

## Machine Learning of Blood Flow

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**Context** Cardiovascular dysfunctions are the world's leading cause of mortality. Blood flow involve Red Blood Cells (RBCs), the major cellular component, and a complex fluid/interaction problem. Simulation and identification of key features of blood flow would improve our understanding of the pathophysiology of the vascular diseases that occur in a blood flow-dependent manner and contribute to the development of new treatments. Direct numerical simulation of blood flow for a realistic vascular network, which involves thousands/millions of RBCs, is however quite prohibitive. LiPhy researchers developed during past years several numerical codes to which access will be provided for this internship.

**Subject** The goal of the project is to empower direct numerical simulations by machine learning strategies. The idea is to train a neural network on a short time scale simulation  $dt$  (with the direct simulations codes already available), from a current shape of RBC to the output shape. This training will be performed on a large number of computer-built library of initial shapes (described by a limited number of parameter) and orientations for a given RBC. The output will be the parameters describing the shape of RBC after evolution by  $dt$ . Once this neural network built, the aim is to compare its use as a black box evolver over a  $dt$  time step to compute the future dynamics of the RBC, on a long time horizon.

### Landmarks

- get acquainted to numerical model and code developed in LiPhy.
- build the library from this code, in a database.
- build a neural network and pre-train it on a standard image dataset.
- train the neural network on the built database.
- compute the evolution of a RBC on a larger time scale and compare with direct numerical simulation
- consider the case of several RBCs and more complicated geometries.

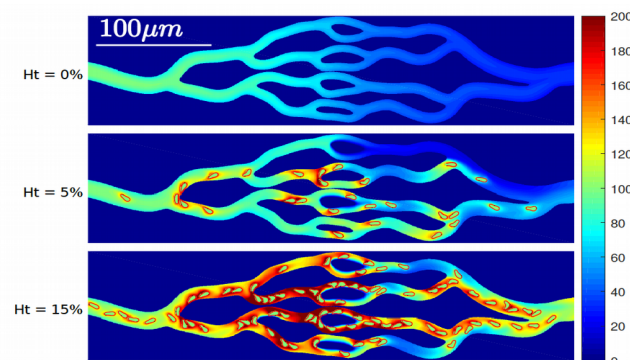


Figure 1: Simulation of blood flow and ATP transport in a Network extracted from medical images. Closed red contours are red blood cells, and the color code refers to ATP release; Ht refers to hematocrit