

# Results in Homotopy Theory of Gauge Groups

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I don't think that I could collect all the related works here and I think that this list might include some incorrect descriptions. Indeed, I have read only a few papers in this list. If there are any mistake here, please let me know.

## 1. SOME SELECTED RESULTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

- James, 1963: A study of the space of bundle maps.
- Gottlieb, 1972:  $B\mathcal{G} \simeq \text{Map}(B, BG)_f$ .
- Kono, 1991: The first result on the classification of the homotopy types of gauge groups.
- Crabb–Sutherland, 2000: Finiteness of homotopy equivalence types of gauge groups.

## 2. HOMOTOPY TYPES OF $\mathcal{G}$

General results on homotopy types.

- $\mathcal{G}(P) \simeq \Omega \text{Map}(B, BG)_f$  where  $f: B \rightarrow BG$  is the classifying map of  $P$  (Gottlieb, 1972; Atiyah–Bott, 1982).
- Finiteness of homotopy types of gauge groups for  $G$  a connected Lie group and  $B$  a finite complex (Crabb–Sutherland, 2000).
- Fibrewise decomposition of the adjoint bundle induced from an automorphism on  $G$  (Kishimoto–Kono, 2010).

General homotopy decompositions over spheres.

- Theriault, 2010:  $p$ -local decomposition  $\mathcal{G}$  for any simple Lie group  $G$  over  $S^4$  such that  $p > n_\ell + 1$  ( $p$ -locally trivial case) and some decompositions for  $p$ -locally non-trivial cases when  $G = \text{SU}(n)$ .
- Kishimoto–Kono–Tsutaya, 2013:  $p$ -local decomposition  $\mathcal{G} \simeq \mathcal{B}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{B}_{p-1}$  for any Lie group  $G$  over  $S^n$  such that  $\pi_{n-1}(G) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \cong \mathbb{Q}$ .
- Kishimoto–Kono–Theriault, 2014:  $p$ -local refined decompositions of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = \text{SU}(n), \text{Sp}(n)$  of any rank over  $S^4$ .

Consider the cases when  $\pi_{2n-1}(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $P_k$  be the principal  $G$ -bundle classified by  $k\epsilon: S^{2n} \rightarrow BG$  for a fixed generator  $\epsilon \in \pi_{2n}(BG) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Complete classifications over  $S^4$ .

- $\text{SU}(2)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Kono, 1991:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$ .
- $\text{SU}(3)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Hamanaka–Kono, 2006:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(24, k) = (24, k')$ .
- $\text{SO}(3)$ -bundles over  $S^4$  ( $\text{SO}(3) = \text{PU}(2)$ ).
  - Kamiyama–Kishimoto–Kono–Tsukuda, 2007:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$ .
- $\text{PU}(3)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Hasui–Kishimoto–Kono–Sato, 2016:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(24, k) = (24, k')$ .
- $\text{U}(2)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Cutler, 2018:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$ .
- $\text{U}(3)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .

- Cutler, 2018:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(24, k) = (24, k')$ .

Complete classifications over spheres of other dimensions.

- SU(3)-bundles over  $S^6$ :
  - Hamanaka–Kaji–Kono, 2007:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(120, k) = (120, k')$ .
- Sp(2)-bundles over  $S^8$ .
  - Hamanaka–Kaji–Kono, 2008:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(140, k) = (140, k')$ .

Complete classifications over other manifolds.

- SU(2)-bundles over a sphere.
  - Claudio–Spreafico, 2009: Classification of the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $B = S^n$  such that  $5 < n \leq 25$  except  $n = 21$ .
- SU(2)-bundles over a simply connected closed 4-manifold  $B$ :
  - Kono–Tsukuda, 1996:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, d(B)k) = (12, d(B)k')$ , where  $d(B)$  is the parity of the intersection form of  $B$ .
- SU(3)-bundles over a simply connected closed spin 4-manifold  $B$ :
  - Theriault, 2012:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(24, k) = (24, k')$ .

Complete local classifications.

- SU(5)-bundles over  $S^4$ :  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(120, k) = (120, k')$ .
  - Hamanaka–Kono, 2006: The order of  $[\Sigma^4 \mathbb{C}P^2, \mathcal{G}(P_k)]$  is determined by  $(120, k)$ .
  - Theriault, 2013: The order of  $\langle \epsilon, \text{id} \rangle$  is 120.
- Sp(2)-bundles over  $S^4$ :
  - Sutherland, 1992: If  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$ , then  $(10, k) = (10, k')$ .
  - Choi–Hirato–Mimura, 2008:  $40\langle \epsilon, \text{id} \rangle = 0$  (the precise order was not determined).
  - Theriault, 2010:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(40, k) = (40, k')$  (the order of  $\langle \epsilon, \text{id} \rangle$  is 40 and some observation on the homotopy sets).
- PSp(2)-bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Hasui–Kishimoto–Kono–Sato, 2016:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(40, k) = (40, k')$ .
- U(5)-bundles over  $S^4$ :
  - Cutler, 2018:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(120, k) = (120, k')$ .
- SU(3)-bundles over a simply connected closed non-spin 4-manifold  $B$ :
  - Theriault, 2012:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$ .
- U( $n$ )-bundles over an orientable surface:
  - Sutherland, 1992:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(n, k) = (n, k')$ .
  - Theriault, 2011: Homotopy decomposition of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for all prime  $p$ .

Rational homotopy types.

- Crabb–Sutherland, 2000: The rationalized gauge group is equivalent to that of the trivial bundle when  $G$  is a connected Lie group.
- Wockel, 2007: Rational homotopy groups of gauge groups for  $G$  a Lie group and  $B$  a sphere or a surface.
- Félix–Oprea, 2009: Rational homotopy groups of gauge groups for  $G$  a Lie group.

Other results on the homotopy types of gauge groups.

- SU( $n$ )-bundles over  $S^4$ .

- Sutherland, 1992: The order of  $\pi_{2n-4}(\mathcal{G}(P_k))$  and  $\pi_{2n-2}(\mathcal{G}(P_k))$  are computed for  $n > 2$ . These results imply that if  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$ , then  $(n(n^2 - 1)/(n + 1, 2), k) = (n(n^2 - 1)/(n + 1, 2), k')$ .
- Hamanaka–Kono, 2006: The order of  $[\Sigma^{2n-6}\mathbb{C}P^2, \mathcal{G}(P_k)]$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(n - 2)!(n(n^2 - 1), k)(n - 1)!(n, k)$  (the orders of such groups for  $k$  and  $k'$  coincide if and only if  $(n(n^2 - 1), k) = (n(n^2 - 1), k')$ ).
- Kishimoto–Kono–Tsutaya, 2013: A partial converse of the above results for  $G = \text{SU}(n)$  of “low rank”.
- $\text{SU}(n)$ -bundles over spheres.
  - Kishimoto–Kono–Tsutaya, 2014: Some classification of  $p$ -local homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = \text{SU}(n)$  of “low rank” and  $B = S^{2d}$  where  $d = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .
  - Theriault, 2017: Some classification of  $p$ -local homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = \text{SU}(n)$  of “low rank” and  $B = S^4$ . This also bounds the order of the Samelson product  $S^3 \wedge \Sigma\mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \rightarrow \text{SU}(n)$ .
- $\text{SU}(n)$ -bundles over  $B$  a simply connected closed spin 4-manifold.
  - Sutherland, 1992: The order of  $\pi_{2n-4}(\mathcal{G}(P_k))$  and  $\pi_{2n-2}(\mathcal{G}(P_k))$  are computed for  $n > 2$ . These results imply that if  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$ , then  $(n(n^2 - 1)/(n + 1, 2), k) = (n(n^2 - 1)/(n + 1, 2), k')$ .
- $\text{Sp}(n)$ -bundles over  $B$  a simply connected closed spin 4-manifold.
  - Sutherland, 1992: If  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$ , then  $(n(2n + 1), k) = (n(2n + 1), k')$  when  $n$  is even and  $(4n(2n + 1), k) = (4n(2n + 1), k')$  when  $n$  is odd.
- $\text{SU}(3)$ -bundles over general spaces.
  - Kono–Theriault, 2013: The order of  $\langle \text{id}, \text{id} \rangle$  is 120.
- $\text{Sp}(3)$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Cutler, 2018:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(N, k) = (N, k')$  where  $N = 84, 168$  or  $336$ .
- $G_2$ -bundles over  $S^4$ .
  - Kishimoto–Theriault–Tsutaya, 2017:  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for all prime  $p$  if and only if  $(N, k) = (N, k')$  where  $N = 84$  or  $168$ .
- Gauge groups over non-orientable surfaces.
  - Theriault, 2013: Some homotopy decomposition and applications to the moduli space of flat connections.
- $\text{U}(n)$ -bundles over  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ .
  - Cutler, 2018: Some classification of the homotopy types and the decompositions of  $\mathcal{G}$ .
- $p$ -local fibrewise triviality of adjoint bundles.
  - Kono–Tsukuda, 2010: Under some assumptions for the base spaces. Explicit applications to  $\text{SU}(2)$ -bundles over 4-manifolds and to universal bundles.

### 3. MULTIPLICATIVE PROPERTIES OF $\mathcal{G}$

General results.

- Finiteness of  $H$ -types of gauge groups for  $G$  a Lie group and  $B$  a finite complex (Crabb–Sutherland, 2000).
- Finiteness of  $A_n$ -types ( $n < \infty$ ) of gauge groups for  $G$  a Lie group and  $B$  a finite complex (Tsutaya, 2012).
- Relation between the splitting as  $A_n$ -spaces and the homotopy commutativity (Kishimoto–Kono, 2010).

Classification of  $A_n$ -types.

- Crabb–Sutherland 2000:  $H$ -types of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$ .
- Tsutaya, 2012, 2012, 2015, 2018:
  - Some classifications of  $p$ -local  $A_n$ -types of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$ .
  - Complete classification of fibrewise  $A_3$ -types of the adjoint bundles for  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$ .

Homotopy commutativities.

- Crabb–Sutherland, 1992: Homotopy commutativity of  $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ -bundles over  $S^4$  and some other cases.
- Crabb–Sutherland–Zhang, 1999: Homotopy nilpotency of  $\mathcal{G}$ .
- Kishimoto–Kono–Theriault 2013:  $p$ -local homotopy commutativity of  $\mathcal{G}$  over  $S^4$ .
- Hasui–Kishimoto–Tsutaya 2019:  $p$ -local higher homotopy commutativity of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $P = EG|_{B_nG}$  and bundles over spheres.

#### 4. (Co)HOMOLOGY OF $\mathcal{G}$

- Terzić, 2005: rational cohomology of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B$  a compact simply connected 4-manifold,  $G$  a semisimple compact simply connected Lie group.
- Choi, 2008: mod  $p$  homology (Pontryagin ring) of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{SU}(n)$ .
- Choi, 2008: mod  $p$  homology (Pontryagin ring) of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = G_2$ .
- Theriault, 2012, mod  $p$  (odd prime) homology (Pontryagin ring) of  $\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B$  a simply connected closed 4-manifold,  $G = \mathrm{SU}(n)$ ,  $\mathrm{Sp}(n)$  and  $\mathrm{Spin}(n)$  except for some cases.

#### 5. HOMOTOPY TYPES OF $B\mathcal{G} \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, BG)_f$

- Gottlieb, 1972; Atiyah–Bott, 1982:  $B\mathcal{G}(P) \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, BG)_f$  where  $f$  is the classifying map of  $P$ .
- On  $\mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))$ .
  - Tsukuda, 1996: If  $\mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_{k'}$ , then  $(p, k) = (p, k')$  for any prime  $p$ .
  - Tsukuda, 2001:  $\mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_{k'}$  if and only if  $|k| = |k'|$ .
  - Tsutaya, 2012: Correction of 2-local computation in Tsukuda’s result.
- $\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{SU}(2))$  for  $B$  a simply connected closed 4-dimensional manifold.
  - Tsukuda, 1996:  $\mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(S^4, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_{k'}$  implies  $(k, p) = (k', p)$  for any prime  $p$  (Observations on the  $k$ -invariants).
  - Kono–Tsukuda, 2000:
    - \*  $\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_{k'}$  if and only if  $|k| = |k'|$  when  $B$  admits an orientation-reversing homotopy equivalence.
    - \*  $\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{SU}(2))_{k'}$  if and only if  $k = k'$  when  $B$  does not admit any orientation-reversing homotopy equivalence.
- $\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{U}(n))$  for  $B$  a closed orientable surface.
  - Sutherland, 1992:  $\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{U}(n))_k \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{U}(n))_{k+n}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $(n, k) = (n, k')$ , then  $(\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{U}(n))_k)_p^\wedge \simeq (\mathrm{Map}(B, B\mathrm{U}(n))_{k'})_p^\wedge$  for any prime  $p$ .
- Kishimoto–Tsutaya, 2016: There are infinitely many different homotopy types among the path components of  $\mathrm{Map}(S^n, BG)$  if it has infinitely many path components.

Stable homotopy types.

- Bauer–Crabb–Spreafico, 2001: Stable homotopy decompositions of  $B\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = U(2)$ ,  $SO(3)$  and  $B = S^2$ .

## 6. (Co)HOMOLOGY OF $B\mathcal{G} \simeq \text{Map}(B, BG)_f$

Over 4-dimensional manifolds.

- Masbaum, 1991: Some computations on  $H^*(\text{Map}(B, BSU(2)))$  is done for various coefficients and  $B$  a 4-dimensional manifold.
- Tsukuda, 1997: On the cohomology of  $B\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = SO(3)$  and  $B = S^2$ .
- Choi, 1997: Mod 2 and rational homology groups of  $\text{Map}(S^4, B\text{Sp}(n))$  and  $\text{Map}_*(S^4, B\text{Sp}(n))$  for all path components (Serre SS of the evaluation fibre sequence collapses).
- Choi–Yoon, 1998: Mod  $p$  homology groups of  $\text{Map}_*(S^4, BF_4)$ .
- Terzić, 2005: rational cohomology of  $B\mathcal{G}(P)$  for  $B$  a compact simply connected 4-manifold,  $G$  a semisimple compact simply connected Lie group.
- Choi, 2006: Mod  $p$  homology group of  $\text{Map}(S^4, B\text{Sp}(n))$  and  $\text{Map}_*(S^4, B\text{Sp}(n))$  for some path components.

Other cases.

- Kaji, 2006:  $H^i(B\mathcal{G}; \mathbb{Z})$  ( $i \leq 3$ ) for  $G$  a simply connected compact Lie group and  $B$  a closed connected 3-manifold.

## 7. OTHER RESULTS

- Tsukuda, 1997: Study of maps  $BS^1 \rightarrow B\mathcal{G}(P)$ .
- Tsukuda, 1998: Diffeomorphically isomorphism types of gauge groups.
- Piccinini–Spreafico, 2000: Conjugacy classes in gauge groups.
- Theriault, 2014: Multiplicative decomposition of  $\mathcal{G}$  for  $G = U(\infty)$ ,  $SU(\infty)$  and  $B$  a simply connected closed 4-manifold or a closed orientable surface.
- West, 2017: Homotopy types of  $B\mathcal{G}_*$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_*$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  for gauge transformations over real surfaces.

## 8. OPEN PROBLEMS

On the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- Does the finiteness by Crabb–Sutherland (and by Tsutaya) also hold for non-connected compact Lie groups?
  - What can we say about the rationalizations of gauge groups?
- Is there any case when  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for any prime  $p$  but  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \neq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  integrally?
- Classify the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)$  for principal  $G$ -bundles over  $S^{2n_\ell}$  where  $\{n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_\ell\}$  is the type of a compact connected Lie group  $G$ .
  - In this setting, the homotopy types are completely determined by the  $p$ -local homotopy types.
  - For simply connected simple Lie groups, the cases when  $G = SU(n)$  ( $n \geq 4$ ),  $Sp(n)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ),  $Spin(n)$  ( $n \geq 7$ ),  $G_2$ ,  $F_4$ ,  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$ ,  $E_8$  are still open.

On the homotopy types of  $B\mathcal{G}$ .

- Does the infiniteness of  $B\mathcal{G}$  by Kishimoto–Tsutaya also hold  $p$ -locally?

Other problems.

- Find any concrete applications of the study of homotopy types of the gauge groups or their classifying spaces to gauge theory.

## 9. UNORDERED LIST

- Kono, 1991 [Kon91]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{SU}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
- Terzic, 2016 [Ter16]
  - The Pontryagin ring of the based loop space of gauge groups and their classifying spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- Cutler, 2018 [Cut18]
  - For  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{U}(n), \mathrm{SU}(n)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) and corresponding principal bundles  $P_k$  and  $P'_k$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(n)) \cong \pi_4(B\mathrm{SU}(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ),  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \cong \mathcal{G}(P'_k) \times S^1$  as topological groups.
  - For  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{U}(2), \mathrm{SU}(2)$  and corresponding principal bundles  $P_k$  and  $P'_k$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(2)) \cong \pi_4(B\mathrm{SU}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ),  $\mathcal{G}(P_{2k}) \cong \mathcal{G}(P'_{2k}) \times S^1$  as topological groups.
  - For  $B = S^4$ ,  $G = \mathrm{U}(2), \mathrm{PU}(2)$  and corresponding principal bundles  $P_k$  and  $P'_k$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(2)) \cong \pi_4(B\mathrm{PU}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ),  $\mathcal{G}(P_{2k+1}) \cong \mathcal{G}(P'_{2k+1}) \times S^1$  as topological groups.
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(2)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(12, k) = (12, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(3)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(24, k) = (24, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(5)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for any prime  $p$  if and only if  $(120, k) = (120, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{U}(5)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(2)$  and  $B = \mathbb{C}P^2$ , some classification results are given.
- Choi, 2019 [Cho19]
  - For  $G = F_4$ ,  $B = S^4$  and  $p \neq 2, 13$ ,

$$H_*(\mathcal{G}(P_k); \mathbb{F}_p) \cong H_*(F_4; \mathbb{F}_p) \otimes H_*(\Omega^4 F_4; \mathbb{F}_p)$$

as an algebra.

- For  $G = F_4$ ,  $B = S^4$  and  $p \neq 2, 13$ , the Pontryagin ring  $H_*(\mathcal{G}(P_k); \mathbb{F}_p)$  is also determined when  $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $p = 2, 13$ .
- Hasui–Kishimoto–So–Theriault, 2019 [HKST19]
  - For  $G$  exceptional  $p$  torsion-free except for  $(G, p) = (E_7, 5)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  if and only if  $\min\{v_p(\gamma(G)), v_p(k)\} = \min\{v_p(\gamma(G)), v_p(k')\}$ , where
 
$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(G_2) &= 3 \cdot 7, & \gamma(F_4) &= 5^2 \cdot 13, \\ \gamma(E_6) &= 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13, & \gamma(E_7) &= 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19, & \gamma(E_8) &= 7^2 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31. \end{aligned}$$
- Hasui–Kishimoto–Tsutaya, 2019 [HKT19]
  - For  $G$  simple,  $\mathcal{G}(E_n G)_{(p)}$  is a Sugawara  $C_k$ -space if  $p > (n+k)n_\ell$ .
- Kishimoto–Kono, 2019 [KK19]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{Sp}(n)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  implies  $(4n(2n+1), k) = (4n(2n+1), k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{Sp}(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{Sp}(n)$ ,  $B = S^4$  and  $(p-1)^2 + 1 \geq 2n$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  if and only if  $\min\{v_p(4n(2n+1)), v_p(k)\} = \min\{v_p(4n(2n+1)), v_p(k')\}$ .
- Membrillo-Solis, 2019 [MS19]
  - For simple  $G$  and  $B$  a  $S^3$ -bundle over  $S^4$ , some classification results are given.
  - For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(2)$  and  $B = S^7$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(3, k) = (3, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_7(B\mathrm{SU}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$ ).

- For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(3)$  and  $B = S^7$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(3)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(3)}$  if and only if  $(3, k) = (3, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_7(B\mathrm{SU}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ ).
- For  $G = G_2$  and  $B = S^7$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(3)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(3)}$  if and only if  $(3, k) = (3, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_7(BG_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ).
- Mohammadi–Asadi-Golmankhaneh, 2019 [MAG19]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(4)$  and  $B = S^8$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  implies  $(420, k) = (420, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_8(B\mathrm{SU}(4)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ );  $(3360, k) = (3360, k')$  implies  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$ .
  - Comment: as the authors pointed out, the classification does not depend on whether  $M$  is spin or non-spin.
- So, 2019 [So19]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(n)$  and  $B$  a simply-connected closed non-spin 4-manifold,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  implies  $(\frac{1}{2}n(n^2 - 1), k) = (\frac{1}{2}n(n^2 - 1), k')$  if  $n$  is odd or  $(n(n^2 - 1), k) = (n(n^2 - 1), k')$  if  $n$  is even ( $k, k' \in [M, B\mathrm{SU}(n)] \cong \pi_4(B\mathrm{SU}(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - The order of the Samelson product  $S^4 \wedge \mathrm{SU}(n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SU}(n)$  is divisible by  $\frac{1}{2}n(n^2 - 1)$  if  $n$  is odd or by  $n(n^2 - 1)$  if  $n$  is even.
- So–Theriault, 2019 [ST19]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{Sp}(2)$  and  $B$  a simply-connected closed 4-manifold,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for any prime if and only if  $(40, k) = (40, k')$  ( $k, k' \in [M, B\mathrm{Sp}(2)] \cong \pi_4(B\mathrm{Sp}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - Comment: as the authors pointed out, the classification does not depend on whether  $M$  is spin or non-spin.
- Theriault, 2019 [The19]
  - For  $G$  homotopy commutative and  $B = \Sigma X \cup CA$  a homotopy cofiber of sum of Whitehead products between suspension spaces, the following principal fibration splits:
 
$$\mathrm{Map}_*(\Sigma A, BG) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_*(B, BG) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_*(\Sigma X, BG).$$
  - Some applications to gauge groups of this fact are given. Note that  $B\mathcal{G}_*(P) \simeq \mathrm{Map}(B, BG)_\alpha$  with the classifying map  $\alpha: B \rightarrow BG$  of  $P$ .
- Mohammadi–Asadi-Golmankhaneh, 2020 [MAG20]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{SU}(n)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) and  $B = S^6$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_{2k}) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{2k'})$  implies  $((n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k) = ((n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_6(B\mathrm{SU}(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
- Huang, 2021 [Hua21]
  - For simple  $G$  and  $B$  a non-simply-connected closed 5-manifold, some homotopy decompositions are given.
- Kishimoto–Mebrillo-Solis–Theriault, 2021 [KMST21]
  - For  $G = (S^3)^n / \{\pm 1\}$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_{k_1, \dots, k_n})_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'_1, \dots, k'_n})_{(p)}$  for any prime  $p$  if and only if  $\{(12, k_1), \dots, (12, k_n)\} = \{(12, k'_1), \dots, (12, k'_n)\}$  as multisets ( $(k_1, \dots, k_n), (k'_1, \dots, k'_n) \in \pi_4(B(S^3)^n / \{\pm 1\}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ ).
  - Comment: Their result is the classification of localized homotopy types. But the method of Kono [Kon91] could improve their result to the one for integral homotopy types.
- Mebrillo-Solis–Theriault, 2021 [MST21]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(n)$  ( $n < p$ ) and  $B = P^2(p)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  ( $k, k' \in [P^2(p), B\mathrm{U}(n)] \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(p)$  and  $B = P^2(p)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(p, k) = (p, k')$  ( $k, k' \in [P^2(p), B\mathrm{U}(n)] \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(p)$  ( $p = 3, 5$ ) and  $B = L(p, q)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(p, k) = (p, k')$  ( $k, k' \in [L(p, q), B\mathrm{U}(n)] \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - It also contains partial results on other cases.
- Mohammadi, 2021 [Moh21]

- For  $G = \mathrm{PSp}(2)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  implies  $(140, k) = (140, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{Sp}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ );  $(140, k) = (140, k')$  implies  $\Omega\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \Omega\mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$ .
- For  $G = \mathrm{PSp}(3)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  implies  $(84, k) = (84, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{Sp}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ );  $(672, k) = (672, k')$  implies  $\Omega\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \Omega\mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for any prime  $p$ .
- Rea, 2021 [Rea21]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{PU}(5)$  and  $B = S^4$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k)_{(p)} \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})_{(p)}$  for any prime  $p$  implies  $(120, k) = (120, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_4(B\mathrm{PU}(5)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - For  $G = \mathrm{PU}(3)$  and  $B = S^6$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(P_k) \simeq \mathcal{G}(P_{k'})$  if and only if  $(120, k) = (120, k')$  ( $k, k' \in \pi_6(B\mathrm{PU}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ).
  - It also shows the coincidence of the order of the Samelson products  $S^{2i} \wedge \mathrm{SU}(n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SU}(n)$  and  $S^{2i} \wedge \mathrm{PU}(n) \rightarrow \mathrm{PU}(n)$ .
- Takeda, 2021 [Tak21]
  - For  $G = \mathrm{U}(n)$  and  $B = S^2$ ,

$$H^*(B\mathcal{G}(P_k); \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[c_1, \dots, c_n, x_1, x_2, \dots] / (h_n, h_{n+1}, \dots),$$

$$\text{where } h_i = kc_i + \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j s_j(x_1, \dots, x_j) c_{i-j}.$$

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