Looking for simultaneous local and global bifurcations in piecewise linear Filippov systems

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We deal with the dynamical richness of planar discontinuous piecewise smooth systems, that is Filippov systems in the plane with two zones and a straight line as the discontinuity manifold.

In a recent work [2], it was reported the possibility of concurrent homoclinic bifurcation and Hopf bifurcation in a piecewise smooth system constituted by a linear plus a quadratic vector field, leading to the simultaneous generation of two limit cycles.

Here, we show that a richer dynamics can be obtained by considering just a discontinuous piecewise linear system, where in a half-plane the dynamics is of focus type while there is a saddle in the other. Namely, *a simultaneous generation of three limit cycles surrounding the sliding set is shown*: one of the limit cycles comes from a homoclinic connection and the other two arise from a local bifurcation related to a boundary focus, in a similar way as it was done in [1].

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