

## FORCING DIAMOND AND APPLICATIONS TO ITERABILITY

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ABSTRACT. We show that higher Sacks forcing at a regular not strong inaccessible cardinal and club Miller forcing at an uncountable regular cardinal both add a diamond sequence. We answer the longstanding question, whether  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa} \geq \aleph_1$  implies that  $\kappa$ -supported iterations of  $\kappa$ -Sacks forcing do not collapse  $\kappa^+$  and are  $\kappa$ -proper in the affirmative. The results pertain to other higher tree forcings.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Tree forcings like Silver forcing, Sacks forcing, Miller forcing or Laver forcing are used to arrange combinatorial properties of the power set of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Baumgartner [1], Kanamori [9] and later many researchers found analogues for an uncountable regular cardinal  $\kappa$  instead of  $\omega$  that share at least part of the properties of their relatives at  $\omega$ . The extent of the analogy depends on properties of  $\kappa$ . We focus on regular uncountable  $\kappa$ . Here we are mainly interested in conditions that ensure the preservation of  $\kappa^+$  and a version of  $\kappa$ -properness (see Definition 2.5) for iterations with supports of size  $\leq \kappa$ .

Baumgartner [1, Theorem 6.7] showed that the  $\kappa$ -supported product of  $\kappa$ -Silver forcing does not collapse  $\kappa^+$  under  $\diamond_\kappa$ . Kanamori showed that iterating  $\kappa$ -Sacks forcing with supports of size  $\leq \kappa$  does not collapse  $\kappa^+$  if  $\diamond_\kappa$  holds [9, Theorem 3.2] or if  $\kappa$  is strongly inaccessible [9, Section 6]. The same proofs work also for numerous ( $< \kappa$ )-closed forcings in which forcing conditions are trees with club many splitting nodes which allow suitable sets of immediate successors. Iterations may be replaced by ( $\leq \kappa$ )-supported products [9, Section 5].

Shelah [22] showed that  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa = \lambda^+ \geq \aleph_2$  implies  $\diamond_\kappa(\kappa \cap \text{cof}(\mu))$  for any regular  $\mu \neq \text{cf}(\lambda)$ . Hence for successor cardinals  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa} \geq \aleph_2$ , the conditions that Baumgartner and Kanamori used for their iterability proofs are fulfilled.

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In [14] we showed that in Kanamori's iterability theorem (see Theorem 1.4 below) the condition ( $\diamond_\kappa$  or  $\kappa$  is inaccessible) can be replaced by the slightly weaker  $(DI)_\kappa$  (see Definition 2.3). There are regular limit cardinals  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$  with  $\neg(DI)_\kappa$ , see [7].

Here we show that  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa} \geq \omega_1$  suffices as a premise for  $\kappa$ -properness and not collapsing  $\kappa^+$  in  $\leq \kappa$ -supported iterations of higher Sacks forcing. We do this by showing that  $\diamond_\kappa$  holds in the ground model or is forced by the first iterand of the respective forcings. A particularly simple case of a forcing name of a witness of  $\diamond_\kappa$  is Theorem 1.1 for  $\kappa$  weakly Mahlo. The latter yields the proof of Corollary 1.5 for weakly Mahlo cardinals  $\kappa$ . In Theorem 1.2 we give a name for a diamond sequence for any not strongly inaccessible cardinal  $\kappa$  with  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ . In the presented version of Theorem 1.2, we extend the family of Kanamori-style Sacks forcings by working with a fixed stationary set of potential splitting levels, see Definition 5.1. Stationarity cannot be waived here.

Our second result is: For club Miller and for club Laver forcing, the premise  $\aleph_1 \leq \kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$  suffices for forcing  $\diamond_\kappa$  and it ensures iterability, see Theorem 1.6.

We extend our results to  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$  under specific conditions on a stationary set  $S$  in the ground model. Here the approachability ideal on  $\kappa$  is used in the constructions of diamond names in Theorem 1.6, Theorem 1.2. We work with continuously increasing chains of elementary submodels  $N_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Guessing names of subsets of  $\kappa$  as being equal to entries of a name of a diamond sequence takes place at  $\delta = \kappa \cap N_\alpha \in S$  if  $S$  is an element of the approachability ideal  $\check{I}[\kappa]$ , see Definition 2.13. Since our forcings preserve stationarity in  $\kappa$  (see Remark 3.11), for preserving the stationarity of  $S$  it not be in the approachability ideal.

For regular uncountable  $\kappa$  under  $\kappa^{<\kappa} > \kappa$  the forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}}$  collapses  $\kappa^+$  by [14, Section 4]. The combinatorial background Lemma 5.7 of Theorem 1.2 yields in Proposition 5.9 another type of names for collapsing functions under  $\kappa^{<\kappa} > \kappa$  and an additional hypothesis for regular  $\kappa$  that works also for the  $W$ -variants  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  (see Definition 5.1).

We do not consider singular  $\kappa$  here. For singular  $\kappa$ , higher tree forcings share features of Namba forcing, see, e.g. the Namba trees of height  $\omega_1$  used in [13].

Our first theorem pertains to weakly Mahlo cardinals  $\kappa$  (see Definition 2.4). In this theorem, approachability is automatically given, since the set of regular limit cardinal  $\delta < \kappa$  is an element of the approachability ideal  $\check{I}[\kappa]$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $\kappa$  is weakly Mahlo and  $S \subseteq \{\delta < \kappa : \delta \text{ regular limit}\}$  is stationary, then  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond_\kappa(S)$ . The same holds for  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Silver}}$ .*

For the general case of an uncountable  $\kappa$  with  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we work with a Bernstein type of name of a diamond in Section 5. With this we settle the case of  $\kappa = \aleph_1$  and the limit case in Kanamori's question. In the other

cases of  $\kappa$ , the iterability question is already settled by Shelah's diamond on successor cardinals in [22].

The subforcings  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  from Definition 5.1,  $W \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $W$  stationary, of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  respect weaker demands on splitting nodes than  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  and are still  $(< \kappa)$ -complete (see Lemma 5.2). The forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  for  $W = \kappa$  is  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$ . Our main result is:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Assume that  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa \geq \aleph_1$  and that  $W$  is a stationary subset of  $\kappa$ . Suppose there is cardinal  $\sigma$  with the following properties:*

- (a)  $\kappa = 2^\sigma$ ,
- (b)  $2^{<\sigma} < \kappa$ .

*Then for any stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  we have  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond_{\kappa}(S)$ .*

In the proof, approachability of sufficiently many  $\delta \in S$  will be essential. By Theorem 2.17, for  $\sigma$  as in the theorem we have  $\kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma)) \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ , where the latter is the approachability ideal on  $\kappa$ . The approachability ideal is reviewed in Subsection 2.3.

If  $\kappa$  is not strongly inaccessible, then there is a minimal cardinal  $\sigma < \kappa$  such that  $2^\sigma = \kappa$ . Since  $\kappa$  is regular,  $2^{<\sigma} < \kappa$ . Hence the items in the premises of Theorem 1.2 are extant. Summing up, we get the following.

**Corollary 1.3.** *If  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa > \aleph_0$  and  $\kappa$  is not strongly inaccessible, then  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond$ .*

Analogues of Theorem 1.2 for  $\kappa$ -Silver forcing, club  $\kappa$ -Miller forcing and Laver forcing hold.

We recall:

**Theorem 1.4** (Kanamori, [9]). *Assume  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa \geq \aleph_1$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an ordinal and let  $\mathbb{P} = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \mathbb{Q}_\beta : \alpha \leq \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$  be a  $(\leq \kappa)$ -support iteration such that for  $\beta < \gamma$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_\beta \Vdash \mathbb{Q}_\beta = \mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$ . Assume  $\diamond_{\kappa}$  or that  $\kappa$  is strongly inaccessible. Then  $\mathbb{P}_\gamma$  has the following properties.*

- (1)  $\mathbb{P}_\gamma$  is  $\kappa$ -proper.
- (2)  $\mathbb{P}_\gamma$  does not collapse  $\kappa^+$ .

Actually, for our version of  $\kappa$ -properness in Definition 2.5, the first conclusion implies the second. Combining Kanamori's theorem with Corollary 1.3 we derive the following.

**Corollary 1.5.** *For not strongly inaccessible  $\kappa$ , Theorem 1.4 holds without the assumption of  $\diamond_{\kappa}$  in the ground model.*

This answers Kanamori's question from [9]. It applies to Silver, Miller and Laver forcing at  $\kappa$  as well. It applies to the  $W$ -variants.

Our next theorem shows that for club  $\kappa$ -Miller/Laver forcing, for any uncountable  $\kappa$  with  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$  there is a name of a diamond that is much simpler than the names used in Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2. Theorem 1.6(3) answers [14, Question 2.17], whether  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$  implies the preservation of  $\kappa^+$

and  $\kappa$ -properness. In the case of  $\kappa$  being strongly inaccessible iterability was proved by Kanamori [9, Section 6] for the Sacks version, and by Friedman and Zdomskyy work [6] for the Miller version. The article [10] by Khomskii et. el. focuses on interesting versions of higher Laver forcing.

**Theorem 1.6.** *Assume  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa \geq \aleph_1$ .*

- (1) *Both  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Laver}}$  force  $\diamond_\kappa$ .*
- (2) *If  $S \in \dot{I}[\kappa]$  is stationary, then  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$  forces  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$  and the same holds for  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Laver}}$ .*
- (3) *The iterability theorem holds as in Corollary 1.5.*

**Organisation of the paper.** In Section 2 we review definitions. In Section 3 we prove Theorem 1.1, and we show that diamond in the one-step-extension leads to Corollary 1.5. In Section 4 we prove Theorem 1.6. In Section 5 we introduce  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  and prove Theorem 1.2 and a related result connecting cardinal arithmetic with collapsing functions for  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$ .

## 2. BACKGROUND

Now we review the mentioned notions.

### 2.1. Combinatorics and Properness.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal. For a regular cardinal  $\mu < \kappa$ , we let  $\kappa \cap \text{cof}(\mu) = \{\alpha \in \kappa : \text{cf}(\alpha) = \mu\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal of uncountable cofinality and let  $S$  be a stationary subset of  $\kappa$ . The symbol  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$  abbreviates the following statement: There is a sequence  $\langle d_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  such that  $d_\delta \in {}^\delta 2$  and such that for any  $x \in {}^\kappa 2$  the set  $\{\delta \in S : d_\delta = x \upharpoonright \delta\}$  is stationary. For  $\diamond_\kappa(\kappa)$  we write just  $\diamond_\kappa$ .

We recall a weakening of  $\diamond^-(S)$  (see [12, Chapter III]), called DI.

**Definition 2.3** (Shelah, see [17, 20, 21]). For a regular uncountable  $\kappa$  we let  $(\text{DI})_\kappa(S)$  mean the following: There is a sequence  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \mathcal{D}_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_\delta \subseteq {}^\delta \delta$  is of cardinality  $< \kappa$  and for every  $x \in {}^\kappa \kappa$  there are stationarily many  $\delta \in S$  such that  $x \upharpoonright \delta \in \mathcal{D}_\delta$ . For  $(\text{DI})_\kappa(\kappa)$  we write  $(\text{DI})_\kappa$ .

Inaccessibility implies  $(\text{DI})_\kappa$ .

For any stationary  $S$  and any stationary  $S' \subseteq S$ ,  $\diamond(S')$  implies  $\diamond(S)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** An uncountable limit cardinal  $\kappa$  is called *weakly Mahlo* if  $\kappa$  is a regular limit cardinal (i.e.,  $\kappa$  is weakly inaccessible) and the set of uncountable regular limit cardinals below  $\kappa$  is stationary in  $\kappa$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{H}(\theta) = (H(\theta), \in, <_\theta)$ , and  $N \prec \mathcal{H}(\theta)$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \in N$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Q} \cap N$ . A condition  $q$  is called  $(N, \mathbb{Q})$ -*generic above*  $p$  if  $q \geq p$  and for any dense subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , if  $D \in N$ , then  $q \Vdash \mathbf{G} \cap D \cap N \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ . A notion of forcing  $\mathbb{Q}$  is called  $\kappa$ -*proper* if for any sufficiently large  $\theta$  there is a club (in  $[H(\theta)]^\kappa$ ) of  $N \prec H(\theta)$  with  ${}^{<\kappa}N \subseteq N$  such that: If

$\kappa, p, \mathbb{Q} \in N$ , and  $p \in \mathbb{Q} \cap N$ , then there is a stronger  $(N, \mathbb{Q})$  generic condition  $q$ .

**2.2. Notation for Tree Forcing.** Our notions of forcing are written in Israeli style:  $p \leq q$  means that  $q$  is stronger than  $p$ . We write  $\mathbb{P} \Vdash \varphi$  if any condition in  $\mathbb{P}$  forcing  $\varphi$ . Equivalently one can say the weakest condition of  $\mathbb{P}$  forces  $\varphi$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal.

(1) We write  ${}^{\kappa}>\kappa = \{t: \alpha \rightarrow \kappa : \alpha < \kappa\}$ . If  $s, t \in {}^{\kappa}>\kappa$  we call  $s$  an *initial segment of  $t$*  and write  $s \trianglelefteq t$  if  $t \upharpoonright \text{dom}(s) = s$ . We use the symbol  $\triangleleft$  for the corresponding strict relation. A *tree (on  ${}^{\kappa}>\kappa$ )* is a non-empty subset of  ${}^{\kappa}>\kappa$  that is closed under initial segments, equipped with the initial segment order. For  $t \in {}^{\kappa}>\kappa$ , we write  $\text{dom}(t)$  or  $\text{lg}(t)$  for the domain of  $t$ .

(2) A tree  $p$  on  ${}^{\kappa}>\kappa$  is called *unbounded* if

$$(\forall t \in p)(\forall \alpha < \kappa)(\exists t' \in p)(\text{dom}(t') \geq \alpha \wedge t' \trianglerighteq t).$$

(3) Let  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa}>\kappa$  be a tree and  $s \in p$ . We let

$$p^{(s)} = \{t \in p : t \trianglelefteq s \vee s \trianglelefteq t\}.$$

(4) The elements of a tree are called nodes. A node that has at least two immediate  $\triangleleft$ -successors in  $p$  is called a *splitting node of  $p$* . The set of splitting nodes of  $p$  is denoted by  $\text{split}(p)$ .

(5) Let  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa}>\kappa$  be a tree that contains a splitting node. We let the *trunk of  $p$* ,  $\text{tr}(p)$ , be the  $\trianglelefteq$ -least splitting node of  $p$ .

(6) Analogously we define trees  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa}>2$ .

**Definition 2.7** (Kanamori's Higher Sacks Forcing, [9]). Let  $\kappa$  be a regular cardinal such that  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ . Conditions in the forcing order  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  are trees  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa}>2$  with the following additional properties:

(1) (Perfectness) For any  $s \in p$  there is an extension  $t \trianglerighteq s$  in  $p$  such that  $t$  has two immediate successors.

(2) (Closure of splitting) For each increasing sequence of length  $< \kappa$  of splitting nodes, the union of the nodes on the sequence is a splitting node of  $p$  as well.

A condition  $q$  is stronger than  $p$  if  $q \subseteq p$ .

The forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  has a dense subset with the following closure property: For every increasing sequence  $\langle t_i : i < \lambda \rangle$  of length  $\lambda < \kappa$  of nodes  $t_i \in p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  we have that the limit of the sequence  $\bigcup \{t_i : i < \lambda\}$  is also a node in  $p$ . These  $p$  are called  *$(< \kappa)$ -closed trees*. For every condition  $p$  one can take the closure of  $\text{spl}(p)$  under initial segments and thus get a  $(< \kappa)$ -closed subtree. The latter is a stronger condition. Henceforth we work with the dense subforcing of  $(< \kappa)$ -closed conditions.

Definition 2.7 (1) and (2) imply that any  $p \in \mathbb{Q}_{\kappa}^{\text{Sacks}}$  is unbounded.

**Definition 2.8** (Club Silver forcing). Let  $\kappa$  be a regular cardinal such that  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ . Conditions in the forcing order  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Silver}}$  are partial functions  $f: \text{dom}(f) \rightarrow 2$  where  $\text{dom}(f)$  is a non-stationary subset of  $\kappa$ .

Stronger conditions are extensions of the function  $f$ .

Club Silver forcing is called  $R(1, \kappa)$  in [1, Theorem 6.7].

Equivalently one can see a Silver condition  $f$  as a set of nodes of a higher Silver tree  $T_f = \{t \in {}^\kappa \kappa : t \upharpoonright \text{dom}(f) = f \upharpoonright \text{dom}(t)\}$ . We can restrict  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Silver}}$  to the dense set of conditions  $f$  for which  $\kappa \setminus \text{dom}(f)$  is a club. For these  $T_f$ , the limit of any increasing sequence of splitting nodes is a splitting node. This shows that an analogue to Theorem 1.1 holds also for Silver forcing.

**Definition 2.9** (Club Miller Forcing/Club Laver Forcing). Let  $\kappa$  be a regular cardinal such that  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ .

- (A) Conditions in the forcing order  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$  are trees  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa >} \kappa$  with the following additional properties:
  - (1) (Club filter superperfectness) For any  $s \in p$  there is an extension  $t \supseteq s$  in  $p$  such that  $\text{osucc}_p(t) := \{\alpha \in \kappa : t \hat{\ } \langle \alpha \rangle \in p\}$  contains a club in  $\kappa$ . We require that each node has either only one direct successor or splits into a club.
  - (2) (Closure of splitting) For each increasing sequence of length  $< \kappa$  of splitting nodes, the union of the nodes on the sequence is a splitting node of  $p$  as well.
- (B) A condition  $q$  is stronger than  $p$ , we write  $q \geq p$ , if  $q \subseteq p$ .
- (C) Conditions in  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Laver}}$  fulfil (2) and the following strengthening of (1): there is a  $\triangleleft$ -least node  $s \in p$  such that for any  $t \in p$  with  $s \subseteq t$  the set  $\text{osucc}_p(t)$  contains a club in  $\kappa$ . The node  $s$  is called *the trunk of  $p$*  and denoted as  $\text{tr}(p)$ .
- (D) For a condition  $p \in \mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$  or  $q \in \mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Laver}}$ ,  $\text{tr}(p)$  is just the  $\triangleleft$ -least splitting node.

Again, Definition 2.9 (1) and (2) imply that conditions are unbounded trees, and the  $(< \kappa)$ -closed trees form a dense subset. Unboundedness and  $(< \kappa)$ -closedness are sometimes added to the definition, see e.g., Brendle, Brooke-Taylor, Friedman, Montoya [2, Def. 74], where the forcing is called  $\text{MII}_\kappa^{\text{Clubfilter}}$ . Friedman and Zdomskyy [6] add the requirement that the successor set of a limit splitting node is a subset of the intersection of the  $\triangleleft$ -preceding splitting nodes. The set of these conditions is dense in  $\text{MII}_\kappa^{\text{Clubfilter}}$ . The recent article [10] is concerned with several versions of higher Laver forcing.

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $\kappa, \mu$  be cardinals,  $\mu > 0$ ,  $\kappa \geq \omega$ . Let  $p \subseteq {}^{\kappa >} \mu$  be a tree. We let  $[p] = \{b \in {}^\kappa \mu : \forall \alpha \in \kappa, b \upharpoonright \alpha \in p\}$ . The set  $[p]$  is called *the rump, body or set of  $\kappa$ -branches of  $p$* .

Note that for  $\mu \geq 2$ ,  $p \mapsto [p]$  is not an absolute function. For the forcing notions considered to far, by a density argument, in the generic extension there are new elements of  $[p]$ .

**Lemma 2.11** ([9, Lemma 2.9]). *Any sequence  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma \rangle$  for  $\gamma < \kappa$  with  $p_\alpha \leq p_\beta$  for  $\alpha < \beta < \gamma$  has an upper bound in  $\leq_{\mathbb{P}}$ . The intersection  $\bigcap \{p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma\}$  is indeed a weakest upper bound.*

*Proof.* We carry out the proof for Sacks forcing. The other proofs are based on similar ideas. We go by induction over  $\gamma$ . Let  $\gamma < \kappa$  and let  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma \rangle$  be an ascending sequence of  $(< \kappa)$ -closed conditions. By induction hypothesis, we can assume that the sequence is continuous, that means that for limit  $\delta < \gamma$ ,  $p_\delta = \bigcap \{p_\alpha : \alpha < \delta\}$ . We show that  $p = \bigcap \{p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma\}$  is a condition. We have  $\emptyset \in p$  and it is easy to see that  $p$  fulfils Definition 2.7(2). We have to show that for each  $s \in p$  there is a splitting node above  $s$ . Let  $\langle \gamma_i : i < \text{cf}(\gamma) \rangle$  be an ascending sequence in  $\gamma$ . We go by induction on  $i$ . Let  $t_{-1} = s$ . Suppose that  $\langle t_j : j < i \rangle$  is defined such that  $s \trianglelefteq t_{-1} \in p$  and for  $j \geq 0$ ,  $t_j \in \text{spl}(p_{\gamma_j}) \cap p$  and  $t_k \trianglelefteq t_j$  for  $k < j < i$ . If  $i$  is a limit, then let  $t_i = \bigcup \{t_j : j < i\}$ . By Definition 2.7(2) and  $(< \kappa)$ -closure we have  $t_i \in \text{spl}(p_{\gamma_j}) \cap p$  for any  $j < i$ . By continuity of our ascending sequence  $\langle p_\beta : \beta < \gamma \rangle$  and by  $(< \kappa)$ -closure we have  $t_i \in \bigcap \{\text{spl}(p_{\gamma_j}) : j < i\} \cap p = \text{spl}(p_{\gamma_i}) \cap p$ .

If  $i = k + 1$  ( $k = -1$  is possible) we let  $t_i$  be the  $\trianglelefteq$ -least splitting node of  $p_{\gamma_i}$  with  $t_i \trianglerighteq t_k, s$ . Note that  $t_i \in \bigcap \{p_\beta : \beta < \gamma\}$  by the unboundedness of conditions and since no  $p_\beta$  for  $\beta \geq \gamma_i$  has a splitting node strictly between  $t_k$  and  $t_i$ . So  $t_i \in \text{spl}(p_{\gamma_i}) \cap p$  with  $t_k \trianglelefteq t_i$  is found, and the induction is carried out.

Now by Definition 2.7(2) we have  $t = \bigcup \{t_j : j < \text{cf}(\gamma)\} \in \text{spl}(p)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.12.** A notion of forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  is called  $(< \kappa)$ -closed if for any  $\gamma < \kappa$ , any ascending sequence  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma \rangle$  has an upper bound.

**2.3. Review of  $I[\kappa]$ .** We review the approachability ideal  $I[\kappa]$  and its variant  $\check{I}[\kappa]$  (from [16, Definition 6, page 360, page 377]), which is suitable also for the description of regular limit cardinals  $\kappa$ . Our review focuses on results that we use to evaluate names for diamond sequences.

**Definition 2.13** (The Approachability Ideal on Successors [18]). Let  $\bar{a} = \langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  enumerate a subset of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$ . The ideal  $I[\kappa](\bar{a})$  is the set of  $S \subseteq \kappa$  such that for a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  for any  $\delta \in S \cap C$ , there is a set  $A_\delta \subseteq \delta$  that is cofinal in  $\delta$  with  $\text{ot}(A_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta) < \delta$  and satisfies  $\{A_\delta \cap \beta : \beta < \delta\} \subseteq \{a_\alpha : \alpha < \delta\}$ . The *approachability ideal*  $I[\kappa]$  is the union of all the  $I[\lambda](\bar{a})$ ,  $\bar{a}$  as above.

*Remark 2.14.* Equivalently we can require in addition that the  $A_\delta$  be closed. The reason is, that we can choose  $\bar{a}$  so that if there is a sequence of unbounded witnesses  $\langle A_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  for  $S \in I[\kappa](\bar{a})$  then there is also a sequence of club witnesses  $\langle C_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  for  $S \in I[\kappa](\bar{b})$  for a slightly richer sequence  $\bar{b} \in {}^\kappa(\kappa^{<\kappa})$ . For a detailed proof we refer to [19, Lemma 4.4].

If  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we let  $\langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  and get  $I[\kappa] = I[\kappa](\bar{a})$ .

Most of the literature on  $I[\kappa]$  in [18], [16], [4] focusses on the case of  $\kappa$  being a successor cardinal. For a successor cardinal  $\kappa$ , the regular cardinals below  $\kappa$  form a non-stationary set, and weakening the clause  $\text{ot}(A_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta) < \delta$  to the simpler  $\text{ot}(A_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta)$  Definition 2.13 yields an equivalent notion of the approachability ideal in this case. We work with a version of  $I[\kappa]$  that dispenses with  $\text{cf}(\delta) < \delta$  in any case. For distinction we write  $\check{I}[\kappa]$  for this modified definition.

**Definition 2.15** (See [18], [16, Definition 6 and page 377], [19]). Let  $\bar{a} = \langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  enumerate a subset of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$ . The ideal  $\check{I}[\kappa](\bar{a})$  is the set of  $S \subseteq \kappa$  such that for a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  for any  $\delta \in S \cap C$ , there is a club  $C_\delta \subseteq \delta$  that is cofinal in  $\delta$  with  $\text{ot}(C_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta)$  and satisfies  $\{C_\delta \cap \beta : \beta < \delta\} \subseteq \{a_\alpha : \alpha < \delta\}$ . The *approachability ideal*  $\check{I}[\kappa]$  is the union of all the  $\check{I}[\kappa](\bar{a})$ ,  $\bar{a}$  as above. If  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we let  $\langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  and have  $\check{I}[\kappa] = \check{I}[\kappa](\bar{a})$ .

Note, that  $\{\delta < \kappa : \delta \text{ is regular}\} \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ . We just take  $\bar{a} = \langle \alpha : \alpha \in \kappa \rangle$  and for regular  $\delta < \kappa$ ,  $C_\delta = \delta$ .

Some authors call  $\check{I}[\kappa]$  now  $I[\kappa]$ , see e.g. [15], [3], [11]. We continue to write  $\check{I}[\kappa]$ . Several equivalent definitions of the ideal are given in [19] and [4].

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $\kappa$  be a regular cardinal. A  $\kappa$ -*approximating sequence*  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle M_i : i < \kappa \rangle$  is a continuously increasing sequence of  $M_i \prec (H(\chi), \in, <_\chi^*, \kappa, R)_{R \in \tau}$  for some regular cardinal  $\chi > 2^{2^\kappa}$  with  $\langle M_i : i < j \rangle \in M_{j+1}$  and  $|M_i| < \kappa$ ,  $M_i \cap \kappa \in \kappa$ . Here  $\tau$  is a finite or countable signature.

The following theorem shows that at any uncountable  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$  the existence of a stationary set  $S$  as in Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.6 are fulfilled for suitable  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.17** (Shelah [18], [19]). *let  $\lambda < \kappa$  be cardinals such that  $\kappa$  is regular and  $\kappa^{<\lambda} \leq \kappa$ . Then there is a stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\lambda))$  with  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ . The approachability is witnessed by closed sets.*

*Proof.* We let  $\langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  enumerate  ${}^{\lambda}>\kappa$ , such that each element appears  $\kappa$  often. We let

$$S = \{\delta \in \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\lambda)) : (\exists \eta \in {}^{\text{cf}(\lambda)}\delta) \\ (\text{sup}(\text{range}(\eta)) = \delta \wedge (\forall i < \text{cf}(\lambda))(\exists j < \delta)(\eta \upharpoonright i = a_j))\}.$$

By definition,  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa](\bar{a})$ . We show that  $S$  is stationary. Let  $C \subseteq \kappa$  be a club. By induction on  $i < \text{cf}(\lambda)$  we choose  $\eta_i \in {}^{i+1}\kappa$  and  $\delta_i \in \kappa$  with the following properties for any  $i < \text{cf}(\lambda)$ ,

- (a)  $\delta_i \in C$
- (b) for  $i < j < \text{cf}(\lambda)$ ,  $\delta_i < \delta_j$ ,
- (c)  $\eta_i = \langle \delta_j : j \leq i \rangle$ ,
- (d) there is  $k \leq \delta_{i+1}$  with  $\eta_i = a_k$ .

$i = 0$ : We let  $\delta_0 \in C$ . We let  $\eta_0 = \{(0, \delta_0)\}$ .

Successor step:  $i = j + 1$ . We choose  $\delta_i \in C \setminus (\delta_j + 1)$  such that there is some  $k \leq \delta_{j+1}$  with  $\eta_j = \langle \delta_\ell : \ell \leq j \rangle = a_k$ . Then we let  $\eta_i = \eta_j \cup \{(i, \delta_i)\}$ .

Limit step  $i < \text{cf}(\lambda)$ : We let  $\delta_i = \sup\{\delta_j : j < i\}$  and  $\eta_i = \bigcup\{\eta_j : j < i\} \cup \{(i, \delta_i)\}$ .

Then  $\eta = \bigcup\{\eta_i : i < \text{cf}(\lambda)\}$  and  $C_\delta = \text{range}(\bar{\eta})$  witnesses that  $\delta = \sup\{\delta_i : i < \text{cf}(\lambda)\} \in S \cap C$ . Moreover, the approachability witness  $C_\delta$  is closed in  $\delta$ .  $\square$

### 3. THE CASE OF $\kappa$ BEING WEAKLY MAHLO

Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be one of our tree forcings. In this section we name a combinatorial principle  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$  for  $\kappa$  being weakly Mahlo and show that for stationary sets  $S \subseteq \kappa$ , the principle allows to define a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -name for a  $\diamond_{\kappa}(S)$ -sequence. We show that  $\diamond_{\kappa}$  in the forcing extension  $V[\mathbb{Q}]$  leads to Corollary 1.5.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\delta$  be an ordinal of uncountable cofinality. Let  $S \subseteq \delta$  be stationary in  $\delta$ .

- (1) The quantifier  $\forall^{\text{club}} \alpha \in S, \varphi(\alpha)$  says that there is a club  $C$  in  $\delta$  such that  $S_\varphi = \{\alpha \in S : \varphi(\alpha)\} \supseteq S \cap C$ .
- (2) We define the quantifier  $\exists^{\text{stat}} \alpha \in S, \varphi(\alpha)$  as  $S_\varphi = \{\alpha \in S : \varphi(\alpha)\}$  is a stationary subset of  $\delta$ .

The combinatorial principle  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$  asserts that there are stationarily many  $\delta \in S$  for which  $\delta$  can be partitioned into  $\delta$ -many parts such that each of them is stationary in  $\delta$ , via a partition that does not depend on  $\delta$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\kappa$  be a weakly Mahlo cardinal and let  $S \subseteq \{\delta \in \kappa : \delta \text{ is an uncountable regular limit cardinal}\}$ .

$\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$  is the following statement: There is a function  $f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  such that for any  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,  $f(\alpha) < \min(\alpha, 1)$  and

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\exists^{\text{stat}} \delta \in S)(\forall \beta < \delta) \\ & (S_{\delta, \beta} := \{\gamma \in \delta : f(\gamma) = \beta\} \text{ is stationary in } \delta). \end{aligned}$$

Now the proof of Theorem 1.1 consists of Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.6.

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $\kappa$  is weakly Mahlo and  $S \subseteq \{\delta < \kappa : \delta \text{ is a regular limit cardinal}\}$  then  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$ .*

*Proof.* We let

$$(3.2) \quad f(\gamma) = \begin{cases} \beta, & \text{if } \text{cf}(\gamma) = \aleph_{\beta+1}; \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$(\forall \delta \in S)(\forall \beta < \delta)(\{\gamma < \delta : f(\gamma) = \beta\} \text{ is stationary in } \delta).$$

The latter is a slightly stronger version of statement (3.1).  $\square$

We use  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$  and Lemma 3.3 for stationary sets  $S$ .

**Definition 3.4.** For  $E \subseteq \kappa$  we write  $\text{acc}^+(E) = \{\alpha \in \kappa : \alpha = \sup(E \cap \alpha)\}$  and  $\text{acc}(E) = E \cap \text{acc}^+(E)$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -generic filter over  $V$  and assume that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is one of our named forcings. The following function  $\eta: \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  is called *the generic branch*:  $\eta = \bigcup \{\text{stem}(p) : p \in \mathbf{G}\}$ . We let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a name of the generic filter. We let  $\eta = \{(s, p) : \exists p \in \mathbf{G}, s \leq \text{tr}(p)\}$ .

Since all our forcings are  $(< \kappa)$ -closed and contain trunk lengthenings, by [14, Proposition 1.2] we have  $G = \{p : \eta \in [p]\}$ , i.e., the generic branch determines the generic filter.

We state the following lemma for Sacks forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}}$ . It holds for any of the four types of tree forcings. For Miller forcing and for Laver forcing, we work with one fixed partition of  $\kappa$  into two stationary sets  $T_0, T_1$ . This partition is used to define the trunk lengthenings: For  $j = 0, 1$ ,  $\eta(\varepsilon) = j$  in Equation (3.3), in Clause  $\otimes_3(e)$ , and in Equations (3.6), (3.8) is replaced by  $\eta(\varepsilon) \in T_j$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $\kappa$  be a regular uncountable limit ordinal and let  $S \subseteq \{\delta \in \kappa : \delta \text{ is an uncountable regular limit cardinal}\}$  be stationary. If  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$  holds, then  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond_\kappa(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a function witnessing  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$ . Then

$$S' := \{\delta \in C \cap S : \forall \beta < \delta, S_{\delta, \beta} = \{\gamma < \delta : f(\beta) = \gamma\} \text{ is stationary in } \delta\}$$

is a stationary subset of  $S$ . We show  $\diamond_\kappa(S')$ .

We define the name  $\langle \nu_\delta : \delta \in S' \rangle$  for a sequence by letting for  $\delta \in S'$ ,  $\beta < \delta$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ ,

$$(3.3) \quad \mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \langle \nu_\delta(\beta) = j \leftrightarrow (\forall^{\text{club}} \varepsilon \in S_{\delta, \beta})(\eta(\varepsilon) = j) \rangle.$$

We show:

$$\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \langle \nu_\delta : \delta \in S' \rangle \text{ is a } \diamond_\kappa(S')\text{-sequence.}$$

Towards this suppose that

$$p \Vdash \langle x \in {}^\kappa 2, \text{ and } \underline{D} \text{ is a club subset of } \kappa. \rangle$$

We show that there are some  $q \geq p$  and  $\delta \in S'$  such that  $q$  forces  $\delta \in \underline{D} \cap S'$  and  $x \upharpoonright \delta = \nu_\delta$ .

We let  $\chi = (\beth_\omega(\kappa))^+$  and let  $<_\chi^*$  be a well-ordering of  $H(\chi)$ . We choose a  $\kappa$ -approximating sequence  $\langle N_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  in  $H(\chi)$  (see Definition 2.16) with

$$(3.4) \quad \mathbf{c} = (\kappa, p, \bar{\nu}, \bar{x}, \underline{D}, S) \in N_0.$$

We let  $E = \{\alpha < \kappa : N_\alpha \cap \kappa = \alpha\}$ . Since  $\langle N_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  is continuous, the set  $E$  is a club. We pick any  $\delta$  with  $\delta \in S' \cap E$ .

We show that there is  $q \geq p$  such that  $q \Vdash \delta \in \underline{D} \wedge \nu_\delta = x \upharpoonright \delta$ . Such a  $q$  will be gotten as the limit of an ascending sequence  $\langle (p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$ .

Since  $\delta \notin N_\delta$ , of course, the whole sequence is not an element of  $N_\delta$ . One of the difficulties in the construction is that  $N_\delta$  is not closed under sequences of length  $< \delta$  (unless  $\delta$  is strongly inaccessible). However, we shall see that the regularity of  $\delta$  and the fact that  $\kappa \cap N_\delta = \delta$  will suffice thanks to first order definability.<sup>1</sup>

By induction on  $\varepsilon < \delta$  we choose  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon)$  with the following properties: For technical reasons we let  $\kappa_{-1} = \delta_{-1} = 0$ .

- ( $\otimes$ )<sub>1</sub> For successors  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$  and for  $\varepsilon = 0$ ,  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon)$  is the  $<_\chi^*$ -least element of  $N_\delta$  with (a) to (g) where
- (a)  $p_\varepsilon \geq p$ .
  - (b)  $p_\varepsilon \geq p_\zeta$  for  $\zeta < \varepsilon$ .
  - (c)  $p_\varepsilon$  forces values to  $\bar{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta, \min(\bar{D} \setminus (\kappa_\zeta + 1))$  call them  $x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon$  respectively.
  - (d)  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_\varepsilon)) \geq \gamma_\varepsilon > \kappa_\zeta \geq \delta_\zeta \geq \zeta$ .
  - (e) If  $\zeta$  is a limit ordinal, then  $\text{dom}(\text{tr}(p_\varepsilon)) \geq \kappa_\zeta$  and  $\text{tr}(p_\varepsilon)(\kappa_\zeta) = x_\zeta(f(\kappa_\zeta))$ .
  - (f)  $\delta_\varepsilon$  least such that  $\langle (p_\xi, x_\xi, \gamma_\xi, \delta_\xi, \kappa_\xi) : \xi < \varepsilon \rangle \cup \{(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon)\} \in N_{\delta_\varepsilon+1}$ .
  - (g)  $\kappa_\varepsilon = \kappa \cap N_{\delta_\varepsilon+1}$ .
- ( $\otimes$ )<sub>2</sub> For limits  $\varepsilon \leq \delta$ , we take  $p_\varepsilon = \bigcap \{p_\xi : \xi < \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon$  be the supremum of their respective predecessors,  $x_\varepsilon = \bigcup \{x_\xi : \xi < \varepsilon\}$  and  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  is  $p_\varepsilon$ -forced to be in  $\bar{D}$ , since  $\bar{D}$  is  $p_0$ -forced to be club.

Along the induction we verify:

- $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon = \langle (p_\zeta, x_\zeta, \gamma_\zeta, \delta_\zeta, \kappa_\zeta) : \zeta < \varepsilon \rangle$  is defined in  $N_\delta$  by a formula  $\varphi = \varphi(x, \bar{y})$  with  $x$  for  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  and  $\bar{y} = (y_0, y_1)$  with  $y_0 = \bar{N} \upharpoonright \kappa_\varepsilon$  and  $y_1 = \mathbf{c}$  from (3.4).
- Since  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  is defined in  $N_\delta$ , there is a minimal  $\zeta < \delta$ ,  $\zeta > \varepsilon$ , such that  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon \in N_\zeta$ .
- For limit  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ , by definition of an approximating sequence we have  $\langle N_{\delta_\zeta} : \zeta < \varepsilon \rangle \in N_{\sup\{\delta_\zeta : \zeta < \varepsilon\}+1}$ . For limit  $\varepsilon$ , we have  $\kappa_\varepsilon = \sup\{\kappa \cap N_{\delta_\xi} : \xi < \varepsilon\} = N_{\delta_\varepsilon} \cap \kappa$ .

Beginning: We are given  $\kappa_{-1} = 0$ , and choose  $p_0 \geq p$  and  $\gamma_0$  such that  $p_0 \Vdash \gamma_0 \in \bar{D}$ . We choose  $\delta_0 < \delta$  such that  $(p_0, \gamma_0) \in N_{\delta_0+1}$  and  $\kappa_0$  (g).

Successor step  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$ :

Now for  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$  we let  $p_\varepsilon$  and  $x_\varepsilon$  and  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  as in (c). We consider the slightly harder case that  $\zeta$  is a limit ordinal.

We show that the crucial clause ( $\otimes$ )(e) does not cause problems. So let  $\zeta$  be a limit ordinal. By induction hypothesis we have  $\kappa_\zeta = \sup\{\kappa_\xi : \xi < \zeta\}$ . By  $(< \kappa)$ -completeness  $p_\varepsilon = \bigcap_{\zeta < \xi} p_\zeta$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}}$ . Also for  $\xi < \varepsilon$ ,  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_\xi)) \geq \kappa_\xi \in N_{\kappa_\xi+1}$ . Hence  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_\xi)) \in [\kappa_\xi, \kappa_{\xi+1})$  for  $\xi < \zeta$ . The induction hypothesis and Definition 2.7 clause number (2) imply

$$(\forall \xi \leq \zeta < \varepsilon) \left( \bigcup \{ \text{tr}(p_\varrho) : \varrho < \zeta \} \in \text{split}(p_\xi) \right).$$

<sup>1</sup>In all our later theorems, regularity of  $\delta$  will be replaced by approachability.

Hence

$$\bigcup \{\text{tr}(p_\xi) : \xi < \zeta\} \in \bigcap \{\text{split}(p_\xi) : \xi < \zeta\} = \text{split}(\bigcap \{p_\xi : \xi < \zeta\} = \text{split}(p_\zeta),$$

and so  $\text{tr}(p_\zeta) = \bigcup \{\text{tr}(p_\xi) : \xi < \zeta\}$  and  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_\zeta)) = \kappa_\zeta$ .

Moreover  $p_\zeta \Vdash x_\zeta = \mathfrak{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta$ . We can compute  $\text{tr}(p_\zeta)$ ,  $\kappa_\zeta$  and  $f(\kappa_\zeta)$  from  $(\bar{N} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta, \mathbf{c})$ . Now

$$(3.5) \quad p_\zeta \Vdash x_\zeta = \mathfrak{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta \wedge \kappa_\zeta \in \underline{D}.$$

by the induction hypothesis.

The trunk  $\text{tr}(p_\zeta)$  has two immediate successors of length  $\kappa_\zeta + 1$  in  $p_\zeta$  and we can let  $p_\varepsilon \geq p_\zeta$  be such that

$$(3.6) \quad \text{tr}(p_\varepsilon)(\kappa_\zeta) = x_\zeta(f(\kappa_\zeta)).$$

This is clause  $(\otimes)_1(e)$  that we have to fulfil. Obviously there are  $\delta_\varepsilon$  as in (f) and  $\kappa_\varepsilon$  as in (g).

Clearly such a  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon)$  exists and hence one of them must be  $<_{\chi^*}$ -least. As each element of  $H(\chi)$  mentioned above is computable from  $\bar{N} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta + 1$ , it is an element of  $N_\delta$ .

Limit step: let  $\varepsilon < \delta$  be a limit ordinal. The sequence  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  is definable and hence an element of  $N_\delta$ . The element  $\langle p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon \rangle$  is definable from it and hence also an element of  $N_\delta$ . For  $\varepsilon = \delta$ ,  $\langle p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon \rangle$  exists in  $N_\kappa$ .

Now we carried the induction, each step in  $N_\delta$  but the last one  $\varepsilon = \delta$ . We let  $q = \bigcap_{\varepsilon < \delta} p_\varepsilon$ . The increasing sequences  $\langle \kappa_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$ ,  $\langle \delta_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$  both converge to  $\delta$ .

We show that

$$(3.7) \quad q \Vdash \mathfrak{x} \upharpoonright \delta = \nu_\delta \wedge \delta \in \underline{D}.$$

Equation (3.5) implies at the limit  $\delta$ :  $q \Vdash \mathfrak{x} \upharpoonright \delta = \bigcup \{x_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta\}$ .

We fix  $\beta < \delta$ . We verify that for club many  $\varepsilon$  in the stationary set  $S_{\delta, \beta}$  we have

$$(3.8) \quad q \Vdash (\kappa_\varepsilon = \varepsilon \wedge f(\varepsilon) = \beta) \rightarrow \eta(\varepsilon) = \mathfrak{x}(\beta) = x_\varepsilon(\beta).$$

Equations (3.5) and (3.6) hold at  $\{\kappa_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta, \varepsilon \text{ limit ordinal}\}$ . Thus Equation (3.8) holds at the club  $\{\varepsilon < \delta : \varepsilon = \kappa_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta, \varepsilon \text{ limit ordinal}\}$  and entails Equation (3.7).  $\square$

Now we turn to Corollary 1.5.

We call the first iterand  $\mathbb{P}_1$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a  $\leq \kappa$ -supported iteration of iterands of  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}}$ . If  $\mathbb{P}_1 \Vdash \diamond_\kappa$  and the forcing  $\mathbb{P}_1$  does not collapse  $\kappa^+$ , then  $\mathbb{P}$  is as in Corollary 1.5.*

*Proof.* If  $\kappa > \aleph_1$  is a successor cardinal, [22] gives the diamond in  $\mathbf{V}$ . Now let  $\kappa$  be a regular limit cardinal. Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be  $\mathbb{P}_1$  generic over  $\mathbf{V}$ . In  $\mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}]$  we apply Theorem 1.4 to the  $(\leq \kappa)$ -support iteration  $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha/\mathbf{G}, \mathbb{Q}_\beta/\mathbf{G} : \alpha \in [1, \delta], \beta \in [1, \delta] \rangle$ .  $\square$

For defining fusion sequences, we use a well known notion of layered splitting fronts.

**Definition 3.8.** We assume  $\kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$ . We conceive a forcing notion as a tree  $p \subseteq \kappa^{<\kappa}$  or  $\subseteq 2^{<\kappa}$ . Recall, for the  $\kappa$ -version of Laver and Miller forcings splitting means splitting into a club. For  $\alpha < \kappa$  we let

$$\text{spl}_\alpha(p) = \{t \in \text{split}(p) : \text{ot}(\{s \subsetneq t : s \in \text{split}(p)\}) = \alpha\}.$$

$$\text{cl}_\alpha(p) = \{s \in p : (\exists t \in \text{spl}_\alpha(p))(s \subseteq t)\}.$$

We let  $p \leq_\alpha q$  if  $p \leq q$  and  $\text{spl}_\alpha(p) = \text{spl}_\alpha(q)$ .

**Lemma 3.9** (The Fusion Lemma). *If  $\delta \leq \kappa$  and  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \delta \rangle$  is a sequence with  $p_\alpha \leq_\alpha p_\beta$  for  $\alpha < \beta < \delta$ , then  $q = \bigcap \{p_\alpha : \alpha < \delta\} = \bigcup \{\text{cl}_\beta(p_\beta) : \beta < \delta\}$  is a condition and for any  $\beta < \delta$ ,  $p_\beta \leq_\beta q$ .*

**Lemma 3.10.** *Under  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , the forcing  $\mathbb{P}_1$  is  $\kappa$ -proper and hence does not collapse  $\kappa^+$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\chi > 2^\kappa$  is a regular cardinal. We first show  $\kappa$ -properness. Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}_1$ . We pick an  $N \prec H(\theta)$  of size  $\kappa$  with  ${}^{<\kappa}N \subseteq N$ ,  $\kappa, p, \mathbb{P}_1 \in N$  and let  $\langle I_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  list all open dense subseq of  $\mathbb{P}_1$  that are elements of  $N$ . Now by induction on  $\varepsilon < \kappa$  we choose conditions  $p_\varepsilon$ , and sets  $\{a_{s \smallfrown \langle i \rangle} : s \in \text{spl}_\varepsilon(p_\varepsilon), i \in \text{osucc}_{p_\varepsilon}(s)\} \subseteq {}^{(\varepsilon+1)}\kappa$  with the following properties:

- (a)  $p_\varepsilon \in N$ .
- (b)  $p_0 = p$ .
- (c) If  $\varepsilon < \delta$ , then  $p_\varepsilon \leq_\varepsilon p_\delta$ .
- (d) At limits  $\varepsilon$ ,  $p_\varepsilon = \bigcap \{p_\delta : \delta < \varepsilon\}$ .
- (e) if  $s \in \text{spl}_\varepsilon(p_\varepsilon)$ , then for every  $i \in \text{osucc}_{p_\varepsilon}(s)$ , the condition  $p_{\varepsilon+1}^{(s \smallfrown \langle i \rangle)} \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon} I_{\varepsilon'}$ .

In the end the fusion  $q = \bigcap \{p_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa\} = \bigcup \{\text{cl}_\varepsilon(p_\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \kappa\}$  is an  $N$ -generic condition, since it forces for any  $\varepsilon < \kappa$  that one of the  $q^{(s \smallfrown \langle i \rangle)}$ ,  $s \in \text{spl}_\varepsilon(q) = \text{spl}_\varepsilon(p_\varepsilon)$ ,  $i \in \text{osucc}_{p_\varepsilon}(s)$ , is in  $\mathbf{G} \cap I_\varepsilon \cap N$ . For each  $\varepsilon < \kappa$ , we have for any  $s \in \text{spl}_\varepsilon(q) = \text{spl}_\varepsilon(p_\varepsilon)$ ,  $i \in \text{osucc}_{p_\varepsilon}(s)$ ,  $q^{(s \smallfrown \langle i \rangle)} \geq p_{\varepsilon+1}^{(s \smallfrown \langle i \rangle)}$ .

Now we show that  $\kappa$ -properness entails the preservation of the cardinal  $\kappa^+$ . For this let  $\tau$  be a name for function from  $\kappa$  into  $\kappa^+$ . We pick  $N$  as above with the additional property that  $\tau \in N$ . For  $\varepsilon \in \kappa$  we define the open dense set  $I_\varepsilon = \{q \in \mathbb{P}_1 : (\exists \alpha \in \kappa^+)(q \Vdash \tau(\varepsilon) = \alpha)\}$ . We have  $I_\varepsilon \in N$ . By  $\kappa$ -properness, there is a  $(N, \mathbb{P}_1)$ -generic condition  $q$ . In particular,  $q$  forces for any  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{G} \cap I_\varepsilon \cap N \neq \emptyset$ . Now let  $r$  be such that  $q \Vdash r \in \mathbf{G} \cap N \cap I_\varepsilon$ . Then  $r \in N$  and by elementarity,  $N \models (r \Vdash (\exists \alpha < \kappa^+)(\tau(\varepsilon) = \alpha))$ . Hence there is  $s \leq r$ ,  $s \in N$ , and there is  $\alpha \in N \cap \kappa^+$ ,  $s \Vdash \tau(\varepsilon) = \alpha$ . Thus  $q$  forces  $\tau(\varepsilon) \in N \cap \kappa^+$ . Since  $N \cap \kappa^+ < \kappa^+$ , we have that  $q$  forces that the range of  $\tau$  is bounded in  $\kappa^+$ .  $\square$

We notice that Lemma 3.7 and Lemma 3.10 hold also for club Silver forcing and club Miller forcing. They could be mixed along an iteration. In

the case of Laver conditions,  $\kappa$ -properness and the preservation of  $\kappa^+$  follow from the fact that any two conditions with the same trunk are compatible. Hence each antichain has size at most  $\kappa$  and if it is an element of  $N$  then it is also a subset of  $N$ .

This concludes the proof of Corollary 1.5 in the weakly Mahlo case. In the general case of a  $\kappa$  that is not strongly inaccessible, we finish with Theorem 1.2.

*Remark 3.11.* In the tree forcings considered here, any stationary subset  $S$  of  $\kappa$  stays stationary in any  $\mathbb{P}_1$ -extension. This is so since  $\mathbb{P}_1$  is strongly  $(< \kappa)$ -distributive, i.e., for any sequence  $\langle D_\beta : \beta < \kappa \rangle$  of dense subsets of  $\mathbb{P}_1$  and any  $p \in \mathbb{P}_1$ , there is a sequence  $\langle p_\beta : \beta < \kappa \rangle$  such that for  $\beta < \kappa$ ,  $p_\beta \in D_\beta$  and  $p_0 \leq p$ , see [8, Lemma 3.8].

**3.1. Weakening  $(< \kappa)$ -Closure to a Strong Form of Strategic Closure.** A forcing  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\kappa$ -strategically closed if the following holds: There is a winning strategy in the game  $G(\mathbb{Q}, \kappa)$  for player COM. The game is played as follows: Player COM starts with  $p_0 = 1_{\mathbb{P}}$  and player INC plays in any round  $q_\alpha \geq p_\alpha$ . In successor rounds COM plays  $p_{\alpha+1} \geq q_\alpha$ . In limit rounds  $\delta < \kappa$ , Player COM plays  $p_\delta \geq q_\alpha$  for  $\alpha < \delta$ . Player COM wins if  $p_\delta$  exists for any  $\delta \in \kappa$ , otherwise player INC wins.

If  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for COM and COM modifies this strategy by first picking a move according to  $\sigma$  and thereafter strengthening it, then this is a winning strategy as well, since INC could have played this strengthening.

Under  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$ , we may consider the following property.

$\text{Pr}(\kappa, S, \mathbb{Q})$ :  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\kappa$ -strategically closed forcing and there is a name  $\mathcal{T} = \langle \mathcal{T}_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ , such that there is a winning strategy for COM in  $G(\mathbb{Q}, \kappa)$  with the following property: In any play played according to this strategy: For a club  $C$  in  $\kappa$  for  $\varepsilon \in C$  for  $j = 0, 1$ , there are upper bounds  $r_{\varepsilon, 0}, r_{\varepsilon, 1}$  of  $\langle p_\zeta, q_\zeta : \zeta < \varepsilon \rangle$  with  $r_{\varepsilon, j} \Vdash \mathcal{T}_\varepsilon = j$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** *Suppose that  $\kappa$  is a weakly Mahlo cardinal,  $\boxplus_{\kappa, S}$ ,  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$  and that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\kappa$ -strategically closed forcing with  $\text{Pr}(\kappa, S, \mathbb{Q})$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q} \Vdash \diamond_\kappa(S)$ .*

*Proof.* (Sketch) We modify the original proof by adding that the strategy is an element of  $N_0$ , the first element of an  $\kappa$ -approximating sequence.

We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 1.1. At successors of limit  $\varepsilon = \zeta = 1$ , clause  $(\otimes)_1(f)$  says  $p_\varepsilon \Vdash \text{tr}(p_\zeta)(\kappa_\zeta) = x_\varepsilon(f_\varepsilon(\kappa_\zeta))$ . On the club set of these  $\zeta$  player COM chooses  $j \in 2$  such that that  $p_\zeta = r_{\zeta, j} \Vdash \mathcal{T}(\kappa_\zeta) = x_\varepsilon(f_{\kappa_\zeta}(\kappa_\zeta))$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.13.* We wrote a “a strong form of strategic closure”, since “ $(< \kappa)$ -strategically closed” means often that for each  $\alpha < \kappa$ , player COM has a winning strategy in  $G(p, \alpha)$ . A typical example is the forcing adding a  $\square_{\aleph_1}$ -sequence with  $(< \aleph_2)$ -sized closed initial segments for  $\kappa = \aleph_2$ .  $(< \kappa)$ -strategical completeness does not allow to carry out the above proof, since

separate strategies for each  $\delta < \kappa$  cannot be all contained as elements in an elementary submodel of size  $< \kappa$ .

#### 4. HIGHER MILLER FORCING WITH SPLITTING INTO A CLUB

Higher Miller forcing and higher Laver forcing are special among our forcings, since there is a name for a  $\diamond$ -sequence in the respective forcing extensions that is much simpler than the other names for diamonds. Such a name will serve in the proof of Theorem 1.6. The proof works for either of these two forcings.

*Proof.* (Theorem 1.6) (1) Let  $\kappa$  be a regular uncountable cardinal. We give a  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$ -name that witnesses  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}} \Vdash \diamond_\kappa$ . The same name works for Laver forcing, with literally the same proof.

Let  $\langle S_\varepsilon : \varepsilon \in \kappa \rangle$  be a partition of  $\kappa$  into stationary sets. For each  $\alpha < \kappa$ , we let  $\langle t_{\alpha,\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of  ${}^\alpha\kappa$ . For  $\alpha, i < \kappa$  we let  $u_{\alpha,i} = t_{\alpha,\varepsilon}$  if  $i \in S_\varepsilon$ . Recall,  $\eta$  is a name of the generic branch. Now we give a name for a  $\diamond_\kappa(S)$ -sequence:

$$\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}} \Vdash \bar{d} = \langle \underline{d}_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle \wedge (\forall \alpha < \kappa)(\underline{d}_\alpha = u_{\alpha,\eta(\alpha)}).$$

We show

$$\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}} \Vdash \text{“}\bar{d} \text{ is a } \diamond_\kappa\text{-sequence.”}$$

We assume  $p \Vdash \text{“}\underline{x} \in {}^\kappa\kappa \wedge \mathcal{C} \text{ is a club in } \kappa\text{”}$ . We show that there are some  $\alpha < \kappa$  and a stronger condition  $q$  that forces  $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\underline{x} \upharpoonright \alpha = \underline{d}_\alpha$ . By induction on  $n < \omega$  we choose  $p_n$  and  $\alpha_n \in \kappa$  such that

- (a)  $p_0 = p$ ,
- (b)  $p_n \leq p_{n+1}$ ,
- (c)  $\alpha_n < \text{dom}(\text{tr}(p_n)) \leq \alpha_{n+1}$ ,
- (d)  $p_n \Vdash \alpha_n \in \mathcal{C}$ ,
- (e) For some  $x_n \in \mathbf{V}$ ,  $p_{n+1} \Vdash \underline{x} \upharpoonright \alpha_n = x_n$ .

Since the forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}}$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -closed it does not add new elements to  ${}^{\kappa}>\kappa$ . Hence an  $x_n$  and a  $p_{n+1}$  as in (e) exist.

Once  $\langle p_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  is chosen, again by  $< \kappa$ -closure of the forcing notion, the set  $p_\omega = \bigcap \{p_n : n < \omega\}$  is a condition. We let  $\alpha = \sup_n \alpha_n$ . By clause (c),  $\text{dom}(\text{tr}(p_\omega)) = \alpha$ . We let  $\bigcup \{x_n : n < \omega\} = x_\omega$  and notice  $x_\omega \in {}^\alpha\kappa$ . By construction,

$$p_\omega \Vdash \underline{x} \upharpoonright \alpha = x_\omega \wedge \alpha \in \mathcal{C}.$$

Now we strengthen  $p_\omega$  by a trunk lengthening: The set  $\text{osucc}_{p_\omega}(\text{tr}(p_\omega))$  is a club subset of  $\kappa$  and thus has non-empty intersection with each  $S_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon < \kappa$ . We choose  $\varepsilon$  to be an  $\varepsilon$  with  $t_{\alpha,\varepsilon} = x_\omega$ . We pick some  $i \in S_\varepsilon \cap \text{osucc}_{p_\omega}(\text{tr}(p_\omega))$ . Then  $u_{\alpha,i} = t_{\alpha,\varepsilon}$ . Now

$$p_\omega^{\langle \text{tr}(p_\omega) \hat{\ } \langle i \rangle \rangle} \Vdash \eta(\alpha) = i \wedge \underline{d}_\alpha = u_{\alpha,i} = t_{\alpha,\varepsilon} = x_\omega = \underline{x} \upharpoonright \alpha.$$

(2) Let a stationary set  $S \subseteq \check{I}[\kappa]$  be given. We work with the same  $\langle S_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$ ,  $\langle t_{\alpha,\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  and  $u_{\alpha,i}$  for  $i \in S_\varepsilon$  and  $\alpha < \kappa$  as above. We pick some  $\bar{a}$  that enumerates  $[\kappa]^{<\kappa}$  such that  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa](\bar{a})$ , and we fix a club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  and a sequence  $\langle C_\delta : \delta \in S \cap C \rangle$  such that for  $\delta \in S \cap C$ , for any  $\beta < \delta$ ,  $C_\delta \cap \beta \in \{a_\alpha : \alpha < \delta\}$  and that  $C_\delta$  is closed in  $\delta$ . Again we let  $E = \{\delta < \kappa : N_\delta \cap \kappa = \delta\}$ .

We define the name  $\langle \underline{d}_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  for a sequence by letting for  $\delta \in S$

$$\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Miller}} \Vdash \bar{d} = \langle \underline{d}_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle \wedge (\forall \alpha \in S)(\underline{d}_\alpha = u_{\alpha,\eta(\alpha)}).$$

We show:

$$\mathbb{Q}_\kappa^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \text{“}\langle \underline{d}_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle \text{ is a } \diamond_\kappa(S)\text{-sequence.”}$$

Towards this suppose that

$$p \Vdash \text{“}\underline{x} \in {}^\kappa 2, \text{ and } \underline{D} \text{ is a club subset of } \kappa\text{.”}$$

We let  $\chi = (\square_\omega(\kappa))^+$  and let  $<_\chi^*$  be a well-ordering of  $H(\chi)$ . We choose a  $\kappa$ -approximating sequence  $\langle N_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  in  $H(\chi)$  (see Definition 2.16) with

$$(4.1) \quad \mathbf{c} = (\kappa, \bar{a}, p, \bar{p}, \underline{x}, \underline{D}, S, \langle \bar{C}_\delta : \delta \in S \cap C \rangle) \in N_0.$$

We pick any  $\delta$  with  $\delta \in S \cap E \cap C$ . Here  $C$  is the club from the definition of  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ .

We show that there is  $q \geq p$  such that  $q \Vdash \delta \in \underline{D} \wedge \underline{p}_\delta = \underline{x} \upharpoonright \delta$ . Such a  $q$  will be gotten as the limit of a sequence  $\langle (p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, \kappa_\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta) \rangle$ . We shall arrange  $\lim \kappa_\varepsilon = \delta$ . Since  $\delta = \sup\{\kappa_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)\} \notin N_\delta$ , of course, the whole sequence is not an element of  $N_\delta$ .

We approach  $\delta$  by an increasing sequence of length  $\text{cf}(\delta)$  in models of size  $< \text{cf}(\delta)$ . These models, call them  $M_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ , will be gotten as Skolem hulls that are defined within  $N_\delta$ . The whole construction reminds of [5, Claim 4.4].

As a guide to a sufficiently fast ascent, we take the approachability witness  $C_\delta$ . Recall  $\text{ot}(C_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta)$ . Let  $C_\delta$  be increasingly enumerated as  $\langle c_{\delta,\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta) \rangle$ . The point is that such a sequence can be found so that each of its strict initial segments  $\bar{C}_\delta \upharpoonright \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ , is an element of  $N_\delta$ .

We let  $\kappa_{-1} = 0$ ,  $p_0 \geq p$  and  $p_0 \Vdash \gamma_0 \in \underline{D}$ . We let  $M_0 = \text{Sk}^{N_\delta}(\{p_0, \gamma_0\})$  and  $\kappa_0 = \sup(M_0 \cap \kappa)$ .

By induction on  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$  we choose  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, M_\varepsilon)$  with the following properties:

- ( $\oplus$ )<sub>1</sub> For successors  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$ ,  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, M_\varepsilon)$  is the  $<_\chi^*$ -least element of  $N_\delta$  such that
  - (a)  $p_\varepsilon \geq p$ .
  - (b)  $p_\varepsilon \geq p_\zeta$  for  $\zeta < \varepsilon$ .
  - (c)  $p_\varepsilon$  forces values to  $\underline{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta$ ,  $\min(\underline{D} \setminus (\kappa_\zeta + 1))$  call them  $x_\varepsilon$ ,  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  respectively.
  - (d)  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_\varepsilon)) \geq \gamma_\varepsilon > \kappa_\zeta > c_{\delta,\zeta} \geq \zeta$ .
  - (e) We let  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon = \langle (p_\zeta, x_\zeta, \gamma_\zeta, M_\zeta) : \zeta < \varepsilon \rangle$ ,  $M_\varepsilon = \text{Sk}^{N_\delta}(\bigcup\{M_\xi : \xi < \varepsilon\} \cup \{p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon\} \cup \{\langle c_{\delta,\xi} : \xi < \varepsilon \rangle, \mathbf{m}_\varepsilon\})$ .

- (f) Then we let  $\kappa_\varepsilon = \sup(\kappa \cap M_\varepsilon)$ .
- ( $\oplus$ )<sub>2</sub> For limits  $\varepsilon \leq \text{cf}(\delta)$ , we take  $p_\varepsilon$  intersection,  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  being the union. Then (d) is fulfilled at  $\varepsilon$  and we define  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  and  $M_\varepsilon$  and  $\kappa_\varepsilon$  also in the limit as in (e) and (f). We do not worry about continuity of the  $M_\varepsilon$ ,  $\kappa_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ .

Along the induction we see:  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  is defined in  $N_\delta$  by a formula  $\varphi = \varphi(x, \bar{y})$  with  $x$  for  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon$  and  $\bar{y} = (y_0, y_1)$  with  $y_0 = \bar{N} \upharpoonright \kappa_\varepsilon$  and  $y_1 = \mathbf{c}$  from (4.1). The sequence  $\bar{a}$  in  $\mathbf{c}$  guarantees that initial segments are represented in the following sense: For any  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ ,  $\{c_{\delta, \xi} : \xi < \varepsilon\} = C_\delta \cap \alpha$  for some  $\alpha < \delta$  and  $C_\delta \cap \alpha = a_\beta \in N_\delta$  for some  $\beta < \delta$  by the definition of the approachability  $N_0$  and  $\bar{N}$ .

Successor step  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$ :

Now  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, M_\varepsilon)$  is the  $<^*_\chi$  first element of  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfying clauses ( $\oplus$ )<sub>1</sub>(a) - (f). Since  $\delta \in S \cap C$  is approachable by  $C_\delta$ , we have for  $C_\delta \cap \varepsilon \in N_\delta$  and hence  $\langle c_{\delta, \xi} : \xi < \varepsilon \rangle \in N_\delta$  and  $\mathbf{m}_\varepsilon \in N_\delta$ . As each element of  $H(\chi)$  mentioned above is computable from  $\bar{N} \upharpoonright \delta_\zeta + 1$ , it is an element of  $N_\delta$ .

Hence there is  $(p_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon, M_\varepsilon)$  as required (a) to (f) in  $\in N_\delta$  and we can choose the  $<^*_\chi$  first element.

Moreover  $p_\zeta \Vdash x_{\kappa_\zeta} = \bar{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta$ .

Limit step: let  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$  be a limit ordinal. Since  $\underline{D}$  is  $p_0$  forced to be closed,  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  is  $p_\varepsilon$ -forced to be in  $\underline{D}$ . The reason is that for any  $\zeta < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon$ ,

$$\delta_{\varepsilon'} > \text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_{\varepsilon'})) \geq \gamma_{\varepsilon'} > \kappa_\zeta \geq \gamma_\zeta \geq \zeta.$$

We carried the induction. We let  $q = p_{\text{cf}(\delta)} = \bigcap \{p_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)\}$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3.6 we have  $\text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}) = \bigcup \{\text{tr}(p_\varepsilon) : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)\}$ .

Finally, the limit of the  $\kappa_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$  is indeed  $\delta$  itself, since  $\sup(C_\delta) = \delta$  and since for any  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ ,  $\{c_{\delta, \xi} : \xi < \varepsilon\} = C_\delta \cap \alpha = a_\beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta < \delta$  and  $C_\delta \cap \alpha \in N_\delta$  and  $\text{ot}(C_\delta) = \text{cf}(\delta)$ .

We write  $x_{\text{cf}(\delta)} = \bigcup \{x_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)\}$ . By ( $\oplus$ )<sub>1</sub> and ( $\oplus$ )<sub>2</sub>, we have

$$(4.2) \quad q \Vdash x_\delta = \bar{x} \upharpoonright \delta \wedge \delta \in \underline{D}$$

and that  $\text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta)})$  has length  $\delta$ .

We strengthen  $p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}$  by the following trunk lengthening: The set  $\text{osucc}_{p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}}(\text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}))$  is a club subset of  $\kappa$  and thus has non-empty intersection with each  $S_j$ ,  $j < \kappa$ . We choose  $j$  to be an  $j$  with  $t_{\delta, j} = x_{\text{cf}(\delta)}$ . We pick some  $i \in S_j \cap \text{osucc}_{p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}}(\text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}))$ . Then  $u_{\delta, i} = t_{\delta, j}$ . Now

$$p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}^{\langle \text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta)}) \hat{\ } \langle i \rangle \rangle} \Vdash \eta(\delta) = i \wedge \underline{d}_\delta = u_{\delta, i} = t_{\delta, j} = x_{\text{cf}(\delta)} = \bar{x} \upharpoonright \delta.$$

□

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.6.

*Remark 4.1.* Club  $\kappa$ -Miller and also club  $\kappa$ -Laver forcing adds a  $\kappa$ -Cohen real  $\mathbb{C}_\kappa$ . This is shown in [2]. There is a  $\mathbb{C}_\kappa$ -name of a diamond sequence in  $V[\mathbb{C}_\kappa]$ . The pattern of the name is the same.

### 5. SUCCESSOR CARDINALS $\kappa$ AND THE ACCESSIBLE LIMIT CARDINALS

Now we work with  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa \geq \aleph_1$  with one of the two additional properties:  $\kappa$  is a regular limit cardinal that is not strongly inaccessible or  $\kappa$  is a successor cardinal. We present another type of name of a diamond that is based on Bernstein sets.<sup>2</sup> Again the approachability ideal is used, and as in Section 4, the guessing will be at approachable ordinals  $\delta$  with approaching sequences of size  $\text{cf}(\delta)$ .

Also based on Bernstein combinatorics, we show that under  $\kappa^{<\kappa} > \kappa$  and additional hypotheses the forcing adds a collapse from  $\kappa^{<\kappa}$  to  $\kappa$ . Our collapsing technique is different from [14, Section 4].

We first introduce a wider class of forcings.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $\kappa = \text{cf}(\kappa) > \omega$  and let  $W \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary in  $\kappa$ . We let  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  be the forcing notion that is defined as follows

- (A) Conditions in the forcing order  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  are trees  $p \subseteq \kappa^{>2}$  (see Definition 2.6) with the following additional properties:
  - (1) (Perfectness) For any  $s \in p$  there is an extension  $t \supseteq s$  in  $p$  such that  $t$  has two immediate successors.
  - (2) (Closure of splitting in  $W$ ) If  $\delta$  is a limit ordinal and  $\langle \eta_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$  is a  $\triangleleft$ -increasing sequence with  $\bigwedge_{\varepsilon < \delta} \eta_\varepsilon \in \text{split}(p)$  and  $\bigcup_{\varepsilon < \delta} \text{lg}(\eta_\varepsilon) \in W$ , then  $\bigcup_{\varepsilon < \delta} \eta_\varepsilon \in \text{split}(p)$ .
  - (3) (Closure) The tree order on  $p$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -closed.
- (B)  $p \leq q$  if  $p \supseteq q$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $W \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary.*

- 1) *The notion of forcing  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  is  $< \kappa$ -closed (see Definition 2.12).*
- 2) *Let  $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  be a name for the generic filter and let  $\eta$  be the generic branch (see Definition 3.5). Then  $\mathbb{Q} \Vdash \eta \in \kappa^2$  and  $\mathbf{V}[\eta] = \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{Q}}]$ .*

*Proof.* 1) Let  $\langle p_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma \rangle$  be an increasing sequence of conditions and  $\gamma < \kappa$ . We show that the intersection  $q = \bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma} p_\alpha$  is a condition. We prove this by induction on  $\gamma$ . Since we go by induction, we can assume without loss of generality that the sequence is continuous. Since  $q$  is an intersection of trees, we have  $\emptyset \in q$ , and the closure properties (A)(2) and (A)(3) are obvious. We have to show that  $q$  is a perfect tree.

We let for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \gamma$ ,  $q_\alpha = \bigcap \{p_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$ . Continuity entails that for limit ordinals  $\alpha$ ,  $p_\alpha = q_\alpha$ .

By induction on  $\alpha$  we show for any  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \gamma$ :

- (1) $_\alpha$  For any  $s \in q_\alpha$ , there is a branch  $b$  of  $q_\alpha$  with  $s \in b$  and such that for any  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $U_\beta(b) = \{\xi : b \upharpoonright \xi \in \text{spl}(p_\beta), b \upharpoonright \xi \supseteq s\}$  is unbounded in  $\kappa$ .
- (2) $_\alpha$  For any  $s \in q_\alpha$  there is an extension  $t \supseteq s$ ,  $t \in \text{split}(q_\alpha)$ .

<sup>2</sup>A basic form says: Given a regular cardinal  $\tau$  and a set  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha < \tau\}$  of sets  $A_\alpha \in [\tau]^\tau$  there is a set  $B \in [\tau]^\tau$  that meets each  $A_\alpha$  and meets each  $\tau \setminus A_\alpha$ . Such a  $B$  is called a Bernstein set for  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha < \tau\}$ .

We first show: For any  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \gamma$ ,  $(1)_\alpha$  implies  $(2)_\alpha$ : For successor  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ ,  $(2)_\alpha$  holds since  $p_\beta$  is a condition. For limit  $\alpha$ , we use the stationarity of  $W$  in the following way. Given  $s \in q_\alpha$ , we pick a branch  $b$  for  $s$  as in  $(1)_\alpha$ . By  $(1)_\alpha$ , for  $\beta < \alpha$ , the set  $\text{acc}^+(U_\beta(b))$  is club in  $\kappa$ . Now  $\bigcap \{\text{acc}^+(U_\beta(b)) : \beta < \alpha\} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ , and hence there is some  $\delta \in \bigcap \{\text{acc}^+(U_\beta(b)) : \beta < \alpha\} \cap W$ . Now by the definition of  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$ ,  $b \upharpoonright \delta \in \text{spl}(p_\beta)$  for any  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $b \upharpoonright \delta \in \text{spl}(q_\alpha)$ .

Now we carry out the induction: Given  $(2)_\beta$  for  $1 \leq \beta < \alpha$ , we prove  $(1)_\alpha$ . The statement is obvious for  $\alpha = 1$  and for  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  being a successor ordinal, since  $q_{\beta+1} = p_\beta$  is a condition. Now let  $\alpha$  be a limit ordinal. We establish  $(1)_\alpha$  by going in  $\kappa$ -many steps of size  $\alpha$  each: Let  $s \in q_\alpha$  be given.

By induction on  $k \in \kappa$ , we define a sequence  $r_k$ ,  $k < \kappa$ , of nodes in  $q_\alpha$  such that the sequence is continuously increasing in  $\trianglelefteq$  and such that  $r_0 = s$  and for each  $k \in \kappa$ , in  $\{t \in q_\alpha : r_k \trianglelefteq t \triangleleft r_{k+1}\}$ , for any  $\beta < \alpha$ , there is a splitting node of  $p_\beta$ . We choose an increasing sequence  $\langle \alpha_i : i < \text{cf}(\alpha) \rangle$  with limit  $\alpha$ .

We carry out the successor step of the induction: Let  $r_k \in q_\alpha = \bigcap \{p_{\alpha_i} : i < \text{cf}(\alpha)\}$  be given. We let  $s_{\alpha_0}$  be the minimal splitting node above  $r_k$  in  $p_{\alpha_0}$ . By  $(2)_{\alpha_0}$  such an  $s_{\alpha_0}$  exists. Suppose that  $s_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $i < j$ , is defined such that  $s_{\alpha_i} \in \text{split}(p_{\alpha_i})$  and such that for  $i' < i < j$ ,  $s_{\alpha_{i'}} \triangleleft s_{\alpha_i}$ . If  $j$  is a successor, then we invoke  $(2)_{\alpha_j}$ . If  $j$  is a limit, then by closure  $s'_{\alpha_j} = \bigcup \{s_{\alpha_i} : i < j\}$  is a node of each of the  $q_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $i < j$ . Hence it is a node of  $q_{\alpha_j} = \bigcap \{q_{\alpha_i} : i < j\}$ . The shortest splitting node in  $p_{\alpha_j} = q_{\alpha_j}$  above  $s'_{\alpha_j}$  serves as  $s_{\alpha_j}$ . By induction hypothesis, such a node exists. Now the induction over  $j < \text{cf}(\alpha)$  is carried out. We let  $r_{k+1} = \bigcup \{s_{\alpha_j} : j < \text{cf}(\alpha)\}$ . By (A)(3),  $r_{k+1} \in p_{\alpha_j}$  for any  $j < i$  and hence  $r_{k+1} \in q_\alpha$ . The increasing, not necessarily continuous sequence  $\langle s_{\alpha_i} : i < \text{cf}(\alpha) \rangle$  witnesses that for each  $\beta < \alpha$  there is a splitting node of  $p_\beta$  between  $r_k$  and  $r_{k+1}$ .

For limit ordinals  $k \in \kappa$ , we let  $r_k = \bigcup \{r_j : j < k\}$  and again invoke (A)(3). Now the induction on  $k \in \kappa$  is performed. The branch  $b = \bigcup \{r_k : k < \kappa\}$  is a witness for  $(1)_\alpha$ . This finished the limit step of the induction on  $\alpha$ .

Now  $q$  fulfils (A)(1) because we have  $(2)_\gamma$ .

2) Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be  $\mathbb{Q}$ -generic over  $\mathbf{V}$ . Then  $\eta = \bigcup \{\text{tr}(p) : p \in \mathbf{G}\}$  is a function from  $\kappa$  to 2, since for any  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and any  $t \in p$  also the subtree  $p^{(t)}$  is a condition, and if  $t$  and  $t'$  are incompatible nodes in  $p$ , the conditions  $p^{(t)}$  and  $p^{(t')}$  are incompatible. For each  $\alpha < \kappa$ , the generic filter meets the dense set  $D_\alpha = \{p \in \mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}} : \text{dom}(\text{tr}(p)) \geq \alpha + 1\}$ . The generic branch  $\eta$  contains the full information about  $\mathbf{G}$  since for any generic filter  $\mathbf{G}$  we have for any  $p : p \in \mathbf{G}$  iff  $\eta \in [p]$ . For a detailed proof see [14, Proposition 1.2].  $\square$

*Remark 5.3.* If  $W$  is a non-stationary set, then  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  is not  $< \kappa$ -complete.

*Proof.* Let  $C$  be club in  $\kappa$  with  $C \cap W = \emptyset$ . Let  $\langle c_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  be a continuous enumeration of  $C$ . Now let for  $i < \omega$ ,

$$p_n = \{t \in {}^{\kappa > 2} : (\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(t) \setminus C)(t(\alpha) = 0) \wedge \\ (\forall \alpha \in \kappa)((c_\alpha \in \text{dom}(t) \wedge (\exists \lambda < \kappa, \lambda \text{ limit})(\exists n \in \omega) \\ \alpha = \lambda + i, i \leq n) \rightarrow t(c_\alpha) = 0)\}.$$

Then for  $n < \omega$ ,  $p_n \in \mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  and  $\bigcap \{p_n : n < \omega\} = \{b_0\}$  with  $b_0(\alpha) = 0$  for  $\alpha < \kappa$ .  $\square$

**Fact 5.4.** *Assume  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  is regular and  $W \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary and  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$ . If  $\kappa = \kappa^{< \kappa}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\kappa$ -proper.*

*Proof.* The proof given in Lemma 3.10 applies also here, since it does not use the fact that the limit of splitting nodes is a splitting node but just fusion and the  $< \kappa$ -closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$ .  $\square$

Now we introduce some Bernstein combinatorics on closed subtrees.

**Definition 5.5.** Suppose that  $\delta \in \kappa$  and  $\text{cf}(\delta) = \text{cf}(\sigma)$ .

- (A) A function  $f: {}^{\sigma > 2} \rightarrow {}^{\delta > 2}$  is called a  $\sigma$ -tree embedding of height  $\delta$ , if the following holds:
  - (a) for any  $s, t \in {}^{\sigma > 2}$ , if  $s \trianglelefteq t$ , then  $f(s) \trianglelefteq f(t)$ .
  - (b) For any  $b \in {}^{\sigma 2}$ ,  $\bigcup \{f(b \upharpoonright i) : i < \sigma\} \in {}^{\delta 2}$ .
- (B) A  $\sigma$ -tree embedding of height  $\delta$  is called *one-to-one* if for any  $s, t \in {}^{\sigma > 2}$ , if  $s \perp t$  then  $f(s) \perp f(t)$ . We write  $s \perp t$ , if  $s$  and  $t$  are incomparable (which is the same as incompatible) in  $\trianglelefteq$ .
- (C) Given a  $\sigma$ -tree embedding  $f$  of height  $\delta$ , there is a lift to branches  $\bar{f}: {}^{\sigma 2} \rightarrow {}^{\delta 2}$  given by  $\bar{f}(b) = \bigcup \{f(b \upharpoonright i) : i < \sigma\}$ .

*Remark 5.6.*

- (a) We do not require that the tree embeddings fulfil  $f(s \cap t) = f(s) \cap f(t)$ . The righthand side might be longer. We let  $\sigma = \lim \langle \sigma_i : i < \text{cf}(\sigma) \rangle$  for an increasing continuous sequence.
- (b) By the rule (A)(a), for any sequence  $\langle \sigma_i : i < \text{cf}(\sigma) \rangle$  that converges to  $\sigma$ , the restriction  $f \upharpoonright \bigcup \{{}^{\sigma_i 2} : i < \text{cf}(\sigma)\}$  determines the function  $f$ .

The following lemma is used for names of diamonds and for names of collapsing functions.

**Lemma 5.7** (Bernstein Lemma). *We assume that  $\kappa = \kappa^{< \kappa} > \aleph_0$  and  $2^\sigma = \kappa$  and  $2^{< \sigma} < \kappa$ . For each  $\delta \in \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  we let*

$$\mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta} = \{(f_1, f_2) : f_1, f_2 \text{ are } \sigma\text{-tree embeddings} \\ \text{of height } \delta \text{ and } f_1 \text{ is one-to-one}\}.$$

*Then there is some  $h_\delta: {}^{\delta 2} \rightarrow {}^{\delta 2}$  such that:*

$$(5.1) \quad (\forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta})(\exists \eta \in {}^{\sigma 2})(h_\delta(\bar{f}_1(\eta)) = \bar{f}_2(\eta)) \text{ and}$$

$$(5.2) \quad (\forall f_1 \in \mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta})(\forall \alpha \in {}^\delta 2)(\exists \eta' \in {}^\sigma 2)(h_\delta(\bar{f}_1(\eta')) = \alpha).$$

In Theorem 1.2 we use only (5.1). We use (5.2) at  $\mu > \kappa$  for Proposition 5.9. In a diagonalisation of length  $\kappa$ , we can find some  $h_\delta$  with both properties.

*Proof.* For  $\delta \in \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  we have  $|\mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta}| \leq \kappa$ . Since  $2^{<\sigma} < \kappa$ ,  $2^{<\delta} \leq \kappa$  and  $\kappa^{2^{<\sigma}} \leq \kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ , we have  $|\mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta}| \leq (2^{<\delta})^{(2^{<\sigma})} \leq \kappa$  and  $2^\delta \leq \kappa$ .

We enumerate

$$\{(f_1, f_2, x) : (f_1, f_2) \in \mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta}, x \in {}^\delta 2\}$$

as  $\langle (f_1^\alpha, f_2^\alpha, x_\alpha) : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  such that each triple appears  $\kappa$  often.

We define  $\eta_\alpha, z_\alpha \in {}^\delta 2$  and  $h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\alpha(\eta_\alpha)) := \bar{f}_2^\alpha(\eta_\alpha)$  and  $h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\alpha(z_\alpha)) := x_\alpha$  by induction on  $\alpha$ . Suppose that  $\langle (\eta_\beta, z_\beta, h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\beta(\eta_\beta)), h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\beta(z_\beta))) : \beta < \alpha \rangle$  is defined. At step  $\alpha$  we have to take care of  $(f_1^\alpha, f_2^\alpha)$  and we have to ensure that  $x_\alpha$  gets into the range of  $h_\delta \circ \bar{f}_1^\alpha$ .

Since  $\bar{f}_1^\alpha$  is one-to-one, there is some  $\eta = \eta_\alpha \in {}^\sigma 2 \setminus \{\eta_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  such that  $\bar{f}_1^\alpha(\eta_\alpha) \neq \bar{f}_1^\beta(\eta_\beta)$  and for each  $\beta < \alpha$ . We let  $h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\alpha(\eta_\alpha)) = \bar{f}_2^\alpha(\eta_\alpha)$  and we can pick some  $z_\alpha \in {}^\sigma 2 \setminus (\{\eta_\beta : \beta \leq \alpha\} \cup \{z_\beta : \beta < \alpha\})$  and let  $h_\delta(\bar{f}_1^\alpha(z_\alpha)) = x_\alpha$ . Here we again use that  $\bar{f}_1^\alpha$  is one-to-one. Now the induction is carried out and we have defined a partial function, a subfunction of  $h_\delta$ . If after the induction the domain of this part of  $h_\delta$  is not yet the full set  ${}^\sigma 2$ , we can define  $h_\delta$  at the remaining arguments in an arbitrary manner.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 1.2

*Proof.* Now pinning down names and appropriate strengthening of conditions is carried out for each branch of the full  ${}^{\sigma > 2}$ -tree. Each single branch of this tree will support a construction similar to  $(\oplus)_1$  and  $(\oplus)_2$  from Theorem 1.6. Moreover, different branches will lead to conditions with incompatible trunks. Each branch has initial segments that are elements of a small submodel  $M_\varepsilon$  of  $N_\delta$ ,  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\sigma)$  with  $|M_\varepsilon| < \text{cf}(\sigma)$ . The role of the  $M_\varepsilon$  is similar to their role in the proof of Theorem 1.6(2). However, since a level of the tree  ${}^{\sigma_\varepsilon \geq 2}$  could be of size  $\text{cf}(\sigma)$  already, we just have that each branch separately allows to define a chain of models of size  $< \text{cf}(\sigma)$ . Each initial segment  ${}^{\sigma_\varepsilon \geq 2}$  of the tree  ${}^{\sigma > 2}$  is an element of  $N_\delta$ . The construction of the whole tree is carried with initial segments in  $N_\delta$ .

We fix some  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$  that is stationary in  $\kappa$ ,  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$ . For  $\delta \in S$  we let  $h_\delta$  be as in the Lemma 5.7. We define a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -name  $\bar{\nu} = \langle \nu_\delta : \delta \in S \rangle$  by

$$\mathbb{Q} \Vdash \nu_\delta = h_\delta(\eta \upharpoonright \delta).$$

We show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  forces that  $\bar{\nu}$  is a  $\diamond(S)$ -sequence. Let

$$p \Vdash \bar{x} \in {}^\kappa 2 \wedge \bar{D} \text{ is a club in } \kappa.$$

We have to find a  $\delta \in S$  and some  $q \geq p$  such that

$$(5.3) \quad q \Vdash \delta \in \bar{D} \wedge \nu_\delta = \bar{x} \upharpoonright \delta.$$

Let  $\bar{a} = \langle a_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $[\kappa]^{<\kappa}$ . As  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$  and  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  there is a club  $C$  in  $\kappa$  and there is  $\bar{C}$  such that  $\bar{C} = \langle C_\alpha : \alpha \in S \cap C \rangle$ ,  $C_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$  is club in  $\alpha$  and  $\text{otp}(C_\alpha) = \text{cf}(\delta)$  and for any  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $C_\alpha \cap \beta \in \{a_\gamma : \gamma < \alpha\}$ . We fix a continuously increasing sequence  $\langle \sigma_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\sigma) \rangle$  with limit  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma$ .

We let  $\chi = (\beth_\omega(\kappa))^+$  and let  $<_\chi^*$  be a well-ordering of  $H(\chi)$ . We choose a  $\kappa$ -approximating sequence  $\langle N_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  in  $H(\chi)$  (see Definition 2.16) with

$$(5.4) \quad \mathbf{c} = (\kappa, \bar{a}, \bar{\sigma}, p, \bar{\nu}, \bar{x}, \bar{D}, S, \langle \bar{C}_\delta : \delta \in S \cap C \rangle) \in N_0.$$

and  $\sigma^{>2} \subseteq N_0$ . We let  $E = \{\alpha < \kappa : N_\alpha \cap \kappa = \alpha\}$ . Since  $\langle N_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \kappa \rangle$  is continuous,  $E$  is a club. We pick any  $\delta$  with  $\delta \in S \cap E \cap C$ . Note that  $N_\delta \cap \kappa = \delta$ .

We show that there is  $q \geq p$  such that  $q \Vdash \delta \in \bar{D} \wedge \bar{\nu}_\delta = \bar{x} \upharpoonright \delta$ . For a suitable  $\varrho \in {}^{\text{cf}(\sigma)}2$ , such a  $q$  will be gotten as the limit of a continuously ascending sequence  $\langle \langle p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright \varepsilon}, x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright \varepsilon}, \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright \varepsilon}, \delta_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright \varepsilon} \rangle : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta) \rangle$ . The point is for each  $\varrho$  separately, that such a sequence can be found so that each of its strict initial segments is an element of  $N_\delta$ .

For the application of  $h_\delta$  to a suitable  $\eta = \text{tr}(p_{\text{cf}(\delta), \varrho})$  as in (5.1) in the end, we have to choose  $\varrho$  only after the choice of the whole tree.

By induction on  $\varepsilon \leq \text{cf}(\sigma)$  we chose a four-tuple  $(\bar{p}_\varepsilon, \bar{x}_\varepsilon, \bar{\gamma}_\varepsilon, \bar{\kappa}_\varepsilon)$  of the form  $\bar{p}_\varepsilon = \langle p_{\varepsilon, \varrho} : \varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2 \rangle$  and so forth. We use  $\varrho$  as a variable for an element of  $\sigma^{>2}$ . Also for a fixed level  $\langle \varrho : \varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2 \rangle$  the tuple  $(\bar{p}_\varepsilon, \bar{x}_\varepsilon, \bar{\gamma}_\varepsilon, \bar{\kappa}_\varepsilon)$  is an element of  $N_\delta$ . Again the definition in the successor steps is given separately from the limit steps. In the successor step  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$ , a thread  $\varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\zeta}2$  is continued in  $t$ -threads for  $t: [\sigma_\zeta, \sigma_{\zeta+1}) \rightarrow 2$  that have mutually incompatible trunk lengthenings. So for  $\varepsilon = \zeta + 1$ ,  $\varrho \in {}^\zeta 2$ ,  $t: [\sigma_\zeta, \sigma_{\zeta+1}) \rightarrow 2$  we let

( $\odot$ )<sub>1</sub>  $\langle \langle p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}, x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}, \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}, \kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} \rangle : \varrho \upharpoonright t \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2 \rangle$  is the  $<_\chi^*$ -least element of  $N_\delta$  such that for each  $\varrho \upharpoonright t$ :

(a)  $p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} \geq p$ .

(b)  $p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} \geq p_{\zeta, \varrho}^{\langle \text{tr}(p_{\zeta, \varrho}) \upharpoonright \text{emb}(p_{\zeta, \varrho \upharpoonright t}) \rangle}$ . Here on the right side,  $\text{emb}(p, t)$  is defined by induction on the length of  $t$  in as going left or right in  $p_{\zeta, \varrho}$  above the next splitting node and thus naturally defines a part of an injective tree embedding  $\varrho \upharpoonright t \mapsto \text{tr}(p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t})$ . For limit ordinals  $\alpha \in [\sigma_\zeta, \sigma_{\zeta+1})$  and  $t$  of limit lengths we just take  $\text{emb}(t) = \bigcup \{ \text{emb}(t \upharpoonright \beta) : \beta < \alpha \}$ .

(c)  $p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}$  forces values to  $\bar{x} \upharpoonright \kappa_\zeta$ ,  $\min(\bar{D} \setminus (\kappa_\zeta + 1))$  call them  $x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}$ ,  $\gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}$  respectively. We assume that  $\text{dom}(p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}) \geq \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright (j)}$ .

(d)  $\text{lg}(\text{tr}(p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t})) \geq \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} > \kappa_{\zeta, \varrho} \geq \zeta$ .

(e) We pick  $\alpha_\varepsilon < \delta$  such that  $\text{ot}(C_\delta \cap \alpha_\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ . Now for a fixed  $\varrho \upharpoonright t$  we let

$$M_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} = \text{Sk}^{N_\delta} \left( \bigcup \{ M_{\xi, \varrho \upharpoonright \sigma_\xi} : \xi < \varepsilon \} \cup \{ p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}, x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t}, \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho \upharpoonright t} \} \right. \\ \left. \cup \{ C_\delta \cap \alpha_\varepsilon, \langle M_{\xi, \varrho \upharpoonright \sigma_\xi} : \xi < \varepsilon \rangle \} \right).$$

Then we let  $\kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow t} = \sup(\kappa \cap M_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow t})$ .

( $\odot$ )<sub>2</sub> For limits  $\varepsilon \leq \text{cf}(\delta)$  and  $\varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2$ , we take  $p_{\varepsilon, \varrho} = \bigcap \{p_{\zeta, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\zeta} : \zeta < \varepsilon\}$ , and let  $x_{\varepsilon, \varrho} = \bigcup \{x_{\zeta, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\zeta} : \zeta < \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho} = \bigcup \{\gamma_{\zeta, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\zeta} : \zeta < \varepsilon\}$ .  $\gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho}$  is  $p_\varepsilon$ -forced to be in  $D$ , since  $D$  is  $p_0$ -forced to be club and since  $C_\delta$  is club in  $\delta$ . If  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ , then  $\langle (p_{\varepsilon, \varrho}, x_{\varepsilon, \varrho}, \gamma_{\varepsilon, \varrho}, \kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho}) : \varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2 \rangle \in N_\delta$ .

We can carry the induction since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $(< \kappa)$ -complete. For  $\varrho \in {}^{>\delta}2$ , the model  $M_{\varepsilon, \varrho}$  is of size  $< \text{cf}(\sigma)$ . This together with  $2^{\sigma_i} \in N_\delta$  guarantees that all the  $\kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho}$  stay below  $\delta$ .

For each  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$ , the sequence  $\langle \kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \delta \rangle$  converges to  $\delta$ . This is because  $\sup C_\delta = \delta$  and  $\text{ot}(C_\delta) = \text{cf}(\sigma) = \text{cf}(\delta)$ . In step  $\varepsilon$  we include the first  $\varepsilon$  elements of  $C_\delta$  in  $M_{\varepsilon, \varrho}$  for any  $\varrho \in {}^{\sigma_\varepsilon}2$ . Hence by the definition of  $C_\delta$  witnessing that  $\delta \in S \cap C \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ , for any  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$ ,  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow \text{cf}(\sigma)} \kappa_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\varepsilon} = \delta$ .

For each  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$  Equation  $\odot$  implies:  $p_{\sigma, \varrho} \Vdash x \upharpoonright \delta = \bigcup \{x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\varepsilon} : \varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)\}$ .

Now by Lemma 5.7 applied to the pair  $(f_1, f_2)$  with  $f_1(\varrho \upharpoonright \sigma_\varepsilon) = \text{tr}(p_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\varepsilon})$  and with  $f_2(\varrho \upharpoonright \sigma_\varepsilon) = x_{\varepsilon, \varrho \uparrow \sigma_\varepsilon}$  for  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$  and  $\varepsilon < \text{cf}(\delta)$ , there is some  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$  with for any  $i < \text{cf}(\sigma)$ ,  $\varrho \upharpoonright \sigma_i \in N_\delta$  such that

$$p_{\sigma, \varrho} \Vdash \bar{f}_1(\varrho) = \eta \upharpoonright \delta \wedge h_\delta(\bar{f}_1(\varrho)) = \nu_\delta = \bar{f}_2(\varrho) = x_{\sigma, \varrho} = x \upharpoonright \delta \wedge \delta \in D.$$

For the first equality in the forcing statement, we use ( $\odot$ )<sub>1</sub>(d). For the very last equality we use ( $\odot$ )<sub>1</sub>(c). So  $q = p_{\sigma, \varrho}$  and  $\delta$  are as in (5.3).  $\square$

Now Kanamori's premise on iterability is true in the one-step extension:

**Corollary 5.8.** *We assume  $\aleph_1 \leq \kappa = \kappa^{<\kappa}$ . Let  $W \subseteq \kappa$  be stationary.*

- (a) *For  $\kappa = \aleph_1$  for any stationary  $S$ , we have  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond_{\aleph_1}(S)$ .*
- (b) *For  $\kappa$  that is not a strong limit,  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}} \Vdash \diamond_\kappa$ .*

*Proof.* (a) Any stationary  $S \subseteq \aleph_1$  is in the approachability ideal. (b) By Theorem 2.17, there is a stationary set  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  with  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ .  $\square$

This concludes the proof of Corollary 1.5.

In the next proposition we show that the Bernstein technique Lemma 5.7 at  $2^\sigma > \kappa$  may provide a name of a collapse of  $2^\sigma$  to  $\kappa$  under additional hypotheses.

**Proposition 5.9.** *If there is a cardinal  $\sigma < \kappa$  such that  $2^\sigma = 2^{<\kappa} = \mu > \kappa$ ,  $2^{<\sigma} < \kappa$  and  $\mu^{2^{<\sigma}} \leq \mu$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}_{(\kappa, W)}^{\text{Sacks}}$  collapses  $\mu$  to  $\kappa$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.17, there is a stationary  $S \in \check{I}[\kappa]$ ,  $S \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$ . The conditions on  $\sigma$  and  $\delta < \kappa$  are as in Lemma 5.7 at the cardinal  $\mu$ . Hence for  $\delta \in \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$ , we have  $h_\delta: {}^\delta 2 \rightarrow {}^\delta 2$  such that

$$(\forall f_1 \in \mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta})(\forall \alpha \in {}^\delta 2)(\exists \varrho \in {}^\sigma 2)(h_\delta(\bar{f}_1(\varrho)) = \alpha).$$

as there. Moreover, for any  $\delta \in \kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  we fix a bijection  $h_\delta: {}^\delta 2 \rightarrow \mu$ . We show that the function

$$\delta \mapsto b_\delta \circ h_\delta(\eta \upharpoonright \delta)$$

with domain  $\kappa \cap \text{cof}(\text{cf}(\sigma))$  is a name for a function that collapses  $\mu$  to  $\kappa$ . Given  $p$ , we define  $N_0$  and  $\bar{N}$  as above and then define  $E$  as above. We pick  $\delta \in S \cap C \cap E$  and then define an ascent to  $\delta$  literally as above in  $\odot$ , with the simplification that we do not have to pin down initial segments of a name  $\underline{x}$ . This time the tree  $(^{\delta > 2}, \trianglelefteq)$  has  $\mu$  many branches, and each of its initial levels has only  $< \kappa$  many nodes.

Let  $\xi \in \mu$  be given. We choose  $\alpha \in {}^\delta 2$  such that  $b_\delta(\alpha) = \xi$  and we choose a function  $f_1 \in \mathcal{F}_{\sigma, \delta}$  by letting for  $\varrho \in {}^{\sigma > 2}$ ,  $f_1(\varrho) = \text{tr}(p_{\text{dom}(\varrho), \varrho})$ . Then  $\bar{f}_1: {}^\sigma 2 \rightarrow {}^\delta 2$ . Since  $h_\delta$  is as above, for the given  $f_1$ ,  $\alpha$  there is some for  $\varrho \in {}^\sigma 2$  such

$$p_{\sigma, \varrho} \Vdash h_\delta(\bar{f}_1(\varrho)) = h_\delta(\eta \upharpoonright \delta) = \alpha,$$

and the latter entails  $p_{\sigma, \varrho} \Vdash b_\delta(h_\delta(\eta \upharpoonright \delta)) = b_\delta(\alpha) = \xi$ .  $\square$

*Remark 5.10.* Proposition 5.9 is proved differently for ordinary  $\kappa$ -Sacks in [14], where Solovay partitions of stationary sets in pairwise disjoint stationary sets are used and Clause (2) Definition 2.7 is used.

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