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Motivated by work of Hochster and Huneke, we investigate several constructions related to the  $S_2$ -ification  $T$  of a complete equidimensional local ring  $R$ : the canonical module, the top local cohomology module, topological spaces of the form  $\text{Spec}(R) - V(J)$ , and the (finite simple) graph  $\Gamma_R$  with vertex set  $\text{Min}(R)$  defined by Hochster and Huneke. We generalize one of their results by showing, e.g., that the number of maximal ideals of  $T$  is equal to the number of connected components of  $\Gamma_R$ . We further investigate this graph by exhibiting a technique for showing that a given graph  $G$  can be realized as one of the form  $\Gamma_R$ . (Received February 02, 2014)