

# Blowing up the power of a singular cardinal of uncountable cofinality.

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## Abstract

A new method for blowing up the power of a singular cardinal is presented. It allows to blow up the power of a singular in the core model cardinal of uncountable cofinality. The method make a use of overlapping extenders.

## 1 Introduction.

The purpose of this paper is to present a method for blowing up the power of a singular cardinal which differs from those used in [1] and in [2] to deal with cofinality  $\omega$ . The advantage of the present technique is that it generalizes to singular cardinals of uncountable cofinality, which was open.

The main result can be stated as follows:

**Theorem 1.1** *Assume GCH. Let  $\eta$  be a regular cardinal. Suppose that there is an increasing sequence  $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  of strong cardinals with  $\kappa_0 > \eta$ . Let  $\lambda > \bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} \kappa_\alpha$  be a regular cardinal. Then there is a cardinal preserving extension in which  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} \kappa_\alpha$  is a strong limit cardinal and  $2^{\bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} \kappa_\alpha} = \lambda$ .*

If  $\eta > \aleph_0$  and  $\lambda > (\bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} \kappa_\alpha)^+$ , then, by [4],  $o^\clubsuit$  should exists.

A slightly weaker assumption than  $\eta$ -many strongs is actually used.

We assume that there is a sequence  $\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  of extenders such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$

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1.  $E(\alpha)$  is a  $(\kappa_\alpha, \lambda)$ -extender,  
i.e.,  $j_{E(\alpha)} : V \rightarrow M_{E(\alpha)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(\alpha))$ ,  $\text{crit}(j_{E(\alpha)}) = \kappa_\alpha$ ,  $j_{E(\alpha)}(\kappa_\alpha) > \lambda$ ,  
 $M_{E(\alpha)} \supseteq H_\lambda$ ,  ${}^{\kappa_\alpha}M_{E(\alpha)} \subseteq M_{E(\alpha)}$ ;
2. for every  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $E(\beta) \triangleleft E(\alpha)$ .  
Note that this condition is equivalent to  $\langle E(\beta) \mid \beta < \alpha \rangle \in M_{E(\alpha)}$ ,  
since  ${}^{\kappa_\alpha}M_{E(\alpha)} \subseteq M_{E(\alpha)}$ .

Our conjecture is that this assumption is optimal for blowing up the power of singular in the core model cardinal of uncountable cofinality.

We will start with countable cofinality. Then a general case will be considered and finally some generalizations will be stated.

## 2 Blowing up the power of a singular cardinal of cofinality $\omega$ .

Let  $\langle \kappa_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$  be an increasing sequence of cardinals,  $\kappa_\omega = \bigcup_{n < \omega} \kappa_n$  and  $\langle E_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$  be a sequence such that for every  $n < \omega$

1.  $E(n)$  is a  $(\kappa_n, \lambda)$ -extender,  
i.e.,  $j_{E(n)} : V \rightarrow M_{E(n)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(n))$ ,  $\text{crit}(j_{E(n)}) = \kappa_n$ ,  $j_{E(n)}(\kappa_n) > \lambda$ ,  
 $M_{E(n)} \supseteq H_\lambda$ ,  ${}^{\kappa_n}M_{E(n)} \subseteq M_{E(n)}$ ;
2.  $E(n) \triangleleft E(n+1)$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  the one element extender based Prikry forcing with  $E(n)$ . We would like to combine the  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ 's together. It would be a kind of Magidor product, but will involve restrictions and reflections. Namely, if for some  $n < \omega$  a non-direct extension is made in  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ , then we will restrict each  $E(m)$ ,  $m < n$  to the corresponding member of the Prikry sequence for  $\kappa_n$  and reflect the information the condition contains about coordinates  $m < n$  below  $\kappa_n$ .

Let us start with a simpler situations where instead of  $\omega$  extenders we have only one or two.

## 2.1 A single extender.

Let us describe a variation of the one element extender based Prikry forcing that will be used here. It will be very close to those of C. Merimovich [8]. A difference will be that sequences inside conditions will be either empty or of length one only.

Let  $E$  be a  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -extender. We will define the sets  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$  and  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  which will lead us to the definition of the forcing notion  $\mathcal{P}_E$ .

Let  $d \subseteq \lambda \setminus \kappa$  of cardinality at most  $\kappa$ . Define a  $\kappa$ -ultrafilter  $E(d)$  on  $[d \times \kappa]^{<\kappa}$  as follows:

$$X \in E(d) \Leftrightarrow \{\langle j_E(\alpha), \alpha \rangle \mid \alpha \in d\} \in j_E(X).$$

Actually,  $E(d)$  concentrates on a smaller set called  $\text{OB}(d)$  in [8].

The advantage of using  $E(d)$  is that once  $A$  is a typical set of  $E(d)$ -measure one and  $a \in A$ , then  $a$  is of the form  $\langle \langle \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho \rangle$ , where

1.  $\rho < \kappa$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(a) = \{\alpha_\xi \mid \xi < \rho\} \subseteq d$ ,
3.  $\beta_\xi < \kappa$ , for every  $\xi < \rho$ .

So, a measure one set provides an explicit connection between elements of Prikry sequences and the measures to which they belong.

We assume further that always  $\langle \alpha_\xi \mid \xi < \rho \rangle$  and  $\langle \beta_\xi \mid \xi < \rho \rangle$  are strictly increasing sequences of ordinals.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$  be the set of all functions  $f$  such that

1.  $\text{dom}(f) \subseteq \lambda \setminus \kappa$  is of cardinality at most  $\kappa$ ,
2.  $\kappa \in \text{dom}(f)$ ,
3. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f)$ ,  $f(\alpha)$  is either empty or a one element sequence which consists of an element of  $\kappa$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$  does not depend on  $E$ , but only on  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$ . In particular if we replace  $E$  by another  $(\kappa, \lambda)$ -extender  $E'$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_E^* = \mathcal{P}_{E'}^*$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$ . Set  $f \geq^* g$  iff  $f \supseteq g$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$  and  $\vec{v} \in [\text{dom}(f) \times \kappa]^{<\kappa}$ . Define  $g = f_{\langle \vec{v} \rangle} \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$  as follows:

1.  $\text{dom}(g) = \text{dom}(f)$ ,
2. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g)$ ,
$$g(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \langle \vec{v}(\alpha) \rangle, & \text{if } \alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v}) \text{ and } f(\alpha) \text{ is empty sequence;} \\ \langle \vec{v}(\alpha) \rangle, & \text{if } \alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v}), f(\alpha) \text{ is not empty and } \vec{v}(\alpha) > f(\alpha); \\ f(\alpha), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The difference from the original definition by Merimovich in [8], is that we do not keep  $f(\alpha)$  if  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f(\alpha)$ , but rather replace  $f(\alpha)$  by  $\vec{v}(\alpha)$ .

Define now the pure part  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  of the main forcing  $\mathcal{P}_E$ .

**Definition 2.4** A pure condition  $p \in \mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  is of the form  $\langle f, A \rangle$ , where

1.  $f \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$ ,
2.  $f(\kappa)$  is the empty sequence,
3.  $A \in E(\text{dom}(f))$ .

Define the order on  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  as follows:

**Definition 2.5** Let  $p = \langle f, A \rangle, q = \langle g, B \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$ . Set  $p \geq^* q$  iff

1.  $f \geq^* g$  in  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$ ,
2.  $A \upharpoonright \text{dom}(g) \subseteq B$ .

The forcing  $\mathcal{P}_E$  will be the union of  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  with

$$\{f \in \mathcal{P}_E^* \mid f(\kappa) \neq \langle \rangle\}.$$

The direct order extension will be just the union of  $\leq^*$  orders of both parts. Let us define the forcing order  $\leq$  on  $\mathcal{P}$ . We do this by defining one element extensions of members of  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$ .

**Definition 2.6** Let  $p = \langle f, A \rangle$  be in  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  and  $\vec{v} \in A$ . Define  $p \hat{\smallfrown} \vec{v} \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$  to be  $f_{\langle \vec{v} \rangle}$ .

**Definition 2.7** Let  $p = \langle f, A \rangle$  be in  $\mathcal{P}_E^{\{\}}$  and  $g$  be in  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$ . Set  $p \leq g$  iff there is  $\vec{v} \in A$  such that  $f_{\langle \vec{v} \rangle} \leq^* g$ .

The next lemma follows from the definitions:

**Lemma 2.8** *The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_E, \leq \rangle$  is equivalent to the Cohen forcing for adding  $\lambda$ -many Cohen subsets to  $\kappa^+$ .*

However, more can be deduced:

**Lemma 2.9**  *$\langle \mathcal{P}_E, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing notion.*

*Proof.* Let us sketch the basic argument following Merimovich presentation [8].

Let  $p = \langle f^p, A^p \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_E^0$  and  $\sigma$  be a statement of the forcing language.

We would like to find a direct extension of  $p$  which decides  $\sigma$ . Suppose that there is no such extension.

Proceed as in 3.12 of [7]. Construct by induction an increasing chain of elementary submodels  $\langle N_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa \rangle$  of  $H_\chi$ , for  $\chi$  large enough, and a sequence  $\langle f_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa \rangle$  of members of  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$ , such that

1.  $p, \mathcal{P}_E, \sigma \in N_0$ ,
2.  $N_0 \supseteq \kappa$ ,
3. for every  $\xi < \kappa$ ,
  - (a)  $|N_\xi| = \kappa$ ,
  - (b)  ${}^{\kappa}N_\xi \subseteq N_\xi$ ,
  - (c)  $\langle f_\zeta \mid \zeta < \xi \rangle \in N_\xi$ ,
  - (d)  $f_\xi \in \bigcap \{D' \in N_\xi \mid D' \text{ is a dense open subset of } \mathcal{P}_E^* \text{ above } f^p\}$ ,
  - (e)  $f^p \leq^* f_0$ ,
  - (f)  $f_\xi \geq^* f_\zeta$ , for every  $\zeta < \xi$ .

Set  $N = \bigcup_{\xi < \kappa} N_\xi$  and  $f^* = \bigcup \{f_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa\}$ .<sup>1</sup>

Let  $A \subseteq [\text{dom}(f^*) \times \kappa]^{<\kappa}$  be such that

- $A \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^p) \subseteq A^p$ ,
- $A \in E(\text{dom}(f^*))$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Carmi Merimovich pointed out that there is no need here in elementary chain of models and it is possible to define  $N$  directly. This observation applies also to our further constructions.

Note that  $A \subseteq N$ , since  $\text{dom}(f^*) \subseteq N$ , and so,  $[\text{dom}(f^*) \times \kappa]^{<\kappa} \subseteq N$ .

Let  $\vec{v} \in A$ .

Define  $D_{\vec{v}}$  to be the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$ ,  $f \geq f^p$  such that

$$f_{\vec{v}} \parallel \sigma.$$

Then  $D_{\vec{v}}$  is a dense open subset of  $\mathcal{P}_E^*$  above  $f^p$ .

It is definable with parameters in  $N$ , hence  $D_{\vec{v}} \in N$ .

Then,  $f^* \in D_{\vec{v}}$ .

Shrink now  $A$  to  $A^* \in E(\text{dom}(f^*))$ , if necessary, such that for every  $\vec{v}, \vec{v}'$  inside  $A^*$  we will have

$$f_{\vec{v}}^* \Vdash \sigma \text{ iff } f_{\vec{v}'}^* \Vdash \sigma.$$

Suppose that for every  $\vec{v} \in A^*$ ,  $f_{\vec{v}}^* \Vdash \sigma$ .

Now, we claim that already  $\langle f^*, A^* \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ .

Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $g \geq \langle f^*, A^* \rangle$  which forces  $\neg\sigma$ . Then for some  $\vec{v} \in A^*$ ,  $g \geq f_{\vec{v}}^*$ , by Definition 2.7. But  $f^* \in D_{\vec{v}}$ , hence already  $f_{\vec{v}}^* \Vdash \neg\sigma$ , which is impossible by the choice of  $A^*$ .

Contradiction.

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## 2.2 Two extenders.

We deal now with two extenders  $E(0)$  and  $E(1)$ .

$E(0)$  is a  $(\kappa_0, \lambda)$ -extender,  $E(1)$  is a  $(\kappa_1, \lambda)$ -extender,  $\kappa_0 < \kappa_1$  and  $E(0) \triangleleft E(1)$ .

Assume for simplicity that there is  $h_\lambda : \kappa_1 \rightarrow \kappa_1$  such that  $j_{E(1)}(h_\lambda)(\kappa_1) = \lambda$  and that there is  $h_{E(0)} : \kappa_1 \rightarrow V_{\kappa_1}$  such that  $j_{E(1)}(h_{E(0)})(\kappa_1) = E(0)$ .

Note that having a Woodin cardinal, it is possible to pick such  $E(0)$  and  $E(1)$  with  $E(0) = j_{E(1)}(E(0)) \upharpoonright \lambda$ .

We will define the forcing notion  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}$ . The definition uses the sets constructed in previous subsection, i.e.,  $\mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^{\{\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^{\{0\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^{\{1\}}$ ,  $i < 2$ . In addition we will define the following:  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}^{\{\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}^{\{0\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}^{\{1\}}$ .

**Definition 2.10** The set of pure conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{\}}$  consists of all pairs  $\langle p(0), p(1) \rangle$  such that

1.  $p(0) = \langle f^0, A^0 \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^{\{\}}$ ,

2.  $p(1) = \langle f^1, A^1 \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^{\{\}}$ ,
3.  $\text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1 \subseteq \text{dom}(f^1)$ ,
4. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1$ , if  $f^1(\alpha)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^1$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^1(\alpha)$ .

The intuition behind this condition is that the current value  $f^1(\alpha)$  may interfere with values of one element Prikry sequences over  $\kappa_0$ . Namely, with the  $\alpha$ -th Prikry sequence over  $\kappa_0$ . Now, if  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^1(\alpha)$ , then  $f_{\vec{v}}^1(\alpha) = \vec{v}(\alpha)$ , by Definition 2.3, and so, the value  $f^1(\alpha)$  just disappears.

5. For every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^0) \cap \kappa_1$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^1$  and  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > \gamma$ .  
Note that  $|\text{dom}(f^0)| \leq \kappa_0$ , so it is easy to arrange this.

6. For every  $\vec{v} \in A^1$ , the measures  $E(0)(\text{dom}(f^0))$  and  $h_{E(0)}(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))((\text{dom}(f^0) \cap \kappa_1) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1\})$  are basically the same in the following sense:

$$X \in E(0)(\text{dom}(f^0)) \text{ iff } X^{ref} \in h_{E(0)}(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))((\text{dom}(f^0) \cap \kappa_1) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1\}),$$

where

$$X^{ref} = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in X \mid \alpha < \kappa_1\} \cup \{(\vec{v}(\alpha), \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in X, \alpha \geq \kappa_1\}.$$

Note that this property is true in the ultrapower by  $E(1)$ , so it holds on a set of measure one, as well.

Turn now to non-pure extensions.

First consider the situation with non-pure part over  $\kappa_0$ .

**Definition 2.11** The set of conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{0\}}$  consists of all pairs  $\langle f^0, p(1) \rangle$  such that

1.  $f^0 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^*$ ,
2.  $p(1) = \langle f^1, A^1 \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$ ,
3.  $\text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1 \subseteq \text{dom}(f^1)$ ,
4. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1$ , if  $f^1(\alpha)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^1$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^1(\alpha)$ ,
5. for every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^0) \cap \kappa_1$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^1$  and  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > \gamma$ .

Now we define conditions with a pure part over  $\kappa_0$  and a non-pure over  $\kappa_1$ .

**Definition 2.12** The set of conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{1\}}$  consists of all pairs  $\langle p(0), f^1 \rangle$  such that

1.  $f^1 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ ,
2.  $f^1(\kappa_1)$  is non-empty,
3.  $p(0) \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(f^1(\kappa_1))}$ . The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of  $E(1)$  is decided, then we reflect  $E(0)$  below  $\kappa_1$  to the  $(\kappa_0, h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))$ -extender  $h_{E(0)}(f^1(\kappa_1))$ .

Define now a completely non-pure part of the forcing.

**Definition 2.13** The set of conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$  consists of all pairs  $\langle f^0, f^1 \rangle$  such that

1.  $f^1 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ ,
2.  $f^1(\kappa_1)$  is non-empty,
3.  $f^0 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^*$ ,
4.  $f^0(\kappa_0)$  is non-empty,
5.  $\text{dom}(f^0) \subseteq h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))$ .

The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of  $E(1)$  is decided, then we add only  $h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))$  Cohen subsets to  $\kappa_0^+$ .

Now let us put everything together.

**Definition 2.14**  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle} = \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{0\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{1\}} \cup \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$ .

Define the orders  $\leq, \leq^*$  over  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}$ .

$\leq^*$  is just the union of the orders at each of the components.

Let us give now the main definition.

**Definition 2.15** Let  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}$ . If  $p, q$  are in the same component, then set  $p \geq q$  iff  $p \geq^* q$ . Suppose that they are in different components.

Split into cases.

1. Suppose that  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{\}}$ , i.e. in the pure part of  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{0\}}$ , i.e., only the part of  $p$  over  $\kappa_1$  is a pure condition.

Let then  $q = \langle \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle, \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle \rangle$ ,  $p = \langle f^0, \langle f^1, A^1 \rangle \rangle$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^0 \geq \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$  and  $\langle f^1, A^1 \rangle \geq^* \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$ .

2. Suppose that  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{1\}}$ , i.e., in the part over  $\kappa_0$  is pure and those over  $\kappa_1$  is not pure,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$ , i.e.  $p$  is a completely non-pure condition.

Let then  $q = \langle \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle, g^1 \rangle$  and  $p = \langle f^0, f^1 \rangle$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^0 \geq \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(g^1(\kappa_1))}$  and  $f^1 \geq g^1$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$ .

3. (Principal case 1.)

Suppose that  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{0\}}$ , i.e. in the part over  $\kappa_1$  is pure and those over  $\kappa_0$  is not pure,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$ , i.e.  $p$  is a completely non-pure condition.

Let then  $q = \langle g^0, \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle \rangle$  and  $p = \langle f^0, f^1 \rangle$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^1 \geq \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$  and  $f^0 \geq (g^0)^{ref}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0) \upharpoonright h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))}$ , where  $(g^0)^{ref}$  the reflection of  $g^0$  below  $\kappa_1$  is defined as follows:

(a)  $\text{dom}((g^0)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1) \cup \{f^1(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1\}$ ,

(b) for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1 = \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \text{dom}((g^0)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^0)^{ref}(\alpha) = g^0(\alpha)$ ,

(c) for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1$ ,  $(g^0)^{ref}(f^1(\alpha)) = g^0(\alpha)$ .

It is crucial here that  $f^1 \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1)$  is one to one and the values there are above  $\text{rng}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1$ .

This follows by conditions (4),(5) of Definitions 2.10,2.11.

4. (Principal case 2.)

Suppose that  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{\}}$ , i.e., both parts are pure,  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^{\{1\}}$ , i.e., only the part over  $\kappa_0$  is pure.

Let then  $q = \langle \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle, \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle \rangle$  and  $p = \langle \langle f^0, A^0 \rangle, f^1 \rangle$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^1 \geq \langle g^1, B^1 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$  and  $\langle f^0, A^0 \rangle \geq (\langle g^0, B^0 \rangle)^{ref}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(f^1(\kappa_1))}$ , where  $(\langle g^0, B^0 \rangle)^{ref}$  the reflection of  $\langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  below  $\kappa_1$  is defined as follows:

(a)  $\text{dom}((g^0)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1) \cup \{f^1(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1\}$ ,

(b) for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1 = \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \text{dom}((g^0)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^0)^{ref}(\alpha) = g^0(\alpha)$ ,

(c) for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1$ ,  $(g^0)^{ref}(f^1(\alpha)) = g^0(\alpha)$ .

Again, it is crucial here that  $f^1 \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1)$  is one to one and the values

there are above  $\text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1$ , and this follows by conditions (4),(5) of Definitions 2.10,2.11.

One more crucial observation here is that the measure  $(E(0))(\text{dom}(g^0))$ , to which  $B^0$  belongs, reflects to basically the same measure,

It follows by (6) of Definitions 2.10.

- (d)  $A^0 \upharpoonright \text{dom}((g^0)^{ref}) \subseteq (B^0)^{ref}$ , where  $(B^0)^{ref} = \{\vec{v}^{ref} \mid \vec{v} \in B^0\}$  and if  $\vec{v} = \langle \langle \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho \rangle$ , then  $\vec{v}^{ref} = \langle \langle \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho, \alpha_\xi < \kappa_1 \rangle \frown \langle \langle f^1(\alpha_\xi), \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho, \alpha_\xi \geq \kappa_1 \rangle$ .

Denote further in this subsection  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}$  by just  $\mathcal{P}$ .

The next lemma follows from the definitions:

**Lemma 2.16** *The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  is equivalent to  $\text{Cohen}(\kappa_0^+, \eta) \times \text{Cohen}(\kappa_1^+, \lambda)$ , for some  $\eta < \kappa_1$  which depends on the choice of a non-pure condition for  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$ .*

However, as usual, more can be deduced:

**Lemma 2.17**  *$\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing notion.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to those of Lemma 2.9 (and in turn to those of Merimovich [8]).

Suppose otherwise.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  be a pure condition and  $\sigma$  a statement of the forcing language which is undecided by pure extensions of  $p$ . Then  $p$  is of the form  $\langle \langle f^{p^0}, A^{p^0} \rangle, \langle f^{p^1}, A^{p^1} \rangle \rangle$ .

Proceed as in 3.12 of [7]. Construct by induction an increasing chain of elementary submodels  $\langle N_\xi^1 \mid \xi < \kappa_1 \rangle$  of  $H_\chi$ , for  $\chi$  large enough, and a sequence  $\langle f_\xi^1 \mid \xi < \kappa_1 \rangle$  of members of  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ , such that

1.  $p, \mathcal{P}, \sigma \in N_0^1$ ,
2.  $N_0^1 \supseteq \kappa_1$ ,
3. for every  $\xi < \kappa_1$ ,
  - (a)  $|N_\xi^1| = \kappa_1$ ,
  - (b)  $\kappa_1 > N_\xi^1 \subseteq N_\xi^1$ ,
  - (c)  $\langle f_\zeta^1 \mid \zeta < \xi \rangle \in N_\xi^1$ ,
  - (d)  $f_\xi^1 \in \bigcap \{D' \in N_\xi^1 \mid D' \text{ is a dense open subset of } \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^* \text{ above } f^{p^1}\}$ ,

- (e)  $f^{p1} \leq^* f_0^1$ ,
- (f)  $f_\xi^1 \geq^* f_\zeta^1$ , for every  $\zeta < \xi$ .

Set  $N^1 = \bigcup_{\xi < \kappa_1} N_\xi^1$  and  $f^{1*} = \bigcup \{f_\xi^1 \mid \xi < \kappa\}$ . Let  $A \subseteq [\text{dom}(f^{1*}) \times \kappa_1]^{<\kappa_1}$  be such that

- $A \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{p1}) \subseteq A^{p1}$ ,
- $A \in (E(1))(\text{dom}(f^{1*}))$ .

Note that  $A \subseteq N^1$ , since  $\text{dom}(f^{1*}) \subseteq N^1$ , and so,  $[\text{dom}(f^{1*}) \times \kappa_1]^{<\kappa_1} \subseteq N^1$ .

Let  $\vec{v} \in A$ . Consider  $\lambda_1^{\vec{v}} := h_\lambda(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))$ , i.e. the cardinal below  $\kappa_1$  that now corresponds to  $\lambda$ . Suppose for simplicity that  $\text{dom}(f^{p0}) \subseteq \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}$ , otherwise just reflect the part above  $\kappa_1$  below as in Definition 2.15.

Consider  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))}$ . Clearly, it is contained and belongs to  $N^1$ .

Let  $\langle t_\xi \mid \xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}} \rangle$  be an enumeration of this forcing notion in  $N^1$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ ,  $f \geq^* f^{p1}$ .

Proceed by induction on  $\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}$  and define an  $\leq^*$ -increasing sequence  $\langle f_\xi \mid \xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}} \rangle$  of direct extensions of  $f$  such that, for every  $\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}$ , either

$$(1) \langle t_\xi, (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}} \rangle \parallel \sigma,$$

or

$$(2) \text{ for every } g \geq^* (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}}, \langle t_\xi, g \rangle \not\parallel \sigma.$$

Let  $\bar{f} = \bigcup_{\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}} f_\xi$ .

Then, for every  $t \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))}$  either

$$(1) \langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{v}} \rangle \parallel \sigma,$$

or

$$(2) \text{ for every } g \geq^* \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \langle t, g \rangle \not\parallel \sigma.$$

Consider now the following statement of the forcing language of  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0) \upharpoonright \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$ :

$$\varphi \equiv \exists t \in \mathcal{G}(\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{v}} \rangle \parallel \sigma).$$

By the Prikry condition of the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(\vec{v}(\kappa_1))}$  (Lemma 2.9), there is  $t^* \geq^* \langle f^{p0}, A^{p0} \rangle$  which decides  $\varphi$ .

**Claim 1**  $t^* \Vdash \varphi$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then  $t^* \Vdash \neg\varphi$ . This means that whenever  $t \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_1))}$  and  $t \geq t^*$ ,  $\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$ .

Pick now some  $\langle t, g \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}$ ,  $\langle t, g \rangle \geq \langle t^*, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle$  which decides  $\sigma$ .

Then, for some  $\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{\nu}}$ ,  $t = t_\xi$ , and then,  $\langle t, (f_\xi)_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \parallel \sigma$ . So,  $\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \parallel \sigma$ .

Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

Now use again the Prikry condition of the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E(0)}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_1))}$  to decide the following statement

$$\psi \equiv \exists t \in \mathcal{G}(\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \Vdash \sigma).$$

Let  $t(\vec{\nu}, f) \geq^* t^*$  be a condition which decides  $\psi$ . If  $t(\vec{\nu}, f) \Vdash \psi$ , then  $\langle t(\vec{\nu}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ . If  $t(\vec{\nu}, f) \Vdash \neg\psi$ , then  $\langle t(\vec{\nu}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \Vdash \neg\sigma$ .

Define  $D_{\vec{\nu}}$  to be the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ ,  $f \geq^* f^{p1}$  such that

$$\langle t(\vec{\nu}, f), f_{\vec{\nu}} \rangle \parallel \sigma.$$

The next claim follows now:

**Claim 2**  $D_{\vec{\nu}}$  is a dense open subset of  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$  above  $f^{p1}$ .

$D_{\vec{\nu}}$  is definable with parameters in  $N$ , hence  $D_{\vec{\nu}} \in N$ .

Then,  $f^{1*} \in D_{\vec{\nu}}$ , for every  $\vec{\nu} \in A$ .

So,  $\langle t(\vec{\nu}, f^{1*}), f_{\vec{\nu}}^{1*} \rangle \parallel \sigma$ , for every  $\vec{\nu} \in A$ . Shrink  $A$ , if necessary, to a set

$A^{1*} \in (E(1))(\text{dom}(f^{1*}))$ , such that for any two  $\vec{\nu}, \vec{\nu}' \in A^{1*}$  the decision is the same, say  $\sigma$  is forced.

Consider now  $\langle f^{1*}, A^{1*} \rangle$ . It is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$ . Use the function  $\vec{\nu} \mapsto t(\vec{\nu}, f^{1*})$  in order to get a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$ , just use the one which this function represents in the ultrapower by  $(E(1))(\text{dom}(f^{1*}))$ .

Let us explain how do we naturally combine the result into a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}$ .

Let  $t(\vec{\nu}, f^{1*}) = \langle f^{0\vec{\nu}}, A^{0\vec{\nu}} \rangle$ , for every  $\vec{\nu} \in A^{1*}$ . Consider  $f^{0\vec{\nu}}$ . It is a set of at most  $\kappa_0$  many pairs  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha < \lambda_1^{\vec{\nu}} < \kappa_1$  and  $\beta$  is either the empty sequence or an ordinal  $< \kappa_0$ .

Shrinking  $A^{1*}$  if necessary, we can assume that there are  $x$  and  $\kappa_0^* < \kappa_0^+$  such that for every  $\vec{\nu}, \vec{\nu}' \in A^{1*}$  the following hold:

1.  $\text{dom}(f^{0\vec{\nu}}) \cap \vec{\nu}(\kappa_1) = x$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(f^{0\vec{\nu}}) \setminus \vec{\nu}(\kappa_1) = \{\gamma_\tau^{\vec{\nu}} \mid \tau < \kappa_0^*\}$  is an increasing enumeration,

3. for every  $\alpha \in x$ ,  $f^{0\vec{v}}(\alpha) = f^{0\vec{v}'}(\alpha)$ ,
4. for every  $\tau < \kappa_0^*$ ,  $f^{0\vec{v}}(\gamma_\tau^{\vec{v}}) = f^{0\vec{v}'}(\gamma_\tau^{\vec{v}'})$

Consider, for every  $\tau < \kappa_0^*$  a function  $s_\tau$  on  $A^{1^*}$  defined by setting  $s_\tau(\vec{v}) = \gamma_\tau^{\vec{v}}$ .

Let

$$\gamma_\tau = j_{E(1)}(s_\tau)(\langle (j_{E(1)}(\alpha), \alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^{1^*}) \rangle).$$

Extend now  $f^{1^*}$  to  $f^{1^{**}}$  by adding all  $\gamma_\tau, \tau < \kappa_0^*$  to its domain and setting  $f^{1^{**}}(\gamma_\tau)$  to be the empty sequence whenever  $\gamma_\tau \notin \text{dom}(f^{1^*})$ .

Define  $A^{1^{**}} \in E(1)(\text{dom}(f^{1^{**}}))$  as follows.

Set  $\vec{v} \in A^{1^{**}}$  iff

1.  $\vec{v} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{1^*}) \in A^{1^*}$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(\vec{v}) \supseteq \{\gamma_\tau \mid \tau < \kappa_0^*\}$ ,
3. if  $\gamma_\tau \in \text{dom}(f^{1^*})$  and  $f^{1^*}(\gamma_\tau)$  is not the empty sequence, then  $\vec{v}(\gamma_\tau) > f^{1^*}(\gamma_\tau)$ ,
4.  $\vec{v}(\gamma_\tau) = s_\tau(\vec{v} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{1^*}))$ .

For every  $\vec{v} \in A^{1^{**}}$ , set  $\langle g^{\vec{v}}, B^{\vec{v}} \rangle = \langle f^{0\vec{v} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{1^*})}, A^{0\vec{v} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{1^*})} \rangle$ .

Consider the function  $\vec{v} \mapsto \langle g^{\vec{v}}, B^{\vec{v}} \rangle$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^{1^{**}}$ . Let  $\langle f^{0^*}, A^{0^*} \rangle$  be represented by it in the ultrapower with  $E(1)$ .

It follows that  $\langle \langle f^{0^*}, A^{0^*} \rangle, \langle f^{1^{**}}, A^{1^{**}} \rangle \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0), E(1)}$  which extends  $p$ .

The next claim completes the argument:

**Claim 3**  $\langle \langle f^{0^*}, A^{0^*} \rangle, \langle f^{1^{**}}, A^{1^{**}} \rangle \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $\langle f, g \rangle \geq \langle \langle f^{0^*}, A^{0^*} \rangle, \langle f^{1^{**}}, A^{1^{**}} \rangle \rangle$  a non-pure in both coordinates which forces  $\neg\sigma$ . There is  $\vec{v} \in A^{1^{**}} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{1^*})$  such that  $g \geq^* f_{\vec{v}}^{1^*}$ . But then  $f \geq t(\vec{v}, f^{1^*})$ , and so,  $\langle f, f_{\vec{v}}^{1^*} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ . Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

□

### 2.3 $\omega$ -many extenders.

We deal now with a  $\triangleleft$ -increasing sequence  $\vec{E} = \langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle$ , where each  $E(n)$  is a  $(\kappa_n, \lambda)$ -extender and  $\langle \kappa_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$  is an increasing sequence.

Assume for simplicity that for every  $m < \omega$  there is  $h_\lambda^m : \kappa_m \rightarrow \kappa_m$  such that

$j_{E(m)}(h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright m}^m)(\kappa_m) = \lambda$  and that there is  $h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright m}^m : \kappa_m \rightarrow V_{\kappa_m}$  such that  $j_{E(m)}(h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright m}^m)(\kappa_m) = \vec{E} \upharpoonright m$ . Note that having a Woodin cardinal, it is possible to pick such  $\vec{E}$  so that  $E(n) = j_{E(m)}(E(n)) \upharpoonright \lambda$ , for every  $n < m < \omega$ .

Define the forcing notion  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$ . The definition will use several components. Let  $\mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^*, \mathcal{P}_{E(i)}, i < \omega$  be as defined before. In addition we will define the following sets:  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$ , where  $k < \omega$  and  $m_1 < \dots < m_k$ .

**Definition 2.18** The set of pure conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{\}}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $n < \omega$ , the following hold:

1.  $p(n) = \langle f^n, A^n \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(n)}$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(f^n) \setminus \kappa_{n+1} \subseteq \text{dom}(f^{n+1})$ ,
3. for every  $m \leq n$ , for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_{n+1}$ , if  $f^{n+1}(\alpha)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^{n+1}$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^{n+1}(\alpha)$ .

The idea behind this is as in the case of two extenders.

4. For every  $\vec{v} \in A^{n+1}$  and  $m \leq n$ , the measures  $E(m)(\text{dom}(f^m))$  and  $(h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright n+1}^{n+1}(\vec{v}(\kappa_{n+1}))(m))((\text{dom}(f^m) \cap \kappa_{n+1}) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_{n+1}\})$  are basically the same in the following sense:

$$X \in E(m)(\text{dom}(f^m)) \text{ iff}$$

$$X^{ref} \in (h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright n+1}^{n+1}(\vec{v}(\kappa_{n+1}))(m))((\text{dom}(f^m) \cap \kappa_{n+1}) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_{n+1}\}),$$

where

$$X^{ref} = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in X \mid \alpha < \kappa_{n+1}\} \cup \{(\vec{v}(\alpha), \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in X, \alpha \geq \kappa_{n+1}\}.$$

Note that this property is true in the ultrapower by  $E(n+1)$ , so it holds on a set of measure one, as well.

Turn now to non-pure extensions. As usual, in Magidor type iterations, non-pure extensions are allowed only at finitely many coordinates.

Start with a non-pure extension at a single coordinate and then proceed by induction.

**Definition 2.19** Let  $m < \omega$ . Define the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m\}}$  of conditions with only non-pure part over the coordinate  $m$ .  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m\}}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $n < \omega$ , the following hold:

1.  $\langle p(n) \mid n < \omega, n \neq m \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega, n \neq m \rangle}$ ,
2.  $p(m) = f^m \in \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$ ,
3.  $\text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_n \subseteq \text{dom}(f^n)$ , for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ ,
4. for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ , for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_n$ , if  $f^n(\alpha)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^n(\alpha)$ ,
5. for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ , for every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^m) \cap \kappa_n$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^n$  and  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > \gamma$ .
6. If  $m > 0$ , then the sequence  $\langle p(n) \mid n < m \rangle$  is a condition in the pure part of  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E \upharpoonright m}^m}(f^m(\kappa_m))$ . The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of  $E(m)$  is decided, then we reflect all extenders  $E(n), n < m$  below  $\kappa_m$  to the corresponding  $(\kappa_n, h_\lambda^m(f^m(\kappa_m)))$ -extenders.

Let  $m_1 < \dots < m_k < \omega, 1 \leq k < \omega$  and suppose that  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$  the set of conditions with non-pure extensions over coordinates  $(m_1, \dots, m_k)$  only, is defined.

Let  $m < \omega, m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ .

Define non-pure extensions at the set of coordinates  $\{m_1, \dots, m_k\} \cup \{m\}$ .

**Definition 2.20** Let  $m < \omega$ . Define the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\} \cup \{m\}}$  of conditions with only non-pure part over the coordinate  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  and  $m$ .  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\} \cup \{m\}}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $n < \omega$ , the following hold:

1.  $\langle p(n) \mid n < \omega, n \neq m \rangle$  is a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega, n \neq m \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$ ,
2.  $p(m) = f^m \in \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$ .
3. If  $m > \max\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ , then following hold:
  - (a)  $\text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_n \subseteq \text{dom}(f^n)$ , for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ ,
  - (b) for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ , for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_n$ , if  $f^n(\alpha)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^n(\alpha)$ ,
  - (c) for every  $n, m < n < \omega$ , for every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^m) \cap \kappa_n$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^n$  and  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\alpha) > \gamma$ .

(d) If  $m > 0$ , then the sequence  $\langle p(n) \mid n < m \rangle$  is a condition

in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E} \upharpoonright m}^m}(f^m(\kappa_m))$ .

The meaning is that if the value of the Prikrý sequence for the normal measure of  $E(m)$  is decided, then we reflect all extenders  $E(n), n < m$  below  $\kappa_m$  to the corresponding  $(\kappa_n, h_{\bar{\lambda}}^m(f^m(\kappa_m)))$ -extenders.

4. If  $m \leq \max\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ , then let  $i^*$  be the least such that  $m \leq m_i$ . We require the following:

(a)  $\langle p(n) \mid n < m_{i^*} \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E} \upharpoonright m_{i^*}}^{m_{i^*}}}(f^{m_{i^*}}(\kappa_{m_{i^*}}))$ .

Finally set

$$\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle} = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}} \mid k < \omega, m_1 < \dots < m_k < \omega \}.$$

Define the direct extension order  $\leq^*$  over  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$  to be the union of such orders over every  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$ , for every  $k < \omega, m_1 < \dots < m_k < \omega$ .

Turn now to the definition of the forcing order  $\leq$  over  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$ .

Let  $m < \omega, m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ . Define a one element extension at coordinate  $m$  of a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$ .

**Definition 2.21** Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\} \cup \{m\}}$  and  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$ . Set  $p \geq q$  iff the following hold:

1. Suppose that  $m = 0$ .

Then  $p(0) = f^0 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^*$  and  $q(0) = \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^0 \geq \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$  and  $\langle p(n) \mid 0 < n < \omega \rangle \geq^* \langle q(n) \mid 0 < n < \omega \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid 0 < n < \omega \rangle}$ .

2. Suppose that  $m > 0$ .

Then  $p(m) = f^m \in \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$  and  $q(m) = \langle g^m, B^m \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}$ .

Set  $p \geq q$  iff

(a)  $f^m \geq \langle g^m, B^m \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}$  and  $\langle p(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle \geq^* \langle q(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle}$ .

And

(b)  $\langle p(n) \mid n < m \rangle \geq^* \langle q(n) \mid n < m \rangle^{ref}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E \upharpoonright m}^m}(f^m(\kappa_m))$ , where  $\langle q(n) \mid n < m \rangle^{ref}$  - the reflection of  $\langle q(n) \mid n < m \rangle$  below  $\kappa_m$  is defined as follows, where  $q(n) = \langle g^n, B^n \rangle$ , if  $n \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$  and  $q(n) = \langle g^n \rangle$  otherwise.

i. Suppose first that  $n \in \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ .

Then

- A.  $\text{dom}((g^n)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m) \cup \{f^m(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m\}$ ,
- B. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m = \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \text{dom}((g^n)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^n)^{ref}(\alpha) = g^n(\alpha)$ ,
- C. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m$ ,  $(g^n)^{ref}(f^m(\alpha)) = g^n(\alpha)$ .

It is crucial here that  $f^m \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m)$  is one to one and the values there are above  $\text{rng}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m$ .

This follows by conditions (4),(5) of Definitions 2.10,2.11.

ii. Suppose now that  $n \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ .

Then

- A.  $\text{dom}((g^n)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m) \cup \{f^m(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m\}$ ,
- B. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m = \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \text{dom}((g^n)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^n)^{ref}(\alpha) = g^n(\alpha)$ ,
- C. for every  $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m$ ,  $(g^n)^{ref}(f^m(\alpha)) = g^n(\alpha)$ .

Again, it is crucial here that  $f^m \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m)$  is one to one and the values there are above  $\text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m$ , and this follows by conditions (3),(4) of Definition 2.18 and (4),(5) of Definition 2.19.

One more crucial observation here is that the measure  $(E(n))(\text{dom}(g^n)$ , to which  $B^n$  belongs, reflects to basically the same measure,

It follows by (4) of Definition 2.18.

- D.  $A^n \upharpoonright \text{dom}((g^n)^{ref}) \subseteq \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in B^n, \alpha < \kappa_m\} \cup \{(f^m(\alpha), \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in B^n, \alpha \geq \kappa_m\}$ .

Denote further in this subsection  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$  by just  $\mathcal{P}$ .

The next lemma follows from the definitions:

**Lemma 2.22** *For every  $m < \omega$ , the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < m \rangle}, \leq \rangle$  is equivalent to the product of Cohen forcings  $\text{Cohen}(\kappa_n^+, \eta_n)$ 's, for some  $\eta_n < \kappa_{n+1}$ 's which depend on the choice of a non-pure condition for  $\mathcal{P}_{E(n+1)}$ .*

**Lemma 2.23** *For every  $m < \omega$ , the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m \leq n < \omega \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$  is  $\kappa_m$ -closed.*

**Lemma 2.24** *The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  satisfies  $\kappa_\omega^{++}$ -c.c.*

*Proof.* Use the standard  $\Delta$ -system argument.

□

**Lemma 2.25**  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing notion.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to those of Lemmas 2.9, 2.17 (and in turn to those of Merimovich [8]).

Assume that for every  $m < \omega$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < m \rangle}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing notion.

Suppose that  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  does not have the Prikry property.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  be a pure condition and  $\sigma$  a statement of the forcing language which is undecided by pure extensions of  $p$ . Then  $p$  is of the form  $\langle \langle f^{p_n}, A^{p_n} \rangle \mid n < \omega \rangle$ .

Proceed by induction on  $m < \omega$  and define an  $\leq^*$ -increasing sequence  $\langle p_m \mid m < \omega \rangle$  of direct extensions of  $p$ .

Let  $p_{-1}$  be  $p$ . Assume that for every  $n < m$ ,  $p_n$  is defined. Define  $p_m$ .

At stage  $m$  we deal with the coordinate  $m$  of the condition.

Construct by induction an increasing chain of elementary submodels  $\langle N_\xi^m \mid \xi < \kappa_m \rangle$  of  $H_\chi$ , for  $\chi$  large enough, and a sequence  $\langle f_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa_m \rangle$  of members of  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$ , such that

1.  $p, p_{m-1}, \mathcal{P}, \sigma \in N_0^m$ ,
2.  $N_0^m \supseteq \kappa_m$ ,
3. for every  $\xi < \kappa_m$ ,
  - (a)  $|N_\xi^m| = \kappa_m$ ,
  - (b)  ${}^{\kappa_m}N_\xi^m \subseteq N_\xi^m$ ,
  - (c)  $\langle \langle f_\zeta^m, r_\zeta^m \rangle \mid \zeta < \xi \rangle \in N_\xi^m$ ,
  - (d)  $\langle f_\xi^m, r_\xi^m \rangle \in \bigcap \{ D' \in N_\xi^m \mid D' \text{ is a dense open subset of } \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^* \times \langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle \text{ above } \langle f^{p_{m-1}^m}, \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle \rangle \}$ ,
  - (e)  $f^{p_{m-1}^m} \leq^* f_0^m, \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle \leq^* r_0^m$ ,
  - (f)  $f_\xi^m \geq^* f_\zeta^m, r_\xi^m \leq^* r_\zeta^m$ , for every  $\zeta < \xi$ .

Set  $N^m = \bigcup_{\xi < \kappa_m} N_\xi^m$  and  $f^{m*} = \bigcup \{ f_\xi^m \mid \xi < \kappa_m \}$ . Pick  $p_{f^{m*}}^m$  to be  $\leq^*$ -stronger than every  $r_\xi^m, \xi < \kappa_m$ . Let  $A \subseteq [\text{dom}(f^{m*}) \times \kappa_m]^{< \kappa_m}$  be such that

- $A \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{pm}) \subseteq A^{pm}$ ,

- $A \in (E(m))(\text{dom}(f^{m*}))$ .

Note that  $A \subseteq N^m$ , since  $\text{dom}(f^{m*}) \subseteq N^m$ , and so,  $[\text{dom}(f^{m*}) \times \kappa_m]^{<\kappa_m} \subseteq N^m$ .

Let  $\vec{\nu} \in A$ . Consider  $\lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}} := h_\lambda^m(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$ , i.e. the cardinal below  $\kappa_m$  that now corresponds to  $\lambda$ . Suppose for simplicity that  $\text{dom}(f^{p^n}) \subseteq \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}}$ , for every  $n < m$ , otherwise just reflect the part above  $\kappa_m$  below as in Definition 2.21.

Consider  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|m}^m}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$ . Clearly, it is contained and belongs to  $N^m$ .

Let  $\langle t_\xi \mid \xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}} \rangle$  be an enumeration of this forcing notion in  $N^m$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$ ,  $f \geq^* f^{p^m}$ .

Proceed by induction on  $\xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}}$ . Define an  $\leq^*$ -increasing sequence  $\langle f_\xi \mid \xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}} \rangle$  of direct extensions of  $f$  and an  $\leq^*$ -increasing sequence  $\langle p_\xi^{>m} \mid \xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}} \rangle$  of direct extensions of  $\langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle$

such that, for every  $\xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}}$ , either

$$(1) \langle t_\xi, (f_\xi)_{\vec{\nu}}, p_\xi^{>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma,$$

or

$$(2) \text{ for every } q \geq^* \langle (f_\xi)_{\vec{\nu}}, p_\xi^{>m} \rangle, \langle t_\xi, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma.$$

Let  $\bar{f} = \bigcup_{\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{\nu}}} f_\xi$  and  $\bar{p}^{>m}$  be a direct extension of  $\langle p_\xi^{>m} \mid \xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{\nu}} \rangle$ .

Then, for every  $t \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|m}^m}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$  either

$$(1) \langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}}, \bar{p}^{>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma,$$

or

$$(2) \text{ for every } q \geq^* \langle \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}}, \bar{p}^{>m} \rangle, \langle t, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma.$$

Consider now the following statement of the forcing language of  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|m}^m}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$ :

$$\varphi \equiv \exists t \in \mathcal{G}(\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}}, \bar{p}^{>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma).$$

By the Prikry condition of the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|m}^m}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$ , there is  $t^* \geq^* \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid n < m \rangle$  which decides  $\varphi$ .

If  $t^* \Vdash \neg\varphi$ , then set  $t(\vec{\nu}, f) = t^*$ .

If  $t^* \Vdash \varphi$ , then use again the Prikry condition of the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|m}^m}(\vec{\nu}(\kappa_m))$  to decide the following statement

$$\psi \equiv \exists t \in \mathcal{G}(\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{\nu}}, \bar{p}^{>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma).$$

Let  $t(\vec{\nu}, f) \geq^* t^*$  be a condition which decides  $\psi$ .

**Claim 4** Let  $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E}|m}^m(\vec{v}(\kappa_m))}$ ,  $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ .  
 Suppose that  $\langle t, g, q \rangle \Vdash \sigma$  (or  $\langle t, g, q \rangle \Vdash \neg\sigma$ ),  
 then already  $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$  (or  $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \neg\sigma$ ).

*Proof.* Let  $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E}|m}^m(\vec{v}(\kappa_m))}$ ,  $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ .  
 Suppose that  $\langle t, g, q \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ .  
 Then, for some  $\xi < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}, t = t_\xi$ , and then,  $\langle t, (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}}, p_\xi^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ . So,  $\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ .  
 Then  $t^* \Vdash \varphi$ . Hence,  $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{v}}, \bar{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ .

□ of the claim.

Define  $D_{\vec{v}}$  to be the set of all  $\langle f, p_f^{\>m} \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^* \times \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m < n < \omega \rangle}$ ,  $f \geq^* f^{p_{m-1}m}$ ,  
 $p_f^{\>m} \geq^* p_{m-1}^{\>m}$ , such that either

(1)  $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), f_{\vec{v}}, p_f^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$   
 or

(2) for every  $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E}|m}^m(\vec{v}(\kappa_m))}$ , for every  $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle f_{\vec{v}}, p_f^{\>m} \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ ,  
 $\langle t, g, q \rangle \not\Vdash \sigma$ .

The next claim follows now from the previous one:

**Claim 5**  $D_{\vec{v}}$  is a dense open subset of  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^* \times \langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m < n < \omega \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$  above  
 $\langle f^{p_{m-1}m}, \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle \rangle$ .

$D_{\vec{v}}$  is definable with parameters in  $N^m$ , hence  $D_{\vec{v}} \in N^m$ .  
 Then,  $\langle f^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{\>m} \rangle \in D_{\vec{v}}$ , for every  $\vec{v} \in A$ .  
 So, for every  $\vec{v} \in A$  we have either

(3)  $\langle t(\vec{v}, f^{m*}), f_{\vec{v}}^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$   
 or

(4) for every  $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f^{m*})$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E}|m}^m(\vec{v}(\kappa_m))}$ , for every  $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle f_{\vec{v}}^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{\>m} \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ ,  
 $\langle t, g, q \rangle \not\Vdash \sigma$ .

Shrink  $A$ , if necessary, to a set  $A^{m*} \in (E(m))(\text{dom}(f^{m*}))$ , such that for any two  $\vec{v}, \vec{v}' \in A^{m*}$  the decision is the same.

Consider now  $\langle f^{m*}, A^{m*} \rangle$  it is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}$ . Use the function  $\vec{v} \mapsto t(\vec{v}, f^{m*})$  in order to get a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | n < m \rangle}$ , just use the one this function represents in the ultrapower by  $(E(m))(\text{dom}(f^{m*}))$ . Denote it by  $\langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \rangle \mid n < m \rangle$ .

Let us explain how do we naturally combine the result into a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$ .

Let  $t(\vec{\nu}, f^{m*}) = \langle \langle f^{n\vec{\nu}}, A^{n\vec{\nu}} \mid n < m \rangle \rangle$ , for every  $\vec{\nu} \in A^{m*}$ . Consider  $f^{n\vec{\nu}}, n < m$ . It is a set of at most  $\kappa_n$  many pairs  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha < \lambda_m^{\vec{\nu}} < \kappa_m$  and  $\beta$  is either the empty sequence or an ordinal  $< \kappa_n$ .

Shrinking  $A^{m*}$  if necessary, we can assume that there are  $\langle x_n \mid n < m \rangle$  and  $\kappa_n^* < \kappa_n^+, n < m$  such that for every  $\vec{\nu}, \vec{\nu}' \in A^{m*}$ , for every  $n < m$ , the following hold:

1.  $\text{dom}(f^{n\vec{\nu}}) \cap \vec{\nu}(\kappa_m) = x_n$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(f^{n\vec{\nu}}) \setminus \vec{\nu}(\kappa_m) = \{\gamma_{\tau n}^{\vec{\nu}} \mid \tau < \kappa_n^*\}$  is an increasing enumeration,
3. for every  $\alpha \in x_n$ ,  $f^{n\vec{\nu}}(\alpha) = f^{n\vec{\nu}'}(\alpha)$ ,
4. for every  $\tau < \kappa_n^*$ ,  $f^{n\vec{\nu}}(\gamma_{\tau n}^{\vec{\nu}}) = f^{n\vec{\nu}'}(\gamma_{\tau n}^{\vec{\nu}'})$

Consider, for every  $n < m$  and  $\tau < \kappa_n^*$  a function  $s_{\tau n}$  on  $A^{m*}$  defined by setting  $s_{\tau n}(\vec{\nu}) = \gamma_{\tau n}^{\vec{\nu}}$ .

Let

$$\gamma_{\tau n} = j_{E(m)}(s_{\tau n})(\langle \langle j_{E(m)}(\alpha), \alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^{m*}) \rangle \rangle).$$

Extend now  $f^{m*}$  to  $f^{m**}$  by adding all  $\gamma_{\tau n}, \tau < \kappa_n^*, n < m$  to its domain and setting  $f^{m**}(\gamma_{\tau n})$  to be the empty sequence whenever  $\gamma_{\tau n} \notin \text{dom}(f^{m*})$ .

Define  $A^{m**} \in E(m)(\text{dom}(f^{m**}))$  as follows.

Set  $\vec{\nu} \in A^{m**}$  iff

1.  $\vec{\nu} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{m*}) \in A^{m*}$ ,
2.  $\text{dom}(\vec{\nu}) \supseteq \{\gamma_{\tau n} \mid \tau < \kappa_n^*, n < m\}$ ,
3. if  $\gamma_{\tau n} \in \text{dom}(f^{m*})$  and  $f^{m*}(\gamma_{\tau n})$  is not the empty sequence, then  $\vec{\nu}(\gamma_{\tau n}) > f^{m*}(\gamma_{\tau n})$ , for every  $n < m$ ,
4.  $\vec{\nu}(\gamma_{\tau n}) = s_{\tau n}(\vec{\nu} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{m*}))$ , for every  $n < m$ .

For every  $\vec{\nu} \in A^{m**}, n < m$ , set  $\langle g^{n\vec{\nu}}, B^{n\vec{\nu}} \rangle = \langle f^{n\vec{\nu} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{m*})}, A^{n\vec{\nu} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f^{m*})} \rangle$ .

Consider the function  $\vec{\nu} \mapsto \langle \langle g^{n\vec{\nu}}, B^{n\vec{\nu}} \mid n < m \rangle \rangle, \vec{\nu} \in A^{m**}$ . Let  $\langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \mid n < m \rangle \rangle$  be represented by it in the ultrapower with  $E(m)$ .

It follows that  $\langle \langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \mid n < m \rangle \rangle, \langle f^{m**}, A^{m**} \rangle \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n \leq m \rangle}$  which extends  $p_{m-1} \upharpoonright \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n \leq m \rangle}$ .

Extend purely  $p_{f^{m*}}^{>m}$  in the obvious fashion to a condition  $p_{f^{m**}}^{>m}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle}$  such that

$\langle \langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \rangle \mid n < m \rangle, \langle f^{m**}, A^{m**} \rangle, p_{f^{m**}}^{>m} \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}$ . Then it extends  $p_{m-1}$ .

Set  $p_m$  to be  $\langle \langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \rangle \mid n < m \rangle, \langle f^{m**}, A^{m**} \rangle, p_{f^{m**}}^{>m} \rangle$ .

This completes the recursive construction of  $\langle p_m \mid m < \omega \rangle$ . Let  $p_* \geq p_m$ , for every  $m < \omega$ .

The next claim completes the argument:

**Claim 6**  $p_* \parallel \sigma$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Pick then  $q \geq p_*$  to be a condition which decides  $\sigma$  and such that its last coordinate at which a non-direct extension was made is as small as possible.

Let  $q \Vdash \sigma$  and this coordinate is some  $m < \omega$ .

Then there is  $\vec{v} \in A^{p^*}(m)$  such that  $q(m) \geq^* f^{p^*}(m)_{\vec{v}}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^*$ . In addition,  $q^{>m} \geq^* p_*^{>m}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle}$ , by the choice of  $m$ .

But, then condition (4) above cannot hold. Hence (3) is true, which means, that

$$\langle t(\vec{v}, f^{m*}), f_{\vec{v}}^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma.$$

Then the same holds for every  $\vec{v}' \in A^{p^*}(m)$ . So, already  $p_* \Vdash \sigma$ .

Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

□

It follows now that the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  preserves all the cardinals except maybe  $\kappa_\omega^+$ . Using the arguments of the previous lemma it is possible to show (and we will show this later) that  $\kappa_\omega^+$  is preserved as well.

Let  $G$  be a generic subset of  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ .

**Lemma 2.26**  $\kappa_\omega$  remains a strong limit cardinal in  $V[G]$ .

*Proof.* Given  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $m < \omega$ . Suppose that  $p(m)$  is non-pure. Then  $p(m)(\kappa_m)$  is defined, and hence also the reflection  $h_\lambda^m(p(m)(\kappa_m))$  of  $\lambda$  below  $\kappa_m$ . By the definition of the forcing, then the part  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < m \rangle}$  above  $p$  will act as  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid h_\lambda^m(p(m)(\kappa_m)) \mid n < m \rangle}$ . In particular,  $2^{\kappa_n} \leq h_\lambda^m(p(m)(\kappa_m)) < \kappa_m$ . The upper part of the forcing, i.e.  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ , does not add new bounded subsets to  $\kappa_m$ .

So we are done.

□

**Lemma 2.27**  $(\kappa_\omega^+)^V$  remains a cardinal in  $V[G]$ .

Let us state first the following:

**Lemma 2.28** *Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\zeta$  be a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ -name of an ordinal or just  $p \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \zeta$  is an ordinal.*

*Then there are  $p^* \geq^* p$  and  $n_1 < \dots < n_k$ , for some  $k < \omega$ , such that*

1. *for every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k, p^*(n_i) = \langle f_{n_i}^{p^*}, A_{n_i}^{p^*} \rangle$ ,*
2. *for every  $\vec{v}_1 \in A_{n_1}^{p^*}, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in A_{n_k}^{p^*}$ ,  
 $p^* \frown \vec{v}_1 \dots \frown \vec{v}_k$  decides  $\zeta$ .*

The proof of this lemma repeats the proof of the Prikry condition of the forcing.

*Proof of 2.27.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $\mu < \kappa_\omega$  such that, in  $V[G]$ ,  $\text{cof}((\kappa_\omega^+)^V) = \mu$ .

Back in  $V$ , let  $\langle \zeta_\tau \mid \tau < \mu \rangle$  be a name of a witnessing sequence.

Pick  $\bar{n} < \omega$  with  $\kappa_{\bar{n}} > \mu$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  be such that  $p(\bar{n}) \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\bar{n})}^*$ , i.e. its  $\bar{n}$ -th coordinate is non-pure. Then above  $p$  the part  $\mathcal{P}_{E(n) \mid n < \bar{n}}$  reflects down to  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{E \upharpoonright \bar{n}}(p(\bar{n})(\kappa_{\bar{n}}))}^{\bar{n}}$ , and so has cardinality below  $\kappa_{\bar{n}}$ .

Construct a sequence  $\langle p_\tau \mid \tau < \mu \rangle$  of  $\leq^*$ -extensions of  $p$  such that, for every  $\tau < \mu$ ,

1.  $p_\tau$  satisfies the conclusion of Lemma 2.28 for  $\zeta_\tau$ ,
2.  $\langle p_\tau(n) \mid \bar{n} \leq n < \omega \rangle \leq^* \langle p_{\tau'}(n) \mid \bar{n} \leq n < \omega \rangle$  in the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid \bar{n} \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ , for every  $\tau < \tau' < \mu$ .

Let  $s \geq^* \langle p_\tau(n) \mid \bar{n} \leq n < \omega \rangle$  in the forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid \bar{n} \leq n < \omega \rangle}$ , for every  $\tau < \mu$ . Set  $r = p \upharpoonright \bar{n} \frown s$ . Then, for every  $\tau < \mu$ , there is  $\xi_\tau < \kappa_\omega^+$  such that

$$r \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \zeta_\tau < \xi_\tau,$$

since by the choice of  $p_\tau$ , the number of possibilities for  $\zeta_\tau$  has cardinality  $< \kappa_\omega$ .

Set  $\xi = \bigcup_{\tau < \mu} \xi_\tau < \kappa_\omega^+$ .

$$r \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \langle \zeta_\tau \mid \tau < \mu \rangle \text{ is bounded by } \xi.$$

Contradiction.

□

Given  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . Denote by  $\text{np}(p)$  the set of all coordinates  $n$  of  $p$  such that  $p(n) \in \mathcal{P}_{E(n)}^*$ , i.e. a non-pure extension was made at the coordinate  $n$ .

For each  $\beta \in [\kappa_\omega, \lambda)$  we define in  $V[G]$  a function  $t_\beta : \omega \rightarrow \kappa_\omega$  as follows.

For every  $n < \omega$ , find  $p \in G$  such that  $n \in \text{np}(p)$  and if  $n_1 < \dots < n_k$  is the increasing enumeration of  $\text{np}(p) \setminus n$  (i.e.  $n = n_1$ ), then the following hold:

1.  $\beta \in \text{dom}(p(n_k))$ .  
Set  $\beta_k = \beta$ .
2. For every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$ ,  $\beta_i \in \text{dom}(p(n_i))$ ,  
where  $\beta_i = p(n_{i+1})(\beta_{i+1})$ .

Set  $t_\beta(n) = p(n)(\beta_1)$ .

**Lemma 2.29** *In  $V[G]$ , if  $\beta, \gamma \in [\kappa_\omega, \lambda)$  and  $\beta < \gamma$ , then there is  $n^* < \omega$  such that for every  $n, n^* \leq n < \omega$ ,  $t_\beta(n) < t_\gamma(n)$ .*

*Proof.* Work in  $V$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  be any condition and  $\beta, \gamma \in [\kappa_\omega, \lambda), \beta < \gamma$ .

Let  $n^*$  be a coordinate above  $\text{np}(p)$ . Then  $p(n) = \langle f_n^p, A_n^p \rangle$ , for every  $n, n^* \leq n < \omega$ .

Extend  $p$  to  $p^*$  by adding  $\beta, \gamma$  to all  $\text{dom}(f_n^p)$  with  $n^* \leq n < \omega$ .

Now, by the definition of the order on  $\mathcal{P}$ , for every  $n, n^* \leq n < \omega$  and every  $q \geq p^*$  such that  $q$  defines  $t_\beta(n)$  and  $t_\gamma(n)$ , we will have  $t_\beta(n) < t_\gamma(n)$ .

So,

$$p^* \Vdash (\forall n)(n^* \leq n < \omega \rightarrow \underset{\sim}{t}_\beta(n) < \underset{\sim}{t}_\gamma(n)).$$

□

It is possible to say a bit more. Namely, let in  $V[G]$ , for every  $n < \omega$ ,  $\lambda_n$  be the reflection of  $\lambda$  below  $\kappa_n$ , i.e. for some  $p \in G$  with  $p(n) = f_n^p$ ,  $\lambda_n = h_\lambda^n(f_n^p(\kappa_n))$ . Then the following holds:

**Lemma 2.30** *The sequence  $\langle t_\beta \mid \beta \in [\kappa_\omega, \lambda) \rangle$  is a scale in  $\langle \prod_{n < \omega} \lambda_n, <_{J^{bd}} \rangle$ .*

### 3 Arbitrary cofinality.

Let  $\eta$  be any ordinal. We generalize the construction of the previous section to sequences of extenders of the length  $\eta$ . Generalization is straightforward. Let us repeat just the main points.

So, we deal now with a  $\triangleleft$ -increasing sequence  $\vec{E} = \langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$ , where each  $E(\alpha)$  is a  $(\kappa_\alpha, \lambda)$ -extender and  $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  is an increasing sequence with  $\eta < \kappa_0$ .

Assume for simplicity that for every  $\alpha < \eta$  there is  $h_\lambda^\alpha : \kappa_\alpha \rightarrow \kappa_\alpha$  such that  $j_{E(\alpha)}(h_\lambda^\alpha)(\kappa_\alpha) = \lambda$  and that there is  $h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \alpha}^\alpha : \kappa_\alpha \rightarrow V_{\kappa_\alpha}$  such that  $j_{E(\alpha)}(h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \alpha}^\alpha)(\kappa_\alpha) = \vec{E} \upharpoonright \alpha$ .

Note that having a Woodin cardinal, it is possible to pick such  $\vec{E}$  so that

$E(\beta) = j_{E(\alpha)}(E(\beta)) \upharpoonright \lambda$ , for every  $\beta < \alpha < \eta$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{E(i)}^*, \mathcal{P}_{E(i)}, i < \eta$  be as defined before.

Define components  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}, k < \omega, \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_k < \eta$  of the main forcing  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}$ .

**Definition 3.1** The set of pure conditions  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\}}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$ , the following hold:

1.  $p(\alpha) = \langle f^\alpha, A^\alpha \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\alpha)}$ ,
2. for every  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $\text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha \subseteq \text{dom}(f^\alpha)$ ,
3. for every  $\beta < \alpha$ , for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha$ , if  $f^\alpha(\xi)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$ ,  $\xi \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\xi) > f^\alpha(\xi)$ .

The idea behind is as in the case of two extenders.

4. For every  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$ , the measures  $E(\beta)(\text{dom}(f^\beta))$  and  $(h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \alpha}^\alpha(\vec{v}(\kappa_\alpha))(\beta))((\text{dom}(f^\beta) \cap \kappa_\alpha) \cup \{\vec{v}(\xi) \mid \xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha\})$  are basically the same in the following sense:

$$X \in E(\beta)(\text{dom}(f^\beta)) \text{ iff}$$

$$X^{ref} \in (h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \alpha}^\alpha(\vec{v}(\kappa_\alpha))(\beta))((\text{dom}(f^\beta) \cap \kappa_\alpha) \cup \{\vec{v}(\xi) \mid \xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha\}),$$

where

$$X^{ref} = \{(\xi, \beta) \in X \mid \xi < \kappa_\alpha\} \cup \{(\vec{v}(\xi), \beta) \mid (\xi, \beta) \in X, \xi \geq \kappa_\alpha\}.$$

Note that this property is true in the ultrapower by  $E(\alpha)$ , so it holds on a set of measure one, as well.

Turn now to non-pure extensions. As usual, in Magidor type of iterations, non-pure extensions are allowed only at finitely many coordinates.

Start with a non-pure extension at a single coordinate and then proceed by induction.

**Definition 3.2** Let  $\beta < \eta$ . Define the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta\}}$  of conditions with only non-pure part over the coordinate  $\beta$ .  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{(\beta)}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$ , the following hold:

1.  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta, \alpha \neq \beta \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta, \alpha \neq \beta \rangle}$ ,
2.  $p(\beta) = f^\beta \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}^*$ ,
3.  $\text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha \subseteq \text{dom}(f^\alpha)$ , for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ ,
4. for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ , for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha$ , if  $f^\alpha(\xi)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$ ,  $\xi \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\xi) > f^\alpha(\xi)$ ,
5. for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ , for every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \cap \kappa_\alpha$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$  and  $\xi \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\xi) > \gamma$ .
6. If  $\beta > 0$ , then the sequence  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle$  will be a condition in the pure part of  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}_1^\beta}^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta))}$ . The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of  $E(\beta)$  is decided, then we reflect all extenders  $E(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$  below  $\kappa_\beta$ , i.e. to the corresponding  $(\kappa_\alpha, h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta)))$ -extenders.

Let  $\beta_1 < \dots < \beta_k < \eta$ ,  $1 \leq k < \omega$  and suppose that  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$  the set of conditions with non-pure extensions over coordinates  $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  only, is defined.

Let  $\beta < \eta$ ,  $\beta \notin \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ .

Define non-pure extensions at the set of coordinates  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \cup \{\beta\}$ .

**Definition 3.3** Let  $\beta < \eta$ . Define the set  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \cup \{\beta\}}$  of conditions with only non-pure part over the coordinate  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  and  $\beta$ .  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \cup \{\beta\}}$  consists of all sequences  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$ , the following hold:

1.  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta, \alpha \neq \beta \rangle$  is a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta, \alpha \neq \beta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$ ,
2.  $p(\beta) = f^\beta \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}^*$ .
3. If  $\beta > \max\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ , then following hold:
  - (a)  $\text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha \subseteq \text{dom}(f^\alpha)$ , for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ ,

- (b) for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ , for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha$ , if  $f^\alpha(\xi)$  is not the empty sequence, then for every  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$ ,  $\xi \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$  and  $\vec{v}(\xi) > f^\alpha(\xi)$ ,
- (c) for every  $\alpha, \beta < \alpha < \eta$ , for every  $\gamma \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \cap \kappa_\alpha$ ,  $\vec{v} \in A^\alpha$  and  $\xi \in \text{dom}(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v}(\xi) > \gamma$ .
- (d) If  $\beta > 0$ , then the sequence  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle$  is a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \beta}^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta))}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$ .  
The meaning is that if the value of the Prikrý sequence for the normal measure of  $E(\beta)$  is decided, then we reflect all extenders  $E(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$  below  $\kappa_\beta$ , i.e. to the corresponding  $(\kappa_\alpha, h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta)))$ -extenders.

4. If  $\beta < \max\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ , then let  $i^*$  be minimal such that  $\beta < \beta_{i^*}$ . Then the following hold:

$$(a) \langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta_{i^*} \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{h_{\vec{E} \upharpoonright \beta_{i^*}}^{\beta_{i^*}}(f^{\beta_{i^*}}(\kappa_{\beta_{i^*}}))}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i^*-1}, \beta\}}.$$

Finally set

$$\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle} = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}} \mid k < \omega, \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_k < \eta \}.$$

Define the direct extension order  $\leq^*$  over  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}$  to be the union of such order over every  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$ , for every  $k < \omega, \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_k < \eta$ .

Turn now to the definition of the forcing order  $\leq$  over  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}$ .

Let  $\beta < \eta, \beta \notin \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ . Define a one element extension at coordinate  $\beta$  of a condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$ .

**Definition 3.4** Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \cup \{\beta\}}$  and  $q \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$ . Set  $p \geq q$  iff the following hold:

1. Suppose that  $\beta = 0$ .  
Then  $p(0) = f^0 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^*$  and  $q(0) = \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$ .  
Set  $p \geq q$  iff  $f^0 \geq \langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$  and  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid 0 < \alpha < \eta \rangle \geq^* \langle q(\alpha) \mid 0 < \alpha < \eta \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid 0 < \alpha < \eta \rangle}$ .
2. Suppose that  $\beta > 0$ .  
Then  $p(\beta) = f^\beta \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}^*$  and  $q(\beta) = \langle g^\beta, B^\beta \rangle$  is a pure condition in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}$ .  
Set  $p \geq q$  iff

(a)  $f^\beta \geq \langle g^\beta, B^\beta \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}$  and  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \beta < \alpha < \eta \rangle \geq^* \langle q(\alpha) \mid \beta < \alpha < \eta \rangle$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \beta < \alpha < \eta \rangle}$ .

And

(b)  $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle \geq^* \langle q(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle^{ref}$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E} \upharpoonright \beta}^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta))}$ , where  $\langle q(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle^{ref}$  - the reflection of  $\langle q(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle$  below  $\kappa_\beta$  is defined as follows, where  $q(\alpha) = \langle g^\alpha, B^\alpha \rangle$ , if  $\alpha \notin \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$  and  $q(\alpha) = \langle g^\alpha \rangle$  otherwise.

i. Suppose first that  $\alpha \in \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ .

Then

- A.  $\text{dom}((g^\alpha)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta) \cup \{f^\beta(\xi) \mid \xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta\}$ ,
- B. for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta = \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \text{dom}((g^\alpha)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^\alpha)^{ref}(\xi) = g^\alpha(\xi)$ ,
- C. for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta$ ,  $(g^\alpha)^{ref}(f^\beta(\xi)) = g^\alpha(\xi)$ .

It is crucial here that  $f^\beta \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta)$  is one to one and the values there are above  $\text{rng}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta$ .

This follows by conditions (4),(5) of Definitions 2.10,2.11.

ii. Suppose now that  $\alpha \notin \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$ .

Then

- A.  $\text{dom}((g^\alpha)^{ref}) = (\text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta) \cup \{f^\beta(\xi) \mid \xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta\}$ ,
- B. for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta = \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \text{dom}((g^\alpha)^{ref})$ ,  $(g^\alpha)^{ref}(\xi) = g^\alpha(\xi)$ ,
- C. for every  $\xi \in \text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta$ ,  $(g^\alpha)^{ref}(f^\beta(\xi)) = g^\alpha(\xi)$ .

Again, it is crucial here that  $f^\beta \upharpoonright (\text{dom}(g^\alpha) \setminus \kappa_\beta)$  is one to one and the values there are above  $\text{dom}(g^\alpha) \cap \kappa_\beta$ , and this follows by conditions (3),(4) of Definition 3.1 and (4),(5) of Definition 3.2.

One more crucial observation here is that the measure  $(E(\alpha))(\text{dom}(g^\alpha))$ , to which  $B^\alpha$  belongs, reflects to basically the same measure,

It follows by (4) of Definition 3.1.

- D.  $A^\alpha \upharpoonright \text{dom}((g^\alpha)^{ref}) \subseteq \{(\xi, \zeta) \mid (\xi, \zeta) \in B^\alpha, \xi < \kappa_\beta\} \cup \{(f^\beta(\xi), \zeta) \mid (\xi, \zeta) \in B^\alpha, \xi \geq \kappa_\beta\}$ .

Denote further in this subsection  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}$  by just  $\mathcal{P}$ .

The next lemma follows from the definitions:

**Lemma 3.5** *For every  $\beta < \eta$  and  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $p(\beta) \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\beta)}^*$  (i.e. non-pure on the coordinate  $\beta$ ), the part  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}, \leq \rangle$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  above  $p$  has cardinality  $h_\lambda^\beta(p(\beta))(\kappa_\beta) < \kappa_\beta$ .*

**Lemma 3.6** For every  $\beta < \eta$ , the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \beta \leq \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$  is  $\kappa_\beta$ -closed.

**Lemma 3.7** The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  satisfies  $\kappa_\eta^{++}$ -c.c.

**Lemma 3.8**  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing notion.

*Proof.* The proof proceeds by induction on the length of the sequence of extenders, i.e. on  $\eta$ . The argument repeats those of Lemma 2.25.

□

Denote for every limit  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq \eta$ ,  $\bigcup_{\gamma < \alpha} \kappa_\gamma$  by  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$ .

It follows, by the previous lemmas, that the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  preserves all the cardinals, except maybe  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha^+$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq \eta$  a limit ordinal. Using the arguments of the previous lemma we will show that all such cardinals are preserved as well.

Let  $G$  be a generic subset of  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ .

**Lemma 3.9** For every limit ordinal  $\mu$ ,  $0 < \mu \leq \eta$ ,  $\bar{\kappa}_\mu$  remains a strong limit cardinal in  $V[G]$ .

*Proof.* Given  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\beta < \eta$ . Suppose that  $p(\beta)$  is non-pure. Then  $p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta)$  is defined, and hence also the reflection  $h_\lambda^\beta(p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta))$  of  $\lambda$  below  $\kappa_\beta$ . By the definition of the forcing, then the part  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}$  above  $p$  will act as  $\mathcal{P}_{h_{\bar{E}|\beta}^\beta(p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta))}$ . In particular,  $2^{\kappa_\alpha} \leq h_\lambda^\beta(p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta)) < \kappa_\beta$ . The upper part of the forcing, i.e.  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \beta \leq \alpha < \eta \rangle}$ , does not add new bounded subsets to  $\kappa_\beta$ . So we are done.

□

As in the case  $\eta = \omega$ , the next lemma is just a variation of the Prikry condition of the forcing.

**Lemma 3.10** Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\zeta$  be a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ -name of an ordinal or just  $p \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \zeta$  is an ordinal.

Then there are  $p^* \geq^* p$  and  $\alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k < \eta$ , for some  $k < \omega$ , such that

1. for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $p^*(\alpha_i) = \langle f_{\alpha_i}^{p^*}, A_{\alpha_i}^{p^*} \rangle$ ,
2. for every  $\vec{v}_1 \in A_{\alpha_1}^{p^*}, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in A_{\alpha_k}^{p^*}$ ,  
 $p^* \frown \vec{v}_1 \dots \frown \vec{v}_k$  decides  $\zeta$ .

**Lemma 3.11** For every limit ordinal  $\mu$ ,  $0 < \mu \leq \eta$ ,  $(\bar{\kappa}_\mu^+)^V$  remains a cardinal in  $V[G]$ .

The proof of this lemma repeats those of Lemma 2.27.

Given  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . Denote by  $\text{np}(p)$  the set of all coordinates  $\alpha$  of  $p$  such that  $p(\alpha) \in \mathcal{P}_{E(\alpha)}^*$ , i.e. a non-pure extension was made at the coordinate  $\alpha$ .

Assume that  $\eta$  is a limit ordinal.

For each  $\tau \in [\bar{\kappa}_\eta, \lambda)$  we define in  $V[G]$  a function  $t_\tau : \eta \rightarrow \bar{\kappa}_\eta$  as follows.

For every  $\alpha < \eta$ , find  $p \in G$  such that  $\alpha \in \text{np}(p)$  and if  $\alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k$  is the increasing enumeration of  $\text{np}(p) \setminus \alpha$  (i.e.  $\alpha = \alpha_1$ ), then the following hold:

1.  $\tau \in \text{dom}(p(\alpha_k))$ .  
Set  $\tau_k = \tau$ .
2. For every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ ,  $\tau_i \in \text{dom}(p(\alpha_i))$ ,  
where  $\tau_i = p(\alpha_{i+1})(\tau_{i+1})$ .

Set  $t_\tau(\alpha) = p(\alpha)(\tau_1)$ .

**Lemma 3.12** *In  $V[G]$ , if  $\tau, \rho \in [\bar{\kappa}_\eta, \lambda)$  and  $\tau < \rho$ , then there is  $\alpha^* < \eta$  such that for every  $\alpha, \alpha^* \leq \alpha < \eta$ ,  $t_\tau(\alpha) < t_\rho(\alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* Work in  $V$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  be any condition and  $\tau, \rho \in [\bar{\kappa}_\eta, \lambda)$ ,  $\tau < \rho$ .

Let  $\alpha^*$  be a coordinate above  $\text{np}(p)$ . Then  $p(\alpha) = \langle f_\alpha^p, A_\alpha^p \rangle$ , for every  $\alpha, \alpha^* \leq \alpha < \eta$ .

Extend  $p$  to  $p^*$  by adding  $\tau, \rho$  to all  $\text{dom}(f_\alpha^p)$  with  $\alpha^* \leq \alpha < \eta$ .

Now, by the definition of the order on  $\mathcal{P}$ , for every  $\alpha, \alpha^* \leq \alpha < \eta$  and every  $q \geq p^*$  such that  $q$  defines  $t_\tau(\alpha)$  and  $t_\rho(\alpha)$ , we will have  $t_\tau(\alpha) < t_\rho(\alpha)$ .

So,

$$p^* \Vdash (\forall \alpha)(\alpha^* \leq \alpha < \eta \rightarrow \check{t}_\tau(\alpha) < \check{t}_\rho(\alpha)).$$

□

It is possible to say a bit more. Namely, let in  $V[G]$ , for every  $\alpha < \eta$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha$  be the reflection of  $\lambda$  below  $\kappa_\alpha$ , i.e. for some  $p \in G$  with  $p(\alpha) = f_\alpha^p$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha = h_\lambda^\alpha(f_\alpha^p(\kappa_\alpha))$ . Then the following holds:

**Lemma 3.13** *The sequence  $\langle t_\tau \mid \tau \in [\bar{\kappa}_\eta, \lambda) \rangle$  is a scale in  $\langle \prod_{\alpha < \eta} \lambda_\alpha, <_{J^{bd}} \rangle$ .*

In particular, we obtain the following:

**Corollary 3.14** *It is possible to blow up the power of a singular in the core model<sup>2</sup> cardinal of arbitrary cofinality in a cardinal preserving extension.*

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<sup>2</sup>Core model with strong cardinals, but below  $o$ -hand grenade. It was defined and studied by Ralf Schindler in [10]

## 4 One generalization.

In the previous section we assumed that  $\eta < \kappa_0$  in order to blow up the power of a singular cardinal of cofinality  $\eta$ .

Let us now take  $\eta$  to be an inaccessible cardinal.

Let  $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  be now an increasing sequence with limit  $\eta$  and each  $E(\alpha)$ , for  $\alpha < \eta$ , be a  $(\kappa_\alpha, \eta)$ -extender.

Assume that  $\eta$  is the least inaccessible limit of  $\kappa_\alpha$ 's.

We proceed as in the previous section and define  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$ . It shares the properties of the forcing of the previous section.

Let  $G$  be a generic subset of  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle$ .

Denote  $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \kappa_\beta$  by  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$ , for every  $\alpha < \eta$ . Then the following holds:

**Theorem 4.1**  *$V[G]$  is a cofinality preserving extension of  $V$  such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$ ,  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$  is a strong limit singular cardinal with  $2^{\bar{\kappa}_\alpha} > \bar{\kappa}_\alpha^+$ . In addition  $\eta$  remains inaccessible.*

By passing to  $V[G]_\eta$  we obtain the following:

**Corollary 4.2** *It is possible to blow up the power of a proper class club of singular cardinals in the core model in a cofinality preserving extension.*

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