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Extremal algebras.

This talk is on joint work with L. Avramov and S. Iyengar concerning ring homomorphisms $R \to S$ that provide S with an R-module structure that has an extremal resolution. The ur-example is the Frobenius homomorphism in characteristic p > 0, but there are many others.

In particular, we get an example of a surprising phenomenon: that the R-module structure of S can actually give information about the rings R and S. (Received February 29, 2004)