

ON A THEOREM OF MISLIN ON COHOMOLOGY ISOMORPHISM AND CONTROL OF FUSION

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INTRODUCTION

Let  $kG$  be the group algebra of a finite group  $G$  over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$ . In 1990 [9] G.Mislin proved the following remarkable theorem.

**Theorem (Mislin).** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then the restriction map in mod- $p$  cohomology  $\text{res}_H^G : H^*(G, k) \rightarrow H^*(H, k)$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $H$  controls strong  $p$ -fusion in  $G$ .*

"If" part in the theorem has long been known to be true. For "Only if" part Mislin's proof uses deep results from algebraic topology. In 2001 [11] V.P.Snaith gave an alternating proof of Mislin's theorem which uses also topological results. In [10] G.R.Robinson remarked that Mislin's theorem can be obtained if one could prove the non-vanishing of cohomology of certain types of trivial source  $kG$ -modules.

Isomorphism classes of indecomposable trivial source  $kG$ -modules are parametrized as follows. Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $S$  be a simple  $kN_G(P)$ -module. Let  $M_{P,S}^{N_G(P)}$  be a projective cover of  $S$  as  $kN_G(P)/P$ -module. Inflating  $M_{P,S}^{N_G(P)}$  to  $kN_G(P)$  and taking its Green correspondent, we obtain an indecomposable trivial source module  $M_{P,S}^G$  with vertex  $P$ . And each indecomposable trivial source module is obtained in this way.

P.Symonds in [13] proved the following result from which Mislin's theorem is obtained following Robinson's remark.

**Theorem (Symonds).** *In the notations above,  $H^*(G, M_{P,S}^G) \neq 0$  if and only if  $C_G(P)$  acts trivially on  $S$ .*

A proof of the above theorem given by P.Symonds needs also topological methods. My aim in this talk is to give an algebraic proof of the theorem of P.Symonds.

A.Hida [8] also obtained an algebraic proof of the above Symonds'theorem and explained his idea in his talk at this meeting. A very elegant proof !!

In my lecture I first introduced the idea of Robinson to find an algebraic proof of Mislin's theorem and how his idea relates Symonds'theorem. This is included in section 1 in this note. And then I discussed the theorem of Symonds. In the lecture I only gave an outline of my proof of the theorem. I shall give my proof in detail in this note.

"Only if" part of the theorem has been essentially proved by Benson, Carlson and Robinson in [5]. In section 2 in this note we shall give a proof of "Only if part" following arguments by them.

For "If" part we first reduce the problem to some  $p$ -local subgroup. This is done in section 3. Our  $p$ -local subgroup is a normalizer of some elementary abelian  $p$ -group. Then we use the idea of Symonds in [12] to find a nonzero cohomology element. There he made use of the Lyndon-Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence and some result on the action of  $\text{Aut}(E)$  on the cohomology algebra  $H^*(E, k)$ , where  $E$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group. He needed also a result of Duffot [6] on the depth of cohomology algebras of groups with central elementary abelian groups. For these results there has been given algebraic proofs (see for example [2],[4] and [7]) and we believe that our proof of the theorem is an algebraic one.

### 1. ROBINSON'S IDEA

In this section let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and assume that  $\text{res}_H^G : H^*(G, k) \rightarrow H^*(H, k)$  is an isomorphism. We first remark the following.

**Lemma 1.1.**  *$H$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Consider an  $H$ -injective hull of  $k_G$ ;  $0 \rightarrow k_G \xrightarrow{f} k_H \uparrow^G \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ . We obtain the following long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H^n(G, k) \xrightarrow{f_*} H^n(G, k_H \uparrow^G) \rightarrow H^n(G, L) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(G, k) \xrightarrow{f_*} H^{n+1}(G, k_H \uparrow^G) \rightarrow$$

Identify  $H^n(G, k_H \uparrow^G)$  with  $H^n(H, k_H)$  by Eckmann-Shapiro. Then it follows that the map  $f_*$  coincides with the restriction map  $\text{res}_H^G$ . By our assumption we have  $H^n(G, L) = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . By a theorem of Benson-Carlson-Robinson (Theorem 2.4 [5]),  $\hat{H}^n(G, L) = 0$  for all  $n$ , where  $\hat{H}^n$  is Tate's cohomology. In particular,  $\text{res}_H^G : \hat{H}^{-1}(G, k_G) \rightarrow \hat{H}^{-1}(H, k_H)$  is an isomorphism. Any non zero element in  $\hat{H}^{-1}(G, k)$  represents the almost split sequence terminating at  $k_G$  and it is well known that the sequence does not split as a sequence of  $kH$ -modules if and only if  $H$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Thus the lemma is proved.  $\square$

Assume that  $H$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  does not control  $p$ -fusion. Then there exists a  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $H$  such that  $N_G(P) \not\supseteq C_G(P)N_H(P)$ . Choose  $P$  maximal with this property, then  $C_G(P) = Z(P) \times O_{p'}(C_G(P))$  and  $C_G(P)N_H(P)/P$  is a strongly  $p$ -embedded subgroup of  $N_G(P)/P$ . Set  $C = C_G(P)N_H(P)$ . Then  $k_C \uparrow^{N_G(P)} = k \oplus M$  for some  $kN_G(P)$ -module  $M$ . Each indecomposable summand of  $M$  has the form  $M_{P,S}^{N_G(P)}$  with  $C_G(P) \subset \text{Ker } S$ .  $(k_H \uparrow^G) \downarrow_{N_G(P)} = k_{N_H(P)} \uparrow^{N_G(P)} \oplus U = k_C \uparrow^{N_G(P)} \oplus U' = k_G \oplus M \oplus U'$  for some  $kN_G(P)$ -modules  $U, U'$ . By a theorem of Burry-Carlson,  $k_H \uparrow^G = k_G \oplus M_{P,S}^G \oplus V$  with  $\text{Ker } S \supset C_G(P)$ .

Now Symonds' theorem implies that  $H(G, M_{P,S}^G) \neq 0$  and we can conclude that  $H^*(H, k) = H^*(G, k_H \uparrow^G) \not\supseteq H^*(G, k)$  and the "only if" part of Mislin's theorem follows.

## 2. PROOF OF "ONLY IF" PART

Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $S$  be a simple  $kN_G(P)$ -module. And let  $M_{P,S}^G$  be an indecomposable  $kG$ -module with vertex  $P$  and with trivial source described in introduction. In these notations we shall prove the following.

**Theorem 2.1.**  $H^*(G, M_{P,S}^G) = 0$  if  $C_G(P)$  acts nontrivially on  $S$ .

We argue following a proof of Proposition 5.3 in [5]. If  $C_G(P)$  acts nontrivially on  $S$ , then there exists a  $p'$ -element  $y \neq 1$  in  $C_G(P)$  such that  $y$  acts nontrivially on  $S$ . Thus there exists a one dimensional submodule  $M_0$  of  $S \downarrow_{\langle y \rangle \times P}$  on which  $y$  acts nontrivially. Then  $M_0 \uparrow^{N_G(P)}$  has a summand isomorphic to  $M_{P,S}^{N_G(P)}$  because  $M_0 \uparrow^{N_G(P)}$  is a projective  $kN_G(P)/P$ -module and  $\text{Hom}_{kN_G(P)}(M_0 \uparrow^{N_G(P)}, S) \cong \text{Hom}_{k\langle y \rangle \times P}(M_0, S \downarrow_{\langle y \rangle \times P}) \neq 0$ . Therefore  $M = M_{P,S}^G$  appears in summand of  $M_0 \uparrow^G$  and  $H^*(G, M) \leq H^*(G, M_0 \uparrow^G)$ . Now the result follows by Lemma 5.1 in [5].

## 3. PROOF OF "IF" PART

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $P$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$ . Then the module  $M_{P,k}^H$  where  $k = k_{N_H(P)}$  is the trivial  $kN_H(P)$ -module is called a Scott module of  $H$  with vertex  $P$  and we shall denote it by  $Sc_P^H$ . It is well known that  $Sc_P^H$  is a unique trivial source module of  $H$  with vertex  $P$  which contains  $k_H$ .

Throughout this section let  $M = M_{P,S}^G$  where  $P$  is a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $S$  is a simple  $kN_G(P)$ -module on which  $C_G(P)$  acts trivially. Notice that the condition that  $C_G(P)$  acts trivially on  $S$  is equivalent to the condition that  $M \downarrow_{PC_G(P)}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_P^{PC_G(P)}$ . In this section we shall give a proof of "if" part of the theorem by induction on  $|P|$ . We divide our proof in several steps.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $Q$  be a subgroup of  $P$  such that  $C_{P^x}(Q) \subseteq Q$  for any  $x \in G$  with  $P^x \supseteq Q$ . Then  $M \downarrow_{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_{N_P(Q)}^{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove the lemma by induction on  $[P : Q]$ . If  $Q = P$ , then the result clearly holds. Assume that  $Q \neq P$  and set  $R = N_P(Q)$ . Then  $R \supseteq Q$ . If  $P^x \supseteq R$  for an element  $x \in G$ , then  $C_{P^x}(R) \subseteq C_{P^x}(Q) \subseteq Q \subset R$ . So  $R$  satisfies the assumption in the lemma. By induction  $M \downarrow_{N_P(R)C_G(R)}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_{N_P(R)}^{N_P(R)C_G(R)}$ . As  $N_P(R) \cap RC_G(R) = RC_P(R) = R$ ,  $Sc_R^{RC_G(R)}$  is a summand of  $(Sc_{N_P(R)}^{N_P(R)C_G(R)}) \downarrow_{RC_G(R)}$ . Thus  $M \downarrow_{RC_G(R)}$  has a summand isomorphic to  $Sc_R^{RC_G(R)}$  and there exists an indecomposable direct summand  $M_1$  of  $M \downarrow_{RC_G(Q)}$  such that  $M_1 \downarrow_{RC_G(R)}$  has a summand isomorphic to  $Sc_R^{RC_G(R)}$ . We shall show that  $M_1$  is isomorphic to  $Sc_R^{RC_G(Q)}$ . A vertex of  $M_1$  contains  $R$ . On the otherhand  $M_1$  is  $P^x \cap RC_G(Q)$ -projective for some  $x \in G$ . Hence  $P^{xa} \cap RC_G(Q) \supseteq R$  for some  $a \in RC_G(Q)$ .  $P^{xa} \cap RC_G(Q) = RC_{P^{xa}}(Q) = R$  and therefore a vertex of  $M_1$  is  $R$ . Set  $H = RC_G(Q) \cap N_G(R)$ .  $H = R(N_G(R) \cap C_G(Q))$ . We shall claim that  $N_G(R) \cap C_G(Q)/C_G(R)$  is a  $p$ -group. Let  $y \in N_G(R) \cap C_G(Q)$  be a  $p'$ -element. Then  $\langle y \rangle \times Q$  acts on  $R$  by conjugation and  $\langle y \rangle$  centralizes  $C_R(Q)$  as  $C_R(Q) \subseteq Q$ .

By Thompson's  $A \times B$  Lemma (24.2 in [3]),  $y$  centralizes  $R$  and our claim follows. Now let  $M_0$  be the Green correspondent of  $M_1$  with respect to  $(R, RC_G(Q), H)$ . As  $M_1 \downarrow_{RC_G(R)}$  has a summand isomorphic to  $Sc_R^{RC_G(R)}$ , so has  $M_0 \downarrow_{RC_G(R)}$ . As  $M_0$  is  $R$ -projective and  $H/RC_G(R)$  is a  $p$ -group,  $M_0$  itself is a Scott module  $Sc_R^H$  and therefore  $M_1$  is a Scott module  $Sc_R^{RC_G(Q)}$ .  $\square$

Let  $E_1$  be an elementary abelian subgroup of  $P$  of maximal rank. Among the conjugates  $E_1^x$  of  $E_1$  with  $E_1^x \subseteq P$ , choose  $E_0$  so that  $|C_P(E_0)|$  is maximal. Set  $Q_0 = C_P(E_0)$ . Let  $P^a \supseteq Q_0$  be a conjugate of  $P$  such that  $|N_{P^a}(Q_0)|$  is maximal. Now set  $Q = Q_0^{a^{-1}}$  and  $E = E_0^{a^{-1}}$ . Then  $E \subseteq P$  and  $Q = C_P(E)$ . In these notations we have the following.

**Lemma 3.2.** *The following statements hold.*

1.  $E = \Omega_1(Q)$ , that is, each element in  $Q$  of order  $p$  is contained in  $E$ .
2.  $Q$  satisfies the assumption in Lemma 2.1.
3.  $N_P(Q) = N_P(E)$ . And if  $P^x \supseteq Q$ , then  $|N_{P^x}(E)| \leq |N_P(Q)|$ .

*Proof.* As  $E$  is conjugate to  $E_1$ ,  $E$  is also of maximal rank in  $P$ . Hence the statement (1) follows. By our choice of  $E$ ,  $|C_P(E)| = |C_P(E_0)|$ . So  $|C_P(E)|$  is also maximal. If  $P^x \supseteq Q$  for  $x \in G$ , then  $P \supseteq Q^{x^{-1}}$  and  $C_P(E^{x^{-1}}) \supseteq Q^{x^{-1}}$ . By maximality of  $|C_P(E)|$ ,  $C_P(E^{x^{-1}}) = Q^{x^{-1}}$  and therefore  $C_{P^x}(E) = Q$ . Thus  $C_{P^x}(Q) \subseteq C_{P^x}(E) = Q$ . Thus the statement (2) follows.  $N_P(E)$  normalizes  $C_P(E) = Q$  and therefore  $N_P(E) \subseteq N_P(Q)$ . By (1)  $E$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $Q$  and  $N_P(Q) \subseteq N_P(E)$ . If  $P^x \supseteq Q$  for an element  $x \in G$ , then as in the above it follows that  $C_{P^x}(E) = Q$  and  $N_{P^x}(Q) = N_{P^x}(E)$ . Now by maximality of  $|N_P(Q)|$ , we have that  $|N_P(Q)| \geq |N_{P^x}(Q)| = |N_{P^x}(E)|$  and the statement (3) follows.  $\square$

For  $E \subseteq P$  and  $Q = C_P(E)$  chosen as in the above,  $N_G(Q) \subseteq N_G(E)$  by Lemma 2.2.(1). And by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2.(2) there exists an indecomposable direct summand  $M_1$  of  $M \downarrow_{N_G(E)}$  such that  $M_1 \downarrow_{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_{N_P(Q)}^{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$ .

In the rest of this section,  $E \subseteq P$ ,  $Q = C_P(E)$  and the  $kN_G(E)$ -module  $M_1$  will be those satisfying the above conditions. We have the following.

**Lemma 3.3.** *A vertex of  $M_1$  is  $N_P(Q)$ .  $M_1 \downarrow_{C_G(E)}$  is  $\{Q^x; x \in N_G(E)\}$ -projective and has a direct summand isomorphic to  $M_{Q,T}^{C_G(E)}$ , for some simple  $kN_{C_G(E)}(Q)$ -module  $T$  on which  $C_G(Q)$  acts trivially.*

*Proof.* A vertex of  $M_1$  contains  $N_P(Q)$ . On the otherhand  $M_1$  is  $P^x \cap N_G(E)$ -projective for some  $x \in G$ . So  $P^{xa} \cap N_G(E) \supseteq N_P(Q)$  for some  $a \in N_G(E)$ . Then by Lemma 2.2.(3)  $P^{xa} \cap N_G(E) = N_{P^{xa}}(E) = N_P(Q)$  and it follows that a vertex of  $M_1$  is  $N_P(Q)$ . For  $x \in N_G(E)$ ,  $N_P(Q)^x \cap C_G(E) = C_P(E)^x = Q^x$ . Hence  $M_1 \downarrow_{C_G(E)}$  is  $\{Q^x; x \in N_G(E)\}$ -projective. As  $M_1 \downarrow_{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_{N_P(Q)}^{N_P(Q)C_G(Q)}$ , there exists an indecomposable direct summand  $M_0$  of  $M_1 \downarrow_{C_G(E)}$  such that  $M_0 \downarrow_{Q C_G(Q)}$  has an indecomposable direct summand isomorphic to  $Sc_Q^{Q C_G(Q)}$ .

Such an indecomposable trivial source  $kC_G(E)$ -module with vertex  $Q$  is isomorphic to the module described in the lemma.  $\square$

In proofs of the following two lemmas we shall use the idea of Symonds in [12].

**Lemma 3.4.** *Assume that  $G = C_G(E)$ . Then  $H^*(G, M) \neq 0$*

*Proof.*  $C_G(P \text{ mod } E)/C_G(P)$  is a  $p$ -group as  $E$  is central in  $G$ . So as a  $kG/E$ -module,  $M$  satisfies the assumption in the theorem for  $G/E$ . By induction we may assume that  $H^*(G/E, M) \neq 0$ . We examine the Lyndon-Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(G/E, H^q(E, M)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(G, M)$$

Let  $n$  be the lowest degree with  $H^n(G/E, M) \neq 0$ . As  $E$  is central in  $G$ , for each  $q$ , a  $kG/E$ -module  $H^q(E, M)$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of some copies of  $M$  (or 0). Hence  $H^m(G/E, H^q(E, M)) = 0$  for  $m < n$ . Thus  $E_\infty^{n,0} \neq 0$  and  $H^n(G, M) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.4  $H^*(C_G(E), M) \neq 0$ . Using this fact we shall examine  $H^*(N_G(E), M)$  in the following two lemmas.

Let  $r$  be the rank of  $E$ . Set  $E = \langle a_1, \dots, a_r \rangle$  and  $\alpha_i \in H^1(E, k) = \text{Hom}(E, k)$  be the element dual to  $a_i$ . Then letting  $\beta_i = \beta(\alpha_i)$  we have the polynomial subalgebra  $k[\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r]$  in  $H^*(E, k)$ , where  $\beta$  is the Bockstein map. Using Evens' norm map, we obtain homogeneous elements  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r \in H^*(C_G(E), k)$  such that  $\text{res}_E^{C_G(E)}(\zeta_i) = \beta_i^{p^a}$  where  $p^a$  is the  $p$ -part of  $|C_G(E) : E|$ . Set  $R = k[\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_r] \subseteq H^*(C_G(E), k)$  and  $R_0 = \text{res}_E^{C_G(E)}(R)$ . The elements  $\zeta_i$  can be constructed in the prime field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We however do not know whether  $R$  can be taken  $N_G(E)$ -invariant although  $R_0$  is  $N_G(E)$ -invariant. We remark the following fact.

For  $x \in N_G(E)$ , write  $\beta_i^x = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_{ij} \beta_j$ , where  $\lambda_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . Then by our choice of  $\zeta_i$ , we have that  $\text{res}_E^{C_G(E)}(\zeta_i^x - \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_{ij} \zeta_j) = 0$ . So  $\text{res}_{Q^y}^{C_G(E)}(\zeta_i^x - \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_{ij} \zeta_j)$  is nilpotent for each  $N_G(E)$ -conjugate  $Q^y$  because  $\Omega_1(Q) = E$ . So replacing  $\zeta_i$ 's by its suitable  $p$ -powers, we can assume that  $\text{res}_{Q^y}^{C_G(E)}(\zeta_i^x - \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_{ij} \zeta_j) = 0$  for any  $Q^y$ . The  $kN_G(E)$ -module  $M_1$  defined in Lemma 2.3 is  $\{Q^y; y \in N_G(E)\}$ -projective as  $kC_G(E)$ -module. Therefore for any element  $\gamma \in H^*(C_G(E), M_1)$ , we have  $\gamma \cdot \zeta_i^x = \gamma \cdot (\sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_{ij} \zeta_j)$ . Thus when we consider multiplications of the elements in  $R$  on  $H^*(C_G(E), M_1)$ , we may assume that  $R$  has an  $N_G(E)$ -action which coincides with that on  $R_0$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** *Assume that  $G = N_G(E)$ . Then  $\text{res}_{C_G(E)}^G \text{tr}_{C_G(E)}^G(H^*(C_G(E), M)) \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* By a result of Evens (Theorem 10.3.5 [7], see also [6] and [1]),  $H^*(C_G(E), M)$  is free over the polynomial algebra  $R$  defined in the above. Let  $n$  be the lowest degree with  $H^n(C_G(E), M) \neq 0$ . By minimality of  $n$ ,  $H^n(C_G(E), M) \cap H^*(C_G(E), M)I = 0$ , where  $I$  is the ideal in  $R$  of elements of positive degree. So a  $k$ -basis of  $H^n(C_G(E), M)$  can be extended to a free  $R$ -basis of  $H^*(C_G(E), M)$  and we can conclude that  $H^n(C_G(E), M) \cdot R \cong H^n(C_G(E), M) \otimes_k R$ . As is remarked in [12],  $R_0$  contains a free submodule  $F_0$  as  $G/C_G(E)$ -module. Set  $F = R \cap (\text{res}_E^{C_G(E)})^{-1}(F_0)$ . Then by the above remark it follows that  $H^n(C_G(E), M) \cdot F \cong H^n(C_G(E), M) \otimes_k F$  is  $G$ -invariant and  $H^n(C_G(E), M) \cdot F \cong H^n(C_G(E), M) \otimes_k F_0$  as  $G/C_G(E)$ -modules. Thus

$H^*(C_G(E), M)$  also contains a free  $G/C_G(E)$ -module. So there exists an element  $\gamma \in H^*(C_G(E), M)$  such that  $0 \neq \sum_{x \in G/C_G(E)} \gamma^x = \text{res}_{C_G(E)}^G \text{tr}_{C_G(E)}^G(\gamma)$ .  $\square$

For a subgroup  $A \subset C_G(E)$  with  $A \not\supseteq E$ , take a maximal subgroup  $E_1$  of  $E$  such that  $E_1 \supseteq A \cap E$ . Using the isomorphism  $AE/A \cong E/A \cap E$  and the epimorphism  $E/A \cap E \rightarrow E/E_1$ , we have an element  $\eta(A) \in \text{Inf}(H^2(AE/A, k)) \subset H^2(AE, k)$  such that  $\text{res}_E^{AE}(\eta(A)) \in H^2(E, k)$  is not nilpotent and  $\text{res}_A^{AE}(\eta(A)) = 0$ . Using Evens' norm map, set  $\tau(A) = \text{norm}_{AE}^{C_G(E)}(\eta(A)) \in H^*(C_G(E), k)$ . By Mackey formula  $\tau(A)$  also satisfies the above conditions for  $\eta(A)$ . And set  $\rho(A) = \prod_{x \in N_G(E)/C_G(E)} \tau(A)^x \in H^*(C_G(E), k)$ . Finally set  $\rho = \prod_A \rho(A) \in H^*(C_G(E), k)$ , where the product is taken over the set of subgroups  $A$  of  $C_G(E)$  with  $A \not\supseteq E$ .  $\rho$  is  $N_G(E)$ -invariant. It holds that  $\text{res}_A^{C_G(E)}(\rho) = 0$  for any subgroup  $A \subset C_G(E)$  with  $A \not\supseteq E$  and  $\text{res}_E^{C_G(E)}(\rho) \in H^*(E, k)$  is not nilpotent. Notice that  $\rho$  is regular on  $H^*(C_G(E), M_1)$  where  $M_1$  is the  $kN_G(E)$ -module in Lemma 2.3 because  $E$  is central in  $C_G(E)$  and  $M_1$  is a trivial source module with kernel containing  $E$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Assume that  $G = N_G(E)$ . Then there exists an element  $\alpha \in H^*(G, M)$  such that  $\text{res}_Q^G(\alpha) \neq 0$  and  $\text{res}_A^G(\alpha) = 0$  for any subgroup  $A \subset G$  with  $A \not\supseteq E$ .*

*Proof.* Set  $C = C_G(E)$ . By Lemma 2.5 there exists  $\gamma \in H^*(C, M)$  such that  $0 \neq \text{res}_C^G \text{tr}_C^G(\gamma)$ . Set  $\alpha = \text{tr}_C^G(\gamma \cdot \rho) \in H^*(G, M)$ . We shall show that  $\alpha$  satisfies the assumptions in the lemma.

For a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ ,  $\text{res}_A^G(\alpha) = \text{res}_A^G \text{tr}_C^G(\gamma \cdot \rho) = \sum_{x \in C \setminus G/A} \text{tr}_{C \cap A}^A \text{res}_{C \cap A}^C((\gamma \cdot \rho)^x)$ . As  $\rho$  is  $G$ -invariant,  $\text{res}_{C \cap A}^C((\gamma \cdot \rho)^x) = \text{res}_{C \cap A}^C(\gamma^x) \text{res}_{C \cap A}^C(\rho)$ . If  $A \not\supseteq E$ , then  $C \cap A \not\supseteq E$  and therefore  $\text{res}_A^G(\alpha) = 0$ . Again by the fact that  $\rho$  is  $G$ -invariant  $\text{res}_C^G(\alpha) = \text{res}_C^G \text{tr}_C^G(\gamma \cdot \rho) = (\text{res}_C^G \text{tr}_C^G(\gamma)) \cdot \rho \neq 0$  because  $\rho$  is regular on  $H^*(C, M)$ . If  $\text{res}_Q^G(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $\text{res}_{Q^x}^G(\alpha) = 0$  for all  $x \in G$ . Then as  $M \downarrow_C$  is  $\{Q^x; x \in G\}$ -projective, it follows that  $\text{res}_C^G(\alpha) \neq 0$  which is not the case.  $\square$

Now we can complete a proof for "If" part of the theorem of Symonds.

**Theorem 3.7.** *If  $C_G(P)$  acts trivially on  $S$ , then  $H^*(G, M_{P,S}^G) \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M_1$  be the  $kN_G(E)$ -module in Lemma 2.3. Then by Lemma 2.6, there exists an element  $\alpha \in H^*(N_G(E), M_1)$  such that  $\text{res}_Q^{N_G(E)}(\alpha) \neq 0$  and  $\text{res}_A^{N_G(E)}(\alpha) = 0$  for any subgroup  $A \subset N_G(E)$  with  $A \not\supseteq E$ . As  $M_1$  is a direct summand of  $M \downarrow_{N_G(E)}$ , we can regard  $\alpha \in H^*(N_G(E), M)$  for which the same conditions as in the above hold. We shall show that  $\text{res}_Q^G \text{tr}_{N_G(E)}^G(\alpha) \neq 0$ . For an element  $x \in G$ , if  $N_G(E) \cap Q^x \supseteq E$ , then  $E^x = E$  as  $\Omega_1(Q) = E$  and hence  $x \in N_G(E)$ . Thus for  $x \notin N_G(E)$ , we have that  $\text{res}_{N_G(E)^x \cap Q}^{N_G(E)^x}(\alpha^x) = (\text{res}_{N_G(E) \cap Q^{x^{-1}}}^{N_G(E)}(\alpha))^x = 0$ . Now Mackey formula says that  $\text{res}_Q^G \text{tr}_{N_G(E)}^G(\alpha) = \text{res}_Q^{N_G(E)}(\alpha) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

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