

## The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

## **Department of Mathematics**

## **Departmental Colloquium**

by

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### <u>Abstract</u>

### Talk 1: It's harder to splash on soft solids

When a drop hits a rigid surface fast enough, it makes a splash which causes (often undesirable) satellite droplets to form. Various methods to mitigate this have been investigated in recent years. Here we show that impact onto a soft substrate can suppress splashing. We show experimental results, with numerical simulations and a simple theoretical analysis.

#### Talk 2: Kings of Swing: kiiking and other pumping pursuits

An innocent children's activity has unexpectedly mathematical ramifications .....

Date: Friday, 2 February 2018

Time: 2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.

Venue: Room 4475, Academic Building

(near Lifts 25&26), HKUST

All are welcome!