

Supplemental Text S2

Material constitutive laws and associated parameters are listed in Supplemental Table S1. Note that the white matter brain tissue is modeled using a transversely isotropic constitutive model that enables anisotropy to be included. The anisotropy is specified by using the DTI tractography to inform the the finite element of the underlying orientations of the axonal fiber bundles obtained from DTI fiber tractography. The anisotropic properties of brain tissue are important to capture within a computational framework because the axonal fiber tracts have been reported to be approximately three times stiffer than the surrounding matrix [1]. Including the axonal bundles also enables axonal strain estimates to be predicted and the associated axonal strain threshold to be specified, which provides a computational method to connect the finite element results with the network-based connectome analysis. Note that viscoelasticity is currently excluded from the constitutive response of brain tissue. This is a limitation of the current model. The inclusion of viscoelasticity may have an effect of larger shear stresses, but smaller shear strains, thus, less predicted damage. Future efforts are focused on improving the mechanical description of brain tissue.

Supplemental Table S1. Compilation of various constitutive models and parameters used for the head finite element simulation. E is the Young’s Modulus, ν is Poisson’s ratio, ρ is the density and K is the bulk modulus.

| Anatomic Component | Material Model | Material Properties | References |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Brain Tissue | White Matter | Transverse Isotropic with Mooney-Rivlin Matrix $\rho = 1.04 \text{ g/cm}^3$ $K = 2.3 \text{ GPa}$ $C_{10} = C_{01} = 1.0 \text{ kPa}$ $C_3 = 5.0 \text{ kPa}$ | [2–5] [3, 6] [3] [1] |
| | Gray Matter | Hyperelastic Mooney-Rivlin $\rho = 1.04 \text{ g/cm}^3$ $K = 2.3 \text{ GPa}$ $C_{10} = C_{01} = 1.0 \text{ kPa}$ | [3, 4, 7] [3, 6] [3] |
| Skull | Isotropic Elastic | $\rho = 2100 \text{ kg/m}^3$ $E = 15.0 \text{ GPa}$ $\nu = 0.229$ | [3, 4, 8] |
| Cerebrospinal Fluid | Hyperelastic Mooney-Rivlin | $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ $K = 2.1 \text{ GPa}$ $C_{10} = C_{01} = 200.0 \text{ Pa}$ | [3, 4, 9] |
| Skin/Muscle Layer | Elastic | $\rho = 1130 \text{ kg/m}^3$ $E = 100.0 \text{ kPa}$ $\nu = 0.45$ | [3, 4, 9] |

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