

# Renormalization and the Teichmüller theory

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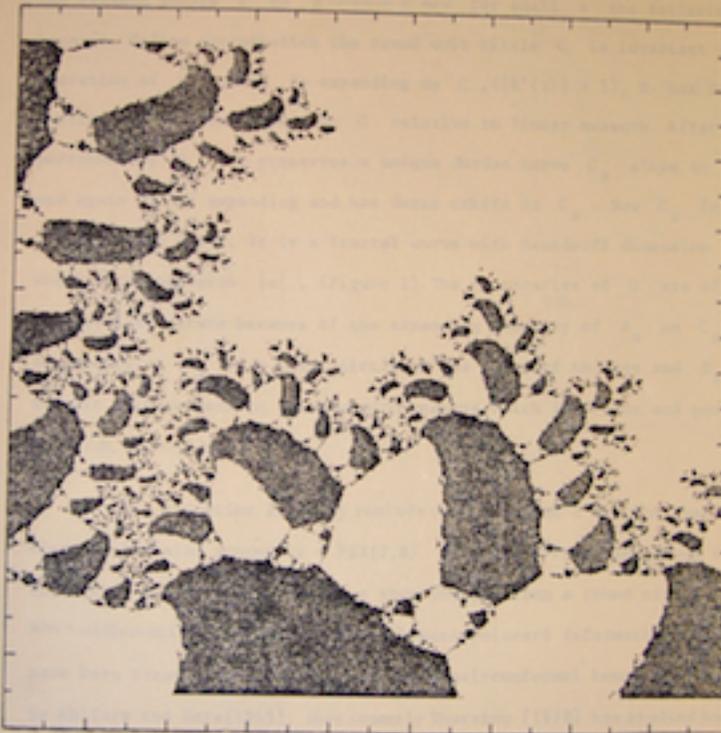
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Dennis SULLIVAN



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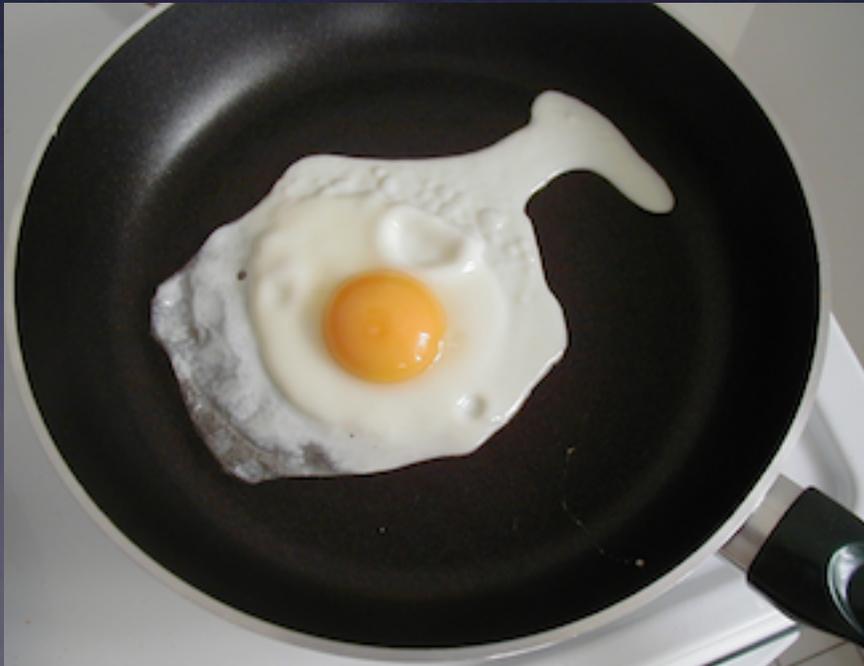
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# Koebe Distortion Theorem

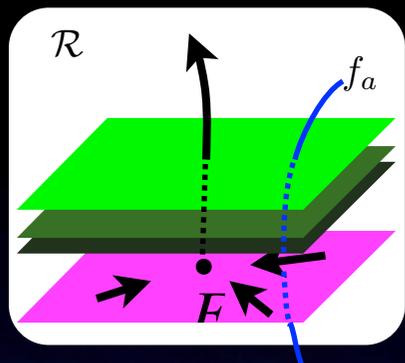
**Official:** Let  $f(z)$  be a univalent (holomorphic injective) function on  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . If  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ , then for  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1 - |z|}{(1 + |z|)^3} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 + |z|}{(1 - |z|)^3}$$
$$\frac{|z|}{(1 + |z|)^2} \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|}{(1 - |z|)^2}.$$

**Sullivan:**



Sullivan ICM 1986: proposed the use of Teichmüller space for the convergence of renormalization.



Want contraction on  $W^s(F)$

$$d(\mathcal{R}^n f, \mathcal{R}^n g) \rightarrow 0$$

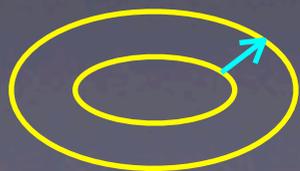
**Schwarz-Pick Theorem.** If  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  holomorphic, then

$$d_{\mathbb{D}}(f(x), f(y)) \leq d_{\mathbb{D}}(x, y). \quad \text{non-expanding}$$

**Royden-Gardiner Theorem.** If  $f : \text{Teich}(S) \rightarrow \text{Teich}(S')$  is a holomorphic mapping between Teichmüller spaces, then

$$d_{\text{Teich}(S')}(f(x), f(y)) \leq d_{\text{Teich}(S)}(x, y). \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{non-expanding} \\ \text{Kobayashi metric} \end{array}$$

Real bounds  $\longrightarrow$  Complex bounds  $\longrightarrow$  Contraction in  $\text{Teich}(\mathcal{L})$



$$\text{mod}(U'_n \setminus U_n) \geq m > 0 \quad \mathcal{L} = \text{Riemann surface lamination}$$

This talk:

## Parabolic/near-parabolic renormalization

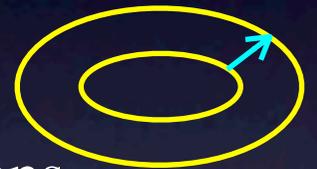
study bifurcation of parabolic fixed point  
linearization, Siegel disks, Cremer points

(satellite renormalization for MLC???)

a priori bounds and renormalization horseshoe

difference from polynomial-like renormalization:

unbounded geometry, no complex bounds as poly-like maps



Use Teichmüller theory to get contraction

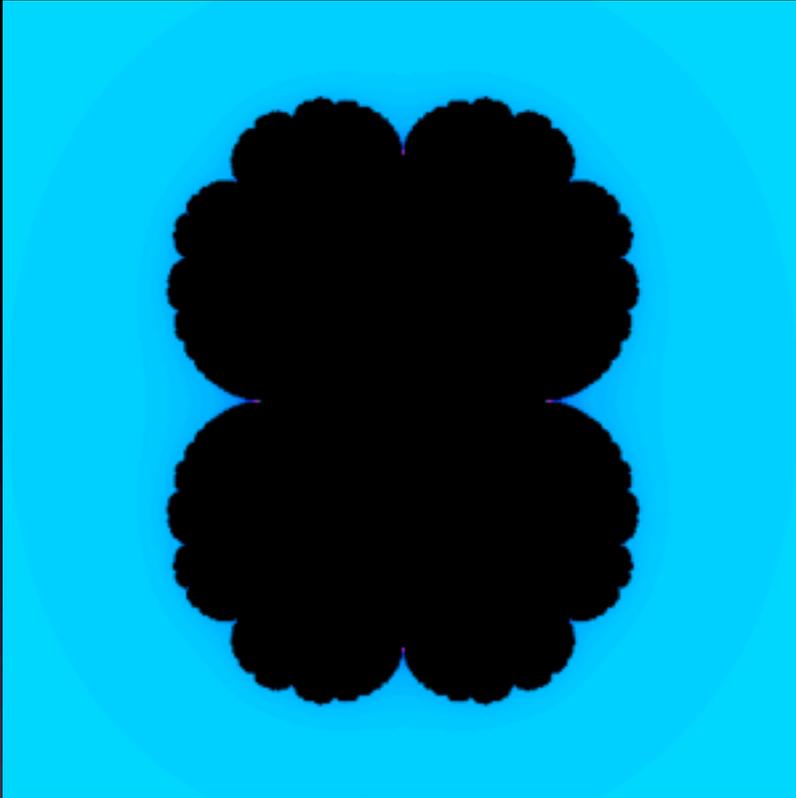
Dictionary: parabolic per. pt  $\leftrightarrow$  cusp      Lavaurs map  $\leftrightarrow$  geometric limit

large coeff. in continued fraction  $\leftrightarrow$  short closed geodesic

Another proof of Lyubich, Graczyk-Swiatek rigidity for infinitely renormalizable real quadratic polynomial using universal Teichmüller space

# Bifurcation of parabolic fixed point

$$(f(z_0) = z_0, f'(z_0) = 1)$$



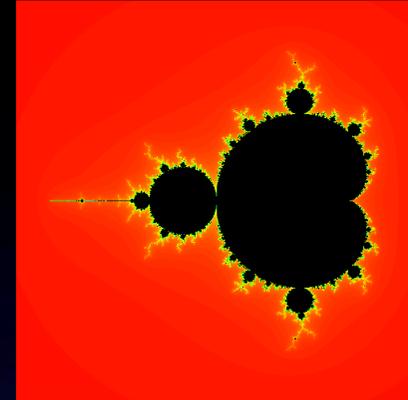
$$f_{\frac{1}{4}}(z) = z^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{perturb}} f_c(z) = z^2 + c$$

OR

$$f_0(z) = z + z^2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{perturb}} f(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha} z + z^2$$

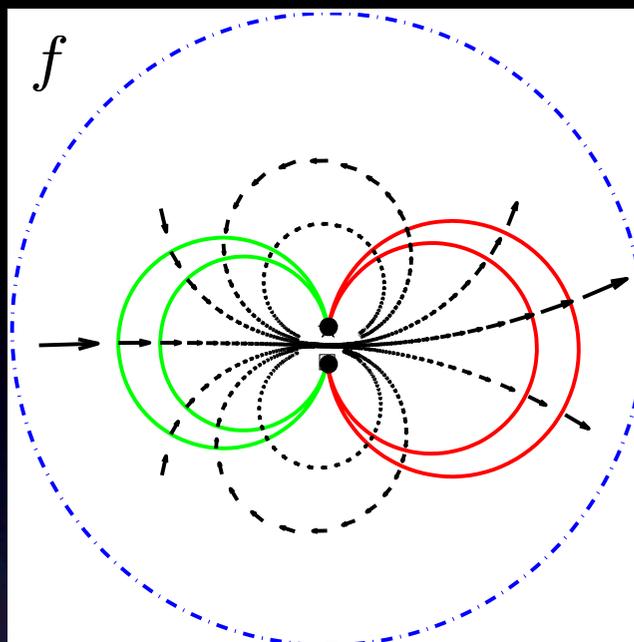
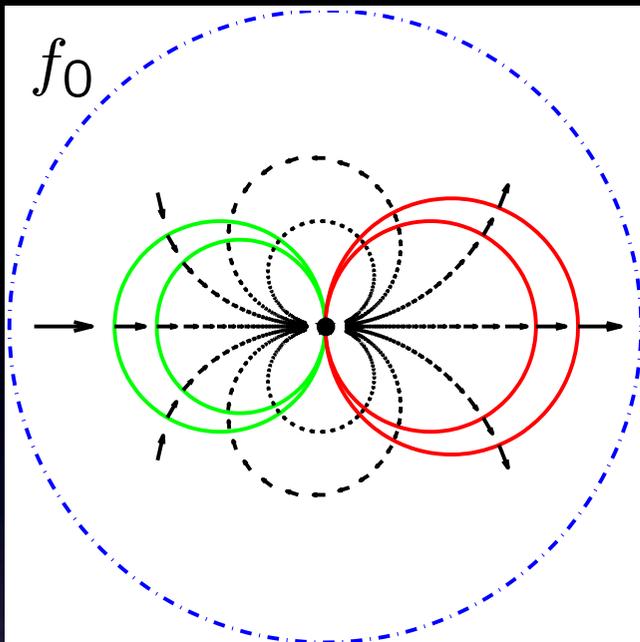


Discontinuous change of Julia sets

Creates complicated/rich Julia sets

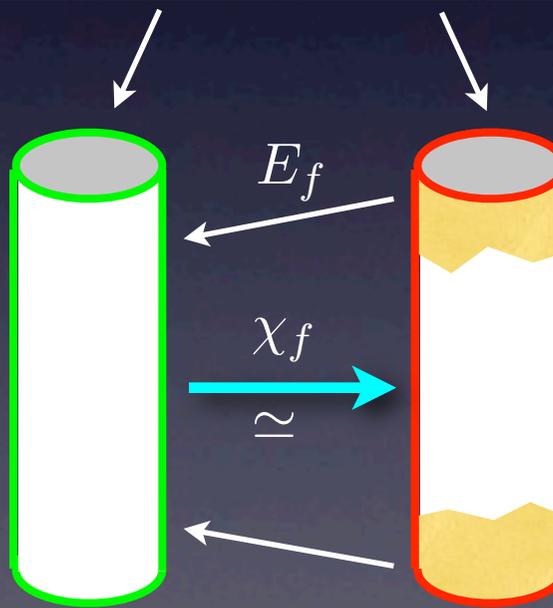
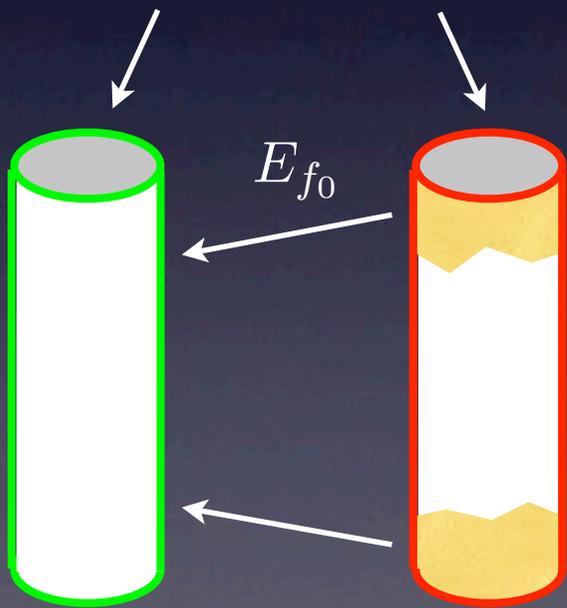
$$\text{Thm. } \exists c \in \partial M \quad HD(J(f_c)) = 2. \quad HD(\partial M) = 2.$$

# Parabolic Implosion (Douady-Hubbard-Lavaurs)



$$f'(0) = e^{2\pi i \alpha}$$

$\alpha$  small  
 $|\arg \alpha| < \frac{\pi}{4}$



first return map

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

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

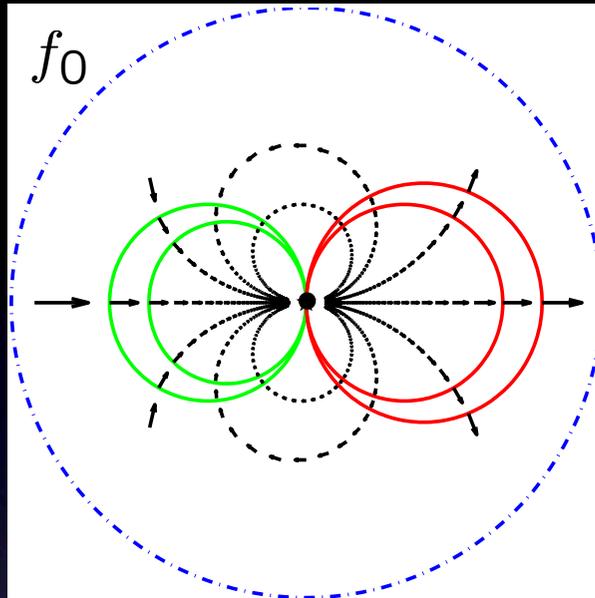
$$\chi_f(z) = z - \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

Return map can be understood via the horn map  $E_{f_0}$  and rotation number  $\alpha$

# Parabolic Renormalization

$$f_0(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$$

$$a_2 \neq 0$$



$$\text{Exp}^\sharp(z) = e^{2\pi iz} : \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{C}^*$$

Parabolic Renormalization

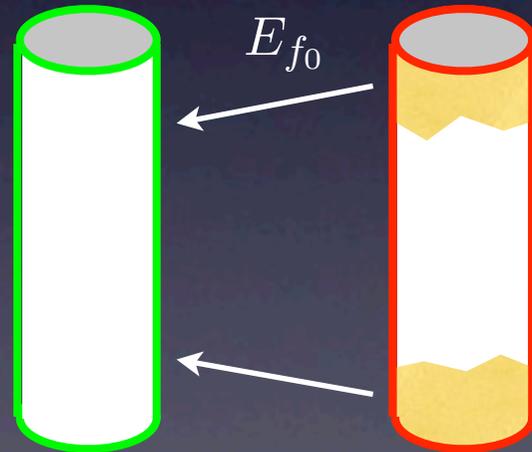
$$\mathcal{R}_0 f_0 = \text{Exp}^\sharp \circ E_{f_0} \circ (\text{Exp}^\sharp)^{-1}$$

Normalization

$$\mathcal{R}_0 f_0(z) = z + \dots$$

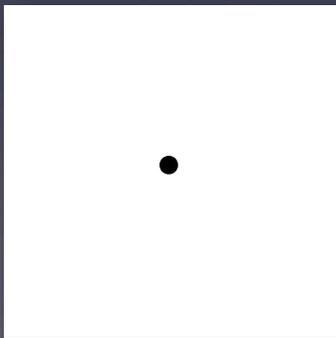
$$E_{f_0}(z) = z + o(1) \quad (\text{Im } z \rightarrow +\infty)$$

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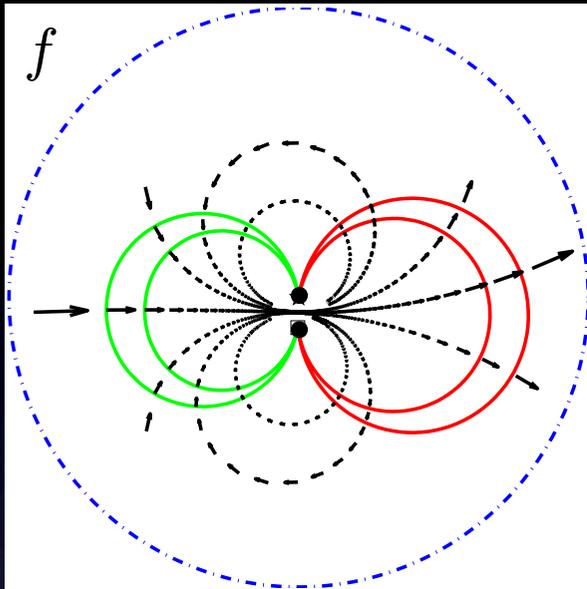
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$\mathcal{R}_0 f_0$

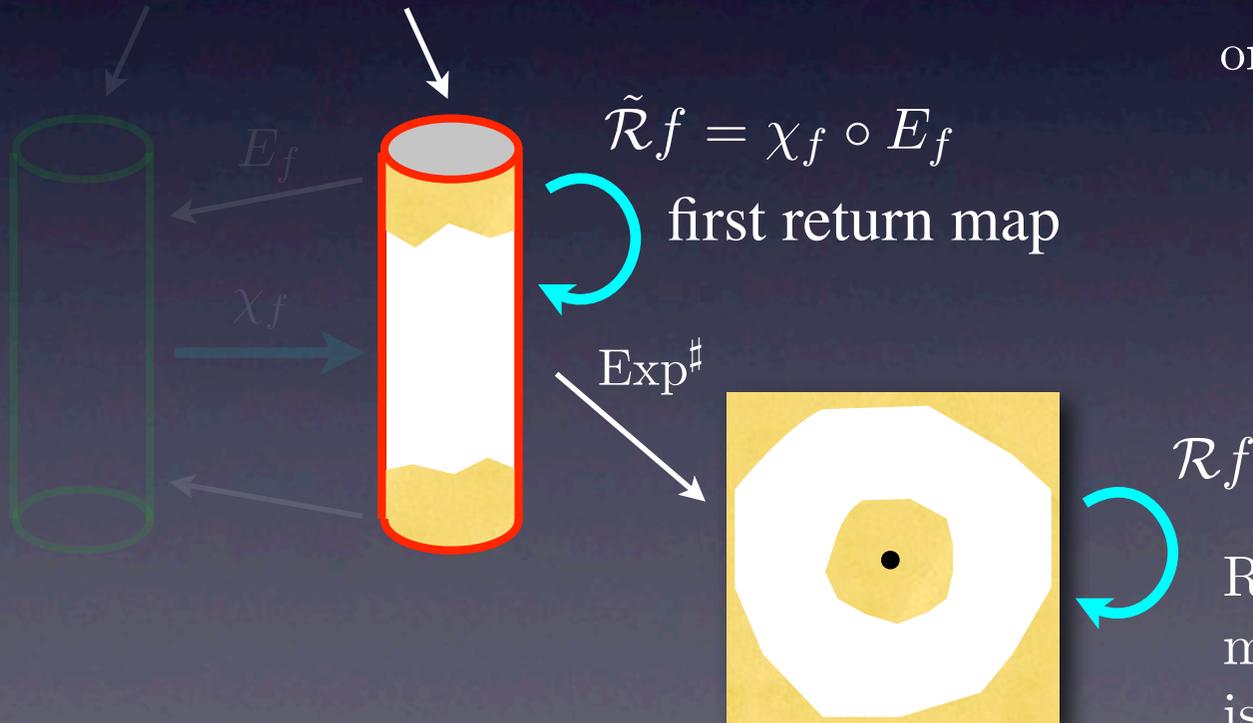
# Near-parabolic Renormalization



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}f &= \text{Exp}^\sharp \circ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}f \circ (\text{Exp}^\sharp)^{-1} \\ &= \text{Exp}^\sharp \circ \chi_f \circ E_f \circ (\text{Exp}^\sharp)^{-1} \\ &= e^{2\pi i\beta} z + O(z^2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$

or  $\alpha = \frac{1}{m - \beta} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ )



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

first return map

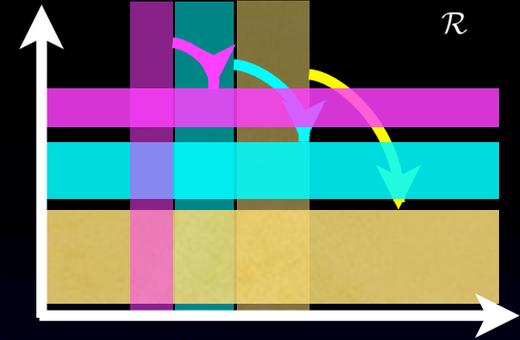
$$\text{Exp}^\sharp$$

$$\mathcal{R}f$$

Return map  $\mathcal{R}f$  of perturbed map  $f(z) = e^{2\pi i\alpha} z + \dots$  is almost  $e^{-2\pi i/\alpha} \mathcal{R}_0 f_0$

For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $Irrat_N$  be the set of irrational number of high type:

$$Irrat_N \ni \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{a_1 \pm \frac{1}{a_2 \pm \frac{1}{\ddots}}} \quad \text{where } a_i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } a_i \geq N,$$



For a neighborhood  $V$  of 0, define  $P(z) = z(1 + z)^2$  and

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \left\{ f = P \circ \varphi^{-1} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is univalent (with qc extension)} \\ \varphi(0) = 0, \quad \varphi'(0) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

**Theorem (Inou & S.):** For some  $V$  and  $N$ , the near-parabolic renormalization  $\mathcal{R}$  from

$$\{e^{2\pi i\alpha} f : \alpha \in Irrat_N, f \in \mathcal{F}_1\} = Irrat_N \times \mathcal{F}_1$$

to itself is well defined. Moreover  $\mathcal{R}(e^{2\pi i\alpha} z + z^2)$  belong to the above set for  $\alpha \in Irrat_N$ .

It is hyperbolic; expanding along  $\alpha$  direction and uniformly contracting along  $\mathcal{F}_1$  direction.

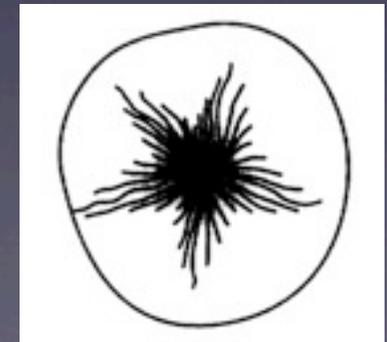
# Applications

**Theorem (Buff-Chéritat):**  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$   $Area(J(e^{2\pi i \alpha} z + z^2)) > 0$ .

**Theorem (S.):** If  $f = e^{2\pi i \alpha} h$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{F}_1$ ,  $\alpha \in Irrat_N$  and  $f$  is linearizable at 0 (Brjuno condition), then the boundary of its Siegel disk is a Jordan curve.

**Theorem (S.):** If  $f = e^{2\pi i \alpha} h$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{F}_1$ ,  $\alpha \in Irrat_N$  and  $f$  is not linearizable at 0, then there exists an invariant set  $\Lambda_f$  (maximal hedgehog) such that  $f$  is homeomorphic on  $\Lambda_f$ ;  $\Lambda_f$  contains 0 and a critical point;  $\Lambda_f \setminus \{0\}$  consists disjoint arcs ending at 0.

Moreover for two such maps with the same  $\alpha$ , there exists a quasiconformal map conjugating on  $\Lambda_f$ , which is asymptotically conformal at the critical orbit.



# A Priori Bounds

**Claim:** The parabolic renormalization  $\mathcal{R}_0$  is well-defined in  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and the image is contained in  $\mathcal{F}_1$ .

By the continuity of the horn map, the near-parabolic renormalization  $\mathcal{R}_0$  is well-defined as a self map of  $\{e^{2\pi i\alpha} h : \alpha \in \text{Irrat}_N, h \in \mathcal{F}_1\}$  for large  $N$ .

Idea of proof:

Why  $P \circ \varphi^{-1}$ ?

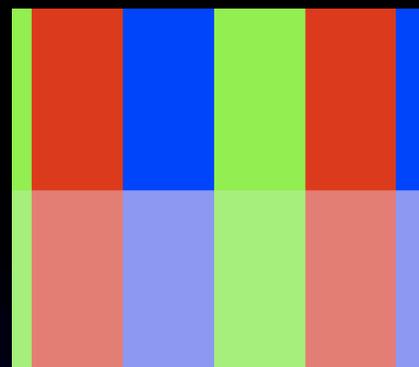
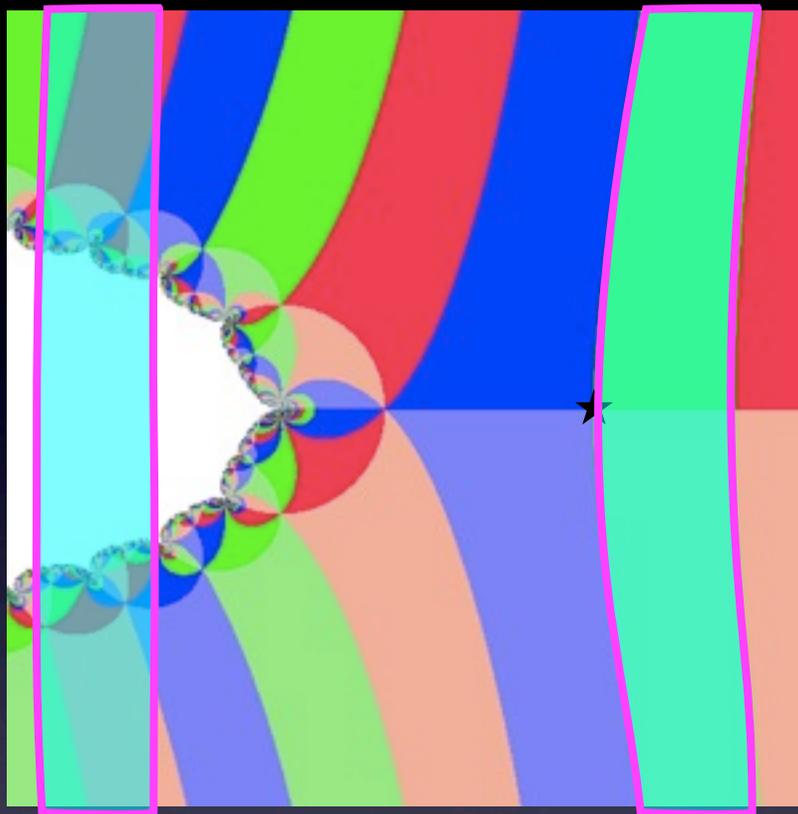
Since the construction of  $\mathcal{R}_0 f$  involves the uniformization of the cylinder (a transcendental operation), we can't compute the derivatives of  $\mathcal{R}_0 f$ , etc. Try to characterize it by a (partial) covering property.

In order to justify the following arguments, one has to check many inequalities using Koebe distortion theorems and variants.



# Basic checkerboard pattern for $f_0(z) = z + z^2$

$$F_0(w) = w + 1 + o(1)$$

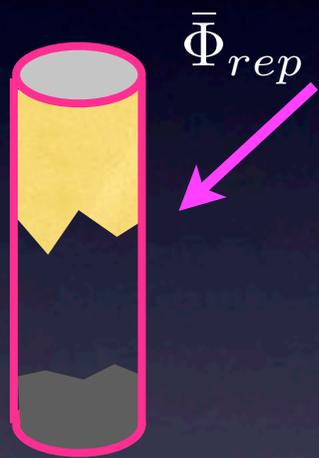


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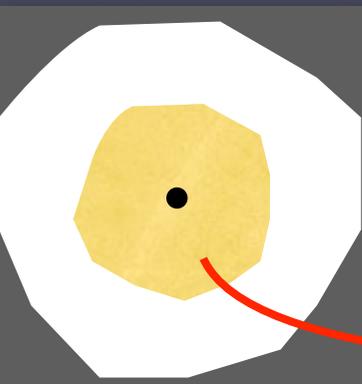
$e^{2\pi iz}$



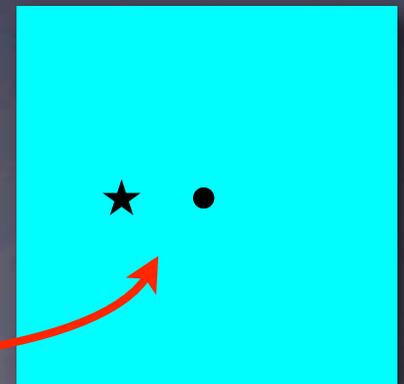
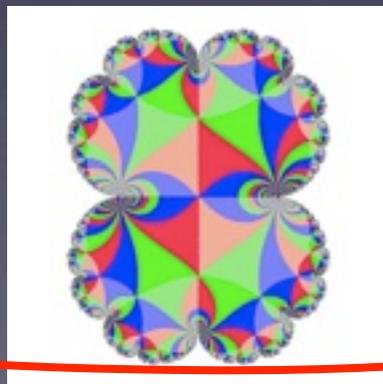
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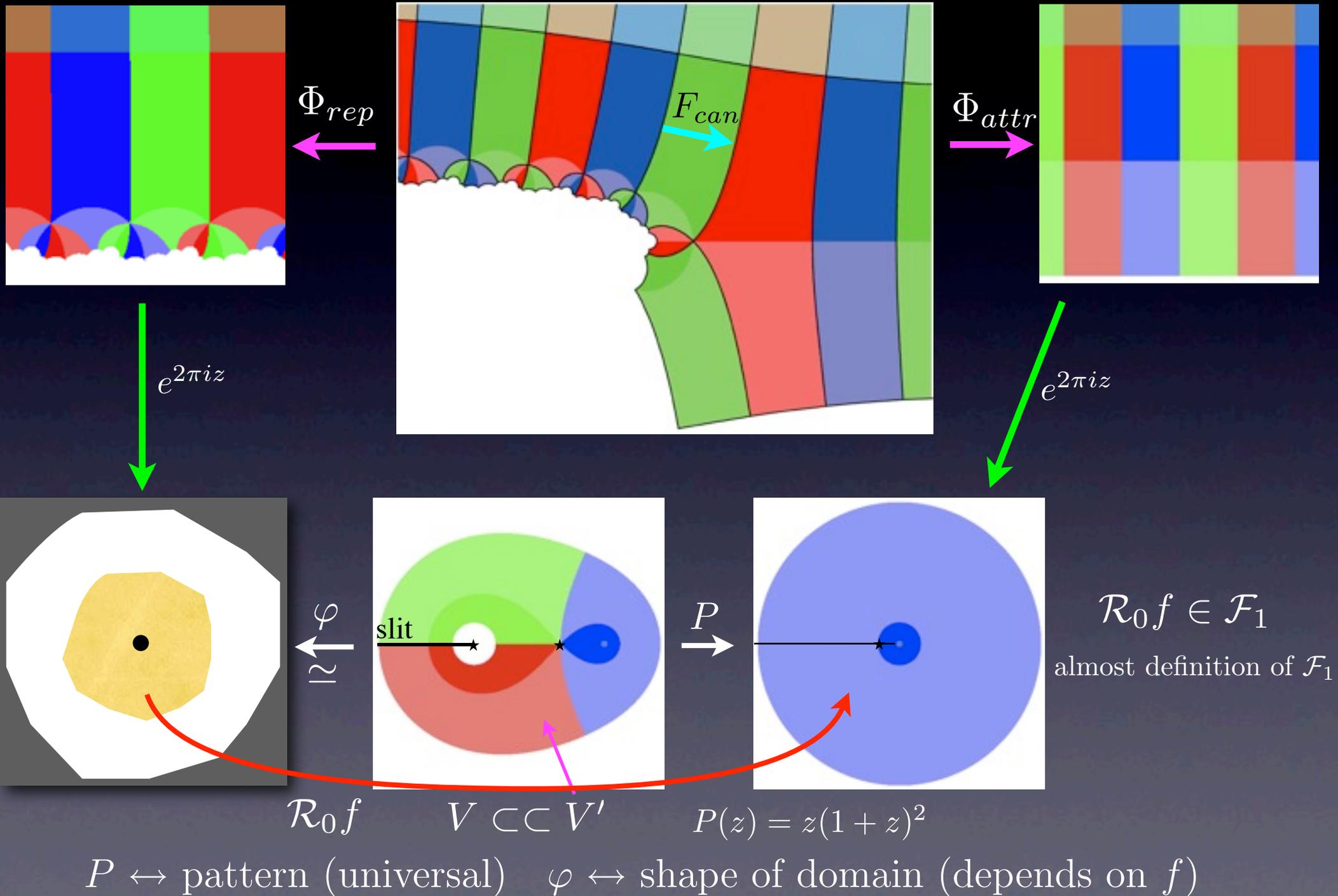
$$z = \tau_0(w) = -\frac{1}{w}$$



$\mathcal{R}_0 f$



# Truncated pattern induces a cubic-like covering

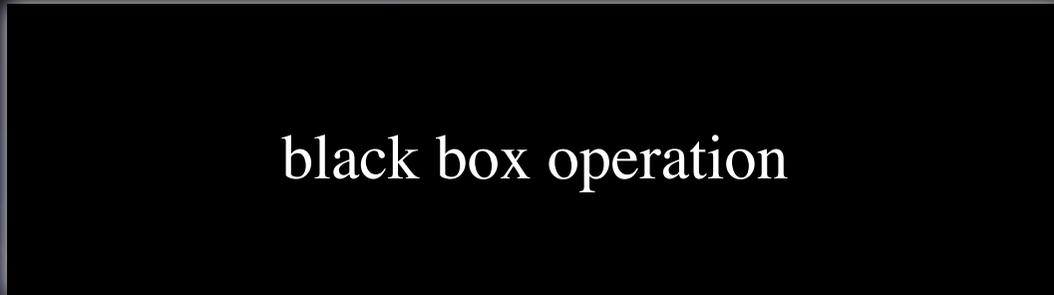


# Proof of Contraction

How to prove that  $\mathcal{R}_0 : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1$  is a contraction. (The proof for  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$  is similar.)

Don't Recall the definition of  $\mathcal{R}_0$

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots \quad (a_2 \neq 0)$$



$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{R}_0 f(z) = z + \dots$$

But we can't even compute  $(\mathcal{R}_0 f)'(0)$ ,  $(\mathcal{R}_0 f)''(0)$  etc.

Remember

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \left\{ f = \overset{\text{fixed}}{P} \circ \overset{\text{varies}}{\varphi}^{-1} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is univalent (with qc extension)} \\ \varphi(0) = 0, \varphi'(0) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \ni f = P \circ \varphi^{-1} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_0} \mathcal{R}_0 f = P \circ \psi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}_1$$

$\psi$  extends conformally to a larger region  $V'$

$\mathcal{R}_0$  is holomorphic: a holomorphic family  $\varphi_\lambda$  gives a holomorphic family  $\psi_\lambda$  on  $V'$

# Proof of Contraction: part 2

$$W := \mathbb{C} \setminus V \ni W' := \mathbb{C} \setminus V' \quad (\text{both isomorphic to } \mathbb{D}^* = \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\})$$

Teichmüller space of  $W$ :

$$Teich(W) := \left\{ \mu(z) \frac{d\bar{z}}{dz} \text{ on } W \right\} / \sim \quad (\text{“same boundary value” for qc map})$$

Teichmüller infinitesimal (Finsler) metric

$$\|\mu\|_{Teich} = \sup \left\{ \int \int_W q(z) \mu(z) dx dy \mid \begin{array}{l} q(z) dz^2 \text{ integrable holomorphic quadratic} \\ \text{differential with } \int \int_W |q(z)| dx dy = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Identify  $\mathcal{F}_1$  with  $Teich(W)$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \ni f = P \circ \varphi^{-1} \longrightarrow \varphi \longrightarrow \text{qc extension } \tilde{\varphi} \longrightarrow [\mu_{\tilde{\varphi}}|_W] \in Teich(W)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}_1 \ni f = P \circ \varphi^{-1} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_0} & \mathcal{R}_0 f = P \circ \psi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ Teich(W) \ni [\mu_{\tilde{\varphi}}|_W] & & [\mu_{\tilde{\psi}}|_W] \in Teich(W) \\ \swarrow \text{non-expanding} & & \nearrow \Xi \text{ Contraction!} \\ \text{by Royden-Gardiner} & & [\mu_{\tilde{\psi}}|_{W'}] \in Teich(W') \end{array}$$

# Proof of Contraction: part 3

$$\Xi : \text{Teich}(W') \rightarrow \text{Teich}(W)$$

$$\text{induced by } \mu \mapsto \mu' = \begin{cases} \mu & \text{on } W' \\ 0 & \text{on } W \setminus W' \end{cases}$$

$$\|D_\mu \Xi\|_{\text{Teich}} = \sup \left\{ \frac{\iint_{\varphi_\mu(W')} |q(z)| dx dy}{\iint_{\varphi_\mu(W)} |q(z)| dx dy} \mid \begin{array}{l} q(z) dz^2 \text{ integrable holomorphic} \\ \text{quadratic differential on } \varphi_\mu(W) \end{array} \right\}$$

**Claim:**  $\|D_\mu \Xi\|_{\text{Teich}} \leq \lambda := \exp(-2\pi \text{mod}(W \setminus W'))$ .

follows from modulus-area-inequality and isoperimetric inequality for holomorphic quadratic differential on a punctured disk.

$$\implies d(\mathcal{R}_0 f, \mathcal{R}_0 g) \leq \lambda d(f, g)$$

## Another Application of Teichmüller contraction: Rigidity

**Theorem (Lyubich, Graczyk-Swiatek):** Suppose that  $f = f_c$  and  $\hat{f} = f_{\hat{c}}$  ( $c, \hat{c} \in [-2, \frac{1}{4}]$ ) are combinatorially equivalent (or topologically conjugate) and that they are infinitely renormalizable. Then  $f$  and  $\hat{f}$  are quasi-symmetrically conjugate on their postcritical sets.

### Consequences:

qs-conj. on their postcrit. set  $\implies$  quasiconf-conj. on  $\mathbb{C}$   $\implies$   
conformally-conj on  $\mathbb{C}$   $\implies c = \hat{c}$

Hyperbolic parameters are dense among real quadratic polynomials.

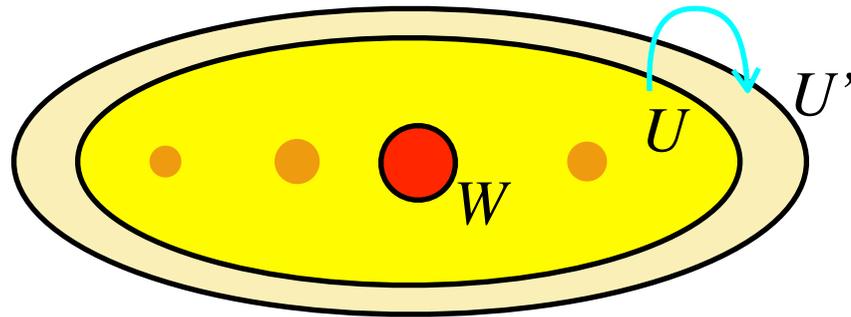
# 1st reduction to one step renormalization

By the Complex Bounds (Levin-van Strien, Lyubich-Yampolsky, Graczyk-Swiatek, Sands) the rigidity theorem reduces to:

**Theorem:** For any  $m > 0$ , there exists  $K \geq 1$  such that if  $f : U \rightarrow U'$  and  $\hat{f} : \hat{U} \rightarrow \hat{U}'$  are real (symmetric) quadratic-like mapping with  $\text{mod}(U' \setminus U), \text{mod}(\hat{U}' \setminus \hat{U}) \geq m$  and if they are (once) renormalizable with the same type and period  $> 2$ , then there exists a  $K$ -quasiconformal partial conjugacy (defined later).

Here  $K$  depends only on  $m$  and is independent of the combinatorics (e.g. period).

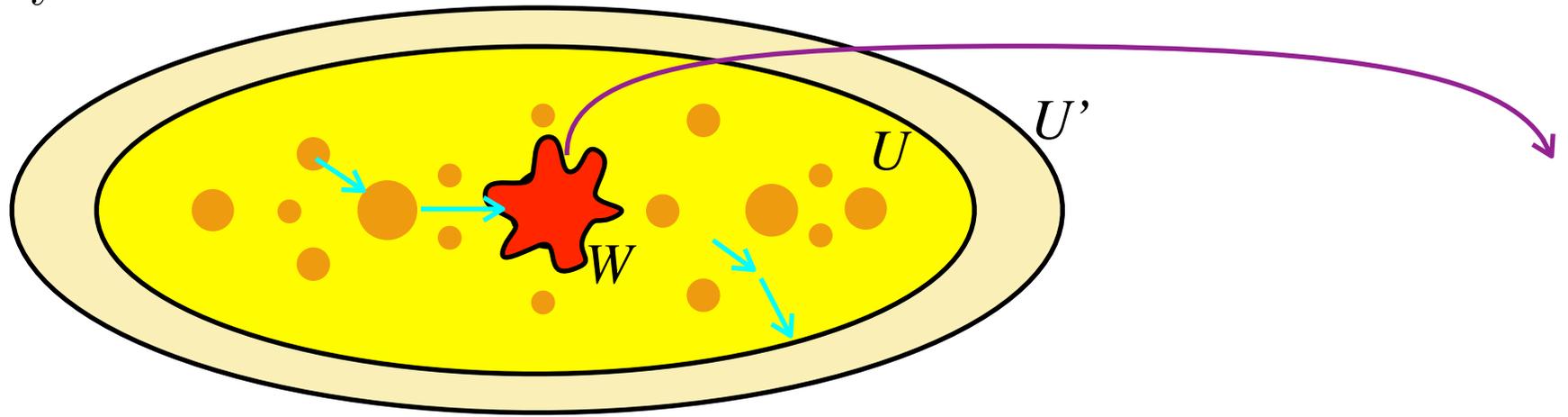
partial conjugacy:  $\varphi : U' \rightarrow \hat{U}'$ , such that  $\varphi \circ f = \hat{f} \circ \varphi$  on  $U \setminus W$ , where  $W$  is a puzzle piece containing 0 such that  $f^p : W \rightarrow f^p(W)$  is a renormalization.



## 2nd reduction to a critical piece

**Theorem:**  $\forall m, \exists K$  for  $f$  and  $\hat{f}$  as before,  $\exists W, \hat{W}$  critical puzzle pieces for  $f$  and  $\hat{f}$  such that

- (a)  $f^p : W \rightarrow f^p(W)$  is a renormalization;
- (b)  $\exists \varphi : W \rightarrow \hat{W}$   $K$ -qc preserving the canonical marking on the boundary.



Given  $\varphi$  on  $W$ , first construct a map on each piece of a fixed level to its counterpart preserving the marking. Then refine these maps by pulling-back these maps by the dynamics. There are three kinds of points: eventually land on  $W$ , eventually land on  $U' \setminus U$  and the rest. The 1st kind will have the same bound  $K$  as the above theorem; the 2nd kind also have a bound by  $K_0(m)$ ; the 3rd kind has measure 0.

In general, the boundary of  $W$  can be very complicated!

# Interpretation in the universal Teichmüller space

Take any qc-extension  $\varphi_0 : W \rightarrow \hat{W}$  of the canonical marking. ( $K(\varphi_0)$  large!)

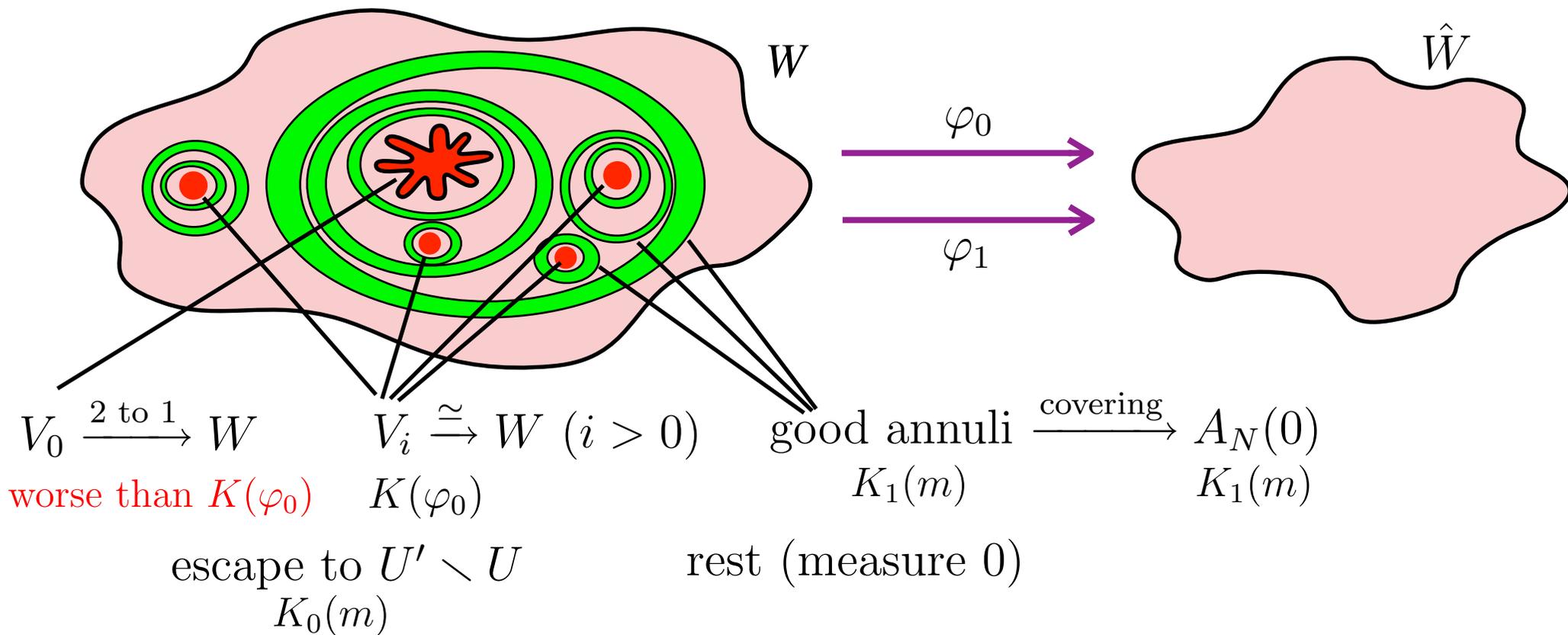
$$\text{Teich}(W) = \{\varphi : W \rightarrow \varphi(W) \text{ quasiconformal}\} / \sim$$

$$= \{\mu_\varphi = \frac{\bar{\partial}\varphi}{\partial\varphi} \text{ Beltrami differential}\} / \sim$$

$$\varphi \sim \psi \iff \exists h : \varphi(W) \rightarrow \psi(W) \text{ conformal such that } h = \psi \circ \varphi^{-1} \text{ on } \partial\varphi(W)$$

Want:  $d([\varphi_0], [id]) = d([\mu_{\varphi_0}], [0]) \leq C(\text{depending only on } m)$ .

## 2nd refinement: pull-back construction within $W$



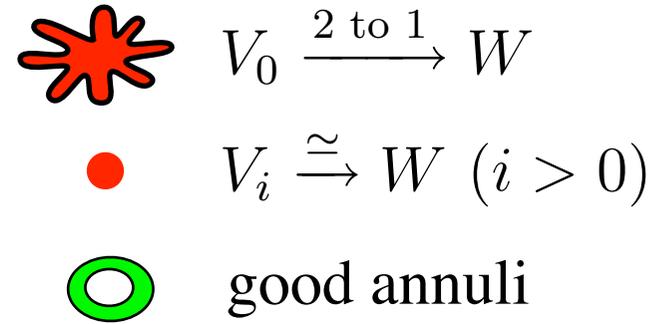
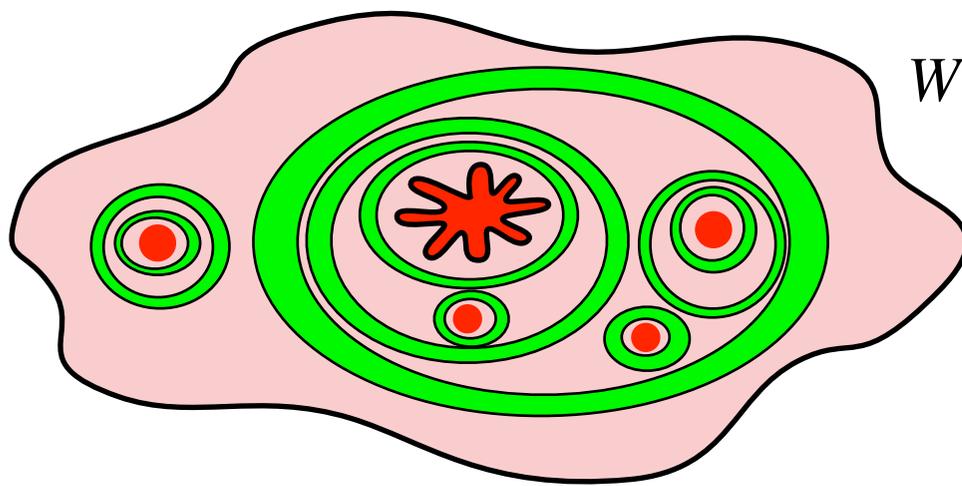
For real maps,  $N = 2$  and the base annulus  $A_N^f(0)$  has a  $K_1(m)$ -qc map respecting the boundary marking. This induces  $K_1(m)$ -qc maps on good annuli.

By combinatorial a priori bound,

$$\sum_{A : \text{good annulus surrounding } V_i} \text{mod}(A) \geq m' = m'(m) \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots).$$

$A$  : good annulus surrounding  $V_i$

$$[\varphi_0] = [\varphi_1] \text{ in } \text{Teich}(W)$$



Define  $\Theta : \text{Teich}(W) \rightarrow \text{Teich}(W)$  by

$$\Theta([\mu]) = \begin{cases} (f^{n_i})^*(\mu) & \text{on } V_i \quad (i > 0) \quad (f^{n_i} : V_i \xrightarrow{\cong} W) \\ \mu_{\varphi_1} & \text{on the rest (including } V_0) \end{cases}$$

Then  $\Theta$  is well-defined and we have:

- (a)  $\Theta([\mu_{\varphi_0}]) = [\mu_{\varphi_1}] = [\mu_{\varphi_0}]$ ;
- (b)  $d(\Theta([0]), [0]) \leq C$  (depending only on  $m$ );
- (c)  $d(\Theta([\varphi]), \Theta([\psi])) \leq \lambda d([\varphi], [\psi])$ , where  $\lambda < 1$  depends only on  $m$ .

$$\|\nu\|_{\text{Teich}} = \sup \{ \text{Re} \iint q\nu : \iint |q| = 1 \}$$

Modulus-area inequality holds for the area form defined by  $|q|$ .

Hence  $d(\Theta([\varphi_0]), [0]) \leq \frac{C}{1-\lambda}$  (depending only on  $m$ ).

Happy Birthday, Dennis!