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 $\mathcal{Z}$ -absorption and small boundary property

A C^* -algebra is said to be $\mathcal{Z}$ -absorbing if it absorbs the Jiang-Su algebra $\mathcal{Z}$ tensorially. Let us consider a free and minimal $\mathbb{Z}^d$ action on a compact metrizable space, and let us consider the corresponding crossed product C^* -algebra. Then it is shown recently that the $\mathcal{Z}$ -absorption of the crossed product C^* -algebra, which is a C^* -algebra property, indeed is completely characterized by the small boundary property (or the zero mean dimension) of the standard Cartan subalgebra, which is a dynamical system property. Along the way, the $\mathcal{Z}$ -absorption of the crossed product C^* -algebra is also shown to be equivalent to other (C^* -algebra or Cartan subalgebra) properties such as uniform property Gamma or zero real rank of certain sequence algebras. The talk is based on joint works with George A. Elliott.