

wavenumber-explicit hp -FEM analysis for the Helmholtz equation in heterogeneous media

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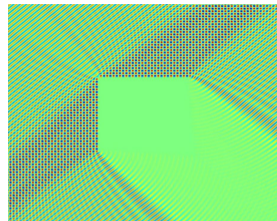
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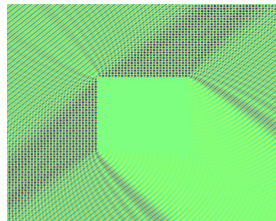


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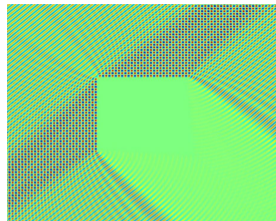
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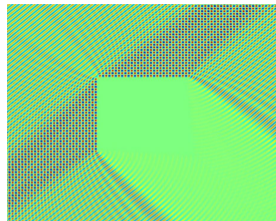
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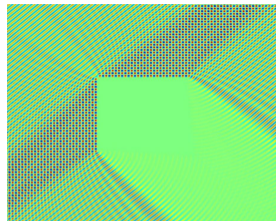
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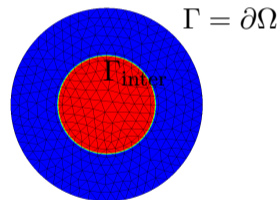
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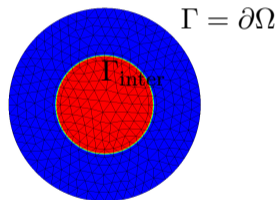


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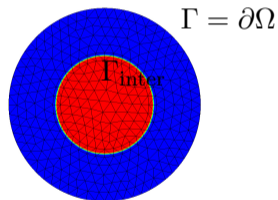


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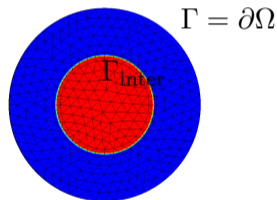


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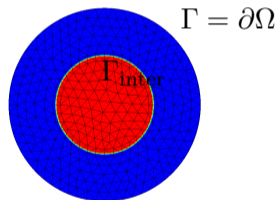


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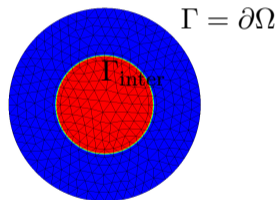


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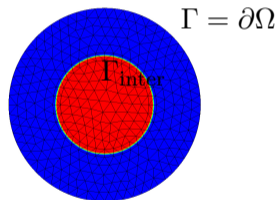


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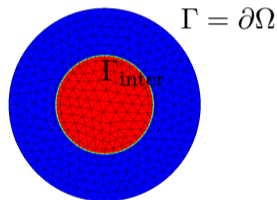
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- boundary conditions $\partial_{n_A} u - T^- u = g$ (later)



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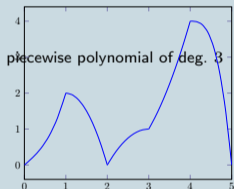
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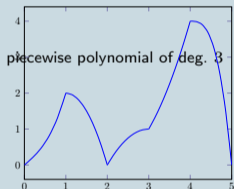
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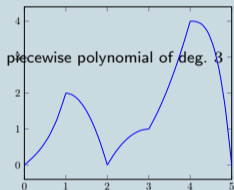
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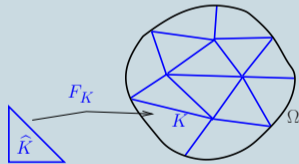
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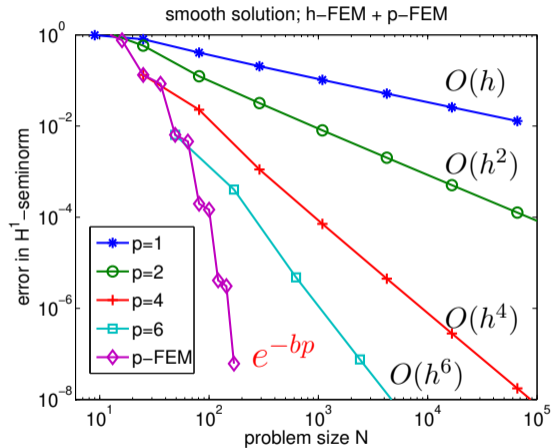
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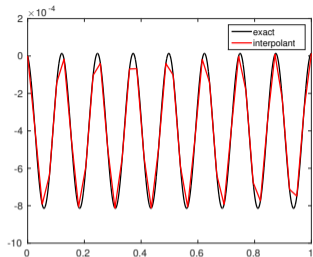
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h -FEM vs. p -FEM for Poisson problem



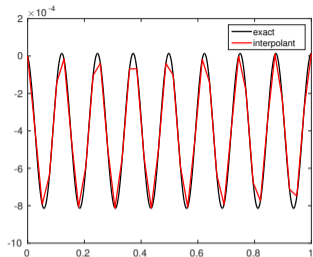
- Poisson problem on $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$
- smooth solution $u(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$
- FEM-convergence in energy norm:
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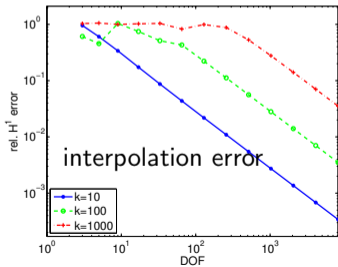


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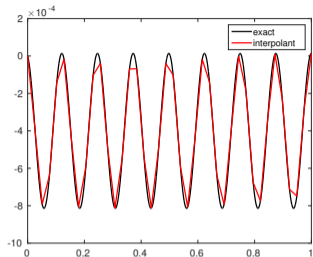
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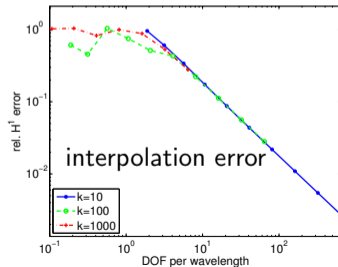
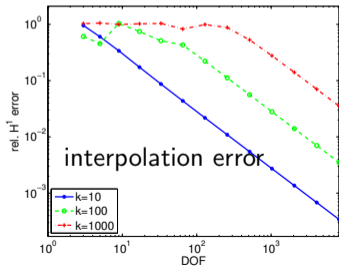
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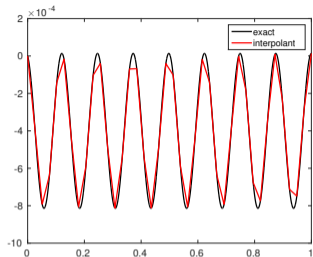
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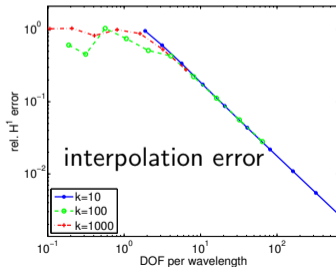
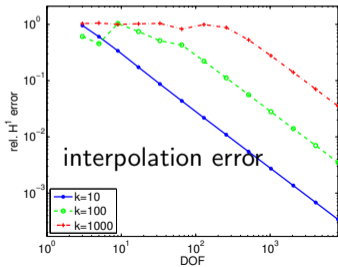


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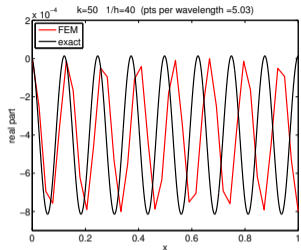


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Observe: (interpolation) error per wavelength is independent of k

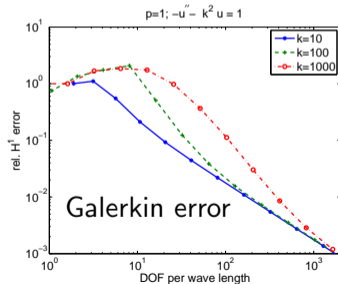
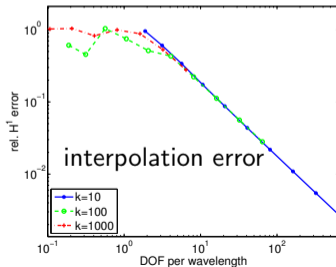
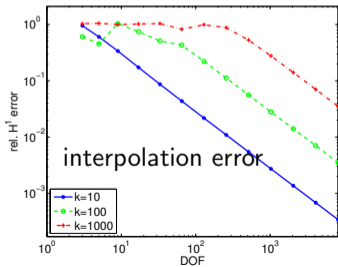


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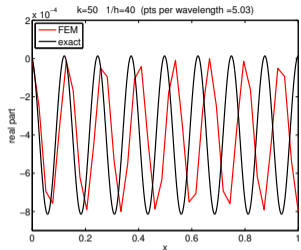


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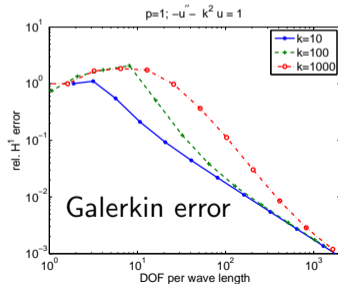
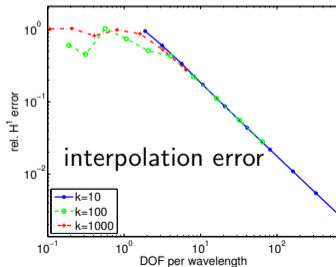
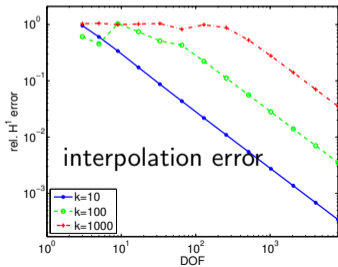


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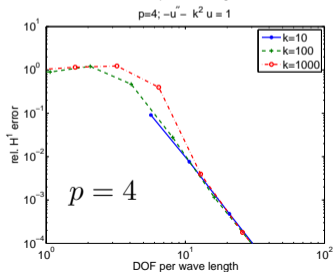
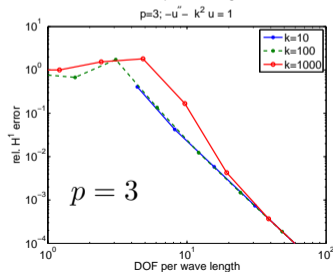
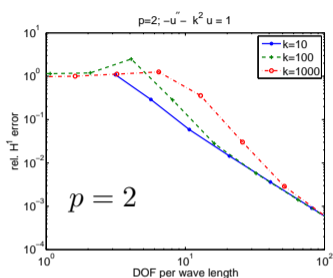
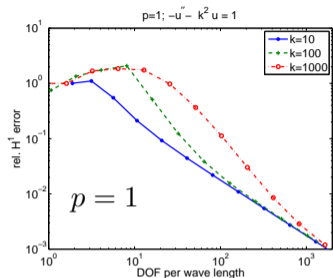


dispersion error:

- fixed number of DOF per wavelength (" $kh = \text{constant}$ ") **not** sufficient to achieve **given** (rel.) accuracy
- Babuška & Sauter: this is the case for **every** 9-point stencil (in 2D)



Galerkin error, higher order methods



observation

- high order methods are **less prone** to dispersion errors

literature

- math. analysis on structured grids and homogeneous media:
Babuška & Ihlenburg, Ainsworth, . . . ,
- math. analysis on unstructured grids and homogeneous media:
Melenk & Sauter
- h -version for heterogeneous media:
Chaumont-Frelet & Nicaise

→ 2D results

Quasi-optimality of Galerkin hp -FEM

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Theorem (Bernkopf, M. & Chaumont-Frelet, '21+)

Let Γ be analytic. Let A and n be piecewise analytic, with analytic interface Γ_{inter} . Assume **polynomial well-posedness** of the continuous problem. Let the mesh be aligned with Γ_{inter} . Given $c_2 > 0$ there exists c_1 , independent of k, h, p such that under the **scale resolution condition**

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the discretized problem is uniquely solvable, and there holds

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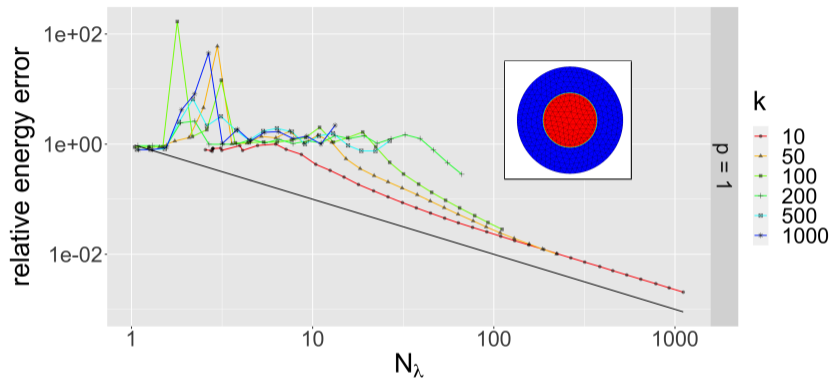
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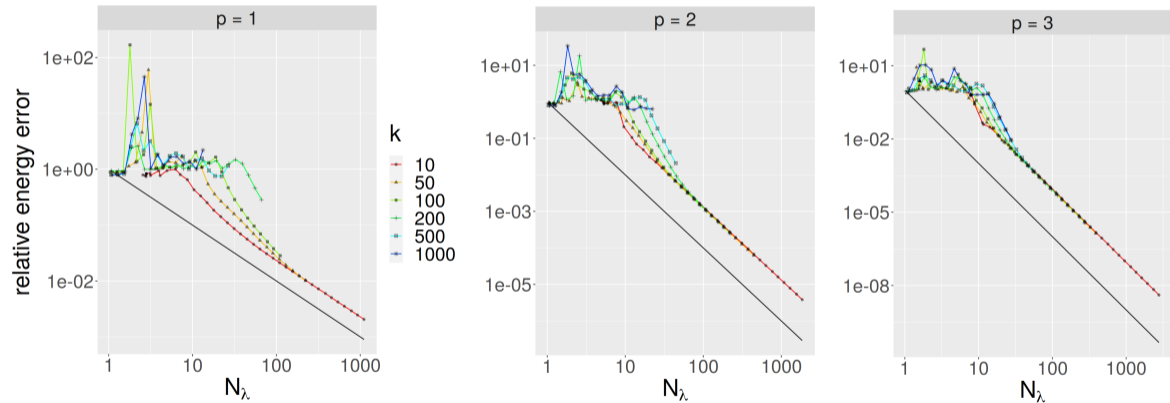
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Analysis

facts and assumptions on the continuous problem

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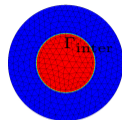
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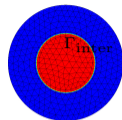
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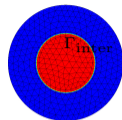
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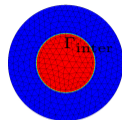
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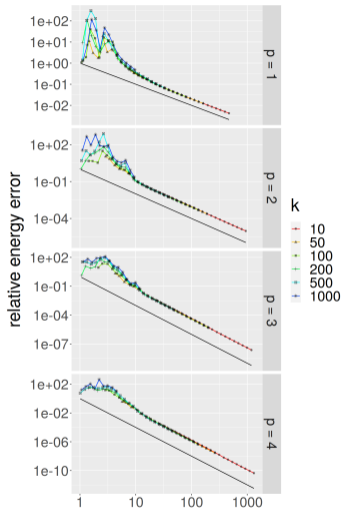
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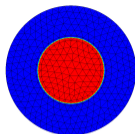
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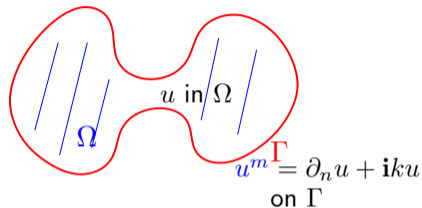
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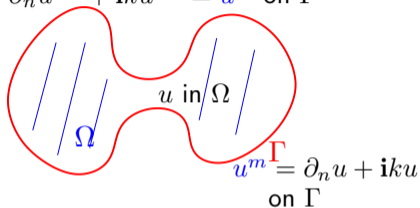
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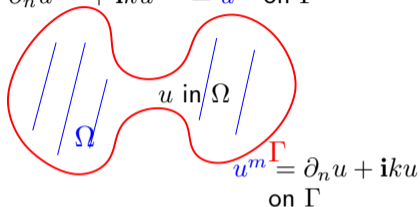
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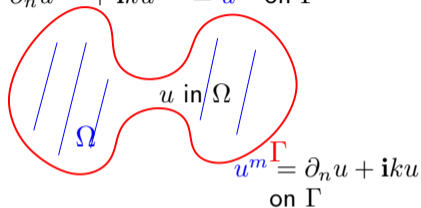
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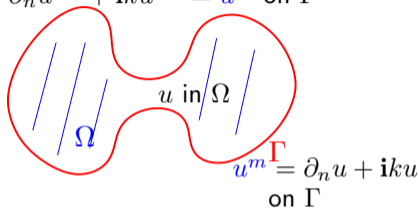
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realization of $u^{\text{ext}} := \mathcal{P}_{ItD}^+ u^m$ using combined field equations

$$\mathcal{B}_k u^{\text{ext}} + \mathbf{i}k \mathcal{A}'_k u^{\text{ext}} - \mathcal{A}'_k u^m = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_k := -W_k - \mathbf{i}k \left(\frac{1}{2} - K_k \right), \quad \mathcal{A}'_k := \frac{1}{2} + K'_k - \mathbf{i}k V_k$$

fact: $\mathcal{B}_k + \mathbf{i}k \mathcal{A}'_k$ invertible for all $k > 0$

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Theorem (Quasi-optimality of Galerkin hp -FEM: k -explicit analysis)

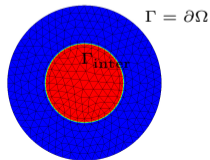
Let Γ be analytic, and let A and n be piecewise analytic, with analytic interface Γ_{inter} . Given $c_2 > 0$ there exists c_1 , *independent* of k , h , p such that under the *scale resolution condition*

$$\frac{kh}{p} \leq c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad p \geq c_2(1 + \log k)$$

the discretized problem is uniquely solvable, and there holds

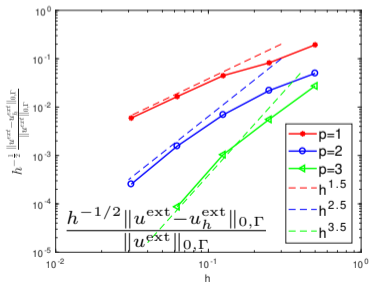
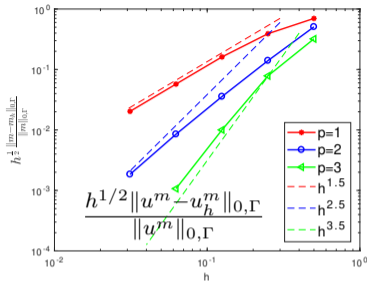
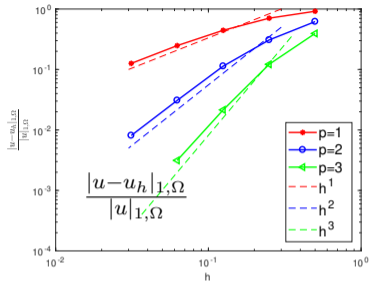
$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{E,k} \lesssim \inf_{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h^{\text{conf}}} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_h\|_{E,k}$$

with implied constant *independent* of k .



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mortar coupling, p.w. smooth coefficient, h -version



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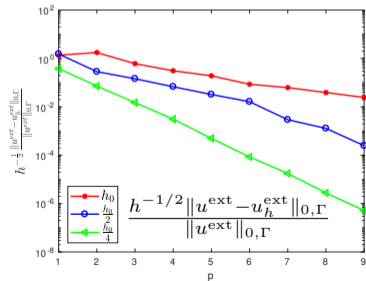
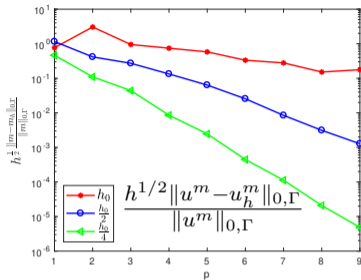
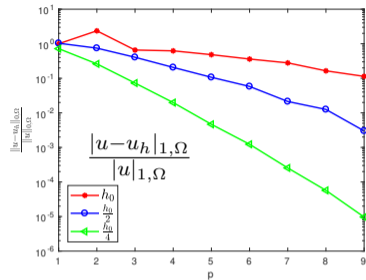
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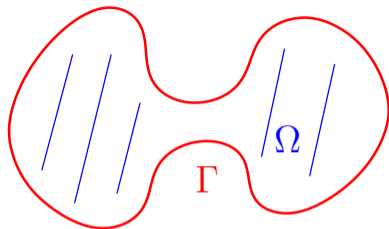
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Maxwell

model problem: impedance problem in homogeneous media

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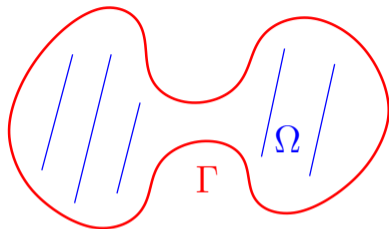
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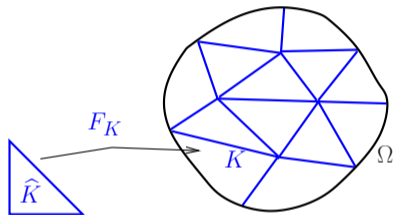
difference to Helmholtz

- Gårding inequality for $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ not (directly) available
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H(curl)-conforming discretization with hp -FEM

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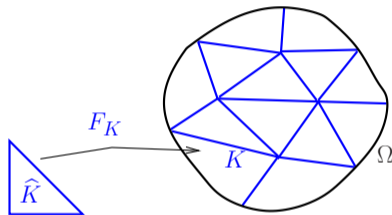


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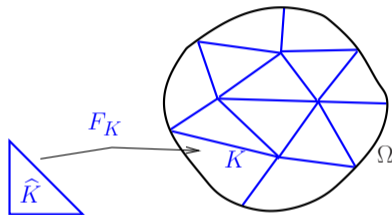


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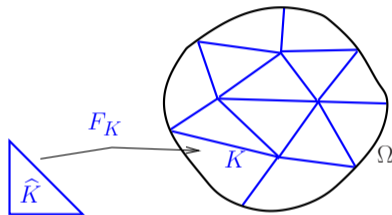


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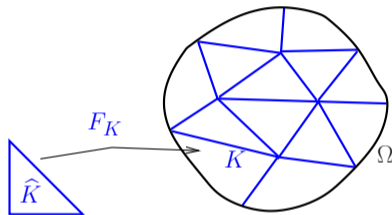
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Theorem (M.& Sauter '21+)

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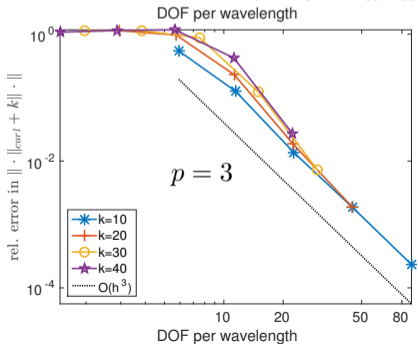
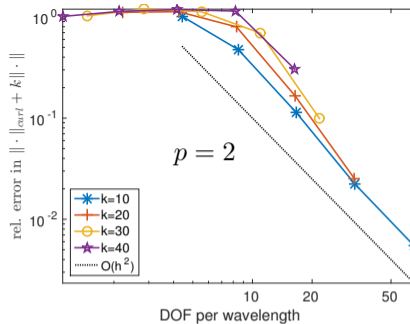
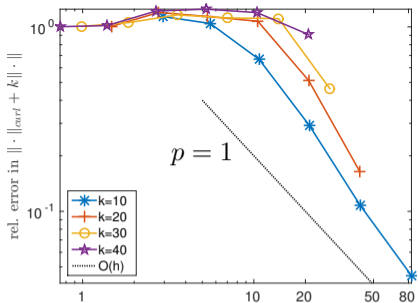
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Remark

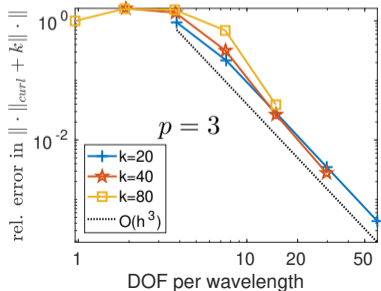
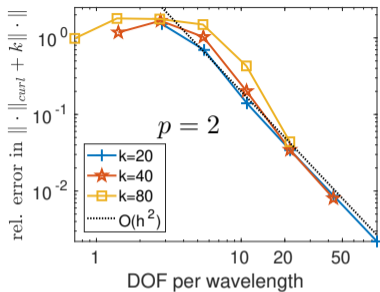
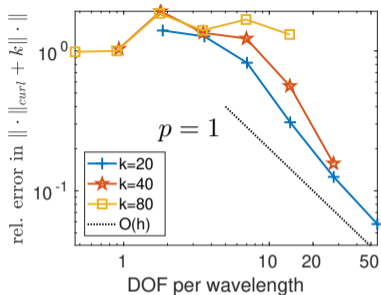
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→ error vs. kh

perfectly conducting inclusion



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$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -k \cos(kx)(x^2 - 0.25)(y^2 - 0.25)(z^2 - 0.25) \\ k \cos(kx)(x^2 - 0.25)(y^2 - 0.25)(z^2 - 0.25) \end{pmatrix}$$

■ $\Omega = (-1, 1)^3 \setminus [-1/2, 1/2]^3$

■ Robin bc at outer bdy, Dirichlet at inner bdy

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→ error vs. kh

summary

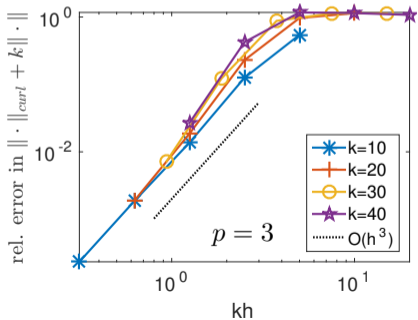
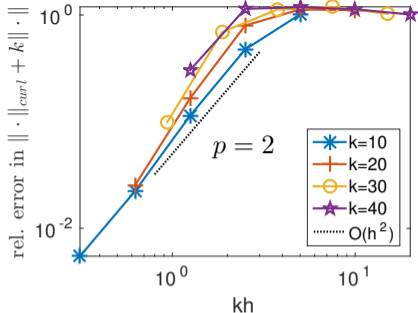
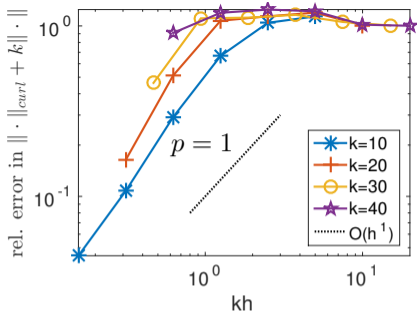
- quasi-optimality of hp -FEM for heterogeneous Helmholtz under resolution condition

$$\frac{kh}{p} \leq c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad p \geq c_2 \log k$$

- technique is fairly general and accommodates various boundary conditions:
 - ▶ Robin
 - ▶ exact DtN_k (arbitrary, analytic coupling boundary)
 - ▶ FEM-BEM coupling
 - ▶ 2nd order ABCs
 - ▶ PML

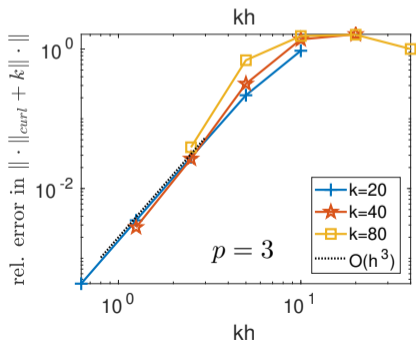
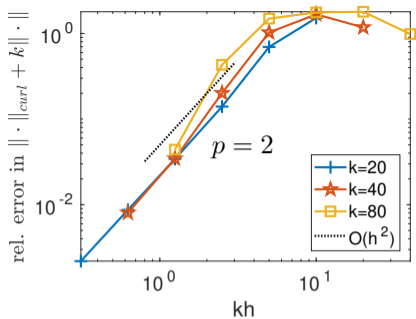
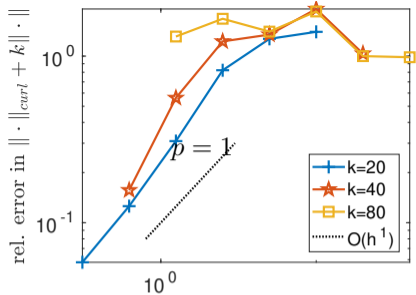
outlook

- corner domains (2D)
- heterogeneous time-harmonic elasticity equations (2D)
- heterogeneous time-harmonic Maxwell equations



- smooth solution $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{curl}(\sin(kx))(1, 1, 1)^T$
- $\Omega = (-1, 1)^3$
- Nédélec type II elements
- computations with: NgSolve (Schöberl *et al.*)

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■ smooth solution

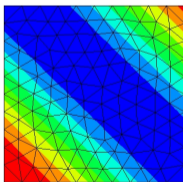
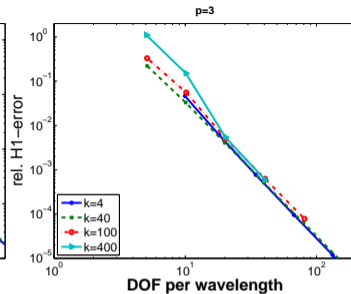
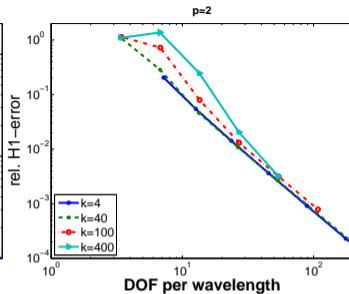
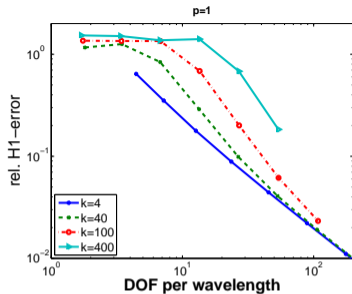
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -k \cos(kx)(x^2 - 0.25)(y^2 - 0.25)(z^2 - 0.25) \\ k \cos(kx)(x^2 - 0.25)(y^2 - 0.25)(z^2 - 0.25) \end{pmatrix}$$

■ $\Omega = (-1, 1)^3 \setminus [-1/2, 1/2]^3$

■ Nédélec type II elements

■ computations with: NgSolve (Schöberl *et al.*)

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