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## **Preface**

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## Plenary Lecture I

### Modeling Muddy Flash Floods and Debris Flows



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**Abstract:** After long and intense rains in a mountainous region, large quantities of water flow in the torrents. For some reason, this flow can be obstructed by cross-linked branches and debris (natural dam). When the hydrostatic pressure exerted by the fluid exceeds a given yield value, the dam collapses and the fluid is released inside and outside the torrent bed, as well. Such scenario known as a dam-break flow can describe the initiation of certain geological flows, (debris flows, mudflows, etc.). As for any gravity current, the flow description depends on the time scale. Immediately after the dam collapse, the inertial forces are the dominant ones and this configuration can model a flash flood. Flash floods develop at time and space scales that conventional observation systems are not able to monitor, so reliable modelling remains a crucial step. At larger time scale, a viscous regime takes place where the viscous forces become the dominant ones and this configuration can model a classical debris flow. Debris floods develop in a long domain, i.e. a domain of space that is much longer than it is wide. They generally erode their bed and transport much energy and can move rocks and boulders upon very long distances. Both, the flash floods and the debris floods constitute dangerous phenomena for public safety and quality of life. The originality of the present approach is to consider these two flood waves as special cases of a single global model of a dam-break flow of a muddy fluid; depending on the time scale. The study was experimental, analytical and numerical, as well. The experimental study consisted in designing model fluids to be used in the laboratory experiments, characterizing these synthetic muds and monitoring the corresponding dam-break flows in the laboratory. While the theoretical study consisted in stating the equations of motion governing the different flows studied, and solving them in their non dimensional form, both analytically and numerically.

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## Plenary Lecture II

### The use of Integral Transforms for analytic solution of pre-stressed thin plate on elastic foundation under axisymmetric loading



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**Abstract:** In the past, the model of a thin plate on an elastic foundation was mainly used in structural applications. Currently, thin plates or films of metal, ceramic or synthetic materials are bonded in the surface of machine structural parts or electronic devices to improve their mechanical, thermal, electronic or tribological properties. At these applications, the sub-grade of the thin plate can be simulated as a Winkler-type foundation, which reacts with pressure proportional to the deflection of the plate at each point. The plates in the above applications are loaded by vertical (distributed or concentrated) loads or bending moments, as well as by in-plane forces (compressed or stretched) due to e.g. temperature effects. A large number of analytical or numerical research works have been published to solve several boundary value problems of a classical thin plate or a thin plate on an elastic foundation. However, few research works have been published concerning the differential equation of a pre-stressed thin plate on an elastic foundation, due to its complexity. In the present work, an exact solution of the problem of an infinite circular thin plate on an elastic foundation under combined axisymmetric vertical and radial in-plane forces is attempted. For this purpose, the Hankel's integral transforms and generalized functions properties are used. Numerical examples are included.

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## Plenary Lecture III

### On the eigenvalues optimization of beams with damping patches



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**Abstract:** The paper discusses the behavior of beams with external nonlocal damping patches. Unlike ordinary local damping models, the nonlocal damping force is modeled as a weighted average of the velocity field over the spatial domain, determined by a kernel function based on distance measures. The performance with respect to eigenvalues is discussed in order to avoid resonance. The optimization is performed by determining the location of patches from maximizing eigenvalues or gap between them.

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## Plenary Lecture IV

### In Depth Analysis of the Analogies among Entropy, Information and Sensation. The Concept of Time in Thermodynamics



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**Abstract:** In teaching Thermodynamics, to analyse the analogies of Entropy, Information, Sensation it might be proven very useful in helping the overall understanding of the students of those difficult concepts. Indeed all those three properties are expressed by similar equations, essentially the same one famous  $S=k\ln W$  equation, the only "epitymbion" equation (that is the equation which is engraved in the tomb of a Human, Ludwig Boltzmann). The teacher, to our opinion, should highlight and analyze the similarities and the differences of the various forms of this equation when applied to Entropy (Boltzmann) Information (Shannon) and Sensation (Heffner-Weber) respectively. The chemical and geometrical aspects of Sensation will be discussed, too. This lecture is based on the main idea that an additive accumulation in the  $W$  variable produces an increased Intensity of a feeling in the  $S$  variable which is logarithmically related to  $W$ . Beyond these three forms mentioned above an extension in to the concept of Time, a rather obscure and mysterious variable in the field of Thermodynamics, both the objective Time and the perceived Time (the "temps vaicu" in french, the Time as it is felt by Man).

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