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The purpose of this paper is to generalize Bousfield's calculation in [B79b], (4.3) of the  $K$ -localization of the sphere spectrum to the equivariant case.

This is done as follows: We select an odd prime  $p$ , and then consider two different cases:

- I:  $G$  is a  $p$ -group, and
- II:  $G$  is a finite group with order prime to  $p$ .

In both cases we work  $p$ -locally.

In section I we describe the  $G$  Spaces  $Q_G S^0$  and  $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ . In section 2 we consider the two different cases above and define the relevant infinite  $G$ -loop space,  $J(G, p)$ , which is to give the  $K_G$ -localization of the  $G$ -sphere spectrum  $S_G$ . We also define the infinite  $G$ -loop map  $e(G, p): Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$ , and the  $G$ -space  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  as the homotopy fibre of  $e(G, p)$ .

In section 3 we show that in case II we have a splitting

$$SF_G \simeq J(G, p)_0 \times \text{Cok } J(G, p)_0,$$

where  $SF_G$ ,  $J(G, p)_0$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$  denote the  $G$ -connected covers of  $Q_G S^0$ ,  $J(G, p)$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ , respectively. At the moment it doesn't seem to be possible to prove an analogous statement in case I.

In section 4 we study the  $K_G$ -theory of  $S_G$  and of  $J(G, p)$ .

In section 5 we briefly describe the properties of equivariant Bousfield-localization with respect to a  $G$ -spectrum, and we define the  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -localization, which in a certain sense is the correct localization to use. A  $G$ -spectrum  $X$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local, if and only if for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the fixed point spectrum  $X^H$  is  $K$ -local.

Finally, in section 6 we calculate the  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -localization of  $S_G$ .

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## 1. Preparations

In this section we collect results to be used in the following. We start by defining the spaces  $Q_G S^0$ ,  $SF_G$  and  $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ :

### **Definition 1.1**

Let  $Q_G S^0$  be the  $G$ -loop-space  $\varinjlim \Omega^V S^V$ , where the limit is over all  $G$ -modules in a fixed  $G$ -universe  $\mathcal{U}$ , cf. [LMS], p.11 ff. we demand that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a complete  $G$ -universe, i.e. that  $\mathcal{U}$  contains countably many copies of the regular representation  $\mathbb{R}[G]$ .

Let  $SF_G$  be the  $G$ -connected cover of  $Q_G S^0$ , cf [El], p.277. We here let the basepoint of  $Q_G S^0$  be the identity map between  $G$ -spheres.

**Proposition 1.2** ([S70], p.62)

$$(Q_G S^0)^G \simeq \prod_{(H)} Q(BW_G H_+) \text{ and } (S F_G)^G \simeq \prod_{(H)} Q_0(BW_G H_+),$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes  $(H)$  of subgroups of  $G$ , and  $W_G H$  is the Weyl-group  $N_G(H)/H$ .  $Q_0(BW_G H_+)$  is the basepoint component of  $Q(BW_G H_+)$ .

**Remark 1.3**

It is well known, [Sh], p.242, that the infinite  $G$ -loop-space  $Q_G S^0$  can alternatively be obtained as follows:

Let  $\mathcal{E}_G$  be the category, whose objects are pairs  $(n, \rho)$ , where  $n$  is a non-negative integer, and  $\rho: G \rightarrow \Sigma_n$  is a homomorphism. The set of morphisms  $(m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$  is empty if  $m \neq n$ , and the set of all bijections  $\{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  if  $m = n$ .

$G$  acts on  $\mathcal{E}_G$  as follows:  $G$  acts trivially on objects, and if  $f: (m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$  is a morphism, and  $g \in G$ , then  $gf$  is the morphism sending  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  to  $\tau(g)(f((\rho^{-1}(g)(i))))$ .

$\mathcal{E}_G$  has a composition given by the disjoint union  $\amalg$ ,  $(m, \rho) \amalg (n, \tau) = (m+n, \rho \amalg \tau)$ , where  $\rho \amalg \tau: G \rightarrow \Sigma_{m+n}$  is the composite  $G \xrightarrow{\rho \times \tau} \Sigma_m \times \Sigma_n \longrightarrow \Sigma_{m+n}$ .

This makes  $\mathcal{E}_G$  into a permutative  $G$ -category, and according to [Sh], thm. A', p. 255, the group completion  $\Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G)$  of  $\mathcal{E}_G$  is an infinite  $G$ -loop-space. It follows from [Sh], p.242, that  $\Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G)$  is  $G$ -homotopy equivalent to  $Q_G S^0$  as an infinite  $G$ -loop-space.

**Definition 1.4** ([FHM], (2.1))

Let  $q$  be a prime power. Let  $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$  be the category, whose objects are pairs  $(n, \rho)$ , where  $n$  is a non negative integer, and  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is a homomorphism. The set of morphisms  $(m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$  is empty if  $m \neq n$ , and is the set of all  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphisms  $\mathbb{F}_q^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n$  when  $m = n$ .

$G$  acts on  $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$  like the  $G$ -action on  $\mathcal{E}_G$ , and direct sum of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -modules makes  $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$  into a permutative  $G$ -category.

The corresponding infinite  $G$ -loop-space  $\Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q))$  is denoted  $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  – see e.g. [Sh], p.242, or [FHM], (0.2).

**Proposition 1.5** ([FHM], (3.1))

Assume  $(q, |G|) = 1$ . Let  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  be the irreducible  $\mathbb{F}_q G$ -modules, and let  $D_i = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_q G}(V_i, V_i)$  be the corresponding finite field. Then

$$(K(\mathbb{F}_q, G))^G \simeq \prod_{i=1}^n K(D_i) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^n K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$$

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**Definition 1.6**

The functor  $P : \mathcal{E}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is defined as follows.  $P$  maps the object  $(n, \rho : G \rightarrow \Sigma_n)$  of  $\mathcal{E}_G$  to  $(n, \rho : G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$ , where  $\Sigma_n$  is embedded in  $GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  as the subgroup permitting the standard basis. On morphisms we let  $P(f : (m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau))$  the map  $P(f) : \mathbb{F}_q^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n$  mapping the  $i$ 'th standard basis vector  $e_i$  to  $e_{f(i)}$ .

$P$  is seen to preserve the  $G$  action and the permutative structure.

**Definition 1.7**

The infinite  $G$ -loop-map  $e_G : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  is defined to be

$$e_G = \Omega B(B(P)) : Q_G S^0 = \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_q)) = K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$$

We use the notation of [El] and let  $\mathcal{O}_G$  denote the category of  $G$ -orbits, i.e. the objects of  $\mathcal{O}_G$  are the transitive  $G$ -sets  $G/H$ , where  $H$  ranges over all the subgroups of  $G$ . The morphisms are all  $G$ -maps.

For a  $G$ -space  $X$ , we let  $\Phi X$  denote the functor  $\mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \{\text{pointed topological spaces}\}$  given by

$$(\Phi X)(G/H) = X^H.$$

(In general, a functor  $\mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \{\text{pointed topological spaces}\}$  is denoted an  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -space).  $\Phi$  is seen to be a functor from  $\{G\text{-spaces}\}$  to  $\{\mathcal{O}_G\text{-spaces}\}$ .

We furthermore have the functor  $C : \{\mathcal{O}_G\text{-spaces}\} \rightarrow \{G\text{-spaces}\}$ , which is the right adjoint to  $\Phi$  in the corresponding homotopy categories, i.e. we have the natural bijection

$$(1.8) \quad [X, CT]^G \cong [\Phi X, T]_{\mathcal{O}_G} \quad [X, CT] \cong [X, T]_{\mathcal{O}_G}$$

of [El], thm. 2, where  $X$  is a  $G$ -space and  $T$  an  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -space.

We describe in detail the  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -space  $\Phi(Q_G S^0)$ :

By considering the category  $\mathcal{E}_G$  of (1.3), we see that  $(\mathcal{E}_G)^H$  is equivalent to the category  $\mathcal{S}_H$  consisting of all finite  $H$ -sets and  $H$ -equivalences.  $\mathcal{S}_H$  splits as a category into factors  $\mathcal{T}_{H/K}$ , where  $H/K$  is the typical irreducible  $H$ -set, and where the product ranges over all the  $H$ -conjugacy classes  $(K)_H$  of subgroups  $K$  of  $H$ .  $\mathcal{T}_{H/K}$  is the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{S}_H$  consisting of the objects  $n(H/K)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

From (1.2) we have that

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \simeq (Q_H S^0)^H \simeq \prod_{(K)_H} Q(BW_H K_+)$$

where the product runs over all  $H$ -conjugacy classes of subgroups  $K$  of  $H$ . In view of the discussion above, we see that the factor  $Q(BW_H K_+)$  originates as

$$Q(BAut_H(H/K)_+) - \text{recall that } Aut_H(H/K) = W_H K.$$

Let  $K \leq H \leq G$  be subgroups. The projection map  $G/K \rightarrow G/H$ , which is a morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_G$ , induces the inclusion  $(Q_G S^0)^H \rightarrow (Q_G S^0)^K$ . This map is described as follows:

Let  $S_1 = H/A_1, S_2 = H/A_2, \dots, S_n = H/A_n$ , and  $T_1 = K/B_1, T_2 = K/B_2, \dots, T_m = K/B_m$  be a complete list of the inequivalent, irreducible  $H$ -sets and  $K$ -sets, respectively. The integers  $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , are defined by

$$Res_K^H(S_j) \cong \prod_{i=1}^m a_{ij} T_i$$

Furthermore, we have the group homomorphism

$$r_{ij} = W_H A_j = Aut_H(S_j) \rightarrow Aut_K(a_{ij} T_i) = \Sigma_{a_{ij}} \wr W_K B_i$$

well defined up to inner automorphisms.  $r_{ij}$  gives a functor  $\mathcal{T}_{H/A_j} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{K/B_i}$ , and we obtain an infinite loop map  $R_{ij} : Q(BW_H A_j) \rightarrow Q(BW_K B_i)$ .

The map  $S : (Q_G S^0)^H = \prod_{j=1}^m Q(BW_H A_j) \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n Q(BW_K B_i) = (Q_G S^0)^K$  is now given

by the  $m \times n$  matrix:

$$(1.9) \quad A_K^H = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} R_{11} & a_{12} R_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} R_{1n} \\ a_{21} R_{21} & a_{22} R_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} R_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} R_{m1} & a_{m2} R_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} R_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is seen as follows: As both  $S$  and  $A_K^H$  are infinite loop maps, they are determined up to homotopy by their restrictions to  $\prod_{j=1}^m BW_H A_j$ . These restrictions coincide, and we conclude that  $S$  and  $A_K^H$  are homotopic maps.

A general morphism  $f : G/K \rightarrow G/H$  in  $\mathcal{O}_G$  is of the form  $f(gH) = gaK$ , where  $a \in G$  is given by  $f(H) = aK$ . It is seen that  $a^{-1}Ka \leq H$ , and as there is a one to one correspondance between  $a^{-1}Ka$ -sets and  $K$ -sets, the induced map  $\Phi(Q_G S^0)(f)$  is given by  $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka} \circ A_{a^{-1}Ka}^H$ , where  $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka}$  is the  $m \times m$ -matrix given as follows: Let the irreducible  $K$  sets be  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m\}$ , and let the irreducible  $a^{-1}Ka$ -sets be  $\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}$ . Then the  $(i, j)$ 'th entry of  $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka}$  is 1 if  $T_i$  corresponds to  $U_j$  under the 1-1 correspondance above, and is zero otherwise.

## 2. Equivariant $J$ -theory

In this section we define equivariant  $J$ -theory. We fix an odd prime  $p$ , and we define the  $p$ -local, equivariant space  $J(G, p)$  in two cases:

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- I: when  $G$  is a  $p$ -group, and  
 II: when  $G$  is a finite group with order  $|G|$  relatively prime to  $p$ .

In both cases we select a prime  $q$ , such that  $q + p^2\mathbb{Z}$  generates the unit group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^2)^\times$ , and such that  $(q, |G|) = 1$ . Such an integer  $q$  exists according to Dirichlet's theorem, cf. [Ap], (7.9).

The next key definition is inspired of [MR89], thm. C:

**Definition 2.1**

- I: Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group. Define the functor

$$F : \{G\text{-CW-complexes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$$

by

$$F(X) = [X^G; K(\mathbb{F}_q)] \times \prod_{\substack{(H) \\ H \neq G}} [X^H; K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)]^{W_G H}$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes  $(H)$  of proper subgroups  $H$  of  $G$ , where we recall that  $X^H$  is canonically a  $W_G H$ -space, and where  $W_G H$  acts trivially on  $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

For the sake of simplicity we denote by  $L(H)$  the  $W_G H$ -space

$$K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H), \text{ when } H < G, \text{ and the } G\text{-space } K(\mathbb{F}_q), \text{ when } H = G.$$

Thus,

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H; L(H)]^{W_G H}$$

(This notation will normally only be used in proofs.)

- II: Let  $G$  be a finite group of order prime to  $p$ . Define the functor

$$F : \{G\text{-CW-complexes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$$

by

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H; K(\mathbb{F}_q)]^{W_G H}$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes  $(H)$  of subgroups  $H$  of  $G$ , and where  $W_G H$  acts trivially on  $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

**Definition 2.2**

$F$  satisfies the requirements of the equivariant Brown representation theorem, [LMS], (1.5.11), in both case I and II. We thus get a  $G$ -space  $J(G, p)$  representing  $F$ , i.e.

$$(2.3) \quad F(X) \cong [X, J(G, p)]^G,$$

for every finite, based  $G$ -CW-complex  $X$ . (See also [B65], thm. (2.8), the proof of which carries over to the equivariant case without complications.)

**Proposition 2.4**

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then

$$J(G, p)^H \simeq K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \prod_{\substack{(K)_H \\ K \neq H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q[W_H K]),$$

if we are in case I (i.e. if  $G$  is a  $p$ -group), and

$$J(G, p)^H \simeq \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

in case II. In both cases the product runs over  $H$ -conjugacy classes  $(K)_H$  of subgroups  $K$  of  $H$ .

**Proof:**

We only prove the statement in case I, as the proof in case II is virtually unchanged.

As  $[X, Y^H] \cong [X \wedge (G/H_+), Y]^G$  for a (non-equivariant) space  $X$ , a  $G$ -space  $Y$  and a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , we get the following calculations:

$$[X, J(G, p)^H] \cong [X \wedge (G/H_+), J(G, p)]^G \cong \prod_{(K)_G} [X \wedge (G/H_+), L(K)]^{W_G K}$$

$(G/H)^K = \emptyset$ , if  $K$  is not conjugate to a subgroup of  $H$ , while

$$(2.5) \quad (G/H)^K = \coprod_{i=1}^n N_G(K_i)/(N_G(K_i) \cap H)$$

as a  $W_G H$ -set, if  $K$  is conjugate to a subgroup of  $H$ :

It suffices to consider the case where  $K$  is a subgroup of  $H$ . Let  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  be a full collection of  $H$ -conjugacy classes of subgroups of  $H$ , such that  $K_i$  is  $G$ -conjugate to  $K$ . As  $(G/H)^K = \{gH \in G/H \mid gKg^{-1} \leq H\}$ , we study the set

$G_* = \{g \in G \mid gKg^{-1} \leq H\}$ .  $G_* = G_*^1 \amalg G_*^2 \amalg \dots \amalg G_*^n$ , where

$G_*^i = \{g \in G \mid gKg^{-1} \text{ is } H\text{-conjugate to } K_i\}$ . It is easily seen that the  $W_G H$ -set  $G_*^i/H$  is isomorphic to  $N_G(K_i)/(N_G(K_i) \cap H)$ , thus proving (2.5).

We now see that

$$\begin{aligned} [X, J(G, p)^H] &\cong \prod_{(K)_H} [X \wedge (H_G(K)/(N_G(K) \cap H)_+): L(K)]^{W_G K} \cong \\ &\prod_{(K)_H} [X \wedge ((H_G(K)/K)/(N_H(K)/K)_+): L(K)]^{W_G K} \cong \\ &\prod_{(K)_H} [X; L(K)^{W_H K}] \cong [X; K(\mathbb{F}_q)] \times \prod_{\substack{(K)_H \\ K \neq H}} [X; K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q[W_H K])] \end{aligned}$$

as it follows from (1.5). This proves the theorem.

QED

**Remark 2.6**

If  $K \leq H \leq G$ , and we are in case II, the inclusion

$$\prod_{j=1}^m K(\mathbb{F}_q) \simeq J(G, p)^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^K \simeq \prod_{j=1}^n K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

is given by the matrix

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here the  $a_{ij}$ 's are defined as in (1.9).

This follows from the proof of (2.4): Let  $\pi : G/K \rightarrow G/H$  be the projection, and let  $i : J(G, p)^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^K$  be the inclusion.

For a  $CW$ -complex  $X$  we now see that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X, J(G, p)^H] & \xrightarrow{\sim} & [X \wedge (G/H_+); J(G, p)]^G \\ \downarrow i_* & & \downarrow (Id_X \wedge \pi)^* \\ [X, J(G, p)^K] & \xrightarrow{\sim} & [X \wedge (G/K_+); J(G, p)]^G \end{array}$$

commutes. By using the fact that the splittings of  $J(G, p)^H$  and  $J(G, p)^K$  come from the various irreducible  $H$ - and  $K$ -sets, we get the result.

**Proposition 2.7**

$J(G, p)$  is an infinite  $G$ -loop-space, both in case I and in case II.

**Proof:**

Again we only prove the statement in case I.

From (1.4) it follows that  $L(H)$  is an infinite  $W_G H$ -loop space. Thus, for every  $W_G H$ -representation  $U_H$  we have an  $U_H$ 'th delooping  $L(H)_{U_H}$ , such that  $\Omega^{U_H}(L(H)_{U_H})$  and  $L(H)$  are  $G$ -homotopy equivalent  $G$ -spaces.

Let  $V$  be a  $G$ -module. Then the  $V$ 'th delooping of  $J(G, p)$  is the representing space for the functor

$$F_V : X \rightarrow \prod_{(H)} [X^H; L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H}$$

where the fixed point representation  $V^H$  is considered as a  $W_G H$ -module: Let  $BF_V$  denote the representing  $G$ -space for  $F_V$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [X, \Omega^V BF_V]^G &= [S^V \wedge X, BF_V]^G = \prod_{(H)} [(S^V \wedge X)^H, L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \\ &= \prod_{(H)} [(S^{V^H} \wedge X^H), L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \Omega^{V^H} L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \\ &= \prod_{(H)} [X^H, L(H)]^{W_G H} = [X, J(G, p)]^G \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $\Omega^V BF_V \simeq J(G, p)$ .

QED



**Definition 2.8**

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . We then have the functor  $I_H : \mathcal{E}_G^H \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{W_G H}$ , where an object of  $\mathcal{E}_G^H$  is considered as an  $W_G H$ -set.

$i_H$  induces the infinite  $W_G H$ -loop map

$$i_H = \Omega B(Bi_H) : (Q_G S^0)^H = \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G^H) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_{W_G H}) = Q_{W_G H} S^0$$

Another description of  $i_H$  is as follows: If  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{R}G$ -module, then we have the  $W_G H$ -map

$$m_V : \text{Map}(S^V, S^V)^H \cong \text{Map}_H(S^V, S^V) \rightarrow \text{Map}(S^{V^H}, S^{V^H}),$$

which sends the  $H$ -map  $f : S^V \rightarrow S^V$  to the map  $f^H : S^{V^H} \rightarrow S^{V^H}$ . By taking the limit over all  $\mathbb{R}G$ -modules  $V$ , we get a  $W_G H$ -map  $m : (Q_G S^0)^H \rightarrow Q_{W_G H} S^0$ . This map  $m$  and the map  $i_H$  from above are  $W_G H$ -homotopic maps.

**Definition 2.9**

The map  $e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$  is defined as follows: In case I (the  $p$ -group case), we let the  $H$ 'th component of

$$e(G, p) \in [Q_G S^0, J(G, p)] = \prod_{(H)} [(Q_G S^0)^H, L(H)]^{W_G H}$$

be the composite

$$\begin{aligned} (Q_G S^0)^H &\xrightarrow{i_H} W_{W_G H} S^0 \xrightarrow{e_{W_G H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \\ &\xrightarrow{j \times Id} K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) = L(H) \end{aligned}$$

when  $H \neq G$ , and the composite

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \xrightarrow{i_G} Q_1 S^0 \xrightarrow{e_1} K(\mathbb{F}_q; 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) = L(G)$$

when  $H = G$ . In case II we let the  $H$ 'th component of

$$e(G, p) \in [Q_G S^0, J(G, p)] = \prod_{(H)} [(Q_G S^0)^H, K(\mathbb{F}_q)]^{W_G H}$$

be the composite

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \xrightarrow{i_H} W_{W_G H} S^0 \xrightarrow{e_{W_G H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \xrightarrow{j} K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

Here  $j : K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is induced by the group homomorphism  $W_H G \rightarrow 1$ , and 1 denotes the trivial group.

**Definition 2.10**

The  $G$ -space  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  is defined as the  $G$ -homotopy fibre of the map

$$e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$$

**Proposition 2.11**

The map  $e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$  is an infinite  $G$ -loop map, both in case I and in case II.

**Proof:**

We have that the  $H$ 'th component of  $e(G, p)$  in both cases is an infinite  $W_G H$ -loop map, as it is composed of infinite  $W_G H$ -loop maps. We now proceed as in the proof of (2.7).

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For later use we calculate the map  $e(G, p) : (Q_G S^0)^G \rightarrow J(G, p)^G$ , when  $G$  is a cyclic  $p$ -group. (In the next section we will describe  $\Phi e(G, p) : \Phi Q_G S^0 \rightarrow \Phi J(G, p)$  in the case II, where  $(|G|, p) = 1$ )

Recall from [H91], (4.5), that we have a map  $e : Q(BG_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$  defined as follows: Consider the categories  $\mathcal{T}_G$  and  $\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$  of  $G$ -sets of the form  $n(G/1)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , and projective  $\mathbb{F}_q[G]$ -modules, respectively. These categories have classifying spaces  $\Omega B(B\mathcal{T}_G) = Q(BG_+)$  and  $\Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])) = K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$ .

The functor  $P : \mathcal{T}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$ , sending a  $G$ -set to its permutation representation:  $P(n(G/1)) = \mathbb{F}_q[G]^n$ , gives the infinite loop map

$$e = \Omega B(BP) : Q(BG_+) = \Omega B(B\mathcal{T}_G) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])) = K(\mathbb{F}_q[G]).$$

**Proposition 2.12**

Let  $G$  be a cyclic  $p$ -group;  $G = \mathbb{Z}/p^n$ . Let  $1 = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots \subset G_n = G$  be a complete list of the subgroups of  $G$ . Then the matrix of the map

$$e(G, p)^G : (Q_G S^0)^G = \prod_{t=0}^n Q(B(G/G_t)_+) \rightarrow \prod_{s=0}^n L(G_s) = J(G, p)^G$$

has the  $(s, t)$ 'th entry  $e_{st}$  given by

$$e_{st} = \begin{cases} p^{s-t} (j \circ e) \times e & n > s \geq t \\ p^{s-t} e & n = s \geq t \\ 0 & s < t \end{cases}$$

The map  $j$  is described in (2.9).

**Proof:**

Let  $K \leq H \leq G$  be subgroups. Consider the composite

$$Q(B/G/K)_+ \xrightarrow{a} (Q_G S^0)^G = ((Q_G S^0)^H)^{G/H} \xrightarrow{(i_H)^{G/H}} (Q_{G/H} S^0)^{G/H}$$

where  $a$  is the inclusion of the factor, cf. (1.2), and  $i_H$  is the map from (2.8). By considering this composite as the realization of the functor, which restricts a  $G$ -set of

the form  $m(G/K)$  to a  $G/H$ -set, we see that  $m(G/K)$  is mapped to  $mp^{s-t}(G/H)$ , where  $|K| = p^t$  and  $|H| = p^s$ .

As  $e(G, p)$  on the fixed point sets is composition of the map above with  $(j \times Id) \circ e$ , we get the result.

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### 3. The Sullivan splitting

In this section we only consider case II, i.e. we assume that  $(|G|, p) = 1$ .  $p$  is, as usual, an odd prime. We show that we have a  $p$ -local splitting

$$(SF_G)_{(p)} \simeq (J(G, p)_0)_{(p)} \times (\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0)_{(p)},$$

where  $J(G, p)_0$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$  denote the  $G$ -connected covers of  $J(G, p)$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ , respectively, cf. [E1], p.277.

#### **Proposition 3.1**

Let  $p$  be a prime not dividing the order of the group  $G$ . Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space, and let  $Y$  be a  $p$ -local infinite  $G$ -loop space. Then the map

$$\text{Fix}: ([X, Y]^G)_{(p)} \rightarrow ([\Phi X, \Phi Y]_{\mathcal{O}_G})_{(p)}$$

sending the  $G$ -map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to the  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -map

$$\text{Fix}(f): G/H \mapsto (f^H: X^H \rightarrow Y^H)$$

is a bijection.

#### **Proof:**

This is essentially [LMS], (V.6.8) and (V.6.9): If  $(|G|, p) = 1$ , then

$$[X, Y]^G_{(p)} \cong \prod_{(H)} [X^H, Y^H]_{(p)}^{INV},$$

where the superscript  $INV$  indicates that we are considering homotopy classes of 'invariant maps', [LMS] (V.6.5). But such an invariant homotopy class corresponds to a  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -homotopy class of  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -maps  $\Phi X \rightarrow \Phi Y$ .

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#### **Proposition 3.2**

For a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the fixed point map

$$e(G, p)^H: (Q_G S^0_{(p)})^H = \prod_{(K)_H} QS^0_{(p)} \rightarrow \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)} \rightarrow J(G, p)^H_{(p)}$$

is given by the product of maps  $e_{(p)}: QS^0_{(p)} \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$ .

#### **Proof:**

Let  $K \leq H \leq G$  be subgroups, and denote  $W_G H$  by  $W$ . The composite

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$$Q(BW_H K_+)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{a} (Q_G S^0_{(p)})^H \xrightarrow{i_H} Q_W S^0_{(p)} \xrightarrow{e_W} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{j} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$$

is zero, if  $K < H$ , and equal to  $e_{(p)} : Q_S^0_{(p)} \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$ , if  $K = H = H$ . This is seen by using discrete models: The  $H$ -set  $n(H/K)$  is mapped via  $e_W \circ i_H \circ a$  to the  $\mathbb{F}_q[W]$ -module  $\mathbb{F}_q[W/K]^n$ . But the categorical analogue of  $j$  maps a  $\mathbb{F}_q[W]$ -module  $V$  to its fixed point module  $V^W$ .

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We briefly review the non equivariant case, see [M77] p. 112 ff.: We have  $p$ -local infinite loop maps

$$(3.3) \quad \alpha : J_p \rightarrow SF \quad \text{and} \quad e : SF \rightarrow J_p,$$

such that  $e \circ \alpha : J_p \rightarrow J_p$  is a homotopy equivalence. This gives a splitting

$$(3.4) \quad SF \simeq J_p \times \text{Cok } J_p$$

where  $\text{Cok } J_p$  is the homotopy fibre of  $e : SF \rightarrow J_p$ . The work of Quillen in [Q], thm.7, p.585, shows that  $J_p$  can be identified with the connected cover of  $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$  – algebraic  $K$ -theory of the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Finally, the map  $e : SF \rightarrow J_p$  is actually the connected cover of the map  $e : Q(BG_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$  of (1.7), with  $G$  being the trivial group.

**Definition 3.5**

Define  $\alpha(G, p) : J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow SF_G$  as follows: The  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -map

$$\Phi\alpha(G, p) : \Phi J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow \Phi SF_G$$

is defined to be

$$\Phi\alpha(G, p)(G/H) = \prod_{(K)_H} \alpha : J(G, p)_0^H = \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_0 \rightarrow \prod_{(K)_H} SF = SF_G^H$$

By using (3.1), we let  $\alpha(G, p) : J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow SF_G$  correspond to  $\Phi\alpha(G, p) \in [\Phi J(G, p)_0, \Phi SF_G]_{\mathcal{O}_G}$ .

**Theorem 3.6**

$e(G, p)$  and  $\alpha(G, p)$  induces a  $p$ -local splitting

$$SF_G \simeq J(G, p)_0 \times \text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$$

**Proof:**

This follows immediately from the fact that the composite  $e(G, p) \circ \alpha(G, p)$  is a  $G$ -homotopy equivalence: For each subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the fixed point map  $(e(G, p) \circ \alpha(G, p))^H$  is simply  $\prod_{(K)_H} e \circ \alpha$ , and from (3.4) we conclude that this is a homotopy equivalence.

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**4.  $K_G$  – theory of  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$**

In this section we show that  $K_G$ -theory of  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  vanishes. To this purpose we prove some results linking  $K_G$ -theory of a  $G$ -Space to the  $K$ -theory of the fixed point sets. These results will be applied later on.

In order to avoid finiteness assumptions, we agree to work with  $K$ -theory with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}/p$  for an odd prime  $p$ . We remark that the results (4.1) and (4.2) holds for  $K$ -theory with integral coefficients, provided that  $X$  is a finite  $G$ -CW-complex.

**Lemma 4.1**

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group,  $X$  a  $G$ -CW-complex with  $\bar{K}^*(X^H) = 0$  for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Then  $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$ .

(Here  $\bar{K}_G(-)$  is *reduced  $K_G$ -theory* – for a finite  $G$ -CW-complex  $X$ ,  $\bar{K}_G(X)$  is generated by differences of  $G$ -bundles  $E - F$  satisfying the following condition: For every  $x \in X$ , the fibres  $E_x$  and  $F_x$  are equivalent  $G_x$ -modules.)

**Proof:**

We show this using induction over the subgroups of  $G$ . Let  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$  be an ordering of these subgroups, such that if  $H_i \subseteq H_j$ , then  $i \geq j$ . Since  $G$  is cyclic, every  $H_i$  is normal in  $G$ , and we let  $W_i$  denote the factor group  $G/H_i$ .

Define a filtration  $X_1 \subseteq X_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_n$  of  $X$  by

$$X_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^i X^{H_j}$$

Since all subgroups  $H_j$  are normal in  $G$ , each  $X^{H_j}$  is a  $G$ -space, and thus  $X_i$  is a  $G$ -space. We show inductively that  $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) = 0$ .

For  $i = 1$  we have that  $H_1 = G$ , and thus

$$\bar{K}_G^*(X_1) = \bar{K}_G^*(X^G) = \bar{K}^*(X^G) \otimes R(G) = 0.$$

Assume now that  $\bar{K}_G^*(X_{i-1}) = 0$ . By considering the long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow \bar{K}_G^{*-1}(X_{i-1}) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1}) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_{i-1}) \rightarrow$$

coming from the pair  $(X_i, X_{i-1})$ , we see that  $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1})$ .

Since we have the canonical group homomorphism  $G \rightarrow W_i$ , we get a  $G$ -action on the space  $EW_i$ . We have that  $(EW_i)^H$  is either contractible or the empty set  $\emptyset$ , depending on whether  $H$  is contained in  $H_i$  or not.

The projection map between the pairs  $(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$  and  $(X_i, X_{i-1})$  is a  $G$ -homotopy equivalence, since it is an homotopy equivalence on all fixed point sets: For every subgroup  $H_j$  one of the following three conditions is satisfied:

- a)  $j < i$ , or
- b)  $j \geq i$  and  $H_j \subseteq H_i$ , or
- c)  $j \geq i$  and  $H_j \not\subseteq H_i$ .

If condition a) is satisfied, then  $(X_i)^{H_j} = (X_{i-1})^{H_j}$ , and  $(X_i / X_{i-1})^{H_j}$  is contractible. Whether  $EW_i^{H_j}$  is the zero set or contractible, the set  $(EW_i \times X_i / EW_i \times X_{i-1})^{H_j}$  is contractible.

If condition b) is satisfied, then  $(EW_i)^{H_j}$  is contractible, and the claim is trivial.

If condition c) is satisfied, then  $(EW_i)^{H_j} = \emptyset$ , and  $(EW_i \times X_i / EW_i \times X_{i-1})^{H_j}$  is contractible. But  $(X_i)^{H_j} = (X_{i-1})^{H_j} \cup (X^{H_i})^{H_j}$ , and the set  $(X^{H_i})^{H_j} = X^{H_k}$  is contained in  $(X_{i-1})^{H_j}$ ; here  $H_k$  is the smallest subgroup of  $G$ -containing the subgroups  $H_i$  and  $H_j$ , and since  $H_k \supset H_i$ , we know that  $k < i$ , and  $X^{H_k} \subseteq X_{i-1}$ .

We thus have  $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1}) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$

We note that  $H$  acts trivially on the spaces  $EW_i$  and  $X_i / X_{i-1}$ . [MR84], (1.3.12), stating that if  $G$  is an Abelian group,  $\Gamma$  a subgroup of  $G$ , then there is an isomorphism

$$K_G(X^\Gamma) \cong K_{G/\Gamma}(X^\Gamma) \otimes R(\Gamma),$$

reduces the problem to showing that  $\bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$  is zero. By using the long exact sequence on the pair  $(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$ , we see that it suffices to show that the restriction map  $\bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_{i-1})$  is an isomorphism.

$W_i$  acts freely on  $EW_i$ , and by using [S68c] (2.1) it suffices show that the map  $\bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1})$  is an isomorphism.

We have the homotopy commutative diagram of fibrations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \rightarrow & X_{i-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i & \rightarrow & EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ BW_i & = & BW_i \end{array}$$

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Using a Mayer-Vietoris argument, we conclude that  $\bar{K}^*(X_i) = \bar{K}^*(X_{i-1}) = 0$ . The Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence and the comparison theorem for spectral sequences show that  $\bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1})$  is an isomorphism.

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**Lemma 4.2** ([MC], cor. C.)

Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $p$  an odd prime. Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -CW-complex, such that  $\bar{K}_C^*(X) = 0$  for every cyclic subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$ .

**Proposition 4.3**

Let  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  be the space from (2.10). Then  $\bar{K}_G^*(\text{Cok } J(G, p); \mathbb{Z}/p)$  vanishes.

**Proof:**

According to (4.1) and (4.2) it suffices to show that  $e(G, p)^K : (Q_G S^0)^K \rightarrow J(G, p)^K$  is an  $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, when  $G$  is a cyclic group, and  $K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

In case I, the  $p$ -group case, we use (2.12) and the fact, that

$$(j \times Id) \circ e : Q(B\Gamma_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, \Gamma)$$

is a  $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, when  $\Gamma$  is a cyclic  $p$ -group, cf. (1191), (4.18).

In the case where  $|G|$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}/p$ , we use the definition (3.2) and the fact that  $e : QS^0 \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is a  $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, cf. [MM], (5.22).

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From (2.11) we know that  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  is an infinite  $G$ -loop space. We want to show that  $K_G$ -theory of the corresponding  $G$ -spectrum vanishes.

**Lemma 4.4**

Let  $X$  be an infinite  $G$ -loop space with  $\bar{K}^*(X^H) = 0$  for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Let  $V$  be an  $\mathbb{R}G$ -module. Then the  $V$ th delooping  $X_V$  of  $X$  satisfies  $\bar{K}^*(X_V^H) = 0$  for every subgroup  $H$ . Especially,  $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$ .

**Proof:**

This follows from (the dual) of the  $K$ -theoretical Rothenberg-Steenrod spectral sequence, cf. [Ho], p.5 (the dualization is carried through in [McC], p.242 ff):

$$E^2 = \text{Tor}_{K_*(X)}(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \Rightarrow K_*(BX) = E^\infty$$

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**Corollary 4.5**

The  $K_G$ -theory with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}/p$  of the spectra  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  vanishes.

**Corollary 4.6**

The map of  $G$ -spectra  $e(G, p): S_G \rightarrow J(G, p)$  of (2.9) is an  $K_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence.

We here denote the  $G$ -sphere spectrum with  $S_G$ , and we denote the  $G$ -spectra corresponding to the infinite  $G$ -loop spaces  $J(G, p)$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$  by the same symbols, i.e. by  $J(G, p)$  and  $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$

**5. Equivariant Bousfield localization**

In this section we briefly describe the properties of equivariant Bousfield-localization. The formal development of the theory will not be done here, as the nonequivariant results of [B79a] and [B79b] immediately can be generalized to the equivariant case:

We work in the category  $Ho_G^S$  of  $G$ -CW-spectra as described in [LMS], p.27 ff. This is the homotopy category of spectra indexed over the complete  $G$ -universe  $\mathcal{U}$  consisting of countably many copies of the regular representation  $\mathbb{R}[G]$ . Every object in  $Ho_G^S$  is assumed to be a  $G$ -cell spectrum, i.e. it has a decomposition into stable  $G$ -cells of the form  $\Sigma^n(S_G \wedge (G/H)_+)$ , where  $n$  ranges over the integers, and  $H$  over the subgroups of  $G$ .

**Definition 5.1**

Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -spectrum. A  $G$ -spectrum  $X$  is  $A$ -acyclic, if  $A^*(X) = 0$ . A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $Ho_G^S$  is an  $A$ -equivalence, if the map  $A^*(f): A^*(X) \rightarrow A^*(Y)$  is an isomorphism. The  $G$ -spectrum  $B$  is  $A$ -local if, for every  $A$ -equivalence  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , the map  $f^*: [Y, B]_* \rightarrow [X, B]_*$  is an isomorphism. Finally, the map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $A$ -localization of  $X$ , if  $f$  is an  $A$ -equivalence, and  $Y$  is  $A$ -local.

Analogous to [B79b] (1.1), we have

**Theorem 5.2**

Every  $G$ -spectrum  $X$  in  $Ho_G^S$  has an  $A$ -localization, denoted by  $X_A$  or  $L_A X$ . This  $A$ -localization is unique up to equivalence.



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The most obvious examples of equivariant Bousfield localizations are localization with respect to Eilenberg-MacLane spectra, cf. [LMM9]. Especially, if  $X = H_G(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, 0)$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  denotes the constant coefficient system  $G/H \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , then  $L_X$  is the localization at the prime  $p$  of [MMT]. Similarly, localization with respect to  $H_G(\mathbb{F}_q, 0)$  gives the  $p$ -adic completion of [M81].

Both these localization functors have the property that they preserve the formation of fixed point sets:

**Proposition 5.3**

Let  $X$  be one of the spectra  $H_G(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, 0)$  or  $H_G(\mathbb{F}_q, 0)$ . Let  $A$  be any  $G$ -spectrum, and let  $M$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then

$$L_{X^M}(A^M) \simeq (L_X A)^M$$

**Proof:**

This is thm. 10 of [MMT] and thm, 14 of [M81].

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For general spectra  $X$ , the statement of (5.3) does probably not hold. We therefore introduce a variant of  $K_G$ -theory, which in the equivariant case is more manageable:

**Definition 5.4**

Let  $\mathcal{K}_G$  be the  $G$ -spectrum defined by  $\mathcal{K}_G = \bigvee_{(H)} K \wedge (G/H_+)$ , where the wedge is over all conjugacy classes of subgroups of  $G$ ,  $K$  is the spectrum representing ordinary  $K$ -theory, and  $G/H_+$  is the usual  $G$ -space.

**Proposition 5.5**

- 1)  $X$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -acyclic if and only if  $K_*(X^H) = 0$  for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ .
- 2) Every  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local  $G$ -spectrum is  $K_G$ -local.

**Proof:**

1) is obvious. In order to prove 2), let  $X$  be a  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -acyclic  $G$ -spectrum. This implies that for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  we have that  $[K \wedge (G/H_+), X]^G = [K, X^H] = 0$ . Thus  $X^H$  is  $K$ -local, and  $K^*(X^H) = 0$ . (3.2) now implies that  $K_G(X) = 0$ .

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It follows immediately from the definition (5.4) that

**Proposition 5.6**

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -spectrum,  $M$  a subgroup of  $G$ . Then

$$(L_{\mathcal{K}_G}(X))^M \simeq L_K(X^M).$$

**6. The equivariant  $K$ -localization of the  $G$ -sphere spectrum**

In this section we calculate the  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -localization of the equivariant sphere-spectrum  $S_G$ . Again, all spectra are assumed to be  $p$ -local, and we work with the two cases:

- I:  $G$  is a  $p$ -group, and
- II:  $G$  is a finite group with  $(p, |G|) = 1$ .

Our starting point is (4.6), which we immediately generalize to  $p$ -adic coefficients:

**Proposition 6.1**

The map of  $G$ -spectra  $e(G, p): S_G \rightarrow J(G, p)$  of (2.9) is an  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

**Proof:**

By using the Bockstein sequences coming from the coefficient sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p \rightarrow 0,$$

we see inductively that  $e(G, p)$  is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p^n)$  equivalence, i.e. for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the map  $e(G, p)^H: S_G^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^H$  is a  $K(-; \mathbb{Z}/p^n)$ -equivalence.

Let  $X$  be a spectrum, and let  $S^0 A$  be the Moore spectrum for the Abelian group  $A$ , see [A74], p.200. We have that  $S^0 \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \cong \varinjlim S^0 \mathbb{Z}/p^n$ , and thus

$$K^*(X; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \cong [X; K \wedge S^0 \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p]_* \cong [X \wedge DS^0 \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p; K]_* \cong [X \wedge \varinjlim DS^0 \mathbb{Z}/p^n; K]_*,$$

where  $DZ$  is the Spanier-Whitehead dual of the spectrum  $Z$ .

The Milnor sequence applied on the space  $X \wedge \varinjlim DS^0 \mathbb{Z}/p^n$  now gives the natural exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(X; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) \rightarrow K^*(X; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \rightarrow \varinjlim K^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) \rightarrow 0$$

By applying this sequence on the map  $e(G, p)^H: S_G^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^H$ , we obtain the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow & \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(S_G^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow & K^*(S_G^H; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) & \rightarrow & \varinjlim K^*(S_G^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 \rightarrow & \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(J(G, p)^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow & K^*(J(G, p)^H; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) & \rightarrow & \varinjlim K^*(J(G, p)^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

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As the first and last vertical arrows are isomorphisms, we conclude that the middle arrow is an isomorphism, too, and the result now follows from (5.5).

QED

This almost calculates the  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -localization of  $S_G$ . But there are two difficulties:  $J(G, p)$  is not  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local  $G$ -spectrum, and  $e(G, p)$  is not a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Q})$ -equivalence. We remedy this:

Recall from [FHM], (0.5), that we have a cofiber sequence

$$(6.2) \quad K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) \rightarrow K_G \langle 0, \infty \rangle \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} K_G \langle 2, \infty \rangle$$

where  $K_G \langle n, \infty \rangle$  is the  $n$ -connected cover of the  $G$ -spectrum  $K_G$ . Define  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  as the homotopy fibre of  $\psi^q - 1: K_G \rightarrow K_G$ .

We remark that  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  is a  $K_G$ -local  $G$ -spectrum, as  $K_G$  is  $K_G$ -local. Furthermore,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local: For a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  we have the cofiber sequence

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H \rightarrow K_G^H \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} K_G^H$$

It follows from [FHM], (3.1), that  $K_G^H$  is equivalent to  $\bigvee_{Irr(H)} K$ , where the wedge is over all inequivalent, irreducible  $\mathbb{C}H$ -modules. ( $K$  is the (non-equivariant) spectrum representing ordinary complex  $K$ -theory). As  $K_G^H$  is  $K$ -local,  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H$  is  $K$ -local, and it follows that  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local.

**Proposition 6.3**

The map  $a: K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  coming from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) & \rightarrow & K_G \langle 0, \infty \rangle & \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} & K_G \langle 2, \infty \rangle \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G) & \rightarrow & K_G & \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} & \end{array}$$

is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

**Proof:**

We show that for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the map  $a^H: K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H$  is a  $K_*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence.

Let  $F$  denote the fibre of  $a^H$ . It then suffices to show that  $K_*(F; \mathbb{Z}/p)$  vanishes. Let  $F_m$  denote the  $m$ -connected cover of  $F$ . We have the sequence of maps

$$0 = F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow F_{-1} \rightarrow F_{-2} \rightarrow \dots$$

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and  $F = \varinjlim F_{-n}$ . As  $K_*(F; \mathbb{Z}/p) = \varinjlim K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ , it suffices to show that  $K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p) = 0$ .

This is done inductively: For  $n < 0$ ,  $F_{-n}$  is the zero spectrum. We obtain  $F_{-n}$  from  $F_{-n+1}$  via the cofiber sequence

$$F_{-n+1} \rightarrow F_{-n} \rightarrow H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)$$

where  $H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)$  is the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum with the sole non-zero homotopy group

$$\pi_{-n}(H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)) = \pi_{-n}(F)$$

Now,  $K_*(H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n); \mathbb{Z}/p) = K_*(H(\pi_{-n}(F)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/p; -n) = 0$ , as it follows from [AH], thm. 1, and inductively we see that  $K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p) = 0$ .

QED

**Definition 6.4**

Assume we are in case 1, i.e. that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group. Let  $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$  be the  $G$ -spectrum representing the functor  $F$  from  $Ho_G^S$  to Abelian groups given by

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{L}(H)]_*^{W_G H}$$

Here  $\mathcal{L}(H)$  is the  $W_G H$ -spectrum  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)$  in case  $G \neq H$ , and  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  is  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

Let  $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$  be the map representing the natural transformation

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, L(H)]^{W_G H} \xrightarrow{\Pi \bar{a}} \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{L}(H)]^{W_G H} = \mathcal{F}(X)$$

where  $\bar{a}$  is the map  $L(H) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \xrightarrow{a \times a} \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) = \mathcal{L}(H)$  when  $G \neq H$  and  $\bar{a}: L(G) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \mathcal{L}(G)$  is simply  $a$  itself.

In case II, where  $(|G|, p) = 1$ , we let  $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$  be the  $G$ -spectrum representing the functor  $\mathcal{F}$  from  $Ho_G^S$  to Abelian groups given by

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{K}(H)]_*^{W_G H}$$

and where  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) = K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1)$ . In this case, the map  $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$  is representing the natural transformation

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, K(H)]^{W_G H} \xrightarrow{\Pi \bar{a}} \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{K}(H)]^{W_G H} = \mathcal{F}(X)$$

**Proposition 6.5**

- 1)  $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$  is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence, and
- 2)  $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local.

**Proof:**

1) follows immediately from (6.3) by calculating the action of  $b$  at the fixed point

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spectra – cf. (2.4).

In order to show 2), let  $X$  be a  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -acyclic  $G$ -spectrum. Then we have for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  and every subgroup  $V$  of  $W_G H$  that  $(X^H)^V$  is  $K$ -acyclic. It follows from (4.1) that  $X^H$  is  $K_{W_G H}$ -acyclic, and  $[X^H, \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)]_*^{W_G H} = 0$ , as both  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)$  are  $K_{W_G H}$ -local. Thus  $[X, \mathcal{J}(G, p)]_*^G = 0$ .

The proof in case II is similar.

QED

We now study the rational type of  $S_G$ . We recall from (1.2) that the sole non-zero rational homotopy group of  $S_G$  is in dimension 0, and that  $\pi_0(S_G; \mathbb{Q}) = \underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ , where the  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -group  $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is given by  $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}(G/H) = A(H) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .  $A(H)$  here denotes the Burnside ring of the finite group  $H$ .

In the  $p$ -group case (case I) we have that the  $G$ -spectrum  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$  has two non-zero rational homotopy groups, as it follows from (6.2). Both  $\pi_0(\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{F}_q, G); \mathbb{Q})$  and  $\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{F}_q, G); \mathbb{Q})$  equal  $(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ , where the  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -group  $(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is given by

$$(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q})(G/H) = \begin{cases} A(H) \oplus R'_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) & H \neq G \\ A(G) & H = G \end{cases}$$

$R'_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H)$  is the Grothendieck group of  $\mathbb{F}_q[H]$ -modules. It follows that for a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the spectrum  $(\mathcal{J}(G, p))^H = \prod_{(K)_H} \mathcal{L}(H)^{W_H K}$  only has non-zero rational homotopy in dimensions  $-1$  and  $0$ .

Similarly, in case II  $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$  has non-zero rational homotopy only in dimensions  $-1$  and  $0$ , and both are given by  $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition 6.6**

Let  $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  be the homotopy fibre of the map

$$I : \mathcal{J}(G, p) \rightarrow H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p)); \mathbb{Q}; -1),$$

which induces the identity map at  $\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}) = \underline{H}_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q})$ . (The Hurewicz map  $H : \pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \underline{H}_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q})$  is an isomorphism, as it follows from [Sp], (9.6.15) – Hurewicz' theorem modulo the Serre class consisting of finite, Abelian groups.)

Let  $e'(G, p)$  denote the lift of  $b \circ e(G, p) : S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$  to  $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  –  $I \circ b \circ e(G, p) = 0$  as  $\pi_{-1}(S_G) = 0$  and thus  $b \circ e(G, p)$  lifts.

**Proposition 6.7**

$\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  is a  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local  $G$ -spectrum.  $e'(G, p): S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

**Proof:**

$H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}); -1)$  is a  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local spectrum, as every rational spectrum is  $K$ -local, see [Mi], p.207. From (6.5.2) it now follows that  $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  is  $\mathcal{K}_G$ -local.

Furthermore, as  $H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}); -1)$  vanishes  $p$ -adically, we conclude that the map  $\mathcal{J}'(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$ , and hence the lifted map  $e'(G, p): S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  are  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalences.

QED

**Definition 6.8**

Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group. Define the  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -map  $\underline{P}: \pi_0(\mathcal{J}'(G, p)) \rightarrow \underline{R}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  as follows:

For a proper subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ ,  $\underline{P}(G/H)$  is the composite

$$\pi_0(\mathcal{J}'(G, p)) = A(H) \oplus R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \xrightarrow{\pi} R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \xrightarrow{r} R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \otimes \mathbb{Q},$$

where  $\pi$  is the projection onto the second factor, while  $r$  is the 'rationalization map'. For  $H = G$  we let  $\underline{P}(G/G)$  be the zero map.

**Definition 6.9**

Assume  $G$  is a  $p$ -group. The  $\mathcal{O}_G$ -map  $\underline{P}(G)$  of (6.8) corresponds to a  $G$ -map

$$\mathcal{P}: \mathcal{J}'(G, p) \rightarrow H_G(\underline{R}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G) \otimes \mathbb{Q}; 0)$$

Define the  $G$ -spectrum  $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$  as the homotopy fibre of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

In case II, where  $(|G|, p) = 1$ , we define  $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$  to be the  $G$ -spectrum  $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$  of (6.6).

**Theorem 6.10**

The  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$ -localization of  $S_G$  is  $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$ .

**Proof:**

It follows from the definition of  $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$  that  $e'(G, p)$  factors through  $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$ , and that this factored map is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence. A direct inspection reveals that this factored map is a  $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Q})$ -equivalence.

QED

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