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Mathematical modelling of human brain transport From medical images to biophysical simulation

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ABSTRACT

Your brain has its own waterscape: whether you are reading, thinking or sleeping, fluid flows through or around the brain tissue, clearing waste in the process. These biophysical processes are crucial for the well-being and function of the brain. In spite of their importance we understand them but little, and mathematical and computational modelling could play a crucial role in gaining new insight. In this talk, I will give an overview of mathematical, mechanical and numerical approaches to understand mechanisms underlying solute transport in the human brain. Topics include generalized poroelasticity [1], fluid-structure interactions [2], mixed finite element discretizations [3] and preconditioning [4], uncertainty quantification [5], and optimal control [6].

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