TOWARDS TOPOLOGICAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF JOHNSON-WILSON SPECTRA

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ABSTRACT. We present computations in Hochschild homology that lead to results on the K(i)local behaviour of THH(E(n)) for all $n \ge 2$ and $0 \le i \le n$, where E(n) is the Johnson-Wilson spectrum at an odd prime. This permits a computation of $K(i)_*$ THH(E(n)) under the assumption that E(n) is an E_3 -ring spectrum. We offer a complete description of THH(E(2))as an E(2)-module in the form of a splitting into chromatic localizations of E(2), under the assumption that E(2) carries an E_{∞} -structure. If E(2) is admits an E_3 -structure, we obtain a similar splitting of the cofiber of the unit map $E(2) \to \text{THH}(E(2))$.

1. INTRODUCTION

The first Johnson-Wilson spectrum E(1) at a prime p is the Adams summand of p-local periodic complex topological K-theory $KU_{(p)}$. McClure and Staffeldt showed that a p-completed connective version of E(1) is an E_{∞} -ring spectrum [MS93, section 9] and Baker and Richter [BR05, Theorem 6.2] show that E(1) carries a unique E_{∞} -structure. Thus THH(E(1)) is a commutative E(1)-algebra spectrum. McClure and Staffeldt show that the unit map $E(1)_p \rightarrow$ THH($E(1)_p$) is a K(1)-local equivalence, hence its cofiber THH($E(1)_p$) is a rational spectrum. It is easy to calculate the rational homology of THH($E(1)_p$) as

$$H\mathbb{Q}_*\mathrm{THH}(E(1)_p) \cong \mathbb{Q}[v_1^{\pm 1}] \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dv_1)$$

using the Bökstedt spectral sequence with E^2 -term

$$E^2_{*,*} = \mathsf{HH}^{\mathbb{Q}}_{*,*}(\mathbb{Q}[v_1^{\pm 1}]).$$

There is a map

$$\Sigma^{2p-1}E(1)_p \to \operatorname{THH}(E(1)_p) \to \overline{\operatorname{THH}}(E(1)_p)$$

that factors through $\Sigma^{2p-1}E(1)_{\mathbb{Q}} \to \overline{\text{THH}}(E(1)_p)$ since $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(1)_p)$ is rational, and that is defined such that the latter map is an equivalence detecting the $H\mathbb{Q}_*E(1)$ -summand generated by dv_1 . Since the unit map $E(1)_p \to \text{THH}(E(1)_p)$ splits, this yields a splitting [MS93, Theorem 8.1]

$$\operatorname{THH}(E(1)_p) \simeq E(1)_p \vee \Sigma^{2p-1} E(1)_{\mathbb{O}}$$

as $E(1)_p$ -modules. This computation was also carried out for $KU_{(p)}$ [Aus05], and pushed further to provide formulas for THH(KU) as a commutative KU-algebra by Stonek [Sto].

In this paper, we consider the higher Johnson-Wilson spectrum E(n) with coefficient ring

$$E(n)_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n, v_n^{-1}]$$

for an arbitrary value of $n \ge 1$ and p an odd prime. Our main motivation is to investigate whether the spectrum THH(E(n)) also splits into copies of E(n) and its lower chromatic localizations, generalizing McClure and Staffeldt's intriguing transchromatic result.

Let K(i) be the *i*th Morava K-theory at an odd prime. As a first step, we compute the Hochschild homology $HH_*^{K(i)*}(K(i)*E(n))$ of K(i)*E(n) for $0 \le i \le n$; see Theorem 3.4. We shy away from the prime 2 because Morava K-theory is not homotopy commutative at the

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prime 2. Theorem 3.4 yields a computation of $K(i)_*$ THH(E(n)) under the modest assumption that E(n) admits an E_3 -structure.

We then focus on E(2), and show in Theorem 5.4 that under the same commutativity assumption THH(E(2)) sits in a cofiber sequence

$$E(2) \to \text{THH}(E(2)) \to \Sigma^{2p-1} L_1 E(2) \vee \Sigma^{2p^2-1} E(2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2} E(2)_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

where $L_1E(2)$ denotes the Bousfield localization of E(2) with respect to E(1). If the unit $E(2) \rightarrow \text{THH}(E(2))$ splits, we then get a decomposition of THH(E(2)) into four summands, a higher analogue of McClure-Staffeldt's formula for THH(E(1)).

Remark 1.1. To study THH(E(n)) by means of the Bökstedt spectral sequence, we need sufficient commutativity of E(n). Here, we summarize what is known about multiplicative structures on E(n) and related spectra. Basterra and Mandell showed [BM13] that the Brown-Peterson spectrum BP admits an E_4 structure. The Johnson-Wilson spectra E(n) are built out of the $BP\langle n\rangle = BP/(v_i|i \ge n+1)$ by inverting v_n . In [Law18, Theorem 1.1.2] Tyler Lawson shows that the Brown-Peterson spectrum BP and the spectra $BP\langle n\rangle$ for $n \ge 4$ at the prime 2 do not possess an E_{12} -structure. Andrew Senger [Sen, Theorem 1.2] extends Lawson's result to odd primes p, and shows that BP and the $BP\langle n\rangle$ (for $n \ge 4$) do not have an $E_{2(p^2+2)}$ -structure. In particular, the $BP\langle n\rangle$ are not E_{∞} -ring spectra at any prime for $n \ge 4$. Hence if E(n) actually possesses an E_{∞} -structure for $n \ge 4$, then this structure does not come from one on $BP\langle n\rangle$. In [Ric06, Proposition 8.2] it is proven that E(n) at a prime p possesses at least a (2p-1)-stage structure. It is unclear how such a structure relates to the E_n -hierarchy, but Barwick conjectures [Bar18, p. 1948] that a (2p-1)-stage structure corresponds to an A_{2p}^{2p-1} -structure which in turn is a filtration piece of an E_{2p-1} -structure.

At the prime 2, Lawson and Naumann [LN12] show that there is an E_{∞} -model of $BP\langle 2 \rangle$ and Hill and Lawson [HL10] prove that $BP\langle 2 \rangle$ at the prime 3 possesses a model as an E_{∞} ring spectrum. With [MNN15, Theorem A.1] this yields E_{∞} -structures on the corresponding Johnson-Wilson spectra E(2) at these primes. Current work of Sanath Devalapurkar aims at adapting the arguments used in these results to produce E_{∞} -models of $BP\langle 2 \rangle$ or E(2) at higher primes.

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2. RATIONALIZED E(n)

For $n \ge 1$ the homotopy algebra of $L_{K(0)}E(n) = E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is $\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}]$ and its algebra of cooperations is

$$\pi_*(E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \wedge E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \cong \pi_*E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \pi_*E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cong \mathbb{Q}[v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}, v_1', \dots, v_{n-1}', v_n'^{\pm 1}].$$

This implies the following result.

Lemma 2.1. There is a unique E_{∞} -ring structure on $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ for all $n \ge 1$.

Proof. The obstruction groups for such an E_{∞} -ring structure on $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ are contained in the Gamma cohomology groups of $\pi_*(E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \wedge E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}})$ as a $\pi_*E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -algebra [Rob03, Theorem 5.6]. As we work in characteristic zero, Gamma cohomology agrees with André-Quillen cohomology [RW02, Corollary 6.6]. The algebra $\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}, v_1', \ldots, v_{n-1}', v_n'^{\pm 1}]$ is smooth over

 $\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}]$ and therefore André-Quillen cohomology is concentrated in cohomological degree zero where it consists of derivations. The obstructions for existence and uniqueness of an E_{∞} -ring structure on $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ are concentrated in degrees bigger than zero. \Box

As E_{∞} -ring structures can be rigidified to commutative ring structures (see *e.g.*, [EKMM97, Section II.3]), we pass to the world of commutative ring spectra from now on.

Topological Hochschild homology of a ring spectrum A can be modelled as the geometric realization of a simplicial spectrum. Using the inclusion of the 1-skeleton, McClure and Staffeldt [MS93, §3] construct a map

$$\sigma: \Sigma A \to \mathrm{THH}(A) \,. \tag{2.1}$$

For a commutative ring spectrum A the multiplication maps from $A^{\wedge n+1}$ to A give rise to a map of commutative A-algebra spectra from THH(A) to A. Composing this map with the map $A \to \text{THH}(A)$ gives the identity, hence we obtain a splitting of A-modules

$$\operatorname{THH}(A) \simeq A \lor \operatorname{THH}(A)$$

where THH(A) is the cofiber. The latter spectrum inherits the structure of a non-unital commutative A-algebra. In our case this implies the following result.

Corollary 2.2. The topological Hochschild homology of $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ splits, as an $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module, as $\operatorname{THH}(E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \simeq E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \vee \overline{\operatorname{THH}}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}$

where $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is the cofiber of the unit map $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}} \to \text{THH}(E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \simeq \text{THH}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}$. Moreover, the spectrum $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a non-unital commutative $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -algebra.

In the sequel, we follow Ronco [Lod98, Definition E.1] for the definition of étale algebras. It is straightforward to calculate the topological Hochschild homology of $E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

Proposition 2.3. We have

$$\pi_* \operatorname{THH}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}} \cong \mathbb{Q}[v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}] \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dv_1, \dots, dv_n)$$
(2.2)

with $|dv_i| = 2p^i - 1$.

Proof. The Bökstedt spectral sequence for $\pi_*(\operatorname{THH}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}) \cong H\mathbb{Q}_*\operatorname{THH}(E(n))$ is of the form $E^2_{*,*} = \mathsf{HH}^{\mathbb{Q}}_{*,*}(\pi_*E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \Rightarrow \pi_*(\operatorname{THH}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}).$

As
$$\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}]$$
 is étale over $\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n]$ and as $\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n]$ is smooth, we get

$$\mathsf{HH}^{\mathbb{Q}}_{*,*}(\pi_*E(n)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \cong \mathbb{Q}[v_1,\ldots,v_{n-1},v_n^{\pm 1}] \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dv_1,\ldots,dv_n)$$

with dv_i having homological degree one and internal degree $2p^i - 2$. As the Bökstedt spectral sequence is multiplicative and as the algebra generator cannot support any differentials for degree reasons, the spectral sequence collapses at E^2 . There are no multiplicative extensions and hence we get the result.

Remark 2.4. As we work rationally, $\text{THH}(E(n))_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a commutative $H\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra spectrum and hence corresponds to a commutative differential graded \mathbb{Q} -algebra (see [Shi07] or [RS17]).

3.
$$K(i)_*E(n)$$
 and $K(i)_*THH(E(n))$

In the following we assume that p is an odd prime, and that n and i are integers with $1 \leq i \leq n$. The Hopf algebroid (BP_*, BP_*BP) represents the groupoid of strict isomorphisms of p-typical formal group laws [Lan75] (see also [Rav86, Theorem A2.1.27]). There are isomorphisms of graded $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras

$$BP_* \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$$
 and $BP_*BP \cong BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots]$,

where $|v_i| = |t_i| = 2(p^i - 1)$. We use the Araki generators v_i [Rav86, §A2.2] and by convention $v_0 = p$ and $t_0 = 1$. The *i*th Morava K-theory K(i) is complex oriented, and its formal group

law F_i (the Honda formal group law) corresponds to the map $BP_* \to K(i)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[v_i^{\pm}]$ sending v_i to v_i and v_k for $k \neq i$ to zero. The *p*-typical formal group law G_n over $E(n)_*$ comes from the map $BP_* \to E(n)_*$ that kills all v_i with i > n and inverts v_n . Since E(n) is a Landweber exact homology theory, we obtain an isomorphism

$$K(i)_* E(n) \cong K(i)_* \otimes_{BP_*} BP_* BP \otimes_{BP_*} E(n)_*.$$

$$(3.1)$$

Note that $K(i)_*E(n)$ is trivial for i > n and that the Bousfield class $\langle E(n) \rangle$ of E(n) is $\langle K(0) \vee \dots \vee K(n) \rangle$.

We first treat the case i = n.

The algebra $K(n)_*E(n)$ is isomorphic to $K(n)_*BP\langle n \rangle$ which is isomorphic to $K(n)_* \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} K(n)_*$ (see for instance [Yag80, p. 428]). The latter is known as $\Sigma(n)$. It is of the form

$$\Sigma(n) \cong K(n)_*[t_1, t_2, \ldots]/(v_n t_i^{p^n} - v_n^{p^i} t_i, i \ge 1),$$

see [Rav86, Corollary 6.1.16].

Proposition 3.1. For all $n \ge 1$ the canonical map $E(n) \to \text{THH}(E(n))$ is a K(n)-local equivalence.

Proof. If we set

$$C_*^{(k)} := K(n)_*[t_1, \dots, t_k] / (v_n t_i^{p^n} - v_n^{p^i} t_i, 1 \le i \le k)$$

then $C_*^{(k)}$ is étale over $K(n)_*$ and $K(n)_* E(n)$ is the directed colimit of the $C_*^{(k)}$.

The $K(n)_*$ -Bökstedt spectral sequence for THH(E(n)) has as an E^2 -term

$$\mathsf{HH}^{K(n)}_{*}(K(n)_{*}E(n)) \cong K(n)_{*}E(n)$$

concentrated in homological degree zero. Thus $K(n)_* \operatorname{THH}(E(n)) \cong K(n)_* E(n)$ and the isomorphism is induced by the map $E(n) \to \operatorname{THH}(E(n))$. Therefore, this map is a K(n)-equivalence and thus K(n)-locally $\operatorname{THH}(E(n))$ is equivalent to E(n).

We calculate $K(i)_*E(n)$ for $1 \le i \le n-1$ using the following description of morphisms of graded commutative BP_* -algebras from $K(i)_*E(n)$ to some graded commutative ring B_* . For n=2 we had an argument that was rather involved and Paul Goerss suggested the following simpler proof.

We consider the map $g: BP_*BP \to K(i)_*E(n)$ of graded commutative $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebras given by

$$BP_*BP \to K(i)_* \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} E(n)_* \cong K(i)_*E(n)$$

which uses the canonical maps $BP_* \to K(i)_*$ and $BP_* \to E(n)_*$ and the isomorphism from (3.1). By [Rav86, Theorem A2.1.27], g corresponds to a triple $((\eta_L)_*F_i, (\eta_R)_*G_n, f)$ where $\eta_L \colon K(i)_* \to K(i)_*E(n)$ is the left unit, $\eta_R \colon E(n)_* \to K(i)_*E(n)$ is the right unit and $(\eta_L)_*F_i$ and $(\eta_R)_*G_n$ are the p-typical formal group laws that are given by the corresponding change of coefficients. Here, f is a strict isomorphism between the p-typical formal group laws $(\eta_L)_*F_i$ and $(\eta_R)_*G_n$ over $K(i)_*E(n)$. By [Rav86, Lemma A2.1.26] such a strict isomorphism is always of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{j} {}^{(\eta_R)_* G_n} t_j x^{p^j}.$$

The *p*-series of the Honda formal group law F_i is

$$[p]_{F_i}(x) = v_i x^{p^i}$$

and the same is true for $[p]_{(\eta_L)*F_i}[x]$ because the left unit just embeds $K(i)_*$ into $K(i)_*E(n)$. The *p*-series of $(\eta_R)_*G_n$ is

$$[p]_{(\eta_R)*G_n}(x) = w_1 x^p +_{(\eta_R)*G_n} \dots +_{(\eta_R)*G_n} w_n x^{p^n}$$

for $w_i = \eta_R(v_i)$.

The strict isomorphism $f(x) = \sum_{j} (\eta_R)_* G_n t_j x^{p^j}$ satisfies

$$[p]_{(\eta_R)_*G_n}(f(x)) = f([p]_{(\eta_L)_*F_i}(x)),$$

and using the above formulas for the *p*-series, this yields the equality

$$w_1(f(x))^p +_{(\eta_R)_*G_n} \dots +_{(\eta_R)_*G_n} w_n(f(x))^{p^n} = f(v_i x^{p^i}) = \sum_j {}^{(\eta_R)_*G_n} t_j (v_i x^{p^i})^{p^j}.$$
 (3.2)

Lemma 3.2. In $K(i)_*E(n)$ the relations $w_r = 0$ for all $1 \leq r \leq i-1$ and $w_i = v_i$ hold.

Proof. In equality (3.2), the right hand side starts with the summand $v_i x^{p^i}$ followed by higher powers of x. Looking at the left-hand side, we deduce that $w_1, \ldots, w_{i-1} = 0$, and from the coefficient of x^{p^i} we obtain that $w_i = v_i$ in $K(i)_* E(n)$.

Proposition 3.3. For all $1 \leq i \leq n$ $K(i)_*E(n)$ is a colimit of étale $K(i)_*[w_{i+1}, \ldots, w_n^{\pm 1}]$ -algebras.

Proof. In the following we fix i and n. We denote by $B(i, n)_*$ the graded commutative $K(i)_*$ -algebra $K(i)_*[w_{i+1}, \ldots, w_{n-1}, w_n^{\pm 1}]$. For a given $m \ge 1$ consider the graded commutative BP_* -subalgebra $BP_*[t_1, \ldots, t_m]$ of BP_*BP , and define the subalgebra

$$B_m = g(BP_*[t_1, \dots, t_m]) \subset K(i)_* E(n)$$

By Lemma 3.2, we deduce that B_m can be written as the quotient

$$B_m = B(i,n)[t_1,\ldots,t_m]/\sim$$

where \sim denotes the relations that the t_r and w_j satisfy in $K(i)_*E(n)$. Note that B_1 is free as a B(i, n)-module, and B_{m+1} is free as a B_m -module for all $m \ge 1$. Indeed, in each step we adjoin a new polynomial generator x to a graded commutative ring R_* that satisfies relations of the form $x^{p^r} - ux - y$ with a unit $u \in R_*^{\times}$ and $y \in R_*$. In particular, we have a sequence of subalgebras

$$B(i,n) \subset B_1 \subset \cdots \subset B_m \subset \cdots \subset K(i)_* E(n),$$

and $K(i)_*E(n)$ is the colimit of this sequence.

We prove that B_1 is étale over $B(i, n)_*$ and that for every m, B_m is étale over B_{m-1} . This then yields that the algebras B_m are étale over $B(i, n)_*$ which proves the claim. Thus we have to show that the modules of relative Kähler differentials $\Omega^1_{B_1|B(i,n)_*}$ and $\Omega^1_{B_m|B_{m-1}}$ are trivial for all $m \ge 2$. To this end we have to control the Kähler differentials dt_m and we do this now by deriving explicit relations for the t_m that we extract from the equality (3.2).

The first relation for t_m is obtained by looking at the coefficients of $x^{p^{i+m'}}$ on the left and right hand-sides of the equality (3.2).

Let $s \ge 2$, let $r, \ell_1, \ldots, \ell_s$ be natural numbers bigger or equal to 1, and assume that $\ell_j \ne \ell_k$ for $j \ne k$. Then as p^r has a unique representation in base p, it cannot be written as a sum $p^{\ell_1} + \ldots + p^{\ell_s}$. This ensures that for a given $x^{p^{i+r}}$ we only have to consider the coefficient $t_j v_i^{p^j}$ with i + j = i + r coming from the linear term of the $(\eta_R)_* G_n$ -sum $\sum_j (\eta_R)_* G_n t_j v_i^{p^j} x^{p^{i+j}}$ and this is $t_r v_i^{p^r}$.

For B_1 we compare the coefficients of $x^{p^{i+1}}$ in (3.2). In this case only the linear terms of the $(\eta_R)_*G_n$ -sums contribute something and we obtain (using $w_i = v_i$)

$$v_i t_1^{p^i} + w_{i+1} t_0 = t_1 v_i^p$$

and therefore $t_1 = v_i^{-p}(v_i t_1^{p^i} + w_{i+1})$. This gives that the Kähler differential on t_1 is equal to

$$dt_1 = 0 + v_i^{-p} dw_{i+1}$$

and hence B_1 is étale over $B(i, n)_*$.

We consider now the general case of B_m for $m \ge 2$, and study the first relation for t_m given by the coefficients of $x^{p^{i+m}}$ in (3.2).

We know that the formal group law $G_n(x, y)$ is of the form

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$$G_n(x,y) = x + y + \sum_{i,j \ge 1} a_{i,j} x^i y^j$$

where the $a_{i,j} \in E(n)_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}, v_n^{\pm 1}]$. Equation (3.2) relates power series with coefficients in $K(i)_*E(n)$, hence the coefficients $\bar{a}_{i,j}$ of $(\eta_R)_*G_n$ are now considered in $K(i)_*E(n)$ and are elements of $\mathbb{F}_p[w_i, \ldots, w_{n-1}, w_n^{\pm 1}]$. On the left hand side of (3.2) we get coefficients that involve some polynomials of $\bar{a}_{i,j}$, some *p*th powers of t_j and some expressions in w_k . For $m+i \leq n$ we actually get a coefficient $w_{m+i}t_0^{p^{m+i+0}} = w_{i+m}$. The $\bar{a}_{i,j}$ are in $B(i, n)_*$, so they don't contribute anything to the relative Kähler differentials.

The $\bar{a}_{i,j}$ are in $B(i,n)_*$, so they don't contribute anything to the relative Kähler differentials. The Kähler differentials on the $t_j^{p^k}$ are trivial because we are over \mathbb{F}_p . Hence we can express the Kähler differential dt_m up to a factor of $v_i^{p^m} = w_i^{p^m}$ via Kähler differentials in the w_k . As $v_i^{p^m}$ is invertible in $B(i,n)_*$, the relative Kähler differentials $\Omega^1_{B_m|B_{m-1}}$ are trivial for all $m \ge 1$. \Box

Theorem 3.4. For all $1 \leq i \leq n$ we have an isomorphism of $K(i)_*E(n)$ -algebras

$$\mathsf{HH}^{K(i)}_{*}(K(i)_{*}E(n)) \cong K(i)_{*}E(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_{p}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_{p}}(dw_{i+1}, \dots, dw_{n}).$$

Proof. We have shown that $K(i)_*E(n)$ is the sequential colimit of the B_m . As the $K(i)_*$ -algebras B_m are étale over $B(i, n)_*$ and as Hochschild homology commutes with localization we can rewrite $HH_*(B_m)$ as

$$\mathsf{HH}^{K(i)_{*}}_{*}(B_{m}) \cong B_{m} \otimes_{B(i,n)_{*}} \mathsf{HH}^{K(i)_{*}}_{*}(B(i,n)_{*})$$

$$\cong B_{m} \otimes_{B(i,n)_{*}} (B(i,n)_{*} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_{p}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_{p}}(dw_{i+1},\ldots,dw_{n}))$$

$$\cong B_{m} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_{p}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_{p}}(dw_{i+1},\ldots,dw_{n})$$

using [WG91] and the Hochschild-Kostant-Rosenberg theorem. Hochschild homology commutes with colimits, hence we obtain

$$\mathsf{HH}^{K(i)}_{*}(K(i)_{*}E(n)) \cong \operatorname{colim}_{m} \mathsf{HH}^{K(i)}_{*}(B_{m}) \cong K(i)_{*}E(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_{p}} \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_{p}}(dw_{i+1}, \dots, dw_{n}).$$

Theorem 3.5. Assume that p is an odd prime and that E(n) is an E_3 -ring spectrum. Then, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have an isomorphism of $K(i)_*E(n)$ -algebras

$$K(i)_* \operatorname{THH}(E(n)) \cong K(i)_* E(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_p} \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_p}(dw_{i+1}, \dots, dw_n).$$

Proof. We use the Bökstedt spectral sequence [Bök], [EKMM97, Theorem IX.2.9], with E^2 -term

$$E_{r,s}^2 = (\mathsf{HH}_r^{K(i)_*}(K(i)_*E(n)))_s,$$

where r denotes the homological and s the internal degree. By a result of Angeltveit and Rognes [AR05, Prop. 4.3], an E_3 -structure on E(n) implies that this spectral is one of commutative $K(i)_*E(n)$ -algebras. The multiplicative generators dw_j for $i \leq j \leq n$ sit in bidegree $(1, 2p^j - 2)$ and hence they cannot carry any non-trivial differentials. Therefore the spectral sequence collapses at the E^2 -term. As the abutment is a free graded commutative $K(i)_*E(n)$ algebra, there cannot be any multiplicative extensions. \Box

Remark 3.6. If E(n) admits an E_2 structure, the Bökstedt spectral sequence is one of $K(i)_*$ algebras by [AR05, Prop. 4.3]. It therefore collapses since all $K(i)_*$ -algebra generators lie in columns 0 and 1. This gives the same formula for $K(i)_*$ THH(E(n)) as a $K(i)_*$ -module, but not as a $K(i)_*$ -algebra, since there is now room for $K(i)_*$ -algebra extensions.

4. Blue-shift for THH(E(n))

If we assume that p is an odd prime and that E(n) is an E_{∞} -ring spectrum, then THH(E(n)) is a commutative E(n)-algebra spectrum and the cofiber of the unit map

$$\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n)) = \text{cofiber}(E(n) \to \text{THH}(E(n)))$$

is a non-unital commutative E(n)-algebra spectrum. If E(n) carries an E_3 -structure, then by [BFV07, §3.3], [BM11] the morphism $E(n) \rightarrow \text{THH}(E(n))$ is an E_2 -map. This implies the following useful fact:

Lemma 4.1. If E(n) is an E_3 -spectrum, then THH(E(n)) is an E(n)-module spectrum and in particular, THH(E(n)) is E(n)-local.

Let L_n denote the localization at E(n), and in particular L_0 is the rationalization. Recall that there is a well-known chromatic fracture square



It is shown for instance in [ACB, Example 3.3] and [Bau14, Proposition 2.2] that the homotopy pullback of

$$L_{K(n)}X$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$L_{n-1}X \longrightarrow L_{n-1}L_{K(n)}X.$$

is an E(n)-localization of X. The statement in [Bau14, Proposition 2.2] is more general and [ACB] work out far more general local-to-global statements.

The chromatic square for $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))$ is:

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E(n)) = L_{K(n) \vee E(n-1)} \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E(n)) & \longrightarrow & L_{K(n)} \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E(n)) \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \downarrow \\ & L_{E(n-1)} \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E(n)) & \longrightarrow & L_{E(n-1)} (L_{K(n)} \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E(n))) \end{array}$$

The K(n)-homology of $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))$ is zero, since by Proposition 3.1 the unit map is a K(n)equivalence. Hence the localization $L_{K(n)}\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))$ is trivial, and $L_{E(n-1)}(L_{K(n)}\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n)))$ is also trivial. Therefore the vertical map on the left hand side is an equivalence and we obtain
a nice example of blue-shift:

Lemma 4.2. If E(n) is an E_3 -spectrum, then the cofiber $\overline{\text{THH}}(E(n))$ is E(n-1)-local.

5. TOPOLOGICAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF E(2)

In this section, we discuss in more detail the topological Hochschild homology of E(2), which we will denote by E = E(2) to simplify the notation. As explained in the proof of Lemma 5.1, the computations of Theorem 3.5 for E(2) can be expressed as

$$K(0)_* \mathrm{THH}(E) \cong K(0)_* E \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dt_1, dt_2), \tag{5.1}$$

$$K(1)_* \mathrm{THH}(E) \cong K(1)_* E \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_p}(dt_1),$$
(5.2)

$$K(2)_* \operatorname{THH}(E) \cong K(2)_* E. \tag{5.3}$$

Notice that these computations do not require the assumption that E is an E_3 -ring spectrum: for the rational case we have a commutative structure anyhow, while in the K(1) and K(2) cases, the E^2 page of the Bökstedt spectral sequences is concentrated on columns 0 and 1 (respectively 0).

Lemma 5.1. For i = 1, 2, there exist classes $\lambda_i \in \text{THH}_{2p^i-1}(E)$ with the following properties. Under the Hurewicz homomorphism

- (a) the class λ_i maps to $dt_i \in K(0)_{2p^i-1}$ THH(E), for i = 1, 2;
- (b) the class λ_1 maps to $dt_1 \in K(1)_{2p^2-1}$ THH(E).

Proof. We use McClure-Staffeldt's computation of $\text{THH}_*(BP)$ in [MS93, Remark 4.3], which has been validated by the proof [BM13] that BP admits an E_4 structure. We briefly recall the computation. The integral, rational and mod p homology of BP are given as

$$H\mathbb{Z}_*BP \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[t_i \mid i \ge 1], \quad K(0)_*BP \cong \mathbb{Q}[t_i \mid i \ge 1] \quad \text{and} \quad H\mathbb{F}_{p_*}BP \cong \mathbb{Z}[\overline{\xi}_i \mid i \ge 1],$$

where the class $t_i \in H\mathbb{Z}_{2p^i-1}BP$ maps to $\bar{\xi}_i$ under mod (p) reduction [Rav86, Proof of Theorem 5.2.8] and to the class with same name t_i under rationalization. The associated Bökstedt spectral sequences collapse, providing isomorphisms

$$\begin{split} H\mathbb{Z}_*\mathrm{THH}(BP) &\cong H\mathbb{Z}_*BP \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}(dt_i \mid i \ge 1), \\ K(0)_*\mathrm{THH}(BP) &\cong K(0)_*BP \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dt_i \mid i \ge 1) \text{ and } \\ H\mathbb{F}_{p_*}\mathrm{THH}(BP) &\cong H\mathbb{F}_{p_*}BP \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_p}(d\bar{\xi}_i \mid i \ge 1), \end{split}$$

with $dx = \sigma_*(x)$, where $\sigma: \Sigma BP \to \text{THH}(BP)$ is the map given in (2.1). There is an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{THH}_*(BP) \cong BP_* \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}}(\lambda_i \,|\, i \ge 1),$$

and the Hurewicz homomorphism

$$\Gamma HH_*(BP) \to H\mathbb{Z}_*THH(BP)$$

is an inclusion mapping λ_i to dt_i . In particular, the classes dt_i (integral and rational) and $d\bar{\xi}_i$ are spherical: they are the image of λ_i under the Hurewicz homomorphism mapping from THH_{*}(BP). For $i \ge 1$, let us define

$$\lambda_i \in \mathrm{THH}_{2p^i - 1}(E)$$

as the image of the class with same name under the natural map

$$\operatorname{THH}_*(BP) \to \operatorname{THH}_*(E).$$

In the rational case, we have

$$\eta_R(v_i) \equiv \alpha_i t_i$$

modulo decomposables in $K(0)_*BP$, where $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ is a unit. We deduce that

$$K(0)_*E \cong \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2][\eta_R(v_2)^{-1}]$$

and the Bökstedt spectral sequence recovers

$$K(0)_*$$
THH $(E) \cong K(0)_* E \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dt_1, dt_2)$

By naturality, comparing with the case of BP, we deduce that the Hurewicz homomorphism $\text{THH}_*(E) \to K(0)_* \text{THH}(E)$ maps λ_i to dt_i .

For $K(1)_*$ -homology, we argue similarly, using the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{THH}_*(BP) \longrightarrow K(1)_*\operatorname{THH}(BP) \\ \downarrow \\ \operatorname{THH}_*(E) \longrightarrow K(1)_*\operatorname{THH}(E). \end{array}$$

We have $K(1)_*BP \cong K(1)_*[t_i \mid i \ge 1]$, and the Bökstedt spectral sequence yields $K(1)_*\text{THH}(BP) \cong K(1)_*BP \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_n}(dt_i \mid i \ge 1).$ Comparing the Bökstedt spectral sequences for $H\mathbb{Z}_*\text{THH}(BP)$ and $K(1)_*\text{THH}(BP)$, we deduce that the class $\lambda_1 \in \text{THH}_*(BP)$ maps to $dt_1 \in K(1)_*\text{THH}(BP)$. Recall that

$$K(1)_*E = K(1)_*[t_i \mid i \ge 1][\eta_R(v_2)^{-1}]/(\eta_R(v_j) \mid j \ge 3)$$

is a colimit of étale algebras over $K(1)_*[w_2, w_2^{-1}]$, where

$$w_2 = \eta_R(v_2) = v_1^p t_1 - v_1 t_1^p$$

In particular $dw_2 = v_1^p dt_1$, and the Bökstedt spectral sequence provides the formula given above for $K(1)_*$ THH(E). Now obviously $dt_1 \in K(1)_*$ THH(BP) maps to $dt_1 \in K(1)_*$ THH(E). This implies assertion (b) of the lemma.

Remark 5.2. The above proof does not require the map $BP \to E(n)$ to be an E_3 -map.

The class $\lambda_1 \in \text{THH}_{2p-1}(E)$ of Lemma 5.1 corresponds to a map $\lambda_1 \colon S^{2p-1} \to \text{THH}(E)$. Smashing with E, using the E-module structure of THH(E) (assuming an E_3 structure on E), and composing with the cofiber $\text{THH}(E) \to \overline{\text{THH}}(E)$ of the unit, we obtain a map

$$j_1: \Sigma^{2p-1}E \cong E \wedge S^{2p-1} \to E \wedge \operatorname{THH}(E) \to \operatorname{THH}(E) \to \overline{\operatorname{THH}}(E).$$

In the same fashion, we obtain a map $j_2: \Sigma^{2p^2-1}E \to \overline{\text{THH}}(E)$ corresponding to the class λ_2 .

Lemma 5.3. The map j_1 factors through a map

$$\overline{j}_1: \Sigma^{2p-1}L_1E \to \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E)$$

that is a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism, and whose cofiber $C(\overline{j}_1)$ is a rational spectrum.

Proof. Recall from Lemma 4.2 that the cofiber $\overline{\text{THH}}(E)$ of the unit map is E(1)-local. In particular, the map j_1 factors through a map

$$\overline{j}_1 \colon \Sigma^{2p-1} L_1 E \to \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E).$$

The localization map $E \to L_1 E$ is a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism, and therefore so are the induced maps ℓ : THH $(E) \to$ THH $(L_1 E)$ and $\bar{\ell}$: THH $(E) \to \overline{\text{THH}}(L_1 E)$, by convergence of the K(1)-based Bökstedt spectral sequence. Hence, to prove the claim, it suffices to show that the composition

$$\Sigma^{2p-1}L_1E \xrightarrow{j_1} \overline{\text{THH}}(E) \xrightarrow{\ell} \overline{\text{THH}}(L_1E)$$
 (5.4)

is a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism. The K(1)-based Bökstedt spectral sequence for L_1E is identical to the one of E, computed above as

$$E^2_{*,*} = K(1)_* E \otimes \Lambda_{\mathbb{F}_p}(dt_1) \Rightarrow K(1)_* \mathrm{THH}(E)$$

where $K(1)_*E$ is in filtration degree zero and $K(1)_*E\{dt_1\}$ is in filtration degree 1, and where all differentials are zero. By definition of the map j_1 , if $1 \in K(1)_0E$ is the unit, then $j_{1*}(\Sigma^{2p-1}1)$ is represented modulo lower filtration by the permanent cycle dt_1 in $E_{1,*}^2$. Since this is a spectral sequence of $K(1)_*E$ -modules, the composition (5.4) induces a map in K(1) homology that is represented modulo lower filtration by the isomorphism $\Sigma^{2p-1}K(1)_*E \to E_{1,*}^2 = K(1)_*E\{dt_1\}$ sending a class $\Sigma^{2p-1}w$ to wdt_1 . It is therefore a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism, proving the claim.

Now we consider the cofiber $C(\bar{j}_1)$ of \bar{j}_1 , sitting in an exact triangle

$$\Sigma^{2p-1}L_1E \xrightarrow{j_1} \overline{\text{THH}}(E) \xrightarrow{k} C(\overline{j}_1) \xrightarrow{\delta} \Sigma^{2p}L_1E.$$
(5.5)

Since \overline{j}_1 is a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism, we know that $K(1)_*C(\overline{j}_1) = 0$, and since $\overline{\text{THH}}(E)$ and thus $C(\overline{j}_1)$ are E(1)-local, we deduce (as in Lemma 4.2) that $C(\overline{j}_1)$ is E(0)-local (*i.e.*, rational). \Box

We now define a map $\lambda_{12} \colon L_0 S^{2p^2 - 2p - 2} \to C(\bar{j}_1)$ as a composition over the cofibers

$$L_0 S^{2p^2 - 2p - 2} \to L_0 \operatorname{THH}(E) \to L_0 \overline{\operatorname{THH}}(E) \to C(\overline{j}_1),$$

where the first map above realizes the class $dt_1 dt_2 \in K(0)_* \operatorname{THH}(E)$. Smashing λ_{12} with E and using the module structure we obtain a map

$$j_{12} \colon \Sigma^{2p^2 - 2p - 2} L_0 E \to C(\bar{j}_1).$$

Similarly, λ_2 induces a map

$$j_2: \Sigma^{2p^2-1}L_0E \to C(\bar{j}_1).$$

Theorem 5.4. Let p be an odd prime such that E = E(2), the second Johnson-Wilson spectrum at p, is an E_3 -ring spectrum. Then the map $j_2 \vee j_{12}$ lifts to a map

$$\overline{j}_2 \vee \overline{j}_{12} \colon \Sigma^{2p^2 - 1} L_0 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2 - 2p - 2} L_0 E \to \overline{\text{THH}}(E)$$

and the sum β of \overline{j}_1 , \overline{j}_2 and \overline{j}_{12} is a weak equivalence of E-modules

$$\beta \colon \Sigma^{2p-1}L_1E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2-1}L_0E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2}L_0E \to \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E).$$

Proof. The composition $\delta \circ (j_2 \vee j_{12})$ is trivial, so that $j_2 \vee j_{12}$ lifts to a map $\overline{j_2} \vee \overline{j_{12}}$:

$$\frac{\Sigma^{2p^2-1}L_0E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2}L_0E}{\int_{j_2\vee j_{1_2}}} \xrightarrow{\simeq *} \int_{j_2\vee j_{1_2}} \int_{j_2\vee j_{1_2}} \xrightarrow{\simeq *} \sum^{2p}L_1E.$$

Indeed, $\Sigma^{2p}L_1E$ fits in the chromatic fracture pullback diagram

The composition of $\delta \circ (j_2 \vee j_{12})$ with the left vertical map to $\Sigma^{2p} L_0 E$ is trivial, since it factors over the composition

$$L_0 \overline{\text{THH}}(E) \to L_0 C(\overline{j}_1) \to \Sigma^{2p} L_0 E$$

of two consecutive maps in the (E(0)-localized) cofiber sequence (5.5). The composition of $\delta \circ (j_2 \vee j_{12})$ with the top map to $\Sigma^{2p} L_{K(1)} E$ is trivial as well; indeed, there is no non-trivial map from a K(1)-acyclic to a K(1)-local spectrum. This finishes the proof that $\delta \circ (j_2 \vee j_{12})$ is trivial and that the lift exists. We now define β as the sum

$$\beta = \overline{j}_1 \vee \overline{j}_2 \vee \overline{j}_{12} \colon \Sigma^{2p-1} L_1 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2-1} L_0 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2} L_0 E \to \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E).$$

Finally, we claim that β is a $K(0)_*$ -isomorphism: this is analogous to the proof above that \overline{j}_1 is a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism, working this time with the K(0)-based Bökstedt spectral sequence. Since β is a $K(0)_*$ - and a $K(1)_*$ -isomorphism of E(1)-local spectra, it is a weak equivalence. \Box

Assume now that in addition to E being an E_3 -ring spectrum, the unit map $E \to \text{THH}(E)$ splits in the homotopy category (this holds for example if E is an E_{∞} -ring spectrum). We then have a weak equivalence of E-modules $E \vee \overline{\text{THH}}(E) \to \text{THH}(E)$. On the other hand, summing β with the identity of E gives a weak equivalence

$$\mathrm{id} \vee \beta \colon E \vee \Sigma^{2p-1} L_1 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2-1} L_0 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2} L_0 E \to E \vee \overline{\mathrm{THH}}(E)$$

This implies the following corollary of Theorem 5.4.

Corollary 5.5. Assume that p is an odd prime, and that the second Johnson-Wilson spectrum E = E(2) admits an E_3 -structure. If the unit map $E \rightarrow \text{THH}(E)$ splits in the homotopy category, then the maps above provide a weak equivalence of E-modules

$$E \vee \Sigma^{2p-1} L_1 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2-1} L_0 E \vee \Sigma^{2p^2+2p-2} L_0 E \to \operatorname{THH}(E).$$

Remark 5.6. Corollary 5.5 implies that

- the 2⁰ summand of $K(2)_*E$ in $K(2)_*THH(E)$ indexed by 1,
- the 2¹ summands of $K(1)_*E$ in $K(1)_*THH(E)$ indexed by 1 and dt_1 , and
- the 2^2 summands of $K(0)_*E$ in $K(0)_*$ THH(E) indexed by 1, dt_1 , dt_2 and dt_1dt_2

assemble, in THH(E), into

- the 2⁰ summand E indexed by 1 and detected by $K(0)_*$, $K(1)_*$ and $K(2)_*$, the 2¹ 2⁰ summand L_1E indexed by dt_1 and detected by $K(0)_*$ and $K(1)_*$, and the 2² 2¹ summands L_0E indexed by dt_2 and dt_1dt_2 and detected by $K(0)_*$.

Bruner and Rognes [BR] obtain very similar computations for $K(i)_{*}$ THH(tmf) for i = 0, 1, 2, 3where tmf denotes the connective spectrum of topological modular form.

We can picture the summands of THH(E) in a 2-dimensional cube of local pieces (up to suspensions, where $E = L_2 E$):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & dt_1 \\ \\ 1 & E & L_1E \\ \\ dt_2 & L_0E & L_0E \end{array}$$

We conjecture that this picture extends to describe a decomposition of THH(E(n)) into 2^n summands, with summands placed in an *n*-dimensional cube, where the *i*th edge has two coordinates 1 and dt_i . We formulate this as follows.

Conjecture 5.7. If p is an odd prime such that E(n) is a sufficiently commutative S-algebra, then THH(E(n)) decomposes as a sum of 2^n factors, namely 2^{n-i-1} suspended copies of $L_i E(n)$ for each $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, plus one copy of E(n). More precisely, the $L_i E(n)$ summands are indexed by the 2^{n-i-1} monomial generators

$$\omega \in \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}(dt_1, \dots, dt_{n-i-1}) \{ dt_{n-i} \} \subset K(0)_* \mathrm{THH}(E(n)),$$

and the summand corresponding to such a monomial ω is $\Sigma^{|\omega|}L_i E(n)$.

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