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999-19-71 **Igor Nikolaev\*** (nikolaev@math.ucalgary.ca), Department of Mathematics, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4. *Topological invariants of 3-manifolds arising in the K-theory of AF C\*-algebras.* Preliminary report.

Topology of 3-dimensional manifolds is largely controled by so-called geodesic laminations on a surface embedded into the 3-manifold. We attach to given lamination a canonical  $AF C^*$ -algebra, whose  $K_0$ -group is shown to be dimension group of stationary type. The Morita invariants of the above  $K_0$ -group (matrix of partial multiplicities, minimal polynomial, slope, etc) give plethora of old and new topological invariants of the 3-manifolds. (References: math.GT/0111173, math.GT/0206201, math.OA/0310400.) (Received August 07, 2004)