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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  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  be the category of its canonical orbits. We prove that the category  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sub>10</sub> of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -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  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sub> $\psi$ </sub> is equivalent to the rational homotopy category of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ 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  $k \rightarrow A$  (resp.  $X \rightarrow \ast$ ) 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-upto-isomorphism minimal algebra  $M_A$ , i.e., there is a weak equivalence  $\rho_A : M_A \to A$ . Moreover, in [l] a pair of adjoint functors are constructed

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

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 Sullivande Rham equivalence based on the Bousfield and Gugenheim categorical approach [ 11.

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  $\mathbb{I}$ -C (called the category of  $\mathbb{I}$ -objects), where  $\mathbb{I}$  is an *El*-category i.e., each of its endomorphism is an isomorphism. In particular, on the category  $\mathbb{I}$ -DGA<sub> $\Omega$ </sub> a closed model structure is induced from such a structure on *DGAQ (see [I])* and on the category  $\text{I-SS}$  from such a one (see [10]) on the category dual to SS. Then, we consider a pair of functors

$$
\text{ho}\,\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_{\mathbb{Q}}\xrightarrow{\overbrace{\mathscr{K}_{\kappa}}}\text{ho}\,\mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{SS}
$$

between the associated homotopy categories. We point out that for any small category  $\mathbb I$ the category  $\mathbb{I}\text{-SS}$  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  $\mathscr{C}(X)$ , for X in 1-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  $\ell(G)$  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

$$
\mathscr{A}^* : G\text{-SS} \to \ell(\mathbb{G})\text{-}\mathbb{DGA}_{\mathbb{Q}},
$$

where  $G$ - $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}$  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 
$$
\xrightarrow{\approx}
$$
 ho  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -SS.

Now let  $DGA_{\odot}^0$  (resp.  $\mathbb{S}^0$ ) be the category of homologically connected augmented differential graded  $\mathbb Q$ -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<sup>0</sup>, 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  $G$ - $\mathbb{S} \mathbb{S}^0$   $\longrightarrow$  ho  $\ell'(G)$ - $DGA_{\mathbb{S}}^0$ 

which restrict to inverse equivalences

 $f\mathbb{Q}N$ -ho  $G$ - $\mathbb{S}^0$   $\stackrel{\approx}{\overbrace{\longleftarrow}}$   $f\mathbb{Q}$ -ho  $\ell^{\prime}(G)$ -D $GA^0_{\Omega}$ ,

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  $\ell(G)$ -DGA $^0_{\Omega}$  is the full subcategory of ho  $\ell(G)$ -DGA $^0_{\Omega}$  induced by those augmented  $\ell(G)$ -algebras which are equivalent to equivariant KS-minimal  $\ell(G)$ -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 *EI-category* which by definition, is a small category in which each endomorphism is an isomorphism and denote by  $Ob(1)$  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

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

This induces a partial ordering on the set Is(1), since the El-property ensures that  $\bar{i} \leq \bar{j}$ 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,  $\theta$  is a *cofinite El*-category i.e., each isomorphism class  $\bar{i}$  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  $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  of l-objects is called a *weak equivalence* (resp. *fibration*) if for all  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ the maps  $f(i)$ :  $\mathscr{A}(i) \rightarrow \mathscr{B}(i)$  are weak equivalences (resp. fibrations) in the category  $\mathbb{C}$ . A map  $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  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  $G-C$  of  $G\text{-}objects$  inherits a closed model structure from C.

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

 $Res_i : \mathbb{I} \textrm{-} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow Aut(i) \textrm{-} \mathbb{C}$ 

such that  $Res_i(\mathscr{A}) = \mathscr{A}(i)$  for an  $\mathbb{I}\text{-object } \mathscr{A}$  and its right adjoint  $F_i : Aut(i)\text{-}\mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{C}$ is called the *coextension* functor which is defined as follows. For  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ , let  $\mathbb{I}^{i'}$  be the category with objects being maps  $\phi : i' \rightarrow i$  and maps from  $\phi : i' \rightarrow i$  to  $\psi : i' \rightarrow i$ are determined by maps  $\rho : i \rightarrow i$  such that  $\rho \phi = \psi$ . Then any Aut(i)-object C determines an  $\mathbb{I}_i^{i'}$ -object  $\mathcal{F}_i^{i'}(C)$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_i^{i'}(C)(\phi : i' \to i) = C$  and we put  $F_i(C)(i') =$  $\lim_{n' \to \infty} \mathcal{F}_i^{i'}(C)$ . Of course, any map  $\phi : i'' \to i'$  in the category 0 determines a map  $F_i(C)(\phi): F_i(C)(i'') \to F_i(C)(i')$  and this construction is functorial with respect to Aut(*i*)-objects C as well. Note that an isomorphism  $i' \stackrel{\approx}{\rightarrow} i$  determines an isomorphism  $C \stackrel{\approx}{\rightarrow} F_i(C)(i').$ 

For a fixed  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$ , let  $\mathbb{I}_i$  be the category which objects are pairs  $(i', \phi)$ , where  $\phi$ : i'  $\rightarrow$  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 l-object  $\mathcal{A}$  determines an l<sub>i</sub>-object  $\mathcal{A}_i$ such that  $\mathcal{A}_i(i', \phi) = \mathcal{A}(i')$  and a map  $\lim_{i \to \infty} \mathcal{A}_i \to \mathcal{A}(i)$  in the category  $\mathbb{C}$ . Note that  $\lim_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{A}_i$  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 I-C.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let 1 be a cofinite small El-category. A map  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  in I-C is *u* (*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  $\mathbb{I}$ -C and for a fixed  $i \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  consider a commutative diagram



in the category Aut(i)-C, where p is a (trivial) fibration. Define the objects  $\mathscr{D}, \mathscr{E}$  in 0-C as follows:

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

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  $\mathbb{I}$ - $\mathbb{C}$ 

$$
(\star \star) \quad f \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \
$$

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

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

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

$$
\mathscr{A}(i') \xrightarrow{\alpha(i')}\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')\n\downarrow\n\mathscr{D}(i')
$$

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) cotibrations and consider a solid-arrow commutative diagram in the category  $\mathbb{I}\text{-}\mathbb{C}$ 



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  $g(i') : \mathcal{B}(i')$  $\rightarrow \mathscr{D}(i')$  such that diagrams



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

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



and we get the solid-arrow diagram



which is commutative because  $p(i) \circ \delta \circ (\mathcal{A}(i) \to \mathcal{C}(i)) = p(i) \circ \alpha(i) = \beta(i) \circ f(i) =$  $\beta(i) \circ h(i) \circ (\mathcal{A}(i) \to \mathcal{C}(i))$  and  $p(i) \circ \delta \circ \gamma \circ (\mathcal{B}(i') \to \lim_{\mathbb{I}_i} \mathcal{B}_i) = p(i) \circ \mathcal{D}(i' \to i) \circ g(i') =$  $\mathscr{E}(i' \rightarrow i) \circ \rho(i') \circ q(i') = \mathscr{E}(i' \rightarrow i) \circ \beta(i') = \beta(i) \circ \mathscr{B}(i' \rightarrow i) - \beta(i) \circ h(i) \circ \gamma \circ (\mathscr{B}(i') \rightarrow$  $\lim_{\ell_i} \mathscr{B}_i$ ). Thus, there exists a filler  $g(i)$  and we have  $g(i) \circ f(i) = g(i) \circ h(i) \circ (A(i))$  $\overrightarrow{\rightarrow}(i) = \delta \circ (\mathcal{A}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(i)) = \alpha(i), \qquad p(i) \circ g(i) = \beta(i) \qquad \text{and} \qquad g(i) \circ \mathcal{B}(i' \rightarrow i) =$  $g(i) \circ h(i) \circ \gamma \circ (\mathcal{B}(i') \to \lim_{\theta_i} \mathcal{B}_i) = \mathcal{L}(i' \to i) \circ g(i')$  for  $i' \leq i$ . So, the inductive step is done.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small EI-category and  $f: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  a cofibration in I-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)-C.

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



Then we see that the map  $\lim_{i \to i} f_i$  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.  $\square$ 

The above results and a dualization of the procedure presented in [3, Section 31 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  $\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_k$  of all  $\mathbb{I}\text{-}algebras$ , a closed model structure is determined from such a structure on  $DGA_k$  (considered in [1]) and, on the category I-SS, from such a structure (considered in [10]) on the dual category to SS. For  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , the pair of adjoint functors

$$
DGA_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow[4^*]{F_*} \mathbb{SS}
$$

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

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

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

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

such that  $F(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})_n = \mathbb{I}$ -DG $A_k(\mathscr{A}, A^*(\Delta[n]) \otimes \mathscr{B})$  for  $n \geq 0$ , 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  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small El-category.

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

(2) If  $i: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D}$  *is a (trivial) cofibration in the category*  $\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_k$  *then the induced map*  $\mathcal{F}_*(i): \mathcal{F}_*(\mathcal{D}) \to \mathcal{F}_*(\mathcal{C})$  *is a (trivial) fibration in the category I-SS.* 

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

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

in the category  $I-DGA_k$ . 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  $\text{I-SS.}$   $\Box$ 

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  $f, g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are *homotopic* (denoted by  $f \simeq q$ ) if there is a map  $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B} \otimes A^*(\Lambda[1])$  such that  $p_0 \circ H = f$  and  $p_1 \circ H = g$ , where  $p_0$  is the projection  $\mathcal{B} \otimes A^*(A[1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  with  $t=0$ ,  $dt=0$  and  $p_1$ the projection with  $t = 1$ ,  $dt = 0$ . We define the notion of homotopy between two maps  $f, g: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  of l-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 "fibrantcofibrant" objects of  $\mathbb C$  and maps are "homotopy classes" of maps in  $\mathbb C$ . We will use the homotopy category hol-SS (resp. hol- $DGA_k$ ), whose objects are fibrant l-simplicial sets (resp. cofibrant l-algebras) and maps are given by holl-SS( $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$ ) = [ $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}'$ ] (resp. *hol-DGA<sub>k</sub>(.* $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$  *= [.* $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}$ *]), where*  $[\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{Y}]$  *(resp.*  $[\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}]$ *) denotes the set of homotopy* classes of maps from  $\mathcal X$  to  $\mathcal Y$  (resp. from  $\mathcal A$  to  $\mathcal B$ ). Then we may state the following:

**Corollary 1.5.** Let 0 be a cofinite small EI-category. If  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a weak equiva*lence and 6 is cofibrant in I-DGA<sub>k</sub> then the induced map*  $f_*$ :  $F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{A}) \to F(\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{B})$  *is u* weak equivalence in the category SS. In particular, the induced map of homotopy *classes*  $[6, \mathcal{A}] \rightarrow [6, \mathcal{B}]$  *is a bijection.* 

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.3, we can factor *f* as  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{q} \mathcal{A}' \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{B}$  with *q* a cofibration and *p* a fibration and both are weak equivalences. But any object in  $I-DGA_k$  is fibrant, hence there is a map  $q' : \mathcal{A}' \to \mathcal{A}$  such that  $q' \circ q = id_{\mathcal{A}}$ . 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.  $\square$ 

It follows from Proposition 1.4 that the functor  $\mathcal{F}_*$ : I-DGA<sub>Q</sub>  $\rightarrow$  I-SS carries cofibrant objects to fibrant and one may easily show that this functor preserves the homotopy relation, hence we get the induced functor  $\mathcal{F}_*$ : *hol-DGA*<sub>Q</sub>  $\rightarrow$  *hol-SS* in an obvious way. Although the functor  $\mathcal{A}^*$ : I-SS  $\rightarrow$  I-DGA<sub>0</sub> may not carry fibrant to cofibrant objects, the induced adjoint functor  $\mathscr{C}$ :  $ho\$ -SS  $\rightarrow$  *ho*l-DGA<sub>Q</sub> may be constructed as well. For each I-simplicial set X, choose a weak equivalence  $\mathscr{C}_{\mathcal{X}} \to \mathscr{A}^*(\mathscr{X})$  with  $\mathscr{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$ cofibrant, and for each  $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$  choose (by Corollary 1.5) a map  $\mathcal{C}_f : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Y}} \to \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$  such that the diagram

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

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

$$
DGA^0_{\mathbb{Q}} \xrightarrow[d^*]{F^0_*} \mathbb{SS}^0
$$

which induces a pair between functor categories

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

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

 $F: B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow A$ .

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

 $F: B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow A$ 

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

The extension 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-*DGAx* 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<sub>k</sub>*.

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

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

Then for a given  $\mathcal A$  in  $\mathbb I$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> and a map  $\phi : i' \to i$  there is an action of Aut(i') on  $\mathcal{A}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\phi): \mathcal{A}(i') \to \mathcal{A}(i)$  is an Aut(i')-map. Denote by  $I_{\phi}(i')(x')$  the ideal in  $\mathscr{A}(i')$  generated by elements  $a-ga$  for  $a \in \mathscr{A}(i')$  and  $g \in \text{ker }\phi$ . Then  $\mathscr{A}_{\phi}(i') = \mathscr{A}(i')/I_{\phi}$  $(i')(\mathcal{A})$  is an Aut(i)-DGA<sub>k</sub> and the induced map  $\mathcal{A}_{\phi}(i') \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(i)$  preserves the 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  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}(i) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \overline{\mathcal{A}}_i$  is an Aut(i)-DGA<sub>k</sub> and there is the induced Aut(i)-map  $\overline{\rho}(i)$ :  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{A}}(i) \rightarrow \overrightarrow{\mathcal{A}}(i)$ . The algebra  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{A}}(i)$  is augmented, hence we may take the Aut(i)-KSminimal model



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

We say that an object  $M$  in *l*-DGA<sub>k</sub> is KS-minimal if  $M(i) = \widetilde{M}(i)$  for any object  $i \in Ob(1)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** If a cofinite small EI-category  $\mathbb{I}$  satisfies the condition  $(*),$  then any *minimal object*  $M$  *in*  $I\text{-}DGA_k$  *is cofibrant.* 

**Proof.** Consider a commutative diagram



in *I-DGA<sub>k</sub>*, where  $\underline{k}$  is the constant *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  $\beta(i) : \mathcal{M}(i) \to \mathcal{D}(i)$  such that  $p(i) \circ \beta(i) = x(i)$ . Now suppose that for all  $i' \in Ob(\mathbb{I})$  of height smaller than height of *i* there are maps  $\beta(i') : \mathcal{U}(i') \to \mathcal{A}(i')$  such that  $p(i') \circ \beta(i') = \alpha(i')$ . Hence, we get a map  $\beta(i)$ :  $\mathcal{M}(i) = \lim_{i \to \infty} \mathcal{M}_i \to \mathcal{D}(i)$ . Then in the commutative diagram



there is a filler  $\beta(i)$  since the map  $\overline{\mathcal{N}}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(i)$  is a cofibration in the category Aut(*i*)- $DGA_k$ .  $\square$ 

Let  $\mathscr A$  be in *I-DGA<sub>k</sub>* and let  $\rho: \mathscr A \to \mathscr A$  be a weak equivalence, where  $\mathscr M$  is KS-minimal. Then *M* is called the *KS-minimal model* of  $\mathcal A$ . 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  $l$ -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  $I-DGA_k$  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  $\beta': \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\beta \simeq \beta'$  and the diagram



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.  $\square$ 

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

(1) there is an isomorphism  $\theta$ :  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$  in  $\mathbb{I}\text{-}DGA_k$  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  $\hat{\theta}$ :  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$  is a map in 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  $\hat{\theta}(i) \approx \theta(i)$  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  $\mathcal{M}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{M}'(i)$  are Aut(i)-minimal and by [7, Proposition 4.3] there is an Aut(*i*)-isomorphism  $\theta(i)$ :  $\mathcal{U}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'(i)$  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  $\theta(i')$ :  $i\ell'(i') \to i\ell'(i')$  such that  $\rho'(i') \circ \theta(i') \simeq \rho(i')$  in the category Aut(i')-DGA<sub>k</sub> and the diagrams commute

$$
\cdot \mathcal{U}(i'') \xrightarrow{\theta(i'')} \cdot \mathcal{U}'(i'')
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{U}(i') \xrightarrow{\theta(i')} \cdot \mathcal{U}'(i')
$$

for  $\overline{i''} < \overline{i'}$ . Then we get the induced isomorphism  $\overline{\theta}(i)$ :  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}(i) \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}'(i)$ . But the map  $\alpha(i)$ :  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(i)$  is a cofibration in the category Aut(i)- $DGA_k$  and  $\rho(i)$ :  $M(i) \rightarrow M(i)$  is a weak equivalence, hence by Lemma 2.3 there is an Aut(i)-map  $\theta'(i)$ :  $\mathcal{U}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}'(i)$  such that the diagram



commutes up to homotopy. In particular,  $\theta'(i) \circ \alpha(i) \simeq \alpha'(i) \circ \bar{\theta}(i)$ . But the map  $\alpha(i)$  is a cofibration, hence there is a map  $\theta(i)$  such that  $\theta'(i) \approx \theta(i)$  and  $\theta(i) \circ \alpha(i) = \alpha'(i) \circ \bar{\theta}(i)$ . The maps  $\alpha(i)$  and  $\alpha'(i)$  are Aut(i)-KS-minimal extensions and  $\overline{\theta}(i)$ :  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}(i) \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}'(i)$  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

$$
\overline{\mathcal{M}}(i) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{X}(i)} \mathcal{M}(i)
$$
\n
$$
\overline{\mathcal{V}}(i) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \mathcal{V}(i)
$$
\n
$$
\overline{\mathcal{M}}'(i) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{X}'(i)} \mathcal{M}'(i)
$$

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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*)- $DGA_k$  and the map  $\hat{\theta}(i)$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$ 

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

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be a cofinite small E1-category satisfying  $(*)$ . Then for any  $\mathscr A$  in I-DGA<sub>k</sub> there exist a KS-minimal model  $\mathscr M_{\mathscr A}$  and a weak equivalence  $\rho:\mathscr M_{\mathscr A}$  $\rightarrow \mathscr{A}.$ 

**Proof.** For any  $\mathscr A$  in *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  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i)$  take the Aut(i)-minimal model of  $\mathcal{A}(i)$ . Let  $\rho(i)$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(i)$  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  $\rho(i') : \mathcal{M}_{\mathscr{A}}(i') \to \mathscr{A}(i')$  such that for  $i'_1, i'_2 < i'$  with  $i'_1 < i'$ all diagrams

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i'_1) \xrightarrow{\rho(i'_1)} \mathcal{A}(i'_1)
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i'_2) \xrightarrow{\rho(i'_2)} \mathcal{A}(i'_2)
$$

commute. To get  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i)$  and an Aut(i)-weak equivalence  $\rho(i)$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(i)$ , consider the induced Aut(i)-map  $\overline{\rho}(i)$ :  $\overline{\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(i)$  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  $\mathcal{O}(G)$  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

$$
\text{ho } G\text{-SS} \xrightarrow{\approx} \text{ho } \mathcal{O}(G)\text{-SS}.
$$

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

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

such that  $\mathcal{A}^*(X)(G/H) = A^*(X^H)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A}_0^*(X)(G/H) = A_0^*(X^H)$ ) for X in G-SS (resp. in  $G-S\mathbb{S}^0$ ) and  $H\subseteq G$ , where  $\mathbb Q$  is the field of rationals. Choosing a weak equivalence  $\mathcal{M}_X \to \mathcal{A}^*(X)$  in the category  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ -DGA<sub>k</sub> with  $\mathcal{M}_X$  a KS-minimal model of  $\mathscr{A}^*(X)$ , we consider a pair of adjoint functors

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

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  $\mathcal{M}_X^i$  and  $\mathcal{A}^*(X)$  are isomorphic. Hence, there is a weak equivalence  $\rho : \mathcal{M}_X \to \mathcal{M}_X^i$ . By [12, Proposition 5.5] there is a map  $\rho'$ :  $\mathcal{M}_X^i \to \mathcal{M}_X$  such that  $\rho \circ \rho' \simeq id_{\mathcal{M}_X^i}$ . Thus, the map  $\rho'$  is a weak equivalence and by Corollary 1.5 and Proposition 2.2 there is a map  $\rho''$ :  $\mathcal{M}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X^i$ such that  $\rho' \circ \rho'' \simeq id_{\mathcal{M}_Y}$ . 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

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

*procidd Y is rutionul.* 

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-SS<sup>0</sup>  $\longrightarrow$  ho  $\ell^{\circ}(G)$ -DGA<sup>0</sup>

which restrict to inverse equivalences

 $f \mathbb{Q}N$ -ho  $G$ -SS<sup>0</sup>  $\xrightarrow{\approx} f \mathbb{Q}$ -ho  $\ell^q(G)$ -D $GA_{\mathbb{Q}}^0$ ,

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 fQho $\mathcal{O}(G)$ -DGA $_{\Omega}^0$  is the full subcategory of ho $\mathcal{O}(G)$ -DGA $_{\Omega}^0$  induced by those  $\mathcal{O}(G)$ 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  $\ell(G)$ -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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