### Displacement based polytopal elements a strain smoothing and scaled boundary approach

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#### Summary

This paper presents a new scalable parallelization scheme to generate the 3D Delaunay triangulation of a given set of points. Our first contribution is an efficient serial implementation of the incremental Delaunay insertion algorithm. A simple dedicated data structure, an efficient sorting of the points and the optimization of the insertion algorithm have permitted to accelerate reference implementations by a factor three. Our second contribution is a multi-threaded version of the Delaunay kernel that is able to concurrently insert vertices. Moore curve coordinates are used to partition the point set, avoiding heavy synchronization overheads. Conflicts are managed by modifying the partitions with a simple rescaling of the space-filling curve. The performances of our implementation have been measured on three different processors, an Intel core-i7, an Intel Xeon Phi and an AMD EPYC, on which we have been able to compute 3 billion tetrahedra in 53 seconds. This corresponds to a generation rate of over 55 million tetrahedra per second. We finally show how this very efficient parallel Delaunay triangulation can be integrated in a Delaunay refinement mesh generator which takes as input the triangulated surface boundary of the volume to mesh.

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4	325 691 796	2.8	229.5	233.9	
8	325 211 989	2.7	154.6	158.7	
16	324 897 471	2.8	96.8	100.9	
32	325 221 244	2.7	71.7	75.8	
64	324 701 883	2.8	55.8	60.1	
127	324 190 447	2.9	47.6	52.0	

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8	722 329 174	15.8	349.1	370.1	
16	723 093 143	15.6	216.2	236.5	
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### Linear tetrahedral elements are limited -Stiff

-Locking

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# Alternative element technologies have been developed

Alternative elements - polyhedral - virtual elements, HHO, SBFEM, smoothed FEM...



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**Research Article** 

# Virtual and smoothed finite elements: A connection and its application to polygonal/polyhedral finite element methods

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#### Summary

We show both theoretically and numerically a connection between the smoothed finite element method (SFEM) and the virtual element method and use this approach to derive stable, cheap and optimally convergent polyhedral FEM. We show that the stiffness matrix computed with one subcell SFEM is identical to the consistency term of the virtual element method, irrespective of the topology of the element, as long as the shape functions vary linearly on the boundary. Using this connection, we propose a new stable approach to strain smoothing for polygonal/polyhedral elements where, instead of using sub-triangulations, we are able to use one single polygonal/polyhedral subcell for each element while maintaining stability. For a similar number of degrees of freedom, the proposed approach is more accurate than the conventional SFEM with triangular subcells. The time to compute the stiffness matrix scales with the  $\mathcal{O}(dof s)^{1.1}$  in case of the conventional polygonal FEM, while it scales as  $\mathcal{O}(dof s)^{0.7}$  in the proposed approach. The accuracy and the convergence properties of the SFEM are studied with a few benchmark problems in 2D and 3D linear elasticity. Copyright © 2015 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

#### Avoid meshing complex/evolving interfaces through unfitted methods

Implicit boundaries and error control for real time simulations





Deep brain stimulation simulation

Real-time Error Control for Surgical Simulation, HP Bui et al, IEEE Trans. Biomed. Eng., 2016.

Controlling the Error on Target Motion through Real-time Mesh Adaptation: Applications to Deep Brain Stimulation, HP **Bui** et al, **Int J Numer Meth Bio, 2017.** 

Corotational Cut Finite Element Method for real-time surgical simulation: application to needle insertion simulation, HP **Bui** et al, **arXiv**:1712.03052[cs.CE] **2018**.



# Handling interfaces numerically



**Couple geometry & analysis** 

**Isogeometric analysis** 

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Implicit interfaces/unfitted

#### **Generalisation**: geometry independent field approximation (GIFT) Atroshchenko et al, 2018, CMAME





# Immersed collocation generalized FD





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### Formulation



Governing equations

$$\mathcal{L}u = f$$
 in  $\Omega$   
 $u(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x})$  on  $\partial \Omega$ 

Test & Trial functions Space

$$\mathcal{U}^{h} \subset \mathcal{U} = \left\{ u \in H^{1}(\Omega) \quad \text{such that} \quad u \big|_{\partial \Omega} = g \right\}$$
$$\mathcal{V}^{h} \subset \mathcal{V} = \left\{ v \in H^{1}(\Omega) \quad \text{such that} \quad v \big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0 \right\}$$

Weak form

find 
$$u^h \in \mathcal{U}^h : \forall v^h \in \mathcal{V}^h$$
  $a(u^h, v^h) = \ell(v^h)$ 

Approximate solutions

$$u^h = \sum_I \psi_I u_I \qquad v^h = \sum_I \psi_I v_I$$







# **FE implementation**



### Shape functions

- Length and area measures:
  Wachspress interpolants (1975)
- Natural Neighbour interpolants:
   Sibson interpolant (1980),
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- Harmonic
  Waren et al, (1996, 2007)
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# **FE** implementation



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## Similar accuracy & convergence to FEM



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### **Cantilever Beam - Torsion**













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#### Francis et al, CMAME, 2019



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# **FE implementation**



Bilinear form

$$a(u^h, v^h) = \int_{\Omega^h} \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla \Phi \, \mathrm{d}\Omega$$

### Numerical integration

- Sub-triangulation
- Green Gauss quadrature
- Conforming interpolant quadrature
- Complex mapping
- Nodal quadrature
- Strain smoothing





### **Numerical integration**



Sub triangulation

Moment fitting

Complex mapping



Homogeneous Numerical integration

### Green-Gauss quadrature



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### Strain smoothing



Strain written as the divergence of a spatial average of the standard (compatible) strain field

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{h}(\mathbf{x}_{C}) = \int_{\Omega^{h}} \varepsilon_{ij}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) \Phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{C}) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\Phi \ge 0$$
 and  $\int_{\Omega^h} \Phi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1$ 

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{A_C}$$
 in  $\Omega_C$  and  $\Phi = 0$  elsewhere

Stiffness matrix

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{e} = \sum_{C=1}^{nc} \int_{\Omega_{C}} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{C}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{D} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{C} \mathrm{d}\Omega$$













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### Strain smoothing variants











### Strain smoothing - features



- + Insensitive to mesh distortion (No isoparametric mapping)
- + Derivatives of shape functions not required
- + Insensitive to locking for low number of subcells
- Rank deficiency when using one sub-cell
- + Better for triangular elements

+ When combined with enrichment techniques - avoids integration of stress singularity

+ Decreases the complexity of sub-division in XFEM











### Apply strain smoothing technique over each subcell to compute the stiffness matrix.



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One Subcell





One Subcell

n subcells



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n subcells



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### **Linear Smoothing**





$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega_{C}^{h}} \varepsilon_{ij}^{h}(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) dV$$
$$\int_{\Omega_{C}^{h}} \phi_{a,j} f(\mathbf{x}) dV = \int_{\Gamma_{C}^{h}} \phi_{a} f(\mathbf{x}) n_{j} dS - \int_{\Omega_{C}^{h}} \phi_{a} f_{,j}(\mathbf{x}) dV.$$
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \ x_{1} \ x_{2} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

#### Francis et al., IJNME, 2017.



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$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{d}_j = \mathbf{f}_j, \ j = 1, 2$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \sum_{g=1}^{2} \phi_{a} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} k n_{1} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} v \\ \sum_{k=1}^{3} \sum_{g=1}^{2} \phi_{a} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} k n_{1} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} v - \sum_{m=1}^{3} \phi_{a} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ m \end{pmatrix} w \\ \sum_{k=1}^{3} \sum_{g=1}^{2} \phi_{a} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} k n_{1} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ k \end{pmatrix} v - \sum_{m=1}^{3} \phi_{a} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ m \end{pmatrix} w \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Francis et al., IJNME, 2017.







### Test for linear consistency





CS-Poly2D (linear)				LS-Poly2	D (linear)
Mesh	$L^2$	$H^1$		$L^2$	$H^1$
a b c d	$1.7334 \times 10^{-07}$ $1.6994 \times 10^{-07}$ $7.2017 \times 10^{-07}$ $7.4144 \times 10^{-07}$	$2.3328 \times 10^{-05}$ $3.4094 \times 10^{-05}$ $2.2573 \times 10^{-04}$ $2.5773 \times 10^{-04}$		$5.3835 \times 10^{-14}$ $1.9255 \times 10^{-13}$ $2.0030 \times 10^{-13}$ $2.9567 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.8388 \times 10^{-11}$ $4.4373 \times 10^{-11}$ $7.0017 \times 10^{-11}$ $1.0199 \times 10^{-10}$





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Linear smoothing passes the patch test Constant smoothing does not



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### Test of linear consistency - 3D





$(\hat{u})$		(0.1 + 0.1x + 0.2y + 0.2z)
$\hat{v}$	=	0.05 + 0.15x + 0.1y + 0.2z
$\left(\hat{w}\right)$		$\left( 0.05 + 0.1x + 0.2y + 0.2z \right)$



	LS-H8		Mesh	LS-Po	oly3D
Mesh	$L^2$	$H^1$	(c.f. Figure 8)	$L^2$	$H^1$
$2 \times 2 \times 2$	$2.5242 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.4820 \times 10^{-12}$	а	$2.0280 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.3428 \times 10^{-10}$
$4 \times 4 \times 4$	$7.9454 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.9945 \times 10^{-12}$	b	$1.9218 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.7529 \times 10^{-10}$
$8 \times 8 \times 8$	$2.9384 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.0012 \times 10^{-12}$	С	$2.6660 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.9320 \times 10^{-10}$
16×16×16	$8.9235 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.0093 \times 10^{-12}$	d	$3.2074 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.1083 \times 10^{-10}$







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Linear smoothing passes the patch test, also in 3D





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### SBFEM

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- A "niche" technique developed originally for dynamic soilstructure interaction analysis by Song and Wolf @EPFL
- Has been applied to several other fields such as fracture mechanics, fluid mechanics, fluid-structure interaction, acoustics, electromagnetism, etc.
- A semi-analytical procedure
- Only the boundary is discretized
- No requirement for fundamental solutions
- Appeared first in 1997, CMAME

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### **Conceptual comparison**

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### Scaled boundary FEM - advantages

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### Scaled boundary FEM

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### Plate with internal holes

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### ANSYS 13,650 nodes

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### ANSYS 13,650 nodes

Quad tree 6,619 nodes

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Quadtree

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Log(Node#)

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### **Displacement compassion**

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# Extension to polyhedra

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# Novel error indicator

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# Adapted mesh is obtained **before any simulation** is performed

using the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian

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#### BENCHMARKING ADVANCED DISCRETISATION TECHNIQUES: PART I. MESH BURDEN ALLEVIATION WITH APPLICATIONS TO CAD-ANALYSIS TRANSITION, FRACTURE MECHANICS AND HIGHER-ORDER PDES

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#### ABSTRACT

The last 50 years have seen the birth of a large number of "special" approximation methods aiming at complementing finite difference and finite element methods and alleviating their intrinsic difficulties. Major advances have been made, and yet, it is not always obvious to identify the most relevant advantages and drawbacks of a given approach.

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