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# Regularity properties and classification of nuclear $C^*$ -algebras

## 1.1 Nuclearity

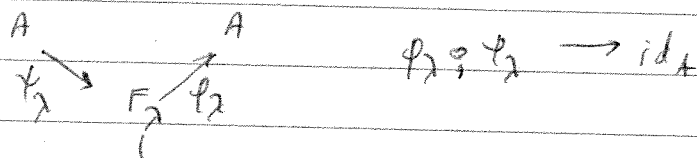
Theorem (Elliott) AF algebras are classified by their scaled ordered  $K_0$ -groups

1.2 Conjecture (Elliott) Separable nuclear  $C^*$ -algs are classified by  $K$ -theoretic data

Why nuclear  $C^*$ -algebras?

## 1.3 Theorem (Choi-Effros; Kirchberg)

$A$  is nuclear iff  $A$  has the completely positive approximation property (CPAP)



Finite-dimensional  $\psi_\lambda, \phi_\lambda$  cpc maps

## 1.4 Remarks

- Finite-dimensional approximations seem promising but cp approximations are not a natural framework to study  $K$ -theoretic data
- Nuclearity is a flexible concept; it can be characterized in many different ways which make contact with many areas of operator algebras

## 1.2 Closeness

### 1.5 Definition (Kadison-Kastler; Christensen)

$A, B \subset B(H)$   $C^*$ -algebras acting on the same Hilbert space. Write  $d(A, B) < \delta$  if, for each  $a \in A$ ,  $\exists b \in B$  with  $\|a - b\| < \delta$  and vice versa.

Write  $A \subset_{\delta} B$  if  $\exists 0 < \delta' < \delta$  such that for each  $a \in A$   $\exists b \in B$  with  $\|a - b\| < \delta'$ .

1.6 Conjecture (Kadison-Kastler) If  $A, B \subset B(H)$  are separable  $C^*$ -algebras and  $d(A, B) < \delta$  for some small enough  $\delta$ , then  $A, B$  are unitarily isomorphic.

ie.  $\exists u \in B(H)$  such that  $A = uBu^*$ ?

### 1.7 Theorem (Christensen-Sinclair-Smith-White-Winter)

Let  $A, B \subset B(H)$  be  $C^*$ -algebras with  $A$  separable and nuclear and  $d(A, B) < 10^{-11}$ .

Then there is a unitary  $u \in B(H)$  such that  $A = uBu^*$ .

### 1.8 Theorem (Christensen-Sinclair-Smith-White-Winter)

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $\exists \delta > 0$  such that the following holds.

Let  $A, B \subset B(H)$  be  $C^*$ -algebras with  $A$  separable and  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} A \leq n$  and with  $A \subset_{\delta} B$ .

Then there exists an embedding  $A \hookrightarrow B$ .

Remark:  $K$ -theoretic invariants tend to be preserved under closeness.

### 1.3 The purely infinite case

1.9 Definition (Cuntz): A simple  $C^*$ -algebra is called purely infinite if for any  $0 \neq a, b \in A$   $\exists x \in A$  such that  $a = x^*bx$

Being purely infinite means that positive elements can be compared

1.10 Theorem (Kirchberg) Let  $A$  be separable, nuclear and simple  $C^*$ -algebra. Then  $A$  is purely infinite if and only if  $A \cong A \otimes \mathcal{O}_\infty$

$$\mathcal{O}_\infty = C^*(s_1, s_2, \dots \mid \sum_{i=1}^n s_i s_i^* \leq 1 \quad \forall n, \quad s_i^* s_i = 1)$$

1.11 Theorem (Kirchberg) Let  $A$  be separable and exact. Then  $A$  embeds into  $\mathcal{O}_2$ ,  $A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_2$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = C^*(s_1, s_2 \mid s_i^* s_i = 1, \quad s_1 s_1^* + s_2 s_2^* = 1)$$

If moreover  $A$  is nuclear then there are an embedding

1.12 Theorem (Kirchberg; Phillips) Kirchberg algebras (sep., simple, nuclear, purely infinite) with UCT are classified by their  $K$ -theory ( $K$ -theory isomorphic ~~with~~ isomorphism of algs. inducing the  $K$ -theoretic isomorphism)

## 1.4 The Stably finite case

There are many partial results, for example:

1.13 Theorem (Elliott-Gong-Li): Simple AH algebras of bounded topological dimension are classified by their Elliott invariants.

B homogeneous:  $B = p(M_k \otimes C(X))p$

B semihomogeneous:  $B = \bigoplus p_i(M_{k_i} \otimes C(X))p_i$

B AH (approximately homogeneous): direct limit of semihomogeneous  $C^*$ -algebras.

In fact, E-G-L show that very slow dimension growth is enough.

(bounded topological dimension means that the covering dimension of the  $X_i$ 's are bounded)

Task: Find stably finite versions of  $O_d$  (maybe also  $O_2$ ) to shed new light on existing classification results in the stably finite case and also to (hopefully) unify the purely infinite and stably finite case

## 1.5 Towards a structural conjecture

1.14 Question: In what way, and under what conditions, are finite topological dimension, Murray von-Neumann comparison

of positive elements,  $D$ -stability (for  $D = 0_{\mathcal{A}}, 0_{\mathcal{B}}$ ) and classifiability related?

## Topological Dimension

### 2.1 order zero maps

2.1 Definition A cpc map  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  has order zero if it respects orthogonality i.e.  
 $(e \perp f \in A_+ \Rightarrow \varphi(e) \perp \varphi(f) \in B_+)$

$$\text{CPC}_\perp(A, B) := \{ \text{c.p.c. order zero maps } A \rightarrow B \}$$

For general  $e, f \in A$ ,

$$e \perp f \Rightarrow ef = ef^* = ef^* = e^*f = e^*f^* = 0$$

### 2.2 Theorem (Winter - Zacharias; using results of Wolff)

Let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  be a CPC order zero map  
Then there is a  $*$ -homomorphism

$$\pi_\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(C^*(\varphi(A))) \subset B^{**}$$

and an element

$$0 \leq h_\varphi \in \mathcal{M}(C^*(\varphi(A))) \cap \pi_\varphi(A)'$$

such that

$$\varphi(a) = h_\varphi \pi_\varphi(a) \text{ for } a \in A.$$

Note that  $\|\varphi\| = \|h_\varphi\|$

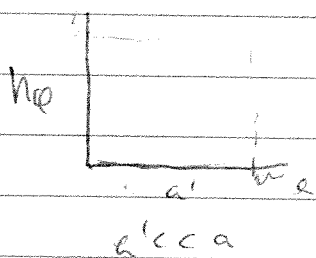
The universal  $C^*$ -alg generated by a contraction  $h$ :  
 $C^*(h \mid 0 \leq h \leq 1) = C_0([0, 1])$

2.3 Corollary Let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  be a c.p.c. order zero map  
Then

- ▶  $\varphi^{(n)}: M_n(A) \rightarrow M_n(B)$  has order zero for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ there is an induced map  $W(\varphi): W(A) \rightarrow W(B)$
- ▶ for  $0 \leq f \in C_0((0,1])$  we may define a c.p.c. order zero map

$$f(\varphi)(\cdot) := f(h_\varphi)\pi_\varphi(\cdot) : A \rightarrow B$$

(functional calculus for order zero maps)



$$a' \ll a \Rightarrow \varphi(a') \ll \varphi(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_\varepsilon(\varphi(a')) \ll \varphi(a)$$

Moreover, there is a 1-1 correspondence

$$\text{CPC}_1(A, B) \leftrightarrow \text{Hom}(C_0((0,1]) \otimes A, B)$$

2.4 Theorem (Loring): c.p.c. order zero maps with finite-dimensional domains are given by weakly stable relations

More precisely: Let  $F$  be a finite-dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there is  $\delta > 0$  such that the following holds:

If  $\varphi: F \rightarrow A$  is c.p.c.  $\delta$ -order zero then there is a c.p.c. order zero map  $\bar{\varphi}: F \rightarrow A$  such that  $\|\varphi - \bar{\varphi}\| < \varepsilon$ .

## 2.2 Decomposition rank

2.5 Definition (Kirchberg-Winter): Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We say  $A$  has decomposition rank at most  $n$ ,  $\text{dr} A \leq n$ , if the following holds: For any  $F \subset A$  finite and any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a finite-dimensional  $C^*$ -algebra approximation

$$A \xrightarrow{\psi} F \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$$

with

$$\varphi \circ \psi = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{id}_A$$

and such that  $F$  can be written as

$$F = F^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus F^{(n)}$$

with

$$\varphi^{(i)} := \varphi|_{F^{(i)}}$$

having order zero.

2.6 Proposition: Let  $X$  be a locally compact metrizable space,  $\text{dr} C_0(X) = \dim X$

Proof: Uses partitions of unity and barycentric subdivision.

$$X = [0, 1] \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{partition of} \\ \text{unity} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array}$$

partition of unity:  $X \rightarrow \Delta^n$

2.7 Proposition: (for separable  $A$ )  $\text{dr} A < \infty$  if and only if  $A$  is AF

Proof: If  $A$  is unital, consider  $A \rightarrow F \rightarrow A$  and note that almost unital order zero maps are almost  $*$ -homomorphisms ( $k_f \approx 1$ )

In the nonunital case, use an idempotent approximate unit for  $A$  ( $e_n + e_n = e_n$ )  $\blacksquare$

2.8 Proposition: Decomp. rank behaves well with respect to quotients, limits, tensor products, hereditary subalgebras, Morita equivalence.

$$\text{dr}(\varinjlim A_i) \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} (\text{dr } A_i)$$

$$\text{dr}(A \otimes B) \leq (\text{dr}(A) + 1)(\text{dr}(B) + 1) - 1$$

$$B \stackrel{C}{\subset} A \quad \text{dr}(B) \leq \text{dr}(A)$$

2.9 Corollary: If  $A$  has continuous trace then  $\text{dr } A = \dim_{\text{cl}}^{\text{cl}} A$ .

2.10 Theorem:  $A$  separable. If  $A$  is  $\ell$ -subhomogeneous then  $\text{dr } A = \max_{k=1, \dots, \ell} \dim(\text{Prim}_k A)$

2.11 Corollary:  $\text{dr } A \leq \dim_{\text{ASH}} A \leq \dim_{\text{AH}} A$

(if  $A$  is not ASH  $\dim_{\text{ASH}} A = \infty$ )



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2.8 Proposition:  $\text{dr}$  behaves well wrt quotients, limits, tensor products, hereditary subalgebras, Morita equivalence

2.9 Corollary: If  $A$  has continuous trace then  $\text{dr } A = \dim A$

2.12 Definition:  $A$  has locally finite decomposition rank if for any finite  $F \subset A$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists B \subset A$  s.t.  $\text{dr } B < \infty$  and  $F \subset_\varepsilon B$ .

## 2.3 Quasidiagonality

2.13 Lemma:  $\varphi: B \rightarrow A$  cpc between  $C^*$ -algs  $A, B$ . Then for any  $x, y \in B$  we have

$$\|\varphi(xy) - \varphi(x)\varphi(y)\| \leq \|\varphi(xx^*) - \varphi(x)\varphi(x^*)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|y\|$$

Proof: Uses Stinespring's Theorem

2.14 Lemma  $A, B$   $C^*$ -algebras,  $a \in A_+$ ,  $\|a\| \leq 1$  and  $\eta > 0$ . If

$$A \xrightarrow{\gamma} B \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$$

are c.p.c. maps satisfying

$$\|\varphi\gamma(a) - a\|, \|\varphi\gamma(a^2) - a^2\| \leq \eta$$

then, for all  $b \in B$ ,

$$\|\varphi(\gamma(a)b) - \varphi\gamma(a)\varphi(b)\| \leq 3^{1/2} \eta^{1/2} \|b\|$$

Proof: We have

$$\|\varphi\gamma(a^2) - (\varphi\gamma(a))^2\| \leq \|\varphi(\gamma(a)^2) - (\varphi\gamma(a^2))\| \leq 3\eta$$

so

$$\|\varphi(\gamma(a)b) - \varphi\gamma(a)\varphi(b)\| \leq (3\eta)^{1/2} \|b\|$$

for all  $b \in B$  by Lemma 2.13.  $\square$

If  $b$  is a central projection in  $B = F^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus F^{(n)}$

$\varphi/\gamma$

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$$\varphi(\gamma(a)1_{F^{(i)}}) \approx \varphi\gamma(a)\varphi(1_{F^{(i)}})$$

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$$\varphi^{(i)}\gamma^{(i)}(a) \quad \varphi^{(i)}, \gamma^{(i)} \text{ c.p.c. order zero maps}$$

2.15 Prop (Kirchberg-Winter): if  $\dim A \leq n < \infty$  then  $\exists$  a system

$$(A \xrightarrow{\gamma_\lambda} F_\lambda \xrightarrow{\varphi_\lambda} A)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$$

of c.p.c. approximations for  $A$  with finite-dim  $F_\lambda$   $n$ -decomposable c.p.c. maps  $\varphi_\lambda$  and approximately multiplicative c.p.c. maps  $\gamma_\lambda$  in particular,  $A$  embeds into  $\prod_\lambda F_\lambda / \bigoplus_\lambda F_\lambda$

$$A \xrightarrow{\gamma_\lambda} F_\lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow \prod F_\lambda / \bigoplus F_\lambda$$

2.16 Corollary: If  $\text{dr } A < \infty$  then  $A$  is quasidiagonal (and hence stably finite)

Proof of 2.15 (Sketch): Assume  $A$  unital. Fix  $\epsilon \in A_+, \epsilon > 0$

$$\text{Take } A \xrightarrow{\psi} F \xrightarrow{\varphi} A$$

Since  $n$ -decomposable, can write  $F = F^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus F^{(n)}$   
 Find a projection  $p = p^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus p^{(n)} \in F$  such that  
 $\|\varphi(1_F - p)\| < \eta$ ,  $\|\varphi^{(i)}(e)\| \geq \eta \|e\|$  for all  $e \in p^{(i)} F^{(i)} p^{(i)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Set } & A & \longrightarrow & F & \longrightarrow & A \\ & \searrow \Psi & & \downarrow \uparrow & & \nearrow \bar{\varphi} \\ & & & \text{PFP} & & \end{array}$$

Check that  $\Psi$  is  $\epsilon - \eta^{1/2}$ -multiplicative ■

2.17 Examples: The Toeplitz algebra  $\mathcal{T}$  and Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$  have infinite  $\text{dr}$ .

### 2.4 Nuclear dimension

What to do when  $A$  is not necessarily finite?

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2.18 Definition (Winter-Zacharias)

nuclear dimension,  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} A \leq n$ :

defined as decomposition rank, but in

$$(F = F^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus F^{(n)}, \Psi, \phi = \phi^{(0)} + \dots + \phi^{(n)})$$

only asking the  $\phi^{(i)}$  be contractions (instead of  $\phi$ )

2.19 Prop

Nuclear dimension agrees with decomposition rank in the commutative and in zero-dimensional

2.20 Prop (Winter-Zacharias) If  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} A \leq n < \infty$  then there is a system

$$(A \xrightarrow{\psi_\lambda} F_\lambda \xrightarrow{\phi_\lambda} A)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$$

of c.p. approximations for  $A$  with finite-dimensional  $F_\lambda$ ,  $n$ -decomposable c.p. maps  $\phi_\lambda$  and approximately order zero embedding c.p. maps  $\psi_\lambda$

In particular, there is a c.p. order zero embedding of  $A$  into  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} F_\lambda / \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} F_\lambda$

2.12 Corollary: If  $A$  is unital

## 2.5 Kirchberg algebras

2.22 Theorem (Winter - Zacharias) For  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , we have  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} \mathcal{O}_n \leq 2$

2.23 Corollary: Let  $A$  be a UCT Kirchberg algebra. Then  $\dim_{\text{nuc}} A \leq 5$ .

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## Strongly self-absorbing algebras

### 3.1 Being strongly self-absorbing

3.1 Definition (Toms - Winter) A unital separable  $C^*$ -algebra  $D$  is strongly self-absorbing if  $D \neq \mathbb{C}$  and there is a ~~\*~~-homomorphism  $*$ -isomorphism

$$\varphi: D \xrightarrow{\cong} D \otimes D$$

such that

$$\varphi \cong_{aa} \text{id}_D \otimes 1_D$$

A  $C^*$ -algebra is  $D$ -stable if  $A \cong A \otimes D$

3.2 Theorem (Effros - Rosenberg; Kirchberg)  
If  $D$  is strongly self-absorbing, then  $D$  is simple and nuclear and  $D$  either has a unique tracial state or is purely infinite.

### 3.3 Examples

(i) UHF algebras of infinite type  $M_{2^\infty}, M_{3^\infty}, \dots$

(ii)  $\mathcal{O}_2 = C^*(s_1, s_2 \mid s_i^* s_i = 1, \sum_{i=1,2} s_i s_i^*)$

(iii)  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$

(iv)  $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes M_{2^\infty}$

(v)  $\mathcal{Z}$  the Jiang-Su algebra, a finite analogue of  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}$  can be written as a stationary inductive limit

$$\varinjlim (\mathcal{Z}_{2^\alpha, 3^\alpha}, \alpha)$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}_{2^\alpha, 3^\alpha} = \left\{ f \in C([0,1], M_{2^\alpha} \otimes M_{3^\alpha}) \mid \begin{array}{l} f(0) \in M_{2^\alpha} \otimes 1 \\ f(1) \in 1 \otimes M_{3^\alpha} \end{array} \right\}$$

and  $\alpha$  is trace-collapsing endomorphism of  $\mathcal{Z}_{2^\alpha, 3^\alpha}$  (Rordam-Winter)  
i.e.

$$\alpha: \mathcal{Z}_{2^\alpha, 3^\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_{2^\alpha, 3^\alpha}$$

$$T(\ ) \leftarrow T(\ ) : \alpha_T$$

all traces are sent by  $\alpha_T$  to a single trace

### 3.4 Theorem (Dadarslet - Rørdam; Winter)

If  $D$  is strongly self-absorbing then  $D \cong D \otimes Z$

#### Remarks

▷ Any strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -alg is  $K_1$ -injective (using Gong - Jiang - Su); respective hypotheses in earlier papers are obsolete

▷ The known strongly self-absorbing examples form a hierarchy with  $\mathcal{O}_2$  at the top and  $Z$  at the bottom (everything embeds into  $\mathcal{O}_2$ ,  $Z$  embeds into everything)

### 3.2 $D$ -stability

3.5 Theorem (Rørdam; Toms - Winter) Let  $A$  be separable and  $D$  strongly self-absorbing. Then  $A$  is  $D$ -stable if and only if  $\exists$   $*$ -homomorphism

$$\varphi: A \otimes D \rightarrow \prod_{\mathbb{N}} A / \bigoplus_{\mathbb{N}} A$$

such that  $\varphi \circ \text{id}_{A \otimes 1_D} = \iota_A$

If  $A$  is unital and  $D = \varinjlim D_i$  then  $A$  is  $D$ -stable if and only if for each  $i$  there is a unital  $*$ -homomorphism

$$\rho_i: D_i \rightarrow \left( \prod_{\mathbb{N}} A / \bigoplus_{\mathbb{N}} A \right) \cap A_i$$

3.6 Theorem (Toms - Winter) For any strongly self-absorbing  $D$ ,  $D$ -stability passes to limits, quotients, hereditary subalgebras and ~~extens~~ extensions

Extensions:

$\sigma$  a  $x$ -homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & J & \rightarrow & A & \xleftarrow{\sigma} & B & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 & & | & & & & | & & \\
 & & \text{D-stable} & & & & \text{D-stable} & & 
 \end{array}$$

Assume that  $A$  is unital

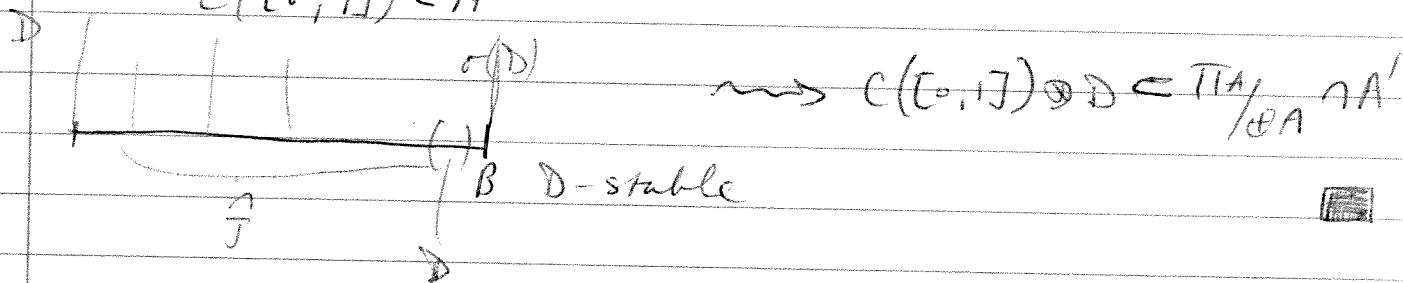
$$\sigma : B \rightarrow A \rightsquigarrow \sigma : B \otimes D^{\text{loc}} \rightarrow A$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \sigma|_D : D \rightarrow A$$

( $h_n$ )  <sup>$\in J$</sup>  a quasicentral approximate unit

$$\rightsquigarrow 0 \leq h \leq 1, h \in A' \cap A$$

$$\rightsquigarrow C([0, 1]) \subset A$$



Remark: There are results on the structure of  $C(X)$ -algebras with strongly self-absorbing fibres or  $D$ -stable fibres

### 3.2 $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability

#### 3.7 Proposition (Toms-Winter)

Approximate divisibility  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ -stability

#### 3.8 Theorem (Toms-Winter)

all  $C^*$ -algebras classified to date are  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable



## Pure finiteness and $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability

### 4.1 Strict comparison

4.1 Definition:  $A$  has strict comparison of positive elements if

$$d_{\tau}(a) < d_{\tau}(b) \quad \forall \tau \in T(A) \\ \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \leq \langle b \rangle$$

for all  $0 \neq a, b \in A_+$ .

4.2 Theorem (Rordam) If  $A$  is exact, unital and  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable then  $A$  has strict comparison ( $A$  also simple).

4.3 Lemma (Toms-Winter): Suppose  $A$  is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with  $\text{dr } A \leq n$ . Given  $a, d^{(0)}, \dots, d^{(n)} \in A_+$  such that

$$d_{\tau}(a) < d_{\tau}(d^{(i)}) \quad \text{for } i=0, \dots, n \text{ and } \forall \tau \in T(A)$$

Then

$$\langle a \rangle \leq \langle d^{(0)} \rangle + \dots + \langle d^{(n)} \rangle \text{ in } W(A).$$

4.4 Remark One can show directly that if  $\text{dr } A < \infty$ , then quasitraces are traces

### 4.2 The conjecture:

4.5 Conjecture (Toms-Winter) For a nuclear, separable simple finite unital and non-elementary  $C^*$ -alg  $A$  TFA?

- (i)  $A$  has finite decomp rank
- (ii)  $A$  is  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable
- (iii)  $A$  has strict comparison of positive elements

Remarks:

- (a) (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Rørdam
- (b) (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) known in many cases, using classification results
- (c) conjecture can also be formulated in the nonunital and non simple case
- (d) in the simple but not necessarily finite case

### 4.3 Finite decomposition rank and $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability

4.6 Theorem (Winter): A separable simple unital with  $dr(A) < \infty$ , then  $A$  is  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable

#### Ingredients of Proof

1. An approx. central sequence of unital  $\ast$ -homomorphisms  $Z_p, p+1 = \{f \in C_0([0,1], M_p \otimes M_{p+1}) \mid f(0) \in M_p \otimes 1, f(1) \in 1 \otimes M_{p+1}\}$   
 $\rightarrow A$

for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  will do

2. By Rørdam-Winter, need to find  $x \in \mathcal{K}(A)$  such that

$$px \leq \langle 1_A \rangle \leq (p+1)x$$

(in an approximately central way)

3. Finite decomposition rank implies "enough" comparison (by Lemma 4.3) to find  $x$  as above

4.  $n$ -decomposable approxs allow to do thing in an approximately central way.

4.4 Pure finiteness

4.7 Definition A separable simple nuclear  $C^*$ -algebra is purely finite if it has strict comparison and if  $W(A)$  is almost divisible.

$W(A)$  almost divisible.

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{N} \quad \exists x \in W(A) \quad \exists y \in W(A) : py \leq x \leq (p+1)y$$

Question: Is almost divisibility implied by strict comparison?

Conjecture:  
4.8 will probably work for locally finite nuclear dimension

4.8 Theorem (Winter; in progress)

Let  $A$  be simple, separable unital with locally finite decomposition rank.

If  $A$  is purely infinite then  $A$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stable.

Partial confirmation of the question  
strict comparison  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ -stability

Ingredients of proof: As in pf of Thm 4.6, an approx. central sequence of unital  $*$ -homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p,p+1} \longrightarrow A$$

for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  will do  $(p \cdot x \leq \langle 1_A \rangle \leq (p+1)x)$

By Rordam - Winter, need to find a c.p.c. order zero map

$$\Phi : M_p \longrightarrow A$$

and  $v \in A$  such that

$$vv^* = 1_A - \Phi(1_{M_p}) \text{ and } v^*v \leq \Phi(e_{ii})$$

and such that  $\Phi(M_p)$  and  $v$  are approximately central.

Key result for constructing  $\Phi$  and  $v$ :

Lemma: For  $m \in \mathbb{N} \exists \alpha_m > 0$  s.t.:

Let  $A$  be sep., simple, unital, purely finite

Let  $1_A \in B \subset A$  be a  $C^*$ -subalgebra with  $\dim B \leq m$  and let  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If

$$\varphi: M_k \rightarrow A_\infty \cap B'$$

is a c.p.c. order zero then there is a c.p.c. order zero map

$$\psi: M_k \rightarrow A_\infty \cap B' \cap \varphi(M_l)'$$

such that

$$\tau(\psi(1_k)\varphi(1_l)b) \geq \alpha_m \cdot \tau(\varphi(1_l)b)$$

$\forall b \in B_+$  and  $\tau \in T_\infty(A)$  ( $\tau \in T_\infty(A)$  if  $\lim_{\omega} \tau_n(\cdot) = \tau$  for some  $(\tau_n)_n \subset T(A)$  so  $T_\infty(A) \subset T(A_\infty)$   $\omega$  free ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$ )

use a geometric series argument after repeated application of lemma  $\alpha_m \cdot \sum_k (1 - \alpha_m)^k = 1$

### TAS algebras

5.1 Definition Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a class of separable unital  $C^*$ -algebras. Let  $A$  be simple, separable and unital. We say  $A$  is TAS if the following holds: Given  $0 \neq e \in A_+$ ,  $F \subset A$  finite,  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists B \subset A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{S}$  and

(i)  $\| [1_B, a] \| < \varepsilon \quad \forall a \in F$

(iii)  $(1_A - 1_B) \prec e$

(ii)  $1_B F 1_B \subset_\varepsilon B$

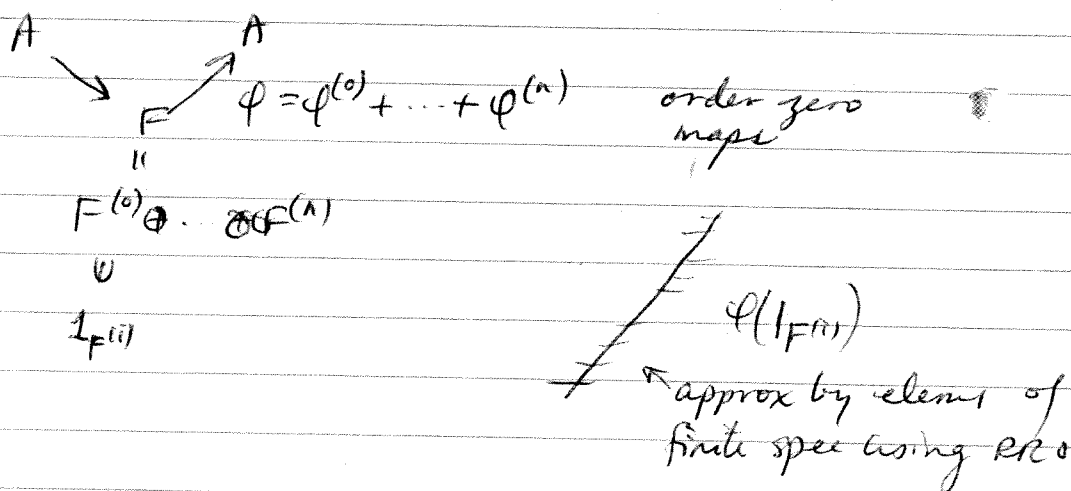
If  $\mathcal{S}$  is the class of finite-dimensional  $C^*$ -algebras (or tensor products of such with closed intervals) we write TAF (or TAI, respectively)

5.2 Theorem (Lin): The class of UCT TAI algebras satisfies the Elliott conjecture.

5.2 The 1fd, rro,  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stable case

5.3 Theorem: A separable, simple, unital and  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stable with locally finite decomposition rank and real rank zero.  
Then  $A$  is TAF

Assume  $A$  has finite decomposition rank, and that  $T(A) = \{\tau\}$  i.e. is just a point  
Take c.p. approximation



Can assume  $\phi^{(i)} = \bigoplus_j \lambda_j \pi_j$       $\pi_j$  a  $*$ -homomorphism

These generate finite-dimensional subalgs.

At least one has to be at least  $\frac{1}{n}$  in trace.

Repeat

End up with geometric series argument.

### 5.3 Localizing at $\mathbb{Z}$

5.4 Theorem (Winter): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a class of separable, simple, nuclear, unital  $C^*$ -algebras such that, for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  and any isomorphism of invariants

$$\Lambda: \text{Inv}(A) \rightarrow \text{Inv}(B)$$

there are prime integers  $p, q$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  can be lifted along  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty, q^\infty}$

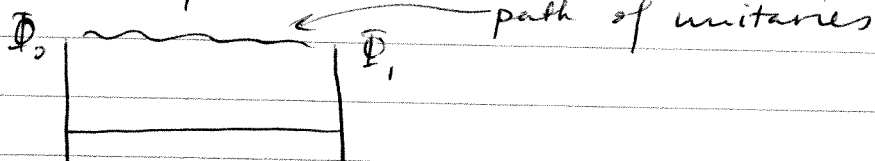
$$\text{i.e. } \mathcal{D}: A \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty, q^\infty} \xrightarrow{\cong} B \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty, q^\infty}$$

↑  
as  $C([0,1])$ -algebras

such that  $\mathcal{D}_0$  induces  $\Lambda \otimes \text{id}_{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty, q^\infty}}$

$\mathcal{D}_1$

$\mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_1$  unitarily intertwined



Then

$$\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} := \{A \otimes \mathbb{Z} \mid A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

satisfies the Elliott conjecture.

5.5 Theorem (Lin-Niu): Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the class of separable, simple nuclear unital  $C^*$ -algebras with UCT and such that tensor products with UHF algebras are TAI. Then  $\mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{Z}} = \{B \otimes \mathbb{Z} \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  satisfies the Elliott conjecture.

### 5.6 Corollary (Using Dixmier and Phillips)

$C^*$ -algebras associated to minimal uniquely ergodic, smooth dynamical systems are classified

### 5.7 Corollary (Using Gong and Theorems 4.8 and 5.5)

Simple, unital AH algebras with slow dimension growth are classified

Remark: The elements of  $B$  have rationally Riesz  $K_0$ -groups.

### Minimal dynamical systems

#### 6.1 The setup

$X$  a compact metrizable space (infinite)

$\alpha: X \rightarrow X$  a homeomorphism

The crossed product is given by

$$C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z} := C^*(C(X), u \mid u f(\cdot) u^* = f(\alpha^{-1}(\cdot)))$$

6.1 Proposition: If  $\alpha$  is minimal then

$C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}$  is simple unital nuclear with tracial state. If  $\alpha$  is uniquely ergodic then the tracial state is unique.

#### 6.2 Problem

(i) Determine the structure of such crossed products

(ii) Classify them

(iii) Draw conclusions about the underlying dynamical systems

To do: If  $A_{\{y\}} \otimes U$  is TAF for one  $y \in X$  then TAF  $\forall y \in X$ ?

- ▶ will focus on (i) and (ii) with minimal actions
- ▶ will solve (ii) in the finite dimensional minimal uniquely ergodic case  
(there is little hope for a complete solution by  $K$ -theory in the infinite dimensional case)
- ▶ joint A. Toms and U. Strom and Danish furniture

## 6.2 Classification up to $\mathbb{Z}$ -stability

6.3 Theorem: (Strom - W based on Lin-Phillips)  
 $X$  compact, metrizible, infinite. Let  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$  be a minimal homeomorphism. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a class of separable unital  $C^*$ -algebras which is closed under taking hereditary unital  $C^*$ -subalgebras.  
Let  $U$  be a UHF algebra and  $y \in X$   
Set

$$A_{\{y\}} = C^*(C(X), C_0(X \setminus \{y\})U)$$

If  $A_{\{y\}} \otimes U$  is TAF then  $(C(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}) \otimes U$  is TAF.

### Remarks

▶ In the above situation,  $A_{\{y\}}$  is simple, ASH and  $\dim A_{\{y\}} \leq \dim X$

( $A_{\gamma}$  subhomogeneous if  $\gamma \neq \emptyset$  and is closed  
if  $\gamma_1 \supset \gamma_2 \supset \gamma_3 \dots$  with  $\bigcap \gamma_i = \{y\}$   
then  $\lim_{\rightarrow} A_{\gamma_i} = A_{\{y\}}$ )

▶  $A_{\{y\}} \otimes U$  is TAF if projections separate traces  
(by Theorem 5.3)



6.4 Corollary  $X$  compact, metrizable infinite  
Let  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$  be minimal uniquely ergodic  
homeomorphism. Then

$(C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathcal{U} \subset \text{TAF}$   
for any UHF algebra  $\mathcal{U}$

6.5 Corollary The result yields classification  
up to  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stability without any dimension  
restriction on  $X$ .

### 6.3 $\mathbb{Z}$ -stability

6.6 Theorem (Toms-Winter) Let  $X$  be compact  
metrizable, infinite with finite topological dimension.  
Let  $\alpha: X \rightarrow X$  be a minimal homeomorphism.  
Then  $C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stable

### 6.7 Corollary

$\mathcal{E} = \{ C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z} \mid X \text{ cpt, metrizable, fin-dim, } \alpha$   
 $\text{uniquely ergodic, minimal}$   
 $\text{homeomorphism} \}$

is classified by ordered  $K$ -theory.

~~Theorem~~

### Proof of Theorem 6.6

Remark : one also proves that

$\dim_{\text{nc}}(C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}) \leq 2 \dim X + 1$   
in a similar fashion

Proof of 6.6 (sketch) Need  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow A_\infty \cap A'$

For  $Y$  closed  $X$ , set  $A_Y := C^*(C(X), \alpha C_0(X \setminus Y)) \subseteq C(X) \rtimes_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z} =: A$

Proposition (Putman; Lin-Phillips; Toms-Winter)

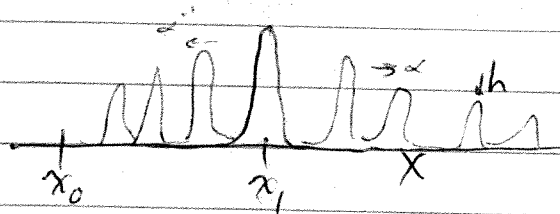
$Y$  finite then  $A_Y$  is simple, ASD with finite dr

$\Rightarrow A_Y$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -stable

Choose  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  with disjoint orbits. Set  $A_0 := A_{\{x_0\}}$   
 $A_{1/2} := A_{\{x_0, x_1\}}$ ,  $A_1 := A_{\{x_1\}}$ . Then  $A_{1/2} \subset A_1$  and  $A_{1/2} \subset A_0$

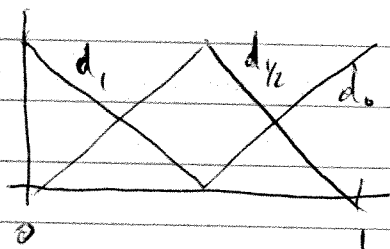
Let  $F \subset A$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $G \subset \mathbb{Z}$

Choose  $0 \leq h \leq 1$  in  $C(X) \subset A$  such that  
 $h(x_0) = 0$ ,  $h(x_1) = 1$ ,  $\|[h, a]\| < \varepsilon \forall a \in F$



(this uses minimality of  $\alpha$ .  
 $h$  is almost invariant under  $\alpha$   
hence almost commutes with  
 $\forall a \in F$ )

For  $i=0, 1/2, 1$  define



$\bar{d}_i := d_i(h)$

Then  $\bar{d}_i \in \varepsilon A_i$

