

# Almost Global Homotopy Theory

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- Preliminary: classical homotopy theory.
- Model category;
- Equivariant homotopy theory;
- Global homotopy theory;
- Almost global homotopy theory;
- Examples: Quasi-theories.

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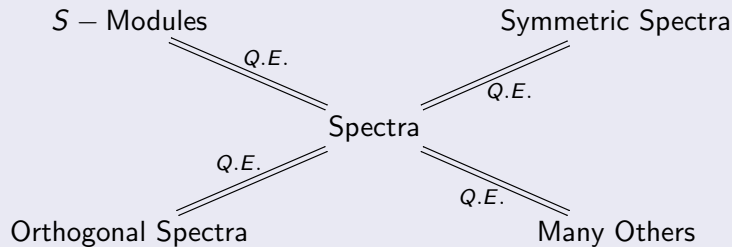
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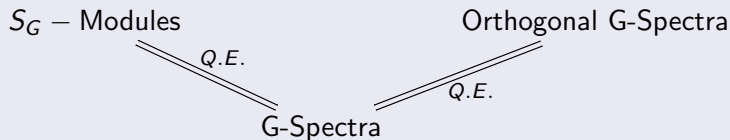
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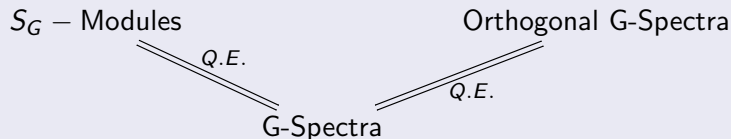
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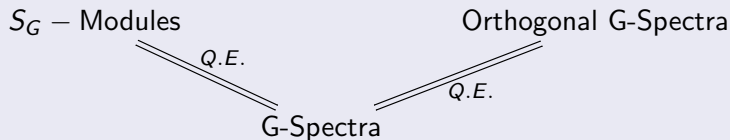
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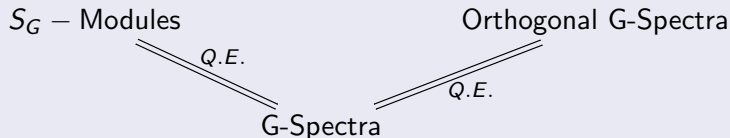
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$\mathbb{G}_m$ : formal group of Tate K-theory;  $\Gamma((\mathbb{G}_m \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}^n} \mathbb{Q}^n)[p^k]) = K_{n, \text{Tate}}^0(B\mathbb{Z}_{p^k})$ .

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