Some recent results in descriptive inner model theory

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## The starting point

Theorem (Steel, 1995) Assume  $\mathcal{M}^{\#}_{\omega}$  exists. Let  $\mu = (\delta_1^2)^{L(\mathbb{R})}$  and set  $\mathcal{M} = \text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}|(\mu^+)^{\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}}.$ 

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the direct limit of all countable iterates of  $\mathcal{P} =_{def} \mathcal{M}_{\omega} | (\delta^+)$  where  $\delta$  is the least Woodin of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega}$ , and let  $i : \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{H}$  be the iteration embedding. Let  $\lambda$  be the least  $< \delta$ -strong cardinal of  $\mathcal{P}$  and let  $\kappa$  be its successor in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then

 $\mathcal{M}=\mathcal{H}|i(\kappa).$ 

## Consequences

#### Corollary

Assume  $\mathcal{M}^{\#}_{\omega}$  exists. Then  $V^{HOD^{\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})}}_{\Theta} \vDash GCH$ .

### Theorem (Steel)

Assume  $\mathcal{M}^{\#}_{\omega}$  exists. Then  $L(\mathbb{R}) \vDash "\kappa \in (\omega, \Theta)$  is regular if and only if  $\kappa$  is measurable".

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 $L[T_{2n}] = L[\mathcal{M}]$  where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the direct limit of all countable iterates of  $\mathcal{M}_{2n}$  cut at the least cardinal that is strong up to the least Woodin of the aformentioned direct limit.

## Full HOD

#### Theorem (Woodin)

Assume  $\mathcal{M}^{\#}_{\omega}$  exists and let  $\Sigma$  be its strategy. Then  $\mathrm{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}$  has the form  $L[\mathcal{M}, \Lambda]$  where

- **①**  $\mathcal{M}$  is the direct limit of all countable iterates of  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega}$ ,
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ILE stands for "no mouse with a long extender".

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So proving *MC* from *AD*<sup>+</sup> is probably the best route to take. However, it is not likely that one can prove *MC* without proving *HPC* simultaneously.

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Under AD<sup>+</sup>, every Suslin, co-Suslin set is captured by some triple as above.

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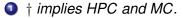
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- † implies HPC and MC.
- It is probably more likely that one would first show that the hod pair construction of P|δ inherits complicated strategy.

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Using  $AD^+$ , it is not hard to build a model of "all sets of reals are uB". Suppose  $\theta_{\alpha+1} = \Theta$  and  $\alpha$  is limit. Let  $\Gamma = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : w(A) < \theta_{\alpha}\}$ . Then  $HOD_{\Gamma} | \Theta \models$  "All sets of reals are hom Suslin".

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The following are equiconsistent.

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#### Remark

Known to follow from MSC.

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Generalize Zhu's result to models of LSA.

## Forcing Axioms $\rightarrow$ Determinacy

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### Theorem (s.-Zeman)

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Show that if  $S_{\kappa}$  is defined for all  $\kappa$  as above then countable submodels of N are iterable (Idea:  $S_{\kappa}$  determines extenders with critical point  $\kappa$ ).

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## Conjecture

Assume there is no inner model of LSA. Then there is a K<sup>c</sup> construction such that either

- It converges or
- 2 It produces a model  $\mathcal{N}$  in which there is a measurable cardinal  $\kappa$  such that  $\kappa$  is a limit of Woodins,  $cf((\kappa^+)^{\mathcal{N}}) \ge \omega_2$  and the square sequence of  $\mathcal{N}|(\kappa^+)^{\mathcal{N}}$  is not threadable.

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Thank you Ronald!

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