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$A_\infty$-algebra structure in cohomology and the rational homotopy type

ABSTRACT: It is obvious that the rational cohomology algebra $H(X; \mathbb{Q})$ does not define the rational homotopy type. We show that this cohomology is naturally equipped with an additional structure, namely with a structure of commutative $A_\infty$-algebra and this object completely determines the rational homotopy type. We present various applications of this complete rational homotopy invariant.

3:00 - 3:50 pm   HA 335
Faculty and Students are invited to attend.