Deformation of *F*-injectivity

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Throughout the talk, all rings and schemes contain a field.

In characteristic 0, all rings and schemes are essentially finite type over \mathbb{C} .

Singularities in characteristic p > 0 and zero



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Another way to understand the Frobenius action on local cohomology:

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Quite obviously, F-split implies F-injective, the converse is true if R is F-finite and Gorenstein. F-injective implies reduced.

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If we pick a counter-example X = Spec(R, m) with minimal dimension, we can embed $h^i(\underline{\Omega}^0_X)$ into $H^{i+1}_m(R)$. Thus this will contradict the injectivity of Frobenius on local cohomology if $h^i(\underline{\Omega}^0_X) \neq 0$.

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In general, both conjectures are wide open.

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If $char(k) = p \equiv 2 \mod 3$, the Frobenius kills $H^2_m(R) \cong k$, so the induced $H^2_m(S) \to H^2_m(R)$ is zero when S is the Frobenius thickening.

We suspect, if R is Du Bois, assuming the weak ordinarity conjecture, then R_p has the surjective property on local cohomology (called *F*-full) for infinitely many p > 0.

Thank you!