

Graphs and Groups

Bâtiment M2, First Floor, Salle de Réunions

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Travel to the Mathematics Department by public transportation:

From railway stations in Lille to underground station. The two main railway stations in Lille are “Lille Europe” and “Lille Flandres”. The two stations are within 5 minutes walking distance.

In “Lille Flandres”, there is an underground station with a direct underground connection (underground line 1) to the scientific campus. To get there from the railway station “Lille Europe”, leave through the unique escalator leading downstairs under the bridge (instead of upstairs on the bridge), onto the esplanade “François Mitterand”. Continue under this bridge, to your left you shall see a large shopping center called “Euralille” and a nice sculpture called “The Tulips of Shangri-La” by the Japanese sculptor Yayoi Kusama.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/doc18/31267498/>

By which time you may have started to like Lille, which is the right thing to do. After walking upwards between the shopping center and the bridge you will see the underground entrance in front of the shopping center.

Underground. In “Lille Flandres”, take line 1, direction “4 Cantons”. The price of a ticket is 1.40 Euro, that of a set of 10 tickets is 11.40 Euro. You can buy tickets from a vending-machine in each station. Some vending-machines accept bank notes and you do not need to have the exact change. You have to validate your ticket before access to the platform. The website of the underground company in Lille is

<http://uk.transpole.fr/>

From Lille Flandres to the Department. Get off at the last-but-one stop “Cité scientifique”. You are in the center of the scientific campus. To get to the Maths Department from “Cité scientifique”, walk along the underground line (which is now overground) in the direction of the next station (“4 Cantons”) towards a big circular building (the Main Library). You will see to your right a building on top of which there is a big aerial. This is one of the buildings of Mathematics “M1”. The conference room is located in “M2”, the building behind “M1” and connected to “M1” by a covered walk.

From the underground station “Lille Flandres” to the conference room it takes about 25 minutes.

Travel to Lille

From Paris-Gare du Nord to Lille (1h) Take a train Paris-Lille. There are two railway stations in Lille: Gare Lille-Flandres and Gare Lille-Europe. Both are convenient (see explanations above). Almost all trains are TGV's (Trains à Grande Vitesse): they will take you to Lille in one hour. TGV's run every hour or so.

From Paris-Orly Airport to Paris-Gare du Nord (less than 90mn)

Take the "Orlyval" shuttle, get off at Antony. Then take the metro RER-Line B to Gare du Nord (alternative solution: take a bus "Orlybus" to Paris, get off at "Denfert-Rochereau" in Paris and then take the metro RER-Line B to Gare du Nord).

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport directly to Lille (50mn) There is a TGV line going directly from Roissy airport to Lille. This is the shortest and easiest option, but there are fewer trains than from Paris-Gare du Nord.

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport to Paris-Gare du Nord (less than 45mn) Take the metro RER-Line B to Gare du Nord.

From Brussels to Lille (less than 1h30) There are regular shuttles from the airport to the central railway station. Then take a train to Lille.

From Lille-Lesquin airport to Lille city center (less than 15mn) There are regular shuttles to the center of Lille.