

*Dynamic agglomeration patterns
in a 2 – country 4 – region NEG model*

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Aim of the work

- Analyze the impact of regional integration
(vs. the effect of international integration)
on the location of economic activities

Contributions

- Rich structure of equilibria
- Stability and dynamics

Related Literature

Lower trade costs (internal or external) favour full agglomeration within countries

- Monfort & Nicolini (2000, JUE)

Numerical study of a 4-region NEG model with CES preferences

- Behrens, Gaigne, Ottaviano & Thisse (2007, EER)

Partial study of a 4-region NEG model with quadratic preferences

Presence of a stable asymmetric Home country distribution

The size of the outside country impacts on the structure of the Home country

- Commendatore, Kubin, Petraglia, Sushko(2014, JEDC)

3-region FE NEG Model

2-country 4-region FE NEG Model

	Home Country		Foreign Country	
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Trade	$\longleftrightarrow \phi_{lh} \longrightarrow$		$\longleftrightarrow \phi_{lf} \longrightarrow$	
Entrepreneurs	$1-x_t$	x_t	y_t	$1-y_t$
Unskilled Labor	$E/4$	$E/4$	$E/4$	$E/4$

Short-Run Economy

Income

$$Y_{1,t} = L/4 + \pi_{1,t}(1 - x_t)E/2 \quad , \quad Y_{3,t} = L/4 + \pi_{3,t}y_tE/2$$
$$Y_{2,t} = L/4 + \pi_{2,t}x_tE/2 \quad , \quad Y_{4,t} = L/4 + \pi_{4,t}(1 - y_t)E/2$$

Entrepreneur profit

$$\pi_{1,t} = \frac{\mu}{\sigma E} \left[\frac{Y_{1,t}}{\Delta_{1,t}} + \phi_{Ih} \frac{Y_{2,t}}{\Delta_{2,t}} \right] \quad , \quad \pi_{3,t} = \frac{\mu}{\sigma E} \left[\phi_E \left(\frac{Y_{2,t}}{\Delta_{2,t}} \right) + \frac{Y_{3,t}}{\Delta_{3,t}} + \phi_{If} \frac{Y_{4,t}}{\Delta_{4,t}} \right]$$
$$\pi_{2,t} = \frac{\mu}{\sigma E} \left[\phi_{Ih} \frac{Y_{1,t}}{\Delta_{1,t}} + \frac{Y_{2,t}}{\Delta_{2,t}} + \phi_E \left(\frac{Y_{3,t}}{\Delta_{3,t}} \right) \right] \quad , \quad \pi_{4,t} = \frac{\mu}{\sigma E} \left[\phi_{If} \frac{Y_{3,t}}{\Delta_{3,t}} + \frac{Y_{4,t}}{\Delta_{4,t}} \right]$$

Price index and indirect utility

$$P_{r,t} = \beta \frac{\sigma}{\sigma - 1} E^{1/(1-\sigma)} \Delta_{r,t}^{1/(1-\sigma)} \quad , \quad V_{r,t} = \frac{\pi_{r,t}}{P_{r,t}^\mu}$$

where

$$\Delta_{1,t} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (1 - \phi_{Ih})x_t) \quad , \quad \Delta_{3,t} = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_{If} + (1 - \phi_{If})y_t + \phi_E x_t)$$
$$\Delta_{2,t} = \phi_{Ih}(1 - x_t)/2 + x_t/2 + \phi_E y_t/2 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_{Ih} + (1 - \phi_{Ih})x_t + \phi_E y_t) \quad , \quad \Delta_{4,t} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (1 - \phi_{If})y_t)$$

Dynamic Map

$$Z : \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } Z_h(x, y) < 0, \\ Z_h(x, y) & \text{if } 0 \leq Z_h(x, y) \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } Z_h(x, y) > 1, \end{cases} \\ y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } Z_f(x, y) < 0, \\ Z_f(x, y) & \text{if } 0 \leq Z_f(x, y) \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } Z_f(x, y) > 1, \end{cases} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$Z_h(x, y) = x + \gamma x(1 - x) \frac{\Omega_h(x, y) - 1}{1 + x(\Omega_h(x, y) - 1)},$$

$$Z_f(x, y) = y + \gamma y(1 - y) \frac{\Omega_f(x, y) - 1}{1 + y(\Omega_f(x, y) - 1)},$$

$$\Omega_h(x, y) = \frac{V_2(x, y)}{V_1(x, y)}, \quad \Omega_f(x, y) = \frac{V_3(x, y)}{V_4(x, y)}.$$

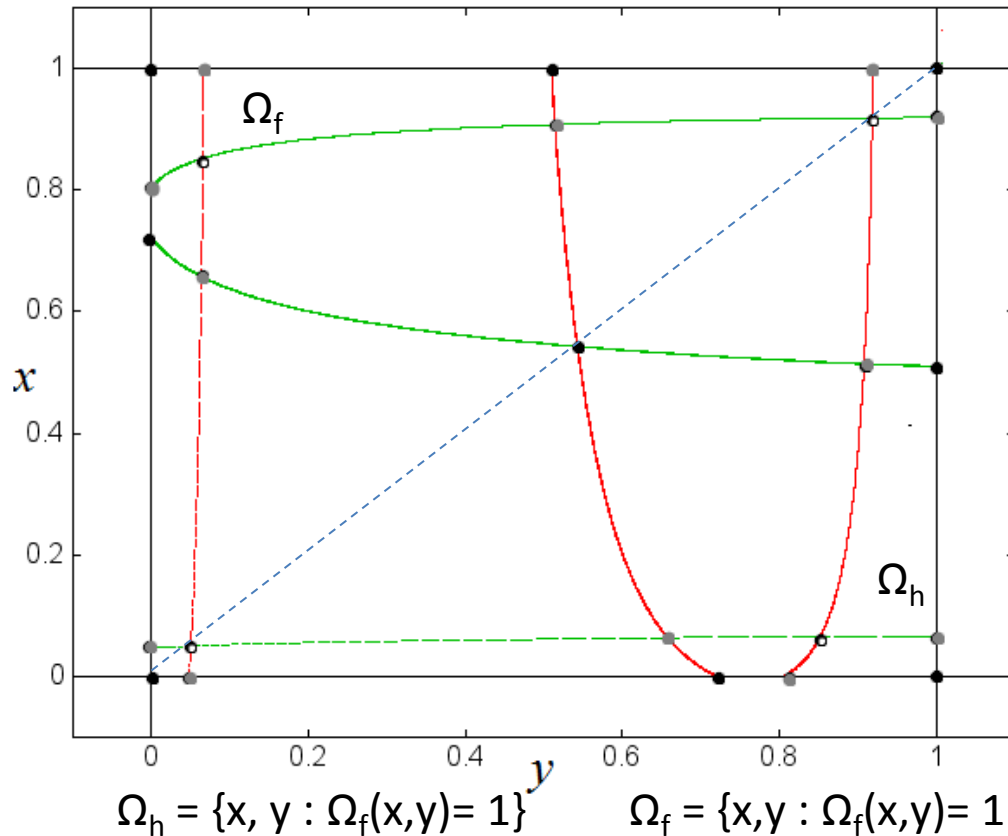
State variables: x, y

- Incomes, price indices, profits, utilities, and real wages can be expressed in terms of x and y

Dynamics

- The domain of the map is the unit square, $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$
- The regional mobility of entrepreneurs (migration) follows the replicator dynamics equation: $Z(x, y)$.
- What happens with a simultaneous change of interior trade costs ($\phi_{lh} = \phi_{lf} = \phi$)?

Fixed points (long-run equilibria)



Core-Periphery fixed points

$CP_{00} : (x, y) = (0, 0)$, $CP_{01} : (x, y) = (0, 1)$

$CP_{11} : (x, y) = (1, 1)$, $CP_{10} : (x, y) = (1, 0)$

Interior symmetric fixed point

$S_{aa} : (x, y) = (a, a)$

Interior asymmetric fixed points

$AS_{ab} : (x, y) = (a, b)$, $AS_{ba} : (x, y) = (b, a)$

Border asymmetric fixed points

$AS_{0a} : (x, y) = (0, a)$, $AS_{a0} : (x, y) = (a, 0)$

$AS_{1a} : (x, y) = (1, a)$, $AS_{a1} : (x, y) = (a, 1)$

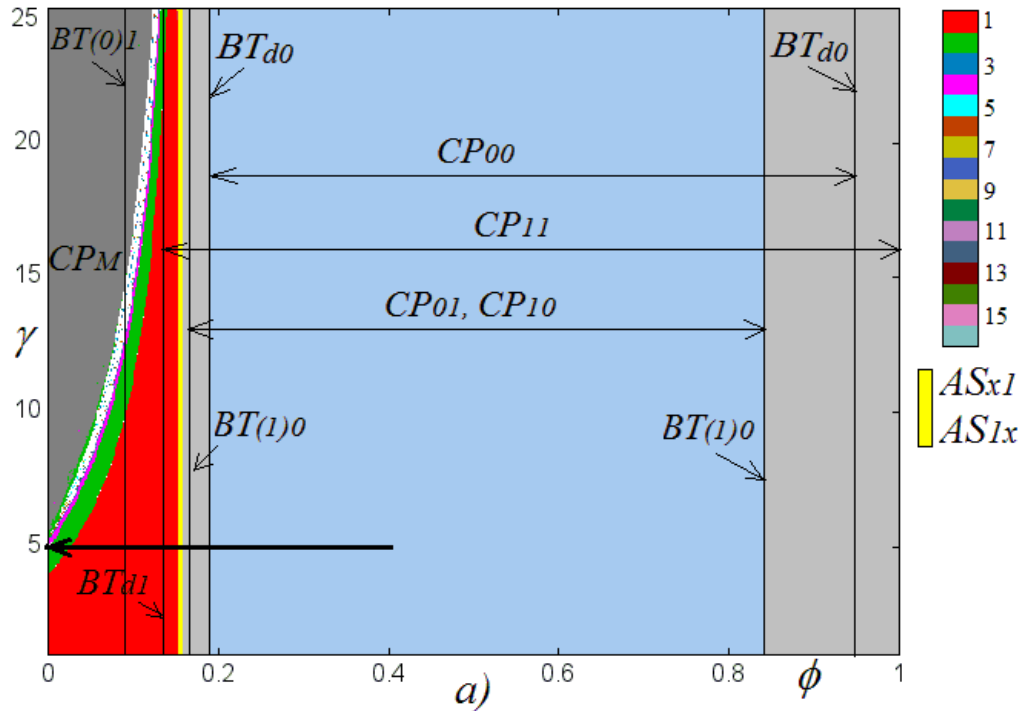
Interior fixed points are determined by the conditions : $\Omega_h(x, y) = 1$ and $\Omega_f(x, y) = 1$

Border fixed points by the condition $\Omega_h(x, y) = 1$ and $y = 0$ or $y = 1$ (on lower side or upper side) or
by the condition $\Omega_f(x, y) = 1$ and $x = 0$ or $x = 1$ (on left side or right side)

(Stable) long-run stationary equilibria

- CP equilibria: the manufacturing activity is agglomerated within countries
- Interior symmetric equilibrium: industry is distributed within countries (with a larger share in the border region);
- Border asymmetric fixed points: industry is agglomerated in one Country and dispersed in other country (with a larger share in the border region).

Bifurcation scenarios varying internal trade costs, ϕ



The bifurcation curves define the stability regions of fixed points

$BT_{d0} : CP_{00}$

BT_{d1} and 1: CP_{11}

$BT_{(1)0} : CP_{01}$ and CP_{10}

Multistability:

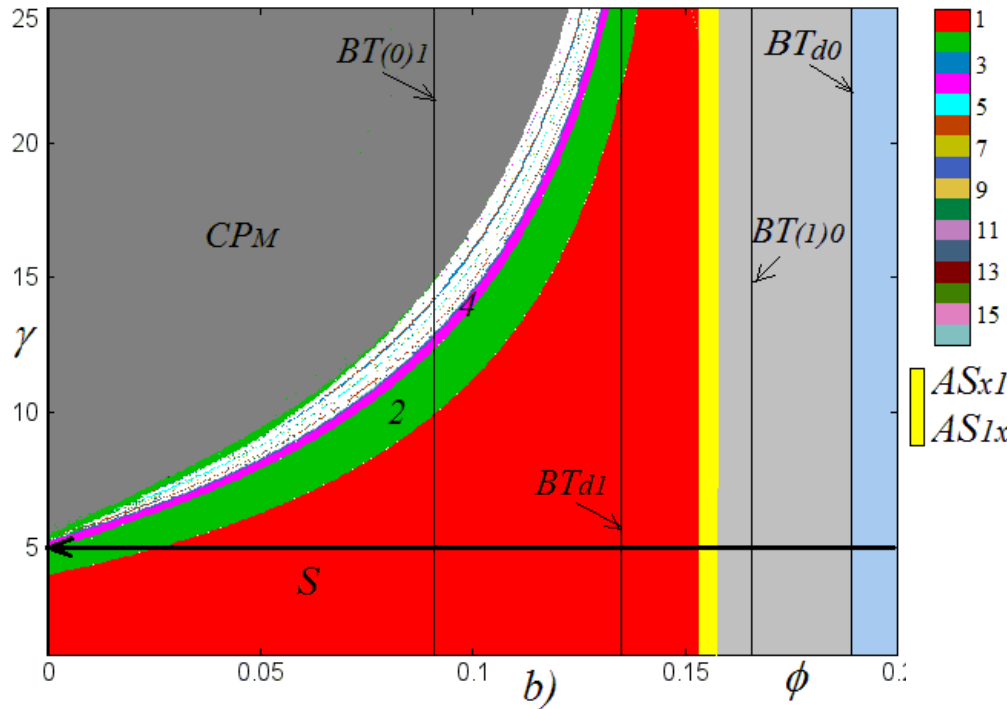
Blue : 4 attracting fixed CP

Red : attracting symmetric equilibrium

γ is the migration speed

$$\sigma = 2, \phi E = 0.1$$

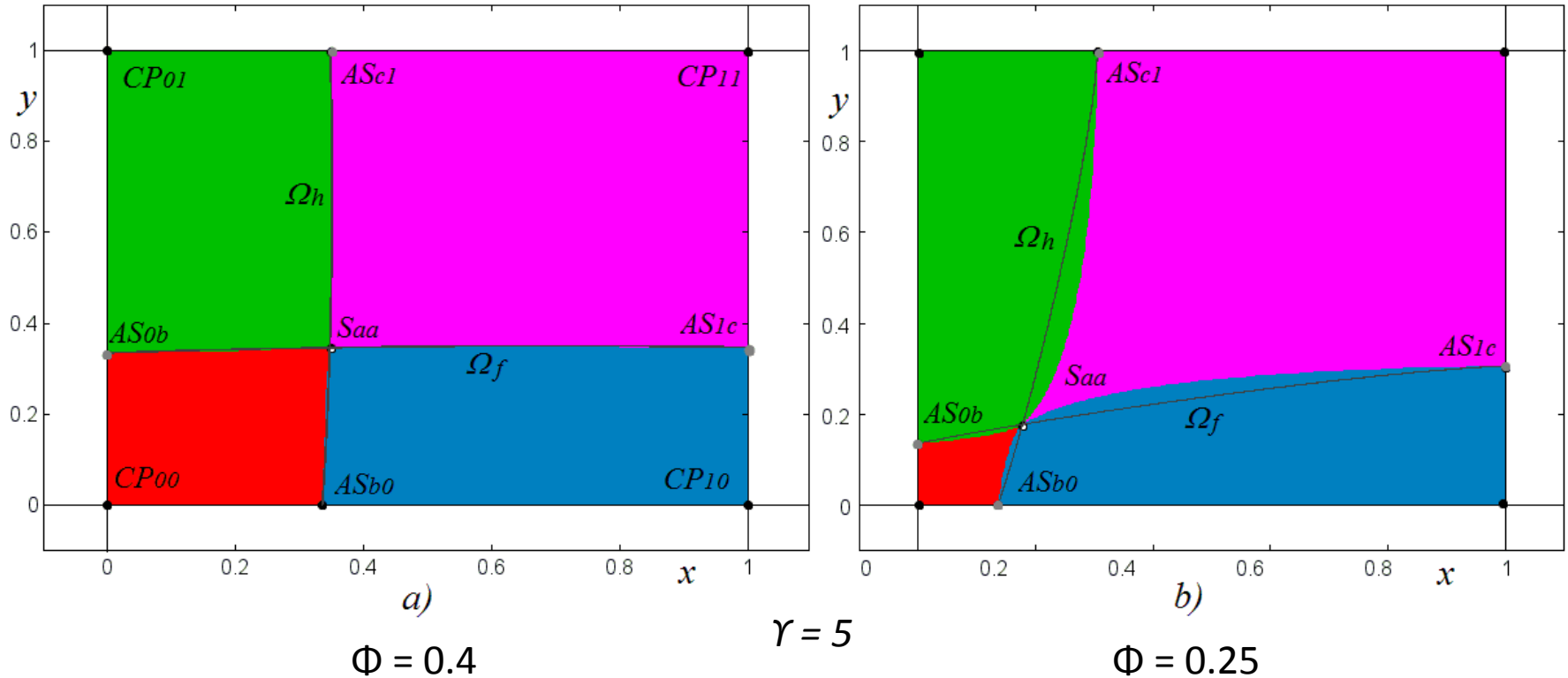
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Green region : stable period-2 cycle
 Magenta region: stable period-4 cycle
 White area : higher periodicity, chaos
 Dark Grey : CP as Milnor attractors
 Yellow : attracting border asymmetric fixed points

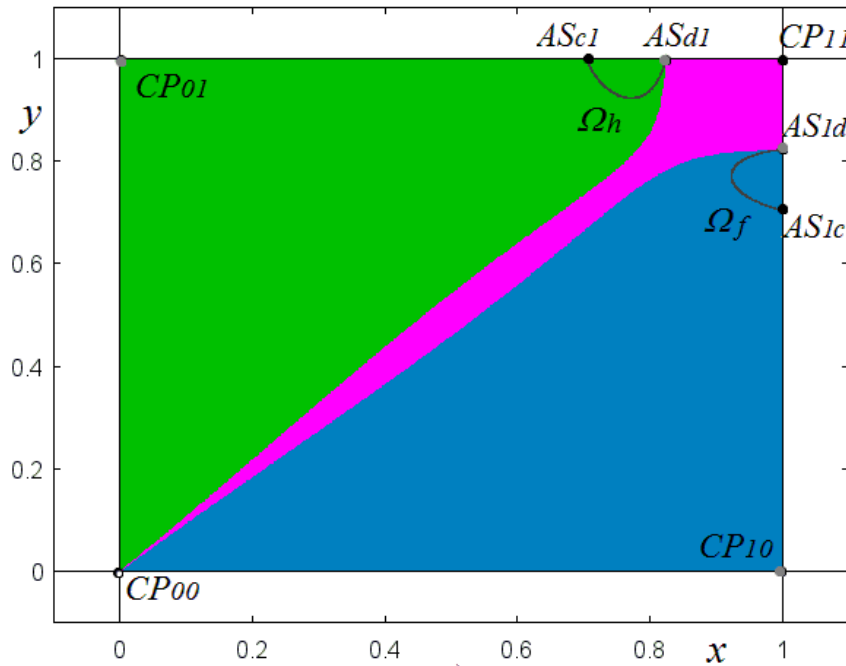
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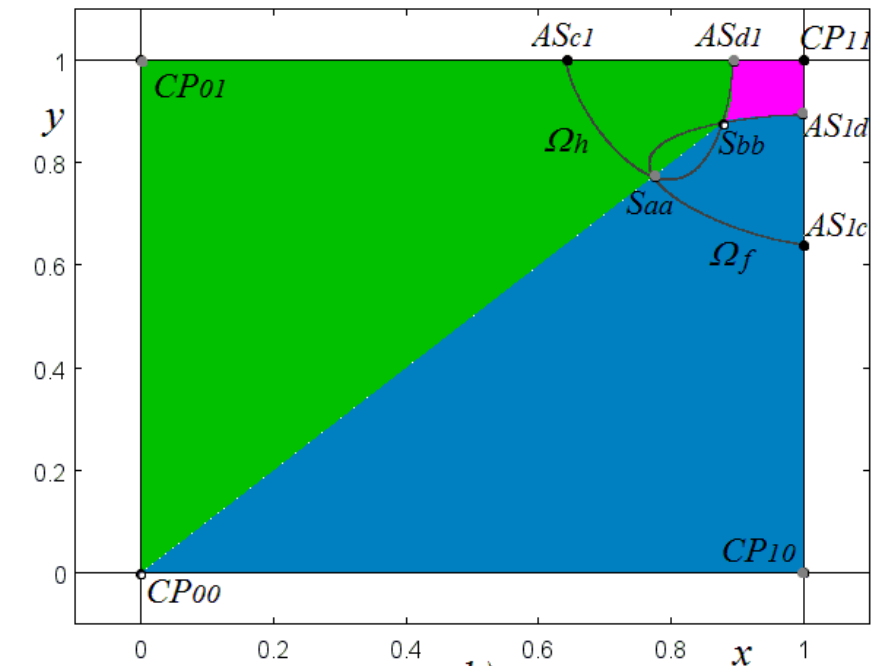


Basins of attraction of four CP stable fixed points -
 separated by stable sets of border saddle fixed points, AS_{b0} , AS_{ob} , AS_{1c} , AS_{c1}
 As ϕ is decreased the basin of CP_{11} enlarges and the basins of CP_{00} , CP_{01} and CP_{10} shrink

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a) $\Phi = 0.16$



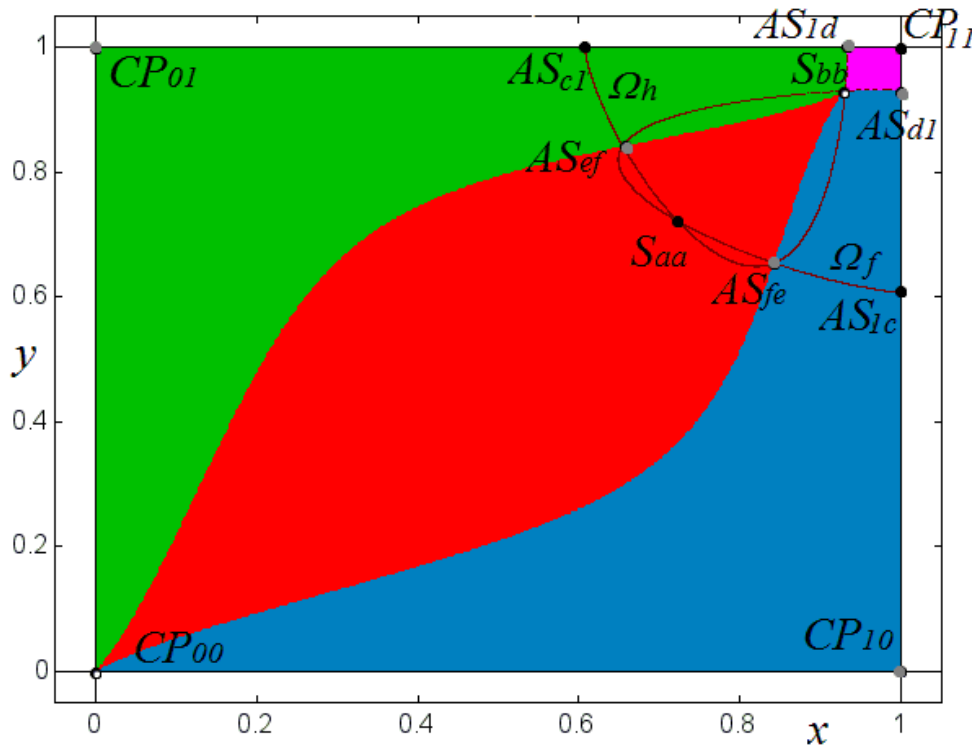
b) $\Phi = 0.155$

$\gamma = 5$

We are in the yellow region:

- a) CP_{00} (after crossing BT_{d0}) has lost stability and CP_{10} and CP_{10} (after crossing $BT_{(1)0}$) are saddle;
- Via fold bif.: two (asymmetric) stable border fixed points AS_{c1} and AS_{l1} and 2 saddle (AS_{d1} and AS_{l2})
- b) Decreasing ϕ the basin of CP_{11} shrinks;
- Via fold bif: 2 interior fixed points emerge S_{aa} (saddle), S_{bb} (repelling)

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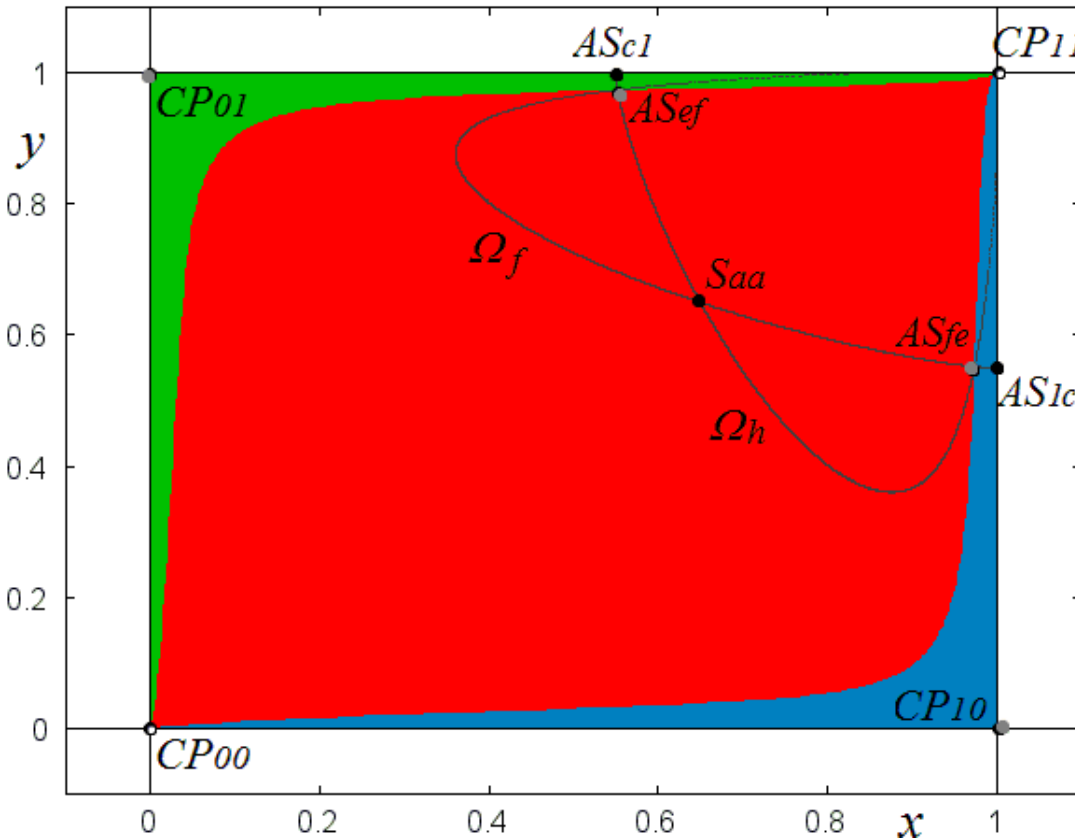


$\Phi = 0.15$

We are in the (red) region :

- Via (subcritical) pitchfork bif.:
 1. the stable symmetric interior fixed point S_{aa} ;
 2. 2 saddles interior asymmetric fixed points: AS_{ef} and AS_{fe} ;
- Four co-existing stable equilibria: CP_{11} , S_{aa} , AS_{c1} , AS_{1c}

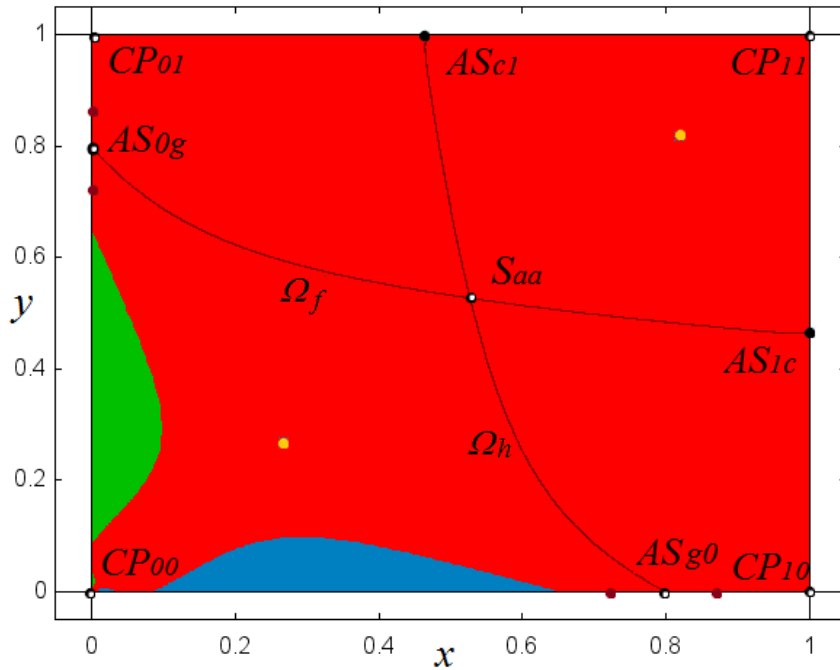
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$$\Phi = 0.134$$

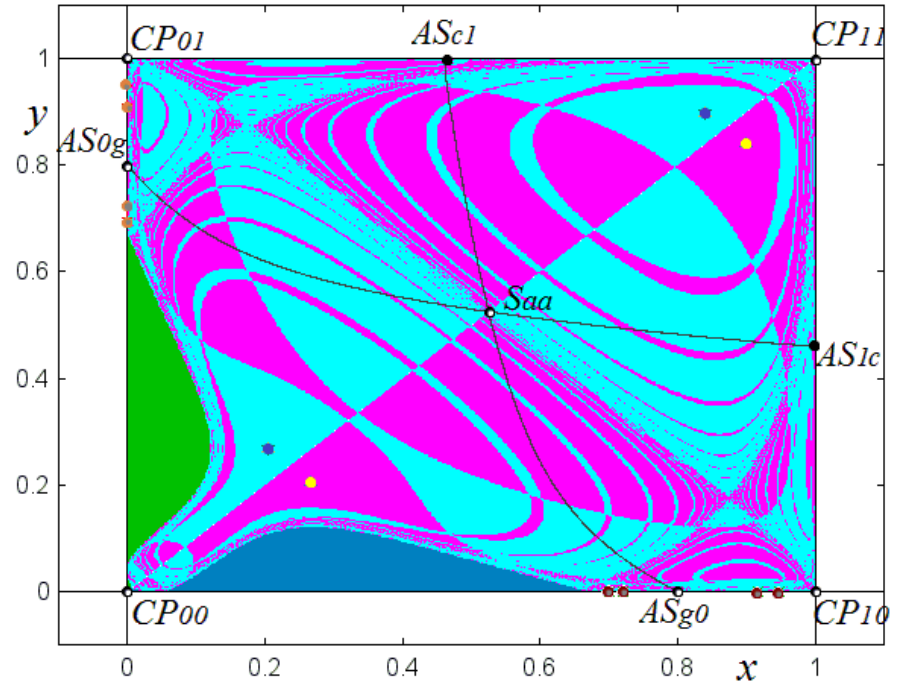
After crossing BT_{d1} , CP_{11} loses stability (merging with S_{bb} , AS_{1d} and AS_{d1});
 three co-existing stable equilibria:
 S_{aa} , AS_{c1} , AS_{1c}
 Further decreasing ϕ , AS_{c1} and AS_{1c} lose stability, S_{aa} only stable equilibrium

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a) $\Phi = 0.01$

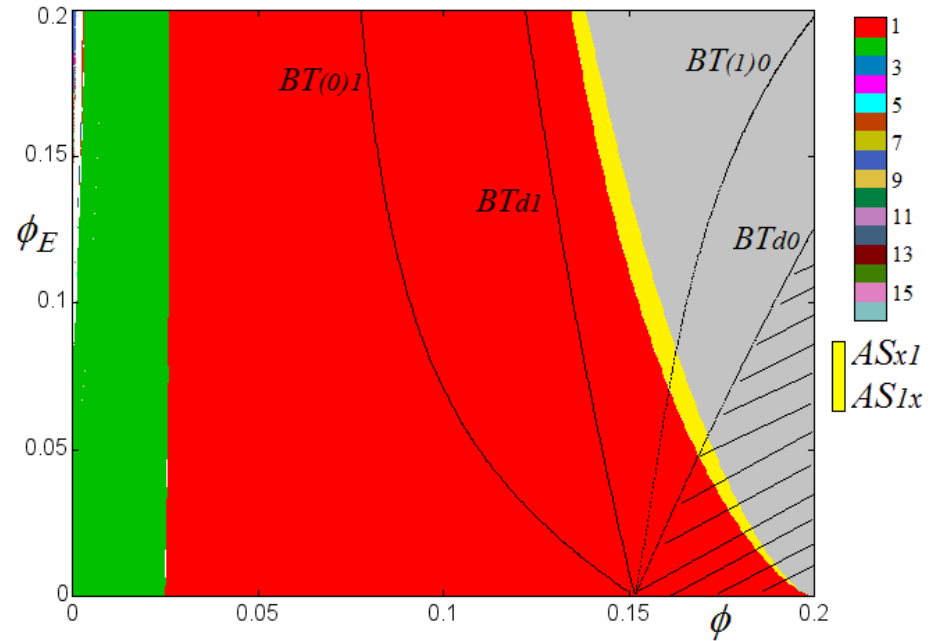
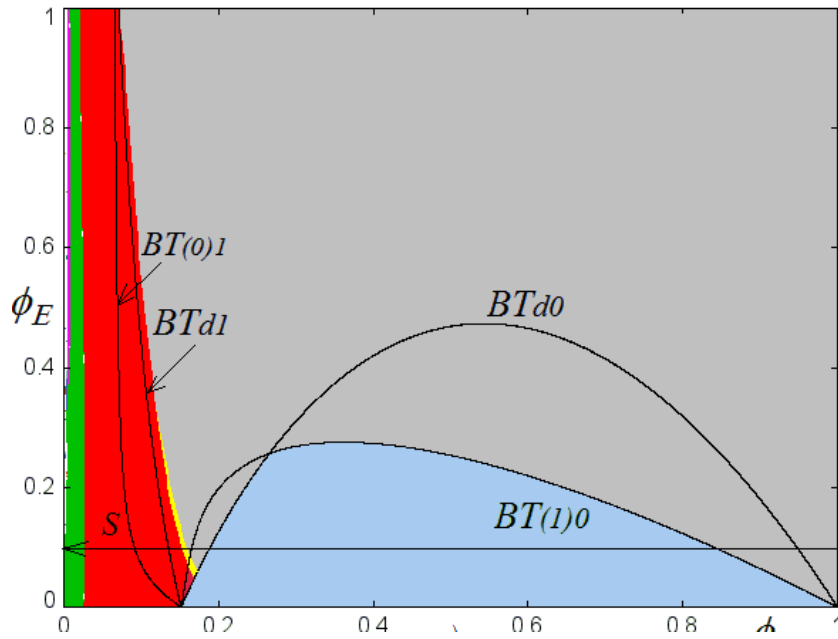
$\gamma = 5$



b) $\Phi = 0.004$

- a) After Flip bifurcation of S_{aa} : attracting 2-cycle (on the diagonal); 2 saddle period-2 cycles (on $y = 0$ and $x = 0$);
- b) After supercritical pitchfork bifurcation of period-2 cycle: 2 stable period-2 cycles (symmetric along the diagonal) ; 2 Saddle period-4 cycles (on $y=0$ and $x=0$);
- a) and b) AS_{c1} and AS_{1c} Milnor attractors.

Bifurcation scenarios varying external trade costs, ϕ_E



ϕ_E is the international trade freeness

Conclusions

1. Increasing internal (and external) trade freeness enhances the likelihood of industrial agglomeration in the two countries
2. Reducing internal (and external) trade freeness increases the likelihood of industrial dispersion within the two countries (but also the emergence of complex behaviour).
3. Increasing the mobility speed could also make more likely agglomeration of industrial activities but this occurrence is much less predictable.
4. Rich multistability scenarios.