

# Base Tree Phenomenological Horizons

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In my first life, upon a time, in the wonderland of set-theoretic topology...

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- Charles University study of theoretical cybernetics – whole time in Kosice lectured Turing machines, recursive functions, logic programming, ... this gave me later foundation and starting point to my second life activities



# Outline of this talk

- Sources and Components – motivations, tracks
  - from Balcar Pelant Simon Baire like approach on one side and
  - from Fichtengolz slow/faster converge/diverge series on the other
- How did it evolve (pure topology (co-absoluteness) - series)
- The  $(\ell^1, \leq^*) - (c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  horizon and  $(\bigcap \ell^{1+1/k}) \setminus \ell^1$  plateau
- $RO(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  and  $RO(\wp(\omega) /_{\text{fin}}, \subseteq^*)$  can be isomorphic
- But need not always in ZFC (Fuchino, Mildenberger, Shelah, V)
- Problems, hypothesis
- Horizon, pass, sensing infinity, infinitesimals, ideological, cultural, technological, ... horizons

# Motivations

- [BPS] B. Balcar, J. Pelant, P. Simon. The space of ultrafilters on  $\mathbb{N}$  covered by nowhere dense sets. *Fund. Math.* 110 (1980), 11-24
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# How did it evolve ...

**Topology – more general – are spaces co-absolute or not? From [BPS] ...**

- Broverman-Weiss 82, Williams 82, vanMill-Williams 83, ...
- 89 Dow – tree  $\pi$ -bases  $\beta\mathbb{N}\setminus\mathbb{N}$
- Dordal, Laver, van Douwen, ...
- 98 Shelah-Spinas
- 98 Dow  $RO(\beta\mathbb{R}\setminus\mathbb{R}) \neq RO(\beta\mathbb{N}\setminus\mathbb{N})$  - very similar to our approach
- 2015 Balcar-Doucha-Hrusak BTP

**From analysis, asymptotics, ... series, sequences,  $\omega^*\setminus\mathbb{Q}$ ,**

- 85 Coplakova-V Q-points, 94 ctd., Toposym 96
- 92 V. A note on the effectiveness of tests for the absolute conv. div. of infinite series (Belasova-Ewert-Salat)
- 93 MAx  $RO(c_0^+\setminus\ell^1, \geq^*) = RO(\beta\mathbb{N}\setminus\mathbb{N})$
- 95 Krajci-V same for finite partitions
- 99 FMSV  $RO(c_0^+\setminus\ell^1, \geq^*) \neq RO(\beta\mathbb{N}\setminus\mathbb{N})$ , like 98 Dow, only to keep  $\sum a_n = \infty$  ...

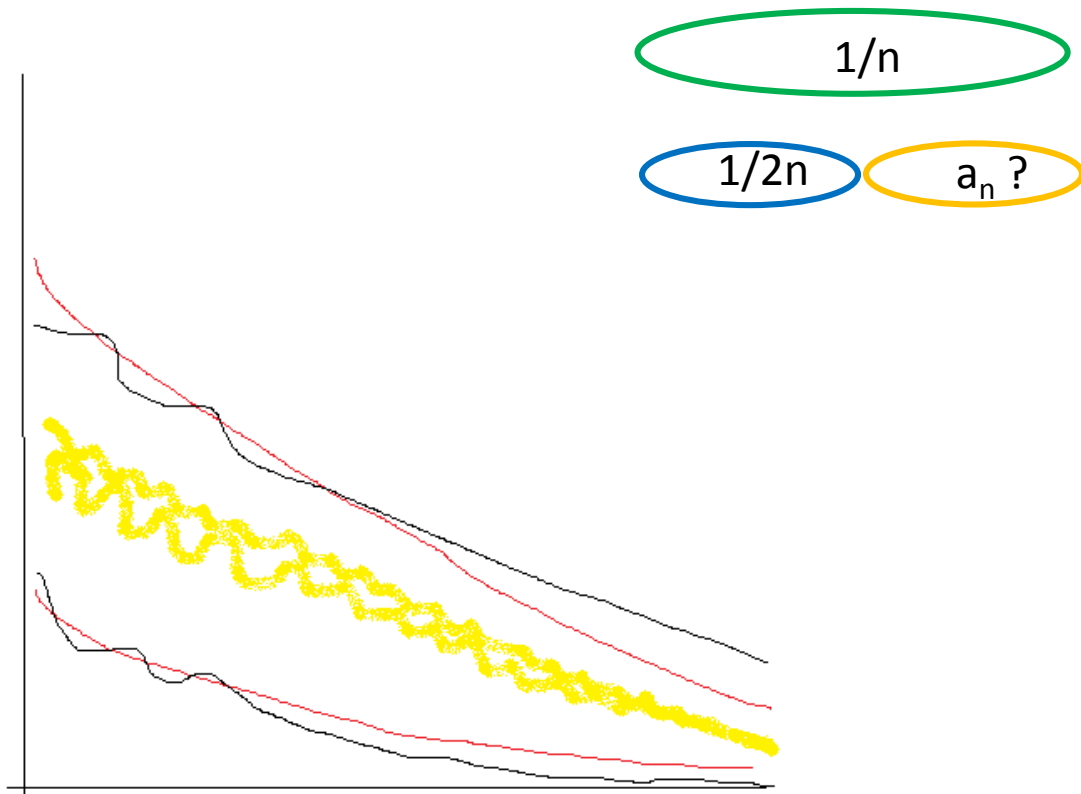
**Baire's theorem** is about our ability to climb a horizon (speed, distance (method)) – surprise in  $\omega^*$  - similar to collapsing algebra  $\text{Coll}(\mathfrak{h}, 2^\omega)$

- Matrix  $\Theta \subseteq \wp(\text{Open}(P))$
  - Shattering matrix
  - Refining matrix
  - Base matrix
  - Definition [BPS]. Let  $P$  be a dense in itself topological space. Define
$$\kappa(P) = \min\{|\Theta| : \Theta \text{ is a shattering matrix for } P\}$$
- Shift of notation  $\kappa(P, \tau) \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}(P, <)$
- The *height* of a partial order  $(P, \leq)$ ,  $\mathfrak{h}(P)$  shortly, is the minimal cardinality of a system of open dense subsets of  $P$  such that the intersection of the system is not dense.
  - An equivalent definition involves maximal antichains:  $\mathfrak{h}(P)$  is equal to the minimal cardinality of a system of maximal antichains from  $P$  that do not have a common refinement.
  - **One sided horizon...**

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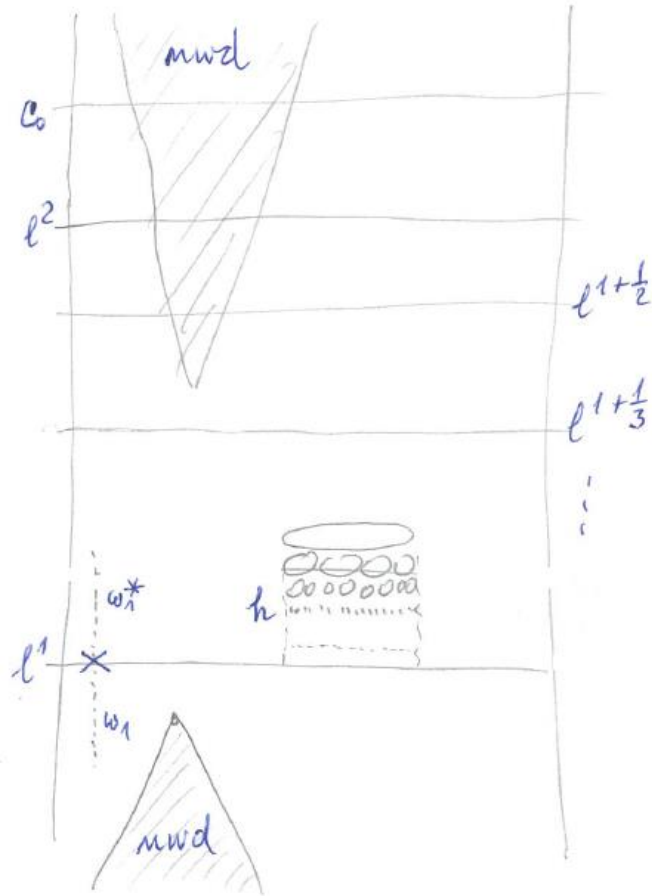
# Perception: a (two sided) horizon between convergent and divergent series



- Comparison tests
- What is stronger under eventual dominance  $a_n <^* b_n$  ( $\leq^*$  resp.)?
  - Divergence:  $a_n <^* b_n$  is stronger
  - Convergence:  $a_n <^* b_n$  is stronger
- $(\ell^1, \leq^*)$  directed upwards (stronger)
- $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  Boolean-like (topology-like) downwards (stronger)
- $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  is **not separative**:  $1/2n < 1/n$  but **there is no**  $a_n \in c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1$ ,  $a_n <^* 1/n$ , s.t.

$$\min(a_n, 1/2n) \in \ell^1$$

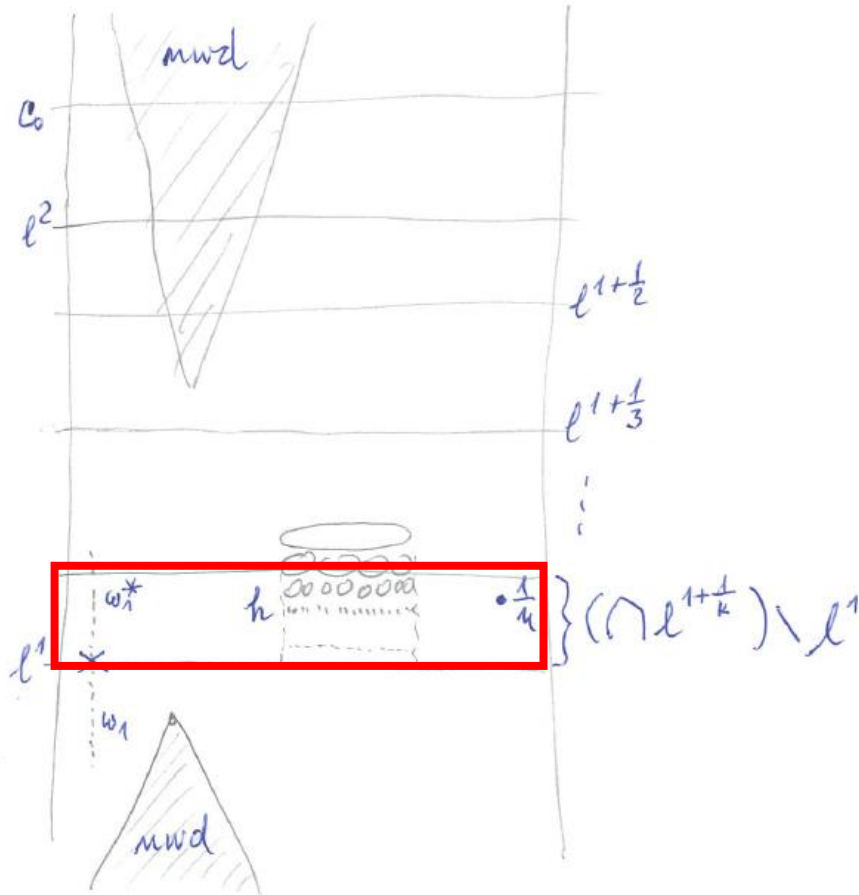
$c_0^+$ :  $a_n \geq 0$ ,  $\lim a_n = 0$ ,  $\sum a_n = +\infty$  or  $\sum a_n < +\infty$



- Eventual dominance  $a_n <^* b_n$  decides only topologically small sets (horizon is topologically large?)
- $(\ell^1, \leq^*)$  directed upwards,  $\mathfrak{b}(\ell^1, \leq^*)$  ZFC sensitive
- $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  Boolean downwards  $\mathfrak{t}(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  ZFC sensitive
- There is an  $(\omega_1, \omega_1^*)$  gap (**narrow path**)
- There is base tree (**broad way**)



# $c_0^+$ horizon



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- $(\omega_1, \omega_1^*)$  gap (narrow path), base tree (broad way)
- **Plateau**  $(\bigcap \ell^{1+\frac{1}{k}}) \setminus \ell^1$  on pass ...
- Explicit language of analysis is countable
- Set-theoretic topology can handle this phenomenon

# Various $\mathfrak{h}(P)$ formulations

The following are equivalent with  $\kappa < \mathfrak{h}(P)$

( $\approx$  a separative quotient)

- (1)  $\text{RO}((P, \leq)/\approx)$  is  $\kappa$ -distributive.
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The game  $G(P, \kappa)$  is played in  $\kappa$  rounds, and the two players INC and COM choose  $p_\alpha^{\text{INC}}$ ,  $p_\alpha^{\text{COM}}$  in the  $\alpha$ th round such that for all  $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$ ,

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In the end, player INC wins iff the sequence of moves does not have a lower bound in  $P$  or if at some round he/she has no legal move.

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# $\mathfrak{h}(P)$ – we will use (2)

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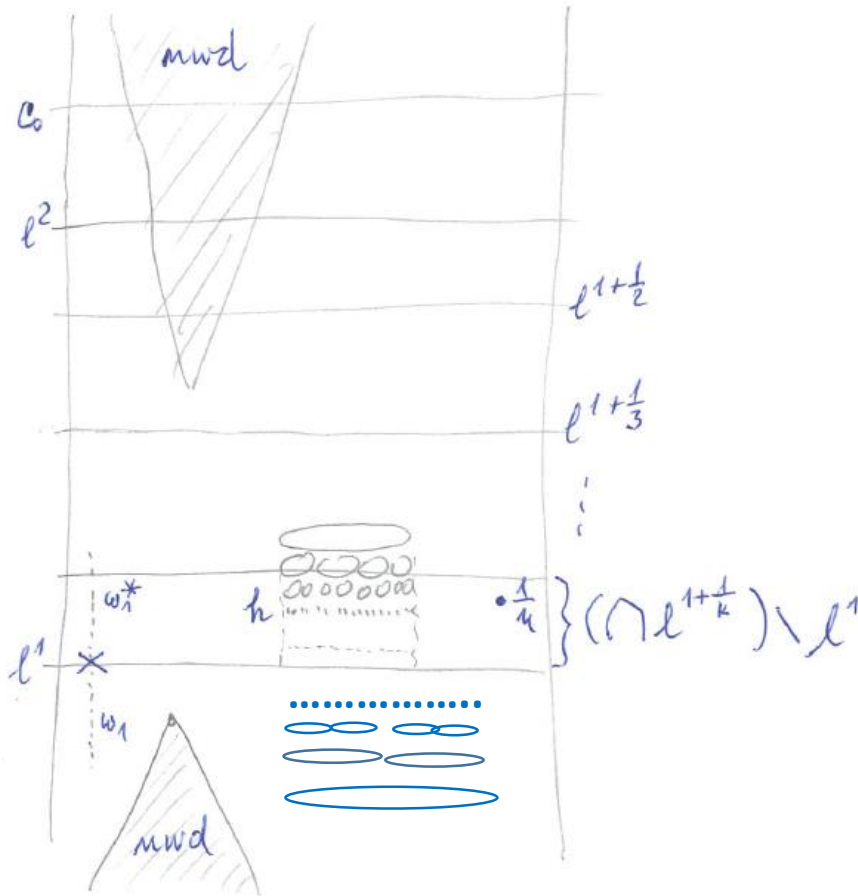
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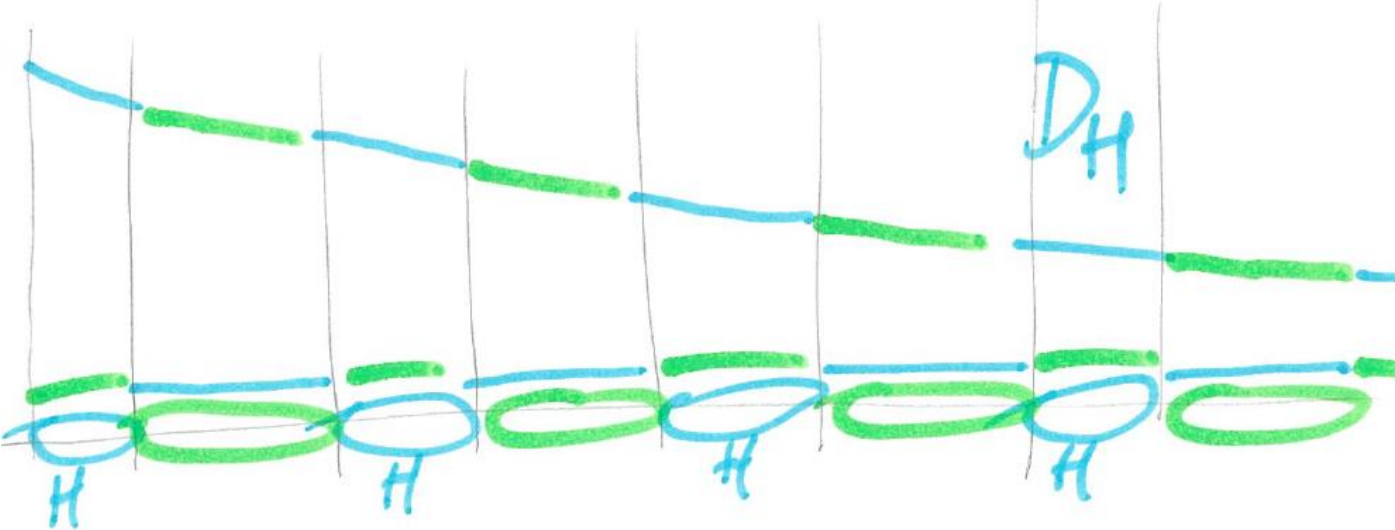
# Are Base Tree Phenomenological Horizon always (cBa) isomorph?



- Balcar-Doucha-Hrusak Base Tree Property - BTP
- In  $\ell^1$   $a_n \leq^* b_n$  iff  $\frac{\sum a_{n+1}}{\sum a_n} \leq^* \frac{\sum b_{n+1}}{\sum b_n}$  is Boolean upwards and BTP,  $\mathfrak{t}(\leq^*)$
- $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$  Boolean downwards BTP
- Under CH **are** all cBA isomorph – **are they always?** PV, PAMS 117,1 (1993, Toposym 1991)
- Presented 1990 to S. Shelah, last correction at **TOPOSYM 96**, Fund.Math. 1999

$$\text{Con}(\mathfrak{h}(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*) < \mathfrak{h}(\wp(\omega) /_{\text{fin}}, \subseteq^*))$$

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Construction  
 very similar to Dow98  
 only problem is to keep  
 $\sum a_n = \infty$

- In any extension obtained by the  $\aleph_2$ -stage countable support iteration of Mathias forcing over a model of CH, the complete Boolean algebra generated by the **separative** quotient of absolutely divergent series under eventual dominance is not isomorphic to the completion of  $\wp(\omega) / \text{fin}$

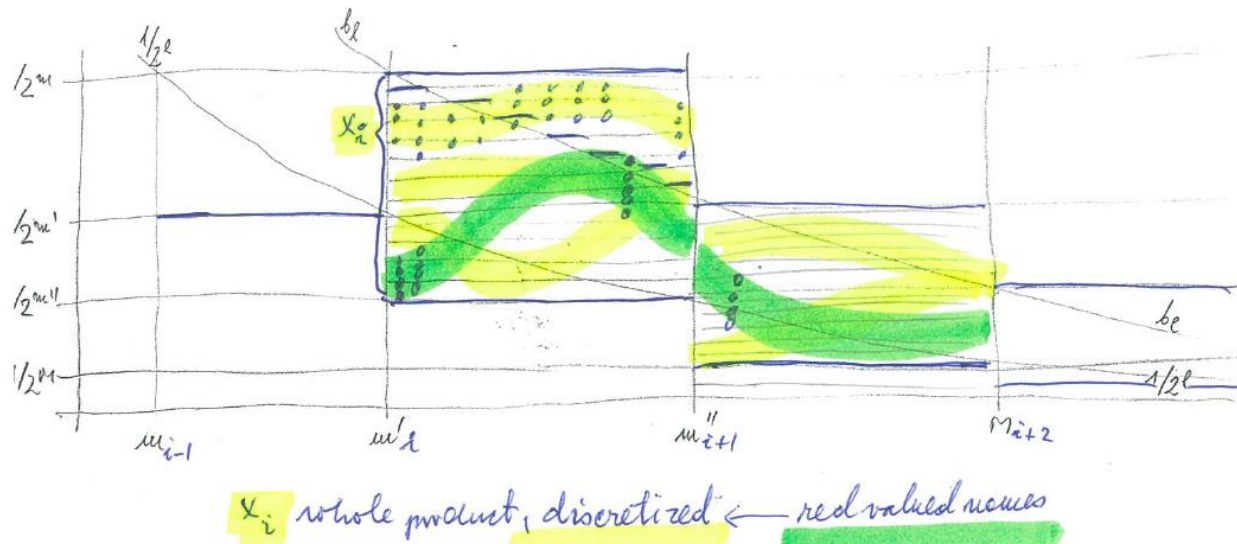
Suppose that  $\bar{b} \in (c_0 \setminus \ell^1)^{V[G]}$ . There is some  $\delta < \omega_2$  such that  $\bar{b} \in V[G_\delta]$ . We choose a family  $\langle D_\nu \mid \nu \in \omega_1 \rangle \in V[G]$  such that  $\langle D_\nu \mid \nu \in \omega_1 \rangle$  is an enumeration of

$$(4.1) \quad \left\{ \left\{ \bar{a} \in (c_0 \setminus \ell^1)^{V[G]} \mid \sum_{l \in H} a_l < \infty \text{ or } \sum_{l \in \omega \setminus H} a_l < \infty \right\} \mid H \in ([\omega]^\omega)^{V[G_\delta]} \right\} = D_H$$

Claim. Intersection of  $D_\nu$  is not dense below  $\bar{b}$  in  $V[G]$ .

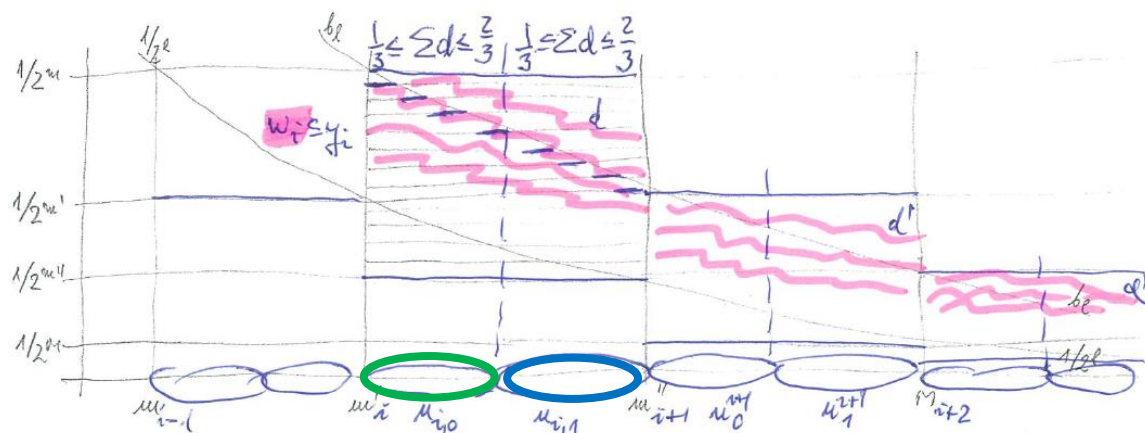
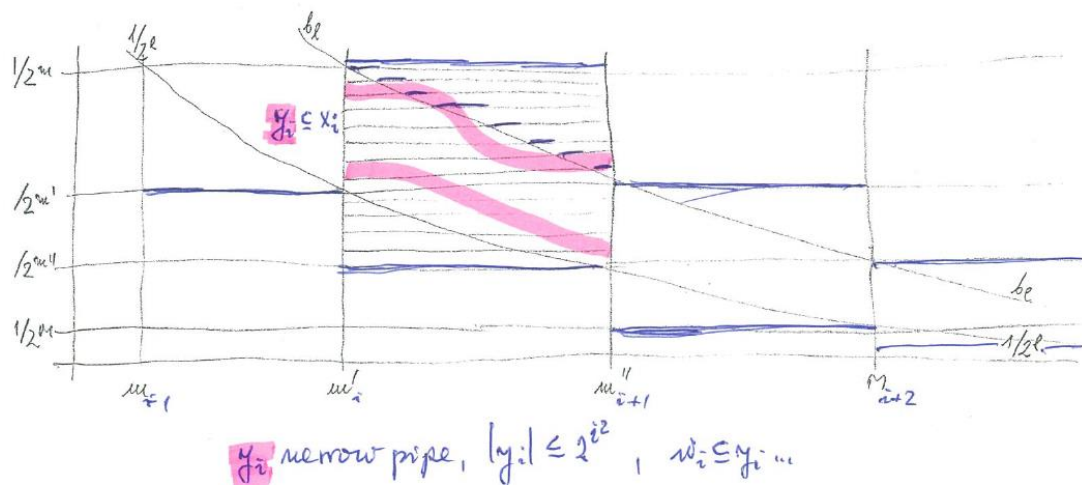
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- Proof by contradiction
- Assume  $D_V$  is dense below  $b$  ( in  $V[G]$ )
- Let  $c \leq^* b$ ,  $c \in \bigcap D_V$  in  $V[G]$
- Working in  $V[G_\delta]$
- There is a name  $c'$  for  $c$  in  $V[G_\delta]$
- Using  $b \in V[G_\delta]$ , define  $m_i^b \dots$
- Discretized name  $c''$  for  $c$  in each  $[m', m''] \dots$

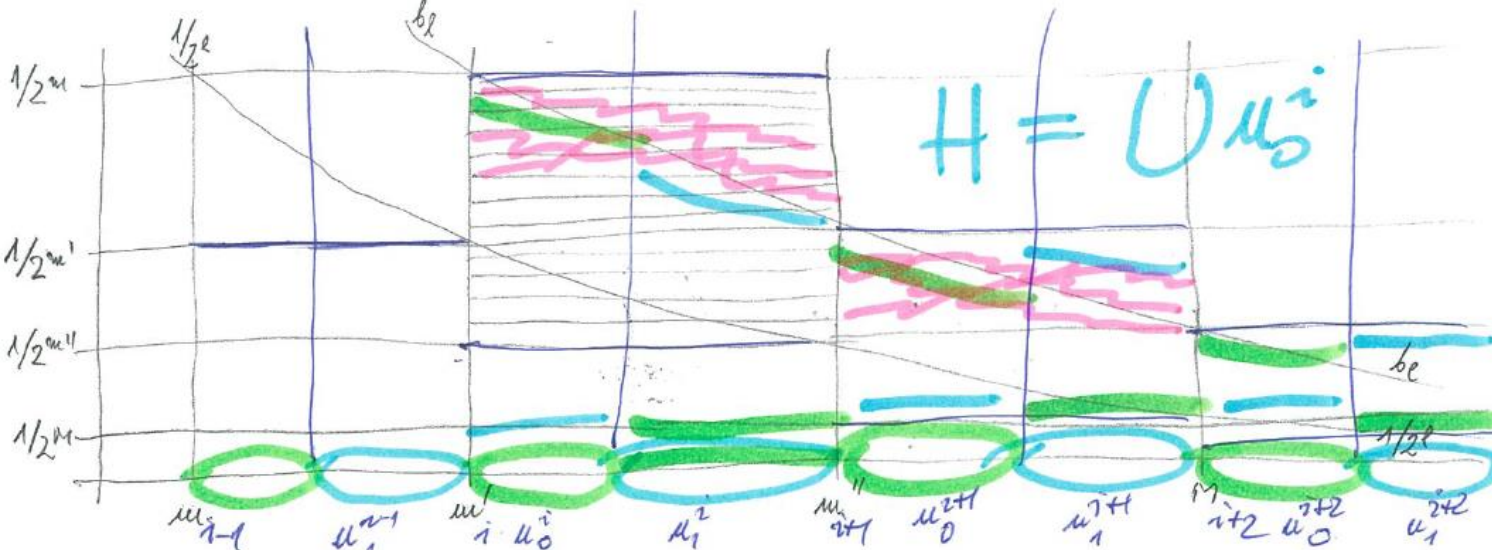
# Shelah: Let's go to casino ...



- Discretized name for  $c''$  in each  $[m', m'']$
- Laver property – name  $c^*$  for  $c$  in a **narrow pipe** in each  $y_i$
- $w_i = \{d \in y_i : \sum_{l=m_i}^{m_{i+1}} d_l > 1/i^2\}$  **here we care about divergence, Dow98 need not to**
- $e \in y_i \rightarrow (\exists^\infty i)(e \upharpoonright [m_i, m_{i+1}] \in w_i)$
- flip a fair coin to divide  $[m', m''] = u_0 \cup u_1$ , (**Alon-Spencer-Erdős trick**) estimate chance that a  $d \in w_i$ ,  $h=0,1$

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq \frac{\sum \{d_l \mid l \in u_h\}}{\sum \{d_l \mid l \in [m', m'']\}} \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

It is nonzero (large product, narrow pipe, ... + some more conditions on  $m_i$ )



$J'$  is the bad guy

With a real parameter in  $V[G_\delta]$  (namely  $\langle u_{0,i} \mid i \in \omega \setminus \{0\} \rangle$ ) we define the set

$$J = \{ \bar{d} \in (c_0 \setminus \ell^1)^{V[G]} \mid \exists h \in \{0, 1\} \forall^\infty i \in \omega \setminus \{0\} (\bar{d} \upharpoonright u_{h,i} \equiv 0) \}.$$

$J'$  is one of  $D_H$

$J$  is obviously open in  $(c_0 \setminus \ell^1, \leq^*)$ .

The closure of  $J$  under  $\approx$  is

$$(4.15) \quad \begin{aligned} J' &= \{ \bar{d} \mid \exists \bar{d}' \in J \forall \bar{e} \leq^* \bar{d} (\bar{e} \not\approx \bar{d}') \} \\ &= \left\{ \bar{d} \mid \exists h \left( \sum_{i \in \omega \setminus \{0\}} \sum_{l \in u_{h,i}} d_l < \infty \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

• and  $c^* \notin J'$   $\square$

• **Problem.** Does ZFC decide  $\mathfrak{h}(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \leq^*) \leq \mathfrak{h}(\wp(\omega) /_{\text{fin}}, \subseteq^*)$ ?



# Problems, hypothesis

- Dow 98 –  $RO(R^*)$  has a certain two dimensionality – we say a many valued object of investigation – Conjecture:
  - $\mathfrak{h}(R^*) \leq \mathfrak{h}(N^* \times N^*)$
  - $\mathfrak{h}(R^*) \leq \mathfrak{h}(R^* \times R^*)$
- We can repeat this by asking  $\mathfrak{h}(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*) \leq \mathfrak{h}(N^* \times N^*)$ ? Rephrasing Balcar-Hrusak: Is  $\mathfrak{h}(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*) \leq \min(\mathfrak{h}, \text{add}(\mathcal{R}))$ ?
- Is it ZFC consistent  $RO(\ell^1, \leq^*) \not\cong RO(\wp(\omega)/_{\text{fin}, \subseteq^*})$ ? (Shelah: “dirty computing” ... )
- ( with S. Krajci)  $\mathbb{P} = \{ \text{partitions } P \subseteq [\omega]^{<\omega} \text{ of } \omega \text{ s.t. } \limsup p_n = +\infty \}$ , another model of approaching infinity
 

$P \subseteq Q$  if  $(\forall p \in P) (\exists! q \in Q) (p \subseteq q)$

$(\mathbb{P}, \subseteq)$  has BTP, hence under CH isomorphic to all BTP structures **Problem**. Is  $\text{Con}(\mathfrak{h}(\mathbb{P}, \subseteq) < \mathfrak{h}(\wp(\omega)/_{\text{fin}, \subseteq^*}))$ ? Probably not, it is not a many valued structure

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# Problems, hypothesis ctd.

- Fichtengolz like horizon  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n = o(\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} b_n)$ ,  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , both in  $c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1$  and  $\ell^1$
- Flaskova / Blobner ZFC  $\vdash (\exists \mathcal{U} \in \omega^*)(\forall 1-1 f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})(\exists U \in \mathcal{U})(f[U] \in \mathcal{I}(1/n))$ , i.e. there is a point behind the horizon (Analogy of covering non Q points, these can be called “harmonic points (exist in ZFC)”, Gryzlov in ZFC Asymp.density 0-points)
- What are interesting horizon in  $\omega^*$ ? In Katetov ordering? Rudin-Frolik order? Each point  $\mathcal{U} \in \omega^*$  is a  $\mathfrak{t}$ -point, order witnesses of  $\mathfrak{t}$ -pointedness by  $\subseteq$ , ... more examples in Balcar – Doucha – Hrusak in Order 2015 Base tree property
- Many horizons between small/big, slow/fast (ideal/filter), asymptotic create horizons (e.g. polynomial/exponential, degrees of computability, P/NP, )
- Horizons – one/two sided – Baire/natural – two valued/many valued – narrow/broad
- Is there a border between  $(\ell^1, \leq^*)$  and  $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \geq^*)$ ? [Hyperreals - is there a “boundary” between convergent and divergent series?](#)

# Horizon, pass, sensing infinity, infinitesimals,... ideological, cultural, technological, ... horizons

**Railway sleepers, last railway sleeper  
before horizon? Do rails continue behind  
horizon? Telescope sees further/details.**



**Blue ridge mountains. What is on the  
other side? Is there anything?**



# Approaching a horizon – speed, distance (method)

Narrow path / climb the hill / **consistency**?

Pass at the horizon **connects** worlds.



Broad way ... Can we meet in the pass?

How fast am I climbing



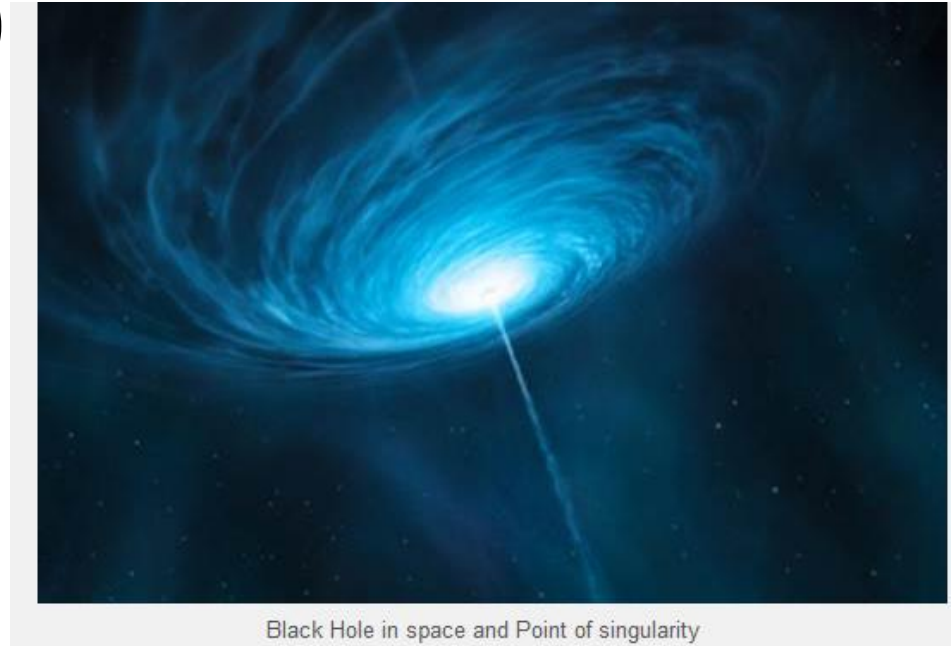
# Philosophical/mathematical horizons



- Edmund Husserl
  - phenomenon of horizons
- H. Jerome Keisler
  - infinitesimals, extension / transfer axiom,
- Petr Vopěnka
  - semisets, prolongation axiom
- Topological boundary, other mathematical horizons ...

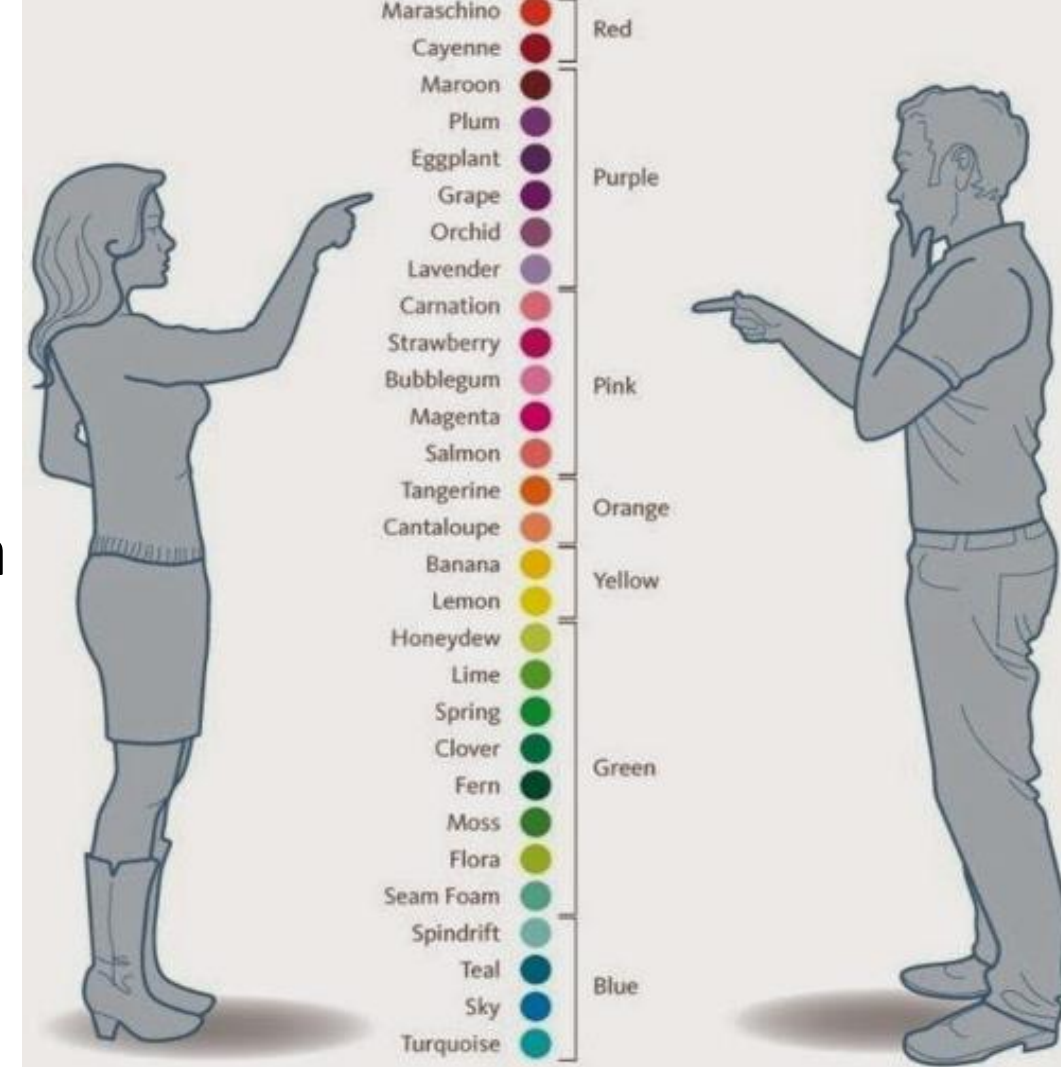
# Real world horizons (Platonist, Aristotelian, physics, phenomenologist, constructivist, ...)

- Are all (nontrivial, mathematical) horizons -
  - Either directed
    - Like  $(\omega^\omega, \leq^*)$ ? How many types of such horizons are there? Is there some **spectral theorem**?
    - or trivial, countable, ...
  - Or Boolean/topological
    - either  $(c_0^+ \setminus \ell^1, \leq^*)$  like (many valued)?
    - or  $(\wp(\omega) /_{\text{fin}}, \subseteq^*)$  like (two valued)?
  - one/both sided? Baire/natural? two valued/many valued? narrow/broad? **other?**
- Physics - A cosmological *horizon* is a measure of the distance from which one could possibly **retrieve information (Google horizon)** - Particle horizon, Hubble horizon, Event horizon, Future horizon, optical horizon, neutrino horizon, gravitational wave horizon, ...



## Real world horizons ctd.

- Google horizon, AI, (spiritual) ecology, sustainable...
- The ultimate event horizon/pass (Vopěnka is behind, some of us approaching closer/faster some slower...)



- Cultural horizon, beyond human (man, woman) comprehension (sensing colors), horizons in history – Silk road horizons ...

# Thank you!

Questions? Comments?



Hated set-theory? Not at all, just pivoted to human behavior experiments ... computer science is about human users



*"I'm not leaving you. I'm pivoting to another man."*

... 2015 started to attend B. Balcar's seminar again

Plato's nature of mathematics

Nature of physics – all particles of same sort behave same

Nature of humans (are not particles)

- Behavior
- Recommendation
- Challenge
- Model
- Method - prototype
- Data
- Metrics
- Experiments
- contribution

**Automatic Tarski lattice continuity**  
**Left lower semicontinuous connectives**

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# My personal Toposym history – towards “second life”

- **1974** Theoretical Cybernetics, **1976-80** PhD study under supervision of B. Balcar, **1978 -91** lecturing – logic programming, Turing Machines,
- Toposym 1981 - A transfinite Boolean game and a generalization of Kripke's embedding theorem.
  - Martial law Poland December 13, **1981** to July 22, 1983
- Toposym 1986 - Set-theoretic characteristic versus **gaps** in convergence of **series** and  $P(\omega)/\text{fin}$ .
  - **17.11.1989** political changes in Czechoslovakia, **1990-91** AvHumboldt fellow – meeting **S. Shelah** in Halle G. Cantor set theory seminar – presented the problem of isomorphism of  $RO(\text{divSeries})$  and  $RO(P(\omega)/\text{fin})$ , cooperation with **S. Fuchino** on subject, **1991** Ramat Gan winter school on Set theory
- Toposym 1991 - Boolean isomorphism between partial orderings of convergent and divergent **series** and infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ 
  - **1992-98** Extension of computer science (PhD) studies UPJS, **1995** Logic Colloquium Haifa, **1995** Scientific activities in Computer Science – first paper P. Vojtas, L. Paulik: Logic Programming in RPL and RQL. SOFSEM 1995
- Toposym 1996 - On ultrafilters on  $\omega^*$ .
  - **Toposym 1996** Last meeting with **Saharon Shelah** on subject, continuation with **H. Mildenberger**, published **1999** as FMSHV:593, Continuing in Computer Science users' preference learning