### Proof for the existence of $\theta_6$

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# Existence of $\theta_6$

#### Theorem (Lin–Wang–Xu)

 $h_6^2$  survives to the  $E_\infty$ -page in the Adams spectral sequence.

By Browder's theorem

#### Corollary

There exist framed manifolds with Kervaire invariant 1 in dimension 126.

Together with theorems of Browder 1969, Mahowald–Tangora 1967, Barratt–Jones–Mahowald 1984, and Hill–Hopkins–Ravenel 2016

#### Corollary

Framed manifolds with Kervaire invariant one exist in and only in dimensions 2, 6, 14, 30, 62, 126.

- dim 30, explicit manifold known by J.Jones 1978
- dim 62 and 126, no explicit manifold known

# Ingredients of our proof

- Lin's program
  - noncommutative Gröbner bases for Steenrod algebra
  - secondary Steenrod algebra
  - propagation of differentials and extensions
- Techniques from  $H\mathbb{F}_2$ -synthetic/filtered spectra
  - Generalized Leibniz Rule
  - Generalized Mahowald Trick
- Adhoc arguments near stem 126
  - Barratt–Jones–Mahowald's inductive approach
  - upgraded by Burklund-Xu in the context of HF<sub>2</sub>-synthetic/filtered spectra:
    - $\theta_6$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda \eta \theta_5^2 = 0$
  - detailed analysis around stem 126 to prove  $\lambda\eta\theta_5^2=0$

# Rigidity theorems in $SH(\mathbb{C})$

- $\blacktriangleright$  SH( $\mathbb{C}):$  motivic stable homotopy category over  $\mathbb{C}$
- ▶ bigraded spheres S<sup>n,w</sup>
- $\tau: \widehat{S^{0,-1}} \to \widehat{S^{0,0}}$
- (Voevodsky):  $\pi_{*,*} \mathsf{H} \mathbb{F}_{\rho}^{\mathsf{mot}} \cong \mathbb{F}_{\rho}[\tau], \ |\tau| = (0, -1)$
- ▶ Betti realization:  $SH(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow SH$





 (Morel, Levine, Dugger–Isaksen, Hu–Kriz–Ormsby): motivic Adams and Adams–Novikov spectral sequence

# Rigidity theorems in $SH(\mathbb{C})$

- The motivic Adams–Novikov spectral sequence is Rigid!
- $\tau$ -bockstein spectral sequence

mot ANSS 
$$\xrightarrow{\tau^{-1}}$$
 ANSS  
 $E_2 \cong$  ANSS  $E_2[\tau]$   
 $d_{2r+1}x = \tau^r y \longleftrightarrow d_{2r+1}x = y$ 

• 
$$\widehat{S^{0,0}}/\tau$$
: the cofiber of  $\tau$ 

• mot  $ANSS(\widehat{S^{0,0}}/\tau)$  collapses at  $E_2$ 

$$\pi_{*,*}\widehat{\mathcal{S}^{0,0}}/\tau\cong\mathsf{Ext}^{*,*}_{\mathsf{BP}_*\mathsf{BP}}(\mathsf{BP}_*,\mathsf{BP}_*)$$

Dugger–Isaksen, Gheorghe–Wang–Xu):

$$\mathsf{SH}_p^{\wedge} \xleftarrow[]{equation 1}{equation 1} \widehat{\mathcal{S}^{0,0}} \operatorname{-\mathsf{Mod}} \xrightarrow[]{mod \ \tau}{equation 1} \xrightarrow[]{equation 1}{equation 1} \mathcal{D}(\mathsf{BP}_*\mathsf{BP}\operatorname{-\mathsf{Comod}})$$

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# Rigidity theorems in $Syn_{H\mathbb{F}_p}$

- ▶ Syn<sub>H $\mathbb{F}_p$ </sub>: stable homotopy category of synthetic H $\mathbb{F}_p$ -spectra
- bigraded spheres S<sup>n,w</sup>
- $\lambda: S^{0,-1} \to S^{0,0}$

• 
$$\pi_{*,*} \mathsf{H} \mathbb{F}_{\rho}^{\mathsf{syn}} \cong \mathbb{F}_{\rho}[\lambda], \ |\lambda| = (0, -1)$$

$$\mathsf{SH}^{\wedge}_{\rho} \xleftarrow[]{}{}{}{}{}^{\lambda^{-1}} \operatorname{Syn}_{\mathsf{H}\mathbb{F}_{\rho}} \xrightarrow[]{mod \ \lambda}{} \operatorname{special \ fiber} \xrightarrow{} \mathcal{D}(A_{*}\operatorname{-Comod})$$

(Pstragowski, Gheorghe–Isaksen–Krause–Ricka):

$$\mathsf{SH}(\mathbb{C})_{\mathsf{cell}}^{\wedge}\simeq\mathsf{Syn}_{\mathsf{BP}}\simeq\mathsf{Fil}_{\mathsf{BP}}$$

 (Burklund–Hahn–Senger): The synthetic Adams spectral sequence is Rigid!

# Rigidity theorems in $Syn_{H\mathbb{F}_p}$

- The synthetic Adams spectral sequence is Rigid!
- $\lambda$ -bockstein spectral sequence

syn ASS 
$$\xrightarrow{\lambda^{-1}}$$
 ASS  
 $E_2 \cong$  ASS  $E_2[\lambda]$   
 $d_{r+1}x = \lambda^r y \longleftrightarrow d_{r+1}x = y$ 

• 
$$S^{0,0}/\lambda$$
: the cofiber of  $\lambda$ 

▶ syn ASS $(S^{0,0}/\lambda)$  collapses at  $E_2$ 

$$\pi_{*,*}S^{0,0}/\lambda \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{\mathsf{A}}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_p,\mathbb{F}_p)$$

• 
$$\pi_{*,*}S^{0,0}/\lambda^n \iff$$
 Adams  $E_{n+1}$ -page

# Examples

Syn ASS 
$$E_2 \cong ASS E_2[\lambda]$$
Classical  $S^0$ :  $d_2(h_4) = h_0 h_3^2$ ,  $d_3(h_0 h_4) = h_0 d_0$ 
 $S^{0,0}$ :  $d_2(h_4) = \lambda h_0 h_3^2$ ,  $d_3(h_0 h_4) = \lambda^2 h_0 d_0$ 
survive:  $h_0 h_3^2$ ,  $h_0 d_0$ ,  $\lambda h_0 d_0$ 
 $S^{0,0}/\lambda$ :  $d_2(h_4) = \lambda h_0 h_3^2 = 0$ ,  $d_3(h_0 h_4) = \lambda^2 h_0 d_0 = 0$ 
everything survives!
 $S^{0,0}/\lambda^2$ :  $d_2(h_4) = \lambda h_0 h_3^2$ ,  $d_3(h_0 h_4) = \lambda^2 h_0 d_0 = 0$ 
survive:  $h_0 h_3^2$ ,  $h_0 d_0$ ,  $\lambda h_0 d_0$ 
 $\lambda h_4$ 
 $\pi_{*,*}S^{0,0}/\lambda^n \iff Adams E_{n+1}$ -page

### Differentials and Extensions

$$\blacktriangleright \quad S^{0,-n} \xrightarrow{\cdot \lambda^n} S^{0,0} \xrightarrow{} S^{0,0} / \lambda^n \xrightarrow{\delta_n} S^{1,-n}$$

• 
$$n = 1$$
,  $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{s,t} \cong \pi_{t-s,t} S^{0,0} / \lambda$ 

• 
$$h_4 \in \operatorname{Ext}_A^{1,16} \cong \pi_{15,15+1} S^{0,0} / \lambda$$

h<sub>4</sub> doesn't lift to S<sup>0,0</sup>

$$d_3(h_0h_4) = \lambda^2 h_0 d_0 \longleftrightarrow \delta_1(h_0h_4) = \lambda h_0 d_0$$

• 
$$\Rightarrow$$
  $[h_0 h_3^2] \cdot [h_0] = [\lambda h_0 d_0]$  in  $\pi_{14,14+4} S^{0,0}$ 

- Warning: in  $\pi_{14,14+4}S^{0,0}$ , the element  $h_0h_3^2$  detects two homotopy classes, differed by  $\lambda[d_0]!$  $\Rightarrow$  for the other choice of  $[h_0h_3^2]$ ,  $[h_0h_3^2] \cdot [h_0] = 0$ .
- Define extensions on an Adams *E<sub>n</sub>*-page, Translate differentials to extensions
- Generalized Leibniz Rule, Generalized Mahowald Trick

### Notations

- For  $x \in Ext$ , permanent cycle, we denote by
  - $\{x\}$ : the set of all classes in  $\pi_*$  that are detected by x.
  - [x]: a specific or a general class in {x}, depending on the context.
- $\theta_5 = [h_5^2]$ : any synthetic homotopy class in  $\pi_{62,62+2}S^{0,0}$  detected by  $h_5^2$  in the Adams  $E_2$ -page.
- Denote also by  $\theta_5$  its image in  $\pi_{62,62+2}S^{0,0}/\lambda^r$  via the map  $S^{0,0} \rightarrow S^{0,0}/\lambda^r$  for all  $r \ge 1$ .
- $\eta = [h_1] \in \pi_{1,1+1} S^{0,0}$ .
- Fact:  $2 \cdot \theta_5 = 0$  in  $\pi_{62,62+2} S^{0,0}$  for every  $\theta_5$ .
  - $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{0,63} = 0 \implies \pi_{62,62+2}S^{0,0}$  doesn't contain any  $\lambda$ -torsion.

• Xu, Isaksen–Wang–Xu:  $2 \cdot \theta_5 = 0$  in  $\pi_{62}S^0$  for every  $\theta_5$ .

### Inductive Approach for $\theta_6$

#### Theorem (Barratt–Jones–Mahowald, Burklund–Xu)

1. The element  $h_6^2$  survives to the  $E_{r+3}$ -page of the classical Adams spectral sequence if and only if for some  $\theta_5$ ,

$$\lambda\eta\theta_5^2 = 0 \text{ in } \pi_{125,125+4}S^{0,0}/\lambda^{r+1}.$$

2. In particular,  $h_6^2$  is a permanent cycle in the classical Adams spectral sequence if and only if for some  $\theta_5$ ,

$$\lambda\eta\theta_5^2 = 0$$
 in  $\pi_{125,125+4}S^{0,0}$ .

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• In fact, the expression  $\lambda \eta \theta_5^2$  is consistent for every choice of  $\theta_5$ .

### Ideas of the Proof

- ► Take any  $\theta_5 \in \pi_{62,62+2}S^{0,0}$ , and its extension  $f: S^{62,64}/2 \rightarrow S^{0,0}$ , where  $S^{62,64}/2$  is the cofiber of  $2: S^{62,64} \rightarrow S^{62,64}$ .
- Consider its quadratic construction  $Sq(f): (S^{62,64}/2)_{hC_2}^{\wedge 2} \rightarrow S^{0,0}$ .



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### Ideas of the Proof



▶ If  $\eta \theta_5^2$  is detected by  $\lambda^{n-5} T_n$  for some  $T_n \in \text{Ext}_A^{n,125+n}$ , then there is a synthetic Adams differential  $d_{n-2}(h_6^2) = \lambda^{n-3} T_n$ .

# Strategy for proving $h_6^2$ as a permanent cycle

- ► If  $\eta \theta_5^2$  is detected by  $\lambda^{n-5} T_n$  for some  $T_n \in \operatorname{Ext}_A^{n,125+n}$ , then there is a synthetic Adams differential  $d_{n-2}(h_6^2) = \lambda^{n-3} T_n$ .
- Goal: Show that  $\lambda \eta \theta_5^2 = 0$  by Adams filtration (AF) estimation.

• Start with 
$$\theta_5^2 \in \pi_{124,124+4} S^{0,0}$$
.

- Ext<sup>',123+'</sup> = 0 for  $i \le 2$ •  $\Rightarrow \pi_{124,124+4}S^{0,0}$  doesn't contain  $\lambda$ -torision.
- By inspection,  $AF(\theta_5^2) \ge 10$ .
  - If  $AF(\theta_5^2) = 10$ , then  $\theta_5^2$  is detected by  $\lambda^6 h_0^2 x_{124,8}$ .
- Next estimate ηθ<sup>2</sup><sub>5</sub>.
  - $\mathsf{AF}(\lambda^3 \eta [h_0^2 x_{124,8}]) \ge 14.$
  - If  $AF(\lambda^3 \eta[h_0^2 x_{124,8}]) = 14$ , then it is detected by  $\lambda^6 h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}$ .
  - If  $AF(\lambda^3 \eta[h_0^2 x_{124,8}]) > 14$ , then it is zero.

### An $\eta$ -extension

#### Proposition A

Exactly one of (1) and (2) is true:

(1) 
$$h_6^2$$
 survives to the  $E_\infty$ -page.

(2) 
$$d_{12}(h_6^2) = h_1 h_4 x_{109,12} \neq 0.$$

(2) is true 
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
 (3), (4), (5) are all true:

(3) 
$$d_6(x_{126,8,4}+x_{126,8})=0.$$

(4) 
$$\theta_5^2 = \lambda^6 [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] \neq 0 \in \pi_{124,124+4} S^{0,0}$$

(5) 
$$\lambda^3 \eta [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] = \lambda^6 [h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}] \in \pi_{125,125+8} S^{0,0}.$$

- Choice of  $\theta_5$  in (4) doesn't matter,
- Choice of  $[h_0^2 x_{124,8}]$  in (5) doesn't matter.

#### Proposition B

If (3) is true, then (5) is not true.

### Proof of Proposition B

For the sake of contradiction, we assume (3) and (5) are both true.

#### Lemma 1

There exists 
$$\alpha_1 = [x_{123,9} + h_0 x_{123,8}] \in \pi_{123,123+9} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$$
,

$$\alpha_2 \in \pi_{124,124+13} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9, \ \alpha_3 \in \pi_{125,125+15} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$$

such that

1. 
$$\lambda^{3}\eta \cdot \alpha_{1} = \lambda^{3}[h_{0}^{2}x_{124,8}] + \lambda^{6}\alpha_{2}$$
  $\in \pi_{124,124+7}S^{0,0}/\lambda^{9},$   
 $\eta \cdot \alpha_{2} = \lambda \cdot \alpha_{3}$   $\in \pi_{125,125+14}S^{0,0}/\lambda^{9},$   
2.  $\lambda^{3} \cdot \alpha_{1} \cdot [h_{0}] = 0$   $\in \pi_{123,123+7}S^{0,0}/\lambda^{9}.$ 

#### Lemma 2

The synthetic Toda bracket

$$\langle \lambda^3 \alpha_1, [h_0], \eta \rangle \subset \pi_{125, 125+7} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$$

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does not contain zero, and is detected by  $\lambda^4 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}$ .

# Proof of Proposition B

### Lemma 3 (Corollary of Lemma 2)

$$[\lambda^4 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \cdot [h_0] = \lambda^6 [h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}] \neq 0 \in \pi_{125,125+8} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9.$$

#### Lemma 4

$$[\lambda^4 h_1 x_{121,7}] \cdot [h_2] = \lambda [\lambda^5 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \in \pi_{125,125+5} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$$

Sketch Proof of Proposition B:

• 
$$[\lambda^4 h_1 x_{121,7}] \cdot [h_2] \cdot [h_0] = \lambda [\lambda^5 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \cdot [h_0]$$
  
=  $\lambda^8 [h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}] \neq 0 \quad \in \pi_{125,125+6} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9.$ 

•  $[\lambda^4 h_1 x_{121,7}] \cdot [h_0] \neq 0 \in \pi_{122,122+5} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$ , only possibilities:

$$\lambda^{6}[h_{6}Md_{0}]$$
 in AF = 11,  $\lambda^{7}[h_{5}x_{91,11}]$  in AF = 12.

Both lift to  $\pi_{*,*}S^{0,0}$ .

- In both cases,  $\lambda^4[h_1h_4x_{109,12}]$  is a  $\lambda[h_2]$ -multiple in  $\pi_{*,*}S^{0,0}$ .
- ▶ ⇒ in ASS( $S^0/\nu$ ),  $h_1h_4x_{109,12}[0]$  must be killed by  $d_r$  for  $r \leq 5$ .

# Proof of Proposition B

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- ▶ ⇒ in ASS( $S^0/\nu$ ),  $h_1h_4x_{109,12}[0]$  must be killed by  $d_r$  for  $r \leq 5$ . Contradiction!

### Sketch Proof of Lemma 1

#### Lemma 1

There exists  $\alpha_1 = [x_{123,9} + h_0 x_{123,8}], \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \pi_{*,*} S^{0,0}/\lambda^9$ , such that 1.  $\lambda^3 \eta \cdot \alpha_1 = \lambda^3 [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] + \lambda^6 \alpha_2 \qquad \in \pi_{124,124+7} S^{0,0}/\lambda^9$ ,  $\eta \cdot \alpha_2 = \lambda \cdot \alpha_3 \qquad \in \pi_{125,125+14} S^{0,0}/\lambda^9$ , 2.  $\lambda^3 \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot [h_0] = 0 \qquad \in \pi_{123,123+7} S^{0,0}/\lambda^9$ .

Facts: (1)  $x_{123,9} + h_0 x_{123,8}$  survives to  $E_{12}$ , not killed by any differential. (2)  $d_2(x_{125,8}) = h_1(x_{123,9} + h_0 x_{123,8}) + h_0^2 x_{124,8}$ .

- Let  $\alpha_1 = [x_{123,9} + h_0 x_{123,8}] \in \pi_{123,123+9} S^{0,0} / \lambda^{11}$  and its images in  $\pi_{123,123+9} S^{0,0} / \lambda^r$  for  $1 \le r \le 10$ .
- $\lambda \eta \alpha_1 + \lambda [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] \in \pi_{124,124+9} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$  lies in AF  $\ge 11$ .
- ►  $\lambda^3 \eta \alpha_1 + \lambda^3 [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] \in \pi_{124,124+7} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$  has AF  $\geq 13$  by inspection, and is detected by  $\lambda^6 e_0 \Delta h_6 g$  if AF = 13.
- in Ext,  $h_1 \cdot e_0 \Delta h_6 g = 0$ .
- $\lambda^3 \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot [h_0] \in \pi_{123,123+7} S^{0,0}/\lambda^{11}$  has AF  $\geq 17$  by inspection.

### Sketch Proof of Lemmas 2 and 3

#### Lemma 2

The synthetic Toda bracket  $\langle \lambda^3 \alpha_1, [h_0], \eta \rangle \subset \pi_{125,125+7} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9$ does not contain zero, and is detected by  $\lambda^4 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}$ .

From Lemma 1 and (5):  $\lambda^3 \eta [h_0^2 x_{124,8}] = \lambda^6 [h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}],$ 

$$\eta \cdot \lambda^{3} \eta \alpha_{1} = \eta \cdot \lambda^{3} [h_{0}^{2} x_{124,8}] + \eta \cdot \lambda^{6} \alpha_{2}$$
$$= \lambda^{6} [h_{1} h_{4} x_{109,12}] + \lambda^{7} \alpha_{3} \in \pi_{125,125+8} S^{0,0} / \lambda^{9}.$$
$$\eta \cdot \lambda^{3} \eta \alpha_{1} = \lambda^{3} \alpha_{1} \cdot \langle [h_{0}], \eta, [h_{0}] \rangle = \langle \lambda^{3} \alpha_{1}, [h_{0}], \eta \rangle \cdot [h_{0}].$$

•  $\Rightarrow \langle \lambda^3 \alpha_1, [h_0], \eta \rangle$  lies in AF  $\leq 12$ , which is generated by

$$\label{eq:h0} \begin{split} [h_0^2 x_{125,5}] \mbox{ in } \mathsf{AF} &= 7, \\ \lambda^2 [h_6 (\Delta e_1 + C_0 + h_0^6 h_5^2)] \mbox{ in } \mathsf{AF} &= 9, \\ [\lambda^4 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \mbox{ in } \mathsf{AF} &= 11. \end{split}$$

► ⇒ Lemma 3:  

$$[\lambda^4 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \cdot [h_0] = \lambda^6 [h_1 h_4 x_{109,12}] \neq 0 \in \pi_{125,125+8} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9.$$

### Sketch Proof of Lemma 4

Lemma 4

$$[\lambda^4 h_1 x_{121,7}] \cdot [h_2] = \lambda [\lambda^5 h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}] \in \pi_{125,125+5} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9.$$

Fact:  $h_1 x_{121,7}$  survives to  $E_6$ , not killed by any differential.  $\Rightarrow [\lambda^4 h_1 x_{121,7}] \neq 0 \qquad \in \pi_{122,122+4} S^{0,0} / \lambda^9.$  $S^3 \xrightarrow{\nu} S^0 \xrightarrow{i} S^0 / \nu \xrightarrow{q} S^4 \xrightarrow{\nu} S^1$  $\cdots \xrightarrow{\cdot h_2} \mathsf{Ext}_{A}^{*,*}(S^0) \xrightarrow{\prime *} \mathsf{Ext}_{A}^{*,*}(S^0/\nu) \xrightarrow{q_*} \mathsf{Ext}_{A}^{*,*}(S^4) \xrightarrow{\cdot h_2} \cdots$  $h_0^2 x_{125,9,2} \longmapsto h_0^2 x_{125,9,2}[0]$  $d_3 \neq h_1 x_{121.7} [4]$  $+x_{126\ 8}[0] \longmapsto h_1 x_{121\ 7}$  $+x_{126,8,2}[0]$ 

 Generalized Mahowald Trick: [h<sub>1</sub>x<sub>121,7</sub>] · [h<sub>2</sub>] = λ<sup>2</sup>[h<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup>x<sub>125,9,2</sub>] ∈ π<sub>125,125+9</sub>S<sup>0,0</sup>/λ<sup>3</sup>.
 Lift via S<sup>0,0</sup>/λ<sup>5</sup> → S<sup>0,0</sup>/λ<sup>3</sup>, push via λ<sup>4</sup> : Σ<sup>0,-4</sup>S<sup>0,0</sup>/λ<sup>5</sup> → S<sup>0,0</sup>/λ<sup>9</sup>

### Hopf, Kervaire, and ····

- In the Adams spectral sequence, Ext<sup>1,\*</sup><sub>A</sub>(F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>) is generated by the classes h<sub>j</sub>.
- (Adams):  $h_j$  survives  $\Leftrightarrow j \leq 3$ .
- The tangent bundle over  $S^n$  is trivial  $\Leftrightarrow n = 1, 3, 7$ .
- (Hill-Hopkins-Ravenel, Lin-Wang-Xu):  $h_i^2$  survives  $\Leftrightarrow j \leq 6$ .
- There exists a framed *n*-dim manifold with Kervaire invariant one  $\Leftrightarrow$  n = 2, 6, 14, 30, 62, 126.
- Question: Explicit differentials on  $h_i^2$  for  $j \ge 7$ ?
- (Burklund–Xu):  $h_j^3$  survives  $\Leftrightarrow j \leq 4$ .
- Ongoing progress: interpretation in terms of framed manifolds.

•  $h_i^4 = 0$ . Question: What's next?

### New Doomsday Conjecture

• in Ext, 
$$Sq^0 : Ext_A^{s,t} \longrightarrow Ext_A^{s,2t}$$
,

$$Sq^{0}h_{j} = h_{j+1}, \ Sq^{0}h_{j}^{2} = h_{j+1}^{2}, \ Sq^{0}h_{j}^{3} = h_{j+1}^{3}$$

• 
$$Sq^0$$
-family:  $x$ ,  $Sq^0x$ ,  $Sq^0(Sq^0x)$ ,  $\cdots$ 

- New Doomsday Conjecture: For any nonzero  $Sq^0$ -family, only finitely many classes survive.

  - Ext<sup>1,\*</sup><sub>A</sub> ⇔ Hopf invariant problem,
     Ext<sup>2,\*</sup><sub>A</sub> ⇔ Kervaire invariant problem,
     Ext<sup>3,\*</sup><sub>A</sub>: other than h<sup>3</sup><sub>i</sub>, many cases remain

$$h_j^2 h_{j+k+1} + h_{j+1} h_{j+k}^2 = \langle h_j^2, h_0, h_{j+k}^2 \rangle.$$

• Uniform Doomsday Conjecture: For any nonzero  $Sq^0$ -family  $\{a_i\}$ , there exists a  $Sq^0$ -family  $\{b_i\}$ ,  $r \ge 2$ ,  $c \in Ext$ , such that

$$d_r(a_j) = c \cdot b_j \neq 0$$
, for  $j >> 0$ .

# Thank you!