

Computational Modelling of the Haemodynamics in Coiled and Uncoiled Cerebral Aneurysms

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Abstract—This assignment investigates the use of computational fluid dynamics (CFD) to analyse the haemodynamics of cerebral aneurysms when treated via endovascular coil embolisation. I utilise a simplified model of a basilar bifurcated artery with a saccular aneurysm for this assignment. The area where coils are inserted are modelled as a porous medium and my results show a positive change in the haemodynamics of the artery. Specifically, the flow of blood and pressure is reduced to negligible in the saccular region of the aneurysm and the flow through the bifurcation is much improved. The results show that coil embolisation can be an effective treatment for a cerebral aneurysm - preventing it from growing or rupturing. This assignment simplifies the problem as to place emphasis on the “CFD workflow,” and to emulate the experience of an industrial engineer or researcher using CFD for a project.

Index Terms—Cerebral aneurysms, endovascular coil embolisation, computational haemodynamics

I. INTRODUCTION

Cerebral aneurysms are formed due to the deterioration of the normal arterial structure leading to a dilation or bulge in the vessel wall, typically called a sac. The development of a saccular cerebral aneurysm (accounting for 90% of cases) occurs in approximately 3% to 5% of the general population - the majority of which are asymptomatic [1], [2]. However, there is a risk of rupture of the aneurysm in approximately 2% to 6% of cases leading to significant intracranial bleeding [3]. In most cases, the diagnosis is a subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), with mostly fatal or life-altering prognoses: between 25% to 50% of SAH are fatal, with another 50% resulting in disability [4].

II. METHODS

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

IV. CONCLUSION

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V. INTRODUCTION

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A. Abbreviations and Acronyms

Define abbreviations and acronyms the first time they are used in the text, even after they have already been defined in the abstract. Abbreviations such as IEEE, SI, ac, and dc do not have to be defined. Abbreviations that incorporate periods should not have spaces: write “C.N.R.S.,” not “C. N. R. S.” Do not use abbreviations in the title unless they are unavoidable (for example, “IEEE” in the title of this article).

B. Other Recommendations

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Use a zero before decimal points: “0.25,” not “.25.” Use “cm³,” not “cc.” Indicate sample dimensions as “0.1 cm × 0.2 cm,” not “0.1 × 0.2 cm².” The abbreviation for “seconds” is “s,” not “sec.” Use “Wb/m²” or “webers per square meter,” not “webers/m².” When expressing a range of values, write “7 to 9” or “7–9,” not “7~9.”

A parenthetical statement at the end of a sentence is punctuated outside of the closing parenthesis (like this). (A parenthetical sentence is punctuated within the parentheses.) In American English, periods and commas are located within quotation marks, like “this period.” Other punctuation is placed “outside”! Avoid contractions; for example, write “do not” instead of “don’t.” The serial comma is preferred: “A, B, and C” instead of “A, B and C.”

If you wish, you may write in the first person singular or plural form using the active voice (“I observed that . . .” or “We observed that . . .” instead of “It was observed that . . .”). Remember to check spelling. If your native language is not English, please have a native English-speaking colleague to carefully proofread your paper.

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Number equations consecutively with equation numbers in parentheses flush with the right margin, as appears in (1). Refer to “(1),” not “Eq. (1)” or “equation (1),” except at the beginning of a sentence: “Equation (1) is” To make your equations more compact, you may use the solidus (/), the exp function, or appropriate exponents. Use parentheses to avoid ambiguities in denominators. Punctuate equations when they are part of a sentence, as in

$$E = mc^2. \quad (1)$$

Be sure to define the symbols in your equation before the equation appears or immediately following. Italicize symbols (T might refer to temperature, but T is the unit tesla).

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Do not use the `{eqnarray}` equation environment. Use `{align}` or `{IEEEeqnarray}` instead. The `{eqnarray}` environment leaves unsightly spaces around relation symbols.

Note that the `{subequations}` environment in \LaTeX will increment the main equation counter even when there are no equation numbers displayed.

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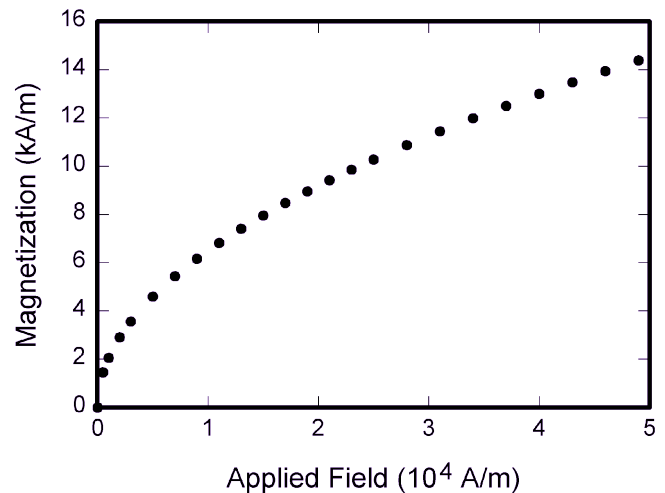


Fig. 1. Magnetization as a function of applied field. It is good practice to explain the significance of the figure in the caption.

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The SI unit for magnetic field strength H is A/m. However, if you wish to use units of T, either refer to magnetic flux density B or magnetic field strength symbolized as $\mu_0 H$. Use the center dot to separate compound units, e.g., “A·m².”

IX. GUIDELINES FOR GRAPHICS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

A. Types of Graphics

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1) *Color/Grayscale figures*: Figures that are meant to appear in color, or shades of black/gray. Such figures may include photographs, illustrations, multicolor graphs, and flowcharts.

TABLE I
UNITS FOR MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

Symbol	Quantity	Conversion from Gaussian and CGS EMU to SI ^a
Φ	magnetic flux	$1 \text{ Mx} \rightarrow 10^{-8} \text{ Wb} = 10^{-8} \text{ V}\cdot\text{s}$
B	magnetic flux density, magnetic induction	$1 \text{ G} \rightarrow 10^{-4} \text{ T} = 10^{-4} \text{ Wb/m}^2$
H	magnetic field strength	$1 \text{ Oe} \rightarrow 10^3/(4\pi) \text{ A/m}$
m	magnetic moment	$1 \text{ erg/G} = 1 \text{ emu}$ $\rightarrow 10^{-3} \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2 = 10^{-3} \text{ J/T}$
M	magnetization	$1 \text{ erg}/(\text{G}\cdot\text{cm}^3) = 1 \text{ emu/cm}^3$ $\rightarrow 10^3 \text{ A/m}$
$4\pi M$	magnetization	$1 \text{ G} \rightarrow 10^3/(4\pi) \text{ A/m}$
σ	specific magnetization	$1 \text{ erg}/(\text{G}\cdot\text{g}) = 1 \text{ emu/g} \rightarrow 1 \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}$
j	magnetic dipole moment	$1 \text{ erg/G} = 1 \text{ emu}$ $\rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-10} \text{ Wb}\cdot\text{m}$
J	magnetic polarization	$1 \text{ erg}/(\text{G}\cdot\text{cm}^3) = 1 \text{ emu/cm}^3$ $\rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-4} \text{ T}$
χ, κ	susceptibility	$1 \rightarrow 4\pi$
χ_ρ	mass susceptibility	$1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g} \rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$
μ	permeability	$1 \rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ $= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb}/(\text{A}\cdot\text{m})$
μ_r	relative permeability	$\mu \rightarrow \mu_r$
w, W	energy density	$1 \text{ erg/cm}^3 \rightarrow 10^{-1} \text{ J/m}^3$
N, D	demagnetizing factor	$1 \rightarrow 1/(4\pi)$

Vertical lines are optional in tables. Statements that serve as captions for the entire table do not need footnote letters.

^aGaussian units are the same as cg emu for magnetostatics; Mx = maxwell, G = gauss, Oe = oersted; Wb = weber, V = volt, s = second, T = tesla, m = meter, A = ampere, J = joule, kg = kilogram, H = henry.

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The proper resolution of your figures will depend on the type of figure it is as defined in the “Types of Figures” section. Author photographs, color, and grayscale figures should be at least 300dpi. Lineart, including tables should be a minimum of 600dpi.

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