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#### Abstract

A diffeomorphism f has a heterodimensional cycle if it displays two (transitive) hyperbolic sets K and K' with different indices such that the unstable set of K intersects the stable one of K' and vice versa. We prove that it is possible to find robust heterodimensional cycles for families of polynomial automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . The proof is based on Bonatti-Díaz blenders.

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# 1 Introduction

The dynamics of uniformly hyperbolic systems such as the horseshoe introduced by Smale is particularly well understood. Such systems were originally conjectured to be dense in the 1960's. However it was soon realized that this is not true. There are two main mechanisms that yield robustly nonhyperbolic behaviors: robust heterodimensional cycles (obtained by Abraham and Smale [AS]) and robust homoclinic tangencies (this is the celebrated Newhouse phenomenon [Ne1, Ne2]). Later Palis [Pa1, Pa2] conjectured that diffeomorphisms exhibiting either a heterodimensional cycle or a homoclinic tangency are dense in the complement of the closure of the hyperbolic ones.

In this paper, we are interested in extending the phenomenon of robust heterodimensional cycles to the setting of complex dynamics.

A compact invariant set K for a diffeomorphism f of a manifold is a hyperbolic basic set if K is hyperbolic, transitive and locally maximal. Its index denotes the dimension of the unstable

manifold of any of its points (all unstable manifolds of points of K have the same dimension since the hyperbolic set K is transitive).

**Definition.** Let f be a diffeomorphism of a manifold of dimension 3 or higher having two hyperbolic basic sets K and K'. We say that f has a **heterodimensional cycle** associated to K and K' if:

- 1. the indices of K and K' are not equal,
- 2. the stable sets  $W^{s}(K)$  and  $W^{s}(K')$  intersect respectively the unstable sets  $W^{u}(K')$  and  $W^{u}(K)$ .

Bonatti and Díaz showed in [BD3] that heterodimensional cycles of coindex 1 can be  $C^1$ stabilized. In a recent breakthrough, Li and Turaev [LT1] solved this  $C^r$ -persistence problem
in any regularity  $r = 2, \dots, \infty, \omega$  (one can also refer to [LT2, LLST]).

Let  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  and  $\operatorname{Aut}_d(\mathbb{C}^3)$  be the spaces of holomorphic automorphisms and polynomial automorphisms of degree at most d of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . A polynomial automorphism of degree at most d is an element of  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  whose component functions are polynomials of degree at most d. We endow these spaces with the topology induced by local uniform convergence of the map and its inverse.

Our main result shows that we can find robust heterodimensional cycles for polynomial automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ :

**Theorem.** There exists a polynomial automorphism f of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  such that every  $g \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  sufficiently close to f displays a heterodimensional cycle associated to the hyperbolic continuations of a hyperbolic basic set of index 2 and a saddle periodic point of index 1.

**Corollary.** There exists an integer  $d \ge 2$  and a nonempty open set  $\mathcal{U}_d \subset \operatorname{Aut}_d(\mathbb{C}^3)$  such that every  $g \in \mathcal{U}_d$  displays a heterodimensional cycle associated to the hyperbolic continuations of a hyperbolic basic set of index 2 and a saddle periodic point of index 1.

In particular, our results can be seen as an analogous of Buzzard's work [Bu] on complex Newhouse phenomenon (see also [Du2, ALZ]) for heterodimensional cycles instead of tangencies.

The main tool to obtain persistent heterodimensional cycles is a type of hyperbolic sets with very special fractal properties called **blender**. Introduced by Bonatti and Díaz in [BD1], blenders admit several definitions. Here is one:

**Definition.** A hyperbolic basic set  $K_f$  for a diffeomorphism f of a manifold of dimension 3 or higher is a cs-blender if there is a nonempty open set  $\Delta$  of embedded d-dimensional disks, with d smaller than the index of  $K_f$ , such that for every  $C^1$ -perturbation g of f, the stable set  $W^s(K_g)$  of the hyperbolic continuation  $K_g$  of  $K_f$  for g intersects any disk in  $\Delta$ .

We will use the blender property to obtain in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  robust intersections between the one-dimensional unstable manifold of a saddle periodic point of index 1, and the one-dimensional stable set of a hyperbolic basic set of index 2, which was not expected a priori. Notice that blenders have many other powerful applications in dynamical systems, see for example [ACW, AST, Be1, Be2, Bi1, Bi2, BD2, Du1, Ta, GTV].

Remark that the degree of the maps we obtain is unknown since we used a Runge approximation argument. It is then natural to ask:

Question. Is it possible to give an explicit degree d in the main Corollary ?

This paper is organized as follows. We define successively a polynomial p of  $\mathbb{C}$ , then a Hénon map H of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  and finally a polynomial automorphism  $F_1$  of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  which is a skew-product over Hdisplaying both a horseshoe of index 2 and a saddle point of index 1 (Section 2). Then we show that this horseshoe satisfies an open covering property on the third coordinate and hence the blender property (Section 3). Finally, we create an initial heterodimensional cycle and use the blender property to make it robust (Section 4).

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## 2 A skew-product polynomial automorphism

#### 2.1 One dimensional dynamics

In this subsection, we introduce a polynomial p displaying a repelling Cantor set and a sink.

Let us start with a few notation. For every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and r > 0, let  $\mathbb{D}(z, r) \subset \mathbb{C}$  be the closed disk of center z and radius r. We set:

$$\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{D}(0,1) \,.$$

We fix once and for all  $\eta := 10^{-4}$  and also define the following disks:

$$\mathbb{D}_0 := \mathbb{D}(1/4, \eta) , \quad \mathbb{D}_1 := \mathbb{D}(i/4, \eta) , \quad \mathbb{D}_2 := \mathbb{D}(-1/4, \eta) , \quad \mathbb{D}_3 := \mathbb{D}(-i/4, \eta) ,$$
$$\mathbb{D}_4 := \mathbb{D}(3, 1) , \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{D}_5 := \mathbb{D}(3, \eta) .$$

For j = 0, 1, 2, 3, let  $\ell_j$  be the expanding affine map of linear coefficient  $1/\eta$  sending  $\mathbb{D}_j$  bijectively onto  $\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $\ell_4$  be the affine contraction of linear coefficient  $\eta$  sending  $\mathbb{D}_4$  bijectively onto  $\mathbb{D}_5$ . In particular,  $\ell_4$  displays an attracting fixed point equal to 3 with multiplier equal to  $\eta$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial map  $p : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  such that:

 $\forall 0 \le j \le 4, \forall z \in \mathbb{D}_j, \quad |p(z) - \ell_j(z)| < \varepsilon \quad and \quad |p'(z) - \ell'_j(z)| < \varepsilon.$ 

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of the Runge's theorem.

*Remark* 2.2. The polynomial p has an attracting fixed point close to 3 with multiplier close to  $\eta$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** For every  $\delta > 0$  small enough,  $p^{-1}(\mathbb{D}(\delta, 1))$  contains (at least) four connected components  $\Delta_{\delta,j}$ ,  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , which are topological disks close to  $\mathbb{D}_j$  for the Hausdorff topology. Moreover each  $\Delta_{\delta,j}$  depends continuously on  $\delta$ .

#### 2.2 Two dimensional dynamics

Here we define a Hénon map H from the polynomial p defined in the latter subsection. We take  $\varepsilon > 0$  small and a polynomial p as given by Proposition 2.1.

Let us take  $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$  and let us consider the Hénon map:

$$H: (z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mapsto (p(z) + bw, z) \in \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Recall that for  $b \neq 0$  the map H is a polynomial automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . When |b| > 0 is small enough, by Corollary 2.3, the set  $H^{-1}(\mathbb{D}^2) \cap \mathbb{D}^2$  has (at least) four connected components  $U_j$ , with:

$$U_j := \bigcup_{w \in \mathbb{D}} \Delta_{-bw,j} \times \{w\}, \quad j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

Recall that each  $\Delta_{-bw,j}$  is a topological disk close to  $\mathbb{D}_j$  for the Hausdorff topology. Therefore  $U_j$  is close to  $\mathbb{D}_j \times \mathbb{D}$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** There exists  $b_o > 0$  such that for any  $b \in \mathbb{C}^*$  satisfying  $|b| < b_o$ , the Hénon map H displays a hyperbolic basic set of saddle type

$$K_o := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} H^n(\bigsqcup_{0 \le j \le 3} U_j)$$

and an attracting fixed point  $S_o$  close to (3,3) whose basin contains  $\mathbb{D}(3,1)^2$ .

*Proof.* We first show that  $K_o$  is a hyperbolic basic set of saddle type (see Theorem 3.1 in [FS] for the proof of a very similar result). The set  $K_o$  is clearly compact, invariant by H and locally maximal. We are going to show that  $K_o$  is a horseshoe in the sense of Definition 6.5.2 of [KH]. The image  $V_j := H(U_j)$  is equal to:

$$V_{j} = H(U_{j}) = \{ (p(z) + bw, z) \, | \, w \in \mathbb{D}, \, z \in \Delta_{-bw, j} \} \,,$$

which is close to the curve  $\{(p(z), z) | z \in \mathbb{D}_j\}$  when b is small. Notice that the second coordinate projection of  $U_j$  is equal to  $\mathbb{D}$ . Also for every  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , the first coordinate projection of the restriction of H to  $U_j \cap (\mathbb{D} \times \{w\}) = \Delta_{-bw,j} \times \{w\}$  is a bijection onto  $p(\Delta_{-bw,j}) + bw = \mathbb{D}$ . Therefore the connected component  $U_j$  is full in the sense of Definition 6.5.1 of [KH]. We also have:

$$U_i \subset \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$$
 and  $V_i \subset \mathbb{D} \times \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$ .

We now define the two following constant cone fields:

$$\chi^{u} = \{(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |v_2| \le 10^{-3} \cdot |v_1|\}$$
 and  $\chi^{s} = \{(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |v_1| \le 10^{-3} \cdot |v_2|\}.$ 

Notice that at any point  $(z, w) \in \bigsqcup_{0 \le j \le 3} U_j$  the differential DH is equal to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p'(z) & b \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with p'(z) close to  $1/\eta = 10^4$  by Proposition 2.1. Therefore, if b is small enough, any non zero vector in  $\chi^u$  is sent into int  $\chi^u$  and expanded by a factor larger than  $10^3$  by DH. Also at any point  $(z, w) \in \bigsqcup_{0 \le j \le 3} V_j$  the differential  $DH^{-1}$  is equal to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 1/b & -p'(w)/b \end{pmatrix}$$

with p'(w) again close to  $1/\eta = 10^4$ . Therefore, if b is small enough, any non zero vector in  $\chi^s$  is sent into int  $\chi^s$  and expanded by a factor larger than  $10^3$  by  $DH^{-1}$ . Then  $K_o$  is a horseshoe in the sense of Definition 6.5.2 of [KH]. According to the discussion following this definition,  $K_o$  is also hyperbolic (this is an immediate consequence of the cone field criterion (Corollary 6.4.8 of [KH]) and topologically conjugate to a shift. In particular, it is transitive and therefore a hyperbolic basic set (of saddle type).

Now we show that H displays a sink. Recall that p displays a sink of period 1 close to 3 by Remark 2.2. Hence the map  $(z, w) \mapsto (p(z), z)$  has a fixed point close to (3, 3). Therefore by the implicit function theorem, for b small, the map H displays the continuation of a fixed point  $S_o$ close to (3, 3). The differential of H at any  $(z, w) \in \mathbb{D}(3, 1)^2$  is equal to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p'(z) & b \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where p'(z) is close to  $\eta = 10^{-4}$  and b is small. Therefore the two eigenvalues of the differential of H at  $S_o$  are smaller than 1 in modulus and thus  $S_o$  is a sink for H. Since  $p(\mathbb{D}_4)$  is close to  $\mathbb{D}_5$  and since b is small,  $\mathbb{D}(3,1)^2$  is sent into itself by H. Also the differential of  $H^2$  at any  $(z,w) \in \mathbb{D}(3,1)^2$  is close to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10^{-8} & 0\\ 10^{-4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, by the mean value inequality, the distance of  $H^2(z, w)$  to  $S_o$  is smaller than half the distance of (z, w) to  $S_o$ , hence  $H^n(z, w)$  tends to  $S_o$  when n is large. Thus the basin of  $S_o$  contains  $\mathbb{D}(3, 1)^2$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 2.3 Three dimensional dynamics

In this subsection, we define a polynomial automorphism  $F_1$  of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  which is a skew-product over the Hénon map H. We start with the following one-dimensional intermediate result:

**Lemma 2.5.** For every  $\zeta > 0$ , there exists a polynomial map  $q : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \, 0 &\leq j \leq 3 \,, \forall \, z \in \mathbb{D}_j \,, \quad |q(z) - \frac{1}{10} e^{i\frac{j\pi}{2}}| < \zeta \quad and \quad |q'(z)| < \zeta \,, \\ \forall \, z \in \mathbb{D}_4 \,, \quad |q(z) + \frac{1}{3}| < \zeta \quad and \quad |q'(z)| < \zeta \,. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* This is again an immediate application of the Runge's theorem.

Let us fix once and for all:

$$\lambda := \frac{10}{9}$$

We take  $\zeta > 0$  small and a polynomial q as given by Lemma 2.5. We consider the Hénon map H given by Proposition 2.4. The following map is a polynomial automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  for  $b \neq 0$ :

$$F_1: (z, w, t) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mapsto (H(z, w), \lambda t + q(z)) = (p(z) + bw, z, \lambda t + q(z))$$

We set:

$$J := \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$$

Notice that  $\mathbb{D}^3 \cap F_1^{-1}(\mathbb{D}^3)$  displays (at least) four connected components  $R^j(F_1), j \in J$ , close to:

$$\mathbb{D}_j \times \mathbb{D} \times \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot (\mathbb{D} - \frac{1}{10}e^{i\frac{j\pi}{2}}).$$

For every F close to  $F_1$ , for every  $j \in J$ , we denote by  $R^j = R^j(F)$  the connected component of  $\mathbb{D}^3 \cap F^{-1}(\mathbb{D}^3)$  which is the continuation of  $R^j(F_1)$ . Its image  $F(R^j)$  is close to  $\{(p(z), z) \mid z \in \mathbb{D}_j\} \times \mathbb{D}$ .

Let us consider the two following constant cone fields:

$$C^{u} := \{ (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : |v_2| \le 10^{-3} \cdot ||(v_1, v_3)||_2 \}$$
  
and 
$$C^{s} := \{ (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : ||(v_1, v_3)||_2 \le 10^{-3} \cdot |b| \cdot |v_2| \}$$

**Proposition 2.6.** For every automorphism F close to  $F_1$ , any non zero vector in  $C^u$  is sent into int  $C^u$  and expanded by a factor larger than  $\frac{1+\lambda}{2}$  by  $D_{(z,w,t)}F$  for any  $(z,w,t) \in \bigsqcup_{j \in J} R^j$ .

Moreover any non zero vector  $C^s$  is sent into int  $C^s$  and expanded by a factor larger than  $10^3$  by  $D_{(z,w,t)}F^{-1}$  for any  $(z,w,t) \in \bigsqcup_{i \in J} F(R^j)$ .

*Proof.* Note that the differentials of F and its inverse are close on  $\bigsqcup_{i \in J} R^j$  and  $\bigsqcup_{i \in J} F(R^j)$  to:

$\int p'(z)$	b	0)		$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1	0	
1	0	0	and	1/b	-p'(w)/b	0	
$\langle q'(z) \rangle$	0	λ)		0	-q'(w)	$1/\lambda$	

where p' is close to  $1/\eta = 10^4$  and both q' and b are small. The result follows.

In the following result, we introduce the two hyperbolic basic sets whose continuations will be later involved in the formation of heterodimensional cycles.

**Proposition 2.7.** There exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}_1$  of  $F_1$  in  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  such that every  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$  displays a hyperbolic basic set

$$K = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F^n(\bigsqcup_{j \in J} R^j)$$

of index 2 included in  $\mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)^2 \times \mathbb{D}$  and a saddle fixed point S of index 1 close to (3, 3, 3).

*Proof.* We first show that  $K_1 = K(F_1)$  is a hyperbolic basic set of index 2. The set  $K_1$  is clearly compact,  $F_1$ -invariant and locally maximal. By Proposition 2.6 and by the cone field criterion, the set  $K_1$  is also hyperbolic with unstable (resp. stable) dimension equal to 2 (resp. 1). Finally, let us show that  $K_1$  is transitive.

**Fact 2.8.** For every  $(z, w) \in K_o$ , the set  $K_1$  intersects the line  $\{(z, w, t) | t \in \mathbb{C}\}$  at exactly one point  $(z, w, \xi(z, w))$ , and the map  $(z, w) \in K_o \mapsto \xi(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}$  is continuous.

Proof. We fix  $(z, w) \in K_o$ . Let us denote for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  by  $I_n$  the third coordinate projection of  $F_1^n(\{H^{-n}(z,w)\} \times \mathbb{D})$ . We notice that  $I_n$  is a disk of diameter  $\lambda^n$ . Also  $F_1(\{H^{-n-1}(z,w)\} \times \mathbb{D})$  is close to  $\{H^{-n}(z,w)\} \times (\lambda \cdot \mathbb{D} + \frac{1}{10}e^{i\frac{j\pi}{2}})$  for some  $j \in J$ , with  $(\lambda \cdot \mathbb{D} + \frac{1}{10}e^{i\frac{j\pi}{2}}) \ni \mathbb{D}$ . Therefore we have  $I_n \in I_{n+1}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} I_n$  is reduced to a point  $\xi(z,w) \in \mathbb{D}$ . But  $\{(z,w)\} \times \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} I_n$  is precisely equal to the intersection of  $K_1$  with  $\{(z,w,t) \mid t \in \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Then the continuity of  $\xi$  follows from the continuity of  $F_1$ .

We recall that  $K_o$  is transitive for the Hénon map H. We can therefore pick  $(z, w) \in K_o$  such that  $\{H^n(z, w) | n \ge 0\}$  is dense in  $K_o$ . Then the sequence  $\{F_1^n(z, w, \xi(z, w)) | n \ge 0\}$  is dense in  $K_1$ . Indeed, for every  $(\alpha, \beta, \xi(\alpha, \beta)) \in K_1$ , we can find  $H^n(z, w)$  arbitrarily close to  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Since  $\xi$ is continuous, then  $\xi(H^n(z, w))$  is close to  $\xi(\alpha, \beta)$ . Thus  $F_1^n(z, w, \xi(z, w)) = (H^n(z, w), \xi(H^n(z, w)))$ is close to  $(\alpha, \beta, \xi(\alpha, \beta))$ . This shows that  $K_1$  is transitive for  $F_1$ .

This shows that  $K_1$  is a hyperbolic basic set of index 2 for  $F_1$ . By robustness of hyperbolic basic sets, the set K is still a hyperbolic basic set of index 2 for F for every F close to  $F_1$ .

Now we show that F displays a saddle fixed point S of index 1. Recall that H displays an attracting fixed point  $S_o = (S_o^1, S_o^2)$  close to (3,3) by Proposition 2.4. Since q is close to -1/3on  $\mathbb{D}_4$ , the number  $t_1 := (1 - \lambda)^{-1} \cdot q(S_o^1)$  is close to  $-9 \cdot (-1/3) = 3$  and  $S_1 = (S_o, t_1)$  is a fixed point for  $F_1$  close to (3,3,3). Moreover the differential of  $F_1$  at  $S_1$  is close to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p'(3) & b & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ q'(3) & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

where p'(3) is close to  $\eta = 10^{-4}$  and both q'(3) and b are small. Thus  $D_{S_1}F_1$  has two eigenvalues smaller than 1 in modulus and one larger than 1 in modulus. Thus  $F_1$  displays a saddle fixed point  $S_1$  of index 1 close to (3,3,3). The result follows by robustness of hyperbolic basic sets.

**Definition 2.9.** For every  $k \ge 1$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (j_0 \cdots j_k) \in J^k$ , we define the following set:

$$R^{\mathsf{w}} := \bigcap_{0 \le n \le k} F^{-n}(R^{j_n}) \,.$$

We also denote:

$$\partial_z R^{\mathsf{w}} := R^{\mathsf{w}} \cap F^{-k-1}(\partial \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}^2) \,, \quad \partial_w R^{\mathsf{w}} := R^{\mathsf{w}} \cap (\mathbb{D} \times \partial \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t R^{\mathsf{w}} := R^{\mathsf{w}} \cap F^{-k-1}(\mathbb{D}^2 \times \partial \mathbb{D}) \,.$$

**Proposition 2.10.** For every  $s = (j_k)_{k\geq 0} \in J^{\mathbb{N}}$ , the set  $W^s := \bigcap_{n\geq 0} R^{(j_0,\cdots,j_n)}$  is a local stable manifold of K which is a holomorphic graph over  $w \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$  with tangent spaces in  $C^s$ .

For every  $\mathbf{u} = (j_k)_{k<0} \in J^{\mathbb{Z}^*_-}$ , the set  $W^{\mathbf{u}} := \bigcap_{n>0} F^n(R^{(j_{-n},\cdots,j_{-1})})$  is a local unstable manifold of K which is a holomorphic graph over  $(z,t) \in (\operatorname{int} \mathbb{D})^2$  with tangent spaces in  $C^u$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.6, for every  $s \in J^{\mathbb{N}}$ , the set  $W^s$  intersects each  $\{w = w_o\}$ , with  $w_o \in \mathbb{D}$ , at exactly one point depending continuously on  $w_o$ . Thus  $W^s$  is a continuous graph over  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Let  $M \in W^{\mathfrak{s}}$ . For every  $n \geq 0$ , notice that  $F^n(M)$  belongs to the set  $F^n(R^{(\mathfrak{s}_1,\cdots,\mathfrak{s}_n)}) \cap R^{(\mathfrak{s}_{n+1},\cdots,\mathfrak{s}_{2n})}$ . The latter is included in  $\bigcap_{-n\leq k\leq n} F^k(\bigsqcup_{j\in J} R^j)$ , which is a small neighborhood of K. Thus the distance of  $F^n(M)$  to K is small when n is large and so  $W^{\mathfrak{s}}$  is a local stable manifold of K. In particular it is a holomorphic graph. Still by Proposition 2.6, its tangent spaces are in  $C^s$ .

The same proof is working for unstable manifolds.

We also define:

$$W^s_{loc}(K) = \bigcup_{\mathbf{s} \in J^{\mathbb{N}}} W^{\mathbf{s}} \quad \text{and} \quad W^u_{loc}(K) = \bigcup_{\mathbf{u} \in J^{\mathbb{Z}^*_-}} W^{\mathbf{u}}$$

The saddle point S and its stable/unstable manifolds will be of particular interest to us:

**Definition 2.11.** The local stable (resp. unstable) manifold  $W^s_{loc}(S)$  (resp.  $W^u_{loc}(S)$ ) of S is the connected component of  $W^s(S) \cap \mathbb{D}(3,1)^3$  (resp.  $W^u(S) \cap \mathbb{D}(3,1)^3$ ) containing S.

Up to restricting the neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}_1$  of  $F_1$  defined by Proposition 2.7, we obtain:

**Fact 2.12.** The local stable manifold  $W^s_{loc}(S)$  of the saddle point S is  $C^1$ -close to:

 $\{(z, w, 3) \mid z, w \in \mathbb{D}(3, 1)\}.$ 

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of the hyperbolic continuation of local stable manifolds (indeed, for  $F = F_1$  with q = -1/3 on  $\mathbb{D}_4$ ,  $W^s_{loc}(S_1)$  is simply equal to  $\{(z, w, 3) \mid z, w \in \mathbb{D}(3, 1)\}$  since the basin of the sink  $S_o$  of the Hénon map H contains  $\mathbb{D}(3, 1)^2$  by Proposition 2.4).

**Fact 2.13.** The local unstable manifold  $W^u_{loc}(S)$  of the saddle point S is  $C^1$ -close to:

$$\{(3,3,3+t) \,|\, t \in \mathbb{D}\}$$

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of the hyperbolic continuation of local unstable manifolds (indeed, for  $F = F_1$  with q = -1/3 on  $\mathbb{D}_4$ ,  $W^u_{loc}(S_1)$  is simply equal to  $\{(3,3,3+t) \mid t \in \mathbb{D}\}$ ).  $\Box$ 

Remark 2.14. The set  $\mathcal{U}_1$  can be taken as the  $\epsilon_1$ - $C^0$ -neighborhood of  $F_1$  on some small neighborhood of  $W^s_{loc}(K_1) \cup F_1^{-1}(W^u_{loc}(K_1)) \cup W^s_{loc}(S_1) \cup F_1^{-1}(W^u_{loc}(S_1))$ , for some small  $\epsilon_1 > 0$ .

### **3** Blender property

In this section, we show that the compact hyperbolic set K for the automorphism  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$  displays the blender property. We first define the following constant cone field:

$$C^{uu} = \{ v = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : ||(v_2, v_3)||_2 \le 10^{-3} \cdot |v_1| \}.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** For every  $F \in U_1$ , any non zero vector in  $C^{uu}$  is sent into  $\operatorname{int} C^{uu}$  and expanded by a factor larger than  $10^3$  by  $D_{(z,w,t)}F$  for any  $(z,w,t) \in \bigsqcup_{j \in J} R^j$ .

*Proof.* The proof is exactly the same as in the proof of Proposition 2.6.

**Definition 3.2.** A un-curve is a continuous graph  $C = \{(z, c_2(z), c_3(z)) | z \in \mathbb{D}\} \subset \mathbb{D} \times (\operatorname{int} \mathbb{D})^2$ such that  $z \mapsto (c_2(z), c_3(z))$  is holomorphic on  $\operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$  and  $(1, c'_2(z), c'_3(z)) \in C^{uu}$  for every  $z \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$ .

Here is the main result of this section. It is the aforementioned blender property.

**Proposition 3.3.** Every un-curve  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$  intersects  $W^s_{loc}(K)$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$ .

The key to prove Proposition 3.3 is the following one-dimensional open covering property stated in Sublemma 3.4. Let us first define the four following affine maps:

$$L_0(t) := \frac{9}{10}t - \frac{9}{100}$$
,  $L_1(t) := \frac{9}{10}t - \frac{9i}{100}$ ,  $L_2(t) := \frac{9}{10}t + \frac{9}{100}$  and  $L_3(t) := \frac{9}{10}t + \frac{9i}{100}$ .

We remark that the third coordinate of  $F^{-1}$  is close to  $L_j$  on  $F(R^j)$ .

**Sublemma 3.4.** For any  $t \in \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ , there exists  $\tau \in \mathbb{D}(0, 0.497)$  and  $j \in J$  such that  $t = L_j(\tau)$ .

*Proof.* By symmetry, it suffices to show that  $\{re^{i\theta} | 0 \le r \le 0.5, -\pi/4 \le \theta \le \pi/4\}$  is included in the image of  $\mathbb{D}(0, 0.497)$  by  $L_2$ . For every  $0 \le r \le 0.5$  and  $-\pi/4 \le \theta \le \pi/4$ , we have  $re^{i\theta} \in L_2(\mathbb{D}(0, 0.497))$  if and only if  $|re^{i\theta} - 0.09| \le 0.9 \cdot 0.497$ , that is if and only if:

$$\sqrt{r^2 - 0.18 \cdot r \cos(\theta) + 0.09^2} \le 0.9 \cdot 0.497$$
.

Rapid computations show this is true if the inequality is satisfied for r = 0.5 and  $\theta = \pi/4$ , which is the case since  $0.5^2 - 0.18 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{2}/2 + 0.09^2 < 0.2 < 0.9^2 \cdot 0.497^2$ .

We are now ready to prove Proposition 3.3.

Proof of Proposition 3.3. It is enough to show that for every automorphism  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , there is  $\mathbf{s} = (j_0, j_1, \cdots) \in J^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that for every  $n \geq 0$ , the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  intersects  $R^{(j_1, \cdots, j_n)}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  has a nonempty intersection with the local stable manifold  $W^{\mathbf{s}} = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} R^{(j_0, \cdots, j_n)}$ . The result then follows immediately by induction from the following Lemma 3.5.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $C \subset \mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$  be a uu-curve. Then for every  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , there is  $j \in J$  such that C intersects  $R^j$  and  $F(C \cap R^j)$  is a uu-curve included in  $\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ .

*Proof of Lemma* 3.5. We start with the following intermediate result:

**Sublemma 3.6.** Let C be a un-curve included in  $\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ . Then for every  $F \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , for any  $j \in J$ , the curve C intersects the interior of  $R^j$  but does not intersect  $\partial_w R^j \cup \partial_t R^j$ .

Proof. Let us denote  $z_j = 1/4$  if j = 0, = i/4 if j = 1, = -1/4 if j = 2 and = -i/4 if j = 3. We remark that  $R^j$  contains the point  $(z_j, c_2(z_j), c_3(z_j)) \in \mathcal{C}$  in its interior since  $c_2(z_j) \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$  and  $c_3(z_j) \in \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$  while  $\{z_j\} \times \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2) \subset \operatorname{int} R^j$  (indeed  $R^j$  is close to  $\mathbb{D}_j \times \mathbb{D} \times L_j(\mathbb{D})$  with  $L_j(\mathbb{D}) \supseteq \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ ). Therefore  $\mathcal{C}$  intersects int  $R^j$ . Also since  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{D} \times \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$  while  $\partial_w R^j \subset \mathbb{D} \times \partial \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$  and  $\partial_t R^j \cap (\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)) = \emptyset$ , the result follows.

**Sublemma 3.7.** Let C be a uu-curve intersecting the interior of  $R^j$ , for  $j \in J$ , but not  $\partial_w R^j \cup \partial_t R^j$ . Then  $F(C \cap R^j)$  is a uu-curve.

Proof. It is immediate from Lemma 3.1 that  $F(\mathcal{C} \cap R^j)$  has its tangent spaces in  $C^{uu}$ . Moreover, if we denote by  $\pi_z$  the first coordinate projection, the map  $\psi : M \in \mathcal{C} \cap R^j \mapsto \pi_z(F(M)) \in \mathbb{C}$  is open (since holomorphic and non constant) on the interior of  $\mathcal{C} \cap R^j$ . Thus  $\partial \operatorname{Im} \psi$  is included in  $\psi(\partial(\mathcal{C} \cap R^j)) = \psi(\mathcal{C} \cap \partial_z R^j) \subset \partial \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $\operatorname{Im} \psi \subset \mathbb{D}$ , we conclude that  $\partial \operatorname{Im} \psi = \partial \mathbb{D}$ . Thus  $F(\mathcal{C} \cap R^j)$ is a graph over  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  and so a *uu*-curve.

Let us now conclude the proof of Lemma 3.5. By Sublemma 3.4, there exist  $\tau \in \mathbb{D}(0, 0.497)$ and  $j \in J$  such that  $c_3(0) = L_j(\tau)$ . Also, by Sublemma 3.6, the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  intersects  $R^j$  but not  $\partial_w R^j \cup \partial_t R^j$ . Then, by Sublemma 3.7, we have that  $F(\mathcal{C} \cap R^j)$  is a *uu*-curve. Since any point  $(z, c_2(z), c_3(z)) \in \mathcal{C} \cap R^j$  has its third coordinate  $c_3(z)$  which is  $10^{-3}$ -close to  $c_3(0)$ , the preimage of  $c_3(z)$  by  $L_j$  is in  $\mathbb{D}(0, 0.497 + \lambda \cdot 10^{-3}) \subset \mathbb{D}(0, 0.499)$ . Since the third coordinate of  $F^{-1}$  is close to  $L_j(t)$  on  $F(R^j)$ , it follows that  $F(\mathcal{C} \cap R^j)$  is a *uu*-curve included in  $\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ .

#### 4 Creating robust cycles

We now create robust heterodimensional cycles and conclude the proof of the main Theorem. We will take the composition of  $F_1$  with finitely many polynomial automorphisms of the form:

$$(z,w,t) \mapsto (z,w,t+P(z,w))$$
 or  $(z,w,t) \mapsto (z,w+P(z,t),t)$  or  $(z,w,t) \mapsto (z+P(w,t),w,t)$ 

where  $P: \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is a polynomial. So the final map will also be a polynomial automorphism.

#### 4.1 Robust intersections between $W^{s}(S)$ and $W^{u}(K)$

We first create a robust intersection between the stable manifold  $W^s(S)$  of the continuation S of the saddle point  $S_1$  and the unstable set  $W^u(K)$  of the continuation K of the basic set  $K_1$ , by perturbating  $F_1$ . This is the easiest part since the intersection will be transverse and hence robust.

**Proposition 4.1.** There exists  $F_2 \in \mathcal{U}_1$  and a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}_2 \subset \mathcal{U}_1$  of  $F_2$  such that every  $F \in \mathcal{U}_2$  displays a nonempty intersection between  $W^s(S)$  and  $W^u(K)$ .

Proof of Proposition 4.1. Let  $A_1 \in K_1$  be a fixed point of  $F_1$ . Let us take  $\omega > 0$  small. We set  $\gamma_1 := 1 + 2\omega$  and  $\alpha'_1 := 3.9$ . The following is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.10 and Fact 2.12 applied to  $F = F_1$ :

**Fact 4.2.** There exist  $M_1 = (\gamma_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \in F_1(W^u_{loc}(A_1))$  and  $N_1 = (\alpha'_1, \alpha'_1, \gamma'_1) \in W^s_{loc}(S_1)$ .

Let  $t \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto P_1(t)$  be a polynomial close to 1 on  $\mathbb{D}(\gamma_1, \omega)$  and to 0 on  $\mathbb{D} \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1)$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto P_2(z)$  be a polynomial close to 1 on  $\mathbb{D}(\alpha'_1, \omega)$  and close to 0 on  $\mathbb{D} \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1/2)$ . Such polynomials exist by the Runge theorem. We set:

$$g_1(z, w, t) := (z + P_1(t) \cdot (\alpha'_1 - \gamma_1), w, t),$$
  

$$g_2(z, w, t) := (z, w + P_2(z) \cdot (\alpha'_1 - \beta_1), t),$$
  
and 
$$g_3(z, w, t) := (z, w, t + P_2(z) \cdot (\gamma'_1 - \gamma_1)).$$

Notice that  $g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1$  sends  $M_1$  close to  $N_1$ . Now we set:

$$F_2 := g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1 \circ F_1$$

**Fact 4.3.** The map  $F_2$  belongs to the neighborhood  $U_1$  defined in Proposition 2.7 and Remark 2.14.

Proof. The first and third coordinate projections of  $F_1(W^s_{loc}(K_1)) \cup W^u_{loc}(K_1) \cup F_1(W^s_{loc}(S_1)) \cup W^u_{loc}(S_1)$  are respectively included in  $\mathbb{D} \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1/2)$  and  $\mathbb{D} \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1)$ . Therefore the maps  $g_1, g_2$  and  $g_3$  are all close to the identity on a neighborhood of the latter set and hence  $F_2 := g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1 \circ F_1$  is close to  $F_1$  on  $W^s_{loc}(K_1) \cup F_1^{-1}(W^u_{loc}(K_1)) \cup W^s_{loc}(S_1) \cup F_1^{-1}(W^u_{loc}(S_1))$ .

In particular  $F_2$  displays the hyperbolic continuations  $K_2$  of  $K_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $S_1$ . Also by Fact 2.12, there is a bidisk  $\Delta^s$  embedded in  $W^s_{loc}(S_2)$  which is  $C^1$ -close to

$$N_1 + \{(z, w, 0) | z, w \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega)\}.$$

Let  $A_2$  be the continuation of  $A_1$  for  $F_2$ . By Proposition 2.10 and since  $\omega$  is small, there is a bidisk  $\Delta^u$  embedded in  $F_1(W^u_{loc}(A_2))$  which is a graph of the form:

$$\Delta^{u} = M_{1} + \{ (z, w(z, t), t) \, | \, z, \, t \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega) \} \,,$$

where w(0,0) is small and the tangent spaces of  $\Delta^u$  are included in a cone slightly larger than  $C^u$ (in particular  $w(z,t) \in \mathbb{D}(0,\omega)$  for  $(z,t) \in \mathbb{D}(0,\omega)^2$ ). Since  $M_1$  is sent close to  $N_1$  by  $g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1$ and the restriction of  $g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1$  to  $M_1 + \mathbb{D}(0,\omega)^3$  is close to a translation, the set  $(g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1)(\Delta^u)$ (which is included in  $F_2(W^u_{loc}(A_2)) \subset W^u(A_2)$ ) is  $C^1$ -close to:

$$N_1 + \{(z, w(z, t), t) \mid z, t \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega)\}.$$

The directions of the tangent spaces of  $\Delta^s$  are close to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (1,0) + \mathbb{C} \cdot (0,1)$  while those of  $(g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1)(\Delta^u)$  are included in a cone slightly larger than  $C^u$ . Therefore  $\Delta^s \subset W^s_{loc}(S_2)$  and  $(g_3 \circ g_2 \circ g_1)(\Delta^u) \subset W^u(A_2)$  have a transverse intersection close to  $N_1 + (0, w(0, 0), 0) \approx N_1$ . In particular, this intersection is robust, which ends the proof of Proposition 4.1.

Remark 4.4. The set  $\mathcal{U}_2$  can be taken as the subset of  $\mathcal{U}_1$  formed by maps which are  $\epsilon_2$ - $C^0$ -close to  $F_2$  on the  $\omega$ -neighborhood of  $F_1^{-1}(M_1)$ , for some small  $\epsilon_2 > 0$ .

#### **4.2** Robust intersections between $W^{u}(S)$ and $W^{s}(K)$

We now create a robust intersection between the unstable manifold  $W^u(S)$  of the continuation Sof the saddle point  $S_2$  and the stable set  $W^s(K)$  of the continuation K of the basic set  $K_2$ . This is the difficult part since both the unstable manifold of S and the stable manifolds of points of K are one-dimensional so we can not apply a transversality argument here. To overcome this difficulty, we will use here the blender property to obtain the robustness.

**Proposition 4.5.** There exist  $F_3 \in \mathcal{U}_2$  and a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{U}_2$  of  $F_3$  such that every  $F \in \mathcal{U}$  displays a nonempty intersection between  $W^u(S)$  and  $W^s(K)$ .

#### **4.2.1** Obtaining an initial intersection between $W^u(S)$ and $W^s(K)$ .

We now perturb the automorphism  $F_2$  into  $F_3$  in order to get an intersection point between  $W^u(S_3)$ and  $W^s(K_3)$ . We start by selecting a particular periodic point in  $K_2$ :

**Fact 4.6.** There is a periodic point  $B_2 \in K_2$  of  $F_2$  of third coordinate in  $\mathbb{D}(0, 1/10)$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.3, there is a point in  $W^s_{loc}(K_2)$  of third coordinate 0. Since by Proposition 2.10 any local stable manifold has its tangent spaces in  $C^s$ , there is a point of  $K_2$  of third coordinate close to 0. Then, by density of periodic points in  $K_2$ , there is a periodic point  $B_2 \in K_2$  of third coordinate in  $\mathbb{D}(0, 1/10)$ .

Let us take again  $\omega > 0$  small. We set  $\gamma_2 := 2 - 2\omega$  and  $\beta'_2 := -0.9$ . The following is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.10 and Fact 2.13 together with Fact 4.3:

**Fact 4.7.** There exist  $M_2 = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in F_2(W^u_{loc}(S_2))$  and  $N_2 = (\alpha'_2, \beta'_2, \gamma'_2) \in W^s_{loc}(B_2)$ .

Let  $t \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto Q_1(t)$  be a polynomial close to 1 on  $\mathbb{D}(\gamma_2, \omega)$  and close to 0 on  $\mathbb{D} \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1)$ . Similarly let  $w \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto Q_2(w)$  be a polynomial close to 1 on  $\mathbb{D}(\beta'_2, \omega)$  and close to 0 on  $\mathbb{D}(0, 1/2) \sqcup \mathbb{D}(3, 1)$ . Let us also take  $\mu \in \mathbb{D}(0, 1/10)$ . Then we define:

$$h_1(z, w, t) := (z, w + Q_1(t) \cdot (\beta'_2 - \beta_2), t),$$
  

$$h_2(z, w, t) := (z, w, t + Q_2(w) \cdot (\gamma'_2 - \gamma_2)),$$
  
and 
$$h_3(z, w, t) := (z + Q_2(w) \cdot (\alpha'_2 - \alpha_2 + \mu + (t - \gamma'_2)), w, t)$$

Notice that  $h_3 \circ h_2 \circ h_1$  sends  $M_2$  close to  $N_2$ . Now we set:

$$F_3 := h_3 \circ h_2 \circ h_1 \circ F_2$$
.

**Fact 4.8.** The map  $F_3$  belongs to the neighborhood  $U_2$  defined in Proposition 4.1 and Remark 4.4.

Proof. The same proof as for Fact 4.3 shows that  $F_3 \in \mathcal{U}_1$ . Also recall that  $F_1^{-1}(M_1)$  is sent close to  $N_1$  by  $F_2$ . Since  $N_1 = (3.9, 3.9, \gamma'_1)$  with  $\gamma'_1 \in \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ , the maps  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$  and  $h_3$  are all close to the identity on a ball around  $N_1$  of radius bounded from below independently of  $\omega$ . Since  $\omega$  is small, this implies that  $F_3$  is close to  $F_2$  on the  $\omega$ -neighborhood of  $F_1^{-1}(M_1)$  and so  $F_3 \in \mathcal{U}_2$ .  $\Box$  By Proposition 2.10, there is a disk  $U_{\mu}$  embedded in the local stable manifold of the continuation  $B_3 \in K_3$  of  $B_2 \in K_2$  for  $F_3$  which is close to:

$$\{(\alpha'_2, \beta'_2 + w, \gamma'_2) \mid w \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega)\}.$$

$$(4.1)$$

Let  $S_3$  be the continuation of  $S_2$  for  $F_3$ . By Fact 2.13 and since  $\omega$  is small, there is a disk  $\tilde{V}_{\mu}$ embedded in  $F_2(W^u_{loc}(S_3))$  which is close to  $\{(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2 + t) | t \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega)\}$ . Then its image is  $V_{\mu} := (h_3 \circ h_2 \circ h_1)(\tilde{V}_{\mu}) \subset F_3(W^u_{loc}(S_3)) \subset W^u(S_3)$  and is close to:

$$\{(\alpha'_{2} + \mu + t, \beta'_{2}, \gamma'_{2} + t) \mid t \in \mathbb{D}(0, \omega)\}.$$
(4.2)

We will use the following independent technical result:

**Lemma 4.9.** Let  $(U_{\mu})_{\mu\in\mathbb{D}}$  be a holomorphic family of graphs  $w \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \mapsto (U^{1}_{\mu}(w), w, U^{3}_{\mu}(w)) \in \mathbb{C}^{3}$ , where  $U^{1}_{\mu}$  and  $U^{3}_{\mu}$  are small. Let  $(V_{\mu})_{\mu\in\mathbb{D}}$  be a holomorphic family of graphs  $t \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \mapsto (V^{1}_{\mu}(t), V^{2}_{\mu}(t), t) \in \mathbb{C}^{3}$ . Suppose that  $\mu \mapsto V^{1}_{\mu}(0)$  is close to  $\mu$  and that  $V^{2}_{\mu}(t) \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D}$ . Then there exists  $\mu_{o} \in \mathbb{D}$  such that  $U_{\mu_{o}}$  intersects  $V_{\mu_{o}}$ .

Proof. Up to the change of coordinates  $(z, w, t) \mapsto (z - U^1_{\mu}(w), w, t - U^3_{\mu}(w))$  which is close to the identity, we can suppose that  $U_{\mu} = \{(0, w, 0) \mid w \in \mathbb{D}\}$ . Notice that  $V_{\mu}$  intersects the plane  $\{t = 0\}$  at a unique point equal to  $(V^1_{\mu}(0), V^2_{\mu}(0), 0)$ . Also the map  $\mu \in \operatorname{int} \mathbb{D} \mapsto V^1_{\mu}(0)$  is holomorphic and close to  $\lambda \mapsto \lambda$ . Then by the Rouché theorem there is  $\mu_o \in \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$  such that  $V^1_{\mu_o}(0) = 0$ . Then the point  $(0, V^2_{\mu_o}(0), 0)$  belongs to  $U_{\mu_o} \cap V_{\mu_o}$ .

As a consequence of Lemma 4.9 together with Eq. (4.1) and Eq. (4.2), we obtain:

**Proposition 4.10.** The unstable manifold  $W^u(S_3)$  intersects the local stable manifold  $W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  at a point N such that  $T_N W^u(S_3)$  is close to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (1, 0, 1)$ .

# **4.2.2** Obtaining robust intersections between $W^u(S_3)$ and $W^s(K_3)$ using the blender property.

We now conclude the proofs of Proposition 4.5 and of the main Theorem. We use the blender property to make robust the initial intersection between  $W^u(S_3)$  and  $W^s(K_3)$  we obtained above.

**Proposition 4.11.** Let  $\Delta_o$  be an embedded open disk intersecting  $W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  at a point N such that  $T_N\Delta_o$  is close to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (1,0,1)$ . Then there exists  $n \geq 1$  such that for every map F close to  $F_3$  and every embedded disk  $\Delta$  close to  $\Delta_o$ , the intersection  $F^n(\Delta) \cap (\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0,1/2))$  contains a uu-curve.

*Proof.* Let us consider the following matrix:

$$\mathcal{M}_o := \begin{pmatrix} 10^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

For every matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  close to  $\mathcal{M}_o$  and every vector v close to (1,0,1), we have  $\mathcal{M} \cdot v \in \operatorname{int} C^{uu}$ . Observe that the differential of  $F_3$  at any point in  $W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  is close to  $\mathcal{M}_o$ . Thus, if  $\Delta_o$  intersects  $W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  at N with a direction close to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (1,0,1)$ , the direction of  $F_3(\Delta_o)$  at  $F_3(N) \in W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  is in int  $C^{uu}$ . Then, by invariance of the cone  $C^{uu}$  (see Lemma 3.1) and by expansion in the strong unstable direction, for n large enough,  $F_3^n(\Delta_o)$  contains a holomorphic graph  $\Delta_n$  over z varying in a neighborhood of  $\mathbb{D}$  with tangent spaces in int  $C^{uu}$  (in particular it contains a uu-curve). If moreover n is a multiple of the period of  $B_3$ , then  $\Delta_n$  intersects  $W^s_{loc}(B_3)$  at a point  $F_3^n(N)$  close to  $B_3$ . Since the third coordinate of  $B_3$  is in  $\mathbb{D}(0, 1/10)$  by Fact 4.6, the curve  $\Delta_n$  is included in  $\mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/3)$ . Then, by continuity, for every map F close to  $F_3$  and every  $\Delta$  close to  $\Delta_o$ , we have that  $F^n(\Delta) \cap (\mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2))$  contains a uu-curve.

Proof of Proposition 4.5. By Proposition 4.10 and then Proposition 4.11, for every F in a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{U}_2$  of  $F_3$ , the unstable manifold  $W^u(S)$  contains a *uu*-curve  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{D}^2 \times \mathbb{D}(0, 1/2)$ . Therefore by Proposition 3.3, there is a nonempty intersection between  $\mathcal{C} \subset W^u(S)$  and  $W^s_{loc}(K)$ . This ends the proof of Proposition 4.5.

*Proof of the Main Theorem.* It follows immediately from Proposition 4.1 and Proposition 4.5.

Proof of the main Corollary. We just take  $\mathcal{U}_d := \mathcal{U} \cap \operatorname{Aut}_d(\mathbb{C}^3)$  with  $d := \deg F_3$  to conclude.  $\Box$ 

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