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**Abstract.** — Let  $S$  be a Noetherian separated scheme of finite Krull dimension, and  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  be the motivic stable homotopy category of Morel-Voevodsky. In order to get a motivic analogue of the Postnikov tower, Voevodsky [25] constructs the slice filtration by filtering  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  with respect to the smash powers of the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . We show that the slice filtration is compatible with the smash product in Jardine’s category  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  of motivic symmetric  $T$ -spectra [14], and describe several interesting consequences that follow from this compatibility. Among them, we have that over a perfect field all the slices  $s_q$  are in a canonical way modules in  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  over the motivic Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum  $H\mathbb{Z}$ , and if the field has characteristic zero it follows that the slices  $s_q$  are big motives in the sense of Voevodsky, this relies on the work of Levine [16], Røndigs-Østvær [22] and Voevodsky [26]. It also follows that the smash product in  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  induces pairings in the motivic Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence.

**Résumé (Les propriétés multiplicatives de la filtration par les tranches).** — Soit  $S$  un schéma noethérien séparé de dimension de Krull finie, et  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  la catégorie homotopique stable de Morel-Voevodsky. Afin d’obtenir un analogue motivique de la tour de Postnikov, Voevodsky [25] définit la filtration par les tranches dans  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  considérant les smash-produits itérées de le groupe multiplicatif  $\mathbb{G}_m$ . Nous montrons que la filtration par les tranches est compatible avec le smash-produit dans la catégorie de Jardine  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  des  $T$ -spectres symétriques motiviques [14]. Cette compatibilité a plusieurs conséquences intéressantes. D’entre eux, sur un corps parfait tous les tranches  $s_q$  sont canoniquement modules dans  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  sur le spectre motivique d’Eilenberg-MacLane  $H\mathbb{Z}$ , et si le corps est de caractéristique zéro les tranches  $s_q$  sont motifs grands au sens de Voevodsky, ce utilise les résultats de Levine [16], Røndigs-Østvær [22] et Voevodsky [26]. Nous montrons aussi que le smash-produit dans  $\mathrm{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  induit des structures multiplicatives sur la suite spectrale motivique de Atiyah-Hirzebruch.



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## INTRODUCTION

Let  $S$  be a Noetherian separated scheme of finite Krull dimension,  $\mathcal{S}m|_S$  be the category of smooth schemes of finite type over  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_*$  be the category of pointed simplicial presheaves on  $\mathcal{S}m|_S$  equipped with the motivic model structure of Morel and Voevodsky [18], and  $T$  in  $\mathcal{M}_*$  be  $S^1 \wedge \mathbb{G}_m$  where  $\mathbb{G}_m$  is the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{A}_S^1 - \{0\}$  pointed by 1, and  $S^1$  is the simplicial circle. Let  $\text{Spt}_T \mathcal{M}_*$  denote the category of  $T$ -spectra on  $\mathcal{M}_*$  equipped with the motivic stable model structure, and  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  its homotopy category, which is triangulated. We consider the following objects in  $\text{Spt}_T \mathcal{M}_*$ :

$$C_{\text{eff}}^q = \{F_n(S^r \wedge \mathbb{G}_m^s \wedge U_+) \mid n, r, s \geq 0; s - n \geq q; U \in \mathcal{S}m|_S\}$$

where  $F_n$  is the left adjoint to the  $n$ -evaluation functor  $ev_n : \text{Spt}_T \mathcal{M}_* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_*$ . In order to get a motivic version of the Postnikov tower, Voevodsky [25] constructs a filtered family of triangulated subcategories of  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ , which we call the *slice filtration*:

$$(1) \quad \dots \subseteq \Sigma_T^{q+1} \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S) \subseteq \Sigma_T^q \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S) \subseteq \Sigma_T^{q-1} \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S) \subseteq \dots$$

where  $\Sigma_T^q \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S)$  is the smallest full triangulated subcategory of  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  which contains  $C_{\text{eff}}^q$  and is closed under arbitrary coproducts. The work of Neeman [19], [20], shows that the inclusion:

$$i_q : \Sigma_T^q \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}(S)$$

has a right adjoint  $r_q$ , and that the functors:

$$f_q, s_q : \mathcal{H}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(S)$$

are exact, where  $f_q = i_q r_q$ , and for every  $X$  in  $\text{Spt}_T \mathcal{M}_*$ ,  $s_q(X)$  fits in the following distinguished triangle:

$$f_{q+1}X \xrightarrow{\rho_q^X} f_qX \xrightarrow{\pi_q^X} s_qX \longrightarrow \Sigma_T^{1,0} f_{q+1}X$$

We say that  $f_q(X)$  is the  $(q-1)$ -connective cover of  $X$  and  $s_q(X)$  the  $q$ -slice of  $X$ .

Let  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  denote the category of symmetric  $T$ -spectra on  $\mathcal{M}_*$  equipped with the motivic symmetric stable model structure defined by Jardine [14], and  $\mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$  its homotopy category, which is triangulated. Since the adjunction:

$$(V, U, \varphi) : \text{Spt}_T \mathcal{M}_* \rightarrow \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$$

given by the symmetrization and forgetful functors is a Quillen equivalence [14], we get a similar filtration for  $\mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$ . Using the slice filtration (1), it is possible to construct a spectral sequence which is an analogue of the classical Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence in algebraic topology. Namely, let  $X, Y$  be in  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ , and  $[-, -]_{\text{Spt}}^\Sigma$  be the set of maps between two objects in  $\mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$ . Then the collection of distinguished triangles:

$$\{f_{q+1}^\Sigma X \rightarrow f_q^\Sigma X \rightarrow s_q^\Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma_T^{1,0} f_{q+1}^\Sigma X\}$$

generates an exact couple  $(D_1^{p,q}(Y; X), E_1^{p,q}(Y; X))$ , where:

1.  $D_1^{p,q}(Y; X) = [Y, \Sigma_T^{p+q,0} f_p^\Sigma X]_{\text{Spt}}^\Sigma$ , and
2.  $E_1^{p,q}(Y; X) = [Y, \Sigma_T^{p+q,0} s_p^\Sigma X]_{\text{Spt}}^\Sigma$ .

Let  $A$  be a cofibrant ring spectrum with unit in  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ , and  $A\text{-mod}$  be the category of left  $A$ -modules in  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ . It follows directly from the work of Jardine [14] and Hovey [9] that the adjunction:

$$(A \wedge -, U, \varphi) : \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_* \rightarrow A\text{-mod}$$

induces a model structure  $A\text{-mod}(\mathcal{M}_*)$  in  $A\text{-mod}$ , i.e. a map  $f$  in  $A\text{-mod}(\mathcal{M}_*)$  is a weak equivalence or a fibration if and only if  $Uf$  is a weak equivalence or a fibration in  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ . In the rest of this introduction  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  will denote arbitrary integers, and  $u : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow A$  the unit map of  $A$ .

Our main results are the following:

1. There exists a model structure  $R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  for symmetric  $T$ -spectra on  $\mathcal{M}_*$  such that its homotopy category  $R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$  is triangulated and naturally equivalent as a triangulated category to  $\Sigma_T^q \mathcal{H}^{\text{eff}}(S)$  (see diagrams (2) and (3) at the end of this introduction). Furthermore, the identity:

$$\text{id} : \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_* \rightarrow R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$$

is a right Quillen functor, and the functor  $f_q$  is canonically isomorphic to the following composition of exact functors:

$$\mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S) \xrightarrow{R_\Sigma} R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S) \xrightarrow{C_q^\Sigma} \mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$$

where  $R_\Sigma$  denotes a fibrant replacement functor in  $\text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ , and  $C_q^\Sigma$  denotes a cofibrant replacement functor in  $R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$ . For the proof the reader may look at Theorem 3.3.9, Corollary 3.3.17, Theorem 3.3.25, corollary 3.3.5, and Theorem 3.3.22.

2. There exists a model structure  $S^q \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$  for symmetric  $T$ -spectra on  $\mathcal{M}_*$  such that its homotopy category  $S^q \mathcal{H}^\Sigma(S)$  is triangulated and the identity:

$$\text{id} : R_{C_{\text{eff}}^q} \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_* \rightarrow S^q \text{Spt}_T^\Sigma \mathcal{M}_*$$