

**Homogenization-convergence
and optimization of eigenvalues**

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The H-convergence and the G-convergence are two types of homogenization-convergences that are used to address the existence of optimizers in the problems of Structural Optimization. The course is particularly aimed to the application of these convergences to optimization of eigenvalues associated with wave equations in structured media, e.g., in the context of Photonics. The main goals are:

- Various definitions of H-/G-convergence and connections between these definitions.
- Optimization of eigenvalues of selfadjoint partial differential operators and systems.
- The G-closure problem and modeling of composite materials.
- Wave equations, Photonics, and the associated spectral theory.

If there is time, recent developments in optimization of eigenvalues of nonselfadjoint differential operators and resonances will be discussed, as well as connections with Γ -convergence.

Prerequisites: Basic PDE, basic Functional Analysis (Lebesgue-spaces, linear PDEs, Banach spaces, strong/weak/weak-* convergences).

Basic knowledge of the following topics may be useful, but not necessary: Basic understanding of Sobolev spaces and operators with discrete spectra in Hilbert spaces.

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