

NEW LOWER BOUND CONSISTENCY RESULTS FOR FRAGMENTS OF MARTIN'S MAXIMUM

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Abstract

We show that “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$ ” is a consistency lower bound for two theories extending $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$:

- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg \square(\omega_3) + (\dagger)$.
- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) +$ there is a semi-saturated ideal on $\omega_2 + (\dagger)$.

Here (\dagger) is the theory defined in 1.3. As a corollary, we also show that if either of the two theories above holds and M is a class inner model of AD^+ containing all the reals such that $\Theta^M = \omega_3$, then either $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$ holds in M or else Strong Mouse Capturing (SMC) fails in M . The work in this paper presents some progress towards resolving [29, Problems 8, 12]. We note that the first theory is consistent relative to “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is Mahlo” and the second is consistent relative to “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is regular.” So our result brings us closer to the exact consistency strength of both theories and may shed light on understanding the strength of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The results of this paper present some progress in determining the consistency strength of Martin’s Maximum for posets of size the Continuum ($\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$) and its variations. It is a well-known theorem of W.H. Woodin that $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ holds in generic extensions of models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + “\Theta$ is regular”’. This, combined with work of G. Sargsyan [8], in turns shows that $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ is weaker, consistency-wise, than $\text{ZFC} + “$ there is a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals” (WLW). The theories $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ and $\text{CH} + “$ there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 ” are two prominent theories conjectured to have consistency strength of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + “\Theta$ is regular” and have driven major developments in descriptive inner model theory, particularly in the core model induction methods (cf. [29, Problem 12]).

Regarding the problem of determining the consistency of $\text{CH} + “$ there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 ”’, [1], built on work of Woodin who has shown that the theories “there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 ” and AD are equiconsistent and Ketchersid [5] who shows the existence of models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$ from a strengthening of $\text{CH} + “$ there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 ”’, shows that $\text{CH} + “$ there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 ” and $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + “\Theta$ is regular” are equiconsistent. This work resolves part of [29, Question 12].

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The other part of [29, Question 12] concerning $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ and its strengthening has seen less progress. Our paper is built on previous work of Steel and Zoble [22], which establishes that $\text{AD}^{\text{L}(\mathbb{R})}$ follows from $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$. [22], in turns, was built on earlier work of Woodin ([29]) who shows that $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ implies Projective Determinacy. To construct models of stronger axioms of determinacy (like $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$), we loosely follow the general framework in [5]. At some point in Section 5, we need to construct a hod pair (\mathcal{P}, Σ) with Σ having branch condensation from hod pairs with weak condensation; this is precisely the point (\dagger) is used (like in [5]). The other extra hypotheses in the theories $(T1)$ and $(T2)$ below play a role in the proof of Lemma 3.1, which we don't see how to do with just $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$. Lemma 3.1, which uses the additional hypotheses of $(T1)$ and $(T2)$, to verify the height of the maximal model of $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_0$ or $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ for some α , has height $< \omega_3$, is related to [29, Problem 8], which states that if $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ holds and M is a model of AD^+ containing \mathbb{R} and $\Theta^M = \omega_3^V$, then M must satisfy $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$. The resolution of [29, Problem 8] would allow us to do away with the extra hypotheses $\neg \square(\omega_3)$ and the existence of a semi-saturated ideal on ω_2 in resolving [29, Problem 12].

We note that unlike [5] and this paper, [1] does not use (\dagger) but instead uses a game-theoretic argument developed in [28] to construct such a pair. At this point, we do not see how to adapt arguments in [1] to our situation in this paper. In a sequel to this paper, we improve the results of this paper in two significant ways: we do away with $(\dagger)(ii)$ and we obtain “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is regular” as a lower-bound consistency.

Definition 1.1. For a cardinal λ , the principle $\neg \square(\lambda)$ asserts that for any sequence $\langle C_\alpha \mid \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ such that

1. for each $\alpha < \lambda$,
 - each C_α is club in α ;
 - for each limit point β of C_α , $C_\beta = C_\alpha \cap \beta$; and
2. there is a thread through the sequence, i.e., there is a club $E \subseteq \lambda$ such that $C_\alpha = E \cap \alpha$ for each limit point α of E .

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Definition 1.2. Suppose $I \subseteq \wp(\omega_2)$ is a uniform and normal ideal on ω_2 . We say that I is *semi-saturated* if whenever U is a V -normal ultrafilter which is set generic over V and such that $U \subseteq \wp(\omega_2) \setminus I$, then $\text{Ult}(V, U)$ is wellfounded.

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In the following, we say N is a maximal model of a theory (T) extending AD^+ if $\text{ORD} \cup \mathbb{R} \subset N$, $N \models (T) + V = L(\wp(\mathbb{R}))$ and furthermore, for any model $N' \models (T) + V = L(\wp(\mathbb{R}))$ with $\text{ORD} \cup \mathbb{R} \subset N'$, then $N' \subseteq N$. See Section 2.1 for a summary of AD^+ facts and Section 2.3 for relevant notions concerning $(\dagger)(ii)$, which is a technical assumption needed to prove Fact 2.19. $(\dagger)(ii)$ is a stronger form of the embeddings Steel and Zoble constructed in [22] as part of their hypothesis I_α (cf. [22, Definition 9]). To state $(\dagger)(ii)$, we need the notion of a model companion \mathcal{M}_Γ of an inductive-like pointclass Γ , due to Moschovakis. The reader can find the definition and basic facts about this concept in [28, Definition 3.1.2]. The main fact we need is [28, Theorem 3.1.3] which says that if Γ is inductive-like, then Γ has a model companion \mathcal{M}_Γ and Γ is the pointclass of all $\Sigma_1^{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma}$ relations on product spaces; furthermore, model companions are essentially unique. Examples of pointclasses Γ and their corresponding companions are $\Gamma = \Sigma_1^{J_\alpha(\mathbb{R})}$ and $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma = J_\alpha(\mathbb{R})$ for critical α in the situation of [22]; in our situation, where the induction goes beyond $L(\mathbb{R})$, examples of pointclasses Γ and their corresponding companions are $\Gamma = \Sigma_1^{\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})|\alpha}$ and $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma = \text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})|\alpha$ for a critical α in $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})|\alpha$.

Definition 1.3. Let (\dagger) be the conjunction of two statements.

- (i) Whenever A is a set of ordinals that is OD from a countable set of ordinals, for any $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}(A)$, there is a transitive model M of ZFC containing $\{A, X\}$ such that $M \models \text{“}\omega_2^V \text{ is measurable.”}$
- (ii) Let $G \subseteq \wp(\omega_1)/NS_{\omega_1}$ with $j_G : V \rightarrow M_G$ be the associated generic embedding, and $g \subseteq Coll(\omega, \omega_1)$. Suppose the maximal model $\mathfrak{N}_{G \times g}$ of $AD^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ in $V[G \times g]$ exists and the maximal model \mathfrak{N}_g of $AD^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ exists in $V[g]$. Let $\Gamma_{G \times g}$ be the pointclass of $\kappa_{G \times g}$ -Suslin sets in $\mathfrak{N}_{G \times g}$ where $\kappa_{G \times g}$ is the largest Suslin cardinal of $\mathfrak{N}_{G \times g}$ and Γ_g be the pointclass of κ_g -Suslin sets in \mathfrak{N}_g where κ_g is the largest Suslin cardinal of \mathfrak{N}_g . Suppose there is a Σ_0 embedding π from $\mathcal{M}_{\Gamma_g} \upharpoonright \kappa_g$ into $\mathcal{M}_{\Gamma_{G \times g}} \upharpoonright \kappa_{G \times g}$ such that $\pi \upharpoonright \kappa_g = id$, then $\kappa_g = \kappa_{G \times g}$ and π is a Σ_1 -embedding.

Let $(T1)$ be the theory $MM(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg \square(\omega_3)$. Let $(T2)$ be the theory $MM(\mathfrak{c}) + \text{“there is a semi-saturated ideal on } \omega_2\text{.”}$ ⊣

$(\dagger)(i)$ is a variation of a similar hypothesis used in the main theorem of [5] and [20, Theorem 7.1.3] in the context of calibrating the consistency strength of CH and there is an ω_1 -dense ideal on ω_1 . $(\dagger)(ii)$ seems to be needed to prove Fact 2.19, which is important in the arguments in Section 4. We note that in the situation of [22], where the interest is to prove AD holds in $L(\mathbb{R})$, if κ_g is the largest Suslin cardinal of $L(\mathbb{R}_g)$, Γ_g is the pointclass of κ_g -Suslin sets in $L(\mathbb{R}_g)$, then showing AD^+ holds for Γ_g implies $L(\mathbb{R}_g) \models AD^+$. It is not necessary to show $\kappa_g = \kappa_{G \times g}$, and therefore $(\dagger)(ii)$ is irrelevant. But in our situation, $(\dagger)(ii)$ becomes important to verify Fact 2.19. As mentioned above, we will do away with $(\dagger)(ii)$ in a sequel to this paper, but getting rid of $(\dagger)(ii)$ requires a significant amount of work and new methods, which are beyond the scope of this paper.

It is not clear (\dagger) follows from $(T1)$ or $(T2)$. In fact, $(\dagger)(i)$ is not known to follow from MM and is of independent interest, see Conjecture 1.5.

Definition 1.4 ((\dagger) -dichotomy). For any set A of ordinals, one of the following hold:

1. for any $X \in Ord^{\omega_1}$, there is a transitive model M containing $\{A, X\}$ such that $M \models \text{“}\omega_2^V \text{ is measurable.”}$
 2. there is an $X \in Ord^{\omega_1}$ such that $\mathbb{R} \subset L(A, X)$.¹
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The following conjecture is a test question of whether the (\dagger) -dichotomy can be forced over AD^+ -models like the Nairian model. It is not clear that (\dagger) -dichotomy can hold in generic extensions of AD^+ models of the form $L(\wp(\mathbb{R}))$.

Conjecture 1.5. (\dagger) -dichotomy is consistent relative to ZFC+ “there is a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals”.²

The main theorem of the paper is.

Theorem 1.6. Assume the consistency of one of the following theories.

- $(T1) + (\dagger)$.
- $(T2) + (\dagger)$.

Then $Con(AD_{\mathbb{R}} + DC)$.

¹It is easy to see that the statement of the (\dagger) -dichotomy is equivalent to a version where we only allow $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}(A)$.
² (\dagger) -dichotomy and the conjecture results from private discussions with Hugh Woodin.

We note that $(T1)$ is a consequence of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}^+)$. It is a theorem of Woodin, see [29], that $\text{Con}(\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular”})$ implies $\text{Con}(T2)$; however, $(T2)$ does not follow from $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ or even MM . Moreover, recent advancement in descriptive inner model theory reveals that the strength of $(T1)$ is below that of WLW ; for example, [2, Theorems 6.3 and 6.5] shows that $(T1)$ is consistent relative to $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is Mahlo”}$; $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is Mahlo”}$ is in turns strictly weaker consistency-wise than LSA , which is below WLW by [11]. We show in this paper that $(T1) + (\dagger)$ holds in the model of $(T1)$ constructed in [2], and $(T2) + (\dagger)$ holds in a generic extension of any model of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular.”}$ So Theorem 1.6 gets us closer of determining the exact consistency strength of the theories $(T1)$ and $(T2)$, and hopefully that of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ and $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}^+)$.

The paper introduces several new ideas in the core model induction in the context of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$. First, Section 3 shows that stationary many elementary substructures of size $\leq \omega_1$ are full with respect to mice in the maximal models (to be defined precisely later). We note that $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ implies that these elementary substructures are not countably closed; this is an improvement to the results of [24] which shows stationary many elementary countably closed substructures are full. Unlike the situations of [5, 20, 1], ideals used in this paper are not in general homogeneous or even quasi-homogeneous;³ this creates difficulties with constructing strategies for hod mice that have nice properties (like weak condensation as defined in Section 5). We overcome this issue by using the tree projecting to the universal set of the largest Suslin pointclass in the maximal model of AD^+ in $V^{\text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)}$ as a means to homogenize certain constructions in Sections 4 and 5. Finally, adapting ideas from [22, 27] allows us to extend hod mice strategies through various generic forcing extensions and construct models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$ as in Section 6.

A simple corollary of the proof of the above theorem is as follows. This perhaps gives some weak evidence that [29, Problem 8] has a positive answer.

Corollary 1.7. *Assume $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg \square(\omega_3)$. Suppose M is a class inner model of AD^+ containing all the reals. Suppose further that $M \models \text{SMC} + \neg \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$. Then $\Theta^M < \omega_3$.*

We conjecture that the result of Theorem 1.6 holds without assuming (\dagger) and that we can obtain $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular”}$ from both $(T1)$ and $(T2)$. To do this, it appears one needs to refine game-theoretic arguments used in [1, 28, 24].

2. PRELIMINARIES

2.1. Basic facts about AD^+

We start with the definition of Woodin’s theory of AD^+ . In this paper, we identify \mathbb{R} with ω^ω . We use Θ to denote the sup of ordinals α such that there is a surjection $\pi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \alpha$. Under AC , Θ is just the successor cardinal of the continuum. In the context of AD , the cardinal Θ is shown to be the supremum of $w(A)$ ⁴ for $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ (cf. [17]). The definition of Θ relativizes to any determined pointclass Γ with sufficient closure properties, and we may write Θ^Γ for the supremum of ordinals α such that there is a surjection from \mathbb{R} onto α coded by a set of reals in Γ .

Definition 2.1. AD^+ is the theory $\text{ZF} + \text{AD} + \text{DC}_{\mathbb{R}}$ plus the following two statements:

1. For every set of reals A , there are a set of ordinals S and a formula φ such that $x \in A \iff L[S, x] \models \varphi[S, x]$. The pair (S, φ) is called an ∞ -Borel code for A .
2. For every $\lambda < \Theta$, every continuous $\pi : \lambda^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$, and every set of reals A , the set $\pi^{-1}[A]$ is determined.

³It is consistent relative to $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular”}$ that $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ holds and NS_{ω_1} is quasi-homogeneous by [29].

⁴ $w(A)$ is the Wadge rank of A .

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AD^+ is equivalent to $\text{AD} +$ “the set of Suslin cardinals is closed below Θ .” Another, perhaps more useful, characterization of AD^+ is $\text{AD} +$ “ Σ_1 statements reflect into the Suslin co-Suslin sets” (see [21] for the precise statement).

For $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, we let θ_A be the supremum of all α such that there is an $OD(A)$ surjection from \mathbb{R} onto α . If Γ is a determined pointclass and $A \in \Gamma$, we write $\Gamma \upharpoonright A$ for the set of all $B \in \Gamma$ that are Wadge reducible to A . If $\alpha < \Theta^\Gamma$, we write $\Gamma \upharpoonright \alpha$ for the set of all $A \in \Gamma$ with Wadge rank strictly less than α .

Definition 2.2 (AD^+). The **Solovay sequence** is the sequence $\langle \theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \lambda \rangle$ where

1. θ_0 is the supremum of ordinals β such that there is an OD surjection from \mathbb{R} onto β ;
2. if $\alpha > 0$ is limit, then $\theta_\alpha = \sup\{\theta_\beta \mid \beta < \alpha\}$;
3. if $\alpha = \beta + 1$ and $\theta_\beta < \Theta$ (i.e. $\beta < \lambda$), fixing a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ of Wadge rank θ_β , θ_α is the sup of ordinals γ such that there is an $OD(A)$ surjection from \mathbb{R} onto γ , i.e. $\theta_\alpha = \theta_A$.

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Note that the definition of θ_α for $\alpha = \beta + 1$ in Definition 2.2 does not depend on the choice of A . One can also make sense of the Solovay sequence of pointclasses that may not be constructibly closed. Such pointclasses show up in core model induction applications. The Solovay sequence $(\theta_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma)$ of a pointclass Ω with the property that if $A \in \Omega$, then $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ and $\wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(A, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \Omega$ is defined as follows. First, θ_0 is the supremum of all α such that there is some $A \in \Omega$ and some $OD^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ surjection $\pi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \alpha$. If $\lambda < \gamma$ is limit, then $\theta_\lambda = \sup_{\alpha < \lambda} \theta_\alpha$. If θ_α has been defined and $\alpha + 1 < \gamma$, then letting $A \in \Omega$ be of Wadge rank θ_α , $\theta_{\alpha+1}$ is the supremum of β such that there is some $B \in \Omega$ and some $OD(A)^{L(B, \mathbb{R})}$ surjection $\pi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \beta$.

Roughly speaking, the longer the Solovay sequence is, the stronger the associated AD^+ -theory is. The minimal model of AD^+ is $L(\mathbb{R})$, which satisfies $\Theta = \theta_0$. The theory $\text{AD}^+ + \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$ implies that the Solovay sequence has limit length. The theory $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$ is strictly stronger than $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$ since by [17], DC implies $\text{cof}(\Theta) > \omega$ whereas the minimal model⁵ of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$ satisfies $\Theta = \theta_\omega$. The theory “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is regular” is much stronger still, as it implies the existence of many models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$. We end this section with a theorem of Woodin, which produces models with Woodin cardinals from AD^+ . The theorem is important in the HOD analysis of such models.

Theorem 2.3 (Woodin, see [6]). *Assume AD^+ . Let $\langle \theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \Omega \rangle$ be the Solovay sequence. Suppose $\alpha = 0$ or $\alpha = \beta + 1$ for some $\beta < \Omega$. Then $\text{HOD} \models \theta_\alpha$ is Woodin.*

2.2. Combinatorial consequences of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ and ideals on ω_2

Let $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ be V -generic. Let $G \subseteq \wp(\omega_1)/NS_{\omega_1}$ be V -generic and let $j_G : V \rightarrow M_G \subseteq V[G]$ be the associated embedding. Let $h \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)$ be V -generic such that $g, G \in V[h]$; we can and do take h to be $V[G \times g]$ -generic.

[22] uses the following consequences of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ to obtain AD holds in $L(\mathbb{R})^{V[k]}$ for $k \in \{\emptyset, g, h, G, G \times g\}$:

- $2^\omega \leq \omega_2$ and $2^{\omega_1} \leq \omega_2$.
- The nonstationary ideal on ω_1 , NS_{ω_1} , is saturated, so the Boolean algebra $\wp(\omega_1)/NS_{\omega_1}$ has the ω_2 -cc. In particular, $M_G^g \subset M_G$ and $j_G(\omega_1^V) = \omega_2^V$.

⁵From here on, whenever we talk about “models of AD^+ ”, we always mean transitive models of AD^+ that contain all reals and ordinals.

- The weak reflection principle $\text{WRP}_2(\omega_2)$ holds, where $\text{WRP}_2(\omega_2)$ asserts that for any stationary subsets S and T of $[\omega_2]^\omega$, there is an ordinal $\delta < \omega_2$ so that $S \cap [\delta]^\omega$ and $T \cap [\delta]^\omega$ are both stationary in $[\delta]^\omega$.

The same consequences and $(\dagger)(ii)$ show that for each such k , the maximal model of $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_0$, \mathfrak{N}_k in $V[k]$ exists and furthermore, Fact 2.19 holds.

However, this is about as far as we see the argument in [22] gives us. To obtain models of stronger forms of determinacy, we need strengthenings of the principles above. More precisely, we use $(T1) + (\dagger)$ or $(T2) + (\dagger)$. None of $(T1)$, $(T2)$, (\dagger) follow from $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$.

By [29, Theorem 9.138], [29, Theorem 9.126] and the discussion after, $(T2)$ is consistent relative to $\text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular”}$. More precisely, let $M \models \text{“}V = L(\wp(\mathbb{R})) + \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \Theta \text{ is regular”}$, $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ be M -generic and $H \subset \text{Add}(\omega_3, 1)^{M[G]}$ be $M[G]$ -generic, then $M[G][H] \models (T2)$. In the next section, we show (\dagger) also holds in $M[G][H]$.

As mentioned above, [2] shows the consistency of $(T1)$ relative to $\text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is Mahlo.”}$ More precisely, the authors of [2] show that if there are models $M_0 \subset M_1$ such that

- $\Theta^{M_0} = \theta_\alpha^{M_1} < \Theta^{M_1}$ for some α with $\text{cof}^{M_1}(\alpha) \geq \omega_2$;
- $M_0, M_1 \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{“}\Theta \text{ is regular”}$;
- letting $\Gamma_0 = \wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap M_0$, then $M_0 = \text{HOD}_{\Gamma_0}^{M_1}$;

then whenever $G \subset \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ is M_1 -generic and $H \subset \text{Add}(\omega_3, 1)^{M_0[G]}$ is $M_1[G]$ -generic, then $M_0[G][H] \models (T1)$. In the next section, we show that $(T1) + (\dagger)$ also holds in $M_0[G][H]$.

Finally, we summarize general properties of a semi-saturated ideals on ω_2 that we will use in our paper. Proofs of these properties can be found in [29, Section 9.7]. Suppose J is a semi-saturated ideal on ω_2 . Let $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ be V -generic. The following hold.

- Suppose $U \subset \wp(\omega_2) \setminus J$ is a V -normal ultrafilter which is V -generic. Let $j_U : V \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V, U) \subseteq M[U]$ be the associated embedding. Then $j_U(\omega_2^V) = \omega_3^V$.
- J is uniquely extended to J_g , a semi-saturated ideal on $\omega_1^{V[g]}$ in $V[g]$. In particular, if in $V[g]$ $U \subset \wp(\omega_1) \setminus J_g$ is a $V[g]$ -normal ultrafilter and j_U is the associated generic embedding, then $\text{Ult}(V[g], U)$ is well-founded and $j_U(\omega_1^{V[g]}) = \omega_2^{V[g]}$.

2.3. Core Model Induction Operators

We summarize some definitions and facts about core model induction operators introduced in the literature (cf. [1, 20]). We refer the reader to [16, 14] for general theory of mouse operators, which core model induction operators are built on, and related concepts omitted in this section.

In the following, a transitive structure N is *closed* under an operator Ω if whenever $x \in \text{dom}(\Omega) \cap N$, then $\Omega(x) \in N$. We are now in a position to introduce the core model induction operators that we will need in this paper. These are particular kinds of mouse operators (in the sense of [16, Example 3.41]) that are constructed during the course of the core model induction. These operators can be shown to satisfy the sort of condensation described in [16, Section 3] (e.g. condense coarsely and condense finely), relativize well, and determine themselves on generic extensions. We will call these operators *nice*. The reader can consult [14] for a detailed treatment of these concepts and [1] for a summary of concepts and terms used in this section.

In core model induction applications, we often have a pair (\mathcal{P}, Σ) where \mathcal{P} is a hod premouse and Σ is \mathcal{P} 's strategy with branch condensation and is fullness preserving (relative to mice with strategies in some

pointclass) or \mathcal{P} is a sound (hybrid) premouse projecting to some countable set a and Σ is the unique (normal) $(\omega_1 + 1)$ -strategy for \mathcal{P} .

In this section, our main goal is to introduce the main concepts that one uses in the core model induction through the hierarchy $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$ ^{6 7}. Here $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$ is the union of all sound, Θ - g -organized Σ -premise \mathcal{M} over $(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$ such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{R}$ and whenever $\pi : \mathcal{M}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is sufficiently elementary and \mathcal{M}^* is countable and transitive, then \mathcal{M}^* has a unique $(\omega_1 + 1)$ - Σ -iteration strategy Λ .⁸ See [14] for a precise definition of g -organized Σ -premise, Θ - g -organized Σ -premise, $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$, $\text{Lp}_+^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$ and other related concepts like operators. When we write $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}$ or $\text{Lp}_+^{\text{G}\Sigma}$, we refer to the hierarchy of g -organized Σ -mice; when we write $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}$ or $\text{Lp}_+^{\text{G}\Sigma}$, we refer to the hierarchy of Θ - g -organized Σ -mice. The g -organized hierarchy of Σ -mice is considered (instead of the traditional “least branch” hierarchy of Σ -mice) because the S -constructions (cf. [13], where they are called P -constructions) work out nicely for this hierarchy.⁹ The Θ - g -organized hierarchy, which is a slight modification of the g -organized hierarchy, is considered because the scales analysis under optimal hypotheses can be carried out in $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$ in much the same manner as the scales analysis in $\text{Lp}(\mathbb{R})$.¹⁰ For the purpose of this paper, it will not be important to go into the detailed definitions of these hierarchies. Whenever it makes sense to define $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(x)$ and $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$, [14] shows that $\wp(x) \cap \text{Lp}^\Sigma(x) = \wp(x) \cap \text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$ (and similarly for $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$); also in the case it is not clear how to make sense of $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(x)$ (say for instance when $x = \mathbb{R}$), it still makes sense to define $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$ and $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$ and in that case, [14] shows that $\wp(x) \cap \text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x) = \wp(x) \cap \text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(x)$.

Let \mathcal{F} be the operator corresponding to Σ and suppose $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{G}\mathcal{F}, \#}$ exists (as a g - \mathcal{F} -organized mouse) (see [14]). Then [14] shows that \mathcal{F} condenses finely and $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{G}\mathcal{F}, \#}$ generically interprets \mathcal{F} . Also, the core model induction will give us that $\mathcal{F} \upharpoonright \mathbb{R}$ is self-scaled (defined below). One final remark is we use the strategy Λ of $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{G}\mathcal{F}, \#}$ to define the strategy predicate for the hierarchy of $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})$ in the manner described in [14]. Since the details of how to define this hierarchy precisely have been fully worked out in [14], the reader is advised to consult it there. In the following, again to simplify the notation, we will write $\mathcal{M}_1^{\Sigma, \#}$ for $\mathcal{M}_1^{\text{G}\mathcal{F}, \#}$.

Definition 2.4. Let Γ be an inductive-like pointclass. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $C_\Gamma(x)$ denotes the set of all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for some ordinal $\gamma < \omega_1$, y (as a subset of ω) is $\Delta_\Gamma(\{\gamma, x\})$.

Let $x \in \text{HC}$ be transitive and let $f : \omega \rightarrow x$ be a surjection. Then $c_f \in \mathbb{R}$ denotes the code for (x, \in) determined by f . And $C_\Gamma(x)$ denotes the set of all $y \in \text{HC} \cap \wp(x)$ such that for all surjections $f : \omega \rightarrow x$ we have $f^{-1}(y) \in C_\Gamma(c_f)$. ←

We say that \vec{A} is a *self-justifying-system* (*sjs*) if for any $A \in \text{rng}(\vec{A})$, $\neg A \in \text{rng}(\vec{A})$ and there is a scale φ on A such that the set of prewellorderings associated with φ is a subset of $\text{rng}(\vec{A})$. A set $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is *self-scaled* if there are scales on Y and $\mathbb{R} \setminus Y$ which are projective in Y .

The reader should consult [14] for the definition of a Γ - Ω - k -suitable premouse for some pointclass Γ , operator Ω and some integer k . When Γ and Ω are clear from the context, we omit them from the notation; similarly if $k = 1$, we simply say “suitable” instead of “1-suitable”. In the following, η is a strong cutpoint of \mathcal{N} if there is no extender E on the sequence of \mathcal{N} such that $\text{crt}(E) \leq \eta \leq \text{lh}(E)$. Let \mathcal{N} be 1-suitable and

⁶An equivalent way to define this is to first fix a canonical coding function $\text{Code} : \text{HC} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and consider $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Code}(\Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC}))$.

⁷Instead of feeding Σ into the hierarchy, we feed in Λ , the canonical strategy of $\mathcal{M}_1^{\Sigma, \#}$, into the hierarchy. Roughly speaking, the trees according to Λ that we feed into $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Code}(\Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC}))$ are those making the local HOD of $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Code}(\Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC}))|_\alpha$ generically generic, for appropriately chosen ordinals α . See [14].

⁸This means whenever \mathcal{T} is an iteration tree according to Λ with last model \mathcal{N} , then \mathcal{N} is a Σ -premouse.

⁹It is not clear how one can perform S -constructions over the least branch hierarchy.

¹⁰[14] generalizes Steel’s scales analysis in [19, 18] to $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$ for various classes of nice strategies Σ . It is not clear that one can carry out the full scales analysis for the hierarchy $\text{Lp}^{\text{G}\Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$.

let $\xi \in o(\mathcal{N})$ be a limit ordinal such that $\mathcal{N} \models \text{“}\xi \text{ isn't Woodin”}$. Let $Q \triangleleft \mathcal{N}$ be the Q -structure for ξ . If ξ is a strong cutpoint of \mathcal{N} then $Q \triangleleft \text{Lp}^{\xi, \Gamma}(\mathcal{N}|\xi)$. Assume now that \mathcal{N} is reasonably iterable. If ξ is a strong cutpoint of Q , our mouse capturing hypothesis gives that $Q \triangleleft \text{Lp}^{\xi, \Gamma}(\mathcal{N}|\xi)$. If ξ is an \mathcal{N} -cardinal then indeed ξ is a strong cutpoint of Q , since \mathcal{N} has only finitely many Woodins. If ξ is not a strong cutpoint of Q , then by definition, we do not have $Q \triangleleft \text{Lp}^{\xi, \Gamma}(\mathcal{N}|\xi)$. However, using $*$ -translation (see [23]), one can find a level of $\text{Lp}^{\xi, \Gamma}(\mathcal{N}|\xi)$ which corresponds to Q (and this level is in $C_\Gamma(\mathcal{N}|\xi)$).

To simplify the notations, from now on, we will simply write $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})$ for $\text{Lp}^{\xi, \Sigma}(\mathbb{R}, \Sigma \upharpoonright \text{HC})$, $\text{Lp}^\Sigma(x)$ for $\text{Lp}^{\xi, \Sigma}(x)$ etc.

If Ω^* is a nice operator (in the sense of [14]) and Ω is an iteration strategy for a Ω^* - Γ -1-suitable premouse \mathcal{P} such that Ω has branch condensation and is Γ -fullness preserving (for some pointclass Γ), then we say that (\mathcal{P}, Ω) is a Ω^* - Γ -suitable pair or just Γ -suitable pair or just suitable pair if the pointclass and/or the operator Ω^* is clear from the context.

Definition 2.5 (Core model induction operators). Suppose (\mathcal{P}, Ω) is a \mathcal{G} - Ω^* -suitable pair for some nice operator \mathcal{G} or a hod pair such that Ω has branch condensation and is Ω^* -fullness preserving for some inductive-like Ω^* . Assume $\text{Code}(\Omega)$ is self-scaled. We say J is a Ω -core model induction operator or just a Ω -cmi operator if one of the following holds:

1. J is a nice Ω -mouse operator (or g -organized Ω -mouse operator) defined on a cone of HC above some $a \in \text{HC}$. Furthermore, J condenses finely, relativizes well and determines itself on generic extensions.
2. For some $\alpha \in \text{OR}$ such that α ends either a weak or a strong gap in the sense of [18] and [14], letting $M = \text{Lp}^\Omega(\mathbb{R})|\alpha$ and $\Gamma = (\Sigma_1)^M$, $M \models \text{AD}^+ + \text{MC}(\Omega)$.¹¹ For some transitive $b \in \text{HC}$ and some 1-suitable (or more fully Ω - Γ -1-suitable) Ω -premouse \mathcal{Q} over b , $J = \Lambda$, where Λ is an (ω_1, ω_1) -iteration strategy for \mathcal{Q} which is Γ -fullness preserving, has branch condensation and is guided by some self-justifying-system (sjs) $\vec{A} = (A_i : i < \omega)$ such that for some real x , for each i , $A_i \in \text{OD}_{b, \Omega, x}^M$ and \vec{A} seals the gap that ends at α .

When Ω is clear from the context or that we don't want to specify Ω , we simply say J is a cmi operator. \dashv

Remark 2.6. Let Γ, M be as in clause 2 above. The (lightface) envelope of Γ is defined as: $A \in \text{Env}(\Gamma)$ iff for every countable $\sigma \subset \mathbb{R}$ there is some A' such that A' is Δ_1 -definable over M from ordinal parameters and $A \cap \sigma = A' \cap \sigma$. For a real x , we define $\text{Env}(\Gamma(x))$ similarly: here $\Gamma(x) = \Sigma_1(x)^M$ and $A \in \text{Env}(\Gamma(x))$ iff for every countable $\sigma \subset \mathbb{R}$ there is some A' that is $\Delta_1(x)$ -definable over M from ordinal parameters such that $A \cap \sigma = A' \cap \sigma$. We now let $\mathbf{Env}(\Gamma) = \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \text{Env}(\Gamma(x))$. Note that $\mathbf{Env}(\Gamma) = \wp(\mathbb{R})^M$ if α ends a weak gap and $\mathbf{Env}(\Gamma) = \wp(\mathbb{R})^{\text{Lp}^\Omega(\mathbb{R})|(\alpha+1)}$ if α ends a strong gap.

In clause 2 above, \vec{A} is Wadge cofinal in $\mathbf{Env}(\Gamma)$ where $\Gamma = \Sigma_1^M$.

The following definitions are obvious generalizations of those defined in [20]. For example, see [20, Definition 3.2.1] for the definition of a coarse (k, U) -Woodin mouse.

Definition 2.7. We say that the coarse mouse witness condition $W_\gamma^{*, \Omega}$ holds if, whenever $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and both U and its complement have scales in $\text{Lp}^\Omega(\mathbb{R})|\gamma$, then for all $k < \omega$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there is a coarse (k, U) -Woodin mouse M containing x and closed under the strategy Λ of $\mathcal{M}_1^{\Omega, \sharp}$ with an $(\omega_1 + 1)$ -iteration strategy whose restriction to HC is in $\text{Lp}^\Omega(\mathbb{R})|\gamma$.¹² \dashv

¹¹ $\text{MC}(\Omega)$ stands for Mouse Capturing relative to Ω which says that for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, x is $\text{OD}(\Omega, y)$ (or equivalently x is $\text{OD}(\Omega, y)$) iff x is in some g -organized Ω -mouse over y . SMC is the statement that for every hod pair (\mathcal{P}, Ω) such that Ω is fullness preserving and has branch condensation, $\text{MC}(\Omega)$ holds.

¹²We demand the strategy has the property that iterates of M according to the strategy are closed under Λ .

Remark 2.8. By the proof of [20, Lemma 3.3.5], $W_{\gamma}^{*,\Omega}$ implies $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma \models \text{AD}^+$.

Definition 2.9. An ordinal γ is a *critical ordinal* in $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$ if there is some $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that U and $\mathbb{R} \setminus U$ have scales in $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|(\gamma + 1)$ but not in $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma$. In other words, γ is critical in $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$ just in case $W_{\gamma+1}^{*,\Omega}$ does not follow trivially from $W_{\gamma}^{*,\Omega}$. \dashv

To any Σ_1 formula $\theta(v)$ in the language of $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$ we associate formulae $\theta_k(v)$ for $k \in \omega$, such that θ_k is Σ_k , and for any γ and any real x ,

$$\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|(\gamma + 1) \models \theta[x] \iff \exists k < \omega \text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma \models \theta_k[x].$$

Definition 2.10. Suppose $\theta(v)$ is a Σ_1 formula (in the language of set theory expanded by a name for \mathbb{R} and a predicate for ${}^{\mathfrak{C}}\Omega$), and z is a real; then a $\langle \theta, z \rangle$ -*prewitness* is an ω -sound g -organized Ω -premouse N over z in which there are $\delta_0 < \dots < \delta_9$, S , and T such that N satisfies the formulae expressing

- (a) ZFC,
- (b) $\delta_0, \dots, \delta_9$ are Woodin,
- (c) S and T are trees on some $\omega \times \eta$ which are absolutely complementing in $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, \delta_9)}$, and
- (d) For some $k < \omega$, $p[T]$ is the Σ_{k+3} -theory (in the language with names for each real and predicate for ${}^{\mathfrak{C}}\Omega$) of $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma$, where γ is least such that $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma \models \theta_k[z]$.

If N is also $(\omega, \omega_1, \omega_1 + 1)$ -iterable (as a g -organized Ω -mouse), then we call it a $\langle \theta, z \rangle$ -*witness*. \dashv

Definition 2.11. We say that the fine mouse witness condition W_{γ}^{Ω} holds if whenever $\theta(v)$ is a Σ_1 formula (in the language \mathcal{L}^+ of g -organized Ω -premise (cf. [14])), z is a real, and $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma \models \theta[z]$, then there is a $\langle \theta, z \rangle$ -witness \mathcal{N} whose ${}^g\Omega$ -iteration strategy, when restricted to countable trees on \mathcal{N} , is in $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma$. \dashv

Lemma 2.12. $W_{\gamma}^{*,\Omega}$ implies W_{γ}^{Ω} for limit γ .

The proof of the above lemma is a straightforward adaptation of that of [20, Lemma 3.5.4]. One main point is the use of the g -organization: g -organized Ω -mice behave well with respect to generic extensions in the sense that if \mathcal{P} is a g -organized Ω -mouse and h is set generic over \mathcal{P} then $\mathcal{P}[h]$ can be rearranged to a g -organized Ω -mouse over h .

Remark 2.13. In light of the discussion above, the core model induction (through $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$) inductively shows $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})|\gamma \models \text{AD}^+$ by showing that $W_{\gamma}^{*,\Omega}$ holds for critical ordinals γ . This, in turn, is done by constructing appropriate Ω -cmi operators “capturing” the theory of those levels (as specified in Definitions 2.7 and 2.11).

Later in the paper, we will outline the core model induction showing that $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+ + \text{MC}(\Omega)$ for various nice Ω from our hypotheses. Basically, the arguments in [22] show from $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ that given a nice Ω (basically Ω has branch condensation, is fullness preserving and determines itself on generic extensions; Ω could be \emptyset), then $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+ + \text{MC}(\Omega)$ by showing $W_{\gamma}^{*,\Omega}$ holds for all critical ordinals γ . What we need to do, using the stronger hypotheses (T1) + \dagger or (T2) + \dagger , is to get past the “last gap” of $\text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$ by constructing a nice pair $(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda) \notin \text{Lp}^{\Omega}(\mathbb{R})$ and show $\text{Lp}^{\Lambda}(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+ + \text{MC}(\Lambda)$.

2.4. (†)

In this section, we show the consistency of (†). We first show (†)(i) holds in \mathbb{P}_{\max} -extension of any model N of AD^+ . See Theorem 2.14. But first, as a warm-up, we show the following statement holds in such extensions: Whenever A is a set of ordinals which is ordinal definable from a countable sequence of ordinals, and $X \in \wp_{\omega_1}(A)$, there is a model M such that $\{X, A\} \in M$ and $M \models \text{“ZFC} + \omega_1^V \text{ is measurable.}”$

Let N be such a model and $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ be N -generic. Suppose $A \in N[G]$ is a set of ordinals that is OD from a countable set of ordinals and $X \in \wp_{\omega_1}(A)$. Since \mathbb{P}_{\max} is countably closed and homogeneous, it is clear then that $A, X \in N$. Since $N \models \text{AD}^+$, ω_1^N is measurable in N . Let $\mu \in N$ be the unique normal measure on ω_1^N (so μ is just the club filter on ω_1^N). We can let $M = L[A, X][\mu]$. It's clear M has the property specified above.

Theorem 2.14. *Suppose $V \models \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is regular + $V = L(\wp(\mathbb{R}))$. Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max}$ be V -generic and $H \subseteq \text{Add}(\omega_3, 1)^{V[G]}$ be $V[G]$ -generic. Suppose A is a set of ordinals that is ordinal definable from a countable sequence of ordinals in $V[G][H]$. Whenever $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}(A)$, there is a model M such that $\{X, A\} \in M$ and $M \models \text{“ZFC} + \omega_2^V \text{ is measurable.}”$*

Proof. Suppose $A \in OD(s)$ in $V[G][H]$, where s is a countable sequence of ordinals. Since both \mathbb{P}_{\max} and $\text{Add}(\omega_2, 1)^{V[G]}$ are ω_1 -closed and homogeneous (in their respective models), $s \in V$ and furthermore, $A \in V$. Since $V[G] \models \omega_2\text{-DC}$ and $\text{Add}(\omega_3, 1)^{V[G]}$ is ω_2 -closed in $V[G]$, $(\text{Ord}^{\omega_1})^{V[G]} = (\text{Ord}^{\omega_1})^{V[G][H]}$. Therefore, any $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}(A)$ in $V[G][H]$ is in $V[G]$.

By standard theory of \mathbb{P}_{\max} (cf. [29]), for every set of ordinals $X \in V[G]$ with $|X| = \omega_1$, there is some $Y \in V$ with $|Y| = \omega_1$ such that $X \subseteq Y$. We give an argument here. If $\sup(X) < \Theta$, this follows immediately from [29, Theorem 9.32]. In general, let $\gamma = \sup(X)$ and let \dot{X} be a \mathbb{P}_{\max} -name for X . Assume without loss of generality that $\emptyset \Vdash \sup(X) = \check{\gamma}$. Let C be the set of ordinals $\alpha < \gamma$ such that some condition $p \Vdash \check{\alpha} \in \dot{X}$. Since $\mathbb{P}_{\max} \subset HC$, $|C| < \Theta$. Let $\kappa < \Theta$ and $\pi \in V$ be an injection of κ into γ such that $C \subseteq \text{rng}(\pi)$. Let $X' = \pi^{-1}[X]$. So X' is a set of ordinals with supremum $\leq \kappa < \Theta$ in $V[G]$ of cardinality ω_1 . By [29, Theorem 9.32], there is a $Y' \in V$ such that $X' \subseteq Y'$ and $|Y'| = \omega_1$. Then $Y = \pi[Y']$ is as desired.

Thus, fixing such an X and letting $Y \in V$ that covers X in the manner just described and $Z = (A, Y)$, then $X \in L[Z][B]$ for some $B \subseteq \omega_1$. The following is the main claim.

Claim 2.15. *In $V[G]$, for all set $B \subset \omega_1$, there is a real x and a $\text{HOD}_Z^V[x]$ -generic for $\text{Coll}(\omega, < \omega_1^V)$ such that $B \in \text{HOD}_Z^V[x][g]$.*

Proof. Working in V , choose a term τ for B and a \mathbb{P}_{\max} condition of the form (M, I, a) which forces that no such x, g exist. By choosing a strong enough condition, we may assume that there exists a $b \in M$ such that

$$(M, I, a) \Vdash \text{“}\tau \text{ is the image of } b \text{ under the iteration of } (M, I) \text{ given by } \dot{G} \text{.”}$$

Let x code (M, I, a) . In $V[G]$, choose a $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, < \omega_1^V)$ such that

- (i) g is $\text{HOD}_Z^V[x]$ -generic;
 - (ii) $\forall \alpha < \omega_1$, $\{\beta < \omega_1 : g_\beta(0) = \alpha\}$ is stationary in ω_1 , where g_β is the surjection given by $g \cap \text{Coll}(\omega, \beta)$.
- (ii) is possible since there is a closed unbounded set of $\gamma < \omega_1$ that is strongly inaccessible in $\text{HOD}_Z^V[x]$.

By a standard argument, cf. [7, Lemma 11], we can use g to construct a generic iteration $\pi : (M, I) \rightarrow (M^*, I^*)$ of length ω_1 such that $NS_{\omega_1} \cap M^* = I^*$ and such that

$$\pi \in L[x][g].$$

There is a \mathbb{P}_{\max} -generic G^* such that $(M, I, a) \in G^*$ and that π is the iteration of (M, I) given by G^* . By general \mathbb{P}_{\max} -theory, $V[G] = V[G^*]$. But then $\tau_{G^*} = \pi(b) \in \text{HOD}_Z[x][g]$. This contradicts the choice of τ . \square

Since ω_2^V is measurable in $\text{HOD}_Z^V[x]$ and $\text{Coll}(\omega, < \omega_1^V)$ is a small forcing, $\text{HOD}_Z^V[x][g] \models \text{“}\omega_2^V \text{ is measurable.”}$ By the claim, $B \in \text{HOD}_Z^V[x][g]$, therefore, $X \in \text{HOD}_Z^V[x][g]$; thus letting $M = \text{HOD}_Z^V[x][g]$, then M is the desired model. \square

It is now clear that letting M, G, H be as in the previous section, then $M[G][H] \models (T2) + (\dagger)(i)$ and letting M_0, M_1, G, H be as in the previous section, then $M_0[G][H] \models (T1) + (\dagger)(i)$. This is because if $A \in M[G][H]$ is ordinal definable from a countable sequence of ordinals s , then first of all $s \in M[G]$ because H is countably closed in $M[G]$; by homogeneity of $\text{Add}(\omega_3, 1)^{M[G]}$, $A \in M[G]$ as well. Furthermore, $\wp_{\omega_2}^{M[G][H]}(A) = \wp_{\omega_2}^{M[G]}(A)$. Theorem 2.14 then shows for any $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}^{M[G][H]}(A)$, there is a model N containing A, X and satisfies “ ω_2^V is measurable”. So $(\dagger)(i)$ holds in $M[G][H]$. As similar argument shows that $(\dagger)(i)$ also holds in $M_0[G][H]$.

Now we verify $(\dagger)(ii)$ holds in $M[G][H]$ where M is the minimal model of “ $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta$ is regular”; the proof for the other case is almost the same; we will make some remark at the end of this section about the (more or less) obvious modifications needed. As noted above, $M[G][H] \models (T2) + (\dagger)(i)$. Let $V = M[G][H]$ and fix $\alpha < \omega_1^V$. First note that by our minimality assumption, M is the maximal model of AD^+ in V . Let $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma), (\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda)$ be hod pairs in M (equivalently in V) such that $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : w(A) < \theta_{\alpha}^M\}$ and $\Gamma(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda) = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : w(A) < \theta_{\alpha+1}^M\}$. Such hod pairs exist by the standard theory of hod mice ([8]) and the fact that M_0 satisfies Strong Mouse Capturing. We note that by “hod pair” we tacitly assume Σ, Λ have additional nice properties such as branch condensation and fullness preserving.

We say a set of reals A is $< \kappa$ -universally Baire if there are trees (T, U) on $\omega \times \text{ORD}$ such that $p[T] = A = \mathbb{R} - p[U]$ and for any forcing poset \mathbb{P} such that $|\mathbb{P}| < \kappa$, for any V -generic $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$, $V[g] \models p[T] = \mathbb{R} - p[U]$. We write $A_g = p[T] \cap \mathbb{R} \cap V[g]$ for the canonical interpretation of A in $V[g]$; it is easily seen that A_g does not depend on the choice of (T, U) . We define κ -universally Baire to mean $\leq \kappa$ -universally Baire and $\leq \kappa$ -universal Baireness is defined in an obvious way. Now we claim.

Claim 2.16. $\text{Code}(\Sigma), \text{Code}(\Lambda)$ ¹³ are $< \omega_3$ -universally Baire in V .

Proof. We prove Σ is $< \omega_3$ -universally Baire. The proof for Λ is the same. First, by [9, Corollary 5.3], we have that there is a real x such that letting $N = \text{HOD}_{\text{Code}(\Sigma), x}^M$, $N \models \text{“}\text{Code}(\Sigma) \text{ is } < \omega_3^V\text{-universally Baire”}$.¹⁴ The proof of Theorem 2.14 shows that for any $B \subset \omega_1$ in V , there is some real z such that B is generic over $N[z]$ for a poset of size $\leq \omega_1^V$. So (z, B) is generic over N for a poset of size $\leq \omega_2^V$.¹⁵ This shows that Σ can be extended uniquely to a (ω_3, ω_3) -strategy in V .¹⁶ Furthermore, the trees in N witnessing $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$ is $< \omega_3^V$ -universally Baire in N also witness $< \omega_3^V$ -universal Baireness of $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$ in V . \square

¹³Here for an (ω_1, ω_1) -iteration strategy Σ , $\text{Code}(\Sigma)$ is a canonical set of reals that codes Σ . We may fix such a function Code in advance.

¹⁴Again, recall that $\omega_3^V = \Theta^M$.

¹⁵ z is generic over N by the standard Vopenka algebra defined in M . Since $M \models \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$, this forcing has size $< \Theta^M = \omega_3^V$.

¹⁶This is a standard argument: we use $< \omega_3$ -universal Baireness over N to extend Σ to $N[B]$ for any $B \subseteq \omega_1$ and show that these extensions are consistent, i.e. if $B_0, B_1 \subseteq \omega_1$ and $\mathcal{T} \in N[B_0] \cap N[B_1]$ then the canonical interpretations Σ_{B_0} of Σ to $N[B_0]$ and Σ_{B_1} of Σ to $N[B_1]$ are such that $\Sigma_{B_0}(\mathcal{T}) = \Sigma_{B_1}(\mathcal{T})$. We leave the easy verification to the reader.

Now let $G, j_G, M_G, g, \mathfrak{N}_g, \mathfrak{N}_{G \times g}, \Gamma_g, \Gamma_G$ be as in the statement of $(\dagger)(ii)$ and let $a \in HC^{V[g]} \cap HC^{V[G]}$. Note that since $V \models (T2)$, NS_{ω_1} is saturated; therefore, $HC^{V[G]} = HC^{M_G}$. Furthermore, since Σ, Λ are $< \omega_3$ -universally Baire, let Σ_g, Λ_g be the canonical interpretation of Σ, Λ (respectively) in $V[g]$, Σ_G, Λ_G be the canonical interpretation of Σ, Λ (respectively) in $V[G]$, then we claim that

Claim 2.17. $j_G(\Sigma) = \Sigma_G$ and $j_G(\Lambda) = \Lambda_G$. Furthermore, $\mathfrak{N}_g \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda_g)$, $\mathfrak{N}_G \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda_G)$, and $\mathfrak{N}_{G \times g} \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda_{G \times g})$.

Proof. We just prove the claim for Σ . Let (T, U) be witnessing $Code(\Sigma)$ is $< \omega_3$ -universally Baire, i.e. $p[T] = Code(\Sigma) = \mathbb{R} - p[U]$ and for any \mathbb{P} of size $< \omega_3$, for any V -generic $k \subseteq \mathbb{P}$, $V[k] \models p[T] = \mathbb{R} - p[U]$. Then $j_G(Code(\Sigma)) = p[j_G(T)] = \mathbb{R}^{M_G} - p[j_G(U)]$ by elementarity and $Code(\Sigma_G) = p[T] \cap V[G] = \mathbb{R}^{V[G]} - p[U]$ since G is a $< \omega_3$ -generic. But T embeds into $j_G(T)$ so $p[T] \subseteq p[j_G(T)]$ and similarly, $p[U] \subseteq p[j_G(U)]$. Since $M_G \cap \mathbb{R} = V[G] \cap \mathbb{R}$, we immediately get that $j_G(\Sigma) = \Sigma_G$.

The ‘‘furthermore’’ clause for \mathfrak{N}_g follows from the fact that the Wadge closure of $\{A_g : A \in M \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})\}$ must be the maximal model of AD^+ in $V[g]$, noting that $\Theta^M = \omega_3^V$. Similarly the Wadge closure of $\{A_G : A \in M \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})\}$ is the maximal model of AD^+ in $V[G]$. The first clause of the claim implies that the Wadge closure of $\{A_G = j_G(A) : A \in M \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})\}$ must also be the maximal model of AD^+ in M_G . A similar reasoning proves the last equality, noting that $Coll(\omega, \omega_1^V) \times \wp^V(\omega_1)/NS_{\omega_1}$ has cardinality $< \omega_3$ in V . \square

Now we prove $(\dagger)(ii)$. Let $\kappa_g, \kappa_{G \times g}, \Gamma_g, \Gamma_{G \times g}$ be as in the statement of $(\dagger)(ii)$. Note that by Strong Mouse Capturing and the above claim, $\mathfrak{N}_g = L(Lp^{\Sigma_g}(\mathbb{R}_g))$ and $\mathfrak{N}_{G \times g} = L(Lp^{\Sigma_{G \times g}}(\mathbb{R}_{G \times g}))$. Furthermore, the model companions of Γ_g is $Lp^{\Sigma_g}(\mathbb{R}_g)|\kappa_g$ and that of $\Gamma_{G \times g}$ is $Lp^{\Sigma_{G \times g}}(\mathbb{R}_{G \times g})|\kappa_{G \times g}$. By Claims 2.16, 2.17, and standard arguments as those in [22, Lemmas 73, 74], there is an elementary embedding $\sigma : \mathfrak{M}_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_{G \times g}$; furthermore, since $V[G \times g]$ is a ccc extension of $V[g]$, this embedding fixes the ordinals by the argument in [22, Lemma 74]. $\sigma \upharpoonright Lp^{\Sigma_g}(\mathbb{R}_g)|\kappa_g$ is the map π and in fact, $\sigma \upharpoonright Lp^{\Sigma_g}(\mathbb{R}_g)|\kappa_g$ is Σ_1 -elementary. This completes the proof of $(\dagger)(ii)$.

Remark 2.18. One can obviously prove a stronger version of $(\dagger)(ii)$, where $\alpha \geq \omega_1$, but we don’t need it here.

2.5. Lifting operators

Let $g \subseteq Coll(\omega, \omega_1)$ be V -generic. Let $G \subseteq \wp(\omega_1)/NS_{\omega_1}$ be V -generic and let $j_G : V \rightarrow M_G \subseteq V[G]$ be the associated embedding. Let $h \subseteq Coll(\omega, \omega_2)$ be V -generic such that $g, G \in V[h]$; we can and do take h to be $V[G \times g]$ -generic. For $k \in \{\emptyset, g, h, G, G \times g\}$, let \mathfrak{N}_k be the maximal model of AD^+ in $V[k]$, κ_k be the largest Suslin cardinal of \mathfrak{N}_k , Γ_k be the pointclass of κ_k -Suslin sets in \mathfrak{N}_k , and T_k be the tree projecting to the universal κ_k -Suslin set in \mathfrak{N}_k . To simplify the notation, we will assume $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) = \emptyset$; so in this case $\mathfrak{N}_k \models AD^+ + \Theta = \theta_0$. Combining the arguments in [22] and the hypothesis $(\dagger)(ii)$, we get Σ_1 -elementary maps from $\mathfrak{N}_k|\kappa_k$ to $\mathfrak{N}_l|\kappa_l$ for $k, l \in \{\emptyset, g, h, G, G \times g\}$ such that $k \in V[l]$. We isolate this as a fact and will refer to it many times in this paper.

Fact 2.19. Assume $MM(c) + (\dagger)(ii)$. For $k, l \in \{\emptyset, g, h, G, G \times g\}$ such that $k \in V[l]$, there is an Σ_1 -elementary embedding $j_{k,l}$ from $\mathfrak{N}_k|\kappa_k$ to $\mathfrak{N}_l|\kappa_l$.

Of course, if $k = \emptyset$ and $l = G$, then j_G induces a fully elementary from \mathfrak{N}_k to \mathfrak{N}_l . Also, if $k = G$ and $l = G \times g$, $j_{k,l}$ is just the Cohen ultrapower and acts on all of \mathfrak{N}_k . In the case $l \in \{g, h\}$ and $k = \emptyset$, [22] shows that $j_{k,l}$ is the uncollapse map of $Hull_1^{\mathfrak{N}_l|\kappa_l}(\mathbb{R}^V)$. Similarly, in the case $l = h$ and $k = g$, $j_{k,l}$ is the uncollapse map of $Hull_1^{\mathfrak{N}_l|\kappa_l}(\mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$. In the case $k = g$ and $l = G \times g$, we note that $V[l] = V[g \times G]$ is a

ccc extension of $V[k]$ and the map $j_{k,l}$ is the identity on the ordinals; this follows from the hypothesis I_{κ_k} ¹⁷ proved in [22] and $(\dagger)(ii)$. We will focus on this case and explain further below.

Let us briefly explain how the induction in [22] is carried out and therefore, how the maps $j_{k,l}$'s are constructed where $k = g, l = G \times g$. In order to communicate the main ideas, it is necessary to simplify many details of the rather complicated constructions in [22]. We then explain how we extend these ideas and construct our models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$.

The arguments in [22] show that W_{α}^* hold in \mathfrak{N} for all α critical; and therefore $\mathfrak{N} \models \text{AD}^+$. We remind the reader that at this point, \mathfrak{N} has the form $\text{Lp}^{\Sigma}(\mathbb{R})$ and we simplify the notation by letting $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$, so \mathfrak{N} has the form $\text{Lp}(\mathbb{R})$. Given a critical β and suppose W_{β}^* holds, we want to show $W_{\beta+1}^*$ holds. The first step is to find a cmi operator J that codes up truth at the level of the first pointclass $\Sigma_n^{\mathfrak{N}|\beta}$ having the scale property. We then construct the operators $M_n^{J,\#}$ for all $n < \omega$ that fully capture truth over $\mathfrak{N}|\beta$; this is where we need to use the core model theory (i.e. constructing K^c and K relative to J). To do this, we need to extend J to J^+ acting on $H(\omega_3)$ and show that J^+ is consistent with $j_G(J)$. J^+ canonically extends to $H(\omega_1)^{V[g]}$. We have to consider W_{γ}^* in \mathfrak{N}_g where $\gamma \leq j_G(\beta)$. Part of this extension involves showing that $j_G(\beta)$ is independent of G and W_{γ}^* holds in \mathfrak{N}_g for all $\gamma \leq j_G(\beta)$. The main points of the proof that W_{γ}^* holds in \mathfrak{N}_g for all $\gamma \leq j_G(\beta)$ are as follows. If γ begins an (admissible) gap $[\gamma, \gamma']$ which is not the last gap of \mathfrak{N}_g . For concreteness, let us assume the gap is weak. Working in $V[g]$, we can find a pair (N, Σ^g) where N is suitable in $\mathfrak{N}_g|\gamma$ and Σ^g is a (ω_1, ω_1) -iteration strategy of N that codes up truth at the end of the gap $[\gamma, \gamma']$; the existence of (N, Σ^g) follows from the scales analysis in \mathfrak{N}_g , using the fact that we are not at the last gap, and standard theorem, due to Woodin, about the existence of A -iterable mice for any $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ definable over $\mathfrak{N}_g|\gamma'$ from a real. We then show, by a standard boolean comparison argument, that we can find a mouse $N^* \in V$ with $|N^*|^V \leq \omega_1$ and N^* is suitable in $\mathfrak{N}_g|\gamma'$ and an iteration strategy Λ of N^* such that Λ codes up truth at the end of the gap $[\gamma, \gamma']$ and $\Lambda \upharpoonright V \in V$. We now, using $\text{WRP}_2(\omega_2)$, extend Λ to an ω_3 -strategy in V . We then extend Λ to an ω_1 -iteration strategy in $V[g][h]$ whenever $h \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)$ is $V[g]$ -generic and find the corresponding gap $[\gamma^h, (\gamma')^h]$ in $V[g][h]$. This gives rise to the map $j_{g,h}$ on $\mathfrak{N}_g|\gamma' \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}_h|(\gamma')^h$. We then show that in $V[g][G]$, for all $A \in \text{HC}$, for all $n < \omega$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Lambda, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_1 -iterable; here we use that $\gamma < j_G(\beta)$. This, in turns, allows us to show for all $A \in H_{\omega_3}^V$ that codes N^* , for all n , $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Lambda, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_3 -iterable in V and ω_1 -iterable in $V[g][h]$, and for all $A \in H_{\omega_1}^{V[g][h]}$ that codes N^* , for all n , $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Lambda, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_1 -iterable in $V[g][h]$. This gives us not only $W_{\gamma+1}^*$ holds in $V[g]$ but also identifies $[\gamma, \gamma']$ as the corresponding gap in $V[g][G]$ and the map $j_{g, G \times G}$ on $\mathfrak{N}_h|(\gamma' + 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}_{G \times G}|(\gamma' + 1)$ witnessing $I_{\gamma'+1}$. The case γ begins an inadmissible gap $[\gamma, \gamma]$ is handled in [22, Section 6], where instead of a pair (N, Σ^g) as above, a first order mouse operator J is constructed and shown that the operators $\mathcal{M}_n^{J, \#}$ exist for all n in $V[g], V[G \times g], V[G], V[h]$; furthermore, these operators capture first order truth over $\mathfrak{N}_g|\gamma$ and allow us to define the Σ_1 -map $j_{g, G \times g} : \mathfrak{N}_g|(\gamma + 1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}_{G \times G}|(\gamma + 1)$ witnessing $I_{\gamma+1}$. This argument is carried out in detail in [22, Section 6].

The arguments in [22], however, do not show that $\kappa_g = j_G(\kappa)$. The arguments outlined above work if the gap $[\gamma, \gamma']$ is not the last gap of \mathfrak{N}_g . We need to see that κ_g , which begins the last gap of \mathfrak{N}_g cannot be smaller than $j_G(\kappa)$. We show that this follows from $(\dagger)(ii)$. Note that the arguments given allow us to maintain the hypothesis I_{α} for all $\alpha < \kappa_g$. This means letting $\pi : \mathfrak{N}_g|\kappa_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}_{G \times G}|\kappa_g$ be the union of the maps witnessing I_{α} for all $\alpha < \kappa_g$,¹⁸ $(\dagger)(ii)$ then implies that $\kappa_g = \kappa_{G \times G}$ and π is a Σ_1 -embedding.

We hope it is clear how the process described above gives rise to the maps $j_{k,l}$'s. However, the maps

¹⁷ I_{α} is the assertion that there is a Σ_1 -embedding $\pi : \mathfrak{N}_g|\alpha \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}_{g \times G}|\alpha$ such that $\pi \upharpoonright \omega\alpha$ is the identity. We generalize the I_{α} 's in [22], which only applies to levels of $L(\mathbb{R})$, to the situation of our paper where we need to maintain this hypothesis for levels of \mathfrak{N}_g .

¹⁸Note that these maps are compatible with one another, so the union makes sense and defines a Σ_0 -embedding.

$j_{k,l}$'s are only defined up to $\mathfrak{N}_k|\kappa_k$, where κ_k is the limit of critical ordinals in \mathfrak{N}_k . It is true that we get AD^+ holds in \mathfrak{N}_k by Σ_1 -reflection, but the argument does not give us a way to extend the map $j_{k,l}$ to all of \mathfrak{N}_k . The main issue is in this case, $[\kappa_k, \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_k}]$ is the last gap and we cannot use the scales analysis as in [19] to show the existence of the pair (N, Σ^g) as above. The next paragraph describes how we can do this and construct AD^+ models extending \mathfrak{N}_k .

As mentioned, the arguments in [22], even with the help of $(\dagger)(ii)$, does not seem to allow us to construct a model of $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta > \theta_0$ from the consequences of $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ used in [22].¹⁹ In Section 5, we use our full hypotheses $((T1) + (\dagger)$ or $(T2) + (\dagger))$ to construct a hod pair $(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda) \in V[g]$ such that \mathcal{Q} is countable in $V[g]$ and Λ is a (ω_1, ω_1) -strategy with branch condensation and is Γ_g -fullness preserving; furthermore, Λ is guided by a sjs \mathcal{A} consisting sets Wadge cofinal in \mathfrak{N}_g . The outline above then allows us to continue the induction showing, among other things, $\text{Lp}^\Lambda(\mathbb{R}_g) \models \text{AD}^+$; since $\Lambda \notin \mathfrak{N}_g$, it must be the case that $\text{Lp}^\Lambda(\mathbb{R}_g) \models \Theta > \theta_0$. More details will be provided in Sections 5 and 6.

3. FULL HULLS

Let $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ be V -generic and let $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) \in V[g]$ be a hod pair as in the previous section, in particular $\mathcal{P} \in V$ and $\Sigma \upharpoonright V \in V$, futhermore, Σ if fullness preserving and has branch condensation. We will sometimes say (\mathcal{P}, Σ) is a reasonable pair. We work under the smallness assumption:

$$\text{there are no inner models of } \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC} \quad (\dagger\dagger).$$

Let \mathfrak{N}_g be the maximal model of $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_\Sigma$. By our smallness assumption $(\dagger\dagger)$ and results in [8], $\mathfrak{N}_g \models \text{SMC}$, in particular,

$$\mathfrak{N}_g \models V = L(\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})).$$

We can also define \mathfrak{N}_g for $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that \mathcal{P} is countable in $V[g]$. In particular, if \mathcal{P} is countable in V and $g = \emptyset$, we write \mathfrak{N} for \mathfrak{N}_g . The next lemma shows that $(T1)$ and $(T2)$ both imply $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} < \omega_3^V$.

Lemma 3.1. *Assume $(T1)$ or $(T2)$. Assume g is either a V -generic for $\text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ or $g = \emptyset$. Then $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} < \omega_3^V$. In fact, $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) < \omega_2^V$.*

Proof. We just prove the lemma for $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ being V -generic; the other case is easier. Let $\vec{C} = \langle C_\alpha : \alpha < \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} \rangle$ be the canonical coherent sequence constructed over \mathfrak{N}_g as in [25]. Recall \vec{C} has the property that for all α , C_α is a club subset of α and for all $\beta < \alpha$, if $\beta \in \text{lim}(C_\alpha)$, then $C_\alpha \cap \beta = C_\beta$. We note \vec{C} is definable in $V[g]$ from $\Sigma \upharpoonright V$, so by homogeneity of the forcing, $\vec{C} \in V$.

Suppose $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} = \omega_3^V$. Suppose first $(T1)$ holds. By Todorcevic, [3], there is a thread D through \vec{C} . By the construction of \vec{C} , D defines an $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})$ in $V[g]$ such that $\mathcal{M} \models \text{AD}^+$ and $o(\mathcal{M}) \geq \omega_3^V$. By soundness of \mathcal{M} , we have a surjection from $\mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$ onto ω_3^V . This is a contradiction because $|\mathbb{R}^{V[g]}| = \omega_2^V$ in $V[g]$ and

$$\omega_3^V = \omega_2^{V[g]} > \omega_1^{V[g]} = \omega_2^V.$$

This contradiction shows $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} < \omega_3^V$. We now use $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ to show $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) < \omega_2^V$. This follows from standard arguments in [12]. If $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) = \omega_2^V$, then any continuous, increasing, and cofinal function $f : \omega_2^V \rightarrow \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ will “pull back” \vec{C} to a coherent sequence $\vec{D} = \langle D_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2^V \rangle$; then again by Todorcevic, $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ implies there is a thread E through \vec{D} . $f[E]$ is a thread through \vec{C} , which induces an $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R})$

¹⁹This does not necessarily mean that $\text{Con}(\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}))$ does not imply $\text{Con}(\text{AD}^+ + \Theta > \theta_0)$; just that the consequences used in the proofs in [22] seem too weak for this purpose.

in $V[g]$ such that $\mathcal{M} \models \text{AD}^+$ and $o(\mathcal{M}) \geq \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$. This is again a contradiction because by maximality of \mathfrak{N}_g , $\mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{N}_g$, but since $o(\mathcal{M}) \geq \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$, $\mathcal{M} \notin \mathfrak{N}_g$.

Now, assume (T2). It suffices to show $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} < \omega_3^V$. The second clause is exactly as before. Let I_g be the canonical extension of the semi-saturated ideal I , so I_g is a semi-saturated ideal on ω_1 in $V[g]$ by [29, Theorem 9.126]. Let $H \subset \wp(\omega_1)/I_g$ be a $V[g]$ -normal ultrafilter and is $V[g]$ -generic and $j_H : V[g] \rightarrow N \subset V[g, H]$ be the associated ultrapower map. By semi-saturation and [29, Theorem 9.127],

$$j_H(\omega_1^{V[g]}) = \omega_2^{V[g]}.$$

Since CH holds in $V[g]$, $\mathbb{R}^{V[g]} \in N$ and is countable there. If $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} = \omega_3^V = \omega_2^{V[g]}$, then in $j_H(\mathfrak{N}_g)$, there is a ω_1 -sequence of distinct reals given by the levels of \mathfrak{N}_g . This is a contradiction. \square

Remark 3.2. By recent work of M. Zeman and the author, we can replace the hypothesis $\neg \square(\omega_3)$ in (T1) by a weaker hypothesis $\neg \square_{\omega_2}$. This is because we can in fact construct a square sequence of length $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ in V in the proof of the above lemma.

Proof of Corollary 1.7. Let M be as in the statement of the lemma. Note that by MM(c), $|\mathbb{R}| = \omega_2$, so $\Theta^M \leq \omega_3$. Suppose $\Theta^M = \omega_3$. By standard results, e.g., [10], and the fact that $M \models \text{SMC} + \neg \text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}}$, we have a pair $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma)^{20}$ such that $M \models V = L(\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}))$. By the argument above, using $\neg \square(\omega_3)$, we immediately get a contradiction. \square

The main result of this section is Lemma 3.3, a version of the covering lemma for “Lp” stacks. The proof of Lemma 3.3 closely resembles that of [4]. However, we note that the elementary substructures that appear in the proof of the lemma are not countably closed, unlike the situations in [24, 4]. This is what makes this situation different from corresponding versions of the covering lemma for “Lp” stacks, such as those that appear in [24]. Recall that we say an elementary substructure X is *Lp-full* in \mathfrak{N}_g if letting $\mathbb{R}_X = \mathbb{R}^{V[g]} \cap X$, then

- $|\mathbb{R}_X| < |\mathbb{R}^{V[g]}|$, and
- letting π_X be the uncollapse map, $\pi_X^{-1}(\mathfrak{N}_g) = (\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}_X))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$.²¹

In the following, we say “ N is a level of $\text{Lp}(A)$ ” if $N \triangleleft \text{Lp}(A)$ is a sound A -mouse such that $\rho_\omega(N) = A$ and similarly for $N \triangleleft \text{Lp}^\Sigma(A)$.

Lemma 3.3. *Suppose $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ is V -generic or $g = \emptyset$, $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) < \omega_2^V$. Suppose in V , $2^\omega \leq \omega_2$ and $2^{\omega_1} \leq \omega_2$. Then for any cardinal $\gamma \geq \omega_3^V$, the set*

$$S = \{X : X \triangleleft H_\gamma^{V[g]} \wedge X \text{ is cofinal in } \mathfrak{N}_g \wedge X \text{ is Lp-full in } \mathfrak{N}_g\}$$

is stationary in $V[g]$.

Proof. We assume $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ is V -generic; the other case is similar but simpler. Let $\tau \subseteq H_{\omega_2}$ be a canonical $\text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ -name for $\mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$; note that we use our cardinal arithmetic assumption here. By S -constructions, $\mathfrak{N}_g \upharpoonright \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g} = \mathfrak{N}[g]$, where $\mathfrak{N} \triangleleft \text{Lp}^\Sigma(\tau)$ in V . Let $\eta = \text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g})$ and $\langle N_\alpha^* : \alpha < \eta \rangle$ be a sequence

²⁰ (\mathcal{P}, Σ) may be a hod pair or an sts hod pair.

²¹By $(\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}_X))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ we mean the collection of sound Σ -premise \mathcal{M} over \mathbb{R}_X such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{R}_X$ and whenever \mathcal{M}^* is countable, transitive and embeddable into \mathcal{M} , then \mathcal{M}^* is ω_1 -iterable as a Σ -mouse with its unique iteration strategy in \mathfrak{N}_g . Clearly $\pi_X^{-1}(\mathfrak{N}_g) \triangleleft (\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}_X))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$.

of $N \triangleleft \text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ cofinal in $\mathfrak{N}_g | \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$. We let $\langle N_\alpha : \alpha < \eta \rangle \in V$ be the corresponding sequence cofinal in \mathfrak{N} , so for each α , $N_\alpha^* = N_\alpha[g]$. We note that $\eta < \omega_2^V$ by our assumption.

It suffices to show the set X such that

- $X \prec H_\gamma^V$,
- $X \cap \omega_2 \in \omega_2$,
- $\vec{N} = \langle N_\alpha : \alpha < \eta \rangle \in X$,
- $X[g]$ is Lp -full in \mathfrak{N}_g ,

is stationary in V . Suppose not. Let $\langle X_\beta : \beta < \omega_2 \rangle$ be an \in -increasing and continuous sequence of elementary substructures of H_γ^V such that $\vec{N} \in X_0$, but for all α , $X_\alpha \cap \omega_2 \in \omega_2$, but $X_\alpha[g]$ is not Lp -full in \mathfrak{N}_g . For each α , let $\pi_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$ be the uncollapse map. π_α canonically extends to a map from $M_\alpha[g]$ to $H_\gamma[g]$, which we also call π_α . We also let

$$N_i^\alpha = \pi_\alpha^{-1}(N_i)$$

for each $i < \eta$. For each α , let

- (i) $\mathbb{R}_\alpha = \mathbb{R}^{M_\alpha[g]}$,
- (ii) P_α be the least level of $(\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}_\alpha))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ such that $P_\alpha \notin \pi_\beta^{-1}(\mathfrak{N}_g)$,
- (iii) Q_α be the ultrapower of P_α by the extender of length $\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ derived from π_α and for each $\beta > \alpha$, Q_α^β be the ultrapower of P_α by the extender derived from $\pi_{\alpha,\beta}$, where $\pi_{\alpha,\beta} = \pi_\beta^{-1} \circ \pi_\alpha$.

Q_α^β, Q_α may be ill-founded, but see Claim 3.4. To simplify the notation, we assume

$$\rho_1(P_\alpha) = \mathbb{R}_\alpha$$

for all $\alpha < \omega_2$. The general case is handled by going into the reducts just like in the proof of [4, Theorem 3.4]. Fix $\alpha < \omega_2$, let $\langle Y_\beta : \beta < \omega_2 \rangle$ be increasing, continuous such that

- (a) $\{P_\alpha, \pi_\alpha, Q_\alpha, \vec{N}\} \in Y_0$,
- (b) the set $C_\alpha = \{\beta : Y_\beta[g] \cap \mathfrak{N}_g = \text{rng}(\pi_\beta) \cap \mathfrak{N}_g\}$ is club.

For each β , let $\sigma_\alpha^\beta : M_\beta^*[g] \rightarrow H_\gamma[g]$ be the uncollapse map.²²

Let $\beta \in \Delta_{\alpha < \omega_2} C_\alpha$ be a limit ordinal such that $\text{cof}^V(\beta) \neq \eta$. Such a β exists because $\Delta_{\alpha < \omega_2} C_\alpha$ is a club subset of ω_2 and $\eta < \omega_2$.

Claim 3.4. *There is an $\alpha < \beta$ such that $Q_\alpha^\beta = P_\beta$.*²³

Proof. Recall we assume $\rho_1(P_\beta) = \mathbb{R}_\beta$; therefore, $\rho_0(P_\beta) = o(P_\beta)$. By [4, Lemma 1.2], we have

$$\eta = \text{cof}^V(\Theta^{P_\beta}) = \text{cof}^V(\rho_0(P_\beta)) = \text{cof}^V(o(P_\beta)).$$

So let $\langle \delta_i : i < \eta \rangle$ be increasing and cofinal in $o(P_\beta)$ and

$$\sigma_i : N_i^* \rightarrow \text{Hull}_1^{S_i^{P_\beta}}(\mathbb{R}_\beta \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\})$$

²²It is not hard to see that $\sigma_\alpha^{\beta,-1}(Q_\alpha) = Q_\alpha^\beta$, but we do not need this fact.

²³In particular, this shows that Q_α^β is well-founded.

be the uncollapse maps.²⁴ By condensation and the minimality of P_β , for each i ,

$$\mathcal{N}_i^* \triangleleft \pi_\beta^{-1}(\mathfrak{N}_g).$$

We also note that $P_\beta | \Theta^{P_\beta} = \pi_\beta^{-1}(\mathfrak{N}_g)$ and $\mathbb{R}_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} \mathbb{R}_\alpha$.

Since $\text{cof}^V(\beta) \neq \eta$, there is an $\alpha < \beta$ and unbounded sets $T, T' \subset \eta$ such that

- $i \in T \Rightarrow N_i^\beta, p(N_i^\beta) \in \text{Hull}_1^{P_\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\})$,
- $i \in T' \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_i^*, \sigma_i^{-1}(p_1(P_\beta)) \in \text{rng}(\pi_{\alpha, \beta})$.

The key equality we need to prove is

$$\text{Hull}_1^{P_\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\}) \cap \Theta^{P_\beta} = \text{rng}(\pi_{\alpha, \beta}) \cap \Theta^{P_\beta}. \quad (3.1)$$

The proof follows closely the corresponding claim in [4, Theorem 3.4]. We give some details here for the reader's convenience. Suppose $\xi \in \text{rng}(\pi_{\alpha, \beta}) \cap \Theta^{P_\beta}$. Let $\pi_{\alpha, \beta}(\xi^*) = \xi$. So $\xi^* < \Theta^{P_\alpha}$. So for some $i \in T$,

$$\xi^* \in \text{Hull}_1^{N_i^\alpha}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p(N_i^\alpha)\}).$$

Therefore

$$\xi^* \in \text{Hull}_1^{N_i^\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p(N_i^\beta)\}) \subseteq \text{Hull}_1^{P_\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\}).$$

The \subseteq above follows from the choice of T . For the other direction, suppose $\xi \in \text{Hull}_1^{P_\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\}) \cap \Theta^{P_\beta}$.

So for some $i \in T'$, $\xi \in \text{Hull}_1^{S_i^{P_\beta}}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\})$, say

$$\xi = \epsilon^{S_i^{P_\beta}}[x, p_1(P_\beta)]$$

for some term ϵ and some $x \in \mathbb{R}_\alpha$. It is then easy to see that $\xi = \tau^{\mathcal{N}_i^*}[x, \sigma_i^{-1}(p_1(P_\beta))]$, so by the choice of i, T' ,

$$\xi \in \text{Hull}_1^{\mathcal{N}_i^*}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{\sigma_i^{-1}(p_1(P_\beta))\}) \subseteq \text{rng}(\pi_{\alpha, \beta}).$$

This completes the proof of equality (3.1).

Now let $\bar{\sigma} : \bar{P} \rightarrow P_\beta$ be the uncollapse of $\text{Hull}_1^{P_\beta}(\mathbb{R}_\alpha \cup \{p_1(P_\beta)\})$. By (3.1), we have:

- $\bar{P} | \Theta^{\bar{P}} = P_\alpha | \Theta^{P_\alpha}$,
- $\mathbb{R} \cap \bar{P} = \mathbb{R}_\alpha$,
- $\bar{P} \triangleleft (\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}_\alpha))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$ (by condensation),
- no $Q \triangleleft \bar{P}$ extending $\bar{P} | \Theta^{P_\alpha}$ projects to \mathbb{R}_α .

The above easily implies

$$\bar{P} = P_\alpha.$$

This gives us P_β is the ultrapower of \bar{P} by the extender of length Θ^{P_β} derived from $\bar{\sigma}$. Therefore,

$$Q_\alpha^\beta = P_\beta$$

by (3.1). □

²⁴ $S_i^{P_\beta}$ refers to the i -th model in the Jensen S -hierarchy of P_β .

By the claim and Fodor's lemma, there is an α such that the set

$$S = \{\beta : Q_\alpha^\beta = P_\beta\}$$

is stationary. Also, Q_α is the direct-limit of the P_β 's under the maps π_β 's for $\beta \in S$. In particular, this means Q_α is well-founded and countably iterable in $V[g]$. This is because whenever R is countable, transitive in $V[g]$ and there is an elementary embedding $\tau : R \rightarrow Q_\alpha$, then there is some $\beta \in S$ and an elementary $\tau' : R \rightarrow P_\beta$. This means R is iterable in \mathfrak{N}_g . This shows

$$Q_\alpha \triangleleft \mathfrak{N}_g.$$

We have a contradiction because π_α is cofinal in \mathfrak{N}_g and Q_α extends N_α for all $\alpha < \eta$. □

Remark 3.5. In the case $\eta = \omega$, the above lemma can be strengthened to give us that there is an ω_1 -club \mathcal{C}^{25} of $X \prec H_\gamma^V$ such that $X[g]$ is cofinal and Lp -full in \mathfrak{N}_g . The proof is an easy modification of the above proof. Here are some main points. Suppose not. Then we can define the sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2 \rangle$ as in the proof above and we may assume P_α is defined for a stationary set S of α of cofinality ω_1 . Otherwise, the set of ω_1 -limit points of the stationary set of α where $\text{cof}(\alpha) = \omega_1$ and P_α is defined is disjoint from an ω_1 -club of α such that P_α is not defined. This ω_1 -club is what we want. We define the clubs C_α as in the proof. Now we can find a $\beta \in S \cap \Delta_{\alpha < \omega_2} C_\alpha$ since S is stationary and $\Delta_{\alpha < \omega_2} C_\alpha$ is club; furthermore, we can find a β which is a limit point of S . Since $\beta \in S$, $\text{cof}^V(\beta) = \omega_1 \neq \eta = \omega$. Since β is a limit point of S , we can find an $\alpha \in S$ that satisfies $Q_\alpha^\beta = P_\beta$ as in the proof of Claim 3.4. The rest of the proof is the same.

We will see in the next section that indeed $\eta = \omega$, and will use the remark at various points in the paper.

4. THE GENERAL SET UP

We assume throughout this section $(T1) + (\dagger)$ or $(T2) + (\dagger)$ and the smallness assumption $(\dagger\dagger)$.

Let g, G, h, j_G be the objects introduced in Section 2.5. Let $T = T_h$ and $\Theta = \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}}$. Note that we can choose $T \in OD^{\mathfrak{N}_h}$ and hence by homogeneity, $T \in V$. In the following arguments, we use (often without mention) that SMC holds in \mathfrak{N}_k for $k \in \{G, h, \emptyset, g, G \times g\}$. For notational simplicity, let us assume $\mathfrak{N}_k \models \Theta = \theta_0$, i.e. $\mathfrak{N}_k \models V = L(\text{Lp}(\mathbb{R}))$. In the general case, which is only more notationally more cumbersome, we have a hod pair $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) \in V$ such that \mathcal{P} is countable, Σ is a (ω_3, ω_3) -iteration strategy for \mathcal{P} that is fullness preserving and has branch condensation; furthermore, Σ has canonical interpretation Σ_k for $k \in \{G, h, \emptyset, g, G \times g\}$. These properties of Σ will be shown to hold in Section 6. Then for each such k , $\mathfrak{N}_k \models V = L(\text{Lp}^\Sigma(\mathbb{R}))$ and the arguments to follow work for this as well. Let \mathcal{H}_k be the hod limit computed in \mathfrak{N}_k (e.g., see [1, 26]); note that \mathcal{H}_k has the form $\text{Lp}_\omega^{\mathfrak{N}_k}(\mathcal{H}_k | \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_k})$.

Fix a regular cardinal $\gamma \geq \omega_3$. Let $X \prec H_\gamma^V$ and let $\pi_X : M_X \rightarrow X$ be the uncollapse map, and $(\mathcal{H}_X^*, \mathfrak{N}_X, \Theta_X) = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{H}, \mathfrak{N}, \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}})$. We let $\mathcal{H}_X = \text{Lp}_\omega(\mathcal{H}_X^* | \Theta_X)$, where the Lp is computed in \mathfrak{N} and $\text{Lp}_\omega(A)$ means we stack Lp ω times over A , more precisely, $\text{Lp}_\omega(A) = \bigcup_n \text{Lp}_n(A)$ where by induction, $\text{Lp}_{n+1}(A) = \text{Lp}(\text{Lp}_n(A))$. So $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_X$ if whenever \mathcal{M}^* is countable transitive that embeds in to \mathcal{M} , then \mathcal{M}^* is iterable (via a unique iteration strategy) in \mathfrak{N} . We also write π_X for the canonical lift of π_X to the map from

²⁵By “ ω_1 -club”, we mean \mathcal{C} is closed under \in -increasing sequences of length ω_1 . This is slightly weaker than the usual notion of ω_1 -clubs where one may require closure under \subseteq -increasing sequences of length ω_1 . In this paper, we always refer to the slightly weaker notion.

$M_X[g] \rightarrow X[g]$ and $(\mathcal{H}_{X,g}^*, \mathfrak{N}_{X,g}, \Theta_{X,g}) = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{H}_g, \mathfrak{N}_g, \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g})$. Similarly, we define $\mathcal{H}_{X,g} = \text{Lp}_\omega(\mathcal{H}_{X,g}^* | \Theta_{X,g})$ where Lp is computed in \mathfrak{N}_g . We will prove in this section various properties concerning \mathcal{H}_X and $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$, but in the next section, we will use mostly \mathcal{H}_g and $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$.

Since we assume (T1) or (T2), $\text{cof}^V((\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}})^{+n}, \mathcal{H}) \leq \omega_1$ ²⁶. The proof of Lemma 3.3 gives the following lemma, where S is introduced in Lemma 3.3. The notation “ $\forall^* X \in S \dots$ ” means “there is a club C such that for all $X \in C \cap S \dots$ ”.

Lemma 4.1. $\forall^* X \in S$, $\mathcal{H}_X, \mathcal{H}_{X,g} \in M_X$ and in fact, $\mathcal{H}_X = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{H})$ and $\mathcal{H}_{X,g} = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{H}_g)$. Furthermore, if $\eta = \omega$, this set contains an ω_1 -club.

In the following, we say that \mathcal{R} is full (with respect to mice in $j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$) if whenever γ is a strong cutpoint of \mathcal{R} , then $\mathcal{R}|(\gamma)^{+, \mathcal{R}} = \text{Lp}(\mathcal{R}|\gamma)$, where Lp is computed in $j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$. The operator C_Γ is introduced in Section 2.3.

Lemma 4.2. $\forall^* X \in S$, $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and $\wp(\Theta_{X,g}) \cap L[T, \mathcal{H}_{X,g}] = \wp(\Theta_{X,g}) \cap \mathcal{H}_{X,g} = \wp(\Theta_{X,g}) \cap C_{j_G(\Gamma)}(\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g})$. Similarly \mathcal{H}_X is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$, equivalently in \mathfrak{N}_G , and $\wp(\Theta_X) \cap L[T, \mathcal{H}_X] = \wp(\Theta_X) \cap \mathcal{H}_X$.

Proof. $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ because $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is full in \mathfrak{N}_g and since $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is countable in both $V[g]$ and M and the models $\mathfrak{N}_g, j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ agree on fullness (by Fact 2.19), $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$. Next, note that any sound $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) \leq \Theta_{X,g}$ is iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$; this is because $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{M} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{M})$ witnesses that \mathcal{M} is iterable in the maximal model of AD^+ in $M^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1))}$, but since \mathcal{M} is countable in M_G , and the models $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and the corresponding maximal model of AD^+ in $M_G^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1))}$ agree on this fact,²⁷ this means \mathcal{M} is iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$, so $\mathcal{M} \in C_{j_G(\Gamma)}(\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g})$. This in turns means \mathcal{M} is iterable in Γ_h and $\mathcal{M} \in C_{\Gamma_h}(\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g})$, so $\mathcal{M} \in L[T, \mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g}]$. Suppose $\mathcal{H}_{X,g} \triangleleft \mathcal{M}$ is a sound mouse such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) \leq \Theta_{X,g}$ and $\mathcal{M} \in C_{j_G(\Gamma)}(\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g})$. Then $\mathcal{M} \in C_{\Gamma_h}(\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g})$ (because of the existence of the map $j_{G \times g, h}$), so $\mathcal{M} \in L[T, \mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g}]$. In particular, $\mathcal{M} \in V$ and in $V[g]$ \mathcal{M} is countable and is iterable in Γ_g (again, by the existence of $j_{g, h}$). So $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$. Finally, if $\mathcal{M} \in L[T, \mathcal{H}_{X,g}]$ is sound, $\mathcal{H}_{X,g} | \Theta_{X,g} \triangleleft \mathcal{M}$ and $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) \leq \Theta_{X,g}$, \mathcal{M} is iterable in Γ_h . Since $j_{g, h}$ exists, this means \mathcal{M} (being countable in $V[g]$) is iterable in Γ_g , so $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$.

The proof concerning \mathcal{H}_X is similar. Note that \mathcal{H}_X is countable in $M_G = \text{Ult}(V, G)$ and in $V[G]$. Since $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and \mathfrak{N}_G have the same largest Suslin pointclass, their notions of fullness and suitability are the same. First note that any sound $\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X \triangleleft \mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_X$ is iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$, equivalently in \mathfrak{N}_G . This is because $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{M} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{M})$ is elementary and $j_G(\mathcal{M})$ is countably iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$. Suppose now $\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X \triangleleft \mathcal{M}$ is the least sound mouse in \mathfrak{N}_G such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) \leq \Theta_X$, and $\mathcal{M} \notin \mathcal{H}_X$. Then $\mathcal{M} \in C_{\Gamma_G}(\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X)$ and therefore $\mathcal{M} \in C_{\Gamma_h}(\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X)$. This is because of the existence of the Σ_1 -map $j_{G, h}$. This means $\mathcal{M} \in L[T, \mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X]$. Since $T \in V$, $\mathcal{M} \in V$ and is (countably) iterable there. This is because if \mathcal{M}^* is countable, transitive and embeds into \mathcal{M} , then \mathcal{M}^* is iterable in \mathfrak{N}_h and by Σ_1 -reflection, the unique strategy of \mathcal{M}^* is in $\mathfrak{N}_h | \kappa_h$. By the existence of the Σ_1 -maps $j_{\emptyset, h}$, \mathcal{M}^* is iterable in \mathfrak{N} . So $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_X$. Contradiction. The second clause follows easily from the arguments above. First, any sound $\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X \triangleleft \mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_X$ is iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and therefore is iterable in \mathfrak{N}_h by the existence of $j_{G, h}$. If $\mathcal{M} \in C_{\Gamma_h}(\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X) = L[T, \mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X] \cap \wp(\Theta_X)$ is a sound mouse extending $\mathcal{H}_X | \Theta_X$ and $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{M}) \leq \Theta_X$, then $\mathcal{M} \in V$ and is countably iterable there. So $\mathcal{M} \triangleleft \mathcal{H}_X$. \square

²⁶Note that \mathcal{H} is a fine-structural model, so for each $n \geq 1$, there is a \square -sequence in \mathcal{H} of length $(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}})^{+n, \mathcal{H}}$. The same proof as the one given in Lemma 3.1 gives the claim.

²⁷This follows from elementarity of j_G . We need to see the following: suppose \mathcal{N} is countable in V and is iterable in \mathfrak{N}_g , then \mathcal{N} is iterable in \mathfrak{N} . But \mathcal{N} is iterable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ by Fact 2.19, so by elementarity, \mathcal{N} is iterable in \mathfrak{N} .

Lemma 4.3. $\forall^* X \in S$, \mathcal{H}_X has the full factor property in $j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$ in the sense that whenever $\tau : \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)$ are such that \mathcal{R} is countable in $V[G]$, τ is cofinal in $\tau(\Theta_X)$ and $\sigma \circ \tau = j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X$, then \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$, equivalently in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and in \mathfrak{N}_G . Similarly, $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ has the full factor property, i.e. if $\tau : \mathcal{H}_{X,g} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{H}_{X,g})$ are such that \mathcal{R} is countable in $V[G]$, τ is cofinal in $\tau(\Theta_{X,g})$ and $\sigma \circ \tau = j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$, then \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and in the maximal model of AD^+ in $M_G^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1))}$.

Proof. First note that \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$ if and only if \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$. This is because $j_G(\pi_X) : j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X) \rightarrow j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ is elementary, so for any countable $a \in j_G(\mathfrak{N}_X)$, $\text{Lp}(a)$ is computed the same in the two models. Also by $(\dagger)(ii)$ and Fact 2.19, Lp is computed the same in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and in \mathfrak{N}_G , \mathcal{R} is full in \mathfrak{N}_G if and only if \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$.

For $X \in S$, let $\tau : \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)$ be such that \mathcal{R} is countable in M_G and $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X = \sigma \circ \tau$. Let T^* be the ultrapower of T by the extender derived from τ . T^* is well-founded because it embeds into $j_G(T)$; $j_G(T)$ makes sense because $T \in V$. Furthermore, τ lifts to $\tau^+ : L[T, \mathcal{H}_X] \rightarrow L[T^*, \mathcal{R}]$; this is because τ is cofinal in $\tau(\Theta_X)$ and in $o(\mathcal{R})$. Since T^* is well-founded, Lemma 4.2 and [28, Lemma 5.3.2] give us that \mathcal{R} is full in \mathfrak{N}_h .²⁸ But then since $j_{G,h}$ exists, we have that \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ as well.

A similar argument also shows the full factor property for $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$. The main point is that τ lifts to $\tau^+ : L[T, \mathcal{H}_{X,g}] \rightarrow L[T^*, \mathcal{R}]$ and that T^* is well-founded because it embeds into $j_G(T)$. This again implies that \mathcal{R} is full in Γ_h . Since \mathcal{R} is countable in M and since there is a Σ_1 -map from $j_G(\Gamma)$ into Γ_h , \mathcal{R} is full in $j_G(\Gamma)$ (equivalently in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$) as claimed. Now since $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ and the maximal model of AD^+ in $M_G^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1))}$ agree on their notion of fullness and since \mathcal{R} is countable in M_G , \mathcal{R} is indeed full in the maximal model of AD^+ in $M_G^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1))}$. □

Lemma 4.4. $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}}) = \text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) = \omega$.

Proof. Suppose $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}}) > \omega$. Then by the results of the previous section, $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}}) = \omega_1$. Let $X \prec H_\gamma$ for some large γ be such that X is cofinal and Lp -full in \mathfrak{N} . Let $\pi_X : M_X \rightarrow X$ be the uncollapse map and $\pi_X(\mathcal{H}_X, \Theta_X) = (\mathcal{H}, \Theta^{\mathfrak{N}})$. Then $\text{cof}^V(\Theta_X) = \omega_1$ and \mathcal{H}_X is full in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ by Lemma 4.2. Note then j_G is discontinuous at Θ_X , so let $\gamma = \sup j_G[\Theta_X] < j_G(\Theta_X)$.

Let $\mathcal{R} = \text{Ult}(\mathcal{H}_X, E)$ where E is the (long) extender of length γ derived from j_G . Let $\tau : \mathcal{H}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be the ultrapower map by E and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)$ be the factor map; so $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X = \sigma \circ \tau$. We note that since $\gamma < j_G(\Theta_X)$, there is a \mathcal{Q} -structure $\mathcal{Q} \triangleleft j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)$ for γ . i.e., $\mathcal{R} \triangleleft \mathcal{Q} \triangleleft j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)$ and \mathcal{Q} is the least such that \mathcal{Q} is sound, $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{Q}) = \gamma$, \mathcal{Q} defines a witness to non-Woodinness of γ , so $\mathcal{Q} \notin \mathcal{R}$.

Working in $V[G]$, let Y be a countable elementary substructure of H_λ for some large λ such that Y contains the range of $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X$, and the set $\{\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}_X, \sigma, \tau, j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X, j_G(\mathcal{H}_X)\}$. Let π_Y be the uncollapse of Y and $\pi_Y(\mathcal{R}_Y, \mathcal{Q}_Y, \sigma_Y, \tau_Y, j_Y, \mathcal{S}) = (\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{Q}, \sigma, \tau, j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X, j_G(\mathcal{H}_X))$. By lemma 4.3, \mathcal{R}_Y is full because letting $\sigma^* = \pi_Y \upharpoonright \mathcal{S} \circ \sigma_Y$, then $j_G \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X = \sigma^* \circ \tau_Y$. But \mathcal{Q}_Y is a mouse that witnesses \mathcal{R}_Y is not full; \mathcal{Q}_Y is iterable because it embeds into \mathcal{Q} via π_Y . This is a contradiction.

The proof that $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) = \omega$ is similar to the argument above. We leave it to the reader. □

Remark 3.5 and Lemma 4.4 then give us the following corollary.

Corollary 4.5. Assume either (T1) or (T2) and $g = \emptyset$ or $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ is V -generic. Then for any cardinal $\gamma \geq \omega_3^V$, the set of $X \prec H_\gamma^V$ such that X is cofinal, and Lp -full in \mathfrak{N}_g contains an ω_1 -club in V .

²⁸This is precisely the conclusion of [28, Lemma 5.3.2]; the argument there shows that as long as $\text{Ult}(L[T, \mathcal{H}_X], E_j)$ is well-founded, then $j \upharpoonright \mathcal{H}_X$ has the full-factor property, i.e., whenever $\tau, \sigma, \mathcal{R}$ are as above then \mathcal{R} must be full with respect to mice certified by T , namely \mathcal{R} is full in \mathfrak{N}_h . The point here is $\text{Ult}(L[T, \mathcal{H}_X], E_j) = L[j_G(\mathcal{H}_X), j_G(T)]$ is well-founded.

Definition 4.6. $X \in [H_\gamma^V]^{\omega_1}$ is *internally club* if there is a sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ such that

- (a) For any $\alpha < \omega_1$, $X_\alpha \in X$.
- (b) For any limit α , $X_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} X_\beta$.
- (c) For all $\alpha < \omega_1$, $|X_\alpha| = \omega$.
- (d) $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha$.

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Lemma 4.7. *The set of internally club $X \in \wp_{\omega_2}(H_\gamma^V)$ such that $|X| = \omega_1$ is stationary.*

Proof. Suppose not. Let $F : [H_\gamma^V]^{<\omega} \rightarrow H_\gamma^V$ be such that for any X closed under F , X is not internally club. Let $\lambda > \gamma$ be such that $F \in H_\lambda^V$. Now build a sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ such that for all $\alpha < \omega_1$,

- $F \in X_\alpha$.
- $X_\alpha \prec H_\lambda$.
- $|X_\alpha| = \omega$.
- $X_\alpha \in X_{\alpha+1}$.
- If α is limit, then $X_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} X_\beta$.

Let $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha$. Then $X \cap H_\gamma$ is closed under F because $F \in X$ and $X \prec H_\lambda$. Furthermore, $X \cap H_\gamma = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha \cap H_\gamma$ is internally club by the construction of the sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$. This is a contradiction. \square

Lemma 4.7 and Corollary 4.5 easily imply

Corollary 4.8. *Assume either (T1) or (T2) and $g = \emptyset$ or $g \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1)$ is V -generic. Then for any cardinal $\gamma \geq \omega_3^V$, the set of $X \prec H_\gamma^V$ such that X is internally club, cofinal, and L_p -full in \mathfrak{N}_g is stationary in V .*

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be an ω_1 -club of $X \prec H_\gamma^V$ satisfying Corollary 4.5 and \mathcal{D} be the stationary set of internally club X in Lemma 4.7. We simply prove $\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D} \neq \emptyset$ and leave the stationarity of $\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D}$ to the kind reader.

By induction, build an \in -increasing sequence $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ such that

- for α odd, $X_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$,
- for α even, X_α is countable,
- when α is a limit ordinal, so α is even, $X_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha, \beta \text{ even}} X_\beta$,
- for each α odd, for each $x \in X_\alpha$, there is an even β such that $x \in X_\beta$.

The items above can be easily achieved by a simple induction; in fact, the last condition follows automatically from the other 3 conditions, but we state it explicitly here for clarity. Now let $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1, \alpha \text{ even}} X_\alpha$. Then clearly X is internally club by construction, furthermore, $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1, \alpha \text{ odd}} X_\alpha$ by the last item, so in fact, $X \in \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D}$. \square

Remark 4.9. In fact, we get that for any ω_1 club \mathcal{C} , “almost all” internally club X is in \mathcal{C} . We do not need this stronger result, so we leave the easy proof as an exercise for our kind reader.

5. STRATEGIES THAT CONDENSE WELL

Following the argument in [20], we first construct a pair $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) \in V$ such that Σ has weak condensation. Again, we assume either $(T1) + (\dagger)$ or $(T2) + (\dagger)$ and the smallness hypothesis $(\dagger\dagger)$. We use the notations introduced in the previous section. We first show the existence of a pair $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) \in V$ such that \mathcal{P} is countable and Σ has weak condensation. Recall for X satisfying the conclusion of Corollary 4.8, we let $\pi_X : M_X \rightarrow X$ be the uncollapse map, and $(\mathcal{H}_{X,g}, \mathfrak{N}_{X,g}) = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{H}_g, \mathfrak{N}_g)$; we also write π_X for the canonical extension of π_X to $M_X[g]$. As before, we assume $\mathfrak{N}_g \models \Theta = \theta_0$. We use the objects G, g, j_G, h etc. introduced in Section 2.5.

Let \mathcal{A} be a countable set of *OD* sets of reals in \mathfrak{N}_g that is Wadge cofinal in \mathfrak{N}_g ; \mathcal{A} exists because $\text{cof}^V(\Theta^{\mathfrak{N}_g}) = \omega$ (Lemma 4.4). Recall the following standard notions from [20]. Given a suitable \mathcal{P}^{29} with $\delta = \delta^{\mathcal{P}}$ the Woodin cardinal of \mathcal{P} and an *OD* set of reals A , we let $\tau_{A,n}^{\mathcal{P}}$ be the standard name for a set of reals in $\mathcal{P}^{\text{Coll}(\omega, \delta^{+n, \mathcal{P}})}$ witnessing the fact that \mathcal{P} weakly captures A and let

$$\gamma_A^{\mathcal{P}} = \sup(\delta^{\mathcal{P}} \cap \text{Hull}_1^{\mathcal{P}}(\{\tau_{A,n}^{\mathcal{P}} : n < \omega\})).$$

Here we say \mathcal{P} *weakly term captures* A if letting $\delta = \delta^{\mathcal{P}}$, for each $n < \omega$ there is a term relation $\tau \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{Coll}(\omega, \delta^{+n, \mathcal{P}})}$ such that for comeager many \mathcal{P} -generics $g^* \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \delta^{+n, \mathcal{P}})$, we have $\tau_{g^*} = \mathcal{P}[g^*] \cap A$. We say \mathcal{P} *term captures* A if the equality holds for all generics. We let

$$H_A^{\mathcal{P}} = \text{Hull}_1^{\mathcal{P}}(\gamma_A^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \{\tau_{A,n}^{\mathcal{P}} : n < \omega\}).$$

By Lemma 4.1 and the arguments of [5, Lemma 4.55],

$$\mathcal{H}_g = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} H_A^{\mathcal{H}_g}.$$

so by elementarity for $X \in S$, letting $\mathcal{A}_X = \pi_X^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{X,g} = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}_X} H_A^{\mathcal{H}_{X,g}}.$$

It is clear from [5, Lemma 4.55] that $\text{cof}(\delta^{+n, \mathcal{H}_g}) = \omega$ for all $n < \omega$ where $\delta = \delta^{\mathcal{H}_g}$ is the Woodin cardinal of \mathcal{H}_g , and similarly for $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$. For the rest of the paper, we will write $H_A^{\mathcal{H}_g}$ for $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} H_A^{\mathcal{H}_g}$ and similarly for other objects like $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$.

5.1. Weak Condensation

Let X be in the stationary set of Corollary 4.8. So in particular, X is internally club as witnessed by $\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$. By elementary, $j_G(X)$ is internally club in M_G as witnessed by $\langle Y_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_2^V \rangle = j_G(\langle X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1^V \rangle)$. Now note that for each $\alpha < \omega_1^V$, $Y_\alpha = j_G(X_\alpha) = j_G[X_\alpha]$, so $Y_{\omega_1^V} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1^V} Y_\alpha \in j_G(X)$, is countable in $j_G(X)$ and transitively collapses to M_X . Therefore, by elementarity, there is a countable $X^* \in X$ such that $\mathcal{H}_{X^*,g}$ has the full factor property in $\mathfrak{N}_{X,g}$. By Fodor's lemma, there is a countable X and a stationary set of Y such that

- $X \in Y$;

²⁹This means \mathcal{P} is 1- Γ -suitable for Γ being the largest Suslin pointclass of \mathfrak{N} . \mathcal{P} could be the hod limit \mathcal{H} computed in \mathfrak{N} .

- $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ has the full factor property in $\mathfrak{N}_{Y,g}$.³⁰

We fix an X as above and let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{H}_{X,g}$. Note that $\mathcal{P} \in V$ and is countable. We show that there is an iteration strategy for \mathcal{P} that is fullness preserving. First, we record an easy corollary from the arguments above.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ be $\pi_X \upharpoonright \mathcal{P}$, where $\pi_X : M_X \rightarrow V$ is the uncollapse map. Then π has the full factor property in V . In particular, \mathcal{P} is suitable in \mathfrak{N}_g .*

Proof. Note that for a stationary set of Y such that $X \in Y$ as above, $\pi_X = \pi_Y \circ \pi_{X,Y}$ where $\pi_{X,Y}$ is the natural map from M_X to M_Y . For any \mathcal{R} countable in V such that there is a map $\tau : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ such that $\pi = \sigma \circ \tau$, there is a Y in the stationary set above such that $\pi_Y^{-1} \circ \sigma : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{Y,g}$ is elementary and $\pi_{X,Y} \upharpoonright \mathcal{P} = \pi_Y^{-1} \circ \sigma \circ \tau$. So \mathcal{R} is full in $\mathfrak{N}_{Y,g}$ for all such Y . As a result, \mathcal{R} is full (and hence suitable) in \mathfrak{N}_g . In particular, letting τ be the identity function, \mathcal{P} is suitable as well. \square

We will need a stronger form of the above lemma, namely we need the full factor property in $V[g]$.

Lemma 5.2. *Let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ be $\pi_X \upharpoonright \mathcal{P}$. Suppose $\tau : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ and $\sigma : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ are such that \mathcal{Q} is countable in $V[g]$ and $\sigma \circ \tau = \pi$, then \mathcal{Q} is suitable in \mathfrak{N}_g .*

Proof. Suppose \mathcal{Q} is countable in $V[g]$ such that there are maps $\sigma : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ and $\tau : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ such that $\pi = \sigma \circ \tau$. Suppose for contradiction that \mathcal{Q} is not suitable in \mathfrak{N}_g . Let Y be in the set of Corollary 4.8 such that letting $\pi_Y : M_Y[g] \rightarrow V[g]$ be the uncollapse map, $\sigma \in \text{rng}(\pi_Y)$. So we let $\sigma^* = \pi_Y^{-1}(\sigma)$ and $\pi_{X,Y} = \pi_Y^{-1} \circ \pi_X$, we have $\pi_{X,Y} \upharpoonright \mathcal{P} = \sigma^* \circ \tau$. By elementarity,

$$M_Y[g] \models \text{“}\mathcal{Q} \text{ is not full in } \mathfrak{N}_{Y,g}\text{.”}$$

So this fact is forced by some condition p .

By the fact that M_Y and $\text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1^V)$ are countable in M , we can find a $\bar{g} \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1^V)$ in M such that $p \in \bar{g}$ is M_Y -generic. So there is a $\mathcal{Q} \in M_Y[\bar{g}]$, and maps $\tau : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$, $\sigma^* : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{Y,g}$ ³¹ such that $\pi_{X,Y} \upharpoonright \mathcal{P} = \sigma^* \circ \tau$ but \mathcal{Q} is not full in $\mathfrak{N}_{Y,\bar{g}}$. Let $\epsilon = j_G(\pi_Y) \circ j_G \circ \sigma^* : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow j_G(\mathcal{H}_g)$. We then have that $\epsilon \circ \tau = j_G(\pi)$. But then by Lemma 5.1 and elementarity, \mathcal{Q} is suitable in the maximal model of AD^+ in $M_G^{\text{Coll}(\omega, j_G(\omega_1^V))}$. Since \mathcal{Q} is countable in M , \mathcal{Q} is suitable in $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$. But this contradicts the fact that $j_G(\mathfrak{N})$ agrees with $\mathfrak{N}_{Y,g}$ on what countable mice are suitable. \square

Then exactly as in the proof of [20, Theorem 7.8.9], using Lemma 5.2, we obtain a unique (ω_1, ω_1) \mathcal{A} -guided iteration strategy Σ for \mathcal{P} in $V[g]$ that has the Dodd-Jensen property³² and is fullness preserving. More precisely, Σ has the following properties: whenever $\mathcal{T} \in V[g]$ is of limit length, countable, and is according to Σ ,

1. if \mathcal{T} is short, $\Sigma(\mathcal{T})$ is the unique branch b such that $\mathcal{Q}(b, \mathcal{T}) \triangleleft (Lp(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{T})))^{\mathfrak{N}_g}$, or else $\Sigma(\mathcal{T})$ is the unique branch b such that $(Lp(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{T})))^{\mathfrak{N}_g} = \mathcal{M}_b^T$ and $i_b^T(\tau_A^{\mathcal{P}}) = \tau_A^{\mathcal{M}_b^T}$ for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
2. suppose $\Sigma(\mathcal{T}) = b$ does not drop, then there is an embedding $\sigma : \mathcal{M}_b^T \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g$ such that $\pi = \sigma \circ i_b^T$ and $\mathcal{M}_b^T = H_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{M}_b^T}$.

We say that Σ has *weak condensation*. In the above, we also say that Σ is guided by \mathcal{A} .

³⁰Here $\mathcal{H}_{X,g}$ is the preimage under the collapse map of $\mathcal{H}_{Y,g}$.

³¹We note that $\mathcal{H}_{Y,g}$ is independent of the generic g .

³²By this we mean: whenever $i : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ and $j : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ are iteration maps according to Σ , then $i = j$.

5.2. Strong Condensation

In this section, we use the pair (\mathcal{P}, Σ) constructed in the previous section and (\dagger) to construct a tail (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) of (\mathcal{P}, Σ) such that \mathcal{Q} is countable in $V[g]$ and Λ condenses well in the sense of [20, Definition 5.3.7].³³ Let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be as in the previous section. The main point is that (\dagger) gives the existence of a model N such that

- (i) $N \models \text{ZFC} + \omega_2^V$ is measurable.
- (ii) $\{\pi, \mathcal{H}\} \in N$.

Since $\text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_1^V)$ is a small forcing,

$$N[g] \models \text{“}\omega_2^V \text{ is measurable.”}$$

Using $N[g]$, the argument in [20, Theorem 7.9.1], applied in $V[g]$ where $\omega_2^V = \omega_1^{V[g]}$ is measurable in $N[g]$, gives the existence of such a pair (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) . In particular, in $V[g]$, \mathcal{Q} is countable, Λ is an (ω_1, ω_1) -iteration strategy of \mathcal{Q} that has the Dodd-Jensen property and satisfies properties (1) and (2) above; furthermore, Λ condenses well and in fact, has *branch condensation*, i.e., whenever \mathcal{R} is a Λ -iterate of \mathcal{Q} and \mathcal{W} is a $\Lambda_{\mathcal{R}}$ -iterate of \mathcal{R} with iteration embedding $i : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$, whenever \mathcal{T} is according to $\Lambda_{\mathcal{R}}$ and b is a non-dropping cofinal branch of \mathcal{T} such that there is an embedding $\sigma : \mathcal{M}_b^{\mathcal{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ and $i = \sigma \circ i_b^{\mathcal{T}}$, then $b = \Lambda_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{T})$.

By adapting the scales construction of [19, Section 2], there is a self-justifying system \mathcal{A} countable in $V[g]$ such that for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $A \in \mathfrak{N}_g$, \mathcal{A} contains the universal Γ_g -set, and there is a Σ -iterate (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) such that Λ is guided by \mathcal{A} (cf. [20, 7.10.1, 7.10.2]).

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.6

Again, in this section, we continue assuming $(T1) + (\dagger)$ or $(T2) + (\dagger)$ and $(\dagger\dagger)$. We start with a pair (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) in Section 5.2. In particular, $\mathcal{Q} \in V[g]$ and is countable there. Λ is guided by a sjs \mathcal{A} and therefore is fullness preserving with respect to mice in \mathfrak{N}_g and has branch condensation.

6.1. Lifting and restricting strategies

By a standard boolean valued-comparison (cf. [20, Section 5.5]), there is a non-dropping iterate $(\mathcal{R}, \Psi) \in V[g]$ of (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) such that $\mathcal{R} \in V$, $|\mathcal{R}| \leq \omega_1$, $\Psi \upharpoonright V \in V$ and is an (ω_2, ω_2) -strategy there with branch condensation and is \mathcal{A} -guided. In particular, $\Psi \notin \mathfrak{N}_g$.

By $\text{WRP}_2(\omega_2)$, we can uniquely extend Ψ to a (ω_3, ω_3) -strategy that condenses well exactly as done in [22, Lemma 55]. [22, Lemma 66] then shows that Ψ extends uniquely to a strategy Ψ^h for any $h \subseteq \text{Coll}(\omega, \omega_2)$ which is $V[g]$ -generic. Furthermore, Ψ^h is guided by a sjs \mathcal{A}^h in $V[h]$, where \mathcal{A}^h is the canonical interpretation of \mathcal{A} in $V[h]$. Using this fact, we get by [22, Lemmas 72, 73] that

- For all transitive $A \in H_{\omega_3}^V$ such that $\mathcal{R} \in A$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Psi, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_3 -iterable and furthermore, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Psi, \#}(A)$ is ω_1 -iterable in $V[g][h]$.
- For all transitive $A \in H_{\omega_1}^{V[g][h]}$ such that $\mathcal{R} \in A$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Psi, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_1 -iterable in $V[g][h]$.
- For all transitive $A \in H_{\omega_1}^{V[g]}$ such that $\mathcal{R} \in A$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Psi, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_1 -iterable in $V[g]$.

³³ Λ condenses well if whenever \mathcal{T} is an iteration according to Λ and \mathcal{U} is a hull of \mathcal{T} , then \mathcal{U} is according to Λ . This is also called hull condensation in [8].

- For all transitive $A \in H_{\omega_1}^{V[g][G]}$ such that $\mathcal{R} \in A$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{\Psi, \#}(A)$ exists and is ω_1 -iterable in $V[g][G]$.³⁴

These facts collectively establish projective sets in Ψ are determined in $V[k]$ for $k \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$ and define the maps $j_{k, k'} \upharpoonright \text{Lp}^\Psi(\mathbb{R}_k) \upharpoonright 1 : \text{Lp}^\Psi(\mathbb{R}_k) \upharpoonright 1 \rightarrow \text{Lp}^\Psi(\mathbb{R}_{k'}) \upharpoonright 1$ for $k, k' \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$. This then allows us to carry out the core model induction as in [22] to show that for $k \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$,

$$\text{Lp}^{\Psi^k}(\mathbb{R}_k) \models \text{AD}^+ \quad (6.1)$$

and prove the existence of the maps $j_{k, k'}$ for $k, k' \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$ up to the last gaps of these models as in Fact 2.19.

One important point we would like to mention here is that we may assume $\mathcal{R} \in V$ is countable and Ψ has all the properties mentioned above. The existence of such a pair (\mathcal{R}, Ψ) follows from the fact that the embedding $j_{g, g \times G}$ exists; in particular, in $V[G]$ (equivalently, in M), there is a pair (\mathcal{R}, Ψ) with the properties mentioned and \mathcal{R} is countable; in particular, M satisfies that \mathcal{R} is countable and Ψ is a strategy for \mathcal{R} guided by a countable sjs \mathcal{A} cofinal in $\text{Lp}(\mathbb{R})$. By elementarity, such a pair (\mathcal{R}, Ψ) must exist in V , so \mathcal{R} is countable in V , Ψ is an (ω_3, ω_3) -strategy³⁵ that canonically extends to $V[g], V[G], V[g][G], V[g][h]$ in the manner described in the bullet points above. This is the pair that we carry out the induction and establish (6.1) as well as the existence of the maps $j_{k, k'}$ for $k, k' \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$.

6.2. The final induction

We can use the pair (\mathcal{R}, Ψ) as in the previous section, where $\mathcal{R} \in V$ is countable, to continue the core model induction as in [22] to show $(\text{Lp}^\Psi(\mathbb{R}))^{V[k]} \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_1$ where $k \in \{\emptyset, g, G, g \times G, h\}$ and maintain the inductive hypotheses as in [22], using Fact 2.19 to prove the existence of the maps $j_{k, k'}$ as described above. We can repeat this process for any $\alpha < \omega_1$. At successor α , suppose we have a pair $(\mathcal{S}_\alpha, \Phi_\alpha)$ giving rise to $(\text{Lp}^{\Phi_\alpha}(\mathbb{R}))^{V[k]} \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1} + \text{MC}(\Phi_\alpha)$, we construct pair $(\mathcal{S}_{\alpha+1}, \Phi_{\alpha+1})$ as before. But now, $\mathcal{S}_{\alpha+1} \in V$, is countable, and is a Φ_α -suitable premouse and $\Phi_{\alpha+1}$ is guided by a countable sjs \mathcal{A} cofinal in $\text{Lp}^{\Phi_\alpha}(\mathbb{R})$ where the sets in \mathcal{A} are ordinal definable in $\text{Lp}^{\Phi_\alpha}(\mathbb{R})$ from Φ_α and some fixed real.

If α is limit, in particular $\text{cof}(\alpha) = \omega$, we can look at a kind of (short) hod pair of the form $(\mathcal{S}_\alpha, \Phi_\alpha) = (\mathcal{S}, \Phi)$ where $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \mathcal{S}(\beta)$ and $\Phi = \bigoplus_{\beta < \alpha} \Phi_{\mathcal{S}(\beta)}$ where $(\mathcal{S}_\alpha(\beta), \Phi_{\mathcal{S}(\beta)})$ generates the maximal model of $\Theta = \theta_\beta$. We can then show $(\text{Lp}^\Phi(\mathbb{R}))^{V[k]} \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1} + \text{MC}(\Phi)$ as before.

Now by $(\dagger\dagger)$, no models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$ exist, we let Γ be the maximal pointclass of AD^+ , i.e.

$$\Gamma = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+\}.$$

By the argument above, for each $\alpha < \omega_1$, $\Phi_\alpha \in \Gamma$ and furthermore, for every $A \in \Gamma$, there is a scale $\vec{\psi}$ for A such that $\vec{\psi} \in \Gamma$. In other words, the Solovay sequence defined over Γ has limit length. Furthermore, the sequence has uncountable cofinality by the argument from the previous paragraph. We need to see that our maximal pointclass Γ is constructibly closed, i.e. $\Gamma = L(\Gamma) \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})$. Showing this will give that our model has satisfied $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$.

Let \mathcal{H} be the hod limit computed in Γ . We write Θ for Θ^Γ . So $o(\mathcal{H}) = \Theta$. Let $\langle \theta_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ be the Solovay sequence computed in Γ . We know that $\lambda = \omega_1$ in V . The next lemma is the key lemma and its proof is similar to that of [27, Lemma 6.3].

³⁴For brevity, we write Ψ for various extensions of Ψ in different generic extensions of V . For instance, Ψ^h is the canonical extension of Ψ to $V[g][h]$. Part of [22, Section 6] shows that $\Psi^h \upharpoonright V[g][G] \in V[g][G]$, so Ψ^G makes sense.

³⁵Note that $j_G(\omega_3^V) = \omega_3^V$.

Lemma 6.1. *There is no $\mathcal{N} \triangleleft L[\mathcal{H}]$ such that $\mathcal{H} \triangleleft \mathcal{N}$ and $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{N}) < \Theta$.*

Proof. Suppose not. Let $\mathcal{N} \triangleleft L[\mathcal{H}]$ be least such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{N}) < \Theta$. Let $B \in \Gamma$ be of Wadge rank $\theta_{\alpha+1}$ where $\alpha < \lambda$ is such that $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{N}) \leq \theta_\alpha$ and $\theta_\alpha \geq v$, where v is the \mathcal{N} -cofinality of λ .³⁶ Suppose k is the least such that $\rho_{k+1}(\mathcal{N}) < \Theta$; by increasing α if necessary, we may assume $\rho_{k+1}(\mathcal{N}) \leq \theta_\alpha$. Let $M = L_\gamma(\mathbb{R}, B, \mathcal{N})$, where γ is some sufficiently large cardinal so that $L_\gamma(\mathbb{R}, B, \mathcal{N}) \models \text{ZF}^- + \text{DC}$.

For countable $\sigma \prec M$ containing all relevant objects, let $\pi_\sigma : M_\sigma \rightarrow M$ be the transitive uncollapse map whose range is σ . Such a σ exists by DC in $L(\mathbb{R}, B, \mathcal{N})$. For each such σ , let $\pi_\sigma(\mathcal{H}_\sigma, \Theta_\sigma, \lambda_\sigma, \mathcal{N}_\sigma, B_\sigma, v_\sigma) = (\mathcal{H}, \Theta, \lambda, \mathcal{N}, B, v)$. Let $\Sigma_\sigma^- = \bigoplus_{\alpha < \lambda_\sigma} \Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha)}$. Note that for each $\beta < \lambda_\sigma$, $\Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\beta)}$ acts on all countable stacks as it is the pullback of some hod pair (\mathcal{R}, Λ) with the property that $\mathcal{M}_\infty(\mathcal{R}, \Lambda) = \mathcal{H}(\pi_\sigma(\beta))$.

Let $\sigma \prec M$ be such that $\omega_1^{M_\sigma} > \alpha$; this is possible since $\alpha < \lambda \leq \omega_1$. $\Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha+1)}$ is Γ -fullness preserving and has branch condensation. This follows from the choice of B , which gives that $(\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha+1), \Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha+1)})$ is a tail of some hod pair $(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda) \in M_\sigma$ such that \mathcal{Q} has $\alpha+1$ Woodin cardinals and Λ has branch condensation and is Γ -fullness preserving. We let Σ_σ^α be the fragment of Σ_σ^- for stacks on \mathcal{N}_σ that are based on the window $[\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}, \Theta_\sigma)$.³⁷ Note that Σ_σ^α is an iteration strategy of \mathcal{N}_σ above $\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$ since Σ_σ^α -iterations are strictly above v_σ , which may be measurable in \mathcal{N}_σ , and hence does not create new Woodin cardinals; furthermore, there are no extenders on the \mathcal{N}_σ -sequence with index $\geq \Theta_\sigma$ since $\mathcal{N} \triangleleft L[\mathcal{H}]$, so all stacks on \mathcal{N}_σ that are based on the window $[\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}, \Theta_\sigma)$ are in fact stacks that are above $\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$ on \mathcal{N}_σ . Σ_σ^α has branch condensation because it is the join of strategies with branch condensation. We then have that $\Sigma_\sigma^\alpha \in \Gamma$; otherwise, by results in the previous sections, we can show $L(\Sigma_\sigma^\alpha, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ and this contradicts the definition of Γ .³⁸ Also, by [8, Theorem 3.26], Σ_σ^α is Ω -fullness preserving where $\Omega =_{\text{def}} \Gamma(\mathcal{N}_\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^\alpha)$ is the pointclass generated by $(\mathcal{N}_\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^\alpha)$.

We then consider the directed system \mathcal{F} of tuples (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) where \mathcal{Q} agrees with \mathcal{N}_σ up to $\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$, and (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) is Dodd–Jensen equivalent to $(\mathcal{H}_\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^\alpha)$, that is (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) and $(\mathcal{H}_\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^\alpha)$ coiterate (above $\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$) to a hod pair (\mathcal{R}, Ψ) . \mathcal{F} can be characterized as the directed system of hod pairs (\mathcal{Q}, Λ) extending $(\mathcal{N}_\sigma(\alpha), \Sigma_{\mathcal{N}_\sigma(\alpha)})$ such that $\Gamma(\mathcal{Q}, \Lambda) = \Omega$, Λ has branch condensation and is Ω -fullness preserving. We note that \mathcal{F} is $\text{OD}_{\Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha)}}$ in $L(C, \mathbb{R})$ for some $C \in \Gamma$. We fix such a C ; so $L(C, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+ + \text{SMC}$. Let $A \subseteq \delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$ witness $\rho_{k+1}(\mathcal{N}_\sigma) \leq \delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}$. Then A is $\text{OD}_{\Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha)}}$ in $L(C, \mathbb{R})$. By SMC in $L(C, \mathbb{R})$ and the fact that $\mathcal{N}_\sigma(\alpha+1)$ is Γ -full, $A \in \text{Lp}^{\Sigma_{\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\alpha)}}(\mathcal{N}_\sigma | \delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}) \in \mathcal{N}_\sigma$. This contradicts the definition of A . \square

Using Lemma 6.1 and standard arguments, e.g. [27, Section 6], we have then that $L[H](\Gamma)$ is a symmetric extension of $L[\mathcal{H}]$ by the Vopenka algebra $\mathbb{P} \in L[\mathcal{H}]$ for adding all $s \in \Theta^\omega$ in Γ . In particular, $L[\mathcal{H}](\Gamma) \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Gamma$ and therefore,

$$L[\mathcal{H}](\Gamma) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{DC}$$

as desired.³⁹

7. OPEN PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS, AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Basically, the hypotheses (T1) – MM(\mathfrak{c}) and (T2) – MM(\mathfrak{c}) are only used in the arguments above to show that whenever M is the maximal model of $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ for some α then $\Theta^M < \omega_3^V$. Recent ongoing joint

³⁶In this case, v is in fact ω_1^V , which is the least measurable cardinal of \mathcal{H} . But this is not relevant for the argument to follow. The only relevant fact we use is that $v < \Theta$.

³⁷This means extenders used on such stacks are on $[\delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{N}_\sigma}, \Theta_\sigma)$ and its images along the trees on the stack.

³⁸We also have that Σ_σ^α is the join of countably many sets of reals, each of which is in Γ and hence is Suslin co-Suslin. This implies that Σ_σ^α is self-scaled.

³⁹The reason $L[\mathcal{H}](\Gamma) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{DC}$ is because by construction, we have that in $L[\mathcal{H}](\Gamma)$, the Solovay sequence has length ω_1 , so $\text{cof}(\Theta) = \omega_1 > \omega$.

work with M. Zeman shows that we can replace $\neg\Box(\omega_3)$ by $\neg\Box_{\omega_2}$ in (T1) for this purpose, and therefore, still get models of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \text{DC}$ as above. Also, it is very plausible, given the argument in this paper, that we can weaken the semi-saturation assumption to just weak presaturation of the nonstationary ideal J_{NS} on ω_2 (in the sense of [29]).

Conjecture 7.1. *Assume either*

- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg\Box_{\omega_2} + (\dagger)$, or
- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) +$ “there is a semi-saturated ideal on $\omega_2 + (\dagger)$ ”, or
- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) +$ “ J_{NS} is weakly-presaturated $+ (\dagger)$,”

then there is a model of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular” containing all the reals and ordinals.

Furthermore, the following theories are equiconsistent.

1. $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg\Box_{\omega_2} + (\dagger)$,
2. $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular” and the set $\{\theta_\alpha : \text{cof}(\theta_\alpha) > \omega \wedge \text{HOD}_{\wp(\mathbb{R}) \upharpoonright \theta_\alpha} \models \theta_\alpha \text{ is regular}\}$ is stationary.

It is very plausible that we can do without (\dagger) ; however, it appears that different methods are required, e.g. along the line of what is done in [1]. As mentioned above, it is not clear that (\dagger) is a consequence of (T1) or (T2).

Conjecture 7.2. *Assume either*

- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg\Box_{\omega_2}$, or
- $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) +$ “there is a semi-saturated ideal on ω_2 ”,

then there is a model of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular” containing all the reals and ordinals.

Furthermore, the following theories are equiconsistent.

1. $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) + \neg\Box_{\omega_2}$,
2. $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular” and the set $\{\theta_\alpha : \text{cof}(\theta_\alpha) > \omega \wedge \text{HOD}_{\wp(\mathbb{R}) \upharpoonright \theta_\alpha} \models \theta_\alpha \text{ is regular}\}$ is stationary.

Question 7.3. *Assume either (T1) or (T2). Must (\dagger) hold?*

As mentioned above, a positive answer to the conjecture shows the equiconsistency of $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular” and $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c}) +$ “there is a semi-saturated ideal on ω_2 ”. Ultimately, we would like to determine whether $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$ is equiconsistent with $\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} +$ “ Θ is regular”. The first step towards resolving this is to answer the following question.

Question 7.4. *Assume $\text{MM}(\mathfrak{c})$. Suppose $\mathfrak{N} \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ for some α and is maximal with respect to this property. Is $o(\mathfrak{N}) < \omega_3$?*

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