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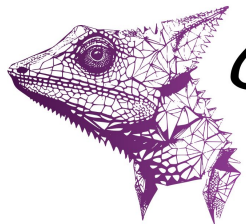
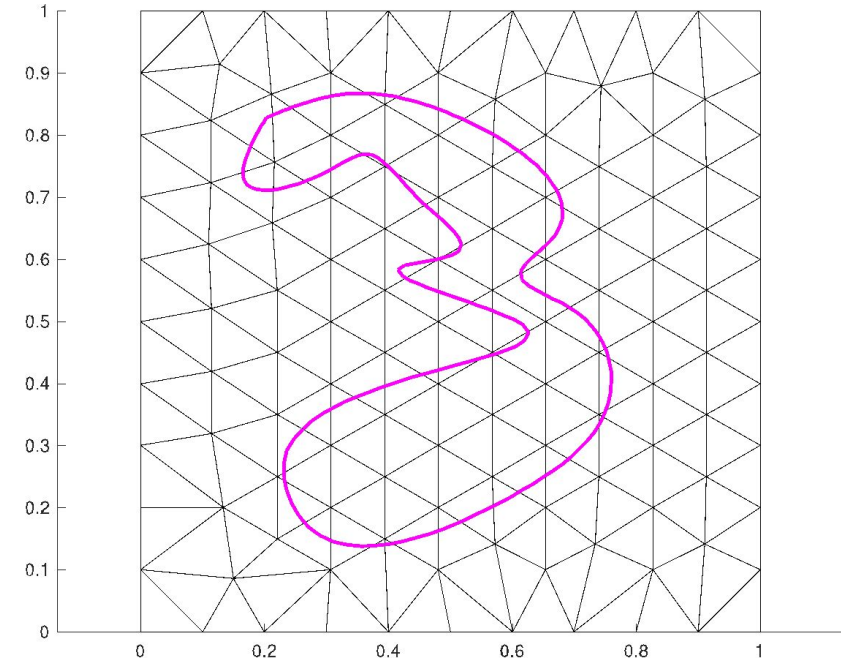
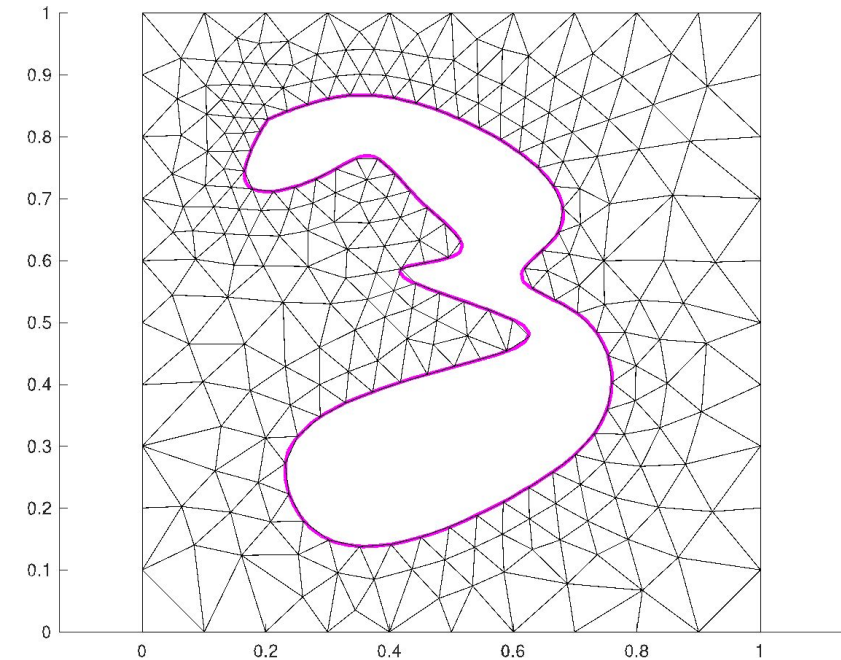
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To represent:

- immersed objects
- external boundaries

The domain is meshed independently from the embedded boundary.



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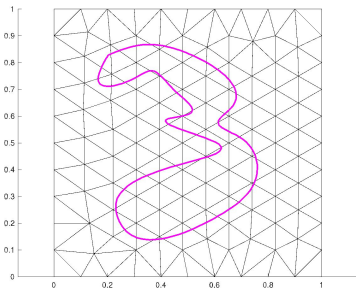
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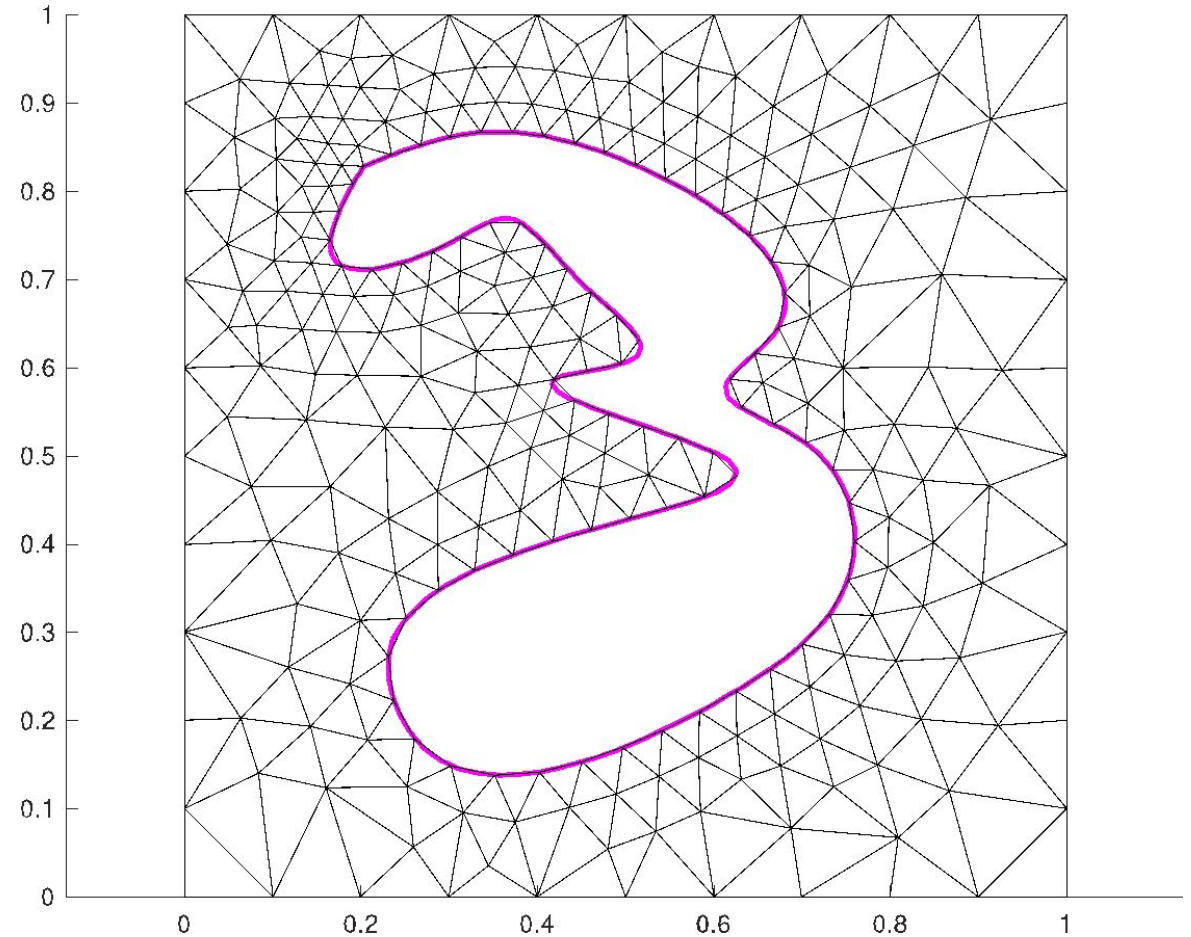
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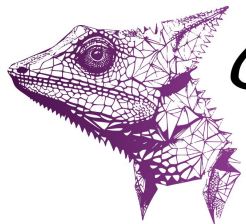


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Body-fitted approach



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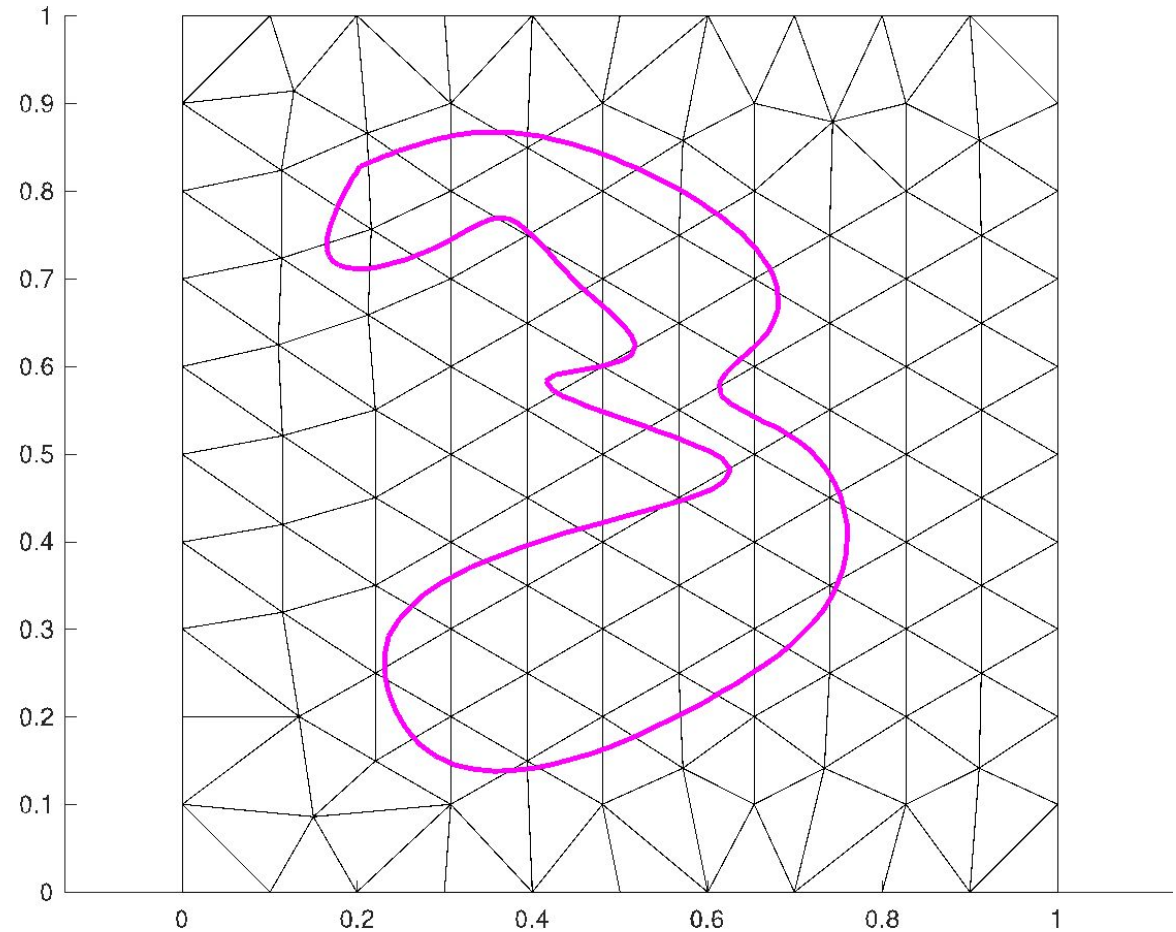
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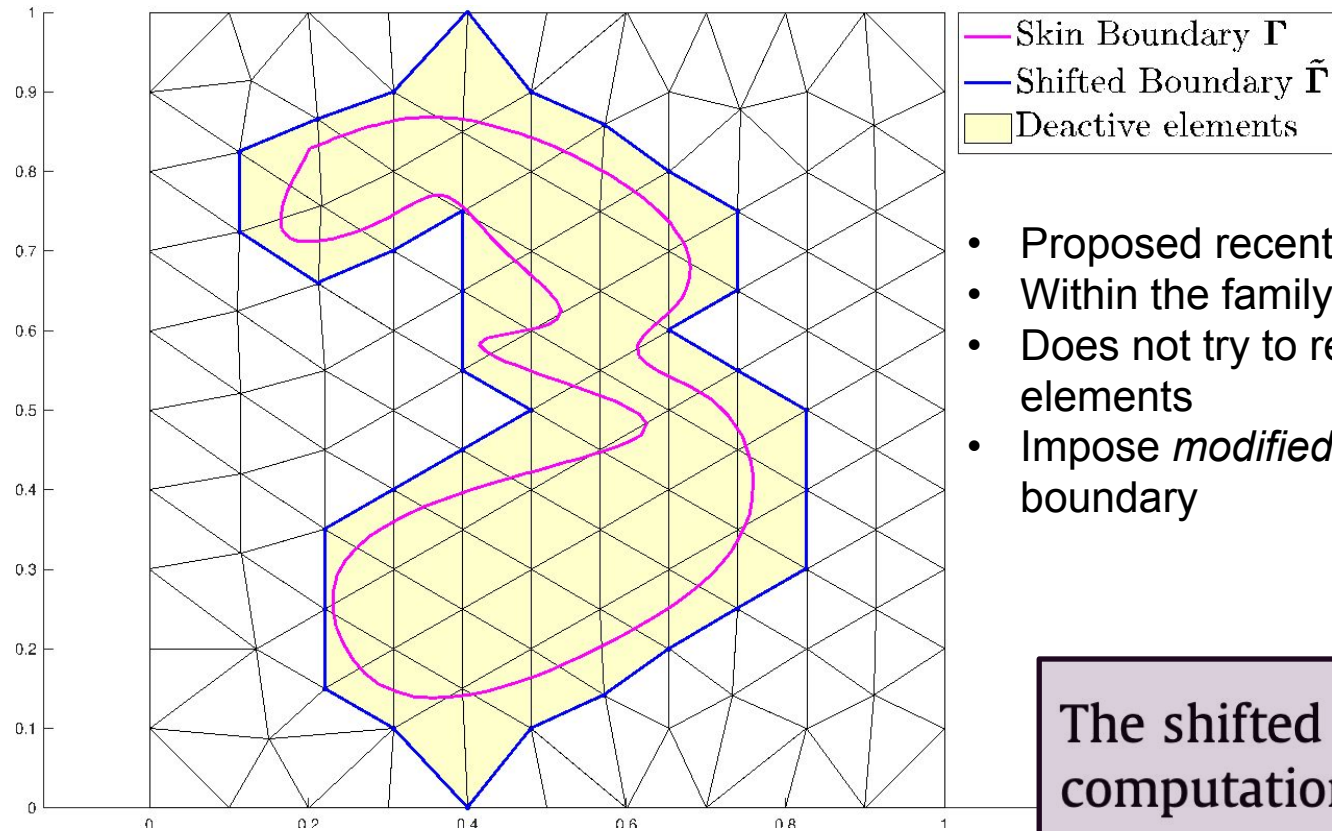


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The Shifted Boundary Method (SBM)



- Proposed recently by Professor Scovazzi
- Within the family of *approximate boundary methods*
- Does not try to reconstruct the embedded interface in the cut elements
- Impose *modified* Dirichlet boundary conditions at the shifted boundary

The shifted boundary method for embedded domain computations. Part I: Poisson and Stokes problems

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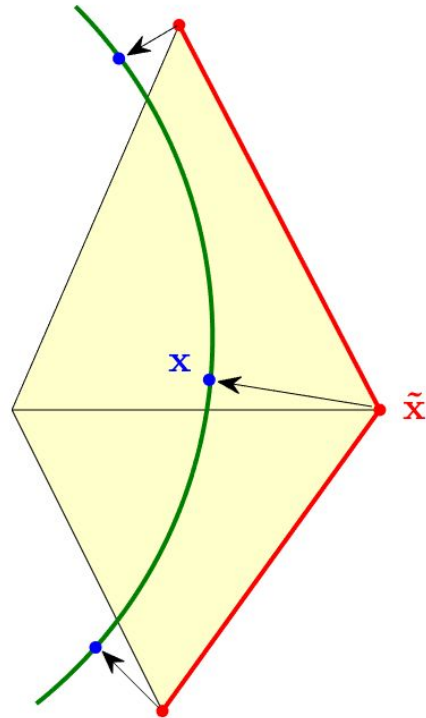
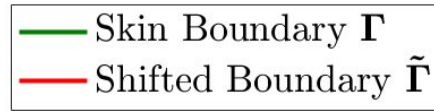


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The Shifted Boundary Method (SBM)



- Impose *modified* Dirichlet boundary conditions at the shifted boundary

In order to preserve a 2nd order convergence we have to take into account the *gradient term*:



Taylor expansion:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = u(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \nabla u|_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + o(|(\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}})^2|)$$

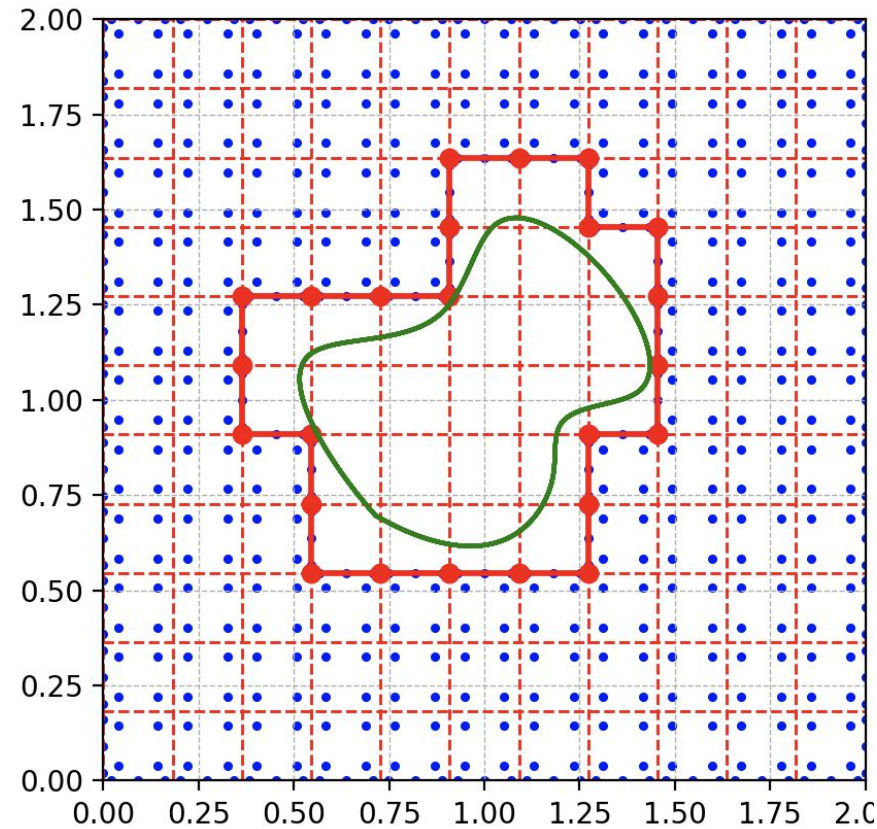
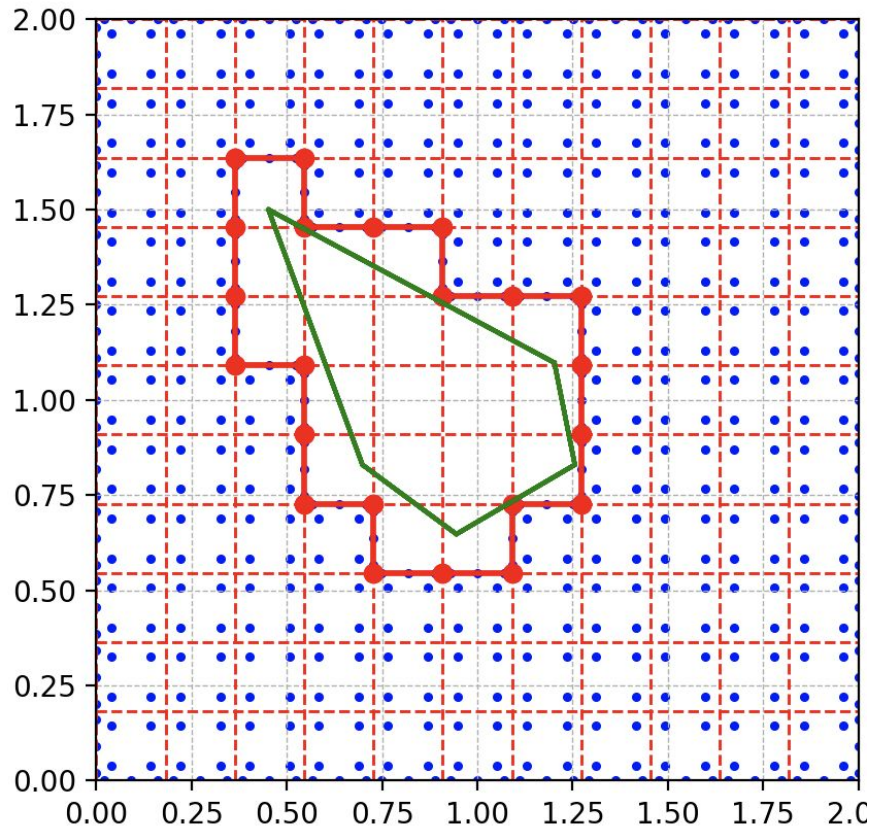


$$u(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \approx u(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla u|_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$$

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For the moment everything is considered in the **parameter space**.



In the future, the true boundary will be considered in the physical and will need to be mapped to the parameter space.

- Gauss Points
- Surrogate Boundary
- True Boundary

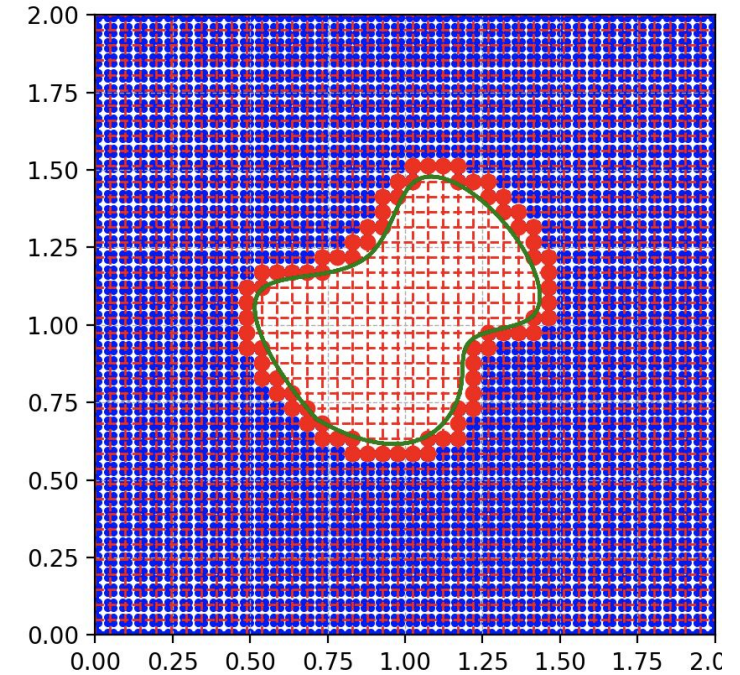
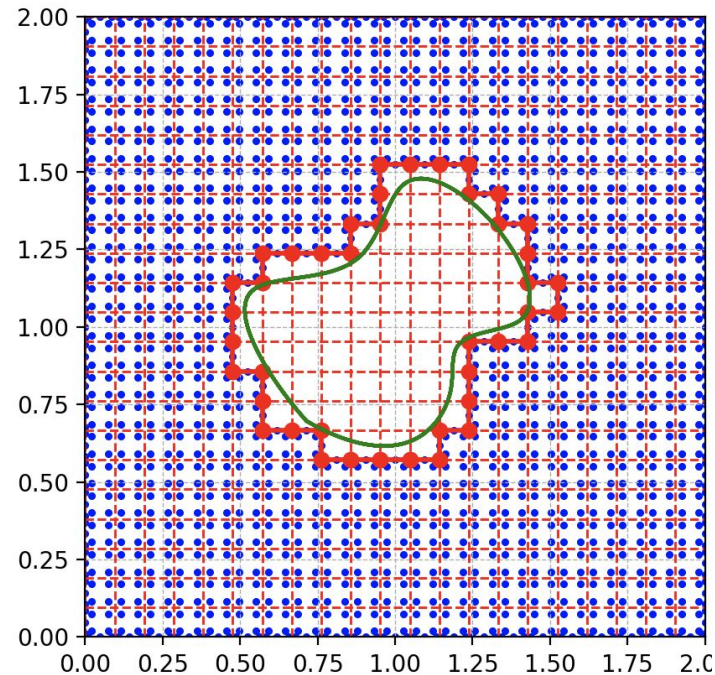
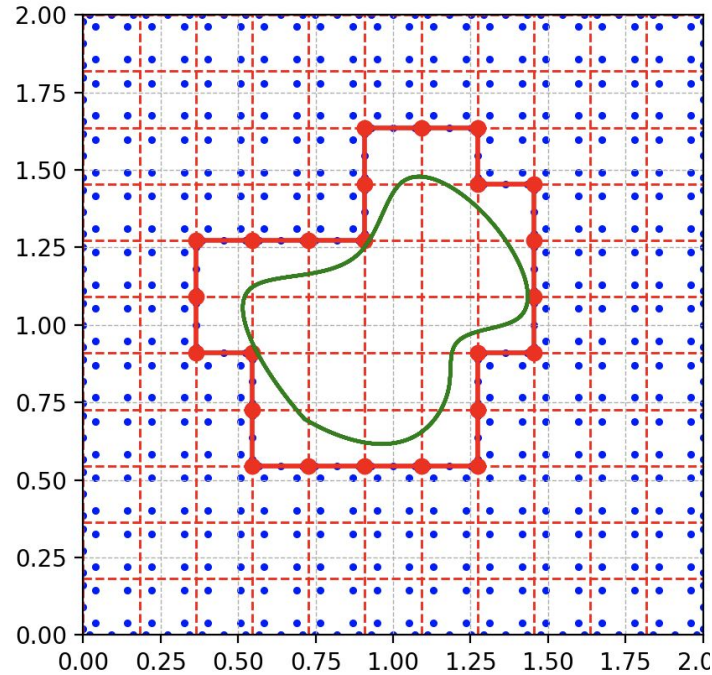
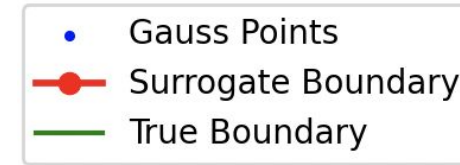


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Knot insertion

Knot insertion:

as h tends to zero, the surrogate boundary tends to coincide with the true one.



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Degree elevation

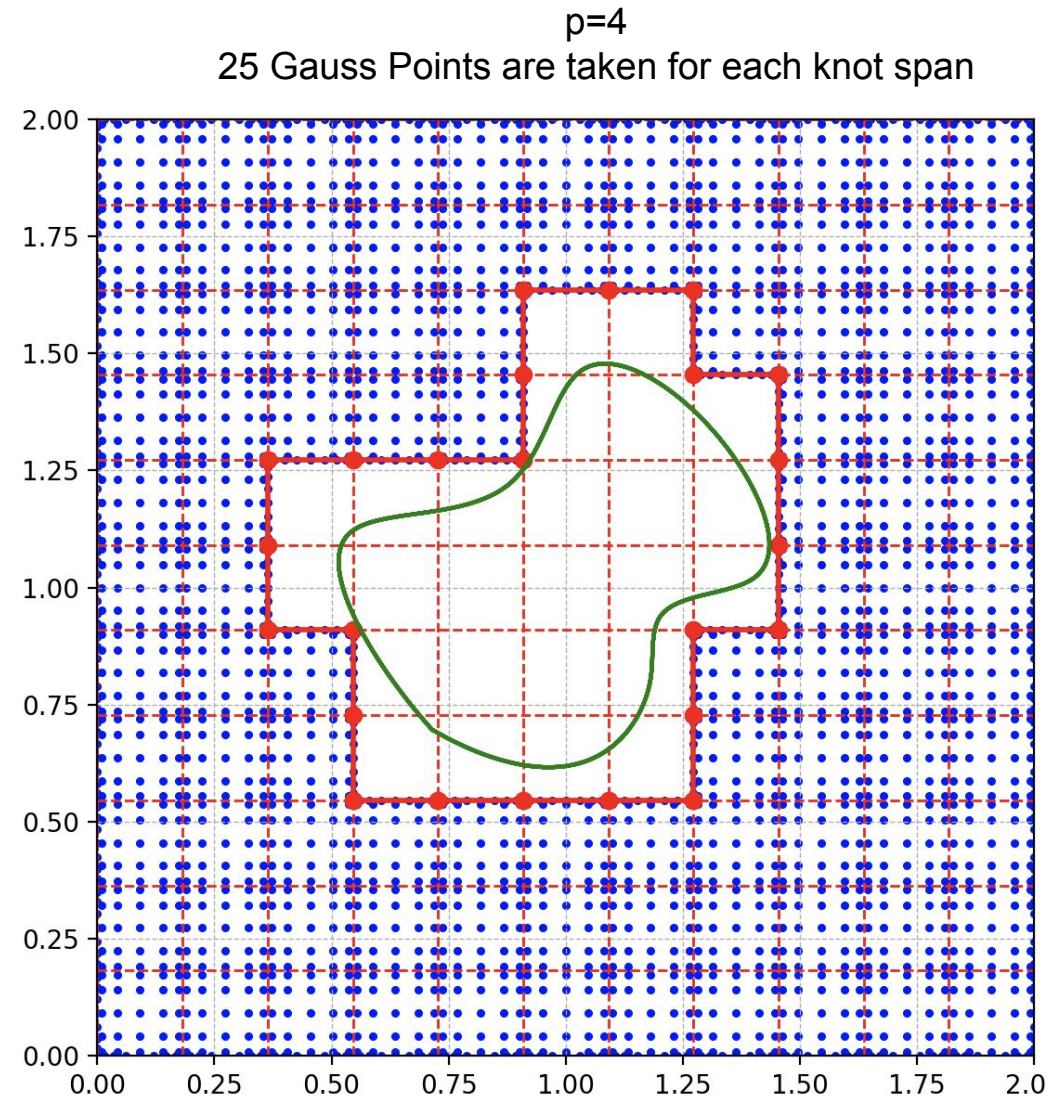
Degree elevation is also possible. The Taylor expansion between the true and surrogate boundary must be up to the $p+1$ order.

Example:

using quadratic IGA basis function ($p=2$) we will use the following Taylor expansion to impose the surrogate BCs:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = u(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) + \nabla u|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}})^T \cdot \mathbf{H}u|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

$\mathbf{H}u|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}$ is the Hessian matrix evaluated at the surrogate location.

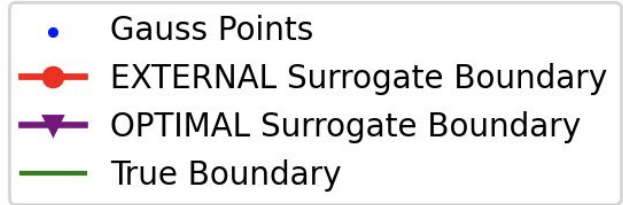


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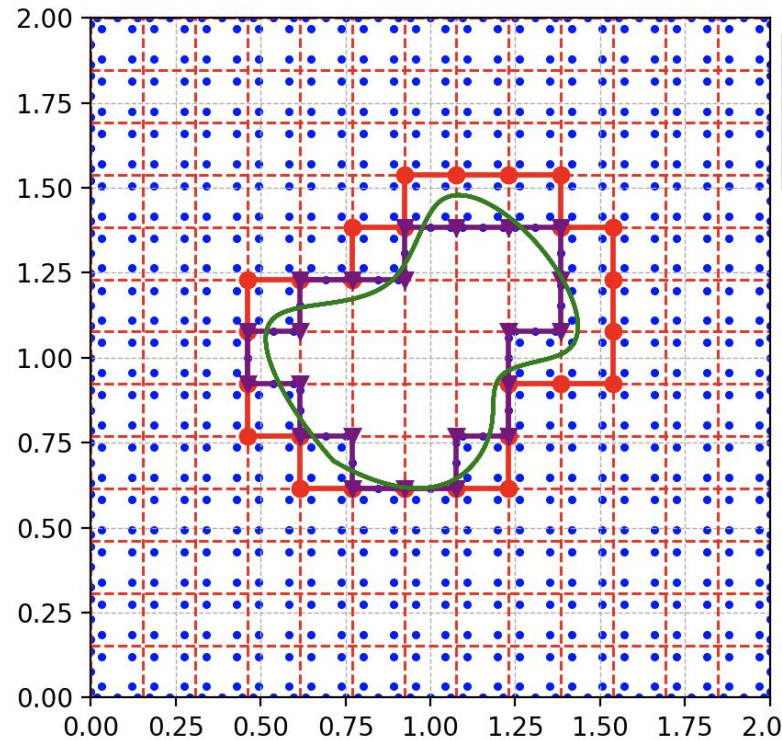
Results: External and Optimal Boundary



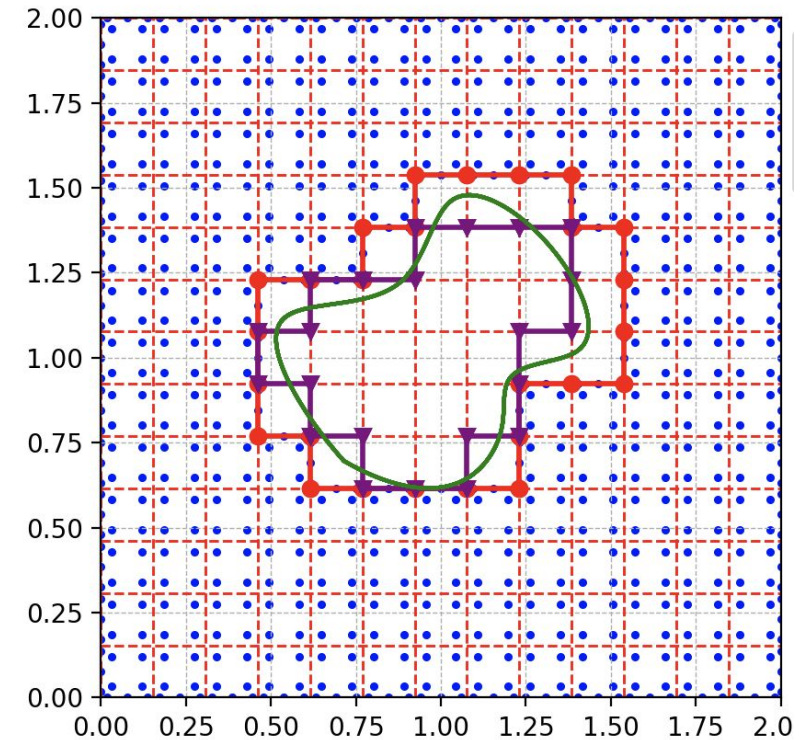
We can enhance the Shifted Boundary Method by considering the *optimal* boundary instead of the *external* one.



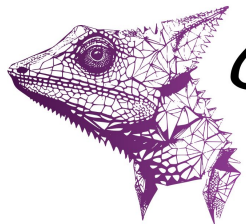
In this way the Taylor Expansion should cover a distance which is at most $h/2$, instead of h .



Using the optimal boundary



Using the external boundary



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Results: Convergence Studies

All the convergence studies are performed on a 2D Poisson problem with Dirichlet BCs. We have an internal hole defined through an SB method. Therefore:

- **External body-fitted Dirichlet BCs.**
- **Internal SB Dirichlet conditions.**

Penalty-Free weak formulation for imposing Dirichlet BCs:

$$a_h^k(u_h, w_h) = (\nabla u_h, \nabla w_h)_{\tilde{\Omega}_h} - \langle \nabla u_h \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}}, w_h \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_h} + \langle \mathbf{S}_\delta^k u_h, \nabla w_h \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_h}$$

$$l_h(w_h) = (f, w_h)_{\tilde{\Omega}_h} + \langle \bar{u}_D, \nabla w_h \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_h} .$$

Poisson problem:

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

$$u = u_D \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D = \partial\Omega$$

Manufactured solution:

$$u(x, y) = \sin(x) \sinh(y)$$

A penalty-free Shifted Boundary Method of arbitrary order

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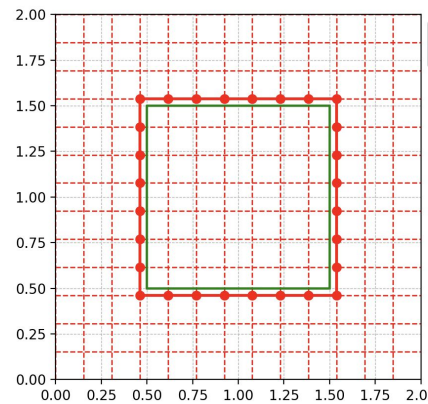
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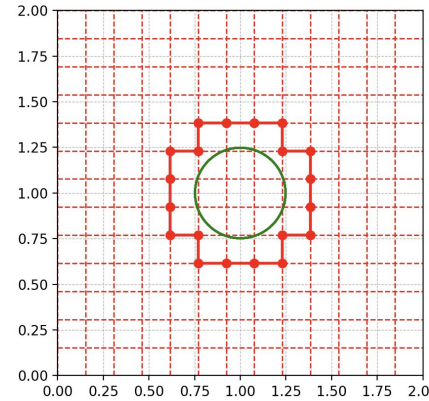
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Results: External Boundary

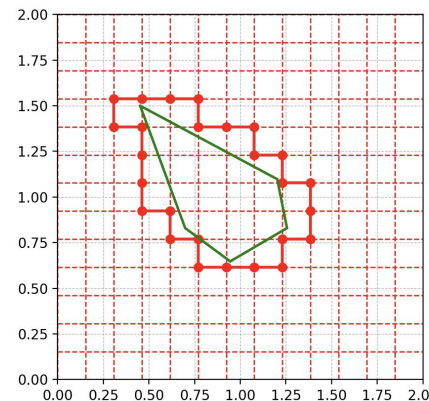
Comparison $p = 1, 2, 3$ with **EXTERNAL** surrogate boundary with three shapes:



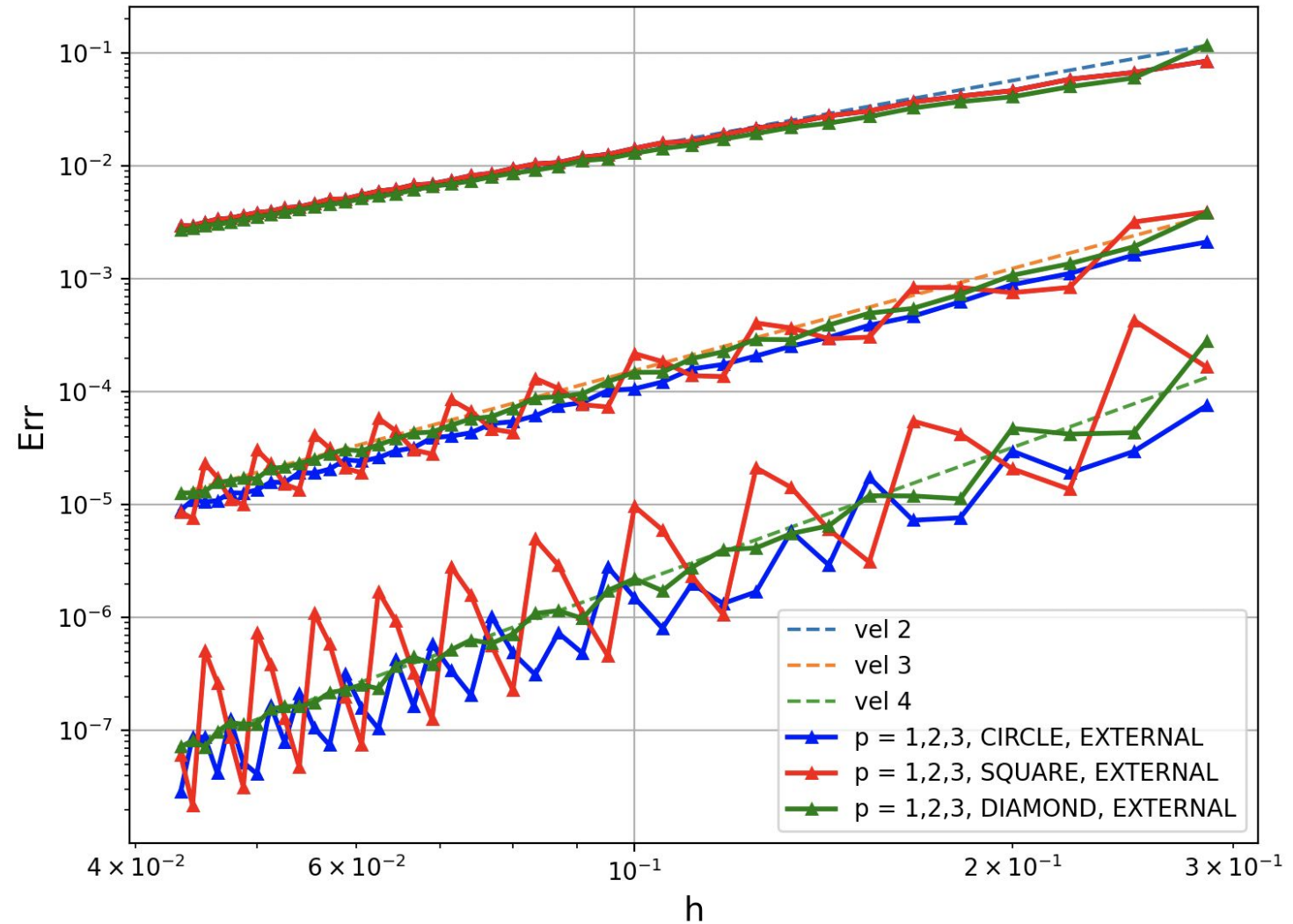
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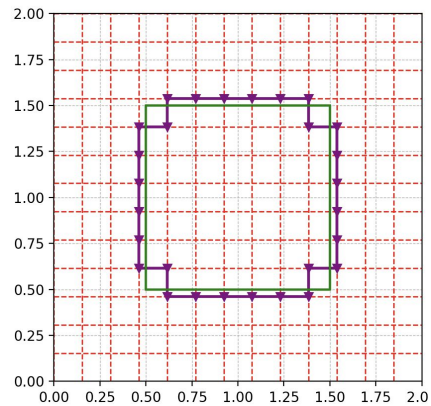
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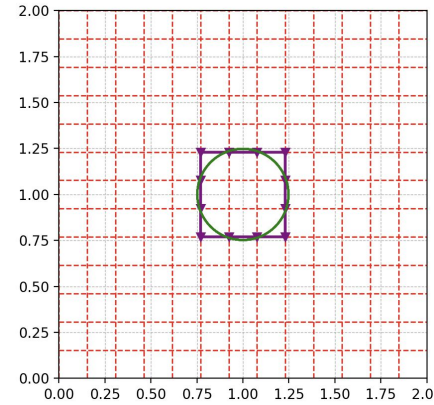
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Results: Optimal Boundary

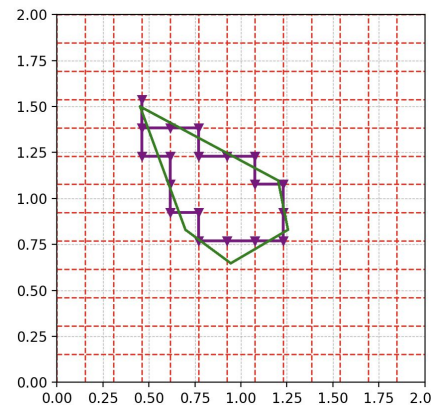
Comparison $p = 1, 2, 3, 4$ with **OPTIMAL** surrogate boundary with three shapes:



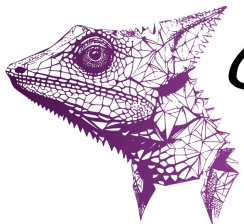
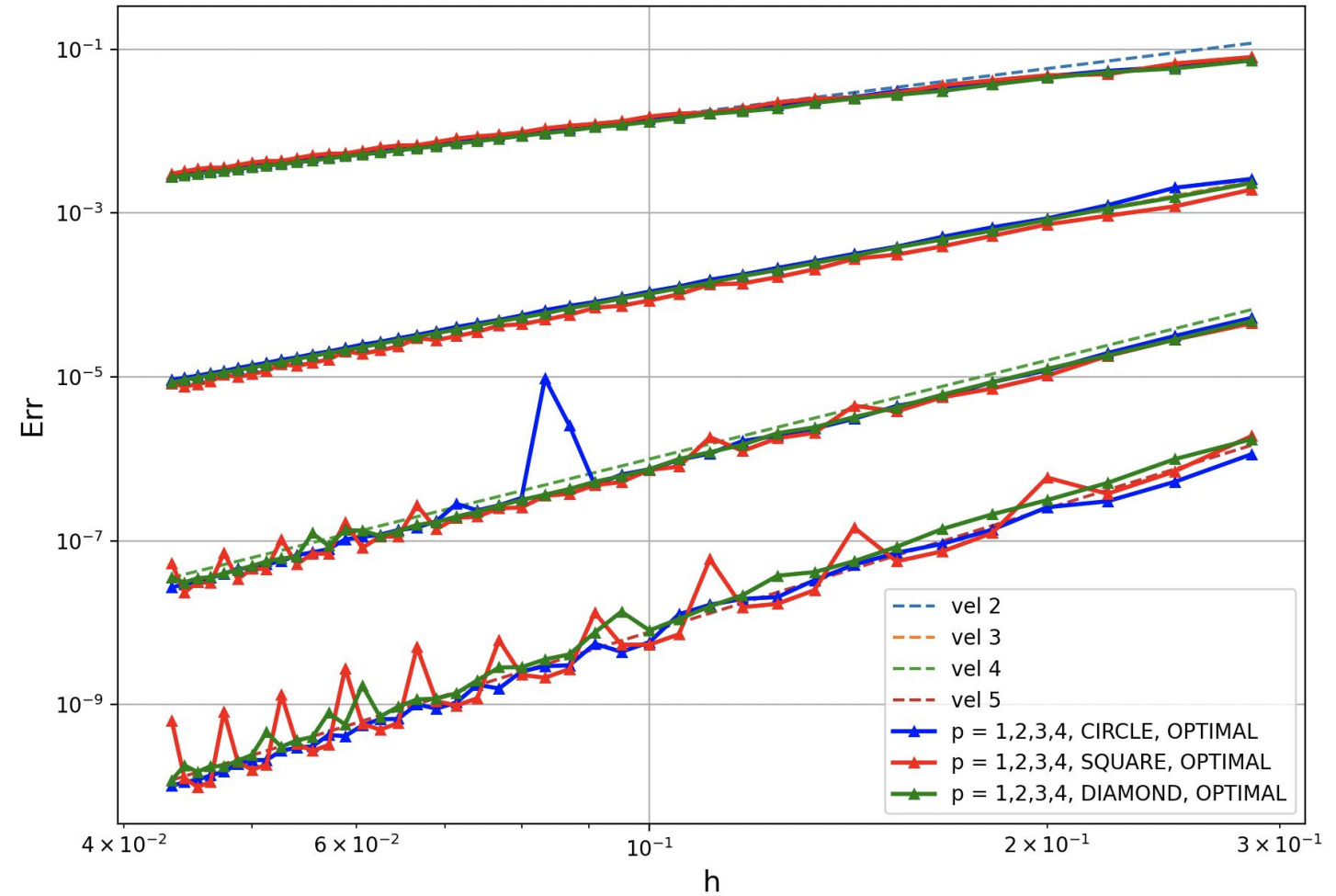
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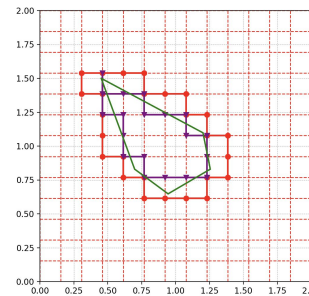
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Results: Body-Fitted vs External & Optimal

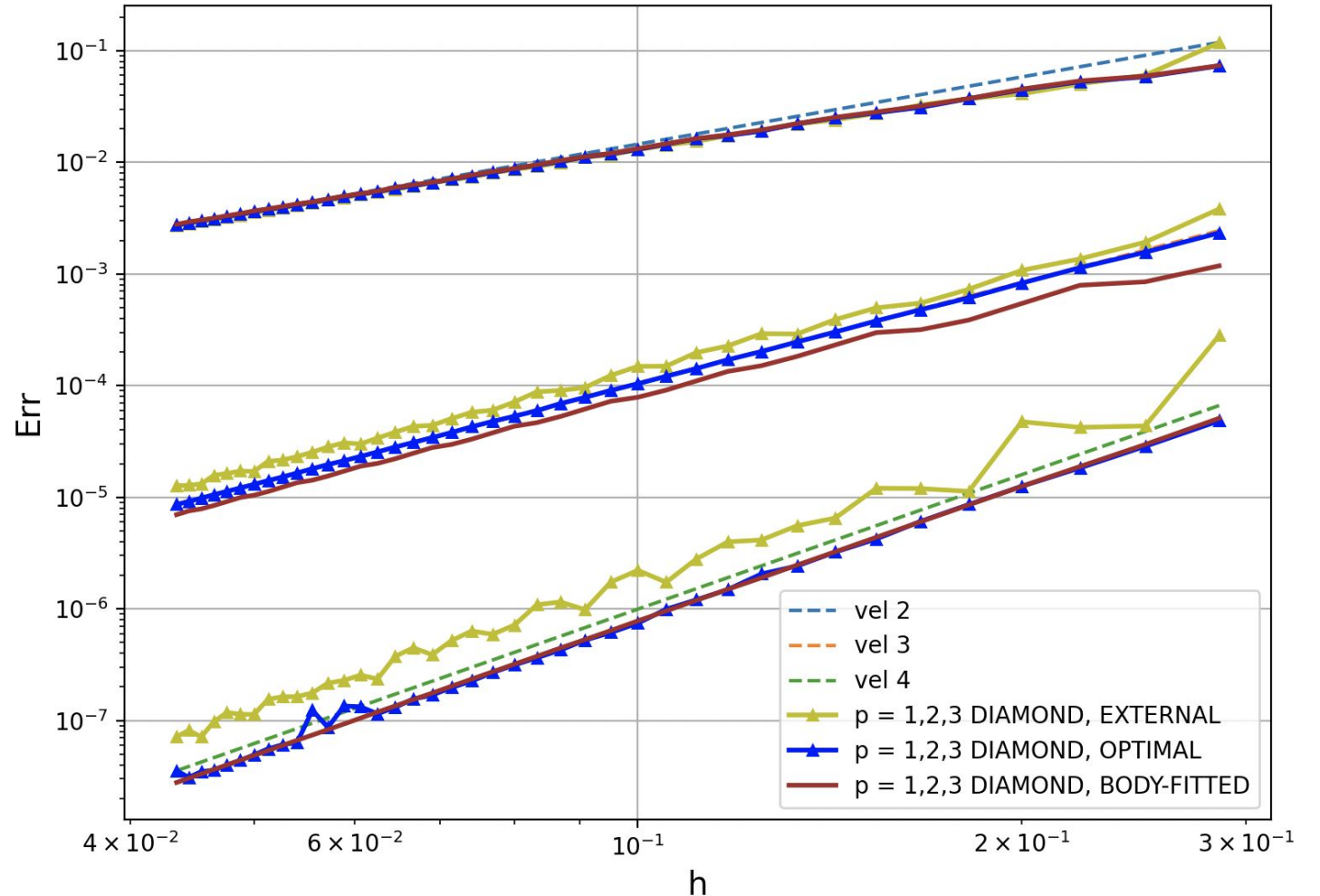
Comparison using $p = 1, 2, 3$ of the DIAMOND case (which has not any particular symmetry).

In the following cases:

- **Body-Fitted** approach along the surrogate boundary
- **External** Surrogate Boundary
- **Optimal** Surrogate Boundary



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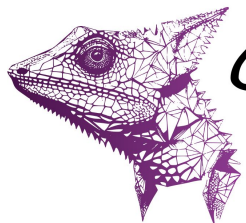
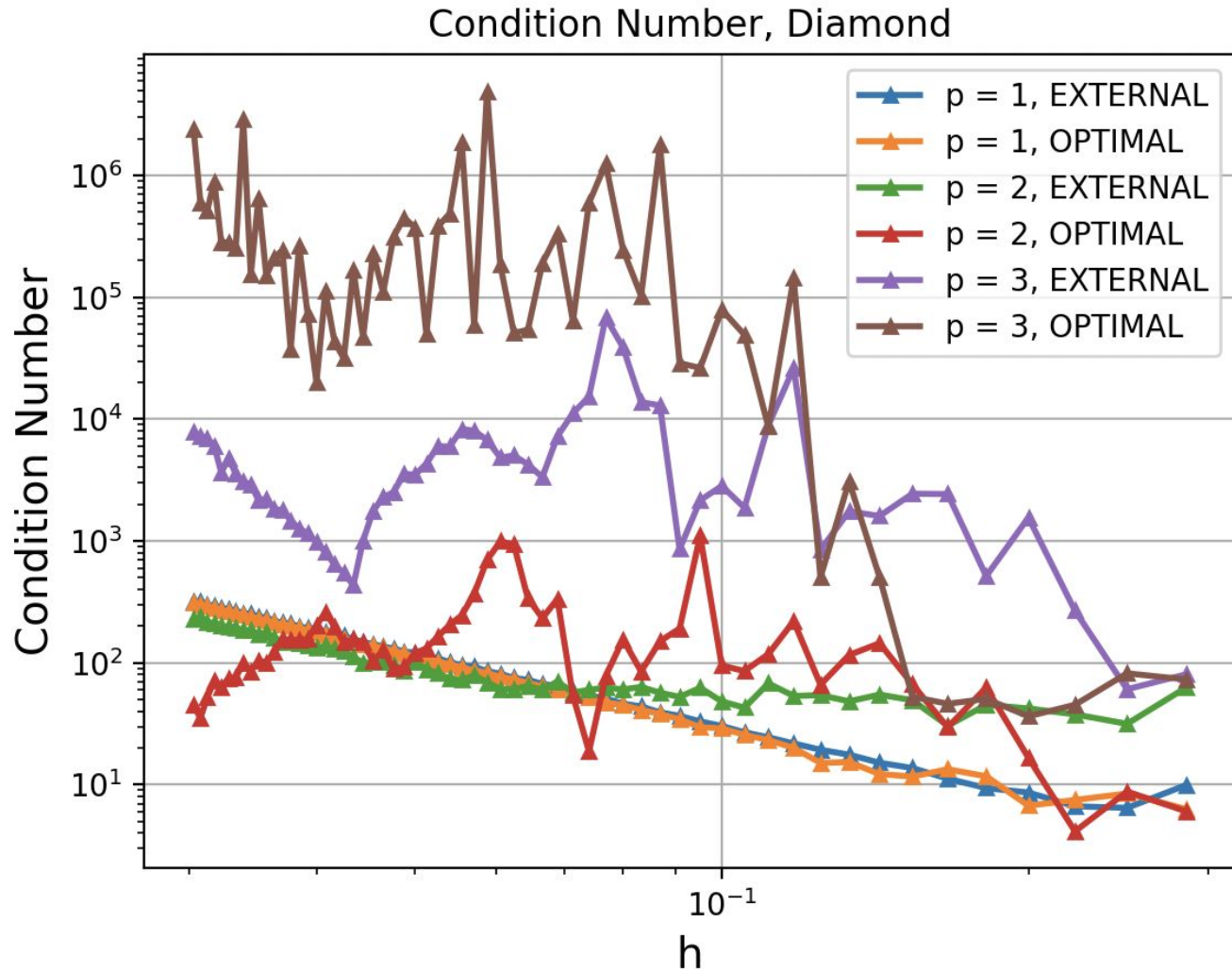
Results: Condition Number

The condition number is a measure of the matrix's sensitivity to numerical errors and its stability in solving the linear system.

$$\kappa(A) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$$

Cut-FEM approaches suffer the **small cut-cell problem** which is caused by arbitrary small cut elements (huge condition numbers).

SBM avoids integrating the cut elements.



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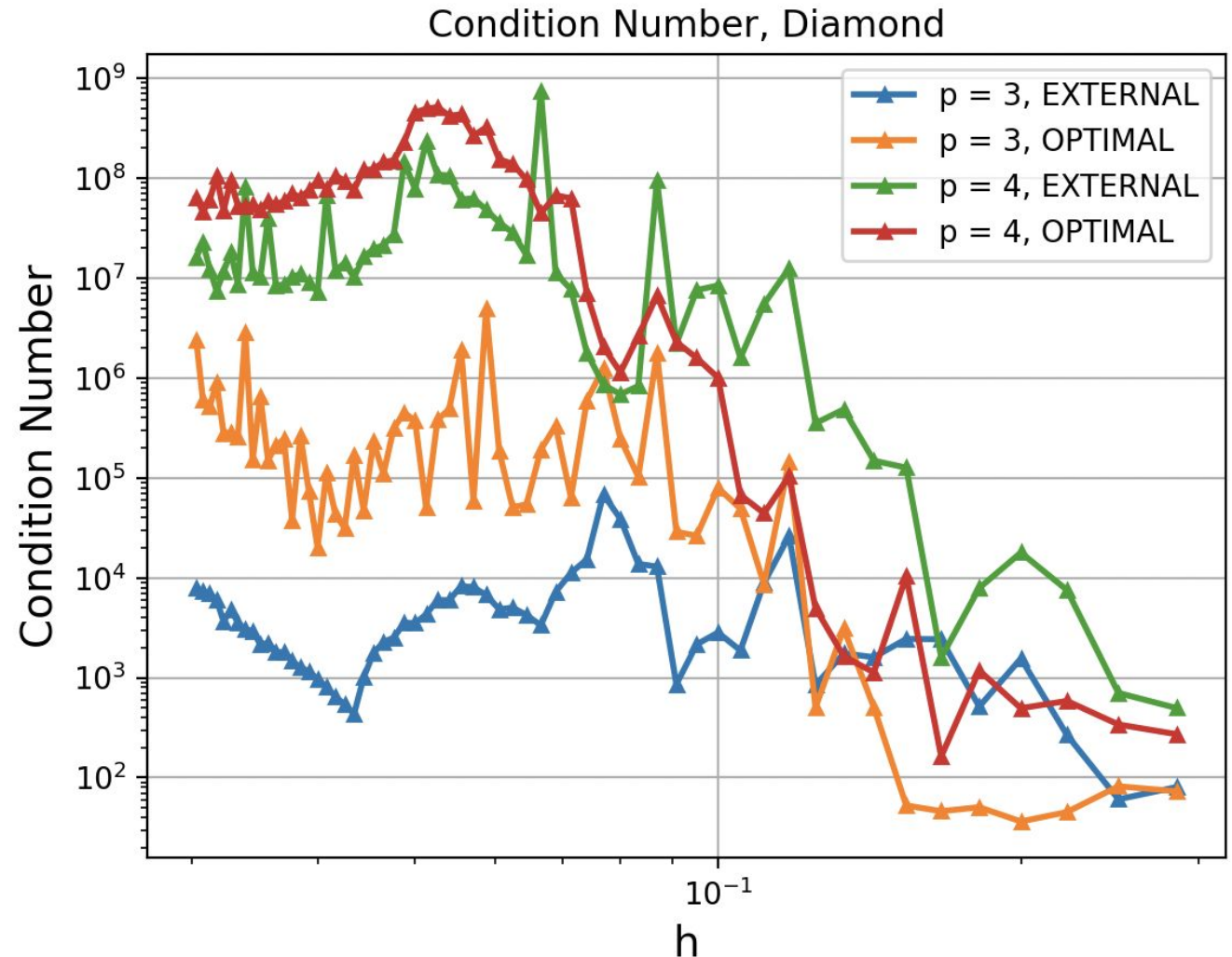
Results: "Small active-support problem"

Why does the condition number explode when we do degree elevation?

There might be cases where a basis function has only a small portion of its support which is active [**Small active-support problem**].

For instance, when $p = 4$ the support of each basis function is 25 knot spans and might happen that only $1/25$ is active and its small contribution causes instabilities.

(Still work in progress ...)



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SBM vs Trimming

Trimming

Trimming is the technology that is now present in Kratos.

Using a **tessellation technique** we can integrate the “cut” knot spans.

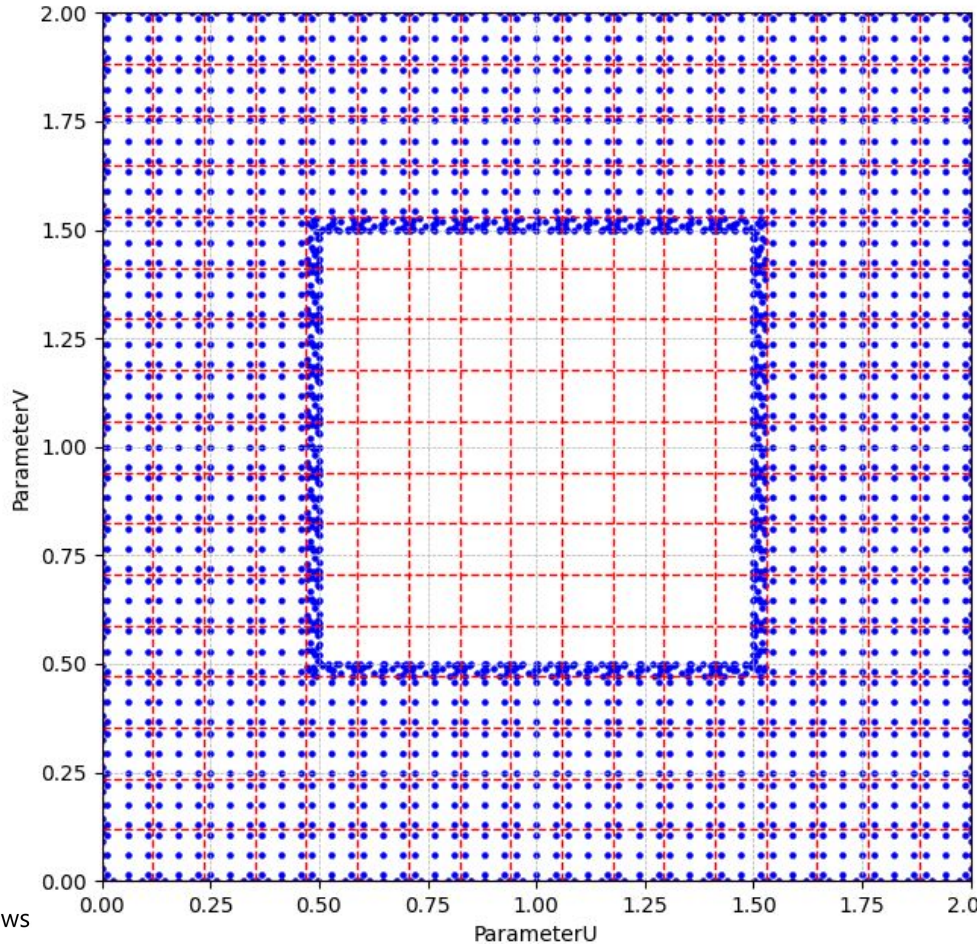
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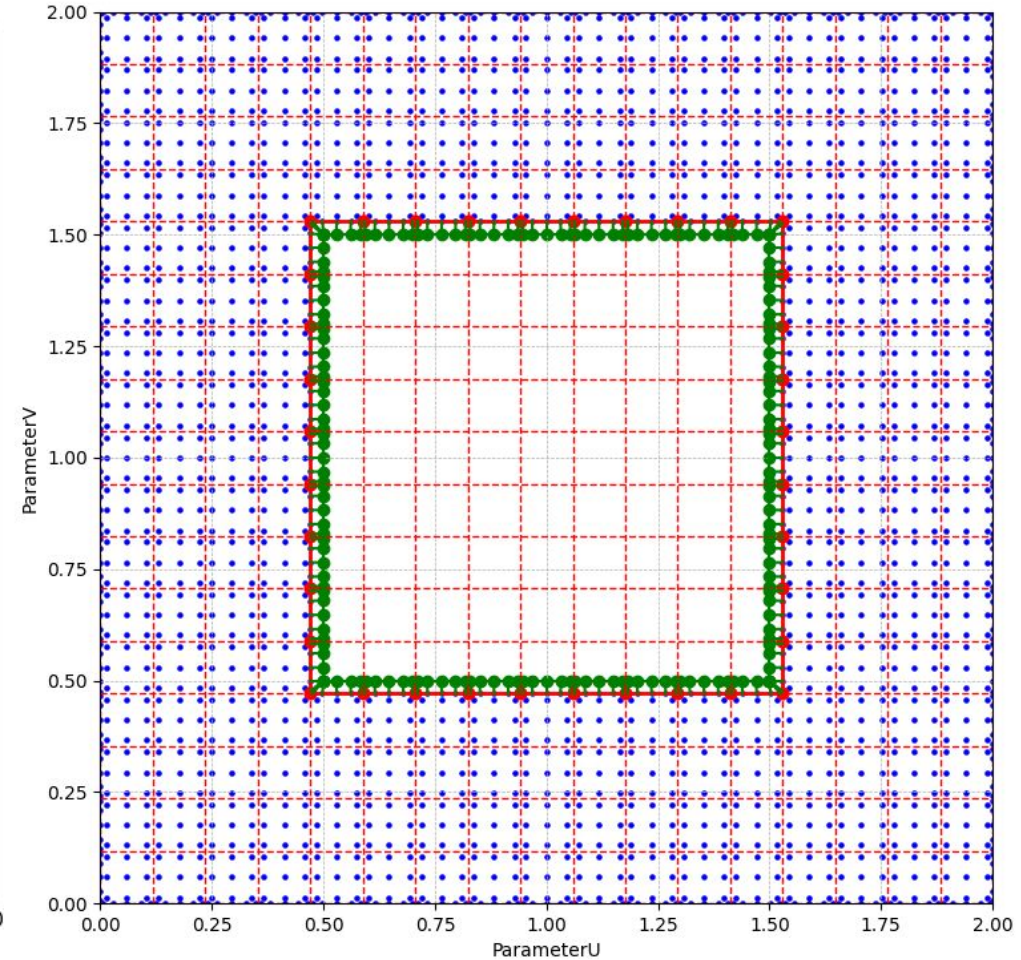
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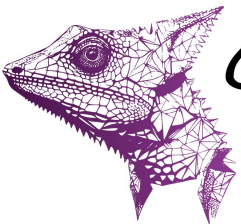
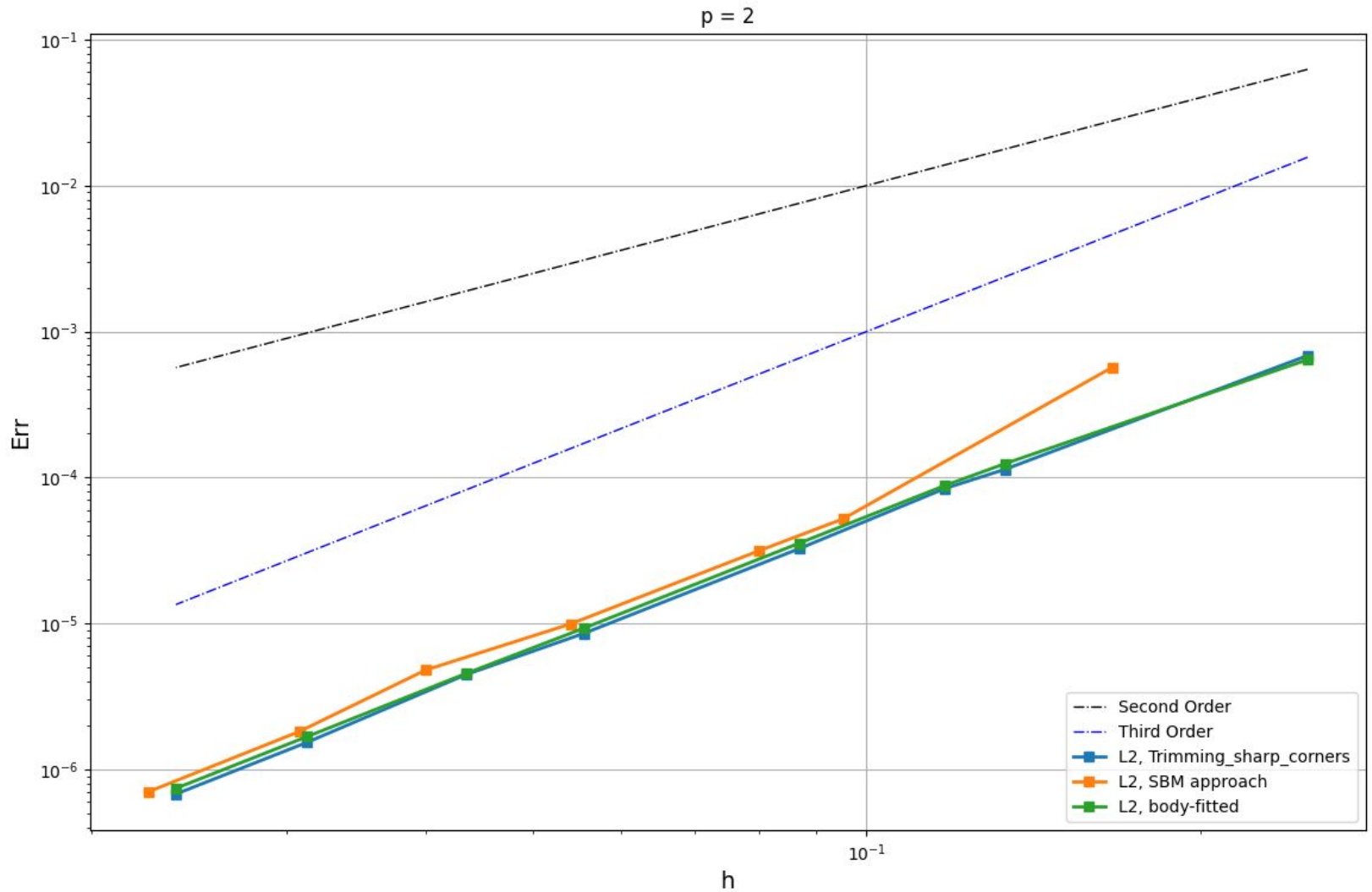
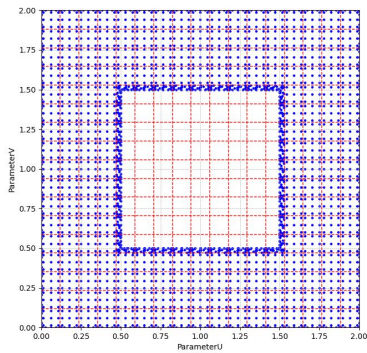


SBM vs Trimming

Comparison

Comparison between body-fitted, trimming and SBM approaches.

The polynomial order is $p = 2$ and we are using an embedded square.



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Future Work



Optimize the implementation of the SBM technique in IGA.

Pull request in the master of Kratos.

Analysis of the “small active-support problem”

Write a paper SBM in IGA for a Poisson problem



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