

v_2^{32} periodicity at the prime 2

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$\pi_* (S) =$ stable htpy gps of spheres

Chromatic theory $p =$ prime

$\pi_* (S)_{(p)}$ carries a filtration

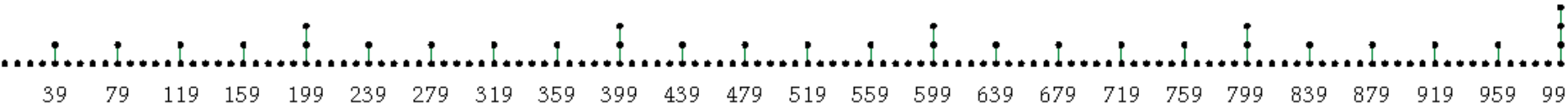
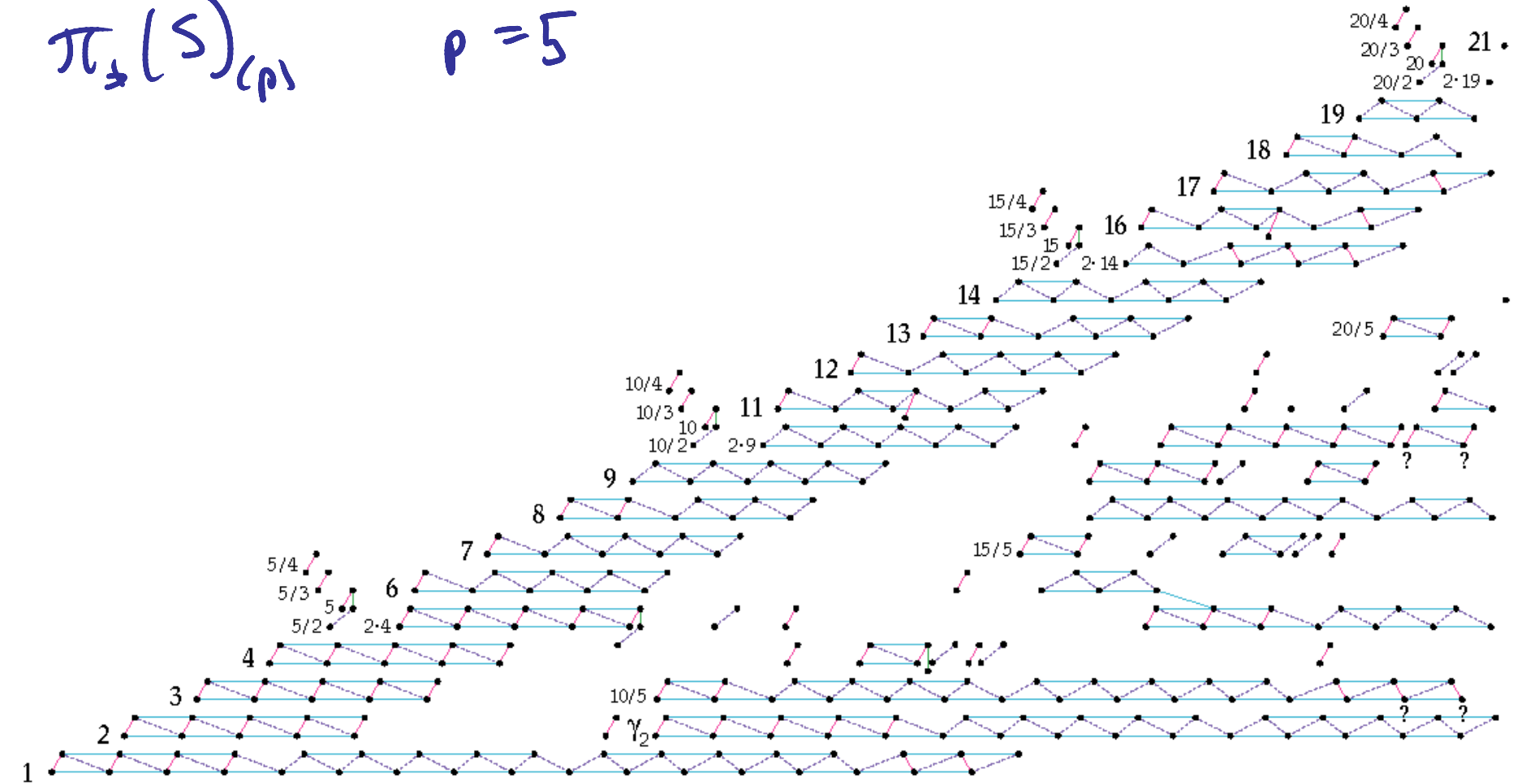
n^{th} layer \longleftrightarrow " V_n -periodic"

$$|V_n| = 2(p^n - 1)$$

stable homotopy elts live in periodic families

$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

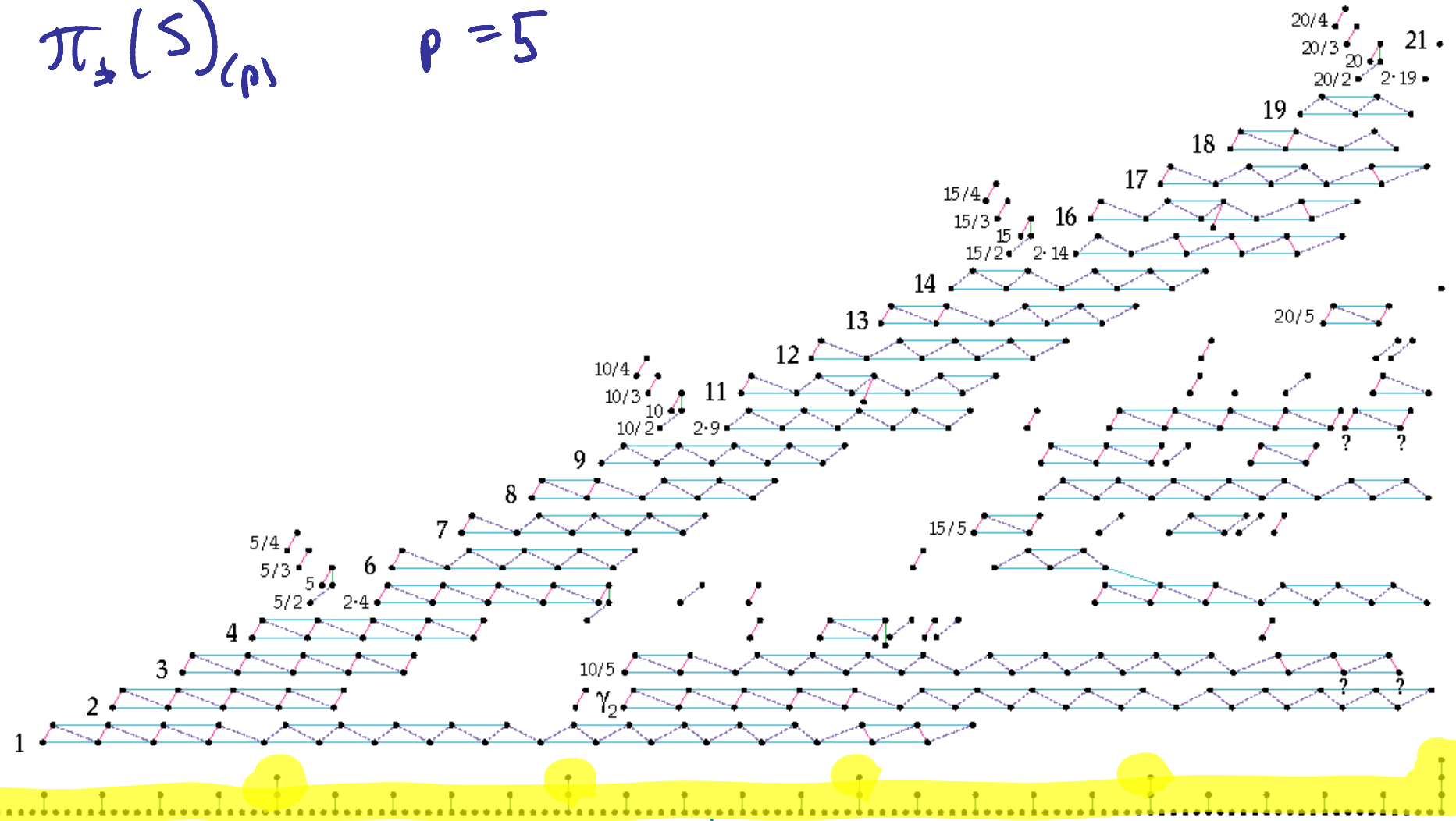
$$p = 5$$



picture: Hatcher
 computation: Ravenel

$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

$$p = 5$$



v_1 -periodic

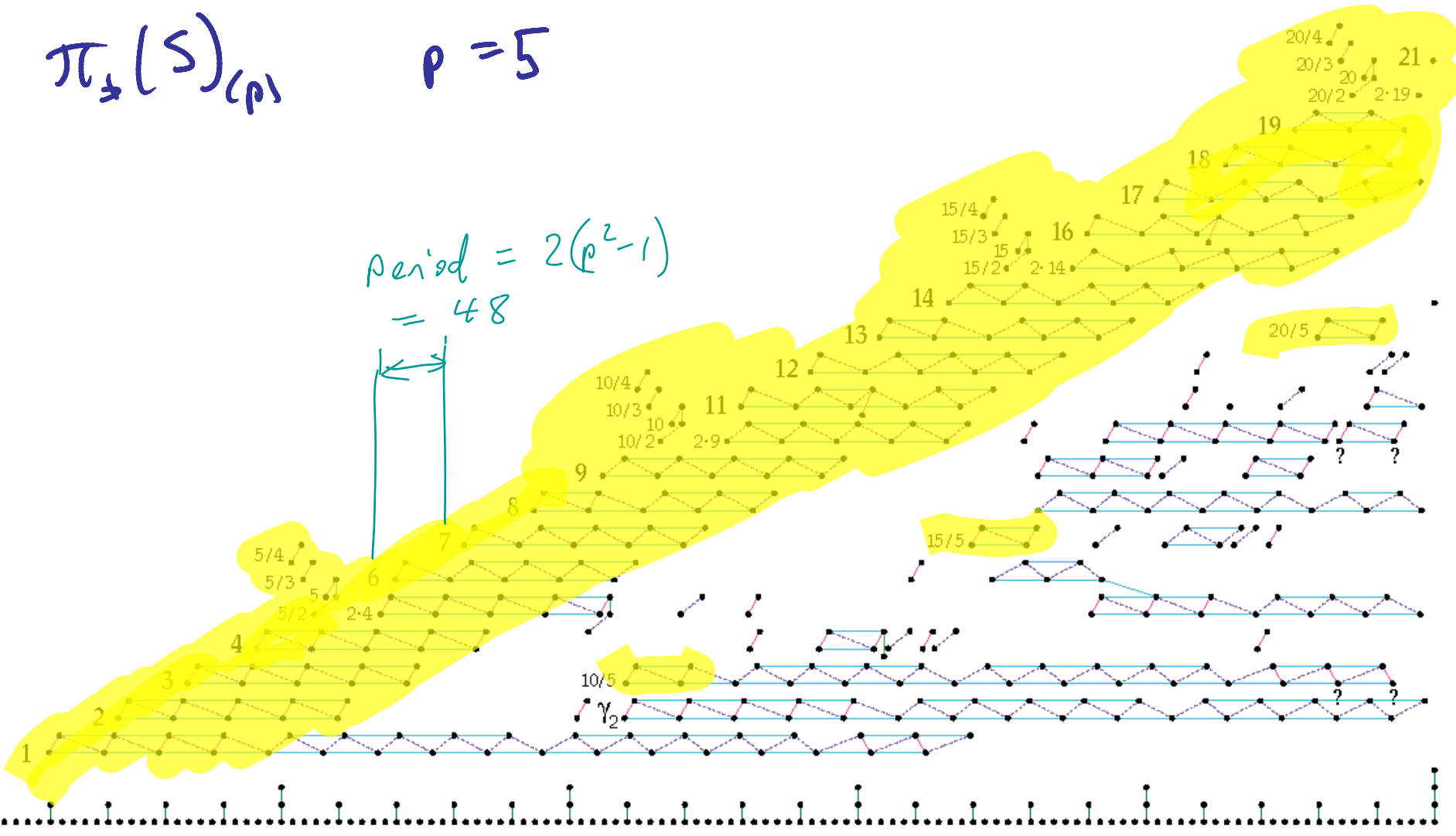
$\rightarrow \parallel \leftarrow$
 period
 $= 2(p-1) = 8$

picture! Hatcher
 computation! Ravenel

$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

$$p = 5$$

$$\text{period} = 2(p^2 - 1) = 48$$



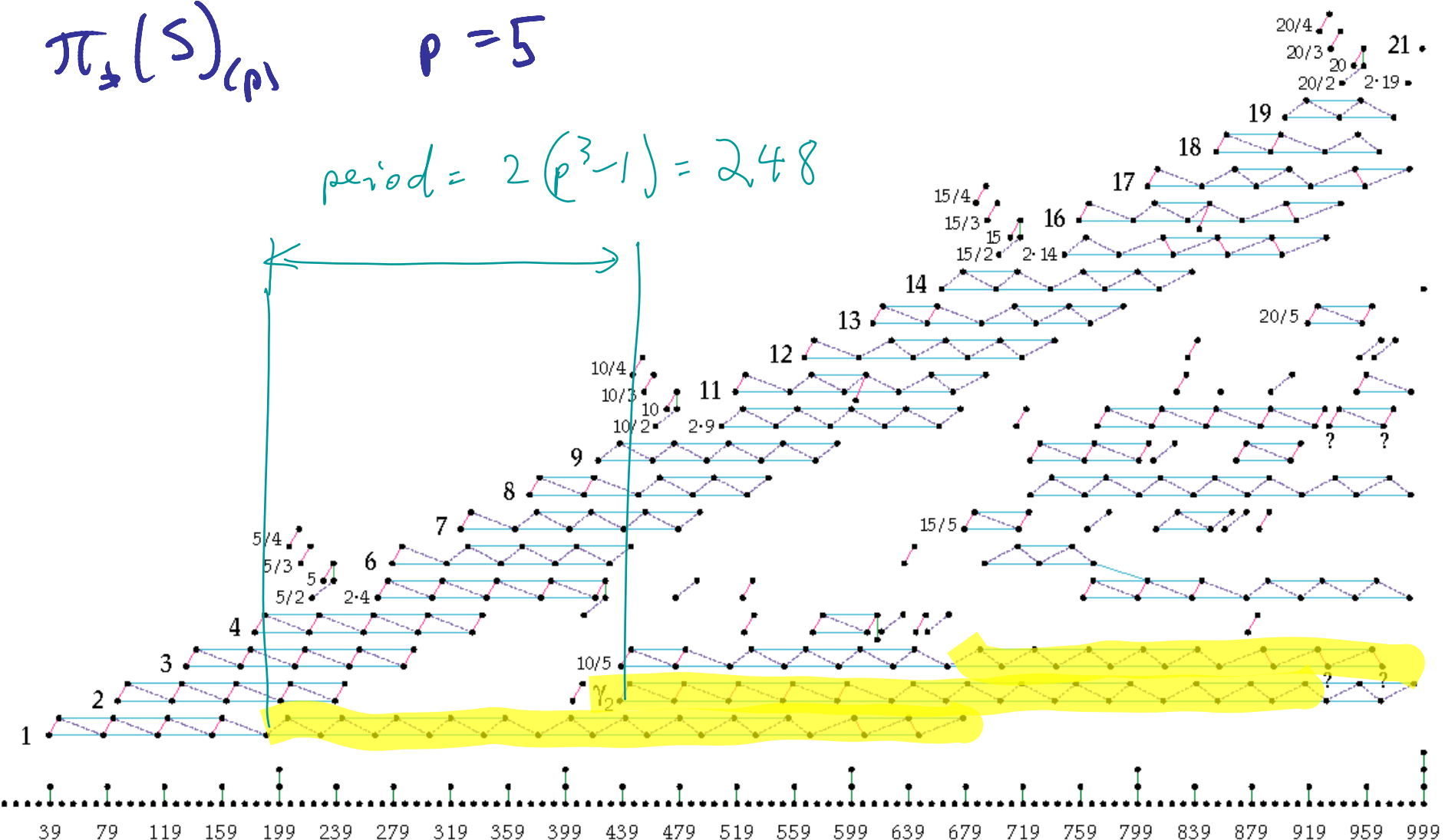
V_2 -periodic

picture: Hatcher
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$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

$$p = 5$$

$$\text{period} = 2(p^3 - 1) = 248$$

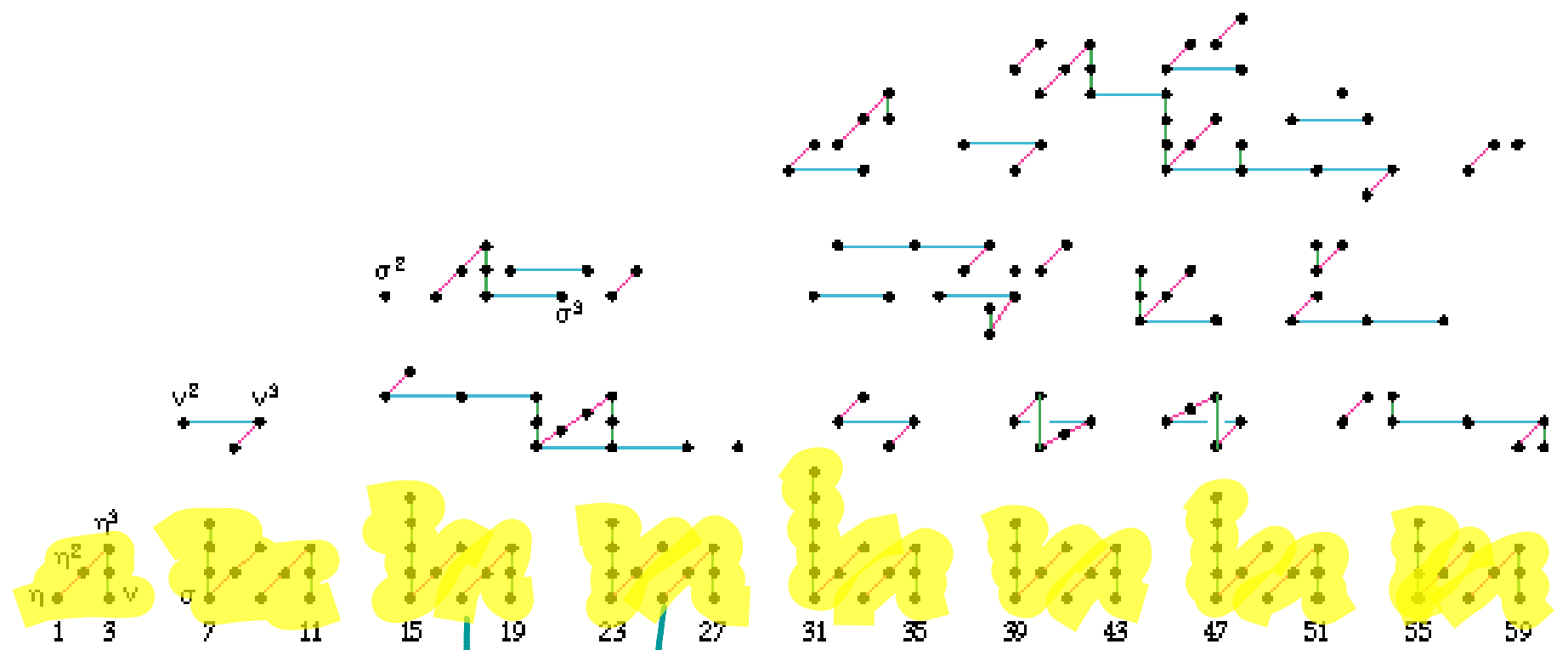


v_3 -periodic (?)

picture: Hatcher
 computation: Ravenel

Bad primes: fundamental period of v_1 -periodicity
 $q + p = 2$ is 8 (instead of 2)

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period
 $8 = 4 \cdot (2p - 1) = |v_1^4|$

V_n -self maps

$$K(i)_* = \mathbb{F}_p[v_i^{\pm 1}]$$

$X =$ type n complex

$$K(i)_* X = 0 \quad i < n$$

$$K(n)_* X \neq 0$$

A V_n -self map is a map

$$\sum_i |V_n^k| X \xrightarrow{V_n^k} X$$

inducing $\cdot V_n^k$ on $K(n)_*$

Generalized Moore spectra

$$S \xrightarrow{p^{i_0}} S \longrightarrow M(i_0)$$

type 1

$$\sum_1^{|v_1^{i_1}|} M(i_0) \xrightarrow{v_1^{i_1}} M(i_0) \longrightarrow M(i_0, i_1)$$

type 2

$$\sum_1^{|v_2^{i_2}|} M(i_0, i_1) \xrightarrow{v_2^{i_2}} M(i_0, i_1) \longrightarrow M(i_0, i_1, i_2)$$

type 3

⋮

etc.

Minimal sequences

$$(i_0, \dots, i_n)$$

If, inductively, i_k is minimal

s.t. $M(i_0, \dots, i_{k-1})$ has a $v_k^{i_k}$ -self msp

$$(0 \leq k \leq n)$$

then (i_0, \dots, i_n) is a minimal sequence.

i.e. $p \geq 5$, $(1, 1, 1)$ is a minimal [Smith
today] sequence

but for $p=2$ $(1, 4)$ is minimal [Adams]

(since $\sum_{v=1}^p M(1) \xrightarrow{v=4} M(1)$ is minimal)

$p=3$: $(1, 1, 9)$ is minimal [B-Pennaraju]

This talk will discuss the proof of the following theorem:

Thm [BKHM] $(1, 4, 32)$ is minimal at $p=2$

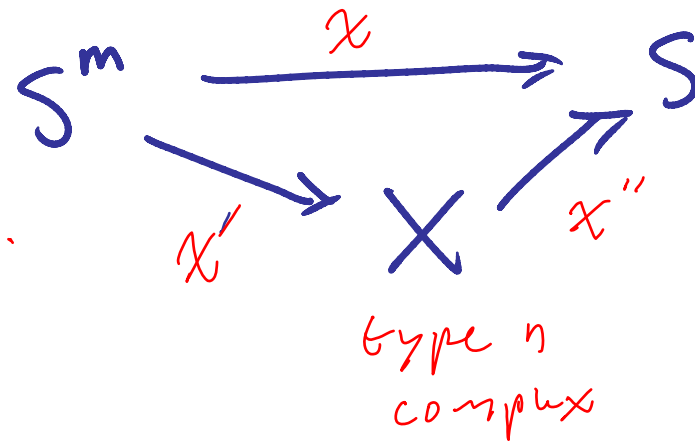
ie. There is a self map (minimal)

$$\sum_1^{192} M(1, 4) \xrightarrow{V_2^{32}} M(1, 4)$$

V_n -self maps \rightsquigarrow V_n -periodic families

Given a factorization

$$\alpha \in \pi_m S$$



$$\sum_i |v_n^k| X \xrightarrow{v_n^k} X$$

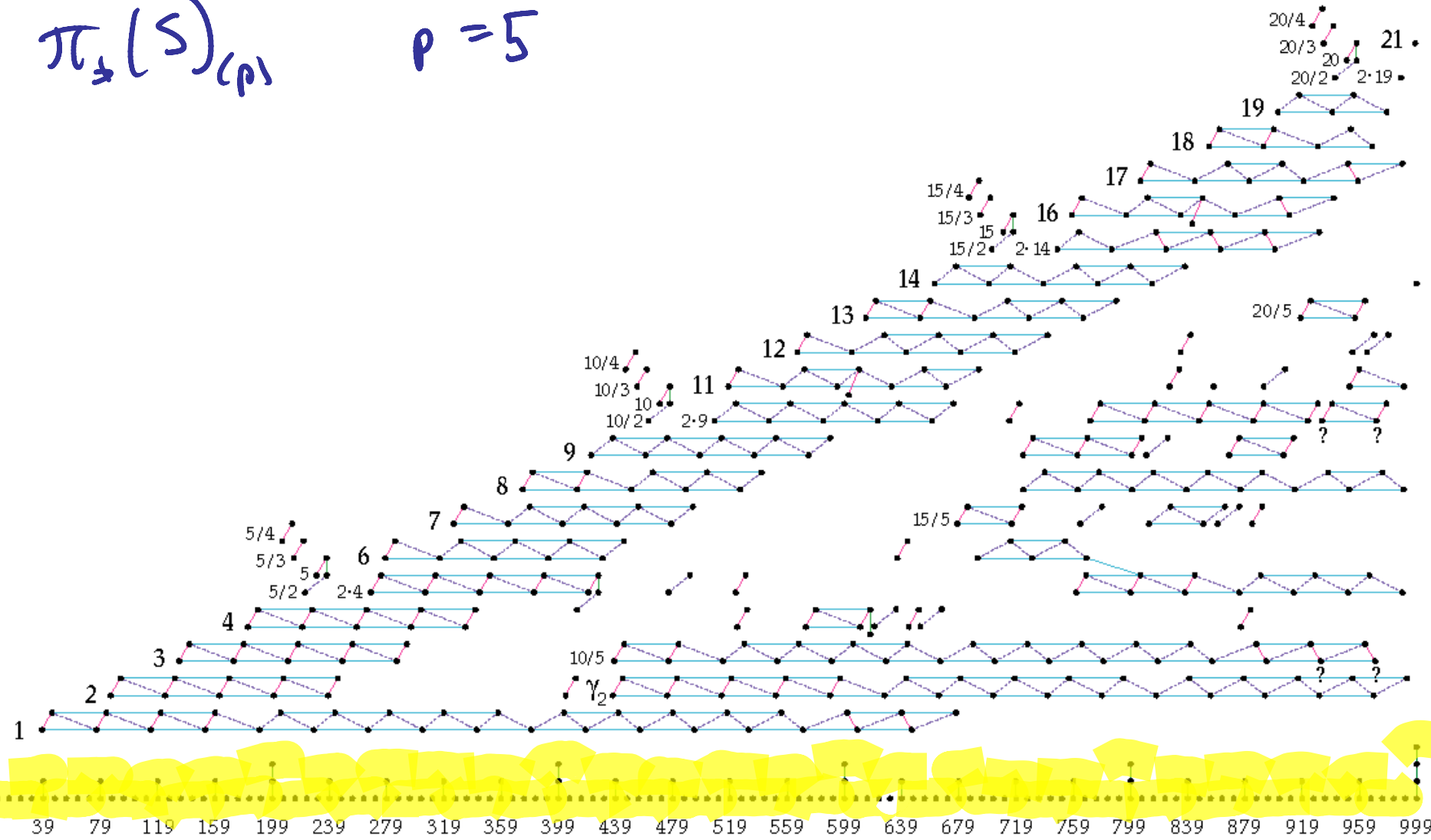
v_n -self
map

We get a family:

$$X_j: S^{m+j|v_n^k|} \xrightarrow{\alpha'} \sum_i |v_n^k| X \xrightarrow{(v_n^k)_j} X \xrightarrow{\alpha''} S$$

$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

$$p = 5$$

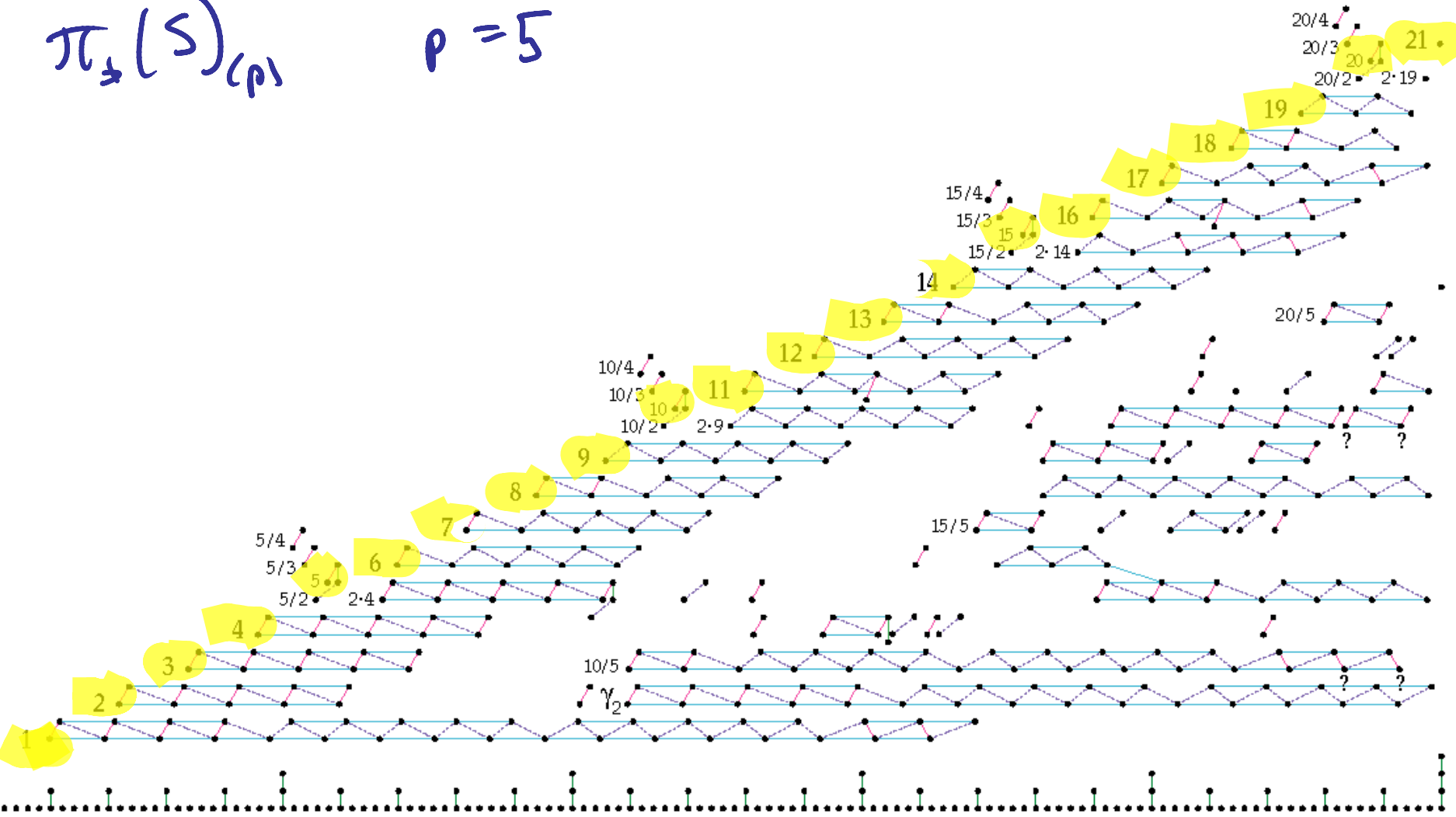


$$\alpha_j = S^{8j-1} \xrightarrow{\text{bottom cell}} \sum_i^{8j-1} M(i) \xrightarrow{\vee_j} \sum_i^{-1} M(i) \xrightarrow{\text{top cell}} S$$

picture! Hatcher computation, Ravenel

$$\pi_2(S)_{(p)}$$

$$p = 5$$



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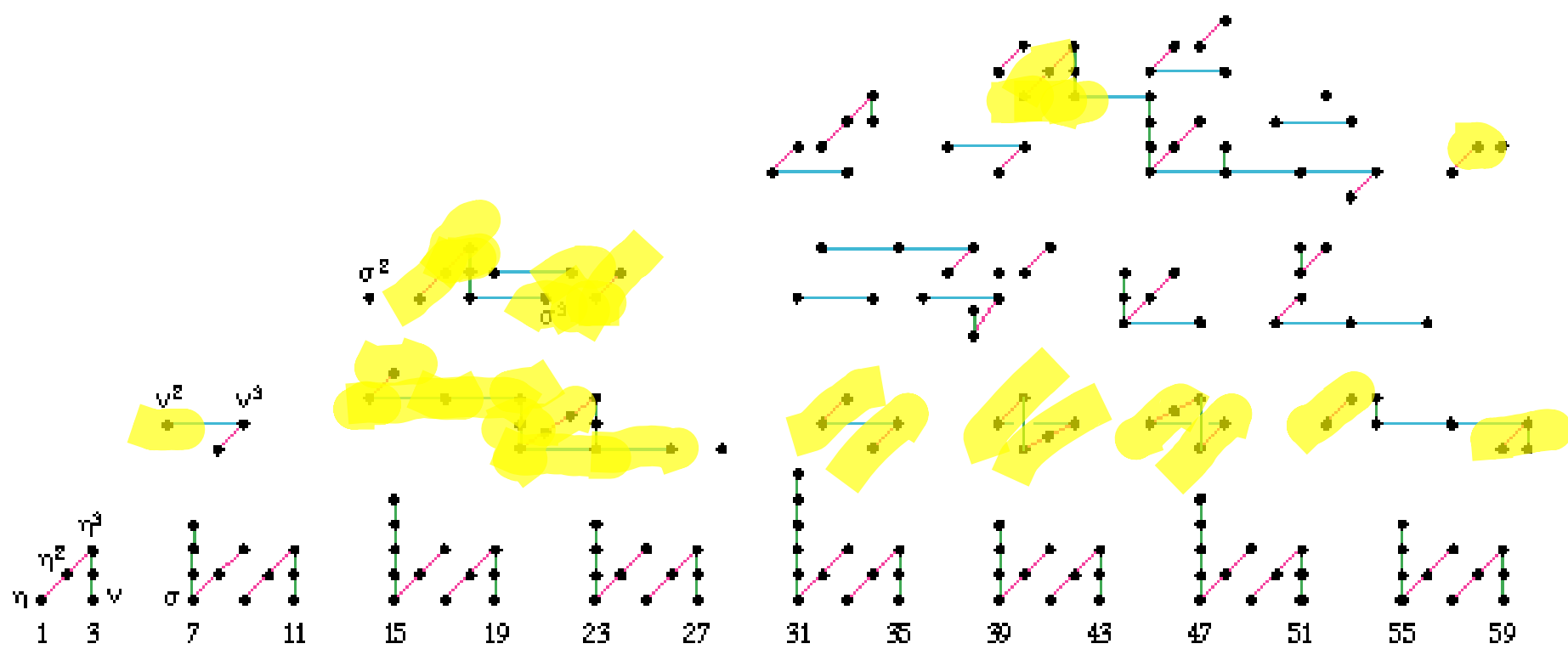
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$$\beta_j: S^{48j-10} \xrightarrow{\text{bottom cell}} \sum_i^{48j-10} M(i,1) \xrightarrow{V_2^j} \sum_i^{-10} M(i,1) \xrightarrow{\text{top cell}} S$$

Cor: [Assembled from
 Davis-Mahowald, Mahowald,
 Hopkins-Mahowald]

The following elements generate v_2^{32} -periodic families [Period 192]

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Proof of main thm breaks up into /

2 similar steps:

We'll focus
on this
today

Step 1: $\exists v_2^{32} \in \pi_{192}(M(1,4))$

Step 2: $S^{192} \xrightarrow{v_2^{32}} M(1,4)$ extends

to $\Sigma^{192} M(1,4) \rightarrow M(1,4)$

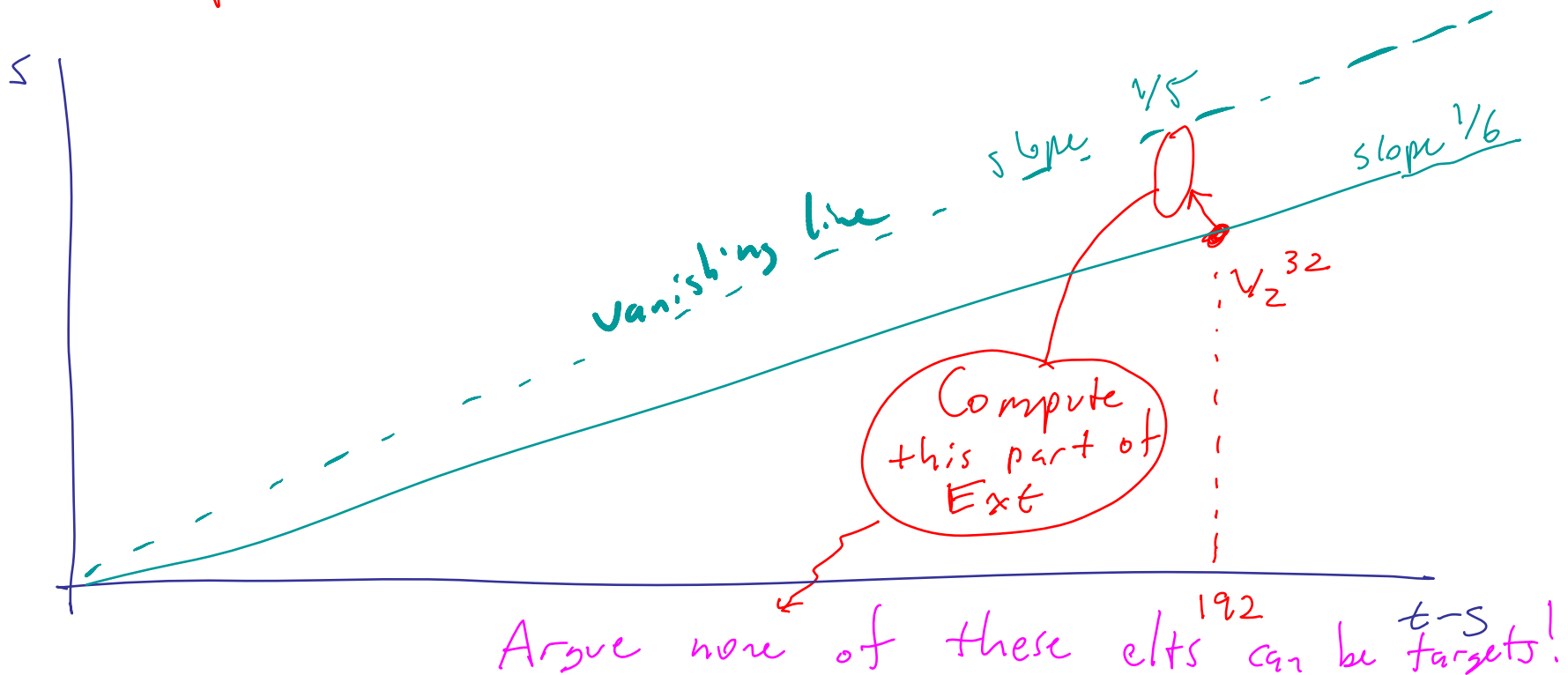
$\iff S^{192} \rightarrow M(1,4) \sim D(M(1,4))$

Proof strategy

$$v_2^{32} \in \pi_* M(1,4)!$$

Use ASS:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(M(1,4)) \implies \pi_* (M(1,4))$$



Side remark:

ASS = Modified Adams spectral Sequence

Accounts for:

$$H^* M(1,4) \cong H^* M(1) \oplus H^* \Sigma_1^9 M(1)$$

as an

A-module

joined by a
"quadrang" operation

i.e., v_1^4 has Adams filt 4

Our computational tool: tmf

- tmf is a connective version of TMF

TMF = "universal elliptic cohomology theory"

Our computational tool: tmf

- $H^* \text{tmf} = A // A(2) = A \otimes_{A(2)} \mathbb{F}_2$

↑ subals of A generated by S_2^1, S_4^2, S_8^4

- "Can compute tmf_* anything"

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^i(H^*(X)) \implies \text{tmf}_* X$$

- $\pi_* \text{TMF}$ is 192-periodic

Refresher on Brown-Gitler spectra

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H\mathbb{Z}_0 & \longrightarrow & H\mathbb{Z}_1 & \longrightarrow & H\mathbb{Z}_2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \longrightarrow H\mathbb{Z} \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 S & & \Sigma_1^2(H\mathbb{Z}/2)_1 & & \Sigma_1^4(H\mathbb{Z}/2)_2 & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 b_{0,0} & \longrightarrow & b_{0,1} & \longrightarrow & b_{0,2} & \longrightarrow & \dots \longrightarrow b_0 \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 S & & \Sigma_1^4 H\mathbb{Z}_1 & & \Sigma_1^8 H\mathbb{Z}_2 & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{trnf}_0 & \longrightarrow & \text{trnf}_1 & \longrightarrow & \text{trnf}_2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \longrightarrow \text{trnf} \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 S & & \Sigma_1^8 b_{0,1} & & \Sigma_1^{16} b_{0,2} & &
 \end{array}$$

← Conjectural


b_0 resolutions!

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \leftarrow & X \wedge \overline{b_0} & \leftarrow & X \wedge \overline{b_0}^{\wedge 2} & \leftarrow & \dots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ b_0 \wedge X & & b_0 \wedge \overline{b_0} \wedge X & & b_0 \wedge \overline{b_0}^{\wedge 2} \wedge X & & \end{array}$$

Key

$$b_0 \wedge \overline{b_0} \cong \bigvee_{j \geq 1} \Sigma^{4j} b_0 \wedge H\mathbb{Z}_j$$

tmf resolutions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \leftarrow & \overline{\text{tmf}} \wedge X & \leftarrow & \overline{\text{tmf}}^{\wedge 2} X \leftarrow \dots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{tmf} \wedge X & & \text{tmf} \wedge \overline{\text{tmf}} \wedge X & & \text{tmf} \wedge \overline{\text{tmf}}^{\wedge 2} X \end{array}$$

Hope:

$$\text{tmf} \wedge \overline{\text{tmf}} \simeq \bigvee_{j \geq 1} \Sigma^{-8j} \text{tmf} \wedge b_{0j}$$

FALSE!
(Mabrouk)
(Rezk)

However, it is true on the level
of Ext

$$H^*(\mathrm{tmf} \wedge \overline{\mathrm{tmf}}) \cong \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} A //_{A(2)} \otimes H^* \Sigma^{\infty} b_{\sigma_j}$$

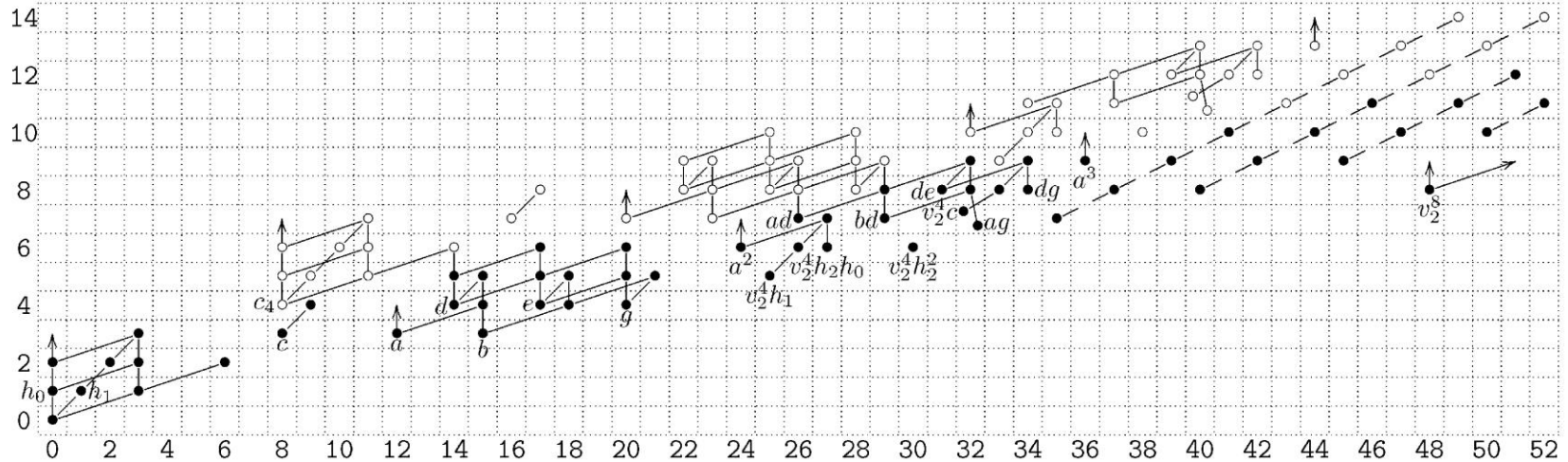
Algebraic tmf resolution: (our TOOL for computing Ext)
Spectral sequence!

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{A(2)}(b_{\sigma_{i_1}} \wedge \dots \wedge b_{\sigma_{i_s}} \wedge X) \Rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_A(X)$$

Remainder of talk: Proof of main thm.

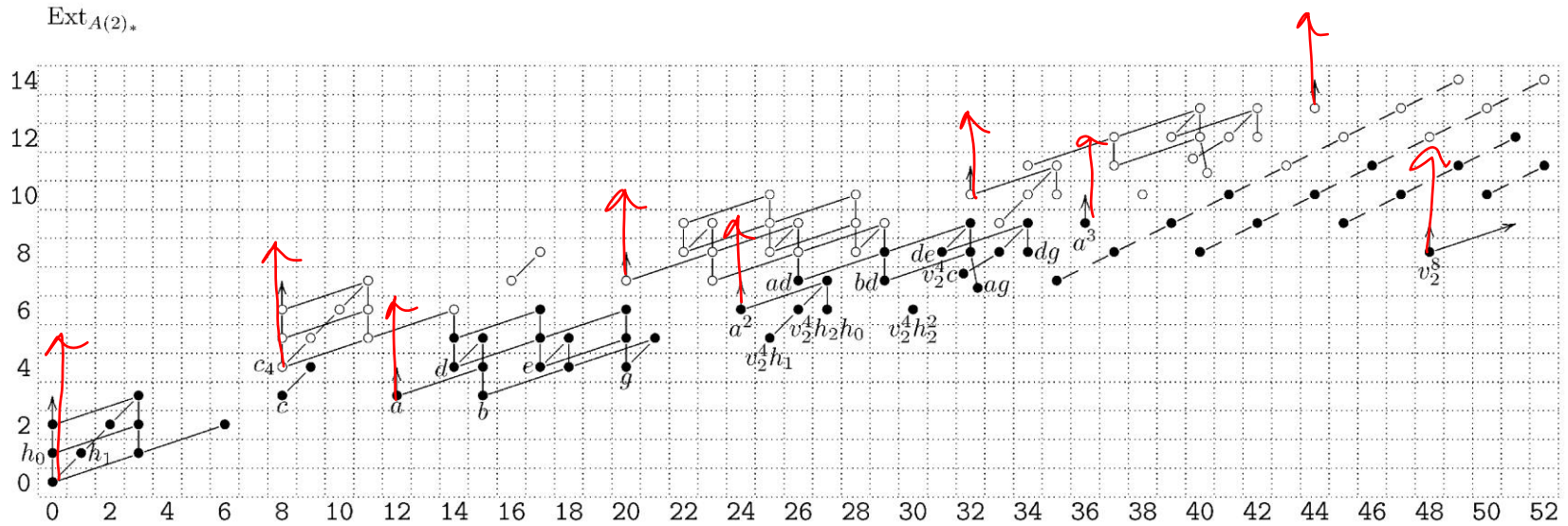
$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2):$

$\text{Ext}_{A(2)*}$



Non-Nilpotent phenomena

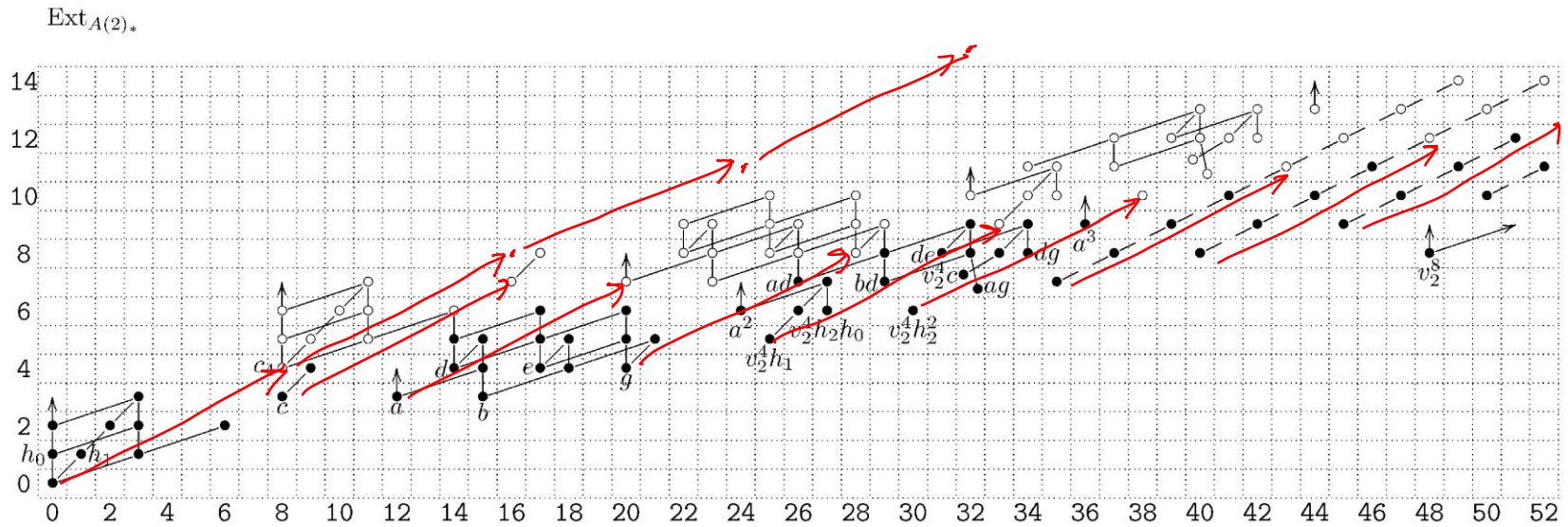
h_0 - multiplication (multiplication by 2)
(slope ∞)



Non-Nilpotent phenomena:

V_1^4 - multiplication (only first multiple shown)

Slope $\frac{1}{4}$

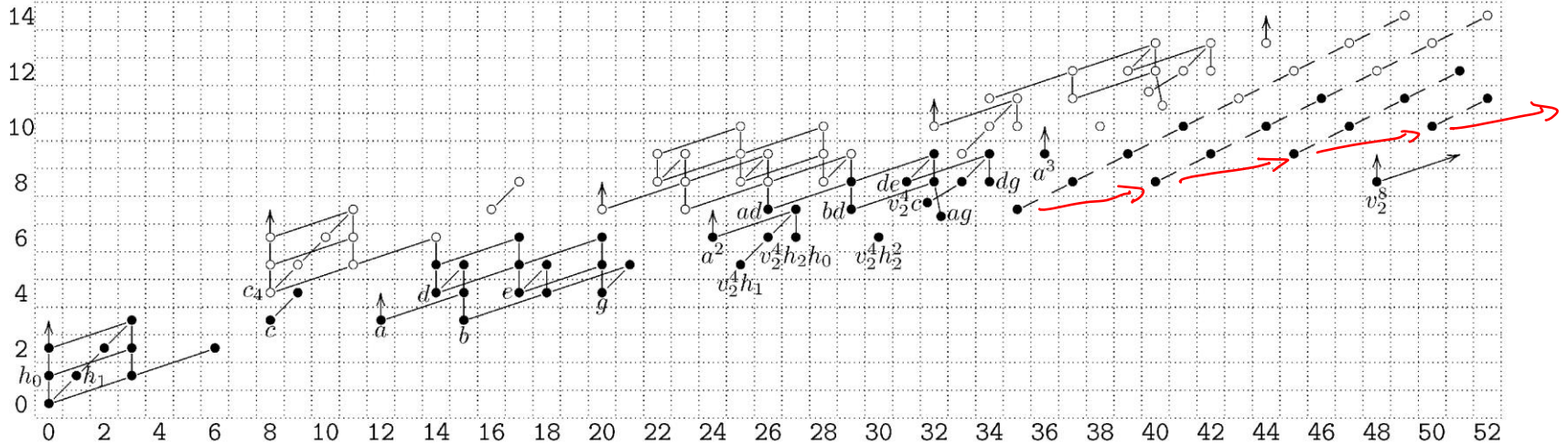


Non-Nilpotent phenomena

h_{21} -multiplication ($h_{21}^4 = \bar{x}$)

Slope $1/5$

$\text{Ext}_{A(2)*}$

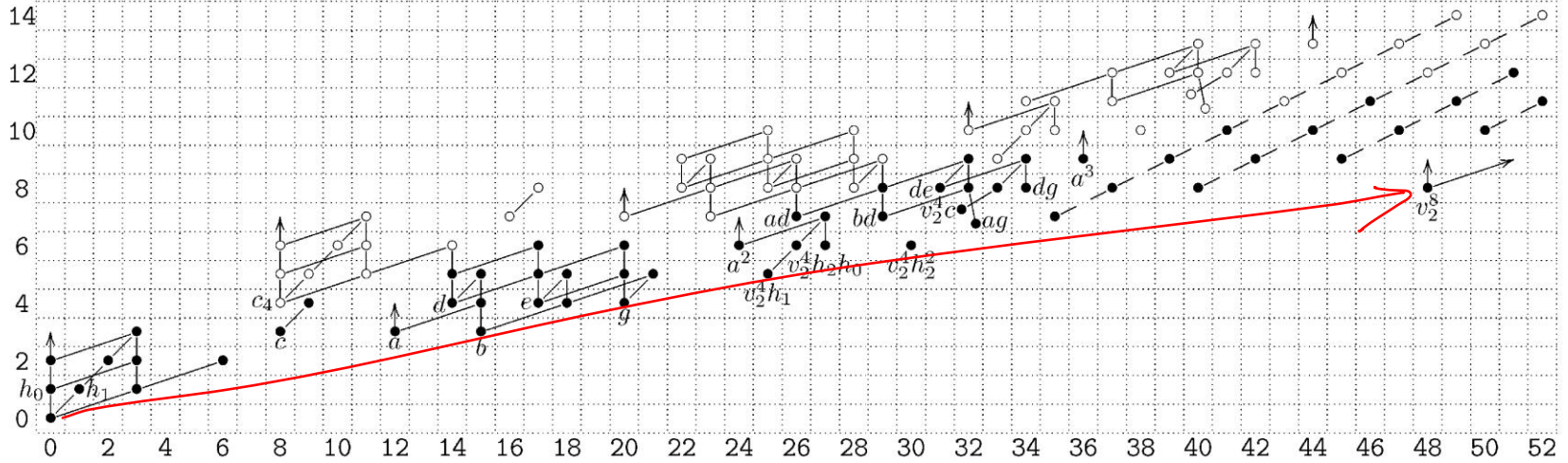


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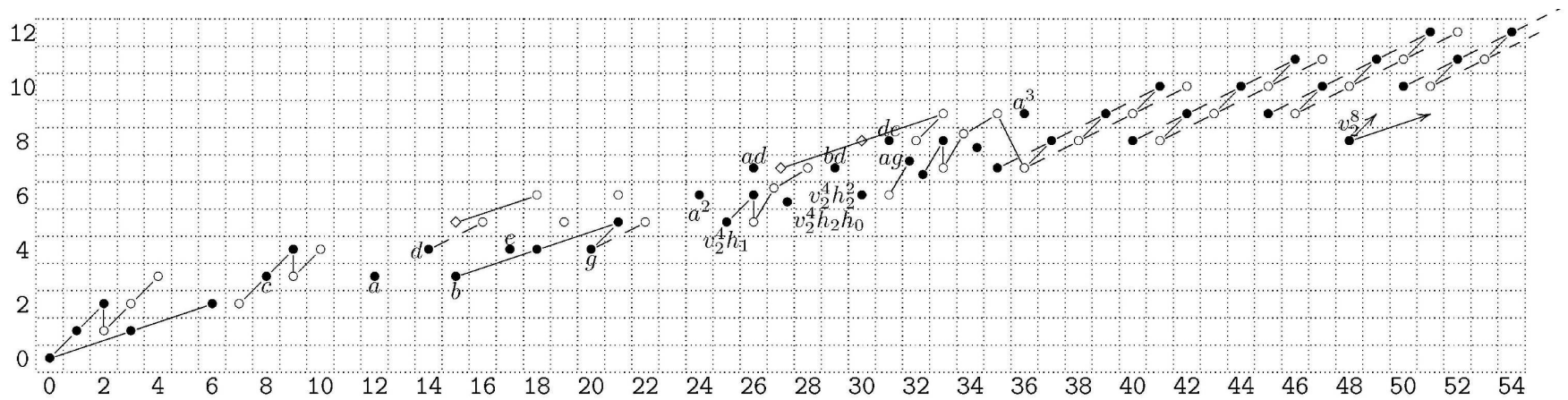
v_2^8 - periodicity

(Slope $1/6$)

$\text{Ext}_{A(2)*}$



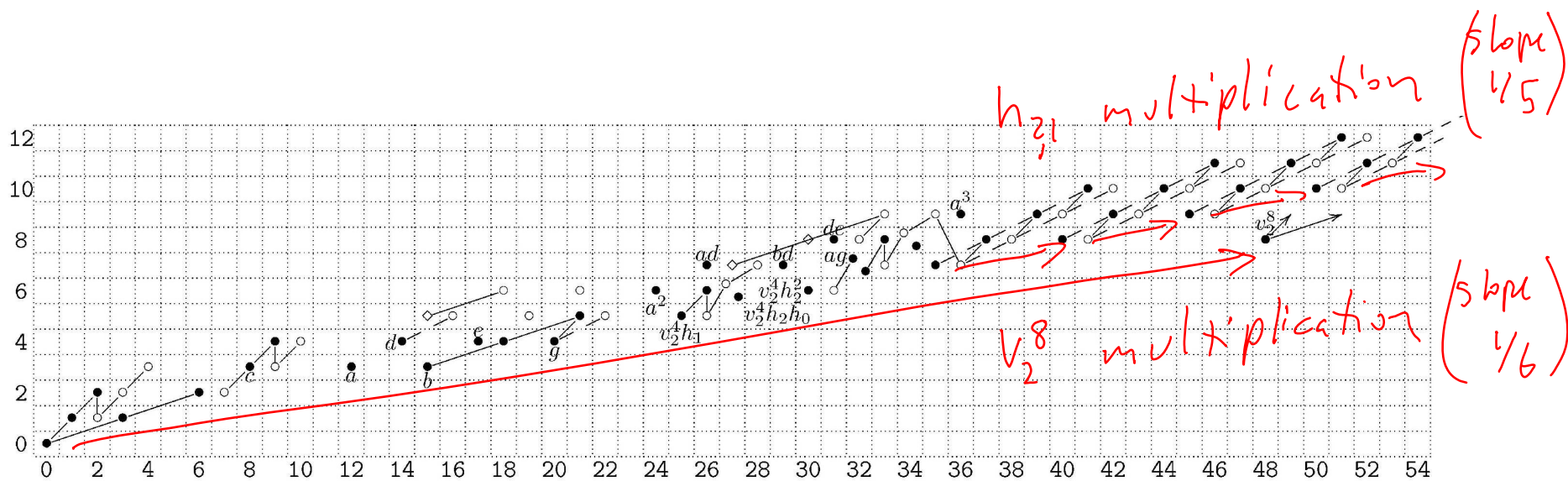
$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(M(1,4))$



Ext_{A(2)} (M(1,4))

No h_0 -multiplication

No v_1^4 -multiplication



⇒ Vanishing line slope 1/5

Prop $V_2^8 \in \text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2)$

lifts to an elt

$$V_2^8 \in \text{Ext}_A(M(1,4) \wedge DM(1,4))$$

Cor: In MASS

$$\text{Ext}_{A_*} (M(6,4) \wedge DM(1,4)) \Rightarrow [M(1,4), M(1,4)]_*$$

$$d_2(V_2^{16}) = 0$$

$$d_3(V_2^{32}) = 0$$

Note: we shall see

$$d_2(V_2^8) \neq 0$$
$$d_3(V_2^{16}) \neq 0$$

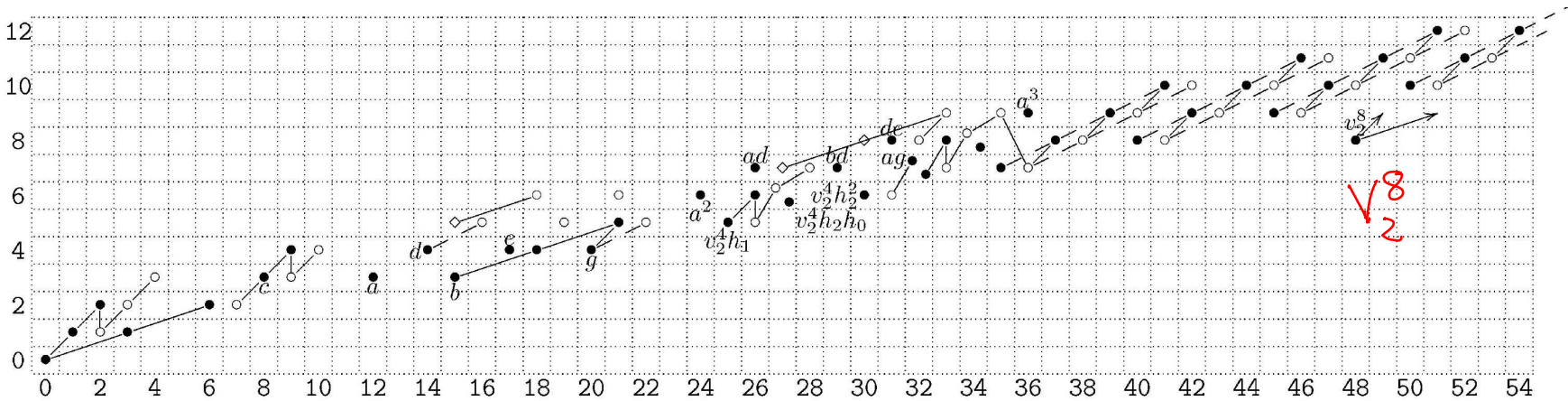
consider map of ASS's

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Ext}_A(M(1,4)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_{A(2)}(M(1,4)) \\
 \Downarrow & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \Downarrow \\
 \pi_* M(1,4) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hurwicz}} & \text{trif}_* M(1,4)
 \end{array}$$

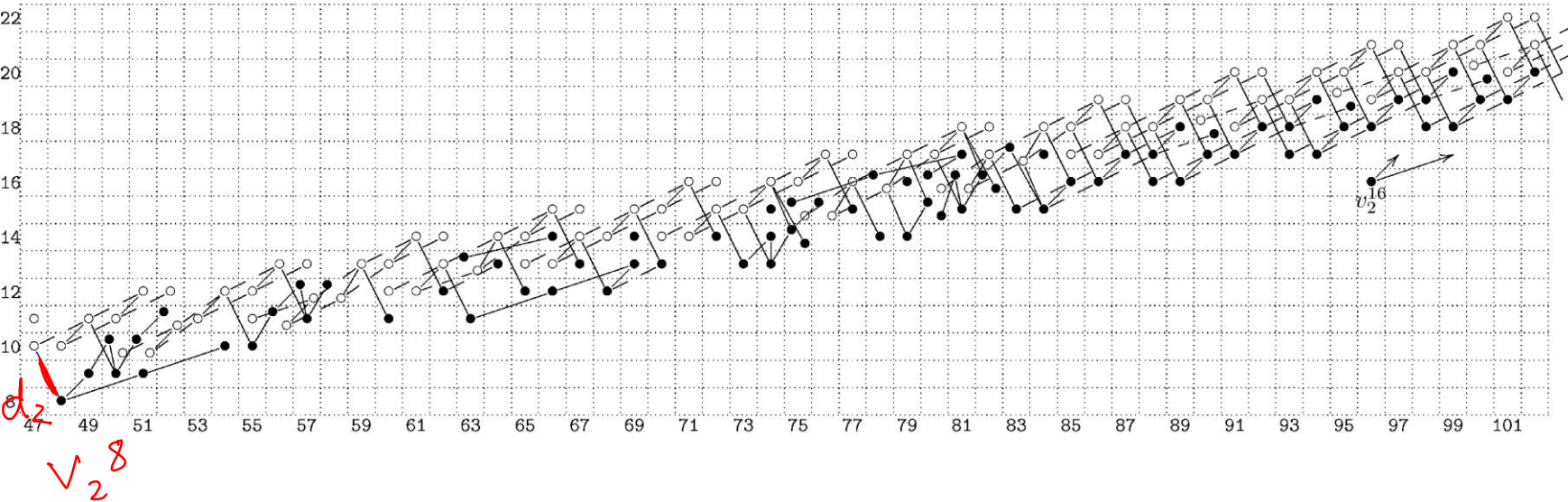
$\psi: V_2^8 \longrightarrow V_2^8$

$d_2(V_2^8) \neq 0, \quad d_3(V_2^{16}) \neq 0$
 HERE!

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(M(1,4)) \Rightarrow \text{tmf}_* M(1,4)$$

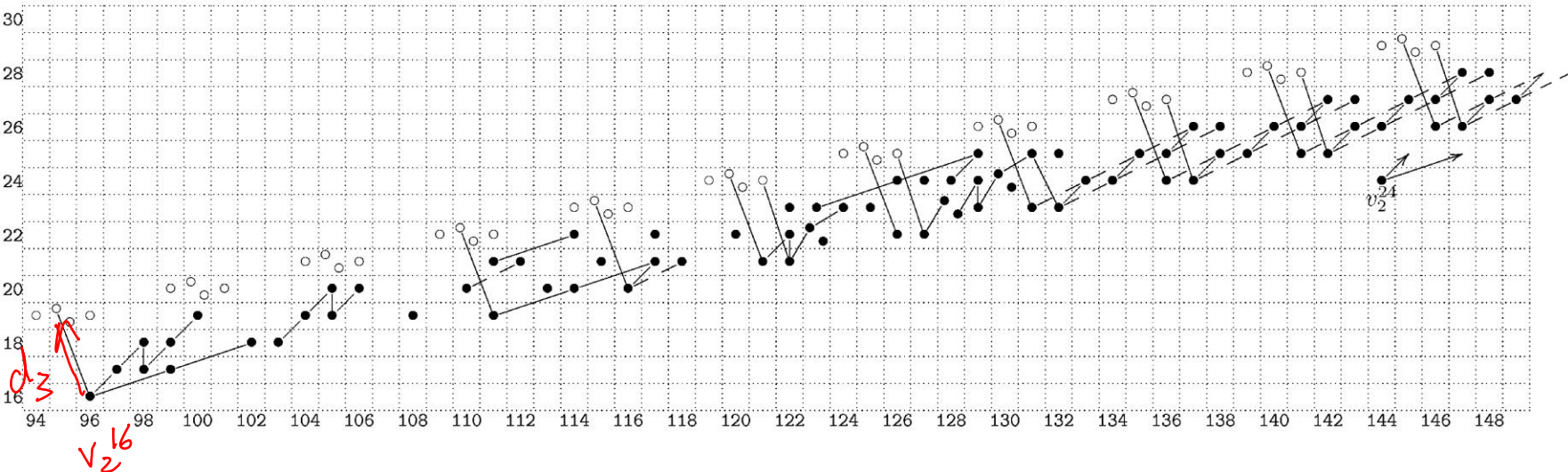


MASS for $\text{tmf}_* M(1,4), p_2$:

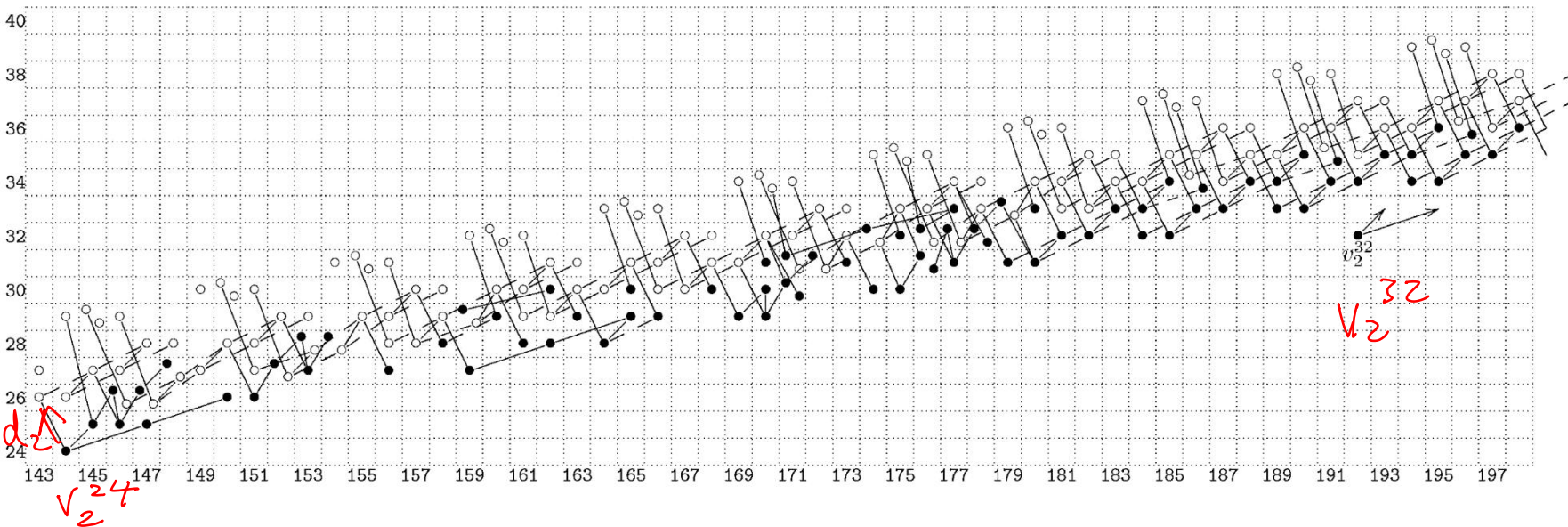


$$Ext_{A(2)}(M(1,4)) \Rightarrow tmf_* M(1,4)$$

MASS for $tmf_* M(1,4)$, p3:



MASS for $tmf_* M(1,4)$, p4:



$$\text{Ext}_A(M(1,4)) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{A(2)}(M(1,4))$$

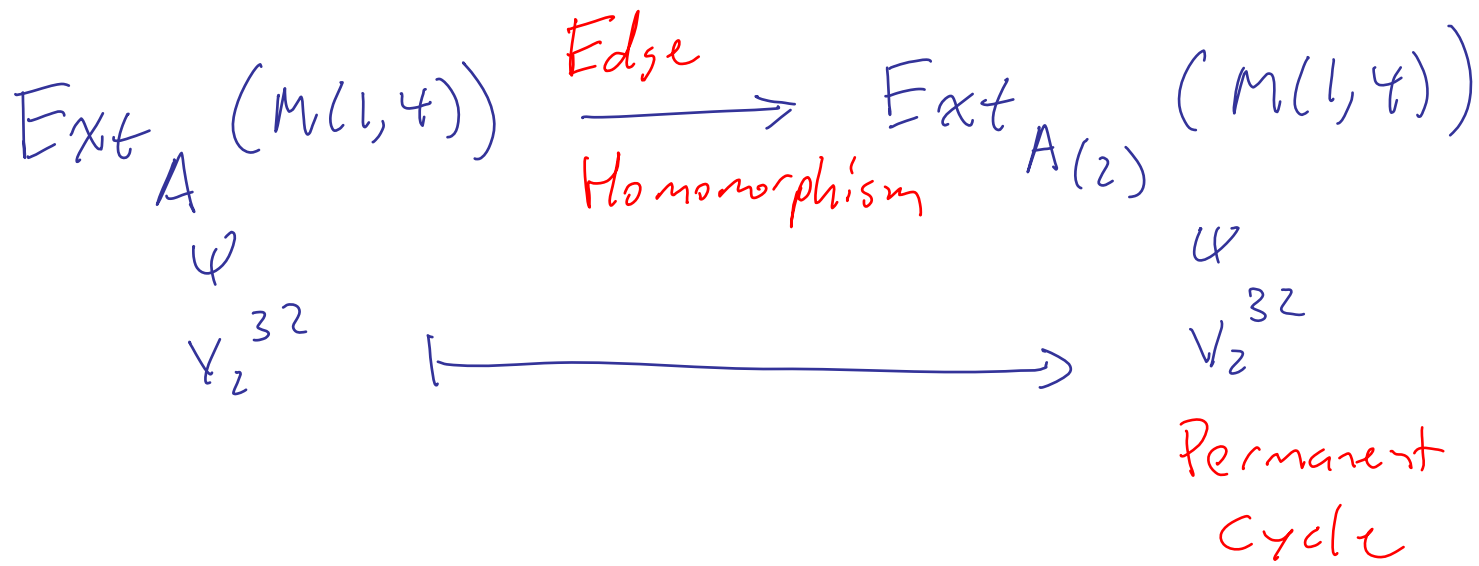
ψ
 v_2^{32}

\longleftarrow

ψ
 v_2^{32}
 Permanent
 Cycle

Idea: use Algebraic tmf-resolution
 to interpolate

$$\text{Ext}_A(M(1,4)) \longleftarrow \text{Ext}_{A(2)}(M(1,4))$$



Alg tmf-resolution:

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(b_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge b_{i_s} \wedge M(1,4)) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A(M(1,4))$$

Problem

Compute

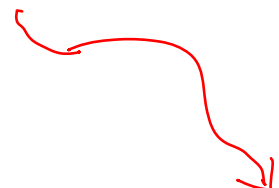
$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)} (b_{0, i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge b_{0, i_s} \wedge M(1, 4))$$

We computed

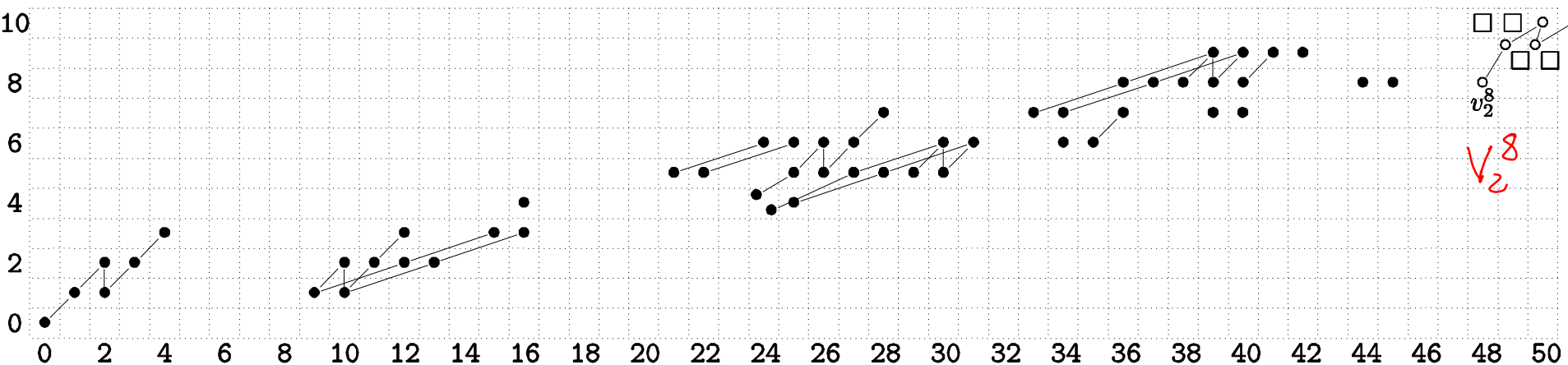
- $\text{Ext}_{A(2)} (b_{0, 1} \wedge M(1, 4))$
- $\text{Ext}_{A(2)} (b_{0, 1} \wedge^2 \wedge M(1, 4))$
- $\text{Ext}_{A(2)} (b_{0, 1} \wedge^3 \wedge M(1, 4))$

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(b_{0,1} \sim M(1,4))$$

$$\square = P[h_{2,1}]$$



$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)*}(M_2(1) \otimes H(1,4))$$

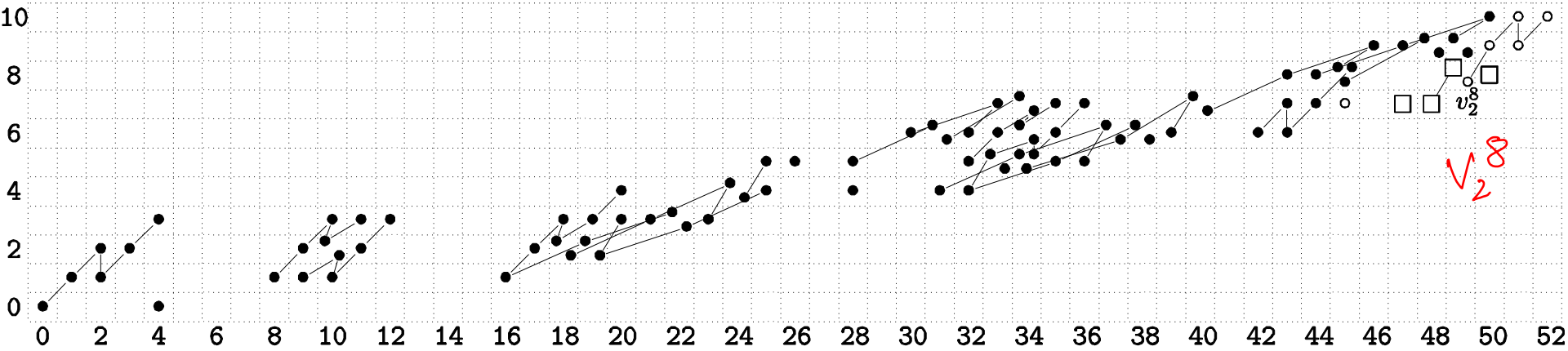


whole thing is v_2^8 -periodic

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^{\wedge 2} (b_{0,1}^{\wedge 2} \wedge M(1,4))$$

$$\square = P[h_{2,1}]$$

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)*} (M_2(1)^{\otimes 2} \otimes H(1,4))$$

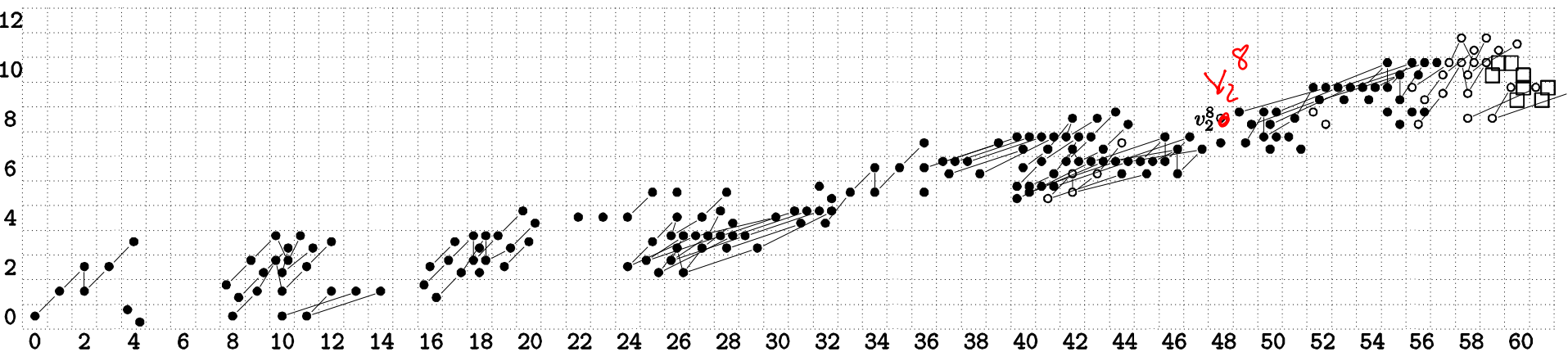


whole thing is v_2^8 -periodic

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^3(b_{0,1} \wedge M(1,4))$$

$$\square = P[h_{2,1}]$$

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)_*}(M_2(1)^{\otimes 3} \otimes H(1,4))$$



whole thing is v_2^8 -periodic

How we made these computations:

- Computation of $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\text{bo}_1)$ done by Davis-Mahowald
- Inductively get $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\text{bo}_1^s)$ by the cellular decomposition:

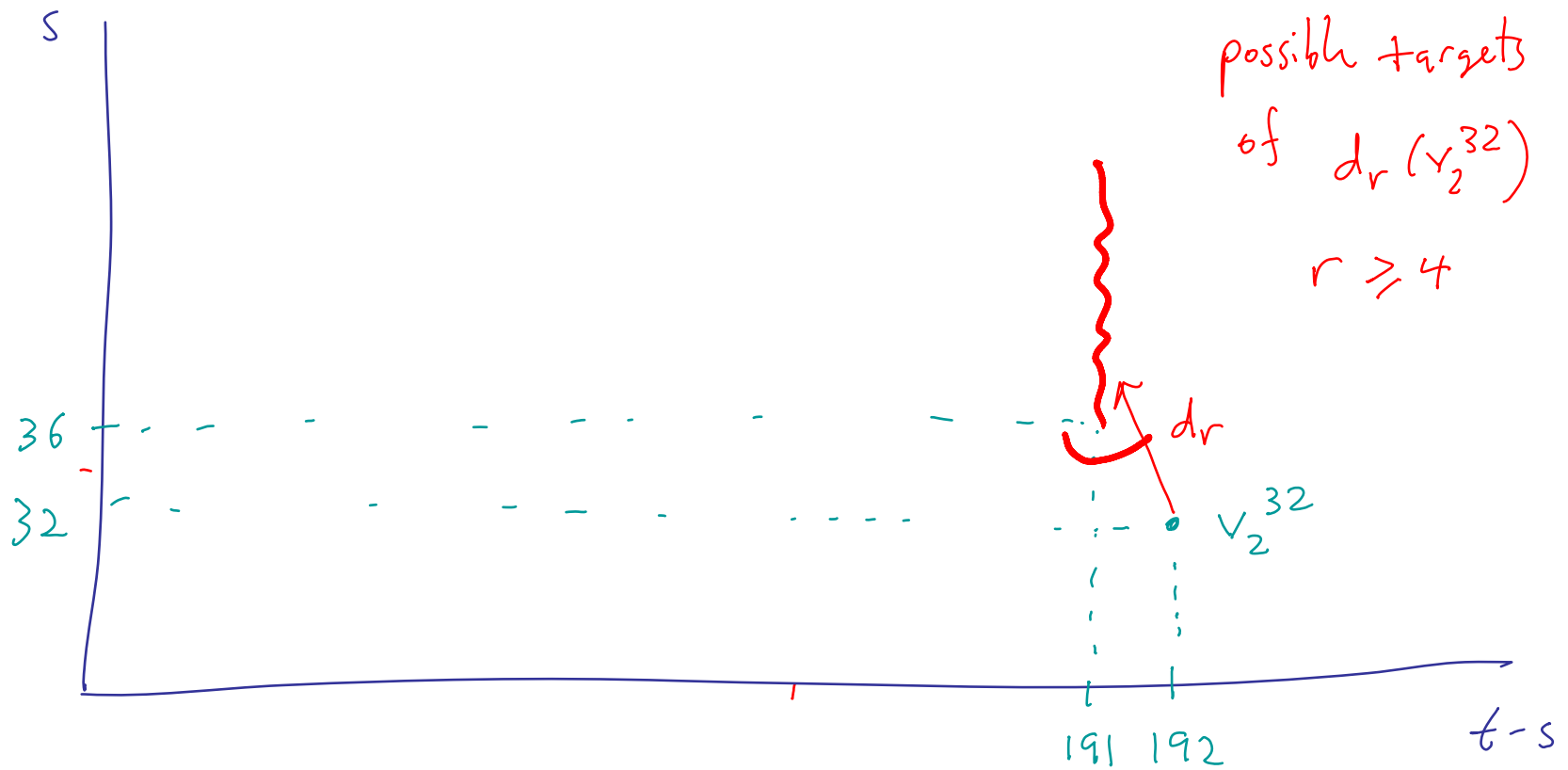
$$\text{bo}_1 = \begin{array}{c} s_2^1 \circ \\ s_2^2 \circ \\ \hline s_2^4 \circ \end{array}$$

"4-cell complex"

- Then use cellular decomposition of $M(1,4)$ to get $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\text{bo}_1^s \wedge M(1,4))$
- Double check everything with Bob Bruner's ext software!

We want to understand:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(M(1,4)):$$



Vanishing Lemma

The only terms in the E_1 -term of

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^{E_1} (b_{0_{i_1}} \wedge \dots \wedge b_{0_{i_s}} \wedge M(1,4)) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{E_1}(M(1,4))$$

which could yield potential targets of

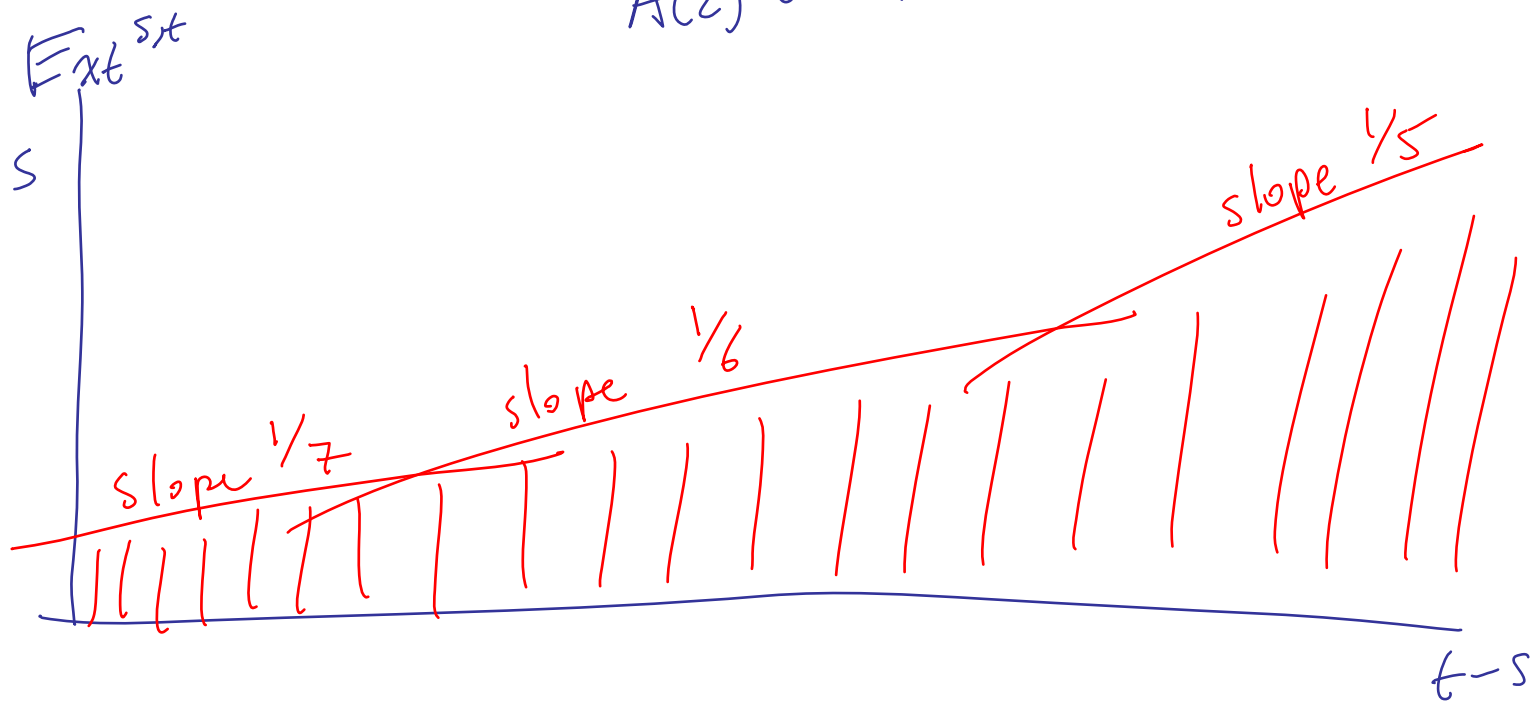
$$d_r(V_2^{32}) \quad r \geq 4$$

are $\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^{E_1}(b_{0_i}^{\wedge s} \wedge M(1,4))$, $s \leq 3$

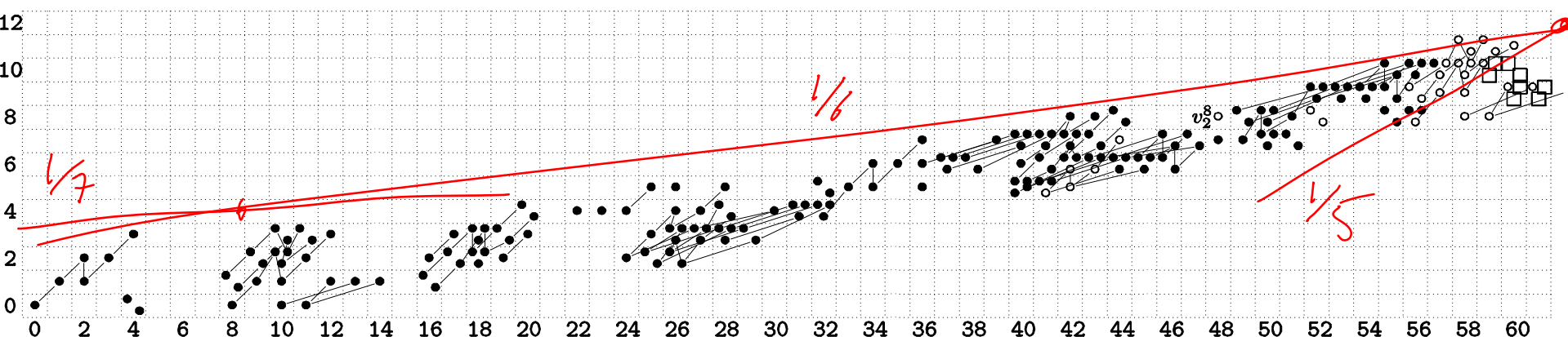
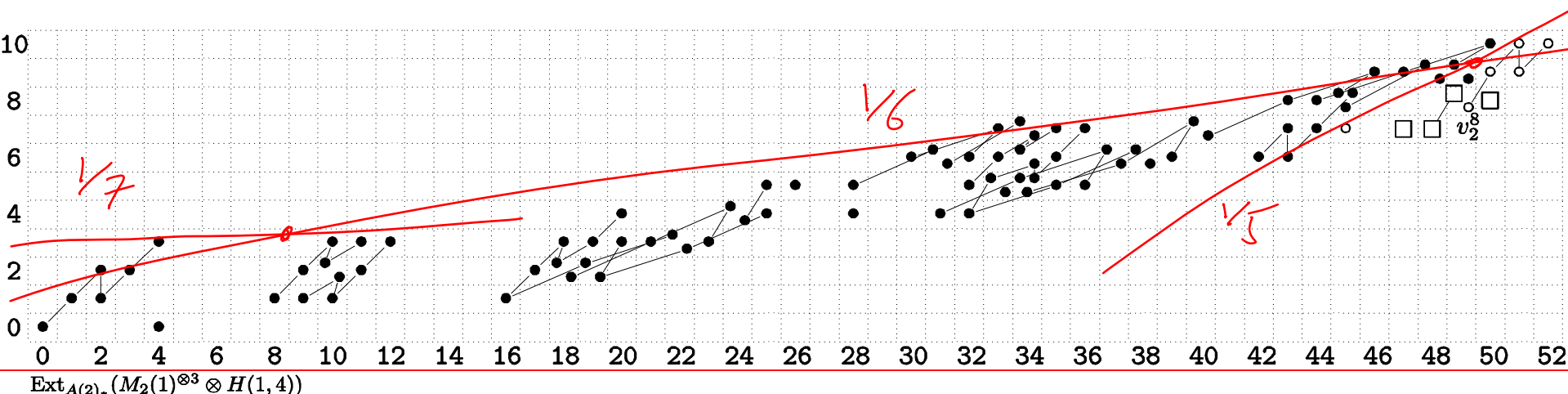
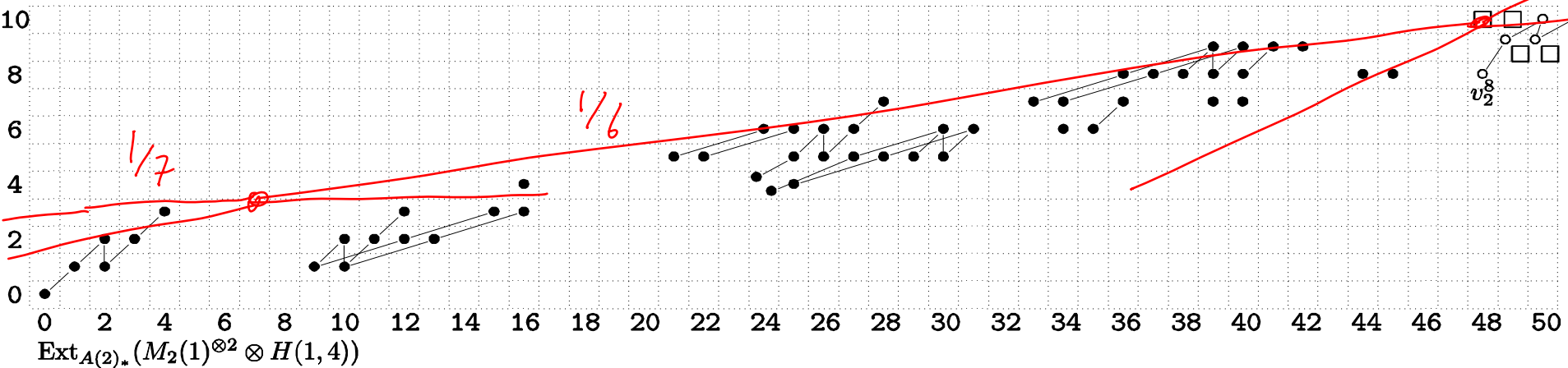
Sketch proof of "vanishing lemma":

Step 1: Establish vanishing polygons for

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}^s(b_0, \wedge^s \sim M(1,4)) \quad s \leq 3$$



$\text{Ext}_{A(2)_*}(M_2(1) \otimes H(1,4))$



Sketch proof of "vanishing lemma", cont'd

Step 2: Inductively establish vanishing polygons for $\text{Ext}_{A(z)}(b_{0i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge b_{0i_s} \wedge M(l, 4))$

Using exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{trf}_{j-1} \otimes (A^{(2)} // A^{(1)})_{\downarrow} \rightarrow b_{0_{2j+1}} \rightarrow \sum_i^{8j} b_{0_j} \otimes b_{0_i} \rightarrow 0$$

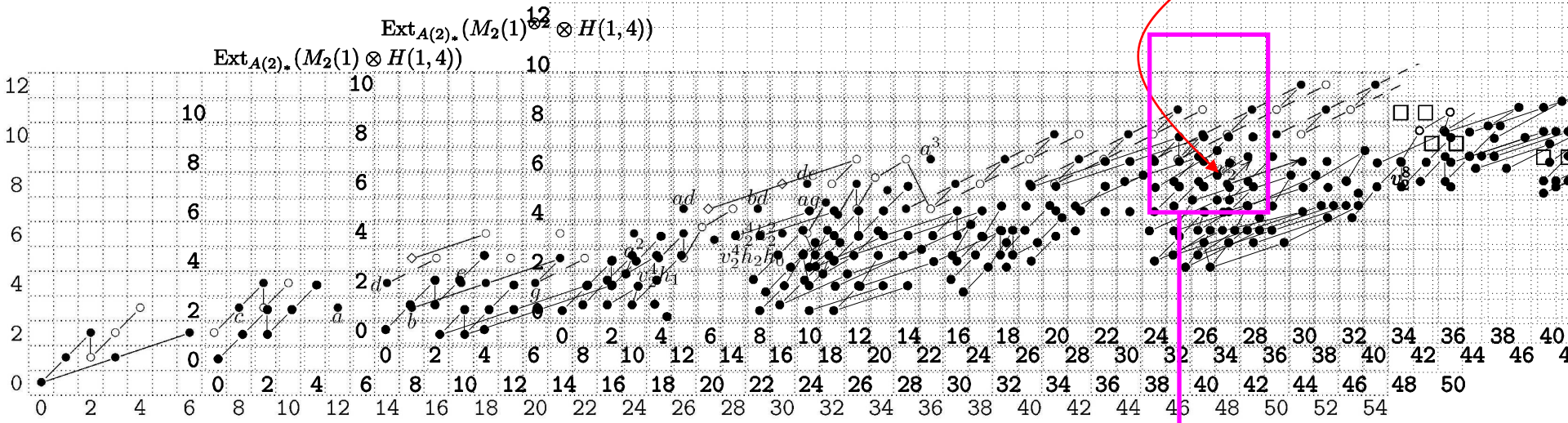
$$0 \rightarrow \sum_i^{8j} b_{0_j} \rightarrow b_{0_{2j}} \rightarrow \text{trf}_{j-1} \otimes (A^{(2)} // A^{(1)})_{\downarrow} \rightarrow \sum_i^{8j+9} b_{0_{j-1}} \rightarrow 0$$

The vanishing lemma follows from these vanishing polygons. \square

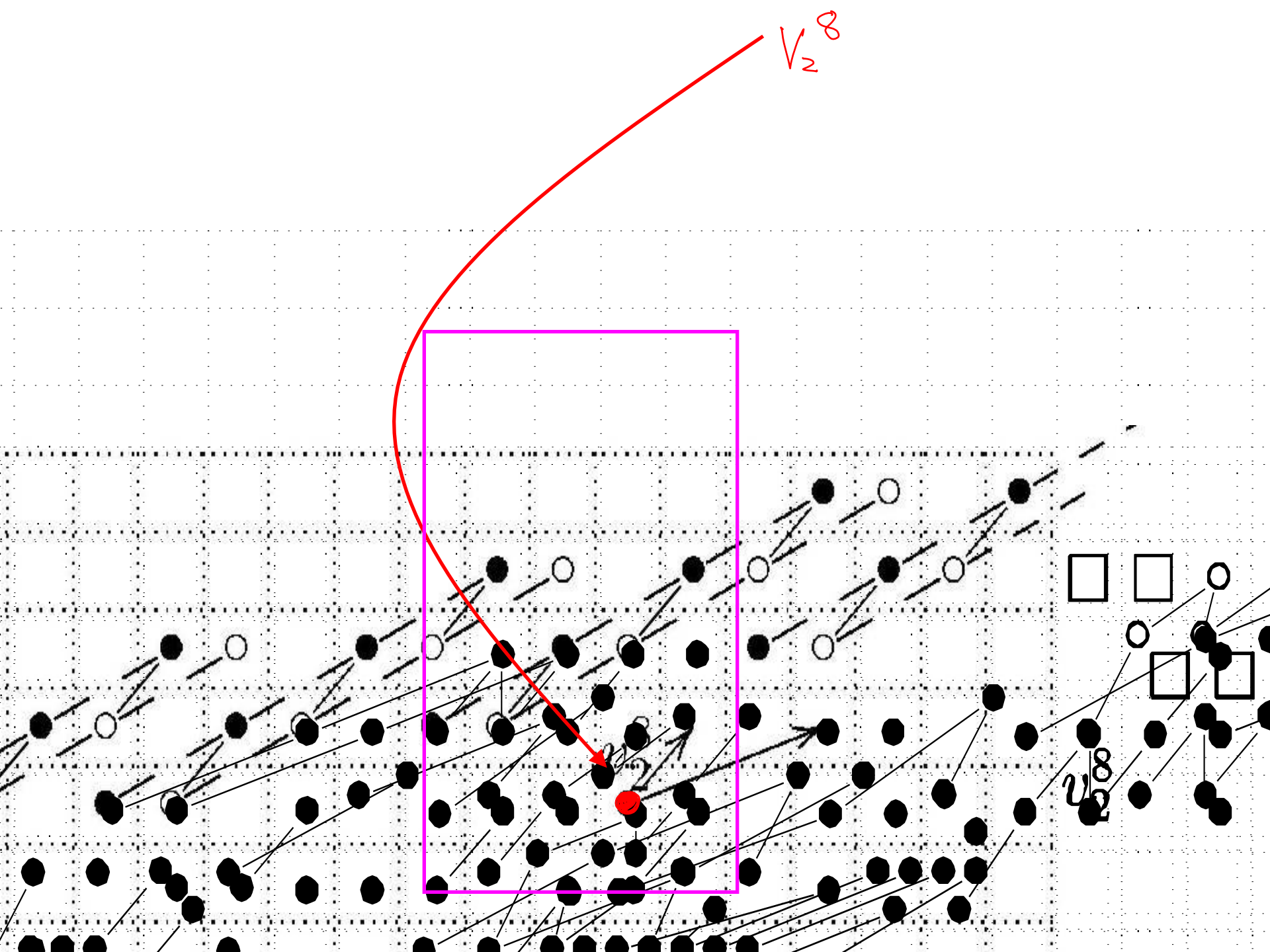
Part of the E_1 -term of the Alg surf Res'n:

$$\bigoplus_{s=0}^3 \text{Ext}_{A(2)}(b_0^{\wedge s} \wedge M(1,4))$$

$$\text{Ext}_{A(2),*}(M_2(1)^{\otimes 3} \otimes H(1,4))$$

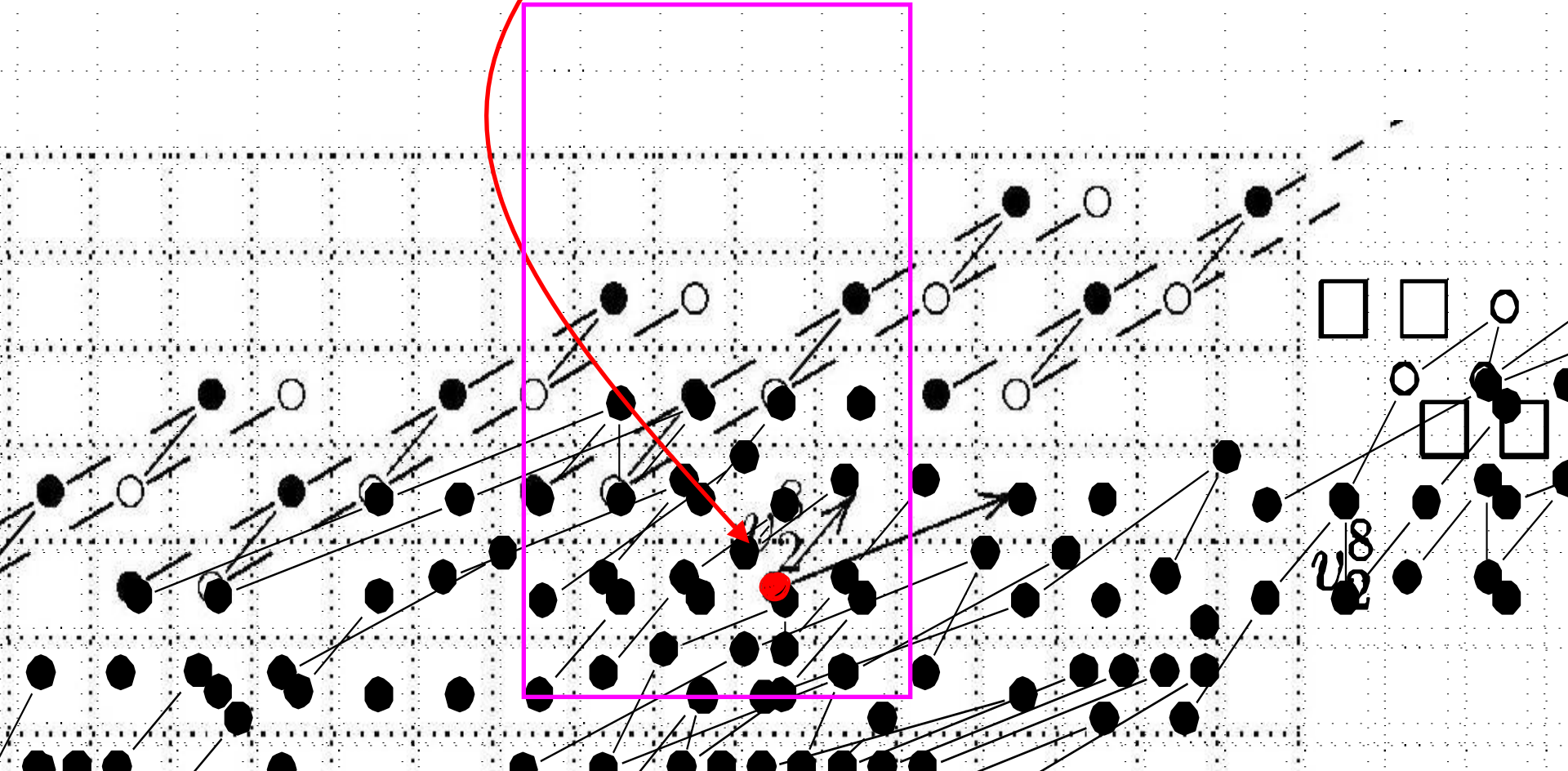


ZOOM in on this area...



Multiply everything by V_2^{24} :

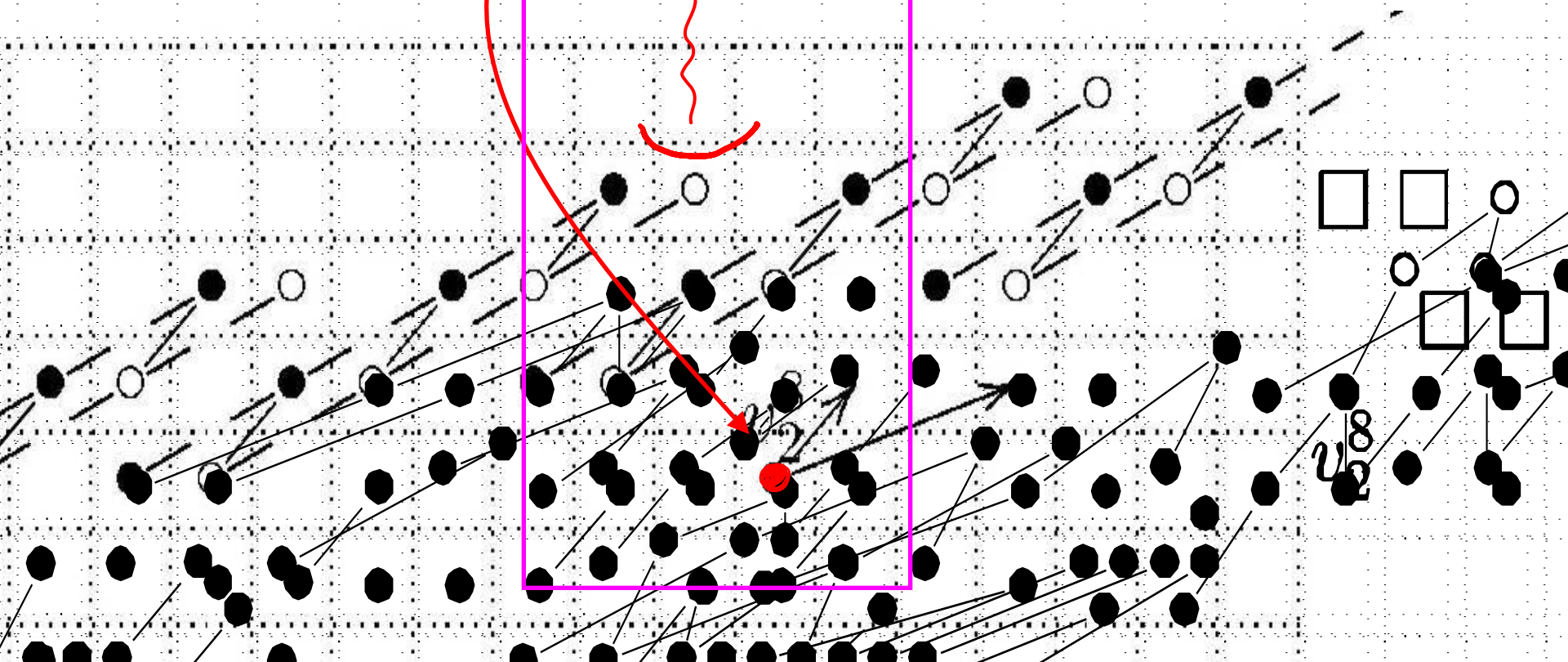
V_2^{32}



Multiply everything by v_2^{24} :

v_2^{32}

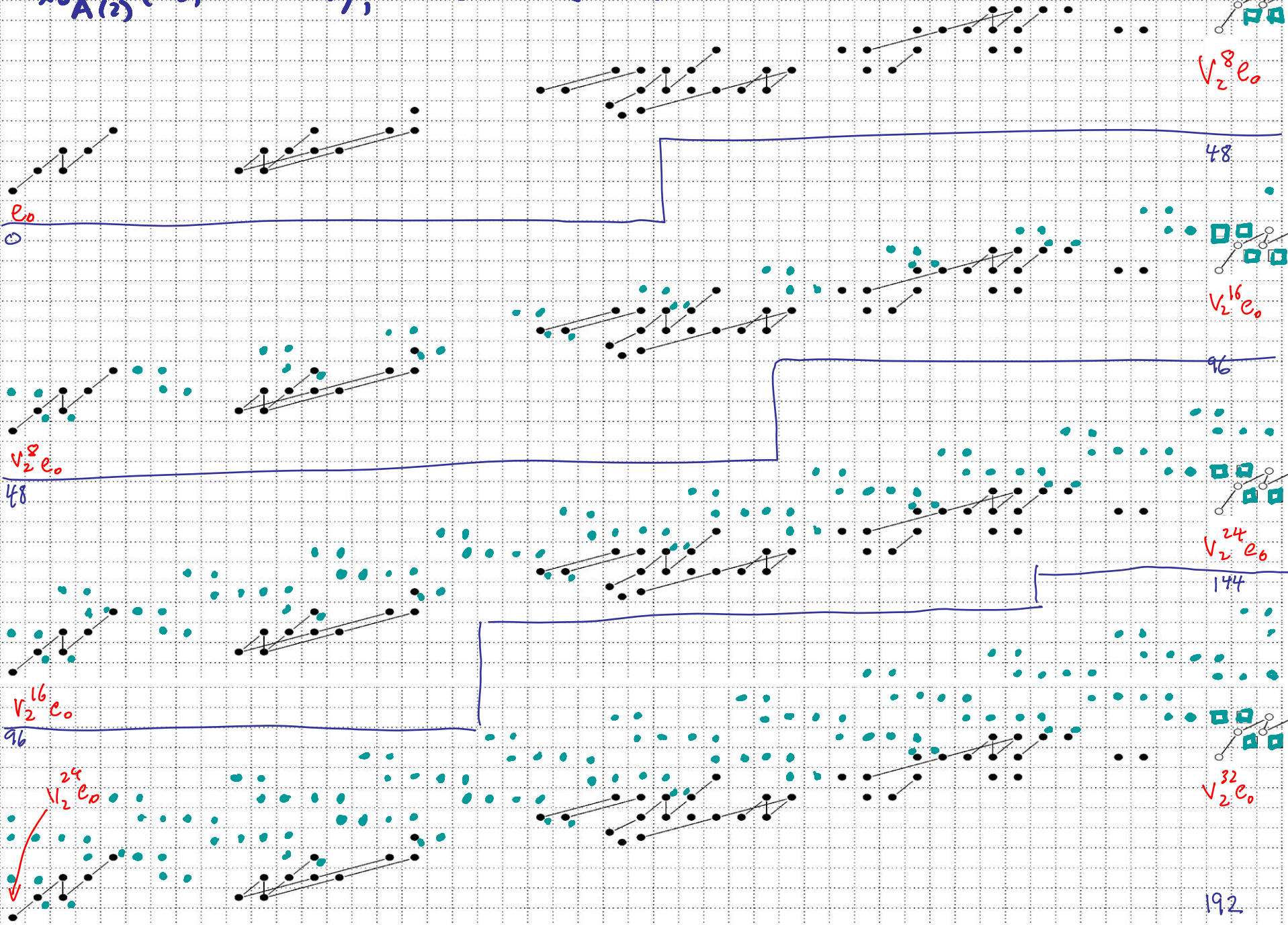
OBSERVE: NO POSSIBLE TARGETS of $d_r(v_2^{32}), r \geq 4$



So, we're done, right?!

NO!! We ignored the terms
coming from $h_{2,1}$ multiplication!

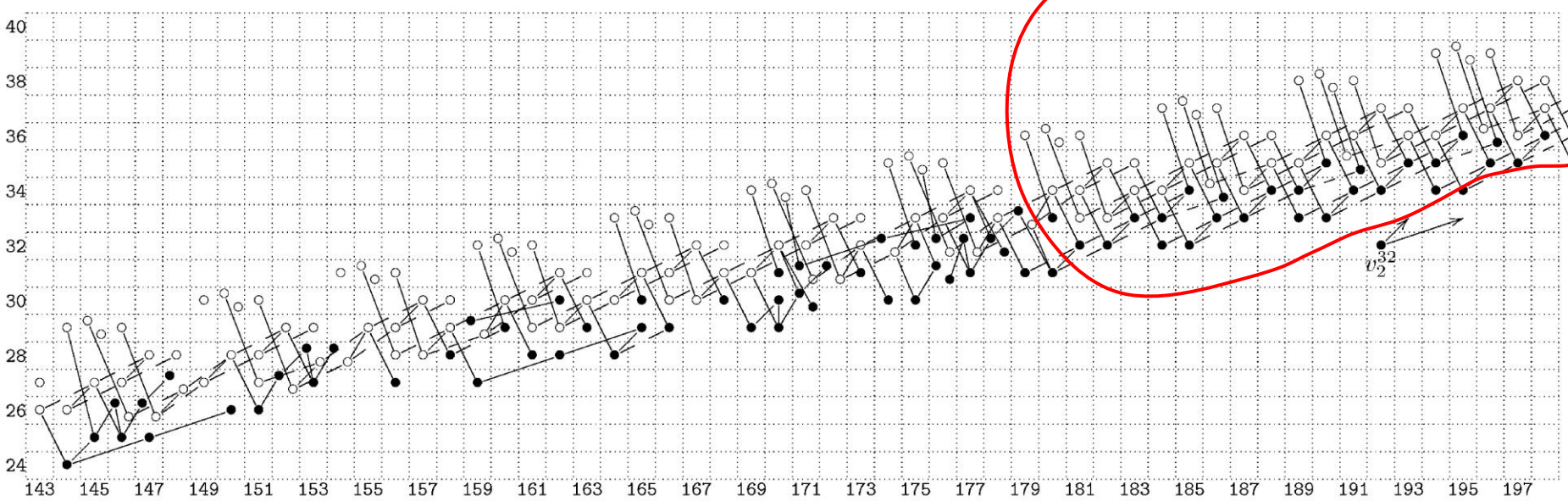
$\text{Ext}_{A^{(2)}}^{s,t}(b_0, \wedge M(1,4)), 0 \leq t-s \leq 192$



Recall, in the ASS for $tmf \wedge M(1,4)$:

all h_{2i} - towers
 annihilate each other
 near $t-s = 192$

MASS for $tmf_* M(1,4)$, p4:



\Rightarrow Same happens for $tmf \wedge bo,^s \wedge M(1,4)$

CAVEAT:

$$tmf \wedge tmf \neq \bigvee_{j \geq 0} \Sigma^{\infty_j} tmf \wedge b_{0,j}$$

⇒ We cannot directly deduce differentials amongst $h_{2,i}$ -multiples in

$$Ext_A(M(l,4)) \Rightarrow \pi_* M(l,4)$$

from diff's in

$$Ext_{A(z)}(b_{0,1}^{\wedge s} \wedge M(l,4)) \Rightarrow tmf_* (b_{0,1}^{\wedge s} \wedge M(l,4))$$

Instead, to complete the proof that V_2^{32} is a permanent cycle in

$$\text{Ext}_A(M(1,4)) \Rightarrow \pi_* M(1,4)$$

We explicitly deduce Adams diff'ls amongst $h_{2,1}$ -multiples using: $h_{2,1}^4 = \bar{K}$

Prop: (1) $\bar{K} \in \pi_{20}(S)$ lifts to $\bar{K} : \Sigma_1^{20} M(1,4) \rightarrow M(1,4)$

(2) In ASS for $M(1,4) \wedge DM(1,4)$

\bar{K}^6 is killed by a d_3 -diff'l.

