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Numerical modelling of macroscopic transport phenomena

Control Volume and FE models for solidification controlled by diffusion

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Computer simulation

– what is this all about?



- Need for efficient calculation tool to reduce laboratory testing and prototyping in foundry engineering
- Challenge: complex, multi-scale, multi-phase and mutually coupled phenomena
- Fully microscopic calculation impossible due to formidable computer facilities needed
- **Remedy:** macroscopic computer simulation models with included detailed information on developing micro-structures



What is macroscopic computer simulation ?



- Volume- or ensemble-averaging techniques to replace a real medium by the one of smoothly varying effective properties
- Two approaches:
 - **Two-domain** – moving grid, front tracking, suitable for discrete interface
 - **Single-domain** – fixed grid, suitable for multi-component system without sharp interface



Single-domain approach – reasonable choice



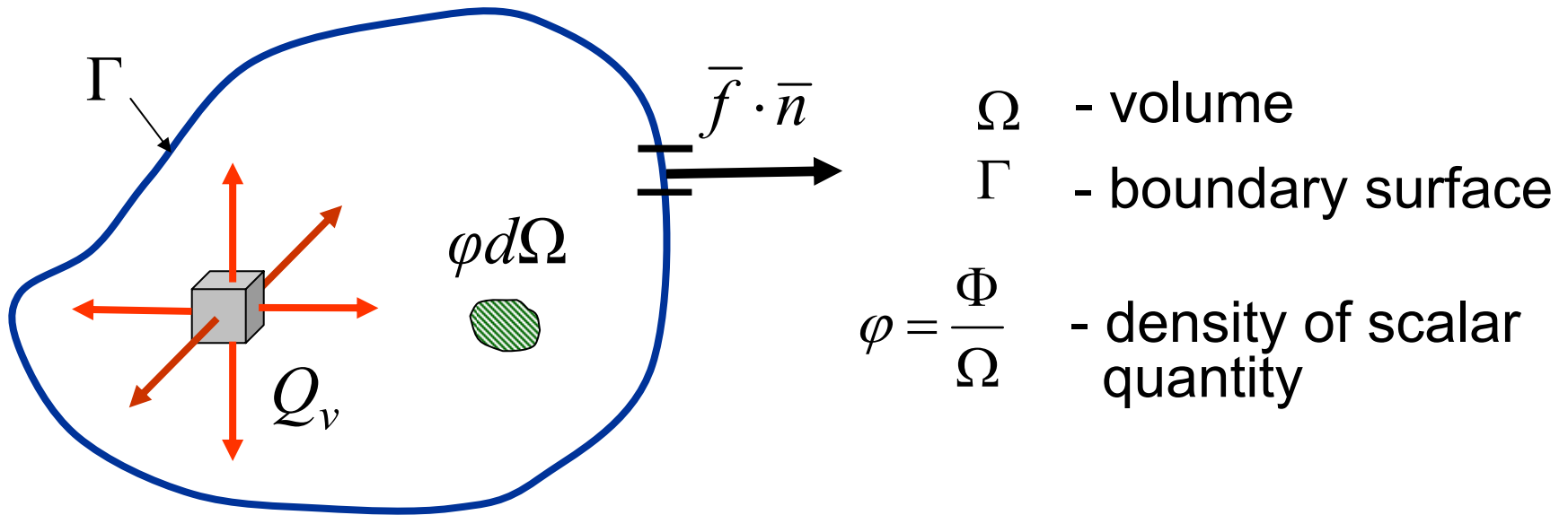
- Single set of mass, momentum, energy and species conservation equations valid in the whole domain
- Fixed grid, no need for front tracking
- Computationally effective – moderate requirements for computer facilities
- Satisfactory representation of columnar and equiaxed solidification when correctly coupled with information of microscopic phenomena



Conservation of scalar quantity



Integral form – basis for CV methods



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} \bar{f} \bar{n} d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} Q_v d\Omega$$



Conservation of scalar quantity

$$\bar{f} = \bar{f}_{conv.} + \bar{f}_{dyf.}$$

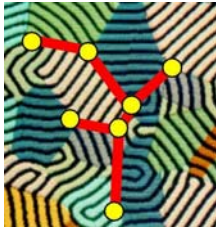
Convective flux

$$\bar{f}_{conv.} = \bar{v} \varphi; \quad \bar{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \text{ - velocity vector}$$

Diffusive flux – general Fick's law

$$\bar{f}_{dyf.} = -\chi \nabla \varphi; \quad \chi \text{ - diffusivity}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} (\bar{v} \varphi - \chi \nabla \varphi) \bar{n} d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} Q_v d\Omega$$



Conservation of scalar quantity



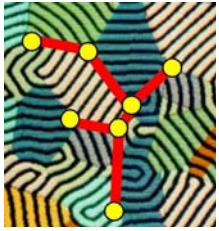
Einstein summation rule

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_j \varphi_j = A_j \varphi_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} \varphi_j = A_{ij} \varphi_j \quad \text{for } i = \text{const}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi d\Omega + \oint_{\Gamma} \left(v_j \varphi - \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) n_j d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} Q_v d\Omega$$

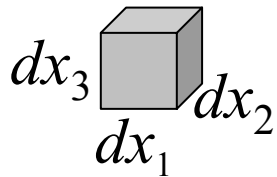


Conservation of scalar quantity

Differential form – basis for FE Method

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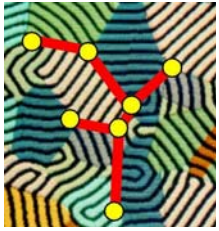
Infinitesimal control volume



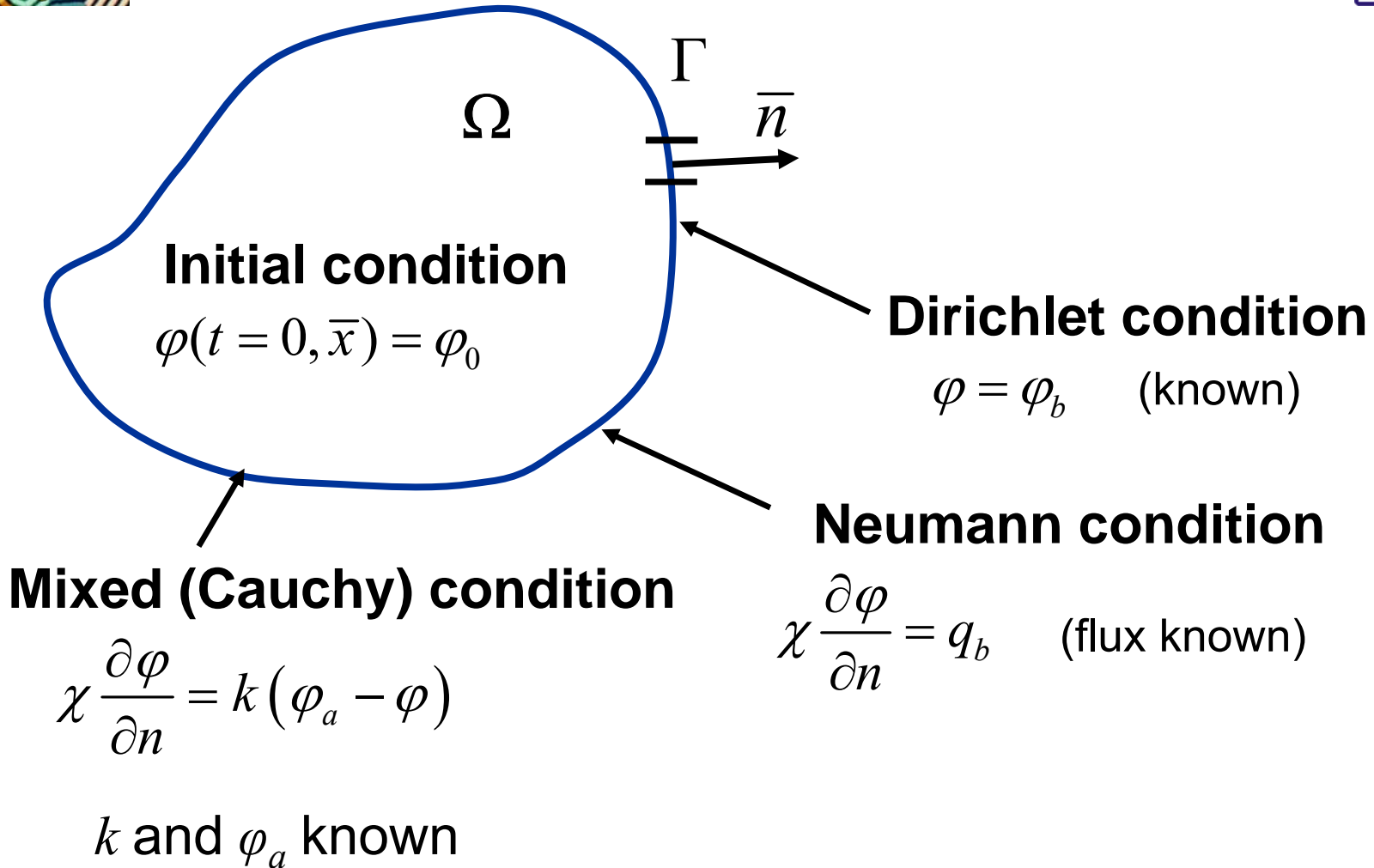
Gauss Divergence Theorem

$$\oint_{\Gamma} \bar{f} \bar{n} d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} d\Omega$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(v_j \varphi - \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) = Q_v$$



Initial & boundary conditions





Diffusive – type problem



$$v_j = 0$$

Integral form – basis for CV Method

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi d\Omega - \oint_{\Gamma} \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} n_j d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} Q_v d\Omega$$

Differential form – basis for FE Method

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Commonly used spatial discretization methods



- Control Volume Finite Difference Method (CVFDM) based on the integral conservation equation

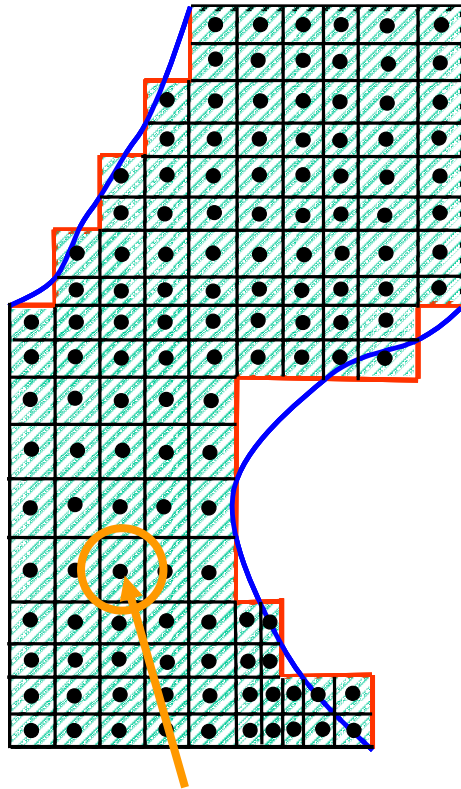
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma} \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} n_j d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} Q_v d\Omega$$

- Finite Element Method (FEM) based on the differential conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) = Q_v$$



Idea of Control Volume discretization procedure



**control volume
and its node**

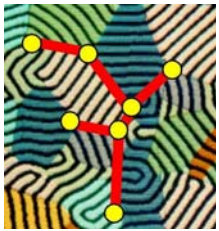
- Division of the domain of interest into non-overlapping sub-domains – control volumes
- Node located in the centre of a control-volume to represent averaged properties associated with these balance sub-domain
- Integral balance of a scalar quantity within a control volume



Appealing features of Control Volume approach



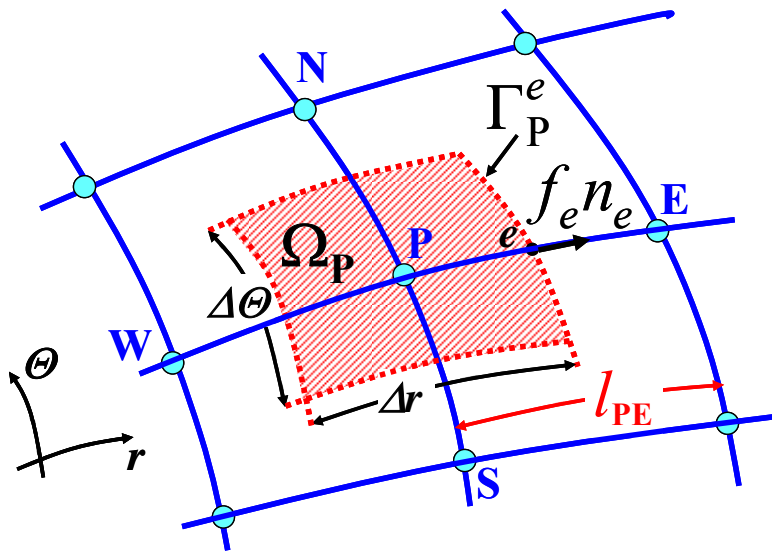
- Assures the interpretation of the final model equations fulfillment of conservation law for the scalar quantity within each control volume and in the whole analysed domain - **local and global conservation property** of a discretization model;
- Simple, clear and convincing for those not deeply involved in mathematics;
- Permits direct physical interpretation of final model equations



Control Volume method – basic assumptions



1. Spatial derivatives replaced by respective difference quotients



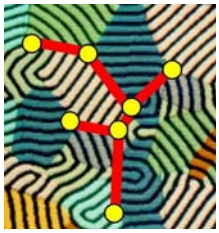
Example:

diffusive flux on eastern,
'e', boundary of CV

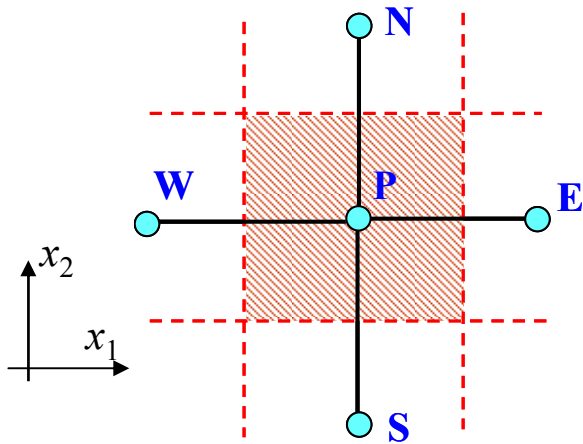
$$f_e n_e = -\chi_e \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} n_j \cong -\chi_e \frac{\varphi_E - \varphi_P}{l_{PE}} n_e$$

with $n_e = 1$

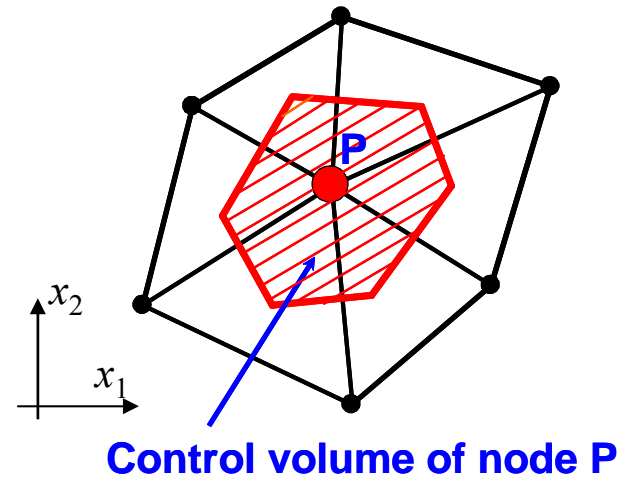
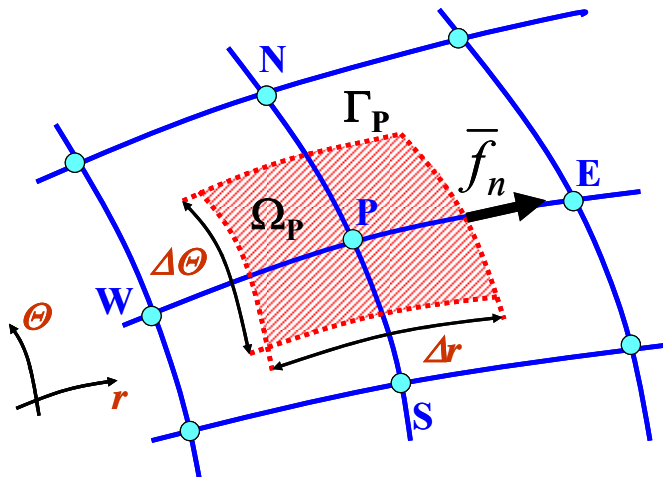
CVFDM – Control Volume Finite Difference Method

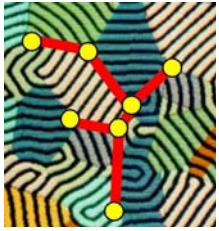


Control Volume method – basic assumptions



2. Control-Volume (CV) boundary segments orthogonal to grid lines

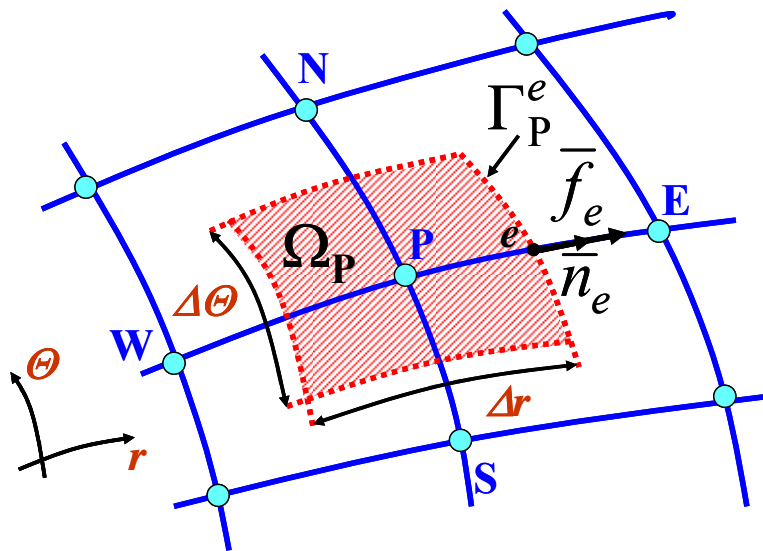




Control Volume method – basic assumptions



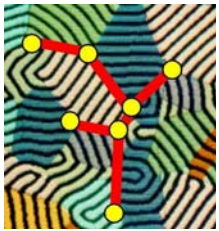
3. Averaged properties within a CV volume and on its boundary segment



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega_P} \varphi d\Omega \cong \Omega_P \frac{d\varphi_P}{dt}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_P} Q_v d\Omega \cong (Q_v)_P \Omega_P$$

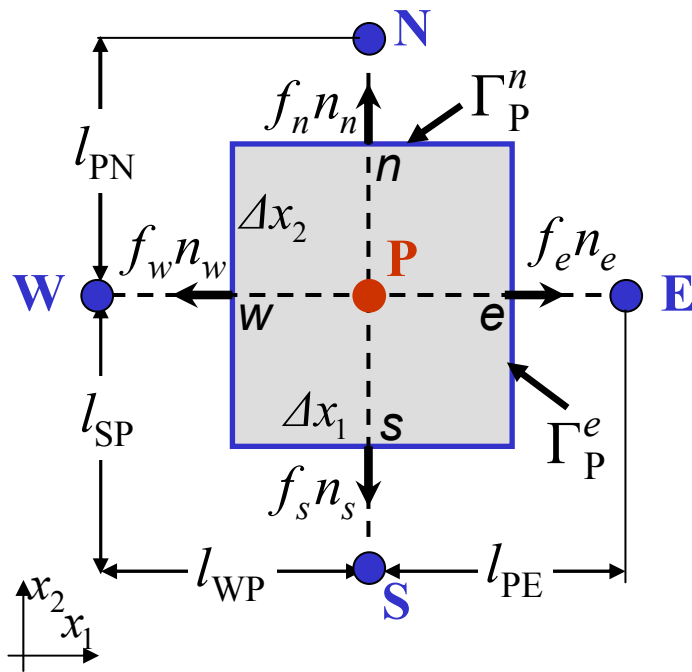
$$\int_{\Gamma_P^e} f_j n_j d\Gamma \cong f_e n_e \Gamma_P^e$$



CVFDM – balance in an internal control volume



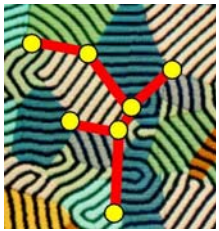
Balance of scalar φ in 2D Control Volume



$$\Omega_P \frac{d\varphi_P}{dt} + \sum_{i=e,n,w,s} f_i n_i \Gamma_P^i = (Q_v)_P \Omega_P$$

where

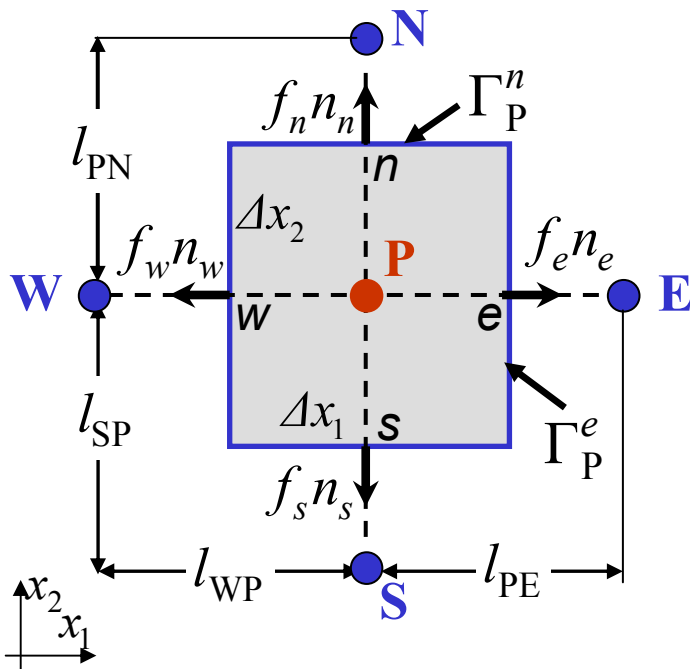
$$\begin{cases} \Omega_P = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \cdot (1) \\ \Gamma_P^i = \Delta x_i \cdot (1) \\ n_i = \pm 1 \end{cases}$$



CVFDM – balance in an internal control volume



Balance of scalar φ in 2D Control Volume



$$\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \frac{d\varphi_P}{dt} - \chi_e \frac{\varphi_E - \varphi_P}{l_{PE}} \Delta x_2 (1) +$$

$$\chi_w \frac{\varphi_P - \varphi_W}{l_{WP}} \Delta x_2 (-1) + \chi_n \frac{\varphi_N - \varphi_P}{l_{PN}} \Delta x_1 (1)$$

$$+ \chi_s \frac{\varphi_P - \varphi_S}{l_{SP}} \Delta x_1 (-1) = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (Q_v)_P$$

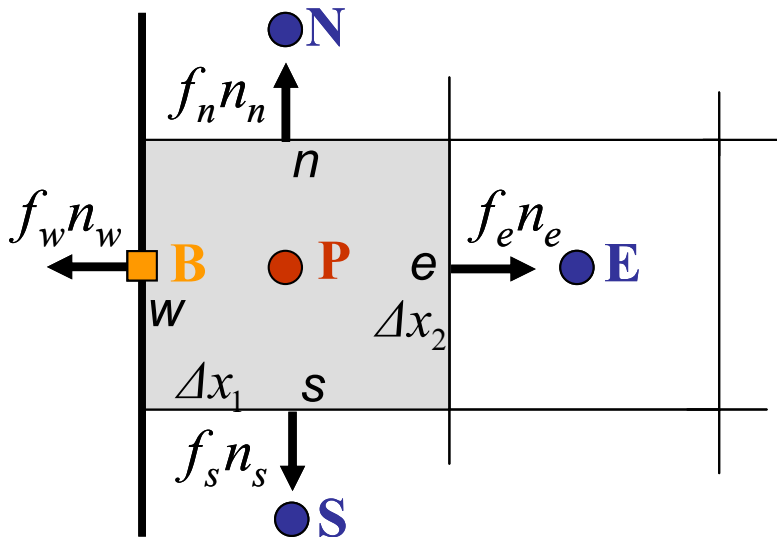


CVFDM – balance in a boundary control volume



Example: Control volume adjacent to west boundary surface

$$\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \frac{d\varphi_P}{dt} + \sum_{i=e,n,s} f_i n_i \Delta x_i + f_w n_w \Delta x_2 = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (Q_v)_P$$



where

$$f_w n_w = \chi_w \frac{\varphi_P - \varphi_B}{\Delta x_1 / 2} (-1) = k(\varphi_a - \varphi_B) + q_b$$



CVFDM – boundary conditions



All boundary conditions modelled
as general mixed ones:

$$f_w n_w = \chi_w \frac{\varphi_P - \varphi_B}{\Delta x_1 / 2} (-1) = k(\varphi_a - \varphi_B) + q_b$$

1. Dirichlet boundary condition

$$k = \text{huge value}; \quad q_b = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varphi_B = \varphi_a$$

2. Neumann boundary condition

$$k = 0; \quad q_b = 0 \text{ (adiabatic) or } q_b \neq 0$$

3. Cauchy boundary condition

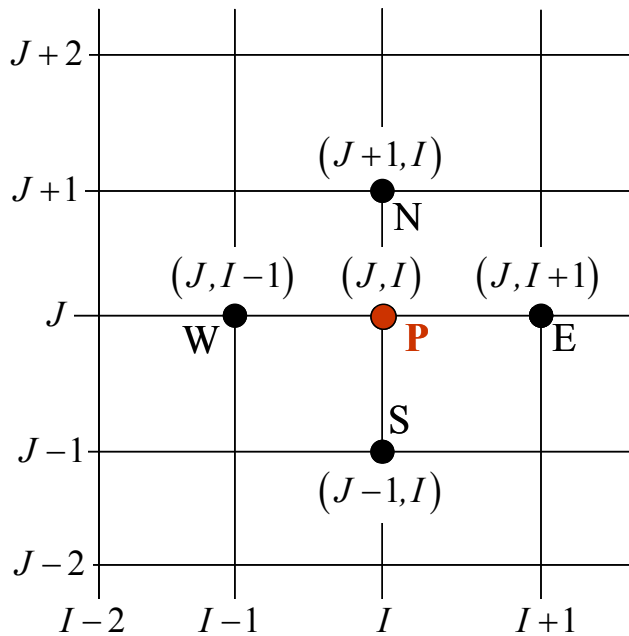
$$k > 0; \quad q_v = 0; \quad \varphi_b - \text{given}$$



CVFDM – double index notation



Index notation
of grid nodes



Balance of scalar φ

$$\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \frac{d\varphi_{J,I}}{dt} - \chi_e \frac{\varphi_{J,I+1} - \varphi_{J,I}}{l_{PE}} \Delta x_2 (1) +$$

$$\chi_w \frac{\varphi_{J,I} - \varphi_{J,I-1}}{l_{WP}} \Delta x_2 (-1) + \chi_n \frac{\varphi_{J+1,I} - \varphi_{J,I}}{l_{PN}} \Delta x_1 (1)$$

$$+ \chi_s \frac{\varphi_{J,I} - \varphi_{J-1,I}}{l_{SP}} \Delta x_1 (-1) = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (Q_v)_P$$

OR after simple rearrangements

$$C_{J,I} \frac{d\varphi_{J,I}}{dt} + K_{J-1,I} \varphi_{J-1,I} + K_{J,I-1} \varphi_{J,I-1} +$$

$$K_{J,I} \varphi_{J,I} + K_{J,I+1} \varphi_{J,I+1} + K_{J+1,I} \varphi_{J+1,I} = R_{J,I}$$



CVFDM – matrix notation



$$[\mathbf{C}] \left\{ \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \right\} + [\mathbf{K}] \{ \varphi(t) \} = \{ \mathbf{R} \}$$

where: $C_{J,I} = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2$ terms of the **Capacity Matrix**

$$K_{J-1,I} = -\chi_s \frac{\Delta x_1}{l_{SP}}; K_{J,I-1} = -\chi_w \frac{\Delta x_2}{l_{WP}}$$

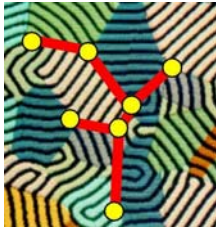
$$K_{J,I+1} = -\chi_e \frac{\Delta x_2}{l_{PE}}; K_{J+1,I} = -\chi_n \frac{\Delta x_1}{l_{PN}}$$

$$K_{J,I} = -\left(K_{J-1,I} + K_{J,I-1} + K_{J,I+1} + K_{J+1,I} \right)$$

$$R_{J,I} = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (Q_v)_p \quad \text{RHS vector component}$$

and $\{ \dots \}$ - vector of nodal values

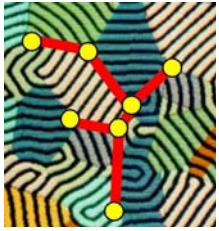
terms of the
Diffusive Matrix



Finite Element Method (FEM) – a powerful engineering tool



- Basic idea - a solution region modelled by replacing it with an assemblage of discrete elements
- These elements can be put together in a variety of ways - exceedingly complex shapes of a domain can be quite precisely represented
- Within each element its geometry and a field quantity sought interpolated using simple functions (polynomials)
- Ability to formulate solutions for each individual elements before putting them together to represent the entire problem



Weighted Residual Method (WRM) – a basis for FEM



Starting point:

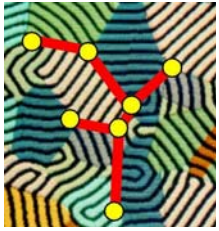
- Differential operator of diffusive transport

$$\mathbf{A}(\varphi_{ex.}) = \frac{\partial \varphi_{ex.}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi_{ex.}}{\partial x_j} \right) - Q_v = 0$$

- Operator of boundary conditions

$$\mathbf{B}(\varphi_{ex.}) = \chi \frac{\partial \varphi_{ex.}}{\partial n} - k(\varphi_a - \varphi_{ex.}) - q_b = 0$$

where $\varphi_{ex.}$ - exact solution for scalar field quantity



Weighted Residual Method (WRM) – a basis for FEM



Residuals:

- Assumed spatial approximation of φ_{ex} .

$$\varphi_{ex.}(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) \approx \varphi(x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$$

- Residuals of **A** and **B** operators

$$\mathbf{REZ}_A = \mathbf{A}(\varphi) = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) - Q_v \neq 0$$

$$\mathbf{REZ}_B = \mathbf{B}(\varphi) = \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} - k(\varphi_a - \varphi) - q_b \neq 0$$



Weighted Residual Method – integral formulation



Weighting of residuals through spatial distribution

$$\int_{\Omega} W_k \mathbf{REZ}_A d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} W_k \mathbf{REZ}_B d\Gamma = 0$$

where $W_k(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ - assumed weighting function, $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\int_{\Omega} W_k \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) - Q_v \right) d\Omega +$$
$$\int_{\Gamma} W_k \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} - k(\varphi_a - \varphi) - q_b \right) d\Gamma = 0$$



Weighted Residual Method – weak formulation



- Green's Identity

$$\int_{\Omega} W_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(W_k \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial W_k}{\partial x_j} \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} d\Omega$$

- Gauss Divergence Theorem

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(W_k \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} W_k \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} n_j d\Gamma$$



Weighted Residual Method – weak formulation



‘Weak’ form of WRM formulation

$$\int_{\Omega} W_k \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial W_k}{\partial x_j} \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} d\Omega =$$
$$\int_{\Gamma} W_k (k(\varphi_a - \varphi) + q_b) d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} W_k Q_v d\Omega$$

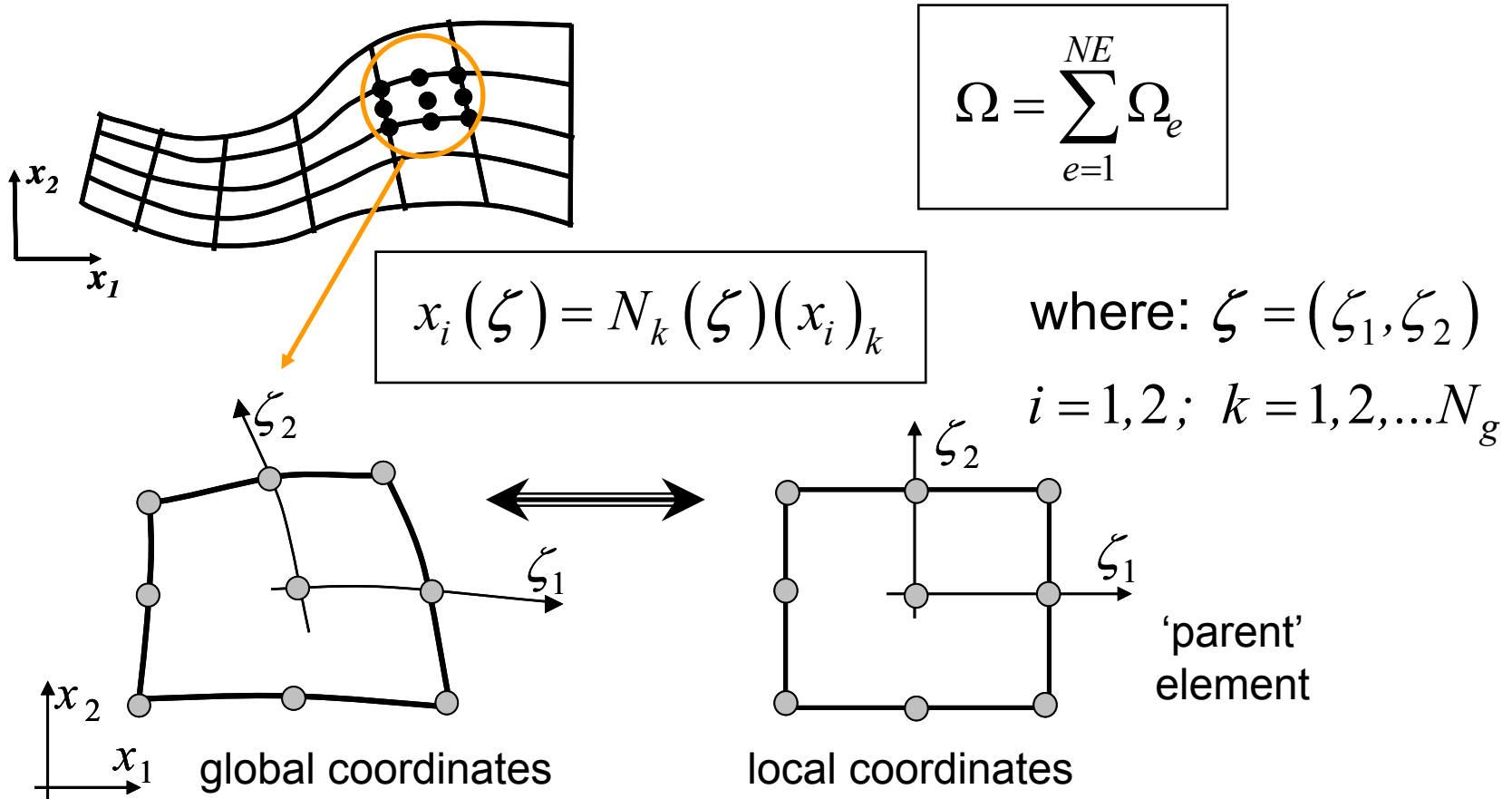
for $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$



Finite Element Method – piece-wise spatial interpolation



Finite element approximation of domain geometry

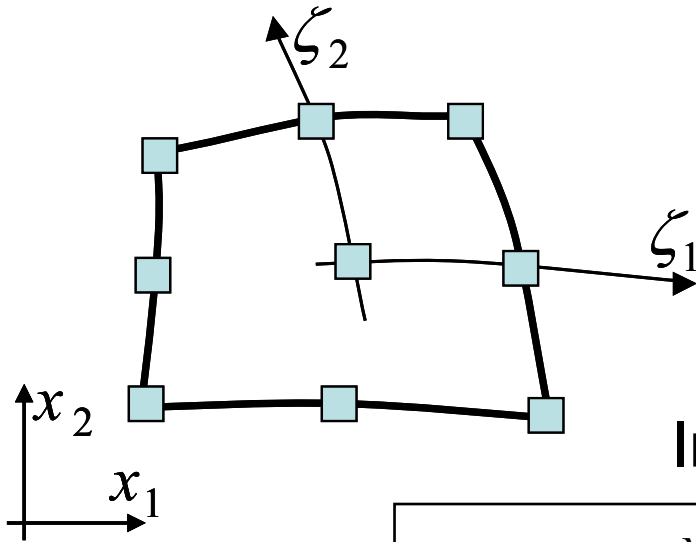




Finite Element Method – piece-wise spatial interpolation



Finite element interpolation of scalar quantity



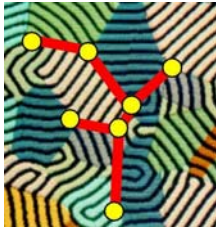
Interpolation within e element

$$\varphi^{(e)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = M_k^{(e)}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}(\mathbf{x}))\varphi_k(t)$$

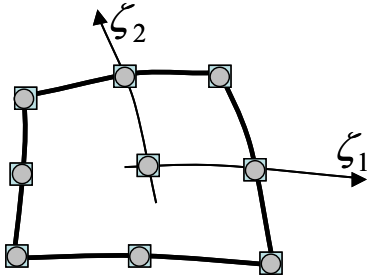
Interpolation over a whole domain

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \varphi^{(e)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} M_k^{(e)}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}(\mathbf{x}))\varphi_k(t)$$

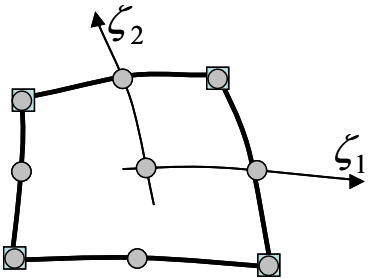
$$\text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, N_\varphi$$



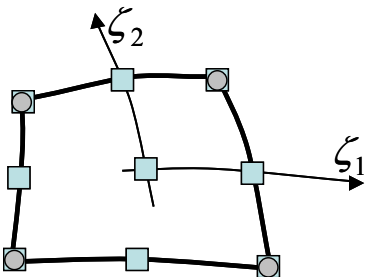
Finite Element Method – concept of parametric elements



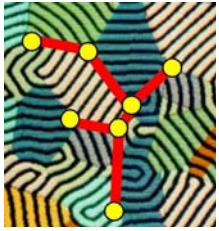
Iso-parametric element – the same nodes used for both interpolations with identical M_k and N_k functions, and $N_g = N_\varphi$



Super-parametric element – order of polynomial N_k higher than order of M_k , and $N_g > N_\varphi$



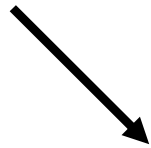
Sub-parametric element – order of polynomial N_k lower than order of M_k , and $N_g < N_\varphi$



Finite Element Method – nodal equations



$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_i(\boldsymbol{\zeta}) &= N_m(\boldsymbol{\zeta})(x_i)_m \\ \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \sum_{e=1}^{NE} M_k^{(e)}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}(\mathbf{x}))\varphi_k(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } \begin{cases} m = 1, 2, \dots, N_g \\ k = 1, 2, \dots, N_\varphi \end{cases}$$

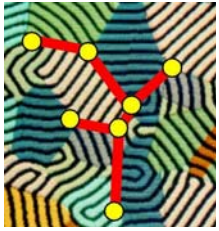


$$\int_{\Omega} W_k \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial W_k}{\partial x_j} \chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} W_k (k(\varphi_a - \varphi) + q_b) d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} W_k Q_v d\Omega$$

for $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Bubnov-Galerkin WRM – the best approximation

$$W_k \equiv M_k; \quad N = N_\varphi$$



Finite Element Method – nodal equations



Galerkin FEM (GFEM) equations

$$\sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} M_m^{(e)} \frac{d\varphi_m}{dt} d\Omega + \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial M_k^{(e)}}{\partial x_i} \chi^{(e)} \frac{\partial M_m^{(e)}}{\partial x_i} \varphi_m d\Omega +$$

$$\sum_{eb=1}^{NE_b} \int_{\Gamma_e} k^{(eb)} M_k^{(eb)} \varphi_k d\Gamma = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} Q_v^{(e)} d\Omega +$$

$$\sum_{eb=1}^{NE_b} \int_{\Gamma_e} M_k^{(eb)} \left(k^{(eb)} \varphi_a^{(eb)} + q_b \right) d\Gamma$$

for $\begin{cases} i = 1, 2, 3 \\ k, m = 1, 2, \dots, N_\varphi \end{cases}$



Matrix GFEM equations



$$[\mathbf{C}] \left\{ \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \right\} + [\mathbf{K}] \varphi(t) = \{\mathbf{R}\}$$

Capacity ('mass') matrix

$$C_{km} = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} C_{km}^{(e)} = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} M_m^{(e)} d\Omega$$

CMM – Consistent 'Mass'
Matrix Model

$$C_{kk} = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} d\Omega; \quad C_{km} = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq k$$

LMM – Lumped 'Mass'
Matrix Model



Matrix GFEM equations

$$\boxed{[\mathbf{C}] \left\{ \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \right\} + [\mathbf{K}] \varphi(t) = \{\mathbf{R}\}}$$

Diffusion Matrix (symmetrical)

$$K_{km} = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} \frac{\partial M_k^{(e)}}{\partial x_i} \chi^{(e)} \frac{\partial M_m^{(e)}}{\partial x_i} d\Omega + \sum_{eb=1}^{NE_b} \int_{\Gamma_e} k^{(eb)} M_k^{(eb)} d\Gamma$$

Right Hand Side (RHS) Vector

$$R_k = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} Q_v^{(e)} d\Omega + \sum_{eb=1}^{NE_b} \int_{\Gamma_e} M_k^{(eb)} \left(k^{(eb)} \varphi_a^{(eb)} + q_b \right) d\Gamma$$



Time integration procedure

Semi-discrete CVFDM and GFEM equations

$$[\mathbf{C}] \left\{ \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \right\} + [\mathbf{K}] \varphi(t) = \{\mathbf{R}\}$$



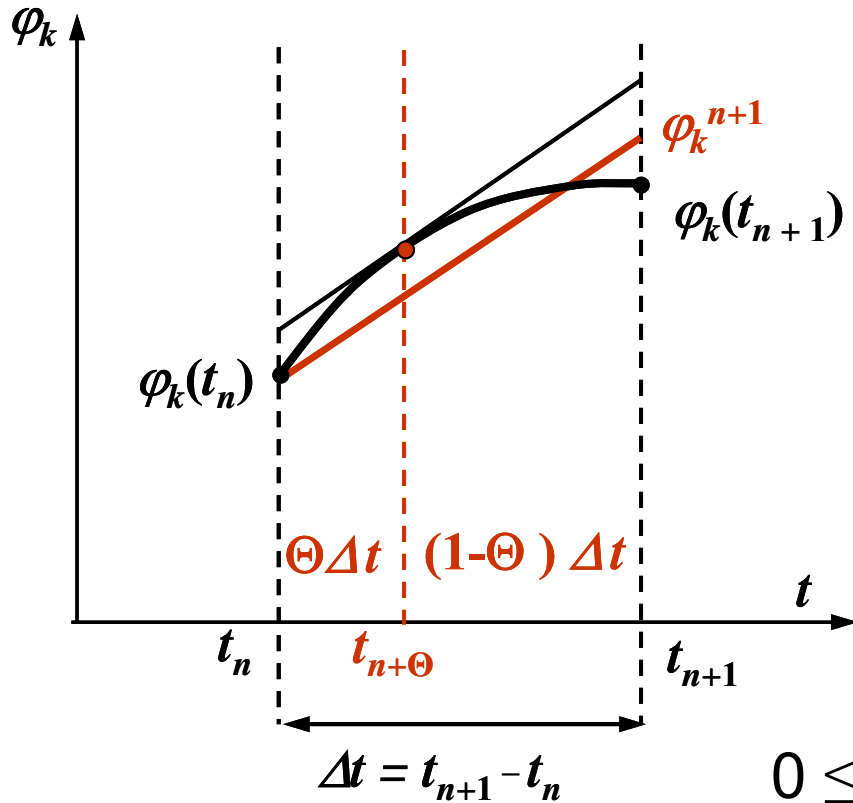
Need for time integration

Characteristic feature:

One-way coordinate – marching in time



One-step explicit / implicit time marching scheme



Taylor series expansion
– time derivative replaced
by difference quotient:

$$\left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt} \right)^{n+\Theta} = \frac{\varphi_k^{n+1} - \varphi_k^n}{\Delta t} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(2\Theta - 1)\Delta t \left(\frac{d^2\varphi_k}{dt^2} \right)^{n+\Theta} + o(\Delta t^2)$$

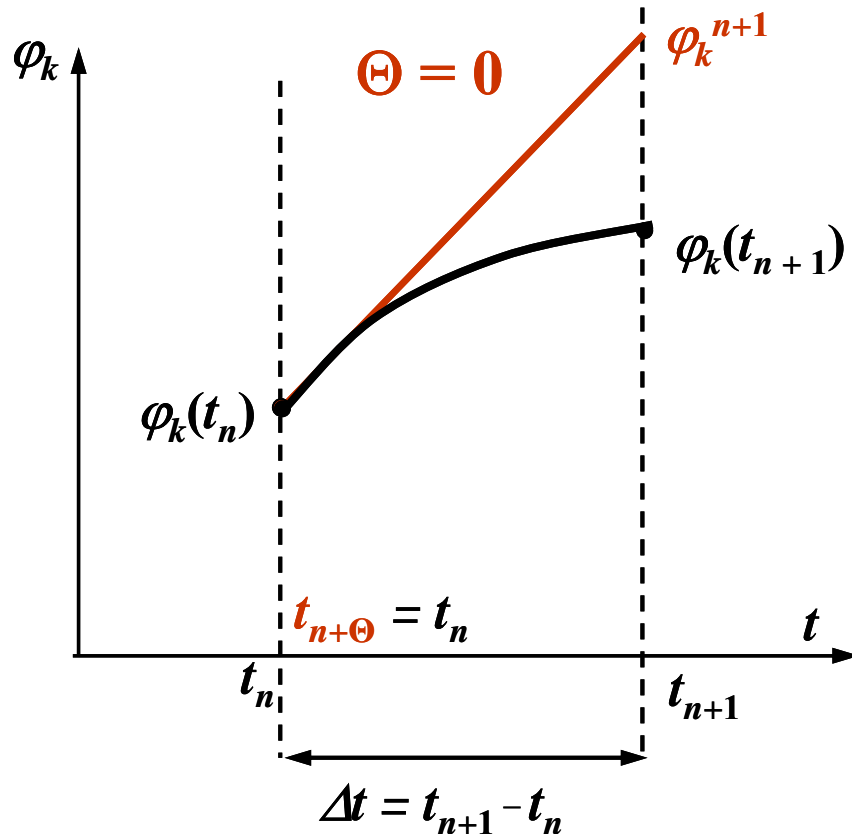
$0 \leq \Theta \leq 1$ - parameter of the scheme



One-step explicit / implicit time marching scheme



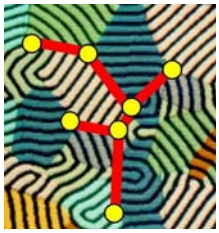
Explicit Euler Scheme



$$\left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt} \right)^{n+\Theta} = \left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt} \right)^n = \frac{\varphi_k^{n+1} - \varphi_k^n}{\Delta t} + 0(\Delta t)$$

First order accuracy

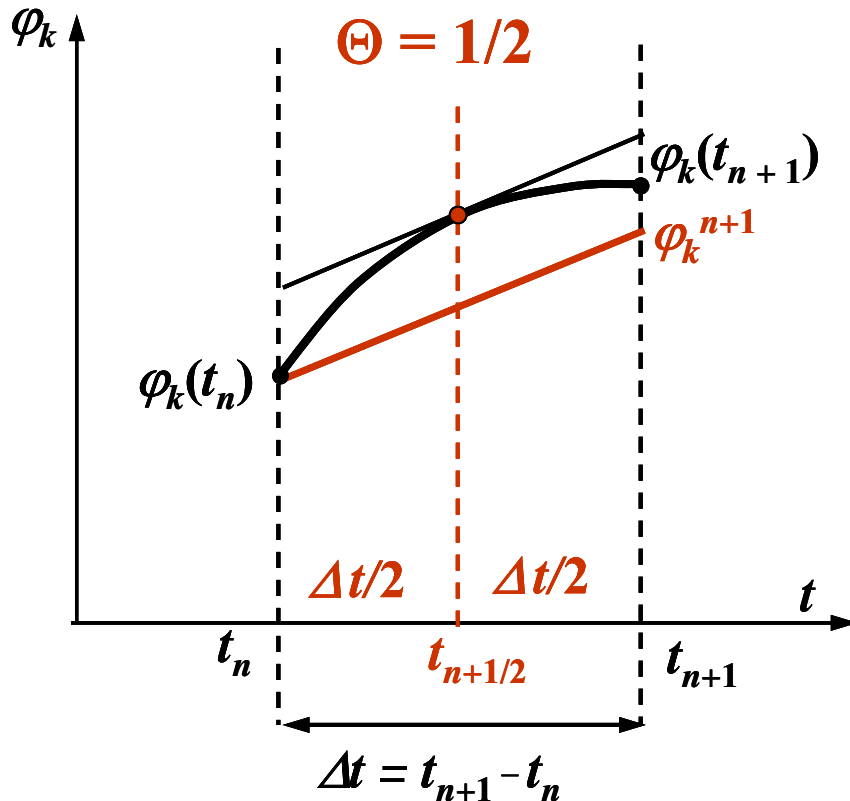
Conditionally stable



One-step explicit / implicit time marching scheme



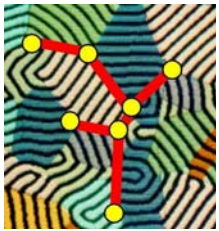
Crank-Nicolson Scheme



$$\left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt} \right)^{n+\Theta} = \left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt} \right)^{n+1/2} = \frac{\varphi_k^{n+1} - \varphi_k^n}{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t^2)$$

Second order accuracy

Unconditionally stable



Fully discrete GFEM and CVFDM models of diffusion

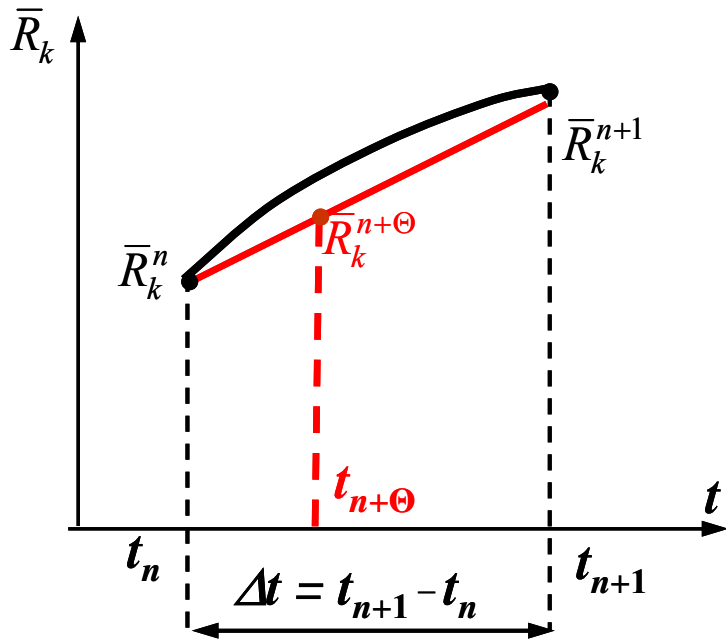


Balance equation for node k at time $t_{n+\Theta}$



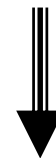
$$C_{kk} \frac{d\varphi_k^{n+\Theta}}{dt} = \bar{R}_k^{n+\Theta}$$

where: $\bar{R}_k^{n+\Theta} = R_k - K_{kj}\varphi_j^{n+\Theta}$



Assumptions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{R}_k^{n+\Theta} &= (1-\Theta)\bar{R}_k^n + \Theta\bar{R}_k^{n+1} \\ \left(\frac{d\varphi_k}{dt}\right)^{n+\Theta} &= \frac{\varphi_k^{n+1} - \varphi_k^n}{\Delta t} \end{aligned} \right\}$$





Fully discrete GFEM and CVFDM models



$$C_{kk} \frac{\varphi_k^{n+1} - \varphi_k^n}{\Delta t} = (1 - \Theta) \bar{R}_k^n + \Theta \bar{R}_k^{n+1}$$

OR

$$\left(C_{kk} + \Theta \Delta t K_{kj} \right) \varphi_j^{n+1} = \left(C_{kk} + (1 - \Theta) \Delta t K_{kj} \right) \varphi_j^n + (1 - \Theta) R_k^n + \Theta R_k^{n+1}$$

Matrix equation of fully-discrete CVFDM or GFEM

$$\left([\mathbf{C}] + \Theta \Delta t [\mathbf{K}] \right) \{ \varphi^{n+1} \} = \left([\mathbf{C}] - (1 - \Theta) \Delta t [\mathbf{K}] \right) \{ \varphi^n \} + \Delta t \left((1 - \Theta) \{ \mathbf{R} \}^n + \Theta \{ \mathbf{R} \}^{n+1} \right)$$



Solution of CVFDM or GFEM algebraic equation system



➤ DIRECT METHODS:

Gauss and Gauss-Jordan elimination

LU decomposition

Special techniques for banded matrices
(eg. Thomas algorithm)

➤ ITERATIVE METHODS:

Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel methods

Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR)

Conjugate Gradient Method



Fixed grid models of diffusion-controlled alloy solidification



Assumption:

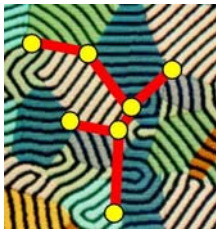
with no convection at the macroscopic scale
solidification of alloys is controlled only by heat diffusion (conduction)

Crucial issue:

modelling of latent heat effect on a fixed grid

Methods:

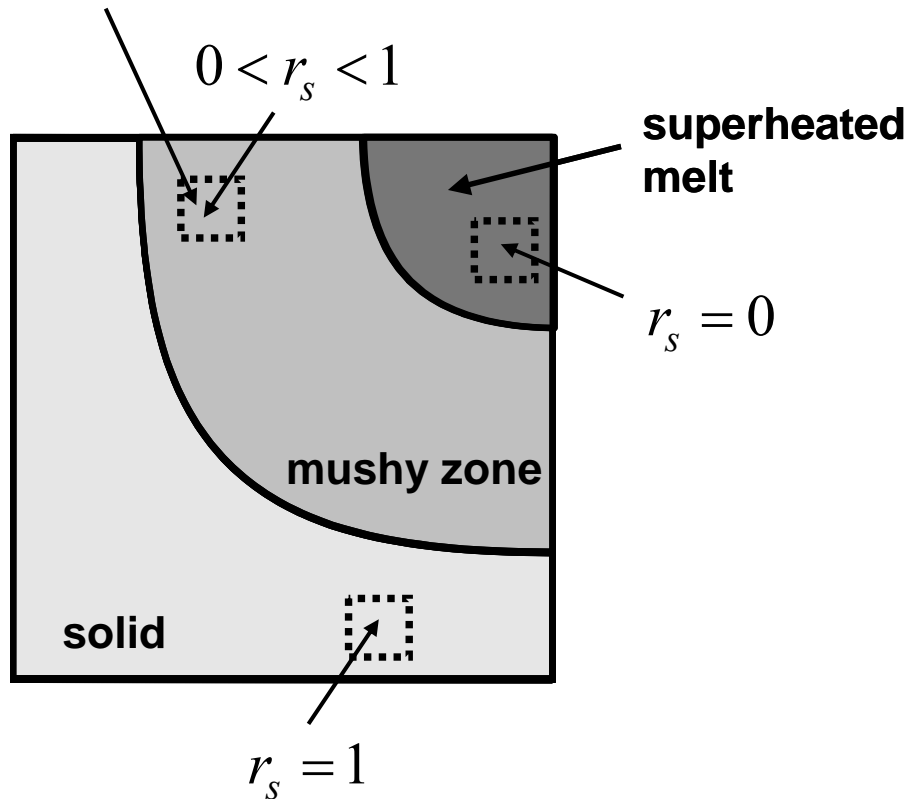
- General Enthalpy method
- Apparent Heat Capacity method
- Latent Heat Source based formulation



Fixed grid models of diffusion-controlled alloy solidification



Representative Elementary Volume [Beckermann, 1987]



Volumetric and mass fractions of solid (s) and liquid (l)

$$r_i = V_i / (V_s + V_l)$$

$$f_i = m_i / (m_s + m_l)$$

with $i=s$ or $i=l$

and, saturation condition:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r_s + r_l &= 1 \\ f_s + f_l &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



Single-domain enthalpy formulation



$$\frac{\partial(r_s H_s)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(r_s \lambda_s \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) + (\text{interface term}) = 0$$

Conduction in the solid phase

$$\frac{\partial(r_l H_l)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(r_l \lambda_l \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) - (\text{interface term}) = 0$$

Conduction in the liquid phase

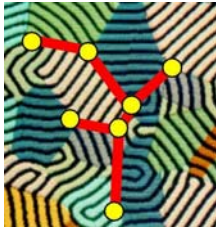
where:

H_s and H_l - volumetric enthalpy of solid and liquid

λ_s and λ_l - thermal conductivity of solid and liquid

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial(H)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0}$$

General Enthalpy Method
[Swaminathan & Voller, 1992]



Averaged parameters of solid-liquid mixture



Mixture volumetric enthalpy

$$H = r_s H_s + r_l H_l$$

Mixture thermal conductivity

$$\lambda = r_s \lambda_s + r_l \lambda_l$$

Mixture density

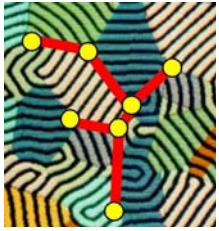
$$\rho = r_s \rho_s + r_l \rho_l$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho f_s &= \rho_s r_s \\ \rho f_l &= \rho_l r_l \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Mixture heat capacitance

$$\rho c = r_s \rho_s c_s + r_l \rho_l c_l = \rho (f_s c_s + f_l c_l)$$



Phase enthalpies and enthalpy of solid/liquid mixture



Assumptions: constant phase densities and latent heat, L , specific heats are functions of temperature only

$$H = \rho h = r_s \rho_s h_s + r_l \rho_l h_l = \rho (f_s h_s + f_l h_l)$$

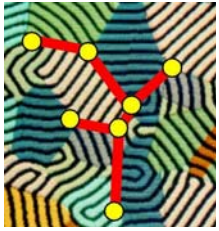
$$h_s = h_{s,ref.} + \int_{T_{ref.}}^T c_s(T) dT$$

with

$$h_l = h_{l,ref.} + \int_{T_{ref.}}^T c_l(T) dT + L$$

For: $c_s = \text{const.}; c_l = \text{const.}; h_{s,ref.} = c_s T_{ref.}; h_{l,ref.} = c_l T_{ref.}$

$$H = r_s \rho_s c_s T + r_l \rho_l (c_l T + L) = \rho (f_s c_s + f_l c_l) T + \rho f_l L$$



Apparent Heat Capacity formulation



$$c_{app.}(T) = \frac{dH}{dT} = \rho(f_s c_s + f_l c_l) + \rho((c_l - c_s)T + L) \frac{df_l}{dT}$$

or

$$c_{app.}(T) = \frac{dH}{dT} = (\rho_s r_s c_s + \rho_l r_l c_l) + ((\rho_l c_l - \rho_s c_s)T + \rho_l L) \frac{dr_l}{dT}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \frac{dH}{dT} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = c_{app.}(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

(e.g. Voller et al., 1990)

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0$$

$$c_{app.} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0$$



Latent Heat Source method



$$c_{app.}(T) = \rho c + \Delta h_{sl} \frac{dr_l}{dT}$$

where

$$\rho c = \rho_s r_s c_s + \rho_l r_l c_l$$

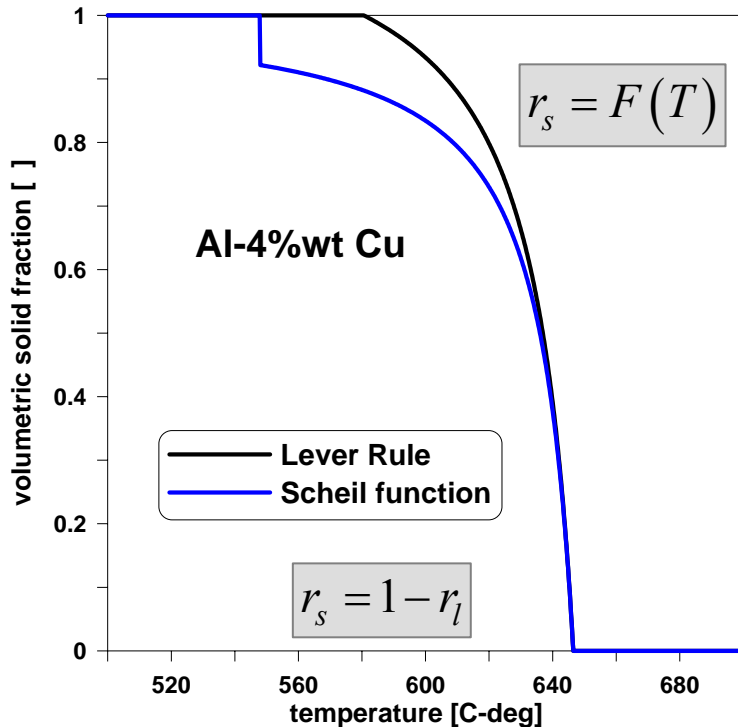
$$\Delta h_{sl} = (\rho_l c_l - \rho_s c_s) T + \rho_l L$$

$$\left(\rho c + \Delta h_{sl} \frac{dr_l}{dT} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0$$

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) = -\Delta h_{sl} \frac{\partial r_l}{\partial t}$$



Fraction solid – temperature relationship



Example of fraction solid
– temperature relationship

- Two unknown fields: T and r_s :
- function $r_s = F(T)$ – a key issue
- Common assumption in macroscopic calculations of diffusion-controlled solidification: r_s a function of T only
- Commonly used relations based on microscopic solutal diffusion models of complete solute mixing in the liquid



CVFDM and GFEM for conduction-driven solidification



All equations of single-domain models of solidification controlled by conduction coincide with the generic form of diffusion transport equation of scalar quantity φ :

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\chi \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} \right) = Q_v$$

where

$\varphi \equiv h_{sens.} = \rho c T$ volumetric sensible enthalpy

$\chi \equiv \lambda / (\rho c)$ thermal diffusivity

$Q_v \equiv S_h$ latent heat source term



CVFDM and GFEM for conduction-driven solidification



latent heat source term:

$$S_h = 0 \quad \text{for apparent heat capacity method}$$

$$S_h = -\Delta h_{sl} \frac{\partial r_l}{\partial t} = \Delta h_{sl} \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} \quad \text{for latent heat source method}$$

CONCLUSION:

Follow all consecutive steps of CVFDM or GFEM spatial and temporal discretization (discussed in this lecture) to get a final set of algebraic equations for fully discrete models of alloy solidification



CVFDM and GFEM for conduction-driven solidification



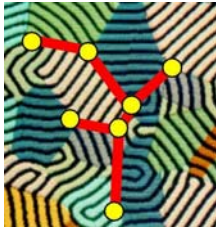
Matrix equation

$$\left([\mathbf{C}(T)] + \Theta \Delta t [\mathbf{K}(T)] \right) \{T^{n+1}\} = \left([\mathbf{C}(T)] - (1 - \Theta) \Delta t [\mathbf{K}(T)] \right) \{T^n\} + \Delta t \left((1 - \Theta) \{R(T)\}^n + \Theta \{R(T)\}^{n+1} \right)$$

Nodal equation

$$\left(C_{kj}(T) + \Theta \Delta t K_{kj}(T) \right) T_j^{n+1} = \left(C_{kj}(T) + (1 - \Theta) \Delta t K_{kj}(T) \right) T_j^n + (1 - \Theta) R_k^n(T) + \Theta R_k^{n+1}(T)$$

**Nonlinearity due to the fraction solid/enthalpy
– temperature coupling – need for iterative
solution strategy**



Fully implicit CVFDM and GFEM model equations



Backward Euler scheme, and LMM

$$\theta = 1, C_{kj} = 0 \text{ for } j \neq k$$

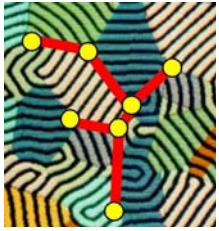
➤ Source Based Method - nodal energy equation

with $T_j \equiv T_j^{n+1}$, $(r_l)_k \equiv (r_l)_k^{n+1}$ and known $r_l = F(T)$

$$C_{kk}(T)(T_k - T_k^n) + \Delta t K_{kj}(T)T_j = S_k \Delta h_{sl}(T) \left((r_l)_k^n - (r_l)_k \right)$$

where

$$S_k = \Omega_k \quad \text{for CVFDM}$$
$$S_k = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} d\Omega \quad \text{for GFEM}$$



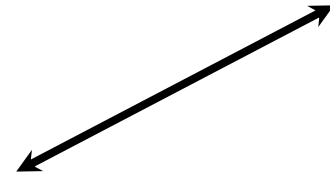
Fully implicit CVFDM and GFEM equations



- General Enthalpy Method - nodal energy equation

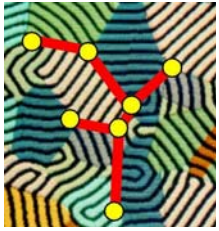
with $T_j \equiv T_j^{n+1}$, $H_k \equiv H_k^{n+1}$, and known $H = G(T)$

$$\Delta t K_{kj}(T) T_j = S_k (H_k^n - H_k)$$



where

$$S_k = \Omega_k \quad \text{for CVFDM}$$
$$S_k = \sum_{e=1}^{NE} \int_{\Omega_e} M_k^{(e)} d\Omega \quad \text{for GFEM}$$



Iterative adjustment of solid fraction / enthalpy and temperature



Source Based Method (SBM)

Taylor series expansion of r_l [Voller & Swaminathan, 1991]:

$$\begin{aligned} (r_l)_k^{(m+1)} &= (r_l)_k^{(m)} + \frac{dF}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - T_k^{(m)} \right) = \\ & (r_l)_k^{(m)} + \frac{dF}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - F^{-1} \left((r_l)_k^{(m)} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$r_l = F(T) \quad - \text{ known function}$$

$$T = F^{-1}(r_l) \quad - \text{ its inverse}$$



Iterative adjustment of solid fraction / enthalpy and temperature



General Enthalpy Method (GEM)

Taylor series expansion of H [Swaminathan & Voller, 1992]:

$$H_k^{(m+1)} = H_k^{(m)} + \frac{dG}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - T_k^{(m)} \right) =$$
$$H_k^{(m)} + \frac{dG}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - G^{-1} \left(H_k^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

where:

$$H = G(T) \quad - \quad \text{a known function}$$

$$T = G^{-1}(H) \quad - \quad \text{its inverse}$$



Iterative adjustment of solid fraction / enthalpy and temperature



Iterative solution algorithm [Voller & Swaminathan, 1991, 1992]:

1. At the start of each consecutive, $(n+1)$, time step Δt :

$$\text{for } m = 0: T_k^{(m)} = T_k^n \text{ and } (r_l)_k^{(m)} = (r_l)_k^n \text{ in SBM}$$

$$\text{or } H_k^{(m)} = H_k^n \text{ in GEM}$$

2. For known m – iteration of all $T_k, (r_l)_k$ or H_k calculate

$$K_{ij}(T^{(m)}); C_{kk}(T^{(m)}); \frac{dF}{dT}(T^{(m)}) \text{ and } F^{-1}\left((r_l)^{(m)}\right) \text{ in SBM}$$

$$\text{or } K_{ij}(T^{(m)}); \frac{dG}{dT}(T^{(m)}) \text{ and } G^{-1}\left(H^{(m)}\right) \text{ in GEM}$$



Iterative adjustment of solid fraction / enthalpy and temperature



3. Solve linearized energy conservation equation to get a new approximation of nodal values of temperature $T_k^{(m+1)}$
4. Update nodal values of r_l or H according to their Taylor series expansions to get a new iteration

$$\left(r_l\right)_k^{(m+1)} = \left(r_l\right)_k^{(m)} + \frac{dF}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - F^{-1} \left(\left(r_l\right)_k^{(m)} \right) \right) \text{ in SBM}$$

or

$$H_k^{(m+1)} = H_k^{(m)} + \frac{dG}{dT} \left(T_k^{(m+1)} - G^{-1} \left(H_k^{(m)} \right) \right) \text{ in GEM}$$



Iterative adjustment of solid fraction / enthalpy and temperature



5. Check convergence – compare two consecutive iterations of H and:

$$\text{IF: } \max_k \left| \frac{H_k^{(m+1)} - H_k^{(m)}}{H_k^{(m)}} \right| < \text{tolerance}$$

go to the next time step

OTHERWISE:

$$T_k^{(m)} = T_k^{(m+1)}; (r_l)_k^{(m)} = (r_l)_k^{(m+1)} \quad \text{or} \quad H_k^{(m)} = H_k^{(m+1)}$$

And continue procedure outlined in steps from 2 to 5 till convergence



Examples of GFEM and CVFDM calculations

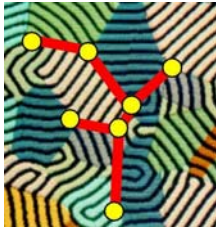


➤ EXAMPLE 1:

Galerkin FEM simulation of Al-2%wt.Cu solidification in a square mould

➤ EXAMPLE 2:

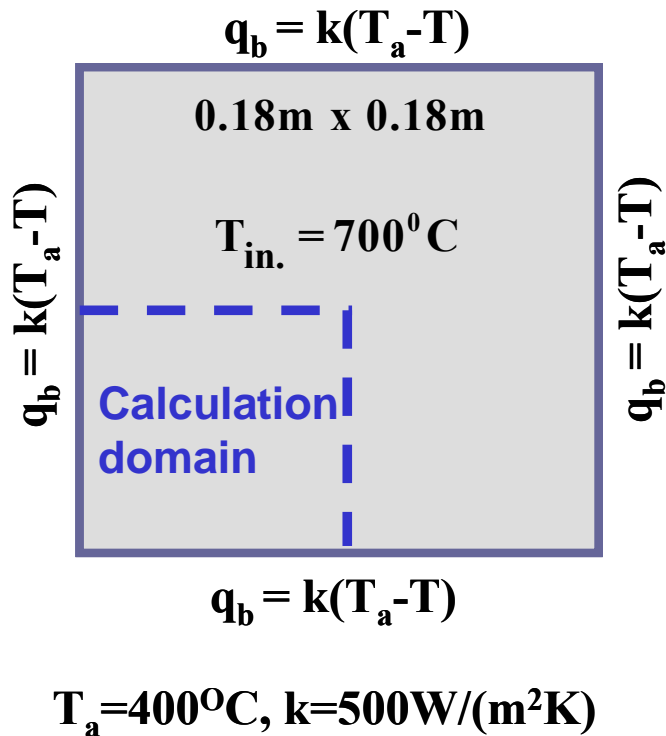
CVFDM calculations of directional solidification in a longitudinal sample of Al-7%wt.Si



EXAMPLE 1: problem specification



Geometry and boundary conditions



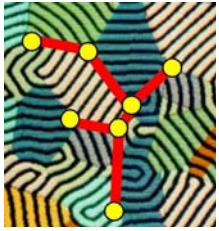
Physical properties

Al-2%wt.Cu

$T_S = 610^\circ\text{C}$, $T_L = 655^\circ\text{C}$
 $\lambda_s = 150\text{W}/(\text{mK})$, $\lambda_l = 75\text{W}/(\text{mK})$
 $c_s = c_l = 1360\text{J}/(\text{kg K})$, $L = 408\text{kJ}/\text{kg}$
Scheil's solute diffusion model

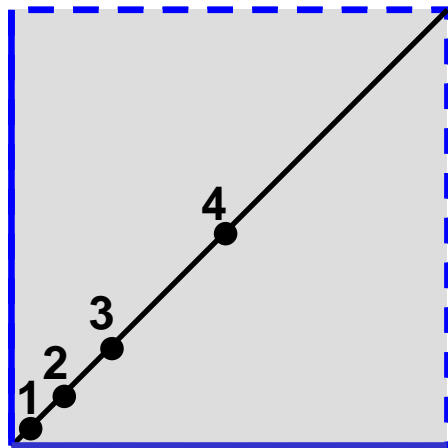
Numerical model

GFEM with General Enthalpy Method
50*50 bilinear elements
Implicit scheme, $\Delta t = 0.5\text{s}$

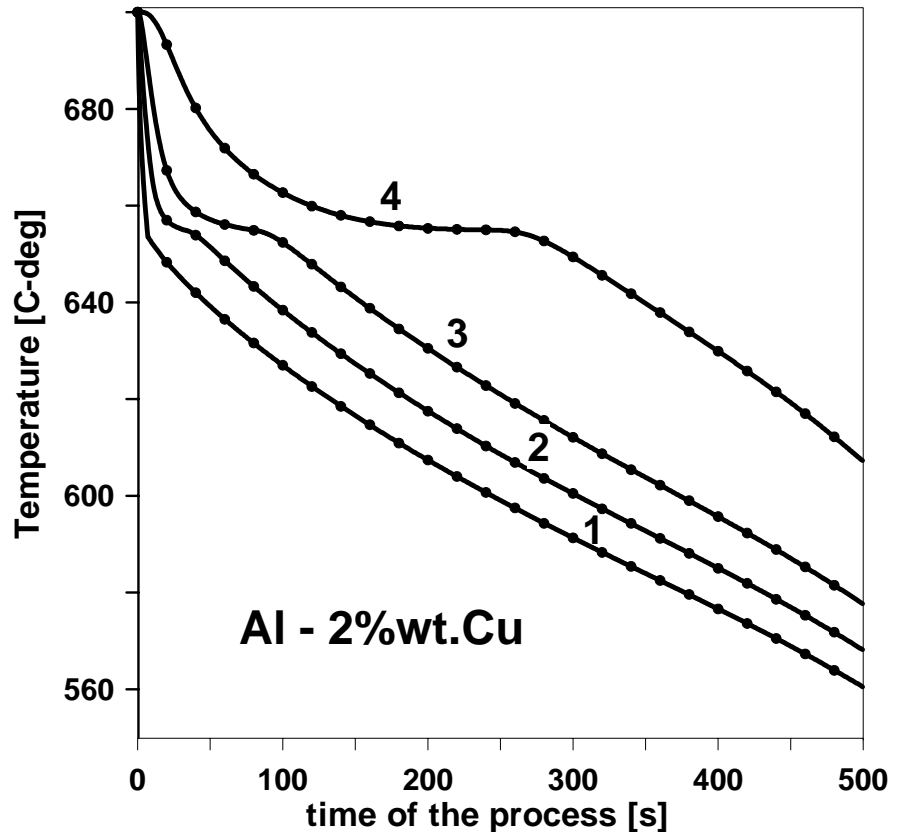


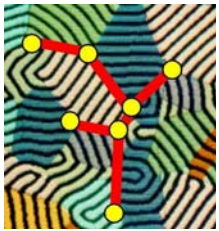
EXAMPLE 1: Results

Cooling curves at selected locations along the mould diagonal



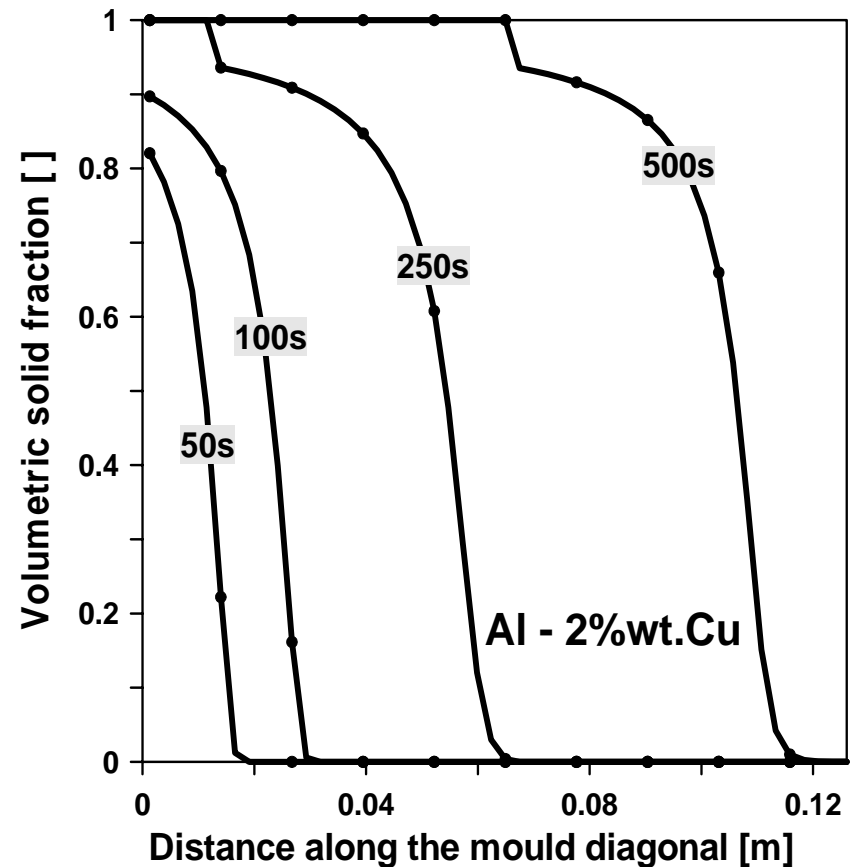
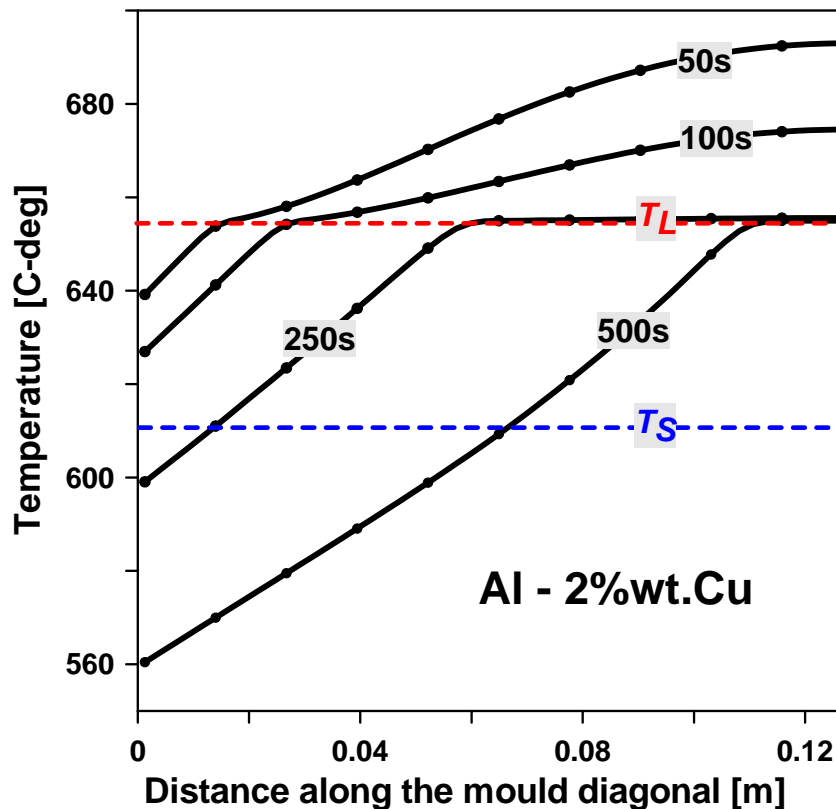
Calculation domain and selected nodes positions

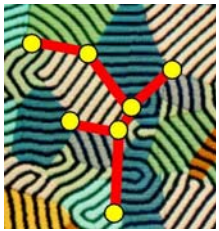




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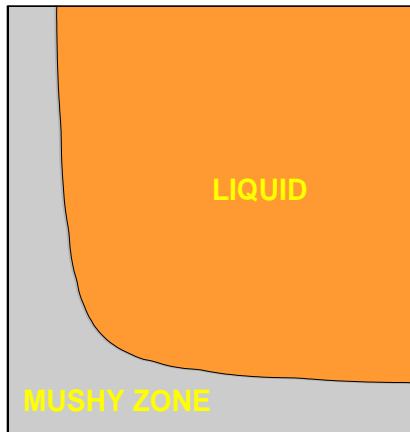
Temperature and fraction solid along the mould diagonal at different times



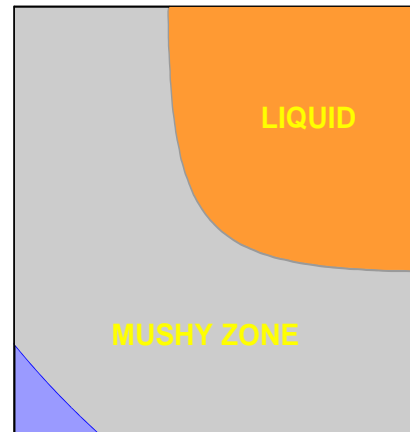


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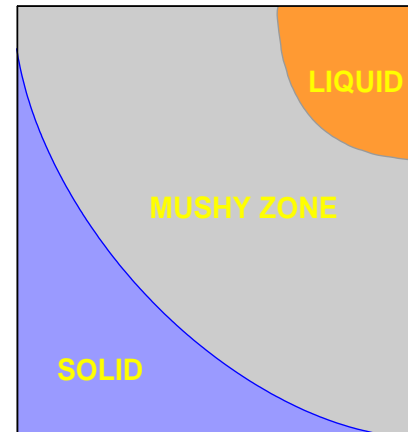
Evolution of solid, mushy zone and superheated liquid



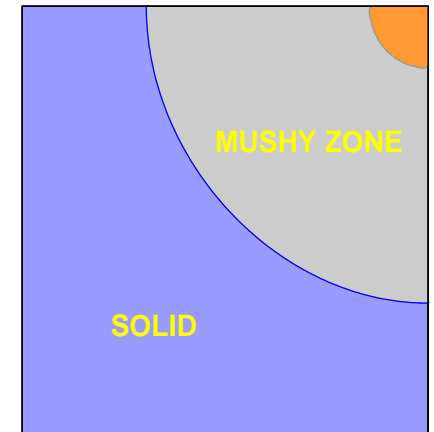
time = 100s



time = 250s



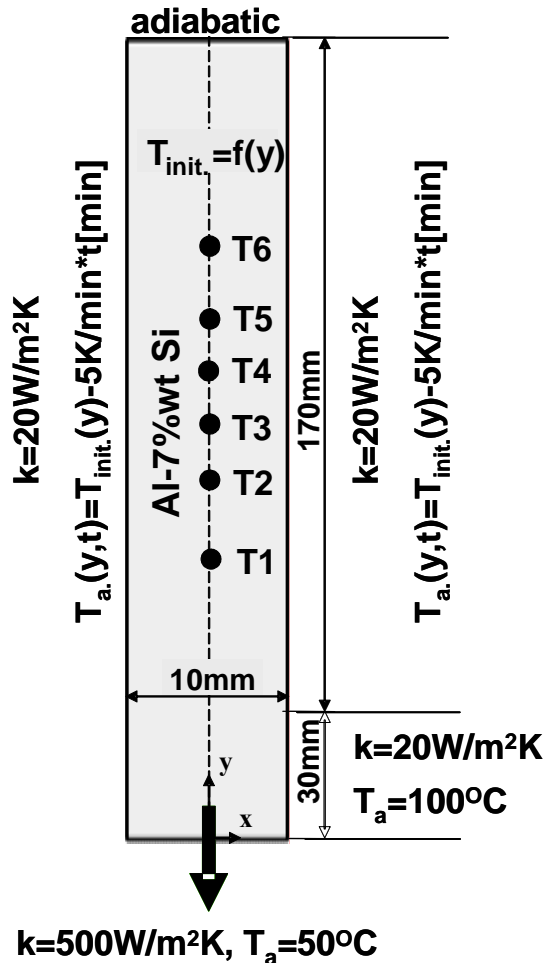
time = 400s



time = 500s



EXAMPLE 2: problem specification



Physical properties

Al-7%wt.Si

$$T_E = 577^\circ\text{C}, T_L = 614^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\lambda_s = 170 \text{ W/(mK)}, \lambda_l = 70 \text{ W/(mK)}$$

$$c_s = 920 \text{ J/(kg K)}, c_l = 1140 \text{ J/(kg K)},$$

$$\rho = 2530 \text{ kg/m}^3, L = 397 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

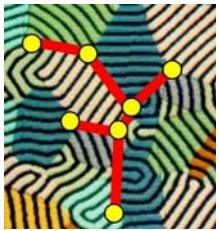
Scheil's solute diffusion model

Numerical model

CVFDM with Source Based Method

11*220 regular CVs

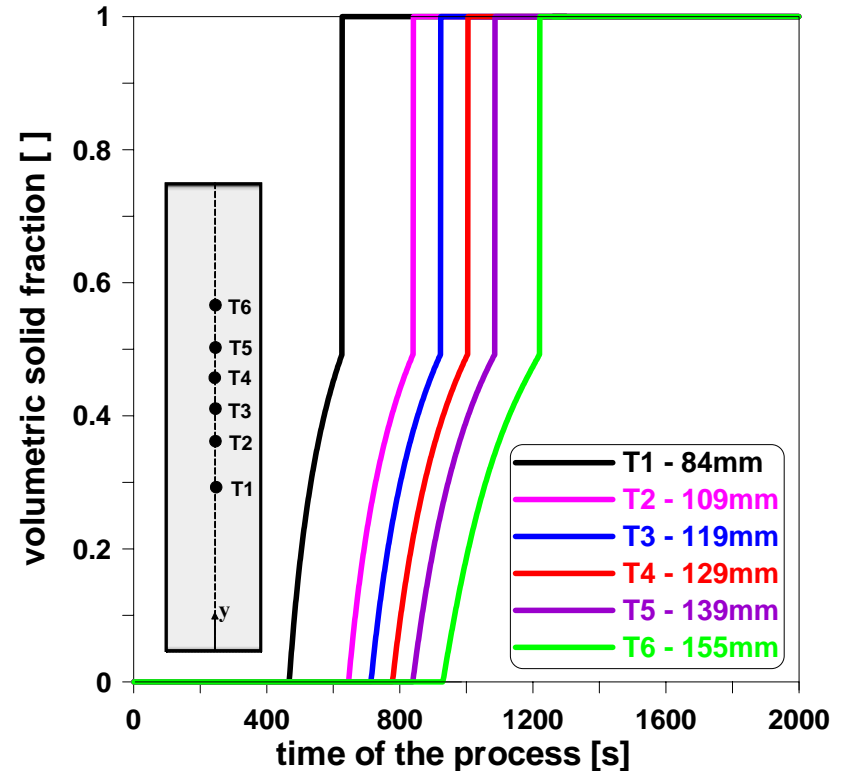
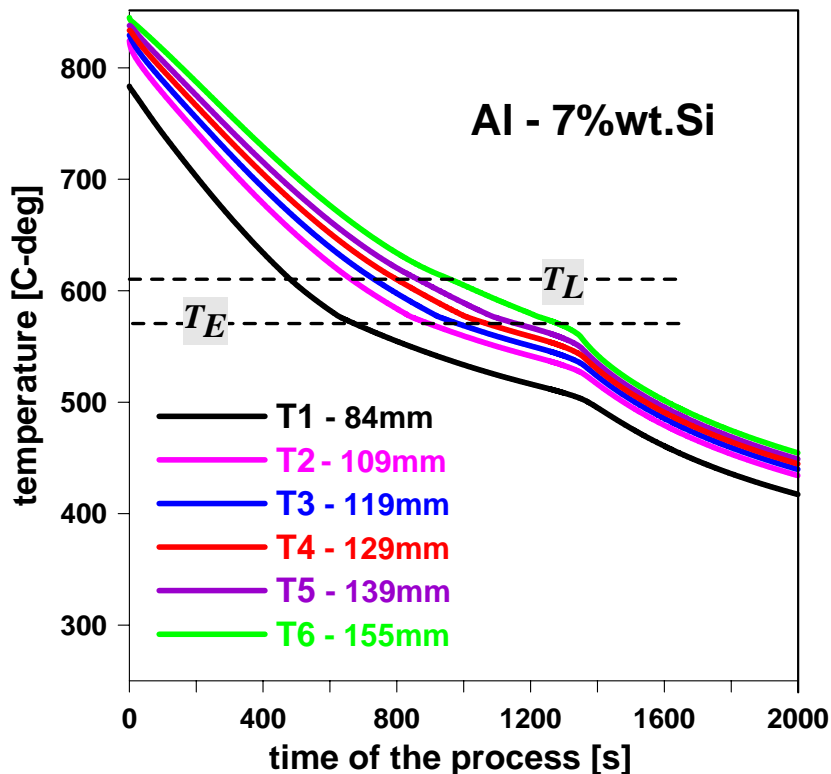
Implicit scheme, $\Delta t = 1 \text{ s}$



EXAMPLE 2: Results



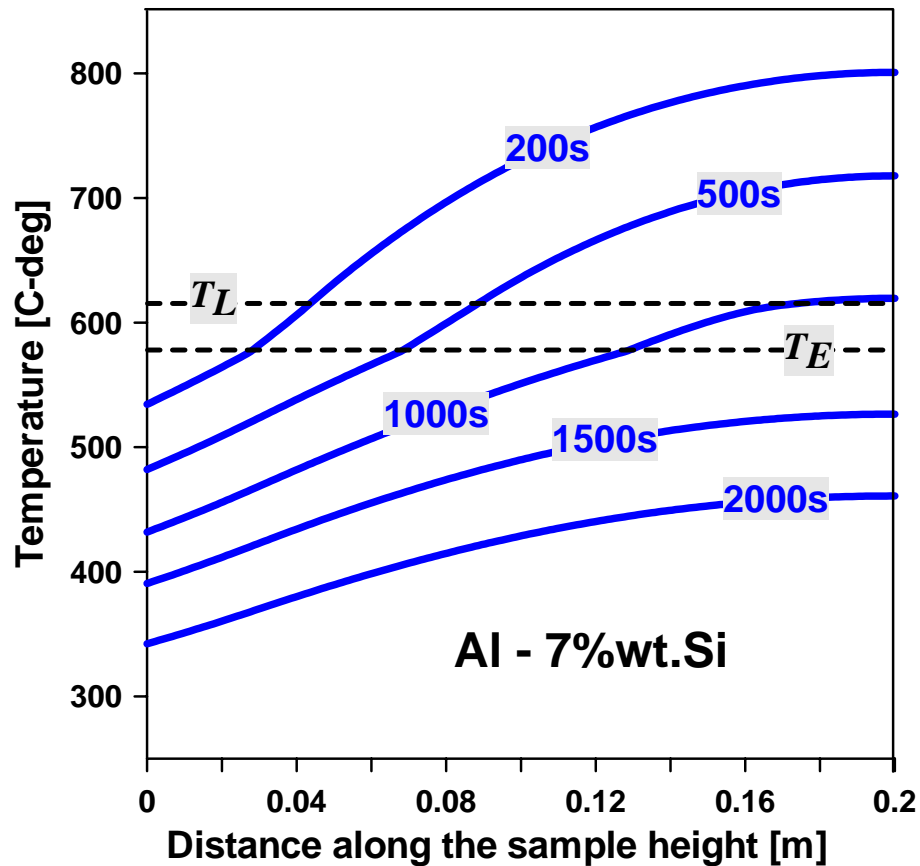
Cooling curves and time changes of fraction solid at selected locations





EXAMPLE 2: Results

Temperature along the sample height

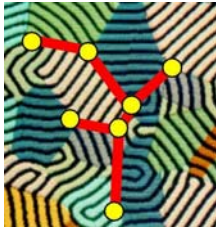




CLOSURE – some comments on more enhanced problems



- Effective macroscopic properties are dependent on microscopic transport phenomena and developing microstructure
- Coupling between micro- and macro-scales phenomena possible through the latent heat evolution – through careful definition of the solid fraction
- Complete solute mixing models (*lever rule*, *Scheil's model*) are commonly used in macroscopic calculations



CLOSURE – some comments on more enhanced problems



Macroscopic calculations that include solute diffusion and solutal undercooling possible by:

- improved models of solid fraction
(for review see: M.Rappaz, *Int. Mat. Rev.*, vol.34, 1989)
- simultaneous solution of macroscopic heat conduction and microscopic solute diffusion equations
(C.Y. Wang & C.Beckermann, *Metall. Mater. Trans.* **25A**, 1994)
- fixed grid front tracking technique based on assumed dendrite tip kinetics
(D.J.Browne & J.D.Hunt, *Num.Heat Transfer, Part B*, **45**, 2004)