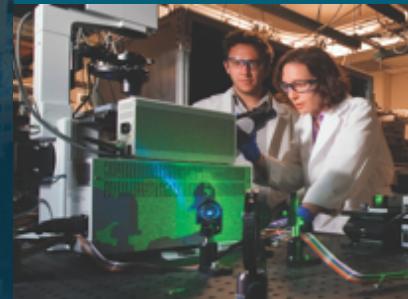


# Stanford ME469: Common low-Mach Discretization Approaches



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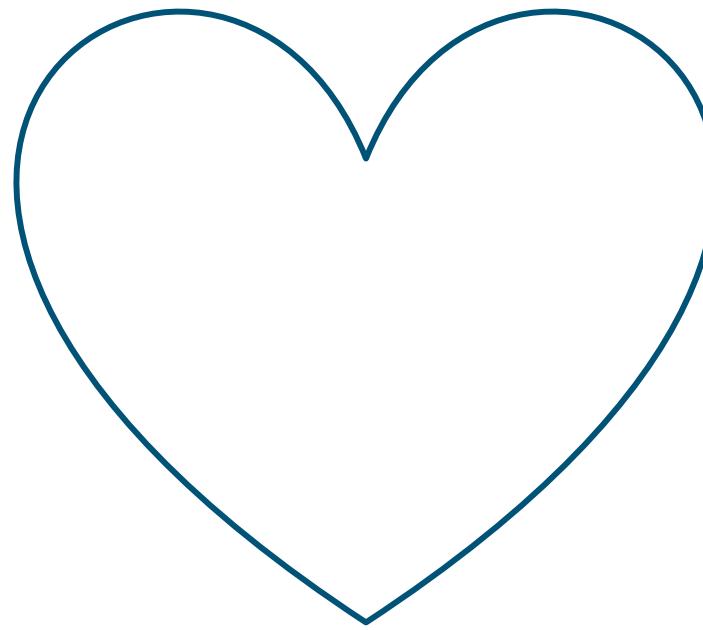
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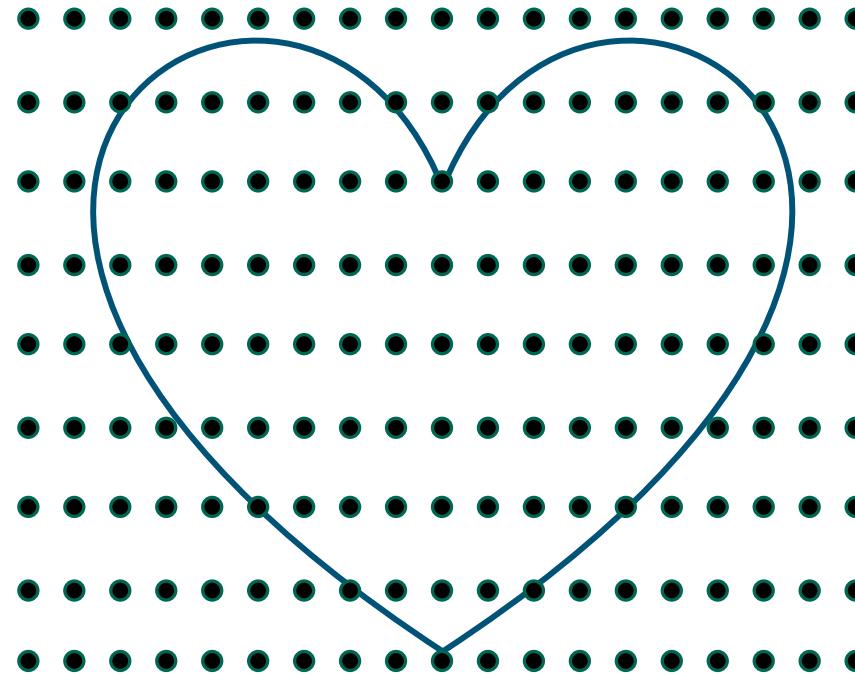
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- Why Unstructured?
- Unstructured Element Typoes
- Model PDE for Discretization
- Finite Element Method (FEM)
- Control-Volume Finite Element Method (CVFEM)
- Edge-based Vertex-Centred (EBVC)
- Cell-centered Finite Volume (FV)
- Staggered arrangement
- Conclusions

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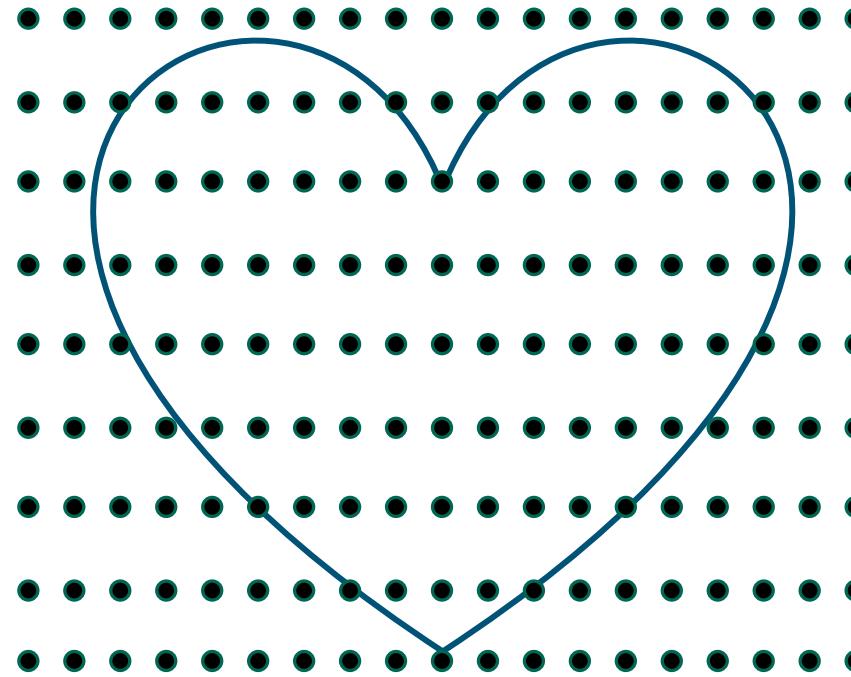
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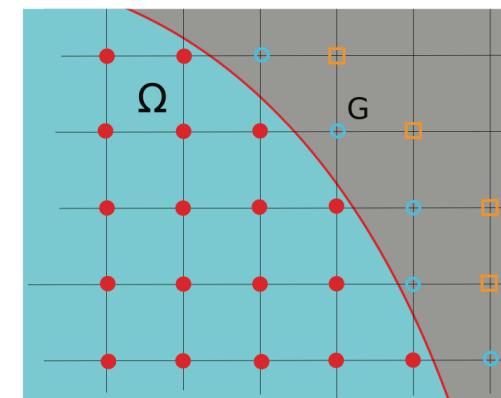
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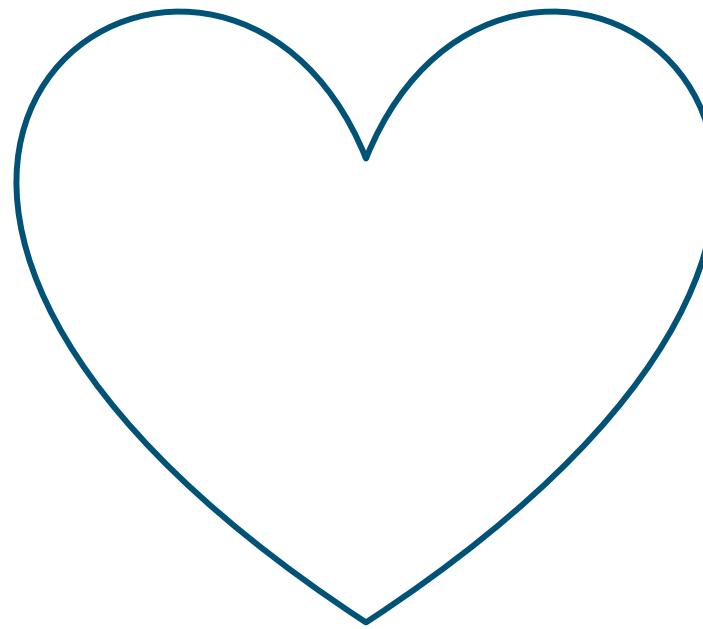
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1. Complex Not impossible: Chertock, et al., “A Second-Order Finite-Difference Method for Compressible Fluids in Domains with Moving Boundaries”, Commun. Comput. Phys., 2018
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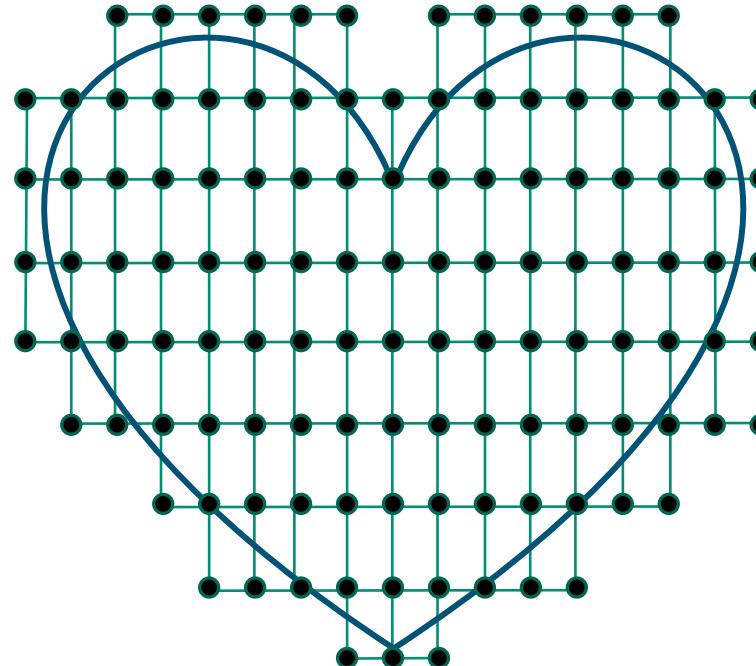


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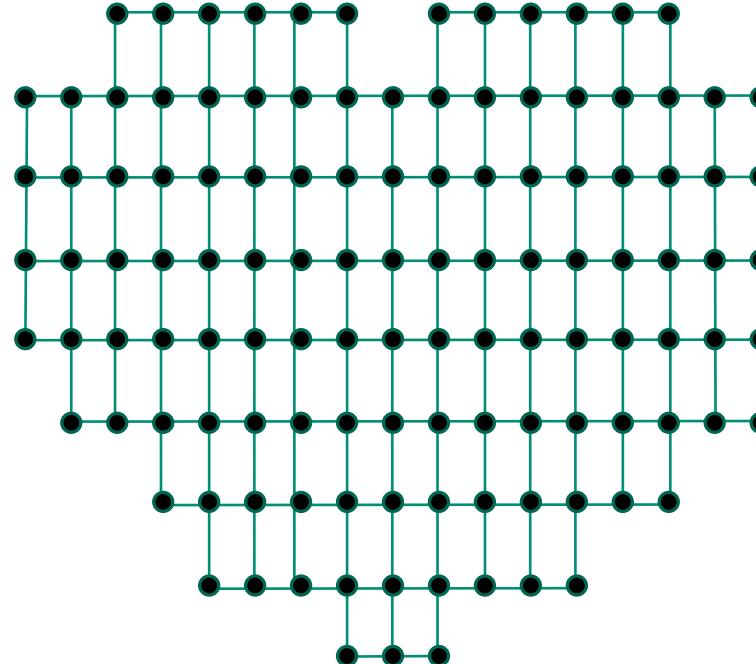
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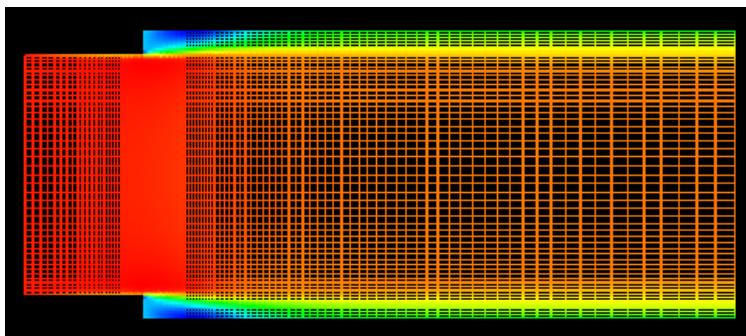
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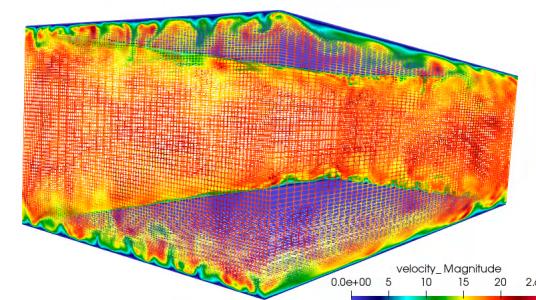
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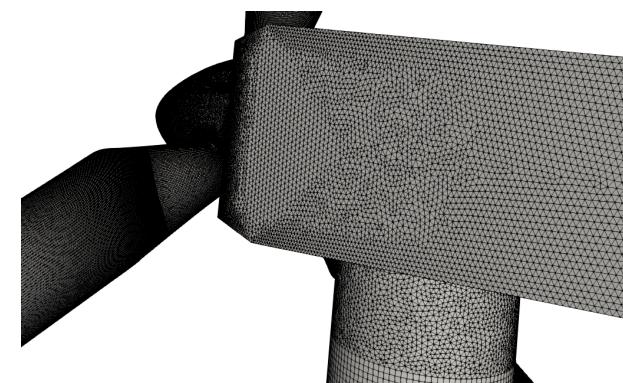
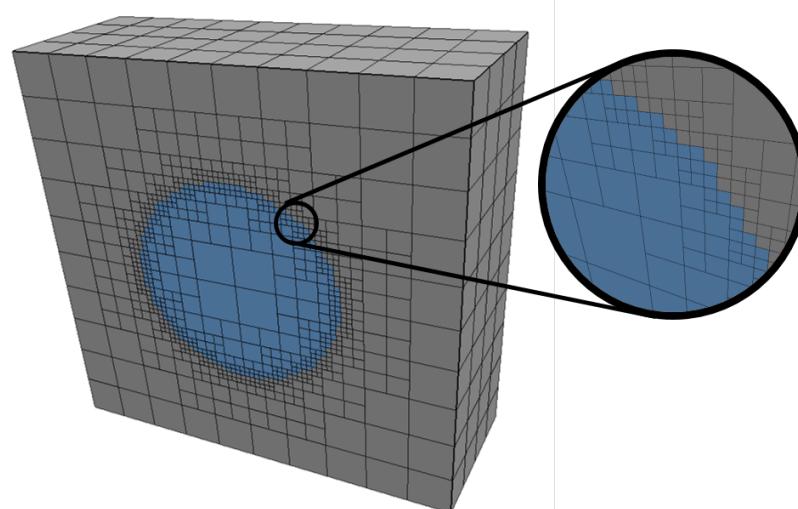
- Many times, the canonical flows of interest are in simplified geometries that allow for cartesian meshes – with “stair-stepping”



RANS-based backward facing step (Domino, 2012)



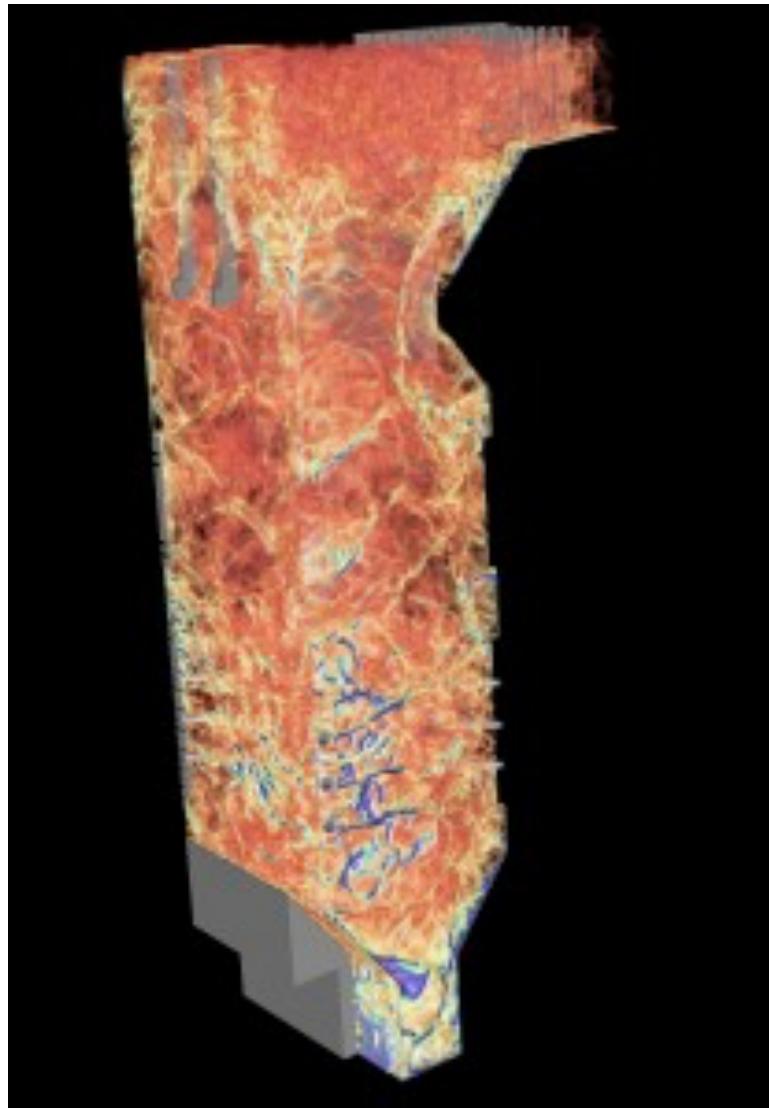
$Re^{\tau}$  395 plane-channel (Jofre, Domino, Iaccarino, 2018)



Often times, not!

In Fairness....

## The Carbon-Capture Multidisciplinary Simulation Center

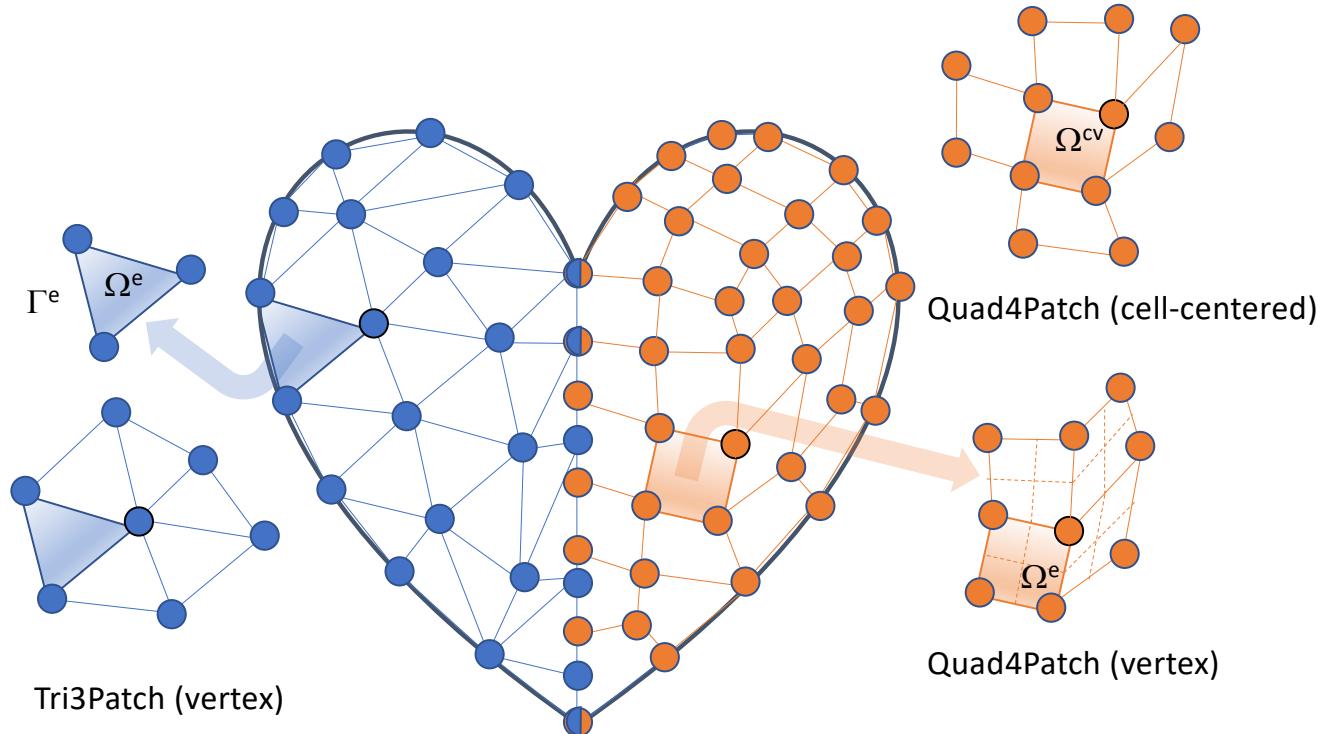


15MW coal-fired boiler volume rendered image of large ( $90 \mu\text{m}$ ) particles

Staggered schemes have been demonstrated to support complex applications

Cut-cells and embedded approaches help

## Introducing a Mesh over Heart Domain, $\Omega$



- Elements of size 4 (Quad4) or 3 (Tri3) have been introduced
- Exterior domain is faceted
- Non-conformal interface between the Tri3 and Quad4 block
- Two types of connectivity have been presented: node:element and element:face:element
- Two types of integration:  $\Omega^e$  vs  $\Omega^{cv}$

12 | Integration Over the Domain



- Consider a simple model equation with the heart domain in mind:

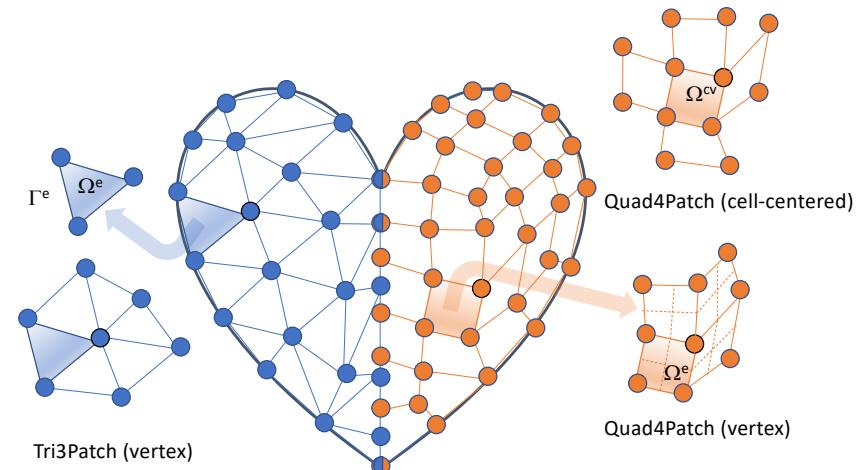
$$\frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_j} = S, \quad \text{Where } F_j \text{ is a flux and } S \text{ is a source term}$$

- Integrating over the domain,  $\Omega$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_j} dV = \int_{\Omega} S dV.$$

- Without loss of generality, let us define a set of subdomains,  $\Omega_k$ :

$$\sum_k \int_{\Omega^k} \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_j} dV = \sum_k \int_{\Omega_k} S dV,$$

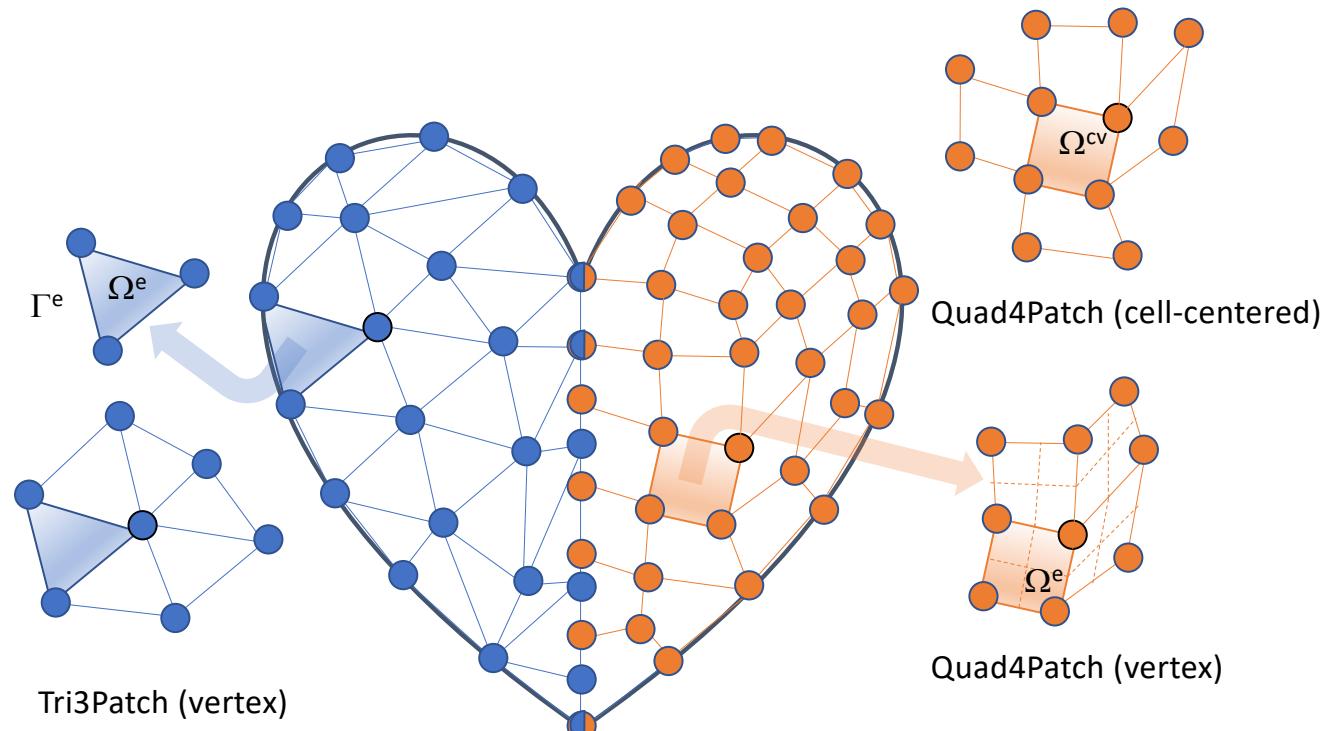


Note: Often the formality of  $\Sigma_k$  and  $\Omega_k$  is dropped and is implied over the integration

## Mesh-based Methods Basic Concept: Sub-divide domain into Finite Elements and Numerically Integrate



- Define basis within the domain:  $\phi(x, y) \approx \phi^e(x, y) = \sum_j^{nodes} \phi_j^e N_j^e(x, y)$
- While restricting to a Lagrange nodal basis,  $N_j^e(x_k, y_k) = \delta_{j,k}$



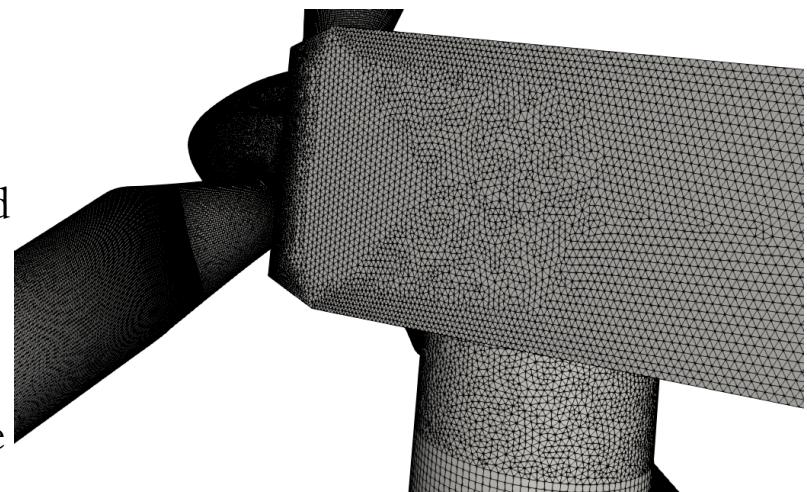
## Reality: Meshing time for complex applications remains a significant bottleneck!



- Many applications of interest contain complex geometries
- low-Mach fluids users interested in high-quality simulation results tend towards hexahedral-based topologies (if possible)
- However, if a scheme is “design-order” accurate, any topology may suffice as it is simply a matter of mesh size and efficiency – not unlike the active discussion on low- vs higher-order
- Sometimes, the penetration of a low-Mach fluids physics addition in common analysis is high as the meshing can be prohibitively complex



Very complex world - stair-stepped!

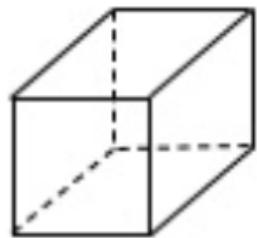


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Example:  
Vestas V27  
225 kw  
hybrid low-  
order  
hex/tet/pyr  
/wedge

## Examples of Various Topologies



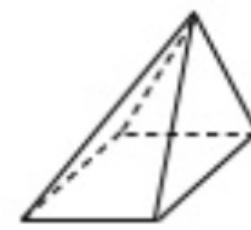
Hex8



Tet4



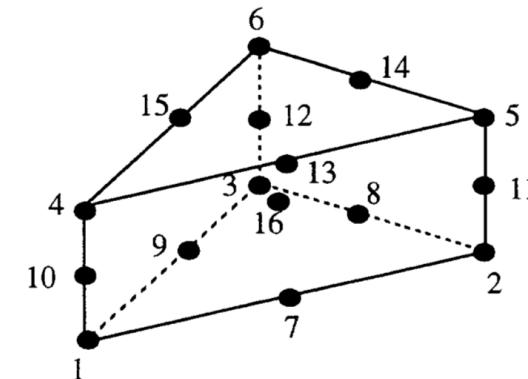
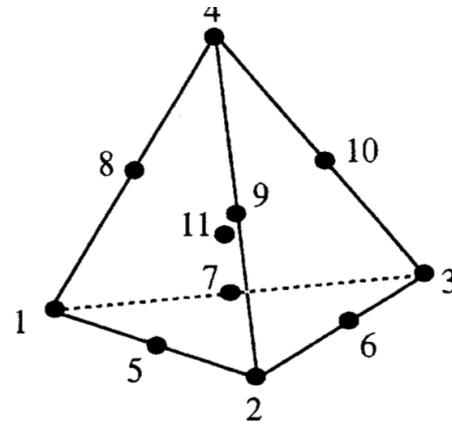
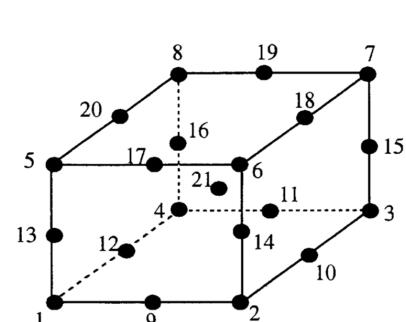
Pyramid5



Wedge6



Arbitrary



Higher-order promoted elements (Hex27, Tet10, Wedge16, Hex64, etc.)



- Given a partial differential equation (PDE) and associated volumetric form:

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad \int \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV - \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dV = 0$$

- Applying Gauss Divergence provides the standard finite volume form:

$$\int \frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} dV = \int q_j n_j dS \quad \int \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV - \int \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} n_j dS = 0$$

- We can also multiple PDE by an arbitrary test function,  $w$ , and integrate over a volume,

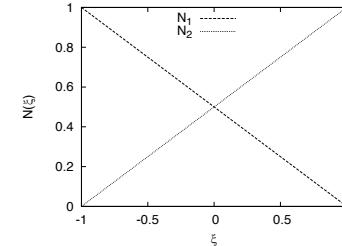
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$$\int w \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV + \int \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dV - \int w \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dS = 0$$

Next, integrate by parts and apply Gauss-Divergence. Note, that test function must be differentiable – shown here, at least once..

*Sometimes, one notes  $T$  as  $T^h$  - the trial space on given mesh size,  $h$*

## The Finite Element Method (FEM)

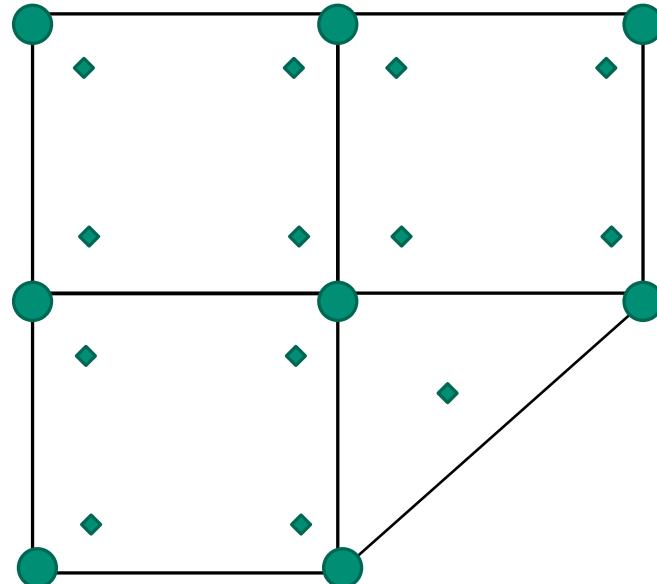


- Consider the example in which the finite element method (FEM) is employed
- Define an underlying nodal basis with the element:

$$T(x_k) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{npe} N_i(x_k) T_i$$

$$\frac{\partial T(x_k)}{\partial x_j} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{npe} \frac{\partial N_i(x_k)}{\partial x_j} T_i$$

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} = 0$$



- Gaussian Quadrature is used
  - using a  $-1:1$  range,  $\pm \sqrt{3}/3$

- Consider a simple heat conduction model PDE,

$$\int w \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV - \int w \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dV = 0$$

- Integration-by-parts (with G-D) provides:

$$\int w \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV + \int \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dV - \int w \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} n_j dS = 0$$

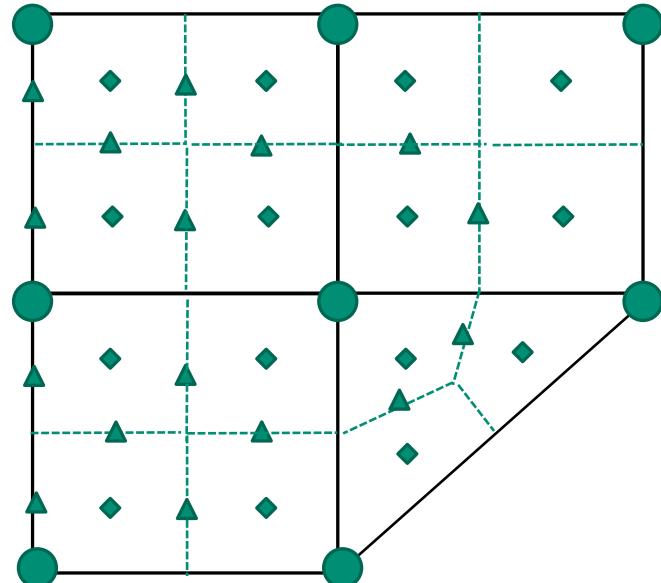
- Iterate element quadrature points
- Note that  $N$  can be arbitrary in order (shown here for a linear)

## The Hybrid Control-Volume Finite Element Method (CVFEM)



- A combination between a vertex-centered finite volume and FEM is the method known as Control Volume Finite Element
- A dual mesh is constructed to obtain flux and volume quadrature locations
- As with FEM, a basis is defined:

$$T(x_k) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{npe} N_i(x_k) T_i \quad \frac{\partial T(x_k)}{\partial x_j} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{npe} \frac{\partial N_i(x_k)}{\partial x_j} T_i$$



Dual-volume definition

- Integration-by-parts over test function w:

$$\int w \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV + \int \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} dV - \int w \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} n_j dS = 0$$

- However, define a test function, w, as a piece-wise constant function (Heaviside) to be 1 inside the dual volume and 0 outside. Gradient is a Dirac-delta function:

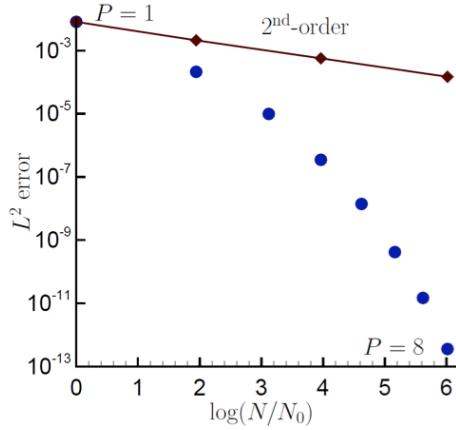
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} = -n_j \delta(x_j - xIP_j)$$

- Leading to:  $\int \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV - \int \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} n_j dS = 0$

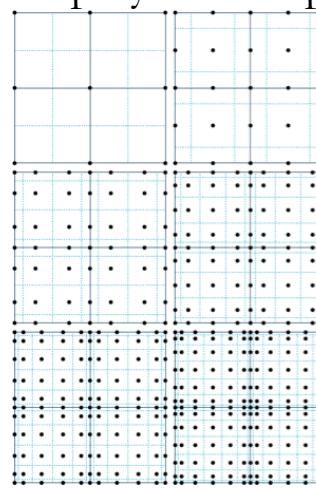
## Control-Volume Finite Element Method Attributes



- The CVFEM method, therefore, is a finite volume scheme that is locally conservative, i.e., momentum leaving one dual volume face enters the adjacent dual volume
- However, the diffusion operator, like its FEM counterpart is absent of any error due to non-orthogonality
- Suffers on high-aspect ratio meshes in presence of high gradients:  $\sqrt{3}$
- Since the test-function,  $w$ , is different from the underlying basis representation, this method can be considered a Petrov-Galerkin method
- The method can also be promoted in polynomial space (firs



Spectral convergence

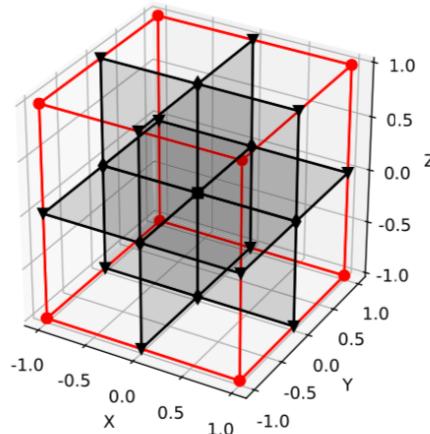


Dual-volume for promoted quad4

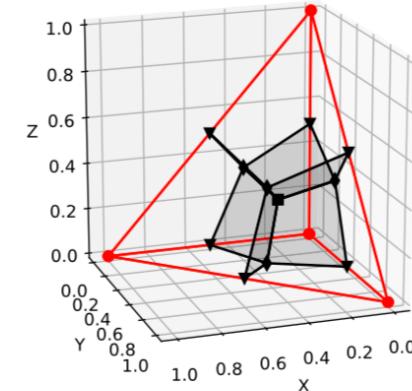


$P=1$  (left) and  $P=4$  (right)  
Helium plume (VR-density)

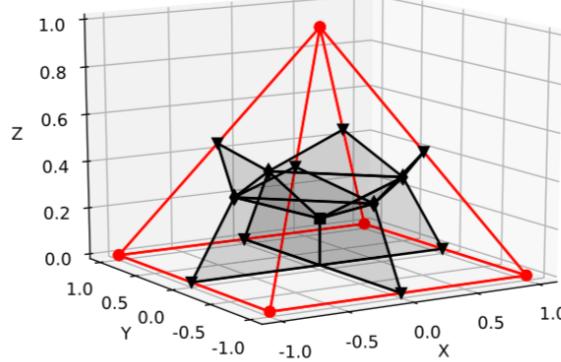
## Dual Volume Definitions for Hybrid Meshes



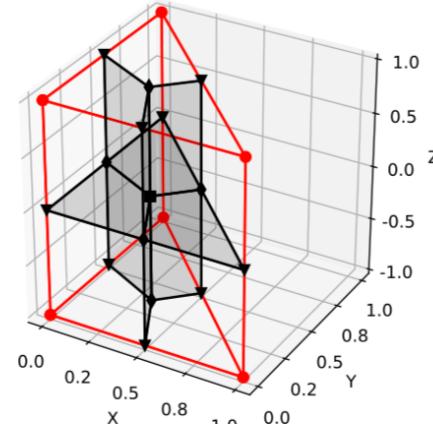
(a) Hexahedral topology (Hex8).



(b) Tetrahedral topology (Tet4).



(c) Pyramid topology (Pyramid5).



(d) Wedge topology (Wedge6).

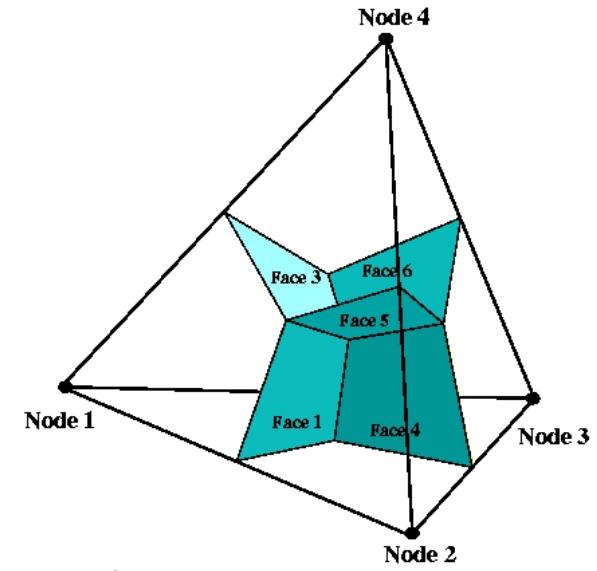
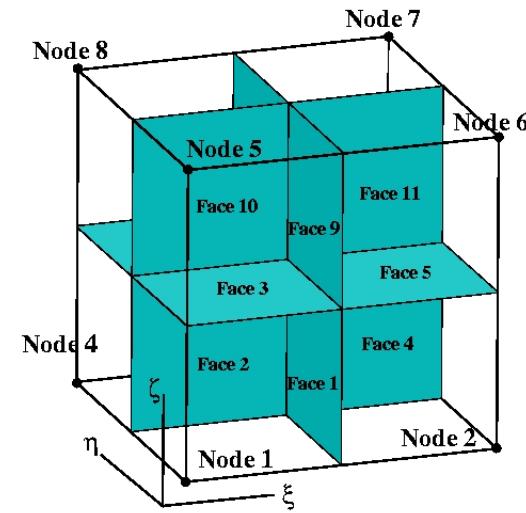


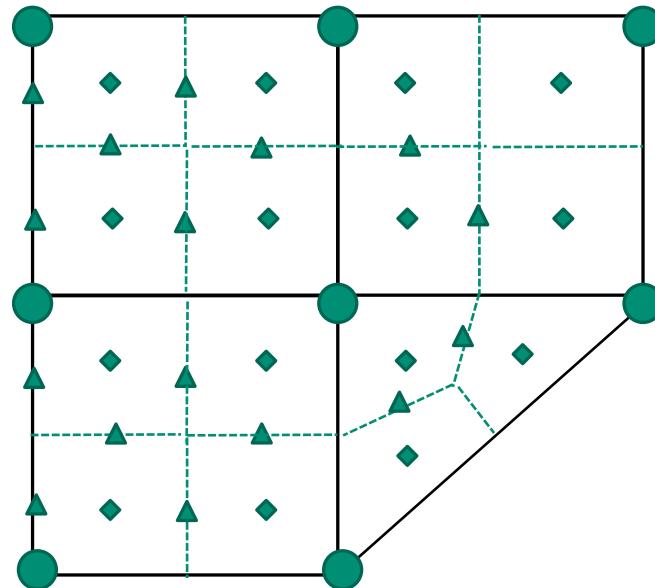
Fig. 1. CVFEM element and dual-volume definition for the low-order topologies.

Domino, et. al, “An assessment of atypical mesh topologies for low-Mach large-eddy simulation” 2019

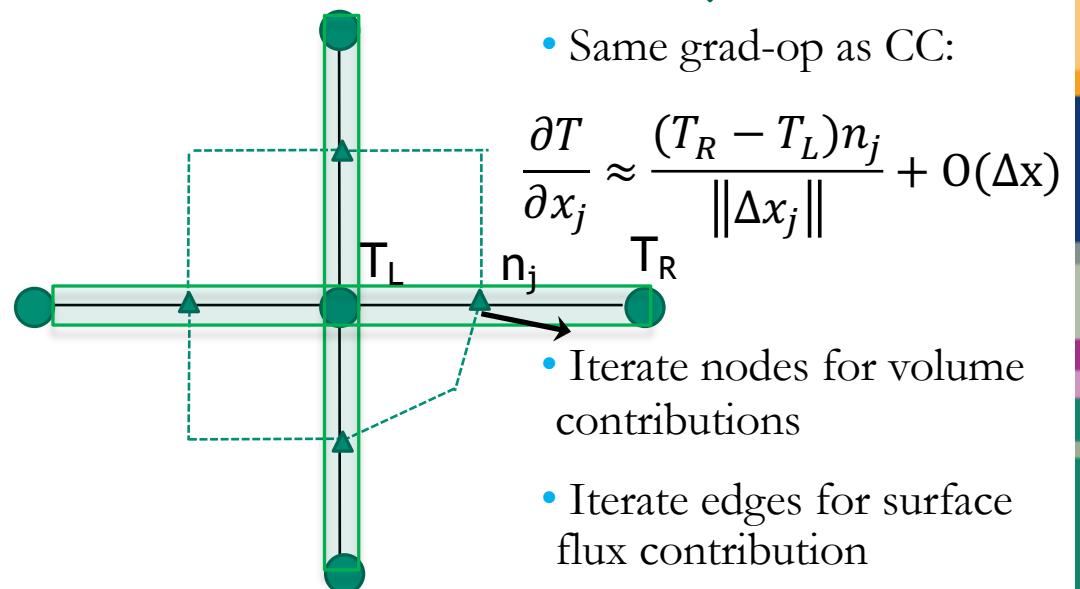
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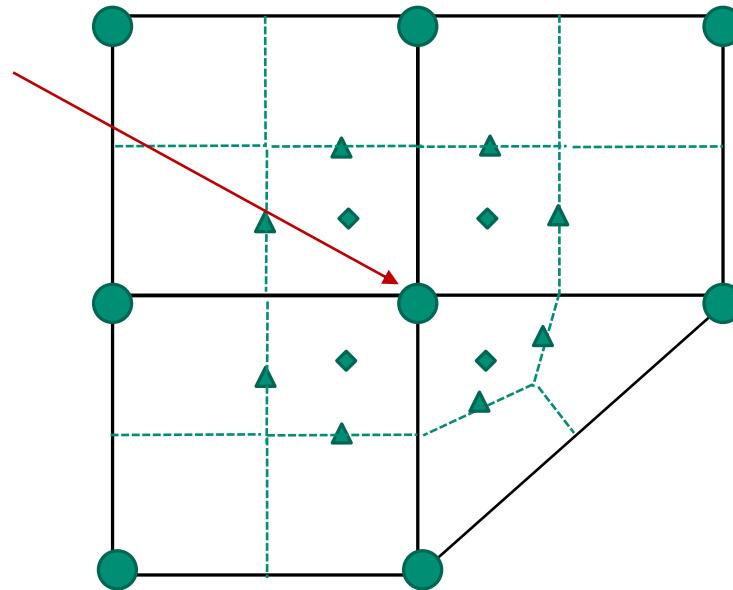


Edge-based stencil

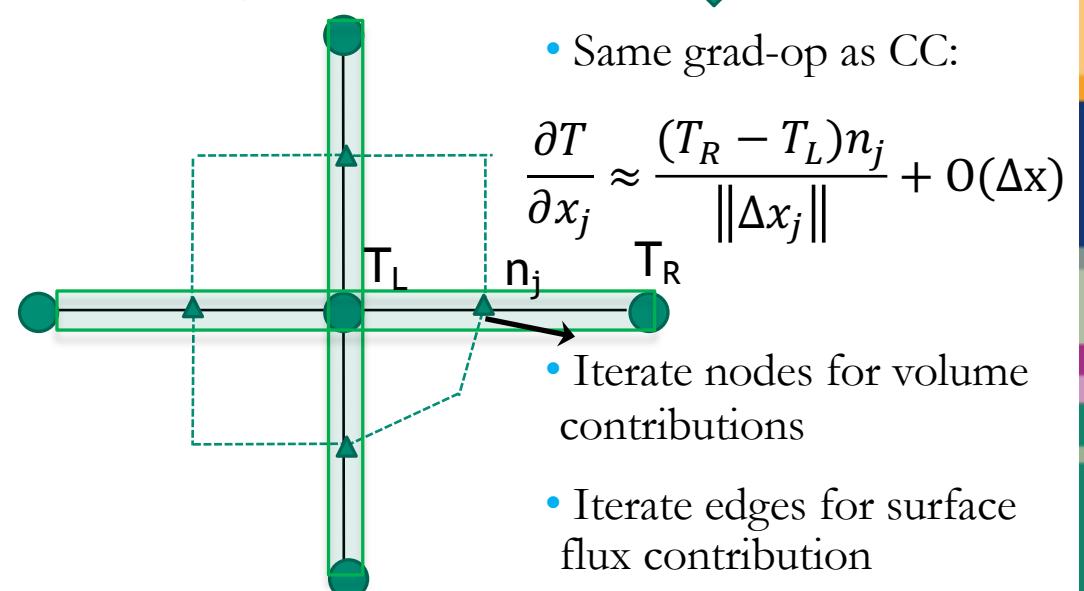
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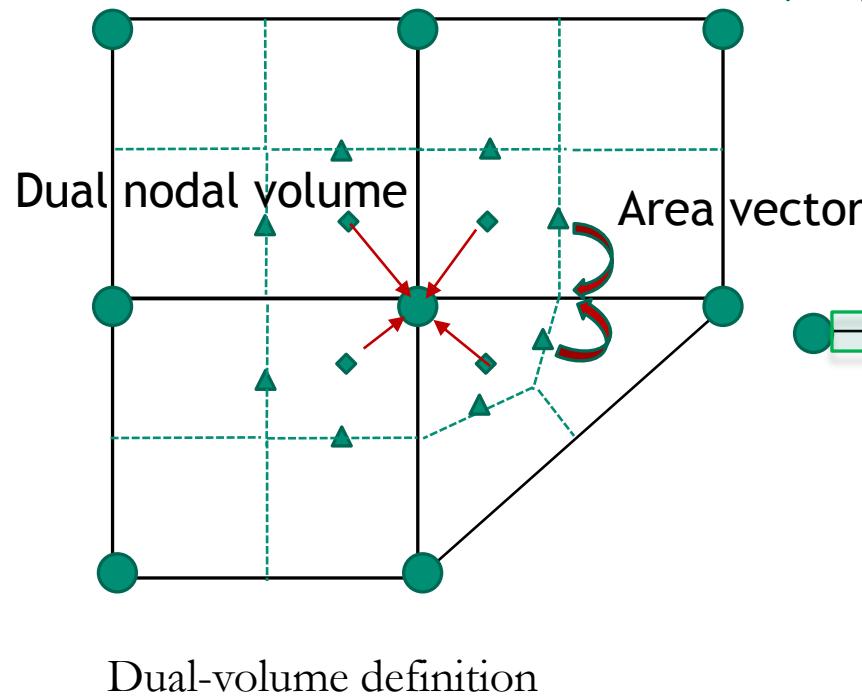


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• Same grad-op as CC:

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• Iterate nodes for volume contributions

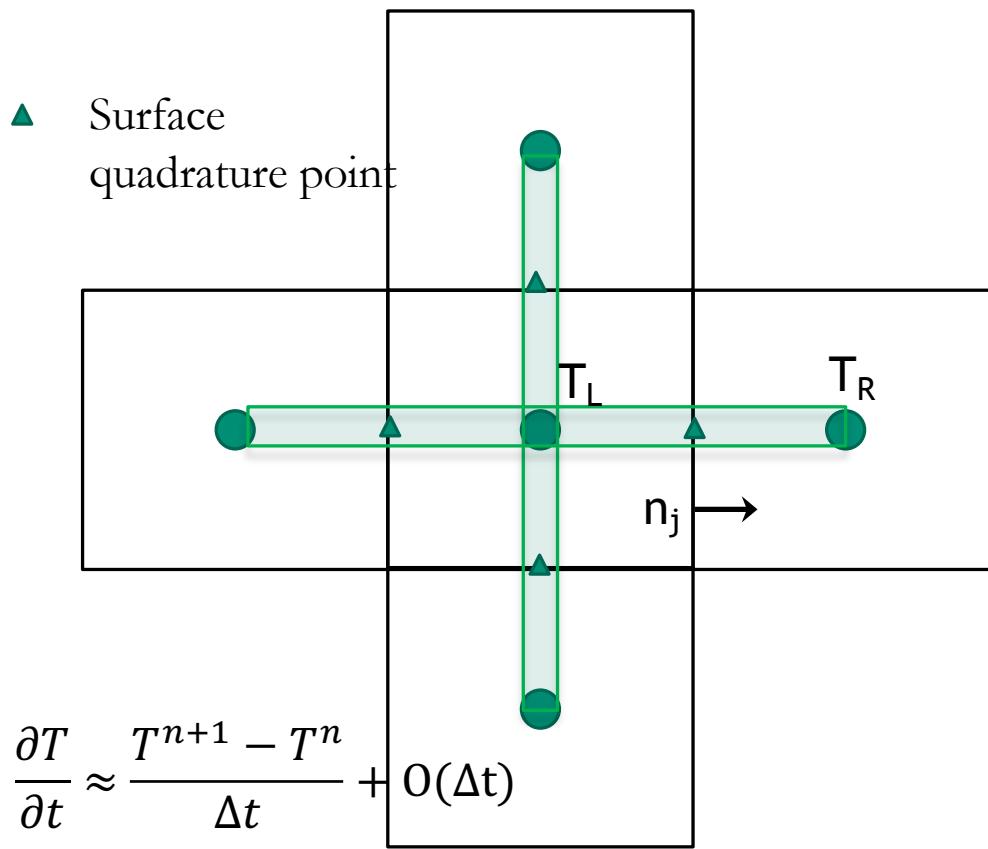
• Iterate edges for surface flux contribution

## Equal-Order Interpolation Cell-Centered (CC) Finite Volume



- All primitives are collocated at the cell-center of the element with equal-order interpolation
- Classic two-state, “L” and “R” approach provides spatially second-order accuracy

▲ Surface quadrature point



- Consider a simple heat conduction model PDE,

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

- Integrate over a control volume and use Gauss-Divergence,

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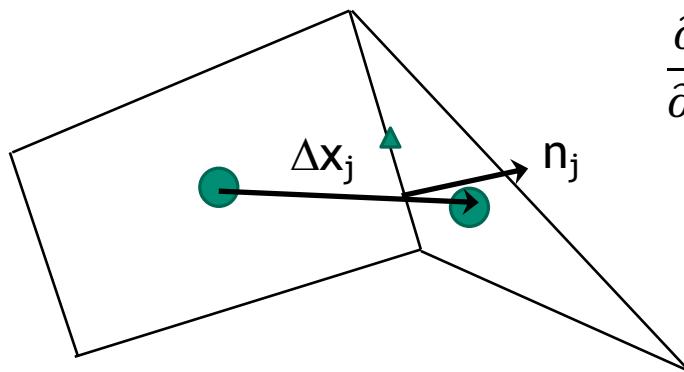
$$\text{with: } \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \approx \frac{(T_R - T_L)n_j}{\|\Delta x_j\|} + O(\Delta x)$$

- Iterate element cell-centers for volume contributions (time/source)
- Iterate element faces for surface flux contribution

## Typical Failings for Two-State Discretization Methods



- With two points, only a linear basis can be used.
- Therefore, unstructured CC and EBVC are limited to second-order spatial accuracy
- Non-orthogonality is problematic for gradient-operator



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} = G_j T + [(T_R - T_L) - G_k T \Delta x_k] \frac{A_j}{A_l \Delta x_l}$$

With area vector defined by:  $A_j = n_j dS$

- Above,  $G_j T$  is a projected nodal gradient at the cell-center, or vertex center:
- Non-orthogonality is simply defined as the mis-alignment of the distance vector between the two "L" and "R" states and the surface normal
- Both edge- and cell centered-based schemes show degraded accuracy on typical production meshes
- Several non-orthogonality approaches are available, for the best source, see Jasak
  - Jasak, "Error analysis and error estimation for the finite volume method with applications to fluid flow", Imperial College Dissertation, 1996
- One Significant Advantage: Monotonicity preserving on high-aspect ratio meshes...

$$G_j T = \frac{\int T A_j}{\int dV}$$

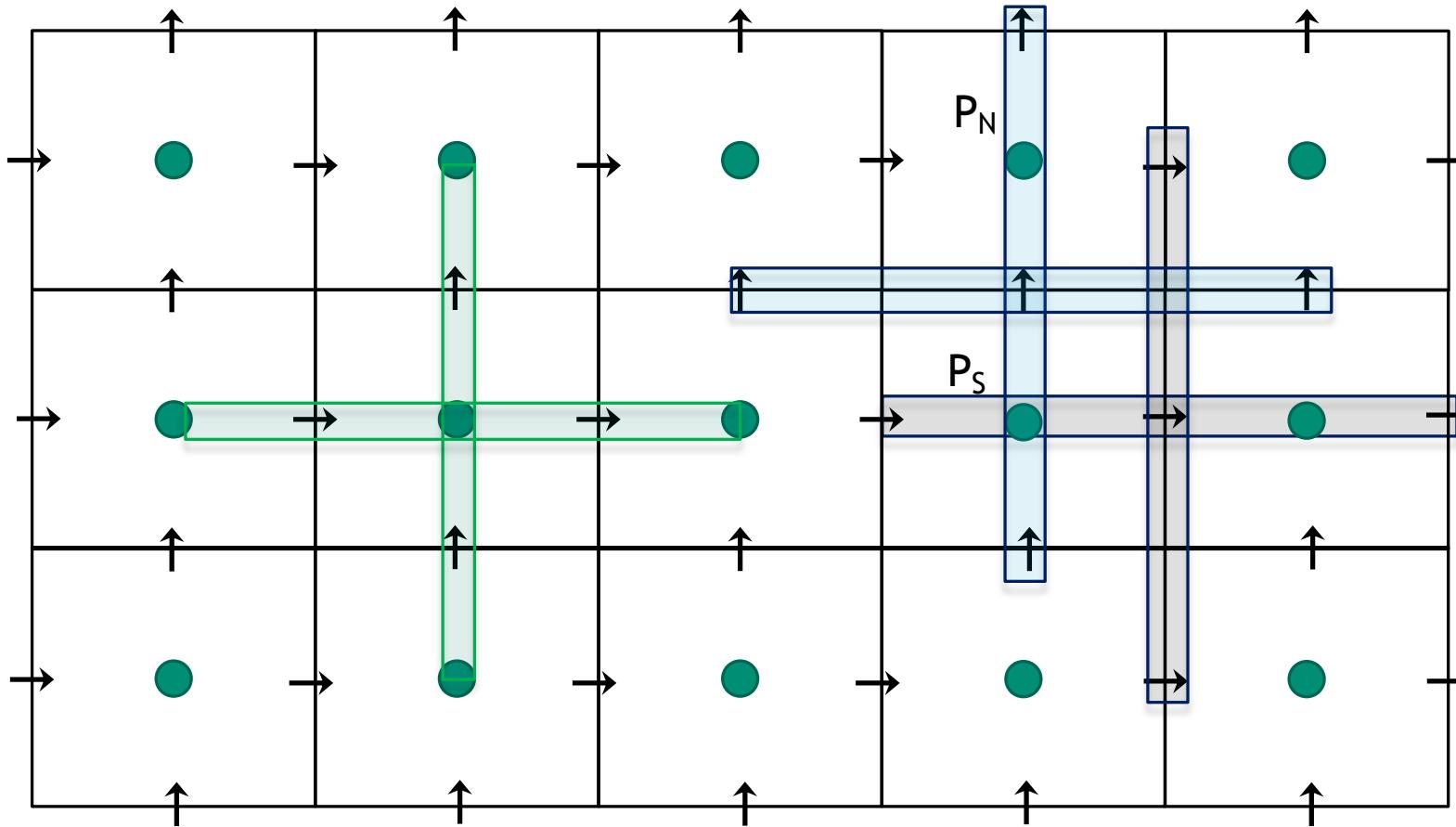
## Classic Staggered Finite Volume

Stencil for CC-quantities

Stencil for x-velocity →

Stencil for y-velocity ↑

- Velocity degree-of-freedom is staggered relative to pressure and other primitives, e.g., enthalpy, mixture fraction, etc.



## Attributes of a Staggered Scheme



- By design, non-orthogonality is absent, however, complex geometry will be stair-stepped
- From a fluids perspective, the operators are ideal, i.e., pressure gradient for momentum is compact, e.g.,  $(P_E - P_W)\Delta x^{-1}$ 
  - As will be seen in future lecture topics, the skew-adjoint nature of the Divergence operator, **D**, and Gradient operator, **G**, allows for a Laplace operator, **L = DG**
- Can be extended to higher-order
- Frequently, meshing complex geometries can be extremely difficult (consider our V27 example)

## An Informal Survey....



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  - SU2, FUN3D, CHAD, Nalu-Wind (production), Nalu (option to explore discretizations)
- • CVFEM
  - Fluent (originally!), CFX-TASC-FLOW, Sierra Fuego (SNL), Nalu
- • FEM
  - FIDAP, COMSOL, EDDY (NASA), AcuSim, PHASTA
- • Staggered
  - Arches (Utah)



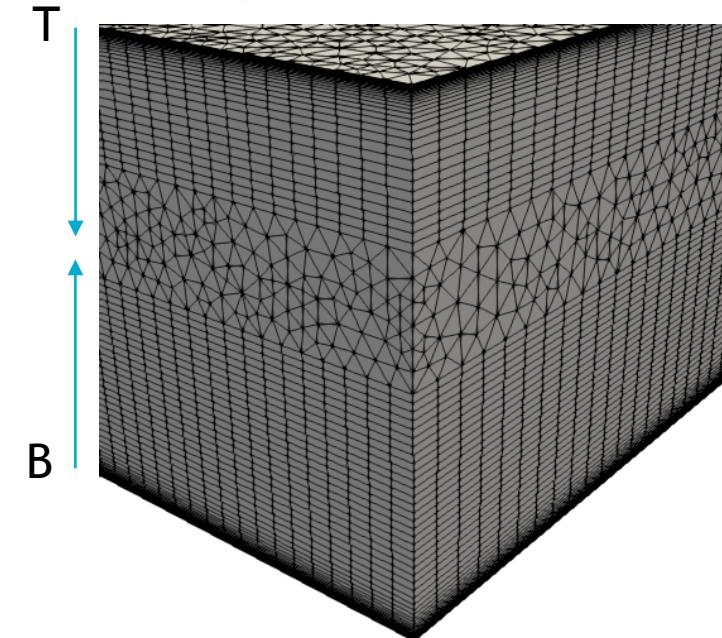
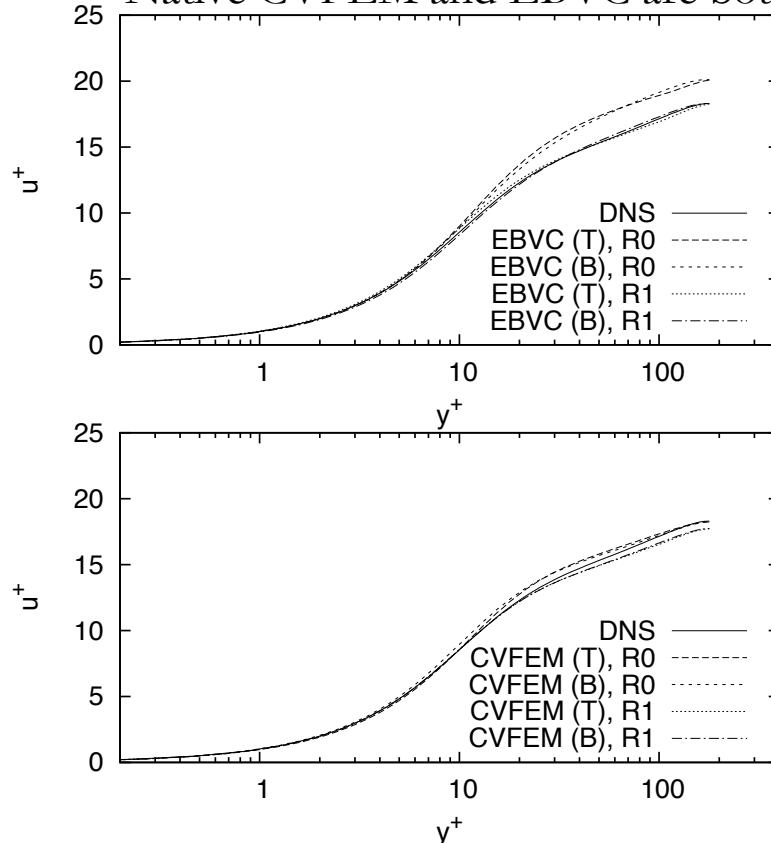
#### Common Water-Cooler CFD Arguments:

- Structured vs. Un-structured
- FEM and Finite Volume
- Node-centered vs. Cell-centered
- Monolithic and Operator Split
- Compressible vs. (acoustically) Incompressible
- Explicit and Implicit

## Hybrid Meshes, Even for LES!



- Hybrid mesh study based on Ham and Iaccarino, *CTR Annual Brief*, 2006, found that simulations were extremely sensitive to mesh topology
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  - Native CVFEM and EBVC are both symmetric in mean quantities

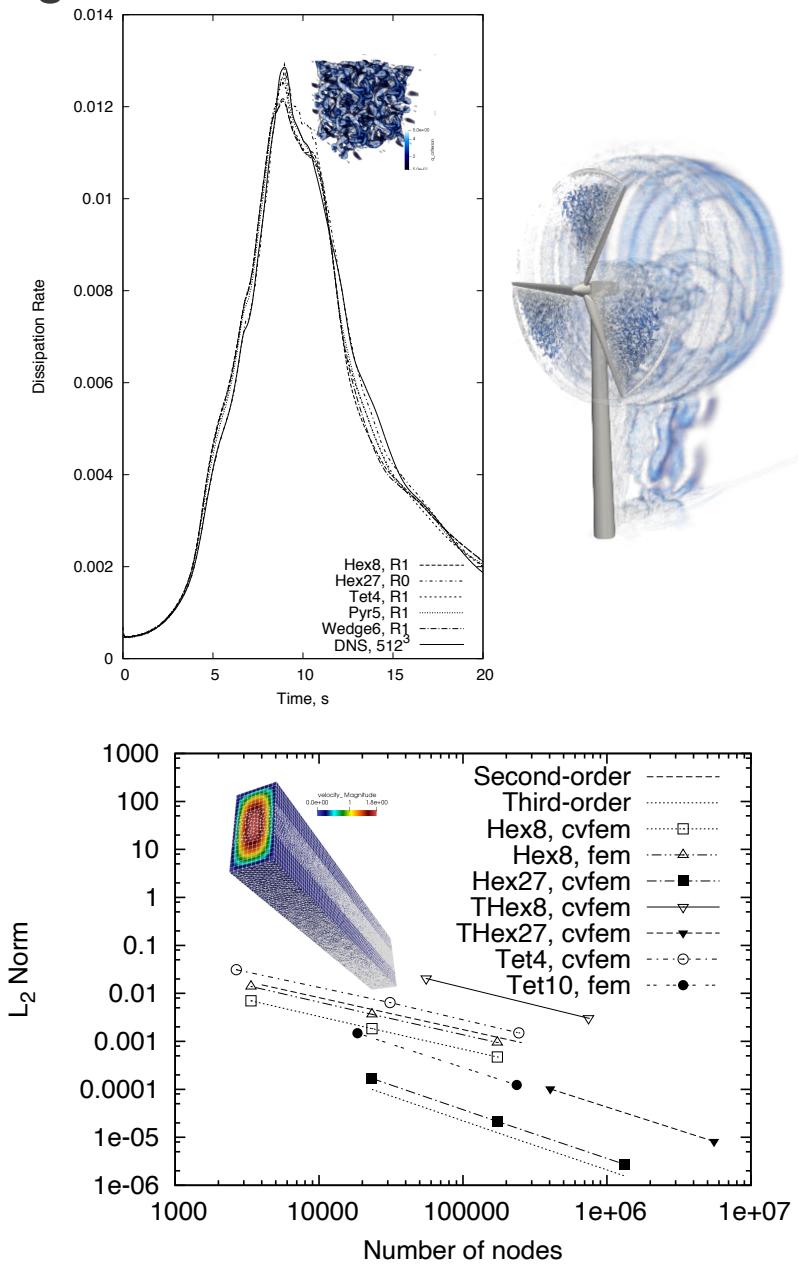
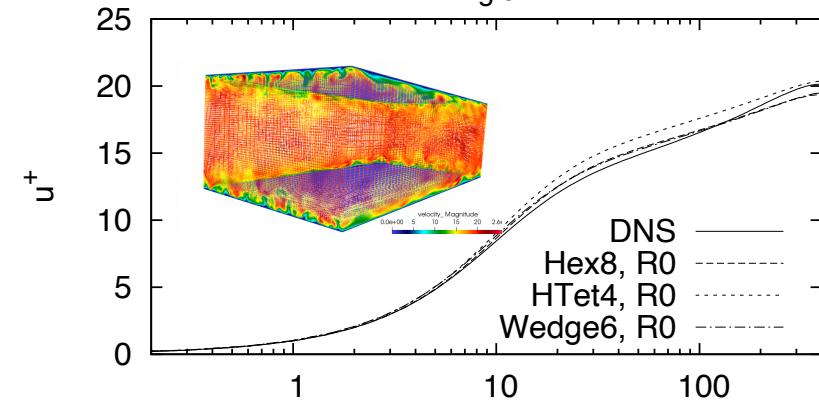
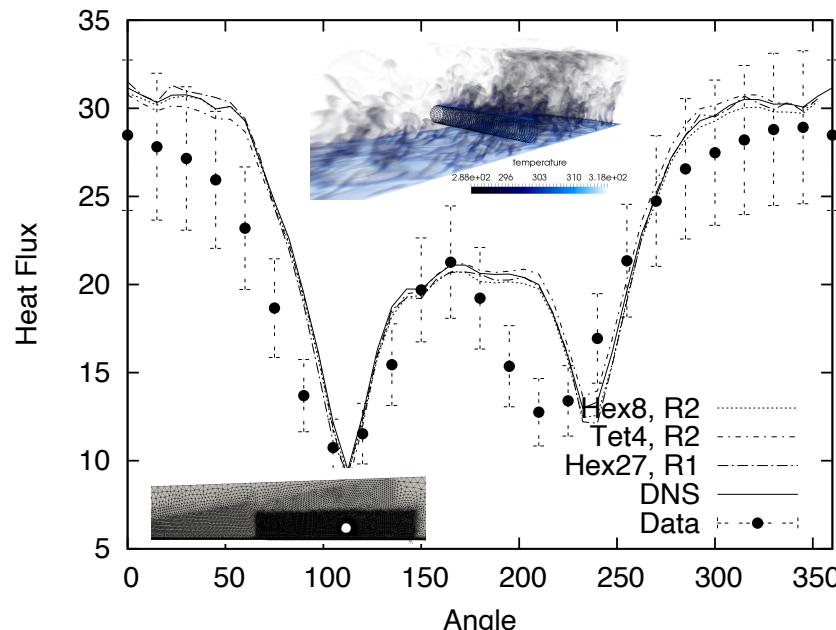


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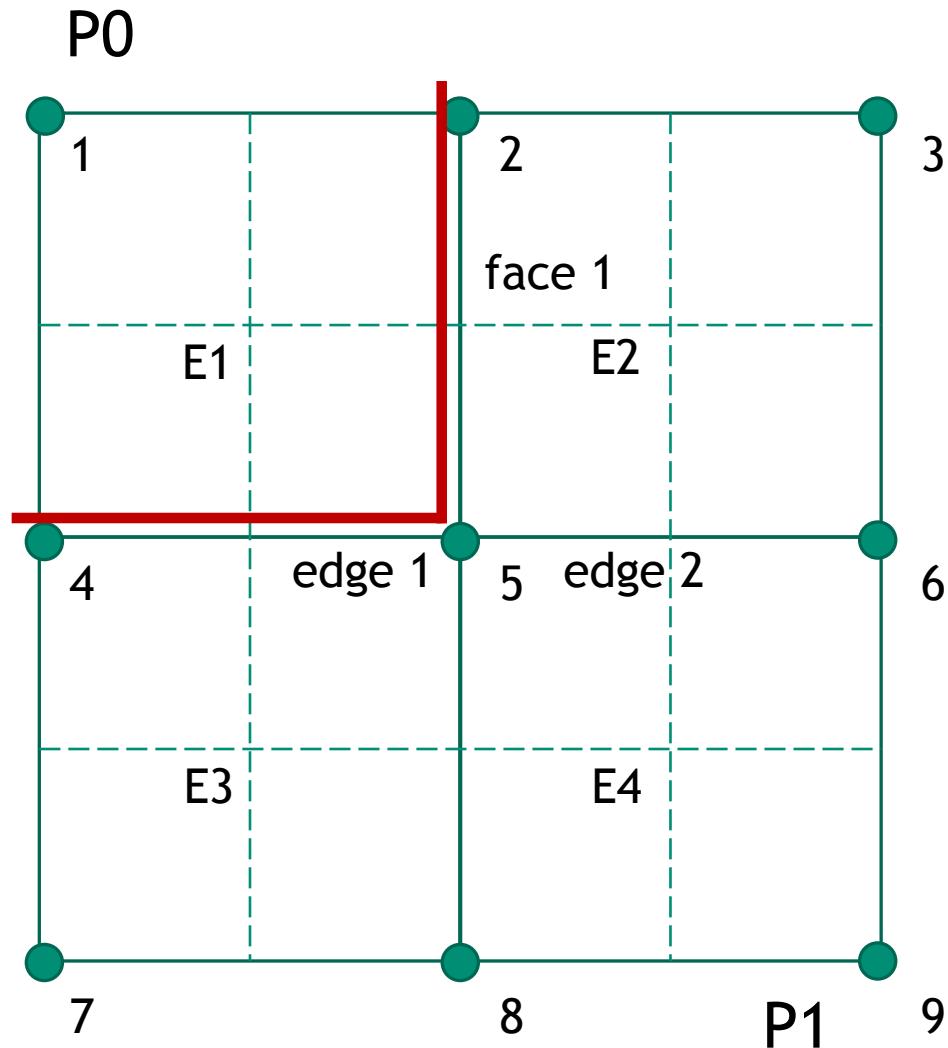
## Recent Generalized Unstructured Findings



- Domino, et. al, “An assessment of atypical mesh topologies for low-Mach large-eddy simulation” 2019



## A Note on Parallelism... Vertex-based



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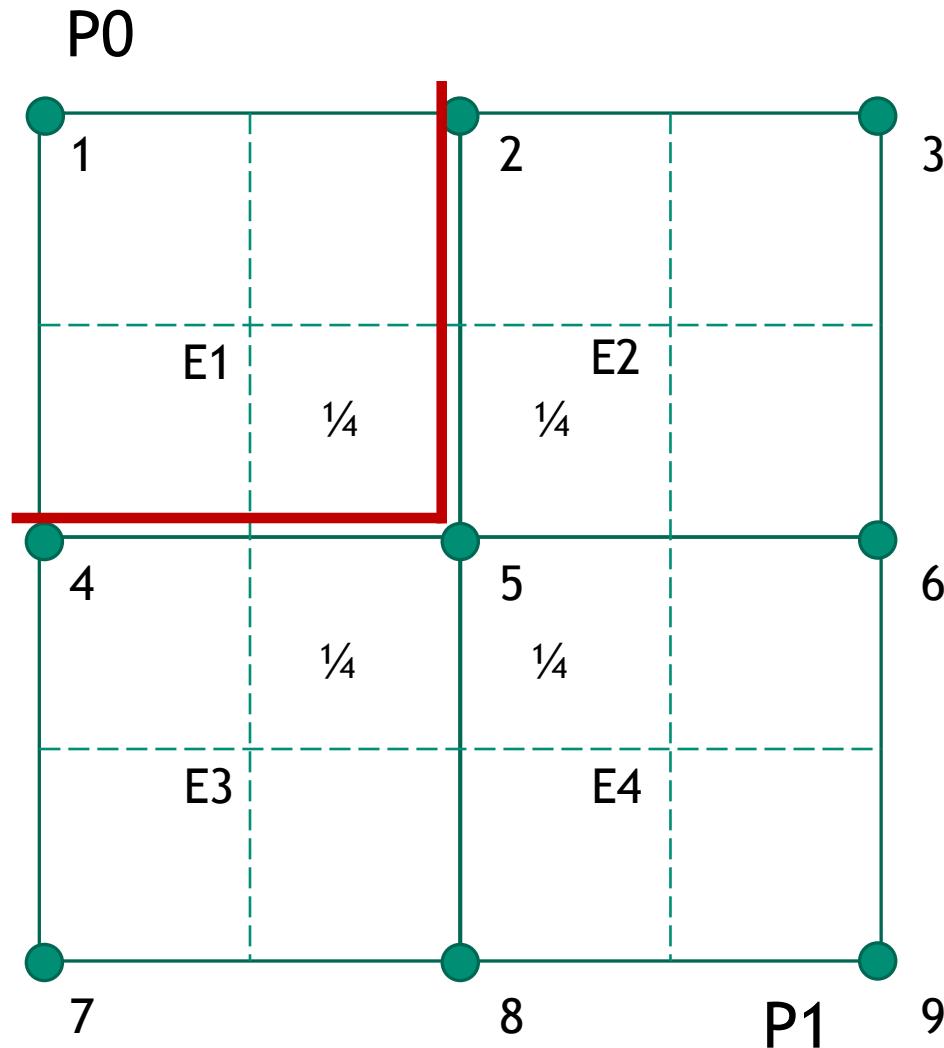
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- P0 and P1 share nodes 2, 4, and 5

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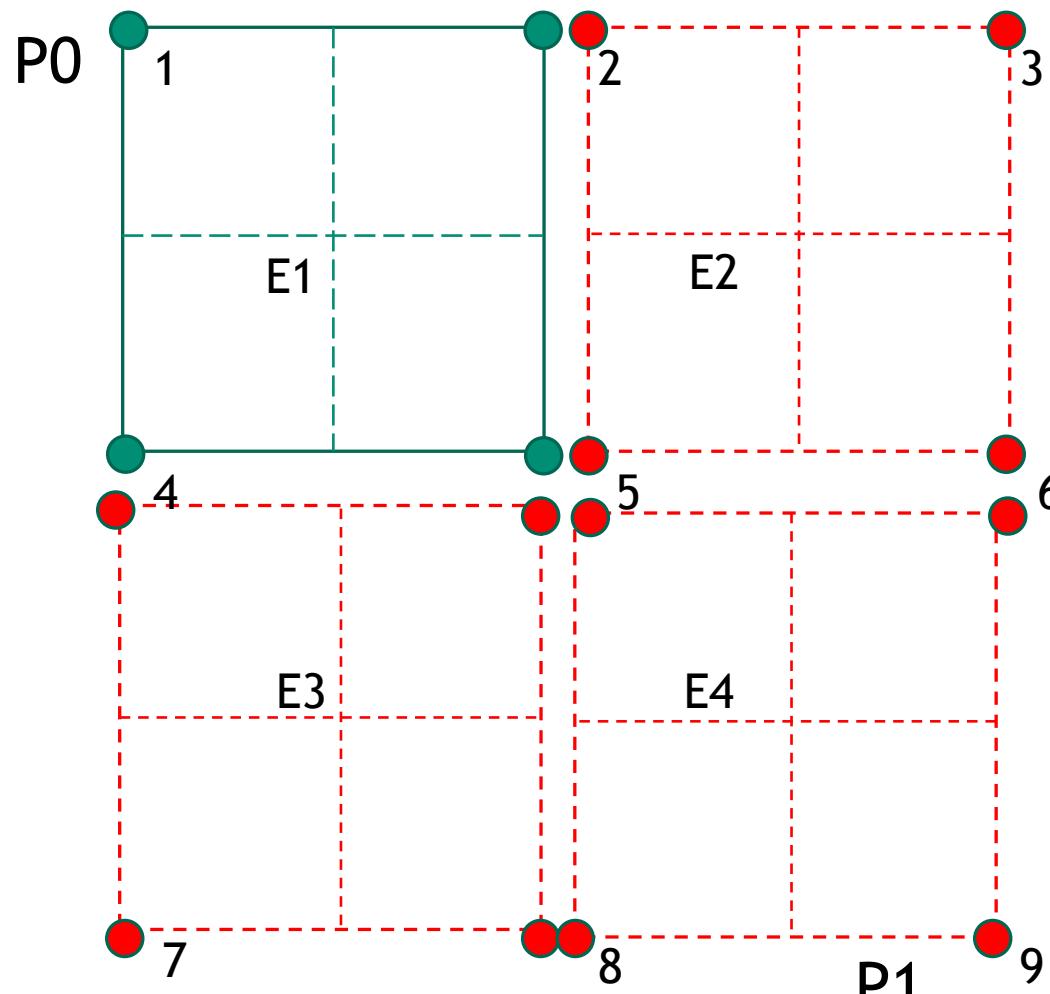
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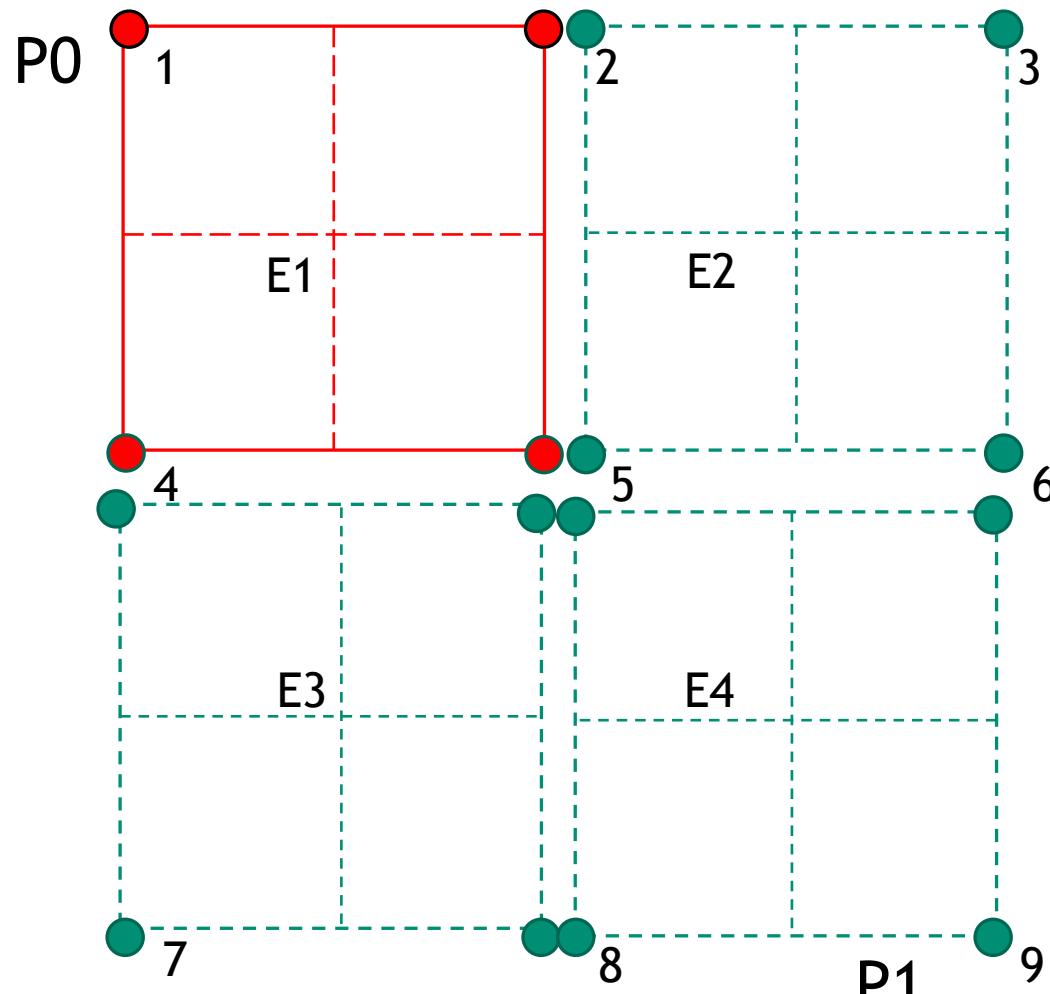
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Ghost P1  $\rightarrow$  P0



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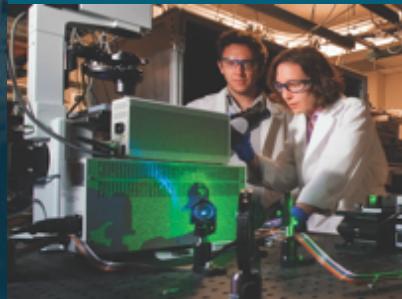
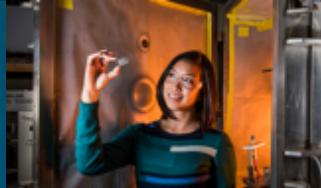
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- FEM provides a machinery to provide accurate discretizations on non-ideal meshes, however, the same diffusion operator suffers on high-aspect ratio meshes
- CVFEM is a hybrid method that contains the likeable attributes of both FV and FEM (same high-aspect ratio diffusion operator finding)
- Staggered arrangement is well suited for a class of fluid mechanics applications where low-order or simple geometries are found
- Examples for time/source/advection and diffusion provided for EBVC, CVFEM, and FEM
- Recall that Nalu iterates over locally-owned mesh objects as apposed to local+ghosted
  - This is a choice; however, the STK infrastructure allows for both approaches
  - Test yourself on a dual nodal volume assembly?



# Stanford ME469: Common low-Mach Discretization Approaches: EBVC



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## Model Passive Scalar Transport



- Time/Src/Advection/Diffusion equation for scalar  $\phi$

$$\frac{\partial \rho\phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_j \phi}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\mu}{Sc} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \right) = S^\phi$$

$$\int w \left( \frac{\partial \rho\phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho u_j \phi - \frac{\mu}{Sc} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \right) - S^\phi \right) dV = 0.$$

- Here,  $w$  is the weight function, or an arbitrary function that is differentiable - at least once
  - Any ideas why? What are the properties of the above PDE?
- In this example, let density, velocity, and diffusive flux coefficient be prescribed
- This equation, with a prescribed velocity, can be used to model trace species contaminant transport, smoke, etc.
- The above equation is termed a weighted-residual statement of the original PDE
- Thus far, it is exact

## Model Passive Scalar Transport; Heaviside Test Function



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$$\int w \frac{\partial \rho u_j \phi}{\partial x_j} dV = - \int \rho u_j \phi \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} dV + \int w \rho u_j \phi n_j dS$$

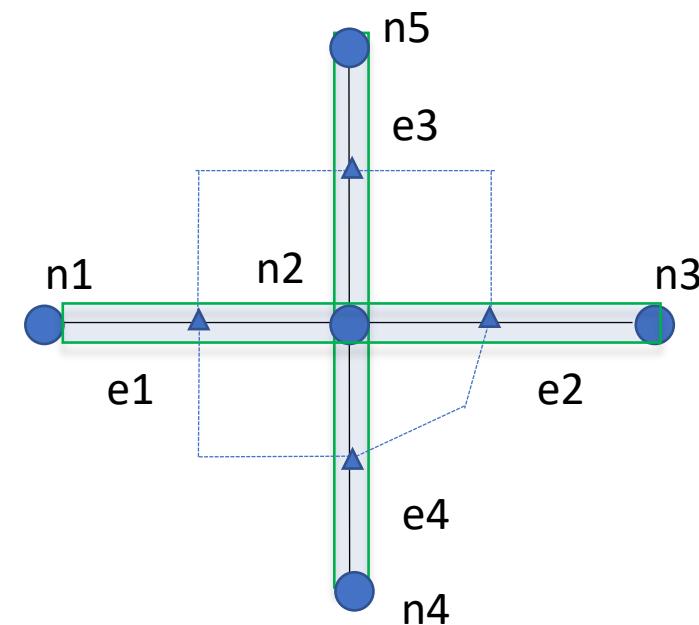
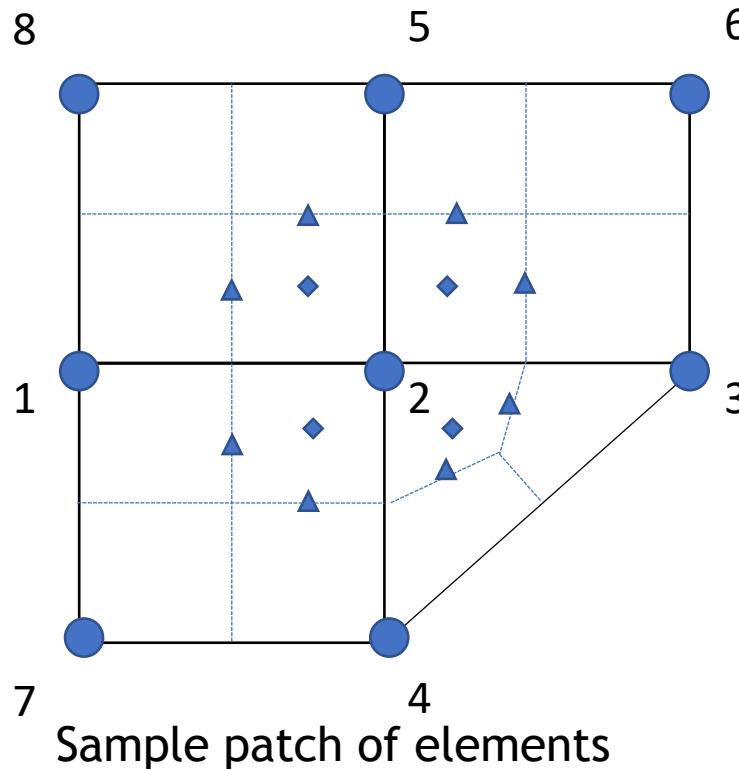
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} = -n_j \delta(x_j - x_j^{ip}),$$

- The CVFEM and EBVC test function meets our requirement in that it is differentiable once
- This definition also allows us to view such methods as Petrov Galerkin schemes

## Deep Dive on EBVC



- Recall, EBVC is a discretization scheme that:
  - Iterates over locally-owned nodes for Time/Source/etc. (volumetric-based terms)
  - Iterates over locally-owned edges for Advection/Diffusion/etc. (integrated by parts terms)
  - Below is the patch of elements connected to node 2 (a global matrix row number)
  - Area vector at the edge and dual volume at the node require the node:element connectivity whose quantities are determined in a pre-processing step

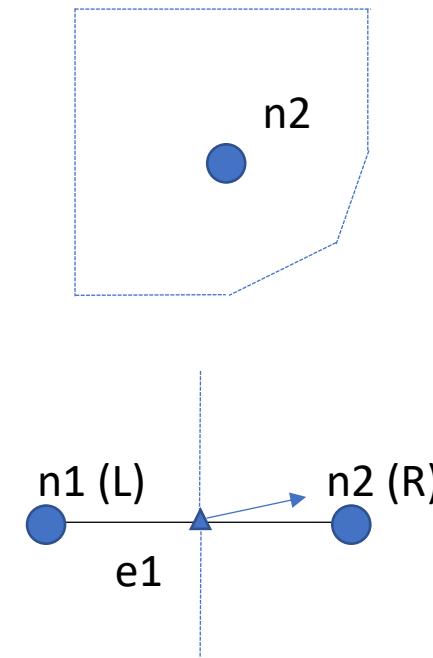
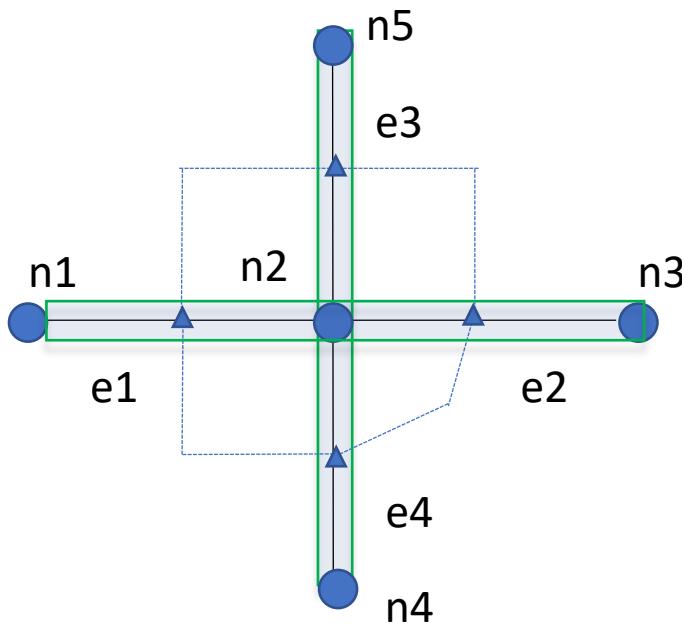


Note: No expectation of nodal ordering..

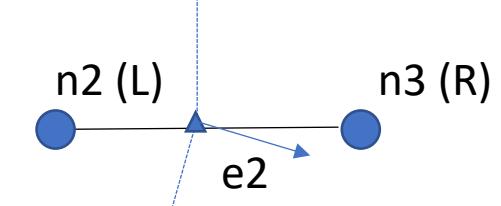
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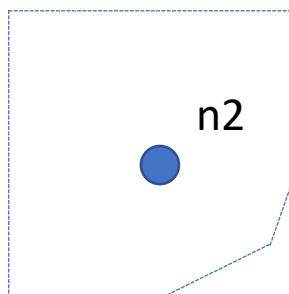


$$\int w \frac{\partial \rho u_j \phi}{\partial x_j} dV \approx \sum_{ip} (\rho u_j)_{ip} \phi_{ip} n_j dS \approx \sum_{ip} \dot{m}_{ip} \phi_{ip}$$

## Deep Dive on EBVC: Implicit Time Discretization



- Let us define a general implicit time integrator that is A-stable
  - For  $y' = k y$ ;  $y(0) = 1$ ;  $y(t) = e^{kt}$  solution approaches zero as time increases for  $k < 0$
- Backward Euler (two state) and is first-order accurate (A-stable)
- BDF2 (three state) is second-order accurate (A-stable)
- This term is assembled over a nodal iteration



$$\int \frac{\partial \rho \phi}{\partial t} dV \approx \sum_{nd} \frac{(\gamma_1 \rho_{nd}^{n+1} \phi_{nd}^{n+1} + \gamma_2 \rho_{nd}^n \phi_{nd}^n + \gamma_3 \rho_{nd}^{n-1} \phi_{nd}^{n-1})}{\Delta t} V_{nd}.$$

- For uniform time steps:

$$\gamma_1 = 3/2$$

$$\gamma_2 = -2$$

$$\gamma_3 = 1/2$$

## Deep Dive on EBVC: Implicit Time Discretization (Code)



- <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/ScalarMassBDF2NodeSupAlg.C>

```

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//----- node_execute -----
//-----

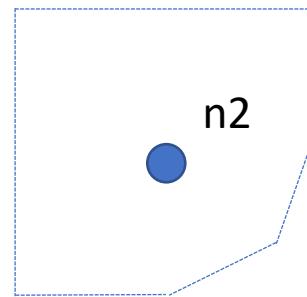
void
ScalarMassBDF2NodeSupAlg::node_execute(
    double *lhs,
    double *rhs,
    stk::mesh::Entity node)
{
    // deal with lumped mass matrix
    const double qNm1      = *stk::mesh::field_data(*scalarQNm1_, node);
    const double qN          = *stk::mesh::field_data(*scalarQN_, node);
    const double qNp1        = *stk::mesh::field_data(*scalarQNp1_, node);
    const double rhoNm1     = *stk::mesh::field_data(*densityNm1_, node);
    const double rhoN        = *stk::mesh::field_data(*densityN_, node);
    const double rhoNp1      = *stk::mesh::field_data(*densityNp1_, node);
    const double dualVolume = *stk::mesh::field_data(*dualNodalVolume_, node);
    const double lhsTime     = gamma1_*rhoNp1*dualVolume/dt_;
    rhs[0] -= (gamma1_*rhoNp1*qNp1 + gamma2_*qN*rhoN + gamma3_*qNm1*rhoNm1)*dualVolume/dt_;
    lhs[0] += lhsTime;
}

```

Note the implicit term



- Source terms for the edge-based scheme are also assembled over a nodal loop



$$\int S^\phi dV \approx \sum_{nd} S_{nd}^\phi V_{nd}.$$

- Note that in this scheme, we are using single point quadrature, i.e., the function is evaluated at a single point
- $p = 2N - 1$ 
  - Where  $N$  is the number of integration points and  $p$  is the polynomial order
  - For a linear basis, using one-point quadrature is design-order

## Deep Dive on EBVC: Source Term Discretization (Code)



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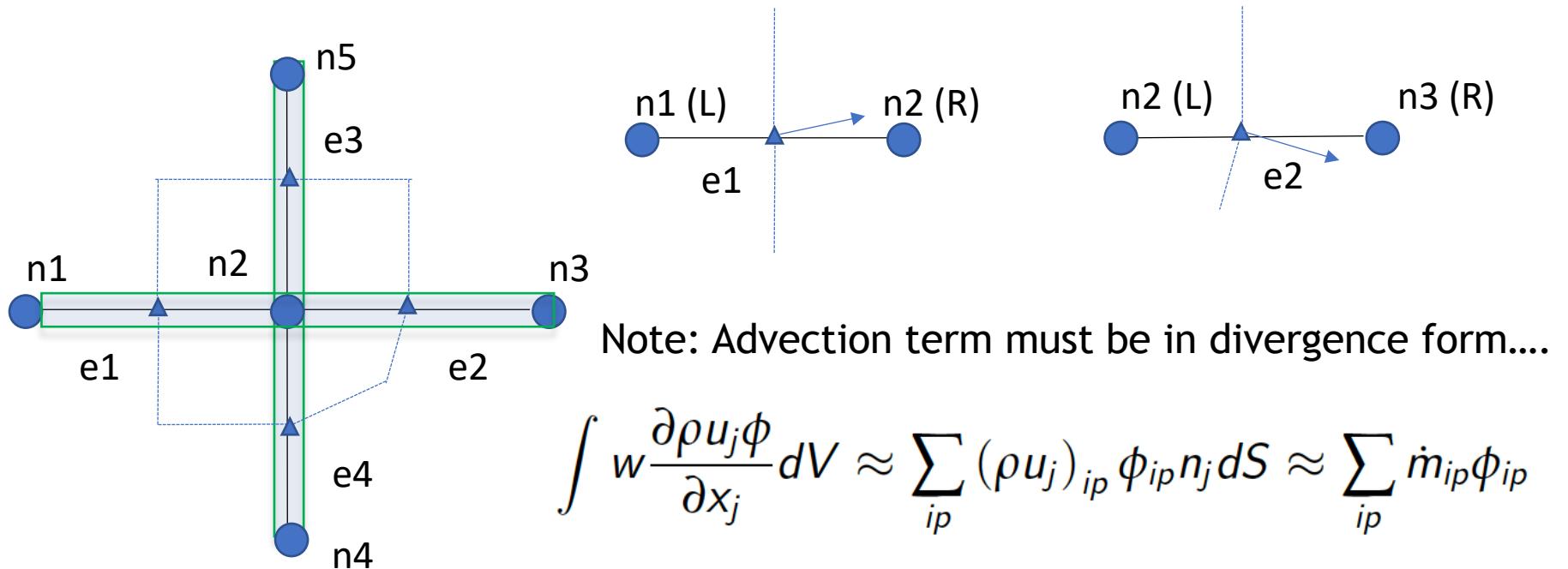
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    const double x = coords[0];
    const double y = coords[1];
    const double z = coords[2];

    const double src = 0.10e1 * pow(znot_ * cos(amf_ * pi_ * x) * cos(amf_ * pi_ * y) * cos(amf_
        rhs[0] += src*dualVolume;
}
```

47 Deep Dive on EBVC: Advection Discretization (no stabilization)



- For advection, we have transformed the volume integral to a surface integration
- Therefore, a patch of edges are required for the full assembly at node 2



- Recall, that the mass flow rate at an integration point is prescribed
- Moreover, since the integration point is at the edge mid-point,  $\phi_{ip} = (\phi^R + \phi^L)/2$
- This is a *central-* or *Galerkin-based* advection operator

## Deep Dive on EBVC: Advection Discretization (Code)

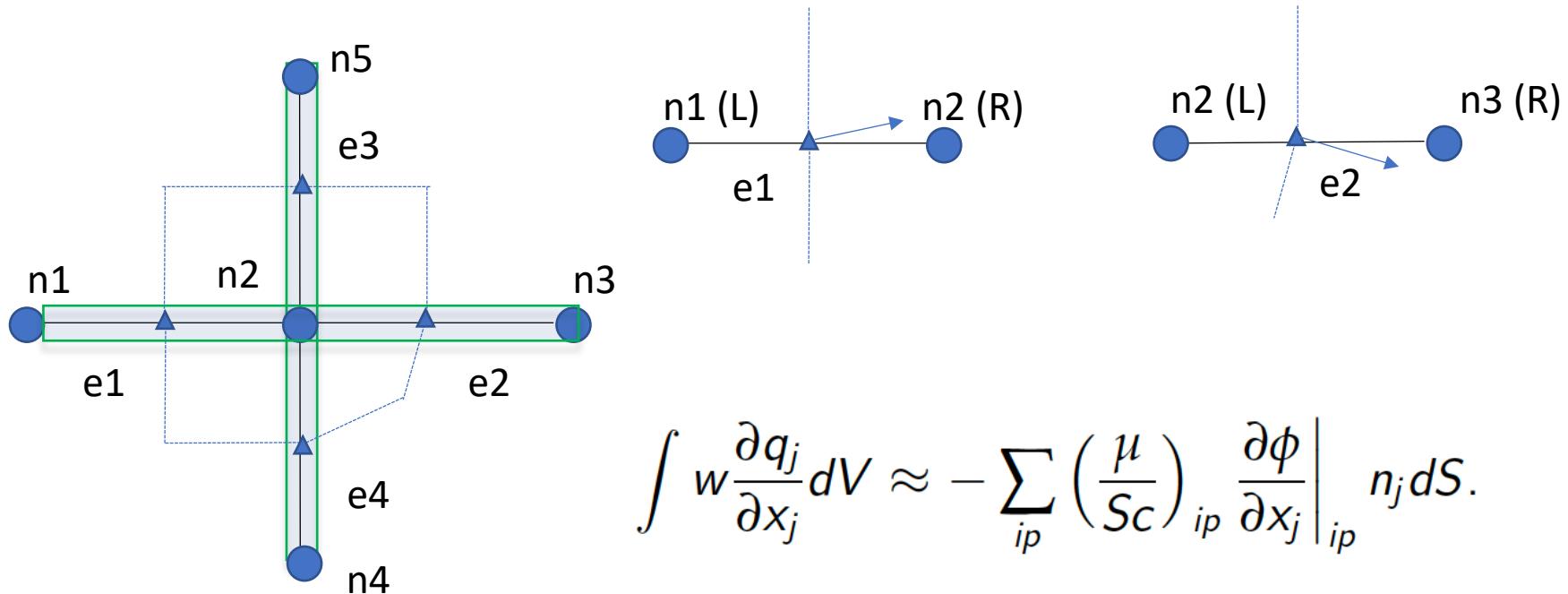


- <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/AssembleScalarEdgeSolverAlgorithm.C>
- This routine includes advection and diffusion

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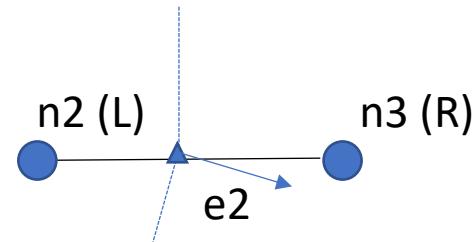


## Deep Dive on EBVC: Diffusion Discretization



- The edge-based diffusion operator is a bit more complex in that we are computing a gradient at the integration point while using two nodes, the left and right
- In many practical meshes, the distance vector between the edges ( $\mathbf{dx}_j$ ) and the edge area vector will not be perfectly orthogonal
- This non-orthogonality causes inaccuracy when using a simplified approach

$$\frac{\partial \phi_{ip}}{\partial x} = \frac{(\phi_R - \phi_L)}{dx}.$$



- The non-orthogonality approach of Jasek (Ph.D. Imperial College) is a standard cell-centered approach that has been adopted for edge-based schemes
  - CC and EBVC are each two-state schemes and share non-orthogonality issues

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \right|_{ip} = \overline{G_j \phi} + [(\phi_R - \phi_L) - \overline{G_I \phi} dx_I] \frac{A_j}{A_k dx_k}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} - \int w \frac{\mu}{Sc} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} dV &\approx - \left. \frac{\mu}{Sc} \right|_{ip} \left[ (\overline{G_x \phi} A_x + \overline{G_y \phi} A_y) + (\phi_R - \phi_L) \frac{A_x A_x + A_y A_y}{A_x \Delta x_x + A_y \Delta x_y} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\overline{G_x \phi} dx + \overline{G_y \phi} dy) \frac{A_x A_x + A_y A_y}{A_x dx + A_y dy} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

## Deep Dive on EBVC: Example Case



- For a mid-term set of example cases, we have selected a flow past a two-dimensional cylinder at a Reynolds number of 150
- Mesh and input files can be found in the Nalu/examples/street directory
- Familiarize yourself with this physics set via literature surveys
  - As a starting place, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kármán\\_vortex\\_street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kármán_vortex_street)
- In this test case, we have added a passive scalar field whose inflow is zero and wall boundary condition unity. For your final project, feel free to modify inflow and wall parameters as you choose.
- Note that this case uses a conformal hybrid mesh, or a mesh of disparate element topologies, Quad4 and Tri3

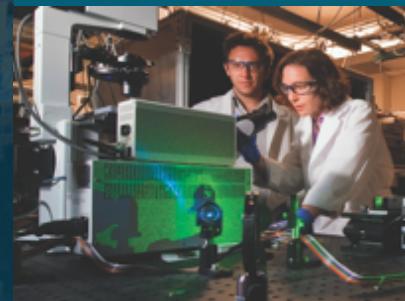
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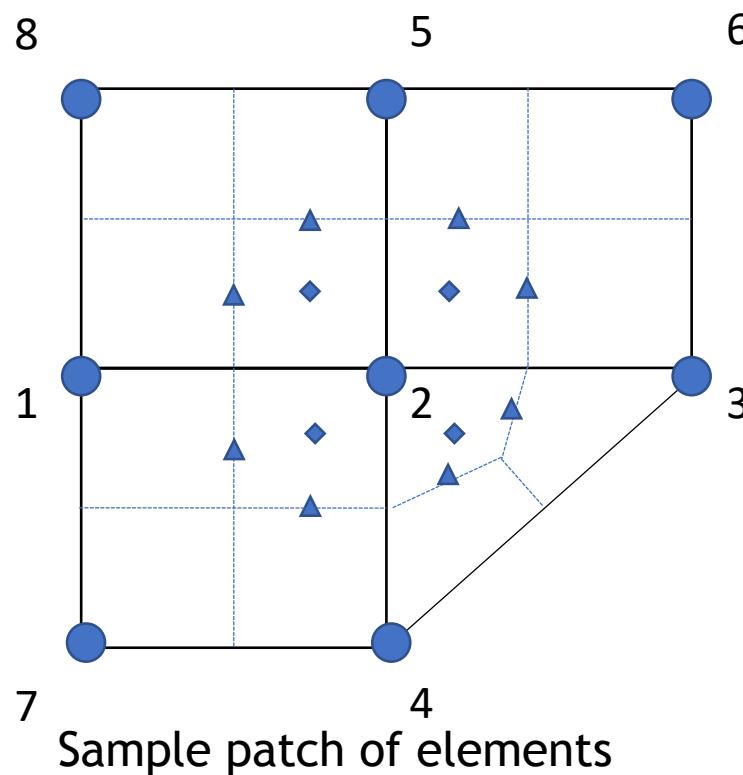
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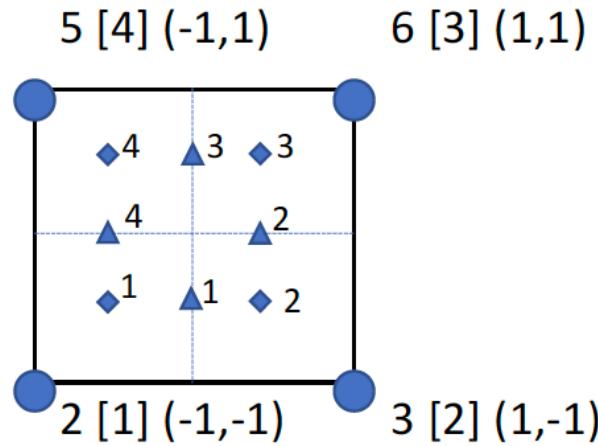


Note: Time and source terms can also be evaluated at nodes without loss of accuracy

## Deep Dive on CVFEM: Element-loops



- For each element, recall that a dual volume is nonstructured
- Volume-based contributions are evaluated at the subcontrol volume integration points (diamonds)
- Surface-based contributions are evaluated at the subcontrol surface integration points (triangles)
- We define an isoparametric element than ranges from -1:1 in the  $\xi$ - (x-direction) and  $\eta$ - (y-direction) direction



Basis Functions for a Quad4

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_1^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta) \\
 N_2^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 - \eta) \\
 N_3^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta) \\
 N_4^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta)
 \end{aligned}$$

For example, the isoparametric coordinate for ip 1 is (0.0, -0.5)

## Deep Dive on CVFEM: Implicit Time Discretization



- Backward Euler (two state) and is first-order accurate (A-stable)
- BDF2 (three state) is second-order accurate (A-stable)
- This term is assembled over an element iteration and drives a consistent mass matrix with a full node:element:node connectivity

$$\int \frac{\partial \rho \phi}{\partial t} dV \approx \sum_{scvip} \frac{(\gamma_1 \rho_{scvip}^{n+1} \phi_{scvip}^{n+1} + \gamma_2 \rho_{scvip}^n \phi_{scvip}^n + \gamma_3 \rho_{scvip}^{n-1} \phi_{scvip}^{n-1})}{\Delta t} V_{scvip},$$

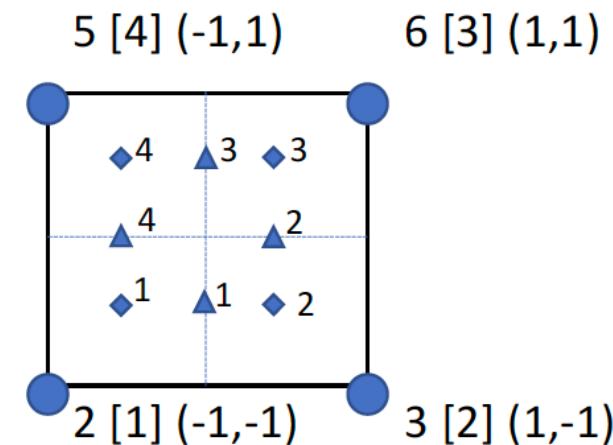
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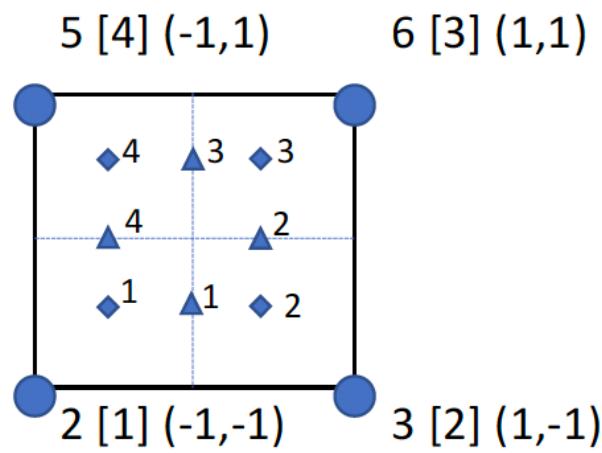


- <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/kernel/ScalarMassElemKernel.C>

## Deep Dive on CVFEM: Source Term Discretization



- Source terms for CVFEM are also assembled over an element or nodal loop
- In some cases, the source term is complex, i.e., includes gradients, which drives either a nodal assembly of these quantities to the nodes or local evaluation



$$\int w S^\phi dV \approx \sum_{scvip} S_{scvip}^\phi V_{scvip},$$

$$S_{scvip}^\phi = \sum_{nd} N_{nd}^{scvip} S_{nd}^\phi.$$

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```

template<typename AlgTraits>
void
SteadyThermal3dContactSrcElemKernel<AlgTraits>::execute(
    SharedMemView<DoubleType**>& /* lhs */,
    SharedMemView<DoubleType *>& rhs,
    ScratchViews<DoubleType>& scratchViews)
{

    // Forcing nDim = 3 instead of using AlgTraits::nDim_ here to avoid compiler
    // warnings when this template is instantiated for 2-D topologies.
    NALU_ALIGNED DoubleType w_scvCoords[3];

    SharedMemView<DoubleType**>& v_coordinates = scratchViews.get_scratch_view_2D(*coordinates_);
    SharedMemView<DoubleType*>& v_scv_volume = scratchViews.get_me_views(CURRENT_COORDINATES).scv_volume;

    // interpolate to ips and evaluate source
    for ( int ip = 0; ip < AlgTraits::numScvIp_; ++ip ) {

        // nearest node to ip
        const int nearestNode = ipNodeMap_[ip];

        // zero out
        for ( int j = 0; j < AlgTraits::nDim_; ++j )
            w_scvCoords[j] = 0.0;

        for ( int ic = 0; ic < AlgTraits::nodesPerElement_; ++ic ) {
            const DoubleType r = v_shape_function_(ip,ic);
            for ( int j = 0; j < AlgTraits::nDim_; ++j )
                w_scvCoords[j] += r*v_coordinates(ic,j);
        }

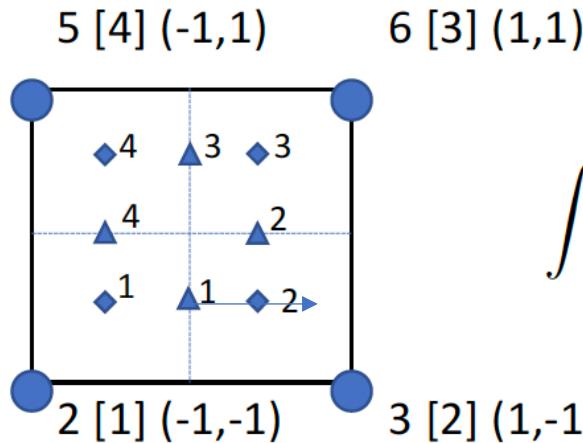
        rhs(nearestNode) += k_/4.0*(2.0*a_*pi_)*(2.0*a_*pi_)*(
            stk::math::cos(2.0*a_*pi_* w_scvCoords[0])
            + stk::math::cos(2.0*a_*pi_* w_scvCoords[1])
            + stk::math::cos(2.0*a_*pi_* w_scvCoords[2]))*v_scv_volume(ip);
    }
}

```

61 Deep Dive on CVFEM: Advection Discretization (no stabilization)



- For advection, we have transformed the volume integral to a surface integration
- Therefore, a patch of elements are required for the full assembly at node 2



$$\int w \frac{\partial \rho u_j \phi}{\partial x_j} dV \approx \sum_{ip} (\rho u_j)_{ip} \phi_{ip} n_j dS \approx \sum_{ip} \dot{m}_{ip} \phi_{ip}$$

Note: Advection term need not be in divergence form....

- Recall, that the mass flow rate at an integration point is prescribed
- Integration points can also be shifted from the subcontrol surface to the edge mid-point (while still using the integration point area vector)
- This is a *central-* or *Galerkin-based* advection operator



• <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/kernel/ScalarAdvDiffElemKernel.C>

- This routine includes advection and diffusion
- Recall that integration point value is provided by nodal loop over the underlying nodal basis for this element
- Also note that this routine is valid for all types of supported elements – both low- and higher-order

### Basis Functions for a Quad4

$$N_1^{ip} = \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)$$

$$N_2^{ip} = \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 - \eta)$$

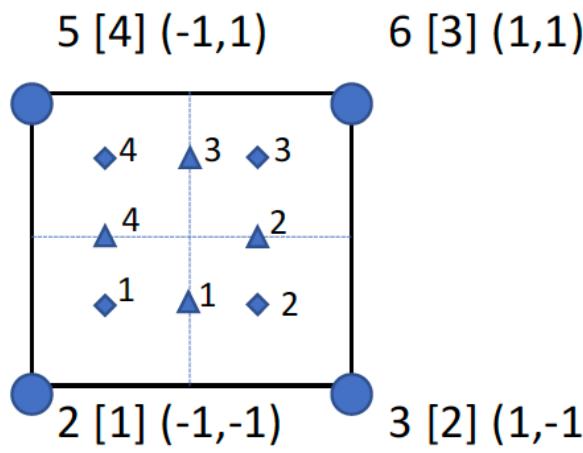
$$N_3^{ip} = \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta)$$

$$N_4^{ip} = \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta)$$

## Deep Dive on CVFEM: Diffusion Discretization



- For diffusion, we have transformed the volume integral to a surface integration
- Therefore, a patch of elements are required for the full assembly at node 2



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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int w \frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} dV \approx - \sum_{ip} \frac{\mu}{Sc_{ip}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j}_{ip} n_j dS = - \sum_{ip} \frac{\mu}{Sc_{ip}} \sum_{nd} \frac{\partial N_{nd}^{ip}}{\partial x_j} \phi_{nd} A_j^{ip},$$

Note that the CVFEM approach is absent any non-orthogonality corrections

## Deep Dive on CVFEM: Diffusion Discretization (code)

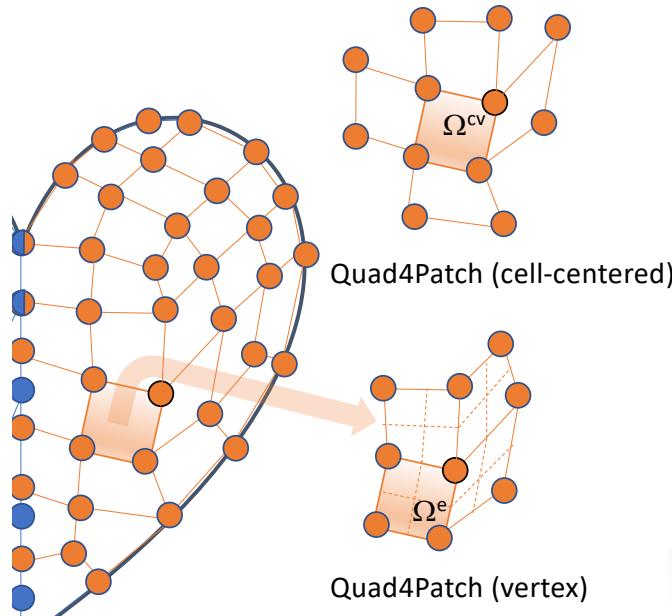


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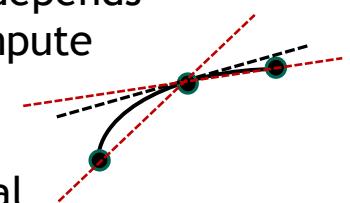
## Deep Dive on Nodal Gradient Operator: An Alternative View



- Recall, that the edge-based diffusion operator, and for some choices for the advection operator, a nodal gradient is required
- What is a nodal gradient? As formerly described in the *Computing Gradients* lecture, in a cell-centered context we obtained this via a number of ways, e.g., Green-Gauss, Least Squares, etc.
- Let's take another view...



First, the gradient of a function (other than linear) is discontinuous, i.e., the value at a shared element face depends on which element is used to compute the gradient



Therefore, we can view the nodal gradient a continuous at the nodes and discontinuous within the elements

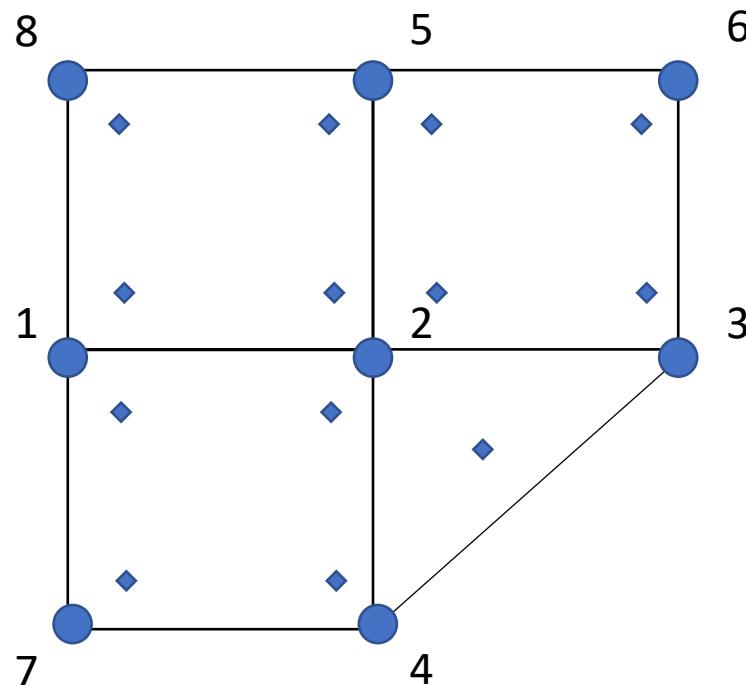
Let's minimize this difference:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} - G_j \phi \right)^2$ .  
by solving:

$$\int w G_j \phi dV = \int w \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} dV \rightarrow G_j \phi = \frac{\sum_{ip} \phi_{ip} n_j dS}{V}$$

Lumped-mass



- Recall, FEM is a discretization scheme that:
  - Iterates over locally-owned elements for Time/Source/etc (volumetric-based terms)
  - Iterates over locally-owned elements for Advection/Diffusion/etc. (integrated by parts terms)
  - Below is the patch of elements connected to node 2 (a global matrix row number)

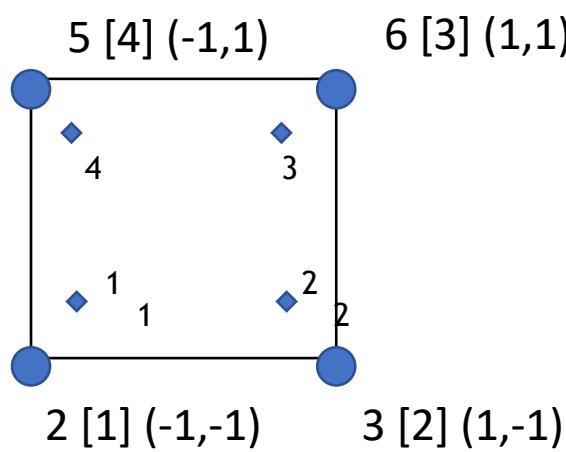


Note: Single integration point location for all terms

Sample patch of elements



- For each element, we have a set of integration or quadrature points (no dual-notion)
- We define an isoparametric element than ranges from -1:1 in the  $\xi$ - (x-direction) and  $\eta$ - (y-direction) direction
- Gaussian quadrature on a -1:1 range is defined, +/-  $\sqrt{3}/3$



Basis Functions for a Quad4

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_1^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta) \\
 N_2^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 - \eta) \\
 N_3^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta) \\
 N_4^{ip} &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Deep Dive on FEM: Implicit Time Discretization



- Backward Euler (two state) and is first-order accurate (A-stable)
- BDF2 (three state) is second-order accurate (A-stable)
- This term is assembled over an element iteration and drives a consistent mass matrix with a full node:element:node connectivity

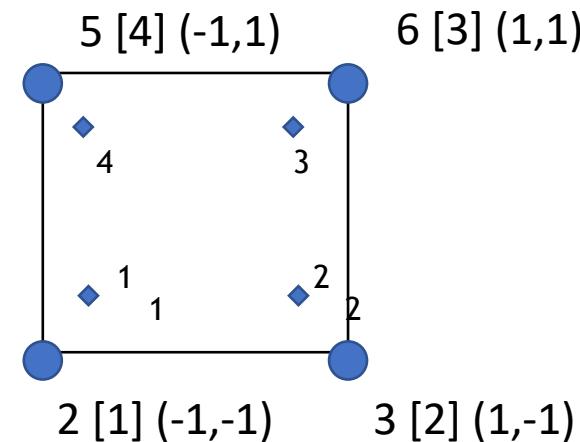
$$\int w \frac{\partial \rho \phi}{\partial t} dV,$$

- For uniform time steps:

$$\gamma_1 = 3/2$$

$$\gamma_2 = -2$$

$$\gamma_3 = 1/2$$

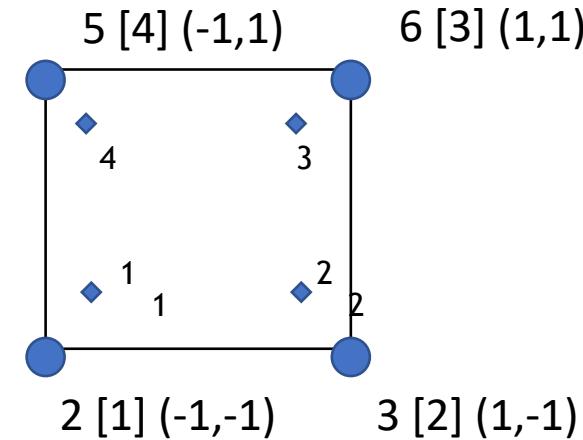


## Deep Dive on FEM: Source Term Discretization



- Source terms for FEM are assembled over an element loop
- In some cases, the source term is complex, i.e., includes gradients, which drives either a nodal assembly of these quantities to the nodes or local evaluation

$$\int wSdV.$$



## Deep Dive on FEM: Advection Discretization



- Advection terms for FEM are assembled over an element loop
- The advection term can be integrated by parts, or not; moreover, the PDE can drive a non-conservative equation form

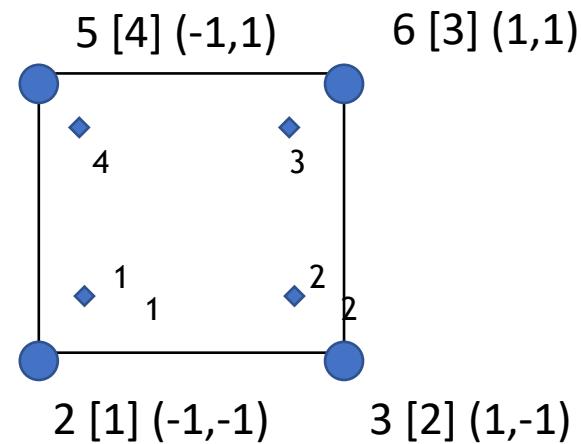
$$\int w \frac{\partial \rho u_j \phi}{\partial x_j} dV = \int w \rho u_j \phi n_j dS - \int \rho u_j \phi \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} dV, \quad \text{IBP}$$

$$\int w \rho u_j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} dV + \int w \phi \frac{\partial \rho u_j}{\partial x_j} dV,$$

Non-conserved form, like

CVFEM, poses no complexity

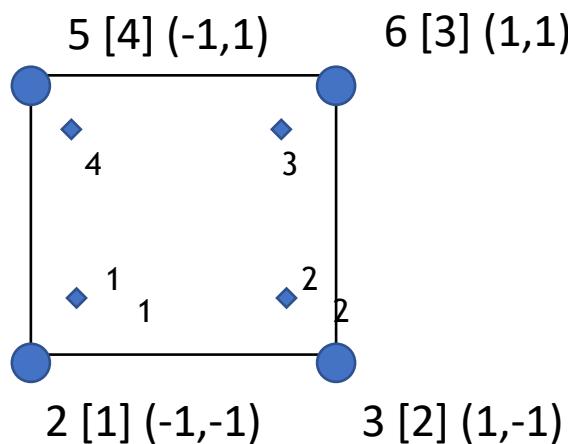
$$\int w \left( \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j} \right) dV,$$



## Deep Dive on FEM: Diffusion Discretization



- For diffusion, we will again use the nodal basis to support a diffusion operator
- Integration-by-parts is desired to remove the second-derivative requirement that would not be possible for a linear basis



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$$\int w \frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} dV = \int w q_j n_j dS - \int q_j \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} dV.$$

Note that the FEM approach is absent any non-orthogonality corrections



- Transform the integral via a change of variables from physical space to isoparametric space

$$\int f dV = \int f(x, y) dx dy = \int \hat{f}(\xi, \eta) |\mathbf{J}| d\xi d\eta,$$

- And apply Gaussian Quadrature over a -1:1 mapping (for a Quad/Hex-based element) by introducing quadrature weights

## Deep Dive on FEM: Discretization Kernels (Code)



- Time
  - <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/kernel/ScalarMassFemKernel.C>
- Advection
  - <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/kernel/ScalarAdvFemKernel.C>
- Diffusion
  - <https://github.com/NaluCFD/Nalu/blob/master/src/kernel/ScalarDiffFemKernel.C>

## Common low-Mach Discretization Approaches: Conclusions



- FEM provides a machinery to provide accurate discretizations on non-ideal meshes, however, the same diffusion operator suffers on high-aspect ratio meshes
- CVFEM is a hybrid method that contains the likeable attributes of both FV and FEM (same high-aspect ratio diffusion operator finding)