# Mixed Finite Element Methods for Nonlinear Elasticity and Shells

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# Nonlinear elasticity

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$$\langle \operatorname{div}(\sigma), u \rangle := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{T} \operatorname{div}(\sigma) \cdot u \, dx - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_{E} \llbracket \sigma_{nt} \rrbracket u_t \, ds$$

A. PECHSTEIN, J. SCHÖBERL: Tangential-displacement and normal-normal-stress continuous mixed finite elements for elasticity (2011).

 $=\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{L}} - \int_{T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla u \, d\mathbf{x} + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{S}_{L}} \int_{E} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{nn} \llbracket u_{n} \rrbracket \, d\mathbf{s}$ 

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- Hu-Washizu principle



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$$F := I + \nabla u$$







Displacement u

- Deformation gradient
- Cauchy-Green strain tensor  $\boldsymbol{C} := \boldsymbol{F}^\top \boldsymbol{F}$

Green strain tensor







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$$\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{C}(u)) - f \cdot u \, dx \to \min!$$





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$$\min_{u\in V_h}\int_{\Omega}\mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{F}(u))-f\cdot u\,dx$$



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- Lifting distribution  $\nabla u$  to  $\boldsymbol{F} \in [L^2]^{3 \times 3}$
- 1<sup>st</sup> Piola–Kirchhoff stress tensor  $P(=F\Sigma)$  as Lagrange multiplier
- $P = P_{sym} + P_{skew}$ ,  $P_{sym} \in H(div div)$ ,  $P_{skew} \in [L^2]_{skew}^{3\times3}$ •  $F = F_{sym} + F_{skew}$ ,  $F_{sym} \in H(curl curl)^{dc}$ ,  $F_{skew} \in [L^2]_{skew}^{3\times3}$



Idea: Instead of

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$$+\sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}}\int_{T}\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{C}-\boldsymbol{C}(u)):\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\,dx-\int_{\partial T}(\boldsymbol{F}(u)\boldsymbol{\Sigma})_{nn}(u-\hat{u})_{n}ds$$

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#### www.gitlab.com/mneunteufel/nonlinear\_elasticity



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## **Nonlinear shells**



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$$+ \frac{tG\kappa}{2} \|\boldsymbol{F}^{T}\tilde{\nu}\circ\phi\|^{2}$$

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- Shearing energy







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- $\sigma$  has physical meaning of moment
- $\bullet~\mbox{Fourth}~\mbox{order}~\mbox{problem} \to \mbox{second}~\mbox{order}~\mbox{problem}$
- Hybridization possible

























Morley triangle:









$$\sigma = \nabla^2 w, \quad \Rightarrow w \in H^1(\Omega)$$
  
div(div( $\sigma$ )) = f,  $\Rightarrow \sigma \in H(\text{div div}, \Omega)$ 

M. COMODI: The Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson method: some new error estimates and postprocessing, *Math. Comp. 52* (1989) pp. 17–29.



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#### Linearization

If the undeformed configuration is a flat plane and f works orthogonal on it, the HHJ method is the linearization of the bending energy of our method.







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- Use hierarchical shell model
- Additional shearing dofs  $\gamma$  in H(curl)
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ECHTER, R. AND OESTERLE, B. AND BISCHOFF, M.: A hierarchic family of isogeometric shell finite elements, CMAME (2013) 254, pp. 170–180.



#### Extension to nonlinear Naghdi shells

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- $\bullet \ \widetilde{\nu} \circ \phi = \nu \circ \phi + \gamma \circ \phi$
- Linearization recovers TDNNS method for Reissner-Mindlin plates

A. PECHSTEIN AND J. SCHÖBERL: The TDNNS method for Reissner-Mindlin plates, J. Numer. Math. (2017) 137, pp. 713–740.















## **Membrane locking**







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L. LI: Regge Finite Elements with Applications in Solid Mechanics and Relativity, *PhD thesis, University of Minnesota* (2018).



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- Reduced integration for quadrilateral meshes
- Regge interpolant for triangles
- Connection to MITC shell elements

## Hyperboloid with free ends







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## Open hemisphere with clamped ends















- Lifting of distributions for nonlinear elasticity
- Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson method for nonlinear Koiter/Naghdi shells
- Regge interpolation avoids membrane locking
- N., PECHSTEIN, SCHÖBERL: Three-field mixed finite element methods for nonlinear elasticity *arxiv.org/abs/2009.03928*
- N., SCHÖBERL: The Hellan-Herrmann-Johnson method for nonlinear shells, C&S 225 (2019)
- N., SCHÖBERL: Avoiding membrane locking with Regge interpolation, *CMAME 373 (2021)*
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