

Abstract Corrected Iterations

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Abstract

We consider $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations of $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete λ^+ -c.c. definable forcing notions along partial orders. We show that such iterations can be corrected to yield an analog of a result by Judah and Shelah for finite support iterations of Suslin ccc forcing, namely that if $(\mathbb{P}_\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_\beta : \alpha \leq \delta, \beta < \delta)$ is a FS iteration of Suslin ccc forcing and $U \subseteq \delta$ is sufficiently closed, then letting \mathbb{P}_U be the iteration along U , we have $\mathbb{P}_U \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_\delta$.¹

Introduction

Our motivation is the following result by Judah and Shelah:

Theorem ([JuSh292]): Let $(\mathbb{P}_\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_\beta : \alpha \leq \delta, \beta < \delta)$ be a finite support iteration of Suslin ccc forcing notions (assume for simplicity that the definitions are without parameters). For a given $U \subseteq \delta$, let \mathbb{P}_U be the induced iteration along U , then $\mathbb{P}_U \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_\delta$.

Recent years have witnessed a proliferation of results in generalized descriptive set theory and set theory of the λ -reals, and so an adequate analog of the above-mentioned result for the higher setting is naturally desirable. Such an analog was crucial for proving the consistency of $\text{cov}(\text{meagre}_\lambda) < \mathfrak{b}_\lambda$ in [Sh:945]. It is not clear that the straightforward analogous statement holds in the λ -context, however, it turns out that the desirable result can be obtained by passing to an appropriate “correction” of the original iteration. This was obtained in [Sh:1126] for the specific forcing that was relevant for the result in [Sh:945]. Our main goal in this paper is to extend the result for a large class of definable $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations of λ^+ -c.c. forcing. Namely, our main result will be a more concrete form of the following:

Theorem (Informal): There is an operation (a “correction”) $\mathbb{P} \mapsto \mathbb{P}^{cr}$ on $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations of $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete reasonably definable λ^+ -c.c. forcing notions along well-founded partial orders, such that \mathbb{P}^{cr} adds the same generics as \mathbb{P} , and if U is an adequate subset of the set of indices for the iteration, then $\mathbb{P}_U^{cr} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}^{cr}$.

We shall start by defining our building blocks, namely forcing templates and iteration templates. These will allow for a much larger variety of examples than what appears

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in [Sh:1126] (in particular, an iteration may involve forcing notions with different definitions). One of the differences between the current work and [Sh:1126] is that our forcing notions might be definable using parameters that don't belong to V , and so this will require the introduction of a new type of memory ("weak memory") that will allow the computation of the relevant parameters.

We then continue by introducing the class \mathbf{M} of iteration parameters, from which we shall practically construct our iterations. We shall then consider the notion of an existentially closed iteration parameter, and we shall isolate a property of iteration parameters that guarantee the existence of an existentially closed extension. We shall then obtain our desired corrected iteration from those existentially closed extensions by taking an appropriate closure under \mathbb{L}_{λ^+} .

Preliminary definitions, assumptions and facts

Forcing templates

In this section we shall define the templates from which individual forcing notions in the iteration shall be constructed. As we don't have a general preservation theorem for λ^+ -c.c. in $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations, we shall use the notion of (λ, D) -chain condition for a filter D (to be defined later) for which we have a preservation result, and so the templates will include an appropriate filter to witness this. Similarly to [Sh:630], the forcing templates will consist of a model $\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}$ and formulas that will define the forcing inside it. The forcing will be defined using a parameter, which shall be a function whose domain is denoted $I_{\mathbf{p}}^0$. The generic element will be a function whose domain is the set $I_{\mathbf{p}}^1$. Additional formulas will provide winning strategies for strategic completeness and will provide a compatibility relation on the forcing that will satisfy the (λ, D) -chain condition.

Hypothesis 0: Throughout this paper, we assume that:

- a. λ is a cardinal satisfying $\lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda}$
- b. D is a λ -complete filter on $\lambda^+ \times \lambda^+$ satisfying the following:
 1. $\{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha < \beta < \lambda^+\} \in D$.
 2. If $u_\alpha \in [Ord]^{<\lambda}$ ($\alpha < \lambda^+$), $g : \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} u_\alpha \rightarrow D$ and $f_\alpha : u_\alpha \rightarrow Ord$ has range $\subseteq \lambda$ ($\alpha < \lambda^+$), then the following set belongs to D : $\{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha < \beta < \lambda^+, (f_\alpha, f_\beta) \text{ is a } \Delta\text{-system pair (see Definition 1.2 below), } \xi \in u_\alpha \cap u_\beta \rightarrow (\alpha, \beta) \in g(\xi)\}$.

Definition 1.1: Given a cardinal $\kappa > \lambda$. we call $\mathbf{p} = (\lambda_{\mathbf{p}}, \kappa_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}^0, I_{\mathbf{p}}^0, I_{\mathbf{p}}^1, \bar{\varphi}, D_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}})$ a (λ, D) -forcing template if:

- A) $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathbf{p}} < \kappa = \kappa_{\mathbf{p}}$.
- B) $I_{\mathbf{p}}^0 \cup I_{\mathbf{p}}^1 \subseteq H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{p}} \cup \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{p}})$ where $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{p}}$ and $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{p}}$ are disjoint sets of atoms.

Remark: See definition 1.16 for $H_{\leq \lambda}(X)$.

- C) $\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}$ the expansion of $(H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{p}} \cup \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{p}}), \in)$ by adding the relations $|\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}^0|$ and $P^{\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}^0}$ for every $P \in \tau(\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}^0)$ for a model $\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}}^0$ with universe $\mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}$.

D) $\bar{\varphi} = (\varphi_l(\bar{x}_l, \bar{y}) : l < 6)$ is a sequence of first order formulas from $\mathbb{L}(\tau_{\mathfrak{B}_p})$ and $lg(\bar{x}_l) = k_l$ where $k_0 = 1, k_1 = 2, k_2 = 3, k_3 = 3, k_4 = 2, k_5 = 2$. We allow the φ_i to include a second order symbol F (over which we shall not quantify) that will be interpreted as a function $h : I_p^0 \rightarrow \lambda$.

E) $D_p = D$ is a λ -complete filter as in Hypothesis 0 above.

Remark: We may omit the index \mathbf{p} whenever the identity of \mathbf{p} is clear from the context.

Definition 1.2: Suppose that $u_l \in [Ord]^{<\lambda}$ ($l = 1, 2$). A pair of functions $f_l : u_l \rightarrow Ord$ ($l = 1, 2$) is called a Δ -system pair if $otp(u_1) = otp(u_2)$, and for every $\alpha \in u_1 \cap u_2$, $otp(u_1 \cap \alpha) = otp(u_2 \cap \alpha)$ and $f_1(\alpha) = f_2(\alpha)$.

Claim/Example 1.3: Let D_λ^0 be the collection of subsets $X \subseteq \lambda^+ \times \lambda^+$ such that for some club $E \subseteq \lambda^+$ and regressive function $g : S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \rightarrow \lambda^+$, $\{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha < \beta < \lambda^+, \alpha \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E, \beta \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E, g(\alpha) = g(\beta)\} \subseteq X$, then D_λ^0 is as required in definition 1.1(E).

Proof: Clearly, $\emptyset \notin D_\lambda^0$. Let $(u_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+)$, $(f_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+)$ and g be as in definition 1.1(E), then for every $\xi \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} u_\alpha$ there is a club $E_\xi \subseteq \lambda^+$ and a regressive function $h_\xi : S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \rightarrow \lambda^+$ such that $X_\xi \subseteq g(\xi)$ where: $X_\xi := \{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha < \beta < \lambda^+, \alpha \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E_\xi, \beta \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E_\xi, h_\xi(\alpha) = h_\xi(\beta)\}$. For every $\alpha < \lambda^+$ let $S_\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} u_\beta$, $E_\alpha^* := \bigcap \{E_\xi : \xi \in S_\alpha\}$ and let $E_* := \bigtriangleup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} E_\alpha^*$, so E_α^* ($\alpha < \lambda^+$) and $E_* \subseteq \lambda^+$ are clubs. For every $\delta \in E_* \cap S_\lambda^{\lambda^+}$ define:

1. $u_\delta^* := u_\delta \cap S_\delta$.
2. $h_\delta^* : u_\delta^* \rightarrow \delta$ is defined by $h_\delta^*(\xi) := h_\xi(\delta)$ (recalling that $h_\xi(\delta)$ is well-defined and is $< \delta$).
3. $y_\delta^* = \{(otp(u_\delta \cap \zeta), f_\delta(\zeta)) : \zeta \in u_\delta\}$.
4. $S_\delta^2 := \{(h_*, y_*) : h_* \text{ is a function with domain } \in [S_\delta]^{<\lambda} \text{ and range } \subseteq \delta, y_* \subseteq [\lambda \times (\lambda + 1)]^{<\lambda}\}$.

Note that $\alpha < \beta \rightarrow S_\alpha^2 \subseteq S_\beta^2$ and that $|S_\alpha^2| \leq \lambda$ for every α . Note also that $S_\alpha^2 = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} S_\beta^2$ when $cf(\alpha) = \lambda$.

Now define a regressive function g_* on $S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E_*$ such that $g_*(\delta_1) = g_*(\delta_2)$ iff $h_{\delta_1}^* = h_{\delta_2}^*$ and $y_{\delta_1}^* = y_{\delta_2}^*$ (this can be done as in the proof of the λ -completeness of D_λ^0 , see below). Let $X = \{(\delta_1, \delta_2) : \delta_1 < \delta_2 \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E_* \wedge g_*(\delta_1) = g_*(\delta_2)\}$, then $X \in D_\lambda^0$ as witnessed by E_* and g_* . Therefore it's enough to prove that every $(\delta_1, \delta_2) \in X$, $(f_{\delta_1}, f_{\delta_2})$ is a Δ -system pair and $\xi \in u_{\delta_1} \cap u_{\delta_2}$ implies $(\delta_1, \delta_2) \in g(\xi)$. Indeed, as $g_*(\delta_1) = g_*(\delta_2)$, it follows that $h_{\delta_1}^* = h_{\delta_2}^*$ and $y_{\delta_1}^* = y_{\delta_2}^*$, hence $u_{\delta_1}^* = Dom(h_{\delta_1}^*) = Dom(h_{\delta_2}^*) = u_{\delta_2}^*$. Note also that if $\zeta \in Dom(f_{\delta_1}) \cap Dom(f_{\delta_2}) = u_{\delta_1} \cap u_{\delta_2}$, then as $\delta_1 < \delta_2$, it follows that $\zeta \in u_{\delta_2}^* = Dom(h_{\delta_1}^*)$. Therefore $Dom(f_{\delta_1}) \cap Dom(f_{\delta_2}) = Dom(h_{\delta_1}^*)$, and it follows that $(f_{\delta_1}, f_{\delta_2})$ is a Δ -system pair. If $\xi \in u_{\delta_1} \cap u_{\delta_2} =$

$Dom(f_{\delta_1}) \cap Dom(f_{\delta_2}) = Dom(h_{\delta_1}^*) = Dom(h_{\delta_2}^*)$, then as $h_{\delta_1}^* = h_{\delta_2}^*$, it follows that $h_\xi(\delta_1) = h_{\delta_1}^*(\xi) = h_{\delta_2}^*(\xi) = h_\xi(\delta_2)$. Therefore, $(\delta_1, \delta_2) \in X_\xi \subseteq g(\xi)$ and we're done.

Remark: It remains to show that $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in E_\xi$: $\delta_1 \in E_*$, hence $\delta_1 \in \bigcap_{\alpha < \delta_1} E_{\alpha^*}$. We have to show that $\xi \in S_\alpha$ for some $\alpha < \delta_1$.

Note that $\xi \in u_{\delta_1} \cap u_{\delta_2} = u_{\delta_1}^*$, hence $\xi \in S_{\delta_1}$, and as δ_1 is a limit ordinal, it follows that $\xi \in S_\alpha$ for some $\alpha < \delta_1$ (and similarly for δ_2).

In order to show that D_λ^0 is λ -complete, let $\zeta < \lambda$ and let $\{X_\xi : \xi < \zeta\} \subseteq D_\lambda^0$, we shall prove that $\bigcap_{\xi < \zeta} X_\xi \in D_\lambda^0$. For each ξ, ζ , there are E_ξ and g_ξ as in the definition of D_λ^0 witnessing that $E_\xi \in D_\lambda^0$. Fix a bijection $f : (\lambda^+)^{<\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda^+$ and let $E = \{\delta < \lambda^+ : \delta \text{ is a limit ordinal, and for every } \alpha < \delta \text{ and } \eta \in \alpha^{<\lambda}, f(\eta) < \delta\}$, then $E \subseteq \lambda^+$ is a club. Let $\delta \in E \cap S_\lambda^{\lambda^+}$, then $f(\eta) < \delta$ for every $\eta \in \delta^{<\lambda}$. Define a function $g : S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \rightarrow \lambda^+$ as follows: if $\delta \in S_\lambda^{\lambda^+} \cap E$, we let $g(\delta) = f((g_\xi(\delta) : \xi < \zeta))$. Otherwise, we let $g(\delta) = 0$. g is a well-defined regressive function. Let $E' = E \cap (\bigcap_{\xi < \zeta} E_\xi)$, then $E' \subseteq \lambda^+$ is a club. Let $X = \{(\alpha, \beta) : \alpha < \beta < \lambda^+, \alpha, \beta \in E' \cap S_\lambda^{\lambda^+}, g(\alpha) = g(\beta)\}$, then as $X \in D_\lambda^0$, it suffices to show that $X \subseteq X_\xi$ for every $\xi < \zeta$. As $E' \subseteq E_\xi$ for every $\xi < \zeta$, if $\alpha, \beta \in E' \cap S_\lambda^{\lambda^+}$ and $g(\alpha) = g(\beta)$, then $g_\xi(\alpha) = g_\xi(\beta)$. This implies that $X \subseteq X_\xi$, as required. This completes the proof of the claim. \square

Definition 1.4: Given a (λ, D) -forcing template \mathbf{p} and a function $h : I_{\mathbf{p}}^0 \rightarrow \lambda$, we say that the pair (\mathbf{p}, h) is **active** if:

A) $(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h}, \leq_{\mathbf{p}, h})$ is a forcing notion where $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h} = \{a \in H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{U} \cup \mathbf{I}) : \mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}} \models \varphi_0(a, h)\}$, $\leq_{\mathbf{p}, h} = \{(a, b) : \mathfrak{B}_{\mathbf{p}} \models \varphi_1(a, b, h)\}$.

B) For every $\gamma < \lambda$ and $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h}$ the formula $\varphi_2(-, \gamma, p, h)$ defines a winning strategy for player \mathbf{I} in the game $G_\gamma(p, \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h})$ (see definition 1.14 below).

Remark: The strategy may not provide a unique move and we shall allow the completeness player to extend the condition given by the strategy.

C) $\varphi_4(-, -, h)$ defines a function tr such that $Dom(tr) = \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h}$ and for every $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}, h}$, $tr(p)$ is a function with domain X for some $X \in [I_{\mathbf{p}}^1]^{<\lambda}$ and range $\subseteq \lambda$, such that tr satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) $p \leq q \rightarrow tr(p) \subseteq tr(q)$.
- 2) $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}, h}$ is a set consisting of all possible trunks, each is a function from some $u \in [I_{\mathbf{p}}^1]^{<\lambda}$ to λ .
- 3) The formula $\varphi_5(-, -, h)$ defines a binary compatibility relation $com \subseteq \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}, h} \times \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}, h}$ (see (6) below).
- 4) If $com(p, \eta)$ then:
 - a. There is q such that $p \leq q$ such that $tr(q) = \eta$.
 - b. If $q \leq p$ then $con(q, \eta)$.
- 5) $\leq_{\mathbf{p}}$ is a partial ordering of $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}}$ such that $\eta_1 \leq \eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1 \subseteq \eta_2$.

6) $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ is a reflexive binary relation on $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}}$ such that if $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ and $tr(p_1)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p},h}tr(p_2)$ then $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ have a common upper bound q , and $tr(q) = tr(p_1) \cup tr(p_2)$. This is defined by $\varphi_5(-, -, h)$.

7) If $j < \lambda$ and $\bigwedge_{i < j} tr(p_i) = \eta$ then:

a. There is q such that $\bigwedge_{i < j} (p_i \leq q)$ and $tr(q) = \eta$.

b. There is a λ -Borel function $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p},h,j}$ such that $q = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p},h,j}(\dots, p_i, \dots)_{i < j}$.

8) $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ satisfies the (λ, D) -chain condition: if $p_\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ ($\alpha < \lambda^+$) then $\{(\alpha, \beta) : tr(p_\alpha)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p},1}tr(p_\beta)\} \in D$.

9) (Relevant for $\lambda > \aleph_0$) For every $\delta < \lambda$ and a play $(p_i, q_i : i < \delta)$ of length $< \lambda$ chosen according to the winning strategy for the game in clause (B), there is a bound p_δ given by the strategy such that $tr(p_\delta) = \bigcup_{i < \delta} tr(p_i)$.

E) 1. $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}} \text{''}Dom(\eta_{\mathbf{p}}) = I_{\mathbf{p}}^1\text{''}$ where $\eta_{\mathbf{p}} = \eta_{\mathbf{p},h}$ is the $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ -name of $\bigcup\{tr(q) : q \in G_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}}}\}$.

2. For every $b \in I_{\mathbf{p}}^1$ and $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ then there is $\eta \in \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}}$ such that $b \in Dom(\eta) \wedge com(p, \eta)$.

F) $\eta_{\mathbf{p}}$ is generic for $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$, i.e. there is a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B} defined in V such that $\Vdash \text{''}p \in G \text{ iff } \mathbf{B}(p, \eta_{\mathbf{p}}) = true\text{''}$ for every $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$.

G) If p and q are incompatible and $tr(p) \subseteq tr(q)$, then $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}} \text{''}tr(q) \not\subseteq \eta_{\mathbf{p}}\text{''}$. In this case we shall say that p and $tr(q)$ are incompatible.

H) If $i(*) < \lambda$, $p_i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ ($i < i(*)$) and q are as in 1.4(C)(7) and p is a condition such that $tr(q) \subseteq tr(p)$ and such that q and $tr(p)$ are incompatible, then there is $i < i(*)$ such that $\{p_i, tr(p)\}$ are incompatible.

Remark: Clauses (G)+(H) will be used later, for example, in claim 4.1.

I) Each element of $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ is a function of size λ with domain $\subseteq I_{\mathbf{p}}^1$ and range $\subseteq H(\lambda)$.

Iteration templates

Similarly to forcing templates, iteration templates will contain the information from which we shall construct our iterations. This information will include a well-founded partial order along which we shall define the iteration. For every element in the partial order, we shall assign a forcing template and two types of memory: a strong memory which will be used for the construction of the forcing conditions, and a weak memory which will be used to define the necessary parameter for the forcing at the current stage. The parameters will then be computed in a λ -Borel way from the previous generics.

Definition 1.5: A (λ, D) -iteration template \mathbf{q} consists of the objects $\{L_{\mathbf{q}}, (\mathbf{p}_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}), ((u_t^0, \bar{u}_t^1) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}), ((w_t^0, \bar{w}_t^1) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}), D_{\mathbf{q}}, ((\mathbf{B}_{t,b}, (s_t(b, \zeta), a_{t,b,\zeta}) : \zeta < \xi(t, b)) : b \in I_{\mathbf{p}_t}^0) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}})\}$ such that:

- A) $D_{\mathbf{q}} = D$, $L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is a well-founded partial order with elements from \mathbf{U} .
- B) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$, $\mathbf{p}_t = \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q},t}$ is a (λ, D) forcing template.
- C) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$, $u_{\mathbf{q},t}^0 = u_t^0 \subseteq L_{<t} = \{s \in L : s <_L t\}$ and $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{q},t}^1 = \bar{u}_t^1 = (u_{t,s}^1 : s \in u_t^0)$ where $u_{t,s}^1 \subseteq I_s^1 = I_{\mathbf{p}_s}^1$. We shall refer to $u_{\mathbf{q},t}^0$ as strong memory.
- D) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$, $w_t^0 \subseteq u_t^0$ and $\bar{w}_t^1 = (w_{t,s}^1 : s \in w_t^0)$ where $w_{t,s}^1 \subseteq u_{t,s}^1 \subseteq I_s^1$. We shall refer to w_t^0 as weak memory.

Remark: In many interesting cases, $w_t^0 = \emptyset$ for all t (this will correspond to an iteration where the definitions of the forcing notions are without parameters).

- E) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $b \in I_{\mathbf{p}_t}^0$, $\mathbf{B}_{t,b}$ is a λ -Borel $\xi(t, b)$ -place function ($\xi(t, b) < \lambda^+$) from $\lambda^{\xi(t,b)}$ to λ . For every $\zeta < \xi(t, b)$ we have $s_t(b, \zeta) \in w_t^0$ and $a_{t,b,\zeta} \in w_{t,s_t(b,\zeta)}^1$.
- F) $D_{\mathbf{q}}$ is a λ -complete filter as in Hypothesis 0 such that $D_{\mathbf{p}_t} = D_{\mathbf{q}}$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$.

Definition 1.6(A): Given an iteration template \mathbf{q} and $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$, let $cl(L) = cl_{\mathbf{q}}(L)$ be the minimal L' such that $L \subseteq L' \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $t \in L' \rightarrow w_{\mathbf{q},t}^0 \subseteq L'$.

Definition 1.7: 1. Let \mathbf{P} be a set of forcing templates, we shall denote by $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{P}}$ the collection of iteration templates \mathbf{q} with forcing templates from \mathbf{P} (i.e. $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q},t} \in \mathbf{P}$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$).

2. For $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2 \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{P}}$ we write $\mathbf{q}_1 \leq_{\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{q}_2$ if the following conditions hold:

- a. $L_{\mathbf{q}_1} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_2}$.
- b. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$, $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_1,t} = \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_2,t}$ and $u_{\mathbf{q}_1}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_2}^0 \cap L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$.
- c. $(w_{\mathbf{q}_1,t}^0, \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_1,t}^1 : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_1}) = (w_{\mathbf{q}_2,t}^0, \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_2,t}^1 : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_2}) \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{q}_1}$ and similarly for the other sequences appearing in definition 1.4.

Definition 1.8: Let \mathbf{q} be an iteration template and let $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$, we shall say that L is a closed sub-partial order (or “ L is closed with respect to weak memory”) if $w_t^0 \subseteq L$ for every $t \in L$.

Definition 1.9: 1. Given $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$, let $cl(L) = cl_{\mathbf{q}}(L)$ be the minimal set $L \subseteq L' \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ such that $w_t^0 \subseteq L'$ for every $t \in L'$. Note that $|cl(L)| = |L| + \lambda$.

Convention 1.9(A): Throughout this paper, whenever \mathbf{q} is an iteration template, $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L$ is defined (see definition 1.11), we shall assume that L is closed w.r.t. weak memory.

Definition 1.10: Let \mathbf{q} be an iteration template, we shall define for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \cup \{\infty\}$ a forcing notion $\mathbb{P}_t = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},t}$, a forcing notion $\mathbb{P}_L = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q},L}$ for any initial segment $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and names $\mathbb{Q}_t = \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{q},t}$, η_t by induction on $dp(t)$ (see definition 3.3):

- A) $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$ (\mathbb{P}_L) iff
- 1) p is a function with domain $\subseteq L_{<t}$ (or $\subseteq L$ in the case of \mathbb{P}_L) of cardinality $< \lambda$.
 - 2) For every $s \in \text{Dom}(p)$, $p(s) = \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}$ (we may write $p(s) = (tr(p(s)), \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots))$) for a λ -Borel function $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}$ into $H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{U} \cup \mathbf{I})$ and an

object $tr(p(s))$ such that $tr(p(s))$ is computable from $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}$ (i.e. the range of $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}$ consists of conditions with trunk $tr(p(s))$), $\xi = \xi_{p(s)} \leq \lambda$, $\{t_\zeta : \zeta < \xi\} \subseteq u_s^0$ and for every t_ζ , $a_\zeta \in u_{t_\zeta}^1$.

3) For every $s \in Dom(p)$, $p \upharpoonright L_{<s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_s} "p(s) \in \mathbb{Q}_s"$.

B) $\mathbb{P}_t \Vdash p \leq q$ iff $Dom(p) \subseteq Dom(q)$ and for every $s \in Dom(p)$, $q \upharpoonright L_{<s} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_s} p(s) \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_s} q(s)$.

C) 1. Let $h_t : I_{\mathbf{p}_t}^0 \rightarrow \lambda$ be the name of a function defined by $h_t(b) = \mathbf{B}_{t,b}(\dots, \eta_{s_t(b,\zeta)}(a_{t,b,\zeta}), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(t,b)}$.

2. a. If (\mathbf{p}_t, h_t) is active in $V^{\mathbb{P}_t}$ (see Definition 1.4), we shall define \mathbb{Q}_t as the \mathbb{P}_t -name

of $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_t, h_t}^{V[\eta_s : s \in u_t^0]}$.

b. If (\mathbf{p}_t, h_t) is not active in $V^{\mathbb{P}_t}$, we shall define \mathbb{Q}_t as the trivial forcing.

D) η_t will be defined as the $\mathbb{P}_t * \mathbb{Q}_t$ name $\eta_{\mathbf{p}_t, h_t}$.

Definition 1.11: Given a forcing template \mathbf{q} and a sub partial order $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ we shall define the iteration template $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L$ as follows:

A) $L_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L} = L$.

B) For every $t \in L$, $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t} = \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}, t}$.

C) For every $t \in L$, $u_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}, t}^0 \cap L$ and $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t}^1 = \bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}, t}^1 \upharpoonright u_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t}^0$.

D) For every $t \in L$, $w_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t}^0 = w_{\mathbf{q}, t}^0$ and $\bar{w}_{\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L, t}^1 = \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}, t}^1$.

E) For every $t \in L$ the other objects in the definition of \mathbf{q} are not changed.

Observation 1.12: $\mathbf{q} \upharpoonright L$ is an iteration template.

Definition 1.13: Let λ be a regular cardinal, \mathbb{P} a forcing notion and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{P}$.

A) $\mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(Y)$ will be defined as the closure of Y under the operations $\neg, \bigwedge_{i < \alpha}$ for $\alpha < \lambda^+$.

B) For a generic set $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ and $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(Y)$ the truth value of $\psi[G]$ will be defined naturally by induction on the depth of ψ (for example, for $p \in \mathbb{P}$, $p[G] = true$ iff $p \in G$).

C) The forcing $\mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(Y, \mathbb{P})$ will be defined as follows:

1) $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(Y, \mathbb{P})$ iff $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(Y)$ and $\not\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} " \psi[G] = false "$.

2) $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$ iff $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} " \psi_2[G] = true \rightarrow \psi_1[G] = true "$.

More definitions and assumptions

Strategic completeness

Definition 1.14: A) Let \mathbb{P} be a forcing notion, $\alpha \in Ord$ and $p \in \mathbb{P}$. The two player game $G_\alpha(p, \mathbb{P})$ will be defined as follows:

The game consists of α moves. In the β th move player **I** chooses $p_\beta \in \mathbb{P}$ such that $p \leq p_\beta \wedge (\bigwedge_{\gamma < \beta} q_\gamma \leq p_\beta)$, player **II** responds with a condition q_β such that $p_\beta \leq q_\beta$.

Winning condition: Player **I** wins the play iff for each $\beta < \alpha$ there is a legal move for him.

B) Let \mathbb{P} be a forcing notion and $\alpha \in Ord$, \mathbb{P} is called α -strategically complete if for each $p \in \mathbb{P}$ player **I** has a winning strategy for $G_\alpha(p, \mathbb{P})$.

C) We say that \mathbb{P} is $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete if it's α -strategically complete for every $\alpha < \lambda$.

We shall freely use the following fact:

Fact 1.15: $(< \lambda)$ -strategic completeness is preserved under $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations.

Models with atoms

Definition 1.16: A) Given two sets X and x , $trcl_X(x) = trcl(x, X)$ will be defined as the minimal set u such that:

1. $x \in u$.
2. $y \subseteq u$ for every $y \in u \setminus X$.

B) For a cardinal κ and a set X we define $H_{\leq \kappa}(X)$ as the collection of sets x such that $|trcl(x, X)| \leq \kappa$ and $\emptyset \notin trcl(x, X)$.

C) X is called κ -flat if $x \notin H_{\leq \kappa}(X \setminus \{x\})$ for every $x \in X$.

Absoluteness

The following requirements will be assumed throughout the paper for all (λ, D) -forcing templates \mathbf{p} :

Requirement 1.17: A (λ, D) -cc forcing template \mathbf{p} is called (λ, D) -absolute when: If \mathbb{P}_1 and \mathbb{P}_2 are $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete forcing notions satisfying (λ, D) -cc such that $\mathbb{P}_1 < \mathbb{P}_2$, $V_l = V^{\mathbb{P}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$) and $\mathbf{p} \in V_1$, then we shall require that:

- A) " $p \leq_{\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}} q$ " is absolute between V_1 and V_2 .
- B) " $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ " is absolute between V_1 and V_2 .
- C) " p and q are incompatible in $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}$ " is absolute between V_1 and V_2 .
- D) Similarly for the other formulas involved in the definition of \mathbf{p} (see definition 1.1).

Definition 1.18: Let $\mathbf{p} \in V_1$ be a forcing template and let \mathbf{B} be a λ -Borel function. We say that \mathbf{B} is a λ -Borel function into \mathbf{p} if for every $V_1 \subseteq V_2$ as above, the range of \mathbf{B} is in $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p},h}^{V_2}$ and the trunk of the members in the range depends only on \mathbf{B} .

Requirement 1.19: A) All λ -Borel functions will be assumed to be into a relevant forcing template \mathbf{p} .

B) $D_{\mathbf{p}}$ is fixed and is absolute, i.e. " $X \in D_{\mathbf{p}}$ " is absolute (in the sense of 1.17) as well as the requirements in definition 1.1(E).

We shall also use the following well-known fact:

Fact: If \mathbb{P} is ($< \lambda$)-strategically complete and \mathbf{B} is a λ -Borel function, then " $\mathbf{B}(x) = y$ " is absolute between V and $V^{\mathbb{P}}$.

Iteration parameters and the corrected iteration

Iteration parameters

We will be interested in iterations along a prescribed partial order M . However, we will also have to consider iterations along a larger partial order that L that contains M . Therefore, we shall define a binary relation E' on L such that $L \setminus M$ will consist of equivalence classes that are only related via M . We shall require that those equivalence classes will be preserved when we extend the iteration, so extensions will be obtained by adding new equivalence classes.

Hypothesis 2.1: We shall assume in this section that:

- A) $\lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda}$ is a cardinal and D is a filter as in Hypothesis 0.
- B) $\lambda \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ are cardinals such that $\beth_3(\lambda_1) \leq \lambda_2$.
- C) \mathbf{P} is a set of (λ, D) -forcing templates that are (λ, D) -absolute and absolutely active, i.e. in $V^{\mathbb{Q}}$ for every $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete (λ, D) -c.c. forcing notion \mathbb{Q} .
- D) \mathbf{I} and \mathbf{U} are disjoint sets such that $<_{\mathbf{U}}$ is a fixed well ordering of \mathbf{U} and $\mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}$ is λ^+ .
- E) $|\mathbf{P}| \leq 2^{\lambda^2}$.

Definition 2.2.A: Let $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ be the collection of triples $\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}, M_{\mathbf{m}}, E'_{\mathbf{m}})$ such that the following conditions hold (we may replace the index \mathbf{m} by $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}$ or omit it completely when the context is clear):

- A) $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}} \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{P}}$.
- B) $M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}}$ is a sub partial order.
- C) For every $t \in M$, $w_t^0 \subseteq M$.
- D) $E' = E'_{\mathbf{m}}$ is a relation on $L_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}}$ satisfying the following properties:
 1. $E'' = E' \upharpoonright (L \setminus M)$ is an equivalence relation on $L \setminus M$.
 2. For every non E'' -equivalent $s, t \in L \setminus M$, $s <_L t$ iff there is $r \in M$ such that $s < r < t$.
 3. If $sE't$ then $s \notin M$ or $t \notin M$.

4. If $t \in L \setminus M$ then $\{s \in L : sE't\} = \{s \in L : tE's\}$. We shall denote this set by t/E' .

5. If $s, t \in L \setminus M$ are E'' -equivalent, then $s/E' = t/E'$.

6. If $t \in L \setminus M$ then $u_t^0 \subseteq t/E'$.

7. If $t \in L \setminus M$ then $|t/E'| \leq \lambda_2$.

8. $\|M\| \leq \lambda_1$.

9. $|w_t^0| \leq \lambda$ for every t .

E) In addition to the objects mentioned in definition 1.5, \mathbf{q}_m includes a sequence $\bar{v}_m = (v_{\mathbf{q}_m, t} : t \in L_m) = (v_t : t \in L_m)$ such that for every $t \in L_m$ we have:

1. $v_t \subseteq [u_t^0]^{\leq \lambda}$, $w_t^0 \in v_t$ and for every $u \in v_t$, $u \cup w_t^0 \in v_t$ (recall that the u_t^0 and w_t^0 are part of the definition of \mathbf{q}_m mentioned in 1.5).

2. v_t is closed under subsets.

3. If $t \in L_m \setminus M_m$ then $|v_t| \leq \lambda_2$. If $t \in M_m$ and $s \in L \setminus M$ then $|\{u \in v_t : u \cap (s/E'_m) \neq \emptyset\}| \leq \lambda_2$.

4. For every $u \in v_t$, if $u \not\subseteq M_m$ then there is $s \in L_m \setminus M_m$ such that $u \subseteq s/E'$.

We shall now supply the final definition of the forcing (recalling definition 1.8).

Definition 2.2.B: For $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and the corresponding iteration template \mathbf{q}_m we shall define $\mathbb{P}_t = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}, t}$, \mathbb{Q}_t and η_t in the same way as in 1.10, except that we replace (A)(2) and (C) with the following definition (so $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}, t} \neq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{q}_m, t}$):

For every $s \in \text{Dom}(p)$ there is $\iota(p(s)) < \lambda$, a collection of sets $W_{p(s), \iota} \subseteq \xi_{p(s)} \leq \lambda$ ($\iota < \iota(p(s))$), a collection of λ -Borel functions $\mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}$ ($\iota < \iota(p(s))$), λ -Borel functions $\mathbf{C}_{p(s)}$ and $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}$ and an object $\text{tr}(p(s))$ such that the following conditions hold:

A) $\xi = \xi_{p(s)} = \bigcup_{\iota < \iota(p(s))} W_{p(s), \iota}$.

B) $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}_s, \iota(p(s))}(\dots, \mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}}, \dots)_{\iota < \iota(p(s))}$ such that $t_\zeta \in u_s^0$ and $a_\zeta \in u_{t_\zeta}^1$ for every $\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}$.

C) For every $\iota < \iota(p(s))$ there is $u \in v_s$ such that $\{t_\zeta : \zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}\} \subseteq u$.

D) $p(s) = \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}$. We may write $p(s) = (\text{tr}(p(s)), \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi})$.

E) \mathbb{Q}_t will be defined as the \mathbb{P}_t -name of the subforcing of $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_t, h_t}$ with elements of

the form $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}_s, \iota(p(s))}(\dots, p_i, \dots)_{i < i(*)}$ such that each p_i belongs to $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_t, h_t}^{V[\eta_s : s \in u]}$ for some $u \in v_{\mathbf{m}, t}$ and λ -Borel function $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{p}_s, \iota(p(s))}(\dots, p_i, \dots)_{i < i(*)}$ into $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_t, h_t}$.

F) For each $q_{s, \iota} = \mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}}$ there is an object $\text{tr}(q_{s, \iota})$ such that the range of $\mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}$ consists of conditions with trunk $\text{tr}(q_{s, \iota})$.

G. For the time being, $tr(p(s)) = tr(q_{s,\iota})$ for every $\iota < \iota(p(s))$, and the objects of the form $tr(q_{s,\iota})$ are pairwise strongly compatible.

H) $tr(p(s)) = \bigcup_{\iota} tr(q_{s,\iota})$.

I) $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{''}\mathbf{C}_{p(s)}(\dots, \mathbf{B}_{p(s),\iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s),\iota}, \dots})_{\iota < \iota(p(s))} \in \mathcal{G} \leftrightarrow (\forall \iota < \iota(p(s))) \mathbf{B}_{p(s),\iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s),\iota}}$

\mathcal{G} and similarly for \mathbf{C} from (E).

Definition 2.3: Let L be a well founded partial order, we shall define the depth of an element of L and the depth of L by induction as follows:

A) $dp(t) = dp_L(t) = \cup\{dp_L(s) + 1 : s <_L t\}$.

B) $dp(L) = \cup\{dp_L(t) + 1 : t \in L\}$.

Definition 2.4: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and let $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ be a sub-partial order, we shall define $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L$ as follows:

A) $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}} \upharpoonright L$.

B) $M_{\mathbf{n}} = M_{\mathbf{m}} \cap L$.

C) $E'_{\mathbf{n}} = E'_{\mathbf{m}} \cap L \times L$.

D) For every $t \in L$ we define $v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}$ as $\{u \cap L : u \in v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t}\}$.

Remark: If $M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L$ then $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$.

Definition 2.5: Let $\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, a function $f : L_{\mathbf{m}} \rightarrow L_{\mathbf{n}}$ is an isomorphism of \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} if the following conditions hold:

A) f is an isomorphism of the partial orders $L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $L_{\mathbf{n}}$.

B) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},f(t)}$.

C) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, $f(u_{\mathbf{m},t}^0) = u_{\mathbf{n},f(t)}^0$ and $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{m},t}^1 = \bar{u}_{\mathbf{n},f(t)}^1$.

D) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, $f(w_{\mathbf{m},t}^0) = w_{\mathbf{n},f(t)}^0$ and $\bar{w}_{\mathbf{m},t}^1 = \bar{w}_{\mathbf{n},f(t)}^1$.

E) $M_{\mathbf{n}} = f(M_{\mathbf{m}})$.

F) For every $s, t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, $sE'_{\mathbf{m}}t$ if and only if $f(s)E'_{\mathbf{n}}f(t)$.

G) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, if $((\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{m},t,b}, (s_t(b, \zeta), a_{t,b,\zeta} : \zeta < \xi(t, b)) : b \in I_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t}}^0) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}})$ is as in 1.4(F) for \mathbf{m} , then $((\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{n},t,b}, (f(s_t(b, \zeta)), a_{t,b,\zeta} : \zeta < \xi(t, b)) : b \in I_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},f(t)}}^0) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}}})$ is as in 1.4(F) for \mathbf{n} at $f(t)$.

H) For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, $u \in v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t}$ if and only if $f(u) \in v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}$.

Definition 2.6: We say that $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$ are equivalent if $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}}$.

Remark: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ depends only on $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Definition 2.7: A) Let L be a partial order, we shall denote by L^+ the partial order obtained from L by adding a new element ∞ such that $t < \infty$ for every $t \in L$.

B) Given $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ we shall denote by $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ the limit of $(\mathbb{P}_t, \mathbb{Q}_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{m}})$ with support $< \lambda$, i.e. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m},\infty}$. We shall denote \mathbb{P}_t by $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m},t}$ and similarly for \mathbb{Q}_t .

C) $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_m$ are strongly compatible if $tr(p(s))R_p tr(q(s))$ for every $s \in Dom(p) \cap Dom(q)$.

D) Given an initial segment $L \subseteq L_m$, let $\mathbb{P}_{m,L} = \mathbb{P}_m \upharpoonright \{p \in \mathbb{P}_m : Dom(p) \subseteq L\}$.

Claim 2.8: Let $m \in M$ and $s < t \in L_m^+$.

A) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_s$ then $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$ and $p \upharpoonright L_{<s} = p$.

B) If $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_s$ then $\mathbb{P}_s \models p \leq q$ iff $\mathbb{P}_t \models p \leq q$.

C) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$ then $p \upharpoonright L_{<s} \in \mathbb{P}_s$ and $\mathbb{P}_{L_2} \models "p \upharpoonright L_1 \leq p"$.

D) If $\mathbb{P}_t \models p \leq q$ then $\mathbb{P}_s \models p \upharpoonright L_{<s} \leq q \upharpoonright L_{<s}$.

E) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$, $q \in \mathbb{P}_s$ and $p \upharpoonright L_{<s} \leq q \in \mathbb{P}_s$ then $p, q \leq q \cup (p \upharpoonright (L_{<t} \setminus L_{<s})) \in \mathbb{P}_t$.

F) If $s < t \in L_m^+$ then $\mathbb{P}_s \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_t$.

Proof: Should be clear. \square

Claim 2.8': Suppose that $m \in M$ and $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq L_m$ are initial segments.

A) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_{L_1}$ then $p \in \mathbb{P}_{L_2}$ and $p \upharpoonright L_1 = p$.

B) If $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{L_1}$ then $\mathbb{P}_{L_1} \models p \leq q$ iff $\mathbb{P}_{L_2} \models p \leq q$.

C) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_{L_2}$ then $p \upharpoonright L_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{L_1}$.

D) If $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{L_2}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{L_2} \models p \leq q$ then $\mathbb{P}_{L_1} \models p \upharpoonright L_1 \leq q \upharpoonright L_1$.

E) If $p \in \mathbb{P}_{L_2}$, $q \in \mathbb{P}_{L_1}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{L_1} \models "p \upharpoonright L_1 \leq q"$ then $\mathbb{P}_{L_2} \models "p, q \leq q \cup (p \upharpoonright (L_2 \setminus L_1))"$.

F) $\mathbb{P}_{L_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{L_2}$.

Proof: Should be clear. \square

Claim 2.9: If $m \in M$, $p \in \mathbb{P}_m$ and $s \in Dom(p)$, then there is a λ -Borel name of the form $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, TV(\eta_{s_\zeta}(a_\zeta) = j_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p,s)}$ such that $\mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, TV(\eta_{s_\zeta}(a_\zeta) = j_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p,s)} \upharpoonright G_{\mathbb{Q}_t} = true$ iff $p(s) \in G_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$.

Proof: Follows from the definition of forcing templates and the assumptions of the previous chapter using the λ^+ -c.c.. \square

Claim 2.10: Let $m \in M$ and let $L \subseteq L_m$ be an initial segment.

A) If $s \in L$ then $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_L} \eta_s \in \prod_{r \in I_{\mathbb{P}_s}^1} X_r$ where $X_r = \{x \in \lambda : \mathcal{K}_{\mathbb{Q}_s} \eta_s(r) \neq x\} \subseteq \lambda$ (we may take $\lambda^{I_{\mathbb{P}_s}^1}$ instead of this product).

B) $\mathbb{P}_m \models (\lambda, D) - cc$ (hence $\mathbb{P}_m \models \lambda^+ - c.c.$).

C) $\mathbb{P}_{m,L}$ is $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete.

D) Let $t \in L_m$, if $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} "y \in \mathbb{Q}_t"$ then there is a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B} , $\xi \leq \lambda$ and a sequence $(r_\zeta : \zeta < \xi)$ of members of u_t^0 such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} "y = \mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{r_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}"$ for suitable $a_\zeta \in u_{r_\zeta}^1$.

E) $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_m} V[\eta_t : t \in L_m] = V[G]$.

F) If $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_L} \text{"}\eta \in V^\zeta\text{"}$ for some $\zeta < \lambda$, then there is a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B} , $\xi \leq \lambda$ and a sequence $(r_\zeta : \zeta < \xi)$ of members of u_t^0 such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_L} \text{"}\eta = \mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{r_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}\text{"}$ for suitable $a_\zeta \in u_{r_\zeta}^1$.

Proof: The proof is by induction on $dp(L)$.

A) Let $p \in \mathbb{P}_L$ and $a \in I_{\mathbf{p}_s}^1$ and let $p_1 = p \upharpoonright L_{<s}$, then $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{L_{<s}}$.

Case 1: $s \notin \text{Dom}(p)$. There is $f \in \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{p}_s}$ such that $a \in \text{Dom}(f)$, and by absoluteness (and parts (D)(2) and (E)(1) of Definition 1.4), $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{L_{<s}}} \text{"There is } p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_s, h_s} \text{ such that } f = \text{tr}(p)\text{"}$. By the induction hypothesis for clause (D), there are $p_1 \leq p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{L_{<s}}$, a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B} , $\xi \leq \lambda$ and a sequence $(r_\zeta : \zeta < \xi)$ of members of u_s^0 such that $p_2 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{L_{<s}}} \text{"}f = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{r_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi})\text{"}$. Now define a condition $p_3 \in \mathbb{P}_L$ as follows: $\text{Dom}(p_3) = \text{Dom}(p_2) \cup \text{Dom}(p) \cup \{s\}$, $p_3 \upharpoonright \text{Dom}(p_2) = p_2$, $p_3 \upharpoonright (\text{Dom}(p) \setminus \text{Dom}(p_2)) = p \upharpoonright (\text{Dom}(p) \setminus \text{Dom}(p_2))$ and $p_3(s) = (f, \mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{r_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi})$. $p, p_2 \leq p_3$ by 2.8 and the definition of the partial order.

Case 2: $s \in \text{Dom}(p)$. $p(s)$ has the form $\mathbf{C}_{p(s)}(\dots, \mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}}, \dots)_{\iota < \iota(p(s))}$ as in definition 2.2(B). In $V^{\mathbb{P}_{L_{<s}}}$, $V[\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}, \dots]_{\zeta < \xi_{p(s)}}$ (see definition 2.2(B) for $\xi_{p(s)}$) is a subuniverse, $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbf{p}_s, h_s}^{V[\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}, \dots]_{\zeta < \xi_{p(s)}}$ is well-defined (recall Definitions 1.5(E) and 1.10(C)) and $p(s)[\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}, \dots]_{\zeta < \xi_{p(s)}}$ is a condition in \mathbb{Q} with trunk $\text{tr}(p(s))$. We now continue as in case 1, recalling definition 1.2(E).

B) First we shall introduce a new definition: Let $L \subseteq L_m$ be an initial segment, ζ an ordinal, $\gamma < \lambda$ and let $L[<\zeta] = \{t \in L : dp(t) < \zeta\}$.

Now suppose that $\{p_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{L[<\zeta]}$. Fix an enumeration $(s_\epsilon : \epsilon < \epsilon_*)$ of $L[<\zeta]$. For every $\alpha < \lambda^+$, let $u_\alpha = \{\epsilon : s_\epsilon \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha)\}$. For $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha)$, let $h_{s, \alpha} = \text{tr}(p_\alpha(s))$. By 1.2(D)(10), there is $X_s \in D$ such that $(\alpha, \beta) \in X_s \rightarrow h_{s, \alpha} R_{\mathbf{p}_s, 1} h_{s, \beta}$. For every $\alpha < \lambda^+$, $|u_\alpha| \leq |\text{Dom}(p_\alpha)| < \lambda$. For every $\alpha < \lambda^+$, define $f_\alpha : u_\alpha \rightarrow \lambda$ by $f_\alpha(\zeta) = \text{otp}(u_\alpha \cap \zeta)$, and define $g : \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} u_\alpha \rightarrow D$ by $g(\xi) = X_{s_\xi}$. Let $X \in D$ be the set described in 1.1(E)(2) for $(g, (f_\alpha, u_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+))$, we shall prove that for $(\alpha, \beta) \in X$, $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha) \cap \text{Dom}(p_\beta) \rightarrow \text{tr}(p_\alpha(s)) R_{\mathbf{p}_s, 1} \text{tr}(p_\beta(s))$. Given $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha) \cap \text{Dom}(p_\beta)$, $s = s_\xi$ for some $\xi \in u_\alpha \cap u_\beta$, so $(\alpha, \beta) \in g(\xi) = X_{s_\xi}$. It follows that $\text{tr}(p_\alpha(s)) R_{\mathbf{p}_s, 1} \text{tr}(p_\beta(s))$. For such α and β , it now suffices to define p as follows:

1. $\text{Dom}(p) = \text{Dom}(p_\alpha) \cup \text{Dom}(p_\beta)$.
2. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha) \cap \text{Dom}(p_\beta)$, let $\text{tr}(p(s)) = \text{tr}(p_\alpha(s)) \cup \text{tr}(p_\beta(s))$.
3. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\alpha) \setminus \text{Dom}(p_\beta)$, let $\text{tr}(p(s)) = \text{tr}(p_\alpha(s))$.
4. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p_\beta) \setminus \text{Dom}(p_\alpha)$, let $\text{tr}(p(s)) = \text{tr}(p_\beta(s))$.

5. $p(s)$ will be defined accordingly.

C) See, e.g., [Sh:587] for the preservation of $(< \lambda)$ -strategic completeness under $(< \lambda)$ -support iterations.

D) In order to avoid awkward notation, we shall write $\mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{\zeta}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}$ instead of $\mathbf{B}(\dots, \eta_{\zeta}(a_{\zeta}), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi}$ for suitable $a_{\zeta} \in u_{\zeta}^1$.

The proof of the claim is by induction on $dp(t)$. Given $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$, we shall prove the following claim by induction on $\zeta < \lambda^+$:

1. For every $p \in \mathbb{P}_t$ and $\zeta < \lambda^+$ such that $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y \in H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}) \wedge rk(y) < \zeta\text{"}$ there is a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B}_p such that $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \mathbf{B}_p(\dots, \eta_{r_{\zeta}}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p)}\text{"}$ with $r_{\zeta} \in u_t^0$.

By a standard argument of definition by cases, this claim is equivalent to:

2. For every antichain $I = \{p_i : i < i(*) \leq \lambda\}$ such that $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y \in H_{\leq \lambda}(\mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}) \wedge rk(y) < \zeta\text{"}$ for every i , there is a λ -Borel function \mathbf{B}_I such that for every $i < i(*)$, $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \mathbf{B}_I(\dots, \eta_{r_{\zeta}}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p)}\text{"}$.

Clause I: $\zeta = 0$.

There is nothing to prove in this case.

Clause II: ζ is a limit ordinal.

We shall prove the second version of the claim. For every $i < i(*)$, let $\{p_{i,j} : j < j(i)\}$ be a maximal antichain above p_i such that every $p_{i,j}$ forces a value $\zeta_{i,j}$ to $rk(y)$. As $p \Vdash rk(y) < \zeta$, for every i, j we have $\zeta_{i,j} < \zeta$. Hence, by the induction, for every i, j there is $\mathbf{B}_{i,j}(\dots, \eta_{r_{\zeta_{i,j}}}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(i,j)}$ as required. For every $i < i(*)$ define a name \mathbf{B}_i such that $\mathbf{B}_i[G] = \mathbf{B}_{i,j}(\dots, \eta_{r_{\zeta_{i,j}}}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(i,j)}[G]$ iff $p_{i,j} \in G$ and $p_{i,j'} \notin G$ for every $j' < j$. Finally define a name \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{B}[G] = \mathbf{B}_i[G]$ iff $p_i \in G$ and for every $j < i$, $p_j \notin G$. Now let $i < i(*)$, let G be a generic set such that $p_i \in G$, then there is a unique $j < j(i)$ such that $p_{i,j} \in G$. Therefore, $\mathbf{B}[G] = \mathbf{B}_i[G] = \mathbf{B}_{i,j}(\dots, \eta_{r_{\zeta_{i,j}}}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(i,j)}[G] = y[G]$, hence $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \mathbf{B}\text{"}$.

Clause III: $\zeta = \epsilon + 1$.

We shall prove the first version of the claim. Let $\{p_i : i < i(*)\}$ be a maximal antichain above p such that for every i , $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \mu_i\text{"}$ for some μ_i . Therefore for every $i < i(*)$ there is a sequence $(y_{i,\alpha} : \alpha < \mu_i)$ such that $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \{y_{i,\alpha} : \alpha < \mu_i\}\text{"}$. By the assumption, $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}rk(y_{i,\alpha}) < \epsilon\text{"}$ for every i and α . By the induction hypothesis, for every such i and α there is $\mathbf{B}_{i,\alpha}(\dots, \eta_{r(\zeta, i, \alpha)}, \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(i, \alpha)}$ as required for $y_{i,\alpha}$ and p_i . Hence for every i there is a name \mathbf{B}_i as required such that $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} \text{"}y = \mathbf{B}_i\text{"}$.

Now define a name \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{B}[G] = \mathbf{B}_i[G]$ iff $p_i \in G$ and as before we have $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_t} "y = \mathbf{B}"$.

Remark: For $\zeta = 1$, let $\{p_i : i < i(*)\}$ be a maximal antichain above p of elements that force a value for y from $\mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}$. Let $Y \subseteq \mathbf{I} \cup \mathbf{U}$ be the set of all such values (so $|Y| \leq \lambda$) and denote by a_i the value that p_i forces to p_i . For every generic G that conatians p , $y[G] = a_i$ iff $p_i \in G$. Therefore it's enough to show that for every p_i there is a name \mathbf{B}_i of the right form such that $\mathbf{B}_i[G] = true$ iff $p_i \in G$. Therefore it's enough to show that the truth value of " $p \in \tilde{G}$ " can be computed by a λ -Borel function as above, so it's enough to compute the truth value $p \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_s \in G \cap \mathbb{P}_s$ for every $s < t$, which follows from the induction hypothesis.

E) By the assumption, for every $p \in \mathbb{P}_m$ and $t \in Dom(p)$ there is a λ -Borel function $\mathbf{B}_{p,t}$ and a sequence $(s_\zeta : \zeta < \xi(p,t))$ of members of u_t^0 such that for every generic $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_m$ we have $\mathbf{B}_{p,t}(\dots, TV(\eta_{s_\zeta}(a_\zeta) = j_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p,t)}[G] = true$ if and only if $p(t) \in G_{\mathbb{Q}_t}$ (for suitable a_ζ and j_ζ). Therefore $p \in G$ iff $(\bigwedge_{t \in Dom(p)} \mathbf{B}_{p,t}(\dots, TV(\eta_{s_\zeta}(a_\zeta) = j_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(p,i)})[G] = true$, hence we can compute G from $(\eta_t : t \in L_m)$.

F) Similar to the proof of (D). \square

Properties of the \mathbb{L}_{λ^+} -closure

Definition 2.11: A) Let $p \in \mathbb{P}_m$, the full support of p will be defined as follows: for every $s \in Dom(p)$, if $p(s) = (tr(p(s)), \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t(s,\zeta)}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi(s)})$, then the full support of p will be defined as $fsupp(p) := \bigcup_{s \in Dom(p)} \{t(s, \zeta) : \zeta < \xi(s)\} \cup \{s\}$.

B) For $L \subseteq L_m$ define $\mathbb{P}_m(L) := \mathbb{P}_m \upharpoonright \{p \in \mathbb{P}_m : fsupp(p) \subseteq L\}$ with the order inherited from \mathbb{P}_m .

C) Let $L \subseteq L_m$, for every $s \in L$, $j < \lambda$ and $a \in I_{\mathbf{p}_s}^1$ let $p_{s,a,j} \in \mathbb{P}_m$ be the condition that represents $\eta_s(a) = j$ such that $Dom(p_{s,a,j}) = s$ and let $X_L := \{p_{s,a,j} : s \in L, a \in I_{\mathbf{p}_s}^1, j < \lambda\}$.

D) For $L \subseteq L_m$ define $\mathbb{P}_m[L] := \mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(X_L, \mathbb{P}_m)$ (see definition 1.13).

Remark: For $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ we may define the partial order \leq^* on \mathbb{P}_m by $p \leq^* q$ if and only if $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_m} "p \in \tilde{G}"$. As (\mathbb{P}_m, \leq^*) is equivalent to (\mathbb{P}_m, \leq) , it's $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete and satisfies $(\lambda, D) - cc$ and we may replace (\mathbb{P}_m, \leq) by (\mathbb{P}_m, \leq^*) .

Claim 2.12: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and $L \subseteq L_m$.

A) $\mathbb{P}_m \subseteq \mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$ is dense and $\mathbb{P}_m \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$, therefore they're equivalent.

B) $\mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$ is $(< \lambda)$ strategically complete and satisfies $\lambda^+ - cc$.

C) $\mathbb{P}_m(L) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_m$ and $\mathbb{P}_m[L] \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$.

D) $\mathbb{P}_m[L]$ is $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete and satisfies $\lambda^+ - cc$.

E) Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ be generic, for each $t \in L$ let $\eta_t := \eta_t[G]$ and let $G_L^+ := \{\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] : \psi[G] = true\}$, then G_L^+ is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ -generic over V and $V[G_L^+] = V[\eta_t : t \in L]$.

F) For $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ we have $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$ (as partial orders) and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_1] \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_2]$.

G) If $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$ are equivalent (recall Definition 2.6), then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}(L)$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L]$.

H) Let I be a λ_2^+ -directed partial order and let $\{L_t : t \in I\}$ be a collection of subsets of $L_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $s <_I t \rightarrow L_s \subseteq L_t$. Let $L := \bigcup_{t \in I} L_t$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] = \bigcup_{t \in I} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_t]$.

Proof: A) By claim 2.9, there is a natural embedding of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. For $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, denote by p^* its image under the embedding. Now let $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, there is $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \psi[G] = true$, therefore for every generic $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, if $p^*[G] = true$ then $p \in G$ and $\psi[G] = true$, hence $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \models \psi \leq p^*$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ is dense in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$.

B) By 2.10 (B+C), $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ has these properties, and by the clause (A), $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ has these properties too.

C) The first part is by the definition of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L)$. For the second part, first note that, by definition, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ as partial orders. Now note that if $\psi, \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, then $\psi \wedge \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ is a common upper bound, so ψ and ϕ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ iff they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. Therefore if $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ is a maximal antichain, then I remains an antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. Furthermore, it's a maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$: Suppose towards contradiction that $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ is incompatible with all members of I . Let $\psi = \bigwedge_{\theta \in I} \neg \theta$. As I is an antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ which satisfies the λ^+ -c.c., we have that $|I| \leq \lambda$. As $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, there is a generic $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $\phi[G] = true$. As ϕ is incompatible with all elements of I , it follows that $\theta[G] = false$ for all $\theta \in I$. Therefore, $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$. But ψ is clearly incompatible with all members of I , a contradiction. Therefore, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$.

D) By (B) and (C).

E) We shall first show that $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ -generic. $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ is downward-closed, by the definition of $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ and of the order of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. If $\psi, \phi \in G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ then $(\psi \wedge \phi)[G] = true$, hence $\psi \wedge \phi \in G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$, so $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ is directed. Now let $I = \{\psi_i : i < i(*)\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be a maximal antichain and let $J = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} : (\exists i < i(*))(p \Vdash \psi_i[G] = true)\}$. If J is predense in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, then there is $q \in J \cap G$. Let $i < i(*)$ such that $q \Vdash \psi_i[G] = true$, then $\psi_i[G] = true$ hence $\psi_i \in G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+ \cap I$. Suppose towards contradiction that J is not predense and let $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ be incompatible with all members of J , so $q \Vdash \psi_i[G] = false$ for every $i < i(*)$. $i(*) \leq \lambda$ (as $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \models \lambda^+$ -c.c.), hence $\psi_* := \bigwedge_{i < i(*)} (\neg \psi_i) \in \mathbb{L}_{\lambda}(X_{L_{\mathbf{m}}})$ and $\psi_* \in \mathbb{L}_{\lambda}(X_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}})$. Obviously, ψ_* is incompatible with the members of I , contradicting our maximality assumption. Therefore we proved that $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+$ is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ -generic.

Now let $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+ \cap \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ -generic and $G_{L_{\mathbf{m}}}^+ \cap \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] = G_L^+$.

We shall now prove that $V[G_L^+] = V[\eta_t : t \in L]$. We need to show that G_L^+ can be computed from $\{\eta_t : t \in L\}$. Let $p_{s,a,j} \in X_L$, then $p_{s,a,j} \in G_L^+$ iff $p_{s,a,j}[G] = true$ iff $\eta_s[G](a) = j$. Therefore we can compute $G_L^+ \cap X_L$ and G_L^+ from $\{\eta_s[G] : s \in L\}$. As $\eta_s[G](a) = j$ iff $p_{s,a,j} \in G_L^+$, we can compute $\{\eta_s[G] : s \in L\}$ in $V[G_L^+]$, therefore $V[G_L^+] = V[\eta_s : s \in L]$.

F) If $f\text{supp}(p) \subseteq L_1$ then $f\text{supp}(p) \subseteq L_2$, hence $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1) \rightarrow p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$, and by the definition of the order, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$ as partial orders. For the second claim, first note that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_1] \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_2]$ as partial orders. Now assume that $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_1]$ is a maximal antichain. By (C), I is a maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, hence in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_2]$. Therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_1] \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_2]$.

G) If \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} are equivalent, then $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}$, hence $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}$, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}(L) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L)$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L]$ for every L .

H) For every $t \in I$, $L_t \subseteq L$, therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_t] \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$, so $\bigcup_{t \in I} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_t] \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$. In the other direction, suppose that $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ is generated by the atoms $\{p_{s(i),a(i),j(i)} : s(i) \in L, a(i) \in I_{\mathbf{p}_{s(i)}}^1, j(i), i < \lambda\}$. Recall that $\lambda \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_2^+$, hence there is $i(*) \in I$ such that $\{s(i) : i < \lambda\} \subseteq L_{i(*)}$, therefore $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{i(*)}]$, so $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L] \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_i]$. \square

Operations on members of \mathbf{M}

We shall define a partial order $\leq_{\mathbf{M}} = \leq$ on \mathbf{M} as follows:

Definition 2.13: Let $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$, we shall write $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$ if:

- A) $L_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}}$.
- B) $M_{\mathbf{m}} = M_{\mathbf{n}}$.
- C) $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}} \leq_{\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{P}}} \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}}$.
- D) $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}^0$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
- E) $t/E'_{\mathbf{n}} = t/E'_{\mathbf{m}}$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
- F) If $t \in M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t} = \{u \cap L_{\mathbf{m}} : u \in v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}\}$, if $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t} = v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}},t}$.
- G) If $t \in M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $\{u \in v_{\mathbf{m},t} : u \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}\} = \{u \in v_{\mathbf{n},t} : u \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}\}$.
- H) If $t \in M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $s \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $\{u \in v_{\mathbf{m},t} : u \subseteq s/E'_{\mathbf{m}}\} = \{u \in v_{\mathbf{n},t} : u \subseteq s/E'_{\mathbf{n}}\}$.

Definition 2.14: Let $(\mathbf{m}_{\alpha} : \alpha < \delta)$ be an increasing sequence of elements of \mathbf{M} with respect to $\leq_{\mathbf{M}}$, we shall define the union $\mathbf{n} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \mathbf{m}_{\alpha}$ as follows:

- A) $M_{\mathbf{n}} = M_{\mathbf{m}_{\alpha}}$ ($\alpha < \delta$).
- B) $E'_{\mathbf{n}} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} E'_{\mathbf{m}_{\alpha}}$.
- C) $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}}$ will be defined as follows:
 1. $L_{\mathbf{n}} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} L_{\mathbf{m}_{\alpha}}$.

2. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_n}$, $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_n,t} = \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}$ (for $\alpha < \delta$ such that $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha}$).
3. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$, $u_{\mathbf{q}_n,t}^0 = \cup\{u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}^0 : \alpha < \delta \wedge t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha}\}$ and $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_n,t}^1 = \cup_{\alpha < \delta} \bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}^1$.
4. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$, $w_{\mathbf{q}_n,t}^0 = \cup\{w_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}^0 : \alpha < \delta \wedge t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha}\}$ and $\bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_n,t}^1 = \cup_{\alpha < \delta} \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}^1$.
5. $((\mathbf{B}_{t,b}, (s_t(b, \zeta), a_{t,b,\zeta}) : \zeta < \xi(t, b)) : b \in I_{\mathbf{p}_t}^0) : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}_n})$ will be defined naturally as the union of the sequences corresponding to the sequence of the \mathbf{m}_α 's.
6. $v_{\mathbf{q}_n,t} = \cup_{\alpha < \delta} v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha},t}$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$.

It's easy to see that the union is a well defined member of \mathbf{M} .

Claim 2.15: Let $(\mathbf{m}_\alpha : \alpha < \delta)$ and \mathbf{n} be as above, then $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{m}_\alpha \leq \mathbf{n}$ for every $\alpha < \delta$.

Proof: It's straightforward to verify that $\mathbf{m}_\alpha \leq \mathbf{n}$ for every $\alpha < \delta$. \square

Definition and claim 2.16 (Amalgamation): Suppose that

- A) $\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \in \mathbf{M}$.
- B) $\mathbf{m}_0 \leq \mathbf{m}_l$ ($l = 1, 2$).
- C) $L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_2} = L_{\mathbf{m}_0}$.

We shall define the amalgamation \mathbf{m} of \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 over \mathbf{m}_0 as follows:

1. $E'_\mathbf{m} = E'_{\mathbf{m}_1} \cup E'_{\mathbf{m}_2}$.
2. $M_\mathbf{m} = M_{\mathbf{m}_0}$.

$\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m}$ will be defined as follows:

3. $L_\mathbf{m}$ is the minimal partial order containing $L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}_2}$.
4. For every $t \in L_\mathbf{m}$, $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t} = \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_l},t}$ provided that $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$.
5. $u_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1},t}^0 \cup u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2},t}^0$ (where $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_l},t}^0 = \emptyset$ if $t \notin L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$).
6. $w_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t}^0 = w_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1},t}^0 \cup w_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2},t}^0$ (where $w_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_l},t}^0 = \emptyset$ if $t \notin L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$).
7. $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t}^1 = \bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1},t}^1 \cup \bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2},t}^1$, $\bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t}^1 = \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1},t}^1 \cup \bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2},t}^1$, i.e. coordinatewise union (similarly to 5+6, if $t \notin L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$, the corresponding sequence will be defined as the empty sequence).
8. For $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \cup L_{\mathbf{m}_2}$, the λ -Borel functions from 1.5(E) will be defined in the same way as in the case of \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 .
9. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_0}$ then $v_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t} = v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1},t} \cup v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2},t}$. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_l} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}_0}$ ($l = 1, 2$) then $v_{\mathbf{q}_\mathbf{m},t} = v_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_l},t}$.

Claim 2.16: \mathbf{m} is well defined, $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \leq \mathbf{m}$.

Proof: Straightforward. \square

Remark: The amalgamation of a set $\{\mathbf{m}_i : 1 \leq i < i(*)\}$ over \mathbf{m}_0 can be defined naturally as in 2.16.

Existentially closed iteration parameters

Given $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, we would like to construct extensions $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$ which are, in a sense, existentially closed.

Definition and Observation 2.17 A) Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$, we shall define the relative depth of L as follows: $dp_{\mathbf{m}}^*(L) := \cup\{dp_{M_{\mathbf{m}}}(t) + 1 : t \in L \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}\}$.

B) For $\gamma \in Ord$ we shall define \mathbf{M}_{γ}^{ec} as the set of elements $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ satisfying the following property: Let $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$, $L_{\mathbf{m}_l, \gamma}^{dp} := \{t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_l} : sup\{dp_{M_{\mathbf{m}}}(s) : s < t, s \in M_{\mathbf{m}}\} < \gamma\}$ ($l = 1, 2$), then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp})$, hence $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L)$ for every $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}$.

C) \mathbf{M}_{ec} will be defined as the collection of elements $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ such that $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\gamma}^{ec}$ for every $\gamma \in Ord$.

Observation: $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ if and only if $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ for every $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$.

Proof: Suppose that $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\gamma}^{ec}$ for every γ and $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$. Choose some γ' such that $\gamma' > dp_{M_{\mathbf{m}_l}}(s)$ for every $s \in M_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$) and let $\gamma = \gamma' + 1$. Obviously $L_{\mathbf{m}_l} = L_{\mathbf{m}_l, \gamma}^{dp}$ ($l = 1, 2$), so $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. In the other direction, suppose that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ for every $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$ and let $\gamma \in Ord$. As $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}(L_{\mathbf{m}_l}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$), we have $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. Note that $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp}$, so $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp})$ and it follows that every maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp})$ is a maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{\mathbf{m}_2, \gamma}^{dp})$, so $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\gamma}^{ec}$. \square

Definition 2.18: Let χ be a cardinal, we shall denote by $\mathbf{M}_{\chi}(\mathbf{M}_{\leq \chi})$ the collection of members $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ such that $|L_{\mathbf{m}}| = \chi$ ($|L_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq \chi$).

Claim 2.19: Let $2^{\lambda_2} \leq \chi$ and $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \chi}$, then there is $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{\chi}$ such that $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$.

Proof: Denote by $C = C_{\mathbf{m}}$ the collection of elements $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$ such that:

1. $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}} \leq \mathbf{n}$.
2. $L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}} = t/E_{\mathbf{n}}''$ for some t .

Definition: Let $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2 \in C$, a function $h : L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \rightarrow L_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ is called a strong isomorphism of \mathbf{n}_1 onto \mathbf{n}_2 If:

1. h is an isomorphism of \mathbf{n}_1 onto \mathbf{n}_2 .
2. h is the identity on $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Definition: Let $R = R_{\mathbf{m}}$ be the following equivalence relation on $C_{\mathbf{m}}$:

$\mathbf{n}_1 R \mathbf{n}_2$ iff there is a strong isomorphism of \mathbf{n}_1 onto \mathbf{n}_2 .

We shall now estimate the number of R -equivalence relations:

1. As $|L_{\mathbf{n}}| \leq \lambda_2$ for every $\mathbf{n} \in C$, once we fix $M_{\mathbf{n}}$ there are at most 2^{λ_2} possible isomorphism types of $(L_{\mathbf{n}}, \leq_{L_{\mathbf{n}}})$ over $M_{\mathbf{n}}$.

2. Given such $L_{\mathbf{n}}$, there are at most 2^{λ_2} possible forcing templates from \mathbf{P} .
3. For every $\mathbf{n} \in C$ there is t such that $|L_{\mathbf{n}}| = |L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}| + |M_{\mathbf{m}}| = |t/E_{\mathbf{n}}''| + |M_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq \lambda_2$ (recalling definition 2.2.A), hence $|\mathcal{P}(L_{\mathbf{n}})| \leq 2^{\lambda_2}$ and for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$ there are at most 2^{λ_2} possible values for $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}^0$ and $w_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}^0$.
4. For every t , $\bar{u}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}^1$ is a function assigning for each s a member of $\mathcal{P}(I_s^1)$, so we have at most $(2^{|I|})^{|L_{\mathbf{n}}|} \leq 2^{(|I|+\lambda_2)}$ possible functions. Similar argument applies to $\bar{w}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}},t}^1$ as well.

Therefore there are at most 2^{λ_2} R -equivalence classes. Let $(\mathbf{n}_{\alpha} : \alpha < 2^{\lambda_2})$ list all such classes. For every $\alpha < 2^{\lambda_2}$ we shall choose the sequence $(\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i : i < \chi)$ such that each \mathbf{n}_{α}^i is obtained from \mathbf{n}_{α} by the changing the names of the elements in $L_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that the new sets are pairwise disjoint and also disjoint to $L_{\mathbf{m}}$ (for $i < \chi$). For every i there is $t_{\alpha,i}$ such that $t_{\alpha,i}/E_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i}'' = L_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $t_{\alpha,i}/E_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i}'' \cap t_{\alpha,j}/E_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^j}'' = \emptyset$. Now let \mathbf{n} be the amalgamation of $\{\mathbf{m}\} \cup \{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i : i < \chi, \alpha < 2^{\lambda_2}\}$ over $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}}$. Obviously, $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{\chi}$.

Suppose now that $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$. Let \mathcal{F} be the collection of functions f such that for some $L_1, L_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_2}$:

- a. $Dom(f) = L_1, Ran(f) = L_2$.
- b. $M_{\mathbf{m}} = M_{\mathbf{n}} \subseteq L_1 \cap L_2$.
- c. $|L_l \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq \lambda_2$ ($l = 1, 2$).
- d. $t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} \subseteq L_l$ for every $t \in L_l \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
- e. f is the identity on $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
- f. f is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright L_1$ onto $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright L_2$.

Claim 1: Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$, $L' \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, $L'' \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ such that $|L'| + |L''| \leq \lambda_2$, then there is $g \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f \subseteq g$, $L' \subseteq Dom(g)$ and $L'' \subseteq Ran(g)$.

Proof: WLOG $L' \cap Dom(f) = \emptyset = L'' \cap Ran(f)$ and $|L'| = |L''| = \lambda_2$. Let $(a_i : i < \lambda_2)$ and $(b_j : j < \lambda_2)$ list L' and L'' , respectively. We shall construct by induction on $i < \lambda_2$ an increasing continuous sequence of functions $f_i \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $g := \cup f_i$ will give the desired function of the claim.

I. $i = 0$: $f_0 := f$.

II. i is a limit ordinal: $f_i := \bigcup_{j < i} f_j$.

III. $i = 2j + 1$: WLOG $b_j \notin Ran(f_{2j})$. By the assumption, $L'' \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$, hence $b_j \in L_{\mathbf{n}_2} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$. Since $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}_2$ and $M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}$, it follows that $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq \mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2})$, hence $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}) \in C$. Let \mathbf{n}_{α} be the representative of the R -equivalence class of $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2})$. By \mathcal{F} 's definition, $|Dom(f_{2j})| \leq \lambda_2$. Since \mathbf{n} is the result of an amalgamation that includes \mathbf{n}_{α}^i ($i < \chi$), each \mathbf{n}_{α}^i is R -equivalent to \mathbf{n}_{α} and $\lambda_2 < \chi$, it follows that for some $i < \chi$, $L_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}} \cap Dom(f_{2j}) = \emptyset$. Since $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}) R \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i$, there is a strong isomorphism h from $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i} = \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i$ onto

$\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2})$. Therefore $f_i := f_{2j} \cup h$ is a well defined function, $b_j \in \text{Ran}(f_i)$ and $f_{2j} \subseteq f_i$. We shall now show that $f_i \in \mathcal{F}$: conditions a, b, c and e are obviously satisfied. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $t/E_{\mathbf{n}} = t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ (as $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_2$) and $t/E_{\mathbf{n}} = t/E_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i}$. Therefore $t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} = t/E_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i} \subseteq \text{Dom}(f_i)$. Similarly, if $t \in b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}''$ then $t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} = b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} \subseteq \text{Ran}(f_i)$, hence condition d is satisfied. It remains to show that f_i is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright \text{Dom}(f_i)$ onto $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright \text{Ran}(f_i)$. Note that $b_j/E_{\mathbf{n}_2}'' \cap \text{Ran}(f_{2j}) = \emptyset$ (by the assumption that $b_j \notin \text{Ran}(f_{2j})$), hence f_i is an order preserving bijection, as a union of two such functions (that are identified on $M_{\mathbf{m}}$). It's easy to check that f_i is as required.

IV. $i = 2j + 2$: Similar to the previous case, ensuring that $a_j \in \text{Dom}(f_{2j+1})$.

As \mathcal{F} is closed to increasing unions of length λ_2 , $g := \bigcup_{i < \lambda_2} f_i \in \mathcal{F}$ is as required, hence we're done proving claim 1.

Denote $L_\gamma := \{s \in L_{\mathbf{n}_2} : dp_{\mathbf{n}_2}(s) < \gamma\}$ (so $L_{\mathbf{n}_2} = L_{|L_{\mathbf{n}_2}|^+}$).

Claim 1(+): Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$, $L' \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ such that $|L'| \leq \lambda_2$ and $\text{Ran}(f) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, then there exists $g \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f \subseteq g$, $L' \subseteq \text{Dom}(g)$ and $\text{Ran}(g) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$.

Proof: Repeat the proof of claim 1 (in particular, stage $2j + 2$). Note that at each stage we add a set of the form $L_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i}$ to the range. As $L_{\mathbf{n}_\alpha^i} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ and $\text{Ran}(f) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, it follows that $\text{Ran}(g) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$.

Claim 2: Let $g \in \mathcal{F}$, then $g(\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma) = \text{Ran}(g) \cap L_\gamma$.

Proof: By induction on γ .

Claim 3: Given $g \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\gamma < |L_{\mathbf{n}_2}|^+$, the map \hat{g} is an isomorphism of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$ onto $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(\text{Ran}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$ where \hat{g} is defined as follows: Given $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$, $\hat{g}(p) = q$ has the domain $g(\text{Dom}(p))$, and for every $g(s) \in \text{Dom}(q)$, $q(g(s)) = (\text{tr}(p(s)), \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{g(t_\zeta)}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi})$ where $p(s) = (\text{tr}(p(s)), \mathbf{B}_{p(s)}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta < \xi})$.

Proof: Given $g \in \mathcal{F}$, by the previous claim g is a bijection from $\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma$ onto $\text{Ran}(g) \cap L_\gamma$. As $g \in \mathcal{F}$, it's order preserving and the information of $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_2} \upharpoonright (\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$ is preserved. Hence clearly \hat{g} is an isomorphism from $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(\text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$ onto $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(\text{Ran}(g) \cap L_\gamma)$.

Claim 4: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$.

Proof: By induction on γ . Arriving at stage γ , note that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$ (as partial orders). Suppose that $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$, and let $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$ be a common upper bound. Since $|fsupp(p_1)|, |fsupp(p_2)| \leq \lambda$, there is L' such that $fsupp(p_1) \cup fsupp(p_2) \subseteq L' \subseteq (L_\gamma \cup L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$, $|L'| \leq \lambda_2$ and L' is $E_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ -closed. Therefore $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L')$. Similarly, there is $L'' \subseteq L_\gamma$ such that $|L''| \leq \lambda_2$, $fsupp(q) \cup L' \subseteq L''$ and L'' is $E_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ -closed, hence $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L'')$. Let f be the identity function on $L_1 = L_2 = \cup\{t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} : t \in L' \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}\}$. Note that $|L_i| \leq \lambda_2$ ($i = 1, 2$) and $f \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $L'_1 := \cup\{t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2} : t \in L'' \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}\}$, then $|L'_1| \leq \lambda_2$, hence by claim 1(+), there is $g \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $f \subseteq g$ such that $L'_1 \subseteq \text{Dom}(g)$ and $\text{Ran}(g) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$. As $fsupp(q) \cup fsupp(p_1) \cup fsupp(p_2) \subseteq \text{Dom}(g) \cap L_\gamma$, we

have $p_1, p_2, q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(Dom(g) \cap L_\gamma)$, hence $\hat{g}(p_1), \hat{g}(p_2), \hat{g}(q) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(Ran(g) \cap L_\gamma)$ (in particular, $\hat{g}(q), \hat{g}(p_1), \hat{g}(p_2)$ are well defined). By the choice of g , $\hat{g}(p_1) = p_1$ and $\hat{g}(p_2) = p_2$. By claim 3, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(Ran(g) \cap L_\gamma) \models p_1, p_2 \leq \hat{g}(q)$. As $Ran(g) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, $\hat{g}(q) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$, hence p_1 and p_2 are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$. Therefore, if $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$, then I remains an antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$.

Suppose now that $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$ is a maximal antichain, and suppose towards contradiction that $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$ is incompatible with all members of I . By claim 5 below, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_2})$. Since $L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ is an initial segment of $L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1 \upharpoonright (L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, hence $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) \models \lambda^+ - c.c.$ and $|I| \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_2$. Let $(p_i : i < \lambda_2)$ enumerate I 's members, then there is $L' \subseteq L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ such that $|L'| \leq \lambda_2$ and $\bigcup_{i < \lambda_2} fsupp(p_i) \subseteq L'$, hence $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L')$. Define L'' and choose f and g as before. Again, $\hat{g} : \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap Dom(g)) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap Ran(g))$ is an isomorphism, $I \cup \{q\} \subseteq Dom(\hat{g})$ and \hat{g} is the identity on I . Hence $\hat{g}(q)$ is incompatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap Ran(g))$ with all members of I . As before, $\hat{g}(q) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$, therefore, in order to get a contradiction, it's enough to show that $\hat{g}(q)$ is incompatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$ with all members of I . Suppose that for some $p \in I, r \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$ we have $p, \hat{g}(q) \leq r$. Since $g^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$, as in previous arguments, there is $g^{-1} \subseteq h \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\hat{h}(r), \hat{h}(\hat{g}(q))$ are well-defined and $\hat{h}(p) = p, \hat{h}(\hat{g}(q)) = q$. Hence p and q are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap Ran(h))$ and therefore in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma)$, contradicting the assumption. This proves claim 4.

Claim 5: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$.

Proof: By the previous claim, for $\gamma = |L_{\mathbf{n}_2}|^+$ we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\gamma) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$. We can show by induction on δ that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}(L_\delta \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}(L_\delta \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$, hence for $\delta = \gamma$ we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$. This proves claim 2.19. \square

The following observation will be useful throughout the rest of this paper:

Observation 2.20: Let $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ and $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$, then for every $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[L]$.

Proof: $\mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$, hence for $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, the set X_L in definition 2.11(c) is the same for \mathbf{n}_1 and \mathbf{n}_2 . Let $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_\lambda(X_L)$, since $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$, there is a generic set $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ such that $\psi[G] = true$ iff there is a generic set $H \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ such that $\psi[H] = true$. Similarly, if " $\psi[G] = true \rightarrow \phi[G] = true$ " for every generic $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$, then it's true for every generic $H \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ and vice versa. Therefore, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[L]$. \square

Claim 2.21: Suppose that

A) $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$.

B) $M_l = M_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$).

C) $h : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is an isomorphism from $\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_1$ onto $\mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_2$.

then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[M_1]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}[M_2]$.

Proof: WLOG $M_1 = M_2$ (denote this sset by M), $L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_2} = M$ and h is the identity. Let $\mathbf{m}_0 := \mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M = \mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M$, then $\mathbf{m}_0 \leq \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}_0} = L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_2}$,

therefore, by 2.16, there is $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ such that \mathbf{m} is the amalgamation of \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 over \mathbf{m}_0 and $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \leq \mathbf{m}$. By the definition of \mathbf{M}_{ec} , as $\mathbf{m}_l \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, $\mathbf{m}_l \leq \mathbf{m}_l \leq \mathbf{m}$ and $M \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$), it follows that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[M] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}[M]$. \square

The Corrected Iteration

We shall now describe how to correct an iteration $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ in order to obtain the desired iteration for the main result.

Definition 2.22: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, we shall define the corrected iteration $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$ as $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ for $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ (we'll show that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$ is indeed well-defined). For $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$, define $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L] := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L]$ for \mathbf{n} as above.

Claim 2.23 A) $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L]$ is well-defined for every $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$.

B) $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ is well-defined for every $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ and depends only on $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}}$.

C) If $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$ then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr} \leq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr}$.

D) If $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$ and $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr}[L]$.

Proof: A) By claim 2.19, there is $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, so it's enough to show that the definition does not depend on the choice of \mathbf{n} . Given $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ such that $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}_l$, we have to show that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. WLOG $L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_2} = L_{\mathbf{m}}$. Let \mathbf{n} be the amalgamation of $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2$ over \mathbf{m} . Since $\mathbf{n}_1 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, $\mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. Similarly, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, therefore, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. The argument for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L]$ is similar.

B) Suppose that $\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ and choose \mathbf{n}_l ($l = 1, 2$) such that $\mathbf{m}_l \leq \mathbf{n}_l \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$. Now, $\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_1} = \mathbf{n}_1 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_2} = \mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_2}$, hence by claim 2.21, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[M_{\mathbf{m}_1}]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[M_{\mathbf{m}_2}]$. Moreover, the proof of 2.21 shows that if $\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_1} = \mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}_2}$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[M_{\mathbf{m}_1}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[M_{\mathbf{m}_2}]$, therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}^{cr}[M_{\mathbf{m}_1}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}^{cr}[M_{\mathbf{m}_2}]$.

C) Choose $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_*$ such that $\mathbf{n}_* \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_*}[L_{\mathbf{n}}]$. As $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}_*$, it follows that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_*}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. By 2.12(F), $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_*}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \leq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_*}[L_{\mathbf{n}}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr}$.

D) Choose $(\mathbf{m} \leq) \mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_* \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, then by definition we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_*}[L] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr}[L]$. \square

The main result

Definition 2.24: Let \mathbf{q} be a (λ, D) -iteration template such that $|L_{\mathbf{q}}| \leq \lambda_1$ and $|w_t^0| \leq \lambda$ for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$.

We call $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathbf{M}$ the iteration parameter derived from \mathbf{q} if:

- a. $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{q}$.
- b. $M_{\mathbf{m}} = L_{\mathbf{q}}$.
- c. $E'_{\mathbf{m}} = \emptyset$.
- d. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$, $v_t = [u_t^0]^{\leq \lambda}$.

Definition 2.25: Given $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, we define the forcing notions $(\mathbb{P}'_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \cup \{\infty\}) = (\mathbb{P}'_{\mathbf{m},t} : t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \cup \{\infty\})$ as follows: Fix $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ and let $\mathbb{P}'_t := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[\{s \in L_{\mathbf{m}} : s < t\}]$ (so $\mathbb{P}'_t = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[\{s \in L_{\mathbf{m}} : s < t\}]$ for $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $\mathbb{P}'_{\infty} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$). Similarly, let $\mathbb{P}''_t := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[\{s \in L_{\mathbf{m}} : s \leq t\}]$.

Main conclusion 2.26: Let \mathbf{q} be a (λ, D) -iteration template. The sequence of forcing notions $(\mathbb{P}'_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \cup \{\infty\})$ from 2.24 has the following properties:

- A) $(\mathbb{P}'_t : t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \cup \{\infty\})$ is \ll -increasing, and $s < t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{P}'_s \ll \mathbb{P}''_s \ll \mathbb{P}'_t$.
- B) η_t is a \mathbb{P}''_t -name of a function from $I_{\mathbf{p}_t}^1$ to λ .
- C) $(\eta_s : s < t)$ is generic for \mathbb{P}_t .
- D) \mathbb{P}_t is $(< \lambda)$ -strategically complete and satisfies (λ, D) -cc.
- E) If $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}} \cup \{\infty\}$ and every set of $\leq \lambda$ elements below t has a common upper bound $s < t$, then $\mathbb{P}'_t = \bigcup_{s < t} \mathbb{P}'_s$.
- F) $|\mathbb{P}'_{\infty}| \leq (\sum_{t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}} (|I_t^1| + \lambda))^\lambda$.
- G) If $U_1, U_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright U_1$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright U_2$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U_1] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[U_1]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U_2] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[U_2]$. Moreover, if $U \subseteq L_{\mathbf{q}}$ is closed under weak memory (as is always the case), then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U}^{cr}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U]$. It follows that for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{q}}$, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_{<t}}^{cr}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[L_{<t}] = \mathbb{P}'_t$.

Proof: A) By 2.12(F).

B) By the definition of η_α .

C) By the definition of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[\{i : i < \alpha\}]$. More generally, this is true by the definition of the \mathbb{L}_{λ^+} -closure, as $(\eta_\alpha : \alpha \in L)$ is generic for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L]$ for every $L \subseteq \delta_*$.

D) By 2.12(D).

E) By 2.12(F), $\bigcup_{s < t} \mathbb{P}'_s \subseteq \mathbb{P}'_t$. In the other direction, suppose that $\psi \in \mathbb{P}'_t = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[\{s : s < t\}]$ and let $\{p_{s(i),a(i),j(i)} : i < \lambda\} \subseteq X_{L_{<t}}$ be the set that \mathbb{L}_{λ^+} -generates ψ . By our assumption, the set $\{s(i) : i < \lambda\}$ has a common upper bound $s' < t$. Hence $\{p_{s(i),a(i),j(i)} : i < \lambda\} \subseteq X_{L_{<s'}}$, so $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[\{s : s < s'\}] = \mathbb{P}'_{s'}$ and equality follows.

F) As $\mathbb{P}'_{\infty} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[L_{\mathbf{q}}] = \mathbb{L}_{\lambda^+}(X_{L_{\mathbf{q}}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}})$ (recall definition 2.11), the claim follows by the definition of $X_{L_{\mathbf{q}}}$ and the definition of the \mathbb{L}_{λ^+} -closure.

G) Choose $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{m}$ such that $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ and $M_{\mathbf{n}} = L_{\mathbf{q}}$, therefore, by claim 3.12 in the next section, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[U_1]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[U_2]$ where $(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n}, U_1, U_2)$ here stands for $(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, M_1, M_2)$ there. For the second part of the claim, choose $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U \leq \mathbf{n}' \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, then $\mathbf{n}' \upharpoonright U = \mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U = \mathbf{n} \upharpoonright U$, and as before, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}[U]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}'}^{cr}[U] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U}^{cr}$.

Proving the main claim

Existence of an existentially closed extension of adequate cardinality for a given $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$

Our goal will be to show that for every $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, if $L_{\mathbf{m}} = M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M$ where $M \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$. In particular, in Conclusion 3.13 we get that for every $U \subseteq \delta_*$ closed under weak memory, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U}^{cr} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr} = \mathbb{P}_{\delta_*}$.

Definition 3.1: A) $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ is wide if for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ there are $t_{\alpha} \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ ($\alpha < \lambda^+$) such that:

1. $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright (t_{\alpha}/E_{\mathbf{m}})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright (t/E_{\mathbf{m}})$ over $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
2. $t_{\alpha}/E_{\mathbf{m}}'' \neq t_{\beta}/E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ for every $\alpha < \beta < \lambda^+$.

B) $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ is very wide if \mathbf{m} satisfies the above requirements with λ^+ replaced by $|L_{\mathbf{m}}|$.

C) $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ is full if for every $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{m}} \leq \mathbf{n}$ such that $E_{\mathbf{n}}''$ consists of one equivalence class, there is $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that \mathbf{n} is isomorphic to $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright (t/E_{\mathbf{m}})$ over $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Remark: In the proof of theorem 2.19, we constructed $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ by amalgamating $(\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i : i < \chi, \alpha < 2^{\lambda^2})$. Therefore, for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}}$ there are i and α such that t belongs to $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright t/E_{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i$. As \mathbf{n} includes $(\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i : i < \chi)$, by choosing representatives $t_i \in L_{\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^i} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}}$ ($i < \chi$) we get that $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright (t/E_{\mathbf{n}})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright (t_i/E_{\mathbf{n}})$ for every $i < \chi$. Since $t_i/E_{\mathbf{n}} \neq t_j/E_{\mathbf{n}}$ for every $i < j < \chi$ and $|L_{\mathbf{n}}| = \chi$, it follows that \mathbf{n} is very wide. By the construction of \mathbf{n} , it's also easy to see that \mathbf{n} is full.

Definition 3.2: Let $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, we say that p is the projection of q to L and write $p = \pi_L(q)$ if the following conditions hold:

- a. $Dom(p) = Dom(q) \cap L$.
- b. If $s \in Dom(p)$ then:
 1. $\{\mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_{\zeta}}(a_{\zeta}), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}} : \iota < \iota(p(s))\} = \{\mathbf{B}_{q(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_{\zeta}}(a_{\zeta}), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{q(s), \iota}} : \iota < \iota(q(s)) \wedge \{t_{\zeta} : \zeta \in W_{q(s), \iota}\} \subseteq L\}$.
 2. $tr(p(s)) = \bigcup_{\iota} tr(\mathbf{B}_{q(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_{\zeta}}(a_{\zeta}), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{q(s), \iota}})$ for $\iota < \iota(q(s))$ and $\{t_{\zeta} : \zeta \in W_{q(s), \iota}\} \subseteq L$.

Observation 3.3: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

- a. The projection $p = \pi_L(q)$ exists and $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L)$.
- b. $\pi_L(q) \leq q$.

Definition 3.4: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, denote by $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m}}$ the collection of functions f having the following properties:

- a. There are $L_1, L_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that f is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_1$ onto $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_2$.
- b. $M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L_1 \cap L_2$.
- c. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$, if $t \in L_l$ ($l = 1, 2$) then $t/E_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq L_l$.

d. $|\{t/E'_m : t \in L_l \setminus M_m\}| \leq \lambda$.

e. f is the identity on M_m .

Claim 3.5: A. Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ be wide. For every $f \in \mathcal{F}_m$ and $X \subseteq L_m$, if $|X| \leq \lambda$ then there is $g \in \mathcal{F}_m$ such that:

1. $f \subseteq g$.
2. $Dom(g) = Ran(g)$.
3. $X \subseteq Dom(g)$.

B. If $g \in \mathcal{F}_m$ satisfies $Dom(g) = Ran(g)$, then $g^+ := g \cup id_{L_m \setminus Dom(g)}$ is an automorphism of \mathbf{m} .

Proof: A. By the proof of claim 1 in 2.19, f can be extended to a function $f' \in \mathcal{F}_m$ such that $X \subseteq Dom(f')$. It's enough to show that for every $f' \in \mathcal{F}_m$ there is $f' \subseteq g \in \mathcal{F}_m$ such that $Dom(g) = Ran(g)$. The argument is similar to claim 1 in 2.19. Obviously, $Dom(f')$ and $Ran(f')$ are each a union of M_m with pairwise disjoint sets of the form t/E''_m , and for each such t/E''_m exactly one of the following holds:

- a. $t/E''_m \subseteq Dom(f') \cap Ran(f')$.
- b. $t/E''_m \subseteq Dom(f')$ is disjoint to $Ran(f')$.
- c. $t/E''_m \subseteq Ran(f')$ is disjoint to $Dom(f')$.

As \mathbf{m} is wide, for every t/E''_m as in (b) there are λ^+ $t_\alpha \in L_m \setminus M_m$ as in definition 3.1. Therefore there is $f' \subseteq f_1 \in \mathcal{F}_m$ such that $Dom(f') \subseteq Ran(f_1)$ and $Ran(f') \subseteq Dom(f_1)$. Proceed by induction to get a sequence $f' \subseteq f_1 \subseteq \dots f_n \subseteq \dots$ of functions in \mathcal{F}_m such that $Dom(f_n) \subseteq Ran(f_{n+1})$ and $Ran(f_n) \subseteq Dom(f_{n+1})$ for every n . Obviously, $g := \bigcup_{n < \omega} f_n \in \mathcal{F}_m$ is as required.

B. This is easy to check. \square

Remark: By the last claim, given $f \in \mathcal{F}_m$, we may extend it to $g \in \mathcal{F}_m$ such that $Dom(g) = Ran(g)$, and g may be extended to automorphism $h := g^+$ of \mathbf{m} . As in claim 3 of 2.19, h induces an automorphism \hat{h} of \mathbb{P}_m , and obviously $\hat{f} := \hat{h} \upharpoonright \mathbb{P}_m(Dom(f))$ is an isomorphism of $\mathbb{P}_m(Dom(f))$ to $\mathbb{P}_m(Ran(f))$.

Definition 3.6: Given $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$, $\zeta < \lambda^+$, $t_l \in L_m \setminus M_m$ ($l = 1, 2$) and sequences \bar{s}_l of length ζ of elements of t_l/E''_m , we shall define by induction on γ when (t_1, \bar{s}_1) and (t_2, \bar{s}_2) are γ -equivalent in \mathbf{m} . We may write \bar{s}_l instead of (t_l, \bar{s}_l) , as the choice of t_l doesn't matter as long as it's E''_m -equivalent to the elements of \bar{s}_l (and $\bar{s}_l \neq ()$).

A. $\gamma = 0$: Let $L_l = cl(M_m \cup Ran(\bar{s}_l))$ (recalling definition 1.4(A)) for $l = 1, 2$. (t_1, \bar{s}_1) is 0-equivalent to (t_2, \bar{s}_2) if there is a function $h : L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ such that the following hold:

1. h is an isomorphism from $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_1$ to $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_2$.
2. h maps \bar{s}_1 onto \bar{s}_2 .

3. h is the identity on $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
4. h induces an isomorphism from $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1)$ to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$.
- B. γ is a limit ordinal: \bar{s}_1 is γ -equivalent to \bar{s}_2 iff they're β -equivalent for every $\beta < \gamma$.
- C. $\gamma = \beta + 1$: \bar{s}_1 is γ -equivalent to \bar{s}_2 if for every $\epsilon < \lambda^+$, $l \in \{1, 2\}$ and a sequence \bar{s}'_l of length ϵ of elements of $t_l/E''_{\mathbf{m}}$, there exists a sequence \bar{s}'_{3-l} of length ϵ of elements of $t_{3-l}/E''_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $\bar{s}_1 \widehat{s}'_1$ and $\bar{s}_2 \widehat{s}'_2$ are β -equivalent.

Definition 3.7: Let β be a limit ordinal, $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},\beta}$ is the collection of functions f such that there is a sequence $(t_i^l, \bar{s}_i^l : 1 \leq l \leq 2, i < i(*))$ satisfying the following conditions:

- A. $i(*) < \lambda^+$.
- B. For $l = 1, 2$, $(t_i^l : i < i(*))$ is a sequence of elements of $L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that for every $i < j < i(*)$, t_i^l and t_j^l are not $E''_{\mathbf{m}}$ -equivalent.
- C. \bar{s}_i^l is a sequence of length $\zeta(i) < \lambda^+$ of elements of $t_i^l/E''_{\mathbf{m}}$.
- D. \bar{s}_i^1 and \bar{s}_i^2 are β -equivalent.
- E. f is an isomorphism from $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_1$ to $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_2$ where $L_l = \bigcup_{i < i(*)} \text{Ran}(\bar{s}_i^l) \cup M_{\mathbf{m}}$ ($l = 1, 2$).
- F. For every $i < i(*)$, f maps \bar{s}_i^1 onto \bar{s}_i^2 .
- G. f is the identity on $M_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Claim 3.8: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ be wide and suppose that:

- A. $\mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}$.
- B. For every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, $\zeta < \lambda^+$ and a sequence \bar{s} of length ζ of elements of $t/E''_{\mathbf{m}}$, there is a sequence $(t_i, \bar{s}_i : i < \lambda^+)$ such that:
 1. $t_i \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.
 2. If $i < j < \lambda^+$ then $t_i/E'_{\mathbf{m}} \neq t_j/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.
 3. \bar{s}_i is a sequence of length ζ of elements of $t_i/E''_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.
 4. (t_i, \bar{s}_i) is 1-equivalent to (t, \bar{s}) in \mathbf{m} .

Then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Proof: We shall freely use the results from Section 4. Specifically, we shall use the fact that a function $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},\beta}$ induces an isomorphism \hat{f} from $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1)$ to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$ for L_1 and L_2 as in definition 3.7 (see Claim 4.3). Now, note that if $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},\beta}$ for $0 < \beta$ and $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $|L| \leq \lambda$, then by the definition of 1-equivalence, f can be extended to a function $g \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},0}$ such that $L \subseteq \text{Dom}(g)$. Hence \hat{g} is an isomorphism with domain $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1 \cup L)$ such that $\hat{f} \subseteq \hat{g}$.

Claim 1: If $0 < \beta$ then \hat{f} preserves compatibility and incompatibility.

Proof: Assume that $p, q \in \text{Dom}(\hat{f})$ and r is a common upper bound in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. If $r \in \text{Dom}(\hat{f})$, then since \hat{f} is order preserving, then $\hat{f}(p)$ and $\hat{f}(q)$ have a common upper bound. If $r \notin \text{Dom}(\hat{f})$, then use the definition of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},\beta}$ to extend \hat{f} to a function \hat{g} such that $\hat{g}(r)$ is defined (and $g \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},0}$), and repeat the previous argument. The proof in the other direction repeats the same arguments for f^{-1} .

Claim 2: Suppose that $i(*) < \lambda^+$, $p_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ ($i < i(*)$) and $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, then there is $p^* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ such that:

1. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \models p_i \leq p$ iff $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \models p_i \leq p^*$.
2. For every $i < i(*)$, p and p_i are incompatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ iff p^* and p_i are incompatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Proof: Note that if $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ iff $f \text{supp}(p) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, therefore we need to find $p^* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ satisfying the requirements of the claim such that $f \text{supp}(p^*) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Let $L_1 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ be a set containing $(\bigcup_{i < i(*)} f \text{supp}(p_i)) \cup M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and closed under weak memory, such that $|L_1 \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq \lambda$ (such L_1 exists, recalling that $i(*) < \lambda^+$ and $|w_t^0| \leq \lambda$), then $\{p_i : i < i(*)\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1)$. For every p_i that is compatible with p in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, let q_i be a common upper bound. As before, there is $L_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ containing $L_1 \cup (\bigcup f \text{supp}(q_i)) \cup f \text{supp}(p)$ and closed under weak memory such that $|L_2 \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq \lambda$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$ contains p and all of the q_i . We shall prove that it's enough to show that there is $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},1}$ such that $L_2 \subseteq \text{Dom}(f)$, $\text{Ran}(f) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and f is the identity on L_1 . For such f define $p^* := \hat{f}(p)$. Now \hat{f} is the identity on $\{p_i : i < i(*)\}$ and $\hat{f}(p) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. By a previous claim, \hat{f} preserves order and incompatibility, hence p^* is as required. It remains to find f as above. WLOG $L_2 \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \subseteq L_1$. Let $(t_j : j < j(*)$) be a sequence of representatives of pairwise $E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ -inequivalent members of $L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that every $t \in L_2 \setminus L_1$ is $E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ -equivalent to some t_j . For every such t_j , let \bar{s}_j be the sequence of members of $t_j/E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ in $L_2 \setminus L_1$. By the assumption, for every pair (\bar{s}_j, t_j) as above there exist λ^+ pairs $((\bar{s}_{j,i}, t_{j,i}) : i < \lambda^+)$ which are 1-equivalent as in the assumption of the above claim. By induction on $j < j(*) < \lambda^+$ choose the pair $(\bar{s}_{j,i(j)}, t_{j,i(j)})$ such that $t_{j,i(j)}/E_{\mathbf{m}_1}''$ are with no repetitions (this is possible as $j(*) < \lambda^+$). Now define $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m},1}$ as the function extending $\text{id} \upharpoonright L_1$ witnessing the equivalence of the pairs we chose. Obviously, f is as required.

Claim 3: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

Remark: We shall use Section 4 in the following proof.

Proof: We shall prove by induction on γ that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1,\gamma}^{dp}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m},\gamma}^{dp})$. For γ large enough we'll get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

First case: $\gamma = 0$.

Denote $E = E_{\mathbf{m}}'' \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m},\gamma}^{dp}$. E is an equivalence relation and $E \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}_1,\gamma}^{dp} = E_{\mathbf{m}_1}'' \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}_1,\gamma}^{dp}$. Now the claim follows by the fact that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m},\gamma}^{dp})$ (and similarly $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1,\gamma}^{dp})$) can be represented as a product with $< \lambda$ support of $\{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(t/E) : t \in L_{\mathbf{m},\gamma}^{dp}\}$.

Second case: $\gamma = \beta + 1$.

Denote $M_\beta := \{t \in M_{\mathbf{m}} : dp_{\mathbf{m}}^*(t) = \beta\}$, then M_β 's members are pairwise incomparable.

Claim: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$.

Proof: We shall prove the claim by a series of subclaims.

Subclaim: Given $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \models p \leq q$ if and only if $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \models p \leq q$.

Proof: Note that $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$ are initial segments of $L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}}$, respectively. Note also that if $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}$ and $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}}$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright L_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright L_2}$, and if $L \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}}$ is an initial segment then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}(L) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright L}$. Obviously, $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp}$ are initial segments of $L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}}$, respectively. Now the claim follows by the definition of the forcing's partial order (definition 1.8) and the induction hypothesis.

Subclaim: Given $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$, p_1 and p_2 are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ if and only if they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$.

Proof: By the previous subclaim, if p_1 and p_2 are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ then they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$. Let us now prove the other direction. Suppose that $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ is a common upper bound of p_1 and p_2 in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$. As in the proof of claim 2 above, find $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m}, 1}$ such that $f \text{supp}(p) \cup f \text{supp}(p_1) \cup f \text{supp}(p_2) \subseteq \text{Dom}(f)$, $f \upharpoonright (f \text{supp}(p_1) \cup f \text{supp}(p_2) \cup M_\beta)$ is the identity and $\text{Ran}(f) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Note that if $t \in \text{Dom}(f) \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp}$ then $f(t) \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp}$. Since $f((\text{Dom}(f) \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp}) \cup M_\beta) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$, it follows that $\hat{f}(p) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$, and as before, it's a common upper bound as required.

Claim: $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$.

Proof: Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ be a maximal antichain and suppose towards contradiction that $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ contradicts in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ all elements of I . As before, choose $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m}, 1}$ which is the identity on M_β and on $f \text{supp}(q)$ for every $q \in I$, such that $\text{Ran}(f) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ (hence $f(\text{Dom}(f) \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp}) \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp}$). Now $\hat{f}(p) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ and \hat{f} is order preserving, hence $\hat{f}(p)$ contradicts all members of I in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$, contradicting our assumption. Therefore I is a maximal antichain in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$.

We shall now continue with the proof of the induction.

Denote $L_* = L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp} \setminus (L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ and denote by \mathcal{E} the collection of pairs (s_1, s_2) such that $s_1, s_2 \in L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp} \setminus (L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta)$ and $s_1/E_{\mathbf{m}}'' = s_2/E_{\mathbf{m}}''$, so \mathcal{E} is an equivalence relation. Note also that if s_1 and s_2 are not \mathcal{E} -equivalent, then they're incomparable. Now observe that the following are true:

1. Suppose that $s \in L_*$, $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $t < s$. If $t \notin L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp}$, then there is $r \in M_\beta$ such that $r \leq t$. Therefore, either $t \in M_\beta$ or $t \in L_*$ and $t \mathcal{E} s$, hence $L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta \cup (s/\mathcal{E})$.
2. Similarly, if $s \in L_* \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, then $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, < s} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta \cup (s/\mathcal{E})$.

Let $\{X_\epsilon : \epsilon < \epsilon(*)\}$ be the collection of \mathcal{E} -equivalence classes and let $U_1 = \{\epsilon : X_\epsilon \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}\}$, $Z = L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup \{X_\epsilon : \epsilon \notin U_1\} \cup M_\beta$, $Y = L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup \{X_{\epsilon: \epsilon \in U_1}\} \cup M_\beta$.

It's easy to see that:

1. $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp} = \cup\{X_\epsilon : \epsilon \in U_1\} \cup L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$.
2. $Z \cap L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp} = L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$.
3. $Z \cup L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp} = L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$.
4. $Z \cap Y = L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$.
5. $Z \cup Y = L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp}$.

By observation (1) (the first one), Y and Z are initial segments of $L_{\mathbf{m}}$, and if $s \in Z \setminus Y$ and $t \in Y \setminus Z$, then t and s are incomparable. Note also that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y \cup Z) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$. Since Y is an initial segment, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y \cup Z)$. Let $Y_1 = L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$, $Y_2 = L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta$, obviously Y_2 and $Y_1 \cup Y_2$ are initial segments of $L_{\mathbf{m}}$. Let $Y_0 = Y_1 \cap Y_2$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(Y_0) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}^{dp} \cup M_\beta) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2)$. Since $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(Y_0) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$, we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2)$. Note also that $Y_1 \setminus Y_0$ is disjoint to $M_{\mathbf{m}}$, Y_0 is an initial segment of Y_1 and if $t \in Y_1 \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $(t/E_{\mathbf{m}}'') \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \subseteq Y_1$.

Finally, the desired conclusion will be derived from the following two claims:

Claim 3 (1) Suppose that $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $Y_0 = Y_1 \cap Y_2$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$ if the following conditions hold:

1. $Y_2 \subseteq Y_3$ are initial segments of $L_{\mathbf{m}}$.
2. $Y_1 \subseteq Y_2$ and Y_0 is an initial segment of Y_1 .
3. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2)$.
4. $Y_1 \setminus Y_0 \cap M_{\mathbf{m}} = \emptyset$.
5. If $t \in Y_1 \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $t/E_{\mathbf{m}}'' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < t} \subseteq Y_1$.

Claim 3 (2): $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_1) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ if the following conditions hold:

1. $\mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$.
2. $L_0 \subseteq L_1 \subseteq L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.
3. L_0 is an initial segment of L_1 .
4. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_0) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_0)$.
5. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}(L_0) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ for $l = 1, 2$.
6. if $t \in L_1 \setminus L_0$ then $t \notin M_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ and $L_{\mathbf{m}_1, < t} \cap (t/E_{\mathbf{m}_1}) = L_{\mathbf{m}_2, < t} \cap (t/E_{\mathbf{m}_1}) \subseteq L_1$.

By claim 3(2), with $(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}, Y_0, Y_1)$ standing for $(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, L_0, L_1)$ in the claim, we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(Y_1) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. By claim 3(1), it follows that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1 \cup Y_2) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y \cup Z) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$. Together we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(Y_1) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$.

Proof of claim 3 (1): We shall prove by induction on γ that if (Y_0, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) are as in the claim's assumptions and $dp(Y_1) \leq \gamma$ then:

1. $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$.
2. If A) then B) where:
 - A) 1. $p_3 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$.
 2. $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$.
 3. If $p_0 \leq q_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$ then $p_2 = p_3 \upharpoonright Y_2$ and q_0 are compatible.
 4. $p_1 = p_0 \cup (p_3 \upharpoonright (Y_1 \setminus Y_0))$.
- B) If $p_1 \leq q_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$ then q_1 and p_3 are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$.

Suppose we arrived at stage γ :

For part 2 of the induction claim: By assumption 5 and the definition of the conditions in the iteration, $f\text{supp}(p_3 \upharpoonright (Y_1 \setminus Y_0)) \subseteq Y_1$, hence $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$. Suppose towards contradiction that A) does not hold for some $p_1 \leq q_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$, then there are $s \in \text{Dom}(q_1) \cap \text{Dom}(p_3)$ and $p_3^+ \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$ such that $p_3 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}, q_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \leq p_3^+$ and $p_3^+ \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \Vdash "q_1(s) \text{ and } p_3(s) \text{ are incompatible}"$. Since $s \in \text{Dom}(q_1) \subseteq Y_1$ and Y_2 is an initial segment, then necessarily $s \notin Y_0$ (otherwise we get a contradiction to assumption A)(3)). $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \models p_1 \leq q_1$, hence $q_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \Vdash p_1(s) \leq q_1(s)$. As $q_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \leq p_3^+$, it follows that $p_1^+ \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \Vdash p_1(s) \leq q_1(s)$. Now $s \in Y_1 \setminus Y_0$, hence $p_1(s) = p_3(s)$, hence $p_3^+ \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \Vdash p_3(s) \leq q_1(s)$, contradicting the choice of p_3^+ . This proves part 2.

For part 1 of the induction claim: Obviously, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \models p \leq q$ iff $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3) \models p \leq q$. Suppose now that $q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$ and $p_3 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$ is a common upper bound, we shall prove the existence of a common upper bound in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$. Since Y_2 is an initial segment, it follows that $f\text{supp}(p_3 \upharpoonright Y_2) \subseteq Y_2$, hence $p_3 \upharpoonright Y_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2)$. Since $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2)$, it follows that there exists $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$ such that if $p_0 \leq q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$, then q and $p_3 \upharpoonright Y_2$ are compatible. Let $p_1 := p_0 \cup (p_3 \upharpoonright (Y_1 \setminus Y_0))$. As in the proof of part (2), $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$. If $p_1 \leq p'_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$, then by part (2) of the induction claim, p'_1 is compatible with p_3 . We shall prove that p_1 is a common upper bound of q_1 and q_2 . As we may replace p_0 by $p_0 \leq p'_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$, we may assume WLOG that $\text{Dom}(q_l) \cap Y_0 \subseteq \text{Dom}(p_0) \subseteq \text{Dom}(p_1)$ ($l = 1, 2$). Also $\text{Dom}(q_l) \setminus Y_0 \subseteq \text{Dom}(p_3) \setminus Y_0$. As Y_2 is an initial segment, it follows from our assumptions that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_2) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. Since p_0 is compatible with $p_3 \upharpoonright Y_0$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$, hence there is a common upper bound for $p_0, q_1 \upharpoonright Y_0$ and $q_2 \upharpoonright Y_0$. Therefore WLOG $q_l \upharpoonright Y_0 \leq p_0$ ($l = 1, 2$). Assume towards contradiction that $q_l \leq p_1$ doesn't hold, then there is $s \in \text{Dom}(q_l)$ such that $q_l \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \leq p_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}$ but $p_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \not\leq q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$. If $s \in Y_0$, then as Y_0 is an initial segment of Y_1 , it follows that $p_0 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} = p_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}$ and $p_0(s) = p_1(s)$, contradicting the fact that $q_l \leq p_0$. Therefore $s \in Y_1 \setminus Y_0$. Let $Y'_0 = Y_0, Y'_1 = Y_0 \cup (Y_1 \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}), Y'_2 = Y_2$ and $Y'_3 = Y_3$, then (Y'_0, Y'_1, Y'_2, Y'_3) satisfy the assumptions of claim 3 (1) and $dp_{\mathbf{m}}(Y'_1) = dp_{\mathbf{m}}(s) < \gamma$. By the induction hypothesis, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y'_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y'_3)$. As

$s \in Y_1 \setminus Y_0$ (and by the assumption, $s \notin M_{\mathbf{m}}$), it follows from the assumption that $(s/E_{\mathbf{m}}) \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \subseteq Y_1'$. Therefore by the definition of the conditions in the iteration, $f\text{supp}(p_1 \upharpoonright \{s\}), f\text{supp}(q_l \upharpoonright \{s\}) \subseteq Y_1'$. Therefore $p_1(s)$ and $q_l(s)$ are $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1')$ -names. Recall that $p_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \not\leq q_1(s) \leq p_1(s)$, $L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \subseteq Y_3 = Y_3'$ are initial segments and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1') \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3')$. Therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$ and $f\text{supp}(p_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}) \subseteq Y_1 \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}$. Therefore $p_1 \upharpoonright (Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}) \not\leq_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$, hence there exists $p_1 \upharpoonright (Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}) \leq p_1^+ \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$ such that $p_1^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} \neg q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$, hence $p_1^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} \neg q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$. By part (2) of the induction hypothesis with $\gamma_1 = dp_{\mathbf{m}}(s)$ as γ and $(p_1 \upharpoonright (Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}), p_1^+, p_3 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$ standing for (p_1, q_1, p_3) there, p_1^+ is compatible with $p_3 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$. Let p_3^+ be a common upper bound. As $q_l \leq p_3$, $p_3^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} q_l(s) \leq p_3(s) = p_1(s)$ (recalling that $s \notin Y_0$). As $p_1^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} \neg q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$, we get $p_3^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1' \cap L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})} \neg q_l(s) \leq p_1(s)$. Together we got a contradiction, hence p_1 is the desired common upper bound and $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \subseteq_{ic} \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$. In order to show that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$, note that for every $p_3 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$ we can repeat the argument in the beginning of the proof and get $p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_0)$ and $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1)$ that satisfy the requirements in part (2) of the induction. Hence, part (2) holds for (p_0, p_1, p_3) hence $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(Y_3)$.

Proof of claim 3 (2): For $l = 1, 2$ define the sequence $\bar{L}_l = (L_{l,i} : i < 4)$ as follows: $L_{l,0} = L_0$, $L_{l,1} = L_1$, $L_{l,3} = L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ and $L_{l,2}$ will be defined as the set of $s \in L_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ such that $s \leq t$ for some $t \in L_0$. It's easy to see that $(\mathbf{m}_l, \bar{L}_l)$ satisfies the assumptions of claim 3 (1), therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}(L_1) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}(L_{l,1}) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}(L_{l,3}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_l}$, so $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_1) \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$, as required. We shall now prove the remaining part of the claim. Let $(s_\alpha : \alpha < \alpha^*)$ be an enumeration of the elements of $L_1 \setminus L_0$ such that if $s_\alpha < s_\beta$ then $\alpha \leq \beta$. For every $\alpha \leq \alpha^*$ define $L_{0,\alpha} = L_0 \cup \{s_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$. We shall prove by induction on $\alpha \leq \alpha^*$ that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\alpha}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\alpha})$. For $\alpha = \alpha^*$ we'll have $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_1) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_1)$ as required.

First case ($\alpha = 0$): In this case $L_0 = L_{0,\alpha}$ and the claim follows from assumption (4).

Second case (α is a limit ordinal): Obviously $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\alpha}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\alpha})$ as sets. By the definition of the partial order and the induction hypothesis, it follows that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\alpha}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\alpha})$ as partial orders.

Thirs case ($\alpha = \beta + 1$): Obviously $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\alpha}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\alpha})$ as sets. Suppose that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\alpha}) \Vdash p \leq q$. If $s_\beta \notin \text{Dom}(q)$, then $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\beta})$ and the claim follows from the induction hypothesis. If $s_\beta \in \text{Dom}(p) \cap \text{Dom}(q)$, then by the definition of the iteration, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\beta}) \Vdash p \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta} \leq q \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta}$ and $q \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\beta})} p(s_\beta) \leq q(s_\beta)$. Now note that $f\text{supp}(p \upharpoonright \{s_\beta\}), f\text{supp}(q \upharpoonright \{s_\beta\}) \subseteq L_{0,\beta}$, hence $p(s_\beta)$ and $q(s_\beta)$ are $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\beta})$ -names. In addition, $p \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta}, q \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{0,\beta}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\beta})$, therefore by the induction hypothesis $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\beta}) \Vdash p \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta \leq q \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta}}$ and $q \upharpoonright L_{0,\beta} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\beta})} p(s_\beta) \leq q(s_\beta)$. Therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}(L_{0,\alpha}) \Vdash p \leq q$. The other direction is proved similarly. This concludes the proof of the induction and claim 3 (2).

We shall now return to the original induction proof.

Third case: γ is a limit ordinal.

By claim 2, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1}) \ll \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. Apply that claim to $(\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}, \mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$ instead of $(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m})$ and get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \ll \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$. Note that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp})$ as sets, and the definition of the order depends only on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \beta}^{dp})$ for $\beta < \gamma$, therefore by the induction hypothesis $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp})$. Therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}(L_{\mathbf{m}_1, \gamma}^{dp}) \ll \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, \gamma}^{dp})$. \square

Definition 3.9: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \lambda_2}$ and $M \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that, as always, $w_t^0 \subseteq M$ for every $t \in M$. Define $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m}(M) \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \lambda_2}$ as follows:

1. $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}$.
2. $M_{\mathbf{n}} = M$.
3. $E'_{\mathbf{n}} = \{(s, t) : s \neq t \wedge \{s, t\} \not\subseteq M\}$.
4. $\bar{v}_{\mathbf{n}} = \bar{v}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

It's easy to check that \mathbf{n} satisfies all of the requirements in Definition 2.2 and is equivalent to \mathbf{m} , therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}$.

Claim 3.10: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \lambda_2}$ and $M \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that, as always, $w_t^0 \subseteq M$ for every $t \in M$.

A. If $\mathbf{n} := \mathbf{m}(M) \leq \mathbf{n}_1$ then there exists $\mathbf{m}_1 \in \mathbf{M}$ such that $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1$ and \mathbf{m}_1 is equivalent to \mathbf{n}_1 .

B. If $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ then $\mathbf{m}(M) = \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$.

Proof: A) Define $\mathbf{m}_1 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ as follows:

1. $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1} := \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_1}$.
2. $M_{\mathbf{m}_1} := M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
3. $E'_{\mathbf{m}_1} := E'_{\mathbf{m}} \cup \{(s, t) : sE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}t \wedge \{s, t\} \subseteq (L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}}) \cup M\}$.

We shall show that $\mathbf{m}_1 \in \mathbf{M}$. $E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ is an equivalence relation on $L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$: Suppose that $s, t, r \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ such that $sE'_{\mathbf{m}_1}t \wedge tE'_{\mathbf{m}_1}r$. If $sE'_{\mathbf{m}}t \wedge tE'_{\mathbf{m}}r$ or $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}t \wedge tE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}r \wedge \{s, t, r\} \subseteq (L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}})$, then $sE'_{\mathbf{m}_1}r$, therefore we may assume WLOG that $sE'_{\mathbf{m}}t \wedge tE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}r \wedge \{t, r\} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}}$, but this is impossible as $sE'_{\mathbf{m}}t$ hence $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}} = L_{\mathbf{n}}$. Therefore $E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ is a transitive relation on $L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and obviously it's an equivalence relation. Suppose now that $s, t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ are not $E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ -equivalent. If $s, t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}}$ then s, t are not $E'_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ -equivalent, therefore $s <_{\mathbf{n}_1} t$ iff there exists $r \in M_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ such that $s <_{\mathbf{n}_1} r <_{\mathbf{n}_1} t$. Therefore $s <_{\mathbf{m}_1} t$ iff there exists $r \in M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ such that $s <_{\mathbf{m}_1} r <_{\mathbf{m}_1} t$. Suppose that $s, t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, then they're not $E'_{\mathbf{m}}$ -equivalent, therefore $s_{\mathbf{m}}t$ iff there is $r \in M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $s <_{\mathbf{m}} r <_{\mathbf{m}} t$. Therefore $s_{\mathbf{m}_1}t$ iff there exists $r \in M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ between them. Finally, suppose WLOG that $s \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}} \wedge t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and $s < t$. If s and t are not $E_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ -equivalent, then as before, $s <_{\mathbf{m}_1} t$ iff there is $r \in M_{\mathbf{m}}$ between them. If $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}t$, then $s \in t/E'_{\mathbf{n}_1} = t/E'_{\mathbf{n}}$, hence $s \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$, contradicting the choice of s . This proves that \mathbf{m}_1 satisfies the requirement in definition 2.2(A)(D)(2). It is easy to verify that \mathbf{m}_1 satisfies the rest of the requirements in definition 2.2. For example, 2.2(A)(6) : Let $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$,

if $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} = L_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1}, t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_1}, t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}}, t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}}, t}^0 \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Suppose that $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1}, t}^0 = u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_1}, t}^0 \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{n}_1}$ hence similarly $u_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1}, t}^0 \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.

Suppose that $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, $u \in v_{\mathbf{m}_1, t}$ and $u \not\subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, then $u \in v_{\mathbf{n}_1, t}$ and $u \not\subseteq M_{\mathbf{n}_1}$, hence there is $s \in L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \setminus M$ such that $u \subseteq s/E'_{\mathbf{n}_1}$. There are now two possibilities:

1. $t \notin M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. In this case, for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$, $u \subseteq u_{\mathbf{m}_1, t}^0 \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$.
2. $t \in M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Suppose that $s \notin L_{\mathbf{n}}$. If there is $r \in u$ such that $r \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}}$, then $s \in r/E'_{\mathbf{n}_1} = r/E'_{\mathbf{n}}$, hence $s \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $u \cup \{s\} \subseteq (L_{\mathbf{n}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}}) \cup M$ hence $u \subseteq s/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Suppose that $s \in L_{\mathbf{n}}$, then $u \subseteq s/E'_{\mathbf{n}_1} = s/E'_{\mathbf{n}} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}}$, therefore $u \in v_{\mathbf{n}, t} = v_{\mathbf{m}, t}$, hence there is $r \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $u \subseteq r/E'_{\mathbf{m}}$. Therefore $u \subseteq r/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. The other requirements of definition 2.2 are easy to verify, therefore $\mathbf{m}_1 \in \mathbf{M}$ and obviously $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1$ and \mathbf{m}_1 is equivalent to \mathbf{n}_1 .

B) Suppose that $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$ and let $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2$ be as in part A) for \mathbf{n}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 . We shall prove that $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$. First note that $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_1} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \leq \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{n}_2} = \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$ and $M_{\mathbf{m}_2} = M_{\mathbf{m}} = M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Let $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_1}$ and suppose that $s \in t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. By the definition of \mathbf{m}_1 , if $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $s \in t/E'_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}t$, hence $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_2}t$ and it follows that $sE'_{\mathbf{m}_2}t$. Therefore $t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1} \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. Suppose now that $s \in t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $s \in t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_2} = t/E'_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. If $t \in L_{\mathbf{m}_1} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_2}t$, hence $sE'_{\mathbf{n}_1}t$ and $sE'_{\mathbf{m}_1}t$. Therefore $t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_2} \subseteq t/E'_{\mathbf{m}_1}$. Similarly it's easy to verify the rest of the requirements for " $\mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$ ", therefore $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1 \leq \mathbf{m}_2$. Now $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$, therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}$. Since \mathbf{m}_l is equivalent to \mathbf{n}_l ($l = 1, 2$), we get $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} \triangleleft \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$, hence $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ as required. \square

Claim 3.11: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \lambda_2}$, then there exists $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ such that $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$ and $|L_{\mathbf{n}}| \leq \lambda_2$.

Proof: Use claim 2.19 to pick $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{\chi}$ for χ large enough, such that $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ is very wide and full and $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n}$. We shall try to choose $\mathbf{m}_{\alpha} \in \mathbf{M}$ by induction on $\alpha < \lambda_2^+$ such that the following conditions hold:

1. $\mathbf{m}_0 = \mathbf{m}$.
2. $(\mathbf{m}_{\beta} : \beta < \alpha) \hat{\cap} (\mathbf{n})$ is $\leq_{\mathbf{M}}$ -increasing and continuous.
3. $|L_{\mathbf{m}_{\alpha}}| \leq \lambda_2$.
4. If $\alpha = \beta + 1$ then one of the following conditions holds:

A) \mathbf{m}_{β} is not wide and \mathbf{m}_{α} is wide.

B) There is $t_1 \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}}$ and a sequence \bar{s}_1 of elements of $t_1/E''_{\mathbf{n}}$ such that for every $t_2 \in L_{\mathbf{m}_{\beta}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and a sequence \bar{s}_2 of elements of $t_2/E''_{\mathbf{m}_{\beta}}$, (t_2, \bar{s}_2) is not 1-equivalent to (t_1, \bar{s}_1) in \mathbf{n} , but there is a 1-equivalent pair (t_2, \bar{s}_2) in $L_{\mathbf{m}_{\alpha}}$.

We shall later prove that since $\beth_2(\lambda_1) \leq \lambda_2$, there exists $\alpha < \lambda_2^+$ for which we won't be able to choose an appropriate \mathbf{m}_{α} . If δ is a limit ordinal, then we can define $\mathbf{m}_{\delta} = \bigcup_{\gamma < \delta} \mathbf{m}_{\gamma}$, hence necessarily α has the form $\alpha = \beta + 1$. We shall prove that \mathbf{m}_{β} is as required. First we shall prove that the pair $(\mathbf{m}_{\beta}, \mathbf{n})$ satisfies the

assumptions of claim 3.8 where $(\mathbf{m}_\beta, \mathbf{n})$ here stands for $(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m})$ in 3.8. Obviously, $\mathbf{m}_{beta} \leq \mathbf{n}$. Suppose that $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}_\beta}$ and \bar{s} is a sequence of $< \lambda^+$ members of $t/E''_{\mathbf{n}}$. Let $\mathbf{m}_\alpha \in \mathbf{M}$ be wide such that $\mathbf{m}_\beta \leq \mathbf{m}_\alpha \leq \mathbf{n}$, $|L_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha}| \leq \lambda_2$ and \bar{s}, t are from $L_{\mathbf{m}_\alpha}$. As \mathbf{m}_α does not satisfy the induction's requirements, necessarily there are $t_2 \in L_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and a sequence \bar{s}_2 of elements of $t_2/E''_{\mathbf{m}_\beta}$ that are 1-equivalent to (t_1, \bar{s}_1) in \mathbf{n} . If \mathbf{m}_β is wide, then there exists sequence $(r_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+)$ of elements of $L_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $r_\alpha/E''_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} \neq r_\gamma/E''_{\mathbf{m}_\beta}$ for every $\alpha < \gamma$, and $\mathbf{m}_\beta \upharpoonright (r_\alpha/E_{\mathbf{m}_\beta})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{m}_\beta \upharpoonright (t_2/E_{\mathbf{m}_\beta})$ for every $\alpha < \lambda^+$. For every $\alpha < \lambda^+$, denote that isomorphism by f_α and denote by \bar{s}'_α the image of \bar{s}_2 under f_α . Now obviously the sequence $((r_\alpha, \bar{s}'_\alpha) : \alpha < \lambda^+)$ is as required. If \mathbf{m}_β is not wide, then since \mathbf{m}_α is wide, we get a contradiction to the fact that induction terminated at \mathbf{m}_β . Therefore $(\mathbf{m}_\beta, \mathbf{n})$ satisfies the assumptions of claim 3.8.

Now suppose that $\mathbf{m}_\beta \leq \mathbf{n}_1 \leq \mathbf{n}_2$. First assume that $\mathbf{n}_2 \leq \mathbf{n}$ and $|L_{\mathbf{n}_2}| \leq \lambda_2$. Suppose that $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus L_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ and \bar{s} is a sequence of length $\zeta < \lambda^+$ of elements of $t/E''_{\mathbf{n}}$. Since $(\mathbf{m}_\beta, \mathbf{n})$ satisfies the assumptions of claim 3.8, there are λ^+ $t_i \in L_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} \subseteq L_{\mathbf{n}_2} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ and sequences \bar{s}_i from $t_i/E''_{\mathbf{m}_\beta} = t_i/E''_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ as in the assumptions of claim 3.8. By claim 3.8, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2} < \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}$. Similarly, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} < \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}$, therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1} < \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}$.

Why can we assume WLOG that $|L_{\mathbf{n}_2}| \leq \lambda_2$?

Let χ be a cardinal large enough such that $\mathbf{m}_\beta, \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n} \in H(\chi)$, and let N be an elementary submodel of $(H(\chi), \in)$ such that:

1. $\mathbf{m}_\beta, \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \in N$.
2. $[N]^{\leq \lambda} \subseteq N$.
3. $\|N\| \leq \lambda_2$.
4. $\lambda_2 + 1 \subseteq N$.

Let $L' = L_{\mathbf{n}_2} \cap N$, $\mathbf{n}'_2 = \mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright L'$ and $\mathbf{n}'_1 = \mathbf{n}_1 \upharpoonright (L' \cap L_{\mathbf{n}_1})$. Now we may work in N and replace $(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)$ by $(\mathbf{n}'_1, \mathbf{n}'_2)$, as $|L_{\mathbf{n}'_2}| \leq \lambda_2$, we get the desired result.

Why can we assume WLOG that $\mathbf{n}_2 \leq \mathbf{n}$?

As \mathbf{n} is very wide and full, for every $t \in L_{\mathbf{n}_2} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}_2}$ there exist $|L_{\mathbf{n}}|$ members $t_i \in L_{\mathbf{n}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{n}}$ such that $\mathbf{n} \upharpoonright (t_i/E_{\mathbf{n}})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright (t/E_{\mathbf{n}_2})$ over $M_{\mathbf{n}}$ (and remember that $|L_{\mathbf{n}_2}| \leq |L_{\mathbf{n}}|$). Therefore \mathbf{n}_2 is isomorphic to an \mathbf{n}_3 that satisfies $\mathbf{n}_3 \leq \mathbf{n}$, so WLOG $\mathbf{n}_2 \leq \mathbf{n}$.

It remains to show that there exists $\alpha < \lambda_2^+$ such that we can't choose \mathbf{m}_α as required by the induction. Suppose towards contradiction that for every $\alpha < \lambda_2^+$ there is \mathbf{m}_α as required, then necessarily there exist λ_2^+ ordinals $\alpha < \lambda_2^+$ such that \mathbf{m}_α satisfies 4(B). Therefore, there exist λ_2^+ distinct 1-equivalence classes in \mathbf{n} . We shall prove that the number of 1-equivalence classes in \mathbf{n} is at most $\beth_3(\lambda_1)$, and since $\beth_3(\lambda_1) \leq \lambda_2 < \lambda_2^+$, we'll get a contradiction.

Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$. First note that the number of distinct 0-equivalence classes in \mathbf{m} is at most $\beth_2(\lambda_1)$, as there exist at most $\beth_1(\lambda_1)$ isomorphism types of $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright L$ for L as in the

definition of 0-equivalence, so by adding the number of possible orderings of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L)$, we get the desired bound. Now given \bar{s}_2, \bar{s}_2 as in the definition of 1-equivalence, denote by C_1, C_2 the 0-equivalence classes of sequences of the form $\bar{s}_1 \hat{s}'_1, \bar{s}_2 \hat{s}'_2$, respectively, for \bar{s}'_1, \bar{s}'_2 as in the definition of 1-equivalence. \bar{s}_1 is 1-equivalent to \bar{s}_2 iff they're 0-equivalent and $C_1 = C_2$. Given \bar{s} as in the definition of 1-equivalence, if C is the collection of 0-equivalence classes of sequences of the form $\hat{s}s'$ as in the definition of 1-equivalence, then C is contained in the set of 0-equivalence classes over \mathbf{m} , which has at most $\beth_2(\lambda_1)$ members. Therefore, there are at most $\beth_3(\lambda_1)$ different choices for C , hence there are at most $\beth_3(\lambda_1)$ distinct 1-equivalence classes over \mathbf{m} . \square

Concluding the proof of the main claim

Conclusion 3.12: A) Suppose that

0. $\mathbf{m}_l \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ ($l = 1, 2$) and

1. $M_l \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}_l}$ ($l = 1, 2$) (and as always we assume that M_l is closed under weak memory).

2. $\mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_1$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_2$.

3. $|L_{\mathbf{m}_1}|, |L_{\mathbf{m}_2}| \leq \lambda_2$.

Then there exists an isomorphism from $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[M_1]$ onto $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}[M_2]$.

B) Suppose that $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}_{\leq \lambda_2}$, $M \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}} = L_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{m} \upharpoonright M$, then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr} \prec \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$.

Proof: A) Define $\mathbf{n}_l := \mathbf{m}_l(M_l)$ for $l = 1, 2$. By claim 3.10, $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$. $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{n}_2} = \mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_2$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n}_1 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{n}_1} = \mathbf{m}_1 \upharpoonright M_1$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{n}_2 \upharpoonright M_{\mathbf{n}_2} = \mathbf{m}_2 \upharpoonright M_2$, hence by claim 2.20, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[M_{\mathbf{n}_1}]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_2}[M_{\mathbf{n}_2}]$. Therefore, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[M_1]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_2}[M_2]$.

B) Let $\mathbf{m}_1 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ such that $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_1$ and $|L_{\mathbf{m}_1}| \leq \lambda_2$. Let $\mathbf{n}_1 := \mathbf{m}_1(M)$, then by our previous claims, $\mathbf{n}_1 \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$. Obviously, $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{n}_1$, therefore $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}}^{cr} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{n}_1}[M] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[M] \prec \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}_1}[L_{\mathbf{m}_1}] = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}$. \square

Conclusion 3.13: In conclusion 2.25 we can add: Suppose that $U_1, U_2 \subseteq \delta_*$ are closed under weak memory, $(\alpha_i : i < otp(U_1))$ and $(\beta_j : j < otp(U_2))$ are increasing enumerations of U_1 and U_2 , respectively, and $h : U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U_1$ onto $\mathbf{m} \upharpoonright U_2$, then there exists a unique generic set $G'' \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U_2]$ such that $\eta_{\alpha_i} = \eta_{\beta_i}[G'']$ for every $i < otp(U_1)$.

Proof: In the construction that appears in 2.24 we can take $\mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{n} \in \mathbf{M}_{ec}$ such that $|L_{\mathbf{n}}| \leq \lambda_2$. By 2.25($G + H$) and 3.12(B), it follows that there exists a generic set $G'' \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}^{cr}[U_2]$ such that $\eta_{\alpha_i} = \eta_{\beta_i}[G'']$ for every $i < otp(U_1)$. \square

Appendix: The properties of the projection and an addition to the proof of claim 3.8

Claim 4.1: Let $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ and denote $S_p = \{\pi_L(p) : \text{there exists } t \in fsupp(p) \text{ such that } L = t/E_{\mathbf{m}}\}$, then $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} "p \in \tilde{G} \text{ iff } S_p \subseteq \tilde{G}"$.

Proof: If $f\text{supp}(p) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then for every $t \in f\text{supp}(p)$, $\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) = p$, hence $S_p = \{p\}$ and there is nothing to prove. Therefore assume that $f\text{supp}(p) \not\subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$. By the properties of the projection, for every $t \in f\text{supp}(p)$, $\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) \leq p$, therefore $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} "p \in \tilde{G} \rightarrow S_p \subseteq \tilde{G}"$. In the other direction, suppose that $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} "S_p \subseteq \tilde{G}"$, it's enough to show that q is compatible with p . Assume towards contradiction that p and q are incompatible. WLOG $\text{Dom}(p) \subseteq \text{Dom}(q)$. By the assumption, $q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} "\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) \in \tilde{G}"$ for every $t \in f\text{supp}(p)$ and we may assume that $\text{tr}(p(s)) \subseteq \text{tr}(q(s))$ for every $s \in \text{Dom}(p)$. Since p contradicts q , there are $s \in \text{Dom}(p) \cap \text{Dom}(q)$ and $q \upharpoonright L_{\mathbf{m}, < s} \leq q_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_{\mathbf{m}, < s})$ such that $q_1 \Vdash "p(s) \text{ contradicts } q(s)"$. By the definition of forcing templates, $q_1 \Vdash "tr(q(s)) \text{ contradicts } p(s)"$. Therefore, by the definition of forcing templates and by the definition of the iteration, there is $\iota < \iota(p(s))$ such that $q_1 \Vdash "tr(q(s)) \text{ contradicts } \mathbf{B}_{p(s), \iota}(\dots, \eta_{t_\zeta}(a_\zeta), \dots)_{\zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}}"$. By the definition of the iteration (definition 2.2), there is $u \in v_s$ such that $\{t_\zeta : \zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}\} \subseteq u$. By the same definition, there is $t \in f\text{supp}(p)$ such that $\{t_\zeta : \zeta \in W_{p(s), \iota}\} \subseteq t/E_{\mathbf{m}}$. Therefore $q_1 \Vdash "\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) \notin \tilde{G} \text{ or } tr(q(s)) \not\subseteq \eta_s"$. Now define $q_2 = q_1 \cup (q \upharpoonright (L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus L_{\mathbf{m}, < s}))$. $q \leq q_2$, hence $q_2 \Vdash "\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) \in \tilde{G}"$. On the other hand, $q(s) = q_2(s)$, hence $q_2 \Vdash tr(q(s)) \subseteq \eta_s$. $q_1 \leq q_2$, therefore, every generic set G that contains q_2 contains q_1 and also $tr(q(s)) \subseteq \eta_s[G]$ and $\pi_{t/E_{\mathbf{m}}}(p) \in G$, contradicting our observation about q_1 . Therefore, p and q are compatible. \square

Claim 4.2: Let $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ be wide and suppose that

1. $i(*) < \lambda$.
2. $t_i \in L_{\mathbf{m}} \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ for every $i < i(*)$.
3. t_i is not $E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ -equivalent for every $i < j < i(*)$.
4. $X_i = t_i/E_{\mathbf{m}}$.
5. $\psi_* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$.
6. $\psi_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[X_i]$ for $i < i(*)$.
7. If $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}] \models \psi_* \leq \phi$, then ϕ is compatible with ψ_i in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ for every $i < i(*)$.

then there exists a common upper bound for $\{\psi_i : i < i(*)\} \cup \{\psi_*\}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$.

Proof: In this proof we shall use the notion of projection that appears in the next section. Let $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} "\psi_*[\tilde{G}] = \text{true}"$. Since \mathbf{m} is wide, there is an automorphism f of \mathbf{m} (over $M_{\mathbf{m}}$) that maps the members of $f\text{supp}(p) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ to a set that is disjoint to $\bigcup_{i < i(*)} X_i$ (recall that $|f\text{supp}(p)| < \lambda^+$). Therefore, we may assume WLOG that $f\text{supp}(p) \cap X_i \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ for every $i < i(*)$. By induction on $i \leq i(*)$ we'll choose conditions p_i such that:

1. $p_i \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.
2. $(p_j : j \leq i)$ is increasing.

3. $p_0 = p$.
4. If $i = j + 1$ then $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_j[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$.
5. $f\text{supp}(p_i)$ is disjoint to $\cup\{X_j \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}} : i \leq j < i(*)\}$.
6. p_i is chosen by the winning strategy \mathbf{st} that is guaranteed by the $(< \lambda)$ -strategic completeness of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$.

If we succeed to construct the above sequence, then for every $i < i(*)$, $p_{i(*)} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_i[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$. In addition, $p_{i(*)} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_*[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$ (recalling that $p \leq p_{i(*)}$), therefore, $p_{i(*)} \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_*[\tilde{G}] = \text{true} \wedge (\bigwedge_{i < i(*)} \psi_i[\tilde{G}] = \text{true})"$. Therefore, $\psi_* \wedge (\bigwedge_{i < i(*)} \psi_i) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ is the desired common upper bound.

We shall now carry the induction:

First stage ($i = 0$): Choose $p_0 = p$ (note that (5) holds by the assumption on $f\text{supp}(p)$).

Second stage (i is a limit ordinal): Let p'_i be an upper bound to $(p_j : j < i)$ that is chosen according to \mathbf{st} . Since \mathbf{m} is wide, as before we can find an automorphism f of \mathbf{m} such that $f(f\text{supp}(p'_i) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}})$ is disjoint to $\cup\{X_j \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}} : i \leq j < i(*)\}$ and f is the identity on $\bigcup_{j < i} f\text{supp}(p_j)$ (this is possible by (5) in the induction hypothesis).

Let $p_i := \hat{f}(p'_i)$. By the definition of \hat{f} , p_i satisfies requirements 1-5, and as \mathbf{st} is preserved by \hat{f} , p_i satisfies (6) as well.

Third stage ($i = j + 1$): Let $\phi_j \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be the projection of p_j to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$. We shall first prove that $\psi_* \leq \phi_j$. If it's not true, then there exists $\phi_j \leq \theta \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ contradicting ψ_* . Let $r \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ such that $r \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\theta[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$, then $r \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_*[\tilde{G}] = \text{false"}$. Since $r \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\theta[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$, it follows that $\phi_j \leq \theta \leq r$, hence by the definition of ϕ_j , r is compatible with p_j . By the density of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$, r and p_j have a common upper bound $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. $p_0 \leq p_j \leq p$, hence $p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_*[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\psi_* \leq \phi_j$, hence ϕ_j is compatible with ψ_j . By the density of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, they have a common upper bound $q_j^1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. As before, since \mathbf{m} is wide, we may assume WLOG that $f\text{supp}(q_j^1) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ is disjoint to $f\text{supp}(p_j) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $\cup\{X_{j'} : j + 1 \leq j' < i(*)\}$. By claim 4.4 (with (p_j, q_j^1, ϕ_j) here standing for (p, q, ψ) there), p_j and q_j^1 are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. Let p_i be a common upper bound chosen by the strategy. By our choice, $\psi_j \leq p_i$, hence $p_i \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \text{"}\psi_j[\tilde{G}] = \text{true"}$. As before, use the fact that \mathbf{m} is wide to assume WLOG that $f\text{supp}(p_i) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}} \cap X_{j'} = \text{set}$ for every $i \leq j' < i(*)$. As in the previous case, we conclude that p_i is as required. \square

Claim 4.3: Suppose that $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ is wide. Let $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{m}, \beta}$ (see definition 3.7) and denote its domain and range by L_1 and L_2 , respectively, then f induces an isomorphism from $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1)$ onto $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$.

Proof: Obviously, \hat{f} is bijective. Now let $p_1, q_1 \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_1)$ and let $p_2 = \hat{f}(p_1), q_2 = \hat{f}(q_1) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}(L_2)$. We shall prove that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \Vdash p_1 \leq q_1$ iff $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \Vdash p_2 \leq q_2$. Let $(t_i^1 : i < i(*)$) be a sequence such that:

1. $t_i^1 \in f\text{supp}(q_1) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ for every i .
2. t_i^1 and t_j^1 are not $E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ -equivalent for every $i < j < i(*)$.
3. Every $t \in f\text{supp}(q_1) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ is $E_{\mathbf{m}}''$ -equivalent to some t_i^1 .

For every $i < i(*)$, define $t_i^2 = f(t_i^1)$ and let $\bar{t}_l = (t_i^l : i < i(*))$ ($l = 1, 2$). Assume WLOG that $f\text{supp}(p_1) \subseteq \cup\{t_i^1/E_{\mathbf{m}}'' : i < j(*)\} \cup M_{\mathbf{m}}$ for some $j(*) \leq i(*)$. For every $i < i(*)$, let $q_{1,i} = \pi_{t_i^1/E_{\mathbf{m}}''}(q_1)$ and let $\psi_{1,i}^* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be the projection of $q_{1,i}$ to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ (in the sense of section 5). Let $\psi_1^* = \bigwedge_{i < i(*)} \psi_{1,i}^*$. By the properties of the projection, $\psi_{1,i}^* \leq q_{1,i} \leq q_1$ for every $i < i(*)$, therefore $q_1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} \psi_1^*[G] = \text{true}$ and $\psi_1^* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. For every $i < i(*)$ define $\psi_{1,i}^{**} = \psi_{1,i}^* \wedge q_{1,i} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^1/E_{\mathbf{m}}]$. When the above conditions hold, we say that ψ_1^* and $\bar{\psi}_1^* = (\psi_{1,i}^*, \psi_{1,i}^{**}, q_{1,i} : i < i(*)$) analyze q_1 (or (q_1, \bar{t}_1)). Now similarly choose ϕ_1^* and $\bar{\phi}_1^* = (\phi_{1,i}^*, \phi_{1,i}^{**}, p_{1,i} : i < j(*)$) that analyze $(p_1, (t_i^1 : i < j(*)))$. The function f naturally induces a function on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_1]$, which we shall also denote by \hat{f} . Now define: $\psi_2^* = \hat{f}(\psi_1^*)$, $\psi_{2,i}^* = \hat{f}(\psi_{1,i}^*)$, $\psi_{2,i}^{**} = \hat{f}(\psi_{1,i}^{**})$, $\phi_2^* = \hat{f}(\phi_1^*)$, $\phi_{2,i}^* = \hat{f}(\phi_{1,i}^*)$, $\phi_{2,i}^{**} = \hat{f}(\phi_{1,i}^{**})$, $p_{2,i} = \hat{f}(p_{1,i})$, $q_{2,i} = \hat{f}(q_{1,i})$.

It's easy to see that $(\psi_2, \bar{\psi}_2^*)$ analyze q_2 and $(\phi_2^*, \bar{\phi}_2^*)$ analyze p_2 .

Claim: Let A_l ($l = 1, 2$) be the claim $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}} \Vdash p_l \leq q_l$ and let B_l ($l = 1, 2$) be the claim " $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^l/E_{\mathbf{m}}] \Vdash \phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i} \leq \psi_i^* \wedge q_{l,i}$ for every $i < i(*)$ ", then for $l \in \{1, 2\}$, A_l is equivalent to B_l .

Proof: Suppose that B_l doesn't hold for some i , then there exists $\theta \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^l/E_{\mathbf{m}}]$ such that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^l/E_{\mathbf{m}}] \Vdash \psi_i^* \wedge q_{l,i} \leq \theta$ and θ is incompatible with $\phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^l/E_{\mathbf{m}}]$, hence $\theta \wedge \phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i} \notin \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[t_i^l/E_{\mathbf{m}}]$. For every j define ψ'_j as follows: If $j = i$ define $\psi'_j := \theta$. Otherwise, define $\psi'_j = \psi_i^* \wedge q_{l,j}$. Now let $\phi' \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be the projection of θ to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$, so if $\phi' \leq \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ then ϕ is compatible with θ . Note also that $\psi_i^* \leq \phi'$: If it wasn't true, then for some $\phi' \leq \chi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$, χ contradicts ψ_i^* . By the choice of ϕ' , χ is compatible with θ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. Let χ' be a common upper bound, then $\psi_i^* \leq \theta \leq \chi'$, hence χ is compatible with ψ_i^* , which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\psi_i^* \leq \phi'$.

For every $j \neq i$, if $\phi' \leq \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$, then $\psi_{i,j}^* \leq \psi_i^* \leq \phi' \leq \phi$, hence ϕ is compatible with $q_{l,j}$. Since $\psi_i^* \leq \phi$, ϕ is also compatible with $\psi_i^* \wedge q_{l,j}$. By claim 4.2, there is a common upper bound q_l^+ for ϕ' and all of the ψ'_j . By the density of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, we may assume that $q_l^+ \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. As $q_{l,j} \leq q_l^+$ for every j , it follows from claim 4.1 that $q_l \leq q_l^+$. Since $\theta \leq q_l^+$ and θ contradicts $\phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i}$, necessarily $q_l^+ \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} (\phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i})[G] = \text{false}$. By the properties of the projection, $p_{l,i} \leq p_l$, and as we saw before, $\phi_i^* \leq p_l$, hence $p_l \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}} (\phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i})[G] = \text{true}$. Now if $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ is generic such that $q_l^+ \in G$, then $q_l \in G$ and $p_l \notin G$, therefore " $p_l \leq q_l$ " doesn't hold.

In the other direction, suppose that B_l is true. Suppose towards contradiction that A_l doesn't hold. By the assumption, there is $q_l \leq q_l^+ \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ contradicting p_l . For ψ_i^* and $\bar{\psi}_i^*$ that analyze q_l we have $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \Vdash \psi_i^* \wedge q_{l,i} \leq q_l \leq q_l^+$ for every i . By B_l , $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \Vdash \phi_i^* \wedge p_{l,i} \leq q_l^+$ for every i . By claim 4.1, $p_l \leq q_l^+$, contradicting the choice of q_l^+ .

Therefore, A_l ($l = 1, 2$) is equivalent to B_l ($l = 1, 2$). Obviously, B_1 is equivalent to B_2 , therefore, A_1 is equivalent to A_2 . \square

Claim 4.4: Let $p, q \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, then p and q are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ if there exists ψ such that the following conditions hold (we shall denote this collection of statements by $\square_{p,q,\psi}$):

1. $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$.
2. $f\text{supp}(p) \cap f\text{supp}(q) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$, and for every $t \in f\text{supp}(q) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and $s \in f\text{supp}(p) \setminus M_{\mathbf{m}}$, $s/E''_{\mathbf{m}} \neq t/E''_{\mathbf{m}}$.
3. If $\psi \leq \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$, then ϕ is compatible with p in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$.
4. q and ψ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$.

Proof: We choose (p_n, q_n, ψ_n) by induction on $n < \omega$ such that the following conditions hold:

1. If n is even then $\square_{p_n, q_n, \psi_n}$ holds.
2. If n is odd then $\square_{q_n, p_n, \psi_n}$ holds.
3. $(p_0, q_0, \psi_0) = (p, q, \psi)$.
4. If $n = 2m + 1$ and $s \in \text{Dom}(p_{2m}) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $s \in \text{Dom}(q_{2m+1})$ and $\text{tr}(p_{2m}(s)) \subseteq \text{tr}(q_{2m+1}(s))$.
5. If $n = 2m + 2$ and $s \in \text{Dom}(q_{2m+1}) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $s \in \text{Dom}(p_{2m+2})$ and $\text{tr}(q_{2m+1}(s)) \subseteq \text{tr}(p_{2m+2}(s))$.
6. If $m < n$ then $p_m \leq p_n$ and $q_m \leq q_n$.

For $n = 0$ there is no problem. Suppose that $n = 2m + 1$ and $(p_{2m}, q_{2m}, \psi_{2m})$ has been chosen. Let $u_{2m} = \text{Dom}(p_{2m}) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and for every $s \in u_{2m}$, let $\nu_s = \text{tr}(p_{2m}(s))$ and denote by $p_{s, \nu_s} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ the condition $\bigwedge_{a \in \text{Dom}(\nu_s)} p_{s, a, \nu_s(a)}$. Obviously, $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \models p_{s, \nu_s} \leq p_{2m}$. Let $s \in u_{2m}$ and suppose towards contradiction that $p_{s, \nu_s} \leq \psi_{2m}$ doesn't hold, then ψ_{2m} is compatible with $\neg p_{s, \nu_s}$. Let ϕ be a common upper bound in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$. By the induction hypothesis and $\square_{p_{2m}, q_{2m}, \psi_{2m}}$, ϕ is compatible with p_{2m} . Therefore, p_{2m} is compatible with $\neg p_{s, \nu_s}$, contradicting the fact that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}] \models p_{s, \nu_s} \leq p_{2m}$. Therefore, $p_{s, \nu_s} \leq \psi_{2m}$.

By the induction hypothesis and condition (4) of $\square_{p_{2m}, q_{2m}, \psi_{2m}}$, there is a common upper bound q'_{2m} for q_{2m} and ψ_{2m} , and by the density of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$, we may suppose that $q'_{2m} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. For every $s \in u_{2m}$, since $p_{s, \nu_s} \leq \psi_{2m}$, it follows that $\nu_s \subseteq \text{tr}(q'_{2m})$ and $s \in \text{Dom}(q'_{2m})$. Let $\psi'_{2m} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be the projection of q'_{2m} to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$. So if $\psi'_{2m} \leq \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$, then ϕ and q'_{2m} are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. Note also that $\psi_{2m} \leq \psi'_{2m}$: Otherwise, there is $\psi'_{2m} \leq \phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[M_{\mathbf{m}}]$ contradicting ψ_{2m} . Let $\chi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$ be a common upper bound for q'_{2m} and ϕ , so $\psi_{2m} \leq \chi$, therefore ϕ is compatible with ψ_{2m} , which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\psi_{2m} \leq \psi'_{2m}$, so $p_{s, \nu_s} \leq \psi_{2m} \leq \psi'_{2m}$ for every $s \in u_{2m}$.

Since \mathbf{m} is wide, we may assume WLOG that $f\text{supp}(q'_{2m}) \cap f\text{supp}(p_{2m}) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and similarly for the second part of condition (2). By the induction hypothesis and $\square_{p_{2m}, q_{2m}, \psi_{2m}}$, since $\psi_{2m} \leq \psi'_{2m}$, there is a common upper bound $p'_{2m} \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ for p_{2m} and ψ'_{2m} . Since $f\text{supp}(q'_{2m}) \cap f\text{supp}(p_{2m}) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and \mathbf{m} is wide, WLOG $f\text{supp}(p'_{2m}) \cap f\text{supp}(q'_{2m}) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$ and similarly with the second part of condition (2). Now define $p_n = p'_{2m}$, $q_n = q'_{2m}$, $\psi_n = \psi'_{2m}$. Obviously $\square_{q_n, p_n, \psi_n}$ holds, $p_{2m} \leq p_{2m+1}$ and $q_{2m} \leq q_{2m+1}$. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p_{2m}) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $s \in \text{Dom}(q'_{2m}) = \text{Dom}(q_n)$ and $\text{tr}(p_{2m}(s)) = \nu_s \subseteq \text{tr}(q'_{2m}(s)) = \text{tr}(q_n(s))$. This completes the induction step for odd stages. If $n = 2m + 2$, the proof is the same, alternating the roles of the p 's and the q 's. Now choose p_* and q_* as the upper bounds of $(p_n : n < \omega)$ and $(q_n : n < \omega)$, respectively, such that:

1. $\text{Dom}(p_*) = \bigcup_{n < \omega} \text{Dom}(p_n)$.
2. $\text{Dom}(q_*) = \bigcup_{n < \omega} \text{Dom}(q_n)$.
3. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p_n)$ then $\text{tr}(p_*(s)) = \bigcup_{n \leq k} \text{tr}(p_k(s))$.
4. If $s \in \text{Dom}(q_n)$ then $\text{tr}(q_*(s)) = \bigcup_{n \leq k} \text{tr}(q_k(s))$.

Claim: $p_*, q_* \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ satisfy the following conditions:

1. $\text{Dom}(p_*) \cap \text{Dom}(q_*) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
2. $\text{Dom}(p_*) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}} = \text{Dom}(q_*) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$.
3. If $s \in \text{Dom}(p) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$ then $\text{tr}(p_*(s)) = \text{tr}(q_*(s))$ (so p_* and q_* are strongly compatible).

Proof: 1. Since $(p_n : n < \omega)$ and $(q_n : n < \omega)$ are increasing, then so are $(\text{Dom}(p_n) : n < \omega)$ and $(\text{Dom}(q_n) : n < \omega)$. Since $f\text{supp}(p_n) \cap f\text{supp}(q_n) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$, it follows that $\text{Dom}(p_*) \cap \text{Dom}(q_*) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$.

2. If $t \in \text{Dom}(p_*) \subseteq M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then $t \in \text{Dom}(p_n)$ for some even n . By the inductive construction, $t \in \text{Dom}(q_{n+1}) \subseteq \text{Dom}(q_*)$, therefore $\text{Dom}(p_*) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}} \subseteq \text{Dom}(q_*) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$, and the other direction is proved similarly.

3. Suppose that $s \in \text{Dom}(p_*) \cap M_{\mathbf{m}}$, then by the previous claim, $s \in \text{Dom}(p_*) \cap \text{Dom}(q_*)$. Let $n < \omega$ such that $s \in \text{Dom}(p_n) \cap \text{Dom}(q_n)$, then $\text{tr}(p_*(s)) = \bigcup_{n \leq k} \text{tr}(p_k(s))$ and $\text{tr}(q_*(s)) = \bigcup_{n \leq k} \text{tr}(q_k(s))$. By conditions 4+5 of the induction, it follows that $\text{tr}(p_*(s)) = \text{tr}(q_*(s))$.

By the above claim, p_* and q_* are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$. As $p = p_0 \leq p_*$ and $q = q_0 \leq q_*$, it follows that p and q are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}$ as well. \square

Appendix: The existence of projections for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$

Remark: Note that the notion of projection to be introduced in the next definition is not the same as the one previously used.

Definition 5.1: Let $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L_{\mathbf{m}}]$. $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ will be called the projection of ϕ to $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{m}}[L]$ if the following conditions hold:

1. If $\mathbb{P}_m[L] \models \psi \leq \theta$, then θ and ϕ are compatible in $\mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$.
2. If $\psi^* \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ satisfies (1), then $\mathbb{P}_m[L] \models \psi \leq \psi^*$.

Claim 5.2: Let $L \subseteq L_m$. For every $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ there exists $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ which is the projection of ϕ .

Proof: Given $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$, obviously they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_m[L]$ iff they're compatible in $\mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$. Let Λ_1 be the set of $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ that contradict ϕ and let Λ_2 be the set of $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ such that ψ contradicts all members of Λ_1 . Let $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$. If ψ is compatible with some $\psi_1 \in \Lambda_1$, let ψ_2 be a common upper bound, so $\psi_2 \in \Lambda_1$. If ψ contradicts all members of Λ_1 , then $\psi \in \Lambda_2$, so $\Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$ is dense in $\mathbb{P}_m[L]$. Note that if $\psi_1 \in \Lambda_1$ and $\psi_2 \in \Lambda_2$, then ψ_1 contradicts ψ_2 . Let $\{\psi_i : i < i(*)\}$ be a maximal antichain of elements of Λ_2 . By $\lambda^+ - c.c.$, $i(*) < \lambda^+$. Define $\psi_* = \bigvee_{\beta < i(*)} \neg \psi_i \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$.

We shall prove that ψ_* is the desired projection. Suppose that $\psi_* \leq \theta \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ and suppose towards contradiction that θ is incompatible with ϕ , then $\theta \in \Lambda_1$. Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_m$ be a generic set such that $\theta[G] = true$, then for some i , $\psi_i[G] = true$, hence ψ_i and θ are compatible. Now recall that $\psi_i \in \Lambda_2$ and $\theta \in \Lambda_1$, so we got a contradiction. Therefore ψ_* satisfies the requirement in (1).

Suppose now that $\chi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ satisfies part (1) in definition 4.1. Suppose towards contradiction that $\psi_* \leq \chi$ does not hold, then for some $\chi \leq \chi_*$, χ_* contradicts ψ_* . Since $\Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$ is dense in $\mathbb{P}_m[L]$, there is $\theta \in \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$ such that $\chi_* \leq \theta$. Since $\chi \leq \theta$, necessarily $\theta \in \Lambda_2$. Therefore, for some $i < i(*)$, θ is compatible with ψ_i , hence this ψ_i is compatible with χ_* . Recall that $\psi_* \leq \psi_i$, hence χ_* and ψ_* are compatible, contradicting the choice of χ_* . Therefore, $\psi_* \leq \chi$.

Observation 5.3: If $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ are projections of $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$, then $\mathbb{P}_m[L] \models \psi_1 \leq \psi_2 \wedge \psi_2 \leq \psi_1$. \square

Observation 5.4: If $\psi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L]$ is the projection of $\phi \in \mathbb{P}_m[L_m]$, then $\psi \leq \phi$. \square

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