

# On $\kappa$ -compact cardinals.

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## Abstract

We deal with some questions related to  $\kappa$ -compact cardinals.

## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1.1**  $\kappa$  is  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal iff every  $\kappa$  complete filter over  $\kappa$  can be extended to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter over  $\kappa$ .

Clearly, if  $\kappa$  is  $2^\kappa$ -supercompact or even  $2^\kappa$ -strongly compact, then it is  $\kappa$ -compact. In [7] W. Mitchell asked whether  $o(\kappa) = \kappa^{++}$  is sufficient for model with a  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal. It was answered negatively in [1]. It was shown there that at least a strong cardinal is required. Here we will somewhat improve this result and also will address some related questions raised in [1].

## 2 An application to distributive forcing notion.

Let us argue first that  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal generates an extender suitable for Extender Based Prikry forcing.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $\kappa$  be a  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal. Then there is an extender  $E$  over  $\kappa$  such that*

1.  ${}^\kappa M_E \subseteq M$ , where  $i_E : V \rightarrow M_E \simeq \text{Ult}(V, E)$  is the corresponding elementary embedding,
2. every  $\kappa$  complete filter over  $\kappa$  can be extended to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter over  $\kappa$  of the form  $E_\xi$ , for some  $\xi < i_E(\kappa)$ , where  $E_\xi = \{X \subseteq \kappa \mid \xi \in i_E(X)\}$ .

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*Proof.* Let  $\lambda = (2^{2^\kappa})^+$ . Let

$$\langle W_\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$$

be a list of all  $\kappa$ -complete non-principle ultrafilters over  $\kappa$  (with repetitions). Then for every  $\kappa$ -complete non-principle filter  $U$  over  $\kappa$  there is  $\alpha < \lambda$  such that  $U \subseteq W_\alpha$ .

It is enough to construct an extender  $E$  with ultrapower closed under  $\kappa$ -sequences which has all  $W_\alpha$ 's among its measures.

The construction is similar to those from [1].

Denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa^+}(\lambda)$  the set  $\{a \subseteq \lambda \mid |a| \leq \kappa\}$ . For every  $\tau < \kappa^+$  let  $f_\tau : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  be a canonical function representing  $\tau$ . We shall define a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter  $U_a$  concentrating over the set  $X_a = \{\langle \alpha_\nu \mid \nu < f_{otp(a)}(\alpha_0) \rangle \mid \alpha_\nu < \kappa, \nu_1 < \nu_2 \rightarrow \alpha_{\nu_1} < \alpha_{\nu_2}\}$  for  $a \in \mathcal{P}_{\kappa^+}(\lambda)$ . Once  $b \subseteq a$ ,  $U_b$  will be obtained from  $U_a$ , as follows. Let  $\langle a_i \mid i < otp(a) \rangle$  be the increasing enumeration of  $a$ . Then for some increasing sequence  $\langle i_j \mid j < otp(b) \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle a_{i_j} \mid j < otp(b) \rangle$ . Project  $U_a$  to the coordinates  $\langle i_j \mid j < otp(b) \rangle$ . Let  $\pi_{ab}$  be such a projection. Then  $U_b$  will be the set of  $\{\pi''_{ab}(X) \mid X \in U_a\}$ . Let us turn to the definition of  $U_a$ 's. Fix some enumeration  $\langle a_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa^{++} \rangle$  of  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa^+}(\lambda)$ . For every  $\alpha < \kappa^{++}$ , set  $U_{\{a_\alpha\}} = W_\alpha$ .

Suppose now that

1. for every  $\beta < \alpha$ , a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter  $U_{a_\beta}$  is defined;
2. for every  $b \in \mathcal{P}_{\kappa^+}(\lambda)$ , if for some  $\gamma < \alpha$ ,  $b \subseteq a_\gamma$ , then  $U_b$  is defined and it is the projection of  $U_{a_\gamma}$  by  $\pi_{a_\gamma b}$ .

Let us define  $U_{a_\alpha}$ . The only nontrivial case is when there is no  $\gamma < \alpha$  such that  $a_\gamma \supseteq a_\alpha$ . Define then first a  $\kappa$ -complete filter  $U$  concentrating over  $X_{opt(a_\alpha)}$ . Set  $X \in U$  iff for some  $\gamma < \alpha$ , some  $b \subseteq a_\alpha \cap a_\gamma$  there exists  $X_b \in U_b$ , such that  $X = \pi_{a_\alpha b}^{-1} X_b$ . Using the inductive assumptions (1), (2) and the commutativity of the projection function  $\pi_{cd}$ , it is not hard to see that a so-defined  $U$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete filter. Let  $U_{a_\alpha}$  be a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter extending  $U$ . For every  $b \subseteq a_\alpha$ , if  $U_b$  is still not defined, define it to be the projection of  $U_{a_\alpha}$  by  $\pi_{a_\alpha b}$ . This completes the construction of  $\langle U_{a_\alpha} \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ .

Let  $N_a$  be the ultrapower of  $V$  by  $U_a$  and  $i_a : V \rightarrow N_a$ , the canonical embedding. The projection  $\pi_{ab}$  induces the elementary embedding  $i_{ba} : N_b \rightarrow N_a$ .  $\langle N_a, i_{ab} \mid a \subseteq b, a, b \in \mathcal{P}_{\kappa^+}(\lambda) \rangle$  forms a directed system, where  $N_\emptyset = V$  and  $i_{\emptyset a} = i_a$ . The direct limit of this system is well-founded and closed under  $\kappa$ -sequences. Let  $E$  be the derived extender. Then it is as desired.

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Let us now use such an extender  $E$  to define a variation Extender Based Prikry forcing.

**Theorem 2.2** *Assume GCH. Let  $\kappa$  be a  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal. Then there is a cardinal preserving extension in which for every  $\kappa$ -distributive forcing notion  $Q \in V$  of cardinality  $\kappa$  there is a  $V$ -generic subset.*

**Remark 2.3** Note that it is easy to obtain such generics once  $\kappa$  is a  $\kappa^+$ -strongly compact cardinal, but  $\kappa^+$  is collapsed in the extension.

*Proof.* Fix an extender  $E$  given by 2.1. We assumed GCH, so  $E$  can be picked to be an extender over  $\kappa$  of the length  $\kappa^{++}$ .

Let  $Q$  be  $\kappa$ -distributive forcing notion of cardinality  $\kappa$ . Replace by an isomorphic one over  $\kappa$ .

Consider the filter  $F_Q$  of its dense open subsets. Then  $F_Q$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete filter over  $\kappa$ . Hence, for some  $\eta < \kappa^{++}$ ,  $F_Q \subseteq E_\eta$ . Denote the least such  $\eta$  by  $\eta_Q$ .

It is possible to force now with Extender  $E$  based Prikry forcing in the Merimovich style [6] or, after an additional forcing turning  $E$  into a P-point, with the original extender based Prikry forcing, as in [3]. This will produce Prikry sequences for each  $F_Q$  as above, i.e. sequences  $\langle q_n \mid n < \omega \rangle$  such that for every dense open  $D \subseteq Q$ ,  $q_n \in D$ , for all but finitely many  $n$ 's.

However, it is not enough to produce a generic subset of  $Q$ , since such  $q_n$ 's need not be compatible.

Let us modify slightly the extender based forcing used, in order to overcome this difficulty.

Denote by  $Q_q$ , for every  $q \in Q$ , the set

$$\{q' \in Q \mid q' \geq q\}.$$

Then  $Q_q$  is a  $\kappa$ -distributive forcing notion of cardinality  $\kappa$  as well. So,  $F_{Q_q}$  is defined. In addition, for every  $D \in F_Q$ , the set

$$\{q' \in Q \mid q' \geq q \text{ and } q' \in D\}$$

is in  $F_{Q_q}$ .

Without loss of generality we can assume that each  $Q$  under the consideration is nowhere atomic forcing notion. Then, for every  $A \subseteq Q$ ,  $|A| < \kappa$ , there is a dense open  $D \subseteq Q$  with  $A \cap D = \emptyset$ . Just for each  $q \in A$  consider

$$D_q = \{q' \in Q \mid q' > q \text{ or } q' \not\geq q\}.$$

Then every  $D_q$  is a dense open and  $\bigcap_{q \in A} D_q$  is a dense open disjoint from  $A$ .

A typical condition  $p$  in the extender based Prikry forcing with  $E$  is of the form

$$\langle \langle p^\gamma \mid \gamma \in \text{supp}(p) \rangle, \langle p^{mc}, T^p \rangle \rangle.$$

The support of  $p$ ,  $\text{supp}(p)$  is a subset of  $\kappa^{++}$  of cardinality  $\leq \kappa$ ,  $\kappa \in \text{supp}(p)$ . The maximal coordinate  $mc = mc(p)$  is an ordinal  $\alpha < \kappa^{++}$  which is above (in the order  $\leq_E$  of the extender) every  $\beta \in \text{supp}(p)$ . Each  $p^\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \in \text{supp}(p)$  and  $p^{mc}$  is a finite increasing sequence of ordinals. They are initial segments of the Prikry sequences for  $\gamma$ 's and  $mc$  respectively. The set  $T^p$  is responsible for potential extensions.

Let us make the following changes:

1. if for some  $Q$ ,  $\eta_Q \in \text{supp}(p) \cup \{mc(p)\}$ , then for every  $q \in Q$ ,  $\eta_{Q_q} \in \text{supp}(p) \cup \{mc(p)\}$ , as well;
2.  $p^{\eta_Q}$  is increasing also in the order of  $Q$ ;
3. once extending a condition  $p$ ,  $p^{\eta_Q}$  extends by a member of a set of measure one for  $E_{\eta_{Q_{\max}(p^{\eta_Q})}}$  instead of a member of a set of measure one for  $E_{\eta_Q}$ .

The basic properties of the forcing remain valid after this changes.

The last condition insures that the generic  $\omega$ -sequences growing over a coordinate  $\eta_Q$  will be increasing in the order of  $Q$ , and so will generate a  $V$ -generic subset of  $Q$ .

□

### 3 Strength of $\kappa$ -compact cardinals.

It was shown in [1] that an inner model with a strong cardinal is a lower bounds on a strength of  $\kappa$ -compact cardinals. Here we would like to improve this lower bound.

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose  $\kappa$  is  $\kappa$ -compact then there is a inner model with a Woodin cardinal*

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then by Jensen-Steel [5], the core model  $K$  exists.

Define

$$E := (E_{\aleph_0}^\kappa)^K = \{\nu < \kappa \mid (cf(\nu))^K = \omega\}$$

and let

$$F_0 = (Cub \upharpoonright E)^K.$$

Then  $F_0$  is a normal filter on  $\kappa$  in  $K$ .

Let, in  $V$ ,

$$\mathcal{F} = \{X \subseteq \kappa \mid \exists A \in F_0(A \subseteq X)\}.$$

**Lemma 3.2**  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete filter in  $V$ .

*Proof.* By [5],  $K$  satisfies GCH, in particular,  $2^\kappa = \kappa^+$ . So, in  $K$ , there is a sequence  $\langle A_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa^+ \rangle$  such that

1.  $A_\alpha \in \text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright E$ , for every  $\beta < \alpha < \kappa^+$ ,
2.  $A_\alpha \subseteq^* A_\beta$  (i.e.  $|A_\alpha \setminus A_\beta| < \kappa$ ) for every  $\beta < \alpha < \kappa^+$ ,
3.  $\forall A \in \text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright E$  there is  $\alpha < \kappa^+$  such that  $A_\alpha \subseteq A$ .

Now, work in  $V$ . We have, by [5],  $(\kappa^+)^K = \kappa^+$ .

Let

$$\langle X_\tau \mid \tau < \delta \rangle$$

be the sequence of members of  $\mathcal{F}$  for some  $\delta < \kappa$ . Let us show that

$$\bigcap_{\tau < \delta} X_\tau \in \mathcal{F}.$$

For each  $\tau < \delta$  there is  $A \in (\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright E)^K$  such that  $X_\tau \supseteq A$ . Then there is  $\alpha_\tau < \kappa^+$  such that  $A_{\alpha_\tau} \subseteq^* A$ . Pick  $\rho_\tau < \kappa$  with  $A \supseteq A_{\alpha_\tau} \setminus \rho_\tau$ . Then,

$$X_\tau \supseteq A_{\alpha_\tau} \setminus \rho_\tau.$$

Let

$$\rho^* = \sup(\{\rho_\tau \mid \tau < \delta\}) < \kappa^+$$

and

$$\alpha^* = \sup(\{\alpha_\tau \mid \tau < \delta\}) < \kappa^+.$$

Then for all  $\tau < \delta$  we have

$$A_{\alpha^*} \subseteq^* A_{\alpha_\tau}.$$

Pick  $\xi_\tau < \kappa$  such that  $A_{\alpha^*} \setminus \xi_\tau \subseteq A_{\alpha_\tau}$ . Set

$$\xi^* = \sup_{\tau < \delta} \xi_\tau < \kappa.$$

Then

$$A_{\alpha^*} \setminus \max(\rho^*, \xi^*) \subseteq X_\tau,$$

for each  $\tau < \delta$ . Clearly,

$$A_{\alpha^*} \setminus \max(\rho^*, \xi^*) \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Hence,

$$\bigcap_{\tau < \delta} X_\tau \in \mathcal{F}.$$

□ of the lemma.

There is a  $\mathcal{F}^* \supseteq \mathcal{F}$  that is a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter, since  $\kappa$  is a  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal.

Consider

$$i^* : V \longrightarrow M \simeq V^\kappa / F^*.$$

Let  $\tilde{i} = i \upharpoonright K$ . By R. Schindler [8],  $\tilde{i}$  is an iterated ultrapower along the cofinal branch of an iteration tree.

Let  $\delta = [id]_{\mathcal{F}^*}$

**Claim 1**  $\delta$  can not be of the form  $\kappa_\alpha$ , where  $\kappa_\alpha$  is one of the images of  $\kappa$  along the iteration  $\tilde{i}$ .

*Proof.* Just otherwise,  $\delta$  will be regular in  $(K)^M$ , but  $\delta \in \tilde{i}(E)$ .

□ of the claim.

So,  $\delta$  is not one of  $\kappa_\alpha$ 's. Then, unless there is an extender involved of a super-strong type, there will be  $n < \omega$ ,  $f : [\kappa]^n \rightarrow \kappa$ , generators  $\mu_1 < \dots < \mu_n < \delta$  such that

$$\tilde{i}(f)(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \geq \delta.$$

Consider in  $K$  the following set

$$C = \{\nu < \kappa \mid \forall a_1, \dots, a_n \in [\nu]^{<\omega} f(a_1, \dots, a_n) < \nu\}.$$

Then,  $C$  is a club. Hence,  $C \in F_0 \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . So,  $\delta \in i(C) = \tilde{i}(C)$ , which is impossible.

Contradiction.

□

## 4 Some weakening.

Let us consider the following natural weakening of  $\kappa$ -compactness:

**Definition 4.1**  $\kappa$  is weakly  $\kappa$ -compact iff for every stationary  $S \subseteq \kappa$ , the filter  $Cub \upharpoonright S$  can be extended to a  $\kappa$  complete ultrafilter over  $\kappa$ .

Let us recall the following notion:

**Definition 4.2** (Mitchell) Let  $\langle U(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \rho \rangle$  be a sequence of measures over  $\kappa$ . We say  $\beta^* < \rho$  is a weak repeat point for the sequence iff for every  $A \in U(\kappa, \beta^*)$  there is some  $\gamma < \beta^*$  such that  $A \in U(\kappa, \gamma)$ .

Note that under GCH, the first weak repeat point is an ordinal of cofinality  $\kappa^+$ , above  $\kappa^+$  and below  $\kappa^{++}$ .

The next lemma is well known and likely is due to W. Mitchell.

**Lemma 4.3** Let  $\vec{U} = \langle U(\alpha, \beta) \mid \alpha \leq \kappa, \alpha \in \text{dom}(\vec{U}) \ \& \ \beta < o^{\vec{U}}(\alpha) \rangle$  be a coherent sequence  $\kappa \in \text{dom}(U)$ ,  $\kappa = \text{maxdom}(U)$ . Suppose that  $\beta^* < o^{\vec{U}}(\kappa)$  is the first weak repeat point for  $\langle U(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < o^{\vec{U}}(\kappa) \rangle$ . Then there is a sequence  $\langle A_\beta \mid \beta < \beta^* \rangle$  such that for every  $\beta' \neq \beta < \beta^*$ ,  $A_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta) \setminus U(\kappa, \beta')$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\beta < \beta^*$ . Then there is  $B_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta)$  such that for every  $\gamma < \beta$ ,

$$B_\beta \notin U(\kappa, \gamma).$$

Consider

$$X_\beta = \{ \nu < \kappa \mid \forall \xi < o^{\vec{U}}(\nu) (B_\beta \cap \nu \notin U(\nu, \xi)) \}.$$

Then  $X_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta)$ , since by coherence

$$M_{\kappa, \beta} \models \forall \xi < o^{i_\beta(\vec{U})}(\kappa) = \beta (i_{\kappa, \beta}(B_\beta) \cap \kappa = B_\beta \notin U(\kappa, \xi)).$$

It follows that  $\kappa \in i_{\kappa, \beta}(X_\beta)$  and then  $X_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta)$ , where

$$i_{\kappa, \beta} := i_{U(\kappa, \beta)} : V \longrightarrow M_{\kappa, \beta} \simeq V^\kappa / U(\kappa, \beta).$$

Take  $A_\beta = B_\beta \cap X_\beta$ . Then  $A_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta)$ ,  $A_\beta \notin U(\kappa, \gamma)$  for every  $\gamma < \beta$ , but, also, we can check that  $A_\beta \in U(\kappa, \gamma)$  for  $\beta < \gamma < o^{\vec{U}}(\kappa)$ .

Thus, if  $A_\beta \in U(\kappa, \gamma)$ ,  $\beta < \gamma < o^{\vec{U}}(\kappa)$ , then  $\kappa \in i_{\kappa, \gamma}(X_\beta)$  and, consequently,

$$M_{\kappa, \gamma} \models \forall \xi < \gamma (i_{\kappa, \gamma}(B_\beta \cap \kappa) = B_\beta \cap \kappa \notin U(\kappa, \xi)),$$

but  $\beta < \gamma$  and  $B_\beta \in U(\kappa, \beta)$

□

**Theorem 4.4** *Suppose that  $\kappa$  is a weakly  $\kappa$ -compact, then there is a weak repeat point for the coherent sequence of measures over  $\kappa$  in the core model  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Pick be a normal measure  $W$  over  $\kappa$ .

Let

$$i : V \longleftrightarrow M \simeq V^\kappa / W.$$

Let  $\tilde{i} = i \upharpoonright K$ . Then

$$\tilde{i} : K \longrightarrow (K)^M$$

is an iterate of  $K$ .

Let  $U(\kappa, \eta)$  be the first measure used in  $\tilde{i}$ .

Assume that there is no repeat point over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ . Then there will be a set  $A_\eta \in K$ ,  $A_\eta \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  such that

$$\forall \xi \neq \eta (A_\eta \notin U(\kappa, \xi)).$$

**Lemma 4.5** *Suppose that  $B \subseteq A_\eta$ ,  $B \in K$  and  $B \notin U(\kappa, \eta)$ . Then, in  $V$ ,  $B$  is non-stationary.*

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $B \subseteq A_\eta, B \in K, B \notin U(\kappa, \eta)$  stationary in  $V$ .

Work in  $V$ . Let  $F := \text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright B$ .

By the assumption, there is a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter  $F^*$  over  $\kappa$  such that  $F^* \supseteq F$ .

Let

$$i^* : V \longrightarrow M \simeq V / F^*$$

and

$$i^* \upharpoonright K = \tilde{i}^* : K \longrightarrow (K)^{M^*}.$$

Then  $\tilde{i}^*$  it is an iterate ultrapower of  $K$ . Let

$$\delta = [id]_{F^*}.$$

Then  $\delta \in i^*(B) = \tilde{i}^*(B)$ , also, for every  $C \subseteq \kappa$  club in  $K$ ,  $\delta \in i^*(C)$



**Claim 2**  $\delta$  can not be any of the images  $\kappa_\alpha$  of  $\kappa$  obtained during the iteration  $\tilde{i}^*$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $\alpha$  such that  $\delta = \kappa_\alpha$ . Write  $i_{\geq\delta} \circ i_{<\delta} = \tilde{i}^*$  where  $\delta = \kappa_\alpha = \text{crit}(i_{\geq\delta})$ . So there is  $\gamma < o^{(K)^{M^*}}(\kappa_\alpha)$  such that  $U(\kappa_\alpha, \gamma)$  is used in the iteration. Then  $\delta \in \tilde{i}^*(B)$  implies  $i_{<\delta}(B) \in U(\kappa_\alpha, \gamma)$ . But

$$K \models \forall \xi < o(\kappa) \left( B \notin U(\kappa, \xi) \right).$$

Then by elementarity of  $i_{<\delta}$ , we have that

$$i_{<\delta}(B) \notin U(\kappa_\alpha, \gamma).$$

Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

So,  $\delta$  is not an image of  $\kappa$  during the iteration. Then there are  $f : [\kappa]^n \rightarrow \kappa$  and  $\kappa_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \kappa_{\alpha_n} < \delta$  such that

$$\tilde{i}^*(f)(\kappa_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \kappa_{\alpha_n}) \geq \delta.$$

Consider

$$C := \{\nu \in \kappa \mid \forall \rho_1, \dots, \rho_n < \nu \ f(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n) < \nu\}.$$

Then  $C$  is a club in  $\kappa$ ,  $C \in K$ , but  $\delta \in \tilde{i}^*(C)$ . Contradiction.

□ of the lemma.

Let us conclude now the proof of the theorem.

Notice that  $Cub \upharpoonright A_\eta \in M$ , since  $(\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^V = (\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^M$ . By the lemma, it follows that

$$(\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^K \cap Cub \upharpoonright A_\eta = U(\kappa, \eta) \in M,$$

this is a contradiction since  $U(\kappa, \eta)$  coheres with  $K^M$  and is in  $M$  (it implies that it is in  $K^M$  by its maximality) but is not in  $K^M$ .

□

**Remark 4.6** 1. The above proof actually shows that non of  $U(\kappa, \eta)$ 's with  $\eta$  below a weak repeat point can be extended to a normal  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter and every stationary  $X \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $X \in K$  must have measure one in one of the measures over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ .

2. If we assume that only the following:

for every stationary  $A \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $A \in K$  the filter  $Cub \upharpoonright A$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter, then the argument goes through and the conclusion will be the same.

The next result is strengthening a bit the previous one.

**Theorem 4.7** *Suppose that for every  $A \subseteq \kappa, A \in K$  such that  $A \cap \text{Regular}$  is stationary, the filter generated by  $(\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright A \cap \text{Regular})^K$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter. Then there is a repeat point for the coherent sequence of measures over  $\kappa$  in the core model  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Proceed as in 4.4. Let  $W$  be a normal measure over  $\kappa$ .

Let

$$i : V \longleftrightarrow M \simeq V^\kappa / W.$$

Consider  $\tilde{i} = i \upharpoonright K$ . Then

$$\tilde{i} : K \longrightarrow (K)^M$$

is an iterate of  $K$ .

Let  $U(\kappa, \eta)$  be the first measure used in  $\tilde{i}$ .

Assume that there is no repeat point over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ . Then there will be a set  $A_\eta \in K$ ,  $A_\eta \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  such that

$$\forall \xi \neq \eta (A_\eta \notin U(\kappa, \xi)).$$

Some of the elements of  $A_\eta$  may be singular in  $V$ , still  $A \cap \text{Regular}$  is stationary since  $A \in W$  and  $W$  is a normal measure.

The following analog of Lemma 4.5:

**Lemma 4.8** *Suppose that  $B \subseteq A_\eta, B \in K$  and  $B \notin U(\kappa, \eta)$ . Then, in  $V$ ,  $B \cap \text{Regular}$  is non-stationary.*

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is  $B \subseteq A_\eta, B \in K, B \notin U(\kappa, \eta)$  stationary in  $V$ .

Work in  $V$ .

Let  $F$  be the filter generated by  $(\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright B)^K$ , i.e.

$$F = \{X \subseteq \kappa \mid (\exists C \in K \text{ a club})(X \supseteq B \cap C)\}.$$

By the assumption, there is a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter  $F^*$  over  $\kappa$  such that  $F^* \supseteq F$ .

Continue now exactly as in Lemma 4.5. Note that the club  $C$  defined there at the final stage is in  $K$ , hence  $\delta \in \tilde{i}^*(C)$ . Contradiction.

□ of the lemma.

Let us conclude now the proof of the theorem.

Notice that  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright A_\eta \cap Regular \in M$ , since  $V$  and  $M$  agree about regularity of cardinals below  $\kappa$  (just  $\kappa$  is the critical point) and  $(\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^V = (\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^M$ . By the lemma, it follows that

$$(\mathcal{P}(\kappa))^K \cap (Cub \upharpoonright A_\eta \cap Regular) = U(\kappa, \eta) \in M,$$

this is a contradiction since  $U(\kappa, \eta)$  coheres with  $K^M$  and is in  $M$  (it implies that it is in  $K^M$  by its maximality) but is not in  $K^M$ .

□

## 5 Forcing constructions-regular cardinals.

In this section we would like to provide an upper bound on consistency strength of a weakly  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal  $\kappa$  and weaker properties considered in the previous section.

Let us start with the following observation.

**Theorem 5.1** *Suppose that there is a weak repeat point over  $\kappa$  in the core model. Then there is a cofinality preserving extension in which for every  $X \subseteq \kappa, X \in K$  stationary and consisting of regular cardinals, the filter generated  $(Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X)^K$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter. However there is  $X \subseteq \kappa, X \in K$  stationary and consisting of regular cardinals, such that the filter  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  does not extend to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.*

*Proof.* Let

$$\vec{U} = \langle U(\kappa, \alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta \rangle$$

be a coherent sequence of measures over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ ,  $o(\kappa) = \eta + 1$  and  $\eta$  is the least weak repeat point for  $\vec{U}$ . It is well known (see for example [2]) that then  $\text{cof}(\eta) = \kappa^+$  and for every  $X \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  the set

$$\{\xi < \eta \mid X \in U(\kappa, \xi)\}$$

is unbounded in  $\eta$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{F}_\eta$  the following set:

$$\{X \subseteq \kappa \mid \exists \gamma < \eta \forall \beta (\gamma \leq \beta < \eta \longrightarrow X \in U(\kappa, \beta))\}.$$

Then it is a  $\kappa$ -complete filter over  $\kappa$  and  $U(\kappa, \eta) \supseteq \mathcal{F}_\eta$ , since otherwise there will be a set  $Y \in \mathcal{F}_\eta \setminus U(\kappa, \eta)$ . But, then  $\kappa \setminus Y \in U(\kappa, \eta)$ , which is impossible, since the set  $\{\xi < \eta \mid \kappa \setminus Y \in U(\kappa, \xi)\}$  is unbounded in  $\eta$ .

Define now a Backward Easton iteration

$$\langle P_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\beta \mid \beta \leq \kappa, \alpha \leq \kappa + 1 \rangle.$$

Suppose that  $\alpha < \kappa + 1$  and  $P_\alpha$  is defined. Define  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$ . Set  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$  to be a trivial forcing unless  $o(\alpha) > 0$  is a limit ordinal.

Once  $o(\alpha) > 0$  and it is a limit ordinal, then let  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$  be the less than  $\alpha$ -support iteration of the standard forcing notion for adding a club into  $X \cup \text{Singular}$ , for every  $X \subseteq \alpha$  such that for some  $\gamma < \alpha$ ,

$$X \in \bigcap_{\gamma \leq \beta < o(\alpha)} U(\alpha, \beta).$$

Now, the elementary embedding  $i_\eta : K \rightarrow K_\eta \simeq K^\kappa / U(\kappa, \eta)$  extends, but non of  $i_\xi$  for  $\xi < \eta$ . However, we will extend the embeddings by  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$ , for  $\xi < \eta$ . This way it will be insured that for each  $X \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{Regular}$ ,  $X \in K$  which is stationary in the extension there will be a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter including  $(\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright X)^K$ . Such ultrafilter will be an extension of  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$  with  $X \in U(\kappa, \xi)$ .

Let  $G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  be a generic subset of  $P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa$ .

**Lemma 5.2** *The elementary embedding*

$$i_\eta : K \rightarrow K_\eta \simeq K^\kappa / U(\kappa, \eta)$$

*extends to an elementary embedding*

$$i_\eta^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow K_\eta[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)} * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)}))],$$

*for some  $K_\eta$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_\eta(P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa)$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\mathcal{F}_\eta \in M_\eta$  by the coherency of the sequence  $\vec{U}$ . The club subsets are added over  $\kappa$  to  $X \cup \text{Singular}$ , for every  $X \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$ . But each  $X$  like this is necessary in  $U(\kappa, \eta)$ .

So  $i_\eta$  extends in a standard way. Note that the adding of singulars provides enough closure in order to construct a master condition sequence.

□ of the lemma.

Let

$$i_{\eta\xi} : K \rightarrow K_{\eta,\xi} \simeq K^{\kappa^2} / U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$$

be the elementary embedding corresponding to  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$ , where  $\xi < \eta$ .

Then, similar to 5.2, we obtain the following:

**Lemma 5.3** *Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Then the elementary embedding*

$$i_{\eta\xi} : K \rightarrow K_{\eta\xi}$$

*extends to an elementary embedding*

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow K_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

*for some  $K_{\eta\xi}$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ .*

Suppose now that  $X \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{Regular}$ ,  $X \in K$  is stationary in the extension. Then there is  $\xi < \eta$  such that  $X \in U(\kappa, \xi)$ . Hence,

$$\kappa \in i_\xi(X) \text{ and } i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}(X).$$

Also, if  $C \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $C \in K$  is a club, then

$$\kappa \in i_\xi(C) \text{ and } i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}(C).$$

Consider now in  $K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$  the following  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter:

$$U_\xi := \{Y \subseteq \kappa \mid i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^*(Y)\}.$$

Then

$$(Cub \upharpoonright X)^K \subseteq U_\xi.$$

It remains to give an example of a stationary (in the extension) set  $X \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{Regular}$ ,  $X \in K$  such that the filter  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  does not extend to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.

Let  $X$  be any  $\mathcal{F}_\eta$ -positive set in  $K$  which does not belong to  $U(\kappa, \eta)$ .

Suppose that the filter  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter  $W$ . Consider

$$i_W : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow M_W \simeq K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]^\kappa / W.$$

Let

$$\delta = [id]_W \text{ and } \tilde{i} = i_W \upharpoonright K.$$

Then

$$\tilde{i} : K \rightarrow K^{M_W}.$$

The forcing used was cofinality preserving forcing. Then, also,  $K^{M_W}$  and  $M_W$  agree on cofinality of ordinals. In addition,  $M_W$  is closed under  $\kappa$ -sequences of its elements, as an ultrapower by a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter. Hence,  $\tilde{i}$  is finite iterated ultrapower of  $K$ .

It follows, as in 4.5, that  $\delta$  is  $\kappa$  or one its images in this iteration.

**Claim 3**  $\delta \neq \kappa$ .

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then  $W$  is normal. The iteration  $\tilde{i}$  starts with a normal measure  $U(\kappa, \xi)$ , for some  $\xi \leq \eta = o(\kappa) - 1$ , and  $W \supseteq U(\kappa, \xi)$ . But  $X \notin U(\kappa, \eta)$ , hence  $\xi < \eta$ . Recall that  $\eta$  is the first weak repeat point. So, there is  $A_\xi \in U(\kappa, \xi)$  which does not belong to any other  $U(\kappa, \xi')$  with  $\xi' \neq \xi$ . Then the forcing  $Q_\kappa$  adds a club  $C$  disjoint with  $A_\xi$ . Hence,  $C \in W$ , but also  $X \cap A_\xi \in U(\kappa, \xi) \subseteq W$ . Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

So,  $\delta \neq \kappa$ . In addition,  $W \not\supseteq U(\kappa, \eta)$ . Hence there is  $\xi < \eta$  such that  $\delta$  is the critical point of the iteration at a step where an image of  $U(\kappa, \xi)$  was applied. Then  $W \supseteq U(\kappa, \xi)$ , but such possibility was already ruled out in the claim above. Hence we obtain a contradiction.

In order to finish the proof, we need to show that the set  $X$  as above remains stationary. Suppose otherwise. Then the forcing  $Q_\kappa$  over  $K[G(P_\kappa)]$  adds a club  $C$  disjoint to  $X$ . Recall that  $Q_\kappa$  is a  $< \kappa$ -support iteration of forcings of cardinality  $\kappa$  of the length  $\kappa^+$ . So, there  $\beta < \kappa^+$  such that already  $Q_\kappa \upharpoonright \beta$  adds  $C$ .

Pick now  $\rho < \eta$  such that

1.  $X \in U(\kappa, \rho)$ ,
2. for every  $\rho', \rho \leq \rho' < \eta$ , for every  $Y \in U(\kappa, \rho')$  there is no forcing shooting a club through  $Y$  in the iteration  $Q_\kappa \upharpoonright \beta$ .

This is possible since  $\text{cof}(\eta) = \kappa^+$  and  $X \in U(\kappa, \zeta)$  for unboundedly many  $\zeta < \eta$ . But, the elementary embedding

$$i_\rho : K \rightarrow K_\rho \simeq K^\kappa / U(\kappa, \rho)$$

extends to an elementary embedding

$$i_\rho^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * (G(Q_\kappa \upharpoonright \rho))] \rightarrow K_\eta[G(P_{i_\rho(\kappa)} * G(Q_{i_\rho(\kappa)}))],$$

as in Lemma 5.2. This is clearly impossible, since we will have that both

$$\kappa \in i_\rho(X) = i_\rho^*(X) \text{ and } \kappa \in i_\rho^*(C).$$

Contradiction. So, we are done.

□

Let us deal now with an other filter and extend the previous result to filters of the form  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  where  $X$  is as in 5.1.

**Theorem 5.4** *Suppose that there is a weak repeat point over  $\kappa$  in the core model. Then there is a cofinality preserving extension in which for every  $X \subseteq \kappa, X \in K$  stationary and consisting of regular cardinals, the filter  $\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.*

*Proof.* Let

$$\vec{U} = \langle U(\kappa, \alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta \rangle$$

be a coherent sequence of measures over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ ,  $o(\kappa) = \eta + 1$  and  $\eta$  is the least weak repeat point for  $\vec{U}$ . It is well known (see for example [2]) that then  $\text{cof}(\eta) = \kappa^+$  and for every  $X \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  the set

$$\{\xi < \eta \mid X \in U(\kappa, \xi)\}$$

is unbounded in  $\eta$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{G}_\eta$  the filter

$$\bigcap_{\alpha < \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha).$$

We have

$$\bigcap_{\alpha < \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \leq \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha) \text{ and } U(\kappa, \eta) \supseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \leq \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha),$$

since  $\eta$  is a weak repeat point.

Define a Backward Easton iteration

$$\langle P_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\beta \mid \beta \leq \kappa, \alpha \leq \kappa + 1 \rangle.$$

Suppose that  $\alpha < \kappa + 1$  and  $P_\alpha$  is defined. Define  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$ . Set  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$  to be a trivial forcing unless  $o(\alpha) > 0$  is a limit ordinal.

Once  $o(\alpha) > 0$  and it is a limit ordinal, then let  $\mathcal{Q}_\alpha$  be the less than  $\alpha$ -support iteration of the standard forcing notion for adding a club into  $X \cup \text{Singular}$ , for every  $X \subseteq \alpha$  such that

$$X \in \bigcap_{\beta < o(\alpha)} U(\alpha, \beta).$$

Let  $G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  be a generic subset of  $P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa$ .

The proof of the next lemma is the same as those of 5.2.

**Lemma 5.5** *The elementary embedding*

$$i_\eta : K \rightarrow K_\eta \simeq K^\kappa / U(\kappa, \eta)$$

*extends to an elementary embedding*

$$i_\eta^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow K_\eta[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

*for some  $K_\eta$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_\eta(P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa)$ .*

Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Consider

$$i_{\eta\xi} : K \rightarrow K_{\eta,\xi} \simeq K^{\kappa^2}/U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$$

the elementary embedding corresponding to  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$ . It can be written also as

$$K \longrightarrow^{i_\eta} K_\eta \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}} K_{\eta,\xi},$$

where  $k_{\eta\xi}$  is the canonical embedding of  $K_\eta$  into its ultrapower by  $i_\eta(U(\kappa, \xi))$ .

Similar to 5.2, we have the following:

**Lemma 5.6** *Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Then the elementary embedding*

$$i_{\eta\xi} : K \rightarrow K_{\eta\xi}$$

*extends to an elementary embedding*

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow K_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

*for some  $K_{\eta\xi}$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ .*

Let us argue that in the present situation also  $k_{\eta\xi}$ , and so, the all diagram extends.

**Lemma 5.7** *Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Then the diagram*

$$K \longrightarrow^{i_\eta} K_\eta \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}} K_{\eta,\xi}$$

*extends to*

$$K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \longrightarrow^{i_\eta^*} K_\eta[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})] \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}^*} K_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)})],$$

*for some  $K_{\eta\xi}$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ .*

*Proof.* The new point here is that the forcing  $Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)}$  used at  $i_\eta(\kappa)$  over  $K_\eta[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)})]$  shoots clubs only to sets which belong to

$$i_\eta(\mathcal{G}_\eta) = \bigcap_{\alpha < i_\eta(\eta)} U(i_\eta(\kappa), \alpha).$$

In particular, every subset of  $i_\eta(\kappa)$  into which  $Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)}$  shoots a club belongs to  $U(i_\eta(\kappa), i_\eta(\xi))$ .

Also,

$$i_\eta(\kappa) \in k_{\eta\xi}(X) \text{ iff } X \in U(i_\eta(\kappa), i_\eta(\xi)).$$

Hence, we can add  $i_\eta(\kappa)$  to  $k_{\eta\xi}''C = C$  and keep it a condition in  $Q_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)}$ , for every generic (i.e. in  $G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$ ) club  $C \subseteq i_\eta(\kappa)$ . So,  $k_{\eta\xi}$  extends as well as the diagram.

□ of the lemma.



**Lemma 5.8** *Let  $\xi < \eta$  and*

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* : K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow K_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

*be as in the previous lemma (5.7). Then for every club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  in  $K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$ , we have*

$$i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^*(C).$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 5.7,

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* = k_{\eta\xi}^* \circ i_\eta^*.$$

The critical point of  $k_{\eta\xi}^*$  is  $i_\eta(\kappa)$  and  $i_\eta^*(C)$  is unbounded in  $i_\eta(\kappa)$ . Hence,

$$i_\eta(\kappa) \in k_{\eta\xi}^*(i_\eta^*(C)) = i_{\eta\xi}^*(C).$$

□ of the lemma.

Suppose now that  $X \subseteq \kappa \cap \text{Regular}$ ,  $X \in K$  is stationary in the extension. Then there is  $\xi < \eta$  such that  $X \in U(\kappa, \xi)$ . Hence,

$$\kappa \in i_\xi(X) \text{ and } i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}(X).$$

Also, if  $C \subseteq \kappa$  is a club, then, by Lemma 5.8,

$$i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^*(C).$$

Consider now in  $K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$  the following  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter:

$$U_\xi := \{Y \subseteq \kappa \mid i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^*(Y)\}.$$

Then

$$\text{Cub} \upharpoonright X \subseteq U_\xi.$$

□

**Remark 5.9** It is possible to show that in  $K[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$ ,

$$U^*(\kappa, \eta) := \{Y \subseteq \kappa \mid \kappa \in i_\eta^*(Y)\}$$

is the only normal measure and each  $U_\xi$ , with  $\xi < \eta$ , is a non-normal  $Q$ -point measure.

Let us now remove the restriction  $X \in K$  from the previous theorem.

**Theorem 5.10** *Suppose that there is a weak repeat point over  $\kappa$  in the core model. Then there is a cofinality preserving extension in which for every stationary  $X \subseteq \kappa$  consisting of regular cardinals, the filter  $\text{Cub}_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.*

*Proof.* We proceed as in 5.4.

Let

$$\vec{U} = \langle U(\kappa, \alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta \rangle$$

be a coherent sequence of measures over  $\kappa$  in  $K$ ,  $o(\kappa) = \eta + 1$  and  $\eta$  is the least weak repeat point for  $\vec{U}$ . It is well known (see for example [2]) that then  $\text{cof}(\eta) = \kappa^+$  and for every  $X \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  the set

$$\{\xi < \eta \mid X \in U(\kappa, \xi)\}$$

is unbounded in  $\eta$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{G}_\eta$  the filter

$$\bigcap_{\alpha < \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha).$$

We have

$$\bigcap_{\alpha < \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \leq \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha) \text{ and } U(\kappa, \eta) \supseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \leq \eta} U(\kappa, \alpha),$$

since  $\eta$  is a weak repeat point.

Let us first continue further as in 5.4. So, we define a Backward Easton iteration

$$\langle P_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\beta \mid \beta \leq \kappa, \alpha \leq \kappa + 1 \rangle.$$

Let  $G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  be a generic subset of  $P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa$ .

Suppose now that  $X \subseteq \kappa$  is stationary in  $V[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$  which consists of regular cardinals.

Consider first extensions of

$$i_\eta : V \rightarrow M_\eta \simeq V^\kappa / U(\kappa, \eta).$$

If there are condition  $p \in G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  and  $q \in i_\eta(P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa) / P_\kappa * \mathcal{Q}_\kappa$  such that

$$(p, q) \Vdash \kappa \in i_\eta(X),$$

then  $X$  will belong to a normal ultrafilter which extends  $U(\kappa, \eta)$ .

Suppose that this is not the case.

Then, there is  $p \in G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  such that

$$(p, \emptyset) \Vdash \eta \notin i_\eta(\underline{X}).$$

We can alter the name  $\underline{X}$  of  $X$  such that for every  $\nu < \kappa$ , if a condition  $(s, \underline{t}) \in P_{\kappa+1}$  is incompatible with  $f(\nu)$ , then

$$(\check{\nu}, (s, \underline{t})) \notin \underline{X},$$

where  $f$  is a function which represents  $(p, \emptyset)$  in  $M_\eta$ . So, using such name, we will have

$$0_{P_{i_\eta(\kappa)+1}} \Vdash \eta \notin i_\eta(\underline{X}).$$

Set

$$Y_\eta = \{\nu < \kappa \mid 0_{P_{\kappa+1}} \Vdash \nu \notin \underline{X}\}.$$

Then  $Y_\eta \in U(\kappa, \eta)$  and, in  $V[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$ ,

$$Y_\eta \cap X = \emptyset.$$

Now, let us do a similar thing for every  $\xi < \eta$ .

Consider

$$i_{\eta\xi} : V \rightarrow M_{\eta,\xi} \simeq V^{\kappa^2} / U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$$

the elementary embedding corresponding to  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$ . It can be written as

$$V \xrightarrow{i_\eta} M_\eta \xrightarrow{k_{\eta\xi}} M_{\eta,\xi},$$

where  $k_{\eta\xi}$  is the canonical embedding of  $M_\eta$  into its ultrapower by  $i_\eta(U(\kappa, \xi))$ .

By Lemma 5.6, the elementary embedding

$$i_{\eta\xi} : V \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}$$

extends to an elementary embedding

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* : V[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

for some  $M_{\eta\xi}$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ . Also,  $k_{\eta\xi}$  extends to

$$k_{\eta\xi}^* : M_\eta[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})] \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

for some  $M_{\eta\xi}$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_{\eta\xi}(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)$ . If there are condition  $p = (r, \underset{\sim}{s}) \in G(P_\kappa) * G(\underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)$  and  $\underset{\sim}{q} \in i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)/P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa$  which extends  $i_{\eta''}\underset{\sim}{s}$  and such that

$$(p, \underset{\sim}{q}) \Vdash i_\eta(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}(\underset{\sim}{X}),$$

then  $X$  will belong to a normal ultrafilter which extends  $U(\kappa, \xi)$ .

Suppose that it is not the case. Then there is a condition  $p = (r, \underset{\sim}{s}) \in G(P_\kappa) * G(\underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)$  such that for every  $\underset{\sim}{q} \in i_{\eta\xi}(P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)/P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa$  which extends  $i_{\eta''}\underset{\sim}{s}$ , we have

$$(p, \underset{\sim}{q}) \Vdash i_\eta(\kappa) \notin i_{\eta\xi}(\underset{\sim}{X}).$$

Consider

$$i_\xi : V \rightarrow M_\xi \simeq V^\kappa/U(\kappa, \xi).$$

**Claim** In  $M_\xi$ ,

$$(p, \underset{\sim}{0}) \Vdash \kappa \notin i_\xi(\underset{\sim}{X}).$$

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Then there is some  $\underset{\sim}{t} \in i_\xi(P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)/P_\kappa * \underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{t} \geq i_{\xi''}\underset{\sim}{s}$  such that

$$(p, \underset{\sim}{t}) \Vdash \kappa \in i_\xi(\underset{\sim}{X}).$$

We would like to use now the elementary embedding

$$\sigma_{\xi\eta} : M_\xi \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}$$

which is defined as follows:

$$\sigma_{\xi\eta}(i_\xi(g)(\kappa)) = (i_{\eta\xi}(g))(i_\eta(\kappa)).$$

Apply  $\sigma_{\xi\eta}$  to  $(p, \underset{\sim}{t})$ . Then, by elementarity, in  $M_{\eta\xi}$ ,

$$(p, \sigma_{\xi\eta}(\underset{\sim}{t})) \Vdash \kappa \in \sigma_{\xi\eta}(i_\xi(\underset{\sim}{X})) = i_{\eta\xi}(\underset{\sim}{X}).$$

The condition  $\underset{\sim}{t} \geq i_{\xi''}\underset{\sim}{s}$  translates into  $\sigma_{\xi\eta}(\underset{\sim}{t}) \geq i_{\eta''}\underset{\sim}{s}$ . But this is impossible.

Contradiction.

□ of the claim.

Now, as above with  $\eta$ , we can alter the name  $\underset{\sim}{X}$  and find  $Y_\xi \in U(\kappa, \xi)$  such that in  $V[G(P_\kappa) * G(\underset{\sim}{Q}_\kappa)]$ ,

$$Y_\xi \cap X = \emptyset.$$

Set  $Y = \bigcup_{\xi \leq \eta} Y_\xi$ . Then  $Y \cap X = \emptyset$  and for every  $\xi \leq \eta$ ,  $Y \supseteq Y_\xi \in U(\kappa, \xi)$ . Hence, if  $Y \in V$  then a club was added to  $Y \cup \text{Singular}$ . We have  $2^\kappa = \kappa^+$  and the forcing  $P_{\kappa+1}$  satisfies  $\kappa^+$ -c.c., hence, there is a sequence

$$\langle Z_\xi \mid \xi \leq \eta \rangle \in V$$

such that  $Z_\xi \in U(\kappa, \xi)$  and  $|Z_\xi \cap X| < \kappa$ .

However this does not guarantee that there will be a set in  $\mathcal{F}_\eta = \bigcap_{\xi < \eta} U(\kappa, \xi)$  disjoint with  $X$ .

In order to deal with this problem, let us modify the forcing a bit: if at some stage of the iteration a set  $X$  as above appears, then let us force a club disjoint to it.

Such modified version shares the properties of the original forcing, but in the final extension there will be no stationary sets  $X$  as above and so for every stationary set  $S$  consisting of regular cardinals the filter  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright S$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.

□

## 6 Forcing constructions-singular cardinals.

Let us extend now the previous results in order to include stationary sets consisting of singular ordinals as well.

**Theorem 6.1** *Suppose that there is a weak repeat point over  $\kappa$  in the core model. Then there is cardinal preserving extension in which for every  $X \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $X \in K$  stationary, the filter  $Cub_\kappa \upharpoonright X$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.*

*Proof.* Let

$$\vec{U} = \langle U(\nu, \alpha) \mid \nu \leq \kappa, o(\nu) > 0, \alpha < o(\nu) \rangle$$

be a coherent sequence of measures in  $K$ . Assume that  $o(\kappa) = \eta + 1$  and  $\eta$  is the least weak repeat point for

$$\langle U(\kappa, \alpha) \mid \alpha \leq \eta \rangle$$

.  
Force with Easton iteration of Prikry-Magidor forcings and change cofinality of each  $\nu < \kappa$  such that  $o(\nu) > 0$  and  $\text{cof}(o(\nu)) < \nu^+$ . This way  $\nu$ 's below  $\kappa$  with  $\text{cof}(o(\nu)) = \nu^+$  remain measurable.

Let  $V = K$  and denote the generic extension above  $V_1 = V[G]$ .

Fix an extension  $U_1(\kappa, \eta)$  of  $U(\kappa, \eta)$  in  $V_1$ . Let

$$i_\eta^1 : V_1 = V[G] \rightarrow M_\eta^1 = \tilde{M}_\eta[\tilde{G}]$$

be the corresponding embedding. Note that  $\tilde{M}_\eta$  is not  $M_\eta$ , but rather its iterated ultrapower. Consider the set  $\mathcal{R}_\xi$  of all possible extensions of  $U(\kappa, \xi)$  in  $M_\eta^1$  or equivalently in  $\tilde{M}_\eta[G]$ , for every  $\xi < \eta$ . Set

$$\mathcal{R}(\eta) = \bigcup_{\xi < \eta} \mathcal{R}_\xi.$$

**Lemma 6.2** *Let  $X \in U_1(\kappa, \eta)$ . Then  $X \in W$ , for some normal measure  $W \in \mathcal{R}(\eta)$ .*

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the statement for sets of the form

$$X_p := \{\nu < \kappa \mid p \restriction \nu \wedge f_p(\nu) \in G\},$$

where  $p \in \tilde{G}$  and  $f_p$  represents (mod  $U_1(\kappa, \eta)$ ) the part of  $p$  above  $\kappa$ .

Clearly there are many  $W \in \mathcal{R}$  with  $X_p \in W$ .

□ of the lemma.

Define now over  $V_1$  a Backward Easton iteration

$$\langle P_\alpha, \tilde{Q}_\beta \mid \beta \leq \kappa, \alpha \leq \kappa + 1 \rangle.$$

Suppose that  $\alpha < \kappa + 1$  and  $P_\alpha$  is defined. Define  $\tilde{Q}_\alpha$ . Suppose first that  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Set  $\tilde{Q}_\alpha$  to be a trivial forcing unless in  $K$ ,  $\text{cof}(o(\alpha)) = \kappa^+$ .

Once it is, then let  $\tilde{Q}_\alpha$  be the less than  $\alpha$ -support iteration of the standard forcing notion for adding a club into  $X$ , for every  $X \subseteq \alpha$  such that

$$X \in \bigcap \mathcal{R}(\alpha),$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  is the intersection of all  $\alpha$ -complete ultrafilters over  $\alpha$  in  $V_1$ , i.e. of all extensions of  $U(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\beta < o(\alpha)$ .

Note that such  $\tilde{Q}_\alpha$  preserves cardinals (and cofinality), since we have here closed chunks of Magidor sequences of arbitrary length below  $\alpha$ .

If  $\alpha = \kappa$ , then let  $\tilde{Q}_\alpha$  be the less than  $\alpha$ -support iteration of the standard forcing notion for adding a club into  $X$ , for every  $X \subseteq \alpha$  such that

$$X \in \bigcap \mathcal{R}(\eta).$$

Again, such  $Q_\kappa$  preserves cardinals (and cofinality), since we have here closed chunks of Magidor sequences of arbitrary length below  $\kappa$ .

Let  $G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)$  be a generic subset of  $P_\kappa * \tilde{Q}_\kappa$ .

It is natural now to try to extend the elementary embedding

$$i_\eta^1 : V_1 = V[G] \rightarrow M_\eta^1 = \tilde{M}_\eta[\tilde{G}].$$

However, the forcing  $Q_\kappa$  seems to have not enough closure for this. So, instead of dealing directly with  $i_\eta^1$ , let us choose an other embedding.

Consider in  $V$  the sequence

$$\langle U(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle.$$

The first forcing turns it into a Rudin-Keisler increasing. More precisely, there is a sequence

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle$$

in  $V_1$  (i.e. before forcing clubs) of extensions which is a Rudin-Keisler increasing. Also, there is such a sequence consisting of elements of  $\mathcal{R}(\eta)$ . Let

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle$$

be such a sequence.

Consider now the following sequence

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \eta) \times U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle.$$

It is still a Rudin-Keisler increasing. Let

$$i_\eta^* : V_1 \rightarrow M_\eta^*$$

be the corresponding embedding into its direct limit. Then  $M_\eta^*$  is closed under  $\kappa$ -sequences of its elements and its core model, which we denote by  $K_\eta^*$ , is a further iteration of  $\tilde{M}_\eta$  which uses measures from

$$i_\eta^1(\langle U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle).$$

We claim that the embedding  $i_\eta^*$  extends.

**Lemma 6.3** *The elementary embedding*

$$i_\eta^* : V_1 \rightarrow M_\eta^*$$

extends to an elementary embedding

$$i_\eta^{**} : V_1[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow M_\eta^*[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

for some  $M_\eta^*$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})$  of  $i_\eta^*(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is rather standard and similar to those of Lemma 5.5. The new point here is to use the critical points measures

$$i_\eta^1(\langle U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle)$$

in order to proceed  $\kappa^+$ -many steps in the process of constructing of a master condition sequence.

□ of the lemma.

Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Consider

$$i_{\eta\xi} : K \rightarrow K_{\eta,\xi} \simeq K^{\kappa^2}/U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$$

the elementary embedding corresponding to  $U(\kappa, \eta) \times U(\kappa, \xi)$ . It can be written also as

$$K \xrightarrow{i_\eta} K_\eta \xrightarrow{k_{\eta\xi}} K_{\eta,\xi},$$

where  $k_{\eta\xi}$  is the canonical embedding of  $K_\eta$  into its ultrapower by  $i_\eta(U(\kappa, \xi))$ .

Now, instead of extending this diagram directly, as in 5.4, let us add a Rudin -Keisler increasing sequences of the length  $\kappa^+$  to both  $\eta$  and  $\xi$ .

Proceed as follows. Let  $U_1(\kappa, \xi)$  be an extension in  $V_1$  of  $U(\kappa, \xi)$  which belongs to  $\mathcal{R}(\eta)$ . Let

$$i_\xi^1 : V_1 = V[G] \rightarrow M_\xi^1 = \tilde{M}_\xi[\tilde{G}_\xi]$$

be the corresponding elementary embedding.

Let

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle$$

be as above. We will use

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \eta) \times U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle,$$

its elementary embedding

$$i_\eta^* : V_1 \rightarrow M_\eta^*$$

and an extension

$$i_\eta^{**} : V_1[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow M_\eta^*[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$



given by Lemma 6.3.

Add  $U_1(\kappa, \xi)$  in the following fashion. Consider

$$\langle U_1(\kappa, \eta) \times U_1(\kappa, \beta) \times U_1(\kappa, \xi) \times U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle.$$

It is still Rudin-Keisler increasing. Let

$$i_{\eta\xi}^* : V_1 \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}^*$$

be its elementary embedding into the direct limit.

It can be written also as

$$V_1 \longrightarrow^{i_\eta^*} M_\eta^* \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}^*} M_{\eta\xi}^*,$$

where  $k_{\eta\xi}^*$  is the canonical embedding of  $M_\eta^*$  into its ultrapower by the system

$$i_\eta^*(\langle U_1(\kappa, \xi) \times U_1(\kappa, \beta) \mid \beta < \kappa^+ \rangle).$$

Then the following analog of Lemma 5.7 holds:

**Lemma 6.4** *Let  $\xi < \eta$ . Then the diagram*

$$V_1 \longrightarrow^{i_\eta^*} M_\eta^* \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}^*} M_{\eta,\xi}^*$$

*extends to*

$$V_1[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \longrightarrow^{i_\eta^{**}} M_\eta^*[G(P_{i_\eta^*(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta^*(\kappa)})] \longrightarrow^{k_{\eta\xi}^{**}} M_{\eta\xi}^*[G(P_{i_{\eta\xi}^*(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_{\eta\xi}^*(\kappa)})],$$

*for some  $M_{\eta\xi}^*$ -generic subsets  $G(P_{i_{\eta\xi}^*(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_{\eta\xi}^*(\kappa)})$  of  $i_{\eta\xi}^*(P_\kappa * Q_\kappa)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof just combines the arguments of 5.7 and 6.3.

□ of the lemma.

**Lemma 6.5** *Let  $\xi < \eta$  and*

$$i_{\eta\xi}^{**} : V_1[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)] \rightarrow M_{\eta\xi}^*[G(P_{i_\eta(\kappa)}) * G(Q_{i_\eta(\kappa)})],$$

*be as in the previous lemma (6.4). Then for every club  $C \subseteq \kappa$  in  $V_1[G(P_\kappa) * G(Q_\kappa)]$ , we have*

$$i_\eta^*(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^{**}(C).$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 6.4,

$$i_{\eta\xi}^{**} = k_{\eta\xi}^{**} \circ i_{\eta}^{**}.$$

The critical point of  $k_{\eta\xi}^{**}$  is  $i_{\eta}^*(\kappa)$  and  $i_{\eta}^{**}(C)$  is unbounded in  $i_{\eta}^*(\kappa)$ . Hence,

$$i_{\eta}^*(\kappa) \in k_{\eta\xi}^{**}(i_{\eta}^{**}(C)) = i_{\eta\xi}^{**}(C).$$

□ of the lemma.

Suppose now that  $X \subseteq \kappa$ ,  $X \in K$  is stationary in the final extension  $V_1[G(P_{\kappa}) * G(Q_{\kappa})]$ . Then there is  $\xi < \eta$  such that  $X \in U(\kappa, \xi)$ . Hence,

$$\kappa \in i_{\xi}(X) \text{ and } i_{\eta}^*(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^{**}(X).$$

Also, if  $C \subseteq \kappa$  is a club, then, by Lemma 6.5,

$$i_{\eta}^*(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^{**}(C).$$

Consider now in  $V_1[G(P_{\kappa}) * G(Q_{\kappa})]$  the following  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter:

$$U_{\xi} := \{Y \subseteq \kappa \mid i_{\eta}^*(\kappa) \in i_{\eta\xi}^{**}(Y)\}.$$

Then

$$Cub \upharpoonright X \subseteq U_{\xi}.$$

□

In order to deal with arbitrary stationary sets which may be not in  $K$ , combine the previous construction (6.1) with one of 5.10. We obtain the following:

**Theorem 6.6** *Suppose that there is a weak repeat point over  $\kappa$  in the core model. Then there is cardinal preserving extension in which for every  $X \subseteq \kappa$  stationary, the filter  $Cub_{\kappa} \upharpoonright X$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter.*

## 7 Open problems.

Let us conclude with the following questions.

**Question 1.** *What is the exact consistency strength of a  $\kappa$ -compact cardinal  $\kappa$ ?*

We think that it should be somewhere beyond a superstrong.

**Question 2.** *What is the exact consistency strength of the following statement:  
every normal  $\kappa$ -complete filter over a cardinal  $\kappa$  extends to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter?*

By previous results at least a weak repeat is needed. But may be the upper bound is below  $o(\kappa) = \kappa^{++}$ ?

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