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It is well-known that ergodic unital $*$ -endomorphisms acting on a factor of type I_∞ correspond to essential irreducible representations of Cuntz algebras, and that shift-type unital $*$ -endomorphisms correspond to certain irreducible representations of UHF algebras. More generally, it was shown by W. Arveson that continuous semigroups of unital $*$ -endomorphisms correspond to essential irreducible representations of a continuous analogue of the Cuntz algebras, the spectral C^* -algebra. Our purpose in this talk is to discuss a correspondence between pure E_0 -semigroups and certain irreducible representations of a continuous analogue of UHF algebras. (Received August 12, 2006)