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**« ON THE EXTENSION OF CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS AND
OPTIMAL CONTROL TO MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES
(BY ALBERTO LOVISON AND FRANCO CARDIN) »**

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Abstract: In this talk we will illustrate some real world problems where optimization is the tradeoff between two or more objective functionals. We will illustrate how such tradeoff with variable weights realizes a parametric family of solution curves. This allows for solving inverse problems in the following sense: if a physical or natural process generates a family of different solutions, one can infer information on the objective functions optimized in tradeoff, gaining relevant insights in the process studied.

Among the applications we consider the case of the xylematic conduits, i.e., the micron scaled tubes transporting the water inside vascular plants. We observe how the diversity in the realizations of such conduits can be ascribed to a variety of possible tradeoffs between two very natural objectives: maximize the transported water while minimizing the construction costs due to carbon consumption.

Finally we consider optimal control with respect to several objectives at the same time, and explore a possible reformulation of the Pontryagin Maximum Principle, which is named Pareto-Pontryagin MP. The dynamical version of the origin of the xylematic conduits considered for CdV is revisited as an optimal control problem.

Tutti gli interessati sono invitati a partecipare.