### ALGEBRAIC K-THEORY OF THE FIRST MORAVA K-THEORY

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper we continue the investigation from [AR02] and [Aus10] of the algebraic K-theory of topological K-theory and related S-algebras. Let  $\ell_p$  be the p-complete Adams summand of connective complex K-theory, and let  $\ell/p = k(1)$  be the first connective Morava K-theory. It has a unique S-algebra structure [Ang], and we show in Section 2 that  $\ell/p$  is an  $\ell_p$ -algebra (in uncountably many ways), so that  $K(\ell/p)$  is a  $K(\ell_p)$ -module spectrum.

Let  $V(1) = S/(p, v_1)$  be the type 2 Smith–Toda complex. It is a homotopy commutative ring spectrum for  $p \geq 5$ , with a preferred periodic class  $v_2 \in V(1)_*$ . We write  $V(1)_*(X) = \pi_*(V(1) \wedge X)$  for the V(1)-homotopy of a spectrum X. Multiplication by  $v_2$  makes  $V(1)_*(X)$  a  $P(v_2)$ -module, where  $P(v_2)$  denotes the polynomial algebra over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  generated by  $v_2$ .

We computed the V(1)-homotopy of  $K(\ell_p)$  in [AR02], showing that it is essentially a free  $P(v_2)$ -module on (4p+4) generators. In particular, there are preferred classes  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in V(1)_*K(\ell_p)$  generating an exterior subalgebra  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ . Hence  $V(1)_*K(\ell/p)$  is an  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ -module. The following is our main result, corresponding to Theorem 7.10 in the body of the paper.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $p \ge 5$  be a prime and let  $\ell/p = k(1)$  be the first connective Morava K-theory spectrum. There is an isomorphism of  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ -modules

$$V(1)_*K(\ell/p) \cong P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \partial \lambda_2, \lambda_2, \partial v_2\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d v_2 \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp} \lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\}.$$

Here  $|\lambda_1| = |\bar{\epsilon}_1| = 2p - 1$ ,  $|\lambda_2| = 2p^2 - 1$ ,  $|v_2| = 2p^2 - 2$ ,  $|\operatorname{dlog} v_1| = 1$ ,  $|\partial| = -1$  and |t| = -2. This is a free  $P(v_2)$ -module of rank  $(2p^2 - 2p + 8)$  and of zero Euler characteristic.

We prove this theorem by means of the cyclotomic trace map [BHM93] to topological cyclic homology  $TC(\ell/p)$ . Along the way we evaluate  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$ , where THH denotes topological Hochschild homology, as well as  $V(1)_*TC(\ell/p)$ , see Proposition 4.6 and Theorem 7.8.

Let  $L_p$  be the p-complete Adams summand of periodic complex K-theory, and let L/p = K(1) be the first periodic Morava K-theory. The localization cofiber sequence  $K(\mathbb{Z}) \to K(ku) \to K(KU)$  of Blumberg and Mandell [BM08] has the mod p Adams analogue

$$K(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to K(\ell/p) \to K(L/p)$$
.

Using Quillen's computation [Qui72] of  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , we obtain the following consequence:

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Corollary 1.2. Let  $p \geq 5$  be a prime and let L/p = K(1) be the first Morava K-theory spectrum. There is an isomorphism of  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2^{\pm 1})$ -modules

$$V(1)_*K(L/p)[v_2^{-1}] \cong V(1)_*K(\ell/p)[v_2^{-1}]$$
.

If the relation  $\lambda_2 = v_2 \operatorname{dlog} v_1$  holds in  $V(1)_*K(L/p)$ , then there is an isomorphism of  $E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1, \lambda_1) \otimes P(v_2)$ -modules

$$V(1)_*K(L/p) \cong P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \partial \lambda_2, \operatorname{dlog} v_1, \partial v_2\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d v_2 \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp} v_2 \operatorname{dlog} v_1 \mid 0 < d < p\},$$

where the degrees of the generators are as in Theorem 1.1. This is a free  $P(v_2)$ -module of rank  $(2p^2 - 2p + 8)$  and of zero Euler characteristic.

Our far-reaching aim is to conceptually understand the algebraic K-theory of  $\ell_p$  and other commutative S-algebras in terms of localization and Galois descent, in the same way as we understand the algebraic K-theory of rings of integers in (local) number fields or more general regular rings. The first task is to relate  $K(\ell_p)$  to the algebraic K-theory of its "residue fields" and "fraction field", for which we expect a description in terms of Galois cohomology to exist, starting with the Galois theory for commutative S-algebras developed by the second author [Rog08]. The residue rings of  $\ell_p$  appear to be  $\ell/p$ ,  $H\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$ , while the fraction field  $ff(\ell_p)$  appears to be a localization of  $L_p$  away from L/p, less drastic than the algebraic localization  $L_p[p^{-1}] = L\mathbb{Q}_p$ . So far we do not have a proper definition of this S-algebraic fraction field, but by analogy with the localization sequence above, we expect that its algebraic K-theory appears in a localization cofiber sequence

$$K(L/p) \to K(L_p) \to K(ff(\ell_p))$$
,

where the transfer map on the left is a  $K(L_p)$ -module map. Taking this as a *preliminary definition* of the symbol  $K(ff(\ell_p))$ , we can use our computations to evaluate its V(1)-homotopy:

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $p \ge 5$  be a prime, and define  $K(ff(\ell_p))$  as the homotopy cofiber above. There is an isomorphism of  $P(v_2^{\pm 1})$ -modules

$$V(1)_*K(ff(\ell_p))[v_2^{-1}] \cong P(v_2^{\pm 1}) \otimes \Lambda_*$$

where

$$\Lambda_* \cong E(\partial v_2, \operatorname{dlog} p, \operatorname{dlog} v_1)$$

$$\oplus E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d \lambda_1 \mid 0 < d < p\}$$

$$\oplus E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d v_2 \operatorname{dlog} p \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\}$$

$$\oplus E(\operatorname{dlog} p) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp} \lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\}.$$

Here  $|\operatorname{dlog} p| = 1$ , and the degrees of the other classes are as in Theorem 1.1. The localization homomorphism

$$V(1)_*K(ff(\ell_p)) \to V(1)_*K(ff(\ell_p))[v_2^{-1}]$$

is an isomorphism in degrees  $* \ge 2p$ .

In particular, the homotopy cofiber  $K(ff(\ell_p))$  cannot be equivalent to the  $K(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ module  $K(L\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , since  $V(1)_*K(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is a torsion  $P(v_2)$ -module.

We may now conjecturally interpret  $V(1)_*K(ff(\ell_p))[v_2^{-1}]$  in terms of Galois descent. Indeed, the second author conjectured that if  $\Omega_1$  is an S-algebraic "separable closure" of  $ff(\ell_p)$ , then there is a homotopy equivalence

$$L_{K(2)}K(\Omega_1) \simeq E_2$$
.

Here  $E_2$  is Morava's second E-theory [GH04], with coefficients  $(E_2)_* = \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})[[u_1]][u^{\pm 1}]$ , and  $L_{K(2)}$  denotes Bousfield localization with respect to the second Morava K-theory K(2), with coefficients  $K(2)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[v_2^{\pm 1}]$ . The  $v_2$ -periodic V(1)-homotopy groups of  $K(\Omega_1)$  will then be given by

$$V(1)_*K(\Omega_1)[v_2^{-1}] \cong \mathbb{F}_{p^2}[u^{\pm 1}].$$

We would expect to have a corresponding Galois descent spectral sequence

$$E_{s,t}^2 = H_{Gal}^{-s}(f\!\!f(\ell_p); \mathbb{F}_{p^2}(t/2)) \Longrightarrow V(1)_{s+t} K(f\!\!f(\ell_p))[v_2^{-1}] \ .$$

If this spectral sequence collapses at  $E^2$  when  $p \geq 5$ , as is the case for p-adic number fields when  $p \geq 3$ , we get a conjectural description of the Galois cohomology of  $f(\ell_p)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}(t/2)$ , for all even t. Promisingly, this fits very well with the example of the Galois cohomology of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_p(t/2)$ , with the difference that the absolute Galois group of  $f(\ell_p)$  has p-cohomological dimension 3 instead of 2. Also, by analogy with Tate-Poitou duality [Tat63] in the Galois cohomology of local number fields, there appears to be a perfect arithmetic duality pairing in the conjectural Galois cohomology of  $f(\ell_p)$ , with fundamental class dual to  $\partial v_2 \cdot \operatorname{dlog} p \cdot \operatorname{dlog} v_1$  in  $H^3_{Gal}(f(\ell_p); \mathbb{F}_{p^2}(2))$ . This indicates that  $f(\ell_p)$  ought to be a form of S-algebraic two-dimensional local field, mixing three different residue characteristics. We elaborate more on this in [AR].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we fix our notations, show that  $\ell/p$  admits the structure of an associative  $\ell_p$ -algebra, and give a similar discussion for ku/p and the periodic versions L/p and KU/p. Section 3 contains the computation of the mod p homology of  $THH(\ell/p)$ , and in Section 4 we evaluate its V(1)-homotopy. In Section 5 we show that the  $C_{p^n}$ -fixed points and  $C_{p^n}$ -homotopy fixed points of  $THH(\ell/p)$  are closely related, and use this to inductively determine their V(1)-homotopy in Section 6. Finally, in Section 7 we achieve the computation of  $TC(\ell/p)$  and  $K(\ell/p)$  in V(1)-homotopy.

## 2. Base change squares of S-algebras

We fix some notations. Let p be a prime, even or odd for now. Write  $X_{(p)}$  and  $X_p$  for the p-localization and the p-completion, respectively, of any spectrum or abelian group X. Let ku and KU be the connective and the periodic complex K-theory spectra, with homotopy rings  $ku_* = \mathbb{Z}[u]$  and  $KU_* = \mathbb{Z}[u^{\pm 1}]$ , where |u| = 2. Let  $\ell = BP\langle 1 \rangle$  and L = E(1) be the p-local Adams summands, with  $\ell_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1]$  and  $L_* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1^{\pm 1}]$ , where  $|v_1| = 2p - 2$ . The inclusion  $\ell \to ku_{(p)}$  maps  $v_1$  to  $u^{p-1}$ . Alternate notations in the p-complete cases are  $KU_p = E_1$  and  $L_p = \widehat{E(1)}$ . These ring spectra are all commutative S-algebras, in the sense that each admits a unique  $E_\infty$  ring spectrum structure. See [BR05] for proofs of uniqueness in the periodic cases.

Let ku/p and KU/p be the connective and periodic mod p complex K-theory spectra, with coefficients  $(ku/p)_* = \mathbb{Z}/p[u]$  and  $(KU/p)_* = \mathbb{Z}/p[u^{\pm 1}]$ . These are 2-periodic versions of the first Morava K-theory spectra  $\ell/p = k(1)$  and L/p = K(1), with  $(\ell/p)_* = \mathbb{Z}/p[v_1]$  and  $(L/p)_* = \mathbb{Z}/p[v_1^{\pm 1}]$ . Each of these can be constructed as the cofiber of the multiplication by p map, as a module over the corresponding commutative S-algebra. For example, there is a cofiber sequence of ku-modules  $ku \xrightarrow{p} ku \xrightarrow{i} ku/p$ .

Let HR be the Eilenberg–Mac Lane spectrum of a ring R. When R is associative, HR admits a unique associative S-algebra structure, and when R is commutative, HR admits a unique commutative S-algebra structure. The zeroth Postnikov section defines unique maps of commutative S-algebras  $\pi: ku \to H\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\pi: \ell \to H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , which can be followed by unique commutative S-algebra maps to  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$ .

The ku-module spectrum ku/p does not admit the structure of a commutative ku-algebra. It cannot even be an  $E_2$  or  $H_2$  ring spectrum, since the homomorphism induced in mod p homology by the resulting map  $\pi : ku/p \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$  of  $H_2$  ring spectra would not commute with the homology operation  $Q^1(\bar{\tau}_0) = \bar{\tau}_1$  in the target  $H_*(H\mathbb{Z}/p; \mathbb{F}_p)$  [BMMS86, III.2.3]. Similar remarks apply for KU/p,  $\ell/p$  and L/p. Associative algebra structures, or  $A_\infty$  ring spectrum structures, are easier to come by. The following result is a direct application of the methods of [Laz01, §§9–11]. We adapt the notation of [BJ02, §3] to provide some details in our case.

**Proposition 2.1.** The ku-module spectrum ku/p admits the structure of an associative ku-algebra, but the structure is not unique. Similar statements hold for KU/p as a KU-algebra,  $\ell/p$  as an  $\ell$ -algebra and L/p as an L-algebra.

*Proof.* We construct ku/p as the (homotopy) limit of its Postnikov tower of associative ku-algebras  $P^{2m-2} = ku/(p, u^m)$ , with coefficient rings  $ku/(p, u^m)_* = ku_*/(p, u^m)$  for  $m \ge 1$ . To start the induction,  $P^0 = H\mathbb{Z}/p$  is a ku-algebra via  $i \circ \pi : ku \to H\mathbb{Z} \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$ . Assume inductively for  $m \ge 1$  that  $P = P^{2m-2}$  has been constructed. We will define  $P^{2m}$  by a (homotopy) pullback diagram

$$P^{2m} \xrightarrow{P} P$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow in_1$$

$$P \xrightarrow{d} P \vee \Sigma^{2m+1} H \mathbb{Z}/p$$

in the category of associative ku-algebras. Here

$$d \in \mathrm{ADer}_{ku}^{2m+1}(P, H\mathbb{Z}/p) \cong THH_{ku}^{2m+2}(P, H\mathbb{Z}/p)$$

is an associative ku-algebra derivation of P with values in  $\Sigma^{2m+1}H\mathbb{Z}/p$ , and the group of such can be identified with the indicated topological Hochschild cohomology group of P over ku. We recall that these are the homotopy groups (cohomologically graded) of the function spectrum  $F_{P \wedge_{ku} P^{op}}(P, H\mathbb{Z}/p)$ . The composite map  $pr_2 \circ d \colon P \to \Sigma^{2m+1}H\mathbb{Z}/p$  of ku-modules, where  $pr_2$  projects onto the second wedge summand, is restricted to equal the ku-module Postnikov k-invariant of ku/p in

$$H_{ku}^{2m+1}(P; \mathbb{Z}/p) = \pi_0 F_{ku}(P, \Sigma^{2m+1} H \mathbb{Z}/p).$$

We compute that  $\pi_*(P \wedge_{ku} P^{op}) = ku_*/(p, u^m) \otimes E(\tau_0, \tau_{1,m})$ , where  $|\tau_0| = 1$ ,  $|\tau_{1,m}| = 2m+1$  and E(-) denotes the exterior algebra on the given generators. (For p=2, the use of the opposite product is essential here [Ang08, §3].) The function spectrum description of topological Hochschild cohomology leads to the spectral sequence

$$E_2^{**} = \operatorname{Ext}_{\pi_*(P \wedge_{ku}P^{op})}^{**}(\pi_*(P), \mathbb{Z}/p)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}/p[y_0, y_{1,m}]$$

$$\Longrightarrow THH_{ku}^*(P, H\mathbb{Z}/p),$$

where  $y_0$  and  $y_{1,m}$  have cohomological bidegrees (1,1) and (1,2m+1), respectively. The spectral sequence collapses at  $E_2 = E_{\infty}$ , since it is concentrated in even total degrees. In

particular,

$$ADer_{ku}^{2m+1}(P, H\mathbb{Z}/p) \cong \mathbb{F}_p\{y_{1,m}, y_0^{m+1}\}.$$

Additively,  $H_{ku}^{2m+1}(P; \mathbb{Z}/p) \cong \mathbb{F}_p\{Q_{1,m}\}$  is generated by a class dual to  $\tau_{1,m}$ , which is the image of  $y_{1,m}$  under left composition with  $pr_2$ . It equals the ku-module k-invariant of ku/p. Thus there are precisely p choices  $d=y_{1,m}+\alpha y_0^{m+1}$ , with  $\alpha\in\mathbb{F}_p$ , for how to extend any given associative ku-algebra structure on  $P=P^{2m-2}$  to one on  $P^{2m}=ku/(p,u^{m+1})$ . In the limit, we find that there are an uncountable number of associative ku-algebra structures on  $ku/p=\mathrm{holim}_m\,P^{2m}$ , each indexed by a sequence of choices  $\alpha\in\mathbb{F}_p$  for all m>1.

The periodic spectrum KU/p can be obtained from ku/p by Bousfield KU-localization in the category of ku-modules [EKMM97, VIII.4], which makes it an associative KU-algebra. The classification of periodic S-algebra structures is the same as in the connective case, since the original ku-algebra structure on ku/p can be recovered from that on KU/p by a functorial passage to the connective cover. To construct  $\ell/p$  as an associative  $\ell$ -algebra, or L/p as an associative L-algebra, replace u by  $v_1$  in these arguments.  $\square$ 

By varying the ground S-algebra, we obtain the same conclusions about ku/p as a  $ku_{(p)}$ -algebra or  $ku_p$ -algebra, and about  $\ell/p$  as an  $\ell_p$ -algebra.

For each choice of ku-algebra structure on ku/p, the zeroth Postnikov section  $\pi: ku/p \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$  is a ku-algebra map, with the unique ku-algebra structure on the target. Hence there is a commutative square of associative ku-algebras

$$ku \xrightarrow{i} ku/p$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi} \qquad \downarrow^{\pi}$$

$$H\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} H\mathbb{Z}/p$$

and similarly in the p-local and p-complete cases. In view of the weak equivalence  $H\mathbb{Z} \wedge_{ku} ku/p \simeq H\mathbb{Z}/p$ , this square expresses the associative  $H\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$  as the base change of the associative ku-algebra ku/p along  $\pi \colon ku \to H\mathbb{Z}$ . Likewise, there is a commutative square of associative  $\ell_p$ -algebras

(2.2) 
$$\ell_p \xrightarrow{i} \ell/p \\ \downarrow^{\pi} \qquad \downarrow^{\pi} \\ H\mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{i} H\mathbb{Z}/p$$

that expresses  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$  as the base change of  $\ell/p$  along  $\ell_p \to H\mathbb{Z}_p$ , and similarly in the p-local case. By omission of structure, these squares are also diagrams of S-algebras and S-algebra maps.

### 3. Topological Hochschild Homology

We shall compute the V(1)-homotopy of the topological Hochschild homology THH(-) and topological cyclic homology TC(-) of the S-algebras in diagram (2.2), for primes  $p \geq 5$ . Passing to connective covers, this also computes the V(1)-homotopy of the algebraic K-theory spectra appearing in that square. With these coefficients, or more generally, after p-adic completion, the functors THH and TC are insensitive to p-completion in the argument, so we shall simplify the notation slightly by working with the associative

S-algebras  $\ell$  and  $H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  in place of  $\ell_p$  and  $H\mathbb{Z}_p$ . For ordinary rings R we almost always shorten notations like THH(HR) to THH(R).

The computations follow the strategy of [Bök], [BM94], [BM95] and [HM97] for  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$  and  $H\mathbb{Z}$ , and of [MS93] and [AR02] for  $\ell$ . See also [AR05, §§4–7] for further discussion of the THH-part of such computations. In this section we shall compute the mod p homology of the topological Hochschild homology of  $\ell/p$  as a module over the corresponding homology for  $\ell$ , for any odd prime p.

We write  $E(x) = \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x^2)$  for the exterior algebra,  $P(x) = \mathbb{F}_p[x]$  for the polynomial algebra and  $P(x^{\pm 1}) = \mathbb{F}_p[x, x^{-1}]$  for the Laurent polynomial algebra on one generator x, and similarly for a list of generators. We will also write  $\Gamma(x) = \mathbb{F}_p\{\gamma_i(x) \mid i \geq 0\}$  for the divided power algebra, with  $\gamma_i(x) \cdot \gamma_j(x) = (i, j)\gamma_{i+j}(x)$ , where (i, j) = (i + j)!/i!j! is the binomial coefficient. We use the obvious abbreviations  $\gamma_0(x) = 1$  and  $\gamma_1(x) = x$ . Finally, we write  $P_h(x) = \mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x^h)$  for the truncated polynomial algebra of height h, and recall the isomorphism  $\Gamma(x) \cong P_p(\gamma_{p^e}(x) \mid e \geq 0)$  in characteristic p.

We write  $H_*(-)$  for homology with mod p coefficients. It takes values in  $A_*$ -comodules, where  $A_*$  is the dual Steenrod algebra [Mil58]. Explicitly (for p odd),

$$A_* = P(\bar{\xi}_k \mid k \ge 1) \otimes E(\bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 0)$$

with coproduct

$$\psi(\bar{\xi}_k) = \sum_{i+j=k} \bar{\xi}_i \otimes \bar{\xi}_j^{p^i}$$

and

$$\psi(\bar{\tau}_k) = 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_k + \sum_{i+j=k} \bar{\tau}_i \otimes \bar{\xi}_j^{p^i}.$$

Here  $\bar{\xi}_0 = 1$ ,  $\bar{\xi}_k = \chi(\xi_k)$  has degree  $2(p^k - 1)$  and  $\bar{\tau}_k = \chi(\tau_k)$  has degree  $2p^k - 1$ , where  $\chi$  is the canonical conjugation [MM65]. Then the zeroth Postnikov sections induce identifications

$$H_*(H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) = P(\bar{\xi}_k \mid k \ge 1) \otimes E(\bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 1)$$

$$H_*(\ell) = P(\bar{\xi}_k \mid k \ge 1) \otimes E(\bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 2)$$

$$H_*(\ell/p) = P(\bar{\xi}_k \mid k \ge 1) \otimes E(\bar{\tau}_0, \bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 2)$$

as  $A_*$ -comodule subalgebras of  $H_*(H\mathbb{Z}/p) = A_*$ . We often make use of the following  $A_*$ -comodule coactions

$$\begin{split} \nu(\bar{\tau}_0) &= 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_0 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes 1 \\ \nu(\bar{\xi}_1) &= 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1 + \bar{\xi}_1 \otimes 1 \\ \nu(\bar{\tau}_1) &= 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1 + \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes 1 \\ \nu(\bar{\xi}_2) &= 1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_2 + \bar{\xi}_1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1^p + \bar{\xi}_2 \otimes 1 \\ \nu(\bar{\tau}_2) &= 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_2 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \bar{\xi}_2 + \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1^p + \bar{\tau}_2 \otimes 1 \,. \end{split}$$

The Bökstedt spectral sequences

$$E_{**}^{2}(B) = HH_{*}(H_{*}(B)) \Longrightarrow H_{*}(THH(B))$$

for the commutative S-algebras  $B = H\mathbb{Z}/p$ ,  $H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  and  $\ell$  begin

$$E_{**}^{2}(\mathbb{Z}/p) = A_{*} \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_{k} \mid k \geq 1) \otimes \Gamma(\sigma\bar{\tau}_{k} \mid k \geq 0)$$

$$E_{**}^{2}(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) = H_{*}(H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_{k} \mid k \geq 1) \otimes \Gamma(\sigma\bar{\tau}_{k} \mid k \geq 1)$$

$$E_{**}^{2}(\ell) = H_{*}(\ell) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_{k} \mid k \geq 1) \otimes \Gamma(\sigma\bar{\tau}_{k} \mid k \geq 2).$$

They are (graded) commutative  $A_*$ -comodule algebra spectral sequences, and there are differentials

$$d^{p-1}(\gamma_j \sigma \bar{\tau}_k) = \sigma \bar{\xi}_{k+1} \cdot \gamma_{j-p} \sigma \bar{\tau}_k$$

for  $j \ge p$  and  $k \ge 0$ , see [Bök], [Hun96] or [Aus05, 4.3], leaving

$$E_{**}^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}/p) = A_* \otimes P_p(\sigma \bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 0)$$

$$E_{**}^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) = H_*(H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \otimes E(\sigma \bar{\xi}_1) \otimes P_p(\sigma \bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 1)$$

$$E_{**}^{\infty}(\ell) = H_*(\ell) \otimes E(\sigma \bar{\xi}_1, \sigma \bar{\xi}_2) \otimes P_p(\sigma \bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 2).$$

The inclusion of 0-simplices  $\eta \colon B \to THH(B)$  is split for commutative B by the augmentation  $\epsilon \colon THH(B) \to B$ . Thus there are unique representatives in Bökstedt filtration 1, with zero augmentation, for each of the classes  $\sigma x$ . They correspond to  $1 \otimes x - x \otimes 1$  in the Hochschild complex, or just  $1 \otimes x$  in the normalized Hochschild complex. There are multiplicative extensions  $(\sigma \bar{\tau}_k)^p = \sigma \bar{\tau}_{k+1}$  for k > 0, see [AR05, 5.9], so

$$(3.1) H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)) = A_* \otimes P(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)$$

$$H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)})) = H_*(H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1) \otimes P(\sigma\bar{\tau}_1)$$

$$H_*(THH(\ell)) = H_*(\ell) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1, \sigma\bar{\xi}_2) \otimes P(\sigma\bar{\tau}_2)$$

as  $A_*$ -comodule algebras. The  $A_*$ -comodule coactions are given by

$$\nu(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0) = 1 \otimes \sigma\bar{\tau}_0 
\nu(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1) = 1 \otimes \sigma\bar{\xi}_1 
\nu(\sigma\bar{\tau}_1) = 1 \otimes \sigma\bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \sigma\bar{\xi}_1 
\nu(\sigma\bar{\xi}_2) = 1 \otimes \sigma\bar{\xi}_2 
\nu(\sigma\bar{\tau}_2) = 1 \otimes \sigma\bar{\tau}_2 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \sigma\bar{\xi}_2.$$

The natural map  $\pi_*: THH(\ell) \to THH(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$  induced by  $\pi: \ell \to \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  takes  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_2$  to 0 and  $\sigma \bar{\tau}_2$  to  $(\sigma \bar{\tau}_1)^p$ . The natural map  $i_*: THH(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \to THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  induced by  $i: \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \to \mathbb{Z}/p$  takes  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_1$  to 0 and  $\sigma \bar{\tau}_1$  to  $(\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^p$ .

The Bökstedt spectral sequence for the associative S-algebra  $B = \ell/p$  begins

$$E_{**}^2(\ell/p) = H_*(\ell/p) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_k \mid k \ge 1) \otimes \Gamma(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0, \sigma\bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 2).$$

It is an  $A_*$ -comodule module spectral sequence over the Bökstedt spectral sequence for  $\ell$ , since the  $\ell$ -algebra multiplication  $\ell \wedge \ell/p \to \ell/p$  is a map of associative S-algebras. However, it is not itself an algebra spectral sequence, since the product on  $\ell/p$  is not commutative enough to induce a natural product structure on  $THH(\ell/p)$ . Nonetheless, we will use the algebra structure present at the  $E^2$ -term to help in naming classes.

The map  $\pi: \ell/p \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$  induces an injection of Bökstedt spectral sequence  $E^2$ -terms, so there are differentials generated algebraically by

$$d^{p-1}(\gamma_j \sigma \bar{\tau}_k) = \sigma \bar{\xi}_{k+1} \cdot \gamma_{j-p} \sigma \bar{\tau}_k$$

for j > p, k = 0 or k > 2, leaving

$$(3.3) E_{**}^{\infty}(\ell/p) = H_*(\ell/p) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_2) \otimes P_p(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0, \sigma\bar{\tau}_k \mid k \ge 2)$$

as an  $A_*$ -comodule module over  $E^{\infty}_{**}(\ell)$ . In order to obtain  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$ , we need to resolve the  $A_*$ -comodule and  $H_*(THH(\ell))$ -module extensions. This is achieved in Lemma 3.6 below.

The natural map  $\pi_*$ :  $E^{\infty}_{**}(\ell/p) \to E^{\infty}_{**}(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  is an isomorphism in total degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$  and injective in total degrees  $\leq (2p^2-2)$ . The first class in the kernel is  $\sigma\bar{\xi}_2$ . Hence there are unique classes

$$1, \bar{\tau}_0, \sigma \bar{\tau}_0, \bar{\tau}_0 \sigma \bar{\tau}_0, \ldots, (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$$

in degrees  $0 \le * \le 2p - 2$  of  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$ , mapping to classes with the same names in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ . More concisely, these are the monomials  $\bar{\tau}_0^{\delta}(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i$  for  $0 \le \delta \le 1$  and  $0 \le i \le p - 1$ , except that the degree (2p - 1) case  $(\delta, i) = (1, p - 1)$  is omitted. The  $A_*$ -comodule coaction on these classes is given by the same formulas in  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$  as in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ , cf. (3.2).

There is also a class  $\bar{\xi}_1$  in degree (2p-2) of  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$  mapping to a class with the same name, and same  $A_*$ -coaction, in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ .

In degree (2p-1),  $\pi_*$  is a map of extensions from

$$0 \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\xi}_1\bar{\tau}_0\} \to H_{2p-1}(THH(\ell/p)) \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}\} \to 0$$

to

$$0 \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\tau}_1, \bar{\xi}_1\bar{\tau}_0\} \to H_{2p-1}(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)) \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}\} \to 0.$$

The latter extension is canonically split by the augmentation  $\epsilon \colon THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$ , which uses the commutativity of the S-algebra  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$ .

In degree 2p, the map  $\pi_*$  goes from

$$H_{2p}(THH(\ell/p)) = \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\xi}_1\sigma\bar{\tau}_0\}$$

to

$$0 \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\tau}_0\bar{\tau}_1\} \to H_{2p}(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)) \to \mathbb{F}_p\{\sigma\bar{\tau}_1,\bar{\xi}_1\sigma\bar{\tau}_0\} \to 0.$$

Again the latter extension is canonically split.

**Lemma 3.4.** There is a unique class y in  $H_{2p-1}(THH(\ell/p))$  that is represented by  $\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$  in  $E^{\infty}_{p-1,p}(\ell/p)$  and maps by  $\pi_*$  to  $\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \bar{\tau}_1$  in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ .

Proof. This follows from naturality of the suspension operator  $\sigma$  and the multiplicative relation  $(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^p = \sigma\bar{\tau}_1$  in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ . A class y in  $H_{2p-1}(THH(\ell/p))$  represented by  $\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$  is determined modulo  $\bar{\xi}_1\bar{\tau}_0$ . Its image in  $H_{2p-1}(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$  thus has the form  $\alpha\bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$  modulo  $\bar{\xi}_1\bar{\tau}_0$ , for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . The suspension  $\sigma y$  lies in  $H_{2p}(THH(\ell/p)) = \mathbb{F}_p\{\bar{\xi}_1\sigma\bar{\tau}_0\}$ , so its image in  $H_{2p}(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$  is 0 modulo  $\bar{\tau}_0\bar{\tau}_1$  and  $\bar{\xi}_1\sigma\bar{\tau}_0$ . It is also the suspension of  $\alpha\bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$  modulo  $\bar{\xi}_1\bar{\tau}_0$ , which equals  $\sigma(\alpha\bar{\tau}_1) + (\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^p = (\alpha + 1)\sigma\bar{\tau}_1$ . In particular, the coefficient  $(\alpha + 1)$  of  $\sigma\bar{\tau}_1$  is 0, so  $\alpha = -1$ .

Remark 3.5. For p=2 this can alternatively be read off from the explicit form [Wür91] of the commutator for the product  $\mu$  in  $\ell/p$ . The coequalizer C of the two maps

$$\ell/p \wedge \ell/p \xrightarrow[\mu\tau]{} \ell/p$$

maps to (the 1-skeleton of)  $THH(\ell/p)$ . The commutator  $\mu - \mu \tau$  factors as

$$\ell/p \wedge \ell/p \xrightarrow{\beta \wedge \beta} \Sigma \ell/p \wedge \Sigma \ell/p \xrightarrow{\mu} \Sigma^2 \ell/p \xrightarrow{v_1} \ell/p$$

where  $\beta$  is the mod p Bockstein associated to the cofiber sequence  $\ell \xrightarrow{p} \ell \xrightarrow{i} \ell/p$  and the cofiber of  $v_1$  is  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$ . We get a map of cofiber sequences

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \ell/p \wedge \ell/p \xrightarrow{\mu-\mu\tau} \ell/p \longrightarrow C \\ \mu(\beta \wedge \beta) \downarrow & \parallel & \downarrow \\ \Sigma^2 \ell/p \xrightarrow{v_1} \ell/p \longrightarrow H\mathbb{Z}/p \,, \end{array}$$

so there is a class in  $H_3(C)$  that maps to  $\bar{\xi}_1 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1$  in  $H_2(\ell/p \wedge \ell/p)$  and to  $\bar{\xi}_1 \sigma \bar{\xi}_1$  in  $H_3(THH(\ell/p))$ , which also maps to  $\bar{\xi}_2$  in the cofiber of  $v_1$ , i.e., whose  $A_*$ -coaction contains the term  $\bar{\xi}_2 \otimes 1$ . (The classes  $\bar{\tau}_0$  and  $\bar{\tau}_1$  go by the names  $\bar{\xi}_1$  and  $\bar{\xi}_2$  at p=2.)

For odd primes there is a similar interpretation of how the non-commutativity of the product on  $\ell/p$  provides an obstruction to splitting off the 0-simplices from the (p-1)-skeleton of  $THH(\ell/p)$ , where the cyclic permutation of the p factors in the (p-1)-simplex  $\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$ , represented by the Hochschild cycle  $\bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes \bar{\tau}_0$ , plays a similar role to the twist map  $\tau$  above.

Let

$$H_*(THH(\ell))/(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1) \cong H_*(\ell) \otimes E(\sigma\bar{\xi}_2) \otimes P(\sigma\bar{\tau}_2)$$

denote the quotient algebra of  $H_*(THH(\ell))$  by the ideal generated by  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_1$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** There is an isomorphism of  $H_*(THH(\ell))$ -modules

$$H_*(THH(\ell/p)) \cong H_*(THH(\ell))/(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1,\bar{\tau}_0,\sigma\bar{\tau}_0,\bar{\tau}_0\sigma\bar{\tau}_0,\dots,(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1},y\}.$$

Hence  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$  is a free module of rank 2p over  $H_*(THH(\ell))/(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1)$ , generated by classes

$$1$$
,  $\bar{\tau}_0$ ,  $\sigma\bar{\tau}_0$ ,  $\bar{\tau}_0\sigma\bar{\tau}_0$ , ...,  $(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$ ,  $y$ 

in degrees 0 through 2p-1. These generators are represented in  $E^{\infty}_{**}(\ell/p)$  by the classes

$$1 , \bar{\tau}_0 , \sigma \bar{\tau}_0 , \bar{\tau}_0 \sigma \bar{\tau}_0 , \dots , (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} , \bar{\tau}_0 (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$$

and map under  $\pi_*$  to classes with the same names in  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ , except for y, which maps to

$$\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}-\bar{\tau}_1.$$

The  $A_*$ -comodule coactions are given by

$$\nu((\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i) = 1 \otimes (\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i$$

for  $0 \le i \le p - 1$ ,

$$\nu(\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i) = 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes (\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^i$$

for 0 < i < p - 2, and

$$\nu(y) = 1 \otimes y + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1 - \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes 1.$$

*Proof.*  $H_*(\ell/p)$  is freely generated as a module over  $H_*(\ell)$  by 1 and  $\bar{\tau}_0$ , and the classes  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_2$  and  $\sigma \bar{\tau}_2$  in  $H_*(THH(\ell))$  induce multiplication by the same symbols in  $E^{\infty}_{**}(\ell/p)$ , as given in (3.3). This generates all of  $E^{\infty}_{**}(\ell/p)$  from the 2p classes  $\bar{\tau}_0^{\delta}(\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^i$  for  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ .

We claim that multiplication by  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_1$  acts trivially on  $H_*(THH(\ell/p))$ . It suffices to verify this on the module generators  $\bar{\tau}_0^{\delta}(\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^i$ , for which the product with  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_1$  remains in the range of degrees where the map to  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$  is injective. The action of  $\sigma \bar{\xi}_1$  is

trivial on  $H_*(THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$ , since  $d^{p-1}(\gamma_p\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)=\sigma\bar{\xi}_1$  and  $\epsilon(\sigma\bar{\xi}_1)=0$ , and this implies the claim.

The  $A_*$ -comodule coaction on each module generator, including y, is determined by that on its image under  $\pi_*$ . In the latter case, the thing to check is that

$$(1 \otimes \pi_*)(\nu(y)) = \nu(\pi_*(y)) = \nu(\bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \bar{\tau}_1)$$
  
=  $1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_0(\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes (\sigma\bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - 1 \otimes \bar{\tau}_1 - \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1 - \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes 1$ 

equals

$$(1 \otimes \pi_*)(1 \otimes y + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes \bar{\xi}_1 - \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes 1).$$

We note that these results do not visibly depend on the particular choice of  $\ell$ -algebra structure on  $\ell/p$ .

# 4. Passage to V(1)-homotopy

For  $p \geq 5$  the Smith-Toda complex  $V(1) = S \cup_p e^1 \cup_{\alpha_1} e^{2p-1} \cup_p e^{2p}$  is a homotopy commutative ring spectrum [Smi70], [Oka84]. It is defined as the mapping cone of the Adams self-map  $v_1 \colon \Sigma^{2p-2}V(0) \to V(0)$  of the mod p Moore spectrum  $V(0) = S \cup_p e^1$ . Hence there is a cofiber sequence

$$\Sigma^{2p-2}V(0) \xrightarrow{v_1} V(0) \xrightarrow{i_1} V(1) \xrightarrow{j_1} \Sigma^{2p-1}V(0)$$
.

The composite map  $\beta_{1,1} = i_1 j_1 \colon V(1) \to \Sigma^{2p-1} V(1)$  defines the primary  $v_1$ -Bockstein homomorphism, acting naturally on  $V(1)_*(X)$ .

In this section we compute  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  as a module over  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)$ , for any prime  $p \geq 5$ . The unique ring spectrum map from V(1) to  $H\mathbb{Z}/p$  induces the identification

$$H_*(V(1)) = E(\tau_0, \tau_1)$$

(no conjugations) as  $A_*$ -comodule subalgebras of  $A_*$ . Here

$$\nu(\tau_0) = 1 \otimes \tau_0 + \tau_0 \otimes 1$$
  
$$\nu(\tau_1) = 1 \otimes \tau_1 + \xi_1 \otimes \tau_0 + \tau_1 \otimes 1.$$

For each  $\ell$ -algebra  $B, V(1) \wedge THH(B)$  is a module spectrum over  $V(1) \wedge THH(\ell)$  and thus over  $V(1) \wedge \ell \simeq H\mathbb{Z}/p$ , so  $H_*(V(1) \wedge THH(B))$  is a sum of copies of  $A_*$  as an  $A_*$ -comodule. In particular,  $V(1)_*THH(B) = \pi_*(V(1) \wedge THH(B))$  is naturally identified with the subgroup of  $A_*$ -comodule primitives in

$$H_*(V(1) \wedge THH(B)) \cong H_*(V(1)) \otimes H_*(THH(B))$$

with the diagonal  $A_*$ -comodule coaction. We write  $v \wedge x$  for the image of  $v \otimes x$  under this identification, with  $v \in H_*(V(1))$  and  $x \in H_*(THH(B))$ . Let

$$\epsilon_{0} = 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_{0} + \tau_{0} \wedge 1$$

$$\epsilon_{1} = 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_{1} + \tau_{0} \wedge \bar{\xi}_{1} + \tau_{1} \wedge 1$$

$$\lambda_{1} = 1 \wedge \sigma \bar{\xi}_{1}$$

$$\lambda_{2} = 1 \wedge \sigma \bar{\xi}_{2}$$

$$\mu_{0} = 1 \wedge \sigma \bar{\tau}_{0}$$

$$\mu_{1} = 1 \wedge \sigma \bar{\tau}_{1} + \tau_{0} \wedge \sigma \bar{\xi}_{1}$$

$$\mu_{2} = 1 \wedge \sigma \bar{\tau}_{2} + \tau_{0} \wedge \sigma \bar{\xi}_{2}.$$

These are all  $A_*$ -comodule primitive, where defined. By a dimension count,

$$(4.2) V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) = E(\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1) \otimes P(\mu_0)$$

$$V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) = E(\epsilon_1) \otimes E(\lambda_1) \otimes P(\mu_1)$$

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell) = E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2)$$

as commutative  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebras. The map  $\pi \colon \ell \to H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  takes  $\lambda_2$  to 0 and  $\mu_2$  to  $\mu_1^p$ . The map  $i \colon H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$  takes  $\lambda_1$  to 0 and  $\mu_1$  to  $\mu_0^p$ . Note that  $\mu_2 \in V(1)_{2p^2}THH(\ell)$  was simply denoted  $\mu$  in [AR02].

In degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$  of  $H_*(V(1) \wedge THH(\ell/p))$  the classes

$$\mu_0^i := 1 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^i$$

for  $0 \le i \le p-1$  and

(4.4) 
$$\epsilon_0 \mu_0^i := 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_0 (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^i + \tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^i$$

for  $0 \le i \le p-2$  are  $A_*$ -comodule primitive, hence lift uniquely to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$ . These map to the classes  $\epsilon_0^\delta \mu_0^i$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  for  $0 \le \delta \le 1$  and  $0 \le i \le p-1$ , except that the degree bound excludes the top case of  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1}$ .

In degree (2p-1) of  $H_*(V(1) \wedge THH(\ell/p))$  we have generators  $1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{\tau}_0$ ,  $\tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$ ,  $\tau_0 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1$ ,  $\tau_1 \wedge 1$  and  $1 \wedge y$ . These have coactions

$$\nu(1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{\tau}_0) = 1 \otimes 1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{\tau}_0 + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes 1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 + \bar{\xi}_1 \otimes 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_0 + \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes 1 \wedge 1$$

$$\nu(\tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}) = 1 \otimes \tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} + \tau_0 \otimes 1 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1}$$

$$\nu(\tau_0 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1) = 1 \otimes \tau_0 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 + \tau_0 \otimes 1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 + \bar{\xi}_1 \otimes \tau_0 \wedge 1 + \bar{\xi}_1 \tau_0 \otimes 1 \wedge 1$$

$$\nu(\tau_1 \wedge 1) = 1 \otimes \tau_1 \wedge 1 + \xi_1 \otimes \tau_0 \wedge 1 + \tau_1 \otimes 1 \wedge 1$$

and

$$\nu(1 \wedge y) = 1 \otimes 1 \wedge y + \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes 1 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \bar{\tau}_0 \otimes 1 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 - \bar{\tau}_1 \otimes 1 \wedge 1.$$

Hence the sum

(4.5) 
$$\bar{\epsilon}_1 := 1 \wedge y + \tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - \tau_0 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 - \tau_1 \wedge 1$$

is  $A_*$ -comodule primitive. Its image under  $\pi_*$  in  $H_*(V(1) \wedge THH(\mathbb{Z}/p))$  is

$$\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1 = 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_0 (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} + \tau_0 \wedge (\sigma \bar{\tau}_0)^{p-1} - 1 \wedge \bar{\tau}_1 - \tau_0 \wedge \bar{\xi}_1 - \tau_1 \wedge 1$$
.

Let

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell)/(\lambda_1) \cong E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2)$$

be the quotient algebra of  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)$  by the ideal generated by  $\lambda_1$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** There is an isomorphism of  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)$ -modules

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell/p) = V(1)_*THH(\ell)/(\lambda_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \epsilon_0\mu_0, \dots, \mu_0^{p-1}, \bar{\epsilon}_1\},$$

where the classes  $\mu_0^i$ ,  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0^i$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  are defined in (4.3), (4.4) and (4.5) above. Multiplication by  $\lambda_1$  is 0, so this is a free module on the 2p generators

$$1 , \epsilon_0 , \mu_0 , \epsilon_0 \mu_0 , \ldots , \mu_0^{p-1} , \bar{\epsilon}_1$$

over  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)/(\lambda_1)$ . The map  $\pi_*$  to  $V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  takes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$  in degree  $0 \le \delta + 2i \le 2p - 2$  to  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$ , and takes  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in degree (2p - 1) to  $\epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$ .

*Proof.* Additively, this follows by another dimension count. The multiplication by  $\lambda_1$  is 0 for degree and filtration reasons:  $\lambda_1$  has Bökstedt filtration 1 and cannot map to  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in Bökstedt filtration (p-1). Similarly in higher degrees.

# 5. The $C_p$ -Tate construction

Let  $C = C_{p^n}$  denote the cyclic group of order  $p^n$ , considered as a closed subgroup of the circle group  $S^1$ . For each spectrum X with C-action,  $X_{hC} = EC_+ \wedge_C X$  and  $X^{hC} = F(EC_+, X)^C$  denote its homotopy orbit and homotopy fixed point spectra, as usual. We now write  $X^{tC} = [\widetilde{EC} \wedge F(EC_+, X)]^C$  for the C-Tate construction on X, which was denoted  $t_C(X)^C$  in [GM95] and  $\hat{\mathbb{H}}(C, X)$  in [AR02]. There are C-homotopy fixed point and C-Tate spectral sequences in V(1)-homotopy for X, with

$$E_{s,t}^{2}(C,X) = H_{gp}^{-s}(C;V(1)_{t}(X)) \Longrightarrow V(1)_{s+t}(X^{hC})$$

and

$$\hat{E}_{s,t}^2(C,X) = \hat{H}_{qp}^{-s}(C;V(1)_t(X)) \Longrightarrow V(1)_{s+t}(X^{tC}).$$

We write  $H_{gp}^*(C_{p^n}; \mathbb{F}_p) = E(u_n) \otimes P(t)$  and  $\hat{H}_{gp}^*(C_{p^n}; \mathbb{F}_p) = E(u_n) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1})$  with  $u_n$  in degree 1 and t in degree 2. So  $u_n$ , t and  $x \in V(1)_t(X)$  have bidegree (-1,0), (-2,0) and (0,t) in either spectral sequence, respectively. See [HM03, §4.3] for proofs of the multiplicative properties of these spectral sequences.

We are principally interested in the case when X = THH(B), with the  $S^1$ -action given by the cyclic structure. It is a cyclotomic spectrum, in the sense of [HM97], leading to the commutative diagram

$$THH(B)_{hC_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{N} THH(B)^{C_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{R} THH(B)^{C_{p^{n-1}}}$$

$$\downarrow \Gamma_n \qquad \qquad \downarrow \hat{\Gamma}_n \qquad \qquad \downarrow \hat{\Gamma}_n$$

$$THH(B)_{hC_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{N^h} THH(B)^{hC_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{R^h} THH(B)^{tC_{p^n}}$$

of horizontal cofiber sequences. We abbreviate  $\hat{E}^2_{**}(C, THH(B))$  to  $\hat{E}^2_{**}(C, B)$ , etc. When B is a commutative S-algebra, this is a commutative algebra spectral sequence, and when B is an associative A-algebra, with A commutative, then  $\hat{E}^*(C, B)$  is a module spectral sequence over  $\hat{E}^*(C, A)$ . The map  $R^h$  corresponds to the inclusion  $E^2_{**}(C, B) \to \hat{E}^2_{**}(C, B)$  from the second quadrant to the upper half-plane, for connective B.

In this section we compute  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  by means of the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)$ . In Propositions 5.8 and 5.9 we show that the comparison map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1: V(1)_*THH(\ell/p) \to V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  is (2p-2)-coconnected and can be identified with the algebraic localization homomorphism that inverts  $\mu_2$ .

First we recall the structure of the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , with V(0)- and V(1)-coefficients. We have  $V(0)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) = E(\epsilon_0) \otimes P(\mu_0)$ , and with an obvious notation the  $E^2$ -terms are

$$\hat{E}^{2}_{**}(C_{p}, \mathbb{Z}/p; V(0)) = E(u_{1}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes E(\epsilon_{0}) \otimes P(\mu_{0})$$
$$\hat{E}^{2}_{**}(C_{p}, \mathbb{Z}/p) = E(u_{1}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes E(\epsilon_{0}, \epsilon_{1}) \otimes P(\mu_{0}).$$

In each C-Tate spectral sequence we have a first differential

$$d^2(x) = t \cdot \sigma x \,,$$

see e.g. [Rog98, 3.3]. We easily deduce  $\sigma \epsilon_0 = \mu_0$  and  $\sigma \epsilon_1 = \mu_0^p$  from (4.1), so

$$\hat{E}^{3}_{**}(C_{p}, \mathbb{Z}/p; V(0)) = E(u_{1}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1})$$

$$\hat{E}^{3}_{**}(C_{p}, \mathbb{Z}/p) = E(u_{1}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes E(\epsilon_{0}\mu_{0}^{p-1} - \epsilon_{1}).$$

Thus the V(0)-homotopy spectral sequence collapses at  $\hat{E}^3 = \hat{E}^{\infty}$ . By naturality with respect to the map  $i_1: V(0) \to V(1)$ , all the classes on the horizontal axis of  $\hat{E}^3(C_p, \mathbb{Z}/p)$ are infinite cycles, so also the latter spectral sequence collapses at  $\hat{E}^3_{**}(C_p,\mathbb{Z}/p)$ .

We know from [HM97, Prop. 5.3] that the comparison map

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1: V(0)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to V(0)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$$

takes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$  to  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$ , for all  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$ ,  $i \geq 0$ . In particular, the integral map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1 \colon \pi_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to \pi_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$  is (-2)-coconnected, meaning that it induces an injection in degree (-2) and an isomorphism in all higher degrees. From this we can deduce the following behavior of the comparison map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  in V(1)-homotopy.

### Lemma 5.1. The map

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1 \colon V(1)_* THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to V(1)_* THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$$

takes the classes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$  from  $V(0)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , for  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  and  $i \geq 0$ , to classes represented in  $\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(C_p,\mathbb{Z}/p)$  by  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  (on the horizontal axis). Furthermore, it takes the class  $\epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  in degree (2p-1) to a class represented by

 $\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  (on the vertical axis).

*Proof.* The classes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$  are in the image from V(0)-homotopy, and we recalled above that they are detected by  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  in the V(0)-homotopy  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ . By naturality along  $i_1: V(0) \to V(1)$ , they are detected by the same (nonzero) classes in the V(1)-homotopy spectral sequence  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{**}(C_p,\mathbb{Z}/p)$ .

To find the representative for  $\hat{\Gamma}_1(\epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1}-\epsilon_1)$  in degree (2p-1), we appeal to the cyclotomic trace map from algebraic K-theory, or more precisely, to the commutative diagram

(5.2) 
$$K(B) \xrightarrow{tr} \downarrow^{tr_1} \xrightarrow{tr} \downarrow^{tr} \downarrow^{tr_1} \downarrow^{tr} \downarrow$$

The Bökstedt trace map  $tr: K(B) \to THH(B)$  admits a preferred lift  $tr_n$  through each fixed point spectrum  $THH(B)^{C_{p^n}}$ , which homotopy equalizes the iterated restriction and Frobenius maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{F}^n$  to THH(B), see [BHM93, 2.5]. In particular, the circle action and the  $\sigma$ -operator act trivially on classes in the image of tr.

In the case  $B = H\mathbb{Z}/p$  we know that  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p)_p \simeq H\mathbb{Z}_p$ , so  $V(1)_*K(\mathbb{Z}/p) = E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , where the  $v_1$ -Bockstein of  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  is -1. The Bökstedt trace image  $tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \in V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  lies in  $\mathbb{F}_p\{\epsilon_1,\epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1}\}$ , has  $v_1$ -Bockstein tr(-1)=-1 and suspends by  $\sigma$  to 0. Hence

$$tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1) = \epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$$
.

As we recalled above, the map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1 : \pi_* THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to \pi_* THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$  is (-2)-coconnected, so the corresponding map in V(1)-homotopy is at least (2p-2)-coconnected. Thus it takes  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  to a nonzero class in  $V(1)_* THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$ , represented somewhere in total degree (2p-1) of  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{**}(C_p,\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , in the lower right hand corner of the diagram.

Going down the middle of the diagram, we reach a class  $(\Gamma_1 \circ tr_1)(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , represented in total degree (2p-1) of the left half-plane  $C_p$ -homotopy fixed point spectral sequence  $E^{\infty}_{**}(C_p, \mathbb{Z}/p)$ . Its image under the edge homomorphism to  $V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  equals  $(F \circ tr_1)(\bar{\epsilon}_1) = tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , hence  $(\Gamma_1 \circ tr_1)(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$  is represented by  $\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  in  $E^{\infty}_{0,2p-1}(C_p, \mathbb{Z}/p)$ . Its image under  $R^h$  in the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence is the generator of  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{0,2p-1}(C_p, \mathbb{Z}/p) = \mathbb{F}_p\{\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1\}$ , hence that generator is the  $E^{\infty}$ -representative of  $\hat{\Gamma}_1(\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1)$ .  $\square$ 

We can lift the algebraic K-theory class  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  to  $\ell/p$ .

**Definition 5.3.** The (2p-2)-connected map  $\pi: \ell/p \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$  induces a (2p-1)-connected map  $V(1)_*K(\ell/p) \to V(1)_*K(\mathbb{Z}/p) = E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , by [BM94, 10.9]. We can therefore choose a class

$$\bar{\epsilon}_1^K \in V(1)_{2p-1}K(\ell/p)$$

that maps to the generator  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in  $V(1)_{2p-1}K(\mathbb{Z}/p) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** The Bökstedt trace  $tr: V(1)_*K(\ell/p) \to V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  takes  $\bar{\epsilon}_1^K$  to  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ .

*Proof.* In the commutative square

$$V(1)_*K(\ell/p) \xrightarrow{tr} V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\pi_*}$$

$$V(1)_*K(\mathbb{Z}/p) \xrightarrow{tr} V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$$

the trace image  $tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1^K)$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  must map under  $\pi_*$  to  $tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1) = \epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , which by Proposition 4.6 characterizes it as being equal to the class  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ . Hence  $tr(\bar{\epsilon}_1^K) = \bar{\epsilon}_1$ .

Next we turn to the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence  $\hat{E}^*(C_p, \ell/p)$  in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)$ . Its  $E^2$ -term is

$$\hat{E}_{**}^2(C_p,\ell/p) = E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1,\epsilon_0,\mu_0,\epsilon_0\mu_0,\ldots,\mu_0^{p-1},\bar{\epsilon}_1\} \otimes E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2).$$

We have  $d^2(x) = t \cdot \sigma x$ , where

$$\sigma(\epsilon_0^{\delta} \mu_0^{i-1}) = \begin{cases} \mu_0^i & \text{for } \delta = 1, \ 0 < i < p, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is readily deduced from (4.1), and  $\sigma(\bar{\epsilon}_1) = 0$  since  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  is in the image of tr. Thus

(5.5) 
$$\hat{E}_{**}^{3}(C_{p},\ell/p) = E(u_{1}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_{1}) \otimes E(\lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t\mu_{2}).$$

We prefer to use  $t\mu_2$  rather than  $\mu_2$  as a generator, since it represents multiplication by  $v_2$  in all module spectral sequences over  $E^*(S^1, \ell)$ , by [AR02, 4.8].

To proceed, we shall use that  $\hat{E}^*(C_p, \ell/p)$  is a module over the spectral sequence for  $THH(\ell)$ . We therefore recall the structure of the latter spectral sequence, from [AR02, 5.5]. It begins

$$\hat{E}_{**}^2(C_p,\ell) = E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}) \otimes E(\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2).$$

The classes  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $t\mu_2$  are infinite cycles, and the differentials

$$d^{2p}(t^{1-p}) = t\lambda_1$$
$$d^{2p^2}(t^{p-p^2}) = t^p\lambda_2$$
$$d^{2p^2+1}(u_1t^{-p^2}) = t\mu_2$$

(up to units in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , which we will always suppress) leave the terms

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p+1}(C_p,\ell) = E(u_1,\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p},t\mu_2)$$

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^2+1}(C_p,\ell) = E(u_1,\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2},t\mu_2)$$

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^2+2}(C_p,\ell) = E(\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2})$$

with  $\hat{E}^{2p^2+2} = \hat{E}^{\infty}$ , converging to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)^{tC_p}$ . The comparison map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  takes  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\mu_2$  to  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $t^{-p^2}$ , respectively, inducing the algebraic localization map and identification

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1 \colon V(1)_* THH(\ell) \to V(1)_* THH(\ell)[\mu_2^{-1}] \cong V(1)_* THH(\ell)^{tC_p}$$
.

**Lemma 5.6.** In  $\hat{E}^*(C_p, \ell/p)$ , the class  $u_1t^{-p}$  supports the nonzero differential

$$d^{2p^2}(u_1t^{-p}) = u_1t^{p^2-p}\lambda_2,$$

and does not survive to the  $E^{\infty}$ -term.

Proof. In  $\hat{E}^*(C_p,\ell)$ , there is such a nonzero differential. By naturality along  $i:\ell\to\ell/p$ , it follows that there is also such a differential in  $\hat{E}^*(C_p,\ell/p)$ . It remains to argue that the target is nonzero. Considering the  $E^3$ -term in (5.5), the only possible source of a previous differential hitting  $u_1t^{p^2-p}\lambda_2$  is  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ . But  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  is in an even column and  $u_1t^{p^2-p}\lambda_2$  is in an odd column. By naturality with respect to the Frobenius (group restriction) map from the  $S^1$ -Tate spectral sequence to the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence, which takes  $\hat{E}^2_{**}(S^1,B)$  isomorphically to the even columns of  $\hat{E}^2_{**}(C_p,B)$ , any such differential from an even to an odd column must be zero.

To determine the map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  we use naturality with respect to the map  $\pi: \ell/p \to H\mathbb{Z}/p$ .

**Lemma 5.7.** The classes  $1, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \epsilon_0 \mu_0, \dots, \mu_0^{p-1}$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  map under  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  to classes in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  that are represented in  $\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(C_p, \ell/p)$  by the permanent cycles  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  (on the horizontal axis) in degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$ , and by the permanent cycle  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  (on the vertical axis) in degree (2p-1).

*Proof.* In the commutative square

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell/p) \xrightarrow{\hat{\Gamma}_1} V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\pi_*}$$

$$V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p) \xrightarrow{\hat{\Gamma}_1} V(1)_*THH(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{tC_p}$$

the classes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta} \mu_0^i$  in the upper left hand corner map to classes in the lower right hand corner that are represented by  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  in degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$ , and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  maps to  $\epsilon_0\mu_0^{p-1} - \epsilon_1$  in degree (2p-1). This follows by combining Proposition 4.6 and Lemma 5.1.

The first (2p-1) of these are represented in maximal filtration (on the horizontal axis), so their images in the upper right hand corner must be represented by permanent cycles  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  in the Tate spectral sequence  $\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(C_p,\ell/p)$ .

The image of the last class,  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ , in the upper right hand corner could either be represented by  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in bidegree (0, 2p-1) or by  $u_1t^{-p}$  in bidegree (2p-1, 0). However, the last class supports a differential  $d^{2p^2}(u_1t^{-p}) = u_1t^{p^2-p}\lambda_2$ , by Lemma 5.6 above. This only leaves the other possibility, that  $\hat{\Gamma}_1(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$  is represented by  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  in  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{**}(C_p, \ell/p)$ .

We proceed to determine the differential structure in  $\hat{E}^*(C_p, \ell/p)$ , making use of the permanent cycles identified above.

**Proposition 5.8.** The  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)$  has

$$\hat{E}_{**}^3(C_p, \ell/p) = E(u_1, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}, t\mu_2).$$

It has differentials generated by

$$d^{2p^{2}-2p+2}(t^{p-p^{2}} \cdot t^{-i}\overline{\epsilon}_{1}) = t\mu_{2} \cdot t^{-i}$$

$$for \ 0 < i < p, \ d^{2p^{2}}(t^{p-p^{2}}) = t^{p}\lambda_{2} \ and \ d^{2p^{2}+1}(u_{1}t^{-p^{2}}) = t\mu_{2}. \ The \ following \ terms \ are$$

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^{2}-2p+3}(C_{p}, \ell/p) = E(u_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p})$$

$$\oplus E(u_{1}, \overline{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t^{\pm p}, t\mu_{2})$$

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^{2}+1}(C_{p}, \ell/p) = E(u_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2}})$$

$$\oplus E(u_{1}, \overline{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2}}, t\mu_{2})$$

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^{2}+2}(C_{p}, \ell/p) = E(u_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2}})$$

$$\oplus E(\overline{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2}}).$$

The last term can be rewritten as

$$\hat{E}^{\infty}(C_p, \ell/p) = \left( E(u_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \oplus E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \right) \otimes E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2}).$$

Proof. We have already identified the  $E^2$ - and  $E^3$ -terms above. The  $E^3$ -term (5.5) is generated over  $\hat{E}^3(C_p,\ell)$  by an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -basis for  $E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , so the next possible differential is induced by  $d^{2p}(t^{1-p}) = t\lambda_1$ . But multiplication by  $\lambda_1$  is trivial in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$ , by Proposition 4.6, so  $\hat{E}^3(C_p,\ell/p) = \hat{E}^{2p+1}(C_p,\ell/p)$ . This term is generated over  $\hat{E}^{2p+1}(C_p,\ell)$  by  $P_p(t^{-1}) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ . Here  $1,t^{-1},\ldots,t^{1-p}$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  are permanent cycles, by Lemma 5.7. Any  $d^r$ -differential before  $d^{2p^2}$  must therefore originate on a class  $t^{-i}\bar{\epsilon}_1$  for 0 < i < p, and be of even length r, since these classes lie in even columns. For bidegree reasons, the first possibility is  $r = 2p^2 - 2p + 2$ , so  $\hat{E}^3(C_p,\ell/p) = \hat{E}^{2p^2-2p+2}(C_p,\ell/p)$ .

Multiplication by  $v_2$  acts trivially on  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)$  and  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)^{tC_p}$  for degree reasons, and therefore also on  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  and  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  by the module structure. The class  $v_2$  maps to  $t\mu_2$  in the  $S^1$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $\ell$ , as recalled above, so multiplication by  $v_2$  is represented by multiplication by  $t\mu_2$  in the  $C_p$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $\ell/p$ . Applied to the permanent cycles  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$  in degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$ , this implies that the products

$$t\mu_2 \cdot (u_1 t^{-1})^{\delta} t^{-i}$$

must be infinite cycles representing zero, i.e., they must be hit by differentials. In the cases  $\delta = 1$ ,  $0 \le i \le p - 2$ , these classes in odd columns cannot be hit by differentials of odd length, such as  $d^{2p^2+1}$ , so the only possibility is

$$d^{2p^2-2p+2}(t^{p-p^2}\cdot (u_1t^{-1})t^{-i}\bar{\epsilon}_1) = t\mu_2\cdot (u_1t^{-1})t^{-i}$$

for  $0 \le i \le p-2$ . By the module structure (consider multiplication by  $u_1$ ) it follows that

$$d^{2p^2 - 2p + 2}(t^{p - p^2} \cdot t^{-i}\bar{\epsilon}_1) = t\mu_2 \cdot t^{-i}$$

for 0 < i < p. Hence we can compute from (5.5) that

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^2 - 2p + 3}(C_p, \ell/p) = E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm p}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes E(\lambda_2)$$

$$\oplus E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm p}) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2).$$

This is generated over  $\hat{E}^{2p+1}(C_p, \ell)$  by the permanent cycles  $1, t^{-1}, \ldots, t^{1-p}$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ , so the next differential is induced by  $d^{2p^2}(t^{p-p^2}) = t^p \lambda_2$ . This leaves

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^2+1}(C_p, \ell/p) = E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes E(\lambda_2)$$

$$\oplus E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2}) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2).$$

Finally,  $d^{2p^2+1}(u_1t^{-p^2})=t\mu_2$  applies, and leaves

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2p^2+2}(C_p, \ell/p) = E(u_1) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes E(\lambda_2)$$

$$\oplus P(t^{\pm p^2}) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes E(\lambda_2).$$

For bidegree reasons,  $\hat{E}^{2p^2+2} = \hat{E}^{\infty}$ .

**Proposition 5.9.** The comparison map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  takes the classes  $\epsilon_0^{\delta}\mu_0^i$ ,  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\mu_2$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)$  to classes in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  represented by  $(u_1t^{-1})^{\delta}t^{-i}$ ,  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $t^{-p^2}$  in  $\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(C_p,\ell/p)$ , respectively. Thus

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p} \cong \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \epsilon_0\mu_0, \dots, \mu_0^{p-1}, \bar{\epsilon}_1\} \otimes E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm 1})$$

and  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  factors as the algebraic localization map and identification

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1: V(1)_* THH(\ell/p) \to V(1)_* THH(\ell/p)[\mu_2^{-1}] \cong V(1)_* THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$$
.

In particular, this map is (2p-2)-coconnected.

Proof. The action of the map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  on the classes  $1, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \epsilon_0 \mu_0, \dots, \mu_0^{p-1}$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  was given in Lemma 5.7, and the action on the classes  $\lambda_2$  and  $\mu_2$  was already recalled from [AR02]. The structure of  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  is then immediate from the  $E^{\infty}$ -term in Proposition 5.8. The top class not in the image of  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  is  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \lambda_2 \mu_2^{-1}$ , in degree (2p-2).

Recall that

$$TF(B) = \underset{n,F}{\text{holim}} THH(B)^{C_{p^n}}$$
$$TR(B) = \underset{n}{\text{holim}} THH(B)^{C_{p^n}}$$

are defined as the homotopy limits over the Frobenius and the restriction maps

$$F, R: THH(B)^{C_{p^n}} \to THH(B)^{C_{p^{n-1}}},$$

respectively.

Corollary 5.10. The comparison maps

$$\Gamma_n \colon THH(\ell/p)^{C_{p^n}} \to THH(\ell/p)^{hC_{p^n}}$$
  
 $\hat{\Gamma}_n \colon THH(\ell/p)^{C_{p^{n-1}}} \to THH(\ell/p)^{tC_{p^n}}$ 

for  $n \geq 1$ , and

$$\Gamma \colon TF(\ell/p) \to THH(\ell/p)^{hS^1}$$
  
 $\hat{\Gamma} \colon TF(\ell/p) \to THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1}$ 

all induce (2p-2)-coconnected maps on V(1)-homotopy.

*Proof.* This follows from a theorem of Tsalidis [Tsa98] and Proposition 5.9 above, just like in [AR02, 5.7]. See also [BBLNR].  $\Box$ 

## 6. Higher fixed points

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Write  $v_p(i)$  for the p-adic valuation of i. Define a numerical function  $\rho(-)$  by

$$\rho(2k-1) = (p^{2k+1}+1)/(p+1) = p^{2k} - p^{2k-1} + \dots - p+1$$

$$\rho(2k) = (p^{2k+2} - p^2)/(p^2 - 1) = p^{2k} + p^{2k-2} + \dots + p^2$$

for  $k \ge 0$ , so  $\rho(-1) = 1$  and  $\rho(0) = 0$ . For even arguments,  $\rho(2k) = r(2k)$  as defined in [AR02, 2.5].

In all of the following spectral sequences we know that  $\lambda_2$ ,  $t\mu_2$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  are infinite cycles. For  $\lambda_2$  and  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$  this follows from the  $C_{p^n}$ -fixed point analogue of diagram (5.2), by [AR02, 2.8] and Lemma 5.4. For  $t\mu_2$  it follows from [AR02, 4.8], by naturality.

**Theorem 6.1.** The  $C_{p^n}$ -Tate spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)$  begins

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2}(C_{p^{n}}, \ell/p) = E(u_{n}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{1, \epsilon_{0}, \mu_{0}, \epsilon_{0}\mu_{0}, \dots, \mu_{0}^{p-1}, \bar{\epsilon}_{1}\} \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}, \mu_{2})$$

and converges to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_{p^n}}$ . It is a module spectral sequence over the algebra spectral sequence  $\hat{E}^*(C_{p^n},\ell)$  converging to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell)^{tC_{p^n}}$ .

There is an initial  $d^2$ -differential generated by

$$d^2(\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{i-1}) = t \mu_0^i$$

for 0 < i < p. Next, there are 2n families of even length differentials generated by

$$d^{2\rho(2k-1)}(t^{p^{2k-1}-p^{2k}+i}\cdot\bar{\epsilon}_1) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2k-3)}\cdot t^i$$

for  $v_p(i) = 2k - 2$ , for each k = 1, ..., n, and

$$d^{2\rho(2k)}(t^{p^{2k-1}-p^{2k}}) = \lambda_2 \cdot t^{p^{2k-1}} \cdot (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2k-2)}$$

for each k = 1, ..., n. Finally, there is a differential of odd length generated by

$$d^{2\rho(2n)+1}(u_n\cdot t^{-p^{2n}})=(t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-2)+1}\,.$$

We shall prove Theorem 6.1 by induction on n. The base case n=1 is covered by Proposition 5.8. We can therefore assume that Theorem 6.1 holds for some fixed  $n \ge 1$ . First we make the following deduction.

Corollary 6.2. The initial differential in the  $C_{p^n}$ -Tate spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)$  leaves

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{3}(C_{n^{n}}, \ell/p) = E(u_{n}, \bar{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t^{\pm 1}, t\mu_{2}).$$

The next 2n families of differentials leave the intermediate terms

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2\rho(1)+1}(C_{p^n}, \ell/p) = E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p})$$

$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p}, t\mu_2)$$

(for m = 1),

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2\rho(2m-1)+1}(C_{p^n},\ell/p) = E(u_n,\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^{m} E(u_n,\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k-2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^{m-1} E(u_n,\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\lambda_2 \mid v_p(j) = 2k-1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus E(u_n,\bar{\epsilon}_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m-1}},t\mu_2)$$

for  $m = 2, \ldots, n$ , and

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{2\rho(2m)+1}(C_{p^n},\ell/p) = E(u_n,\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^m E(u_n,\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k-2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^m E(u_n,\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\lambda_2 \mid v_p(j) = 2k-1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus E(u_n,\bar{\epsilon}_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m}},t\mu_2)$$

for m = 1, ..., n. The final differential leaves the  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2} = E^{\infty}$ -term, equal to

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(C_{p^n}, \ell/p) = E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^n E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^n E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \lambda_2 \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}}) \otimes P_{\rho(2n-2)+1}(t\mu_2).$$

*Proof.* The statements about the  $E^3$ -,  $E^{2\rho(1)+1}$ - and  $E^{2\rho(2)+1}$ -terms are clear from Proposition 5.8. For each  $m=2,\ldots,n$  we proceed by a secondary induction. The differential

$$d^{2\rho(2m-1)}(t^{p^{2m-1}-p^{2m}+i}\cdot \bar{\epsilon}_1) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2m-3)}\cdot t^i$$

for  $v_p(i) = 2m - 2$  is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m-2}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^{2\rho(2m-2)+1} = E^{2\rho(2m-1)}$ -term, with homology

$$E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \mid v_p(j) = 2m - 2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2m-3)}(t\mu_2)$$
  
 
$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m-1}}, t\mu_2).$$

This gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2m-1)+1}$ -term. Similarly, the differential

$$d^{2\rho(2m)}(t^{p^{2m-1}-p^{2m}}) = \lambda_2 \cdot t^{p^{2m-1}} \cdot (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2m-2)}$$

is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m-1}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^{2\rho(2m-1)+1} = E^{2\rho(2m)}$ -term, with homology

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \lambda_2 \mid v_p(j) = 2m - 1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2m-2)}(t\mu_2)$$
  
 
$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2m}}, t\mu_2).$$

This gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2m)+1}$ -term. The final differential

$$d^{2\rho(2n)+1}(u_n \cdot t^{-p^{2n}}) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-2)+1}$$

is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^{2\rho(2n)+1}$ -term, with homology

$$E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}}) \otimes P_{\rho(2n-2)+1}(t\mu_2)$$
.

This gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2}$ -term. At this stage there is no room for any further differentials, since the spectral sequence is concentrated in a narrower horizontal band than the vertical height of the following differentials.

Next we compare the  $C_{p^n}$ -Tate spectral sequence with the  $C_{p^n}$ -homotopy spectral sequence obtained by restricting the  $E^2$ -term to the second quadrant  $(s \le 0, t \ge 0)$ . It is algebraically easier to handle the latter after inverting  $\mu_2$ , which can be interpreted as comparing  $THH(\ell/p)$  with its  $C_p$ -Tate construction.

In general, there is a commutative diagram

$$(6.3) THH(B)^{C_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{R} THH(B)^{C_{p^{n-1}}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_{n-1}} THH(B)^{hC_{p^{n-1}}}$$

$$\downarrow^{\Gamma_n} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\hat{\Gamma}_n} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\hat{\Gamma}_n^{hC_{p^n-1}}}$$

$$THH(B)^{hC_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{R^h} THH(B)^{tC_{p^n}} \xrightarrow{G_{n-1}} (THH(B)^{tC_p})^{hC_{p^{n-1}}}$$

where  $G_{n-1}$  is the comparison map from the  $C_{p^{n-1}}$ -fixed points to the  $C_{p^{n-1}}$ -homotopy fixed points of  $THH(B)^{tC_p}$ , in view of the identification

$$(THH(B)^{tC_p})^{C_{p^{n-1}}} = THH(B)^{tC_{p^n}}.$$

We are of course considering the case  $B=\ell/p$ . In V(1)-homotopy all four maps with labels containing  $\Gamma$  are (2p-2)-coconnected, by Corollary 5.10, so  $G_{n-1}$  is at least (2p-1)-coconnected. (We shall see in Lemma 6.11 that  $V(1)_*G_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism in all degrees.) By Proposition 5.9 the map  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$  precisely inverts  $\mu_2$ , so the  $E^2$ -term of the  $C_{p^n}$ -homotopy fixed point spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  is obtained by inverting  $\mu_2$  in  $E^2_{**}(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$ . We denote it by  $\mu_2^{-1}E^*(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$ , even though in later terms only a power of  $\mu_2$  is present.

**Theorem 6.4.** The  $C_{p^n}$ -homotopy fixed point spectral sequence  $\mu_2^{-1}E^*(C_{p^n}, \ell/p)$  in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  begins

$$\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^2(C_{p^n}, \ell/p) = E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \epsilon_0, \mu_0, \epsilon_0 \mu_0, \dots, \mu_0^{p-1}, \bar{\epsilon}_1\} \otimes P(t, \mu_2^{\pm 1})$$

and converges to  $V(1)_*(THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p})^{hC_{p^n}}$ , which receives a (2p-2)-coconnected map  $(\hat{\Gamma}_1)^{hC_{p^n}}$  from  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{hC_{p^n}}$ . There is an initial  $d^2$ -differential generated by

$$d^2(\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{i-1}) = t \mu_0^i$$

for 0 < i < p. Next, there are 2n families of even length differentials generated by

$$d^{2\rho(2k-1)}(\mu_2^{p^{2k}-p^{2k-1}+j}\cdot\bar{\epsilon}_1) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2k-1)}\cdot\mu_2^j$$

for  $v_p(j) = 2k - 2$ , for each k = 1, ..., n, and

$$d^{2\rho(2k)}(\mu_2^{p^{2k}-p^{2k-1}}) = \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^{-p^{2k-1}} \cdot (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2k)}$$

for each k = 1, ..., n. Finally, there is a differential of odd length generated by

$$d^{2\rho(2n)+1}(u_n \cdot \mu_2^{p^{2n}}) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n)+1}.$$

*Proof.* The differential pattern follows from Theorem 6.1 by naturality with respect to the maps of spectral sequences

$$\mu_2^{-1}E^*(C_{p^n},\ell/p) \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_1^{hC_{p^n}}}{\longleftarrow} E^*(C_{p^n},\ell/p) \xrightarrow{R^h} \hat{E}^*(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$$

induced by  $\hat{\Gamma}_1^{hC_{p^n}}$  and  $R^h$ . The first inverts  $\mu_2$  and the second inverts t, at the level of  $E^2$ -terms. We are also using that  $t\mu_2$ , the image of  $v_2$ , multiplies as an infinite cycle in all of these spectral sequences.

Corollary 6.5. The initial differential in the  $C_{p^n}$ -homotopy fixed point spectral sequence in V(1)-homotopy for  $THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p}$  leaves

$$\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^3(C_{p^n}, \ell/p) = E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_0^i \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm 1})$$

$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm 1}, t\mu_2).$$

The next 2n families of differentials leave the intermediate terms

$$\mu_{2}^{-1}E_{**}^{2\rho(2m-1)+1}(C_{p^{n}},\ell/p) = E(u_{n},\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\mu_{0}^{i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(\mu_{2}^{\pm 1})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{m} E(u_{n},\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\mu_{2}^{j} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k-2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{m-1} E(u_{n},\bar{\epsilon}_{1}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\lambda_{2}\mu_{2}^{j} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k-1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus E(u_{n},\bar{\epsilon}_{1},\lambda_{2}) \otimes P(\mu_{2}^{\pm p^{2m-1}},t\mu_{2})$$

and

$$\mu_{2}^{-1}E_{**}^{2\rho(2m)+1}(C_{p^{n}},\ell/p) = E(u_{n},\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\mu_{0}^{i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(\mu_{2}^{\pm 1})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{m} E(u_{n},\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\mu_{2}^{j} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k-2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{m} E(u_{n},\bar{\epsilon}_{1}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{\lambda_{2}\mu_{2}^{j} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k-1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus E(u_{n},\bar{\epsilon}_{1},\lambda_{2}) \otimes P(\mu_{2}^{\pm p^{2m}},t\mu_{2})$$

for m = 1, ..., n. The final differential leaves the  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2} = E^{\infty}$ -term, equal to

$$\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^{\infty}(C_{p^n}, \ell/p) = E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \mu_0^i \mid 0 < i < p \} \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm 1})$$

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^n E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 2 \} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^n E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \lambda_2 \mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 1 \} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^n E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2n}}) \otimes P_{\rho(2n)+1}(t\mu_2).$$

*Proof.* The computation of the  $E^3$ -term from the  $E^2$ -term is straightforward. The rest of the proof goes by a secondary induction on  $m = 1, \ldots, n$ , very much like the proof of Corollary 6.2. The differential

$$d^{2\rho(2m-1)}(\mu_2^{p^{2m}-p^{2m-1}+j}\cdot \bar{\epsilon}_1) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2m-1)}\cdot \mu_2^j$$

for  $v_p(j) = 2m - 2$  is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2m-2}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^3=E^{2\rho(1)}$ -term (for m=1), resp. the  $E^{2\rho(2m-2)+1}=E^{2\rho(2m-1)}$ -term (for  $m=2,\ldots,n$ ). Its homology is

$$E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2m - 2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2m-1)}(t\mu_2)$$
  
 
$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2m-1}}, t\mu_2),$$

which gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2m-1)+1}$ -term. The differential

$$d^{2\rho(2m)}(\mu_2^{p^{2m}-p^{2m-1}}) = \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^{-p^{2m-1}} \cdot (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2m)}$$

is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2m-1}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^{2\rho(2m-1)+1} = E^{2\rho(2m)}$ -term, leaving

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \lambda_2 \mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2m - 1 \} \otimes P_{\rho(2m)}(t\mu_2)$$
  
 
$$\oplus E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2m}}, t\mu_2) .$$

This gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2m)+1}$ -term. The final differential

$$d^{2\rho(2n)+1}(u_n \cdot \mu_2^{p^{2n}}) = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n)+1}$$

is non-trivial only on the summand

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2n}}, t\mu_2)$$

of the  $E^{2\rho(2n)+1}$ -term, with homology

$$E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2n}}) \otimes P_{\rho(2n)+1}(t\mu_2)$$
.

This gives the stated  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2}$ -term. There is no room for any further differentials, since the spectral sequence is concentrated in a narrower vertical band than the horizontal width of the following differentials, so  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2} = E^{\infty}$ .

Proof of Theorem 6.1. To make the inductive step to  $C_{p^{n+1}}$ , we use that the first  $d^r$ -differential of odd length in  $\hat{E}^*(C_{p^n}, \ell/p)$  occurs for  $r = r_0 = 2\rho(2n) + 1$ . It follows from [AR02, 5.2] that the terms  $\hat{E}^r(C_{p^n}, \ell/p)$  and  $\hat{E}^r(C_{p^{n+1}}, \ell/p)$  are isomorphic for  $r \leq 2\rho(2n) + 1$ , via the Frobenius map (taking  $t^i$  to  $t^i$ ) in even columns and the Verschiebung map (taking  $u_n t^i$  to  $u_{n+1} t^i$ ) in odd columns. Furthermore, the differential  $d^{2\rho(2n)+1}$  is zero in the latter spectral sequence. This proves the part of Theorem 6.1 for n+1 that concerns the differentials leading up to the term

$$\hat{E}^{2\rho(2n)+2}(C_{p^{n+1}},\ell/p) = E(u_{n+1},\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^n E(u_{n+1},\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k-2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k=2}^n E(u_{n+1},\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\lambda_2 \mid v_p(j) = 2k-1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus E(u_{n+1},\bar{\epsilon}_1,\lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}},t\mu_2).$$

Next we use the following commutative diagram, where we abbreviate THH(B) to T(B):

$$(6.7) (T(B)^{tC_p})^{hC_{p^n}} \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_1^{hC_{p^n}}}{\longleftarrow} T(B)^{hC_{p^n}} \stackrel{\Gamma_n}{\longleftarrow} T(B)^{C_{p^n}} \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_{n+1}}{\longrightarrow} T(B)^{tC_{p^{n+1}}}$$

$$\downarrow^F \qquad \qquad \downarrow^F \qquad \downarrow^F \qquad \downarrow^F \qquad \downarrow^F \qquad \qquad \downarrow^F \qquad \qquad \uparrow^{\hat{\Gamma}_1} \qquad T(B)^{tC_p} \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_1}{\longleftarrow} T(B) \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_1}{\longleftarrow} T(B) \stackrel{\hat{\Gamma}_1}{\longleftarrow} T(B)^{tC_p}$$

The horizontal maps all induce (2p-2)-coconnected maps in V(1)-homotopy for  $B=\ell/p$ . Here F is the Frobenius map, forgetting part of the equivariance. Thus the map  $\hat{\Gamma}_{n+1}$  to the right induces an isomorphism of  $E(\lambda_2)\otimes P(v_2)$ -modules in all degrees \*>(2p-2) from  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{C_{p^n}}$ , implicitly identified to the left with the abutment of  $\mu_2^{-1}E^*(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$ , to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_{p^{n+1}}}$ , which is the abutment of  $\hat{E}^*(C_{p^{n+1}},\ell/p)$ . The diagram above ensures that the isomorphism induced by  $\hat{\Gamma}_{n+1}$  is compatible with the one induced by  $\hat{\Gamma}_1$ . By Proposition 5.9 it takes  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\mu_2$  to  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $t^{-p^2}$ , respectively, and similarly for monomials in these classes.

We focus on the summand

$$E(u_n, \lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2n - 2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2n-1)}(t\mu_2)$$

in  $\mu_2^{-1}E_{**}^{\infty}(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$ , abutting to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{C_{p^n}}$  in degrees > (2p-2). In the  $P(v_2)$ -module structure on the abutment, each class  $\mu_2^j$  with  $v_p(j) = 2n-2$ , j > 0, generates a copy of  $P_{\rho(2n-1)}(v_2)$ , since there are no permanent cycles in the same total degree as  $y = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-1)} \cdot \mu_2^j$  that have lower (= more negative) homotopy fixed point filtration. See Lemma 6.8 below for the elementary verification. The  $P(v_2)$ -module isomorphism induced by  $\hat{\Gamma}_{n+1}$  must take this to a copy of  $P_{\rho(2n-1)}(v_2)$  in  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_{p^{n+1}}}$ , generated by  $t^{-p^2j}$ .

Writing  $i = -p^2 j$ , we deduce that for  $v_p(i) = 2n$ , i < 0, the infinite cycle  $z = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-1)} \cdot t^i$  must represent zero in the abutment, and must therefore be hit by a differential  $z = d^r(x)$  in the  $C_{p^{n+1}}$ -Tate spectral sequence. Here  $r \geq 2\rho(2n) + 2$ .

Since z generates a free copy of  $P(t\mu_2)$  in the  $E^{2\rho(2n)+2}$ -term displayed in (6.6), and  $d^r$  is  $P(t\mu_2)$ -linear, the class x cannot be annihilated by any power of  $t\mu_2$ . This means that x must be contained in the summand

$$E(u_{n+1}, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}}, t\mu_2)$$

of  $\hat{E}_{**}^{2\rho(2n)+2}(C_{p^{n+1}},\ell/p)$ . By an elementary check of bidegrees, see Lemma 6.9 below, the only possibility is that x has vertical degree (2p-1), so that we have differentials

$$d^{2\rho(2n+1)}(t^{p^{2n+1}-p^{2n+2}+i}\cdot\bar{\epsilon}_1)=(t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-1)}\cdot t^i$$

for all i < 0 with  $v_p(i) = 2n$ . The cases i > 0 follow by the module structure over the  $C_{p^{n+1}}$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $\ell$ . The remaining two differentials,

$$d^{2\rho(2n+2)}(t^{p^{2n+1}-p^{2n+2}}) = \lambda_2 \cdot t^{p^{2n+1}} \cdot (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n)}$$

and

$$d^{2\rho(2n+2)+1}(u_{n+1}\cdot t^{-p^{2n+2}})=(t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n)+1}$$

are also present in the  $C_{p^{n+1}}$ -Tate spectral sequence for  $\ell$ , see [AR02, 6.1], hence follow in the present case by the module structure. With this we have established the complete differential pattern asserted by Theorem 6.1.

**Lemma 6.8.** For  $v_p(j) = 2n - 2$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , there are no classes in  $\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^{\infty}(C_{p^n}, \ell/p)$  in the same total degree as  $y = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-1)} \cdot \mu_2^j$  that have lower homotopy fixed point filtration.

*Proof.* The total degree of y is  $2(p^{2n+2}-p^{2n+1}+p-1)+2p^2j\equiv (2p-2)\mod 2p^{2n}$ , which is even.

Looking at the formula for  $\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^{\infty}(C_{p^n}, \ell/p)$  in Corollary 6.5, the classes of lower filtration than y all lie in the terms

$$E(u_n, \bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\lambda_2 \mu_2^i \mid v_p(i) = 2n - 1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2n)}(t\mu_2)$$

and

$$E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm p^{2n}}) \otimes P_{\rho(2n)+1}(t\mu_2)$$
.

Those in even total degree and of lower filtration than y are

$$u_n \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i (t\mu_2)^e, \quad \bar{\epsilon}_1 \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i (t\mu_2)^e$$

with  $v_p(i) = 2n - 1$ ,  $\rho(2n - 1) < e < \rho(2n)$ , and

$$\mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e, \quad \bar{\epsilon}_1\lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$$

with  $v_p(i) \ge 2n$ ,  $\rho(2n - 1) < e \le \rho(2n)$ .

The total degree of  $u_n \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$  for  $v_p(i) = 2n-1$  is  $(-1)+(2p^2-1)+2p^2i+(2p^2-2)e \equiv (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$ . For this to agree with the total degree of y, we must have  $(2p-2) \equiv (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$ , so  $(e+1) \equiv 1/(1+p) \mod p^{2n}$  and  $e \equiv \rho(2n-1)-1 \mod p^{2n}$ . There is no such e with  $\rho(2n-1) < e < \rho(2n)$ .

The total degree of  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$  for  $v_p(i) = 2n-1$  is  $(2p-1) + (2p^2-1) + 2p^2i + (2p^2-2)e \equiv 2p + (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$ . To agree with that of y, we must have  $(2p-2) \equiv 2p + (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$ , so  $(e+1) \equiv 1/(1-p^2) \mod p^{2n}$  and  $e \equiv \rho(2n) \mod p^{2n}$ . There is no such e with  $\rho(2n-1) < e < \rho(2n)$ .

The total degree of  $\mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$  for  $v_p(i) \geq 2n$  is  $2p^2i + (2p^2 - 2)e \equiv (2p^2 - 2)e \mod 2p^{2n}$ . To agree with that of y, we must have  $(2p-2) \equiv (2p^2 - 2)e \mod 2p^{2n}$ , so  $e \equiv 1/(1+p) \equiv \rho(2n-1) \mod p^{2n}$ . There is no such e with  $\rho(2n-1) < e \leq \rho(2n)$ .

The total degree of  $\bar{\epsilon}_1\lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$  for  $v_p(i) \geq 2n$  is  $(2p-1)+(2p^2-1)+2p^2i+(2p^2-2)e$ . To agree modulo  $2p^{2n}$  with that of y, we must have  $e \equiv \rho(2n) \mod p^{2n}$ . The only such e with  $\rho(2n-1) < e \leq \rho(2n)$  is  $e = \rho(2n)$ . But in that case, the total degree of  $\bar{\epsilon}_1\lambda_2 \cdot \mu_2^i(t\mu_2)^e$  is  $2p+2p^2i+(2p^2-2)(\rho(2n)+1)=2(p^{2n+2}+p-1)+2p^2i$ . To be equal to that of y, we must have  $2p^2i+2p^{2n+1}=2p^2j$ , which is impossible for  $v_p(i)\geq 2n$  and  $v_p(j)=2n-2$ .

**Lemma 6.9.** For  $v_p(i) = 2n$ ,  $n \ge 1$  and  $z = (t\mu_2)^{\rho(2n-1)} \cdot t^i$ , the only class in

$$E(u_{n+1},\bar{\epsilon}_1,\lambda_2)\otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2n}},t\mu_2)$$

that can support a differential  $d^r(x) = z$  for  $r \ge 2\rho(2n) + 2$  is (a unit times)

$$x = t^{p^{2n+1} - p^{2n+2} + i} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}_1.$$

Proof. The class z has total degree  $(2p^2-2)\rho(2n-1)-2i=2p^{2n+2}-2p^{2n+1}+2p-2-2i\equiv (2p-2)\mod 2p^{2n}$ , which is even, and vertical degree  $2p^2\rho(2n-1)$ . Hence x has odd total degree, and vertical degree at most  $2p^2\rho(2n-1)-2\rho(2n)-1=2p^{2n+2}-2p^{2n+1}-\cdots-2p^3-1$ . This leaves the possibilities

$$u_{n+1} \cdot t^j (t\mu_2)^e$$
,  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \cdot t^j (t\mu_2)^e$ ,  $\lambda_2 \cdot t^j (t\mu_2)^e$ 

with  $v_p(j) \ge 2n$  and  $0 \le e < p^{2n} - p^{2n-1} - \dots - p = \rho(2n-1) - \rho(2n-2) - 1$ , and

$$u_{n+1}\bar{\epsilon}_1\lambda_2\cdot t^j(t\mu_2)^e$$

with  $v_p(j) \ge 2n$  and  $0 \le e < p^{2n} - p^{2n-1} - \dots - p - 1 = \rho(2n-1) - \rho(2n-2) - 2$ .

The total degree of x must be one more than the total degree of z, hence is congruent to (2p-1) modulo  $2p^{2n}$ .

The total degree of  $u_{n+1} \cdot t^j (t\mu_2)^e$  is  $-1 - 2j + (2p^2 - 2)e \equiv -1 + (2p^2 - 2)e \mod 2p^{2n}$ . To have  $(2p-1) \equiv -1 + (2p^2 - 2)e \mod 2p^{2n}$  we must have  $e \equiv -p/(1-p^2) \equiv p^{2n} - p^{2n-1} - \cdots - p \mod p^{2n}$ , which does not happen for e in the allowable range.

The total degree of  $\lambda_2 \cdot t^j(t\mu_2)^e$  is  $(2p^2 - 1) - 2j + (2p^2 - 2)e \equiv (2p^2 - 1) + (2p^2 - 2)e$  mod  $2p^{2n}$ . To have  $(2p - 1) \equiv (2p^2 - 1) + (2p^2 - 2)e$  mod  $2p^{2n}$  we must have  $e \equiv -p/(1+p) \equiv \rho(2n-1) - 1 \mod p^{2n}$ , which does not happen.

The total degree of  $u_{n+1}\bar{\epsilon}_1\lambda_2 \cdot t^j(t\mu_2)^e$  is  $-1 + (2p-1) + (2p^2-1) - 2j + (2p^2-2)e \equiv (2p-1) + (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$ . To have  $(2p-1) \equiv (2p-1) + (2p^2-2)(e+1) \mod 2p^{2n}$  we must have  $(e+1) \equiv 0 \mod p^{2n}$ , so  $e \equiv p^{2n} - 1 \mod p^{2n}$ , which does not happen.

The total degree of  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \cdot t^j(t\mu_2)^e$  is  $(2p-1)-2j+(2p^2-2)e\equiv (2p-1)+(2p^2-2)e$  mod  $2p^{2n}$ . To have  $(2p-1)\equiv (2p-1)+(2p^2-2)e$  mod  $2p^{2n}$ , we must have  $e\equiv 0$  mod  $p^{2n}$ , so e=0 is the only possibility in the allowable range. In that case, a check of total degrees shows that we must have  $j=p^{2n+1}-p^{2n+2}+i$ .

Corollary 6.10.  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{C_{p^n}}$  is finite in each degree.

*Proof.* This is clear by inspection of the  $E^{\infty}$ -term in Corollary 6.2.

**Lemma 6.11.** The map  $G_n$  induces an isomorphism

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tC_{p^{n+1}}} \xrightarrow{\cong} V(1)_*(THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p})^{hC_{p^n}}$$

in all degrees. In the limit over the Frobenius maps F, there is a map G inducing an isomorphism

$$V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1} \xrightarrow{\cong} V(1)_*(THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p})^{hS^1}$$
.

Proof. As remarked after diagram (6.3),  $G_n$  induces an isomorphism in V(1)-homotopy above degree (2p-2). The permanent cycle  $t^{-p^{2n+2}}$  in  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{**}(C_{p^{n+1}},\ell)$  acts invertibly on  $\hat{E}^{\infty}_{**}(C_{p^{n+1}},\ell/p)$ , and its image  $G_n(t^{-p^{2n+2}}) = \mu_2^{p^{2n}}$  in  $\mu_2^{-1}E^{\infty}_{**}(C_{p^n},\ell)$  acts invertibly on  $\mu_2^{-1}E^{\infty}_{**}(C_{p^n},\ell/p)$ . Therefore the module action derived from the  $\ell$ -algebra structure on  $\ell/p$  ensures that  $G_n$  induces isomorphisms in V(1)-homotopy in all degrees.

**Theorem 6.12.** (a) The associated graded of  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1}$  for the  $S^1$ -Tate spectral sequence is

$$\hat{E}_{**}^{\infty}(S^{1}, \ell/p) = E(\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{-i} \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(t^{\pm p^{2}})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 2} E(\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{j} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k - 2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k - 3)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 2} E(\bar{\epsilon}_{1}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{j}\lambda_{2} \mid v_{p}(j) = 2k - 1\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k - 2)}(t\mu_{2})$$

$$\oplus E(\bar{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(t\mu_{2}).$$

(b) The associated graded of  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{hS^1}$  for the  $S^1$ -homotopy fixed point spectral sequence maps by a (2p-2)-coconnected map to

$$\mu_2^{-1} E_{**}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p) = E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \mu_0^i \mid 0 < i < p \} \otimes P(\mu_2^{\pm 1})$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k \ge 1} E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 2 \} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus \bigoplus_{k \ge 1} E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{ \lambda_2 \mu_2^j \mid v_p(j) = 2k - 1 \} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$\oplus E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2) .$$

(c) The isomorphism from (a) to (b) induced by G takes  $t^{-i}$  to  $\mu_0^i$  for 0 < i < p and  $t^i$  to  $\mu_2^j$  for  $i + p^2 j = 0$ . Furthermore, it takes multiples by  $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  or  $t\mu_2$  in the source to the same multiples in the target.

*Proof.* Claims (a) and (b) follow by passage to the limit over n from Corollaries 6.2 and 6.5. Claim (c) follows by passage to the same limit from the formulas for the isomorphism induced by  $\hat{\Gamma}_{n+1}$ , which were given below diagram (6.7).

### 7. Topological cyclic homology

By definition, there is a fiber sequence

$$TC(B) \xrightarrow{\pi} TF(B) \xrightarrow{R-1} TF(B)$$

inducing a long exact sequence

$$(7.1) \qquad \dots \xrightarrow{\partial} V(1)_* TC(B) \xrightarrow{\pi} V(1)_* TF(B) \xrightarrow{R-1} V(1)_* TF(B) \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots$$

in V(1)-homotopy. By Corollary 5.10, there are (2p-2)-coconnected maps  $\Gamma$  and  $\hat{\Gamma}$  from  $V(1)_*TF(\ell/p)$  to  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{hS^1}$  and  $V(1)_*THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1}$ , respectively. We model  $V(1)_*TF(\ell/p)$  in degrees > (2p-2) by the map  $\hat{\Gamma}$  to the  $S^1$ -Tate construction. Then, by

diagram (6.3), R is modeled in the same range of degrees by the chain of maps below.

$$V(1)_*THH(B)^{tS^1} \qquad V(1)_*THH(B)^{hS^1} \xrightarrow{R^h} V(1)_*THH(B)^{tS^1}$$

$$\downarrow^{(\hat{\Gamma}_1)^{hS^1}}$$

$$V(1)_*(THH(B)^{tC_p})^{hS^1}$$

Here  $R^h$  induces a map of spectral sequences

$$E^*(R^h): E^*(S^1, B) \to \hat{E}^*(S^1, B)$$
,

which at the  $E^2$ -term equals the inclusion that algebraically inverts t. When  $B = \ell/p$ , the left hand map G is an isomorphism by Lemma 6.11, and the middle (wrong-way) map is (2p-2)-coconnected.

**Proposition 7.2.** In degrees > (2p-2), the homomorphism

$$E^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^h) \colon E^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p) \to \hat{E}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p)$$

maps

- (a)  $E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2)$  identically to the same expression;
- (b)  $E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_2^{-j}\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_2)$  surjectively onto

$$E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

for each  $k \ge 2$ ,  $j = dp^{2k-2}$ ,  $0 < d < p^2 - p$  and  $p \nmid d$ ;

(c) 
$$E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\lambda_2 \mu_2^{-j}\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_2)$$
 surjectively onto

$$E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\lambda_2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

for each  $k \ge 2$ ,  $j = dp^{2k-1}$  and 0 < d < p;

(d) the remaining terms to zero.

*Proof.* Consider the summands of  $E^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p)$  and  $\hat{E}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p)$ , as given in Theorem 6.12. Clearly, the first term  $E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_0^i \mid 0 < i < p\} \otimes P(\mu_2)$  goes to zero (these classes are hit by  $d^2$ -differentials), and the last term  $E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2)$  maps identically to the same term. This proves (a) and part of (d).

For each  $k \geq 1$  and  $j = dp^{2k-2}$  with  $p \nmid d$ , the term  $E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{\mu_2^{-j}\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-1)}(t\mu_2)$  maps to the term  $E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^j\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$ , except that the target is zero for k=1. In symbols, the element  $\lambda_2^{\delta} \mu_2^{-j}(t\mu_2)^i$  maps to the element  $\lambda_2^{\delta} t^j(t\mu_2)^{i-j}$ . If d < 0, then the t-exponent in the target is bounded above by  $dp^{2k-2} + \rho(2k-3) < 0$ , so the target lives in the right half-plane and is essentially not hit by the source, which lives in the left half-plane. If  $d > p^2 - p$ , then the total degree in the source is bounded above by  $(2p^2-1)-2dp^{2k}+\rho(2k-1)(2p^2-2)<2p-2$ , so the source lives in total degree <(2p-2) and will be disregarded. If  $0 < d < p^2 - p$ , then  $\rho(2k-1)-dp^{2k-2} > \rho(2k-3)$  and  $-dp^{2k-2} < 0$ , so the source surjects onto the target. This proves (b) and part of (d).

Lastly, for each  $k \geq 1$  and  $j = dp^{2k-1}$  with  $p \nmid d$ , the term  $E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{\lambda_2 \mu_2^{-j}\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k)}(t\mu_2)$  maps to the term  $E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p \{t^j \lambda_2\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$ . The target is zero for k = 1. If d < 0, then  $dp^{2k-1} + \rho(2k-2) < 0$  so the target lives in the right half-plane. If d > p, then  $(2p-1) + (2p^2-1) - 2dp^{2k+1} + \rho(2k)(2p^2-2) < 2p-2$ , so the source lives in total degree < (2p-2). If 0 < d < p, then  $\rho(2k) - dp^{2k-1} > \rho(2k-2)$  and  $-dp^{2k-1} < 0$ , so the source surjects onto the target. This proves (c) and the remaining part of (d).

**Definition 7.3.** Let

$$A = E(\bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(t\mu_2)$$

$$B_k = E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp^{2k-2}} \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-3)}(t\mu_2)$$

$$C_k = E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp^{2k-1}}\lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\} \otimes P_{\rho(2k-2)}(t\mu_2)$$

for  $k \geq 2$  and let D be the span of the remaining monomials in  $\hat{E}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p)$ . Let  $B = \bigoplus_{k \geq 2} B_k$  and  $C = \bigoplus_{k \geq 2} C_k$ . Then  $\hat{E}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p) = A \oplus B \oplus C \oplus D$ .

**Proposition 7.4.** In degrees > (2p-2), there are closed subgroups  $\widetilde{A} = E(\overline{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ ,  $\widetilde{B}_k$ ,  $\widetilde{C}_k$  and  $\widetilde{D}$  in  $V(1)_*TF(\ell/p)$ , represented by A,  $B_k$ ,  $C_k$  and D in  $\widehat{E}^{\infty}(S^1, \ell/p)$ , respectively, such that the homomorphism induced by the restriction map R

- (a) is the identity on A;
- (b) maps  $\widetilde{B}_{k+1}$  surjectively onto  $\widetilde{B}_k$  for all  $k \geq 2$ ;
- (c) maps  $\widetilde{C}_{k+1}$  surjectively onto  $\widetilde{C}_k$  for all  $k \geq 2$ ;
- (d) is zero on  $\widetilde{B}_2$ ,  $\widetilde{C}_2$  and  $\widetilde{D}$ .

In these degrees,  $V(1)_*TF(\ell/p) \cong \widetilde{A} \oplus \widetilde{B} \oplus \widetilde{C} \oplus \widetilde{D}$ , where  $\widetilde{B} = \prod_{k \geq 2} \widetilde{B}_k$  and  $\widetilde{C} = \prod_{k \geq 2} \widetilde{C}_k$ .

*Proof.* In terms of the model  $THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1}$  for  $TF(\ell/p)$ , the restriction map R is given in these degrees as the composite of the isomorphism G, computed in Theorem 6.12(c), and the map  $\hat{E}^{\infty}(R^h)$ , computed in Proposition 7.2. This gives the desired formulas at the level of  $E^{\infty}$ -terms. The rest of the argument is the same as that for Theorem 7.7 of [AR02], using Corollary 6.10 to control the topologies, and will be omitted.

Remark 7.5. Here we have followed the basic computational strategy of [BM94], [BM95] and [AR02]. It would be interesting to have a more concrete construction of the lifts  $\widetilde{B}_k$ ,  $\widetilde{C}_k$  and  $\widetilde{D}$ , in terms of de Rham–Witt operators R, F, V and  $d = \sigma$ , like in the algebraic case of [HM97] and [HM03].

**Proposition 7.6.** In degrees > (2p-2) there are isomorphisms

$$\ker(R-1) \cong \widetilde{A} \oplus \lim_{k} \widetilde{B}_{k} \oplus \lim_{k} \widetilde{C}_{k}$$

$$\cong E(\overline{\epsilon}_{1}, \lambda_{2}) \otimes P(v_{2})$$

$$\oplus E(\lambda_{2}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{d} \mid 0 < d < p^{2} - p, p \nmid d\} \otimes P(v_{2})$$

$$\oplus E(\overline{\epsilon}_{1}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_{p}\{t^{dp}\lambda_{2} \mid 0 < d < p\} \otimes P(v_{2})$$

and  $\operatorname{cok}(R-1) \cong \widetilde{A} = E(\overline{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ . Hence there is an isomorphism

$$V(1)_*TC(\ell/p) \cong E(\partial, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$$

$$\oplus E(\lambda_2) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\} \otimes P(v_2)$$

$$\oplus E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp}\lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\} \otimes P(v_2)$$

in these degrees, where  $\partial$  has degree -1 and represents the image of 1 under the connecting map  $\partial$  in (7.1).

*Proof.* By Proposition 7.4, the homomorphism R-1 is zero on  $\widetilde{A}$  and an isomorphism on  $\widetilde{D}$ . Furthermore, there is an exact sequence

$$0 \to \lim_{k} \widetilde{B}_{k} \to \prod_{k \ge 2} \widetilde{B}_{k} \xrightarrow{R-1} \prod_{k \ge 2} \widetilde{B}_{k} \to \lim_{k} \widetilde{B}_{k} \to 0$$

and similarly for the C's. The derived limit on the right vanishes since each  $\widetilde{B}_{k+1}$  surjects onto  $\widetilde{B}_k$ .

Multiplication by  $t\mu_2$  in each  $B_k$  is realized by multiplication by  $v_2$  in  $\widetilde{B}_k$ . Each  $\widetilde{B}_k$  is a sum of  $2(p-1)^2$  cyclic  $P(v_2)$ -modules, and since  $\rho(2k-3)$  grows to infinity with k their limit is a free  $P(v_2)$ -module of the same rank, with the indicated generators  $t^d$  and  $t^d\lambda_2$  for  $0 < d < p^2 - p$ ,  $p \nmid d$ . The argument for the C's is practically the same.

The long exact sequence (7.1) yields the short exact sequence

$$0 \to \Sigma^{-1} \operatorname{cok}(R-1) \xrightarrow{\partial} V(1)_* TC(\ell/p) \xrightarrow{\pi} \ker(R-1) \to 0$$

from which the formula for the middle term follows.

Remark 7.7. A more obvious set of  $E(\lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ -module generators for  $\lim_k \widetilde{B}_k$  would be the classes  $t^{dp^2}$  in  $B_2 \cong \widetilde{B}_2$ , for  $0 < d < p^2 - p$ ,  $p \nmid d$ . Under the canonical map  $TF(\ell/p) \to THH(\ell/p)^{C_p}$ , modeled here by  $THH(\ell/p)^{tS^1} \to (THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p})^{hC_p}$ , these map to the classes  $\mu_2^{-d}$ . Since we are only concerned with degrees > (2p-2) we may equally well use their  $v_2$ -power multiplies  $(t\mu_2)^d \cdot \mu_2^{-d} = t^d$  as generators, with the advantage that these are in the image of the localization map  $THH(\ell/p)^{hC_p} \to (THH(\ell/p)^{tC_p})^{hC_p}$ . Hence the class denoted  $t^d$  in  $\lim_k \widetilde{B}_k$  is chosen so as to map under  $TF(\ell/p) \to THH(\ell/p)^{hC_p}$  to  $t^d$  in  $E_{**}^{\infty}(C_p; \ell/p)$ . Similarly, the class denoted  $t^{dp}\lambda_2$  in  $\lim_k \widetilde{C}_k$  is chosen so as to map to  $t^{dp}\lambda_2$  in  $E_{**}^{\infty}(C_p; \ell/p)$ .

The map  $\pi\colon \ell/p\to \mathbb{Z}/p$  is (2p-2)-connected, hence induces (2p-1)-connected maps  $\pi_*\colon K(\ell/p)\to K(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  and  $\pi_*\colon V(1)_*TC(\ell/p)\to V(1)_*TC(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ , by [BM94, 10.9] and [Dun97]. Here  $TC(\mathbb{Z}/p)\simeq H\mathbb{Z}_p\vee \Sigma^{-1}H\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $V(1)_*TC(\mathbb{Z}/p)\cong E(\partial,\bar{\epsilon}_1)$ , so we can recover  $V(1)_*TC(\ell/p)$  in degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$  from this map.

**Theorem 7.8.** There is an isomorphism of  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ -modules

$$V(1)_*TC(\ell/p) \cong P(v_2) \otimes E(\partial, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2)$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d v_2 \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_n\{t^{dp} \lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\}$$

where  $v_2 \cdot \operatorname{dlog} v_1 = \lambda_2$ . The degrees are  $|\partial| = -1$ ,  $|\bar{\epsilon}_1| = |\lambda_1| = 2p - 1$ ,  $|\lambda_2| = 2p^2 - 1$  and  $|v_2| = 2p^2 - 2$ . The formal multipliers have degrees |t| = -2 and  $|\operatorname{dlog} v_1| = 1$ .

The notation dlog  $v_1$  for the multiplier  $v_2^{-1}\lambda_2$  is suggested by the relation  $v_1 \cdot \text{dlog } p = \lambda_1$  in  $V(0)_*TC(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}|\mathbb{Q})$ .

*Proof.* Only the additive generators  $t^d$  for  $0 < d < p^2 - p$ ,  $p \nmid d$  from Proposition 7.6 do not appear in  $V(1)_*TC(\ell/p)$ , but their multiples by  $\lambda_2$  and positive powers of  $v_2$  do. This leads to the given formula, where dlog  $v_1 \cdot t^d v_2$  must be read as  $t^d \lambda_2$ .

By [HM97] the cyclotomic trace map of [BHM93] induces cofiber sequences

(7.9) 
$$K(B_p)_p \xrightarrow{trc} TC(B)_p \xrightarrow{g} \Sigma^{-1}H\mathbb{Z}_p$$

for each connective S-algebra B with  $\pi_0(B_p) = \mathbb{Z}_p$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/p$ , and thus long exact sequences

$$\cdots \to V(1)_*K(B_p) \xrightarrow{trc} V(1)_*TC(B) \xrightarrow{g} \Sigma^{-1}E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \to \cdots$$

This uses the identifications  $W(\mathbb{Z}_p)_F \cong W(\mathbb{Z}/p)_F \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$  of Frobenius coinvariants of Witt rings, and applies in particular for  $B = H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, H\mathbb{Z}/p, \ell$  and  $\ell/p$ .

**Theorem 7.10.** There is an isomorphism of  $E(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \otimes P(v_2)$ -modules

$$V(1)_*K(\ell/p) \cong P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{1, \partial \lambda_2, \lambda_2, \partial v_2\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\operatorname{dlog} v_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^d v_2 \mid 0 < d < p^2 - p, p \nmid d\}$$

$$\oplus P(v_2) \otimes E(\bar{\epsilon}_1) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p\{t^{dp} \lambda_2 \mid 0 < d < p\}.$$

This is a free  $P(v_2)$ -module of rank  $(2p^2 - 2p + 8)$  and of zero Euler characteristic.

Proof. In the case  $B = \mathbb{Z}/p$ ,  $K(\mathbb{Z}/p)_p \simeq H\mathbb{Z}_p$  and the map g is split surjective up to homotopy. So the induced homomorphism to  $V(1)_*\Sigma^{-1}H\mathbb{Z}_p = \Sigma^{-1}E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$  is surjective. Since  $\pi \colon \ell/p \to \mathbb{Z}/p$  induces a (2p-1)-connected map in topological cyclic homology, and  $\Sigma^{-1}E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$  is concentrated in degrees  $\leq (2p-2)$ , it follows by naturality that also in the case  $B = \ell/p$  the map g induces a surjection in V(1)-homotopy. The kernel of the surjection  $P(v_2) \otimes E(\partial, \bar{\epsilon}_1, \lambda_2) \to \Sigma^{-1}E(\bar{\epsilon}_1)$  gives the first row in the asserted formula.  $\square$ 

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