

# The Borel reducibility Main Gap

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For every  $\eta \in \kappa^\kappa$  define the structure  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu}$  with domain  $\mu$  as follows: For every tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  in  $\mu^n$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in P_m^{\mathcal{A}_{\eta \upharpoonright \mu}} \Leftrightarrow \eta(\pi_\mu(m, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) > 0.$$

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### Fact (Mangraviti-Motto Ros)

Let  $E_1$  be a Borel equivalence relation with  $\gamma \leq \kappa$  equivalence classes and  $E_2$  be an equivalence relation with  $\theta$  equivalence classes. If  $\gamma \leq \theta$ , then  $E_1 \hookrightarrow_B E_2$ .

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## Equivalence modulo $\gamma$ cofinality

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We define the equivalence relation  $=_{\gamma}^2 \subseteq 2^{\kappa} \times 2^{\kappa}$ , as follows: let  $S = \{\alpha < \kappa \mid cf(\alpha) = \gamma\}$ ,

$$\eta =_{\gamma}^2 \xi \iff \{\alpha < \kappa \mid \eta(\alpha) \neq \xi(\alpha)\} \cap S \text{ is non-stationary.}$$

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Non-classifiable	Indep	Indep	$\mu = \gamma$

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Theory	$\lambda = \lambda^\gamma$	$2^c \leq \lambda = \lambda^\gamma$	$2^c \leq \lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda}$ & $\diamond_\lambda$
Stable Unsuper- stable	$\mu = \omega$	$\mu = \omega$	$\mu = \omega$
Unstable	$\omega \leq \mu \leq \gamma$	$\omega \leq \mu \leq \gamma$	$\omega \leq \mu \leq \lambda$
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- ▶  $\cong_T$  is  $\Sigma_1^1(\kappa)$ -complete.



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## Lemma (M. 2023)

Let  $\kappa$  be strongly inaccessible, or  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$  and  $2^c \leq \lambda = \lambda^{<\omega_1}$ .  
For all cardinals  $\aleph_0 < \mu < \delta < \kappa$ , if  $T$  is a non-classifiable theory  
then

$$\cong_T^\mu \hookrightarrow_C \cong_T^\delta \hookrightarrow_C id \hookrightarrow_C \cong_T.$$

## Classifiable non-shallow

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Suppose  $\kappa = \lambda^+ = 2^\lambda$ . The following reduction is strict. Let  $2^c \leq \lambda = \lambda^{<\omega_1}$ . If  $T_1$  is a classifiable non-shallow theory and  $T_2$  is a non-classifiable theory, then

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Theorem (Friedman - Hyttinen - Kulikov 2014)

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- ▶ Every chain of length less than  $\gamma$  has a unique limit.

# Isomorphism of $\kappa^+$ , $(\gamma + 2)$ -tree\*

## Lemma (Hyttinen - Kulikov - M.)

Suppose  $\gamma < \kappa$  is such that for all  $\epsilon < \kappa$ ,  $\epsilon^\gamma < \kappa$ . For every  $f, g \in 2^\kappa$  there are  $\kappa^+$ ,  $(\gamma + 2)$ -trees\*  $J_f$  and  $J_g$  such that

$$f \stackrel{2}{=}_{\gamma} g \Leftrightarrow J_f \cong_{ct} J_g$$

where  $\cong_{ct}$  is the isomorphism of  $\kappa^+$ ,  $(\gamma + 2)$ -tree\*.

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Let  $I$  be a linear order of size  $\kappa$ . We say that  $I$  is  $\kappa$ -colorable if there is a function  $F : I \rightarrow \kappa$  such that for all  $B \subseteq I$ ,  $|B| < \kappa$ ,  $b \in I \setminus B$ , and  $p = tp_{bs}(b, B, I)$  such that the following hold: For all  $\alpha \in \kappa$ ,

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Suppose  $T$  is superstable with DOP in a countable relational vocabulary  $\tau$ . Let  $\tau^1$  be a Skolemization of  $\tau$ , and  $T^1$  be a complete theory in  $\tau^1$  extending  $T$  and with Skolem-functions in  $\tau$ . Then for every  $f \in 2^\kappa$  we want a model  $\mathcal{M}_1^f \models T^1$  with the following properties.

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4. There is a formula  $\varphi \in L_{\omega_1\omega_1}(\tau)$  such that for all  $\eta, \nu \in A_f$  and  $m < \gamma$ , if  $A_f \models P_m(\eta) \wedge P_\gamma(\nu)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}^f \models \varphi(a_\nu, a_\eta)$  if and only if  $A_f \models \eta \prec \nu$ .

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# The isomorphism theorem

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Suppose  $T$  is a non-classifiable first order theory in a countable relational vocabulary  $\tau$ . If  $I$  is  $(\kappa, \varepsilon)$ -nice and  $(< \kappa)$ -stable, then for all  $f, g \in 2^\kappa$

$$f \stackrel{2}{\underset{\gamma}{\sim}} g \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}^f \cong \mathcal{M}^g.$$

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- ▶ exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\forall \beta < \alpha$ ,  $f(\beta) = g(\beta)$ , and  $f_1(\alpha), g_1(\alpha) \neq 0$  and  $g(\alpha) > f(\alpha)$ .

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