



*Discriminant of a good real perturbation of a binary concatenation of two cubic functions. The picture consists of two copies of the cartesian product of a first order cusp with the real line, each one the discriminant of a stable map (a trivial 1-parameter unfolding of the Whitney cusp map). The bi-germ consisting of these two copies of this trivial unfolding, situated so that the two cuspidal edges in the discriminant meet one another, has right-left codimension 1. The picture shows the discriminant of a stable perturbation. A 2-cycle carrying the vanishing homology is outlined in black.*