

# A saturated model of an unsuperstable theory of cardinality greater than its theory has the small index property

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## Abstract

A model  $M$  of cardinality  $\lambda$  is said to have the small index property if for every  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(M)$  such that  $[\text{Aut}(M) : G] \leq \lambda$  there is an  $A \subseteq M$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  such that  $\text{Aut}_A(M) \subseteq G$ . We show that if  $M^*$  is a saturated model of an unsuperstable theory of cardinality  $> \text{Th}(M)$ , then  $M^*$  has the small index property.

## 1 Introduction

Throughout the paper we work in  $\mathfrak{C}^{eq}$ , and we assume that  $M^*$  is a saturated model of  $T$  of cardinality  $\lambda$ . We denote the set of automorphisms of  $M^*$  by  $\text{Aut}(M^*)$  and the set of automorphisms of  $M^*$  fixing  $A$  pointwise by  $\text{Aut}_A(M^*)$ .  $M^*$  is said to have the small index property if whenever  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(M^*)$  with index not larger than  $\lambda$  then for some  $A \subset M^*$  with  $|A| < \lambda$ ,  $\text{Aut}_A(M^*) \subseteq G$ . The main theorem of this paper is the following result of Shelah: If  $M^*$  is a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda > |T|$  and there is a tree of height some uncountable regular cardinal

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$\kappa \geq \kappa_r(T)$  with  $\mu > \lambda$  many branches but at most  $\lambda$  nodes, then  $M^*$  has the small index property, in fact

$$[Aut(M^*) : G] \geq \mu$$

for any subgroup  $G$  of  $Aut(M^*)$  such that for no  $A \subseteq M^*$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $Aut_A(M^*) \subseteq G$ . By a result of Shelah on cardinal arithmetic this implies that if  $Aut(M^*)$  does not have the small index property, then for some strong limit  $\mu$  such that  $cf \mu = \aleph_0$ ,

$$\mu < \lambda < 2^\mu$$

So in particular, if  $T$  is unsuperstable,  $M^*$  has the small index property.

In the paper “Uncountable Saturated Structures have the Small Index Property” by Lascar and Shelah, the following result was obtained:

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $M^*$  be a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda > |T|$  and  $\lambda^{<\lambda} = \lambda$ . Then if  $G$  is a subgroup of  $Aut(M^*)$  such that for no  $A \subseteq M^*$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $Aut_A(M^*) \subseteq G$  then  $[Aut(M^*) : G] = \lambda^\lambda$ .*

PROOF See [L Sh].

**Corollary 1.2** *Let  $M^*$  be a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda > |T|$  and  $\lambda^{<\lambda} = \lambda$ . Then  $M^*$  has the small index property.*

**Theorem 1.3**  *$T$  has a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$  iff  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda} + D(T)$  or  $T$  is stable in  $\lambda$ .*

PROOF See [Sh c] chp. VIII.

So we can assume in the rest of this paper that  $T$  is stable in  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 1.4**  *$T$  is stable in  $\mu$  iff  $\mu = \mu_0 + \mu^{<\kappa(T)}$  where  $\mu_0$  is the first cardinal in which  $T$  is stable.*

PROOF See [Sh c] chp. III.

Since  $T$  is stable in  $\lambda$ , we must have  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\kappa(T)}$ , so  $cf \lambda \geq \kappa(T)$ . Since the first cardinal  $\kappa$ , such that  $\lambda^\kappa > \lambda$  is regular, we also know that  $cf \lambda \geq \kappa_r(T)$ .

**Definition 1.5** Let  $Tr$  be a tree. If  $\eta, \nu \in Tr$ , then  $\gamma[\eta, \nu] =$  the least  $\gamma$  such that  $\eta(\gamma) \neq \nu(\gamma)$  or else it is  $\min(\text{height}(\eta), \text{height}(\nu))$ .

**Notation 1.6** Let  $Tr$  be a tree. If  $h \in \text{Aut}(M^*)$  and  $\alpha < \text{height}(Tr)$ ,  $\eta, \nu \in Tr$ , then

$$h^{\eta(\alpha) < \nu(\alpha)} = h$$

if  $\eta(\alpha) < \nu(\alpha)$  and  $\text{id}_{M^*}$  otherwise.

**Lemma 1.7** Let  $\{C_i \mid i \in I\}$  be independent over  $A$  and let  $\{D_i \mid i \in I\}$  be independent over  $B$ . Suppose that for each  $i \in I$ ,  $\text{tp}(C_i/A)$  is stationary. Let  $f$  be an elementary map from  $A$  onto  $B$ , and let for each  $i \in I$ ,  $f_i$  be an elementary map extending  $f$  which sends  $C_i$  onto  $D_i$ . Then

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i$$

is an elementary map from  $\bigcup_{i \in I} C_i$  onto  $\bigcup_{i \in I} D_i$ .

PROOF Left to the reader.

**Lemma 1.8** Let  $|T| < \lambda$ . Let  $Tr$  be a tree of height  $\omega$  with  $\kappa_n$  nodes of height  $n$  for some  $\kappa_n < \lambda$ . Let  $n < \omega$  and let  $\langle M_i \mid i \leq n \rangle$  be an increasing chain of models. Let  $M_n \subseteq N_0 \subseteq N_1 \subseteq M^*$  with  $|N_1| < \lambda$ . Suppose  $\langle h_i \mid i \leq n \rangle$  are automorphisms of  $M^*$  such that

1.  $h_i = \text{id}_{M_i}$
2.  $h_i[N_j] = N_j$  for  $j \leq 1$
3.  $h_i[M_k] = M_k$  for  $k \leq n$

For each  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(n+1)$  let  $m_\nu, l_\nu$  be automorphisms of  $N_0$ . Let  $\eta \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(n+1)$ . Suppose  $g_\eta \in \text{Aut}(N_0)$  such that for all  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(n+1)$ ,

$$g_\eta m_\eta (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\eta)^{-1} = l_\eta (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta, \nu]}^{\eta(\gamma[\eta, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta, \nu])}$$

Let  $m_\nu^+, l_\nu^+$  be extensions of  $m_\nu$  and  $l_\nu$  to automorphisms of  $N_1$  for all  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(n+1)$ . Then there exists a model  $N_2 \subseteq M^*$  containing  $N_1$  such that  $|N_2| \leq |N_1| + |T| + \kappa_{n+1}$  and  $h_i[N_2] = N_2$  for  $i \leq n$

and a  $g'_\eta \in \text{Aut}(N_2)$  extending  $g_\eta$  and for all  $\nu \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$  automorphisms of  $N_2$ ,  $m'_\nu$  and  $l'_\nu$  extending  $m_\nu^+$  and  $l_\nu^+$  respectively such that

$$g'_\eta m'_\eta (m'_\nu)^{-1} (g'_\eta)^{-1} = l'_\eta (l'_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta, \nu]}^{\eta(\gamma[\eta, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta, \nu])}$$

PROOF Let  $g_\eta^+$  be a map with domain  $N_1$  such that  $g_\eta^+(N_1) \bigcup_{N_0} N_1$ ,  $g_\eta^+(N_1) \subseteq M^*$  and  $g_\eta^+$  extends  $g_\eta$ . Let  $g_\eta^{++}$  be a map extending  $g_\eta$  such that the domain of  $(g_\eta^{++})^{-1}$  is  $N_1$ ,  $(g_\eta^{++})^{-1}(N_1) \subseteq M^*$  and  $(g_\eta^{++})^{-1}(N_1) \bigcup_{N_0} N_1$ .

So  $g_\eta^+ \cup g_\eta^{++}$  is an elementary map. Let  $l''_\eta$  and  $m''_\eta$  be an extensions of  $l_\eta^+$  and  $m_\eta^+$  to an automorphisms of  $M^*$ . Let

$$m_\nu^{++} = (g_\eta^{++})^{-1} (h_{\eta, \nu})^{-1} l_\nu (l_\eta)^{-1} g_\eta^{++} m''_\eta \upharpoonright (m'_\eta)^{-1} [(g_\eta^{++})^{-1}[N_1]]$$

Note that  $m_\nu^+ \cup m_\nu^{++}$  is an elementary map. Let

$$l_\nu^{++} = (l''_\eta)^{-1} g_\eta^+ m_\eta^+ (m_\nu^+)^{-1} (g_\eta^+)^{-1} (h_{\eta, \nu})^{-1} \upharpoonright h_{\eta, \nu} [g_\eta^+[N_1]]$$

Note that  $l_\nu^+ \cup l_\nu^{++}$  is an elementary map. Let  $g''_\eta$ ,  $m''_\nu$ ,  $l''_\nu$  be elementary extensions to  $M^*$  of  $g_\eta^+ \cup g_\eta^{++}$ ,  $m_\nu^+ \cup m_\nu^{++}$ , and  $l_\nu^+ \cup l_\nu^{++}$ . Let  $N_2$  be a model of size  $|N_1| + |T| + \kappa_{n+1}$  containing  $N_1$  such that  $N_2$  is closed under  $m''_\eta$ ,  $g''_\eta$ ,  $l''_\eta$  all the  $h_{\eta, \nu}$  and  $m''_\nu$ ,  $l''_\nu$ . Let  $m'_\nu$ ,  $l'_\nu$ ,  $g'_\eta$ ,  $h'_{\eta, \nu}$ ,  $m'_\eta$ ,  $l'_\eta$  be the restrictions to  $N_2$  of the  $m''_\nu$ ,  $l''_\nu$ ,  $g''_\eta$ ,  $h''_{\eta, \nu}$ ,  $m''_\eta$ ,  $l''_\eta$ .

**Theorem 1.9** *If  $\lambda > |T|$ , cf  $\lambda = \omega$ ,  $M^*$  is a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$  and if  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(M^*)$  such that for no  $A \subseteq M^*$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $\text{Aut}_A(M^*) \subseteq G$  then  $[\text{Aut}(M^*) : G] = \lambda^\omega$ .*

PROOF Suppose not. Let  $\{\kappa_i \mid i < \omega\}$  be an increasing sequence of cardinals each greater than  $|T|$  with  $\text{sup} = \lambda$ . Let  $\text{Tr} = \{\eta \in {}^{<\omega}\lambda \mid \eta(i) < \kappa_i\}$ . Let  $M^* = \bigcup_{i < \omega} B_i$  with  $|B_i| \leq \kappa_i$ . By induction on  $n < \omega$  for every  $\eta \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level } n$  we define models  $N_n \subset M^*$  and  $h_n \in \text{Aut}_{N_n}(M^*) - G$  such that  $B_n \subseteq N_n$  and  $|N_n| \leq \kappa_n$ , and automorphisms  $g_\eta, m_\eta, l_\eta$  of  $N_n$  such that if  $\rho \neq \nu$  then  $l_\rho \neq l_\nu$  and

$$g_\rho m_\rho (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

Suppose we have defined the  $g_\eta, m_\eta, l_\eta$  for  $\text{height}(\eta) \leq m$ , and  $N_j$  for  $j \leq m$ . If  $n = m + 1$ , for each  $i < \kappa_n$  we define models  $N_{n,i}$  such that

$B_n \subseteq N_{n,i}$ ,  $N_m \subseteq N_{n,i}$ ,  $\langle N_{n,i} \mid i < \kappa_n \rangle$  is increasing continuous, and for some  $\eta_i \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level } n$ ,  $g_{\eta_i} \in \text{Aut}(N_{n,i})$  such that for each  $\eta \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level } n$ ,  $\eta = \eta_i$  cofinally many times in  $\kappa_n$ , and for every  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level } n$ ,  $m_\nu^i \neq l_\nu^i \in \text{Aut}(N_{n,i})$  such that

$$g_{\eta_i} m_{\eta_i}^i (m_\nu^i)^{-1} (g_{\eta_i})^{-1} = l_{\eta_i}^i (l_\nu^i)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta_i, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\eta_i, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta_i, \nu])}$$

The  $g_{\eta_i}$ ,  $m_\nu^i$ ,  $l_\nu^i$  are easily defined by induction on  $i < \kappa_n$  using lemma 1.8 so that if  $i_1 < i_2$  then  $m_{\nu}^{i_1} \subseteq m_{\nu}^{i_2}$ ,  $l_{\nu}^{i_1} \subseteq l_{\nu}^{i_2}$ , and if  $\eta_{i_1} = \eta_{i_2}$  then  $g_{\eta_{i_1}} \subseteq g_{\eta_{i_2}}$ . Then if we let  $g_\eta = \bigcup \{g_{\eta_i} \mid \eta_i = \eta\}$ ,  $m_\eta = \bigcup_{i < \kappa_n} m_\eta^i$ ,  $l_\eta = \bigcup_{i < \kappa_n} l_\eta^i$ ,  $N_n = \bigcup_{i < \kappa_n} N_{n,i}$  and  $h_n \in \text{Aut}_{N_n}(M^*) - G$  we have finished. Let  $Br$  be the set of branches of  $Tr$  of height  $\omega$ . For  $\rho \in Br$  let  $g_\rho = \bigcup \{g_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ ,  $m_\rho = \bigcup \{m_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ , and  $l_\rho = \bigcup \{l_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ . If  $\rho \neq \nu$ ,  $g_\rho \neq g_\nu$  since without loss of generality  $\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])$  and

$$g_\rho m_\rho (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

and

$$g_\nu m_\nu (m_\rho)^{-1} (g_\nu)^{-1} = l_\nu (l_\rho)^{-1}$$

implies

$$g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} g_\nu (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

So if  $g_\rho = g_\nu$  this would imply  $h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])} = id_{M^*}$  a contradiction. If

$$[\text{Aut}(M^*) : G] < \lambda^\omega$$

then for some  $\rho, \nu \in Br$  we must have  $l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} \in G$  and  $g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} \in G$ , but then we get a contradiction as  $g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} g_\nu (g_\rho)^{-1} \in G$  and  $l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} \in G$ , but  $h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])} \notin G$ .

**Corollary 1.10** *If  $\lambda > |T|$ , cf  $\lambda = \omega$  and  $M^*$  is a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$  then  $M^*$  has the small index property.*

So we will assume in the remainder of the paper that in addition to  $T$  being stable, cf  $\lambda \geq \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$  and  $T, M^*$ , and  $\lambda$  are constant.

## 2 Constructing $M^*$ as a chain from $K_\delta$

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\delta < \lambda^+$ , cf  $\delta \geq \kappa_r(T)$ .

$$K_\delta^s = \left\{ \bar{N} \mid \bar{N} = \langle N_i \mid i \leq \delta \rangle, N_i \text{ is increasing continuous, } |N_i| = \lambda, \right.$$

$$\left. N_0 \text{ is saturated, } N_\delta = M^*, \text{ and } (N_{i+1}, c)_{c \in N_i} \text{ is saturated} \right\}$$

For  $\mu > \aleph_0$ ,

$$K_\delta^\mu = \left\{ \bar{A} \mid \bar{A} = \langle A_i \mid i \leq \delta \rangle, \right.$$

$$\left. A_i \text{ is increasing continuous, } |A_\delta| < \mu, \text{ acl } A_i = A_i \right\}$$

If  $\bar{A} \in K_\delta^{\lambda^+}$ , then  $f \in \text{Aut}(\bar{A})$  if  $f$  is an elementary permutation of  $A_\delta$  and if  $i \leq \delta$ , then  $f \upharpoonright A_i$  is a permutation of  $A_i$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $\bar{A}^0, \bar{A}^1 \in K_\delta^\mu$ . Then  $\bar{A}^0 \leq \bar{A}^1$  iff  $\bigwedge_{i \leq \delta} A_i^0 \subseteq A_i^1$  and

$$i < j \leq \delta \Rightarrow A_i^1 \cup_{A_i^0} A_j^0.$$

**Lemma 2.3** 1.  $(K_\delta^\mu, \leq)$  is a partial order

2. Let  $\bar{A}^\zeta \in K_\delta^\mu$  for  $\zeta < \zeta(*)$  and let  $\xi < \zeta \Rightarrow \bar{A}^\xi \leq \bar{A}^\zeta$ . If we let  $A_i = \bigcup_{\zeta < \zeta(*)} A_i^\zeta$ , and  $\left| \bigcup_{\zeta < \zeta(*)} A_i^\zeta \right| < \mu$ , then

$$\bar{A} = \langle A_i \mid i \leq \delta \rangle \in K_\delta^\mu$$

and for every  $\zeta < \zeta(*)$ ,  $\bar{A}_\zeta \leq \bar{A}$ .

3. If  $\bar{A}^\zeta \leq \bar{A}^*$  for  $\zeta < \zeta(*)$ , and  $\bar{A}$  is as above, then  $\bar{A} \leq \bar{A}^*$

PROOF

1. By the transitivity of nonforking.
2. By the finite character of forking.
3. By the finite character of forking.

**Definition 2.4** Let  $A \subseteq M$ , with  $|A| < \kappa_r(T)$  and let  $p \in S(\text{acl } A)$ . Then  $\dim(p, M) =$  the minimal cardinality of an maximal independent set of realizations of  $p$  inside  $M$ . If  $M$  is  $\kappa_r^\epsilon(T)$ -saturated ( $\kappa_r^\epsilon$ -saturated means  $\aleph_\epsilon$ -saturated if  $\kappa_r(T) = \aleph_0$  and  $\kappa_r(T)$  saturated otherwise) then by [Sh c] III 3.9.  $\dim(p, M) =$  the cardinality of any maximal independent set of realizations of  $p$  inside  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $|M| = \lambda$  and assume that  $M$  is  $\kappa_r^\epsilon(T)$ -saturated. Then  $M$  is saturated if and only if for every  $A \subseteq M$ , with  $|A| < \kappa_r(T)$  and  $p \in S(\text{acl } A)$ ,  $\dim(p, M) = \lambda$ .

PROOF See [Sh c] III 3.10.

**Lemma 2.6** Let  $\langle \bar{A}^\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  be an increasing continuous sequence of elements of  $K_\delta^{\lambda^+}$  such that  $\forall \gamma < \delta, \forall A \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} A_\gamma^\alpha$  if  $|A| < \kappa_r(T)$  and  $p \in S(\text{acl } A)$  then for  $\lambda$  many  $\alpha < \lambda$ ,

1.  $A_\zeta^\alpha = A_\zeta^{\alpha+1} \forall \zeta \leq \gamma$
2. There exists  $a \in A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha+1}$  such that the type of  $a/A_{\gamma+1}^\alpha$  is the stationarization of  $p$

then

$$\langle N_\gamma \mid \gamma < \delta \rangle \in K_\delta^s$$

where  $N_\gamma = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} A_\gamma^\alpha$ .

PROOF It is enough to show  $\forall \gamma < \delta$  that  $(N_{\gamma+1}, c)_{c \in N_\gamma}$  is saturated. For this by lemma 2.5 it is enough to show  $\forall A \subseteq N_{\gamma+1}$  such that  $|A| < \kappa_r(T)$  and for every type  $p \in S(\text{acl } A \cup N_\gamma)$ ,

$$\dim(p, N_{\gamma+1}) = \lambda$$

By the assumption of the lemma, there exists  $\{a_i \mid i < \lambda\}$  realizations of  $p \upharpoonright \text{acl } A$  and  $\langle A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i} \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  such that for each  $i < \lambda$ ,  $a_i \in A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i+1}$ ,  $A_\gamma^{\alpha_i+1} = A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}$ , and

$$a_i \bigcup_A A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i} \quad \text{and} \quad a_i A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i} \bigcup_{A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}} N_\gamma$$

which implies

$$a_i \bigcup_{A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i}} N_\gamma \quad \text{and} \quad a_i \bigcup_A N_\gamma$$

Since  $cf \lambda \geq \kappa_r(T)$  without loss of generality  $A \subseteq A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_0}$ . We must show the  $\langle a_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  are independent over  $N_\gamma \cup A$ . By induction on  $i < \lambda$ , we show that

$$\langle a_j \mid j \leq i \rangle$$

are independent over  $A \cup \{A_\gamma^{\alpha_j} \mid j \leq i\}$ . This is enough as

$$\{a_j \mid j \leq i\} \bigcup_{A \cup \{A_\gamma^{\alpha_j} \mid j \leq i\}} N_\gamma$$

Since  $\langle a_j \mid j < i \rangle$  are independent over  $A \cup \{A_\gamma^{\alpha_i} \mid j < i\}$ , and

$$\{a_j \mid j < i\} \bigcup_{A \cup \{A_\gamma^{\alpha_j} \mid j < i\}} A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}$$

$\langle a_j \mid j < i \rangle$  are independent over  $A \cup A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}$ . Since  $a_i \bigcup_{A \cup A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}} A_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha_i}$  we

have

$$a_i \bigcup_{A \cup A_\gamma^{\alpha_i}} \{a_j \mid j < i\}$$

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $\langle \bar{N}^\alpha \mid \alpha < \delta \rangle$  be an increasing continuous sequence of elements of  $K_\delta^{\mu^+}$  such that  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} N_\delta^\alpha = M^*$  and for every  $\gamma < \delta$ , and  $\alpha < \delta$ ,*

$$(N_{\gamma+1}^{\alpha+1}, c)_{c \in N_{\gamma+1}^\alpha \cup N_\gamma^{\alpha+1}}$$

and

$$(N_0^{\alpha+1}, c)_{c \in N_0^\alpha}$$

are saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$ . Then

$$\langle N_\gamma \mid \alpha < \delta \rangle \in K_\delta^s$$

where  $N_\gamma = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} N_\gamma^\alpha$ .

PROOF Similar to the proof of the previous lemma.



**Lemma 2.8** *Let cf  $\delta \geq \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$ . Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $A_\delta \subseteq M^*$  such that  $|A_\delta| < \lambda$  and  $A_\delta = \bigcup_{i < \delta} A_i$  where  $\langle A_i \mid i < \delta \rangle$  is an increasing continuous chain. Suppose  $\forall \beta < \delta$ , and  $\forall i < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{A_i \cap M_\beta} A_i$$

*Let  $a \subseteq M_{\beta^*}$  such that  $|a| < \kappa_r(T)$ . Then there exists a continuous increasing sequence  $\langle A'_i \mid i < \delta \rangle$  and a set  $B$  such that  $|B| < \kappa_r(T)$ ,  $A_i \subset A'_i$ ,  $a \subset \bigcup A'_i = A'_\delta$ ,  $|A'_\delta| < \lambda$ , for some non-limit  $i^* < \delta$ ,  $A'_i = A_i$  if  $i < i^*$ , and  $A'_i = A_i \cup B$  if  $i^* \leq i$  and  $\forall i, \beta < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{A'_i \cap M_\beta} A'_i$$

*and  $\forall i, \beta < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_\delta) \bigcup_{M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_i)} A'_i \cap M_{\beta+1}$$

*and*

$$A_\delta \bigcup_{A_i} A'_i$$

PROOF First by induction on  $n \in \omega$ , we define  $\langle B_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$  such that  $B_0 = a$ ,  $|B_n| < \kappa_r(T)$  and  $\forall i < \delta$ ,  $\forall \beta < \delta$ ,

$$B_n \bigcup_{(M_\beta \cap (A_i \cup B_{n+1})) \cup A_i} M_\beta \cup A_i$$

So suppose  $B_n$  has been defined. By induction on  $m < \omega$  we define subsets  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  of  $\delta$  such that  $0 \in C_i$ ,  $|C_i| \leq \kappa_r(T)$  and such that if  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_2)$  are four neighboring points in  $C_1 \times C_2$  with  $a_1 < a_2$  and  $b_1 < b_2$ , then for all  $i, j$  such that  $a_1 \leq i < a_2$  and  $b_1 \leq j < b_2$

$$B_n \bigcup_{M_{a_1} \cup A_{b_1}} M_{a_1+i} \cup A_{b_1+j}$$

So it is enough to find  $|B_{n+1}| < \kappa_r(T)$  such that for every  $(a, b) \in C_1 \times C_2$ ,

$$B_n \bigcup_{(M_a \cap (A_b \cup B_{n+1})) \cup A_b} M_a \cup A_b$$

As  $|C_1 \times C_2| < \kappa_r(T)$  this is possible. Let  $B = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} B_n$ . (If  $\kappa_r(T) = \aleph_0$  then without loss of generality we can define the  $B_n$  such that for some  $k < \omega$ ,  $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} B_n = \bigcup_{n \in k} B_n$ .) It is enough to prove the following statement.

*There exists a non-limit  $i^* < \delta$  such that if  $A'_i = A_i$  for  $i < i^*$ , and  $A'_i = A_i \cup B$  for  $i \geq i^*$  then the conditions of the theorem hold.*

PROOF  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta$ , if  $A'_i = A_i \cup B$ , then since

$$B \quad \bigcup \quad M_\beta \cup A_i \\ (M_\beta \cap (A_i \cup B)) \cup A_i$$

we have

$$A'_i \quad \bigcup \quad M_\beta \\ A'_i \cap M_\beta$$

Let  $i^{**} < \delta$  such that for all  $i \geq i^{**}$ ,

$$A_\delta \quad \bigcup \quad A'_i \\ A_i$$

It is enough to find  $i^{**} \leq i^* < \delta$  such that  $\forall \beta < \delta$ ,

$$B \quad \bigcup \quad M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_\delta) \\ M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_{i^*})$$

Let  $\langle \beta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \gamma \rangle$  where  $\gamma < \kappa_r(T)$  be the set of all places such that

$$B \quad \bigcup \quad M_{\beta_\alpha} \cup (M_{\beta_\alpha+1} \cap A_\delta) \\ M_{\beta_\alpha-1} \cup (M_{\beta_\alpha} \cap A_\delta)$$

For each  $\beta \in \langle \beta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \gamma \rangle$  let  $i_\alpha$  be such that

$$B \quad \bigcup \quad M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_{\beta_\alpha+1} \cap A_\delta) \\ M_{\beta_\alpha} \cup (M_{\beta_\alpha+1} \cap A_{i_\alpha})$$

Let  $i_\gamma$  be such that

$$B \quad \bigcup \quad M_0 \cup (M_1 \cap A_\delta) \\ M_0 \cup (M_1 \cap A_{i_\gamma})$$

Let  $i^* = \sup\{i_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \gamma + 1\} + 1 + i^{**}$ . As  $|B| < \kappa_r(T)$  and  $\text{cf } \delta \geq \kappa_r(T)$ ,  $i^* < \delta$ , so there is no problem.

**Lemma 2.9** *Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $A \subseteq M^*$  such that  $|A| < \lambda$  and  $A = \bigcup_{i < \delta} A_i$  where  $\langle A_i \mid i < \delta \rangle$  is increasing continuous, each  $A_i$  is algebraically closed and  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \beta < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A_i} A_i$$

*Let  $i^*$  be a successor  $< \delta$ ,  $\beta^* < \delta$ ,  $\beta^*$  a successor, and let  $p \in S(A_{i^*} \cap M_{\beta^*})$ . (Or even a  $< \lambda$  type over  $A_i \cap M_{\beta^*}$ .) Let  $p' \in S((A_{i^*} \cap M_{\beta^*}) \cup M_{\beta^*-1})$  such that  $p'$  does not fork over  $p$ . Then there exists an  $a \in M_{\beta^*}$  such that  $a$  realizes  $p'$ ,*

$$A \bigcup_{M_{\beta^*} \cap A_{i^*}} a$$

*and if  $A'_i = A_i \cup \{a\}$  for  $i \geq i^*$  and  $A'_i = A_i$  for  $i < i^*$ , then  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A'_i} A'_i$$

PROOF Let  $B \subseteq M_{\beta^*}$  such that  $|B| < \lambda$ ,  $A_{i^*} \cap M_{\beta^*} \subseteq B$ , and

$$M_{\beta^*} \bigcup_{M_{\beta^*-1} B} A$$

Let  $a \in M_{\beta^*}$  such that  $a$  realizes  $p$  and

$$a \bigcup_{A_{i^*} \cap M_{\beta^*}} B \cup M_{\beta^*-1}$$

Since

$$M_{\beta^*} \bigcup_{M_{\beta^*-1} \cup B} A$$

we have

$$a \bigcup_{M_{\beta^*-1} \cup B} A$$

which implies

$$a \bigcup_{A_{i^*} \cap M_{\beta^*}} M_{\beta^*-1} \cup A$$

Since for all  $i \geq i^*$ ,

$$a \bigcup_{A_i} M_{\beta^*-1} \cup A$$

we have for all  $\gamma < \beta^*$ ,

$$a \bigcup_{A_i} M_\gamma \cup A$$

which implies

$$a \cup A_i \bigcup_{A_i \cap M_\gamma} M_\gamma$$

Since  $a \subseteq M_{\beta^*}$  we also have  $\forall \gamma \geq \beta^*$ ,

$$a \cup A_i \bigcup_{(a \cup A_i) \cap M_\gamma} M_\gamma$$

**Lemma 2.10** *Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $A \subseteq M^*$  such that  $|A| < \lambda$  and  $A = \bigcup_{i < \delta} A_i$  where  $\langle A_i \mid i < \delta \rangle$  is increasing continuous, each  $A_i$  is algebraically closed and  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \beta < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A_i} A_i$$

*Let  $i^* < \delta, \beta^* < \delta, \beta^*, i^*$  successors, and let  $p \in S(A_i \cap M_\beta)$ . Let  $p' \in S((A_i \cap M_{\beta^*}) \cup M_{\beta^*-1})$  such that  $p'$  does not fork over  $p$ . Let  $f \in \text{Aut}(A)$  such that  $\forall i < \delta, f[A_i] = A_i$ . Then there exists  $\{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq M^*$  and an extension  $f'$  of  $f$  with domain  $A \cup \{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  such that  $a_0$  realizes  $p'$ ,  $a_0 \in M_{\beta^*}$ , and  $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \mathcal{U}'(\partial \sqsupset) = \partial \sqsupset_{+K}$  and if  $A'_i = A_i \cup \{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  for  $i \geq i^*$  and  $A'_i = A_i$  for  $i < i^*$ , then for all  $\beta < \delta$ ,*

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A'_i} A'_i$$

$$A_\delta \bigcup_{A_i} A'_i$$

and

$$M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A) \bigcup_{M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A_i)} M_\beta \cap A'_i$$

PROOF We define  $\{a_i \mid i \in -n, \dots, 0, \dots, n\}$  by induction on  $n$  such that if  $A'_i = \text{acl}(A_i \cup \{a_i \mid i \in -n, \dots, 0, \dots, n\})$  if  $i \geq i^*$  and  $A'_i = A_i$  if  $i < i^*$ , then  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \beta < \delta,$

$$M_\beta \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A'_i} A'_i$$

$$A_\delta \bigcup_{A_i} A'_i$$

and

$$M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A) \bigcup_{M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A)} M_\beta \cap A'_i$$

and  $f_n = f \cup \{(a_i, a_{i+1}) \mid -n \leq i < n\}$  is an elementary map. In addition we define a sequence of successor ordinals  $\langle \beta_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$  such that  $\beta_i < \beta_j$  if  $|i| < |j|$ , and  $\beta_n < \beta_{-n}$  such that

$$a_{n+1} \bigcup_{M_{\beta_{n+1}} \cap A_{i^*}} M_{\beta_{n+1}-1} \cup A \cup \{a_{-n}, \dots, a_0, \dots, a_n\}$$

and

$$a_{-(n+1)} \bigcup_{M_{\beta_{-(n+1)}} \cap A_{i^*}} M_{\beta_{-(n+1)}-1} \cup A \cup \{a_{-n}, \dots, a_0, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}\}$$

Define  $a_0$  as in the previous lemma. Suppose that  $\{a_{-n}, \dots, a_0, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $\beta_i$  for  $-n \leq i \leq n$  have been defined satisfying the conditions. Let  $C = \text{acl} C$  such that for some  $B \subseteq C$  with  $|B| < \kappa_r(T)$ ,  $\text{acl} B = C$ ,  $C \subseteq M_{\beta_{-n}} \cap A_{i^*}$  and

$$a_n \bigcup_C A \cup \{a_{-n}, \dots, a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$$

Let  $\beta_{n+1} > \beta_{-n}$  be a successor such that  $f(C) \subseteq M_{\beta_{n+1}} \cap A_{i^*}$ . Let  $a_{n+1} \in M_{\beta_{n+1}}$  realize

$$f_n \left( \text{tp}(a_n / A \cup \{a_{-n}, \dots, a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\}) \right)$$

and in addition

$$a_{n+1} \bigcup_{M_{\beta_{n+1}} \cap A_{i^*}} A \cup M_{\beta_{n+1}-1}$$

Similarly for  $a_{-(n+1)}$ . Now as in the proof of the previous lemma, all the conditions of the induction hold.

**Lemma 2.11** *Let  $\delta$  be an ordinal less than  $\lambda^+$  such that  $cf\delta \geq \aleph_1 + \kappa_r(T)$ . Let  $f \in \text{Aut}_E(M^*)$  with  $|E| < \lambda$ . Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Then there exists  $\bar{N}^1, \bar{N}^2 \in K_\delta^s$ ,  $f_1 \in \text{Aut}_E(\bar{N}^1)$ ,  $f_2 \in \text{Aut}_E(\bar{N}^2)$  with  $E \subseteq N_0^1$ ,  $E \subseteq N_0^2$  such that*

1.  $f = f_2 f_1$
2.  $\forall i, \beta < \delta, \forall l \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$M_\beta \cup N_i^l = M_\beta \cap N_i^l$$

3.  $\forall i, \beta < \delta, \forall l \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$(N_{i+1}^l \cap M_{\beta+1}, c)_{c \in (N_{i+1}^l \cap M_\beta) \cup (N_i^l \cap M_{\beta+1})}$$

*is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$*

4.  $(N_{i+1}^l \cap M_0, c)_{c \in N_i^l \cap M_0}$  *is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$*

PROOF Without loss of generality  $E = \emptyset$ . By induction on  $\alpha < \lambda$  we build increasing continuous sequences  $\langle A_i^\alpha \mid i \leq \delta \rangle$ ,  $\langle B_i^\alpha \mid i \leq \delta \rangle$ ,  $\langle f_1^\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ ,  $\langle f_2^\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  such that

1.  $M^* = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} A_\delta^\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} B_\delta^\alpha$
2.  $N_i^1 = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} A_i^\alpha$   $N_i^2 = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} B_i^\alpha$
3.  $f_1^\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A_\delta^\alpha)$  such that  $f_1^\alpha[A_i^\alpha] = A_i^\alpha$
4.  $f_2^\alpha \in \text{Aut}(B_\delta^\alpha)$  such that  $f_2^\alpha[B_i^\alpha] = B_i^\alpha$
5.  $f[A_i^\alpha] = A_i^\alpha$ ,  $f[B_i^\alpha] = B_i^\alpha$
6.  $|A_\delta^\alpha| < |\alpha|^+ + \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$
7.  $|B_\delta^\alpha| < |\alpha|^+ + \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$
8.  $A_\delta^\alpha = B_\delta^\alpha$

9.  $f_\alpha^2 f_\alpha^1 = f \upharpoonright A_\delta^\alpha$

10.  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$M_\beta \cup \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap A_i^\alpha} A_i^\alpha$$

11.  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$M_\beta \cup \bigcup_{M_\beta \cap B_i^\alpha} B_i^\alpha$$

12.  $\forall i, \beta < \delta, \forall l \in \{0, 1\},$

$$(N_{i+1}^l \cap M_{\beta+1}, c)_{c \in (N_{i+1}^l \cap M_\beta) \cup (N_i^l \cap M_{\beta+1})}$$

is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$

13.  $(N_{i+1}^l \cap M_0, c)_{c \in N_i^l \cap M_0}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$

14.  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$A_\delta^\alpha \cup \bigcup_{A_i^\alpha} A_i^{\alpha+1}$$

15.  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$B_\delta^\alpha \cup \bigcup_{B_i^\alpha} B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

16.  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_\delta^\alpha) \cup \bigcup_{M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_i^\alpha)} M_{\beta+1} \cap A_i^{\alpha+1}$$

17.  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta, \forall \alpha < \lambda,$

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap B_\delta^\alpha) \cup \bigcup_{M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap B_i^\alpha)} M_{\beta+1} \cap B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

At limit stages we take unions. Let  $\alpha$  be even. Let  $M^* = \langle m_\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ . In the induction we define  $\langle p_\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is even and } \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  such that each  $p_\alpha \in S((M_{\beta+1} \cap A_{i+1}^\alpha) \cup M_\beta)$  for some  $i, \beta < \delta$  and such that  $\forall i < \delta, \forall \beta < \delta, \forall A \subseteq M^*$  such that  $|A| < \kappa_r(T), \forall p \in S(\text{acl } A)$  there exists  $\lambda$  many  $p_\alpha \in \langle p_\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  such that  $p_\alpha \in S((M_{\beta+1} \cap A_{i+1}^\alpha) \cup M_\beta)$ ,  $p_\alpha$  is a nonforking extension of  $p$ ,  $p_\alpha$  is realized in  $A_{i+1}^{\alpha+1} \cap M_{\beta+1}$ , and  $\forall j \leq i, A_j^\alpha = A_j^{\alpha+1}$ . By the proof of lemma 2.6 this insures 12. and 13. holds for  $l = 1$  when we finish our construction. So let  $i^*, \beta^* < \delta$  such that  $p_\alpha \in S((M_{\beta^*+1} \cap A_{i^*+1}^\alpha) \cup M_{\beta^*})$ . By lemma 2.10 we can find an extensions  $(A_i^\alpha)'$  of  $A_i^\alpha$  with  $(A_i^\alpha)' = A_i^\alpha$  for  $i \leq i^*$  and extension  $f_1'$  of  $f_1$  such that  $f_1'[(A_i^\alpha)'] = (A_i^\alpha)'$ ,  $p_\alpha$  is realized in  $M_{\beta^*+1} \cap (A_{i^*+1}^\alpha)'$  and  $\forall \beta < \delta, \forall i < \delta$ ,

$$M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A_\delta^\alpha) \quad \bigcup \quad M_\beta \cap (A_i^\alpha)'$$

$$M_{\beta-1} \cup (M_\beta \cap A_i^\alpha)$$

$$A_\delta^\alpha \quad \bigcup \quad (A_i^\alpha)'$$

$$A_i^\alpha$$

and

$$M_\beta \quad \bigcup \quad (A_i^\alpha)'$$

$$M_\beta \cap (A_i^\alpha)'$$

Let  $F_1'$  be an extension of  $f_1'$  to an automorphism of  $M^*$ . By iterating  $\omega$  times the procedure in the proof of lemma 2.8 we can find  $D \subset M^*$  such that  $|D| < \kappa_r(T) + \omega_1$ , if  $m$  is the least element of  $\langle m_\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$  then  $m \in D$ ,  $D$  is closed under  $f, f^{-1}, F_1', (F_1')^{-1}$  and for some  $i^{**}, i^{***} < \delta$  if  $A_i^{\alpha+1} = (A_i^\alpha)' \cup D$ , for  $i \geq i^{**}$  and  $(A_i^\alpha)'$  for  $i < i^{**}$  and if  $B_i^{\alpha+1} = B_i^\alpha \cup D$ , for  $i \geq i^{***}$  and  $B_i^\alpha$  for  $i < i^{***}$  then

$$M_\beta \cup (M_\beta \cap A_\delta^\alpha) \quad \bigcup \quad M_{\beta+1} \cap A_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap A_i^\alpha)$$

$$A_\delta^\alpha \quad \bigcup \quad A_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$A_i^\alpha$$

and

$$M_\beta \quad \bigcup \quad A_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$M_\beta \cap A_i^{\alpha+1}$$



and

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap B_\delta^\alpha) \quad \bigcup \quad M_{\beta+1} \cap B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$M_\beta \cup (M_{\beta+1} \cap B_i^\alpha)$$

$$B_\delta^\alpha \quad \bigcup \quad B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$B_i^\alpha$$

and

$$M_\beta \quad \bigcup \quad B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

$$M_\beta \cap B_i^{\alpha+1}$$

Similarly for  $\alpha$  odd. Let  $f_1^{\alpha+1} = F_1 \upharpoonright A_i^{\alpha+1}$  and  $f_2^{\alpha+1} = f(f_1^{\alpha+1})^{-1}$ .

### 3 The proof of the small index property

**Definition 3.1** Let  $\delta$  be a limit ordinal and let  $\bar{N} \in K_\delta^s$ . Then  $f \in \text{Aut}^*(\bar{N})$  if and only if  $f \in \text{Aut}(M^*)$  and for some  $n \in \omega$ ,  $f[N_\alpha] = N_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha$  such that  $n \leq \alpha \leq \delta$ .  $\text{Aut}_A^*(\bar{N}) = \{f \in \text{Aut}^*(\bar{N}) \mid f \upharpoonright A = \text{id}_A\}$ .

**Definition 3.2** Let  $\delta$  be a limit ordinal and let  $\bar{N} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $B \subseteq N_0$  as in the above definition. If for every  $f \in \text{Aut}(M^*)$

$$(f \in \text{Aut}^*(\bar{N}) \wedge f \upharpoonright B = \text{id}_B) \Rightarrow f \in G$$

then we define

$$E = \left\{ C \subseteq B \mid f \in \text{Aut}^*(\bar{N}) \wedge f \upharpoonright C = \text{id}_C \Rightarrow f \in G \right\}$$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $\delta$  be a limit ordinal and let  $\bar{N} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $B \subseteq N_0$  such that  $(N_0, c)_{c \in B}$  is saturated. Let  $C = \text{acl } C$ ,  $C \subseteq B$ , and  $g$  an elementary map with  $\text{dom } g = B$ ,  $g \upharpoonright C = \text{id}_C$ ,  $(N_0, c)_{c \in B \cup g[B]}$  is saturated, and

$$B \bigcup_C g(B)$$

Then the following are equivalent.

1.  $C \in E$
2. All extensions of  $g$  in  $\text{Aut}^*(\bar{N})$  are in  $G$

3. Some extension of  $g$  in  $Aut^*(\bar{N})$  is in  $G$

PROOF 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. is trivial.

2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. We just need to prove  $g$  has some extension in  $Aut^*(\bar{N})$ . But this follows easily by the saturation for every  $j < \delta$  of  $(N_{j+1}, c)_{c \in N_j}$ .

3.  $\Rightarrow$  1. Let  $f \in Aut^*(\bar{N})$  such that  $f \upharpoonright C = id_C$ . Let  $n \in \omega$  and  $g^* \in Aut^*(\bar{N})$  such that  $g^* \supseteq g$ ,  $f, g^* \in Aut(\bar{N} \upharpoonright [n, \delta))$ , and  $g^* \in G$ . Let  $B' \subseteq N_{n+1}$  such that  $B' \bigcup_C N_n$  and  $tp(B'/C) = tp(B/C)$ . Let  $g_1 \in Aut(\bar{N} \upharpoonright [n+2, \delta))$  such that  $g_1$  maps  $g(B)$  onto  $B'$  and  $g_1 \upharpoonright B = id_B$ . Since  $g_1 \upharpoonright B = id_B$ ,  $g_1 \in G$ . Let  $g_2 = g_1 g^* (g_1)^{-1}$ . Again  $g_2 \in G$ ,  $g_2 \upharpoonright C = id_C$ , and  $g_2[B] = B'$ . As

$$B' \bigcup_C N_n$$

$f \in Aut(\bar{N} \upharpoonright [n, \delta))$  and  $f \upharpoonright C = id_C$ , clearly

$$f(B') \bigcup_C N_n$$

Therefore there exists  $g_3 \in Aut(\bar{N} \upharpoonright [n+2, \delta))$  such that  $g_3 \upharpoonright B' = f \upharpoonright B'$  and  $g_3 \upharpoonright N_n = id_{N_n}$ , hence  $g_3 \in G$ .  $(g_3)^{-1} f \upharpoonright B' = id_{B'}$  so  $(g_2)^{-1} (g_3)^{-1} f g_2 = id_B$  hence  $(g_2)^{-1} (g_3)^{-1} f g_2 \in G$ . But this implies  $f \in G$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $|T| < \lambda$ . Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $G \subseteq Aut^*(M)$ . If

$$f \in Aut_{M_0}^*(\bar{M}) \Rightarrow f \in G$$

but for no  $C \subseteq M_0$  with  $|C| < \lambda$  does

$$f \in Aut_C^*(\bar{M}) \Rightarrow f \in G$$

then

$$[Aut(M^*) : G] > \lambda$$

PROOF Suppose not. Let  $\langle h_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  be a list of the representatives of the left  $G$  cosets of  $Aut(\bar{M} \upharpoonright [1, \delta))$  possibly with repetition. Let  $\lambda = \bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} \lambda_\zeta$  with  $\langle \lambda_\zeta \mid \zeta < cf \lambda \rangle$  increasing continuous and  $|T| \leq |\lambda_0| \leq |\lambda_\zeta| < \lambda$ . Let

$M_0 = \bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} M_\zeta^0$  and  $M_1 = \bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} M_\zeta^1$  with each being a continuous chain such that  $|M_\zeta^i| \leq |\lambda_\zeta|$ .

Now we define by induction on  $\zeta < cf \lambda$ ,  $N_{0,\zeta}$ ,  $N_{1,\zeta}$ ,  $f_\zeta$ ,  $B_\zeta$ , and  $h_{j,\zeta}$  for  $j < \lambda_\zeta$  such that

1.  $f_\zeta$  is an automorphism of  $N_{1,\zeta}$
2.  $\langle f_\zeta \mid \zeta < cf \lambda \rangle$  is increasing continuous
3. If  $j < \lambda_\zeta$  and there is an  $h \in Aut(\bar{M} \upharpoonright [1, \delta))$  such that
  - (a)  $h$  extends  $f_\zeta$
  - (b)  $hG = h_jG$

then  $h_{j,\zeta}$  satisfies a. and b.

4.  $B_\zeta$  is a subset of  $N_{1,\zeta}$  of cardinality  $\leq |\lambda_\zeta|$
5.  $M_\zeta^1 \subseteq B_\zeta$
6.  $N_{0,\zeta} \subseteq B_{\zeta+1}$  and  $B_{\zeta+1}$  is closed under  $h_{j,\epsilon}$  and  $h_{j,\epsilon}^{-1}$  for  $j < \lambda_\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon \leq \zeta$
7.  $f_{\zeta+1}^{-1}(B_{\zeta+1}) \bigcup_{N_{0,\zeta}} N_{0,\zeta+1}$
8.  $N_{1,\zeta} \bigcup_{N_{0,\zeta}} M_0$
9.  $M_1 = \bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} N_{1,\zeta}$      $M_0 = \bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} N_{0,\zeta}$
10.  $|N_{0,\zeta}| \leq |\lambda_\zeta|$
11.  $(N_{1,\zeta+1}, c)_{c \in N_{1,\zeta}}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$
12.  $(M_1, c)_{c \in M_0 \cup N_{1,\zeta}}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$

For  $\zeta = 0$  let  $B_0$  be empty, let  $N_{0,0}$  be a submodel of  $M_0$  of cardinality  $|\lambda_0|$ , let  $N_{1,0}$  be a saturated submodel of  $M_1$  of cardinality  $\lambda$  such that  $N_{1,0} \bigcup_{N_{0,0}} M_0$  and let  $f_\zeta = id_{N_{1,0}}$ . At limit stages take unions. If  $\zeta = \epsilon + 1$ , let  $B_\zeta$  be as in 4,5,6. Let  $N_{0,\zeta} \subseteq M_0$  such that

$B_\zeta \bigcup_{N_{0,\zeta}} M_0$ ,  $N_{0,\epsilon} \subseteq N_{0,\zeta}$ ,  $M_\zeta^0 \subseteq N_{0,\zeta}$ ,  $|N_{0,\zeta}| \leq \lambda_\zeta$ . Let  $N_{1,\zeta} \subseteq M_1$  such that  $B_\zeta \subseteq N_{1,\zeta}$ ,  $N_{1,\zeta} \bigcup_{N_{0,\zeta}} M_0$ ,  $(N_{1,\zeta}, c)_{c \in N_{1,\epsilon}}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$ , and  $(M_1, c)_{c \in M_0 \cup N_{1,\zeta}}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$ . Let  $f_\zeta$  be an extension of  $f_\epsilon \upharpoonright N_{1,\epsilon}$  to an automorphism of  $N_{1,\zeta}$  so that

$$f_\zeta^{-1}(B_\zeta) \bigcup_{N_{1,\epsilon}} N_{0,\zeta}$$

Since

$$N_{0,\zeta} \bigcup_{N_{0,\epsilon}} N_{1,\epsilon}$$

we have

$$f_\zeta^{-1}(B_\zeta) \bigcup_{N_{0,\epsilon}} N_{0,\zeta}$$

Let  $f$  be an extension of  $\bigcup_{\zeta < cf \lambda} f_\zeta$  to an element of  $Aut(\bar{M} \upharpoonright [1, \delta])$ . We have defined  $f$  so that

1. (By nonforking calculus)  $\forall \zeta < cf \lambda, \forall j < \lambda_\zeta$ ,

$$f^{-1}h_{j,\zeta}(M_0) \bigcup_{N_{0,\zeta}} M_0$$

2.  $f^{-1}h_{j,\zeta} \upharpoonright N_{0,\zeta} = id$

By lemma 3.3 none of the  $f^{-1}h_{j,\zeta}$  are in  $G$ , a contradiction as for some  $j < \lambda$ ,  $fG = h_jG$  so for some  $\zeta, j < \lambda_\zeta$ ,  $h_jG = h_{j,\zeta}G = fG$ .

**Lemma 3.5** *Let  $|T| < \lambda$ . Let  $cf \delta \geq \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$ . Suppose  $[Aut(M^*) : G] \leq \lambda$  and assume that for no  $A \subseteq M^*$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $Aut_A(M^*) \subseteq G$ . Then for some  $\bar{N} \in K_\delta^s$ ,*

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha < \delta} Aut_{N_\alpha}^*(\bar{N}) \not\subseteq G$$

PROOF Suppose not. Let  $\bar{M} \in K_\delta^s$ . Then there exists an  $\alpha < \delta$  such that  $Aut_{M_\alpha}^*(\bar{M}) \subseteq G$ . Without loss of generality  $\alpha = 0$ . By lemma 3.4 there exists  $E \subseteq M_0$  such that  $|E| < \lambda$  and  $Aut_E(\bar{M}) \subseteq G$ . Let  $f \in Aut_E(M^*) \setminus G$ . By lemma 2.11 we can find  $\bar{N}^1, \bar{N}^2 \in K_\delta^s$  and automorphisms  $f_1 \in Aut_E(\bar{N}^1)$  and  $f_2 \in Aut_E(\bar{N}^2)$  such that

1.  $E \subset N_0^1, E \subset N_0^2$
2.  $f = f_2 f_1$
3.  $f_1 \upharpoonright E = f_2 \upharpoonright E = id_E$
4.  $\forall \alpha, \beta < \delta,$ 
  - (a)  $N_\alpha^1 \cup N_\alpha^1 \cap M_\beta \cup M_\beta$
  - (b)  $N_\alpha^2 \cup N_\alpha^2 \cap M_\beta \cup M_\beta$
  - (c)  $(N_{\alpha+1}^1 \cap M_{\beta+1}, c)_{c \in (N_{\alpha+1}^1 \cap M_\beta) \cup (N_\alpha^1 \cap M_{\beta+1})}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$
  - (d)  $(N_{\alpha+1}^2 \cap M_{\beta+1}, c)_{c \in (N_{\alpha+1}^2 \cap M_\beta) \cup (N_\alpha^2 \cap M_{\beta+1})}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$
  - (e)  $(N_{\alpha+1}^1 \cap M_0)_{c \in N_\alpha^1 \cap M_0}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$
  - (f)  $(N_{\alpha+1}^2 \cap M_0)_{c \in N_\alpha^2 \cap M_0}$  is saturated of cardinality  $\lambda$

Since  $f \notin G$  we can assume without loss of generality that  $f_1 \notin G$ . Also, by the hypothesis of suppose not we can assume there is a  $F \subseteq N_0^1$  such that  $(N_0^1, c)_{c \in F}$  is saturated and  $Aut_F(\bar{N}^1) \subseteq G$ . By lemma 3.4 we can assume that  $|F| < \lambda$  and without loss of generality  $E \subseteq F$ . Let for  $\alpha < \delta,$

$$F_\alpha = F \cap M_\alpha$$

By the lemma 3.6 we can find a sequence  $\langle F'_\alpha \mid \alpha < \delta \rangle$  such that for each  $\alpha,$   $F_\alpha \subseteq F'_\alpha$  with  $|F'_\alpha| < \lambda$  and for each  $\beta < \alpha$   $F'_\alpha \cap M_\beta = F'_\beta$  and if  $F' = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} F'_\alpha$  then

$$M_\alpha \cap N_0^1 \cup \bigcup_{F'_\alpha} F'$$

We define by induction on  $\alpha < \delta$  a map  $g_\alpha$  an automorphism of  $M_\alpha \cap N_0^1$  such that

1.  $\forall \beta, \alpha < \delta, \beta < \alpha \Rightarrow g_\beta \subseteq g_\alpha$
2. If  $\alpha$  is a limit then  $g_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} g_\beta$

$$3. g_\alpha(F'_\alpha) \bigcup_E F'_\alpha$$

$$4. g_\alpha \upharpoonright E = id_E$$

Let  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  and suppose  $g_\beta$  has been defined. Let  $X \subseteq M_\alpha \cap N_0^1$  such that  $X \cap g_\beta(F'_\beta) \equiv F'_\alpha \cap F'_\beta$  by  $h_\beta$  an extension of  $g_\beta \upharpoonright F'_\beta$  and

$$X \bigcup_{g_\beta(F'_\beta)} F'_\alpha \cup (M_\beta \cap N_0^1)$$

Let  $g'_\alpha = g_\beta \cup h_\beta$ . Since  $X \bigcup_{g_\beta(F'_\beta)} g_\beta(M_\beta \cap N_0^1)$  and  $F'_\alpha \bigcup_{F'_\beta} M_\beta \cap N_0^1$ ,

$g'_\alpha$  is an elementary map. Now let  $g_\alpha$  be an extension of  $g'_\alpha$  to an automorphism of  $M_\alpha \cap N_0^1$ . Let  $g' = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} g_\alpha$ .  $g'$  is an automorphism of  $N_0^1$  such that for every  $\alpha < \delta$ ,

$$g'[M_\alpha \cap N_0^1] = [M_\alpha \cap N_0^1]$$

By the saturation and independence of the  $N_\alpha^1$ ,  $M_\beta$  we can find an extension  $g$  of  $g'$  such that  $g \in Aut(\bar{N}_1)$  and  $g \in Aut(\bar{M})$ . This gives a contradiction since  $g(F) \bigcup_E F$  and  $g \in Aut(\bar{N}_1)$  implies  $g \notin G$ , but  $g \in Aut(\bar{M})$  and  $g \upharpoonright E = id_E$  implies  $g \in G$ .

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $\bar{M} = \langle M_\beta \mid \beta \leq \delta \rangle \in K_\delta^s$ . Let  $F \subseteq M^*$  with  $|F| < \lambda$ . Then there exists a set  $F'$  such that  $|F'| < \lambda$ ,  $F \subseteq F'$ , and  $\forall \beta < \delta$ ,*

$$* M_\beta \bigcup_{F' \cap M_\beta} F'$$

PROOF Let  $w \subseteq F$  be finite. There are less than  $\kappa_r(T)$  many  $\alpha < \delta$  such that

$$w \bigcup_{M_\alpha} M_{\alpha+1}$$

Let  $a_w$  be the set of such  $\alpha$ . For each  $\alpha \in a_w$  let  $w_\alpha \subseteq M_\alpha$  such that  $|w_\alpha| < \kappa_r(T)$ , and

$$w \bigcup_{w_\alpha} M_\alpha$$

Let  $w^1 = \bigcup_{\alpha \in a_w} w_\alpha$ . Let  $F^1 = \bigcup_{\substack{w \subset F \\ \text{finite}}} w^1$  and repeat this procedure  $\omega$  times with  $F^n$  relating to  $F^{n+1}$  as  $F$  is related to  $F^1$ . Let  $F' = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} F^n$ .  $F'$  satisfies  $*$ .

**Lemma 3.7** *Let  $Tr$  be a tree of infinite height. Let  $\alpha < \text{height}(Tr)$  and let  $\eta \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$ . Let  $\langle M_\beta \mid \beta \leq \alpha \rangle$  be an increasing chain of models such that for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $(M_{\beta+1}, c)_{c \in M_\beta}$  is saturated. Let  $M_\alpha \subseteq N_0 \subseteq N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq N_3$  with  $(N_{i+1}, c)_{c \in N_i}$  saturated for  $i \leq 2$ . Suppose  $\langle h_\beta \mid \beta \leq \alpha \rangle$  are such that*

1.  $h_\beta = \text{id}_{M_\beta}$
2.  $h_\beta[N_i] = N_i$  for  $i \leq 3$
3.  $h_\beta[M_\gamma] = M_\gamma$  for  $\gamma \leq \alpha$

For each  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$  let  $m_\nu, l_\nu$  be automorphisms of  $N_0$ . Suppose  $g_\eta \in \text{Aut}(N_0)$  such that for all  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$ ,

$$g_\eta m_\eta (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\eta)^{-1} = l_\eta (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta, \nu]}^{\eta(\gamma[\eta, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta, \nu])}$$

Let  $m_\nu^+, l_\nu^+$  be extensions of  $m_\nu$  and  $l_\nu$  to automorphisms of  $N_1$  for all  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$ . Then there exists a  $g'_\eta \in \text{Aut}(N_3)$  extending  $g_\eta$  and for all  $\nu \in Tr \upharpoonright \text{level}(\alpha + 1)$  automorphisms of  $N_3$ ,  $m'_\nu$  and  $l'_\nu$  extending  $m_\nu^+$  and  $l_\nu^+$  respectively such that

$$g'_\eta m'_\eta (m'_\nu)^{-1} (g'_\eta)^{-1} = l'_\eta (l'_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta, \nu]}^{\eta(\gamma[\eta, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta, \nu])}$$

PROOF Similar to the proof of lemma 1.8.

**Theorem 3.8** *Let  $|T| < \lambda$ . Let  $M^*$  be a saturated model of cardinality  $\lambda$ , and let  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(M^*)$ . Suppose that for no  $A \subseteq M$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $\text{Aut}_A(M^*) \subseteq G$ . Suppose  $Tr$  is a tree of height  $\kappa$ , where  $\kappa$  is a regular cardinal  $\geq \kappa_r(T) + \aleph_1$  such that each level of  $Tr$  is of size at most  $\lambda$ , but  $Tr$  having more than  $\lambda$  branches. Then*

$$[\text{Aut}(M^*) : G] > \lambda$$

PROOF Suppose not. Then by lemma 3.5 there is a  $\bar{N} \in K_{\lambda \times \kappa}^s$ , such that

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha < \lambda \times \kappa} \text{Aut}_{N_\alpha}^*(\bar{N}) \not\subseteq G$$

By thinning  $\bar{N}$  if necessary we can assume for each  $\alpha < \kappa$  there exists an automorphism  $h_\alpha \in \text{Aut}_{N_{\lambda \times \alpha}}(\bar{N})$  such that  $h_\alpha \notin G$ . By induction on  $\alpha < \kappa$  for every  $\eta \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level } \alpha$  we define automorphisms  $g_\eta, m_\eta, l_\eta$  of  $N_{\lambda \times \alpha}$  such that if  $\rho \neq \nu$  then  $l_\rho \neq l_\nu$  and

$$g_\rho m_\rho (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

At limit steps we take unions. If  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ , for each  $i < \lambda$  we define for some  $\eta_i \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level } \alpha$ ,  $g_{\eta_i} \in \text{Aut}(N_{\lambda \times \beta + 3i})$  such that for each  $\eta \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level } \alpha$ ,  $\eta = \eta_i$  cofinally many times in  $\lambda$ , and for every  $\nu \in \text{Tr} \upharpoonright \text{level } \alpha$ ,  $m_\nu^i \neq l_\nu^i \in \text{Aut}(N_{\lambda \times \beta + 3i})$  such that

$$g_{\eta_i} m_{\eta_i}^i (m_\nu^i)^{-1} (g_{\eta_i})^{-1} = l_{\eta_i}^i (l_\nu^i)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\eta_i, \nu]}^{\eta_i(\gamma[\eta_i, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\eta_i, \nu])}$$

The  $g_{\eta_i}, m_\nu^i, l_\nu^i$  are easily defined by induction on  $i < \lambda$  using lemma 3.7. Then if we let  $g_\eta = \bigcup \{g_{\eta_i} \mid \eta_i = \eta\}$ ,  $m_\eta = \bigcup_{i < \lambda} m_\eta^i$  and  $l_\eta = \bigcup_{i < \lambda} l_\eta^i$  we have finished. Let  $Br$  the set of branches of  $Tr$  of height  $\kappa$ . For  $\rho \in Br$  let  $g_\rho = \bigcup \{g_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ ,  $m_\rho = \bigcup \{m_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ , and  $l_\rho = \bigcup \{l_\eta \mid \eta < \rho\}$ . If  $\rho \neq \nu$ ,  $g_\rho \neq g_\nu$  since without loss of generality  $\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])$  and

$$g_\rho m_\rho (m_\nu)^{-1} (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

and

$$g_\nu m_\nu (m_\rho)^{-1} (g_\nu)^{-1} = l_\nu (l_\rho)^{-1}$$

implies

$$g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} g_\nu (g_\rho)^{-1} = l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])}$$

So if  $g_\rho = g_\nu$  this would imply  $h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])} = id_{M^*}$  a contradiction. If

$$[\text{Aut}(M^*) : G] \leq \lambda$$

then for some  $\rho, \nu \in Br$  we must have  $l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} \in G$  and  $g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} \in G$ , but then we get a contradiction as  $g_\rho (g_\nu)^{-1} l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} g_\nu (g_\rho)^{-1} \in G$  and  $l_\rho (l_\nu)^{-1} \in G$ , but  $h_{\gamma[\rho, \nu]}^{\rho(\gamma[\rho, \nu]) < \nu(\gamma[\rho, \nu])} \notin G$ .



**Corollary 3.9** *Let  $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(M^*)$ . Suppose that for no  $A \subseteq M$  with  $|A| < \lambda$  is  $\text{Aut}_A(M^*) \subseteq G$ . Suppose  $|T| < \lambda$  and  $M^*$  does not have the small index property. Then*

1. *There is no tree of height an uncountable regular cardinal  $\kappa$  with at most  $\lambda$  nodes, but more than  $\lambda$  branches.*
2. *For some strong limit cardinal  $\mu$ , cf  $\mu = \aleph_0$  and  $\mu < \lambda < 2^\mu$ .*
3.  *$T$  is superstable.*

PROOF

1. By the previous theorem
2. By 1. and [Sh 430, 6.3]
3. If  $T$  is stable in  $\lambda$ , then  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\kappa_r(T)}$ , so if  $\kappa_r(T) > \aleph_0$  we can let  $\kappa$  from the previous theorem be the least  $\kappa$  such that  $\lambda < \lambda^\kappa$ .

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