

# THE $S^1$ -TRANSFER MAP AND HOMOTOPY GROUPS OF SUSPENDED COMPLEX PROJECTIVE SPACES

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**1. Introduction.** We denote by  $P^n$  the complex  $n$ -dimensional projective space. Let  $SU(n)$  and  $SO(n)$  be the special unitary and rotation groups, respectively. As is well known, the suspended space  $EP^{n-1}$  is canonically embedded in  $SU(n)$  [17]. We consider the composition of the canonical mappings

$$EP^{n-1} \longrightarrow SU(n) \longrightarrow SO(2n) \longrightarrow \Omega^{2n}S^{2n},$$

where  $\Omega^{2n}S^{2n}$  denotes the space of base point preserving maps from  $S^{2n}$  to  $S^{2n}$ . We define the  $S^1$ -transfer map

$$g_n : E^{2n+1}P^{n-1} \longrightarrow S^{2n}$$

by taking the adjoint of the above.

We denote by  $B_{k,n}$  the image of the induced homomorphism

$$g_{n*} : \pi_{2n+k}(E^{2n+1}P^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+k}(S^{2n})$$

and

$$B_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{k,n}.$$

The purpose of the present paper is to determine the group structure of  $B_k$  for  $k \leq 11$ .

Our method is essentially to compute stable homotopy groups of  $EP^{n-1}$  from the unstable viewpoint. The main tools are the works on the homotopy groups of  $SU(n)$  [13] and the composition methods in the homotopy groups of  $S^n$  [15].

Our main result is stated as follows :

**Theorem 1.1.**  $B_k$  for  $k \leq 11$  and generators of their 2-primary components are listed in the following table.

$k =$	1, 2	3	4, 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$B_k \approx$	0	$\mathbf{Z}_{24}$	0	$\mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z}_{120}$	$\mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z}_3$	$\mathbf{Z}_{504}$
<i>gen. of 2-comp.</i>		$\nu$		$\nu^2$	$2\sigma$	$\bar{\nu}$	$\eta^2\sigma, \nu^3$		$\xi$

Let  $\pi_n : S^{2n+1} \rightarrow P^n$  be the natural projection. The following theorem plays an important role in proving Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 1.2.** *The homotopy class of  $E^{k+1}\pi_{n-1}$  is of order  $n!$  for  $k \geq 0$ .*

The result about the  $k$ -th stable homotopy group of  $EP^\infty$  for  $k \leq 11$  will be stated as Theorem 1.3 in the last section.

**2. The  $S^1$ -transfer map and the complex  $J$  homomorphism.** Let  $S^{2n-1}$  be the unit sphere in the complex  $n$ -dimensional space  $C^n$  and let  $U(n)$  be the unitary group. Let  $\phi : S^{2n-1} \times S^1 \rightarrow U(n)$  be a mapping defined as follows:  $\phi(u, q)v = v + u(q-1)\langle u, v \rangle$  for  $u \in S^{2n-1}$ ,  $q \in S^1$  and  $v \in C^n$ , where  $\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{u}_k v_k$  for  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Then it gives the matrix form  $\phi(u, q) = (\delta_{ij} + (q-1)\bar{u}_i u_j)$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

According to [5], the complex quasi-projective space  $EP_n^{n-1}$  is the space obtained from  $S^{2n-1} \times S^1$  by imposing the equivalence relation:  $(u, q) \sim (ug, q)$  for  $g \in S^1$  and  $(u, 1) \sim$  a point for  $u \in S^{2n-1}$ . The generalized reflection

$$j' = j'_n : EP_n^{n-1} \rightarrow U(n)$$

is defined as the mapping induced from  $\phi$ .

Let  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in S^{2n-1}$  and take  $[e_1] \in P^{n-1}$  as the base point of  $P^{n-1}$ . Then we define

$$j = j_n : EP^{n-1} \rightarrow SU(n)$$

by

$$j([u] \wedge q) = j'([u, q]) \begin{bmatrix} q^{-1} & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $[u] \wedge q \in P^{n-1} \wedge S^1 = EP^{n-1}$ . Obviously,  $j'$  and  $j$  are homeomorphisms into.

According to [17],  $SU(n)$  is a cell complex composed of  $2^{n-1}$  cells: 0-dim. cell  $e^0$  and  $\{2(k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m) - n\}$ -dim. cells  $e^{2k_1-1, 2k_2-1, \dots, 2k_m-1}$  for  $n \geq k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_m \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 1$ . In particular,  $e^{2k-1}$  is identified with the  $(2k-1)$ -dim. cell of  $EP^{n-1}$  by  $j_n$ , where  $k=2, \dots, n$ .

The  $S^1$ -transfer map

$$g_n : E^{2n+1}P^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{2n}$$

is defined by taking the adjoint of the composition

$$EP^{n-1} \xrightarrow{j} SU(n) \subset U(n) \xrightarrow{r} SO(2n) \xrightarrow{i} \Omega^{2n} S^{2n},$$

where  $r$  is the realization and  $i$  is the canonical inclusion.

It follows from the definition that

$$(1) \quad g_n | E^{2n+1} P^{n-2} = E^2 g_{n-1}.$$

Let  $J : \pi_r(SO(n)) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+r}(S^n)$  (resp.  $J_c : \pi_r(SU(n)) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+r}(S^{2n})$ ) be the  $J$  homomorphism (resp. complex  $J$  homomorphism). Then it is easy to prove

**Proposition 2.1.** *The following diagram is commutative for  $k \leq n$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_{2n+2k-1}(E^{2n+1}P^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{g_{n*}} & \pi_{2n+2k-1}(S^{2n}) & & \\
 \parallel \uparrow & & \nearrow E^{2(n-k)}g_{k*} & & \uparrow J \\
 \pi_{2n+2k-1}(E^{2n+1}P^{k-1}) & & \pi_{2k-1}(SU(n)) \xrightarrow{r_*} \pi_{2k-1}(SO(2n)) & & \\
 \uparrow E^{2n} & & \nearrow J_c & & \\
 \pi_{2k-1}(EP^{k-1}) & \xrightarrow{j_{k*}} & \pi_{2k-1}(SU(k)) \xrightarrow{r_*} \pi_{2k-1}(SO(2k)) & & \\
 & & \parallel \uparrow & & \\
 & & \pi_{2k-1}(SU(k)) & & 
 \end{array}$$

We recall that  $\pi_k(SU(n))$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}$  (resp. 0) for  $k < 2n$  if  $k$  is odd (resp. even) by [4].

**3. The characteristic map of a unitary bundle.** We regard  $S^{2n}$  as a subspace of  $S^{2n+1}$  consisting of points  $z=(z_0, \dots, z_n)$  such that  $\text{Re}(z_n)=0$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^n |z_k|^2=1$ . According to § 24.2 of [11], the characteristic map  $T'_n : S^{2n} \longrightarrow U(n)$  for the normal form of a unitary bundle is given by

$$T'_n(z) = (\delta_{ij} - 2\bar{z}_i z_j / (1 + z_n^2)), \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq n-1.$$

Put  $u_{k+1} = z_k / \sqrt{1 + z_n^2}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ , where  $z_n \neq \pm \sqrt{-1}$ . Put  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in S^{2n-1}$  and  $q = -(1 - z_n^2) / (1 + z_n^2) \in S^1$ . Then it follows immediately that  $T'_n(z) = j'_n([u, q])$ . So we have the following

**Lemma 3.1.** *The characteristic map  $T'_n : S^{2n} \longrightarrow U(n)$  is homotopic to the composition*

$$S^{2n} \xrightarrow{\pm E\pi_{n-1}} EP^{n-1} \xrightarrow{j_n} SU(n) \subset U(n).$$

From now on, we use often the same letter for a map and its homotopy class.

As is well known,  $\pi_{2n}(SU(n)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{n!}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . So Theorem 25.2 of [11] and Lemma 3.1 lead us to the following

**Proposition 3.2.**  $j_n E\pi_{n-1}$  generates  $\pi_{2n}(SU(n)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{n!}$  and  $j_* : \pi_{2n}(EP^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n}(SU(n))$  is an epimorphism for  $n \geq 2$ .

**4. The Toda map  $\zeta^{m,n}$ .** According to [13] and [14], there exists a cellular mapping  $\zeta : E^3 P^\infty \longrightarrow EP^\infty$  such that the degree of

$$\zeta_* : H_{2i+1}(E^3 P^\infty) \longrightarrow H_{2i+1}(EP^\infty)$$

is  $i$  for  $i \geq 2$ . We define a mapping

$$\zeta^{m,n} : E^{2m+1} P^n \longrightarrow EP^{m+n}$$

as the composition  $\zeta \circ E^2 \zeta \circ \dots \circ E^{2(m-1)} \zeta : E^{2m+1} P^n \longrightarrow E^{2m-1} P^{n+1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow E^3 P^{m+n-1} \longrightarrow EP^{m+n}$ . ( $\zeta^{0,n}$  = the identity map). In particular, we denote

$$\zeta_n = \zeta^{n-1,1} : S^{2n+1} \longrightarrow EP^n.$$

Hideyuki Kachi pointed the author out the following [13]:

**Theorem 4.1 (Toda).**  $j_{n+1} \zeta_n$  generates  $\pi_{2n+1}(SU(n+1)) \approx \mathbf{Z}$  and  $j_* : \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n+1))$  is a split epimorphism for  $n \geq 1$ .

By Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 4.1, we have a split exact sequence for  $n \geq 1$ :

$$(2) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n+1), EP^n) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n+1)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $H$  be the infinite cyclic subgroup of  $\pi_{2n+1}(EP^n)$  generated by  $\zeta_n$ . Then, the restriction homomorphism

$$E^k | H : H \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+k+1}(E^{k+1} P^n)$$

is a split monomorphism for  $k \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $m$  be an integer such that  $k \leq 2m$ . Consider the composition of the homomorphisms  $j_{m+n+1} \zeta_n^{m,n} E^{2m} : \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{2m+2n+1}(SU(m+n+1)) \approx \mathbf{Z}$ . Then this is a split epimorphism by Theorem 4.1, since  $\zeta_n^{m,n} E^{2m} \zeta_n = \zeta_{m+n}$ . This completes the proof.

Professor Hirosi Toda suggested the present form of Proposition 4.2 to the author.

By Theorem 4.1, Propositions 2.1 and 4.2, we have the following

**Theorem 4.3.**  $J_C(\pi_{2k-1}(SU(n))) = \{E^{2(n-k)} g_k \circ E^{2n} \zeta_{k-1}\} \subset B_{2k-1,n}$  for  $k \leq n$ .

Let  $p_n : P^n \rightarrow P^n/P^{n-1} = S^{2n}$  be the collapsing map and let  $\iota_n$  be the identity class of  $\pi_n(S^n) \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . From the definition, we have

$$(3) \quad E p_n \circ \zeta_n = n! \iota_{2n+1} \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

**5. Proof of Theorem 1.2.** Let  $i_n : P^{n-1} \rightarrow P^n$  and  $i'_n : SU(n-1) \rightarrow SU(n)$  be the inclusions and let  $p'_n : SU(n) \rightarrow SU(n)/SU(n-1) = S^{2n-1}$  be the projection. Then we have a commutative diagram

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} EP^{n-2} & \xrightarrow{Ei_{n-1}} & EP^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{Ep_{n-1}} & S^{2n-1} \\ \downarrow j_{n-1} & & \downarrow j_n & & \parallel \\ SU(n-1) & \xrightarrow{i'_n} & SU(n) & \xrightarrow{p'_n} & S^{2n-1}, \end{array}$$

where the upper sequence is the cofibering and the lower is the fibering.

Hereafter we use simply  $i$  and  $p$  to denote the natural inclusion and the collapsing map respectively, unless otherwise stated.

Now we give a proof of Theorem 1.2. Let  $p : (EP^n, EP^{n-1}) \rightarrow (S^{2n+1}, *)$  be the collapsing map. Then  $p_* : \pi_r(EP^n, EP^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_r(S^{2n+1})$  for  $r \leq 2n+2$  is an isomorphism by [3]. So we have an exact sequence for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$\pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) \xrightarrow{Ep_{n*}} \pi_{2n+1}(S^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{2n}(EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{Ei_{n*}} \pi_{2n}(EP^n),$$

where  $\Delta = \delta \circ p_*^{-1} : \pi_{2n+1}(S^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n, EP^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_{2n}(EP^{n-1})$ .

Obviously,  $(Ei_n)_*(E\pi_{n-1}) = 0$ , and so  $E\pi_{n-1} = \Delta(a\iota_{2n+1})$  for some integer  $a$ . By (3),  $n! E\pi_{n-1} = a\Delta(Ep_{n*}\zeta_n) = 0$ . By Proposition 3.2,  $j_{n*}E\pi_{n-1}$  is of order  $n!$ . This concludes the assertion of Theorem 1.2 for  $k=0$ . It is noted that  $(a, n!) = 1$ .

Next assume that  $k \geq 1$  and let  $m$  be an integer such that  $2m \geq k$ . We consider homomorphisms between the exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) & \xrightarrow{Ep_{n*}} & \pi_{2n+1}(S^{2n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \pi_{2n}(EP^{n-1}) \\ \downarrow E^{2m} & & \Downarrow E^{2m} & & \downarrow E^{2m} \\ \pi_r(E^{2m+1}P^n) & \xrightarrow{E^{2m+1}p_{n*}} & \pi_r(S^r) & \xrightarrow{\Delta'} & \pi_{r-1}(E^{2m+1}P^{n-1}), \end{array}$$

where  $r = 2m + 2n + 1$ . Using the case that  $k=0$ , we have

$$E^{2m+1}\pi_{n-1} = a\Delta'(\iota_{2m+2n+1}).$$

So it is sufficient to prove that  $\mathcal{A}'(\iota_{2m+2n+1})$  is of order  $n!$ .

Let  $x$  be the order of the above element. Assume that  $x < n!$  and put  $y = n!/x \geq 2$ . Then there exists an element  $\alpha \in \pi_r(E^{2m+1}P^n)$  such that  $E^{2m+1}p_{n*}\alpha = x\iota_r$  for  $r = 2m + 2n + 1$ . By (3), there exists an element  $\beta \in \pi_r(E^{2m+1}P^{n-1})$  such that  $E^{2m}\zeta_n = y\alpha + i_*\beta$ , where  $i = E^{2m+1}i_n$ . Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_r(E^{2m+1}P^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\zeta_*^{m,n-1}} & \pi_r(EP^{m+n-1}) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_r(SU(m+n)) \\ \downarrow i_* & & \downarrow i''_* & & \downarrow i''_* \\ \pi_r(E^{2m+1}P^n) & \xrightarrow{\zeta_*^{m,n}} & \pi_r(EP^{m+n}) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_r(SU(m+n+1)). \end{array}$$

Then,  $j_*\zeta_*^{m,n}i_*\beta = i''_*j_*\zeta_*^{m,n-1}\beta = 0$ , since  $\pi_{2m+2n+1}(SU(m+n)) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$  or 0 by Theorem 4.4 of [13]. Therefore,  $j_*\zeta_{m-n} = j_*\zeta_*^{m,n}E^{2m}\zeta_n = yj_*\zeta_*^{m,n}\alpha$ . This contradicts Theorem 4.1. Hence  $\mathcal{A}'(\iota_{2m+2n+1})$  is of order  $n!$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

**6. A characterization of  $\zeta_n$  and  $E\pi_n$ .** We shall prepare a lemma concerning the Toda bracket. Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be spaces with base points. Let  $[X, Y]$  be the set of homotopy classes of base point preserving maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ . We denote by  $W = Z \cup_a CY$  the mapping cone of  $\alpha \in [Y, Z]$ . Let  $i: Z \rightarrow W$  be the inclusion and let  $p: W \rightarrow EY$  be the mapping which shrinks  $Z$  to a point. We denote by  $\iota_X$  the homotopy class of the identity map of  $X$ .

**Lemma 6.1.** i)  $\iota_{EY} \in \{p, i, \alpha\} \text{ mod } p_*[EY, W] + (E\alpha)^*[EZ, EY]$  if  $Y = EY'$ .

ii) Assume that  $0 \notin \{p, i, \alpha\}$  and  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , where  $\beta \in [X, Y]$  and  $X = EX'$ . Suppose given an element  $\tilde{\beta} \in [EX, W]$  such that  $p_*\tilde{\beta} = -E\beta$ . Then

a)  $\tilde{\beta} \in \{i, \alpha, \beta\} \text{ mod Ker } p_* + (E\beta)^*[EY, W]$ .

Furthermore assume that the sequence

$$[EX, Z] \xrightarrow{i_*} [EX, W] \xrightarrow{p_*} [EX, EY]$$

is exact. Then

b)  $\tilde{\beta} \in \{i, \alpha, \beta\} \text{ mod } i_*[EX, Z] + (E\beta)^*[EY, W]$ .

*Proof.* By (1.14) and Lemma 1.1 of [15], we have i).

By Proposition 1.4 of [15],  $p_*\{i, \alpha, \beta\} = -\{p, i, \alpha\} \circ E\beta$ . So, by i) and the assumption, there exists an element  $\gamma \in \{i, \alpha, \beta\}$  such that  $p_*\gamma = -E\beta$ .

Therefore,  $\tilde{\beta} - \gamma \in \text{Ker } p_*$ . By the definition,  $(i, \alpha, \beta)$  is a double coset of  $i_*[EX, Z] \subset \text{Ker } p_*$  and  $(E\beta)^*[EY, W]$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 6.2.**  $\iota_{2n+1} \in \{E\beta_n, Ei_n, E\pi_{n-1}\} \text{ mod } n! \iota_{2n+1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* The bracket is a coset of the subgroup

$$E\beta_{n*}\pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) + (E^2\pi_{n-1})^*[E^2P^{n-1}, S^{2n+1}].$$

By (3), (4) and Theorem 4.1,  $E\beta_{n*}\pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) = \{n! \iota_{2n+1}\}$ . On the other hand,  $[E^2P^{n-1}, S^{2n+1}] \approx 0$ . This completes the proof.

By Theorem 1.2, (3), Lemmas 6.1 and 6.2, we have the following

**Proposition 6.3.** For  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\zeta_n \in -\{Ei_n, E\pi_{n-1}, n! \iota_{2n}\} \text{ mod } Ei_{n*}\pi_{2n+1}(EP^{n-1}) + n! \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n).$$

Hereafter we use the following [15]:

$$\pi_{n+1}(S^n) = \{\eta_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 \text{ (resp. } \mathbf{Z}) \text{ for } n \geq 3 \text{ (resp. } n=2).$$

By Theorem 24.3 of [11], (4) and Proposition 3.2, we have the following

**Lemma 6.4.**  $p_n\pi_n = n\eta_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proposition 6.5.** i) For odd  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$E\pi_n \in \{Ei_n, E\pi_{n-1}, \eta_{2n}\} \text{ mod } Ei_{n*}\pi_{2n+2}(EP^{n-1}) + \pi_{2n+1}(EP^n) \circ \eta_{2n+1}.$$

ii) There exists an element  $\lambda_n \in \pi_{2n+2}(EP^{n-1})$  such that

$$Ei_n \circ \lambda_n = E\pi_n \text{ (resp. } 2E\pi_n)$$

for even (resp. odd)  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 6.4,  $E\pi_{n-1} \circ \eta_{2n} = E\pi_{n-1} \circ (p_n\pi_n) = (E\pi_{n-1} \circ p_n) \circ \pi_n = 0$  for odd  $n \geq 3$ . Obviously, the sequence

$$\pi_r(EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{Ei_{n*}} \pi_r(EP^n) \xrightarrow{E\beta_{n*}} \pi_r(S^{2n+1})$$

is exact for  $r=2n+2$ . So we have i) by Lemmas 6.1 and 6.2. We have also ii) by Lemma 6.4 and the above exact sequence. This completes the proof.

**7. Generators of  $\pi_{2n+k}(SU(n))$  for  $1 \leq k \leq 3$ .** We consider the exact sequence

$$(5) \quad \pi_{r+1}(S^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}'} \pi_r(SU(n)) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_r(SU(n+1)) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_r(S^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}'} \pi_{r-1}(SU(n)).$$

By (2.2) of [9],  $\mathcal{A}'(\alpha \circ E\beta) = \mathcal{A}'(\alpha) \circ \beta$  for  $\alpha \in \pi_{t+1}(S^{2n+1})$  and  $\beta \in \pi_q(S^t)$ , where  $2n \leq t \leq q$  and  $q = r$  or  $r - 1$ . Using the proof of Theorem 1.2 for  $k = 0$ , we have an integer  $b$  with  $(b, n!) = 1$  such that

$$(5)' \quad \mathcal{A}'(t_{2n+1}) = bj_n E\pi_{n-1}.$$

Using [4], Theorem 4.4 of [13], (5) and (5)' for  $r = 2n + 1$ , we see that  $\mathcal{A}' : \pi_{2n+2}(S^{2n+1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n))$  is an epimorphism and  $\mathcal{A}'(\eta_{2n+1}) = j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \eta_{2n}$ . This leads us to the following

**Proposition 7.1.** i)  $\pi_{2n+1}(SU(n)) = \{j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \eta_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  (resp. 0) for even (resp. odd)  $n \geq 2$ .

ii)  $j_* : \pi_{2n+1}(EP^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n))$  is an epimorphism for  $n \geq 2$ .

By Theorem 1.2, Propositions 3.2 and 7.1, we have a split exact sequence for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$(6) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n), EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{2n}(EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{2n}(SU(n)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Hereafter we use the following ([13] and [15]):  $\pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{(n+1)!} + \mathbf{Z}_2$  (resp.  $\mathbf{Z}_{(n+1)!/2}$ ) for even (resp. odd)  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\pi_{n+2}(S^n) = \{\eta_n^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $\pi_6(S^3) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ .

**Proposition 7.2.** i)  $j_{n*} : \pi_{2n+2}(EP^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n))$  is an epimorphism for  $n \geq 2$ .

ii)  $\pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)) = \{j_n \lambda_n, j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \eta_{2n}^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{(n+1)!} + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for even  $n \geq 4$  and  $\pi_6(SU(2)) = \{j_2 \lambda_2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ .

iii)  $\pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)) = \{j_n \lambda_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{(n+1)!/2}$  for odd  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* By inspecting the proof of Theorem 4.3 of [13], we have a commutative diagram for  $n \geq 3$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{2n+3}(EP^{n+1}, EP^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \pi_{2n+2}(EP^{n-1}) \\ \downarrow p_* & & \downarrow j_{n*} \\ \pi_{2n+3}(EP^{n+1}/EP^{n-1}) & & \\ \cong \downarrow & & \\ \pi_{2n+3}(SU(n+2)/SU(n)) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}'} & \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)). \end{array}$$

By [4],  $\pi_{2n+2}(SU(n+2)) \approx 0$ , and so  $\mathcal{A}'$  is an epimorphism. By [3],  $p_*$  is an epimorphism. This leads us to i).



Using Proposition 7.1. i), (5) and (5)' for  $r=2n+2$ , we see that

$$i_* : \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n+1))$$

is an epimorphism for even  $n \geq 2$ . By considering the group structure of  $\pi_{2n+2}(SU(k))$  for  $k=n$  and  $n+1$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'(\eta_{2n+1}^2) = j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \eta_{2n}^2 \neq 0$  (resp.  $=0$ ) for even (resp. odd)  $n \geq 3$ . So,  $i_*$  is a monomorphism for odd  $n \geq 3$ . Hence (4), Propositions 3.2 and 6.5.ii) lead us to ii) and iii). This completes the proof.

By Propositions 7.1 and 7.2, we have a split exact sequence for even  $n \geq 2$ :

$$(7) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n), EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{2n+1}(EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{2n+1}(SU(n)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

We have also an isomorphism for odd  $n \geq 3$ :

$$(7)' \quad \delta : \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n), EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{2n+1}(EP^{n-1}).$$

From now on, we use the same symbol to denote generators of  $\pi_{n+k}(S^n)$  and its 2-primary component.

Hereafter we use the following ([8] and [15]):  $\pi_{2n+3}(SU(n)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{a(n)}$ , where  $a(n) = (24, n)$  (resp.  $(24, n+3)/2$ ) for even (resp. odd)  $n \geq 2$ .  $\pi_6(S^3) = \{\nu'\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ ,  $\pi_7(S^4) = \{\nu_4, E\nu'\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ . and  $\pi_{n+3}(S^n) = \{\nu_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24}$  for  $n \geq 5$ .  $6\nu' = \eta_3^3$  and  $2\nu_n = E^{n-3}\nu'$  for  $n \geq 5$ .

**Proposition 7.3.** i)  $\pi_{2n+3}(SU(n)) = \{j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \nu_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{a(n)}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .  
 ii)  $j_* : \pi_{2n+3}(EP^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+3}(SU(n))$  is an epimorphism for  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* We consider the exact sequence (5) for  $r=2n+3$ :

$$\pi_{r+1}(S^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}'} \pi_r(SU(n)) \xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_r(SU(n+1)) \xrightarrow{p'_*} \pi_r(S^{2n+1}).$$

By Proposition 7.1. i), (4) and Lemma 6.4,  $p'_*$  is a monomorphism for  $n \geq 1$ . So  $\mathcal{A}'$  is an epimorphism for  $n \geq 1$ . By (5)',  $\mathcal{A}'(\nu_{2n+1}) = b(j_n \circ E\pi_{n-1} \circ \nu_{2n})$  for  $n \geq 2$ . This completes the proof.

By Propositions 7.2 and 7.3, we have a short exact sequence for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$(8) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{2n+3}(SU(n), EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{2n+2}(EP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{2n+2}(SU(n)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

**8. Determination of  $\pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m)$  for  $k \leq 7$ .** We consider an exact sequence

$$\pi_{n+k+1}(E^{n+1}P^m, E^{n+1}P^{m-1}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^{m-1}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m) \\ \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m, E^{n+1}P^{m-1}).$$

By [3],  $p'_*: \pi_{n+k+1}(E^{n+1}P^m, E^{n+1}P^{m-1}) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+k+1}(S^{n+2m+1})$  is an isomorphism for  $n \geq k-2m-1$  and  $m \geq 2$ . So we have the exact sequence for  $n \geq k-2m-1$  and  $m \geq 2$ :

$$(9)_{m,k} \quad \pi_{n+k+1}(S^{n+2m+1}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^{m-1}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m) \\ \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{n+k}(S^{n+2m+1}),$$

where  $\Delta = \Delta_m = \delta \circ p'^{-1}$ .

We have also the exact sequence for  $n \geq k-2m-2$  and  $m \geq 2$ :

$$(9)'_{m,k} \quad \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^{m-1}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{n+k}(S^{n+2m+1}) \\ \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+k-1}(E^{n+1}P^{m-1}).$$

As is well known,  $\Delta(\alpha \circ E\beta) = \Delta(\alpha) \circ \beta$ , where  $\alpha \in \pi_{l+1}(S^{n+2m+1})$  and  $\beta \in \pi_{n+k}(S^l)$  for  $n \geq k-2m-1$  and  $m \geq 2$ . By inspecting the proof of Theorem 1.2,  $\Delta(\iota_{n+2m+1}) = bE^{n+1}\pi_{m-1}$ , and so  $\Delta(E\alpha) = b(E^{n+1}\pi_{m-1} \circ \alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in \pi_{n+k}(S^{n+2m})$ , where  $b$  is an integer such that  $(b, n!) = 1$ . For the simplicity, we use the following expression, because it makes no difference to continuation of the subsequent arguments.

$$(10)_m \quad \Delta_m(E\alpha) = E^{n+1}\pi_{m-1} \circ \alpha \text{ for } n \geq k-2m-1 \text{ and } m \geq 2.$$

Now, we start to compute  $\pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m)$ .

By Lemma 6.4, we have

$$(11) \quad \pi_1 = \eta_2.$$

By (10)<sub>2</sub> and (11), we have

$$(12) \quad \Delta_2(\iota_{n+5}) = \eta_{n+3} \text{ and } \Delta_2(\eta_{n+5}) = \eta_{n+3}^2 \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

Using (3), (12) and (9)<sub>2,k</sub> for  $k=4$  and 5, we have the following

- Proposition 8.1.** i)  $\pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^1) \approx 0$  for  $k \leq 2$  and  $n \geq 0$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+3}(E^{n+1}P^1) = \{E^n \zeta_1\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+4}(E^{n+1}P^2) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ .  
 iv)  $\pi_{n+5}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{E^n \zeta_2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

By [17],  $SU(3) = EP^2 \cup e^{5,3}$ , and so  $j_{3*}: \pi_k(EP^2) \longrightarrow \pi_k(SU(3))$  is an isomorphism for  $k \leq 6$ . Therefore, by Proposition 3.2,  $\pi_6(EP^2) = \{E\pi_2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_6$ . By (9)<sub>2,6</sub> for  $n=0$  and by (12),  $i_*: \pi_6(S^3) \longrightarrow \pi_6(EP^2)$  is an epimorphism,

where  $i = Ei_2 : S^3 \longrightarrow EP^2$ . By (11),  $i\eta_3 = 0$ . Hence we have

$$(13) \quad E\pi_2 = \pm i\nu'.$$

By (10)<sub>2</sub> and (12), we have

$$(14) \quad \Delta_2(\eta_{n+5}^2) = 12\nu_{n+3} \text{ (resp. } 6E\nu') \text{ for } n \geq 2 \text{ (resp. } n=1).$$

Using (9)<sub>2,6</sub>, (9)<sub>2,6</sub>, (14) and the above argument, we have the following

- Proposition 8.2.** i)  $\pi_6(EP^2) = \{E\pi_2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_6$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_7(E^2P^2) = \{i\nu_4, iE\nu'\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_6$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+6}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{i\nu_{n+3}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proposition 8.3.** Let  $\xi$  be a generator of  $\pi_7(EP^2)$ , and  $i' = Ei_3 : EP^2 \longrightarrow EP^3$ .

- i)  $\pi_7(EP^2) = \{\xi\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_7(EP^3) = \{i'\xi, \zeta_3\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}$ .

*Proof.* By [3] and [17],  $\pi_8(SU(k), EP^{k-1}) \approx \pi_8(S^8) \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $k \geq 3$ . So, by (2) and (7)' for  $n=3$ , we have the assertion.

Hereafter we use the following [15] :  $\pi_8(S^4) = \{\nu_4\eta_7, E\nu'\eta_7\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$ ,  $\pi_9(S^5) = \{\nu_5\eta_8\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  and  $\pi_{n+4}(S^n) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 6$ .  $\nu'\eta_6 = \eta_3\nu_4$ ,  $\eta_n\nu_{n+1} = 0$  and  $\nu_{n+1}\eta_{n+4} = 0$  for  $n \geq 5$ .

By (10)<sub>2</sub> and (11),  $\Delta_2(\nu_{n+5}) = \eta_{n+3}\nu_{n+4} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ . So we have

$$(15) \quad \Delta_2(\nu_{n+5}) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

By (9)<sub>2,7</sub>, (9)<sub>2,7</sub>, (14) and (15), we have the following

- Proposition 8.4.** i)  $\pi_{n+7}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{i\nu_{n+3}\eta_{n+6}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n=0$  or 1.  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+7}(E^{n+1}P^2) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

**Lemma 8.5.**  $E\xi = i\nu_4\eta_7$ .

*Proof.* Using the EHP-sequence (cf. Theorem 2.2 of [16, Chap. 12]), we have the exact sequence

$$\pi_7(EP^2) \xrightarrow{E} \pi_8(E^2P^2) \xrightarrow{H} \pi_8(EP^2 * EP^2) \xrightarrow{P} \pi_6(EP^2),$$

where  $EP^2 * EP^2$  denotes the reduced join.

Clearly,  $\pi_8(EP^2 * EP^2) \approx \pi_8(E^3(P^2 \wedge P^2)) \approx \pi_8(E^5P^2 \vee S^9) \approx \pi_8(E^5P^2) \approx 0$  by Proposition 8.1. iii). So  $E$  is an epimorphism. Hence we have the assertion by Propositions 8.3 and 8.4.

**Lemma 8.6.** i)  $\Delta_3(\iota_{n+7}) = \pm 2i\nu_{n+3}$  (resp.  $\pm iE^n\nu'$ ) for  $n \geq 2$  (resp.  $n=0$  or  $1$ ).

ii)  $\Delta_3(\eta_{n+7}) = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* By (10)<sub>3</sub> and (13), we have i). So,  $\Delta_3(\eta_{n+7}) = 2i\nu_{n+3}\eta_{n+6} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $\Delta_3(\eta_{n+7}) = iE^n(\nu'\eta_6) = iE^n(\eta_3\nu_4) = 0$  for  $n=0$  or  $1$ . This completes the proof.

Using (9)<sub>3,6</sub>, (9)<sub>3,7</sub>, Lemma 8.6, (3), Propositions 8.2 and 8.4, we have the following

**Proposition 8.7.** i)  $\pi_6(EP^3) \approx 0$ .

ii)  $\pi_7(E^2P^3) = \{i\nu_4\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$ .

iii)  $\pi_{n+6}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{i\nu_{n+3}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

iv)  $\pi_{n+7}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{E^n\zeta_3, i\nu_{n+3}\eta_{n+6}\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n=1$  or  $2$ .

v)  $\pi_{n+7}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{E^n\zeta_3\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

**9. Determination of  $\pi_8(EP^m)$  for  $m=2$  and  $3$ .** In this section we use the following [15]:  $3\nu' \in \{\eta_3, 2\iota_4, \eta_4\} \pmod{6\nu'}$ ,  $\pi_7(S^3) = \{\nu'\eta_6\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  and  $\pi_8(S^3) = \{\nu'\eta_6^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

By (11), Propositions 6.3 and 8.1. iv), we have the following

**Lemma 9.1.**  $\zeta_2 \in \{i, \eta_3, 2\iota_4\} \pmod{2\zeta_2}$ .

**Proposition 9.2.** i)  $\lambda_3 \equiv \pm \zeta_2\nu_5 \pmod{\xi\eta_7}$ .

ii)  $\pi_8(EP^2) = \{\zeta_2\nu_5, \xi\eta_7\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

*Proof.* By (4), we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \pi_8(EP^2) & & & \\
 & i_* & \nearrow & & \searrow & p_* & \\
 \pi_8(S^3) & \xrightarrow{i'_*} & \pi_8(SU(3)) & \xrightarrow{p'_*} & \pi_8(S^5) & \xrightarrow{\Delta'} & \pi_7(S^3) \\
 & & \downarrow j_* & & & & \\
 & & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

where the horizontal sequence is exact.

Since  $i'_*\pi_8(S^3) = \{j_*(i_*\nu'\eta_6^2)\} = 0$ ,  $p'_*$  is a monomorphism. Therefore,  $\text{Ker } p_* = \text{Ker } j_*$ . By (5)' and (11),  $\Delta'(\nu_5) = \eta_3\nu_4$ , and so  $\text{Im } p'_* = \{2\nu_5\}$ . Therefore, by (3) and Proposition 7.2,

$$p_*(\zeta_2\nu_5) = 2\nu_5 = p_*(\pm\lambda_3).$$

On the other hand, we consider the exact sequence (8) for  $n=3$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_9(SU(3), EP^2) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_8(EP^2) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_8(SU(3)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By [3] and [17],  $\pi_9(SU(3), EP^2) \approx \pi_9(S^8) \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ . By inspecting the proof of Proposition 8.3, we obtain that  $\text{Im } \delta = \{\xi\eta_7\}$ . This leads us to i).

By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by Lemma 9.1,  $12\zeta_2\nu_5 = \zeta_2\eta_8^3 \in \{i, \eta_3, 2\iota_4\} \circ \eta_8^3 = -i\{\eta_3, 2\iota_4, \eta_4\} \circ \eta_8^2 = i\nu'\eta_8^2 = 0 \pmod{2\zeta_2\eta_8^2} = 0$ . So the order of  $\zeta_2\nu_5$  is 12 by i) and by Proposition 7.2. iii). This completes the proof.

**Lemma 9.3.** i)  $\zeta_3 \in \pm\{i', i\nu', 6\iota_6\} \pmod{\{i'\xi, 6\zeta_3\}}$ .  
 ii)  $E\pi_3 \in \{i', i\nu', \eta_6\} \pmod{\{i'\zeta_2\nu_5, i'\xi\eta_7\}}$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 1.2 of [15] and by (13), Propositions 6.3 and 8.3, we have i).

By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by i),  $\zeta_3\eta_7 \in \{i', i\nu', 6\iota_6\} \circ \eta_7 = -i'\{i\nu', 6\iota_6, \eta_6\} \subset i_*\pi_8(EP^2)$ . By Proposition 1.2 of [15], (13) and Proposition 6.5. i),  $E\pi_3 \in \{i', \pm i\nu', \eta_6\} \supset \{i', i\nu', \eta_6\} \pmod{i_*\pi_8(EP^2) + \pi_7(EP^3) \circ \eta_7}$ . So we have ii) by Propositions 8.3. ii) and 9.2. ii). This completes the proof.

To determine the group structure of  $\pi_8(EP^3)$ , we need the following

**Lemma 9.4.** *The 10-skeleton of the complex  $SU(n)/EP^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 4$  is  $S^8 \vee S^{10}$ .*

*Proof.* As is well known, the cohomology ring  $H^*(SU(n); \mathbf{Z}_2)$  is isomorphic to the exterior algebra  $E_{\mathbf{Z}_2}[x_2, \dots, x_n]$ , where  $\text{deg. } x_k = 2k - 1$ . By abuse of notation, we denote by  $e^3, e^5, \dots, e^{2n-1}$  the cohomology classes corresponding to the generators  $x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ .

Let  $Sq^2: H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_2) \rightarrow H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_2)$  be the squaring operation [12]. Since the 7-skeleton of  $SU(n)$  is  $EP^3$ ,  $Sq^2 e^3 = e^5$  and  $Sq^2 e^5 = 0$ . By the Cartan formula,  $Sq^2(e^3 e^5) = (e^5)^2 = 0$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 9.5.** i)  $2E\pi_3 \equiv \pm i'\zeta_2\nu_5 \pmod{i'\xi\eta_7}$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_8(EP^3) = \{E\pi_3, i'\xi\eta_7\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

*Proof.* By [3] and Lemma 9.4,  $\pi_9(SU(4), EP^3) \approx \pi_9(SU(4)/EP^3) \approx \pi_9(S^8 \vee S^{10}) \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ . So, by (6) for  $n=4$ ,  $\pi_8(EP^3) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ . Hence, by Theorem 1.2, Propositions 6.5. ii) and 9.2, we have the assertion.

**10. Determination of  $\pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^m)$  for  $k=8, 9$  and  $n \geq 3$ .** Hereafter we use the following [15]:  $\pi_{10}(S^5) = \{\nu_5\eta_8^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ ,  $\pi_{11}(S^6) = \{[\iota_6, \iota_6]\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\pi_{n+5}(S^n) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 7$ , where  $[\iota_6, \iota_6]$  denotes the Whitehead product.

We consider the exact sequence  $(9)_{2,8}$  for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$\pi_{n+8}(S^{n+3}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^2) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{n+8}(S^{n+5}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+7}(S^{n+3}).$$

By (15),  $p_*$  is an epimorphism. So there exists an element  $\alpha \in \pi_{10}(E^3P^2)$  such that  $p_*\alpha = -\nu_7$ . We write  $\tilde{\nu}_{n+7} = E^n\alpha$  for  $n \geq 0$ . By Lemmas 6.1, 6.2 and Proposition 8.1. iii), we have

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} p_*\tilde{\nu}_{n+5} &= -\nu_{n+5} \text{ for } n \geq 2, \\ \tilde{\nu}_7 &\in \{i, \eta_5, \nu_6\} \bmod \{i\nu_5\eta_8^2, E^2(\zeta_2\nu_5)\}, \text{ and} \\ \tilde{\nu}_{n+5} &\in \{i, \eta_{n+3}, \nu_{n+4}\} \bmod E^n(\zeta_2\nu_5) \text{ for } n \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 10.1.**  $\tilde{\nu}_n$  is of order 24 for  $n \geq 7$ .

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $24\tilde{\nu}_7=0$ . By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by (16),  $24\tilde{\nu}_7 \in \{i, \eta_5, \nu_6\} \circ 24\iota_{10} = -i\{\eta_5, \nu_6, 24\iota_9\}$ . By Proposition 1.2 of [15],  $\{\eta_5, \nu_6, 24\iota_9\} \subset \{\eta_5, 12\nu_6, 2\iota_9\} = \{\eta_5, \eta_8^2, 2\iota_9\} \supset \{\eta_5^2, \eta_8, 2\iota_9\} = \{12\nu_5, \eta_8, 2\iota_9\} \supset 2\{6\nu_5, \eta_8, 2\iota_9\} \subset 2\pi_{10}(S^5) = 0$ . So we have  $\{\eta_5, \nu_6, 24\iota_9\} \ni 0 \bmod \eta_5 \circ \pi_{10}(S^6) + 2\pi_{10}(S^5) = 0$ . Therefore  $24\tilde{\nu}_7 = 0$ . This completes the proof.

By (9)<sub>2,8</sub>, (16) and Lemma 10.1, we have the following

**Proposition 10.2.** i)  $\pi_{11}(E^4P^2) = \{i[\iota_6, \iota_6], \tilde{\nu}_8\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{24}$ .  
ii)  $\pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{\tilde{\nu}_{n+5}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24}$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

**Lemma 10.3.** i)  $2E^3\pi_3 \equiv \pm 2i'\tilde{\nu}_7 \bmod i\nu_5\eta_8^2$ .  
ii)  $2E^{n+1}\pi_3 = \pm 2i'\tilde{\nu}_{n+5}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* By (3) and (16),  $p_*(2\tilde{\nu}_7 + E^2(\zeta_2\nu_5)) = 0$ . So, by (9)<sub>2,8</sub> for  $n=2$ ,  $2\tilde{\nu}_7 \equiv -E^2(\zeta_2\nu_5) \bmod i\nu_5\eta_8^2$ . Therefore, by Proposition.9.5. i) and Lemma 8.5, we have the assertion.

By Lemma 8.6. ii), we have

$$(17) \quad \Delta_3(\eta_{n+7}^2) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

By (9)<sub>3,8</sub>, (9)<sub>3,8</sub>, Lemma 8.6. ii) and (17), we have a short exact sequence for  $n \geq 1$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^2) \xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^3) \xrightarrow{p'_*} \pi_{n+8}(S^{n+7}) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $p' = E^{n+1}p_3$ . So, by Proposition 10.2 and Lemma 10.3, we have the following

**Proposition 10.4.** i)  $\pi_{11}(E^4P^3) = \{i[\iota_6, \iota_6], i'\tilde{\nu}_8, E^4\pi_3\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{24} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ .  
ii)  $\pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{i'\tilde{\nu}_{n+5}, E^{n+1}\pi_3\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24} + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

Hereafter we use the following [15] :  $\pi_{n+6}(S^n) = \{\nu_n^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 5$ . By (9)<sub>2,9</sub> and (9)<sub>2,9</sub>' , we have the following

**Proposition 10.5.**  $\pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{i\nu_{n+3}^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

By Lemma 8.6. i ), we have

$$(18) \quad \Delta_3(\nu_{n+7}) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

By (9)<sub>3,9</sub>, (9)<sub>3,9</sub>' , (17) and (18), we have a short exact sequence for  $n \geq 2$  :

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1}P^2) \xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1}P^3) \xrightarrow{p'_*} \pi_{n+9}(S^{n+7}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

So, by Lemma 6.4 and Proposition 10.5, we have the following

**Proposition 10.6.**  $\pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{i\nu_{n+3}^2, E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \eta_{n+8}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

By (10)<sub>4</sub>, we have

$$(19) \quad \Delta_4(\iota_{n+9}) = E^{n+1}\pi_3 \text{ and } \Delta_4(\eta_{n+9}) = E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \eta_{n+8} \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

Using (9)<sub>4,8</sub>, (9)<sub>4,9</sub>, (19), Lemma 10.3, (3), Propositions 9.5. ii), 10.4 and 10.6, we have the following

- Proposition 10.7.** i)  $\pi_8(EP^4) = \{i'\xi\eta_7\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{11}(E^4P^4) = \{i[\iota_6, \iota_6], i'\nu_8\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+8}(E^{n+1}P^4) = \{i'\nu_{n+5}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 4$ .  
 iv)  $\pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1}P^4) = \{E^n\zeta_4, i\nu_{n+3}^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

**11. Determination of  $\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^m)$  for  $n \geq 4$ .** Hereafter we use the following [15] :  $\pi_9(S^3) = \{\alpha_1(3)\alpha_1(6)\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_3$ , where  $\alpha_1(3) = 4\nu'$  and  $\alpha_1(n) = E^{n-3}\alpha_1(3)$  for  $n \geq 3$ .  $\nu'\nu_6 = \alpha_1(3)\alpha_1(6)$ .  $\pi_{10}(S^3) = \{\alpha_2(3), \check{\alpha}_1(3)\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{15}$ , where  $\alpha_2(3)$  (resp.  $\check{\alpha}_1(3)$ ) denotes the generator of the direct summand  $\mathbf{Z}_3$  (resp.  $\mathbf{Z}_5$ ) of  $\pi_{10}(S^3)$ .

- Lemma 11.1.** i)  $p'_*\lambda_4 = \pm 3\nu_7$ .  
 ii)  $\lambda_4 \in \pm\{i', i\nu', 3\nu_6\} \text{ mod } \{3\xi_3\nu_7\} + \text{Ker } p'_*$ .  
 iii)  $8\lambda_4 \equiv 0 \text{ mod } 8(\text{Ker } p'_*)$ .

*Proof.* We consider the commutative daiagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \pi_{10}(EP^2) & \xrightarrow{i'_*} & \pi_{10}(EP^3) & & \\ & & \downarrow j_{3*} & & \downarrow j_{4*} & \searrow p'_* & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{10}(SU(3)) & \xrightarrow{i''_*} & \pi_{10}(SU(4)) & \xrightarrow{p''_*} & \pi_{10}(S^7) \xrightarrow{\Delta'} \pi_9(SU(3)), \end{array}$$

where the horizontal sequence is exact.

By [ 8 ],  $\pi_9(SU(3)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_3$  and  $\pi_{10}(SU(3)) \approx \mathbf{Z}_{30}$ . By the proof of Proposition 7.3, by (5)' and (13),  $\mathcal{L}'(\nu_7) = \pm j_3 i \nu' \nu_6$  generates  $\pi_9(SU(3))$ . So, by Proposition 7.2, we have i).

Using Proposition 1.2 of [15], (13), Lemmas 6.1, 6.2 and Proposition 8.3. ii), we have ii).

By Propositions 1.2 and 1.4 of [15],  $\pm 8\lambda_4 \in \{i', i\nu', 3\nu_6\} \circ 8\iota_{10} = -i'\{i\nu', 3\nu_6, 8\iota_9\} \supset -i'i\{\nu', 3\nu_6, 8\iota_9\} \subset i_*\pi_{10}(S^3) = 8i_*\pi_{10}(S^3) \subset 8(\text{Ker } p'_*)$ . This leads us to iii). This completes the proof.

Hereafter we use the following [15]:  $\pi_{14}(S^7) = \{\sigma'\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{120}$ ,  $\pi_{15}(S^8) = \{\sigma_8, E\sigma'\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{120}$  and  $\pi_{n+7}(S^n) = \{\sigma_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{240}$  for  $n \geq 9$ .  $40\sigma' = \alpha_2(7)$  and  $24\sigma' = \check{\alpha}_1(7)$ , where  $\alpha_2(n) = E^{n-3}\alpha_2(3)$  and  $\check{\alpha}_1(n) = E^{n-3}\check{\alpha}_1(3)$  for  $n \geq 3$ .  $2\sigma_n = E^{n-7}\sigma'$  for  $n \geq 9$ .  $\alpha_2(n) \in 2\{\alpha_1(n), \alpha_1(n+3), 3\iota_{n+6}\}$  for  $n \geq 5$  (cf. (13.8) of [15]).

By (15), we have

$$(20) \quad \Delta_2(\nu_{n+5}^2) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 5.$$

By (9)<sub>2,10</sub>, (9)<sub>2,10</sub>' and (20), we have the following

**Proposition 11.2.** i)  $\pi_{14}(E^5 P^2) = \{i\sigma'\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{120}$ .

ii)  $\pi_{15}(E^6 P^2) = \{i\sigma_8, iE\sigma'\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{120}$ .

iii)  $\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1} P^2) = \{i\sigma_{n+3}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{240}$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

We consider the exact sequence (9)<sub>3,10</sub>' for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1} P^2) \xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1} P^3) \xrightarrow{p'_*} \pi_{n+10}(S^{n+7}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+9}(E^{n+1} P^2).$$

By (18),  $p'_*$  is an epimorphism. So there exists an element  $\beta \in \pi_{12}(E^3 P^3)$  such that  $p'_*\beta = -\nu_9$ . We write  $\check{\nu}_{n+9} = E^n \beta$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Using Proposition 1.2 of [15], Lemmas 6.1, 6.2, (13) and Proposition 8.7, we have

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} & p'_*\check{\nu}_{n+7} = -\nu_{n+7}, \text{ and} \\ & \check{\nu}_{n+7} \in \pm\{i', 2i\nu_{n+3}, \nu_{n+6}\} \text{ mod } \{E^n(\xi_3\nu_7)\} + i'_*\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1} P^2) \text{ for } n \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 11.3.** i)  $3\check{\nu}_{n+7} \equiv \pm E^n \lambda_4 \text{ mod } iE^{n-4}\sigma'$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

ii)  $24\check{\nu}_{n+7} \equiv \pm i\alpha_2(n+3) \text{ mod } i\check{\alpha}_1(n+3)$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

*Proof.* By (21) and Lemma 11.1,  $3p'_*\check{\nu}_{11} = p'_*(\pm E^4 \lambda_4) = -3\nu_{11}$ . So, by Proposition 11.2,  $3\check{\nu}_{11} \pm E^4 \lambda_4 \in \text{Ker } p'_* = i'_*\pi_{14}(E^5 P^2) = \{i\sigma'\}$ . This leads us to i).

By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by (21),  $\pm 24\check{\nu}_{n+7} \in \{i', 2i\nu_{n+3}, \nu_{n+6}\}$



$\circ 24\iota_{n+10} = -i'\{2i\nu_{n+3}, \nu_{n+6}, 24\iota_{n+9}\} \pmod{24i'_*\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^2)}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . By Proposition 1.2 of [15],  $\{2i\nu_{n+3}, \nu_{n+6}, 24\iota_{n+9}\} \subset \{2i\nu_{n+3}, 8\nu_{n+6}, 3\iota_{n+9}\} = \{2ia_1(n+3), a_1(n+6), 3\iota_{n+9}\} \supset 2i\{a_1(n+3), a_1(n+6), 3\iota_{n+9}\} \ni ia_2(n+3) \pmod{3\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^2)}$ . Therefore,  $24\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7} \equiv \pm ia_2(n+3) \pmod{3i'_*\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^2)}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . On the other hand,  $24\tilde{\nu}'_{11} \equiv 0 \pmod{8i\sigma'}$  by i), Lemma 11.1. iii) and Proposition 11.2. i). This leads us to ii).

By (9)<sub>3,10</sub>, (9)<sub>3,10</sub>, Proposition 11.2, (21) and Lemma 11.3, we have the following

- Proposition 11.4.** i)  $\pi_{14}(E^5P^3) = \{i\sigma', \tilde{\nu}'_{11}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_8 + \mathbf{Z}_{360}$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{15}(E^6P^3) = \{i\sigma_8, iE\sigma', \tilde{\nu}'_{12}\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_8 + \mathbf{Z}_{360}$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{i\sigma_{n+3}, \tilde{\nu}'_{n+7}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{16} + \mathbf{Z}_{360}$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

- Lemma 11.5.** i)  $\Delta_4(\eta_{n+9}^2) = E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \eta_{n+8}^2$  for  $n \geq 1$ .  
 ii)  $E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \eta_{n+8}^2 = 180(\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7} + aiE^{n-4}\sigma')$  for  $n \geq 4$ , where  $a=0$  or  $1$ .

*Proof.* By (10)<sub>4</sub>, we have i). By Lemma 6.4 and (21),

$$E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \eta_{n+8}^2 - 12\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7} \in \text{Ker } p'_* = i'_*\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^2)$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . So, by Proposition 11.2 and Lemma 11.3,  $E^5\pi_3 \circ \eta_{12}^2 \equiv 12\tilde{\nu}'_{11} \pmod{4i\sigma'}$ . Therefore,  $E^5\pi_3 \circ \eta_{12}^2 \equiv 180\tilde{\nu}'_{11} \pmod{60i\sigma'} = 180i\sigma'$ . This completes the proof.

Let  $i'' = E^{n+1}i_4 : E^{n+1}P^3 \longrightarrow E^{n+1}P^4$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Then we have the following

- Proposition 11.6.** i)  $\pi_{14}(E^5P^4) = \{i\sigma', i''\tilde{\nu}'_{11}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_8 + \mathbf{Z}_{180}$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{15}(E^6P^4) = \{i\sigma_8, iE\sigma', i''\tilde{\nu}'_{12}\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_8 + \mathbf{Z}_{180}$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^4) = \{i\sigma_{n+3}, i''\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{16} + \mathbf{Z}_{180}$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

*Proof.* Using (9)<sub>4,10</sub>, (9)<sub>4,10</sub>, (19), Proposition 10.6 and Lemma 11.5. i), we have a short exact sequence for  $n \geq 1$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+11}(S^{n+9}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^3) \xrightarrow{i''_*} \pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^4) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Hence, by Proposition 11.4 and Lemma 11.5. ii), we have the assertion.

- Lemma 11.7.** i)  $\Delta_5(\iota_{n+11}) = E^{n+1}\pi_4$  for  $n \geq 0$ .  
 ii)  $E^{n+1}\pi_4 = \pm 3(i''\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7} + aiE^{n-4}\sigma') + 15biE^{n-4}\sigma'$  for  $n \geq 4$ , where  $a$  is same as in Lemma 11.5 and  $b$  is an odd integer.

*Proof.* By (10)<sub>5</sub>, we have i). By Proposition 6.5. ii) and Lemma 11.3.

i), we have

$$E^{n+1}\pi_4 \equiv \pm 3i''\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7} \pmod{iE^{n-4}\sigma'}$$

for  $n \geq 4$ . By Theorem 1.2,  $E^{n+1}\pi_4$  is of order 120. Hence, by Lemma 11.5. ii), Proposition 11.6 and its proof, we have ii). This completes the proof.

By (9)<sub>5,10</sub>, Proposition 11.6 and Lemma 11.7, we have the following

- Proposition 11.8.** i)  $\pi_{14}(E^5P^5) = \{i\sigma', i''\tilde{\nu}'_{11}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{15}(E^6P^5) = \{i\sigma_8, iE\sigma', i''\tilde{\nu}'_{12}\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ .  
 iii)  $\pi_{n+10}(E^{n+1}P^5) = \{i\sigma_{n+3}, i''\tilde{\nu}'_{n+7}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24}$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

**12. Determination of  $\pi_{n+11}(E^{n+1}P^m)$  for  $n \geq 6$ .** Hereafter we use the following [15]:  $\pi_{n+8}(S^n) = \{\varepsilon_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $3 \leq n \leq 5$ ,  $\pi_{17}(S^9) = \{\sigma_9\eta_{16}, \varepsilon_9, \bar{\nu}_9\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$  and  $\pi_{n+8}(S^n) = \{\varepsilon_n, \bar{\nu}_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 10$ .  $\sigma'\eta_{14} + \varepsilon_7 + \bar{\nu}_7 = \eta_7\sigma_8$  and  $\varepsilon_n + \bar{\nu}_n = \eta_n\sigma_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 9$ .  $\bar{\nu}_n = \{\nu_n, \eta_{n+3}, \nu_{n+4}\}$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

The following secondary compositions contain  $\varepsilon_n$ :  $\{\eta_n, E^{n-2}\nu', 3\nu_{n+4}\}$  for  $n \geq 3$ ;  $\{\eta_n, 2\nu_{n+1}, \nu_{n+1}^2\}$  and  $\{\eta_n, 2\nu_{n+1}, \nu_{n+4}\}$  for  $n \geq 4$ ;  $\{\eta_n, \nu_{n+1}, 2\nu_{n+4}\}$  and  $\{2\nu_n, \nu_{n+3}, \eta_{n+6}\}$  for  $n \geq 5$ .

**Lemma 12.1.**  $2\tilde{\nu}_{n+5}\nu_{n+8} = i\varepsilon_{n+3}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by (16),

$$2\tilde{\nu}_7\nu_{10} \in \{i, \eta_5, \nu_6\} \circ 2\nu_{10} = -i\{\eta_5, \nu_6, 2\nu_9\} \ni i\varepsilon_5$$

$\pmod{(i\eta_5)_*\pi_{13}(S^6) + i_*\pi_{10}(S^5) \circ 2\nu_{10} = 0}$ . So we have the assertion for  $n=2$ . This completes the proof.

By (10)<sub>2</sub> and (11), we have

$$(22) \quad \Delta_2(\sigma_{n+5}) = \eta_{n+3}\sigma_{n+4} \text{ for } n \geq 6.$$

Using (9)<sub>2,11</sub>, (9)<sub>2,11</sub>, (16), (20), (22) and Lemma 12.1, we have the following

- Proposition 12.2.** i)  $\pi_{17}(E^7P^2) = \{i\sigma_9\eta_{16}, \bar{\nu}_{11}\nu_{14}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_4$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+11}(E^{n+1}P^2) = \{\bar{\nu}_{n+5}\nu_{n+8}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_4$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

By (9)<sub>3,11</sub> and Proposition 12.2, we have the following

- Proposition 12.3.** i)  $\pi_{17}(E^7P^3) = \{i\sigma_9\eta_{16}, i'\bar{\nu}_{11}\nu_{14}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_4$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+11}(E^{n+1}P^3) = \{i'\bar{\nu}_{n+5}\nu_{n+8}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_4$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

- Lemma 12.4.** i)  $E\pi_3 \circ \nu_8 \in i'\{i, \eta_3, \nu_4^2\} \bmod \{i\varepsilon_3, i'\zeta_2\nu_8^2\}$ .  
 ii)  $\Delta_3(\nu_{n+9}) = E^{n+1}\pi_3 \circ \nu_{n+8} = \pm i'\tilde{\nu}_{n+5}\nu_{n+8}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 1.4 of [15] and by Lemma 9.3. ii),

$$E\pi_3 \circ \nu_8 \in \{i', i\nu', \eta_6\} \circ \nu_8 = -i'\{i\nu', \eta_6, \nu_7\}$$

mod  $i'\zeta_2\nu_8^2$ . By Proposition 1.2 of [15],  $\{i\nu', \eta_6, \nu_7\} \subset \{i, \nu'\eta_6, \nu_7\} = \{i, \eta_3\nu_4, \nu_7\} \supset \{i, \eta_3, \nu_4^2\} \bmod i_*\pi_{11}(S^3) + \pi_8(EP^2) \circ \nu_8$ . So, by Proposition 9.2. ii), we have i).

By (10)<sub>4</sub>, we have the first equality of ii). By Proposition 1.2 of [15], by (16) and Proposition 8.1. iv),

$$\tilde{\nu}_7\nu_{10} \in \{i, \eta_5, \nu_6\} \circ \nu_{10} \subset \{i, \eta_5, \nu_6^2\}$$

mod  $i_*\pi_{13}(S^5) + \pi_7(E^3P^2) \circ \nu_7^2 = \{i\varepsilon_5, E^2(\zeta_2\nu_6^2)\}$ . So, by Proposition 1.3 of [15] and by i),

$$E^3\pi_3 \circ \nu_{10} \equiv i'\tilde{\nu}_7\nu_{10} \bmod \{i\varepsilon_5, i'E^2(\zeta_2\nu_6^2)\}.$$

By Propositions 1.3, 1.4 of [15] and by Lemma 9.1,

$$E(\zeta_2\nu_6^2) \in -\{i, \eta_4, 2\iota_5\} \circ \nu_6^2 = i\{\eta_4, 2\iota_5, \nu_6^2\} \ni i\varepsilon_4 \bmod 0.$$

So we obtain that  $E(\zeta_2\nu_6^2) = i\varepsilon_4$ . Therefore, by Lemma 12.1, we have the second equality of ii) for  $n=2$ . This completes the proof.

Using (9)<sub>4,11</sub>, (9)<sub>4,11</sub>, Lemmas 11.5, 12.4 and Proposition 12.3, we have the following

- Proposition 12.5.** i)  $\pi_{17}(E^7P^4) = \{i\sigma_9\eta_{16}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+11}(E^{n+1}P^4) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

- Lemma 12.6.** i)  $\Delta_5(\eta_{n+11}) = E^{n+1}\pi_4 \circ \eta_{n+10}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .  
 ii)  $E^5\pi_4 \circ \eta_{14} \equiv 0 \bmod i\sigma'\eta_{14}$ .  
 iii)  $E^{n+1}\pi_4 \circ \eta_{n+10} = 0$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

*Proof.* By (10)<sub>5</sub>, we have i). By Lemma 11.7. ii),

$$E^5\pi_4 \circ \eta_{14} \equiv i''\tilde{\nu}'_{11}\eta_{14} \bmod i\sigma'\eta_{14}.$$

By Propositions 1.2, 1.4 of [15] and by (21),

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nu}'_{11}\eta_{14} &\in \{i', 2i\nu_7, \nu_{10}\} \circ \eta_{14} \\ &= -i'\{2i\nu_7, \nu_{10}, \eta_{13}\} \\ &\supset -i'i\{2\nu_7, \nu_{10}, \eta_{13}\} \\ &\ni i\varepsilon_7 \bmod i_*\pi_{14}(E^5P^2) \circ \eta_{14}. \end{aligned}$$

So, by Proposition 11.2. i),  $E^5 \pi_4 \circ \eta_{14} \equiv i \epsilon_7 \pmod{i \sigma' \eta_{14}}$ . By Lemmas 12.1, 12.4. ii) and by the exact sequence (9)<sub>4,11</sub> for  $n=2$ ,  $i \epsilon_5 = 2i'' i' \tilde{\nu}_7 \nu_{10} = 2i'' \mathcal{A}_4(\nu_{11}) = 0$ . This completes the proof.

Using (9)<sub>5,11</sub>, (9)<sub>5,11</sub>' , Lemmas 11.7. i), 12.6, (3), Theorem 1.2 and Proposition 12.5, we have the following

**Proposition 12.7.** i)  $\pi_{17}(E^7 P^5) = \{E^6 \zeta_5, i \sigma_9 \eta_{16}\} \approx \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_2$ .  
 ii)  $\pi_{n+11}(E^{n+1} P^5) = \{E^n \zeta_5\} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

**13. Proof of Theorem 1.1.** In this section we use the following ([1], [4] and [15]):  $J_C \pi_3(SU(n)) = \pi_{2n+3}(S^{2n}) = \{\nu_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24}$  for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $J_C \pi_7(SU(n)) = 2\pi_{2n+7}(S^{2n}) = \{2\sigma_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{120}$  for  $n \geq 5$ ,  $J_C \pi_8(SU(n)) \approx 0$  for  $n \geq 5$ ,  $J_C \pi_9(SU(n)) = \{\eta_{2n}^2 \sigma_{2n+2}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 6$ .  $J_C \pi_{11}(SU(n)) = \pi_{2n+11}(S^{2n}) = \{\zeta_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{504}$  for  $n \geq 7$ .  $\pi_{n+9}(S^n) = \{\eta_n^2 \sigma_{n+2}, \nu_n^3, \mu_n\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 11$  and  $\pi_{n+10}(S^n) = \{\eta_n \mu_{n+1}, \beta_1(n)\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_6$  for  $n \geq 12$ .  $\nu_n \sigma_{n+3} = \sigma_n \nu_{n+7} = 0$  and  $\{\nu_n, 6\nu_{n+3}, \nu_{n+6}\} = 0$  for  $n \geq 12$  (cf. (7.13) and (7.14) of [15]).  $\beta_1(n) \in \{\alpha_1(n), \alpha_1(n+3), \alpha_1(n+6)\}$  for  $n \geq 5$ .

Let  $c$  be an integer such that  $(c, 24) = 1$ . Then, by Theorem 4.3, we have the following

**Proposition 13.1.** i)  $E^{2(n-2)} g_2 = c \nu_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .  
 ii)  $E^{2(n-3)} g_3 \circ E^{2n} \zeta_2 = 0$  for  $n \geq 4$ .  
 iii)  $\{E^{2(n-4)} g_4 \circ E^{2n} \zeta_3\} = \{2\sigma_{2n}\}$  for  $n \geq 5$ .  
 iv)  $E^{2(n-5)} g_5 \circ E^{2n} \zeta_4 = \eta_{2n}^2 \sigma_{2n+2}$  for  $n \geq 6$ .  
 v)  $\{E^{2(n-6)} g_6 \circ E^{2n} \zeta_5\} = \{\zeta_{2n}\}$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

Now, we are ready to prove Theorem 1.1.

It is trivial that  $B_k \approx 0$  for  $k=1, 2, 4$  or  $5$ .

By (1), Propositions 8.1. ii) and 13.1. i),

$$B_{3,n} = g_{n*} i_* \pi_{2n+3}(E^{2n+1} P^1) = \{E^{2(n-2)} g_2\} = \{\nu_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{24} \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

Using (1), Propositions 8.7, 10.7. iv), 12.7. ii) and 13.1, we have the following:  $B_{6,n} = \{\nu_{2n}^2\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 4$ ,  $B_{7,n} = \{2\sigma_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{120}$  for  $n \geq 5$ ,  $B_{9,n} = \{\eta_{2n}^2 \sigma_{2n+2}, \nu_{2n}^3\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2 + \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 6$  and  $B_{11,n} = \{\zeta_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_{504}$  for  $n \geq 7$ .

By (1) and Proposition 10.7. iii),  $B_{8,n}$  is generated by

$$E^{2(n-5)} g_5 \circ i' \tilde{\nu}_{2n+5} = E^{2(n-3)} g_3 \circ \tilde{\nu}_{2n+5} \text{ for } n \geq 5.$$

By (1) and Proposition 13.1. i),  $E^{2(n-3)} g_3 | S^{2n+3} = c \nu_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . By Propositions 1.2, 1.7 of [15], by (11) and (16),

$$E^{2(n-3)}g_3 \circ \tilde{\nu}_{2n+5} \in \{c\nu_{2n}, \eta_{2n+3}, \nu_{2n+4}\} = \tilde{\nu}_{2n} \pmod{0} \text{ for } n \geq 4.$$

Therefore,  $B_{8,n} = \{\tilde{\nu}_{2n}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$  for  $n \geq 5$ .

Next we shall prove that  $B_{10,n} = \{\beta_1(2n)\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_3$  for  $n \geq 6$ .

By (1) and Prpposition 11.8. iii),  $B_{10,n}$  is generated by

$$E^{2(n-2)}g_2 \circ \sigma_{2n+3} \text{ and } E^{2(n-4)}g_4 \circ \tilde{\nu}'_{2n+7}$$

for  $n \geq 6$ . By Proposition 13.1. i),  $E^{2(n-2)}g_2 \circ \sigma_{2n+3} = c\nu_{2n}\sigma_{2n+3} = 0$  for  $n \geq 6$ . Using Propositions 1.2, 1.7 of [15], (1), (13), (21) and Proposition 13.1. i), we see that for  $n \geq 4$

$$\begin{aligned} E^{2(n-4)}g_4 \circ \tilde{\nu}'_{2n+7} &\in \{E^{2(n-3)}g_3, \pm 2i\nu_{2n+3}, \nu_{2n+6}\} \\ &\supset \{\pm E^{2(n-3)}g_3 \circ i, 2\nu_{2n+3}, \nu_{2n+6}\} \\ &\supset \pm c\{\nu_{2n}, 2\nu_{2n+3}, \nu_{2n+6}\} \\ &= \pm c\{\alpha_1(2n), 2\alpha_1(2n+3), \alpha_1(2n+6)\} \\ &\ni \pm 2c\beta_1(2n) \\ &\pmod{E^{2(n-3)}g_3 * \pi_{2n+10}(E^{2n+1}P^2) + \pi_{2n+7}(S^{2n}) \circ \nu_{2n+7}.} \end{aligned}$$

By (1), Propositions 11.2. iii) and 13.1, the indeterminacy is equal to  $\{\nu_{2n}\sigma_{2n+3}\} + \{\sigma_{2n}\nu_{2n+7}\} = 0$  for  $n \geq 6$ . Therefore we have

$$E^{2(n-4)}g_4 \circ \tilde{\nu}'_{2n+7} = \pm 2c\beta_1(2n) \text{ for } n \geq 6.$$

Hence,  $B_{10,n} = \{\beta_1(2n)\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_3$  for  $n \geq 6$ . Thus the proof of Theorem 1.1 is complete.

**Remark.** The result of Theorems 1.1 and 4.3 overlaps with the ones of Becker-Schultz [2] and Knapp [6].

Finally, we state the result about generators of the stable homotopy groups of  $EP^\infty$ . We set

$$\pi_k^S(EP^\infty) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{n+k}(E^{n+1}P^\infty).$$

By summarizing Propositions 8.1, 8.7, 10.7, 11.8 and 12.7, we have the following

**Theorem 1.3.**  $\pi_k^S(EP^\infty)$  for  $k \leq 11$  and generators of them are listed in the following table.

$k =$	1,2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$\pi_k^S(EP^\infty) \approx$	0	$\mathbf{Z}$	0	$\mathbf{Z}$	$\mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z}$	$\mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}_2$	$\mathbf{Z}_{2^4}$	$\mathbf{Z}$
<i>gen.</i>		$i$		$iE^\infty \zeta_2$	$i\nu$	$iE^\infty \zeta_3$	$i'\tilde{\nu}$	$iE^\infty \zeta_4, i\nu^2$	$i\sigma, i''\tilde{\nu}'$	$iE^\infty \zeta_5$

**Remark.** The above result about the group structure of  $\pi_k^S(EP^\infty)$  overlaps with the results of Liulevicius [7] and Mosher [10].

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**Additional remark, added in proof.** Using the notion of the  $C$ -projectivity, Hideaki Ōshima obtained the following:  $B_{13} = \pi_{13}^S(S^0)$  and  $B_{15} = 2\pi_{15}^S(S^0) + H$ , where  $H=0$  or  $\{\eta\kappa\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_2$ .