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1006-13-162 Luchezar Avramov and Srikanth Iyengar* (iyengar@math.unl.edu), 305 Avery Hall, Department of Mathematics, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588. Gaps in Hochschild (co)homology imply smoothness for commutative algebras.

The talk will be concerned with the Hochschild homology and cohomology of a commutative algebra S, finitely generated over a field K, and with coefficients in an S-module M. I will discuss recent results of L. Avramov and myself that say if either the homology or the cohomology vanishes in sufficiently long intervals, then the K-algebra S is smooth at each prime ideal in the support of M.

A special case of this last result provides a strong affirmative answer to a question of Happel: For a (not necessarily commutative) algebra A of finite vector space dimension over a field K, does the eventual vanishing of Hochschild cohomology (with coefficients in S) imply that S has finite global dimension? This is in sharp contrast to the general situation, where the answer is negative; the relevant counter-example has been constructed recently by Buchweitz, Green, Madsen, and Solberg. (Received February 14, 2005)