

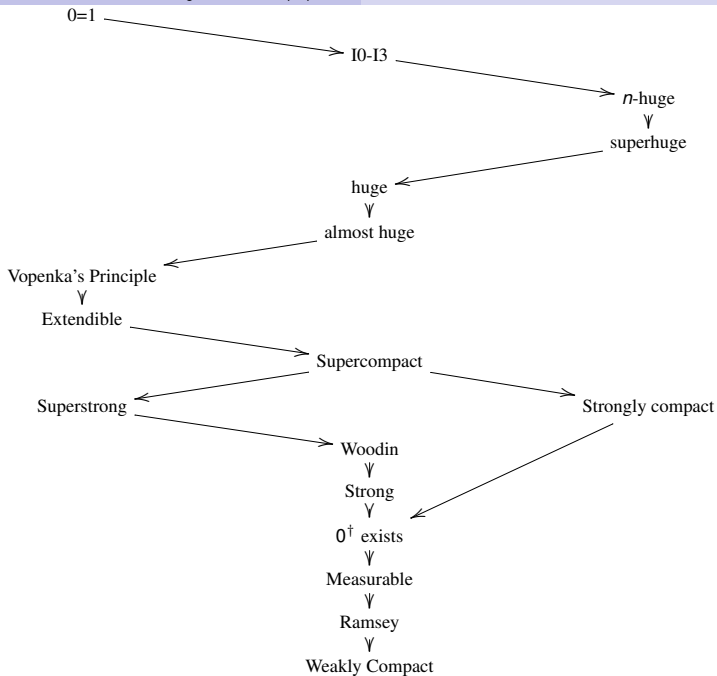
Strong Combinatorial Properties at Small Cardinals

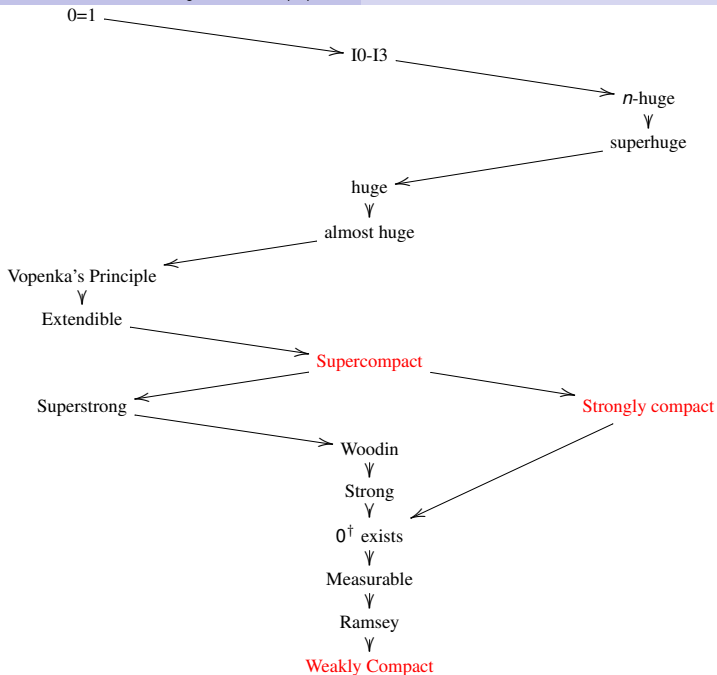
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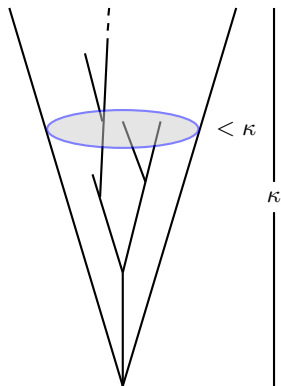
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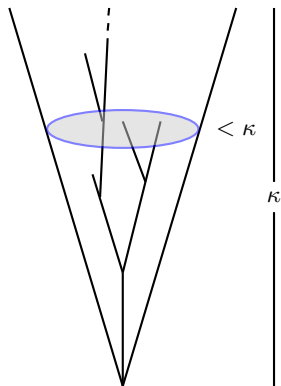
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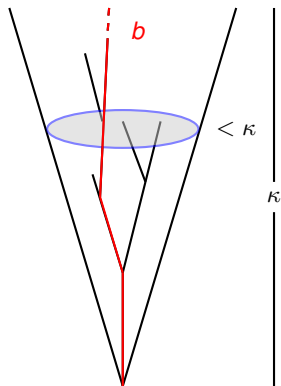
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A κ -Aronszajn tree is a κ -tree with no cofinal branches.

Theorem

- (König's Lemma 1936) \aleph_0 satisfies the tree property;
- (Aronszajn 1934) \aleph_1 does not satisfy the tree property;
- (Specker 1949) If $\tau^{<\tau} = \tau$, then the tree property fails at τ^+ ;
- (Mitchell 1972) If $\text{Cons}(ZFC + \exists \kappa \text{ weakly compact})$, then for every regular τ such that $\tau^{<\tau} = \tau$, we have $\text{Cons}(ZFC + \tau^{++})$ has the tree property.

The Tree Property at *Small Cardinals*

Mitchell 1972

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Cummings & Foreman 1998

If $\text{Cons}(ZFC + \exists \langle \kappa_n \rangle_{n < \omega}$ supercompact cardinals), then
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Magidor & Shelah 1996, Sinapova 2012

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Neeman 2012

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Friedman & Halilović 2011

If $\text{Cons}(\text{ZFC} + \exists \kappa$ weakly compact hypermeasurable), then
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Open question

Is it possible to construct a model where all regular cardinals above \aleph_1 simultaneously satisfy the tree property?

The tree property at the successor and the double successor of a singular cardinal

Unger 2013

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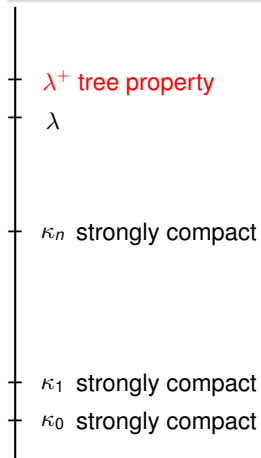
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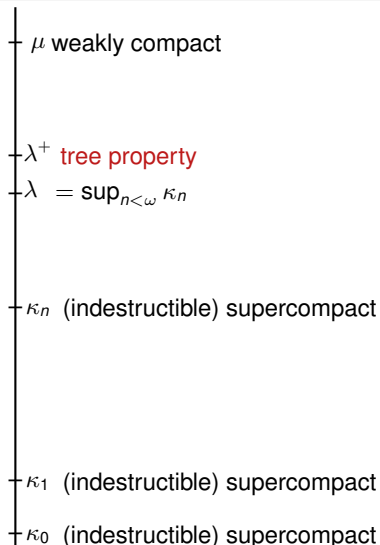
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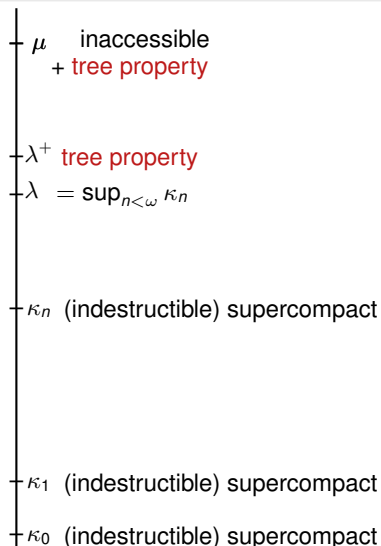
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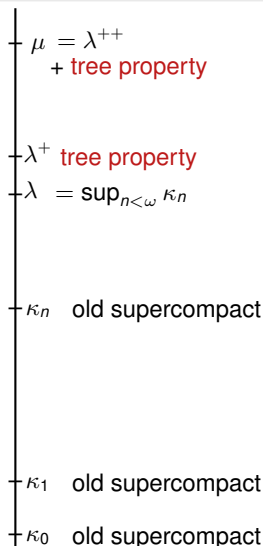
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Mitchell's forcing over a singular cardinal

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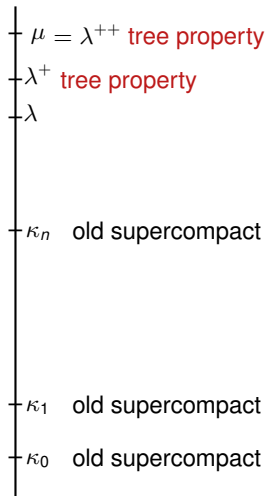
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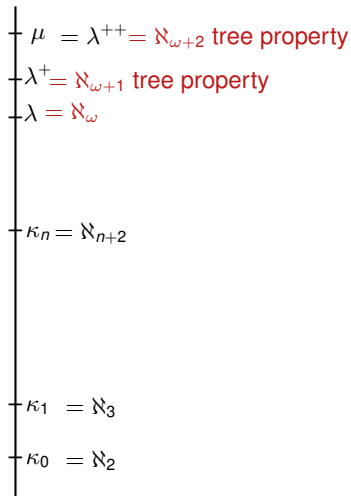
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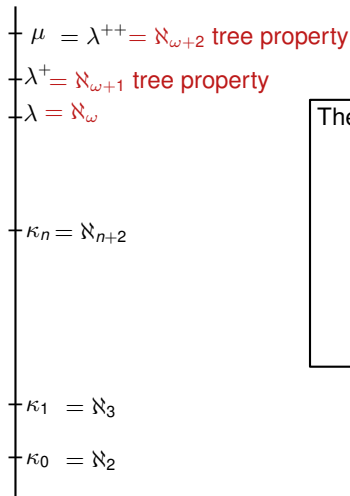
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There exists $\nu < \kappa_0$ singular strong limit of cofinality ω , such that

$$\text{Coll}(\omega, \nu) \times \text{Coll}(\nu^+, < \kappa_0)$$

$$\times \prod_{n < \omega} \text{Coll}(\kappa_n, < \kappa_{n+1}) \times \mathbb{M}$$

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The Strong Tree Property

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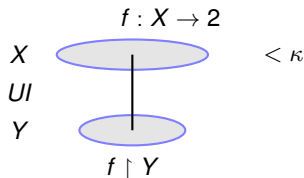
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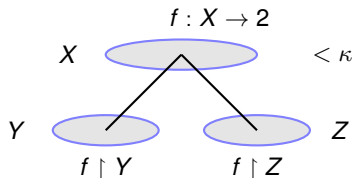


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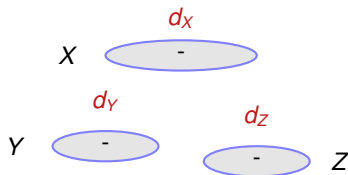
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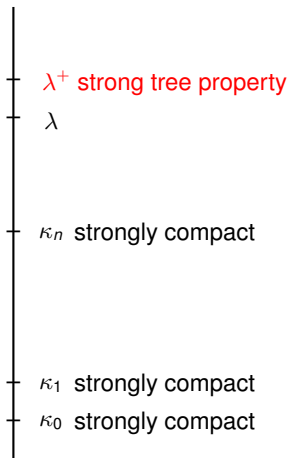
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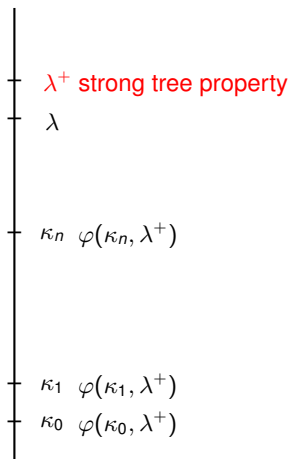
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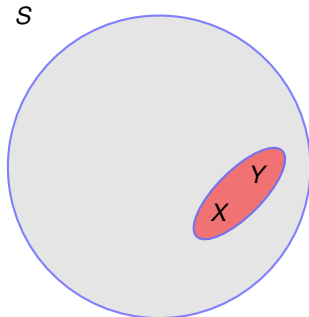
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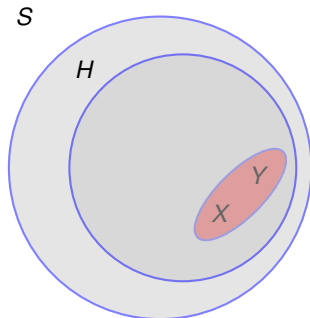
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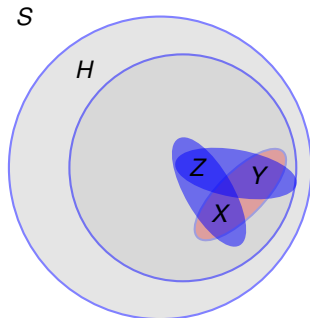
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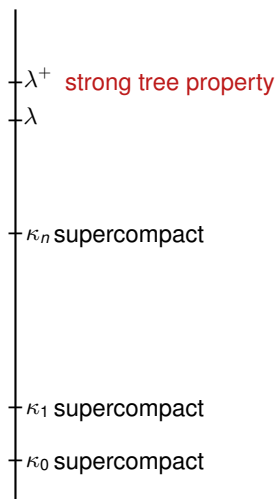
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Fontanella - Key Lemma

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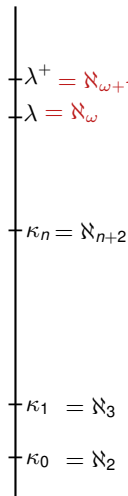
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There exists $\nu < \kappa_0$ singular strong limit of cofinality ω , such that

$$\text{Coll}(\omega, \nu) \times \text{Coll}(\nu^+, < \kappa_0)$$

$$\times \prod_{n < \omega} \text{Coll}(\kappa_n, < \kappa_{n+1})$$

forces the strong tree property at $\aleph_{\omega+1}$.

Future work

- Can we find similar characterizations of other large cardinals?
- What cardinals can satisfy those properties?
- How can we use them?

Thank you.