

# CLASSIFYING LIFTS IN THE TRACE-KERNEL EXTENSION

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For our application: need to get rid of the summand  $\sigma$ .

Central notion:

**Def.**

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### Related to step 3:

If  $A$  satisfies UCT, can get uniqueness from  $[\varphi]_{KK} = [\psi]_{KK}$  and  $\overline{K}_1^{\text{alg}}(\varphi) = \overline{K}_1^{\text{alg}}(\psi)$  instead.

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 $\rightsquigarrow e_\theta$  splits, and  $\theta$  lifts to  $\psi'$
- use stronger uniqueness to get lift  $\psi$  with  
 $[\psi] - [\psi'] = \alpha - [\psi']$ , i.e.  $[\psi] = \alpha$ .

Have lifting theorem for extensions with “trace-kernel features”:

Def.

[REDACTED]

This is enough to get absorption when needed. Still need some  $\mathcal{Z}$ -stability for classification.

[REDACTED]