

Numerical investigation of steady incompressible fluid flow through a branched channel

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This contribution presents some of the latest results of a newly developed simple numerical solver aimed to study the flow properties and behavior in branching channels. Our finite difference solver is based on a simple implementation of an immersed boundary method to represent channel geometry. This solver is compared with outputs of an older finite volume code working on classical wall fitted structured multi-block grid. The ultimate aim of our work is to use the simple code for implementation and evaluation of various boundary conditions and model extensions to be later implemented into other more complex solvers. The first numerical results show that the developed code, despite of its simplicity, is able to provide reliable and consistent results for various branching channels configurations.

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