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→ Origins in rational homotopy theory (for $\mathbb{Q} \subset R$)

X formal $\implies H^\bullet(X, \mathbb{Q})$ completely determines the rational homotopy type of X .

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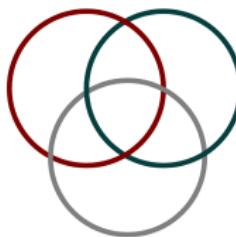
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- The complement of the Borromean rings



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If R is a field, the cohomology of any cochain complex is a homotopy retract:

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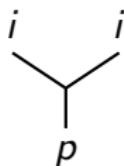
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Not associative in general!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} i & i & \\ \diagdown & \diagup & \\ ip & & i \\ & \neq & \\ & & \\ i & i & \\ \diagup & \diagdown & \\ ip & & ip \\ & & \\ p & & p \end{array}$$

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Homotopy transfer theorem

Theorem (Kadeishvili, 1982)

Given a dga algebra (A, d_A, ϕ) and a homotopy retract

$$^h \circlearrowleft (A, d_A, \phi) \rightleftharpoons_i^p (H, d_H)$$

there exists an A_∞ -algebra structure on H such that p (and i) extend to A_∞ -quasi-isomorphisms:

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$$f_n : A^{\otimes n} \longrightarrow H, \quad n \geq 1,$$

of degree $1 - n$, which satisfy the relations

$$\sum_{\substack{k \geq 1 \\ i_1 + \dots + i_k = n}} \pm \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \searrow \\ f_{i_1} \dots f_{i_k} \\ \backslash \quad / \\ \text{---} \end{array} \phi_k = \sum_{\substack{k+l=n+1 \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} \pm \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \backslash \quad / \\ \text{---} \\ j \\ \text{---} \\ \varphi_l \\ \backslash \quad / \\ \text{---} \\ f_k \end{array}$$

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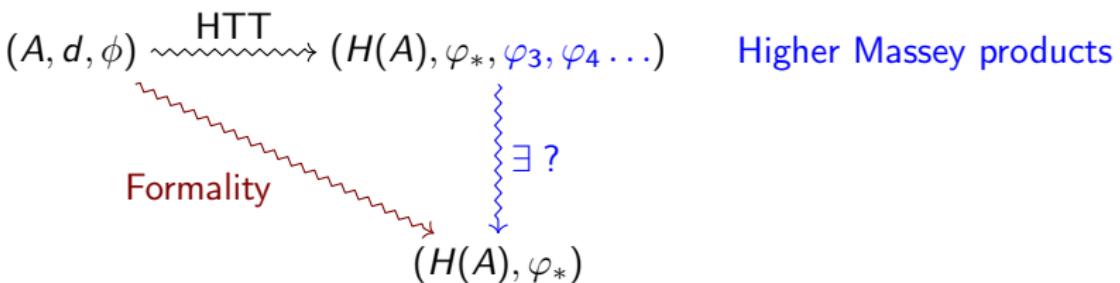
Corollary

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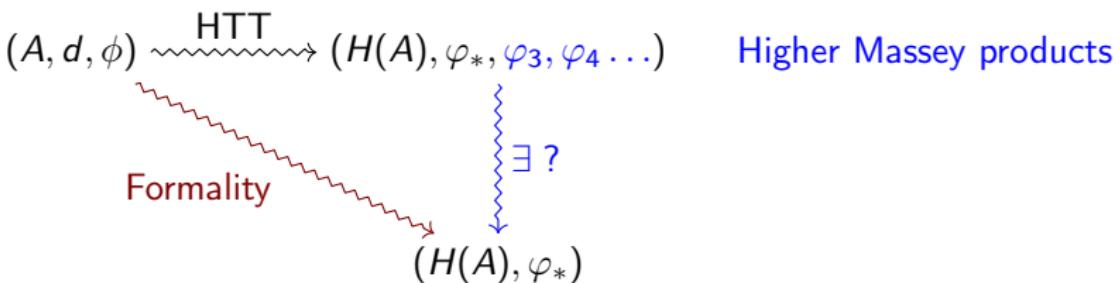
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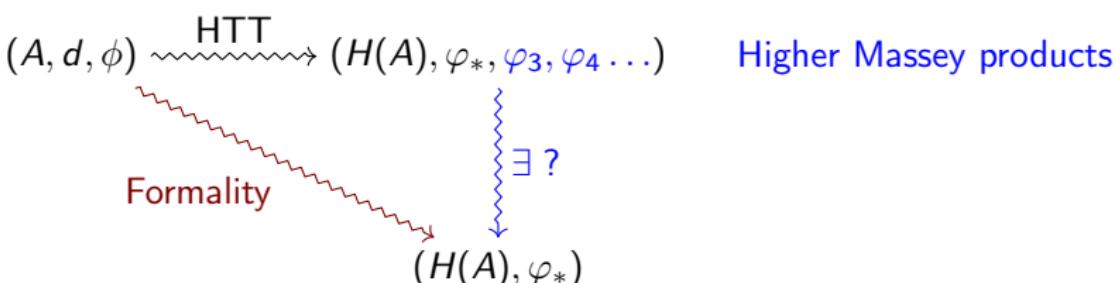
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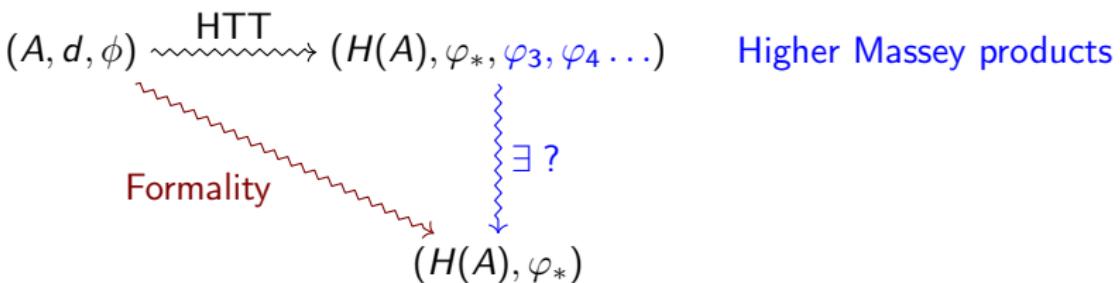
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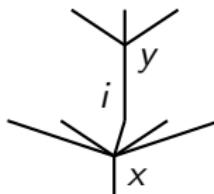
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$$x \star y := \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{(i-1)(m-1)}$$



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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec}(u_{s+k}) & \cap & \text{Spec}(u_{k_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes u_{k_p}) \\ \uparrow \alpha & & \uparrow \beta \\ |\iota(\alpha)| = q^{\frac{s+k}{2}} & > & |\iota(\beta)| = q^{\frac{s}{2}} \end{array} = \emptyset .$$



Previous works: [Deligne, 1980], [GSNPR, 2005]

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Thank you for your attention!

