# Parabolic implosion

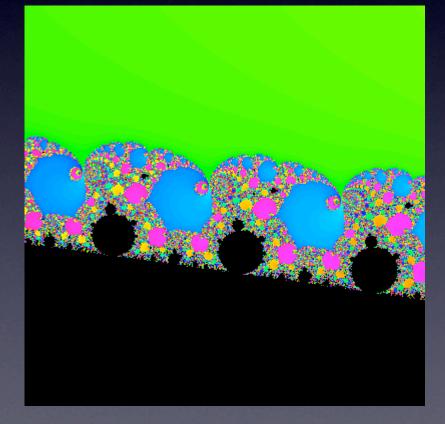
from discontinuity to renormalization

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Discontinuity of Julia sets



"Periodicity' in parameter space

#### Plan

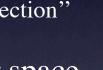
Bifurcation of *parabolic* periodic points -- parabolic implosion (saddle-node, intermittent chaos, periodic pts that bifurcate)

Local change of dynamics ("egg beater") => Global effects

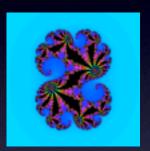
Main example:  $f_0(z) = z + z^2 \ (\sim z^2 + \frac{1}{4})$  and its perturbation

Discontinuity of Julia sets

Richness of bifurcated Julia sets when perturbed to "wild direction"

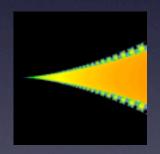






"Periodicity" in parameter space







Tools by Douady-Hubbard:

Fatou coordinates, Ecalle-Voronin cylinders, horn map, phase

Parabolic/Near-parabolic renormalization:

study of irrationally indifferent periodic points

#### Basic definitions

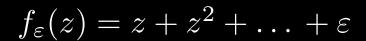
f polynomial (or just holomorphic mapping for local problems)

fixed point 
$$f(z_0)=z_0$$
 multiplier  $\lambda=f'(z_0)$  attracting  $|\lambda|<1$  indifferent  $|\lambda|=1$  parabolic  $\alpha\in\mathbb{Q}$   $\lambda=e^{2\pi i\alpha}$  irrationally indifferent  $\alpha\in\mathbb{R}\setminus\mathbb{Q}$  repelling  $|\lambda|>1$ 

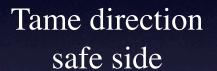
filled-in Julia set 
$$K_f = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \{f^n(z)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{ is bounded}\}$$
  
Julia set  $J_f = \partial K_f = \text{closure of } \{\text{repelling periodic points}\}$   
(chaotic part)

We consider the bifurcation of a parabolic fixed point and its global effect.

#### Tame and Wild directions

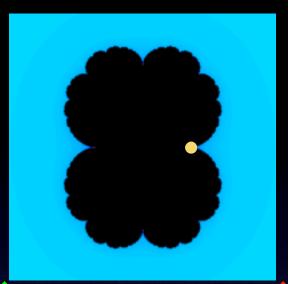


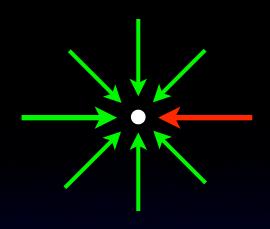
0 is parabolic for  $f_0$  with  $\lambda_0 = 1$ 





Continuous change when restricted to tame direction





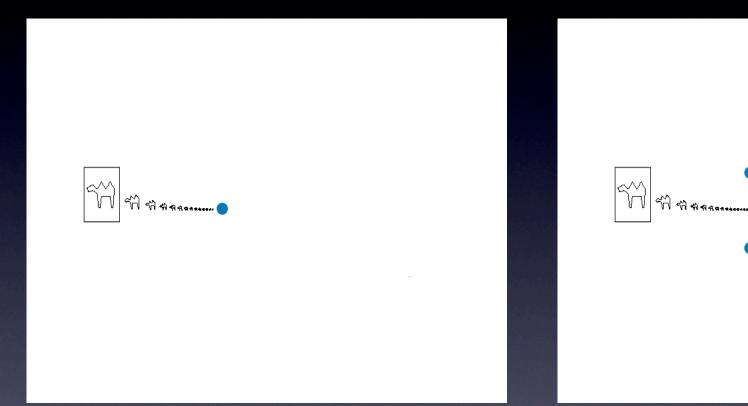
Wild direction rich side

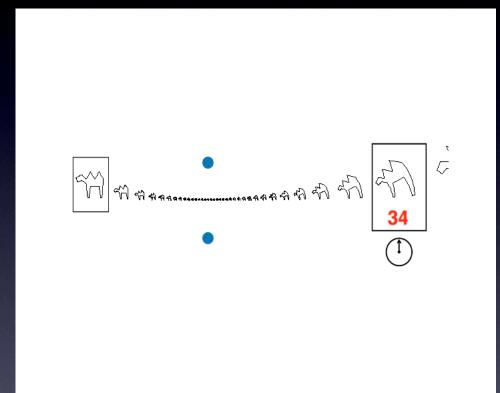
narrow chance to be rich



for example, 
$$f(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + \dots$$
  
 $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ 

Egg beater or Douady-Hubbard's get-rich-quick scheme before  $f_0$  after perturbed into wild direction





Orbits from the left tend to the fixed point

Imagine that a point in the box on the right is: escaping point

(inverse image of) repelling periodic point inverse image of critical point

**Theorem** (discontinity of Julia sets)

Let  $f_{\varepsilon}(z) = z + z^2 + \varepsilon$ . Then

 $int K(f_0) = \{z: f^n \to 0 \text{ uniformly in a neighborhood of } z\}$  (parabolic basin).

Let  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $\varepsilon_n \to 0$  and  $\{\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}}\}$  converges modulo  $\mathbb{Z}$ , i.e. for some integers  $k_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}} - k_n \right) = -\beta$$

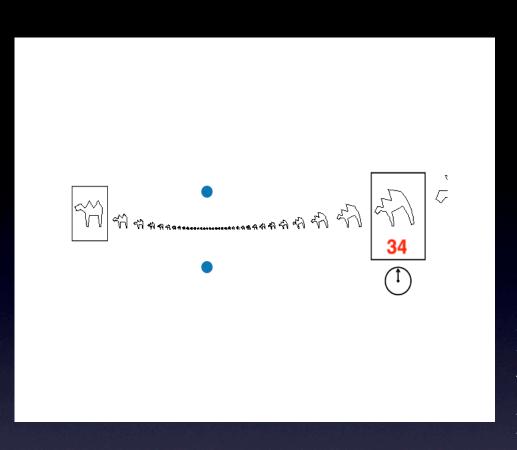
(for example,  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{\pi^2}{(n-\beta)^2}$ ).

Then

$$J(f_0) \subsetneq J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \subset \liminf_{n \to \infty} J(f_{\varepsilon_n})$$

$$\subset \limsup_{n \to \infty} K(f_{\varepsilon_n}) \subset K(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \subsetneq K(f_0)$$

where  $g_{\beta} = \lim_{n \to \infty} f_{\varepsilon_n}^{k_n}$  in  $int K(f_0)$ , and  $\langle f_0, g_{\beta} \rangle =$  "two generator dynamics" generated by  $f_0$  and  $g_{\beta}$ .



Pick a point w in the box on the right which is escaping.

If a point z in the box on the left arrives at this point, i.e.  $f_{\varepsilon_n}^{k_n}(z) = w$ , then  $z \in int K(f_0) \setminus K(f_{\varepsilon_n})$ .

Hence  $int K(f_0) \setminus \limsup_{n \to \infty} K(f_{\varepsilon_n}) \neq \emptyset$ .

Pick a point w in the box on the right which is an inverse image of a repelling periodic point.

If a point z in the box on the left arrives at this point, i.e.  $f_{\varepsilon_n}^{k_n}(z) = w$ , then  $z \in J(f_{\varepsilon_n}) \setminus J(f_0)$ .

Hence  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \overline{J(f_{\varepsilon_n})} \setminus \overline{J(f_0)} \neq \emptyset$ .

The behavior of the critical point changes periodically. ("phase parameter")  $\implies$  the "periodicity" in the parameter space  $(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \ modulo \ \mathbb{Z} \ matters)$ .

### Tools to analyze Egg beater dynamics

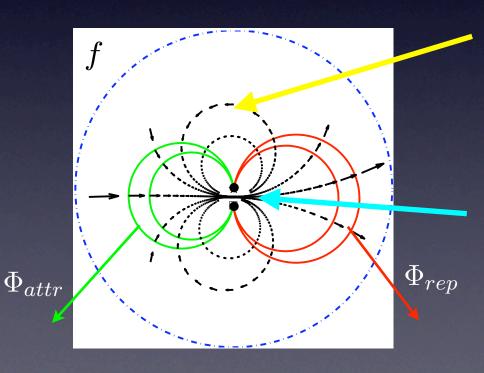
Difficulty: effects of perturbation on unboundedly high iterates of the map

Work in Fatou coordinates, which conjugate f to  $T: z \mapsto z+1$ 

Take a croissant-shaped fundamental strip, which is bounded by a curve  $\ell$  and its image  $f(\ell)$ .

Glue  $\ell$  and  $f(\ell)$  by f to obtain a Riemann surface which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

Lift of the map to  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z}$  is a Fatou coordinate.



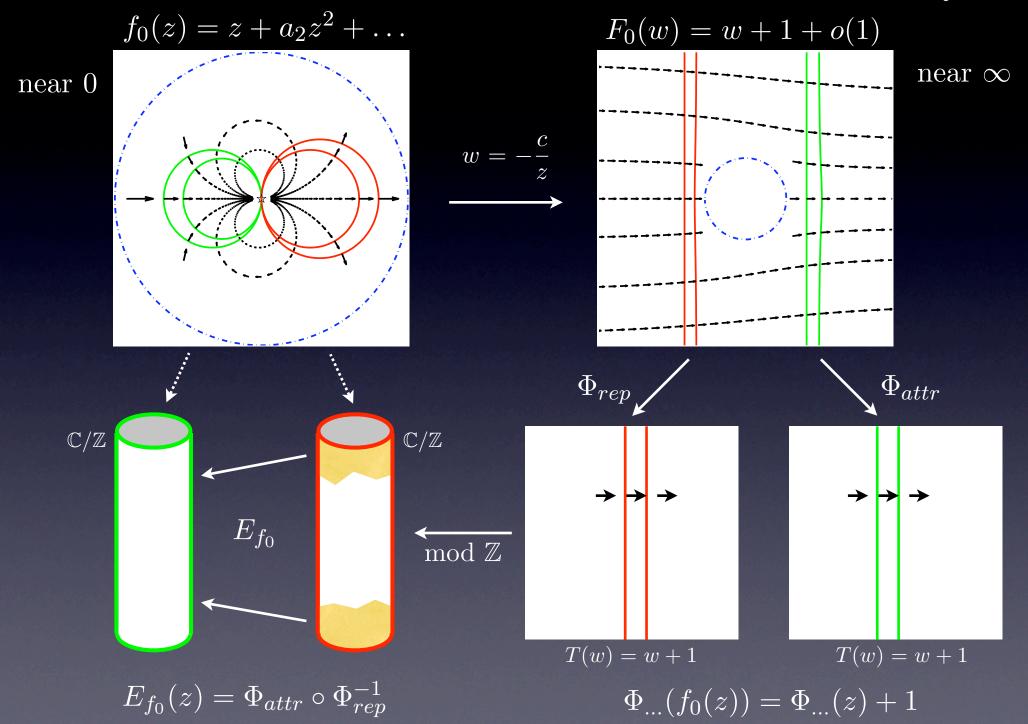
This part of dynamics is represented by a horn map  $E_f$  which is

- partially defined, non-linear
- continuous under perturbation.

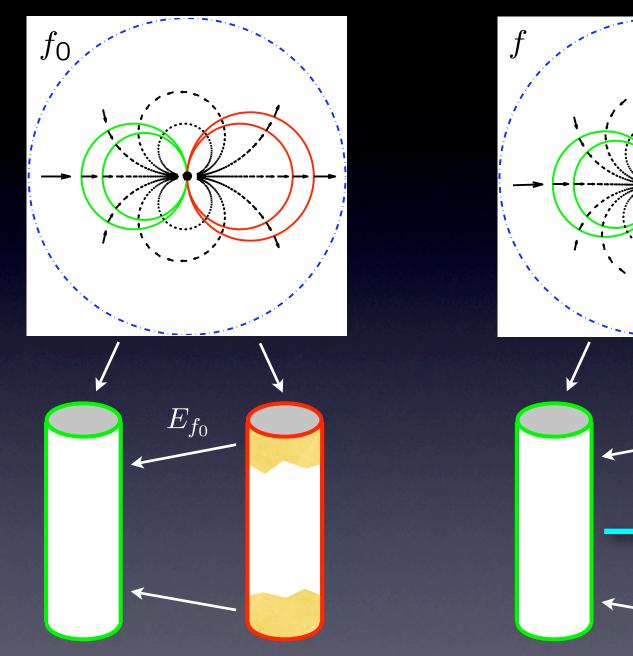
This part of dynamics is represented by an identification between attracting and repelling Fatou coordinates which is

- an isomorphism
- sensitive wrt perturbation.

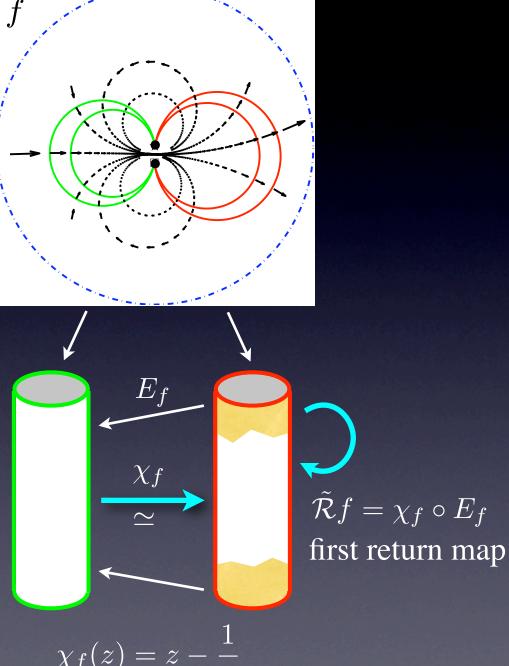
# Fatou coordinates $\Phi_{attr}$ , $\Phi_{rep}$ and Horn map $E_{f_0}$



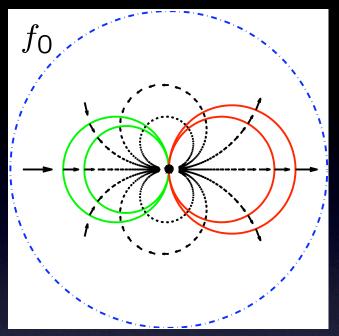
### Perturbation $f'(0) = e^{2\pi i\alpha}$ , $\alpha$ small $|\arg \alpha| < \frac{\pi}{4}$ (wild direction)



 $E_f$  depends continuously on f (after a suitable normalization)



### Lavaurs map



Lavaurs map

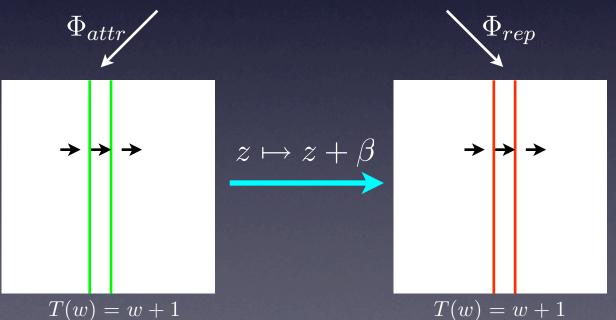
$$g_{\beta}(z) = \Phi_{rep}^{-1}(\Phi_{attr}(z) + \beta)$$

describes how the orbits entering attracting fundamental strip go out from repelling fundamental strip.

$$g_{\beta} = \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n^{k_n} \text{ in } int K(f_0)$$

if 
$$f_n(z) = e^{2\pi i \alpha_n} z + \dots$$
,
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_n} - k_n \right) = -\beta,$$

or
if 
$$f_n(z) = z + z^2 + \varepsilon_n$$
,
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}} - k_n \right) = -\beta.$$



### Limit dynamics

$$f_0 \circ g_\beta = g_\beta \circ f_0 = g_{\beta+1} \quad \text{in} \quad K_{f_0}$$

$$\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle = \{ f_0^n \circ g_\beta^m : (m = 0 \text{ and } n \ge 0) \text{ or } (m > 0 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}) \}$$
  
(when  $m > 0$ , each element is defined in an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ )

$$K(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z : \exists h = f_0^n \circ g_\beta^m \in \langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle, h(z) \in \mathbb{C} \setminus K_{f_0}\}$$

 $J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) = \text{closure of } \{ \text{repelling fixed points of } h = f_0^n \circ g_\beta^m \in \langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle \}$ 

$$J(f_0) \subsetneq J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \subset \liminf_{n \to \infty} J(f_n)$$
$$\subset \limsup_{n \to \infty} K(f_n) \subset K(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \subsetneq K(f_0)$$

$$K(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) = J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} K(f_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} J(f_n) = J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle)$$

$$\exists h = f_0^n \circ g_\beta^m (\in \langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \text{ has an attracting fixed point}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \lim_{n\to\infty} K(f_n) = K(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle) \text{ and } \lim_{n\to\infty} J(f_n) = J(\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle)$$

#### Further results

Discontinuity of straightening of polynomial-like mappings (Douady-Hubbard, first published account on parabolic implosion)

Limit parameter space for  $z^2 + c$  around  $c_0 = 1/4$  (wrt  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{c-1/4}}$ ) versus parameter space of  $\langle f_0, g_\beta \rangle$  (Lavaurs)

Non-local connectivity of connectedness locus for real/complex cubic polynomials (Lavaurs)

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#### Parabolic/near-parabolic renormalization

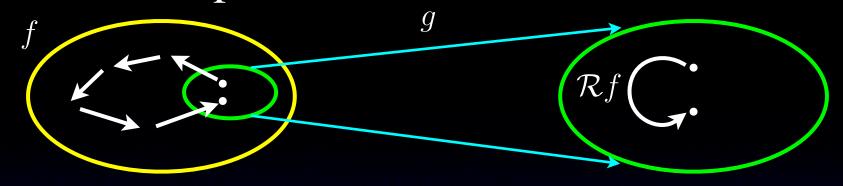
Renormalization for germs holomorphic functions with parabolic or near-parabolic fixed points (in wild direction)

S. with H. Inou: an invariant class of maps for the renormalization.

=> control on irrationally indifferent fixed points when the continued fraction of the rotation number has large coefficients.

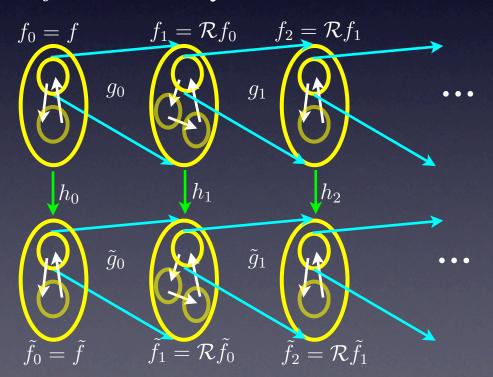
=> Buff-Cheritat's result on quadratic Julia sets with positive area.

### Return map and Renormalization



Renormalization  $f \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{R}f = \text{first return map } f \text{ (after rescaling)}$ 

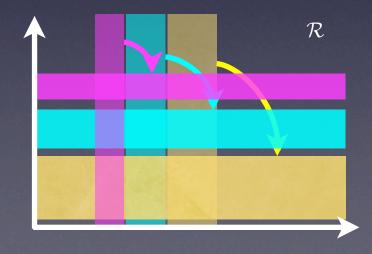
#### If f is infinitely renormalizable, ...



rigidity: weak conj. upgraded to nicer one

$$f \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{R}f$$

as a "meta dynamical system" on a space of dynamical systems Often one expects a hyperbolic dynamics

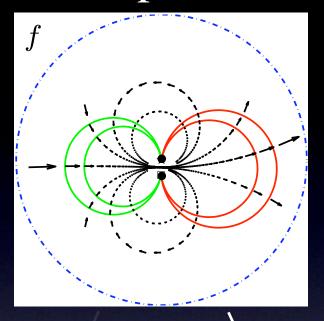


### Near-parabolic Renormalization (cylinder renorm.)

 $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}f = \chi_f \circ E_f$ 

 $\operatorname{Exp}^{\sharp}$ 

first return map



$$\operatorname{Exp}^{\sharp}: \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{C}^*, \ z \mapsto e^{2\pi i z}$$

 $\mathcal{R}f$  is conjugate to the return map on red croissant via repelling Fatou coordinate and  $\operatorname{Exp}^{\sharp}$ 

$$f = e^{2\pi i\alpha}h, \quad h = z + O(z^2)$$
 $f \leftrightarrow (\alpha, h)$ 

$$\mathcal{R}f = e^{-2\pi i \frac{1}{\alpha}} h_1, \quad h_1 = z + O(z^2)$$

$$\mathcal{R}f \leftrightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha}, h_1\right)$$

$$h_1 = \operatorname{Exp}^{\sharp} \circ E_{e^{2\pi i \alpha}h} \circ \left(\operatorname{Exp}^{\sharp}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \mathcal{R}_{\alpha}h$$



cylinders and  $\mathcal{R}f$  defined when  $h''(0) \neq 0$  and  $\alpha$  sufficiently small **Theorem.** (H. Inou and S.) There exists a class  $\mathcal{F}_1$  of maps with a parabolic fixed point (non-degenerate) and a unique critical point and a large number N such that the near-parabolic renormalization  $\mathcal{R}$  is defined on

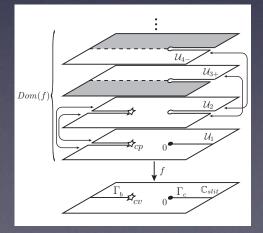
$$\{e^{2\pi i\alpha}h: \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \ 0 < |\alpha| \le \frac{1}{N}, \ h \in \mathcal{F}_1\}$$

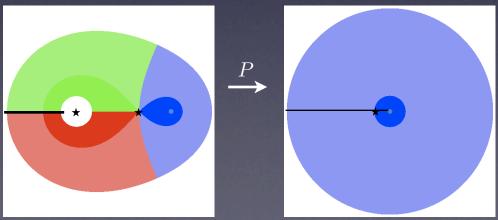
and hyperbolic. In fact,  $\mathcal{R}$  can be considered as

$$\mathcal{R}: (\alpha, h) \mapsto (-\frac{1}{\alpha} \mod \mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{R}_{\alpha} h),$$

and  $\alpha \mapsto -\frac{1}{\alpha} \mod \mathbb{Z}$  is expanding. The "fiber direction"  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is in one to one correspondence with the Teichmüller space of the punctured disk and the fiber map  $\mathcal{R}_{\alpha}$  is holomorphic and uniform contracting with respect to the Teichmüller distance.

Invariant class  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is characterized by (partial covering property.





## Applications (work in progress)

**Theorem.** Let  $f = e^{2\pi i\alpha}h$  and  $\hat{f} = e^{2\pi i\alpha}\hat{h}$  where  $h, \hat{h} \in \mathcal{F}_1$  (or  $z + z^2$ ) and  $\alpha$  is of high type (continued fraction coeffs  $\geq N$ ). Then f and  $\hat{f}$  are quasiconformally conjugate on the closure of the critical orbit. Moreover the conjugacy is  $C^{1+\gamma}$ -conformal on the critical orbit with some  $\gamma > 0$ .

Compare with McMullen's result on bounded type Siegel disks

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According to a discussion with Buff, Chéritat, Oversteegen, quadratic Julia sets with non-Bruno, high-type rotation number seem to be decomposable.

### Merci!

