

Virtual large cardinals

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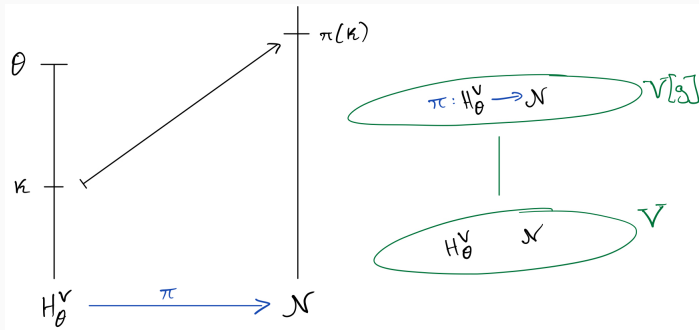
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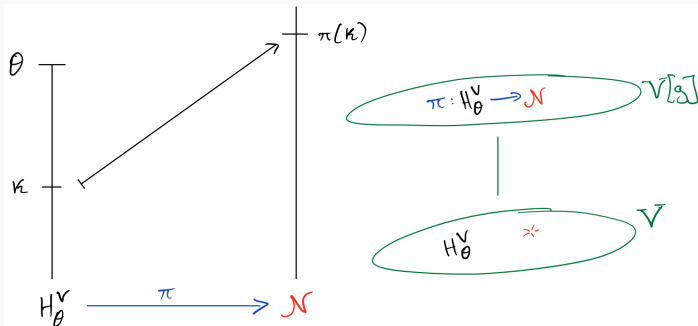
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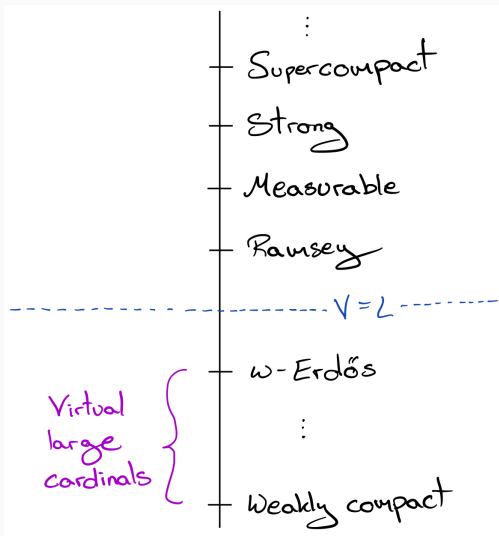
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8. This game is called $\mathcal{G}_\gamma^\theta(\kappa)$. If we restrict I to only add $<|\gamma|$ sets at a time then we call the game $\mathcal{C}_\gamma^\theta(\kappa)$.

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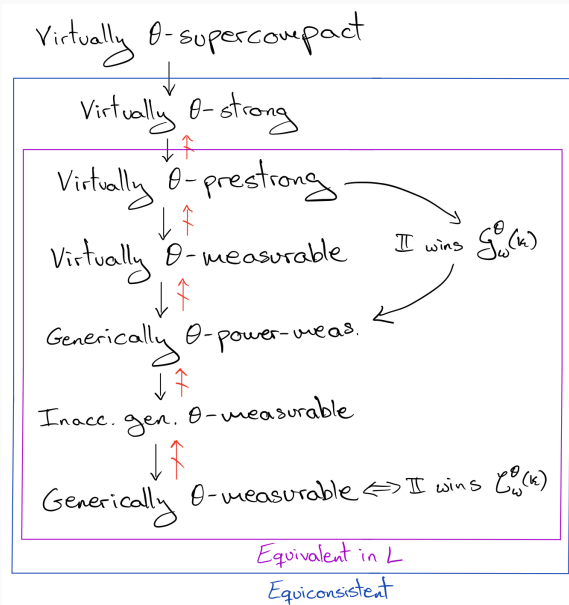
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Thank you for your attention.