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We obtain two types of results on positive scalar curvature metrics for compact spin manifolds that are even-dimensional. The first type of result are obstructions to the existence of positive scalar curvature metrics on such manifolds, expressed in terms of end-periodic eta invariants that were defined by Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev (Mrowka et al. 2016). These results are the even-dimensional analogs of the results by Higson and Roe (2010). The second type of result studies the number of path components of the space of positive scalar curvature metrics modulo diffeomorphism for compact spin manifolds that are even-dimensional, whenever this space is nonempty. These extend and refine certain results in (Botvinnik and Gilkey 1995) and also (Mrowka et al. 2016). End-periodic analogs of  $K$ -homology and bordism theory are defined and are utilised to prove many of our results.

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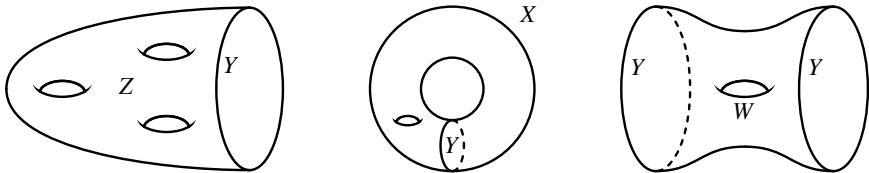
## 1. Introduction

Eta invariants were originally introduced by Atiyah, Patodi and Singer [Atiyah et al. 1975a; 1975b; 1976] as a correction term appearing in an index theorem for manifolds with odd-dimensional boundary. The eta invariant itself is a rather sensitive object, being defined in terms of the spectrum of a Dirac operator. However,

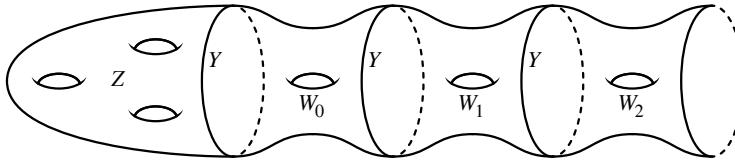
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**Figure 1.** Pieces of an end-periodic manifold.



**Figure 2.** End-periodic manifold, where  $Z_\infty = Z \cup_Y W_0 \cup_Y W_1 \cup_Y W_2 \dots$ .

when one considers the *relative eta invariant* (or *rho invariant*), defined by twisting the Dirac operator by a pair of flat vector bundles and subtracting the resulting eta invariants, many marvellous invariance properties emerge. For example, Atiyah, Patodi and Singer showed that the mod  $\mathbb{Z}$  reduction of the relative eta invariant of the signature operator is in fact independent of the choice of Riemannian metric on the manifold. Key to the approach is their index theorem for even-dimensional manifolds with global boundary conditions, which they show is equivalent to studying manifolds with cylindrical ends and imposing (weighted)  $L^2$  decay conditions.

The links between eta invariants and metrics of positive scalar curvature metrics have been studied using different approaches by Mathai [1992a; 1992b], Keswani [1999] and Weinberger [1988]. A conceptual proof of the approach by Keswani, was achieved by Higson and Roe [2010] using  $K$ -homology; see also [Deeley and Goffeng 2016; Benameur and Mathai 2013; 2014; 2015; Piazza and Schick 2007a; 2007b].

Our goal in this paper to use the results of Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev [Mrowka et al. 2016] instead of those by Atiyah, Patodi and Singer [Atiyah et al. 1975a]. Manifolds with cylindrical ends studied in [Atiyah et al. 1975a] are special cases of end-periodic manifolds studied in [Mrowka et al. 2016]. More precisely, let  $Z$  be a compact manifold with boundary  $Y$  and suppose that  $Y$  is a connected submanifold of a compact oriented manifold  $X$  that is Poincaré dual to a primitive cohomology class  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ . Let  $W$  be the fundamental segment obtained by cutting  $X$  open along  $Y$  (Figure 1).

If  $W_k$  are isometric copies of  $W$ , then we can attach  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$  to the boundary component  $Y$  of  $Z$ , forming the *end-periodic manifold*  $Z_\infty$  (Figure 2). Often in the paper, we also deal with manifolds with more than one periodic end.

The motivations for considering such manifolds are from gauge theory; it was Taubes [1987] who originally developed the analysis of end-periodic elliptic operators on end-periodic manifolds, and successfully calculated the index of the end-periodic antiself dual operator in Yang–Mills theory.

We adapt the results by Higson and Roe [2010], using end-periodic  $K$ -homology, to obtain obstructions to the existence of positive scalar curvature metrics in terms of end-periodic eta invariants (see Section 3) that were defined by Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev [Mrowka et al. 2016] for even-dimensional manifolds, using the b-trace approach of Melrose [1993]. These obstructions are for the compact manifold  $X$ , and not the end-periodic manifold  $Z_\infty$ ; the end-periodic manifold is only a tool used to obtain the obstructions. This is established in Section 6. Roughly speaking, end-periodic  $K$ -homology is an analog of geometric  $K$ -homology, where the representatives have in addition, a choice of degree 1 cohomology class determining the codimension 1 submanifold. It is defined and studied in Section 2.

We also adapt the results by Botvinnik and Gilkey [1995], using end-periodic bordism, to obtain results on the number of components of the moduli space of Riemannian metrics of positive scalar curvature metrics in terms of end-periodic eta invariants. Such results have been obtained by Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev [Mrowka et al. 2016], and the introduction of end-periodic bordism provides a conceptualisation of their approach. Again, the information on path components is for the compact manifold  $X$ , and the end-periodic manifold is but a means to obtaining this information. End-periodic bordism is defined and studied in Section 4.

In Section 5 we define the end-periodic analogs of the structure groups of Higson and Roe, and study the end-periodic rho invariant on these groups.

Section 6 contains applications to positive scalar curvature, using the established end-periodic  $K$ -theory and end-periodic spin bordism of the previous sections.

In Section 7 we give a proof of the vanishing of the end-periodic rho invariant of the twisted Dirac operator with coefficients in a flat Hermitian vector bundle on a compact even dimensional Riemannian spin manifold  $X$  of positive scalar curvature using the representation variety of  $\pi_1(X)$ .

It seems to be a general theme that for any geometrically defined homology theory, there is an analogous theory tailored to the setting of end-periodic manifolds, and that this end-periodic theory is isomorphic to the original geometric theory in a natural way. These isomorphisms are built on the foundation of Poincaré duality.

## 2. End-periodic $K$ -homology

**2.1. Review of  $K$ -homology.** We begin by reviewing the definition of  $K$ -homology of Baum and Douglas [1982], using the  $(M, S, f)$ -formulation introduced by Keswani [1999], and used by Higson and Roe [2010].

**Definition 2.1.** A *K-cycle* for a discrete group  $\pi$  is a triple  $(M, S, f)$ , where  $M$  is a compact oriented odd-dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $S$  is a smooth Hermitian bundle over  $M$  with Clifford multiplication  $c : TM \rightarrow \text{End}(S)$ , and  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$  is a continuous map to the classifying space of  $\pi$ .

Such a bundle  $S$  with the above data is called a *Dirac bundle*. We remark that  $M$  may be disconnected, and that its connected components are permitted to have different odd dimensions.

**Definition 2.2.** Two *K*-cycles  $(M, S, f)$  and  $(M', S', f')$  for  $B\pi$  are said to be *isomorphic* if there is an orientation preserving diffeomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$  covered by an isometric bundle isomorphism  $\psi : S \rightarrow S'$  such that

$$\psi \circ c_M(v) = c_{M'}(\varphi_* v)$$

for all  $v \in TM$ , and such that  $f' \circ \varphi = f$ .

A *Dirac operator* for the cycle  $(M, S, f)$  is any first-order linear partial differential operator  $D$  acting on smooth sections of  $S$  whose principal symbol is the Clifford multiplication. That is to say, for any smooth function  $\phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  one has

$$[D, \phi] = c(\text{grad } \phi) : \Gamma(S) \rightarrow \Gamma(S).$$

The *K*-homology group  $K_1(B\pi)$  will consist of geometric *K*-cycles for  $\pi$  modulo an equivalence relation, which we will now describe.

**Definition 2.3.** A *K*-cycle  $(M, S, f)$  is a *boundary* if there exists a compact oriented even-dimensional manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = M$  such that:

- (a)  $W$  is isometric to the Riemannian product  $(0, 1] \times M$  near the boundary.
- (b) There is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Dirac bundle over  $W$  that is isomorphic to  $S \oplus S$  in the collar with Clifford multiplication given by

$$c_W(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_M(v) \\ c_M(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_W(\partial_t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $v \in TM$ .

- (c) The map  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$  extends to a continuous map  $f : W \rightarrow B\pi$ .

**Remark 2.4.** Our orientation convention for boundaries is the following: If  $W$  is an oriented manifold with boundary  $\partial W$  then the orientation on  $W$  at the boundary is given by the outward unit normal followed by the orientation of  $\partial W$ . The isometry in part (a) is required to be orientation preserving.

We define the *negative* of a *K*-cycle  $(M, S, f)$  to be  $(-M, -S, f)$ , where  $-M$  is  $M$  with its orientation reversed, and  $-S$  is  $S$  with the negative Clifford multiplication  $c_{-S} = -c_S$ . Two *K*-cycles  $(M, S, f)$  and  $(M', S', f')$  are *bordant*

if the disjoint union  $(M, S, f) \sqcup (-M', -S', f')$  is a boundary, and we write  $(M, S, f) \sim (M', S', f')$ . This is the first of the relations defining  $K$ -homology; there are two more to define:

(1) *Direct sum/disjoint union:*

$$(M, S_1, f) \sqcup (M, S_2, f) \sim (M, S_1 \oplus S_2, f).$$

(2) *Bundle modification:* Let  $(M, S, f)$  be a  $K$ -cycle. If  $P$  is a principal  $SO(2k)$ -bundle over  $M$ , we define

$$\widehat{M} = P \times_{\rho} S^{2k}.$$

Here  $\rho$  denotes the action of  $SO(2k)$  on  $S^{2k}$  given by the standard embedding of  $SO(2k)$  into  $SO(2k+1)$ . The metric on  $\widehat{M}$  is any metric agreeing with that of  $M$  on horizontal tangent vectors and with that of  $S^{2k}$  on vertical tangent vectors. The map  $\hat{f} : \widehat{M} \rightarrow B\pi$  is the composition of the projection  $\widehat{M} \rightarrow M$  and  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$ . Over  $S^{2k}$  is an  $SO(2k)$ -equivariant vector bundle  $C\ell_{\theta}(S^{2k}) \subset C\ell(TS^{2k})$ , defined as the  $+1$  eigenspace of the *right* action by the oriented volume element  $\theta$  on the Clifford bundle  $C\ell(TS^{2k})$ . The  $SO(2k)$ -equivariance of this bundle implies that it lifts to a well-defined bundle over  $\widehat{M}$ . We thus define the bundle

$$\widehat{S} = S \otimes C\ell_{\theta}(S^{2k})$$

over  $\widehat{M}$ . Clifford multiplication on  $\widehat{S}$  is given by

$$c(v) = \begin{cases} c_M(v) \otimes \epsilon & \text{if } v \text{ is horizontal,} \\ I \otimes c_{S^{2k}}(v) & \text{if } v \text{ is vertical,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the grading element of the Clifford bundle over  $S^{2k}$ . The  $K$ -cycle  $(\widehat{M}, \widehat{S}, \hat{f})$  is called an *elementary bundle modification* of  $(M, S, f)$ , and we write  $(M, S, f) \sim (\widehat{M}, \widehat{S}, \hat{f})$ . We remark also that individual bundle modifications are allowed to be made on connected components of  $M$ .

**Remark 2.5.** If  $D$  is a given Dirac operator for the cycle  $(M, S, f)$ , then there is a preferred choice of Dirac operator for an elementary bundle modification  $(\widehat{M}, \widehat{S}, \hat{f})$  of  $(M, S, f)$ . If  $D_{\theta}$  denotes the  $SO(2k)$ -equivariant Dirac operator acting on  $C\ell(S^{2k})$ , then the Dirac operator on  $S \otimes C\ell_{\theta}(S^{2k})$  is

$$\widehat{D} = D \otimes \epsilon + I \otimes D_{\theta},$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the grading element of  $C\ell_{\theta}(S^{2k})$ .

**Definition 2.6.** The  $K$ -homology group  $K_1(B\pi)$  is the abelian group of  $K$ -cycles modulo the equivalence relation generated by isomorphism of cycles, bordism, direct sum/disjoint union, and bundle modification. The addition of equivalence

classes of  $K$ -cycles is given by disjoint union

$$(M, S, f) \sqcup (M', S', f') = (M \sqcup M', S \sqcup S', f \sqcup f').$$

One must of course check that this operation descends to a well-defined binary operation on  $K$ -homology which satisfies the group axioms. The details are straightforward.

**Remark 2.7.** There is another group  $K_0(B\pi)$  defined in terms of even-dimensional cycles, which is well suited to the original Atiyah–Singer index theorem. We will not need it here.

**2.2. Definition of end-periodic  $K$ -homology.** With the definition of  $K$ -homology reviewed, we now adapt the definition to the setting of manifolds with periodic ends.

**Definition 2.8.** An *end-periodic  $K$ -cycle*, or simply a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for a discrete group  $\pi$  is a quadruple  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$ , where  $X$  is a compact oriented even-dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $S = S^+ \oplus S^-$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Dirac bundle over  $X$ ,  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  is a cohomology class whose restriction to each connected component of  $X$  is primitive, and  $f$  is a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow B\pi$ .

The  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded structure of  $S$  includes a Clifford multiplication by tangent vectors to  $X$  which swaps the positive and negative subbundles. Again, the manifold  $X$  is allowed to be disconnected, with the connected components possibly having different even dimensions. Note that the definition of a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle imposes topological restrictions on  $X$ , namely each connected component of  $X$  must have nontrivial first cohomology in order for the class  $\gamma$  to be primitive on each component.

**Definition 2.9.** Two  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  and  $(X', S', \gamma', f')$  are *isomorphic* if there exists an orientation preserving diffeomorphism  $\varphi : X \rightarrow X'$  which is covered by a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded isometric bundle isomorphism  $\psi : S \rightarrow S'$  such that

$$\psi \circ c_X(v) = c_{X'}(\varphi_* v)$$

for all  $v \in TX$ . The diffeomorphism  $\varphi$  must additionally satisfy  $\varphi^*(\gamma') = \gamma$ , and  $f' \circ \varphi = f$ .

We now define what it means for a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  to be a boundary. First, let  $Y \subset X$  be a connected codimension-1 submanifold that is Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ . The orientation of  $Y$  is such that for all closed forms  $\alpha$  of codimension 1 (over each component of  $X$ ),

$$\int_Y \iota^*(\alpha) = \int_X \gamma \wedge \alpha,$$

where  $\iota : Y \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion and we abuse notation by writing  $\gamma$  for what is really a closed 1-form representing the cohomology class  $\gamma$ . In other words, the orientation of  $Y$  is such that the signs of the above two integrals always agree. Now, cut  $X$  open along  $Y$  to obtain a compact manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = Y \amalg -Y$ , with our boundary orientation conventions as in [Remark 2.4](#). Glue infinitely many isometric copies  $W_k$  of  $W$  end to end along  $Y$  to obtain the complete oriented Riemannian manifold  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$  with boundary  $\partial X_1 = -Y$ . There is a canonical map  $X_1 \rightarrow X$  sending a point of  $W_k$  to its corresponding point in  $X$ . Pull back the Dirac bundle  $S$  on  $X$  via this map to get a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Dirac bundle on  $X_1$ , also denoted  $S$ , and pull back the map  $f$  to get a map  $f : X_1 \rightarrow B\pi$ .

**Definition 2.10.** The  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is a *boundary* if there exists a compact oriented Riemannian manifold  $Z$  with boundary  $\partial Z = Y$ , which can be attached to  $X_1$  along  $Y$  to form a complete oriented Riemannian manifold  $Z_\infty = Z \cup_Y X_1$ , such that the bundle  $S$  extends to a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Dirac bundle on  $Z_\infty$  and the map  $f$  extends to a continuous map  $f : Z_\infty \rightarrow B\pi$ .

**Remark 2.11.** Being a boundary is clearly independent of the choice of  $Y$ ; if  $Y'$  is another choice of submanifold Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$  we simply embed  $Y'$  somewhere in the periodic end of  $Z_\infty$ , and take  $Z'$  to be the compact piece in  $Z_\infty$  bounded by  $Y'$ .

**Definition 2.12.** The manifold  $Z_\infty$  from [Definition 2.10](#) is called an *end-periodic* manifold. It is convenient to say the end is *modelled* on  $(X, \gamma)$ , or sometimes just  $X$  if  $\gamma$  is understood. Any object on  $Z_\infty$  whose restriction to the periodic end  $X_1$  is the pullback of an object from  $X$  is called *end-periodic*. For example, the bundle  $S$ , the map  $f$ , and the metric on  $Z_\infty$  in the previous definition are all end-periodic.

**Remark 2.13.** We allow end-periodic manifolds to have multiple ends. This situation arises when the manifold  $X$ , on which the end of  $Z_\infty$  is modelled, is disconnected.

The *negative* of a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is simply  $(X, S, -\gamma, f)$ . This is so that the disjoint union of a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle with its negative is a boundary—it is clear that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -cover  $\tilde{X}$  of  $X$  corresponding to  $\gamma$  is an end-periodic manifold with end modelled on  $(X \amalg X, \gamma \amalg -\gamma)$ . The definitions of bordism and direct sum/disjoint union are exactly the same as before, with the class  $\gamma$  left unchanged. In the case of bundle modification, the class  $\hat{\gamma}$  on  $\hat{X} = P \times_\rho S^{2k}$  is the pullback of  $\gamma$  by the projection  $p : \hat{X} \rightarrow X$ , and we endow the tensor product bundle  $S \otimes C\ell_\theta(S^{2k})$  with the standard tensor product grading of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded modules. There is also one more relation we define which relates the orientation on  $X$  to the one-form  $\gamma$ :

$$(X, S, -\gamma, f) \sim (-X, \Pi(S), \gamma, f)$$

where  $-X$  is  $X$  with the reversed orientation and  $\Pi(S)$  is  $S$  with its  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading reversed. We call this relation *orientation/sign*, as it links the orientation on  $X$  to the sign of  $\gamma$ . The need for this relation will become apparent in (2) of the proof of [Lemma 2.16](#).

**Definition 2.14.** The *end-periodic K-homology group*,  $K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ , is the abelian group consisting of  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles up to the equivalence relation generated by isomorphism of  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles, bordism, direct sum/disjoint union, bundle modification, and orientation/sign. Addition is given by disjoint union of cycles

$$(X, S, \gamma, f) \sqcup (X', S', \gamma', f') = (X \sqcup X', S \sqcup S', \gamma \sqcup \gamma', f \sqcup f').$$

**Remark 2.15.** As for  $K$ -homology we could also define the group  $K_0^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$  using odd-dimensional  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles, although we will not pursue this here.

**2.3. The isomorphism.** We will now show that there is a natural isomorphism  $K_1(B\pi) \cong K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ .

First we describe the map  $K_1(B\pi) \rightarrow K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ . Let  $(M, S, f)$  be a  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ . Define  $X = S^1 \times M$  an even-dimensional manifold with the product orientation and Riemannian metric, the Dirac bundle  $S \oplus S \rightarrow X$  with Clifford multiplication as in (b) of [Definition 2.3](#),  $\gamma = d\theta \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  the standard generator of the first cohomology of  $S^1$ , and  $f : X \rightarrow B\pi$  the extension of  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$ . We map the equivalence class of  $(M, S, f)$  in  $K_1(B\pi)$  to the equivalence class of  $(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$  in  $K_1^{\text{ep}}(\pi)$ .

**Lemma 2.16.** *The map sending a cycle  $(M, S, f)$  to the end-periodic cycle  $(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$  descends to a well-defined map of  $K$ -homologies.*

*Proof.* It must be checked that each of the relations defining  $K_0(B\pi)$  are preserved by this map.

**(1) Boundaries:** Let  $(M, S, f)$  be a boundary. Then we have a compact manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = M$  satisfying conditions (a) and (b) in [Definition 2.3](#). To show that  $(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$  is a boundary, we attach  $W$  to the half-cover  $X_1 = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times M$  to obtain a Riemannian manifold  $Z_\infty$ . Over  $X_1$  is the bundle  $S \oplus S$ , and over  $W$  is a bundle isomorphic to  $S \oplus S$ . We use the isomorphism to glue the bundles together and define  $S \oplus S$  over  $Z_\infty$ . The assumptions on the Clifford multiplication imply that it extends over this bundle. Since the map  $f$  on  $M$  extends to  $W$ , the map  $f$  on  $S^1 \times M$  extends to  $Z_\infty$ .

**(2) Negatives:** The negative of  $(M, S, f)$  is  $(-M, -S, f)$ , which maps to  $(-S^1 \times M, -S \oplus -S, d\theta, f)$ . The negative of  $(-S^1 \times M, -S \oplus -S, d\theta, f)$  is

$$(-S^1 \times M, -S \oplus -S, -d\theta, f) \sim (S^1 \times M, \Pi(-S \oplus -S), d\theta, f)$$

by the orientation/sign relation. The only difference between this cycle and  $(X, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$  is that the Clifford multiplication is negative; Clifford multiplication by vectors tangent to  $M$  has become negative and reversing the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading has caused  $\partial_\theta$  to act negatively. This cycle is isomorphic to

$$(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$$

via the identity map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  and the isometric bundle isomorphism  $\psi : -S \oplus -S \rightarrow S \oplus S$ ,  $\psi(s \oplus t) = c(\omega)(s \oplus t)$ , where  $\omega$  is the oriented volume element of  $S^1 \times M$ . Hence negatives are preserved by the mapping.

(3) **Disjoint union:** Obvious.

(4) **Bordism:** Since negatives map to negatives, boundaries map to boundaries, and disjoint union is preserved, it follows that bordism is also preserved.

(5) **Direct sum/disjoint union:** Also obvious.

(6) **Bundle modification:** Let  $(\widehat{M}, \widehat{S}, \widehat{f})$  be an elementary bundle modification for  $(M, S, f)$  associated to the principal  $SO(2k)$ -bundle  $P \rightarrow M$ . We pullback  $P$  to a bundle over  $X = S^1 \times M$ , and use it to construct our bundle modification  $(\widehat{X}, (S \oplus S)^\wedge, d\theta, f)$  of  $(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$ . It is clear that  $\widehat{X} = S^1 \times \widehat{M}$ . Now  $\widehat{S} = S \otimes C\ell_\theta(S^{2k})$ , so

$$\widehat{S} \oplus \widehat{S} \cong (S \oplus S) \otimes C\ell_\theta(S^{2k}) = (S \oplus S)^\wedge.$$

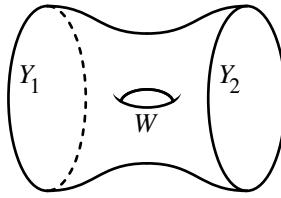
It is straightforward yet tedious to verify that Clifford multiplication is preserved by this isomorphism. So the  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle obtained via bundle modification then mapping, is isomorphic to the  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle obtained by mapping then bundle modification.  $\square$

Now for the inverse map. Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be an end-periodic cycle. Choose a submanifold  $Y \subset X$  Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ , oriented as in the paragraph after [Definition 2.9](#). We map the cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  to  $(Y, S^+, f)$ , where  $S^+$  and  $f$  are restricted to  $Y$ . If  $\omega$  is an oriented volume form for  $Y$  then we let  $\partial_t$  be the unit normal to  $Y$  such that  $\partial_t \wedge \omega$  is the orientation on  $X$ . The Clifford multiplication on  $S^+$  is then defined to be

$$c_Y(v) = c_X(\partial_t)c_X(v)$$

for  $v \in TY$ . Note that this agrees with the conventions of (b) in [Definition 2.3](#). One easily verifies that this indeed defines a Clifford multiplication on  $S^+$ .

**Lemma 2.17.** *The map sending an end-periodic cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  to the cycle  $(Y, S^+, f)$  described above, descends to a well-defined map of  $K$ -homologies.*



**Figure 3.** Compact bordism between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

*Proof.* We must not only check that the relations defining end-periodic  $K$ -homology are preserved, but that the class in  $K$ -homology obtained is independent of the choice of  $Y$ .

(1) **Boundaries:** Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be a boundary. Then there is a compact oriented manifold  $Z$  with boundary  $\partial Z = Y$  over which the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Dirac bundle  $S$  and map  $f$  extend. We modify the metric near the boundary of  $Z$  to make it a product. It follows that the cycle  $(Y, S^+, f)$  is a boundary.

(2) **Choice of  $Y$ :** Suppose  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are submanifolds of  $X$  that are Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ . We can take functions  $f_1, f_2 : X \rightarrow S^1$  both having  $1 \in S^1$  as a regular value and satisfying  $f_i^{-1}(1) = Y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are both Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ , the functions  $f_i$  are homotopic. Let  $\tilde{f}_i : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the lift of  $f_i : X \rightarrow S^1$ , where  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -cover determined by  $\gamma$ . The preimage  $\tilde{f}_i^{-1}(m)$  gives an embedding of  $Y_i$  in  $\tilde{X}$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Choosing a tubular neighbourhood  $Y_1 \times (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \subset \tilde{X}$ , we can homotopy  $\tilde{f}_1$  into  $\tilde{f}_2$  over the interval  $(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$ . Letting  $F$  be the resulting function on  $\tilde{X}$ , we may take  $F^{-1}[-m, m]$  for some large integer  $m$  to be a bordism  $W$  between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ . Since  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are proper, so is  $F$ , and the resulting bordism is compact; see Figure 3.

We pull back the bundle  $S$  and the map  $f$  to  $W$ , and modify the metric near the boundary so that it is a product. The result is that  $Y_1 \sqcup -Y_2$  is a boundary.

(3) **Negatives:** Reversing the sign of  $\gamma$  changes the orientation of  $Y$ . Clifford multiplication on  $Y$  also becomes negative, since changing the orientation on  $Y$  reverses the unit normal to  $Y$ . Hence negatives of cycles map to negatives.

(4) **Disjoint union:** Obvious.

(5) **Bordism:** Since boundaries map to boundaries, negatives map to negatives, and disjoint union is preserved, it follows that bordism is also preserved.

(6) **Direct sum/disjoint union:** Obvious.

(7) **Orientation/sign:** From (3) in this proof, the  $K$ -cycle obtained from  $(X, S, -\gamma, f)$  is the negative of the cycle  $(Y, S^+, f)$ . Now consider the  $K$ -cycle obtained from  $(-X, \Pi(S), \gamma, f)$ . Reversing the orientation on  $X$  will also reverse it on  $Y$ . Instead

of  $S^+$ , we now take  $S^-$  with Clifford multiplication

$$c_{S^-}(v) = c(-\partial_t)c(v) = -c(\partial_t)c(v)$$

where  $v \in TY$  and  $-\partial_t$  is the unit normal to  $-Y$ . We now show  $(-Y, S^+, f)$  and  $(-Y, S^-, f)$  are isomorphic. Let  $\omega$  be the oriented volume element of  $+Y$  (or  $-Y$ , it does not matter) and define a map  $\psi : S^+ \rightarrow S^-$  by  $\psi(s) = c(\omega)s$ . Then

$$\psi \circ c_{S^+}(v) = c_{S^-}(v) \circ \psi$$

and the cycles are therefore isomorphic.

(8) **Bundle modification:** Let  $(\widehat{X}, \widehat{S}, \widehat{\gamma}, \widehat{f})$  be an elementary bundle modification for  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$ , associated to the principal  $SO(2k)$ -bundle  $P \rightarrow X$ . We restrict this principal bundle to  $Y$  and consider the corresponding bundle modification  $(\widehat{Y}, \widehat{S}^+, \widehat{f})$  for  $(Y, S^+, f)$ . It is clear that  $\widehat{Y} \subset \widehat{X}$  is Poincaré dual to  $\widehat{\gamma}$ . The bundle

$$\widehat{S} = S \otimes C\ell_\theta(S^{2k})$$

has even part

$$\widehat{S}^+ = (S^+ \otimes C\ell_\theta^+(S^{2k})) \oplus (S^- \otimes C\ell_\theta^-(S^{2k})),$$

while over  $\widehat{Y}$  we have the bundle

$$\widehat{S}^+ = S^+ \otimes C\ell_\theta(S^{2k}).$$

Identifying  $S^+$  with  $S^-$  via the isomorphism  $c(\partial_t)$ , we see that  $\widehat{S}^+ \cong \widehat{S}^-$ . It is routine to check that the Clifford multiplications are preserved under this isomorphism.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.18.** *The above maps between  $K$ -homologies define an isomorphism of groups  $K_1(B\pi) \cong K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* We must check that the above maps on  $K$ -homologies are inverse to each other. If we begin with a cycle  $(M, S, f)$ , this maps to  $(S^1 \times M, S \oplus S, d\theta, f)$ . Mapping this again, we get  $(M, S, f)$  back, so this direction is easy. Now suppose we begin with a cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$ . This maps to  $(Y, S^+, f)$  which then maps to  $(S^1 \times Y, S^+ \oplus S^+, d\theta, f)$ . We will show this cycle is bordant to the original cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$ . Consider the half cover  $X_1$  of  $X$  obtained using  $-\gamma$ . Near the boundary, this is diffeomorphic to a product  $(-\delta, 0] \times Y$ . The half cover of  $S^1 \times Y$  obtained from  $d\theta$  is  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times Y$ . The two half covers clearly glue together to produce an end-periodic manifold with two ends. The Dirac bundles and maps to  $B\pi$  extend over this manifold, and hence the two cycles are bordant.  $\square$

### 3. Relative eta/rho invariants

In this section, we use the end-periodic eta invariant of Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev [Mrowka et al. 2016] to define homomorphisms from the end-periodic  $K$ -homology group  $K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$  to  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  will determine such a homomorphism, and we see that this homomorphism agrees with that constructed in Higson and Roe [2010] under the natural isomorphism  $K_1(B\pi) \cong K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ .

**3.1. Rho invariant for  $K$ -homology.** Let  $(M, S, f)$  be a  $K$ -cycle. Any Dirac operator for this cycle is a self-adjoint elliptic first-order operator on  $S$ , and so has a discrete spectrum of real eigenvalues. The *eta function* of this operator is defined to be the sum over the nonzero eigenvalues of  $D$

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{\lambda \neq 0} \text{sign}(\lambda) |\lambda|^{-s},$$

which converges absolutely for  $\text{Re}(s)$  sufficiently large. It is a theorem of Atiyah, Patodi and Singer (APS) that this function admits a meromorphic continuation to the complex plane, and that this continuation takes a finite value  $\eta(0)$  at the origin. The *eta invariant* of the chosen Dirac operator  $D$  is by definition

$$\eta(D) = \frac{1}{2}(\eta(0) - h) \tag{3.1}$$

where  $h = \dim \ker(D)$  is the multiplicity of the zero eigenvalue.

The eta invariant plays a central role in the Atiyah–Patodi–Singer index theorem, appearing as a correction term for the boundary. Suppose  $W$  is an even-dimensional manifold with boundary  $\partial W = M$ , equipped with a Dirac bundle satisfying the conditions of [Definition 2.3](#). Further, suppose we have a Dirac operator  $D(W)$  on  $W$  so that

$$D(W) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\partial_t + D \\ \partial_t + D & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.2}$$

in a product neighbourhood of the boundary, where  $D$  is the Dirac operator on  $M$ . In this instance we say that  $D(W)$  *bounds*  $D$ . Then the APS index theorem [Atiyah et al. 1975a] states

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D^+(W) = \int_W \mathbf{I}(D^+(W)) - \eta(D). \tag{3.3}$$

The left-hand side is the index of  $D^+(W)$  with respect to a certain global boundary condition—the projection onto the nonnegative eigenspace of  $D$  must vanish. The integrand  $\mathbf{I}(D^+(W))$  is the constant term in the asymptotic expansion of the supertrace of the heat operator for  $D^+(W)$ , called the *index form* of the Dirac operator.

**Remark 3.1.** In (3.3), the eta invariant is as in (3.1), where the sign of the term  $h = \dim \ker D$  is negative. This is contingent on the orientation of  $M$  being consistent with the boundary orientation inherited from  $W$ . If the orientations are not compatible, then the sign of  $h$  is reversed in (3.3).

The map  $f$  in the cycle  $(M, S, f)$  determines a principle  $\pi$ -bundle over  $M$ . Given a representation  $\sigma_1 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , we can then form a flat vector bundle  $E_1 \rightarrow M$  and twist the Dirac operator  $D$  on  $S$  to obtain a Dirac operator  $D_1$  acting on sections of  $S \otimes E_1$ . Given a second representation  $\sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  we form another operator  $D_2$  on  $S \otimes E_2$  in the same way.

**Definition 3.2.** The *relative eta invariant*, or *rho invariant* associated to the two unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the  $K$ -cycle  $(M, S, f)$  for  $B\pi$ , and the choice of Dirac operator  $D$  for the  $K$ -cycle, is defined to be

$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; M, S, f) = \eta(D_1) - \eta(D_2).$$

The eta invariant of an operator depends sensitively on the operator itself, whereas the relative eta invariant is much more robust. The following is a restatement of [Higson and Roe 2010, Theorem 6.1], and is the reason for our omission of  $D$  in the above notation for the rho invariant.

**Theorem 3.3.** *The mod  $\mathbb{Z}$  reduction of the rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; M, S, f)$  for representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , depends only on the equivalence class of  $(M, S, f)$  in  $K_1(B\pi)$ , and on  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ . There is therefore a well-defined group homomorphism*

$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : K_1(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

The most complicated part of the proof is showing invariance under bundle modification. We will not repeat the full proof, however we will show invariance under bordism since the argument serves to motivate the end-periodic case.

*Proof.* Let  $(M, S, f)$  be a boundary—we will show that the rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; M, S, f)$  vanishes modulo  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $W$  be as in Definition 2.3 and let  $D(W)$  be a Dirac operator on  $W$  which bounds the Dirac operator  $D$  on  $M$ . Since the map  $f$  to  $B\pi$  extends to  $W$ , we find twisted Dirac operators  $D_1(W)$  and  $D_2(W)$  on  $W$  bounding the twisted operators  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  on  $M$ . Applying the APS index theorem separately to these operators gives

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D_i^+(W) = \int_W \mathbf{I}(D_i^+(W)) - \eta(D_i) \tag{3.4}$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $D_1(W)$  and  $D_2(W)$  are both twists of the same Dirac operator  $D(W)$  by flat bundles of dimension  $N$ , we have

$$\mathbf{I}(D_1^+(W)) = \mathbf{I}(D_2^+(W)) = N \cdot \mathbf{I}(D^+(W)).$$

Subtracting the two equations (3.4) from each other therefore yields

$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; M, S, f) = \eta(D_1) - \eta(D_2) = \text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D_2^+(W) - \text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D_1^+(W),$$

which is an integer.

Now, consider the negative cycle  $(-M, -S, f)$  for  $(M, S, f)$ . If  $D$  is a Dirac operator for  $(M, S, f)$ , then  $-D$  is a Dirac operator for  $(-M, -S, f)$ . From the definition of the eta invariant (3.1) and from Remark 3.1, we see that  $\eta(-D) = -\eta(D)$ . Finally, the eta invariant is clearly additive under disjoint unions of cycles. It follows that if two cycles are bordant, then their eta invariants agree modulo integers.  $\square$

Higson and Roe [2010] used this map on  $K$ -homology to obtain obstructions to positive scalar curvature for odd-dimensional manifolds. Our isomorphism of  $K$ -homologies will allow us to transfer their results to the even-dimensional case.

**3.2. Index theorem for end-periodic manifolds** [Mrowka et al. 2016]. Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev [2016] proved an index theorem for end-periodic Dirac operators on end-periodic manifolds, which generalises the Atiyah–Patodi–Singer index theorem. Rather than the eta invariant appearing as a correction term for the end, a new invariant called the *end-periodic eta invariant* appears, and this new invariant agrees with the eta invariant of Atiyah–Patodi–Singer in the case of a cylindrical end. In this section, we review the end-periodic index theorem of MRS, and give the necessary definitions and theorems required to define the end-periodic rho invariants. There is nothing new here, so the reader who is already familiar with the MRS index theorem may safely skip to Section 3.3

Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle, and let  $D(X)$  be a Dirac operator for the cycle. Let  $\tilde{X}$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -cover associated to  $\gamma$ , and let  $F : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the map which covers the classifying map  $X \rightarrow S^1$  for the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -cover  $\tilde{X}$ . Then  $F$  satisfies  $F(x+1) = F(x) + 1$ , where  $x+1$  denotes the image of  $x \in \tilde{X}$  under the fundamental covering translation. It follows that  $dF$  descends to a well-defined one-form on  $X$ , also denoted  $dF$ . Fixing a branch of the complex logarithm, define a family of operators

$$D_z(X) = D(X) - \ln(z) c(dF)$$

on  $X$ , where  $c(dF)$  is Clifford multiplication by  $dF$ , and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . These are in fact the operators obtained by conjugating the Dirac operator on  $\tilde{X}$  with the *Fourier–Laplace transform*—see Section 2.2 of [Mrowka et al. 2016] for more details. The *spectral set* of this family of operators is defined to be the set of  $z$  for which  $D_z(X)$  is not invertible. The spectral sets of the families  $D_z^\pm(X)$  are defined similarly.

Henceforth, we will take  $Z_\infty$  to be an end-periodic manifold with end modelled on  $(X, \gamma)$ . All objects on  $Z_\infty$  will be taken to be end-periodic, unless stated otherwise. Now, the Fredholm properties of the end-periodic operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$

are linked to the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$ . In fact, it follows from [Taubes 1987, Lemma 4.3], that  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is Fredholm if and only if the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$  is disjoint from the unit circle  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$ . Thus, a necessary (but not sufficient) condition for  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  to be Fredholm is that  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) = 0$ .

**Definition 3.4** (Mrowka et al. 2016). Suppose that the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$  is disjoint from the unit circle  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$ . The *end-periodic eta invariant* for the Dirac operator  $D^+(X)$  is then defined as

$$\eta^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^\infty \oint_{|z|=1} \text{Tr}(c(dF) \cdot D_z^+ \exp(-t D_z^- D_z^+)) \frac{dz}{z} dt,$$

where the Dirac operators in the integral are on  $X$ , and the contour integral over the unit circle is taken in the anticlockwise direction.

**Remark 3.5.** There is an equivalent definition of the eta invariant in terms of the von Neumann trace—see [Mrowka et al. 2016, Proposition 6.2], also [Atiyah 1976] for information on the von Neumann trace.

Suppose  $X = S^1 \times Y$ , where  $Y$  is a compact oriented odd dimensional manifold, and  $X$  is endowed with the product Riemannian metric. Assume the Dirac operator  $D(X)$  on  $X$  takes the form of that in the RHS of Equation (3.2), with  $D$  being the Dirac operator on  $Y$ . Then it is shown in [Mrowka et al. 2016, §6.3] that for  $dF = d\theta$ ,

$$\eta^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) = \eta(D).$$

We now state the end-periodic index theorem of Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev, in the case when the end-periodic operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is Fredholm. Recall that for  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  to be Fredholm, it is necessary that  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) = 0$ . The Atiyah–Singer index theorem then implies that the index form  $\mathbf{I}(D^+(X))$  is exact, so one can find a form  $\omega$  on  $X$  satisfying  $d\omega = \mathbf{I}(D^+(X))$ .

**Theorem 3.6** (MRS index theorem, [Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem A]). *Suppose that the end-periodic operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is Fredholm, and choose a form  $\omega$  on  $X$  such that  $d\omega = \mathbf{I}(D^+(X))$ . Then*

$$\text{Ind } D^+(Z_\infty) = \int_Z \mathbf{I}(D^+(Z)) - \int_Y \omega + \int_X dF \wedge \omega - \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\text{ep}}(X). \quad (3.5)$$

**Remarks 3.7.** The form  $\omega$  is called the *transgression class*—see [Gilkey 1984b, p. 306] for more details. In the case that the metric is a product near  $Y$ , one can choose  $F$  so that the two integrals involving the transgression class cancel, leaving a formula similar to the original APS formula. The theorem reduces to the APS index theorem [Atiyah et al. 1975a] when  $Z_\infty$  only has cylindrical ends.

When  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is *not* Fredholm, Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev are still able to prove an index theorem under the assumptions that the spectrum of the family  $D_z^+(X)$  is discrete, which in particular implies  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) = 0$ . This is analogous to the case in the APS index theorem when the Dirac operator  $D$  on the boundary has a nonzero kernel, and the correction  $h = \dim \ker D$  appears in the formula.

The key is to introduce the *weighted Sobolev spaces* on  $Z_\infty$  as follows. First recall that the Sobolev space  $L_k^2(Z_\infty, S)$  for an integer  $k \geq 0$ , is defined as the completion of  $C_0^\infty(Z_\infty, S)$  in the norm

$$\|u\|_{L_k^2(Z_\infty, S)}^2 = \sum_{j \leq k} \int_{Z_\infty} |\nabla^j u|^2$$

for a fixed choice of end-periodic metric and compatible end-periodic Clifford connection on  $Z_\infty$ . Now, restrict the upstairs covering map  $F : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to the half-cover  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$ , and choose an extension of this map to  $Z_\infty$ , which we continue to denote  $F$ . Given a weight  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$  and an integer  $k \geq 0$ , we say that  $u \in L_{k,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S)$  if  $e^{\delta F} u \in L_k^2(Z_\infty, S)$ . Define the  $L_{k,\delta}^2$ -norm by

$$\|u\|_{L_{k,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S)} = \|e^{\delta F} u\|_{L_k^2(Z_\infty, S)}.$$

It is easy to check that up to equivalence of norms, this is independent of the choice of extension of  $F$  to  $Z_\infty$ , since the region over which we are choosing an extension is compact. The spaces  $L_{k,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S)$  are all complete in this norm, and the operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  extends to a bounded operator

$$D^+(Z_\infty) : L_{k+1,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S^+) \rightarrow L_{k,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S^-) \quad (3.6)$$

for every  $k$  and  $\delta$ . The following theorem of [Taubes 1987] classifies Fredholmness of the operator (3.6) in terms of the family  $D_z^+(X) = D^+(X) - \ln(z) c(dF)$ .

**Lemma 3.8** (Taubes 1987, Lemma 4.3). *The operator*

$$D^+(Z_\infty) : L_{k+1,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S^+) \rightarrow L_{k,\delta}^2(Z_\infty, S^-)$$

*is Fredholm if and only if the operators  $D_z^+(X)$  are invertible for all  $z$  on the circle  $|z| = e^\delta$ .*

The usual  $L^2$ -case corresponds to the weighting  $\delta = 0$ , and hence we see by setting  $z = 1$ :

**Corollary 3.9.** *A necessary condition for the operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  to be Fredholm is that  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) = 0$ .*

The following result on the spectral set of the family is also due to Taubes, which suffices for our purposes.

**Theorem 3.10** (Taubes 1987, Theorem 3.1). *Suppose that  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) = 0$  and that the map  $c(dF) : \ker D^+(X) \rightarrow \ker D^-(X)$  is injective. Then the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$  is a discrete subset of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , and the operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is a Fredholm operator.*

It follows that the operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  acting on the Sobolev spaces of weight  $\delta$  is Fredholm for all but a closed discrete set of  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark 3.11.** There are two important instances where the hypothesis of [Theorem 3.10](#) is satisfied:

- (1) When  $X = S^1 \times M$  with the product metric, and the Dirac operator on  $X$  taking the form of [Equation \(3.2\)](#). In this case  $dF = d\theta$ , and  $c(d\theta)$  is as in part (b) of [Definition 2.3](#). This example shows that every class in  $K^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$  has a representative with discrete spectral set.
- (2) When  $X$  is spin with positive scalar curvature and  $D^+(X)$  is the spin Dirac operator on  $X$  (or more generally,  $D^+(X)$  twisted by a flat bundle). In this case Lichnerowicz' vanishing theorem implies that  $\ker D^+(X)$  and  $\ker D^-(X)$  are trivial. In the applications to positive scalar curvature, we will always assume  $X$  to be spin, so that this assumption is satisfied.

[Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem C] extends [Theorem 3.6](#) to the non-Fredholm case that applies to operators such as the signature operator and is analogous to the extended  $L^2$  case considered in [Atiyah et al. 1975a].

We allow for the case where the family has poles lying on the unit circle, in which case the operator  $D^+(X)$  is not Fredholm. By discreteness of the spectral set, the family  $D_z^+(X)$  has no poles for  $z$  sufficiently close to (but not lying on) the unit circle, and hence there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for all  $0 < \delta < \epsilon$  the operators  $D_z^+(Z_\infty)$  acting on the  $\delta$ -weighted Sobolev spaces are all Fredholm (see [Lemma 3.8](#)). The index does not change under small variations of  $\delta$  in this region, and we denote it by  $\text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}} D^+(Z_\infty)$ . This is the regularised form of the index which appears in the full MRS index theorem.

There are two more quantities to define which appear in the full MRS index theorem. First of all, the end-periodic eta invariant in [Definition 3.4](#) is no longer well defined if the family  $D_z^+(X)$  has poles on the unit circle. Letting  $\epsilon > 0$  be sufficiently small so that there are no poles in  $e^{-\epsilon} < |z| < e^\epsilon$  except for those with  $|z| = 1$ , define

$$\eta_\epsilon^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^\infty \oint_{|z|=e^\epsilon} \text{Tr}(df \cdot D_z^+ \exp(-t(D_z^+)^* D_z^+)) \frac{dz}{z} dt, \quad (3.7)$$

where the integral is taken to be the constant term of its asymptotic expansion in powers of  $t$ . Define

$$\eta_{\pm}^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0\pm} \eta_{\epsilon}^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)),$$

and

$$\eta^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) = \frac{1}{2} [\eta_+^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X)) + \eta_-^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X))]. \quad (3.8)$$

It is this incarnation of the eta invariant which will appear in the MRS index theorem. Since  $(D_z^+)^* = D_z^-$  for  $|z| = 1$  this definition of  $\eta^{\text{ep}}(X)$  agrees with [Definition 3.4](#) when there are no poles on the unit circle.

The last term to define is the analog of  $h = \dim \ker D$  appearing in the APS index theorem. The family  $D_z^+(X)^{-1}$  is meromorphic, so if  $z \in S^1$  is a pole then it has some finite order  $m$ . Define  $d(z)$ , as in [\[Mrowka et al. 2011, §6.3\]](#), to be the dimension of the vector space solutions  $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m)$  to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} D_z^+(X)\varphi_1 &= c(dF)\varphi_2, \\ &\vdots \\ D_z^+(X)\varphi_{m-1} &= c(dF)\varphi_m, \\ D_z^+(X)\varphi_m &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

For  $z$  not in the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$ , we have  $d(z) = 0$ . The term  $h$  in the MRS index theorem is defined as the finite sum of integers

$$h = \sum_{|z|=1} d(z).$$

**Remark 3.12.** The integers  $d(z)$  give a formula for the change in index when one varies the weight  $\delta$ ; if  $\text{Ind}_{\delta} D^+(Z_{\infty})$  denotes the index of  $D^+(Z_{\infty})$  acting on the  $\delta$ -weighted Sobolev spaces, then one has for  $\delta < \delta'$  that

$$\text{Ind}_{\delta} D^+(Z_{\infty}) - \text{Ind}_{\delta'} D^+(Z_{\infty}) = \sum_{e^{\delta} < |z| < e^{\delta'}} d(z).$$

**Theorem 3.13** (MRS index theorem [\[Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem C\]](#)). *Suppose the spectral set of  $D_z^+(X)$  is a discrete subset of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , and let  $\omega$  be a form on  $X$  such that  $d\omega = \mathbf{I}(D^+(X))$ . Then*

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}} D^+(Z_{\infty}) = \int_Z \mathbf{I}(D^+(Z)) - \int_Y \omega + \int_X dF \wedge \omega - \frac{1}{2}(h + \eta^{\text{ep}}(D^+(X))).$$

**3.3. End-periodic  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ -index theorem.** Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  be unitary representations of the discrete group  $\pi$ . Using the end-periodic eta invariant of MRS, we will define an end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  analogous to the rho invariant in the APS case. This will determine a map from end-periodic  $K$ -homology to

$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ , however we must be more careful about how we define the rho invariant due to the MRS index theorem not being applicable to all operators.

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle. Assume we can choose a covering function  $F : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that the spectral sets of the families of the twisted operators  $D_1^+(X)$  and  $D_2^+(X)$  are discrete. Then we define the *end-periodic rho invariant* to be

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f) = \frac{1}{2}[h_1 + \eta^{\text{ep}}(D_1^+(X)) - h_2 - \eta^{\text{ep}}(D_2^+(X))].$$

By [Mrowka et al. 2016, Lemma 8.2], this definition is independent of the choice of such function  $F$ , if it exists.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Whenever it is defined, the mod  $\mathbb{Z}$  reduction of the end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f)$  associated to  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  depends only on the representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and the equivalence class of  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  in  $K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$ . Moreover, every equivalence class has a representative with a well-defined rho invariant. Hence there is a well-defined group homomorphism*

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

Furthermore, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & K_1(B\pi) \\ \rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \searrow & & \swarrow \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} & & \end{array}$$

Hence, even if the spectral set of  $D^+(X)$  is not discrete, we can still define its  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  end-periodic rho invariant in a perfectly reasonable and consistent manner. This allows us to define the  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  invariant, for instance, in the case where  $\text{Ind } D^+(X) \neq 0$ . For the applications to positive scalar curvature, the end-periodic rho invariant is well-defined and given by the usual formula (3.8), since in Remark 3.11 we have noted that the spectral sets of its twisted operators are discrete.

*Proof.* That every equivalence class in  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -homology has a representative with discrete spectral set follows from the proof of Theorem 3.3—the cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is bordant to the cycle  $(S^1 \times Y, S^+ \oplus S^+, d\theta, f)$ , which has discrete spectral set by part (1) of Remark 3.11.

As we shall see, it is only necessary to prove invariance of  $\rho^{\text{ep}}$  under bordism, and then Theorem 3.3 will imply invariance under the other relations defining  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -homology. First suppose that  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is a boundary with Dirac operator  $D^+(X)$  such that the families associated to the twisted operators  $D_1^+(X)$  and  $D_2^+(X)$  have discrete spectral sets. We apply the MRS index theorem to each

operator separately to get

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}} D_i^+(Z_\infty) = \int_Z \mathbf{I}(D_i^+(Z)) - \int_Y \omega_i + \int_X dF \wedge \omega_i - \frac{1}{2} h_i + \eta^{\text{ep}}(D_i^+(X))$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ . Now, since we are twisting by flat vector bundles, both the index form and the transgression classes for the twisted operators are constant multiples of the index form and transgression class of the original operator. Hence when we subtract the two equations, the terms involving these vanish and we are left with

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f) = \text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}} D_2^+(Z_\infty) - \text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}} D_1^+(Z_\infty),$$

which is an integer. The end-periodic rho invariant behaves additively under disjoint unions of cycles and changes sign when the negative of a cycle is taken. This proves bordism invariance mod  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Now the  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  with discrete spectral sets is bordant to  $(S^1 \times Y, S^+ \oplus S^+, d\theta, f)$ , where  $Y$  is Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ . By [Mrowka et al. 2016, §6.3], the end-periodic rho invariant of  $(S^1 \times Y, S^+ \oplus S^+, d\theta, f)$  is equal to the rho invariant of the  $K$ -cycle  $(Y, S^+, f)$ . Hence

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f) = \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; Y, S^+, f) \text{ mod } \mathbb{Z}.$$

The isomorphism  $K_1(B\pi) \cong K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi)$  then immediately implies the theorem.  $\square$

#### 4. End-periodic bordism groups

In this section, we recall the definition of the spin bordism groups, and introduce the analogous bordism groups in the end-periodic setting. As for  $K$ -homology, there are natural isomorphisms between the spin bordism groups and the end-periodic spin bordism groups. We also consider the PSC spin bordism groups described in Botvinnik and Gilkey [1995], and define the corresponding end-periodic PSC spin bordism groups. Throughout, we take  $m \geq 5$  to be a positive odd integer.

**4.1. Spin bordism and end-periodic spin bordism.** We recall the definition of the spin bordism group  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$  for a discrete group  $\pi$ .

**Definition 4.1.** An  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$  is a triple  $(M, \sigma, f)$ , where  $M$  is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold of dimension  $m$ ,  $\sigma$  is a choice of spin structure on  $M$ , and  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$  is a continuous map.

The *negative* of an  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  is  $(-M, \sigma, f)$ , where  $-M$  is  $M$  with the reversed orientation. An  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  is a *boundary* if there exists a compact oriented Riemannian manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = M$ , a spin structure on  $W$  whose restriction to the boundary is the spin structure  $\sigma$ , and a continuous map  $W \rightarrow B\pi$  extending the map  $f$ . Two  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycles  $(M, \sigma, f)$  and  $(M', \sigma', f')$  are *bordant* if  $(M, \sigma, f) \sqcup (-M', \sigma', f')$  is a boundary.

**Definition 4.2.** The  $m$ -dimensional spin bordism group  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$  for  $B\pi$ , consists of  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycles for  $B\pi$  modulo the equivalence relation of bordism. It is an abelian group with addition given by disjoint union of cycles.

The end-periodic spin bordism group  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$ , is defined in an analogous way to the end-periodic  $K$ -homology group.

**Definition 4.3.** An  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$  is a quadruple  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  where  $X$  is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold of dimension  $m + 1$ ,  $\sigma$  is a spin structure on  $X$ ,  $\gamma$  is a cohomology class in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  that is primitive on each component of  $X$ , and  $f : X \rightarrow B\pi$  is a continuous map.

The definition of a boundary is essentially the same as for end-periodic  $K$ -homology.

**Definition 4.4.** An  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}$ -cycle  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  is a *boundary* if there exists an end-periodic oriented Riemannian spin manifold  $Z_\infty$  with end modelled on  $(X, \gamma)$ , such that the pulled back spin structure  $\sigma$  on the periodic end extends to  $Z_\infty$ , as does the pulled back map  $f$  to  $B\pi$ .

The *negative* of a cycle  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  is  $(X, \sigma, -\gamma, f)$ . As before, we introduce the additional relation of *orientation/sign*:

$$(X, \sigma, -\gamma, f) \sim (-X, \sigma, \gamma, f).$$

Two  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}$ -cycles  $(X, \gamma, \sigma, f)$  and  $(X', \gamma', \sigma', f')$  are *bordant* if  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f) \sqcup (X, \sigma, -\gamma, f)$  is a boundary.

**Definition 4.5.** The  $m$ -dimensional *end-periodic spin bordism group*  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$  consists of  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}$ -cycles modulo the equivalence relation generated by bordism and orientation/sign, with addition given by disjoint union.

Analogous to the  $K$ -homology groups from [Section 2](#), there is a canonical isomorphism between the spin bordism and end-periodic spin bordism groups which we will now describe.

The map  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi) \rightarrow \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$  takes a  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  to  $(S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$ , where  $S^1 \times M$  has the product orientation and Riemannian metric,  $1 \times \sigma$  is the product spin structure of the trivial spin structure  $1$  on  $S^1$  with the spin structure  $\sigma$  on  $M$ ,  $d\theta$  is the standard generator of the first cohomology of  $S^1$ , and  $f$  is the obvious extension of  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$  to  $S^1 \times M$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** *The map which sends an  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  to the*

$$\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)\text{-cycle } (S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$$

*is well-defined on spin bordism groups.*

*Proof.* If  $(M, \sigma, f)$  and  $(M', \sigma', f')$  are bordant, with  $W$  bounding their disjoint union, then  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times M$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} \times M'$  can be joined using  $W$  to form an end-periodic manifold  $Z_\infty$  with multiple ends. All structures extend to  $Z_\infty$  by assumption, hence the two  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$ -cycles  $(S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$  and  $(-S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma', -d\theta, f')$  are bordant. Using the orientation/sign relation, we see that  $(S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$  and  $(S^1 \times M', 1 \times \sigma', d\theta, f')$  are equivalent.  $\square$

Now for the map  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi) \rightarrow \Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$ . Let  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  be an  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , and  $Y$  be a submanifold of  $X$  Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ . We equip  $Y$  with the induced spin structure and orientation from  $\gamma$ . Explicitly, the orientation of  $Y$  is as in the paragraph after [Definition 2.9](#), and the restricted spin structure is obtained first by cutting  $X$  open along  $Y$  to get a manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = Y \sqcup -Y$ , and then taking the boundary spin structure on the positively oriented component  $Y$  of  $\partial W$ . This yields an  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}$ -cycle  $(Y, \sigma, f)$ , where  $\sigma$  and  $f$  are restricted to  $Y$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** *The map taking an  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  to the  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(Y, \sigma, f)$  described above is well-defined on bordism groups.*

*Proof.* Independence of the choice of  $Y$  is proved as for the  $K$ -homology case, only with spin structures instead of Dirac bundles. It is clear that the orientation/sign relation is respected, since both  $(X, \sigma, -\gamma, f)$  and  $(-X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  get sent to  $(-Y, \sigma, f)$ . If  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  and  $(X', \sigma', \gamma', f')$  are bordant, then there is a compact manifold  $Z$  with boundary  $\partial Z = Y \sqcup -Y'$  such that the spin structures and maps extend over  $Z$ . But this shows that  $(Y, \sigma, f)$  and  $(Y', \sigma', f')$  are bordant.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** *The above maps of bordism groups are inverse to each other, and so define a natural isomorphism of abelian groups  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi) \cong \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* A cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  gets mapped to  $(S^1 \times M, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$ , which gets returned to  $(M, 1 \times \sigma, f)$ , where the latter two entries are restricted to  $M$ . It is straightforward to check that the product spin structure  $1 \times \sigma$  restricted to  $M$  yields the original spin structure  $\sigma$ . Therefore we obtain our original cycle  $(M, \sigma, f)$  after mapping it to and from end-periodic bordism.

Now let  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  be an end-periodic cycle, with submanifold  $Y$  Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ . This maps to a cycle  $(Y, \sigma, f)$ , where the latter two structures are restricted from  $X$ , and this maps back to  $(S^1 \times Y, 1 \times \sigma, d\theta, f)$ . The same argument as in the proof of [Definition 2.9](#) shows that this is bordant to  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$ .  $\square$

**4.2. PSC spin bordism and end-periodic PSC spin bordism.** Botvinnik and Gilkey [1995] use a variant of spin cobordism tailored to the setting of manifolds with positive scalar curvature, which we now recall.

**Definition 4.9.** A  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}$ -cycle is a quadruple  $(M, g, \sigma, f)$ , where  $M$  is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold of dimension  $m$  with a metric  $g$  of positive scalar curvature,  $\sigma$  is a spin structure on  $M$ , and  $f : M \rightarrow B\pi$  is a continuous map.

The negative of  $(M, g, \sigma, f)$  is  $(-M, g, \sigma, f)$ , as before. A cycle  $(M, g, \sigma, f)$  is called a *boundary* if there is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold  $W$  with boundary  $\partial W = M$  so that the spin structure  $\sigma$  and map  $f$  extend to  $W$ . It is also required that  $W$  has a metric of positive scalar curvature that is a product metric  $dt^2 + g$  in a neighbourhood of the boundary. Two cycles are *bordant* if the disjoint union of one with the negative of the other is a boundary.

**Definition 4.10.** The *PSC spin bordism group*  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi)$  for  $B\pi$  consists of  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}$ -cycles modulo bordism, with addition given by disjoint union.

We now define the end-periodic PSC spin bordism group  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi)$  for  $B\pi$ .

**Definition 4.11.** An  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}$ -cycle is a quintuple  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$ , where  $X$  is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold of dimension  $m+1$  with a metric  $g$  of positive scalar curvature,  $\sigma$  is a choice of spin structure on  $X$ ,  $\gamma$  is a cohomology class in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  whose restriction to each component of  $X$  is primitive, and  $f : X \rightarrow B\pi$  is a continuous map. We further require that there is a submanifold  $Y$  of  $X$  that is Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ , such that the induced metric on  $Y$  has positive scalar curvature, and the metric on  $X$  is a product metric  $dt^2 + g_Y$  in a neighbourhood of  $Y$ .

Let  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  be an  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}$ -cycle and take  $Y \subset X$  to be a submanifold with PSC that is Poincaré dual to  $\gamma$ , having the product metric in a tubular neighbourhood. As before we form  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$ , where the  $W_k$  are isometric copies of  $X$  cut open along  $Y$ . For  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  to be a *boundary* means that there is a compact oriented Riemannian spin manifold  $Z$  of positive scalar curvature, whose metric is a product near the boundary, which can be attached to  $X_1$  along  $Y$  to form a complete oriented Riemannian spin manifold of PSC  $Z_\infty = Z \cup_Y X_1$ , such that the pulled back spin structure  $\sigma$  and map  $f$  on  $X_1$  extend over  $Z$ .

The *negative* of  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  is  $(X, g, \sigma, -\gamma, f)$ , and we have the *orientation/sign* relation

$$(X, g, \sigma, -\gamma, f) \sim (-X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f).$$

Two  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}$ -cycles are *bordant* if the disjoint union of one with the negative of the other is a boundary.

**Definition 4.12.** The  $m$ -dimensional *end-periodic PSC spin bordism group*  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi)$  for  $B\pi$  consists of  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}$ -cycles modulo bordism and orientation/sign, with addition given by disjoint union.

**Theorem 4.13.** *There is a canonical isomorphism  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi) \cong \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi)$ .*

The maps are exactly as for the spin bordism theories, only when mapping from  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi)$  to  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi)$  the Poincaré dual submanifold  $Y$  must be taken to have PSC and a product metric in a tubular neighbourhood.

*Proof.* As before. □

**4.3. Rho invariants.** Given a triple  $(M, \sigma, f)$  and two unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , we define the rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; M, \sigma, f)$  as before, using the spin Dirac operator for the cycle  $(M, S, f)$ . We also define the end-periodic rho invariant for cycles  $(X, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  in an entirely analogous manner, using the end-periodic eta invariant of MRS instead. Of course, we must again be careful with the definition, allowing only the rho invariant for cycles whose twisted operators have discrete spectral sets to be defined in terms of the true end-periodic eta invariants—all others are defined by taking bordant cycles with discrete spectra. We remark also that in the case of positive scalar curvature, the  $h$ -terms appearing in the definition of the rho invariants vanish.

**Theorem 4.14.** *The rho invariant extends to a well-defined homomorphism*

$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z},$$

as does the end-periodic rho invariant

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

Furthermore, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin}}(B\pi) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \Omega_m^{\text{spin}}(B\pi) \\ \rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \searrow & & \swarrow \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} & & \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Apply the APS and MRS index theorems respectively, and use the isomorphism of [Theorem 4.8](#). □

Now for the positive scalar curvature case.

**Theorem 4.15.** *The rho invariant extends to a well-defined homomorphism*

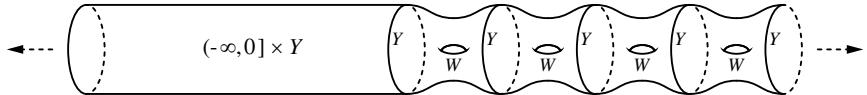
$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

as does the end-periodic rho invariant

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Furthermore, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi) \\ \rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \searrow & & \swarrow \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ \mathbb{R} & & \end{array}$$



**Figure 4.** End-periodic manifold with two ends.

**Remark 4.16.** The end-periodic rho invariant appearing in the theorem is given on all representatives of equivalence classes as the genuine difference of the twisted eta invariants as in formula (3.8), due to [Remark 3.11](#).

For the proof, we will need the following (see [\[Mrowka et al. 2016, Proposition 8.5 \(ii\)\]](#)).

**Lemma 4.17.** *If  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$  is an  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep, spin}, +}$ -cycle and  $(Y, g, \sigma, f)$  is the  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin}, +}$ -cycle it maps to, then*

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f) = \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; Y, g, \sigma, f).$$

*Proof.* We join  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times Y$  to  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$  together as in [Figure 4](#) to form an end-periodic spin manifold  $Z_\infty$  with two ends. [\[Mrowka et al. 2016, Lemma 8.1\]](#) (which uses the results of Gromov and Lawson [\[1983\]](#)) gives that the spin Dirac operator  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  is Fredholm and has zero index. The same holds for its twisted counterparts. Applying the MRS index theorem to the two twisted spin Dirac operators  $D_1^+(Z_\infty)$  and  $D_2^+(Z_\infty)$ , and subtracting the equations as per usual then yields the result.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.15.* See [\[Botvinnik and Gilkey 1995, Theorem 1.1\]](#) for the proof that the map  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \Omega_m^{\text{spin}, +}(B\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is well-defined. [Lemma 4.17](#) and the isomorphism of [Theorem 4.13](#) then immediately imply the result.  $\square$

## 5. End-periodic structure group

Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  be unitary representations of the discrete group  $\pi$ . Recall the definition of the structure group  $S_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  of Higson–Roe, starting from [\[Higson and Roe 2010, Definition 8.7\]](#).

**Definition 5.1.** An *odd  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle* is a quintuple  $(M, S, f, D, n)$  where  $(M, S, f)$  is an odd  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ ,  $D$  is a Dirac operator for  $(M, S, f)$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

A  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle  $(M, S, f, D, n)$  is a *boundary* if the  $K$ -cycle  $(M, S, f)$  is bounded by a manifold  $W$  (as in [Definition 2.3](#)) and there are Dirac operators  $D_1(W)$  and  $D_2(W)$  on  $W$  which bound the twisted Dirac operators  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  on  $M$ , such that

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D_1^+(W) - \text{Ind}_{\text{APS}} D_2^+(W) = n.$$

Since we are no longer looking at rho invariants modulo integers or at spin Dirac operators, we will denote by  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f)$  the rho invariant of [Definition 3.2](#), indicating its possible dependence on the Dirac operator  $D$ .

**Lemma 5.2** ([Higson and Roe 2010](#), Lemma 8.10). *If a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle  $(M, S, f, D, n)$  is a boundary, then  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f) + n = 0$ .*

**Definition 5.3.** The *relative eta invariant*, or *rho invariant* of the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle  $(M, S, f, D, n)$  is  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f) + n$ .

The *disjoint union* of  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycles is defined as,

$$(M, S, f, D, n) \sqcup (M', S', f', D', n') = (M \sqcup M', S \sqcup S', f \sqcup f', D \sqcup D', n + n').$$

The *negative* of a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle  $(M, S, f, D, n)$ , is defined as,

$$-(M, S, f, D, n) = (M, -S, f, -D, h_1 - h_2 - n),$$

where  $h_1 = \dim \ker(D_1)$  and  $h_2 = \dim \ker(D_2)$ . Two  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycles are *bordant* if the disjoint union of one cycle with the negative of the other is a boundary.

The two remaining relations to define are:

- *Direct sum/disjoint union*:

$$(M, S \oplus S', f, D \oplus D', n) \sim (M \sqcup M, S \sqcup S', f \sqcup f, D \sqcup D', n).$$

- *Bundle Modification*: If  $(\hat{M}, \hat{S}, \hat{f})$  is an elementary bundle modification of  $(M, S, f)$  with the Dirac operator  $\hat{D}$  from [2.5](#), then

$$(M, S, f, D, n) \sim (\hat{M}, \hat{S}, \hat{f}, \hat{D}, n).$$

**Definition 5.4.** The structure group  $S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , is the set of equivalence classes of  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycles under the equivalence relation generated by bordism, direct sum/disjoint union, and bundle modification. It is an abelian group with addition is given by disjoint union.

In [\[Higson and Roe 2010, Proposition 8.14\]](#), it is proved that the relative eta invariant of a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -cycle depends only on the class that the cycle determines in  $S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ . Hence there is a well-defined group homomorphism  $\rho : S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by

$$\rho(M, S, f, D, n) = \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f) + n.$$

**5.1. End-periodic structure group.** We define in a parallel manner the end-periodic structure group  $S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

**Definition 5.5.** An *odd  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle* is a sextuple  $(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$  where  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is a  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ ,  $D$  is a Dirac operator for  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We additionally assume that the spectral set of the family  $D_z^+(X)$  is discrete.

A  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, f, \gamma, D, n)$  is a *boundary* if the  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  is a boundary (Definition 2.10), and moreover there is a Dirac operator  $D(Z_\infty)$  on the manifold  $Z_\infty$  extending the Dirac operator  $D$  on  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$  such that the difference of the MRS indices

$$\text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}}(D_1^+(Z_\infty)) - \text{Ind}_{\text{MRS}}(D_2^+(Z_\infty)) = n.$$

Here the  $D_i^+(Z_\infty)$  are the twists of  $D^+(Z_\infty)$  by the flat vector bundles determined by the extension of  $f$  to  $Z_\infty$  and by  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ . We can show the analog of Lemma 5.2

**Lemma 5.6.** *If a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$  is a boundary, then*

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f, \gamma) + n = 0.$$

We call the quantity  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f, \gamma) + n$  the *end-periodic rho invariant* of the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$ .

The *disjoint union* of  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (X, S, f, \gamma, D, n) \amalg (X', S', \gamma', f', D', n') \\ = (X \amalg X', S \amalg S', \gamma \amalg \gamma', f \amalg f', D \amalg D', n + n'). \end{aligned}$$

The *negative* of a  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$ , is

$$-(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n) = (X, S, -\gamma, f, D, h_1 - h_2 - n),$$

where  $h_1, h_2$  are the integers occurring in the MRS index theorem associated to  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ . Two  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles are *bordant* if the disjoint union of one with the negative of the other is a boundary. We also have:

- *Direct sum/disjoint union:*

$$(X, S \oplus S', \gamma + \gamma' f, D \oplus D', n) \sim (X \amalg M, S \amalg S', \gamma \amalg \gamma', f \amalg f, D \amalg D', n).$$

- *Bundle modification:* If  $(\hat{X}, \hat{S}, \hat{\gamma}, \hat{f})$  is an elementary bundle modification of  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  and  $\hat{D}$  is the Dirac operator of Remark 2.5, then

$$(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n) \sim (\hat{X}, \hat{S}, \hat{\gamma}, \hat{f}, \hat{D}, n).$$

- *Orientation/sign:*

$$(X, S, -\gamma, f, D, n) \sim (-X, \Pi(S), \gamma, f, D, n).$$

**Definition 5.7.** The end-periodic structure group, denoted by  $S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , is the set of equivalence classes of  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycles under the equivalence relation generated by bordism, direct sum/disjoint union, bundle modification, and orientation/sign. It is an abelian group with unit and addition is given by disjoint union.

Define the group homomorphism  $\rho^{\text{ep}} : S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by the formula

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(X, S, \gamma, f, D, n) = \rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; D, f, \gamma) + n.$$

Then the following theorem is the analog of [Theorem 3.15](#) is proved in a similar way.

**Theorem 5.8.** *The end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(X, S, \gamma, f, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) + n$  associated to the  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle  $(M, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$  depends only on the equivalence class of  $(M, S, \gamma, f, D, n)$  in  $S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ . Hence there is a well-defined group homomorphism*

$$\rho^{\text{ep}} : S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Furthermore, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & S_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ \rho^{\text{ep}} \searrow & & \swarrow \rho \\ & \mathbb{R} & \end{array}$$

Here the maps

$$S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \leftrightarrow S_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

are the analog of the maps in  $K$ -homologies given earlier.

Also, Higson and Roe establish a commuting diagram of short exact sequences; see [\[Higson and Roe 2010\]](#), the paragraph below Definition 8.6,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & S_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \longrightarrow & K_1(B\pi) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow = & & \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow \rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array} \tag{5.1}$$

By Theorems 5.8 and 3.15, we deduce that there is a commuting diagram of short exact sequences,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & S_1^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \longrightarrow & K_1^{\text{ep}}(B\pi) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow = & & \downarrow \rho^{\text{ep}} & & \downarrow \rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array} \tag{5.2}$$

This tells us when the  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ -index theorem can be refined to an  $\mathbb{R}$ -index theorem.

## 6. Applications to positive scalar curvature

Using the above isomorphisms of  $K$ -homologies and cobordism theories, we can immediately transfer results on positive scalar curvature from the odd-dimensional case to the even-dimensional case in which a primitive 1-form is given.

**6.1. Odd-dimensional results in the literature.** First we will state the odd-dimensional results that we will be generalising to the even-dimensional case using our isomorphisms. The first ones are obstructions to positive scalar curvature.

**Theorem 6.1** (Weinberger 1988; Higson and Roe 2010, Theorem 6.9). *Let  $(M, S, f)$  be an odd  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $M$  is an odd dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature, and  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $M$ . Then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2 ; M, S, f)$  is a rational number.*

**Theorem 6.2** (Higson and Roe 2010, Remark 6.10). *Let  $(M, S, f)$  be an odd  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $M$  is an odd dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature, and  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $M$ . If the maximal Baum–Connes map for  $\pi$  is injective, then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2 ; M, S, f)$  is an integer.*

**Remarks 6.3.** The maximal Baum–Connes map for  $\pi$  is injective whenever for instance  $\pi$  is a torsion-free linear discrete group [Guentner et al. 2005].

**Theorem 6.4** (Higson and Roe 2010, Theorem 1.1; Keswani 2000). *Let  $(M, S, f)$  be an odd  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $M$  is an odd dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature, and  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $M$ . If the maximal Baum–Connes conjecture holds for  $\pi$ , then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated rho invariant  $\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2 ; M, S, f)$  is zero.*

**Remarks 6.5.** The maximal Baum–Connes conjecture holds for  $\pi$  whenever  $\pi$  is  $K$ -amenable.

We now turn to a result on the number of path components of the moduli space of PSC metrics modulo diffeomorphism,  $\mathfrak{M}^+(M)$ . Denote for a group  $\pi$ , the representation ring  $R(\pi)$  consisting of formal differences of finite dimensional unitary representations, and let  $R_0(\pi)$  be those formal differences with virtual dimension zero (an element of  $R_0(\pi)$  can be thought of as an ordered pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ ). Following Botvinnik and Gilkey [1995], introduce the subgroups

$$R_0^\pm(\pi) = \{\alpha \in R_0(\pi) : \text{tr}(\alpha(\lambda)) = \pm \text{tr}(\alpha(\lambda^{-1})) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \pi\}$$

and define

$$r_m(\pi) = \begin{cases} \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} R_0^+(\pi) & \text{if } m = 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} R_0^-(\pi) & \text{if } m = 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

The following is a result of Botvinnik and Gilkey on the number of path components of the moduli space of PSC metrics modulo diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 6.6** (Botvinnik and Gilkey 1995, Theorem 0.3). *Let  $M$  be a compact connected spin manifold of odd dimension  $m \geq 5$  admitting a metric of positive scalar curvature. Suppose that  $\pi = \pi_1(M)$  is finite and nontrivial, and that  $r_m(\pi) > 0$ . Then the moduli space of PSC metrics modulo diffeomorphism  $\mathfrak{M}^+(M)$  has infinitely many path components.*

Their proof involves finding a countably indexed family of metrics  $g_i$  of positive scalar curvature on  $M$  so that  $\rho(M, g_i) \neq \rho(M, g_j)$  for  $i \neq j$ . If these metrics were homotopic through PSC metrics, then they would lie in the same PSC bordism class and hence have equal rho invariants. We will extend this result to the even-dimensional case under the additional hypothesis of “psc-adaptability”; see [Definition 6.11](#).

**6.2. Our even-dimensional results.** In the following theorems, we assume that  $Y$  is a submanifold of  $X$  that is Poincaré dual to a primitive class  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that the scalar curvature of  $Y$  in the induced metric is positive. In fact, the theorems even hold under the weaker hypothesis that the induced metric on  $Y$  is conformal to a metric of positive scalar curvature. By a theorem of [\[Schoen and Yau 1979\]](#), if  $\dim(X) = n \leq 7$ , then every homology class in  $H_{n-1}(X, \mathbb{Z})$  has a representative that is a smooth, orientable minimal hypersurface. It follows that if  $X$  is spin with positive scalar curvature, then a Poincaré dual to a primitive class  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  can be chosen to be a smooth, spin minimal hypersurface  $Y$ , such that the induced metric on  $Y$  is conformal to one of positive scalar curvature. So this weaker assumption is automatically true when  $\dim(X) = n \leq 7$ .

The following is our even-dimensional analog of [Theorem 6.1](#).

**Theorem 6.7.** *Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be an odd  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $X$  is an even-dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature,  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $X$  and  $\gamma$  a primitive class in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that there is a Poincaré dual submanifold  $Y$  whose scalar curvature in the induced metric is positive. Then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f)$  is a rational number.*

*Proof.* The odd  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ ,  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  determines an odd  $K$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ ,  $(Y, S^+, f)$  where  $Y$  is a Poincaré dual submanifold for  $\gamma$  having positive scalar curvature, and is given the induced spin structure from  $X$ . By [Theorem 6.1](#),

$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; Y, S^+, f) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . By [Theorem 3.15](#) it follows that  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f) \in \mathbb{Q}$  as claimed.  $\square$

Next is our even-dimensional analog of [Theorem 6.2](#), and is argued as above.

**Theorem 6.8.** *Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be an odd  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $X$  is an even-dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature,  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $X$  and  $\gamma$  a primitive class in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that there is a Poincaré dual submanifold  $Y$  whose scalar curvature in the induced metric is positive. If the maximal Baum–Connes map for  $\pi$  is injective, then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f)$  is an integer.*

*Proof.* As for [Theorem 6.7](#).  $\square$

Here is the even-dimensional analog of [Theorem 6.4](#).

**Theorem 6.9.** *Let  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  be an odd  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ , where  $X$  is an even-dimensional spin manifold with a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature,  $S$  is the bundle of spinors on  $X$  and  $\gamma$  a primitive class in  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that there is a Poincaré dual submanifold  $Y$  whose scalar curvature in the induced metric is positive. If the maximal Baum–Connes conjecture holds for  $\pi$ , then for any pair of unitary representations  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$ , the associated end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f)$  is zero.*

*Proof.* The odd  $K^{\text{ep}}$ -cycle for  $B\pi$ ,  $(X, S, \gamma, f)$  determines an odd  $K$ -cycle  $(Y, S^+, f)$  for  $B\pi$ , where  $Y$  is a Poincaré dual submanifold for  $\gamma$  having positive scalar curvature, and is endowed with the induced spin structure. By [Theorem 6.4](#),

$$\rho(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; Y, S^+, f) = 0.$$

By [4.17](#) it follows that  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2; X, S, \gamma, f) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Example 6.10.** Although  $\rho$ -invariants are difficult to compute, nevertheless thanks to many authors, there is now a decent set of computations that are available. We can use these to compute end-periodic rho invariants, which we will show in a simple example. Consider  $Y = S^1$  with the trivial spin structure. Then unitary characters  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of the fundamental group of  $S^1$  can be identified with real numbers, and a computation (see [\[Gilkey 1984b, p. 82\]](#)) says that the rho invariant of the spin Dirac operator is  $\rho(S^1, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2 \bmod \mathbb{Z}$ . In particular,  $\rho(S^1, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  can take on any real value  $\bmod \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $W$  be a spin cobordism from  $S^1$  to  $S^1$ , and  $\Sigma$  be the compact spin Riemann surface (whose genus is  $\geq 1$ ) obtained as a result of gluing the two boundary components of  $W$ . Then  $S^1$  is a codimension one submanifold of  $\Sigma$  that represents a generator  $a$  of  $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ . We can extend the characters  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of  $a\mathbb{Z}$  to all of  $\pi_1(\Sigma)$  by declaring them to be trivial on the other generators. Then by [Theorem 3.15](#), it follows that  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(\Sigma, \gamma, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2$

$\text{mod } \mathbb{Z}$ , can take on any real value  $\text{mod } \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\gamma$  is the degree one cohomology class on  $\Sigma$  which is Poincaré dual to  $S^1$ . We conclude by [Theorem 6.7](#) that the Riemann surface  $\Sigma$  does not admit a PSC metric. This of course can also be proved by the Gauss–Bonnet theorem and is well-known.

The construction generalises easily to any odd dimensional spin manifold  $Y$  with nonzero rho invariant  $\rho(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \neq 0 \text{ mod } \mathbb{Z}$ . We conclude by [Theorem 3.15](#) that the resulting even dimensional spin manifold  $X$  constructed from a spin cobordism from  $Y$  to itself, has nonzero end-periodic rho invariant  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(X, \gamma, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \neq 0 \text{ mod } \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\gamma$  is the degree one cohomology class on  $X$  which is Poincaré dual to the submanifold  $Y$ . In particular, such an  $X$  does not admit a PSC metric. Examples of  $Y$  include odd-dimensional lens spaces  $L(p; \vec{q})$ , where it is shown in [\[Gilkey 1984a, Theorem 2.5, part \(c\)\]](#), that for any spin structure on  $L(p; \vec{q})$ , there is a representation  $\sigma$  of  $\pi_1(L(p; \vec{q}))$  such that  $\rho(L(p; \vec{q}), \text{Id}, \sigma) \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Explicitly, for 3 dimensional lens spaces  $L(p, q)$ , consider the representation  $\sigma : \pi_1(L(p; \vec{q})) \rightarrow U(1)$  taking the generator  $t \in \pi_1(L(p; q))$  to the unit complex number  $\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/p)$ . Then  $\rho(L(p; q), \text{Id}, \sigma) = -(d/2p)(p+1) \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  where  $d$  is a certain integer relatively prime to  $48p$ . Then  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(X, \gamma, \text{Id}, \sigma) \neq 0 \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . These results confirm [Theorem 6.7](#) in these examples.

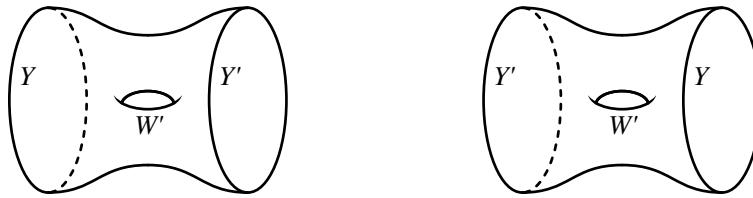
**6.3. Size of the space of components of positive scalar curvature metrics.** Hitchin [\[1974\]](#) proved the first results on the size of the space of components of the space of Riemannian metrics of positive scalar curvature metrics on a compact spin manifold, when nonempty. This sparked much interest in the topic and results by Botvinnik–Gilkey, Piazza–Schick and many others.

We now extend [Theorem 6.6](#) to the even-dimensional case. We would like to say something like “Given an even-dimensional manifold  $X$  with PSC having a submanifold  $Y$  of PSC Poincaré dual to a primitive one-form  $\gamma$ , if  $\mathfrak{M}^+(Y)$  has infinitely many path components then so does  $\mathfrak{M}^+(X)$ .” The argument would involve using a countable family of PSC metrics on  $Y$  with distinct rho invariants to find a countable such family on  $X$ . There are complications however, since given an arbitrary PSC metric on  $Y$ , there is not necessarily a PSC metric on  $X$  whose restriction to  $Y$  is the given metric. Because we are already assuming that there is at least one PSC metric on  $X$  which restricts to a metric of PSC on  $Y$ , there are no obstructions from topology preventing this from being the case.

**Definition 6.11.** Let  $X$  be a compact even-dimensional manifold, and  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  a primitive cohomology class with accompanying Poincaré dual submanifold  $Y$ . Suppose that there is at least one PSC metric on  $X$  which restricts to a PSC metric on  $Y$ . We say that  $X$  is *psc-adaptable with respect to  $Y$*  if for every PSC metric  $g_Y$  on  $Y$ , there is a PSC metric  $g_X$  on  $X$  that is a product metric  $dt^2 + g_Y$  in a tubular neighbourhood of  $Y$ .



**Figure 5.** Pushing a PSC metric across  $W$  using the Miyazaki–Rosenberg construction.



**Figure 6.** Obtaining a psc-adaptable manifold through a symmetric bordism.

Some notes and comments on the notion of psc-adaptability. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be as in the above definition, and take an arbitrary PSC metric  $g_Y$  on  $Y$ . Cutting  $X$  open along  $Y$ , we obtain a self cobordism  $W$  of  $Y$ ; see [Figure 5](#). Under suitable assumptions on the topology of  $X$  and  $Y$ , a construction of Miyazaki [\[1984\]](#) and Rosenberg [\[1986\]](#) (using the theory of Gromov and Lawson [\[1980a\]](#) and Schoen and Yau [\[1979\]](#)) enables one to *push* the PSC metric on  $Y$  across the bordism (pictured on the right in the figure) to get a PSC metric on  $W$  restricting to metrics of PSC on each boundary component. One might then try to glue the manifold back together to obtain a PSC metric on  $X$  which restricts to the given metric  $g_Y$  on  $Y$ . The problem is that one doesn't know whether the new psc metric on  $Y$  is isotopic to the original. Hence the concept of psc-adaptability which hypothesizes that this is true. It is the case when the bordism is *symmetric* for instance. That is, starting with a bordism  $W'$  from  $Y$  to  $Y'$ , we get a bordism from  $Y$  to itself by thinking of  $W'$  as a bordism from  $Y'$  to  $Y$  and gluing to the original bordism; see [Figure 6](#).

Then one can use the Miyazaki–Rosenberg construction starting with the PSC metric  $g$  on  $Y$  to get another PSC metric on  $Y'$  halfway through, and then reverse the Miyazaki–Rosenberg construction from the PSC metric on the halfway  $Y'$  to get a PSC metric  $g'$  on  $Y$  on the other end, which isotopic to the original PSC metric  $g$  on  $Y$ . Considering a small cylinder over  $Y$ , and using the fact that isotopy implies concordance, see [\[Gromov and Lawson 1980a, Lemma 3\]](#), we can further push  $g'$  to  $g$ . Since the metrics agree on either end, the bordisms can be glued together.

Mrowka, Ruberman and Saveliev also note a class of psc-adaptable manifolds — those of the form  $(S^1 \times Y)\#M$  where  $Y$  and  $M$  are manifolds of positive scalar curvature; see [Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem 9.2]. The end-periodic bordism groups provide a more natural framework for their proof of the following:

**Theorem 6.12** (Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem 9.2). *Let  $X$  be a compact even-dimensional spin manifold of dimension  $\geq 6$  admitting a metric of positive scalar curvature. Suppose there is a submanifold  $Y \subset X$  of PSC that is Poincaré dual to a primitive cohomology class  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , such that  $\pi = \pi_1(Y)$  is finite and nontrivial. Further assume that the classifying map  $f : Y \rightarrow B\pi$  of the universal cover extends to  $X$ , and that  $X$  is psc-adaptable with respect to  $Y$ . If  $r_m(\pi_1(Y)) > 0$ , then  $\pi_0(\mathfrak{M}^+(X))$  is infinite, where  $\mathfrak{M}^+(X)$  denotes the quotient of the space of positive scalar curvature metrics by the diffeomorphism group.*

*Proof.* In the terminology of Section 4, we have an  $\Omega_m^{\text{ep,spin},+}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(X, g, \sigma, \gamma, f)$ , with associated  $\Omega_m^{\text{spin},+}(B\pi)$ -cycle  $(Y, g, \sigma, f)$ . Botvinnik and Gilkey [1995] construct a representation  $\alpha : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  of  $\pi$  and a countable family of metrics  $g_i$  on  $Y$  with

$$\rho(\alpha, 1; Y, g_i, \sigma, f) \neq \rho(\alpha, 1; Y, g_j, \sigma, f)$$

for  $i \neq j$ , where  $1 : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  is the trivial representation. Our assumption of psc-adaptability and Theorem 4.15 imply there is a countable family of metrics  $g_i$  on  $X$  with

$$\rho^{\text{ep}}(\alpha, 1; X, g_i, \sigma, \gamma, f) \neq \rho(\alpha, 1; X, g_j, \sigma, \gamma, f)$$

for  $i \neq j$ . But [Mrowka et al. 2016, Theorem 9.1] says that homotopic metrics of PSC on  $X$  should have the same rho invariants.  $\square$

## 7. Vanishing of end-periodic rho using the representation variety

In this section we give a proof of the vanishing of the end-periodic rho invariant of the twisted Dirac operator with coefficients in a flat Hermitian vector bundle on a compact even-dimensional Riemannian spin manifold  $X$  of positive scalar curvature using the representation variety of  $\pi_1(X)$  instead.

Let  $\iota : Y \hookrightarrow X$  be a codimension one submanifold of  $X$  which is Poincaré dual to a generator  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{R} = \text{Hom}(\pi, U(N))$  denote the representation variety of  $\pi = \pi_1(Y)$ , and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{R}}$  denote the representation variety of  $\pi_1(X)$ . We now construct a generalisation of the Poincaré vector bundle  $\mathcal{P}$  over  $B\pi \times \mathfrak{R}$ . Let  $E\pi \rightarrow B\pi$  be a principal  $\pi$ -bundle over the space  $B\pi$  with contractible total space  $E\pi$ . Let  $h : Y \rightarrow B\pi$  be a continuous map classifying the universal  $\pi$ -covering of  $Y$ . We construct a tautological rank  $N$  Hermitian vector bundle  $\mathcal{P}$  over  $B\pi \times \mathfrak{R}$  as follows: consider

the action of  $\pi$  on  $E\pi \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathbb{C}^N$  given by

$$E\pi \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathbb{C}^N \times \pi \rightarrow E\pi \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathbb{C}^N, \quad ((q, \sigma, v), \tau) \rightarrow (q\tau, \sigma, \sigma(\tau^{-1})v).$$

Define the universal rank  $N$  Hermitian vector bundle  $\mathcal{P}$  over  $B\pi \times \mathfrak{R}$  to be the quotient  $(E\pi \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathbb{C}^N)/\pi$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}$  has the property that the restriction  $\mathcal{P}|_{B\pi \times \{\sigma\}}$  is the flat Hermitian vector bundle over  $B\pi$  defined by  $\sigma$ . Let  $I$  denote the closed unit interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $\beta : I \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  be a smooth path in  $\mathfrak{R}$  joining the unitary representation  $\alpha$  to the trivial representation. Define  $E = (f \times \beta)^* \mathcal{P} \rightarrow Y \times I$  to be the Hermitian vector bundle over  $Y \times I$ , where  $f : Y \rightarrow B\pi$  is the classifying map of the universal cover of  $Y$ . Let  $E_t \rightarrow Y \times \{t\}$  denote the restriction of  $E$  to  $Y \times \{t\}$ . Then  $E_t$  is the flat unitary Hermitian vector bundle over  $Y$  determined by the unitary representation  $\beta(t)$  of  $\pi$ . Thus  $E$  has a natural flat unitary connection, whose restriction on each  $E_t$ ,  $t \in I$  is the flat unitary connection, which can be extended to a full  $U(n)$ -connection  $\nabla^E$  on  $Y \times I$ , which amounts to giving an action of  $\partial/\partial t$ , or equivalently of identifying  $E$  with a bundle pulled back from  $Y$ . With such a choice of connection, it follows that the curvature of  $E$  is a multiple of  $dt$ , and so the only nonzero component of the Chern character form  $\text{ch}(\nabla^E) - N$  is the first Chern form  $\alpha_t \wedge dt$  in dimension 2, where  $\alpha_t$  is a closed 1-form on  $Y$ , whose cohomology class  $\alpha = [\alpha_t] \in H^1(Y, \mathbb{R}) = H^1(B\pi, \mathbb{R})$  is independent of  $t \in I$ .

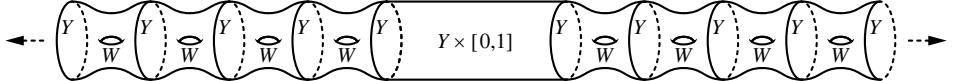
**Theorem 7.1** (PSC and vanishing of end-periodic rho). *Let  $(X, g)$  be a compact spin manifold of even dimension, and let  $\iota : Y \hookrightarrow X$  be a codimension one submanifold of  $X$  which is Poincaré dual to a primitive class  $\gamma \in H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ . Suppose that*

- (1)  *$g$  is a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature;*
- (2) *the restriction  $g|_Y$  is also a metric of positive scalar curvature.*

*Let  $\tilde{\alpha} : \tilde{\pi} \rightarrow U(N)$  be a unitary representation of  $\tilde{\pi} = \pi_1(X)$ , and  $\alpha : \pi \rightarrow U(N)$  be the unitary representation of  $\pi = \pi_1(Y)$  defined by  $\tilde{\alpha} \circ \iota_*$ . Assume that  $\alpha$  can be connected by a smooth path  $\beta : I \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  to the trivial representation in the representation space  $\mathfrak{R}$ .*

*Then  $\rho^{\text{ep}}(X, S, \gamma, g; \tilde{\alpha}, 1) = 0$ , where the flat hermitian bundle  $E_{\tilde{\alpha}}$  is determined by  $\tilde{\alpha}$ .*

*Proof.* As observed above, the unitary connection  $\nabla^E$  induced on  $E$  has curvature which is a multiple of  $dt$ , so that the Chern character form  $\text{ch}(\nabla^E) = N + \alpha_t \wedge dt$ , where  $\alpha_t \wedge dt$  is the first Chern form of the connection on  $E$  and  $t$  is the variable on the interval  $I$ . It follows that  $\text{ch}(E) = N + \alpha \wedge dt$  where  $\alpha \in H^1(Y, \mathbb{R})$  is the cohomology class of  $\alpha_t$ . Consider the integrand  $\int_{Y \times I} \widehat{A}(Y \times I) \text{ch}(E)$ . Since  $\widehat{A}(Y \times I) = \widehat{A}(Y)$ , where  $\widehat{A}(Y)$  is the A-hat characteristic class of  $Y$ . From the



**Figure 7.** End-periodic manifold with 2 ends.

discussion above

$$\int_{Y \times I} \widehat{A}(Y) \operatorname{ch}(E) = \int_Y \widehat{A}(Y) \alpha \int_I dt.$$

Since  $(Y, g)$  is a spin Riemannian manifold of positive scalar curvature, it follows from [Gromov and Lawson 1980b, Theorem 2.1] that  $\int_Y \widehat{A}(Y) f^*(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in H^1(B\pi, \mathbb{R}) = H^1(Y, \mathbb{R})$ .

Therefore we conclude that  $\int_{Y \times I} \widehat{A}(Y) \operatorname{ch}(E) = 0$ .

Consider the manifold  $Y \times I$ . It can be made into an end-periodic manifold with two ends as follows. Let  $W$  be the fundamental segment obtained by cutting  $X$  open along  $Y$ , and  $W_k$  be isometric copies of  $W$ . Then we can attach  $X_1 = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} W_k$  to one boundary component of  $Y \times I$  and  $X_0 = \bigcup_{k < 0} W_k$  to the other boundary component. Call the resulting end-periodic manifold  $Z_\infty$  (see the Figure 7). It is clear that  $Z_\infty$  is diffeomorphic to  $\widetilde{X}$ , the cyclic Galois cover of  $X$  corresponding to  $\gamma$ . Let  $f_0 = -f$  and  $f_1 = f$  for a choice of real-valued function  $f$  on  $Z_\infty$  such that  $\gamma = [df]$ .

The flat hermitian bundle  $E_{\tilde{\alpha}}$  over  $X$  induces a flat hermitian bundle  $p^*(E_{\tilde{\alpha}})$  over  $\widetilde{X}$ , where  $p: \widetilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is the projection. The restriction of  $p^*(E_{\tilde{\alpha}})$  to the subset  $X_1$  is denoted by  $E_1$ . Let  $E_0$  denote the trivial bundle over  $X_0$ . We use the smooth path  $\gamma$  to define the bundle  $E$  over  $Y \times I$  which has the property that the restriction of  $\widetilde{E}$  to the boundary components agree with  $E_0$  and  $E_1$ , thereby defining a global vector bundle  $\widetilde{E}$  over  $Z_\infty$ .

We can apply Theorem C in [Mrowka et al. 2016] to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{index}(D_E^+(Z_\infty)) &= \int_{Y \times I} \widehat{A}(Y \times I) \operatorname{ch}(E) \\ &\quad - \int_Y \omega + \int_X df \wedge \omega - \frac{1}{2}(h_1 + \eta_{ep}(X, E_{\tilde{\alpha}}, \gamma, g)) \\ &\quad + \int_Y \omega - \int_X df \wedge \omega - \frac{1}{2}((h_0 - \eta_{ep}(X, E_{id}, \gamma, g))) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g$  and  $g|_Y$  are metrics of positive scalar curvature by hypothesis, it follows that  $\operatorname{index}(D_E^+(Z_\infty)) = 0$  by [Mrowka et al. 2016, Lemma 8.1] and that  $\int_{Y \times I} \widehat{A}(Y \times I) \operatorname{ch}(E) = 0$  by the earlier argument. Therefore  $\rho^{ep}(X, S, \gamma, g; \tilde{\alpha}, 1) = 0$  as claimed.  $\square$

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