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VENUE: Technical University Berlin, Institute for Mathematics, Str. des 17. Juni 136, 10623 Berlin, Room MA313/314

PROGRAMME:

9:40–10:30: Mark Peletier (University of Technology Eindhoven)

Unification of diffusion and reaction: derivation of the law of mass action

Abstract: Over the last ten years it has become understood how many diffusion equations can be equipped with a gradient-flow structure, based on the entropy as the driving force and the Wasserstein distance as the opposing 'brake'. In this talk I shall describe recent efforts to also bring reactions into this structure, by describing the reaction process as a Brownian motion in a chemical-energy landscape.

10:40–11:30: Utpal Manna (MPI Leipzig)

An Application of Stochastic Stackelberg Differential Games in Conflict Management

Abstract: There is broad agreement that global climate change may have substantial impacts on water resources. As multiple countries share a river, the likelihood of a water resource conflict stemming from climate change is higher in a transboundary setting. In this talk, using the framework of a stochastic Stackelberg differential game, we will explore the scope of cooperative bargain between an upstream and a downstream country over the level of transboundary water sharing by negotiating some non-water related issues of mutual interest to both the countries, given uncertainty in the river flow due to climate change. [Joint work with A. Bhaduri (University of Bonn), J. Liebe (University of Bonn), E. Barbier (University of Wyoming)].

11:40–12:30: Reinhold Schneider (Technical University Berlin)

Analysis of the projected Coupled Cluster Method in Electronic Structure Calculation

Abstract: The electronic Schrödinger equation plays a fundamental role in molecular physics. It describes the stationary nonrelativistic behaviour of a quantum mechanical N-electron system in the electric field generated by the nuclei. The (Projected) Coupled Cluster Method has been developed for the numerical computation of the ground state energy and wave function. It provides a powerful tool for high accuracy electronic structure calculations. The talk aims to provide a rigorous analytical treatment and convergence analysis of this method. If the discrete Hartree-Fock solution is sufficiently good, the quasi-optimal convergence of the projected coupled cluster solution to the full CI (Configuration Interaction) solution is shown. Under reasonable assumptions also the convergence to the exact wave function can be shown in the Sobolev H^1 -norm. The error of the ground state energy computation is estimated by an Aubin-Nitsche-type approach. Although the Projected Coupled Cluster method is nonvariational it shares advantages with the Galerkin or CI method. In addition it provides size consistency, which is considered as a fundamental property in many particle quantum mechanics.

Everybody is welcome to attend.