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Inner Model Theory

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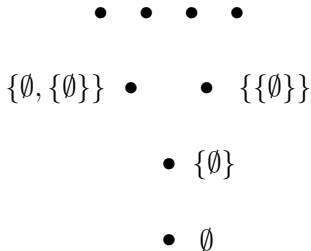
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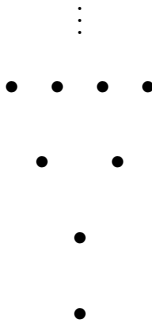
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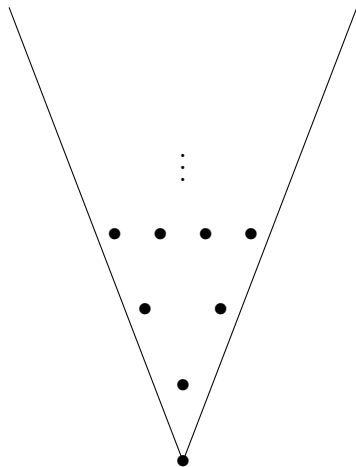
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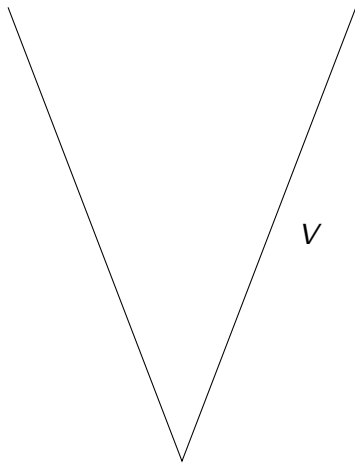


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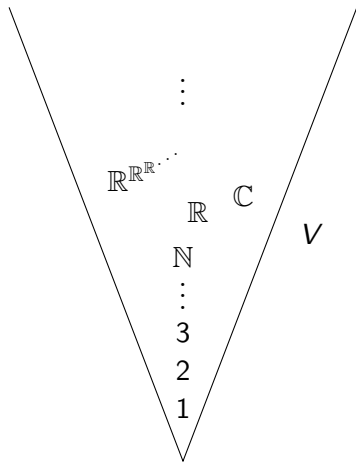




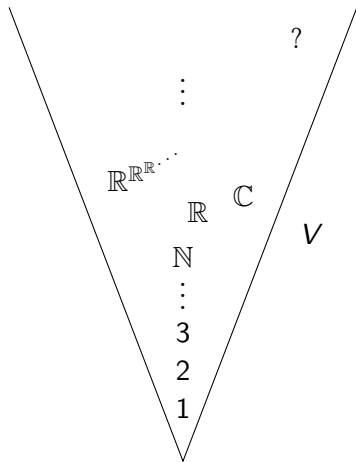
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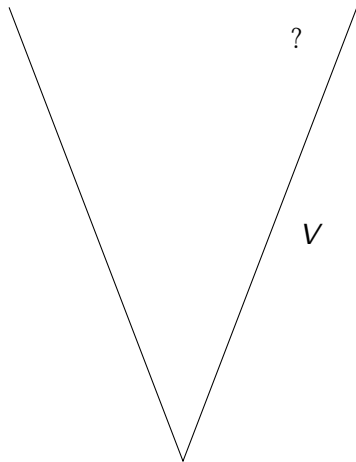
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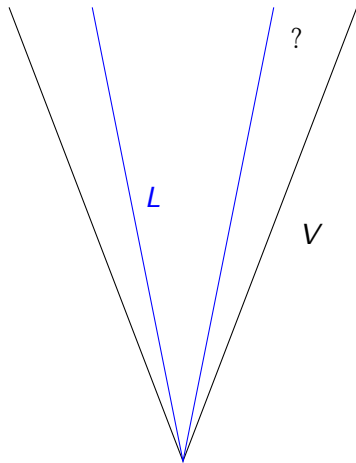
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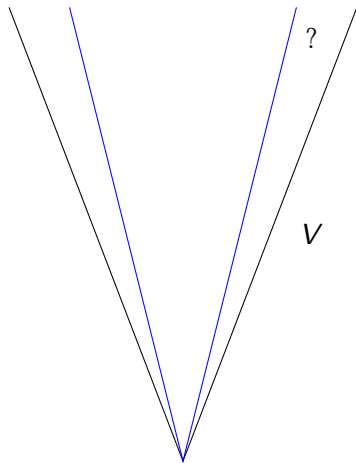
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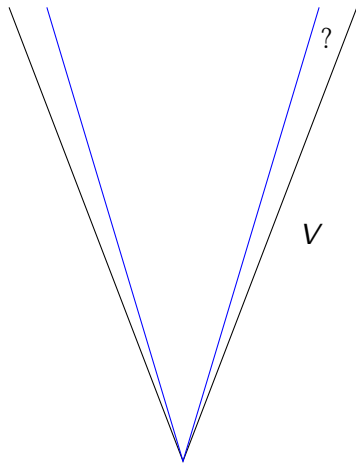
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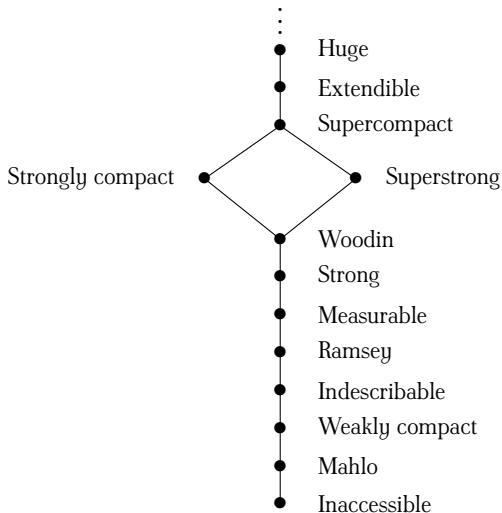
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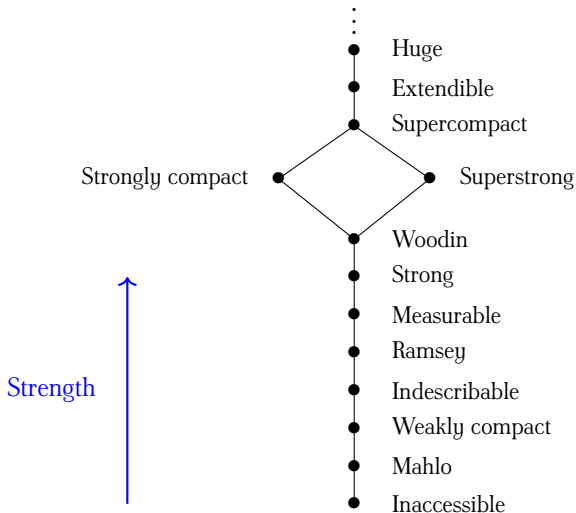


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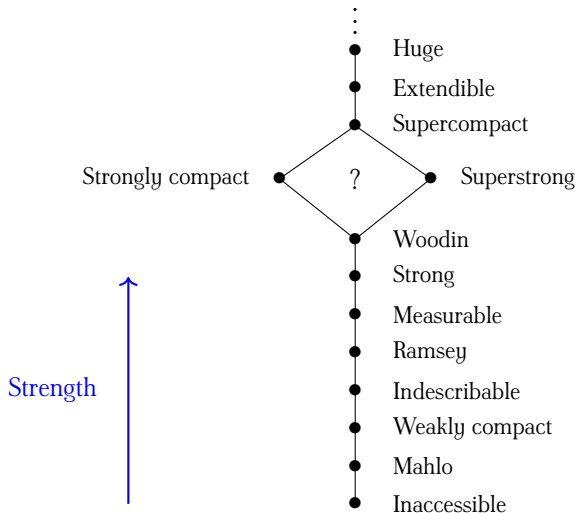




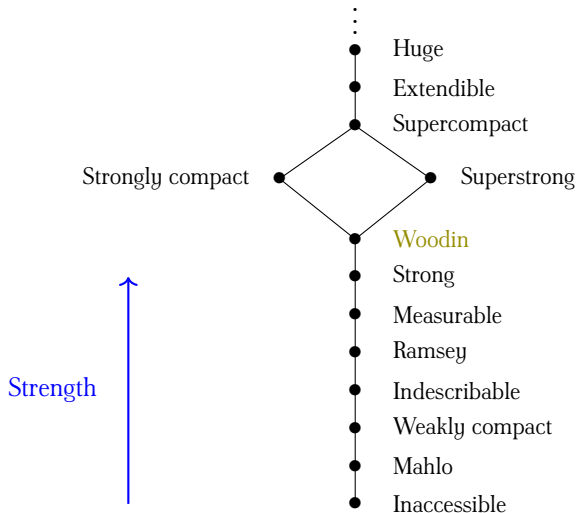
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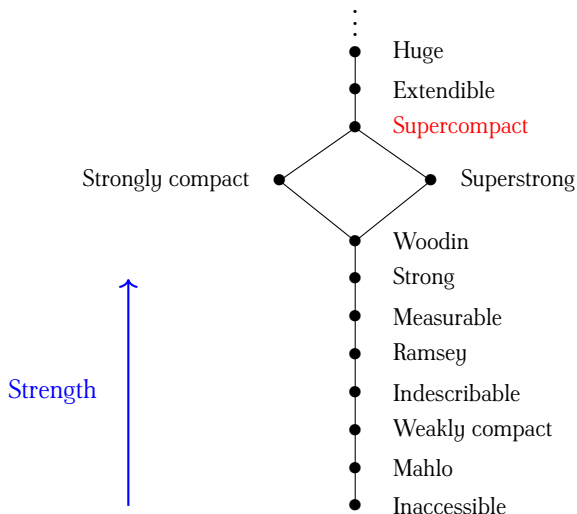
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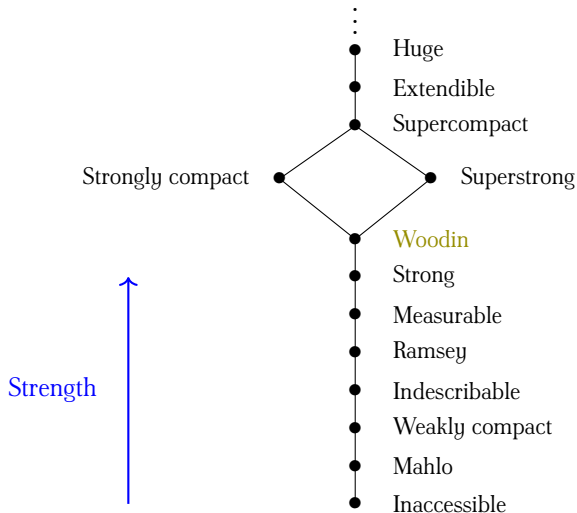
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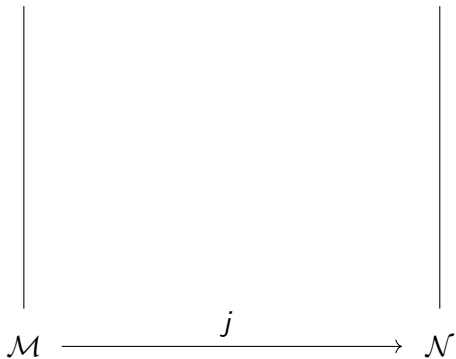


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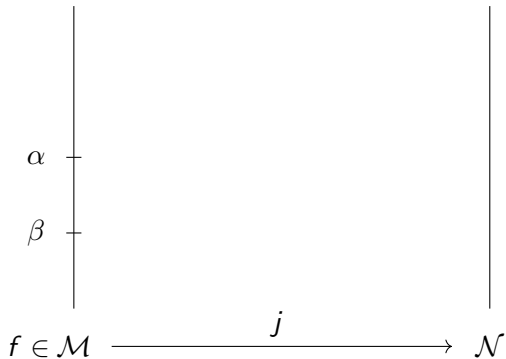


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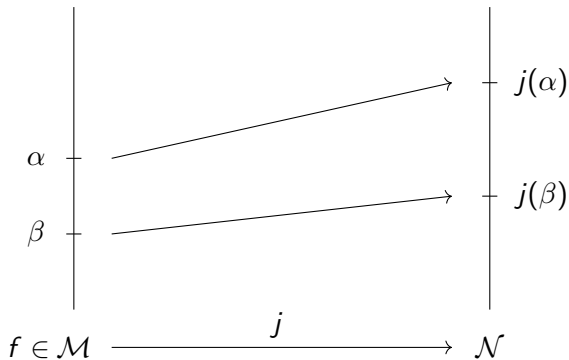


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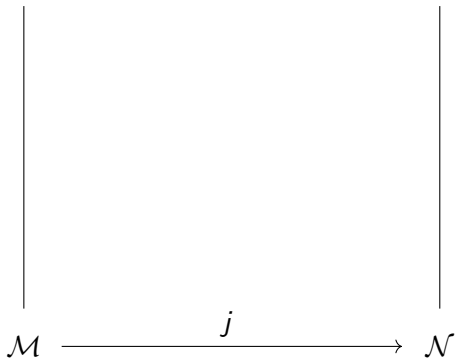
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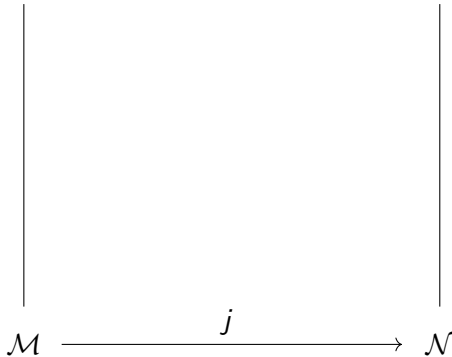
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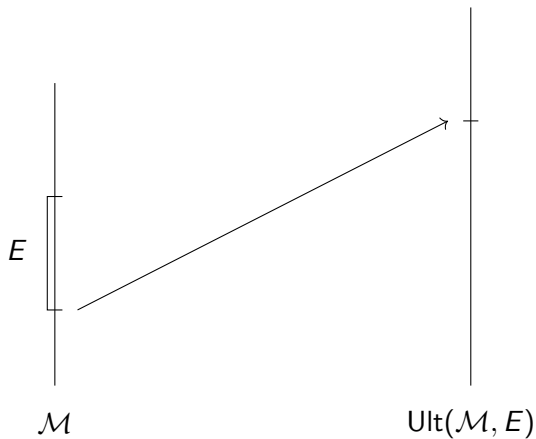
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# Premice

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A (coarse) **premouse** is a structure of the form  $\mathcal{M} = \langle L_{\alpha}^{\vec{E}}, \vec{E}, F \rangle$ , where  $\vec{E}$  is a *fine* extender sequence and every proper initial segment of  $\mathcal{M}$  is **sound**.



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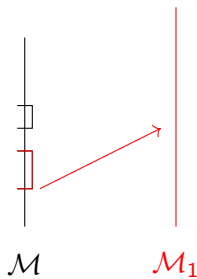


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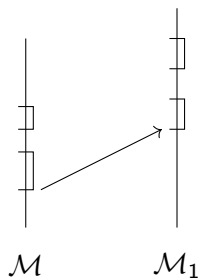
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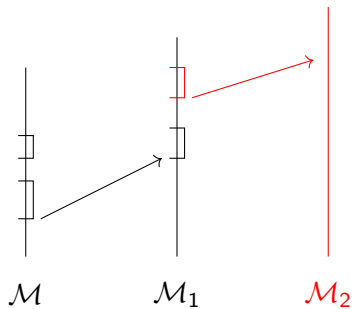
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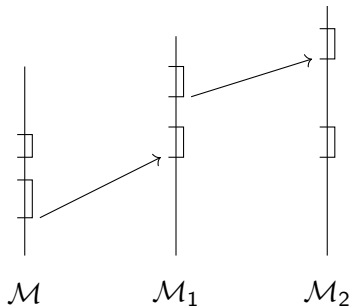
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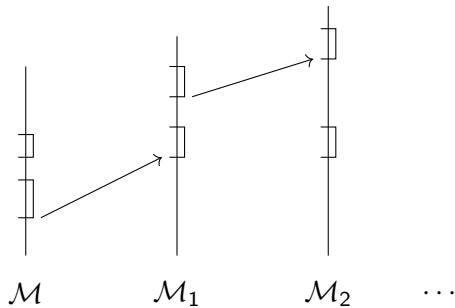
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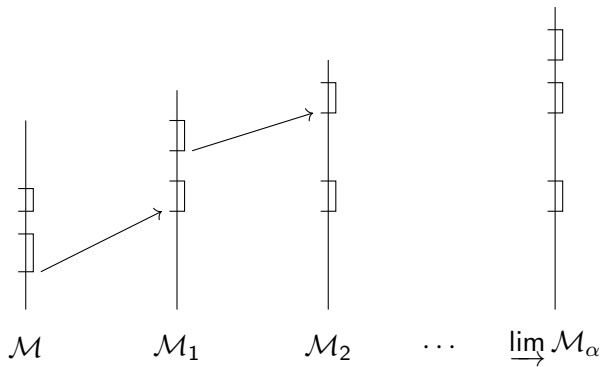


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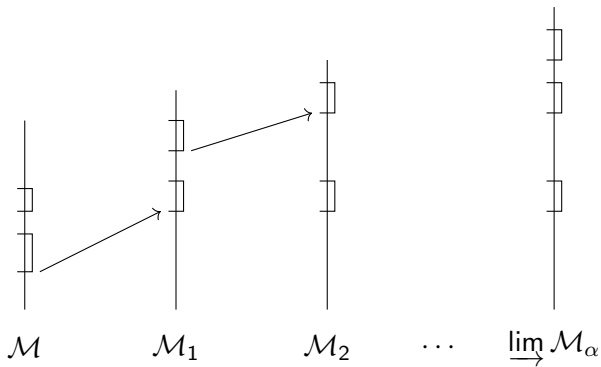




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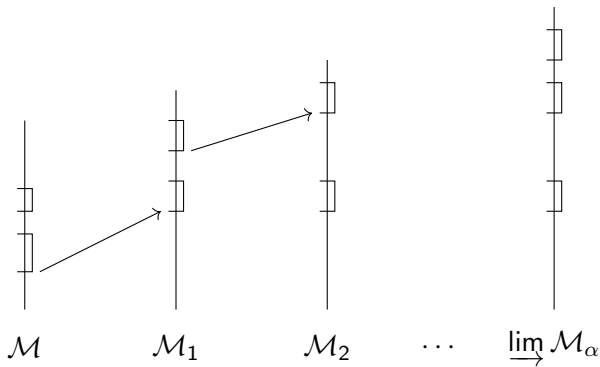


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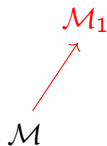
Note that the extenders here *don't overlap*.

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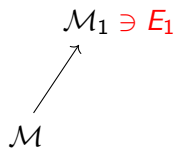
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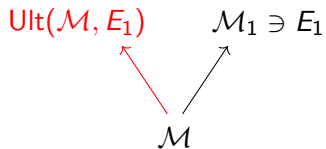
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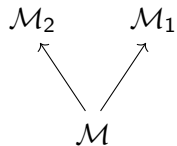


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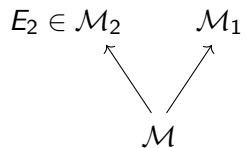




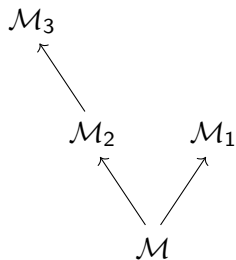
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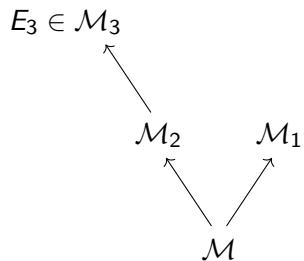
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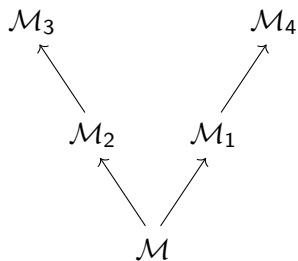
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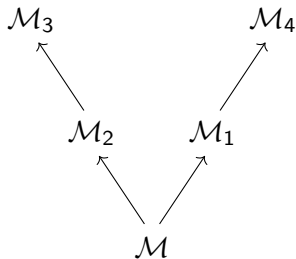
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At limit steps player II picks a branch  $b$  through the tree  
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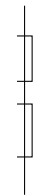
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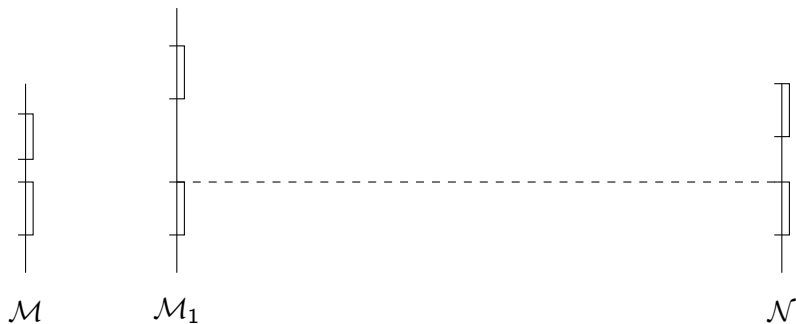
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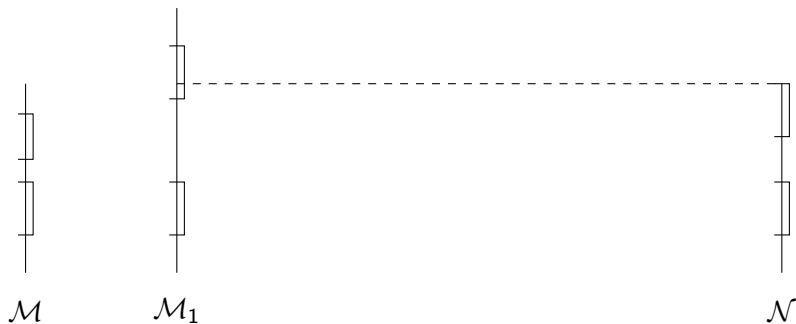
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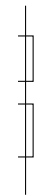
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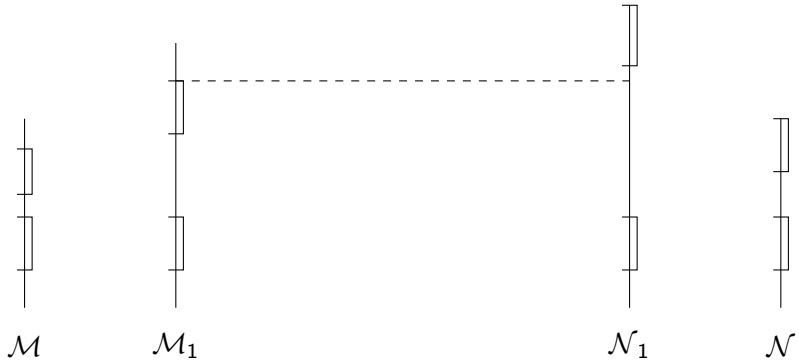




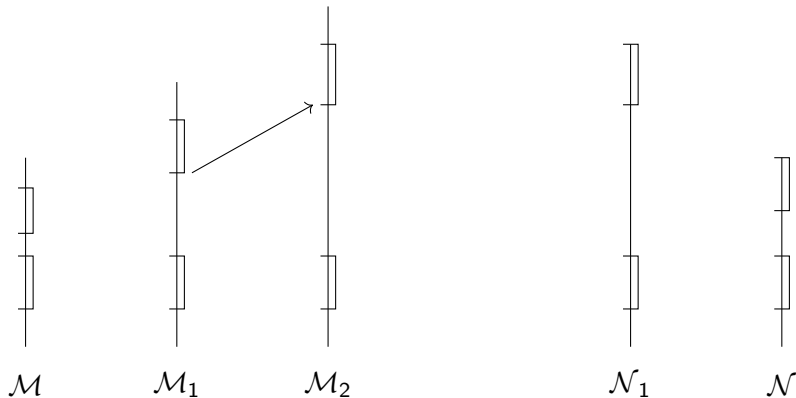
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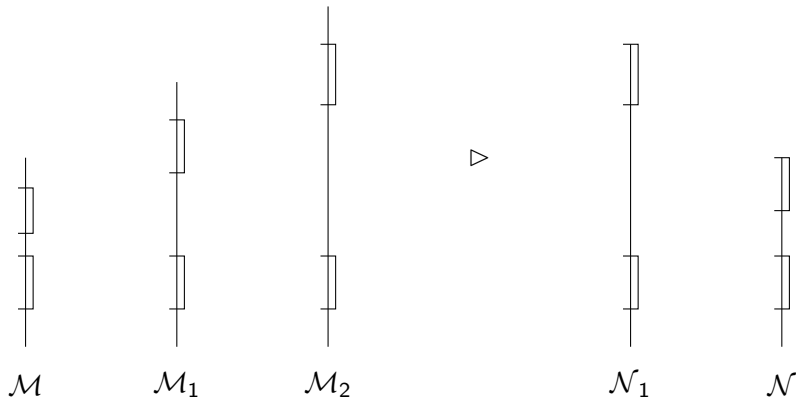
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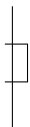
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The diagram consists of a vertical line with a small rectangle centered on it. The rectangle is open on the left side, with its right side being a vertical line segment. The top and bottom of the rectangle are connected to the vertical line by short horizontal segments.

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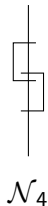
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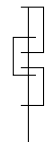
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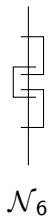
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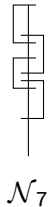
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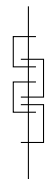
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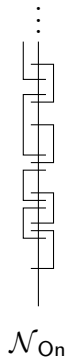
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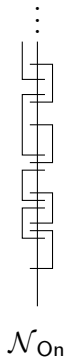
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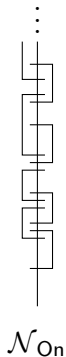


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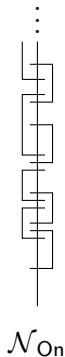
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**Theorem (Steel-Mitchell-Jensen, 2003)**

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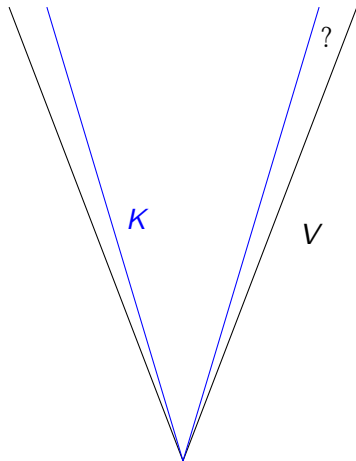
## Theorem (Jensen-Steel, 2013)

Assume that there is no proper class inner model with a **Woodin cardinal**. Then there are  $\Sigma_2$  formulae  $\psi_K(v)$  and  $\psi_\Sigma(v)$  such that

- (i)  $K = \{v \mid \psi_K[v]\}$  is a transitive proper class mouse satisfying ZFC;
- (ii)  $\{v \mid \psi_\Sigma[v]\}$  is the unique iteration strategy for  $K$  acting on set-sized iteration trees;
- (iii) (Generic absoluteness)  $\psi_K^V = \psi_K^{V[g]}$  and  $\psi_\Sigma^V = \psi_\Sigma^{V[g]} \cap V$  for any  $V$ -generic  $g$  over a set-sized poset;
- (iv) (Inductive definition)  $K|_{\omega_1^V}$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -definable over  $J_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ;
- (v) (Weak covering) For any  $\lambda \geq \omega_2^V$  which is a successor  $K$ -cardinal,  $\text{cof}^V \lambda \geq |\lambda|^V$ . Thus  $\kappa^{+K} = \kappa^+$  whenever  $\kappa$  is a singular  $V$ -cardinal.



We're on the right track



Thank you!

