

## SOME RESULTS IN THE EXTENSION WITH A COHERENT SUSLIN TREE

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**ABSTRACT.** We show that under  $\text{PFA}(S)$ , the coherent Suslin tree  $S$  (which is a witness of the axiom  $\text{PFA}(S)$ ) forces that there are no  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn trees. We also determine the values of cardinal invariants of the continuum in this extension.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [20], Stevo Todorćević introduced the forcing axiom  $\text{PFA}(S)$ , which says that there exists a coherent Suslin tree  $S$  such that the forcing axiom holds for every proper forcing which preserves  $S$  to be Suslin, that is, for every proper forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  which preserves  $S$  to be Suslin and  $\aleph_1$ -many dense subsets  $D_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , of  $\mathbb{P}$ , there exists a filter on  $\mathbb{P}$  which intersects all the  $D_\alpha$ .  $\text{PFA}(S)[S]$  denotes the forcing extension with the coherent Suslin tree  $S$  which is a witness of  $\text{PFA}(S)$ . Since the preservation of a Suslin tree by the proper forcing is closed under countable support iteration (due to Tadatashi Miyamoto [15]), it is consistent relative to some large cardinal assumption that  $\text{PFA}(S)$  holds.

The first appearance of such a forcing axiom is in the paper [13] due to Paul B. Larson and Todorćević. In this paper, they introduced the weak version of  $\text{PFA}(S)$ , called Souslin's Axiom (in which the properness is replaced by the cccness), and under this axiom, the coherent Suslin tree  $S$ , which is a witness of the axiom, forces a weak fragment of Martin's Axiom. In [20], it is also proved that under  $\text{PFA}(S)$ ,  $S$  forces the open graph dichotomy<sup>(1)</sup> and the  $P$ -ideal dichotomy. Namely, many consequences of  $\text{PFA}$  are satisfied in the extension with  $S$  under

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<sup>1</sup>This is the so called open coloring axiom [18, §8].

PFA( $S$ ). On the other hand, many people proved that some consequences from  $\diamond$  are satisfied in the extension with a Suslin tree (e.g. [16, Theorem 6.15.]). In particular, the pseudo-intersection number  $\mathfrak{p}$  is  $\aleph_1$  in the extension with a Suslin tree. In fact, the extension with  $S$  under PFA( $S$ ) is designed as a universe which satisfied some consequences of  $\diamond$  and PFA simultaneously. By the use of this model, Larson and Todorćević proved that the affirmative answer to Katětov's problem is consistent [13].

In this note, we point out the values of cardinal invariants of the continuum (e.g. in [2, 6]) in the extension with  $S$  under PFA( $S$ ). And we show that under PFA( $S$ ),  $S$  forces that there are no  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn trees. In [19], Todorćević demonstrated that many consequences of PFA are deduced from PID plus  $\mathfrak{p} > \aleph_1$ . In [17], the first author proved that PID plus  $\mathfrak{p} > \aleph_1$  implies the failure of  $\square_{\kappa, \omega_1}$  whenever  $\text{cf}(\kappa) > \omega_1$ . It is not yet known whether PID plus  $\mathfrak{p} > \aleph_1$  implies the failure of  $\square_{\omega_1, \omega_1}$ . Since  $\square_{\omega_1, \omega_1}$  is equivalent to the existence of a special  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn tree, our result concludes that it is consistent that PID holds,  $\mathfrak{p} = \aleph_1$  and  $\square_{\omega_1, \omega_1}$  fails.

At last in the introduction, we introduce a coherent Suslin tree. A coherent Suslin tree  $S$  consists of functions in  $\omega^{<\omega_1}$  and is closed under finite modifications. That is,

- for any  $s$  and  $t$  in  $S$ ,  $s \leq_S t$  iff  $s \subseteq t$ ,
- $S$  is closed under taking initial segments,
- for any  $s$  and  $t$  in  $S$ , the set

$$\{\alpha \in \min\{\text{lv}(s), \text{lv}(t)\}; s(\alpha) \neq t(\alpha)\}$$

- is finite (here,  $\text{lv}(s)$  is the length of  $s$ , that is, the size of  $s$ ), and
- for any  $s \in S$  and  $t \in \omega^{\text{lv}(s)}$ , if the set  $\{\alpha \in \text{lv}(s); s(\alpha) \neq t(\alpha)\}$  is finite, then  $t \in S$  also.

For a countable ordinal  $\alpha$ , let  $S_\alpha$  be the set of the  $\alpha$ -th level nodes, that is, the set of all members of  $S$  of domain  $\alpha$ , and let  $S_{\leq \alpha} := \bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} S_\beta$ . For  $s \in S$ , we let

$$S \upharpoonright s := \{u \in S; s \leq_S u\}.$$

We note that  $\diamond$ , or adding a Cohen real, builds a coherent Suslin tree. A coherent Suslin tree has canonical commutative isomorphisms. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be nodes in  $S$  with the same level. Then we define a function  $\psi_{s,t}$  from  $S \upharpoonright s$  into  $S \upharpoonright t$  such that for each  $v \in S \upharpoonright s$ ,

$$\psi_{s,t}(v) := t \cup (v \upharpoonright [\text{lv}(s), \text{lv}(v)))$$

(here,  $v \upharpoonright [\text{lv}(s), \text{lv}(v))$  is the function  $v$  restricted to the domain  $[\text{lv}(s), \text{lv}(v))$ ). We note that  $\psi_{s,t}$  is an isomorphism, and if  $s, t, u$  are nodes in  $S$  of

the same level, then  $\psi_{s,t}$ ,  $\psi_{t,u}$  and  $\psi_{s,u}$  commute. (On a coherent Suslin tree, see e.g. [10, 12].)

## 2. CARDINAL INVARIANTS

**Proposition 2.1** ([20, 4.3 Theorem]). *PFA( $S$ ) implies that  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \aleph_2$  holds.*

*Proof.* A forcing with property K doesn't destroy a Suslin tree ([14, Theorem 11.]). So, since a  $\sigma$ -centered forcing satisfies property K and  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}(\sigma\text{-centered})$  (due to Bell, see e.g. in [6, 7.12 Theorem]), PFA( $S$ ) implies  $\mathfrak{p} > \aleph_1$ .

To see that PFA( $S$ ) implies  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) > \aleph_1$ , here we consider the characterization of the additivity of the null ideal by the amoeba forcing  $\mathbb{A}$  as follows (see [2, 6.1 Theorem] or [3, Theorem 3.4.17]).

$$\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \min \left\{ |\mathcal{D}| : \mathcal{D} \text{ is a set of dense subsets of } \mathbb{A} \text{ such that} \right. \\ \left. \text{there are no filters of } \mathbb{A} \text{ which meet every member of } \mathcal{D} \right\}.$$

Since the amoeba forcing is  $\sigma$ -linked (so satisfies property K), PFA( $S$ ) implies  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) > \aleph_1$ .

A proof that PFA( $S$ ) implies  $\mathfrak{c} = \aleph_2$  is same to one for PFA due to Todorćević [5, 3.16 Theorem] (see also [9, Theorem 31.25]). We note that PFA( $S$ ) implies OCA ([8, Lemma 4]), so  $\mathfrak{b} = \aleph_2$  holds ([18, 8.6 Theorem], also [9, Theorem 29.8]). In a proof that  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{c}$  holds under PFA, an iteration of a  $\sigma$ -closed forcing and a ccc forcing which is defined by an unbounded family in  $\omega^\omega$  is used. A  $\sigma$ -closed forcing doesn't destroy a Suslin tree (see e.g. [15]). Since the cccness of the second iterand comes from the unboundedness of a family in  $\omega^\omega$ , this preserves a Suslin tree because a Suslin tree doesn't add new reals. So this iteration doesn't destroy a Suslin tree. Therefore  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{c}$  holds under PFA( $S$ ).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2** ([8, Lemma 2.]).  *$\mathfrak{t} = \aleph_1$  holds in the extension with a Suslin tree.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  is a Suslin tree, and let  $\pi$  be an order preserving function from  $T$  into the order structure  $([\omega]^{\aleph_0}, \supseteq^*)$  such that if members  $s$  and  $t$  of  $T$  are incomparable in  $T$ , then  $\pi(s) \cap \pi(t)$  is finite. Then for a generic branch  $G$  through  $T$ , the set  $\{\pi(s) : s \in G\}$  is a  $\supseteq^*$ -decreasing sequence which doesn't have its lower bound in  $[\omega]^{\aleph_0}$  (because  $T$  doesn't add new reals).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *Under PFA( $S$ ),  $S$  forces that  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathfrak{c} = \aleph_2$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S$  doesn't add new reals and preserves all cardinals, by Proposition 2.1,  $S$  forces that  $\mathfrak{c} = \aleph_2$  ([20, 4.4 Corollary.]).

To see that  $S$  forces  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) > \aleph_1$ , here we consider another characterization of the additivity of the null ideal (see [1], also [2, 3]). A function in the set  $\prod_{n \in \omega} ([\omega]^{\leq n+1} \setminus \{\emptyset\})$  is called a slalom, and for a function  $f$  in  $\omega^\omega$  and a slalom  $\varphi$ , we say that  $\varphi$  captures  $f$  (denoted by  $f \sqsubseteq \varphi$ ) if for all but finitely many  $n \in \omega$ ,  $f(n) \in \varphi(n)$ . Then

$$\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) = \min \left\{ |F| : F \subseteq \omega^\omega \right. \\ \left. \& \forall \varphi \in \prod_{n \in \omega} ([\omega]^{\leq n+1} \setminus \{\emptyset\}) \exists f \in F (f \not\sqsubseteq \varphi) \right\}.$$

Let  $\dot{X}$  be an  $S$ -name for a set of  $\aleph_1$ -many functions in  $\omega^\omega$ . For each  $s \in S$ , let

$$Y_s := \left\{ f \in \omega^\omega : s \Vdash_S "f \in \dot{X}" \right\}.$$

Since  $\dot{X}$  is an  $S$ -name for a set of size  $\aleph_1$ ,  $Y_s$  is of size at most  $\aleph_1$  for each  $s \in S$ , so is the set  $\bigcup_{s \in S} Y_s$ . And we note that

$$\Vdash_S " \dot{X} \subseteq \bigcup_{s \in S} Y_s ".$$

By  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N}) > \aleph_1$  (Proposition 2.1), there exists a slalom  $\varphi$  which captures all functions in the set  $\bigcup_{s \in S} Y_s$ . Then

$$\Vdash_S " \varphi \text{ captures all functions in } \dot{X} ",$$

which finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Under PFA( $S$ ),  $S$  forces that  $\mathfrak{h} = \aleph_2$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1,  $\mathfrak{h} = \aleph_2$  holds in the ground model because of the inequality  $\mathfrak{p} \leq \mathfrak{t} \leq \mathfrak{h} \leq \mathfrak{c}$  (see e.g. [6, §6]).

Let  $\dot{X}_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , be an  $S$ -name for a dense open subset of  $[\omega]^{\aleph_0}$ . For  $\alpha \in \omega$  and  $s \in S$ , let

$$Y_{\alpha,s} := \left\{ x \in [\omega]^{\aleph_0} : \exists t \in S \left( s \leq_S t \ \& \ t \Vdash_S "x \in \dot{X}_\alpha" \right) \right\}.$$

Then we note that each  $Y_{\alpha,s}$  is a dense open subset of  $[\omega]^{\aleph_0}$ , and

$$\Vdash_S " \bigcap_{s \in S} Y_{\alpha,s} \subseteq \dot{X}_\alpha ".$$

Since  $\mathfrak{h} > \aleph_1$ , for each  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , the set  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \omega_1} \bigcap_{s \in S} Y_{\alpha, s}$  is a dense open subset of  $[\omega]^{\aleph_0}$ , in particular, it is nonempty. Therefore

$$\Vdash_S \text{“} \bigcap_{\alpha \in \omega_1} \dot{X}_\alpha \neq \emptyset \text{”},$$

which finishes the proof.  $\square$

We note that  $\mathfrak{h}$  is less than or equal to many standard cardinal invariants, like  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $\mathfrak{s}$ , etc. See e.g. [3, 6, 7].

### 3. $\omega_2$ -ARONSZAJN TREES

**Theorem 3.1.** *Under  $\text{PFA}(S)$ ,  $S$  forces that there are no  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn trees.*

*Proof.* An outline of the proof is same to the proof due to Baumgartner in [4] (see also [9, Theorem 31.32.]). So this theorem follows from the following two claims.

**Claim 3.2.** *Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a  $\sigma$ -closed forcing notion, and let  $\dot{T}$  be an  $S$ -name for an  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn tree. Then  $\mathbb{P}$  adds no  $S$ -names for cofinal chains through  $\dot{T}$  whenever  $\mathfrak{c} > \aleph_1$  holds.*

*Proof of Claim 3.2.* At first, we see an easy proof by the result of product forcing ([9, Lemma 15.9] or [11, Ch.VIII, 1.4.Theorem]). We note that the two step iteration  $\mathbb{P} * S$  is equal to the two step iteration  $S * \mathbb{P}^V$  (<sup>2</sup>). In the extension with  $S$ , since  $\mathfrak{c} > \aleph_1$ , a  $\sigma$ -closed forcing  $\mathbb{P}^V$  doesn't add a cofinal branch through the value of  $\dot{T}$  by the generic of  $S$ , which is an  $\omega_2$ -Aronszajn tree (this can be proved as in [9, Lemma 27.10]). Therefore  $\mathbb{P}$  doesn't add an  $S$ -name for a cofinal chain through  $\dot{T}$ .

At last, we see a direct proof. In fact, we show that if  $\mathbb{P}$  is  $\sigma$ -closed and  $\dot{T}$  is an  $S$ -name for an  $\omega_2$ -tree, then  $\mathbb{P}$  adds no new  $S$ -names for cofinal chains through  $\dot{T}$  whenever  $\mathfrak{c} > \aleph_1$  holds.

Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}$  adds a new  $S$ -name for a cofinal chain through  $\dot{T}$ , that is, there exists a sequence  $\langle \dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{P}$ -names for  $S$ -names for members of  $\dot{T}$  such that

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“} \Vdash_S \text{“} \forall \alpha < \beta < \omega_2, \dot{z}_\alpha <_{\dot{T}} \dot{z}_\beta \text{””}$$

and for every  $S$ -name  $\dot{B}$  for a subset of  $\dot{T}$  (in the ground model),

$$\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“} \Vdash_S \text{“} \dot{B} \neq \{ \dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2 \} \text{””}.$$

<sup>2</sup>In fact, in the first argument, we use a  $\sigma$ -forcing  $\text{Fn}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \aleph_1)$ , which collapses  $\omega_2$  to  $\omega_1$  by countable approximations.  $S$  doesn't add new countable sets, so  $\text{Fn}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \aleph_1)$  doesn't change in the extension with  $S$ .

We note that we look at  $\dot{T}$  as an object in the ground model even in the extension with  $\mathbb{P}$ . So for any  $\mathbb{P}$ -name  $\dot{t}$  for an  $S$ -name for a member of  $\dot{T}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , densely many extensions of  $p$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  decides the value of  $\dot{t}$  as an  $S$ -name for a member of  $\dot{T}$ . By induction on  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ , we choose a condition  $p_\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{P}$ , an  $S$ -name  $\dot{x}_\sigma$  for a member of  $\dot{T}$  and countable ordinals  $\alpha_{|\sigma|}$  and  $\beta_{|\sigma|}$  such that

- for  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  in  $2^{<\omega}$  with  $\sigma \subseteq \tau$ ,  $p_\tau \leq_{\mathbb{P}} p_\sigma$ ,
- $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“} \Vdash_S \dot{x}_\sigma \in \{\dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2\} \text{”}$  for each  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ ,
- $\Vdash_S \text{“} \text{both } \dot{x}_{\sigma \smallfrown \langle 0 \rangle} \text{ and } \dot{x}_{\sigma \smallfrown \langle 1 \rangle} \text{ are above } \dot{x}_\sigma \text{ in } \dot{T} \text{”}$  for each  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ ,
- $\Vdash_S \text{“} \dot{x}_{\sigma \smallfrown \langle 0 \rangle} \text{ and } \dot{x}_{\sigma \smallfrown \langle 1 \rangle} \text{ are incomparable in } \dot{T} \text{”}$  for each  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ ,
- for each  $n \in \omega$  and  $\sigma \in 2^n$ , every  $\alpha_n$ -th level node of  $S$  decides the value of  $\dot{x}_\sigma$  which is of level less than  $\beta_n$  in  $\dot{T}$ .

This can be done because of the property of the sequence  $\langle \dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  and the cccness of  $S$  as a forcing notion.

Since  $\mathbb{P}$  is  $\sigma$ -closed, for any  $f \in 2^\omega$ , there is  $p_f \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $p_f \leq_{\mathbb{P}} p_{f \upharpoonright n}$  holds for every  $n \in \omega$ . Since it is forced with  $\mathbb{P}$  that  $\langle \dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  is a cofinal chain through  $\dot{T}$ , there exists an  $S$ -name  $\dot{x}_f$  for a member of  $\dot{T}$  which is of level  $\sup_{n \in \omega} \beta_n$  such that

$$p_f \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“} \Vdash_S \dot{x}_f \in \{\dot{z}_\alpha; \alpha \in \omega_2\} \text{”}.$$

Then it holds that

$$p_f \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{“} \Vdash_S \dot{x}_f \text{ is above } \dot{x}_{f \upharpoonright n} \text{ in } \dot{T} \text{ for every } n \in \omega \text{”}.$$

We note that the phrase  $\Vdash_S \dot{x}_f \text{ is above } \dot{x}_{f \upharpoonright n} \text{ in } \dot{T} \text{ for every } n \in \omega$  is also true in the ground model, so we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \Vdash_S \text{“} \{\dot{x}_f : f \in 2^\omega\} \text{ is a subset of the set of the members of } \dot{T} \\ \text{whose levels are } \sup_{n \in \omega} \beta_n, \text{ and is of size } \mathfrak{c} > \aleph_1 \text{”}, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts to the assumption that  $\dot{T}$  is an  $S$ -name for an  $\omega_2$ -tree.

† **Claim 3.2**

**Claim 3.3.** *Let  $\dot{T}$  be an  $S$ -name for a tree of size  $\aleph_1$  and of height  $\omega_1$  which doesn't have uncountable (i.e. cofinal) chains through  $\dot{T}$ . Then there exists a ccc forcing notion which preserves  $S$  to be Suslin and forces  $\dot{T}$  to be special (i.e. to be a union of countably many antichains through  $\dot{T}$ ).*

We note that this claim has been known if  $\dot{T}$  is an  $S$ -name for an  $\omega_1$ -Aronszajn tree.

*Proof of Claim 3.3.* For simplicity, we assume that  $\dot{T}$  is an  $S$ -name for an order structure on  $\omega_1$ , that is,  $\dot{\prec}_T$  is an  $S$ -name such that

$$\Vdash_S \text{“}\dot{T} = \langle \omega_1, \dot{\prec}_T \rangle \text{”},$$

and that for any  $s \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $\omega_1$ , if  $s \Vdash_S \text{“}\alpha \not\prec_T \beta \text{”}$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ , then  $s \Vdash_S \text{“}\alpha \dot{\prec}_T \beta \text{”}$ . Since  $S$  is a ccc forcing notion, there exists a club  $C$  on  $\omega_1$  such that for every  $\delta \in C$ , every node of  $S$  of level  $\delta$  decides  $\dot{\prec}_T \cap (\delta \times \delta)$ .

We define the forcing notion  $\mathbb{Q}(\dot{T}, C) = \mathbb{Q}$  which consists of finite partial functions  $p$  from  $S$  into the set  $\bigcup_{\sigma \in [\omega]^{<\aleph_0}} ([\omega_1]^{<\aleph_0})^\sigma$  such that

- for every  $s \in \text{dom}(p)$  and  $n \in \text{dom}(p(s))$ ,

$$p(s)(n) \subseteq \text{sup}(C \cap \text{lv}(s))$$

and

$$s \Vdash_S \text{“}p(s)(n) \text{ is an antichain in } \dot{T} \text{”},$$

- for every  $s$  and  $t$  in  $\text{dom}(p)$ , if  $s <_S t$ , then for every  $n \in \text{dom}(p(s)) \cap \text{dom}(p(t))$ ,

$$t \Vdash_S \text{“}p(s)(n) \cup p(t)(n) \text{ is an antichain in } \dot{T} \text{”},$$

ordered by extensions, that is, for each  $p$  and  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$p \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} q : \iff p \supseteq q.$$

We note that  $\mathbb{Q}$  adds an  $S$ -name which witnesses that  $\dot{T}$  is special in the extension with  $S$ . We will show that if  $\mathbb{Q} \times S$  has an uncountable antichain, then some node of  $S$  forces that  $\dot{T}$  has an uncountable chain, which finishes the proof of the claim.

Suppose that a family  $\{\langle p_\xi, s_\xi \rangle : \xi \in \omega_1\}$  is an uncountable antichain in  $\mathbb{Q} \times S$ . By shrinking it and extending each member of the family if necessary, we may assume that

- for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$ ,  $\text{dom}(p_\xi) \subseteq S_{\leq \delta_\xi}$  for some  $\delta_\xi \in \omega_1$ ,
- the sequence  $\langle \delta_\xi; \xi \in \omega_1 \rangle$  is strictly increasing,
- for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$  and  $s \in \text{dom}(p_\xi)$ , there exists  $t \in \text{dom}(p_\xi) \cap S_{\delta_\xi}$  such that  $s \leq_S t$ ,
- for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$ ,  $s \in \text{dom}(p_\xi)$  and  $t \in \text{dom}(p_\xi) \cap S_{\delta_\xi}$ , if  $s \leq_S t$ , then  $p_\xi(s) \subseteq p_\xi(t)$ ,
- all sets  $\text{dom}(p_\xi) \cap S_{\delta_\xi}$  are of size  $n$ , and say  $\text{dom}(p_\xi) \cap S_{\delta_\xi} = \{t_i^\xi : i \in n\}$ ,

- for each  $i \in n$ , all  $\text{dom}(p_\xi(t_i^\xi))$  are same, call it  $\sigma_i$ , and for each  $k \in \sigma_i$ , the size of each  $p_\xi(t_i^\xi)(k)$  is constant, call it  $m_{i,k}$  and say  $p_\xi(t_i^\xi)(k) = \{\alpha_{i,k}^\xi(j) : j \in m_{i,k}\}$ ,
- for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$ ,  $\text{lv}(s_\xi) > \delta_\xi$ ,
- there exists  $\gamma \in \omega_1$  such that
  - for each  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $\omega_1$ ,  $s_\xi \upharpoonright \gamma = s_\eta \upharpoonright \gamma =: u_{-1}$ ,
  - for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$  and  $t \in \text{dom}(p_\xi)$ ,  $t \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(t)) = s_\xi \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(t))$ ,
  - for each  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $\omega_1$  and  $i \in n$ ,  $t_i^\xi \upharpoonright \gamma = t_i^\eta \upharpoonright \gamma =: u_i$
 (this can be done because of the coherency of  $S$ ),
- for each  $i \in n$  and  $k \in \sigma_i$ , the set  $\{p_\xi(t_i^\xi)(k) : \xi \in \omega_1\}$  is pairwise disjoint (by ignoring the root of the  $\Delta$ -system), and
- the set  $\{s_\xi : \xi \in \omega_1\}$  is dense above  $u_{-1}$  in  $S$ .

We note that for each distinct  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $\omega_1$ , since  $\langle p_\xi, s_\xi \rangle \perp_{\mathbb{Q} \times S} \langle p_\eta, s_\eta \rangle$ ,  $s_\xi \perp_S s_\eta$  or there are  $i \in n$ ,  $k \in \sigma_i$  and  $j_0$  and  $j_1$  in  $m_{i,k}$  such that  $t_i^\xi \not\perp_S t_i^\eta$  and

$$t_i^\xi \cup t_i^\eta \Vdash_S \text{“} \alpha_{i,k}^\xi(j_0) \not\perp_T \alpha_{i,k}^\eta(j_1) \text{”}$$

(where  $t_i^\xi \cup t_i^\eta$  is the longer one of  $t_i^\xi$  and  $t_i^\eta$ ).

Let

$$u_{-1} \Vdash_S \text{“} \dot{I}_{-1} := \{\xi \in \omega_1 : s_\xi \in \dot{G}\} \text{, which is uncountable”},$$

and  $\dot{U}$  an  $S$ -name for a uniform ultrafilter on  $\dot{I}_{-1}$ . We note that  $u_0$  forces that the  $S$ -name

$$\psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{I}_{-1}) := \{\xi \in \omega_1 : u_0 \cup (s_\xi \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(s_\xi))) \in \dot{G}\}$$

is an uncountable subset of  $\omega_1$ . For each  $\xi \in \omega_1$ ,  $k \in \sigma_0$ ,  $l$  and  $j$  in  $m_{0,k}$ , we define

$$u_0 \Vdash_S \text{“} \text{whenever } \xi \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{I}_{-1}),$$

$$\dot{Y}_{0,k,j}^{\xi,l} := \left\{ \eta \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{I}_{-1}) : t_0^\xi \cup t_0^\eta \Vdash_S \text{“} \alpha_{0,k}^\xi(l) \not\perp_T \alpha_{0,k}^\eta(j) \text{”} \right\} \text{”}$$

(<sup>3</sup>) and define

$$u_0 \Vdash_S \dot{I}_0 := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \xi \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{I}_{-1}) : \bigcup_{\substack{k \in \sigma_0 \\ l, j \in m_{0, k}}} \dot{Y}_{0, k, j}^{\xi, l} \notin \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{U}) \right\} \\ \text{if it is in } \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{U}) \cdots \text{ case 1} \\ \\ \left\{ \xi \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{I}_{-1}) : \dot{Y}_{0, k_0, j_0}^{\xi, l_0} \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{U}) \right\} \\ \text{which is in } \psi_{u_{-1}, u_0}(\dot{U}) \text{ for some } \dot{l}_0, \dot{k}_0 \text{ and } \dot{j}_0 \\ \text{otherwise } \cdots \text{ case 2} \end{array} \right. \text{ " .}$$

If the case 2 happens, then we can make an  $S$ -name for a cofinal chain through  $\dot{T}$  (which is forced by some node above  $u_0$  in  $S$ ), so we are done. Whenever the case 1 happens, we repeat this procedure, that is, given  $\dot{I}_i$  for some  $i \in n - 1$ , we define, for each  $\xi \in \omega_1$ ,  $k \in \sigma_{i+1}$ ,  $l$  and  $j$  in  $m_{i+1, k}$ ,

$$u_{i+1} \Vdash_S \text{ "whenever } \xi \in \psi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}(\dot{I}_i), \\ \dot{Y}_{i+1, k, j}^{\xi, l} := \left\{ \eta \in \psi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}(\dot{I}_i) : t_{i+1}^\xi \cup t_{i+1}^\eta \Vdash_S \text{ "}\alpha_{i+1, k}^\xi(l) \not\perp_{\dot{T}} \alpha_{i+1, k}^\eta(j)\text{" } \right\} \text{ "}$$

and

$$u_{i+1} \Vdash_S \dot{I}_{i+1} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \xi \in \psi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}(\dot{I}_i) : \bigcup_{\substack{k \in \sigma_{i+1} \\ l, j \in m_{i+1, k}}} \dot{Y}_{i+1, k, j}^{\xi, l} \notin \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{i+1}}(\dot{U}) \right\} \\ \text{if it is in } \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{i+1}}(\dot{U}) \cdots \text{ case 1} \\ \\ \left\{ \xi \in \psi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}(\dot{I}_i) : \dot{Y}_{i+1, k_{i+1}, j_{i+1}}^{\xi, l_{i+1}} \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{i+1}}(\dot{U}) \right\} \\ \text{which is in } \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{i+1}}(\dot{U}) \text{ for some } \dot{l}_{i+1}, \dot{k}_{i+1} \text{ and } \dot{j}_{i+1} \\ \text{otherwise } \cdots \text{ case 2} \end{array} \right. \text{ " .}$$

We show that for some  $i \in n - 1$ , the case 2 happens in the construction of  $\dot{I}_{i+1}$ , which finishes the proof. Suppose that the case 1 happens in the construction of all the  $\dot{I}_{i+1}$ . We take  $v \in S$  and  $\xi \in \omega_1$  such that  $u_{n-1} \leq_S v$  and

$$v \Vdash_S \text{ "}\xi \in \dot{I}_{n-1} \text{ (which is in the set } \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{n-1}}(\dot{U})\text{)"}$$

<sup>3</sup>We note that by the property of the club  $C$ , for each  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in  $\omega_1$ , if  $t_0^\xi \cup t_0^\eta \in S$ , then this decides whether  $\alpha_{0, k}^\xi(l) \perp_{\dot{T}} \alpha_{0, k}^\eta(j)$  or not.

Then it follows that

$$v \geq_S u_{n-1} \cup (s_\xi \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(s_\xi)]) \geq_S t_{n-1}^\xi.$$

We take  $v' \in S$  and  $\eta \in \omega_1$  such that  $v' \geq_S v$  and

$$v' \Vdash_S \text{“} \eta \in \psi_{u_{-1}, u_{n-1}}(\dot{I}_{-1}) \setminus \left( \bigcup_{i \in n} \psi_{u_i, u_{n-1}} \left( \bigcup_{\substack{k \in \sigma_i \\ l, j \in m_{i,k}}} \dot{Y}_{i,k,j}^{\xi,l} \right) \right) \text{”}$$

(which is in the set  $\psi_{u_{-1}, u_{n-1}}(\dot{\mathcal{U}})$ ”).

Then for every  $i \in n$ ,  $u_i \cup (v' \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(v')])$  is above both  $t_i^\xi$ ,  $t_i^\eta$ ,  $u_i \cup (s_\xi \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(s_\xi)])$  and  $u_i \cup (s_\eta \upharpoonright [\gamma, \text{lv}(s_\eta)])$ . Then it follows that  $s_\xi \not\leq_S s_\eta$ , and by the property of the club set  $C$ , for every  $i \in n$  and  $k \in \sigma_i$ ,

$$t_i^\xi \cup t_i^\eta \Vdash_S \text{“} p_\xi(t_i^\xi)(k) \cup p_\eta(t_i^\eta)(k) \text{ is an antichain in } \dot{T} \text{”}.$$

Therefore  $\langle p_\xi, s_\xi \rangle$  and  $\langle p_\eta, s_\eta \rangle$  are compatible in  $\mathbb{Q} \times S$ , which is a contradiction. ⊢ **Claim 3.3** □

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