Polyhedral discretizations for industrial applications

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Context & Motivations to develop robust polyhedral discretizations

EDF Context

EDF R&D has been developping several **in-house simulation codes** for more than 30 years to study/understand/improve the safety and the life of its power plants and their efficiency.

Main simulation codes are **open-source** and developped under a quality insurance and validated for studies related to nuclear safety by the French safety authority



- Computational fluid dynamics
- Finite Volume schemes
- Polyhedral meshes
- High Performance Computing

https://www.code-saturne.org



- Computational structural mechanics
- Finite Element schemes
- Tetrahedral, pyramidal, hexahedral meshes
- Very broad modelling capacity https://www.code-aster.org

Code_Saturne context

Simulate complex flows in complex geometries

Legacy discretization

- Single-phase flow solver based on co-located Finite Volume schemes
- Discretization choices close to commercial codes like Star-CD or FLUENT
- $\mapsto \ \textbf{V\&V}: \ \textbf{Extensive Verification \& Validation process}$
- \mapsto Efficiency: a competitive time to result on challenging problems thanks to High Performance Computing

Development of a new approach based on compatible discretizations: **Compatible Discrete Operator (CDO)** schemes

$\mapsto \ \textbf{Flexibility}$

- Need a numerical scheme less sensitive to the mesh quality
 - \rightarrow Handle more efficiently polyhedral and/or poor-quality meshes

\mapsto Physical fidelity

- Preserve the structural properties of equations/systems at the discrete level
- Build a numerical scheme relying on stronger mathematical fundations

Motivations to handle polyhedral meshes

Reduce time to generate meshes by use of automatic meshing tools



Mesh generated by a trimmer algorithm (with ANSYS)

Mesh generated by a Delaunay/Voronoï algorithm (with Star-CCM)

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Motivations to handle polyhedral meshes

Reduce time to generate meshes by using flexible mesh joining process



Joining process: Enable to build complex geometries from several existing meshes

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Motivations to handle polyhedral meshes

Reduce time to compute the solution by using less elements thank to adaptative mesh refinement



Refine mesh only where it matters



Catch boundary layer with less element

Motivations to get robust space discetizations

Meshing complex geometries can generate distorted meshes



Bare bundle: cut of a mesh

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Compatible discretizations

Joint work with A. Ern P. Cantin & R. Milani



Courtesy of G. Vialaneix

Compatible discretizations

Also called structure-preserving or mimetic discretizations

Aims: Preservation of the structural properties of PDEs at the discrete level

- $\mapsto\,$ Local discrete conservation laws
- $\mapsto\,$ Properties of the discrete differential operators similar to the continuous one
- → Monotonicity (min/max principles) if needed
- $\mapsto \ {\sf Eliminate \ spurious \ modes}$

Historical viewpoint

- $\mapsto \ \mathsf{Pioneering} \ \mathsf{works}$
 - Electromagnetics: Kron '53, Branin '66, Tonti '74 and Bossavit '88
 - Mathematics: Whitney '57 and Dodziuk '76
- → Seminal papers for the application (no mathematical proof): Staggered schemes on Cartesian meshes - MAC schemes
 - Fluid mechanics: Harlow & Welch '65 "Numerical Calculation of Time-Dependent Viscous Incompressible Flow of Fluid with Free Surface"
 - Electromagnetics: Yee '66 Numerical solution of initial boundary value problems involving Maxwell's equations in isotropic media

CDO in a nutshell

- \mapsto Low-order method for polyhedral meshes
- \mapsto Same building principles as in ${\bf compatible}/{\rm mimetic}/{\rm structure}{\rm -preserving}$ discretizations
- $\mapsto\,$ Several families according to the location of degrees of freedom
 - Vertex- or Edge- or Face- or Cell-based schemes
- \mapsto Fine-grained operators: unified analysis at the discrete/functionnal level
- \mapsto Use of **sub-meshes**



3 PhDs supervised by A. Ern

- Bonelle (11-14)
- Diffusion (vertex-, face-, cell-based schemes)
- Stokes in <u>curl</u> formulation (edge-/face-based schemes)
- Cantin (13-16)

Milani (17-)

- Scalar-valued transport problems (vertex-based schemes)
- Vector-valued transport problems (edge-based schemes)
- Navier-Stokes equations for incompressible fluids in *classical* formulation (face-based schemes)

Primal mesh



Assign an arbitrary orientation to each edge $(\underline{\tau}_{\rm e})$ and to each face $(\underline{\nu}_{\rm f})$

Example of subsets of entities

$$\begin{split} E_c &:= \{ e \in E \, | \, e \subset \partial c \}, \\ V_e &:= \{ v \in V \, | \, v \subset \partial e \}, \\ E_v &:= \{ e \in E \, | \, \partial e \subset v \}. \end{split}$$

<u>Notations</u>: X corresponds to any set in $\{V, E, F, C\}$, x to any entity in $\{v, e, f, c\}$, and #X to the cardinality of X.

Degrees of freedom (DoFs)

Design principles

Potential:Evaluation at a point of a scalar-valued fieldCirculation:Evaluation of the tangential component of a vector-valued field
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- a surface
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Discrete differential operators

Building principles

Discrete gradient operator

- \mapsto From a linear combination of discrete potentials defines a discrete circulation
- $\mapsto \text{ Key identity: Fundamental theorem of calculus} \int_{\underline{X}_{v_1}}^{\underline{x}_{v_2}} \underbrace{\operatorname{grad}}_{(p)} \cdot \underline{\tau}_e = p(\underline{x}_{v_2}) p(\underline{x}_{v_1}) \text{ for any path } e \text{ starting at } \underline{x}_{v_1} \text{ ending at } \underline{x}_{v_2}.$

Discrete curl operator -

- $\mapsto\,$ From a linear combination of discrete circulations defines a discrete flux
- \mapsto Key identity: Kelvin–Stokes theorem

$$\int_{f} \underline{\operatorname{curl}}(\underline{u}) \cdot \underline{\nu}_{f} = \int_{\partial f} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\tau}_{\partial f} \text{ for a surface } f \text{ with a closed contour } \partial f.$$

Discrete divergence operator -

- $\mapsto\,$ From a linear combination of discrete fluxes defines a discrete density
- \mapsto Key identity: Gauss theorem

$$\operatorname{div}(\underline{\phi}) = \int_{\partial c} \underline{\phi} \cdot \underline{\nu}_{\partial c} \text{ for a volume } c \text{ with a closed surface } \partial c.$$

Discrete differential operators on the primal mesh



$$\mathsf{GRAD}(\mathbf{p})|_{\mathrm{e}} = \sum_{\mathrm{v}\in\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{e}}} \pm 1\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{v}}, \quad \mathsf{CURL}(\mathbf{u})|_{\mathrm{f}} = \sum_{\mathrm{e}\in\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{f}}} \pm 1\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{e}}, \quad \mathsf{DIV}(\phi)|_{\mathrm{c}} = \sum_{\mathrm{f}\in\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}}} \pm 1\phi_{\mathrm{f}}$$

1 Metric-free operators: Matrix entries are exclusively 0 or ± 1

Discretization process

Case of the diffusion problem



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Conforming reconstruction

Non-conforming reconstruction

 $-\operatorname{div}(\kappa \operatorname{grad} p) = s$

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Primal formulation



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Non-conforming CDO vertex-based schemes

 \mapsto Potentials p located at primal vertices and its DoF space is denoted $\mathcal V$

 \mapsto Gradient $\mathbf{g} = \mathsf{GRAD}(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathcal{E}$ located at primal edges

Find
$$\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{V}$$
 s.t.

$$\sum_{c \in C} \int_{c} \underline{L}_{\mathcal{E}_{c}}(\mathsf{GRAD}(\mathbf{p})) \cdot \underline{\underline{\kappa}} \cdot \underline{L}_{\mathcal{E}_{c}}(\mathsf{GRAD}(\mathbf{q})) = \sum_{c \in C} \int_{c} s \, \mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{V}_{c}}^{0}(\mathbf{q}), \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{V}$$

- Key operator: Gradient reconstruction



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Conforming CDO Vertex-based schemes

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- $\sim\,$ FE for polyhedral meshes



- $\begin{array}{l} \mapsto \text{ Based on an implicit tetrahedral partition: } \mathfrak{P}_{\mathrm{EF},c} := \{\mathfrak{p}_{ef,c}\}_{e \in E_f, f \in F_c} \\ \mapsto \text{ In } \mathfrak{p}_{ef,c} \text{ consider the } \mathbb{P}_1\text{-Lagrange FE with basis functions: } \theta_{v1}, \theta_{v2}, \theta_f \text{ and } \theta_c \end{array}$
 - Need a linear interpolation at face center: $\mathbf{p}_f := \frac{1}{|f|} \sum_{v \in V_f} |\mathfrak{t}_{v,f}| \mathbf{p}_v$
 - Need a linear interpolation at cell center: $\mathbf{p}_c := \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{v \in V_c} |\mathbf{p}_{v,c}| \mathbf{p}_v$

Conforming potential reconstruction -

$$L_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\mathbf{p})(\underline{x})|_{\mathfrak{p}_{ef,c}} := \mathbf{p}_{v_1}\theta_{v_1} + \mathbf{p}_{v_2}\theta_{v_2} + \left(\frac{1}{|f|}\sum_{v\in V_f} |\mathfrak{t}_{v,f}|\mathbf{p}_v\right)\theta_f + \left(\frac{1}{|c|}\sum_{v\in V_c} |\mathfrak{p}_{v,c}|\mathbf{p}_v\right)\theta_c$$

Conforming CDO Vertex+Cell-based schemes

- \mapsto Hybrid set of DoFs: Potentials $\mathbf{p} \in \widehat{\mathcal{V}}$ located at primal vertices and cell centers
- \mapsto Static condensation for cell unknows: Linear system reduce to #V
- \sim FE for polyhedral meshes

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Non-conforming CDO cell-based schemes

- \mapsto Potentials $\mathbf{p} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}$ located at cell centers and fluxes $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ located at (primal) faces
- \mapsto Divergence op.: DIV $(\phi) \in \mathcal{C}$ *i.e.* constant inside each cell
- → Saddle-point system
- \mapsto Simple potential reconstruction in each cell: $\mathrm{L}^{0}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(\mathbf{p})|_{c} := \mathbf{p}_{c}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{Find} \ (\mathbf{p}, \phi) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}} \times \mathcal{F} \ \mathsf{s.t.} \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \left(\int_{c} \underline{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathcal{F}_{c}}(\phi) \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}}^{-1} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathcal{F}_{c}}(\Psi) - \int_{c} \mathsf{DIV}(\Psi) \cdot \mathbf{L}^{0}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(\mathbf{p}) \right) &= 0, & \forall \Psi \in \mathcal{F} \\ & - \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \int_{c} \mathsf{DIV}(\phi) \cdot \mathbf{L}^{0}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(\mathbf{q}) & = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \int_{c} \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{L}^{0}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(\mathbf{q}), & \forall \mathbf{q} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{V}} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{split} & \mapsto \mathsf{Face-based partition} \ \mathfrak{P}_{\mathrm{F},c} := \{\mathfrak{p}_{f,c}\}_{f \in \mathrm{F}_c} \\ & \underline{\mathrm{L}}_{\mathcal{F}_c}(\phi)|_{\mathfrak{p}_{f,c}} := \underline{\mathrm{C}}_{\mathcal{F}_c}(\phi) + \beta \frac{\underline{\widetilde{\mathrm{e}}}_c(f)}{|\mathfrak{p}_{f,c}|} \left(\phi_f - \underline{\mathrm{f}} \cdot \underline{\mathrm{C}}_{\mathcal{F}_c}(\phi)\right) \in \mathbb{P}_0^3 \\ & \text{where} \ \underline{\mathrm{C}}_{\mathcal{F}_c}(\phi) := \frac{1}{|\mathbf{c}|} \sum_{f \in \mathrm{F}_c} \phi_f \underline{\widetilde{\mathrm{e}}}_c(f) \qquad \text{(constant in c)} \\ & \bullet \ \underline{\widetilde{\mathrm{e}}}_c(f) := \underline{x}_f - \underline{x}_c \\ & \bullet \ \underline{\mathrm{f}} := |\mathbf{f}| \underline{\nu}_{f,c} \end{split}$$

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 $\mapsto \text{ Gradient on dual edges } \tilde{e}_{c}(f) \text{ (segment } [\underline{x}_{f}, \underline{x}_{c}]): \mathbf{g}_{\tilde{e}_{c}(f)} := \tilde{G}(\mathbf{p})|_{\tilde{e}_{c}(f)} := \mathbf{p}_{f} - \mathbf{p}_{c} \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{c}$ $\mapsto \textbf{Static condensation for cell unknows: Linear system reduced to \#F }$

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A unified analysis

Mesh regularity: shape-regularity of a simplicial submesh with a bounded number of entities

Vertex-,Face-,Cell-based schemes

- \mapsto Stability and well-posedness relying on the stability of the reconstruction and discrete Poincaré inequalities
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Numerical results for diffusion problem



FVCA6 benchmark: Test case 1

- Anisotropic diffusion problem: $-\operatorname{div}(\underline{\kappa}\operatorname{grad}(p)) = s + \operatorname{Dirichlet} \operatorname{BCs}$ -

$$p(x, y, z) := 1 + \sin(\pi x) \sin\left(\pi \left(y + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \sin\left(\pi \left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)\right), \quad \underline{\kappa} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0\\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.5\\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- $Er_2(\mathbf{p})$: Error on the potential in L^2 norm
- $Er_{\kappa}(\mathbf{g})$: Error on the gradient or flux in energy norm

Mesh sequences:









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g: 3.8e - 3

p: 4.3*e* – 4

g: 2.4e - 3

p: 3.9e - 4

g: 6.0e - 2



g: 3.5e - 3

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VCb

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CDO groundwater flow module in *Code_Saturne*

An example of industrial applications of robust discretizations



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The groundwater flow module in Code_Saturne



Modelling capabilities

- \mapsto Heterogeneous and/or anisotropic permeabilities
- \mapsto Saturated (heta is constant) or unsaturated (Van Genuchten or user-defined) soil model

CDO discretizations for the groundwater flow module

Case of Vertex-based schemes and a saturated soil modelling

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm I}$ 1. Solve the steady linear Darcy equation —

Find the hydraulic head $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{H}}\in\mathcal{V}$ s.t.

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 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Solve the transport equation(s)} \\ \hline \textbf{Set } R := \theta + \rho K_d. \text{ Find the concentration } \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{V} \text{ s.t.} \\ \sum_{c \in C} \int_c \underbrace{d_t \mathrm{L}^0_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \cdot R \cdot \mathrm{L}^0_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\boldsymbol{z})}_{unsteady} + \underbrace{\mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathrm{GRAD}(\boldsymbol{\xi})) \cdot \underline{\mathrm{D}}_c \cdot \underline{\mathrm{L}}_{\mathcal{E}_c}(\mathrm{GRAD}(\boldsymbol{z}))}_{diffusion} \\ + \underbrace{\mathrm{T}_{q_c}(\mathrm{GRAD}(\boldsymbol{\xi})) \cdot \mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\boldsymbol{z})}_{advection} + \underbrace{\mathrm{L}^0_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \cdot \lambda R \cdot \mathrm{L}^0_{\mathcal{V}_c}(\boldsymbol{z})}_{reaction} = \sum_{c \in C} \int_c s_R \cdot \mathrm{L}^0_{\mathcal{V}}(\boldsymbol{z}) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{z} \in \mathcal{V} \\ \hline \mathrm{T}_{q_c} \text{ is the convection operator (upwind, Peclet-weighted, centered...)} \end{array}$

Semi-discrete formulation: Time scheme is either Implicit Euler or Crank-Nicolson POEMS'19 19/05/02

Context

 \mapsto Design and safety studies related to nuclear waste storage facilities

- ANDRA (National Agency for the Management of Radioactive Wastes) is in charge of this subject
- ASN (Nuclear Safety Agency) is the authority in charge of the control
- EDF as a major contributor wants to have its own expertise on this subject
- **CIGEO**: The nuclear waste storage facility -

→ Management of the **High-Activity** Long-Life (HALL) wastes

- 0.2% of all radioactive wastes but 94% of the radioactivity
- Up to 10,000 m³ of storage for HALL
- → Management of the **Medium-Activity** Long-Life (MALL) wastes
 - 3% of all radioactive wastes but 6% of the radioactivity
 - Up to 75,000m³ of storage for MALL



- \mapsto Storage depth: 500*m*
- \mapsto Storage area: $15km^2$
- \mapsto More than 100 years of operating life
- \mapsto Estimated cost: 25B euros

A challenging long-term safety study for CIGEO

Key figures \mapsto Large geometry with many small objects: • Dimensions in Km: $\sim 3 \times 5 \times 0.5$ • Catch geometric details ($\sim 0.1m$) around storage cells • ~ 1500 storage cells \mapsto Long-term study: **Evolution over 1M years** \mapsto Several scenarii to analyze

Aims: Study the validity of the design of the storage facility by estimating the quantity of RNs released in the biosphere



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1 Billion mesh cells built on-the-fly in less than 10mn

Mesh building strategy

- $\mapsto\,$ Strictly speaking not the CIGEO geometry but the same level of complexity
- \mapsto Use the **parallel joining algorithm** of *Code_Saturne* to assemble the final geometry from a small set of elementary meshes after duplication and translation
 - Take advantage of the redundancy of the geometry: storage cells and galleries



Verification testcase



- Strong heterogeneity (10⁵ ratio)
- Polyhedral cells: up to 1:64 cell-cell visibility
- Check the consistency on a linear solution

Study of the migration of radionuclides (RNs)



Slices in the 500M mesh

- $\mapsto \text{ Left: Hydraulic head} \\ \text{ distribution in the clay}$
- → Right: RN concentration near the galleries

Influence of the **mesh refinement** on the quantities of interest

- \mapsto Left: Adimensional total quantity of RN
- \mapsto Right: Outflow flux of RN

Performances

Massively parallel simulation on EDF cluster (GAIA)

- Building a **1B DoFs system takes less than 1s** per iteration (11520 cores) Case: 3200 iterations on the 500M cell mesh
 - \mapsto Simulation time is **less than 6 hours** with 11520 cores (MPI)
 - 5% of the time dedicated to build linearsystems
 - 85% of the time dedicated to solve linear systems:
 - CG + BoomerAMG multigrid solver from the Hypre library for solving the hydraulic head
 - GMRES + Jacobi for solving the radionuclide concentration



Stokes equations with CDO Face-based schemes



Joint work with A. Ern & R. Milani (PhD)

CDO-Fb schemes for Stokes

Find $(\underline{u}, p) \in H_0^1(\Omega)^3 \times L_0^2(\Omega)$ (zero-mean value) s.t.

$$\begin{cases} -\underline{\Delta} \, \underline{u} + \underbrace{\operatorname{grad}}_{div} \underline{p} &= \underline{f} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div}_{\underline{u}} &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \underline{u} &= \underline{u}_{\partial\Omega} & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

 \mapsto Two keys operators:

- The gradient reconstruction operators for the velocity for the term $-\underline{\Delta} \underline{u}$
- The divergence operator div <u>u</u> (adjoint to grad p)

\mapsto Velocity space $\underline{\hat{\mathcal{U}}}$: hybrid space with DoFs at faces and cells

- One DoF per each component at faces and cells defined as mean-values
- $\mathsf{R}_{\widehat{\mathcal{U}}}(\underline{u}) := (\{\pi_{\mathrm{f}}(\underline{u})\}_{\mathrm{f}\in\mathrm{F}}, \{\pi_{\mathrm{c}}(\underline{u})\}_{\mathrm{c}\in\mathrm{C}})$
- Cell DoFs can be eliminated using static condensation

 \mapsto Pressure space $\mathcal{P}:$ DoF at cells

- Defined as the mean-cell value
- $\mathsf{R}_{\mathcal{P}}(p) := \{\pi_{c}(p)\}_{c \in C}$

where
$$\pi_{\mathrm{f}}(q) := rac{1}{|\mathrm{f}|} \int_{\mathrm{f}} q$$
 for $\mathrm{f} \in \mathrm{F}$ and $\pi_{\mathrm{c}}(q) := rac{1}{|\mathrm{c}|} \int_{\mathrm{c}} q$ for $\mathrm{c} \in \mathrm{C}$

Two key operators

1. Cellwise velocity gradient reconstruction operator: \underline{G}_{c}

 $\mapsto \text{ Piecewise constant tensor in each pyramid } \{\mathfrak{p}_{f,c}\}_{f\in F_c} := \mathfrak{P}_{F,c}$

•
$$\underline{\underline{G}}_{c}: \underline{\underline{U}}_{c} \to \mathbb{P}_{0}(\mathfrak{P}_{F,c})^{axa}$$

• $\underline{\underline{G}}_{c}(\hat{\underline{u}}):=\underline{\underline{\underline{G}}}_{c}(\hat{\underline{u}}) + \beta \frac{|f|}{|\mathfrak{p}_{f,c}|} \left((\underline{\underline{u}}_{f}-\underline{\underline{u}}_{c}) - \underline{\underline{\underline{G}}}_{c}(\hat{\underline{u}})(\underline{x}_{f}-\underline{x}_{c})\right) \otimes \underline{\underline{\nu}}_{f,c}$

• Consistency part:
$$\underline{\underline{G}}_{c}(\underline{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}) := \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{f \in F_c} |f|(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_f - \underline{\mathbf{u}}_c) \otimes \underline{\nu}_{f,c}$$

2. Cellwise divergence $\mathsf{operator:}\ \mathsf{D}_{\mathrm{c}}$

 \mapsto Piecewise constant in each cell

•
$$\mathsf{D}_{c} : \underline{\widehat{\mathcal{U}}}_{c} \to \mathcal{P}_{c} \equiv \mathbb{P}_{0}(c)$$

• $\mathsf{D}_{c}(\underline{\widehat{u}}) := \mathsf{tr}(\underline{\underline{\widetilde{G}}}_{c}(\underline{\widehat{u}})) = \frac{1}{|c|} \sum_{f \in F_{c}} |f|(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_{f} - \underline{\mathbf{u}}_{c}) \cdot \underline{\nu}_{f,c}$



Discrete formulation of the Stokes equations

Find
$$(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{p}) \in \underline{\widehat{\mathcal{U}}} \times \mathcal{P}$$
 s.t.

$$\sum_{c \in C} \int_{c} \underline{\underline{G}}_{c}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) : \underline{\underline{G}}_{c}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}) - \int_{c} \mathbf{p}_{c} D_{c}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}) = \sum_{c \in C} \int_{c} \underline{f} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{c}, \quad \forall \hat{\mathbf{w}} \in \underline{\widehat{\mathcal{U}}}$$

$$\sum_{c \in C} \int_{c} \mathbf{q}_{c} D_{c}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}$$

 \mapsto Very close to HHO (k = 0) schemes

• Only the stabilization of the gradient reconstruction for the velocity differs

 \mapsto Convergence analysis performed in Di Pietro et al. '16 with k = 0 holds

- Inf-sup stable discretization
- Order of convergence for the velocity: **2** in L^2 norm
- Order of convergence for the pressure: 1 in L^2 norm

 \mapsto Discrete velocity field is cellwise divergence free

Testcase: Steady Taylor-Green vortices



Ongoing works & Perspectives

CDO Face-based schemes for the incompressible Navier–Stokes equations

Milani's PhD

Coming soon (implemented but need more tests)

- \mapsto Coupling the velocity field arising from the Stokes/Navier–Stokes equations with the transport of tracers
- \mapsto Alternatives to the monolithic (saddle-point) approach for the velocity/pressure coupling
 - Augmented-Lagrangian Uzawa algorithm
 - Artifical compressibility algorithm with the possibility to get higher-order time steppings

To be done

- \mapsto Improve the convection scheme in Navier–Stokes to get a better kinetic energy balance
- \mapsto Improvement: Pressure-robust discretization of the momentum RHS (cf. Di Pietro et al. '16)

HHO schemes in Code_Saturne

High-order schemes to get better accuracy on coarse meshes

- \mapsto HHO(k=1 & k=2) schemes are available in *Code_Saturne* (parallel MPI+OpenMP)
 - for scalar-valued diffusion problem (Milani's internship)
 - for vector-valued diffusion problem (AMIES project with Montpellier U. D. Castenon & D. Di Pietro)



Work in progress: Stokes equations (to be integrated) and scalar-valued advection (internship): AMIES project with Montpellier U. – D. Castenon & D. Di Pietro

HHO schemes in code_aster

M. Abbas (EDF), A. Ern (Paris-Est U.) & N. Pignet's PhD (EDF)

- \mapsto Applications:
 - Hyper-elasticity
 - Finite elastoplastic deformations with logarithmic strain
- \mapsto WIP: Integration in code_aster



- \mapsto HHO supports large deformations
- \mapsto No volumetric locking for HHO (primal formulation) and UPG (mixed formulation) POEMS'19 19/05/02 45 / 48

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All CDO & HHO developments are freely available. Download and test it !

Code_Saturne website: https://www.code-saturne.org

Published works related to CDO schemes

Articles

- Analysis of Compatible Discrete Operator schemes for elliptic problems on polyhedral meshes, *Bonelle & Ern* (M2AN), 2013
- Analysis of Compatible Discrete Operator Schemes for the Stokes Equations on Polyhedral Meshes, *Bonelle & Ern* (IMA JNA), 2014
- Low-order reconstruction operators on polyhedral meshes: Application to Compatible Discrete Operator schemes, *Bonelle, Di Pietro & Ern* (CAGD), 2015
- Vertex-based Compatible Discrete Operator schemes on polyhedral meshes for advection-diffusion equations, *Cantin & Ern* (CMAM), 2016
- A vertex-based scheme on polyhedral meshes for advection-reaction equations with sub-mesh stabilization, *Cantin, Bonelle, Burman & Ern*(CaMwA), 2016
- An edge-based scheme on polyhedral meshes for vector advection-reaction equations, Cantin & Ern, (M2AN), 2017
- New polyhedral discretisation methods applied to the Richards equation: CDO schemes in *Code_Saturne*, *Bonelle*, *Fournier & Moulinec*, (CaF), 2018

Phd thesis

- Compatible Discrete Operator schemes on polyhedral meshes for elliptic and Stokes equations, *Bonelle's PhD*, 2014
- Approximation of scalar and vector transport problems on polyhedral meshes, *Cantin's PhD*, 2016

Thank you for your attention!