

# Mad families and non-meager filters

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## Abstract

We prove the consistency of  $ZF + DC +$  "there are no mad families" + "there exists a non-meager filter on  $\omega$ " relative to  $ZFC$ , answering a question of Neeman and Norwood.

We also introduce a weaker version of madness, and we strengthen the result from [HwSh:1090] by showing that no such families exist in our model.<sup>1</sup>

## Introduction

This paper is a continuation of [HwSh:1090], which is part of the ongoing effort to investigate the possible non-existence and definability of mad families. In [HwSh:1090] we proved that  $ZF + DC +$  "there are no mad families" is equiconsistent with  $ZFC$  (previous results by Mathias and Toernquist established the consistency of that statement relative to large cardinals, see [Ma1] and [To]). In this paper we extend our results from [HwSh:1090] to address the following question by Neeman and Norwood:

**Question** ([NN]): If there are no mad families, does it follow that every filter is meager?

By a result of Mathias ([Ma2]), if every set of reals has the Ramsey property, then every filter is meager.

We shall construct a model of  $ZF + DC$  where there are no mad families, but there is a non-meager filter on  $\omega$ . Our proof relies heavily on [HwSh:1090], the main change is that now we're dealing with a class  $K_2$  consisting of pairs  $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$  such that  $\mathbb{P}$  is ccc and forces  $MA_{\aleph_1}$ , and in addition,  $\mathbb{P}$  forces that  $\mathcal{A}$  is independent (we shall require more, see definition 2). In order to imitate the proof from [HwSh:1090], we need to prove analogous amalgamation results for an appropriate subclass of  $K_2$ . As in [HwSh:1090], our final model is obtained by forcing with  $\mathbb{P}$  where  $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$  is a "very large" object in a subclass of  $K_2$ , and the non-meager filter will be constructed from  $\mathcal{A}$ , which should contain many Cohen reals.

Finally, we consider the notion of nearly mad families (see definition 14), which was also introduced in [NN]. We introduce the notion of a somewhat mad family, which includes both mad and nearly mad families, and we prove that no somewhat mad families exist in our model.

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## A non-meager filter without mad families

**Hypothesis 1:** We fix  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  such that  $\aleph_2 \leq \mu$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\mu}$ ,  $\mu = cf(\mu)$  and  $\alpha < \mu \rightarrow |\alpha|^{\aleph_1} < \mu$ .

**Definition 2:** A. Let  $K_2$  be the class of  $\mathbf{k}$  such that:

- a. Each  $\mathbf{k}$  has the form  $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A}) = (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}})$ .
- b.  $\mathbb{P}$  is a ccc forcing such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} MA_{\aleph_1}$ .
- c.  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set of canonical  $\mathbb{P}$ -names of subsets of  $\omega$ .
- d.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}}$  " $\mathcal{A}$  is independent, i.e. every finite non-trivial Boolean combination of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  is infinite".

B. For  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2$  and a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}$ -name  $\tilde{b}$ , let  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathbf{k})$ " mean  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}} \tilde{b} \in [\omega]^\omega$  and there is no non-trivial Boolean combination of sets from  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}}$  that is almost disjoint to  $\tilde{b}$ ".

C. Let  $\leq_1$  be the following partial order on  $K_2$ :  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_1 \mathbf{k}_2$  if and only if:

- a.  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \leq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ .
- b.  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ .

D. Let  $\leq_2$  be the following partial order on  $K_2$ :

$\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$  if and only if:

- a. As in B(a).
- b. As in B(b).
- c. If  $\tilde{b}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$ -name then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})$ " implies  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2})$ ".

E. Let  $K_2^+$  be the class of  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2$  such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}}$  is a maximal independent set everywhere", where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a maximal independent set everywhere if for every  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathcal{A}$  without repetition,  $b := \bigcap_{l < n} a_l^{\text{if } l \text{ is even}} \in [\omega]^\omega$  and  $\{a \cap b : a \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\}\}$  is a maximal independent set in  $[b]^\omega$ .

F. When we write " $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ ", we mean that  $(a_i : i < n)$  is without repetition, moreover,  $i < j < n \rightarrow \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{a}_i \neq \tilde{a}_j$ .

**Observation 3:** a.  $\leq_1$  and  $\leq_2$  are partial orders, and if  $\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$  then  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_1 \mathbf{k}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$ .

b. If  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$  and  $\tilde{b}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$ -name, then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})$ " iff  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2})$ ".

**Proof:** We shall prove the second claim of 3(a), everything else should be clear. Suppose that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \tilde{b} \in pos(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})$ ", but for some  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ ,  $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l < n} a_l^{\text{if } l \text{ is even}})$  is finite". Let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$  be generic over  $V$  such that  $p \in G$  and we shall work over  $V[G]$ . WLOG there is  $n_1 < n$  such that  $a_l \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$  iff

$l < n_1$ , and denote  $a_* = \bigcap_{l < n_1} a_l^{1 \text{ is even}}$ . As  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \text{"} \tilde{b} \in \text{pos}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1}) \text{"}$ , it follows that  $\tilde{b} \cap a_*$  is infinite. It's enough to show that for some Boolean combination  $a_{**}$  from  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$ ,  $a_{**} \subseteq a_*$  and  $a_{**} \subseteq^* \tilde{b}$ , as then  $a_{**} \cap (\bigcap_{n_1 \leq l < n} a_l^{1 \text{ is even}}) \subseteq^* \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l < n} a_l^{1 \text{ is even}})$ , and therefore it's finite, contradicting the definition of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ . As  $\mathbf{k}_1 \in K_2^+$ , it follows that  $\{a_* \cap \tilde{c} : \tilde{c} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \setminus \{a_l : l < n_1\}\}$  is a maximal independent set in  $[a_*]^\omega$ , hence there are  $c_0, \dots, c_{m-1} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \setminus \{a_l : l < n_1\}$  such that  $(\bigcap_{l < n_1} a_l^{1 \text{ is even}}) \cap (\bigcap_{k < m} c_k^{m \text{ is even}}) \subseteq^* \tilde{b}$ , so  $a_{**} = (\bigcap_{l < n_1} a_l^{1 \text{ is even}}) \cap (\bigcap_{k < m} c_k^{m \text{ is even}})$  is as required.  $\square$

**Observation 4:**  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$  and  $\mathbf{k}_1 \in K_2^+$  when the following hold for some  $\kappa$ :

- a.  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ .
- b.  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in H(\kappa)$ .
- c.  $M$  is a model such that  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in M \prec_{\mathcal{L}_{\aleph_2, \aleph_2}} (H(\kappa), \in)$ .
- d.  $\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{k}_2^M$ .

**Proof:** By observation 3, recalling that  $\text{"}\mathbb{P} \models \text{ccc}\text{"}$  and  $\text{"}\mathbb{P} \models MA_{\aleph_1}\text{"}$  are  $\mathcal{L}_{\aleph_2, \aleph_2}$ -expressible.

**Claim 5:** For every  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2$  there is  $\mathbf{k}' \in K_2^+$  such that  $\mathbf{k} \leq_1 \mathbf{k}'$ . Moreover, if  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}| < \mu$  then we can find such  $\mathbf{k}'$  that satisfies  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}| < \mu$ .

**Proof:** If  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}| < \mu$ , let  $\lambda_* = \mu$ , otherwise, let  $\lambda_*$  be a regular cardinal greater than  $(2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}|)^{\aleph_1}$ , such that  $\alpha < \lambda_* \rightarrow |\alpha|^{\aleph_1} < \lambda_*$ .

we try to choose a sequence  $(\mathbf{k}_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda_*)$  by induction on  $\alpha < \lambda_*$  such that:

1.  $\mathbf{k}_0 = \mathbf{k}$ .
2.  $(\mathbf{k}_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha)$  is an increasing continuous sequence of members of  $K_2$  (with respect to  $\leq_1$ ).
3.  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha}| < \mu$ .
4. For every  $\alpha < \lambda_*$ , if  $\mathbf{k}_\alpha \notin K_2^+$ , we choose a Boolean combination  $a_\alpha$  from  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha}$  and  $b_\alpha \subseteq a_\alpha$  witnessing the failure of the condition from Definition 2(E). We then define  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}$  as an extension (with respect to  $\leq$ ) of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha} \star \text{Cohen}$  to a ccc forcing that forces  $MA_{\aleph_1}$ , we let  $\eta_\alpha$  be the relevant Cohen generic real and we let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha} \cup \{b_\alpha \cup \eta_\alpha^{-1}(\{1\})\}$ .
5. If  $\alpha < \lambda_*$  is a limit ordinal, we define  $\mathbf{k}_\alpha$  as in the proof of claim 7 below.

Why can we carry the induction at stage  $\alpha + 1$  for  $\alpha$  as in (4)? We shall prove that for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}} \text{"}\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}} \text{ is independent"}$ . Let  $a_\alpha^* = b_\alpha \cup \eta_\alpha^{-1}(\{1\})$ , note that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}} \text{"} a_\alpha^* \notin \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha} \text{"}$ , as otherwise there are  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}$ ,  $n < \omega$  and  $a' \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha}$  such that  $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}} \text{"} a' \setminus n = a_\alpha^* \setminus n \text{"}$ , and therefore  $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}} \text{"}\eta_\alpha^{-1}(\{1\}) \upharpoonright (\omega \setminus$

$b_{\alpha} \setminus n = a_{\alpha}^* \setminus b_{\alpha} \setminus n = a' \setminus b_{\alpha} \setminus n \in V^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}}}$ , a contradiction (as  $\eta_{\alpha}$  is Cohen and  $\omega \setminus b_{\alpha} \setminus n$  is infinite). Now if  $a_{\alpha} = \bigcap_{l < n} a_{\alpha, l}^{\text{if } l \text{ is even}}$  and  $\tilde{c} = a_{\alpha} \cap (\bigcap_{l < m} d_l^{\text{if } l \text{ is even}})$  where  $d_0, \dots, d_{m-1} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}} \setminus \{a_{\alpha, 0}, \dots, a_{\alpha, m-1}\}$ , then  $\tilde{c} \setminus a_{\alpha}^*$  and  $\tilde{c} \cap a_{\alpha}^*$  are infinite (as  $\eta_{\alpha}$  is Cohen and  $\tilde{c} \setminus b$  is infinite), so  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha+1}}$  is forced to be independent.

If for some  $\alpha < \lambda_*$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_{\alpha} \in K_2^+$ , when we're done. Otherwise, by Fodor's lemma, there are  $\alpha < \beta < \lambda_*$  such that  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}) = (a_{\beta}, b_{\beta})$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 6:** We say that  $(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha} : \alpha < \beta)$  is increasing continuous if  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_{\alpha_1} \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_{\alpha_2}$ , and for every limit  $\delta < \beta$ ,  $\bigcup_{i < \delta} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_i} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\delta}}$ .

**Claim 7:** Every increasing continuous sequence in  $(K_2^+, \leq_2)$  has an upper bound. Moreover, if the length of the sequence has cofinality  $> \aleph_1$ , then the union is an upper bound in  $K_2^+$ .

**Proof:** Given an increasing continuous sequence  $(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha} : \alpha < \beta)$ , we choose  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_{\beta}}$  as in [HwSh:1090] and we let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\beta}} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}}$ . This is enough for  $\leq_1$ , so by claim 5 we're done.  $\square$

**Claim 8:** A. If  $\mathbf{k}_1 \in K_2$  then there are  $\mathbf{k}_2$  and  $\tilde{a}$  such that:

- a.  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_1 \mathbf{k}_2$ .
- b.  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cup \{\tilde{a}\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ .
- c.  $\tilde{a}$  is Cohen over  $V^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}}$ .
- d.  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}|)^{\aleph_1}$ .

B. Moreover, we may require that  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ .

**Proof:** A. Let  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \star \mathbb{C}$  where  $\mathbb{C}$  is Cohen forcing, now let  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$  be a ccc forcing such that  $\mathbb{P} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \text{''}MA_{\aleph_1}\text{''}$  and  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}|)^{\aleph_1}$ . Finally, let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cup \{\tilde{a}\}$  where  $\tilde{a}$  is a name for a Cohen real added by  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ , it's easy to see that  $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2})$  are as required.

B. By claim 5.  $\square$

**Definition 9:** We define the amalgamation property in the context of  $K_2^+$  as follows:  $K_2^+$  has the amalgamation property if A implies B where:

- A. a.  $\mathbf{k}_l \in K_2^+$  ( $l = 0, 1, 2$ ).
- b.  $\mathbf{k}_0 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_l$  ( $l = 1, 2$ ).
- c.  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cap \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ .
- B. There exists  $\mathbf{k}_3 = (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_3}) \in K_2^+$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_l \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_3$  ( $l = 1, 2$ ).

**Claim 10:** a.  $(K_2^+, \leq_2)$  has the amalgamation property.

b. Suppose that  $\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1$  and  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ ,  $g : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$  is an embedding such that  $(g(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}), g(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0})) \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_1$  and  $\mathbf{k}_0 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$ , then there exist  $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'_2 \in K_2^+$  and  $f$  such that:

1.  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$  and  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}| + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}|)^{\aleph_1}$ .
2.  $(g(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}), g(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0})) \leq_2 \mathbf{k}'_2 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$ .
3.  $f : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'_2}$  is an isomorphism mapping  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$  to  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}'_2}$ .
4.  $g \subseteq f$ .

**Proof:** a. We shall first prove that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$  is true by the definition of  $\leq_2$ , so suppose that  $\tilde{a} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ , we need to show that  $\tilde{a} \notin \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ . As  $\mathbf{k}_0 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_1$ ,  $\tilde{a}$  is not a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ -name. Therefore, it's not a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ -name, hence  $\tilde{a} \notin \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ .

Now construct  $\mathbb{P}$  as in [HwSh:1090], i.e. we take the amalgamation  $\mathbb{P}' = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \times_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$

and then we take  $\mathbb{P} \in K$  such that  $\mathbb{P}' \triangleleft \mathbb{P}$  and  $|\mathbb{P}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}'|)^{\aleph_1}$ . Now let  $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cup \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ . We need to show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is as required, i.e. we need to prove that  $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$  satisfy requirements (A)(d) and (D)(c) in Definition 2 (in the end, we will use claim 5 for the requirement in Definition (2)(D)(c)). By symmetry, it's enough to show that if  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \tilde{b} \in \text{pos}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})$  and  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l < n} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})}) \in [\omega]^\omega$ . Let  $n_2 := n$ , wlog there are  $n_0 < n_1 < n_2$  such that  $a_{\tilde{l}} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0} \iff l < n_0$ ,  $a_{\tilde{l}} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \iff l \in [0, n_1)$  and  $a_{\tilde{l}} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \iff l \in [0, n_0) \cup [n_1, n_2)$ . It's enough to show that the last statement is forced by  $\mathbb{P}'$ , so let  $k < \omega$  and  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{P}'$ , we shall find  $q \in \mathbb{P}'$  and  $m < \omega$  such that  $p \leq q$ ,  $k \leq m$  and  $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}'}$  " $m \in \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l < n} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})})$ ". Let  $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$  witness " $(p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{P}'$ ", i.e.  $p_0 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}} \bigwedge_{l=1,2} p_l \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l} / \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ ". Let  $\tilde{b}^* = \{m : p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} / \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}} m \notin \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l \in [n_0, n_1)} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})})\}$  (so  $\tilde{b}^*$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ -name) and let  $p_0 \in G_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$  be generic over  $V$ , then  $\tilde{b}^* = \tilde{b}^*[G_0] \in V[G_0]$  and as  $p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \tilde{b} \in \text{pos}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})$ , it follows that  $p_0 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}} \tilde{b}^* \in [\omega]^\omega$ , moreover,  $p_0 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}} \tilde{b}^* \in \text{pos}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0})$ . Let  $\tilde{b}^{**}$  be the  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ -name defined as  $\tilde{b}^*$  if  $p_0$  is in the generic set, and as  $\omega$  otherwise. As  $\mathbf{k}_0 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$ , it follows that  $p_2 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} / G_0} \tilde{b}^{**} \cap (\bigcap_{l \in [0, n_0) \cup [n_1, n_2)} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})}) \in [\omega]^\omega$ .

Therefore, in  $V[G_0]$  there are  $(p'_2, m)$  such that:

- a.  $p_2 \leq p'_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} / G_0$ .
- b.  $m > k$ .
- c.  $p'_2 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} / G_0}$  " $m \in \tilde{b}^{**} \cap (\bigcap_{l \in [0, n_0) \cup [n_1, n_2)} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})})$ ".

Note that as  $\tilde{b}^{**} \in V[G_0]$ ,  $V[G_0] \models \tilde{b}^{**} \in \text{pos}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_0}) = \tilde{b}^{**}[G_0]$ . Therefore, by the definitions of  $\tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{b}^*$ , there is  $p'_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} / G_0$  above  $p_1$  such that  $p'_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} / G_0}$  " $m \in \tilde{b} \cap (\bigcap_{l \in [n_0, n_1)} a_l^{\text{if } (l \text{ is even})})$ ". Therefore, there is  $p_0 \leq p'_0 \in G_0$  forcing (in  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ ) all of the aforementioned statements about  $(p'_1, p'_2)$  in  $V[G_0]$ . Now it's easy to check

that  $q = (p'_1, p'_2)$  is as required. Finally, extend  $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$  (with respect to  $\leq_1$ ) to a member of  $K_2^+$ . By observation 3, we're done.

b. Follows from (a) by changing names.  $\square$

**Claim 11:** There exists  $\mathbf{k} = (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}}) = (\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A}) \in K_2^+$  such that  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}| = \lambda$  and:

1. For every  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  of cardinality  $< \mu$ , there exists  $\mathbf{k}' = (\mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{A}') \in K_2^+$  such that  $X \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{k}' \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$  and  $|\mathbb{Q}| < \mu$ .
2. If  $\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ ,  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}|, |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}| < \mu$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$  and  $f_1 : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$  is a complete embedding such that  $(f_1(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}), f_1(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_1})) \leq_2 (\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$ , then there is a complete embedding  $f_2$  such that  $f_1 \subseteq f_2$  and  $(f_2(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}), f_2(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}_2})) \leq_2 (\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof:** The first property is satisfied by every  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2^+$  by observation 4. The proof of (2) is as in [HwSh:1090].  $\square$

**Claim 12:** A implies B where:

- A. a.  $\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_0 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_l$  ( $l = 1, 2$ ) and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cap \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ .
- b.  $\underset{\sim}{D}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ -name of a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\omega$ .
- c. For  $l = 1, 2$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{a}_l$  and  $\underset{\sim}{b}_l$  are canonical  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l}$ -names of a member of  $[\omega]^\omega$ .
- d. For  $l = 1, 2$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l \cap \underset{\sim}{b}_l \text{ is infinite and } \underset{\sim}{a}_l \text{ contains no members of } \underset{\sim}{D} \text{ from } V^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}}\text{"}$ .
- e.  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cap \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}$ .
- f. For  $l = 1, 2$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{b}_l \text{ is a pseudo intersection of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ .
- B. There is  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2^+$  such that:
  - a.  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}| + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}|)^{\aleph_1}$ .
  - b.  $\mathbf{k}_l \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$  ( $l = 1, 2$ ).
  - c.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_2 \setminus \underset{\sim}{a}_1 \text{ and } \underset{\sim}{a}_1 \setminus \underset{\sim}{a}_2 \text{ are infinite}\text{"}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathbf{k} \in K_2^+$  be the object constructed by the proof of claim 10. We need to prove that  $\mathbf{k}$  satisfies clause (B)(c). For  $l = 0, 1, 2$ , let  $\mathbb{P}_l = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l}$  and let  $\mathbb{P}'$  be as in the proof of claim 10, so it suffices to prove that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}'} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_2 \setminus \underset{\sim}{a}_1 \text{ and } \underset{\sim}{a}_1 \setminus \underset{\sim}{a}_2 \text{ are infinite}\text{"}$ .

Let  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{P}'$ ,  $k < \omega$  and let  $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_0$  be a witness of " $\underset{\sim}{p} = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{P}'$ ". Now let  $G_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}'$  be generic over  $V$  such that  $p_0 \in G_0$  and let  $D = \underset{\sim}{D}[G_0]$ . By the assumptions, for  $l = 1, 2$ ,  $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l \cap \underset{\sim}{b}_l \text{ is an infinite pseudo intersection of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ . In  $V[G_0]$ , let  $b_l^* = \{m : p_l \not\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{m} \notin \underset{\sim}{a}_l \cap \underset{\sim}{b}_l\text{"}\}$ , then  $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l \cap \underset{\sim}{b}_l \subseteq \underset{\sim}{b}_l^*\text{"}$ , hence  $b_l^*$  infinite". As  $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l \cap \underset{\sim}{b}_l \text{ is a pseudo intersection of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ , necessarily  $V[G_0] \models b_l^* \in D$ .

Let  $a_l^* = \{m : p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} m \in \underset{\sim}{a}_l\}$ , so  $a_l^* \in V[G_0]$  and  $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l^* \subseteq \underset{\sim}{a}_l\text{"}$ . Now recall that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_l}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l \text{ contains no member of } \underset{\sim}{D} \text{ from } V^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_0}}\text{"}$ , therefore  $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a}_l^* \notin \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ .

Hence in  $V[G_0]$  (recalling  $D$  is an ultrafilter),  $b := (b_1^* \cap b_2^*) \setminus (a_1^* \cup a_2^*) \in D$ . Let  $m \in b$  be such that  $k < m$ . By the definition of  $b_l^*$ , there is  $p_l' \in \mathbb{P}_l/G_0$  above  $p_l$  such that  $p_l' \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} "m \in a_l \cap b_l"$ . By the definition of  $a_l^*$ , there is  $p_l'' \in \mathbb{P}_l/G_0$  above  $p_l$  such that  $p_l'' \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_l/G_0} "m \notin a_l"$ . Let  $p_0' \in G_0$  be a condition above  $p_0$  forcing the above statements, so  $p_0'$  is witnessing the fact that  $(p_1', p_2'), (p_1'', p_2') \in \mathbb{P}'$  are above  $p = (p_1, p_2)$ . Now  $m > k$ ,  $(p_1', p_2') \Vdash "m \in a_1 \setminus a_2"$  and  $(p_1'', p_2') \Vdash "m \in a_2 \setminus a_1"$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 13:** Let  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}}$  be the forcing from claim 11, let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  be generic over  $V$  and in  $V[G]$ , let  $V_1 = HOD(\mathbb{R}^{<\mu} \cup \{\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}}\})$ .

**Definition 14 ([NN]):** A family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  is nearly mad if  $|A \cap B| < \aleph_0$  or  $|A \Delta B| < \aleph_0$  for every  $A \neq B \in \mathcal{F}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is maximal with respect to this property.

**Theorem 15:**  $V_1 \models ZF + DC_{<\mu} +$  "there are no mad families" + "there are no nearly mad families" + "there exists a non-meager filter on  $\omega$ ".

**Proof:** 1. In order to see that there exists a non-meager filter in  $V_1$ , let  $\tilde{D}$  be the filter generated by  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}}$  and the cofinite sets. By claim 8 and the choice of  $\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\tilde{D}$  contains many Cohen reals and therefore is non-meager.

2. The proof of the non-existence of mad families is exactly as in [HwSh:1090], where  $(K_2^+, \leq_2)$  here replaces  $(K, <)$  there, and claim 10 is used for the amalgamation arguments. Alternatively, see the proof of (3) below.

3. The non-existence of a nearly mad family in  $V_1$  will follow from the proofs below.  $\square$

### Somewhat mad families

**Definition 16:** A family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  is somewhat mad if:

- a. For every  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $|a_1 \cap a_2| < \aleph_0$  or  $a_1 \subseteq^* a_2$  or  $a_2 \subseteq^* a_1$ .
- b. If  $b \in [\omega]^\omega$  then for some  $a \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $|a \cap b| = \aleph_0$ .

**Observation 17:** Nearly mad families are somewhat mad.  $\square$

**Definition 18:** Let  $Pr(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \tilde{D}, b_2)$  mean:

- a.  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$ ,  $b_2$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$ -name and  $\tilde{D}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$ -name such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} "b_2 \in [\omega]^\omega"$  and  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} "\tilde{D}$  is a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\omega"$ .
- b. If  $G_1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$  is generic over  $V$ ,  $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}/G_1$ ,  $b_0^* = \{n : p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} G_1} "n \in b_2"\}$  and  $b_1^* = \{n : p_1 \not\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1} G_1} "n \in b_2"\}$ , then  $V[G_1] \models b_1^* \setminus b_0^* \in D$ .

**Claim 19:** (A) implies (B) where:

- A. a.  $\mathbf{k}_1 \in K_2^+$ .

- b.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{D} \text{ is a nonprincipal ultrafilter on } \omega\text{"}$ .
- c.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{S}_1 \text{ is somewhat mad}\text{"}$ .
- d.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{S}_1 \cap \underset{\sim}{D} = \emptyset\text{"}$ .

B. There is  $\mathbf{k}_2$  such that:

- a.  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ .
- b.  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2$ .
- c.  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}|)^{\aleph_1}$ .
- d.  $(\alpha)$  implies  $(\beta)$  where:

$\alpha$ .  $(\mathbf{k}_3, \underset{\sim}{S}_2)$  satisfy the following properties:

- 1.  $\mathbf{k}_2 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_3 \in K_2^+$ .
- 2.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{S}_2 \text{ is somewhat mad and } \underset{\sim}{S}_1 \subseteq \underset{\sim}{S}_2\text{"}$ .
- 3.  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}} \text{"no member of } \underset{\sim}{S}_2 \setminus \underset{\sim}{S}_1 \text{ contains a member of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ .

$\beta$ . For some  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}$ -name  $\underset{\sim}{a}$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a} \in \underset{\sim}{S}_2\text{"}$  and  $Pr(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3, \underset{\sim}{D}, \underset{\sim}{a})$ .

**Proof:** Using Mathias forcing restricted to  $\underset{\sim}{D}$ , it's easy to see that there is  $\mathbf{k}_2$  and a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$  name  $\underset{\sim}{b}$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_2 \in K_2^+$ ,  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}| \leq (2 + |\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}|)^{\aleph_1}$  and  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{b} \text{ is a pseudo intersection of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ . Therefore,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{b} \in [\omega]^\omega \text{ is almost disjoint to every } \underset{\sim}{a} \in \underset{\sim}{S}_1\text{"}$  (by the fact that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{S}_1 \cap \underset{\sim}{D} = \emptyset\text{"}$ ).

We shall now prove that  $\mathbf{k}_2$  satisfies (B)(d). Suppose that  $(\mathbf{k}_3, \underset{\sim}{S}_2)$  are as there. By the somewhat madness of  $\underset{\sim}{S}_2$ , there is  $\underset{\sim}{a}$  such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a} \in \underset{\sim}{S}_2 \text{ and } |\underset{\sim}{a} \cap \underset{\sim}{b}| = \aleph_0\text{"}$ . Therefore,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{a} \cap \underset{\sim}{b} \in [\omega]^\omega \text{ is a pseudo intersection of } \underset{\sim}{D}\text{"}$ . Now let  $G_1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$  be generic over  $V$ . If  $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}/G_1$  then  $b^* = \{n : p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}/G_1} \text{"}n \notin \underset{\sim}{a} \cap \underset{\sim}{b}\text{"}\} \in \underset{\sim}{D}[G_1]$  by the fact that  $\underset{\sim}{a} \cap \underset{\sim}{b}$  is a pseudo intersection of  $\underset{\sim}{D}$ . Now let  $a^* = \{n : p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}/G_1} \text{"}n \in \underset{\sim}{a}\text{"}\}$ , then  $p_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_3}/G_1} \text{"}a^* \subseteq \underset{\sim}{a} \text{ is infinite}\text{"}$ . If  $a^* \in \underset{\sim}{D}[G_1]$ , then  $p_1$  forces that  $\underset{\sim}{a}$  (which belongs to  $\underset{\sim}{S}_2 \setminus \underset{\sim}{S}_1$ ) contains a member of  $\underset{\sim}{D}[G_1]$ , contradicting  $(\alpha)(3)$ . Therefore,  $a^* \notin \underset{\sim}{D}[G_1]$ , and  $\underset{\sim}{a}$  is as required in the definition of  $Pr(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3, \underset{\sim}{D}, \underset{\sim}{a})$ .  $\square$

**Claim 20:** There is no somewhat mad family in  $V_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose towards contradiction that  $\underset{\sim}{S}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}$ -name of a somewhat mad family. As in [HwSh:1090], let  $\underset{\sim}{D}$  be a  $\mathbb{P}$ -name of a Ramsey ultrafilter on  $\omega$  such that  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{"}\underset{\sim}{S} \cap \underset{\sim}{D} = \emptyset\text{"}$ . By claim 11(a), there is  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_1 \in K_2^+$ ,  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}| < \mu$  and  $\underset{\sim}{S}$  is definable using a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_1}$ -name. Let  $K_{\mathbb{P}}^+$  be the set of  $\mathbf{k}' \in K_2^+$  such that  $\mathbf{k}' \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$ ,  $|\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}| < \mu$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{S} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}$  is a canonical  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}$ -name of a somewhat mad family in  $V^{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}}$  and  $\underset{\sim}{D} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}'}$ -name of a Ramsey ultrafilter on  $\omega$ . As in [HwSh:1090],



$K_{\mathbb{P}}^+$  is  $\leq_2$ -dense in  $K_2^+$ , so there exists  $\mathbf{k}_2 \in K_{\mathbb{P}}^+$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_1 \leq \mathbf{k}_2$ . Let  $\mathbf{k}_3 \in K_2^+$  be as in claim 19 for  $(\mathbf{k}_2, \tilde{S} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_2})$ , wlog  $\mathbf{k}_3 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$  (see claim 11). Choose  $\mathbf{k}_4 \in K_{\mathbb{P}}^+$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_3 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}_4$  and let  $\tilde{S}_4 := \tilde{S} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_4}$ . Let  $\tilde{a}$  be a  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_4}$ -name such that  $Pr(\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4, \tilde{D}, \tilde{a})$  holds, as guaranteed by claim 19.

As in [HwSh:1090], there are  $\mathbf{k}_5, \mathbf{k}_6 \in K_{\mathbb{P}}^+$  and an isomorphism  $f$  from  $\mathbf{k}_4$  to  $\mathbf{k}_5$  over  $\mathbf{k}_2$  such that  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_5}$  adds a generic for  $\mathbb{M}_{\tilde{D} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_4}}$  (Mathias forcing restricted to the ultrafilter  $\tilde{D} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_4}$ ) and  $(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_4, \mathbf{k}_5, \mathbf{k}_6)$  here are as  $(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$  in claim 10, and wlog  $\mathbf{k}_6 \leq_2 \mathbf{k}$ . By the choice of  $f$ ,  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{a}, f(\tilde{a}) \in \tilde{S}$ .

By claim 12, with  $(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_4, \mathbf{k}_5, \mathbf{k}_6, \tilde{a}, f(\tilde{a}))$  standing for  $(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}, \tilde{a}_1, \tilde{a}_2)$  there, it's forced by  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{k}_5}$ , and hence by  $\mathbb{P}$ , that  $\tilde{a} \setminus f(\tilde{a})$  and  $f(\tilde{a}) \setminus \tilde{a}$  are infinite. As in [HwSh:1090],  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} |\tilde{a} \cap f(\tilde{a})| = \aleph_0$ . As  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{a}, f(\tilde{a}) \in \tilde{S}$ , we get a contradiction.  $\square$

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