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## Minimal surfaces and smooth autonomous dynamical systems in $2D$

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**Abstract:** In this talk, an autonomous dynamical system on a two-dimensional manifold  $M$  will be identified with an exterior differential system  $(\Sigma, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a three-dimensional Riemannian manifold in  $\mathbb{R} \times TM \simeq J^1(\mathbb{R}, M)$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  is the Pfaffian system generated by the contact forms on  $\Sigma$ . We will show that it is possible to construct a minimal but not necessarily totally geodesic surface in  $\Sigma$  characterized by the corresponding dynamical system. As a particular case, a nontrivial minimal surface in the Heisenberg group will be discussed.

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