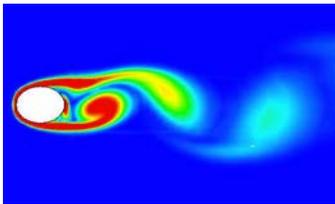


## External and Internal Flows

### External Flows:

- Flow *around* a body
- Boundary layer develops freely without constraints from the geometry

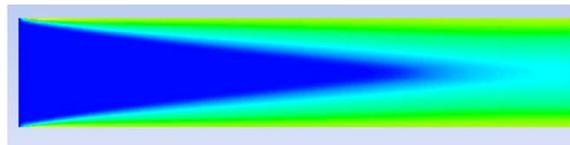
Eg. Cylinder flow



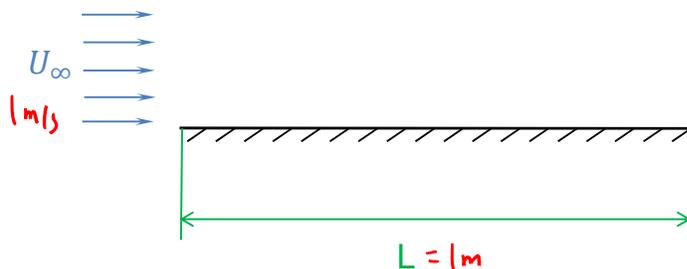
### Internal Flows:

- Flow *inside* a body
- Boundary layer is unable to develop without eventually being constrained

Eg. Pipe flow



## Laminar Flow over a Flat Plate

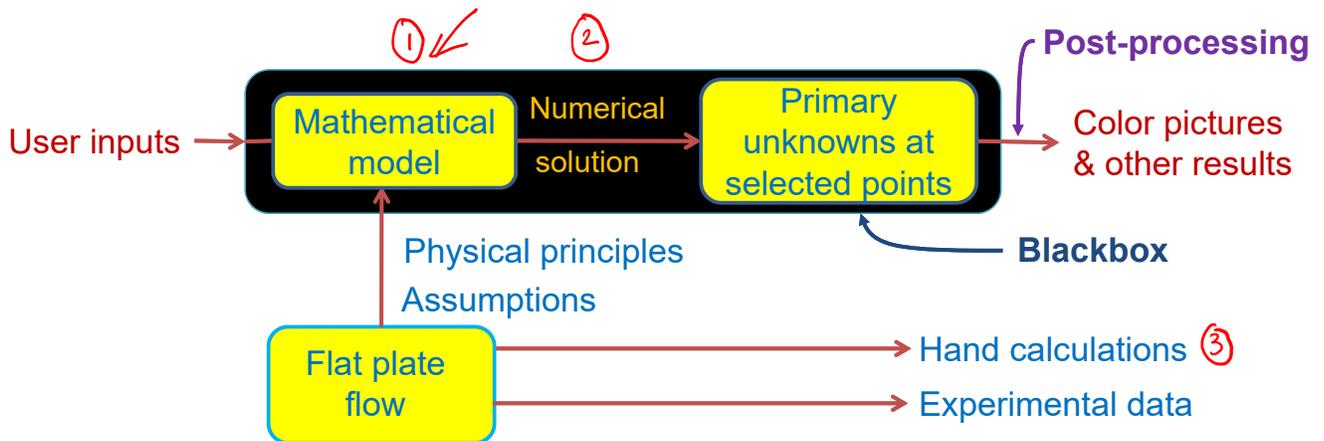


$$Re_L = \frac{\rho U_\infty L}{\mu} = 10,000$$

$\frac{1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}}{10^{-4} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m-s}}}$

- Simplest external flow
- We'll solve this flow numerically using ANSYS FLUENT
  - Solving Navier-Stokes equations, not boundary layer equations
- Compare FLUENT results with boundary layer theory
  - Verify FLUENT solution
  - Better understand boundary layer theory

## What's Inside the CFD Blackbox?



## Mathematical Model

- Boundary value problem
  1. Governing equations *PDEs*
    - Defined in a domain
  2. Boundary conditions
    - Defined at the edges of the domain

## Governing Equations

- Continuity
  - $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$
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Unknowns:

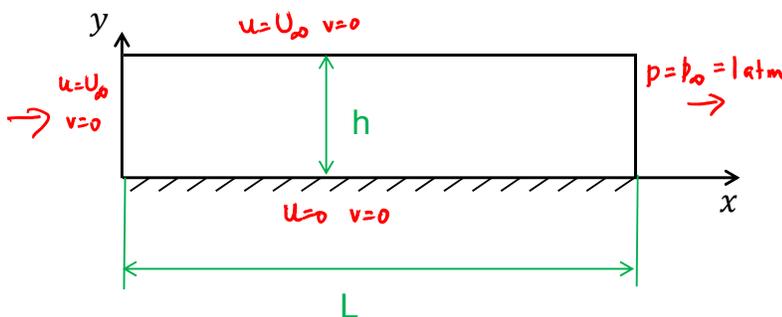
$u(x,y), v(x,y), p(x,y)$

$v_x \quad v_y$

Assumptions:

2D, steady, incompressible, laminar, Newtonian

## Boundary Conditions



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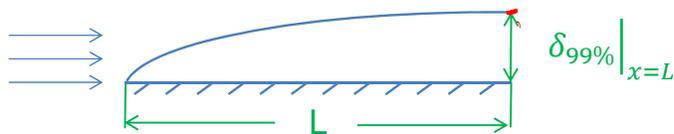
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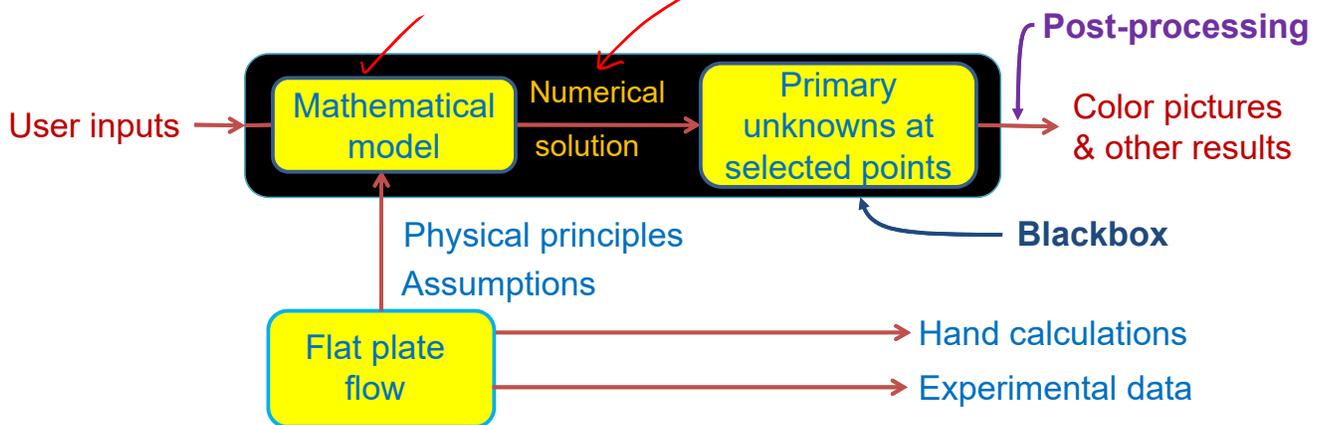
## Domain: Picking $h$

Pick  $h \sim 10 \delta_{99\%}|_{x=L}$   
 $h \sim 10 \times 0.05 = 0.5m$

$$\frac{\delta_{99\%}}{L} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{Re_L}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{10,000}} = 0.05$$

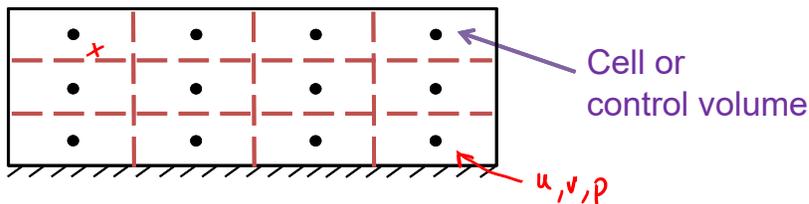


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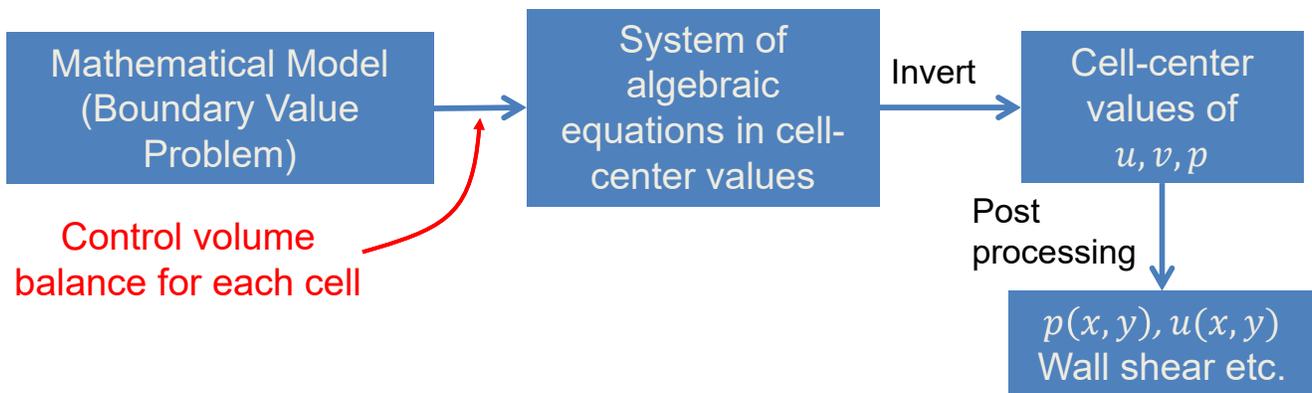
## Finite Volume Method

- Divide the domain into multiple control volumes or “cells”
- Reduce the problem to determining velocity and pressure values at cell centers  $u(x,y), v(x,y), p(x,y) \rightarrow 12+3 = 36$  values
- Use interpolation of cell center values to determine values at other locations within a cell

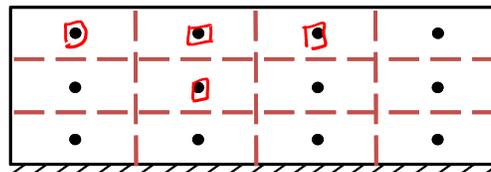


“Discretization”

## How to Find Velocity and Pressure at Cell Centers?

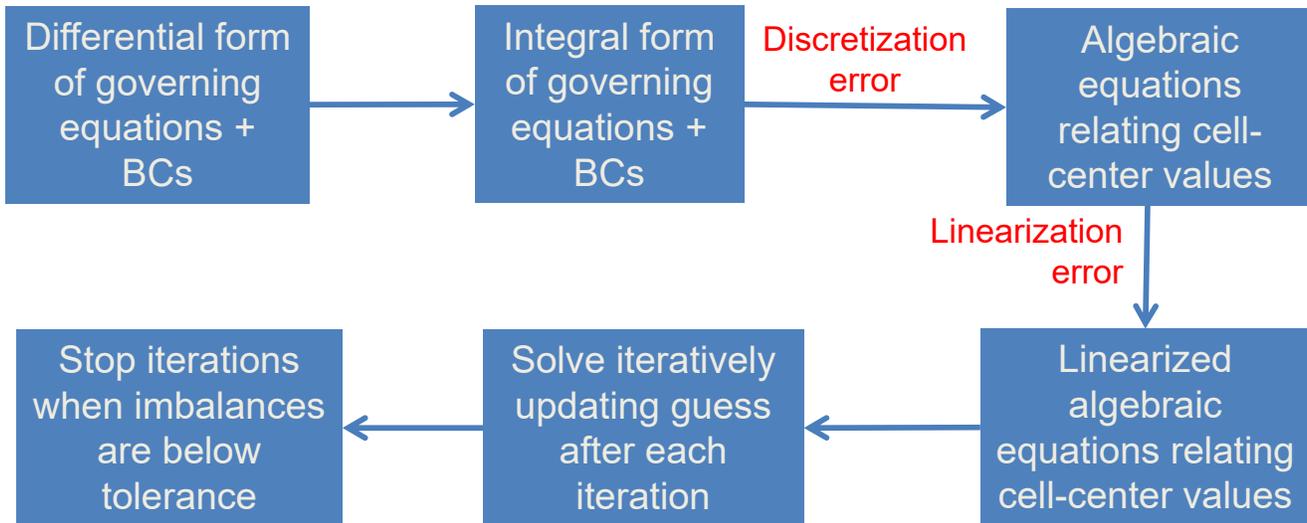


Each algebraic equation will relate a cell-center value to its neighbors



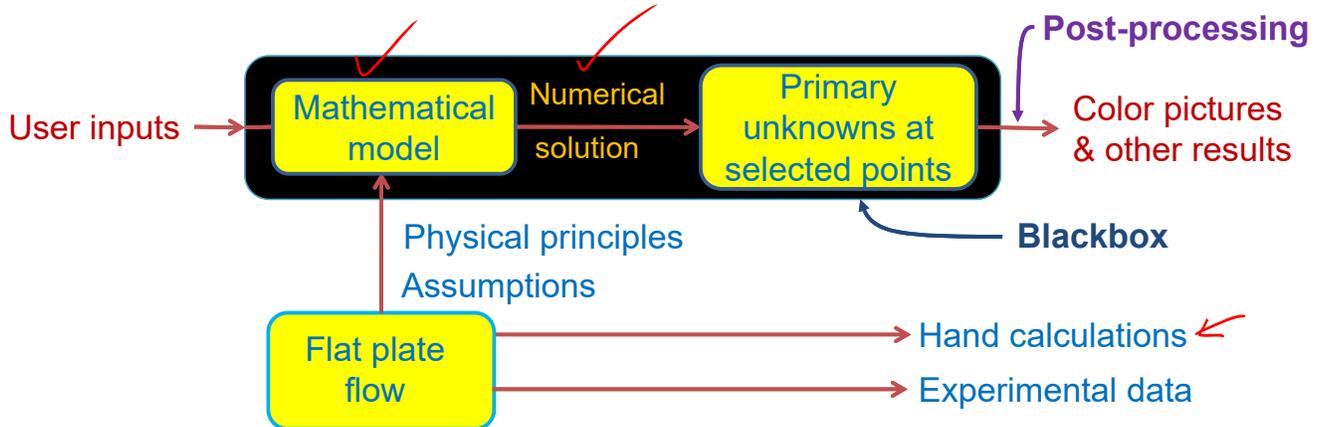
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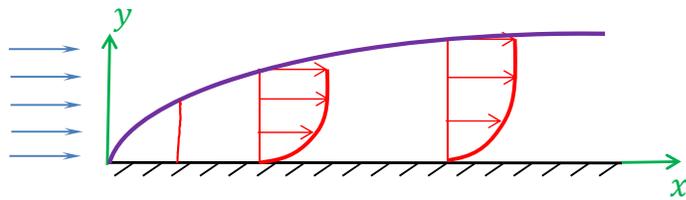


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# Boundary Layer Theory



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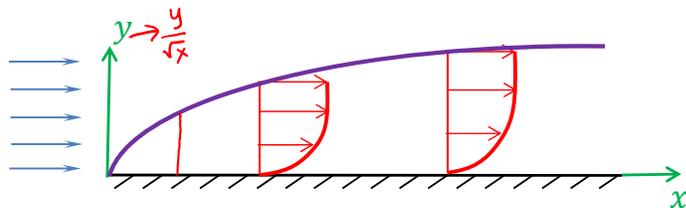
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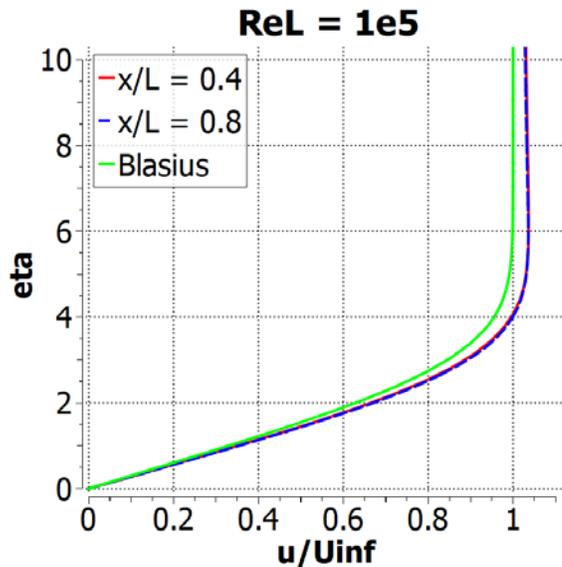
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$$F = F(\eta) \quad \eta = y \sqrt{\frac{\rho U_\infty}{\mu x}}$$

$$F'(\eta) = \frac{u}{U_\infty}$$

# Comparison of FLUENT and Blasius Solutions



# Drag Coefficient

- FLUENT integrates the wall shear and pressure to find the drag force

- $D = \int_0^L \tau_w b dx$  for flat plate
- $b$  is depth normal to screen and taken as 1



- Drag coefficient

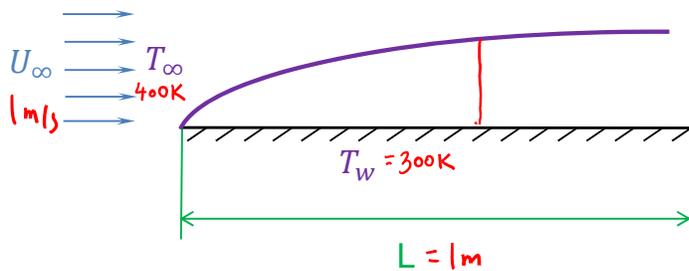
-  $C_D = \frac{D}{0.5 \rho U_\infty^2 L b}$

- In FLUENT,  $C_D = \frac{D}{0.5 \rho_{ref} V_{ref}^2 A_{ref}}$

Reference Values	
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	1 <i>Aref</i>
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 <i>rho_ref</i>
Depth (m)	1
Enthalpy (j/kg)	0
Length (m)	1
Pressure (pascal)	0
Temperature (k)	288.16
Velocity (m/s)	1 <i>Vref</i>
Viscosity (kg/m-s)	1.7894e-05
Ratio of Specific Heats	1.4



## Laminar Flow over a Flat Plate with Heating



$$Re_L = \frac{\rho U_\infty L}{\mu} = 10,000$$

$\rho$  (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $U_\infty$  (m/s)  
 $L$  (m)  
 $\mu$  (10<sup>-4</sup> kg/m-s)

$$Pr = \frac{\mu C_p}{k} = 1$$

$\mu$  (10<sup>-4</sup> kg/m-s)  
 $C_p$  (10<sup>4</sup> J/kg K)  
 $k$  (W/mK)

- Additional unknown variable: Temperature
- Need additional governing equation + BCs
- Does heating change the velocity and pressure field?

## Governing Equations

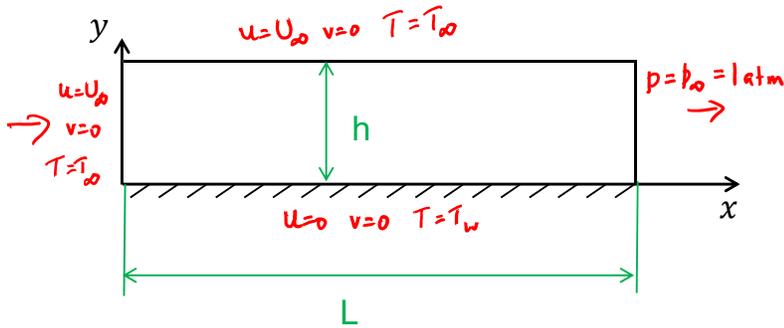
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- Conservation of energy
  - $\rho C_p (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) T = k \nabla^2 T + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) p + \Phi$

Assumptions:  
 2D, steady,  
 incompressible,  
 laminar,  
 Newtonian  
 Constant properties

Unknowns:  $u(x, y), v(x, y), p(x, y), T(x, y)$

Energy equation is uncoupled

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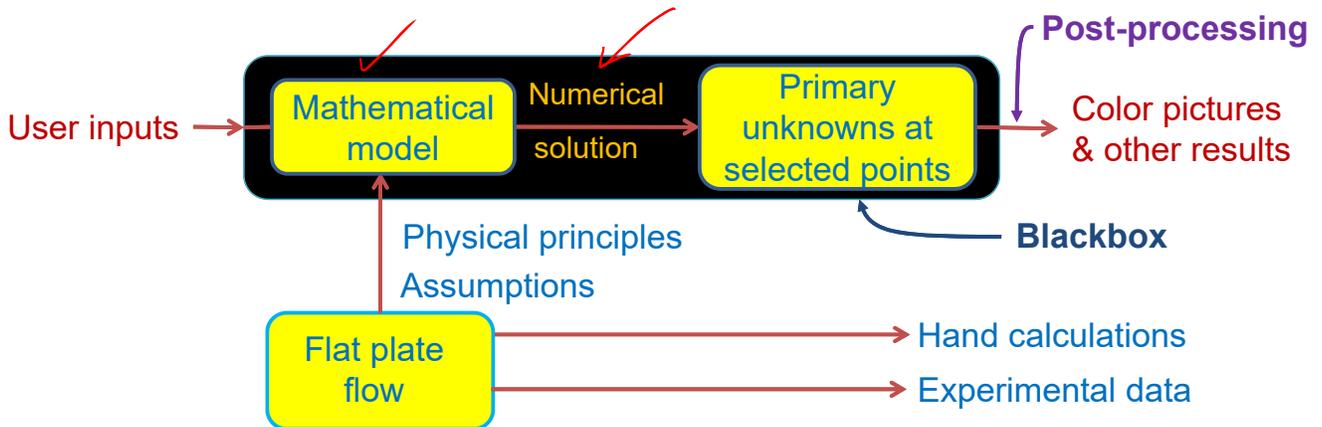
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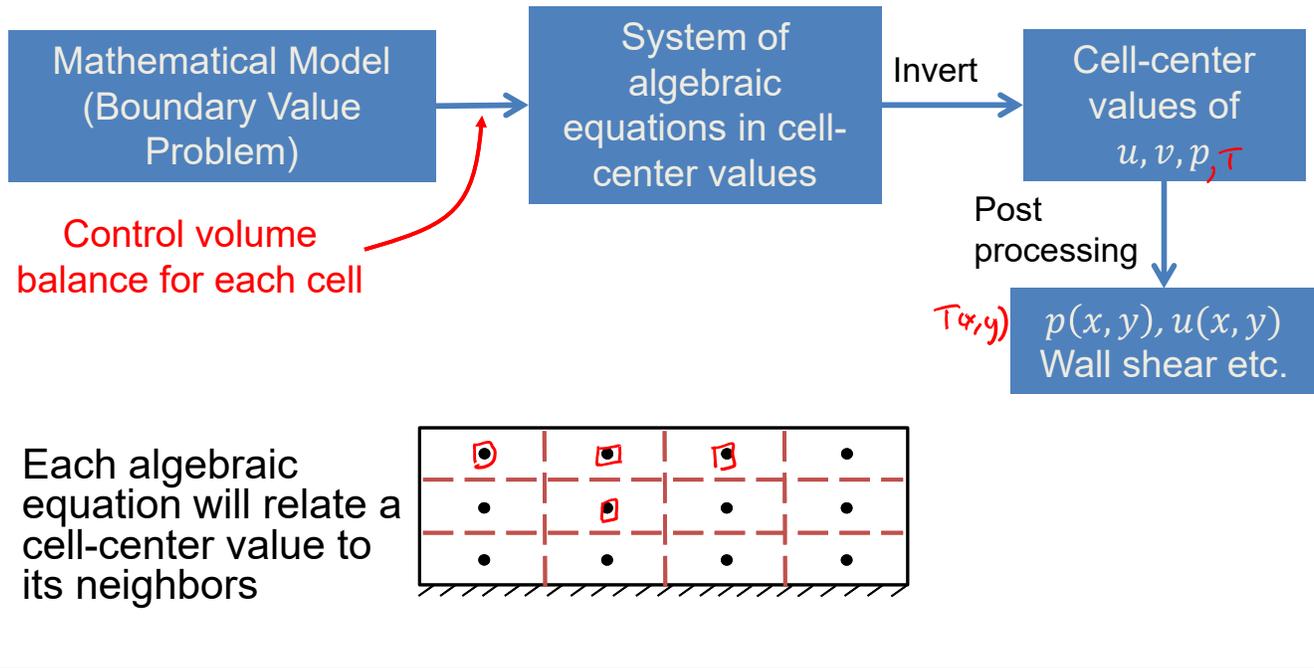
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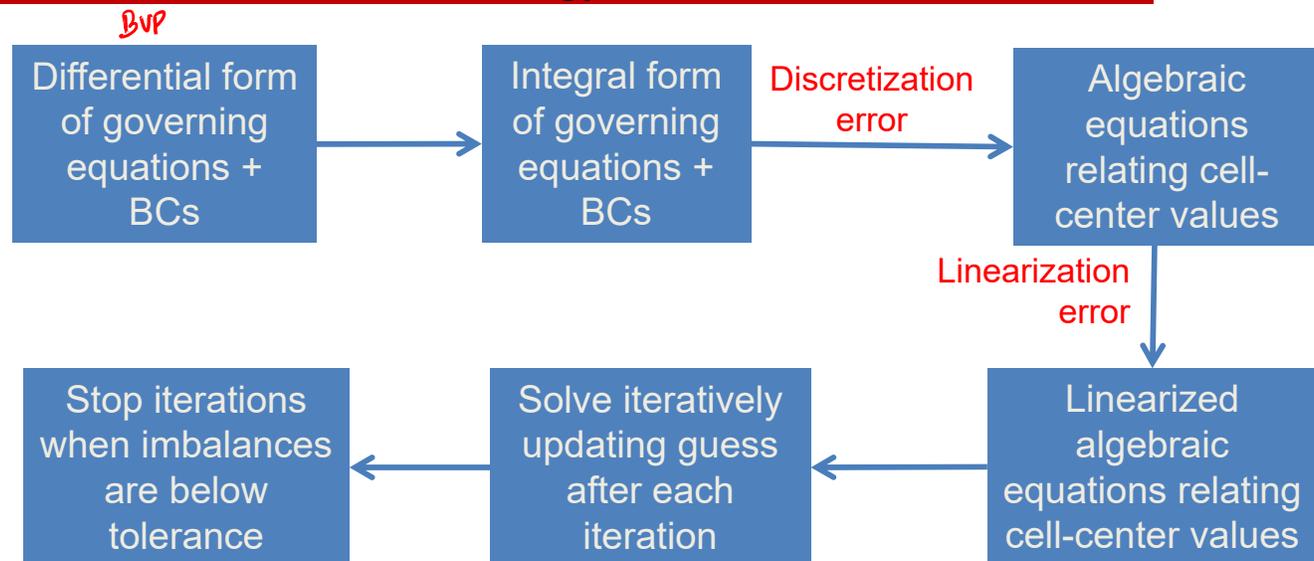
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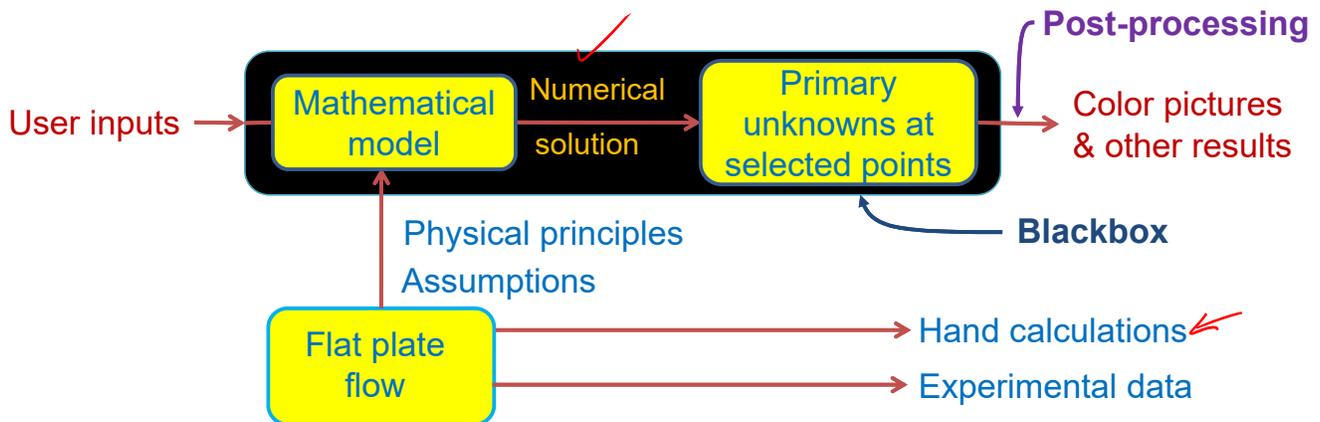


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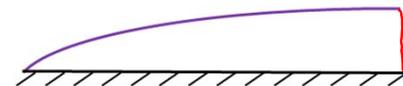
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## Hand Calculations

- For  $Pr = 1$ ,
  - Thermal boundary layer thickness is same as velocity boundary layer thickness
- Nusselt number
  - $Nu_x = \frac{hx}{k}$
  - $q_w = h(T_w - T_\infty)$
- Nusselt number correlation using boundary layer similarity solution
  - $Nu_x = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Pr^{1/3}$
  - $Re_x = \frac{\rho U_\infty x}{\mu}$



$$\delta_{99\%} \Big|_{x=L} = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

# Post-processing

- Non-dimensional temperature

$$- \frac{T_w - T}{T_w - T_\infty}$$

- Nusselt number

$$\triangleright Nu_x = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Pr^{1/3}$$

$$\triangleright Nu_x = \frac{hx}{k}$$

$$\triangleright q_w = h(T_w - T_\infty) = -k \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_w$$

- In Fluent,

$$\triangleright q_w = h_{eff}(T_w - T_{ref})$$

- Plot  $Nu_x$  vs.  $Re_x$

$$\triangleright Re_x = \frac{\rho U_\infty x}{\mu}$$

