

## On $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$

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**Abstract.** Let  $SU(n)$  be the  $n$ -th special unitary group,  $SO(n)$  be the  $n$ -th special orthogonal group, and  $SU(n)/SO(n)$  be the homogenous space. Let  $SU$  be the infinite special unitary group,  $SO$  be the infinite special orthogonal group, and  $SU/SO$  be the homogenous space. By Bott-periodicity, the loop of  $SU/SO$ ,  $\Omega(SU/SO)$ , is homotopy-equivalent to  $BO$  which is the classifying space of the infinite orthogonal group. Hence we have a map

$$h: \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \rightarrow BO,$$

which is induced by looping the natural inclusion map. Furthermore by Lemma 7 in [6] the above natural inclusion map is  $(n-2)$ -equivalence. This suggests us that we can compute the Brown-Peterson homology of  $\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ ,  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ , completely by knowing  $BP_*BO$ .

In [5] the first author gave a complete answer of the Brown-Peterson homology of the classifying space  $BO$ ,  $BP_*BO$ . He computed  $BP_*BO$  by using the 2-primary Adams spectral sequence. With the same techniques, we can also use the Adams spectral sequence to compute  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ .

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The paper is organized as follows: In §1 we recall the Brown-Peterson homology of the classifying space  $BO$  [5] and state the main results of this paper. In §2 we compute the Adams  $E_2$ -term for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ . In §3 we prove the Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  collapses from  $E_2$ -term, solve the group extension problem of this spectral sequence, and prove the main theorem.

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### 1 Statement of results

Throughout the paper homology will always have  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -coefficients, and for any homology theory  $h_*(\ )$ , we will denote by  $\tilde{h}_*(\ )$  the reduced homology.

Recall that  $H_*(BO) = \mathbb{Z}/2[b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots]$ , where  $|b_i| = i$ , and the generators  $b_i$  come from the usual inclusion map  $g: RP^\infty \rightarrow BO$ . Furthermore, there is a well-known inclusion map (generating complex)

$$\bar{g}: RP^{n-1} \rightarrow \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$$

such that

$$H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))) = \mathbb{Z}/2[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}],$$

where  $|b_i| = i$ ,  $b_i$  comes from  $RP^i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , and

$$h_*: H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))) \rightarrow H_*(BO)$$

is injective.

Let  $BP$  be the 2-primary Brown-Peterson spectrum. The basic references of Brown-Peterson homology are [2] and [4]. We now recall some results of the Brown-Peterson theory. The coefficient ring is

$$BP_* \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots], \quad |V_i| = 2(2^i - 1).$$

Since  $BP$  is a ring spectrum with complex orientation, we have

$$BP^*CP \cong BP^*[[X]],$$

where  $X \in BP^2CP^\infty$  is the first Conner-Floyd class.

$BP_*CP^\infty$  is a free  $BP_*$ -module on the generator  $\beta_i$  which is dual to  $X^i$  ( $i \geq 0$ ).

The induced map,  $2^*$ , from the fibration,

$$RP^\infty \rightarrow CP^\infty \xrightarrow{\times 2} CP^\infty,$$

defines  $2^*(X) \equiv [2](X) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^\infty a_i X^{i+1}$ , which is called 2-series and  $a_i \in BP_{2i}$ ,  $a_0 = 2$ .

The reduced Brown-Peterson homology of  $RP^\infty$ ,  $\widehat{BP}_*RP^\infty$ , is generated by

$$z_j \in \widehat{BP}_{2j-1}RP^\infty \quad j > 0,$$

subject to the relations

$$\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} a_k z_{j-k} = 0.$$

We still use  $\beta_{2i}$  and  $z_j$  as the images of  $\beta_{2i}$  and  $z_j$  under the maps  $f_*: BP_*CP^\infty \rightarrow BP_*BO$  and  $g_*: BP_*RP^\infty \rightarrow BP_*BO$  respectively, where  $f: CP^\infty \rightarrow BO$  and  $g: RP^\infty \rightarrow BO$  are the virtual Hopf bundles of degree 0 respectively. Then we recall the result of [5]:

There is an  $BP_*$ -algebras isomorphism

$$BP_*BO \cong BP_*[\beta_{2i}, z_j]/J,$$

where  $z_0 = 1$ ,  $\deg z_j = 2j - 1$  for  $j \geq 1$ ,  $\deg \beta_{2i} = 4i$  for  $i \geq 1$ , and  $J$  is the ideal generated by

$$\sum_{i=0}^{j-1} a_i z_{j-i} \quad \text{for } j \geq 1.$$

We now state the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Under the loop map*

$$h: \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \rightarrow BO,$$

$BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is embedded in  $BP_*BO$ , that is,

(1) for  $n = 2m$ ,

$$BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \cong BP_*[\beta_{2i}, z_j]/J, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $z_0 = 1$ ,  $|z_j| = 2j - 1$ ,  $|\beta_{2i}| = 4i$ , and  $J$  is the ideal generated by

$$\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} a_k z_{j-k} = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1,$$

and

(2) for  $n = 2m + 1$ ,

$$BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \cong BP_*[\beta_{2i}, z_j]/J, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $z_0 = 1$ ,  $|z_j| = 2j - 1$ ,  $|\beta_{2i}| = 4i$ , and  $J$  is the ideal generated by

$$\sum_{k=0}^j a_k z_{j-k} = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

**Remark.** Since  $H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))) = \mathbb{Z}/2[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}]$ , the top generator  $b_{n-1}$  induces a generator  $z_j$  if  $n$  is even or  $\beta_{2i}$  if  $n$  is odd in  $BP_{n-1}\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ .

The idea to prove the main theorem is to use the Adams spectral sequence. We rely on the same techniques as the first author's work of  $BP_*BO$  in [5] to compute the Adams  $E_2$ -term for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ . Also with the aid of the loop map

$$h: \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \rightarrow BO,$$

we could prove this Adams spectral sequence collapses from  $E_2$  term and solve the group extension problem in this Adams spectral sequence.

## 2 The Adams $E_2$ -term for $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$

Let  $A_*$  be the mod 2 dual Steenrod algebra, that is  $A_* = \mathbb{Z}/2[\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots]$ , where  $\xi_i$  is the Milnor's generator and  $|\xi_i| = 2^i - 1$ . The coproduct is given by

$$\Delta(\xi_i) = \sum_{k=0}^i \xi_{i-k}^{2^k} \otimes \xi_k.$$

Recall the 2-primary Adams spectral sequence,

$$E_2^{*,*} = \text{Ext}_{A_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{Z}/2, H_*(X)) \Rightarrow \pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(2)},$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}_{(2)}$  is the integers localized at prime 2. By a well-known change-of-ring isomorphism [1], we can replace

$$\text{Ext}_{A_*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{Z}/2, H_*(BP \wedge X)) \quad \text{with} \quad \text{Ext}_E^{*,*}(\mathbb{Z}/2, H_*(X)),$$

where  $E$  is the exterior algebra of the mod 2 dual Steenrod algebra. Thus the desired Adams spectral sequence which we will use is

$$E_2^{*,*} = \text{Ext}_E^{*,*}(\mathbb{Z}/2, H_*(X)) \Rightarrow BP_*X.$$

Recall that  $|\xi_i| = 2^i - 1$  and that

$$\text{Ext}_E^{*,*}(\mathbb{Z}/2, \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2[w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots],$$

where  $\text{bideg}(w_i) = (1, |\xi_i|)$ . We will denote this ring by  $R$ .

Recall that  $H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))) = \mathbb{Z}/2[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}]$ , where the generators  $b_i$  come from the generating complex  $\bar{g}: RP^{n-1} \rightarrow \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ . Hence by the results of Switzer [3], the comodule structure of  $H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)))$  over the mod 2 dual Steenrod algebra is

$$\Delta(b_i) = \sum_{k=1}^i \binom{i}{k} \xi_{i-k} \otimes b_k, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

where  $\xi = 1 + \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3 + \dots$ .

In order to compute the Adams  $E_2$ -term for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  we must understand the comodule structure of  $H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)))$  over the exterior algebra in advance. We have the exact same lemma as Lemma 2.1 of the first author's paper in [5].

**Lemma 2.1.** *With the notation as above, the comodule structure of  $H_*(\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)))$  over the exterior algebra  $E$  is*

$$\Delta(b_{2j-1}) = 1 \otimes b_{2j-1}, \quad 1 \leq 2j-1 \leq n-1,$$

$$\Delta(b_i^2) = 1 \otimes b_i^2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

and 
$$\Delta(b_{2k}) = 1 \otimes b_{2k} + \sum_{2 \leq 2^l \leq 2k} \xi_l \otimes b_{2k-2^l+1}, \quad 1 \leq 2k \leq n-1.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** *In the Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$ , the Adams  $E_2$ -term is*

(1) for  $n = 2m$

$$\bar{E}_2^{*,*} \cong R \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2, \bar{\alpha}_{2j-1}]/\bar{J}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_{2j-1}$  are represented by  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2j-1}$  in the cobar complex respectively, and  $\bar{J}$  is the ideal generated by

$$\bar{q}_{2j} = \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j} w_k \otimes \bar{\alpha}_{2j-2^k+1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1.$$

(2) for  $n = 2m+1$

$$\bar{E}_2^{*,*} \cong R \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2, \bar{\alpha}_{2j-1}]/\bar{J}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_{2j-1}$  are represented by  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2j-1}$  in the cobar complex respectively, and  $\bar{J}$  is the ideal generated by

$$\bar{q}_{2j} = \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j} w_k \otimes \bar{\alpha}_{2j-2^k+1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

We will only prove this theorem for the case  $n = 2m$ , and the proof for the case  $n = 2m+1$  is similar.

To prove Theorem 2.2, we will rely on the same techniques as the paper of  $BP_*BO$ . The idea is to filter the cobar complex and to compute the desired Ext group by using the associated spectral sequence.

Let  $C$  be the cobar complex, that is,  $C^k = \otimes^k \bar{E} \otimes H_*(\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m)))$ , where  $\bar{E}$  is the argumentation ideal of the exterior algebra  $E$ , and  $\otimes^k \bar{E}$  is the  $k$ -fold tensor product of  $\bar{E}$  ( $k \geq 0$ ).

Let

$$D = \mathbb{Z}/2[b_1, b_3, b_5, \dots, b_{2m-1}]$$

be the subalgebra of  $H_*(\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m)))$ .

Now we want to define a decreasing multiplicative filtration  $\{F^i\}$  on  $C$ . We do this by setting

$$F^1 C = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F^0 C^k = \bigotimes^k \bar{E} \otimes D$$

and by defining the filtration degree of each  $b_{2i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ ) to be  $-1$ . Then by using Lemma 2.1, one can easily check the following

- (1)  $d(F^{-p} C^k) \subseteq F^{-p} C^{k+1}$ ,  $d$  is the differential in  $C$ , and
- (2)  $F^{-p} C^k \otimes F^{-q} C^l \rightarrow F^{-p-q} C^{k+l}$ ,  $C^k \otimes C^l \rightarrow C^{k+l}$  is the external cup product.

So we have a spectral sequence of algebras

$$E_1^{-p,q} = H^{-p+q}(F^{-p} C/F^{-p+1} C) \Rightarrow H^{-p+q}(C).$$

where  $F^{-p} C/F^{-p+1} C$  is the quotient complex, and the  $d_1$  differential is the composite

$$\begin{aligned} E_1^{-p,q} = H^{-p+q}(F^{-p} C/F^{-p+1} C) &\xrightarrow{\partial} H^{-p+q+1}(F^{-p+1} C) \\ &\rightarrow H^{-p+q+1}(F^{-p+1} C/F^{-p+2} C) = E_1^{-p+1,q}. \end{aligned}$$

Since in the above filtration we filter away the coaction of  $E$ ,

$$E_1^{-p,*} = F^{-p} C^*/F^{-p+1} C^*,$$

that is,

$$E_1^{*,*} = R \otimes H_*(\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m))).$$

The proof of Theorem 2.2 now follows from the next result.

**Theorem 2.3.** *The filtration spectral sequence indicated above collapses from  $E_2$ -term and*

$$E_2^{*,*} \cong R \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[b_{2i}^2, b_{2j-1}]/\bar{J}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where the ideal  $\bar{J}$  is generated by

$$\bar{q}_{2j} = \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j} w_k \otimes b_{2j-2^k+1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\bar{R} = R \otimes D \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[b_2^2, b_4^2, \dots, b_{2m-2}^2]$  which is a subalgebra of  $R \otimes H_*(\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m)))$ . Let*

$$\bar{q}_{2j} = \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j} w_k \otimes b_{2j-2^k+1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1,$$

and for  $2 \leq s \leq m$ , let  $\bar{J}_{(s-1)}$  be the ideal of  $\bar{R}$  generated by  $\bar{q}_{2j}, 1 \leq j \leq s-1$ . Then  $\bar{q}_{2(s+t)}$  is not a zero divisor in  $\bar{R}/\bar{J}_{(s-1)}$  for  $t \geq 0, s+t \leq m-1$  and  $\bar{q}_{2(s+t)}$  is not in  $\bar{J}_{(s-1)}$  for  $t \geq 0, s+t \leq m-1$ , that is, if  $l\bar{q}_{2(s+t)}$  is in  $\bar{J}_{(s-1)}$ ,  $l \in \bar{R}$ , then  $l \in \bar{J}_{(s-1)}$  for  $t \geq 0, s+t \leq m-1$ .

*Proof.* This lemma is exact the same as Lemma 2.4 of [5] except some restrictions on the degree.

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* Let

$$P_0 = R \otimes D \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[b_2^2, b_4^2, \dots, b_{2m-2}^2]$$

and

$$P_j = R \otimes D \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[b_2, b_4, \dots, b_{2j}, b_{2j+2}^2, \dots, b_{2m-2}^2], \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1$$

which are the subcomplexes of  $E_1$ -term. There are short exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow P_j \rightarrow P_{j+1} \rightarrow P_{j+1}/P_j \rightarrow 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-2,$$

where  $P_{j+1}/P_j$  is the quotient complex.

We will prove by induction on  $j$  that

$$H_*(P_j) = R \otimes D \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[b_2^2, b_4^2, \dots, b_{2m-2}^2]/\bar{J}_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m-1.$$

From Lemma 2.1, it is obvious that  $H_*(P_0) = P_0$ . So we can start the induction.

The short exact sequence indicated above induces a long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H_*(P_j) \rightarrow H_*(P_{j+1}) \rightarrow H_*(P_{j+1}/P_j) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{*-1}(P_j) \rightarrow.$$

*Claim:* The boundary homomorphism is multiplication by  $\bar{q}_{2(j+1)}$ .

Note that the typical element of  $P_{j+1}/P_j$  is  $x \otimes b_{2j+2}$ , where  $x \in P_j$ . Suppose  $y \in H_*(P_{j+1}/P_j)$  is represented by  $x \otimes b_{2j+2}$  in the quotient complex  $P_{k+1}/P_k$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(b_{2j+2}) &= 1 \otimes b_{2j+2} + \Delta(b_{2j+2}) \\ &= 1 \otimes b_{2j+2} + [1 \otimes b_{2j+2} + \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j+2} \xi_k \otimes b_{2j-2^k+2}] = \bar{q}_{2(j+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$d_1(x \otimes b_{2j+2}) = d_1(x) \otimes b_{2j+2} + x \otimes \bar{q}_{2(j+1)}.$$

But  $x \otimes b_{2j+2}$  must be a cycle in the quotient complex, so  $d_1(x \otimes b_{2j+2}) = 0$  in  $P_{j+1}/P_j$ , that is,  $d_1(x \otimes b_{2j+2}) \in P_j$ . However  $b_{2j+2} \notin P_j$ , so  $d_1(x) = 0$ , that is,  $d_1(y) = x \otimes \bar{q}_{2(j+1)}$ .

Now by Lemma 2.4,  $\partial$  is injective. Hence the long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H_*(P_j) \rightarrow H_*(P_{j+1}) \rightarrow H_*(P_{j+1}/P_j) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{*-1}(P_j) \rightarrow$$

implies that

$$H_*(P_j) \rightarrow H_*(P_{j+1})$$

is surjective. Then by the first isomorphism theorem,

$$H_*(P_{j+1}) = H_*(P_j)/\text{Im } \partial = H_*(P_j)/\langle \bar{q}_{2(j+1)} \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \bar{q}_{2(j+1)} \rangle$  is the ideal generated by  $\bar{q}_{2(j+1)}$ . This completes the inductive step.

Since the filtration spectral sequence is a spectral sequence of algebras, to prove the filtration spectral sequence collapses from  $E_2$ -term, we only have to prove that  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2j-1}$  are permanent cycles in the  $E_2$ -term of this filtration spectral sequence. Furthermore since this filtration spectral sequence converges to the Adams  $E_2$ -term for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m))$  and by Lemma 2.1 we do know that  $\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_{2j-1,2}$  are in the Adams  $E_2$ -term which are detected by  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2j-1}$ . So  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2j-1}$  are permanent cycles in this filtration spectral sequence. This completes the proof.

### 3 The group extension problem in the Adams spectral sequence for $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$

Recall Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 3.3 of [5].

The Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*BO$  collapses from  $E_2$ -term and

$$E_2^{*,*} = E_\infty^{*,*} = R \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[\alpha_{2i}^2, \alpha_{2i-1}]/\bar{J},$$

where  $\alpha_{2i}^2$  and  $\alpha_{2i-1}$  are represented by  $b_{2i}^2$  and  $b_{2i-1}$  respectively, and  $\bar{J}$  is the ideal generated by

$$\bar{q}_{2j} = \sum_{2 \leq 2^k \leq 2j} \omega_k \otimes \alpha_{2j-2^k+1}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *The Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  collapses from  $E_2$ -term.*

*Proof.* The loop map

$$h: \Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \rightarrow \Omega(SU/SO) \simeq BO$$

induces a homomorphism of the Adams spectral sequences, it is clear that, at the  $E_2$ -level,  $h_*(\bar{\alpha}_{2i}^2) = \alpha_{2i}^2$  and  $h_*(\bar{\alpha}_{2j-1}) = \alpha_{2j-1}$ . It follows that  $h_*$  is injective at the



$E_2$ -level. Together with the fact that the Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*BO$  collapses, this forces the Adams spectral sequence for  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  to collapse. This completes the proof.

Let  $L$  be a commutative ring identity, and  $M, N$  be any  $L$ -modules. Suppose  $M, N$  have decreasing filtrations respectively, that is,

$$M = M^0 \supseteq M^1 \supseteq M^2 \supseteq \dots$$

and  $N = N^0 \supseteq N^1 \supseteq N^2 \supseteq \dots$

Let  $E^0(M)$  denote the associated graded module  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} M^i/M^{i+1}$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** *Assume that  $\bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} M^i = 0$ . Then if  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is a filtered homomorphism with  $E^0(\phi)$  injective,  $\phi$  is injective.*

*Proof.* This is just Lemma 3.4 of [5]. This completes the proof.

Now since  $\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is an  $H$ -space,  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is an  $BP_*$ -algebra. However  $\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is not a commutative  $H$ -space, for example, when  $n = 2$ ,  $SU(2)/SO(2) \cong S^3/S^1 \cong S^2$ , so we don't even know whether  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is a commutative ring or not. Now since  $BO$  is a commutative  $H$ -space,  $BP_*BO$  is a commutative  $BP_*$ -algebra. The following result implies that  $BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n))$  is a commutative  $BP_*$ -algebra.

**Corollary 3.6.** *The induced homomorphism*

$$h_* : BP_*\Omega(SU(n)/SO(n)) \rightarrow BP_*BO$$

*is injective.*

*Proof.* From the proof Theorem 3.1, we know that  $E^0(h_*)$  is injective. By Lemma 3.5, this corollary follows immediately.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* By Corollary 3.6, the induced homomorphism

$$h_* : BP_*\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m)) \rightarrow BP_*BO$$

is injective. So  $BP_*\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m))$  is embedded in  $BP_*[\beta_{2i}, z_j]/J$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1, 1 \leq j \leq m$ . Thus

$$BP_*\Omega(SU(2m)/SO(2m)) \cong BP_*[\beta_{2i}, z_j]/J,$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1, 1 \leq j \leq m. 1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ . This completes the proof for  $n = 2m$ .

The same argument holds for  $n = 2m + 1$ . This completes the proof.

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