

## Outline:

① Argue certain supposedly limitative principles are not:

- Ground Axiom
  - resurrection principles
  - Usuba's Theorem
- $V = \text{HOD}$ 
  - HOD conjecture
  - UA

② Make a case for/against HOD conjecture

## The Ground Axiom

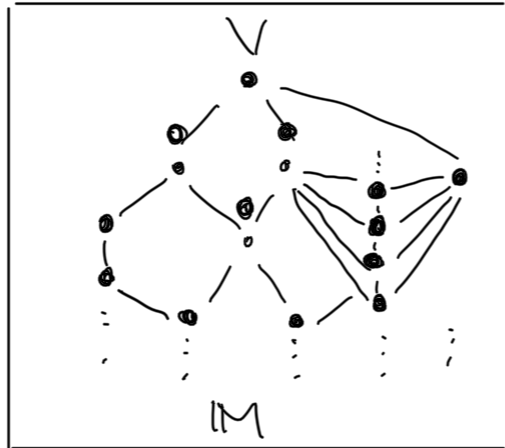
An inner model  $M$  is a ground (of  $V$ ) if there is a poset  $\mathbb{P} \in M$  and an  $M$ -generic filter  $G$  on  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $V = M[G]$ .

Ground Axiom (Hamkins-Reitz). There are no grounds of  $V$  except  $V$  itself.

- First-order expressible.
- True in  $L$ ,  $L[U]$ ,  $\text{HOD}^{L(\mathbb{R})}$

## The Mantle

The mantle  $\mathbb{M}$  is the intersection of all grounds



" $V = \mathbb{M}$ "

Theorem (Usuba) The mantle is a model of ZFC

## The Maximality Principle

Say  $\varphi$  holds on a cone of forcing extensions if there is a poset  $\mathbb{P}$  s.t.  $V^{\mathbb{P}}$  satisfies " $\varphi$  holds in all forcing extensions."

Maximality Principle (Stein-Väänänen, Bagaria, Chalons-Hamkins). If  $\varphi$  holds on a cone, then  $\varphi$  is true.

Consistency. Cone theory of any model is consistent and extends ZFC+MP

## Boldface Maximality Principles

Boldface MP. For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\varphi(x)$  holds on a cone of forcing extensions,  $\varphi(x)$  is true.

- Equiconsistent with  $\text{ZFC} + \text{Ord}$  is Mahlo
- Why real parameters? For any  $x$  on a cone  $x$  is hereditarily countable

## Necessary Maximality

Necessary MP. Boldface MP holds in every forcing extension.

- $\text{Con}(\text{AD}) \leq \text{Con}(\text{NMP}) \leq \text{Con}(\text{AD}_{\mathbb{R}} + \Theta \text{ regular})$   
[Woodin, unpublished]
- Implies: for all  $x$ , if  $\varphi(x)$  holds on a cone then  $\varphi(x)$  holds in any extension where  $x$  is countable.

## Necessary maximality and the mantle

Theorem (Harrington). Assuming the Necessary Maximality Principle, for all <sup>uncountable</sup> cardinals  $\lambda$ ,  $V_\lambda^M \preceq M$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Every regular  $\lambda$  is inaccessible in  $M$

So the Necessary Maximality Principle implies ...  $\neg GA$

## Usuba's Theorem.

(For all  $\gamma$ , there is  $\pi: V_\gamma \rightarrow V_{\gamma'}$ )

Theorem (Usuba). Suppose there is an extendible cardinal. Then the mantle is a ground of  $V$ .

$\Rightarrow$  the mantle is a model of  $GA$ .

$\Rightarrow$  the mantle computes  $\text{supp}$  large successor cardinals.

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 $NMP(\aleph_2)$  is a theorem  $\Rightarrow NMP$  is false.

Woodin showed  $\text{gch}$  is proper (w.r.t) of Woodin's

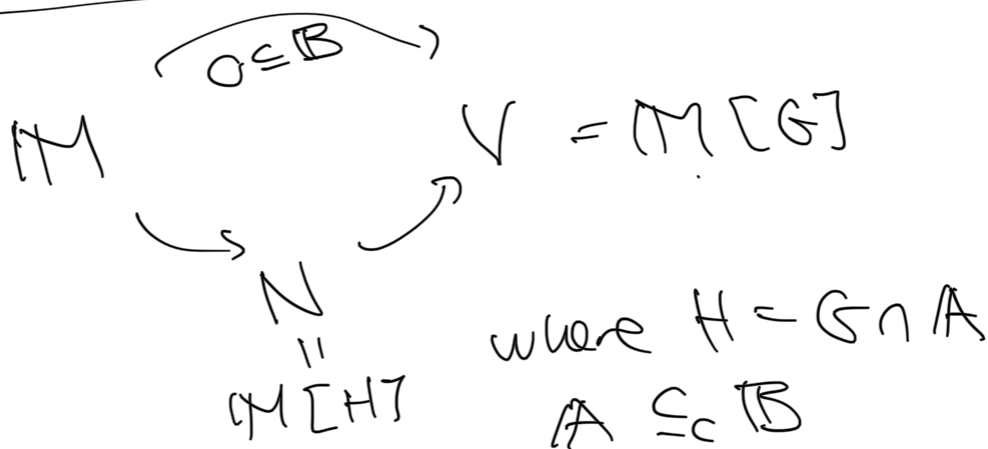
## Back to the Ground Axiom.

Is the Ground Axiom true?

Woodin's theorem says it is almost true:

—  $V$  is almost  $\text{TM}$

— There is at most a set of grounds.



## Part II

The axiom  $V = \text{HOD}$

$\Delta$  set is ordinal definable  $\iff$  it is

definable from ordinal parameters.

$V = \text{HOD}$  (Gödel) Every set is ordinal definable

$\text{HOD}$  denotes the largest transitive class of ordinal definable sets.

- $\text{HOD}$  is an inner model of ZFC  $\neq$
- $V = \text{HOD}$  means every set is in  $\text{HOD}$ .

$V = \text{HOD}$  as a limitative principle

Cabal seminar mysticism: the reals are too wild to admit any definable wellorder  
In fact, every definable set of reals is determined

Definable determinacy Any set of reals that is first-order definable is determined.

Necessary definable determinacy. Definable determinacy holds in all collapse extensions.

$\text{HOD}$  dichotomy

Theorem (Woodin) If  $\kappa$  is extendible, either

①  $V$  is close to  $HOD$

— If  $A \subseteq HOD$ , there is  $B \subseteq HOD$  w  $A \subseteq B$   
s.t.  $|B| \leq |A| + \kappa$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $\lambda \geq \kappa$  is singular,  $(\lambda^+)^{HOD} = \lambda^+$

②  $V$  is far from  $HOD$

— Every regular cardinal  $\geq \kappa$  is  
inde  $\rightarrow$  inaccessible in  $HOD$

## L Dichotomy Theorem

Theorem (Jensen). Either

①  $V$  is close to  $L$ .

— for all sets  $A \subseteq L$ , there is  $B \in L$   
with  $A \subseteq B$  and  $|B| \leq |A| + \aleph_1$

$\Rightarrow$  for singular  $\lambda$ ,  $(\lambda^+)^L = \lambda^+$

②  $V$  is far from  $L$ .

— every cardinal is inaccessible in  $L$ .

Theorem (Silver) If there is a  $\omega$ -mbk,  
then ② holds.

1. ... dichotomy ...

## HOD axiomaticity vs $\mathcal{L}$ universality

Large cardinal axioms don't imply  $V$  is far from HOD.

HOD conjecture. Large cardinals imply  $V$  is close to HOD.

Proposition. Necessary Definable Determinacy implies every regular cardinal is mbd in HOD.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Either NDD or HOD conj. is false

## Analogy

The mantle	HOD
Ground Axiom	$V = \text{HOD}$
NMP $\Rightarrow$ every regular $M$ -inaccessible	NDD $\Rightarrow$ every regular HOD-inaccessible
Usuba's theorem	HOD conjecture



## Generalized Lipschitz functions

- $f: P(\delta) \rightarrow P(\delta)$  is Lipschitz if for all  $A, B \subseteq \delta$  and  $\alpha \subseteq \delta$ ,  
 $A \cap \alpha = B \cap \alpha \implies f(A) \cap \alpha = f(B) \cap \alpha$
- If  $X, Y \subseteq P(\delta)$ , define long game  $G_L(X, Y)$  where two players produce  $x, y \in P(\delta)$  bit-by-bit and  $\text{II}$  wins if  $x \in X \implies y \in Y$ .
- $X$  Lipschitz reduces to  $Y$  if  $\text{II}$  wins  $G_L(X, Y)$

## Countably complete ultrafilters.

$B_\kappa(X) = \kappa$ -complete ufs on  $X$ .

Ultrafilter Determinacy: For all  $\delta$ ,  
 $B_{\omega_1}(\delta)$  is linearly ordered by  $L$ -reducibility.

Lipschitz  $f: P(\delta) \rightarrow P(\delta)$  is Ketoren if for all  $W \in B_{\omega_1}(\delta)$ ,  $f^{-1}[W] \in B_{\omega_1}(\delta)$ .

Ultrapower Axiom:  $B_{\omega_1}(\varepsilon)$  is linearly ordered by Ketoren reducibility.

## UF Determinacy vs. Necessary Definable Determinacy

Theorem. If there is a supercompact cardinal and Ultrafilter Determinacy holds, then  $V$  is a generic extension of HOD.

$\Rightarrow$  UF Determinacy & NDD... are incompatible

Sketch ① UF determinacy  $\Rightarrow$  supercompactness measures are wellordered by the Mitchell order  
② If enough supercompactness measures are OD,  $V$  is a generic extension of HOD.

## Completely Definable Sets.

Def. A set  $x$  is completely definable if for all cardinals  $\kappa$ ,  $x$  is definable from a  $\kappa$ -complete u.f. on an ordinal.  
— Intuition: u.f.s are idealized ordinals

HOD is the largest transitive class of completely definable sets.

## The size of HOD

Remark: consistently...  $\text{HOD} \neq V$

Theorem. If there is an extendible,  
then  $V$  is a generic extension of  $\text{HOD}$ .

Theorem Assume the Ground Axiom +  
a proper class of strongly compact.  
Then  $V = \text{HOD}$ .

Corollary Assume GA + u.f. determinacy.  
+ supercompact. Then  $V = \text{HOD}$ .

## Elementary embeddings on HOD

Theorem (Woodin) Suppose  $V = \text{HOD}$ . Then  
for any  $j_0, j_1: V \rightarrow M$ ,  $j_0 = j_1$

Q (Woodin) Suppose  $j_0, j_1: V \rightarrow M$ .  
Does  $j_0 \upharpoonright \text{HOD} = j_1 \upharpoonright \text{HOD}$ ?

- This says  $\text{HOD}$  somehow resembles the core model.
- Follows from  $\text{HOD}$  conjecture [Woodin, unpublished]

# Uniqueness of elementary embeddings



$j_0, j_1 : V_\gamma \rightarrow M$  are  $\delta$ -similar if  $j_0(\delta) = j_1(\delta)$   
 and  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \delta} j_0(\alpha) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \delta} j_1(\alpha)$ .

Theorem. If  $\kappa$  is extendible, TFAE:

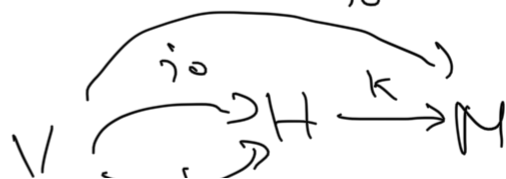
- ① For all regular  $\delta$ , all suff large  $\gamma > \delta$ , and all  $\delta$ -similar  $j_0, j_1 : V_\gamma \rightarrow M$ ,  $j_0 \upharpoonright V_\delta^{\text{HOD}} = j_1 \upharpoonright V_\delta^{\text{HOD}}$
- ②  $V$  is close to HOD.

## Global uniqueness theorem

The theorem on  $\delta$ -similar embeddings is compelling evidence for HOD Conjecture given a positive answer to Woodin's qst:

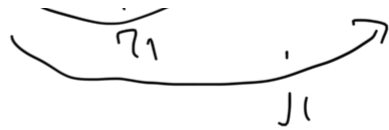
Theorem. If  $j_0, j_1 : V \rightarrow M$  are elementary,

$$j_0 \upharpoonright \text{HOD} = j_1 \upharpoonright \text{HOD}$$



sh ...

$$H^{\kappa} \subseteq H$$



## More uniqueness theorems

Theorem. Suppose  $\kappa$  is extendible and  $j_0, j_1: V \rightarrow M$  are elementary w/ critical points above  $\kappa$ .

Theorem. Assume Ground Axiom holds and there is a proper class of strong cardinals. Then for any inner model  $M$ ,

Is  $V = HOD$  like  $V = L$ ?

Theorem (Kunen)  $V$  is far from  $L$  iff there is an elementary  $j: L \rightarrow L$ .

Theorem. Assume there is an extendible cardinal.

Q. Assume there is an extendible and  $V$  is far from  $HOD$ . For suff large

$\delta_{r...}$

## Reinhardt's principle

Reinhardt proposed: there is a nontrivial elementary  $j: V \rightarrow V$ .

Theorem (Kunen). ① Reinhardt's principle

② There is no nontrivial

Proof of ①.

Q.

Large cardinals beyond choice.

Theorem (Schlutzenberg). The following are equiconsistent:

① ZF +  $\lambda$ -DC + an elementary  $j: V_{\lambda+2} \rightarrow V_{\lambda+2}$

②

Beyond  $j: V_{\lambda+2} \rightarrow V_{\lambda+2}$  lies a new consistency hierarchy "beyond AC"

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## Failure of HOD conjecture

Theorem (Woodin) the consistency of " $ZFC$   
+ a proper class of extendibles +  $j: V \rightarrow V$ "  
implies that of

So either the choiceless cardinals...  
OR the HOD conjecture...

## Evidence of consistency.

Theorem Assume there is  $j: V \rightarrow V$ .

For a club class of  $\kappa$ :

- ①  $\kappa$  or  $\kappa^+$  is measurable
- ② For regular  $\delta \geq \kappa$ , the club filter on  $\delta$  is  $\kappa$ -complete and atomic

③ E.I.D.N.I  $\kappa$ -complete filter...

every ...

## Back to HOD.

Observation. Assume  $V_2 \not\equiv_{\Sigma_2} V$  and there exist  $\delta$ -similar  $j_0, j_1: V_\delta \rightarrow M$  s.t.  
 $j_0[\delta] \neq j_1[\delta]$ .

If one could get to reversal (HOD) small  $\Rightarrow$   
 $j: V_\delta^{\text{HOD}} \rightarrow V_\delta^{\text{HOD}}$ , one would have a strong  
argument against the  $\neq(\text{HOD})$  conjecture.