CGNS/SIDS proposal for extensions
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## Implementation of quartic elements for unstructured zones

The proposal is an extension of the element structure definition (Elements_t) for unstructured zones. We propose to add quartic elements to ElementType. This extension can enhance the performance of CGNS in handling high-order ( $\geq 2$ ) elements which are widely used in highorder CFD simulations. Moreover, this extension can further strengthen the capability of CGNS on accurate presentation of complex geometry, especially when a coarse grid is provided.

The new quartic element types proposed are summarized as follows.

| Dimensionality of <br> the Element | Shape | Cubic Interpolation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-D | Line | BAR_5 |
| 2-D | Triangle | TRI_12, TRI_15 |
|  | Quadrangle | QUAD_P4_16*, QUAD_25 |
| 3-D | Tetrahedron | TETRA_22, TETRA_34, TETRA_35 |
|  | Pyramid | PYRA_P4_29*, PYRA_50, PYRA_55 |
|  | Pentahedron | PENTA_33, PENTA_66, PENTA_75 |
|  | Hexahedron | HEXA_44, HEXA_98, HEXA_125 |

: ' P 4 ' is assigned to distinguish the corresponding cubic elements of the same number of points.
The element numbering convention is specified as follows.
Note that ' N ' stands for grid point identification number. ' E ' indicates edge identification number. A negative edge means that the edge is used in its reverse direction. ' $F$ ' stands for face identification number.

## 1. 1-D Element



BAR_5

## Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N3,N4,N5 |

## 2. 2-D (Surface) Element

### 2.1 Triangular Element



TRI_12

## Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N4,N5,N6 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N7,N8,N9 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N10,N11,N12 |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N3 | N4,N5,N6,N7,N8,N9,N10,N11,N12 | E1,E2,E3 |



## Location of mid-face nodes

N13 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N5-N11; N14 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N2-N8-N5; N15 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N11-N8.

## Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N4,N5,N6 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N7,N8,N9 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N10,N11,N12 |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented <br> edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N3 | N4,N5,N6,N7,N8,N9, | N13,N14,N15 | E1,E2,E3 |

### 2.2 Quadrilateral Element



QUAD_P4_16
Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N5,N6,N7 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N8,N9,N10 |
| E3 | N3,N4 | N11,N12,N13 |
| E4 | N4,N1 | N14,N15,N16 |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N3,N4 | N5,N6,N7,N8,N9, | E1,E2,E3,E4 |
|  |  | N10,N11,N12,N13, |  |
|  |  | N14,N15,N16 |  |


QUAD_25

Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N5,N6,N7 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N8,N9,N10 |
| E3 | N3,N4 | N11,N12,N13 |
| E4 | N4,N1 | N14,N15,N16 |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N3,N4 | N5,N6,N7,N8,N9, | N17,N18,N19, | E1,E2,E3 |
|  |  | N10,N11,N12,N13 | N20,N21,N22, |  |
|  |  | N14,N15,N16 | N23,N24,N25 |  |

## 3. 3-D (Volume) Element

### 3.1 Tetrahedral Element



TETRA_22
Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N5,N6,N7 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N8,N9,N10 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N11,N12,N13 |
| E4 | N1,N4 | N14,N15,N16 |
| E5 | N2,N4 | N20,N18,N19 |
| E6 | N3,N4 |  |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N3,N2 | N13,N12,N11,N10,N9,N8,N7,N6,N5 | - -E3,-E2,-E1 |
| F2 | N1,N2,N4 | N5,N6,N7,N17,N18,N19,N16,N15,N14 | E1,E5,-E4 |
| F3 | N2,N3,N4 | N8,N9,N10,N20,N21,N22,N19,N18,N17 | E2,E6,-E5 |
| F4 | N3,N1,N4 | N11,N12,N13,N14,N15,N16,N22,N21,N20 | E3,E4,-E6 |



TETRA_34


TETRA_35

## Location of mid-face nodes

N23 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N12-N6; N24 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N2-N6-N9; N25 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N9-N12; N26 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N6-N15; N27 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N2-N18-N6; N28 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N15-N18; N29 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N2-N9-N18; N30 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N21-N9; N31 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N18N 21 ; N32 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N12-N21; N33 is located at the centroid of subtriangle N1-N15-N12; N34 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N21-N15.

## Location of volume nodes

N35 is located at the centroid of the tetrahedron.

## Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N5,N6,N7 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N8,N9,N10 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N11,N12,N13 |
| E4 | N1,N4 | N14,N15,N16 |
| E5 | N2,N4 | N17,N18,N19 |
| E6 | N3,N4 | N20,N21,N22 |

Face Definition

| Oriented <br> edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented <br> edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N3,N2 | N13,N12,N11,N10,N9, <br> N8,N7,N6,N5 | N23,N24,N25 | -E3,-E2,-E1 |
| F2 | N1,N2,N4 | N5,N6,N7,N17,N18, <br> N19,N16,N15,N14 | N26,N27,N28 | E1,E5,-E4 |
| F3 | N2,N3,N4 | N8,N9,N10,N20,N21, <br> N22,N19,N18,N17 | N29,N30,N31 | E2,E6,-E5 |
| F4 | N3,N1,N4 | N11,N12,N13,N14,N15, <br> N16,N22,N21,N20 | N32,N33,N34 | E3,E4,-E6 |

### 3.2 Pyramid Element



PYRA_P4_29
Edge Definition

| Oriented edges |  | Corner nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | Mid-nodes |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N6,N7,N8 |
| E3 | N3,N4 | N9,N10,N11 |
| E4 | N4,N1 | N12,N13,N14 |
| E5 | N1,N5 | N15,N16,N17 |
| E6 | N2,N5 | N18,N19,N20 |
| E7 | N3,N5 | N21,N22,N23 |
| E8 | N4,N5 | N24,N25,N26 |
| Face Definition |  | N27,N28,N29 |
| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes |
| F1 | N1,N4,N3,N2 | N17,N16,N15,N14,N13,N12, |
|  | N11,N10,N9,N8,N7,N6 |  |
| F2 | N1,N2,N5 | N6,N7,N8,N21,N22,N23, |



PYRA_50


PYRA_55

## Location of mid-face nodes on triangular surfaces

N39 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N7-N19; N40 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{N} 22-\mathrm{N} 7$; N41 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N5-N19-N22; N42 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{N} 22$; N43 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{N} 25-\mathrm{N} 10$; N44 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N5-N22-N25; N45 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N13-N25; N46 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N28-N13; N47 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle $\mathrm{N} 5-\mathrm{N} 25-\mathrm{N} 28$; N48 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N16-N28; N49 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N19-N16; N50 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N5-N28-N19.

## Location of volume nodes

N 51 is the intersection of the line $\mathrm{N} 5-\mathrm{N} 30$ and the face $\mathrm{N} 18-\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{N} 24-\mathrm{N} 27$; N52 is the intersection of the line N5-N32 and the face N18-N21-N24-N27; N53 is the intersection of the line N5-N34 and the face N18-N21-N24-N27; N54 is the intersection of the line N5-N36 and the face N18-N21-N24-N27; N55 is the intersection of the line N5-N38 and the face N20-N23-N26-N29.

## Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ | $\mathrm{~N} 6, \mathrm{~N} 7, \mathrm{~N} 8$ |
| E2 | $\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{~N} 3$ | $\mathrm{~N} 9, \mathrm{~N} 10, \mathrm{~N} 11$ |
| E3 | $\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~N} 4$ | $\mathrm{~N} 12, \mathrm{~N} 13, \mathrm{~N} 14$ |
| E4 | $\mathrm{N} 4, \mathrm{~N} 1$ | $\mathrm{~N} 15, \mathrm{~N} 16, \mathrm{~N} 17$ |
| E5 | $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 5$ | $\mathrm{~N} 18, \mathrm{~N} 19, \mathrm{~N} 20$ |
| E6 | $\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{~N} 5$ | $\mathrm{~N} 21, \mathrm{~N} 22, \mathrm{~N} 23$ |
| E7 | $\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~N} 5$ | $\mathrm{~N} 24, \mathrm{~N} 25, \mathrm{~N} 26$ |
| E8 | $\mathrm{N} 4, \mathrm{~N} 5$ | $\mathrm{~N} 27, \mathrm{~N} 28, \mathrm{~N} 29$ |

## Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N4,N3,N2 | N17,N16,N15,N14,N13,N12, N11,N10,N9,N8,N7,N6 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { N30,N31,N32, } \\ & \text { N33,N34,N35, } \\ & \text { N36,N37,N38 } \end{aligned}$ | -E4,-E3,-E2,-E1 |
| F2 | N1,N2,N5 | $\begin{gathered} \text { N6,N7,N8,N21,N22,N23, } \\ \text { N20,N19,N18 } \end{gathered}$ | N39,N40,N41 | E1,E6,-E5 |
| F3 | N2,N3,N5 | $\begin{gathered} \text { N9,N10,N11,N24,N25,N26, } \\ \text { N23,N22,N21 } \end{gathered}$ | N42,N43,N44 | E2,E7,-E6 |
| F4 | N3,N4,N5 | $\begin{gathered} \text { N12,N13,N14,N27,N28,N29, } \\ \text { N26,N25,N24 } \end{gathered}$ | N45,N46,N47 | E3,E8,-E7 |
| F5 | N4,N1,N5 | N15,N16,N17,N18,N19,N20, N29,N28,N27 | N48,N49,N50 | E4,E5,-E8 |

### 3.3 Pentahedral Element



PENTA_33

Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N7,N8,N9 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N10,N11,N12 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N13,N14,N15 |
| E4 | N1,N4 | N16,N17,N18 |
| E5 | N2,N5 | N19,N20,N21 |
| E6 | N3,N6 | N22,N23,N24 |
| E7 | N4,N5 | N25,N26,N27 |
| E8 | N5,N6 | N28,N29,N30 |
| E9 | N6,N4 | N31,N32,N33 |

Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N5,N4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { N7,N8,N9,N19,N20,N21, } \\ \text { N27,N26,N25,N18,N17,N16 } \end{gathered}$ | E1,E5,-E7,-E4 |
| F2 | N2,N3,N6,N5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N10,N11,N12,N22,N23,N24, } \\ & \text { N30,N29,N28,N21,N20,N19 } \end{aligned}$ | E2,E6,-E8,-E5 |
| F3 | N3,N1,N4,N6 | N13,N14,N15,N16,N17,N18, N33,N32,N31,N24,N23,N22 | E3,E4,-E9,-E6 |
| F4 | N1,N3,N2 | N15,N14,N13,N12,N11,N10, N9,N8,N7 | -E3,-E2,-E1 |

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\begin{array}{cc}
\hline \text { F5 } & \text { N4,N5,N6 } 25, N 26, N 27, N 28, N 29, N 30, \\
\text { N31,N32,N33 } \\
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\end{array}
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PENTA 66


PENTA_75

## Location of mid-face nodes on triangular surfaces

N34 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N1-N14-N8; N35 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N2-N8-N11; N36 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N3-N11-N14; N64 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N4-N26-N32; N65 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N5-N29-N26; N66 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N6-N32-N29.

## Location of volume nodes

N67 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N16-N38-N56; N68 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N19-N47-N38; N69 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N22-N56-N47; N70 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N17-N45-N63; N71 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N20-N54-N45; N72 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N23-N63-N54; N73 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N18-N42-N60; N74 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N21-N51-N42; N75 is located at the centroid of sub-triangle N24-N60-N51.

Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N7,N8,N9 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N10,N11,N12 |
| E3 | N3,N1 | N13,N14,N15 |
| E4 | N1,N4 | N16,N17,N18 |
| E5 | N2,N5 | N19,N20,N21 |
| E6 | N3,N6 | N22,N23,N24 |
| E7 | N4,N5 | N25,N26,N27 |
| E8 | N5,N6 | N28,N29,N30 |
| E9 | N6,N4 | N31,N32,N33 |

## Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N2,N5,N4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { N7,N8,N9,N19,N20,N21, } \\ \text { N27,N26,N25,N18,N17,N16 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N37,N38,N39, } \\ & \text { N40,N41,N42, } \\ & \text { N43,N44,N45 } \end{aligned}$ | E1,E5,-E7,-E4 |
| F2 | N2,N3,N6,N5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N10,N11,N12,N22,N23,N24, } \\ & \text { N30,N29,N28,N21,N20,N19 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N46,N47,N48, } \\ & \text { N49,N50,N51, } \\ & \text { N52,N53,N54 } \end{aligned}$ | E2,E6,-E8,-E5 |
| F3 | N3,N1,N4,N6 | N13,N14,N15,N16,N17,N18, N33,N32,N31,N24,N23,N22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N55,N56,N57, } \\ & \text { N58,N59,N60, } \\ & \text { N61,N62,N63 } \end{aligned}$ | E3,E4,-E9,-E6 |
| F4 | N1,N3,N2 | N15,N14,N13,N12,N11,N10, N9,N8,N7 | N34,N35,N36 | -E3,-E2,-E1 |
| F5 | N4,N5,N6 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{N} 25, \mathrm{~N} 26, \mathrm{~N} 27, \mathrm{~N} 28, \mathrm{~N} 29, \mathrm{~N} 30, \\ \mathrm{~N} 31, \mathrm{~N} 32, \mathrm{~N} 33 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | N64,N65,N66 | E7,E8,E9 |

### 3.4 Hexahedral Element



HEXA_44
Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N9,N10,N11 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N12,N13,N14 |
| E3 | N3,N4 | N15,N16,N17 |
| E4 | N4,N1 | N18,N19,N20 |
| E5 | N1,N5 | N24,N22,N23 |
| E6 | N2,N6 | N27,N2,N26 |
| E7 | N3,N7 | N30,N31,N32 |
| E8 | N4,N8 | N33,N34,N35 |
| E9 | N5,N6 | N36,N37,N38 |
| E10 | N6,N7 | N39,N40,N41 |
| E11 | N7,N8 | N42,N43,N44 |
| E12 | N8,N5 |  |

## Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N4,N3,N2 | N20,N19,N18,N17,N16,N15, | -E4,-E3,-E2,-E1 |
|  |  | N14,N13,N12,N11,N10,N9 |  |
| F2 | N1,N2,N6,N5 | N9,N10,N11,N24,N25,N26, | E1,E6,-E9,-E5 |
|  |  | N35,N34,N33,N23,N22,N21 |  |
| F3 | N2,N3,N7,N6 | N12,N13,N14,N27,N28,N29, | E2,E7,-E10,-E6 |
|  |  | N38,N37,N36,N26,N25,N24 |  |
| F4 | N3,N4,N8,N7 | N15,N16,N17,N30,N31,N32, | E3,E8,-E11,-E7 |


|  |  | N41,N40,N39,N29,N28,N27 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| F5 | N1,N5,N8,N4 | N21,N22,N23,N44,N43,N42, | E5,-E12,-E8,E4 |
|  | F6 | N32,N31,N30,N18,N19,N20 |  |
|  |  | N33,N34,N35,N36,N37,N38, N7,N8 | N39,N40,N41,N42,N43,N44 |



HEXA_98


HEXA_125
Edge Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-nodes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E1 | N1,N2 | N9,N10,N11 |
| E2 | N2,N3 | N12,N13,N14 |
| E3 | N3,N4 | N15,N1,,N17 |
| E4 | N4,N1 | N18,N19,N20 |
| E5 | N1,N5 | N24,N22,N23 |
| E6 | N2,N6 | N27,N2,N26 |
| E7 | N3,N7 | N30,N31,N32 |
| E8 | N4,N8 | N33,N34,N35 |
| E9 | N5,N6 | N36,N37,N38 |
| E10 | N6,N7 | N39,N40,N41 |
| E11 | N7,N8 | N42,N43,N44 |
| E12 | N8,N5 |  |

## Face Definition

| Oriented edges | Corner nodes | Mid-edge nodes | Mid-face nodes | Oriented edges |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | N1,N4,N3,N2 | N20,N19,N18,N17,N16,N15, | N45,N46,N47, | -E4,-E3,-E2,-E1 |
|  |  | N14,N13,N12,N11,N10,N9 | N48,N49,N50, |  |
| F2 | N1,N2,N6,N5 | N9,N10,N11,N24,N25,N26, | N51,N52,N53,N55,N56, | E1,E6,-E9,-E5 |
|  |  | N35,N34,N33,N23,N22,N21 | N57,N58,N59, |  |
|  |  |  | N60,N61,N62 |  |
| F3 | N2,N3,N7,N6 | N12,N13,N14,N27,N28,N29, | N63,N64,N65, | E2,E7,-E10,-E6 |


|  |  | N38,N37,N36,N26,N25,N24 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N66,N67,N68, } \\ & \text { N69,N70,N71 } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F4 | N3,N4,N8,N7 | N15,N16,N17,N30,N31,N32, N41,N40,N39,N29,N28,N27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N72,N73,N74, } \\ & \text { N75,N76,N77, } \\ & \text { N78,N79,N80 } \end{aligned}$ | E3,E8,-E11,-E7 |
| F5 | N1,N5,N8,N4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N21,N22,N23,N44,N43,N42, } \\ & \text { N32,N31,N30,N18,N19,N20 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N81,N82,N83, } \\ & \text { N84,N85,N86, } \\ & \text { N87,N88,N89 } \end{aligned}$ | E5,-E12,-E8,E4 |
| F6 | N5,N6,N7,N8 | N33,N34,N35,N36,N37,N38, N39,N40,N41,N42,N43,N44 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N90,N91,N92, } \\ & \text { N93,N94,N95, } \\ & \text { N96,N97,N98 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | E9,E10,E11,E12 |

