

# Divergent Models with the Failure of the Continuum Hypothesis <sup>\*†‡</sup>

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## Abstract

We construct divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  along with the failure of the Continuum Hypothesis (CH) under various assumptions. Divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  plays an important role in descriptive inner model theory; all known analyses of HOD in  $\text{AD}^+$  models (without extra iterability assumptions) are carried out in the region below the existence of divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ . Our results are the first step toward resolving various open questions concerning the length of definable prewellorderings of the reals and principles implying  $\neg\text{CH}$ , like MM, that divergent models shed light on, see Question 5.1.

## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we identify the reals  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{N}^\mathbb{N}$ , the set of all infinite sequences of natural numbers equipped with the Baire topology.

**Definition 1.1** *Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are transitive models of  $\text{AD}^+$ . We say that  $M$  and  $N$  are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  if there are sets of reals  $A \in M$  and  $B \in N$  such that  $A \notin N$  and  $B \notin M$ .*

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If  $M, N$  are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ , then the Wadge hierarchies of  $M, N$  “diverge”, or equivalently  $\wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap M \not\subseteq N$  and  $\wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap N \not\subseteq M$ . Woodin has shown that letting  $\Gamma = \wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap M \cap N$ , then  $\Gamma = \wp(\mathbb{R}) \cap L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R})$  and furthermore,  $L(\Gamma, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{DC}$ . The upper-bound consistency strength of divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ , as shown by Woodin, is the existence of a Woodin cardinal which is a limit of Woodin cardinals. This bound is conjectured to be exact.<sup>1</sup> Divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  plays a very important role in descriptive inner model theory; virtually, all known analyses of HOD in strong  $\text{AD}^+$  models are carried out below this bound (see cf. [Sar14], [ST23]).

Working in a universe satisfying  $\text{CH}$ , Woodin constructed divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  [Far10]. We prove that it is consistent that there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  while  $\text{CH}$  fails.

**Theorem 1.2** *Suppose  $\text{CH}$  holds and there are two sets of reals  $A, B$  such that*

- $(\mathbb{R}, A)^\sharp, (\mathbb{R}, B)^\sharp$  exist and are  $\aleph_1$ -universally Baire,
- $L(A, \mathbb{R}), L(B, \mathbb{R})$  are models of  $\text{AD}^+$  such that letting  $H_A = \text{HOD}^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$  and  $H_B = \text{HOD}^{L(B, \mathbb{R})}$ , there is some  $\alpha < \min\{\omega_1^{H_A}, \omega_1^{H_B}\}$  such that the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $H_A$  is different from the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $H_B$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the standard ccc forcing that adds  $\omega_2$  many Cohen reals and  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  be  $V$ -generic. Then in  $V[g]$ , there are  $A^*, B^*$  and embeddings  $j_A, j_B$  such that

1.  $j_A : L(A, \mathbb{R}^V) \rightarrow L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}), j_B : L(B, \mathbb{R}^V) \rightarrow L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$  fix all ordinals, and
2.  $L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}), L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$  are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ .

**Corollary 1.3** *Con(ZFC+ there is a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals) implies Con(CH fails and there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ ).*

*Proof.* By results of Woodin’s (see [Far10]), the hypothesis of Theorem 1.2 is consistent relative to the existence of a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals. The corollary follows from Theorem 1.2.  $\square$

The following theorem is folklore. We include the proof here for self-containment. It is used in the proof of Corollary 1.5. A forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  is said to be *weakly proper* if whenever  $g \subset \mathbb{P}$  is  $V$ -generic, for any ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $\wp_{\omega_1}^{V[g]}(\alpha) \subset \wp_{\omega_1}^V(\alpha)$ .  $\Gamma_\infty$  denotes the collection of universally Baire sets.

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<sup>1</sup>It has come to my attention recently that G. Sargsyan (unpublished) has shown this.

**Theorem 1.4** *Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is universally Baire. Suppose  $\mathbb{P}$  is weakly proper. Then for any  $V$ -generic  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ , there is some universally Baire set  $B \in V$  such that letting  $B^*$  be the canonical interpretation of  $B$  in  $V[g]$ ,  $A$  is Wadge reducible to  $B^*$ .*

**Corollary 1.5** *Assume there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. Suppose  $A, B$  are as in the hypothesis of Theorem 1.2. Furthermore, assume that  $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R}) \cap L(B, \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the forcing that adds  $\omega_2$  Cohen reals and  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  be  $V$ -generic. Then in  $V[g]$ ,  $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}) \cap L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ .*

Now we address the question of whether the hypothesis of Corollary 1.5 is consistent. We construct divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  that contain the collection of universally Baire sets from a strong hypothesis. We are hopeful that with recent advancement in descriptive inner model theory, this hypothesis can be shown to be consistent.

**Definition 1.6** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a hybrid premouse. We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is **appropriate premouse** if  $\mathcal{M} = (|\mathcal{M}|, \in, \mathbb{E}, \mathbb{S})$  is an amenable  $J$ -structure that satisfies:*

1. *the predicate  $\mathbb{S}$  codes  $(\mathcal{P}_0, \Sigma)$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_0 = (\mathcal{M}|\delta_0)^{\sharp 2}$  for some Woodin cardinal  $\delta_0$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is an lsa hod premouse and  $\Sigma$  is the short-tree strategy of  $\mathcal{P}_0$ ;*<sup>3</sup>
2. *there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and a Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals  $> \delta_0$  as witnessed by a fine-extender sequence (in the sense of [Ste10]) coded by  $\mathbb{E}$ ;*
3. *for any set generic  $h$ ,  $\Sigma$  has a canonical interpretation  $\Sigma^h$  in  $V[h]$ ; more precisely, there is a term-relation  $\tau$  such that for all generic  $h$ ,  $\tau^h = \Sigma^h$ ;*
4. *in all generic extensions  $V[g]$  of  $V$  for which  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is countable,  $\Sigma^g \notin (\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$  but letting  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_0, \Sigma^g)$  be the set of  $A$  such that there is a countable  $\mathcal{T}$  according to  $\Sigma^g$  such that  $A \leq_w \Sigma_{\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{T})}^g$ , then  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_0, \Sigma^g) = (\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$ . This essentially says that all lower-level strategies of  $\Sigma^g$  or its iterates are in  $(\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]}$ .*

$(\mathcal{M}, \Psi)$  is an appropriate mouse if  $\mathcal{M}$  is an appropriate premouse and  $\Psi$  is an iteration strategy for  $\mathcal{M}$  such that if  $i : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be an iteration according to  $\Psi$ , then for any  $\mathcal{N}$ -generic  $g$ ,  $i(\tau)^g = (\Psi_N)_{\mathcal{P}_0}^{sh} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N}[g]$ , here  $(\Psi_N)_{\mathcal{P}_0}^{sh}$  is the restriction of the tail strategy  $\Psi_N$  on  $N$  to short trees on  $\mathcal{P}_0$ .

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<sup>2</sup>By this we mean  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is the first active initial segment of  $\mathcal{M}$  extending  $\mathcal{M}|\delta_0$ .

<sup>3</sup>See [ST23] for a detailed theory of lsa hod mice. Roughly,  $\mathcal{P}_0$  is a hod mouse with the largest Woodin cardinal  $\delta_0$  and the least  $< \delta_0$ -strong cardinal is a limit of Woodin cardinals.

It is not known if the existence of an appropriate mouse is consistent; a weaker version of this is shown to be consistent in [ST19] and plays a key role in determining the exact consistency strength of Woodin’s Sealing of the Universally Baire sets. Property 4, namely the assumption on  $\Sigma$ , is an abstraction of properties of excellent mice defined in [ST19] and is the key property that allows us to prove Theorem 1.7. The intuition giving rise to 4 comes from the construction of models of **LSA – over – UB** in [ST19], where the **LSA** model is generated by a pair  $(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma)$  such that  $\Sigma$  is a short-tree strategy for an lsa-type hod premouse  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}, \Sigma) = \Gamma_\infty$ . In the proof of Theorem 1.7, we use this property to show that  $\Gamma_\infty$  (in a generic extension of the appropriate mouse) is in both divergent models, by showing the interpretation of  $\tau$  by the generic is in both models. The main difference between an appropriate mouse and an excellent mouse lies in property 2. We do not yet have a theory of layered-hod mice that reaches the level of “ZFC+ there is a Woodin cardinal which is a limit of Woodin cardinals” (**WLW**), but such a theory exists for least-branch hod mice ([Ste22]), so it seems very plausible that the existence of appropriate mice is consistent.<sup>4</sup>

The following property abstracts out some of the features of countable substructures of models obtained by fully-backgrounded constructions (see cf. [Ste10, Nee02]). We say that  $V$  satisfies *countable self-iterability* if for any cardinal  $\delta$  and any countable  $X \prec V_{\delta+1}$ , the transitive collapse  $M$  of  $X$  is fully iterable with  $\delta$ -universally Baire strategy  $\Lambda$ ; furthermore, letting  $\tau : M \rightarrow X$  be the uncollapse map,  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -realizable, i.e. whenever  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  is an iteration map according to  $\Lambda$  with  $|N| < \omega_1$ , there is some  $\sigma : N \rightarrow V_{\delta+1}$  such that  $\tau = \sigma \circ \pi$ .

**Theorem 1.7** *Suppose  $V = L[\vec{E}]$  is an extender model such that in  $V$ , there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and countable self-iterability holds. Suppose there is an appropriate mouse  $(\mathcal{M}, \Psi)$  such that  $\Psi \in \Gamma_\infty$ . Then in some generic extension of  $\mathcal{M}$ , there are divergent models of **AD**<sup>+</sup>  $N_1, N_2$  such that  $\Gamma_\infty \subset N_1 \cap N_2$ .*

**Remark 1.8** *Theorem 1.7 relates to Question 5.1(i) in light of recent development in the core model induction; in particular, one can show under **MM** that  $\Gamma_\infty$  contains very complicated mice, e.g. there are Wadge initial segments  $\Gamma$  such that  $L(\Gamma) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R} + \text{“}\Theta\text{ is regular”}$  and much more. One can hope that **MM** implies the existence of mice that satisfies **WLW** with universally Baire iteration strategies. 5.1(ii) is a weakening of 5.1(i) as **MM** implies  $\delta_2^1 = \omega_2$ . If 5.1(ii) was true, then  $\Gamma_\infty$  is “large” in that  $o(\Gamma_\infty) > \omega_2$ . It is open whether  $o(\Gamma_\infty)$  could be  $> \omega_3$ .*

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<sup>4</sup>What is missing from [Ste22] is a theory of short-tree strategy mice in the least-branch hierarchy.

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## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $\Theta$  be the supremum of ordinals  $\gamma$  such that there is a surjection from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\gamma$ . A very useful extension of the Axiom of Determinacy,  $\text{AD}$ , is a theory called  $\text{AD}^+$  isolated by Woodin.  $\text{AD}^+$  consists of the following statements.

- $\text{DC}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .
- Every set of reals has an  $\infty$ -Borel code. (An  $\infty$ -Borel code is a pair  $(S, \varphi)$  where  $S$  is a set of ordinals and  $\varphi$  is a formula of set theory. Let  $\mathfrak{B}_{(S, \varphi)} = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : L[S, r] \models \varphi(S, r)\}$ .  $(S, \varphi)$  is an  $\infty$ -Borel code for a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $A = \mathfrak{B}_{(S, \varphi)}$ .)
- **Ordinal Determinacy**, which is the statements that for every  $\lambda < \Theta$ ,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , and continuous function  $\pi : {}^\omega \lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the two player game on  $\lambda$  with payoff set  $\pi^{-1}(X)$  is determined.

It is conjectured that under  $\text{ZF} + \text{DC}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $\text{AD}$  implies  $\text{AD}^+$ . All known models of  $\text{AD}$  satisfy  $\text{AD}^+$ .

For any model  $M$  of  $\text{AD}^+$ , the ordinal  $\Theta^M$  is defined to be the supremum of ordinals  $\gamma$  such that there is a surjection from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\gamma$  in  $M$ . For any set of reals  $A$  in  $M$ , let  $w(A)$  denote the Wadge rank of  $A$  in  $M$ . A basic result due to R. Solovay, is that  $\Theta^M$  is supremum of the Wadge ranks of sets of reals  $A$  in  $M$ .

We summarize basic facts about (weakly) homogeneously Suslin and universally Baire sets we need. For a more detailed discussion, the reader should consult for example [Ste09].

Given an uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$ , and a set  $Z$ ,  $\text{meas}_\kappa(Z)$  denotes the set of all  $\kappa$ -additive measures on  $Z^{<\omega}$ . If  $\mu \in \text{meas}_\kappa(Z)$ , then there is a unique  $n < \omega$  such that  $Z^n \in \mu$  by  $\kappa$ -additivity; we let this  $n = \text{dim}(\mu)$ . If  $\mu, \nu \in \text{meas}_\kappa(Z)$ , we say that  $\mu$  projects to  $\nu$  if  $\text{dim}(\nu) = m \leq \text{dim}(\mu) = n$  and for all  $A \subseteq Z^m$ ,

$$A \in \nu \Leftrightarrow \{u : u \upharpoonright m \in A\} \in \mu.$$

In this case, there is a natural embedding from the ultrapower of  $V$  by  $\nu$  into the ultrapower of  $V$  by  $\mu$ :

$$\pi_{\nu,\mu} : Ult(V, \nu) \rightarrow Ult(V, \mu)$$

defined by  $\pi_{\nu,\mu}([f]_{\nu}) = [f^*]_{\mu}$  where  $f^*(u) = f(u \upharpoonright m)$  for all  $u \in Z^n$ . A tower of measures on  $Z$  is a sequence  $\langle \mu_n : n < k \rangle$  for some  $k \leq \omega$  such that for all  $m \leq n < k$ ,  $\dim(\mu_n) = n$  and  $\mu_n$  projects to  $\mu_m$ . A tower  $\langle \mu_n : n < \omega \rangle$  is *countably complete* if the direct limit of  $\{Ult(V, \mu_n), \pi_{\mu_m, \mu_n} : m \leq n < \omega\}$  is well-founded. We will also say that the tower  $\langle \mu_n : n < \omega \rangle$  is well-founded.

Recall we identify the set of reals  $\mathbb{R}$  with the Baire space  $\omega\omega$ .

**Definition 2.1** Fix an uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$ . A function  $\bar{\mu} : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{meas}_{\kappa}(Z)$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete **homogeneity system** with support  $Z$  if for all  $s, t \in \omega^{<\omega}$ , writing  $\mu_t$  for  $\bar{\mu}(t)$ :

1.  $\text{dom}(\mu_t) = \text{dom}(t)$ ,
2.  $s \subseteq t \Rightarrow \mu_t \text{ projects to } \mu_s$ .

Often times, we will not specify the support  $Z$ ; instead, we just say  $\bar{\mu}$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete homogeneity system.

A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  $\kappa$ -**homogeneous** iff there is a  $\kappa$ -complete homogeneity system  $\bar{\mu}$  such that

$$A = S_{\mu} =_{\text{def}} \{x : \bar{\mu}_x \text{ is countably complete}\}.$$

$A$  is homogeneous if it is  $\kappa$ -homogeneous for all  $\kappa$ . Let  $\text{Hom}_{\infty}$  be the collection of all homogeneous sets.

**Definition 2.2** Fix an uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$ . A function  $\bar{\mu} : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \text{meas}_{\kappa}(Z)$  is a  $\kappa$ -complete **weak homogeneity system** with support  $Z$  if it is injective and for all  $t \in \omega^{<\omega}$ :

1.  $\text{dom}(\mu_t) \leq \text{dom}(t)$ ,
2. if  $\mu_t$  projects to  $\nu$ , then there is some  $i < \text{dom}(\mu_t)$  such that  $\nu = \mu_{t \upharpoonright i}$ .

A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  $\kappa$ -**weakly homogeneous** iff there is a  $\kappa$ -complete weak homogeneity system  $\bar{\mu}$  such that

$$A = W_{\bar{\mu}} =_{\text{def}} \{x : \exists (i_k : k < \omega) \in \omega^{\omega} \langle \mu_{x \upharpoonright i_k} : k < \omega \rangle \text{ is well-founded}\}.$$

$A$  is weakly homogeneous if it is  $\kappa$ -weakly homogeneous for all  $\kappa$ . Let  $w\text{Hom}_{\infty}$  be the collection of all weakly homogeneous sets.

**Definition 2.3**  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  **$\kappa$ -universally Baire** if there are trees  $T, U \subseteq (\omega \times ON)^{<\omega}$  that are  $\kappa$ -absolutely complemented, i.e.  $A = p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$  and whenever  $\mathbb{P}$  is a forcing such that  $|\mathbb{P}| < \kappa$  and  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is  $V$ -generic, in  $V[g]$ ,  $p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$ . In this case, we let  $A_g = p[T]$  be the canonical interpretation of  $A$  in  $V[g]$ .

$A$  is **universally Baire** if  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -universally Baire for all  $\kappa$ . Let  $\Gamma_\infty$  be the collection of all universally Baire sets.

We remark that if  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -universally Baire as witnessed by pairs  $(T_1, U_1)$  and  $(T_2, U_2)$  and  $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$  and  $g \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is  $V$ -generic, then  $A_g = p[T_1] = p[T_2]$ , i.e.  $A_g$  does not depend on the choice of absolutely complemented trees that witness  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -universally Baire. A similar remark applies to  $\kappa$ -(weakly) homogeneously Suslin sets.

Suppose there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals. The following are some standard results about universally Baire sets we will use throughout our paper. The proof of these results can be found in [Ste09].

1.  $\text{Hom}_\infty = \text{wHom}_\infty = \Gamma_\infty$ .
2. For any  $A \in \Gamma_\infty$ ,  $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ ; furthermore, given such an  $A$ , there is a  $B \in \Gamma_\infty$  such that  $B \notin L(A, \mathbb{R})$  and  $A \in L(B, \mathbb{R})$ . In fact,  $A^\sharp$  is an example of such a  $B$ .
3. Suppose  $A \in \Gamma_\infty$ . Let  $B$  be the code for the first order theory with real parameters of the structure  $(HC, \in, A)$  (under some reasonable coding of  $HC$  by reals). Then  $B \in \Gamma_\infty$  and if  $g$  is  $V$ -generic for some forcing, then in  $V[g]$ ,  $B_g \in \Gamma_\infty$  is the code for the first order theory with real parameters of  $(HC^{V[g]}, \in, A_g)$ .

Under the same hypothesis, the results above also imply that

- $\Gamma_\infty$  is closed under Wadge reducibility,
- if  $A \in \Gamma_\infty$ , then  $\neg A \in \Gamma_\infty$ ,
- if  $A \in \Gamma_\infty$  and  $g$  is  $V$ -generic for some forcing, then there is an elementary embedding  $j : L(A, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L(A_g, \mathbb{R}_g)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_g = \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$ .

Finally, the reader should consult [Ste10] for the basics of inner model theory. This is the background needed to follow the proof of Theorem 1.7. Consult [ST23, ST19] for more information on the theory of short-tree strategy mice related to Isadore mice and appropriate mice; we will not need this material in this paper, however.

In the following, we fix a natural coding of  $(\omega_1, \omega_1)$ -iteration strategies for countable mice by sets of reals, e.g. we fix a function  $\tau : HC \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that codes elements of  $HC$  by reals as in [Woo10, Chapter 2] and  $Code : \wp(HC) \rightarrow \wp(\mathbb{R})$  is the induced function given by:  $Code(A) = \tau[A]$ .

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*Proof.* [Proof of Theorem 1.2] Fix  $A, B, \mathbb{P}, g$  as in the statement of the theorem. Let  $\mathbb{R}_g = \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the least such that letting  $x_A$  be the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $H_A$  and  $x_B$  be the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $H_B$ , then  $x_A \neq x_B$ .

Let  $(U, \varphi)$  and  $(W, \psi)$  be  $\infty$ -Borel codes for  $A, B$  respectively. Let  $s \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$ . Note that  $s$  is added by a countable suborder of  $\mathbb{P}$  by the countable chain condition of  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}_s = \mathbb{R}^{V[s]}$  and define  $A_s$  by: for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_s$ ,

$$x \in A_s \Leftrightarrow L[U, x] \models \varphi[x, U].$$

We define  $B_s$  using  $(W, \psi)$  in a similar fashion. Let

$$M_s = L(A_s, \mathbb{R}_s),$$

and

$$N_s = L(B_s, \mathbb{R}_s),$$

**Claim 1:** Suppose  $t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$  and  $s \subseteq t$ . Then the map  $\pi_{s,t}^A : M_s \rightarrow M_t$  defined by:  $\pi_{s,t}^A \upharpoonright \mathbb{R}_s \cup ON = id$  and  $\pi_{s,t}^A(A_s) = A_t$  is an elementary embedding. Similarly,  $\pi_{s,t}^B$  is an elementary embedding.

*Proof.* We prove the statement for  $A$ . This follows from [Woo10, Theorem 10.63, 2.27–2.29] and [Far10, Theorem 6.3, 6.4]. The key points are:

- All sets of reals in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$  are  $\aleph_1$ -universally Baire, as  $(\mathbb{R}, A)^\sharp$  is  $\aleph_1$ -universally Baire.
- The suborder of  $\mathbb{P}$  adding  $s$  is weakly proper and countable, so  $\pi_{\emptyset,s}^A \upharpoonright ON = id$  and  $\pi_{\emptyset,s}^A(A) = A_s$  is the canonical interpretation of  $A$  in  $V[s]$ .

□

Let  $M_\infty$  be the direct limit of  $\mathcal{F}_A = \{M_s, \pi_{s,t}^A : s \subseteq t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}\}$  and  $N_\infty$  be the direct limit of  $\mathcal{F}_B = \{N_s, \pi_{s,t}^B : s \subseteq t \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}\}$ .

**Claim 2:**  $M_\infty, N_\infty$  are well-founded.

*Proof.* The directed systems  $\mathcal{F}_A, \mathcal{F}_B$  consist of well-founded models and the directed relation  $(\subseteq)$  is in fact countably directed, i.e. if  $(s_n : n < \omega)$  is such that for all  $n$ ,  $s_n \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$ , then there is some  $s \in (\wp_{\omega_1}(\omega_2))^{V[g]}$  such that  $s_n \subseteq s$  for all  $n$ . Therefore,  $M_\infty, N_\infty$  are well-founded as any witness that  $M_\infty$  ( $N_\infty$ ) is ill-founded has preimage in some  $M_s$  ( $N_s$ ).  $\square$

Let

$$\pi^A : L(A, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_\infty = L(A_\infty, \mathbb{R}_g)$$

and

$$\pi^B : L(B, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_\infty = L(B_\infty, \mathbb{R}_g)^5$$

be the direct limit maps. Note that  $\pi^A \upharpoonright ON = \pi^B \upharpoonright ON = id$ . Now we claim that  $M_\infty, N_\infty$  are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  in  $V[g]$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem.

We note that  $\pi^A(x_A) = x_A$  is the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well order of  $HOD^{M_\infty}$ . This follows from the fact that  $\pi^A$  is elementary and fixes all ordinals. Similarly,  $\pi^B(x_B) = x_B$  is the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well order of  $HOD^{M_\infty}$ . If  $M_\infty, N_\infty$  are compatible, then the  $\alpha$ -th real in  $HOD^{M_\infty}$  must be equal to the  $\alpha$ -th real in  $HOD^{N_\infty}$ . To see this, suppose without loss of generality  $\wp(\mathbb{R})^{M_\infty} \subseteq \wp(\mathbb{R})^{N_\infty}$ . Suppose  $\beta \leq \Theta^{N_\infty}$  is such that  $\wp(\mathbb{R})^{M_\infty} = \{A \in N_\infty : w(A) < \beta\}$ . This easily gives  $HOD^{M_\infty}$  is  $OD$  in  $N_\infty$  and that the canonical well-order of  $OD$ -reals in  $M_\infty$  is compatible with the canonical well-order of  $OD$ -reals in  $N_\infty$ . So  $x_A = x_B$ . Contradiction.  $\square$

*Proof.* [Proof of Theorem 1.4] Fix  $A, \mathbb{P}, g$  as in the statement of the theorem. Let  $\kappa$  be a measurable cardinal such that

- $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$ .
- $A$  is  $\kappa$ -homogeneous.
- Every  $\kappa$ -homogeneously Suslin set in  $V[g]$  is universally Baire in  $V[g]$ .

Let  $\bar{\mu} = (\mu_s : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$  be a homogeneous system witnessing  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -homogeneously Suslin, i.e.

$$x \in A \Leftrightarrow (\mu_{x|i} : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete.}$$

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<sup>5</sup>It is clear that  $\mathbb{R}^{M_\infty} = \mathbb{R}^{N_\infty} = \mathbb{R}_g$ .

Since  $\mathbb{P} \in V_\kappa$ , for each  $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$ , there is  $\nu \in \text{meas}_\kappa(\kappa^{|s|})$  in  $V$  such that  $\nu^* = \mu_s$ , where  $\nu^* = \{A \in V[g] : \exists B \in \nu(B \subseteq A)\}$  is the canonical extension of  $\nu$  in  $V[g]$ . By the weak properness of  $\mathbb{P}$ , there is a countable set of measures  $\sigma \subset \text{meas}_\kappa(\bigcup_n \kappa^n)$  in  $V$  such that

$$\bar{\mu} \subseteq \sigma^* = \{\nu^* : \nu \in \sigma\}.$$

In  $V$ , let  $\bar{\nu} = (\nu_s : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$  be an enumeration of  $\sigma$  such that

- (i) for each  $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$ ,  $\nu_s$  concentrates on  $\kappa^{|s|}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\nu_t$  projects to  $\nu$ , then there is some  $i < \text{dom}(\nu_t)$  such that  $\nu_{t|i} = \nu$ .

Now define the following set  $B$ , which is just the  $\kappa$ -homogeneously Suslin set given by  $\bar{\nu}$ : for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x \in B \Leftrightarrow (\nu_{x|k} : k < \omega) \text{ is countably complete.}$$

Let  $B^*$  be the canonical extension of  $B$  induced by  $\bar{\nu}^* = (\nu_s^* : s \in \omega^{<\omega})$  in  $V[g]$ . Thus,  $B^*$  is  $\kappa$ -homogeneously Suslin and hence is universally Baire in  $V[g]$ . Let  $f : \omega^{<\omega} \rightarrow \omega^{<\omega}$  be:

$$f(s) = t \text{ where } t \text{ is such that } \mu_s = \nu_t^*.$$

By the properties of  $\bar{\nu}$  and  $\bar{\mu}$ , we have

- (a)  $f(s)$  has the same length as  $s$  for every  $s \in \omega^{<\omega}$ .
- (b)  $f$  is order preserving, i.e. if  $s_0$  is an initial segment of  $s_1$  then  $f(s_0)$  is an initial segment of  $f(s_1)$ .

Let  $\hat{f} : \mathbb{R}^{V[g]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$  be the continuous map induced by  $f$ :

$$\hat{f}(x) = \bigcup_{i < \omega} f(x|i).$$

We have for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{V[g]}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\Leftrightarrow (\mu_{x|i} : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\nu_{f(x|i)}^* : i < \omega) \text{ is countably complete} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \hat{f}(x) \in B^* \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\hat{f}$  witnesses  $A$  is Wadge reducible to  $B^*$ .

□

*Proof.* [Proof of Corollary 1.5] First note that  $\mathbb{P}$  is weakly proper so we can apply Theorem 1.4. Now note that

$$o(\Gamma_\infty)^{V[g]} = \sup[j_A \upharpoonright o(\Gamma_\infty^V)] = \sup[j_B \upharpoonright o(\Gamma_\infty^V)]. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $o(\Gamma_\infty)$  is the length of the Wadge prewellorder on  $\Gamma_\infty$ . To see 1, note that for each  $X \in \Gamma_\infty$ ,  $j_A(X), j_B(X) \in \Gamma_\infty^{V[g]}$ <sup>6</sup> and is the canonical interpretation of  $X$ , so  $j_A(X) = j_B(X)$ . Now apply Theorem 1.4 to see that  $j_A \upharpoonright \Gamma_\infty^V = j_B \upharpoonright \Gamma_\infty^V$  is cofinal in  $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]}$ .

Finally, for each  $X \in \Gamma_\infty$ ,  $X$  is Wadge reducible to  $A$  ( $X \leq_w A$ ) in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ . To see this, note that  $A \notin \Gamma_\infty$ . Otherwise, by the facts mentioned at the end of Section 2, there is some  $C \in \Gamma_\infty$  such that  $A \in L(C, \mathbb{R})$ ; furthermore,  $C^\sharp \in \Gamma_\infty$ , so  $C^\sharp \notin L(A, \mathbb{R})$ . This contradicts  $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$ . Since  $A \notin \Gamma_\infty$ ,  $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ , the claim is established.

By elementarity  $j_A(X) \leq_w A^*$ . By (1),  $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]} \subset L(A^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$ . Similarly,  $\Gamma_\infty^{V[g]} \subset L(B^*, \mathbb{R}^{V[g]})$   $\square$

## 4 Divergent models of $\text{AD}^+$ over UB

In this section, we give the proof of Theorem 1.7. The proof closely resembles Woodin's original proof of the existence of divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  in [Far10, Section 6]; the reader is advised to consult that proof for details we omit here.

Let  $\mathcal{M}, \Psi$  be as in the statement of the theorem and assume this is a minimal such mouse. Let  $\mathcal{P}_0 = (\mathcal{M} \mid \delta_0)^\sharp$  be as in clause 1 of Definition 1.6. Let  $\lambda = \lambda^{\mathcal{M}} > \delta_0$  be the Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $c \in V$  be a Cohen real over  $\mathcal{M}$  and let  $A \in \Gamma_\infty$  be such that  $c$  is  $OD$  in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ .

The existence of  $A$  follows from countable self-iterability and the argument in [Far10, Section 6.2]. We sketch a proof here.  $A$  codes a pair  $(P, \Lambda \upharpoonright HC)$  where  $P$  is the transitive collapse of a countable  $X \prec V_{\delta+1}$  such that  $c \in X$  and  $\delta$  is large enough that  $\delta$ -universally Baire sets are universally Baire, and  $\Lambda$  is a  $\delta$ -universally Baire strategy of  $P$ .  $P$  is an extender model since  $V = L[\vec{E}]$  is an extender model. Therefore,  $A$  is universally Baire. So  $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ . By replacing  $P$  by  $Hull^P(\{c\})$  we may assume  $P$  projects to  $\omega$  and  $\Lambda$  is the unique iteration strategy for  $P$ . Since  $c \in P$ ,  $P$  is an extender model, and  $\Lambda \upharpoonright HC$  can be extended to a unique  $\omega_1 + 1$ -iteration strategy for  $P$  in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ , the direct limit of all countable nondropping iterates of  $M$  via  $\Lambda$  is defined and is  $OD$  in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$  and hence  $c$  is  $OD$  in  $L(A, \mathbb{R})$ .

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<sup>6</sup>This follows from [Woo10, Theorem 10.63]. The maps  $j_A, j_B$  maps each  $X \in \Gamma_\infty^V$  to its canonical interpretation in  $V[g]$ .

We may and do choose  $A$  such that  $\text{Code}(\Psi) <_w A$  as witnessed by a real  $x^*$ .<sup>7</sup> To see such an  $A$  exists, suppose  $\text{Code}(\Psi) = p[T] = \mathbb{R} \setminus p[U]$ , where  $T, U$  are trees witnessing  $\text{Code}(\Psi)$  is  $\delta$ -universally Baire for some  $\delta$ . By choosing  $A$  coding the first order theory of  $(HC, \in, (P, \Lambda))$  with real parameters such that

- $P$  is the transitive collapse of some countable  $X \prec V_{\gamma+1}$  and
- $(T, U) \in X$  for  $\gamma$  sufficiently large that  $\Lambda$ , the strategy for  $P$ , is universally Baire,

we can compute  $\Psi$  from  $A$  as follows. Note that  $\Lambda$  exists by countable self-iterability and since  $\Lambda \in \Gamma_\infty$ , so is  $A$ . Let  $x \in \text{Code}(\Psi) = p[T]$ , let  $\pi : P \rightarrow N$  be the iteration map that is induced by a genericity iteration according to  $\Lambda$  to make  $x$  generic for the extender algebra at the first Woodin cardinal of  $N$ ; we assume the first Woodin cardinal is  $< \gamma$ . Let  $(T^*, U^*)$  be the image of  $(T, U)$  under the transitive collapse map  $\tau$  and  $(\tilde{T}, \tilde{U}) = \pi(T^*, U^*)$ . We claim that  $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{T}]$ ; otherwise, since  $\tilde{T}, \tilde{U}$  are absolutely complemented for forcings of size the first Woodin cardinal of  $N$ ,  $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{U}]$ . Since  $\Lambda$  is a  $\tau$ -realizable strategy, there is an embedding  $\sigma : N \rightarrow V_{\gamma+1}$  such that  $\tau = \sigma \circ \pi$ . This easily gives  $x \in p[U]$ . Contradiction. Similarly, if  $x \in p[U]$ , then  $N[x] \models x \in p[\tilde{U}]$ . The above calculations show that  $\text{Code}(\Psi)$  is projective in  $\text{Code}(\Lambda)$ : for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \text{Code}(\Psi)$  if and only if there is a non-dropping, countable tree  $\mathcal{T}$  with last model  $N$  according to  $\Lambda$  such that letting  $\pi : P \rightarrow N$  be the iteration map,  $x \in p[\pi(T^*)]$ . By the choice of  $A$ ,  $\text{Code}(\Psi)$  is Wadge reducible to  $A$ .

Say  $c$  is the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $HOD^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ . Let  $C = B^\sharp$ , where  $B$  codes the first order theory of  $(HC, \in, A)$  with real parameters; again,  $C \in \Gamma_\infty$  and hence  $L(C, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ . Let  $\pi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be the map induced by a countable iteration according to  $\Psi$  above  $\mathcal{P}_0$  such that

1. letting  $\lambda^* = \pi(\lambda)$ , then  $(C \upharpoonright \lambda^*, \mathbb{R} \upharpoonright \lambda^*)$  is in  $\mathcal{N}[g]$ , where  $g \in V$  is  $\mathcal{N}$ -generic for  $\pi(W_\lambda^{\mathcal{M}}) =_{\text{def}} W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}}$ , the  $\lambda^*$ -generator extender algebra of  $\mathcal{N}$  at  $\lambda^*$ ,<sup>8</sup>
2.  $\mathbb{R} \cap L[C \upharpoonright \lambda^*] = \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g]}$  and  $L(C \upharpoonright \lambda^*, \mathbb{R} \upharpoonright \lambda^*) \prec L(C, \mathbb{R})$ ,
3.  $c, x^* \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g]}$ .

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<sup>7</sup>This means  $x^*$  induces a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \in \text{Code}(\Psi)$  if and only if  $f(a) \in A$ . Recall the function  $\text{Code}$  introduced in Section 2 that codes subsets of  $HC$  by sets of reals in a natural way.

<sup>8</sup>Since  $\text{CH}$  holds in  $V$ , we identify  $(\mathbb{R}, C)$  with a subset of  $\omega_1$  that codes it in a reasonable way.

The proof of these items, making substantial use of the fact that  $\lambda$  is Woodin limit of Woodin cardinals, is the same as in [Far10, Section 6.3]. So in  $\mathcal{N}[g]$ , there is an  $\aleph_1$ -universally Baire set  $A^9$  and two reals  $c, x$  such that

4.  $L(A, \mathbb{R}) \models \text{AD}^+$ ,
5.  $c$  is Cohen over  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $c$  is the  $\alpha$ -th real in the canonical well-order of  $HOD^{L(A, \mathbb{R})}$ ,
6.  $\pi(\tau)^g <_w A$  as witnessed by  $x$ . <sup>10</sup>

We note that clauses 4 and 5 follow from clause 2; clause 6 follows from clause 3 and the choice of  $A$ .

Say  $p \in g$  forces (4)–(6). Note that by appropriateness of  $\mathcal{N}$  (clauses 3 and 4) and (6), in  $\mathcal{N}[g]$ ,  $\Gamma_\infty \subset L(A, \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $g_1 \times g_2 \subset W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}} \times W_{\lambda^*}^{\mathcal{N}}$  be  $\mathcal{N}$ -generic and contains  $(p, p)$ . In  $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , there is a triple  $(A_i, c_i, x_i)$  satisfying (4)–(6) for  $\mathcal{N}[g_i]$ . As in [Far10, Section 6.3] and the proof of Theorem 1.2, in  $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$ , there are sets  $A_1^*, A_2^*$  and embeddings  $\pi_i : L(A_i, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_i]}) \rightarrow L(A_i^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]})$  that fix the ordinals.

By (6), we have that  $\pi(\tau)^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]} = \pi(\tau)^{\mathcal{N}[g_2 \times g_1]} \in L(A_i^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]})$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Therefore, by appropriateness,

$$\Gamma_\infty^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]} \subset L(A_1^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}) \cap L(A_2^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}). \quad (2)$$

As in [Far10, Section 6.3],  $\pi_1(c_1) = c_1 \neq \pi_2(c_2) = c_2$  as  $c_1, c_2$  are mutually generic over  $\mathcal{N}$ . So in  $\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]$

$$L(A_1^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}), L(A_2^*, \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}[g_1 \times g_2]}) \text{ are divergent models of } \text{AD}^+. \quad (3)$$

By elementarity of  $\pi$  applied to (2) and (3), in a generic extension of  $\mathcal{M}$ , there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$   $M_1, M_2$  such that  $\Gamma_\infty \subset M_1 \cap M_2$ .

**Remark 4.1** *We note in the construction above, letting  $g$  be a generic over  $\mathcal{M}$  such that in  $\mathcal{M}[g]$  there are divergent models  $M_1, M_2$  as above, letting  $\Delta = M_1 \cap M_2 \cap \wp(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\Gamma_\infty^{\mathcal{M}[g]} \subsetneq \Delta$ . This is because  $\tau_g \in M_1 \cap M_2$ . By a result of Woodin,  $L(\Delta) \cap \wp(\mathbb{R}) = \Delta$  and  $L(\Delta) \models \text{AD}_\mathbb{R}$ , therefore, there are Suslin co-Suslin sets in  $M_1 \cap M_2$  that are not universally Baire.*

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<sup>9</sup>In  $\mathcal{N}[g]$ ,  $C \upharpoonright \lambda^*$  is  $\aleph_1$ -universally Baire, not necessarily fully universally Baire.

<sup>10</sup>Recall that  $\tau$  is the term relation in  $\mathcal{M}$  that interprets the short-tree strategy  $\Sigma$  in all generic extensions of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

## 5 Open questions

We collect some open problems concerning divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ . First, we do not know if divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$  is consistent with or follows from various other strong hypotheses that imply  $\text{CH}$  fails.

**Question 5.1** 1. *Does  $\text{MM}$  imply there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$ ?*

2. *Is the theory “there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+ + \delta_2^1 = \omega_2$ ” consistent?*

One way to answer the following question is to show it is possible to construct appropriate mice.

**Question 5.2** *Is the theory “there is a proper class of Woodin cardinals and there are divergent models of  $\text{AD}^+$   $M$  and  $N$  such that  $\Gamma_\infty \subset M \cap N$ ” consistent?*

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