

# Sobre la no existència de petits breathers en equacions de Klein-Gordon

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# Breathers and the Klein-Gordon equation

- Klein-Gordon equation

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u + g(u), \quad g(0) = g'(0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- **Breathers**: Periodic in  $t$  localized in  $x$  solutions  $u(x, t)$ .
- The linearized Klein-Gordon equation

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

has linear decay as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

- The existence of Breathers shows a big non-linear effect: **Breathers are an “obstacle” to non-linear decay**
- Breathers for the Sine-Gordon equation  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} - \sin u$ :

$$u(x, t) = 4 \arctan \left( \frac{m \sin(\omega t)}{\omega \cosh(mx)} \right), \quad m, \omega > 0, \quad m^2 + \omega^2 = 1.$$

They are  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ -periodic in time and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} u(x, t) = 0$ .

- What about other nonlinearities?
- Families of breathers should be unlikely to happen.

# Spatial dynamics: Breathers as homoclinic orbits

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u + g(u), \quad g(u) = \mathcal{O}(u^2)$$

- Dynamical system with  $x$  as time: phase space is space of  $2\pi/\omega$ -periodic functions in  $t$  for some  $\omega > 0$ .
- Breathers  $\equiv$  Homoclinic orbits to the steady state  $u = 0$  in an infinite dimensional phase space.
- $u = 0$  has finite dimensional stable and unstable eigenspaces: the stable/unstable invariant manifolds unlikely will intersect.
- But this is hard to prove in general...
- Breathers do exist for Hamiltonian systems on lattices (McKay, Aubry,...).

# Non-existence of breathers for the Klein Gordon eq.

Global results:

- Kowalczyk, Martel and Muñoz (2016): Nonexistence of odd (in  $x$ ) breathers for any odd  $g$ .
- The breathers of the Sine-Gordon equation are even in  $x$ !

Perturbative results:

- Birnir–McKean–Weinstein and Denzler (1990's): Perturbed Sine-Gordon equation

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - \sin u + \varepsilon \Delta(u), \quad \varepsilon \ll 1, \quad \Delta \text{ analytic}$$

- Persistence of the family of breathers implies  $\Delta(u)$  is a trivial perturbation.

# Small amplitude breathers for the odd Klein Gordon eq.

- What about (families of) **small amplitude breathers**?
- Equivalent to **small homoclinic loops to  $u = 0$** .
- Simplest setting: Odd Klein-Gordon equation

$$\partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u + u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - f(u) = 0 \quad f(u) = \mathcal{O}(u^5), \text{ odd}$$

- Soffer–Weinstein (1999) and Bambusi–Cuccagna (2011):  
Non-existence of breathers if one adds a potential (under some hypotheses).

# Kruskal and Segur

- Kruskal–Segur (1987): Formal arguments for the  $\phi^4$  model to indicate the breakdown of breathers with

frequency  $\omega : 0 < 1 - \omega \ll 1$  and amplitude  $\sim \sqrt{1 - \omega^2}$ .

- Questions:

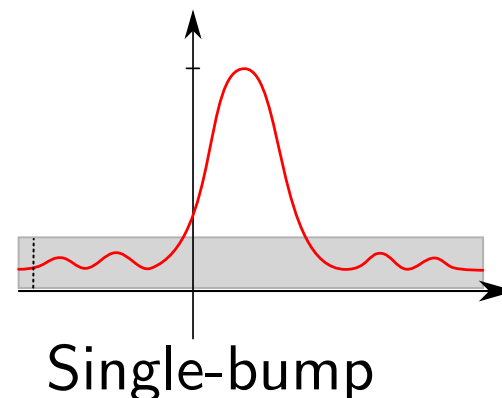
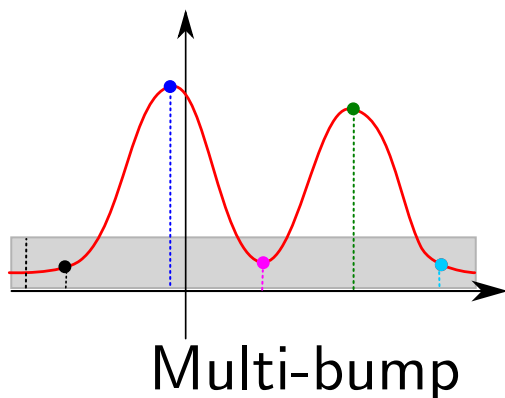
- 1 How to make rigorous the formal arguments to prove the breakdown of breathers and **extend the proof to all possible  $\omega$ 's**.
- 2 Do small amplitude breathers with exponentially small (with respect to the amplitude) tails exist? ← **Generalized breathers**

# Small amplitude breathers for the odd Klein Gordon eq.

- Goal: For a “typical” analytic odd  $f$ , small amplitude breathers do not exist.
- But we need to impose certain restrictions...
- Let  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$  and  $\omega > 0$ . A  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ -periodic-in- $t$  function  $u(x, t)$  is  **$\sigma$ -multi-bump** in  $x$  if there exist  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < x_5$  such that

$$\|u(x_j, \cdot)\|_{\ell^1} \leq \sigma \|u(x_i, \cdot)\|_{\ell^1}, \quad \forall j \in \{1, 3, 5\}, i \in \{2, 4\}.$$

Otherwise, it is said to be  **$\sigma$ -single-bump**.



# Main result: Non-existence of breathers

$$\partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u + u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - f(u) = 0, \quad f(u) = \mathcal{O}(u^5), \quad \text{odd, analytic}$$

## Theorem (Guàrdia-Gomide-S.-Zeng)

There exists  $\Theta_f \in \mathbb{C}$ , depending analytically on  $f$ , such that if  $\Theta_f \neq 0$ :  
For any  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ , there exists  $\rho^* > 0$  such that there does not exist any solution  $u(x, t)$  which:

- 1 is  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ -periodic in  $t$  for some  $\omega > 0$ ,
- 2 satisfies

$$\|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1\left(\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega}\right)\right)} + \|\partial_x u(x, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2\left(\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega}\right)\right)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } |x| \rightarrow +\infty,$$

- 3 satisfies  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{\ell^1} < \min\{1, \rho^* \omega^{\frac{1}{2}}\}$ ,
- 4 is  $\sigma$ -single-bump.



# Some remarks

- $\Theta_f$  depends analytically on  $f \rightarrow$  For “typical”  $f$ ,  $\Theta_f \neq 0$ .
- So, for typical  $f$ , small amplitude breathers do not exist provided:
  - We restrict to single-bump breathers,
  - We admit the **smallness** to depend on  $\omega$ :

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{\ell^1} < \min\{1, \rho^* \omega^{\frac{1}{2}}\}.$$

- With some extra work we should be able to prove that multi-bump breathers should not exist either.
- One should be able to rule out breathers such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{\ell^1} < \rho^*.$$

# Generalized breathers

- Nan Lu (2014): There exist breathers with exponentially small tails for some periods.
- Fix the frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$  with  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ .
- There exist solutions  $u$  such that are  $2\pi/\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$  – periodic in time and

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \sup \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega}\right)} \leq 2\varepsilon$$

and

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left\{ \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega}\right)} + \|\partial_x u(x, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2\left(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega}\right)} \right\} \lesssim e^{-c/\varepsilon}, \quad c > 0.$$

- Groves and Schneider (2000's): “modulated pulse” solutions with small (beyond all orders) tails for the nonlinear Klein Gordon equations (and quasilinear wave equations).

# Main results: Generalized breathers

## Theorem (Guàrdia-Gomide-S.-Zeng)

Fix the frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$  with  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ .

- There exist  $2\pi/\omega$ -periodic-in- $t$  solutions  $u$  such that

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \sup \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega})} \leq 2\varepsilon \quad \text{and}$$

$$\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \left( \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega})} + \|\partial_x u(x, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega})} \right) \leq M e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{\varepsilon}}.$$

- If  $\Theta_f \neq 0$ , they also satisfy

$$\liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \left( \|u(x, \cdot)\|_{H_t^1(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega})} + \|\partial_x u(x, \cdot)\|_{L_t^2(-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, \frac{\pi}{\omega})} \right) \geq M^{-1} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{\varepsilon}}.$$

# Some ideas about the proof

- The proofs of all the results rely on spatial dynamics techniques ( $x$  as evolution variable). Breathers are homoclinic orbits to  $u = 0$ .
- For the breakdown of breathers: We need to analyze the stable/unstable invariant manifolds associated to the steady state  $u = 0$ .
- For the generalized breathers: center-stable and center-unstable invariant manifolds.
- In this talk, we focus on the proof of the breakdown of breathers.
- Small breathers correspond to small homoclinics and these appear at bifurcations!
- We need to deal with exponentially small phenomena.

# Breather breakdown from spatial dynamics point of view

- Choose any frequency  $\omega > 0$  and fix periodicity in  $t$  to be  $2\pi/\omega$ .
- Change time to  $\tau = \omega t$ , and consider  $u(\tau, x)$   $2\pi$  periodic in  $\tau$  satisfying:

$$\omega^2 \partial_{\tau\tau} u - \partial_{xx} u + u - \frac{1}{3} u^3 - f(u) = 0, \quad f(u) = \mathcal{O}(u^5), \text{ odd, analytic}$$

which is a (Hamiltonian) equation depending on a parameter  $\omega$ .

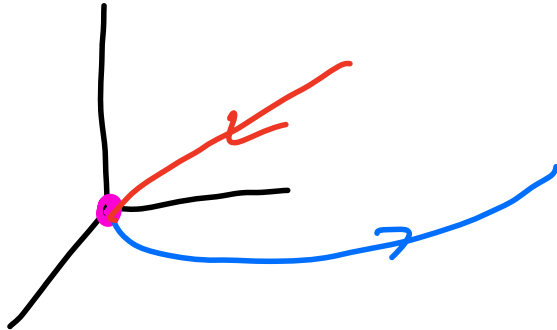
- Linearization around  $u = 0$ :  $\omega^2 \partial_{\tau\tau} u - \partial_{xx} u + u = 0$
- Eigenvalues:  $\pm \sqrt{1 - n^2 \omega^2}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .
- The number of hyperbolic eigenvalues is always finite and increases when  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ .

# Breather breakdown from spatial dynamics point of view

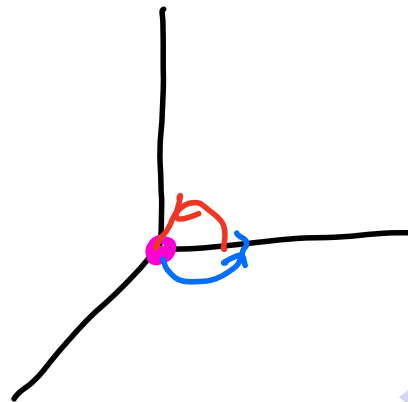
- Eigenvalues:  $\pm\sqrt{1 - n^2\omega^2}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .
- Bifurcations: At  $\omega = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , a new pair of (weakly) hyperbolic eigenvalues appears. **small homoclinic orbits can appear!**
- Two settings:
  - Close to bifurcation:  $0 < \frac{1}{k} - \omega \ll 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
  - Far from bifurcation: Otherwise.

# Far from bifurcation:

- Far from bifurcation: All hyperbolic eigenvalues are “strong”.
- All orbits in the stable/unstable invariant manifolds of  $u = 0$  escape “far away” from  $u = 0$ .
- If homoclinic loops exist, they must be large.



- Small homoclinic loops may only appear when  $\omega$  is close to bifurcation ( $0 < \frac{1}{k} - \omega \ll 1$ ).



# Close to the first bifurcation

- Kruskal-Segur setting: Close to the **first bifurcation** i.e.

$$0 < 1 - \omega \ll 1.$$

- **Key setting**: Close to the first bifurcation in the odd in  $t$  setting:

$$u(x, \tau) = \sum_{n \geq 1} u_n(x) \sin(n\tau).$$

- For the first bifurcation: take

$$\omega = \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2} \quad \text{with} \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1.$$

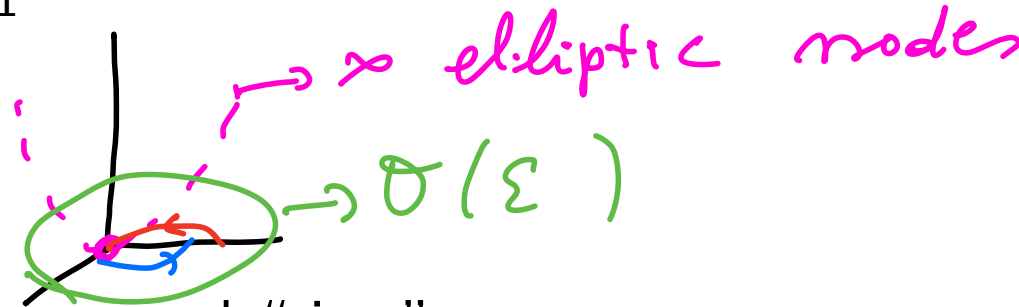
- The other cases  $\omega \simeq \frac{1}{k}$  can be proven using the results for this setting.



# First bifurcation in the odd in $\tau$ setting

$$\omega^2 \partial_{\tau\tau} u - \partial_{xx} u + u - \frac{1}{3} u^3 - f(u) = 0, \quad f(u) = \mathcal{O}(u^5), \quad \text{odd analytic}$$

- $\omega^2 = 1 - \varepsilon^2$
- Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1^\pm = \pm\varepsilon$  and  $\lambda_n^\pm = \pm i\sqrt{n^2(1 - \varepsilon^2) - 1}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .
- Spatial dynamics ( $x$  as evolution variable): one dimensional (weak) stable and unstable invariant manifolds of  $u = 0$ .
- Weakness  $\lambda_1^\pm \rightarrow 0$  The invariant manifolds have “size”  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ .



- Scaling:  $u = \varepsilon v$ , and “time”  $y = \varepsilon x$

$$\partial_y^2 v - \frac{\omega^2}{\varepsilon^2} \partial_\tau^2 v - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} v + \frac{1}{3} v^3 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3} f(\varepsilon v) = 0,$$

# Equation for the Fourier coefficients (odd setting)

Writing the equations of the Fourier coefficients:  $v(y, \tau) = \sum v_n(y) \sin n\tau$ , we obtain a **singularly perturbed problem**:

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{v}_1 = v_1 - \Pi_1 \left[ \frac{v^3}{3} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right], \\ \varepsilon^2 \ddot{v}_n = -\mu_n^2 v_n - \varepsilon^2 \Pi_n \left[ \frac{v^3}{3} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right], \quad n \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

with  $\cdot = d/dy$  and  $\mu_n = \sqrt{n^2(1 - \varepsilon^2) - 1}$ .

$v = 0$  is a saddle center point with infinitely many elliptic directions.

- Taking the singular limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the critical manifold is the plane

$$\mathcal{M} = \{v_n = 0, \dot{v}_n = 0, n > 1\}.$$

which is normally elliptic: normal eigenvalues  $\pm i \frac{\mu_n}{\varepsilon^2} \rightarrow$  fast oscillations!

# A normally elliptic slow manifold

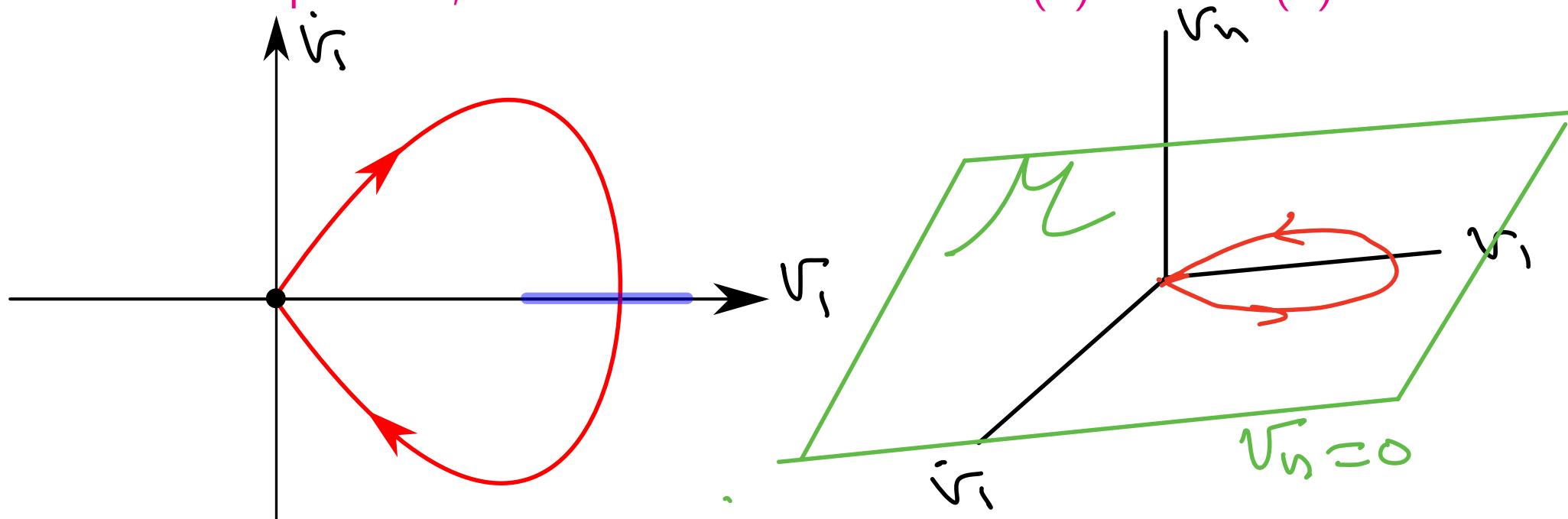
$$\mathcal{M} = \{v_n = 0, \dot{v}_n = 0, n > 1\}.$$

The dynamics in  $\mathcal{M}$  is given by the Duffing equation:  $\ddot{v}_1 = v_1 - \frac{v_1^3}{4}$ .

- Limit equation has a **homoclinic orbit** to  $v_1 = \dot{v}_1 = 0$ .

$$v_1^h(y, \tau) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\cosh(y)}, \quad v_n^h = 0, \quad n \geq 2.$$

- In the limit problem, the invariant manifolds  $W^s(0)$  and  $W^u(0)$  coincide.



## $\varepsilon \neq 0$ : Homoclinic breakdown

- Does the homoclinic orbit persist for the full problem?
- It is a singular perturbation problem:

Fast rotation versus  
weak hyperbolicity  $\longrightarrow$  Exponentially small phenomena.

- Hard to measure the distance between the one dimensional perturbed invariant manifolds  $W^s(0)$  and  $W^u(0)$ .
- Classical perturbative methods (Melnikov Theory) cannot be applied.

## $\varepsilon > 0$ : Formal series expansions

- Look for parameterizations of  $W^u(0)$  and  $W^s(0)$

$$v_n^u(y, \varepsilon), v_n^s(y, \varepsilon), n \geq 1$$

satisfying:

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} v_n^u(y, \varepsilon) = 0, \quad \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} v_n^s(y, \varepsilon) = 0$$

- Look for formal solutions as formal power series of  $\varepsilon$ :

$$v_n^*(y, \varepsilon) = v_{n,0}(y) + \varepsilon v_{n,1}^*(y) + \varepsilon^2 v_{n,2}^*(y) + \dots \text{ for } * = s, u$$

- One can check:

$$v_{n,k}^u(y) = v_{n,k}^s(y) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Thus: their difference is beyond all orders:

$$v_n^u(y, \varepsilon) - v_n^s(y, \varepsilon) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^m) \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

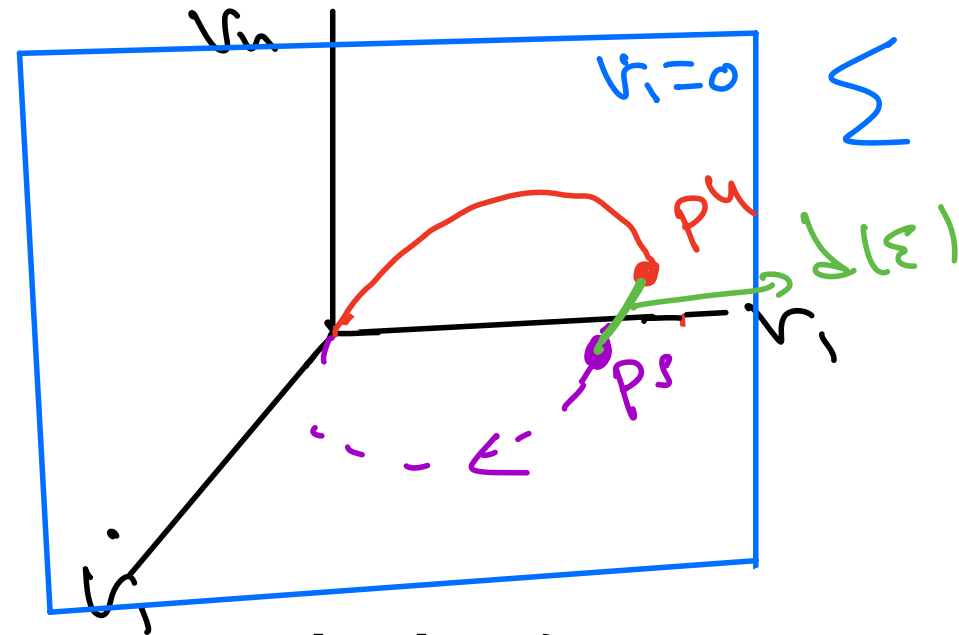
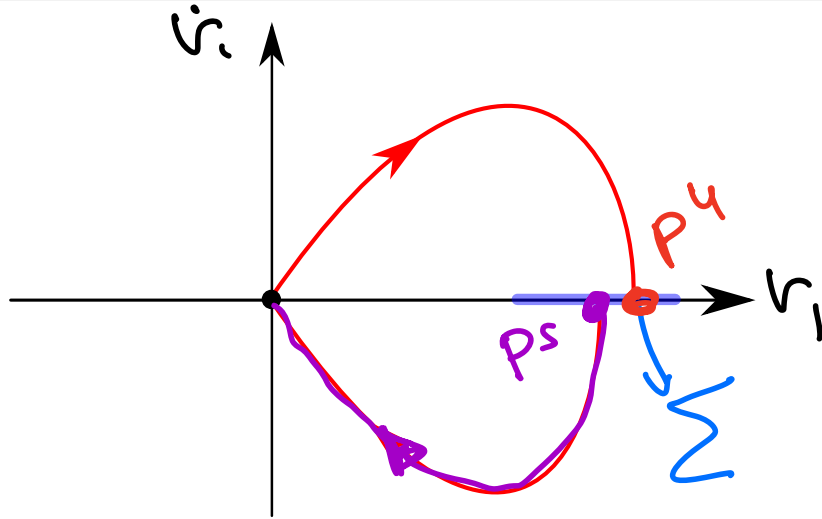
# Kruskal and Segur work

We have two possibilities:

- ① The power series in  $\varepsilon$  are convergent and the manifolds coincide. In this case breathers exist!
  - ② The power series in  $\varepsilon$  are divergent and the difference between manifolds is flat with respect to  $\varepsilon$ .
- Typically, we expect the second case to happen.
  - H. Segur, M.D. Kruskal. (1987) gave formal arguments which indicate that the series is not convergent and that there is breakdown.
  - Question:

How to make rigorous the formal arguments to show breathers breakdown.

# Main result



Take a section transversal to the solutions

$$\Sigma = \{(v, \partial_y v); \mathcal{H}(v, \partial_y v) = 0 \text{ and } \Pi_1 [\partial_y v] = 0\}$$

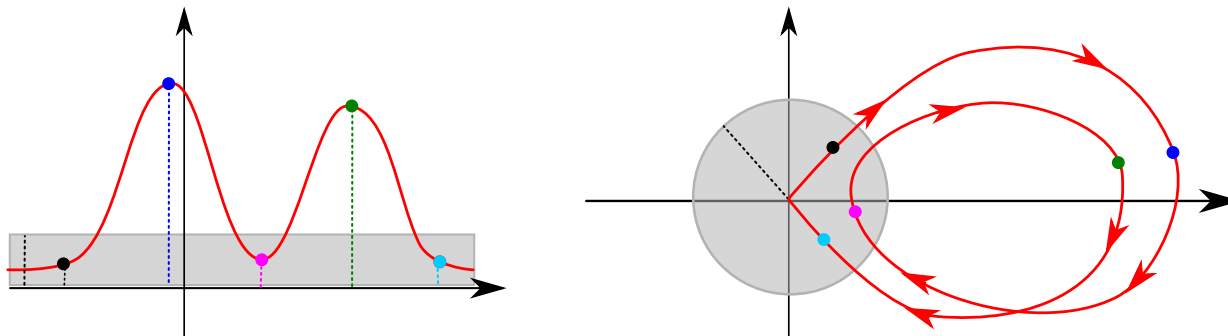
Theorem (G.-Gomide-Seara-Zeng)

$P^{uns, st}$  the first intersection points of  $W^{uns, st}$  with  $\Sigma$ . There exists a constant  $\Theta_f$  such that, for  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ , the distance  $d(\varepsilon) = P^{uns} - P^{st}$  satisfies

$$\Pi_3[d(\varepsilon)] = \frac{2}{\varepsilon} e^{-\frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\varepsilon}} (\Theta_f + \mathcal{O}(1/\log \varepsilon)) \quad \Pi_n[d(\varepsilon)] = \frac{2}{\varepsilon} e^{-\frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\varepsilon}} \mathcal{O}(1/\log \varepsilon) \quad n > 3.$$

# Implication on breathers (if $\Theta_f \neq 0$ )

- The constant  $\Theta_f$  is the one appearing in the main theorems.
- If  $\Theta_f \neq 0$ , then the invariant manifolds  $W^-(0)$  and  $W^+(0)$  do not intersect **the first time they reach  $\Sigma$** .
- It rules out the existence of **homoclinics continuation of those of the singular limit problem (single-bump homoclinic loops)**.
- Even if  $\Theta_f \neq 0$ ,  $W^-(0), W^+(0)$  may still coincide after more rounds. This would give **multi-bump breathers**.



This analysis is the starting point to deal with all bifurcations.



# Some ideas about the proof of the first bifurcation theorem

- Exponentially small splitting of separatrices.
- We follow the ideas by Lazutkin for the homoclinic breakdown for the Standard Map (also Kruskal and Segur).
- Mostly been applied to:
  - 2- dimensional area preserving maps
  - Invariant manifolds of periodic orbits or invariant tori at resonances of nearly integrable Hamiltonian systems (Arnold diffusion)
  - Local bifurcations for Hamiltonian/Reversible/Volume preserving systems

# Analytic continuation to complex domains

- Homoclinic for the singular limit:  $v_h(y, \tau) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\cosh(y)} \sin \tau$ .
- Look for stable/unstable solutions  $v^{\text{uns}}$  and  $v^{\text{st}}$  of Klein-Gordon eq.
- $v^{\text{uns}}, v^{\text{st}}$  are exponentially close to each other.
- It is very difficult to study the difference.
- $v_h$  has singularities at  $y = \pm i\pi/2$ , therefore it blows up.
- Extend  $v^{\text{uns}}, v^{\text{st}}$  to complex  $y$  up to  $y \sim \pm i\pi/2$ .
- $v_h$  blows up at  $y = \pm i\pi/2 \rightarrow v^{\text{uns}}, v^{\text{st}}$  should be large for  $y \sim \pm i\pi/2$
- Its difference is easier to measure at  $y \sim \pm i\pi/2$ .

# Analytic continuation to complex domains

- Lazutkin and Kruskal & Segur: Analyze the difference between  $v^{\text{uns}}$  and  $v^{\text{st}}$  when  $y \mp i\pi/2 \sim \varepsilon$ .
- When  $y \mp i\pi/2 \sim \varepsilon$ ,  $v^{\text{uns}}$ ,  $v^{\text{st}}$  are not well approximated by the unperturbed homoclinic  $v_h$ .
- Singular change:  $z = \varepsilon^{-1} \left( y - i\frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  and  $\phi(z, \tau) = \varepsilon v \left( i\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon z, \tau \right)$ .
- Let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and we get a new equation for the first order: the inner equation

$$\partial_z^2 \phi - \partial_\tau^2 \phi - \phi + \frac{1}{3} \phi^3 + f(\phi) = 0$$

# Analytic continuation to complex domains

- The analysis of suitable solutions of the inner equation and their difference provides the constant  $\Theta_f$  appearing in the distance formula.
- $\Theta_f$  is a Stokes constant (Borel Resummation, Resurgence Theory).
- $\Theta_f$  depends on the full jet of the nonlinearity  $f$ .
- Only one condition  $\Theta_f \neq 0$  rules out breathers of any frequency!

Thank you for your attention