Workshop on
PDEs from biology, ecology and life sciences: models and analysis

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**Venue:** Room TU801, 8/F, Core T, Yip Kit Chuen Building, PolyU

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**Title:** Nonlinear Aggregation-Diffusion Equations in the Diffusion-dominated and Fair-competitions Regimes  

**Speaker:** Jose Antonio Carrillo, Imperial College London, UK  

**Abstract:** We analyse under which conditions equilibration between two competing effects, repulsion modelled by nonlinear diffusion and attraction modelled by nonlocal interaction, occurs. I will discuss several regimes that appear in aggregation diffusion problems with homogeneous kernels. I will first concentrate in the fair competition case distinguishing among porous medium like cases and fast diffusion like ones. I will discuss the main qualitative properties in terms of stationary states and minimizers of the free energies. In particular, all the porous medium cases are critical while the fast diffusion are not. In the second part, I will discuss the diffusion dominated case in which this balance leads to continuous compactly supported radially decreasing equilibrium configurations for all masses. All stationary states with suitable regularity are shown to be radially symmetric by means of continuous Steiner symmetrisation techniques. Calculus of variations tools allow us to show the existence of global minimizers among these equilibria. Finally, in the particular case of Newtonian interaction in two dimensions they lead to uniqueness of equilibria for any given mass up to translation and to the convergence of solutions of the associated nonlinear aggregation-diffusion equations towards this unique equilibrium profile up to translations as time tends to infinity. This talk is based on works in collaboration with S. Hittmeir, B. Volzone and Y. Yao and with V. Calvez and F. Hoffmann.

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**Title:** Size-structured populations with distributed states at birth  

**Speaker:** Peter Hinow, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA  

**Abstract:** Age-structured models have been employed successfully in population dynamics for a long time and are considerably well understood. In contrast to such models where every individual is born at the same age 0, size-structured models allow to take into account different, distributed birth sizes. "Size" here can be a quite general concept, for example mass, energy content or pathogen load in a disease model. This results a birth operator that takes values in an infinite-dimensional Banach space and complicates greatly the mathematical analysis. In this survey, we will describe some examples of models that we investigated in a series of joint papers with Jozsef Farkas (University of Stirling, United Kingdom). The emphasis will be on questions such as asymptotic growth for linear models and the existence and stability of steady states for
nonlinear models.

**Title:** Global Solvability and Large Time Behavior to a Chemotaxis Model with Nonlinear Diffusion  
**Speaker:** Chunhua Jin, South China Normal University, China  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we discuss a chemotaxis model with porous medium slow diffusion \( \Delta u^m \) (\( m > 1 \)). We consider this problem in a bounded domain of \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) with zero-flux boundary condition, and it is shown that for any large initial datum, for any \( m > 1 \), the problem admits a global uniformly bounded weak solution. Subsequently, the large time behavior of the solutions are also discussed. The methods and results of this paper are also applicable for the coupled chemotaxis-Stokes system. In particular, for the case without bacteria proliferation, the present results improved the work of Tao, Winkler et.al [2013, Ann. I. H. Poincar´e AN; 2015, CVPDE; 2018, JDE], in which the global existence or boundedness is established for \( m > \frac{7}{6} \), \( m > \frac{8}{7} \), \( m > \frac{9}{8} \), respectively.

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**Title:** Boundedness, stabilization and pattern formation of the prey-taxis systems with nonrandom motion  
**Speaker:** Haiyang Jin, South China University of Technology, China  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we shall establish the global boundedness and stability of the predator-prey system with non-random motion in a two-dimensional bounded domain with Neumann boundary conditions. We first establish the existence of classical solution with uniform-in time bound. Then by constructing Lyapunov functionals, we establish the global stability of the prey-only steady states and coexistence steady states under certain conditions on parameters. At last, we also discuss the pattern formations with numerical simulations. This is a joint work with Prof. Zhi-An Wang (PolyU).

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**Title:** Chemotaxis model in the immunology  
**Speaker:** Hyung Ju Hwang, Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), South Korea  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we discuss how chemotaxis affects immune system by proposing a minimal mathematical model, a reaction-diffusion-advection system, describing a cross-talk between antigens and immune cells via chemokines. We analyze stability and instability arising in our chemotaxis model and find their conditions for different chemotactic strengths and numerical simulations are also performed to the model. We study the global well-posedness of the system and analyze the stability and instability arising in our chemotaxis model. Then we find their conditions for different chemotactic
strengths by using energy estimates, spectral analysis and bootstrap argument. Furthermore we also analyze the bifurcation to investigate the instability type. From the analytical and numerical results for our model, we explain not only the effective attraction of immune cells toward the site of infection, but also hypersensitivity when chemotactic strength is greater than some threshold.

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**Title:** Invasion of Open Space by Two Competing Species  
**Speaker:** Adrian Lam, Ohio State University, USA  
**Abstract:** I will discuss a question raised by Shigesada and Kawasaki in Chapter 7 of their monograph, concerning the spreading properties of two competing species on the real line when the initial values are null or exponentially decaying in a right half-line. In the case of compactly supported initial values, we prove that the first species spreads with the KPP speed of the single species, whereas the speed of the second species can be given by an exact formula depending on the speed of the first species. This is joint work with Leo Girardin (Paris VI). If time allows, I will also talk about some recent progress obtained with Qian Liu (OSU and Renmin Univ. of China).

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**Title:** Global weak solutions and boundedness for 3-D chemotaxis-fluid system with p-Laplacian diffusion  
**Speaker:** Yuxiang Li, Southeast University, China  
**Abstract:** We consider an incompressible chemotaxis-Navier-Stokes system with p-Laplacian diffusion under homogeneous boundary conditions of Neumann type for density of bacteria and concentration of nutrient, and of Dirichlet type for fluid in a bounded convex domain with smooth boundary in $\mathbb{R}^3$. First we prove that if $p>32/15$ and under appropriate structural assumptions on parameters, for all sufficiently smooth initial data, the model possesses at least one global weak solution. Then we prove that for the incompressible chemotaxis-Stokes system, the global weak solutions is bounded whenever $p>25/12$.

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**Title:** Threshold dynamics of a partially degenerate viral infection model with spatial heterogeneity  
**Speaker:** Hongying Shu, Shanxi Normal University, China  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we study a general viral infection model with spatial diffusion in virus and two types of infection mechanisms. The model is a partially degenerate reaction-diffusion system, whose solution map is not compact. We identify the basic reproduction number $R_0$ and explore the properties
of $R_0$ when the virus diffusion parameter varies from zero to infinity. Moreover, we demonstrate that the basic reproduction number is a threshold parameter for the global dynamics of our model system: the infection and virus will be cleared out if $R_0 \leq 1$, while if $R_0 > 1$, the infection persists and the model admits a unique positive infection steady state which is globally attractive. Numerical simulation supports our theoretical results and suggests an interesting phenomenon: boundary layer and internal layer may occur when the diffusion parameter tends to zero.

**Title:** Steady States of Keller-Segel Systems with Porous Medium Diffusion: Existence, Classification and Stability  
**Speaker:** Qi Wang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we study the steady states of a Keller-Segel system with porous medium diffusion over a finite interval. In particular, we classify, in terms of the chemo-attraction rate, and investigate the existence and stability of the followings: i) constant steady states; ii) positive steady states; iii) compactly supported steady states. This talk is based on a work joint with Xinfu Chen (University of Pittsburgh) and Zhian Wang (Hong Kong Polytechnic University).

**Title:** Steady-state and dynamical solutions of Poisson-Nernst-Planck systems  
**Speaker:** Xiang-Sheng Wang, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA  
**Abstract:** Poisson-Nernst-Planck systems are used to model the dynamics of ions in a narrow membrane channel. The potential distribution is governed by the electric balance of different ions, while the ion fluxes are the combinations of random movement and the electric drift induced by the potential gradient. We will derive asymptotic formulas for the steady-state and dynamical solutions to the model system which couples an elliptic equation with several parabolic equations.

**Title:** Propagation dynamics of a time periodic and delayed reaction-diffusion model without quasi-monotonicity  
**Speaker:** Zhi-Cheng Wang, Lanzhou University, China  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we consider a time periodic non-monotone and nonlocal delayed reaction-diffusion population model with stage structure. We first prove the existence of the asymptotic speed $c^*$ of spread by virtue of two auxiliary equations and comparison arguments. We then establish the existence of time periodic traveling wave
solutions with speed $c \geq c^*$. Finally, we obtain the nonexistence of traveling wave solutions for speed $c < c^*$.

**Title:** Enhancement of biological reaction by chemotaxis  
**Speaker:** Yao Yao, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA  
**Abstract:** In this talk, we consider a system of equations arising from reproduction processes in biology, where two densities evolve under diffusion, absorbing reaction and chemotaxis. We prove that chemotaxis plays a crucial role to ensure the efficiency of reaction: Namely, the reaction between the two densities is very slow in the pure diffusion case, while adding a chemotaxis term greatly enhances reaction. While proving our main results we also obtain a weighted Poincare's inequality for the Fokker-Planck equation, which might be of independent interest.
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