

Almost Elementary C^* -Dynamics and \mathcal{Z} -Stability of Crossed Products

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 A noncommutative, ensuring classifiability of $A \rtimes_{\alpha} G$, reducing to \mathcal{Z} -stability for $G = \{e\}$, and almost finiteness for $A = C(X)$.

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if \forall compact $K \subseteq U$, $\exists U_1, \dots, U_k \subseteq X$ open, $\exists g_1, \dots, g_k \in G$ s.t. $K \subseteq U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_k$ and $g_1 U_1 \dots g_k U_k$ are disjoint subsets in V .

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