

# Equivariant $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability for automorphisms

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# Introduction

## Central question

When is an action  $\alpha : G \curvearrowright A$  of a countable group on a classifiable  $C^*$ -algebra **equivariantly  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable**, i.e. when does it satisfy  $\alpha \simeq_{cc} \alpha \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{Z}}$ ?

- 1 Motivation and statement of the problem
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$G \curvearrowright \bigotimes_{g \in G} \mathcal{Z}$  is equivariantly  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable iff  $G$  is amenable

## Traceless case

### Theorem (Szabó, 2018)

Let  $A$  be a Kirchberg algebra and  $\alpha : G \curvearrowright A$  an action by a countable amenable group. Then  $\alpha \simeq_{\text{cc}} \alpha \otimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{O}_\infty}$ .

→ implies the result since  $\mathcal{O}_\infty \cong \mathcal{O}_\infty \otimes \mathcal{Z}$

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For each  $\tau \in T(A)$  we can do this for  $\|\cdot\|_{2,\tau}$  by known results about  $\pi_\tau(A)''$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  can we use this to obtain result for  $\|\cdot\|_{2,u}$ ?

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Equivariant  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability for single automorphisms on simple  $C^*$ -algebras with tractable trace simplices:

### Theorem (W)

Let  $A$  be a unital, separable, simple, nuclear and  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable. Suppose that  $\partial_e T(A)$  is non-empty, compact and has finite covering dimension. Then any automorphism  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$  is equivariantly  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stable.



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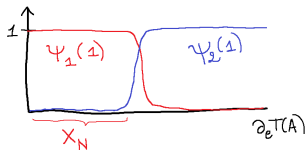
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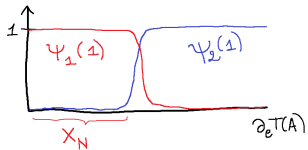
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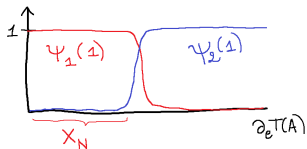
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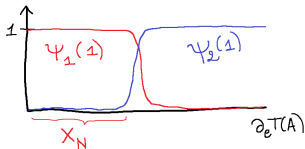


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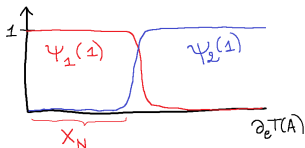
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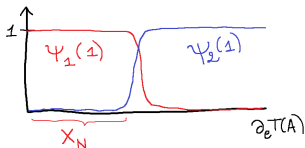
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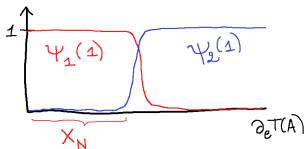
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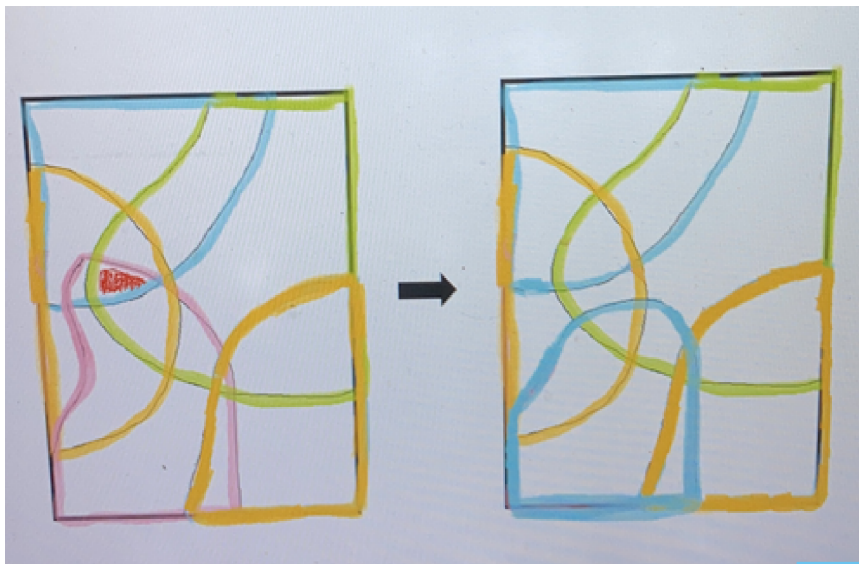
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- Obtain result for more general actions
- Different 'gluing' techniques (e.g. uniform property  $\Gamma$  and CPoU)



Thanks for your attention!

## Finite covering dimension



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$$(M_n, \text{Ad}(\nu)) \rightarrow (A, \alpha)$$

This implies  $\alpha$  has finite Rokhlin dimension with commuting towers and implies the result.