From Conservative to Dissipative:
Dynamics and Variational Method of Quasi-Hamiltonian Systems

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As the front line of exploring the physical world, Hamilton dynamic system always stands in the stage center of the research on differential equations. Since the Age of Newton, each technological revolution is supported by great breakthroughs of this subject, with no exception. Since 1980s, the variational approach was involved and individually developed, more complicated dynamic phenomena for high dimensional systems was explosively revealed and verified.

In fact, Hamiltonian systems with damping are preciser in describing the realistic physical motions. The presence of stable attractors dominate the global dynamics of the equations. From the viewpoint of variational method, such a kind of systems has an apparent optimal control meaning, which brings us with exuberant variational properties. Moreover, the application on the 1st order PDE drawn the attention of a bunch of famous mathematicians including Arnold, Lions, etc.

This series of reports aims to explore the topological properties and geometric rigidity of quasi-Hamilton systems. We also try to exhibit the research perspective of it on modern physics, astronomy, economics, and even numerical computation, machine learnings.

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Speaker 1: Jianlu Zhang (Institute of Mathematics, CAS)
Title: Global dynamics of the symplectic twist mappings
Abstract: As an object of low-dimensional structure-preserving dynamical systems, symplectic twist mappings become the most thoroughly studied topic in Hamiltonian dynamics because of their wide applications and nice topological properties. The introduction of variational methods also provides numerous intuitive bases for exploring the higher-dimensional dynamics. We will focus on introducing the global parametrization of weak KAM solutions in order to interpret the mechanisms of how the singularities and local transition chains appear.

Speaker 2: Liang Jin (Nanjing University of Science and Technology)
Title: Global dynamics of the characteristic systems for the first order partial differential equations
Abstract: The characteristic systems associated to the first order partial differential equations is an important extension of the classical Hamiltonian systems. In this talk, we will introduce the development of such systems and interpret our recent work on the maximal global attractor (repellor) and global dynamics of these strictly dissipative (stimulating type) characteristic systems. Our results show that a large class of systems with dissipative or stimulating mechanisms could be included in the research framework of the characteristic systems herein.

Speaker 1: Lin Wang (Yau Mathematical Sciences Center)
Title: Contact Hamiltonian systems from the variational viewpoint
Abstract: Based on the Aubry-Mather theory and weak KAM theory in classical Hamiltonian systems, we establish and develop the global action minimizing methods for contact Hamiltonian systems. In this talk, I will introduce the fundamental tools of these methods and the new phenomena of the contact Hamiltonian systems (discovered by these tools), which are quite different from those of classical Hamiltonian systems. This talk is based on a series of joint works with Xifeng Su, Kaizhi Wang and Jun Yan.

Speaker 2: Kai Zhao (Fudan University)
Title: Convergence rate estimates of viscosity solutions of linearly damping Hamiltonian systems
Abstract: Linearly damping Hamiltonian systems, which are special characteristic systems, have wide applications into tidal traction in celestial mechanics, physical models of resistance effect and economic decay effect. Due to the speciality of the first order partial differential equations, experts are concerned with the convergence rate estimates of the associated viscosity solutions in order to obtain the dynamical information of the Aubry sets with variational properties. We will concentrate on the analysis of convergence rate for the two most commonly concerned forms of Aubry sets (KAM tori and hyperbolic periodic orbits).
Speaker 1: Jun Yan (Fudan University)
Title: Hamilton-Jacobi: from classic to contact
Abstract: We introduce the Hamilton-Jacobi methods in classical Hamiltonian systems and contact Hamiltonian systems and discuss about the applications of classical and viscosity solutions of Hamilton-Jacobi equations in dynamical systems.

Speaker 2: Ya-nan Wang (Nanjing Normal University)
Title: ordered structures in Frenkel-Kontorova models
Abstract: Frenkel-Kontorova models (FK models) describe a motion law of a series of interaction particles subjected to given potents. The ordered structures is crucial for the stability of the systems. In this talk, we will mainly talk about the properties of ordered structures in damped FK models, including the criteria for the existence of the leaf-like structures, the properties of foliated structures and so on.

Speaker 1: Tianhong Li (Institute of Mathematics, CAS)
Title: Global structure and regularity of solutions of Hamilton-Jacobi equations
Abstract: Hamilton-Jacobi equations are first order partial differential equations and their characteristic equations are Hamiltonian ordinary differential equations. We study the topological properties and global structures of the singular sets of solutions of Hamilton-Jacobi equations, and the regularity of solutions outside the singular sets. This talk is based on a series of joint works with Jinghua Wang and Hairui, Wen.

Speaker 2: Wei Cheng (Nanjing University)
Title: Preview of the applications of singularities from H-J equations
Abstract: We try to review known and unknown results on singularities and their propagation from Hamilton-Jacobi equations in the past decade. We will emphasize the potential problem and observation for the applications to dynamical systems, geometry, calculus of variation and optimal control and PDE. This talk can be regarded as an extension of the preprint "On and beyond propagation of singularities of viscosity solutions", arXiv:1805.11583, 2018, by Cannarsa and the speaker.
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Speaker 1: Yiqian Wang (Nanjing University)  
Title: On quasi-periodic Schrödinger operators with cos-type potentials  
Abstract: Quasiperiodic Schrödinger operators (QPSO) is the mathematical model for the conductivity on quasi-crystals which was found by a Nobel prize winner. Several great mathematicians have been captivated by this field. In last decades, various methods have been developed in the study of one-dimensional analytic QPSO, which led to a lot of deep results. However, these methods depend heavily on analytic conditions and are difficult to be extended to smooth situations. Recently, a series of sharp results for Sinai's model (QPSO with a $C^2$ cos-type potential and a large coupling) have been obtained. In this talk, we will discuss the roles played by geometric conditions and regularity conditions on the potentials as well as the relationship between them.

Speaker 2: Qiaoling Wei (Capital Normal University)  
Title: Can you hear the shape of a drum: inverse spectral problem of convex planar domains  
Abstract: The famous question "Can you hear the shape of drum?" is raised by M.Kac in 1960. The corresponding inverse spectral problem in Mathematics is: whether a planar domain $\Omega$ can be uniquely determined by its Laplace spectrum consisting of eigenvalues of a Dirichlet problem. On the other hand, some dynamical systems (billiard systems) could be given on $\Omega$, and the length spectrum consists of perimeters of all periodic orbits of a billiard problem inside $\Omega$. The Laplace and length spectra are closely related. We will introduce the history and the recent development of inverse spectral problem, and mainly concerns the related approaches of the length spectra of billiard systems.

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Speaker 1: Xiaojun Cui (Nanjing University)  
Title: Aubry-Mather theory and weak KAM theory in geometrical framework  
Abstract: We will mainly review and summarize the main results of Aubry-Mather theory and weak KAM theory in geometric (Riemann and Lorentz) framework, and discuss some relations between these theories and geometric measure theory, rigidity, geo-dynamics of Wasserstein space, etc.

Speaker 2: Lu Xu (Jilin University)  
Title: Poincare Mechanism in Multi-scaled Hamiltonian Systems  
Abstract: My talk is about the quasi-periodic motions in multi-scaled Hamiltonian systems. It consists of four part. At first, I will introduce the results in integrable Hamiltonian systems since what we focus on is nearly-integrable Hamiltonian system. The second part is the definition of nearly-integrable Hamiltonian system and the classical KAM theorem. After then, I will introduce that what is Poincare problem and some interesting results corresponding to this problem. The last part, which is also the main part, I will talk about the definition and the back ground of nearly-integrable Hamiltonian system, then the persistence of lower dimensional tori on resonant surface, which is our recent result. I will also simply introduce the Technical ingredients of our work.
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Speaker: Xu Cheng (Institute of Computational Mathematics and Scientific/Engineering Computing)  
Title: Optimization methods and dynamical systems  
Abstract: The optimization problem of functions has a long history, from the first order gradient algorithm $O(1/k)$ to second order accelerated gradient algorithm $O(1/k^2)$, from convex optimization to non-convex optimization. In recent years, more and more researchers have understood the acceleration phenomenon from the perspective of the dynamical systems.  
For convex optimization, the discrete algorithm is combined with a continuous dynamical systems. (The limit case of Nesterov’s acceleration gradient method is a second order ODE.) By analyzing the dissipation of this continuous dynamical systems, one can explain the phenomena of acceleration and oscillation. Later on, combined with variational methods, the convergence rate of the continuous systems can reach any polynomial degree $O(1/tp)$; combined with the Hamiltonian systems, designing a symplectic algorithm can also obtain a better optimization algorithm.  
For non-convex optimization, starting from the theory of stable manifolds, the gradient algorithm can be obtained in order to escape from a strict saddle point with probability 1. From this, a series of random algorithms (PGD, PAGD, PSGD) escaping from the saddle points are obtained by adding random perturbations. These similar discrete algorithms can be approximated by their corresponding continuous systems, that is, they can be approximated by stochastic differential equations (SDE). Extracting the dynamical systems from optimization can help to understand the deep connotation of the optimization algorithm. Furthermore, by combining the discrete and continuous systems, new algorithms can be inspired by applications of dynamical systems theory.

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Speaker: Chongqing Cheng (Nanjing University)  
Title: A toolkit for the study of dynamical instability  
Abstract: In this talk, I shall introduce some techniques we invented for the construction of global connecting orbits. Some open problems shall be also proposed for further study.

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Speaker: Diogo Gomes (KAUST)  
Title: A price formation mean-field game model  
Abstract: Here, consider a constrained mean-field game where the price is determined by a supply vs. demand balance condition. We begin by examining problems with a deterministic supply. In this case, we establish the existence of a unique solution using a fixed-point argument. In particular, we show that the price is well-defined, and it is a Lipschitz function of time. Then, we study linear-quadratic models that can be solved explicitly. Finally, we discuss the case where the supply is a random process and in the case of linear-quadratic models discuss how to solve the problem.
Date: September 4, 2020  
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Speaker: Lei Zhao (University of Augsburg)  
Title: KAM stability of the solar system  
Abstract: We will review and comment on some mathematical theories and developments on the stability of the solar system, especially the nonlinear KAM stability.

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Time: 9:00-11:00 am (Beijing Time)  
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Speaker: Xianfeng Gu (State University of New York at Stony Brook)  
Title: A Geometric Understanding of Deep Learning  
Abstract: This work introduces an optimal transportation (OT) view of generative adversarial networks (GANs). Natural datasets have intrinsic patterns, which can be summarized as the manifold distribution principle: the distribution of a class of data is close to a low-dimensional manifold. GANs mainly accomplish two tasks: manifold learning and probability distribution transformation. The latter can be carried out using the classical OT method. From the OT perspective, the generator computes the OT map, while the discriminator computes the Wasserstein distance between the generated data distribution and the real data distribution; both can be reduced to a convex geometric optimization process. Furthermore, OT theory discovers the intrinsic collaborative—instead of competitive—relation between the generator and the discriminator, and the fundamental reason for mode collapse. We also propose a novel generative model, which uses an autoencoder (AE) for manifold learning and OT map for

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Speaker: Zhiyuan Zhang (CNRS, Universite Paris 13)  
Title: Exponential mixing of 3D Anosov flows  
Abstract: We show that a topologically mixing C\^\infty Anosov flow on a 3-dimensional compact manifold is exponential mixing with respect to any equilibrium measure with Holder potential. This is a joint work with Masato Tsujii.
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Speaker: Enrico Valdinoci (University of Western Australia)  
Title: Chaotic orbits for nonlocal equations, the Peierls-Nabarro model, and applications to atom dislocation dynamics in crystals  
Abstract: In this talk we consider a nonlocal equation driven by a perturbed periodic potential. We construct multibump solutions that connect one integer point to another one in a prescribed way. In particular, heteroclinic, homoclinic and chaotic trajectories are constructed. This result regarding symbolic dynamics in a fractional framework is part of a study of Peierls-Nabarro model for crystal dislocations. The associated evolution equation can be studied in the mesoscopic and macroscopic limits. Namely, the dislocation function has the tendency to concentrate at single points of the crystal, where the size of the slip coincides with the natural periodicity of the medium. These dislocation points evolve according to the external stress and an interior potential, which can be either repulsive or attractive, depending on the relative orientations of the dislocations. For opposite orientations, collisions occur, after which the system relaxes exponentially fast.

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Speaker: Stefan Suhr (Ruhr-University Bochum)  
Title: Introduction to Lorentzian Aubry-Mather Theory  
Abstract: The talk will explain the geometric framework of Aubry-Mather theory in Lorentzian geometry and review the main results. If time permits possible future directions and open problems will be discussed.

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Speaker: Guan Huang (Yau Mathematical Sciences Center)  
Title: On the energy transfer to high frequencies in the damped/driven nonlinear Schrodinger equation  
Abstract: We consider a damped/driven nonlinear Schrödinger equation in $\mathbb{R}^n$, where $n$ is arbitrary, \[ \partial_t u + i\Delta u + |u|^2 u = \sqrt{\nu} \eta(t,x), \quad \nu > 0, \] under odd periodic boundary conditions. Here $\eta(t,x)$ is a random force which is white in time and smooth in space. It is known that the Sobolev norms of solutions satisfy $\| u(t) \|_m \leq C \nu^{-m}$, uniformly in $t \geq 0$ and $\nu > 0$. In this work we prove that for small $\nu > 0$ and any initial data, with large probability the Sobolev norms $\| u(t, \cdot) \|_m$ become large at least to the order of $\nu^{-\kappa(n,m)}$ with $\kappa(n,m) > 0$, on time intervals of order $\nu^{-1}/(\nu^{1/2} \kappa(n,m))$. It proves that solutions of the equation develop short space-scale of order $\nu$ to a positive degree, and rigorously establishes the (direct) cascade of energy for the equation. This is a joint work with Sergei Kuksin.
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Speaker: Marie-Claude Arnaud (IMJ-PRG, Université Paris-Diderot)
Title: C^0 integrability for twist map
Abstract: This is a joint work with Maxime Zavidovique. For Hamiltonian systems, the well-known Arnol’d-Liouville theorem tells us that if the system has enough C2 independent integrals, then the space is foliated by invariant Lagrangian submanifolds on which the Dynamics is conjugated to a rotation. We will consider a situation with weaker hypothesis: assume that a symplectic twist map of the annulus has an invariant foliation into continuous curve. What can be said on the this foliation and the Dynamics? After explaining some classical and less classical results in the Hamiltonian case, we will explain recent results on twist maps, e.g. that the invariant foliation is Holder, that with some other hypothesis the restricted dynamics to invariant curve is conjugate to a rotation.