

**NONSEPARABLE GROWTH OF  $\omega$   
SUPPORTING A STRICTLY POSITIVE MEASURE**

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A compact space  $K$  is a growth of  $\omega$  if there exists a compactification  $\gamma\omega$  of  $\omega$  such that  $K$  is homeomorphic to  $\gamma\omega \setminus \omega$ . We present a ZFC example of a nonseparable growth  $X$  of  $\omega$ , on which is defined a strictly positive measure  $\mu$ , i.e. such that  $\mu(U) > 0$  for any open  $U \subseteq X$ . It extends results of Bell, van Mill and Todorčević, who have found compactifications  $\gamma\omega$  of  $\omega$  with ccc nonseparable  $\gamma\omega \setminus \omega$ , and the result of Drygier and Plebanek, who have provided a nonseparable growth of  $\omega$  supporting a strictly positive measure under assumption  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{c}$ . Our growth  $X$  is of the form  $\text{ult}(\mathfrak{A})$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a Boolean algebra containing the algebra of clopen subsets of  $2^\omega$ .

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