Nanorobots Possible Applications for Retina Treatment, Some Software Simulation Regarding Their Insertion Into the Eye Vitreous and Their Movement to the Eye Retina

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Abstract: - The article presents a simulation of the usage of nanorobots for retina treatment inserted into the vitreous without incision, using a method based on osmosis and encapsulation in a droplet. This method is an advanced technological challenge that can use a simplified mathematical and physical model.

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1 Introduction

The nanorobots may be used to deliver medicine into retina or perform nano surgery on the retina. The simulation of a nanorobot inserted into the vitreous without incision, using osmosis and encapsulation in a droplet, is a process that would involve a complex interaction between the physical and chemical characteristics of the nanorobot, the biological environment, and the mechanical properties of the retinal tissues. Below, we will develop a simplified simulation of this process, based on the principle of osmosis, to model how the nanorobot would be 'inserted' into a biological environment through passive diffusion and through mobility control and delivery mechanisms of the nanorobot.

1.1 The proposed Concept of Nanorobot Insertion via Osmosis into a Biological Environment

Osmosis:

The osmotic phenomenon can influence how particles, fluids, or drug carriers move once they are near ocular tissues.

For osmosis to occur, is needed:

- A semipermeable membrane
- A concentration difference (osmotic gradient)
- Water movement across the membrane

It is a physical phenomenon through which water molecules or other small substances move through a semipermeable membrane, from an area of high concentration to one of low concentration, until osmotic equilibrium is reached.

o In the case of nanorobots, osmosis can be used to facilitate their infiltration into the vitreous environment of the eye without the need for incisions or mechanical injections.

1.2 Issues on how osmotic effects could assist delivery

Researchers sometimes use osmotic gradients to:

1. **Increase tissue permeability**
   - o Hyperosmotic solutions can temporarily alter tissue hydration.
   - o This may make it easier for nanoparticles to penetrate certain barriers.
2. **Generate fluid movement**
   - o Water movement can create small convective flows that carry suspended particles.
3. **Control drug-release systems**
   - o Nanorobots or nanoparticle carriers may be designed to respond to local osmotic conditions.

1.3 The vitreous humor challenge

The vitreous humor is a gel-like substance filling most of the eye.

To reach it, nanorobots typically require:

- Intravitreal injection (the most direct method)

- Passage through ocular barriers using specially engineered nanoparticles
- Magnetic, acoustic, or chemical guidance systems

Osmotic gradients can potentially assist the transport or distribution of nanorobots and nanoparticle carriers in ocular tissues.
So, osmosis can be a **supporting factor** in ocular nanorobot delivery..

1. Nanorobot in a Droplet:
The nanorobots can be integrated into a droplet, or more droplets of gel or another biocompatible material, which will be passively absorbed into the vitreous through osmosis, in a manner similar to how substances diffuse in a biological environment.

2. Simulation of Diffusion through Osmosis:
We will use a model based on molecular diffusion to simulate the migration of the nanorobot in the vitreous. We will model this process using diffusion equations to describe the movement of nanoparticles.

2 Methods and results

Some parameters involved are shown below:

Osmotic Pressure: van't Hoff Equation
Osmosis is driven by osmotic pressure:
$\Pi = iCRT$
where:
Π = osmotic pressure
i = van't Hoff factor
C = solute concentration
R = gas constant
T = absolute temperature

A higher solute concentration creates a larger osmotic pressure, which pulls water across the membrane.
Connection to Nanoparticles or Nanorobots

If nanorobots are suspended in fluid, osmotic flow can create bulk fluid motion that may carry them. A simple approximation for the particle flux is:

$J_{particles} = -D\, dC/dx + vC$

where:

First term = diffusion of the particles
Second term = transport by fluid flow (convection)
v = fluid velocity generated by pressure gradients, osmotic flow, or other mechanisms

2.1 Simulation of Nanorobot Diffusion through Osmosis

We will create a simplified simulation in Python, which will use a model based on the molecular diffusion of the nanorobot in a transparent medium (like the vitreous), simulating its placement through passive diffusion into an area with lower concentration.

Python Code for the Simulation of Nanorobot Diffusion through Osmosis
Steps :
Simulation parameters Total simulation time (diffusion time)
Number of nanorobots
Diffusion coefficient for nanorobots
Initial droplet size
Initialization of nanorobot positions in a droplet (diffusion center)
Positions on the X axis
Positions on the Y axis
Parameters for nanorobot movement
Time step for simulation
Particle spreading factor
Simulating diffusion over multiple time steps for t in range(t_final):
Add a small random step for each particle (Brownian diffusion) # Generate a real-time graph to observe particle spread

2.2 Results in Graphics that represent the simulations , shown in Figures 1,2,3,4 below

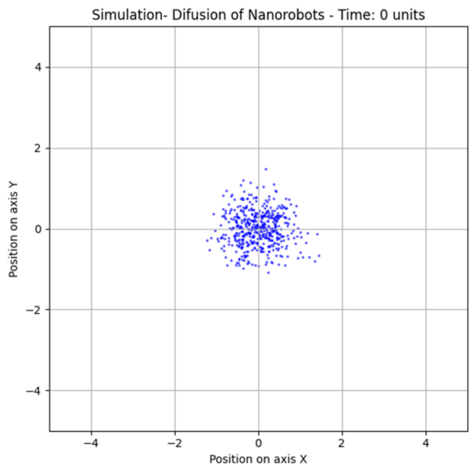
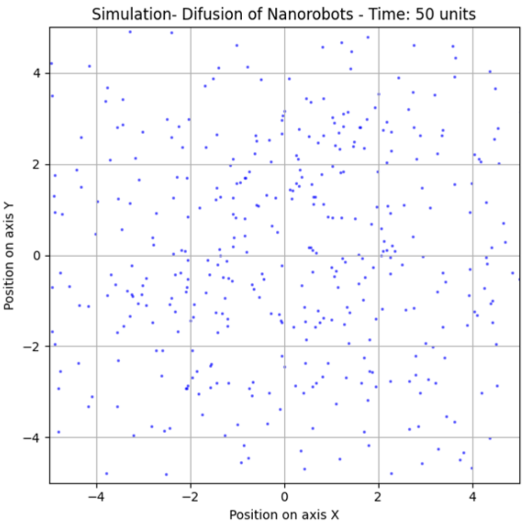


Fig. 1



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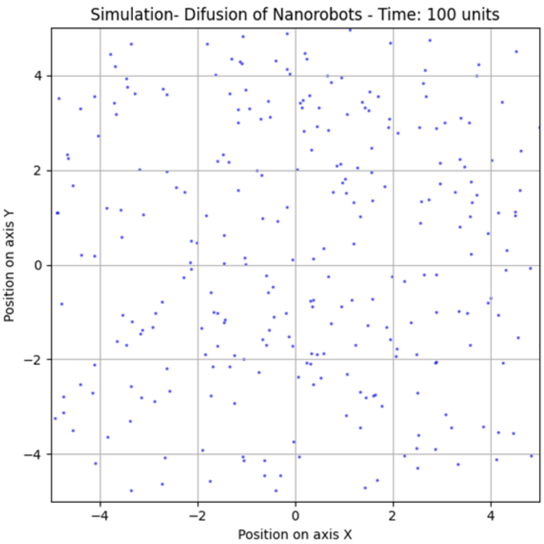

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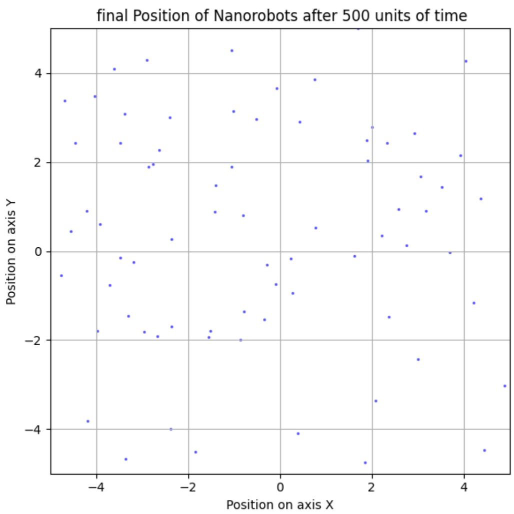

Fig. 4

2.3 Explanation of the Code and Functionality

1. Defining Parameters:

o t_final:

This is the total simulation time (in time units) for which the migration of nanorobots will be tracked.

o num_particles:

The number of simulated nanorobots (can be adjusted to simulate a higher or lower density).

o diffusion_coefficient:

The diffusion coefficient of the nanorobots, which determines how quickly they move in the vitreous medium.

o drop_size:

The initial size of the droplet containing the nanorobots.

2. Nanorobot Movement:

o Each nanorobot moves in a random direction (simulating Brownian diffusion) throughout the simulation.

o The random movement is determined by a normally distributed term added to the previous positions of each nanorobot (np.random.normal(0, spread_factor, num_particles)).

3. Evolutionary Graph:

o Every 50 time steps, the simulation plots the positions of the nanorobots on a graph to observe how they spread in the vitreous medium.

2.4 Explanation and Interpretation of Results

2.4.1 Diffusional Behavior:

- The nanorobots spread over a wider area as time progresses, simulating the effect of osmosis, which facilitates the diffusion of nanorobots in a biological medium (such as the vitreous).

2.4.2 Graph explanation:

- The graph from the simulation shows the progression of the particles in the vitreous medium. As time passes, the particles (nanorobots) spread from the initial center of the droplet, thus replicating the passive movement of nanorobots in the vitreous.

2.4.3 Results explained:

- At the end of the simulation, the nanorobots are distributed over a wide area, under control, without any incision. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the passive insertion method through diffusion instead of an invasive mechanism, such as an incision.

2.4.4 Simulation of a Nanorobot Navigation to and on the retina(using the 3D Model of the retina)

To simulate the nanorobot navigation on the human retina, we can create a 3D model of the retina using matplotlib in Python.

We will place the nanorobots in this model and move them according to the control algorithm.

The controller is a controled loop mechanism based on feedback used in control systems and applications requiring continuous control and automatic adjustment. The controller makes comparison between the desired target value with the actual value of the system (process variable) and computes the error value, which is the difference between these two values.

Using Python + matplotlib

Graphical Result

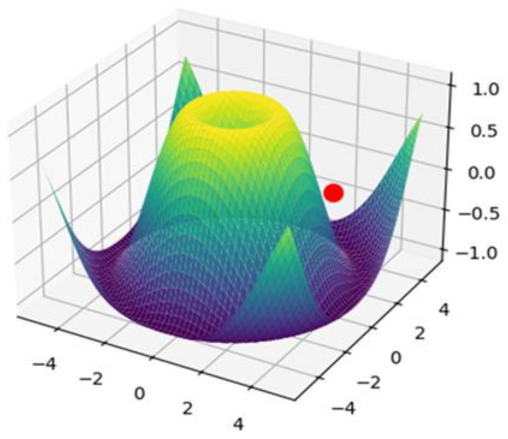

Fig. 5

Nanorobot navigating to the retina

The red point represents the nanorobot used for the treatment of the retina. It is used to help the visualization in real time or at certain time intervals of the medicine delivery or surgery done by the nanorobots on the retina.

2.4.5 Simulation of the movements of a swarm of nanorobots

Simulation of the movement process of a swarm of nanorobots can be carried out using a model based on possible biological environment that would include the following steps:

1. Define a 3D molecular model of retinal tissue, as done above.

2. Simulation of chemical gradient detection and nanorobot motion.

3. Visualization of their movement in real time.

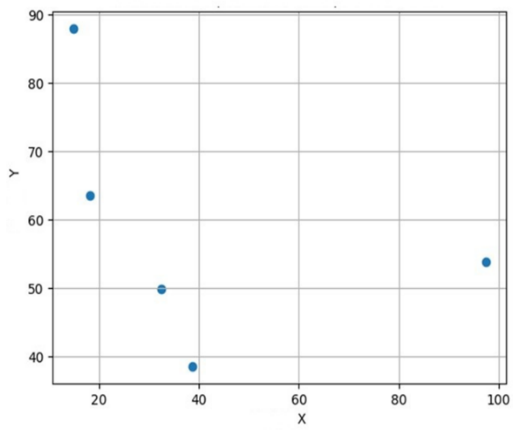

Fig. 6

3 Possible Extensions of the Simulation Interaction with the Biological Environment:

It can be added chemical or mechanical interactions between nanorobots and the vitreous environment, which could affect their diffusion speed and movement.

• Trajectory Control: The simulation can be extended to include control mechanisms to guide nanorobots to specific locations in the vitreous (for example, by adjusting the diffusion coefficient depending on the location).

• Application in Surgery: The simulation can be expanded to include applications for surgical correction of the retina, controlling nanorobot movements for therapeutic purposes (for example, delivering medicinal substances or use in microsurgery).

4 Conclusion

The new approach presented here consists in using nanorobots inserted into the eye vitrous in a non invasive way, and the swarm of nanorobots that may navigate to the retina to perform the treatment.

These simplified simulations illustrate how the nanorobots can be inserted into the eye vitreous via osmosis, using a passive diffusion process. This approach eliminates the need for incisions or invasive procedures, facilitating a less aggressive type of surgical intervention, which can be extremely useful for retinal treatments. These nanorobots do the medicine distribution or surgery on the retina, according to the control of their movements by the surgeons team.

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