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We discuss a 2-categorical construction generalizing Quillen's  $S^{-1}S$ . This provides a group-completion for 2-dimensional symmetric monoidal algebra which models topological group-completion. We apply this to prove the 2-dimensional stable homotopy hypothesis. This work is joint with N. Gurski and A. Osorno. (Received November 07, 2016)