

# CGNS Proposal Extension #0047: Quadrature rules definition and data storage

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## 1. Motivation

Finite element methods and high order methods (like ones used by the Center for Efficient Exascale Discretizations, CEED, <https://www.ceed.exascaleproject.org>) require the concept of integration and even use quadrature vectors. In order to visualize, to allow accurate initializing and debugging those methods, CGNS SIDS need to have the capability to store data at integration points like VMAP (<https://www.vmap.eu.com>) or MED (<https://www.salome-platform.org/user-section/about/med>). This proposal is here to fill this gap.

## 2. Proposal to add a concept of Integration/Quadrature

### 2.1. Quadrature rule definition

To define a numerical integration rules on all the elements or a collection of elements, on each element the integration formula can be written as:

$$\oint SolutionVar(X) dX = \sum_i Weights[i] * SolutionVar(IntegrationPoint_i)$$

*Weights* and *IntegrationPoint<sub>i</sub>* are the variables to describe and to store. *Weights* is an array of scalars of size number of Integration points. There is two ways in order to define the integration points. The first one use the notion of parametric coordinates (SIDS: [http://cgns.github.io/CGNS\\_docs\\_current/sids/cnct.html](http://cgns.github.io/CGNS_docs_current/sids/cnct.html)), where integrations points coordinates are defined in a reference frame. In the figure 1 (left), each integration point is defined thanks to two parametric coordinates. The second one use the notion of barycentric coordinates. Integration points are defined from the element vertices thanks to a tuple. In the figure 1 (right), for each integration point, three constant are needed in order to define their location.

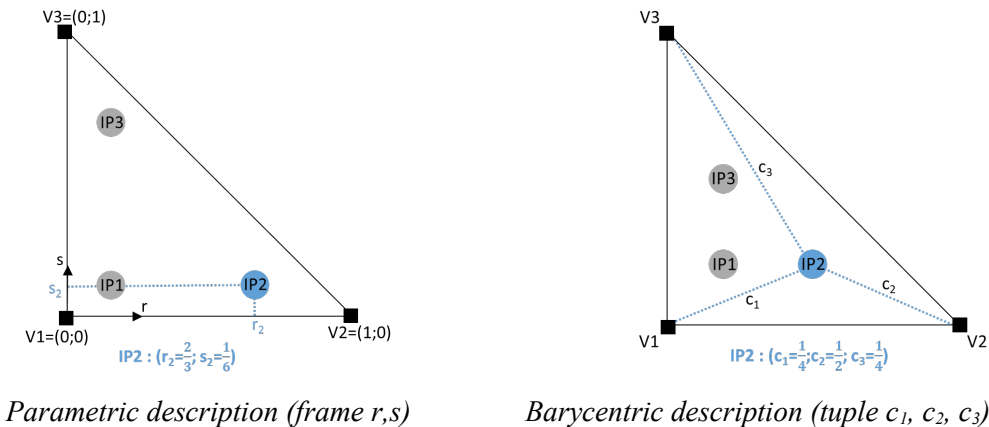


Figure 1 – Integration points location

34 [2.2. Quadrature rule description](#)

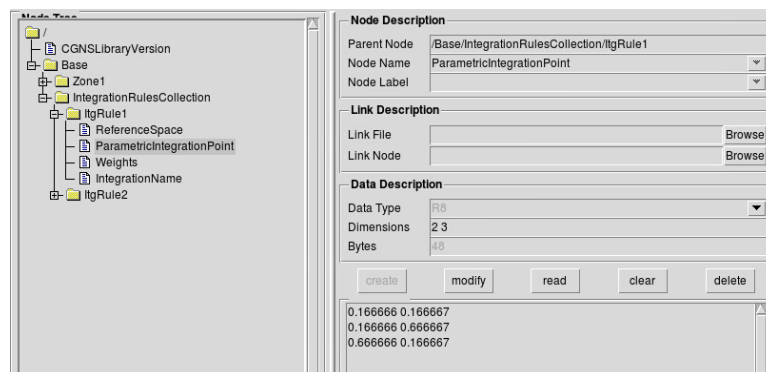
35 A type `IntegrationRule_t` is introduced in order to store the integration rule description and should  
 36 have some basic properties:

- 37 • **NumberOfPoints** and **ParametricDimension**: The total number of integration points and  
 38 the number of parametric dimension (from 1 to 3 for parametric coordinates and number of vertices  
 39 per element for barycentric coordinates) are needed to size the array.
- 40 • **ElementType**: the element type for which this integration rule is defined and valid. This  
 41 `ElementType` exclude the CGNS “MIXED” type.
- 42 • **ReferenceSpace**: The reference space definition, used to locate the integration points, is  
 43 optional. It can be either Parametric or Barycentric. If the `ElementType` is polygonal or polyhedral it  
 44 can only be set to Barycentric.
- 45 • Either one of the two following arrays is needed depending on the *ReferenceSpace* value:
  - 46 ○ **ParametricPoint**<NumberOfPoints, ParametricDimension>: Real array storing the  
 47 parametric coordinates. The Integration Points are stored following the principle of growing *r*  
 48 then growing *s* and ending by growing *t*.
  - 49 ○ **BarycentricPoint**<NumberOfPoints, NumberOfElementVertices>: Real array  
 50 storing the barycentric coordinates
- 51 • **Weights** : a real array of size `NumberOfPoints` storing weights
- 52 • **IntegrationName** : For parametric definition, the name of the quadrature can be provided, as  
 53 optional parameter, and can be chosen among CGNS standard names (`GaussLegendre`,  
 54 `GaussLobatto`,, ...) or be application specific. The full rule is defined with an array of size  
 55 `ParametricDimension+1`. The first cell allows to know the direction combination (see table 1), the  
 56 following cells give the rule to use for each direction:

CombineNo	No combination between the directions
Combine12	Direction r and s combined with the same rule
Combine23	Direction 2 and 3 combined with the same rule
Combine31	Direction 3 and 1 combined with the same rule

*Table 1 : keyword for rule combination*

57 We suggest gathering the individual `IntegrationRule_t` nodes in a parent `RulesCollection_t`  
 58 node. This latter node is located under a `Base_t` node. It contains a list of `IntegrationRule_t` nodes  
 59 and an “`IdToQualifier`” information. This “`IdToQualifier`” information store an array of tuple  
 60 (“`id`”, “`nodename`”) where `id` is an integer and `nodename` is a 32 characters string. It is used to map an  
 61 `id` to an `IntegrationRule_t` node name located under the current `IntegrationRules_t` node.  
 62 Thus, an integer array, instead of a string, allows to identify the integration rule for an element (in a  
 63 `FlowSolution_t` node for example, see thereafter). The `RulesCollection_t` try to do efficient  
 64 storage for definition of how to get `Weights` and `IntegrationPoint` for all the elements.



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66 [2.3. Defining Variable values at a new “IntegrationPoint” location](#)

67 Some modification have to be added under a `FlowSolution_t`, `ZoneSubRegion_t`, `BC_t` and `BCDataSet_t`  
 68 node in order to use integration point such as vertex or cell center grid location:

- 69 ○ `GridLocation` will be allowed as `IntegrationPoint`
- 70 ○ An `ItgPointsStartOffset` array, re-using the same concept from `NGON` and `NFACE`, is

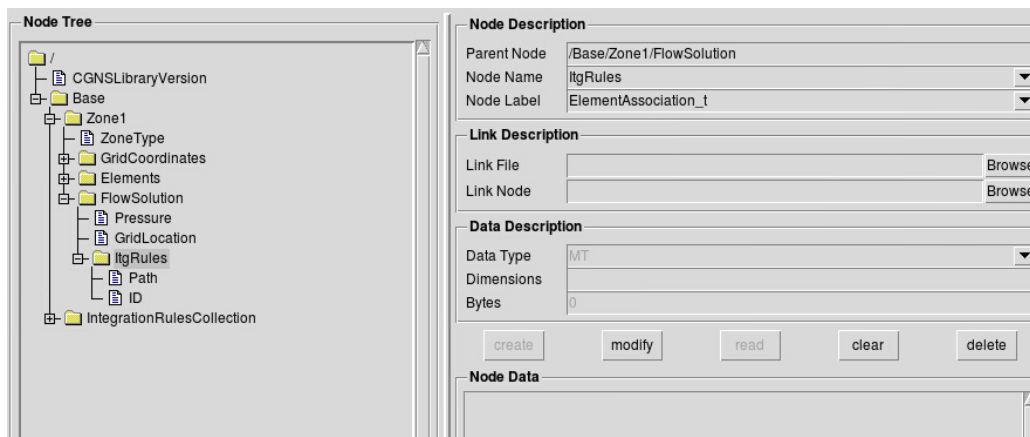
71 present. For each element, it allows to know where in a solution array starts the data corresponding  
72 to integration points of each element and it allows get easily the number of integration points inside a  
73 specific element. Thus, one can either select data based on global integration point number (as it is  
74 done for vertex data) or by element. The same sorting is expected between `IntegrationRule_t`  
75 points and data in the solution, subregion, bc and bcdataset. Since this offset notion is a bit different  
76 from the `DataArray_t` type located under the `FlowSolution_t`, `ZoneSubRegion_t`, `BC_t`, `BCDataSet_t`  
77 nodes, it would be nice to create a new type “`Offset_t`”.

78  
79 To associated `IntegrationPoint` to the data stored in the `FlowSolution`, `ZoneSubRegion`, `BC`, `BCDataSet`  
80 nodes, two elements are needed and stored inside an `ItgRules` node of type  
81 `ElementAssociation_t`):

- 82 ○ A “*Path*””: path to an `RulesCollection_t` node (a simple character string, ex:  
83 “/Base/IntegratGauss” or “/Base/Zone1/IntegrationRules”...)
- 84 ○ An “*Ids*””: integer array, with size the number of cell elements that will store values of the  
85 corresponding `IntegrationRule` id associated to each cell element. Thus for an element, it is  
86 possible to downgrade its `Integration Order` as long as the linked `IntegrationRule_t` is  
87 compatible with the element type. If the “*Ids*” array has only one value, it means that all the elements  
88 are of the same type and use the same integration rule.

89 If `ItgRules` is not defined under the `FlowSolution_t`, `ZoneSubregion_t`, `BC_t` or  
90 `BCDataSet_t` node, it can be searched as an alternative under the `Elements_t` node defining each  
91 geometric element. In this case, under the `Element_t` node will be added a node named “*ItgRules*” of type  
92 “*ElementAssociation\_f*” as described above.

93 This mechanism is generic and efficient as one can even do partial read of element associated information.  
94 This allow to not duplicate information in the CGNS tree.



### 96 3. Conflict and compatibility concern

97 No conflict are expected since only extension of existing data structures is done.

### 98 4. Conclusion

99 This extension proposal of Integration and Quadrature storage completes the existing interpolation functionalities. It is  
100 meant to be parallel efficient and have low impact on existing CGNS SIDS structure.

### 101 5. Document modification list

102 None

103 [A. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/SIDS](#)

104 The previous section presented the different features needed to have a proper definition of quadrature in  
105 CGNS. This section presents the modification applied to the CGNS SIDS.

106 [A.1. Extension of section 4 “Building-Block Structure Definition”](#)

107 [A.1.1. Extension of section 4.5 “GridLocation\\_t”](#)

108 `GridLocation_t` identifies locations with respect to the grid; it is an enumeration type.

```
GridLocation_t := Enumeration(  
    GridLocationNull,  
    GridLocationUserDefined,  
    Vertex,  
    CellCenter,  
    FaceCenter,  
    IFaceCenter,  
    JFaceCenter,  
    KFaceCenter,  
    EdgeCenter,  
    IntegrationPoint);
```

109

110 [A.1.2. New section 4.9 “MapName\\_t”](#)

111 The `MapName_t` structure provides a way to associate an identification number with a node name.

```
MapName_t<int Length> :=  
{  
    Data(int, 1, Length) Ids ; (r)  
    Data(char, 2, , [32, Length]) Names ; (r)  
};
```

112

113 [A.1.3. New section 4.10 “ElementSpace\\_t”](#)

```
ElementSpace_t := Enumeration(  
    Null,  
    UserDefined,  
    Parametric,  
    Barycentric) ;
```

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117 A.2. Extension of section 6 “Hierarchical Structures”

118 A.2.1. Extension of section 6.2 “CGNS Entry Level Structure Definition: CGNSBase\_t”

```
CGNSBase_t :=  
{  
    List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ; (o)  
    int CellDimension ; (r)  
    int PhysicalDimension ; (r)  
    BaseIterativeData_t BaseIterativeData ; (o)  
    List( Zone_t<CellDimension, PhysicalDimension> Zone1 ... ZoneN ) ; (o)  
    ReferenceState_t ReferenceState ; (o)  
    Axisymmetry_t Axisymmetry ; (o)  
    RotatingCoordinates_t RotatingCoordinates ; (o)  
    Gravity_t Gravity ; (o)  
    SimulationType_t SimulationType ; (o)  
    DataClass_t DataClass ; (o)  
    DimensionalUnits_t DimensionalUnits ; (o)  
    FlowEquationSet_t<CellDimension> FlowEquationSet ; (o)  
    ConvergenceHistory_t GlobalConvergenceHistory ; (o)  
    List( RulesCollection_t ItgRules1... ItgRulesN ) ; (o)  
    List( IntegralData_t IntegralData1... IntegralDataN ) ; (o)  
    List( Family_t Family1... FamilyN ) ; (o)  
    List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)  
} ;
```

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121 A.3. Extension of section 7 “Grid Coordinates, Elements, and Flow Solutions”

122 A.3.1. Extension of section 7.3 “Elements Structure Definition: Elements\_t”

```
Elements_t :=  
{  
  List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ; (o)  
  Rind_t<IndexDimension> Rind ; (o/d)  
  IndexRange_t ElementRange ; (r)  
  int ElementSizeBoundary ; (o/d)  
  ElementType_t ElementType ; (r)  
  DataArray_t<int, 1, ElementDataSize> ElementConnectivity ; (r)  
  DataArray_t<int, 1, ElementSize + 1> ElementStartOffset ; (r)  
  DataArray_t<int, 2, [ElementSize, 2]> ParentElements ; (o)  
  DataArray_t<int, 2, [ElementSize, 2]> ParentElementsPosition ; (o)  
  List( ElementAssociation_t<ElementSize> Property1 ...PropertyN ) ; (o)  
  List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)  
} ;
```

123

124 **Following text is added:**

125 *The [ElementAssociation\\_t](#) data structure allows arbitrary mapping of properties on each individual*  
126 *element of the [Elements\\_t](#). This mechanism is describe in section 12 as a miscellaneous data structures that*  
127 *create a link to a collection of property nodes.*

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130 A.3.2. Extension of section 7.7 “Flow Solution Structure Definition FlowSolution\_t”

```

FlowSolution_t< int CellDimension, int IndexDimension,
               int VertexSize[IndexDimension],
               int CellSize[IndexDimension],
               int IntegrationPointSize[IndexDimension]> :=
{
  List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;           (o)
  GridLocation_t GridLocation ;                               (o/d)
  ElementAssociation_t<CellSize> ItgRules ;                   (o)
  Offset_t<CellSize+1> ItgPointStartOffset ;                 (o)
  Rind_t<IndexDimension> Rind ;                               (o/d)
  IndexRange<IndexDimension> PointRange ;                    (o)
  IndexArray<IndexDimension, ListLength[], int> PointList ;  (o)
  List( DataArray_t<DataType, IndexDimension, DataSize[]>
        DataArray1 ... DataArrayN ) ;                       (o)
  DataClass_t DataClass ;                                    (o)
  DimensionalUnits_t DimensionalUnits ;                     (o)
  List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)
} ;

```

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132 **Proposal for modification in the notes:**

133 Notes:

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135 5. For unstructured zones [GridLocation](#) options are limited to [Vertex](#), [CellCenter](#) or [IntegrationPoint](#)  
136 unless one of [PointList](#) or [PointRange](#) is present.

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138 For unstructured grids, the value of [GridLocation](#) alone specifies location and indexing of flow solution data only  
139 for vertex and cell-centered data. The reason for this is that element-based grid connectivity provided in the  
140 [Elements\\_t](#) data structures explicitly indexes only vertices and cells. For data stored at alternate grid locations  
141 (e.g., edges), additional connectivity information is needed. This is provided by the optional fields [PointRange](#) and  
142 [PointList](#); these refer to vertices, edges, faces or cell centers, depending on the values of [CellDimension](#) and  
143 [GridLocation](#). The following table shows these relations. The [NODE](#) element type should not be used in place of the  
144 vertex. A vertex [GridLocation](#) should use the [GridLocation](#) = [Vertex](#) pattern, which implies an indexing on  
145 the grid coordinates arrays and not a [NODE Elements\\_t](#) array.

146 For data stored at an [IntegrationPoint GridLocation](#), the indexes follow the cell indexing and the  
147 [GridLocation](#) node should provide information for sub-indexing of element integration point. In this case two data  
148 are required. They are store under the nodes named “[ItgRules](#)” and “[ItgPointStartOffset](#)”. The former node is of type  
149 [ElementAssociation t](#) and define how to build the integration points. If it is absent, the integration points should be  
150 deduced from [ElementAssociation\\_t](#) nodes named similarly [ItgRules](#) located under the [Elements\\_t](#)  
151 structures. The latter node is typed as an [Offset t](#) and is similar to [ElementStartOffset](#), it gives the location in  
152 a Solution field of the start of an element’s integration point’s data. This allows quick retrieval by element indices  
153 besides the standard Solution field retrieval by integration point index.

154 If [GridLocation](#) is set to [IntegrationPoint](#), [ItgPointsStartOffset](#) is required. It contains the starting positions of  
155 each element in the a solution data array and its last value corresponds to the [IntegrationPointSize](#) :

156  $ItgPointsOffset = 0, NItgPE_1, NItgPE_1 + NItgPE_2, \dots, ItgPointsOffset[n-1] +$   
157  $NItgPE_n, \dots, ItgPointsOffset[M-1] + NItgPE_M = IntegrationPointSize$

158 where  $NItgPE_n$  is the number of integration point in element  $n$ .

CellDimension	GridLocation				
	Vertex	EdgeCente r	*FaceCenter	CellCenter	IntegrationPoint
1	vertices	-	-	cells (line elements)	Integration Points
2	vertices	edges	-	cells (area elements)	Integration Points
3	vertices	edges	faces	cells (volume elements)	Integration Points

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```

160 FUNCTION DataSize []:
161 return value: one-dimensional int array of length IndexDimension
162 dependencies: IndexDimension, VertexSize[], CellSize[], IntegrationPointSize[], GridLocation,
163 Rind, ListLength[]
164
165 if (GridLocation = IntegrationPoint) then
166 {
167     DataSize[] = IntegrationPointSize[] ;
168 }
169
170 else if (PointRange/PointList is present) then
171 {
172     DataSize[] = ListLength[] ;
173 }
174 else if (Rind is absent) then
175 {
176     if (GridLocation = Vertex) or (GridLocation is absent)
177     {
178         DataSize[] = VertexSize[] ;
179     }
180     else if (GridLocation = CellCenter) then
181     {
182         DataSize[] = CellSize[] ;
183     }
184 }
185 else if (Rind is present) then
186 {
187     if (GridLocation = Vertex) or (GridLocation is absent) then
188     {
189         DataSize[] = VertexSize[] + [a + b, ...] ;
190     }
191     else if (GridLocation = CellCenter)
192     {
193         DataSize[] = CellSize[] + [a + b, ...] ;
194     }
195 }
196

```



197 A.3.3. Extension of section 7.9 “Zone Subregion Structure Definition ZoneSubRegion\_t”

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```

ZoneSubRegion_t< int IndexDimension,
                int CellDimension> :=
{
  List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;           (o)
  int RegionCellDimension ;                                   (o/d)
  GridLocation_t GridLocation ;                             (o/d)
  ElementAssociation_t< ListLength[]> ItgRules ;           (o)
  Offset_t<ListLength[]+1> ItgPointStartOffset ;           (o)
  IndexRange_t<IndexDimension> PointRange ;                 (r:o:o:o)
  IndexArray_t<IndexDimension, ListLength, int> PointList ; (o:r:o:o)
  Descriptor_t BCRegionName ;                               (o:o:r:o)
  Descriptor_t GridConnectivityRegionName ;                 (o:o:o:r)
  Rind_t<IndexDimension> Rind ;                             (o/d)
  List( DataArray_t<DataType, 1, DataSize[]> DataArray1...DataArrayN ) ; (o)
  FamilyName_t FamilyName ;                                 (o)
  List( AdditionalFamilyName_t AddFamilyName1 ... AddFamilyNameN ) ; (o)
  DataClass_t DataClass ;                                  (o)
  DimensionalUnits_t DimensionalUnits ;                   (o)
  List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)
};

```

199 **Proposal for modification in the notes:**

200 *Notes:*

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202 The extent of the subregion and the distribution of data within that subregion is determined  
 203 by RegionCellDimension, GridLocation, one of PointRange/List, BCRegionName,  
 204 or GridConnectivityRegionName, and ItgRules (for IntegrationPoint\_t grid  
 205 location). For a 3-D subregion (RegionCellDimension = 3), data can be located at vertices, edges, face  
 206 centers, cell centers or integration points. For a 2-D subregion (RegionCellDimension = 2), data can be located at  
 207 vertices, edges, cell centers (i.e. area elements) or integration points.

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209 PointRange/List refer to vertices, edges, faces or cell centers, depending on the values  
 210 of RegionCellDimension and GridLocation. Note that it is both the dimensionality of the zone  
 211 (CellDimension) as well as the dimensionality of the subregion (RegionCellDimension), that determines the  
 212 types of elements permissible in PointRange/List. The following table shows these relations.

CellDimension	RegionCellDimension	GridLocation				
		Vertex	EdgeCenter	*FaceCenter	CellCenter	IntegrationPoint
1	1	vertices	-	-	Cells (line elements)	Integration Points
2	1	vertices	edges	-	-	Integration Points
2	2	vertices	edges	-	Cells (area elements)	Integration Points
3	1	vertices	edges	-	-	Integration Points
3	2	vertices	edges	faces	-	Integration Points
3	3	vertices	edges	faces	Cells (volumes elements)	Integration Points

213 *Note:* In the table, \*FaceCenter stands for the possible types: IFaceCenter, JFaceCenter, KFaceCenter,  
 214 or FaceCenter.

215 For both structured and unstructured grids, GridLocation = Vertex means that PointRange/List refers to  
 216 vertex indices. For structured grids, edges, faces and cell centers are indexed using the minimum of the connecting  
 217 vertex indices, as described in the section [Structured Grid Notation and Indexing Conventions](#). For unstructured grids,  
 218 edges, faces and cell centers are indexed using their element numbering, as defined in the [Elements\\_t](#) data  
 219 structures.

220 *For data stored at an IntegrationPoint GridLocation, the indexes follow the cell indexing and the*  
 221 *GridLocation node should provide information for sub-indexing of element integration point. In this case two data*  
 222 *are required. They are store under the nodes named “ItgRules” and “ItgPointStartOffset”. The former node is of type*  
 223 *ElementAssociation\_t and define how to build the integration points. If it is absent, the integration points should be*  
 224 *deduced from ElementAssociation\_t nodes named similarly ItgRules located under the Elements\_t*  
 225 *structures. The latter node is typed as an Offset\_t and is similar to ElementStartOffset, it gives the location in*

226 a Solution field of the start of an element's integration point's data. This allows quick retrieval by element indices  
227 besides the standard Solution field retrieval by integration point index.

228 If GridLocation is set to IntegrationPoint, ItgPointsStartOffset is required. It contains the starting positions of  
229 each element in the a solution\_data array and its last value corresponds to the IntegrationPointSize :

230 ItgPointsOffset = 0, NItgPE\_1, NItgPE\_1+ NItgPE\_2, ... ItgPointsOffset[n-1] +  
231 NItgPE\_n, ..., ItgPointsOffset[M-1] + NItgPE\_M = IntegrationPointSize

232

233 where NItgPE\_n is the number of integration point in element n.

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235 ZoneSubRegion\_t requires the structure function [ListLength\[\]](#), which is used to specify the number of data  
236 points (e.g. vertices, cell centers, face centers, edge centers) corresponding to the given PointRange/List.  
237 If PointRange is specified, then ListLength is obtained from the number of points (inclusive) between the  
238 beginning and ending indices of PointRange. If PointList is specified, then ListLength is the number of  
239 indices in the list of points. In this situation, ListLength becomes a user input along with the indices of the  
240 list PointList. By user we mean the application code that is generating the CGNS database.  
241 ZoneSubRegion\_t requires the structure function [DataSize](#), which is used to specify the size of the data array.  
242 The function is the same than the one used in the [FlowSolution\\_t](#) section.

243 Rind is an optional field that indicates the number of rind planes (for structured grids) or rind points (for unstructured  
244 grids). If Rind is absent, then the DataArray\_t structure entities contain only core data of length [DataSize](#), as  
245 defined for this region. If Rind is present, it will provide information on the number of rind elements, in addition to  
246 the [DataSize](#), that are contained in the DataArray\_t structures. The bottom line is that Rind simply adds a  
247 specified number to [DataSize](#), as used by the DataArray\_t structures.

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250 A.4. Extension of section 9 “Boundary Conditions”

251 A.4.1. Extension of section 9.3 “Boundary Condition Structure Definition: BC\_t”

```

BC_t< int CellDimension,
      int IndexDimension,
      int PhysicalDimension> :=
{
  List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;           (o)
  BCType_t BCType ;                                         (r)
  GridLocation_t GridLocation ;                             (o/d)
  ElementAssociation_t<ListLength[]> ItgRules ;             (o)
  Offset_t<ListLength[]> ItgPointStartOffset ;             (o)
  IndexRange_t<IndexDimension> PointRange ;                 (r:o)
  IndexArray_t<IndexDimension, ListLength[], int> PointList ; (o:r)
  int[IndexDimension] InwardNormalIndex ;                   (o)
  IndexArray_t<PhysicalDimension, ListLength[], real> InwardNormalList ; (o)
  List( BCDataSet_t<CellDimension, IndexDimension, DataSize[], GridLocation> (o)
        BCDataSet1 ... BCDataSetN ) ;
  BCProperty_t BCProperty ;                                 (o)
  FamilyName_t FamilyName ;                                (o)
  List( AdditionalFamilyName_t AddFamilyName1 ... AddFamilyNameN ) ; (o)
  ReferenceState_t ReferenceState ;                         (o)
  DataClass_t DataClass ;                                  (o)
  DimensionalUnits_t DimensionalUnits ;                     (o)
  List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)
  int Ordinal ,                                           (o)
} ;

```

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253 **Proposal for modification in the notes:**

254 *Notes:*

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256 The BC patch may be specified by PointRange if it constitutes a logically  
 257 rectangular region. In all other cases, PointList should be used to list **the**  
 258 **vertices, cell edges/faces or integration points** making up the BC patch.  
 259 When GridLocation is set to Vertex, then PointList or PointRange refer to vertex  
 260 indices, for both structured and unstructured grids. When GridLocation is set  
 261 to EdgeCenter, then PointRange/List refer to edge elements. For 3-D grids,  
 262 when GridLocation is set to FaceCenter, IFaceCenter, etc.,  
 263 then PointRange/List refer to face elements.

264 *When GridLocation is set to IntegrationPoint, the indexes follow the cell indexing and the*  
 265 *GridLocation node should provide information for sub-indexing of element integration point. In this case two data*  
 266 *are required. They are store under the nodes named “ItgRules” and “ItgPointStartOffset”. The former node is of type*  
 267 *ElementAssociation\_t and define how to build the integration points. If it is absent, the integration points should be*  
 268 *deduced from ElementAssociation\_t nodes named similarly ItgRules located under the Elements\_t*  
 269 *structures. The latter node is typed as an Offset\_t and is similar to ElementStartOffset, it gives the location in*  
 270 *a Solution field of the start of an element’s integration point’s data. This allows quick retrieval by element indices*  
 271 *besides the standard Solution field retrieval by integration point index.*

272 *If GridLocation is set to IntegrationPoint, ItgPointsStartOffset is required. It contains the starting positions of*  
 273 *each element in the a solution data array and its last value corresponds to the IntegrationPointSize :*

274 *ItgPointsOffset = 0, NItgPE\_1, NItgPE\_1+ NItgPE\_2, ... ItgPointsOffset[n-1] +*  
 275 *NItgPE\_n, ..., ItgPointsOffset[M-1] + NItgPE\_M = IntegrationPointSize*

276 *where NItgPE\_n is the number of integration point in element n*

277 The interpretation of PointRange/List is summarized in the table below:

278

CellDimension	GridLocation				
	Vertex	EdgeCenter	*FaceCenter	CellCenter	IntegrationPoint

1	vertices	-	-	cells (line elements)	Integration Points
2	vertices	edges	-	cells (area elements)	Integration Points
3	vertices	edges	faces	cells (volume elements)	Integration Points

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280 ...

281 **FUNCTION ListLength []:**

282 return value: int

283 dependencies: PointRange, PointList, GridLocation, IntegrationPointSize[]

284 BC\_t requires the structure function ListLength, which is used to specify the number of vertices, edge/face  
 285 elements or integration points making up the BC patch. If PointRange is specified, then ListLength is obtained  
 286 from the number of points (inclusive) between the beginning and ending indices of PointRange. If PointList is  
 287 specified, then ListLength is the number of indices in the list of points. In this situation, ListLength becomes a  
 288 user input along with the indices of the list PointList. By user we mean the application code that is generating the  
 289 CGNS database.

290 ListLength is also the number of elements in the list InwardNormalList. Note that  
 291 syntactically PointList and InwardNormalList must have the same number of elements.

292 If neither PointRange or PointList is specified in a particular BCDataSet\_t substructure, ListLength  
 293 must be passed into it to determine the length of BC data arrays.

294

295

296 **FUNCTION DataSize []:**

297 return value: int

298 dependencies: IntegrationPointSize[], GridLocation, ListLength[]

```

299 if (GridLocation = IntegrationPoint) then
300 {
301   DataSize[] = IntegrationPointSize[] ;
302 }
303 else
304 {
305   DataSize[] = ListLength[] ;
306 }

```

307

308

```

BCDataSet_t< int CellDimension,
             int IndexDimension,
             int ListLengthParameter,
             GridLocation_t GridLocationParameter> :=
{
  List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;           (o)
  BTypeSimple_t BTypeSimple ;                               (r)
  BCData_t<ListLengthBCData[]> DirichletData ;              (o)
  BCData_t<ListLengthBCData[]> NeumannData ;               (o)
  GridLocation_t GridLocation ;                             (o/d)
  ElementAssociation_t< ListLength[]> ItgRules ;           (o)
  Offset_t<ListLength[]> ItgPointStartOffset ;            (o)
  IndexRange_t<IndexDimension> PointRange ;                (o)
  IndexArray_t<IndexDimension, ListLength, int> PointList ; (o)
  ReferenceState_t ReferenceState ;                        (o)
  DataClass_t DataClass ;                                  (o)
  DimensionalUnits_t DimensionalUnits ;                   (o)
  List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ; (o)
};

```

310

311 **Proposal for modification in the notes:**312 *Notes :*

313 ...

314 3. GridLocation is optional; if absent its default value  
 315 is GridLocationParameter. For 2-D grids (CellDimension = 2), GridLocation may  
 316 take the values of Vertex, EdgeCenter or IntegrationPoint. For 3-D grids  
 317 (CellDimension = 3), GridLocation may take the values  
 318 of Vertex, EdgeCenter, FaceCenter, IFaceCenter, JFaceCenter, KFaceCenter or  
 319 IntegrationPoint.

320 ...

321 **FUNCTION ListLengthBCData []:**

322 return value: int

323 dependencies: ListLengthParameter, ListLength, PointRange, PointList, GridLocation,  
 324 IntegrationPointSize[]

325 BCDataSet\_t also requires the structure function ListLengthBCData

```

326 if (GridLocation = IntegrationPoint) then
327 {
328   ListLengthBCData [] = IntegrationPointSize[] ;
329 }

```

330

```

331 else if (PointRange/PointList is present) then

```

```

332 {
333   ListLengthBCData [] = ListLength[] ;
334 }

```

335 else

```

336 {
337   ListLengthBCData [] = ListLengthParameter ;
338 }

```

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344 A.5. Extension of section 12 “Miscellaneous Data Structures”

345 A.5.1. New section 12.12: Element Association Structure Definition ElementAssociation\_t

346 *The ElementAssociation\_t specifies an array of identification numbers. The array size is*  
347 *ElementSize or 1.*

348

ElementAssociation t<int ElementSize> :=	
{	
List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;	(o)
Data(char, 1, string_length) Path;	(r)
dataArray_t<int, 1, 1> Ids;	(r:o)
dataArray_t<int, 1, ElementSize> Ids;	(o:r)
List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ;	(o)
} ;	

349

350 **Following text is added:**

351 *The ElementAssociation\_t structure can be located under an Elements\_t node, or*  
352 *FlowSolution\_t, a ZoneSubRegion\_t, a BC\_t or a BCDataSet\_t node which*  
353 *GridLocation is set to InterpolationPoints. The path of the ElementAssociation\_t*  
354 *is a string which define a target node containing an IdToQualifier information.*  
355 *This latter information will translate the “Ids” stored in ElementAssociation\_t*  
356 *node into a node name located in the children of the target node. Then it allows*  
357 *to specify a collection of property nodes as children of the target and do an*  
358 *assignment by elements.*

359 *In the case of an ItgRules node of type ElementAssociation\_t, the path should*  
360 *points to a valid RulesCollection\_t node (for instance located at*  
361 */Base/GaussIntegration)*

362 *The array named “Ids” can be of size 1 if the information is global or else it*  
363 *should be of size ElementSize for local assignment.*

364

365 A.5.2. New section 12.13 : Integration Rules Structure Definition IntegrationRuleCollection\_t

366 *The RulesCollection\_t specifies a collection of indexed IntegrationRule\_t*  
367 *node.*

RulesCollection t<int NumIndexedIntegrationRules> :=	
{	
List( Descriptor_t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;	(o)
MapName_t<NumIndexedIntegrationRules> IdToQualifier;	(r)
List( IntegrationRule_t ItgRule1 ... ItgRuleN ) :	(r)
List( UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN ) ;	(o)
} ;	

368

369 **Following text is added:**

370 *The number of stored IntegrationRule\_t node by the RulesCollection\_t*  
371 *structure should be greater or equal to the number of indexed*  
372 *IntegrationRule\_t. The IdToQualifier node bind a number to a node name.*  
373 *Each node name of the IdToQualifier should be present in the list of*  
374 *IntegrationRule\_t. When given an id provided by an ElementAssociation\_t*  
375 *node, a comparison with Ids present in the IdToQualifier structure allows*  
376 *to get the corresponding IntegrationRule\_t node name where to read the*  
377 *element integration weights and point location. The RulesCollection\_t*  
378 *node can be a child of a Base\_t.*

379

380 A.5.3. New section 12.14 : Integration Rule Structure Definition IntegrationRule\_t

381 *The IntegrationRule\_t specifies an elementary quadrature scheme for a specific*  
382 *type of element.*

IntegrationRule_t <int NumberOfElementVertex, int ParametricDimension, int NumberOfPoints> :=		
{		
List( Descriptor t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;		(o)
ElementType t ElementType;		(r)
ElementSpace t ReferenceSpace ;		(o/d)
int NumberOfPoints;		(r)
int ParametricDimension;		(o)
DataArray_t <char, 1, string length> IntegrationName ;		(o)
DataArray_t <real, 2, [ParametricDimension, NumberOfPoints]> ParametricPoint;		(r/o)
DataArray_t <real, 2, [NumberOfElementVertex, NumberOfPoints]> BarycentricPoint;		(o/r)
DataArray_t <real, 1, NumberOfPoints> Weights;		(r)
List(UserDefinedData_t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN );		(o)
} ;		

383 **Following text is added:**

384 The ElementType define the element type for which the integration rule is valid.  
385 In this context, the ElementType "MIXED" is excluded.

386 The ReferenceSpace is either Parametric or Barycentric. The default value is Parametric  
387 if ReferenceSpace is absent. If ElementType is NGON\_n or NFACE\_n, the ReferenceSpace can  
388 only be set to Barycentric.

389 If ReferenceSpace is set to Barycentric, Integration Points are defined through  
390 a weighted sum on Element Vertex Points.

391 If ReferenceSpace is set to Parametric, Integration Points are determined  
392 through interpolation function (see section General Interface Connectivity in  
393 [https://cgns.github.io/CGNS\\_docs\\_current/sids/cnct.html](https://cgns.github.io/CGNS_docs_current/sids/cnct.html) for the interpolation  
394 definition)

395 The NumberOfPoints is a value that provides information to size the different  
396 array and indicates the overall numerical formula integration order. The  
397 ParametricDimension is also needed in case of Parametric definition of the  
398 IntegrationRule\_t.

399 IntegrationName can be a unique name or a combination of multiple names  
400 corresponding to each parametric index. In this case, the character 'x' is  
401 inserted between each formula name. The available standard names are:  
402 GaussLobatto, GaussLegendre, GausChebychev.

403 The ParametricPoint stores coefficient in the parametric space of the element to  
404 describe the Integration Points position.

405 Thus the physical position is evaluated through, the formula:

$$406 \text{CoordinateData}(\text{IntegrationPoint } s_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NPE} W_j(r_i, s_i, t_i) \text{CoordinateData}(\text{Verte } x_j)$$

407 where  $(r_i, s_i, t_i)$  corresponds to the ParametricPoint data and  $W_j$  is the weight  
408 associated to the element node at the j position according to interpolation  
409 functions:

410 ([https://cgns.github.io/CGNS\\_docs\\_current/sids/cnct.html](https://cgns.github.io/CGNS_docs_current/sids/cnct.html))

411 In case of a Parametric definition, the Integration Points are stored  
412 following the principle of growing r then growing s and ending by growing  
413 t.

414

415 Alternatively, if the ReferenceSpace is Barycentric the formula is similar:

416  $CoordinateData(IntegrationPoint s_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NPE} W_{ij} CoordinateData(Vertex x_j)$

417 And the  $W_{ij}$  directly corresponds to the BarycentricPoint array data.

418 To complete the quadrature definition, the "Weights" array provides the weight  
 419 to use in the IntegrationRule formula for a given solution variable:

420  $\oint_{Element} SolutionVar(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^{NIntPE} Weights_i * SolutionVar(IntegrationPoint t_i)$

421

422 [A.6. Extension of Appendix A "Convention for Data-Name Identifiers"](#)

423 [A.6.1. New section A.8 "Quadrature rules"](#)

424 Data-name identifiers related to the quadrature include those associated with the IntegrationName  
 425 node described in a IntegrationRule\_t node.

Data name Identifier	Description
GaussLegendre	Gauss quadrature rule using Legendre polynomials
GaussLaguerre	Gauss quadrature rule using Laguerre polynomials
GaussChebyshev	Gauss quadrature rule using Chebyshev polynomials
GaussHermite	Gauss quadrature rule using Hermite polynomials
GaussLobatto	Gauss-Lobatto quadrature rule (using Legendre polynomials)
Hammer	Hammer quadrature rule (for triangle and tetrahedron)
Simpsons	Simpsons quadrature rule
Newton-Cotes	Newton-Cotes quadrature rule

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429 B. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/Filemap

430

431 Two children node will be added to FlowSolution\_t :

FlowSolution_t	
	<b>Child Nodes</b>
	....
	<b>Name:</b> ItgRules <b>Label:</b> ElementAssociation_t <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1 <b>See:</b> ElementAssociation_t figure <b>Parameters :</b> CellSize
	<b>Name:</b> ItgPointStartOffset <b>Data-Type:</b> cgsizet_t <b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> CellSize+1 <b>Label:</b> Offset_t <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1 <b>Parameters:</b> CellSize

432

433 One children node will be added to Elements\_t :

Elements_t	
	<b>Child Nodes</b>
	....
	<b>Name:</b> ItgRules <b>Label:</b> ElementAssociation_t <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1 <b>See:</b> ElementAssociation_t figure <b>Parameters :</b> ElementSize

434

ElementAssociation_t	
<b>Name :</b> User defined <b>Label :</b> ElementAssociation_t <b>Data-Type:</b> MT <b>Parameters:</b> DataSize	
	<b>Child Nodes</b>
	<b>Name:</b> Path <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t <b>Data-Type:</b> C1

	<b>Dimensions: 1</b> <b>Dimension Values:</b> Length of String <b>Cardinality: 1</b>
	<b>Name:</b> Ids <b>Data-Type:</b> I4 <b>Dimensions: 1</b> <b>DimensionValues:</b> DataSize <b>Cardinality : 1</b> <b>Data :</b> Local Identification number for each element
	<b>Name:</b> Ids <b>Data-Type:</b> I4 <b>Dimensions: 1</b> <b>DimensionValues: 1</b> <b>Cardinality : 1</b> <b>Data :</b> Global Identification number for all elements

435

436 One child node will be added to Base\_t :

<b>CGNSBase_t</b>	
	<b>Child Nodes</b>
	....
	<b>Name:</b> User defined <b>Label:</b> RulesCollection_t <b>DataType:</b> MT <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,N <b>See:</b> RulesCollection_t figure <b>Parameters :</b> CellSize

437

<b>RulesCollection_t</b>	
	<b>Child nodes</b>
	<b>Name:</b> IdToQualifier <b>Label:</b> MapName_t <b>DataType:</b> I4 <b>Dimensions: 1</b> <b>DimensionValues:</b> Number Of Indexed Node Names <b>Data :</b> Identification numbers associated to children nodes of the parent node <b>Cardinality: 1</b> <b>See:</b> MapName_t figure <b>Parameters :</b> Number Of Integration Rule
	<b>Name:</b> User defined <b>Label:</b> IntegrationRule_t <b>DataType:</b> I4

	<b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> 1 <b>Data:</b> ElementType <b>See:</b> IntegrationRule_t figure <b>Cardinality:</b> 1,N
	<b>Name:</b> User defined <b>Label:</b> Descriptor_t <b>See:</b> CGNSBase_t figure
	<b>Name:</b> User defined <b>Label:</b> UserDefinedData_t <b>See:</b> CGNSBase_t figure

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<b>MapNames_t</b>	
	<b>Name:</b> User Defined <b>Label:</b> MapName_t <b>DataType:</b> I4 <b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> Number Of Indexed Node Names <b>Data :</b> Identification numbers associated to children nodes of the parent node <b>Parameter :</b> Number Of Indexed names
	<b>Child Node</b>
	<b>Name:</b> Names <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t <b>DataType:</b> C1 <b>Dimensions:</b> 2 <b>DimensionValues:</b> (32, Number Of Indexed Node Names) <b>Data :</b> List of node names <b>Cardinality:</b> 1 <b>Parameters :</b> Number Of Indexed Node Names

439

<b>IntegrationRule_t</b>	
	<b>Name:</b> User defined <b>Label:</b> IntegrationRule_t <b>DataType:</b> I4 <b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> 3 <b>Data:</b> ElementType, NumberOfPoints, ParametricDimension
	<b>Child node</b>
	<b>Name:</b> ReferenceSpace <b>Label:</b> ElementSpace_t <b>DataType:</b> C1

	<p><b>Dimensions:</b> 1  <b>DimensionValues:</b> Length of string  <b>Data :</b> Barycentric, Parametric  <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> IntegationName  <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t  <b>DataType:</b> C1  <b>Dimensions:</b> 1  <b>DimensionValues:</b> Length of string  <b>Data :</b> UserDefined Names, GaussLobatto, GaussLegendre, GaussChebychev ...  <b>Cardinality:</b> 1</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> ParametricPoint  <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t  <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8  <b>Dimensions:</b> 2  <b>DimensionValues:</b> [NumberOfPoints, ParametricDimension]  <b>Data :</b> parametric coefficient values to define the integration points location in the reference element.  <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> BarycentricPoint  <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t  <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8  <b>Dimensions:</b> 2  <b>DimensionValues:</b> [NumberOfPoints, NumberOfElementVertices]  <b>Data :</b> interpolation weights to define the integration points location in the reference element.  <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> Weights  <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t  <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8  <b>Dimensions:</b> 1  <b>DimensionValues:</b> NumberOfPoints  <b>Data :</b> Quadrature weights use to compute integrals for ElementType  <b>Cardinality:</b> 1</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> User defined  <b>Label:</b> Descriptor_t  <b>See:</b> CGNSBase_t figure</p>
	<p><b>Name:</b> User defined  <b>Label:</b> UserDefinedData_t  <b>See:</b> CGNSBase_t figure</p>

440

441 The Grid location mapping just add a new possibility:

442 GridLocation\_t

## Node Attributes

**Name:** GridLocation  
**Label:** [GridLocation\\_t](#)  
**DataType:** C1  
**Dimension:** 1  
**Dimension Values:** Length of the string value  
**Data:** Vertex, CellCenter, FaceCenter, IFaceCenter, JFaceCenter,  
KFaceCenter, EdgeCenter, **IntegrationPoint**  
**Children:** None  
**Cardinality:** 0,1

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446 C. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/MLL

447 In progress

448 D. Appendix – Document modification list

449 1. Following Berenger Berthoul (ONERA) remarks:

450 a. Fix a typo at line 49 and reformulate a sentence line 61

451 b. Renaming:

452 i. ParametricIntegrationPoint => ParametricPoint

453 ii. BarycentricIntegrationPoint => BarycentricPoint

454 iii. IntegrationRulesCollection\_t => RulesCollection\_t

455 2. Following Tobias Leicht (DLR) feedback:

456 a. IntegrationName entry is kept optional as it is a complementary information for application

457 b. Standard names for IntegrationName field are made consistent across the document and  
458 valid names are listed in Convention for Data Name Identifier. “Gauss” without further  
459 specification is removed.

460 3. Yet another feedback:

461 a. Rename “NumberOfIntegrationPoint” to NumberOfPoints

462