

# Lecture on the Hilali conjecture

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# Rational Homotopy Theory

Rational homotopy theory is the study of rational homotopy types of spaces and of the properties of spaces and maps that are invariant under rational homotopy equivalence.

# Topological Version

## Conjecture H, 1990

Let  $X$  be a simply connected CW-complex of elliptic space, then

$$\dim \pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \leq \dim H^*(X, \mathbb{Q}).$$

# Elliptic Space

Let  $X$  be a simply-connected space. We say that  $X$  is rationally elliptic if the dimensions of cohomology and homotopy are both finite, i.e.,

$$\dim \pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} < \infty \text{ and } \dim H^*(X; \mathbb{Q}) < \infty.$$

## For example :

- The spheres  $S^n$  ;
- The Eilenberg-Mac Lane space  $K(\mathbb{Q}, 2n + 1)$ .

# The Sullivan Algebra

A Sullivan algebra is a cochain commutative graded algebra of the form  $(\wedge V, d)$  where  $d$  is a differential, that is,  $d$  is a linear map  $d : V \rightarrow V$  such that

$$d(xy) = (dx)y + (-1)^{\deg x}x(dy); x, y \in V$$

The Sullivan algebra  $(\wedge V, d)$  is called minimal if

$$dV \subset \wedge^{\geq 2} V$$

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D. Sullivan, 1978

If  $(\wedge V, d)$  is the Sullivan minimal model of  $X$ , there are isomorphism's :

$$H^*(X, \mathbb{Q}) = H^*(\wedge V, d)$$

$$\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(V^*, \mathbb{Q}).$$

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## Example

- 1 The minimal Sullivan model of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  is of the form :

$$(\wedge(a, b), d), \quad da = 0, db = a^{n+1}, \quad \deg a = 2.$$

In terms of Sullivan minimal models, the Hilali conjecture can be rewritten as follows :

## Conjecture H, 1990

Let  $(\Lambda V, d)$  is a 1-connected elliptic model, then we have :

$$\dim V \leq \dim H^*(\Lambda V, d)$$

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The Conjecture H holds for pure models.

$(\Lambda V, d)$  is a pure Sullivan model if

$$V = V^{\text{even}} \oplus V^{\text{odd}} \text{ with } dV^{\text{even}} = 0 \text{ and } dV^{\text{odd}} \subset \Lambda V^{\geq 2} V^{\text{even}}$$

The conjecture H is solved in the following cases :

- 1 H-spaces ;
- 2 Hyperelliptic spaces under the condition that :

$$\chi_c \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{-12\chi_\pi - 15} \right)$$

hyperelliptic spaces  $(\wedge V, d)$  :

$$\begin{cases} dV^{\text{even}} = 0 \\ dV^{\text{odd}} \subset \wedge^+ V^{\text{even}} \otimes \wedge V^{\text{odd}} \end{cases}$$

The cohomological Euler-Poincaré characteristic :

$$\chi_c := \sum_{k \geq 0} \dim H^k(\wedge V, d)$$

The conjecture H is solved in the following cases :

- 1-connected and hyperelliptic spaces with the additional condition that  $-2 \leq rk_0(X) + \chi_\pi \leq 0$  ;
- 1-connected and elliptic spaces with the additional condition that  $0 \leq fd(X) - rk_0(X) \leq 6$  ;
- 1-connected and elliptic spaces with the additional condition that  $fd(x) \leq 10$  ;
- Symplectic manifolds ;
- Cosymplectic manifolds ;

- $rk_0(X)$  : The toral rank of a space  $X$  is the maximum of  $n$  such that the toric  $\mathbb{T}^n$  acts almost freely on  $X$  ;
- $fd(X)$  : The formal dimension is the largest integer  $k$  such that  $H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}) \neq 0$ .

The conjecture H is solved in the following cases :

- 1 Formal spaces ;
- 2 Nilmanifolds ;
- 3 Coformal spaces with odd degree generators only ;
- 4 Elliptic minimal model  $(\wedge V, d)$  has a differential, homogeneous of length at least 3 ;
- 5 Elliptic minimal model with an homogeneous-length differential and whose rational Hurewicz homomorphism is non-zero in some odd degree.



- 1 The conjecture H is true if  $X$  is a simply connected elliptic space with formal dimension less than or equal to 16, i.e.,

$$fd(x) \leq 16$$

The conjecture H holds for hyperelliptic spaces.

The conjecture H holds for 2-stage spaces.

$(\Lambda W, d)$  is 2-stage algebras, if  $W = U \oplus V$  with :

- (1)  $d(U) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $d(V) \subseteq \Lambda U$ .

The Hilali conjecture holds for the configuration spaces of a rationally elliptic and simply connected topological space when it already holds for the space itself.

The Hilali conjecture holds for any coformal space  $X$  whose rational homotopy Lie algebra  $\mathbb{L}$  is of nilpotency 1 or 2.

The Hilai conjecture holds for a sullivan minimal model  $(\Lambda V, d)$ , where  $V = \mathbb{Q}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with  $|a_i|$  are odd integers under the condition that for all  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$A_i = \Lambda(a_1, \dots, a_i), da_i = P_i \in A_i, \text{ such that } [P_i^2] = 0 \text{ in } H^*(A_{i-1}).$$

The Hilali conjecture holds in formal dimension  $\leq 20$

For any such space  $X$  there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for any  $n \geq n_0$  the strict inequality  $\dim(\pi_*(X^n) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) < \dim H_*(X^n; \mathbb{Q})$  holds.



The Hilali conjecture holds for sullivan minimal model  $(\Lambda V, d)$  such that  $(\Lambda V, d_k)$  is elliptic with  $V = V^{\text{odd}}$  and  $k \geq 3$ .

The Hilali conjecture is true for every space  $X$  simply connected elliptic such that  $\dim H^*(X; \mathbb{Q}) \leq 10$

# The relative Hilali conjecture (topologic version)

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map between two elliptic spaces, then

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Where






$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker } \pi_*(f)_{\mathbb{Q}} & : = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \text{Ker } (\pi_i(f)_{\mathbb{Q}} : \pi_i(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \pi_i(Y)_{\mathbb{Q}}) \text{ and} \\ \text{Ker } H_*(f; \mathbb{Q}) & : = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \text{Ker } (H_i(f; \mathbb{Q}) : H_i(X; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_i(Y; \mathbb{Q})). \end{aligned}$$

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