

# Spaces with an $M$ -diagonal

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In this talk we will prove that if  $X$  is a Tychonoff space and  $X^2 \setminus \Delta$  is dominated by a second countable space then  $X$  is cosmic. This solves an open problem of Cascales, Orihuela and Tkachuk (see[COT]). We also consider the case when  $X$  is compact and  $X^2 \setminus \Delta$  is dominated by a metric space  $M$ ; in this situation we show that if such domination is strong, then the tightness of  $X$  is bounded by the weight of  $M$ .

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