Homogenisation of Ambrosio-Tortorelli type functionals

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In this talk we analyze the limit behaviour of general, singularly perturbed, elliptic functionals of Ambrosio-Tortorelli type.

Under mild hypotheses on the integrands, and requiring in particular that the volume integrand grows superlinearly in the gradient-variable, we show that the functionals converge to a Mumford-Shah type functional. Namely, the limit is a free-discontinuity functional whose surface integrand does not depend on the crack opening. This is a byproduct of a volume-surface decouplying effect.

Finally we see an application to the case of homogenisation of gradient damage models.

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