

The tree property at $\aleph_{\omega+2}$ with a finite gap

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In this talk we will focus on the combination 1+3, i.e.

- Have 2^{\aleph_ω} large + have the tree property at $\aleph_{\omega+2}$.

We will try to refine the known results by getting 2^{\aleph_ω} as large as possible.

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- It is open whether 2^{\aleph_ω} can be greater or equal to \aleph_{ω_1} (pcf conjecture implies no).

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We show a theorem for gap 3 (can be generalized to a finite gap):

Theorem (Friedman, Honzik, S. (2017))

Suppose there is κ which is $H(\lambda^+)$ -hypermeasurable where λ is the least weakly compact above κ . Then there is a forcing extension where the following hold:

- ① $\kappa = \aleph_\omega$ is strong limit and $2^{\aleph_\omega} = \aleph_{\omega+3}$.
- ② $\text{TP}(\aleph_{\omega+2})$.

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- The last assumption is used to obtain a contradiction using properties such as the κ^+ -cc of \mathbb{C}^2 and the product analysis $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{T}$ over a suitable quotient.

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