

Idea of the map

$$\mu: K_j^G(EG) \longrightarrow K_j C_r^* G \quad j=0,1$$

Assume  $j=0$  and  $G$  is compact

$$G \text{ compact} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} EG = \cdot \\ K_0 C_r^* G = R(G) \end{cases}$$

$R(G)$  is the representation ring of  $G$

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$R(G)$  is a free abelian group with one generator for each distinct (i.e. non-equivalent) irreducible representation of  $G$

$$\mu: KK_G(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \bar{K}(G)$$

$G$  compact  $\Rightarrow$  Given  $(H, \psi, T, \pi) \in \mathcal{E}_G^\circ(\mathbb{C})$   
 within the equivalence  
 relation on  $\mathcal{E}_G^\circ(\mathbb{C})$  we  
 may assume

$$\psi(\lambda) = \lambda I \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$T\pi(g) - \pi(g)T = 0 \quad \forall g \in G$$

Hence the non-triviality of  $(H, \psi, T, \pi)$   
 is coming from

$$I - T^*T \in \mathcal{K}(H)$$

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$$\text{These conditions} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Kernel } T) < \infty \\ \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{CoKernel } T) < \infty \end{cases}$$

Kernel (T) and CoKernel (T) are finite dimensional representations of G

$$\mu(H, \psi, T, \pi) = \text{Kernel}(T) - \text{CoKernel}(T)$$

$$\mu: KK_G^0(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow K_0 C_r^*G = R(G)$$

Suppose  $G$  is non-compact

$$\mu : K_j^G(\underline{EG}) \longrightarrow K_j C_r^* G$$

The elements of  $K_0^G(\underline{EG})$  can be viewed as generalized elliptic operators on  $\underline{EG}$ .  $\mu$  assigns to such a generalized elliptic operator its index.

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## THE CONJECTURE WITH COEFFICIENTS

**Definition.** A  $G - C^*$  algebra is a  $C^*$  algebra  $A$  with a given continuous action of  $G$ .

$$G \times A \longrightarrow A$$

$G$  acts on  $A$  by  $C^*$  algebra automorphisms.

The continuity condition is: For each  $a \in A$ ,

$$G \longrightarrow A, g \mapsto ga$$

is a continuous map from  $G$  to  $A$ .

Let  $A$  be a  $G - C^*$  algebra. Form the reduced crossed-product  $C^*$  algebra  $C_r^*(G, A)$ .

$$K_j C_r^*(G, A) = ?$$

$K_j^G(\underline{EG}, A)$  denotes the equivariant K-homology of  $\underline{EG}$  with  $G$ -compact supports and coefficients  $A$ .

## EXPANDER GRAPHS

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Let  $\Gamma$  be a finitely presented discrete group which contains an expander in its Cayley graph.

Such a  $\Gamma$  is a counter-example to the conjecture with coefficients.

Does such a  $\Gamma$  exist?

M. Gromov outlined a proof that such a  $\Gamma$  exists. A number of mathematicians are now filling in the details.

**Conjecture**(P.B. and A.Connes, 1980) Let  $G$  be a locally compact Hausdorff second countable topological group, and let  $A$  be any  $G$ - $C^*$  algebra, then

$$\mu : K_j^G(\underline{EG}, A) \longrightarrow K_j C_r^*(G, A)$$

is an isomorphism.

$j = 0, 1$ .