# Grothendieck $C(K)$-spaces of small density 

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Recall that: $|\mathcal{A}|=w(S t(\mathcal{A}))$.

## Corollary

If $|\mathcal{A}|<\max (\mathfrak{s}, \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}))$, then $\mathcal{A}$ does not have the Grothendieck property. Hence, $\mathfrak{g r} \geqslant \max (\mathfrak{s}, \operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M}))$.

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## Fact

$\mathfrak{g r}$ may be either regular $(\mathrm{CH})$ or singular (in every model where $\operatorname{cov}(\mathcal{M})=\mathfrak{c}>\operatorname{cf}(\mathfrak{c}))$.

## The end

Thank you for the attention!

