

## §2 d-inproper forcing

d-inproper forcing generalizes the notion of d-proper forcing, invented by Shelah and lucidly exposited by Avraham in [PF].

In this forcing we deal not with a single embedding  $\sigma: \bar{N} \prec N$  from a countable to an uncountable structure, but rather with an entire tower of embeddings.

Def Let  $N = L^A_\tau$  be a ZFC<sup>-</sup> model.

Let  $\Gamma = [\alpha, \beta]$  where  $\alpha \leq \beta < \omega_1$ . By an  $\Gamma$ -pretower for  $N$  we mean a

$$\pi = \langle \pi^i \mid i \in \Gamma \rangle \text{ s.t.}$$

- $\pi^i: N^i \prec N$  where  $N^i$  is countable and full
- $\text{rng}(\pi^i) \subset \text{rng}(\pi^j)$  and  $\omega_1^{N^i} < \omega_1^{N^j}$

for  $i < j$

- At  $\lambda$  is a limit point of  $\Gamma$ , then

$$\text{rng}(\pi^\lambda) = \bigcup_{\nu \in \Gamma \cap \lambda} \text{rng}(\pi^\nu).$$

We also set:  $\pi^{i,j} = (\pi^j)^{-1} \circ \pi^i$  for  $i \leq j, i, j \in \Gamma$ .

Since  $N^i$  is determined by  $N, \pi^i$ , we

also denote it by  $N^{\pi^i}$ . We write:

$$\pi^{i,j} = (\pi^j)^{-1} \circ \pi^i.$$

By an  $\alpha$ -pretower we mean a  $[0, \alpha]$ -pretower  $\langle \pi^i \mid i \leq \alpha \rangle$ . We shall generally state our definitions for  $\alpha$ -towers, leaving it to the reader to work out the  $[\alpha, \beta]$ -version.

Def an  $\alpha$ -pretower  $\pi = \langle \pi^i \mid i \leq \alpha \rangle$  for  $N$  is a tower iff  $\pi \in N$  and  $\langle \pi^{h,i+1} \mid h \leq i \rangle \in N^{i+1}$  for  $i < \alpha$ .

Note If  $\pi$  is an  $\alpha$ -tower, then  $\pi^{i+1}(\pi^{h,i+1}) = \pi^h$  for  $h \leq i < \alpha$ , since  $(\pi^{i+1}(\pi^{h,i+1}))(\pi) = (\pi^{i+1}(\pi^{h,i+1}))(\pi^{i+1}(\pi)) = \pi^{i+1}(\pi^{h,i+1}(\pi)) = \pi^h(\pi)$

Hence, if  $\bar{z} \in N^h$ , we have:

$$\pi^{i+1}(\sup \pi^{h,i+1} \cup \bar{z}) = \sup \pi^h \cup \bar{z}$$

Def Let  $\pi, \sigma$  be  $\alpha$ -pretowers.  $\sigma$  is a revision

of  $\pi$  iff

- $N^{\pi^i} = N^{\sigma^i}$  for  $i \leq \alpha$
- $\text{Urg} \pi^\alpha = \text{Urg} \sigma^\alpha$
- $\text{Urg} \pi^{i,i+1} = \text{Urg} \sigma^{i,i+1}$  for  $i < \alpha$ .

Def Let  $\pi$  be an  $\alpha$ -pretower for  $N$ . Let  $x \in N$ .  $\pi$  absorbs  $x$  iff  $(\pi^i)^{-1}(x)$  exists for all  $i \leq \alpha$ .

Note If  $\pi$  absorbs  $x$ , we often write:

$$x^i \text{ for } (\pi^i)^{-1}(x).$$

Def Let  $\sigma$  be a revision of  $\pi$ .  $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $x$  iff  $\sigma$  agrees with  $\pi$  at  $x$  and  $(\sigma^i)^{-1}(x) = (\pi^i)^{-1}(x)$  for  $i \leq \alpha$ .

Thus  $x^i$  has the same meaning for  $\sigma, \pi$  if  $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $x$ .

We also say;  $\sigma$  is an  $x$ -revision of  $\pi$  to mean that  $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $x$ .

Def Let  $\sigma$  be a revision of  $\pi$ . Let  $x \in N^\alpha$  (where  $\pi$  is an  $\alpha$ -pretower).  $\sigma$  coincides with  $\pi$  at  $x$  iff

- $\sigma^\alpha(x) = \pi^\alpha(x)$
- Whenever  $i < \alpha$  and  $\pi^{i, \alpha}(\bar{x}) = x$ , then  $\sigma^{i, \alpha}(\bar{x}) = x$ .

Def  $\sigma$  coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u \subset N^\alpha$  iff

$\sigma$  coincides with  $\pi$  at each  $x \in u$ .

(An other words,  $\pi^\alpha \upharpoonright u = \sigma^\alpha \upharpoonright u$  and

$(\pi^i)^{-1} \upharpoonright u \subset (\sigma^i)^{-1} \upharpoonright u$  for  $i < \alpha$ .)

Def Let  $\mathbb{B} \in N$  be a complete BA in  $N$ .

$\sigma$  is an  $x, \mathbb{B}$ -revision of  $\pi$  iff

- $\sigma$  is an  $x$ -revision of  $\pi$  and absorbs  $\mathbb{B}$

- $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $\delta = \delta(\mathbb{B})$ ,

Then:  $C_\delta^N(\text{rng } \sigma^\alpha) = C_\delta^N(\text{rng } \pi^\alpha)$  and

$$C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{i,i+1}) = C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \pi^{i,i+1})$$

for all  $i < \omega$ .

(Hence, being an  $x, \mathbb{B}$ -revision says little if  $\sigma$  does not respect  $\pi$  at  $\mathbb{B}$ .)

Def Let  $\sigma$  be an  $x, \mathbb{B}$ -revision of  $\pi$ .

Let  $G$  be  $\mathbb{B}$ -generic over  $N$ . We say that

$x$  is an  $x, \mathbb{B}, G$ -revision of  $\pi$  iff

$x$  is an  $x, \mathbb{B}, G$ -revision of  $\pi$  and  $G$  is  $\mathbb{B}^i$ -generic over  $N^i$

- $G^i = \pi^i(\sigma^i)^{-1}$  "  $G$  is  $\mathbb{B}^i$ -generic over  $N^i$

- for  $i \leq \omega$ , where  $\mathbb{B}^i = (\sigma^i)^{-1}(\mathbb{B})$ .

- $\sigma \in N[G]$

- $\langle \sigma^{h,i+1} | h \leq i \rangle \in N^{i+1}[G^{i+1}]$  for  $i < \omega$ .

(Thus, being an  $x, \mathbb{B}, G$ -revision is also a much stronger statement if  $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $\mathbb{B}$ .)

Def Let  $\sigma$  be an  $x, \mathbb{B}, G$  - revision of  $\pi$ .  
 The canonical completion  $\tilde{\sigma} = \langle \tilde{\sigma}^i \mid i \leq \alpha \rangle$   
 of  $\sigma$  is defined by:  
 $\sigma^i : N^i[\sigma^i] \prec N[\sigma]$ ,  $\sigma^i(G^i) = G$   
 for  $i \leq \alpha$ .

Then, setting  $N^G = L_{\overline{I}}^{A, G}$  where  $N = L_{\overline{I}}^A$ ,  
 we have:  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is a tower for  $N^G$ .  
 Moreover  $(N^G)^{\tilde{\sigma}^i} = L_{\overline{I}_i}^{A^i, G^i}$ , where  
 $N^i = L_{\overline{I}_i}^{A^i}$ .

This fact has many consequences.  
 for  $\sigma$  - e.g.,  $\sigma^{i+1}(\sup \sigma^h, i+1 \alpha \bar{z}) = \sup \sigma^h \{ \bar{z} \}$   
 for  $\bar{z} \in N^h$ ,  $h \leq i < \alpha$ .

Def Let  $\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}$  be complete BA's in  $N$   
 with  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{B}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an  $x, \mathbb{A}, A$  -  
 revision of  $\pi$  and  $\sigma'$  an  $x, \mathbb{B}, B$  -  
 revision of  $\pi$ .  $\sigma'$  coheres with  $\sigma$  wrt  $\mathbb{A}$   
 iff

- a  $\sigma'$  is an  $(x, \mathbb{A}), \mathbb{B}, B$  - revision of  $\sigma'$
- $A = B \cap \mathbb{A}$
- $A^i = B^i \cap \mathbb{A}^i$  for  $i \leq \alpha$ , where  $A^i = (\sigma^i)^{-1}(A)$
- $A^i = B^i \cap \mathbb{A}^i$  for  $i \leq \alpha$ , where  $A^i = (\sigma'^i)^{-1}(A)$ ,  
 and  $B^i = (\sigma'^i)^{-1}(B)$  (and  $\mathbb{A}^i = (\sigma^i)^{-1}(\mathbb{A})$ ).

We are now ready to define the concept of  $\alpha$ -subproperness.

Def Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a complete BA. Let  $\alpha < \omega_1$ .  
 $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper as witnessed by  
the cardinal  $\theta > \omega_1$  iff  $\mathbb{B} \in H_\theta$  and  
the following holds:

Let  $N = L_{\mathbb{B}}$  be a  $\mathsf{ZFC}$ -model, where  
 $H_\theta \subset N$  and  $\theta < \tau$ . Let  $\beta \leq \alpha$  and let  
 $\pi$  be a  $\beta$ -tower for  $N$  which absorbs  $\theta, \mathbb{B}$ .  
Let  $u \in N^\beta$  be finite. Let  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{B}^\circ \setminus \{\bar{0}\}$ .  
Then there is  $b \in \mathbb{B} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t. whenever  
 $G \ni b$  is  $\mathbb{B}$ -generic, then there is  
 $\sigma \in V[G]$  s.t.  $\sigma$  is a  $\{\theta, \mathbb{B}\}, \mathbb{B}, G$ -  
revision of  $\pi$  coinciding with  $\pi$  on  $u$   
and s.t.  $\bar{b} \in G^\circ$ .

Def  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper iff it is  $\alpha$ -subproper  
as verified by some  $\theta$ .

Def  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\omega_1$ -subproper iff it is  
 $\alpha$ -subproper for all  $\alpha < \omega_1$ .

Note Clearly  $\mathbb{B}$  is subproper iff it is  
 $0$ -subproper.

Def  $\theta$  verifies the  $d$ -subproperness of  $\text{IB}$  iff every  $\theta' \geq \theta$  witnesses the  $d$ -subproperness of  $\text{IB}$ .

Just as before, we can relativize the notion of  $d$ -subproperness to a fixed parameter  $p$ : We obtain the notion " $\text{IB}$  is  $d$ -subproper as witnessed by  $\langle \theta, p \rangle$ " by altering the above definition to require that  $p \in H_\theta$ ,  $\pi$  absorbs  $p$ , and  $\sigma$  is a  $\{p, \theta, \text{IB}\}$ ,  $\text{IB}, G$ -revision.

It is again easily seen that this apparently weaker notion implies full  $d$ -subproperness — a fact that we shall often employ tacitly.

The two step iteration theorem reads:

Thm 1 Let  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{B}$  where  $\mathbb{A}$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper and  
 $\Vdash_{\mathbb{A}} (\check{\mathbb{B}}/\dot{G} \text{ is } \alpha\text{-subproper})$ . Then  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper.  
 proof

Let  $\theta$  be big enough that it verifies the  
 $\alpha$ -subproperness of  $\mathbb{A}$  and

$\Vdash_{\mathbb{A}} (\dot{\theta} \text{ verifies the } \dot{\alpha}\text{-subproperness of } \check{\mathbb{B}}/\dot{G})$

Let  $N = L_{\tau}^{\mathbb{A}}$  be a  $ZFC^-$  model with  $H_G \subset N$ ,  $\theta < \tau$ ,

Let  $\pi = \langle \pi_i \mid i \leq \alpha \rangle$  be an  $\alpha$ -tower with  
 $\pi^i : N^i \prec N$ ,  $\pi^i(\theta^i, \mathbb{A}^i, \mathbb{B}^i) = \theta, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}$  for  $i \leq \alpha$ .

Let  $u \in N^\alpha$  be finite. Let  $e \in \mathbb{B}^0 \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .

Then there is  $a \in \mathbb{A} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  s.t. if  $A \ni a$  is  
 $\mathbb{A}$ -generic, then there is  $\sigma \in V[\mathbb{A}]$

which is a  $\dot{\{\theta, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}\}}, \mathbb{A}, A$ -revision of  $\pi$   
 coinciding with  $\pi$  on  $u$  and s.t.:

$h_{\mathbb{A}^0}(e) \in A$ . Let  $A, \sigma$  be given.

Let  $\tilde{\sigma}$  be the canonical completion of  $\sigma$ ,

Set  $\tilde{N} = L_{\tau}^{D/A}$ , where  $N = L_{\tau}^D$  and  $\tilde{N}^i = L_{\tau^i}^{D^i, A^i}$

where  $N^i = L_{\tau^i}^{D^i}$ . Then  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is a tower

for  $\tilde{N}$  with  $\tilde{N}^i = \tilde{N}^{\tilde{\sigma}^i}$ . Moreover,

$\tilde{\sigma}$  also forces  $\dot{\theta}, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}, G$ . Set:  $\tilde{\mathbb{B}} = \mathbb{B}/A$ .

$\tilde{\mathbb{B}}$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper in  $V[\mathbb{A}]$ . Set:

$\tilde{e} = e/A$ . Then  $\tilde{e} \neq 0$  since  $h_{A^0}(e) \in A^0$ . Hence there is  $\tilde{b} \in \tilde{B} \setminus \{\tilde{e}\}$  which forces that, if  $\tilde{B} \ni \tilde{b}$  is  $\tilde{B}$ -generic, then there is  $\sigma^* \in V[A][\tilde{B}]$  which is a  $\{\emptyset, A, B, A^0, \tilde{B}, \tilde{B}\}$ -revision of  $\tilde{\sigma}$  coinciding on  $u$  and s.t.  $e \in \tilde{B}^0$ . Let  $\tilde{B}, \sigma^*$  be given and work in  $V[A][\tilde{B}]$ . Then  $B = A^* \tilde{B} =_{pt}$   $=_{pt} \{b \in B \mid b/A \in \tilde{B}\}$  is  $\tilde{B}$ -generic over  $V$  and  $V[A][\tilde{B}] = V[B]$ . Define:  $\sigma' = \langle \sigma'^i \mid i \leq \omega \rangle$ , where  $\sigma'^i = \sigma^{*i} \upharpoonright N^i$ .

Claim  $\sigma'$  is a  $\{\emptyset, A, B\}$ -revision of  $\pi$  which coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$ , and s.t.  $e \in B^0$ .

Proof. Clearly:

(a)  $e \in B^0$  since  $e/A^0 \in \tilde{B}^0$ .

(b)  $\sigma'^h; N^h \prec N$ ,  $h \leq i \leq \omega \rightarrow \text{rng}(\sigma'^h) \subset \text{rng}(\sigma'^i)$ .

(c)  $\sigma'^h; N^h \prec N$ ,  $h \leq i \leq \omega \rightarrow \text{rng}(\sigma'^i) \text{ for limit } \lambda \leq \omega$

(d)  $B^h = \sigma^h \upharpoonright B$  is  $\tilde{B}^h$ -generic over  $N^h$ , since  $B^h = A^h * \tilde{B}^h$ .

(e)  $\sigma' \in N[B]$ ,  $\langle \sigma'^h, i+1 \mid h \leq i \rangle \in N^{i+1}[B^{i+1}]$

(f)  $\sigma'$  coincides with  $\sigma$  (hence with  $\pi$ ) on  $u$ .

(a)-(e) are immediate. It remains only to show:

$$(f) C_{\delta}^N(\text{rng } \sigma'^{\alpha}) = C_{\delta}^N(\text{rng } \pi^{\alpha}) \quad (\delta = \delta(\text{IB})).$$

$$(g) C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \sigma'^{i,i+1}) = C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \pi^{i,i+1})$$

$$\text{where } \delta^l = \delta(\text{IB}^l)$$

We prove (f), the proof of (g) being virtually identical.

Since  $\delta(\text{IB}) \geq \delta(\tilde{\text{IB}})$ , we have:

$$(1) C_{\delta}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \tilde{\sigma}^{\alpha}) = C_{\delta}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{*\alpha})$$

But:

$$(2) N \cap C_{\delta}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{*\alpha}) = C_{\delta}^N(\text{rng } \sigma'^{\alpha})$$

prf. (2) is trivial. We show (c).

Let  $x \in N \cap C_{\delta}^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{*\alpha})$ . Then  $x = \sigma^*(f)(\tilde{\gamma})$   
 for a  $\tilde{\gamma} < \delta$ , where  $f \in \tilde{N}^{\alpha}$  maps  $\delta_{\alpha} = \delta(\text{B}^{\alpha})$   
 into  $N^{\alpha}$ . Let  $f = f^A{}^{\alpha}$ ,  $f^A \in (\tilde{N}^{\alpha})^{A^{\alpha}}$ .

Then there is a  $a \in A$  s.t.

$a \upharpoonright_A \tilde{x} = \sigma'(f^A)(\tilde{\gamma})$ . But since  $\delta \geq \delta(A)$ ,

there is a dense set  $\Delta$  in  $A$  s.t.

$\bar{\Delta} \leq \delta$ . Hence there is such a

$\Delta \in C = C_{\delta}^N(\text{rng } \sigma'^{\alpha})$  s.t.  $\delta \subset C$ .

We may assume  $a \in \Delta$ . Hence  
 $x$  is  $C$ -definable in  $a, \sigma'(f^A), \tilde{\gamma}$ .

Hence  $x \in C$ .

Since  $\sigma^d = \tilde{\sigma}^d \cap N$ , the same proof shows:

$$(3) N \cap C_{\tilde{\sigma}}^N(\text{rng } \tilde{\sigma}^d) = C_{\sigma}^N(\text{rng } \sigma^d).$$

$$\text{Hence } C_{\tilde{\sigma}}^N(\text{rng } \sigma'^d) = C_{\sigma}^N(\text{rng } \sigma^d) = C_{\sigma}^N(\text{rng } \pi^d).$$

QED (Thm 1)

The proof of Thm 1 contains much more information than we have stated. We can drop the assumption that  $A$  is  $d$ -subproper, merely assuming:

If  $\dot{\theta}$  verifies the  $\ddot{d}$ -subproperness of  $\dot{B}/\dot{A}$ ,

$\dot{A}$

$\dot{A}$  being the canonical  $\dot{A}$ -generic name.

We assume that  $a \in A \setminus \{0\}$  forces the existence of a  $\theta, A, \dot{A}$ -revision of  $\pi$  (but not necessarily a  $\theta, A, \dot{A}, \dot{B}$ -revision). But

then there is  $\dot{\sigma} \in V^A$  s.t.  $a$  forces  $\dot{\sigma}^A$

to be a  $\theta, A, \dot{A}$ -revision of  $\pi$ , when  $A \Vdash a$  is  $\dot{A}$ -generic. We can replace our fixed

$u \in N^d$  by  $\dot{u}^A$ , where  $a \Vdash \dot{u} \in \dot{N}^d$  is finite).

Similarly we can replace  $e \in B^0 \setminus \{0\}$  by

$\dot{e}^A$ , where  $a \Vdash \dot{e} \in (\dot{\sigma}^0)^{-1}(\dot{B})$  and

$a \Vdash_{\dot{A}} h_A^*(\dot{e}) \in \dot{A}^0$ : ( $\dot{A}^0$  being an abbreviation for  $(\dot{\sigma}^0)^{-1}(\dot{A})$ ) We then

let  $\tilde{b}$  force the existence of  $\dot{\sigma}^{*\infty}$

which is a  $\langle \theta, \dot{A}, \dot{B} \rangle, \tilde{B}, \tilde{B}^-$

revision of  $\dot{\sigma}$ , coinciding

with  $\tilde{f}$  on  $U = i^A$  and s.t.

$\tilde{e} = e/A \in \tilde{B}^\circ$ , where  $e = e^A$ . Since for every  $A \ni a$  there is such a  $\tilde{b}$ , we may assume  $\tilde{b} = \tilde{b}^A$ , where  $a$  forces  $\tilde{b}$  to have these properties.

We may also assume w.l.o.g. that

$\frac{i}{A} \in \tilde{B}/\tilde{A}$  and  $\llbracket \tilde{b} \neq 0 \rrbracket = a$ . But then

there is  $b \in B$  s.t.  $\frac{b}{A} = \tilde{b}$ . Hence

$h_A(b) = \llbracket \frac{b}{A} \neq 0 \rrbracket = a$ , letting

$\sigma'^i = \pi^* \sigma^i$  if  $N^i$  as before, it is forced by  $b$  that  $\sigma'$  is a  $\langle \Theta, A, B \rangle$ ,  $B$  — revision of  $\sigma$  for generic  $B \ni b$ .

We must replace  $(f)$  by :

$$C_\sigma^N(\text{rng } \sigma'^\alpha) = C_\sigma^N(\text{rng } \sigma^\alpha),$$

similarly for  $(g)$ , since  $\sigma'$  will not necessarily be a  $\langle \Theta, A, B \rangle$  revision of  $\pi$ .

$\sigma'$  then coincides with  $\sigma$  on  $U = i^A$  and is s.t.  $e = e^A \in B^\circ$ . Since  $\sigma^*(A^i) = A$

for  $i \leq \alpha$ , it follows easily that  $\sigma'$  coheres with  $\sigma$  wrt.  $/A$ .

Putting all of this together, we get:

Lemma 2 Let  $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{B}$  be complete BA's. Let  $\Vdash_{\mathbb{A}}(\theta)$  verify the  $\dot{\alpha}$ -subproperness of  $(\dot{\mathbb{B}}/\dot{\mathbb{A}})$ , where  $\dot{\mathbb{A}}$  is the canonical  $\mathbb{A}$ -generic name. Assume also:

Let  $N = L^{\mathbb{A}}_\tau$  be a ZFC-model s.t.  $H_\theta \subset N$  and  $\theta < \tau$ . Let  $\pi$  be a tower for  $N$  with  $\pi^i(N) \subset N$ ,  $\pi^i(\theta^i) = \theta$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{A} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  force that, whenever  $A \ni a$  is  $\mathbb{A}$ -generic, then  $\dot{f}^A$  is an  $\langle x, \theta \rangle, \mathbb{A}, A$ -revision of  $\dot{\theta}$ . Then there is finite  $\dot{e}^A \in \dot{\mathbb{B}}^0 = (\dot{\theta}^0)^{-1}(\dot{\mathbb{B}})$  and  $h_{\mathbb{A}}(\dot{e}^A) \in A$ .

Then there is  $b \in \mathbb{B} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  s.t.  $a = h_{\mathbb{A}}(b)$

and whenever  $B \ni b$  is  $\mathbb{B}$ -generic,

$A = B \upharpoonright \mathbb{A}$ ,  $\sigma = \dot{f}^A$ ,  $u = \dot{u}^A$ ,  $e = \dot{e}^A$ ,

then there is  $\sigma' \in V[B]$  which is

an  $\langle x, \theta, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B} \rangle, \mathbb{B}, B$ -revision of  $\sigma$

cohering with  $\sigma$  wrt.  $\mathbb{A}$  and

coinciding with  $\sigma$  on  $u$ . Moreover,

$e \in \dot{\mathbb{B}}^0$ .

Note To show that  $\mathbb{B}$  does not collapse w<sub>1</sub>, we must assume that  $\mathbb{A}$  does not do so. To show that  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\dot{\alpha}$ -subproper we must assume that  $\mathbb{A}$  has the property.

Thm 3 Let  $\mathbb{B} = \langle \mathbb{B}_v \mid v < \aleph \rangle$  be an RCS-iteration. Let  $\alpha < \omega_1$ . Assume that for all  $i+1 < \alpha$ :

- (a)  $\mathbb{B}_i \neq \mathbb{B}_{i+1}$
- (b)  $\mathbb{H}_i(\mathbb{B}_{i+1}/G) \in \alpha\text{-subproper}$
- (c)  $\mathbb{H}_{i+1}(\delta(\mathbb{B}_i))$  has cardinality  $\leq \omega_1$ .

Then every  $\mathbb{B}_i$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper

proof

Set  $\delta_i = \delta(\mathbb{B}_i)$ . As before we get:

$$(1) \delta_i \leq \delta_j \text{ for } i \leq j < \aleph$$

$$(2) \bar{\nu} \leq \delta_j \text{ for } v < \aleph$$

By induction on  $i < \aleph$  we prove:

Claim Let  $h \leq i$ , let  $G_h$  be  $\mathbb{B}_h$ -generic. Then

$\mathbb{B}_i/G_h$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper in  $V[G_h]$ .

The cases  $i=0$ ,  $i=h$ ,  $i=j+1$  follow exactly as before in §1 Thm 3, using the two-step theorem.

There remains the case that  $i=\lambda$  is a limit ordinal. By our induction hypothesis  $\mathbb{B}_j/G_h$  is  $\alpha$ -subproper in  $V[G_h]$  for  $h \leq j < \lambda$ . We consider two cases, as before:

Case 1  $c_f(\lambda) \leq \delta_i$  for an  $i < \lambda$ .

It again suffices to prove the claim for  $h \geq i$ , since it will then hold for

smaller ordinals by the two step thm.  
But then  $c_f(\lambda) \leq \omega_1$  in  $V[G_n]$ . We shall play  
the proof in the special case:

$$c_f(\lambda) \leq \omega_1 \text{ in } V,$$

showing that  $\mathbb{B}_\lambda$  is  $\lambda$  - subproper in  
 $V$ , since we can then repeat the  
proof in  $V[G_n]$  to show that  $\mathbb{B}_\lambda/G_n$  is  
 $\lambda$  - subproper. (The induction hypothesis  
holds in  $V[G_n]$  just as before.)

Now let  $N = L_\tau^A$  be a  $\text{ZFC}^-$  model s.t.  
 $H_\theta \subset N$ ,  $\theta < \tau$ . We shall prove:

Main Claim Let  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Let  $\pi$  be a  $\beta$  -  
tower for  $N$  which abuts  $\langle \theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda \rangle$ .  
Let  $u \in N^\beta$  be finite. Let  $e \in \mathbb{B}^\beta \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . Then  
there is  $b \in \mathbb{B}_\lambda \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  which forces that if  
 $G \ni b$  is  $\mathbb{B}_\lambda$  - generic, then in  $V[G]$   
there is a  $\langle \theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda \rangle, \mathbb{B}_\lambda/G$  - revision of  
 $\pi_0$  which coincides with  $\pi$  on  
 $u$  and a.t.  $e \in G^\beta$ .

The proof will be by induction on  $\beta$ ,  
but we shall need a stronger  
induction hypothesis. We split  
into two subcases.

Case 1.1  $c_f(\lambda) = \omega$

Let  $f = \langle \xi_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be the  $\lambda$ -least  $\omega$ -sequence which is monotone and cofinal in  $\lambda$  and s.t.  $\xi_0 = 0$ . Set

$$f^h = \langle \xi_i^h \mid i < \omega \rangle = (\pi^h)^{-1}(f) \text{ for } h \leq \beta.$$

Clearly, if  $\sigma$  is any  $(\theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda)$ -revision of  $\pi$ , then  $\sigma^h(f^h) = f$  and  $\sigma^h(\xi_i^h) = \xi_i$  for  $i < \omega$ .

We now refer back to the definition of  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+$  that we gave at the end of §1. Recall that  $G \subset \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$  is called  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$ -generic iff  $G \cap \mathbb{B}_r$  is  $\mathbb{B}_r$ -generic for all  $r < \lambda$ .  $G$  is then called  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+$ -generic iff the set  $G^+$  of  $b \in \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+$  s.t.  $b_r(b) \in G$  for  $r < \lambda$  meets every dense  $\mathbb{B}_r$ -subset of  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+$ . Setting  $G^{++} = \{b \in \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda} \mid \forall a \in \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+ a \subset b\}$ , this is equivalent to saying that  $G^{++}$  is  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$ -generic.

We now define:

Def Let  $G \in \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$ , where  $\beta \leq \lambda$  is a limit ordinal  
 $\langle \theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda \rangle, \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}, G$  - revision of  $\pi$  if

- $\sigma$  is a  $\langle \theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda \rangle, \mathbb{B}_\beta$  - revision of  $\pi$
- $G'$  is  $(\mathbb{B}_{<\beta^+}^{i+})^+$  - generic over  $N^i$  for  $i \leq \beta$ ,  
 where  $G^i = {}_{\text{pt}}(\sigma^i)^{-1} "G"$
- $\sigma \in N[G]$  and  $\langle \sigma^{h, i+1} \mid h \leq i \rangle \in N^{i+1}[G^{i+1}]$   
 for  $i < \beta$ .

Note It follows that, if  $\sigma$  respects  $\pi$  at  $\mathbb{B}_\beta$ , then

$$C^N(\text{rng } \sigma^\delta) = C_\sigma^N(\text{rng } \pi^\delta) \text{ and}$$

$$C_{\delta^i}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{i, i+1}) = C_{\delta^i}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \pi^{i, i+1}),$$

where  $\delta = \delta(\mathbb{B}_\beta)$  and  $\delta^i = \delta(\mathbb{B}_{\beta^+}^{i+})$ .

Note that this definition makes no assumption about the genericity of  $G$ .

Clearly it suffices to show:

If  $\beta \leq \omega$  and  $\pi, u, e$  are as in the Main Claim,  
 then there is  $b \in (\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda})^+$  s.t. whenever

$G$  is  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}$  generic and  $b \in G^+$ , then

there is  $\sigma \in V[G]$  which is a

$\langle \theta, \mathbb{B}, \lambda \rangle, \mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}, G$  - revision of  $\pi$  which

coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$  and is s.t.

$e \in (G^o)^+$ .

Def Let  $G \subset \text{IB}_{<\lambda}$  be  $\text{IB}_{<\lambda}$ -generic. Set:

$G_i = G \cap \text{IB}_{\beta_i}$ . By a good matrix for  $G$

w.r.t.  $\pi$  we mean a sequence  $\langle \sigma_i | i < \omega \rangle$  s.t.

(a)  $\sigma_i^h = \langle \sigma_j^h | h < \beta \rangle$  is a  $\langle \langle G, \text{IB}, \lambda \rangle, \text{IB}_{\beta_i}, G \rangle$ -revision of  $\pi$  which coheres with  $\sigma_\ell$  w.r.t.  $\text{IB}_{\beta_\ell}$  for  $\ell \leq i$

(b)  $G^i = \bigcup_{\ell < \omega} G_\ell^i$  is  $\text{IB}_{<\lambda^+}^+$ -generic over  $N^i$  for  $i \leq \beta$ ,

(c) At  $x \in N^i$ , there is  $j < \omega$  s.t.  $\sigma_\ell^i(x) = \sigma_j^i(x)$  for  $\ell \geq j$ .

(d) At  $x \in N^\lambda$ ,  $\lambda$  being a limit ordinal, then there are  $h < \lambda$ ,  $j < \omega$ ,  $\bar{x} \in N^h$  s.t.  $x = \sigma_\ell^{h\lambda}(\bar{x})$  for all  $\ell \geq j$ .

(e) At  $x \in N^h$ , there are  $i < \omega$ ,  $w \in N^h$  s.t.

$\bar{\omega} \leq \delta^h = \sup_i \sigma(\text{IB}_{\beta_i}^h)$  in  $N^h$  and:

- $\pi^{h, h+1}(x) \in \sigma_j^{h, h+1}(w) = \sigma^{h, h+1}_j(w)$  for  $\ell \geq j$   
if  $h < \beta$

- $\pi^\beta(x) \in \sigma_j^\beta(w) = \sigma_\ell^\beta(w)$  for  $\ell \geq j$  if  $h = \beta$

(f)  $\langle \sigma_i | i < \omega \rangle \in N[G]$  and

$\langle \sigma_i^{h, i+1} | h \leq i, i < \omega \rangle \in N^{i+1}[G^{i+1}]$  for  $i < \beta$ .

Note By (c), if  $i \leq h \leq \beta$ , there is  $j < \omega$

s.t.  $\sigma_\ell^{ih} = \sigma_j^{ih}$  for all  $\ell \geq j$ .

We can then define:  $\sigma = \sigma_{\omega}$  by:

$\sigma^h(x) = \sigma_i^h(x)$  if  $\sigma_\ell^h(x) = \sigma_i^h(x)$  for all  $\ell \geq i$ .

Clearly  $\sigma^h : N^h \rightarrow N$ . If we set  $\sigma^{hi} = (\sigma^i)^{-1} \circ \sigma^h$

for  $h \leq i \leq \beta$ , we get:

$\sigma^{hi}(x) = \sigma_i^{hi}(x)$  if  $\sigma_\ell^{hi}(x) = \sigma_i^{hi}(x)$  for  $\ell \geq i$ .

SubLemma 3.1  $\sigma$  is a  $\langle \theta, IB, \lambda \rangle, IB_\lambda, G$  -

revision of  $\pi$  which coheres with

$\sigma_i$  wrt  $IB_{\bar{\beta}_i}$  for  $i < \omega$ ,

proof.

(1)  $\sigma$  is a pretower.

We must show:  $\text{rng}(\sigma^\gamma) = \bigcup_{i < \gamma} \text{rng}(\sigma^i)$  for

limit  $\gamma \leq \beta$ . This follows from (d) which

says that each  $x \in N^\gamma$  has the form

$\sigma^i(\bar{x})$  for an  $x \in N^i$ ,  $i < \gamma$ . QED (1)

(2)  $C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \sigma^\beta) = C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \pi^\beta)$ , where

$\sigma = \sup_{i < \lambda} \sigma(IB_{\bar{\beta}_i}) \subseteq \sigma(IB_\lambda)$ .

Proof:

( $\subset$ )  $\sigma^\beta(x) = \sigma_\beta^\beta(x) \in C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \sigma_\beta^\beta) = C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \pi^\beta)$

( $\supset$ ) Let  $x \in C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \pi^\beta)$ . Then  $x =$

$= \pi(f)(\bar{s})$  where  $\bar{s} < \sigma$ ,  $f \in N^\beta$ . But

$\pi(f) \in \sigma(w)$  for a  $w \in N^\beta$ ,  $\bar{w} \leq \sigma$ .

Hence  $\pi(f) = \sigma(g)(\bar{s})$  where  $\bar{s} < \sigma$ . Hence

$x = (\sigma(g)(\bar{s}))(\bar{s}) \in C_\sigma^N(\text{rng} \sigma)$ .

QED (2)

Similarly:

$$(3) C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \sigma^{i,i+1}) = C_{\delta^{i+1}}^{N^{i+1}}(\text{rng } \pi^{i,i+1})$$

for  $i < \beta$ , where  $\delta^i = \sup_{h < \omega} \delta(B_{\bar{\gamma}_h}^i)$ .

By (f) we trivially have:

$$(4) \sigma \in N[G] \text{ and } \langle \sigma^{i,h+1} \mid i \leq h \rangle \in N^{h+1}[G^{h+1}]$$

for  $h < \beta$

Finally:

$$(5) \sigma \text{ coheres with } \sigma_i \text{ wrt } IB_{\bar{\gamma}_i} \text{ for } i < \omega,$$

proof.

We must show:  $\sigma^h G_i^h \subset G_i$  for  $h \leq \beta$ ,  $i < \omega$ .

Let  $b \in G_i^h$ . Then  $\sigma^h(b) = \sigma_i^h(b) \in$

$G_j \cap IB_{\bar{\gamma}_i} = G_i$  for some  $j \geq i$ .

QED (Sublemma 3.1)

We note that  $\sigma$  also has the properties:

- Let  $u \in N^\beta$  be finite s.t. each  $\sigma_i$  coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$ . Then  $\sigma$  coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$ .

- Let  $b \in (IB_{\lambda^i})^+$  s.t.  $h_{\bar{\gamma}_h}^i(b) \in G_h^i$  for  $h < \omega$ . Then  $b \in G^i$ .

Thus it suffices to show for  $\beta \leq \alpha$ :

(\*) Let  $\pi$  be a  $\beta$ -tower for  $N$  which absorbs  $\Theta, \text{IB}, \lambda$ . Let  $u \in N^\beta$  be finite.

Let  $e \in (\text{IB}_{\leq \lambda^0})^+ \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . Then there is  $b \in \text{IB}_{< \lambda}^+$  and a sequence  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N$  s.t.

$\sigma_i \in N^{\text{IB}_{\leq \lambda^0}}$  for  $i < \omega$  and whenever  $G$  is  $\text{IB}_{< \lambda}$ -generic,  $b \in G^+$ ,  $G_i = G \cap \text{IB}_{\leq \lambda^0}$  ( $i < \omega$ ) and

$\sigma_i = \sigma_i^G G_i$  for  $i < \omega$ , then  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix which coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$  and in s.t.  $e \in (G^0)^+$ , where:

$$G_i^h = (\sigma_i^h)^{-1} \cdot {}^{i \ast} G_i, \quad G^h = \bigcup_i G_i^h.$$

We prove this by induction on  $\beta$ . However, as induction hypothesis we need the even stronger statement:

(\*\*) Let  $i < \omega$  and let  $G_i$  be  $\text{IB}_{\leq \lambda^0}$ -generic.

Then (\*) holds in  $V[G_i]$  with  $\text{IB}/G_i$  in place of  $\text{IB}$  and  $N^{G_i} = L_{\overline{\lambda}}^{A_i, G_i}$  in place of  $N$  (where  $N = L_{\overline{\lambda}}^{A_0}$  and  $\langle \bar{s}_j \mid \bar{\kappa} \leq j < \omega \rangle$  in place of  $\langle \bar{s}_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ .

(Recall that  $\text{IB}/G_i = \langle \text{IB}_v/G_i \mid v \geq i \rangle$ .)

It will suffice at each stage of the induction to display the proof of (\*), since the same proof can then be repeated in  $V[G_\beta]$ .

Case 1.1.1  $\beta = 0$ . The construction of  $b_i$ ,  $\langle \sigma'_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  and the verification that  $\langle \sigma'_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix for  $G$  . whenever  $G$  is  $IB_\lambda$  - generic,  $b \in G^+$ , and  $\tau_i = \dot{\sigma}'_i^{G_i}$  ( $i < \omega$ ) is given in Case 1 of the proof of §1 Lemma 3. To see that we can have  $\langle \sigma'_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N$ , note that  $S \in N$ , where  $S = \{ \langle b, i, y, x \rangle \mid b \Vdash \dot{\sigma}'(x) = y \}_{\exists_i}$ .

To see this note that  $S \subset IB_\lambda \times C$ , where  $C = C_\delta^N(\text{rng } \pi)$ ,  $\delta = \sup_i \delta(IB_{\beta_i})$ . Let  $\bar{\tau} = \sup \pi^\beta" \alpha \in N^\beta$ ,  $\tilde{N} = L_{\bar{\tau}}^A$ , where  $N = L_{\bar{\tau}}^A$ . Then  $\tilde{N} \prec N$  and  $\pi^\beta : N^\beta \prec \tilde{N}$  cofinally. But then  $C \subset \tilde{N}$ ; hence  $C = C_\delta^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \pi) \in N$  and  $\bar{C} = \delta < \theta$  in  $N$ . Let  $f \in N$  s.t.  $\alpha \in f \subset N$  onto  $IB_\lambda \times C$ . Let  $\bar{S} = f^{-1}" S$ . Then  $\bar{S} \in \#(\alpha) \subset H_\theta \subset N$ . Hence  $S = f" \bar{S} \in N$

QED (Case 1.1.1)

Case 1.1.2  $\beta = \nu + 1$

Then  $(*)$  holds at  $\nu$ . We use:

Fact The statement " $(*)$  holds at  $\nu$ " is uniformly expressible over  $N$  in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\pi^\beta)$ .

Proof.

$(*)$  says that if  $u \in N^\nu$  is finite and  $e \in IB_{<\lambda^+}^+ \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ , then there are  $b \in IB_{<\lambda}^+ \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ ,  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N$  s.t. if  $G$  is  $IB_{<\lambda}$ -generic and  $\sigma_i = \sigma'_i \sigma_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ),

then  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix with certain properties. (The quantification over the nonexistent  $G$  can be replaced by the statement that the above holds in  $N \text{coll}(\omega, \bar{IB}_\lambda)$ .) Hence it suffices to show that, if  $G$  is  $IB_{<\lambda}$ -generic and  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N[G]$ , then the statement:

" $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix for  $G$ "  
is uniformly expressible over  $N[G]$  in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\pi^\beta)$ ;

This at first glance seems dubious, since the statement involves clauses of the form:

$\pi^h : N^h \prec N$  ( $h \leq r$ ) and.

$$C_\sigma^N(\text{rng } \sigma^r) = \text{rng } C_\sigma^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \pi^r).$$

However  $\pi^\beta(\langle \pi^{h\beta} \mid h \leq r \rangle) = \pi \upharpoonright \beta$  and, letting  $\tilde{\tau} = \sup \pi^r \text{On}_{N^r}$ , we have:

$$\pi^\beta(\tilde{\tau}') = \tilde{\tau}, \text{ where } \tilde{\tau}' = \sup \pi^{r\beta} \text{On}_{N^r}.$$

At  $\tilde{N} = L_{\tilde{\tau}}^A$  (where  $N = L_{\tau}^A$ ), then

$\tilde{N} \in \text{rng } (\pi^\beta)$ ,  $\text{rng } (\pi^r) \subset \tilde{N}$ , and  $\tilde{N} \prec N$ . Thus we can replace the questionable clause by:

$\pi^h : N^h \prec \tilde{N}$  ( $h \leq r$ ) and

$$C_\sigma^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \sigma^r) = \text{rng } C_\sigma^{\tilde{N}}(\text{rng } \pi^r).$$

QED (Fact)

But since  $\sigma^\beta : N^\beta \prec N$ , the corresponding statement holds over  $N^\beta$ . Thus, letting  $\bar{u} = (\sigma^{h\beta})^{-1} u u$  (where  $u \in N^\beta$  is finite), there are  $\bar{b} \in (B_{<\lambda^\beta})^+$ ,  $\langle \bar{\sigma}_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N^\beta$  s.t. if  $\bar{G}$  is  $B_{<\lambda^\beta}$ -general,  $\bar{b} \in \bar{G}^+$ , and  $\bar{\sigma}_i = \bar{\sigma}_i \bar{G}_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ), then  $\langle \bar{\sigma}_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix for  $\bar{G}$  wrt.  $\bar{\pi} = \langle \pi^{h\beta} \mid h \leq r \rangle$  which coincides with  $\bar{\pi}$  on  $\bar{u}$  and s.t.  $e \in (\bar{G}^0)^+$ .

Set  $\bar{b}_i = h_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i^B}(b)$ . Note that if  $\bar{G}_i \not\models b$ ,  
in any  $\text{IB}_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i^B}$ -generic set, then  
 $\dot{\sigma}_i^{\bar{G}_i}$  is a revision of  $\bar{\pi}$ . By Case 1.1.1,  
however, there are  $b \in (\text{IB}_{<\omega})^+ \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  
 $\langle \sigma_i' | i < \omega \rangle \in N$  s.t.  $\sigma_i' \in N^{\text{IB}_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i}}$  and  
whenever  $G$  is  $\text{IB}_{<\lambda}$ -generic and  
 $\sigma_i' = \dot{\sigma}_i^G$  ( $i < \omega$ ), then  $\langle \sigma_i' | i < \omega \rangle$   
is a good matrix for  $G$  wrt. the  
tower  $\pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\}$  of length  $\sigma$  s.t.  
 $\sigma_i'$  coincides with  $\pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\}$  on  $\kappa$  and  
 $e_i \in G_i^B = \sigma_i'^{\bar{G}_i}$  for  $i < \omega$ , (where  
 $e_i = h_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i^B}(e)$ ), just as above, letting  
 $b_i = h_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i^B}(b)$ , we have:  
 $b_i \Vdash (\dot{\sigma}_i^{\bar{G}_i} \text{ is a revision of } \pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\})$ .  
But then there is obviously a term  
 $\dot{\sigma}_i^{\bar{G}_i}$  s.t. if  $G_i \not\models b_i$  is  $\text{IB}_{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_i}$ -generic,  
then  $\sigma_i' = \dot{\sigma}_i^{\bar{G}_i}$  is the revision of  $\bar{\pi}$   
defined by:  $\sigma_i'^B = \sigma_i'^{\bar{G}_i}$  and  
 $\sigma_i'^h = \sigma_i'^{\bar{G}_i} \circ \bar{\sigma}_i^h$  for  $h < \beta$ . Then  
 $\langle \dot{\sigma}_i^{\bar{G}_i} | i < \omega \rangle$  has the derived  
properties. QED (Case 1.1.2)

Case 1.1.3  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal

Fix a sequence  $\langle \beta_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  which is monotone and cofinal in  $\beta$  with  $\beta_0 = 0$  and  $\beta_i$  a successor ordinal for  $i > 0$ . We also write  $\tilde{\beta}_i = (\beta_{i+1} - 1)$ . Set  $\langle x_i^h \mid i < \omega \rangle =$  the  $N$ -least enumeration of  $N^h$  for  $h \leq \beta$ . Then  $\langle x_i^h \mid h \leq i \rangle \in N^{i+1}$  for  $i < \beta$ . In order to simplify our notation we also write  $\hat{B}_i^h = B_{\tilde{\beta}_i^h}$ .

We must produce a good matrix  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ . To do this we essentially define  $\sigma_i$  by induction on  $i$ . To make sure this works, however, we also anticipate the matrix "from below", simultaneously constructing  $\mu(i)$  s.t.  $\mu(i)$  is a good matrix for  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$  with  $\mu(i)^h_\ell = \sigma_i^h \beta_{i+1}$  for  $\ell \leq i$ .

Of course, we are working in  $V$ , and will not directly construct  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  but rather an  $a \in B_\lambda^+$  and  $\langle \dot{\sigma}_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  s.t.  $\dot{\sigma}_i \in N^{B_{\tilde{\beta}_i}}$  and whenever  $G$  is  $B_\lambda$ -generic and  $a \in G^+$ , then, letting  $\dot{\sigma}_i^G = \sigma_i$ ,  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  will be the desired good matrix. Thus, we inductively construct  $a_i = h_{\tilde{\beta}_i}(a)$  and  $\dot{\sigma}_i$ .

We construct  $a_i, \sigma_i, u_i$  s.t.

(I) (a)  $a_i \in \text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}$

(b)  $\dot{\sigma}_i, u_i \in N^{\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}}$

(c)  $a_\ell = h_{\bar{\beta}_\ell}(a_i)$  for  $\ell \leq i'$ .

(II) Let  $G \ni a_i$  be  $\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}$ -generic. Set:

$$G_\ell = G \cap \text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_\ell}, \quad \sigma_\ell = \dot{\sigma}_i^{G_\ell}, \quad u_\ell = u_i^{G_\ell} \quad (\ell \leq i').$$

Then:

(a)  $\sigma_i$  is a  $\langle \langle \theta, \text{IB}, \lambda \rangle, \text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}, G_i \rangle$  revision

of  $\pi$ . Moreover  $\sigma_0 = \pi$

(b)  $\sigma_i$  coheres with  $\sigma_\ell$  wrt.  $\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_\ell}$  for  $\ell \leq i'$

(c)  $u_i \subset N^\beta$  is finite

(d)  $\sigma_i \upharpoonright [\beta_\ell, \beta]$  coincides with

$\sigma_\ell \upharpoonright [\beta_\ell, \beta]$  on  $u_\ell$  for  $\ell \leq i'$

(e)  $u \cup \bigcup_{\ell < i} u_\ell \subset u_i$ .

(f)  $x_h^\beta, w_h \in u_i$  for  $h < i$ , where

$w$  = the  $N^\beta$ -least  $w$  s.t.  $\bar{w} \leq \delta^\beta \in N^\beta$

and  $\pi(x_h^\beta) \in \sigma_i^\beta(w)$  (where

$$\delta^\beta = \sup_{h < w} \delta(\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_h}^\beta)).$$

(g)  $\sigma_i^\beta(x_{i'}^\beta) \in u_i$  for  $i' < i$ .

Simultaneously we construct  $b^i$ ,  $\mu^{(i)} \in N_{\beta_i}^{B_i}$  s.t.

III Let  $G$  be as in II. Set:  $b^i = (b^i_\ell)^\ell$  and  $\mu^{(i)} = \mu^{(i)}_\ell$ , Then:

(a)  $b^i \in (\text{IB}_{\lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}}^{\beta_{i+1}})^+$ . Set  $b_\ell^i = h_{\beta_\ell}^{\beta_{i+1}}(b^i)$ .

(b)  $\mu^{(i)} = \langle \mu^{(i)}_\ell \mid \ell < \omega \rangle$ , where

$\mu^{(i)}_\ell \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{\widehat{\text{IB}}_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  for  $\ell < \omega$

(c)  $b_\ell^i = 1$ ;  $b_\ell^k \in G_\ell^{\beta_{k+1}}$  for  $k < i$

IV Let  $G, b^i, \mu^{(i)}$  be as in III. Let  $H \supset G_i^{\beta_{i+1}}$  be  $\text{IB}_{\lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}}^{\beta_{i+1}}$  generic over  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$  s.t.  $b^i \in H^+$ .

Set:  $H_\ell = H \cap \widehat{\text{IB}}_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}$  for  $\ell < \omega$ . (Hence

$H_\ell = G_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}$  for  $\ell \leq i$ .) Set:

$\mu^{(i)}_\ell = (\mu^{(i)}_\ell)_{H_\ell} \quad (\ell < \omega)$ . Then:

(a)  $\mu^{(i)} = \langle \mu^{(i)}_\ell \mid \ell < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix for  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$  wrt.  $H$

(b)  $\mu^{(i)}_\ell = \langle \sigma_h^{-1} \beta_{i+1} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  for  $\ell \leq i$ .

(c)  $\mu^{(i)}_\ell \upharpoonright [\beta_n, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  coincides with

$\mu^{(i)}_h \upharpoonright [\beta_n, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  on  $(\sigma^{-\tilde{\beta}_h})^{-1} u_h$

for  $n \leq i$ ,  $h \leq \ell < \omega$ .

We of course set:  $H_\ell^j = (\mu(i)_\ell^j)^{-1} H_\ell$

for  $\ell \leq \omega$ ,  $j \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ . But then

$H^j = \bigcup_\ell H_\ell^j$  is  $(IB_{<\lambda^{j+1}}^j)^+$  - generic over  $N'$

for  $j \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ . Hence, for  $h < i$ , we can form

$$b^h = (b^h)^{H^{B_h+1}}, \quad \mu(h) = \mu(h)_\ell^{H^{B_h+1}}$$

We shall ensure that:

(d)  $b^h \in (H^{B_h+1})^+$  for  $h < i$ ; Moreover  $\in (H^0)^+$ .

But then  $\mu(h)_\ell = \mu(h)_\ell^{H^{B_h+1}}$  is defined

for  $\ell < \omega$  and satisfies the above conditions.

We ensure:

(e)  $\mu(h)_\ell^j = \mu(i)_\ell^{j, B_h+1}$  for  $j \leq \tilde{\beta}_h$ ,  $\ell < \omega$ .

In this context it is useful to write:

$$\mu(i)_\ell^{j, B_h+1} = \mu(i)_\ell^j \text{ for } j \leq \tilde{\beta}_h, \ell < \omega,$$

With this convention we have:

$$\mu(h)_\ell^{i, k} = \mu(i)_\ell^{i, k} \text{ for } \ell < \omega, i \leq k \leq \beta_{h+1}$$

for  $h \leq i$ , and we can, without

confusion, write  $\mu_\ell^{i, k}$ .

We note that IV (a) - (e) hold "locally".  
 - i.e. from IV we can derive:

V Let  $G, b^i, \mu(i)$  be as in III. Let  $j' \geq i$  and let  $H \ni b_j^i$  be  $\widehat{IB}_j^{B_{i+1}}$  - generic over  $N^{B_{i+1}}$   
 s.t.  $H \supset G_i^{B_{i+1}}$ . Set:  $H_\ell = H \cap \widehat{IB}_\ell^{B_{i+1}}$  for  $\ell \leq i$

Set:  $\mu(i)_\ell = (\mu(i)_\ell \upharpoonright H_\ell \mid \ell \leq i)$ . Then

(a)  $\mu(i)_i$  is a  $\langle \langle \Theta^{B_{i+1}}, \widehat{IB}^{B_{i+1}}, \lambda^{B_{i+1}} \rangle, \widehat{IB}_i^{B_{i+1}}, H \rangle$  - revision of  $\pi$  cohering with

$\mu(i)_\ell$  wrt.  $\widehat{IB}_\ell^{B_{i+1}}$  for  $\ell \leq i$

(b)  $\mu(i)_\ell = \langle \sigma_h^{h, B_{i+1}} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  for  $\ell \leq i$

(c)  $\mu(i)_j \upharpoonright [\beta_h, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  coincides with  $\mu(i)_h \upharpoonright [\beta_h, \tilde{\beta}_i]$   
 on  $(\sigma_{\tilde{\beta}_h})^{-1} u_h$  for  $h \leq i$

(d)  $b_j^h \in H_j^{B_{i+1}}$  for  $h < i$

(e)  $\mu(h)_\ell = \mu(i)_\ell^{k, B_{i+1}}$  for  $k \leq \tilde{\beta}_h$ ,  $\ell \leq i$ .

This is because  $H$  can be extended to  
 a  $\widehat{IB}_{j'}^{B_{i+1}} < \lambda^{B_{i+1}}$  - generic  $H'$  s.t.  $b^i \in H'^+$ ,  
 since  $b_j^i = h \circ \widehat{IB}_j^{B_{i+1}}(b^i) \in H$ .

We are now ready to prove (\*). Let  $a = \bigcap a_i$ . Let  $G$  be  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^+$ -generic, where  $a \in G^+$ . Set:  $G_i = G \cap B_{\frac{\beta_i}{\beta_i}}$ ;  $\sigma_i = \sigma_i^{G_i}$ .

Claim:  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix.

Set:  $G_i^h = (\sigma_i^h)^{-1} G_i$ . Then  $G_i^h \subset G_j^h$  for  $i \leq j$ , by coherence. Set  $G^h = \bigcup_{i < \omega} G_i^h$ . Then

(1)  $G^h$  is  $\mathbb{B}_{<\lambda}^h$ -generic over  $N^h$ .

(2)  $b^i \in (G^{\beta_{i+1}})^+$  for  $i < \omega$ , where  $b^i = (b^i)^{G_i}$

proof

$b^i_h \in G_h^{\beta_{i+1}}$  for  $i < h$  by III(c). But

$b^i = \bigcap_{i < h} b^i_h$ . QED(2)

Thus, letting  $\mu(i) = \mu(i)^{G_i}$ , we have:

(3)  $\mu(i) = \mu(i)^{G^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  exists and satisfies IV(a)-(e) with  $H = G^{\beta_{i+1}}$ .

Thus we can write  $\mu_l^h = \mu(l)^{G^h}$  for  $l < \omega$ ,  $h \leq l \leq \beta_{i+1}$ , the choice of  $i < \omega$  being irrelevant. By IV(b):

(4)  $\mu_l^h = \sigma_l^h$  for  $l < \omega$ ,  $h \leq l < \beta$ .

We now verify (a)-(f) in the definition of good matrix:

(a) is immediate

We prove (b): (b) has been proven for  $i < \beta$ , so let  $i = \beta$ . Let  $\Delta \in N^\beta$  be strongly dense in  $IB_{\lambda^\beta}^\beta$ . We must find  $c \in (G^\beta)^+$  s.t.  $c \in \Delta$ . Let  $\Delta \in U_{i_0}$ . Let  $j > i_0$  s.t.

$$\sigma_j^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{\Delta}) = \Delta. \text{ Then } \sigma_\ell^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{\Delta}) = \Delta$$

for all  $\ell \geq j$ .  $\bar{\Delta}$  is strongly dense

in  $IB_{\lambda^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}$ . Hence there is  $\bar{c} \in (G^{\beta_i})^+$

s.t.  $\bar{c} \in \bar{\Delta}$ . Let  $\bar{c} = x_k^{\beta_i}$ . Assume

w.l.o.g. that  $j > k$ . Let  $c = \sigma_j^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{c})$ .

Then  $c = \sigma_\ell^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{c})$  for all  $\ell \geq j$ .

Hence, since  $h_{\bar{\beta}^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}(\bar{c}) \in G_\ell^{\beta_i}$ ,

we have  $\sigma_\ell^{\beta_i, \beta}(h_{\bar{\beta}^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}(\bar{c})) = h_{\bar{\beta}_\ell^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}(c) \in$

$G_\ell^{\beta_i}$ . Hence  $c = \bigcap_{\ell \geq j} h_{\bar{\beta}_\ell^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}(c) \in$

$(G^\beta)^+$ . But  $c = \sigma_j^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{c}) \in$

$\sigma_j^{\beta_i, \beta}(\bar{\Delta}) = \Delta$ . QED (b).

We now prove (c).

Let  $i \leq \beta_n$  and let  $i_0 < \omega$  s.t.

$$\sigma_\ell^{i, \beta_n}(x) = \sigma_{j_0}^{i, \beta_0}(x) \text{ for } \ell \geq j_0$$

$\{\sigma_i^i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  exists because  $\sigma_\ell^{i+1, \beta_n} = \mu_\ell^{i+1, \beta_n}$  and  $\mu(h)$  is a good matrix for  $N^{\beta_n + 1}$ . Let  $\sigma_{j_0}^{i+1, \beta_n}(x) = x_k^{\beta_n}$ , let  $j_1 > j_0, k$ .

For  $\ell \geq j_1$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_\ell^{i+1, \beta_n}(x) &= \sigma_\ell^{\beta_n}(\sigma_\ell^{i, \beta_n}(x)) = \\ &= \sigma_{j_1}^{\beta_n}(\sigma_{j_1}^{i, \beta_n}(x)) = \sigma_{j_1}^{i+1, \beta_n}(x).\end{aligned}\text{QED (c)}$$

(d) holds for  $\lambda < \beta$ , since  $\mu^{i+1}$  is a good matrix, where  $\beta_i > \lambda$ . (d) holds at  $\beta$  by II(d).

(e) holds at  $h < \beta$  because  $\mu^{i+1}$  is a good matrix, where  $h < \beta_i$ . (e) holds at  $\beta$  by II(f).

We prove (f). We can assume w.l.o.g that:  $\langle \sigma_i^i \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N$ .

This follows by the fact that:

$$S = \{(b, i, y, x) \mid i < \omega \wedge b \in IB_{\beta_i} \wedge b \text{ if } \sigma^i(x) = y\} \subseteq$$

$\in N$ .

To see this, note that  $S \subseteq IB_\lambda \times C$ , where  $C = C_\delta^N(\text{rng } \bar{\kappa})$ , when

$\delta = \sup_i \delta(IB_{\beta_i})$ . But, just as in the proof of Case 1, 1, 2,

we have  $C \in N$ ,  $\bar{C} < \theta$  in  $N$ . Thus, setting  $\bar{S} = f^{-1}''S$ , where  $f \in N$  maps a  $\delta < \theta$  onto  $B_\lambda \times C$ , we have

$$\bar{S} \subset P(\delta) \subset H_\theta \subset N \text{ + hence } S = f''\bar{S} \in N.)$$

But then  $\langle \sigma_i | i < \omega \rangle = \langle \sigma'_i | i < \omega \rangle \in$   
 $\in N[G]$ .

For  $i < \beta$ ,  $\langle \sigma_c^{h(i)+1} | h \leq i, i < \omega \rangle \in N^{i+1}$   
 because  $\mu(k)$  is a good matrix,  
 taking  $i \leq \beta_k$ . QED (Claim)

It remains only to note:

- $\sigma_i$  coincides with  $\pi$  on  $u$  by (d), since  
 $\sigma_0 = \pi$  and  $u \subset u_0$
- $e \in (G^\circ)^+$  by IV (d)

This completes the proof of (\*).

All that remains is to define  $a_i, \sigma'_i, u_i$ ,  
 b'' and  $\mu''(i)$  and verify I - IV.  
 We proceed by induction on  $i$ :

Case 1  $i=0$ . Set  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \check{\pi}$ . By the induction hypothesis there are  $b$ ,  $\langle \mu_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  satisfying  $(*)$  at  $\tilde{\beta}_0$ . But, just as in the proof of Case 1.1.2, this fact is explicable over  $N$  in parameters from  $\text{rng } \pi^{B_1}$ . Since  $\pi^{B_1} : N^{B_1} \prec N$ , the corresponding statements hold in  $N^{B_1}$ . This gives us  $b^0 \in (IB_{\leq \tilde{\beta}_0})^+$ ,  $\mu(0) = \langle \mu(i) \mid i < \omega \rangle \in N^{B_1}$  satisfying  $(*)$  for  $N^{B_1}$  wrt  $\langle \pi^{hB_1} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_0 \rangle$ .

Set:  $\dot{b}^0 = b^0$ ,  $\dot{\mu}(0) = \mu(0)$ .

The verifications are straightforward.

Case 2  $i = k+1$ . We find construct  $a_i, \sigma_i$ .

By Lemma 2, there are  $a, \sigma$  s.t.  $a \in IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}$  and  $a_k = h_{\tilde{\beta}_i}^k(a)$ ,  $\sigma \in V^{IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}}$  s.t whenever  $G \ni a$  is  $IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}$ -generic, then  $\sigma = \dot{\sigma}^G$  is a  $\langle (\theta, B, \lambda), IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}, G \rangle$ -revision of  $\pi \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  coinciding with  $\dot{\sigma}_k^{G_{k+1}} \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  on  $u_k = u_k^{G_k}$ , and s.t.  $b_i^k \in G^{B_i}$ . (Here  $b_i^k = \dot{b}^{G_k}$ , where  $a_k \Vdash \dot{b} = h_{IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}}^{B_i}(b^k)$ . Thus

$b_{\tilde{\beta}_k}^{B_i}(b_i^k) = b_k^k = 1$ .) Set:  $a_i = a$ ,

Since  $b_i^k \in G^{\beta_i}$  and  $G_k^{\beta_i} \subset G^{\beta_i}$ , we can form  $\mu(k)_i = (\mu(k)_i)_{\beta_i}^{G^{\beta_i}}$ , where  $\mu(k) = \mu(k)^{G_k}$ . Set:

$$\sigma_i^h = \begin{cases} \sigma^h & \text{if } \beta_i \leq h \leq \beta \\ \sigma^{\beta_i} \cdot \mu(k)_i^h & \text{if } h < \beta_i \end{cases}$$

Let  $\sigma_i^*$  be the  $\sigma_i^* \in V^{IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}}$  s.t.  $\sigma_i = \sigma_i^*|_G$  satisfies the above definition for all  $IB_{\tilde{\beta}_i}$ -generic  $G \ni a$ . We can assume w.l.o.g. that  $\sigma_i^* \in N$ , since, arguing as in Case 1.1.2, we have  $S \in N$ , where:

$$S = \{(b, h, y, x) \mid h \leq \beta \wedge b \Vdash \sigma_i^*(x) = y\}_{\tilde{\beta}_i}.$$

Noting that  $\mu(k)_i \restriction [\beta_\ell, \tilde{\beta}_k]$  coincides with  $\mu(k)_\ell \restriction [\beta_\ell, \tilde{\beta}_k] = \langle \sigma_\ell^h, \beta_i \mid \beta_\ell \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_k \rangle$  on  $(\sigma_\ell^{\beta_i})^{-1} u_\ell$  for  $\ell \leq k$ , we get:

$\sigma_i \restriction [\beta_\ell, \tilde{\beta}_k]$  coincides with  $\sigma_\ell \restriction [\beta_\ell, \tilde{\beta}_k]$  on  $u_\ell$  for  $\ell \leq k$ .

Finally set:

$$U = U^G = U_k \cup \{x_i^\beta, w_i\} \cup \{\sigma_i^{\beta_h}(x_i^{\beta_h}) \mid h < \beta\}.$$

The verification of I, II is straight-forward.

We now construct  $b, \mu_i(i)$ . Let  $G \in B_{\beta_i}$ ,  
be as above. Work in  $V[G]$ . Set:

$$N^* = N^G = L_{\omega}^{A, G} \quad (\text{where } N = L_{\omega}^A)$$

$$N^{*h} = N^{h, G^h} = L_{\omega^h}^{A^h, G^h} \quad (\text{where } N^h = L_{\omega^h}^{A^h}).$$

Let  $\sigma^*$  be the canonical completion of  
 $\sigma_i$ . Then  $\sigma^*$  is a tower in  $V[G]$  with  
 $\sigma^{*h}: N^{*h} \prec N^*$ ,  $\sigma^{*h}(\theta^h, B^h, \lambda^h, G^h) = \theta, B, \lambda, G$ .

$$\text{Set } IB^* = IB/G = \langle IB_\ell/G \mid \ell \geq i \rangle. \text{ Then}$$

$$\sigma^*(IB^{*h}) = IB^* \text{ where } IB^{*h} = IB^h/G^h.$$

In  $V[G]$  the principle  $(*)$  holds for  $\nu < \beta$ .

In particular it holds at  $\tilde{\beta}_i = \beta_{i+n}^{-1}$ .

Hence there are  $b, \mu \in N^*$  s.t.  $b \in (IB_{<\lambda}^*)^+$ ,  
 $\mu = \langle \mu_\ell \mid \ell \leq \ell < \omega \rangle$  with  $\mu_\ell \in N_{\beta_\ell}^{IB_\ell^*}$ ,  
s.t whenever  $H^* \in IB_{<\lambda}^*$  generic

s.t whenever  $H^* \in (H^*)^+$ , then  $\mu =$   
over  $N^*$  s.t.  $b \in (H^*)^+$ , then  $\mu =$   
 $\langle \mu_\ell^{H^*} \mid \ell \leq \ell < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix

for  $N^*$  w.r.t. the tower  $\sigma^* \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$

s.t.  $\mu_\ell$  coincides with  $\sigma^* \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  on  $u_\ell$

and  $b^{*k} \in (H^{\beta_i})^+$ , where  $b^{*k} = b^k/G$ ,

Moreover  $\mu_i = \sigma^*$ .

Just as in Case 1.1.2, this statement is expressible in  $N^*$  in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\sigma^* \beta_{i+1})$ . Since  $\sigma^* \beta_{i+1}; N^* \beta_{i+1} \subset N^*$ , the corresponding statement holds in  $N^* \beta_{i+1}$ . This gives us:

$$b^*, \mu^* \in N^* \beta_{i+1} \text{ s.t. } b^* \in (\mathbb{B}_{< \lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}}^{*\beta_{i+1}})^+,$$

$$\mu_l^* = \langle \mu_l^* | i \leq l < \omega \rangle \text{ wrt }$$

$$\mu_l^* \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}}) \mathbb{B}_{\ell}^{*\beta_{i+1}} \text{ s.t. whenever }$$

$H^*$  is  $\mathbb{B}_{< \lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}}^{*\beta_{i+1}}$  - generic and  $b^* \in (H^*)^+$ ,

then  $\mu^* = \langle (\mu_l^*)^{H_\ell^*} | i \leq l < \omega \rangle$  is a

good matrix wrt.  $\sigma^*(i) = \eta_i$

$$= \eta_i \langle \sigma^* h, \beta_{i+1} | i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle \text{ for the}$$

model  $N^* \beta_{i+1}$ . Moreover,  $\mu_l^*$

coincides with  $\sigma^*(i)$  on  $\mu_i$  for  $i \leq l < \omega$ , and  $b^k / G^{\beta_i} \in H^* \beta_i$ .

Moreover  $\mu_i^* = \sigma^*(i)$ ,

Since  $b^* \in N^{B_{i+1}} [G^{B_{i+1}}]$

$b \in (N^{B_{i+1}})^{IB_i^{B_{i+1}}} \text{ and } b^* = b^{G^{B_{i+1}}}$ .

We can assume w.l.o.g. that

$\vdash b \in (\dot{B}'/\dot{G}) \setminus \{\dot{e}_0\},$

where  $\dot{B}' = (IB_{<\lambda^{B_{i+1}}}^{B_{i+1}})^+$  and  $\dot{e}$  is the canonical generic name. But then there is a

unique  $b' \in IB^{B_{i+1}}$  s.t.

$\vdash b' \in \dot{B}'/\dot{G} = b$ . Thus we have:

$\vdash h_{IB_{<\lambda^{B_{i+1}}}^{B_{i+1}}} (b') = [\vdash b'/G \neq 0] = 1.$

Clearly  $b'/G = b^*$ .

Now let  $H \supset G^{B_{i+1}}$  be  $IB_{<\lambda^{B_{i+1}}}^{B_{i+1}}$  - generic

s.t.  $b' \in (H)^+$ . Set:

$$H^* = H/G^{B_{i+1}} = \{ b/G^{B_{i+1}} \mid b \in H \}$$

Then  $b^* \in (H^*)^+$  and  $H^*$  is  $IB_{<\lambda^{B_{i+1}}}^{B_{i+1}}$  -

- generic over  $N^{*B_{i+1}}$ . Letting

$\mu^* = \mu^{*H^*}$ , as above, we

define  $\langle \mu_l \mid l \leq l < \omega \rangle$ , by:

$$\mu_\ell^h = \mu_\ell^{*\,h} \upharpoonright N^h \text{ for } \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i.$$

Then  $\bar{\mu} = \langle \mu_\ell \mid i \leq \ell < \omega \rangle \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}[H]$ ,

$$\mu_\ell^h \in N^h \subset N^{\beta_{i+1}}, \text{ and}$$

(1)  $\mu_\ell$  is a  $\langle \theta^{\beta_{i+1}}, \text{IB}^{\beta_{i+1}}, \lambda^{\beta_{i+1}} \rangle, \widehat{\text{IB}}_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}, H_\ell -$   
- revision of  $\sigma(i) = \text{rg } \mu_\ell^{h, \beta_{i+1}} \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ .

The proof of this is straightforward,  
noting that  $\mu_\ell$  is coherent with  $\sigma(i)$  wrt.  
 $\widehat{\text{IB}}_i^{\beta_{i+1}}$  since  $\mu_\ell^{*\,h}(G^h) = \sigma^{*\,h}(\text{IB}_{i+1}^h(G^h)) \subseteq$   
 $= G^{\beta_{i+1}} = H \cap \widehat{\text{IB}}^{\beta_{i+1}}$ . We also

need:

$$C_{\delta}^{N^{h+1}}(\text{rg } \mu_\ell^{h, \beta_{i+1}}) = C_{\delta}^{N^{h+1}}(\text{rg } \tau_i^{h, h+1})$$

for  $\delta = \delta(\widehat{\text{IB}}_\ell^{h+1})$ ,  $\beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$  (where  
 $\mu^{h, \beta_{i+1}} = \text{rg } \mu^h$ ). This follows ex-  
actly like the corresponding step  
in the proof of Theorem 2.

We also have:

(2)  $\mu_\ell$  coincides with  $\sigma(i)$  on  $\bar{\mu} =$   
 $= (\sigma^{\tilde{\beta}_i}, \beta)^{-1} " u_i$ .

(3)  $b^k \in (H^{\beta_i})^+$ , since  $b_\ell^k / G^{\beta_i} \in H_\ell^{*\,\beta_i}$   
for  $i \leq \ell < \omega$ .

(4)  $\mu_l$  coheres with  $\mu_j$  wrt.  $\widehat{IB}_l^{\beta_{i+1}}$  for  $j \leq l$ .

Proof.

This follows by the coherence of  $\mu_l^*$  wrt  $\mu_j^*$   
and the fact that:

$$b \in H_l^h \Leftrightarrow b/G_l^h \in H_l^{*\,h} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mu_l^{*\,h}(b/G_l^h) = \mu_l^h(b)/G_l^{\beta_{i+1}}$$

$$\text{for } \beta_i \leq h \leq \bar{\beta}_i, \quad i \leq l < \omega.$$

But it is then easily seen that:

(5)  $\langle \mu_l \mid i \leq l < \omega \rangle$  is a good matrix for

$$\langle \pi^{h, \beta_{i+1}} \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \bar{\beta}_i \rangle \text{ wrt. } H$$

But we have:

(6) There is  $\langle j_l^i \mid i \leq l < \omega \rangle \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}$  s.t.

$j_l^i \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{\widehat{IB}_l^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  and whenever

$H \supset G^{\beta_{i+1}}$  is  $\widehat{IB}_l^{\beta_{i+1}}$ -generic over  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$

with  $b' \in H^+$ , then  $j_l^i \upharpoonright H = \mu_l^i$ , where

$\mu_l$  satisfies the above definition.

Proof.

Since  $\mu^* = \langle \mu_l^* \mid i \leq l < \omega \rangle \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}[G^{\beta_{i+1}}]$

there is  $\tilde{\mu} \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}$  s.t.  $\tilde{\mu} = \langle \tilde{j}_l^i \mid i \leq l < \omega \rangle$

and  $\tilde{j}_l^i \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{\widehat{IB}_l^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  with:

$\Vdash_{IB_i^{\beta_{i+1}}}(\check{\mu}_l \in V^{IB_l^{\beta_i}} / \dot{G})$ ,  $\dot{G}$  being the canonical generic name and  $\check{\mu}_l^{H^*} = \mu_l^*$  for  $i \leq l < \omega$ .

But then there is  $\check{\mu}_l \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{IB_l^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  s.t.

$\Vdash_{IB_i^{\beta_{i+1}}}(\dot{H}(\check{\mu}_l^{\dot{G}}) \dot{H}/\dot{G}$  is a function defined on  $[\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$ , then so is  $\check{\mu}_l$  and

$\check{\mu}_l^* = (\check{\mu}_l^{\dot{G}}) \dot{H}/\dot{G}(h) \Vdash \check{N}(h)$  for  
 $h \in [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$

where  $\check{N} = \langle N^h \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ ,  $\dot{H}$  is the canonical  $IB^{\beta_{i+1}}$ -generic name, and

$\Vdash_{IB_i^{\beta_{i+1}}} \dot{G} = \dot{H} \cap IB_i^{\beta_{i+1}}$ . Clearly  $\check{\mu}_l$  has the derived property and  $\check{\mu} = \langle \check{\mu}_l \mid l \leq \omega \rangle \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}$ . QED (6)

Since  $b^k \in (H^{\beta_i})^+$ , the sequence

$\mu(k) = \langle \mu(k)_l \mid l < \omega \rangle$  is given, where

$\mu(k)_l = (\check{\mu}(k)_l)^{H^{\beta_i}}$  and

$\check{\mu}(k) = \langle \check{\mu}(k)_l \mid l < \omega \rangle = \check{e}^k(k)^{G_k}$ .

(Recall that  $b^k = (b^k)^{G_k}$ .)

Define  $\mu^{(i)} = \langle \mu^{(i)}_\ell \mid \ell < \omega \rangle$  by:

$\mu^{(i)}_\ell = \langle \sigma^{h, \beta_{i+1}} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  for  $\ell \leq i$ ;

$$\mu^{(i)}_\ell^h = \begin{cases} \mu_\ell^h & \text{if } \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \\ \sigma_{\ell}^{h, \beta_i} \circ \mu^{(i)}_\ell^h & \text{if } h < \beta_i \end{cases}$$

It is straightforward to see that

(7)  $\mu^{(i)} = \langle \mu^{(i)}_\ell \mid \ell < \omega \rangle$  satisfies

□ (a) – (e).

But, imitating the proof of (6) we easily have:

(8) There is  $\mu^{(i)} = \langle \mu^{(i)}_\ell \mid \ell < \omega \rangle \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}$

s.t.,  $\mu^{(i)}_\ell \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{\widehat{B}_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  for  $\beta_i \leq \ell \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$

and whenever  $H \supset G^{\beta_{i+1}}$  is  $B_{\ell}^{\beta_{i+1}} < \lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}$

– generic s.t.  $b' \in H^+$ , then

$\mu^{(i)}_\ell^{H^+} = \mu^{(i)}_\ell$  satisfying the

above definition.

For  $\ell \leq i$ , we know that  $\langle \sigma_\ell^{h, \beta_{i+1}} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle \in$

$\in N^{\beta_{i+1}}[G_\ell]$ ; hence there must

be  $t_\ell \in (N^{\beta_{i+1}})^{\widehat{B}_\ell^{\beta_{i+1}}}$  s.t.

$t_\ell^{G_\ell} = \langle \sigma_\ell^{h, \beta_{i+1}} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ . Set:

Def  $\mu^{(i)}_\ell = t_\ell$  for  $\ell \leq i$ .

Then:

(9)  $b'$ ,  $\dot{u}(i)$  satisfy  $\text{III}$  (a)-(c)

By (7):

(10)  $b'$ ,  $\dot{u}(i)$  satisfy  $\text{IV}$

But  $b'$ ,  $\dot{u}(i)$  with these properties exist  
for every  $G \ni a$  which is  $\text{IB}_{\mathcal{S}_i}$ -generic.

This gives us  $b', \dot{u}(i) \in N^{\text{IB}_{\mathcal{S}_i}}$   
satisfying  $\text{III-IV}$ .

This completes the construction.

QED (Case 1.1).

Case 1.2  $c_f(\lambda) = \omega$ ,

By induction on  $\beta \leq \alpha$  we prove:

(\*) Let  $\pi$  be a  $\beta$ -tower for  $N$  s.t.  $\pi^c : N^c \prec N$  and  $\pi^c(\theta^c, IB^c, \lambda^c) = \theta, IB, \lambda$  for  $c \leq \beta$ .

Let  $e \in (IB_{<\lambda^0})^+$ . Let  $u \subset N^\beta$  be finite.

Set:  $\lambda_\beta = \sup \pi''\lambda^\beta$ . Then there is  $b \in IB_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$  s.t. whenever  $G$  is  $IB_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$ -generic with  $b \in G^+$ , then there is  $\sigma \in V[G]$  s.t.  $\sigma$  is a  $\langle \theta, IB, \lambda \rangle, IB_{<\lambda}, G$ -revision of  $\pi$  coinciding with  $\pi$  on  $u$  and s.t.  $e \in (G^0)^+$ .

Our actual induction hypothesis will be the stronger statement:

(\*\*) Let  $v < \lambda$  and let  $G$  be  $IB_v$ -generic. Then (\*) holds in  $V[G]$  with  $N^G, IB/G$  in place of  $N, IB$ , where  $N^G = L_\tau^{A, G}$  (with  $N = L_\tau^A$ ).

At each step of the iteration it will suffice to display the proof of (\*), since we can repeat the same proof in  $V[G]$ .

Case 1.2.1  $\beta = 0$ . This is immediate by  
§1 Lemma 3.1.

Case 1.2.2  $\beta = \gamma + 1$ .

Then  $(*)$  holds at  $\gamma$ . This say that,  
given finite  $u \in N^\gamma$  and  $e \in (IB_{\leq \lambda^0}^\circ)^+$ ,  
there are  $b \in IB_{\leq \lambda_\gamma}^+$  and  $\sigma \in V^{IB_{\lambda_\gamma}}$  s.t.,  
whenever  $G$  is  $IB_{\leq \lambda_\gamma}^+$ -generic and  
 $b \in G^+$ , then  $\sigma = \dot{\sigma}^G$  has the properties  
listed in  $(*)$ . Arguing as in Case 1.1.1,  
we can assume:  $\dot{\sigma} \in N$ . But then,  
arguing as in Case 1.1.2, we see  
that this statement is uniformly  
expressible over  $N$  in parameters  
from  $\text{rng}(\pi^\beta)$ . Since  $\pi^\beta : N^\beta \prec N$ ,  
the corresponding statement holds  
in  $N^\beta$ . Hence there are  $\bar{b} \in IB_{\leq \lambda_\gamma^\beta}^\beta$  and  
 $\bar{\sigma} \in V^{IB_{\lambda_\gamma^\beta}^\beta}$  s.t. whenever  $\bar{G}$  is  
 $(IB_{\leq \lambda_\gamma^\beta}^\beta)^+$ -generic over  $N^\beta$  and  $\bar{b} \in \bar{G}^+$ ,  
then, letting  $\bar{\sigma} = \dot{\sigma}^{\bar{G}}$ , we have:

$\bar{\sigma}$  is a  $\langle \theta^\beta, IB^\beta, \lambda^\beta \rangle$ ,  $IB_{<\lambda_\beta^\beta}, \bar{G}$  - revision

of  $\bar{\pi} = \langle \pi^{h\beta} \mid h \leq \gamma \rangle$  w.t.  $N^\beta$  which  
coheres with  $\bar{\pi}$  on  $\bar{u} = (\pi^{\gamma\beta})^{-1} u$   
and is n.t.  $e \in (\bar{G}^\circ)^+$ .

But by Case 1.2.1 There is  $b \in IB_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$  n.t.  
whenever  $G$  is  $IB_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$  generic w/t  
 $b \in G^+$ , Then there is  $\sigma' \in V$

which is a  $\langle \theta, B, \lambda \rangle$ ,  $B_{<\lambda_\beta}, G$  - revision  
of  $\pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\}$  coinciding w/t  $\pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\}$   
on  $u$  and n.t.  $\bar{b} \in (G^\beta)^+$ . But then

$G^\beta$  is  $IB_{<\lambda^\beta}^\beta$  - generic and we can  
set:  $\bar{\sigma} = \dot{\sigma} \upharpoonright G$ , Set:

$$\sigma^i = \begin{cases} \sigma'^\beta & \text{if } i = \beta \\ \sigma'^\beta \bar{\sigma}^i & \text{if } i < \beta \end{cases}$$

$\sigma$  is easily seen to have the desired  
properties. QED (Case 1.2.2).

Case 1.2.3  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal.

As before, let  $\langle \beta_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be monotone and cofinal in  $\beta$  s.t.  $\beta_0 = 0$  and  $\beta_i$  is a successor ordinal for  $i > 0$ .

Set:  $\tilde{\beta}_i = \beta_{i+1}^{-1}$ .

Set:  $\lambda_h = \sup \pi^h \upharpoonright \lambda^h$  for  $h < \lambda$ .

Then  $\langle \lambda_h \mid h \leq \lambda \rangle$  is a normal fcn.

Set:  $\lambda_h^{i'} = \sup \pi^{hi'} \upharpoonright \lambda^h$  for  $h \leq i'$ .

Then  $\langle \lambda_h^{i'} \mid h \leq i' \rangle$  is normal with  $\lambda_i^{i'} = \lambda_i^i$ .

Fact Let  $\sigma$  be any  $\lambda$ -revision of ..

(a)  $\lambda_h = \sup \sigma^h \upharpoonright \lambda^h \quad (h \leq \beta)$

(b)  $\lambda_h^{i'} = \sup \sigma^{hi'} \upharpoonright \lambda^h \quad (h \leq i' \leq \beta)$

(c)  $\sigma^{i'}(\lambda_h^{i'}) = \lambda_h \quad \text{for } h < i' \leq \beta$ .

Proof.

Let  $f$  = the  $N$ -least normal function on  $\omega_1$  converging to  $\lambda$ . Then

$\pi^{i'}(f^{i'}) = \sigma^{i'}(f^{i'}) = f$ , where  $f^{i'}$

has the corresponding def. in  $N^{i'}$ .

Hence:

$$\lambda_n = f(\omega_1^{N^h}) = \sup \sigma^h \cap \lambda^h \quad (h < \beta)$$

$$\lambda_h^i = f^i(\omega_1^{N^h}) = \sup \sigma^{hi} \cap \lambda^h \quad (h < i \leq \beta),$$

$$\sigma^i(\lambda_h^i) = f(\omega_1^{N^h}) = \lambda_n \quad (h < i \leq \beta)$$

QED (Fact 1)

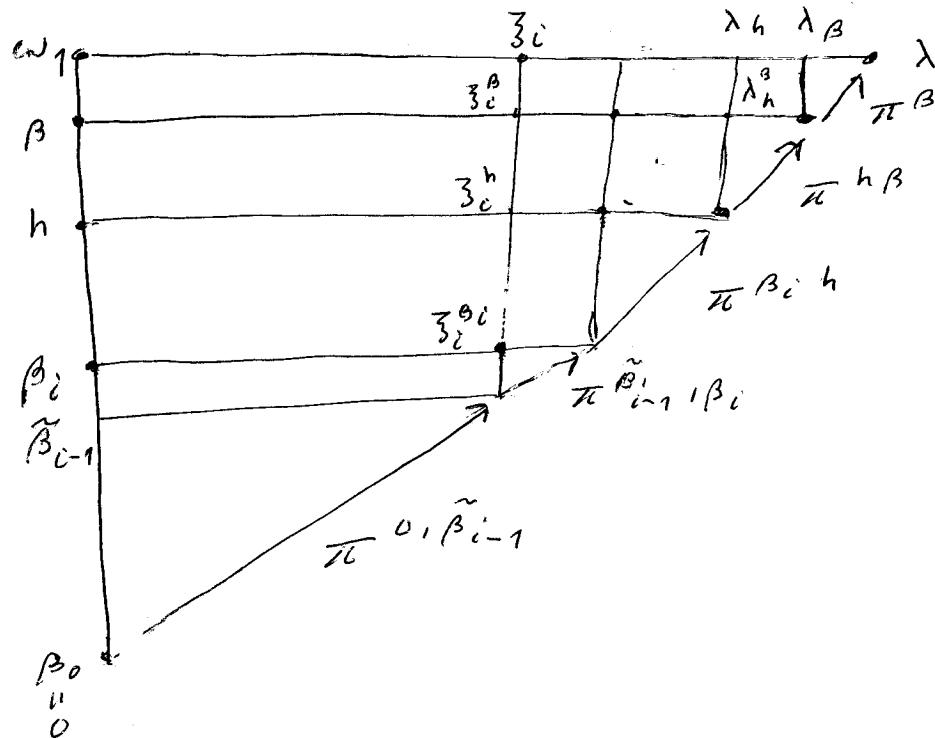
Now set:  $\bar{\gamma}_0 = 0$ ,  $\bar{\gamma}_i = \lambda_{\beta_{i-1}}^i$  for  $i > 0$

Then  $\langle \bar{\gamma}_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is monotone and

cofinal in  $\lambda_\beta$ . Set  $\bar{\gamma}_i^i = (\pi^i)^{-1}(\bar{\gamma}_i)$

for  $\beta_i \leq i < \beta$ . (Hence  $\bar{\gamma}_i^i = \lambda_{\beta_{i-1}}^i$  for  $i > 0$ .)

Then  $\sigma^i(\bar{\gamma}_i^i) = \bar{\gamma}_i$  for any  $\lambda$ -revision  $\sigma$  of  $\pi^i$ .



We define  $b_i^i, \sigma_i^i, u_i^i (i < \omega)$  s.t.

(I) (a)  $b_i^i \in \text{IB}_{\leq \bar{\beta}_i}^+$  for  $i > 0$ ;  $b_0 = 1$

(b)  $b_\ell = h_{\bar{\beta}_i}^i(b_i^i)$  for  $\ell \leq i$

(c)  $\sigma_i^i, u_i^i \in \pi^{\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}}$

(II) Let  $G$  be  $\text{IB}_{\leq \bar{\beta}_i}^+$ -generic w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P} \in G$ . Set:

$G_h = G \cap \text{IB}_{\leq \bar{\beta}_h}$ ,  $\sigma_h^i = \sigma_h^i|_{G_h}$  for  $h \leq i$ . Then:

(a)  $\sigma_i^i$  is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB}, \lambda \rangle$ -revision of  $\pi$ .

Moreover,  $\sigma_0 = \pi$ ,

(b)  $\sigma_i^i \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB}, \lambda \rangle$ ,  $\text{IB}_{\leq \bar{\beta}_i}, G$ -revision of  $\pi \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  which coheres with  $\sigma_h^i \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  w.r.t.  $\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_h}$  for  $h < i$ .

(c)  $u_i^i \in N^\beta$  is finite.

(d)  $\sigma_i^i$  coincides with  $\sigma_h^i$  on  $u_h$  for  $h \leq i$ .

(e)  $u \cup \bigcup_{h < i} (u_h \cup \{x_h^\beta, w_h\}) \subset u_i^i$ , where,

as before  $\langle x_\ell^\beta | \ell < \omega \rangle$  is the  $N^\beta$ -least enumeration of  $N^\beta$  and  $w_i^i =$

= the  $N^\beta$ -least  $w$  s.t.  $\bar{w} \leq \delta = \bigcup_{i < \omega} \delta(\text{IB}_{\bar{\beta}_i}^\beta)$

in  $N^\beta$  and  $\pi^\beta(x_i^\beta) \in \sigma_i^\beta(w)$ ,

(f)  $\sigma_i^{\ell, j} = \sigma_h^{\ell, j}$  for  $h \leq i$ ,  $\ell \leq j \leq \beta_h$

(g)  $G_h^\ell = G_i^\ell$  for  $h \leq i$ ,  $\ell < \beta_h$

where  $G_i^\ell = (\sigma_i^\ell)^{-1} G_h$ .

Note  $G_i^{\beta_i} \subset \mathbb{B}_{\beta_i}^{\beta_i} \subset \mathbb{B}_{\lambda^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}$ . Hence

$G_i^\ell \subset \mathbb{B}_{\lambda^\ell}^\ell$  for  $\ell \leq \beta_i$ , since

$$\sigma_i^{\ell, \beta_i}(\lambda^\ell) = \lambda^{\beta_i},$$

Set:  $\tilde{\sigma}_i = \langle \sigma_i^{\ell, \beta_i} \mid \ell \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ . (hence  $\sigma_0 = \emptyset$ )

(h)  $\tilde{\sigma}_i$  is a  $\langle \theta^{\beta_i}, \mathbb{B}^{\beta_i}, \lambda^{\beta_i} \rangle$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_{\lambda^{\beta_i}}^{\beta_i}, G$  -

revision of  $\bar{\pi}_i = \langle \pi^{\ell, \beta_i} \mid \ell \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$

wrt  $N^{\beta_i}$  n.t.  $e \in G^0$ .

(i)  $\tilde{\sigma}_i \upharpoonright [\beta_h, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  coheres with  $\langle \sigma_h^{\ell, \beta_i} \mid \beta_h \leq \ell \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$

$$\text{wrt } \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{\beta_h}^{\beta_i} = \mathbb{B}_{\beta_h}^{\beta_i}$$

Now let  $\langle v_i, z_i \rangle \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $\{(v, z) \mid v \in \beta, z \in N^v\}$  with infinitely many enumerations of each point.

(j) If  $v_i \leq \beta_i$ , Then  $\sigma_i^{v_i, \beta_i}(\pi_i) \in u_i$  for  $i > 0$ ,

We now prove (\*) from (I), (II). Set:

$b = \cap b_i$ . Then  $b \in B_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$ . Let  $G$  be

$B_{<\lambda_\beta}^+$ -generic s.t.  $b \in G^+$ . For

$h < \beta$  set:  $G^h = G_i^{h, \beta_i}$ , where  $h \leq i < \beta$ .

For  $h \leq i < \beta$  set  $\sigma^{hi} = h_i^{hi}$  where  $h \leq i < \beta$ .

These definitions are unique by

II (f), (g). But by II (h) we have:

$G^h$  is  $B_{<\lambda^h}^+$ -generic. Note that:

$\sigma^{hi} : N^h \prec N^i$ ,  $\sigma^{hi}(\lambda^h) = \lambda^i$ ,  $\sigma^{hi} G^h \subset G^i$

for  $h \leq i < \beta$ . Then

(1)  $\langle N^h | h < \beta \rangle$ ,  $\langle \sigma^{hi} | h \leq i < \beta \rangle$  has  
a direct limit of the form:

$$N^\beta, \langle \sigma^h | h < \beta \rangle,$$

proof.

Let  $M, \langle f^h | h < \beta \rangle$  be a direct limit.

We first define a  $k : N^\beta \prec M$  as  
follows:  $k(x) = f^h(\bar{x})$  where

$\bar{x} \in N^h$  and for sufficiently large  $i < \omega$

we have  $\sigma_i^{hi}(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}$  and  $\sigma^{hi}(\bar{x}) =$   
 $= \sigma_i^{hi}(\bar{x})$  for all  $i \in [h, \beta)$ .

The choice of  $\bar{x}_i$ ,  $i$  clearly doesn't matter. We now show that  $k$  is elementary. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in N^B$ . Let  $x_\ell = \sigma_i^{-h}(\bar{x}_\ell)$  s.t.  $\sigma_i^{-hi}(\bar{x}_\ell) = \sigma_i^{-hi}(\bar{x}_\ell')$  for all  $i \in [h, \beta]$  for suff. large  $i$ . Then  $N^B \models \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) \iff N^h \models \varphi(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_m) \iff \vdash \varphi(k(x_1), \dots, k(x_m))$ .

Finally, we show that  $k$  is onto  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $x = f^h(\bar{x})$ . Let  $\langle v_i, z_i \rangle = \langle h, \bar{x} \rangle$  for an  $i$  large enough that  $h < \beta_i$ . Then  $x' = \sigma_i^{-h}(\bar{x}) \in U_i$ . Hence for  $i \geq i_0$ , we have  $x' = \sigma_i^{-h}(\bar{x})$  and  $\sigma_i^{-hi}(\bar{x}) = \sigma_i^{-hi}(\bar{x})$  for all  $i \in [h, \beta]$ . Hence  $x = k(x')$ . QED (1)

Clearly,  $\sigma^{-hi}((G^h)^+) \subseteq (G')^+$ . Hence, letting  $G^B = \bigcup_{i=1}^h \sigma^{-hi} G^h$ , we have:

(2)  $G^\beta$  in  $(IB_{<\lambda^\beta}^\beta)^+$  - generic over  $N^\beta$ .

proof.

Let  $\Delta \in N^\beta$  be strongly dense in  $IB_{\lambda^\beta}^\beta$ . Let  $\sigma^h(\Delta^h) = \Delta$ , Then  $\Delta^h$  is strongly dense in  $IB_{\lambda^h}^h$ . Hence there is  $c \in (G^h)^+$  s.t.  $c \in \Delta^h$ . Hence  $\sigma^h(c) \in (G^\beta)^+ \cap \Delta$ . QED (2)

By the proof of (1) we note that:

(3) Let  $x \in N^\beta$  and  $\bar{x} \in N^h$  ( $h < \beta$ ) s.t. for sufficiently large  $i$  we have:

$$\sigma_i^h(\bar{x}) = x \text{ and } \sigma^{hi}(\bar{x}) = \sigma_i^{hi}(x)$$

for all  $i \in [h, \beta]$ . Then  $x = \sigma^h(\bar{x})$

proof.

$N^\beta = k^{-1} \circ \sigma$ ,  $\sigma^h = k^{-1} \circ f \circ h$  and  $k(x) = \tilde{\sigma}^h(\bar{x})$ ; where  $\sigma$ ,  $f$ ,  $k$  are as in the proof of (1). QED (3).

But then:

$$(4) G^\beta = \bigcup_{i<\omega} G_i^\beta.$$

proof.

By genericity it suffices to show  
( $\supset$ ). Let  $b \in G_i^\beta$  with  $i$  large enough.

that  $b \in U_i$ . Then, letting  $\sigma_i^h(\bar{b}) = b$ , we have  $\bar{b} \in G_i^h$  and  $b = \sigma^h(\bar{b}) \in G^h$ , by (3).  $\text{QED}(4)$

Now define  $\sigma' : N^B \prec N$  by:

$$\sigma'(x) = \sigma_i^B(x) \text{ if } \sigma_i^B(x) = \sigma_j^B(x) \text{ for } i \geq j,$$

The usual proof shows that

$$\sigma'' G^B \subset G, \quad C_\sigma^N(\text{range } \sigma') = C_\sigma^N(\text{range } \bar{\alpha}),$$

and  $\sigma' \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{U}} = \pi \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{U}}$ , where

$$\delta = \sup_{h < \lambda_B} \delta(B_h). \text{ Hence, setting:}$$

$$\sigma^h = \begin{cases} \sigma' & \text{if } h = \beta \\ \sigma' \sigma^h & \text{if } h < \beta, \end{cases}$$

we see that  $\sigma^h$  has the desired properties. This proves (4).

All that remains is to define

$b_i, \bar{\sigma}_i$  and verify (I), (II),

Simultaneously we define  $c_i, \bar{m}_i$  and the following holds:

(III) Let  $G$  be as in II. Set  $c^\ell = (\zeta^\ell)^G$ ,  
 $\mu(\ell) = \mu(\ell)^{G_\ell}$  for  $\ell \leq i$ . Then:

(a)  $c_i \in (\mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}})^+$  s.t.  $h \mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}} (c_i) = 1$

(b)  $\mu(i) \in (N^{B_{i+1}})^{\mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}}}$ .

(Note) It will again be convenient to use the notation:  $\hat{\mathbb{B}}_h^h = \mathbb{B}_{\beta_h}^{h}$ . Hence  $\mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}} = \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}}$ .

(IV) Let  $G, c^\ell, \mu(\ell)$  ( $\ell \leq i$ ) be as in III.

Let  $H$  be  $(\mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}})^+$  generic over  $N^{B_{i+1}}$  s.t.

$G_i^{B_{i+1}} \subset H$  and  $c_i \in H^+$ .

Set:  $\mu(i) = \mu(i)|^H$ . Then:

(a)  $\mu(i)$  is a  $\langle \theta^{B_{i+1}}, \mathbb{B}^{B_{i+1}}, \lambda^{B_{i+1}} \rangle$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_{\beta_{i+1}}^{B_{i+1}}, H$ -revision of  $\langle \pi^h, \beta_{i+1} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ .

→ revision of  $\langle \sigma_i^h, \beta_{i+1} \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ .

(b)  $\mu(i) \restriction [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  coheres with

$\langle \sigma_i^h, \beta_{i+1} \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  wrt  $\hat{\mathbb{B}}_i^{B_{i+1}}$

(c)  $\mu(i)$  coincides with  $\langle \sigma_i^h, \beta_{i+1} \mid h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$

on  $(\sigma_i^{\tilde{\beta}_i})^{-1} "u_i"$

Set:  $H^i = (\mu(i)^i)^{-1} "H"$  for  $i \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ .

(d)  $\varrho \in H^0$  if  $i = 0$

(e) Let  $i = k+1$ . Then  $c^k \in (G^{\beta_i})^+$

and  $\mu(k)^i = \mu(i)^{i^{\beta_i}}$  for  $i \leq \tilde{\beta}_{k+1}$

where  $\mu(k) = \mu(i)^{G^{\beta_i}}$ ,  $\mu(i) = \mu(k)^{G_k}$

(Note that  $G^{\beta_i} \subset H^{\beta_i}$ )

We construct  $\mu(i)$  preparatory to constructing  $\sigma_{i+1}$  with:

$\sigma_{i+1}^{i+1, \beta_{i+1}} = \mu(i)^i$  for  $i \leq \tilde{\beta}_{i+1}$ ,

where  $\mu(i) = \mu(i)^{G_{i+1}^{\beta_{i+1}}}$ .

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We construct  $b_i, \sigma_i, \bar{u}_i, \dot{u}_i, \ddot{u}_i$  and verify (I) - (IV) by induction on  $i$ .

Case 1  $i = 0$ .  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \bar{\pi}$ ,  $u_0 = \bar{u}$ .

We construct  $\dot{c}_0, \ddot{u}(0)$  as follows.

Since (\*) holds at  $\tilde{\beta}_0$ , there are

$c, \mu$  s.t.  $c \in B_{\tilde{\beta}_1}, \mu \in V^{B_{\tilde{\beta}_1}}$  and

whenever  $G \ni c$  is  $B_{\tilde{\beta}_1}$ -generic, then

$\dot{u} = \mu^G$  is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB}, \lambda \rangle, B_{\tilde{\beta}_1}, G$ -

revision of  $\bar{\pi}$  coinciding with

$\bar{\pi}$  on  $u$  and s.t.  $\varrho \in G^0$ . By the

$u_0$

usual argument this fact is expressible in  $N$  uniformly in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\pi^{\beta_1})$ . Hence the corresponding fact holds in  $N^{\beta_1}$ , giving

$$c_0, \mu_0 \text{ s.t. } c_0 \in \widehat{IB}_1^{\beta_1}, \mu_0 \in (N^{\beta_1})^{\widehat{IB}_1^{\beta_1}}$$

and whenever  $H \ni c_0$  is  $\widehat{IB}_1^{\beta_1}$ -generic

over  $N^{\beta_1}$ , then  $\mu_0 = \dot{\mu}_0^H$  is a revision of  $\langle \theta^{\beta_1}, IB^{\beta_1}, \lambda^{\beta_1} \rangle$ ,  $\widehat{IB}_1^{\beta_1}, H$  - revision of  $\bar{\pi} = \langle \pi^{\ell\beta_1} | \ell \leq \tilde{\beta}_0 \rangle$  coinciding with  $\bar{\pi}$  on  $\bar{u} = (\sigma^{\beta_1})^{-1} u$ ,

and s.t.  $e \in H^0$ . We set:

$$\dot{c}_0 = \dot{c}_0 ; \dot{\mu}(0) = \dot{\mu}_0 .$$

The verifications are straightforward.

Case 2  $i = k+1$ .

Then  $c_k, \dot{\mu}(k)$  are given.

By Lemma 2 there are  $b_i, \dot{\sigma}'$  s.t.

$b_i \in IB_{\beta_i}$ ,  $\dot{\sigma}' \in V^{IB_{\beta_i}}$  and whenever

$b_i \in IB_{\beta_i}$  is  $IB_{\beta_i}$ -generic, then  $\dot{\sigma}'$  is

a  $\langle \theta, IB, \lambda \rangle$ ,  $IB_{\beta_i}, G$  - revision of

$\pi \upharpoonright [\beta_k, \beta]$  coinciding with

$\sigma_k \upharpoonright [\beta_k, \beta]$  on  $u_k = \dot{u}_k^G$  and s.t.

$\zeta_k = \dot{\zeta}_k^G \in G^{\beta_k}$ , Moreover,  $\sigma'$  where  
with  $\sigma_k \upharpoonright [\beta_k, \beta]$  wrt.  $B_{\beta_k}$ .

We then set:

$$\sigma_i^j = \begin{cases} \sigma' & \text{if } \beta_k \leq i \leq \beta \\ \sigma''^{\beta_k} \circ \mu(k) & \text{if } i < \beta_k \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu(k) = \dot{\mu}(k)^G$ ;  $\dot{\mu}(k) = \ddot{\mu}(k)^G$ .

(Note we employ the convention that

$V^{B_{\beta_k}} \subseteq V^{B_{\beta_i}}$ ; hence if  $t \in V^{B_{\beta_k}}$ ,  
then  $t \in V^{B_{\beta_i}}$  and  $t^G = t^{G \cap B_{\beta_k}}$ .)

It is easily seen that there is a

term  $\sigma_i^i \in V^{B_{\beta_i}}$  s.t.  $\sigma_i = \sigma_i^i$  in

forced by  $b_i$  to have the above

definition. Finally we set;

$u_i = u_k \cup \{x_k^\beta, w_k\} \cup \{z\}$ , where

$u_k = \dot{u}_k^G$  and

$$z = \begin{cases} \sigma_i^{x_i}(z_i) & \text{if } x_i < \beta_i \\ \emptyset & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

There is obviously a  $\ddot{u}_i \in V^{B_{\beta_i}}$

s.t.  $u_i = \tilde{u}_i^G$  satisfies this definition for  $G \ni b_i$ . This gives us  $b_i, \tilde{\sigma}_i, u_i$ .

The verification of (I), (II) is

straightforward, as  $i \in k \in (G^{B_i})^+$ .

We now define  $\tilde{\epsilon}_i, \tilde{\mu}(i)$ .

Let  $G$  be as above. Work in  $V[G]$ . Let  $\sigma^*$  be the canonical extension of

$\sigma_i \upharpoonright [\beta_i, \beta]$  defined by:

$$\sigma^{*i} : N^i[G^i] \prec N[G], \quad \sigma^{*i}(G^i) = G,$$

Set  $N^* = N^G = L_C^{A, G}$ , where  $N = L_T^A$ .

Let  $\sigma^{*i} : N^* \prec N^*$  (hence  $N^* = L_{T^i}^{A^i, G^i}$ ).

Then (\*) holds at  $\tilde{\beta}_i$  in  $V[G]$

w.r.t. the tower  $\sigma^*$  (in place of  $\pi$ ).

This fact is expressible, as usual, in  $N^*$  in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\sigma^{*\beta_{i+1}})$ .

Hence the corresponding fact holds

in  $N^{*\beta_{i+1}}$ , and we have:

Set:  $\bar{N} = N^{\beta_{i+1}}$ ,  $\bar{N}^* = N^{*\beta_{i+1}}$ ,  $\bar{B} = B^{\beta_{i+1}}$ ,

$\bar{B}^* = \bar{B}/\bar{G} = B^{*\beta_{i+1}}$ , where  $\bar{G} = G^{\beta_{i+1}}$ ,

We also set:  $\bar{\theta} = \theta^{\beta_{i+1}}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda^{\beta_{i+1}}$ ,

$\bar{\Sigma}_e = \Sigma_e^{\beta_{i+1}}$ . Then there is  $\bar{c}^* \in (\bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}^*)^+$

and a name  $\bar{u}^* \in \bar{N}^* \cap \bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}^*$  s.t.,

whenever  $H^* \in (\bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}^*)^+$  generic,

and  $\bar{c} \in (H^*)^+$ , then

$\bar{u}^* = (\bar{u}^*)^{H^*}$  is a

$\langle \bar{\theta}, \bar{B}, \bar{\lambda} \rangle, \bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}}^*, H^*$  - realization

of  $\bar{\sigma}^* = \langle \sigma^* i, \beta_{i+1} | \beta_i \leq i \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  coinciding with  
 $\bar{\sigma}^*$  on  $\bar{u} = (\sigma^{\tilde{\beta}_i})^{-1} " u_i$ .

Since  $\bar{c}^* \in \bar{N}[\bar{G}]$ , there is  $\dot{c} \in \bar{N} \cap \bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}$

s.t.  $\bar{c}^* = \dot{c}\bar{G}$ . We can assume

w.l.o.g. that  $\Vdash_{\bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}} \dot{c} \in (\bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}^*)^+ \setminus \{\dot{0}\}$ ,

Let  $c \in \bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}$  s.t.  $\Vdash_{\bar{B}_{\bar{\Sigma}_{i+1}}} \dot{c}/\dot{G} = c$ ,

$\dot{G}$  being the canonical generic  
name.

It follows easily that  $c \in \bar{B}_{<\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}^+$  and  
 $h_{\bar{\beta}_i}(c) = [\bar{c} \neq 0] = 1$ .

Now suppose that  $H \supset G^{\beta_{i+1}}$  is

$\bar{B}_{<\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}^+$  - generic with  $c \in H^+$ .

Then  $H^* = H/\bar{G} = {}_{H^*}\{b/\bar{G} \mid b \in H\}$

satisfies the above assumption.

Letting  $\bar{\mu}^* = (\bar{\mu}^*)^{H^*}$ , set:

$\bar{\mu}^j = {}_{H^*}\bar{\mu}^* \upharpoonright N^j$  for  $j \in [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$ .

Imitating the corresponding step  
 in the proof of Thm 1 we get:

(1)  $\bar{\mu}$  is a  $\langle \bar{\theta}, \bar{B}, \bar{\lambda} \rangle$ ,  $\bar{B}_{<\bar{\lambda}}, H$  - revision  
 of  $\bar{\pi} = \langle \pi \upharpoonright \beta_{i+1} \mid \beta_i \leq j \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  cohering  
 with  $\bar{\sigma} = \langle \sigma \upharpoonright \beta_{i+1} \mid \beta_i \leq i \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$  wrt.  
 $\bar{B}_{\bar{\beta}_i}$  and coinciding with  $\bar{\sigma}$  on  $\bar{\mu}$ .

But then

(2) There is  $\bar{\mu} \in \bar{N}^{\bar{B}_{\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}}$ , s.t. whenever  
 $\bar{H} \supset \bar{G}$  is  $\bar{B}_{<\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}^+$  - generic with  $c \in \bar{H}^+$ , then  
 $\bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu}^{\bar{H}}$  is defined as above  
 from  $\bar{\mu}^* = \bar{\mu}^* \bar{H}/\bar{G}$ ,

proof of (2)

Since  $\bar{\mu}^* \in \bar{N}[\bar{G}]$  there is  $t \in \bar{N}\bar{B}_{\bar{S}_0}$  s.t  
 $t^{\bar{G}} = \bar{\mu}^*$ . But then there is  $\bar{\mu} \in \bar{N}\bar{B}_{\bar{S}_{0+1}}$   
s.t.

If  $t^{\bar{G}}$  (At  $t^{\bar{G}}$  is a function defined on

$[\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$ , then so is  $\bar{\mu}$  and for all  
 $j \in [\beta_i, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  we have:

$$\bar{\mu}(j) = (t^{\bar{G}})^H(j)$$

where  $H$  is the generic name and  
 $\bar{G}$  is an abbreviation for  $H \cap \bar{B}_{\bar{S}_i}$ .

QED (2)

Now define  $\mu$  with domain  $[0, \tilde{\beta}_i]$  by:

$$\mu^i = \begin{cases} \bar{\mu}^i & \text{if } \beta_i \leq i \\ \bar{\mu}^{B_i} \circ \mu(k)^i & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu(k) = \bar{\mu}(k)^{\bar{G}^{B_i}} = \bar{\mu}(k)^H^{B_i}$

and  $\bar{\mu}(k) = \bar{\mu}(k)^{G_k} = \bar{\mu}(k)^G$ .

Then IV(a)-(e) hold with  $\mu$   
in place of  $\mu(i)$ .

But it is easily seen that there is  
 $\mu \in \bar{N}^{\bar{B}_{\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}}$  s.t. whenever  $H \supseteq \bar{G}$  is  
 $\bar{B}_{\bar{\beta}_{i+1}}^+$  - generic and  $c \in H$ , then  
 $\mu^H = \mu$  is defined as above and  
hence satisfies IV(a), (e). This means  
that III, IV are satisfied with  
 $c, \mu$  in place of  $c_i, \mu_i$ . But  
for any  $\bar{B}_{\bar{\beta}_i}^+$  - generic  $G$  with  
 $b_i \in G^+$ , there is such a pair  
 $c, \mu$ . This gives us  $c_i, \mu_i$  satisfying III, IV.  
This completes the construction.

QED (Case 1)

Case 2 Case 1 fails.

Then  $\lambda$  is regular and  $\lambda > \delta_i = \delta(\text{IB}_i)$  for  $i < \lambda$ .

Clearly  $\lambda$  remains regular in  $V[G]$  whenever  $G$  is  $\text{IB}_i$ -generic and  $i < \lambda$ .  $\text{IB}_\lambda$  is the direct limit of  $\langle \text{IB}_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$ . Moreover, we took the direct limit at all  $\tau \in S$ , where  $S = \{\tau < \lambda \mid \text{cf}(\tau) = \omega_1 \text{ in } V\}$ . Since  $S$  is stationary in  $\lambda$ , it follows easily that  $\text{IB}_\lambda$  satisfies the  $\lambda$ -chain condition.

In some ways this case resembles Case 1.2. We again have  $\sup \pi^{(\alpha)}[\lambda] < \lambda$  for  $i \leq \beta$ . Our proof will, in fact, be a modification of that given in Case 1.2. An one important respect, however, our present situation is quite different: In Case 1.2 we defined  $\lambda_i = \sup \pi^{(\alpha)}[\lambda]$  and observed that  $\lambda_i = \sup \sigma^{(\alpha)}[\lambda]$  whenever  $\sigma$  is a  $\lambda$ -revision of  $\pi$ . This is no longer true, nor do we know that  $\sigma^{(i+1)}(\lambda_i^{(i+1)}) = \lambda^i$  for  $i < \beta$ . Hence we shall

abandon our earlier notation and instead define:

Def Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\beta$ -pretower with  $\sigma^i(\lambda^i) = \lambda$  for  $i \leq \beta$ .

$$\lambda_\beta = \lambda_\beta^\sigma = \sup \sigma^\beta \cap \lambda^\beta$$

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_i^\sigma = \sup \sigma^{i,i+1} \cap \lambda^i \text{ for } i < \beta,$$

Happily, we shall be able to work with revisions of  $\pi$  which are good in the following sense:

Def  $\sigma$  is a good revision of  $\pi$  iff  $\sigma$  is a  $\lambda$ -revision and  $\lambda_i^\sigma = \lambda_i^\pi$  for  $i \leq \beta$

We are able to work with good revisions because of the following:

Fact Let  $\sigma$  be as above. Then

$$(a) \lambda_\beta = \sup \lambda \cap C_\beta^N (\text{rng } \sigma^\beta) \text{ if } \nu \leq \lambda_\beta$$

$$(b) \lambda_i = \sup \lambda^{i,i+1} \cap C_\beta^N (\text{rng } \sigma^{i,i+1}) \text{ if } \nu \leq \lambda_i$$

proof. We prove (a).

( $\subset$ ) is trivial. We prove ( $\supset$ ). Let

$\bar{z} \in \lambda \cap C_\beta^N (\text{rng } \sigma^\beta)$ . Then  $\bar{z} = \sigma^\beta(f)(\bar{y})$

where  $\bar{y} \in \nu$  and  $f \in N^\beta$  is a map to  $\lambda^\beta$ .

But then  $\gamma < \sigma^\beta(\tau)$  for a  $\tau < \lambda^\beta$ .

Set  $\mu = \sup f''\tau$ . Then  $\mu < \lambda^\beta$  by regularity and  $\exists < \sigma^\beta(\tau) \in \sigma^{\beta+\alpha}\lambda^\beta$ .

QED (Fact)

It follows that, if  $\sigma'$  is a  $\langle \theta, B, \lambda \rangle, B_\gamma, G$  - revision of a good  $\tau$ , where  $\gamma < \lambda_\beta$  and  $\sigma'$  respects  $\sigma$  at  $\gamma$ , then  $\sigma'$  is also good. (Ultimately we shall construct a sequence  $\sigma_i$  where  $\sigma_0 = \bar{\pi}$ ,  $\sigma_{i+1}$  is a  $\langle \theta, B, \lambda \rangle, B_{\bar{s}_i}, G_i$  revision of  $\sigma_i$ , where  $\sigma_{i+1}$  respects  $\sigma_i$  at  $\bar{s}_i = \sigma_i^{B_i}(\bar{s}_i)$ .)

Since we are able to work with good revisions, we write  $\lambda_i = \bar{\lambda}_i^\beta$  for  $i \leq \beta$ .

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By induction on  $\beta \leq \omega$  we then prove  $(*)$ , formulated exactly as before, but with the additional stipulation that the revision  $\sigma \in V[G]$  be good. The induction hypothesis  $(**)$  is formulated exactly as before,

Case 2.1  $\beta = 0$

This is again immediate by §1 Lemma 3.1.  
 $\{\langle \sigma, 0 \rangle\}$  is a good revision of  $\{\langle \pi, 0 \rangle\}$   
since  $\lambda_0^\sigma = \lambda_0^\pi = \tilde{\lambda}$ .

Case 2.2  $\beta = \gamma + 1$ .

The proof is again exactly as before:  
We constructed  $\sigma$  as an "amalgamation" of  $\sigma'$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}$ , where  $\sigma'$   
is a revision of  $\pi \upharpoonright \{\beta\}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$   
is a revision of  $\bar{\pi} = \langle \pi^{i\beta} \mid i \leq \gamma \rangle$  wrt.  $N^\beta$ .  
If  $\sigma', \bar{\sigma}$  are both good, it follows  
that  $\sigma$  is good.

There remains the case:

Case 2.3  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal.

We must take some care in handling  
this case, since - even when  $\sigma$  is  
a good revision of  $\pi$  - we do  
not know that  $\pi^{i+1}(\lambda_i) = \sigma^{i+1}(\lambda_i)$ ,  
which was an essential property  
used in Case 1.2.3.

We shall modify the proof in Case 1.2.3 the way the proof in Case 1 of §1 Thm 3 was modified in Case 2.

We again let  $\langle \beta_i | i < \omega \rangle$  be monotone and cofinal in  $\beta$  with  $\beta_0 = 0$  and  $\beta_{i+1} = (\tilde{\beta}_i + 1)$ . Set:

$$\bar{z}_0 = 0 ; \bar{z}_{i+1} = \lambda \tilde{\beta}_i .$$

In the proof of Case 1.2.3 we worked with  $\bar{z}_i = \pi^{\beta_i}(\bar{z}_i)$ , but we no longer know that  $\pi^{\beta_i}(\bar{z}_i) = \sigma^{\beta_i}(\bar{z}_i)$  for arbitrary  $\lambda$ -revision  $\sigma$  of  $\pi$ .

We define:

Def Let  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1$  be good revisions of  $\pi$ .

$\sigma_1$  is true to  $\sigma_0$  at  $i < \omega$  iff

$\sigma_1$  coincides with  $\sigma_0$  at  $\sigma_0^{\beta_i \upharpoonright \beta}(\bar{z}_i)$ .

$\sigma_1$  is true to  $\sigma_0$  on  $\alpha < \omega$  iff

$\sigma_1$  is true to  $\sigma_0$  at each  $i < \alpha$ .

Thus if  $\sigma_1$  is true to  $\sigma_0$  at  $i$ , we

have:  $\sigma_1^{\beta_i}(\bar{z}_i) = \sigma_0^{\beta_i}(\bar{z}_i)$  and

$\sigma_1^{\beta_i \upharpoonright h}(\bar{z}_i) = \sigma_0^{\beta_i \upharpoonright h}(\bar{z}_i)$  for  $\beta_i \leq h \leq \beta$ .

But this means that

$$\sup(\sigma_1^{\tilde{B}_{i-1}} \text{ " } \lambda^{\tilde{B}_{i-1}}) = \sup(\sigma_0^{\tilde{B}_{i-1}} \text{ " } \lambda^{\tilde{B}_{i-1}})$$

for  $i > 0$ , since if  $\sigma$  is any good revision, then  $\sigma^{B_i}$  takes  $\bar{s}_i$  cofinally to  $\sigma^{B_i}(\bar{s}_i)$ , since  $\bar{s}_i$  is  $\omega$ -cofinal in  $N^{B_i}$ .

Fix an arbitrary sequence  $\langle \gamma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  which is monotone and cofinal in  $\lambda_\beta$  with  $\gamma_0 = 0$ .

We construct  $a_i, \pi_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ) s.t.

$$(I) \text{ (a)} a_i \in {}^1 B_{\gamma_i}, a_0 = 1$$

$$\text{ (b)} h \dot{\gamma}(a_i) = a_l \text{ for } l \leq i$$

$$\text{ (c)} \pi_i \in V^{{}^1 B_{\gamma_i}}$$

(II) Let  $G \ni a_i$  be  ${}^1 B_{\gamma_i}$ -generic. Set;

$$G(r) = G \cap {}^1 B_r \quad (r \leq \gamma_i), \quad \pi_h = \pi_h^G \quad (h \leq i).$$

$$(\text{Hence } \pi_h = \pi_h^G(\gamma_n).)$$

(a)  $\pi_i$  is a good  $\langle \theta, {}^1 B, \lambda \rangle$ -revision of  $\pi$   
and  $\pi_0 = \pi$

(b) Let  $m_h =$  the least  $n$  s.t.

$\pi_h^{B_n}(\bar{s}_h) > \gamma_{h+1}$ . Then  $\pi_i$  is

true to  $\pi_h$  on  $m_h + 1$  for  $h \leq i$ .

We again let  $\langle x_i^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be the  $N^-$ -least enumeration of  $N^i$  for  $i \leq \beta$ . We also let  $\langle \langle v_i, z_i \rangle \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $\{ \langle v, z \rangle \mid v \leq \beta \wedge z \in N^v \}$  with infinite repetitions of each point.

An addition to  $a_i, \pi_i^i$ , we define

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_i^0, \tilde{\Gamma}_i^1 \quad (i < \omega) \text{ s.t. } \tilde{\Gamma}_i^\ell \in V^{B_{\tilde{\gamma}_i}}.$$

III Let  $G$  be as in II,

Set:  $\Gamma_h^\ell = \tilde{\Gamma}_h^{\ell G}$  for  $h \leq i$ ,  $\ell < 2$ . Then

$$\Gamma_i^0 = \langle \langle \tilde{\gamma}_j, b_j, \sigma_j^i \rangle \mid j \leq m_i \rangle; \quad \Gamma_i^1 = \langle u_j \mid j < m_i \rangle$$

where:

(a)  $\Gamma_h^\ell \subset \Gamma_i^\ell$  for  $h \leq i$ ,  $\ell < 2$ .

(b)  $\tilde{\gamma}_j = \pi_i^{\beta_j}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)$  for  $j \leq m_i$

(c)  $b_0 = 1$  and  $b_j \in B_{< \tilde{\gamma}_j}^+$  for  $0 < j \leq m_i$

(d)  $b_\ell = h_{\tilde{\gamma}_0}(b_j)$  for  $\ell \leq j \leq m_i$

(e)  $\sigma_j^i \in V^{B_{\tilde{\gamma}_j}}$  for  $j \leq m_i$ ,  $u_j \in V^{B_{\tilde{\gamma}_j}}$  for  $j < m_i$

Note We also write:  $\tilde{\gamma}_j^\ell = \pi_i^{\beta_j \ell}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)$

for  $\beta_j \leq \ell \leq \beta$ . Then  $\tilde{\gamma}_j^\ell = \pi_h^{\beta_j \ell}(\tilde{\gamma}_j)$

for  $j \leq m_h$  by II (b).

Since  $\gamma_i < \xi_{m_i}$ , we can extend our generic  $G \in \text{IB}_{\gamma_i}$  to a  $\text{IB}_{< \xi_{m_i}}^+$  - generic  $G'$  s.t.  $b_{m_i} \in G'^+$ .

IV Let  $G, \tau_h^\ell$  ( $h \leq i, \ell = 0, 1$ ) be as in III

Let  $G'$  be  $\text{IB}_{< \xi_{m_i}}^+$  - generic s.t.  $G' \supset G$  and  $b_{m_i} \in G'^+$ . Set:

$$G'_j = G' \cap \text{IB}_{\leq \xi_j}, \quad \tau_j = \dot{\sigma}_j^{G'} \text{ for } j \leq m_i.$$

$$u_j = u_j|_{G'} \text{ for } j < m_i.$$

Then:

(a) II(a), (b) and (f)-(ii) of Case 1, 2, 3

hold at  $j \leq m_i$  (i.e. they hold with "i" replaced by "j" and "G" replaced by "G").

(b) II(c)-(e) and (i) of Case 1, 2, 3

hold at  $j < m_i$

(c) Let  $j = 0 = h$  or  $j = m_h - 1$ , where  $h < i$ .

Then  $\{\xi_\ell \mid \ell \leq m_h\} \subset u_j$ .

Note (c) guarantees that for all  $i \leq m_i$ ,  
 $\sigma_i$  is true to  $\pi$  on  $m_0 + 1$  and true  
 to  $\pi_h$  on  $m_h + 1$  if  $h < i$  and  $i \geq m_h - 1$ .

(d) Let  $j = m_i - 1$ . Set  $m_i^+ =$  the least  
 $m$  s.t.  $\sigma_j^{B_m}(\bar{\beta}_m) > \gamma_h$ , where  $h$  is least  
 s.t.  $\gamma_h > \beta_{m_i}$  (hence  $h > i + 1$ ). Then  
 $\{\sigma_j^{B_\ell}(\bar{\beta}_\ell) \mid \ell \leq m_i^+\} \subset u_j$ .

Note (d) will enable us to continue  
 beyond  $i$  while preserving (c).

Finally:

V Let  $i = k + 1$ , where  $G$  is as in II. Then

$$(a) h_{\gamma_i}(b_{m_k}) \in G$$

$$(b) \pi_i = (\dot{\sigma}_{m_k-1})^G$$

Note  $\beta_{m_k-1} \leq \gamma_k$ ; hence  $b_{m_k-1} \in G$  and

$$(\dot{\sigma}_{m_k-1})^G = (\dot{\sigma}_{m_k-1})^{G_{m_k-1}}$$
 is defined.

We now verify (\*) at  $\beta$ , given:

$a_i, \pi_i, \gamma_i^0, \gamma_i^1$  ( $i < \omega$ ) satisfying I-V.

Set  $a = \bigcap_{i < \omega} a_i$ . Then  $a \in B_{< \lambda_\beta}^+$ . Let

$G$  be  $IB_{< \lambda_\beta}$ -generic w.t.  $a \in G^+$ . Set:

$G(r) = G \cap IB_r$  for  $r < \lambda_\beta$ . Then  $a_i \in G(\gamma_i)$ .

Let  $\gamma_i^\ell = (\gamma_i^\ell)^{G(\gamma_i)}$  for  $\ell = 0, 1$ . Set:

$\gamma^\ell = \bigcup_{i < \omega} \gamma_i^\ell$ . Then  $\gamma^0 = \langle \langle \bar{z}_i, b_i, \sigma_i \rangle \mid i < \omega \rangle$

and  $\gamma^1 = \langle u_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ . Set:

$G_i = G \cap (IB_{< \bar{z}_i})$  for  $i < \omega$ . Then:

$h_{\gamma_i}^{(b_{m_i})} \in G(\gamma_i)$  and  $b_{m_i-1} = h_{\bar{z}_{m_i-1}}^{(b_{m_i})} \in G_{m_i-1}^+$ .

Hence  $b_i \in G_i^+$  for  $i < \omega$  and  $b \in G^+$ .

where  $b = \bigcap b_i$ . We can then form

$\sigma_i = \sigma_i^{G_i}$  for  $i < \omega$ . The rest of the

proof is exactly like Case 1, 2, 3.

This proves (\*) at  $\beta$ .

It remains only to construct:

$c_i, \pi_i, \gamma_i^0, \gamma_i^1$  and verify I-V.

In addition to  $a_i, \bar{m}_i, \bar{\Gamma}_i^0, \bar{\Gamma}_i^1$  we shall also construct  $\bar{\Gamma}_i^2$  s.t.

VI Let  $G$  be as in II. Set  $\bar{\Gamma}_i^2 = \bar{\Gamma}_i^2 G$ .

Then  $\bar{\Gamma}_i^2 = \langle \langle \bar{c}_j^*, \bar{\mu}(j) \rangle \mid j < m_i \rangle$ .

If  $G' \supset G$  is as in IV and  $c_j = \bar{q}_j^{G'}$ ,

$\bar{\mu}(j) = \bar{\mu}(j)^{G'}$  for  $j < m_i$ , then

III (a)-(c) of Case 1,2,3 and IV or

Case 1,2,3 hold for  $j < m_i$  (with "i" in place of "i" and "G" in place of "G").

Note  $\bar{\mu}(j)$  was a step toward constructing

$\bar{a}_{j+1}, \bar{c}_{j+1}$ .

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Much of the construction - and the verifications - will be a repetition of Case 1,2,3 and we shall omit the details here.

Case 1  $i=0$  Set:  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $\pi_0 = \check{\pi}$   
 $I, II$  are then trivial.

We then define  $\Gamma_0^l$  ( $l=0, 1, 2$ ) so as to satisfy III (b)-(e), IV, and VI and set:  $\Gamma_0^l = \check{\Gamma}_0^l$ .

We set:  $\bar{z}_j = \pi^{B_j}(\bar{z}_j)$  for  $j \leq n_0$ . By induction on  $j \leq n_0$  we then define  $b_j, \sigma_j$ . For  $j < n_0$  we also define  $u_j, c_j, \mu(j)$ . By induction on  $j$  we verify:

(1) Let  $G'$  be  $B_{\leq \bar{z}_j}^+$  generic s.t.  $a_j \in G'$ .

Set:  $G'_j = G' \cap B_{\leq \bar{z}_j}^+$ ,  $\sigma_j = \bar{G}'_j G'$  for  $j \leq n_0$ ,  
 $u_j = u_j|_{G'};$   $c_j = (c_j)|_{G'}, \mu(j) = \mu(j)|_{G'}$   
 for  $j < n_0$ . Then IV (a)-(d) hold  
 at  $j$ , as does V,

The only difference to the construction in Case 1, 2, 3 is the definition of  $u_j$ . We must ensure that  $\bar{z}_j \in u_j$  for  $j \leq n_0$  and that IV (d) is satisfied. We shall, in fact, first define a  $u'_j$  and then -

If necessary - expand it to  $\hat{u}_j$ , so that  
IV(d) holds.  $\hat{u}_j$  is then a term s.t.

(2) Let  $G$  be as in (1),  $u_j' = \hat{u}_j^G$ ,  $u_j = \hat{u}_j^G$ .

Then  $u_j = u_j'$  if  $j < m_i - 1$ . Otherwise

$u_j = u_j' \cup \{\sigma_j^{B\ell}, \beta(\bar{z}_\ell) \mid \ell \leq m_i^+\}$ , where

$m_i^+$  is defined as in IV(d).

This defines  $\hat{u}_j$  from  $\hat{u}_j'$ .

For  $j=0$  we set:  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \check{a}$ .

We then set  $\hat{u}_0' = \check{u}_0'$ , where

$u_0' = u \cup \{\bar{z}_\ell^\beta \mid \ell \leq m_0\}$ . (This differs from

Case 1,2,3, where we set:  $\hat{u}_0 = \check{a}$ .)

$\hat{u}_0$  is then defined by (2). We then

define  $c_0, \mu_0$  exactly as in Case 1,2,3

(but now using our new  $a_0$ ) and

set  $\check{c}^0 = \check{c}^0$ ,  $\check{\mu}(0) = \check{\mu}_0^0$ .

Now let  $j=k+1$ . Using  $b_k, \sigma_k, u_k, \check{c}^k, \check{\mu}(k)$   
 we define  $b_j, \sigma_j$  exactly as in Case 1,2,3.

The verifications are the same. We

then define  $\hat{u}_j'$  exactly the way  $\hat{u}_j$   
 was defined in Case 1,2,3, if  $j > m_i$ .

This gives us  $\hat{u}_j$  by (2). We then

define  $\dot{c}_i, \ddot{u}(j)$  exactly as in Case 1, 2, 3. The verifications are the same. QED (Case 1)

Case 2  $i = n+1$ .

We first define  $a_i \cdot \dot{\Gamma}_k^l$  ( $l=0,1$ ) give us

Terms  $\dot{s}, \ddot{s}, \dot{b}, \ddot{b}, m_k$  ...

$a_k \dot{\Pi}_{\gamma} (\dot{m}_k < \omega \wedge \dot{s}, \ddot{s}$ , are functions on  $m_k^{i+1}$   
 $\wedge \ddot{b}$  is a function on  $m_k$ );

$$a_k \dot{\Pi}_{\gamma} \dot{\Gamma}_k^0 = \langle \langle \dot{s}(l), \dot{b}(l), \ddot{s}(l) \rangle \mid l \leq m_k \rangle$$

where  $a_k \dot{\Pi}_{\gamma} (\dot{s}(l) \leq \dot{\gamma}_i < \dot{s}(m_k) \text{ for } l < m_k)$ .

Let  $\dot{a} \in V^{B_{\gamma_k}}$  s.t.

$$\dot{\Pi}_{\gamma} (\dot{a}_k \in G \wedge \dot{a} = h_{\gamma}^{\dot{\gamma}_i} (b(m_k)) / \bar{G}) \vee (\dot{a}_k \notin G \wedge \dot{a} = 0),$$

$G$  being the canonical generic name.

Set:  $a_i = \text{the unique } a \in B_{\gamma_i} \text{ s.t. } \dot{\Pi}_{\gamma_k} \dot{a} / \bar{G} = \dot{a}$ ,

Then  $a_i \in B_{\gamma_i}$  and  $\dot{\Pi}_{\gamma_k} (a_i) = [\dot{a} / \bar{G} \neq 0] = a_k$

Hence I(a) holds, as does II(a), since

if  $G \ni a_i$  is  $B_{\gamma_i}$ -generic and  $\bar{G} = G(\gamma_k)$ ,

then  $a_i / \bar{G} = h_{\gamma_i} (b_{m_k}) / \bar{G} \in G / \bar{G} =$

$= \{b / \bar{G} \mid b \in G\}$ . Hence  $h_{\gamma_i} (b_{m_k}) \in G$ .

We then let  $\dot{\pi}_i^G$  be a term s.t.  $a_k \Vdash \dot{\pi}_i^G = \dot{\sigma}^G(\eta_k^{m_k+1})$ .

If  $G \ni a_i$  is  $B_{\gamma_i}$ -generic and  $\bar{G} = G(\gamma_i)$ , we

then have:  $\dot{\pi}_i^G = (\dot{\sigma}^{\bar{G}}(\eta_k^{m_k-1}))^G = (\dot{\sigma}_{m_k-1})^G$ .

Hence  $\text{IV}(b)$  holds,  $\text{I}(b)$  is trivial.

$\text{II}$  follows by the fact that  $\text{IV}$  holds at  $k$ .

We now turn to the construction of

$\dot{\prod}_i^\ell$  ( $\ell = 0, 1, 2$ ). Let  $S$  be the set of references  $s = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2, \bar{s}_0, \dots, \bar{s}_m \rangle$  s.t.

$\bar{s}_0 < \dots < \bar{s}_{m-1} \leq \gamma_{i+m} < \xi_n$  and  $a_s \neq 0$ ,

where  $a_s = a_i \cap \left[ \bigwedge_{\ell \leq 2} \dot{x}_\ell = \dot{\prod}_k^\ell \wedge \bigwedge_{\ell=1}^m \dot{\pi}_i^{\beta_\ell}(\dot{\bar{s}}_\ell) = \dot{\bar{s}}_\ell \right] \gamma_i$ .

Fix  $s \in S$ . Let  $\bar{a} = a_s$ . Suppose that:

(3)  $G \ni \bar{a}$  is  $B_{\gamma_i}$ -generic,  $\dot{\pi}_h^G = \dot{\pi}_h^{\bar{a}G}$  for  $h \leq i$ ,

and  $\dot{\prod}_k^\ell = \dot{\prod}_k^{\ell G}$  for  $\ell = 0, 1, 2$ .

Let  $\dot{\prod}_k^0 = s_0 = \langle \langle \bar{s}_\ell, b_\ell, \dot{\sigma}_\ell \rangle \mid \ell \leq m_k \rangle$

$\dot{\prod}_k^1 = s_1 = \langle \dot{u}_\ell \mid \ell \leq m_k \rangle$

$\dot{\prod}_k^2 = s_2 = \langle \langle \dot{c}_\ell, \dot{\mu}(\ell) \rangle \mid \ell \leq m_k \rangle$

(Clearly  $m_k \leq m$ , and  $\dot{\bar{s}}_\ell$  are given by)

$\dot{\prod}_k^0$  is the same as  $\dot{\bar{s}}_\ell$  given by 1 for  $\ell \leq m_k$ .

We define  $\Gamma_i^\ell \supseteq \Gamma_k^\ell$  ( $\ell = 0, 1, 2$ ) satisfying  
III (a)-(e), IV and V for all  $G$   
as in (3).

If  $n = n_k$ , we simply set  $\Gamma_i^\ell = \Gamma_k^\ell$ ,  
all verifications are trivial.

Now let  $n > n_k$ . We shall, of course,  
have  $n_i = n$  and the  $\bar{z}_\ell = \pi_i^{\beta_\ell}(\bar{z}_\ell)$   
are given by  $\alpha$ . Note that, since  
 $\bar{a} \in G$  and  $h_{\bar{z}_\ell}(b_{n_k}) \in G$ , we have:

$$\bar{a} \cap b_{n_k} \neq \emptyset. \quad \text{Set } \bar{b}_{n_k} = \bar{a} \cap b_{n_k}.$$

We successively define  $\bar{b}_j^+$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}_j^+$   
( $n_k \leq j \leq n_i$ ) s.t.  $\bar{b}_h = h_{\bar{z}_h}(\bar{b}_j^+)$  for  
 $n_k \leq h \leq j \leq n_i$ , and whenever  
 $G' \supset G$  in  $\mathbb{B}_{\leq \bar{z}_j}^+$  - generic with

$\bar{b}_j^+ \in G'^+$ , then IV (a) holds at  $j$ .

At  $j < n_i$ , we also construct

$\bar{u}_j$  s.t. IV (b), (c), (d) hold at  $j$ .

For  $i < n_i$  we also construct

$\bar{c}_j, \bar{u}_i(j)$  s.t. V holds at  $j$ .

We proceed exactly as in Case 1, but with  $\overset{\circ}{\sigma}_{m_k}, \bar{b}$  in place of  $\overset{\circ}{\sigma}_0 = \pi, b_0 = 1$ .

As before we first construct  $\dot{u}_j'$  by imitating the proof in Case 1, 2, 3.

and then expand it to  $\ddot{u}_j'$  according to (2). We first define  $\ddot{u}_{m_k}'$  exactly as  $\ddot{u}_{m_k}$  was defined in Case 1, 2, 3.

Applying (2) we get  $\ddot{u}_{m_k}$  and we

then define  $\ddot{u}_{m_k}, \ddot{u}_{(m_k)}$  exactly as

in Case 1, 2, 3. For  $j = h+1, h \geq m_k$ ,

we use Lemma 2 to get  $\bar{b}_j, \dot{\sigma}_j$

with the desired properties,

where  $h_{\bar{\sigma}_n}(\bar{b}_j) = \bar{b}_n$ . The verification

are straightforward. When we

are done, we define  $b_j = (b_{m_k} \setminus \bar{b}_{m_k}) \cup \bar{b}_j$

for  $m_k \leq j \leq n_i$ . Then  $b_{\bar{\sigma}_\ell} = h_{\bar{\sigma}_\ell}(b_j)$

for all  $\ell \leq j \leq n_i$ , and

III, IV(a)-(d) and V hold at

$j$  whenever  $G \ni \bar{a}$  is  $B_{\bar{\sigma}_j}$ -generic

(since then for  $G' \supset G$  which is

$B_{\bar{\sigma}_j}$ -generic and  $b_j \in G'^+$ , we

have:  $b_i \cap \bar{a} = \bar{b}_i \in G^{'+}$ . ) Set:

$$\Gamma_i^0 = \langle \langle \bar{x}_\ell, b_\ell, \dot{x}_\ell \rangle \mid \ell \leq m_i \rangle,$$

$$\Gamma_i^1 = \langle \dot{u}_\ell \mid \ell \leq m_i \rangle, \quad \Gamma_i^2 = \langle \langle \dot{c}_\ell, \ddot{u}^{(\ell)} \rangle \mid \ell \leq m_i \rangle,$$

Then all conditions are satisfied.

$\Gamma_i^\ell$  depends on  $s$ , of course, and we shall denote it by  $\Gamma_i^\ell(s)$ .

Since  $s \neq s' \rightarrow a_s \cap a_{s'} = \emptyset$  for  $s, s' \in S$ , there is  $\dot{\gamma}_i^\ell \in V^{IB_{\gamma_i}}$

$$\text{s.t. } [\dot{\gamma}_i^\ell = \dot{\gamma}_i^{\ell(s)}] = a_s$$

for  $s \in S$ .  $\dot{\gamma}_i^\ell$  ( $\ell=0, 1, 2$ ) then have

the desired properties.

This completes the construction.

QED (Thm 3)

A glance at the definition of " $\alpha$ -proper" in [PP] shows:

Thm 4 Every  $\alpha$ -proper forcing is  $\alpha$ -subproper.

We now show that every incomplete forcing is  $\omega_1$ -subproper. In fact, we show a slightly stronger result. We define:

Def  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -incomplete as witnessed by  $\theta$  iff  $\mathbb{B} \in H_\theta$  and the following holds:

Let  $N = L^A_\tau$  be a ZFC-model s.t.  $H_\theta \subset N$

and  $\theta < \tau$ . Let  $\pi = \langle \pi^i | i \leq \alpha \rangle$  be an  $\alpha$ -tower for  $N$  with  $\pi^i : N^i \rightarrow N$  and

$\pi^i(\theta^i, \mathbb{B}^i) = \theta, \mathbb{B}$  for  $i \leq \alpha$ . Let  $a \in N$  be finite. Let  $\bar{G}$  be  $\mathbb{B}^\theta$ -generic over  $N^\theta$ .

Then there is  $b \in \mathbb{B} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  s.t. whenever  $G \ni b$  is  $\mathbb{B}$ -generic, then there is a  $\sigma \in V[G]$  which is a  $\langle \theta, \mathbb{B} \rangle, \mathbb{B}, G$ -revision of  $\pi$  coinciding with  $\pi$  on  $a$  and s.t.

$$G^\theta = \bar{G}.$$

$\mathbb{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -incomplete iff it is  $\alpha$ -sub-

complete as witnessed by some  $\theta$ ,

$\theta$  verifies the  $\alpha$ -incompleteness of

$\mathbb{B}$  iff every cardinal  $\theta' \geq \theta$  witnesses

the  $\alpha$ -incompleteness of  $\mathbb{B}$ .

It again follows that if  $\theta$  witness the  $\alpha$ -incompleteness of  $\text{IB}$ , then  $(2^\theta)^+$  verifies the  $\alpha$ -incompleteness of  $\text{IB}$ . We can, of course, also introduce a parameter  $p$  into the definition to get the notion:  $\text{IB}$  is  $\alpha$ -incomplete as witnessed by  $\langle p, \theta \rangle$ . It again turns out that every such  $\text{IB}$  is, in fact, fully  $\alpha$ -incomplete — a fact which is used tacitly in verifying  $\alpha$ -incompleteness.

We shall take "incomplete" as meaning " $\alpha$ -incomplete". This is a slight change from our earlier definitions, and is analogous to the changes made to the definition of "improper" in §1. " $\omega_1$ -incomplete" of course means " $\alpha$ -incomplete for all  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ". We then get:

Thm 5 Let  $\text{IB}$  be incomplete. Then  $\text{IB}$  is  $\omega_1$ -incomplete.

Proof:  
We prove by induction on  $\alpha < \omega_1$  that  $\text{IB}$  is  $\alpha$ -incomplete. The case  $\alpha = 0$  is immediate. Now let  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ .

Then there is  $b \in \text{IB}$  s.t. whenever  $G \ni b$  is  $\text{IB}$ -generic, there is  $\sigma \in V[G]$  s.t.  $\sigma$  is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB} \rangle, \text{IB}, G$ -revision of  $\pi$  coinciding with  $\pi^d$  on  $(\pi^{\beta, d})^{-1}[u]$  and s.t.  $G^{\sigma} = \bar{G}$ . Arguing as before, this fact is expressible in  $N$  uniformly in parameters from  $\text{rng}(\pi^d)$ . Since  $\pi^d : N^d \rightarrow N$ , the corresponding statement holds in  $N^d$ . (cf. Case 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 of Thm 3). Hence there are  $G', \sigma'$  s.t.  $G'$  is  $\text{IB}^d$ -generic over  $N^d$ ,  $\sigma' \in N[G']$  is a  $\langle \theta^d, \text{IB}^d \rangle, \text{IB}^d, G'$ -revision of  $\pi' = \langle \pi^{hd} \mid h \leq \beta \rangle$  coinciding with  $\pi'$  on  $(\pi^B)^{-1}[u]$  and s.t.  $G'^{\sigma'} = \bar{G}$ . But then there is  $b \in \text{IB}$  s.t. if  $G \ni b$  is  $\text{IB}$ -generic, there is  $\sigma'' \in V[G]$  which is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB} \rangle, \text{IB}, G$ -revision of  $\pi \upharpoonright \{d\}$  coinciding with  $\pi \upharpoonright \{d\}$  on  $u$  and s.t.  $G^{\sigma''} = G'$ . Define  $\pi \upharpoonright \{d\}$  on  $u$  and s.t.  $G^{\sigma''} = G'$ . Define  $\sigma \in V[G]$  by:

$$\sigma^i = \begin{cases} \sigma''^d & \text{if } i = d \\ \sigma''^d \cdot \sigma'^i & \text{if } i \leq \beta. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\sigma$  has the desired properties.

QED (Case  $d = \beta + 1$ )

We now turn to the case that  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal. We again let  $\langle \beta_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be monotone and cofinal in  $\alpha$  a.u.t.

$\beta_0 = 0$  and  $\beta_{i+1} = \tilde{\beta}_i + 1$ . Let  $\langle x_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $N^d$ . Let  $\langle (r_i, z_i) \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be an enumeration of  $\{(r, z) \mid r < \alpha \wedge z \in N^d\}$  with infinite repetitions of each point. Let  $u \subset N^d$  be finite and  $\bar{G} \subset IB^\alpha$  be  $IB^\alpha$ -generic over  $N^\alpha$ .

We inductively construct  $\tilde{G}_i, \tilde{\sigma}_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ) a.u.t.

- $\tilde{G}_i$  is  $IB^{\beta_{i+1}}$ -generic over  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$
- $\tilde{\sigma}_i \in N^{\beta_{i+1}}[\tilde{G}_i]$  is a revision of  $\langle \theta^{\beta_{i+1}}, IB^{\beta_{i+1}} \rangle, IB^{\beta_{i+1}}, \tilde{G}_i$  - revision of  $\langle \pi^{\tilde{\beta}_i}, \pi^{\tilde{\beta}_i} \rangle$  coinciding with  $\pi^{\tilde{\beta}_i}$  on  $u^i = (\pi^{\tilde{\beta}_i})^{-1} u_i$  and a.u.t.  $\bar{G} = (\tilde{G}_i)^0$  (i.e.  $\tilde{\sigma}_i^0 \cap \bar{G} \subset \tilde{G}_i$ ).

•  $u_i \subset N^d$  is finite a.u.t.

$$u \cup \bigcup_{h < i} (u_h \cup \{x_h\}) \subset u_i$$

• At  $r_i \leq \tilde{\beta}_{i+1}$  then  $\pi^{\beta_{i+1}, d} \tilde{\sigma}_i^{r_i}(z_i) \in u_{i+1}$ .

•  $\tilde{\sigma}_h^i = \tilde{\sigma}_i^{\tilde{\beta}_h, \beta_{h+1}}$  for  $h < i, i \leq \tilde{\beta}_h$ .

•  $\tilde{G}_0, \tilde{\sigma}_0$  are given by the induction hypothesis relativized to  $N^{\beta_1}$ .

Now let  $i = k+1$ , where  $\tilde{G}^k, \tilde{\sigma}^k, u_k$  are given. Set:  $u_i = u_k \cup \{x_k\} \cup \{z\}$ , where:

$$z = \begin{cases} \pi^{\beta_i}, \text{ if } \tilde{\sigma}_k^{\nu_k}(z_k) \leq \tilde{\beta}_k \\ \emptyset \text{ if not.} \end{cases}$$

Set:  $u' = (\sigma^{\tilde{\beta}_i}, \alpha)^{-1} u_i$ . Using the induction hypothesis and relativizing to  $N^{\beta_{i+1}}$ , we get  $\tilde{G}_i, \sigma'$  s.t.

- $\tilde{G}_i$  is  $\text{IB}^{\beta_{i+1}}$ -generic over  $N^{\beta_i+1}$
- $\sigma'$  is a  $\langle \theta^{\beta_{i+1}}, \text{IB}^{\beta_{i+1}} \rangle$ ,  $\text{IB}^{\beta_{i+1}}, \tilde{G}_i$ -realization of  $\tilde{\pi}' = \langle \pi^h, \beta_{i+1} \mid \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \rangle$ .
- $\sigma'$  coincides with  $\pi'$  on  $u'$  and in s.t.  $(\tilde{G}_i)^{\beta_i} = \tilde{G}_k$ .

We then amalgamate  $\tilde{\sigma}_k, \sigma'$  by setting:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_i^h = \begin{cases} \sigma'^h & \text{if } \beta_i \leq h \leq \tilde{\beta}_i \\ \sigma'^{\beta_i} \tilde{\sigma}_k^h & \text{if } h < \beta_i. \end{cases}$$

$\tilde{\sigma}_i$  then has the desired properties.

We can unambiguously define:

Def  $\tilde{\sigma}^{hi} = \tilde{\sigma}_i^{hi}$  for  $h \leq i \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ .

(Hence  $\tilde{\sigma}^{h, \beta_{i+1}} = \tilde{\sigma}_i^{h, \beta_i}$ .)

By a familiar method we prove:

Claim  $\langle N^h \mid h < \alpha \rangle$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\sigma}^h i \mid h \leq i < \alpha \rangle$  has a direct limit of the form:

$$N^\alpha, \langle \tilde{\sigma}^h \mid h < \alpha \rangle.$$

Proof.

Let  $\mathcal{U}, \langle f_i^h \mid h < \alpha \rangle$  be a direct limit.

Since every  $x \in N^\alpha$  lies in a  $U_i$ , we can define an embedding  $k: N^\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  by:

$$k(x) = \tilde{\sigma}^h(\bar{x}), \text{ where } \tilde{\sigma}^h i(\bar{x}) = (\pi^{h+i\alpha})^{-1}(x)$$

for all  $i \geq h$ . The choice of  $h, \bar{x}$  obviously doesn't matter. It follows easily that  $k: N^\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ . But  $k$  is onto, since if  $z = \tilde{\sigma}^h(\bar{z}) \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\langle h, \bar{z} \rangle = \langle v_i, z_i \rangle$  for a  $i \geq h$  s.t.  $v_i \leq \tilde{\beta}_i$ .

Thus, if  $\tilde{z} = \sigma_i^{v_i}(\bar{z})$ ; then, letting  $x = \pi^{\beta_{i+1}\alpha}(\tilde{z})$ , we have

$\tilde{z} = \tilde{\sigma}^{\beta_{i+1}\alpha}(\bar{x})$  for  $\bar{x} \in U_{i+1}$  and hence  $\tilde{\sigma}^{\beta_{i+1}\alpha}(\tilde{z}) =$

$= (\pi^{\beta_{i+1}\alpha})^{-1}(x)$  for  $\beta_{i+1} \geq i+1$ . Hence

$\tilde{z} = k(x)$ . QED (Claim)

Set:  $\tilde{G} = \bigcup_{i < \omega} \tilde{\sigma}^{\beta_i} \tilde{G}_i$ . Since

$\tilde{\sigma}^{\beta_i} \tilde{G}_i \subset \tilde{G}_i$  and  $\tilde{G}_i$  is  $\mathbb{B}^{\beta_i}$ -generic over  $N^{\beta_i}$ , it follows

easily that  $\tilde{G}$  is  $\text{IB}^\alpha$ -generic over  $N^\alpha$ .

By incompleteness, there is then

$b \in \text{IB}$  s.t. whenever  $G \ni b$  is  $\text{IB}$ -generic,

then there is  $\sigma' \in V[G]$  s.t.

$\sigma'$  is a  $\langle \theta, \text{IB} \rangle$ ,  $\text{IB}, G$ -revision of  $\pi \cap \{\alpha\}$ ,  
coinciding with  $\pi \cap \{\alpha\}$  on  $\kappa$  and

s.t.  $G^\alpha = \tilde{G}$ . But then we can form

$\sigma \in V[G]$  by amalgamating

$\langle \tilde{\sigma}^h \mid h < \alpha \rangle$  and  $\sigma'$ , letting

$$\sigma^h = \begin{cases} \sigma'^\alpha & \text{if } h = \alpha \\ \sigma'^\alpha \circ \tilde{\sigma}^h & \text{if } h < \alpha. \end{cases}$$

$\sigma$  has the desired properties.

QED (Thm 5)