

Simulation of the Cardiovascular Mechanical System Based on Pressure-Flow Model Rest Condition

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Abstract:- Non-invasive measurement method has made rapid developments in the field of biomedical engineering. One of research is impedance cardiography (ICG), which provide information of pulsation basic. By knowing this kind of measurement technique, it will assist inspection of the patient's physiological condition with cardiovascular system.

This research is aimed to determine the mechanical characteristics of the cardiovascular system in the human body such as a wave graph of pressure, flow, and volume, based on pressure–flow model in rest condition, and analyze the simulation results by implementing state of the physiology cardiovascular disease. To obtain the wave chart that is modeled by the cardiovascular system using a lumped parameter method, formulate the differential equations of the pressure–flow dynamics equation for an incompressible fluid in a segment of a cylindrical elastic tube and simulate the model using the Simulink toolboxes from Matlab R2008b.

The simulation with lumped parameter method resulted wave graphics of pressure, flow, and volume of physiological state a person in rest condition, the left ventricular pressure is 120 mmHg , right ventricular pressure is 30 mmHg , left ventricular outflow is 800 mL / sec and volume in the left ventricle is 160 mL . By implementing the simulation have been developed on the physiological state of cardiovascular disease, hypertension occurs when the arteries resistance $R_{3i} = 0.61 \text{ mmHg} \times \text{s mL}$ with the pressure of the left ventricle is 145 mmHg. For coronary heart condition, ventricular pressure decreased until 82 mmHg in the value of the coronary arteries resistance is $R_{3o} = 0.852 \text{ mmHg} \times \text{s mL}$. This research assumed heart haves the character of passive because there is no feedback signal that can compensate if the pressure in the systemic circulation is reduced.

The research can be concluded that the graph from simulation shows the results are not much different from the reference chart, this results indicates that the equation and the simulation was able to reflect on the human circulatory physiological circumstances. A little different of a graphic simulation result due to differences in the parameters and assumptions used.

Keywords: Cardiovascular Mechanical Systems, Simulation, Pressure, Flow

I. INTRODUCTION

Non-invasive measurement method has made rapid developments in the field of biomedical engineering. One of research is impedance cardiography (ICG), which provide information of pulsation basic. By knowing this kind of measurement technique, it will assist inspection of the patient's physiological condition with cardiovascular system¹.

Knowing the non-invasive measurement techniques will help in examination of the physiological conditions of the patient associated with the system cardiovascular disease or circulatory system that occurs in the body².

The modeling and simulation carried out aim to imitate a variety a model of the human circulatory system. Expected from this modeling can provide data on the different pathological conditions of humans. And calculate the required differential equation. The purpose behind development the model is to get information about physiological phenomena in cycles closed loop-parallel closed cardiovascular system.

In this research, modeling and simulation of the cardiovascular system will built using the simulink toolbox on the Matlab R2008b software. With this modeling and simulation various graph models will be produced representative about blood pressure, blood flow, and the volume of blood flowing at blood vessels. The block diagram in simulink is also useful for visualizing the relationships that occur in the circulatory system (system cardiovascular).

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

➤ Cardiovascular System

Cardiovascular system is sometimes called blood-vascular or simply referred to as the circulatory system. The cardiovascular system consists of the heart, which is a muscular pumping device, and a closed system of channels

¹ F Kappel, "A MATHEMATICAL CARDIOVASCULAR MODEL WITH PULSATILE AND NON-PULSATILE COMPONENTS," 2010.

² Dyuti Kishorbhai Trivedi, "SIMULATION OF A COMPLETE CARDIOVASCULAR LOOP: DEVELOPMENT OF A SIMULINK BASED PRESSURE-FLOW MODEL TO OBTAIN THE ORIGIN OF THE ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE CARDIOGRAM" 2009.

called arteries, veins, and capillaries. In the cardiovascular system, blood is pumped by the heart flow around a closed circle or circuit of vessels because through various "circulations" of the body³.

The function of circulation is to serve the needs of the network, for transport nutrients to tissues, and to deliver hormones from one part body to other parts of the body. Circulation is divided into systemic circulation and pulmonary circulation. Systemic circulation supplies blood flow to all body tissues except the lungs, therefore this circulation is also called a large circulation or circulation peripheral⁴.

➤ *Computational Hemodynamic Model*

A strong analogy between electrical circuits and circulatory fluid systems humans so computing models of the cardiovascular system are easily represented in the form of electrical circuits. Blood vessels can be considered as capacitors with compliance (C, mL/mmHg) that the volume of blood (V, mL), connected to the resistor (R, mmHg s/mL or PRU) which explains the fluid obstacles faced by flow blood⁵.

• *Blood Volume, Blood Flow, Blood Pressure*

For each container, we associate the pressure P (t) and volume V (t) from blood. Assuming a linear relationship between transmural pressure and total volume, we get

$$V(t) = cP(t) + V_u$$

Blood flow is described in terms of a mass balance equation, which is level the change in blood volume V (t) in the compartment is the difference between flow in and out of the compartment. For generic compartments, stated

$$\frac{d}{dt}(cP(t)) = F_{in} - F_{out}$$

F flow between two compartments can be explained by Ohm's law. That is, depends on the pressure difference between adjacent compartments and at the resistance R towards blood flow. Thus will have a relationship

$$F = \frac{1}{R}(P_1 - P_2)$$

Blood pressure is the strength given by blood against unit area of the vessel wall. Because of the pumping action of the heart beating, Arterial pressure varies between systolic pressure (120 mmHg) and diastolic pressure (80 mmHg) in normal humans⁶.

³ Rissa Kurnia, "Fakultas kesehatan masyarakat universitas sumatera utara medan 2007," 2009.

⁴ Guyton Hall, *Fisiologi Kedokteran*, Third edit (W.B. Saunders Company publication, 1996).

⁵ Zaid Samar, "Cardiovascular Parameter Estimation using a Computational Model," 2005.

⁶ J T Ottesen, M S Olufsen, dan J K Larsen, "Applied Mathematical Models in Human Physiology," 2006.

• *Relationship between Pressure, Flow and Resistance*

Flow through vessels can be calculated by the following formula, which is called Ohm's Law:

$$Q = \frac{\Delta P}{R}$$

where, Q = blood flow, R = resistance, ΔP = pressure difference (P1 - P2) between the two ends of blood vessels.

➤ *Compressive Fluid-Flow Dynamic Equations*

Pressure-flow dynamics for incompressible fluids in cylinder segments elastic tube can be described by the equation below:

✓ *Pressure*

$$P_n = \frac{1}{C_n} \int (f_n - f_{n+1}) \cdot dt$$

✓ *Flow*

$$f_{n+1} = \frac{P_n - P_{n+1}}{R_{n+1}}$$

➤ *Model Parameters Lumped*

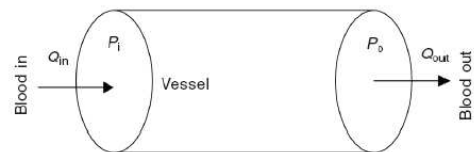


Fig 1:- Elements of Hemodynamics of Blood Vessels

Figure 1 shows part of the hemodynamic elements of blood vessels with blood flow coming in from one end and exiting to the other end is an analogy of hemodynamic vascular elements.

The same part can be represented as an electric equivalent circuit as shown in Figure 2. In this model, all blood vessels which is represented by the same section. Combining all of these parts, it is possible to get a lumped model of the complete circulation system. (3)

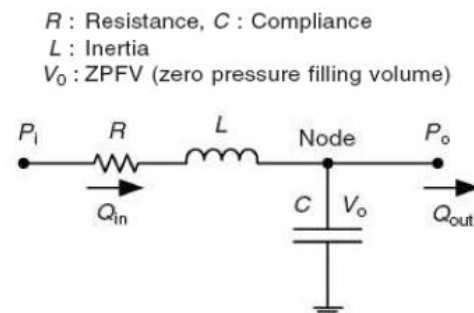


Fig 2:- Representation of Electric Equivalent Circuits⁷

⁷ Eun Bo S Him, Jong Youb S Ah, dan Chan Hyun Y Oun, "Mathematical Modeling of Cardiovascular System

➤ Hypertension and Coronary Heart Disease

High blood pressure or hypertension, which is an increase abnormal and continuous blood pressure checks are several times caused by one or more risk factors that are not working as it should in maintaining blood pressure normally⁸. As a result of narrowing of arteries found in the left atrium then the resistance will increase so that the pressure on the left ventricle will increase which causes hypertension (high blood pressure). The following pressure criteria Hypertension: systolic pressure (left ventricle) ≥ 140 mmHg and diastolic pressure ≥ 90 mmHg.

Coronary heart disease is a heart disease caused by coronary artery blockage. Acute blockage occurs because of the presence of atherosclerotics coronary artery walls, which block blood flow to the heart muscle tissue⁹. As a result of narrowing of the coronary vessels, the pressure on the ventricles the left will decrease which causes the usual hypotension (low blood pressure) cause weakness or get to death. The following hypotension pressure criteria: systole pressure (left ventricle) ≤ 90 mmHg and diastolic pressure ≤ 60 mmHg¹⁰.

III. METHODOLOGY

➤ Research Methods

The research method consists of literature study, observation and interaction, guidance. Figure 3 is a research flow chart

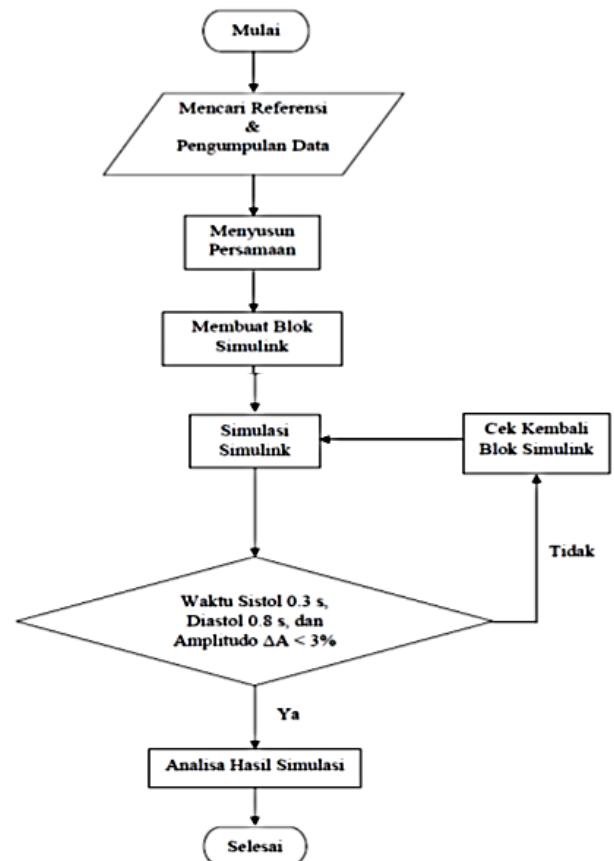


Fig 3:- Research flow chart

➤ Model Assumptions and Parameters

Here are some of the assumptions in this study because considered in accordance with the reference model, namely:

- The model is intended only to know limited to distribution pressure and flow of the circulatory system (cardiovascular system).
- Blood flow is a flow of Newtonian characteristics in diameter the walls of blood vessels such as arteries and veins are elastic.
- Volume without pressure is zero. Just emphasize volume used in each compartment ie a total of 4600 ml.
- Heart rate is set at 75 beats per minute (BPM) with systolic time is 0.3 second and diastolic time 0.5 second.
- "Repeating squence" is used as a capacitance variable to represent variations of systole and diastole in the model.
- This model has no relationship with baroreceptors or with the system central nerve.
- The time span for the simulation is covered by $t = 10-15$ seconds.
- Modeling and simulation using the help of simulink software toolbox Matlab R2008b

Dynamics Using a Lumped Parameter Method" 54, no. 6 (2004): 545–53.

⁸ Kurnia, *op. cit.*

⁹ Raden Sanjoyo, "Sistem kardiovaskuler," 2005.

¹⁰ S R Pope et al., "Estimation and identification of parameters in a lumped cerebrovascular model," n.d.

Input and output variables can be seen in the following table:

Aliran Darah					
Nama	Satuan	Variabel	Nama	Satuan	Variabel
tahanan	mmHg/ml/sec	R	radiant area	mm ²	A
komplians	ml/mmHg	C	berat	gram	W

Table 1:- Input Parameters

Aliran Darah		
Nama	Satuan	Variabel
tekanan	mmHg	P
laju alir	ml/sec	F
volume	ml	V

Table 2:- Output Parameters

➤ Representation of the Circuit Model

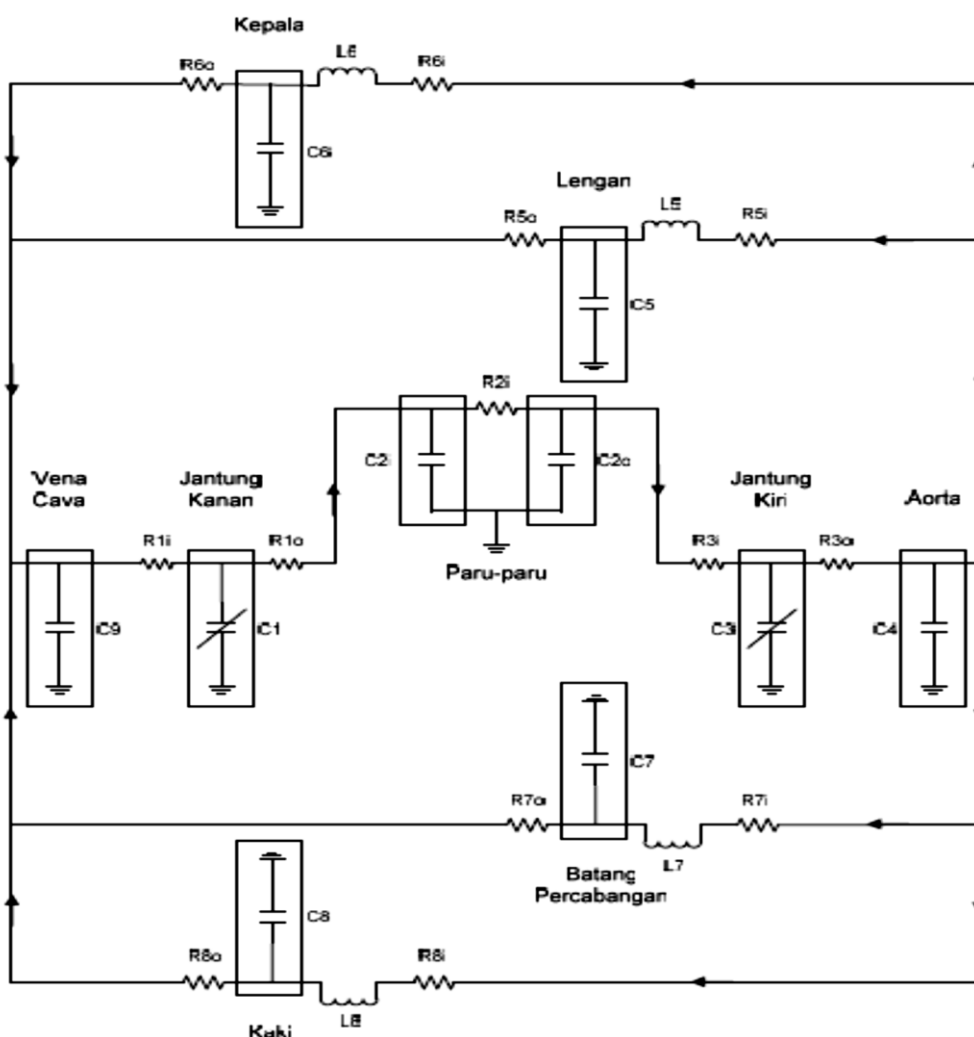


Fig 4:- Lumped Model Simplified Circulation System

➤ Input Function

These parameters are in Table 3. These parameters are obtained from McLeod research reference, 1966. And can be used to build model in Simulink. Following below are the parameters used in modeling:

	Ri	Ro	C	W	A	Vo
Right Heart	0.0128	0.0111	75	600	0	150
Lung	0.1429	0	7.519	1000	0	120
Left Heart	0.21	0.052	80	600	0	150
Aorta	0	0	1.25	0	0	100
Arms	5.15	10	4.25	7000	3670	280
Head	2.58	5	1.21	4500	1400	80
Trunk	0.67	1.42	34	53000	6000	2250
Legs	2.58	5	11.1	18500	7000	730
Vena Cava	0	0	250	0	0	500
Lung2*	0	0	30.3	0	0	240

Table 3:- Parameters Used in Modeling¹¹

- Input function for right heart (rest condition):

Time	0	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.36	0.40	0.8
F(Cr)	0.0033	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.17	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.30	0.0033	0.0033

Table 4:- Input function for right heart¹²

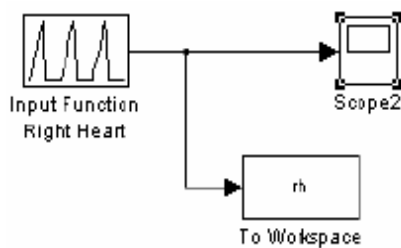


Fig 5:- Simulink Block Representation of the Right Heart Input Function

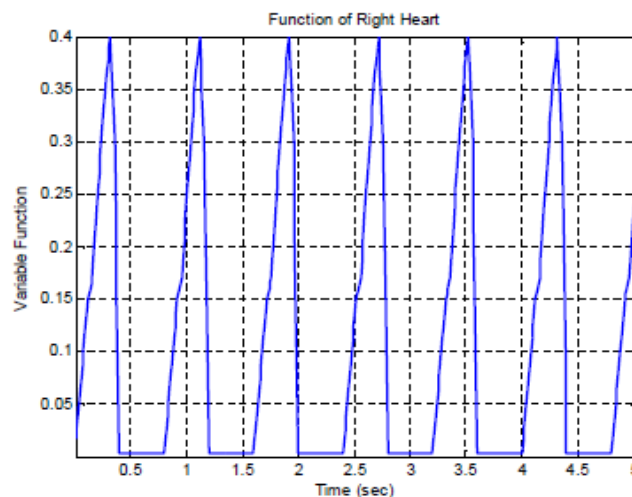


Fig 6:- Input Function of the Right Heart

- Input function for left heart (rest condition):

Time	0	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.36	0.40	0.8
F(Cr)	0.0066	0.60	1.00	1.25	1.40	1.50	1.60	1.60	1.50	1.00	0.0066	0.0066

Table 5:- Input function for left heart¹³

¹¹ McLeod J, "Physiological simulation benchmark experiment," *PHYSBE* 7 (1966): 324–29.

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ *Ibid.*

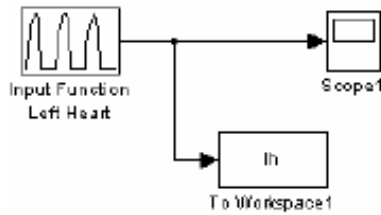


Fig 7:- Simulink Block Representation of the Left Heart Input Function

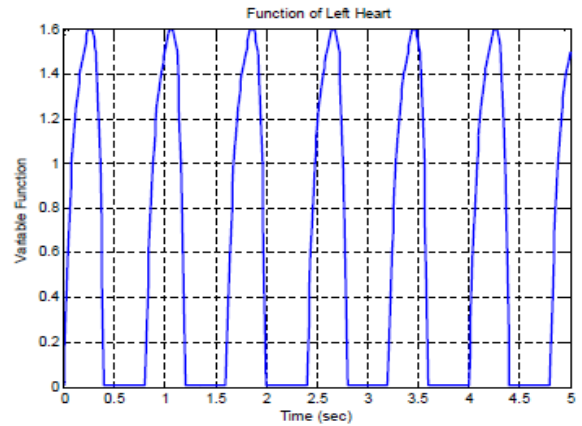


Fig 8:- Input Function of the Left Heart

➤ Representation of the Simulink Model

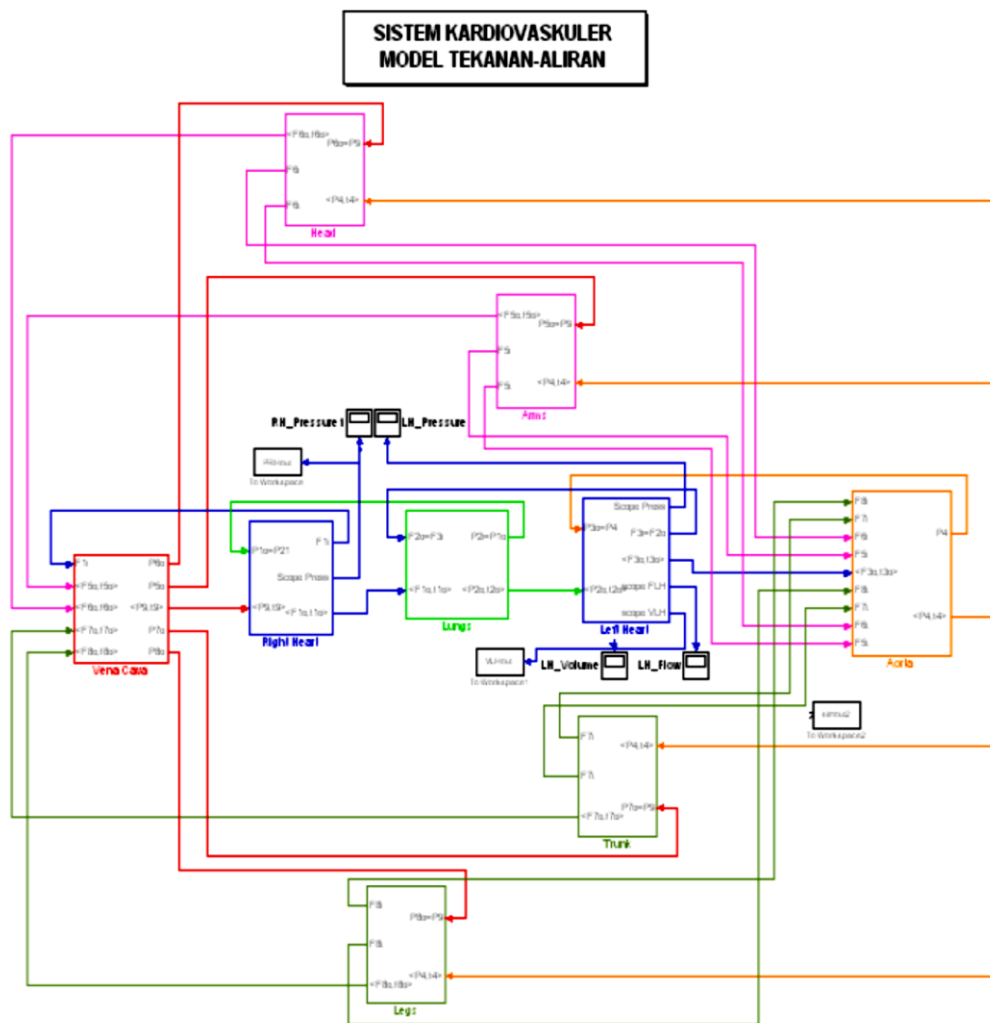


Fig 9:- Simulink Block Representation of the Model

➤ Implementation of Physiological Conditions in the Model

High blood pressure is established in the model by entering a value resistance / resistance varies in the prisoners who will enter at arteries in the left atrium (R_{3i}) for blood flow between the atria left and left ventricle. Where the value of R_{3i} will be varied from the actual value (at normal conditions). Then the value of the variation will be simulated to prove that with an increase in resistance to the arteries found in the left atrium (R_{3i}) will cause an increase in systolic pressure or on left ventricular pressure out.

A coronary heart is established in the model by entering values resistance / resistance varies in the prisoners who will come out at coronary arteries found in the left ventricle (R3o) for the intermediate blood flow left ventricle and aorta. Where the value of R3o will be varied from the actual value (at normal conditions). Then the value of the variation will be simulated for prove that with an increase in resistance to the coronary arteries located in the left ventricle (R3o) will cause a decrease in pressure systole or at left ventricular pressure out.

	$R_{3i} (mmHg \cdot s/mL)$	$R_{3o} (mmHg \cdot s/mL)$
Normal	0.21	0.052
Variasi 1	0.31	0.252
Variasi 2	0.41	0.452
Variasi 3	0.51	0.652
Variasi 4	0.61	0.852

Table 6:- Variation in resistance values of R3i arteries and R3o coronary arteries

IV. RESULT

The output from this simulation model of the blood circulation system is graphical pressure representation both in the right ventricle and in the left ventricle, volume in left ventricle and flow out in the left ventricle in the functioning heart normal that is the number of heart beats 75 beats/minute. Fourth output graph

This is validated by reference charts that have been done before by V. C. Rideout. (Rideout V.C. 1967)

➤ *Pressure on the left ventricle (systolic pressure)*

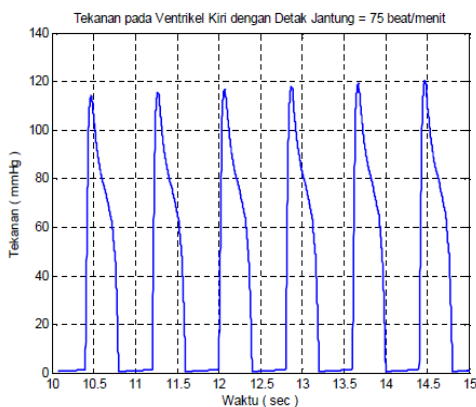


Fig 10:- Pressure Graph on the Left Ventricle Simulation Results in Normal Rest Conditions

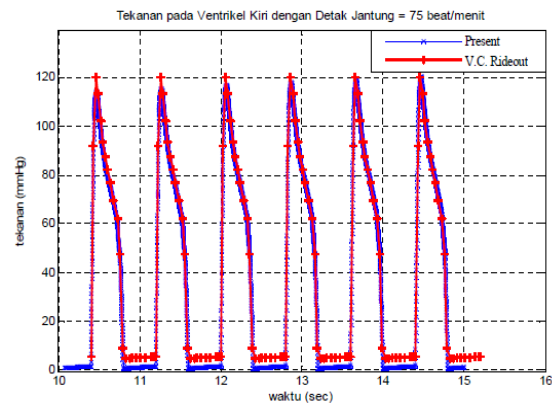


Fig 11:- Validation of Left Ventricular Pressure Graph Simulation Results with Graph Reference

➤ *Pressure on the right ventricle*

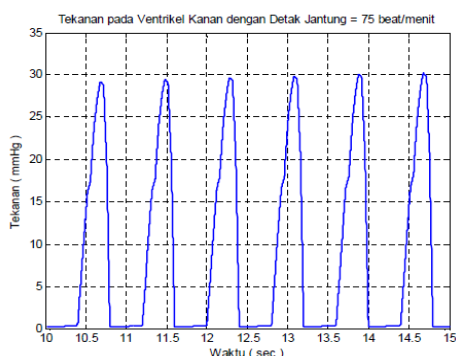


Fig 12:- Pressure graph on the Right Ventricle Simulation Results in Normal Rest Conditions

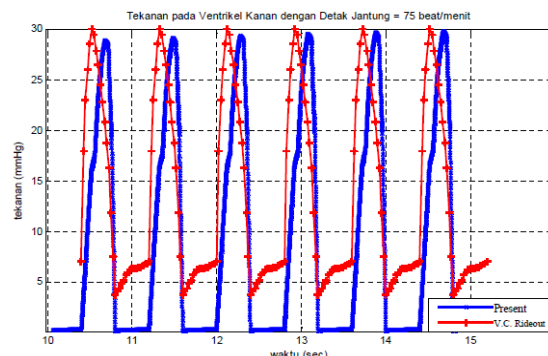


Fig 13:- Validation of Right Ventricular Pressure Graph Simulation Results with Graph Reference

➤ *Outflow in the left ventricle*

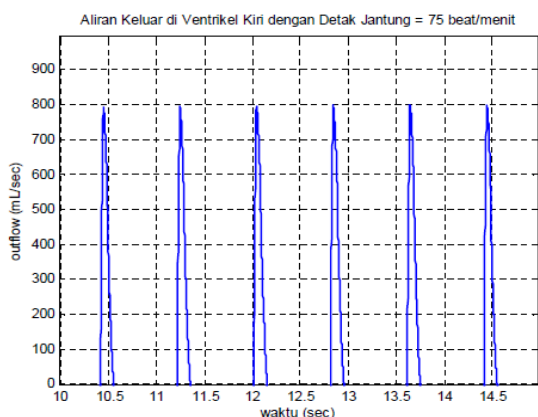


Fig 14:- Outflow Graph on the Left Ventricle Simulation Results in Normal Rest Conditions

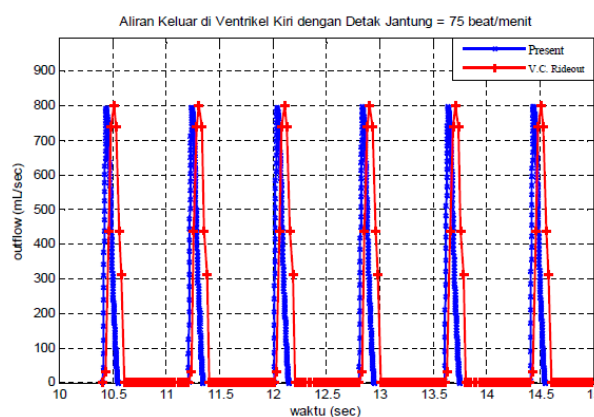


Fig 15:- Validation of Left Ventricular Outflow Graph Simulation Results with Graph Reference

➤ *Volume in the left ventricle*

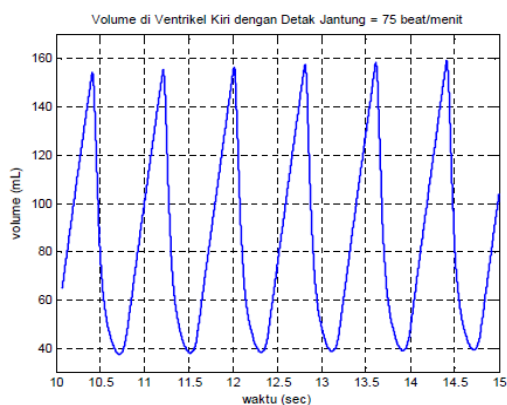


Fig 16:- Volume Graph on the Left Ventricle Simulation Results in Normal Rest Conditions

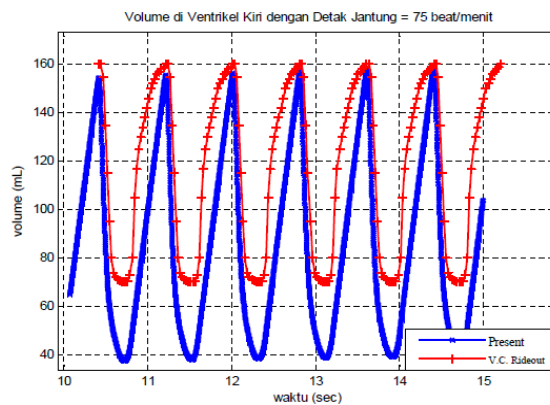


Fig 17:- Validation of Left Ventricular Volume Graph Simulation Results with Graph Reference

➤ *Variation in Detention Value and Implementation of Physiological Conditions*

- *Hypertension*

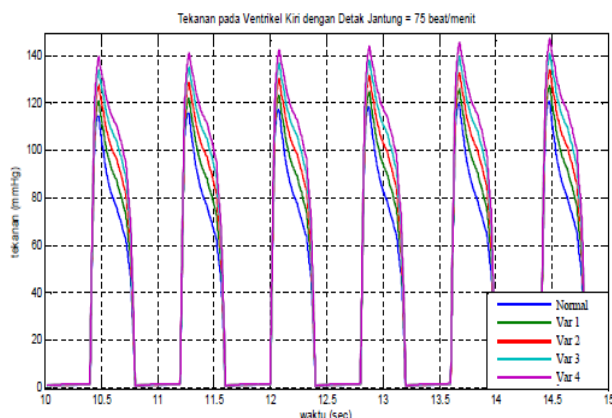


Fig 18:- Left Ventricular Pressure Graph Normal Conditions and Some Variations of R3i

	R_{3i} [mmHg · s/mL]	Tekanan pada Ventrikel Kiri
Normal	0.21	120 mmHg
Variasi 1	0.31	123 mmHg
Variasi 2	0.41	128 mmHg
Variasi 3	0.51	139 mmHg
Variasi 4	0.61	145 mmHg

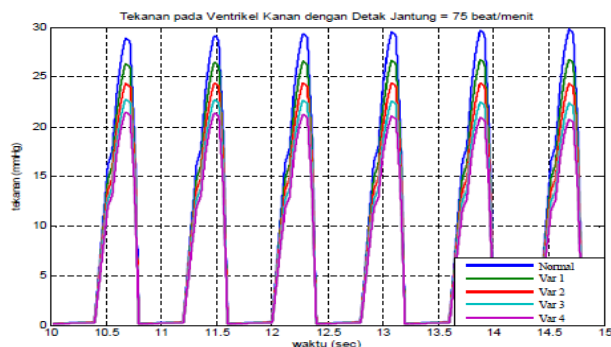


Fig 19:- Normal Ventricular Pressure Graph Normal Conditions and Some Variations of R3i

	R_{3i} [mmHg · s/mL]	Tekanan Maksimum pada Ventrikel Kanan
Normal	0.21	30 mmHg
Variasi 1	0.31	27 mmHg
Variasi 2	0.41	24 mmHg
Variasi 3	0.51	23 mmHg
Variasi 4	0.61	21 mmHg

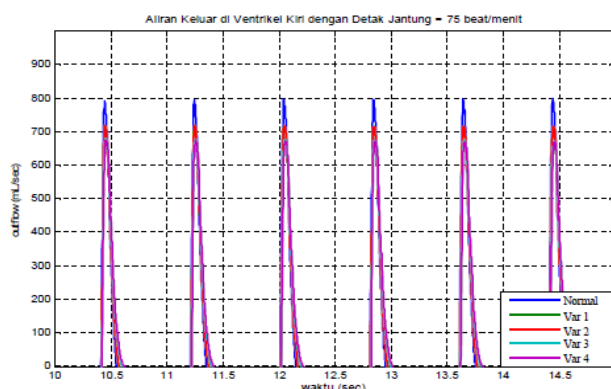


Fig 20:- Normal Left Ventricular Outflow Graph and Some Variations of R3i

	R_{3i} [mmHg · s/mL]	Outflow Maksimum Ventrikel Kiri
Normal	0.21	800 mL/sec
Variasi 1	0.31	725 mL/sec
Variasi 2	0.41	700 mL/sec
Variasi 3	0.51	690 mL/sec
Variasi 4	0.61	680 mL/sec

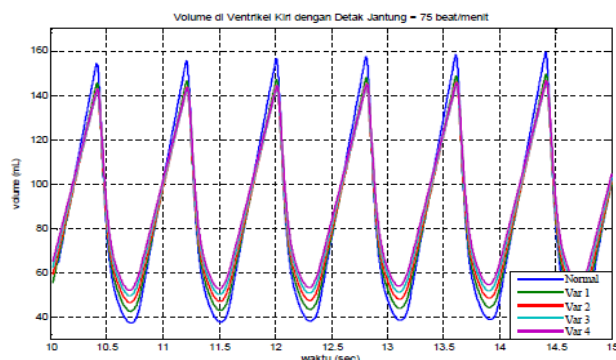


Fig 21:- Normal Left Ventricular Volume Chart and Some Variations of R3i

	R_{3i} [mmHg · s/mL]	Volume Ventrikel Kiri	
		Batas Atas	Batas Bawah
Normal	0.21	160 mL	40 mL
Variasi 1	0.31	148 mL	45 mL
Variasi 2	0.41	142 mL	50 mL
Variasi 3	0.51	142 mL	53 mL
Variasi 4	0.61	143 mL	55 mL

• Corona heart disease (IMA/Infark Miokard Akut)

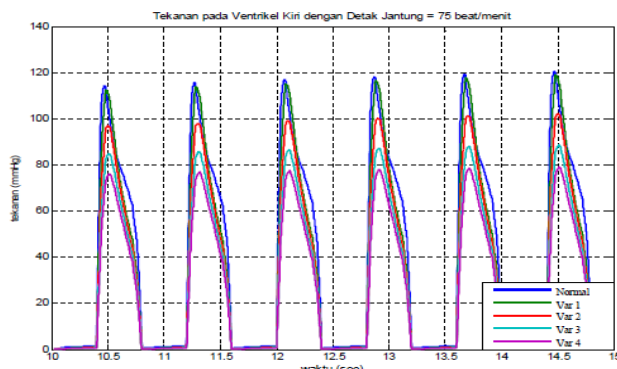


Fig 22:- Left Ventricular Pressure Graph Normal Conditions and Some Variations of R3o

	R_{3o} [mmHg · s/mL]	Tekanan pada Ventrikel Kiri
Normal	0.052	120 mmHg
Variasi 1	0.252	117 mmHg
Variasi 2	0.452	100 mmHg
Variasi 3	0.652	90 mmHg
Variasi 4	0.852	82 mmHg

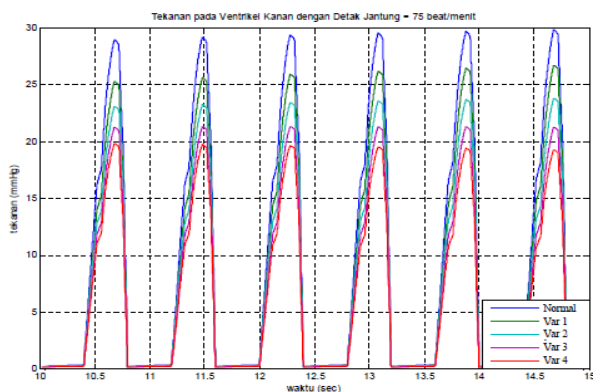


Fig 23:- Normal Ventricular Pressure Graph Normal Conditions and Some Variations of R3o

	R _{3o} [mmHg · s/mL]	Tekanan pada Ventrikel Kanan
Normal	0.052	30 mmHg
Variasi 1	0.252	21 mmHg
Variasi 2	0.452	16.5 mmHg
Variasi 3	0.652	14.5 mmHg
Variasi 4	0.852	17 mmHg

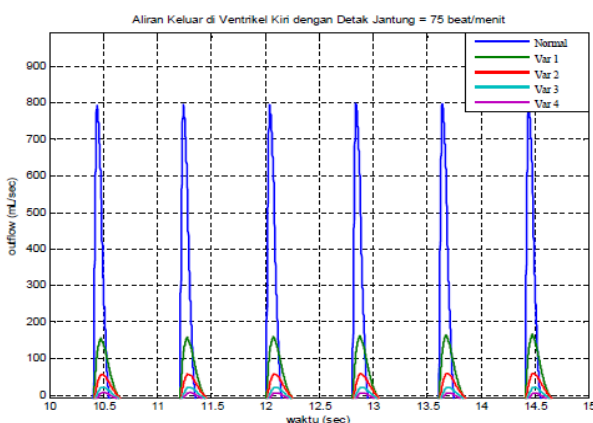


Fig 24:- Normal Left Ventricular Outflow Graph and Some Variations of R3o

	R _{3o} [mmHg · s/mL]	Outflow Maksimum Ventrikel Kiri
Normal	0.052	800 mL/sec
Variasi 1	0.252	160 mL/sec
Variasi 2	0.452	60 mL/sec
Variasi 3	0.652	23 mL/sec
Variasi 4	0.852	7 mL/sec

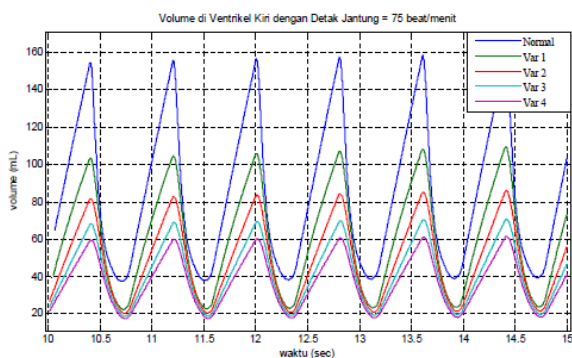


Fig 25:- Normal Left Ventricular Volume Chart and Some Variations of R3o

	R _{3o} [mmHg · s/mL]	Volume Ventrikel Kiri	
		Batas Atas	Batas Bawah
Normal	0.052	160 mL	40 mL
Variasi 1	0.252	70 mL	23 mL
Variasi 2	0.452	50 mL	18 mL
Variasi 3	0.652	42 mL	15 mL
Variasi 4	0.852	40 mL	15 mL

• Relationship of Arterial Prisoners (R_{3i}) with Hypertension

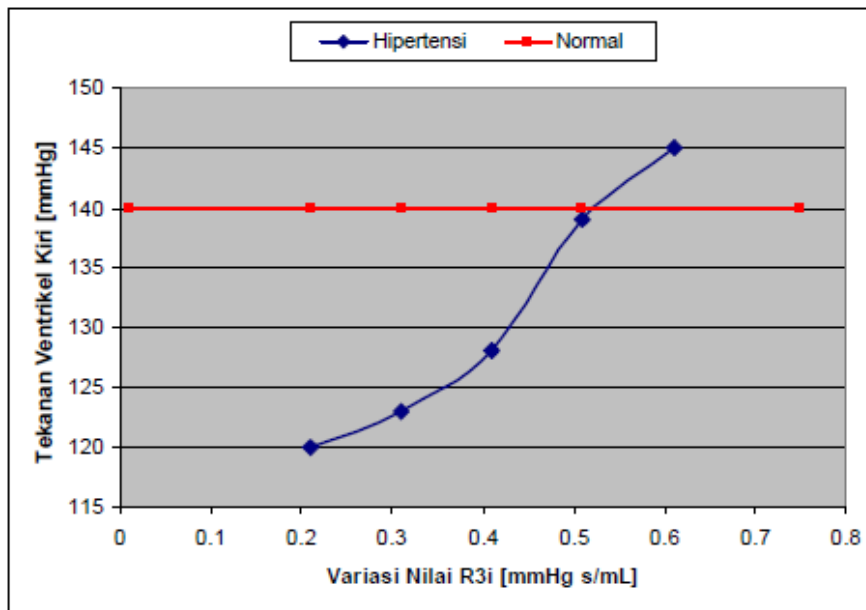


Fig 26:- Graph of Relationship of Arterial Resistance (R_{3i}) with Pressure Left ventricle

• Relationship of Coronary Artery Prisoners (R_{3o}) with Disease Coronary heart

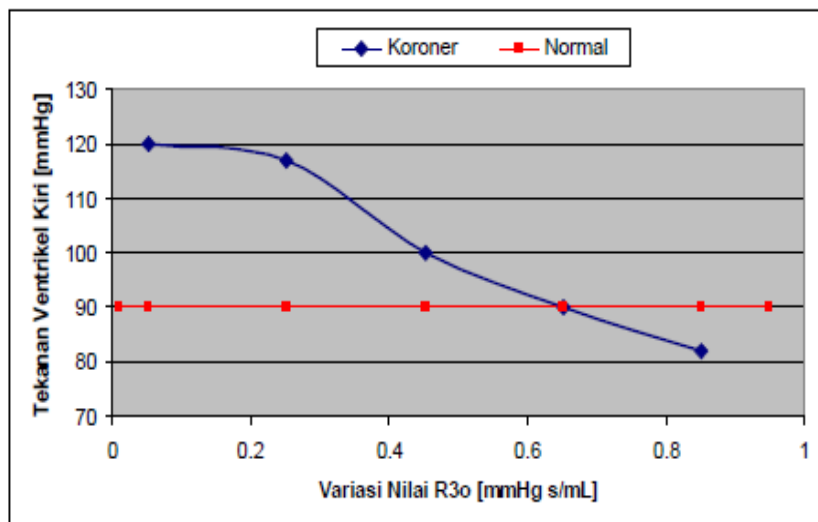


Fig 27:- Graph of Relationship of Artery Coronary Resistance (R_{3o}) with Pressure Left ventricle

V. CONCLUSIONS

Characteristics of cardiovascular mechanical systems in human body conditions breaks can be known by modeling and simulating the system blood circulation by using the lumped parameter model which is represented in the form of pressure, flow and volume graphs, where the simulation results are:

- Left ventricular pressure (systolic pressure) is 120 mmHg
- Right ventricular pressure is 30 mmHg
- The maximum outflow in the left ventricle is 800 mL / sec
- The maximum volume in the left ventricle is 160 mL

High blood pressure or hypertension occurs due to increased resistance in the arteries (R_{3i}), where the greater the resistance value then the greater the pressure on the left ventricle which occurs in the 4th variation where $R_{3i} = 0.61 \text{ mmHg} \times \text{s mL}$ with a value of left ventricular pressure (pressure systole) reaches 145 mmHg.

Coronary heart disease (IMA) occurs due to increased resistance to the vessels coronary artery (R_{3o}), where the greater the resistance value the pressure in the left ventricle is decreasing, which occurs in the 4th variation with $R_{3o} = 0.852 \text{ mmHg} \times \text{s mL}$ with left ventricular pressure value (systole pressure) reach 82 mmHg.

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