

# Finite Volume methods for steady problems

Numerical Solution of Convection-Diffusion  
problems

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# Seminar

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- May 18: Numerical solution of convection-diffusion problems, an introduction



- May 25: Numerical solution of convection-diffusion problems: difference schemes for steady problems



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# Outline

- Main idea of finite volume
  - conservation
  - different approaches
- Numerical discretization
  - quadrature rules
  - interpolation schemes
- Different grid types



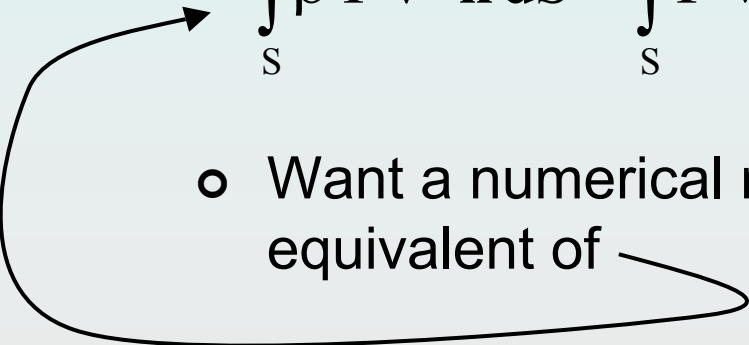
# The main idea

Convection-diffusion  
equation

$$\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \Phi = \nabla \cdot (\Gamma \nabla \Phi) + s \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

- $\rho \mathbf{v}$  field is divergence free
- Apply Gauss' theorem

$$\int_S \rho \Phi \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_S \Gamma \nabla \Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + \int_V s dV \quad \text{for any } V \subseteq \Omega$$

- Want a numerical method that satisfies a discrete equivalent of
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# Example (time-dep. problem)

- $\Phi$  is the concentration of a passive tracer transported by a velocity field  $\mathbf{v}$  in a closed domain.

- Because of the walls:  
 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \nabla \Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} dV + \int_S \rho \Phi \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_S \Gamma \nabla \Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad \text{for any } V \subseteq \Omega$$

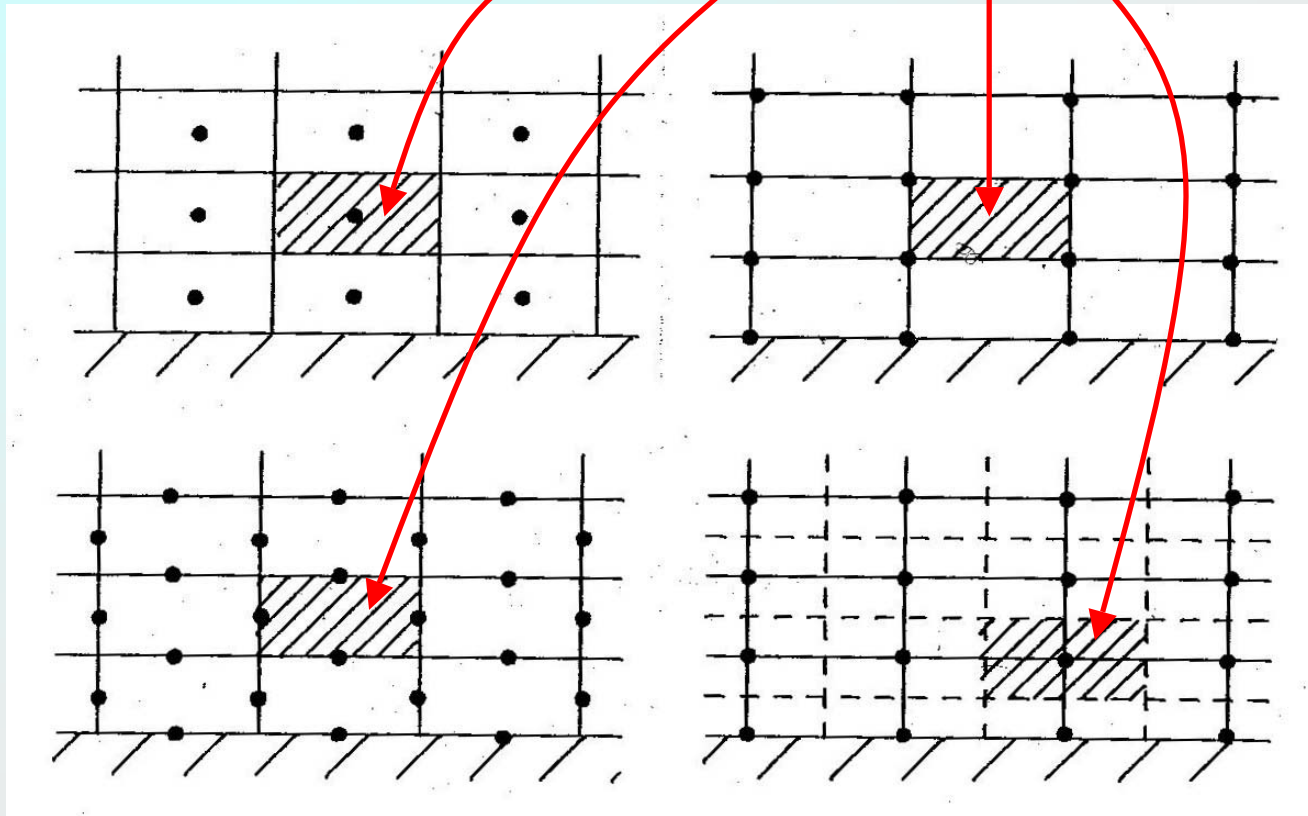
- Analytical solution:  $\int_{\Omega} \Phi dV = \text{const}$

- Numerical solution: a discrete equivalent of 

# Different finite volume schemes

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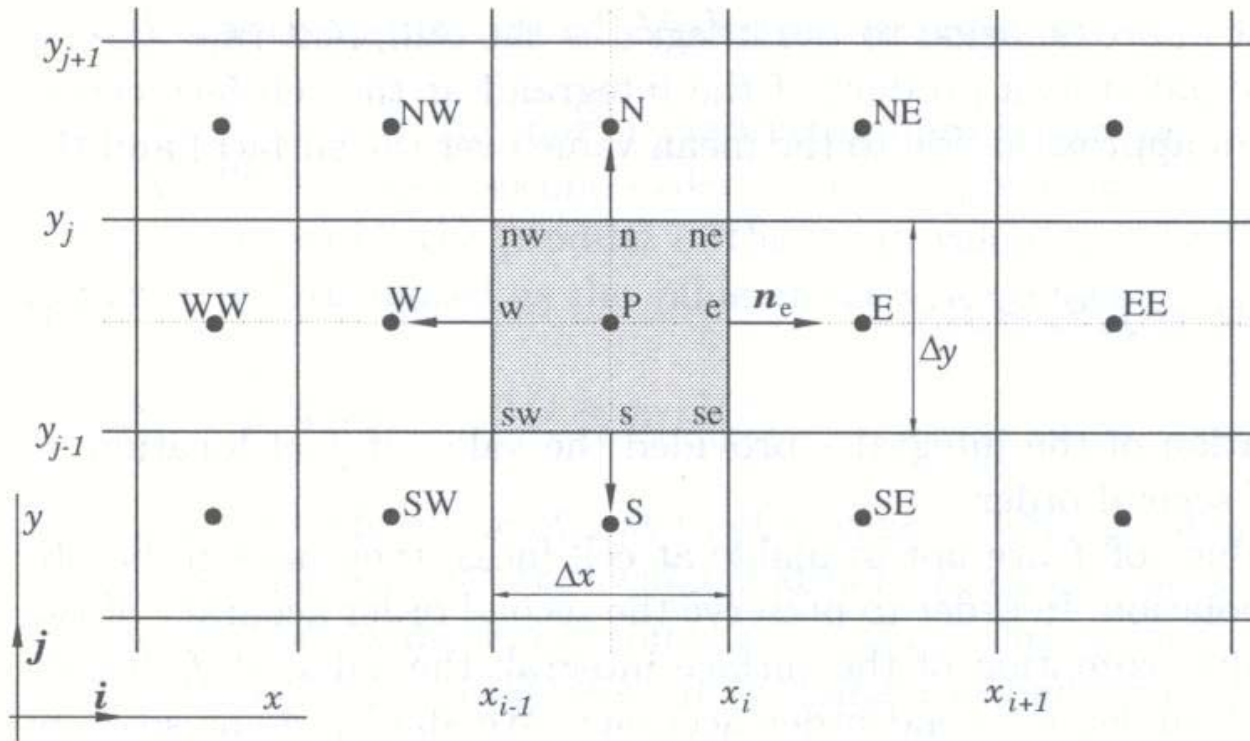
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# Numerical discretization

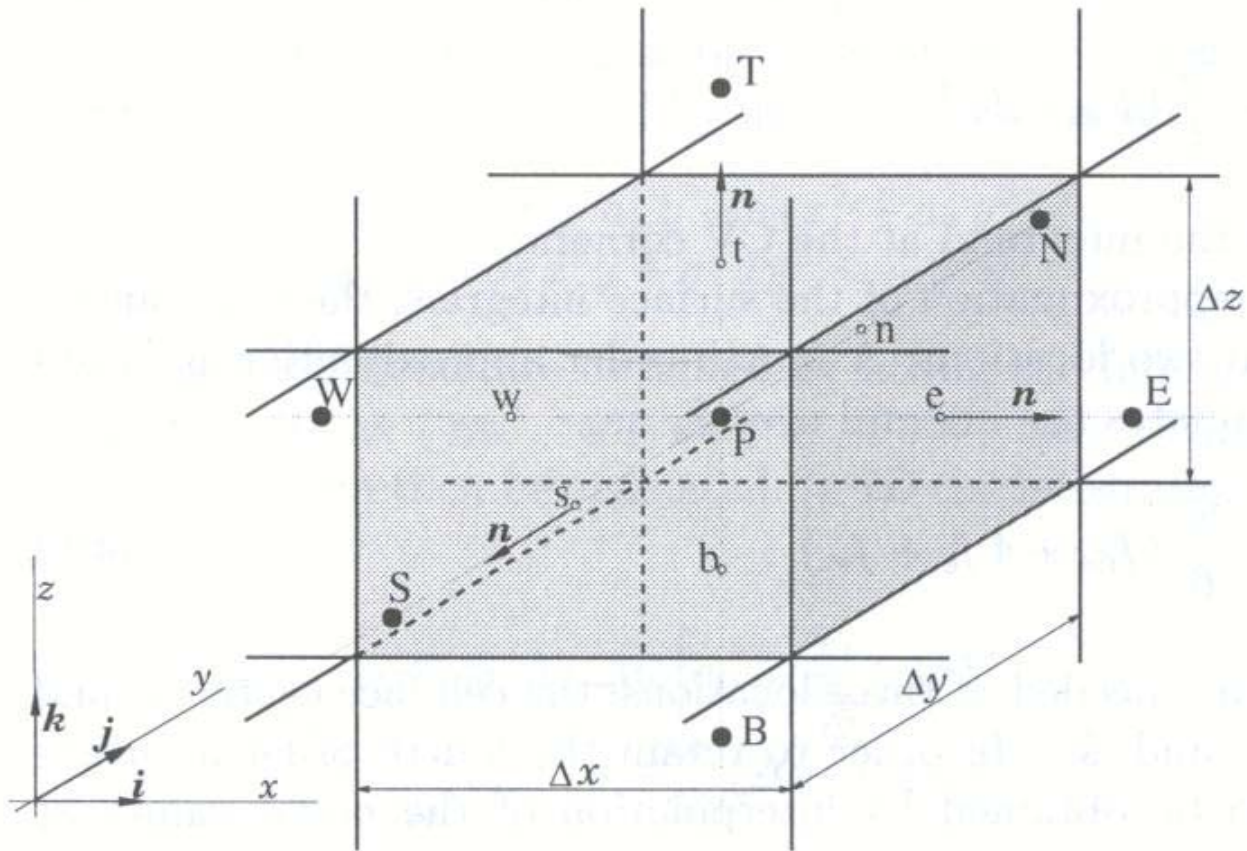


(Cell centered approach)

1. Quadrature rule
2. Interpolation scheme

$$\int_S \rho \Phi \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_S \Gamma \nabla \Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + \int_V s dV \quad \text{for any } V \subseteq \Omega$$

# Three-dimensional case



# Fluxes

- Flux  $\mathbf{f}(\Phi)$

$$\mathbf{f} = \rho\Phi \mathbf{v} - \Gamma \nabla\Phi$$

convective flux  $\mathbf{f}^c$

diffusive flux  $\mathbf{f}^d$

- Integrated flux  $F(\Phi)$

$$F = \int_S \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_S \rho\Phi \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \int_S \Gamma \nabla\Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

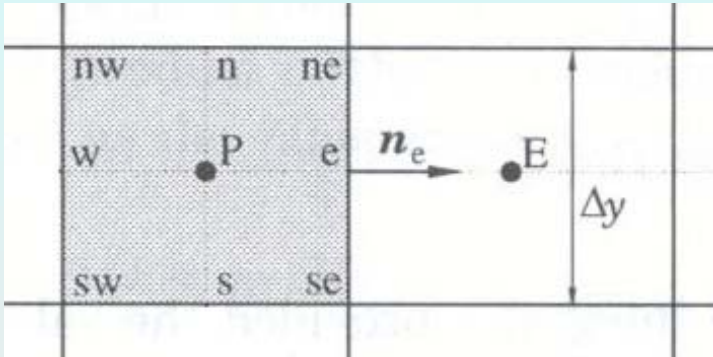
- Equation

$$\int_S \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_V s dv$$

# Approximation of surface integrals

- Midpoint rule (2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$$F_e = \int_{S_e} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx f_e S_e$$



- Trapezoidal rule (2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$$F_e = \int_{S_e} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx S_e \frac{1}{2} (f_{ne} + f_{se})$$

- Simpson's rule (4<sup>th</sup> order)

$$F_e = \int_{S_e} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \approx S_e \frac{1}{6} (f_{ne} + 4f_e + f_{se})$$

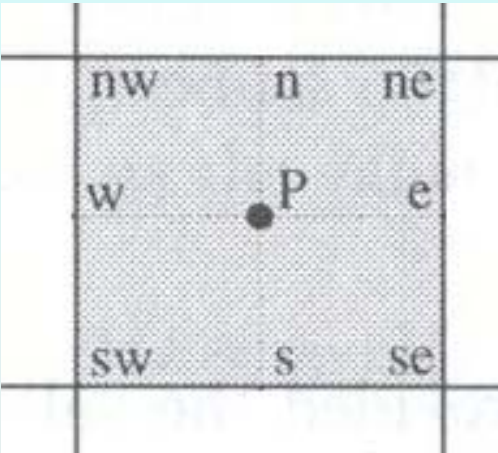
# Approximation of volume integrals

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order formula

$$\int_v s dV \approx s_p \Delta x \Delta y$$

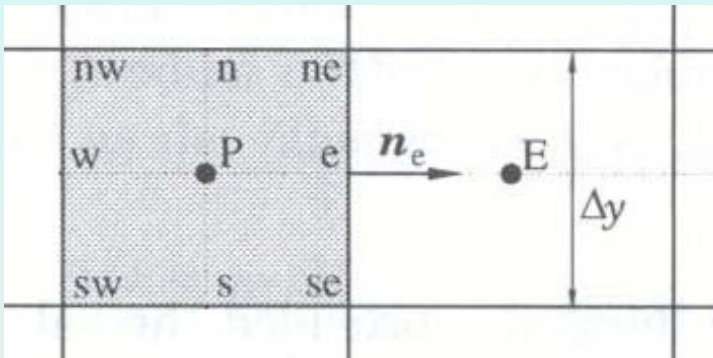
- 4<sup>th</sup> order formula (uniform Cartesian grid)

$$\int_v s dV \approx \frac{\Delta x \Delta y}{36} (16s_p + 4s_s + 4s_n + 4s_e + 4s_w + s_{se} + s_{sw} + s_{ne} + s_{nw})$$



# Interpolation schemes: UDS

1<sup>st</sup> order accuracy



- o Upwind differencing scheme (UDS)

$$\Phi_e = \begin{cases} \Phi_P & \text{if } (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})_e > 0 \\ \Phi_E & \text{if } (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})_e < 0 \end{cases}$$

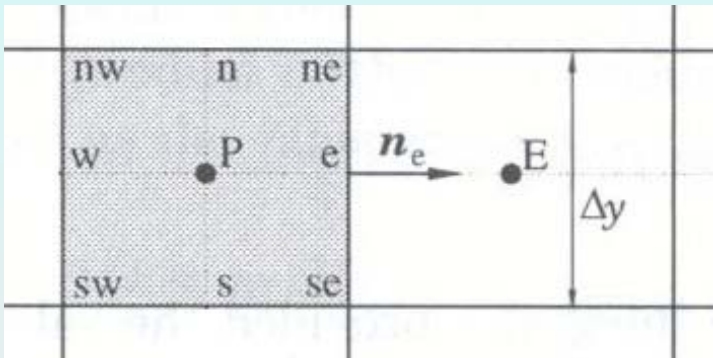
☺ Never oscillatory solutions

☹ Artificial diffusion:

$$f_e^d = \Gamma_e^{\text{num}} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_e = \frac{\rho_e v_e \Delta x}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_e$$

# Interpolation schemes: CDS

2<sup>nd</sup> order accuracy



- o Centered diff. scheme (CDS)

$$\Phi_e \approx \Phi_E \frac{X_e - X_P}{X_E - X_P} + \Phi_P \frac{X_E - X_e}{X_E - X_P}$$

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$$\left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_e \approx \frac{\Phi_E - \Phi_P}{X_E - X_P}$$

fd

- ☺ More accurate than UDS
- ☹ May produce oscillatory solutions



# High order interpolation schemes

- QUICK (Quadratic Upwind Interpolation for Convective Kinematics)

$$\Phi_e \approx \frac{6}{8}\Phi_P + \frac{3}{8}\Phi_E - \frac{1}{8}\Phi_W - \frac{3}{48}(\Delta x)^3 \left( \frac{\partial^3 \Phi}{\partial x^3} \right)_P$$

- 4<sup>th</sup> order CDS

$$\Phi_e \approx \frac{1}{48}(27\Phi_P + 27\Phi_E - 3\Phi_W - 3\Phi_{EE})$$

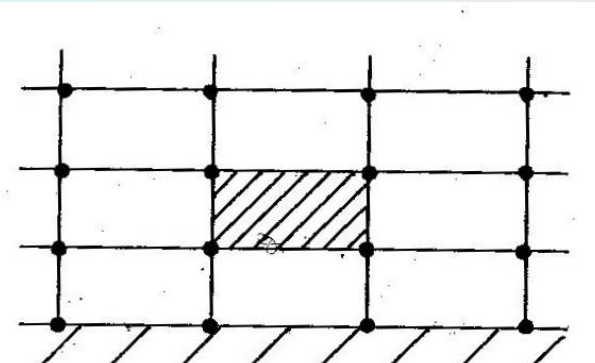
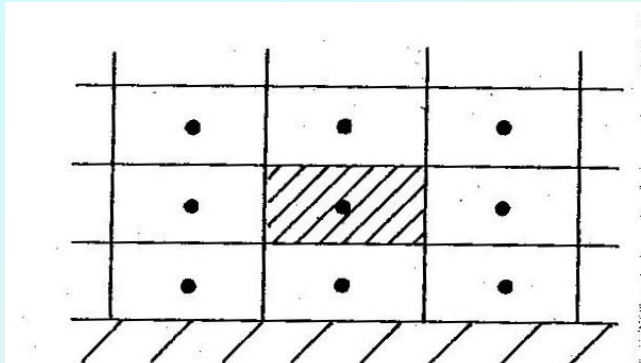
$$\left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_e \approx \frac{1}{24\Delta x}(27\Phi_E - 27\Phi_P + \Phi_W - \Phi_{EE})$$

# Remark on different schemes

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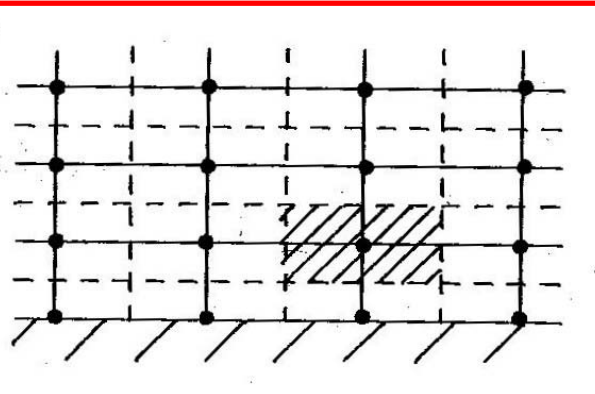
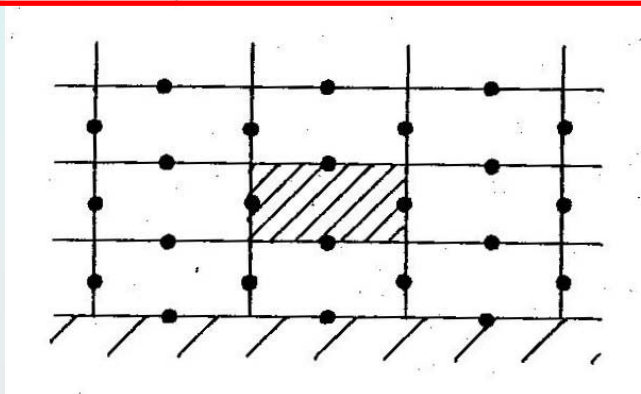
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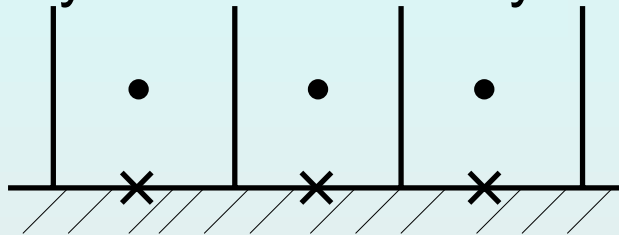
☺ convective

☺ diffusive

# Linear system and boundary conditions

- Equations for  $\Phi_p$  form a linear system

- System is closed by boundary conditions



e.g. One side differences for diffusive fluxes

- Example:

- 2D, cell centered, midpoint rule + 2<sup>nd</sup> CDS | 1<sup>st</sup> UDS: pentadiagonal system

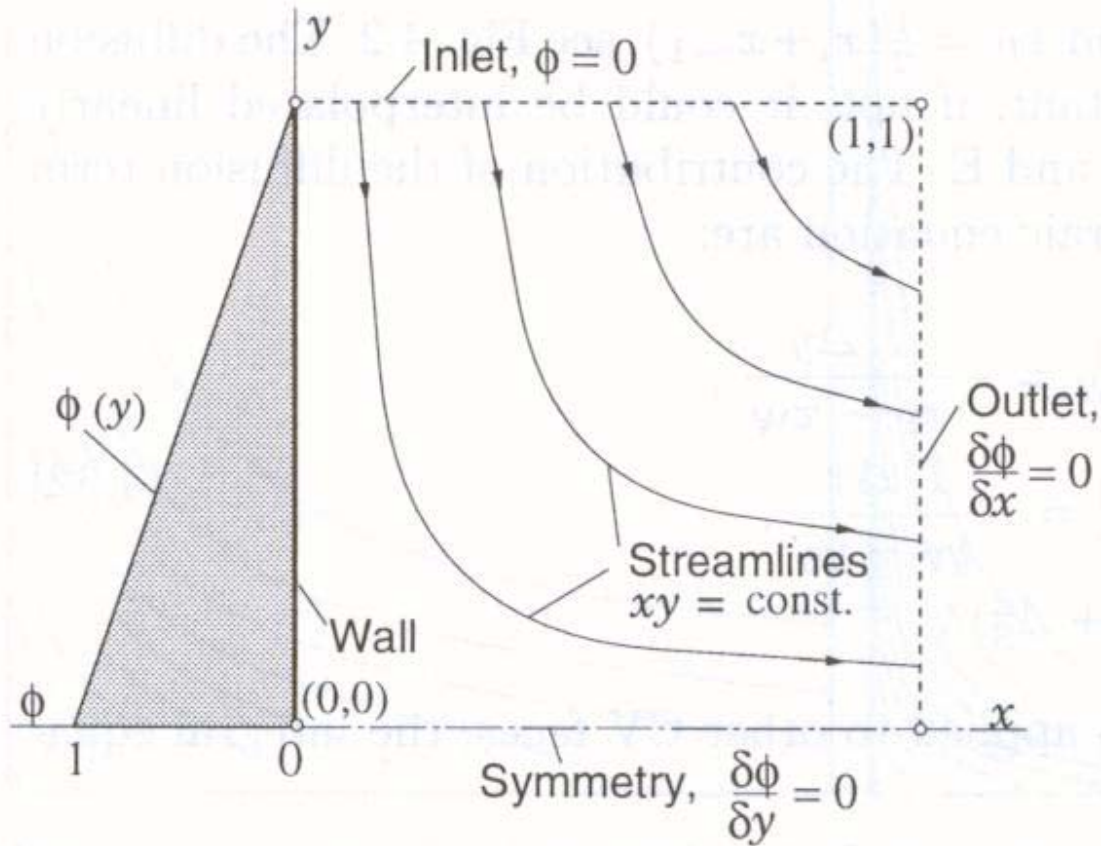


# Deferred correction

- High order schemes → Large computational molecule
  - 2D, Simpson rule + 4<sup>th</sup> order CDS:  
each flux depends on 15 nodal values
- Large computational molecule → Expensive solution of linear system
- Idea: combine low and high order approximations
  - High order approximation are only computed explicitly

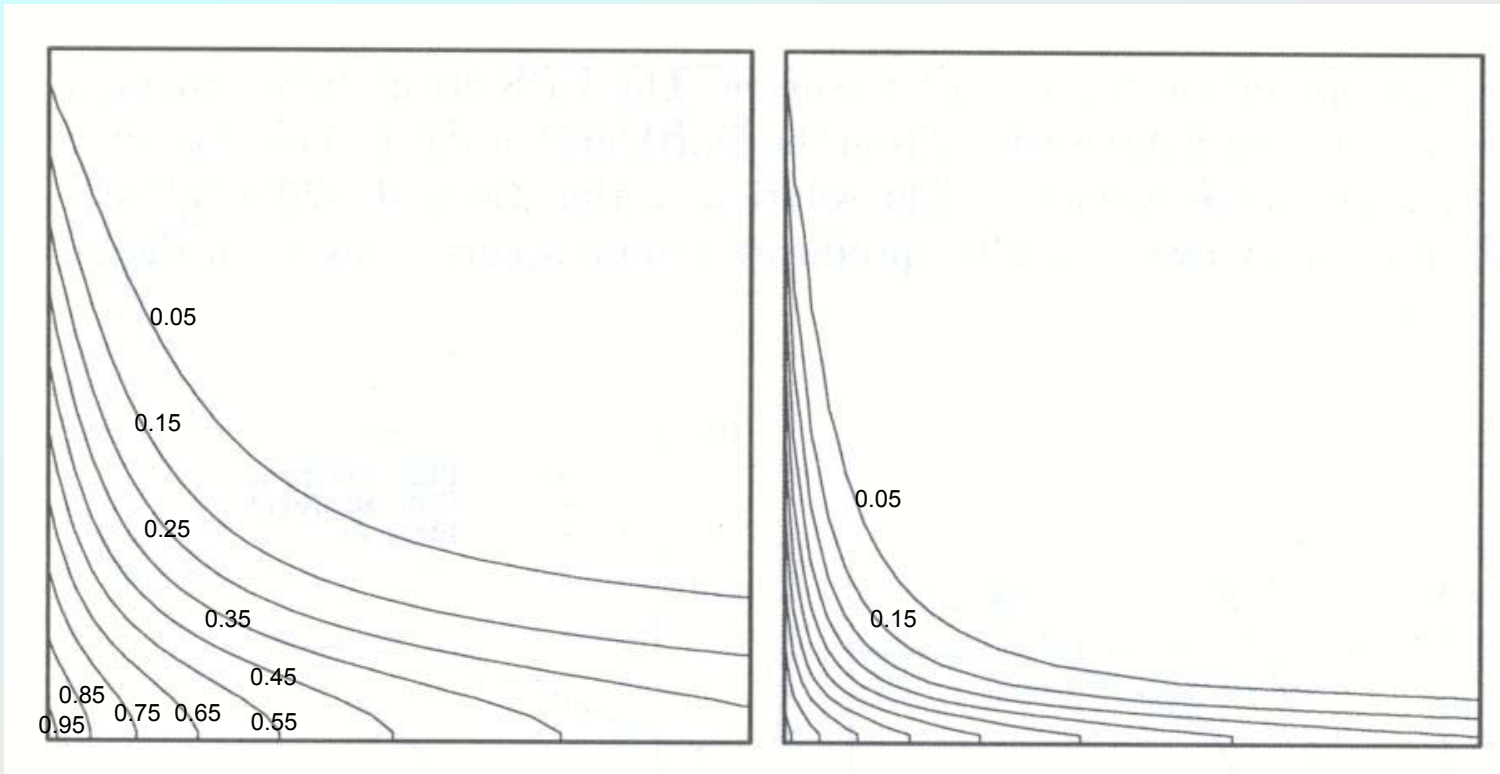
$$F_e = F_e^{\text{LOW}} + \left( F_e^{\text{HIGH}} - F_e^{\text{LOW}} \right)_{\text{old}}$$

# Example



- Velocity field:  
 $\mathbf{v}=(v_x, v_y) = (x, -y)$
- Density  $\rho = 1$
- Test UDS and CDS with midpoint rule and cell centered

# Isolines of $\Phi$ for different $\Gamma$

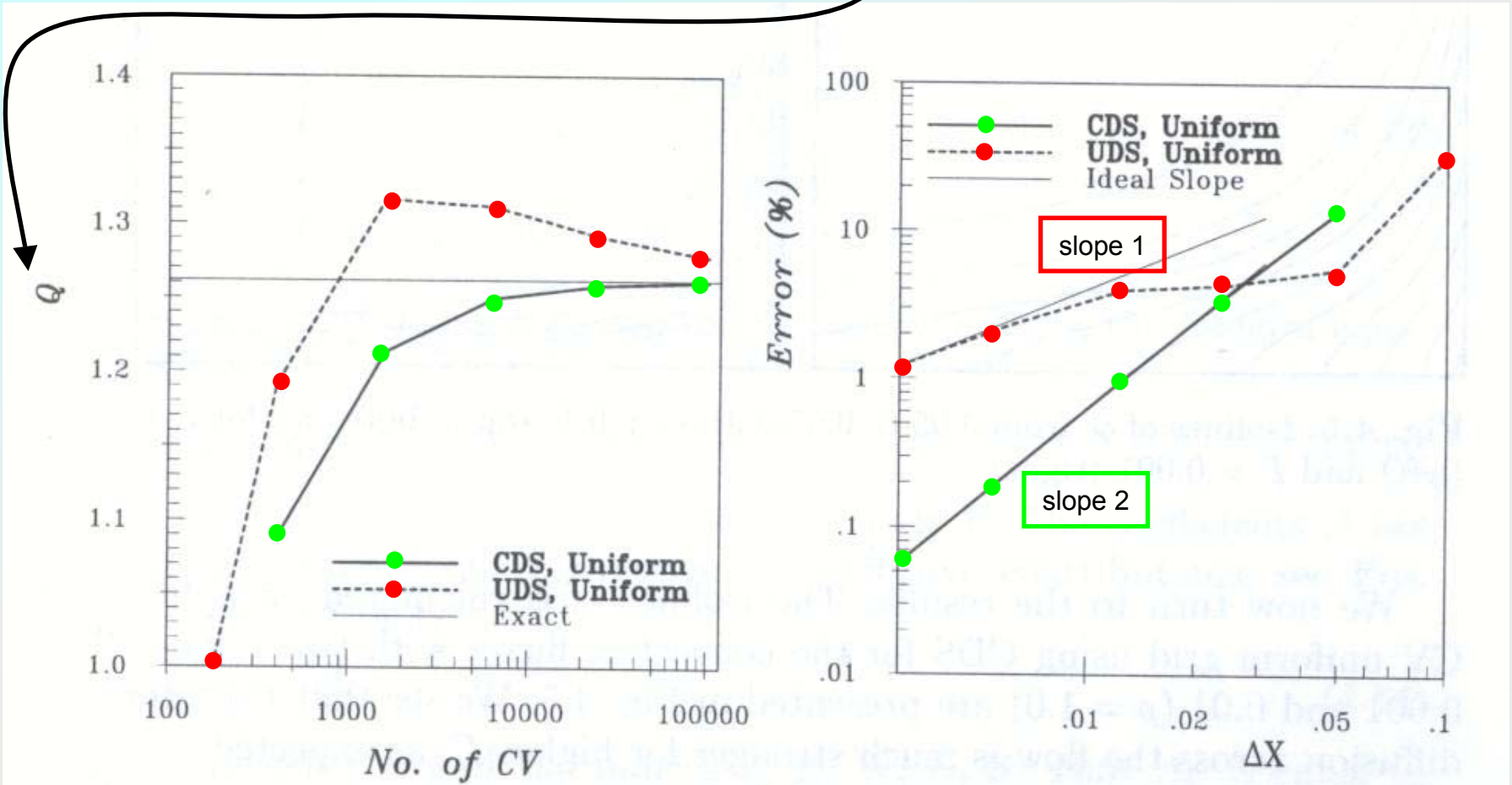


$\Gamma = 10^{-2}$

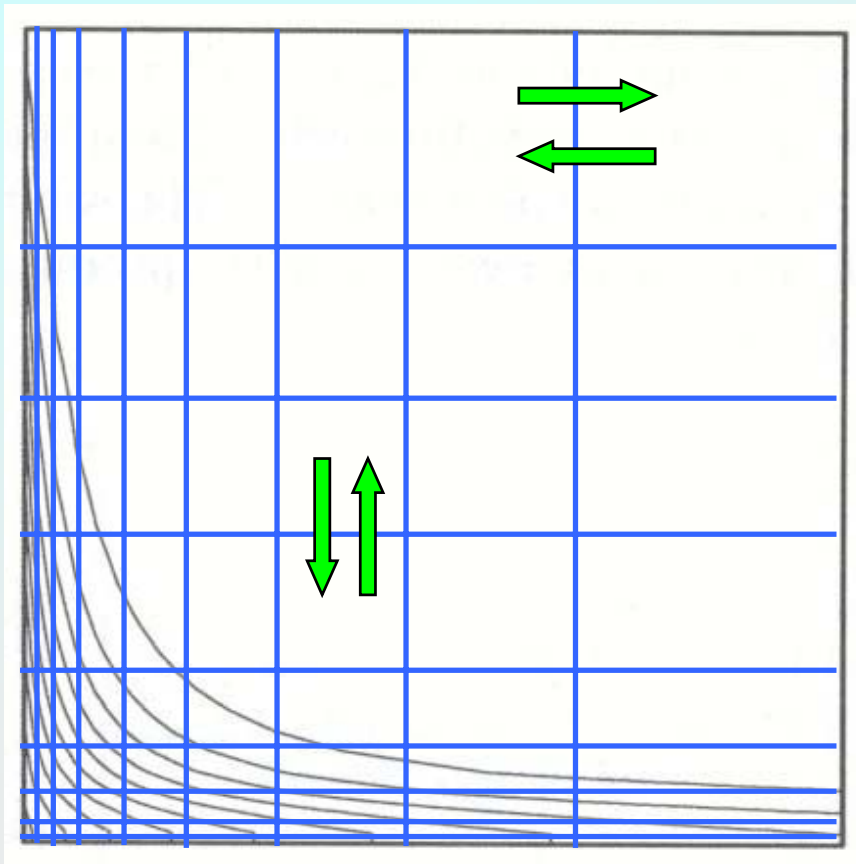
$\Gamma = 10^{-3}$

# Convergence

$Q$  = Integrated flux through the west side of the domain



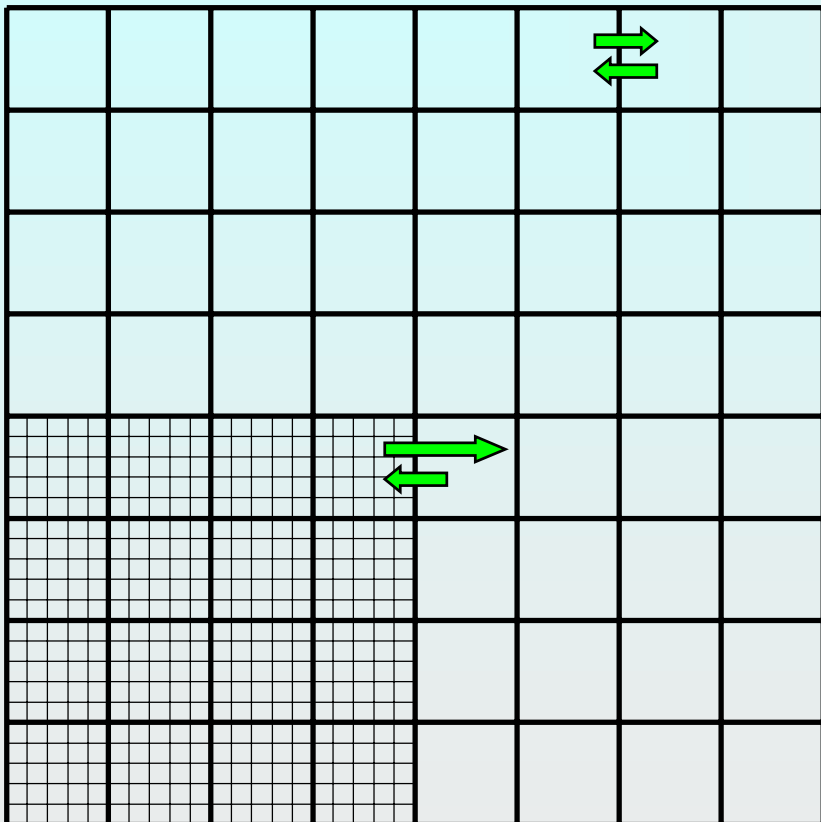
# Different grid types



- Tensor product grid
- By construction, in neighboring control volumes influxes and outfluxes are balanced
  - sum of discrete conservation laws

$$\Gamma = 10^{-3}$$

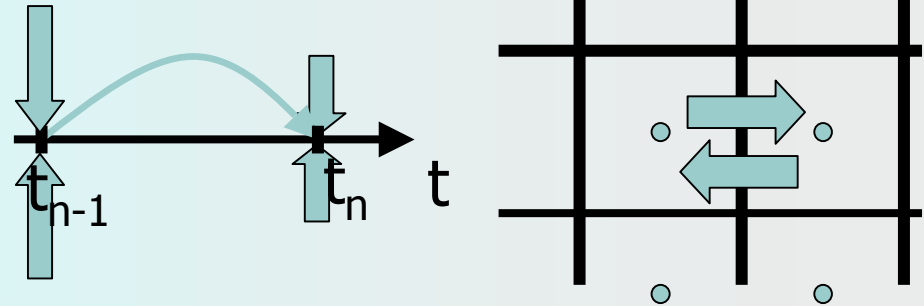
# Composite grid



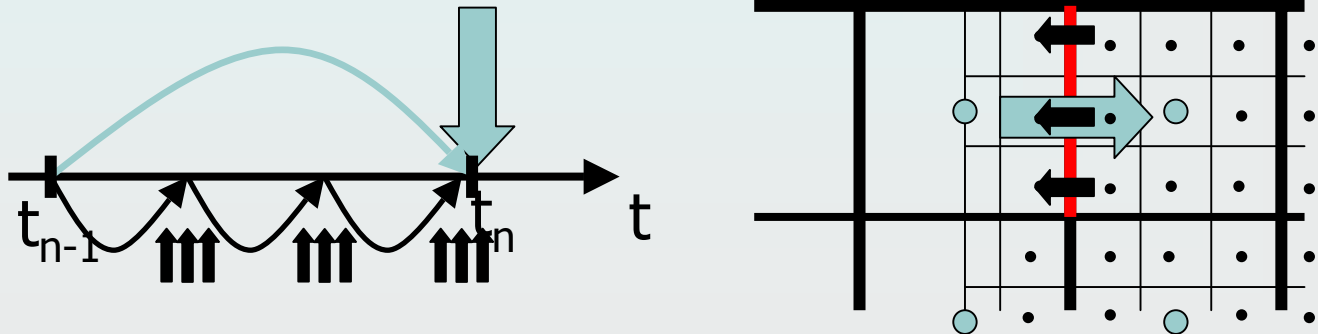
- Balance of fluxes across the interface coarse-fine grid is not guaranteed
- In Local Defect Correction (LDC)
  - iterative improvement between coarse and fine grid solution
  - in the limit: balance of fluxes everywhere

# Time-dependent problem

- Standard grids
  - sum of conservation laws also in time



- Composite grid with different rates for time integration
  - LDC: balance preserved





# Conclusions

- The main ideas behind the finite volume methods were introduced
- Schemes for quadrature and interpolation were discussed
- Some issues about conservation on different grid types were addressed