

# Construction of Hilbert complexes

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## Review: de Rham complexes

- Sobolev de Rham complex:

$$0 \longrightarrow H^s \Lambda^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} H^{s-1} \Lambda^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \cdots \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} H^{s-n} \Lambda^n \longrightarrow 0,$$

**Theorem 1** (Costabel, McIntosh, 2010).

$$\mathcal{N}\left(d^k, H^{s-k} \Lambda^k\right)=d^{k-1} H^{s-(k-1)} \Lambda^{k-1} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\infty}^k,$$

- Lipschitz domain, any real number  $s$ ,
- cohomology representation  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}^k \subset C^{\infty}$ , not depending on  $s$ .

Idea of proof: estimating Bogovskii and regularized Poincaré path integral operators as pseudodifferential operators of order  $-1$ .

- $L^2$  Hilbert complex

$$0 \longrightarrow L^2 \Lambda^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} L^2 \Lambda^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \cdots \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} L^2 \Lambda^n \longrightarrow 0,$$

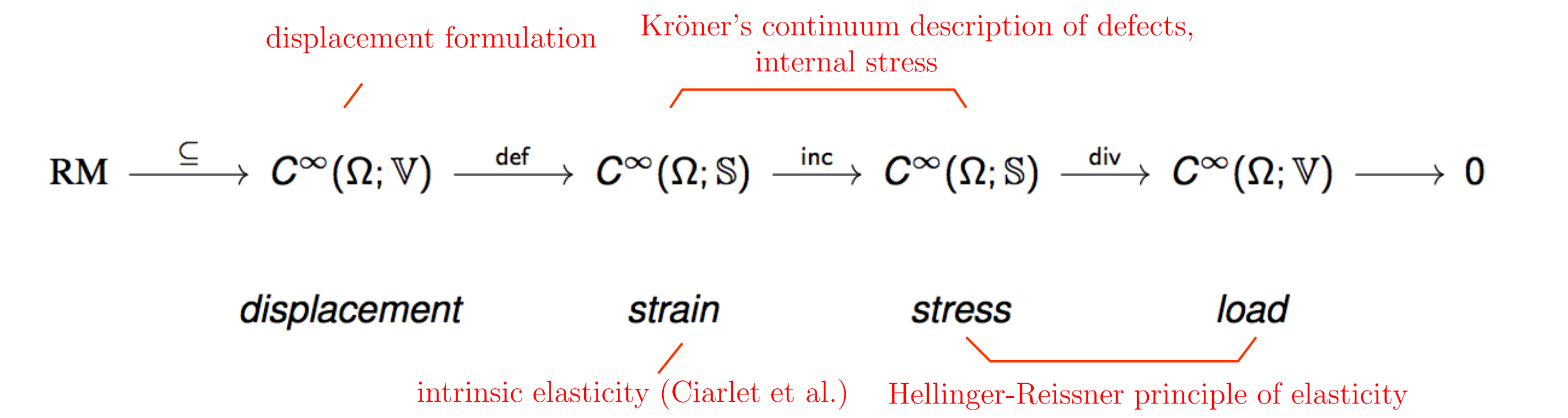
with the domain complex  $(H(\mathcal{D}))$  type de Rham complex):

$$0 \longrightarrow H \Lambda^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} H \Lambda^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \cdots \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} H \Lambda^n \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $H \Lambda^k:=\left\{u \in L^2 \Lambda^k: d^k u \in L^2 \Lambda^{k+1}\right\}$ .  $(H(\operatorname{curl}) / H(\operatorname{div}))$  type spaces)

Analytic results hold: closed range, Hodge decomposition, Poincaré inequalities etc., which lay the foundation of the Finite Element Exterior Calculus (Arnold, Falk, Winther 2006) and applications.

## Question: elasticity complex (Kröner/linearized Calabi complex)



- $\mathbb{V}$ : vectors,  $\mathbb{S}$ : symmetric matrices,
- linearized deformation  $\operatorname{def} u:=1 / 2(\nabla u+u \nabla)$ , linearized curvature  $\operatorname{inc} v:=\nabla \times v \times \nabla$ ,
- $\operatorname{inc} \circ \operatorname{def}=0, \operatorname{div} \circ \operatorname{inc}=0$ ,
- Saint-Venant compatibility condition:  $e=\operatorname{def} u \Rightarrow \operatorname{inc} e=0$ ,

Functional analysis foundation for  $L^2$  and Sobolev complexes?

## Solution: algebraic construction of elasticity complex from de Rham complexes

Bernstein-Gelfand-Gelfand type construction:  
(Eastwood 1999; Arnold, Falk, Winther 2006, for  $C^{\infty}$  functions)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow S^0:=\operatorname{mskw} & & \nearrow S^1 & & \nearrow S^2:=\operatorname{vskw} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

- $\mathbb{M}$ : matrices,  $\operatorname{skw}:\mathbb{M} \mapsto \mathbb{K}$ : skew symmetrization,  $\operatorname{mskw}:\mathbb{V} \mapsto \mathbb{K}$ : axial vector to skew symmetric matrix,  $\operatorname{vskw}:=\operatorname{mskw}^{-1} \circ \operatorname{skw}:\mathbb{M} \mapsto \mathbb{V}$ ,  $S^1 u:=u^{\mathrm{T}}-\operatorname{tr}(u) I$ ,
- key structures:
  - $D S=-S D$ :  $\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{mskw}=-S^1 \operatorname{grad}, \operatorname{div} S^1=-\operatorname{vskw} \operatorname{curl}$ ,
  - $S^i$  operators,  $i=0,1,2$ : injective, bijective, surjective,

- homological algebra: eliminate the skew part, connect the curl operators

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow S^0:=\operatorname{mskw} & & \nearrow S^1 & & \nearrow S^2:=\operatorname{vskw} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Derive the elasticity complex  $(\operatorname{inc}=\operatorname{curl} \circ \mathbb{T} \circ \operatorname{curl})$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{def}} & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} \\ & & \searrow \operatorname{curl} \mathbb{T} & & \nearrow \operatorname{div} \\ & & & & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array} \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 2.** Cohomology of (1) is isomorphic to the de Rham cohomology  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}^{\bullet} \otimes(\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V})$ . Explicit formulas of isomorphism exist.

Proof. Homological algebra + Theorem 1 (Costabel, McIntosh).  $\square$

## General framework

Input: two complexes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Z^0 & \xrightarrow{D^0} & Z^1 & \xrightarrow{D^1} & \cdots \xrightarrow{D^{n-1}} Z^n \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \nearrow S^0 & & \nearrow S^1 & & \nearrow S^{n-1} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \tilde{Z}^0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{D}^0} & \tilde{Z}^1 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{D}^1} & \cdots \xrightarrow{\tilde{D}^{n-1}} \tilde{Z}^n \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

- Hilbert spaces  $Z^i:=V^i \otimes \mathbb{E}^i$ , and  $\tilde{Z}^i:=V^{i+1} \otimes \tilde{\mathbb{E}}^i$ , with given Hilbert spaces  $V^i, i=0,1, \cdots, n+1$ , and finite dimensional inner product spaces  $\mathbb{E}^i, \tilde{\mathbb{E}}^i, i=0,1, \cdots, n$ ,
- $D^i, \tilde{D}^i, i=0,1, \cdots, n-1$ , are bounded linear operators,
- assumptions on the  $S$  operators:  $S^i:=\operatorname{id} \otimes s^i$ ,
  - anti-commutativity:  $S^{i+1} \tilde{D}^i=-D^{i+1} S^i, i=0,1, \cdots, n-2$ .
  - for some  $j, 0 \leq j \leq n-1, s^i$  is injective for  $0 \leq i \leq j$ , and  $s^i$  is surjective for  $j \leq i \leq n-1$  (consequently,  $s^j$  is bijective).

Output: derived complex

$$0 \longrightarrow \Upsilon^0 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}^0} \Upsilon^1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}^1} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}^{n-1}} \Upsilon^n \longrightarrow 0,$$

where (with  $\mathcal{R}\left(s^{-1}\right)^{\perp}:=\mathbb{E}^0$  and  $\mathcal{N}\left(s^n\right):=\tilde{\mathbb{E}}^n$ ):

$$\Upsilon^i:=\left\{\begin{array}{ll} V^i \otimes \mathbb{W}^i, & 0 \leq i \leq j ; \\ V^{i+1} \otimes \mathbb{W}^i, & j < i \leq n, \end{array} \quad \mathbb{W}^i:=\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{R}\left(s^{i-1}\right)^{\perp} \subset \mathbb{E}^i, & 0 \leq i \leq j ; \\ \mathcal{N}\left(s^i\right) \subset \tilde{\mathbb{E}}^i, & j < i \leq n, \end{array}\right.$$

$$\mathcal{D}^i=\left\{\begin{array}{ll} (\operatorname{id} \otimes P_{\mathcal{R}^{\perp}}) D^i, & i < j ; \\ \tilde{D}^j\left(S^j\right)^{-1} D^j, & i=j ; \\ \tilde{D}^i, & i > j . \end{array}\right.$$

## Properties

- The derived complex has finite dimensional cohomology  $\Rightarrow$  closed range property,
- Hodge-Beltrami type decomposition,  
Proof: closed range + general results on Hilbert complexes.
- Poincaré-Korn type inequalities: (thus leads to a homological proof for the Korn inequality)

$$\|u\|_{L^2} \leq C\|\mathcal{D} u\|_{L^2}, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{N}\left(\mathcal{D}^i\right)^{\perp} \subset H\left(\mathcal{D}^i, \Omega ; \mathbb{W}^i\right) .$$

Proof: Banach theorem.

- well-posed Hodge Laplacian boundary value problems,
- regular decomposition: let  $D^{\bullet}$  and  $\tilde{D}^{\bullet}$  be first order operators,

$$H\left(\mathcal{D}, \mathbb{W}^i\right)=\mathcal{D}^{i-1}\left(H^1 \otimes \mathbb{W}^{i-1}\right)+H^1 \otimes \mathbb{W}^i .$$

Proof: use the derived Sobolev complexes with various  $s$ .

- compactness property: the following imbedding is compact:

$$H\left(\mathcal{D}^i ; \mathbb{W}^i\right) \cap D\left(\mathcal{D}_i^*\right) \hookrightarrow L^2 \otimes \mathbb{W}^i,$$

where  $D\left(\mathcal{D}_i^*\right)$  is the domain of the adjoint operator in the sense of unbounded operators.

Proof: existence of regular potential (Sobolev complex) and standard Rellich compactness of  $H^1$ .

## More examples

$\mathbb{T}$ : trace-free matrices,  $\operatorname{tr}$ : trace,  $\iota:\mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{M}, w \mapsto w I, S^1 u:=u^{\mathrm{T}}-\operatorname{tr}(u) I$

$\operatorname{dev} u:=u-1 / n \operatorname{tr}(u) I$ : deviator,  $\operatorname{hess}:=\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{grad}$ : Hessian.

Input: Arnold, Lectures at Peking University, 2015 (with  $C^{\infty}$  functions)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s \otimes \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{V} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow \operatorname{id} & & \nearrow \operatorname{vskw} & & \nearrow \operatorname{tr} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-1} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow \operatorname{mskw} & & \nearrow S^1 & & \nearrow \operatorname{vskw} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{M} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-5} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow \iota & & \nearrow \operatorname{mskw} & & \nearrow \operatorname{id} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-5} \otimes \mathbb{V} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-6} \otimes \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Diagonal maps are isomorphism, subdiagonal maps are injective, superdiagonal maps are surjective.

Output:

- Hessian complex (1st + 2nd rows):  $\operatorname{hess}=\operatorname{grad} \circ \operatorname{id} \circ \operatorname{grad}$ , Einstein eqn. (Quenneville-Bélaïr, 2015)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s \otimes \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{grad}} & \\ & & \searrow \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{id} & & \nearrow \operatorname{curl} \\ & & & & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

- elasticity/Kröner/linearized Calabi complex (2nd + 3rd rows),

- div div complex (3rd + 4th rows):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-2} \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{dev} \operatorname{grad}} & H^{s-3} \otimes \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{sym} \operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-4} \otimes \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} \\ & & & & \searrow \operatorname{div} \operatorname{id} & & \nearrow \operatorname{div} \\ & & & & & & H^{s-6} \otimes \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Stokes (Gopalakrishnan,Lederer,Schöberl, 2018&2019), biharmonic eqn (Pauly,Zulerhner, 2018).

- 1st + 3rd:  $\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{curl}$  (with connections to  $\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{curl}$ ); 2nd + 4th:  $\operatorname{curl} \operatorname{div}$ ; 1st + 4th:  $\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}$ .

Example of iterative construction

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^s(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{V} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{def}} & H^{s-1}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{S} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{inc}} & H^{s-3}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{S} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-4}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \searrow \iota & & \nearrow S^1 & & \nearrow \operatorname{vskw} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & H^{s-1}(\Omega) & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{hess}} & H^{s-3}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{S} & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} & H^{s-4}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-5}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

ker of  $\operatorname{dev} \operatorname{def}$ : conformal Killing v.f.

Cotton-York: flatness in conformal geometry

$$0 \longrightarrow H^s(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{V} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{dev} \operatorname{def}} H^{s-1}(\Omega) \otimes(\mathbb{S} \cap \mathbb{T}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Cott}} H^{s-4}(\Omega) \otimes(\mathbb{S} \cap \mathbb{T}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{div}} H^{s-5}(\Omega) \otimes \mathbb{V} \longrightarrow 0$$

gravitational wave variable: transverse-traceless (TT) gauge  
(= symmetric, trace-free, div-free)

stress like variable  $\operatorname{def} u$  in NS  
(Gopalakrishnan, Lederer, Schöberl, 2019)

- $\operatorname{dev} \operatorname{def}$ : conformal invariant, trace-free Korn inequality;  $\operatorname{Cott}:=\operatorname{curl}\left(S^1\right)^{-1} \operatorname{curl}\left(S^1\right)^{-1} \operatorname{curl}$ ,

## Concluding remarks

- from algebra to analysis: cohomology is obtained from homological algebra, which in turn proves closed range property and analytic properties of derived complexes,
- a systematic construction rooted in algebra and geometry, established analytic foundation of FEEC for these derived complexes,
- future work: Hodge-Laplacian and modeling (geometry, relativity, continuum mechanics with microstructures, defects), discrete level.