## Progress Report: March 8th - March 15th



# Computed Tomography (CT) Circulation <br> Phantom to Assess Hyperdynamic Contrast Flow Rates 

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## Problem statement

A CT phantom is a device used to calibrate Computed Tomography machines by acting as a "stand in" for human tissues [1]. Most phantoms currently in use are static; they do not allow for dynamic flow. Some patients obtaining a CT scan may need a circulatory support device, such as a VA-ECMO (veno-arterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) [2] device. There is a clinical need for a CT phantom with dynamic flow capabilities to study the correct ways to conduct CT vascular imaging for patients on ECMO devices. This phantom should model the inflow and outflow of an ECMO patient and have capabilities to simulate the addition of contrast media into the vascular system. Ultimately, this device will help medical personnel to better understand the flow of CT contrast through a patient on an ECMO machine, as the circulation flow rate of an ECMO patient differs from a patient not on ECMO.

## Brief status update

The team is still working on finding the right pump for the system and was provided a few options by the BME teaching lab. Currently, the centrifugal pump is the choice to be tested and the team is working on finding an air compressor to work it. The team is also in prototyping phase. An overall circuit design was roughly decided on, including a 6L fluid reservoir to mimic the total blood in the body. Connectors for the tubing and pump will be purchased and 3D modeling of an initial draft is being worked on to be printed next week. The team also met with CT technicians at UW hospital to better understand the procedures we are working to mimic. The team will take these scans and compare the MROI plots to those of our system.

## Difficulties / advice requests

## Previous design



Figure 1: Final design sketch.


Figure 2: Final fabricated circulation phantom prototype with acrylic box, heart phantom, injection site, roller pump, speed controller, tubing, and connectors

## Current Design



Figure 3: Current circulation phantom design including large reservoir, roller pump with flow capabilities up to $8 \mathrm{~L} / \mathrm{min}$, injection site, and aortic arch phantom

## Materials and expenses

| Item | Description | Manufacturer | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \mathbf{M f t} \\ \mathbf{P t \#} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Vendor | Vendor Cat\# | Date | \# | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Cost } \\ \text { Each } \end{array}$ | Total | Link |
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| Category 1- Materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elastic 50A <br> Resin | Elastic used for printing connector 3D print 5.41 mL | FormLabs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RS-F } \\ & 2-E L \\ & \text { CL-0 } \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  | Elastic | $\begin{aligned} & 2 / 28 / 2 \\ & 024 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | 1.63 | \$1.63 | Makerspace |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$1.63 |  |
| Category 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tubing adapter | Connector to join together $3 / 8$ inch tubing to $1 / 2$ inch tubing into the pump | Green Leaf | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CBA } \\ & 3812 \\ & \text { BG1 } \end{aligned}$ | ACE <br> Hardwa re | 48762 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 / 13 / 2 \\ & 024 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2.79 | \$5.58 | ACE <br> Hardware |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | \$7.21 |  |

## Major team goals for the next week

1. Begin fabricating the phantom
2. Begin testing on the pump
3. Begin fabricating the circuit

## Next week's individual goals

- Lucy O'Cull
- Begin assembling the circuit with the materials from WIMR
- Work on fabrication and testing protocols
- Emma Flemmer
- Reach out to the client with the final design plan to get approval
- Begin assembling the circuit with materials from WIMR
- Sophie Speece
- Once the team has the green light for purchases, print the aorta phantom out of Elastic 50A Resin
- Lizzie Maly
- Work on creating fabrication plan for 3D printing
- Consider options for adhesives to adhere the main structure together
- Shriya Kaushik
- Meet with team to work on 3d printing modeling
- Once tubing materials from WIMR are obtained, connect all aspects together and test out circuit with both roller and centrifugal pumps

Timeline

| Task | Jan | Feb |  |  |  | March |  |  |  |  | April |  |  |  | May |  |
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|  | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 3 | 10 |
| Project R\&D |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Empathize |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background... | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prototyping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Testings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deliverables |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Progress Reports | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prelim presentation |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Final Poster |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meetings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Client |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advisor | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Website |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Update | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Filled boxes = projected timeline
$\mathbf{X}=$ task was worked on or completed

## Previous week's goals and accomplishments

- Lucy O’Cull
- Met with CT techs to get advice on the design
- Worked with team to determine schematic for circuit
- Emma Flemmer
- Met with CT techs to get advice on the design
- Met with Rachel at WIMR to pick up materials
- Went to ACE hardware to purchase connector adapters
- Sophie Speece
- Met with CT technicians for feedback regarding the current design.
- Used said feedback to update phantom 3D model
- Lizzie Maly
- Met with CT technicians to get design advice
- Explored 3D printing options that will mitigate support structures
- Shriya Kaushik
- Worked on Fabrication plans with the team
- Met with team to discuss a schematic for the entire circuit


## Activities

| Name | Date | Activity | Time <br> (h) | Week <br> Total (h) | Sem. <br> Total (h) |
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| Lizzie Maly | 01/31/2024 | Literature Research | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 01/31/2024 | Background and literature research | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sophie Speece | 01/31/2024 | Literature research | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 01/31/2024 | Literature research | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Emma Flemmer | 02/01/2024 | Literature research | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sophie Speece | 02/02/2024 | Literature research on VA-ECMO background information | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 02/05/2024 | Group meeting planning and review PDS for delegation | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 02/08/2024 | Contribution to PDS | 1 | 1.5 | 4 |
| Emma Flemmer | 02/05/2024 | Communication with client and advisor | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Emma Flemmer | 02/08/2024 | Research and writing for the PDS | 1.5 | 2 | 4 |
| Sophie Speece | 02/08/2024 | Literature research focused on existing designs | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Lizzie Maly | 02/08/2024 | Literature Research | 1.5 | 2 | 4 |
| Lizzie Maly | 02/08/2024 | Contribution to PDS | . 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 02/08/2024 | PDS sections | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 02/08/2024 | Researching and reading old reports | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 02/12/2024 | Worked on abstract | 0.5 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 02/13/2024 | Group design matrix discussion | 1 | 1.5 | 6 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 02/15/2024 | Literature research | 1 | 2.5 | 7 |
| Emma Flemmer | 02/13/2024 | Contributed to abstract | 0.5 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Emma Flemmer | 02/14/2024 | Team meeting to discuss designs | 1 | 1.5 | 5.5 |


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| Emma Flemmer | 02/15/2024 | Materials research | 1.5 | 3 | 7 |
| Sophie Speece | 02/14/2024 | Met with team and researched potential 3D printing materials | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6.5 |
| Lizzie Maly | 2/14/2024 | Team Meeting to Discuss | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Lizzie Maly | 2/14/2024 | Pump Research and Material Research | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 2/14/2024 | team meeting | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 2/14/2024 | Researched pumps and materials | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 2/22/2023 | Researched mathematical modeling | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Emma Flemmer | 2/21/2024 | Worked on preliminary presentation | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Emma Flemmer | 2/20/2024 | Communicated with client resources to arrange meeting times | 0.5 | 1.5 | 8.5 |
| Sophie Speece | 2/22/24 | Acquired heart and aorta 3D files online and began to augment them in Meshlab, Meshmixer and Blender to fit project needs | 1 | 1 | 7.5 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 2/22/24 | Worked on prelim presentation, continued research | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Lizzie Maly | 2/21/24 | Worked on prelim presentation | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Lizzie Maly | 2/22/24 | Research material options for design matrix | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Sophie Speece | 2/23/24 | 3D modeled two different connection designs so that the aorta can more seamlessly connect to the tubing and prevent leaks | 1 | 1 | 8.5 |
| Sophie Speece | 2/24/24 | Smoothed aortic arch and root model, then began attaching aforementioned connections | 2 | 3 | 10.5 |
| Sophie Speece | 2/27/24 | Sketched out Final Design | 0.5 | 3.5 | 11 |
| Sophie Speece | 2/28/24 | Worked on writing and editing slides of the preliminary presentation | 1 | 4.5 | 12 |
| Emma Flemmer | 2/28/2024 | Work on the preliminary presentation | 1 | 1 | 9.5 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 2/28/2024 | Work on the preliminary presentation | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Lizzie Maly | 2/28/2024 | Worked on preliminary presentation | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 2/28/2024 | Worked on preliminary presentation | 0.5 | 0.5 | 9.5 |
| Emma Flemmer | 3/5/2024 | Pump meeting | 0.5 | 0.5 | 10 |


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| Emma Flemmer | 3/6/2024 | Worked on preliminary report | 1 | 1.5 | 11 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 3/5/2024 | Pump meeting | 0.5 | 0.5 | 10 |
| Lizzie Maly | 3/6/2024 | Worked on preliminary report | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Lizzie Maly | 3/6/2024 | Met to evaluate pumps | . 5 | 1.5 | 10.5 |
| Sophie Speece | 3/7/2024 | Worked on preliminary report | 0.5 | 0.5 | 12.5 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 3/6/2024 | Worked on preliminary report | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 3/7/2024 | Worked on preliminary report | 1 | 1.5 | 11 |
| Emma Flemmer | 3/12/2024 | Meeting with CT techs at WIMR | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 3/12/2024 | Meeting with CT techs at WIMR | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Sophie Speece | 3/12/2024 | Zoom meeting with CT techs | 1 | 1 | 13.5 |
| Lizzie Maly | 3/13/2024 | Discussed fabrication and circuit with team | . 5 | . 5 | 11 |
| Lucy O'Cull | 3/13/2024 | Discussed fabrication and circuit with team | 0.5 | 0.5 | 12.5 |
| Emma Flemmer | 3/13/2024 | Picked up materials from ACE Hardware and WIMR | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| Emma Flemmer | 3/13/2024 | Discussed fabrication and circuit with team | 0.5 | 2.5 | 13.5 |
| Sophie Speece | 3/13/2024 | Discussed fabrication circuit with team | 0.5 | 0.5 | 14.00 |
| Shriya Kaushik | 3/13/24 | Discussed circuit schematics with team | 0.5 | 0.5 | 11 |

