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Daniel G. Davis* (dgdavis@louisiana.edu), University of Louisiana, Math Department, 1403 Johnston Street, Maxim Doucet Hall, Room 217, Lafayette, LA 70504. *Using Postnikov towers to form iterated homotopy fixed point spectra.*

Let G be a profinite group having finite virtual cohomological dimension and let X be a discrete G -spectrum. Also, let H be a closed normal subgroup of G and let X^{hH} be the H -homotopy fixed point spectrum. It is known that X^{hH} is a (G/H) -spectrum, but, by an example of Ben Wieland, X^{hH} is not necessarily a discrete (G/H) -spectrum, so that, in general, it is not known how to define the iterated homotopy fixed point spectrum $(X^{hH})^{hG/H}$. However, by using the Postnikov towers of certain spectra associated to X , we show that X is equivalent to a continuous G -spectrum Y , and, for all H , Y^{hH} is equivalent to X^{hH} . Furthermore, Y^{hH} is a continuous (G/H) -spectrum, so that there is a natural way to form $(Y^{hH})^{hG/H}$, which is equivalent to Y^{hG} . Thus, by regarding discrete G -spectra as continuous G -spectra (in a particular way), the difficulty with forming the iterated homotopy fixed point spectrum goes away. (Received August 31, 2008)