

# An other model with tree property and not SCH.

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## Abstract

We will use the method for blowing up the power of a singular cardinal of [3] in order to get models with tree property on successors of singulars and not SCH. The advantage of the present technique is that no cardinal is collapsed or changes its cofinality. A question by O. Ben-Neria, C. Lambie-Hanson, S. Unger from [2] is answered.

## 1 A model in which SCH fail at a singular cardinal, but the tree property holds at its successor.

Such a model was first constructed by I. Neeman [7] for a singular of countable cofinality and later was generalized to uncountable one by D. Sinapova [10].

The forcing used in [7] is based on the forcing of [5]. We will use here the forcing of [3] instead and deal with countable and uncountable cofinalities simultaneously.

Fix a regular cardinal  $\eta$ . Let  $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  be an increasing sequence of cardinals and let  $\langle E_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$  be a sequence of extenders such that for every  $\alpha < \eta$

1.  $\eta < \kappa_0$ ,
2.  $E(\alpha)$  is a  $(\kappa_\alpha, \bar{\kappa}_\eta^{++})$ -extender, where  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} \kappa_\alpha$ ,
3.  $E(\alpha) \triangleleft E(\alpha + 1)$ ,
4. there is a supercompact cardinal in the interval  $(\eta, \kappa_0)$ ,
5. for every  $\alpha < \eta$  there is a supercompact cardinal in the interval  $(\kappa_\alpha, \kappa_{\alpha+1})$ .

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Let  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  be the forcing of Section 2 of [3].

For every limit  $\alpha \leq \eta$  denote  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha' < \alpha} \kappa_{\alpha'}$ .

By [3], Section 2, it has the following properties:

1.  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is a Prikry type forcing,
2. the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle$ :
  - (a) blows up the power of  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta$  to  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^{++}$ ,
  - (b) blows up the power of  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$  above  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha^+$ , for every limit  $\alpha < \eta$ ,
  - (c) preserves cardinals and cofinalities,
  - (d) preserves strong limitness of each of  $\kappa_\alpha$ 's, for every  $\alpha \leq \eta$ , and  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$ 's, for every limit  $\alpha \leq \eta$
  - (e) does not add new subsets to  $\kappa_0$ .
3. The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$  is equivalent to the product of Cohen forcings  $Cohen(\kappa_\alpha^+, \bar{\kappa}_\eta^{++})$  with full support for  $\leq^*$ -extension of  $0_{\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}}$ .

We force first with the Laver type preparation forcings to ensure indestructibility of the relevant supercompact cardinals under directed closed forcings which preserve cardinals, as it is done in A. Apter [1]. Let  $H$  be a corresponding generic set.

It is easy to extend the extender  $E(\alpha)$  and its elementary embedding in  $V[H]$ . Let us abuse the notation a bit and still denote the extension of  $E(\alpha)$  in  $V[H]$  by  $E(\alpha)$ .

Force with  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle$ . Let  $G$  be a generic. We claim that  $V[H * G]$  is as desired, i.e. it satisfies  $TP_{\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+}$  and  $2^{\bar{\kappa}_\eta} = \bar{\kappa}_\eta^{++}$ .

$2^{\bar{\kappa}_\eta} = \bar{\kappa}_\eta^{++}$  follows by [3]. Let deal with the tree property.

The argument below follows [6] and [7].

Suppose that  $T$  is a  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$ -tree in  $V[H * G]$ .

We can assume that for every  $\alpha < \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$ , the level  $\alpha$  of  $T$  is  $\{(\alpha, \xi) \mid \xi < \bar{\kappa}_\eta\}$ .

Let  $\tilde{T}$  be a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ -name of a  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$ -tree  $T$ .

Suppose for simplicity that

$$0_{\mathcal{P}} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\tilde{T} \text{ is a } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+ \text{ - tree}).$$

Let  $\kappa, \eta < \kappa < \kappa_0$  be a supercompact.

Now, in  $V[H]$ , using the indestructibility of supercompactness of  $\kappa$  under the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$ , let us pick  $N \prec \langle H(\bar{\kappa}_\eta^{+++}), \in \rangle^1$  such that

1.  $N \cap \kappa \in \kappa$ ,
2.  $|N| < \kappa$ ,
3.  $\mathcal{T} \in N$ ,
4. for every  $A \subseteq N \cap \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  there is  $B \in N$  such that  $B \cap N = A$ .

Let  $\bar{N}$  be the transitive collapse of  $N$ , and let  $\pi : \bar{N} \rightarrow N$ . Denote  $\kappa \cap N$  by  $\kappa(N)$ . Now the assumption that  $\kappa$  was forced to be indestructible applied to the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$ , provides a  $\bar{N}$ -generic set. Its image under  $\pi$  can be easily turned into a condition in  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$ . Let  $p(N)$  be such a condition. Then for every  $G^*$  generic for  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$  with  $p(N) \in G^*$ ,  $N[p(N)]$  will be a generic extension of  $N$  and an elementary submodel of  $(H(\bar{\kappa}_\eta^{+++}))[G^*]$ , satisfying the same properties as  $N$ .

Fix some  $G^*$  like this.

Let  $\delta = \sup(N[p(N)] \cap \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+) = \sup(N \cap \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+)$  and let  $t_\delta \in Lev_\delta(\mathcal{T})$ .

For every  $\alpha \in N \cap \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  and  $\eta' < \eta$  consider the following statement:

$$\sigma_\alpha^{\eta'} \equiv \exists \xi < \kappa_{\eta'}(t_\delta >_{\mathcal{T}} (\alpha, \xi)).$$

Then, by the Prikry property and  $\eta^+$ -closure of  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$ , there is  $\eta_\alpha < \eta$  and  $p^\alpha \geq^* p(N)$ ,  $p^\alpha \in G^*$  such that

$$p^\alpha \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi < \kappa_{\eta_\alpha}(t_\delta >_{\mathcal{T}} (\alpha, \xi)).$$

Since  $|N| < \kappa$ , there will be  $I(N) \subseteq \delta$  unbounded in  $\delta$ ,  $I(N) \in V[H]$ ,  $\eta^* < \eta$  and  $p^*(N) \geq^* p(N)$ ,  $p^*(N) \in G^*$  such that for every  $\alpha \in I(N)$ ,

$$p^*(N) \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi < \kappa_{\eta^*}(t_\delta >_{\mathcal{T}} (\alpha, \xi)).$$

Now let  $\alpha < \beta, \alpha, \beta \in I(N)$ .

Consider the following set:

$$D_{\alpha\beta} = \{q \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}} \mid q \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{T}} (\beta, \xi_\beta))\}.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Alternatively, we can use a supercompact embedding and to work in the ultrapower.

It is dense in  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$  above  $0_{\mathcal{P}}$ .

So there is  $q \leq^* p(N), q \in D_{\alpha\beta}$ . Then  $q \leq p^*(N)$ , and hence,  $q$  must force the existence of such  $\xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta$ .

So,  $p(N)$  forces this as well.

Appeal now to the supercompactness in  $V[H * G^*]$ . So, there will be an unbounded in  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  set  $I \in V[H * G^*]$  such that for every  $\alpha < \beta, \alpha, \beta \in I$  there is  $q \in G^*$ ,

$$q \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi_\beta)).$$

Then there is  $q^* \in G^*$  such that (in  $V[H]$ )

$$(*) \quad q^* \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \forall \alpha, \beta \in \underline{I} (\alpha < \beta \rightarrow (\exists q \in G(\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle)) \\ (q \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi_\beta))))).$$

But then,

(\*\*) for every  $\alpha < \beta$  and  $\bar{q}_\sim \geq^* q^*$ ,<sup>2</sup> if  $\bar{q}_\sim \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \alpha, \beta \in \underline{I}$ , then already for some choice sets of measures one for coordinates of  $\bar{q}_\sim$  we will have

$$\bar{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi_\beta)).$$

Since otherwise there will be  $q' \geq^* \bar{q}$  such that

$$q' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \neg(\exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi_\beta))).$$

Pick  $G'$  to be a generic for  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$  with  $q'$ , and so,  $\bar{q}, q^*$  inside. Then there is no  $q \in G'$  such that

$$q \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \exists \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta < \kappa_{\eta^*}((\alpha, \xi_\alpha) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi_\beta)),$$

since every  $q \in G'$  is  $\leq^*$ -compatible with  $q'$ , and hence also,  $\leq$ -compatible with it.

But this contradicts  $(*)$  above.

Note that  $\underline{I}$  is a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle$ -canonical name of a subset of  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$ , so it can be viewed as a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$  as well. Let us argue its interpretation cannot be too small.

**Claim 1** There is  $\tilde{q} \geq^* q^*$  such that  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\underline{I} \text{ is unbounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the statement

$$\sigma \equiv \underline{I} \text{ is unbounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$$

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<sup>2</sup>For  $r \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$ , we denote by  $r_\sim$  the equivalence class or simply  $r$  with measure one sets removed.

of the forcing language  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ .

By the Prikry condition, there is  $\tilde{q} \geq^* q^*$  which decides  $\sigma$ .

If  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \sigma$ , then we are done.

Suppose that  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \neg \sigma$ .

Then  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\mathcal{I} \text{ is bounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+)$ .

Let  $\zeta$  be a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ -name of  $\sup(\mathcal{I})$ .

Then, by the Prikry condition type argument showing that  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  is preserved after the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ , there will be  $q' \geq^* \tilde{q}$  and  $\mu < \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  such that

$$q' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\zeta < \mu).$$

But

$$q^* \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} (\mathcal{I} \text{ is unbounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+).$$

Hence, there are  $q'' \geq^* q'$  and  $\tau, \mu < \tau < \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  such that  $\langle q'', \tau \rangle \in \mathcal{I}$ , for some  $q''' \leq^* q''$ . Then, clearly,  $q'' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\tau \in \mathcal{I})$ , which is impossible. Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

Assume for simplicity that already  $0_{\mathcal{P}} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\mathcal{I} \text{ is unbounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+)$ .

Denote  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta$  by  $\lambda$ .

Pick a supercompact cardinal  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa_{\eta^*} < \kappa < \kappa_{\eta^*+1}$ .

Consider  $R = G^* \upharpoonright \langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \eta^* < \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$ , i.e. the Cohen functions above  $\kappa_{\eta^*}^+$ .

Clearly,  $R$  is  $V[H]$  generic for  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \eta^* < \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$ .

We will be interested in  $\mathcal{I}_R$ , i.e. the interpretation (partial) of  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha < \eta \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$ -name by  $R$ .

Use the indestructibility of  $\kappa$  and find  $j : V[H * R] \rightarrow M[H^*, R^*]$

witnessing  $\lambda^+$ -supercompactness of  $\kappa$ .

Let  $\delta = \sup(j''\lambda^+) < j(\lambda^+)$ .

Pick some  $s \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s \geq^* j(0_{\mathcal{P}}) \upharpoonright j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$  and a  $j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle)$ -name  $\gamma$  of an ordinal such that

$$s \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle)} (\gamma \geq \delta \wedge \gamma \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}).$$

Note that  $s \geq^* j(0_{\mathcal{P}}) \upharpoonright j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$  implies in particular that

$$s \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle)} (|j''(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}| = \lambda^+).$$

**Claim 2** There is  $s^* \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s \leq^* s^*$  such that

$$s^* \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) | \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle)} (|\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid j(\alpha) \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}\}| = \lambda^+)^3$$

<sup>3</sup>Note that we have two orderings  $\leq^*$  and  $\leq$ . The claim is about the later one.

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Let

$$\sigma \equiv |\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid j(\alpha) \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}\}| = \lambda^+.$$

Then for every  $s' \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s \leq^* s'$  there is  $s^* \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s' \leq^* s^*$  which forces  $\neg\sigma$ , which means that the set  $\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid j(\alpha) \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}\}$  is bounded in  $\lambda^+$ .

The forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle$  satisfies  $\kappa_{\eta^*}^{++}$ -c.c., hence there is  $\tau < \lambda^+$  such that for every  $s^* \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s \leq^* s^*$ , if  $s^*$  decides  $\sigma$ , then

$$s^* \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle)} (\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid j(\alpha) \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}\} \subseteq \tau).$$

But we have

$$s \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle)} (|j''(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}| = \lambda^+).^4$$

So, there are  $s' \in j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle})$ ,  $s \leq^* s'$  and  $\tau', \tau \leq \tau' < \lambda^+$  such that

$$s' \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle)} (j(\tau') \in j(\mathcal{I})_{R^*}).$$

But this is impossible. Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

Fix  $s^*$  as in the claim. Let  $S^*$  be  $j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta^* \rangle}, \leq \rangle)$ -generic over  $M[H^*, R^*]$  with  $s^* \in S^*$ . Then, by Claim 2, in  $M[H^*, R^*, S^*]$  there is a set  $J' \subseteq \lambda^+$  unbounded such that the following holds:

for every  $\alpha \in J'$ , there are  $\zeta_\alpha, \xi_\alpha < \kappa_{\eta^*}$ ,  $s_\alpha \in S^*$ ,  $r_\alpha \in R^*$  such that

$$(s_\alpha, r_\alpha) \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\beta) \mid \beta < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle)} ((j(\alpha), \xi_\alpha) <_{j(\mathcal{I})} (\gamma, \zeta_\alpha)).$$

We use here the  $\kappa_{\eta^*}^+$ -closure of  $\leq^*$  - of  $j(\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\beta) \mid \eta^* < \beta < \eta \rangle})$  in order to obtain  $r_\alpha$ .

Then there will be  $\zeta^*, \xi^* < \kappa_{\eta^*}$  which work for an unbounded subset  $J$  of  $J'$ , i.e. for every  $\alpha \in J$ , there are  $s_\alpha \in S^*$ ,  $r_\alpha \in R^*$  such that

$$(s_\alpha, r_\alpha) \Vdash_{j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\beta) \mid \beta < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle)} ((j(\alpha), \xi^*) <_{j(\mathcal{I})} (\gamma, \zeta^*)).$$

Let  $S$  be the restriction of  $S^*$  to  $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\mu) \mid \mu \leq \eta^* \rangle}$ .

By elementarity, then

for every  $\alpha, \beta \in J$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$ , there are  $s_\alpha \in S$ ,  $r_\alpha \in R$  such that

$$(s_\alpha, r_\alpha) \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\beta) \mid \beta < \eta \rangle}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{I}} (\beta, \zeta^*)).$$

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<sup>4</sup>Forces with respect to  $\leq^*$ .

Note that  $J$  need not be in  $V[H, R, S]$ , but rather in the further extension  $V[H, R, S^*]$  by the forcing  $j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha)|\alpha \leq \eta^*}, \leq \rangle) / S$ , which is basically the forcing for adding more Cohen subsets to  $\kappa_{\eta^*}^+$  and cardinals below.<sup>5</sup>

Also, if  $\beta \in J, \alpha < \beta$  and for some  $s \in S, r \in R$ ,

$$\langle s, r \rangle \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\mu)|\mu < \eta}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{I}} (\beta, \xi^*)),$$

then  $\alpha \in J$ .

Now, by Neeman [7], 3.4,3.7, we must have that  $J \in V[H, R, S]$ .

Back to  $V[H]$ , we assume for simplicity that already the weakest conditions (in  $S, R$ ) decide  $\xi^*$ .

Let now  $\kappa_{\eta^*} < \kappa$  be a supercompact below  $\lambda$  with a corresponding embedding

$$j : V[H] \rightarrow M[H^*].$$

Assume for simplicity that  $\eta = \omega$ .

Let  $n < \omega$  be the maximal such that  $\kappa_n < \kappa$ .

Split  $G^* \upharpoonright \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\mu)|\eta^* < \mu < \eta \rangle}$  into  $G_{\leq n}^*$  and  $G_{> n}^*$ .

$\kappa$  remains a supercompact in  $V[H, G_{> n}^*]$ .

Moreover, there are  $H^* * G_{> n}^{**}$  in  $V[H, G_{> n}^*]$  which are  $M$ -generic and  $j$  extends to

$$j^{H^*, G_{> n}^{**}} : V[H, G_{> n}^*] \rightarrow M[H^*, G_{> n}^{**}].$$

Let  $U(H^*, G_{> n}^{**})$  be the corresponding normal ultrafilter over  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(\lambda^+)$ .

Recall that  $J \in V[H, S, G^* \upharpoonright \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\mu)|\eta^* < \mu < \eta \rangle}]$ . So, in order to have it, we need to add  $S, G_{\leq n}^* \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(k)|k \leq n \rangle}$ .

As a result, a generic should be picked on the  $M$ -side. Now it should be forced.

Denote by  $Q_{\leq n}$  the quotient forcing  $j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(k)|k \leq \eta^*}, \leq^* \rangle) / S \times j(\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(k)|\eta^* < k \leq n \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle) / G_{\leq n}^*$ , which is just a further Cohen forcing.

We work below with  $Q_{\leq n}$ -names which are assumed to have the desired properties as forced by the weakest condition in  $Q_{\leq n}$ .

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<sup>5</sup>Note that the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\beta)|\beta < \eta^*}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$  is defined using one element Prikry sequences. Namely, once a non-direct extension was made over a coordinate  $\beta$  (i.e. using  $E(\beta)$ ), then the rest of the forcing over coordinate  $\beta$  will be just adding Cohen subsets. In particular, if  $\eta^* < \omega$ , then it will be just a product Cohen forcings, after non-direct extension was made at each coordinate  $k \leq \eta^*$ . If  $\eta^* \geq \omega$ , then a non-direct extension over  $\eta^*$  will bound the size of the forcing over smaller coordinates.

Pick  $\gamma \in j^{H^*, G^{**}_n}(J)$ ,  $\gamma \geq \sup(j''\lambda^+)$ .

Then for every  $\alpha \in J$  there will be  $\langle s^\alpha, r^\alpha \rangle \in H^*, G^{**}_n$  and  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha \in Q_{\leq n}$  such that

$$\langle \mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha, s^\alpha, r^\alpha \rangle \Vdash_{j^*(\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle)} ((j(\check{\alpha}), \xi^*) <_{j^{H^*, G^{**}_n}(\mathcal{I})} (\gamma, \xi^*)).$$

Pick a function  $h^\alpha : \mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda^+) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  which represents  $\langle \mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha, s^\alpha, r^\alpha \rangle$  in the ultrapower.

Now, if  $\alpha < \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in J$ , then

$$\{P \in \mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda^+) \mid h^\alpha(P) \wedge h^\beta(P) \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{I}} (\beta, \xi^*))\} \in U(H^*, G^{**}_n).$$

Turn now to  $V[H]$ . Let  $q^\alpha \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $\alpha < \lambda^+$  and  $q^\alpha \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ .

**Claim 3** Let  $n < \omega$ . There is a direct extension  $q^{\alpha^*}$  of  $q^\alpha$  such that for every  $\vec{v}$  from sets of measure one of  $q_{\leq n}^{\alpha^*}$  (i.e. from the first  $n$ -coordinates of  $q^{\alpha^*}$ )  $j(q^{\alpha^*} \frown \vec{v})$  is compatible with  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is a direct extension  $q^{\alpha^*}$  of  $q^\alpha$  such that for every  $\vec{v}$  from sets of measure one of  $q_{\leq n}^{\alpha^*}$ ,  $j(q^{\alpha^*} \frown \vec{v})$  is incompatible with  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha$ .

Note that the critical point  $\kappa$  of  $j$  is above  $\kappa_n$  and each coordinate  $q^{\alpha^*}(k)$ ,  $k \leq n$  has cardinality  $\leq \kappa_k$ . So,  $j(q^{\alpha^*}(k))$  is the pointwise image of  $q^{\alpha^*}(k)$ , for every  $k \leq n$ . Moreover,  $j$  does not move the set of measure one of  $q^{\alpha^*}(k)$ , since it is inside  $V_\kappa$ .

So, we can intersect this sets with those of  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha$  (over the corresponding places). The result still in  $V_\kappa$ , and hence does move under  $j$ . This leads to contradiction. Namely, pick  $\vec{v}$  from such intersections. Then,  $j(q^{\alpha^*} \frown \vec{v})$  will be compatible with  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha$ .

□ of the claim.

Applying the claim for every  $n < \omega$  and shrinking corresponding measure one sets, we will find a direct extension

$q^{\alpha^{**}}$  of  $q^\alpha$  such that for every  $n < \omega$  and for every  $\vec{v}$  from sets of measure one of  $q_{\leq n}^{\alpha^{**}}$ ,  $j_n(q^{\alpha^{**}} \frown \vec{v})$  is compatible with  $\mathfrak{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha$ .

Force with  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ . Let  $G$  be a generic. Suppose that  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda^+$  and  $q^{\alpha^{**}}, q^{\beta^{**}} \in G$ . Now back to  $V[H]$ , let  $p \geq q^{\alpha^{**}} \wedge q^{\beta^{**}}$ .

**Claim 4** There is  $p' \geq p$  such that

$$p' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{I}} (\beta, \xi^*)).$$

*Proof.* There is  $q \geq^* q^{\alpha^{**}} \wedge q^{\beta^{**}}$  and  $\vec{v}$  from sets of measures one of  $q^{\alpha^{**}} \wedge q^{\beta^{**}}$  such that  $p = q \frown \vec{v}$ .



Let  $n < \omega$  be the number of coordinates involved in  $\vec{v}$ . Pick a supercompact  $\kappa$  to be the least above  $\kappa_n$  and let  $j$  denotes the corresponding embedding.

Let us use the freedom that we have in choosing  $G^*, H^*, G^{**}$ . Thus, assume that  $q \in G^*$ . Then,  $j^{H^*, G^{**}}(q) \in G^{**}$ . So, it is compatible with  $\langle s^\alpha, r^\alpha \rangle$  and  $\langle s^\beta, r^\beta \rangle$ .

Using the previous claim (Claim 3), we obtain a compatibility of  $j(q^{\alpha^{**}} \wedge q^{\beta^{**}} \wedge \vec{v})$  with  $\underset{\sim}{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha \wedge \underset{\sim}{s}_{\leq n}^\beta$ , which implies those of  $j(q \wedge \vec{v})$ .

Pick a condition  $x$  to be stronger than  $j(q \wedge \vec{v})$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{s}_{\leq n}^\alpha \wedge \underset{\sim}{s}_{\leq n}^\beta$ ,  $\langle s^\alpha, r^\alpha \rangle$  and  $\langle s^\beta, r^\beta \rangle$ .

Pick a function  $h : \mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda^+) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  which represents  $x$ .

Then,

$$\{P \in \mathcal{P}_\kappa(\lambda^+) \mid h(P) \geq q \wedge \vec{v} \text{ and } h(P) \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi^*))\} \in U(H^*, G_{>n}^{**}).$$

Now any  $h(P)$  with  $P$  from this set will be as desired.

□ of the claim.

Now, by density, there is  $p' \in G$  such that

$$p' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} ((\alpha, \xi^*) <_{\mathcal{L}} (\beta, \xi^*)).$$

Note that the only requirements on  $q^\alpha$  were that  $q^\alpha \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $\alpha < \lambda^+$  and  $q^\alpha \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ . Consider all possibilities, i.e. let  $Y^\alpha$  be the set consisting of  $q^{\alpha^{**}}$  given by Claim 3 with  $q^\alpha$  arbitrary such that  $q^\alpha \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $\alpha < \lambda^+$  and  $q^\alpha \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ .

The next claim completes the argument.

**Claim 5** There is  $\tilde{q} \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$  such that

$$\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid Y^\alpha \cap \mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset\} \text{ is unbounded in } \lambda^+).$$

*Proof.* Consider the statement:

$$\sigma \equiv (\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid Y^\alpha \cap \mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset\} \text{ is unbounded in } \lambda^+)$$

of the forcing language  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ .

By the Prikry condition, there is  $\tilde{q} \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}}$  which decides  $\sigma$ .

If  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \sigma$ , then we are done.

Suppose that  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} \neg \sigma$ .

Then  $\tilde{q} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\{\alpha < \lambda^+ \mid Y^\alpha \cap \mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset\} \text{ is bounded in } \lambda^+)$ .

Let  $\zeta$  be a  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ -name of a bound.

Then, by the Prikry condition type argument showing that  $\bar{\kappa}_\eta^+ = \lambda^+$  is preserved after the forcing  $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ , there will be  $q' \geq^* \tilde{q}$  and  $\mu < \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  such that

$$q' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (\zeta < \mu).$$

We have

$$q' \geq^* 0_{\mathcal{P}} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} (\mathcal{J} \text{ is unbounded in } \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+).$$

Pick  $\alpha, \mu < \alpha < \bar{\kappa}_\eta^+$  and  $q'' \geq^* q'$  such that  $q'' \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq^* \rangle} \alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ . Then  $q''^{**} \geq^* q''$  is in  $Y^\alpha$ , by the definition of  $Y^\alpha$ . Clearly, then

$$q''^{**} \Vdash_{\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle} (q''^{**} \in Y^\alpha \cap \mathcal{G}).$$

Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

## 2 $\neg$ SCH and the tree property for a club.

In [2], O. Ben-Neria, C. Lambie-Hanson, S. Unger use the supercompact Radin forcing to construct a model in which both AP and SCH fail on a proper class club of singular cardinals. They asked whether it is possible to replace  $\neg$ AP by the tree property.

Here we would like to give an affirmative answer. Again, the initial assumption will be stronger than those used in [2], however no cardinals will change their cofinality.

**Theorem 2.1** *Suppose that  $\theta$  is the least inaccessible cardinal which is a limit of supercompact cardinals.*

*Then there is cofinality preserving extension so that*

- $\theta$  remaining inaccessible,
- there is a club in  $\theta$  consisting of singular strong limit cardinals  $\nu$  such that
  1.  $2^\nu > \nu^+$ ,
  2.  $\nu^+$  has the tree property.

*Proof.* The construction of the previous section can be applied here, only replace  $\eta$  by an inaccessible cardinal  $\theta$ .

Let  $\langle \delta_\alpha \mid \alpha < \theta \rangle$  be an increasing sequence of supercompact cardinals. Set  $\kappa_\alpha = \delta_{\alpha+1}$ , for every  $\alpha < \theta$ . Clearly, each  $\kappa_\alpha$  is strong. Repeat the previous construction using the sequence  $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \theta \rangle$ .

Note that given a limit  $\alpha < \theta$ , we do not know in advance (i.e. without forcing with  $E(\alpha)$ ) what will be  $2^{\bar{\kappa}_\alpha}$ , where, as before,  $\bar{\kappa}_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \kappa_\beta$ . So, if we have only boundedly many supercompacts below  $\kappa_\alpha$ , then it is possible that there will be no supercompact in the interval  $(2^{\bar{\kappa}_\alpha}, \kappa_\alpha)$ . However, having a supercompact inside  $(\kappa_\alpha, \kappa_{\alpha+1})$ , we can repeat the argument of the previous section just using  $\kappa_{\alpha+1}$  as the first strong in this argument.

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