

Recall the definition of  $B_\alpha$

$\bar{\alpha} \in B_\alpha$  iff

i)  $n_{\bar{\alpha}} = n_\alpha$

ii) there is a map  $\sigma: N_{\bar{\alpha}} \rightarrow N_\alpha$  s. t.

a)  $\text{crit}(\sigma) = \bar{\alpha}$  and  $\sigma(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$

b)  $\sigma(p_{\bar{\alpha}}) = p_\alpha$

c)  $\sigma$  is  $\Sigma_0^{(n_\alpha)}$ -preserving

We saw that  $\sigma$  is unique and denote it by  $\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}$ .

• if  $\alpha^* < \bar{\alpha}$  are in  $B_\alpha$ , then  $\text{rng}(\sigma_{\alpha^*}) \in \text{rng}(\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}})$

and we have a map  $\sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}} := \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}^{-1} \circ \sigma_{\alpha^*}$

which satisfies i) and ii).

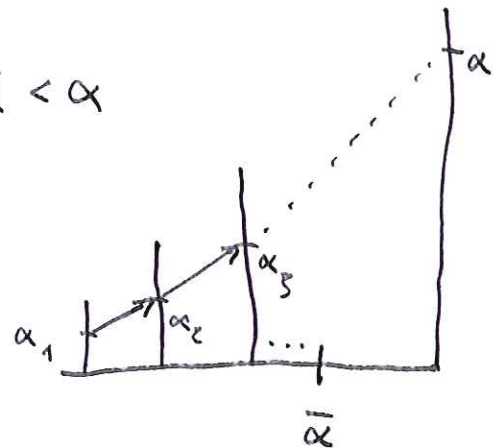
We work with  $n = n_\alpha = 0$ , so  $\Sigma_0^{(n_\alpha)}$  is  $\Sigma_0$ .

Lemma B  $B_\alpha$  is a closed subset of  $\alpha$ .

Proof. Assume  $\bar{\alpha} \in \text{lim}(B_\alpha)$ ,  $\bar{\alpha} < \alpha$

We let  $\bar{N}$  = the transitivized direct limit of the diagram

$$(N_{\alpha^*}, \sigma_{\alpha' \alpha^*} \mid \alpha' < \alpha^* < \bar{\alpha})$$



$\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*} : N_{\alpha^*} \rightarrow \bar{N}$  the direct limit map

$\sigma : \bar{N} \rightarrow N_\alpha$  the natural embedding

We have

- 1) All maps above are  $\Sigma_0$ -preserving
- 2)  $\text{crit}(\sigma) = \bar{\alpha}$  and  $\sigma(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$ .

Let  $\bar{p} := \bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*}(P_{\alpha^*})$ .

3)  $\sigma(\bar{p}) = P_\alpha$ .

We show  $\bar{N} = N_{\bar{\alpha}}$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}$ .

This will show:  $\bar{\alpha} \in B_\alpha$ .

$\rightarrow \bar{N}$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -generated from  $\bar{p}$  and ordinals below  $\kappa$ .

This says  $\# \Sigma_{\bar{N}}^1 = \kappa$  and  $P_{\bar{N}} \leq^* \bar{p}$ .

Here  $\leq^*$  is the canonical w.o. of finite sets of ordinals.

Why: Pick  $x \in \bar{N}$ . Find  $\alpha^* \in B_\alpha \cap \bar{\alpha}$  large enough s.t.  $x \in \text{rng}(\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*})$ . Let  $\bar{x} := \bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*}^{-1}(x)$ .

Because  $\alpha^* \in \mathcal{B}_\alpha$ :

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$$\bar{x} = h_{\alpha^*}(i, (\mathcal{I}, P_{\alpha^*})) \text{ some } i < \omega, \mathcal{I} < \kappa$$

Apply  $\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*}$ :

$$x = h_{\bar{N}}(i, (\mathcal{I}, \bar{P}))$$

$$\rightarrow P_{\bar{N}} \not\prec^* \bar{P}.$$

Why: If  $P_{\bar{N}} <^* \bar{P}$  then there are  $i \in \omega$  and  $\mathcal{I} < \kappa$  s.t.

$$\bar{P} = h_{\bar{N}}(i, (\mathcal{I}, P_{\bar{N}})).$$

Apply  $\sigma$ : We get

$$P_\alpha = h_\alpha(i, (\mathcal{I}, \sigma(P_{\bar{N}})))$$

Because  $P_{\bar{N}} <^* \bar{P}$ :

$$\sigma(P_{\bar{N}}) <^* P_\alpha$$

Contradiction to the minimality of  $P_\alpha$ .  $\rightarrow$  Lemma B

So  $\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*} = \sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}}$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}$ .

So we have:

a)  $f(\alpha) > \omega \Rightarrow B_\alpha \in \alpha$  is unbounded

b)  $B_\alpha$  is a closed subset of  $\alpha$ .

We prove:

c) if  $\bar{\alpha} \in B_\alpha$  then  $B_{\bar{\alpha}} = B_\alpha \cap \bar{\alpha}$ .

Proof. If  $\alpha^* \in B_{\bar{\alpha}}$  then we have a map

$$\sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}} : N_{\alpha^*} \rightarrow N_{\bar{\alpha}}.$$

But we also have

$$\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}} : N_{\bar{\alpha}} \rightarrow N_\alpha.$$

Also notice  $n_{\alpha^*} = n_{\bar{\alpha}}$  and  $n_{\bar{\alpha}} = n_\alpha$

So  $\sigma_{\alpha^*} = \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}} \circ \sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}}$  witnesses  $\alpha^* \in B_\alpha$ .

If  $\alpha^* \in B_\alpha \cap \bar{\alpha}$  we have  $\sigma_{\alpha^*} : N_{\alpha^*} \rightarrow N_\alpha$ .

We also have  $\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}} : N_{\bar{\alpha}} \rightarrow N_\alpha$ .

By Fact 3 (last talk)  $\text{rng}(\sigma_{\alpha^*}) \subseteq \text{rng}(\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}})$

and it's easy to see that

$$\sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}} = \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}^{-1} \circ \sigma_{\alpha^*} .$$

This witnesses  $\alpha^* \in B_{\bar{\alpha}}$ .

Remark. The sequence  $(B_\alpha \mid \alpha \in (\kappa, \kappa^+) \cap \text{lim})$  cannot be threaded in any outer universe  $W \cong V$  s.t.  $\text{cf}(\kappa^{+\omega})^W > \omega$ .

Why: If  $B$  is a thread, we have a diagram

$$(N_\alpha, \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}\alpha} \mid \bar{\alpha} < \alpha \text{ are in } B).$$

Let  $N$  be the direct limit. If  $\text{cf}(\kappa^{+\omega}) > \omega$  then  $N$  is well-founded, so w.l.o.g.  $N$  is transitive. Then  $N = J_S$  for some  $S \in \text{Ord}$ .

Also: if  $\tilde{\sigma}_\alpha : N_\alpha \rightarrow N$  are the direct limit maps then  $\tilde{\sigma}_\alpha(\nu) = \kappa^{+\omega}$ . As before we then

show that  $J_S$  is a collapsing structure

for  $\kappa^{+\omega}$ .  $\Downarrow$

# Getting a $\square_\kappa$ -sequence

We thin out the sets  $B_\alpha$ :

Given  $B_\alpha$ , define sequences  $\alpha_i, \xi_i$  where

$\alpha_i \in B_\alpha, \xi_i < \kappa$  are as follows

- $\alpha_0 = \min(B_\alpha)$

- if  $i$  is a limit then  $\alpha_i = \sup_{j < i} \alpha_j$

- if we have  $\alpha_i$  let

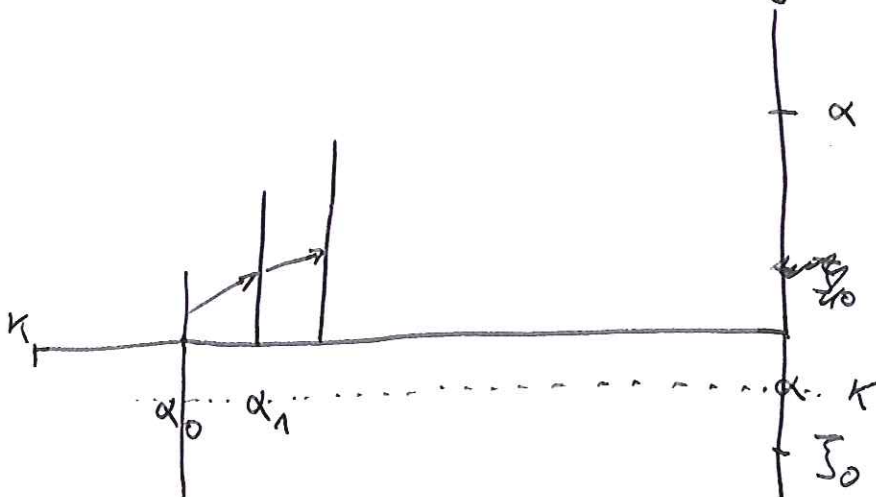
$\xi_i =$  the least  $\xi < \kappa$  s.t.

$$X_\alpha^\xi := h_\alpha(\{\xi\} \cup \{P_\alpha\}) \neq \text{rng}(\sigma_{\alpha_i})$$

- if we have  $\xi_i$ :

$\alpha_{i+1} :=$  the least  $\bar{\alpha} \in B_\alpha$  s.t.

$$h_\alpha(\{\xi_i\} \cup \{P_\alpha\}) \subseteq \text{rng}(\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}).$$



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• The sequences  $(\alpha_i)$ ,  $(\beta_i)$  are increasing and  $(\alpha_i)$  is continuous.

~~The monotonicity of  $(\beta_i)$  requires an explanation. What is used here is this:~~

~~$$X_\alpha^\beta \subseteq \text{rng}(\sigma_\alpha) \text{ then}$$~~

~~$$X_\alpha^\beta = \sigma_{\bar{\alpha}}[X_{\bar{\alpha}}^\beta].$$~~

The monotonicity of  $(\beta_i)$  follows from the fact that  $\alpha^* < \bar{\alpha} \Rightarrow \text{rng}(\sigma_{\alpha^*}) \subseteq \text{rng}(\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}})$  in  $B_\alpha$ .

Define

$$C_\alpha = \{\alpha_i \mid i < \nu_\alpha\}$$

where  $\nu_\alpha$  is the length of  $(\alpha_i)$ . We get

a) if  $f(\alpha) > \omega$  then  $C_\alpha$  is unbounded in  $\alpha$

b)  $C_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$  is closed

c)  $\bar{\alpha} \in C_\alpha \Rightarrow C_{\bar{\alpha}} = C_\alpha \cap \bar{\alpha}$

d)  $\text{otp}(C_\alpha) \leq \kappa$ .





We write  $\lambda_F = i_F(\kappa)$ .

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A cutpoint of  $F$  is an ordinal  $\bar{\lambda} < \lambda$  s.t.

$i_{F|\bar{\lambda}}(\kappa) = \bar{\lambda}$ . The set of cutpoints is closed.

A coherent structure is of type

A if there are no cutpoints,

B if there is a largest cutpoint,

C if cutpoints are unbounded in  $\lambda$ .

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### Some Fine Structural Facts

Let  $M$  be an amenable  $J$ -structure.  
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Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{OR} \cap M$  and  $p \in [\mathcal{OR}]^{<\omega} \cap M$ . The standard solidity witness for  $\alpha$  w.r.t.  $p$  in  $M$  is

$w_M^{\alpha, p}$  = the transitive collapse of

$$\underbrace{\tilde{h}_M^{n+1}(\alpha \cup \{p \setminus (\alpha+1)\})}_{(*)}$$

where  $(*)$  is the  $\Sigma_1^{(n)}$ -hull of  $\alpha \cup \{p \setminus (\alpha+1)\}$  in  $M$

and  $n \in \omega$  is s.t.  $\mathcal{S}_M^{n+1} \in \alpha < \mathcal{S}_M^n$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \mathcal{S}^n \\ \uparrow \alpha \\ \downarrow \mathcal{S}^{n+1} \end{array}$$

~~If  $W_M^{\alpha, p} \in M$~~

• If  $P$  is  $(n+1)$ -good, i.e. there is a  $\Sigma_1^{(n)}(M)$  in  $P$   
subset  $a \subseteq S_M^{n+1}$  s.t.  $a \in M$  and  $W_M^{\alpha, p} \in M$

for all  $\alpha \in P$  then  $P = P_M^{n+1}$ .

•  $M$  is solid  $\Leftrightarrow W_M^{\alpha, p_M^n} \in M$  for all  $n < \omega$ , all  $\alpha \in P_M^n$ .

Remark.  $W_M^{\alpha, p}$  has "high" complexity in terms of definability.

For this reason we consider a generalized version:

Given  $\alpha, p$  as above a generalized solidity witness for  $\alpha$  w.r.t.  $p$  in  $M$  is any structure  $(Q, r)$  s.t.

•  $Q$  is an acceptable  $\mathcal{J}$ -structure,

•  $r \in [OR]^{|\mathcal{P}^{(\alpha+1)} \cap M|}$ ,

• if  $\varphi(\vec{u}, v)$  is a  $\Sigma_1^{(n)}$ -formula,  $n$  as above,  
and  $\vec{z} \in [\alpha]^{<\omega}$

$$M \models \varphi(\vec{z}, p \setminus (\alpha+1)) \Rightarrow Q \models \varphi(\vec{z}, r)$$

If  $(Q, r) \in M$  then (\*) can be expressed over  $M$  as a  $\Pi_1^{(n)}$ -statement.

Important point: If  $\sigma: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  and  $\sigma(\bar{p}) = p$  and there is some generalized  $\Sigma_0^{(n)}$   $\sigma(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$  11

solidity witness  $(Q, r)$  for  $\alpha$  w.r.t.  $p$  in  $M$  s.t.  $(Q, r) \in \text{rng}(\sigma)$  then  $\sigma^{-1}((Q, r))$  is a generalized solidity witness for  $\bar{\alpha}$  w.r.t.  $\bar{p}$  in  $\bar{M}$ .

Fact.  $\bigcup_M W_{M, \alpha, p}^{\alpha, p} \in M$  iff there is some generalized solidity witness  $(Q, r)$  for  $\alpha$  w.r.t.  $p$  in  $M$  s.t.  $(Q, r) \in M$ .

### Condensation Lemma

Assume  $\bar{M}, M$  are premice and  $M$  is countably iterable. Assume

$$\sigma: \bar{M} \rightarrow M \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_0^{(n)}$$

$$\sigma \upharpoonright \mathcal{J}_{\bar{M}}^{n+1} = \text{id}$$

Then

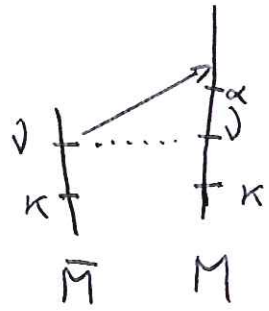
- 1)  $\bar{M}$  is countably iterable is generated by  $P_{\bar{M}} \cup \bar{v}$
- 2) if  $\bar{M}$  is sound above  $\bar{v} = \text{crit}(\sigma)$  then one of the following holds

a)  $\bar{M} = \text{core}_\nu(M)$  and  $\sigma$  is the core map,

b)  $\bar{M} \triangleleft M$ ,

c)  $\bar{M} = \text{Ult}^*(M \parallel \beta, E_\alpha^{M \parallel \beta})$  where

$\nu = \kappa^+ M \parallel \beta$  where  $M \parallel \beta$  is the collapsing level of  $M$  for  $\nu$  and  $\kappa$  is the cardinal predecessor of  $\nu$  in  $M \parallel \beta$



$\text{crit}(E_\alpha^{M \parallel \beta}) = \kappa$

$\kappa$  is the only generator of  $E_\alpha^{M \parallel \beta}$ .

d)  $\bar{M} \triangleleft \text{Ult}(M, E_{\nu}^M)$

For us a weaker form

d')  $\bar{M} \triangleleft \text{Ult}^*(M, E_\nu^M)$

will suffice.

### Construction of $B_\alpha$

We let, for  $\alpha \in (\kappa, \kappa^{+L[E]})$

$N_\alpha :=$  collapsing level of  $L[E]$  for  $\alpha$ .

Assuming w.l.o.g.  $L[E] \parallel \alpha < L[E] \parallel \kappa^+$ .

We would like to let  $\bar{\alpha} \in B_\alpha$  iff

i)  $n_{\bar{\alpha}} = n_{\alpha}$

ii) there is a map  $\sigma: N_{\bar{\alpha}} \rightarrow N_{\alpha}$  s.t.

a)  $\bar{\alpha} = \text{crit}(\sigma)$  and  $\sigma(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$

b)  $\sigma(p_{\bar{\alpha}}) = p_{\alpha}$

c)  $\sigma$  is  $\sum_0^{(n_{\alpha})}$  - preserving.

Work with  $n_{\alpha} = 0$ .

Now try to prove that  $B_{\alpha}$  is closed.

We have the diagram

$$(N_{\bar{\alpha}}, \sigma_{\alpha^* \bar{\alpha}} \mid \alpha^* < \bar{\alpha} \text{ in } B_{\alpha})$$

$\bar{N}$  = the transitivized direct limit

$$\bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*}: N_{\alpha^*} \rightarrow \bar{N}$$

$$\sigma: \bar{N} \rightarrow N$$

Want to use the condensation lemma to conclude  $\bar{N} \triangleleft N_{\alpha}$ . As before we show

$$n_{\bar{N}} = n_{\alpha} \text{ and } h_{\bar{N}}(k \cup \{\bar{p}\}) = \bar{N} \text{ where}$$

$$\bar{p} = \bar{\sigma}_{\alpha^*}(p_{\alpha^*}).$$

This tells us that  $\bar{p}$  is a good parameter,

so  $p_{\bar{N}} \leq^* \bar{p}$ . This would follow if we had

solidity witnesses for  $\bar{p}$ .

We add another clause to the definition of  $B_\alpha$ :

ii) d) For each  $\beta \in P_\alpha$  there is some generalized solidity witness  ~~$(Q, r)$~~   $(Q, r)$  for  $\beta$  w.r.t.  $P_\alpha$  in  $N_\alpha$  s.t.  $(Q, r) \in \text{rng}(\sigma_{\bar{\alpha}})$ .

With this we get  $\bar{p} = P_{\bar{N}}$ . Hence  $\bar{N}$  is sound. Also know  $\bar{N}$  is a collapsing structure for  $\bar{\alpha}$ .

To see  $\bar{N} = N_{\bar{\alpha}}$ , check the clauses of the condensation lemma:

a) False, as  $N_\alpha$  is sound, so  $\sigma$  would be  $\Sigma_1$ .

c) False as otherwise  $\bar{N}$  would be sound above  $\kappa$ .

d) False: We only define  $B_\alpha$  for  $\alpha$  as above s.t.  $E_\alpha^{L[E]} = \emptyset$ . We say more about this.