

Strongly compact Magidor forcing.

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Abstract

We present a strongly compact version of the Supercompact Magidor forcing ([3]). A variation of it is used to show that the following is consistent:

$V \supseteq W$ are transitive models of ZFC+GCH with the same ordinals such that:

1. κ is an inaccessible in W ,
2. κ changes its cofinality to ω_1 in V witnessed by a club $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$,
3. for every $\alpha < \omega_1$, $(\kappa_\alpha^{++})^W < \kappa_\alpha^+$,
4. $(\kappa^{++})^W = \kappa^+$.

1 Preliminary settings.

Assume GCH. Let κ be a κ^{+4} -supercompact cardinal and $j : V \rightarrow M$ be a witnessing embedding. Denote the normal measure over κ derived from j by U , i.e.

$$X \in U \text{ iff } \kappa \in j(X).$$

We assume that

$$\{\alpha < \kappa \mid \alpha \text{ is a } \kappa^{++} \text{ - supercompact cardinal}\} \in U.$$

Let

$$i : V \rightarrow N$$

be the ultrapower embedding and

$$k : N \rightarrow M$$

be defined by $k([f]_U) = j(f)(\kappa)$. Then it is elementary and the corresponding diagram is commutative.

Pick some large enough $\chi \gg \kappa$ which is a fixed point of k . We fix inside N a well-ordering

\prec of V_χ such that $\prec \upharpoonright \eta$ wellorders $\mathcal{P}(\eta)$ in order type η^+ , for each cardinal $\eta < \chi$ (of N). Then $k(\prec)$ does the same in M .

We use j in a Radin fashion (see [4],[1]) to define a sequence of ultrafilters

$$\langle W(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle.$$

Set

$$X \in W(\kappa, 0) \text{ iff } j'' \kappa^{+3} \in j(X).$$

Suppose that $\beta < \omega_1$ and the sequence $\langle W(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta' < \beta \rangle$ is defined. Set

$$X \in W(\kappa, \beta) \text{ iff } \langle j'' \kappa^{+3}, \langle W(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta' < \beta \rangle \rangle \in j(X).$$

Then each $W(\kappa, \beta)$ will be a κ -complete ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(V_{\kappa+3})$. $W(\kappa, 0)$ will be a normal ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa^{+3})$.

We denote by

$$j_{W(\kappa, \beta)} : V \rightarrow M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}$$

the elementary embedding of $W(\kappa, \beta)$ and let

$$k_{W(\kappa, \beta)} : M_{W(\kappa, \beta)} \rightarrow M$$

be defined by setting

$$k_{W(\kappa, \beta)}([f]_{W(\kappa, \beta)}) = j(f)(\langle j'' \kappa^{+3}, \langle W(\kappa, \beta') \mid \beta' < \beta \rangle \rangle).$$

Then $k_{W(\kappa, \beta)}$ is elementary and the resulting diagram is commutative. Then

$$j_{W(\kappa, \beta)}'' \kappa^{+3} \in M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}$$

and, hence

$$\kappa^{+3} M_{W(\kappa, \beta)} \subseteq M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}, \text{ and } \text{crit}(k_{W(\kappa, \beta)}) = (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}}.$$

In addition, if $\beta' < \beta < \omega_1$, then

$$W(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}$$

and we have an elementary embedding

$$k_{W(\kappa, \beta'), W(\kappa, \beta)} : M_{W(\kappa, \beta')} \rightarrow M_{W(\kappa, \beta)},$$

where

$$k_{W(\kappa,\beta'),W(\kappa,\beta)}([f]_{W(\kappa,\beta')}) = j_{W(\kappa,\beta)}(f)(\langle j_{W(\kappa,\beta)}'' \kappa^{+3}, \langle W(\kappa,\beta') \mid \beta'' < \beta' \rangle \rangle).$$

Also all corresponding diagrams are commutative.

Let us now define a sequence of (κ, κ^{++}) -extenders $\langle E(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$.

Let $E(\kappa, 0) = \langle E(\kappa, 0)(a) \mid a \in [\kappa^{++}]^{<\omega} \rangle$ be the (κ, κ^{++}) -extender derived from $W(\kappa, 0)$, i.e.

$$X \in E(\kappa, 0)(a) \text{ iff } a \in j_{W(\kappa,0)}(X).$$

Now,

$$\text{crit}(k_{W(\kappa,0)}) = (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa,0)}} > (\kappa^{+4})^{M_{W(\kappa,0)}} = \kappa^{+4} \supseteq a.$$

Hence,

$$a \in j_{W(\kappa,0)}(X) \text{ iff } a \in j(X).$$

Clearly, $E(\kappa, 0)$ is definable via $W(\kappa, 0)$, and so, belongs to each $M_{W(\kappa,\beta)}$, $\beta < \omega_1$.

Denote by

$$i_{E(\kappa,0)} : V \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa,0)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(\kappa, 0))$$

the corresponding elementary embedding.

Let $\eta_0 < \kappa^{+5}$ be the ordinal which codes (corresponds to) $W(\kappa, 0)$ in M (and, so in each $M_{W(\kappa,\beta)}$, $0 < \beta < \omega_1$) by $k(\prec)$.

Define $E(\kappa, 1) = \langle E(\kappa, 1)(a) \mid a \in [\kappa^{++} \cup \{\eta_0\}]^{<\omega} \rangle$ to be the extender derived from $W(\kappa, 1)$, i.e.

$$X \in E(\kappa, 1)(a) \text{ iff } a \in j_{W(\kappa,1)}(X).$$

Note that $W(\kappa, 0) \in M_{W(\kappa,1)}$, hence $\eta_0 < (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa,1)}}$. Then,

$$\text{crit}(k_{W(\kappa,1)}) = (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa,1)}} \supseteq a.$$

Hence,

$$a \in j_{W(\kappa,0)}(X) \text{ iff } a \in j(X).$$

Denote by

$$i_{E(\kappa,1)} : V \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa,1)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(\kappa, 1))$$

the corresponding elementary embedding. Let $k_{E(\kappa,1)} : N_{E(\kappa,1)} \rightarrow M$ be the corresponding elementary embedding. The critical point of $k_{E(\kappa,1)}$ is $(\kappa^{+3})^{N_{E(\kappa,1)}}$. Denote by η_0^1 the pre-image of η_0 by $k_{E(\kappa,1)}$.

Let $W^1(\kappa, 0)$ be the filter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa^{+3})$ coded by η_0^1 inside $N_{E(\kappa, 1)}$. It is a normal ultrafilter in $N_{E(\kappa, 1)}$, but only a κ -complete filter in V .

We have

1. $E(\kappa, 0) \in N_{E(\kappa, 1)}$,
2. $E(\kappa, 0) = E(\kappa, 1) \upharpoonright \kappa^{++}$.

Continue by induction and define $E(\kappa, \beta)$ for every $\beta < \omega_1$. Thus suppose that $\beta < \omega_1$ and for every $\beta' < \beta$, $E(\kappa, \beta')$ is defined. Define $E(\kappa, \beta)$.

Let $\eta_{\beta'} < \kappa^{+5}$ be the ordinal which codes (corresponds) $W(\kappa, \beta')$ in M (and, so in each $M_{W(\kappa, \gamma)}$, $\beta \leq \gamma < \omega_1$) by $k(\prec)$, for every $\beta' < \beta$. Pick $\eta'_\beta < \kappa^{+5}$ be the ordinal which codes $\langle \eta_{\beta'} \mid \beta' < \beta \rangle$. We need this η'_β in order to keep the ultrapower by the extender closed under ω -sequences.

Define $E(\kappa, \beta) = \langle E(\kappa, \beta)(a) \mid a \in [\kappa^{++} \cup \{\eta_{\beta'} \mid \beta' < \beta\} \cup \{\eta'_\beta\}]^{<\omega} \rangle$ to be the extender derived from $W(\kappa, \beta)$, i.e.

$$X \in E(\kappa, \beta)(a) \text{ iff } a \in j_{W(\kappa, \beta)}(X).$$

Note that $W(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}$, for every $\beta' < \beta$. Hence $\eta'_\beta < (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}}$. Then,

$$\text{crit}(k_{W(\kappa, \beta)}) = (\kappa^{+5})^{M_{W(\kappa, \beta)}} \supseteq a.$$

Hence,

$$a \in j_{W(\kappa, \beta)}(X) \text{ iff } a \in j(X).$$

Denote by

$$i_{E(\kappa, \beta)} : V \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa, 1)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(\kappa, 1))$$

the corresponding elementary embedding. Let $k_{E(\kappa, \beta)} : N_{E(\kappa, \beta)} \rightarrow M$ be the corresponding elementary embedding. The critical point of $k_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$ is $(\kappa^{+3})^{N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}}$. Denote by $\eta_{\beta'}^\beta$ the pre-image of $\eta_{\beta'}$ by $k_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$.

Let $W^\beta(\kappa, \beta')$ be the filter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa((V_{\kappa+3})^{N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}})$ coded by $\eta_{\beta'}^\beta$ inside $N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$, for every $\beta' < \beta$.

$N_{E(\kappa, \beta)} \models W^\beta(\kappa, \beta')$ is an ultrafilter with the ultrapower closed under κ^{+3} -sequences.

However, in V , it is only a κ -complete fine filter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa((V_{\kappa+3})^{N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}})$.

Now, for every $\beta' < \beta$, we have

1. $E(\kappa, \beta') \in N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$,
2. $E(\kappa, \beta') = E(\kappa, \beta) \upharpoonright \eta_{\beta'}$.

Denote the induced elementary embedding by

$$k_{E(\kappa, \beta'), E(\kappa, \beta)} : N_{E(\kappa, \beta')} \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}.$$

Let \mathcal{V} denotes the \prec -least normal ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i(\kappa^{++}))$ in N (the ultrapower by the normal measure U over κ). Denote the image of \mathcal{V} in $N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$ by \mathcal{V}_β , for every $\beta < \omega_1$. Then the \prec -least normal ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta)}(\kappa^{++}))$ in $N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$. Note that $i_{E(\kappa, \beta)}(\kappa^{++}) < \kappa^{+3}$, and so fine κ -complete ultrafilters over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa^{+3})$ can be used in order to extend \mathcal{V}_β to an ultrafilter. However, we do not have any specific information about functions which represent ordinals below κ^{++} in such extensions and this knowledge will be important further in order to link things over κ with those below. So, let us deal not directly with \mathcal{V}_β 's, but rather replace them by iteration which starts with extenders $E(\kappa, \beta)$'s.

Let $\beta < \omega_1$. Work inside $N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}$. We have there the extender $E(\kappa, \beta)$ and $\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$ which is a normal ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$. Denote by

$$j_{\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}} : N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)} \rightarrow M_{\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}}$$

the corresponding elementary embedding.

Define

$$E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}.$$

It will be the iterated ultrapower first by $\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$ and then by $E(\kappa, \beta)$.¹

We use Cohen functions from $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\kappa^{++})$ to κ in order to link the generator $j_{\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}} \upharpoonright \kappa^{++}$ of $\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$ with the generators of $E(\kappa, \beta)$.²

Then, $E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$ is a fine κ -complete ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$ in $N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}$. Let P be an element of its typical set of measure one. Then, $P \cap \kappa$ is an inaccessible (even a measurable) cardinal, but the projection of P to the normal measure over κ is not anymore $P \cap \kappa$, but rather an ordinal (cardinal) inside $P \cap \kappa$.

Let now $\beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1$. Turn to $N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}$. We have the extenders $E(\kappa, \beta), E(\kappa, \beta + 1)$ inside. So,

$$E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1} \in N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}.$$

¹Note that the resulting ultrapower will be the same if we change the order, i.e. first apply $E(\kappa, \beta)$ and then the image of $\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$.

²Assume that we forced such functions initially and now only use them changing some values.

We use $W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)$ to extend $E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$ to a fine κ -complete ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$ inside $N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}$.

Let

$$j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)} : N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)} \rightarrow M_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)} \simeq \text{Ult}(N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}, W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta))$$

be the ultrapower embedding. Then

$$N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)} \models M_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)} \text{ is closed under } \kappa^{+3} \text{ - sequences of its elements .}$$

In particular,

$$j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)} \text{'' } \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1} \in M_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)}$$

and it is a $j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)}(\kappa)$ -complete filter there. Pick the least (in \prec)

$$Q \in \bigcap j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)} \text{'' } \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}.$$

Define an embedding

$$\sigma : \text{Ult}(N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}, E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}) \rightarrow M_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)}$$

as follows

$$\sigma([f]_{E(\kappa, \beta)(a) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}}) = j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)}(a, Q).$$

It is not elementary, since $N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)} \subset N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}$, but still preserves $=, \in$.

If $X \in \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}$, then $Q \in \sigma(j_{E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}}(X))$.

Apply σ to Cohen functions. Changing value, say of $j_{E(\kappa, \beta) \circ \mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}}(f_\kappa)$ on $i_{E(\kappa, \beta)} \text{'' } [id]_{\mathcal{V}_{\beta+1}}$ to κ will translate to changing the value of $j_{W^\gamma(\kappa, \beta)}(f_\kappa)$ on Q to κ . Similar for the rest of generators of $E(\kappa, \beta)$.³

Let $W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta)$ be the least such extension (in \prec).

Let now $\gamma < \delta < \omega_1$. Then $W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta) \subseteq W^{\delta*}(\kappa, \beta)$, since

$$k_{E(\kappa, \gamma), E(\kappa, \delta)}(W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta)) = W^{\delta*}(\kappa, \beta).$$

Note that the critical point of $k_{E(\kappa, \gamma), E(\kappa, \delta)}$ is $(\kappa^{+3})^{N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}} > i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++})$.

Set

$$W^*(\kappa, \beta) := k_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}(W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta)).$$

Then $W^*(\kappa, \beta)$ is a fine κ -complete ultrafilter over $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$ in V . In addition it extends every $W^{\delta*}(\kappa, \beta)$.

³We have κ^{++} -many generators. For a generator τ we use the Cohen function f_τ .

Let $\beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1$. Denote by

$$j_{W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)} : N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)} \rightarrow M_{W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)}^\gamma \simeq \text{Ult}(V, W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta))$$

corresponding to $W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)$ elementary embedding and ultrapower. Similar, let

$$j_{W^*(\kappa, \beta)} : V \rightarrow M_{W^*(\kappa, \beta)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, W^*(\kappa, \beta))$$

corresponding to $W^*(\kappa, \beta)$ elementary embedding and ultrapower.

For every $\beta' < \beta$, $E(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)}^\gamma$ and $E(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W^*(\kappa, \beta)}$, since $E(\kappa, \beta') \triangleleft E(\kappa, \beta)$ and $M_{W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)}^\gamma, M_{W^*(\kappa, \beta)}$ start with the ultrapower by $E(\kappa, \beta)$.

By definability, then

$$W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta)}^\gamma \text{ and } W^*(\kappa, \beta') \in M_{W^*(\kappa, \beta)}.$$

Also, for every $\beta' \leq \beta$ and for every finite a with the measure $E(\kappa, \beta')(a)$ over $\kappa^{|a|}$ defined, we have

$$E(\kappa, \beta')(a) \leq_{RK} W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta) \text{ and } E(\kappa, \beta')(a) \leq_{RK} W^*(\kappa, \beta).$$

Again, this holds since the ultrapower starts with those by $E(\kappa, \beta)$.

The above allows to reflect the sequences

$$\langle E(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle, \langle W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1 \rangle \text{ and } \langle W^*(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$$

down below κ and to define

$$\langle E(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle, \langle W^{\gamma^*}(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1 \rangle \text{ and } \langle W^*(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle,$$

for $\alpha < \kappa$ in a set \mathcal{A} of measure one for the normal measure U over κ .

The point is that U is the normal measure over κ of every strongly compact measure $W^*(\kappa, \beta)$.

Denote the projection by to U by nor_β . There are only ω_1 many strongly compact measures $W^*(\kappa, \beta)$, so we can assume that there is a single function nor that combines all nor_β 's.

For every $\delta < \omega_1$ there is a set A_δ of $W^*(\kappa, \delta)$ -measure one such that for every $P \in A_\delta$ the sequences

$$\langle E(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \delta \rangle, \langle W^{\gamma^*}(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \delta \rangle \text{ and } \langle W^*(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \delta \rangle$$

will reflect down an ordinal $\alpha = nor(P)$. Let

$$B := \bigcap_{\delta < \omega_1} nor'' A_\delta \text{ and } A'_\delta := A_\delta \cap nor^{-1} B.$$

By shrinking A'_δ 's more, if necessary, we can assume that for any $\tau < \delta < \omega_1$ and any $\alpha \in B$, the restriction to τ of the sequences projected from A'_δ is exactly the the sequences projected from A'_τ . Let \mathcal{A} be such B .

Let $\beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1$. Consider $k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma)} : N_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)} \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}$. By elementarity,

$$k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma)}(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++})) = i_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}(\kappa^{++}).$$

In addition,

$$k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma)}''(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$$

is unbounded in $i_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}(\kappa^{++})$, since

$$i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}) = \sup\{i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(f)(\kappa) \mid f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa^{++}\}$$

and

$$i_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}(\kappa^{++}) = \sup\{i_{E(\kappa, \gamma)}(f)(\kappa) \mid f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa^{++}\}.$$

We will use $k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma)}$ to move from $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \beta+1)}(\kappa^{++}))$ to $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, \xi)}(\kappa^{++}))$, once $\gamma = \xi + 1$.

A crucial thing is that once we have $\beta + 1 < \gamma, \gamma + 1 < \delta < \omega_1$, then $k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma+1)}$ is in $M_{W^*(\kappa, \delta)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, W^*(\kappa, \delta))$, since it starts with $E(\kappa, \delta + 1)$ and $k_{E(\kappa, \beta+1), E(\kappa, \gamma+1)}$ is in $N_{E(\kappa, \delta+1)}$, the ultrapower by $E(\kappa, \delta + 1)$.

2 Forcing.

We define here a strongly compact version of the Magidor supercompact forcing based on sequences of filters and ultrafilters

$$\langle W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1 \rangle, \langle W^*(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle,$$

$$\langle W^{\gamma*}(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1 \rangle \text{ and } \langle W^*(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle,$$

for $\alpha < \kappa$ in \mathcal{A} .

A major compensation on lack of normality here is that each $W^*(\alpha, \beta)$ starts with $E(\alpha, \beta)$, which is a coherent sequence of (α, α^{++}) -extenders.

Further, once we decide to preserve κ^{++} , then the extenders $E(\kappa, \beta)$'s κ will be replaced by subextenders of lengths below κ^{++} and $\langle W^{\gamma*}(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta + 1 < \gamma < \omega_1 \rangle, \langle W^*(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$ will be redefined accordingly.

For each $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \cup \{\kappa\}$ let us fix disjoint sets

$$\langle A(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$$

such that $A(\alpha, \beta) \in W^{\beta+2^*}(\alpha, \beta)$. Recall that

$$W^{\beta+2^*}(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq W^{\gamma^*}(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq W^*(\alpha, \beta),$$

for every $\gamma, \beta + 2 \leq \gamma < \omega_1$. Further, let us always shrink to subsets of $A(\alpha, \beta)$ once dealing with sets of $W^{\gamma^*}(\alpha, \beta)$ -measure one.

For $P \in \bigcup_{\beta < \omega_1} A(\alpha, \beta)$, denote by $o(P)$ the unique β with $P \in A(\alpha, \beta)$. Denote by $nor(P)$ the projection of P to the normal measure over κ , i.e. the image of P under the projection map of $W^*(\alpha, o(P))$ to $E(\alpha, \beta)(\alpha)$. Note that typically $nor(P) < P \cap \alpha$.

Definition 2.1 Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \cup \{\kappa\}$, $\eta = \omega_1$, if $\alpha = \kappa$ and $\eta < \omega_1$, if $\alpha < \kappa$. We call a subtree of $[\mathcal{P}_\alpha(\theta)]^{<\omega}$ (where θ is large enough) a *nice* (α, η) -tree iff

1. $\text{Lev}_0(T) \in \bigcap_{\beta < \eta} W^*(\alpha, \beta)$,
2. $P \in T$ implies $o(P) < \eta$,
3. for every $P \in T$, $\text{Suc}_T(P) \in \bigcap_{o(P) \leq \beta < \eta} W^*(\alpha, \beta)$.
Denote $\text{Suc}_T(P) \cap A(\alpha, \beta)$ by $\text{Suc}_T^\beta(P)$.
4. For every $P \in T$ which comes from a level > 0 , and every $\beta, o(P) \leq \beta < \eta$, we require $\text{Suc}_T^\beta(P) \subseteq \text{Suc}_T^\beta(P^-)$, where P^- is the immediate predecessor of P in T .

Define now (α, η) -good sets by induction on $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \cup \{\kappa\}$ and $\eta \leq \omega_1$.

Definition 2.2 1. If $\eta = 1$, then an (α, η) -good set is just the same as a nice (α, η) -tree, which in this case has splitting only in $W^*(\alpha, 0)$.

2. if $\eta \geq 2$, then an (α, η) -good set X is a pair $\langle T, F \rangle$, where
 - (a) T is a nice (α, η) -tree,
 - (b) F is a function with domain $\{P \in T \mid o(P) > 0\}$ such that for every $P \in \text{dom}(F)$, $F(P)$ is an $(nor(P), o(P))$ -good set.

Define now a direct extension order. We deal first with trees.

Definition 2.3 Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \cup \{\kappa\}$, $\eta = \omega_1$, if $\alpha = \kappa$ and $\eta < \omega_1$, if $\alpha < \kappa$. Let T_1, T_2 be nice (α, η) -trees. Set $T_1 \leq^* T_2$ iff T_2 is obtained from T_1 by shrinking its levels.

Now we use induction in order to define a direct extension order on (α, η) -good sets.

Definition 2.4 Let $X_1 = \langle T_1, F_1 \rangle, X_2 = \langle T_2, F_2 \rangle$ be (α, η) -good sets. Set $X_1 \leq^* X_2$ iff

1. $T_1 \leq^* T_2$,
2. for every $P \in \text{dom}(F_2)$, $F_1(P) \leq^* F_2(P)$.

Let $X = \langle T, F \rangle$ be an (α, η) -good set and $P \in \text{Lev}_0(T)$. Define a one step extension $X \hat{\smallfrown} P$ of X by P .

Definition 2.5 Define $X \hat{\smallfrown} P$ to be a pair $\langle T \hat{\smallfrown} P, F \hat{\smallfrown} P \rangle$, where

1. $T \hat{\smallfrown} P = \{Q \in T \mid Q >_T P\}$,
2. $F \hat{\smallfrown} P = (F \upharpoonright T \hat{\smallfrown} P) \cup \{(P, F(P))\}$.

Intuitively - the Magidor sequence will start now with P , everything in the tree T above P will remain (we will be allowed to shrink things there). In addition, we would like to keep the information below P , i.e. $F(P)$.

Let now $X \hat{\smallfrown} P$ be a one step extension of an (α, η) -good set. Define a one step extension of $X \hat{\smallfrown} P$ as follows:

Definition 2.6 There are two possibilities:

1. $Q \in \text{Suc}_T(P)$ and we define $X \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q$ to be a pair $\langle T \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q, F \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q \rangle$, where

$$(a) \quad T \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q = \{R \in T \mid R >_T Q\},$$

$$(b) \quad F \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q = F \upharpoonright T \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q.$$

Or

2. $Q \in \text{Lev}_0(T^P)$ (where $F(P) = \langle T^P, F^P \rangle$, i.e. T^P denotes the tree part of $F(P)$ and F^P its function part)

and we define $X \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q$ to be a pair $\langle T \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q, F \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q \rangle$, where

$$(a) \quad T \hat{\smallfrown} P \hat{\smallfrown} Q = T \hat{\smallfrown} P,$$

$$(b) F \frown P \frown Q = (F \upharpoonright T \frown P \setminus \{\langle P, F(P) \rangle\}) \cup \{\langle P, F(P) \frown Q \rangle\} \cup \{\langle Q, F^P(Q) \rangle\}.$$

The intuition behind the first item is clear. In the second one, we move from α to $nor(P)$ and add Q there. $F^P(Q)$ is a $(nor(P), o(Q))$ -good set. Its first coordinate is a tree. We prefer not to add it to T explicitly in order to keep T fully over α and not to mix with elements over $nor(Q)$. However, it will be allowed to use elements of the tree of $F^P(Q)$ in further extensions.

If the second possibility occurs, then instead of writing $X \frown P \frown Q$ let us write $X \frown Q \frown P$, and this way preserve the sequence increasing.

If the first possibility occurs, then let us replace P with its modified version P^Q which we describe below. Note that if one prefer to dealing with ordinals instead of members of $\mathcal{P}_\alpha(\theta)$ and to develop a non-normal version of Magidor forcing, then there is no need in P^Q .

Set

$$P^Q = (P \cap nor(Q)) \cup \{C_\eta(Q) \mid \eta \in P \setminus nor(Q)\},$$

where C_η is the Cohen function which links $[id]$ with η . This way P is turned into a typical member of a set of measure one over $\mathcal{P}_{nor(Q)}(Q \cap \alpha)$.

Continue by induction. Suppose that $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n$ is defined. Define $n + 1$ -extension.

Definition 2.7 1. $Q \in \text{Suc}_T(P_n)$ and we define $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q$

to be a pair $\langle T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q, F \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q \rangle$, where

- (a) $T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q = \{R \in T \mid R \succ_T Q\}$,
- (b) $F \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q = F \upharpoonright T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q$.

Or

- 2. $Q \in \text{Lev}_0(T^{P_i})$, for some $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ (where $F(P_i) = \langle T^{P_i}, F^{P_i} \rangle$, i.e. T^{P_i} denotes the tree part of $F(P_i)$ and F^{P_i} its function part)

and we define $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q$ to be a pair $\langle T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q, F \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q \rangle$, where

- (a) $T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q = T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n$,
- (b) $F \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q = (F \upharpoonright T \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \setminus \{\langle P_i, F(P_i) \rangle\}) \cup \{\langle P_i, F(P_i) \frown Q \rangle\} \cup \{\langle Q, F^{P_i}(Q) \rangle\}$.

Again, if the second possibility occurs, then instead of writing $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \frown Q$ let us write $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_{i-1} \frown Q \frown P_i \frown \dots \frown P_n$ and this way preserve the sequence increasing.

If the first possibility occurs, then let us replace $P_j, j \leq i$ with their modified versions P_j^Q as it was done above.

Define a direct order extension \leq^* on the set of n -extensions exactly as in Definition 2.4

Define now our forcing notion.

Definition 2.8 Let \mathcal{P} consists of all n -extensions of all (κ, ω_1) -good sets, for every $n < \omega$.

Definition 2.9 Let $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n, Y \frown Q_1 \frown \dots \frown Q_m \in \mathcal{P}$. Set

$$X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \geq^* Y \frown Q_1 \frown \dots \frown Q_m$$

iff

1. $n = m$,
2. $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \geq^* Y \frown Q_1 \frown \dots \frown Q_n$, as n -extensions.

Define now the forcing order on \mathcal{P} .

Definition 2.10 Let $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n, Y \frown Q_1 \frown \dots \frown Q_m \in \mathcal{P}$. Set

$$X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n \geq Y \frown Q_1 \frown \dots \frown Q_m$$

iff

1. $n \geq m$,
2. $P_i = Q_i$, for every $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$,
3. $Y \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_m \frown P_{m+1} \frown \dots \frown P_n$ is an $(n - m)$ -extension of $Y \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_m$,
4. $Y \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_m \frown P_{m+1} \frown \dots \frown P_n \leq^* X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_m \frown P_{m+1} \frown \dots \frown P_n$, as n -extensions.

Notation 2.11 Let us return to common notation and instead of writing $X \frown P_1 \frown \dots \frown P_n$ write $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, X \rangle$.

Lemma 2.12 $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$ satisfies the Prikry condition.

Proof. Let σ be a statement of the forcing language and $p \in \mathcal{P}$. Suppose for simplicity that the trunk of p is empty, i.e. p is of the form $\langle \langle \rangle, X \rangle$.

Let us call a condition $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Z \rangle$ a good condition iff all its 1-extensions which come from the same measure conclude the same about σ , i.e.

- all of them force σ ,
or
- all of them force $\neg\sigma$,
or
- all of them do not decide σ .

Claim 1 Let $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Y \rangle \in \mathcal{P}$. Then there is $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Z \rangle \geq^* \langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Y \rangle$ which is a good condition.

Proof. Just shrink all relevant measure one sets.

□ of the claim.

Claim 2 Let $\langle \langle \rangle, Y \rangle \in \mathcal{P}$. Then there is $\langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle \geq^* \langle \langle \rangle, Y \rangle$ such that every $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Z' \rangle \geq \langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ is a good condition.

Proof. First apply Claim 1 to $\langle \langle \rangle, Y \rangle$ and find a direct extension $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_0 \rangle$ which is good. Then apply Claim 1 to each 1–element extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_0 \rangle$ and find its direct extension $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_1 \rangle$ such that any one element extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_1 \rangle$ is a good condition.

Continue by induction and for every $n < \omega$ find $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_n \rangle$ such that any n –element extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_n \rangle$ is a good condition.

Finally set $Z = \bigcap_{n < \omega} Z_n$.

□ of the claim.

Let us turn now to two element extensions. In contrast to one element extensions, we will have here a new principal situation to consider.

We call a condition $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Z \rangle$ a 2–good condition iff all its 2–extensions which come from the same measures conclude the same about σ , i.e.

- all of them force σ ,
or
- all of them force $\neg\sigma$,
or
- all of them do not decide σ .

Let $\langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ be a condition as in Claim 2, i.e. such that every $\langle P_1, \dots, P_n, Z' \rangle \geq \langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ is a good condition. Denote by T_Z the tree part of Z and by F_Z its function part, i.e. $Z = \langle T_Z, F_Z \rangle$. Suppose that $\langle P, Z \rangle$ is a one element extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ and we extend it further by adding some Q from a higher measure than those of P . In such extension P should be replaced by P^Q . So this two element extension will be $\langle P^Q, Q, Z \rangle$.

Now this can be done an other way around. Thus we can first extend by adding Q , i.e. to $\langle Q, Z \rangle$ and only then pick an element P^Q from $F_Z(Q)$, assuming that it is there. Both ways result in the same condition $\langle P^Q, Q, Z \rangle$. So we need to argue either decides the same way.

Claim 3 Let $\langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ be as above and $\beta < \gamma < \omega_1$. Then there is $\langle \langle \rangle, Z^* \rangle \geq^* \langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ such that any two element extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z^* \rangle$ which comes from measures β and γ provides the same conclusion about σ without any dependence on the way it was created.

Proof. First we shrink the γ -th measure one set of $\text{Lev}_0(T_Z)$ such that for any Q_1, Q_2 the decisions by β -th measure one set of $\text{Lev}_0(F_Z(Q_1))$ and those of $\text{Lev}_0(F_Z(Q_2))$ are the same. Denote the result by Z' . Next we shrink Z' to Z'' such that for β -th measure one set of $\text{Lev}_0(T_{Z''})$ we will have the decisions by γ -th measure one set of $\text{Suc}_{T_{Z''}}(P_1)$ and those of $\text{Suc}_{T_{Z''}}(P_2)$ are the same, for any $P_1, P_2 \in \text{Lev}_{0,\beta}(T_{Z''})$.

We claim now that $Z^* := Z''$ is as desired. Suppose otherwise.

Then there are $\langle P_1, Q_1, Z^* \rangle, \langle P_2, Q_2, Z^* \rangle$ 2-element extensions of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z^* \rangle$ from measures β, γ which disagree about σ , i.e. one, say $\langle P_1, Q_1, Z^* \rangle$ decides σ and $\langle P_2, Q_2, Z^* \rangle$ does not decide it or decide σ in the opposite fashion. Let us assume that $\langle P_1, Q_1, Z^* \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ and $\langle P_2, Q_2, Z^* \rangle$ does not decide σ .

This type of situation can occur only when this two conditions were obtained in the two different ways. Split into two cases.

Case 1. $\langle P_1, Q_1, Z^* \rangle$ was obtained by first picking an element of β and only then of γ .

Then $\langle P_2, Q_2, Z^* \rangle$, necessarily, was obtained by first picking an element of γ and only then of β . By goodness and the choice of Z^* , then any two element extension which was obtained by first picking an element of β and only then of γ will force σ and any two element extension which was obtained by first picking an element of γ and only then of β will not decide σ .

Denote $\text{Lev}_{0\gamma}(T_{Z^*})$ by A . For every $Q \in A$, denote $\text{Lev}_{0\beta}(T_{F_{Z^*}(Q)})$ by B_Q . Then the function $Q \mapsto B_Q$ represents a set $B \in W^{*\gamma}(\kappa, \beta)$. But recall that $W^{*\gamma}(\kappa, \beta) \subseteq W^*(\kappa, \beta)$. Hence $B \in W^*(\kappa, \beta)$. In particular, $B \cap \text{Lev}_{0\beta}(T_{Z^*}) \neq \emptyset$. Pick some $P \in B \cap \text{Lev}_{0\beta}(T_{Z^*})$. Then the function $Q \mapsto P^Q$ represents P in $\text{Ult}(V, W^*(\kappa, \gamma))$. So, the set $E := \{Q \mid P^Q \in B_Q\}$ is in $W^*(\kappa, \gamma)$. Pick now some $Q \in A \cap \text{Suc}_{T_{Z^*}, \gamma}(P) \cap E$. Then $\langle P^Q, Q, Z^* \rangle \Vdash \sigma$, as

two step extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z^* \rangle$ obtained by first picking an element of β and only then of γ . On the other hand $P^Q \in B_Q$, and so $\langle P^Q, Q, Z^* \rangle$ can be viewed as a step extension of $\langle \langle \rangle, Z^* \rangle$ obtained by first picking an element of γ and only then of β . But this contradicts our assumption that extensions which are obtained this way do not decide σ .

Case 2. $\langle P_1, Q_1, Z^* \rangle$ was obtained by first picking an element of γ and only then of β .

Similar to the previous case.

□ of the claim.

Next we apply Claim 3 to all possible $\beta < \gamma$. As a result a condition $\langle \langle \rangle, Z_2 \rangle \geq^* \langle \langle \rangle, Z \rangle$ will be obtained such any two element extensions of it, which come from same measures agree about σ .

We proceed further by straightforward induction from n -extensions to $n+1$ -extensions. Let us only deal with the following type of commutativity.

Consider 3-extensions. Let $\beta < \gamma < \delta < \omega_1$. Suppose that $Z \frown P \frown Q \frown R$ is a 3-element extension of Z with P being from β -th measure, Q being from γ -th measure and R being from δ -th measure. Now, if P was picked first, than Q and finally R , then the result will be $\langle (P^Q)^R, Q^R, R, Z \rangle$. Note first that $(P^Q)^R = P^Q$, since $P^Q \subseteq Q \cap \kappa < \text{nor}(R)$, and so it is not effected by switching from Q to Q^R .

Suppose now that P was added first, R after it and only then Q^R . So we have now $\langle (P^R)^{Q^R}, Q^R, R, Z \rangle$.

Let argue that for most Q 's, $(P^R)^{Q^R} = P^{Q^R}$.

Consider the function $R \mapsto Q^R$ which represents Q in the ultrapower by the δ -th measure. P is represented by $R \mapsto P^R$. Let us look at the function $R \mapsto (P^R)^{Q^R}$. It represents P^Q .

But note that $P^Q \subset Q \cap \kappa < \text{nor}(R)$ and $(P^R)^{Q^R} \subset \text{nor}(R)$. So P^Q does not move. Hence $(P^R)^{Q^R} = P^Q$.

□

Let $\langle P_\beta \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$ be a generic sequence. Denote $\text{nor}(P_\beta)$ by κ_β , for every $\beta < \omega_1$.

The next lemma is obvious.

Lemma 2.13 *The sequence $\langle \kappa_\beta \mid \beta < \omega_1 \rangle$ is an increasing continuous unbounded in κ sequence.*

Let us deal now with successors and double successors of κ'_β 's.

Lemma 2.14 *For every limit $\beta < \omega_1$, both $(\kappa_\beta^+)^V$ and $(\kappa_\beta^{++})^V$ change their cofinality to ω , and both κ^+ and κ^{++} change their cofinality to ω_1 .*

Proof. Let $\beta < \omega_1$ be a limit ordinal or $\beta = \omega_1$. In the last case κ will be just κ_{ω_1} . We use $k_{E(\kappa_\beta, \gamma), E(\kappa_\beta, \delta)}$ in order to move P_γ to P_δ , for $\gamma < \delta < \beta$. Note that, if $\gamma < \delta < \eta < \beta$, then $k_{\kappa_\beta, \gamma, \delta}$ belongs basically to the ultrapower with η -th measure. The direct limit of the system

$$\langle \langle P_\gamma \mid \gamma < \beta \rangle, \langle k_{E(\kappa_\beta, \gamma), E(\kappa_\beta, \delta)} \mid \gamma < \delta < \beta \rangle \rangle$$

will produce the desired cofinal sequence. Denote it by $\langle P_\gamma^\beta \mid \gamma < \beta \rangle$.

The point is that the measures that are used start with $(\kappa_\beta, \kappa_\beta^{++})$ -extenders. So we have a nice representation of all the ordinals below κ_β^{++} . Actually, the ordinals below κ_β^+ are represented by the canonical functions, but in order to get to κ_β^{++} the extenders are used.

Note that $P_\gamma \cap \kappa_\beta$ does not move. It is the most important over κ it self. Thus, we will need $P_\alpha^{\omega_1} \cap (\kappa^+)^V$, which cardinality is at least $|P_\alpha| \gg \text{nor}(P_\alpha)^{++}$ (in V), in order to cover the set $\{\text{sup}(P_\gamma^{\omega_1} \cap (\kappa^+)^V) \mid \gamma < \alpha\}$, for a limit $\alpha < \omega_1$. We refer to [2] where situations with coverings of small cardinalities were studied.

Deal with the principal case $\beta = \omega_1$. The case $\beta < \omega_1$ is similar.

Let us proceed as follows. Consider P_0, P_1 and P_2 . We have $P_0 \cap \text{nor}(P_1)$ is an ordinal below $\text{nor}(P_1)$. The rest of P_0 is spread inside the interval $[\text{nor}(P_1), (\text{nor}(P_1))^{+3}]$. Note that $(\text{nor}(P_1))^{+3} < P_1 \cap \text{nor}(P_2)$.

We are interested in $(P_0 \setminus \text{nor}(P_1)) \cap (\text{nor}(P_1))^{++}$.

Recall that $P_0 \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{nor}(P_1)}(i_{E(\text{nor}(P_1), o(P_0))}(\text{nor}(P_1))^{++})$,

which corresponds over κ to $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, o(\text{nor}(P_0)))}(\kappa^{++}))$. The embedding $k_{E(\kappa, o(P_0)), E(\kappa, o(P_1))}$ moves the ordinal $i_{E(\kappa, o(P_0))}(\kappa)$ to $i_{E(\kappa, o(P_1))}(\kappa)$. The critical point of $k_{E(\kappa, o(P_0)), E(\kappa, o(P_1))}$ is $(\kappa^{+3})^{N_{E(\kappa, o(P_0))}}$. So, κ^{++} does not move.

Let us denote $i_{E(\kappa, o(P_\gamma))}(\kappa)$ by η_γ , $\gamma < \omega_1$. Then, $\eta_\gamma + \kappa^{++}$ will move to $\eta_\delta + \kappa^{++}$, whenever $\gamma \leq \delta < \omega_1$. Each of P_γ 's will contribute its part in the interval $[\eta_\gamma, \eta_\gamma + \kappa^{++})$ and this way κ^{++} will be eventually covered.

By a simple density argument, for every $\tau < \kappa^{++}$ there will be $n < \omega$, $\gamma_1 < \dots < \gamma_n < \omega_1$ and $Q \in \mathcal{P}_\kappa(i_{E(\kappa, o(Q))}(\kappa^{++}))$ such that

- $\langle P_{\gamma_1}, \dots, P_{\gamma_n}, Q, X \rangle \in G(\mathcal{P})$,
- $i_{E(\kappa, o(Q))}(\kappa^{++}) + \tau \in Q$.

Suppose now that $\langle P_{\gamma_1}, \dots, P_{\gamma_n}, Q, X \rangle \leq \langle P_{\gamma_1}, \dots, P_{\gamma_n}, Q^R, R, X \rangle \in G(\mathcal{P})$. Then in R , $i_{E(\kappa, o(Q))}(\kappa^{++}) + \tau$ corresponds to $i_{E(\kappa, o(Q))}(\kappa^{++}) + \tau$. This means, in particular, that different τ 's will create different sequences (in the direct limit).

Now each sequence is generated by an element of one of P_γ 's, for $\gamma < \omega_1$. Hence,

$\bigcup_{\gamma < \omega_1} P_\gamma$ will actually cover a set of size κ^{++} .

□

Our next tusk will be to change slightly the above setting in order to preserve κ^{++} while still collapsing $\kappa_\alpha^+, \kappa_\alpha^{++}$ etc., for α 's below ω_1 .

It will be achieved by replacing the extenders $E(\kappa, \beta), \beta < \omega_1$, by their subextenders of lengths below κ^{++} .

Let \mathfrak{A} be an elementary submodel of some H_θ , with θ big enough, of cardinality κ^+ , closed under κ -sequences and with everything relevant inside. We cut all the extenders to \mathfrak{A} . Namely each $E(\kappa, \beta), \beta < \omega_1$ is replaced by $\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta) = E(\kappa, \beta) \upharpoonright \mathfrak{A} := E(\kappa, \beta) \upharpoonright \kappa^{++} \cap \mathfrak{A}$. Consider $i_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta)} : V \rightarrow N_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, \tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta))$. Let $\tilde{\eta}_{\kappa\beta} = i_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta)}(\kappa^{++} \cap \mathfrak{A})$.

Then we define filters and ultrafilters as before but instead of $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\eta_{\kappa\beta})$ they will be on $\mathcal{P}_\kappa(\tilde{\eta}_{\kappa\beta})$, where $\eta_{\kappa\beta} = i_{E(\kappa, \beta)}(\kappa^{++})$.

The definability of this filters and ultrafilters allows to apply elementary embedding

$$k_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta), E(\kappa, \beta)} : N_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta)} \rightarrow N_{E(\kappa, \beta)}$$

in order to move the things to $N_{\tilde{E}(\kappa, \beta)}$.

Define the forcing \mathcal{P} as before only implementing the change made over κ . κ^{++} will not be collapsed now since the present \mathcal{P} satisfies κ^{++} -c.c. The point is that $\tilde{\eta}_{\kappa\beta} < \kappa^{++}$, for every $\beta < \omega_1$.

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