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The Rational Homotopy Type of Spaces of Self-Equivalences of a Fibration.

Let $\xi: F \rightarrow E \rightarrow B$ be a fibration. Let $\text{aut}(\xi)$ denote the space of all self-fibre homotopy equivalences of ξ . The space $\text{aut}(\xi)$ is a topological monoid under composition of functions with $\pi_0(\text{aut}(\xi)) = \mathcal{E}(\xi)$, the group of homotopy classes of fibre homotopy equivalences of ξ . In this paper, we make a general study of $\text{aut}(\xi)$ in rational homotopy theory. Our basic result describes the rational Samelson Lie algebra of this monoid as the homology of a certain derivation Lie algebra of Sullivan minimal models under suitable restrictions on ξ . Our applications include calculations of the rational homotopical nilpotency of $\text{aut}(\xi)$. We also prove general results on the group $\mathcal{E}(\xi)$. (Received August 26, 2008)