

# Applications of Namba forcing to weak partition properties on trees

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## Abstract

We answer several questions of Hrušák, Simon and Zindulka on weak partition relations on trees. In particular, we show that the Namba forcing on  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  does not have the Sacks property. We also construct a model where there is a singular cardinal  $\kappa$  such that  $\text{cf}(\kappa)$  has the boundedness property but  $\kappa$  does not.

## 1 Introduction

In [6] Hrušák, Simon and Zindulka studied several partition relations on trees. Using a different notation, they introduced the following concepts: Given a cardinal  $\kappa$ , and  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ , we say that  $\kappa$  is a *Zindulka cardinal* if for every coloring  $\chi : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with stem  $\emptyset$  such that  $T$  takes only finitely many colors on each level (where  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  denotes the Namba forcing on  $\kappa$ ),<sup>1</sup> and  $\kappa$  is a *g-Zindulka cardinal* if for every coloring  $\chi : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with stem  $\emptyset$  such that  $|\chi[T_n]| \leq g(n)$  for every  $n \in \omega$  (i.e.  $T$  has at most  $g(n)$  colors at the  $n$ -level). In [6] the following questions were asked:

**Problem 1 (Hrušák, Simon, Zindulka)** *Let  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  be an increasing function.*

1. *Is  $\mathfrak{b}$  the first regular uncountable cardinal that is not Zindulka?*
2. *Can  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  be a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal?*
3. *Can  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  be a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal?*

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<sup>1</sup>The definitions of undefined terms can be consulted in the next section.

#### 4. Can $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}}$ be a $g$ -Zindulka cardinal?

It turns out that  $\kappa$  is a Zindulka cardinal if and only the Namba forcing on  $\kappa$  does not add unbounded reals. In [4] the first question was answered positively. Here we will prove that  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property if and only if  $\kappa$  is a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal for some (any) increasing function  $g$ . We will prove that  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  can not be  $g$ -Zindulka cardinals while  $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}}$  may consistently be.

According to [6] a cardinal  $\kappa$  has the *Boundedness Property* if for every sequence  $\mathcal{A} = \langle f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \kappa \rangle$  where  $f_\alpha : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ , there is  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that the set  $\{\alpha \mid f_\alpha < g\}$  has size  $\kappa$ . In [6] it was proved that if  $\kappa$  has the Boundedness property, then  $\text{cf}(\kappa)$  also has the Boundedness property. Answering a question from [6], we shall show that the converse consistently fails.

## 2 Preliminaries and notation

In this section we fix some notation and recall the relevant results from [4]. Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal, a tree  $T \subseteq \kappa^{<\omega}$  is called a  $\kappa$ -Namba tree (or just Namba tree if the cardinal  $\kappa$  is clear by context) if there is  $s \in T$  (called the *stem* of  $T$ ) such that every  $t \in T$  is comparable with  $s$ ; furthermore if  $t \sqsubset s$  then  $t$  has just one immediate successor and if  $s \sqsubseteq t$  then  $t$  has  $\kappa$  many immediate successors. By  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  we will denote the set of all  $\kappa$ -Namba trees ordered by inclusion; in this way,  $\mathbb{N}(\omega)$  is the Laver forcing. A generic filter for  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  may be coded as a sequence which we will denote by  $\dot{\mathbf{n}}_{gen} : \omega \rightarrow \kappa$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  forces  $\kappa$  to have countable cofinality. Given  $S$  and  $T$  two  $\kappa$ -Namba trees,  $S \leq_0 T$  will mean that  $S \leq T$  and both  $S$  and  $T$  have the same stem. By  $[T]$  we denote the set of branches of  $T$  and if  $s \in T$  then we define  $T_s$  as the set of all  $t \in T$  such that either  $t \sqsubseteq s$  or  $s \sqsubseteq t$  and  $\text{suc}_T(s) = \{\alpha \in \kappa \mid s \frown \alpha \in T\}$ . By  $B(T)$  we denote the set of nodes of  $T$  that extend the stem. By  $\text{stem}(T)$  we denote the stem of  $T$  and  $\mathbb{N}_0(\kappa)$  will denote the set of all  $\kappa$ -Namba trees with empty stem.

A key property of Namba forcing is the following:

**Proposition 2 (Continuous reading of names)** *If  $(Y, d)$  is a complete metric space and  $\dot{y}$  is an  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$ -name for an element of  $Y$ , then there is  $S \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  and a continuous function  $F : [S] \rightarrow Y$  such that  $S \Vdash "F(\dot{x}_{gen}) = \dot{y}"$ .*

Furthermore, it is often the case that names can be read with a *Lipschitz function*. Let  $T$  be a tree, given  $F : T \rightarrow \omega$  define the function  $\bar{F} : [T] \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  such that if  $x \in \kappa^\omega$  and  $n \in \omega$  then  $\bar{F}(x) \upharpoonright n = F(x \upharpoonright n)$ . A function  $H : [T] \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  is called *Lipschitz* if there is a function  $F : T \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $H = \bar{F}$ . Clearly every Lipschitz function is continuous. If  $G : \kappa^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  is a continuous function, define  $G^* : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega^{<\omega}$  where  $G^*(s) = (\bigcup \{t \mid G[\langle s \rangle] \subseteq \langle t \rangle\}) \upharpoonright |s|$ . If  $\kappa$  is a cardinal of uncountable cofinality,  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  and  $\dot{y}$  a  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$ -name such that  $T \Vdash "\dot{y} \in \omega^\omega"$ , then there is  $S \leq_0 T$  such that:

1. If  $s \in S$  then  $S_s$  decides  $\dot{y} \upharpoonright (|s| + 1)$ .

2. There is  $F : S \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $S \Vdash \overline{F}(\mathbf{n}_{gen}) = \dot{y}$ .

The reader may consult [4] for a proof of the above fact, and the following:

**Proposition 3** *Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal  $\mu < \text{cf}(\kappa)$  and let  $\{A_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mu\}$  be a family of Borel sets of  $\kappa^\omega$  such that  $\kappa^\omega = \bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} A_\alpha$ . There is  $T \in \mathbb{N}_0(\kappa)$  and  $\alpha < \mu$  such that  $[T] \subseteq A_\alpha$ .*

Let  $f, g \in \omega^\omega$ , define  $f \leq g$  if and only if  $f(n) \leq g(n)$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $f \leq^* g$  if and only if  $f(n) \leq g(n)$  holds for all  $n \in \omega$  except finitely many. We say a family  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \omega^\omega$  is *unbounded* if  $\mathcal{B}$  is unbounded with respect to  $\leq^*$ . A family  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \omega^\omega$  is a *dominating family* if for every  $f \in \omega^\omega$ , there is  $g \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $f \leq^* g$ . The *bounding number*  $\mathfrak{b}$  is the size of the smallest unbounded family and the *dominating number*  $\mathfrak{d}$  is the smallest size of a dominating family. Given  $A, B \subseteq \omega$ , by  $A \subseteq^* B$  we denote that  $A \setminus B$  is finite. A set  $A \in [\omega]^\omega$  is a *pseudointersection* of a family  $\mathcal{B}$  if  $A \subseteq^* B$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . The size of the continuum is denoted by  $\mathfrak{c}$ . The *pseudointersection number*  $\mathfrak{p}$  is defined as the smallest size of a base of a filter on  $\omega$  without an infinite pseudointersection. If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on a Polish space, by  $\text{add}(\mathcal{I})$  we denote the smallest size of a family  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  such that  $\bigcup \mathcal{B} \notin \mathcal{I}$ . By  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I})$  we denote the smallest size of a family  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  such that for every  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  there is  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $B \subseteq D$ . Note that  $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \text{cof}(\mathcal{I})$ .  $\mathcal{N}$  will denote the  $\sigma$ -ideal of all Lebesgue null subsets of  $2^\omega$ . We will be mostly interested in  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a forcing notion. A set  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is called *linked* if every two elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are compatible. We say that  $\mathbb{P}$  is  *$\sigma$ -linked* if there is a family  $\{\mathcal{B}_n \mid n \in \omega\}$  of linked subsets of  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $\mathbb{P} = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \mathcal{B}_n$ . The cardinal invariant  $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}}$  is the smallest  $\kappa$  such that there is a  $\sigma$ -linked forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  and a family  $\{D_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \kappa\}$  of dense subsets of  $\mathbb{P}$  such that there is no filter  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  for which  $\mathcal{G} \cap D_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ . The reader may consult [2] for the basic properties of the cardinal invariants used on this paper.

### 3 $g$ -Zindulka cardinals

In this section we will prove that  $\text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  are not  $g$ -Zindulka cardinals while  $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}}$  may consistently be (for  $g$  an increasing function).

Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal and  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ . We say that  $\kappa$  is a *weak Zindulka cardinal* if for every coloring  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  such that  $F[T_n]$  is finite for every  $n \in \omega$ , and, analogously,  $\kappa$  is a *weak  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal* if for every coloring  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  such that  $|F[T_n]| \leq g(n)$  is finite for every  $n \in \omega$ .

In [6] it was proved that  $\mathfrak{b}$  is not a Zindulka cardinal and that  $\kappa$  is a Zindulka cardinal if and only if  $\kappa$  is a weak Zindulka cardinal. By the Lipschitz reading of names of  $\kappa$ -Namba forcing, it is easy to prove that  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  does not add unbounded reals if and only if  $\kappa$  is a weak Zindulka cardinal.

**Proposition 4 ([4])** 1.  $\kappa$  is a Zindulka cardinal if and only if  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  does not add an unbounded real.

2.  $\mathfrak{b}$  is the first uncountable regular cardinal that is not a Zindulka cardinal.

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{g \in \omega^\omega \mid \lim(g(n)) = \infty \wedge \forall n (g(n) > 0)\}$ . For any  $g \in \mathcal{C}$  we define the  $g$ -slaloms as the set of all  $S : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  such that  $|S(n)| \leq g(n)$  for every  $n \in \omega$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{SL}_g$  the set of all  $g$ -slaloms. If  $f \in \omega^\omega$  and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_g$  then  $f \sqsubseteq^* S$  means that  $f(n) \in S(n)$  holds for almost every  $n \in \omega$ . Given  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$ ,  $S : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  and  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  we will say that  $S$  captures  $(F, T)$  if  $F[T_n] \subseteq S(n)$  for every  $n \in \omega$ . In this way,  $\kappa$  is  $g$ -Zindulka if and only if for every  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with empty stem and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_g$  such that  $S$  captures  $(F, T)$ . In a similar way, we say  $S$  almost captures  $(F, T)$  if for every  $x \in [T]$  it is the case that  $\bar{F}(x) \sqsubseteq^* S$ .

**Lemma 5** Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal of uncountable cofinality,  $g \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  and  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1. There is  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_g$  and  $T' \leq_0 T$  such that  $S$  captures  $(F, T')$ .
2. There is  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_g$  and  $T' \leq_0 T$  such that  $S$  almost captures  $(F, T')$ .

**Proof.** Clearly 1 implies 2, we will show that 2 implies 1, let  $S$  and  $T'$  as in 2. Given  $x \in [T']$  define  $a_x = \{n \mid F(x \restriction n) \notin S(n)\}$  and we also define  $b_x = \{(n, F(x \restriction n)) \mid n \in a_x\}$ . Note that both  $a_x$  and  $b_x$  are finite sets. Given  $a \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$  and  $b \in [\omega \times \omega]^{<\omega}$  let  $B(a, b) = \{x \in [T'] \mid a_x = a \wedge b_x = b\}$ . Clearly each  $B(a, b)$  is a Borel set and  $[T'] = \bigcup_{a,b} B(a, b)$  and since every  $B(a, b)$  is Borel

and  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality, there are  $T'' \leq_0 T'$  and  $a, b$  such that  $[T''] \subseteq B(a, b)$ . Let  $a = \{n_i \mid i < l\}$  and  $b = \{(n_i, m_i) \mid i < l\}$  define  $S' : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  such that  $S'(k) = S(k)$  if  $k \notin a$  and  $S'(n_i) = \{m_i\}$  for every  $i < l$ . Then  $S'$  captures  $(F, T'')$ . ■

In this way, if  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality, then  $\kappa$  is a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal if and only if for every  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with empty stem and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_g$  such that  $S$  almost captures  $(F, T)$ .

Next we recall the notation concerning Borel Tukey order on cardinal invariants.

We say  $(A, B, \rightarrow)$  is a *Borel invariant* if  $A, B$  are Borel subsets of some Polish space, and  $\rightarrow \subseteq A \times B$  is also Borel such that for every  $a \in A$  there is a  $b \in B$  such that  $a \rightarrow b$ . The *evaluation of*  $(A, B, \rightarrow)$  (denoted by  $\|A, B, \rightarrow\|$ ) is defined as the minimum size a family  $D \subseteq B$  such that for every  $a \in A$  there is a  $d \in D$  such that  $a \rightarrow d$ .

If  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A)$  and  $(B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  are two Borel invariants then  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A) \leq_{\text{BT}} (B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  if there are Borel functions  $F^- : A^- \rightarrow B^-$  and  $F^+ : B^+ \rightarrow A^+$  such that for every  $a \in A^-$  and  $b \in B^+$ , if  $F^-(a) \rightarrow_B b$  then  $a \rightarrow_A F^+(b)$ .

We write  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A) \simeq_{\text{BT}} (B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  if both  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A) \leq_{\text{BT}} (B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  and  $(B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B) \leq_{\text{BT}} (A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A)$ .

It is easy to see that if  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A) \simeq_{\text{BT}} (B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  then  $(A^+, A^-, \rightarrow_A) \simeq_{\text{BT}} (B^+, B^-, \rightarrow_B)$ .

Given a Borel invariant  $(A, B, \rightarrow)$  and a forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$ , we say that  $\mathbb{P}$  *destroys*  $(A, B, \rightarrow)$  if there is a  $\mathbb{P}$ -name  $\dot{r}$  such that  $\mathbb{P} \Vdash \dot{r} \in A$  and if  $b \in B$  (with  $b \in V$ ) then  $\mathbb{P} \Vdash \dot{r} \not\rightarrow b$ .

Given two Borel invariants  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A) \leq_{\text{BT}} (B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$  and a forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$ . If  $\mathbb{P}$  destroys  $(A^-, A^+, \rightarrow_A)$  then  $\mathbb{P}$  destroys  $(B^-, B^+, \rightarrow_B)$ .

The following proposition is well known, but we include a proof for the convenience of the reader:

**Proposition 6** *Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}$  then  $(\omega^\omega, \mathcal{SL}_f, \sqsubseteq^*) \simeq_{\text{BT}} (\omega^\omega, \mathcal{SL}_g, \sqsubseteq^*)$ . Moreover, there are continuous  $R : \omega^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ ,  $H : \mathcal{SL}_f \rightarrow \mathcal{SL}_g$ , and  $k \in \omega$  such that:*

1.  $\forall x \in \omega^\omega \forall S \in \mathcal{SL}_f$  if  $R(x) \sqsubseteq^* S$  then  $x \sqsubseteq^* H(S)$ .
2.  $\forall x \in \omega^\omega$  and  $\forall S \in \mathcal{SL}_f$  if  $R(x) \sqsubseteq S$  then  $(\forall m > k)(x(m) \in H(S)(m))$ .

**Proof.** We define an interval partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_n \mid n \in \omega\}$  such that for every  $n, m \in \omega$  if  $P_n \subseteq m$  then  $f(n) \leq g(m)$ . Let  $\{t_n \mid n \in \omega\}$  be an enumeration of all functions  $p : s \rightarrow \omega$  where  $s \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$  and define  $R : \omega^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$  such that if  $m \in \omega$  and  $x \in \omega^\omega$  then  $x \upharpoonright P_{m+1} = t_{R(x)(m)}$ . Now define  $H : \mathcal{SL}_f \rightarrow \mathcal{SL}_g$  such that if  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_f$  then the following holds:

If  $m \in P_0$ , let  $H(S)(m) = \{0\}$ .

If  $m \in P_{i+1}$ , let  $S(i) = \{l_1, \dots, l_{f(n)}\}$  and  $H(S)(m) = \{t_{l_1}(m), \dots, t_{l_{f(n)}}(m)\}$ .

It is easy to see that both  $R$  and  $H$  are continuous. Let  $k = \max(P_0)$ , we will prove 3 and 2 will follow by the proof of 3. Let  $x \in \omega^\omega, S \in \mathcal{SL}_f$  and  $m > k$  such that  $R(x) \sqsubseteq S$ . Let  $i \in \omega$  such that  $m \in P_{i+1}$ , since  $R(x)(i) \in S(i)$  then  $x(m) = (x \upharpoonright P_{i+1})(m) = t_{R(x)(i)}(m) \in H(S)(m)$ . ■

In particular, a forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$  has the Sacks property if and only if it does not destroy  $(\omega^\omega, \mathcal{SL}_f, \sqsubseteq^*)$  for some (every)  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ . It is easy to see that if  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality, then  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property if and only if  $\kappa$  is a weak  $f$ -Zindulka cardinal for some (every)  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Proposition 7** *Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal and  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\kappa$  is a  $f$ -Zindulka cardinal if and only if  $\kappa$  is a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal.*

**Proof.** It is easy to see that if  $\kappa$  has countable cofinality then  $\kappa$  is not a Zindulka cardinal, so, in particular, it is neither  $f$ -Zindulka nor  $g$ -Zindulka. Now assume that  $\kappa$  is an  $f$ -Zindulka cardinal of uncountable cofinality. Fix  $R : \omega^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ ,  $H : \mathcal{SL}_f \rightarrow \mathcal{SL}_g$  and  $k$  as in the previous proposition. Let  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$ , we can then find  $T \in \mathbb{N}_0(\kappa)$  and  $G : B(T) \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $T \Vdash \overline{G}(\mathfrak{n}_{gen}) = R\overline{F}(\mathfrak{n}_{gen})$ . Since  $\kappa$  is  $f$ -Zindulka we can then find  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_f$  and  $T' \leq_0 T$  such  $S$  captures  $(G, T')$ . We claim that  $H(S)$  almost captures  $(F, T')$ .

Let  $t \in T'$  such that  $|t| = n > k$ . We will show that  $F(t) \in H(S)(n)$ . Since  $S$  captures  $(G, T')$  we know that  $G(t) \in S(n)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{n} : \omega \rightarrow \kappa$  be a generic

branch through  $T'$  extending  $t$ . In this way,  $R\overline{F}(\mathbf{n})(n) = \overline{G}(\mathbf{n}_{gen})(n) = G(t)$  so  $R\overline{F}(\mathbf{n})(n) \in S(n)$ . In this way,  $F(t) = \overline{F}(\mathbf{n})(n) \in H(S)(n)$ . ■

Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $S_1 \in \mathcal{SL}_f$ ,  $S_2 \in \mathcal{SL}_g$ . Define  $S_1 \leq S_2$  if  $S_1(n) \subseteq S_2(n)$  for every  $n \in \omega$  and  $S_1 \leq^* S_2$  if  $S_1(n) \subseteq S_2(n)$  holds for almost all  $n \in \omega$ . We now recursively build functions  $\{f_n \mid n \in \omega\} \subseteq \omega^\omega$  as follows:  $f_0(m) = m + 1$  for every  $m \in \omega$  and  $f_{n+1}(m) = (m + 1)^2 f_n(m)$ . Finally, let  $f_\omega : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $f_n \leq^* f_\omega$  for every  $n \in \omega$ .

**Lemma 8** *Let  $\kappa$  be such that  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property and let  $n \in \omega$ . If  $\{S_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \kappa\} \subseteq \mathcal{SL}_{f_n}$  then there is  $A \in [\kappa]^\kappa$  and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_{n+1}}$  such that  $S_\alpha \leq S$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbf{n} : \omega \rightarrow \kappa$  be a generic sequence for  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$ . In  $V[\mathbf{n}]$  we define  $Z : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  where  $Z(m) = \bigcup_{i \leq m} S_{\mathbf{n}(i)}(m)$ . Note that  $|Z(m)| \leq (m + 1) f_n(m)$ .

Let  $[\omega]^{<\omega} = \{t_m \mid m \in \omega\}$  and (still in  $V[\mathbf{n}]$ ) we define  $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $Z(m) = t_{h(m)}$  for every  $m \in \omega$ . Since  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property then there is  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  and  $W : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  such that if  $m \in \omega$  then  $|W(m)| \leq m + 1$  and  $T \Vdash "h(m) \in W(m)"$ . Without losing generality, we may assume that if  $i \in W(m)$  then  $|t_i| \leq (m + 1) f_n(m)$ , and let  $S : \omega \rightarrow [\omega]^{<\omega}$  be defined by  $S(m) = \bigcup_{i \in W(m)} t_i$ . Note that  $|S(m)| \leq (m + 1)^2 f_n(m)$  so  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_{n+1}}$ , and

$T \Vdash "Z \leq S"$ . Let  $s$  be the stem of  $T$  and  $A = \text{suc}_T(s)$ . We claim that if  $\alpha \in A$  and  $m > |s| + 1$  then  $S_\alpha(m) \subseteq S(m)$ . Let  $T' \leq T$  such that  $s \cap \alpha \subseteq \text{st}(T')$ , in this way,  $T' \Vdash "S_\alpha(m) \subseteq Z(m)"$  and then  $T' \Vdash "S_\alpha(m) \subseteq S(m)"$  so  $S_\alpha(m) \subseteq S(m)$ . Since  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality, it is then easy to find  $A' \in [A]^\kappa$  and  $S'$  a finite modification of  $S$  such that  $S_\alpha \leq S'$  for every  $\alpha \in A'$ . ■

We have the following combinatorial characterization of the Sacks property for  $\kappa$ -Namba forcing:

**Proposition 9** *Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal. Then  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property if and only if  $\kappa$  is a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal for some (every)  $g \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

**Proof.** If  $\kappa$  has countable cofinality then  $\kappa$  is not  $g$ -Zindulka for some (every)  $g \in \mathcal{C}$  and since Laver forcing  $\mathbb{N}(\omega)$  does not have the Sacks property, neither does  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$ . We now assume that  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality. Since every  $f$ -Zindulka cardinal is a weak  $f$ -Zindulka cardinal, it follows that if  $\kappa$  is  $f$ -Zindulka then  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property.

Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal of uncountable cofinality such that  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property. We will prove that  $\kappa$  is an  $f_\omega$ -Zindulka cardinal. Let  $F : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$ , define a rank function  $rk : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow OR \cup \{\infty\}$  as follows:

1.  $rk(s) = 0$  if there are  $n \in \omega$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with stem  $s$  and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_n}$  that captures  $(T, F)$ .
2.  $rk(s) \leq \alpha$  if  $|\{\xi \mid rk(s \cap \xi) < \alpha\}| = \kappa$ .

3.  $rk(s) = \alpha$  if  $rk(s) \leq \alpha$  and there is no  $\beta < \alpha$  such that  $rk(s) \leq \beta$ .
4.  $rk(s) = \infty$  if there is no  $\alpha$  such that  $rk(s) \leq \alpha$ .

We will first prove that  $rk(s) \neq \infty$  for every  $s \in \kappa^{<\omega}$ . Assume this is not the case, we can then recursively build  $T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  such that  $stem(T) = s$  and  $rk(t) = \infty$  for every  $t \in B(t)$ . We then arrive at a contradiction since  $\kappa$  was a weak  $f_0$ -Zindulka cardinal.

We now claim that  $rk(\emptyset) = 0$ . Assume this is not the case, then we can find  $s \in \kappa^{<\omega}$  such that  $rk(s) = 1$  and let  $A = \{\alpha \mid rk(s \frown \alpha) = 0\}$ . Note that  $|A| = \kappa$  since  $rk(s) = 1$ . For every  $\alpha \in A$  choose  $n_\alpha \in \omega, T_\alpha \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  with  $stem(s \frown \alpha) = T_\alpha$  and  $S_\alpha \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_{n_\alpha}}$  such that  $S_\alpha$  captures  $(T_\alpha, F)$ . We can then find  $n \in \omega$  such that  $B = \{\alpha \in A \mid n_\alpha = n\}$  has size  $\kappa$ . By the previous lemma, there are  $C \in [B]^\kappa$  and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_{n+1}}$  such that  $S_\alpha \leq S$  for every  $\alpha \in C$ . If  $T = \{s \restriction i \mid i \leq |s|\} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha \in C} T_\alpha$  then  $S$  captures  $(F, T)$ , which contradicts  $rk(s) = 1$ .

Hence, there are  $n \in \omega, T \in \mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_n}$  such that  $stem(T) = \emptyset$  and  $S$  captures  $(T, F)$ . Since  $f_n \leq^* f_\omega$  we can find  $S_1 \in \mathcal{SL}_{f_\omega}$  such that  $S_1$  almost captures  $(T, F)$ . ■

Fix a family  $C = \{C_m^n \mid n, m \in \omega\}$  of clopen subsets of  $2^\omega$  of Lebesgue measure at most  $\frac{1}{2^n}$  such that for every clopen  $D \subseteq 2^\omega$  of measure at most  $\frac{1}{2^n}$  then there is  $m \in \omega$  such that  $D = C_m^n$ . Given  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  let  $N(f) = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} \bigcup_{i > n} C_{f(i)}^i$  which clearly is a null set. Then  $\{N(f) \mid f \in \omega^\omega\}$  is a cofinal family of null sets (see [1] lemma 3.2). Given  $f, g \in \omega^\omega$  define  $f \leq_{\mathcal{N}} g$  if  $N(f) \subseteq N(g)$ . Recall the following important result:

**Proposition 10** (see [1])  $(\omega^\omega, \mathcal{SL}, \sqsubseteq^*) \simeq_{BT} (\omega^\omega, \omega^\omega, \leq_{\mathcal{N}})$ .

I.e. a forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  has the Sacks property if and only if every null set in an extension by  $\mathbb{P}$  is contained in a ground model null set.

**Theorem 11** Neither  $\mathbb{N}(\text{add}(\mathcal{N}))$  nor  $\mathbb{N}(\text{cof}(\mathcal{N}))$  have the Sacks property.

**Proof.** We first show that  $\mathbb{N}(\text{cof}(\mathcal{N}))$  does not have the Sacks property. Let  $D = \{N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{cof}(\mathcal{N})\}$  be a cofinal family of null sets. Given  $\beta < \text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  define  $D_\beta = \{x_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \beta\}$ . Since  $D_\beta$  is not cofinal, there is  $M_\beta \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $M_\beta \not\subseteq N_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \leq \beta$ .

Let  $\mathbf{n} : \omega \rightarrow \text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  be a generic sequence for  $\mathbb{N}(\text{cof}(\mathcal{N}))$ . In  $V[\mathbf{n}]$  let  $M = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} M_{\mathbf{n}(n)}$  which is clearly a null set. We claim that  $M$  is not contained in any element of  $\mathcal{N} \cap V$ , it is enough to prove that if  $\alpha \in \text{cof}(\mathcal{N})$  then  $M \not\subseteq N_\alpha$ . By genericity, there is  $m \in \omega$  such that  $\alpha < \mathbf{n}(m)$ , since  $M_{\mathbf{n}(m)} \subseteq M$  while  $M_\beta \not\subseteq N_\alpha$  we conclude that  $M \not\subseteq N_\alpha$ .

Now we prove that  $\mathbb{N}(\text{add}(\mathcal{N}))$  does not have Sacks property. This is a dual argument to the above. Let  $B = \{N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \text{add}(\mathcal{N})\} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  such that  $\bigcup B \notin \mathcal{N}$ . Given  $\beta < \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  define  $B_\beta = \{x_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \beta\}$ . Since  $\beta < \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$ , then  $M_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha \leq \beta} N_\alpha$  is a null set. Let  $\mathbf{n} : \omega \rightarrow \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  be a generic sequence for

$\mathbb{N}(\text{add}(\mathcal{N}))$ . In  $V[\mathfrak{n}]$  define the null set  $M = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} M_{\mathfrak{n}(n)}$ , we claim that  $M$  is not contained in any ground model null set. Let  $A \in \mathcal{N} \cap V$  and since  $\bigcup B \notin \mathcal{N}$  then there is  $\alpha \in \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  such that  $N_\alpha \not\subseteq A$ . By genericity, there is  $m \in \omega$  such that  $\alpha < \mathfrak{n}(m)$ . Note that  $M_{\mathfrak{n}(m)} \subseteq M$  and on the other hand,  $M_{\mathfrak{n}(m)} \not\subseteq A$  because  $N_\alpha \not\subseteq A$  and  $N_\alpha \subseteq M_{\mathfrak{n}(m)}$ . ■

In [4] it was proved that if  $\kappa$  is a regular cardinal such that  $\kappa < \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  then  $\mathbb{N}(\kappa)$  has the Sacks property. We can then conclude the following:

**Corollary 12** *The cardinal invariant  $\text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  is the least regular cardinal  $\kappa$  that is not a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal for every (some)  $g \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

Since the inequality  $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}} < \text{add}(\mathcal{N})$  is consistent, we conclude that  $\mathfrak{m}_{\sigma\text{-linked}}$  may consistently be a  $g$ -Zindulka cardinal.

## 4 The Boundedness property

We call a subtree  $T \subseteq \kappa^{<\omega}$  a *broom tree* if there is  $s \in T$  such that  $s$  has  $\kappa$  immediate successors and every other node has just one successor. The statement  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  means that for every coloring  $\chi : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a finitely colored broom tree. On the other hand,  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathbb{W}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  means that for any coloring  $\chi : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  there is a finitely colored tree  $T \subseteq \kappa^{<\omega}$  of size  $\kappa$ . Obviously  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  implies  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathbb{W}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ . Furthermore, if  $\kappa$  has uncountable cofinality, then  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  if and only if  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathbb{W}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ . However, this relations are not equivalent as the next result shows:

**Proposition 13** *If  $\kappa = \mathfrak{c}^{+\omega}$  then  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathbb{W}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  but  $\kappa \not\rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ .*

**Proof.** We will first show that  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathbb{W}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ . Let  $\chi : \kappa^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  and let  $S = \kappa^{<\omega}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{c}^+$  is a Zindulka cardinal (see [4]) then we may find  $T(0) \subseteq S_{\langle 0 \rangle}$  with  $T(0) \in \mathbb{N}(\mathfrak{c}^+)$  that is finitely colored. In the same way, we may find  $T(1) \subseteq S_{\langle 1,0 \rangle}$  finitely colored with  $T(1) \in \mathbb{N}(\mathfrak{c}^{++})$  and then we find  $T(2) \subseteq S_{\langle 1,1,0 \rangle}$  finitely colored with  $T(2) \in \mathbb{N}(\mathfrak{c}^{+++})$ ... After  $\omega$  steps, we define  $T = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} T(n)$

and it is clear that it is finitely colored and of size  $\kappa$ .

Now we will show that  $\kappa \not\rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ , actually we will prove that if  $\mu$  has countable cofinality then  $\mu \not\rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mu)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$ . Let  $\chi : \mu^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  such that for every  $s \in \mu^{<\omega}$  and every  $n \in \omega$ , the set  $\{\alpha \mid \chi(s \smallfrown \alpha) = n\}$  is bounded, then clearly there can not be a finitely colored broom tree. ■

Following [6] we say that  $\kappa$  has the *Boundedness property* if for every sequence  $\mathcal{A} = \langle f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \kappa \rangle$  where  $f_\alpha : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ , there is  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that the set  $\{\alpha \mid f_\alpha < g\}$  has size  $\kappa$ .  $BP(\kappa)$  will abbreviate that  $\kappa$  has the boundedness property.

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<sup>2</sup>i.e.  $\kappa = \bigcup \{\mathfrak{c}, \mathfrak{c}^+, \mathfrak{c}^{++}, \dots\}$



As was pointed before,  $\aleph_\omega \not\prec_b (\aleph_\omega)_\omega^{<\omega}$ . We shall show that the analogous statement for the weak arrow is independent of ZFC. Given  $S$  a set of ordinals, we will denote by  $V[C_S]$  as the extension obtained by adding  $S$  Cohen reals.

**Proposition 14** *The statement  $\aleph_\omega \rightsquigarrow_W (\aleph_\omega)_\omega^{<\omega}$  is independent from ZFC.*

**Proof.** If  $\mathfrak{c} < \aleph_\omega$  then  $\aleph_\omega \rightsquigarrow_W (\aleph_\omega)_\omega^{<\omega}$  by the previous result, so we just need to build a model where the relation does not hold. Assume  $V \models \text{GCH}$  and consider  $V[C_{\aleph_\omega}]$  the forcing extension obtained by adding  $\aleph_\omega$  Cohen reals. In  $V[C_{\aleph_\omega}]$  define  $\chi : \aleph_\omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega$  where  $\chi(\langle \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle) = \sum_{i,j < n} c_{\alpha_i}(j)$  and assume

there is  $T$  a finitely colored tree of size  $\aleph_\omega$  and  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that  $T \leq g$ . Clearly, there must be  $s \in T$  that has (at least)  $\omega_1$  successors. Let  $n = |s|$  and  $\langle \beta_\xi \mid \xi \in \omega_1 \rangle \subseteq \text{succ}_T(s)$ . Define  $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  given by  $h(m) = g(n + m)$  then it follows that  $c_{\beta_\xi} \leq h$  for every  $\xi \in \omega_1$  which is clearly impossible since  $h$  must have appeared in an intermediate extension where only  $\omega$  Cohen reals has been added. ■

We will need the following result of Hirschorn (see [5]).

**Proposition 15 ([5])** *If  $c$  is a Cohen real over  $V$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}^V = \mathfrak{p}^{V[c]}$ .*

We may define a natural two cardinal variation of the boundedness property, given  $\kappa, \lambda$  the statement  $BP(\kappa, \lambda)$  will mean that for every sequence  $\langle f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \kappa \rangle$  of reals, there is  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that the set  $\{\alpha < \kappa \mid f_\alpha < g\}$  has size at least  $\lambda$ . Obviously,  $BP(\kappa)$  is the same as  $BP(\kappa, \kappa)$ . We know that both  $BP(\mathfrak{b})$  and  $BP(\mathfrak{d})$  are false, however we have the following result:

**Proposition 16** *The statement  $BP(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{b})$  is independent from ZFC.*

**Proof.** To get a model where  $BP(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{b})$  fails, assume  $V \models \text{GCH}$  and add  $\omega_2$  Cohen reals, then it is clear that  $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1, \mathfrak{d} = \omega_2$  and  $BP(\omega_2, \omega_1)$  fails because of the Cohen reals. To build a model where  $BP(\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{b})$  holds, start with a model of  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{c} = \omega_2$  and add  $\omega_1$  Cohen reals, clearly in the extension  $\mathfrak{b} = \omega_1$ .

We now show that in  $V[C_{\omega_1}]$  we get  $\mathfrak{d} = \omega_2$ . Assume this is not the case, so there must be a dominating family  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \omega_1\} \in V[C_{\omega_1}]$ . For every  $p \in \mathbb{C}_{\omega_1}$  and  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  define  $f_\alpha^p : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  given by  $f_\alpha^p(n) = \min\{m \mid \exists r \leq p(r \Vdash \text{“}\dot{f}_\alpha(n) = m\text{”})\}$  and note that  $\{f_\alpha^p \mid \alpha \in \omega_1 \wedge p \in \mathbb{C}_{\omega_1}\}$  belongs to the ground model. This is a family of size  $\omega_1$ , so there is  $g \in V$  that is not dominated by any  $f_\alpha^p$ . However, since  $\mathcal{F}$  is dominating in the extension, there must be  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  and  $p \in \mathbb{C}_{\omega_1}$  such that  $p \Vdash \text{“}g < f_\alpha\text{”}$  which would then imply  $g < f_\alpha^p$  which is a contradiction.

It only remains to prove  $BP(\omega_2, \omega_1)$  so (in  $V[C_{\omega_1}]$ ) take a sequence  $A = \langle f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \omega_2 \rangle$  and since every real appears in an intermediate extension, then there is a countable  $\alpha$  such that  $A \cap V[C_\alpha]$  has size  $\omega_1$ . Note that  $W = V[C_\alpha]$  is equivalent to a single Cohen extension and since  $\mathfrak{p}^W = \omega_2$ , then  $\omega_1$  has

the boundedness property in  $W$ , so we may find a function that dominates uncountable many elements of  $A \cap W$ . ■

In [6] it was proved that if  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega}$  then  $\text{cof}(\kappa) \rightsquigarrow_{\mathfrak{b}} (\text{cof}(\kappa)_{\omega}^{<\omega})$  and it was asked if the converse is also true. We will now answer this question negatively.

Given partial orders  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we say  $\mathbb{P}$  is a *regular (or complete) suborder* of  $\mathbb{Q}$  (which we denote by  $\mathbb{P} \leq_r \mathbb{Q}$ ) if  $\mathbb{P} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ , the order and incomparability relation of  $\mathbb{P}$  are the order and incomparability relations of  $\mathbb{Q}$  restricted to  $\mathbb{P}$  and every maximal antichain (dense) of  $\mathbb{P}$  is also a maximal antichain (predense) of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This is equivalent that for every  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  there is  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  such that if  $p' \leq p$  then  $p' \parallel q$ , such  $p$  (which in general is not unique) is called a *reduction* of  $q$ . If  $\mathbb{P} \leq_r \mathbb{Q}$  and  $G \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is generic, then  $G \cap \mathbb{P}$  is generic for  $\mathbb{P}$ . For more details the reader may consult [7].

The key for our result is the next lemma (which we took from [3] but we proved it here for the sake of completeness).

**Lemma 17 ([3])** *Assume  $V \subseteq W$ ,  $\mathbb{P} \in V$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \in W$ . Moreover (in  $W$ )  $\mathbb{P} \leq_r \mathbb{Q}$  and there is  $c \in W$  which is unbounded for  $V$ . Let  $G_{\mathbb{Q}} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  be a generic  $(W, \mathbb{Q})$ -generic filter and let  $G_{\mathbb{P}} = G_{\mathbb{Q}} \cap \mathbb{P}$ . Then  $V[G_{\mathbb{P}}] \subseteq W[G_{\mathbb{Q}}]$  and  $c$  is unbounded for  $V[G_{\mathbb{P}}]$ .*

**Proof.** Assume this is not the case, so there is  $\dot{f} \in V$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $q \Vdash "c < \dot{f}"$ . Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  be a reduction of  $q$ . In  $V$ , define  $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  where  $h(n) = \min\{m \mid \exists r \leq p(r \Vdash "\dot{f}(n) = m")\}$ . Since  $h \in V$  then there is  $n \in \omega$  such that  $h(n) < c(n)$ . Find  $r \leq p$  such that  $r \Vdash "\dot{f}(n) = h(n)"$  and since  $p$  is a reduction of  $q$  there is  $\bar{r} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\bar{r} \leq r, q$ . Note that  $\bar{r}$  forces  $\dot{f}(n) < c(n)$  and  $\dot{f}(n) > c(n)$  which is a contradiction. ■

Given  $\mathcal{F} = \langle f_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \omega_1 \rangle$  define  $\mathbb{H}(\mathcal{F})$  (the *Hechler forcing restricted to  $\mathcal{F}$* ) as the set of all pairs of the form  $(s, \mathcal{G})$  where  $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \in [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$ . If  $(s_1, \mathcal{G}_1), (s_2, \mathcal{G}_2) \in \mathbb{H}(\mathcal{F})$  then define  $(s_1, \mathcal{G}_1) \leq (s_2, \mathcal{G}_2)$  is  $s_1 \subseteq s_2$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_1$  and if  $i \in \text{dom}(s_1) \setminus \text{dom}(s_2)$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}_2$  then  $s_1(i) > f_{\alpha}(i)$ . Now we are ready for the announced consistency result:

**Proposition 18** *Assume GCH holds in  $V$ . There is  $\mathbb{P}$  such that if  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is generic, then in  $V[G]$  the following hold,*

1.  $\omega_1 < \mathfrak{b}$  so  $\omega_1$  has the boundedness property,
2.  $\mathfrak{d} = \aleph_{\omega_1+1}$ ,
3.  $\aleph_{\omega_1}$  does not have the boundedness property.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \langle \mathbb{P}_{\alpha}, \dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \aleph_{\omega_1+1} \rangle$  where  $\mathbb{P}_{\alpha} \Vdash " \exists \dot{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha} \in [\omega^{\omega}]^{\omega_1} (\dot{\mathbb{Q}}_{\alpha} = \mathbb{H}(\dot{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha})) "$  and we iterate with finite support. Moreover, (with a suitable book-keeping device) we arrange that every sequence of reals of length  $\omega_1$  in the final model is used at some successor step. It is clear that  $\omega_1 < \mathfrak{b}$  and when we prove that  $\aleph_{\omega_1}$  does not have the boundedness property, it will follow that  $\aleph_{\omega_1} \leq \mathfrak{d}$

but since  $\mathfrak{b} \leq \text{cof}(\mathfrak{d})$  then we may conclude that  $\aleph_{\omega_1} < \mathfrak{d}$ . We will now prove that  $\aleph_{\omega_1}$  does not have the boundedness property.

Let  $\langle c_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \aleph_{\omega_1} \rangle$  be the first  $\aleph_{\omega_1}$  Cohen reals added by  $\mathbb{P}$ , we will show that if  $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega \in V[G]$  then the set  $\{\alpha \mid c_\alpha \leq^* g\}$  has size less than  $\aleph_{\omega_1}$ . Let  $\dot{g}$  be a name for  $g$  and find  $M$  and elementary submodel of  $H(\theta)$  (for some big enough  $\theta$ ) such that  ${}^{\omega_1}M \subseteq M$ ,  $\mathbb{P}, \dot{g} \in M$  and let  $S = \aleph_{\omega_1} \cap M$ . Obviously  $V[C_S] \subseteq V[C_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}}]$  and if  $\alpha \notin S$  then  $c_\alpha$  is unbounded for  $V[C_S]$ . Now we define another finite support iteration  $\bar{\mathbb{P}} = \mathbb{C}_S * \langle \bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \aleph_{\omega_1+1} \rangle$  where  $\bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha \Vdash \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha = \mathbb{H}(\dot{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha)$  if  $\alpha \in M$  and  $\bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha \Vdash \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\alpha = \{\emptyset\}$  in the other case. It is not evident that this is well defined, since although  $\dot{\mathcal{F}}_\alpha$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$ -name for a sequence of reals, at the moment it is not clear it is also a  $\bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha$ -name, however, the next claim will take care of this problem:

**Claim 19** *If  $\alpha < \aleph_{\omega_1+1}$  then the following holds:*

- 1 $_\alpha$ )  $\mathbb{C}_S * \bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha \leq_r \mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha$ ,
- 2 $_\alpha$ ) *If  $\alpha \in M$  and  $a \in (\mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha) \cap M$  then there is  $b \in (\mathbb{C}_S * \bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha) \cap M$  that is equivalent to  $a$  (i.e.  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ ).*
- 3 $_\alpha$ ) *If  $\alpha \in M$  and  $\dot{f} \in M$  is a  $\mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  name for a real, then there is  $\dot{h} \in M$  a  $\mathbb{C}_S * \bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha$ -name such that  $1 \Vdash \dot{f} = \dot{h}$ .*

We first note that 1 $_\alpha$  and 2 $_\alpha$  imply 3 $_\alpha$ . Given  $\alpha, \dot{f} \in M$  then without loss of generality, we may assume  $\dot{f} = \{\{n\} \times A_n \mid n \in \omega\}$  where  $A_n \subseteq \mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha$  is a maximal antichain deciding the value of  $n$ . Since  ${}^\omega M \subseteq M$  and using 2 $_\alpha$  we can easily construct such an  $\dot{h}$ . We will now prove 1 $_\alpha$  and 2 $_\alpha$  by induction.

Assume they hold for  $\alpha$ , we need to show they hold for  $\alpha + 1$ . We will first assume  $\alpha \in M$ , let  $a \in (\mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha) \cap M$  then we may assume  $a = (s, p, z, \mathcal{G})$  where  $(s, p) \in \mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha$ ,  $z \in \omega^{<\omega}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \in [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$ . Since  $a \in M$  then  $(s, p) \in (\mathbb{C}_{\aleph_{\omega_1+1}} * \mathbb{P}_\alpha) \cap M$  and by our hypothesis, there is  $(s', p') \in (\mathbb{C}_S * \bar{\mathbb{P}}_\alpha)$  equivalent to  $(s, p)$  and then  $b = (s', p', z, \mathcal{G})$  is equivalent to  $a$ . In case  $\alpha \notin M$  then 1 $_{\alpha+1}$  and 2 $_{\alpha+1}$  are trivially true. Now assume  $\alpha$  is limit, then 1 $_\alpha$  follows by lemma of 10 of [3] and 2 $_\alpha$  follows since we are taking direct limit.

In this way, we may conclude that  $g$  is in some forcing extension of  $V[C_S]$  so we may conclude that if  $\alpha \notin S$  then  $c_\alpha \not\leq^* g$  by the previous lemma. ■

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