

# **Homoclinic tangencies near cascades of period doubling**

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## **ABSTRACT**

We study certain cascades of period doubling bifurcations in  $n$  dimensions whose periodic points have stable codimension one. We prove results of dimension reduction in two steps: first we reduce to dimension two, and second to dimension one, for maps that are uniformly dissipative with bounded geometry. We obtain theorem of approximation by homoclinic tangencies, for the Gambaudo and Tresser example and for cascades of period doublings that are analytic perturbations of the Feigenbaum map in dimension  $n$ .

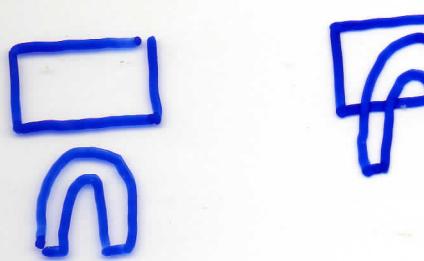
$$f: M^2 \rightarrow C^r \quad r \geq 3 \quad \text{homoclinic tangency}$$



Generic one-parameter unfolding of a homoclinic tangency yields to:

- CASCADES OF PERIOD DOUBLING BIFURCATIONS (YA 83)
- MAPS WITH INFINITELY MANY SINKS (N 79)
- HÉNON-LIKE ATTRACTORS (MV 92) (BC 91)

Creating a Horseshoe  
→ cascade of period doubling bifurcation



n dimensions

Unfolding of homoclinic tangency → cascades of period doubling bifurcations (M 91)

OPEN QUESTION:

ARE HOMOCLINIC BIFURCATIONS NECESSARY  
FOR GLOBAL INSTABILITY?

## CONJECTURE (Palis)

The subset of diffeomorphisms that are either hyperbolic or homoclinic bifurcating is dense in the space of  $C^\infty$  surface diffeomorphisms.

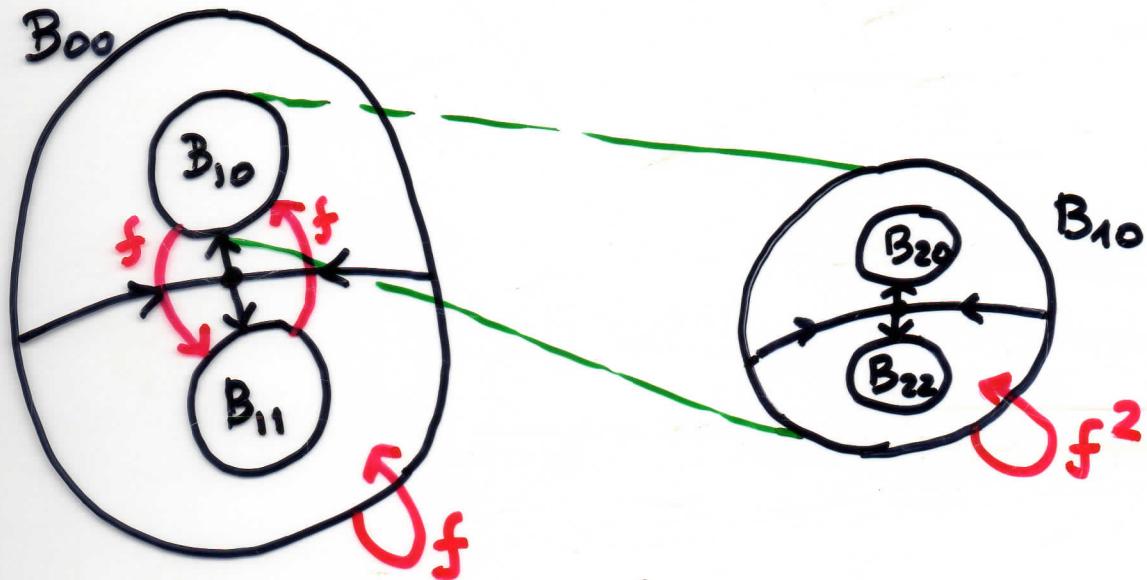
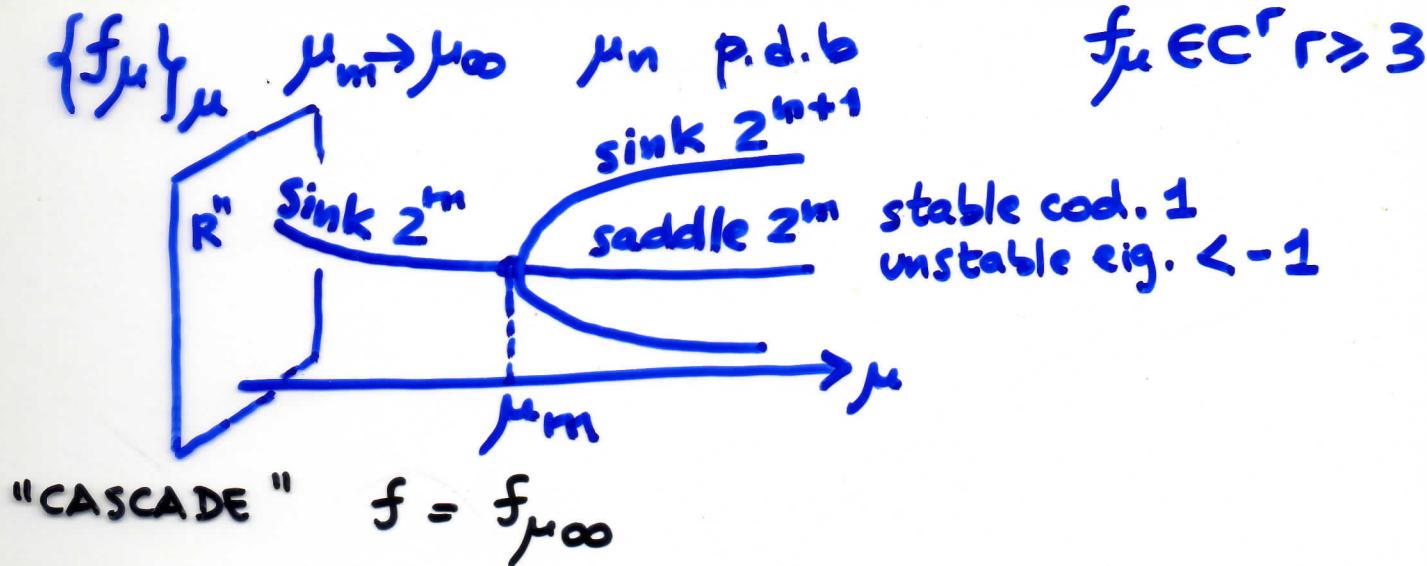
PARTICULAR CASE :

CAN CASCADES OF PERIOD DOUBLING BIFURCATIONS BE APPROXIMATED WITH MAPS EXHIBITING A HOMOCLINIC TANGENCY?

YES, in 2 cases of cascades:

- ANALYTIC PERTURBATIONS OF THE FEIGENBAUM'S MAP IN  $n$  DIMENSIONS
- GAMBUDO-TRESSER EXAMPLE (GT 92)

# CASCADES OF PERIOD DOUBLING BIF. IN $n$ DIMENS.



FAMILY OF SUBDOMAINS  $\{B_{m,j}\}_{\begin{subarray}{l} 0 \leq j \leq 2^m - 1 \\ 0 \leq m \end{subarray}}$

$$f^{2^m}: B_{m,j} \hookrightarrow$$

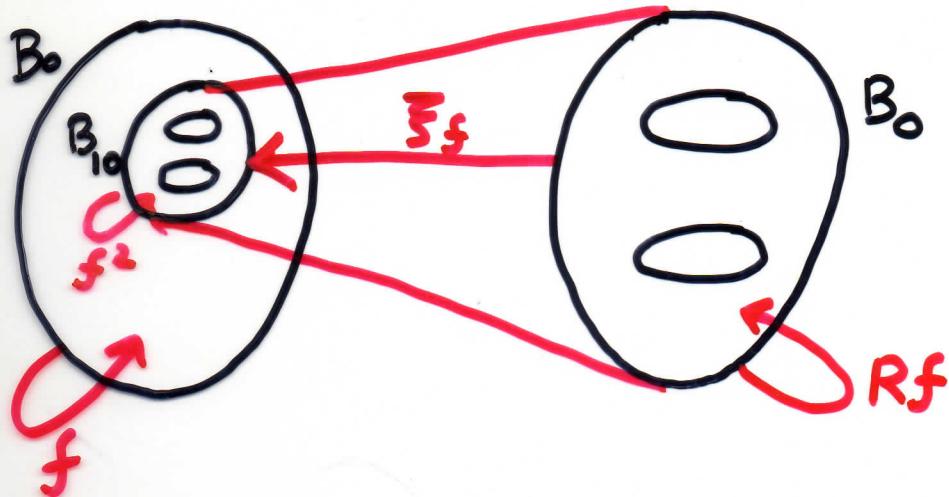
- . fixed point  $p_{m,j}$  of saddle type
- .  $f: B_{m,j} \rightarrow B_{m,j+1} \pmod{2^m}$  disjoint
- .  $\omega$ -limit

CONVERGENCE ASSUMPTION  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } B_{m,j} \rightarrow 0$   
 (to avoid wandering sets) (BG LT 93)

CANTOR SET ATTRACTOR

$$K = \bigcap_m \bigcup_j B_{m,j}$$

# RENORMALIZATION



ASSUMPTION : The subdomains are  $C^r$  diffeomorphic to  $B_0$

$$Rf = \xi_f^{-1} \circ f \circ f \circ \xi_f$$

is a new cascade on  $B_0$

## 2 CASES OF CASCADES

1.  $R^m f$  approaches a ONE-DIM map

Example : Perturbations of the Feigenbaum's map (CEK 81)

2.  $R^m f$  does not lose its  $n$ -dimensional character

Example: Gambaudo-Tresser case

$$R^n f = f$$

$f$  CASCADE IN DIM. 2  $C^r r \geq 3$

THEOREM (REDUCTION TO DIMENSION 1)

If  $R^{mf}$   $\xi_{R^{mf}}$  are  $C^r$  bounded

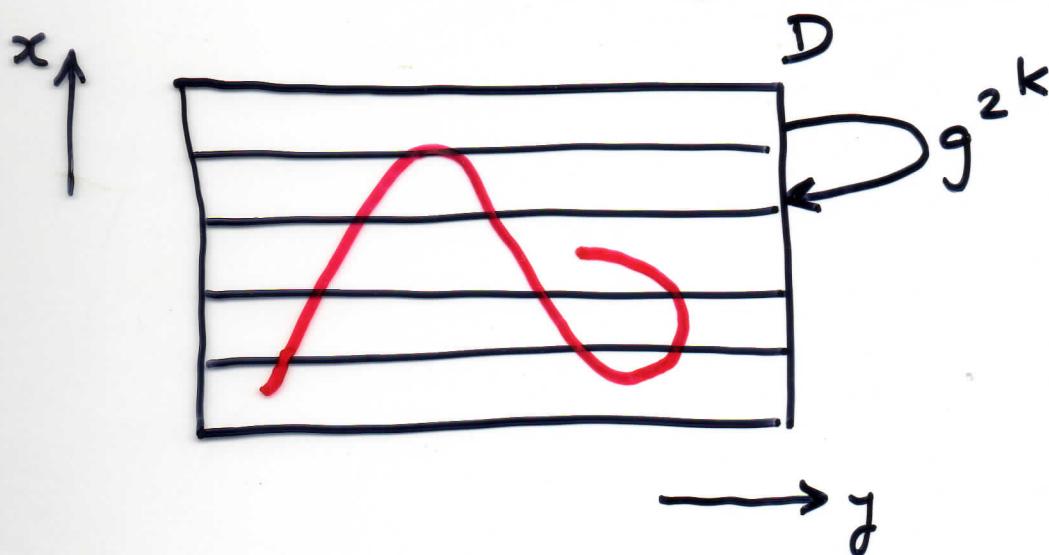
- $f$  dissipative ( $|\det Df(p)| \leq \alpha < 1$ )
- Bounded geometry ( $\|D\xi_{R^{mf}}\|_{C^0} \leq \beta < 1$ )  
 $|\det D\xi_{R^{mf}}| \geq \gamma > 0$ )

Then:

$$R^{mjf} \xrightarrow{C^{r-1}} g$$

$g$  endomorphism with one dim. image

More precisely  $g^{2^k}: D \supseteq g^{2^k}(x, \gamma) = (g_1(x), g_2(x))$   
 $(x, \gamma) \in C^{r-2}$  coordinates in  $D$   
 $g_1$  map in the interval with critical point(s)  
and periodic orbits of period  $2^n n \geq 0$ .



## Idea of the proof:

- $R^m j_f \xrightarrow{C^{r-1}} g$  Arzela - Ascoli

$$R^m f = \xi_{R^{m-1} f}^{-1} \circ \dots \circ \xi_f^{-1} \circ f^{2^m} \circ \xi_f \circ \dots \circ \xi_{R^{m-1} f}$$

$$\det DR^m f = \prod_i \det D\xi_{R^i f}^{-1} \det Df^{2^m} \prod_i \det D\xi_{R^i f}$$

$$\leq K^m \alpha^{2^m} \rightarrow 0$$

$\boxed{\det Dg = 0 \text{ everywhere}}$

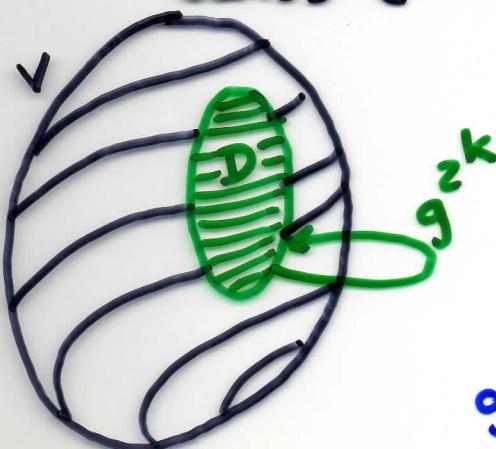
- $p_i^m$  of period  $2^i$  of  $R^m f$   
subsequence  $m_j$   $p_i^{m_j} \rightarrow p_i$

$$\boxed{g^{2^i}(p_i) = p_i}$$

$D(R^m f)^{2^i} p_i^m$  has expansive direction e.v.  $< -1$   
 $Dg^{2^i} p_i$  has non contractive direction e.v.  $\leq -1$

- $\exists V$  open set such that  $Dg$  has a direction that is not contracted more than  $1/2$ .

- In  $V$  :  $\dim \ker Dg = 1$  ; FOLIATION OF CLASS  $C^{r-2}$  ; each leaf  $\xrightarrow{g}$  point



- $\exists D$   $g^{2^k} : D \supset$   
trivialize the foliation in  $D$

$$g^{2^k}(x, y) = (g_1(x), g_2(x))$$

- For some periodic point show  $g'_1 > 0$ , for other  $g'_1 < 0$

# GAMBAUDO-TRESSER EXAMPLE

## THEOREM (GT 92)

$\exists f$  cascade in the unitary ball of  $R^n$

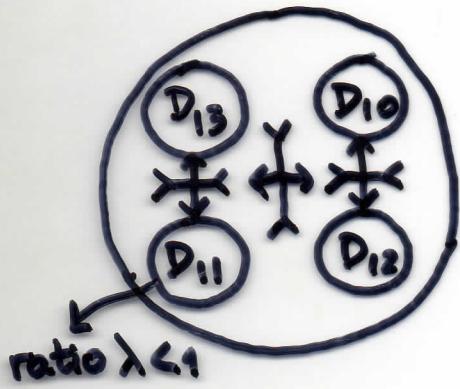
$f \in C^r \quad r = r(n) \rightarrow \infty$

$$Rf = \bar{\wedge}^1 f^2 \wedge = f$$

$\wedge$  homotopy of rate  $\lambda$  than can be chosen in an interval

**CONSEQUENCE:** No Feigenbaum's universality in dim. n.

Idea of the proof :



- isotopy  $\psi_t$
- $F_0^{2^n} |_{D_{1,j}} = id$
- change  $F_0$  inside  $D_{1,j}$  to  $F_1$  such that  $\bar{\wedge}^{-1} F_1^{2^n} |_{D_{10}} \wedge = F_0$

(use the isotopy  $\psi_t$  and divide it in  $2^n$  sections)

Step h Change  $F_{h-1}$  inside  $D_{h,j}$  to  $F_h$  (dividing the isotopy in  $2^{hn}$  sections)

• Prove that  $\|F_h - F_{h-1}\|_{C^r} \leq k \left( \frac{1}{2^n \lambda^{r-1}} \right)^h$

Thus  $F_h \xrightarrow{C^r} F$

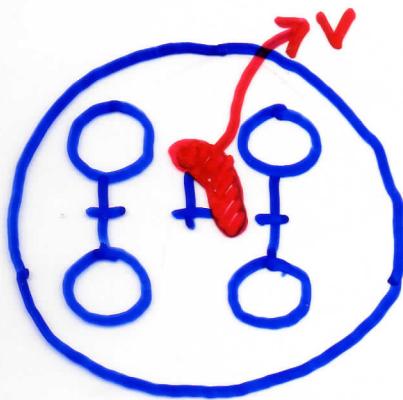
for  $r$  such that  $2^n \lambda^{r-1} > 1$

## THEOREM

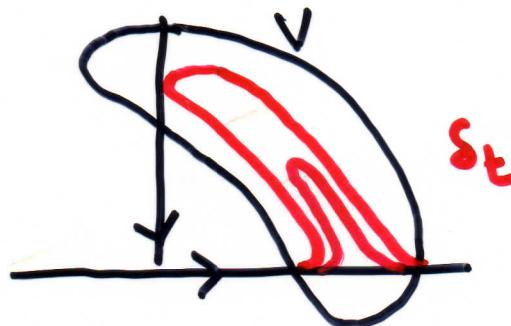
Let  $F$  be the cascade constructed above.  
 Given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $G$  exhibiting  
 a homoclinic tangency, such that  $\|G - F\|_{cr} < \epsilon$

Idea of the proof

- New isotopy  $\tilde{\Psi}_t$



$$\begin{array}{c} id \\ \hline t=0 & \Psi_t & F_0 & S_t F_0 & \tilde{F}_0 \\ & t=\frac{1}{2} & & & t=1 \end{array}$$



- Define  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{h-1}$ , as before
- Define  $G$  instead of  $F_h$  using  $\tilde{\Psi}_t$  instead of  $\Psi_t$

$$\Lambda_{h,j}^{-1} \circ G^{2^{hn}} \circ \Lambda_{h,j} = \tilde{F}_0$$

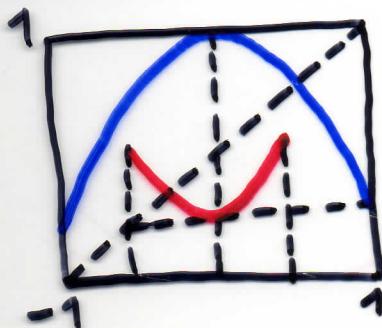
$\Rightarrow G$  exhibits a homoclinic tangency of a periodic point of period  $2^{hn}$  (inside a subdisk  $D_{h,j}$ ).

- $\|G - F_{h-1}\|_{cr} \leq \tilde{k} \left( \frac{1}{2^n \lambda^{r-1}} \right)^h < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  if  $h$  is large

As  $F_{h-1} \rightarrow F$  :  $\|G - F\|_{cr} < \epsilon$

# ANALYTIC PERTURBATIONS OF THE FEIGENBAUM'S MAP IN $n$ -DIMENSIONS

ONE-DIMENSIONAL THEORY (CT 78) (F 78) (L 82)

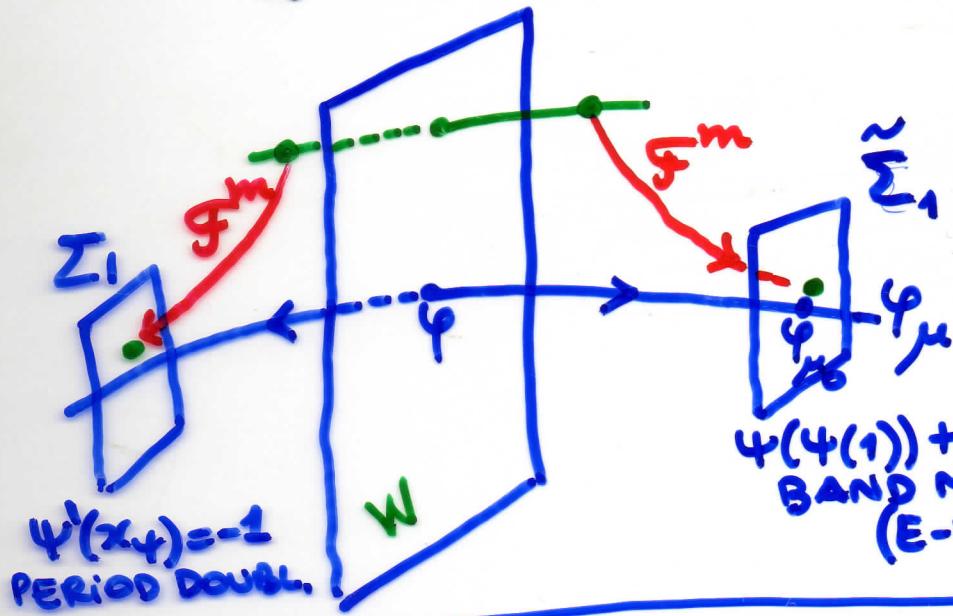


$$\Psi(x) = g(x^2) \text{ where } g \text{ analytic } g' < 0 \text{ and } g(1) < 0$$

$$(\mathcal{F}\varphi)(x) = \varphi(1)^{-1} \circ \varphi(\varphi(1)x)$$

$\exists \varphi$  FEIGENBAUM'S MAP  
 $\varphi(x) = f(x^2)$

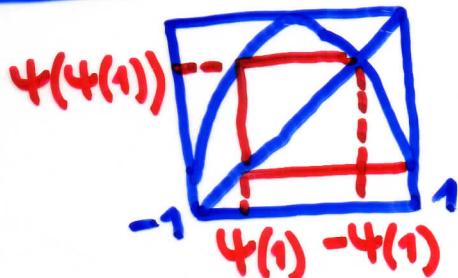
- $\mathcal{F}\varphi = \varphi$
- $d\mathcal{F}\varphi$  is hyperbolic compact operator of unstable dimension 1



$$\Psi(\varphi(1)) + \varphi(1) = 0$$

BAND MERGING  
 (E-W 87)

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C<sup>r</sup> Feigenbaum's ONE DIM. THEORY

LANFORD 88  
 DAVIE 92

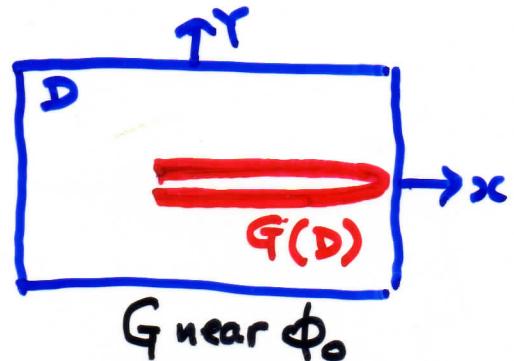
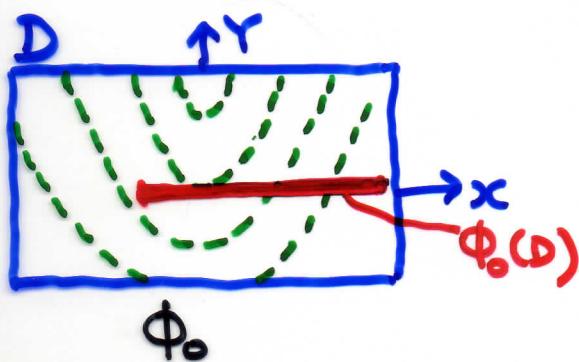
FEIGENBAUM'S COULLET - TRESSER  
n-DIMENSIONAL THEORY (CEK 81)

D neighborhood of  $[-1, 1] \times \{0\}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$

$H_D$  analytic bounded maps

$\phi_0$  Feigenbaum's map in n dimensions:

$$\phi_0(x, y) = (f(x^2 - \alpha \cdot y), 0) \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, \alpha \neq 0$$



THEOREM

In a neighborhood of  $\phi_0$  in  $H_D$  there exists a cod. 1 manifold  $W$  such that

if  $\{G_\mu\}_\mu \cap W = G_{\mu_\infty}$  then

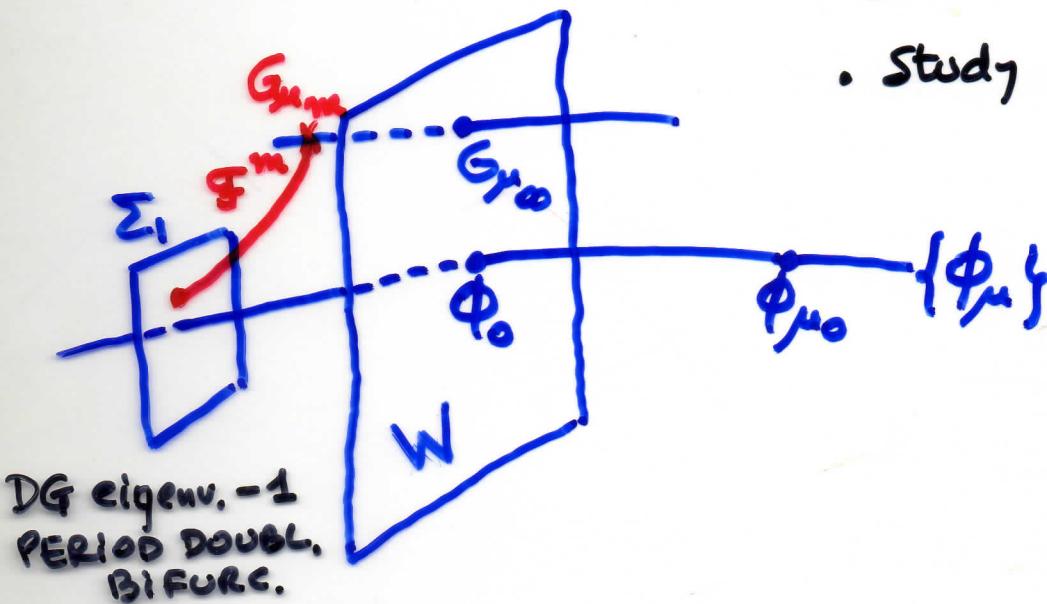
(1)  $\exists \mu_m \rightarrow \mu_\infty$  monot.  $G_{\mu_m}$  seq. of period doubling bifurcations  
 (CEK 81)

(2)  $\exists \bar{\mu}_m \rightarrow \mu_\infty$  monot.  $G_{\bar{\mu}_m}$  homoclinic tangency

## Idea of the proof of (1) (CEK 81)

Extend to dimension  $n$  in the Coullet-Tresser-Feigenbaum's theory :

- Define  $\mathcal{F}$
- Study the spectrum of  $d\mathcal{F}_{\phi_0}$



$$\mathcal{F}G = (I - \sigma_G)^{-1} \circ \Lambda_G^{-1} \circ G \circ G \circ \Lambda_G \circ (I - \sigma_G)$$

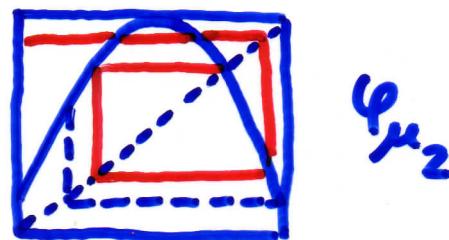
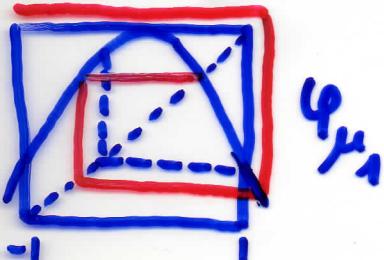
The unstable manifold  $\{\phi_\mu\}$  is the "same" of dimension one:

$$\phi_\mu(x, y) = (g_\mu(x^2 - \alpha \cdot y), 0) \text{ where}$$

$g_\mu(x) = g_\mu(x^2)$  unst. manifold dim. 1.

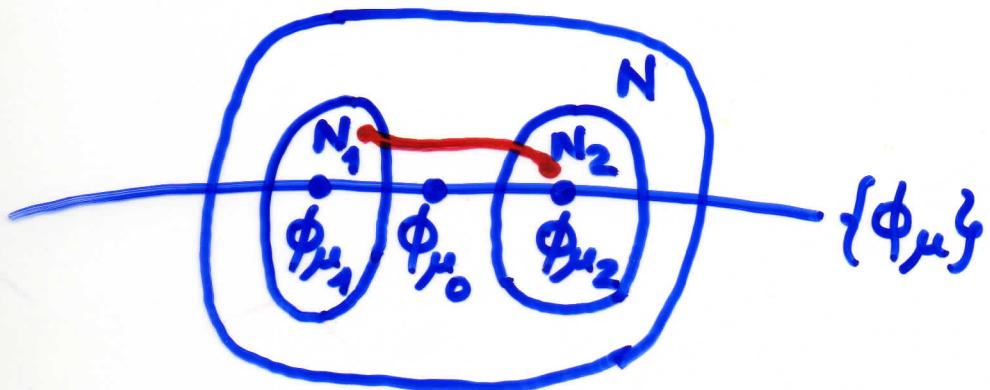
## Idea of the proof of (2)

- E.W. 87
- Take  $\phi_{\mu_0}(x, y)$   $\phi_{\mu_0}$  is "band merging"
  - For  $\mu_1 < \mu_0$  near  $\mu_0$   $\varphi_{\mu_1}(\varphi_{\mu_1}(1)) + \varphi_{\mu_1}(1) > 0$
  - For  $\mu_2 > \mu_0$  near  $\mu_0$   $\varphi_{\mu_2}(\varphi_{\mu_2}(1)) + \varphi_{\mu_2}(1) < 0$



LEMMA

There exist neighborhoods  $N, N_1, N_2$  in  $H_D$



such that if  $\{G_\mu\}_{\mu \in [a,b]} \subset N$  and

$G_a \in N_1 \quad G_b \in N_2$ , then

$\{G_\mu\}_{\mu \in [a,b]}$  has a HOMOCLINIC BIFURCATION  
WITH UNAVOIDABLE  
TANGENCY.

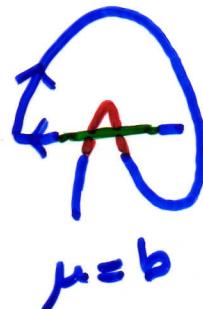
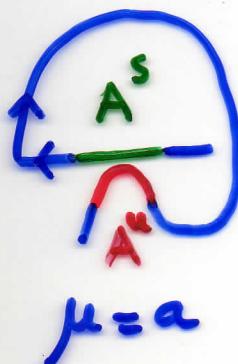
i.e :  $P_\mu$  hyperbolic, saddle, stable cod 1

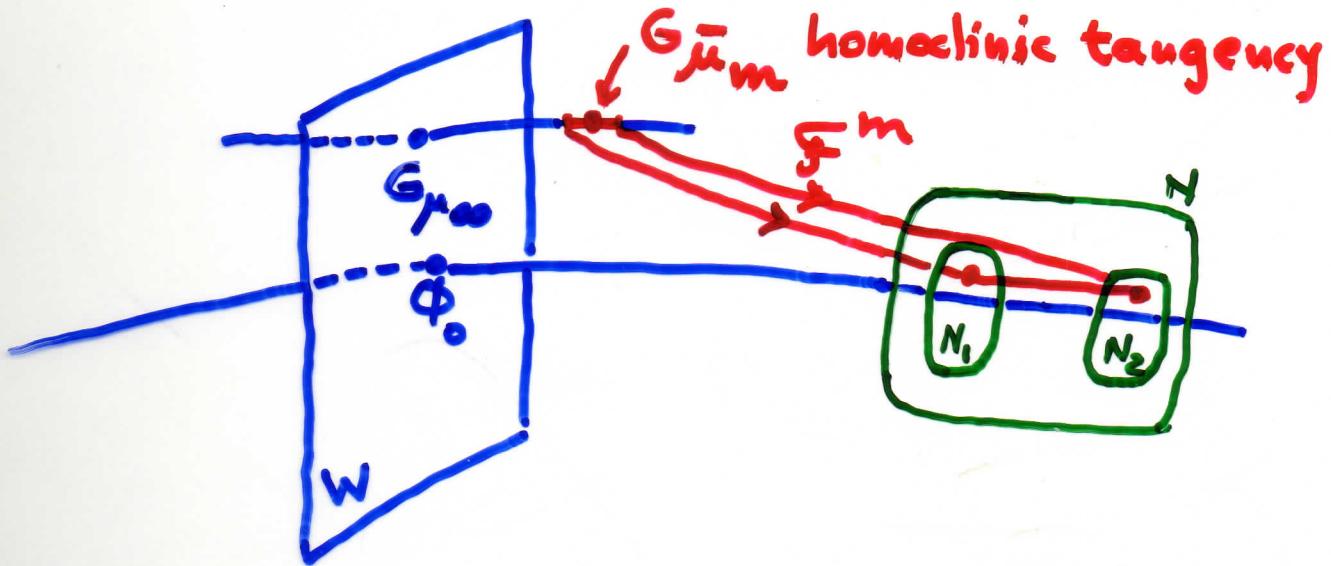
$$A_\mu^s \subset W_\mu^s(P_\mu) \quad A_\mu^u \subset W_\mu^u(P_\mu)$$

$$1. \partial A_\mu^s \cap A_\mu^u = \partial A_\mu^u \cap A_\mu^s = \emptyset$$

$$2. \mu=a \quad A_a^s \cap A_a^u = \emptyset$$

$$3. \mu=b \quad A_b^s \cap A_b^u \neq \emptyset$$





$\exists \bar{\mu}_m \rightarrow \mu_\infty$   $G_{\bar{\mu}_m}$  exhibits a homoclinic tangency

### EXTENSION OF THE THEORY TO THE $C^r$ TOPOLOGY

Use the ideas of (L88) (D92) to show that there is a topological hyperbolic behavior near  $\phi_0$ . Extend it to a  $n$  dimensional setting. Work in progress of EC

Main difficulty :  $f$  renormalization is not differentiable.