

Phase diagram of IBM-2 and catastrophe theory

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The model (I)

- Hamiltonian

$$H = x(n_{d_\pi} + n_{d_\nu}) - \frac{1-x}{N} Q^{(\chi_\pi, \chi_\nu)} \cdot Q^{(\chi_\pi, \chi_\nu)},$$

$$n_d = \sum_{\mu} d_{\mu}^{\dagger} d_{\mu}, \quad Q^{(\chi_\pi, \chi_\nu)} = (Q_{\pi}^{\chi_\pi} + Q_{\nu}^{\chi_\nu})$$

$$Q_{\kappa}^{\chi} = \left[d_{\kappa}^{\dagger} \tilde{s}_{\kappa} + s_{\kappa}^{\dagger} \tilde{d}_{\kappa} \right]^2 + \chi_{\kappa} \left[d_{\kappa}^{\dagger} \tilde{d}_{\kappa} \right]^2$$

- Wave function

$$|N_{\pi}, N_{\nu}, \beta_{\pi}, \gamma_{\pi}, \beta_{\nu}, \gamma_{\nu}, \Omega\rangle = \frac{(\Gamma_{\pi}^{\dagger})^{N_{\pi}} \hat{R}_3(\Omega) (\Gamma_{\nu}^{\dagger})^{N_{\nu}}}{\sqrt{N_{\pi}! N_{\nu}!}} |0\rangle,$$

$$\Gamma_{\kappa}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \beta_{\kappa}^2}} \left[s_{\kappa}^{\dagger} + \beta_{\kappa} \cos \gamma_{\kappa} d_{\kappa 0}^{\dagger} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta_{\kappa} \sin \gamma_{\kappa} (d_{\kappa 2}^{\dagger} + d_{\kappa -2}^{\dagger}) \right]$$

The model (II)

- Energy per boson in the thermodynamical limit

$$E(\beta_\pi, \gamma_\pi, \beta_\nu, \gamma_\nu; \chi_\pi, \chi_\nu, x) = \frac{x}{2} \sum_{\kappa=\pi, \nu} \frac{\beta_\kappa^2}{1 + \beta_\kappa^2}$$
$$- \frac{1-x}{4} \sum_{\mu=0, \pm 2} \left[\sum_{\kappa=\pi, \nu} Q_\mu^2(\kappa) + 2Q_\mu(\pi)Q_{-\mu}(\nu) \right]$$
$$Q_0(\kappa) = \frac{[2\beta_\kappa \cos \gamma_\kappa - \frac{2}{7}\beta_\kappa^2 \chi_\kappa \cos(2\gamma_\kappa)]}{1 + \beta_\kappa^2},$$
$$Q_2(\kappa) = \frac{1}{1 + \beta_\kappa^2} \left[\sqrt{2}\beta_\kappa \sin \gamma_\kappa + \frac{1}{7}\beta_\kappa^2 \chi_\kappa \sin(2\gamma_\kappa) \right].$$

The model (III)

- Order parameters

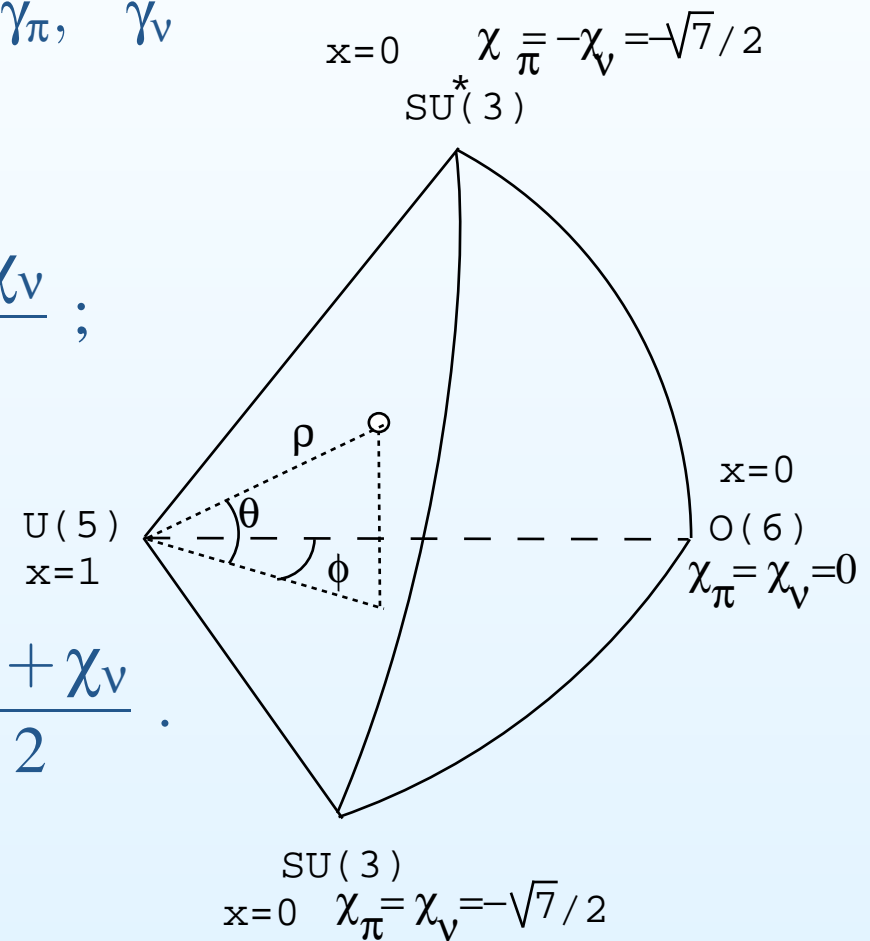
$$\beta_\pi, \beta_\nu, \gamma_\pi, \gamma_\nu$$

- Control parameters

$$\rho = 1 - x; \quad \theta = -\frac{\pi}{3} \frac{\chi_\pi - \chi_\nu}{\sqrt{7}};$$

$$\phi = -\frac{\pi}{3} \frac{\chi_\pi + \chi_\nu}{\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\chi' = -\frac{\chi_\pi - \chi_\nu}{2}; \quad \chi = -\frac{\chi_\pi + \chi_\nu}{2}.$$



How to get the phase diagram

- Using a Hartree-Bose procedure

$$\sum_{l_2 m_2} h_{l_1 m_1, l_2 m_2}^{\kappa} \eta_{l_2 m_2}^{\kappa} = E_{\kappa} \eta_{l_1 m_1}^{\kappa},$$

$$h_{l_1 m_1, l_2 m_2}^{\kappa} = \frac{\epsilon_{l_1 \kappa}}{2} \delta_{l_1 l_2} \delta_{m_1 m_2} \sum_{m_1} \eta_{l_1 m_1}^{*\kappa} \eta_{l_1 m_1}^{\kappa}$$

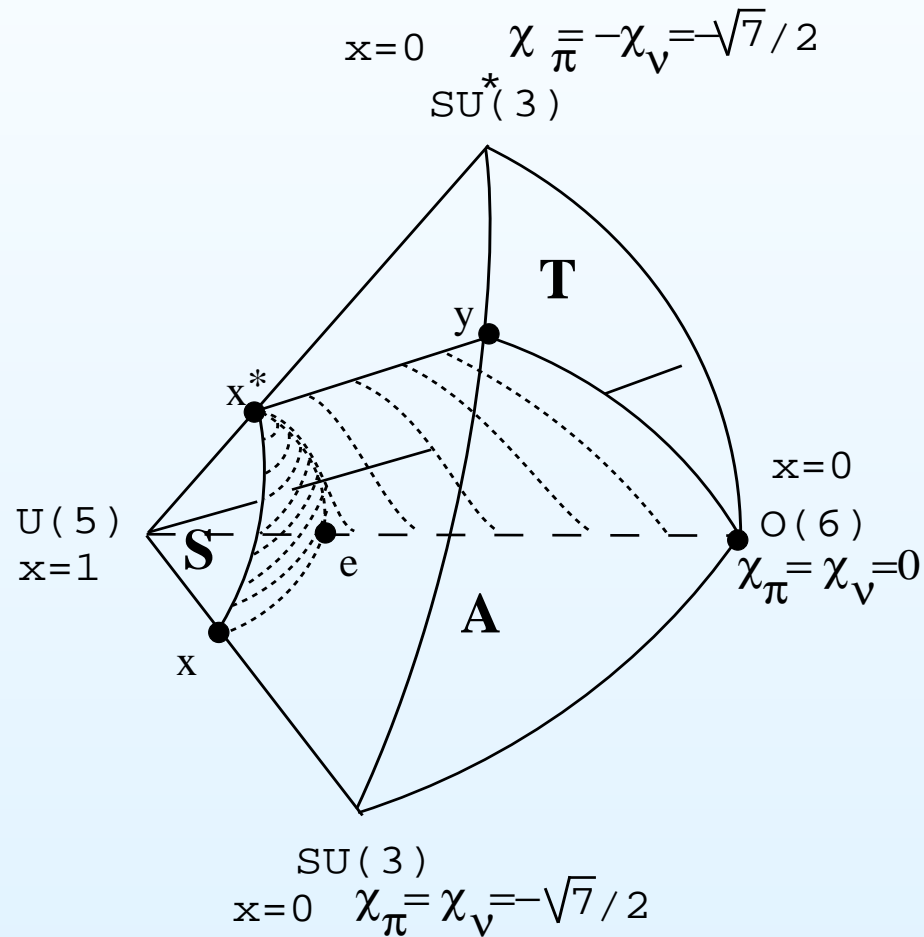
$$+ 2 \sum_{l_3 m_3 l_4 m_4 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 \kappa_4} V_{l_1 m_1 \kappa, l_3 m_3 \kappa_3, l_4 m_4 \kappa_4, l_2 m_2 \kappa_2} \frac{\eta_{l_3 m_3}^{*\kappa_3} \eta_{l_4 m_4}^{\kappa_4} \eta_{l_2 m_2}^{\kappa_2}}{4 \eta_{l_2 m_2}^{\kappa}}.$$

- Minimizing with *Mathematica*

$$\text{FindMinimum}[E(\beta_{\pi}, \gamma_{\pi}, \beta_{\nu}, \gamma_{\nu}; \chi_{\pi}, \chi_{\nu}, x)]$$

The phase diagram

- Three phases: spherical, axially deformed and triaxially deformed.



How to determine the order of a phase transition

- First order phase transition

Discontinuity in $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \xi}$

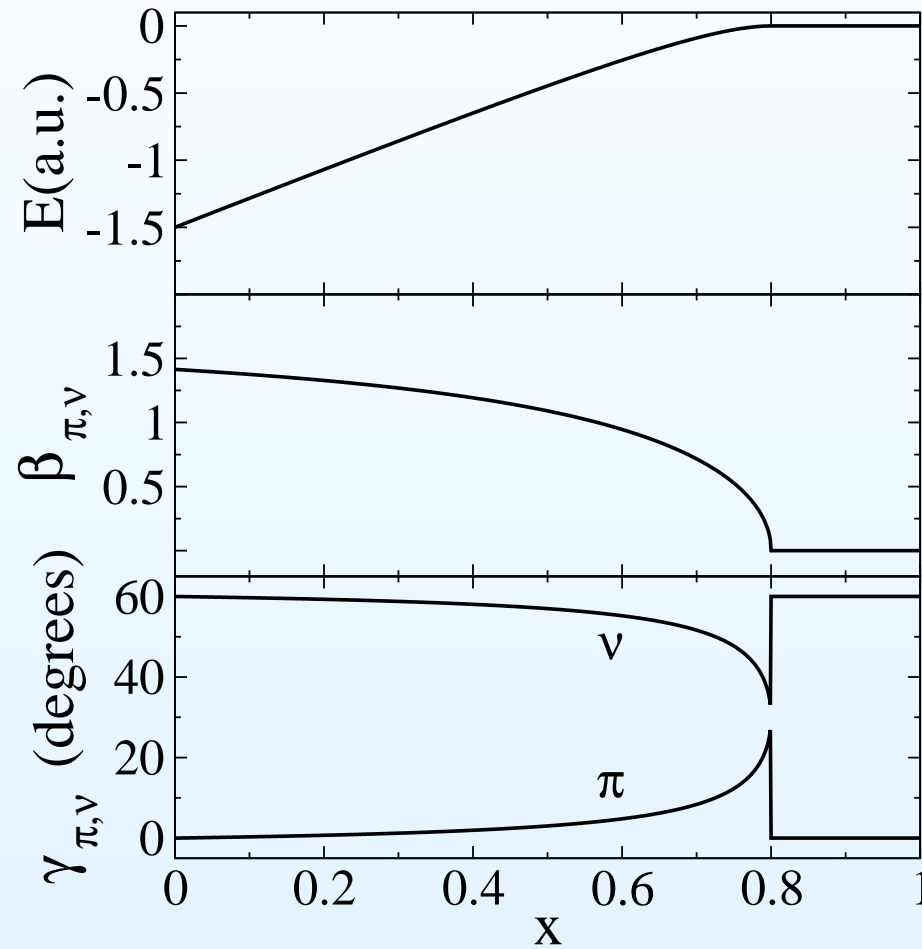
- Second order phase transition

Discontinuity in $\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \xi^2}$

- It seems very easy to determine the order of a phase transition!

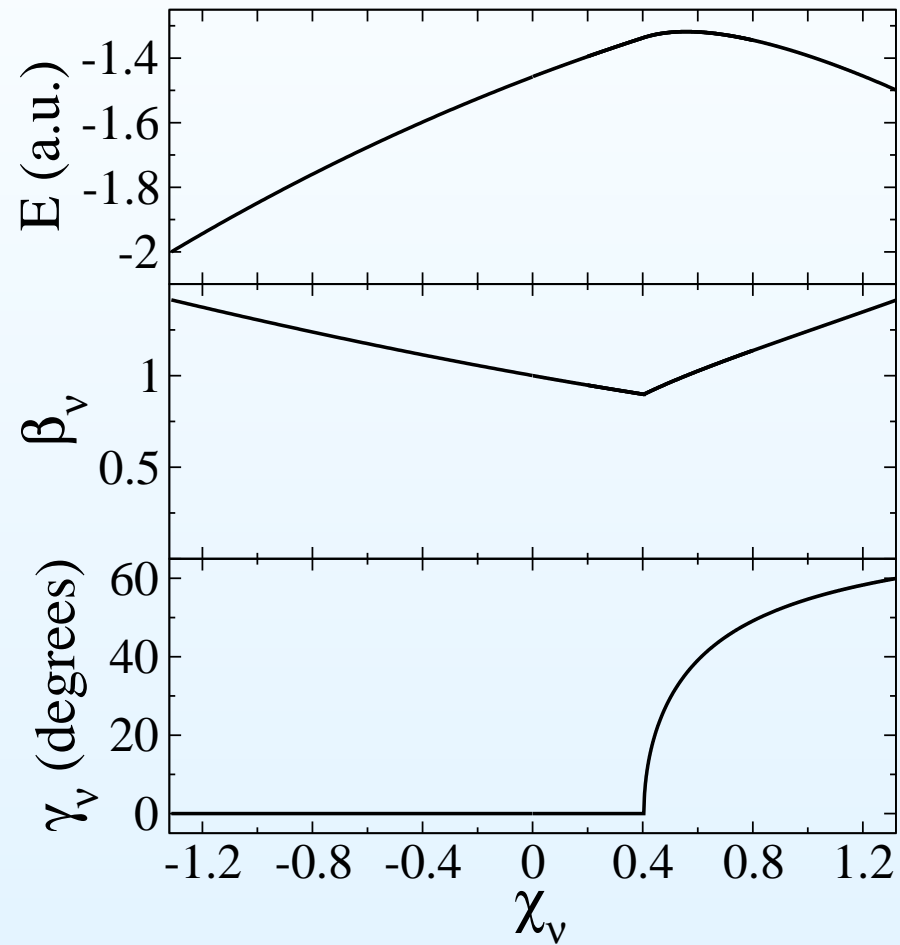
Transition $SU(3)$ to $SU(3)^*$

- Second order phase transition



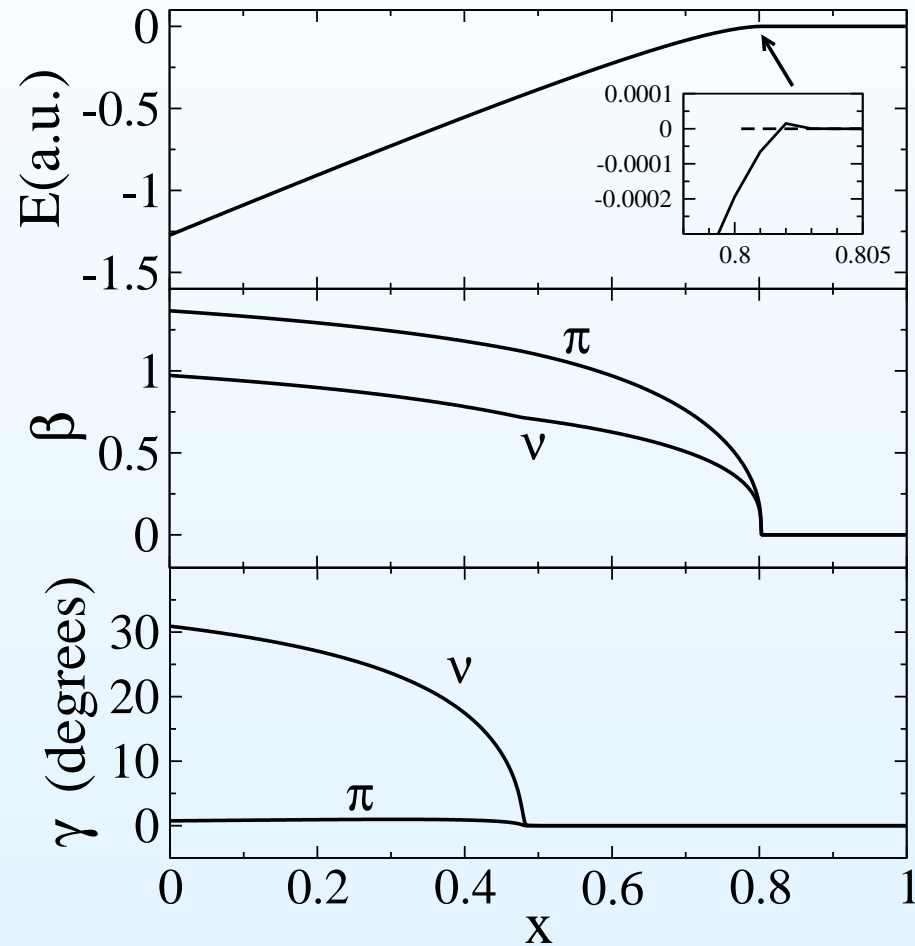
Transition $U(5)$ to $SU(3)^*$

- Second order phase transition



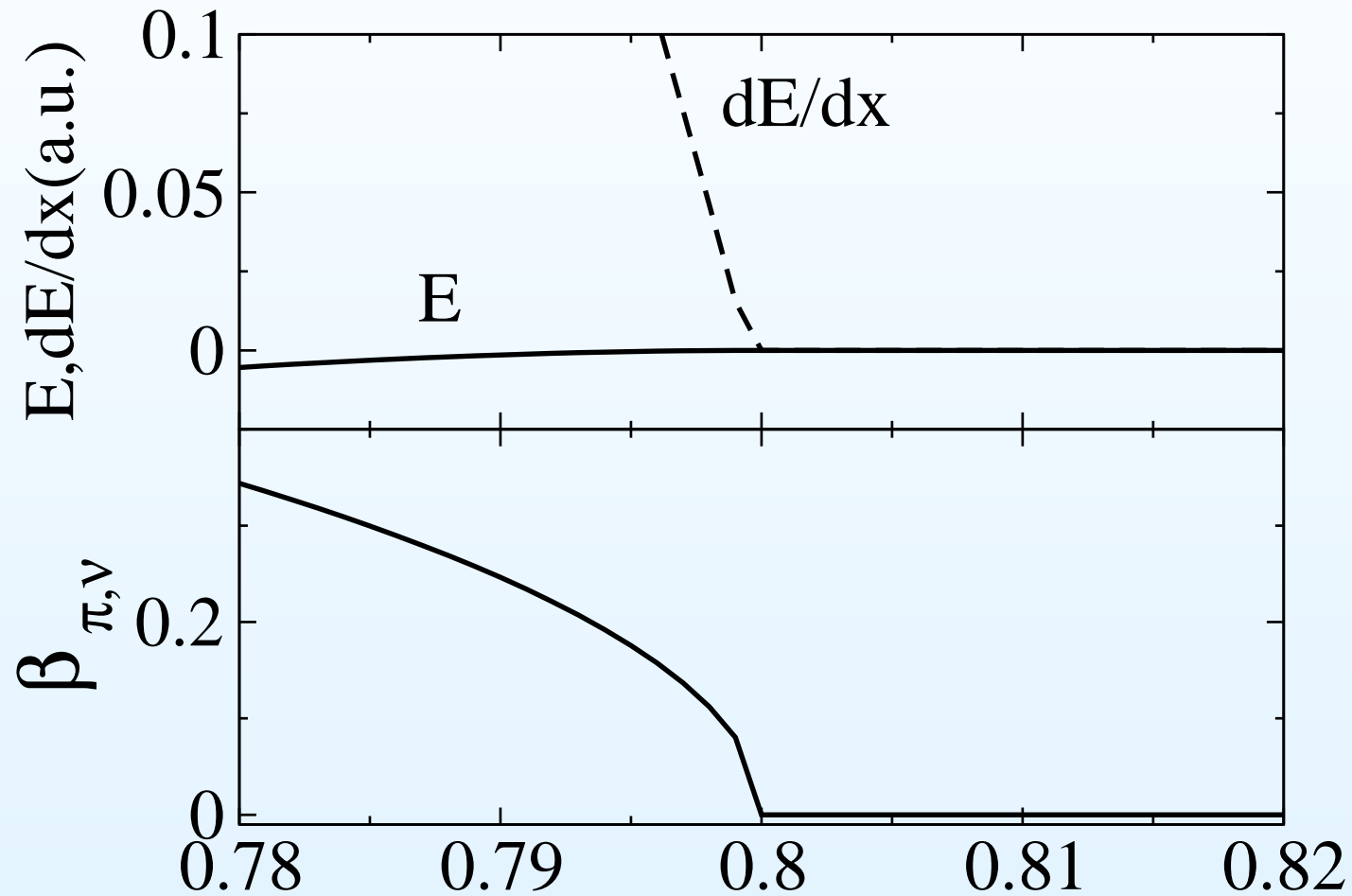
Transition $U(5)$ to triaxial shape

- Second and first order phase transition



Transition $U(5)$ to $SU(3)^*$ in detail

- Second order phase transition



Catastrophe theory

- First reference: René Thom, *Stabilité Structurelle et Morphogénèse* (1972).
- Catastrophe theory (CT) is framed in the theory of **singularities for differentiable mappings** and in the **theory of bifurcations**, therefore it deals with singularities of smooth real-valued functions and tries to classify such singularities.
- CT attempts to study how the qualitative nature of the solutions of equations depends on the parameters that appear in the equations (Gilmore 1981).
- CT explains how the state of a system can change suddenly under a smooth change in the control variables.

CT program

- Let us assume a system described by a real family of potentials:

$$V(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) \in \mathfrak{R}$$

where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ are the state (order) variables and $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}^r$ are the control parameters.

- In this family one can find three types of points:
 - Regular points: $\nabla V \neq 0$.
 - Morse points (isolated critical points):
 $\nabla V = 0$ and $|\mathcal{H}_{ij}| \neq 0$.
 - Non-Morse points (degenerated critical points):
 $\nabla V = 0$ and $|\mathcal{H}_{ij}| = 0$.

CT program (*Margalef-Roig, et al*)

- Definition of $h(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = V(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^0, \lambda + \lambda^0) - V(\mathbf{x}^0, \lambda^0)$, where $(\mathbf{x}^0, \lambda^0)$ correspond to a degenerated critical point.
- Definition of the **germ**: $g(\mathbf{x}) = h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0})$.
- Calculation of the **determinacy and the codimension** of $g(\mathbf{x})$ through the k-jet of $g(\mathbf{x})$ (truncated Taylor expansion with k term).
- Study the **k-transversality** of $g(\mathbf{x})$ in order to establish the isomorphism between $h(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ and a canonical unfolding of $g(\mathbf{x})$.
- Note that it is only possible to prove the existence of an isomorphism but this DOES NOT provides the necessary change of coordinates.

What people do with CT

- Taylor expansion around a degenerated critical point. If possible, around the most degenerated critical point.
- Arrangement of the control parameters in order to annihilate the lower order terms in the Taylor expansion.
- The term that survives after the arrangement is the **germ**.
- The number of canceled terms corresponds to the number of essential parameters (equivalent to the **codimension** ...).

What people do with CT

- Substitution of $V(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ by a truncated Taylor expansion $V(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)_{pol}$, being the germ the higher order term (the order of the Taylor expansion is the **determinacy**...).
- Establish the mapping between $V(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)_{pol}$ and a canonical form through a nonlinear change of variables (it should be calculated the **transversality**...).
- Work out $V(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)_{pol}$ for getting the bifurcation and the Maxwell set.

Relevant theorems

- Implicit function theorem for regular points.

$$V(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$$

- Morse lemma for isolated critical points.

$$V(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^2$$

- Thom theorem for degenerated critical points.

$$V(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow g(\mathbf{x}) + \text{unfolding}$$

- Splitting lemma for potential with several variables.

$$V(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow g(\mathbf{x}) + \text{unfolding} + \mathbf{y}^2 - \mathbf{z}^2$$

Misunderstandings on Catastrophe theory

- In many cases, CT cannot provide quantitative results and indeed needs the help of numerical results to start with the CT program.

About this Thom said: “...as soon as it became clear that the theory did not permit quantitative prediction, all good minds ... decided it was of no value...”

- CT does not consist in getting the bifurcation and the Maxwell sets.
- The interest of CT focus on the clasification of germs of a family of potentials and on giving universal unfoldings, *i.e.* general perturbations.

Region $U(5) - O(6) - SU^*(3)$ (I)

- Restrictions:

$$\chi_\pi = -\chi_\nu = \chi$$

$$\beta_\pi = \beta_\nu = \beta$$

$$\gamma_\pi = \pi/3 - \gamma_\nu = \gamma$$

- Energy surface:

$$E(\beta, \gamma, \chi, x) = \frac{-1}{14(1+\beta^2)^2} (\beta^2 (42x - 28 - 14\beta^2 + 14(1-x)\beta^2 + 2(1-x)\beta^2 \chi^2$$

– $2\sqrt{14}(1-x)\beta\chi \cos(\gamma) + 14(1-x) \cos(2\gamma) - 4\sqrt{14}(1-x)\beta\chi \cos(3\gamma)$

+ $(1-x)\beta^2 \chi^2 \cos(4\gamma) + 2\sqrt{42}(1-x)\beta\chi \sin(\gamma) + 14\sqrt{3}(1-x) \sin(2\gamma)$

– $\sqrt{3}(1-x)\beta^2 \chi^2 \sin(4\gamma)$)

Region $U(5) - O(6) - SU^*(3)$ (II)

- Taylor expansion around $\beta = 0$ and $\gamma = \pi/3$ ($\gamma - \pi/6 \rightarrow \gamma$):

$$\begin{aligned} E \sim & \left((5x - 4) + 4(1 - x)\gamma^2 - \frac{4(1 - x)\gamma^4}{3} + \Theta(\gamma)^5 \right) \beta^2 \\ + & \left(-8\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}(1 - x)\chi\gamma + \frac{4\sqrt{14}(1 - x)\chi\gamma^3}{3} + \Theta(\gamma)^5 \right) \beta^3 \\ + & \left((8 - 9x) - \frac{8(1 - x)(7 + \chi^2)\gamma^2}{7} + \frac{8(1 - x)(7 + 4\chi^2)\gamma^4}{21} + \Theta(\gamma)^5 \right) \beta^4 + \Theta(\beta)^5 \end{aligned}$$

- Reduction to a polynomial

$$E_{pol} = (8 - 9x) \beta^4 + \beta^2 (5x - 4 + 4(1 - x)\gamma^2) - 8\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}(1 - x)\beta^3\gamma\chi$$

- **Codimension, determinacy and transversality should be calculated!**

Region $U(5) - O(6) - SU^*(3)$ (III)

- Critical points of E_{pol} :

$$\gamma = -\frac{\sqrt{5x-4}\chi}{\sqrt{63x-56+8(1-x)\chi^2}}, \quad \beta = -\frac{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}\sqrt{5x-4}}{\sqrt{63x-56+8(1-x)\chi^2}},$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{5x-4}\chi}{\sqrt{63x-56+8(1-x)\chi^2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}\sqrt{5x-4}}{\sqrt{63x-56+8(1-x)\chi^2}},$$

$$\beta = 0,$$

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- No coexistence region \rightarrow **second order phase transition.**

Region $X(5) - E(5) - X^*(5)$ (I)

- Restrictions: $\gamma_\pi = \gamma_\nu = 0$
- Energy surface:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\beta_\pi, \beta_\nu, \chi_\pi, \chi_\nu, x) &= \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{\beta_\nu^2}{1 + \beta_\nu^2} + \frac{\beta_\pi^2}{1 + \beta_\pi^2} \right) \\ &- \frac{1-x}{196 (1 + \beta_\nu^2)^2 (1 + \beta_\pi^2)^2} \left(-14\beta_\nu (1 + \beta_\pi^2) + \beta_\pi (-14 + \sqrt{14}\beta_\pi\chi_\pi) \right) \\ &+ \beta_\nu^2 \left(-14\beta_\pi + \sqrt{14}\chi_\nu + \sqrt{14}\beta_\pi^2 (\chi_\nu + \chi_\pi) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Region $X(5) - E(5) - X^*(5)$ (II)

- Hessian matrix in $\beta_\pi = \beta_\nu = 0$:

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - 2 & 2x - 2 \\ 2x - 2 & 3x - 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= 5x - 4, & \beta_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(\beta_\pi + \beta_\nu) \\ \lambda_2 &= x, & \beta_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(-\beta_\pi + \beta_\nu) \end{aligned}$$

- β_1 is the **essential** and β_2 is the **unessential** variable.

Region $X(5) - E(5) - X^*(5)$ (III)

- Reduction of the energy to a polynomial:

$$E_{pol} = x\beta_2^2 + (5x - 4)\beta_1^2 + 4\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}(1-x)\chi\beta_1^3 + \left(9x - 8 - \frac{2(1-x)\chi^2}{7}\right)\beta_1^4,$$

- Because of the cubic terms there exists a region where two minima coexist → **first order phase transition**.
- **Codimension, determinacy and transversality should be calculated!**

Summary and conclusions

- We have presented a phase diagram for IBM-2 where a spherical, an axially deformed and a triaxial shape region can distinguish.
- We have established numerically the order of the phase transitions in the IBM-2 phase diagram.
- The ambiguity of the purely numerical results indicates that CT is a valuable tool for this problem.
- We have presented the main features of CT.
- We have established analytically (using CT) the order of the phase transitions in the IBM-2 phase diagram.