

The homotopy theory of coalgebras over a comonad

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ABSTRACT

Let \mathbb{K} be a comonad on a model category \mathbf{M} . We provide conditions under which the associated category $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras admits a model category structure such that the forgetful functor $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ creates both cofibrations and weak equivalences.

We provide concrete examples that satisfy our conditions and are relevant in descent theory and in the theory of Hopf–Galois extensions. These examples are specific instances of the following categories of comodules over a coring (co-ring). For any semihomomorphism commutative ring R , let A be a dg R -algebra that is homologically simply connected. Let V be an A -coring that is semifree as a left A -module on a degreewise R -free, homologically simply connected graded module of finite type. We show that there is a model category structure on the category \mathcal{M}_A of right A -modules satisfying the conditions of our existence theorem with respect to the comonad $-\otimes_A V$ and conclude that the category \mathcal{M}_A^V of V -comodules in \mathcal{M}_A admits a model category structure of the desired type. Finally, under extra conditions on R , A and V , we describe fibrant replacements in \mathcal{M}_A^V in terms of a generalized cobar construction.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbf{M} be a model category and let \mathbb{T} be a monad acting on \mathbf{M} . There are well-known and very useful conditions under which it is possible to transfer the model category structure from \mathbf{M} to the category $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of \mathbb{T} -algebras in \mathbf{M} so that the forgetful functor $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ creates both weak equivalences and fibrations [22, Lemma 2.3]. In particular, the category \mathbf{M} should be cofibrantly generated for the results of [22] to be applicable.

Let \mathbb{K} be a comonad acting on \mathbf{M} . Dualizing the hypotheses of [22, Lemma 2.3] does not provide realistic conditions under which to transfer the model category structure from \mathbf{M} to the category $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras, primarily because ‘cosmall’ objects, and thus fibrantly generated model categories, are rare. To avoid this problem, we instead generalize [9, Section 2] and take an approach that is inspired by the construction of factorizations and liftings by induction on degree, which is familiar to practitioners of rational and algebraic homotopy theory. As long as the class of weak equivalences in \mathbf{M} admits a filtration by ‘ n -equivalences’ that are compatible

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in a reasonable way with the comonad \mathbb{K} (cf. axioms (WE1) and (K0)–(K6) in Section 5), we can guarantee the existence of a model category structure on $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ such that the forgetful functor $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ creates both weak equivalences and cofibrations. One advantage to our approach is that it enables us, under reasonable conditions, to describe fibrant objects and fibrations explicitly, rather than simply characterizing them in terms of the right lifting property.

Our main theorem (Theorem 5.8) could certainly easily be dualized, giving rise to an existence theorem for model category structure on $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbb{T}}$ such that the forgetful functor $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ creates both weak equivalences and fibrations, for nice enough monads \mathbb{T} , even if \mathbf{M} is not cofibrantly generated. Such a theorem would be complementary to the results in [22].

1.1. Organization of the paper

We sketch the basic theory of comonads and their coalgebras in the next section of this paper. In particular, we recall conditions under which categories of coalgebras are complete (Propositions 2.7 and 2.10). Since our main theorem is easiest to apply when the underlying model category is *injective*, that is, when its cofibrations are exactly the monomorphisms, we devote Section 3 to proving an existence result for injective model category structures (Theorem 3.6), which we then apply to showing that, for any commutative ring R , the category \mathcal{M}_A of right modules over any differential graded (dg) R -algebra A admits an injective model category structure, in which the weak equivalences are the quasi-isomorphisms (Proposition 3.11).

In Section 4, we recall from [9] the notion of a Postnikov presentation of a model category and the related general existence theorem for model category structures in which the cofibrations and weak equivalences are created by a left adjoint (Theorem 4.7). We can then state and prove our main theorem (Theorem 5.8) in Section 5, providing conditions on \mathbf{M} and \mathbb{K} under which the category $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras admits a model category structure such that the forgetful functor $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ creates both cofibrations and weak equivalences. We show, moreover, that if \mathbf{M} satisfies a certain ‘Blakers–Massey-type’ condition, and its class of weak equivalences verifies two reasonable extra conditions, then the existence theorem for model category structure on $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ holds under conditions on \mathbb{K} that are somewhat easier to check (Proposition 5.14).

In the last two sections of the paper, we apply our existence theorem to a concrete class of examples that is relevant to both descent theory [10] and the theory of Hopf–Galois extensions [9]. Let R be a semihereditary commutative ring, let A be a dg R -algebra, and let V be an A -coring, that is, a comonoid in the category of A -bimodules. We show that if A and $R \otimes_A V$ are both homologically simply connected, and V is A -semifree on an R -free graded module of finite type, then the category \mathcal{M}_A^V of right V -comodules in the category of right A -modules admits a model category structure such that the forgetful functor $\mathcal{M}_A^V \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_A$ creates both cofibrations and weak equivalences (Theorem 6.2). Under further conditions on R , A and V , we prove that fibrant replacements in \mathcal{M}_A^V can be built using certain generalized cobar constructions (Theorem 7.8).

It is worth noting that while the proof of the existence of model category structure on \mathcal{M}_A^V requires that the *left* A -module structure of V satisfy certain properties, we need to impose conditions on the *right* A -module structure of V in order to construct nice fibrant replacements.

We plan to provide further classes of explicit applications of Theorem 5.8 in future work, including categories of comodules over comonoids in pointed simplicial sets and categories of comodule spectra over suspension spectra. These cases are much harder to study, as the underlying categories are neither Cartesian nor additive.

1.2. Related work

In [19], Quillen established the first model category structure on a particular category of coalgebras over a comonad, the category of 1-connected, cocommutative dg coalgebras over \mathbb{Q} .

Almost 30 years later, in [6, Theorem 7.6] Blanc provided conditions, complementary to those given here, under which a ‘right’ model category structure could be transferred from an underlying model category to a category of coalgebras. In an unpublished paper from the same period [8], Getzler and Goerss proved the existence of a model category structure on the category of dg coalgebras over a field. Hinich then generalized Quillen’s work, defining a simplicial model category structure on the category of unbounded cocommutative coalgebras over a field of characteristic zero, but where the class of weak equivalences was strictly smaller than that of quasi-isomorphisms [12].

In 2003, Aubry and Chataur proved the existence of model category structures on (certain) cooperads and coalgebras over them in unbounded chain complexes over a field [3]. Smith established results along the same lines in [24] in 2011. In 2010, Stanculescu used the dual of the Quillen path-object argument to establish a model structure on comonoids given a functorial cylinder object for comonoids [26]. In 2009, the first author showed that in a Cartesian model category, such as topological spaces, simplicial sets or small categories, the category of comodules inherits a model structure from the underlying category because the category of comodules is equivalent to a slice (or over) category [9, 1.2.1]

In his 2003 thesis [14], Lefèvre showed that for any twisting cochain $\tau : C \rightarrow A$ such that twisted tensor product $C \otimes_{\tau} A$ is acyclic, there is a model category structure on the category of unbounded, coconnected C -comodules such that the functor $\mathbf{Comod}_C \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}_A$ induced by τ creates weak equivalences and cofibrations. Finally, Positselski [18] recently published a book in which he defined a model category structure on the category of comodules over a curved dg coalgebra over a field, in which the class of weak equivalences is strictly stronger than that of quasi-isomorphisms.

1.3. *Notation and conventions*

(i) Let \mathbf{C} be a small category, and let $A, B \in \text{Ob } \mathbf{C}$. In these notes, the set of morphisms from A to B is denoted $\mathbf{C}(A, B)$. The identity morphism on an object A will also often be denoted by A .

(ii) A terminal (respectively, initial) object in a category is denoted e (respectively, \emptyset).

(iii) If $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{D} : R$ are adjoint functors, then we denote the natural bijections

$$\mathbf{C}(C, RD) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{D}(LC, D) : f \mapsto f^{\flat}$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}(LC, D) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbf{C}(C, RD) : g \mapsto g^{\sharp}$$

for all objects C in \mathbf{C} and D in \mathbf{D} .

2. *Comonads and their coalgebras*

DEFINITION 2.1. Let \mathbf{D} be a category. A *comonad* on \mathbf{D} consists of an endofunctor $K : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$, together with natural transformations $\Delta : K \rightarrow K \circ K$ and $\varepsilon : K \rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathbf{D}}$ such that Δ is appropriately coassociative and counital, that is, $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ is a comonoid in the category of endofunctors of \mathbf{D} .

EXAMPLE 2.2. If $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{D} : R$ is a pair of adjoint functors, with unit $\eta : \text{Id}_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow RL$ and counit $\varepsilon : LR \rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathbf{D}}$, then $(LR, L\eta R, \varepsilon)$ is a comonad on \mathbf{D} .

There is a category of ‘coalgebras’ associated to any comonad.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on \mathbf{D} . The objects of the *Eilenberg–Moore category of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras*, denoted $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$, are pairs (D, δ) , where $D \in \text{Ob } \mathbf{D}$ and $\delta \in \mathbf{D}(D, KD)$, which is appropriately coassociative and counital, that is,

$$K\delta \circ \delta = \Delta_D \circ \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_D \circ \delta = \text{Id}_D.$$

A morphism in $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ from (D, δ) to (D', δ') is a morphism $f : D \rightarrow D'$ in \mathbf{D} such that $Kf \circ \delta = \delta' \circ f$.

The category $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras is related to the underlying category \mathbf{D} as follows.

REMARK 2.4. Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on \mathbf{D} . The forgetful functor

$$U_{\mathbb{K}} : \mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{D}$$

admits a right adjoint

$$F_{\mathbb{K}} : \mathbf{D} \longrightarrow \mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}},$$

called the *cofree \mathbb{K} -coalgebra functor*, defined on objects by $F_{\mathbb{K}}(X) = (KX, \Delta_X)$ and on morphisms by $F_{\mathbb{K}}(f) = Kf$. Note that \mathbb{K} itself is the comonad associated to the $(U_{\mathbb{K}}, F_{\mathbb{K}})$ -adjunction.

Since our goal is to establish a model category structure on $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ when \mathbf{D} is itself a model category, we need to recall how limits of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras are constructed. Colimits pose no problem, as they are created by the forgetful functor.

We begin with an important special case of limits.

LEMMA 2.5 [4]. Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on \mathbf{D} . Any \mathbb{K} -coalgebra (D, δ) is the equalizer in $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ of the diagram

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}D \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{K\delta} \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \xrightarrow{\Delta_D} \end{array} F_{\mathbb{K}}(KD).$$

Under the following condition on the functor underlying the comonad \mathbb{K} , the category of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras actually admits all equalizers.

DEFINITION 2.6. Let \mathbf{J} denote the category with $\text{Ob } \mathbf{J} = \mathbb{N}$ and

$$\mathbf{J}(n, m) = \begin{cases} \{j_{n,m}\} & n \geq m, \\ \emptyset & n < m, \end{cases}$$

where $j_{m,m} = \text{Id}_m$ for all m .

A functor $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ preserves *limits of countable chains* if there is a natural isomorphism

$$\tau : F \circ \lim_n \Longrightarrow \lim_n \circ F^{\mathbf{J}}$$

of functors from the diagram category $\mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{J}}$ to \mathbf{D} .

PROPOSITION 2.7 [4]. Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on a complete category \mathbf{D} . If K commutes with countable inverse limits, then $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ admits all equalizers and is therefore complete.

Proof. Barr and Wells [4] prove the dual result for coequalizers of algebras over a monad. To give the reader some intuition for the nature of limits in $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$, we provide a sketch of the dual to the proof in [4].

Let $(C, \gamma) \xrightarrow[f]{g} (D, \delta)$ be a diagram in $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$. Consider the following diagram in \mathbf{D} :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & KC & \xrightarrow{K\gamma} & K^2C \\
 \uparrow b_0 & & \uparrow Kb_0 & \xrightarrow{K(\gamma b_0)} & \uparrow K^2b_0 \\
 B_0 & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_{B_0}} & KB_0 & \xrightarrow{\Delta_C Kb_0} & K^2B_0 \\
 \uparrow b_1 & \nearrow \beta_1 & \uparrow Kb_1 & \xrightarrow{K\beta_1} & \uparrow K^2b_1 \\
 B_1 & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_{B_1}} & KB_1 & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{B_0} Kb_1} & K^2B_1 \\
 \uparrow b_2 & \nearrow \beta_2 & \uparrow Kb_2 & \xrightarrow{K\beta_2} & \uparrow K^2b_2 \\
 B_2 & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_{B_2}} & KB_2 & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{B_1} Kb_2} & K^2B_2 \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots
 \end{array}$$

Here, $b_0 : B_0 \rightarrow C$ is the equalizer of $C \xrightarrow[f]{g} D$ in \mathbf{D} , while if $i > 0$, then B_i is the limit of the part of the diagram above it and into which it maps. The morphisms b_i and β_i are the natural cone maps from the limit.

If $B = \lim_{i \geq 0} B_i$, and

$$\beta = \lim_{i \geq 1} \beta_i : B \longrightarrow \lim_{i \geq 1} KB_{i-1} \cong KB,$$

then (B, β) is a \mathbb{K} -coalgebra, which equalizes $(C, \gamma) \xrightarrow[f]{g} (D, \delta)$. For the details of the (dual) argument, we refer the reader to [4]. \square

REMARK 2.8. Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on \mathbf{D} such that K commutes with countable inverse limits, via a natural isomorphism $\tau : K \circ \lim_n \Rightarrow \lim_n \circ K^{\mathbf{J}}$. As is certainly well known to those familiar with comonads, the forgetful functor $U_{\mathbb{K}}$ then also commutes with countable inverse limits. Indeed, if

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{p_{n+2}} (C_{n+1}, \gamma_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{p_{n+1}} (C_n, \gamma_n) \xrightarrow{p_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{p_1} (C_0, \gamma_0)$$

is a tower of \mathbb{K} -coalgebra morphisms, then the morphism

$$(\gamma_n)_{n \geq 0} : (C_n)_{n \geq 0} \longrightarrow (KC_n)_{n \geq 0}$$

of towers in \mathbf{D} induces a morphism in \mathbf{D}

$$\lim_n C_n \xrightarrow{\lim_n \gamma_n} \lim_n KC_n \xrightarrow[\cong]{\tau^{-1}} K(\lim_n C_n),$$

which is a \mathbb{K} -coalgebra structure on $\lim_n C_n$. Both coassociativity and counitality follow from the universal property of the limit and the naturality of τ , which together imply that

$$\lim_n \Delta_{C_n} \circ \tau = \tau \circ \tau \circ \Delta_{\lim_n C_n} : K(\lim_n C_n) \longrightarrow \lim_n K^2 C_n$$

and

$$\lim_n \varepsilon_{C_n} \circ \tau = \varepsilon_{\lim_n C_n} : K(\lim_n C_n) \longrightarrow \lim_n C_n.$$

It follows that $\lim_n (C_n, \gamma_n) = (\lim_n C_n, \tau^{-1} \circ \lim_n \gamma_n)$.

Once we know how to construct equalizers of \mathbb{K} -coalgebra morphisms, we can easily describe products and pullbacks, using the formulas of the next lemma.

LEMMA 2.9. *Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on \mathbf{D} .*

(1) *Products of cofree \mathbb{K} -coalgebras exist. In particular,*

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}X \times F_{\mathbb{K}}Y \cong F_{\mathbb{K}}(X \times Y)$$

for all $X, Y \in \text{Ob } \mathbf{D}$.

(2) *For any \mathbb{K} -coalgebra (D, δ) , the product $(D, \delta) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X$ is the equalizer of the diagram*

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}D \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{K\delta \times \text{Id}} \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \xrightarrow{\Delta_D \times \text{Id}} \end{array} F_{\mathbb{K}}(KD) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X,$$

if it exists.

(3) *For any morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathbf{D} and any morphism $g : (D, \delta) \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}Y$ of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras, the pullback of $F_{\mathbb{K}}f$ and g is the equalizer of the diagram*

$$(D, \delta) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F_{\mathbb{K}}f \circ p_2} \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \xrightarrow{g \circ p_1} \end{array} F_{\mathbb{K}}Y,$$

if it exists. Here, $p_1 : (D, \delta) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X \rightarrow (D, \delta)$ and $p_2 : (D, \delta) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}X$ are the natural projection maps.

Proof. (1) This isomorphism follows from the fact that $F_{\mathbb{K}}$ is a right adjoint.

(2) Since limits commute with limits, this formula for $(D, \delta) \times F_{\mathbb{K}}X$ is a consequence of Lemma 2.5.

(3) This is the standard description of a pullback as an equalizer. \square

Under a reasonable condition on the category on which a comonad \mathbb{K} acts, the category of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras is complete under an even milder condition on K than preservation of inverse limits. Recall that a category is *well powered* if the subobjects of any object form a set, rather than a proper class. Any locally presentable category is well powered [2]. Recall that a morphism $g : B \rightarrow C$ in any category \mathbf{C} is a *monomorphism* if for all pairs of morphisms $f, f' : A \rightarrow B$ with target B ,

$$gf = gf' \implies f = f'.$$

PROPOSITION 2.10 [1]. *Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on a well-powered category \mathbf{D} . If K preserves monomorphisms, then $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbb{K}}$ is complete.*

Adámek proves this proposition by providing an explicit ‘solution set’-type construction of an equalizer of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras.

3. *Injective combinatorial model structures*

In this section, we provide conditions under which a model category admits a Quillen-equivalent *injective* model category structure, that is, a model category structure in which the cofibrations are exactly the monomorphisms. The injectivity condition is important in this paper as it simplifies considerably the existence proof for model category structures on categories of coalgebras.

We then apply our existence theorem to establishing that categories of differential graded modules over differential graded algebras that are degreewise flat over the ground ring admit injective model category structures.

3.1. *The existence theorem*

We apply Smith’s argument for constructing combinatorial model categories to establish the existence of an injective model category structure. We follow Lurie’s version of the argument [15, A.2.6.8], but see also [5, 1.7] or [20, 4.3].

Let \mathbf{M} be a category endowed with a ‘standard’ combinatorial model (SCM) structure (see Definition 3.4). In Theorem 3.6, we establish the existence of an injective combinatorial model (ICM) structure on \mathbf{M} with the same weak equivalences and cofibrations exactly the monomorphisms.

There is an ICM structure on a category \mathbf{M} only if the class of all monomorphisms in \mathbf{M} is generated by a set. To state conditions under which there is a such a generating set, we need the following standard notions.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let \mathbf{C} be a category. For every pair of monomorphisms

$$A \xrightarrow{a} X \xleftarrow{b} B$$

with a common codomain, let

$$A \cup B := A \coprod_{A \times_X B} B,$$

the pushout of $A \leftarrow A \times_X B \rightarrow B$, where $A \times_X B$ is the pullback of a and b .

The category \mathbf{C} has *effective unions* if each of the natural morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A \cup B \longleftarrow B \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & X \end{array}$$

is a monomorphism, for every pair of monomorphisms $A \xrightarrow{a} X \xleftarrow{b} B$.

DEFINITION 3.2. If X is a set of morphisms in a category \mathbf{C} , then $X\text{-inj}$ is the class of morphisms in \mathbf{C} satisfying the right lifting property with respect to X , while $X\text{-cof}$ is the class of morphisms satisfying the left lifting property with respect to $X\text{-inj}$. In other words, a morphism $p : E \rightarrow B$ is in $X\text{-inj}$ if for any commuting diagram in \mathbf{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow p \\ X & \xrightarrow{g} & B \end{array}$$

where $i \in \mathbf{X}$, there is a morphism $h : X \rightarrow E$ such that $ph = g$ and $hi = f$, while a morphism $j : Y \rightarrow Z$ is in \mathbf{X} -cof if for any commuting diagram in \mathbf{C}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow p \\ Z & \xrightarrow{g} & B, \end{array}$$

where $p \in \mathbf{X}$ -inj, there is a morphism $h : Z \rightarrow E$ such that $ph = g$ and $hj = f$

LEMMA 3.3 [5, 1.12]. *Let \mathbf{C} be a category. If*

- (1) \mathbf{C} is locally presentable,
- (2) subobjects in \mathbf{C} have effective unions, and
- (3) the class of monomorphisms is closed under transfinite composition,

then there is a set of monomorphisms \mathfrak{l} in \mathbf{C} such that the class of all monomorphisms is equal to \mathfrak{l} -cof.

Recall that a model structure is *combinatorial* if it is cofibrantly generated and the underlying category is locally presentable.

DEFINITION 3.4. A combinatorial model structure such that any cofibration is a monomorphism is a standard combinatorial model (SCM) structure if the underlying category \mathbf{M} satisfies the hypotheses of Lemma 3.3.

We need one more definition before constructing the injective model structure on \mathbf{M} .

DEFINITION 3.5 [15, A.1.2.2]. A class of morphisms in a category is *weakly saturated* if it is closed under pushouts, transfinite compositions and retracts.

THEOREM 3.6. *Let \mathbf{M} be a category with an SCM structure with weak equivalences W . Let C denote the class of monomorphisms in \mathbf{M} . If $W \cap C$ is weakly saturated, then there is a combinatorial model structure on \mathbf{M} with weak equivalences W and cofibrations C .*

TERMINOLOGY 3.7. *We refer to the model category structure of the theorem above as the associated injective combinatorial model (ICM) category structure on \mathbf{M} .*

Proof. We check the conditions from A.2.6.8 in [15].

- (1) C is weakly saturated and generated by C_0 .

We take C_0 to be the set of monomorphisms \mathfrak{l} , the existence of which follows from Definition 3.4 and Lemma 3.3. Condition (1) then holds by definition since $C = \mathfrak{l}$ -cof is weakly saturated by [15, A.1.2.7].

- (2) $C \cap W$ is weakly saturated.

This condition is the hypothesis of our theorem.

- (3) W is accessible.

This follows from [20, 4.1] or [15, A.2.6.6]: since the SCM structure on M is combinatorial, W is accessible.

(4) W satisfies the ‘2 out of 3’ property.

This is true because W is the set of weak equivalences of the original SCM structure on \mathbf{M} .

(5) $C - \text{inj} \subseteq W$.

Let C_s be the cofibrations in the SCM structure on \mathbf{M} . By definition $C_s \subseteq C$, so

$$C - \text{inj} \subseteq C_s - \text{inj}.$$

Since $C_s - \text{inj}$ is the class of trivial fibrations in the original SCM structure on \mathbf{M} , it follows that $C - \text{inj} \subseteq W$. □

3.2. An ICM structure for dg modules

For any commutative ring R , let $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ denote the category of non-negatively graded chain complexes of R -modules, endowed with its usual graded tensor product, which we denote simply \otimes . If A is a monoid in $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$, that is, a differential graded (dg) algebra, then let \mathcal{M}_A denote the category of right A -modules.

We begin by a few easy but useful observations concerning the categorical properties of \mathcal{M}_A .

LEMMA 3.8. *A morphism in \mathcal{M}_A is a monomorphism if and only if the underlying morphism in $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ is a monomorphism.*

Proof. Let $U : \mathcal{M}_A \rightarrow \mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ denote the forgetful functor. Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A . It is obvious that if Uf is a monomorphism, then f is as well.

If Uf is not a monomorphism, then there exist $x, y : X \rightarrow UM$ in $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ such that $x \neq y$ but $Uf \circ x = Uf \circ y : X \rightarrow UN$. Taking transposes, we obtain

$$f \circ x^b = (Uf \circ x)^b = (Uf \circ y)^b = f \circ y^b,$$

and thus f is not a monomorphism, since $x^b \neq y^b$. □

LEMMA 3.9. *The category \mathcal{M}_A has effective unions.*

Proof. Since pullbacks and pushouts in \mathcal{M}_A are created in $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ and $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ clearly has effective unions, this lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemma 3.8. □

LEMMA 3.10. *The class of monomorphisms in \mathcal{M}_A is closed under transfinite composition, and the class of monomorphisms in \mathcal{M}_A that are also quasi-isomorphisms is weakly saturated.*

Proof. The transfinite composition of a sequence

$$M_0 \hookrightarrow M_1 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow M_n \hookrightarrow M_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \dots$$

of monomorphisms of A -modules (seen, without loss of generality, as a sequence of inclusions) is simply the inclusion $M_0 \hookrightarrow \bigcup_{n \geq 0} M_n$. Transfinite compositions for larger ordinals are constructed similarly. The class of monomorphisms in \mathcal{M}_A is therefore closed under transfinite composition.

Since homology commutes with filtered colimits, it follows that the transfinite composition of a sequence of monomorphisms that are quasi-isomorphisms is both a monomorphism and a quasi-isomorphism. Furthermore, the class of monomorphisms is closed under retracts for categorical reasons, and it is well known that the class of quasi-isomorphisms is as well.

Finally, since the cokernel of a monomorphism j of chain complexes is acyclic if and only if j is a quasi-isomorphism, a pushout of a monomorphism that is a quasi-isomorphism is again a monomorphism and a quasi-isomorphism, as the cokernel of a pushout of j along any morphism is isomorphic to $\text{coker } j$. \square

PROPOSITION 3.11. *For any dg R -algebra A , the category \mathcal{M}_A of right A -modules admits a combinatorial model category structure in which the cofibrations are the monomorphisms, and the weak equivalences are the quasi-isomorphisms.*

Note that this proposition implies, obviously, that $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ itself admits an ICM structure.

Proof. There is a combinatorial model structure on \mathcal{M}_A obtained by right transfer of the projective structure on $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ via the adjunction

$$\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{-\otimes A} \\ \xrightleftharpoons[U]{} \end{array} \mathcal{M}_A,$$

as described in [22]. The fibrations in this model category structure are the chain maps that are surjections in positive degrees, and the weak equivalences are the quasi-isomorphisms. Let \mathcal{I} denote the set of generating cofibrations of the projective model structure on $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$. Recall that the class of cofibrations in this right-induced structure on \mathcal{M}_A can be constructed by taking transfinite composition of pushouts of morphisms of the form $i \otimes A$ for $i \in \mathcal{I}$ and retractions of such.

Recall moreover that $\mathcal{I} = \{S^n \hookrightarrow D^{n+1} \mid n \geq 0\}$, where $S^n = (R \cdot x_n, 0)$, the chain complex freely generated by exactly one generator of degree n , while $D^{n+1} = (R \cdot (x_n, y_{n+1}), d)$, the chain complex freely generated by one generator of degree n and one of degree $n+1$, with $dy = x$. If $i \in \mathcal{I}$, then $i \otimes A$ is a monomorphism of chain complexes, as the source and target of i are degreewise R -free. Since monomorphisms of chain complexes are preserved under pushout, transfinite composition and retraction, and colimits in \mathcal{M}_A are created in $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$, the morphism of chain complexes underlying any cofibration in the induced model structure on \mathcal{M}_A is a monomorphism. Lemma 3.8 therefore implies that every cofibration in the right-induced structure on \mathcal{M}_A is a monomorphism of right A -modules.

The category $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ is locally presentable [23, 3.7]. It follows that \mathcal{M}_A is also locally presentable, as $-\otimes A$ preserves filtered colimits [2, 7].

The existence of the desired model category structure on \mathcal{M}_A follows therefore from Lemma 3.10 and Theorem 3.6. \square

4. Left-induced model category structures

A common way of creating model structures is by transfer across adjunctions, such as the left-to-right adjunction applied in the proof of Proposition 3.11. To construct model category structures on categories of coalgebras over a comonad, we need right-to-left transfer, as specified in the following definition.

DEFINITION 4.1. Let $L : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ be a functor, where \mathbf{M} is a model category. A model structure on \mathbf{C} is *left-induced* from \mathbf{M} , if $\text{WE}_{\mathbf{C}} = L^{-1}(\text{WE}_{\mathbf{M}})$ and $\text{Cof}_{\mathbf{C}} = L^{-1}(\text{Cof}_{\mathbf{M}})$.

REMARK 4.2. The terminology above is motivated by the fact that it is most natural to consider such model category structures when the functor L is a left adjoint, such as the forgetful functor from the category of coalgebras over some comonad to the underlying category.

Before giving conditions under which left-induced structures exist, we introduce a bit of useful notation.

NOTATION 4.3. Let X be any class of morphisms in a category \mathbf{C} . The closure of X under formation of retracts is denoted \widehat{X} , that is,

$$f \in \widehat{X} \iff \exists g \in X \text{ such that } f \text{ is a retract of } g.$$

DEFINITION 4.4. Let X be a class of morphisms in a category \mathbf{C} that is closed under pullbacks. If λ is an ordinal, and $Y : \lambda^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is a functor such that for all $\beta < \lambda$, the morphism $Y_{\beta+1} \rightarrow Y_\beta$ fits into a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_{\beta+1} & \longrightarrow & X'_{\beta+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow x_{\beta+1} \\ Y_\beta & \xrightarrow{k_\beta} & X_{\beta+1} \end{array}$$

for some $x_{\beta+1} : X'_{\beta+1} \rightarrow X_{\beta+1}$ in X and $k_\beta : Y_\beta \rightarrow X_{\beta+1}$ in \mathbf{C} , while $Y_\gamma := \lim_{\beta < \gamma} Y_\beta$ for all limit ordinals $\gamma < \lambda$, then the composition of the tower Y

$$\lim_{\lambda^{\text{op}}} Y_\beta \longrightarrow Y_0,$$

if it exists, is an X -Postnikov tower.

A *Postnikov presentation* of a model category $(\mathbf{M}, \text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$ is a pair of classes of morphisms X and Z satisfying

$$\text{Fib} = \widehat{\text{Post}_X} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Fib} \cap \text{WE} = \widehat{\text{Post}_Z}$$

and such that for all $f \in \text{Mor } \mathbf{M}$, there exist

- (a) $i \in \text{Cof}$ and $p \in \text{Post}_Z$ such that $f = pi$;
- (b) $j \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}$ and $q \in \text{Post}_X$ such that $f = qj$.

REMARK 4.5. For any X , the class Post_X is closed under pullbacks, since inverse limits commute with pullbacks. Furthermore, Post_X is clearly closed under composition of towers as well.

REMARK 4.6. Let X and Y be two classes of morphisms in a category \mathbf{C} admitting pullbacks and inverse limits. If $X \subset Y\text{-inj}$, then $\text{Post}_X \subset Y\text{-inj}$ as well, and therefore $\widehat{\text{Post}_X} \subset Y\text{-inj}$. In particular, for any model category $(\mathbf{M}, \text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$, the pair $(\text{Fib}, \text{Fib} \cap \text{WE})$ is a Postnikov presentation, which we call the *generic Postnikov presentation* of \mathbf{M} .

The following right-to-left transfer theorem for Postnikov model structures was proved in [9].

THEOREM 4.7. *Let $(\mathbf{M}, \text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$ be a model category with Postnikov presentation (X, Z) . Let \mathbf{C} be a bicomplete category (that is, \mathbf{C} admits all limits and colimits), and let $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{M} : R$ be an adjoint pair of functors. Let*

$$W = L^{-1}(\text{WE}) \quad \text{and} \quad C = L^{-1}(\text{Cof}).$$

If

- (a) $\text{Post}_{R(Z)} \subset W$,

and for all $f \in \text{Mor } \mathbf{C}$, then there exist

- (b) $i \in \mathbf{C}$ and $p \in \text{Post}_{R(\mathbf{Z})}$ such that $f = pi$, and
- (c) $j \in \mathbf{C} \cap \mathbf{W}$ and $q \in \text{Post}_{R(\mathbf{X})}$ such that $f = qj$,

then \mathbf{W} , \mathbf{C} and $\widehat{\text{Post}}_{R(\mathbf{X})}$ are the weak equivalences, cofibrations and fibrations in a model category structure on \mathbf{C} , with respect to which $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{M} : R$ is a Quillen pair.

5. Postnikov presentations and coalgebras

Let $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ be a comonad on a model category $(\mathbf{M}, \text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$. In this section, we apply Theorem 4.7 to provide conditions on \mathbb{K} and \mathbf{M} that guarantee that the associated category of coalgebras $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ inherits a left-induced model category structure from \mathbf{M} .

Our proofs are inductive and require the following sort of filtered structure on \mathbf{M} . Note that, to simplify notation, we henceforth often suppress explicit mention of the distinguished classes of morphisms $(\text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$ when we refer to the model category $(\mathbf{M}, \text{Fib}, \text{Cof}, \text{WE})$.

DEFINITION 5.1. The model category \mathbf{M} has *filtered weak equivalences* if it is endowed with a decreasing filtration

$$\text{WE} \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \text{WE}_{n+1} \subseteq \text{WE}_n \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \text{WE}_{-1} = \text{Mor } \mathbf{M}$$

satisfying the following axiom.

- (WE1) For all n , WE_n is closed under composition. If $f \in \text{WE}_n$ for all n , then f is in WE . Moreover, if $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are composable morphisms, then
- (i) $f, gf \in \text{WE}_n \Rightarrow g \in \text{WE}_n$,
 - (ii) $g, gf \in \text{WE}_n \Rightarrow f \in \text{WE}_{n-1}$ and
 - (iii) $gf \in \text{WE}_n$ and $g \in \text{WE} \Rightarrow f \in \text{WE}_n$.

We refer to the morphisms in WE_n as *n-equivalences* and denote an n -equivalence by \sim_n . An object X in \mathbf{M} is called *(n - 1)-connected* if the unique morphism from X to a terminal object is an n -equivalence.

The comonads we consider satisfy the following compatibility with the model category structure on \mathbf{M} .

DEFINITION 5.2. Let \mathbf{M} be a model category with Postnikov presentation (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) . A comonad \mathbb{K} on \mathbf{M} is *tractable* if the following axioms hold.

- (K0) The category $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ is complete.
- (K1) The map $\delta : D \rightarrow KD \in \text{Cof}$ for all \mathbb{K} -coalgebras (D, δ) .
- (K2) The comonad K preserves cofibrations.
- (K3) For all $i : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}X$ in $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof})$ and all $g : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \delta)$ in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$, the induced morphism of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras

$$(i, g) : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}X \times (D, \delta)$$

is also in $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof})$, if the product exists.

- (K4) For all $q : E \rightarrow B$ in \mathbf{Z} and for all morphisms $f : (D, \delta) \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}B$ in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$, the induced morphism in \mathbf{M}

$$U_{\mathbb{K}}((D, \delta) \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}B} F_{\mathbb{K}}E) \longrightarrow U_{\mathbb{K}}(D, \delta)$$

is in WE , if the pullback exists in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$.

When \mathbf{M} is endowed with an injective model structure, there is a simple condition under which axioms (K0)–(K3) hold.

LEMMA 5.3. *Let \mathbb{K} be a comonad on a well-powered model category \mathbf{M} with injective model category structure. Axioms (K0)–(K3) hold for \mathbb{K} if and only if the underlying functor K preserves monomorphisms.*

REMARK 5.4. Many interesting comonads preserve monomorphisms. We consider such an example, when \mathbf{M} is a category of differential graded modules over a differential graded algebra, in the last two sections of this paper. In the future we plan to treat examples of such comonads, when the underlying category is that of either pointed simplicial sets or Bousfield–Friedlander spectra.

Proof. Since the model category structure on \mathbf{M} is injective, axiom (K1) holds for all comonads \mathbb{K} , as every coalgebra structure map $\delta : D \rightarrow KD$ admits a retraction $\varepsilon_D : KD \rightarrow D$ and is therefore a monomorphism. Injectivity of the model category structure also implies that the functor K preserves monomorphisms if and only if axiom (K2) is satisfied.

If K preserves monomorphisms, then it follows from Proposition 2.10 that (K0) holds, while axiom (K3) is a special case of the following result. Let $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{D} : R$ be an adjoint pair of functors, and let $b : A \rightarrow B$ and $c : A \rightarrow C$ be morphisms in \mathbf{C} , inducing $(b, c) : A \rightarrow B \times C$. We claim that if $L(b)$ is a monomorphism, then $L(b, c)$ is as well.

If $d, e : D \rightarrow L(A)$ are morphisms in \mathbf{D} such that $L(b, c) \circ d = L(b, c) \circ e$, then

$$L(b) \circ d = L(pr_B) \circ L(b, c) \circ d = L(pr_B) \circ L(b, c) \circ e = L(b) \circ e,$$

whence $d = e$, since $L(b)$ is a monomorphism. We conclude that $L(b, c)$ is also a monomorphism. □

REMARK 5.5. Let $L : \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{D} : R$ be an adjoint pair of functors. If L is faithful, then

$$L^{-1}(\text{Mono}_{\mathbf{D}}) \subset \text{Mono}_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

Indeed, if $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism in \mathbf{C} such that $L(f)$ is a monomorphism, and $g, h : C \rightarrow A$ are morphisms in \mathbf{C} such that $fg = fh$, then $L(f)L(g) = L(f)L(h)$, whence $L(g) = L(h)$, as $L(f)$ is a monomorphism. Since L is faithful, we can conclude that $g = h$ and therefore that f is a monomorphism.

It follows that if \mathbf{M} is an injective model category, and $\mathbb{K} = (K, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ is a comonad on \mathbf{M} such that K preserves monomorphisms, then every element of $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof})$ is a monomorphism of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras, since $U_{\mathbb{K}} : \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ is faithful for all comonads \mathbb{K} .

To construct one type of Postnikov factorization in the category of coalgebras over a comonad \mathbb{K} , we make inductive arguments based on the following sort of compatibility between \mathbb{K} and extra structure on the model category on which it acts. Moreover, in order for condition (a) of Theorem 4.7 to hold for the cofree \mathbb{K} -coalgebra adjunction, certain towers should satisfy a Mittag–Leffler-type condition.

DEFINITION 5.6. A comonad \mathbb{K} on a model category \mathbf{M} that has a Postnikov presentation (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) and filtered weak equivalences *allows inductive arguments* if (K0) and the axioms below hold, where $W_n = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{WE}_n)$ and $\mathbf{C} = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof})$.

(K5) There is some k such that the composition of any tower of countable length in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X} \cap W_n$ is in W_{n-k} , for all $n \geq k - 1$.

(K6) For all $n \geq -1$ and for all $i : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \delta) \in C \cap W_n$, the induced morphism

$$((i''u)^\sharp, i) : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P} (D, \delta)$$

is in W_{n+1} , where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{u} & e \\ i \downarrow & & \downarrow i' \\ D & \longrightarrow & P \end{array}$$

is a pushout in \mathbf{M} , and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & \xrightarrow{i'} & P \\ \searrow \sim & i'' & \nearrow q \\ & Q & \end{array}$$

is a factorization with $i'' \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}$ and $q \in \text{Post}_X$.

REMARK 5.7. Axiom (K5) can sometimes be replaced by an axiom that should be easier to check. Let \mathbb{K} be a comonad on \mathbf{M} such that inverse limits and pullbacks in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ are created in \mathbf{M} and such that the following axiom holds.

(K5') There is some k such that the composition of any tower of morphisms in $\text{Post}_{K(X)} \cap \text{WE}_n$ is in WE_{n-k} for all $n \geq k - 1$.

Then \mathbb{K} satisfies axiom (K5), since the fact that pullbacks and inverse limits of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras are created in \mathbf{M} implies that $U_{\mathbb{K}}(\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}(X)} \cap W_n) \subseteq \text{Post}_{K(X)} \cap \text{WE}_n$.

In last two sections of this paper we consider examples of tractable comonads that allow inductive arguments; we plan to treat further examples in future work.

Our goal in this section is to apply Theorem 4.7 to proving the following existence result.

THEOREM 5.8. *Let \mathbf{M} be a model category with filtered weak equivalences and Postnikov presentation (X, Z) such that $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$.*

If \mathbb{K} is a tractable comonad on \mathbf{M} that allows inductive arguments, then the category of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras, $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$, admits a model category structure such that

$$\text{Cof}_{\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}} = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof}), \quad \text{WE}_{\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}} = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{WE}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Fib}_{\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}} = \widehat{\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}}.$$

REMARK 5.9. If $(X, Z) = (\text{Fib}, \text{Fib} \cap \text{WE})$, the generic Postnikov presentation, then it is trivially true that $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$.

We begin the proof of Theorem 5.8 with the relatively simple observation that condition (a) of Theorem 4.7 is satisfied under the hypotheses above.

PROPOSITION 5.10. *Let \mathbf{M} be a model category with filtered equivalences and a Postnikov presentation (X, Z) such that $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$. If \mathbb{K} is a comonad on \mathbf{M} such that axioms (K0), (K4) and (K5) hold, then $U_{\mathbb{K}}(\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}) \subseteq \text{WE}$.*

Proof. Since $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$,

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}Z \subseteq F_{\mathbb{K}}\text{Post}_X \subseteq \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$$

because $F_{\mathbb{K}}$ commutes with limits. As $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ is closed under pullbacks and composition of towers (Remark 4.5), it follows that $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z} \subseteq \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$. On the other hand, axiom (K4) implies that any morphism in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$ is the composition of a tower of weak equivalences. By axiom (K5), the composition of any tower in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X} \cap W$ is in W , and therefore $U_{\mathbb{K}}(\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}) \subseteq \text{WE}$. \square

In the next two subsections, we prove that conditions (b) and (c) of Theorem 4.7 also hold under the hypotheses of Theorem 5.8, thus completing its proof.

5.1. The first Postnikov factorization

In the following proposition, which generalizes [9, Lemma 1.15], we provide conditions under which the adjunction $U_{\mathbb{K}} : \mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{M} : F_{\mathbb{K}}$ satisfies condition (b) of Theorem 4.7.

Throughout this section, $C = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof})$ and $W = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{WE})$.

PROPOSITION 5.11. *Let \mathbf{M} be a model category, and let Z be a subset of $\text{Fib} \cap \text{WE}$ such that every morphism f in \mathbf{M} admits a factorization $f = qj$, where $q \in \text{Post}_Z$ and $j \in \text{Cof}$.*

If \mathbb{K} is a comonad on \mathbf{M} satisfying axioms (K0)–(K3), then every morphism f in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$ admits a factorization $f = qj$, where $q \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$ and $j \in C$.

Proof. Let e denote a terminal object in \mathbf{M} . Observe that since $F_{\mathbb{K}}$ is a right adjoint, $F_{\mathbb{K}}e$ is a terminal object in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$.

Let $f : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \delta)$ be a morphism of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras. Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_{\mathbb{K}}(C, \gamma) = C & \xrightarrow{!} & e \\ & \searrow j' & \nearrow q' \\ & & Q \end{array}$$

be a factorization of the unique map in \mathbf{M} from C to e with $j' \in \text{Cof}$ and $q' \in \text{Post}_Z$, the existence of which is guaranteed by the hypothesis on Z .

Taking transposes, we obtain a commuting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{!} & F_{\mathbb{K}}e \\ & \searrow (j')^{\#} & \nearrow F_{\mathbb{K}}q' \\ & & F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \end{array}$$

Since $F_{\mathbb{K}}$ is a right adjoint and therefore preserves pullbacks and inverse limits,

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}(\text{Post}_Z) \subseteq \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z},$$

whence $F_{\mathbb{K}}q' \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$. Moreover, the morphism $(j')^{\#}$ admits a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{(j')^{\#}} & F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \\ & \searrow \gamma & \nearrow F_{\mathbb{K}}j' \\ & & F_{\mathbb{K}}C \end{array}$$

where $\gamma \in C$ by (K1) and $F_{\mathbb{K}}j' \in C$ by (K2), whence $(j')^{\#} \in C$.

Axiom (K3) now implies that

$$j := ((j')^\#, f) : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times (D, \delta)$$

is in \mathbf{C} , where the existence of the product $F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times (D, \delta)$ is guaranteed by (K0). Furthermore, the projection map

$$q : F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times (D, \delta) \longrightarrow (D, \delta)$$

is in $\mathbf{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$, as it is the pullback over the unique morphism $(D, \delta) \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}e$ of $F_{\mathbb{K}}q'$, and $\mathbf{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$ is closed under pullbacks. Since $f = qj$, the proof is complete. \square

COROLLARY 5.12. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 5.8, condition (b) of Theorem 4.7 is satisfied.*

5.2. The second Postnikov factorization

We give an inductive proof of condition (c) in Theorem 4.7 for the category of coalgebras over a comonad. Our proof, which generalizes that of [9, Lemmas 2.13 and 2.14], can be viewed as dualizing the usual construction of semi-free models of dg-modules over a dg-algebra by recursive attachment of generators, killing all the extra homology in degree n at the n th stage of the process. In essence, to construct a factorization of a morphism of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras as a trivial cofibration followed by a fibration, we recursively ‘twist in cogenerators’ to kill homotopy of increasingly higher degree, where ‘degree’ should be interpreted with respect to a given filtration of weak equivalences.

Throughout this section, $\mathbf{C} = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\mathbf{Cof})$ and $\mathbf{W} = U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\mathbf{WE})$.

PROPOSITION 5.13. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 5.8, every morphism of \mathbb{K} -coalgebras $f : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \delta)$ admits a factorization $f = pi$, where $i \in \mathbf{C} \cap \mathbf{W}$ and $p \in \mathbf{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$.*

Proof. We first establish the base of the induction: f admits a factorization $p_{-1}i_{-1}$, where $i_{-1} \in U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\mathbf{Cof} \cap \mathbf{WE}_{-1})$ and $p_{-1} \in \mathbf{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$. Recall that $\mathbf{WE}_{-1} = \mathbf{Mor} \mathbf{M}$, whence $\mathbf{Cof} \cap \mathbf{WE}_{-1} = \mathbf{Cof}$.

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_{\mathbb{K}}(C, \gamma) = C & \xrightarrow{\quad ! \quad} & e \\ & \searrow j' & \nearrow q' \\ & & Q \end{array}$$

be a factorization of the unique map in \mathbf{M} from C to e with $j' \in \mathbf{Cof} \cap \mathbf{WE}$ and $q' \in \mathbf{Post}_X$, the existence of which follows from the hypothesis that (X, Z) is a Postnikov presentation of \mathbf{M} .

Taking transposes, we obtain a commuting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (C, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{\quad ! \quad} & F_{\mathbb{K}}e \\ & \searrow (j')^\# & \nearrow F_{\mathbb{K}}q' \\ & & F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \end{array}$$

Since $F_{\mathbb{K}}$ is a right adjoint and therefore preserves pullbacks and inverse limits,

$$F_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbf{Post}_X) \subseteq \mathbf{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X},$$

whence $F_{\mathbb{K}}q' \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$. Moreover, just as in the proof of Proposition 5.11, axioms (K1) and (K2) imply that $(j')^{\#} \in \mathbf{C}$, whence, by axiom (K3),

$$i_{-1} := ((j')^{\#}, f) : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times (D, \delta)$$

is in \mathbf{C} as well; the product in the target exists by (K0). Also as in the proof of Proposition 5.11, the projection map

$$p_{-1} : F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times (D, \delta) \longrightarrow (D, \delta)$$

is in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$.

We now establish the inductive step of our proof: if

$$i_n : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow (C_n, \gamma_n) \in U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_n),$$

for some $n \geq -1$, then there exist

$$i_{n+1} \in (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow (C_{n+1}, \gamma_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad p_{n+1} : (C_{n+1}, \gamma_{n+1}) \longrightarrow (C_n, \gamma_n)$$

such that $i_{n+1} \in U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_{n+1})$, $p_{n+1} \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ and $i_n = p_{n+1}i_{n+1}$. Applying axioms (K0) and (K6) to i_n , we obtain an $(n+1)$ -equivalence

$$j_{n+1} : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}Q_n \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P_n} (C_n, \gamma_n),$$

where P_n is the cofiber of $U_{\mathbb{K}}i_n$ (which represents what we want to ‘kill’, at least in filtration n , by ‘twisting in cogenerators’), and Q_n is an acyclic ‘based path object’ over P_n . Axiom (K6) tells us essentially that twisting the cofree coalgebra on the ‘cogenerator object’ Q_n together with (C_n, γ_n) over the cofree coalgebra on P_n ‘kills the homotopy of the cofiber in filtration n ’.

Since $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ is closed under pullbacks, the projection

$$r_{n+1} : F_{\mathbb{K}}Q_n \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P_n} (C_n, \gamma_n) \longrightarrow (C_n, \gamma_n)$$

is in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$. We then apply Proposition 5.11 to write $j_{n+1} = q_{n+1}i_{n+1}$ with $i_{n+1} : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C_{n+1}, \gamma_{n+1})$ such that $i_{n+1} \in \mathbf{C}$, and $q_{n+1} \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$. Here, $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(q_{n+1})$ is a weak equivalence by Proposition 5.10 and $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(j_{n+1})$ is in WE_{n+1} , so $U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(i_{n+1})$ is in WE_{n+1} by (WE1). Thus, as required, $i_{n+1} \in U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_{n+1})$. Since $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z} \subseteq \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$, the composition $r_{n+1}q_{n+1} = p_{n+1}$ is in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ as required.

We know thus that there exists a commuting diagram in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbb{K}}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (C, \gamma) & & & & & & \\
 \downarrow f & \searrow i_{-1} & \searrow i_0 & \searrow i_n & & & \\
 (D, \delta) & \xleftarrow{p_{-1}} (C_{-1}, \gamma_{-1}) & \xleftarrow{p_0} (C_0, \gamma_0) & \xleftarrow{p_1} \cdots & \xleftarrow{p_n} (C_n, \gamma_n) & \xleftarrow{p_{n+1}} \cdots & \\
 \end{array}$$

where $U_{\mathbb{K}}i_n \in \text{WE}_n$ for all $n \geq -1$. By axiom (WE1) it follows that $U_{\mathbb{K}}p_n \in \text{WE}_{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 0$. Axiom (K5) then implies that there is some k such that the partial composition of the tower

$$p_{\infty, n} : \lim_m (C_m, \gamma_m) \longrightarrow C_n$$

satisfies $U_{\mathbb{K}}p_{\infty, n} \in \text{WE}_{n-k-1}$ for all $n \geq k$.

Let

$$i_{\infty} = \lim_m i_m : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow \lim_m (C_m, \gamma_m).$$

Since $p_{\infty, n} \circ i_{\infty} = i_n$ for all n , axiom (WE1) implies that $U_{\mathbb{K}}i_{\infty} \in \text{WE}_{n-k-2}$ for all $n \geq k$, from which it follows that

$$U_{\mathbb{K}}i_{\infty} \in \text{WE}.$$

Moreover, the composition

$$p_\infty : \lim_m (C_m, \gamma_m) \longrightarrow (D, \delta)$$

of the entire tower is in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$, since $p_n \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ for all n , and $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$ is closed under inverse limits. Finally,

$$f = p_\infty i_\infty,$$

as $f = p_n i_n$ for all n .

If the model category structure on \mathbf{M} is injective, then the factorization $f = p_\infty i_\infty$ is of the desired form. Indeed, to conclude that $U_{\mathbb{K}} i_\infty$ is a monomorphism in \mathbf{M} , it suffices to know that at least one of the morphisms $i_n : C \rightarrow C_n$ is a monomorphism. The proof is therefore complete in this case.

More generally, we can apply Proposition 5.11 to i_∞ , obtaining a factorization

$$(C, \gamma) \xrightarrow{i} (C', \gamma') \xrightarrow{q} \lim_n (C_n, \gamma_n)$$

of i_∞ , where $i \in \mathbf{C}$ and $q \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}Z}$. Since, $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$ by hypothesis, $q \in \text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}}X}$, while Proposition 5.10 implies that $U_{\mathbb{K}} q \in \text{WE}$. It follows then from ‘two-out-of-three’ for WE that $U_{\mathbb{K}} i \in \text{WE}$ as well. The desired factorization of f is therefore

$$(C, \gamma) \xrightarrow[\sim]{i} (C', \gamma') \xrightarrow{p_\infty \circ q} (D, \delta). \quad \square$$

5.3. Proving axiom (K6)

Experience with explicit examples has shown that to prove that axiom (K6) holds for a certain comonad \mathbb{K} on \mathbf{M} , it is often easier to break the problem into two parts: proving two extra axioms about n -equivalences and a certain ‘stability’ (or ‘Blakers–Massey’) axiom hold in \mathbf{M} , then showing that a stronger version of (K4) holds, which implies (K6).

PROPOSITION 5.14. *Let \mathbf{M} be a model category with Postnikov presentation (X, Z) such that $Z \subseteq \text{Post}_X$ and with filtered weak equivalences such that the following axioms hold:*

(WE2) *If*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z & \xrightarrow{j} & P \end{array}$$

is a pushout diagram in \mathbf{M} , where $i \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_n$, then $j \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_n$ as well.

(WE3) *For each n , there is a class of special n -equivalences, $\widetilde{\text{WE}}_n$, such that*

$$\text{WE}_{n+1} \subseteq \widetilde{\text{WE}}_n \subseteq \text{WE}_n$$

and if f, g are composable, $gf \in \text{WE}_n$, and $g \in \widetilde{\text{WE}}_n$, then $f \in \text{WE}_n$.

(S) *Given a commuting diagram in \mathbf{M}*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow i & \searrow k & \downarrow j \\ & \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet & \searrow p \\ & \swarrow & & \swarrow & \\ C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P \end{array}$$

in which the outer square is a pushout, the lower inscribed square is a pullback, $i \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_n$, $j \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}$ and $p \in \text{Post}_\chi$, the induced map k from A into the pullback is an $(n + 1)$ -equivalence.

A comonad \mathbb{K} on \mathbf{M} satisfies axioms (K4) and (K6) if it satisfies the following condition.

(K4') For every $n \geq -1$ and every pullback diagram in \mathbf{M}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \times_B D & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \sim_n \\ D = U_{\mathbb{K}}(D, \delta) & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

where $p \in \text{Post}_\chi \cap \text{WE}_n$, the induced morphism

$$U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}E \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}B} (D, \delta)) \longrightarrow E \times_B D$$

is a special $(n + 1)$ -equivalence (that is, in $\widetilde{\text{WE}}_{n+1}$).

REMARK 5.15. The induced morphism in axiom (K4') is the one obtained by applying the universal property of pullbacks to the commuting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}E \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}B} (D, \delta)) & \longrightarrow & U_{\mathbb{K}}F_{\mathbb{K}}E & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow^{(\varepsilon_E, \text{Id}_D)} & \downarrow & \searrow^{\varepsilon_E} & \\ & & E \times_B D & \longrightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ D & \xrightarrow{U_{\mathbb{K}}f^\sharp} & U_{\mathbb{K}}F_{\mathbb{K}}B & & B \\ & \searrow^{\text{=}} & \downarrow & \searrow^{\varepsilon_B} & \\ & & D & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

where $f^\sharp : (D, \delta) \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}}B$ is the transpose of f .

Proof. First, we show that (K4') implies (K4). If $p \in \text{Z}$, then p is a trivial fibration and hence so is the pullback map $E \times_B D \rightarrow D$. Since $p \in \text{Post}_\chi \cap \text{WE}_n$ for all n , (K4') implies that $U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}E \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}B} (D, \delta)) \rightarrow E \times_B D$ is in WE_{n+1} for all n and hence is a weak equivalence. The composition of these two maps is the weak equivalence required in (K4).

To see that (K4') implies (K6), consider

$$i : (C, \gamma) \longrightarrow (D, \delta) \in U_{\mathbb{K}}^{-1}(\text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}_n)$$

for some $n \geq -1$. Consider the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \longrightarrow & e \\ \downarrow i \sim_n & & \downarrow \\ D & \xrightarrow{u} & P \end{array}$$

in \mathbf{M} , where e is a terminal object. Axiom (WE2) implies that the map $e \rightarrow P$ is an n -equivalence.

Since (X, Z) is a Postnikov presentation, there is a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & \xrightarrow{\sim_n} & P \\ & \searrow j & \nearrow q \\ & & Q \end{array}$$

with $j \in \text{Cof} \cap \text{WE}$ and $q \in \text{Post}_X$. By axiom (WE1), $q \in \text{WE}_n$.

We can therefore apply axiom (S) to the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & e \\ & \searrow k & & \nearrow j & \downarrow \sim_n \\ & & Q \times_P D & \longrightarrow & Q \\ & \nearrow i & & \searrow q & \downarrow \sim_n \\ D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P \end{array}$$

and conclude that the induced morphism $k : C \rightarrow Q \times_P D$ is an $(n + 1)$ -equivalence. Applying axiom (K4') to the pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q \times_P D & \longrightarrow & Q \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \sim_n \\ D = U_{\mathbb{K}}(D, \delta) & \xrightarrow{u} & P \end{array}$$

we conclude that the natural morphism

$$U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P}(D, \delta)) \longrightarrow Q \times_P D$$

is in $\widetilde{\text{WE}}_{n+1}$. On the other hand, $k : C \rightarrow Q \times_P D$ factors as

$$C = U_{\mathbb{K}}(C, \gamma) \longrightarrow U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P}(D, \delta)) \longrightarrow Q \times_P D,$$

whence axiom (WE3) implies that $U_{\mathbb{K}}(C, \gamma) \rightarrow U_{\mathbb{K}}(F_{\mathbb{K}}Q \times_{F_{\mathbb{K}}P}(D, \delta))$ is an $(n + 1)$ -equivalence as required. \square

6. Homotopy theory of comodules over corings

As in Section 3.2, let R be a commutative ring, and let $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ denote the category of non-negatively graded chain complexes of R -modules, endowed with its usual graded tensor product. Let A be a differential graded (dg) algebra, and V an A -coring, that is, a comonoid in the category of A -bimodules. We then let \mathcal{M}_A and \mathcal{M}_A^V denote the categories of right A -modules and of right V -comodules in the category of right A -modules, respectively.

In this section, we apply Theorem 5.8 to establishing the existence of a model category structure on \mathcal{M}_A^V that is left-induced from the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A (Proposition 3.11), under reasonable conditions on V . We then construct in the next section explicit fibrant replacement functors in \mathcal{M}_A^V , under further conditions on R , A and V . We end this section with concrete examples of dg R -algebras and corings to which our results apply.

REMARK 6.1. The model category structure on \mathcal{M}_A^V studied here plays an important role in establishing an interesting relationship among the notions of Grothendieck descent, Hopf-Galois extensions and Koszul duality (see the forthcoming paper of A. Berglund and K. Hess, ‘Grothendieck descent, Hopf-Galois extensions and Koszul duality’, 2012).

6.1. *Existence of the model category structure*

The goal of this section is to prove the following theorem, which generalizes [9, Theorem 2.10].

THEOREM 6.2. *Let R be a semihereditary commutative ring and A an augmented dg R -algebra such that $H_1 A = 0$. If V is an A -coring that is semifree as a left A -module on a generating graded R -module X such that*

- (1) $H_0(R \otimes_A V) = R$, $H_1(R \otimes_A V) = 0$, and
- (2) X_n is R -free and finitely generated for all $n \geq 0$,

then the category \mathcal{M}_A^V admits a model category structure left-induced from the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A by the adjunction

$$\mathcal{M}_A^V \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{U} \\ \xleftarrow{-\otimes_A V} \end{matrix} \mathcal{M}_A,$$

where U denotes the forgetful functor.

REMARK 6.3. For any dg R -algebra A and A -coring V with comultiplication Δ and counit ε , it is clear that $\mathcal{M}_A^V = (\mathcal{M}_A)_{\mathbb{K}_V}$, where \mathbb{K}_V denotes the comonad $(-\otimes_A V, -\otimes_A \Delta, -\otimes_A \varepsilon)$ on \mathcal{M}_A .

REMARK 6.4. Recall that a commutative ring R is *semihereditary* if every finitely generated ideal of R is projective [21, Chapter 4]. Examples of semihereditary rings include semisimple rings, principal ideal domains, rings of integers of algebraic number fields and valuation rings. The requirement that R be semihereditary arises from a connectivity argument in the proof of Theorem 6.2 for which it is important that every submodule of a flat R -module be flat, which holds for semihereditary rings [21, Theorem 9.25].

In order to apply Theorem 5.8 to proving Theorem 6.2, we need an appropriate notion of filtered weak equivalences in \mathcal{M}_A .

DEFINITION 6.5. For all $n \geq -1$, let WE_n be the set of morphisms $f : M \rightarrow N$ of right A -modules such that $H_k f$ is an isomorphism for all $k < n$ and a surjection for $k = n$. The elements of WE_n are called *n -equivalences*. The special n -equivalences, $\underline{\text{WE}}_n$, required in (WE3) are the n -equivalences such that $H_k f$ is an isomorphism for $k = n$.

The connectivity arguments we give below require the following elementary property of n -equivalences.

LEMMA 6.6. *Let $n \geq 0$. If a chain map $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ is an n -equivalence and $f_1 : Y_1 \rightarrow Z_1$ is surjective, then $f_0 : Y_0 \rightarrow Z_0$ is surjective as well.*

Proof. For any chain map $f : Y \rightarrow Z$, there is a commuting diagram of short exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & d(Y_1) & \longrightarrow & Y_0 & \longrightarrow & H_0(Y) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow H_0 f \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & d(Z_1) & \longrightarrow & Z_0 & \longrightarrow & H_0(Z) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where d denotes the differentials on both Y and Z . If $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ is an n -equivalence of chain complexes for some $n \geq 0$, then $H_0 f$ is at least a surjection. On the other hand, if f_1 is surjective, then the restriction of f_0 to $d(Y_1)$ is surjective. Thus, under the hypothesis of the lemma, both the right-hand and the left-hand vertical morphisms in the diagram above are surjections, which implies that the middle morphism is also a surjection. \square

Theorem 6.2 is a consequence of the sequence of lemmas below.

LEMMA 6.7. *If A is any dg R -algebra, then axioms (WE1), (WE2), (WE3) and (S) hold in \mathcal{M}_A , endowed with its ICM structure, the generic Postnikov presentation $(\text{Fib}, \text{Fib} \cap \text{WE})$ and the filtered weak equivalences defined above.*

Proof. Axioms (WE1) and (WE3) follow easily from the definitions of WE_n and $\widetilde{\text{WE}}_n$. To prove (WE2), observe that a monomorphism of A -modules is an n -equivalence if and only if its cokernel is $(n + 1)$ -connected. Since cokernels are preserved under pushout, (WE2) holds.

We now prove that a particularly strong version of axiom (S) holds in \mathcal{M}_A . Consider a commuting diagram in \mathcal{M}_A :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{f} & N & & \\
 \downarrow i & \searrow k & \swarrow j & & \downarrow i' \\
 & P & \xrightarrow{f''} & Q & \\
 & \swarrow & & \searrow p & \\
 M' & \xrightarrow{f'} & N' & &
 \end{array}$$

in which the outer square is a pushout, the lower inscribed square is a pullback, i is a monomorphism, j is a monomorphism and a quasi-isomorphism, and p is a surjection. We show that the induced map k from M into the pullback P is always a quasi-isomorphism.

We remark first that $k : M \rightarrow P$ is a monomorphism, since i is a monomorphism (cf. proof of Lemma 5.3). Showing that k is a quasi-isomorphism is therefore equivalent to proving that P/M is acyclic.

Let $q : Q \rightarrow Q/N$ denote the quotient map. Since j is a quasi-isomorphism, Q/N is acyclic. We prove that $qf'' : P \rightarrow Q/N$ induces an isomorphism $P/M \cong Q/N$, implying that P/M is acyclic, as desired.

It is immediate that $\text{Im } k \subseteq \ker qf''$. Writing

$$P = \{(x', y) \in M' \times Q \mid f'(x') = p(y)\},$$

we see that if $(x', y) \in \ker qf''$, then there exists $z \in N$ such that $j(z) = y$. Since $f'(x') = pj(z) = i'(z)$, and N' is the pushout of f and i , we conclude that there exists $x \in M$ such that $x' = i(x)$ and $z = f(x)$, whence $k(x) = (x', y)$, that is, $\ker qf'' \subseteq \text{Im } k$. Thus, $\ker qf'' = \text{Im } k$, and so qf'' induces an isomorphism $P/M \cong Q/N$. \square

LEMMA 6.8. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2, all limits in \mathcal{M}_A^V are created in \mathcal{M}_A .*

Proof. Since V is A -semifree, the endofunctor $- \otimes_A V$ on \mathcal{M}_A preserves kernels and therefore pullbacks as well, as any pullback in \mathcal{M}_A can be calculated as a kernel. It follows that pullbacks in \mathcal{M}_A^V are created in \mathcal{M}_A .

To conclude, we prove that arbitrary products in \mathcal{M}_A^V are also created in \mathcal{M}_A . For every $n \geq 0$, let $B_n = \{x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nm_n}\}$ be an R -basis of X_n . Let $\{M_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{J}\}$ be any set of right A -modules. The natural map

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} M_\alpha \right) \otimes X &\cong \left(\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} M_\alpha \right) \otimes_A V \longrightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (M_\alpha \otimes_A V) \\ &\cong \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (M_\alpha \otimes X) : (y_\alpha)_\alpha \otimes x \longmapsto (y_\alpha \otimes x)_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

admits a non-canonical inverse

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (M_\alpha \otimes_A V) \longrightarrow \left(\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} M_\alpha \right) \otimes_A V$$

given in degree n by

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m_{n-k}} (M_\alpha)_k \cdot x_{n-k,j} &\longrightarrow \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \bigoplus_{j=1}^{m_{n-k}} \left(\prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} M_\alpha \right)_k \cdot x_{n-k,j}, \\ \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_{n-k}} y_{\alpha,k,j} \cdot x_{n-k,j} \right)_\alpha &\longmapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^{m_{n-k}} (y_{\alpha,k,j})_\alpha \cdot x_{n-k,j}. \end{aligned}$$

The functor $-\otimes_A V$ therefore commutes with products, whence products in \mathcal{M}_A^V are created in \mathcal{M}_A . \square

LEMMA 6.9. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2, axiom (K4') holds for the comonad \mathbb{K}_V , with respect to its ICM structure, the generic Postnikov presentation $(\text{Fib}, \text{Fib} \cap \text{WE})$ and the filtered weak equivalences defined above.*

REMARK 6.10. It is easy to prove (K4) directly, but we obtain it here as a consequence of (K4'), which we prefer to prove, as it also implies (K6).

Proof. Let (D, δ) be an object in \mathcal{M}_A^V , and let $f : D \rightarrow B$ be a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A , inducing a morphism $f^\sharp : (D, \delta) \rightarrow (B \otimes_A V, B \otimes_A \Delta)$ in \mathcal{M}_A^V . Let $p : E \rightarrow B$ be a fibration in the ICM structure and an n -equivalence. We treat separately the cases $n = -1$ and $n \geq 0$.

Consider first the case $n = -1$, that is, p is any fibration in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A . Note that condition (1) of Theorem 6.2 implies that for all right A -modules M , the counit ε induces isomorphisms $(M \otimes_A V)_k \cong M_k$ for $k = 0, 1$. The map $(E \otimes_A V) \times_{B \otimes_A V} D \rightarrow E \times_B D$ is therefore an isomorphism in degrees 0 and 1, which implies that it induces an isomorphism in homology in degree 0 and therefore is a special 0-equivalence (In fact, this is a 1-equivalence, since the isomorphism in degree 1 implies a surjection in homology in degree 1.)

If $n \geq 0$, we argue as follows. The fibrations in the original right-induced model structure on \mathcal{M}_A (cf. proof of Proposition 3.11) are exactly the chain maps that are surjective in positive degrees, which implies that the fibrations in the ICM structure are also surjective in positive degrees. On the other hand, by Lemma 6.6, if $n \geq 0$, then an n -equivalence is surjective in degree 0 if it is surjective in degree 1. It follows that if $p : E \rightarrow B$ is a fibration in the ICM structure and an n -equivalence for some $n \geq 0$, then it is surjective in every degree. We can then apply a simple exact sequence argument to show that the fiber $F = \ker p$ of p is $(n-1)$ -connected, that is, its homology is 0 through degree $n-1$.

Since, as seen in the proof of Lemma 6.8, $-\otimes_A V$ commutes with limits, there is a commuting diagram of short exact sequences of A -modules:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & F \otimes_A V & \longrightarrow & (E \otimes_A V) \times_{B \otimes_A V} D & \longrightarrow & D \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & F & \longrightarrow & E \times_B D & \longrightarrow & D \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (6.1)$$

where the leftmost and middle vertical maps are induced by ε . To conclude, we show that the hypotheses on X imply that the leftmost map in the diagram is a special $(n+1)$ -equivalence, whence the middle map is also a special $(n+1)$ -equivalence, as desired.

Filtering $F \otimes_A V$ by degree in X , we obtain a first-quadrant spectral sequence converging to $H_*(F \otimes_A V)$, with $E_{p,q}^0 = F_q \otimes (R \otimes_A V)_p$ and

$$E_{p,q}^1 = H_q(F) \otimes (R \otimes_A V)_p,$$

since X is degreewise R -free. Note that since R is semihereditary, and $R \otimes_A V$ is degreewise R -free and therefore R -flat, the Künneth Theorem (in the guise of [21, Theorem 11.31]) can be applied to prove the existence of short exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow H_q F \otimes H_p(R \otimes_A V) \longrightarrow E_{p,q}^2 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Tor}^R(H_q F, H_{p-1}(R \otimes_A V)) \longrightarrow 0$$

for all $q \geq 0, p \geq 1$, while $E_{0,q}^2 \cong H_q F \otimes H_0(R \otimes_A V) \cong H_q F$ for all $q \geq 0$, since $H_0(R \otimes_A V) = R$. The connectivity condition on F therefore implies that the second page of the spectral sequence satisfies $E_{p,q}^2 = 0$ for all $q < n$. Consequently, $H_m(F \otimes_A V) = 0$ for all $m < n$, while $H_n(F \otimes_A V) \cong H_n(F)$.

It remains only to establish the isomorphism $H_{n+1}(F \otimes_A V) \rightarrow H_{n+1}F$. It follows from the connectivity condition on F that $E_{p,n-p+1}^2 \neq 0$ only if $p = 0$, as $H_1(R \otimes_A V) = 0$. Since $E_{0,n+1}^2 \cong H_{n+1}F$, the desired isomorphism holds if no non-zero differential hits $E_{0,n+1}^2$.

The source of the only possible non-zero differential with target $E_{0,n+1}^2$ is

$$E_{2,n}^2 = H_n F \otimes H_2(R \otimes_A V).$$

Note since $H_1(R \otimes_A V) = 0$, there is no Tor-term in $E_{2,n}^2$. The differential

$$d_{2,n}^2 : H_n F \otimes H_2(R \otimes_A V) \longrightarrow H_{n+1}F$$

is given by $d_{2,n}^2([y] \otimes [x]) = [y] \cdot [dx]$, where \cdot denotes the induced action of H_*A on H_*F . Note that for an arbitrary element x in X , dx can have a summand in A , and it is the class in H_1A of this summand that acts on $[y]$ for $[x] \in H_2(R \otimes_A V)$. Since $H_1A = 0$ by hypothesis, we conclude that $d_{2,n}^2 = 0$ and therefore that the map $H_{n+1}(F \otimes_A V) \rightarrow H_{n+1}F$ is an isomorphism. The leftmost vertical map in diagram (6.1) is therefore a special $(n+1)$ -equivalence. \square

LEMMA 6.11. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2, axiom (K5') holds for the comonad \mathbb{K}_V on \mathcal{M}_A , with respect to its ICM structure, the generic Postnikov presentation (Fib, Fib \cap WE) and the filtered weak equivalences defined above.*

Proof. Note first that axiom (K5') holds trivially for $n = -1$. Consider a tower

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{p_{k+2}} X_{k+1} \xrightarrow{p_{k+1}} X_k \xrightarrow{p_k} \cdots \xrightarrow{p_2} X_1 \xrightarrow{p_1} X_0$$

with each p_k in $\mathrm{Post}_{\mathrm{Fib} \otimes_A V} \cap \mathrm{WE}_n$, where Fib denotes the class of fibrations in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A , and $n \geq 0$. Each $p_k : X_k \rightarrow X_{k-1}$ is the composition of a tower of length λ for some ordinal λ

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{p_{k,\beta+2}} X_{k,\beta+1} \xrightarrow{p_{k,\beta+1}} X_{k,\lambda} \xrightarrow{p_{k,\beta}} \cdots \xrightarrow{p_{k,2}} X_{k,1} \xrightarrow{p_{k,1}} X_{k,0} = X_{k-1},$$

where there is a fibration $q_\beta : E_\beta \rightarrow B_\beta$ in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A and a pullback in \mathcal{M}_A ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{k,\beta} & \longrightarrow & E_\beta \otimes_A V \\ p_{k,\beta} \downarrow & & \downarrow q_\beta \otimes_A V \\ X_{k,\beta-1} & \longrightarrow & B_\beta \otimes_A V \end{array}$$

for every ordinal $\beta < \lambda$.

Since q_β is surjective in positive degrees, so are $q_\beta \otimes_A V$ and thus $p_{k,\beta}$ as well, for all k and β . Lemma 3.5.3 in [27], which generalizes easily to higher ordinals, therefore implies that each p_k is surjective in positive degrees. By Lemma 6.6, since p_k is also an n -equivalence for some $n \geq 0$, it is surjective in degree 0 as well.

It follows now from Theorem 3.5.8 in [27] that there are isomorphisms

$$H_m(\lim_k X_k) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_k H_m(X_k) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_m(X_0)$$

for all $m < n$, since $H_m p_k$ is an isomorphism for all k , and surjections

$$H_n(\lim_k X_k) \longrightarrow \lim_k H_n(X_k) \longrightarrow H_n(X_0),$$

since $H_n p_k$ is a surjection for all k . In other words, the composition

$$\lim_k X_k \longrightarrow X_0$$

is an n -equivalence.

Note that we have proved a strong version of (K5'), as the degree of equivalence of the composition is the same as the degree of equivalence of each morphism in the tower. □

Proof of Theorem 6.2. Since V is A -semifree, the functor $-\otimes_A V$ preserves monomorphisms. Lemma 5.3 implies therefore that axioms (K0)–(K3) hold for the comonad \mathbb{K}_V . Lemmas 6.7 and 6.9 together imply that axioms (K4) and (K6) hold for \mathbb{K}_V , by Proposition 5.14. Finally, axiom (K5) for \mathbb{K}_V follows from Lemma 6.11, as explained in Remark 5.7. The comonad \mathbb{K}_V is therefore tractable and allows inductive arguments, so we can apply Theorem 5.8 to conclude. □

EXAMPLES 6.12. Two corings of great interest in the context of Hopf–Galois extensions [9] and Grothendieck descent [10] both satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2, under reasonable conditions.

(1) If A is an augmented, dg R -algebra such that $H_1 A = 0$, and K is a dg Hopf algebra such that $H_0 K_0 = R$, $H_1 K_1 = 0$, and K_n is R -free and finitely generated for all n , then the coring $A \otimes K$ (see [9]) satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2. For example, if X is a 2-reduced simplicial set with finitely many non-degenerate simplices in each degree, and Ω and C_* denote the cobar construction functor and the reduced normalized chain functor, respectively, then $\Omega C_* X$ is one such dg Hopf algebra [11].

(2) Let B and A be augmented dg R -algebras such that A is semifree as a left B -module on a generating graded R -module Y such that $H_0(R \otimes_B A) = R$, $H_1(R \otimes_B A) = 0$, and Y_n is R -free and finitely generated for all n . If $H_1 A = 0$, then the canonical coring $A \otimes_B A$ associated to the inclusion $B \hookrightarrow A$ (see [10]) satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2, as it is left A -semifree on Y .

For example, if B is an augmented Hirsch algebra [13] such that $B_0 = R$ and B_n is R -free and finitely generated for all n , then the inclusion of B into the acyclic bar construction $B \otimes_{t \otimes} \mathcal{B}B$ is a multiplicative extension of this type. More generally, if $t : K \rightarrow B$ is any Hopf–Hirsch twisting cochain (see the forthcoming paper of A. Berglund and K. Hess, ‘Grothendieck

descent, Hopf–Galois extensions and Koszul duality’, 2012), where $H_0K = R$, $H_1K = 0$, and K_n is R -free and finitely generated for all n , then the multiplicative extension $B \rightarrow B \otimes_t K$ is also of this type.

7. Fibrations of comodules over corings

In this section, we provide examples of fibrations in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A and in the induced structure on \mathcal{M}_A^V , where we require that R be a commutative ring that is semihereditary and either Artinian or a Frobenius ring over a field. In the case of \mathcal{M}_A^V , we assume furthermore that the non-differential algebra $\natural A$ underlying A is a connected (that is, $A_0 = R$), *nearly Frobenius* algebra [17, Definition 2.4]. In particular, by [17, Theorem 2.7] (see also the remark immediately following the proof), if R is Artinian or a Frobenius ring over a field, then a graded module over a connected, nearly Frobenius R -algebra is injective if and only if it is projective if and only if it is flat.

Examples of nearly Frobenius algebras include any algebra underlying a finite dimensional, cocommutative Hopf algebra over R , if R is a field [16, Section 3]. More generally, the colimit of a filtered, *strongly coherent* diagram of nearly Frobenius algebras is nearly Frobenius [17, Definition 2.5, Theorem 2.6]. In particular, the mod p Steenrod algebra is nearly Frobenius.

We need to introduce some helpful notation before stating the main theorem of this section.

NOTATION 7.1. For any dg R -algebra A , let T_A denote the free monoid functor on the category of A -bimodules. In other words, if M is an A -bimodule, then

$$T_A M = A \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} M^{\otimes_A n},$$

which is naturally a monoid in the category of A -bimodules, via concatenation. Let $y_1 | \cdots | y_n$ denote an arbitrary element of tensor length n .

NOTATION 7.2. For any $X \in \text{Ob } \mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ with $X_0 = 0$, we let $s^{-1}X$ denote the desuspension of X , that is, $s^{-1}X_n = X_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 0$. Let $\text{path}(X) = (X \oplus s^{-1}X, D)$, with $Dx = dx + s^{-1}x$ and $Ds^{-1}x = -s^{-1}(dx)$, where d is the differential on X . Let $e_X : \text{Path}(X) \rightarrow X$ denote the natural quotient map.

Note that if M is an A -module (respectively, a V -comodule in right A -modules) such that $M_0 = 0$, then $s^{-1}M$ and $\text{Path}(M)$ both naturally inherit an A -action (respectively, a V -coaction and A -action) from M such that the projection map e_M is a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A (respectively, \mathcal{M}_A^V), justifying our use of the same notation for this functor on $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$, \mathcal{M}_A and \mathcal{M}_A^V . Observe moreover that

$$\text{Path}(F_{\mathbb{K}_V} M) \cong F_{\mathbb{K}_V} \text{Path}(M)$$

for all right A -modules M .

NOTATION 7.3. If $(M, \delta) \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{M}_A^V$, we write $\delta(x) = x_i \otimes v^i$ (using the Einstein summation convention) for all $x \in M$. Similarly, for all $v \in V$, we write $\Delta(v) = v_i \otimes v^i$, where Δ is a comultiplication on V .

NOTATION 7.4. We apply in this section the Koszul sign convention for commuting elements of a graded module past each other or for commuting a morphism of graded modules past an element of the source module. For example, if V and W are graded algebras and $v \otimes w, v' \otimes w' \in$

$V \otimes W$, then

$$(v \otimes w) \cdot (v' \otimes w') = (-1)^{mn} vv' \otimes ww',$$

if $v' \in V_m$ and $w \in W_n$. Furthermore, if $f : V \rightarrow V'$ and $g : W \rightarrow W'$ are morphisms of graded modules, homogeneous of degrees p and q , respectively, then for all $v \otimes w \in V_m \otimes W_n$,

$$(f \otimes g)(v \otimes w) = (-1)^{mq} f(v) \otimes g(w).$$

NOTATION 7.5. When we need to be especially precise and careful, we use $\mathfrak{h}X$ to denote the graded R -module underlying a chain complex X . If it is clear from context, and there is no risk of confusion, then both are denoted by X , to simplify notation.

The generalized cobar construction defined below is the tool we need to construct fibrant replacements in \mathcal{M}_A^V . This is no great surprise as, for example, both the first author in [9] and Positselski [18] showed that the usual one-sided cobar construction provided fibrant replacements in the category of comodules over a dg coalgebra, at least over a field and under certain finiteness conditions. It is nice to see, however, that this useful result generalizes to comodules over corings, even if the proof is more delicate in the more general case.

DEFINITION 7.6. Let A be a dg R -algebra and $(V, \Delta, \varepsilon, \eta)$ a coaugmented A -coring, with coaugmentation coideal $\bar{V} = \text{coker}(\eta : A \rightarrow V)$. For all $(M, \delta) \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{M}_A^V$, let $\Omega_A(M; V; V)$ denote the object in \mathcal{M}_A^V

$$(M \otimes_A T_A(s^{-1}\bar{V}) \otimes_A V, d_\Omega),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_\Omega(x \otimes s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w) &= dx \otimes s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w \\ &+ x \otimes \sum_{j=1}^n \pm s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}dv_j | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w \\ &\pm x \otimes s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes dw \\ &\pm x_i \otimes s^{-1}v^i | s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w \\ &+ x \otimes \sum_{j=1}^n \pm s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_{j,i} | s^{-1}v_j^i | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w \\ &\pm x \otimes s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n | s^{-1}w_i \otimes w^i, \end{aligned}$$

where all signs are determined by the Koszul rule, the differentials of M and V are both denoted d , and both the right A -module structure and the V -comodule structure are induced from the rightmost copy of V .

REMARK 7.7. Any A -coring V that is left A -semifree on a generating graded module X satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2 is naturally coaugmented. Its coaugmentation coideal \bar{V} is semifree on the generating graded module \bar{X} such that $\bar{X}_0 = 0$ and $\bar{X}_n = X_n$ for all $n \geq 1$.

We can now state precisely how fibrant replacements can be constructed in \mathcal{M}_A^V , under strong enough conditions on R , A and V .

THEOREM 7.8. *Let R be a semihereditary commutative ring. Let A be a dg R -algebra and V an A -coring satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 6.2.*

If R is also Artinian or a Frobenius ring over a field, $\natural A$ is nearly Frobenius, and the right A -action on V satisfies

$$(a \otimes x) \cdot b - (-1)^{mn} ab \otimes x \in A \otimes X_{<m}$$

for all $a \in A$, $x \in X_m$, $b \in A_n$ and $m, n \geq 0$, then for all $(M, \delta) \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{M}_A^V$ such that $\natural M$ is $\natural A$ -free, the coaction map $\delta : M \rightarrow M \otimes_A V$ factors in \mathcal{M}_A^V as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\delta} & M \otimes_A V \\ & \searrow \tilde{\delta} & \nearrow p \\ & \Omega_A(M; V; V) & \end{array}$$

where $\tilde{\delta}$ is a trivial cofibration and p a fibration, specified by $\tilde{\delta}(x) = x_i \otimes 1 \otimes v^i$ and $p(x \otimes 1 \otimes w) = x \otimes w$, while $p(x \otimes s^{-1}v_1 | \cdots | s^{-1}v_n \otimes w) = 0$ for all $n \geq 1$. Moreover, both the source and the target of p are fibrant in \mathcal{M}_A^V , whence $\Omega_A(M; V; V)$ is a fibrant replacement of M in \mathcal{M}_A^V .

As Lemma 7.11 shows, we can set $M = V$ in the statement above and obtain, in particular, a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & V \otimes_A V \\ & \searrow \tilde{\Delta} & \nearrow p \\ & \Omega_A(V; V; V) & \end{array}$$

in \mathcal{M}_A^V with $\tilde{\Delta}$ a trivial cofibration and p a fibration between fibrant objects.

EXAMPLE 7.9. Suppose that R is semihereditary and either Artinian or a Frobenius algebra over a field, for example, R is a field. Both the Hopf–Galois coring $A \otimes K$ and the descent coring $A \otimes_B A$ of Examples 6.12 then satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 7.8 if $\natural A$ is nearly Frobenius. For example, if R is a field, and $\natural A$ underlies a cocommutative graded Hopf algebra over R that is equal to the union of its finite-dimensional sub-Hopf algebras, then Theorem 7.8 applies.

Before proving Theorem 7.8, we establish a number of preparatory lemmas and propositions. In particular, in order to construct fibrant replacements in \mathcal{M}_A^V , we need to know something about fibrations and fibrant objects in \mathcal{M}_A .

PROPOSITION 7.10. *Let R be any commutative ring, and let A be a dg R -algebra. If E is a right A -module such that $\natural E$ is $\natural A$ -injective, then*

- (1) E is fibrant in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A , and
- (2) if $E_0 = 0$, then the projection $e_E : \text{Path}(E) \rightarrow E$ is a fibration in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A .

Proof. (1) To show that E is fibrant in \mathcal{M}_A , we consider an acyclic cofibration $i : M \xrightarrow{\sim} N$ and a morphism $f : M \rightarrow E$ in \mathcal{M}_A , and prove that f extends over N . Since i is an injection and a quasi-isomorphism, there is a short exact sequence of A -module morphisms

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{i} N \xrightarrow{q} N/M \longrightarrow 0,$$

with N/M acyclic. Let $\text{Hom}_A(-, -)$ denote the natural enrichment of \mathcal{M}_A over $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$. The injectivity of $\natural E$ implies that there is an induced short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N/M, E) \xrightarrow{q^*} \text{Hom}_A(N, E) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Hom}_A(M, E) \longrightarrow 0. \tag{7.1}$$

Since i^* is surjective, there is a morphism of $\natural A$ -modules $f' : N \rightarrow E$ such that $f' \circ i = f$. Note that

$$i^*(df' - f'd) = df - fd = 0,$$

that is, $df' - f'd \in \ker i^* = \text{Im } q^*$. There exists therefore a unique A -linear morphism $\theta : N/M \rightarrow E$, homogeneous of degree -1 , such that $q^*(\theta) = df' - f'd$, whence $q^*(d\theta + \theta d) = 0$. Since q^* is injective, $d\theta + \theta d = 0$, that is, θ is a cycle in $\text{Hom}_A(N/M, E)$, which is acyclic, as N/M is acyclic and $\natural E$ is injective. It follows that there is an A -linear morphism $g : N/M \rightarrow E$, homogeneous of degree 0 , such that $dg - gd = \theta$. Setting $\hat{f} = f' - gq$, we obtain a chain map of A -modules such that $\hat{f} \circ i = f$.

(2) The proof of this claim is very similar to that of (1). Recalling that $\text{Path}(E) = (E \oplus s^{-1}E, D)$, we see that if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Path}(E) \\ \downarrow i \sim & & \downarrow e_E \\ N & \xrightarrow{g} & E \end{array} \tag{7.2}$$

is a commuting diagram in \mathcal{M}_A , then there is some A -linear morphism $\Upsilon : M \rightarrow E$ of degree $+1$ such that $f = (gi, s^{-1}\Upsilon)$, which implies that $d\Upsilon - \Upsilon d = gi$, that is, Υ is a contracting homotopy for gi . Solving the lifting problem for the diagram (7.2) is therefore equivalent to establishing the existence of an A -linear morphism $\hat{\Upsilon} : N \rightarrow E$ of degree $+1$ such that $\hat{\Upsilon} \circ i = \Upsilon$ and $d\hat{\Upsilon} - \hat{\Upsilon}d = g$.

To prove that $\hat{\Upsilon}$ exists, we proceed as in part (1), applying the short exact sequence (7.1) to prove that some extension of Υ to N exists, then using the acyclicity of $\text{Hom}_A(N/M, E)$ to correct the differential of the extension. □

The next lemma, which follows easily from old work on filtered rings and modules, lies behind the conditions we have imposed on R and A , as it implies that, under the hypotheses of Theorem 7.8, the right A -module underlying V is fibrant in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A .

LEMMA 7.11. *Let A be graded R -algebra. If M is an A -bimodule such that*

- (i) *as a left A -module, M is free on a generating graded module X , and*
- (ii) *the right A -action on M satisfies*

$$(a \otimes x) \cdot b - (-1)^{mn} ab \otimes x \in A \otimes X_{< m}$$

for all $a \in A, x \in X_m, b \in A_n$ and $m, n \geq 0$,

then M is filtered-free and therefore free as a right A -module.

Proof. Endow A with an increasing, multiplicative filtration, given by $F^p A = A$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $F^p A = 0$ for all $p < 0$. Filter M as well, by $F^p M = A \otimes X_{\leq p}$ for all $p \geq 0$ and $F^p M = 0$ for all $p < 0$. Note that the right A -action on M induces an R -linear map

$$F^p M \otimes F^q A \longrightarrow F^p M$$

for all p, q .

Let $E_*^0(A)$ and $E_*^0(M)$ denote the graded R -modules associated to the filtrations above. It is clear that $E_*^0(A)$ is a graded R -algebra concentrated in degree 0, while $E_*^0(M)$ is naturally a free graded, right $E_*^0(A)$ -module, on the generating graded module X . It follows then from [25, Appendix: Proposition 2] that M is free as a right A -module, on a generating graded module isomorphic to X . \square

The following consequence of Lemma 7.11 is crucial in the proof of Theorem 7.8.

COROLLARY 7.12. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 7.8, the right $\mathfrak{h}A$ -module*

$$\mathfrak{h}(M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An})$$

is injective for all $n \geq 0$.

Proof. By Lemma 7.11, $\mathfrak{h}\bar{V}$ is a free right $\mathfrak{h}A$ -module, which implies that each $\mathfrak{h}(M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An})$ is also $\mathfrak{h}A$ -free on the right, since M is a free right $\mathfrak{h}A$ -module. As we have assumed that $\mathfrak{h}A$ is nearly Frobenius, we can conclude that each $\mathfrak{h}(M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An})$ is $\mathfrak{h}A$ -injective. \square

We prove Theorem 7.8 inductively, repeatedly applying the following simple observation, the easy proof of which we leave to the reader. Recall that pullbacks in \mathcal{M}_A^V are computed in \mathcal{M}_A (Lemma 6.8).

LEMMA 7.13. *For any morphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ in \mathcal{M}_A^V such that $N_0 = 0$, the pullback of f and $e_N : \text{Path}(N) \rightarrow N$ is $(M \oplus s^{-1}N, D_f)$, where $D_fx = dx + s^{-1}f(x)$ and $D_fs^{-1}y = -s^{-1}(dy)$ for all $x \in M$ and $y \in N$, where d denotes the differentials of both M and N .*

Proof of Theorem 7.8. Note that any signs not given explicitly in this proof are always consequences of the Koszul rule. We use s^{-k} to denote the endofunctor on $\mathbf{Ch}_R^{\geq 0}$ given by k iterations of s^{-1} .

For all $n \geq 0$, consider the right A -module

$$B^n = (s^{-n}(M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An+1}), \beta_n),$$

where

$$\beta_n s^{-n} = (-1)^{-n} s^{-n} \left(d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An+1} + \sum_{j=0}^n M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes Aj} \otimes_A d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes An-j} \right).$$

Corollary 7.12 implies that $\mathfrak{h}B^n$ is $\mathfrak{h}A$ -injective and therefore, by Proposition 7.10, B^n is fibrant and e_{B^n} is a fibration in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A for all n .

To begin the recursive construction of $\Omega_A(M; V; V)$, let

$$E^0 = F_{\mathbb{K}_V} M = (M \otimes_A V, d_\Omega^{(0)}),$$

where

$$d_\Omega^{(0)} = d \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A d.$$

Let

$$f^1 = \delta \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A \Delta : E^0 \longrightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}_V} B^0,$$

where we are implicitly composing with the projection $V \rightarrow \bar{V}$ in the middle factor. A simple calculation shows that f^1 is a chain map. Moreover, it is a morphism of V -comodules, as it is a sum of two such.

According to Lemma 7.13, the pullback of f^1 and of $F_{\mathbb{K}_V} e_{B^0}$ is

$$E^1 = ((M \otimes_A V) \oplus s^{-1}(M \otimes_A \bar{V} \otimes_A V), d_{\Omega}^{(1)}),$$

where

$$d_{\Omega}^{(1)}(x \otimes w) = dx \otimes w \pm x \otimes dw + s^{-1}(x_i \otimes v^i \otimes w + x \otimes w_j \otimes w^j)$$

and

$$d_{\Omega}^{(1)} s^{-1}(x \otimes v \otimes w) = -s^{-1}(dx \otimes v \otimes w \pm x \otimes dv \otimes w \pm x \otimes v \otimes dw),$$

that is, on $M \otimes_A V$,

$$d_{\Omega}^{(1)} = d \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A d + s^{-1}(\delta \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A \Delta),$$

while on $M \otimes_A \bar{V} \otimes_A V$,

$$d_{\Omega}^{(1)} s^{-1} = -s^{-1}(d \otimes_A \bar{V} \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A d \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A \bar{V} \otimes_A d).$$

The obvious projection map $p^1 : E^1 \rightarrow E^0$ is a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A^V , since it is the map given by pulling $F_{\mathbb{K}_V} e_{B^0}$ back along f^1 .

The inductive step of the construction goes as follows. Suppose that for some $N > 1$, we have constructed

$$E^n = \left((M \otimes_A V) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^n s^{-k}(M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V), d_{\Omega}^{(n)} \right),$$

for all $1 \leq n < N$, where $d_{\Omega}^{(n)}$ is defined so that on $M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\Omega}^{(n)} s^{-k} &= (-1)^{-k} s^{-k} \left(d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A j} \otimes_A d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k-j-1} \otimes_A V \right. \\ &\quad \left. + M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A d \right) \\ &\quad + s^{-(k+1)} \left(\delta \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A j} \otimes_A \Delta \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k-j-1} \otimes_A V \right. \\ &\quad \left. + M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A \Delta \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $0 \leq k < n$, while on $M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A n} \otimes_A V$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\Omega}^{(n)} s^{-n} &= (-1)^{-n} s^{-n} \left(d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A n} \otimes_A V + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A j} \otimes_A d \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A n-j-1} \otimes_A V \right. \\ &\quad \left. + M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A n} \otimes_A d \right), \end{aligned}$$

where we are implicitly composing with the projection $V \rightarrow \bar{V}$ in the middle factors. The obvious projection maps $p^n : E^n \rightarrow E^{n-1}$ are clearly morphisms in \mathcal{M}_A^V , for all $n < N$.

Define $f^N : E^{N-1} \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{K}V} B^{N-1}$ so that $f^N s^{-k} = 0$ on $M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V$ for all $k < N-1$, while on $M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A N-1} \otimes_A V$

$$f^N s^{-N+1} = s^{-N+1} \left(\delta \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A j} \otimes_A \Delta \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A N-j-2} \otimes_A V + M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A N-1} \otimes_A \Delta \right),$$

where we are implicitly composing with the projection $V \rightarrow \bar{V}$ in the middle factors, as usual. As in the case of f^1 , it is easy to see that f^N is a morphism of V -comodules. It is also a chain map, since Δ is coassociative and $(\delta \otimes_A V)\delta = (M \otimes_A \Delta)\delta$.

Let E^N denote the pullback of f^N and $F_{\mathbb{K}V} e_{B^{N-1}}$. By Lemma 7.13,

$$E^N = \left((M \otimes_A V) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^N s^{-k} (M \otimes_A \bar{V}^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V), d_{\Omega}^{(N)} \right),$$

where the differential $d_{\Omega}^{(N)}$ satisfies equations analogous to those satisfied by $d_{\Omega}^{(n)}$ for all $n < N$. Moreover, the obvious projection map $p^N : E^N \rightarrow E^{N-1}$, which comes from the pullback, is a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A^V .

Let Fib denote the class of fibrations in the ICM structure on \mathcal{M}_A . Since every $\natural B^n$ is $\natural A$ -injective, $e_{B^n} \in \text{Fib}$ for all $n \geq 0$, by Proposition 7.10. We have therefore constructed a tower in \mathcal{M}_A^V

$$\dots \longrightarrow E^n \xrightarrow{p^n} E^{n-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow E^1 \xrightarrow{p^0} E^0,$$

where each p^n is obtained by pulling back a morphism in $F_{\mathbb{K}V}(\text{Fib})$, whence the composition of the tower

$$\lim_n E^n \longrightarrow E^0$$

is in $\text{Post}_{F_{\mathbb{K}V}(\text{Fib})}$ and is therefore a fibration in the induced model structure on \mathcal{M}_A^V .

To conclude we show that $\lim_n E^n = \Omega_A(M; V; V)$. Observe that

$$\natural E^n \cong (M \otimes_A V) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^n M \otimes_A (s^{-1}\bar{V})^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V.$$

Let $q^n : \Omega_A(M; V; V) \rightarrow E^n$ denote the obvious quotient map, which is easily seen to be a chain map that respects both the right A -action and the right V -coaction. Moreover, $p^n q^n = q^{n-1}$ for all n . It remains therefore only to show that $\Omega_A(M; V; V)$, endowed with the maps q^n , satisfies the desired universal property.

Let $N \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{M}_A^V$, and let $\{g^n : N \rightarrow E^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ be a set of morphisms in \mathcal{M}_A^V such that $p^n g^n = g^{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 1$. Note that $(M \otimes_A (s^{-1}\bar{V})^{\otimes_A k} \otimes_A V)_j = 0$ for all $j < k$ and for all k , since $(s^{-1}\bar{V})_0 = 0$ by hypothesis. It follows that if $y \in N_n$, then $g_{n+k}(y) = g_n(y)$ for all $k \geq 0$. We can therefore define $g : N \rightarrow \Omega_A(M; V; V)$ by

$$y \in N_n \implies g(y) = g_n(y),$$

obtaining thus a morphism in \mathcal{M}_A^V such that $q^n g = g^n$, which is clearly unique. \square

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