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$G$ -manifolds & equivariant homotopy theory

Q Given a finite CW complex, is it homotopic to a compact manifold?

Obstruction: Poincaré duality

Equivariantly:

A  $G$ -CW cplx: equivariant pts = orbits  
built out of cells  $G/H \times D^n$

$$H_*^{\text{Borel}}(G/H, A) \underset{\text{ob } \mathcal{D}P}{\cong} H_*^{\mathcal{D}P, \text{hom}}(\wedge)$$

same for  $H^*$  Bond

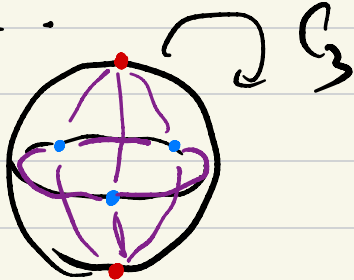
$\mathbb{Z}$ -graded Borel cohomology

$$H_a^*(X, M)$$

coeff. system

PC holds for  $G/H \times M^2$  triv.

Ex.



3 0-cells

2 - of type  $C_3/G_3 \times D^0$

1 - of type  $C_3/e \times D^0$

3 1-cells

of type  $C_3/e \times D^1$

2 2-cells  
of type  $G/e \times D^2$

dual



dual cells

2 0-cells  
of type  $C_3/e \times D^0$

type  $D(V)$

$C_3/e \times D^2$

3 1-cells  
of type  $C_3/e \times D^1$

Related to  $H_n(\cdot; M)$  not fully stable  
equivariantly

$$H_n^{h+1}(\Sigma X; M) \cong H_n^h(X; M)$$

but not w.r.t.  $\mathbb{Z}^V$ .

→ need to consider  $RO(G)$ -graded

Bredon (co)homology

↔ represented by genuine  $G$ -spectra

→ Costenoble - Warner

★ "Guide to parametrized cohomology"

Beaudry - Lewis - May - Pauli - Tatum

★ "Parametrized Poincaré duality"

Hilman - Kirstein - Kremn

Q  $M, N$  smth cpt  $n$ -dim mfd's

w/  $M \cong N$ , is  $M \cong N$ ?

Strategy - construct a h-cob w b/w

$M \cong N$ : an  $(n+1)$ -dim cpt  
mfd  $W$   $\partial W = M \sqcup N$

$M \hookrightarrow W$   
 $N \hookrightarrow W$  are  $\cong$

Obstructions to h-cobordisms being  
trivial  $\rightarrow$  live in a group

Thus (Smale, Barden, Mazur, Stallings)

(h-cob thm / s-cob thm)

$\dim M \geq 5$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{isotopy classes of h-cob} \\ \text{on } M \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} Wh(\pi_1 M) \\ \cong \\ K(\mathbb{Z}\pi_1, M) \\ \cong \\ \int_{\mathbb{Z}} \pi_1 M \end{array}$

$h \xrightarrow{\cong} W$

$\leftrightarrow J(M \hookrightarrow W)_{\cong}$

Wh torsion

$\Leftrightarrow W \cong M \times I$

# Equivariantly

$M^H$  - fixed pts

$N_H$  -  $H$ -stratum  $= \{ m \in M \mid \text{Stab}_m = H \}$   
 $= M^H \setminus M^{>H}$

$W_H$  Weyl group

$$W_H \curvearrowright M^H$$

$W_H \curvearrowright N_H$  freely

Def An equiv.  $h$ -cob  $W$  s.t.

$$M \hookrightarrow W \hookleftarrow N \text{ are}$$

$G$ -homotopy equiv.



Thm (Araki - Kawakubo)

"eqvt h-cob thm".

$(W; M, N)$  eqvt h-cob

$$\exists \alpha (M \hookrightarrow W) = 0 \in Wh_n(M)$$

↓  
define by Illman

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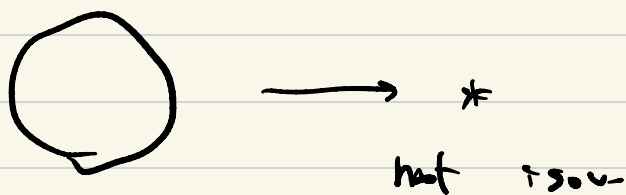
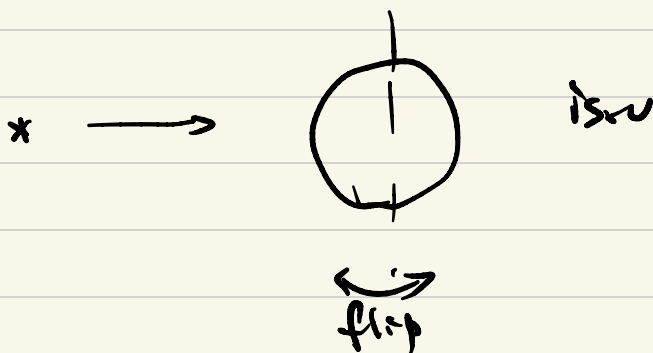
∃ rep  $V$  s.t.

$$W \in D(V) \cong M \times D(V) \times I$$

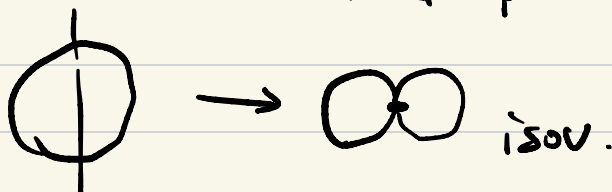
Def An eqnt map  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  is  
 isovariant if  $G_x = G_{f(x)}$

(i.e.  $X_H \subseteq f(Y_H)$ )

?



(free points go to  
 fixed pts)



Def. An isov. h-cob is sit.

$M \hookrightarrow W \hookrightarrow N$  are  
isov. h-e.

Thm  $(W; M, N)$  isov. h-cob  
(nd Lück  
Stemmerger)

$$w / \dim M^H / W^H \geq 5$$

$$J_a^{\text{isov}}(M \hookrightarrow W) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow W \simeq M \times I.$$

Thm (Lück)

If  $M$  satisfies the weak gap  
hypotheses,

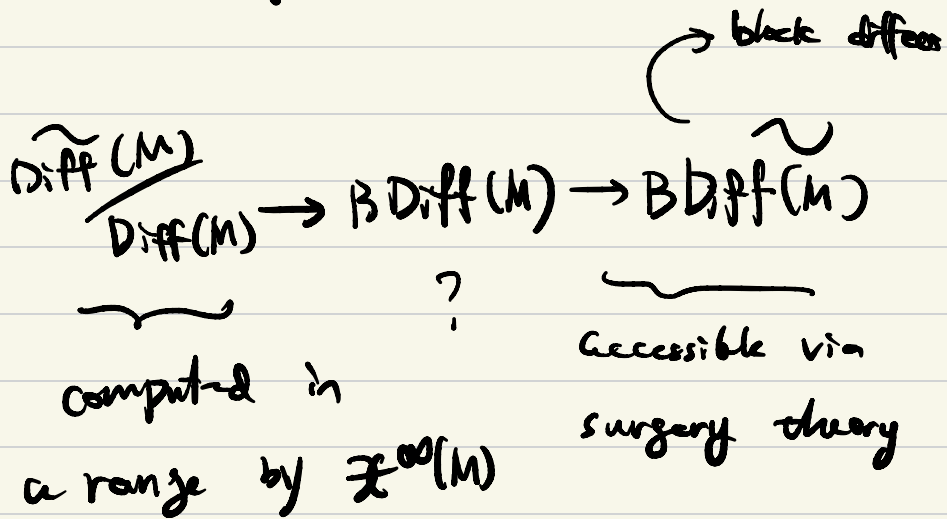
$$(M^H \not\cong M^K, \text{ then } \dim M^K \geq \dim M^H + 3)$$

then  $W$  is eqvt.  $h\text{-cob} \Leftrightarrow \text{isov. } h\text{-cob.}$

Q: want to understand the homotopy type

$$\begin{array}{c} \perp\!\!\!\perp \\ \text{BDiff}(M) \\ \text{[M]} \end{array}$$

$\exists$  fiber seq.



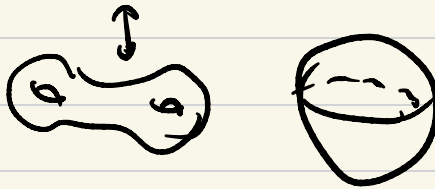
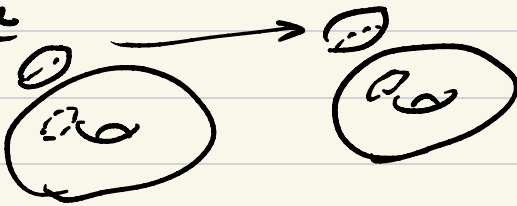
(Weiss-Williams) stable  $h\text{-cob}$  "space"  
 (Hatcher)  $\pi_0 = \text{Wh}(\pi_0 M)$

Q: When are two <sup>cpt</sup> manifolds

scissors congruent?

"SK" = "Schneider und Kleben"  
= "cut and paste"

Example



Def.  $M_n$  = monoid of diffeo classes  
of cpt  $n$ -dim manifolds w/  $\amalg$

(Karas - Kreck - Neumann

$SK_n = \text{Gr}(M_n) / \sim_{SK}$  - (Gssa)

→ computed completely

The only SK-invariant is  $\chi$



Euler char.

Thm (Hochschild - M. Murray - Rorik, Senikina)

$$\exists \text{ Sp } K^{\square}(\text{Mat}(d_n^{\partial}))$$

$$\text{w/ } K_0 = SK_n^{\partial} \cong$$

$$K^{\square}(\text{Mat}(d_n^{\partial})) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\text{on } \pi_0 \quad SK_n^{\partial} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$[M] \mapsto \chi(M).$$

Prop (M-Raptis - Semikina)

$$\text{on } \pi_1: K_1^{\square}(\text{Mod}(\mathbb{D}_n^2)) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$[M, f] \longrightarrow X_{1/2}(M)$$

SKK-invariant

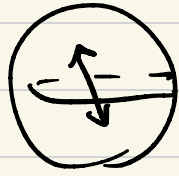
(Keep track of gluing  
diffes.)

$$SKK_n \cong \pi_0 \text{MISO}$$

$$\cong \pi_1 \text{BCob}_n$$

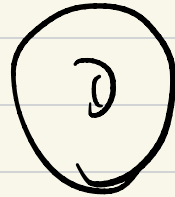
# Equivariantly

Exercise



antipodal

$\cup$



flip

$\sim$   
 $G_2$ -SK



flip

$\cup$



diag  
action

Def :  $SK_n^{G, \alpha} = \frac{G \text{CM}_n^{G, \alpha}}{\sim SK_n^{G, \alpha}}$

$X$   $G$ -CW cplx

$$\chi_k(X) = \sum_{k \geq 0} [\text{set of } k\text{-cells}] \in A(G)$$

but not only invariant



Rank.  $SK_n^{G, \partial} \cong K_0^{\square}(Mfld_n^{G, \partial})$

Thm (M. Nj - Semikina - (Sander - Blanca) - Williams)

$K_0^M(Mfld_n^{G, \partial}) \rightarrow K_G(\mathbb{Z})^G \downarrow$   
defined  
Call-Chan-Mejia  
or  $\pi_0$  recovers  $X_G(M)$

Prop  $SKH$  from a Mackey functor

Conj. this should be the final pt  
map of  $G$ -spectra.

ref noneq.

"Lecture notes on the stable parametrized  
h-cob thm" - Rognes

eqt.  $\pi_0$ -version

"Transformation groups & alg. K-theory"  
- Lück

# G-manifolds and equivariant K-theory

Recall

Thm  $(S, B, M, S)$

S-cob/h-cob

$\dim M \geq 5$ ,  $M$  cpt smth

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is classes of} \\ \text{h-cobs of } M \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \text{Wh}(\pi, M) = K(\mathbb{Z} \pi, M)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\pm g \in \pi, M$

$\mathcal{H}(M) =$  space of h-cob on  $M$  up to diffeo +

$h_1$  &  $\partial M \times I$  & abnd of

Q: Are cell higher htpy gps also compacted  
by  $k$ -theory?

A Yes but only in a range.

Stab map  $\mathcal{H}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(M \times I)$

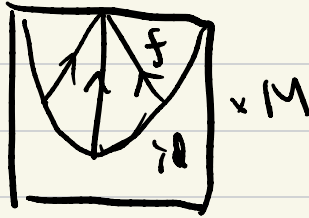
Interlude think about pseudoisotopies

$M \times I \xrightarrow{f \cong} M \times I$  id on  $M \times 0 \cup M \times I$

Stab on map  $\mathcal{P}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M \times I)$

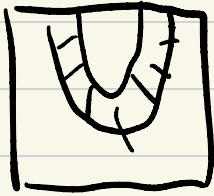
$$M \times I \xrightarrow{f} M \times I \rightsquigarrow M \times I \times I \xrightarrow{?} M \times I \times I$$

Idea



Problem need to put to condition  
to ensure smoothness at the  
corner pt  
stab loses this

Idea 2 : U-shape



$$\mathcal{P}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M \times I) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M \times I \times I)$$

Best idea yet

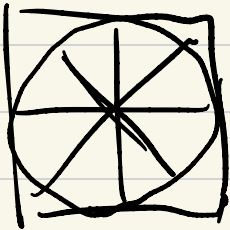
For  $f$  consider its double  $\bar{f}$

$$M \times [-1, 1] \rightarrow M \times [-1, 1]$$

Say  $f$  is mirror if  $\bar{f}$  is smooth

can show  $\mathcal{P}^{\text{mirror}}(M) \cong \mathcal{P}(M)$ .

$$St^V f \quad M \times D(V) \times [t, 1] \rightarrow M \times D(W) \times [t, 1]$$



Smooth!

$$St^V St^W = St^{V \oplus W}$$

Idea. use this for h-cob.

Smoothness is a bit of work!

$$St^V St^W \cong St^{V \oplus W}$$

Good idea:

Work w/ corners

Thm (Igusa)

$$\mathcal{H}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\infty}(M) = \underset{k}{\text{codim}} \mathcal{H}(M \times I^k)$$

$$\sim n/3 \text{ conn.} \quad n = \dim M$$

recall.  $\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(M)$  is a main ingredient  
for computing  $\pi_4 \text{BDiff}(M)$

Thm (Waldhausen + Jardine, Rognes)

$$A(X) \simeq \mathbb{Q}X_+ \times \text{Wh}(X)$$

"alg K-theory  
of X"

$$\text{w/ } \Omega \text{Wh}(M) \simeq \mathcal{H}^{\infty}(M) \text{ for } M \text{ cpt smth mfd}$$



"h-cob/s-cob-ism?"  
→  $\pi_0 H^{\infty}(M)$  K-group

$H^{\infty}(M) \rightarrow K$ -theory space

Goal / Conjecture

G-finite

$M \supset G$  smooth cpt

w/ "trivial G-Corners"

locally  $G \times_H V \times [0, \infty)^K$

$\hookrightarrow G$  trivially

Claim

$$A_G(X) \cong \sum_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\infty} X_+ \times \underbrace{\text{Wh}_G(X)}$$

G-spectrum w/

$$\Omega^{\infty-1} \text{Wh}_G(M)_G^{\mathbb{Z}} \cong H_G^{\infty}(M)$$

when  $M$  cpt smooth  $G$ -infd

Thm (Browder - Quinn, Rothenberg)

$$M \text{ } G\text{-mfld} \quad \dim M_H/W_H \geq 5$$

$$\text{isov } h\text{-cob} / \text{diffeo} \cong \text{Wh}_G^{\text{Diff}}(M)$$

$$\cong \bigoplus_{(H)} \text{Wh} \left( \frac{M_H}{W_H} \right)$$

Defin  $H_G(M) = \text{cgrt. } h\text{-cob space}$

$$H_G^{\text{oo}}(M) = \underset{\vee}{\text{colim}} H_G(M \times D(V))$$

Thm (Goodwillie - Igusa - Malkiewich - M)

(in progress)

$$\dim M_H/W_H \geq 5$$

$$H_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{iso}}(M) \approx \prod_{(H)} H(M_H / W_H)$$

stable result

$$H_{\mathbb{G}}^{\infty}(M) \approx \prod_{(H)} H^{\infty}(M_H^H / W_H)$$

$$\underline{\text{Rank}} \quad (\sum_{\mathbb{G}} \chi_+)^{\mathbb{G}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Tom-Vielk}} \prod_{(H)} \sum_{\mathbb{G}} \chi_{W_H}^H$$

Q Can this space be described by  
eqt alg K-theory?

Combined w/ previous work

• f Malkiewicz - M

$$\sum_{+}^{\infty} \mathbb{Q} M_{+} \rightarrow A_{\mathbb{Q}}(M) \rightarrow Wh_{\mathbb{Q}}(M)$$

$$\Omega^{\infty} Wh_{\mathbb{Q}}(M)^{\mathbb{Q}} \simeq H_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\infty}(M)$$

Want

$$A_G(X)^G \underset{(4)}{\cong} \prod A(X_{hWH}^H)$$

s/ Rogues, Bodzitech-

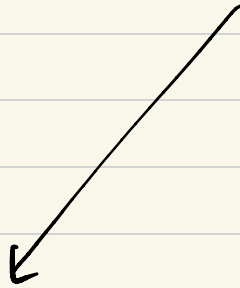
$V = G\text{-space}$

$K(R_G(X))$  Dorabio la

retraction  $G\text{-spaces}/X$

$G\text{-map}$

+ "gemini" Waldhausen strat.



not  $R(X)^hG$

in particular  $G\text{-weak equiv}$

Same objects & morphisms

but  $R(X)^hG$  has "coarse"

Waldhausen structure.

# Interlude on Spectral Mackey functors

Recall

Ab-enriched 1-obj cat  $\leftrightarrow$  ring  $R$

Ab-enriched functor  $\leftrightarrow$  Module

$R \rightarrow \text{Ab}$

$M$  over  $R$

Schunck - Shipley perspective

- Ab-enriched cat  $R \leftrightarrow$  ring on many objects  
if  $a, b, c \in \text{ob } R$

$$R_{a,b} \otimes R_{b,c} \rightarrow R_{a,c}$$

• Ab-enriched functor  $\hookrightarrow$  module  $M$

$$R \xrightarrow{M} \text{Ab} \quad \text{over } R$$

$$a \mapsto M_a$$

$$\& R_{a,b} \otimes M_a \rightarrow M_b$$

Recall A Mackey functor is a  $B_G$ -module

where  $B_G$  ring on object set  $\{G/H\}$

$$\& B_G(G/H, G/K) \cong K_0 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{iso classes of } f\text{-spaces} \\ G/H \xleftarrow{S} G/K \end{array} \right)$$

Def A spectral Mackey functor is

a module in  $\text{Sp}$  over  $B_G$ , ring in

$\text{Sp}$  on obj set  $\{G/H\}$

$$\text{w/ } BG(G/H, G/K) \simeq K(\text{cat. of spans } \begin{matrix} G/H \swarrow \text{S} \searrow G/K \end{matrix})$$

Thm  $BG$ -modules  $\simeq G$ -spectra

(Gillen-May,

Gillen-May-M-Goro

Barwick, Glasman,

Shah, Nardin, Nauman,

Mathieu, Noel)

Recall

