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ABSTRACTS 1.2

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Automorphisms of triangular AF-algebras (preliminary report)

Donsig, Pitts and Power showed that any isomorphism $\Theta: \mathcal{A}_1 \to \mathcal{A}_2$ between triangular AF algebras \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_{\in} factors as $\Theta = \alpha \circ \beta$, where β is a (not-necessarily *-extendible) automorphism of \mathcal{A}_1 which fixes the spectrum of \mathcal{A}_1 and $\alpha: \mathcal{A}_1 \to \mathcal{A}_2$ is an isometric *-extendible isomorphism.

Let G be the group of automorphisms of \mathcal{A}_1 which fix the spectrum. In this talk, I will show that for each $\theta \in G$, there is a complex valued cocycle on the spectrum of \mathcal{A}_1 . When \mathcal{A}_1 belongs to the class of TAF algebras generated by order-preserving normalizers, the cocycle is continuous and the map from the automorphism group to cocycles is a group homomorphism.

This is "work in progress" and is joint with Allan Donsig.