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The main result of the paper is: given a topologically complete space X and a “defining family of closed covers” \mathcal{A} of X (i.e., it satisfies some local refinement condition and completeness condition), to construct an inverse system $\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{A}} = (F_{\lambda}, \pi_{\lambda}^{\mu}, \Lambda)$ of simplicial complexes and simplicial bonding maps, and an inverse system $\mathbf{N}_{\mathcal{A}} = (N_{\lambda}, \pi_{\lambda}^{\mu}, \Lambda)$ such that the limit spaces $F_{\infty} = N_{\infty}$, where N_{λ} is a subcomplex of F_{λ} which is almost the same as a cover, and to obtain a proper map $\pi : N_{\infty} \rightarrow X$, and a continuous map $p : X \rightarrow N_{\infty}$ so that $\pi \circ p = \text{id}_X$ and the two maps $p \circ \pi$ and $\text{id}_{N_{\infty}}$ are homotopic (so N_{∞} is homotopy equivalent to X). The construction of the inverse system is based on a modification of the theorem by *S. Mardešić* [Fundam. Math. 114, 53–78 (1981; Zbl 0411.54019)] that every topological space X admits a polyhedral resolution.

The authors then show that if X is a compact Hausdorff space and \mathcal{A} is a family of locally finite, normal, closed covers of X satisfying the local refinement condition, then the inverse systems $\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $\mathbf{N}_{\mathcal{A}}$ are HPol-expansions of N_{∞} and hence of X , where an expansion is in the shape theoretical sense.

They also show that the restricted inverse system $\mathbf{F}^{(0)} = (F_{\lambda}^{(0)}, \pi_{\lambda}^{\mu}, \Lambda)$ is a cell structure in the sense of [*W. Dębski* and *E. D. Tymchatyn*, Topology Appl. 239, 293–307 (2018; Zbl 1390.54014)] representing a space canonically homeomorphic to X .

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