

## On the Image $\rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow H^*(X; Z_p))$

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In this paper we study ways to calculate the Brown-Peterson cohomology  $BP^*(X)$  localized at a prime  $p$  when the Steenrod algebra action on the ordinary mod  $p$  cohomology  $H^*(X; Z_p) = HZ_p^*(X)$  is known. One of the most difficult problems is to know which elements in  $H^*(X)_{(p)}$  are permanent cycles in the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence  $H^*(X; BP^*) \Rightarrow BP^*(X)$ . This is equivalent to know the image  $\rho: BP^*(X) \rightarrow H^*(X)_{(p)}$  where  $\rho$  is the Thom map.

Cohomology operations on  $HZ_p^*(X)$  give some informations about the image. For example if  $Q_n x \neq 0$  in  $HZ_p^*(X)$ , then  $x$  is not in Image  $\rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow HZ_p^*(X))$ , where  $Q_n$  is the Milnor primitive operation. We study the above facts in more general situation.

Let:  $\rho: h \rightarrow k$  be a map of spectra. In Section 1, we note the importance of Image  $\rho(h^*(k) \rightarrow k^*(k)) = \rho(h, k)$ , indeed, if an operation  $\theta$  is in  $\rho(h, k)$ , then for each  $x \in k^*(X)$ ,  $\theta x \in \text{Image } \rho(h^*(X) \rightarrow k^*(X))$ . The image  $\rho(P(n), P(m))$  and  $\rho(k(n), HZ_p)$  are studied in Section 2. Since  $\rho(PB, HZ_p) = 0$ , we consider  $K(Z, n)$  or  $K(Z_n, n)$  as  $k$  instead of  $HZ_p$  in Section 3. Here we introduce the Tamanoi's results. In Section 4,  $\rho(BP, K(Z, 3))$  and  $BP^*(K(Z, 3))$  are studied. Applications for finite  $H$ -spaces are given in Section 5. For example, in the case  $p=2$ , let  $X$  be a simply connected finite associative  $H$ -space and let  $Q^*$  be the indecomposable elements in  $HZ_2^*(X)$ . Then

$$(Q^{2^n+1})^2 \subset \text{Image } \rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow HZ_2^*(X)/(HZ_2^+(X)^3)).$$

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### § 1. Maps of cohomology theories

Let  $\rho: h \rightarrow k$  be a map of spectra and let  $k = \{k_n\}$  be the  $\Omega$ -spectrum, i.e.,  $k^n(X) \simeq [X, k_n]$ . For simplicity of notations, let us write Image  $\rho(h^*(k) \rightarrow k^*(k))$  (resp. Image  $\rho(h(k_n) \rightarrow k(k_n))$ ) by  $\rho(h, k)$  (resp.  $\rho(h, k_n)$ ).

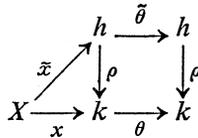
**Lemma 1.1.** *If  $\theta \in \rho(h, k)$  (resp.  $\theta \in \rho(h, k_n)$ ), then for  $x \in k^*(X)$  (resp.  $x \in k^n(X)$ ),  $\theta x \in \text{Image } \rho(h^*(X) \rightarrow k^*(X))$ .*

*Proof.* Each element  $x \in k^n(X)$  is represented by a map  $x: X \rightarrow k_n$ . Since  $\theta \in \rho(h, k_n) = \text{Image } \rho(h^*(k_n) \rightarrow k^*(k_n))$ , there is a map  $i: k_n \rightarrow h$  such that  $\rho i = \theta$ . Hence  $\theta x = \rho i x$ . q.e.d.

It is immediate from the above lemma that if  $\theta \in \rho(h, k)$ , then  $\rho(h, k) \supset \text{Im } \theta = \theta k^*(k)$  but in general,  $\rho(h, k) \not\supset k^*(k)\theta$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $\theta \in \rho^{*-1}\rho h^*(h)$  and  $x \in \text{Image } \rho(h^*(X) \rightarrow k^*(X))$ , then  $\theta x$  is also contained in the Image  $\rho$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho^* \theta = \rho \tilde{\theta}$  and  $\rho \tilde{x} = x$ . Then the following diagram is commutative and we have  $\theta x = \rho \tilde{\theta} \tilde{x}$ . q.e.d.



**Corollary 1.3.** *If  $\theta \in \rho(h, k)$ , then  $\rho(h, k) \supset \theta k^*(k) \cup (\rho^{*-1}\rho h(h))\theta$ .*

**§ 2. BP-module spectra**

Let  $BP$  be the Brown-Peterson spectrum with the coefficient  $BP^* = Z_{(p)}[v_1, \dots]$ . Let  $k$  be a complex oriented ring spectrum such that  $k^*$  is a  $Z_{(p)}$ -module. Then from the universal property of  $BP$ , there is a map of ring spectra  $\rho_k: BP \rightarrow k$ . Moreover if  $p$  is an odd prime number and  $k^*$  is a  $BP^*/(p, \dots, v_{n-1})$ -module, then there is a map of  $BP$ -module spectra  $\rho': P(n) \rightarrow k$  with  $\rho_k = \rho' \rho_{P(n)}$ . Here  $P(n)$  is the  $BP$ -module spectrum with the coefficient  $P(n)^* = BP^*/(p, \dots, v_{n-1})$  [6], [7].

Examples of  $k$  such that  $k^*(k)$  are known are not so many, e.g.,  $P(n)$ ,  $k(n)$  and  $P(\infty) = HZ_p$  [6], [8], [9]

$$(2.1) \quad P(n)^*(P(n)) \simeq P(n)^* \otimes_{BP^*} BP^*(BP) \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1})$$

$$(2.2) \quad k(n)^*(k(n)) \simeq (k(n)^*\{s_\alpha \mid \alpha_i < p^n\} \oplus B') \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1})$$

where  $B'$  is some  $k(n)^*/(v_n)$ -module (for details see [9]).

**Lemma 2.3.** *When  $p \geq 3$ ,  $h = P(m)$  and  $k = P(n)$  for  $m < n \leq \infty$ ,*

- (1)  $Q_s \rho = 0$  for  $m \leq s$
- (2)  $\rho^{*-1}\rho P(m)^*(P(m)) = P(n)^*(P(n))$
- (3)  $\rho(P(m), P(n)) = Q_m \cdots Q_{n-1} P(n)^*(P(n)) = P(n)^*(P(n)) Q_m \cdots Q_{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* From the Sullivan exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P(m)^*(X) & \xrightarrow{v_m} & P(m)^*(X) \\
 \delta_m \swarrow & & \searrow \rho_m \\
 & & P(m+1)^*(X)
 \end{array}$$

and from the fact  $\rho\delta = Q_m$ , we get  $Q_m\rho = 0$  for  $k = P(m+1)$ . From (2.1) it is easily seen  $Q_s\rho = 0$  for  $m \leq s < n$  and  $k = P(n)$ . The formula (2) is proved by (1) and (2.1).

We know (Theorem 3.12 in [8]) that  $aQ_m \cdots Q_{n-1} = (\pm)Q_m \cdots Q_{n-1}a$  for  $a \in P(n)^*(P(n))$ . From the definition of the operation  $Q_i$ ,

$$Q_m \cdots Q_{n-1} = \rho_{n-1} \cdots \rho_m \delta_m \cdots \delta_{n-1} \in \rho(P(m), P(n)).$$

Therefore  $\rho(P(m), P(n))$  contains the right hand side module in (3). For each element  $x$  not contained in the module (3), there is a with  $m \leq s < n$  such that  $Q_s x \neq 0$ . Hence the proof is completed. q.e.d.

Next we consider the case  $h = k(n)$  and  $k = HZ_p$ . From the Sullivan exact sequence,  $Q_n \in \rho(k(n), HZ_p)$ . Moreover we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.4.** For  $p \geq 3$ ,  $\rho(k(n), HZ_p) = \text{Im } Q_n = Q_n HZ_p^*(HZ_p)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence  $H^*(HZ_p; k(n)^*) \Rightarrow k(n)^*(HZ_p)$ . Since the first differential is given by  $d^{2p-1}(x \otimes 1) = Q_n x \otimes v_n$ , we have  $E_{2p^n}^{*,*} = Q_n \mathcal{A} \otimes k(n)^*/(v_n)$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the Steenrod algebra of the ordinary mod  $p$  cohomology. In particular,  $E_{2p^n}^{*,t} = 0$  unless  $t = 0$ . Hence the spectral sequence collapses;  $E_{2p^n}^{*,*} = E_\infty$  and the extension is trivial. Thus we obtain  $k(n)^*(HZ_p) \simeq Q_n \mathcal{A}$  and the Thom map  $\rho: k(n)^*(HZ_p) \rightarrow HZ_p^*(HZ_p)$  maps to  $Q_n \mathcal{A}$  because  $\rho$  coincides with the edge homomorphism of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence. q.e.d.

Recall  $BP[m, n]$  be the  $BP$ -spectrum such that  $BP[m, n] = Z_p[v_m, \dots, v_n]$ . Then by the Sullivan exact sequence

$$Q_m \cdots Q_n \in \rho(BP[m, n], HZ_p).$$

**Corollary 2.5.**  $\rho(BP[m, n], HZ_p) = \text{Im } Q_m \cdots Q_n$ .

*Proof.* From Proposition 2.4,

$$\rho(BP[m, n], HZ_p) = \bigcap_{i=m}^n \text{Im } Q_i.$$

It is easily seen the right hand side of the above formula is  $\text{Im } Q_m \cdots Q_n$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . q.e.d.

**§ 3. The image  $\rho(BP, K(Z, n))$**

From Lemma 2.3, we have  $\rho(BP, HZ_p) = 0$ . Hence when  $k = BP$  and  $h = HZ_p$ , we need to consider the  $\Omega$ -spectrum, that is,  $k_n$  is the Eilenberg MacLane space  $K(Z_p, n)$  (or  $K(Z, n)$ ). Tamanoi decided  $\rho(BP, K(Z_p, n))$  and  $\rho(BP, K(Z, n))$  for  $p \geq 3$  completely in [4] by using Wilson and Ravenel-Wilson results.

**Theorem 3.1** (S. Wilson [5]). *For  $k \leq 2(p^n + \cdots + p + 1)$*

$$BP^k(X) \cong BP \langle n \rangle^k(X) \times \prod_{j \geq n+1} BP \langle j \rangle^{k+2(p^j-1)}(X)$$

where  $BP \langle n \rangle$  is the  $BP$ -spectrum with the coefficient  $BP \langle n \rangle \cong Z_{(p)}[v_1, \dots, v_n]$ .

Define  $\mathcal{S}_n^m$  to be the set of sequences

$$s = \{(s_1, \dots, s_n) \mid 0 < s_1 < s_2 < \cdots < s_n < m, s_i \in Z\}$$

and  $\dim s = 2(1 + p^{s_1} + \cdots + p^{s_n})$ .

**Theorem 3.2** (Ravenel-Wilson [3]). *For  $p \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 3$ , there exist  $x_s, y_s$  with  $|x_s| = |y_s| = \dim s$  such that*

- (1)  $K(m)^*(K(Z, n)) \cong K(m)^*[[x_s \mid s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^m]]$
- (2)  $K(m)^*(K(Z_p, n-1)) \cong K(m)^*[y_s \mid s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^m] / (y_s^{p^m-3-s_n-2})$ .

**Theorem 3.3** (Tamanoi [4]). *For  $p \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 3$ ,*

- (1)  $\rho(BP, K(Z, n)) = Z_p[Q_s \tau \mid s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^\infty]$
- (2)  $\rho(BP, K(Z_p, n-1)) = Z_p[Q_s Q_0 \iota \mid s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^\infty]$

where  $\tau, \iota$  are the fundamental classes and  $Q_s = Q_{s_{n-2}} \cdots Q_{s_1}$  for  $s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^\infty$ .

Since Tamanoi's proof is written in Japanese, we introduce its outline here. We prove only the case  $X = K(Z, n)$  and the other case is proved by the similar methods.

*Outline of the proof of Theorem 3.3.* It follows that  $\{Q_s \tau \mid s \in \mathcal{S}_{n-2}^\infty\}$  generates a polynomial algebra by some computation of the Steenrod algebra on a product of Lens spaces.

By the inductive definition of  $Q_n$ , we can show

$$Q_s \tau = \mathcal{P}_s Q_{n-2} \cdots Q_1 \tau$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_s$  is expressed by a sum of reduced powers. From the Sullivan exact sequence, we get  $x = Q_{n-2} \cdots Q_1 \tau \in \rho(BP \langle n-2 \rangle, K(Z, n))$  and let  $\rho(\bar{x}) = x$ . The dimension of  $x$  is just  $2p^{n-2} + \cdots + 2p + 2$ . Wilson's theorem says  $\bar{x} \in \text{Image } \rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow BP \langle n-2 \rangle^*(X))$ . Therefore  $x = \rho(\bar{x}) \in \rho(BP, K(Z, n))$ . Since  $\rho^{*-1}\rho(BP^*(BP)) = \mathcal{A}$  for  $\rho: BP \rightarrow HZ_p$ , we get  $Q_s \tau \in \rho(BP, K(Z, n))$ .

For  $m > n$ , consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BP^*(X) & \xrightarrow{\rho_2} & k(m)^*(X) \xrightarrow{l} K(m)^*(X) \\ \downarrow \rho_1 & \nearrow & \nwarrow \rho_3 \\ HZ_p^*(X) & & \end{array}$$

Here recall  $l\rho_2(r_s x) = x_s$  where  $r_s \in BP^*(BP)$  is the operation such that  $\rho_1(r_s) = \mathcal{P}_s$ . From Ravenel-Wilson theorem, for a given  $w \in BP^*(X)$  we can take  $\lambda^\alpha, v_m^\alpha$  such that

$$y = w - \sum_{s, \alpha} \lambda^\alpha v_m^\alpha (r_s x)^\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad l\rho_2(y) = 0,$$

where  $(r_s x)^\alpha$  are monomials in  $Z[r_s x]$ . Hence  $v_m^K \rho_2(y) = 0$  for some large  $K$  and so  $v_m^{K-1} \rho_2(y)$  is  $v_m$ -torsion. But non zero element of dimension  $< 2(p^m - 1)$  is  $v_m$ -torsion free. Indeed, from the Sullivan exact sequence, if there exists an element of dimension  $t$  as above, then there is a non zero element in  $HZ_p^{t-2p^{m+1}}(X)$ . Take  $m$  to be larger than  $\dim s$ . Then  $\rho_2(y) = 0$  and

$$\rho_1(w) = \rho_1\left(\sum_{s, \alpha} \lambda^\alpha v_m^\alpha (r_s x)^\alpha\right) = \sum_{s, v_m^\alpha = 1} \lambda^\alpha (Q_s \tau)^\alpha. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $p \geq 3$  and  $BP(S)$  be the spectrum of the coefficient  $BP^*/(S)$  where  $S = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$ ,  $a_i \in BP^*$ . Then*

- (1)  $\beta(BP(S), K(Z, n)) = \rho(BP, K(Z, n))$ ,
- (2)  $\rho(BP(S), K(Z_p, n)) = \rho(PB, K(Z_p, n))$ .

**§ 4.  $BP^*(K(Z, 3))$  and its application**

In this section we consider the case  $K = K(Z, 3)$  more carefully and consider also the case  $p = 2$ . The mod  $p$  cohomology of  $K$  is well known

$$(4.1) \quad A = HZ_p^*(K(Z, 3)) \cong Z_p[b_1, b_2, \dots] \otimes A(c_0, c_1, \dots)$$

where  $c_n = \mathcal{P}^{p^n-1} \cdots \mathcal{P} \tau$ ,  $\delta c_n = b_n$ , ( $n \geq 1$ ) and  $|c_n| = 2p^n + 1$ . For  $p = 2$ ,  $A \cong Z_p[c_0, \dots]$  where  $c_n = Sq^{2^n} \cdots Sq^2 \tau$ ,  $c_0 = \tau$ . Let  $\delta c_n = b_n$ . Then  $b_n = c_{n-1}^2$  and in order to avoid separating cases, we think (4.1) is the isomor-

phism of associated graded algebras filtered by the polynomial algebra of  $b_i$ . Moreover for  $p=2$ , let  $Q_m = Sq^{4m}$  be the Milnor basis.

**Lemma 4.2.** *In  $HZ_p^*(K)$ ,  $Q_m b_n = 0$  and  $Q_m c_m = 0$ ,*

$$Q_m c_n = Q_n c_m = (b_{n-m})^{p^m} \quad \text{for } n > m > 0.$$

*Proof.* See Lemma 3.4.1 in [11]. The similar arguments prove the lemma for  $p=2$ . q.e.d.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Ker  $Q_m$  in  $A$  is isomorphic to*

$$Z_p[b_1, \dots] \cdot (\text{Im } Q_m \bigoplus_{n=1}^m \bigotimes A(c_{m+n} - b_n^{p^m - p^{m-n}} c_{m-n}) \otimes A(c_m)).$$

*Proof.* The algebra  $A$  is a tensor product of subalgebras

$$\begin{aligned} Z_p[b_n] \otimes A(c_{m+n}) & \quad \text{if } n > m \\ Z_p[b_n] \otimes A(c_{m+n}, c_{m-n}) & \quad \text{if } n \leq m \end{aligned}$$

and  $A(c_m)$ . Here each subalgebra is closed under the action of  $Q_m$ . The cohomology of the above subalgebras of the differential  $Q_m$  are

$$\begin{aligned} Z_p[b_n]/(b_n^{p^m}), \\ Z_p[b_n]/(b_n^{p^m - p^{m-n}}) \otimes A(c_{m+n} - b_n^{p^m - p^{m-n}} c_{m-n}) \end{aligned}$$

and  $A(c_m)$ . Therefore  $H(A; Q_m)$  is the tensor product of the above cohomology. The lemma is proved from the fact  $\text{Ker } Q_m = \text{Im } Q_m \oplus H(A; Q_m)$ . q.e.d.

For each cohomology theory  $h$ , let  $F_s = \text{Ker}(h^*(X) \rightarrow h^*(X^{s-1}))$  where  $X^s$  is an  $s$ -dimensional skeleton of  $X$ . We give  $h^*(X)$  the topology by this filtration  $F_s$ .

**Corollary 4.4.**  *$k(n)^*(K)/F_{2p^{n-2}}$  is generated by  $b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}$  as a  $k(n)^*$ -algebra. In particular  $\rho(BP, K) = Z_p[b_1, \dots]$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence of  $k(n)^*(K)$ . The first non zero differential is  $d_{2p^{n-1}} = v_n \otimes Q_n$ .

$$E_{2p^n}^{*,*} \simeq k(n)^* \otimes H(A; Q_n) \oplus (k(n)^*/v_n) \otimes \text{Im } Q_n.$$

From Lemma 4.3 and from the fact  $b_i$ 's are permanent cycles, we have the first assertion. Since  $\rho(BP, K) \subset \bigcap_n \rho(k(n), K)$ , the second assertion is also proved, by using Wilson's theorem. q.e.d.

**Proposition 4.5.** For  $p \geq 3$ , as a BP-algebra,  $BP^{4*}(K)/F_{2p^5+2p^4}$  is generated by  $\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_5$  with  $\rho(\tilde{b}_i) = b_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B = Z[b_1, \dots]$ . Then note that  $(BP^* \otimes B)^i = 0$  if  $i \not\equiv 0 \pmod 4$ . If  $P(1)^*(K)/F$  is generated by  $B$  as a  $P(1)^*$ -module, then for each  $BP^*$ -module generator  $x \in BP^*(K)$ , we can take  $b \in BP^* \otimes B$  so that  $x - b \in pBP^*(K)$ . Therefore we can take  $b$  for  $x$ . Hence we need only prove the above proposition for  $P(1)^*(K)$ .

Assume  $0 \neq ax \in E_2^{*,*}$  is a permanent cycle for  $a \in P(1)^*$ ,  $x \in HZ_p^{4*}(K)$  in the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence of  $P(1)^*(K)$ . The first non zero differential is  $d_{2p-1} = v_1 \otimes Q_1$ . Hence from Lemma 4.3,

$$x \in A(c_1, c_2 - b_1^{p-1}c_0) \otimes B \oplus \text{Image } Q_1.$$

Since  $|c_i| = 2p^i + 1$  and  $|x| = 4n$ , we have  $x \in \text{Im } Q_1$  and so  $0 \neq a \in P(1)^*/v_1 P(2)^*$ .

Next compare spectral sequences of  $P(1)^*(K)$  and  $P(2)^*(K)$ . Let  $\rho: P(1) \rightarrow P(2)$  be the natural map. Then  $d_{2p^2-1}\rho(ax) = av_2 \otimes Q_2x$ . The facts that  $ax$  is permanent and  $0 \neq a \in P(2)^*$ , implies  $Q_2x = 0$ .

A  $4m$ -dimensional element which is of the lowest dimensional in Image  $Q_1$  and is not in  $B$  is

$$Q_1(c_0c_1c_2c_3c_4).$$

But this element is not in Ker  $Q_2$ . It is necessary

$$|x| \geq |Q_1(c_0c_1c_2c_4c_5)|$$

for  $x \in \text{Ker } Q_2$  and  $|x| = 4n$ .

q.e.d.

**Question 4.6.** As a  $BP^*$ -algebra  $BP^*(K)$  is generated by  $\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2, \dots$ ?

We recall the main lemma in [11], which is also proved by Tamanoi using only stable homotopy theories.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $\sum v_j b_j = 0$  in  $BP^*(X)$ . Then there is  $y \in HZ_p^*(X)$  such that  $Q_j(Y) = \rho(b_j)$ .

**Remark.** The above theorem is valid also for  $p=2$ .

**Proposition 4.8.** The relations in  $BP^{4*}(K)/F_{2p^5+2p^4}$  are given by

- (1)  $p\tilde{b}_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} v_i \tilde{b}_{n-i} + \sum_{i=1} v_{n+i} \tilde{b}_i^{p^n} \pmod{(p, v_1, \dots)^2}$ ,
- (2) relations in  $(p, v_1, \dots)^2$ .

Moreover we have

- (3)  $\tilde{b}_i = -r_{pd_i-1} \tilde{b}_1 \pmod{(p, \dots)^2}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\text{Ker } \rho(BP^{4*}(K) \rightarrow HZ_p^{4*}(K))/F_{2(p^5+p^4)} = \text{Ideal}(p, v_1, \dots)$ , that  $pb_n = 0$  in  $E_{\infty}^{*,*}$  in the spectral sequence of  $BP^*(K)$  implies that there is a relation

$$p\tilde{b}_n + \dots = 0.$$

The element  $a$  with  $Q_0a = b_n$  is uniquely determined by  $c_n$ . From Theorem 4.7, we have the relations (1). This fact also follows (1) and (2) generate relations.

Operate the Quillen operation  $r_{pd_{i-1}}$  on  $v_1\tilde{b}_1 + v_2\tilde{b}_2 + \dots = 0$ . The fact  $r_{pd_{i-1}}v_j = v_1$  if  $i=j$  and  $=0 \pmod{(p, \dots)^2}$  if  $i \neq j$ , implies the formula (3).  
 q.e.d.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $x \in H^3(X; Z)$ . Then for mod  $p$  reduction  $\bar{x}$ ,  $Q_i(\bar{x}) \in \text{Image } \rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow HZ_p^*(X))$  and  $\sum_{i \geq 1} v_i \tilde{b}_i = 0$  with  $\rho(\tilde{b}_i) = Q_i(\bar{x})$ . Moreover if  $p \geq 3$ , there are relations (1)–(3) in Proposition 4.8.*

**§ 5. Finite H-spaces**

In this section we always assume  $X$  to be a simply connected finite associative  $H$ -space.

Consider the case  $p \geq 3$ . Assume that  $Q^{2n} \neq 0$  for at most two  $n$ 's where  $Q^* = HZ_p^*(X)/HZ_p^+(X) \cdot HZ_p^+(X)$ . (All known examples hold the above fact.) Then Kane's theorem says [1]

$$|Q^{\text{even}}| = (2p+2) \text{ or } (2p+2, 2p^2+2)$$

and for each  $b_1 \in Q^{2p+2}$  (resp.  $b_2 \in Q^{2p^2+2}$ ) there are  $b_2 \in Q^{2p^2+2}$  (resp.  $b_1 \in Q^{2p+2}$ ) and  $x \in Q^3$  such that  $Q_1x = b_1$  and  $Q_2x = b_2$ . Therefore we have the following theorem from Theorem 4.9.

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $p \geq 3$  and  $Q^{2n} \neq 0$  for at most two  $n$ 's, then  $Q^{\text{even}} \subset \text{Image } \rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow Q^*)$  and for each  $b_1 \in Q^{2p+2}$  there are  $\tilde{b}_1$  and  $\tilde{b}_2 \in BP^*(X)$  such that  $v_1\tilde{b}_1 + v_2\tilde{b}_2 = 0$ , moreover  $\tilde{b}_2 = -r_{pd_1}\tilde{b}_1$  modulo  $(p, \dots)^2 \cup F_{2(p^5+p^4)}$ .*

When  $p=2$ , we consider elements in  $Q^{2n+1}$ . By Lin [2]  $Q^{2n+1} = Sq^{2n-1}Q^{2n-1+1}$ . Then it is easily seen  $(Q^{2n+1})^2 = Q_{n-1}Q^3$ . We also have the following theorem from Theorem 4.9.

**Theorem 5.2.** *For  $p=2$ ,*

$$(Q^{2n+1})^2 \subset \text{Image } \rho(BP^*(X) \rightarrow HZ_2^*(X)/HZ_2^+(X)^3)$$

*and for each  $x \in Q^3$  there are  $\tilde{b}_i$  such that  $\sum v_i \tilde{b}_i = 0$  and  $\rho(\tilde{b}_i) \in (Q^{2i+1})^2$ .*

As an example we consider the exceptional Lie group  $E_8$ . The mod 3 cohomology is

$$HZ_3^*(E_8) \cong Z_3[x_8, x_{20}]/(x_8^3, x_{20}^3) \otimes A(x_3, \dots).$$

Hence there are  $\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2$  in  $BP^*(E_8)$  such that  $\rho(\tilde{b}_1) = x_8, \rho(\tilde{b}_2) = x_{20}$

$$v_1\tilde{b}_1 + v_2\tilde{b}_2 = 0, \quad r_{p^4}(\tilde{b}_1) = -\tilde{b}_2 \text{ mod } (p, \dots)^2.$$

The mod 2 cohomology of  $E_8$  is

$$HZ_2^*(E_8) \cong Z_2[x_3, x_5, x_9, x_{15}]/(x_3^{16}, x_5^8, x_9^4, x_{15}^4) \otimes A(x_{17}, \dots).$$

Then there are  $\tilde{b}_i, 1 \leq i \leq 3$  such that

$$v_1\tilde{b}_1 + v_2\tilde{b}_2 + v_3\tilde{b}_3 = 0 \text{ mod } (v_4, v_5, \dots)$$

with  $\rho(\tilde{b}_1) = x_3^2, \rho(\tilde{b}_2) = x_5^2, \rho(\tilde{b}_3) = x_9^2$ .

By Using Theorem 4.9 and arguments similar to [10], we can prove the following theorem. (While  $P(n)^*(X), K(n)^*(X)$  have not good commutative product, we use the associated graded algebras filtered by  $F_s$ , which have good product.)

**Theorem 5.3.** *There are  $BP^*$ -module isomorphisms for  $p = 2$*

- (1)  $BP^*(G_2) \cong BP^*\{1, 2x_3, x_3^2x_5\} \oplus BP^*\{x_3^3, x_3^2x_5\}/(2x_3^3 + v_1x_3^2x_5) \oplus BP^*/(2, v_1)\{x_3^2\}.$
- (2)  $BP^*(F_4) \cong BP^*(G_2) \otimes A(x_{15}, x_{23}),$
- (3)  $BP^*(E_6) \cong BP^*(F_4) \otimes A(x_9, x_{17}).$

*Proof.* The cohomology of the exceptional Lie group  $G_2$  is

$$HZ_2^*(G_2) \cong Z_2[x_3]/(x_3^4) \otimes A(x_5).$$

Using the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence, we can prove the theorem. q.e.d.

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