Sets of matrix polynomials with bounded rank and degree and their generic eigenstructures

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Setting (V): Motivation for the problems considered in this talk

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