



Scalable simulations of hemodynamics in intracranial aneurysms

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 - Surgical Clipping
 - Endovascular Coiling







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- Intracranial stenting:
 - Flow diversion to increase clotting
 - Optimal control of flow by stent configuration







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The APES Simulation Framework





- End-to-end parallel simulations
- Mesh generator, flow solvers, post processor
- Flexible, Scriptable, Portable
- Efficient Parallel I/O
- Flow solvers:
 - DG solver for Conservation equations: *Ateles*
 - LBM Solver: Musubi





The APES Simulation Framework

- Musubi:
 - Lattice Boltzmann Solver
 - Highly suitable for flow in aneurysms
 - Multispecies flow
 - Passive scalar transport
 - Complex boundaries
 - Local grid refinement
 - Open Source:

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Musubi on SuperMUC: Performance Map







Musubi on SuperMUC: Weak Scaling (~2M cells/ node)







Musubi on SuperMUC: Strong Scaling (~134 M cells)







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Aneurysm simulations





A patient specific aneurysm deployed with less porous stent Geometries provided by THROMBUS project partners

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Cross section of the stent which opens towards the aneurysmal sac





Resolving the thin wires of the stent:



The coarse computational mesh on the top of stent

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- Uniform mesh of 30 μm
- ~ 60 million elements
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CFD: Computational Fluid Dynamics Or Confounding Factor Dissemination

> American Journal of Neuroradiology David F. Kallmes, MD





Resolving the thin wires of the stent:



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The fine computational mesh on the top of stent





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The FINAL computational mesh on the top of stent





Flow profile inside aneurysm



Velocity streamlines in non-stented aneurysm at peak systole

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- Aneurysmal flow reduction by stents:
 - 35% by highly porous stent
 - 50% by less porous stent
- Both stent causes some reflection in the parent artery
- Stent increases residence time of blood, which increases clotting

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