

# Multiphysics in Haemodynamics: Fluid-Structure Interaction between Blood and Arterial Wall

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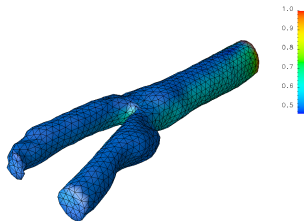
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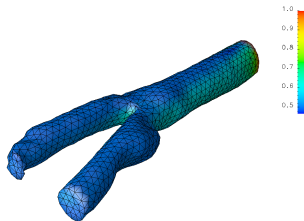


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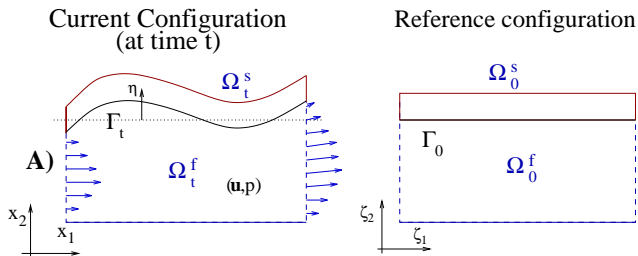
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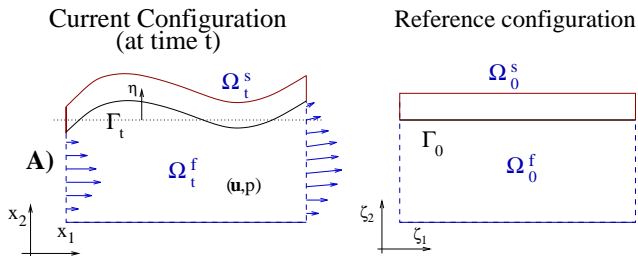


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# Physical Model – Fluid

- Blood can be treated as a homogeneous, incompressible, Newtonian fluid in large arteries.

## Navier-Stokes equations

$$\begin{cases} \rho_f \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \rho_f \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f(\mathbf{u}, p) = \mathbf{f}^f \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0 \\ + \text{suitable initial and boundary conditions} \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \Omega_t^f,$$

$\mathbf{u}$ : fluid velocity

$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u}}{2}$ : strain tensor

$p$ : fluid pressure

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_f(\mathbf{u}, p) = 2\mu \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) - p\mathbf{l}$ : fluid stress tensor



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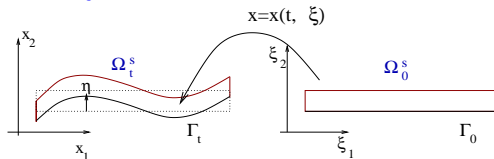
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# A global weak formulation

**Fluid eqs.** Multiply by  $(v, q) \in \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega_t^f) \times L^2(\Omega_t^f)$

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# Numerical Approximation

- Space discretization by Finite Elements both for the fluid and the structure.

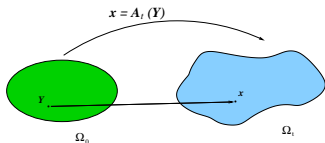
## Major difficulties

- Discretize fluid equations on a moving domain  $\Rightarrow$  ALE formulation
- Find stable time discretization schemes and coupling strategies.



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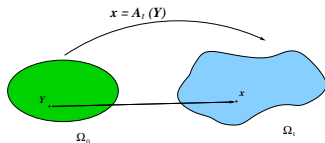
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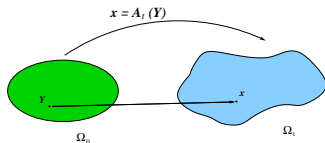
$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_t}{\partial t} \circ \mathcal{A}_t^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right|_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u}$$



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## Navier-Stokes ALE

$$\begin{cases} \rho_f \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} + \rho_f (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f(\mathbf{u}, p) = \mathbf{0} \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \Omega_t$$



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- To get global stability, the ALE-convective term has to be integrated on intermediate configurations so as to satisfy the so called **Geometric Conservation Laws** (GCL) [Formaggia-Nobile, '99, '04]

Stability Result for homogeneous problem [Nobile, PhD]

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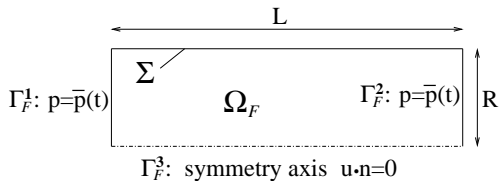
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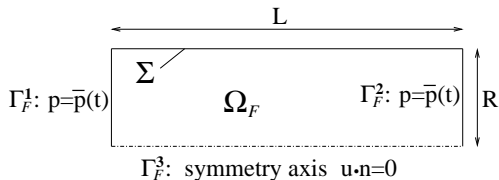


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We also introduce the particular solution  $p^*$  to the problem with non-homogeneous boundary conditions:

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We have that  $p = p^* - \rho_f \mathcal{R} \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2}$ .

and, setting  $p_{\text{ext}} = p^*|_{\Sigma}$

$$p|_{\Sigma} = p_{\text{ext}} - \rho_f \mathcal{M}_A \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2}$$



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It is useful to study the behaviour of the maximum eigenvalue  $\mu_{max}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_A$

- The inverse of  $\mu_{max}$  is the smallest eigenvalue of the standard Steklov-Poincaré operator.
- $\mu_{max}$  is a purely geometric quantity.

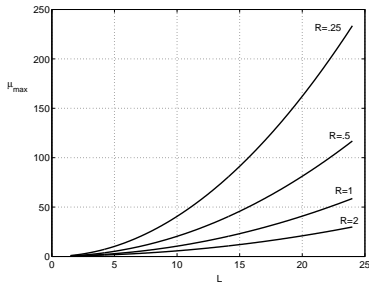
It can be computed analytically in simple cases:

• 2D fluid in rectangle: 
$$\mu_{max} = \frac{L}{\pi \operatorname{th}\left(\frac{\pi R}{L}\right)}.$$

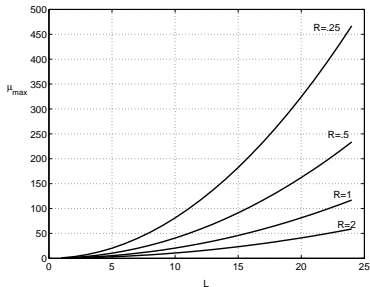
• 2D axi-symmetric fluid in cylinder 
$$\mu_{max} = \frac{L l_0\left(\frac{\pi R}{L}\right)}{\pi l_0'\left(\frac{\pi R}{L}\right)}$$
 where  $l_0$  is the modified Bessel function. For  $R/L$  small, 
$$\mu_{max} \approx \frac{2L^2}{\pi^2 R}.$$



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$\mu_{max}$  in the 2D case



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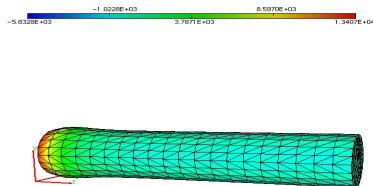


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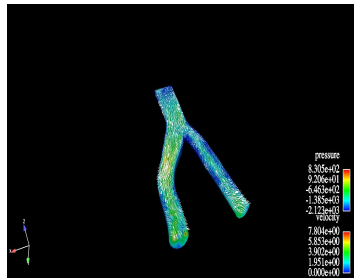
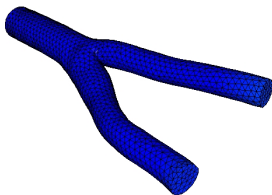


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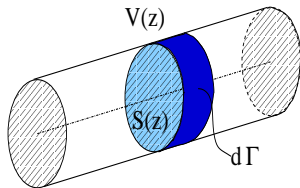
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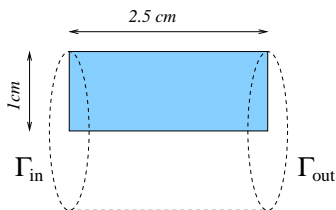


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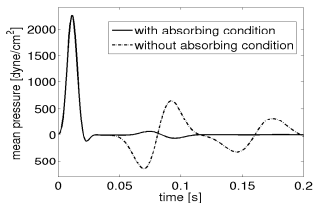
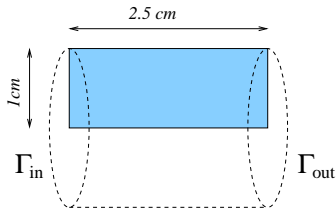
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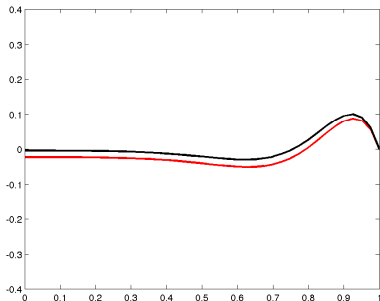


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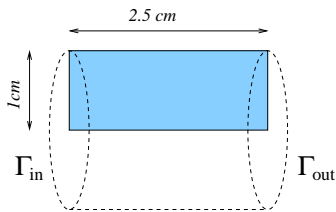
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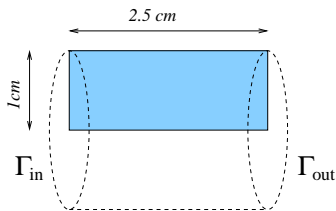


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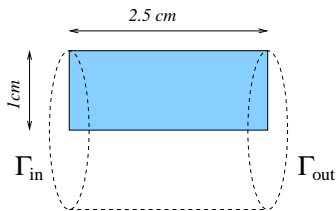
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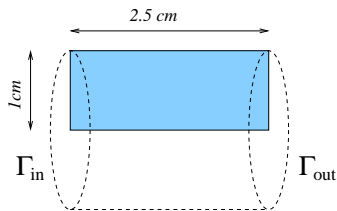
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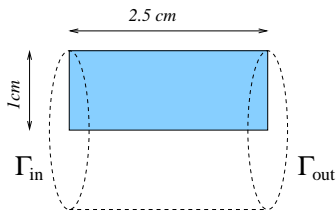


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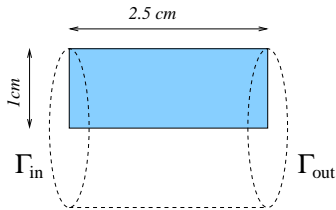
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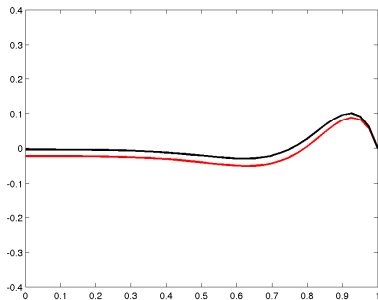
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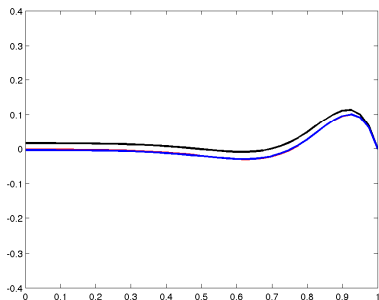
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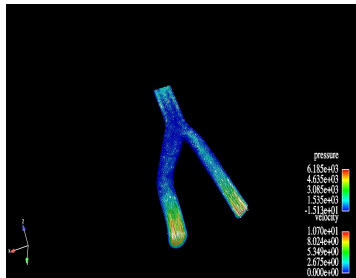
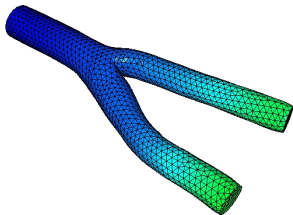
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