Special Session 25: Long Time Behavior of Hamiltonian and Dissipative Systems

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On Stability of steady-state solutions for the Navier-Stokes equation.

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In this talk we consider the stability of steady-state Navier-Stokes equation in the whole space $\mathbb{R}^3$ driven by a forcing function $f$. We will describe some conditions on the forcing function $f$ which ensure perturbed systems eventually return to the original steady-state.

Existence and Sability of Travelling Waves for a Class of Nonlinear Dispersive Equations

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Considered here is a general class of nonlinear, dispersive wave equations

$$u_t - Lu_x + f(u)_x = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

where $f$ is a nonlinear function, typically, a polynomial with $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$ and $L$ is the dispersion operator defined through its Fourier symbol $\alpha$, say. Thus, $L$ and $\alpha$ are related by

$$\hat{L}v(\xi,t) = \alpha(2\pi\xi)\hat{v}(\xi,t)$$

where

$$\hat{v}(\xi,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(x,t)e^{-2\pi i \xi x} \, dx$$

for all wavenumbers $\xi$. The symbol $\alpha$ is taken to be a real, even continuous function vanishing at the origin and becoming unbounded as $\xi \to \pm \infty$. Theory on existence and orbital stability of solitary wave solutions and cnoidal wave solutions are established.

Existence of global attractor for a periodic Kuramoto-Sivashinsky type

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We consider a periodic Kuramoto-Sivashinsky type equation in space dimension two. We use a Lyapunov function argument to show the boundedness of the solution for large times. We prove the existence of global attractor in $L^2([-L;L]^2)$ when the equation is subject to $L^2$ external force.

Long time behavior of damped Boussinesq systems

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In this talk, we consider the two-dimensional dissipative Boussinesq systems which model surface waves in three space dimension. The long time asymptotics of the solutions for a large class of such systems are obtained rigorously for small initial data. Some numerics are performed. This work is performed with the support of CNRS (Research Program "Waterwaves").

The global attractor for the solutions of the viscous Primitive Equations.

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The system of 3D viscous Primitive Equations models the large scale motions of ocean and atmosphere. We discuss the problem of the global attractor for the 3D viscous Primitive Equations, its existence and its regularities.

Regularity and uniform gradient bounds for solutions of the Primitive Equations of the
Ocean

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We prove the existence of global strong solutions of the primitive equations of the ocean in the case of the Dirichlet boundary conditions on the side and the bottom boundaries and provide uniform gradient bounds.

Orbital stability in a combustion problem

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We study a nonlinear partial differential equation that appears in a combustion problem, and prove the orbital stability of the corresponding front. The analysis involves the Evans function, spectral mapping theorems for linear strongly continuous semigroups, and a priori estimates. This is a joint project with Anna Ghazaryan and Steve Schecter.

Justification of tight-binding approximation for space-periodic problems

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We justify the validity of the discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation for the tight-binding approximation in the context of the Gross-Pitaevskii equation with a periodic potential. We rely on properties of the Floquet band-gap spectrum and the Fourier-Bloch decomposition for a linear Schrödinger operator with a periodic potential. Our analysis is valid for a class of piecewise-constant periodic potentials with disjoint spectral bands, which reduce, in a singular limit, to a periodic sequence of infinite walls of a finite width. The discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation is applied to classify localized solutions of the Gross-Pitaevskii equation with a periodic potential. Time evolution of localized solutions is studied on large but finite time intervals using analysis involving energy estimates and Gronwall’s inequality.

On the energy of singular inviscid flows

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The energy conservation law is an inherent property of classical Hamiltonian systems. In the case of the Euler equation solutions are required to possess a certain minimal degree of regularity predicted by Onsager to obey this law. We will discuss validity of the energy conservation for Onsager-critical singular weak solutions to the Euler equations. We show that if the singular set of the solution is located on a regular low-dimensional family of submanifolds, or forms a smooth family of orientable hypersurfaces (slits), then the energy is conserved. As a consequence all classical 3D and 2D (with zero total circulation) vortex sheets are energy conservative. From the viewpoint of turbulence one may argue that Kolmogorov-type solutions to the Navier-Stokes equation cannot form organized families of singular sets in the limit of vanishing viscosity, as these solutions are likely to possess anomalous dissipation due to non-vanishing energy flux.

Refined Gevrey estimates for the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation

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We consider the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky (KS) equation in finite domains. Our main result provides logarithmic refinement of the Gevrey estimates for the solution of the one dimensional differentiated KS equation. We also show local well-posedness for the two dimensional KS equation and provide an explicit criteria for (eventual) blow-up in terms of the $L^2$ norm.

Random Attractors for the Stochastic FitzHugh-Nagumo System on Unbounded Domains

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We prove the existence of a compact random attractor for the stochastic FitzHugh-Nagumo system defined on the entire space $\mathbb{R}^n$. This random attractor attracts every pulled-back tempered random set under the forward flow. The asymptotic compactness of the random dynamical system is established by uniform estimates on the tails of solutions.

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The 2D dissipative surface quasi-geostrophic equation

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We will report recent results on the issue of global existence and uniqueness of solutions to the dissipative surface quasi-geostrophic (QG) equation and modified surface QG equation. The recent progress by Kiselev, Nazarov and Volberg and by Caffarelli and Vasseur on the critical case will be briefly described and the major results of Constantin and Wu's two papers on the supercritical case will be detailed. In addition, the global regularity result of Constantin, Iyer and Wu on a modified critical dissipative QG equation will be presented.

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Global Dynamics of 3D Gray-Scott Equations

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Based on the recent result of the existence of a global attractor for Gray-Scott equations shown by this author, it is proved further that there exists an inertial set with finite fractal dimension for the 3D Gray-Scott equations on a bounded domain. Alternative proofs are given by showing the squeezing property and by a compact and contracting decomposition of the Fréchet derivative of the solution semigroup.

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Invariant manifold of dynamic spike solutions to a singular parabolic equation

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Consider a nonlinear parabolic equation $u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + f(u)$ on a smooth bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with the zero Neumann boundary condition. In the past years, there had been extensive studies on steady spike solutions. Here a spike solution $u$ is one which is almost equal to zero everywhere except on a ball of radius $O(\varepsilon)$ where $u = O(1)$. In this talk, we show that there exist dynamic spike solutions which maintain the spike profile for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ with the spike moving on $\partial \Omega$. Moreover, these dynamic spike states form an invariant manifold in the function space which is diffeomorphic to $\partial \Omega$.

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