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Title: Actions of tame abelian product groups

**Abstract:** A Polish group *G* is tame if for any continuous action of *G* on a Polish space *X*, the induced orbit equivalence relation is Borel, as a subset of *X* x *X*. Suppose that  $G=\prod_n G_n$  is a product of countable abelian groups. It follows from results of Solecki and Ding and Gao that if *G* is tame, then all of its actions are in fact potentially  $\Pi^{0}_{6}$ . Ding and Gao conjectured that this bound could be improved to  $\Pi^{0}_{3}$ . We refute this, by finding an action of a tame abelian product group which is not potentially  $\Pi^{0}_{5}$ . The proof involves forcing over models where the axiom of choice fails for sequences of finite sets. This is joint work with Shaun Allison.