

§ 3.4 The Core Model§ 3.4.1 Strong mice

Def A mouse  $N = \langle J_d^E, E_d \rangle$  is strong iff whenever  $M$  is a premouse s.t.,  $M|d = N$  and  $M$  is iterable above  $d$ , then  $M$  is a mouse and  $N = (\text{core}(M)|d)$ .

Lemma Let  $N = \langle J_d^E, E_d \rangle$  be a mouse. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $N$  is strong
- (b) There is a universal weasel  $W$  s.t.  $N = W|d$ .

proof.

(a)  $\rightarrow$  (b) Define a hierarchy  $W_\nu$  ( $d \leq \nu < \theta \leq \infty$ ) with  $W_\nu = \langle J_{\delta_\nu}^{E^{W_\nu}}, E_{\delta_\nu}^{W_\nu} \rangle$  ( $\delta_\nu \leq \nu$ ) as follows:

$W_0 = N$ . Let  $W_\nu$  be defined. If  $W_\nu$  is a mouse and  $N = W_\nu|d = \text{core}(W_\nu)|d$ , set:

$$W_{\nu+1} = \langle J_{\delta_{\nu+1}}^E, \emptyset \rangle, \text{ where}$$

$$\text{core}(W_\nu) = \langle J_{\delta_\nu}^E, E_{\delta_\nu} \rangle.$$

Otherwise  $W_{\nu+1}$  is undefined.

If  $W_\nu$  is defined for  $\nu < \lambda$  (where  $\lambda > \alpha$  is a limit ordinal), we define  $W_\lambda$  exactly as in the def. of the canonical  $\omega$ -complete hierarchy in §3.1.

[We call this hierarchy  $W_\nu = W_\nu[N]$  the canonical  $\omega$ -complete hierarchy over  $N$ ].

We verify by induction on  $\tau \geq \alpha$  that  $W_\tau$  is defined.  $\tau = \alpha$  is immediate.

For limit  $\tau$ , the proof is as before.

Now let  $\tau = \nu + 1$ . Then  $W_\nu$  is iterable above  $\alpha$  exactly as before. But  $W_\nu \upharpoonright \alpha = N$ . Hence by strongness  $W_\nu$  is a mouse and  $\text{core}(W_\nu) \upharpoonright \alpha = N$ .

Define  $W_\infty = W_\infty[N]$  as before. It follows as before that  $W_\infty$  is universal and  $W_\infty \upharpoonright \alpha = N$ .

QED (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b)

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (a) Let  $M$  s.t.  $M \upharpoonright \alpha = N$  be iterable above  $\alpha$ . Coiterate  $M, W$  to  $M', W'$ . By universality,  $M' \cup$

an initial segment of  $W'$  and a simple iterate of  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is a mouse. It remains to show:

Claim  $M \upharpoonright \alpha = \text{core}(M) \upharpoonright \alpha$ .

If  $\rho_M^\omega \geq \alpha$  there is nothing to prove.

Assume  $\rho_M^\omega < \alpha$ . Let  $\bar{M} = \text{core}(M)$ ,

$\rho = \rho_M^\omega$ . Then  $\bar{M} \upharpoonright \rho = M \upharpoonright \rho = W \upharpoonright \rho$ .

Let  $\langle \bar{M}_\xi \mid \xi \leq \theta \rangle$ ,  $\langle W_\xi \mid \xi \leq \theta \rangle$  be the coiteration of  $\bar{M}$ ,  $W$ . Then  $\theta < \infty$  and the  $\bar{M}$  side is simple by universality.

Subclaim  $\bar{M} = \bar{M}_\theta$

pf.

If not,  $\bar{M}_\theta$  cannot be a proper segment of  $W_\theta$ . Hence  $\bar{M}_\theta = W_\theta$ .

Let  $\langle \nu_\xi, \alpha_\xi \rangle$  be the indices of the  $W$ -side and let  $\xi$  be maximal s.t.  $\omega \alpha_\xi \in W_\theta$ . Then  $W_\xi \upharpoonright \alpha_\xi$  is

sound and  $W_\theta$  is an iterate of  $W_\xi \upharpoonright \alpha_\xi$  above  $\rho_{W_\xi \upharpoonright \alpha_\xi}^\omega = \rho_{W_\theta}^\omega = \rho$ .

Hence  $W_\xi \upharpoonright \alpha_\xi = \text{core}(W_\theta) = \bar{M}$ .

Hence  $\bar{M}_\xi \neq \bar{M}$ . Hence there is

a least  $\mathfrak{S} < \bar{\mathfrak{S}}$  s.t.  $\bar{M}_{\mathfrak{S}+1} \neq \bar{M}$ . Then

$$E_{\nu_{\mathfrak{S}}}^{\bar{M}_{\bar{\mathfrak{S}}}} = E_{\nu_{\mathfrak{S}}}^{\bar{M}_{\mathfrak{S}+1}} = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\nu_{\mathfrak{S}}}^{W_{\bar{\mathfrak{S}}}} = E_{\nu_{\mathfrak{S}}}^{\bar{M}} \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence  $\nu_{\bar{\mathfrak{S}}} \leq \nu_{\mathfrak{S}}$  where  $\mathfrak{S} < \bar{\mathfrak{S}}$ .

Contradiction! QED (Subclaim)

We now prove the Claim. Suppose not. Let  $\nu$  be least s.t.  $E_{\nu}^{\bar{M}} \neq E_{\nu}^M$ .

Then  $\nu \leq d + \nu$  is least s.t.  $E_{\nu}^{\bar{M}} \neq E_{\nu}^W$ ,

since  $M \upharpoonright d = W \upharpoonright d = N$ . But

$$E_{\nu}^{\bar{M}} \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\nu}^M = E_{\nu}^W = \emptyset, \quad \text{since}$$

$M$  is a simple iterate of  $\bar{M}$ . But

this contradicts the subclaim.

QED (Lemma 1)

As a corollary of the proof:

Lemma 1.1  $N$  is strong iff the canonical  $\omega$ -complete weasel  $W_{\infty}[N]$  over  $N$  exists.

We now define a weasel  $K = J_\infty^E$  which we do not yet know to exist.

Def A hierarchy  $K_\nu = \langle J_\nu^E, E_\nu \rangle$  of  $\alpha$ -strong mice is defined by:

$$K_0 = \langle \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$$

$$K_{\nu+1} = \langle J_{\nu+1}^E, \emptyset \rangle \text{ where } K_\nu = \langle J_\nu^E, E_\nu \rangle$$

( $K_{\nu+1}$  is easily seen to be  $\alpha$ -strong if  $K_\nu$  is).

For limit  $\lambda$  let  $J_\lambda^E = \bigcup_{\nu < \lambda} J_\nu^E$ . If  $\langle J_\lambda^E, \emptyset \rangle$  is  $\alpha$ -strong and there is no  $F \neq \emptyset$  s.t.  $\langle J_\lambda^E, F \rangle$  is  $\alpha$ -strong, set:  $K_\lambda = \langle J_\lambda^E, \emptyset \rangle$ .

If there is a unique  $F \neq \emptyset$  s.t.  $\langle J_\lambda^E, F \rangle$  is  $\alpha$ -strong, set:  $K_\lambda = \langle J_\lambda^E, F \rangle$ .

Otherwise  $K_\lambda$  is undefined.

If  $K_\nu$  is defined for all  $\nu < \infty$ , we define the core model:

$$K = J_\infty^E = \bigcup_{\nu} J_\nu^E.$$

Our aim is to show that  $K$  exists, is universal, and that every universal weasel is a simple iterate of  $K$  (by an iteration of length  $\leq \infty$ ). In §3.4.2 we prove these facts under the assumption that  $O^2$  exists. The remainder of the paper will then deal with the more difficult (but more interesting) case:  $\neg O^2$ .

[Note that  $K$ , if it exists, is universal since  $E_{\nu}^K$ , being unique, is chosen as  $\omega$ -complete wherever possible. Hence the proof which showed the canonical  $\omega$ -complete model to be universal shows  $K$  to be so.]

§ 3.4.2 if  $O^2$  exists,

Throughout this section assume that  $O^2$  exists. Recall that every  $\kappa$ -mouse  $N = \langle J_{d_i}^E, E_{d_i}, E_{d_{i+1}} \rangle$  is a simple iterate of  $O^2$ ; hence  $p_N^1 = p_{O^2}^1 = 1$  and  $\ast$ -iterations of  $\kappa$ -mice are the same thing as ordinary iterations.

Def Let  $N$  be an  $\kappa$ -mouse. Let  $N^i$  ( $i < \infty$ ) be the iterates obtained by iterating the top measure - i.e., the iteration indices are  $\nu_i = d_{i+1}, d_i$  where  $N^i = \langle J_{d_i}^{E^{N^i}}, E_{d_i}^{N^i}, E_{d_{i+1}}^{N^i} \rangle$ .

It is clear that  $N^i \upharpoonright d_i = N^j \upharpoonright d_i$  for  $i \leq j$  (taking  $\langle J_{d_i}^E, E_{d_i}, E_{d_{i+1}} \rangle \upharpoonright d_i$  to mean  $\langle J_{d_i}^E, E_{d_i} \rangle$ ).

Set  $N^\infty = \bigcup_i J_{d_i}^{E^{N^i}}$ . Then  $N^\infty \upharpoonright d_i = N^i \upharpoonright d_i$  for  $i < \infty$ .

An obvious fact is:

Fact  $(N^i)^i = N^{i+1}$  ( $i < \infty$ ,  $i \leq \infty$ ).

Hence  $N^\infty = (N^i)^\infty$  ( $i < \infty$ ).

Def  $\tilde{K} = (O^1)^\infty$ .

Our aim is to prove:  $\tilde{K} = K$ .

Def Let  $\sigma: \bar{N} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_0} N$  cofinally,  
where  $\bar{N}, N$  are  $\kappa$ -mice. By  
induction on  $i$  define:

$\sigma^i: \bar{N}^i \xrightarrow{\Sigma_0} N^i$  cofinally

s.t.

$$(a) \sigma^i \pi_{\bar{N}^h, \bar{N}^i}^h = \pi_{N^h, N^i} \sigma^h \quad (h \leq i < \infty)$$

$$(b) \sigma^i \upharpoonright \bar{N}^h = \sigma^h \quad (i \leq h < \infty)$$

Set:  $\bar{\pi}_{hi} = \pi_{\bar{N}^h, \bar{N}^i}$ ,  $\pi_{hi} = \pi_{N^h, N^i}$ .  
The inductive definition reads:

$$\sigma^0 = \sigma$$

$$\sigma^{i+1}(\bar{\pi}_{i, i+1}(f)(\bar{\pi}_i)) = \pi_{i, i+1} \sigma^i(f)(N_i)$$

$$\sigma^\lambda \bar{\pi}_{i\lambda} = \pi_{i\lambda} \sigma^i \quad \text{for } \text{fin}(\lambda), i < \lambda.$$

The inductive verification of  
(a), (b) is straightforward



Def  $\sigma^\infty = \bigcup_i \sigma^i$ ,

Hence  $\sigma^\infty : \bar{N}^\infty \xrightarrow{\sum_0} N^\infty$ ,

Lemma 1 If  $\sigma : \bar{N} \xrightarrow{E_\nu} N$ ,  $\nu \leq \text{On} \cap \bar{N}$ ,

then  $\sigma^i : \bar{N}^i \xrightarrow{E_\nu} N^i$  for  $i \leq \infty$ .

pf. By ind. on  $i$ .

(Recall that  $E_\nu^{\bar{N}^i} = E_\nu^{N^i}$  ( $i \leq \infty$ )).

An obvious converse is:

Lemma 2 Let  $\tilde{\sigma} : \bar{N}^\infty \xrightarrow{E_\nu} Q$ , where

$\nu \leq \text{On} \cap \bar{N}$ . Set  $\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} \upharpoonright \bar{N}$ . Let

$N = \langle J_\alpha^E, E_\alpha, E_{\alpha+1} \rangle$  be defined by:

$N \upharpoonright \alpha = Q \upharpoonright \alpha$  and  $\sigma : \bar{N} \xrightarrow{\sum_0} N$  cofinally.

Then  $\sigma : \bar{N} \xrightarrow{E_\nu} N$ . (Hence  $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma^\infty$   
and  $Q = N^\infty$ , since  $\sigma^\infty : \bar{N}^\infty \xrightarrow{E_\nu} N^\infty$ ).

pf. Straightforward.

As straightforward corollaries of these lemmas we get:

Cor 3 Let  $N$  be an iterate of  $\bar{N}$  by an iteration  $\langle \bar{N}_i \rangle$  with indices  $\nu_i \leq \alpha_i = \text{Onn} \bar{N}_i$ . Let  $\sigma = \pi_{\bar{N}} N$ . Then  $N^i$  is an iterate of  $\bar{N}^i$  by an iteration with the same indices and iteration map  $\sigma^i = \pi_{\bar{N}^i} N^i \quad (i \leq \infty)$ .

Cor 4 Let  $Q$  be an iterate of  $\bar{Q} = \bar{N}^\infty$  by an iteration  $\langle \bar{Q}_i \rangle$  with indices  $\nu_i \leq \pi_{\bar{Q}} \bar{Q}_i \quad (\text{Onn} \bar{N})$ . Set  $\sigma = \pi_{\bar{Q}} N$ . Let  $\alpha = \pi_{\bar{Q}} Q \quad (\text{Onn} \bar{N})$  and let  $N = \langle J_\alpha^E, E_\alpha, E_{\alpha+1} \rangle$  be defined by  $N \upharpoonright \alpha = Q \upharpoonright \alpha$  and  $\sigma : \bar{N} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_0} N$  cofinally. Then  $N$  is an iterate of  $\bar{N}$  by an iteration with the same indices and iteration map  $\sigma = \pi_{\bar{N}} N$ . (Hence  $Q = N^\infty$  and  $\pi_{\bar{Q}} Q = \sigma^\infty$ ),

We use these lemmas to prove an important structural relationship between  $\tilde{K}$  and  $O^2$ :

Lemma 5 Let  $\langle N_i \mid i \leq \theta \rangle$  be a simple normal iteration of  $O^2$  with indices  $\nu_i$ . Let  $K_i$  ( $i \leq \theta$ ) be the iteration of  $\tilde{K}$  with the same indices. Then  $N_i \upharpoonright d_i = K_i \upharpoonright d_i$  ( $i \leq \theta$ ), where  $d_i = \text{On} \cap N_i$ .

(Note that  $E_{d_{i+1}}^{K_i} = \emptyset$ , whereas the lemma tells us that  $E_{\nu_i}^{K_i} = E_{\nu_i}^{N_i}$  for  $\nu_i \leq d_i$ ).

proof.

Let  $M^i = \langle \bigcup_{\beta_i} E_{\beta_i}^i, E_{\beta_i}^i, E_{\beta_{i+1}}^i \rangle$  be the iterates of  $M$  by the top measure ( $i < \infty$ ). Then  $M^\infty = \tilde{K}$ .

Since  $\theta$  is arbitrary it suffices to show:

Claim  $N_\theta \upharpoonright d_\theta = K_\theta \upharpoonright d_\theta$ .

Let  $k = k_\theta =$  the least  $k$  s.t.,

$\nu_i \leq \pi_{K_0 K_i}(\beta_k)$  for  $i < \theta$ ,

Define  $M, \sigma$  by:  $M \mid \pi_{\kappa_0 \kappa_\theta}(\beta^k) =$   
 $= \kappa_\theta \mid \pi_{\kappa_0 \kappa_\theta}(\beta^k)$  and

$$\sigma \equiv \pi_{\kappa_0 \kappa_\theta} : M^k \xrightarrow{\Sigma_0} M \text{ cofinally,}$$

Then  $M$  is an iterate of  $M^k$  by the same indices. Moreover,

$$\tilde{\kappa} = (M^k)^\infty, \kappa_\theta = M^\infty, \text{ and } \pi_{\kappa_0 \kappa_\theta} = \sigma^\infty.$$

Hence it suffices to show:

Claim  $M = N_\theta$ .

We prove this by ind. on  $\theta$ . Let it hold for  $i < \theta$ . Thus for  $i < \theta$  we have:

(a)  $N_i$  is an iterate of  $M^{k_i}$  by the indices  $\nu_h$  ( $h < i$ ).

(b)  $\kappa_i = N_i^\infty$ ,  $\pi_{\kappa_0 \kappa_i} = \sigma_i^\infty$ , where

$$\sigma_i = \pi_{M^{k_i}, N_i}$$

Case 1  $\theta = 0$  immediate.

Case 2  $\theta = i+1$  and  $\nu_i \leq d_i$ .

Then  $k = k_i$  and  $N_\theta$  is an iterate of  $N_i$  by the index  $\nu_i$ , hence of  $M^k$  by the indices  $\nu_h$  ( $h \leq i$ ). Hence  $N_\theta = M$

Case 3  $\theta = i+1$  and  $\nu_i = d_i + 1$

Then  $k = k_i + 1$  and  $K_\theta = K_i$ .

$N_\theta = (N_i)^1$ , since  $\pi_{N_i N_\theta} : N_i \xrightarrow{E_{\nu_i}} N_\theta$ .

Hence  $\pi_{K_0 K_\theta}(\beta^{k_i+1}) = \pi_{K_0 K_i}(\beta^{k_i+1}) =$

$= d_\theta$ , since  $\pi_{K_0 K_i} = (\pi_{M^{k_i}, N_i})^\infty$ .

Similarly  $\pi_{K_0 K_\theta}(M^k | \beta^k) = N_\theta | d_\theta$ .

Hence  $M | d_\theta = N_\theta | d_\theta$ , where  $M, N_\theta$

are  $\pi$ -nice. A comparison argument shows:  $M = N_\theta$ .

Case 4  $\text{Lim}(\theta)$  and there is  $i < \theta$  st,

$k_j = k_i$  for  $i \leq j < \theta$ .

Then  $k = k_i$ .  $N_\theta$  is an iterate of

$N_i$  by the indices  $\nu_j$  ( $i \leq j < \theta$ ),

hence of  $M^k$  by  $\nu_j$  ( $i < \theta$ ).

Hence  $N_\theta = M$ .

Case 5 The above cases fail.

Then  $\text{Lim}(\theta)$  and  $I =$

$= \{i \mid \nu_i = d_i + 1\}$  is unbounded in  $\mathbb{E}$

Then  $\kappa = \text{lub} \{ \kappa_i \mid i < \theta \}$ , Set

$\kappa = \sup \{ \kappa_i \mid i \in I \}$ , Then  $\kappa = \pi_{N_i, N_\theta}(\kappa_i)$   
for  $i \in I$  (where  $E_{\kappa_i}$  is on  $\kappa_i$  ( $i \leq \theta$ )),

Hence  $\kappa$  is the largest cardinal in  $N_\theta$ .

Define  $\tau_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) by:  $\tau_i + \tilde{\kappa} = \beta^{\kappa_i}$ .

Then  $\pi_{\kappa_0, \kappa_i}(\tau_i) = \pi_{\kappa_0, \kappa_\theta}(\tau_i) = \kappa_i$

for  $i \in I$ , Hence  $\kappa = \sup_i \tau_i =$

$= \pi_{\kappa_0, \kappa_\theta}(\tau_\theta)$ , where  $\tau_\theta = \sup_i \tau_i$

(hence  $\beta^\kappa = \tau_\theta + \tilde{\kappa}$ ), But

$N_\theta \upharpoonright \kappa = \bigcup_{i \in I} N_i \upharpoonright \kappa_i = \bigcup_{i \in I} \kappa_i \upharpoonright \kappa_i = \kappa_\theta \upharpoonright \kappa$

$\kappa$  is then the largest cardinal in

$N_\theta$  and  $M$ , where  $N_\theta \upharpoonright \kappa = M \upharpoonright \kappa$ .

Since both  $N_\theta, M$  are  $\kappa$ -mice,

a comparison argument shows:

$M = N_\theta$ . QED (Lemma 5)

The following definition enable  
us to state an obvious im-  
provement of Lemma 5:

Def Let  $N_i$  ( $i < \theta \leq \infty$ ) be an iteration of  $O^2$  by indices  $\langle \nu_i, i \rangle$ . We call  $\kappa_i$  ( $i < \theta$ ) the iteration of  $\tilde{K}$  by correlated indices iff it has indices  $\langle \nu_i, \tilde{i} \rangle$  where

$$\tilde{i} = \begin{cases} \omega_n & \text{if } \omega_n = \omega_n \cap N_h \text{ for } h \leq i \\ i & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

Cor 5.1 Let  $N_i$  ( $i < \theta \leq \infty$ ) be a normal iteration of  $O^2$  and let  $\kappa_i$  ( $i < \theta$ ) be the iteration of  $\tilde{K}$  by correlated indices.

Then  $N_i \upharpoonright d_i = \kappa_i \upharpoonright d_i$  ( $i < \theta$ ) where  $d_i = \omega_n \cap N_i$ .

prf.

By Lemma 5 if the iteration is simple. Otherwise let  $i$  be least s.t.  $\omega d_i \in N_i$ . It holds  $\leq i$  by Lemma 5 and hence

$$\kappa_i = N_i \text{ for } i > i, \quad Q \in D(5.7)$$

Corollary 6 Let  $\langle N_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be a normal iterate of  $O^2$ . Set  $W = N_\omega = \bigcup_i \bigcup_{\kappa_i} E_{\nu_i}^{N_i}$  (where  $E_{\nu_i}$  is on  $\nu_i$  if  $E_{\nu_i} \neq \emptyset$ ). Then  $W = K_\omega$  is the iterate of  $\tilde{K}$  with correlated indices.

Corollary 7  $\tilde{K}$  is universal.

pf.

Let  $M$  be a promise which is coiterable with  $\tilde{K}$ . Coiterate  $M, O^2$  as far as possible, getting  $\langle M_i \mid i < \theta \rangle$ ,  $\langle N_i \mid i < \theta \rangle$  as iterations of  $M, O^2$  resp.  $\theta < \omega$  by the usual argument.

The coiteration either terminates in a comparable pair or cannot be continued because of ill foundedness. Let  $K_i$  ( $i < \theta$ ) be the iteration of  $\tilde{K}$  by correlated indices.

By Cor 5.1,  $\langle K_i \rangle, \langle M_i \rangle$  is

"essentially" the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}, O^2$  up to  $\theta$  (we need only omit points  $i$  s.t.  $\nu_i = d_i + 1$ ,



where  $d_i = 0 \cap N_i$ , since then neither  $K_i$  nor  $M_i$  is moved), Using the coiterability of  $M, \tilde{K}$  it follows easily that the coiteration of  $M, 0^2$  would be continuable if it had not terminated. But this means that the coiteration of  $M, \tilde{K}$  terminates by Cor 5.1,

□ ED (Cor 7)

We now prove a lemma which — in view of the weak covering lemma — shows how radically the universe is altered by the presence of  $0^2$ .

Lemma 8 (Assume that  $0^2$  exists)

Let  $W$  be a weakel. Let  $\beta$  be a cardinal in  $W$ . Then  $cf(\beta^{+W}) = \omega$ ,  
proof.

It suffices to prove the result for a simple iterate of  $W$ , since successors go cofinally to successors in ordinary iterations. Coiterate  $W, 0^2$ . The iteration cannot terminate. Hence we

get  $W_i, N_i$  ( $i < \omega$ ) with

$$W_\infty = \bigcup_i W|_{\nu_i} = \bigcup_i N|_{\nu_i},$$

where  $\nu_i$  are the indices,  $W_\infty$  is a simple iterate of  $W$  by §3.1 Lemma 1.2

Hence it suffices to show:

Claim Let  $N$  be an iterate of  $O^2$ .  
Let  $\beta$  be a cardinal in  $N$ . Then  
 $cf(\beta^+) = \omega$ .

prf.

There is a countable iterate  $\bar{N}$  of  $O^2$  s.t.  $N$  is an iterate of  $\bar{N}$  and  $\beta \in \text{rng}(\pi_{\bar{N}N})$ . Let

$\pi_{\bar{N}N}(\bar{\beta}) = \beta$ . Then  $\bar{\beta} + \bar{N}$  has cofinality  $\omega$ , since  $\bar{N}$  is countable. But  $\pi_{\bar{N}N}$  takes successors cofinally to successors since we are working with ordinary ultraproducts. QED (Lemma 8)

We are now ready to prove:

Lemma 9 Let  $W$  be universal. Then  $W$  is a simple iterate of  $\tilde{K}$ .  
proof.

By §3.2 it suffices to show that  $W$  is an iterate of  $\tilde{K}$  or, in other words, that the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}$ ,  $W$  does not move  $W$ . But then it suffices to show that for each  $d$ , the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}$ ,  $W|d$  does not move  $W|d$ .

If we form the canonical  $\omega$ -complete universal  $\tilde{W} = W_\infty[W|d]$  over  $W|d$ , it suffices to show that the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}$ ,  $\tilde{W}$  does not move  $\tilde{W}$ . Hence it suffices to show:

Claim Let  $W$  be as in the covering lemma. Then the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}$ ,  $W$  does not move  $W$ .

The argument of Lemma 7 tells

we that if  $\langle N_i \rangle, W$  is the coiteration of  $O^\sharp, W$  (i.e.  $W$  is not moved) and  $K_i$  ( $i < \infty$ ) is the iteration of  $\tilde{K}$  by correlated indices, then  $\langle K_i \rangle, W$  is "essentially" the coiteration of  $\tilde{K}, W$  - i.e.  $W$  is not moved. Hence it suffices to show:

Claim The coiteration of  $O^\sharp, W$  does not move  $W$ .

We prove this by reexamining the proof of the covering lemma.

It is enough, of course, to show that the coiteration of  $O^\sharp$  and an arbitrary  $W \neq \emptyset$  does not move  $W \neq \emptyset$ .

Choose a singular cardinal  $\beta$  s.t.  $cf(\beta) \geq \aleph_1, d_0^\omega$ ; where  $d_0$  is as in the covering lemma.

Since  $\beta + W < \beta^+$ , the proof of the covering lemma at  $\beta$  must fail. Choose  $\tau$  as before.

Then  $\tau > \delta$ . Recall that we used  $\tau 0^2$  to prove Lemma 1, which said that there is a club  $C' \subset C$  s.t.,  $\#(\alpha) \cap W \neq W_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \in C'$  s.t.  $cf(\alpha) = \alpha_0$ . We then derived a contradiction from Lemma 1, using only the universality of  $W$ . Thus Lemma 1 must fail and there is a stationary set  $S \subset C$  s.t.

$\#(\alpha) \cap W \subset W_\alpha$  and  $cf(\alpha) = \alpha_0$  for  $\alpha \in S$ . As in Lemma 1 define ultrafilters  $U_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in S$ ) s.t.,  $\langle W \mid \alpha^+, U_\alpha \rangle$  is amenable ( $\alpha^+ =_{df} \alpha^+ \cap W$ ).

As before,  $U_\alpha$  is  $\omega$ -complete on a stationary set  $S' \subset S$ . Pick  $\alpha \in S'$  s.t.  $\alpha \geq \delta$ . We obtained a contradiction by using  $\tau 0^2$  to conclude that  $\langle W \mid \alpha^+, U_\alpha \rangle$  could not be an  $\alpha$ -mouse. Thus we must now conclude that  $N = \langle W \mid \alpha^+, U_\alpha \rangle$  is an  $\alpha$ -mouse, hence an iterate of  $0^2$ . But then  $W \mid \alpha^+$  was

not moved in the coiteration of  $O^\alpha, W \upharpoonright \alpha^+$ . QED (Lemma 9)

Cor 10  $\tilde{K} = K$

prf. Suppose not,

Then there is an  $\alpha$  s.t., there is a strong mouse  $N$  of length  $\alpha$  with  $J_\alpha^{E^N} = J_\alpha^{E^{\tilde{K}}}$ ,  $N \neq \tilde{K} \upharpoonright \alpha$ , and  $E_\alpha^N \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W$  be universal with  $W \upharpoonright \alpha = N$ . Coiterate  $\tilde{K}, W$ . Then  $W$  is moved,

Contr! QED (Cor 10).

Open Question Is every weakly universal weasel an iterate of  $K$ ? On the assumption  $\neg O^\alpha$  we will show this to be the case.