

# Higher-arity properties of inverse limit systems

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## Basic terminology and scope

**compactum** = compact Hausdorff space

**Boolean space** = compactum with a clopen base

**dyadic** = continuous image of a power of 2

**crowded** = without isolated points

**ccc** = every pairwise disjoint family of open sets is countable.

- ▶ Most of our example spaces will be boolean and dyadic.
- ▶ All of our example spaces will be crowded ccc compacta.

**open map** = function that maps open sets onto open sets

## Some notation

$X \cong Y$  means  $X$  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ .

$\pi_0$  and  $\pi_1$  are the first and second coordinate projections:

$$\pi_0(x, y) = x \text{ and } \pi_1(x, y) = y$$

$h = f \times g$  means  $h$  is the **diagonal product** of  $f$  and  $g$ :

$$h(x) = (f(x), g(x))$$

$Z = f \boxtimes g$  means  $Z$  is the **fiber product** of  $f$  and  $g$ :

$$Z = \{(x, y) : f(x) = g(y)\}$$

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In fact, Ščepin's proof shows that  $SP^n(2^\kappa)$  is not a retract of any homeomorphic copy of  $SP^m(2^\kappa)$ .



So, why isn't, say,  $SP^7(2^{\omega_2})$  a retract of  $SP^6(2^{\omega_2})$ ?

### Lemma

Given a cardinal  $\kappa$ , the following are equivalent:

- ▶  $\kappa \geq \omega_2$ .
- ▶ There exist  $M, N \prec H(\theta)$  such that  $M \cap \kappa \not\subseteq N \cap \kappa \not\subseteq M \cap \kappa$ .
- ▶ There exist **countable**  $M, N \prec H(\theta)$  such that  $M \cap \kappa \not\subseteq N \cap \kappa \not\subseteq M \cap \kappa$ .

### Definition

“ $M \prec H(\theta)$ ” implies that  $M$  satisfies arbitrary finite lists of finitary closure properties that I don't want to write down. More precisely:

- ▶  $M \prec H(\theta)$  means  $(M, \in \upharpoonright M, \sqsubset \upharpoonright M)$  is a first-order **elementary submodel** of a set-theoretic universe well-ordered by  $\sqsubset$ .
- ▶ To avoid going beyond ZFC, choose a “universe” of the form  $(H(\theta), \in, \sqsubset)$  for  $\theta$  a regular cardinal large enough that  $H(\theta)$  has all the power sets we need for the argument at hand.

## An impossible fiber retract

Let  $SP^7(2^{\omega_2}) \xrightarrow{f} SP^6(2^{\omega_2}) \xrightarrow{g} SP^7(2^{\omega_2})$ .  
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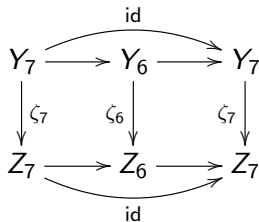
Let  $N_0, N_1 \prec H(\theta)$  with  $f, g \in N_i$  and  $E_i = N_i \cap \omega_2 \not\subseteq E_{1-i}$ .

Let  $Y_j = SP^j(2^{E_0 \cup E_1})$  for each  $j \in \{6, 7\}$ .

Let  $Z_j$  be the fiber product  $\pi_{j, E_0 \cap E_1}^{E_0} \boxtimes \pi_{j, E_0 \cap E_1}^{E_1}$

where  $\pi_{j, A}^B: SP^j(2^B) \rightarrow SP^j(2^A)$ ,  $f/\sim \mapsto ((f_i \upharpoonright A)_{i < j})/\sim$ .

Then the diagonal product  $\zeta_j = \pi_{j, E_0}^{E_0 \cup E_1} \times \pi_{j, E_1}^{E_0 \cup E_1}$  maps  $Y_j$  into  $Z_j$ .



- ▶  $\zeta_7$  has a fiber of size 7!
- ▶  $\zeta_6$  has no fibers larger than 6!
- ▶ Contradiction!

## Why are there fibers of size 7!?

Let  $a \in (2^{E_0 \cap E_1})^7$  and  $a_i = a_j$  for all  $i < j < 7$ .

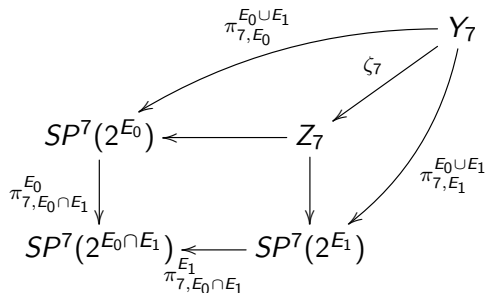
Let  $b \in (2^{E_0 \setminus E_1})^7$  and  $b_i \neq b_j$  for all  $i < j < 7$ .

Let  $c \in (2^{E_1 \setminus E_0})^7$  and  $c_i \neq c_j$  for all  $i < j < 7$ .

Then, for all permutations  $\rho, \sigma: 7 \rightarrow 7$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_7((a_i \cup b_{\rho(i)} \cup c_{\sigma(i)})_{i < 7}) / \sim &= \zeta_7((a_i \cup b_i \cup c_{\tau(i)})_{i < 7}) / \sim \\ &= ((a_i \cup b_i)_{i < 7} / \sim, (a_i \cup c_{\tau(i)})_{i < 7} / \sim) \\ &= ((a_i \cup b_i)_{i < 7} / \sim, (a_i \cup c_i)_{i < 7} / \sim) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau = \sigma \circ \rho^{-1}$ .



## What new symmetries break at $\omega_3$ ?

“Symmetry breaking” at  $\omega_2$  is not just for symmetric powers. For example,  $2^{\omega_1}$  is homeomorphic to its Vietoris hyperspace  $\exp(2^{\omega_1})$  (Ščepin) but  $\exp(2^{\omega_2})$  is not a continuous image of  $2^{\omega_2}$  (Shapiro).

Are there analogous phenomena at  $\omega_3$ ?

Bell’s non-supercompact dyadic compactum of weight  $\omega_3$  is loosely analogous. However, we don’t know if  $\omega_3$  is least possible.

At least our lemma about  $\omega_2$  has a clear analog:

### Lemma

*Let  $0 < d < \omega$  and let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal. The following are equivalent.*

- ▶  $\kappa \geq \omega_d$ .
- ▶ There exist  $N_0, \dots, N_{d-1} \prec H(\theta)$  such that  $\kappa \cap \bigcap_{j \neq i} N_j \not\subseteq N_i$  for all  $i < d$ .
- ▶ There exist **countable**  $N_0, \dots, N_{d-1} \prec H(\theta)$  such that  $\kappa \cap \bigcap_{j \neq i} N_j \not\subseteq N_i$  for all  $i < d$ .

## Quotients induced by elementary submodels

Suppose that  $X$  is  $T_{3.5}$ ,  $I$  is a set, and  $X \in N_i \prec H(\theta)$  for all  $i \in I$ .  
(By “ $X \in N_i$ ” we actually mean “the topology of  $X$  is an element of  $N_i$ .”)

### Definition

$p \not\sim q$  if  $f(p) \neq f(q)$  for some  $f \in C(X, \mathbb{R}) \cap \bigcup_{i \in I} N_i$ .

Let  $X / \bigcup_{i \in I} N_i$  be the quotient space induced by  $\sim$ .

Let  $Q_{\bigcup_{i \in I} N_i}$  be the associated quotient map.

### Lemma

*If  $X$  is a compactum, or even just  $T_4$ , then the following are equivalent:*

- ▶  $p \not\sim q$
- ▶  $p$  and  $q$  have disjoint closed neighborhoods  $U, V \in N_i$  for some  $i$ .
- ▶  $p$  and  $q$  have disjoint closed  $G_\delta$  neighborhoods  $U \in N_i$  and  $V \in N_j$  for some  $i, j$ .

## The view from the cube

Given  $X$  completely regular,  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{i \in I} N_i$ , and  $X \in N_i \prec H(\theta)$ , the quotient map  $Q_{\mathcal{S}}: X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{S}$  is isomorphic to a restriction  $p_{\mathcal{S}}$  of a coordinate projection:

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{C} = C(X, [0, 1])$  and let  $e: X \cong Y \subset [0, 1]^{\mathcal{C}}$  be the Čech embedding  $e(x)(f) = f(x)$ .
- ▶ Define  $\pi_{\mathcal{S}}: [0, 1]^{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow [0, 1]^{C \cap \mathcal{S}}$  by  $y \mapsto y \upharpoonright (C \cap \mathcal{S})$ .
- ▶ Let  $Z = \pi_{\mathcal{S}}[Y]$  and  $p_{\mathcal{S}} = \pi_{\mathcal{S}} \upharpoonright Y$ .

Then there is a unique  $h: X/\mathcal{S} \cong Z$  such that  $p_{\mathcal{S}} \circ e = h \circ Q_{\mathcal{S}}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{e} & Y & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & [0, 1]^{\mathcal{C}} \\ \mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{S}} \downarrow & & p_{\mathcal{S}} \downarrow & & \pi_{\mathcal{S}} \downarrow \\ X/\mathcal{S} & \xrightarrow{h} & Z & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & [0, 1]^{C \cap \mathcal{S}} \end{array}$$

**Warning:** Although coordinate projections such as  $\pi_{\mathcal{S}}$  are open maps, restrictions of them such as  $p_{\mathcal{S}}$  may not be open maps.

## Open quotient maps

When is the quotient map  $Q_S$  an open map?

### Example

Given  $X = \omega_1 + 1$  and a countable  $N \prec H(\theta)$ , we have:

- ▶ There is a natural homeomorphism  $h: X/N \cong \delta + 1$  where  $\delta = \omega_1 \cap N$ :

$$h(Q_N(\alpha)) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } \alpha < \delta \\ \delta & \text{if } \alpha \geq \delta \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $h \circ Q_N$  sends the isolated point  $\delta + 1$  to the limit point  $\delta$ .
- ▶ Therefore,  $h \circ Q_N$  maps an open singleton onto a non-open singleton.
- ▶ Therefore,  $h \circ Q_N$  is not an open map.
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# Open generation

## Theorem (Ščepin, essentially)

Given a compactum  $X$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $Q_N: X \rightarrow X/N$  is open for all  $N \prec H(\theta)$  with  $X \in N$ .
2.  $Q_N: X \rightarrow X/N$  is open for all **countable**  $N \prec H(\theta)$  with  $X \in N$ .
3.  $X$  has a distance function  $\rho(x, C)$  between points and regular closed sets that satisfies certain axioms. . .
4.  $X$  has a “capacity,” a precursor to  $\rho$  as above consisting of maps  $\varepsilon_B: B \rightarrow [0, 1]$  where  $B$  ranges over a base of  $X$  and. . .

Ščepin stated his results in terms of special kinds of inverse limits instead of elementary submodels.

## Definition

Say that a compactum  $X$  is **openly generated** (OG) if it satisfies the above conditions.



## Some properties of openly generated compacta

- ▶ (Ščepin) Products of OG compacta are OG.
- ▶ (Ščepin) Symmetric powers of OG compacta are OG.
- ▶ (Ščepin)  $G_\delta$  subspaces of OG compacta are OG.
- ▶ (Ščepin) Vietoris hyperspaces of OG compacta are OG.
- ▶ (Shapiro) Some OG compacta are not dyadic.
- ▶ (Ščepin) But, like a dyadic compactum, if  $X$  is a continuous image of an OG compactum, then  $X$  is ccc and has weight equal to its  $\pi$ -character.
- ▶ (Ščepin) Also like dyadic spaces, regular closed sets in OG compacta are  $G_\delta$ .

### Question (Ščepin)

If every OG compactum a continuous image of an OG boolean space?

# Retracts of $2^\kappa$

## Definition

Say that a space is **Dugundji** if it is  $\cong$  a retract of a power of 2.

## Theorem (Ščepin)

- ▶ *All Dugundji spaces are OG.*
- ▶ *All OG Boolean spaces of weight  $\leq \omega_1$  are Dugundji.*
- ▶  *$2^{\omega_1}$  is the only Dugundji space with all points of character  $\omega_1$ .*

## Corollary

$$2^{\omega_1} \cong SP^n(2^{\omega_1}) \cong \exp(2^{\omega_1}).$$

## $d$ -ary open generation

### Lemma

Given a compactum  $X$  and  $d < \omega$ , the following are equivalent.

- ▶  $\mathcal{Q}_{\bigcup_{i < d-1} N_i}$  is open for all  $N_0, \dots, N_{d-1} \prec H(\theta)$  with  $X \in N_i$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{Q}_{\bigcup_{i < d-1} N_i}$  is open for all **countable**  $N_0, \dots, N_{d-1} \prec H(\theta)$  with  $X \in N_i$ .

### Definition

Say that a compactum  $X$  is  **$d$ -arily openly generated** ( $\text{OG}_d$ ) if it satisfies the above conditions.

Remarks:

- ▶ All compacta are  $\text{OG}_1$ .
- ▶  $\text{OG}_2$  is the same as  $\text{OG}$ .
- ▶ If  $n > m$ , then  $\text{OG}_n$  implies  $\text{OG}_m$ .

# A hierarchy theorem

## Theorem (Milovich)

1. *The Dugundji spaces are exactly the  $OG_{<\omega}$  boolean spaces.*
2. *All  $OG_{d+1}$  Boolean spaces of weight  $\leq \omega_d$  are Dugundji.*
3. *There is a Boolean space  $Y$  of weight  $\omega_d$  that is  $OG_d$  but not  $OG_{d+1}$ .*

(Our set-theoretic lemma about  $\omega_d$  is relevant to proving 2 and 3.)

## Corollary

$\exp(2^{\omega_2})$  and  $SP^n(2^{\omega_2})$  (for  $n \geq 2$ ) are  $OG_2$  but not  $OG_3$ .

## Question

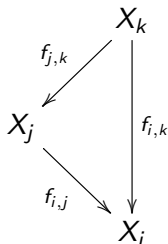
For  $d \geq 3$ , the only known  $Y$  as above is an ad-hoc construction. Is there a “natural” space that is  $OG_3$  but not  $OG_4$ ?

# Inverse diagrams

## Definition

- ▶ An **inverse diagram** is a pair  $((X_i)_{i \in P}, (f_{i,j})_{i < j})$  where:

- ▶  $(P, <)$  is a strict partial order.
- ▶  $X_i$  is a **compactum**.
- ▶  $f_{i,j}: X_j \rightarrow X_i$  is a **quotient map**.  
(Between compacta, all continuous surjections are quotient maps.)
- ▶  $f_{i,k} = f_{i,j} \circ f_{j,k}$  if  $i < j < k$ .
- ▶ (Define  $f_{i,i} = id: X_i \rightarrow X_i$ .)



- ▶ The canonical **limit** of  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  is the compactum  $X_\infty = \{\vec{x} \in \prod_i X_i : \forall (i < j) x_i = f_{i,j}(x_j)\}$  together with maps  $f_{i,\infty}: X_\infty \rightarrow X_i, \vec{x} \mapsto x_i$ .

# Inverse limit systems

## Definition

- ▶  $(P, <)$  is **directed** if all its finite subsets have upper bounds.
- ▶ If  $P$  is directed, we call  $((X_i)_{i \in P}, (f_{i,j})_{i < j})$  an **inverse limit system** and  $X_\infty$  an **inverse limit**.

**Warning:** If  $P$  is not directed then  $f_{i,\infty}$  may not be surjective and  $X_\infty$  may even be empty.

## Retracts of $2^\kappa$ as linear inverse limits

Inverse diagrams have been used to state and prove many internal structural characterizations of properties of compacta.

### Theorem (Koppelberg)

A space  $X$  is Dugundji iff  $X$  is  $\cong$  the limit of some  $((X_\alpha)_{\alpha < \kappa}, (f_{\alpha, \beta})_{\alpha < \beta < \kappa})$  where, for all  $\alpha$ :

- ▶  $X_0 = 1$ .
- ▶  $X_{\alpha+1} = K_0 \oplus K_1$  where  $\{K_0, K_1\}$  is a clopen cover of  $X_\alpha$ .
- ▶  $f_{\alpha, \alpha+1}(x, i) = x$ .
- ▶ For limit  $\gamma$ ,  $(X_\gamma, (f_{\alpha, \gamma})_{\alpha < \gamma}) = \lim((X_\alpha)_{\alpha < \gamma}, (f_{\alpha, \beta})_{\alpha < \beta < \gamma})$ .

For any  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  as above, all maps  $f_{\alpha, \beta}$  and  $f_{\alpha, \infty}$  are open.

# Colimits and inverse semilattices

## Definition

- ▶ The canonical **colimit** of an inverse limit system  $((X_i)_{i \in P}, (f_{i,j})_{i < j})$  is the compactum  $X_{-\infty} = X_{\infty} / \sim$  where  $\sim$  is the intersection of all **closed** equivalence relations that contain  $\bigcup_{i \in P} \{(x, y) : f_{i, \infty}(x) = f_{i, \infty}(y)\}$ .
- ▶ The maps associated with  $X_{-\infty}$  are  $f_{-\infty, i} : X_i \rightarrow X_{-\infty}$  where  $p \mapsto [\vec{x}]$  where  $x_i = p$ .

## Definition

$(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  is an **inverse semilattice** if:

- ▶  $P$  is a directed meet-semilattice.
- ▶  $(X_{i \wedge j}, (f_{i \wedge j, i}, f_{i \wedge j, j}))$  is the colimit of  $((X_i, X_j, X_{\infty}), (f_{i, \infty}, f_{j, \infty}))$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \xleftarrow{f_{i, \infty}} & X_{\infty} \\ \downarrow f_{i \wedge j, i} & & \downarrow f_{j, \infty} \\ X_{i \wedge j} & \xleftarrow{f_{i \wedge j, j}} & X_j \end{array}$$

$P$  is a **meet-semilattice** if every pair  $\{i, j\} \subseteq P$  has a greatest lower bound  $i \wedge j$ .



## Retracts of $2^K$ as nonlinear inverse limits

Call  $((X_i)_{i \in P}, \vec{f})$  an **inverse lattice** if:

- ▶  $P$  is a lattice.
- ▶  $(X_{i \wedge j}, (f_{i \wedge j, i}, f_{i \wedge j, j}))$  is the colimit of  $((X_i, X_j, X_{i \vee j}), (f_{i, i \vee j}, f_{j, i \vee j}))$ .
- ▶  $(X_{i \vee j}, (f_{i, i \vee j}, f_{j, i \vee j}))$  is the limit of  $((X_i, X_j, X_{i \wedge j}), (f_{i \wedge j, i}, f_{i \wedge j, j}))$ .

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$P$  is a **lattice** if every pair  $\{i, j\} \subseteq P$  has a greatest lower bound  $i \wedge j$  and **least upper bound**  $i \vee j$ .

### Theorem (Milovich)

Given a boolean space  $X$ , following are equivalent.

- ▶  $X$  is Dugundji.
- ▶  $X$  is  $\cong$  the limit of an inverse lattice of **second countable** spaces with **open** maps.
- ▶  $X$  is  $\cong$  the limit of an inverse lattice of **finite** spaces.

## Fiber products make lattices

Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} Z \xleftarrow{g} Y$ , its limit is isomorphic to the fiber product  $f \boxtimes g = \{(x, y) : f(x) = g(y)\}$  with three outgoing arrows  $\pi_0$ ,  $\pi_1$ , and  $h = f \circ \pi_0 = g \circ \pi_1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xleftarrow{\pi_0} & f \boxtimes g \\ f \downarrow & \swarrow h & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ Z & \xleftarrow{g} & Y \end{array}$$

Moreover,  $Z$  with the three incoming arrows  $f$ ,  $g$ , and  $h$  is isomorphic to the colimit of  $X \xleftarrow{\pi_0} (f \boxtimes g) \xrightarrow{\pi_1} Y$ .

Therefore, the above diagram is an inverse lattice.

In category theory, the above diagram called a [pullback square](#).

## Semilattice and lattice expansions

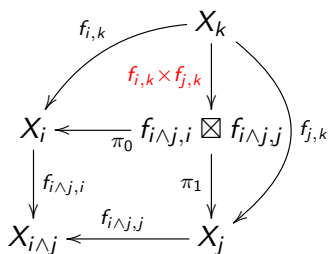
We can expand any inverse limit system  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  to an inverse semilattice by inserting the missing colimits.

However, we may **not** be able to expand  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  to an inverse lattice.

Why? If we insert a fiber product and the coordinate projections **from** this fiber product, then we are required to insert maps **to** this fiber product may not be quotient maps. . .

## Binary obstructions

Given an inverse semilattice  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$ , every diagonal product of the form  $f_{i,k} \times f_{j,k}$  continuously maps  $X_k$  **into** the fiber product  $f_{i \wedge j, i} \boxtimes f_{i \wedge j, j}$  but may not map  $X_k$  **onto** this fiber product. Call instances of this problem **binary obstructions**.



### Example

$S_7(2^{\omega_2}) \cong \lim((SP^7(2^C))_{C \in [P]^{\aleph_0}}, (\pi_{7,C}^D)_{C \subsetneq D})$ ; there are no binary obstructions. In particular,  $\zeta_7: Z_7 \rightarrow Y_7$  is surjective.

### Theorem (Milovich)

- A compactum is **OG** iff it is  $\cong$  the limit of an inverse semilattice of **open** quotient maps between **second countable** compacta **without binary obstructions**.
- However, there is an **OG** boolean space not  $\cong$  any limit of an inverse semilattice of **finite** spaces without binary obstructions.

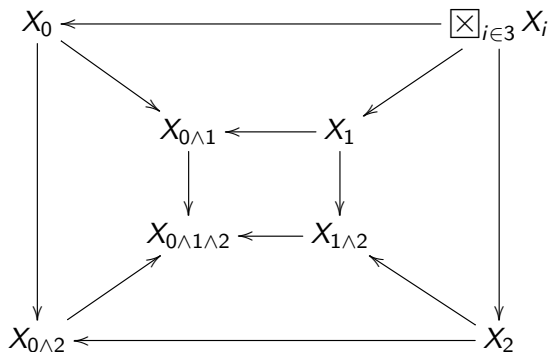
## Pullback hypercubes

Given  $P$  a meet-semilattice,  $d < \omega$ , an inverse diagram  $((X_i)_{i \in P}, \vec{f})$ , and  $D \in [P]^d$ , define the  $d$ -ary fiber product

$\boxed{\times}_{i \in D} X_i$ :

$$\boxed{\times}_{i \in D} X_i = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \prod_{i \in D} X_i : \forall i, j \in D \quad f_{i \wedge j, i}(x_i) = f_{i \wedge j, i}(x_j) \right\}.$$

Diagram for  $D = 3$ :



# Higher-arity obstructions

## Definition

An inverse semilattice  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  has a  **$d$ -ary obstruction** if there exist distinct  $i_0, \dots, i_{d-1} < j$  such that the diagonal product  $\prod_{k < d} f_{i_k, j}$  does not map  $X_j$  **onto** the fiber product  $\boxtimes_{k < d} X_{i_k}$ .

## Lemma (Milovich)

Given  $2 \leq d < \omega$ , a compactum  $X$  is  $\text{OG}_d$  iff  $X$  is  $\cong$  the limit of an inverse semilattice  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  such that

- ▶ Each  $X_j$  is a second-countable compactum.
- ▶  $\prod_{k < d-1} f_{i_k, j}$  is open for all  $i_0, \dots, i_{d-2} < j$ ,
- ▶  $(\vec{X}, \vec{f})$  has no  $\leq d$ -ary obstructions.

## Proof strategy for $\text{OG}_d \not\cong \text{OG}_{d+1}$

- Build a strict partial ordering  $\triangleleft$  that is directed and has countable lower cones.
- Simultaneously build an inverse limit system  $((X_\alpha)_{\alpha < \omega_d}, (f_{\beta, \alpha})_{\beta \triangleleft \alpha})$ .
- Ensure that if  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{d-1} \triangleleft \alpha$  then:
  - ▶  $\prod_{i < d} f_{\beta_i, \alpha}: X_\alpha \rightarrow \prod_{i < d} X_{\beta_i}$  is onto.
  - ▶  $\prod_{i < d-1} f_{\beta_i, \alpha}: X_\alpha \rightarrow \prod_{i < d-1} X_{\beta_i}$  is open.
  - ▶  $\prod_{i < d} f_{\beta_i, \alpha}: X_\alpha \rightarrow \prod_{i < d} X_{\beta_i}$  is “usually” not open.

## How to partially order $\omega_d$

We will simultaneously construct  $\triangleleft$  and sequences  $(X_\alpha)_{\alpha < \omega_d}$ ,  $(f_{\beta,\alpha})_{\beta \triangleleft \alpha}$ , and  $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha < \omega_d}$  such that:

- ▶  $X_0 = 2^\omega \cong X_\alpha$ .
- ▶  $M_\alpha$  is  $\prec H(\theta)$  and countable.
- ▶ The **sequences**  $(X_\beta)_{\beta < \alpha+1}$ ,  $(f_{\gamma,\beta})_{\gamma \triangleleft \beta < \alpha}$ , and  $(M_\beta)_{\beta < \alpha}$  are **elements** of  $M_\alpha$ .
- ▶  $\{f_{\beta,\alpha} : \beta \triangleleft \alpha\}$  is a **subset** of  $M_\alpha$ .

Define  $\beta \triangleleft \alpha \Leftrightarrow M_\beta \in M_\alpha$  and note that

$$M_\beta \in M_\alpha \Leftrightarrow M_\beta \subsetneq M_\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \in \alpha \cap M_\alpha \Rightarrow \beta < \alpha.$$

Ignoring  $\vec{X}$  and  $\vec{f}$ , a sequence  $\vec{M}$  as above is called a **Davies sequence** or a **long  $\omega_1$ -approximation sequence**. Such sequences have other applications in both set theory and topology...



## Useful properties of $\vec{M}$

$\vec{M}$  is essentially a very very weak gap- $d$  morass that exists in ZFC.

- ▶  $\triangleleft$  is directed and well-founded.
- ▶ Each lower cone  $\{\beta : \beta \triangleleft \alpha\}$  partitions into  $\leq d$ -many countable directed sets  $D_{\alpha,i}$  for  $i < \aleph(\alpha)$ .
- ▶ Each intersection  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha$  is a directed union  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} M_\alpha$ .
  - ▶ Therefore, we won't have to think about colimits.

$X_\alpha$  and  $f_{\beta,\alpha} : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$  are of the following form if  $\alpha > 0$ .

- ▶  $(Y_{\alpha,i}, (g_\beta)_{\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}}) = \lim((X_\beta)_{\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}}, \vec{f} \upharpoonright D_{\alpha,i})$ .
- ▶  $X_\alpha = C_0 \oplus C_1$  where  $\{C_0, C_1\}$  is a closed cover of  $\prod_{i < \aleph(\alpha)} Y_{\alpha,i}$ .
- ▶  $f_{\beta,\alpha}(\vec{y}, j) = g_\beta(y_i)$  for  $\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}$ .

## Sufficient criteria for witnessing $\text{OG}_d \not\cong \text{OG}_{d+1}$

Again,  $X_\alpha$  and  $f_{\beta,\alpha}: X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$  are of the following form if  $\alpha > 0$ .

- ▶  $(Y_{\alpha,i}, (g_\beta)_{\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}}) = \lim((X_\beta)_{\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}}, \vec{f} \upharpoonright D_{\alpha,i})$ .
- ▶  $X_\alpha = C_0 \oplus C_1$  where  $\{C_0, C_1\}$  is a **closed cover** of  $\prod_{j < \aleph(\alpha)} Y_{\alpha,i}$ .
- ▶  $f_{\beta,\alpha}(\vec{y}, j) = g_\beta(y_i)$  for  $\beta \in D_{\alpha,i}$ .

We additionally require:

1.  $X_\alpha \ni (\vec{y}, j) \mapsto \vec{y} \upharpoonright s$  defines an open map to  $\prod_{i \in s} Y_{\alpha,i}$  for all  $s \in [\aleph(\alpha)]^{< d}$ .
2.  $X_\alpha \ni (\vec{y}, j) \mapsto y$  defines a non-open map if  $\aleph(\alpha) = d$ .

Finally:

- ▶  $X_\infty$  will be  $\text{OG}_d$  thanks to 1.
- ▶  $X_\infty$  will not be  $\text{OG}_{d+1}$  thanks to 2. More precisely, given any inverse limit system  $(\vec{\Xi}, \vec{\xi})$ , where  $\Xi_\infty \cong X_\infty$  and each  $\Xi_i$  is second countable, we can use 2 to find  $i_0, \dots, i_{d-1} < j$  such that  $\prod_{k < d} \xi_{i_k, j}$  is not open.