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# Equivariant rational homotopy theory as a closed model category

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#### Abstract

In this note we present a variant of the algebraization of equivariant rational homotopy theory. For a finite group G, let  $\ell(G)$  be the category of its canonical orbits. We prove that the category  $\ell(G)$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of  $\ell(G)$ -differential graded algebras over the rationals is a closed model category. Then, by means of the equivariant KS-minimal models constructed in this paper, we show that the homotopy category of  $\ell(G)$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is equivalent to the rational homotopy category of  $\ell(G)$ -simplicial sets provided G is a Hamiltonian group. © 1998 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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#### 0. Introduction

Let k be a field of characteristic 0 and  $DGA_k$  (resp. SS) the category of homologically connected (i.e.,  $H^0(A) = k$  for A in  $DGA_k$ ) commutative differential graded k-algebras (resp. the category of connected simplicial sets). It has been proved [1,10] that these categories form closed model categories in the sense of Quillen [10]: weak equivalences are homology isomorphisms (resp. weak homotopy equivalences); fibrations are surjections (resp. Kan fibrations) and cofibrations are maps having the leftlifting property with respect to all maps which are both fibrations and weak equivalences. An algebra A (resp. a simplicial set X) is cofibrant (resp. fibrant) if the canonical map  $k \to A$  (resp.  $X \to *$ ) is a cofibration (resp. a fibration).

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The most important cofibrant algebras are the *minimal* ones introduced by Sullivan [11]. They are sufficient for most homotopy theoretic purposes because every connected algebra A can be "approximated up to weak equivalence" by a unique-up-to-isomorphism minimal algebra  $M_A$ , i.e., there is a weak equivalence  $\rho_A: M_A \to A$ . Moreover, in [1] a pair of adjoint functors are constructed

$$DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow[A^*]{F_*} SS$$

which determine the basic Sullivan-de Rham equivalence, where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the field of rationals. An equivariant version of the Sullivan minimal model theory was given in [12, 13] for nilpotent *G*-spaces of finite type with a basepoint, where *G* is a finite group. Later Fine was able to remove the basepoint hypothesis in his Chicago Ph.D. thesis in 1992. Our aim is to present a variant of the equivariant Sullivan-de Rham equivalence based on the Bousfield and Gugenheim categorical approach [1].

We now give an outline of the paper. In Section 1 (Theorem 1.3) we show how, by means of [3], a closed model structure on a category  $\mathbb{C}$  can be extended to the functor category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  (called the category of  $\mathbb{I}$ -objects), where  $\mathbb{I}$  is an *E1*-category i.e., each of its endomorphism is an isomorphism. In particular, on the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$ a closed model structure is induced from such a structure on  $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (see [1]) and on the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{S}$  from such a one (see [10]) on the category dual to  $\mathbb{S}$ . Then, we consider a pair of functors

ho 
$$\mathbb{I}$$
- $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \xleftarrow{\mathscr{F}_{\star}}{} ho \mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{SS}$ 

between the associated homotopy categories. We point out that for any small category  $\mathbb{I}$  the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -SS has also been endowed in [2] with a closed model category structure but inherited from such a one on SS and not on the dual.

In Section 2, assuming some properties of  $\mathbb{I}$ , we prove that  $\mathscr{C}(\mathscr{X})$ , for  $\mathscr{X}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -SS could be chosen as an appropriate *KS*-minimal model. An idea for its construction for a special case has been given in [8] and is based on the notion of a Koszul–Sullivan extension presented in [7]. Then some geometric applications are presented. In particular, let *G* be a finite group and  $\mathscr{C}(G)$  the associated *EI*-category of canonical orbits. Its objects are orbits G/H for all subgroups  $H \subseteq G$  and morphisms are *G*-maps between them. Then, as a result of Theorem 1.3, we may state

## **Theorem.** The categories $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -SS and $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sub>Q</sub> are closed model categories.

For any G-connected simplicial set X (i.e., such that all fixed point simplicial subsets  $X^H$  are connected for subgroups  $H \subseteq G$ ), we can consider differential graded Q-algebras

of polynomial forms  $A^*(X^H)$  for all subgroups  $H \subseteq G$ . Therefore, we obtain a functor

$$\mathscr{A}^*: G\text{-}SS \to \mathscr{C}(G)\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}},$$

where G-SS is the category of G-connected simplicial sets. On the other hand, from [4] one could deduce the existence of an equivalence of homotopy categories

ho 
$$G$$
-SS  $\rightleftharpoons$  ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -SS.

Now let  $DGA_{\mathbb{C}}^0$  (resp.  $SS^0$ ) be the category of homologically connected augmented differential graded Q-algebras (resp. the category of pointed simplicial sets) and let G be a finite Hamiltonian group (i.e., each subgroup of G is normal). We show that for a nilpotent X in G- $SS^0$ , the equivariant KS-minimal model of  $\mathscr{A}^*(X)$  has the strong homotopy type of its injective model considered in [12, 13] and we prove the following equivariant version of the Sullivan–de Rham equivalence.

**Theorem 2.7.** If G is a Hamiltonian group, then there exists a pair of adjoint functors

ho G-SS<sup>0</sup>  $\rightleftharpoons$  ho  $\ell(G)$ -DGA<sup>0</sup><sub>D</sub>

which restrict to inverse equivalences

 $f \mathbb{Q} N$ -ho G- $\mathbb{SS}^0 \xrightarrow{\approx} f \mathbb{Q}$ -ho  $\ell(G)$ - $DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,

where  $f \mathbb{Q}N$ -ho G- $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{S}^0$  is the full subcategory of ho G- $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{S}^0$  induced by those *G*-connected pointed simplicial sets which are nilpotent and of finite type and  $f \mathbb{Q}$ -ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ - $DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the full subcategory of ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ - $DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}$  induced by those augmented  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -algebras which are equivalent to equivariant KS-minimal  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -algebras and with finitely many multiplicative generators.

In a forthcoming paper, we plan to extend this result to G-disconnected unpointed simplicial sets.

#### 1. Systems of algebras

Various categories considered in algebraic topology have the property that endomorphisms are isomorphisms. Therefore, let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a small *E1-category* which by definition, is a small category in which each endomorphism is an isomorphism and denote by Ob( $\mathbb{I}$ ) the set of its objects. Following [9] we define a partial order, crucial for the sequel, on the set Is( $\mathbb{I}$ ) of isomorphism classes  $\overline{i}$  of objects  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  by

 $\overline{i} \leq \overline{j}$  if  $\mathbb{I}(i,j) \neq \emptyset$ .

This induces a partial ordering on the set  $Is(\mathbb{I})$ , since the *EI*-property ensures that  $\overline{i} \leq \overline{j}$ and  $\overline{j} \leq \overline{i}$  implies  $\overline{i} = \overline{j}$ . We write that  $\overline{i} < \overline{j}$  if  $\overline{i} \leq \overline{j}$  and  $\overline{i} \neq \overline{j}$ .

Throughout,  $\mathbb{I}$  is a *cofinite EI*-category i.e., each isomorphism class  $\overline{i}$  has only finitely many predecessors. For any  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  we define its *height* as the number of its predecessors. Observe that any group G can be treated as an *EI*-category with a single object.

Fix a complete and cocomplete category  $\mathbb{C}$  with a closed model structure. Our aim is to define, by means of [3], such a structure on the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  of all covariant functors from  $\mathbb{I}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , called  $\mathbb{I}$ -objects of  $\mathbb{C}$  or systems of objects indexed by  $\mathbb{I}$ . For this purpose, we distinguish in this category the following three classes of maps. A map  $f: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  of  $\mathbb{I}$ -objects is called a *weak equivalence* (resp. fibration) if for all  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ the maps  $f(i): \mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{B}(i)$  are weak equivalences (resp. fibrations) in the category  $\mathbb{C}$ . A map  $f: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  is a *cofibration* if it has the left-lifting property with respect to all maps which are both fibrations and weak equivalences i.e., trivial fibrations. In particular, for a group G the category G- $\mathbb{C}$  of G-objects inherits a closed model structure from  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Let Aut(*i*) be the automorphism group of  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  and  $\mathscr{A}$  an  $\mathbb{I}$ -object. Then on  $\mathscr{A}(i)$  there is the natural Aut(*i*)-action and, for a map  $f : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  of  $\mathbb{I}$ -objects, the maps  $f(i) : \mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{B}(i)$  preserve the Aut(*i*)-action. Therefore, for a fixed  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ , we have the *restriction* functor

 $\operatorname{Res}_i : \mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{C} \to \operatorname{Aut}(i)\text{-}\mathbb{C}$ 

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such that  $\operatorname{Res}_i(\mathscr{A}) = \mathscr{A}(i)$  for an  $\mathbb{I}$ -object  $\mathscr{A}$  and its right adjoint  $F_i : \operatorname{Aut}(i) - \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{I} - \mathbb{C}$ is called the *coextension* functor which is defined as follows. For  $i' \in \operatorname{Ob}(\mathbb{I})$ , let  $\mathbb{I}_i^{i'}$  be the category with objects being maps  $\phi: i' \to i$  and maps from  $\phi: i' \to i$  to  $\psi: i' \to i$ are determined by maps  $\rho: i \to i$  such that  $\rho \phi = \psi$ . Then any  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ -object C determines an  $\mathbb{I}_i^{i'}$ -object  $\mathscr{F}_i^{i'}(C)$  such that  $\mathscr{F}_i^{i'}(C)(\phi: i' \to i) = C$  and we put  $F_i(C)(i') =$  $\lim_{\psi \to i'} \mathscr{F}_i^{i'}(C)$ . Of course, any map  $\phi: i'' \to i'$  in the category  $\mathbb{I}$  determines a map  $F_i(C)(\phi): F_i(C)(i'') \to F_i(C)(i')$  and this construction is functorial with respect to  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ -objects C as well. Note that an isomorphism  $i' \xrightarrow{\approx} i$  determines an isomorphism  $C \xrightarrow{\approx} F_i(C)(i')$ .

For a fixed  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ , let  $\mathbb{I}_i$  be the category which objects are pairs  $(i', \phi)$ , where  $\phi: i' \to i$  is a non-isomorphism and maps from  $(i'_1, \phi_1)$  to  $(i'_2, \phi_2)$  are determined by maps  $\psi: i'_1 \to i'_2$  such that  $\phi_2 \psi = \phi_1$ . Then any  $\mathbb{I}$ -object  $\mathscr{A}$  determines an  $\mathbb{I}_i$ -object  $\mathscr{A}_i$  such that  $\mathscr{A}_i(i', \phi) = \mathscr{A}(i')$  and a map  $\lim_{\mathbb{I}_i} \mathscr{A}_i \to \mathscr{A}(i)$  in the category  $\mathbb{C}$ . Note that  $\lim_{\mathbb{I}_i} \mathscr{A}_i$  is isomorphic to the initial object in the category  $\mathbb{C}$  for *i* of height 0. We now state the following description of cofibrations in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category. A map  $f : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  is a (trivial) cofibration if and only if for each  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  the induced Aut(i)-map h(i)

in the pushout diagram



is a (trivial) cofibration in the category Aut(i)- $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Proof.** First, let f be a (trivial) cofibration in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  and for a fixed  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  consider a commutative diagram



in the category Aut(*i*)- $\mathbb{C}$ , where *p* is a (trivial) fibration. Define the objects  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$$\mathscr{D}(i') = \begin{cases} F_i(D)(i') & \text{for } \overline{i'} \le \overline{i}, \\ * & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \qquad \mathscr{E}(i') = \begin{cases} F_i(D)(i') & \text{for } \overline{i'} < \overline{i}, \\ F_i(E)(i') & \text{for } \overline{i'} = \overline{i}, \\ * & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where \* is the terminal object in  $\mathbb{C}$  and maps are induced either by projections or p or being trivial. Then we obtain the commutative diagram in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ 

where  $\bar{p}(i')$  is either the identity or induced by p. Thus, the map  $\bar{p}$  is a (trivial) fibration. The maps  $\alpha(i')$  are induced from the composite maps

$$\mathscr{A}(i') \to F_i(\mathscr{A}(i))(i') \to F_i(\mathscr{C}(i))(i') \xrightarrow{F_i(\delta)(i')} \mathscr{D}(i')$$

for  $\overline{i'} \leq \overline{i}$ , the maps  $\beta(i')$  from

$$\mathscr{B}(i') \to F_i(\lim_{i \to i} \mathscr{B}_i)(i') \xrightarrow{F_i(\gamma)(i')} F_i(\mathscr{C}(i))(i') \xrightarrow{F_i(\delta)(i')} \mathscr{E}(i')$$

for  $\overline{i'} < \overline{i}$  and  $\mathscr{B}(i) \to E \xrightarrow{\approx} \mathscr{E}(i')$  for  $\overline{i'} = \overline{i}$ . So, there exists a filler g in  $(\star\star)$  and we have the commutative diagrams



for  $\overline{i'} < \overline{i}$  and



To show that g(i) is a filler in  $(\star)$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $g(i)h(i) = \delta$ .

Now let all h(i) be (trivial) cofibrations and consider a solid-arrow commutative diagram in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ 



in which the map p is a (trivial) fibration. We construct components g(i) of a filler g inductively with respect to the height of i. If  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  has height 0, then  $\mathcal{C}(i) = \mathcal{A}(i)$ , f(i) = h(i) and there exists a filler g(i):



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Suppose that for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than that of *i* there exist  $g(i') : \mathscr{B}(i') \to \mathscr{D}(i')$  such that diagrams



commute for  $\overline{i''} \leq \overline{i'}$ .

At first we define a map  $\delta: \mathscr{C}(i) \to \mathscr{D}(i)$  assuming commutativity of the diagrams



and we get the solid-arrow diagram



which is commutative because  $p(i) \circ \delta \circ (\mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{C}(i)) = p(i) \circ \alpha(i) = \beta(i) \circ f(i) = \beta(i) \circ h(i) \circ (\mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{C}(i))$  and  $p(i) \circ \delta \circ \gamma \circ (\mathscr{B}(i') \to \lim_{\mathbb{Q}_i} \mathscr{B}_i) = p(i) \circ \mathscr{D}(i' \to i) \circ g(i') = \mathscr{E}(i' \to i) \circ \beta(i') = \beta(i) \circ \mathscr{B}(i' \to i) - \beta(i) \circ h(i) \circ \gamma \circ (\mathscr{B}(i') \to \lim_{\mathbb{Q}_i} \mathscr{B}_i)$ . Thus, there exists a filler g(i) and we have  $g(i) \circ f(i) = g(i) \circ h(i) \circ (\mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{C}(i)) = \delta \circ (\mathscr{A}(i) \to \mathscr{C}(i)) = \alpha(i), \quad p(i) \circ g(i) = \beta(i) \text{ and } g(i) \circ \mathscr{B}(i' \to i) = g(i) \circ h(i) \circ \gamma \circ (\mathscr{B}(i') \to \lim_{\mathbb{Q}_i} \mathscr{B}_i) = \mathscr{D}(i' \to i) \circ g(i') \text{ for } \overline{i'} \leq \overline{i}.$  So, the inductive step is done.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category and  $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  a cofibration in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ . Then for each  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  the map  $f(i) : \mathcal{A}(i) \to \mathcal{B}(i)$  is a cofibration in the category Aut(i)- $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Proof.** For  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ , consider the commutative diagram



Then we see that the map  $\lim_{i} f_i$  is a cofibration in  $\mathbb{C}$  and f'(i) is also. By Proposition 1.1 the map h(i) is a cofibration and, consequently, the composite map h(i)f'(i) = f(i) is a cofibration.  $\Box$ 

The above results and a dualization of the procedure presented in [3, Section 3] yield

**Theorem 1.3.** If  $\mathbb{I}$  is a cofinite small EI-category, then the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ , together with the above structure, is a closed model category.

Now let k be a field and  $DGA_k$  (resp. SS) the category of homologically connected commutative differential graded k-algebras (resp. the category of connected simplicial sets). On the category  $\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_k$  of all  $\mathbb{I}$ -algebras, a closed model structure is determined from such a structure on  $DGA_k$  (considered in [1]) and, on the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -SS, from such a structure (considered in [10]) on the dual category to SS. For  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , the pair of adjoint functors

$$DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow[A^*]{F_*} SS$$

considered in [1] induces such a pair between functor categories

$$\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \xleftarrow{\mathscr{F}_{*}}{\blacksquare} \mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{SS}.$$

For  $\mathscr{A}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> and A in DGA<sub>k</sub> define an  $\mathbb{I}$ -algebra  $A \otimes \mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> by  $(A \otimes \mathscr{A})(i) = A \otimes \mathscr{A}(i)$  for  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ . Then we get a functor

$$F: \mathbb{I}-DGA_k \times \mathbb{I}-DGA_k \to \mathbb{SS}$$

such that  $F(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})_n = \mathbb{I} - DGA_k(\mathscr{A}, A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{B})$  for  $n \ge 0$ , where  $A^*(\Delta[n])$  is the de Rham k-algebra on the n-simplex  $\Delta[n]$  ([1]).

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**Proposition 1.4.** Let I be a cofinite small EI-category.

(1) If  $p: \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{B}$  is a (trivial) fibration and  $\mathcal{C}$  cofibrant in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> then the induced map  $p_*: F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}) \to F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B})$  is a (trivial) fibration in the category SS.

(2) If  $i: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{Q}$  is a (trivial) cofibration in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> then the induced map  $\mathcal{F}_*(i): \mathcal{F}_*(\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{F}_*(\mathcal{C})$  is a (trivial) fibration in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -SS.

**Proof.** (1) We must show that the map  $p_*: F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}) \to F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B})$  has the right lifting property with respect to the canonical maps  $u: \Lambda^m[n] \to \Delta[n]$  (resp.  $u: \dot{\Delta}[n] \to \Delta[n]$ ) for  $n \ge 0$  and  $0 \le m \le n$ , where  $\Lambda^m[n]$  (resp.  $\dot{\Delta}[n]$ ) is the *m*th "boundary cone" (resp. "boundary") of the *n*-simplex  $\Delta[n]$ . But this means that the cofibration  $\underline{k} \to \mathcal{C}$  should have the left lifting property for the map

$$(A^*u \otimes \mathrm{id}, \mathrm{id} \otimes p) \colon A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{E} \to A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{E} \times_{A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{B}} A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{B}$$

in the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub>. By [1] this map is a (trivial) fibration and this completes the proof of (1).

(2) follows from Proposition 1.1 and its dual in the category I-SS.

Observe that  $A^*(\Delta[1])$  is the free  $DGA_k$  on two generators t and dt of degree 0 and 1, respectively, with d(t) = dt. We say that two maps  $f, g: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  are homotopic (denoted by  $f \simeq g$ ) if there is a map  $H: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B} \otimes A^*(\Delta[1])$  such that  $p_0 \circ H = f$  and  $p_1 \circ H = g$ , where  $p_0$  is the projection  $\mathcal{B} \otimes A^*(\Delta[1]) \to \mathcal{B}$  with t = 0, dt = 0 and  $p_1$ the projection with t = 1, dt = 0. We define the notion of homotopy between two maps  $f, g: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathbb{I}$ -simplicial sets similarly.

For any closed model category  $\mathbb{C}$ , a homotopy category  $ho\mathbb{C}$  is constructed in [10] by adjoining formal inverses of weak equivalences in  $\mathbb{C}$ . This category is equivalent to the more simple homotopy category,  $ho\mathbb{C} = \pi\mathbb{C}_{cf}$ , whose objects are the "fibrant– cofibrant" objects of  $\mathbb{C}$  and maps are "homotopy classes" of maps in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We will use the homotopy category  $ho\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{SS}$  (resp.  $ho\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_k$ ), whose objects are fibrant  $\mathbb{I}$ -simplicial sets (resp. cofibrant  $\mathbb{I}$ -algebras) and maps are given by  $ho\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{SS}(\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{Y}) = [\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{Y}]$  (resp.  $ho\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_k(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}) = [\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}]$ ), where  $[\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{Y}]$  (resp.  $[\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}]$ ) denotes the set of homotopy classes of maps from  $\mathscr{X}$  to  $\mathscr{Y}$  (resp. from  $\mathscr{A}$  to  $\mathscr{B}$ ). Then we may state the following:

**Corollary 1.5.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category. If  $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  is a weak equivalence and  $\mathcal{C}$  is cofibrant in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> then the induced map  $f_*: F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A}) \to F(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B})$  is a weak equivalence in the category SS. In particular, the induced map of homotopy classes  $[\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A}] \to [\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}]$  is a bijection.

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.3, we can factor f as  $\mathscr{A} \xrightarrow{q} \mathscr{A}' \xrightarrow{p} \mathscr{B}$  with q a cofibration and p a fibration and both are weak equivalences. But any object in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> is fibrant, hence there is a map  $q': \mathscr{A}' \to \mathscr{A}$  such that  $q' \circ q = \operatorname{id}_{\mathscr{A}}$ . Thus, q' is a trivial fibration and by Proposition 1.4 the induced maps  $q'_*: F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{A}') \to F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{A})$  and  $p_*: F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{A}') \to F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{B})$  are trivial fibrations. Therefore, the induced maps  $q_*$  and  $f_* = p_* \circ q_*$  are weak equivalences.  $\Box$  It follows from Proposition 1.4 that the functor  $\mathscr{F}_* : \mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \to \mathbb{I}\text{-}SS$  carries cofibrant objects to fibrant and one may easily show that this functor preserves the homotopy relation, hence we get the induced functor  $\mathscr{F}_* : \text{ho}\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \to \text{ho}\mathbb{I}\text{-}SS$  in an obvious way. Although the functor  $\mathscr{A}^* : \mathbb{I}\text{-}SS \to \mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  may not carry fibrant to cofibrant objects, the induced adjoint functor  $\mathscr{C}: \text{ho}\mathbb{I}\text{-}SS \to \text{ho}\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  may be constructed as well. For each  $\mathbb{I}$ -simplicial set  $\mathscr{X}$ , choose a weak equivalence  $\mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{X}} \to \mathscr{A}^*(\mathscr{X})$  with  $\mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{X}}$ cofibrant, and for each  $f: \mathscr{X} \to \mathscr{Y}$  choose (by Corollary 1.5) a map  $\mathscr{C}_f: \mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{Y}} \to \mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{X}}$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{Y}} & \xrightarrow{\mathscr{C}_{f}} & \mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{X}} \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \mathscr{A}^{*}(\mathscr{Y}) & \xrightarrow{\mathscr{A}(f)} & \mathscr{A}^{*}(\mathscr{X}) \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy. We define the functor  $\mathscr{C}$  by  $\mathscr{C}(\mathscr{X}) = \mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{X}}$  and  $\mathscr{C}(f) = [\mathscr{C}_{f}]$ .

**Remark 1.6.** If  $DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (resp.  $SS^0$ ) is the category of homologically connected augmented commutative differential graded  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebras (resp. the category of connected pointed simplicial sets), then by [1] there exists also a pair of adjoint functors

$$DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}} \xleftarrow{F^0_*}{A^*_0} SS^0$$

which induces a pair between functor categories

$$\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}} \xleftarrow{\mathscr{F}^0_*}{\overset{\mathscr{F}^0_*}{\longleftrightarrow}} \mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{S}\mathbb{S}^0$$

with the above properties.

#### 2. Applications to rational homotopy theory

For a map  $\gamma: B \to E$  in  $DGA_k$ , where B is augmented, Halperin [7] considers its "minimal factorization". Namely, he defines a *minimal KS-extension* as a special sequence of augmented  $DGA_k$ 's

 $\mathbb{E}: B \xrightarrow{i} C \xrightarrow{\pi} A.$ 

In [7] the following result is proved.

**Theorem 2.1.** For any map  $\gamma: B \to E$  of connected  $DGA_k$ 's, where B is augmented, there is a unique (up to isomorphism) minimal KS-extension

 $\mathbb{E}: B \xrightarrow{i} C \xrightarrow{\pi} A$ 

and a homology isomorphism  $\rho: C \to E$  such that  $\rho \circ i = \gamma$ .

The extension  $\mathbb{E}$  together with the map  $\rho: C \to E$  is called a *KS-minimal model* for  $\gamma$ . In particular, a minimal algebra  $M_A$  together with a homology isomorphism  $\rho_A: M_A \to A$  is isomorphic to the *minimal model* for A.

Now let G be a finite group and G- $DGA_k$  the category of differential graded algebras with an action of G. Then a notion of a minimal KS-extension may be considered in G- $DGA_k$  as well and in [6] it has been shown that an equivariant version of Theorem 2.1 yields a G-KS-minimal model of a map  $\gamma: B \to E$  in G- $DGA_k$ .

For further convenience, we will suppose that a cofinite small EI-category I has the additional property:

(\*) for any its map  $\phi: i' \to i$ , there is an epimorphism  $\hat{\phi}: \operatorname{Aut}(i') \to \operatorname{Aut}(i)$  with  $\phi \circ \gamma = \hat{\phi}(\gamma) \circ \phi$  for all  $\gamma \in \operatorname{Aut}(i')$ .

Then for a given  $\mathscr{A}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_k$  and a map  $\phi: i' \to i$  there is an action of  $\operatorname{Aut}(i')$  on  $\mathscr{A}(i)$  and  $\mathscr{A}(\phi): \mathscr{A}(i') \to \mathscr{A}(i)$  is an  $\operatorname{Aut}(i')$ -map. Denote by  $I_{\phi}(i')(\mathscr{A})$  the ideal in  $\mathscr{A}(i')$  generated by elements a-ga for  $a \in \mathscr{A}(i')$  and  $g \in \ker \hat{\phi}$ . Then  $\mathscr{A}_{\phi}(i') = \mathscr{A}(i')/I_{\phi}(i')(\mathscr{A})$  is an  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ - $DGA_k$  and the induced map  $\mathscr{A}_{\phi}(i') \to \mathscr{A}(i)$  preserves the  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ -action. Moreover, we get a functor  $\overline{\mathscr{A}_i}: \mathbb{I}_i \to DGA_k$  such that  $\overline{\mathscr{A}_i}(i', \phi) = \mathscr{A}_{\phi}(i')$ . Hence  $\overline{\mathscr{A}}(i) = \lim_{\mathfrak{A}_i} \overline{\mathscr{A}_i}$  is an  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ - $DGA_k$  and there is the induced  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ -map  $\overline{\rho}(i): \overline{\mathscr{A}}(i) \to \overline{\mathscr{A}}(i)$ . The algebra  $\overline{\mathscr{A}}(i)$  is augmented, hence we may take the  $\operatorname{Aut}(i)$ -KS-minimal model



of the map  $\overline{\rho}(i)$ .

We say that an object  $\mathscr{M}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> is KS-minimal if  $\mathscr{M}(i) = \widetilde{\mathscr{M}}(i)$  for any object  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** If a cofinite small EI-category  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies the condition (\*), then any minimal object  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> is cofibrant.

**Proof.** Consider a commutative diagram



in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub>, where <u>k</u> is the constant  $\mathbb{I}$ -algebra determined by the field k and p is a trivial fibration. For any object  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height 0, there is a map  $\beta(i) : \mathcal{M}(i) \to \mathcal{Q}(i)$  such

that  $p(i) \circ \beta(i) = \alpha(i)$ . Now suppose that for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than height of *i* there are maps  $\beta(i'): \mathscr{M}(i') \to \mathscr{A}(i')$  such that  $p(i') \circ \beta(i') = \alpha(i')$ . Hence, we get a map  $\overline{\beta}(i): \overline{\mathscr{M}}(i) = \lim_{i \to \infty} \mathscr{M}_i \to \mathscr{D}(i)$ . Then in the commutative diagram



there is a filler  $\beta(i)$  since the map  $\mathcal{M}(i) \to \mathcal{M}(i)$  is a cofibration in the category Aut(*i*)-DGA<sub>k</sub>.  $\Box$ 

Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be in  $\mathbb{I}$ - $DGA_k$  and let  $\rho: \mathscr{M} \to \mathscr{A}$  be a weak equivalence, where  $\mathscr{M}$  is *KS*-minimal. Then  $\mathscr{M}$  is called the *KS*-minimal model of  $\mathscr{A}$ . Proposition 2.4 (cf. [1,8]) implies that this definition is meaningful.

**Lemma 2.3.** If a cofinite small EI-category  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies the condition (\*), then for a commutative up to homotopy diagram in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub>



where q is a cofibration and f a weak equivalence, there exists an arrow  $\gamma$  making this diagram commutative up to homotopy.

**Proof.** Using Theorem 1.3, we may factor f as  $\mathscr{C} \xrightarrow{q'} \mathscr{C}' \xrightarrow{p} \mathscr{D}$  with q' a trivial cofibration and p a trivial fibration. Every object in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> is fibrant, hence by [10] the map  $q': \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{C}'$  has a homotopy inverse  $q'': \mathscr{C}' \to \mathscr{C}$ . But the map  $q: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  is a cofibration, so there is a map  $\beta': \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{D}$  such that  $\beta \simeq \beta'$  and the diagram



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strictly commutes, where the map  $\gamma': \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{C}'$  is determined by Theorem 1.3. Then  $\gamma = q'' \circ \gamma'$  is the required map.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category satisfying the condition (\*), let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  be KS-minimal  $\mathbb{I}$ -algebras and  $\rho: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{A}, \rho': \mathcal{M}' \to \mathcal{A}$  weak equivalences. Then:

(1) there is an isomorphism  $\theta: \mathscr{M} \to \mathscr{M}'$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> such that  $\rho'(i) \circ \theta(i) \simeq \rho(i)$  in the category Aut(i)-DGA<sub>k</sub> for all  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ ;

(2) if  $\hat{\theta}: \mathscr{M} \to \mathscr{M}'$  is a map in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> such that  $\rho'(i) \circ \hat{\theta}(i) \simeq \rho(i)$  in the category Aut(*i*)-DGA<sub>k</sub> then  $\hat{\theta}$  is an isomorphism and  $\hat{\theta}(i) \simeq \theta(i)$  in the category Aut(*i*)-DGA<sub>k</sub>, for all  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ .

**Proof.** (1) We proceed inductively with respect to the height of  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ . If  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  has height 0, then  $\mathscr{M}(i)$  and  $\mathscr{M}'(i)$  are Aut(i)-minimal and by [7, Proposition 4.3] there is an Aut(i)-isomorphism  $\theta(i): \mathscr{M}(i) \to \mathscr{M}'(i)$  such that  $\rho'(i) \circ \theta(i) \simeq \rho(i)$  in the category Aut(i)- $DGA_k$ .

Suppose that for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than that of *i*, there exists  $\theta(i')$ :  $\mathscr{M}(i') \to \mathscr{M}'(i')$  such that  $\rho'(i') \circ \theta(i') \simeq \rho(i')$  in the category  $Aut(i') - DGA_k$  and the diagrams commute

for  $\overline{i''} < \overline{i'}$ . Then we get the induced isomorphism  $\overline{\theta}(i) : \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i) \to \overline{\mathscr{U}}'(i)$ . But the map  $\alpha(i) : \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i) \to \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i)$  is a cofibration in the category Aut(*i*)-*DGA*<sub>k</sub> and  $\rho(i) : \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i) \to \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i)$  is a weak equivalence, hence by Lemma 2.3 there is an Aut(*i*)-map  $\theta'(i) : \overline{\mathscr{U}}(i) \to \overline{\mathscr{U}}'(i)$  such that the diagram



commutes up to homotopy. In particular,  $\theta'(i) \circ \alpha(i) \simeq \alpha'(i) \circ \overline{\theta}(i)$ . But the map  $\alpha(i)$  is a cofibration, hence there is a map  $\theta(i)$  such that  $\theta'(i) \simeq \theta(i)$  and  $\theta(i) \circ \alpha(i) = \alpha'(i) \circ \overline{\theta}(i)$ . The maps  $\alpha(i)$  and  $\alpha'(i)$  are Aut(*i*)-KS-minimal extensions and  $\overline{\theta}(i) : \overline{\mathcal{M}}(i) \to \overline{\mathcal{M}}'(i)$  is an isomorphism, hence by [7, Proposition 4.6] the map  $\theta(i)$  is an isomorphism.

(2) If  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  has height 0, then  $\mathcal{M}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{M}'(i)$  are Aut(i)-minimal and by [7, Proposition 4.3] the map  $\hat{\theta}(i)$  is an Aut(i)-isomorphism and  $\theta(i) \simeq \hat{\theta}(i)$  in the category Aut(i)- $DGA_k$ .

Suppose that, for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than that of *i*, the maps  $\hat{\theta}(i')$  are Aut(i')-isomorphisms and there exists an Aut(i')-homotopy  $\theta(i') \simeq \hat{\theta}(i')$ . Then the diagram

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satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 10.4 in [7], hence  $\theta(i) \simeq \hat{\theta}(i)$  in the category Aut(*i*)-DGA<sub>k</sub> and the map  $\hat{\theta}(i)$  is an isomorphism.  $\Box$ 

We now show the existence of a KS-minimal model.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category satisfying (\*). Then for any  $\mathscr{A}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> there exist a KS-minimal model  $\mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}$  and a weak equivalence  $\rho : \mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}} \to \mathscr{A}$ .

**Proof.** For any  $\mathscr{A}$  in  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub>k</sub>, we construct its KS-minimal model  $\mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}$  as follows:

(1) if  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  has height 0, then for  $\mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i)$  take the Aut(*i*)-minimal model of  $\mathscr{A}(i)$ . Let  $\rho(i): \mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i) \to \mathscr{A}(i)$  be a fixed Aut(*i*)-weak equivalence;

(2) suppose that for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than height of *i* there are Aut(*i'*)-weak equivalences  $\rho(i'): \mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i') \to \mathscr{A}(i')$  such that for  $\overline{i'_1}, \overline{i'_2} < \overline{i'}$  with  $\overline{i'_1} < \overline{i'_2}$  all diagrams

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i_{1}') \xrightarrow{\rho(i_{1}')} \mathscr{A}(i_{1}') \\ \\ \downarrow \\ \mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i_{2}') \xrightarrow{\rho(i_{2}')} \mathscr{A}(i_{2}') \end{array}$$

commute. To get  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i)$  and an Aut(*i*)-weak equivalence  $\rho(i): \mathcal{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i) \to \mathscr{A}(i)$ , consider the induced Aut(*i*)-map  $\overline{\rho}(i): \overline{\mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{A}}}(i) \to \mathscr{A}(i)$  and its Aut(*i*)-KS-minimal model



Now let G be a finite Hamiltonian group (i.e., each subgroup of G is normal). Then the category  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  of canonical orbits is a cofinite EI-category satisfying the condition (\*). We say that a G-simplicial set X is G-connected if all fixed point simplicial subsets  $X^H$  are connected, for subgroups  $H \subseteq G$ . Write G-SS (resp. G-SS<sup>0</sup>) for the category of all G-connected (resp. pointed) simplicial sets. Then from [4] it follows that there is an equivalence of homotopy categories

ho 
$$G$$
-SS  $\rightleftharpoons^{\approx}$  ho  $\mathcal{O}(G)$ -SS.

On the other hand, the de Rham functor  $A^*$  (resp.  $A_0^*$ ) of polynomial forms determines a functor

$$\mathscr{A}^*: G-\mathbb{SS} \longrightarrow \mathscr{O}(G)-DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad (\text{resp. } \mathscr{A}^*_0: G-\mathbb{SS}^0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{O}(G)-DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}),$$

such that  $\mathscr{A}^*(X)(G/H) = A^*(X^H)$  (resp.  $\mathscr{A}^*_0(X)(G/H) = A^*_0(X^H)$ ) for X in G-SS (resp. in G-SS<sup>0</sup>) and  $H \subseteq G$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the field of rationals. Choosing a weak equivalence  $\mathscr{M}_X \to \mathscr{A}^*(X)$  in the category  $\mathscr{O}(G)$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> with  $\mathscr{M}_X$  a KS-minimal model of  $\mathscr{A}^*(X)$ , we consider a pair of adjoint functors

ho 
$$G$$
-SS  $\rightleftharpoons$  ho  $\ell(G)$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (resp. ho  $G$ -SS<sup>0</sup>  $\rightleftharpoons$  ho  $\ell(G)$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}^{0}$ )

constructed in Section 1.

By [12, 13], for any X in G-SS<sup>0</sup> there is a minimal model  $\mathcal{M}_X^i$ , injective as an  $\mathcal{O}(G)$ module, and a weak equivalence  $\mathcal{M}_X^i \to \mathcal{A}^*(X)$  such that, for nilpotent G-connected
pointed simplicial sets X, Y of finite type, there is a bijection

$$[X,Y]_G \approx [\mathcal{M}_Y^i,\mathcal{M}_X^i],$$

where  $[X, Y]_G$  is the set of pointed *G*-homotopy classes of *G*-maps from *X* to *Y*. From Proposition 2.4 one gets that the *KS*-minimal models of  $\mathscr{M}_X^i$  and  $\mathscr{A}^*(X)$  are isomorphic. Hence, there is a weak equivalence  $\rho : \mathscr{M}_X \to \mathscr{M}_X^i$ . By [12, Proposition 5.5] there is a map  $\rho' : \mathscr{M}_X^i \to \mathscr{M}_X$  such that  $\rho \circ \rho' \simeq \operatorname{id}_{\mathscr{M}_X^i}$ . Thus, the map  $\rho'$  is a weak equivalence and by Corollary 1.5 and Proposition 2.2 there is a map  $\rho'': \mathscr{M}_X \to \mathscr{M}_X^i$  such that  $\rho' \circ \rho'' \simeq \operatorname{id}_{\mathscr{M}_X}$ . Therefore, we have

**Proposition 2.6.** Let G be a finite Hamiltonian group. If X and Y are nilpotent G-connected pointed simplicial sets of finite type, then there is a bijection

 $[X, Y]_G \approx [\mathcal{M}_Y, \mathcal{M}_X],$ 

provided Y is rational.

Finally, we can extend the Sullivan-de Rham equivalence to the equivariant case.

**Theorem 2.7.** If G is a Hamiltonian group, then there exists a pair of adjoint functors

ho G- $\mathbb{SS}^0 \xrightarrow{}$  ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ - $DGA^0_{\mathbb{D}}$ 

which restrict to inverse equivalences

 $f \mathbb{Q}N$ -ho G- $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{S}^0 \xleftarrow{\approx} f \mathbb{Q}$ -ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ - $DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,

where  $f \mathbb{Q}N$ -ho G-SS<sup>0</sup> is the full subcategory of ho G-SS<sup>0</sup> induced by those G-connected pointed simplicial sets which are nilpotent and of finite type and  $f \mathbb{Q}$ -ho $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sup>0</sup><sub>0</sub> is the full subcategory of ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sup>0</sup><sub>0</sub> induced by those  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -augmented algebras which are equivalent to equivariant KS-minimal  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -algebras and with finitely many multiplicative generators.

**Remark 2.8.** (1) In [5] it was shown that any system of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -differential graded algebras can be mapped into an injective  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -system of such algebras via a homology isomorphism.

(2) The above result also holds for nilpotent G-connected unpointed simplicial sets X (of finite type) with  $X^G \neq \emptyset$ .

(3) A construction of the equivariant KS-minimal model of any nilpotent G-disconnected simplicial set and a formulation of an appropriate version of the equivariant Sullivan-de Rham equivalence require more subtle methods and will be published elsewhere.

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