



ORAL DEFENCE OF THE PHD THESIS

Friday 15th November 2024 – at 4.00 pm

Department of Mathematics Seminar Room 1

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New and old sub-Riemannian challenges bridging analysis and geometry

Abstract:

We propose a systematic exposition of some analytic and geometric problems arising from the study of sub-Riemannian geometry, Carnot-Carathéodory spaces and, more broadly, anisotropic metric and differential structures. We begin with a very quick overview of recent results in the areas of calculus of variations and PDEs. After that, we focus on a major open problem in sub-Riemannian geometry, namely the Bernstein problem in sub-Riemannian Heisenberg groups. We give an exposition of known results and remaining open issues, and we present a solution in the second sub-Riemannian Heisenberg group, highlighting the new tools that we employed and the remaining open questions.

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