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*Exponential length of commutator unitaries of simple AH  $C^*$ -algebras.*

Abstract: Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra, and let  $CU(A)$  denote the closure of the set of all commutators of the unitary group of  $A$ . Let  $cel_{CU}(A)$  denote supremum of exponential lengths of all  $u \in CU(A)$ . Huaxin Lin proved that if  $A$  is a TAI algebra, then  $cel_{CU}(A) \leq 2\pi$ . Lin also proved that for each countable ordered weakly unperforated Riesz group  $(G, G_+)$  and each countable group  $H$ , there is a simple AH algebra of tracial rank one such that  $(K_0(A), K_0(A)_+, K_1(A)) = (G, G_+, H)$  and  $cel_{CU}(A) > \pi$ . In this talk, I will present the following theorem: for any simple AH algebra  $A$  of tracial rank one,  $cel_{CU}(A) = 2\pi$ . This is a joint work with Chunguang Li and Ivan Valesques.