

# The mod 2 Adams Spectral Sequence for $tmf_*$

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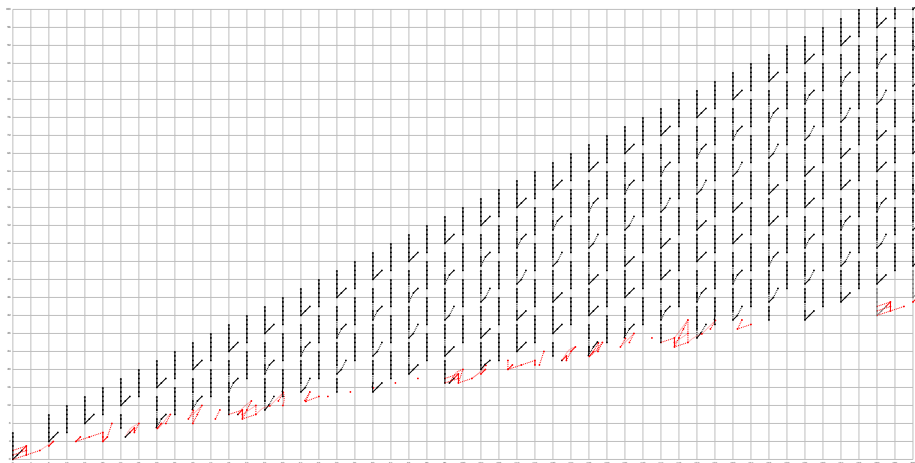
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# Introduction

- $tmf$ -modules whose ordinary homology we can readily calculate, but whose  $BP$  homology is much harder to get.
- The ordinary mod 2 Adams spectral sequence is thus a reasonable tool to understand these. We first needed to understand the ordinary Adams spectral sequence for  $tmf$  itself in greater detail.
- Have  $tmf$ ,  $tmf \wedge C2$ ,  $tmf \wedge C\eta$ , and  $tmf \wedge C\nu$  in gory detail.
- Tools: DMSS, Gröbner bases, ways to make calculations finite.
- Oddity: no Toda brackets needed except as a heuristic.
- Side benefit: independent verification of earlier results, with thorough documentation.

tmf\*



- We may think of  $ko$  as made up of two  $H\mathbb{Z}$ 's with a bit of 2-torsion tagging along.
- In the same way,  $tmf$  is made up of eight ' $ko$ 's' with some  $B$ -torsion tagging along.
- Here,  $B \in \pi_8(tmf)$  maps to the Bott class in  $\pi_8(ko)$  under a natural map  $tmf \rightarrow ko$ . We will call this lift to  $tmf$  the 'Bott class' as well.

## Generators of $tmf_*$

First, there is the periodicity element  $M \in \pi_{192}(tmf)$ , not a zero-divisor.  
 Group remaining generators by  $\sqrt{\text{Ann}_{\mathbb{Z}[B]}}$ : for  $0 \leq k \leq 7$ ,

$$(0) \quad D_k \in \pi_{24k}(tmf), \quad B_k \in \pi_{24k+8}(tmf), \quad C_k \in \pi_{24k+12}(tmf)$$

$$(2) \quad \eta_k \in \pi_{24k+1}(tmf), \text{ and}$$

$$(2, B) \quad \nu_k \in \pi_{24k+3}(tmf),$$

$$\epsilon_k \in \pi_{24k+8}(tmf),$$

$$\kappa_k \in \pi_{24k+14}(tmf), \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{\kappa}_k \in \pi_{24k+20}(tmf).$$

- $D_k, B_k, C_k$  and  $\nu_k$  are defined for all  $k$ .
- The rest are defined only for some values of  $k$ .

When  $k = 0$ , we have familiar elements:

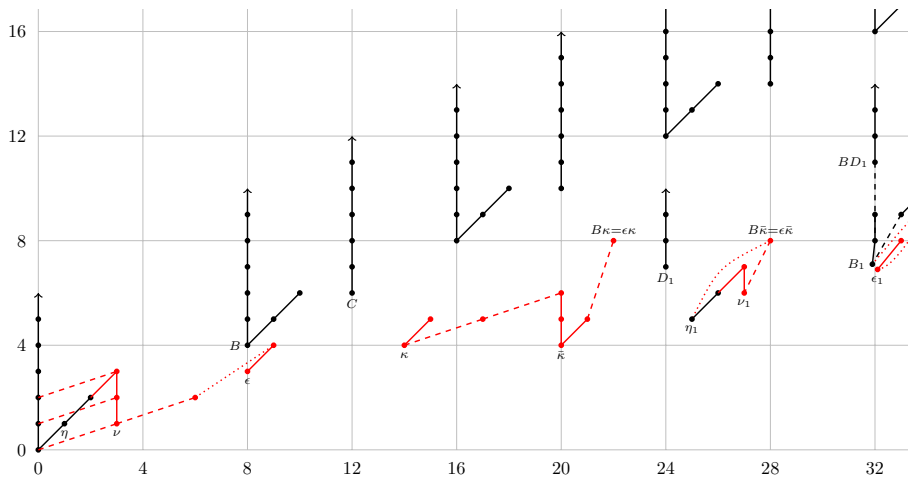
- The unit  $i : S \rightarrow tmf$   
sends  $1, \eta, \nu, \epsilon, \kappa$  and  $\bar{\kappa}$   
to  $D_0 = 1, \eta_0, \nu_0, \epsilon_0, \kappa_0$  and  $\bar{\kappa}_0$ .

Omit the subscript 0 accordingly.

- The map  $tmf_* \rightarrow ko_*$  sends  $D_0 = 1, B_0 = B$ , and  $C_0 = C$  to generators of  $ko_*$  in degrees 0, 8 and 12, respectively.
- The relation between  $B$  and  $\bar{\kappa}$  is the same as that between 2 and  $\eta$ , or between  $\eta$  and  $\nu$ , a kind of 'Frobenius', detected by  $Sq^0$  in Ext.
- $\kappa^2 = B\bar{\kappa}$ .



$tmf_*$



All the generators except  $M$ :

Start+	0	8	12	1	3	8	14	20
0	1	$B$	$C$	$\eta$	$\nu$	$\epsilon$	$\kappa$	$\bar{\kappa}$
24	$D_1$	$B_1$	$C_1$	$\eta_1$	$\nu_1$	$\epsilon_1$		
48	$D_2$	$B_2$	$C_2$		$\nu_2$			
72	$D_3$	$B_3$	$C_3$		$(\nu_3)$			
96	$D_4$	$B_4$	$C_4$	$\eta_4$	$\nu_4$	$\epsilon_4$	$\kappa_4$	$(\bar{\kappa}_4)$
120	$D_5$	$B_5$	$C_5$		$\nu_5$	$\epsilon_5$		
144	$D_6$	$B_6$	$C_6$		$\nu_6$			
168	$D_7$	$B_7$	$C_7$		$(\nu_7)$			

Here,  $\nu_3 = \eta_1^3$ ,  $\bar{\kappa}_4 = \bar{\kappa}D_4$  and  $\nu_7 = 0$  are not needed to generate  $\pi_*(tmf)$ , but are convenient in general formulas.

## Families of elements in $tmf_*$

- Consider the natural map  $tmf_* \rightarrow MF_{*/2}$  to the ring of modular forms

$$MF_* = \mathbb{Z}[c_4, c_6, \Delta]/(1728\Delta = c_4^3 - c_6^2) = \mathbb{Z}[c_4, \Delta][\sqrt{c_4^3 - 12^3\Delta}]$$

- The discriminant  $\Delta$  is not in the image of the map to  $MF_{*/2}$ , but it does exist in the spectral sequences leading to  $tmf_*$
- Differential on  $\Delta$  kills  $\nu\bar{k}$ , detected by  $h_2g$  in the Adams spectral sequence, giving Massey products at  $E_2$  of the Adams spectral sequence

$$\Delta(x) = \langle h_2, g, x \rangle$$

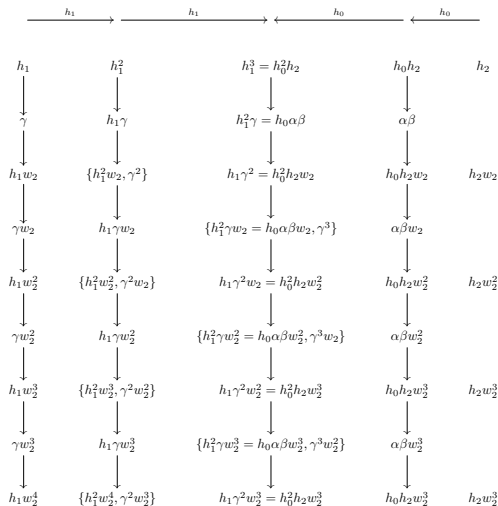
$$\Delta'(x) = \langle g, h_2, x \rangle$$

## Theorem

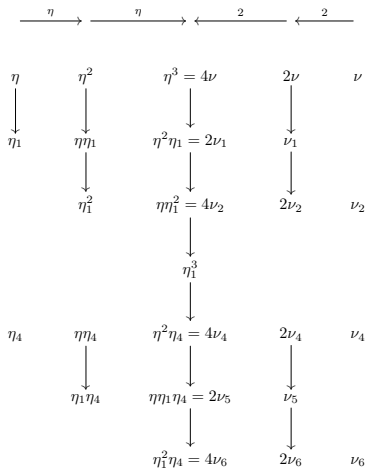
Repeated application of  $\Delta$  gives classes detecting the following sequences of elements of  $\pi_*(tmf)$ :

- $8D \mapsto D_1 \mapsto 2D_2 \mapsto D_3 \mapsto 4D_4 \mapsto D_5 \mapsto 2D_6 \mapsto D_7 \mapsto 8M.$
- $C \mapsto C_1 \mapsto C_2 \mapsto C_3 \mapsto C_4 \mapsto C_5 \mapsto C_6 \mapsto C_7 \mapsto CM.$
- $B + \epsilon \mapsto B_1 + \epsilon_1 \mapsto B_2 \mapsto B_3 \mapsto B_4 + \epsilon_4 \mapsto B_5 + \epsilon_5 \mapsto B_6 \mapsto B_7 \mapsto BM.$
- $8B \mapsto 8B_1 \mapsto 8B_2 \mapsto 8B_3 \mapsto 8B_4 \mapsto 8B_5 \mapsto 8B_6 \mapsto 8B_7 \mapsto 8BM.$

# $\Delta'$ on $h_1$ and $h_2$ in Ext



# Effect on $\eta_i$ and $\nu_i$



Let  $\Gamma_B(tmf_*)$  be the  $B$ -power torsion, those  $x \in tmf_*$  such that  $B^i x = 0$  for  $i \gg 0$ .

### Theorem

$\nu_k, \epsilon_k, \kappa_k, \bar{\kappa} \in \Gamma_B(tmf_*)$ .

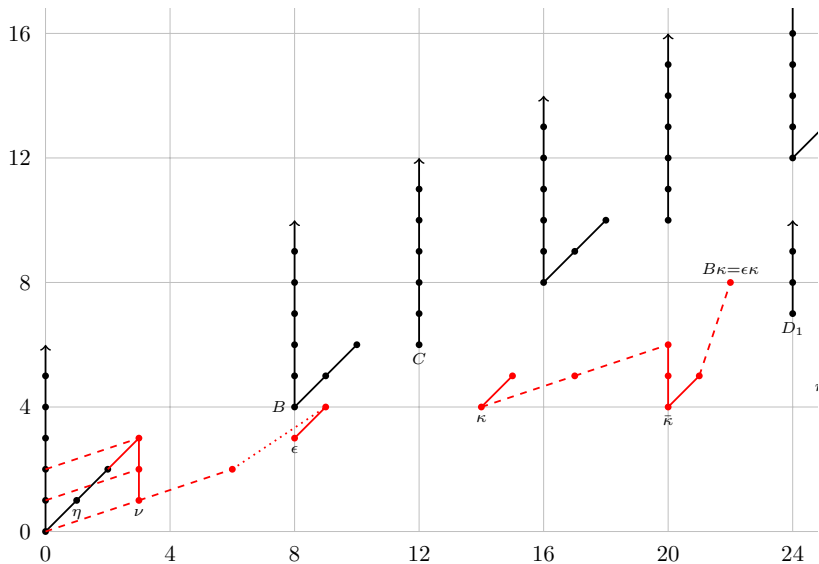
### Theorem

If  $x \in \Gamma_B(tmf_*)$  then  $Bx = \epsilon x$ .

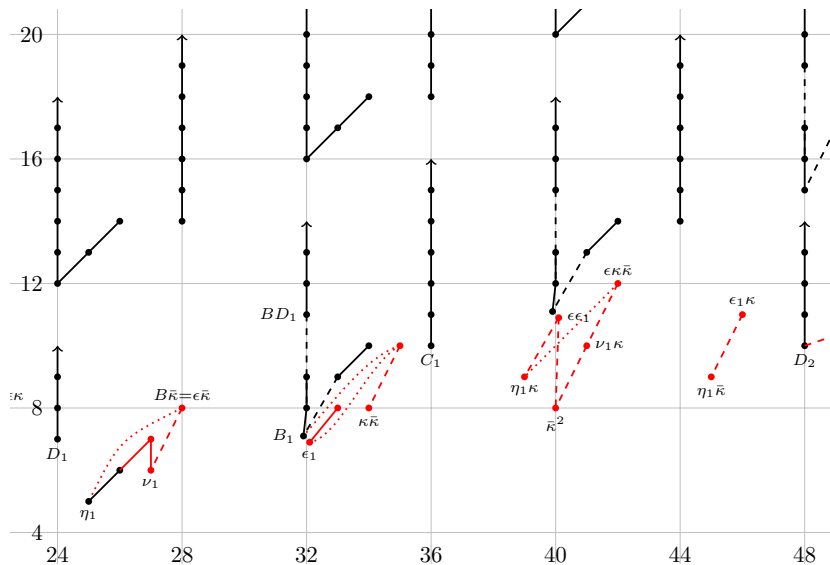
- General principle:  
if  $x, y \in \{\eta, \nu, \epsilon, \kappa\}$  then  $x_i y_j$  depends only on  $x, y$ , and  $i + j$ .
- Exceptions stem from the varying 2-divisibility of the  $24k + 3$  stem.  
For example,
  - ▶  $\nu_1 \nu_k = \begin{cases} 2\nu\nu_{k+1} & k = 1, 5 \\ 0 & \text{other } k \leq 7 \end{cases}$
  - ▶  $\nu_2 \nu_2 = \nu\nu_4$ ,  $\nu_2 \nu_4 = \nu\nu_6$ , and  $\nu_2 \nu_6 = \nu\nu_8 = \nu^2 M$ .  
(In general, let  $x_{k+8} = x_k M$ .)
  - ▶  $\nu_4 \nu_6 = \pm \nu\nu_2 M$ .



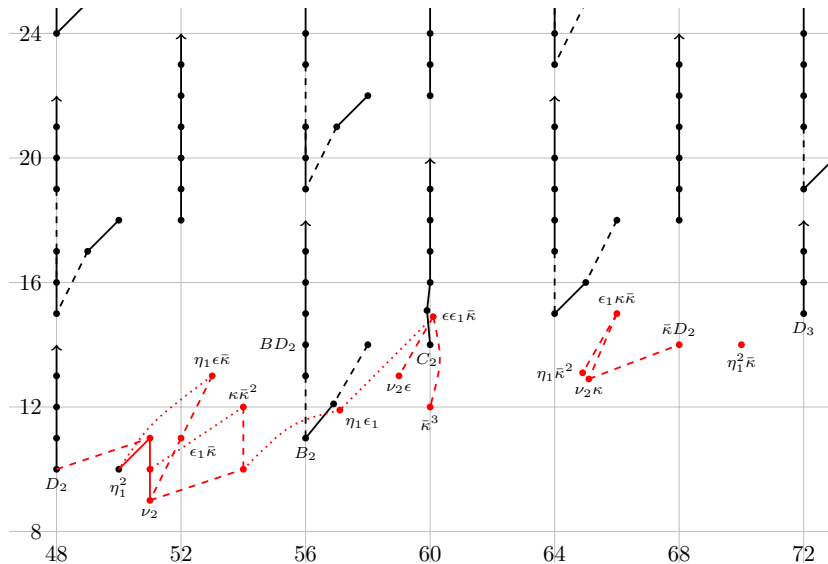
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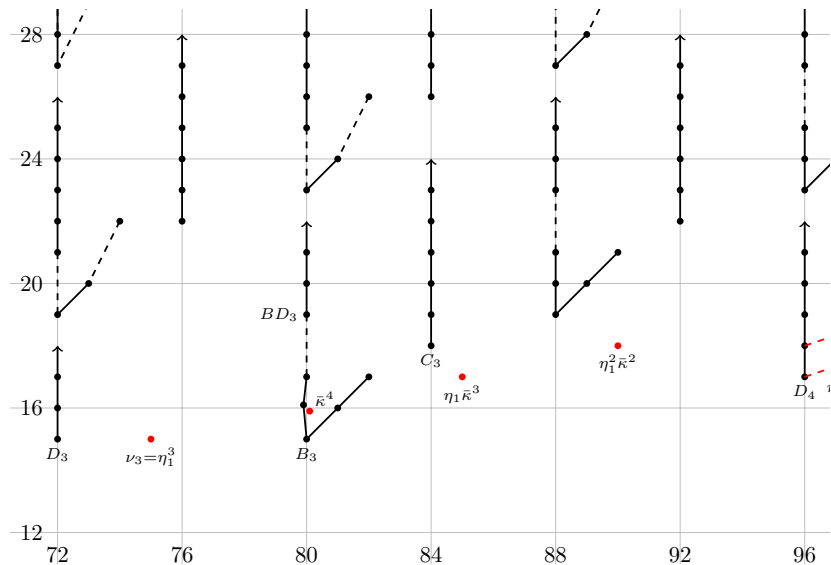
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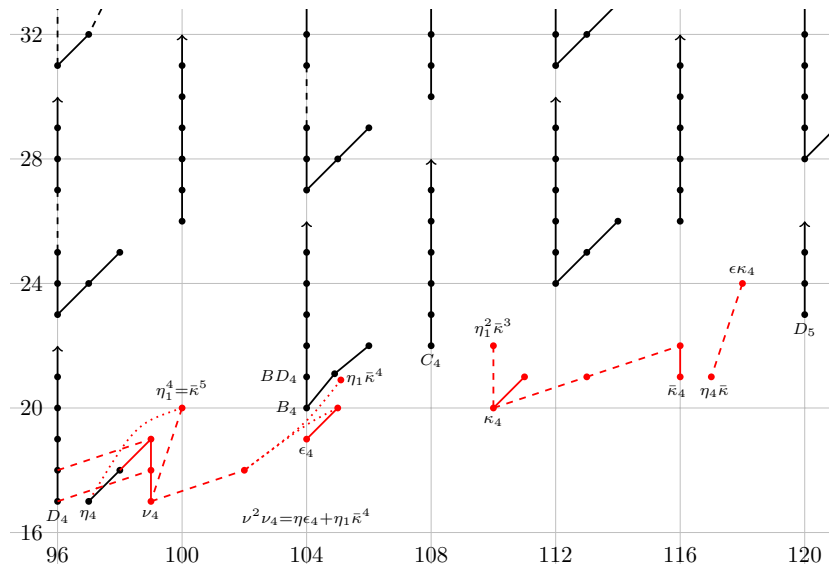
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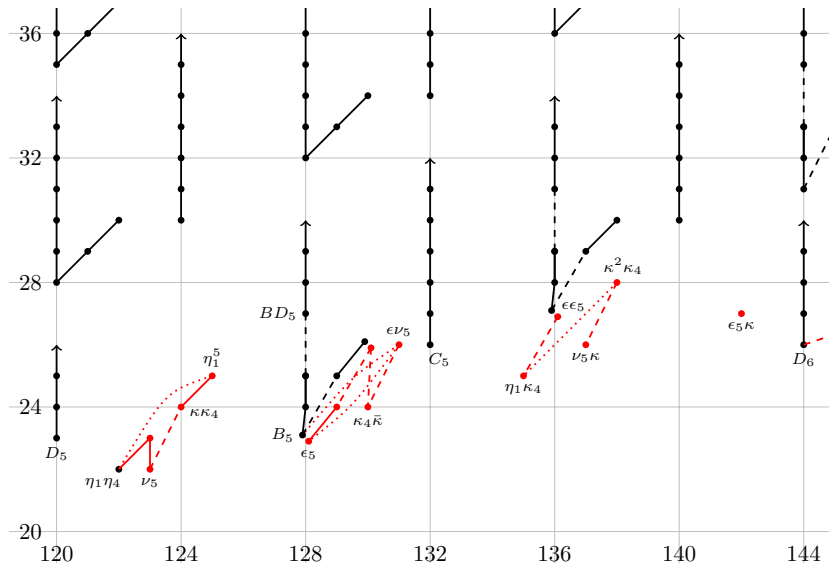
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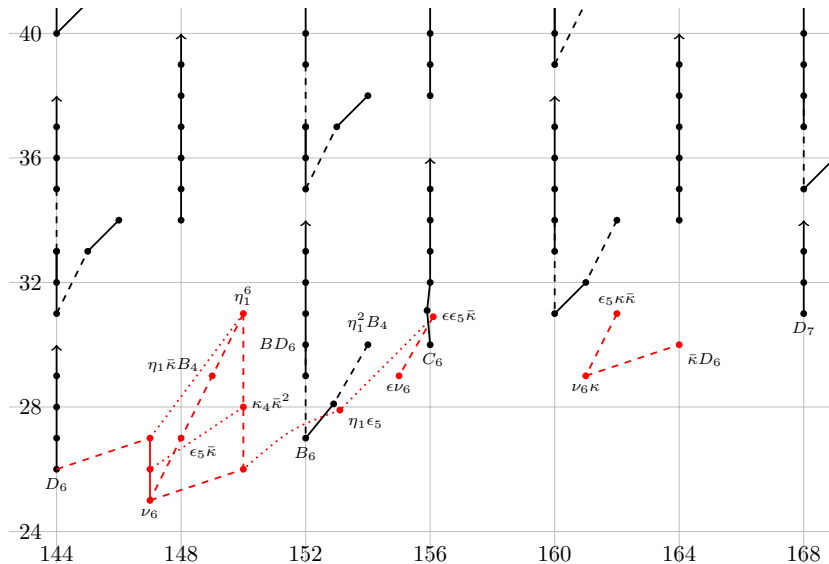
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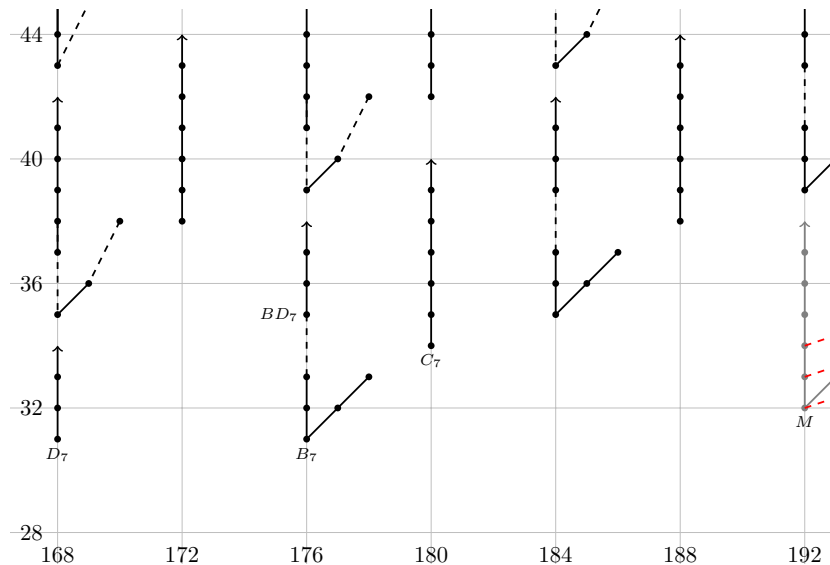
# 120 to 144



# 144 to 168



# 168 to 192





## Definition

If  $x \in \pi_d R$  and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, let

$$M[1/x] = \text{hocolim} \left( M \xrightarrow{x} \Sigma^{-d} M \xrightarrow{x} \Sigma^{-2d} M \xrightarrow{x} \dots \right)$$

and let  $M/x^\infty$  be the homotopy cofiber of  $M \rightarrow M[1/x]$ .

We can iterate this to get  $M/(x^\infty, y^\infty) = M/x^\infty \wedge_R M/y^\infty$ , etcetera.

We get

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_*(M)/x^\infty \rightarrow \pi_*(M/x^\infty) \rightarrow \Gamma_x \pi_{*-1}(M) \rightarrow 0$$

## Theorem

$$\Sigma^{20} tmf \simeq I(tmf/(2^\infty, B^\infty, M^\infty))$$

## Sketch proof:

- Let  $N_*$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}[B]$  submodule of  $\pi_*(tmf)$  generated in degrees less than 192 (equivalently,  $\leq 180$ ).
- $\Gamma_B N_*$  is zero outside  $3 \leq * \leq 164$
- $N_*/B^\infty$  is zero above dimension 172 and is  $\mathbb{Z}$ , generated by  $C_7/B$ , in degree 172.
- Multiplication  $N_* \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M] \rightarrow \pi_*(tmf)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}[B, M]$ -isomorphism.
- $\Gamma_M \pi_*(tmf) = 0$
- $N_* \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M]/M^\infty \cong \pi_*(tmf)/M^\infty \cong \pi_*(tmf/M^\infty)$
- Short exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \longrightarrow N_*/B^\infty \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M]/M^\infty &\longrightarrow \pi_*(tmf/(B^\infty, M^\infty)) \\
 &\longrightarrow \Gamma_B N_{*-1} \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M]/M^\infty \longrightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

## Sketch proof:(cont)

- $\pi_*(tmf/(B^\infty, M^\infty))$  is concentrated in degrees  $\leq -20$  and in degree  $-20$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $C_7/BM$ .
- It is 0 in degree  $-21$ , so the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_*(tmf/(B^\infty, M^\infty))/2^\infty \longrightarrow \pi_*(tmf/(2^\infty, B^\infty, M^\infty)) \\ \longrightarrow \Gamma_{2\pi_{*-1}}(tmf/(B^\infty, M^\infty)) \longrightarrow 0$$

implies that  $\pi_*(tmf/(2^\infty, B^\infty, M^\infty))$  is concentrated in degrees  $\leq -20$  and in degree  $-20$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2^\infty$ .

- $\pi_*(I(tmf/(2^\infty, B^\infty, M^\infty)))$  is concentrated in degrees  $\geq 20$  and is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  in degree 20.
- Choosing a 2-adic generator, we get a  $tmf$ -module map inducing an isomorphism in  $\pi_{20}$  between 20-connected spectra

$$\Sigma^{20}tmf \longrightarrow I(tmf/(2^\infty, B^\infty, M^\infty))$$

- It is an equivalence by inducing along  $tmf \longrightarrow BP\langle 2 \rangle$  □

As usual, the equivalence of spectra yields isomorphisms (and pairings) with different shifts on the homotopy. Filter  $\pi_*(tmf)$  by

$$\Delta\pi_*(tmf) \subset \Gamma_B\pi_*(tmf) \subset \Gamma_{2\pi_*(tmf)} \subset \pi_*(tmf)$$

where

- $\Delta$  is the submodule of  $\Gamma_B$  generated by the classes not in degrees 3 (mod 24), and
- $ko[k]$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}[B]$  submodule generated by  $\{D_k, B_k, C_k\}$  together with the appropriate  $\eta$ 's:

$$0: \eta, \eta^2$$

$$4: \eta_4, \eta\eta_4$$

$$1: \eta_1, \eta\eta_1$$

$$5: \eta B_5, \eta_1\eta_4$$

$$2: \eta B_2, \eta_1^2$$

$$6: \eta B_6, \eta^2 B_6$$

$$3: \eta B_3, \eta^2 B_3$$

$$7: \eta B_7, \eta^2 B_7$$

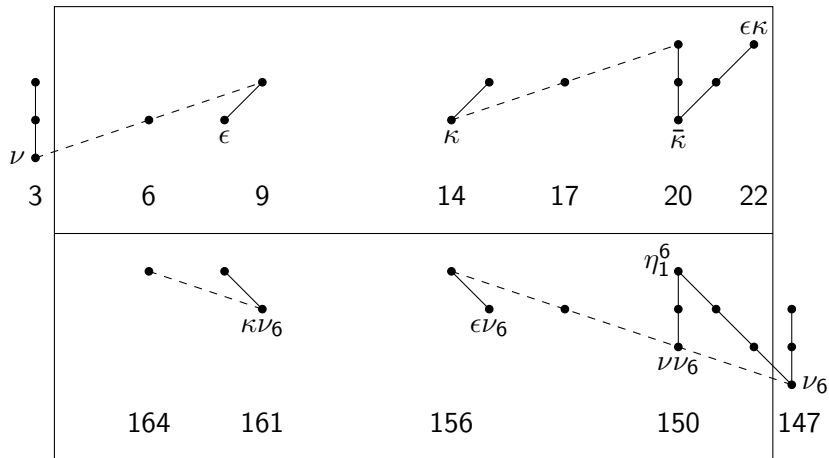
## Proposition

As a  $\mathbb{Z}[B, M]$  module

$$\frac{\Gamma_B \pi_*(tmf)}{\Delta \pi_*(tmf)} \cong \bigoplus_{k=0}^7 \langle \nu_k \rangle \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M]$$

and

$$\frac{\pi_*(tmf)}{\Gamma_B \pi_*(tmf)} \cong \bigoplus_{k=0}^7 ko[k] \otimes \mathbb{Z}[M]$$

Duality in the  $B$ -torsionFigure: Duality between  $\Delta[0]$  and  $\Delta[6]$

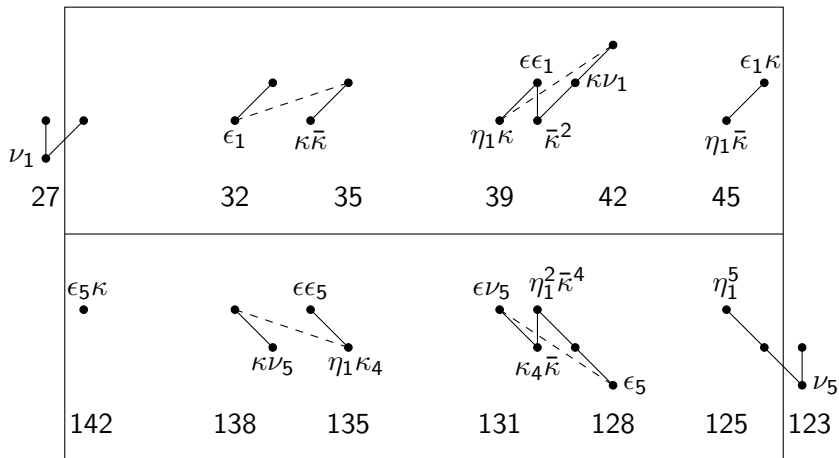


Figure: Duality between  $\Delta[1]$  and  $\Delta[5]$

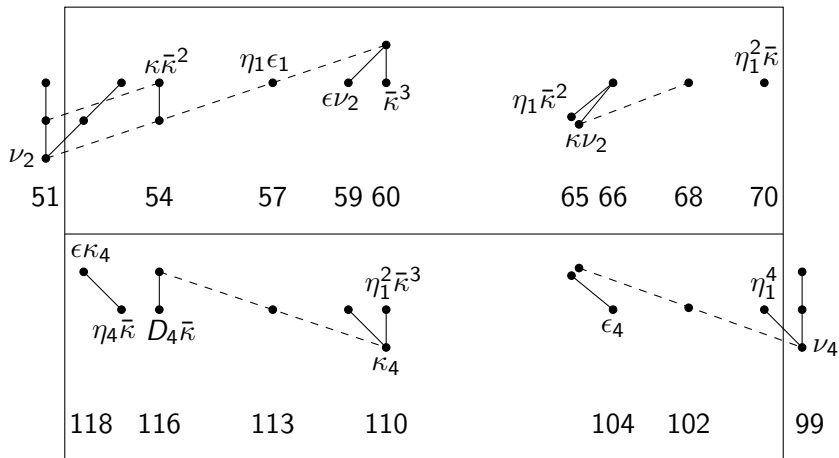
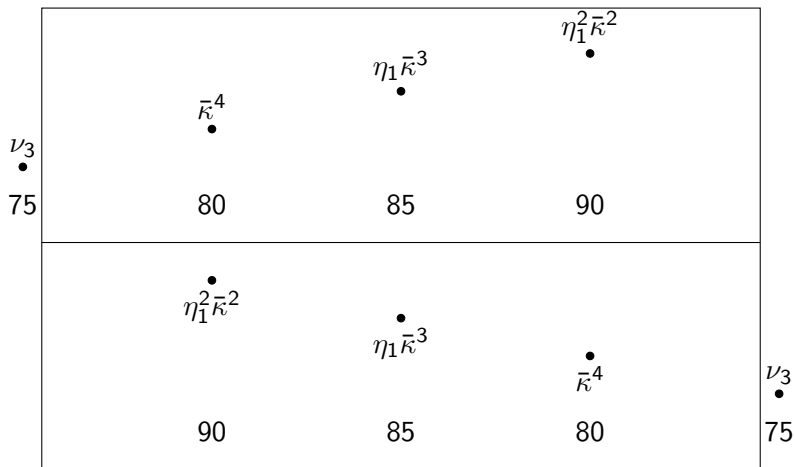


Figure: Duality between  $\Delta[2]$  and  $\Delta[4]$



Figure: Self-duality of  $\Delta[3]$

## Proposition

$\langle \nu_{7-k} \rangle$  is Pontrjagin 171-dual to  $\langle B_k/B \rangle$ :

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^7 \langle \nu_k \rangle_{171-*} \cong \text{Hom} \left( \bigoplus_{k=0}^7 \langle B_k/B \rangle, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \right)$$

(Note however that  $\nu_7 = 0$  and  $0 = \langle B_0/B \rangle \subset ko[0]/B^\infty$ .)

Further, in  $\pi_*(tmf/B^\infty)$  the class which maps to  $\nu_k \in \Gamma_B \pi_*(tmf)$  lifts to a class  $\tilde{\nu}_k$  with  $2^j \tilde{\nu}_k = C_k/B$ .

## Maps to $MF_{*/2}$

- The elliptic spectral sequence of Hopkins (2002) has edge hom

$$e: \pi_*(tmf) \longrightarrow MF_{*/2} = \mathbb{Z}[c_4, c_6, \Delta]/(c_4^3 - c_6^2 = 1728\Delta)$$

- $MF_{*/2}$  is the ring of integral modular forms, with  $c_4$ ,  $c_6$  and  $\Delta$  in weights  $*/2 = 4, 6$  and  $12$ , corresponding to topological degrees  $* = 8, 12$  and  $24$ .
- By Hopkins (2002) and Bauer (2008),  $\text{im}(e)$  is additively  $\mathbb{Z}\{a_{i,j,k} c_4^i c_6^j \Delta^k \mid i \geq 0, j \in \{0, 1\}, k \geq 0\}$  where

$$a_{i,j,k} = \begin{cases} 24/\text{gcd}(k, 24) & \text{for } i = 0 \text{ and } j = 0, \\ 1 & \text{for } i \geq 1 \text{ and } j = 0, \\ 2 & \text{for } j = 1. \end{cases}$$

This is an integral result. See also Douglas-Francis-Henriques-Hill (2014) and Konter (2012).

## Proposition

- $\ker(e) = \Gamma_2\pi_*(tmf)$ .
- $B_k$  can be chosen to map to  $c_4\Delta^k$ , for each  $0 \leq k \leq 7$ .
- $C_k$  can be chosen to map to  $2c_6\Delta^k$ , for each  $0 \leq k \leq 7$ .
- $D_k$  can be chosen to map to  $2^i\Delta^k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq 7$ , where

$$i = \begin{cases} 3 & k \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2 & k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 1 & k = 4 \end{cases}$$

(We complete at 2 here.)

- The image in  $MF_{*/2}$  and the Adams representative in  $E_\infty(tmf)$  uniquely determines each of  $B_k$ ,  $C_k$  and  $D_k$  in  $\pi_*(tmf)$ , with the exception of  $C_2$ ,  $B_3$  and  $C_6$ . In each case, the ambiguity is a class of order 2.

- $C_2$  is determined modulo  $2\bar{\kappa}^3 = \nu^3\nu_2 = \eta\epsilon\nu_2$ ,
- $B_3$  is determined modulo  $\bar{\kappa}^4$ , and
- $C_6$  is determined modulo  $\nu^3\nu_6 = \eta\epsilon\nu_6$ .

## General setup

- The Davis-Mahowald spectral sequence is a substitute for the Cartan-Eilenberg spectral sequence when the sub Hopf algebra is not normal.
- In Davis and Mahowald (1982) the multiplicative structure is a somewhat *ad hoc* afterthought. We give precise conditions for it.
- $\Gamma$ , Hopf algebra over  $k$
- $\Lambda \subset \Gamma$ , sub Hopf algebra
- $\Omega := \Gamma // \Lambda = \Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} k$  is a quotient  $\Gamma$ -module *coalgebra*

## DMSS, dual formulation

- $\Gamma_*$  commutative Hopf algebra.
- $\Lambda_*$  quotient Hopf algebra of  $\Gamma_*$ .
- $\Omega_* = \Gamma_* \square_{\Lambda_*} k$  left  $\Gamma_*$ -comodule algebra.
- Require (suitable)  $\Gamma_*$ -comodule algebra resolution  $k \rightarrow (\Omega_* \otimes R^*, d)$ .
- Get multiplicative Davis–Mahowald spectral sequence

$$E_1^{\sigma, s, *} = \text{Ext}_{\Lambda_*}^{s, *} (k, R^\sigma) \implies_{\sigma} \text{Ext}_{\Gamma_*}^{s+\sigma, *} (k, k).$$

- Untwisting  $\Omega_* \otimes R^\sigma \cong \Gamma_* \square_{\Lambda_*} R^\sigma$  is multiplicative for commutative  $\Gamma_*$ .

## DMSS, dual formulation, cont.

- **Assume** a graded  $\Gamma_*$ -comodule algebra  $R^* = \bigoplus_{\sigma} R^{\sigma}$  and homomorphisms  $d: \Omega_* \otimes R^{\sigma} \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes R^{\sigma+1}$
- **such that**  $(\Omega_* \otimes R^*, d)$  is a differential graded  $\Gamma_*$ -comodule algebra and the unit  $k \rightarrow (\Omega_* \otimes R^*, d)$  is a quasi-isomorphism.
- Get an algebra spectral sequence

$$E_1^{\sigma, s} = \text{Ext}_{\Lambda_*}^s(k, R^{\sigma}) \implies_{\sigma} \text{Ext}_{\Gamma_*}^{s+\sigma}(k, k)$$

- Product  $E_1^{\sigma, *} \otimes E_1^{\tau, *} \rightarrow E_1^{\sigma+\tau, *}$  equals pairing induced by  $\Lambda_*$ -comodule product  $R^{\sigma} \otimes R^{\tau} \rightarrow R^{\sigma+\tau}$ .



Main example:  $A(2)$ 

- Commutative Hopf algebras

$$\Gamma_* = A(2)_* \twoheadrightarrow A(1)_* = \Lambda_*$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbb{F}_2[\xi_1, \bar{\xi}_2, \bar{\xi}_3]/(\xi_1^8, \bar{\xi}_2^4, \bar{\xi}_3^2) \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2[\xi_1, \bar{\xi}_2]/(\xi_1^4, \bar{\xi}_2^2)$$

- The left  $A(2)_*$ -comodule algebra

$$\Omega_* = A(2)_* \square_{A(1)_*} \mathbb{F}_2 = E[\xi_1^4, \bar{\xi}_2^2, \bar{\xi}_3]$$

is a sub  $A(2)_*$ -comodule algebra, but not a sub coalgebra.

## Main example, cont.

- Resolve by  $A(2)_*$ -comodule algebra  $R^* = \mathbb{F}_2[x_4, x_6, x_7]$  with coaction

$$\nu(x_4) = 1 \otimes x_4$$

$$\nu(x_6) = 1 \otimes x_6 + \xi_1^2 \otimes x_4$$

$$\nu(x_7) = 1 \otimes x_7 + \xi_1 \otimes x_6 + \bar{\xi}_2 \otimes x_4.$$

- Resolution  $\mathbb{F}_2 \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes R^*$  has differential

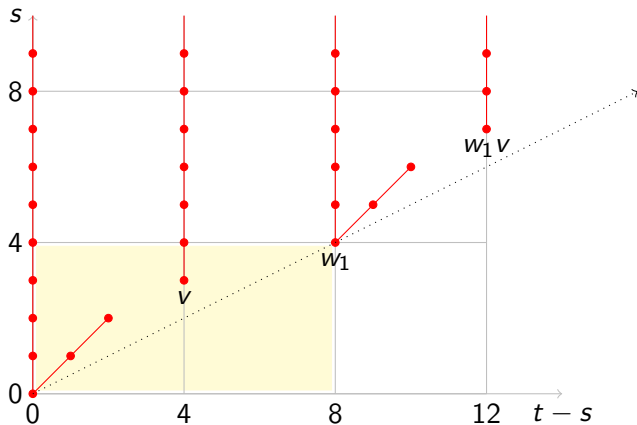
$$d(\xi_1^4) = x_4$$

$$d(\bar{\xi}_2^2) = x_6$$

$$d(\bar{\xi}_3) = x_7$$

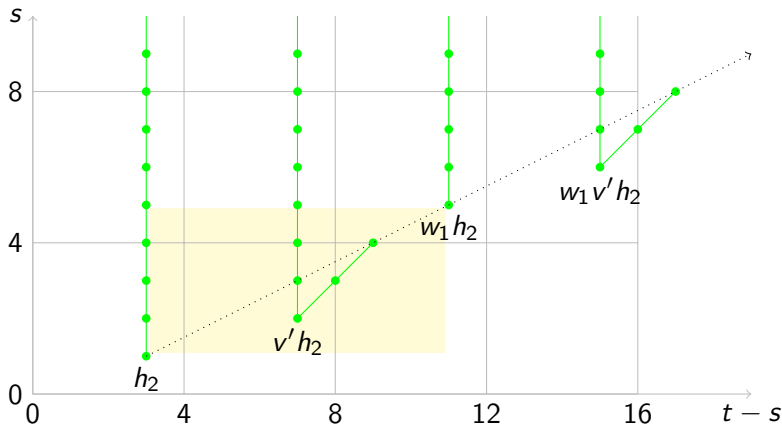
$$\sigma = 0$$

- $R^0 = \mathbb{F}_2$
- $E_1^{0,*,*} = \text{Ext}_{A(1)_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = ko^{*,*}$ .



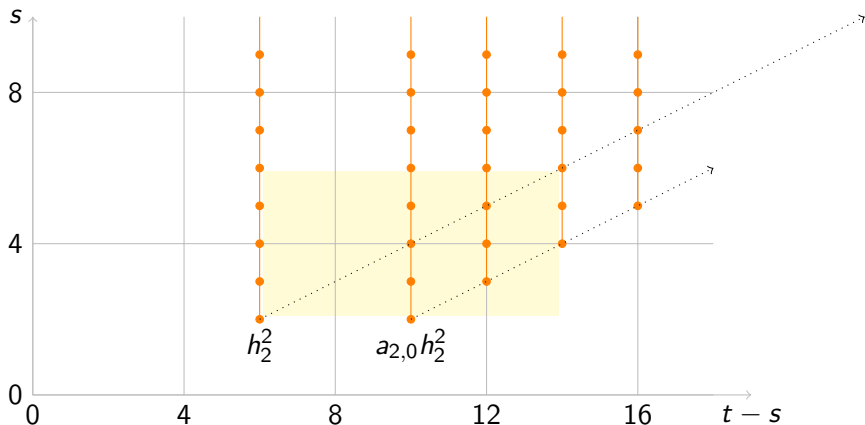
$$\sigma = 1$$

- $R^1 = \mathbb{F}_2\{x_4, x_6, x_7\} = \Sigma^4 H_*(S \cup_{\eta} e^2 \cup_2 e^3)$ .
- $E_1^{1,*,*} = \text{Ext}_{A(1)_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2, R^1) = ksp^{*,*}\{h_2\}$ .



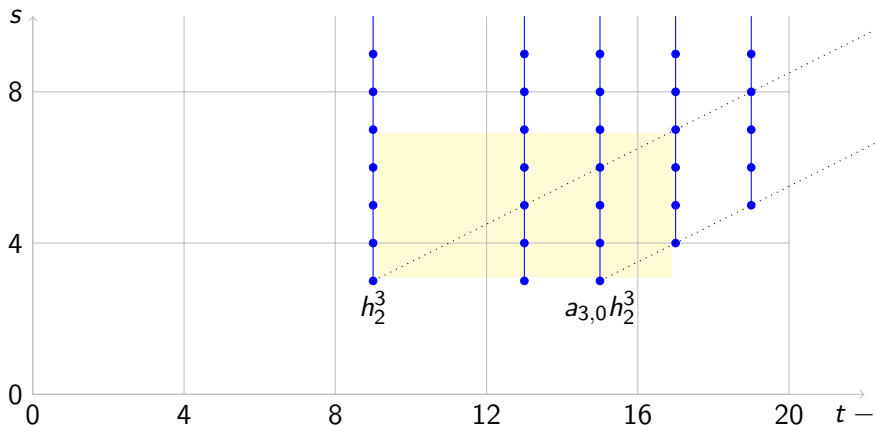
$$\sigma = 2$$

- $R^2 = \mathbb{F}_2\{x_4^2, x_4x_6, x_4x_7, x_6^2, x_6x_7, x_7^2\}$ .
- $E_1^{2,*,*} = \text{Ext}_{A(1)_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2, R^2) = G_2^{*,*}\{h_2^2\}$ .



$$\sigma = 3$$

- $\dim R^3 = 10$ .
- $E_1^{3,*,*} = \text{Ext}_{A(1)_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_2, R^3) = G_3^{*,*}\{h_2^3\}$ .



# $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}$

## Theorem (Shimada and Iwai)

The cohomology of  $A(2)$  is

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = \mathbb{F}_2[h_0, h_1, h_2, c_0, d_0, e_0, g, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, w_1, w_2]/I.$$

The ideal  $I$  has 54 generators:

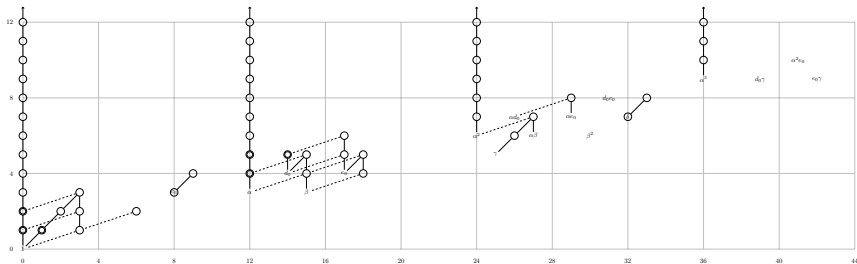
- $h_0h_1, h_1h_2, h_0^2h_2 - h_1^3, h_0h_2^2, h_2^3$
- ...
- $c_0\gamma - h_1\delta, \beta\gamma - g^2, d_0^2 - gw_1, \gamma\delta - h_1c_0w_2,$
- $\gamma^2 - h_1^2w_2 - g\beta^2, \alpha^4 - h_0^4w_2 - w_1g^2$

- Free over  $\mathbb{F}_2[w_1, w_2]$ ; here  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  restrict to  $v_1^4$  and  $v_2^8$ , resp.
- A sum of cyclic  $R = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2]$ -modules isomorphic to  $R$ ,  $R/(g)$  and  $R/(g^2)$ .
- Four infinite families,  $h_0^i \alpha^j$ ,  $i \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 3$ .
- Thirty-two other summands.
- $E_3$ ,  $E_4$  and  $E_5 = E_\infty$  are then modules over  $R_1 = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2^2]$  and  $R_2 = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2^4]$  resp. Mostly cyclic.



# $R_0$ generators of $Ext_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$

No circle indicates an  $R_0$ , one circle an  $R_0/(g)$ , and two circles an  $R_0/(g^2)$ .



# First differentials

Squaring operations in Ext quickly give us quite a few differentials.

- $d_2(\alpha) = h_2 w_1$  and  $d_2(\beta) = h_0 d_0$
- $d_3(\alpha^2) = h_1 d_0 w_1$  and  $d_3(\beta^2) = h_1 g w_1$
- $d_3(w_2^2) = Sq^9(d_2(w_2))$

From these many others follow by the Leibniz rule.

# Key differentials

There are three *hard* differentials, from which we can deduce everything else using the product structure. They are

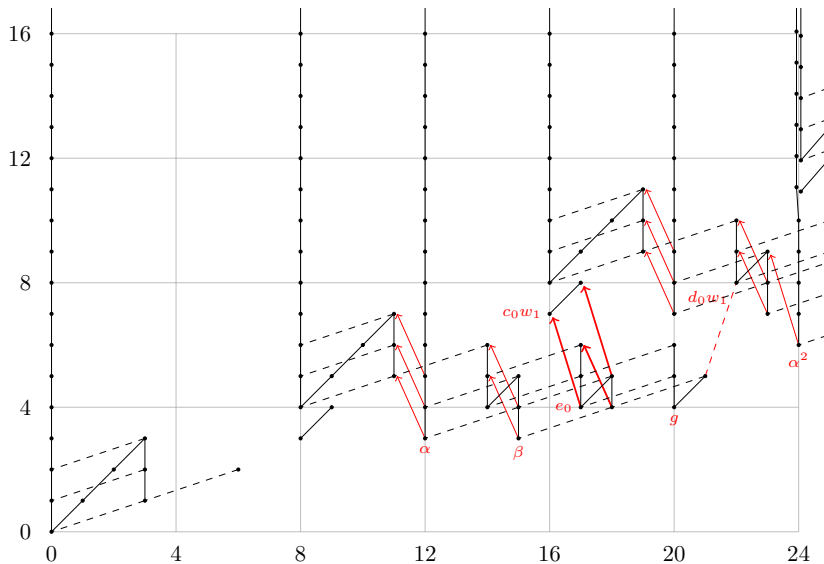
## Theorem

- $d_3(e_0) = c_0 w_1$
- $d_4(e_0 g) = g w_1^2$
- $d_2(w_2) = \alpha \beta g$

$$d_3(e_0) = c_0 w_1$$

- The  $\text{Im}(J)$  generator  $\rho \in \pi_{15}(S)$  in Adams filtration 4 must either map to 0 or  $\eta\kappa$  in  $\pi_{15}(tmf)$ .
- $\eta\rho \in \pi_*(S)$  is detected by  $\{Pc_0\}$  in  $\pi_*(S)$ , which maps to  $c_0 w_1$  in  $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .
- $\eta^2\kappa = 0$  in  $\pi_*(S)$  (Toda).
- $c_0 w_1$  must be a boundary and  $d_3(e_0)$  is the only chance.

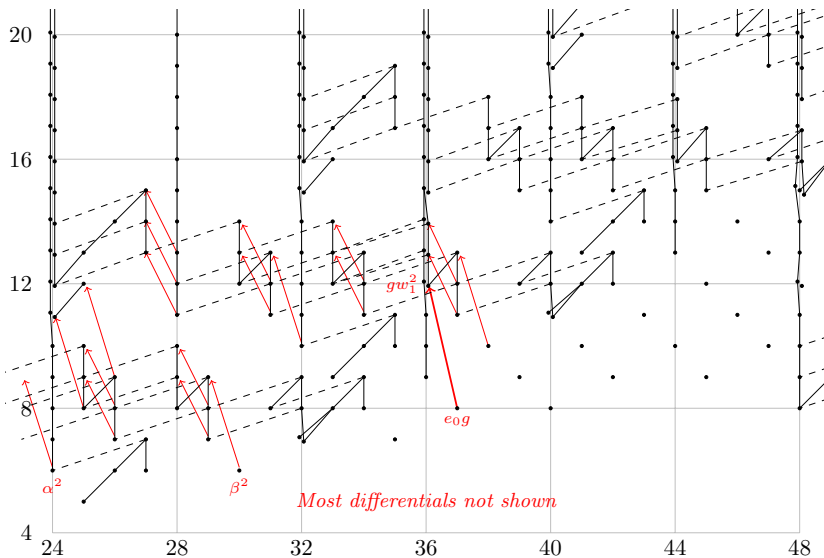
## 0 to 24



$$d_4(e_0g) = gw_1^2$$

- $\eta^2\bar{\kappa}$  is detected by  $Pd_0$  in  $\pi_{22}(S)$  (Barratt-Mahowald-Tangora, Mimura?). This maps to  $d_0w_1$  in  $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .
- $\kappa \cdot \eta^2\bar{\kappa} = 0$  since  $\eta^2\kappa = 0$
- $\kappa \cdot \eta^2\bar{\kappa}$  is detected by  $d_0 \cdot Pd_0$  which maps to  $d_0^2w_1 = gw_1^2$  in  $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .
- $d_4(e_0g)$  is the only class which can hit it.

## 24 to 48



$$d_2(w_2) = \alpha\beta g$$

### Corollary

$d_4(d_0 e_0) = d_0 w_1^2$  and  $d_4(\beta^2 g) = \alpha^2 e_0 w_1$  and these are both nonzero.

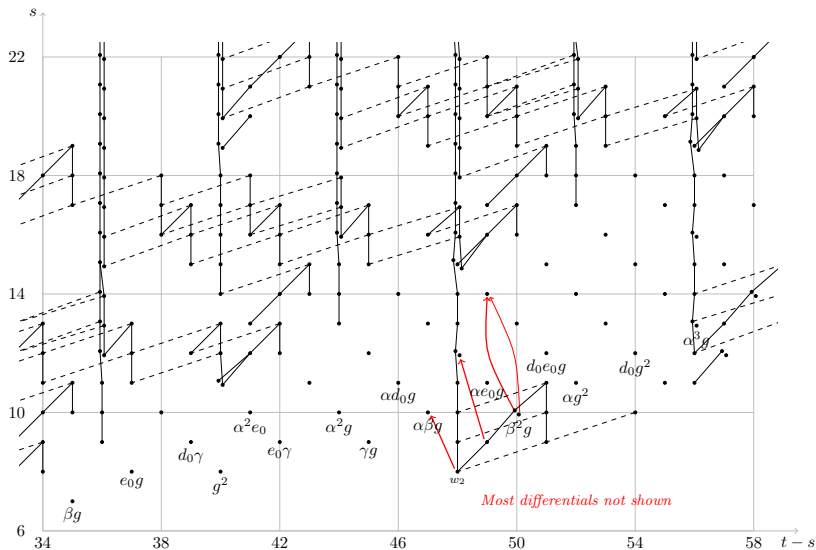
### Theorem

$d_4(h_1^2 w_2) = \alpha^2 e_0 w_1$ ,  $d_2(w_2) = \alpha\beta g$ , and  $d_3(h_1 w_2) = g^2 w_1$ .

- $\gamma$  must live to at least  $E_6$ , so  $d_4(\gamma^2) = 0$
- $\gamma^2 = h_1^2 w_2 + \beta^2 g$ , so  $d_4(h_1^2 w_2) = \alpha^2 e_0 w_1 \neq 0$
- If  $d_2(w_2) = 0$  then  $d_4(h_1^2 w_2) = 0$ , contradiction, and  $d_2(w_2) = \alpha\beta g$  is the only possibility.
- If  $d_3(h_1 w_2) = 0$  then  $d_4(h_1^2 w_2) = 0$ , contradiction, and  $d_3(h_1 w_2) = g^2 w_1$  is the only possibility.



## 34 to 58



Thank you