Workshop on Moduli Spaces of Pseudoholomorphic Curves II Talk Schedule

Events for: Monday, June 2nd - Friday, June 6th

Monday, June 2nd

8:00am Breakfast/registration - SCGP Cafe

9:00am Joel Fish - SCGP 102

Title: Motivating polyfolds I: sc-calculus

Abstract: TBA

10:00am Coffee Break - SCGP Cafe

10:30am Kenji Fukaya - SCGP 102

Title: TBA

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11:30am Short Break

11:45am Octav Cornea - SCGP 102

Title: Fukaya category for monotone, cylindrical Lagrangians

Abstract: Lagrangians with cylindrical ends appear in many natural contexts. The simplest examples are curves in the plane that are horizontal at infinity. In more generality, such Lagrangians can be viewed as relators of the Lagrangian submanifolds contained in the fibre of a symplectic or, more generally, a Lefschetz fibration over the disk. To make rigorous the meaning of these relations in terms of modern Floer machinery one option is to define a Fukaya category with objects these cylindrical Lagrangians. Assuming that all Lagrangians involved are monotone, I will describe the technical issues that arise in this construction as well as the approach to this problem as it appeares in joint work with Paul Biran (ETH).

12:45pm Lunch - SCGP Cafe

2:30pm Aleksey Zinger - SCGP 102

Title: Computing Gromov-Witten invariants of hypersurfaces

Abstract: Relating GW-invariants of a projective hypersurface (and more generally of a complete intersection in a toric variety) has been key to establishing ``classical"" mirror symmetry for GW-invariants of such hypersurfaces. Known as Quantum Lefschetz Hyperplane Principle, it was first suggested by Kontsevich in the genus 0 cases about 20 years ago. I will explain why its obvious extensions fail in positive genus, what happens in genus 1 (established about 10 years) and should happen in higher genus (and likely to be established by J. Niu in genus 2 in the near future).

3:30pm Tea Time - SCGP Lobby

Tuesday, June 3rd

8:00am Breakfast - SCGP Cafe

9:00am Joel Fish - SCGP 102

Title: Motivating polyfolds II: splicings, retracts, and M-polyfolds

Abstract: TBA

10:00am Coffee Break - SCGP Cafe

10:30am Bai-Ling Wang - SCGP 102

Title: L^2-symplectic vortices and the associated invariants

Abstract: TBA

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4:00pm John Pardon - SCGP 102

Title: Hamiltonian Floer homology via implicit atlases

Abstract: I will introduce the notion of an implicit atlas, which is roughly a convenient system of local finite-dimensional reductions. I will then construct implicit atlases on the moduli spaces relevant for Hamiltonian Floer homology. For this, it is particularly important to describe how the atlases on different moduli spaces are related to one another. Finally, I will introduce the "VFC package", which provides tools for defining and working with the virtual fundamental cycle of a space equipped with an implicit atlas. In particular, I will show how to use it to define Hamiltonian Floer homology from the implicit atlases constructed earlier.

Wednesday, June 4th

8:00am Breakfast - SCGP Cafe

Title: Motivating polyfolds III: polyfolds and local charts in Gromov-Witten

Abstract: TBA

10:00am Coffee Break - SCGP Cafe

10:30am Chris Woodward - SCGP 102

Title: Floer trajectories and stabilizing divisors

Abstract: I will talk about a joint project with F. Charest which uses stabilizing divisors to regularize moduli spaces of Floer trajectories with boundary in rational Lagrangians, and, in particular gives a definition of Hamiltonian Floer cohomology for rational symplectic manifolds; the rationality assumption implies that there is a stabilizing divisor which makes the Lagrangian exact in the complement, by results of Borthwick-Paul-Uribe in the K\"ahler case, and Auroux-Gayet-Mohsen, in the rational symplectic case. Although the stabilizing divisor approach has some limitations, it seems useful in situations where one wants to do computations, in particular, the effect of reverse minimal model transitions on Fukaya categories.

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Thursday, June 5th

9:00am Nate Bottman - SCGP 102

Title: Geometric composition and strip-shrinking

Abstract: In work-in-progress with Katrin Wehrheim, we aim to construct an Aoo-bifunctor GC: (Fuk(M0- x M1), Fuk(M1- x M2)) --> Fuk(M0- x M2) which sends (L01,L12) to the geometric composition of L01 and L12 and is defined on morphisms in terms of singular quilts. These singular quilts are the figure eight bubbles which arose as conjectural obstructions in Wehrheim--Woodward's study of strip-shrinking, with the additional decoration of any number of marked points on each of the seams. Toward a Fredholm theory for these singular quilts, we prove a collection of elliptic estimates, two consequences of which are a Gromov compactness theorem for strip-shrinking and a removal of singularity for figure eight bubbles. I will discuss how the strata in the relevant moduli spaces fit together, and state some algebraic consequences of the putative Aoo-bifunctor GC, such as the existence of integral transform-like Aoo-functors between Fukaya categories.

10:00am Coffee Break - SCGP Cafe

10:30am Bohui Chen - SCGP 102

Title: Augmented L^2-symplectic vortices and quantum [Q, R]=0

Abstract: TBA

11:30am Short Break

11:45am Nick Sheridan - SCGP 102

Title: The Fukaya category of a Calabi-Yau manifold relative to a divisor I

Abstract: Hamiltonian Floer cohomology for CY manifolds is comparatively simple to construct essentially because the relevant pseudo-holomorphic spheres occupy a small subset of the manifold - but Floer cohomology for Maslov-zero Lagrangian submanifolds of a CY manifold is technically hard, because transversality for disc bubbles requires "virtual" techniques. The situation is drastically simpler for exact Lagrangians in an exact complement to a symplectic divisor in a CY manifold, because discs are stabilized by their intersections with the divisor. In this pair of talks, we outline the construction of a version of the Fukaya category based on Lagrangians of this type. While disadvantageous for applications to symplectic topology, we believe that this relative Fukaya category is the "right" one for homological mirror symmetry, where it carries more information than the absolute Fukaya category. The first talk will set the relative Fukaya category in context, and begin to explain the pseudo-holomorphic curve theory that goes into its construction. That explanation will continue in the second talk.

2:30pm Huijun Fan - SCGP 102

Title: Constructing the quantum invariants of singularities (FJRW invariants)

Abstract: I will explain my earlier joint work with T. Jarvis and Y. Ruan on constructing the quantum invariants of singularities (FJRW theory) by the analytic technique from symplectic geometry.

3:30pm Tea Time - SCGP Lobby

4:00pm Mohammed Abouzaid - SCGP 102

Title: Family Floer cohomology

Abstract: TBA

6:00pm Workshop Banquet

Friday, June 6th

8:00am Breakfast - SCGP Cafe

9:00am Chris Wendl - SCGP 102

Title: Stabilizing divisors in practice

Abstract: Cieliebak and Mohnke defined rational Gromov-Witten invariants by using Donaldson hypersurfaces as auxiliary data to achieve transversality. Their method can also be used in various applications where one would like to remove unwanted words like ""semipositive"" from statements of theorems. In this talk, I will outline two such applications in symplectic and contact topology: (1) All contact hypersurfaces in a uniruled symplectic manifold separate; (2) Any contact manifold containing a ""small"" plastikstufe admits no weak symplectic fillings. Both results require a slight extension of the original Donaldson-Auroux estimated transversality theory, provided by a recent result of Mohsen.

10:00am Coffee Break - SCGP Cafe

10:30am Michael Hutchings - SCGP 102

Title: Cylindrical contact homology of dynamically convex contact forms in three dimensions

Abstract: I will discuss some joint work with Jo Nelson on the foundations of cylindrical contact homology of dynamically convex contact forms in three dimensions. Index calculations show that there is no problem in defining the differential by counting J-holomorphic cylinders for generic J. In the proof that d^2=0, a potential difficulty arises from possible degenerations involving branched covers of trivial cylinders, but intersection theory can be used to rule out the relevant degeneration. The proof of invariance has much worse difficulties. We resolve these using S^1-dependent almost complex structures similarly to work of Bourgeois-Oancea. We also need to use "obstruction bundle gluing" to deal with certain degenerations involving branched covers of trivial cylinders. The proof of invariance in fact shows that cylindrical contact homology of dynamically convex contact forms lifts to an invariant with integer coefficients, which can be described directly in terms of J-holomorphic curves for a generic (S^1-independent) J, with one exotic term.

11:30am Short Break

11:45am Tim Perutz - SCGP 102

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