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For a review of forcing see Kunen [10] Chapter VII.

Lemma 1 (Fusion) (Perfect set forcing (Sacks) forcing). Suppose $p_{n+1} \leq_n p_n$ for $n \in \omega$. Then the fusion

$$q = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} p_n$$

is a perfect tree and $p \leq_n p_n$ for all n.

Lemma 2 (Sacks forcing) (uniformly finite antichains) Suppose $n < \omega$ and $p \Vdash \tau \in M$ then there exists $F \in M$ with $|F| \leq 2^{n+1}$ and $q \leq_n p$ such that $q \Vdash \tau \in \check{F}$.

Definition 3 (Sacks property) Suppose G is Sacks-generic over M. Then for every $f \in M^{\omega} \cap M[G]$ there exists $F \in M$ such that

$$\forall n < \omega \quad f(n) \in F(n) \text{ and } |F(n)| \le 2^{n+1}.$$

Corallary 4 Sacks forcing does not collapse ω_1 . If the ground model satisfies CH, then no cardinal is collapsed.

Theorem 5 (Sacks [25]) Suppose $x \in 2^{\omega}$ is Sacks over M, then for every $y \in M[x] \cap 2^{\omega}$ either $y \in M$ or M[y] = M[x]. Furthermore in the latter case, y is itself is Sacks generic over M.

Let \mathbb{P} be the partial order of superperfect subtrees $p \subseteq \omega^{<\omega}$. This ordering satisfies the Fusion Lemma and the uniformly countable antichain Lemma and hence does not collapse ω_1 . Also called Miller forcing.

Theorem 6 (Miller [17]) Forcing with superperfect trees \mathbb{P} gives a minimal degree. Any unbounded $g \in M[G] \cap \omega^{\omega}$ is itself superperfect generic.

Remark 7 ω -Silver forcing $(p: D \to \omega)$ collapses the continuum to ω . ω -Superperfect forcing (splitting nodes have all splits in) adds a Cohen real.

Theorem 8 (Baumgartner-Laver[2]) If G is Sacks generic over M, then no $X \in [\omega]^{\omega} \cap M[G]$ splits all $Y \in [\omega]^{\omega} \cap M$ (i.e., $|Y \cap X| = |Y \setminus X| = \omega$.

Same is true for superperfect set forcing [17].

Theorem 9 (Silver) Silver forcing satisfies Fusion, the Sacks property, and is minimal.

For the proof see Grigorieff [5]. The result is attributed to Silver in Mathias [14].

Mathias forcing [12] can be thought of as Silver conditions $p: D \to 2$ with $D \subseteq \omega$ and \overline{D} infinite with the additional property that $p^{-1}(1)$ is finite. It adds an $X \subseteq \omega$ which reaps all $Y \subseteq \omega$ in the ground model, i.e., $X \subseteq^* Y$ or $X \subseteq^* \overline{Y}$. The enumeration of X is a dominating real.

Basic facts about product forcing, see Solovay [28].

Theorem 10 (Adamowicz [1]) For \mathbb{P} Sacks forcing, if $G_1 \times G_2 \mathbb{P}^2$ -generic over M, then for every $x \in 2^{\omega} \cap M[G_1, G_2]$, M[x] is either M, $M[G_1]$, $M[G_2]$, or $M[G_1, G_2]$. This fails for Silver forcing.

Side-by-side Sacks forcing (products with countable support) $\mathbb{P}^{(\kappa)}$ has the Sacks property. See Groszek and Slaman [7] for an application of this forcing to Turing degrees.

Theorem 11 (Shelah) It is consistent to have a model of $ZFC + \clubsuit + \neg CH$.

(Miller) Forcing with $(\omega^{<\omega})^{(\omega_3)}$ over a model of V = L yields a model $\mathbf{A} + \neg CH$.

Proposition 12 The following are equivalent for models $M \subseteq N$.

- 1. $(cnd)^{M}$ is cofinal in $(cnd)^{N}$
- 2. $(meager)^M$ is cofinal in $(cnd)^N$
- 3. $(meager)^M$ is cofinal in $(meager)^N$

Theorem 13 For models $M \subseteq N$ we have that (1) implies (2) implies (3).

- 1. $M \subseteq N$ has the Sacks property.
- 2. $(cnd)^M$ is cofinal in $(cnd)^N$.
- 3. $M \subseteq N$ is bounded, i.e., for every $f \in N \cap \omega^{\omega}$ there is $g \in M \cap \omega^{\omega}$ with f(n) < g(n) all n,

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Shelah proved (1) implies (2). (2) implies (3) is the dual form of Thm 1.2 p.94 [18]. Modified Silver forcing (see Miller [18] p.106) satisfies (2) but not (1), random real forcing satisfies (3) but not (2).

Theorem 14 (Laver [11]) Laver forcing adds a dominating real and iterating it makes the Borel conjecture true.

Proposition 15 If $M \subseteq N$ has the Laver property and

 $M \models X \subseteq [0, 1]$ does not have SMZ

then

 $M \models X$ does not have SMZ

Theorem 16 (Miller [15]) No Q-points in Lavers model.

Theorem 17 (Grigorieff [5]) If \mathcal{U} is a P-point, then forcing with $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{U}}$ is bounding.

Remark. (Grigorieff) If \mathcal{U} not a P-point, then forcing with $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{U}}$ collapses the continuum or at least changes its cofinality to ω .

Theorem 18 (Shelah, see Wimmers[24], Shelah [26]) Suppose \mathcal{U} is a Ppoint in M and G is $\mathbb{P}^{\omega}_{\mathcal{U}}$ -generic over M. Then no ultrafilter in M[G] extending \mathcal{U} is a P-point.

Theorem 19 (Ketonen [9]) Suppose d = c, then every filter on ω generated by few than continuum many sets can be extended to a P-point. The converse is also true.

Theorem 20 (Mathias [13]) If $d = \omega_1$, then there exists a Q-point.

Corallary 21 If $c \leq \omega_2$, then there exists a *P*-point or there exists a *Q*-point.

Q. Does ZFC prove that there exists a P-point or there exists a Q-point?

Theorem 22 (Charles Grey, see [6, 8]) Laver forcing is minimal.

Theorem 23 (Namba [23]) Namba forcing changes the cofinality of ω_2 to ω without adding a new real (assuming CH).

The Prikry collapse of ω_1 is the poset of Prikry trees, subtrees $p \subseteq \omega_1^{<\omega}$ with the property that for every $s \in p$ there exists $t \supseteq s$ with $t^{\hat{}}\langle \alpha \rangle \in p$ for uncountably many $\alpha < \omega_1$.

Theorem 24 (Prikry) If G is Prikry collapse of ω_1 - generic over M, then for any $f \in M[G]$ such that $M[G] \models f : \omega \to \omega_1$ is unbounded $G \in M[f]$ and f itself is a generic Prikry collapse.

Theorem 25 (Carlson, Kunen, Miller [3]). If the ground model M satisfies MA_{ω_1} and G is the Prikry collapse of ω_1 - generic over M, then for every $x \in 2^{\omega} \cap M[G]$ either $x \in M$ or $G \in M[x]$.

The Carlson collapse of ω_1 is the poset of subtrees $p \subseteq \omega_1^{<\omega}$ with the property that there is a root $s \in p$ such that for every $s \subseteq t \in p$ we have $t^{\langle \alpha \rangle} \in p$ for uncountably many $\alpha < \omega_1$.

Theorem 26 (Carlson) If the ground model M satisfies MA_{ω_1} and G is the Carlson collapse of ω_1 - generic over M, then for every $f \in \omega^{\omega} \cap M[G]$ there exists $g \in \omega^{\omega} \cap M$ such that f(n) < g(n) for all $n < \omega$.

Theorem 27 (Miller [22]) If the ground model M satisfies MA_{ω_1} and G is the Carlson collapse of ω_1 - generic over M, then for every $x \in 2^{\omega} \cap M[G]$ either $x \in M$ or $G \in M[x]$.

The Shelah-Woodin collapse of ω_2 is the poset of subtrees $p \subseteq \omega_2^{<\omega}$ with the property that for every $s \in p$ there is $t \supseteq s$ such that $t^{\uparrow}\langle \alpha \rangle \in p$ for ω_2 many $\alpha < \omega_2$. This is used in the proof of:

Theorem 28 (Shelah-Woodin [27]) If there is a transitive model of ZFC, then there is a countable transitive model W of ZFC+CH and $a \subseteq \omega$ in a generic extension of W such that W[x] models $\neg CH$ and $\omega_1^W = \omega_1^{W[a]}$.

$$\frac{\text{Laver}}{\omega} = \frac{\text{Carlson}}{\omega_1} = \frac{\text{Namba}}{\omega_2}$$
$$\frac{\text{Miller}}{\omega} = \frac{\text{Prikry}}{\omega_1} = \frac{\text{Shelah-Woodin}}{\omega_2}$$

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Theorem 29 (Hausdorff 1936) The Hausdorff gap. 2^{ω} can be partitioned into ω_1 pairwise disjoint $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -sets.

Theorem 30 (Fremlin-Shelah [4]) 2^{ω} can be partitioned into ω_1 pairwise disjoint G_{δ} -sets iff 2^{ω} is the union of ω_1 meager sets.

Theorem 31 (Miller [16]) It is consistent that 2^{ω} can be partitioned into ω_1 disjoint G_{δ} sets but cannot be partitioned into ω_1 disjoint closed sets.

Theorem 32 (Galvin-Prikry) For any Borel set $B \subseteq [\omega]^{\omega}$ there exists $H \in [\omega]^{\omega}$ with $[H]^{\omega} \subseteq B$ or $[H]^{\omega} \cap B = \emptyset$.

Theorem 33 (Ellentuck) Completely Ramsey is the same as having the property of Baire in the Ellentuck topology. Ramsey null is the same as meager which is the same as nowhere dense.

For references for Galvin-Prikry and Ellentuck, see Miller [19].

Theorem 34 (Mathias [12]) Mathias forcing has the Laver property. It can be decomposed as countable * ccc. Every infinite subset of a Mathias generic is Mathias generic. Mathias forcing is not minimal.

Theorem 35 (Zapletal [29], see also Miller [21]). If $A \subseteq \omega^{\omega}$ is analytic then either A is disjoint from the infinite branches of a Hechler tree or A contains the infinite branches of a Laver tree.

Theorem 36 (Miller [20]) In the Cohen real model the hierarchy of ω_1 -Borel sets has length at least $\omega_1 + 1$ but no more than $\omega_1 + 2$.

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