# Some open problems in Banach Space Theory II

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Efimov–Stechkin'1958–1962: approximately compact (in Hilbert and  $L_p$ , p > 1).

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### Chebyshev in noncomplete spaces

#### Theorem (Fletcher–Moors'2015)

 $\exists X \text{ inner product noncomplete space, } C \subset X \text{ Chebyshev, nonconvex.}$ 

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[Fonf, Lindenstrauss]  $\exists$  reflexive *X* tiled by shifts of a single closed convex *S* with nonempty interior?

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[Troyanski] X (uncountable) unconditional basis and Gâteaux norm. Has  $X^*$  dual rotund renorming?

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