

Topics in K-theory of operator algebras:  
Dadarlat-Pennig's generalization of Dixmier-Douady  
theory and group actions on Kirchberg algebras I, II

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# $C^*$ -algebras

$H$ : Hilbert space.

$\mathbb{B}(H)$ : the set of bounded operators on  $H$ .

- $\mathbb{B}(H)$  is an algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- $\mathbb{B}(H)$  is a Banach space w.r.t. operator norm

$$\|T\| = \sup_{\xi \in H \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|T\xi\|}{\|\xi\|}.$$

- $\mathbb{B}(H)$  has a  $*$ -operation  $T \mapsto T^*$ , where  $\langle T\xi, \eta \rangle = \langle \xi, T^*\eta \rangle$ ,  $\forall \xi, \eta \in H$ .

## Definition

A  $C^*$ -algebra is a subalgebra of  $\mathbb{B}(H)$  closed under the norm topology and the  $*$ -operation.

## Theorem (Gelfand-Naimark)

A Banach  $*$ -algebra  $A$  satisfying the  $C^*$ -condition  $\|T^*T\| = \|T\|^2$  for any  $T \in A$  is isomorphic to a  $C^*$ -algebra.

# Examples of $C^*$ -algebras

## Example

- $\mathbb{B}(H)$ ,  $M_n = \mathbb{B}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ .
- $C(X)$  with  $\|f\| = \max_{x \in X} |f(x)|$  and  $f^*(x) = \overline{f(x)}$ .  
Here  $C(X)$  is the set of continuous functions on a compact Hausdorff space  $X$ .

In what follows,

$H$  is a **separable infinite dimensional** Hilbert space, and

$X$  is a **compact metric** space (often a finite CW-complex).

## Example

$A$ :  $C^*$ -algebra,

The set of continuous  $A$ -valued functions on  $X$ , denoted by  $C(X, A)$ , is a  $C^*$ -algebra with pointwise operations and  $\|f\| = \max_{x \in X} \|f(x)\|$ .

$$C(X, A) \cong C(X) \otimes A.$$

# (Locally trivial) Continuous fields of $C^*$ -algebras

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra.

For a fiber bundle  $\pi : E \rightarrow X$  with a fiber  $A$  and structure group  $\text{Aut}(A)$ , the set of continuous sections  $\Gamma(E)$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra with fiberwise operations and norm  $\|s\| = \max_{x \in X} \|s(x)\|$ .

We call it a **locally trivial continuous field** of  $A$  over  $X$ .

## Example

$C(X, A) = \Gamma(E)$  for a trivial bundle  $E$ .

Whenever we discuss isomorphisms between (locally trivial) continuous fields over  $X$ , we assume that they are  $C(X)$ -module maps.

We denote by  $\mathfrak{Bun}_X(A)$  the set of isomorphism classes of locally trivial fields of  $A$  over  $X$ .

# The $C^*$ -algebra $\mathbb{K}$

The set of compact operators  $\mathbb{K}$  on  $H$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra.

## Definition

A  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  is said to be **stable** if  $A$  is isomorphic to  $A \otimes \mathbb{K}$ .

$C^*$ -algebras  $A$  and  $B$  are **stably isomorphic** if  $A \otimes \mathbb{K} \cong B \otimes \mathbb{K}$ .

Since  $H \otimes H \cong H$ , we have  $\mathbb{K} \otimes \mathbb{K} \cong \mathbb{K}$ , and  $A \otimes \mathbb{K}$  is always stable for any  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ .

We have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(H) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow 0, \quad (1)$$

with  $\mathcal{U}(H) \ni U \mapsto \text{Ad } U \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K})$ , where  $\mathcal{U}(H)$  is the set of unitary operators on  $H$  equipped with the strong operator topology, which is **contractible**.

# Dixmier-Douady theorem

Let  $A = \Gamma(E)$ ,  $B = \Gamma(E')$  be locally trivial continuous fields of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $X$ .

Then  $A \otimes_{C(X)} B = \Gamma(E \otimes E')$ , which is also a locally trivial continuous field of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $X$  as  $\mathbb{K} \otimes \mathbb{K} \cong \mathbb{K}$ .

## Theorem (Dixmier-Douady 1963)

*The set  $\mathfrak{Bun}_X(\mathbb{K})$  of isomorphism classes of locally trivial fields of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $X$  forms an abelian group isomorphic to  $H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  under operation of tensor product over  $C(X)$ .*

**The Dixmier-Douady class**  $\delta(A) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  for  $A = \Gamma(E)$  is a characteristic class of the fiber bundle  $p: E \rightarrow X$  with fiber  $\mathbb{K}$ .

# Homotopy theory approach

Recall that  $\mathbb{T}$  is an Eilenberg-MacLane space of type  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ , i.e.

$$\pi_i(\mathbb{T}) = \begin{cases} \{0\}, & i \neq 1 \\ \mathbb{Z}, & i = 1 \end{cases} .$$

Since  $\mathcal{U}(H)$  is contractible,  $\mathcal{U}(H) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}) \cong \mathcal{U}(H)/\mathbb{T}$  is a **universal principal  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle** and  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{K})$  is a **classifying space** of  $\mathbb{T}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{U}(H) = E\mathbb{T}$ ,  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}) = B\mathbb{T}$ , and in particular  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{K})$  is a  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)$  space.

The classifying space  $B \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K})$  is a  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)$  space, and

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_X(\mathbb{K}) \cong [X, B \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K})] = [X, K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)] \cong H^3(X; \mathbb{Z}).$$

## Goal of the talk

For any **strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebra**  $D$ , the homotopy set  $[X, B \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})]$  gives the first group  $E_D^1(X)$  of a generalized cohomology theory  $E_D^*(X)$  (Dadarlat-Pennig 2016).

# $K_0$ -groups

For a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , set  $\mathcal{P}(A) := \{p \in A; p = p^2 = p^*\}$ .

Recall that  $p \in \mathcal{P}(C(X, \mathbb{K})) = \mathcal{P}(C(X) \otimes \mathbb{K})$  gives a vector bundle:

$$\bigsqcup_{x \in X} p(x)H \rightarrow X.$$

## Definition (Murray-von Neumann equivalence)

For  $p, q \in A$ , we set  $p \sim q$  if  $\exists v \in A$  s.t.  $v^*v = p$  and  $vv^* = q$ .

Since  $\mathbb{K} \otimes \mathbb{M}_2 = \mathbb{K}(H \otimes \mathbb{C}^2) \cong \mathbb{K}$ , the set  $\mathcal{P}(A \otimes \mathbb{K}) / \sim$  is a semigroup with

$$p \oplus q = \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{P}(A \otimes \mathbb{K} \otimes \mathbb{M}_2) \cong \mathcal{P}(A \otimes \mathbb{K}).$$

## Definition (Unital case)

$K_0(A)$  is the Grothendieck group of  $\mathcal{P}(A \otimes \mathbb{K}) / \sim$ .

We denote by  $K_0(A)_+$  the image of  $\mathcal{P}(A \otimes \mathbb{K}) / \sim$  in  $K_0(A)$ .



# $K_1$ -groups

For a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , set  $\mathcal{U}(A) := \{u \in A; u^*u = uu^* = 1\}$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_n(A) = \mathcal{U}(A \otimes \mathbb{M}_n)$ .

Recall  $K^1(X) = [X, U(n)]$  for sufficiently large  $n$ .

Since  $\text{Map}(X, U(n)) = \mathcal{U}(C(X, \mathbb{M}_n)) = \mathcal{U}(C(X) \otimes \mathbb{M}_n) = \mathcal{U}_n(C(X))$ , we have  $[X, U(n)] = \mathcal{U}_n(C(X))/\mathcal{U}_n(C(X))_0$ .

## Definition

$K_1(A)$  is the inductive limit  $\lim_{\rightarrow} \mathcal{U}_n(A)/\mathcal{U}_n(A)_0$  with a connection map  $\mathcal{U}_n(A) \ni u \mapsto u \oplus 1 \in \mathcal{U}_{n+1}(A)$ .

$$K_*(C(X)) = K^*(X).$$

$$K_*(A) = K_*(A \otimes \mathbb{M}_n) = K_*(A \otimes \mathbb{K}).$$

## Example

For  $A = \mathbb{M}_n$ ,  $(K_0(A), K_0(A)_+, [1]_0, K_1(A)) = (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_+, n, \{0\})$ .

## Non-unital case

For a based space  $(X, x_0)$ , denote  $C(X, x_0) = \{f \in C(X); f(x_0) = 0\}$ .

Recall  $\tilde{K}^i(X) = \ker(\iota^* : K^i(X) \rightarrow K^i(\{x_0\}))$ .

We need a definition of  $K_i(A)$  satisfying  $K_i(C(X, x_0)) = \tilde{K}^i(X)$ .

### Definition (Non-unital case)

For a non-unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , set  $K_i(A) := \ker(\pi_* : K_i(A + \mathbb{C}1) \rightarrow K_i(\mathbb{C}))$ .

For a locally compact Hausdorff space  $Y$ , set  $C_0(Y) = C(Y \cup \{\infty\}, \infty)$ .

The **suspension** of  $A$  is  $SA := A \otimes C_0(0, 1) \cong A \otimes C_0(\mathbb{R})$ .

$SC(X, x_0) = C(\Sigma X, \Sigma x_0)$  where  $\Sigma X = (X \times I) / (\{x_0\} \times I \cup X \times \partial I)$ .

### Theorem (Bott periodicity)

$K_0(SA) \cong K_1(A)$  and  $K_1(SA) \cong K_0(A)$ .

# Twisted $K$ -theory

Recall  $K_*(C(X, \mathbb{K})) = K^*(X)$ .

What happens if the trivial continuous field  $C(X, \mathbb{K})$  of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $X$  is replaced with a locally trivial one?

## Definition (J. Rosenberg 1988)

The twisted  $K$ -theory  $K^{\tau+*}(X)$  with  $\tau \in H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$  is defined by  $K_*(A)$ , where  $A$  is a locally trivial continuous field of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $X$  whose Dixmier-Douady class  $\delta(A)$  is  $\tau$  (cf. Donovan-Karoubi 1970).

# Kasparov $KK$ -theory

$KK(A, B)$  is a bivariant functor from the category of (separable)  $C^*$ -algebras to the category of abelian groups satisfying

- $\exists$  associative product  $KK(A, B) \times KK(B, C) \rightarrow KK(A, C)$ .
- $KK(\mathbb{C}, B) = K_0(B)$ .
- $KK(A, \mathbb{C}) = K^0(A)$ , where  $K^0(C(X)) = K_0(X)$ .
- If  $A$  is in a bootstrap category  $\mathcal{N}$  of Rosenberg-Schochet, the UCT sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(K(A), K(B)) \rightarrow KK(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(K(A), K(B)) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are **Kirchberg algebras**,

$$KK(A, B) \cong \text{Hom}(A \otimes \mathbb{K}, B \otimes \mathbb{K}) / \sim$$

where  $\rho \sim \sigma$  iff  $\exists \{u_t\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$  in  $\mathcal{U}(B \otimes \mathbb{K} + \mathbb{C}1)$  s.t.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_t \rho(a) u_t^* = \sigma(a)$ .  
 $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  as above is said to be **asymptotically unitarily equivalent**.

## Definition

$A$  and  $B$  are  $KK$ -equivalent if  $\exists x \in KK(A, B)$ ,  $\exists y \in KK(B, A)$  s.t.  $x \hat{\otimes} y = KK(\text{id}_A) \in KK(A, A)$  and  $y \hat{\otimes} x = KK(\text{id}_B) \in KK(B, B)$ .

$A$ ,  $A \otimes \mathbb{M}_n$ , and  $A \otimes \mathbb{K}$  are mutually  $KK$ -equivalent.

$\mathbb{C}$  and  $S^2\mathbb{C} = C_0(\mathbb{R}^2) = C_0(\mathbb{C})$  are  $KK$ -equivalent.

Define  $p_B \in \mathcal{P}((C_0(\mathbb{C}) + \mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{M}_2) = \mathcal{P}(C(\mathbb{C}P^1) \otimes \mathbb{M}_2)$  by

$$p_B(z) = \frac{1}{1 + |z|^2} \begin{pmatrix} |z|^2 & z \\ \bar{z} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $x = [p_B]_0 - [1]_0 \in K_0(C_0(\mathbb{R}^2)) = KK(\mathbb{C}, C_0(\mathbb{R}^2))$  is an invertible element.

# The UHF algebras

For a sequence  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of integers greater than 1, we set

$$A_m = \mathbb{M}_{n_1} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{n_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{M}_{n_m} \cong \mathbb{M}_n, \quad n = \prod_{k=1}^m n_k.$$

Embedding  $A_m$  into  $A_{m+1}$  by  $a \mapsto a \otimes 1_{\mathbb{M}_{n_{m+1}}}$ , we get an inductive system of  $C^*$ -algebras  $\{A_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ .

The norm completion of its inductive limit is a  $C^*$ -algebra, called the **UHF algebra**, and denoted by  $\bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_{n_k}$ .

A UHF algebra  $A$  is said to be of **infinite type** if  $A \otimes A \cong A$ , e.g.

$$\mathbb{M}_{n^{\infty}} = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_n,$$

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_{k!}. \quad \text{The universal UHF algebra.}$$

UHF algebras of infinite type are strongly self-absorbing.

# The classification of UHF algebras

UHF algebras are completely classified by the supernatural number

$$\prod_k^{\infty} n_k = \prod_{p:\text{prime}} p^{a_p}, \quad a_p = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty,$$

or more precisely, the set  $\{a_p\}_p$  is a complete invariant (Glimm 1960).

## Definition

For a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , a linear functional  $\tau : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a **trace** if  $\|\tau\| = \tau(1) = 1$  and  $\tau(xy) = \tau(yx)$  for  $\forall x, y \in A$ .

The normalized trace  $\tau_m = \frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_m} \text{Tr}$  on  $\bigotimes_{k=1}^m \mathbb{M}_{n_k}$  extends to a unique trace  $\tau$  on  $\bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_{n_k}$ , and

$$\{\tau(p); p \in \mathcal{P}(\bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_{n_k})\} = \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_m} \mathbb{Z} \right) \cap [0, 1].$$

# Elliott Theorem

An inductive limit of finite dimensional  $C^*$ -algebras is said to be **AF algebra**.

## Theorem (Elliott 1976)

*The isomorphism class of an AF algebras  $A$  is completely determined by  $(K_0(A), K_0(A)_+, [1]_0)$ .*

Since  $K_1(\mathbb{M}_n) = \{0\}$ , the  $K_1$ -group is trivial for any AF algebra.

For  $A = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{M}_{n_k}$ ,

$$(K_0(A), K_0(A)^+, [1]_0) = \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_m} \mathbb{Z}, K_0(A) \cap \mathbb{R}_+, 1 \right).$$

$$K_0(\mathbb{M}_{n^\infty}) = \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{n}\right].$$

$$K_0(\mathbb{M}_{\mathbb{Q}}) = \mathbb{Q}.$$

**They have ring structure.**



# The Cuntz algebras $\mathcal{O}_2$ and $\mathcal{O}_\infty$

The Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_n$  for  $n \geq 2$  is the universal  $C^*$ -algebra with generators  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and relations

$$S_i^* S_j = \delta_{i,j} 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n S_i S_i^* = 1.$$

For  $n = \infty$ , we define the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$  by imposing only the first relation.

Their  $K$ -groups are

$$K_0(\mathcal{O}_n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/(n-1)\mathbb{Z}, & n < \infty \\ \mathbb{Z}, & n = \infty \end{cases}, \quad K_1(\mathcal{O}_n) = \{0\}.$$

$$K^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong K_*(C(X) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{p+1}).$$

The Cuntz algebras  $\mathcal{O}_2$  and  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$  are strongly self-absorbing.

# Kirchberg-Phillips Theorem

The Cuntz algebras are typical examples of **Kirchberg algebras**, separable nuclear simple purely infinite  $C^*$ -algebras.

## Theorem (Phillips 2000)

*Any two Kirchberg algebras  $A$  and  $B$  are stably isomorphic iff they are  $KK$ -equivalent.*

*If moreover they are in the bootstrap class  $\mathcal{N}$  of Rosenberg-Schochet, they are isomorphic iff*

$$(K_0(A), [1_A]_0, K_1(A)) \cong (K_0(B), [1_B]_0, K_1(B)).$$

$\mathcal{O}_2$  is  $KK$ -equivalent to  $\{0\}$ , and it plays the role of 0, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_2 \otimes A \cong \mathcal{O}_2$  for any unital simple separable nuclear  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ .

$\mathcal{O}_\infty$  is  $KK$ -equivalent to  $\mathbb{C}$ , and it plays the role of 1, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes B \cong B$  for any Kirchberg algebra  $B$ .

# Jiang-Su algebra $\mathcal{Z}$

The Jiang-Su algebra  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a mysterious simple stably finite  $C^*$ -algebra without having projections other than 0 and 1.

$\mathcal{Z}$  is  $KK$ -equivalent to  $\mathbb{C}$ , having  $K_0(\mathcal{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $K_1(\mathcal{Z}) = \{0\}$ .

$\mathcal{Z}$  is absorbed by every strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebra by tensor product.

In fact, whether a given  $C^*$ -algebra absorbs  $\mathcal{Z}$  or not is the most important criterion of classifiability of it.

$\mathcal{Z}$  is an inductive limit of building blocks  $I_{p,q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are mutually prime natural numbers and

$$I_{p,q} = \{f \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{M}_p \otimes \mathbb{M}_q); f(0) \in \mathbb{M}_p \otimes \mathbb{C}1, f(1) \in \mathbb{C}1 \otimes \mathbb{M}_q\}.$$

# Strongly self-absorbing $C^*$ -algebras

The notion of strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebras was introduced by Toms-Winter in 2007 to single out the class of  $C^*$ -algebras playing distinguished roles in the classification of nuclear  $C^*$ -algebras.

## Definition (Toms-Winter, 2007)

A  $C^*$ -algebra  $D$  with unit is said to be **strongly self-absorbing** if there exist an isomorphism  $\psi : D \rightarrow D \otimes D$  and a sequence of unitaries  $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{U}(D \otimes D)$  such that for any  $T \in D$ , and we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n(T \otimes 1)U_n^* = \psi(T).$$

The sequence  $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  can be replaced by a continuous family  $\{U(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$  with  $U(0) = 1$ , and  $\psi$  is arbitrary once it exists.

## Theorem

Let  $D$  be a strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebra.

- (1)  $D$  is simple nuclear either stably finite or purely infinite; if it is stably finite, then it admits a unique trace.
- (2)  $K_0(D)$  has a ring structure with unit  $[1]$  given by  $[p][q] = [\psi^{-1}(p \otimes q)] \in K_0(D)$  for any projections  $p, q \in D$ .
- (3)  $K_1(D) = \{0\}$  if  $D$  is in the bootstrap class  $\mathcal{N}$  of Rosenberg-Schochet.
- (4)  $\text{Aut}(D)$  is contractible.
- (5)  $\text{Aut}_0(D \otimes \mathbb{K})$  has homotopy type of a CW-complex.

All the known strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebras are in the following list:

$\mathbb{C}$ , the Cuntz algebras  $\mathcal{O}_2$  and  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$ , the UHF algebras of infinite type, the Jiang-Su algebra  $\mathcal{Z}$ , and the tensor product of the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_\infty$  and the UHF algebras of infinite type.

# Proof of (4) of $\text{Aut}(D)$

## Lemma

If there exists a continuous path  $\{\psi\}_{t \in [0,1]}$  in  $\text{Hom}(D, D \otimes D)$  satisfying  $\psi_0(x) = x \otimes 1$ ,  $\psi_1(x) = 1 \otimes x$ , and  $\psi_t$  is an isomorphism for any  $0 < t < 1$ , then  $\text{Aut}(D)$  is contractible.

## Proof.

For  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(D)$ , set

$$H(\alpha, t) = \begin{cases} \alpha, & t = 0, \\ \psi_t^{-1} \circ (\alpha \otimes \text{id}) \circ \psi_t, & 0 < t < 1, \\ \text{id}, & t = 1 \end{cases} .$$



# Infinite loop space

For a pointed topological space  $E$ , we denote by  $\Omega E$  its loop space i.e.

$$\Omega E = \{f \in \text{Map}([0, 1], E); f(0) = f(1) = *\}.$$

## Definition

A pointed topological space  $E = E_0$  is said to be an **infinite loop space** if there exists a sequence of pointed topological spaces  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\Omega E_n$  is homotopy equivalent to  $E_{n-1}$ .

Such a sequence is called an  **$\Omega$ -spectrum**.

A  $\Omega$ -spectrum  $\{E_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  gives rise to a generalized cohomology via the homotopy sets  $[X, E_n]$ .

## Example

$$E_n = K(A, n), [X, E_n] = H^n(X; A).$$

## Theorem (Dadarlat-Pennig, 2016)

*Let  $X$  be a compact metrizable space, and let  $D$  be a strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebra.*

*The set  $\mathfrak{Bun}_X(D \otimes \mathbb{K})$  of isomorphism classes of locally trivial fields of  $D \otimes \mathbb{K}$  over  $X$  is an abelian group under operation of tensor product over  $C(X)$ .*

*Moreover, the group is isomorphic to  $E_D^1(X)$ , the first group of a generalized connective cohomology theory  $E_D^*(X)$  defined by the infinite loop space  $B \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})$ .*

There exists an  $\Omega$ -spectrum  $\{E_n\}$  with  $E_0 = \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})$ ,  $E_1 = B \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})$ , and  $E_D^n(X) = [X, E_n]$ .



# Symmetric monoidal category $\mathcal{B}_\otimes$

Let  $\mathcal{B}_\otimes$  be a topological category whose objects are  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  ( $n$  is identified with  $(D \otimes \mathbb{K})^{\otimes n}$ ) and morphisms are

$$\text{Hom}(0, n) = \{p \in \mathcal{P}((D \otimes \mathbb{K})^{\otimes n}); [p]_0 \in K_0(D^{\otimes n})_+^\times\},$$

$$\text{Hom}(m, n) = \{\rho \in \text{Hom}((D \otimes \mathbb{K})^{\otimes m}, (D \otimes \mathbb{K})^{\otimes n}); KK(\rho) \text{ is invertible}\},$$

for  $m \geq 1$ .

$\mathcal{B}_\otimes$  is a symmetric monoidal category with  $m \otimes n = m + n$ .

Note  $\text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K}) \subset \text{Hom}(1, 1) = \{\rho \in \text{End}(D \otimes \mathbb{K}); KK(\rho) \text{ is invertible}\}$ .

$$B \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong B\mathcal{B}_\otimes.$$

# Coefficients

The  $E_2$ -page of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence for  $E_D^*(X)$  is given by

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(X, E_D^q(pt)) = H^p(X, \pi_{-q}(\text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K}))).$$

## Theorem (Dadarlat-Pennig, 2016)

Let  $D$  be a strongly self-absorbing  $C^*$ -algebra not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  satisfying the UCT. Then

$$\pi_{2i}(\text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})) \cong \begin{cases} K_0(D)_+^\times, & i = 0 \\ K_0(D), & i \geq 1 \end{cases},$$

$$\pi_{2i-1}(\text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})) \cong \{0\}.$$

Recall that  $K_0(D)$  has a ring structure, which also has a positive cone  $K_0(D)_+$  generated by the classes represented by projections.

	$\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathcal{O}_\infty$	$\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes M_{n^\infty}$	$\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes M_{\mathbb{Q}}$	$M_{n^\infty}$	$M_{\mathbb{Q}}$	$\mathcal{Z}$
$K_0(D)$	$\{0\}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{n}]$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{n}]$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Z}$
$K_0(D)_+^\times$	$\{0\}$	$\{1, -1\}$	$\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{n}]^\times$	$\mathbb{Q}^\times$	$\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{n}]_+^\times$	$\mathbb{Q}_+^\times$	$\{1\}$

# Examples

Since the differentials of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence are known to be torsion operators, we get

## Corollary

(1) For a connected compact metrizable space  $X$ ,

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_X(M_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong H^1(X, \mathbb{Q}_+^{\times}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} H^{2k+1}(X, \mathbb{Q}),$$

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_X(\mathcal{O}_{\infty} \otimes M_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong H^1(X, \mathbb{Q}^{\times}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} H^{2k+1}(X, \mathbb{Q}).$$

(2) For a connected finite CW-complex  $X$  with  $H^*(X, \mathbb{Z})$  torsion free,

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_X(\mathcal{Z} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} H^{2k+1}(X, \mathbb{Z}),$$

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_X(\mathcal{O}_{\infty} \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} H^{2k+1}(X, \mathbb{Z}).$$

### Theorem

Assume  $X$  is connected and  $D$  is a strongly self-absorbing. Then

$$[X, \text{Aut}(D \otimes \mathbb{K})] \cong K_0(C(X) \otimes D)_+^\times.$$

$$\begin{aligned} [X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{Z} \otimes \mathbb{K})] &\cong (1 + \tilde{K}^0(X))^\times, \\ [X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K})] &\cong (\pm 1 + \tilde{K}^0(X))^\times. \end{aligned}$$

# $[X, \text{Aut}(A)]$ for Kirchberg algebras

## Theorem (Dadarlat 2007)

For a unital Kirchberg algebra  $A$ , there are bijection

$$\chi : [X, \text{Aut}(A)_0] \rightarrow KK(C_\nu A, SC(X, x_0) \otimes A),$$

$$\bar{\chi} : [X, \text{Aut}(A \otimes \mathbb{K})] \rightarrow KK(A, C(X, x_0) \otimes A),$$

where  $C_\nu A = \{f \in C([0, 1], A); f(0) \in \mathbb{C}1_A, f(1) = 0\}$  is the mapping cone of the inclusion map  $\nu : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow A$ .

If moreover  $(X, x_0)$  is a  $H'$ -space, they are group isomorphisms.

The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow SA \rightarrow C_\nu A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0$  implies the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} KK(A, SC(X, x_0) \otimes A) &\xrightarrow{\nu^*} K_1(C(X, x_0) \otimes A) \rightarrow KK(C_\nu A, SC(X, x_0) \otimes A) \\ &\rightarrow KK(A, C(X, x_0) \otimes A) \xrightarrow{\nu^*} K_0(C(X, x_0) \otimes A) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

## $[X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})]$

For the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{n+1}$ , we have  $[X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})] \cong \tilde{K}^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_n)$  as sets.

Recall the universal coefficient exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{K}^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \tilde{K}(X; \mathbb{Z}_n) \xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Tor}(\tilde{K}^0(X), \mathbb{Z}_n) \rightarrow 0.$$

### Theorem (I, 2018)

$[X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})]$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{K}^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_n)$  equipped with group structure

$$x \circ y = x + y - x\delta(y).$$

In particular,  $[X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})]$  is a group extension

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{K}^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow [X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})] \rightarrow (1 + \text{Tor}(\tilde{K}^0(X), \mathbb{Z}_n))^\times \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $y^{-1}xy = x(1 - \delta(y))$  for  $x \in \tilde{K}^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_n)$ ,  $y \in \tilde{K}^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_n$ , if  $(\tilde{K}^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_n)\text{Tor}(\tilde{K}^0(X), \mathbb{Z}_n) \neq \{0\}$ , the group  $[X, \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})]$  is non-commutative.

**Theorem (Dadarlat 2012+Sogabe-I. 2018)**

*If  $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$  has no  $n$ -torsion,  $\#[X, B \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})] = \#\tilde{K}^0(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_n$ .*

The canonical map  $U(n+1) \rightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})$  induces a surjection  $[X, BU(n+1)] \rightarrow [X, B \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_{n+1})]$  if  $n$  is sufficiently large compared to  $\dim X$ .

# Group actions

Recall for two discrete groups  $\Gamma, \Lambda$ , the classifying map

$$\text{Hom}(\Gamma, \Lambda)/\text{conjugacy} \ni [\varphi] \mapsto [B\varphi] \in [B\Gamma, B\Lambda]$$

is a bijection.

We try to classify group actions on  $C^*$ -algebra following the same spirit.

Let  $G$  be a discrete group and let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra.

A  $G$ -action on  $A$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $\text{Aut}(A)$ .

- Two  $G$ -actions  $\alpha, \beta$  are **coycle conjugate** if  $\exists \theta \in \text{Aut}(A)$  and  $\exists \{u_g\}_{g \in G} \subset \mathcal{U}(A)$  satisfying  $u_{gh} = u_g \alpha_g(u_h)$  and  $\text{Ad } u_g \circ \alpha_g = \theta \circ \beta_g \circ \theta^{-1}$ .
- A  $G$ -action  $\alpha$  is **outer** if  $\alpha_g$  is outer for any  $g \in G \setminus \{e\}$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{OA}(G, A)$  the set of outer actions of  $G$  on  $A$ .



# Conjecture

## Conjecture

Let  $G$  be a discrete torsion-free amenable group, and let  $A$  be a stable Kirchberg algebra. Then the map

$$\mathcal{O}\mathcal{A}(G, A)/\text{cocycle conjugacy} \ni [\alpha] \mapsto [B\alpha^s] \in [BG, B\text{Aut}(A \otimes \mathbb{K})]$$

is a bijection, where  $\alpha_g^s = \alpha_g \otimes \text{Ad } \rho_g$  acts on  $A \otimes \mathbb{K}(\ell^2(G))$  and  $\rho$  is the right regular representation.

## Theorem (Matui-I. 2018)

The conjecture is true for any poly- $\mathbb{Z}$  group  $G$ .

# Poly- $\mathbb{Z}$ group actions

A group  $G$  is **poly- $\mathbb{Z}$**  if there exists a subnormal series

$$\{e\} = G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \cdots \leq G_n = G,$$

satisfying  $G_k/G_{k-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  for any  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The number  $n$  is called the **Hirsch length** of  $G$ , denoted by  $h(G)$ , which coincides with the cohomological dimension of  $G$ .

In fact, there exists a free cocompact polynomial action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and we can choose  $EG = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $BG = \mathbb{R}^n/G$ .

## Example

Cocycle conjugacy classes of outer  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ -actions on  $\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K}$  are in one-to-one correspondence with

$$\mathfrak{Bun}_{\mathbb{T}^3}(\mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathbb{K}) \cong H^1(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^3(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}.$$

# Unital case

For a  $G$ -action  $\alpha$  on  $A$ , we define a principal  $\text{Aut}(A)$ -bundle  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  over  $BG$  by

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha := (EG \times \text{Aut}(A))/G \rightarrow BG,$$

where  $g \cdot (x, \gamma) = (g \cdot x, \alpha_g \circ \gamma)$ .

## Theorem (Matui-I. 2018)

Let  $G$  be a poly- $\mathbb{Z}$  group and let  $A$  be a unital Kirchberg algebra. Then  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{OA}(G, A)$  are cocycle conjugate iff  $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha^s} \cong \mathcal{P}_{\beta^s}$ .

## Example

Cocycle conjugacy classes of outer  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ -actions on  $\mathcal{O}_n$  are in one-to-one correspondence with

$$H^2(\mathbb{T}^3; \pi_1(\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_n \otimes \mathbb{K}))) = H^2(\mathbb{T}^3; \mathbb{Z}_{n-1}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2(n-1)\mathbb{Z})^3.$$