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**Date:** Wednesday, November 29th, 2023.

**Schedule:** 13:00, *coffee break*; 13:20, talk.

**Place:** UPC (FME aula 005) and Zoom.

**Language:** English.

**Title:** An interior regularity result for the MEMS problem

**Abstract:** In this talk we present an interior regularity result for the class of stable solutions to a semilinear elliptic equation with a singular nonlinearity. The class of nonlinearities that we consider are real-valued functions defined on  $[0,1)$  which are positive, nondecreasing, and whose integral on  $[0,1)$  is infinite. This equation is a generalization of a model for the deflection of a dielectric elastic membrane in a microelectromechanical system (MEMS). Solutions to this equation are critical points of an

associated energy functional. We say that a solution is stable when the second variation of the energy at the solution is nonnegative. Under a growth assumption on the nonlinearity, we are able to prove that every stable solution is regular up to the optimal dimension,  $n=6$ .

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