

Construction of coarse approximations for a Schrödinger problem with highly oscillating potential

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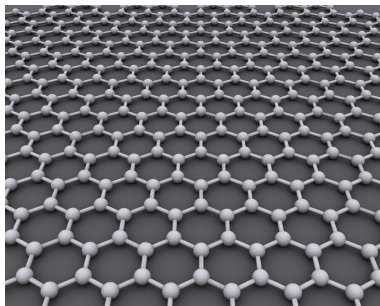
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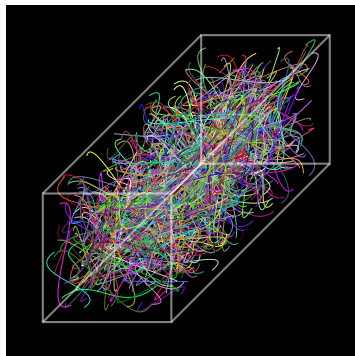
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Inverse problems

- have been widely studied ([Calderón problem](#), 1980)
- may involve more complexity (e.g. partial measurements available, finite number of available measurements, ...).
- are **(very) HARD** to solve ! (existence/uniqueness/stability issues...)

Multiscale Context

Our study focuses on **multiscale** systems (e.g. composite materials, lungs). Such systems naturally leads to **ill-posed inverse problems** (see [Lions05]).



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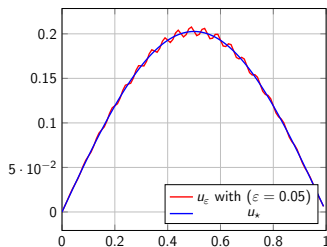
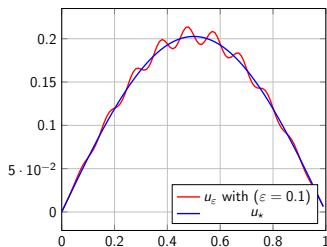
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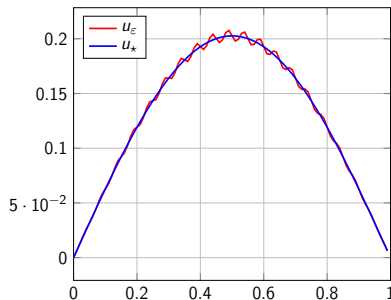
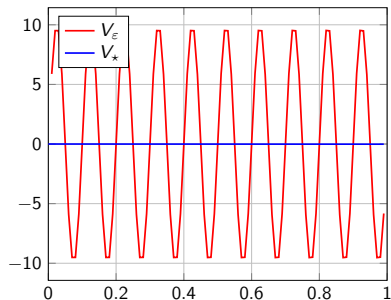


Figure: Two similar solutions associated to two very distinct potentials

An Inverse Multiscale Problem

How to tackle such problems ?

General approach :

- **Direct Inversion** (see [Uhlmann13]),
- **Perturbation** (see [Ammari08]),

Approach based on homogenization (see [Nolen12]):

- **Features Determination** (see [Engquist14]),
- **Regularization at order 0**, identifying effective quantity (see [Ammari16, Caiazzo20]),
- **Regularization at order 1**, beyond effective quantity : H^1 reconstruction (see [Garnier23, LeBris18]).
- **Inverse Homogenization** (see [Cherkaev01])

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Our strategy

- is inspired by homogenization theory,
- does not rely on classical hypothesis for homogenization (such as periodicity) which may be too restrictive in practical situations,
- can be adapted to a wide range of other elliptic equations (see [LeBris18]),
- is valid outside the regime of homogenization (i.e. $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$).

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Hence we can **minimize** the **worst case scenario** with the optimization problem

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The choice of an $L^2(\Omega)$ norm is reminiscent of the fact that $\|u_\varepsilon - u_\star\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ tends to 0 with ε .

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Theoretical considerations :

Proposition (Asymptotic consistency, periodic case)

Consider the problem (4). In the periodic setting, we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} I_\varepsilon = 0. \quad (5)$$

Furthermore, for $\varepsilon > 0$ fixed (sufficiently small), there exists a unique minimizer $\overline{V}_\varepsilon^0 \in \mathbb{R}$. The following convergence holds :

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \overline{V}_\varepsilon^0 = V_\star. \quad (6)$$

A consistency result

$$\text{Let } \Phi_\varepsilon(\bar{V}) = \sup_{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}=1} \|(-\Delta)^{-1} (-\Delta + \bar{V}) (u_\varepsilon(f) - \bar{u}(f))\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

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For ε sufficiently small, the functional Φ_ε is continuous and convex.

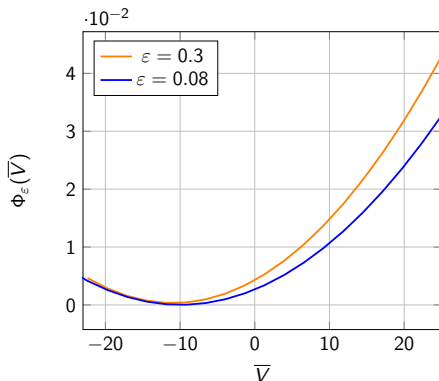


Figure: Convexity of Φ_ε .

Numerical results

We use an alternating direction algorithm in 2D ($\Omega = [0, 1]^2$) using the potential

$$V(x, y) = \pi^2 \sqrt{8} (\sin(2\pi x) + \sin(2\pi y)).$$

We approximate the supremum by a maximization over the first eigenmodes of $(-\Delta)$ -operator. In practice, a *single* mode is sufficient in order to find the *single* coefficient \overline{V} .

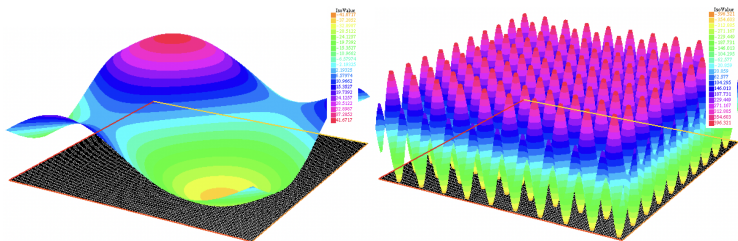


Figure: Potential V and Oscillating Potential $V_\epsilon = \epsilon^{-1} V(\epsilon^{-1} \cdot)$.

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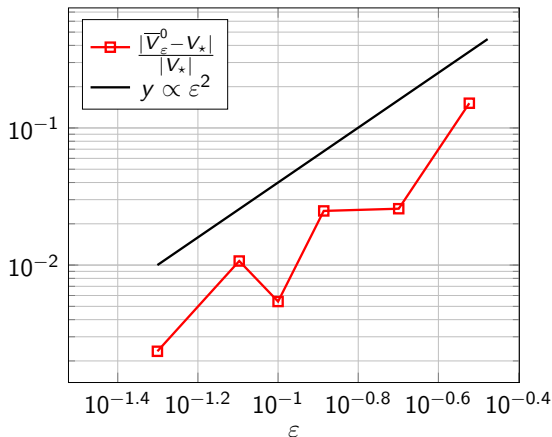


Figure: Error between the homogenized potential V_* and the effective potential $\overline{V}_\varepsilon^0$ as a function of ε .

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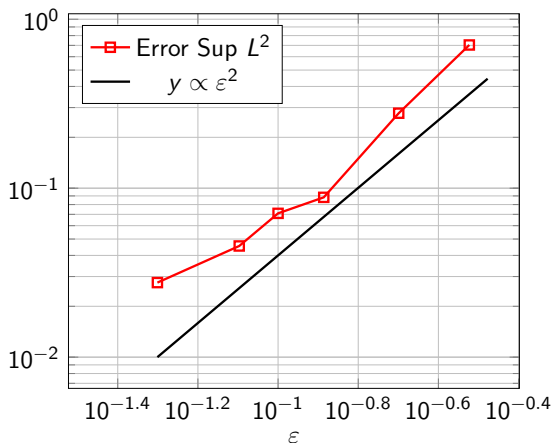


Figure: Error $\sup_{f \in \text{Span}_{1 \leq p \leq 10}(f_p)} \left(\frac{\|u_\varepsilon(f) - u(\bar{V}_\varepsilon^0, f)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{\|u_\varepsilon(f)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} \right)$ as a function of ε . (\bar{V}_ε^0 computed with $P = 3$)

Recovering an H^1 -approximation

In the periodic setting, homogenization theory assesses that u_ε converges to u_\star strongly in $L^2(\Omega)$, but only **weakly in $H^1(\Omega)$** . We wish to recover within our strategy a satisfying $H^1(\Omega)$ approximation. The strategy consisting in considering the problem (7) is a dead-end.

$$I_\varepsilon^{H^1} = \inf_{\overline{V} \in \mathbb{R}} \sup_{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}=1} \|u_\varepsilon(f) - u(\overline{V}, f)\|_{H^1(\Omega)}. \quad (7)$$

How can we go further ?

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Inspired by this statement, we define $\overline{C}_{\varepsilon}^0$, an approximation of $(\nabla w)(\varepsilon^{-1}\cdot)$, as the minimizer of (9).

$$I_{\varepsilon}^{corr} = \inf_{\overline{C} \in \mathbb{P}^0} \sup_{\|f\|_{L^2}=1} \|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}(f) - \nabla u(\overline{V}_{\varepsilon}, f) - u(\overline{V}_{\varepsilon}, f) \overline{C}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (9)$$

where $u(\overline{V}_{\varepsilon}, f)$ is to be understood as an approximation of $u_{\star}(f)$ (which holds since $\overline{V}_{\varepsilon} \approx V_{\star}$).

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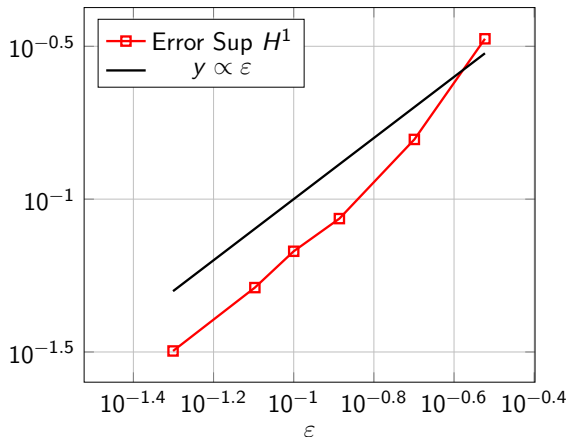








Figure: H^1 maximal error $\sup_{f \in \text{Span}_{1 \leq p \leq 10}(f_p)} \left(\frac{\|\nabla u_\varepsilon(f) - \nabla u(\bar{V}_\varepsilon^0, f) - u(\bar{V}_\varepsilon^0, f) \bar{C}_\varepsilon^0\|_{L^2(\Omega/\partial\Omega)}}{\|\nabla u_\varepsilon(f)\|_{L^2(\Omega/\partial\Omega)}} \right)$ as a function of ε . (\bar{V}_ε^0 and \bar{C}_ε^0 computed with $P = 3$)

In progress :

- **Robustness analysis** : what happens if the data is blurred/perturbed/deteriorated/... ?
- Exploring **other type of data** : starting from the knowledge of macroscopic data (e.g. energy $\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^2 + V_{\varepsilon} u_{\varepsilon}^2$) instead of microscopic ones.

Thank you !

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Supremum or Maximum ?

For small ε , homogenization assesses $u_\varepsilon(f) \rightarrow u_\star(f)$ in $L^2(\Omega)$. Hence for all $f \in L^2(\Omega)$, we have

$$\|(-\Delta)^{-1}(-\Delta + \overline{V})(u_\varepsilon(f) - \overline{u}(f))\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{\|(-\Delta)^{-1}(-\Delta + \overline{V})(u_\star(f) - \overline{u}(f))\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2}_{= \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{H}_\star^{\overline{V}}(f) f}.$$

The study of $\mathcal{H}_\star^{\overline{V}}$ shows that it has the same eigenvalues (in the same order) as $-\Delta$.

Hence the supremum is well approximated by a maximization on the first eigenmodes :

$$\sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{H}_\star^{\overline{V}}(f) f}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2} \approx \max_{f \in \text{Span}(\phi_p)_{p=1}^P} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{H}_\star^{\overline{V}}(f) f}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2}$$