

PREDICTION OF PULSATILE 3D FLOW IN ELASTIC TUBES USING STAR CCM+ CODE

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Three-dimensional fluid-structure interaction is studied numerically in several elastic straight or curved pipes under a pulsatile flow. The finite volume code STAR-CCM+ is used to solve the fluid-structure interaction problem governed by the Navier Stokes equations with the large displacement model in a strongly coupled interaction. Two cases are considered for the validation purposes: straight collapsible tube with different thicknesses, for validation of the fluid-structure model and pulsatile flow in a rigid curved pipe. Finally, the comparison between rigid and elastic walls on the pulsatile flow in a curved pipe is performed for several Young modulus and Womersley numbers. The results show a detailed validation of the STAR-CCM+ code for the fluid-structure interaction model problem and a physical sound result considering the influence of the wall elasticity on the Dean vortices of the secondary flow.

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