

## 1 An $\omega_1$ -Dense Ideal on $\omega_1$

**Definition 1.** A  $\omega_1$ -dense ideal on  $\omega_1$  is a countably complete normal ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\omega_1$  so that  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$  has a dense subset of size  $\omega_1$ .

Given any normal countably complete ideal  $\mathcal{J}$  on  $\omega_1$  we let  $Y_{Col}(\mathcal{J})$  denote the set of functions  $f : \omega_1 \rightarrow H_{\omega_1}$  with the following properties:

- (i) For nonzero  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,  $f(\alpha)$  is a filter in  $\text{Col}(\omega, \alpha)$
- (ii) for any  $S \in \mathcal{J}^+$  there is  $p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$  with

$$S_p := \{\alpha < \omega_1 \mid p \in f(\alpha)\} \subseteq S \pmod{\mathcal{J}}$$

and any such  $S_p$  is not in  $\mathcal{J}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (i) *There is a  $\omega_1$ -dense ideal on  $\omega_1$ .*
- (ii) *In  $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)}$  there is an elementary embedding  $j : V \rightarrow M$  with critical point  $\omega_1^V$  and  $M$  transitive.*
- (iii) *In  $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)}$  there is a  $V$ -ultrafilter on  $\omega_1^V$  that is countably complete and normal for sequences in  $V$  so that  $\text{Ult}(V, U)$  is wellfounded.*
- (iv) *There is a normal countably complete ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  such that  $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$  embeds densely into  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$ .*
- (v) *There is a normal countably complete ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\omega_1$  so that  $Y_{Col}(\mathcal{I}) \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* For (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) note that, for  $\mathcal{I}$  the dense ideal, forcing with  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$  has a dense subset of size  $\omega_1$  and collapses  $\omega_1$ , thus is forcing equivalent to  $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ . It is clear that there is such an embedding after forcing with  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) is standard.

Let's do (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). Let  $\dot{U}$  be a  $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ -name for such an ultrafilter. We show that

$$\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq \omega_1 \mid \mathbb{1} \Vdash_{\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)} \check{A} \notin \dot{U}\}$$

works.  $\mathcal{I}$  is clearly a countably complete, normal ideal on  $\omega_1$  and thus  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$  is a complete Boolean algebra. It is not hard to check that

$$i : \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)), [x]_{\mathcal{I}} \mapsto \left\| \check{A} \in \dot{U} \right\|$$

is a complete embedding of Boolean algebras. In particular,  $\text{ran}(i)$  is a complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1))$  that collapses  $\omega_1$  and is hence isomorphic to  $\text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1))$ . Thus there is a dense embedding

$$e : \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$$

For  $(iv) \Rightarrow (v)$ , let  $\mathcal{I}$  be such an ideal and  $e$  the given dense embedding. For the rest of the proof, we identify  $\text{Col}(\omega, \alpha)$  with the poset  ${}^{<\omega}\alpha$  ordered by reverse inclusion. We can now inductively choose  $x_p$  for  $p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$  such that:

1.  $[x_p]_{\mathcal{I}} = e(p)$
2.  $x_{\emptyset} = \omega_1$
3.  $x_p = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} x_{p \restriction \alpha}$
4. if  $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$  then  $x_{p \restriction \alpha} \cap x_{p \restriction \beta} = \emptyset$

For nonzero  $\alpha < \omega_1$ , we let  $f(\alpha) = \{p \in \text{Col}(\omega, \alpha) \mid \alpha \in x_p\}$ . The properties of the  $x_p$  guarantee that  $f(\alpha)$  is a filter. We see that

$$S_p = \{\alpha < \omega_1 \mid p \in f(\alpha)\} = x_p \in \mathcal{I}^+$$

and as the  $x_p$  induce a dense subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$ , for any  $S \in \mathcal{I}^+$  there is a  $p$  with

$$S_p = x_p \subseteq S \pmod{\mathcal{I}}$$

Hence  $f \in Y_{\text{Col}}(\mathcal{I})$ .

$(v) \rightarrow (i)$  is trivial. □

**Proposition 3.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (i) *There is a  $\omega_1$ -dense ideal on  $\omega_1$  so that the induced generic embedding after forcing with  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$  restricted to the ordinals is independent of the choice of generic filter.*
- (ii) *There is a  $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ -name  $\dot{U}$  for a  $V$ -ultrafilter on  $\omega_1^V$  that is countably complete and normal for sequences in  $V$  such that  $\text{Ult}(V, \dot{U})$  is forced to be wellfounded and  $j_{\dot{U}^g} \upharpoonright \text{Ord}$  does not depend on the choice of generic  $g$ .*

*Proof.*  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  is trivial, so we will do  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$ . As in the proof of the lemma above we let  $\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq \omega_1 \mid \mathbb{1} \Vdash_{\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)} \check{A} \notin \dot{U}\}$  and get that

$$i : \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)), [x]_{\mathcal{I}} \mapsto \|\check{A} \in \dot{U}\|$$

is a complete embedding. Let  $h$  be  $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)/\mathcal{I}$ -generic and

$$U = \{x \subseteq \omega_1^V \mid [x]_{\mathcal{I}} \in h\}$$

As  $\text{ran}(i)$  is a complete subforcing of  $\text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1))$ ,  $[x]_{\mathcal{I}} \mapsto \|\check{A} \in \dot{U}\|$ , we can further force over  $V[h]$  to find a  $\text{Col}(\omega, \omega_1)$ -generic extension  $V[g]$  of  $V$  so that  $h = g \cap \text{ran}(i)$ . It is now easy to see that

$$U = \dot{U}^g$$

which implies that  $\mathcal{I}$  is as desired by our assumption on  $\dot{U}$ . □

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose  $\kappa_0$  is  $\kappa_1$ -almost huge. Then there is a (long)  $(\kappa_0, \lambda)$ -extender  $E$  such that:*

- (i)  $j_E$  witnesses that  $\kappa_0$  is  $\kappa_1$ -almost huge
- (ii)  $j_E$  is continuous at  $\kappa_1$
- (iii)  $j_E(\kappa_1) = \lambda$
- (iv)  $\lambda$  has size  $\kappa_1$

*Proof.* Let  $j : V \rightarrow M$  be any embedding witnessing that  $\kappa_0$  is  $\kappa_1$ -almost huge. Let  $\lambda = \sup j[\kappa_1]$  and  $E$  the derived  $(\kappa_0, \lambda)$ -extender. Clearly,  $j_E$  has critical point  $\kappa_0$  and satisfies  $j_E(\kappa_0) = \kappa_1$ . Furthermore,  $M_\lambda = (M_E)_\lambda$  as  $\kappa_1$  is inaccessible. Therefore for any  $\alpha < \kappa_1$ , we have  $j_E[\alpha] = j[\alpha] \in M_\lambda \subseteq M_E$ . In addition to this,  ${}^{<\kappa_1}([\lambda]^{<\omega}) \subseteq M_\lambda \subseteq M_E$  (where the first inclusion holds as  $\lambda$  has cofinality  $\kappa_1$ ) and this is enough to conclude that  $M_E$  is closed under sequences of length  $<\kappa_1$ . Next we show that  $j_E$  is continuous at  $\kappa_1$ , it follows that  $j_E(\kappa_1) = \lambda$ . So let  $\alpha < j_E(\kappa_1)$ . Then there is  $a \in [\lambda]^n$  for some  $n$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha = j_{a,\infty}(\beta)$ , where  $j_{a,\infty}$  is the factor embedding  $M_{E_a} \rightarrow M_E$ . Clearly,  $\beta < j_a(\kappa_1)$ , where  $j_a$  is the embedding  $V \rightarrow M_{E_a}$ .

**Claim 5.**  $\kappa_1$  is a fixed point of  $j_a$ .

*Proof.*  $j_a$  is the ultrapower embedding given by

$$E_a = \{A \subseteq [\kappa_1]^n \mid a \in j_E(A)\}$$

but in fact,  $j_a$  is also given by the ultrapower by

$$E'_a = \{A \subseteq [\gamma]^n \mid a \in j_E(A)\}$$

where  $\gamma < \kappa_1$  is large enough such that  $\max a < j(\gamma) = j_E(\gamma)$ . Now  $\kappa_1$  is an inaccessible above  $\gamma$  and thus a fixed point of  $j_a$ .  $\square$

We can now see immediately that  $\alpha \leq j_E(\beta) < j_E(\kappa_1)$  which shows that  $j_E$  is continuous at  $\kappa_1$ . It may not be the case that  $\lambda$  has size  $\kappa_1$  in our situation. Note that, to compute  $j_E$ , only the bounded subsets of  $\kappa_1$  are relevant as  $(M_E, j_E)$  is the direct limit of the  $(M_{E_a}, j_a)$  and only the bounded subsets of  $\kappa_1$  are relevant to compute a given  $j_a$  by the computation above. Let  $E' = \langle E'_a \mid a \in [\lambda]^{<\omega} \rangle$ . Let  $\theta$  be regular and large enough. Find an elementary substructure  $X < H_\theta$  of size  $\kappa_1$  such that  $E' \in X$  and  $H_{\kappa_1} \cup \{\kappa_1\} \subseteq X$  and let  $Y$  be the transitive collapse of  $X$ . If  $F'$  is the image of  $E'$ , and  $\lambda'$  is the image of  $\lambda$ , it is easy to check that  $F'$  generates a  $(\kappa_0, \lambda')$  extender in the same way  $E'$  generates  $E$ . This is because  $Y$  knows all bounded subsets of  $\kappa_1$ . It is clear that  $F$  retains all the properties (i) – (iii) with  $\lambda$  replaced by  $\lambda'$ , but now additionally  $\lambda'$  has size  $\kappa_1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Assume  $M$  is an inner model of ZFC so that  $\omega_1^V$  is inaccessible in  $M$  and every real of  $V$  is an element of a forcing extension of  $M[h]$  of  $M$  for a forcing of size  $<\omega_1^V$  with  $h \in V$ . Then there is a forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  so that if  $G$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic then there is  $g \in W[G]$  so that  $g$  is  $\text{Col}(\omega, <\omega_1^V)$ -generic over  $M$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{M[g]} = \mathbb{R}^W$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{P}$  consists of filters  $f$  that are  $\text{Col}(\omega, <\alpha_f)$ -generic over  $M$  for some  $\alpha_f < \omega_1^V$ , with  $f_0 \leq f_1$  if  $\alpha_{f_0} \geq \alpha_{f_1}$  and  $f_1 \subseteq f_0$ . Suppose  $G$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic and let  $g = \bigcup G$ . Using that  $\omega_1^V$  is inaccessible in  $M$ , it is easy to see that  $g$  is  $\text{Col}(\omega, <\omega_1^V)$ -generic over  $M$  and that  $\mathbb{R}^{M[g]} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^V$ . For the other inclusion let  $r \in \mathbb{R}^V$ . I claim that

$$D = \{f \in \mathbb{P} \mid r \in M[f]\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ . So let  $f \in \mathbb{P}$  be given and note that we can identify  $f$  with a real. Thus there is a  $\omega_1^V$ -small forcing extension  $M[h]$  of  $M$  with  $h \in V$  and  $f, r \in M[h]$ . We have that  $M \subseteq M[f] \subseteq M[h]$  and so there is a forcing  $\mathbb{Q} \in M[f]$  of  $M[f]$ -size  $<\omega_1^V$  so that  $M[h] = M[f][h']$  for some  $h'$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -generic over  $M[f]$ . By the universal property of the Levy collapse, we can absorb  $\mathbb{Q}$  into a forcing of the form  $\text{Col}(\omega, [\alpha_f, \beta))$  for some  $\beta < \omega_1^V$  large enough and find  $f' \in V$  generic for this forcing over  $M[f]$  so that  $M[h] \subseteq M[f][f']$ . This means that  $f \cup f'$  is  $\text{Col}(\omega, <\beta)$ -generic over  $M$  and thus is a condition in  $D$  below  $f$ . This implies that  $r \in M[g]$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *Suppose  $\kappa$  is inaccessible and  $\mathbb{B}$  a cBa of size  $\kappa$ . Furthermore assume:*

- (i)  $\mathbb{B}$  is  $\kappa$ -cc
- (ii) *there is an increasing chain of cBa's  $\langle \mathbb{B}_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa \rangle$  all of size  $<\kappa$  such that  $\mathbb{B}_\alpha \triangleleft \mathbb{B}_\beta$  for  $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$*
- (iii) *every  $\gamma < \kappa$  is countable in  $V^{\mathbb{B}_\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha < \kappa$*

*Then  $\mathbb{B} \cong \text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, <\kappa))$ .*

*Proof.* First we show that wlog we can assume that every  $\mathbb{B}_\alpha$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Col}(\omega, \gamma_\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \leq \gamma_\alpha < \kappa$ . To do this we show that for all  $\alpha < \kappa$  there is  $\beta < \kappa$  so that there is a cBa  $\mathbb{C}$  isomorphic to  $\text{Col}(\omega, \gamma)$  for some  $\gamma$  with  $\mathbb{B}_\alpha \triangleleft \mathbb{C} \triangleleft \mathbb{B}_\beta$ . Let  $\alpha_0 = \alpha$ . If  $\alpha_n$  is defined, let  $\alpha_{n+1}$  be large enough so that  $\mathbb{B}_{\alpha_n}$  is countable in  $V^{\mathbb{B}_{\alpha_{n+1}}}$ . Let  $\lambda = |\sup_{n < \omega} \alpha_n|$ . Then  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} \mathbb{B}_{\alpha_n}$  is a Boolean algebra of size  $\lambda$  that collapses  $\lambda$ . Thus there is a dense embedding  $i : \text{Col}(\omega, \lambda) \rightarrow \bigcup_{n < \omega} \mathbb{B}_{\alpha_n}$ .  $i$  now extends to an embedding

$$i^+ : \text{RO}(\text{Col}(\omega, \gamma)) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$$

and we put  $\mathbb{C} = \text{ran}(i^+)$ . Now we can find  $\beta' < \kappa$  large enough so that  $\mathbb{C} \subseteq \mathbb{B}_{\beta'}$ . As  $\mathbb{B}_\alpha \triangleleft \mathbb{B}_\beta$  we have  $\mathbb{B}_\alpha \triangleleft \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\mathbb{C} \subseteq \mathbb{B}_{\beta'}$ , any maximal antichain of  $\mathbb{C}$  is a .  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** *If  $ZFC + \text{"There is an almost huge cardinal"}$  is consistent then so is  $ZFC + \text{"There is an } \omega_1\text{-dense ideal on } \omega_1 \text{ whose generic embedding restricted to the ordinals does not depend on the generic filter"}$  +  $CH$  is consistent.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\kappa_0$  is  $\kappa_1$ -almost huge and let  $E$  be a  $(\kappa_0, \lambda)$ -extender given by Lemma 4 and let  $j : V \rightarrow M$  denote the induced elementary embedding. We let  $\kappa_2 = \lambda$  to emphasize  $\lambda = j^2(\kappa_0)$ . Let  $g_0$  be  $\text{Col}(\omega, < \kappa_0)$ -generic over  $V$  and  $\mathbb{R}_* = \mathbb{R}^{V[g_0]}$ . Let  $g_1$  be  $\text{Col}(\kappa_0, [\kappa_0, \kappa_1])$ -generic over  $V[g_0]$ . Note that  $V(\mathbb{R}_*)[g_1]$  makes sense and satisfies choice. Further observe that  $V(\mathbb{R}_*)[g_1] = V[g_1]$ , so we will write the latter instead to ease notation.  $V[g_1]$  will be our target model. So we will show that there is a suitable elementary embedding in  $V[g_1, g]$  that allows us to apply Proposition 3. Therefore let  $g$  be  $\text{Col}(\omega, \kappa_0)$ -generic over  $V[g_1]$  and put  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R}^{V[g_1, g]}$ .

**Claim 9.** *In  $V[g_1, g]$ ,  $j$  lifts to an elementary embedding:*

$$j^+ : V(\mathbb{R}_*) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{R}^*)$$

*Proof.* Let  $g_1^- = g_1 \cap \text{Col}(\kappa_0, \{\kappa_0\})$ . In  $V(\mathbb{R}_*)[g^-] = V[g^-]$ , we can apply Lemma 6 to find a forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  that adds a  $V$ -generic filter  $h$  for  $\text{Col}(\omega, < \kappa_0)$  so that  $\mathbb{R}^{V[h]} = \mathbb{R}_*$ . Surely we can find such an  $h$  in  $V[g_1, g]$ . We can apply that lemma again in  $V[g_1, g]$  to see that in some forcing extension there is  $H$  a  $V$ -generic filter for  $\text{Col}(\omega, < \kappa_1)$  with  $h \subseteq H$ . This gives a lift

$$i : V[h] \rightarrow M[H]$$

of  $j$ . Put:

$$j^+ = i \upharpoonright V(\mathbb{R}_*) : V(\mathbb{R}_*) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{R}^*)$$

As  $i(\mathbb{R}_*) = \mathbb{R}^*$ , it is clear that  $j^+$  is elementary. It is our duty to show that  $j^+$  is already definable in  $V[g_1, g]$ . Given  $x \in V(\mathbb{R}_*)$ , there are  $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}_*$ ,  $a \in V$  and a formula  $\varphi$  so that

$$x = \{y \in V(\mathbb{R}_*)_\alpha \mid V(\mathbb{R}_*)_\alpha \models \varphi(y, r, a)\}$$

and thus

$$i(x) = \{y \in M(\mathbb{R}^*)_{j(\alpha)} \mid M(\mathbb{R}^*)_{j(\alpha)} \models \varphi(y, r, j(a))\}$$

which shows that  $j^+(x) = i(x)$  is definable in  $V[g_1, g]$  uniformly in  $x$ .  $\square$

**Claim 10.** *From the perspective of  $V[g_1, g]$ ,  ${}^\omega M(\mathbb{R}^*) \subseteq M(\mathbb{R}^*)$ .*

*Proof.* If we let

$$I(\alpha, r, a, \varphi) = \{y \in M(\mathbb{R}^*) \mid M(\mathbb{R}^*) \models \varphi(y, r, a)\}$$

then every element of  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)$  is of the form  $I(\alpha, r, a, \varphi)$  for some  $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}^*$ ,  $a \in M$  and a formula  $\varphi$ . As a countable sequence of reals is coded by a real again and as  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)$  knows all the reals, it is sufficient to prove that  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)$  contains all countable sequences of ordinals in  $V[g_0, g]$ . Note that

$$M' = M(\mathbb{R}_*)[g_1, g] = M[g_1, g]$$

is closed under  $\omega$ -sequences and that  $\mathbb{R}^*$  are the reals of that model. If  $\vec{\alpha}$  is any such sequence then  $\vec{\alpha} \in M'$  and moreover there is  $\beta < \kappa_1$  so that:

$$\vec{\alpha} \in M(\mathbb{R}_*)[g, g_1 \cap \text{Col}(\kappa_0, [\kappa_0, <\beta])] \subseteq M(\mathbb{R}^*)$$

□

**Claim 11.** *In  $V[g_1, g]$  there is some  $H$  that is  $\text{Col}(\kappa_1, [\kappa_1, \kappa_2])^{M(\mathbb{R}^*)}$ -generic over  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)$  with  $j^+[g_1] \subseteq H$ .*

*Proof.* First we quickly build a generic  $H^-$  for  $\text{Col}(\kappa_1, \{\kappa_1\}) \cong \text{Add}(\kappa_1, 1)$ . This is possible as this forcing has  $<\kappa_2$  subsets in  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)$  and as  $\kappa_2$  has size  $\kappa_1$  in  $V$ . Note that  $M(\mathbb{R}^*)[H^-] = M[H^-]$  is still closed under countable sequences. For  $\kappa_1 < \alpha \leq \kappa_2$ , let us write  $\mathbb{Q}_\alpha$  for  $\text{Col}(\kappa_1, (\kappa_0, \alpha))$ . Again, there are at most  $\kappa_1$ -many dense subsets of any  $\mathbb{Q}_\alpha$  in  $M[H^-]$ . Let

$$\langle D_\beta^\alpha \mid \beta < \kappa_1 \rangle$$

be an enumeration of them. As  $\sup j[\kappa_1] = j(\kappa_1)$ , we can find a bookkeeping bijection  $b : \kappa_1 \rightarrow \kappa_2 \times \kappa_1$  such that if  $b(\gamma) = (\alpha, \beta)$  then  $\alpha \leq j(\gamma)$ . By induction, define a descending sequence

$$\langle p_\gamma \mid \gamma < \kappa_1 \rangle$$

of conditions in  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa_2}$  such that  $p_\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}_{j(\gamma)}$ . Let  $p_0 = \emptyset$ . If  $p_\gamma$  is defined, then find  $q \in \mathbb{Q}_\alpha$  below  $p_\gamma \restriction \kappa_1 \times \alpha$  that is in  $D_\beta^\alpha$  where  $(\alpha, \beta) = b(\gamma)$ , given that  $\alpha > \kappa_1$ . We set

$$p_{\gamma+1} = p_\gamma \cup q \cup ((\bigcup j[g_1]) \restriction \kappa_0 \times \{j(\gamma)\})$$

By the closure of  $M[H^-]$ ,  $p_{\gamma+1}$  is a condition in  $M[H^-]$ . If  $\gamma$  is a limit, we let  $p_\gamma = \bigcup_{\delta < \gamma} p_\delta$ . Again,  $p_\gamma \in M[H^-]$ .

This sequence generates a filter  $H^+$ . We will show that it is generic over  $M[H^-]$ .  $\mathbb{Q}_{\kappa_2}$  has the  $\kappa_2$ -cc, so that any maximal antichain  $A$  in there is already a maximal antichain in  $\mathbb{Q}_\alpha$  for some  $\kappa_1 < \alpha < \kappa_2$ . Hence the downwards closure of  $A$  is a dense subset there which is met by  $H^+$  by construction. Thus  $H^+$  meets  $A$ . This shows that  $H = H^- \times H^+$  is as desired.

□

This allows us to lift  $j^+$  to an elementary embedding

$$j^{++} : V[g_1] \rightarrow M[H]$$

Let  $U = \{A \in \mathcal{P}(\kappa_0)^{V[g_1]} \mid \kappa_0 \in j^{++}(A)\}$ .  $U$  induces an elementary embedding

$$i : V[g_1] \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V[g_1], U) =: N$$

and a factor embedding

$$k : N \rightarrow M[H]$$

with  $j^{++} = k \circ i$ .

**Claim 12.** (i)  $\text{crit}(k) \geq \kappa_2$  (if it exists)

(ii)  $i = j^{++}$  and  $N = M[H]$ .

*Proof.* (i) As  $N$  contains all subsets of  $\kappa_0$  in  $V[g_1]$ ,  $\kappa_1 = \omega_2^{V[g_1]} \leq \omega_1^N$  and as  $\kappa_1 = k \circ i(\kappa_0)$ ,  $\omega_1^N \leq k(\omega_1^N) = \kappa_1$ . Hence  $\text{crit}(k) \geq \omega_2^N$ . So suppose  $\alpha < \kappa_1$ . We get  $i(\alpha) < \omega_2^N$  and thus  $i(\alpha) = k \circ i(\alpha) = j(\alpha)$ . Since  $j$  is continuous at  $\kappa_1$ , this finally implies that  $\text{crit}(k) \geq \omega_2^N = \kappa_2$ .

(ii) As  $j$  was originally given by a  $(\kappa_0, \kappa_2)$ -extender,  $j^{++}$  is still induced by its derived  $(\kappa_0, \kappa_2)$ -extender. The claim follows if we can show that  $i$  and  $j^{++}$  coincide on  $\mathcal{P}(\kappa_1)^{V[g_1]}$ , which is immediate by (i).  $\square$

By Proposition 3, we get that there is a  $\omega_1$ -dense ideal on  $\omega_1$  in  $V[g_1]$  whose induced generic elementary embedding restricted on the ordinals (in fact restricted to  $V$ ) does not depend on the choice of generic. Finally, it is clear that  $CH$  holds in  $V[g_1]$ .  $\square$

**Remark 13.** It is worth noting that in the above proof, the final model  $V[g_1]$  is, even though we dropped at some point to an inner model, a forcing extension of  $V$ . This is since  $g_1$  was chosen  $V[g_0]$ -generic and hence

$$V \subseteq V[g_1] \subseteq V[g_0, g_1]$$

The intermediate model theorem yields that  $V[g_1]$  is indeed a forcing extension of  $V$ . Thus it is, given enough large cardinals, possible to force the existence of an  $\omega_1$ -dense ideal on  $\omega_1$ .