

# 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.

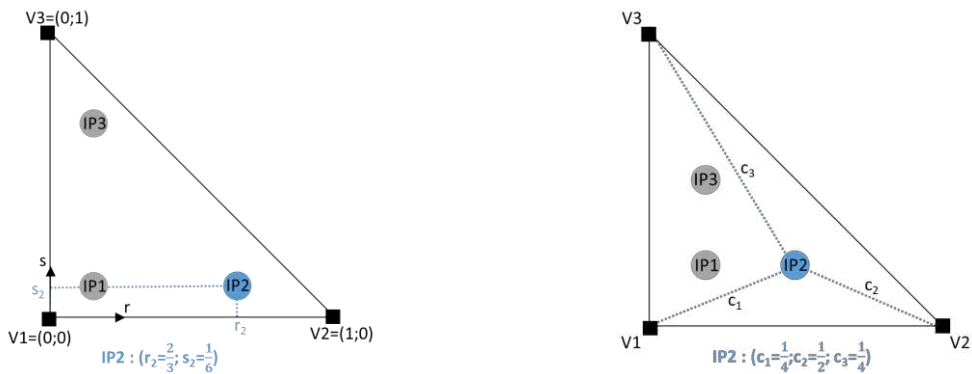
## 2. Proposal to add a concept of Integration/Quadrature

### 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.



Parametric description (frame  $r,s$ )

Barycentric description (tuple  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ )

Figure 1 – Integration points location

32 **2.2. Quadrature rule description**

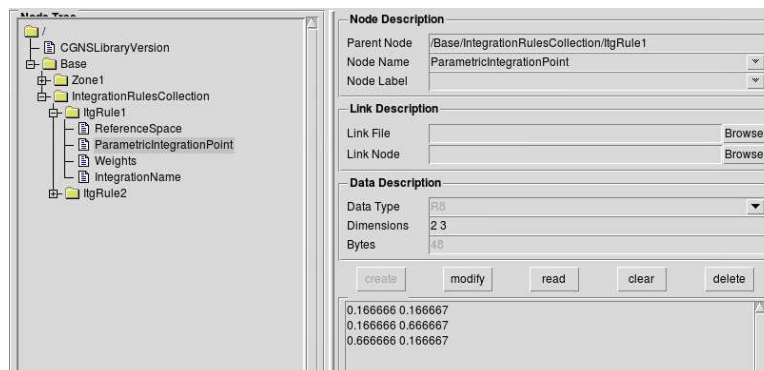
33 A type **IntegrationRule\_t** is introduced in order to store the integration rule description and should  
 34 have some basic properties:

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

56 We suggest gathering the individual **IntegrationRule\_t** nodes in a parent  
 57 **IntegrationRulesCollection\_t** node. This latter node is located under a **Base\_t** node. It contains  
 58 a list of **IntegrationRule\_t** nodes and an “IdToQualifier” information. This “IdToQualifier”  
 59 information store an array of tuple (“id”, “nodename”) where *id* is an integer and *nodename* is a 32  
 60 characters string. It is used to map an *id* to an **IntegrationRule\_t** node name located under the current  
 61 **IntegrationRules\_t** node. Thus, an integer array, instead of a string array, allow defining the integration  
 62 rules for each cell (in a **FlowSolution\_t** node for example, see thereafter). The  
 63 **IntegrationRulesCollection\_t** try to do efficient storage for definition of how to get **Weights** and  
 64 **IntegrationPoint** for all the elements.



### 2.3. Defining Variable values at a new “IntegrationPoint” location

Some modification have to be added under a FlowSolution\_t, ZoneSubRegion\_t, BC\_t and BCDataSet\_t node in order to use integration point such as vertex or cell center grid location:

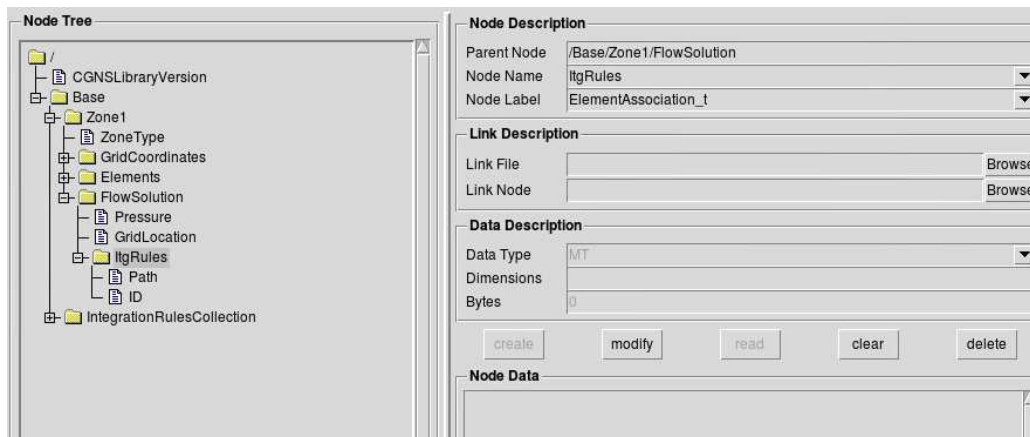
- GridLocation will be allowed as IntegrationPoint
- An ItgPointsStartOffset array, re-using the same concept from NGON and NFACE, is present. For each element, it allows to know where in a solution array starts the data corresponding to integration points of each element and it allows get easily the number of integration points inside a specific element. Thus, one can either select data based on global integration point number (as it is done for vertex data) or by element. The same sorting is expected between IntegrationRule\_t points and data in the solution, subregion, bc and bcdataset. Since this offset notion is a bit different from the DataArray\_t type located under the FlowSolution\_t, ZoneSubRegion\_t, BC\_t, BCDataSet\_t nodes, it would be nice to create a new type “Offset\_t”.

To associated IntegrationPoint to the data stored in the FlowSolution, ZoneSubRegion, BC, BCDataSet nodes, two elements are needed and stored inside an **ItgRules** node of type ElementAssociation\_t):

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

If **ItgRules** is not defined under the **FlowSolution\_t**, **ZoneSubregion\_t**, **BC\_t** or **BCDataSet\_t** node, it can be searched as an alternative under the **Elements\_t** node defining each geometric element. In this case, under the **Element\_t** node will be added a node named “**ItgRules**” of type “**ElementAssociation\_t**” as described above.

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



### 3. Conflict and compatibility concern

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

### 4. Conclusion

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

### 5. Document modification list

None

102 A. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/SIDS

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

105 A.1. Extension of section 4 “Building-Block Structure Definition”

106 A.1.1. Extension of section 4.5 “GridLocation\_t”

107 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);
```

108 A.1.2. New section 4.9 “MapName\_t”

110 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)  
};
```

111 A.1.3. New section 4.10 “ElementSpace\_t”

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

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

117 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( IntegrationRulesCollection_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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120 A.3. Extension of section 7 “Grid Coordinates, Elements, and Flow Solutions”

121 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)  
} ;
```

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123 **Following text is added:**

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

127

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```

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

132 Notes:

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

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

145 For data stored at an [IntegrationPoint](#) [GridLocation](#), the indexes follow the cell indexing and the [GridLocation](#)  
146 node should provide information for sub-indexing of element integration point. In this case two data are required. They  
147 are store under the nodes named “[ItgRules](#)” and “[ItgPointStartOffset](#)”. The former node is of type [ElementAssociation\\_t](#)  
148 and define how to build the integration points. If it is absent, the integration points should be deduced from  
149 [ElementAssociation\\_t](#) nodes named similarly [ItgRules](#) located under the [Elements\\_t](#) structures. The  
150 latter node is typed as an [Offset\\_t](#) and is similar to [ElementStartOffset](#), it gives the location in a *Solution* field  
151 of the start of an element’s integration point’s data. This allows quick retrieval by element indices besides the standard  
152 *Solution* field retrieval by integration point index.

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

155 
$$ItgPointsOffset = 0, NItgPE_1, NItgPE_1 + NItgPE_2, \dots, ItgPointsOffset[n-1] +$$
  
156 
$$NItgPE_n, \dots, ItgPointsOffset[M-1] + NItgPE_M = IntegrationPointSize$$

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

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

```



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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)
};
    
```

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

199 *Notes:*

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

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208 PointRange/List refer to vertices, edges, faces or cell centers, depending on the values  
 209 of RegionCellDimension and GridLocation. Note that it is both the dimensionality of the zone  
 210 (CellDimension) as well as the dimensionality of the subregion (RegionCellDimension), that determines the  
 211 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

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

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

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

225 *Solution field retrieval by integration point index.*

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

228 *`ItgPointsOffset = 0, NItgPE_1, NItgPE_1+ NItgPE_2, ... ItgPointsOffset[n-1] +`*  
229 *`NItgPE_n, ..., ItgPointsOffset[M-1] + NItgPE_M = IntegrationPointSize`*

230

231 *where `NItgPE_n` is the number of integration point in element `n`.*

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

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

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

249 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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251 **Proposal for modification in the notes:**

252 *Notes:*

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

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

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

272 
$$\text{ItgPointsOffset} = 0, \text{NItgPE}_1, \text{NItgPE}_1 + \text{NItgPE}_2, \dots, \text{ItgPointsOffset}[n-1] +$$
  
 273 
$$\text{NItgPE}_n, \dots, \text{ItgPointsOffset}[M-1] + \text{NItgPE}_M = \text{IntegrationPointSize}$$

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

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

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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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279 **FUNCTION ListLength[]:**

280 return value: int

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

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

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

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

292

293

294 **FUNCTION DataSize[]:**

295 return value: int

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

```

297 if (GridLocation = IntegrationPoint) then
298 {
299     DataSize[] = IntegrationPointSize[] ;
300 }
301 else
302 {
303     DataSize[] = ListLength[] ;
304 }
305

```

306

```

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)
};

```

308

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

310 Notes :

311 ...

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

318 ...

319 **FUNCTION ListLengthBCData []:**

320 return value: int

321 dependencies: ListLengthParameter, ListLength, PointRange, PointList, GridLocation,  
 322 IntegrationPointSize[]

323 BCDataSet\_t also requires the structure function ListLengthBCData

```

324 if (GridLocation = IntegrationPoint) then
325 {
326   ListLengthBCData [] = IntegrationPointSize[] ;
327 }
328
329 else if (PointRange/PointList is present) then
330 {
331   ListLengthBCData [] = ListLength[] ;
332 }
333 else
334 {
335   ListLengthBCData [] = ListLengthParameter ;
336 }
337
338
339
340
341

```

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

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

344 The ElementAssociation\_t specifies an array of identification numbers. The array size is  
345 ElementSize or 1.

346

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)
};	

347

348 **Following text is added:**

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

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

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

362

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

364 The IntegrationRulesCollection\_t specifies a collection of indexed  
365 IntegrationRule\_t node.

IntegrationRulesCollection_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)
};	

366

367 **Following text is added:**

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

377

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

379 The IntegrationRule\_t specifies an elementary quadrature scheme for a specific  
380 type of element.

IntegrationRule_t <int NumberOfElementVertex, int ParametricDim, int NumberOFIntegrationPoint> :=		
{		
List( Descriptor t Descriptor1 ... DescriptorN ) ;		(o)
ElementType t ElementType;		(r)
ElementSpace t ReferenceSpace ;		(o/d)
int NumberOfIntegrationPoint;		(r)
int ParametricDim;		(o)
DataArray_t <char, 1, string length> IntegrationName ;		(o)
DataArray_t <real, 2, [ParametricDim, NumberOfIntegrationPoint]> ParametricIntegrationPoint;		(r/o)
DataArray_t <real, 2, [NumberOfElementVertex, NumberOfIntegrationPoint]> BarycentricIntegrationPoint;		(o/r)
DataArray_t <real, 1, NumberOfIntegrationPoint> Weights;		(r)
List(UserDefinedData t UserDefinedData1 ... UserDefinedDataN );		(o)
} ;		

381 **Following text is added:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

401 The ParametricIntegrationPoint stores coefficient in the parametric space of the  
402 element to describe the Integration Points position.

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

$$404 \quad \text{CoordinateData(IntegrationPoints}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NPE} W_j(r_i, s_i, t_i) \text{CoordinateData(Vertex}_j)$$

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

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

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

412

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

414 
$$CoordinateData(IntegrationPoints_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NPE} W_{ij} CoordinateData(Vertex_j)$$

415 And the  $W_{ij}$  directly corresponds to the BarycentricIntegrationPoint array data.

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

418 
$$\oint_{Element} SolutionVar(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^{NitgPE} Weights_i * SolutionVar(IntegrationPoint_i)$$

419

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

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

422 Data-name identifiers related to the quadrature include those associated with the IntegrationName  
 423 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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426



427 B. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/Filemap

428

429 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

430

431 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

432

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

433

434

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> IntegrationRulesCollection_t <b>DataType:</b> MT <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,N <b>See:</b> IntegrationRulesCollection_t figure <b>Parameters :</b> CellSize

435

<b>IntegrationRulesCollection_t</b>	
	<b>Child nodes</b>
	<b>Name:</b> IdToQualifier <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>Cardinality:</b> 1

	<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

436

<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

437

<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, NumberOfIntegrationPoint, ParametricDimension	
	<b>Child node</b>
	<b>Name:</b> ReferenceSpace <b>Label:</b> ElementSpace_t <b>DataType:</b> C1 <b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> Length of string <b>Data :</b> Barycentric, Parametric <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1
	<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, Gauss, GaussLobatto, GaussLegendre, <b>Cardinality:</b> 1
	<b>Name:</b> ParametricIntegrationPoint <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8 <b>Dimensions:</b> 2 <b>DimensionValues:</b> [NumberOfIntegrationPoint, ParametricDimension] <b>Data :</b> parametric coefficient values to define the integration points location in the reference element. <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1
	<b>Name:</b> BarycentricIntegrationPoint <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8 <b>Dimensions:</b> 2 <b>DimensionValues:</b> [NumberOfIntegrationPoint, NumberOfElementVertices] <b>Data :</b> interpolation weights to define the integration points location in the reference element. <b>Cardinality:</b> 0,1
	<b>Name:</b> Weights <b>Label:</b> DataArray_t <b>DataType:</b> R4 or R8 <b>Dimensions:</b> 1 <b>DimensionValues:</b> NumberOfIntegrationPoint <b>Data :</b> Quadrature weights use to compute integrals for ElementType <b>Cardinality:</b> 1
	<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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438

439 The Grid location mapping just add a new possibility:

440 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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444 C. Appendix - Extension to the CGNS/MLL

445 In progress