

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 makes use of overlapping extenders.

§1. Introduction. The purpose of this article 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 ω . 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 η 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 [3], o^\sharp should exist. A slightly weaker assumption than η -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 $\alpha < \eta$

1. $E(\alpha)$ is a (κ_α, λ) -extender,
i.e., $j_{E(\alpha)} : V \rightarrow M_{E(\alpha)} \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E(\alpha))$, $\text{crit}(j_{E(\alpha)}) = \kappa_\alpha$, $j_{E(\alpha)}(\kappa_\alpha) > \lambda$,
 $M_{E(\alpha)} \supseteq H_\lambda^{\kappa_\alpha}$, $\kappa_\alpha M_{E(\alpha)} \subseteq M_{E(\alpha)}$;
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.

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§2. Blowing up the power of a singular cardinal of cofinality ω . 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 (κ_n, λ) -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 nondirect 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 κ_n and reflect the information the condition contains about coordinates $m < n$ below κ_n .

Let us start with a simpler situation where instead of ω extenders we have only 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 [5]. A difference will be that sequences inside conditions will be either empty or of length one only.

Let E be a (κ, λ) -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 κ . Define a κ -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 [5].

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 κ ,
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 κ .

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 $g = f \upharpoonright_{\langle \vec{v} \rangle} \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$ as follows:

1. $\text{dom}(g) = \text{dom}(f)$,
2. for every $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g)$,

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

The difference from the original definition by Merimovich in [5], is that we do not keep $f(\alpha)$ if $\bar{v}(\alpha) > f(\alpha)$, but rather replace $f(\alpha)$ by $\bar{v}(\alpha)$.

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 $\bar{v} \in A$. Define $p \hat{\smallfrown} \bar{v} \in \mathcal{P}_E^*$ to be $f_{\langle \bar{v} \rangle}$.

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 $\bar{v} \in A$ such that $f_{\langle \bar{v} \rangle} \leq^* g$.

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 λ -many Cohen subsets to κ^+ .*

However, more can be deduced:

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

PROOF. Let us sketch the basic argument following Merimovich presentation [5]. Let $p = \langle f^p, A^p \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_E^0$ and σ be a statement of the forcing language. We would like to find a direct extension of p which decides σ . Suppose that there is no such extension.

Proceed as in 3.12 of [4]. Construct by induction an increasing chain of elementary submodels $\langle N_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa \rangle$ of H_χ , for χ 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 $f^* = \bigcup \{f_\xi \mid \xi < \kappa\}$.¹

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

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

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 $f_{\vec{v}}^* \Vdash \sigma$, which is impossible by the choice of A^* .

Contradiction. ⊥

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

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

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

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

¹Carmi 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.

The intuition behind this condition is that the current value $f^1(\alpha)$ may interfere with values of one element Prikry sequences over κ_0 . Namely, with the α -th Prikry sequence over κ_0 . Now, if $\vec{v}(\alpha) > f^1(\alpha)$, then $f^1_{\vec{v}}(\alpha) = \vec{v}(\alpha)$, 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 $E(0)((\text{dom}(f^0) \cap \kappa_1) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^0) \setminus \kappa_1\})$ are basically the same in the following sense:

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

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 nonpure extensions.

First consider the situation with nonpure part over κ_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 κ_0 and a nonpure over κ_1 .

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

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 nonempty,
3. $p(0) \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0) \upharpoonright h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))}$. The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of $E(1)$ is decided, then we cut $E(0)$ to the reflection of λ below κ_1 , i.e., to $h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))$.

Define now a completely nonpure 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 nonempty,
3. $f^0 \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)}^*$,

- 4. $f^0(\kappa_0)$ is nonempty,
- 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 κ_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 κ_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 κ_0 is pure and those over κ_1 is not pure, $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$, i.e., p is a completely nonpure 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 $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)}$ 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 κ_1 is pure and those over κ_0 is not pure, $p \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(0), E(1) \rangle}^*$, i.e., p is a completely nonpure 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 κ_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) and (5) of Definitions 2.10 and 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 κ_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 $\mathcal{P}_{E(0) \upharpoonright h_\lambda(f^1(\kappa_1))}^*$, where $(\langle g^0, B^0 \rangle)^{ref}$ the reflection of $\langle g^0, B^0 \rangle$ below κ_1 is defined as follows:

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

- (b) for every $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \kappa_1 = \text{dom}(g^0) \cap \text{dom}((g^0)^{\text{ref}})$, $(g^0)^{\text{ref}}(\alpha) = g^0(\alpha)$,
- (c) for every $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^0) \setminus \kappa_1$, $(g^0)^{\text{ref}}(f^1(\alpha)) = g^0(\alpha)$.
 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) and (5) of Definitions 2.10 and 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 Definition 2.10.
- (d) $A^0 \upharpoonright \text{dom}((g^0)^{\text{ref}}) \subseteq (B^0)^{\text{ref}}$, where $(B^0)^{\text{ref}} = \{\vec{v}^{\text{ref}} \mid \vec{v} \in B^0\}$ and if $\vec{v} = \langle \langle \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho \rangle$, then $\vec{v}^{\text{ref}} = \langle \langle \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho, \alpha_\xi < \kappa_1 \rangle \hat{\wedge} \langle \langle f^1(\alpha_\xi), \beta_\xi \rangle \mid \xi < \rho, \alpha_\xi \geq \kappa_1 \rangle$.

Denote further in this subsection $\mathcal{P}_{(E(0), E(1))}$ 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 nonpure 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 [5]).

Suppose otherwise.

Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$ be a pure condition and σ a statement of the forcing language which is undecided by pure extensions of p . Then p is of the form $\langle \langle f^{p0}, A^{p0} \rangle, \langle f^{p1}, A^{p1} \rangle \rangle$.

Proceed as in 3.12 of [4]. Construct by induction an increasing chain of elementary submodels $\langle N_\xi^1 \mid \xi < \kappa_1 \rangle$ of H_χ , for χ 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) $\langle f_\xi^1 \mid \zeta < \xi \rangle \in N_\xi^1$,
 - (d) $f_\xi^1 \in \bigcap \{D' \in N_\xi^1 \mid D' \text{ is a dense open subset of } \mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^* \text{ above } f^{p1}\}$,
 - (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 $f^{1*} = \bigcup \{f_\xi^1 \mid \xi < \kappa_1\}$. 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 κ_1 that now corresponds to λ . Suppose for simplicity that $\text{dom}(f^{p0}) \subseteq \lambda_1^{\vec{v}}$, otherwise just reflect the part above κ_1 below as in Definition 2.15.

Consider $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)\upharpoonright\lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$. 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) 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 $t \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)\upharpoonright\lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$ either

- (1) $\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{v}} \rangle \parallel \sigma$,
- or
- (2) 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 $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)\upharpoonright\lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$ (Lemma 2.9), there is $t^* \geq^* \langle f^{p0}, A^{p0} \rangle$ which decides φ .

CLAIM 2.18. $t^* \Vdash \varphi$.

PROOF. Suppose otherwise. Then $t^* \Vdash \neg\varphi$. This means that whenever $t \in \mathcal{P}_{E(0)\upharpoonright\lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$ and $t \geq t^*$, $\langle t, \bar{f}_{\vec{v}} \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$.

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

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

Contradiction. ¬Claim

Now use again the Prikry condition of the forcing $\mathcal{P}_{E(0)\upharpoonright\lambda_1^{\vec{v}}}$ to decide the following statement

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

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

If $t(\vec{v}, f) \Vdash \neg\psi$, then $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \bar{f}_{\vec{v}} \rangle \Vdash \neg\sigma$.

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

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

The next claim follows now:

CLAIM 2.19. $D_{\vec{v}}$ is a dense open subset of $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}^*$ above f^{p1} .

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

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

So, $\langle t(\vec{v}, f^{1*}), f_{\vec{v}}^{1*} \rangle \parallel \sigma$, for every $\vec{v} \in A$. Shrink A , if necessary, to a set $A^{1*} \in (E(1))(\text{dom}(f^{1*}))$, such that for any two $\vec{v}, \vec{v}' \in A^{1*}$ the decision is the same, say σ is forced.

Consider now $\langle f^{1*}, A^{1*} \rangle$. It is a pure condition in $\mathcal{P}_{E(1)}$. Use the function $\vec{v} \mapsto t(\vec{v}, f^{1*})$ 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 $t(\vec{v}, f^{1*}) = \langle f^{0\vec{v}}, A^{0\vec{v}} \rangle$, for every $\vec{v} \in A^{1*}$. Consider $f^{0\vec{v}}$. It is a set of at most κ_0 many pairs (α, β) , where $\alpha < \lambda_1^{\vec{v}} < \kappa_1$ and β 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 $\vec{v}, \vec{v}' \in A^{1*}$ the following hold:

1. $\text{dom}(f^{0\vec{v}}) \cap \vec{v}(\kappa_1) = x$,
2. $\text{dom}(f^{0\vec{v}}) \setminus \vec{v}(\kappa_1) = \{\gamma_\tau^{\vec{v}} \mid \tau < \kappa_0^*\}$ 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_τ 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 2.20. $\langle \langle f^{0*}, A^{0*} \rangle, \langle f^{1**}, A^{1**} \rangle \rangle \Vdash \sigma$.

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 nonpure 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. ⊥_{Claim}

2.3. ω -many extenders. We deal now with a sequence $\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle$, where each $E(n)$ is a (κ_n, λ) -extender and $\langle \kappa_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$ is an increasing sequence.

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 2.21. 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 $E(m)((\text{dom}(f^m) \cap \kappa_{n+1}) \cup \{\vec{v}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(f^m) \setminus \kappa_{n+1}\})$ are basically the same in the following sense:

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

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

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 nonpure extensions. As usual, in Magidor type iterations, nonpure extensions are allowed only at finitely many coordinates.

Start with a nonpure extension at a single coordinate and then proceed by induction.

We assume that for each $m < \omega$ there is a function $h_\lambda^m : \kappa_m \rightarrow \kappa_m$ such that $j_{E(m)}(h_\lambda^m)(\kappa_m) = \lambda$.

DEFINITION 2.22. Let $m < \omega$. Define the set $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < \omega \rangle}^{\{m\}}$ of conditions with only nonpure 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \setminus h_\lambda(f^m(\kappa_m)) \mid n < m \rangle}$. The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of $E(m)$ is decided, then we cut all extenders $E(n)$, $n < m$ to the reflection of λ below κ_m , i.e., to $h_\lambda^m(f^m(\kappa_m))$.

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 nonpure extensions over coordinates (m_1, \dots, m_k) only, is defined. Let $m < \omega$, $m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$.

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

DEFINITION 2.23. 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 nonpure 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright h_\lambda(f^m(\kappa_m)) \mid n < m \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}}$.
The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of $E(m)$ is decided, then we cut all extenders $E(n)$, $n < m$ to the reflection of λ below κ_m , i.e., to $h_\lambda^m(f^m(\kappa_m))$.
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) $\langle p(n) \mid n < m_{i^*} \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright h_\lambda(f^{m_{i^*}}(\kappa_{m_{i^*}})) \mid n < m_{i^*} \rangle}^{\{m_1, \dots, m_{i^*-1}, m\}}$.

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 2.24. 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < m \rangle}$, where $\langle q(n) \mid n < m \rangle^{ref}$ - the reflection of $\langle q(n) \mid n < m \rangle$ below κ_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 $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m$, $(g^n)^{\text{ref}}(f^m(\alpha)) = g^n(\alpha)$.
 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) and (5) of Definitions 2.10 and 2.11.
- ii. Suppose now that $n \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$.
 Then
 - A. $\text{dom}((g^n)^{\text{ref}}) = (\text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m) \cup \{f^m(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m\}$,
 - B. for every $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \kappa_m = \text{dom}(g^n) \cap \text{dom}((g^n)^{\text{ref}})$,
 $(g^n)^{\text{ref}}(\alpha) = g^n(\alpha)$,
 - C. for every $\alpha \in \text{dom}(g^n) \setminus \kappa_m$, $(g^n)^{\text{ref}}(f^m(\alpha)) = g^n(\alpha)$.
 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 2.21 and (4), (5) of Definition 2.22.
 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 2.21.
 - D. $A^n \upharpoonright \text{dom}((g^n)^{\text{ref}}) \subseteq \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in B^n, \alpha < \kappa_m\} \cup \{(f^m(\alpha), \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in B^n, \alpha \geq \kappa_m\}$.

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 2.25. *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 nonpure condition for $\mathcal{P}_{E(n+1)}$.*

LEMMA 2.26. *For every $m < \omega$, the forcing $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid m \leq n < \omega \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle$ is κ_m -closed.*

LEMMA 2.27. *The forcing $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ satisfies κ_ω^{++} -c.c.*

PROOF. Use the standard Δ -system argument. ⊣

LEMMA 2.28. *$\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq, \leq^* \rangle$ is a Prikry type forcing notion.*

PROOF. The proof is similar to those of Lemmas 2.9 and 2.17 (and in turn to those of Merimovich [5]).

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 σ a statement of the forcing language which is undecided by pure extensions of p . Then p is of the form $\langle \langle f^{p^n}, A^{p^n} \mid n < \omega \rangle \rangle$.

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_χ , for χ 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) $\langle \langle f_\xi^m, r_\xi^m \rangle \mid \xi < \xi \rangle \in N_\xi^m$,
 - (d) $\langle f_\xi^m, r_\xi^m \rangle \in \bigcap \{ D' \in N_\xi^m \mid D' \text{ is a dense open subset of } \mathcal{P}_{E(m)}^* \times \langle \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright m < n < \omega \rangle}, \leq^* \rangle \text{ above } \langle f^{p_{m-1}^m}, \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle \rangle \}$,
 - (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 $\vec{v} \in A$. Consider $\lambda_m^{\vec{v}} := h_\lambda^m(\vec{v}(\kappa_m))$, i.e., the cardinal below κ_m that now corresponds to λ . Suppose for simplicity that $\text{dom}(f^{pn}) \subseteq \lambda_m^{\vec{v}}$, for every $n < m$, otherwise just reflect the part above κ_m below as in Definition 2.24.

Consider $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$. Clearly, it is contained and belongs to N^m .

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

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

Proceed by induction on $\xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{v}}$. Define an \leq^* –increasing sequence $\langle f_\xi \mid \xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \rangle$ of direct extensions of f and an \leq^* –increasing sequence $\langle p_\xi^m \mid \xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \rangle$ of direct extensions of $\langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid m < n < \omega \rangle$ such that, for every $\xi < \lambda_m^{\vec{v}}$, either

- (1) $\langle t_\xi, (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}}, p_\xi^m \rangle \parallel \sigma$,
- or
- (2) for every $q \geq^* \langle (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}}, p_\xi^m \rangle, \langle t_\xi, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$.

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

Then, for every $t \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_1^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$ either

- (1) $\langle t, \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^m \rangle \parallel \sigma$,
- or
- (2) for every $q \geq^* \langle \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^m \rangle, \langle t, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$.

Consider now the following statement of the forcing language of $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$:

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

By the Prikry condition of the forcing $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$, there is $t^* \geq^* \langle p_{m-1}(n) \mid n < m \rangle$ which decides φ .

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

If $t^* \Vdash \varphi$, then use again the Prikry condition of the forcing $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$ to decide the following statement

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

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

CLAIM 2.29. Let $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} \mid n < m \rangle}$, $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^m \rangle$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$.

Suppose that $\langle t, g, q \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ (or $\langle t, g, q \rangle \Vdash \neg\sigma$),
 then already $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$ (or $\langle t(\vec{v}, \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^{\>m}) \Vdash \neg\sigma$).

PROOF. Let $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_{\vec{v}}^{\vec{v}} | n < m \rangle}$, $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^{\>m} \rangle$ 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, $\langle t, (f_\xi)_{\vec{v}}, p_\xi^{\>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma$. So, $\langle t, \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^{\>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma$.

Then $t^* \Vdash \varphi$. Hence, $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), \vec{f}_{\vec{v}}, \vec{p}^{\>m} \rangle \Vdash \sigma$. ⊣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) $\langle t(\vec{v}, f), f_{\vec{v}}, p_f^{\>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma$
- or
- (2) for every $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f)$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_{\vec{v}}^{\vec{v}} | n < m \rangle}$, for every $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle f_{\vec{v}}, p_f^{\>m} \rangle$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$,
 $\langle t, g, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$.

The next claim follows now from the previous one:

CLAIM 2.30. $D_{\vec{v}}$ 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) $\langle t(\vec{v}, f^{m*}), f_{\vec{v}}^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{\>m} \rangle \parallel \sigma$
- or
- (4) for every $t \geq t(\vec{v}, f^{m*})$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \upharpoonright \lambda_{\vec{v}}^{\vec{v}} | n < m \rangle}$, for every $\langle g, q \rangle \geq^* \langle f_{\vec{v}}^{m*}, p_{f^{m*}}^{\>m} \rangle$ in $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | m \leq n < \omega \rangle}$, $\langle t, g, q \rangle \not\parallel \sigma$.

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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) | n < \omega \rangle}$.

Let $t(\vec{v}, f^{m*}) = \langle \langle f^{n\vec{v}}, A^{n\vec{v}} \rangle \mid n < m \rangle$, for every $\vec{v} \in A^{m*}$. Consider $f^{n\vec{v}}, n < m$. It is a set of at most κ_n many pairs (α, β) , where $\alpha < \lambda_m^{\vec{v}} < \kappa_m$ and β 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 $\vec{v}, \vec{v}' \in A^{m*}$, for every $n < m$, the following hold:

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

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

Let

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

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 $\vec{v} \in A^{m**}$ iff

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

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

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

It follows that $\langle \langle \langle f^{n*}, A^{n*} \rangle \mid n < m \rangle, \langle f^{m**}, A^{m**} \rangle \rangle$ 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 2.31. $p_* \parallel \sigma$.

PROOF. Suppose otherwise. Pick then $q \geq p_*$ to be a condition which decides σ and such that its last coordinate at which a nondirect 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. ⊥_{Claim}

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

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

LEMMA 2.32. κ_ω remains a strong limit cardinal in $V[G]$.

PROOF. Given $p \in \mathcal{P}$ and $m < \omega$. Suppose that $p(m)$ is nonpure. Then $p(m)(\kappa_m)$ is defined, and hence also the reflection $h_\lambda^m(p(m)(\kappa_m))$ of λ below κ_m . By the definition of the forcing, then the part $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid n < m \rangle}$ above p will act as $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \setminus h_\lambda^m(p(m)(\kappa_m)) \mid n < m \rangle}$. 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 κ_m .

So we are done. ⊥

LEMMA 2.33. $(\kappa_\omega^+)^V$ remains a cardinal in $V[G]$.

Let us state first the following:

LEMMA 2.34. Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$ and ζ 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 ζ .

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

PROOF OF 2.33. 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 nonpure. Then above p the part $\mathcal{P}_{E(n) \mid n < \bar{n}}$ reflects down to $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(n) \mid h_{\bar{n}}^i(p(\bar{n})) \mid n < \bar{n} \rangle}$, 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_τ satisfies the conclusion of Lemma 2.34 for ζ_τ ,
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 $r = p \frown \bar{n} \frown s$. 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_τ , the number of possibilities for ζ_τ 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 nonpure 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 2.35. 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 β, γ 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,

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

It is possible to say a bit more. Namely, let in $V[G]$, for every $n < \omega$, λ_n be the reflection of λ below κ_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 2.36. *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 η be any ordinal. We generalize the construction of the previous section to sequences of extenders of the length η . Generalization is straightforward. Let us repeat just the main points.

So, we deal now with a sequence $\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$, where each $E(\alpha)$ is a (κ_α, λ) -extender and $\langle \kappa_\alpha \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$ is an increasing sequence with $\eta < \kappa_0$.

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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\}} \langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle$ consists of all sequences 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 $E(\beta)((\text{dom}(f^\beta) \cap \kappa_\alpha) \cup \{\vec{v}(\xi) \mid \xi \in \text{dom}(f^\beta) \setminus \kappa_\alpha\})$ are basically the same in the following sense:

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

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

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 nonpure extensions. As usual, in Magidor type of iterations, nonpure extensions are allowed only at finitely many coordinates.

Start with a nonpure extension at a single coordinate and then proceed by induction.

We assume that for each $\alpha < \eta$ there is a function $h_\lambda^\alpha : \kappa_\alpha \rightarrow \kappa_\alpha$ such that $j_{E(\alpha)}(h_\lambda^\alpha)(\kappa_\alpha) = \lambda$.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let $\beta < \eta$. Define the set $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta\}}$ of conditions with only nonpure part over the coordinate β . $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{(\beta)}$ 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta)) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}$. The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of $E(\beta)$ is decided, then we cut all extenders $E(\alpha), \alpha < \beta$ to the reflection of λ below κ_β , i.e., to $h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta))$.

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 nonpure extensions over coordinates $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ only, is defined. Let $\beta < \eta, \beta \notin \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$. Define nonpure 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 nonpure part over the coordinate β_1, \dots, β_k and β . $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \eta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\} \cup \{\beta\}}$ 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta)) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}}$.
The meaning is that if the value of the Prikry sequence for the normal measure of $E(\beta)$ is decided, then we cut all extenders $E(\alpha), \alpha < \beta$ to the reflection of λ below κ_β , i.e., to $h_\lambda^\beta(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta))$.
4. If $\beta < \max\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k\}$, then let i^* be minimal such that $\beta < \beta_{i^*}$. Then the following hold:
 - (a) $\langle p(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta_{i^*} \rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid h_\lambda^\beta(f^{\beta_{i^*}}(\kappa_{\beta_{i^*}})) \mid \alpha < \beta_{i^*} \rangle}^{\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i^*} - 1, \beta\}}$.

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 β 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 $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \upharpoonright_{h_\lambda^\beta}(f^\beta(\kappa_\beta)) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}$, where $\langle q(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle^{ref}$ - the reflection of $\langle q(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle$ below κ_β 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 and 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^α belongs, reflects to basically the same measure,
 It follows by (4) of Definition 3.1.

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

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., nonpure on the coordinate β), 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 κ_β -closed.*

LEMMA 3.7. *The forcing $\langle \mathcal{P}, \leq \rangle$ satisfies κ_η^{++} -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 η . The argument repeats those of Lemma 2.28. ⊢

Denote for every limit α , $0 < \alpha \leq \eta$, $\bigcup_{\gamma < \alpha} \kappa_\gamma$ 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 μ , $0 < \mu \leq \eta$, $\bar{\kappa}_\mu$ remains a strong limit cardinal in $V[G]$.*

PROOF. Given $p \in \mathcal{P}$ and $\beta < \eta$. Suppose that $p(\beta)$ is nonpure. Then $p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta)$ is defined, and hence also the reflection $h_\lambda^\beta(p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta))$ of λ below κ_β . By the definition of the forcing, then the part $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}$ above p will act as $\mathcal{P}_{\langle E(\alpha) \upharpoonright h_\lambda^\beta(p(\beta)(\kappa_\beta)) \mid \alpha < \beta \rangle}$. 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 κ_β . 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 ζ 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 ζ .*

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

The proof of this lemma repeats those of Lemma 2.33.

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

Assume that η 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 α^* 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 τ, ρ 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,

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

It is possible to say a bit more. Namely, let in $V[G]$, for every $\alpha < \eta, \lambda_\alpha$ be the reflection of λ below κ_α , 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 model² cardinal of arbitrary cofinality in a cardinal preserving extension.*

§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 η .

Let us now take η to be an inaccessible cardinal.

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

Assume that η is the least inaccessible limit of κ_α '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 η 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.*

²Core model with strong cardinals, but below o -hand grenade. It was defined and studied by Ralf Schindler in [6].

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