

Semitopologization in motivic homotopy theory and applications

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We study the semitopologization functor of Friedlander and Walker from the perspective of motivic homotopy theory. We construct a triangulated endofunctor on the stable motivic homotopy category $SH(\mathbb{C})$, which we call *homotopy semitopologization*. As applications, we discuss the representability of several semitopological cohomology theories in $SH(\mathbb{C})$, a construction of a semitopological analogue of algebraic cobordism and a construction of Atiyah–Hirzebruch type spectral sequences for this theory.

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1 Introduction

The goal of this paper is to study semitopological cohomology theories such as semitopological *K*-theory of Friedlander and Walker [9] and morphic cohomology of Friedlander and Lawson [5] from the perspective of motivic homotopy theory. One feature of the semitopological theories is that they can be obtained as *semitopologizations* of other theories, such as motivic cohomology or algebraic *K*-theory, as pioneered by Friedlander and Walker [8], but semitopologization does not respect all motivic weak-equivalences, so that it is not an endofunctor on motivic homotopy categories. Nonetheless, we show that it induces a derived functor, call it *homotopy semitopologization*, using the fact that semitopologization does respect at least *objectwise* weak-equivalences (see Section 5.1). So we first ask when a motivic weak-equivalence may become an objectwise one. After a review of motivic homotopy theory in Section 2, we answer that question in Section 3:

Theorem 1.0.1 A motivic weak-equivalence $E \to F$ of \mathbb{A}^1 –BG presheaves on \mathbf{Sm}_S is an objectwise weak-equivalence. Let $T = (\mathbb{P}^1, \infty)$. A stable motivic weak-equivalence $E \to F$ of \mathbb{A}^1 –BG motivic Ω_T –bispectra on \mathbf{Sm}_S is a T–levelwise objectwise weakequivalence. In Sections 4 and 5, we show that these objects where motivic weak-equivalences behave well are closed under the semitopologization, and we define in Section 6 the *derived* functor on the stable motivic homotopy category $SH(\mathbb{C})$:

Theorem 1.0.2 There is a triangulated endofunctor host: $SH(\mathbb{C}) \to SH(\mathbb{C})$ that coincides with Friedlander–Walker semitopologization on \mathbb{A}^1 –BG motivic Ω_T –bispectra.

Using **host**, in Sections 7 and 8 we prove the representability of the semitopological *K*-theory and the morphic cohomology in $SH(\mathbb{C})$. In Section 9 we define a semitopological analogue of the algebraic cobordism of Voevodsky [41] by simply homotopy semitopologizing MGL:

Theorem 1.0.3 The semitopological *K*-theory and the morphic cohomology are representable in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$. There is a semitopological cobordism $\mathrm{MGL}_{\mathrm{sst}}$ as a cohomology theory on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, with a natural transformation $\mathrm{MGL} \to \mathrm{MGL}_{\mathrm{sst}}$ that becomes an isomorphism with finite coefficients. For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $n \ge 0$, there is a spectral sequence $E_2^{p,q}(n) = L^{n-q}H^{p-q}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^q \Rightarrow \mathrm{MGL}_{\mathrm{sst}}^{p+q,n}(X)$. This spectral sequence degenerates after tensoring with \mathbb{Q} .

Conventions and notation When S is a noetherian scheme of finite Krull dimension, an S-scheme is a separated scheme of finite type over S. The category of S-schemes is \mathbf{Sch}_S , while its subcategory of smooth schemes is \mathbf{Sm}_S . A variety over k is a reduced k-scheme, not necessarily quasiprojective. The category of k-varieties is \mathbf{Var}_k .

Let **Set**, **Spc** and **Spc** be the categories of sets, simplicial sets and pointed simplicial sets. Let **Spt** be the category of Bousfield–Friedlander spectra [2] (see Section 2.2). The set of maps $K \to L$ in **Spc** is Hom_•(K, L).

The symbol Δ is used for the following, and no confusion should arise. First, Δ is the category whose objects are $[n] := \{0, ..., n\}$ for $n \ge 0$ and the morphisms are nondecreasing set functions. The notation $\Delta[n]$ is the simplicial set Hom_{Set}(-, [n]) by Yoneda. The notation Δ^n_{\top} is the topological *n*-simplex $\{(t_0, ..., t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid 0 \le t_i \le 1, \sum_i t_i = 1\}$, while Δ^n is the algebraic *n*-simplex Spec $(k[t_0, ..., t_n]/\sum_i t_i - 1)$.

2 Recollection of motivic homotopy theory

We review basics of motivic homotopy theory from Jardine [18], Morel and Voevodsky [32] and Morel [30]. Throughout Sections 2 and 3, let S be a fixed noetherian scheme of finite Krull dimension.

2.1 Motivic spaces

We regard an object of **Spc** as a *space*, that of **Spc** as a *pointed space*. A *motivic space over* S is a simplicial presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S . A *pointed motivic space* is a pointed simplicial presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S . Let $\mathbf{Spc}(S)$ and $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ be the categories of unpointed and pointed motivic spaces. A presheaf of sets on \mathbf{Sm}_S is a motivic space of simplicial dimension zero. Each $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$ is a motivic space by Yoneda embedding. By X_+ , we mean $X \amalg S \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$. Each (pointed) space K is a (pointed) motivic space, being a constant presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S . For $U \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, the suspension Σ_U : $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S) \to \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ sends E to $E \land U$. For $U = S^1$, ($\mathbb{G}_m, \{1\}$) and $T = (\mathbb{P}^1, \infty)$, we write Σ_U as Σ_s, Σ_t and Σ_T . For E, F in $\mathbf{Spc}(S)$ and in $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, let $\mathcal{Hom}(E, F)$ and $\mathcal{Hom}_{\bullet}(E, F)$ be the internal hom presheaves of objects in \mathbf{Spc} and \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} . For $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, the functor $\mathcal{Hom}_{\bullet}(E, -)$ on \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} is denoted by $\Omega_E(-)$. For $E = S^1$ and ($\mathbb{G}_m, 1$), we write $\Omega_E(-)$ as $\Omega_s(-)$ and $\Omega_t(-)$.

2.2 S¹-stable motivic homotopy category

Recall (see [18, Theorem 1.1]) that $\mathbf{Spc}(S)$ is a proper simplicial cellular closed model category, where a map $f: E \to F$ is a *Nisnevich local weak-equivalence* if all induced Nisnevich stalk maps $E_x \to F_x$ are weak-equivalences of \mathbf{Spc} , while *cofibrations* are monomorphisms, and *Nisnevich fibrations* are defined in terms of the right lifting property with respect to all trivial cofibrations. A similar model structure on $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ exists. Inverting the Nisnevich local weak-equivalences, we get the homotopy categories $\mathcal{H}^{\text{Nis}}(S)$ and $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}^{\text{Nis}}(S)$. For $E, F \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, let $[E, F]_{\text{Nis}} := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}^{\text{Nis}}(S)}(E, F)$. See [18; 32] for more details.

A spectrum, or an S^1 -spectrum, is a sequence $(E_0, E_1, ...)$, $E_i \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}$, with morphisms $S^1 \wedge E_n \to E_{n+1}$ in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} . The category of spectra is \mathbf{Spt} , and the category of presheaves of spectra on \mathbf{Sm}_S is $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$. An object of $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is called a *motivic* spectrum.

2.2.1 Nisnevich model structure on motivic spectra over S A morphism $f: E \to F$ in $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$ is an *objectwise weak-equivalence* if for each $U \in \operatorname{Sm}_S$ the map $f(U): E(U) \to F(U)$ is an S^1 -stable weak-equivalence in Spt . A morphism $f: E \to F$ in $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$ is a *Nisnevich local weak-equivalence* if for each $U \in \operatorname{Sm}_S$ and $x \in U$ the induced map $f_x: E_x \to F_x$ on the Nisnevich stalks is an S^1 -stable weak-equivalence in $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$ is a *nonomorphism* and $E_{n+1} \amalg_{S^1 \wedge E_n} S^1 \wedge F_n \to F_{n+1}$ is a monomorphism in $\operatorname{Spc}(S)$ for each $n \ge 0$. Equivalently, the maps $E_n \to F_n$ and $S^1 \wedge (F_n/E_n) \to F_{n+1}/E_{n+1}$ are monomorphisms in $\operatorname{Spc}(S)$ for each $n \ge 0$. A *Nisnevich fibration* in $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$ is a map

with the right lifting property with respect to all trivial cofibrations. Giving a cofibration $E \to F$ in **Spt**(S) is equal to giving cofibrations $E(U) \to F(U)$ in **Spt**. A morphism $E \to F$ in **Spt**(S) is a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence if and only if the induced map of Nisnevich sheaves associated to the presheaves $U \mapsto \pi_n(E(U)), \pi_n(F(U)),$ is an isomorphism for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Recall:

Theorem 2.2.1 (Jardine [17, Theorem 2.34] and Morel [30, Lemma 2.3.6]) The above Nisnevich local weak-equivalences, cofibrations and Nisnevich fibrations define a proper simplicial closed model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$. An object E is cofibrant if and only if the maps $S^1 \wedge E_n \to E_{n+1}$ are monomorphisms. An object E is Nisnevich fibrant if and only if each E_n is a Nisnevich fibrant pointed motivic space and the adjoint maps $E_n \rightarrow \Omega_s^1 E_{n+1}$ are Nisnevich local weak-equivalences.

For each $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, the motivic spectrum $\sum_{s}^{\infty} E = (E, \sum_{s}^{1} E, \sum_{s}^{2} E, \ldots)$ is cofibrant. The homotopy category with respect to the above Nisnevich local injective model structure is $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}^{\operatorname{Nis}}(S)$. For $E, F \in \operatorname{Spt}(S)$, let $[E, F]_{\operatorname{Nis}} := \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}^{\operatorname{Nis}}(S)}(E, F)$.

2.2.2 Motivic model structure on motivic spectra over *S* The homotopy category with respect to the motivic model structure (see [18]) on $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ is denoted by $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(S)$, and we let $[E, F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} := \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(S)}(E, F)$. We recall from [30, Section 4], the motivic model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$. We say $Z \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -local if for any $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$, the projection $E \wedge \mathbb{A}^1_+ \to E$ induces an isomorphism of groups $[E, Z]_{Nis} \simeq [E \wedge \mathbb{A}^1_+, Z]_{Nis}$. A morphism $f: E \to F$ in $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence if for each \mathbb{A}^1 -local Z, the induced map $f^*: [F, Z]_{Nis} \to [E, Z]_{Nis}$ is an isomorphism. We often say that f is a *motivic weak-equivalence* of motivic spectra, for simplicity. The motivic weak-equivalences, cofibrations (as in Section 2.2.1) and motivic fibrations (given by the right lifting property with respect to all trivial cofibrations) define a closed model structure on Spt(S), called the S^1 -stable motivic model structure. This model structure is the left localization of the Nisnevich local injective model structure with respect to the maps $E \wedge \mathbb{A}^1_+ \to E$ for $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$. By Hirschhorn [14, Proposition 3.4] and Theorem 2.2.1, the motivic model structure on Spt(S) is proper and simplicial. A motivic spectrum is motivic fibrant if and only if it is Nisnevich fibrant and \mathbb{A}^1 -local. Let $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S)$ be the homotopy category of $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$ with respect to the S^1 -stable motivic model structure. This model structure is equivalent to the one obtained by stabilizing the motivic model structure on $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ with respect to Σ_s , as described in [18, Theorem 1.1]. It follows that $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is motivic fibrant if and only if it is levelwise motivic fibrant in the motivic model structure on $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, and each map $E_n \rightarrow \Omega_s E_{n+1}$ is a motivic weak-equivalence. By [30, Proposition 3.1.1], the category $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S)$ is triangulated, where the shift functor $E \mapsto E[1]$ is Σ_s . We let $[E, F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} :=$

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Hom_{$SH_{S1}(S)(E, F)$}. We have a pair of adjoint functors Σ_s^{∞} : **Spc** $(S) \leftrightarrow$ **Spt**(S) :Ev⁰_s given by $\Sigma_s^{\infty}(E) = (E, \Sigma_s E, \Sigma_s^2 E, ...)$ and Ev⁰_s $(F) = F_0$. The functor Σ_s^{∞} clearly preserves cofibrations. For $E \in$ **Spc** $(S), F \in$ **Spt**(S) and $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, there are natural isomorphisms (cf [41, Theorem 5.2])

(2.2.1)
$$[\Sigma_s^{\infty} E[p], F]_? \simeq \underset{n \geq -p}{\operatorname{colim}} [S^{n+p} \wedge E, F_n]_?, \quad ? = \operatorname{Nis} \text{ or } \mathbb{A}^1,$$

so that the functor Σ_s^{∞} preserves motivic weak-equivalences. Thus, the pair $(\Sigma_s^{\infty}, \operatorname{Ev}_s^0)$ forms a Quillen pair, and one has adjoint functors Σ_s^{∞} : $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(S) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S)$: $\mathbf{R} \operatorname{Ev}_s^0$.

2.3 Stable motivic homotopy category

The stable motivic homotopy category $S\mathcal{H}(S)$ was first constructed in [41]. It has several models. We review two such models. For $F \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ and $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, we let $\Sigma_E F$ denote the motivic spectrum $(F_0 \wedge E, F_1 \wedge E, \ldots)$. For $E = S^1$, the spectrum $\Sigma_E F$ is denoted by $\Sigma_s F$. Let $T = (\mathbb{P}^1, \infty)$.

2.3.1 (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra model Recall from Levine [23, Section 8] that an (s, \mathfrak{p}) bispectrum over S is a collection $E = \{E_{m,n} \in \operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S) \mid m, n \ge 0\}$ with horizontal maps $\Sigma_s E_{m,n} \to E_{m+1,n}$ and vertical maps $\Sigma_T E_{m,n} \to E_{m,n+1}$ such that the horizontal and the vertical maps commute. We regard it as a sequence (E_0, E_1, \ldots) , with the bonding maps $\Sigma_T E_n \to E_{n+1}$, where $E_n \in \operatorname{Spt}(S)$ is $E_{*,n} := (E_{0,n}, E_{1,n}, \ldots)$. Let $\operatorname{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ be the category of (s,\mathfrak{p}) -bispectra over S. Given $E \in \operatorname{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ and $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, define $\pi_{p,q}(E)$ to be the presheaf

$$U \mapsto (\pi_{p,q}(E))(U) = \operatorname{colim}_n \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S)}(\Sigma_s^{p-2q} \Sigma_T^{q+n} \Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+, E_n)$$

We call a morphism $f: E \to F$ in $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ a stable motivic weak-equivalence if the induced morphism $f_*: \pi_{p,q}(E) \to \pi_{p,q}(F)$ of presheaves is a stalkwise isomorphism of groups on $(\mathbf{Sm}_S)_{\text{Nis}}$. We often drop the word stable for simplicity. There is a closed model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ (cf Hovey [15, Section 3] and [23, Section 8.2]), whose weak-equivalences are stable motivic weak-equivalences, called the stable motivic model structure. By [15, Proposition 1.14], this model structure is obtained as a Bousfield localization of the levelwise model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ in which weak-equivalences (fibrations) are T-levelwise S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalences (motivic fibrations) in $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$, and $E \to F$ is a cofibration if the maps $E_0 \to F_0$ and $E_{n+1} \coprod_{\Sigma_T E_n} \Sigma_T F_n \to F_{n+1}$ are cofibrations in the S^1 -stable motivic model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$ for $n \ge 0$. This model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ is proper and simplicial. By [15, Theorem 3.4], we know $E \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$ is stable motivic fibrant if and only if each E_n is S^1 -stable motivic fibrant and the maps $E_n \to \Omega_T E_{n+1}$ are S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalences for $n \ge 0$. **2.3.2** *T*-spectra model A *T*-spectrum *E* over *S* is a collection $(E_0, E_1, ...)$, $E_i \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, with the maps $\Sigma_T E_n \to E_{n+1}$. They form the category $\mathbf{Spt}_T(S)$. For $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, define the presheaf $\pi_{p,q}(E)$ on \mathbf{Sm}_S by

$$U \mapsto (\pi_{p,q}(E))(U) = \operatorname{colim}_n \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(S)}(\Sigma_s^{p-2q} \Sigma_T^{q+n} U_+, E_n).$$

There is a proper simplicial closed model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}_T(S)$ in which $E \to F$ is a weak-equivalence if the induced map $f_*: \pi_{p,q}(E) \to \pi_{p,q}(F)$ is a stalkwise isomorphism of groups on $(\mathbf{Sm}_S)_{\text{Nis}}$. This model structure is obtained as a Bousfield localization of the model structure on $\mathbf{Spt}_T(S)$ where weak-equivalences (fibrations) are levelwise motivic weak-equivalences (motivic fibrations) in $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$. Given a motivic spectrum E, we let $\Omega_s^{\infty} E := \operatorname{colim}_m \Omega_s^m E_m$. For a T-spectrum E, let $\Omega_T^{\infty} E :=$ $\operatorname{colim}_m \Omega_T^m E_m$. A T-spectrum $E = (E_0, E_1, \ldots)$ defines an (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum $\mathcal{E} := (\Sigma_s^{\infty} E_0, \Sigma_s^{\infty} E_1, \ldots)$ by taking the levelwise simplicial infinite suspensions. Conversely, given an (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum $\mathcal{F} = (F_0, F_1, \ldots)$, we obtain a T-spectrum $F = (\Omega_s^{\infty} F_0, \Omega_s^{\infty} F_1, \ldots)$. The correspondence $\Sigma_s^{\infty}: \mathbf{Spt}_T(S) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S) : \Omega_s^{\infty}$ induces an equivalence between the homotopy categories of $\mathbf{Spt}_T(S)$ and $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$. We write $\mathcal{SH}(S)$ for the common homotopy category. For $X \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, one associates the infinite T-suspension spectrum, defined by $\Sigma_T^{\infty} X := (X, \Sigma_T X, \Sigma_T^2 X, \ldots)$, with the identity bonding maps

$$T \wedge T^{\wedge (n-1)} \wedge X \to T^n \wedge X.$$

We have suspension operations Σ_T , Σ_s , Σ_t to $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(S)$ and $\mathbf{Spt}_T(S)$. The category $\mathcal{SH}(S)$ is triangulated with the shift functor $E \mapsto E[1]$ given by Σ_s , and all functors Σ_T , Σ_s , Σ_t are autoequivalences. For $E, F \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(S)$, let $[E, F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} :=$ $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{SH}(S)}(E, F)$. There is a Quillen pair Σ_T^{∞} : $\mathbf{Spt}(S) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(S) : \Omega_T^{\infty}$ given by $\Sigma_s^{\infty}(E) = (E, \Sigma_T E, \Sigma_T^2 E, \ldots)$ and $\Omega_T^{\infty}(F) = (\Omega_T^{\infty} F_{0,*}, \Omega_T^{\infty} F_{1,*}, \ldots)$. This yields an adjoint pair of derived functors

$$\Sigma_T^{\infty}: \mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{SH}(S): \mathbb{R}\Omega_T^{\infty}.$$

For $F \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(S)$, one has $\mathbb{R}\Omega^{\infty}_{T}(F) = \Omega^{\infty}_{T}(\tilde{F}) = \tilde{F}_{0}$, where $F \to \tilde{F}$ is a stable motivic fibrant replacement of F, and $\tilde{F}_{0} \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is given by $(\tilde{F}_{0,0}, \tilde{F}_{1,0}, \ldots)$.

2.3.3 Cohomology theories Given $E, F \in S\mathcal{H}(S)$, the *E*-cohomology of *F* is defined by $E^{a,b}(F) := [F, \Sigma^{a,b}E]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \Sigma^{a,b}E := \Sigma_s^{a-b}\Sigma_t^b E$. For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$, using the object $\Sigma_T^{\infty} X_+ \in S\mathcal{H}(S)$ we define

$$E^{a,b}(X) := E^{a,b}(\Sigma_T^{\infty} X_+) = [\Sigma_T^{\infty} X_+, \Sigma^{a,b} E]_{\mathbb{A}^1} = [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+, \Sigma_s^{a-2b} \Sigma_T^b E]_{\mathbb{A}^1}.$$

3 Motivic descent for \mathbb{A}^1 –BG presheaves

Recall that a presheaf E on \mathbf{Sm}_S of objects in \mathbf{Spc} , \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} has the *BG property* if E turns every Nisnevich square (see [32, Definition 3.1.5]) in \mathbf{Sm}_S ,

$$(3.0.1) \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} W \longrightarrow U \\ \downarrow & \downarrow p \\ V \xrightarrow{j} X, \end{array}$$

into a homotopy Cartesian square in **Spc**, **Spc**, or **Spt**. Recall the following, which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a Nisnevich fibrant replacement to be an objectwise weak-equivalence; see [32, Proposition 3.1.16; 18, Theorem 1.3, Corollary 1.4].

Theorem 3.0.1 (Nisnevich descent theorem) A presheaf E on \mathbf{Sm}_S of objects in **Spc**, **Spc** or **Spt** is BG if and only if every Nisnevich fibrant replacement $E \to F$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence. A Nisnevich local weak-equivalence $E \to F$ of BG presheaves of objects in **Spc**, **Spc** or **Spt** is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

3.1 Motivic descent theorem

We establish a necessary and sufficient condition for a motivic fibrant replacement to be an objectwise weak-equivalence. Recall the following notion from Morel [31, Definition A.5]:

Definition 3.1.1 Let *E* be a presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S of objects in \mathbf{Spc} , \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} . We say *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant if the map $E(X) \to E(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$ induced by the projection is a weak-equivalence for all $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$. We say *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 -*BG* if it is BG and \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant. We say *E* is *quasifibrant* (resp. *motivic quasifibrant*) if every Nisnevich fibrant (resp. motivic fibrant) replacement $E \to F$ of *E* is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

Theorem 3.0.1 says E is BG if and only if E is quasifibrant. Let us begin with:

Lemma 3.1.2 Let $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$.

- (1) If F in $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ (resp. $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$) is Nisnevich fibrant, then we have a bijection $[S^p \wedge X_+, F]_{\operatorname{Nis}} \simeq \pi_p(F(X))$ (resp. $[\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], F]_{\operatorname{Nis}} \simeq \pi_p(F(X))$).
- (2) If F in $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ (resp. $\operatorname{Spt}(S)$) is motivic fibrant, then we have a bijection $[S^p \wedge X_+, F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq \pi_p(F(X))$ (resp. $[\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq \pi_p(F(X)))$.

Proof For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$, the functors Ev_X : $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$: sm_X given by $(\operatorname{Ev}_X: F \mapsto F(X))$ and $(\operatorname{sm}_X: K \mapsto K \wedge X_+)$ form a Quillen pair with respect to the Nisnevich local injective model structure and motivic model structure on $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$. In particular, their derived functors induce an adjoint pair of functors on the homotopy categories. The first isomorphism of (1) follows immediately from this if $F \in \operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ is Nisnevich fibrant and the first isomorphism of (2) follows if $F \in \operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ is motivic fibrant. The second isomorphisms of (1) and (2) follow from the first set of isomorphisms by applying Theorem 2.2.1 and (2.2.1).

The following result follows immediately from Theorem 3.0.1 and [30, Lemma 4.1.4].

Lemma 3.1.3 Let *E* be a BG presheaf on Sm_S of objects in Spc, Spc_• or Spt.

- (1) Let $E \to E'$ be a Nisnevich fibrant replacement. Then E is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant if and only if so is E'.
- (2) *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant if and only if *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 -local.

Lemma 3.1.4 A motivic fibrant replacement of an \mathbb{A}^1 –BG presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S of objects in **Spc**, **Spc**, or **Spt** is also a Nisnevich fibrant replacement.

Proof We consider the case of presheaves of spectra as the other cases are similar. Let $f: E \to F$ be a motivic fibrant replacement. Since F is Nisnevich fibrant and since cofibrations in the motivic model structure are Nisnevich cofibrations, it suffices to show that f is a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence. Factor f as a composition $f' \circ g: E \to E' \to F$, where g is a Nisnevich trivial cofibration (thus a motivic trivial cofibration) and f' is a Nisnevich fibrant and f' is a Nisnevich fibrant. By the two-out-of-three axiom, f' is a motivic weak-equivalence. We need to show that f' is a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence. Since F is Nisnevich fibrant and f' is a Nisnevich fibrant. Thus, g defines a Nisnevich fibrant replacement of E. Moreover, by Lemma 3.1.3, we see that E' is \mathbb{A}^1 -local. Hence E' is motivic fibrant. Now by Lemma 3.1.2, $f': E' \to F$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence, thus a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence.

Theorem 3.1.5 (Motivic descent theorem) Let *E* be a presheaf on \mathbf{Sm}_S of objects in **Spc**, **Spc** or **Spt**. Then *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 –*BG* if and only if it is motivic quasifibrant. A motivic weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 –*BG* presheaves is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

Proof Suppose that *E* is motivic quasifibrant. Let $f: E \to E'$ be a motivic fibrant replacement. Then E' is Nisnevich fibrant (thus BG) and \mathbb{A}^1 -local. So, by

Lemma 3.1.3, E' is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG Since E is motivic quasifibrant, f is an objectwise weakequivalence, thus a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence. So, by Theorem 3.0.1, E is BG, and by Lemma 3.1.3, it is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant, that is, E is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG. Conversely, suppose E is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG Let $f: E \to E'$ be a motivic fibrant replacement. By Lemma 3.1.4, f is also a Nisnevich fibrant replacement. That f is an objectwise weak-equivalence follows now from Theorem 3.0.1. Thus E is motivic quasifibrant. This proves the first assertion. To prove the second one, given a motivic weak-equivalence $f: E \to F$ of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG presheaves, form a commutative diagram



where the vertical arrows are motivic fibrant replacements, which are objectwise weak-equivalences by the first part. By the two-out-of-three axiom, f' is a motivic weak-equivalence. In this case, we have shown in the proof of Lemma 3.1.4 that f' is an objectwise weak-equivalence. But, we saw that two vertical arrows are also objectwise weak-equivalences. Thus, f is an objectwise weak-equivalence. \Box

Corollary 3.1.6 The isomorphisms in Lemma 3.1.2(1) hold for all BG pointed motivic spaces and spectra, while Lemma 3.1.2(2) holds for all \mathbb{A}^1 –BG ones.

Corollary 3.1.7 The class of motivic quasifibrant presheaves on Sm_S of objects in Spc, Spc_• or Spt is closed under taking filtered colimits.

Proof This follows by Theorem 3.1.5 and the proof of [30, Corollary 4.2.7]. \Box

For $E = (E_0, E_1, ...) \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$, let $E\{n\}$ denote the motivic spectrum $(E_n, E_{n+1}, ...)$. Let $m \ge -1$. We say that E is an *objectwise (resp. motivic)* Ω_s -spectrum above level m if the map $E_n \to \Omega_s E_{n+1}$ is an objectwise (resp. motivic) weak-equivalence for each n > m. An objectwise (resp. motivic) Ω_s -spectrum above level m = -1 will be called an objectwise (resp. motivic) Ω_s -spectrum.

Corollary 3.1.8 Suppose $E \in \text{Spt}(S)$ is $\mathbb{A}^1 - BG$ Let $E \to F$ be a motivic fibrant replacement.

- (1) For each $m, n, p \ge 0$, the map $\Omega_s^m F_n \to \Omega_s^{m+p} F_{n+p}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence.
- (2) For each $m, n \ge 0$, the motivic spectrum $\Omega_s^m F\{n\}$ is S^1 -stable motivic fibrant.
- (3) For each n > m, the map $E_n \to F_n$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence if E is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum above level m.

Proof A motivic spectrum is S^1 -stable motivic fibrant if and only if it is levelwise motivic fibrant and a motivic Ω_s -spectrum. Thus, each $F_n \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ is motivic fibrant. Since S^1 is cofibrant, each $\Omega_s^m F_n$ is also motivic fibrant and the map $F_n \to \Omega_s F_{n+1}$ is a motivic weak-equivalence. In particular, the map $R\Omega_s^m F_n \to R\Omega_s^{m+p} F_{n+p}$ is a motivic isomorphism. Since each $\Omega_s^m F_n$ is motivic fibrant, each map $\Omega_s^m F_n \to \Omega_s^{m+p} F_{n+p}$ is a motivic weak-equivalence for $m, n, p \ge 0$. By Lemma 3.1.2, this map is an objectwise weak-equivalence, proving (1). Since each $\Omega_s^m F_n$ is motivic fibrant and the map $\Omega_s^m F_{n+p} \to \Omega_s^{m+1} F_{n+p+1}$ is a motivic weak-equivalence, it follows that $\Omega_s^m F\{n\}$ is S^1 -stable motivic fibrant, proving (2). For (3), we first apply Theorem 3.1.5 to deduce that $E \to F$ is an objectwise stable weak-equivalence. For $n > m, p \ge 0$ and $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$, we get isomorphisms

$$\pi_p(E_n(X)) \simeq^1 \operatorname{colim}_q \pi_{p+q}(E_{n+q}(X)) \simeq \pi_{p-n}(E(X)) \simeq \pi_{p-n}(F(X))$$
$$\simeq^2 \pi_p(F_n(X)),$$

where \simeq^1 holds because *E* is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum above level *m*, and \simeq^2 holds because *F* is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum.

3.2 \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property of motivic spaces and motivic spectra

We study the \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property of $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ in terms of the property of its levels. Given any $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$, $K \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}$ and $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$, there is an isomorphism $\mathcal{H}om_{\bullet}(K, E)(U) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\bullet}(K, E(U))$ in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} . Thus, we have the isomorphism $(\Omega_s E)(U) \simeq \Omega_s(E(U))$. Since $\operatorname{Hom}_{\bullet}(S^1, -)$ preserves weak-equivalences and fibration sequences in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} , we deduce:

Corollary 3.2.1 The functor $\Omega_s(-)$ preserves objectwise weak-equivalences, BG property and \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariance of $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$. It preserves motivic weak-equivalences of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG pointed motivic spaces. If $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG, the natural map $\Omega_s E \to \mathbf{R}\Omega_s E$ is an isomorphism in $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(S)$.

Proof The first statement is obvious. The second one follows from the first and Theorem 3.1.5. To see the last one, take a motivic fibrant replacement $E \to E'$, apply the second one, and use the isomorphism $\Omega_s E' \simeq R \Omega_s E'$.

We say $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is *levelwise* $\mathbb{A}^1 - BG$ if each E_n is $\mathbb{A}^1 - BG$.

Corollary 3.2.2 Let $E \to F$ be a levelwise motivic weak-equivalence of levelwise \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra. If E is a motivic Ω_s -spectrum, then so is F.

Proof This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.1.5 and Corollary 3.2.1. □

Lemma 3.2.3 Let $f: E \to F$ be a morphism of levelwise \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_s -spectra on Sm_S. Then f is an S¹-stable motivic weak-equivalence if and only if each $f_n: E_n \to F_n$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

Proof Suppose that $f: E \to F$ is an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence. Let $n, p \ge 0$ and $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$. Since E and F are levelwise \mathbb{A}^1 -BG, by Corollary 3.1.6,

$$\pi_p(E_n(U)) \simeq [S^p \wedge U_+, E_n]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq^1 [S^p \wedge U_+, \Omega_s^{m-n} E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$
$$\simeq^2 [S^p \wedge U_+, \mathbf{R} \Omega_s^{m-n} E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$
$$\simeq^3 [S^{m+p-n} \wedge U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1},$$

where \simeq^1 holds because E is a motivic Ω_s -spectrum, \simeq^2 holds by Corollary 3.2.1 and \simeq^3 holds by the adjointness. But $m \gg 0$ is arbitrary so $[S^{m+p-n} \wedge U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1} =$ $\operatorname{colim}_m[S^{m+p-n} \wedge U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$, which is $[\Sigma_s^{\infty}U_+[p-n], E]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$ by (2.2.1). Similarly, $\pi_p(F_n(U)) \simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty}U_+[p-n], F]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. Since f is an S^1 -stable motivic weakequivalence, we deduce that the map $f_n: E_n \to F_n$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence. The other direction is obvious.

Corollary 3.2.4 Every levelwise \mathbb{A}^1 –BG motivic Ω_s –spectrum is motivic quasifibrant.

Proof Consider an S^1 -stable motivic fibrant replacement of the given one. Since an S^1 -stable motivic fibrant motivic spectrum is a levelwise motivic fibrant (thus \mathbb{A}^1 -BG) motivic Ω_s -spectrum, this corollary holds by Lemma 3.2.3 and Theorem 3.1.5. \Box

3.3 Motivic descent for (s, p)-bispectra

Given an open or a closed immersion of schemes $A \subseteq B$ in \mathbf{Sm}_S , let $\Omega_{B/A}(-)$ be the functor $E \mapsto \Omega_{B/A}E = (\Omega_{B/A}E_0, \Omega_{B/A}E_1, ...)$ on $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$, where $\Omega_{B/A}F =$ $\mathcal{Hom}_{\bullet}(B/A, F)$ is the objectwise fiber of the map $\mathcal{Hom}(B, F) \to \mathcal{Hom}(A, F)$ for $F \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$; see [18, Corollary 1.10]. There is an objectwise fiber sequence of presheaves $\Omega_{B/A}E \to E_B \to E_A$, where $E_B(X) := E(B \times X) = \mathcal{Hom}(B, E)(X)$. Recall (see [18, Corollary 3.2]) that given an objectwise fiber sequence as above, the map $E_B/(\Omega_{B/A}E) \to E_A$ is an objectwise S^1 -stable weak-equivalence. The natural isomorphism $S^1 \wedge E_X \to (S^1 \wedge E)_X$, for $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(S)$ and $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$, and the above cofiber sequence, give a natural map $S^1 \wedge \Omega_{B/A}E_n \to \Omega_{B/A}(S^1 \wedge E_n)$ for $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$. Composed with the bonding map $\Omega_{B/A}(S^1 \wedge E_n) \to \Omega_{B/A}(E_{n+1})$, we see that $E \to \Omega_{B/A}E$ is an endofunctor on $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$. There is a natural bijection $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{Spt}(S)}(\Sigma_{B/A}E, F) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{Spt}(S)}(E, \Omega_{B/A}F)$. The following analogue of Corollary 3.2.1 for motivic spectra is immediate from Theorem 3.1.5 and the above objectwise cofiber sequence. **Lemma 3.3.1** The functor $\Omega_{B/A}(-)$ preserves objectwise weak-equivalences, BG property and \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariance of motivic spectra. It preserves motivic weak-equivalences of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra. If $E \in \mathbf{Spt}(S)$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG, then the natural map $\Omega_{B/A}E \to \mathbf{R}\Omega_{B/A}E$ is an isomorphism in $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(S)$. If $f: E \to F$ is an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra, then $\Omega_{B/A}f: \Omega_{B/A}E \to \Omega_{B/A}F$ is also an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence.

Recall from Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 that an (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum $E = (E_{m,n})_{m,n\geq 0}$ gives a sequence (E_0, E_1, \ldots) of motivic spectra with bonding maps $\Sigma_T E_n = T \wedge E_n \rightarrow E_{n+1}$.

Definition 3.3.2 For $E \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(S)$, we say that E is a motivic Ω_T -bispectrum if the adjoint maps $E_n \to \Omega_T E_{n+1}$ are motivic weak-equivalences in $\mathbf{Spt}(S)$ for $n \ge 0$. We say that E is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG if each E_n is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectrum for $n \ge 0$.

Theorem 3.3.3 Let $f: E \to F$ be a stable motivic weak-equivalence of $\mathbb{A}^1 - BG$ motivic Ω_T -bispectra on \mathbf{Sm}_S . Then f is a T-levelwise objectwise weak-equivalence, ie each $f_n: E_n \to F_n$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

Proof Let $n \ge 0$, $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_S$. Since *E* is (*T*-levelwise) \mathbb{A}^1 -BG, apply Corollary 3.1.6 to get

$$\pi_p(E_n)(U) \simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+[p], E_n]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq^1 [\Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+[p], \Omega_T^{m-n} E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1},$$

where \simeq^1 holds for E is a motivic Ω_T -bispectrum. By Lemma 3.3.1, this equals $[\Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+[p], \mathbb{R}\Omega_T^{m-n} E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. By adjointness it equals $[\Sigma_T^{m-n} \Sigma_s^p \Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. Since $m \gg 0$ is arbitrary,

$$[\Sigma_T^{m-n}\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_s^\infty U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1} = \operatorname{colim}_m [\Sigma_T^{m-n}\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_s^\infty U_+, E_m]_{\mathbb{A}^1},$$

which is $\pi_{p-n,-n}(E)(U)$ by definition in Section 2.3. Similarly, $\pi_p(F_n(U)) \simeq \pi_{p-n,-n}(F)(U)$. Now, by our assumptions, the map $\pi_p(E_n) \to \pi_p(F_n)$ induces an isomorphism of the associated Nisnevich sheaves so that $f_n: E_n \to F_n$ is a Nisnevich local weak-equivalence, and hence an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence. Since these are \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra, by Theorem 3.1.5 each f_n is an objectwise weak-equivalence.

Corollary 3.3.4 For $E \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(S)$, let $f: E \to E'$ be a stable motivic fibrant replacement. Then E is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectrum if and only if f is a T-levelwise objectwise weak-equivalence.

Proof The forward direction is obvious by Theorem 3.3.3. For the backward direction, note that each level $E_n \rightarrow E'_n$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence, with E'_n is motivic fibrant, so that each E_n is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG by Theorem 3.1.5. It only remains to see that E is a motivic Ω_T -bispectrum. This follows from Lemma 3.3.1.

4 Singular semitopologization

4.1 Definition and basic properties

From now, we take $S = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$. For a complex algebraic variety U, let U^{an} be its associated complex analytic space. We recall the semitopologization of Friedlander and Walker from [11, Definition 10].

4.1.1 Realization and diagonal of a simplicial spectrum We briefly review the diagonal and the realization of a simplicial spectrum. For a bisimplicial set A_{**} , the *realization* |A| is the simplicial set obtained by taking the coequalizer of the diagram $\coprod_{(\alpha:[n]\to[k])\in\Delta^{op}} A_n \times \Delta[k] \Rightarrow \coprod_{n\geq 0} A_n \times \Delta[n]$, where the two morphisms are $(\alpha, x, t) \mapsto (x, \alpha^*(t))$ and $(\alpha, x, t) \mapsto (\alpha_*(x), t)$. If A_{**} is a simplicial object in **Spc**, then |A| is obtained by replacing $A_n \times \Delta[k]$ by $A_n \wedge (\Delta[k])_+$ in the above. The diagonal diag A is the composite $A_{**} \circ \delta: \Delta^{op} \to \Delta^{op} \times \Delta^{op} \to \mathbf{Set}$. There is a natural isomorphism diag $A \to |A|$; see [2, Proposition B.1]. If $E: \Delta^{\text{op}} \to \mathbf{Spt}$ is a simplicial spectrum, its realization |E| is defined as above, where $A_n \times \Delta[k]$ is replaced by $E(\Delta[n]) \wedge (\Delta[k])_+$. A simplicial spectrum E can be seen as a sequence $(E_{**}^0, E_{**}^1, \ldots)$, where each E_{**}^n is a pointed bisimplicial set, with the bonding maps $S^1 \wedge E_{**}^n \to E_{**}^{n+1}$. So the spectrum |E| has $|E|_n = |E_{**}^n|$ in Spc_•, with the bonding maps $S^1 \wedge |E_{**}^n| \to |E_{**}^{n+1}|$. The diagonal diag *E* of *E* is the spectrum with (diag $E)_n = \text{diag}(E_{**}^n)$. We have $S^1 \wedge E_p^n \to E_p^{n+1}$, where $E_p^n = (E(\Delta[p]))_n$ or the map of pointed sets $(S^1)_i \wedge E_{p,i}^n \to E_{p,i}^{n+1}$. The maps $(S^1)_p \wedge E_{p,p}^n \to E_{p,p}^{n+1}$ give the bonding maps $S^1 \wedge (\text{diag } E)_n \to (\text{diag } E)_{n+1}$ of the spectrum diag E. From the case of bisimplicial sets, one gets diag $E \simeq |E|$. If E is a presheaf of simplicial spectra on Sch_S or Sm_S, we define |E| and diag E objectwise. Thus, for a simplicial presheaf of spectra E on Sch_S or Sm_S, we have diag $E \simeq |E|$.

4.1.2 Semitopologization For $T \in \mathcal{T}op$, let $(T | \mathbf{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})$ be the category whose objects are (f, U), where $U \in \mathbf{Var}_{\mathbb{C}}$, and $f: T \to U^{\mathrm{an}}$ is a continuous map. A morphism from (f, U) to (g, V) is a morphism $h: U \to V$ in $\mathbf{Var}_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that the map $h^{\mathrm{an}}: U^{\mathrm{an}} \to V^{\mathrm{an}}$ satisfies $h^{\mathrm{an}} \circ f = g$. Recall that $\Delta^{\bullet}_{\mathsf{T}} = \{\Delta^n_{\mathsf{T}}\}_{n \ge 0}$ is a cosimplicial topological space with the natural cofaces ∂^i and the codegeneracies s^i . For n > 0 and $0 \le i \le n$, define

 $\partial_i : (\Delta^n_\top | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}} \to (\Delta^{n-1}_\top | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}$ by

$$f \colon \Delta^n_{\mathsf{T}} \to U^{\mathrm{an}}) \mapsto (f \circ \partial^i \colon \Delta^{n-1}_{\mathsf{T}} \to \Delta^n_{\mathsf{T}} \to U^{\mathrm{an}}).$$

For $n \ge 0$ and $0 \le i \le n$, define $s_i: (\Delta^n_\top | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}} \to (\Delta^{n+1}_\top | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}$ by

$$(f: \Delta^n_{\mathsf{T}} \to U^{\mathrm{an}}) \mapsto (f \circ s^i: \Delta^{n+1}_{\mathsf{T}} \to \Delta^n_{\mathsf{T}} \to U^{\mathrm{an}}).$$

Recall the following from [11]:

Definition 4.1.1 Let E be a presheaf on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in Spc , $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$ or Spt . Let $X \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and let $T \in \mathcal{T}op$. Define $E(T \times X) = \operatorname{colim}_{(f,U) \in (T | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}} E(U \times X)$. Consider $E(\Delta^{\bullet}_{\mathsf{T}} \times X) = \{E(\Delta^{n}_{\mathsf{T}} \times X)\}_{n \ge 0}$, which is a simplicial object in Spc , $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$ or Spt . Let $E^{\operatorname{sst}}(X) := |E(\Delta^{\bullet}_{\mathsf{T}} \times X)|$. This E^{sst} is a presheaf on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in Spc , $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$, or Spt , called *the semitopologization of* E.

There is a natural morphism of presheaves $E \to E^{\text{sst}}$ on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which gives a natural transformation $\operatorname{Id} \to (-)^{\operatorname{sst}}$ of functors on presheaves on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Lemma 4.1.2 Let *E* be a presheaf on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in Spc , $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$ or Spt . Let $X \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Define a presheaf on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ by $E_X(U) := E(U \times X)$. Then

$$(E_X)^{\rm sst} = (E^{\rm sst})_X.$$

Proof For $U \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, we have $(E^{\operatorname{sst}})_X(U) = E^{\operatorname{sst}}(X \times U) = |\{E(\Delta_{\operatorname{top}}^n \times X \times U)\}_n| = |\{\operatorname{colim}_{(f,C)} E(C \times X \times U)\}_n| = |\{\operatorname{colim}_{(f,C)} E_X(C \times U)\}_n| = |\{E_X(\Delta_{\operatorname{top}}^n \times U)\}_n|.$ This is by definition $(E_X)^{\operatorname{sst}}(U)$.

When *E* is a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, it is well known that the realization of $E(\Delta^{\bullet} \times -)$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant (see Friedlander and Suslin [6, Proposition 7.2] and Friedlander and Voevodsky [7, page 150]). Its semitopological analogue also holds by [8, Lemma 1.2]:

Theorem 4.1.3 Let *E* be a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc} , \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} . Then $E^{\mathbf{sst}}$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant.

4.2 Semitopologization and *A*-product

Recall that for $A, B \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}$ (all base points are denoted by \star), we have $A \wedge B = (A \times B)/(A \vee B)$, where $A \vee B = (A \times \star) \cup (\star \times B)$ in $A \times B$. For two presheaves E and F on a category C of objects in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} , define the presheaf $E \wedge F$ on C objectwise by $(E \wedge F)(U) = E(U) \wedge F(U)$, so one still has $E \wedge F = (E \times F)/(E \vee F)$. When F is a presheaf of spectra on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ while E is as above, we define $E \wedge F$ levelwise, namely, $E \wedge F = (E \wedge F_0, E \wedge F_1, \ldots)$.

Proposition 4.2.1 Let E, F, F' be presheaves on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} . Then we have the following identities:

- (1) $(E \times F)^{\text{sst}} = E^{\text{sst}} \times F^{\text{sst}}$.
- (2) $(E \vee F)^{\text{sst}} = E^{\text{sst}} \vee F^{\text{sst}}.$
- (3) If $F \subset F'$, then $(F'/F)^{sst} = F'^{sst}/F^{sst}$.
- (4) $(E \wedge F)^{\text{sst}} = E^{\text{sst}} \wedge F^{\text{sst}}.$
- (5) When E is as above and F is a presheaf of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, $(E \wedge F)^{\operatorname{sst}} = E^{\operatorname{sst}} \wedge F^{\operatorname{sst}}$.

Proof Let $X \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ be a fixed scheme. For (1), let $U \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Note that $(E \times F)(U \times X) = E(U \times X) \times F(U \times X)$. Over the objects $(f \colon \Delta_{\top}^{n} \to U^{\operatorname{an}})$ of the filtered category $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}$, take the filtered colimit. By Mac Lane [26, Section IX.2 Theorem 1] finite limits (eg products) commute with filtered colimits, so that $(E \times F)(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X) = E(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X) \times F(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X)$. Taking the diagonals, we obtain (1). For (2), for each $U \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, note that $(E \vee F)(U \times X) = \operatorname{colim}\{E(U \times X) \times \star \leftarrow \star \times \star \to \star \times F(U \times X)\}$. Take the filtered colimits over the objects $(f \colon \Delta_{\top}^{n} \to U^{\operatorname{an}})$ of $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}$. Colimits commute among themselves (see [26, Section IX.8]) so that $(E \vee F)(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X) = E(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X) \vee F(\Delta_{\top}^{n} \times X)$. This implies (2), by taking the diagonals. For (3), similarly we consider instead $F'(U \times X)/F(U \times X) = \operatorname{colim}\{\star \leftarrow F(U \times X) \to F'(U \times X)\}$, and repeat the same procedure. This proves (3). Now, (4) follows from (1)–(3). For (5), since the limits and colimits of spectra are all defined levelwise, this part follows from (4).

5 Semitopologization of presheaves on smooth schemes

5.1 Artificial extension

We discuss how to define semitopologization on presheaves on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. For a presheaf Eon $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc} , \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} , we used the categories $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \mathbf{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathrm{op}}$ to define E^{sst} in Section 4. If E is defined only on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ a priori, then one may either extend the functor F to all of $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ or shrink the indexing categories to, say, $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathrm{op}}$. Both raise some issues. Extension of F from $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ to $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is not unique. On the other hand, the inclusion $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathrm{op}}) \hookrightarrow (\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \mathbf{Var}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathrm{op}}$ is not cofinal. Furthermore, the indexing categories $(\Delta_{\top}^{n} | \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathrm{op}}$ are not filtered, over which the colimits have poor properties. To avoid these, we use a fixed functorial extension process to obtain a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, and then apply the \mathbf{sst} -functor of Section 4. Let $W \in \mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Consider the objects (f, X), where $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $f: W \to X$ is a morphism in $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Given (f, X) and (g, Y), with $X, Y \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, a morphism ψ from (f, X) to (g, Y) is defined to be a morphism $\psi: X \to Y$ in $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that $\psi \circ f = g$. Let $(W | \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\text{op}}$ be the category of the pairs (f, X) with the above morphisms.

Definition 5.1.1 Let *E* be a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in a cocomplete category \mathcal{M} . For $W \in \mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, define *the artificial extension* \overline{E} of *E* by

$$\overline{E}(W) := \operatorname{colim}_{(f,X) \in (W | \operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\operatorname{op}}} E(X).$$

If $W \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, then $(W|\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}})^{\text{op}}$ has the terminal object (Id_W, W) so $\overline{E}(W) = E(W)$. One checks that given $\phi: W \to W'$ in $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the assignment $(f: W' \to X) \mapsto (f \circ \phi: W \to X)$ makes \overline{E} a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. One checks it defines a functor **ext**: Funct $(\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{M}) \to \mathrm{Funct}(\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{M})$. In the opposite direction, we have **rest**: Funct $(\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{M}) \to \mathrm{Funct}(\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{M})$ and clearly $\mathbf{rest} \circ \mathbf{ext} = \mathrm{Id}$. The transformation $\mathbf{ext} \circ \mathbf{rest} \to \mathrm{Id}$ is not an isomorphism in general.

Definition 5.1.2 Let *E* be a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc} , \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} . We define its *semitopologization* as the presheaf $(\mathbf{ext}(E))^{\mathbf{sst}}|_{\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}} = \overline{E}^{\mathbf{sst}}|_{\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}} = \mathbf{rest} \circ \mathbf{sst} \circ \mathbf{ext}(E)$ on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. The resulting presheaf is denoted by $E^{\mathbf{sst}}$.

The semitopologization defines a natural transformation of functors $\text{Id} \rightarrow (-)^{\text{sst}}$ on presheaves on $\text{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Immediately from Theorem 4.1.3, we get the following:

Proposition 5.1.3 Let $E \in \text{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$. Then E^{sst} is \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariant.

Recall the following important tool from [11, Theorem 11], which is used in the form of Theorem 5.1.5.

Theorem 5.1.4 (Friedlander–Walker recognition principle) Let E, F be presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and let $f: E \to F$ be a morphism of presheaves, which is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Then $|E(\Delta^{\bullet}_{\top})| \to |F(\Delta^{\bullet}_{\operatorname{top}})|$ is a weak-equivalence.

- **Theorem 5.1.5** (1) If $f: E \to F$ is a morphism of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, then $f^{\operatorname{sst}}: E^{\operatorname{sst}} \to F^{\operatorname{sst}}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.
 - (2) If $f: E \to F$ is a morphism of presheaves of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which is an objectwise weak-equivalence, then $f^{sst}: E^{sst} \to F^{sst}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Proof We first prove (1). By the given assumption, for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the map $E_X \to F_X$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. By Theorem 5.1.4, we have that the map $(E_X)^{\text{sst}}(\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C})) \to (F_X)^{\text{sst}}(\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}))$ is a weak-equivalence. Now by Lemma 4.1.2, the map $E^{\text{sst}}(X) \to F^{\text{sst}}(X)$ is a weak-equivalence. To prove (2), note that the map $\overline{E} \to \overline{F}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. So by (1) the map $\overline{E}^{\text{sst}}(X) \to \overline{F}^{\text{sst}}(X)$ is a weak-equivalence for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Equivalently, the map $E^{\text{sst}}(X) \to F^{\text{sst}}(X)$ is a weak-equivalence. \Box

5.2 The loop space and the sst–functor

For a map $f: E \to F$ of presheaves on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ or $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} , the fiber fib(f) is by definition $\lim\{\star \to F \leftarrow E\}$, and fib $(f) \to E \to F$ is called a fiber sequence. This is not same as a homotopy fiber sequence unless f is a fibration. Given an open or a closed immersion of schemes $A \subseteq B$ in $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the functor $\Omega_{B/A}(-)$ on $\mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ is $E \mapsto \Omega_{B/A}E = (\Omega_{B/A}E_0, \Omega_{B/A}E_1, \ldots)$ (Section 3.3), where $\Omega_{B/A}E_n = \mathcal{H}om_{\bullet}(B/A, E_n) = \text{fib}(\mathcal{H}om(B, E_n) \to \mathcal{H}om(A, E_n))$. So we have an objectwise fiber sequence $\Omega_{B/A}E \to E_B \to E_A$ of presheaves, where $E_B(X) = E(B \times X) = \mathcal{H}om(B, E)(X)$. For $B \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the map $\mathcal{H}om(B, E) \to \mathcal{H}om(B, E^{\text{sst}})$ induces $\mathcal{H}om(B, E)^{\text{sst}} \to \mathcal{H}om(B, E^{\text{sst}})$. By the universal property of $\Omega_{B/A}$, there is a natural transformation $(\Omega_{B/A}(-))^{\text{sst}} \to \Omega_{B/A}((-)^{\text{sst}})$.

Proposition 5.2.1 For $E \in \text{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$, the map $(\Omega_{B/A}E)^{\text{sst}} \to \Omega_{B/A}(E^{\text{sst}})$ in $\text{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\text{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Proof For $E \in \operatorname{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$, let $\overline{E} = \operatorname{ext}(E)$, and $\overline{E}_B(X) := \overline{E}(B \times X)$ for $X \in \operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Let $\Omega_{B/A}\overline{E}$ be the objectwise fiber of $\overline{E}_B \to \overline{E}_A$. This sequence on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ restricts to $\Omega_{B/A}E \to E_B \to E_A$ on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Note that there is a morphism $\overline{E}_B \to \overline{E}_B$ of presheaves on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which restricts to Id: $E_B \to E_B$ on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. By the universal property of fiber, we get a morphism of presheaves $\Omega'_{B/A}E := \operatorname{fib}(\overline{E}_B \to \overline{E}_A) \to \Omega_{B/A}\overline{E}$ on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which is an isomorphism on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which gives the commutative diagram of presheaves on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$

(5.2.1)
$$\overline{\Omega_{B/A}E} \longrightarrow \overline{E_B} \longrightarrow \overline{E_A}$$
$$u \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow & & & \\ \Omega'_{B/A}E \longrightarrow \overline{E_B} \longrightarrow \overline{E_A} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ \Omega_{B/A}\overline{E} \longrightarrow \overline{E_B} \longrightarrow \overline{E_A}, \end{cases}$$

where the bottom two rows are objectwise fiber sequences and all vertical arrows are isomorphisms on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Let *u* be the composition. Since filtered colimits commute with fiber products (see [26, Section IX.2 Theorem 1]), from the above we deduce the diagram

of presheaves of spectra on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, where the rows are objectwise fiber sequences. Since the fiber of a map of spectra is defined levelwise, taking the diagonals of maps of simplicial spectra as in Section 4.1.1, we get a commutative diagram

of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, where the rows are objectwise fiber sequences. Since each vertical arrow in (5.2.1) is a morphism of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ which is an isomorphism on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, by Theorem 5.1.5 each vertical arrow in (5.2.2) is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. By definition and Lemma 4.1.2, the map $(\overline{E}_B)^{\operatorname{sst}} \to (\overline{E}^{\operatorname{sst}})_B = (E^{\operatorname{sst}})_B$ is an isomorphism on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, and the same is true for E_A . Composing these with the vertical maps in (5.2.2), and using the identification $(E_B)^{\operatorname{sst}} = (\overline{E}_B)^{\operatorname{sst}}$, we get a commutative diagram

of presheaves of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, where the rows are objectwise fiber sequences and the vertical arrows are objectwise weak-equivalences in $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Consider the sequence of maps $\theta \circ u^{\text{sst}}$: $(\overline{\Omega_{B/A}E})^{\text{sst}} \to (\Omega_{B/A}\overline{E})^{\text{sst}} \to \Omega_{B/A}(\overline{E}^{\text{sst}})$. The map θ is given by the universal property, and it is an isomorphism since the bottom row of (5.2.3) is an objectwise fiber sequence. The composite $\theta \circ u^{\text{sst}}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ because the map $\overline{\Omega_{B/A}E} \to \Omega_{B/A}\overline{E}$ is an isomorphism on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ as in (5.2.1) so Theorem 5.1.5 applies. Thus, by the two-out-of-three axiom, the map u^{sst}

is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Since $(\overline{\Omega_{B/A}E})^{\operatorname{sst}} = (\Omega_{B/A}E)^{\operatorname{sst}}$ and $\Omega_{B/A}(\overline{E}^{\operatorname{sst}}) = \Omega_{B/A}(E^{\operatorname{sst}})$, we are done.

Corollary 5.2.2 For $E \in \operatorname{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$, the maps $(\Omega_t E)^{\operatorname{sst}} \to \Omega_t(E^{\operatorname{sst}})$ and $(\Omega_T E)^{\operatorname{sst}} \to \Omega_T(E^{\operatorname{sst}})$ in $\operatorname{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ are objectwise weak-equivalences on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

The above follows by applying Proposition 5.2.1 to $t = (\mathbb{G}_m, 1)$ and $T = (\mathbb{P}^1, \infty)$. Using that $\Omega_{S^1} E(X) = \Omega_{S^1}(E(X))$ for a presheaf of spectra E on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and that $\Omega_{S^1} \overline{F} \cong \overline{\Omega_{S^1} F}$ for a presheaf of spectra F on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, one checks that for a presheaf E of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the map $(\Omega_{S^1} E)^{\mathbf{sst}} \to \Omega_{S^1}(E^{\mathbf{sst}})$ is an isomorphism.

6 Homotopy semitopologization

We prove that the classes of BG and \mathbb{A}^1 -BG presheaves of spectra are closed under semitopologization. We prove similar results for (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra. Using these we define *homotopy semitopologization* on motivic homotopy categories.

6.1 On $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$

For a simplicial spectrum E, let $E_p := E(\Delta[p])$ for $p \ge 0$.

Lemma 6.1.1 If each E_p of a simplicial spectrum E is cofibrant, then so is diag E.

Proof By Theorem 2.2.1, we need to show each map $S^1 \wedge (\text{diag } E)_n \rightarrow (\text{diag } E)_{n+1}$ in **Spc** is a monomorphism. For a monomorphism $A \rightarrow B$ in **Spc**, one has $(B/A)_n = B_n/A_n$. For $A, B \in \text{Spc}_{\bullet}$, one has $(A \times B)_n = A_n \times B_n$ and $(A \wedge B)_n = A_n \wedge B_n$. So it suffices to show $(S^1)_p \wedge (\text{diag } E)_{n,p} \rightarrow (\text{diag } E)_{n+1,p}$ is a monomorphism. But $(\text{diag } E)_{n,p} = E_{p,p}^n$ (Section 4.1.1) and $(S^1)_i \wedge E_{p,i}^n \rightarrow E_{p,i}^{n+1}$ is a monomorphism because each E_p is cofibrant. Thus, the assertion follows.

Lemma 6.1.2 If each $f_p: E_p \to F_p$ of a morphism $f: E \to F$ of simplicial spectra is a cofibration of spectra, then the map diag $E \to \text{diag } F$ ie $|E| \to |F|$ is a cofibration.

Proof A cofibration of spectra is also a levelwise monomorphism in $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}$. So f is a levelwise monomorphism of bisimplicial sets, and the map diag $E \to \operatorname{diag} F$ is a levelwise monomorphism in Spc . By Section 2.2.1 and Theorem 2.2.1, we need to show that the spectrum diag $F/\operatorname{diag} E$ is cofibrant, where $(\operatorname{diag} F/\operatorname{diag} E)_n = (\operatorname{diag} F)_n/(\operatorname{diag} E)_n$. Let G = F/E, where $G_{p,q}^n = F_{p,q}^n/E_{p,q}^n$. Since

$$(S^1 \wedge F_p^n) / (S^1 \wedge E_p^n) \simeq S^1 \wedge (F_p^n / E_p^n),$$

we see that G is a simplicial spectrum. Furthermore,

(diag G)_{n,p} = $G_{p,p}^n = F_{p,p}^n / E_{p,p}^n = (\text{diag } F)_{n,p} / (\text{diag } E)_{n,p} = (\text{diag } F/\text{diag } E)_{n,p}$. Hence diag G = diag F/diag E. Hence by Lemma 6.1.1, it suffices to show that G_p is a cofibrant spectrum. But, $G_p = F_p / E_p$, and that $E_p \to F_p$ is a cofibration implies that F_p / E_p is cofibrant.

Since Nisnevich or motivic cofibrations between presheaves of spectra on Sm_S are exactly objectwise cofibrations, we deduce the following from Lemma 6.1.2.

Corollary 6.1.3 If each $f_p: E_p \to F_p$ of a morphism $f: E \to F$ of presheaves of simplicial spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is an objectwise (Nisnevich, motivic) cofibration of presheaves of spectra, then the map diag $E \to \operatorname{diag} F$ ie $|E| \to |F|$ is an objectwise (Nisnevich, motivic) cofibration.

Proposition 6.1.4 Let $g \circ f: E \to F \to G$ be an objectwise homotopy cofiber sequence of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Then $g^{\operatorname{sst}} \circ f^{\operatorname{sst}}: E^{\operatorname{sst}} \to F^{\operatorname{sst}} \to G^{\operatorname{sst}}$ is an objectwise homotopy cofiber sequence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Proof Recall from [2, Section A2] that $g \circ f \colon E \to F \to G$ is an objectwise homotopy cofiber sequence if and only if we have a sequence $g' \circ f' \colon E \to H \to H/E$ of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, $h \colon H \to F$, $p \colon H/E \to G$, where f' is an objectwise cofibration, h, p are objectwise weak-equivalences, such that $h \circ f' = f$ and $p \circ g' =$ $g \circ h$. By Theorem 5.1.5, h^{sst} and p^{sst} are objectwise weak-equivalences on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Using Proposition 4.2.1(3), it remains to show that the map $f'^{\text{sst}} \colon E^{\text{sst}} \to H^{\text{sst}}$ is an objectwise cofibration, equivalently, that the map diag $(\tilde{E}) \to \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{H})$ is a cofibration, where \tilde{E} is the presheaf of simplicial spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ defined by $\tilde{E}(\Delta[p])(-) =$ $E(\Delta_{\text{top}}^p \times -)$ (Definition 4.1.1) and similarly for \tilde{H} . Since $\tilde{E}(\Delta[p]) \to \tilde{H}(\Delta[p])$ is a filtered colimit of objectwise cofibrations, by Mitchell [29, Proposition 3.2] this map is an objectwise cofibration. Hence, by Corollary 6.1.3, the map diag $(\tilde{E}) \to \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{H})$ is a objectwise cofibration. This finishes the proof. \Box

Theorem 6.1.5 Let *E* be a presheaf of spectra (or complexes of abelian groups) on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. If *E* is BG, then so is $E^{\mathbf{sst}}$. If *E* is \mathbb{A}^1 –BG, then so is $E^{\mathbf{sst}}$.

Proof We prove it for presheaves of spectra since the other is a special case via Dold-Kan correspondence. We prove the first statement. Via the artificial extension in Definition 5.1.1, regard E as a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Given $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, we have that the presheaf E_X on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is $E_X(Y) := E(X \times Y)$ for $Y \in \mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Given a

Nisnevich square as in (3.0.1), where $X, U, V, W \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ with $W = U \times_X V$, we have a commutative diagram

(6.1.1)
$$E_X \xrightarrow{J_1} E_U$$
$$j_2 \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow h_1$$
$$E_V \xrightarrow{h_2} E_W$$

of presheaves of spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, which is objectwise homotopy Cartesian on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Equivalently, it is objectwise homotopy co-Cartesian on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Let G_1 and G_2 be the objectwise homotopy cofibers of j_1 and h_2 . Then (6.1.1) is objectwise homotopy co-Cartesian on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ if and only if the map $h: G_1 \to G_2$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. So, by Theorem 5.1.5, we have that the map $h^{\operatorname{sst}}: G_1^{\operatorname{sst}} \to G_2^{\operatorname{sst}}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\operatorname{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Using Proposition 6.1.4, we obtain a commutative diagram

(6.1.2)
$$E_X^{\text{sst}} \xrightarrow{j_1^{\text{sst}}} E_U^{\text{sst}} \longrightarrow G_1^{\text{sst}}$$
$$\downarrow_{j_2^{\text{sst}}} \downarrow_{V} \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{h_1^{\text{sst}}} \qquad \downarrow_{h_1^{\text{sst}}} \downarrow_{h_1^{\text{sst}}}$$
$$E_V^{\text{sst}} \xrightarrow{E_W^{\text{sst}}} E_W^{\text{sst}} \longrightarrow G_2^{\text{sst}},$$

where the rows are objectwise homotopy cofiber sequences of presheaves on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Since h^{sst} is an objectwise weak-equivalence on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the left square in (6.1.2) is objectwise homotopy co-Cartesian on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Equivalently, it is objectwise homotopy Cartesian on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Evaluating at Spec(\mathbb{C}) and applying Lemma 4.1.2, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{c} E^{\text{sst}}(X) \xrightarrow{j_1^{\text{sst}}} E^{\text{sst}}(U) \\ j_2^{\text{sst}} \downarrow & \downarrow h_1^{\text{sst}} \\ E^{\text{sst}}(V) \xrightarrow{h_2^{\text{sst}}} E^{\text{sst}}(W), \end{array}$$

a homotopy Cartesian square of spectra. This shows that E^{sst} is BG as desired. The second statement follows from the first and Proposition 5.1.3.

Applying Theorems 3.1.5, 5.1.5 and 6.1.5, we conclude:

Corollary 6.1.6 The sst of an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra is an objectwise weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra.

Corollary 6.1.7 There exists an endofunctor host: $S\mathcal{H}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C}) \to S\mathcal{H}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$, which coincides with the sst-functor on \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra up to isomorphism.

Proof We know from Theorem 6.1.5 that sst: $\mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ preserves \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic spectra. Since an S^1 -stable motivic fibrant motivic spectrum is Nisnevich fibrant and \mathbb{A}^1 -local, it is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG by Lemma 3.1.3. By Corollary 6.1.6, we know sst takes a trivial motivic fibration between S^1 -stable motivic fibrant motivic spectra into an S^1 -stable motivic weak-equivalence. Thus, by [14, Proposition 8.4.8] we obtain a right derived endofunctor host: $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$, with desired properties. \Box

6.2 On $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$

Let $E = (E_0, E_1, ...) \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$ (Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2) with the bonding maps $T \wedge E_n \to E_{n+1}$. It yields $(T \wedge E_n)^{sst} = T^{sst} \wedge E_n^{sst} \to E_{n+1}^{sst}$, by Proposition 4.2.1. Composed with $T \wedge E_n^{sst} \to T^{sst} \wedge E_n^{sst}$, we get $T \wedge E_n^{sst} \to E_{n+1}^{sst}$. This gives $E^{sst} := (E_0^{sst}, E_1^{sst}, ...) \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$. One checks $\mathrm{Id} \to (-)^{sst}$ is natural on $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$.

- **Theorem 6.2.1** (1) The class of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra is closed under the sst-functor.
 - (2) The class of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectra (Definition 3.3.2) is closed under the **sst**-functor.
 - (3) If f is a stable motivic weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectra, then f^{sst} is a T-levelwise objectwise weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectra.

Proof Part (1) holds by Theorem 6.1.5. For (2), let E be an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T bispectrum. Using Lemma 3.3.1 we deduce that each $\Omega_T E_n$ is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic S^1 -spectrum. So by Theorem 3.1.5 and Corollary 6.1.6, the map $E_n^{sst} \to (\Omega_T E_{n+1})^{sst}$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence. Now by Corollary 5.2.2, the map $(E^{sst})_n \to \Omega_T((E^{sst})_{n+1})$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence, thus an S^1 -stable motivic weakequivalence. Part (3) follows from (1), (2) and Theorems 3.3.3 and 5.1.5.

Recall that for a morphism $f: E \to F$ in $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(\mathbb{C})$, the cone C(f) is the pushout

where $\Delta[1]$ is pointed by one. Collapsing *F* to the base point of $\Sigma_s E = E \wedge S^1$ and using the quotient map $E \wedge \Delta[1] \to E \wedge S^1$, we get $\delta_f \colon C(f) \to \Sigma_s E$, which gives $\delta_f \circ \tilde{f} \circ f \colon E \to F \to C(f) \to \Sigma_s E$.

Lemma 6.2.2 Let $f: E \to F$ be a morphism in $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$. Then the following is a pushout square:

Proof For a presheaf G on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of objects in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet} or \mathbf{Spt} . Let \overline{G} be its artificial extension on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ as in Definition 5.1.1. This extends (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra over $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ to (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra over $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Note the pushout of a diagram of presheaves of (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra is defined objectwise, and one has $\overline{E \wedge \Delta[1]} \simeq \overline{E} \wedge \Delta[1]$. Since the artificial extension is defined as a colimit and since the colimits commute among themselves (cf [26, Section IX.8]), the pushout (6.2.1) (a colimit) remains a pushout square if we replace the presheaves by their artificial extensions. So we may assume the presheaves E and F are defined on $\mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$. The commutativity of two colimits also implies that the diagram

is a pushout square. Since $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X \wedge \Delta[k]_+, Y) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \operatorname{Hom}_{\bullet}(\Delta[k]_+, Y))$ where \mathcal{C} is the category of (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$, we deduce that (6.2.3) remains a pushout square after smashing with $\Delta[k]_+$ for $k \ge 0$. Since a coequalizer (a colimit) commutes with colimits, by Section 4.1.1 we obtain a pushout square (6.2.2) except $E^{\operatorname{sst}} \wedge \Delta[1]$ is replaced with $(E \wedge \Delta[1])^{\operatorname{sst}}$. But, by Proposition 4.2.1(4) and the isomorphism $\Delta[1] \simeq (\Delta[1])^{\operatorname{sst}}$, we do have $E^{\operatorname{sst}} \wedge \Delta[1] \simeq (E \wedge \Delta[1])^{\operatorname{sst}}$. \Box

Theorem 6.2.3 There exists a triangulated endofunctor host: $SH(\mathbb{C}) \to SH(\mathbb{C})$, which coincides with the sst-functor on \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectra up to isomorphism.

Proof By Theorem 6.2.1, we know \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectra are closed under sst. By [30, Lemma 2.3.8], the functor Σ_T : $\mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$ preserves stable motivic weak-equivalences and cofibrations. Hence, Σ_T is a left Quillen endofunctor with the right adjoint Ω_T : $\mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$. An (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum $E = (E_0, E_1, ...)$ is stable motivic fibrant if and only if it is a motivic Ω_T -bispectrum and it is T-levelwise S^1 -stable motivic fibrant (cf [15, Definition 3.1, Theorem 3.4]). So a stable motivic fibrant (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectrum. By Theorem 6.2.1, we know **sst** takes a trivial stable motivic fibration between stable motivic fibrant (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra to a stable motivic weak-equivalence. Thus, by [14, Proposition 8.4.8] we obtain a right derived endofunctor **host**: $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ with desired properties. We now check that **host**: $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ is a triangulated functor. Since **host** preserves finite coproducts and products in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$, it is an additive functor. The shift $E \mapsto E[1]$ on $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ is given by the functor $E \mapsto \Sigma_s E$. One sees that **host** commutes with Σ_s by Proposition 4.2.1 and the isomorphism $S^1 \simeq (S^1)^{\text{sst}}$. For a distinguished triangle in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ of the form $E \to F \to C(f) \to \Sigma_s E$ for a map $f: E \to F$ in $\text{Spt}_{(s,\mathfrak{p})}(\mathbb{C})$ (cf Østvær, Röndigs and Voevodsky [34, Section 2.3]), by Lemma 6.2.2 and the isomorphism $(\Sigma_s E)^{\text{sst}} \simeq \Sigma_s E^{\text{sst}}$, we deduce that $E^{\text{sst}} \to F^{\text{sst}} \to (C(f))^{\text{sst}} \to \Sigma_s E^{\text{sst}}$ is also a distinguished triangle in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$.

Definition 6.2.4 For the rest of this paper, we call the functor **host** of Corollary 6.1.7 and Theorem 6.2.3 by the name *homotopy semitopologization* functor. For any *E* in $S\mathcal{H}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$ or $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$, we denote **host**(*E*) by E^{host} .

7 Representing semitopological *K*-theory in $SH(\mathbb{C})$

We prove that the semitopological *K*-theory of [8] is representable in motivic homotopy categories. For $SH_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$, it is easy by semitopologizing an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG presheaf of spectra representing the algebraic *K*-theory. For $SH(\mathbb{C})$, an essential thing is to find an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectrum that represents algebraic *K*-theory; see Proposition 7.2.3.

The semitopological *K*-theory of a complex variety *X* is a bridge between the algebraic and the topological *K*-theories of *X*. This theory was defined in [9] as the stable homotopy groups of an infinite loop space, constructed out of the stabilization of the analytic space of algebraic morphisms of complex varieties. In [8], another definition of the semitopological *K*-theory is given by $K_p^{\text{sst}}(X) := \pi_p(|\mathcal{K}(\Delta_{\text{top}}^{\bullet} \times X)|)$ for $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $\mathcal{K}(-)$ is the presheaf of connective spectra on $\operatorname{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ that represents Quillen algebraic *K*-theory. By [8, Theorem 1.4], this definition coincides with the original one in [9] for projective weakly normal varieties.

7.1 Representability in $S\mathcal{H}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$

Recall that Jardine [19] (see also Kim [20]) constructed a presheaf of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ that represents the algebraic *K*-theory. This construction and some properties

are summarized as follows, taken from Jardine [19, Theorem 5, Proposition 9], and Thomason and Trobaugh [40, Proposition 6.8, Theorem 10.8]:

Theorem 7.1.1 There is a presheaf \mathcal{K} of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, $\mathcal{K}(X)$ represents the algebraic K-theory of X. This is a presheaf of Ω_s -spectra above level zero, equipped with smash product $\mathcal{K}_i \wedge \mathcal{K}_j \to \mathcal{K}_{i+j}$ which commutes with the bonding maps of \mathcal{K} . Furthermore, \mathcal{K} is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG presheaf of spectra on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

For representability of semitopological *K*-theory in $S\mathcal{H}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$ (and $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$), we have a quick answer. Let \mathcal{K} be presheaf of spectra on $Sm_{\mathbb{C}}$ as in Theorem 7.1.1.

Proposition 7.1.2 Let $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $p \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $K_p^{\text{sst}}(X) \simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \mathcal{K}^{\text{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. That is, the semitopological *K*-theory is representable in $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof It holds by Corollary 3.1.6, Theorems 6.1.5, 7.1.1 and the definition of K_n^{sst} . \Box

Corollary 7.1.3 For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $p \ge 0$, we have $K_p^{\text{sst}}(X) \simeq [\Sigma_s^p X_+, \mathbf{R} \operatorname{Ev}_0 \mathcal{K}^{\text{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. That is, the semitopological *K*-theory is representable in $\mathcal{H}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$.

7.2 **Representability in** $SH(\mathbb{C})$

For a presheaf of spectra $E = (E_0, E_1, ...)$ on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, let $E\{n\}$ be the presheaf of spectra (E_n, E_{n+1}, \ldots) . We use \mathcal{K} of Section 7.1 in what follows. Let $f: \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}^{\text{fib}} \leftarrow$ \mathcal{K}^{cf} : g be two morphisms in **Spt**(\mathbb{C}), where f is an S¹-stable motivic fibrant replacement of \mathcal{K} and g is an S¹-stable motivic cofibrant replacement of \mathcal{K}^{fib} . Since \mathcal{K}^{fib} is motivic fibrant and g is a motivic fibration, it follows that \mathcal{K}^{cf} is motivic cofibrant– fibrant. Moreover, by Theorem 2.2.1 and Corollary 3.1.8, each $\mathcal{K}^{cf}\{n\}$ is motivic cofibrant-fibrant. By Theorem 7.1.1 and Corollary 3.1.8, the maps $\mathcal{K}_n \to \mathcal{K}_n^{\text{fib}} \leftarrow \mathcal{K}_n^{\text{cf}}$ are objectwise weak-equivalences for each $n \ge 1$. Using the product structure on \mathcal{K} in Theorem 7.1.1, we obtain a morphism of motivic spectra $\mathcal{K}^{cf} \wedge \mathcal{K}_1^{cf} \to \mathcal{K}^{cf}\{1\}$ in $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$. This is equivalent to a morphism $\mathcal{K}^{cf} \to \mathbf{R}\Omega_{\mathcal{K}_1^{cf}}\mathcal{K}^{cf}\{1\} \simeq \Omega_{\mathcal{K}_1^{cf}}\mathcal{K}^{cf}\{1\}$ in $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$. Since \mathcal{K}^{cf} is cofibrant and $\Omega_{\mathcal{K}_1^{cf}}\mathcal{K}^{cf}\{1\}$ is fibrant, this map lifts to a map in $\mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$. Taking the adjoint of this map, we conclude that there is a morphism $\phi: \mathcal{K}^{cf} \wedge \mathcal{K}_1^{cf} \to \mathcal{K}^{cf}\{1\}$ in **Spt**(\mathbb{C}). Thus, we obtained a cofibrant-fibrant motivic spectrum model \mathcal{K}^{cf} for the algebraic *K*-theory, with a product that yields a ring structure on $K_*(X)$ for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. The above product structure on the presheaf \mathcal{K}^{cf} of spectra allows one to construct a T-spectrum that represents the algebraic Ktheory in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$. For details, we refer to [20]. To prove the representability of the semitopological *K*-theory in $SH(\mathbb{C})$, we lift this *T*-spectrum to an (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum, for which we recycle the construction in [41, Section 6.2].

Lemma 7.2.1 Let $X \in Sm_{\mathbb{C}}$.

- (1) For $p \ge m \ge 0$, we have $[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{cf}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq K_{p-m}(X)$ and a split exact sequence $0 \to [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{cf}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to K_{p-m}(\mathbb{P}^1_X) \to K_{p-m}(X) \to 0.$
- (2) For $0 \le p < m$, $[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{cf}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} = [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{cf}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} = 0$ and there is a split exact sequence

$$0 \to [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to K_{p-m}(\mathbb{P}^1_X) \to K_{p-m}(X) \to 0.$$

Proof For $p \ge 0$, the cofiber sequence $\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p X_+ \to \Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p (\mathbb{P}_X^1)_+ \to \Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+$ in $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$ (cf [34, Lemma 2.16]) and Lemma 3.1.2 give us a long exact sequence

$$\to [\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to K_p(\mathbb{P}^1_X) \to K_p(X) \to,$$

where the map i_0^* : $K_p(\mathbb{P}^1_X) \to K_p(X)$ splits by the pullback via the projection $X \times \mathbb{P}^1 \to X$. Part (1) follows easily from this and the adjoint isomorphisms

$$[\Sigma_s^{\infty} A, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq [A, \mathcal{K}_0^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq [A, \Omega_s^m \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq [\Sigma_s^m A, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$

for $A \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$. Notice here that \mathcal{K}^{cf} and \mathcal{K}^{cf}_m are all motivic (hence objectwise) fibrant and \mathcal{K}^{cf} is a motivic Ω_s -spectrum. To prove the first part of (2), first use Lemma 3.1.2 and Corollary 3.1.8 to obtain isomorphisms

$$[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq \pi_p(\mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}(X)) \simeq \pi_{p-m}(\mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}(X)),$$

where the last term is zero if p - m < 0 since $\mathcal{K}^{cf}(X)$ is a connective spectrum. For the second part of (2), from the cofiber sequence $\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p X_+ \to \Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p (\mathbb{P}^1_X)_+ \to$ $\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+$, we get an exact sequence

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{p+1}(\mathbb{P}^1_X)_+, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{m\}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} &\to [\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{p+1} X_+, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{m\}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \\ &\to [\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{p} \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{m\}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to [\Sigma_s^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{p}(\mathbb{P}^1_X)_+, \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{m\}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}. \end{split}$$

By Corollary 3.1.8 and the adjointness, this exact sequence is equivalent to

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma_s^{p+1}(\mathbb{P}_X^1)_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} &\to [\Sigma_s^{p+1}X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \\ &\to [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T \wedge X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to [\Sigma_s^p (\mathbb{P}_X^1)_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}. \end{split}$$

It follows from (1) and the first part of (2) that the first map in this exact sequence is surjective and the last term is zero if $0 \le p < m$. Hence the third term must be zero. \Box

Recall the ring isomorphism $K_0(\mathbb{C})[t]/(t-1)^2 \simeq K_0(\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{C}})$. By Lemma 7.2.1, the element $(t-1) = ([\mathcal{O}(1)] - [\mathcal{O}])$ defines a unique element th $\in [S^1 \wedge T, \mathcal{K}_1^{cf}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$, called the *Thom class*. Since $S^1 \wedge T$ is cofibrant and \mathcal{K}_1^{cf} is motivic fibrant, this yields a morphism $S^1 \wedge T \to \mathcal{K}_1^{cf}$ in $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$, thus a morphism $\theta: T \to \Omega_s \mathcal{K}_1^{cf}$ in $\operatorname{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$.

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Definition 7.2.2 Define $\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}} = \{\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}}_{m,n}\} \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$ as $(\mathcal{K}^{\text{cf}}, \Omega^1_s \mathcal{K}^{\text{cf}}\{1\}, \Omega^2_s \mathcal{K}^{\text{cf}}\{2\}, \ldots)$ with the following bonding maps: for $A \in \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C}), B \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$, apply the map $\Omega_s A \wedge B \to \Omega_s(A \wedge B)$ repeatedly to get the morphisms

$$\begin{split} \Omega^n_s \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{n\} \wedge T &\to \Omega^n_s (\mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{n\} \wedge T) \xrightarrow{\Omega^n_s (\mathrm{Id} \wedge \theta)} \Omega^n_s (\mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{n\} \wedge \Omega_s \mathcal{K}_1^{\mathrm{cf}}) \\ &\to \Omega^{n+1}_s (\mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{n\} \wedge \mathcal{K}_1^{\mathrm{cf}}) \xrightarrow{\Omega^{n+1}_s (\mathrm{Id} \wedge \phi)} \Omega^{n+1}_s \mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}}\{n+1\}. \end{split}$$

Proposition 7.2.3 The (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum \mathcal{K}^{alg} on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is an \mathbb{A}^1 -BG motivic Ω_T -bispectrum, and it represents the algebraic K-theory in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof Since $\mathcal{K}_{*,n}^{\text{alg}} = \Omega_s^n \mathcal{K}^{\text{cf}}\{n\}$ for each $n \ge 0$, by Corollary 3.1.8 we see \mathcal{K}^{alg} satisfies the \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property. To show that \mathcal{K}^{alg} is a motivic Ω_T -bispectrum, it suffices to show that each map $\mathcal{K}_{m,n}^{\text{alg}} \to \Omega_T \mathcal{K}_{m,n+1}^{\text{alg}}$ between motivic fibrant pointed motivic spaces is a motivic weak-equivalence. For this, it suffices to show using Corollary 3.1.8 and Lemma 3.1.2 that for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $p \ge 0$, the induced map

$$[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \Omega_s^n \mathcal{K}_{m+n}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to [\Sigma_s^p X_+, \Omega_T \Omega_s^{n+1} \mathcal{K}_{m+n+1}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$

is an isomorphism, or that the map

$$[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \Omega_s^n \mathcal{K}_{m+n}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \Omega_s^{n+1} \mathcal{K}_{m+n+1}^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$

is an isomorphism. By Corollary 3.1.8, this is equivalent to the fact that

$$[\Sigma_s^p X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \to [\Sigma_s^p \Sigma_T X_+, \mathcal{K}_m^{\mathrm{cf}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$

is an isomorphism. But, by Lemma 7.2.1 and the definition of the Thom class, for $0 \le p < m$ both terms are zero, while for $p \ge m \ge 0$ this map is just the multiplication by the Thom class on the groups $K_{p-m}(X) \to K_{p-m}(\mathbb{P}^1_X, \{\infty\} \times X)$. This is an isomorphism by the projective bundle formula. The representability now follows using Theorems 3.3.3, 7.1.1 and Corollary 3.1.6.

Theorem 7.2.4 Let $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $p \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have an isomorphism

$$K_p^{\text{sst}}(X) \simeq [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], (\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1},$$

ie the semitopological *K*-theory is representable in $SH(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof By Theorems 6.2.1, 6.2.3 and Proposition 7.2.3, we may replace $(\mathcal{K}^{alg})^{host}$ in the above by $(\mathcal{K}^{alg})^{sst}$. Let $f: (\mathcal{K}^{alg})^{sst} \to F$ be a stable motivic fibrant replacement of $(\mathcal{K}^{alg})^{sst}$. This $F = (F_0, F_1, \ldots)$ is a *T*-levelwise motivic fibrant motivic Ω_T -bispectrum. We have isomorphisms

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], (\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} &\simeq [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \\ &\simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \Omega_T^{\infty} F]_{\mathbb{A}^1} = [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], F_0]_{\mathbb{A}^1}. \end{split}$$

By Theorems 3.3.3 and 6.2.1 and Proposition 7.2.3, the map f is a T-levelwise objectwise weak-equivalence. In particular, the map $(\mathcal{K}_{*,0}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{sst}} = (\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}})_{*,0}^{\text{sst}} \to F_0$ is an objectwise weak-equivalence, so

$$[\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], F_0]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], (\mathcal{K}_{*,0}^{\mathrm{alg}})^{\mathrm{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], (\mathcal{K}^{\mathrm{cf}})^{\mathrm{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$$

By Theorems 3.1.5, 5.1.5 and 7.1.1, we have that the maps $\mathcal{K}^{\text{sst}} \to (\mathcal{K}^{\text{fb}})^{\text{sst}} \leftarrow (\mathcal{K}^{\text{cf}})^{\text{sst}}$ are objectwise weak-equivalences, so the last group is $[\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \mathcal{K}^{\text{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. But, by Proposition 7.1.2, this is $K_p^{\text{sst}}(X)$.

8 Representing morphic cohomology in $SH(\mathbb{C})$

The morphic cohomology $L^p H^q(X)$ for smooth quasiprojective schemes X over \mathbb{C} was introduced in [5], as the homotopy groups of a function space. Later it was identified in Friedlander and Walker [10] as the homotopy group of the semitopologization of the complex of Friedlander and Suslin. We show that the morphic cohomology is representable in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ by homotopy semitopologizing the motivic Eilenberg–Mac Lane spectrum of Voevodsky.

8.1 Motivic Eilenberg–Mac Lane spectrum

Recall (see [7, page 141] and Mazza, Voevodsky and Weibel [27, page 126]) the following. Let $r \ge 0$ and let $f: Z \to U$ be a morphism, where each irreducible component of Z dominates a component of U. We say Z is equidimensional of relative dimension r over U if for every $s \in U$, the scheme-theoretic fiber Z_s is either \emptyset or an equidimensional of dimension r. For $X \in \mathbf{Sch}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, let $z_{\text{equi}}(X, r)(U)$ be the group of cycles on Z of $X \times U$ that are dominant and equidimensional of relative dimension r over a component of U. This $z_{\text{equi}}(X, r)$ is a presheaf (in fact an étale sheaf) on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Let Δ^{\bullet} be the cosimplicial scheme, where $\Delta^n =$ $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[t_0, \ldots, t_n])/(\sum_{i=0}^n t_i - 1)$ and ∂_i^n ($0 \le i \le n$) are the cofaces. For $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, and a presheaf F of abelian groups on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the simplicial abelian group $F(\Delta^{\bullet} \times U)$ has its associated chain complex $\underline{C}_* F(U)$, namely, $\underline{C}_n F(U) = F(\Delta^n \times U)$ with the differential $\sum_{i=0}^{n} (-1)^{i} F(\partial_{i}^{n} \times \mathrm{Id}_{U})$. This $\underline{C}_{*}F$ is a presheaf of chain complexes of abelian groups on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. For $n \ge 0$, the *Friedlander–Suslin motivic complex* $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{FS}}(n)$ on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is $\underline{C}_{*}z_{\mathrm{equi}}(\mathbb{A}^{n}, 0)$. (This definition of $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{FS}}(n)$ differs slightly from the one in [27], where $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{FS}}(n)$ is defined as $\underline{C}_{*}z_{\mathrm{equi}}(\mathbb{A}^{n}, 0)[-2n]$.) In what follows, we identify the presheaf $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{FS}}(n)$ with an object of $\mathrm{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$ via the Dold–Kan correspondence. Recall (see [41, Section 6.1]) that the motivic Eilenberg–Mac Lane spectrum \mathbb{HZ} is a sequence of pointed simplicial presheaves, whose n^{th} level is $K(\mathbb{Z}(n), 2n) = \underline{C}_{*}L(T^{n})$ for some functor L, with motivic weak-equivalences

$$K(\mathbb{Z}(n), 2n) \rightarrow \Omega_T K(\mathbb{Z}(n+1), 2n+2).$$

For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $U \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, L(X)(U) is the group of cycles on $U \times X$, finite over U and surjective over a connected component of U. This L(X) is a presheaf on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. This L even extends to $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$. Using the isomorphisms $T^{n} \simeq \mathbb{P}^{n}/\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ and $\underline{C}_{*}L(A/B) \simeq \underline{C}_{*}L(A)/\underline{C}_{*}L(B)$, we see that $K(\mathbb{Z}(n), 2n) \simeq \underline{C}_{*}L(\mathbb{P}^{n})/\underline{C}_{*}L(\mathbb{P}^{n-1})$, which is isomorphic (via localization and Dold and Kan) to the presheaf $\underline{C}_{*}z_{equi}(\mathbb{A}^{n}, 0) = \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ of complexes seen as an object in $\mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$. Thus, $\mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}$ can be regarded as the motivic T-spectrum ($\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(0), \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(1), \ldots$).

8.2 \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property HZ

For $\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$, the \mathbb{A}^1 -weak-invariance holds by [27, Corollary 2.19], while the BG property follows from Suslin and Voevodsky [39, Proposition 4.3.9] combined with the proof of the Zariski Mayer–Vietoris property in [7, Theorem 5.11]. Thus:

Proposition 8.2.1 The sheaves $\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ satisfy the \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$.

Recall from Section 2.3.2 that for a *T*-spectrum *E*, the associated (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum *E* is given by $\Sigma_s^{\infty} E = (\Sigma_s^{\infty} E_0, \Sigma_s^{\infty} E_1, \ldots)$.

Proposition 8.2.2 The (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectrum $\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}$ satisfies the following properties.

- (1) It is a *T*-levelwise objectwise Ω_s -spectrum, ie $\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum for each $n \ge 0$.
- (2) It is an S^1 -levelwise motivic Ω_T -spectrum, ie $\Sigma_s^n \mathbf{H} \mathbb{Z}$ is a motivic Ω_T -spectrum for each $n \ge 0$.
- (3) It satisfies the \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property.
- (4) The properties (1)–(3) also hold for $(\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H} \mathbb{Z})^{\mathbf{sst}}$.

Proof For a simplicial abelian group A and $K \in \mathbf{Spc}$, there is a simplicial abelian group $K \otimes A$, given by $\mathbb{Z}[K_n] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A_n$ at level *n*, where $\mathbb{Z}[K_n]$ is the free abelian group on K_n . The pointed motivic space $S^1 \wedge \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ corresponds to the presheaf $S^1 \otimes \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ of simplicial abelian groups under Dold-Kan correspondence. It follows from Goerss and Jardine [12, Lemma 4.53] that $\sum_{s}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum. This proves (1). Part (2) follows from [41, Theorem 6.2] and the facts that Σ_s preserves motivic weak-equivalences and that the map $\Sigma_s(\Omega_T E) \to \Omega_T(\Sigma_s E)$ is an objectwise weakequivalence for $E \in \mathbf{Spc}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$. Part (3) is equivalent to the fact that $\Sigma_{s}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n)$ is an \mathbb{A}^{1} -BG presheaf of spectra. This follows from Proposition 8.2.1, part (1), Corollary 3.2.4 and Theorem 3.1.5. For (4), the \mathbb{A}^1 -BG property of $(\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{sst}$ follows from part (3) and Theorem 6.1.5. Furthermore, Proposition 8.2.1 and Theorem 6.1.5 show that each $(\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n))^{sst}$ is \mathbb{A}^1 -BG. We deduce from [12, Lemma 4.53] that $\Sigma_s^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n))^{sst}$ is an objectwise Ω_s -spectrum. The isomorphism $(\Sigma_s(-))^{sst} \simeq \Sigma_s(-)^{sst}$ now implies that $(\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{sst}$ is a *T*-levelwise objectwise Ω_s -spectrum. That it is an Ω_T -bispectrum follows from part (2) and Theorem 6.2.1(2).

For $E = (E_0, E_1, ...) \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$, with $E_i \in \mathbf{Spt}(\mathbb{C})$, $E\{m\} \in \mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$ is $(E_m, E_{m+1}, ...)$. By [15, Lemma 3.8, Theorem 3.9], $s_-: E \mapsto E\{1\}$ is a right Quillen endofunctor on $\mathbf{Spt}_{(s,p)}(\mathbb{C})$ and we have isomorphisms of functors $\Sigma_T \simeq L \Sigma_T \simeq \mathbf{Rs}_-$ on $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$. Recall (Section 2.3.2) that there are adjoint functors $\Sigma_T^{\infty}: \mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C}) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C}): \mathbf{R}\Omega_T^{\infty}$.

Corollary 8.2.3 In $\mathcal{SH}_{S^1}(\mathbb{C})$, we have $\Sigma_s^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n))^{\text{sst}} \simeq R\Omega_T^{\infty}\Sigma_T^n(\Sigma_s^{\infty}\mathbb{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}$.

Proof Let $f: (\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbb{HZ})^{sst} \to F$ be a stable motivic fibrant replacement. We have, by Proposition 8.2.2 and Theorem 6.2.1, that f is T-levelwise objectwise weak-equivalence of \mathbb{A}^1 -BG (s, \mathfrak{p}) -bispectra. This implies

$$\Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}} \simeq \mathbf{R}^n s_{-} (\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}} \simeq F\{n\} \simeq (\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{sst}}\{n\} \simeq (\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}\{n\})^{\text{sst}}.$$

Applying Proposition 8.2.2 and Theorem 6.2.1 once again,

$$R\Omega_T^{\infty}\Sigma_T^n(\Sigma_s^{\infty}\mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}} \simeq \Omega_T^{\infty}((\Sigma_s^{\infty}\mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}\{n\})^{\text{sst}}) \simeq \operatorname{Ev}_0((\Sigma_s^{\infty}\mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}\{n\})^{\text{sst}})$$
$$\simeq (\Sigma_s^{\infty}\mathbb{Z}^{\operatorname{FS}}(n))^{\text{sst}}.$$

Since $(\Sigma_s(-))^{sst} \simeq \Sigma_s(-)^{sst}$, the corollary follows.

Corollary 8.2.4 In $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$, we have $(\Sigma_T^n \Sigma_s^\infty H\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}} \simeq \Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^\infty H\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}$.

Proof Under the notation of the proof of Corollary 8.2.3, we get $(\Sigma_T^n \Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}} \simeq (\mathbf{R}^n s_- \Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}$. Here, this is isomorphic to $(\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}\{n\})^{\text{host}}$ by Proposition 8.2.2 and Theorem 3.3.3. This equals $(\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z}\{n\})^{\text{sst}}$ by Proposition 8.2.2. But, in the proof of Corollary 8.2.3, we saw this is $\Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^\infty \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}$.

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Theorem 8.2.5 Let X be a smooth quasiprojective scheme over \mathbb{C} and let $n \ge 0$ and $p \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $L^n H^{2n-p}(X) \simeq [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H}\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. That is, the morphic cohomology of smooth quasiprojective schemes is representable in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$.

Proof We have

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H} \mathbb{Z})^{\mathbf{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} &\simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \mathbf{R} \Omega_T^{\infty} \Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{H} \mathbb{Z})^{\mathbf{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \\ &\simeq [\Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \Sigma_s^{\infty} (\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{FS}}(n))^{\mathbf{sst}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1} \end{split}$$

by adjointness and Corollary 8.2.3. This is isomorphic to $\pi_p(\Sigma_s^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n))^{sst}(X))$ by Proposition 8.2.2 and Corollary 3.1.6, which in turn is equal to $\pi_p((\mathbb{Z}^{FS}(n))^{sst}(X))$ by Proposition 8.2.2. This last group is $L^n H^{2n-p}(X)$ by [10, Corollary 3.5]. This proves the result.

Remark 8.2.6 Chu [3] proves that the morphic cohomology is representable in the Voevodsky $\mathcal{DM}(\mathbb{C})$ of motives. Using motivic symmetric spectra (MSS) of Jardine [18] as a model for $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$, Röndigs and Østvær [36] identified $\mathcal{H}(MSS^{tr})$ (MSS with trace) with $\mathcal{DM}(\mathbb{C})$, and constructed a Dold–Kan map $\psi: \mathcal{H}(MSS^{tr}) \to \mathcal{H}(MSS)$ to give adjoint functors $\phi: \mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C}) \rightleftharpoons \mathcal{DM}(\mathbb{C}): \psi$. By construction, one can check that $\phi((\Sigma_T^n \Sigma_s^\infty \mathbb{HZ})^{host})$ is Chu's $\wp_{mor}(n)$ and our result is compatible with Chu's.

8.3 Excision and localization for morphic cohomology

As a consequence of Theorems 7.2.4 and 8.2.5, we obtain the following:

Theorem 8.3.1 The morphic cohomology of smooth schemes over \mathbb{C} satisfies Nisnevich descent and localization.

Proof The arguments are standard, so we sketch the ideas. Given a Nisnevich square as in (3.0.1), by [34, Corollary 2.20] there is a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$ of the form $\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} W_+ \to \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+ \vee \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} V_+ \to \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+ \to \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} W_+$ [1]. By applying $[-, (\Sigma_s^{\infty} H\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$ and $[-, (\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$, we obtain Nisnevich descent property. For localization, given a smooth closed immersion $Z \hookrightarrow X$ and the open complement $U \subset X$, by [34, Lemma 2.16, Theorem 2.26] we have a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$ of the form $\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+ \to \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+ \to \Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} \text{Th}(N_{Z/X}) \to$ $\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} U_+$ [1], where $\text{Th}(N_{Z/X})$ is the Thom space of the normal bundle. Applying $[-, (\Sigma_s^{\infty} H\mathbb{Z})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$ and $[-, (\mathcal{K}^{\text{alg}})^{\text{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$ again, we obtain localization sequences, provided Thom isomorphisms of cohomologies of Z and $\text{Th}(N_{Z/X})$, up to a shift. Then the projective bundle formula gives Chern classes (see Panin [35, Section 3.6]), and Thom isomorphism by [35, Theorem 3.35]. **Remark 8.3.2** The definitions of $L^p H^q$ in [5; 10] assume quasiprojectivity of the underlying scheme, but we can redefine the morphic cohomology for all $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ using **host**, as $L^n H^{2n-p}(X) := [\Sigma_T^{\infty} \Sigma_s^{\infty} X_+[p], \Sigma_T^n (\Sigma_s^{\infty} \mathbf{HZ})^{\mathbf{host}}]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$. By Theorem 8.2.5, this coincides with the previous one.

9 Semitopological cobordism

The motivic Thom spectrum MGL (see [41, Section 6.3]) is a T-spectrum

$$(MGL_0, MGL_1, \ldots),$$

where MGL_n is the motivic Thom space of the universal rank-*n* vector bundle E_n on the Grassmann ind-scheme Gr(n, ∞). The associated cohomology theory (Section 2.3.3) MGL^{*p,q*}(–) on **Sm**_C is called the (Voevodsky) *algebraic cobordism*.

As an application of Theorem 6.2.3, we can define the semitopological Thom spectrum MGL_{sst} to be MGL^{host} in $SH(\mathbb{C})$. We call its associated bigraded cohomology theory MGL^{p,q}_{sst}(-) on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the *semitopological cobordism*. The natural map MGL \rightarrow MGL_{sst} in $SH(\mathbb{C})$ defines a natural transformation of bigraded cohomology theories MGL^{p,q}(-) \rightarrow MGL^{p,q}(-) on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. Using the morphism MGL $\rightarrow H\mathbb{Z}$, it follows from Theorem 8.2.5 that there is a commutative diagram

of cohomology theories on $\mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. (The referee had kindly informed that J Heller [13] had earlier defined this semitopological cobordism by taking a fibrant replacement of MGL and applying the **sst**-functor. By motivic descent theorems in Section 3 and Theorem 6.1.5, this is objectwise weak-equivalent to ours, so that the resulting cohomology theories are equal.) A result of Hopkins and Morel says that, for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $n \ge 0$, there is an Atiyah–Hirzebruch-type spectral sequence

$$E^{p,q}(n) = H^{p-q}_{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(n-q)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^q \Rightarrow \mathrm{MGL}^{p+q,n}(X),$$

where $\mathbb{L} = \bigoplus_{q \le 0} \mathbb{L}^q$ is the Lazard ring. This result is in an unpublished form to the best of our knowledge, but based on the lecture notes in Lawson [22], a proof of an essential part is done in Hoyois [16]. Our last goal is to apply **host** and the ideas of [16], Spitzweck [37; 38] and Voevodsky [42] to produce an analogous spectral sequence for

 MGL_{sst} . We remark that a similar spectral sequence that relates the motivic cohomology to the algebraic *K*-theory was constructed in Bloch and Lichtenbaum [1] and [6], while for the semitopological *K*-theory in Friedlander, Haesemeyer and Walker [4].

Recall from [38, Section 3] an analogue of the Postnikov tower for $E \in S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$. Let $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})^{\text{eff}} \subset S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ be the full localizing triangulated subcategory generated by $\Sigma_s^i \Sigma_T^j \Sigma_T^\infty X_+$ for $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}, j \ge 0$ and $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. For $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, the inclusion

$$\iota_p\colon \Sigma^p_T \mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})^{\mathrm{eff}} \to \mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$$

has a right adjoint r_p such that $r_p \circ \iota_p \simeq \text{Id}$ (cf [34, Section 4]). Set $f_p := \iota_p \circ r_p$. There is a natural transformation $\rho_{p+1}: f_{p+1} \to f_p$. We define the slices $s_p E := \text{cofib}(\rho_{p+1})$. Thus, we have a sequence of maps $\to f_p E \to \cdots \to f_1 E \to f_0 E \to f_{-1} E \to \cdots \to E$. We also have a distinguished triangle $f_{p+1} E \to f_p E \to s_p E \to (f_{p+1} E)[1]$ in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$.

We say that *E* is *effective* if the map $f_p E \to E$ is an isomorphism for $p \leq 0$. By [34, Remark 4.2; 37, Corollary 3.2] we have $f_p MGL \simeq MGL$ for all $p \leq 0$ and $s_p MGL = 0$ for all p < 0. In particular, MGL is effective. For $s_0 MGL$, the natural map MGL \to **H** \mathbb{Z} induces an isomorphism $s_0 MGL \simeq$ **H** \mathbb{Z} , by combining [37, Corollary 3.3; 42]. Recall there is a morphism of ring spectra $\mathbb{L} \to MGL$ and the natural map MGL $\to s_0 MGL =$ **H** \mathbb{Z} factors as MGL \to MGL $\otimes_{\mathbb{L}} (\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{L}^{<0}) =$ MGL $\otimes_{\mathbb{L}} \mathbb{Z} \to$ **H** \mathbb{Z} . The last map is an isomorphism in $S\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ by [16]. This implies $s_p MGL \to \Sigma_T^p H\mathbb{L}^p$ by [37, Theorem 4.7], which we use below.

Fix $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $n \ge 0$. We write $\Sigma_T^{\infty} X_+$ as just X and the hom sets $[-, -]_{\mathbb{A}^1}$ in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$ as just [-, -]. Applying **host** to the sequence

$$\rightarrow f_2 \text{ MGL} \rightarrow f_1 \text{ MGL} \rightarrow f_0 \text{ MGL} = \text{MGL}$$

and the distinguished triangle

$$f_{p+1}$$
 MGL $\rightarrow f_p$ MGL $\rightarrow s_p$ MGL $\rightarrow (f_{p+1}$ MGL)[1]

we get the sequences of maps

(9.0.1) $\cdots \rightarrow (f_p \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (f_1 \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}} \rightarrow (f_0 \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}} = \text{MGL}_{\text{sst}},$ and by Theorem 6.2.3 a distinguished triangle

$$(f_{p+1} \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}} \to (f_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}} \to (s_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}} \to (f_{p+1} \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}[1]$$

in $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$. Applying [X, -] to the triangle, we obtain an exact sequence

$$(9.0.2) \quad [X, (f_{p+1} \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}] \to [X, (f_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}] \to [X, (s_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}] \\ \to [X, (f_{p+1} \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}[1]].$$

We now construct some exact couples. See McCleary [28, Section 2, Theorem 2.8] for related formalisms. For $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \ge 0$, define

$$A^{p,q}(X,n) := [X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-n} \Sigma_t^n (f_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}].$$

The map ρ_p^{host} : $(f_p \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}} \rightarrow (f_{p-1} \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}}$ induces a map

$$\rho_{p-1,q+1}: A^{p,q}(X,n) \to A^{p-1,q+1}(X,n).$$

For the slices, we let $E^{p,q}(X,n) := [X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-n} \Sigma_t^n(s_p \text{ MGL})^{\text{host}}]$. From (9.0.2), we get an exact sequence

$$A^{p,q}(X,n) \to A^{p-1,q+1}(X,n) \to E^{p-1,q+1}(X,n) \to A^{p+1,q}(X,n),$$

where $\rho_{p-1,q+1}$, $\gamma_{p-1,q+1}$ and $\delta_{p-1,q+1}$ are the arrows. We set

$$D_1(X,n) := \bigoplus_{p,q} A^{p,q}(X,n) \quad \text{and} \quad E_1(X,n) := \bigoplus_{p,q} E^{p,q}(X,n)$$

Write $a_1 := \bigoplus \delta_{p-1,q+1}$, $b_1 := \bigoplus \rho_{p-1,q+1}$ and $c_1 := \bigoplus \gamma_{p-1,q+1}$. This gives an exact couple $\{D_1, E_1, b_1, c_1, a_1\}$. We let $d_1 := c_1 \circ a_1$: $E_1 \to E_1$. That (9.0.2) is exact implies that $d_1^2 = 0$, and (E_1, d_1) is a complex. Repeatedly taking homology, we obtain a spectral sequence. For the target of the spectral sequence, let $A^m(X, n) := \operatorname{colim}_{q \to \infty} A^{m-q,q}(X, n)$. Since X is a compact object of $\mathcal{SH}(\mathbb{C})$ (cf [41, Proposition 5.5]), the colimit enters into [-, -] thus

$$A^{m}(X,n) = [X, \Sigma_{s}^{m-n} \Sigma_{t}^{n} \operatorname{MGL}^{\operatorname{host}}] = \operatorname{MGL}_{\operatorname{sst}}^{m,n}(X)$$

by (9.0.1). The formalism of exact couples yields a spectral sequence

$$E_1^{p,q}(X,n) = E^{p,q}(X,n) \Rightarrow A^{p+q}(X,n).$$

We have

$$E_1^{p,q}(X,n) \simeq [X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-n} \Sigma_t^n(s_p \operatorname{MGL})^{\operatorname{host}}] \simeq [X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-n} \Sigma_t^n(\Sigma_T^p \mathbf{H} \mathbb{L}^p)^{\operatorname{host}}]$$

because $s_p \operatorname{MGL} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma_T^p \operatorname{HL}^p$ by [37, Theorem 4.7]. By Corollary 8.2.4 and adjointness, this is

$$[X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-n} \Sigma_t^n \Sigma_T^p (\mathbf{H} \mathbb{L}^p)^{\text{host}}] \simeq [X, \Sigma_s^{p+q-2n} \Sigma_T^{p+n} (\mathbf{H} \mathbb{L}^p)^{\text{host}}]$$
$$\simeq [\Sigma_s^{2n-p-q} X, \Sigma_T^{p+n} (\mathbf{H} \mathbb{L}^p)^{\text{host}}].$$

This is equal to

$$L^{p+n}H^{2(p+n)-(2n-p-q)}(X)\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{L}^p=L^{p+n}H^{3p+q}(X)\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{L}^p$$

by Theorem 8.2.5 and Section 2.3.3. This E_1 -spectral sequence is actually identical to an E_2 -spectral sequence after reindexing. Indeed, let

$$\widetilde{E}_2^{p',q'}(X,n) = L^{n-q'} H^{p'-q'}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^{q'}.$$

For r' := r + 1, a simple calculation shows that the equality $E_r^{p,q} = \tilde{E}_{r'}^{p',q'}$ gives the equalities p + n = n - q', 3p + q = p' - q', p = -q' so that

$$E_r^{p+r,q-r+1} = L^{p+r+n} H^{3p+q+2r+1}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^{-p-r}$$
$$= L^{n-q'+r} H^{p'-q'+2r+1}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^{q'-r} = \widetilde{E}_{r'}^{p',q'}$$

as desired. In summary we get an analogue of Hopkins-Morel spectral sequence:

Theorem 9.0.3 For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $n \ge 0$, there is a spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q}(n) = L^{n-q} H^{p-q}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}^q \Rightarrow \mathrm{MGL}_{\mathrm{sst}}^{p+q,n}(X).$$

There is a natural morphism of spectral sequences:

Repeating the argument for MGL smashed with mod l-Moore spectrum, and using that the left vertical arrow in (9.0.3) mod l is an isomorphism (cf [11, Theorem 30]), we deduce that MGL^{*p,q*} and MGL^{*p,q*} are identical with finite coefficients. On the other hand, applying Naumann, Spitzweck and Østvær [33, Corollary 10.6], we note the spectral sequence of Theorem 9.0.3 degenerates tensoring with \mathbb{Q} . Here is a summary:

Corollary 9.0.4 Let $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$. For $l \ge 1$, we have

$$\mathrm{MGL}^{p,q}(X,\mathbb{Z}/l)\simeq \mathrm{MGL}^{p,q}_{\mathrm{sst}}(X,\mathbb{Z}/l).$$

We also have

$$\mathrm{MGL}^{*,*}_{\mathrm{sst}}(X)\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Q}\simeq L^*H^*_{\mathbb{O}}(X)\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{L}$$

as graded $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -modules.

Let Ω_{alg}^* be the algebraic cobordism modulo algebraic equivalence given by the authors in [21]. By the universal property of $\Omega_{alg}^*(-)$, there is a natural functor $\Omega_{alg}^*(-) \rightarrow MGL_{sst}^{2*,*}(-)$.

Corollary 9.0.5 The maps $\mathbb{L} \to \Omega^*_{alg}(pt) \to MGL^{2*,*}_{sst}(pt)$ are isomorphisms.

Proof The first map is an isomorphism by [21, Theorem 1.2(2)]. The spectral sequence in Theorem 9.0.3 shows that $\Omega^*_{alg}(pt) \to MGL^{2*,*}_{sst}(pt)$ is surjective. Composing with $MGL^{2*,*}_{sst}(pt) \to MU^{2*}(pt)$ gives an isomorphism $\Omega^*_{alg}(pt) \simeq MU^{2*}(pt) \simeq \mathbb{L}$ by [21]. In particular, the map $\Omega^*_{alg}(pt) \to MGL^{2*,*}_{sst}(pt)$ is injective.

For the algebraic cobordism $\Omega^*(-)$ of Levine and Morel [25], the map $\Omega^*(X) \to MGL^{2*,*}(X)$ is an isomorphism for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$ by Levine [24]. By combining Theorem 9.0.3, Corollary 9.0.5 and the methods of [24], it is probably possible to prove that $\Omega^*_{alg}(X) \to MGL^{2*,*}_{sst}(X)$ is an isomorphism for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}_{\mathbb{C}}$. But we do not attempt this in this paper.

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