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MONDAY JUNE 1

- 9:00 - 9:40 R. Burridge, Courant Institute, Poroelastic equations from microstructure
- 9:40 - 10:20 P. Saffman, Cal. Inst. Tech., Fingering in porous media
- 10:20 - 10:40 BREAK
- 10:40 - 11:20 J. Berryman, Bell Laboratories, Elastic waves in fluid-saturated porous media
- 11:20 - 12:00 S. Childress, Courant Institute, Approximations of Brinkman type
- 12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 - 2:10 R. O'Connell, Harvard Univ., Porous media, self-consistent methods
- 2:10 - 2:50 D. Johnson, Schlumberger-Doll, Elastodynamics in porous fluid-saturated solids
- 2:50 - 3:10 BREAK
- 3:10 - 3:50 V. Twersky, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago Circle, Propagation and attenuation in composite media
- 3:50 - 4:30 J. Lebowitz, Rutgers Univ., Kinetics of cluster growth in quenched alloys
- 4:30 - 5:10 L. Tartar, Univ. of Paris Orsay, Optimal bounds in homogenization and applications
- 5:10 - 5:50 D. J. Bergman, Tel Aviv University, Resonances in the bulk properties of composite media -- theory and applications

TUESDAY JUNE 2

- 9:00 - 9:40 N. Ashcroft, Cornell University, Electromagnetic propagation in mixed media
- 9:40 - 10:20 Ping Sheng, Exxon Res., 'Structural units' and the effective medium calculation of composite dielectric constants
- 10:20 - 10:40 BREAK
- 10:40 - 11:20 G. Papanicolaou, Courant Institute, Upper and lower bounds for conductivities in random media
- 11:20 - 12:00 I. Webman, Courant Institute, Diffusion on random networks
- 12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 - 2:10 M. Cohen, University of Chicago, Topology, geometry and physical properties of porous rocks
- 2:10 - 2:50 M. Lax, City University of N.Y., Coherent medium approach to hopping conductivity

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- 2:50 - 3:10 BREAK
- 3:10 - 3:50 P. Sen, Schlumberger Res., A self-similar model for
acoustic and electrical response in rods
- 3:50 - 4:30 T. Odagaki, City University of N.Y., Hopping conduction
in one dimensional chains
- 4:30 - 5:10 M. Vogelius, Courant Institute, A projection method
applied to diffusion in a periodic structure

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

- 9:00 - 9:40 A. Acrivos, Stanford University, Slow flow and heat
transfer past isotropic arrays of spheres and
cylinders
- 9:40 - 10:20 J. Percus, Courant Institute, Fluctuation corrections
to the mean field description of a nonuniform fluid
- 10:20 - 10:40 BREAK
- 10:40 - 11:20 J. B. Keller, Stanford University, Reflection and
scattering from rough surfaces
- 11:20 - 12:00 R. V. Kohn, Courant Institute, Homogenization as a tool
for engineering design optimization
- 12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 - 2:10 D. Drew, Rensselaer Poly. Inst., Wave propagation in
a bubbly liquid
- 2:10 - 2:50 W. Kohler, Virginia Poly. Inst. and State Univ.,
Upper and lower bounds for effective parameters
- 2:50 - 3:10 BREAK
- 3:10 - 3:50 V.V. and V.K. Varadan, Ohio State Univ., Computation
of the frequency dependence of the average dielectric
constant in discrete random media
- 3:50 - 4:30 D. McLaughlin, Courant Inst. and Univ. of Arizona,
Self consistent convection of flows with micro-
structure
- 4:30 - 5:10 G. W. Milton, Cornell University, A comparison of two
methods for deriving bounds on the effective
conductivity of composites

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EDITORS' PREFACE

During the first three days of June, 1981, a conference was held at the Courant Institute on the macroscopic behavior of disordered media. We are grateful to the Exxon Research Corporation for the grant which made this conference possible.

The present volume contains most of the papers presented at this conference.

Research work on the macroscopic behavior of disordered media is very broad, ranging from applied engineering and experimental studies to more basic physics. It covers such diverse areas as numerical simulations, the numerical solution of phenomenological macroscopic equations, and mathematical investigations of the validity of macroscopic equations obtained from microscopic laws. In order to facilitate communication between the participants and to limit the length of the conference we decided to focus attention on the passage from microscopic to macroscopic laws and associated mathematical problems. We therefore excluded experimental and numerical studies. However, even within the areas selected, we left many problems such as localization, surface effects, fluid mixtures, etc., unrepresented.

During the course of the conference it became clear that there is a significant concentration of scientists in the New York metropolitan area actively engaged in research on macroscopic effects. Professor Morrel Cohen suggested that perhaps an informal conference among specialists take place annually (or more frequently) in order to exchange ideas and identify problems of theoretical and applied interest.

We expect to hold such an informal gathering at the Courant Institute in early summer 1982.

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