

Ccc ideals and approximation of  
Solovay sets by Borel sets

Def Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a  $\sigma$ -ideal on  $\text{Borel}(\mathbb{R})$ .  
Let  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}} := \text{Borel}(\mathbb{R})/\mathcal{I}$ .

We say  $\mathcal{I}$  is ccc if  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{I}}$  is ccc.

Def  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{I}, N) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is a generic real over } N\}$   
 $= \{x \mid \forall \mathcal{I}\text{-null } \overset{\mathcal{I}}{\text{Borel set}} B \text{ coded in } N, x \notin B\}.$

Def Let  $N$  be a model of  $\text{ZFC}^*$ .  
 A set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is called a Solovay set over  $N$  if there is a formula  $\varphi$  s.t.  
 with parameters in  $N$   
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\underline{N[x]} \models \text{ZFC}^*$   
 $\underset{(\text{generic over } N)}{x \in S} \iff N[x] \models \varphi(x)$

### Lem (Solovay)

Let  $I$  be a ccc  $\sigma$ -ideal.

Let  $N \prec H_0$  be a countable model with  $I \in N$ .

Let  $S$  be a Solovay set over  $N$ . Then there is a Borel set  $B \in N$  st.

$$\forall x \in \text{Gen}(I, N) \quad x \in S \iff x \in B.$$

pf. Take a formula  $\varphi$  defining the Solovay set  $S$ .

Let  $\dot{x}_{\text{gen}}$  be the standard name of  $\mathbb{I}$ -generic real  
 $\bigwedge_{I \in \mathcal{P}_I}$

Put  $B = \prod_{I \in \mathcal{P}_I} \varphi(\dot{x}_{\text{gen}})$   $B \in N$ .

Fix  $x \in G_{\text{gen}}(I, N)$

$$x \in S \iff N[x] \models \varphi(x)$$

$$\iff N[G] \models \varphi(\dot{x}_{\text{gen}}[G]), \text{ where } G: \mathcal{P}\text{-gen. filter corresponding to } x$$

$$\iff [\varphi(\dot{x}_{\text{gen}})] \in G$$

$$\iff x \in [\varphi(\dot{x}_{\text{gen}})] = B$$



Def.  $I$  is nowhere ccc  $\iff$  there is a perfect subset  $A \subseteq K(\mathbb{R})$   
 consisting of  $I$ -positive sets.  
 (pairwise disjoint)

the space consisting of all compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$

Prop. Let  $I$  be a nowhere ccc ideal.  
 Let  $N \subseteq H_0$  be countable,  $I \in N$ .  
 Then there is a Solovay set over  $N$ , s.t.

no Borel set  $B \in \mathcal{N}$  satisfies:

$$\forall x \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{N}) \quad x \in \mathcal{S} \iff x \in B.$$

pf. Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R})$  be a witness of nowhere ccc.  
 $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup (\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{N})$ .



claim  $S$  is a Solovay set over  $N$ .  
 Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $N[x] \models ZFC^*$ . Let  $G$  be a  $\text{Coll}(\aleph_0, 2^{\aleph_0})$  <sup>-generic</sup> filter over  $N[x]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{\emptyset \cap N \cap V(x[G]) \models \exists K \in \mathcal{A} \cap N}_{\text{countable}} (x \in K) &\iff (\exists K \in \mathcal{A} \cap N) (x \in K) \\
 &\iff N[x](G) \models (\exists K \in \mathcal{A} \cap N) (x \in K) \quad \Sigma_1^1 \text{ as inputs are } x \text{ and } K \\
 &\iff N[x] \models \exists K \in \mathcal{A} \cap N (x \in K) \\
 &\iff N[x] \models \exists K \in \mathcal{A} \cap N (x \in K) \quad \text{by } \text{Coll}(\aleph_0, 2^{\aleph_0}) \text{ genericity}
 \end{aligned}$$

$G: \text{Coll}(\aleph_0, 2^{\aleph_0})$ -gen fil over  $N$   
 $\Rightarrow N[G] \models N \cap \mathbb{R}$  is countable.

Let  $B \in \mathcal{N}$  be a Borel set.

Suppose  $B \Delta \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

$$\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{N} = \{A \in \mathcal{A} \mid A \cap B \in \mathcal{I}^+\}, \quad \Sigma$$

~~$\mathcal{A}$~~   
 $\mathcal{N}$

$\cap$   
 $\mathcal{N}$ .

$$\therefore B \Delta \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{I}^+. \quad \text{Gen}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{N}) \cap (\mathcal{I} \Delta B) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{N}.$$

Suppose  $B \in \mathcal{N}$

$$\exists k \in \mathcal{A} \quad k \notin \mathcal{B}.$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \{k \in \mathcal{A} \mid k \notin \mathcal{B}\}.$$



Note.

✓ (1-step) Laver forcing preserves Hausdorff (outer) measures.

✓ (1-step) Laver forcing satisfies  $(\star)^f$  which is a stronger property than preserving Hausdorff measure.

$P_{\text{Laver}}^f$  ... nowhere ccc

✓  $(\star)^f$  is preserved by csi.

$(\star)^f$

$\text{Con}(GP_{\text{Laver}}^f)$