

# Structure theory of $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ and its applications

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## Abstract

In this paper, we explore the structure theory of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  under the hypothesis  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  “AD +  $\mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ” and give some applications. First we show that “ZFC + there exist  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals”<sup>1</sup> has the same consistency strength as “AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact”. During this process we show that if  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  AD then in fact  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  AD<sup>+</sup>. Next we prove important properties of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  including  $\Sigma_1$ -reflection and the uniqueness of  $\mu$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Then we give the computation of full HOD in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Finally, we use  $\Sigma_1$ -reflection and  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  forcing to construct a certain ideal on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  (or equivalently on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\omega_2)$  in this situation) that has the same consistency strength as “ZFC + there exist  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals.”

## 1 Introduction

Recall that under ZF + DC, a measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ , the set of countable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , is:

- (1) *fine* iff  $\{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid x \in \sigma\} \in \mu$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (2) *normal* iff for each regressive  $F : \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ , that is

$$\{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid F(\sigma) \subseteq \sigma \wedge F(\sigma) \neq \emptyset\} \in \mu$$

then

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<sup>1</sup>By this, we mean “ZFC + there is a set  $W$  of Woodin cardinals of order type  $\omega^2$ ”. We will say “there exist  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals” for short.

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \{ \sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid x \in F(\sigma) \} \in \mu.$$

It's easy to see that if  $\mu$  is a fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ , ZF proves that normality of  $\mu$  (condition (2) above) is equivalent to the following “diagonal intersection” property:

(2') If  $\langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \rangle$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -indexed sequence of  $\mu$ -measure one sets, then

$$\Delta_{x \in \mathbb{R}} A_x =_{\text{def}} \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \in \bigcap_{x \in \sigma} A_x \} \in \mu.$$

We first prove the following (previously unpublished) theorem, due to Woodin, which determines the exact consistency strength of the theory “AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact”.

**Theorem 1.1** (Woodin). *The following are equiconsistent.*

1. *ZFC + there are  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals.*
2. *There is a filter  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  “ZF + DC + AD +  $\mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ”.*

The proof of this theorem will occupy part of section 2. The (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) direction is proved using the derived model construction. The converse uses a Prikry forcing that forces a model of ZFC with  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals that realizes  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  as its derived model. This also shows that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  AD if and only if  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  AD<sup>+</sup>.

It's worth mentioning that the existence of a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  was first shown by Solovay to follow from AD <sub>$\mathbb{R}$</sub>  (see [8]); so AD <sub>$\mathbb{R}$</sub>  implies “AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact”. It also follows from [8] that the theory “AD +  $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact” doesn't imply AD <sub>$\mathbb{R}$</sub> . Theorem 1.1 determines the exact consistency strength of the former, which is much weaker than that of the latter. It also follows from AD <sub>$\mathbb{R}$</sub>  that games on reals of fixed countable length are determined. This gives a hierarchy of normal fine measures extending the Solovay measure in some sense. A sequel to this paper ([16]) gives a construction (due to Woodin) of this hierarchy from AD <sub>$\mathbb{R}$</sub> , explores their exact consistency strength, and gives some applications of these measures.

Using the proof of Theorem 1.1, we explore the basic structure theory of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . We also prove in section 2 the following theorem, which is also due to Woodin.

**Theorem 1.2** (Woodin). *The following holds in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  assuming  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  “AD<sup>+</sup> +  $\mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ”.*

1.  $(L_{\delta_1^2}(\mathbb{R})[\mu], \mu) \prec_{\Sigma_1} (L(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu)$ .
2. *Suppose  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  “ $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$  are normal fine measures on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ”. Then*

$$L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \mu_0 = \mu_1.$$

Using Theorems 1.1, 1.2, and their proofs, we give some applications in sections 3 and 4. Section 3 is dedicated to the HOD computation in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . The precise definition of HOD will be given in section 3. Roughly speaking, HOD of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  will be shown to be  $L(\mathcal{M}_\infty, \Lambda)$  where  $\mathcal{M}_\infty \subseteq \text{HOD}$  is a fine-structural premouse that has  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals cofinal in  $o(\mathcal{M}_\infty)$ , where  $o(\mathcal{M}_\infty)$  is the ordinal height of the transitive structure  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$ , and agrees with HOD on all bounded subsets of  $\Theta$  and  $\Lambda$  is a certain strategy that acts on finite stacks of normal trees in  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  based on  $\mathcal{M}_\infty \upharpoonright \Theta$ . The reader familiar with the HOD analysis in  $L(\mathbb{R})$  will not be surprised here. As an application, [16] uses the HOD analysis to prove a “determinacy transfer theorem” which roughly states that the determinacy for real games of length  $\omega^2$  with payoff  $\mathbb{I}_1^1$  and those with payoff  $<-\omega^2\text{-}\mathbb{I}_1^1$  are equivalent.

Finally, in section 4 we prove the following two theorems. The first one uses  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  forcing over a model of the form  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  as above and the second one is an application of the core model induction. Woodin’s book [19] or Larson’s handbook article [5] are good sources for  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$ ; for details on the core model induction, see [7].

**Theorem 1.3.** *Suppose  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{“}AD^+ + \mu \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})\text{”}$  and let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max}$  be a generic filter over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Then in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ , there is a normal fine ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that*

1. *letting  $\mathcal{F}$  be the dual filter of  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A$  is  $OD_x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , either  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}$ ;*
2.  *$\mathcal{I}$  is precipitous;*
3. *for all  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$ , for all generics  $G_0, G_1 \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ , letting  $j_{G_i} : V \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V, G_i) = M_i$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  be the generic embeddings, then  $j_{G_0} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{\mathcal{I}, s\}} = j_{G_1} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{\mathcal{I}, s\}}$  and  $\text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_0} = \text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_1} \in V$ .*

The next theorem establishes the equiconsistency of the conclusion of Theorem 1.3 with the existence of  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals.

**Theorem 1.4 (ZFC).** *Suppose there is a normal fine ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that*

1. *letting  $\mathcal{F}$  be the dual filter of  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A$  is  $OD_x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , either  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}$ ;*
2.  *$\mathcal{I}$  is precipitous;*

3. for all  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$ , for all generics  $G_0, G_1 \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ , letting  $j_{G_i} : V \rightarrow \text{Ult}(V, G_i) = M_i$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  be the generic embeddings, then  $j_{G_0} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{I, s\}} = j_{G_1} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{I, s\}}$  and  $\text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_0} = \text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_1} \in V$ .

Then in a generic extension  $V[G]$  of  $V$ , there is a filter  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{“AD} + \mu \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})\text{”}.$$

**Basic notions and notations.** For a transitive structure  $M$ , we let  $o(M)$  denote the ordinal height of  $M$ . A transitive  $\mathcal{M}$  is a *fine-structural premouse* or simply a *premouse* if  $\mathcal{M} = (J_\alpha[E], \in, E, F^{\mathcal{M}})$ , where  $E$  is a fine-extender sequence in the sense of [14] and  $F^{\mathcal{M}}$  is the amenable code for the top extender of  $M$ , also in the sense of [14]. We write  $\mathcal{M}|\gamma$  for the structure  $\mathcal{N} = (J_\gamma[E \upharpoonright \gamma], \in, E \upharpoonright \gamma, F^{\mathcal{N}})$  and  $\mathcal{M}||\gamma$  for  $\mathcal{N} = (J_\gamma[E \upharpoonright \gamma], \in, E \upharpoonright \gamma, \emptyset)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{M}|\gamma = \mathcal{M}||\gamma$  if  $\mathcal{M}|\gamma$  is passive, that is its predicate for the top extender is empty. If  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}$  are premice, we write  $\mathcal{P} \triangleleft \mathcal{Q}$  if there is some  $\gamma \leq o(\mathcal{Q})$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{Q}|\gamma$ . For some  $k \leq \omega$ , a  $k$ -sound premouse  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $(k, \alpha, \beta)$ -iterable if player II (the good player) has a winning strategy in the game  $\mathcal{G}_k(\mathcal{M}, \alpha, \beta)$  (see [14], Section 4). We customarily call a  $k$ -sound premouse  $\mathcal{M}$  that is  $(k, 1, \omega_1 + 1)$ -iterable (or  $(k, \omega_1, \omega_1 + 1)$ -iterable) a *mouse*. When the degree of soundness of  $\mathcal{M}$  is clear from the context, we will neglect to mention it in our notations.

The structure  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  considered in this paper is a structure of the language  $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \cup \{\dot{\mathbb{R}}, \dot{\mu}\}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the language of set theory,  $\dot{\mu}$  is a unary predicate symbol, and  $\dot{\mathbb{R}}$  is a constant symbol, whose intended interpretation is the reals of the model. We sometimes write  $L(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$ , or  $(L(\mathbb{R})[\mu], \mu)$  for the same structure. If  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $P(v)$  is a property, we often write  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma P(\sigma)$  for  $\{\sigma \mid P(\sigma)\} \in \mu$ . Also, we also say “ $\omega_1$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -supercompact” to mean “there is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ”.

We use  $\Theta$  to denote the supremum of  $\alpha$  such that there is a surjection from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\alpha$ . Under ZFC,  $\Theta$  is simply the successor cardinal of the continuum. Assuming  $\text{AD}^+$ , which is a technical strengthening of  $\text{AD}$  (see [9] or [15] for more on  $\text{AD}^+$ ), a *Solovay sequence* is a sequence  $\langle \theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \leq \Omega \rangle$  such that: (i)  $\theta_0$  is the supremum of ordinals  $\alpha$  such that there is an *OD* surjection from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\alpha$ ; (ii) if  $\beta \leq \Omega$  is limit, then  $\theta_\beta = \sup_{\gamma < \beta} \theta_\gamma$ ; (iii) if  $\beta = \gamma + 1 \leq \Omega$ , then letting  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  have Wadge rank  $\theta_\gamma$ ,  $\theta_\beta$  is the supremum of  $\alpha$  such that there is an *OD*( $B$ ) surjection from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\alpha$ . Suppose  $\text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_0$ . We let  $\delta_1^2$  denote the largest Suslin cardinal. The largest pointclass with the scales property, as shown by Woodin, is  $\Sigma_1^2$ .

For cardinals  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , we write  $\text{Col}(\alpha, < \beta)$  for the Lévy collapse that adds a surjection from  $\alpha$  onto every  $\kappa \in [\alpha, \beta)$ . If  $\beta > \alpha$  is inaccessible then after forcing with  $\text{Col}(\alpha, < \beta)$ ,  $\beta$  has cardinality  $\alpha^+$ ; otherwise,  $\beta$  will have cardinality  $\alpha$ .

Finally, suppose  $\gamma$  is a limit of Woodin cardinals. We let  $Hom_{<\gamma}$  denote the collection of  $<\gamma$ -homogeneously Suslin sets of reals. See [9] for more on the basic theory of  $Hom_{<\gamma}$ .

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## 2 The equiconsistency and structure theory of $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$

We first present a variation of the derived model construction in [9] in the context where we want to construct a model of the form  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . See [9] for facts about  $AD^+$  and the derived model construction.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose there is a measurable cardinal. Then there is a forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  such that in  $V^{\mathbb{P}}$ ,  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}) \models$  “ $\mathcal{C}$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ ” where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the club filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\kappa$  be a measurable cardinal and  $U$  be a normal measure on  $\kappa$ . Let  $j : V \rightarrow M$  be the ultrapower map by  $U$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}_0$  be  $Col(\omega, <\kappa)$ . Let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}_0$  be  $V$ -generic. For  $\alpha < \kappa$ , we write  $G \upharpoonright \alpha$  for  $G \cap Col(\omega, <\alpha)$ .  $Col(\omega, <j(\kappa)) = j(\mathbb{P}_0)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}_0 * \mathbb{Q}$  for some  $\mathbb{Q}$  and whenever  $H \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is  $V[G]$ -generic, then  $j$  can be lifted to an elementary embedding  $j^+ : V[G] \rightarrow M[G][H]$  defined by  $j^+(\tau_G) = j(\tau)_{G*H}$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}^{**} = \cup_{\alpha < \kappa} \mathbb{R}^{V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}$  be the symmetric reals. Note that since  $\kappa$  is inaccessible,  $\mathbb{R}^{**} = \mathbb{R}^{V[G]}$ . We define a filter  $\mathcal{F}^*$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^{**})$  as follows.

$$A \in \mathcal{F}^* \Leftrightarrow \forall H \subseteq \mathbb{Q} (H \text{ is } V[G]\text{-generic} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{V[G]} \in j^+(A)).$$

It's clear from the definition that  $\mathcal{F}^* \in V[G]$ .

We first claim that  $\mathcal{F}^*$  is a normal fine filter. Fineness is easy; so we just verify normality. To see normality, suppose  $F$  is regressive. Then  $A := \{\sigma \mid F(\sigma) \subseteq \sigma \wedge F(\sigma) \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $j^+(F)(\mathbb{R}^*) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{**} \wedge j^+(F)(\mathbb{R}^*) \neq \emptyset$ . Fix some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{**}$  such that  $x \in j^+(F)(\mathbb{R}^{**})$ . Then  $\forall_{\mathcal{F}^*} \sigma \ x \in F(\sigma)$ .

We now claim that  $L(\mathbb{R}^{**}, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \mathcal{F}^*$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^{**})$ . Suppose  $A \in L(\mathbb{R}^{**}, \mathcal{F}^*)$  is defined in  $V[G]$  by a formula  $\varphi$  from a real  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{**}$  (without loss of generality, we suppress parameters  $\{U, s\}$ , where  $s \in \text{OR}^{<\omega}$  that go into the definition of  $A$ ); so  $\sigma \in A \Leftrightarrow V[G] \models \varphi[\sigma, x]$ . Let  $\alpha < \kappa$  be such that  $x \in V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]$  and we let  $U^*$  be the canonical extension of  $U$  in  $V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]$ . Then either

$$\forall_{U^*} \beta V[G \upharpoonright \alpha] \models \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, <\beta)} \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, <\kappa)} \varphi[\dot{\mathbb{R}}_\beta, x]$$

or

$$\forall_{U^*} \beta V[G \upharpoonright \alpha] \Vdash \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, < \beta)} \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, < \kappa)} \neg \varphi[\dot{\mathbb{R}}_\beta, x].$$

In the above,  $\dot{\mathbb{R}}_\beta$  is the canonical  $Col(\omega, < \beta)$ -name for the symmetric reals in  $V^{Col(\omega, < \beta)}$ . This easily implies either  $A \in \mathcal{F}^*$  or  $\neg A \in \mathcal{F}^*$ .

Next, note  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^{**})$  has size  $\omega_1$  in  $V[G]$ , so we can use the iterated club shooting construction to turn  $\mathcal{F}^*$  into the club filter. We let  $\mathbb{P}_1$  be the forcing defined in 17.2 of [1]. By 17.2 of [1],  $\mathbb{P}_1$  does not add any  $\omega$ -sequence of ordinals. In particular, it does not add reals. Letting  $H \subseteq \mathbb{P}_1$  be  $V[G]$ -generic, in  $V[G][H]$ , we still have  $L(\mathbb{R}^{**}, \mathcal{F}^*) \Vdash \text{“}\mathcal{F}^* \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^{**})\text{”}$  and furthermore,  $\mathcal{F}^* \cap L(\mathbb{R}^{**}, \mathcal{F}^*)$  is the restriction of the club filter on  $L(\mathbb{R}^{**}, \mathcal{F}^*)$ . Our desirable  $\mathbb{P}$  is  $\mathbb{P}_0 * \mathbb{P}_1$ .  $\square$

Suppose there exist  $\omega^2$  many Woodin cardinals. Let  $\gamma$  be the sup of the first  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals and for each  $i < \omega$ , let  $\eta_i$  be the sup of the first  $\omega^i$  Woodin cardinals. Suppose  $G \subseteq Col(\omega, < \gamma)$  is  $V$ -generic and for each  $i$ , let  $\mathbb{R}^* = \cup_{\alpha < \gamma} \mathbb{R}^{V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}$  and  $\sigma_i = \mathbb{R}^{V[G \upharpoonright Col(\omega, < \eta_i)]}$ . We define a filter  $\mathcal{F}^*$  as follows: for each  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^*)$  in  $V[G]$

$$A \in \mathcal{F}^* \Leftrightarrow \exists n \forall m \geq n (\sigma_m \in A).$$

We call  $\mathcal{F}^*$  defined above the **tail filter**.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\gamma, \eta_i, \mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*$  be as above. Then*

$$L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \Vdash \text{“}\mathcal{F}^* \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^*)\text{”}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose not. So this statement is forced by the empty condition in  $Col(\omega, < \gamma)$  by the homogeneity of  $Col(\omega, < \gamma)$ . By Lemma 2.1 applied to the first measurable cardinal  $\kappa$  and the fact that the forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  used there is of size less than the first Woodin cardinal, by working over  $V[g]$ , where  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is  $V$ -generic, we may assume that in  $V$ , the club filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  has the property that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}) \Vdash \mathcal{F}$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\lambda \gg \gamma$  be regular and let

$$\begin{aligned} S = \{X \prec V_\lambda \quad & | \quad X \text{ is countable, } \gamma \in X, \exists \eta \in X \cap \gamma \text{ such that} \\ & \text{for all successor Woodin cardinals } \lambda \in X \cap (\eta, \gamma), \text{ if } D \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_{< \lambda}, \\ & D \in X, \text{ and } D \text{ is predense then } X \text{ captures } D\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.1.14 of [4],  $S$  is stationary and furthermore, letting  $H \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(V_\lambda)) / \mathcal{I}_{NS}$ <sup>2</sup> be generic such that  $S \in H$ , then for some  $\xi < \gamma$ , for all  $\xi < \delta < \gamma$  and  $\delta$  is Woodin,  $H \cap \mathbb{Q}_{< \delta}$

<sup>2</sup>In this section,  $\mathcal{I}_{NS}$  is the nonstationary ideal on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(V_\lambda)$ .

is  $V$ -generic. We may as well assume  $\xi$  is less than the first Woodin cardinal and hence for all  $\delta < \gamma$ ,  $\delta$  is Woodin,  $H \cap \mathbb{Q}_{<\delta}$  is  $V$ -generic.

Let  $j : V \rightarrow (M, E)$  be the induced generic embedding given by  $H$ . Of course,  $(M, E)$  may not be wellfounded but wellfounded at least up to  $\lambda$  because  $j''\lambda \in M$ . For each  $\alpha < \omega^2$ , let  $j_\alpha : V \rightarrow M_\alpha$  be the induced embedding by  $H \cap \mathbb{Q}_{<\delta_\alpha}$ , let  $M^*$  be the direct limit of the  $M_\alpha$ 's and  $j^* : V \rightarrow M^*$  be the direct limit map. Note that  $j_\alpha, j^*$  factor into  $j$ .

Let  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R}^{M^*}$  (the  $\mathbb{R}^*$  from before is behind us now) and for each  $i < \omega$ ,  $\sigma_i = \mathbb{R}^{M_i^*}$  where  $M_i^* = \lim_n M_{\omega i + n}$ . Let  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \gamma)$  be such that  $\cup_{\alpha < \eta_i} \mathbb{R}^{V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]} = \sigma_i$  for all  $i$ ; so  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is the symmetric reals associated to  $G$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^*$  be the tail filter defined in  $V[G]$ . We claim that if  $A \in j^*(\mathcal{F})$  then  $A \in \mathcal{F}^*$ . To see this, let  $\pi \in M^*$  witness that  $A$  is a club. Let  $\alpha < \omega^2$  be such that  $M_\alpha$  contains the preimage of  $\pi$ . Then it is clear that  $\forall m$  such that  $\omega m \geq \alpha$  and  $\pi''\sigma_m \subseteq \sigma_m$ . This shows  $j^*(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}^*$  and hence  $L_\lambda(\mathbb{R}^*, j^*(\mathcal{F})) = L_\lambda(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \text{“}\mathcal{F}^* \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^*)\text{”}$ . Since  $\lambda$  can be chosen arbitrarily large, we're done.  $\square$

Next, we prove a “reflection phenomenon” analogous to that in Lemma 6.4 of [9].

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\gamma, G, \mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*$  be defined as above. Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{V[H \upharpoonright \alpha]}$  for some  $\alpha < \gamma$ , and suppose  $\psi$  is a formula in the language of set theory with an additional predicate symbol. Let  $HC^*$  be the set of heritarily countable sets (in  $V[G]$ ) coded by  $\mathbb{R}^*$ . Suppose*

$$\exists B \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) ((HC^*, \in, B) \models \psi[x])$$

then

$$\exists B \in \text{Hom}_{<\gamma}^{V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]} ((HC^{V[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}, \in, B) \models \psi[x]).$$

*Proof.* Such a  $B$  in the statement of the lemma is called a  $\psi$ -witness. To see that Lemma 2.3 holds, pick the least  $\gamma_0$  such that some  $OD(x)^{L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)}$   $\psi$ -witness  $B$  is in  $L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  and by minimizing the sequence of ordinals in the definition of  $B$ , we may assume  $B$  is definable (over  $L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$ ) from  $x$  without ordinal parameters. We may as well assume  $x \in V$ . We want to produce an absolute definition of  $B$  as in the proof of Lemma 6.4 in [9]. We do this as follows. First let  $\varphi$  be such that

$$u \in B \Leftrightarrow L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \varphi[u, x],$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}(v) = \text{“}v \text{ is a } \psi\text{-witness”}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the club filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\theta(u, v)$  be the natural formula defining  $B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(u, v) = & \quad \text{“}L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}) \models \mathcal{C} \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}) \models \exists B \bar{\psi}[B] \\ & \text{and if } \gamma_0 \text{ is the least } \gamma \text{ such that } L_\gamma(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}) \models \exists B \bar{\psi}[B] \\ & \text{then } L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}) \models \varphi[u, v]\text{”}. \end{aligned}$$

We apply the tree production lemma (see [9]) to the definition  $\theta(u, v)$  with parameter  $x \in \mathbb{R}^V$ . It's clear that stationary correctness holds. To verify generic absoluteness, let  $\delta < \gamma$  be a Woodin cardinal; let  $g$  be  $< \delta$  generic over  $V$  and  $h$  be  $< \delta^+$  generic over  $V[g]$ . We want to show that if  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$

$$V[g] \models \theta[y, x] \Leftrightarrow V[g][h] \models \theta[y, x].$$

There are  $G_0, G_1 \subseteq Col(\omega, < \gamma)$  such that  $G_0$  is generic over  $V[g]$  and  $G_1$  is generic over  $V[g][h]$  with the property that  $\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^* = \mathbb{R}_{G_1}^*$  and furthermore, if  $\eta < \gamma$  is a limit of Woodin cardinals above  $\delta$ , then  $\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^* \upharpoonright \eta = \mathbb{R}_{G_1}^* \upharpoonright \eta$ <sup>3</sup>. Such  $G_0$  and  $G_1$  exist since  $h$  is generic over  $V[g]$  and  $\delta < \gamma$ . But this means letting  $\mathcal{F}_i$  be the tail filter defined from  $G_i$  respectively then  $L(\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^*, \mathcal{F}_0) = L(\mathbb{R}_{G_1}^*, \mathcal{F}_1)$ . The proof of Lemma 2.2 implies that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C})^{V[g]}$  is embeddable into  $L(\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^*, \mathcal{F}_0)$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C})^{V[g][h]}$  is embeddable into  $L(\mathbb{R}_{G_1}^*, \mathcal{F}_1)$ . This proves generic absoluteness. This gives us that  $B \cap \mathbb{R}^V \in Hom_{< \gamma}^V$  and  $B \cap \mathbb{R}^V$  is a  $\psi$ -witness. Hence we're done.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\gamma, \mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*$  be defined as above. Then  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models AD^+$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then any failure of  $AD^+$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  can be expressed in the form

$$(HC^*, \in, B) \models \psi[x]$$

for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , some  $B \in L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , and some formula  $\psi$ . Using Lemma 2.3, we can get a  $\psi$ -witness  $B$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  such that  $B = C^*$ , where  $C \in Hom_{< \gamma}^{V[g]}$  for some  $< \gamma$  generic  $g$  such that  $x \in V[g]$  and  $C^*$  is the canonical blowup of  $C$  in the sense of [9]. The lemma then follows verbatim from the proof of Theorem 6.1 from Lemma 6.4 in [9].  $\square$

Now assume  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{“}AD + \mu \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})\text{”}$ . We prove that in a generic extension of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , there is a class model  $N$  such that

1.  $N \models ZFC +$  there are  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals;
2. letting  $\lambda$  be the sup of the Woodin cardinals of  $N$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  can be realized as the symmetric reals over  $N$  via  $Col(\omega, < \lambda)$ ;

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<sup>3</sup> $\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^*$  is the symmetric reals defined by  $G_0$  and similarly for  $\mathbb{R}_{G_1}^*$ .  $\mathbb{R}_{G_0}^* \upharpoonright \eta = \mathbb{R}^{V[g][G_0 \cap Col(\omega, < \eta)]}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{G_1}^* \upharpoonright \eta = \mathbb{R}^{V[g][h][G_1 \cap Col(\omega, < \eta)]}$ .



3. letting  $\mathcal{F}$  be the tail filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  in  $N[G]$  where  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \lambda)$  is a generic over  $N$  such that  $\mathbb{R}$  is the symmetric reals induced by  $G$ ,  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$ .

The proof is given in Lemma 2.6. First we introduce some notions. Assume  $\text{AD}^+$ . Let  $T$  be a tree on  $\omega \times \text{OR}$  whose projection is a universal  $\Sigma_1^2$  set. For any real  $x$ , by a  $\Sigma_1^2$  degree  $d_x$ , we mean the equivalence class of all  $y$  such that  $L[T, y] = L[T, x]$ . Woodin has shown that the notion of  $\Sigma_1^2$  degrees does not depend on the choice of  $T$ . In fact, we can define  $d_x$  to be the equivalence class of all  $y$  such that  $\text{HOD}_y = \text{HOD}_x$ . If  $d_1, d_2$  are  $\Sigma_1^2$  degrees, we say  $d_1 \leq d_2$  if for any  $x \in d_1$  and  $y \in d_2$ ,  $x \in L[T, y]$ .  $d_1 < d_2$  iff  $d_1 \leq d_2$  and  $d_1 \neq d_2$ . For any reals  $x, y$ , we say  $d_x = d_y$  or  $x \equiv y$  iff  $d_x \leq d_y$  and  $d_y \leq d_x$ . Just like with Turing cones, we define  $\Sigma_1^2$  cones to be sets of the form  $C_d = \{e \mid d \leq e\}$  for some  $\Sigma_1^2$  degree  $d$ .

**Theorem 2.5** (Woodin, see [3]). *Assume  $\text{AD}^+$ . Let  $R, S$  be sets of ordinals. Then for a (Turing or  $\Sigma_1^2$ ) cone of  $x$ ,  $\text{HOD}_R^{L[R, S, x]} \models \omega_2^{L[R, S, x]}$  is a Woodin cardinal.*

**Lemma 2.6.** *There is a forcing notion  $\mathbb{P}$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and there is an  $N$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)^{\mathbb{P}}$  satisfying (1)-(3) above.*

*Proof.* First, by arguments from [17], in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ ,

$$\Theta = \theta_0 + L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})) \models \Theta = \theta_0 + \text{MC}. \quad ^4$$

Hence  $\Sigma_1^2$  is the largest Suslin pointclass in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and by Theorem 17.1 of [11], every set of reals in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is contained in an  $\mathbb{R}$ -mouse<sup>5</sup>. Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , fix a tree  $T$  for a universal  $\Sigma_1^2$  set as before (we may take  $T$  to be  $OD$  in  $L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ ). Let

$$\mathbb{D} = \{\langle d_i \mid i < \omega \rangle \mid \forall i (d_i \text{ is a } \Sigma_1^2 \text{ degree and } d_i < d_{i+1})\}.$$

Next, we define a measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathbb{D}$ . We say

$A \in \nu$  iff for any  $\infty$ -Borel code  $S$  for  $A$ ,

$$\forall_\mu \sigma \ L[T, S](\sigma) \models \text{“AD}^+ + \sigma = \mathbb{R} + \exists(\emptyset, U) \in \mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}(\emptyset, U) \Vdash \dot{G} \in \mathcal{A}_S\text{”}.$$

In the definition of  $\nu$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}$  is the usual Prikry forcing using the  $\Sigma_1^2$  degrees (see, e.g., Section 6.2 of [3]) and the cone measure in  $L[T, S](\sigma)$ ,  $\dot{G}$  is the name for the corresponding Prikry sequence,  $\mathcal{A}_S$  is the set of reals coded by  $S$ . Note that:

<sup>4</sup>MC is the statement that whenever  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $x$  is  $OD_y$ , then there is a sound mouse  $\mathcal{M}$  over  $y$  such that  $\rho(\mathcal{M}) = \omega$  and  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ .

<sup>5</sup> $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -mouse if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a premouse over  $\mathbb{R}$  in the sense of [12],  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\omega$ -sound,  $\rho(\mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{R}$ , and the transitive collapse of every countable substructure of  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $(\omega, 1, \omega_1 + 1)$ -iterable.

- (a) for all set of ordinals  $S$ ,  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma L[T, S](\sigma) \models \text{“AD}^+ + \sigma = \mathbb{R}\text{”}$ ;
- (b) whether  $A \in \nu$  does not depend on the choice of  $S$ ;
- (c) for  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ , let  $A^* = \{d \in \mathbb{D} \mid \cup d \in A\}$ <sup>6</sup>, then  $A \in \mu \Leftrightarrow A^* \in \nu$ .

We verify (b). Let  $S_0, S_1$  be  $\infty$ -Borel codes for  $A$ . Let  $T^\infty = \prod_\sigma T/\mu$  and  $S_i^\infty = \prod_\sigma S_i/\mu$  be the ultraproducts by  $\mu$ .

**Claim.**  $L[T^\infty, S_0^\infty](\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = L[T^\infty, S_1^\infty](\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

*Proof.* To see this, first observe that by MC in  $L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap Lp(\mathbb{R})$  by [11, Theorem 17.1]<sup>7</sup>; the second observation is by Los,  $Lp(\mathbb{R}) = \prod_\sigma Lp(\sigma)/\mu$ ; the final observation is  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma L[T, S_0](\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) = L[T, S_1](\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) = OD(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) = Lp(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma)$ .

To see the final observation, note that for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $L[T^\infty, S_i^\infty](\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) = Lp(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ , so by Los,  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma L[T, S_i](\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) \subseteq Lp(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma)$ . To see the converse, it suffices to prove the following claim, whose proof is based on an unpublished note of J.R. Steel.

**Subclaim.** In  $L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ , there is a real  $z$  such that whenever  $a$  is countable, transitive and  $z \in a$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(a) \cap L[T, a] = \mathcal{P}(a) \cap OD(a)$ <sup>8</sup>.

*Proof.* First we prove that: on a cone of reals  $z$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \cap L[T, z] = \mathbb{R} \cap OD(z)$ . To prove this, first let

$$A(z, n, m) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{R} (y \in OD(z) \setminus L[T, z]) \wedge \text{letting } y_z \text{ be the } OD(z)\text{-least such } y, \text{ then } y_z(n) = m.$$

Now it is a basic  $\text{AD}^+$  fact that since  $\Theta = \theta_0$ , there is a real  $z_0$  such that for all  $z$  Turing above  $z_0$ ,  $A \cap L[T, z] \in L[T, z]$  (in other words, the (boldface) envelope of  $\Sigma_1^2$  is  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ ). For any such  $z$ ,  $OD(z) \cap \mathbb{R} = L[T, z] \cap \mathbb{R}$ . To see this, if not, then  $y_z(n) = m$  if and only if  $A(z, n, m)$ . So  $y_z$  is computable from  $A \cap L[T, z]$  so  $y_z$  is in  $L[T, z]$ . This contradicts the definition of  $y_z$ .

Take  $z_0$  to be the base of the cone in the above argument. For any countable transitive  $a$  such that  $z_0 \in a$ , a set  $b \subseteq a$  is  $OD(a)$  just in case for comeager many enumerations  $g$  of  $a$  (in order type  $\omega$ ),  $b$  is  $OD(g)$ . This and the above argument give the subclaim.  $\square$

The subclaim and MC give

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma Lp(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) = OD(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma) \subseteq L[T, S_i](\sigma) \cap \mathcal{P}(\sigma).$$

<sup>6</sup>Say  $d = \langle d_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ ; then  $\cup d = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \exists n x \in L[T, d_n]\}$ .

<sup>7</sup>In [12],  $Lp(\mathbb{R})$  is denoted  $K(\mathbb{R})$  and is the stack of all  $\mathbb{R}$ -mice.

<sup>8</sup>We remind the reader that  $T$  is  $OD$ ; so  $OD(a) = OD(T, a)$ .

This completes the proof of the third observation. The three observations give us the claim.  $\square$

The claim gives us that the  $\mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}$  forcing relations in these models are the same, in particular,  $L[T^\infty, S_0^\infty](\mathbb{R}) \models \exists(\emptyset, U) \in \mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}(\emptyset, U) \Vdash \dot{G} \in \mathcal{A}_{S_0^\infty}$  if and only if  $L[T^\infty, S_1^\infty](\mathbb{R}) \models \exists(\emptyset, U) \in \mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}(\emptyset, U) \Vdash \dot{G} \in \mathcal{A}_{S_1^\infty}$ . This gives us (b). (a) follows from the claim and Los theorem.

To see (c), suppose  $A \in \mu$ . Let  $S$  be an  $\infty$ -Borel code for  $A^*$ . By (a),

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma (\sigma \in A \wedge L[T, S^*](\sigma) \models \text{“AD}^+ + \sigma = \mathbb{R}\text{”}).$$

For any such  $\sigma$ , if  $d$  is the sequence of degrees corresponding to a  $\mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_1^2}$ -generic over  $L[T, S^*](\sigma)$ , then clearly  $\cup d = \sigma \in A$  since  $d$  is cofinal in the  $\Sigma_1^2$  degrees of  $L[T, S^*](\sigma)$ . This means  $d \in A^*$ . This gives  $A^* \in \nu$ . The converse is proved using the proof of the forward direction applied to  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus A$ . This finishes the proof of (c).

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the usual Prikry forcing using  $\nu$  (cf. [3]). First let  $\nu_1 = \nu$ , for  $n > 0$ , let  $\nu_n$  be the product measure induced by  $\nu_0$  on  $\mathbb{D}^{n+1}$ ; that is  $\nu_n(Z) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \forall_\nu^* d_0 \cdots \forall_\nu^* d_n \langle d_0, \dots, d_n \rangle \in Z$ . Conditions in  $\mathbb{P}$  are pairs  $(p, U)$  where for some  $n \in \omega$ ,  $p = \langle \vec{d}^i \mid i \leq n \wedge \vec{d}^i \in \mathbb{D} \wedge \vec{d}^i \in d^{i+1}(0)^9 \rangle$  and  $U$  is such that for all  $n < \omega$ ,  $U(n) \subseteq \mathbb{D}^{n+1}$  and  $\nu_n(U(n)) = 1$ .  $(p, U) \leq_{\mathbb{P}} (q, W)$  if  $p$  end extends  $q$ , say  $p = q \hat{\ } r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{D}^n$ , and for all  $k$  and all  $s \in U(k)$ ,  $r \hat{\ } s \in W(n+k)$ .  $\mathbb{P}$  has the usual Prikry property, that is given any condition  $(p, U)$ , a term  $\tau$ , a formula  $\varphi(x)$ , we can find a  $(p, U') \leq_{\mathbb{P}} (p, U)$  such that  $(p, U')$  decides the value of  $\varphi[\tau]$ ; furthermore,  $(p, U')$  is ordinal definable from  $p, U, \tau$  (see [13] or Section 6 of [3] for a proof). Let  $G$  be  $\mathbb{P}$  generic. We identify  $G$  with the union of the stems of conditions in  $G$ , i.e.,  $G$  is identified with  $\langle \vec{d}^i \mid i < \omega \wedge \exists U(\langle d^j \mid j \leq i \rangle, U) \in G \rangle$ . We need some notations before proceeding. We write  $V$  for  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  (and use them interchangeably); for any  $g \in \mathbb{D}$ , let  $\omega_1^g = \sup_i \omega_1^{L[T^\infty, g^{(i)]}}$  and  $\delta(g \upharpoonright i) = \omega_2^{L[T^\infty, g^{[i]}]}$  (note that  $\delta(g \upharpoonright i)$  doesn't depend on the representatives for the degrees in  $g$ ). To produce a model with  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals, we use Theorem 2.5.

For any countable transitive  $a$  which admits a well-ordering rudimentary in  $a$  and for any real  $x$  coding  $a$ , let

$$Q_a^x = \text{HOD}_{T^\infty, a}^{L[T^\infty, x]} \upharpoonright (\delta(x) + 1).$$

The expression on the right hand side above stands for  $V_{\delta(x)+1} \cap \text{HOD}_{T^\infty, a}^{L[T^\infty, x]}$ . Note that  $Q_a^x$  only depends on the degree of  $x$ ; hence for a cone of  $\Sigma_1^2$ -degree  $e$ ,  $Q_a^e = Q_a^x$  for all  $x \in a$ . Let  $a$  be a base of the cone in the subclaim above. We now let

$$Q_0^0 = Q_a^{\vec{d}^0(0)},$$

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<sup>9</sup>We abuse notation here to mean  $\vec{d}^i \in L[T, d^{i+1}(0)]$  and is countable there.

and

$$\delta_0^0 = \delta(d^{\vec{0}}(0)).$$

For  $i < \omega$ , let

$$Q_{i+1}^0 = Q_{Q_i^0}^{d^{\vec{0}}(i+1)},$$

and

$$\delta_{i+1}^0 = \delta(d^{\vec{0}}(i+1)).$$

This finishes the first block. Let  $Q_\omega^0 = \cup_i Q_i^0$ . In general, we let

$$Q_0^{j+1} = Q_{Q_\omega^j}^{d^{j\vec{+1}}(0)},$$

and

$$\delta_0^{j+1} = \delta(d^{j\vec{+1}}(0)).$$

For  $i < \omega$ , let

$$Q_{i+1}^{j+1} = Q_{Q_i^{j+1}}^{d^{j\vec{+1}}(i+1)},$$

and

$$\delta_{i+1}^{j+1} = \delta(d^{j\vec{+1}}(i+1)).$$

In  $V[G]$ , let

$$N =_{\text{def}} L[T^\infty, \langle Q_j^i \mid i, j < \omega \rangle]$$

Note that  $N$  can be defined in  $\text{HOD}_{\{G\}}^{(V[G], V)}$ . We claim that

$$N \models \delta_j^i \text{ is a Woodin cardinal for all } i, j < \omega.$$

The claim follows from the following observations.

- (a) For all  $i, j < \omega$ ,  $Q_0^{j+1} \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_i^j) = Q_i^j \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_i^j) = Q_{i+1}^j \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_i^j)$ .
- (b) For  $i, j < \omega$ ,  $N \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_j^i) = Q_j^i \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_j^i)$ .

The second equality of (a) follows from basic facts about Prikry forcing (see Section 6.2 of [3]). Also from [3], we get  $L[T^\infty, Q_\omega^i] \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_j^i) = Q_j^i \cap \mathcal{P}(\delta_j^i)$  for all  $i, j < \omega$ .

For the first equality, it's enough to prove:  $(\dagger) \equiv$  "for any  $n$ , for a cone of  $d$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n) \cap L[T^\infty, Q_\omega^n] = \mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n) \cap L[T^\infty, d]$ ".  $(\dagger)$  easily implies the first equality of (a). To see  $(\dagger)$ , suppose not. Note that  $\mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n) \cap L[T^\infty, Q_\omega^n] = \mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n) \cap L[T, Q_\omega^n]$  and  $L[T^\infty, d] \cap \mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n) = L[T, d] \cap \mathcal{P}(Q_\omega^n)$  by Los theorem. Working in  $L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ , for a cone of  $d$ , let  $b_d$  be the least  $b \subseteq Q_\omega^n$  in  $L[T, d] \setminus L[T, Q_\omega^n]$  (the minimality of  $b_d$  is in terms of the canonical well-ordering of

$L[T, d]$ ). Since  $Q_\omega^n$  is countable, there is a  $b$  and a cone of  $d$  such that  $b = b_d$ , so  $b$  is  $OD_{Q_\omega^n}$ . This means  $b \in L[T, Q_\omega^n]$  (by the subclaim and the choice of  $Q_0^0$ ). Contradiction.

Now to see (b), we use the Prikry property of  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $A \subseteq \delta_j^i$  be in  $N$ . Then  $A$  is ordinal definable in  $V[G]$  from  $\{T^\infty, \langle Q_j^i \mid i, j < \omega \rangle\}$ . Let  $\dot{Q}$  be the canonical forcing term for  $\langle Q_j^i \mid i, j < \omega \rangle$  and  $\varphi(v, \hat{t}, \dot{Q})$  be a formula in the forcing language with only  $v$  free and  $t \in \text{OR}^{<\omega} \cup \{T^\infty\}$  such that  $\varphi$  defines  $A$  over  $V[G]$  from  $t$  and  $\langle Q_j^i \mid i, j < \omega \rangle$ . Let  $(p, U) \in G$  with  $\text{dom}(p) > i$ . By the fact that  $\delta_j^i$  is countable, the Prikry property gives a condition  $(p, Y) \leq (p, U)$  such that  $(p, Y)$  decides  $\varphi(\hat{\eta}, \hat{t}, \dot{Q})$  for all  $\eta < \delta_j^i$ . By density, we may fix such a  $(p, Y) \in G$ . Letting  $n + 1 = \text{dom}(p)$ , we claim

$$\eta \in A \Leftrightarrow \exists r \in \mathbb{D}^{\text{dom}(p)+1} \exists X (r, X) \Vdash \varphi(\hat{\eta}, \hat{t}, \dot{Q}) \wedge \forall i \leq n \forall j < \omega Q_j^i = (Q_j^i)^r,$$

where in the above  $(Q_j^i)^r$  is the model  $Q_j^i$  defined relative to the sequence of degrees given by  $r$  (over the set  $a$  specified above). If the equivalence holds, then  $A$  is  $OD$  from  $T^\infty$  and  $\langle Q_j^i \mid j < \omega \wedge i \leq n \rangle$ . By the proof of (a), we get that  $A \in Q_j^i$ , which is what we want to prove. We've already shown the  $\Rightarrow$  direction. To see the converse, suppose  $(r, X)$  is as on the right hand clause but  $\eta \notin A$ , then we have  $(p, Y) \Vdash \neg \varphi(\hat{\eta}, \hat{t}, \dot{Q})$ . Letting  $Z(n) = X(n) \cap Y(n)$ , we have  $(r, Z) \leq (r, X)$  and  $(p, Z) \leq (p, Y)$ . Let  $H \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  be  $V$ -generic with  $(p, Z) \in H$  and  $p \hat{\smallfrown} \langle e_i \mid i > n \rangle$  be the Prikry sequence determined by  $H$ . It's easy to see that  $r \hat{\smallfrown} \langle e_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  is a Prikry sequence giving rise to a generic  $I$  such that

$$(r, Z) \in I \wedge V[H] = V[I].$$

But then since  $(Q_j^i)^r = (Q_j^i)^p$  for all  $j < \omega, i \leq n$ ,  $\dot{Q}^H = \dot{Q}^I$ ; and so both  $\varphi(\hat{\eta}, \hat{t}, \dot{Q})$  and its negation hold in  $V[H]$ . Contradiction.<sup>10</sup>

Letting  $\lambda = \sup_{i,j} \delta_j^i$  and  $\gamma_i = \sup_{j < \omega} \delta_j^i$ , by the construction of  $N$ , there is a  $H \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \lambda)$  generic over  $N$  such that  $\mathbb{R}_H^* = \mathbb{R}^V$ . To see this, it suffices to see that every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^V$  is  $N$ -generic for some poset in  $V_\lambda^N$ . Pick  $n$  such that  $x \in L[T^\infty, y]$  for some (any)  $y \in \vec{d}^n(0)$ . In  $L[T^\infty, y]$ ,  $x$  is generic over  $\text{HOD}_{T^\infty, \langle Q_j^i \mid i < n \wedge j < \omega \rangle}$  for the Vopenka poset  $\mathbb{B}$  (this gives also  $\mathbb{B} \in N$ ). A theorem of Becker and Woodin states that on a cone of  $x$ ,  $L[T^\infty, x]$  satisfies  $2^\alpha = \alpha^+$  for all  $\alpha < \omega_1^V$ . Since we can work in that cone from the beginning (i.e. can demand  $\vec{d}^0(0)$  is in the cone), in  $L[T, y]$ ,  $2^\omega = \omega_1$  and  $2^{\omega_1} = \omega_2 = \delta_0^n$ . Hence in  $L[T, y]$ ,  $|\mathbb{B}| = \delta_0^n < \lambda$ . Furthermore, since  $Q_0^n = V_{\delta_0^n+1}^N$ ,  $x$  is  $\mathbb{B}$ -generic over  $M$ . We're done.

Recall  $G$  is the sequence  $\langle \vec{d}^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ . For each  $i < \omega$ , let  $\sigma_i = \cup_{\alpha < \gamma_i} \mathbb{R}^{H|\alpha} = \cup \vec{d}^i$ <sup>11</sup>. In  $N[H]$ , let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the tail filter defined by the sequence  $\langle \sigma_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ . It remains to see that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$ . For this it's enough to show  $\mu \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ .

<sup>10</sup>We note that there is a canonical name  $\dot{N}$  for  $N$  and the proof above gives a condition of the form  $(0, U)$  forcing that  $\dot{N}$  has  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals.

<sup>11</sup> $\cup \vec{d}^i$  is union of all reals in a degree in  $\vec{d}^i$ .

Let  $A \in \mu$ . Then  $A^* = \{d \in \mathbb{D} \mid \cup d \in A\} \in \nu$ . Since  $\mathbb{P}$  is the Prikry forcing relative to  $\nu$ ,  $\exists n \forall m \geq n \vec{d}^m \in A^*$ ; this means  $\exists n \forall m \geq n \sigma_m \in A$ . This implies  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . On the other hand, if  $A \notin \mu$  then  $\nu(A^*) = 0$ . This implies  $\neg A \in \mathcal{F}$ . So  $\mu \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* The (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) direction follows from Lemmas 2.4 and 2.2. The (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) direction follows from Lemma 2.6  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Let  $N, \lambda, G, \mathcal{F}$  be defined as in the paragraph after the proof of Lemma 2.4. In  $N[G]$ , let  $D = L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$ <sup>12</sup> where  $\Gamma = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid A \in N(\mathbb{R}) \wedge L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+\}$ . Woodin has shown that  $D \models \text{AD}^+$  and  $\Gamma = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})^D$  (see [20]). Letting  $T^\infty$  be defined as in the proof of Lemma 2.6, we already know  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(T^\infty, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \Gamma$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$ . Also, by the proof of Lemma 2.2 and the  $\Rightarrow$  direction of Theorem 1.1,  $\mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{C} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the club filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  in  $N[G]$ .

Suppose  $(L(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu) \models \phi$  where  $\phi$  is a  $\Sigma_1$  statement. Then since  $\Theta$  is regular in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , there is a  $\kappa < \Theta$  such that  $(L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu \cap L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)) \models \phi$ . There is a set  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  such that  $B$  codes the structure  $(L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu \cap L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu))$  and hence there is a  $\varphi$  such that

$$(L(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu) \models \phi \Leftrightarrow (HC, \in, B) \models \varphi.$$

Such a  $B$  is called a  $\varphi$ -witness as before. We let  $\gamma_0$  be the least such that  $L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  ordinal defines a  $\varphi$ -witness. By minimizing the ordinal parameters, we assume then that the  $\varphi$ -witness  $B$  is definable over  $L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  by  $(\Phi, x)$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is

$$y \in B \Leftrightarrow L_{\gamma_0}(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \Phi[y, x].$$

By the construction of  $N$  and the proof of Lemma 2.3, there is  $\alpha < \lambda$  and a  $B \in \text{Hom}_{< \lambda}^{N[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}$  such that

$$(HC^{N[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}, \in, B) \models \varphi.$$

But  $(HC^{N[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}, \in, B) \prec (HC, \in, B^*)$  where  $B^* \in (\delta_1^2)^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$  is the canonical blowup of  $B$  by Lemma 6.3 of [9].<sup>13</sup> This gives us a  $\kappa < \delta_1^2$  such that  $(L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu \cap L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)) \models \phi$ .<sup>14</sup> Since  $\phi$  is  $\Sigma_1$ , we have  $(L_{\delta_1^2}(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu \cap L_{\delta_1^2}(\mathbb{R}, \mu)) \models \phi$ .

<sup>12</sup> $D$  is called the “new derived model” of  $N$  at  $\lambda$ .

<sup>13</sup>To see this, first note that  $B^* \in L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . By Theorem 4.3 of [9],  $B$  has a  $\text{Hom}_{< \lambda}^{N[G \upharpoonright \alpha]}$ -scale and so does  $\neg B$ . This fact is projective in  $B$  so the structure  $(HC, \in, B^*)$  sees that  $B^*, \neg B^*$  both have a scale. Hence  $B^* \in (\delta_1^2)^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$ .

<sup>14</sup>The proof of Lemma 2.3, in particular, the definition of the formula  $\theta(u, v)$  there, tells us that  $B$  codes a structure of the form  $(L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \nu), \nu)$  where  $\nu$  comes from the club filter in  $N[G \upharpoonright \alpha]$  and  $\kappa < \delta_1^2$  so in fact  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \nu) = L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and  $\mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \nu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \nu)$ .

This finishes the proof of (1) in Theorem 1.2. (2) of Theorem 1.2 is also a corollary of the proof of Lemma 2.6. One first modifies the definition of  $\mathbb{P}$  in Lemma 2.6 by redefining the set  $U$  in the condition  $(p, U)$  to be:  $U(2n) \in \nu_0$  and  $U(2n+1) \in \nu_1$  for all  $n$  where  $\nu_i$  is defined from  $\mu_i$  in the exact way that  $\nu$  is defined from  $\mu$  in the proof of Lemma 2.6. Everything else in the proof of the lemma stays the same. This implies  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_0) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_1) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = \mathcal{F}$ . To see this, just note that since we already know

$$L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}) \models \text{AD}^+ + \mathcal{F} \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}),$$

it suffices to show if  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  then  $A \in \mu_0$  and  $A \in \mu_1$ . Suppose there is an  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \in \mu_0$  and  $A \notin \mu_1$  (the cases  $A \in \mu_1 \setminus \mu_0$  and  $A \notin \mu_0 \cap \mu_1$  are handled similarly). Let

$$A^* = \{d \in \mathbb{D} \mid \cup d \in A\}.$$

Then  $A^* \in \nu_0 \setminus \nu_1$ . For any condition  $(p, U)$ , just shrink  $U$  to  $U^*$  by setting  $U^*(2n) = U(2n) \cap A^*$  and  $U^*(2n+1) = U(2n+1) \cap \neg A^*$ . Then  $(p, U^*) \Vdash A \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Contradiction. This finishes the proof of Theorem 1.2.  $\square$

### 3 The HOD analysis

Throughout this section, we assume  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{AD}^+$ . The following theorem is due to Woodin.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{AD}^+ + \mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , there is a set  $A \subseteq \Theta$  such that  $\text{HOD} = L[A]$ .*

*Proof.* Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , let  $N = L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$ . Note that  $\Theta^N = \Theta$  and  $N \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta = \theta_0$  (see [17]). By general  $\text{AD}^+$  theory,

1.  $\text{HOD}^N = L[B]$  for some  $B \subseteq \Theta$  in  $\text{HOD}^N$ ;
2.  $\text{HOD}^N[x] = \text{HOD}_x^N$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\delta = \delta_1^2$ . Since  $\mu \cap L_\delta(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$  is the club filter,  $N \upharpoonright \delta = L_\delta(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$  and hence  $\text{HOD}^N$  and  $\text{HOD}$  agree up to  $\delta$  by  $\Sigma_1$ -reflection. Again, by general  $\text{AD}^+$  theory,  $\delta$  is strong to  $\Theta$  via embeddings given by measures (see [3]) and these measures are unique (and hence  $OD$ ) in  $N$ , hence  $\text{HOD}^N$  and  $\text{HOD}$  agree up to  $\Theta$ . The same conclusion holds for  $\text{HOD}_x^N$  and  $\text{HOD}_x$ .<sup>15</sup> This is key to our proof.

Let  $j : \text{HOD} \rightarrow M$  be the ultrapower embedding given by  $\mu$  using all functions in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .  $j$  is definable from  $\mu$ . By Theorem 1.2,  $\mu$  is unique hence  $j$  is  $OD$ . Similarly,  $\mu$  also induces an embedding  $j_x : \text{HOD}_x \rightarrow M_x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $\text{HOD}^N[x] = \text{HOD}^N[G_x]$  for a

<sup>15</sup>This has a consequence that Mouse Capturing holds in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  since Mouse Capturing holds in  $N$

generic  $G_x$  for the Vopenka algebra whose elements are OD  $\infty$ -Borel codes. By (2) and the fact that  $\text{HOD}[x]^N \upharpoonright \Theta = \text{HOD}[x] \upharpoonright \Theta$ ,  $j$ 's restriction on bounded subsets of  $\Theta$  can compute  $j_x$ 's restriction on bounded subsets of  $\Theta$ .

**Claim:**  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R}) = L[A](\mathbb{R})$  for some  $A \subseteq \text{OR}$  in  $\text{HOD}$ .<sup>16</sup>

*Proof.* The second equality is clear since  $\text{HOD}^N = L[B]$  for some  $B \subseteq \Theta$  so now we prove the first equality. First it's easy to see that

$$L[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R}) = L[\text{HOD}_x^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R}) = L[\text{HOD}^N[x], j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R}) \quad (*)$$

Let  $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ . Note that  $X \in N$ . To see whether  $X$  is in  $\mu$ , let  $S$  be an  $\infty$ -Borel code for  $X$ .  $S$  is a bounded subset of  $\Theta$ . First suppose  $S$  is OD in  $N$ . So  $X \in \mu$  if and only if whenever  $g \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, \mathbb{R})$  is generic over  $L[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R})$ , in  $L[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R})[g]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  is in the set with code  $j(S)$ . The case where  $S$  is  $\text{OD}_x^N$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  can be handled by using (\*). This means  $L[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta](\mathbb{R})$  can compute  $\mu$  by consulting the homogeneous forcing  $\text{Col}(\omega, \mathbb{R})$ ; this gives us the first equality.  $\square$

Pick a large  $\gamma$  and consider the elementary substructure  $Z$  of  $L_\gamma[\text{HOD}^N, j \upharpoonright \Theta]$  consisting of elements definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  from  $\{\text{HOD}^N, j\}$ , reals, and ordinals less than  $\Theta$ . Hence  $Z$  is OD and has size at most  $\Theta$ . Let  $j^*$  be the transitive collapse of  $j$ . Note that

$$\text{HOD}^N = L[B]$$

for some  $B \subseteq \Theta$  and since  $\Theta \subseteq Z$ ,  $B$  collapses to itself. Hence there is a set  $A \subseteq \Theta$  in  $\text{HOD}$  such that  $L[\text{HOD}^N, j^*] \subseteq L[A]$  and it's easy to see that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L[\text{HOD}^N, j^*](\mathbb{R}) = L[A](\mathbb{R})$ . Now since

$$V_\Theta^{L[\text{HOD}^N, j^*]} = V_\Theta^{\text{HOD}^N} = V_\Theta^{\text{HOD}},$$

there is a  $\Theta$ -c.c. forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  ( $\mathbb{P}$  is a variation of the Vopenka algebra) such that we have  $L[A] \subseteq \text{HOD} \subseteq L[A](\mathbb{R}) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is the symmetric part of  $L[A][g]$  where  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P} \in L[A]$  is generic over  $\text{HOD}$  (such a  $g$  exists). This implies  $\text{HOD} = L[A]$  hence completes our proof of the theorem.  $\square$

We further assume  $\mu$  comes from the club filter in  $V$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}^\sharp$  exists and has unique  $(\omega, \omega_1, \omega_1 + 1)$  iteration strategy in all generic extensions of  $V$ .<sup>17</sup> We'll show how to get rid of these assumptions later on. We first show how to iterate  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}$  to realize  $\mu$  as the tail filter.

<sup>16</sup>By  $j \upharpoonright \Theta$  we mean the set of  $(a, \gamma)$  such that  $a \in V_\Theta^{\text{HOD}}$  and  $\gamma \in j(a)$

<sup>17</sup>In fact, it's enough to assume  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}^\sharp$  to be iterable in  $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))}$ .



**Lemma 3.2.** *There is an iterate  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$  such that letting  $\lambda$  be the limit of  $\mathcal{N}$ 's Woodin cardinals,  $\mathbb{R}$  can be realized as the symmetric reals over  $\mathcal{N}$  at  $\lambda$  and letting  $\mathcal{F}$  be the tail filter over  $\mathcal{N}$  at  $\lambda$ ,  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta_i$  be the sup of the first  $\omega_i$  Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$  and  $\gamma = \sup_i \delta_i$ . Let  $\xi \geq \omega_1$  be such that  $H(\xi) \models \text{ZFC}^-$ . In  $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, H(\xi))}$ , let  $\langle X_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be an increasing and cofinal chain of countable (in  $V$ ) elementary substructures of  $H(\xi)$  and  $\sigma_i = \mathbb{R} \cap X_i$ . To construct the  $\mathcal{N}$  as in the statement of the lemma, we do an  $\mathbb{R}$ -genericity iteration (in  $V^{\text{Col}(\omega, H(\xi))}$ ) as follows. Let  $\mathcal{P}_0 = \mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}^\#$  and assume  $\mathcal{P}_0 \in X_0$ . For  $i > 0$ , let  $\mathcal{P}_i$  be the result of iterating  $\mathcal{P}_{i-1}$  in  $X_{i-1}$  in the window between the  $\omega(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  and  $\omega i^{\text{th}}$  Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{P}_{i-1}$  to make  $\sigma_{i-1}$  generic. We can make sure that each finite stage of the iteration is in  $X_{i-1}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_\omega$  be obtained from the direct limit of the  $\mathcal{P}_i$ 's and iterating the top extender out of the universe. Let  $\lambda$  be the limit of Woodin cardinals in  $\mathcal{P}_\omega$ . It's clear that there is a  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \lambda)$  generic over  $\mathcal{P}_\omega$  such that  $\mathbb{R} =_{\text{def}} \mathbb{R}^V$  is the symmetric reals over  $\mathcal{P}_\omega$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is in  $\mathcal{P}_\omega[G]$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the tail filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  defined over  $\mathcal{P}_\omega[G]$ . By section 2,  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}) \models \mathcal{F}$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

We want to show  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$ . To show this, it's enough to see that if  $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  is in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and  $A$  is a club (i.e.  $A \in \mu$ ) then  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^{<\omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in V$  witness that  $A$  is a club. By the choice of the  $X_i$ 's, there is an  $n$  such that for all  $m \geq n$ ,  $\pi \in X_m$  and hence  $\pi'' \sigma_m^{<\omega} \subseteq \sigma_m$ . This shows  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . This in turns implies  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}) = \mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .  $\square$

We fix some notation. For a nondropping iterate  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$ , let  $\gamma_i^{\mathcal{P}}$  be the supremum of the first  $\omega(i+1)$  Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\lambda^{\mathcal{P}} = \sup_{i < \omega} \gamma_i^{\mathcal{P}}$ . From this point on to the end of the section, we assume the reader has in hands a copy of [13]. Our construction follows closely that paper. There's no point in rewriting every detail there.

Let  $\mathcal{M}_\infty^+$  be the direct limit of all nondropping iterates (via countable stacks of countable normal trees)  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$  below the first Woodin cardinal and  $\mathcal{H}^+$  be the corresponding direct limit system. By definition,  $\mathcal{H}^+$  is countably directed and hence  $\mathcal{M}_\infty^+$  is well-founded. We'll define a direct limit system  $\mathcal{H}$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  that approximates  $\mathcal{H}^+$ . Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , we say  $\mathcal{P}$  is *suitable* if

1.  $\mathcal{P}$  has only one Woodin cardinal  $\delta^{\mathcal{P}}$ ;
2. it is full (with respect to mice), that is for all  $\xi < o(\mathcal{P})$  such that  $\xi$  is a cutpoint of  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $Lp(\mathcal{P}|\xi) \triangleleft \mathcal{P}$  and for all  $\xi \neq \delta^{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $Lp(\mathcal{P}|\xi) \models \xi$  is not Woodin and  $Lp(\mathcal{P}|\xi) \in \mathcal{P}$ ;
3.  $\mathcal{P} = Lp_\omega(\mathcal{P}|\delta^{\mathcal{P}})$ .

The following definition comes from Definition 6.21 in [13].

**Definition 3.3.** Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , we let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the collection of all functions  $f$  such that  $f$  is an ordinal definable function with domain the set of all countable, suitable  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $\forall \mathcal{P} \in \text{dom}(f)(f(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \delta^{\mathcal{P}})$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Suppose  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{O}^{<\omega}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  is suitable, and  $\text{dom}(\vec{f}) = n$ . Let

$$\gamma_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f})} = \sup\{Hull^{\mathcal{P}}(\vec{f}(0)(\mathcal{P}), \dots, \vec{f}(n-1)(\mathcal{P})) \cap \delta^{\mathcal{P}}\},$$

and

$$H_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f})} = Hull^{\mathcal{P}}(\gamma_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f})} \cup \{\vec{f}(0)(\mathcal{P}), \dots, \vec{f}(n-1)(\mathcal{P})\}).$$

We refer to reader to Section 6.3 of [13] for the definitions of  $\vec{f}$ -iterability, strong  $\vec{f}$ -iterability. The only difference between our situation and the situation in [13] is that our notions of “suitable”, “short”, “maximal”, “short tree iterable” etc. are relative to the pointclass  $(\Sigma_1^2)^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$  instead of  $(\Sigma_1^2)^{L(\mathbb{R})}$  as in [13].

Now, let  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \in \mathcal{H}$  if  $\mathcal{P}$  is strongly  $\vec{f}$ -iterable. The ordering on  $\mathcal{H}$  is defined as follows:

$$(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \leq_{\mathcal{H}} (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g}) \Leftrightarrow \vec{f} \subseteq \vec{g} \wedge \mathcal{Q} \text{ is a psuedo-iterate of } \mathcal{P}.^{18}$$

Note that if  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \leq_{\mathcal{H}} (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g})$  then there is a natural embedding  $\pi_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}), (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g})} : H_{\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}} \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g}}$ . We need to see that  $\mathcal{H} \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{O}^{<\omega}$ . Then there is a  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof sketch.* For simplicity, assume  $\text{dom}(\vec{f}) = 1$ . The proof of this lemma is just like the proof of Theorem 6.29 in [13]. We only highlight the key changes that make that proof work here.

First let  $\nu, \mathbb{P}$  be as in the proof of Lemma 2.6. Let  $a$  be a countable transitive self-wellordered set and  $x$  be a real that codes  $a$ . We need to modify the  $Q_a^x$  defined in the proof of Lemma 2.6. Fix a coding of relativized premece by reals and write  $\mathcal{P}_z$  for the premouse coded by  $z$ . Then let

$$\mathcal{F}_a^x = \{\mathcal{P}_z \mid z \leq_T x \text{ and } \mathcal{P}_z \text{ is a suitable premouse over } a \text{ and } \mathcal{P}_z \text{ is short-tree iterable}\}.$$

Let

$$Q_a^x = Lp(Q_a^{x, -}),$$

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<sup>18</sup>See definition 6.20 of [13] for the definition of psuedo-iterate.

where  $\mathcal{Q}_a^{x,-}$  is the direct limit of the simultaneous comparison and  $\{y \mid y \leq_T x\}$ -genericity iteration of all  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{F}_a^x$ . The definition of  $\mathcal{Q}_a^x$  comes from Section 6.6 of [13]. As in the proof of Lemma 2.6, we have:

1. letting  $\langle \vec{d}^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be the generic sequence for  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\langle \mathcal{Q}_j^i \mid i, j < \omega \rangle$  be the sequence of models associated to  $\langle \vec{d}^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  as defined in the proof of Lemma 2.6, we have that the model  $N = L[T^\infty, \mathcal{M}^{\langle \vec{d}^i \rangle_i}] \models$  “there are  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals”, where  $\mathcal{M}^{\langle \vec{d}^i \rangle_i} = L[\cup_i \cup_j \mathcal{Q}_j^i]$ ;
2. letting  $\lambda$  be the sup of the Woodin cardinals of  $N$ , there is a  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \lambda)$ ,  $G$  is  $N$ -generic such that letting  $\mathbb{R}_G^*$  be the symmetric reals of  $N[G]$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be the tail filter defined over  $N[G]$ , then  $L(\mathbb{R}_G^*, \mathcal{F}) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mu$ .

The second key point is that whenever  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , we can then iterate  $\mathcal{P}$  to  $\mathcal{Q}$  (above any Woodin cardinal of  $\mathcal{P}$ ) so that  $\mathbb{R}^V$  can be realized as the symmetric reals for some  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \delta_{\omega_2}^Q)$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F})$  and  $\mu \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mathcal{F} \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the tail filter defined over  $\mathcal{Q}[G]$ . This is proved in Lemma 3.2.

We leave it to the reader to check that the proof of Theorem 6.29 of [13] goes through for our situation. This completes our sketch.  $\square$

**Remark:** The lemma above obviously shows  $\mathcal{H} \neq \emptyset$ . Its proof also shows for any  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{O}^{<\omega}$  and any  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{g}) \in \mathcal{H}$ , there is a  $\vec{g}$ -iterate  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is  $(\vec{f} \cup \vec{g})$ -strongly iterable.

Now we outline the proof that  $\mathcal{M}_\infty^+ \subseteq \text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$ . We follow the proof in Section 6.7 of [13]. Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is suitable and  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$ , let  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}, s}$  be the language of set theory expanded by constant symbols  $c_x$  for each  $x \in \mathcal{P} \upharpoonright \delta^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \{\mathcal{P}\}$  and  $d_x$  for each  $x$  in the range of  $s$ . Since  $s$  is finite, we can fix a coding of the syntax of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}, s}$  such that it is definable over  $\mathcal{P} \upharpoonright \delta^{\mathcal{P}}$  and the map  $x \mapsto c_x$  is definable over  $\mathcal{P} \upharpoonright \delta^{\mathcal{P}}$ . We continue to use  $\mathbb{P}$  to denote the Prikry forcing in Lemma 2.6.

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be suitable and  $s = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ . We set

$$T_s(\mathcal{P}) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}, s} \mid \exists p \in \mathbb{P} (p = (\emptyset, X) \wedge p \Vdash (\mathcal{M}^{\vec{d}_G}, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, x)_{x \in \mathcal{P} \upharpoonright \delta^{\mathcal{P}}} \models \phi)\}.$$

In the above definition,  $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{d}_G}$  is the canonical name for the model  $\mathcal{M}^{\langle \vec{d}^i \rangle_i}$  defined in Lemma 3.5 where  $\langle \vec{d}^i \rangle_i$  is the Prikry sequence given by a generic  $G \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ . Note that  $T_s(\mathcal{P})$  is a complete, consistent theory of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}, s}$  and if  $s \subseteq t$ , we can think of  $T_s(\mathcal{P})$  as a subtheory of  $T_t(\mathcal{P})$  in a natural way (after appropriately identifying the constant symbols of one with those of the other). Furthermore,  $T_s \in \mathcal{O}$  for any  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$  be the direct limit of  $\mathcal{H}$  under maps  $\pi_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}), (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g})}$  for  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \leq_{\mathcal{H}} (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{g})$ . Let  $\pi_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}), \infty} :$

$H_{\mathcal{P}, \bar{f}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\infty$  be the direct limit map. For each  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  which is strongly  $T_s$ -iterable, we let

$$T_s^* = \pi_{(\mathcal{P}, T_s), \infty}(T_s(\mathcal{P})).$$

Again,  $s \subseteq t$  implies  $T_s^* \subseteq T_t^*$ , so we let

$$T^* = \bigcup \{T_s^* \mid s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}\}.$$

We have that  $T^*$  is a complete, consistent, and Skolemized<sup>19</sup> theory of  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{L} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{N}_\infty, s} \mid s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}\}$ . We note that  $T^*$  is definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  because the map  $s \mapsto T_s^*$  is definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the unique pointwise definable  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure such that  $\mathcal{A} \models T^*$ . We show  $\mathcal{A}$  is wellfounded and let  $\mathcal{N}_\infty^+$  be the transitive collapse of  $\mathcal{A}$ , restricted to the language of premice.

**Lemma 3.7.**  $\mathcal{N}_\infty^+ = \mathcal{M}_\infty^+$

*Proof sketch.* We sketch the proof which completely mirrors the proof of Lemma 6.51 in [13]. Let  $\Sigma$  be the iteration strategy of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$  and  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}$  be the tail of  $\Sigma$  for a  $\Sigma$ -iterate  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$ . We will also use  $\langle \delta_\alpha^{\mathcal{P}} \mid \alpha < \omega^2 \rangle$  to denote the Woodin cardinals of a  $\Sigma$ -iterate  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$ . We write  $\mathcal{P}^- = \mathcal{P} | ((\delta_0^{\mathcal{P}})^{+\omega})^{\mathcal{P}}$ . Working in  $V^{Col(\omega, \mathbb{R})}$ , we define sequences  $\langle \mathcal{N}_k \mid k < \omega \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{N}_k^\omega \mid k < \omega \rangle$ ,  $\langle j_{k,l} \mid k \leq l < \omega \rangle$ ,  $\langle i_k \mid k < \omega \rangle$ ,  $\langle G_k \mid k < \omega \rangle$ , and  $\langle j_{k,l}^\omega \mid k \leq l < \omega \rangle$  such that

- (a)  $\mathcal{N}_k \in \mathcal{H}^+$  for all  $k$ ;
- (b) for all  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_{k+1}$  is a  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}_k}$ -iterate of  $\mathcal{N}_k$  (below the first Woodin cardinal of  $\mathcal{N}_k$ ) and the corresponding iteration map is  $j_{k,k+1}$ ;
- (c) the  $\mathcal{N}_k$ 's are cofinal in  $\mathcal{H}^+$ ;
- (d)  $i_k : \mathcal{N}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_k^\omega$  is an iteration map according to  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}_k}$  with critical point  $> \delta_0^{\mathcal{N}_k}$ ;
- (e)  $G_k$  is generic over  $\mathcal{N}_k^\omega$  for the symmetric collapse up to the sup of its Woodins and  $\mathbb{R}_{G_k}^* = \mathbb{R}^V$ ;
- (f)  $\mathcal{N}_k^\omega = \mathcal{M}^{\langle \bar{e}^i \rangle_i}$  for some  $\langle \bar{e}^i \rangle_i$  which is  $\mathbb{P}$ -generic over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  such that  $(\mathcal{N}_k^\omega)^-$  is coded by a real in  $\bar{e}^0(0)$ ;
- (g)  $j_{k,k+1}^\omega : \mathcal{N}_k^\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{k+1}^\omega$  is the iteration map;
- (h) for  $k < l$ ,  $j_{k,l}^\omega \circ i_k = i_l \circ j_{k,l}$ , where  $j_{k,l} : \mathcal{N}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_l$  and  $j_{k,l}^\omega : \mathcal{N}_k^\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_l^\omega$  are natural maps;

<sup>19</sup>This is because of the Prikry property of  $\mathbb{P}$ .

- (i)  $j_{k,k+1}|\mathcal{N}_k^- = j_{k,k+1}^{\omega} |(\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega})^-$ ;
- (j) the direct limit  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega}^{\omega}$  of the  $\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega}$  under maps  $j_{k,l}^{\omega}$ 's embeds into a  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+}$ -iterate of  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+$ ;
- (k) for each  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$ , for all sufficiently large  $k$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega} \models \phi[x, s] \Leftrightarrow \exists p \in \mathbb{P} (p = (\emptyset, X) \wedge p \Vdash (\mathcal{M}^{\vec{d}_G} \models \phi[x, s])),$$

for  $x \in \mathcal{N}_k^{\omega} | \delta_0^{\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega}}$ .

Everything except for (f) is as in the proof of Lemma 6.51 of [13]. To see (f), fix a  $k < \omega$ . We fix a Prikry sequence  $\langle \vec{d}^i \rangle_i$  such that  $(\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega})^-$  is coded into  $\vec{d}^0(0)$  and letting  $\sigma_i = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^V \mid y \text{ is recursive in } \vec{d}^i(j) \text{ for some } j < \omega\}$ , then for each  $i$ ,  $\sigma_i$  is closed under the iteration strategy  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}_k}$  (this can be done in  $V$ ). We then (inductively) for all  $i$ , construct a sequence  $\langle \vec{e}^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  such that  $\vec{e}^i$  is a Prikry generic subsequence of  $\vec{d}^i$  such that  $M^{\langle \vec{e}^i \rangle_i}$  is an iterate of  $\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega}$  (see Lemma 6.49 of [13]). The sequence  $\langle \vec{e}^i \rangle_i$  satisfies (f) for  $\mathcal{N}_k^{\omega}$ .

Having constructed the above objects, the proof of Lemma 6.51 in [13] adapts here to give an isomorphism between  $\mathcal{A}$  (viewed as a structure for the language of premice) and  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+$ . The isomorphism is the unique extension to all of  $\mathcal{A}$  of the map  $\sigma$ , where  $\sigma(c_x^A) = x$  (for  $x \in \mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+ | \delta_0^{\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+}$ ) and  $\sigma(d_{\alpha}^A) = j_{k,\omega}^{\omega}(\alpha)$  for  $k$  large enough such that  $j_{l,l+1}^{\omega}(\alpha) = \alpha$  for all  $l \geq k$ . This completes our sketch.  $\square$

Now we continue with the sketch of the proof that  $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$  is a strategy mouse in the presence of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}^{\sharp}$ . Let  $\lambda_{\infty}$  be the supremum of the Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}^*$  be the symmetric reals given by an  $M_{\infty}^+$  generic  $G \subseteq \text{Col}(\omega, < \lambda_{\infty})$  and  $\mathcal{F}^*$  be the corresponding tail filter defined in  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+[G]$ . Since  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \equiv L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ ,  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{G}^*)$  has its own version of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_{\infty}^+$ , so we let

$$\mathcal{H}^* = \mathcal{H}^{L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)} \text{ and } (\mathcal{N}_{\infty}^+)^* = (\mathcal{N}_{\infty}^+)^{L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)}.$$

Let  $\Lambda$  be the restriction of  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+}$  to stacks  $\vec{\mathcal{T}} \in \mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+ | \lambda_{\infty}$ , where

- $\vec{\mathcal{T}}$  is based on  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+ | \delta_0^{\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+}$ ;
- $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \vec{\mathcal{T}}$  is a finite full stack<sup>20</sup>.

We show  $L[\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^+, \Lambda] = \text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$  through a sequence of lemmas. For an ordinal  $\alpha$ , put

$$\alpha^* = d_{\alpha}^A,$$

and for  $s = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  a finite set of ordinals, put

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<sup>20</sup>See Definition 6.20 of [13] for the precise definition of finite full stacks.

$$s^* = \{\alpha_1^*, \dots, \alpha_n^*\}.$$

**Lemma 3.8** (Derived model resemblance). *Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}) \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\bar{\eta} < \gamma_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f})}$ , and  $\eta = \pi_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}), \infty}(\bar{\eta})$ . Let  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$ , and  $\phi(v_0, v_1, v_2)$  be a formula in the language of set theory; then the following are equivalent*

- (a)  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \phi[\mathcal{M}_\infty, \eta, s^*]$ ;
- (b)  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models$  “there is an  $(\mathcal{R}, \vec{f}) \geq_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathcal{P}, \vec{f})$  such that whenever  $(\mathcal{Q}, \vec{f}) \geq_{\mathcal{H}} (\mathcal{R}, \vec{f})$ , then  $\phi(\mathcal{Q}, \pi_{(\mathcal{P}, \vec{f}), (\mathcal{Q}, \vec{f})}(\bar{\eta}), s)$ ”.

The proof of this lemma is almost exactly like the proof of Lemma 6.54 of [13], so we omit it. The only difference is in Lemma 6.54 of [13], the proof of Lemma 6.51 of [13] is used, here we use that of Lemma 3.7.

**Lemma 3.9.**  $\Lambda$  is definable over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , and hence  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda] \subseteq \text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$

*Proof.* Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{O}$  is definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  by a formula  $\psi$  and  $s \in [\text{OR}]^{<\omega}$ , then we let  $f^* \in \mathcal{O}^{L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)}$  be definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  from  $\psi$  and  $s^*$ .

**Sublemma 3.10.** *Let  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}$  be a finite full stack on  $\mathcal{M}_\infty^+ | \delta_0^{\mathcal{M}_\infty^+}$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  and let  $\vec{b} = \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}_\infty^+}(\vec{\mathcal{T}})$ . Then  $\vec{b}$  respects  $f^*$ , for all  $f \in \mathcal{O}$ .*

The proof of Sublemma 3.10 is just like that of Claim 6.57 in [13] (with appropriate use of the proof of Lemma 3.7). Sublemma 3.10 implies  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  is strongly  $f^*$ -iterable in  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{O}$ . Sublemma 3.10 also gives the following.

**Sublemma 3.11.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a psuedo-iterate<sup>21</sup> of  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  is a maximal tree on  $\mathcal{Q}$  in the sense of  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$ . Let  $b = \Lambda(\mathcal{T})$ ; then for all  $\eta < \delta^\mathcal{Q}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $i_b^\mathcal{T}(\eta) = \xi$ ;
- (b) there is some  $f \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $\eta < \gamma_{(\mathcal{Q}, f^*)}$  and exists some branch choice<sup>22</sup> of  $\mathcal{T}$  that respects  $f^*$  and  $i_c^\mathcal{T}(\eta) = \xi$ .

Since the  $\gamma_{(\mathcal{Q}, f^*)}$ 's sup up to  $\delta^\mathcal{Q}$  and  $i_b$  is continuous at  $\delta^\mathcal{Q}$ , clause (b) defines  $\Lambda$  over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . □

We have an iteration map

$$\pi_\infty : \mathcal{N}_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\infty^*$$

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<sup>21</sup>See Definition 6.13 of [13].

<sup>22</sup>See Definition 6.23 of [13].

which is definable over  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  by the equality

$$\pi_\infty = \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{O}} \pi_{(\mathcal{N}_\infty, f^*), \infty}^{\mathcal{H}^*}.$$

By Boolean comparison,  $\pi_\infty$  is definable over  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda]$ . This implies  $\mathcal{N}_\infty^*$  is the direct limit of all  $\Lambda$ -iterates of  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$  which belong to  $\mathcal{M}_\infty^+$  and  $\pi_\infty$  is the canonical map into the direct limit. Lemma 3.8 also gives us the following.

**Lemma 3.12.** *For all  $\eta < \delta_0^{\mathcal{M}_\infty^+}$ ,  $\pi_\infty(\eta) = \eta^*$ .*

Finally, we have

**Theorem 3.13.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}^\sharp$  exists and is  $(\omega, \text{OR}, \text{OR})$ -iterable. Suppose  $\mu$  is the club filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{AD}^+ + \mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then the following models are equal:*

1.  $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$ ,
2.  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \pi_\infty]$ ,
3.  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda]$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\pi_\infty \in L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda]$ ,  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \pi_\infty] \subseteq L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda]$ . Lemma 3.9 implies  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \Lambda] \subseteq \text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$ . It remains to show  $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)} \subseteq L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \pi_\infty]$ . By Theorem 3.1, in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , there is some  $A \subseteq \Theta$  such that  $\text{HOD} = L[A]$ . Let  $\phi$  define  $A$ . By Lemma 3.8

$$\alpha \in A \Leftrightarrow L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \pi_\infty] \models \mathcal{M}_\infty^+ \models (1 \Vdash L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*) \models \phi[\alpha^*]).$$

By Lemma 3.12,  $\alpha^* = \pi_\infty(\alpha)$  and hence the above equivalence defines  $A$  over  $L[\mathcal{M}_\infty^+, \pi_\infty]$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

We now describe how to compute HOD just assuming  $V = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  satisfying  $\text{AD}^+$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be as above. The idea is that we use  $\Sigma_1$  reflection to reflect a “bad” statement  $\varphi$  (like “ $\mathcal{N}_\infty^+$  is illfounded” or “ $\text{HOD} \neq L(\mathcal{N}_\infty^+, \Lambda)$ ”) to a level  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  where  $\kappa < \delta_1^2$  (i.e. we have that  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \varphi$ ). But then since  $\mu \cap L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  comes from the club filter, all we need to compute HOD in  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is to construct a mouse  $\mathcal{N}$  related to  $N$  just like  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega_2}^\sharp$  related to  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Once the mouse  $\mathcal{N}$  is constructed, we successfully compute HOD of  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and hence show that  $L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \neg\varphi$ . This gives us a contradiction.

We now proceed to construct  $\mathcal{N}$ . To be concrete, we fix a “bad” statement  $\varphi$  (like “HOD is illfounded”) and let  $N = L_\kappa(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  be least such that  $N \models (T)$  where  $(T) \equiv \text{“MC} + \text{AD}^+ + \text{DC} + \text{ZF}^- + \Theta = \theta_0 + \varphi\text{”}$ . Let  $\Gamma^* = (\Sigma_1^2)^N$ ,  $\Phi = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})^N$  and  $U$  be the universal  $\Phi$ -set. We have that  $\Gamma^*$  is a good pointclass and  $\text{Env}(\underline{\Gamma}^*) = \Phi$  by closure of  $N$ .

Let  $\vec{B} = \langle B_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$  be a sjs sealing  $Env(\Gamma^*)$  with each  $B_i \in N$  and  $B_0 = U$ . Such a  $\vec{B}$  exists (see Section 4.1 of [18]).

Because MC holds and  $\Phi \not\subseteq \delta_1^2$ , there is a real  $x$  such that there is a sound mouse  $\mathcal{M}$  over  $x$  such that  $\rho(\mathcal{M}) = x$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  doesn't have an iteration strategy in  $N$ . Fix then such an  $(x, \mathcal{M})$  and let  $\Sigma$  be the strategy of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \Delta_1^2$  be a good pointclass such that  $Code(\Sigma), \vec{B}, U, U^c \in \delta_\Gamma$ . By Theorem 10.3 in [11], there is a  $z$  such that  $(\mathcal{N}_z^*, \delta_z, \Sigma_z)$  Suslin captures  $Code(\Sigma), \vec{B}, U, U^c$  and  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$  is coarse mouse with iteration stratetgy  $\Sigma_z \in \delta_1^2$  and  $\delta_z$  is the unique Woodin cardinal of  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$ .

Because  $\vec{B}$  is Suslin captured by  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$ , we have  $(\delta_z^+)^{\mathcal{N}_z^*}$ -complementing trees  $T, S \in \mathcal{N}_z^*$ <sup>23</sup> with the property that for any  $\Sigma_z$ -iterate  $N^*$  of  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$  such that the iteration map  $i : \mathcal{N}_z^* \rightarrow N^*$  exists, for any  $< -i((\delta_z^+)^{\mathcal{N}_z^*})$ -generic  $g$  over  $N^*$ ,  $p[i(T)] \cap N^*[g] = \vec{B} \cap N^*[g] = \mathbb{R}^{N^*[g]} \setminus p[i(S)]$ . Let  $\kappa$  be the least cardinal of  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$  which, in  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$  is  $< \delta_z$ -strong.

**Claim 1.**  $\mathcal{N}_z^* \models$  “ $\kappa$  is a limit of points  $\eta$  such that  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta) \models$  “ $\eta$  is Woodin””.

*Proof.* The proof is an easy reflection argument. Let  $\lambda = \delta_z^+$  and let  $\pi : M \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_z^*|\lambda$  be an elementary substructure such that

1.  $T, S \in \text{ran}(\pi)$ ,
2. if  $\text{cp}(\pi) = \eta$  then  $V_\eta^{\mathcal{N}_z^*} \subseteq M$ ,  $\pi(\eta) = \delta_z$  and  $\eta > \kappa$ .

By elementarity, we have that  $M \models$  “ $\eta$  is Woodin” . Letting  $\pi^{-1}(\langle T, S \rangle) = \langle \bar{T}, \bar{S} \rangle$ , we have that  $(\bar{T}, \bar{S})$  Suslin captures  $\vec{B}$  over  $M$  at  $\eta$ . This implies that  $M$  is  $\Phi$ -full and in particular,  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta) \in M$ . Therefore,  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta) \models$  “ $\eta$  is Woodin” . The claim then follows by a standard argument.  $\square$

Let now  $\langle \eta_i : i < \omega^2 \rangle$  be the first  $\omega^2$  points  $< \kappa$  such that for every  $i < \omega$ ,  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta_i) \models$  “ $\eta_i$  is Woodin” . Let now  $\langle \mathcal{N}_i : i < \omega^2 \rangle$  be a sequence constructed according to the following rules:

1.  $\mathcal{N}_0 = L[\vec{E}]^{\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta_0}$ ,
2. if  $i$  is limit,  $\mathcal{N}'_i = \cup_{j < i} \mathcal{N}_j$  and  $\mathcal{N}_i = (L[\vec{E}][\mathcal{N}'_i])^{\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta_i}$ ,
3.  $\mathcal{N}_{i+1} = (L[\vec{E}][\mathcal{N}_i])^{\mathcal{N}_z^*|\eta_{i+1}}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2} = \cup_{i < \omega^2} \mathcal{N}_i$ .

**Claim 2.** For every  $i < \omega^2$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2} \models$  “ $\eta_i$  is Woodin” and  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2} | (\eta_i^+)^{\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2}} = Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_i)$ .

<sup>23</sup>This means that whenever  $g$  is  $< (\delta_z^+)^{\mathcal{N}_z^*}$ -generic over  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$ , then in  $\mathcal{N}_z^*[g]$ ,  $p[T]$  and  $p[S]$  project to complements.



*Proof.* It is enough to show that

1.  $\mathcal{N}_{i+1} \models \text{“}\eta_i \text{ is Woodin”}$ ,
2.  $\mathcal{N}_i = V_{\eta_i}^{\mathcal{N}_{i+1}}$ ,
3.  $\mathcal{N}_{i+1} | (\eta_i^+)^{\mathcal{N}_{i+1}} = Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}_i)$ ,
4. if  $i$  is limit, then  $\mathcal{N}_i | ((\sup_{j < i} \eta_j^+)^{\mathcal{N}_i}) = Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}'_i)$ .

To show 1-4, it is enough to show that if  $\mathcal{W} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{N}_{i+1}$  is such that  $\rho_\omega(W) \leq \eta_i$  or if  $i$  is limit and  $\mathcal{W} \triangleleft \mathcal{N}_i$  is such that  $\rho_\omega(W) \leq \sup_{j < i} \eta_j$  then the fragment of  $\mathcal{W}$ 's iteration strategy which acts on trees above  $\eta_i$  ( $\sup_{j < i} \eta_j$  respectively) is in  $\Gamma^*$ . Suppose first that  $i$  is a successor and  $\mathcal{W} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{N}_{i+1}$  is such that  $\rho_\omega(W) \leq \eta_i$ . Let  $\xi$  be such that the if  $\mathcal{S}$  is the  $\xi$ th model of the full background construction producing  $\mathcal{N}_{i+1}$  then  $\mathbb{C}(\mathcal{S})^{24} = \mathcal{W}$ . Let  $\pi : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be the core map. The iteration strategy of  $\mathcal{W}$  is the  $\pi$ -pullback of the iteration strategy of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let then  $\nu < \eta_{i+1}$  be such that  $\mathcal{S}$  is the  $\xi$ th model of the full background construction of  $\mathcal{N}_x^* | \nu$ . To determine the complexity of the induced strategy of  $\mathcal{S}$  it is enough to determine the strategy of  $\mathcal{N}_x^* | \nu$  which acts on non-dropping stacks that are completely above  $\eta_i$ . Now, notice that by the choice of  $\eta_{i+1}$ , for any non-dropping tree  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{N}_x^* | \nu$  which is above  $\eta_i$  and is of limit length, if  $b = \Sigma(\mathcal{T})$  then  $\mathcal{Q}(b, \mathcal{T})$  exists and  $\mathcal{Q}(b, \mathcal{T})$  has no overlaps, and  $\mathcal{Q}(b, \mathcal{T}) \trianglelefteq Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{T}))$ . This observation and the fact that  $\Gamma^*$  is closed under real quantifiers indeed show that the fragment of the iteration strategy of  $\mathcal{N}_x^* | \nu$  that acts on non-dropping stack that are above  $\eta_i$  is in  $\Gamma^*$ . Hence, the strategy of  $\mathcal{W}$  is in  $\Gamma^*$ .

Suppose  $i < \omega^2$  is limit and (1)-(4) are satisfied for all  $j < i$ . We first claim that the induced strategy  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}'_i}$  from  $\Sigma_z$  is  $\Gamma^*$ -fullness preserving: suppose  $k : \mathcal{N}'_i \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  is according to  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}'_i}$  then  $\mathcal{P}$  is  $\Gamma^*$ - $i$ -suitable, that is

- $\langle k(\eta_j) \mid j < i \rangle$  are the only Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{P}$ ;
- for any cut point  $\xi$  of  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{P} | \xi) \triangleleft \mathcal{P}$  and for any  $\xi \neq i(\eta_j)$  for any  $j < i$ ,  $Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{P} | \xi) \models \xi$  is not Woodin.

First we see that  $\mathcal{N}'_i$  is  $\Gamma^*$ - $i$ -suitable. We show for instance if  $\eta < \eta_0$  then  $C_{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}'_i | \eta) \models \text{“}\eta \text{ is not Woodin”}$  (the rest of the verification is similar). Otherwise,  $\mathcal{N}'_i | \eta$  is the  $\eta$ -th model in the  $L[E]$ -construction of  $\mathcal{N}_z^*$  and  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta] \models \text{“}\eta \text{ is Woodin”}$ , where  $T_{\Gamma^*}$  is the tree projecting to the  $\Gamma^*$ -universal set. We also get that  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta] \cap V_\eta = \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta$  and  $V_\eta^{\mathcal{N}'_i}$  is generic over  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta]$  for  $\mathbb{B}_\eta$ , the  $\eta$ -generic extender algebra at  $\eta$ .  $\mathbb{B}_\eta$  is  $\eta$ -cc, so every  $f : \eta \rightarrow \eta$  in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta][V_\eta^{\mathcal{N}'_i}]$  is bounded by a function  $g : \eta \rightarrow \eta$  in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta]$ . Furthermore, if  $E$

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<sup>24</sup> $\mathbb{C}(\mathcal{S})$  denotes the core of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

witnesses the Woodin property for  $g$  in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta]$  and  $\nu(E)$  is a cardinal in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta]$  then the background extender  $E^*$  witnesses the Woodin property for  $f$  in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, \mathcal{N}'_i | \eta][V_\eta^{\mathcal{N}^*}]$  (note also  $E \upharpoonright \nu(E) = E^* \upharpoonright \nu(E)$ ). So  $\eta$  is Woodin in  $L[T_{\Gamma^*}, V_\eta^{\mathcal{N}^*}]$ . By the minimality of  $\eta_0$ ,  $\eta = \eta_0$ . Contradiction. The proof works also for any  $\eta_j$ .

Now let  $k$  be as in the claim. Let  $k^* : \mathcal{N}_z^* \rightarrow N^*$  be the map coming from resurrecting the tree giving rise to  $k$ . Let  $\sigma : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow k^*(\mathcal{N}'_i)$  be the resurrection map. Since  $\mathcal{N}_z^*, N^*$  have absolute definitions of  $\Gamma^*$ ,  $k^*(\mathcal{N}'_i)$  is  $\Gamma^*$ - $i$ -suitable. This and the fact that  $\sigma$  has in its range all the term relations for  $\vec{B}$ , we get that  $\mathcal{P}$  is  $\Gamma^*$ - $i$ -suitable.

The argument in Lemma 3.7 that an iterate of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega^2}$  extends a Prikry generic and the fact that  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{N}'_i}$  is  $\Gamma^*$ -fullness preserving show that  $\mathcal{W}$  cannot project across  $\sup_{j < i} \eta_j$  and that  $\mathcal{W} \triangleleft Lp^{\Gamma^*}(\mathcal{N}'_i)$ . This completes the proof of the claim.  $\square$

Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , we now claim that there is  $\mathcal{W} \trianglelefteq Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})$  such that  $\rho(\mathcal{W}) < \eta_{\omega^2}$ . To see this suppose not. It follows from MC that  $Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})$  is  $\Sigma_1^2$ -full. We then have that  $x$  is generic over  $Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})$  at the extender algebra of  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2}$  at  $\eta_0$ . Because  $Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})[x]$  is  $\Sigma_1^2$ -full, we have that  $\mathcal{M} \in Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})[x]$  and  $Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})[x] \models$  “ $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\eta_{\omega^2}$ -iterable” by fullness of  $Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})[x]$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = (L[\vec{E}][x])^{\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2}[x] \eta_2}$  where the extenders used have critical point  $> \eta_0$ . Then working in  $\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2}[x]$  we can compare  $\mathcal{M}$  with  $\mathcal{S}$ . Using standard arguments, we get that  $\mathcal{S}$  side doesn't move and by universality,  $\mathcal{M}$  side has to come short (see [6]). This in fact means that  $\mathcal{M} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{S}$ . But the same argument used in the proof of Claim 2 shows that every  $\mathcal{K} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{S}$  has an iteration strategy in  $\Gamma^*$ , contradiction!

Let  $\eta_{\omega^2} = \sup_{i < \omega^2} \eta_i$  and  $\mathcal{W} \trianglelefteq Lp(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})$  be least such that  $\rho_\omega(\mathcal{W}) < \eta_{\omega^2}$ . We can show the following.

**Lemma 3.14.**  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{J}_{\xi+1}(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2})$  where  $\xi$  is least such that for some  $\tau$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_\xi(\mathcal{N}_{\omega^2}) \models$  “ $ZF^- + \tau$  is a limit of Woodin cardinals  $+ (T)$  holds in my derived model below  $\tau$ ”<sup>25</sup>.

Since the proof of this lemma is almost the same as that of Claim 7.5 in [13], we will not give it here. However, we have a few remarks regarding the proof:

- we typically replace  $N$  by a countable transitive  $\overline{N}$  elementarily embeddable into  $N$  since the strategy of  $\mathcal{W}$  is not known to extend to  $V^{Col(\omega, \mathbb{R})}$ . Having said this, we will confuse our  $N$  with its countable copy.
- We can then do an  $\mathbb{R}^N$ -iteration of  $\mathcal{W}$  to “line up” its iterate with a  $\mathbb{P}^N$ -generic.

Asides from these remarks, everything else can just be transferred straightforwardly from the proof of Lemma 7.5 in [13] to the proof of Lemma 3.14. Now we just let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the

<sup>25</sup>Here “derived model” means the model  $L(\mathbb{R}^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  where  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is the symmetric reals for the Levy collapse at  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{F}^*$  is the corresponding tail filter.

pointwise definable hull of  $\mathcal{W}|\xi$ . Letting  $\mathcal{N}$ 's unique iteration strategy be  $\Lambda$ , we can show  $\Lambda$  is  $\Phi$ -fullness preserving and for any  $\vec{f} \in (\mathcal{O}^{<\omega})^N$ , there is a strongly  $\vec{f}$ -iterable,  $N$ -suitable  $\mathcal{P}$  (in fact,  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{Q}^-$  for some  $\Lambda$ -iterate  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{N}$ ). We leave the rest of the details to the reader.

## 4 Further applications

We first prove a series of lemmas which imply Theorem 1.3. For each  $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ , let

$$M_\sigma = \text{HOD}_{\sigma \cup \{\sigma\}}^{(L(\mathbb{R}, \mu), \mu)}.$$

Suppose  $G$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  generic over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , where

$$L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{“AD}^+ + \mu \text{ is a normal fine measure on } \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})\text{”}.$$

Note that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G] \models \text{ZFC}$  since  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  wellorders the reals. In  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ , let

$$\mathcal{I} = \{A \mid \exists \langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \rangle (A \subseteq \bigcap_{x \in \mathbb{R}} A_x \wedge \forall x (\mu(A_x) = 0 \text{ or } A_x = \neg S))\},$$

where  $S = \{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid G \cap \sigma \text{ is } \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma\text{-generic over } M_\sigma\}$ . It's clear that in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ ,  $\mathcal{I}$  is a normal fine ideal. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the dual filter of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}^- = \{A \mid \exists \langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \rangle (A \subseteq \bigcap_{x \in \mathbb{R}} A_x \wedge \forall x \mu(A_x) = 0)\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^-$  be the dual filter of  $\mathcal{I}^-$ . Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{F}^-$ . Then  $\exists B, C$  such that  $\mu(B) = 1$  and  $C$  is a club in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  such that  $B \cap C \subseteq A$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $1 \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} \tau : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mu$  witnesses  $\{\sigma \mid \forall x \in \sigma \sigma \in \tau(x)\} \in \mathcal{F}^-$ . For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $D_x = \{p \mid p \Vdash \tau(x)\}$ . It's easy to see that  $D_x$  is dense for each  $x$ . Furthermore,

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma \forall x \in \sigma (D_x \cap \sigma \text{ is dense in } \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma \wedge \{q \in D_x \cap \sigma \mid q \Vdash \sigma \in \tau(x)\} \text{ is dense.})$$

For otherwise,  $\exists x, q \forall_\mu^* \sigma x \in \sigma \wedge q \in D_x \cap \sigma \wedge q \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau(x)$ . This contradicts that  $q \Vdash \tau(x) \in \mu$ . Let  $B$  be the set of  $\sigma$  having the property displayed above.  $\mu(B) = 1$ .

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  code the function  $x \mapsto D_x$  and let  $G$  be a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$ -generic over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Hence  $D = \{\sigma \mid \forall x \in \sigma \sigma \in \tau_G(x)\} \in \mathcal{F}^-$ . Let  $C = \{\sigma \mid (\sigma, A \cap \sigma, G \cap \sigma) \prec (\mathbb{R}, A, G)\}$ . Hence  $C$  is a club in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  and  $B \cap C \subseteq D$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}^-, \mathcal{F}^-$  be as in Lemma 4.1. Then  $S \notin \mathcal{I}^-$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then  $\neg S \in \mathcal{F}^-$ . The following is a  $\Sigma_1$ -statement (with predicate  $\mu$ ) that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  satisfies:

$$\exists B, C (\mu(B) = 1 \wedge C \text{ is a club} \wedge \forall \sigma (\sigma \in B \cap C \Rightarrow \exists D \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} (M_\sigma \models \text{“}D \text{ is dense”} \wedge G \cap D = \emptyset))).$$

By part (1) of Theorem 1.2 and the fact that  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  is a forcing of size  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $L_{\delta_1^2}(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  satisfies the same statement. Here  $\mu$  coincides with the club measure and hence  $L_{\delta_1^2}(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G] \models \neg S$  contains a club". Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a club of elementary substructures  $X_\sigma$  containing everything relevant (and a pair of complementing trees for the universal  $\Sigma_1^2$  set). Then it's easy to see that  $\mathcal{C}^* \subseteq S$  where  $\mathcal{C}^* = \{\sigma \mid \sigma = \mathbb{R} \cap X_\sigma \wedge X_\sigma \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

The above lemmas say that  $\mathcal{I}$  strictly contains  $\mathcal{I}^-$ , i.e.  $S$  adds nontrivial information to  $\mathcal{I}^-$ . We now proceed to characterize  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive sets in terms of the  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  forcing relation over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** *Suppose  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\max}$  and  $\tau$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  term for a subset of  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  in generic extensions of  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Then the following is true in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .*

$$p \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} \tau \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-positive} \Leftrightarrow \forall_\mu^* \sigma \forall^* g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma (p \in g \Rightarrow \exists q < g \ q \Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} \sigma \in \tau).$$

*Proof.* Some explanations about the notation in the lemma are in order. " $\forall_\mu^* g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$ " means "for comeager many filters  $g$  over  $\mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$ "; " $\exists^* g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$ " means "for nonmeager many filters  $g$  over  $\mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$ ". These category quantifiers make sense because  $\sigma$  is countable. Also we only force with  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  here so we'll write " $\Vdash$ " for " $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}_{\max}}$ " and " $p < q$ " for " $p <_{\mathbb{P}_{\max}} q$ ". Finally, " $q < g$ " means " $\forall r \in g \ q < r$ ".

**Claim.** *Suppose in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ ,  $\forall \sigma \ X_\sigma$  is comeager in  $\mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$ . Then  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \forall G_\sigma (G_\sigma \text{ is } \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma\text{-generic over } M_\sigma \Rightarrow G_\sigma \in X_\sigma)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\sigma \mapsto X_\sigma$  is  $OD_{\mu,x}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $A = \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \text{ codes } (\sigma, g) \text{ where } g \in X_\sigma\}$ . Hence  $A$  is  $OD_{\mu,x}$ . Let  $S$  be an  $OD_{\mu,x}$   $\infty$ -Borel code for  $A$  and  $\mathcal{A}_S$  be the set of reals coded by  $S$ . Hence,  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \ S \in M_\sigma$ .

For each such  $\sigma$ , let  $G_\sigma \in X_\sigma$  be  $M_\sigma$ -generic and  $H$  be  $M_\sigma[G_\sigma]$ -generic for  $Col(\omega, \sigma)$ . Then

$$M_\sigma[G_\sigma][H] \models (\sigma, G_\sigma) \in \mathcal{A}_S.$$

In the above, note that we use  $S \in M_\sigma$ . Also no  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma$  can force  $(\sigma, \dot{G}) \notin \mathcal{A}_S$ . Hence we're done.  $\square$

Suppose the conclusion of the lemma is false. There are two directions to take care of.

*Case 1.*  $p \Vdash \tau$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive but  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \exists^* g (p \in g \wedge \forall q < g \ q \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau)$ .

Extending  $p$  if necessary and using normality, we may assume  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \forall^* g (p \in g \wedge \forall q < g \ q \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau)$ . Let  $T$  be the set of such  $\sigma$ . Let  $G$  be a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  generic and  $p \in G$ . By the claim and

the fact that  $S \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\tau_G \cap S \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . So let  $\sigma \in \tau_G \cap S \cap T$  such that  $p \in G \cap \sigma$ . Then  $G \cap \sigma$  is  $M_\sigma$ -generic and  $\forall q < G \cap \sigma \ q \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau$ . But  $\exists q < G \cap \sigma$  such that  $q \in G$  by density. This implies  $\sigma \notin \tau_G$ . Contradiction.

*Case 2.*  $p \Vdash \tau \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \forall^* g (p \in g \Rightarrow \exists q < g \ q \Vdash \sigma \in \tau)$ .

Let  $T$  be the set of  $\sigma$  as above. Let  $G$  be  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  generic containing  $p$ . Hence  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\sigma \in T \cap S \cap \neg \tau_G$  and  $p \in G \cap \sigma$ . By density,  $\exists q < G \cap \sigma \ q \in G \wedge q \Vdash \sigma \in \tau$ . Hence  $\sigma \in \tau_G$ . Contradiction.  $\square$

Now suppose  $\dot{f}$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  name for a function from an  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive set into OR and let  $\tau$  be a name for  $\text{dom}(\dot{f})$  and for simplicity suppose  $\emptyset \Vdash \tau$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive  $\wedge \dot{f} : \tau \rightarrow \check{\text{OR}}$ . Let  $F : \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{OR} \cup \{\infty\}$  be defined as follows:

$$F(\sigma) = \begin{array}{l} \alpha_\sigma \text{ where } \alpha_\sigma \text{ is the least } \alpha \text{ such that} \\ \forall^* g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma (g \text{ is } M_\sigma\text{-generic} \Rightarrow \exists q < g \ q \Vdash \check{\sigma} \in \tau \wedge \dot{f}(\check{\sigma}) = \check{\alpha}), \text{ if } \alpha \text{ exists, and} \\ \infty \text{ otherwise.} \end{array}$$

Clearly,  $F \in L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and by the fact that  $\tau_G$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive and a standard application of Baire category theorem,<sup>26</sup>  $\forall_\mu^* \sigma \ F(\sigma) \neq \infty$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** *Suppose  $\dot{f}, \tau, F$  are as above. Suppose  $G$  is a  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  generic over  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Then in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ ,  $\{\sigma \mid F(\sigma) = f(\sigma)\}$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive.*

*Proof.* Suppose not; assume  $p \Vdash \tau' = \{\sigma \mid F(\check{\sigma}) = \dot{f}(\check{\sigma})\} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Using Lemma 4.3, we get

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma \ \exists^* g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma (p \in g \wedge \forall q < g \ q \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau'). \quad (4.1)$$

Using the Baire category theorem, we get from 4.1

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma \ \exists p > q_\sigma \in \sigma \ \forall^* q_\sigma \in g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma \ \forall r < g \ r \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau'. \quad (4.2)$$

Now using normality of  $\mu$ , we “freeze out” the the  $q_\sigma$ 's

$$\exists q < p \ \forall_\mu^* \sigma \ \forall^* q \in g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma \ \forall r < g \ r \Vdash \sigma \notin \tau'. \quad (4.3)$$

From 4.2 and 4.3, we get

$$\exists q < p \ \forall_\mu^* \sigma \ \forall^* q \in g \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma (g \text{ is } M_\sigma\text{-generic} \Rightarrow \forall r < g \ r \Vdash F(\check{\sigma}) \neq \dot{f}(\check{\sigma})). \quad (4.4)$$

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<sup>26</sup>More precisely, we use the fact that if  $F : A \rightarrow \text{OR}$  is a function on a comeager set  $A$  then  $F$  is constant on some comeager subset of  $A$ .

We get a contradiction from 4.4 as follows. Fix a  $\sigma$  in the  $\mu$ -measure one set from 4.4 such that  $F(\sigma) = \alpha_\sigma \neq \infty$ . For the chosen  $\sigma$ , fix a  $g$  in the set described in 4.4 as well as in the set described in the definition of  $F(\sigma)$ . Then by 4.4,  $\forall r < g, r \Vdash F(\sigma) = \alpha_\sigma \neq \dot{f}(\check{\sigma})$  but by the definition of  $F(\sigma)$ ,  $\exists r < g, r \Vdash \dot{f}(\check{\sigma}) = \alpha_\sigma$ . Contradiction.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Working in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ , let  $H \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$  be generic. We show that (1)-(3) hold. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be  $OD_x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . By countable closure and homogeneity of  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$ ,  $x \in L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  and hence  $A \in L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . Since  $\mathcal{F} \upharpoonright L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) = \mu$ , we obtain (1) <sup>27</sup>. Lemma 4.4 implies  $\forall s \in \text{OR}^\omega, j_H \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_s \in V$  and is independent of  $H$ . To see this, note that  $s \in L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  as  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  is countably closed and  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \text{DC}$ ; furthermore, by homogeneity of  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$ ,  $\text{HOD}_s \subseteq \text{HOD}_s^{L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)}$  and there is a bijection between  $\text{OR}$  and  $\text{HOD}_s$  in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . So Lemma 4.4 applies to functions  $f : S \rightarrow \text{HOD}_s$  where  $S$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive. This implies  $j_H \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_s = j_\mu \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_s$ , which also shows (2).

To show  $j_H \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\mathcal{I}}$  is independent of  $H$ , first note that  $\mathcal{F}$  is generated by  $\mu$  and  $\mathcal{A} =_{\text{def}} \{T \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \exists C(C \text{ is a club and } T \cap C = S \cap C)\}$ , where  $S$  is defined at the beginning of the section in relation to the definition of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}$  is definable in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  (from no parameters). To see this, suppose  $G_0, G_1$  are two  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  generics (in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ ) and let  $S_{G_i}$  be defined relative to  $G_i$  ( $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ) the same way  $S$  is defined relative to  $G$ . Also let  $A_{G_i} \subseteq \omega_1$  be the generating set for  $G_i$ . Let  $p \in G_0 \cap G_1$  and  $a_0, a_1 \in \mathcal{P}(\omega_1)^p$  be such that  $j_i(a_i) = A_i$  where  $j_i$  are unique iteration maps of  $p$ . The proof of homogeneity of  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$  gives a bijection  $\pi$  from  $\{q \mid q < p\}$  to itself. It's easy to see that

$$C = \{\sigma \mid (\sigma, \mathbb{P}_{\max} \upharpoonright \sigma, \pi \upharpoonright \sigma) \prec (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{P}_{\max}, \pi)\},$$

is club and  $S_{G_0} \cap C = S_{G_1} \cap C$ . By homogeneity of  $\mathbb{P}_{\max}$ , there is a bijection (definable over)  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  from  $\text{OR}$  onto  $\text{HOD}_{\mathcal{I}}$ . So the ultrapower  $[\sigma \mapsto \text{HOD}_{\mathcal{I}}]_H$  using functions in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$  is just  $[\sigma \mapsto \text{HOD}_{\mathcal{I}}]_\mu$  using functions in  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ .

Finally, to see  $\text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_0} = \text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{M_1} \in V$ , note that for any generic  $H$ , letting  $V = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)[G]$ ,  $\text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{\text{Ult}(V, H)}$  is represented by  $\sigma \mapsto \text{HOD}_{\sigma \cup \{\sigma\}}^V$ . Let  $f$  be such that  $\text{dom}(f) = S$  where  $S$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -positive and  $\forall \sigma \in S, f(\sigma) \in \text{HOD}_{\sigma \cup \{\sigma\}}^V$ . By normality, shrinking  $S$  if necessary, we may assume  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \forall \sigma \in S, f(\sigma) \in \text{HOD}_{\{x, \sigma\}}^V$  and Lemma 4.4 can be applied to this  $f$ . We finished the proof of Theorem 1.3.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be as in the hypothesis of the theorem. Since we're shooting for a model of the form  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ , we may as well assume there is no model  $M$  containing  $\mathbb{R} \cup \text{OR}$  such that  $M \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta > \theta_0$ ; the existence of such an  $M$  gives a model of  $\text{ZFC} +$

<sup>27</sup>The proof of (1) in fact shows more. It shows that if  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  $OD_s$  for some  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}$

there are  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals, which in turns gives a model of the form  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  satisfying the conclusion of the theorem.

By arguments in [18] (see in particular Section 4.6), the existence of a normal fine ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\mathcal{I}$  is precipitous and for all generics  $G_0, G_1 \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$ ,  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$ ,  $j_{G_0} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_s = j_{G_1} \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_s \in V$  and  $\text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{\text{Ult}(V, G_0)} = \text{HOD}_{\mathbb{R}^V \cup \{\mathbb{R}^V\}}^{\text{Ult}(V, G_1)} \in V$  implies that  $\text{AD}^+$  holds in  $Lp(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $M = Lp(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the hod direct limit system in  $M$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  be the direct limit of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $M$  (see [7] or [18] for the full definition of  $\mathcal{F}$ ). Fix a generic  $G \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+$  and let  $j = j_G$  be the generic embedding. To prove the theorem, we consider two cases.

*Case 1.*  $\Theta^M < \mathfrak{c}^+$ .

We first observe that the argument in Chapter 5 of [18] for getting a strategy with branch condensation from  $\mathcal{I}$  being strong and  $j_H \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{s, \mathcal{I}\}}$  being independent of  $V$ -generic  $H \subset \mathcal{I}^+$  for any  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$  can be used in our situation. Here are the two key points. The hypothesis of Case 1 replaces the strength of the ideal, which is used in showing  $\Theta^M$  is countable in  $j(M)$  and  $j \upharpoonright \mathcal{M}_\infty \in \text{Ult}(V, G)$  and is countable there. The hypothesis  $j_H \upharpoonright \text{HOD}_{\{s, \mathcal{I}\}} \in V$  being independent of  $V$ -generic  $H \subset \mathcal{I}^+$  for any  $s \in \text{OR}^\omega$  is used in getting a strategy with branch condensation (see [2]), and a model  $N$  containing  $\mathbb{R} \cup \text{OR}$  such that  $N \models \text{AD}^+ + \Theta > \theta_0$ .

Working over  $N$ , by a similar reasoning as in the first paragraph of this section, we obtain the desired model  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem in Case 1.

*Case 2.*  $\Theta^M \geq \mathfrak{c}^+$

Recall that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the dual filter to  $\mathcal{I}$ . Let  $\mu = \mathcal{F} \cap M$ . First we observe by (1) that  $\mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})^M$ . Next, we need to see that  $\mu$  doesn't construct sets of reals beyond  $M$ . This is the content of the next claim.

**Claim.**  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \subseteq M$ .<sup>28</sup>

*Proof.* We first prove the following subclaim.

**Subclaim.**  $\mu$  is amenable to  $M$  in that if  $\langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge A_x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}))^M \rangle \in M$  then  $\langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge \mu(A_x) = 1 \rangle \in M$ .

*Proof.* Fix a sequence  $\mathcal{C} = \langle A_x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge A_x \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}))^M \rangle \in M$  and fix an  $\infty$ -Borel code  $S$  for the sequence. Let  $T$  be the tree for a universal  $(\Sigma_1^2)^M$  set. We may assume  $S \in \text{OD}^M$  and is a bounded subset of  $\Theta^M$ . We also assume  $S$  codes  $T$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_S$  be the set coded by  $S$  over any model containing  $S$ . By MC and the definition of  $T, S$  in  $M$ , it's easy to see that in  $M$ ,

$$\forall_\mu^* \sigma (\mathcal{P}(\sigma) \cap L(S, \sigma) = \mathcal{P}(\sigma) \cap L(T, \sigma) = \mathcal{P}(\sigma) \cap Lp(\sigma)).$$

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<sup>28</sup>We just need from the claim that  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \subset M$ .

Let  $S^* = [\sigma \mapsto S]_\mu$  and  $T^* = [\sigma \mapsto T]_\mu$  where the ultraproducts are taken with functions in  $M$ . Now,  $S^*, T^*$  may not be in  $M$  but

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(S^*, \mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(T^*, \mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})^M.$$

This implies  $\mathcal{C} \in L(S^*, \mathbb{R})$ . For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_x \in \mu &\Leftrightarrow (\forall_\mu^* \sigma)(\sigma \in A_x \cap \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\sigma)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\forall_\mu^* \sigma)(L(S, \sigma) \models \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, \sigma)} \sigma \in (\mathcal{A}_S)_x) \\ &\Leftrightarrow L(S^*, \mathbb{R}) \models \emptyset \Vdash_{Col(\omega, \mathbb{R})} \mathbb{R} \in (\mathcal{A}_S^*)_x. \end{aligned}$$

The above shows  $\mu \upharpoonright \mathcal{C} \in L(S^*, \mathbb{R})$ . Since  $\mu \upharpoonright \mathcal{C}$  can be coded by a set of reals in  $L(S^*, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mu \upharpoonright \mathcal{C} \in M$ . This finishes the proof of the claim.  $\square$

Using the subclaim, we finish the proof of the claim as follows. Suppose  $\alpha$  is least such that  $\exists A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$   $A \in L_{\alpha+1}(\mathbb{R})[\mu] \setminus L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$  and  $A \notin M$ . By properties of  $\alpha$  and condensation of  $\mu$ , there is a definable over  $L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$  surjection of  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu]$ . This implies  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}^+$ . Also by minimality of  $\alpha$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu] \subseteq M$ .

Now, if  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu] \subsetneq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})^M$ , then the subclaim gives us  $\mu \cap L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu] \in M$  which implies  $A \in M$ . Contradiction. So we may assume  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu] = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})^M$ . This means  $\Theta^{L_\alpha(\mathbb{R})[\mu]} = \Theta^M \geq \mathfrak{c}^+$ . This contradicts the fact that  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}^+$ .  $\square$

The claim implies  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \mathbf{AD} + \mu$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

## 5 Open problems and questions

We list some open problems and questions related to models of the form  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . In Theorem 1.2, we prove the internal uniqueness of  $\mu$  inside  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ . It's natural to ask whether  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is unique externally.

**Question.** Suppose  $\mu_0, \mu_1$  are filters on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$  such that for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_i) \models \text{“}\mathbf{AD}^+ + \mu_i$  is a normal fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})\text{”}$ . Must  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_0) = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_1)$  and  $\mu_0 \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_0) = \mu_1 \cap L(\mathbb{R}, \mu_1)$ ? What is the consistency strength of having distinct models of  $\mathbf{AD}^+ + V = L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$ ?

In [17], it's shown that  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \mathbf{AD}^+$  if and only if  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu) \models \Theta > \omega_2$ . It's known that the equivalence fails for  $L(\mathbb{R})$ . However, the following is still open.



**Open problem.** Suppose  $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \Theta$  is strongly inaccessible<sup>29</sup>. Must  $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ ?

A variation of the above that we believe is still open is when we replace the hypothesis “ $L(\mathbb{R}) \models \Theta$  is inaccessible” by “ $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})} \models \Theta$  is inaccessible (or Woodin)”. Finally, with regard to constructing  $L(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  in a core model induction, the following is still open (cf. [10]), where NS is the nonstationary ideal on  $\omega_1$ .

**Conjecture.** The following are equiconsistent.

1. ZFC+ there are  $\omega^2$  Woodin cardinals.
2. NS is saturated and  $\text{WRP}_{(2)}^*(\omega_2)$  holds.
3. NS is saturated and  $\text{SRP}_{(2)}^*(\omega_2)$  holds.

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