

**OBERWOLFACH SEMINAR: PHASE TRANSITIONS AND  
TURBULENCE INCLUDING FLUIDS  
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How do we model complicated phenomena including fluids like phase transition and turbulence by using differential equations? How do we analyze such equations which are often challenging?

The weak-long “Oberwolfach Seminar 2543b” will be devoted to such questions. The target audience is PhD students or post-doctoral researchers wishing to be quickly immersed in a modern, active research area. The number of participants is limited to 24; priority will be given to young, motivated researchers.

M.-H. Giga and Y. Giga will begin with several axiomatic ways of derivation of the Navier-Stokes-Korteweg type equation, which is a very classical model to describe liquid-vapor phase transition. Some fundamental analysis will be also given.

C. Liu will give lectures on energetic variational approaches for active materials and reactive fluids and their applications in complex fluids. Active materials and reactive fluids play pivotal roles in numerous biological and physical applications. These materials encompass those capable of converting and transducing energy of different types, particularly between mechanical energy and various forms of chemical energy. They are ubiquitous in applications and have gained increasing significance in fields such as clean energy, environmental sciences, and medical and biological systems. In these lectures, C. Liu will present a comprehensive and unified framework to model these specific types of active fluids. This extension is the extension of the classical energetic variational approaches for mechanical systems. These energetic variational approaches can be employed to a broad spectrum of chemical reaction kinetics coupling with mechanical processes.

A. Schlömerkemper will give lectures on the mathematics of materials that show magnetic as well as elastic behaviour. While elastic materials are naturally modelled in the reference configuration, the typical starting point for magnetic materials is the current configuration. A. Schlömerkemper will present different approaches to the modelling and analysis of the coupled system for different materials including magneto-viscoelastic fluids.

T. Yoneda will give lectures on turbulence. Scale decomposition is crucial in the study of turbulence (meteorology). For example, it is important (for all people) to predict large scale weather phenomena such as typhoons and El Nino phenomena, and in these cases it is quite natural to assume that the large scale fluid motions are little affected by small scale motions. T. Yoneda will mathematically explain the recent turbulence study in terms of scale decomposition (i.e. Littlewood-Paley theory). If time allows, he will also explain a practical filter theory and give a short machine learning exercise. In this case we will use Google Collaboratory, so please have a Google account before his lecture.

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- [3] M. Kalousek, S. Mitra and A. Schlömerkemper, Existence of weak solutions to a diffuse interface model involving magnetic fluids with unmatched densities. *Nonlinear Differ. Equ. Appl.* **30** (2023), 52.
- [4] B. Benešová, J. Forster, C. Liu and A. Schlömerkemper, Existence of weak solutions to an evolutionary model for magnetoelasticity. *SIAM J. Math. Anal.* **50** (2018), 1200–1236.

## RECOMMENDED READING FOR YONEDA'S LECTURES

- [1] T. Yoneda, Machine learning code, available at [https://github.com/tsuyoshi-yoneda-math/reservoir\\_realtimefilter](https://github.com/tsuyoshi-yoneda-math/reservoir_realtimefilter)
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