



**The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Department of Applied Mathematics**

## **Colloquium**

On

**Finite Element Approximation for  
Reissner-Mindlin Plates**

by

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### **Abstract**

The Reissner-Mindlin plate model is one of the most commonly used models of a moderate-thick to thin elastic plate. However, a direct finite element approximation usually yields very poor results, which is referred to LOCKING phenomenon.

In the past two decades, many efforts have been devoted to the design of locking free finite elements to resolve this model, most of these work focus on triangular or rectangular elements, the latter may be extended to parallelograms, but very few on quadrilaterals.

In this talk we will give an overview of the recent development of low order quadrilateral elements and present some of our new results.

**Date : 18 March 2011 (Friday)**  
**Time : 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Venue : Departmental Conference Room HJ610  
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