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TITLE: Computational Models of Molecular and Nanoparticle Transport in Tissues and Capillaries

Abstract

Transport of matter in biological systems represents the vital and most important process. The transport occurs in different scales, spanning from the atomic to macroscale. It is very complex since it involves both biochemical and mechanical sources. Modeling remains a challenge due to this complexity. In this presentation we refer to the following specific topics: transport of distributed biological constituents related to plaque formation and growth, transport of solid bodies by fluid, and diffusion in complex media. Those are the topics on which the research has been performed at The Methodist Hospital Research Institute, Houston; and at Metropolitan University, Belgrade – R & D Center for Bioengineering, Kragujevac, Serbia. Models of plaque formation and growth rely on the convective transport and diffusion-reaction equations, while transport of rigid and deformable solids within fluid is modeled by a remshing procedure. In diffusion within complex media a hierarchical modeling approach (introduced for simulation of diffusion within nanochannels) is used. It accounts for interface effects between solid phase and transported molecules, and couples MD and FE method. Here, a generalization of the hierarchical approach is proposed for diffusion in composite media.

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