

A Journey Guided by the Stars - Recap

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In Part I, we give some historical context of saturation properties of ideals on ω_1 and the nonstationary ideal in particular. Specifically, we look at precipitous, saturated and ω_1 -dense ideals. We also give a (very!) brief introduction to \mathbb{P}_{\max} and \mathbb{Q}_{\max} .

In Part II, we motivate the strategy we will follow to force “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense” from large cardinals. We have to develop a technique which allows iterating forcings which are not stationary set preserving without collapsing ω_1 . One key idea here is that one should not kill “old” stationary sets. We introduce a new class of forcings, the respectful forcings which roughly play the role of semiproperness in the main iteration theorem.

In Part III, we deal with the key Π_1 -property we have to preserve along the iteration, namely a witness to $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$. We look more closely at associated classes of forcings, loosely called \diamond -forcings, and introduce the forcing axiom QM which implies “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense”. We finally consider version of the Asperó-Schindler-forcing that we can understand as “the sealing forcing for ω_1 -density”.

0 Part I

We prove the following theorem:

Theorem 0.1 (L.). *If there is an inaccessible κ which is a limit of $<\kappa$ -supercompact cardinals then there is a stationary set preserving forcing \mathbb{P} with*

$$V^{\mathbb{P}} \models \text{“NS}_{\omega_1} \text{ is } \omega_1\text{-dense”}.$$

Convention 0.2. All ideals in this talk are uniform, normal and on ω_1 .

- If \mathcal{I} is an ideal then the associated forcing is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}} = \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\sim_{\mathcal{I}}$ with the order induced by inclusion. Here, $A \sim_{\mathcal{I}} B$ iff $A \Delta B \in \mathcal{I}$.
- If G is $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$ -generic over V then $U_G = \{A \mid [A]_{\sim_{\mathcal{I}}} \in G\}$ is a V -ultrafilter which induces the generic ultrapower

$$j_G: V \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V, U_G).$$

0.1 Precipitous Ideals

Definition 0.3. An ideal I is precipitous if: For all generic $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$, $\text{Ult}(V, U_G)$ is wellfounded.

Theorem 0.4 (Mitchell, [JMMP80]). *A precipitous ideal on ω_1 can be forced from a measurable cardinal.*

Idea: Collapse a measurable to ω_1 , the ideal dual to the measure on κ then generates a precipitous ideal in the extension.

Theorem 0.5 (Magidor, [JMMP80]). *“NS $_{\omega_1}$ is precipitous” can be forced from a measurable cardinal.*

Idea: First collapse measurable to ω_1 as above, then turn the precipitous ideal into NS_{ω_1} by killing stationary sets.

This is optimal:

Theorem 0.6 ([JMMP80]). *The following theories are equiconsistent:*

1. ZFC + “There is a precipitous ideal”
2. ZFC + “There is a measurable cardinal”

0.2 Saturated Ideals

Definition 0.7. An ideal I on ω_1 is saturated if $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$ is ω_2 -cc.

Saturated ideals are precipitous.

Theorem 0.8 (Kunen, [Kun78]). *A saturated ideal on ω_1 can be forced from a huge cardinal.*

Idea: Let $j: V \rightarrow M$ witness that κ is huge. Turn κ into ω_1 and $j(\kappa)$ into ω_2 with a special kind of collapse to make lifting arguments work.

Theorem 0.9 (Steel-Van Wesep,[SVW82]). “ NS_{ω_1} is saturated” can be forced over (canonical) models of $\text{AD} + \text{AC}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Precursor to \mathbb{P}_{\max} .

Theorem 0.10 (Foreman-Magidor-Shelah,[FMS88]). “ NS_{ω_1} is saturated” can be forced from a supercompact cardinal by semiproper forcing.

This was done by forcing the forcing axiom MM. To each maximal antichain \mathcal{A} of $\text{NS}_{\omega_1}^+$, one associates the sealing forcing $\mathbb{S}_{\mathcal{A}}$ which preserves stationary sets and turns \mathcal{A} into a maximal antichain of size $\leq \omega_1$. At this point \mathcal{A} is “sealed”, i.e. the maximality of \mathcal{A} cannot be destroyed by further forcing without collapsing ω_1 . Applying MM to $\mathbb{S}_{\mathcal{A}}$ shows that \mathcal{A} is sealed to begin with.

Key tool: Iteration of semiproper forcing.

Definition 0.11. A forcing \mathbb{P} is proper iff for any large enough regular θ , for any countable $X < H_{\theta}$ with $\mathbb{P} \in X$ and any $p \in \mathbb{P} \cap X$, there is a (X, \mathbb{P}) -generic condition $q \leq p$, that is

$$q \Vdash \check{X}[\dot{G}] \cap V = \check{X}.$$

Countably closed forcings and ccc forcings are proper. Proper forcings are not useful to force “ NS_{ω_1} is saturated” as proper forcings cannot increase δ_2^1 .

Theorem 0.12 (Woodin,[Woo10]). Suppose NS_{ω_1} is saturated and $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)^{\sharp}$ exists. Then $\delta_2^1 = \omega_2$.

Definition 0.13. A forcing \mathbb{P} is semiproper iff for any large enough regular θ , for any countable $X < H_{\theta}$ with $\mathbb{P} \in X$ and any $p \in \mathbb{P} \cap X$, there is a (X, \mathbb{P}) -semigeneric condition $q \leq p$, that is

$$q \Vdash \check{X} \sqsubseteq \check{X}[\dot{G}].$$

Here, $X \sqsubseteq Y$ means $X \subseteq Y$ and $X \cap \omega_1 = Y \cap \omega_1$. Semiproper forcings preserve stationary subsets of ω_1 , but can consistently give regular cardinals countable cofinality.

Theorem 0.14 (Shelah,[She98]). An RCS-iteration of semiproper forcings is semiproper.

An RCS iteration is just a countable support iteration that takes into account that there may be new cardinals with countable cofinality in intermediate extensions.

Theorem 0.15 (Shelah, see [Sch11] for a proof). “ NS_{ω_1} is saturated” can be forced from a Woodin cardinal by semiproper forcing.

Idea: Force with sealing forcings for maximal antichains in $\text{NS}_{\omega_1}^+$, but only if they happen to be semiproper. Otherwise force with $\text{Col}(\omega_1, 2^{\omega_1})$. Use the Woodin cardinal to prove that sealing forcings are semiproper often enough along the way.

This is optimal:

Theorem 0.16 (Jensen-Steel, [JS13] see also [Ste17]). *If there is a saturated ideal then there is an inner model with a Woodin cardinal.*

This follows from the existence of the core model below a Woodin cardinal (“without a measurable”) and basic properties of the core model.

0.3 Dense Ideals

Definition 0.17. An ideal \mathcal{I} is ω_1 -dense if $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$ has a dense subset of size ω_1 .

- This is equivalent to “ $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$ is forcing equivalent to $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ ”.
- It follows that if \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J} are ω_1 -dense then $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}} \cong \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{J}}$.
- ω_1 -dense ideals are saturated.

Theorem 0.18 (Woodin, see [AST⁺22] for a proof). *An ω_1 -dense ideal can be forced over a canonical model of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + “\Theta$ is regular”.*

This gives a model of ZFC + CH, so the ideal is not NS_{ω_1} .

Theorem 0.19 (Shelah, Woodin independently). *If NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense then CH fails. In fact, $2^{\omega} = 2^{\omega_1}$.*

Theorem 0.20 (Adolf-Sargsyan-Trang-Wilson-Zeman, Woodin, [AST⁺22]). *The following theories are equiconsistent:*

- (i) ZF + $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + “\Theta$ is regular”.
- (ii) ZFC + CH + “There is an ω_1 -dense ideal”.

Theorem 0.21 (Woodin, see [For10] for a proof). *If there is an almost huge cardinal then there is an ω_1 -dense ideal in a forcing extension.*

This is an improvement of Kunen’s argument.

Theorem 0.22 (Woodin, [Woo10]). *ZFC + “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense” can be forced over canonical models of AD^+ .*

This was achieved with a sibling of \mathbb{P}_{\max} called \mathbb{Q}_{\max} .

This is once again optimal:

Theorem 0.23 (Woodin). *The following theories are equiconsistent:*

- (i) ZF + AD.
- (ii) ZFC + “There is an ω_1 -dense ideal”.
- (iii) ZFC + “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense”.

This theorem was the initial motivation for what is now known as core model induction.

0.4 \mathbb{P}_{\max} and \mathbb{Q}_{\max}

Suppose (M, \mathcal{I}) is a countable structure, $(M; \epsilon, \mathcal{I}) \models \text{ZFC}^- + \text{“}\omega_1 \text{ exists”} + \text{“}\mathcal{I} \text{ is a precipitous ideal”}$. (We do not require $\mathcal{I} \in M$, merely amenability.) If g_0 is generic over $(M_0, \mathcal{I}_0) = (M, \mathcal{I})$ for $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}_0})^{(M, \mathcal{I})}$ in the sense that g_0 hits all maximal antichains definable over $(M; \epsilon, \mathcal{I})$ then get

$$j_0: (M_0; \epsilon, \mathcal{I}_0) \rightarrow (M_1; \epsilon, \mathcal{I}_1).$$

Where $(M_1, \mathcal{I}_1) = \text{Ult}((M_0, \mathcal{I}_0), U_{g_0})$. Can iterate this procedure, take direct limit at limit steps.

Definition 0.24. (M, \mathcal{I}) is generically iterable if all (countable) generic iterates of (M, \mathcal{I}) are wellfounded.

Definition 0.25. A \mathbb{P}_{\max} -condition is of the form $p = (M, \mathcal{I}, a)$ where

- (i) (M, \mathcal{I}) is generically iterable.
- (ii) $M \models \text{MA}_{\omega_1}$
- (iii) $a \in M$ and $M \models \text{“}a \subseteq \omega_1 \wedge \omega_1^{L[a]} = \omega_1\text{”}$.

\mathbb{P}_{\max} is ordered by $(N, \mathcal{J}, b) \leq (M, \mathcal{I}, a)$ iff there is a generic iteration of (M, \mathcal{I}) in N with final map

$$j: (M, \mathcal{I}, a) \rightarrow (M^*, \mathcal{I}^*, a^*)$$

so that $\mathcal{I}^* = \mathcal{J} \cap M^*$ and $a^* = b$.

Point (ii) and (iii) guarantee that any generic iteration of (M, \mathcal{I}) is completely determined by the image of a in the final model. Hence, if G is a \mathbb{P}_{\max} -filter then

$$\mathcal{D}_G\{p, \pi_{p,q} \mid q \leq p, p, q \in G\}$$

is a directed system where $\pi_{p,q}$ is the unique final iteration map witnessing $q \leq p$.

If $\text{AD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}$ holds then \mathbb{P}_{\max} is “self-replicating”: if G is \mathbb{P}_{\max} -generic then the direct limit $(M_G, \mathcal{I}_G, a_G)$ along \mathcal{D}_G is a “big \mathbb{P}_{\max} -condition”, i.e. it is a \mathbb{P}_{\max} -condition in $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)}$ in which it becomes countable. M_G collects many Σ_1 -truths along the directed system, indeed Woodin shows that the Σ_1 -theory of M_G is maximal (as large as it could be reasonably).

It turns out that

$$(M_G, \mathcal{I}_G) = (H_{\omega_2}, \text{NS}_{\omega_1})^{L(\mathbb{R})[G]}.$$

This motivates the following axiom:

Definition 0.26. $(*)$ holds if $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$ and there is a \mathbb{P}_{\max} -filter G generic over $L(\mathbb{R})$ with

$$(M_G, \mathcal{I}_G) = (H_{\omega_2}, \text{NS}_{\omega_1}).$$

Theorem 0.27 (Woodin,[Woo10]). *If $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$ and G is \mathbb{P}_{\max} -generic over $L(\mathbb{R})$ then $L(\mathbb{R})[G] \models \text{ZFC} + \text{“NS}_{\omega_1}$ is saturated”.*

However, NS_{ω_1} is not ω_1 -dense in $L(\mathbb{R})_{\max}^{\mathbb{P}}$.

Definition 0.28. A \mathbb{Q}_{\max} -condition is of the form $p = (M, \mathcal{I}, f)$ where

- (i) (M, \mathcal{I}) is generically iterable.
- (ii) $(M; \in, \mathcal{I}) \models \text{“}\mathcal{I} \text{ is } \omega_1\text{-dense”}$.
- (iii) $f \in M$ and $M \models \text{“}f \text{ witnesses } \diamond_{\mathcal{I}}^+(\omega_1^{<\omega})\text{”}$ (see Part II, here this means that f codes a dense embedding $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$).

\mathbb{Q}_{\max} is ordered by $(N, \mathcal{J}, g) \leq (M, \mathcal{I}, f)$ iff there is a generic iteration of (M, \mathcal{I}) in N with final map

$$j: (M, \mathcal{I}, f) \rightarrow (M^*, \mathcal{I}^*, f^*)$$

so that $\mathcal{I}^* = \mathcal{J} \cap M^*$ and $f^* = g$.

\mathbb{Q}_{\max} is self-replicating, similar to \mathbb{P}_{\max} . Once again, a generic iteration of a \mathbb{Q}_{\max} -condition (M, \mathcal{I}, f) is uniquely determined by the final image of f .

Theorem 0.29 (Woodin,[Woo10]). *If $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}$ and G is \mathbb{Q}_{\max} -generic over $L(\mathbb{R})$ then $L(\mathbb{R})[G] \models \text{ZFC} + \text{“NS}_{\omega_1}$ is ω_1 -dense”.*

1 Part II

1.1 The Ansatz

- $\mathbb{Q}_{\max}\text{-}(\ast)$ is (\ast) with \mathbb{P}_{\max} replaced by \mathbb{Q}_{\max} . By Asperó-Schindler, $\text{MM}^{++} \Rightarrow (\ast)$. There should be some forcing axiom FA which solves

$$\frac{\text{MM}^{++}}{(\ast)} = \frac{\text{FA}}{\mathbb{Q}_{\max}\text{-}(\ast)}.$$

- So FA implies $\mathbb{Q}_{\max}\text{-}(\ast)$ which in turn implies “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense”.

Only known way to force such a strong forcing axiom:

- Iterate small nice-ish forcings up to a supercompact κ via a RCS-iteration $\mathbb{P} = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\beta \mid \alpha \leq \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$.
- Invoke an iteration theorem to argue that ω_1 (and suitable additional structure) is preserved along the iteration.
- Employ Baumgartner’s argument to get the forcing axiom.

Here, have “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense” in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$ as witnessed by a sequence $\vec{S} = \langle S_i \mid i < \omega_1 \rangle$ of stationary sets. \mathbb{P} is κ -cc so that already $\vec{S} \in V^{\mathbb{P}^\alpha}$ for some $\alpha < \kappa$.

- Most likely, NS_{ω_1} is not ω_1 -dense in $V^{\mathbb{P}^\alpha}$.
- But then $\mathbb{P}_{\alpha,\kappa}$ **must kill stationary sets** of $V^{\mathbb{P}^\alpha}$.

Proof. In $V^{\mathbb{P}^\alpha}$ let $T \subseteq \omega_1$ be stationary so that no S_i is below T (i.e. $S_i \setminus T \in \text{NS}_{\omega_1}^+$ for all i). There are only two ways to fix this: Either kill T , or kill $S_i \setminus T$ for some $i < \omega_1$. Either way involves killing a stationary set. \square

- Also $\mathbb{P}_{\alpha,\kappa}$ **must preserve the Π_1 -properties of \vec{S} that hold in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$.**

1.2 Iterating while killing stationary sets

The First Obstacle

For a stationary $S \subseteq \omega_1$, let $\text{CS}(S)$ denote the forcing that shoots a club through S .

- Let $\omega_1 = \bigcup_n S_n$ be a partition into stationary sets.
- Consider the iteration $\mathbb{P} = \langle \mathbb{P}_n, \dot{Q}_m \mid n \leq \omega, m < \omega \rangle$ where

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_n} \dot{Q}_n = \text{CS}(\omega_1 - \check{S}_n)$$

(choose your favorite support).

- In $V^{\mathbb{P}}$, ω_1^V is the countable union of non-stationary sets.
- So ω_1^V is collapsed.
- Problem: At each step, we go back to V to kill a set from there.
- **Solution: Only kill stationary sets that were just added in the last step!**

The Second Obstacle

This is Shelah's example of an iteration of SSP forcings collapsing ω_1 (see [She98]).

- First force a function $g_0: \omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_1$ above all canonical functions. Then force some g_1 above all canonical functions, but below g_0 . Continue like this, get

$$\text{canonical functions} < g_n < g_{n-1} < \cdots < g_1 < g_0 \pmod{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}}$$

at stage n . These forcings preserve stationary sets, but not all are semiproper. In the limit ω_1 is collapsed (as there is no infinite decreasing sequence of such functions).

Solution: Mostly use forcings with good "regularity properties".

These are the only two obstacles!

Theorem 1.1 (L.). *Let $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_\beta \mid \alpha \leq \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$ be a RCS-iteration of ω_1 -preserving forcings and assume that for all $\alpha < \gamma$:*

- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1}}$ SRP
- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha}$ “ $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha$ preserves stationary sets from $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} V[\dot{G}_\beta]$ ”

Then \mathbb{P} preserves ω_1 .

This is a “cheapo iteration theorem”, but good enough for our purposes. SRP hides the relevant regularity property. What is it?

For now consider an iteration $\mathbb{P} = \langle \mathbb{P}_n, \mathbb{Q}_m \mid n \leq \omega, m < \omega \rangle$ iteration of length ω of ω_1 -preserving forcings that do not kill “old stationary sets”.

- Want to argue somehow that \mathbb{P} preserves ω_1 .
- So must find countable $X < H_\theta$ and p so that

$$p \Vdash \check{X} \sqsubseteq \check{X}[\dot{G}].$$

Let $X < H_\theta$ countable with $\mathbb{P} \in X$. Want to find $p_n \in \mathbb{P}_n$ so that $(p_n)_{n < \omega}$ is decreasing in \mathbb{P} and

$$p_n \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_n} \check{X} \sqsubseteq \check{X}[\dot{G}_n].$$

Suppose in step n of this argument, have

- Next forcing $\mathbb{Q} = \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_n^{G_n}$
- $S \subseteq \omega_1$ is stationary, $S \in X[G_n]$ but $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \check{S} \in \text{NS}_{\omega_1}$ and
- $\delta^{X[G_n]} := X[G_n] \cap \omega_1 \in S$.

Then there is no way to continue! Must avoid this at all cost!

So need to start with X which avoids this problem, i.e. if $S \in X$ and \mathbb{Q}_0 kills S then $\delta^X \notin S$. This is easily possible!

Our regularity property should hand us some $p_0 \in \mathbb{Q}_0$ with

$$p_0 \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_0} \check{X} \sqsubseteq \check{X}[\dot{G}_1].$$

Even then, we might end up with the same problem at the next step $X[G_1]$! So p_0 must moreover avoid this situation for $X[G_1]$!

Definition 1.2. Say that a countable $Y < H_\theta$ respects an ideal \mathcal{I} if $\delta^Y \notin S$ whenever $S \in \mathcal{I} \cap Y$.

In other words, need that $X[G_1]$ respects the ideal $\{S \subseteq \omega_1 \mid \mathbb{Q}_1 \text{ kills } S\}$.

Definition 1.3. Suppose \mathbb{Q} is ω_1 -preserving forcing. \mathbb{Q} is **respectful** if: Whenever

- $Y < H_\theta$ countable, $\mathbb{Q} \in Y$, $p \in \mathbb{Q} \cap Y$
- $\dot{I} \in Y$ is a \mathbb{Q} -name for an ideal on ω_1 .

Then one of the following:

1. There is $q \leq p$ and q forces

$$Y \sqsubseteq Y[G] \wedge Y[G] \text{ respects } \dot{I}^G$$

2. Or: Y does **not** respect $\dot{I}^p := \{S \subseteq \omega_1 \mid p \Vdash \check{S} \in \dot{I}\}$.

This is a very strong regularity property! If \mathbb{Q} is respectful and preserves stationary sets then \mathbb{Q} is semiproper, but semiproper forcings need not be respectful.

Let's get back to our toy problem. Start with $X < H_\theta$ with $\mathbb{P} \in X$ so that X respects $\{S \subseteq \omega_1 \mid \mathbb{Q}_0 \text{ kills } S\}$.
Let \dot{I} be the \mathbb{Q}_0 -name for

$$\{S \subseteq \omega_1 \mid \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_1^{G_1} \text{ kills } S\}.$$

Since $\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_1^{G_1}$ does not kill old sets, X **trivially respects** $\dot{I}^{\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{Q}_0}} \subseteq V$.
If \mathbb{Q}_0 is respectful then find p_0 so that

$$p_0 \Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}_0} \check{X} \sqsubseteq \check{X}[\dot{G}_1] \wedge \check{X}[\dot{G}_1] \text{ respects } \dot{I}^{\dot{G}_1}.$$

We are back in the same situation, only one step further. Can chain these arguments together!

Lemma 1.4. *If \mathbb{P} is a countable support iteration of respectful forcings which do not kill old stationary sets then \mathbb{P} preserves ω_1 .*

Unfortunately, RCS iterations of respectful forcings need not be respectful. But we can simply nuke this problem!

Theorem 1.5 (L.). *If SRP holds then every ω_1 -preserving forcing is respectful.*

Proof. Let \mathbb{Q} be ω_1 -preserving, $Y < H_\theta$, $q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap Y$, $\dot{I} \in Y$ as in definition. Have to show:

- Either there is $r \leq q$ forcing $Y \sqsubseteq Y[G]$ respects \dot{I}^G
- or Y does not respect \dot{I}^q .

Let $\mu = (2^{|\mathcal{Q}|})^+ \in Y$ and $\mathcal{S} = \{Z < H_\mu \mid \nexists r \leq q \text{ forcing } "Z \sqsubseteq Z[G] \text{ respects } \dot{I}^G"\} \in Y$.

By SRP, can find continuous increasing $\vec{Z} = \langle Z_\alpha \mid \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle \in Y$ s.t.:

- $\mathbb{Q}, q, \dot{I} \in Z_0$
- $Z_\alpha < H_\mu$

- Either $Z_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ or there is no $Z_\alpha \sqsubseteq Z$ with $Z \in \mathcal{S}$.

Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ generic, $q \in G$. Let $S = \{\alpha < \omega_1 \mid Z_\alpha \in \mathcal{S}\}$.

Claim 1.6. $S \in I := \dot{I}^G$.

Proof. Suppose otherwise, $S \in I^+$. $\langle Z_\alpha[G] \mid \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ is continuous increasing sequence of elementary substructures of $H_\mu^{V[G]}$. Find club $C \subseteq \omega_1$ with $\alpha = \delta^{Z_\alpha} = \delta^{Z_\alpha[G]}$. For any $\alpha \in S \cap C$, can find $T_\alpha \in I \cap Z_\alpha[G]$ with $\alpha = \delta^{Z_\alpha[G]} \in T_\alpha$. By normality of I , there is $S_0 \subseteq S \cap C$ in I^+ and T so that $T_\alpha = T$ for $\alpha \in S_0$. But then $S_0 \subseteq T$, contradicting $T \in I$. \square

Case 1: $\delta^Y \in S$. As $S \in \dot{I}^q \cap Y$, Y does not respect \dot{I}^q .

Case 2: $\delta^Y \notin S$. As $Z_{\delta^Y} \sqsubseteq Y \cap H_\mu$, $Y \cap H_\mu \notin \mathcal{S}$. Thus there is $r \leq q$ forcing $Y \sqsubseteq Y[G]$ and $Y[G]$ respects \dot{I}^G . \square

Remark 1.7. In L , $\text{Add}(\omega_1, 1)$ is *not* respectful.

1.3 $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$

Recall that we first force a candidate $\langle S_i \mid i < \omega_1 \rangle$ which might witness “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense” in the future. This cannot be any random collection of ω_1 -many stationary sets.

Lemma 1.8 (Tennenbaum (?)). *If \mathbb{P} is a forcing of size ω_1 which collapses ω_1 then there is a dense embedding $\pi: \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$.*

- \Rightarrow Better: First force a candidate $\pi: \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \setminus \text{NS}_{\omega_1}$. In the end, want $\dot{\bigcap}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}} \circ \pi: \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}}$ a dense embedding.
- This suggests we should isolate properties of π , and then iterate forcing preserving these properties of π .

Definition 1.9 (Woodin). $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$ holds if there is an embedding $\pi: \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \setminus \text{NS}_{\omega_1}$ so that $\forall p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ there are stationarily many countable $X < H_{\omega_2}$ with

$$p \in \{q \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \cap X \mid \omega_1 \cap X \in \pi(q)\}$$
 is a filter generic over X .

Lemma 1.10. *Suppose $[\cdot]_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}} \circ \pi: \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}}$ is a dense embedding. Then π witnesses $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$.*

Proof Sketch. Let $p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$, $X < H_{\omega_2}$ countable so that $\omega_1 \cap X =: \delta^X \in \pi(p)$. Let $A \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$, $A \in X$, be a maximal antichain. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} := [\cdot]_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}} \circ \pi[A] \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}}$ is a max. antichain, thus $\Delta \mathcal{A}$ contains a club $C \in X$, so $\delta^X \in C$. It follows that there is $q \in X \cap A$ with $\delta^X \in \pi(q)$. \square

More generally $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ and $\diamond^+(\mathbb{B})$

Definition 1.11. Let $\mathbb{B} \subseteq \omega_1$ be a forcing. $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ holds if there is an embedding $\pi: \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \setminus \text{NS}_{\omega_1}$ so that $\forall p \in \mathbb{B}$ there are stationarily many countable $X < H_{\omega_2}$ with

$$p \in \{q \in \mathbb{B} \cap X \mid \omega_1 \cap X \in \pi(q)\}$$
 is a filter generic over X .

We call such X π -slim.

The stronger $\diamond^+(\mathbb{B})$ holds if there is π witnessing $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ so that every $X < H_\theta$ with $f, \mathbb{B} \in X$ is π -slim.

Lemma 1.12. *If \diamond holds then $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ holds for every forcing $\mathbb{B} \subseteq \omega_1$ (but not necessarily $\diamond^+(\mathbb{B})$).*

2 Part III

Lemma 2.1 (Essentially Woodin, [Woo10]). $\pi: \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega_1) \setminus \text{NS}_{\omega_1}$ witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ iff $[\cdot]_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}} \circ \pi: \mathbb{B} \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}})^W$ is a complete embedding in some outer model W .

Definition 2.2. QM is the axiom: $\exists \pi$ witnessing $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$ so that

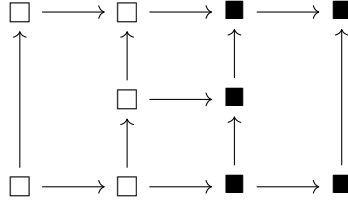
$$\text{FA}_{\omega_1}(\{\mathbb{P} \mid V^{\mathbb{P}} \models \text{“}\pi \text{ witnesses } \diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})\text{”}\})$$

holds.

QM implies...

- there is a Suslin tree,
- “almost disjoint coding” fails,

- the Cichon diagram is



- $\text{SRP} \wedge \neg \text{MRP}$.

As a consequence, we also get the following as soon as we show QM to be consistent:

Corollary 2.3. *SRP does not imply MRP.*

This may be somewhat surprising as roughly speaking $\frac{\text{SRP}}{\text{MM}} = \frac{\text{MRP}}{\text{PFA}}$ and clearly $\text{MM} \Rightarrow \text{PFA}$.

Lemma 2.4. *QM implies NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense!*

Proof Sketch. Let π witness $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$. Want to show that π is a dense embedding. If not, let $S \in \text{NS}_{\omega_1}^+$ with no set in $\text{ran}(\pi)$ below S . Can show that $\text{CS}(\omega_1 - S)$ is π -preserving.

Claim 2.5. $\text{CS}(\omega_1 - S)$ is π -preserving.

Proof. Let $r \in \text{CS}(\omega_1 - S)$, $p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ and \dot{C} a name for a club in $[H_{\omega_2}^V[G]]^\omega$. We have to show that if G is generic with $r \in G$ then there is a π -slim $X < H_{\omega_2}^{V[G]}$ in \mathcal{C} with $X \cap \omega_1 \in \pi(p)$.

As $\pi(p) \not\subseteq T \pmod{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}}$, we can find some countable $X < H_\theta$ with $X \cap \omega_1 \in \pi(p) \setminus T$ so that X contains all relevant parameters. Let M_X be the transitive collapse of X . As X is π -slim,

$$g = \{q \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)^{M_X} \mid \omega_1 \cap X \in \pi(q)\}$$

is generic over M_X . We can now build a generic sequence over $M_X[g]$ starting with r . As $\omega_1^{M_X} \notin T$, this sequence has a lower bound r_* and r_* forces $X[G]$ to be π -slim (essentially by the product lemma). Clearly r_* forces $X[G]$ to be in \mathcal{C} as well. \square

But by QM applied to $\text{CS}(\omega_1 - S)$, $H_{\omega_2} <_{\Sigma_1} (H_{\omega_2})^{V^{\text{CS}(\omega_1 - S)}}$, contradiction. \square

The real challenge is to force QM.

Definition 2.6. Suppose π witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$. A forcing \mathbb{P} is π -**proper** if: Whenever

- $X < H_\theta$ countable and π -slim, $\mathbb{P} \in X$
- $p \in \mathbb{P} \cap X$

Then there is (X, \mathbb{P}, π) -generic $q \leq p$, i.e. forces

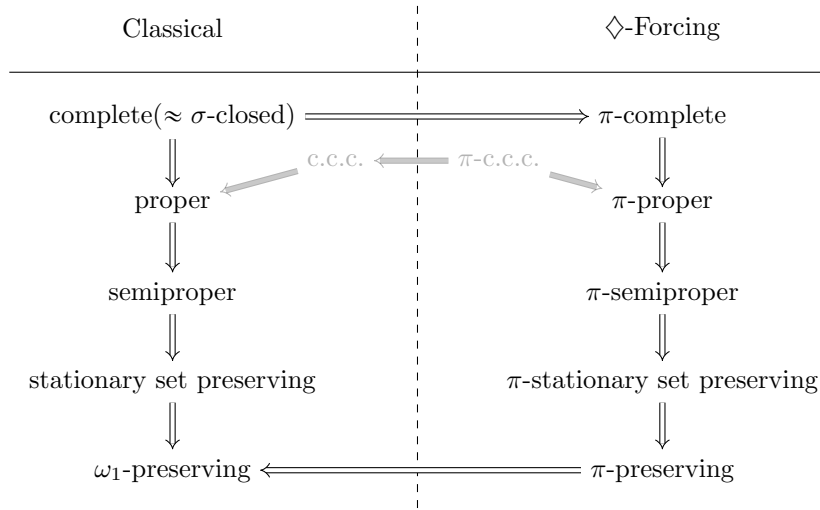
$$X = X[G] \cap V \wedge X[G] \text{ is } \pi\text{-slim.}$$

Analogously, define π -semiproperness.

Definition 2.7. Suppose π witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$. A set $S \subseteq \omega_1$ is π -stationary if for large enough regular θ and all clubs $\mathcal{C} \subseteq [H_\theta]^\omega$ there is some π -slim $X \in \mathcal{C}$, $X < H_\theta$ with $\delta^X \in S$.

$\mathbb{B} = \dots$	$\{\mathbb{1}\}$	T a Suslin tree
π -proper is...	proper	proper + T -preserving
π -semiproper is...	semiproper	semiproper + T -preserving

$\mathbb{B} = \dots$	Cohen forcing	
π -proper is...	“proper for a weakly Luzin sequence”	
π -semiproper is...	“semiproper for a weakly Luzin sequence”	



We really only care about $\mathbb{B} = \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$.
 Suppose π witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$.

Theorem *Countable support iterations of π -proper forcings are π -proper*

Theorem *RCS iterations of π -semiproper forcings are π -semiproper.*

Corollary 2.8 (Shelah,[She98]). *Proper (semiproper) forcings are closed under countable (RCS) support iterations.*

Corollary 2.9 (Essentially Miyamoto[Miy93],[Miy02]). *Suppose T is a Suslin tree. Proper (semiproper) + T -preserving forcings are closed under countable (RCS) support iterations.*

We only want to iterate π -semiproper forcings here for π a witness of $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$.

Corollary 2.10. *If there is a supercompact cardinal then there is a π -semiproper (and hence π -preserving) poset forcing SRP.*

Corollary 2.11. *If there is a Woodin cardinal then there is a π -semiproper (and hence π -preserving) poset forcing “ NS_{ω_1} is saturated”.*

Forcing QM
 To force QM we need to

- force a witness π of $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$ (easy)
- and then iterate arbitrary π -preserving forcings and preserve π (hard).
- Iterating π -semiproper forcings gives the forcing axiom for all π -stationary set preserving forcings, but that is not enough!

The iteration theorem from Part II generalizes.

Theorem 2.12. *Suppose μ witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$. Let $\langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\beta \mid \alpha \leq \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$ be a RCS-iteration of μ -preserving forcings and assume that for all $\alpha < \gamma$:*

- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1}}$ SRP
- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_\alpha}$ “ \dot{Q}_α preserves μ -stationary sets from $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} V[\dot{G}_\beta]$ ”

Then \mathbb{P} preserves μ .

We need to get around the restriction of preserving old stationary sets. Suppose π witnesses $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$.

Definition 2.13. A Q -iteration is a RCS iteration $\mathbb{P} = \langle \mathbb{P}_\alpha, \dot{Q}_\beta \mid \alpha \leq \gamma, \beta < \gamma \rangle$ of π -preserving forcings so that for all $\alpha < \gamma$

- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+2}}$ SRP
- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\alpha+1}}$ “ $\dot{Q}_{\alpha+1}$ makes π dense for sets in $V[\dot{G}_{\alpha+1}]$ ”.

Corollary 2.14 (Work-Life-Balance Theorem). *Q -iteration preserve π .*

This means we can force QM from large cardinals provided we find the $\dot{Q}_{\alpha+1}$ which make “ π dense for ground model sets” (“sealing forcings for ω_1 -density”).

2.1 The New Sealing Forcing

$\text{MM}^{++} \Rightarrow (*)$ Assuming H_{ω_2} is a “big \mathbb{P}_{\max} -condition”, Asperó-Schindler construct a forcing \mathbb{P} so that in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$ the following picture exists:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & D^* & & \\
 & & \Downarrow & & \\
 & & q_0 & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{0,\omega_1}} & q_{\omega_1} = (N^*, I^*, b^*) \\
 & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 p_0 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{0,\omega_1^N}} & p_{\omega_1^N} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{\omega_1^N,\omega_1}} & p_{\omega_1} \\
 \Downarrow & & & & \Downarrow \\
 \mathbb{P}_{\max} & & & & ((H_{\omega_2})^V, (\text{NS}_{\omega_1})^V, A)
 \end{array}$$

- μ_{0,ω_1^N} witnesses $q_0 <_{\mathbb{V}_{\max}} p_0$ and $\mu_{0,\omega_1} = \sigma_{0,\omega_1}(\mu_{0,\omega_1^N})$.
- The top iteration $q_0 \rightarrow q_{\omega_1}$ is *correct* in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$, i.e. $I^* = (\text{NS}_{\omega_1})^{V^{\mathbb{P}}} \cap N^*$.

Modifications We want to replace \mathbb{P}_{\max} by \mathbb{Q}_{\max} . Immediate problem: Then we have to assume that $(H_{\omega_2}, \text{NS}_{\omega_1})$ is (part of) a big \mathbb{Q}_{\max} -condition. So NS_{ω_1} must already be ω_1 -dense!

Definition 2.15. \mathbb{Q}_{\max}^- -conditions are of the form (M, I, π) with:

- (M, I) is generically iterable.
- $M \models \text{“}\pi \text{ witnesses } \diamond_I^+(\omega_1^{<\omega})\text{”}$

$q = (N, J, \tau) <_{\mathbb{Q}_{\max}^-} (M, I, \pi) = p$ iff in N there is a generic iteration (map) $j : p \rightarrow p^* = (M^*, I^*, \pi^*)$ such that:

- $\pi^* = \tau$
- τ is dense for sets in M^* , i.e. if $S \in \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)^{M^*}$ then
 - either $S \in J$
 - or $\exists p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1^N) \tau(p) \subseteq S \pmod{J}$.

\mathbb{Q}_{\max} embeds densely into \mathbb{Q}_{\max}^- (assuming $\text{AD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}$).

Does it work now? We can force $(H_{\omega_2}, \text{NS}_{\omega_1}, \pi)$ to be a “big \mathbb{Q}_{\max}^- -condition” using π -semiproper forcing. Following Asperó-Schindler, we get:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & q_0 & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{0,\omega_1}} & q_{\omega_1} = (N^*, I^*, \tau^*) \\
& & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
p_0 & \xrightarrow{\mu_{0,\omega_1^N}} & p_{\omega_1^N} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{\omega_1^N,\omega_1}} & p_{\omega_1} \\
\cap & & & & \parallel \\
\mathbb{Q}_{\max}^- & & & & ((H_{\omega_2})^V, (\text{NS}_{\omega_1})^V, \pi)
\end{array}$$

- μ_{0,ω_1^N} witnesses $q_0 <_{\mathbb{V}_{\max}} p_0$ and $\mu_{0,\omega_1} = \sigma_{0,\omega_1}(\mu_{0,\omega_1^N})$.
- The top iteration $q_0 \rightarrow q_{\omega_1}$ is *correct* in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$, i.e. $I^* = (\text{NS}_{\omega_1})^{V^{\mathbb{P}}} \cap N^*$.

So \mathbb{P} makes π dense for sets in V , great! But this it preserve π ? Unclear!!
 \diamond -Iterations

Definition 2.16. A generic iteration $\langle (M_\alpha, I_\alpha), \mu_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha \leq \beta \leq \omega_1 \rangle$ is a \diamond -iteration if: For any sequence $\langle D_i \mid i < \omega_1 \rangle$ of dense subsets of $(\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)^{M_{\omega_1}}/I_{\omega_1})^+$ and any $S \in I_{\omega_1}^+ \cap M_{\omega_1}$ have

$$\{\alpha \in S \mid \forall i < \alpha \ U_\alpha \cap \mu_{\alpha,\omega_1}^{-1}[D_i] \neq \emptyset\} \in \text{NS}_{\omega_1}^+$$

where U_α is the generic ultrafilter applied to M_α .

All \diamond -iterations are correct in the sense that if (M^*, \mathcal{I}^*) is the final model of a \diamond -iteration then $\mathcal{I}^* = \text{NS}_{\omega_1} \cap M^*$. But more structure is preserved now! E.g. if $T \in M^*$ is a Suslin tree in M^* then T is really Suslin.

Even better:

Lemma 2.17. *Suppose (M^*, \mathcal{I}^*) is the final model of a \diamond -iteration. If*

$$(M^*; \in, \mathcal{I}^*) \models \text{“}\pi \text{ witnesses } \diamond_{\mathcal{I}^*}^+(\mathbb{B})\text{”}$$

then π witnesses $\diamond(\mathbb{B})$ in V .

Theorem 2.18 (L.). *Can modify Asperó-Schindler’s \mathbb{P} to \mathbb{P}_\diamond so that in $V^{\mathbb{P}_\diamond}$ the same picture as before exists and $q_0 \rightarrow q_{\omega_1}$ is a \diamond -iteration in $V^{\mathbb{P}_\diamond}$.*

This is the final piece! We can get our sealing forcings from Woodin cardinals!

Corollary 2.19. *QM implies $\mathbb{Q}_{\max^-}(*)$.*

Theorem 2.20. *If there is a supercompact limit of supercompact cardinals then QM holds in a stationary set preserving forcing extension.*

Proof Sketch. First force with $\text{Col}(\omega_1, 2^{\omega_1})$. In the extension, we have a witness π of $\diamond(\omega_1^{<\omega})$.

Do a Q -iteration up to a supercompact cardinal. If this cardinal is a limit of supercompacts as well, we have enough fuel to constantly force SRP via π -semiproper forcing. To make the new sealing forcing work, we only need Woodin cardinals. If we picked π carefully, the whole iteration will preserve stationary sets from V (collapsing 2^{ω_1} makes this possible). \square

Theorem 2.21. *If there is an inaccessible κ which is a limit of $<\kappa$ -supercompact cardinals then there is a stationary set preserving \mathbb{P} with*

$$V^{\mathbb{P}} \models \text{“NS}_{\omega_1} \text{ is } \omega_1\text{-dense”}.$$

Proof. Pick π as before in $V[g]$, an extension by $\text{Col}(\omega, 2^{\omega_1})$. Then force over $V[G]$ with an iteration \mathbb{P} which is a proper class length Q -iteration from the perspective of $V[g]_\kappa$. \square

2.2 The Mystery

How much can the large cardinal assumption of the main theorem be reduced? We used

- an inaccessible on the top to “catch our tail”,
- Woodin cardinals for the “new sealing forcing” and
- (partial) supercompact to satisfy the greedy iteration theorem.

If we could do without SRP, we could plausibly lower the assumption to an inaccessible limit of Woodin cardinals!

Theorem 2.22 (Woodin,[Woo]). *The large cardinal assumption of the main theorem cannot be reduced to an inaccessible limit of Woodin cardinals. In fact, consistently there is a model with an inaccessible limit of Woodin cardinals but no ω_1 -preserving poset forcing “NS $_{\omega_1}$ is ω_1 -dense”.*

Proof. Work in the least inner model M with an inaccessible limit of Woodin cardinals and a proper class of Woodin cardinals. Suppose $M[G] \models$ “ NS_{ω_1} is ω_1 -dense” and $\omega_1^M = \omega_1^{M[G]}$.

We show that in an extension of $M[G]$, there are divergent models of AD (theorem then follows from gap in consistency strengths). In M , we have \heartsuit :

$$\forall \alpha < \omega_1 \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x \text{ codes } \alpha \wedge x \in \text{OD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})} \text{ for some } A \in \text{uB}) \quad (\heartsuit)$$

Why? Let $\beta < \omega_1$ so that $M \parallel \beta \ni x$ some code for α . For $\Sigma = (\omega, \omega_1, \omega_1)$ -iteration strategy for $M \parallel \beta$, have $x \in \text{OD}^{L(\Sigma, \mathbb{R})}$.

Note that \heartsuit still holds in $M[G]$! Let g be $M[G]$ -generic for $\mathbb{P}_{\text{NS}_{\omega_1}} \cong \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$. We get a generic embedding

$$j_g: M[G] \rightarrow N.$$

By \heartsuit in N , let x code ω_1^M , $x \in \text{OD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R}^N)}$, $L(A, \mathbb{R}^N) \models \text{AD}$. Now, $\mathbb{R}^N = \mathbb{R}^{M[G][g]}$. If there are no divergent models in $M[G][g]$ then $L(A, \mathbb{R}^N)$ is definable in $M[G][g]$ from $\Theta^{L(A, \mathbb{R}^N)}$. But then x is $\text{OD}^{M[G][g]}$, so $x \in M[G]$ by homogeneity of $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$, contradiction! \square

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