

$G$  = omega-categorical group

$H$  = infinite subgroup of  $G$ .

$H$  is called **inert** in  $G$  if for every  $g$  from  $G$  the intersection  $H \cap gHg^{-1}$  is of finite index in  $H$ .

**Proposition 1**. Every finite subgroup of  $G$  is contained in an infinite residually finite inert subgroup of  $G$ .

$G$  is **residually finite** if every finite subset  $F$  of non-trivial elements of  $G$  has empty intersection with some normal subgroup of  $G$  of finite index.

Proposition 1 follows from the main results of [V.Belyaev, Locally finite groups with a finite non-separable subgroup, S.Math.J., 1993];

$H < G$  is **separable**, if there is a non-trivial finite  $H$ -invariant  $K < G$  with  $H \cap K = 1$ .

Let  $H$  be an inert residually finite subgroup of  $G$  and let  $X = \{gK : K \cap H \text{ is of finite index both in } K \text{ and } H\}$ .

By [Belyaev] the action of  $G$  on  $X$  by multiplication defines an embedding of  $G$  into  $\text{Sym}(X)$  such that the closure  $G^c$  is locally compact and the closure  $H^c$  is a compact subgroup of  $G^c$ .

If  $G$  is residually finite the completion  $G^c$  with respect to  $G$  is the profinite completion of  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.**  $G^c$  is locally finite.  
 If  $G$  is abelian ( $k$ -step nilpotent, soluble), then  $G^c$  is abelian ( $k$ -step nilpotent, soluble resp.) .

**Proposition 3.**

$G$  is finite-by-abelian-by-finite if and only if there is a positive real  $\varepsilon < 1$  such that for any infinite compact  $C < G^c$  we have

$\mu_C (\{ (x,y) \in C \times C : xy=yx \}) = \varepsilon$ ,  
 where  $\mu_C$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $C$  .

A group  $K$  has countable (topological) **cofinality** if  $K$  can be presented as the union of an  $\omega$ -chain of proper (open) subgroups.

What is the cofinality of  $G^c$  ?

**Observation.** If  $G^c$  is not compact then  $G^c$  has countable topological cofinality.

### **Apps-Wilson Theorem.**

An  $\omega$ -categorical group  $G$  has a finite series  $1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_n = G$  with each  $G_i$  characteristic in  $G$ , and with each  $G_i / G_{i-1}$  either elementary abelian, or isomorphic to some Boolean power  $P^R$  with finite simple non-abelian  $P$  and atomless Boolean ring  $R$ , or an  $\omega$ -categorical characteristically simple non-abelian  $p$ -group for some  $p$ .

**Theorem 1.** The completion  $G^c$  has uncountable cofinality if and only if  $G$  is residually finite and the following properties hold:

1. In any series  $1=G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_n = G$  with each  $G_i/G_{i-1}$  characteristically simple the highest infinite quotient  $G_m/G_{m-1}$  (with maximal  $m$ ) is isomorphic to some Boolean power  $P^R$  with finite simple non-abelian  $P$  ;

2. For any abelian cover  $N_1 < N_2$  in the lattice of characteristic subgroups of  $G$  the  $G^c/N^c_2$ -module  $N^c_2/N^c_1$  does not have countable  $G^c/N^c_2$ -cofinality .

**Proposition 4.** If the group  $G$  is locally soluble, then  $G^c$  has countable cofinality.

## **Theorem 2.**

Let  $G$  be residually finite and let both  $G$  and  $G^c$  be  $\omega$ -categorical. Then if  $G$  is soluble then both  $G$  and  $G^c$  are nilpotent-by-finite.

**Observation.** Under the assumptions above let  $N_1 < N_2 < G$  be a cover in the lattice of characteristic subgroups of  $G$ . If  $G^c$  is  $\omega$ -categorical and the closures  $N_1^c$  and  $N_2^c$  are definable in  $G^c$  then  $N_2^c/N_1^c$  is abelian.

**Proposition 5.** If  $G$  is residually finite and  $G^c$  satisfies the same AE-sentences with  $G$  then there is a number  $m$  such that for any  $g$  from  $G^c$  any element of the minimal normal subgroup of  $G^c$  containing  $g$  is a product of  $< m$  conjugates of  $g$  ( $G^c$  has finite conjugate spread).