# Catastrophes and Resilience of a Zero-Dim Climate System

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- The author's goal is to exhibit fold catastrophes and cusp catastrophes.

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where

- T is temperature,
- t is time, and
- $R \downarrow$  and  $R \uparrow$  are incoming and outgoing radiation.

Here, c is a positive constant, determined by external measurements.

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For Fraedrich:

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## Picture of temp feedbacks (from p. 149)



#### Use equations

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$$R \downarrow = \frac{1}{4}\mu I_0(1 - \alpha_p),$$
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where  $\alpha_p$  is a constant;

$$R\uparrow = \epsilon_{sa}\sigma T^4, \tag{3}$$

where  $\epsilon_{sa} = \epsilon_s - \epsilon_a$ , which are constants. Let  $x = (\mu, \alpha_p, \epsilon_s, \epsilon_a, c)$ .

Let  $\frac{dT}{dt} = f(T; x)$ , where x is the vector of parameter values. Let  $T_e(x)$  stand for the temperature(s) at which  $\frac{dT}{dt}\Big|_{T_e} = f(T_e; x) = 0$ .

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#### First model - solution

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#### Use

$$x_0 = (\alpha_{p0} = 0284, \ \epsilon_{sa0} = 0.62, \ \mu_0 = 1, \ c_0 = 10^8 kg K^{-1} s^{-2}),$$

and to get the "present day" (1979) averaged equilibrium:  $T_{e0} = 288.6K$ .

### First model - equilibrium diagram



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#### First model - phase portrait



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where  $a_{20}$  and  $b_{20}$  are chosen to match present day albedo, and

$$\alpha_{p0} = \frac{d(a_{10} - b_{10}T)}{dt}$$

at present day.

This time,

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = (1/c) \left( -\epsilon_{sa} \sigma T^4 + \frac{1}{4} \mu I_0 b_2 T^2 + \frac{1}{4} \mu I_0 (1-a_2) \right) = f(T;x).$$

The equilibria  $T_e$  are again where  $f(T_e; x) = 0$ , where

$$x = (a_2, b_2, \epsilon_{sa}, \mu, c).$$

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Equilibria are (positive) solutions to

$$T_e^4 - mT_e^2 + n = 0,$$
  
where  $m = \frac{\mu l_0}{4\epsilon_{sa}\sigma}b_2,$   
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#### Second model - ice albedo - phase portrait



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## Second model - bifurcation diagram



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Greenhouse feedback, no ice albedo:

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with

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where  $\alpha_p$  is held constant;

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where  $\epsilon_a = \epsilon_c + \kappa T^2$ , ( $\epsilon_c$  is  $CO_2$  emittance), so

$$R \uparrow = \epsilon_s \sigma T^4 - \epsilon_c \sigma T^4 - \kappa \sigma T^6.$$

Combining the previous equations gives

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{c} \left( \kappa \sigma T^6 - \epsilon_{sc} \sigma T^4 + \frac{1}{4} \mu I_0 (1 - \alpha_p) \right),$$

where  $\epsilon_{sc} = \epsilon_s - \epsilon_c$ . Equilibria satisfy

$$T_e^6 - \frac{\epsilon_{sc}}{\kappa} T_e^4 + \frac{\mu I_0}{4\kappa\sigma} (1 - \alpha_p) = 0.$$

### Third model - equilibria

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To solve, let  $y = -\frac{\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa} + T_e^2$  and get

$$y^3-uy+v=0,$$

where

$$u = 3\left(\frac{\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa}\right)^2$$
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We get

$$T_e = \sqrt{rac{\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa} + 2\sqrt{u/3}A},$$

where A depends on u and v.

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#### Third model - phase portrait



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## Third model - bifurcation diagram



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Combining greenhouse temperature feedback and ice temperature feedback:

$$\alpha_p = a_2 - b_2 T^2, \ \epsilon_a = \epsilon_c + \kappa T^2,$$

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#### Fourth model - solving

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 $y^3 - py + q = 0$ ,

where

$$p = 3\left(\frac{\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa}\right)^2 - \frac{\mu l_0}{4\kappa\sigma}b_2$$
$$q = -2\left(\frac{\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa}\right)^3 + \frac{\epsilon_{sc}\mu l_0}{3\cdot 4\kappa^2\sigma}b_2 + \frac{\mu l_0}{4\kappa\sigma}(1-a_2).$$

The parameters are  $x = (a_2, b_2, \epsilon_s, \epsilon_c, \kappa, \mu)$ .

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At  $T = T_e$ , stability is determined by

$$-\lambda = \frac{df}{dT}\Big|_{T_e} = \frac{\kappa\sigma}{c} \left(T_e^4 - \frac{2\epsilon_{sc}}{3\kappa}T_e^2 + \frac{\mu I_0 b_2}{4\cdot 3\kappa\sigma}\right) 6T_e$$

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#### Fourth model - some perspective



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