

**Title:** The lifting property for  $C^*$  algebras

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**Abstract:** We give several characterizations of the lifting property (LP in short) using the maximal tensor product for  $C^*$  -algebras. The class of algebras with LP includes all nuclear  $C^*$ -algebras but also the full  $C^*$ -algebras of free groups. The local version of the LP (LLP in short) will be discussed in connection with the problem whether the local LP implies the global LP in the separable case.