\sigma: W\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow W\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  be the Frobenius.

$E_n = W\mathbb{F}_{p^n} \langle\langle T \rangle\rangle$   $T$  non commuting wrt elemts in  $W\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .  
 $T^p = \sigma(T)$  power series

$S_n = \{ f(T) \in E_n^x \mid f(T) \equiv 1 \pmod{T} \}$  (Morava stabilizer group)

$f(T) = 1 + \sum e_i T^i$  where  $e_i^{p^n} = e_i$  ( $e_i = \tau(\dots)$ )

$\frac{\mathbb{F}_{p^n} [t_1, t_2, \dots]}{(t_i^{p^n} - t_i)} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n} [S_n], \mathbb{F}_{p^n}) = \text{Map}_{\text{cts}}(S_n, \mathbb{F}_{p^n})$

$t_i \mapsto (1 + \sum e_i T^i \mapsto \bar{e}_i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n})$

In fact this is an iso of Hopf-algebras

$\mathbb{Z}/p =$  primitive  $p$ -th roots of unity  $\subseteq S_n \subseteq E_n^x$

coordinate ring of  $S_n$  or  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ -group scheme

We need to see where  $t_2$  goes, and it goes to  $ct \in A = \mathbb{F}_p[t] / (t^p - t)$

In fact this map is just the map induced in cohomology by

$$B\mathbb{Z}/p \hookrightarrow M_{FG} \text{ as the } \mathbb{F}_p\text{-module } \mathbb{F}_G.$$