A delooped "+ = S" theorem in algebraic K-theory Norihiko Minami (Nagoya Institute of Technology) Homotopy Theory Symposium 2012 November 3, 2012, Yamaguchi University

In this talk, I shall report the following:

Theorem 0.1 (delooped "+ = S" theorem). For a ring R with the invariant basis property (which is satisfied by any commutative ring), there is a fibration-sequence-up-to-homotopy

(1)
$$B\left(\coprod_{n\geq 0} BGL_n(R)\right) \to \left|N_{\bullet}\left(iS_{\bullet}\mathbf{P}(R)\right)\right| \to B\left(K_0(R)/\mathbb{Z}\right),$$

which is natural with respect to ring homomorphisms between rings with invariant basis property.

The map $B\left(\coprod_{n\geq 0} BGL_n(R)\right) \to |N_{\bullet}(iS_{\bullet}\mathbf{P}(R))|$ in (1) is an explicitly constructed very simple map, and the proof is given in the framework of Waldhausen K-theory in a straight forward fashion. Such is the case, we do not have to resort to the Quillen "+ = Q" theorem in our proof. To the contrary, Theorem 0.1 immediately implies the following Waldhausen analogue of "+ = Q theorem":

Corollary 0.2 ("+ = S" theorem). For a ring R with the invariant basis property, there is a (not natural) homotopy equivalence

(2) $K_0(R) \times BL_\infty(R)^+ \xrightarrow{\simeq} K(R),$

where K(R) is the Waldhausen K-theory.

Of course, using the Waldhausen equivalence between the Waldhausen K-theory and the QUillen K-theory for exact categories, Corollary 0.2 implies the original Quillen "+ = Q" theorem.

Theorem 0.1 is used elsewhere to supply some details in the Morel-Voevodsky proof of their K-theory representability theorem.

It appears that Theorem 0.1 can be generalized under more general setting.