

Digital twin: the journey towards better healthcare - Applications in cardiovascular medicine



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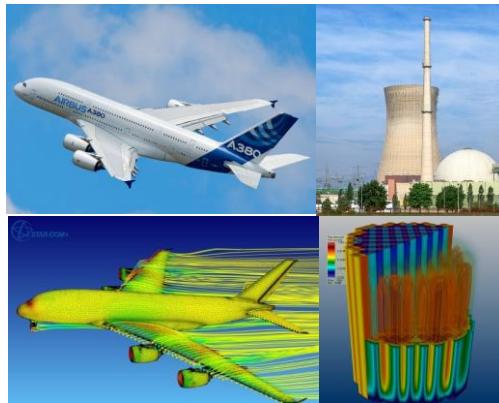


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Numerical simulation was commonplace in automotive and aeronautics industry

In any other
industrial sector



Testing is now done mostly
with computer simulation

In healthcare

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Standard test for safety and
efficacy of new products is
by trial and error

Since 1989: a 30+ years journey



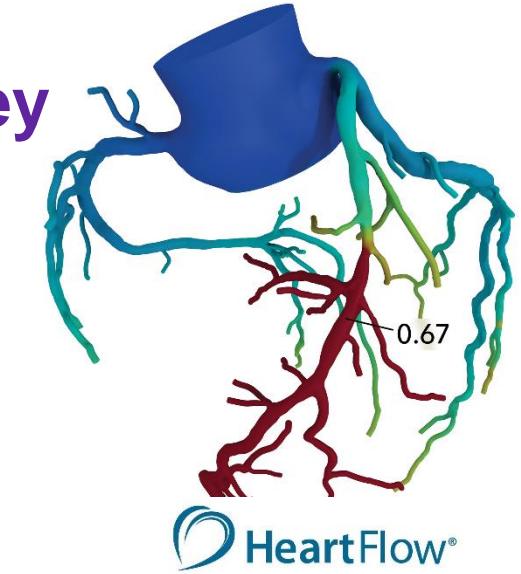
1993: Physiome



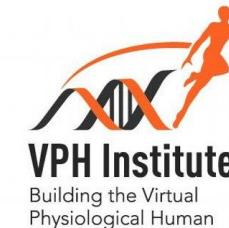
2005:
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2007: STEP



HeartFlow®



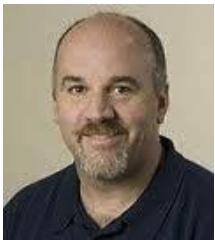
2010: VPH Institute



2016: Avicenna



Computational models can predict health!! They even enable decisions everyday in healthcare thanks to ROM and AI



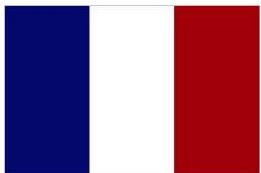
2014: FDA allows marketing of HeartFlow vFFR-CT tool for optimal treatment of coronary stenosis

Gaus S, et al, JCCT 2013, 7(5):279-88.



2019: FEops HEARTguide in silico tool for planning transcatheter aortic valve implantation is CE-marked

El Faquir N, et al Int J Cardiov Img 2019



2014: Sim&Cure

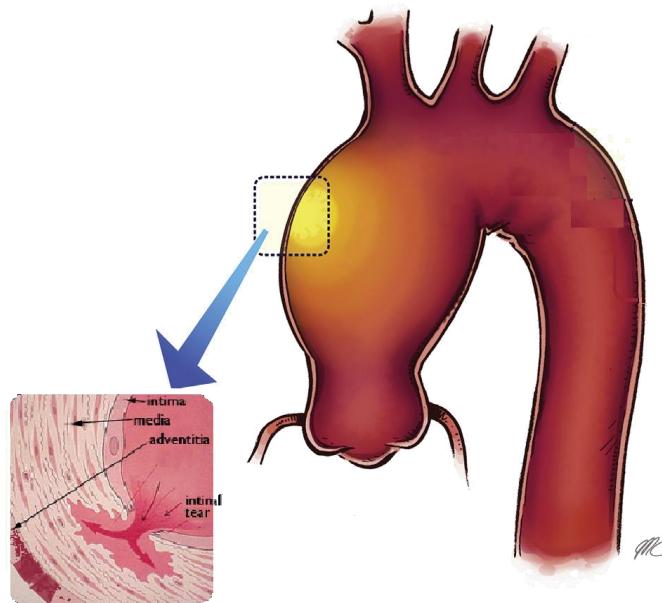
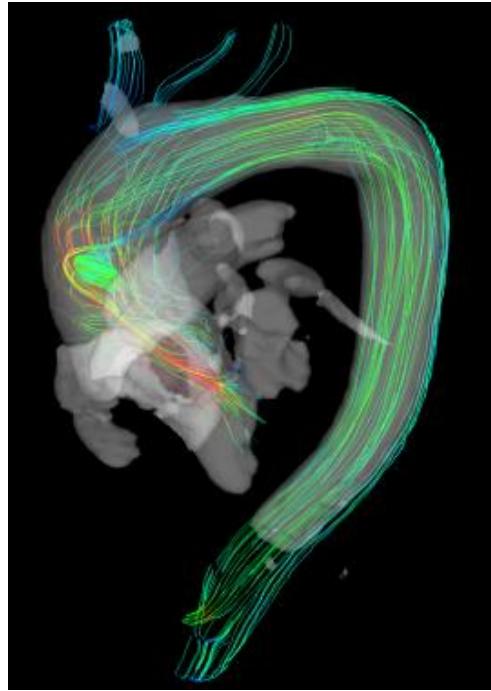


2017: Predisurge

My own experience on aortic aneurysms is the result of strong and historical collaborations with clinicians

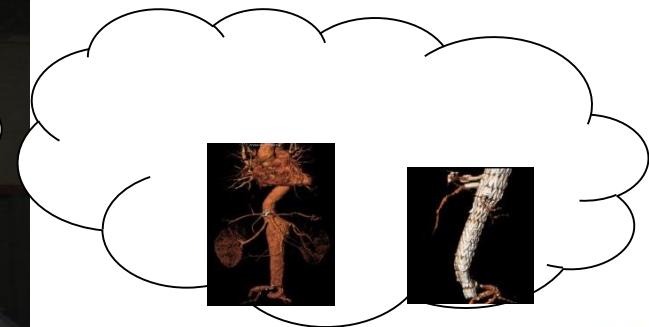
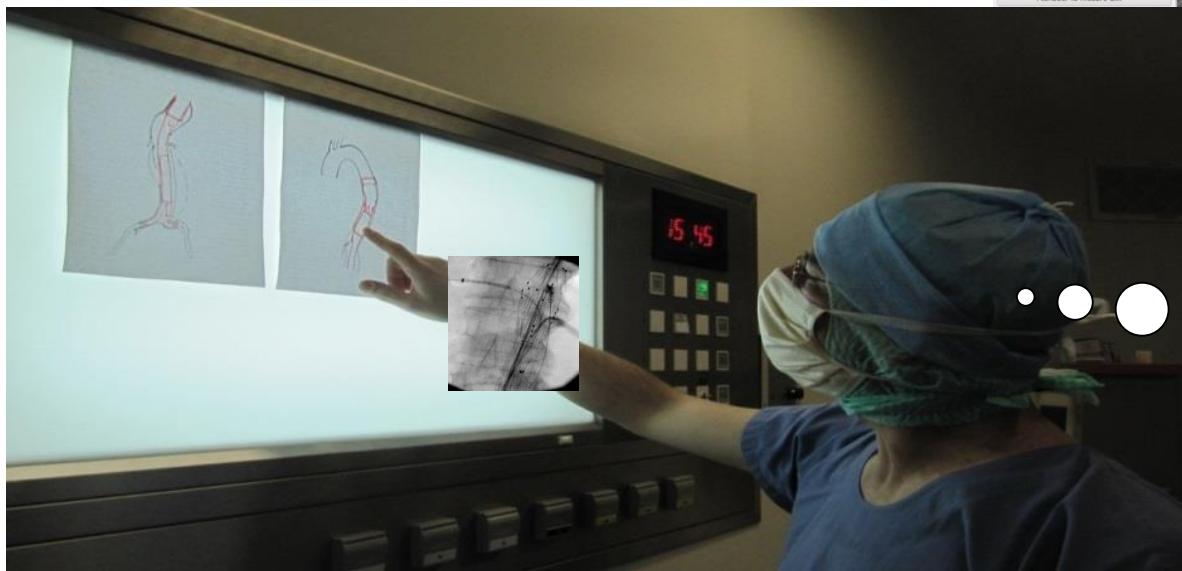
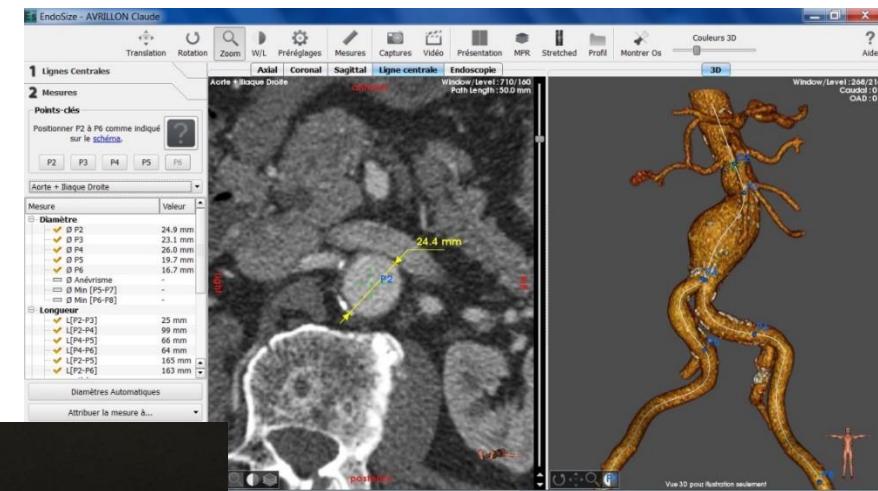
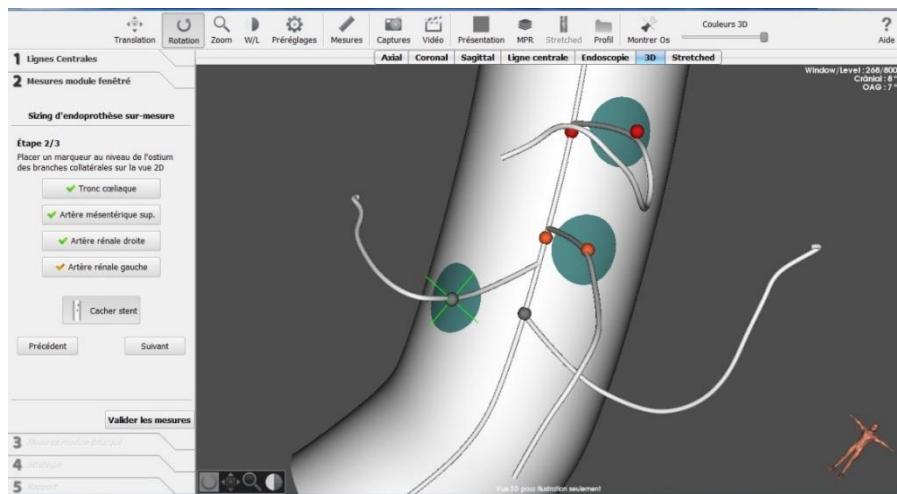


Aneurysms and Dissections of the aorta

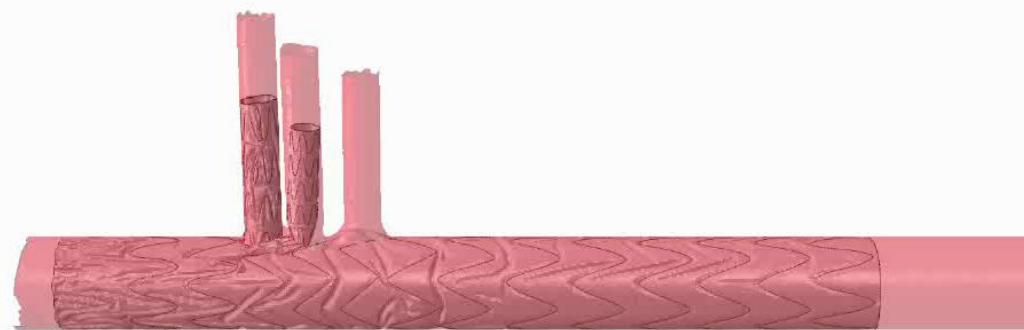
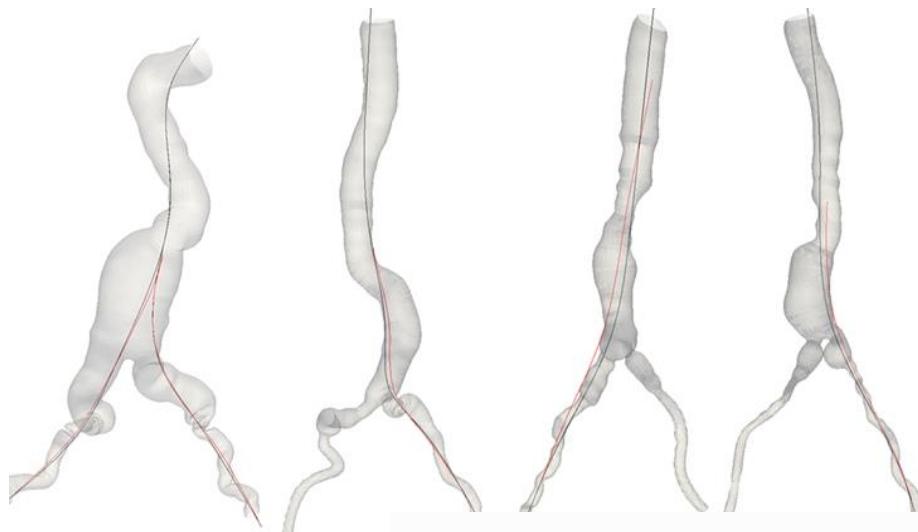


== Devastating complications!

Planification / sizing of fenestrated stent grafts in EVAR procedures



Simulation of stent-graft deployment



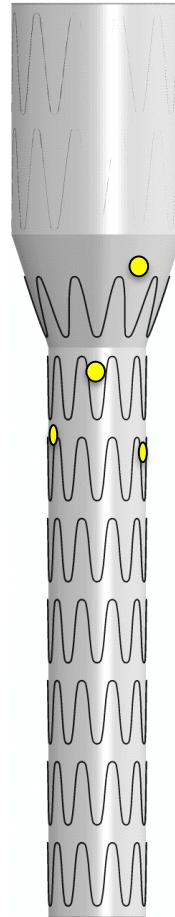
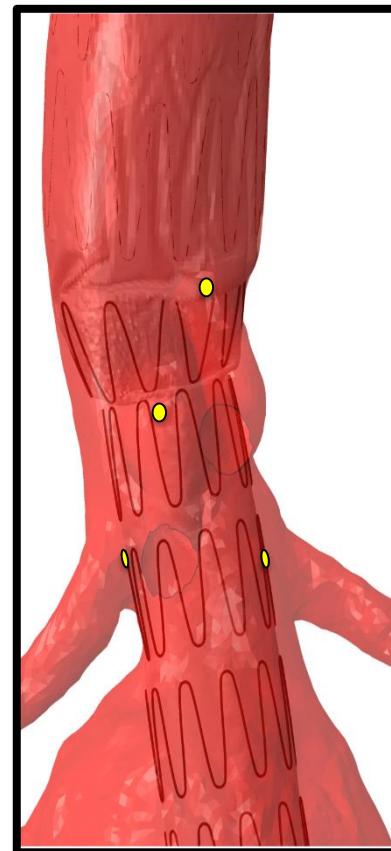
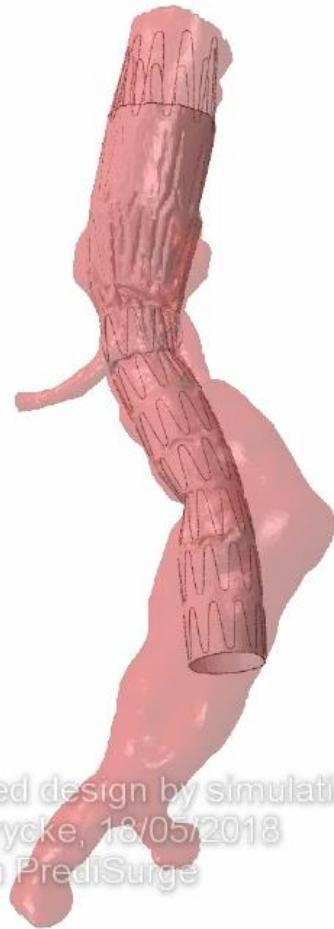
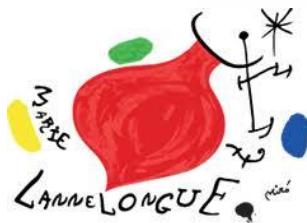
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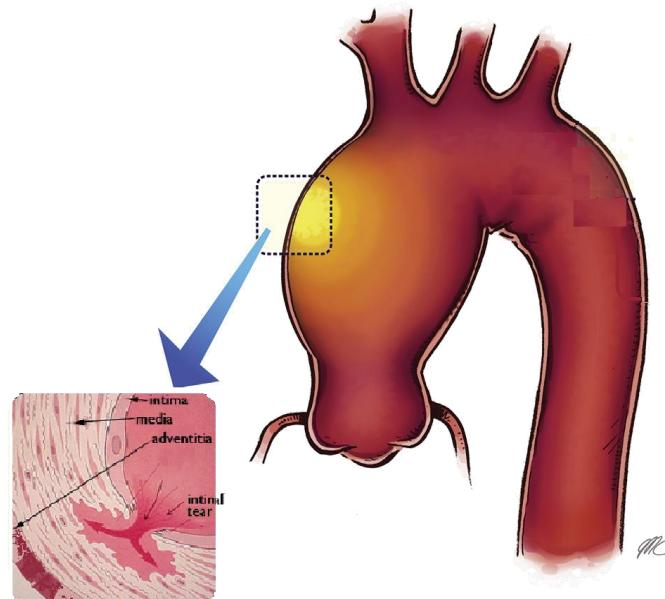
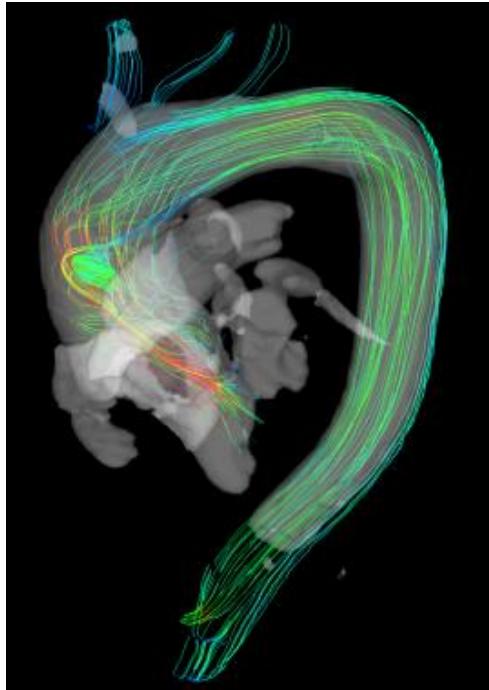




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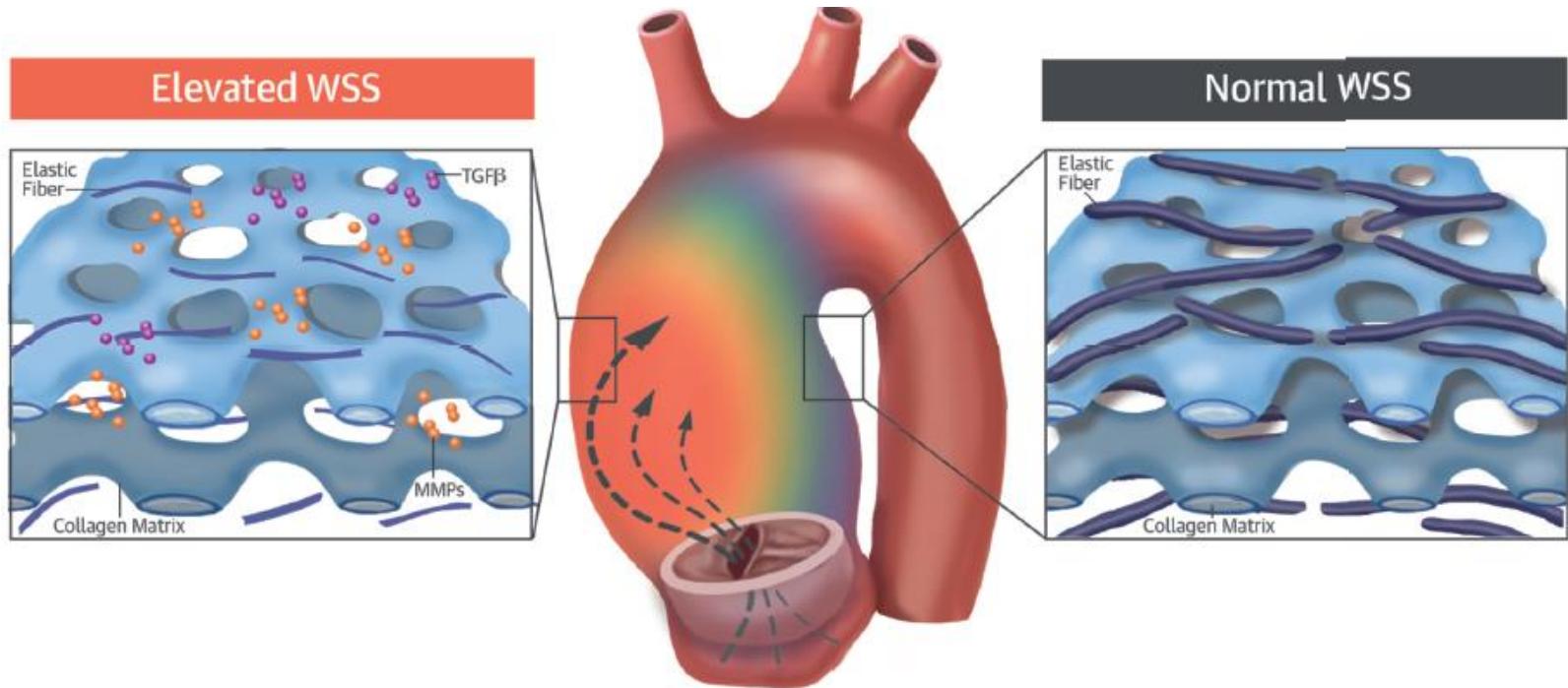
Aneurysms and Dissections of the aorta



Challenge: decision making to avoid aortic dissections!

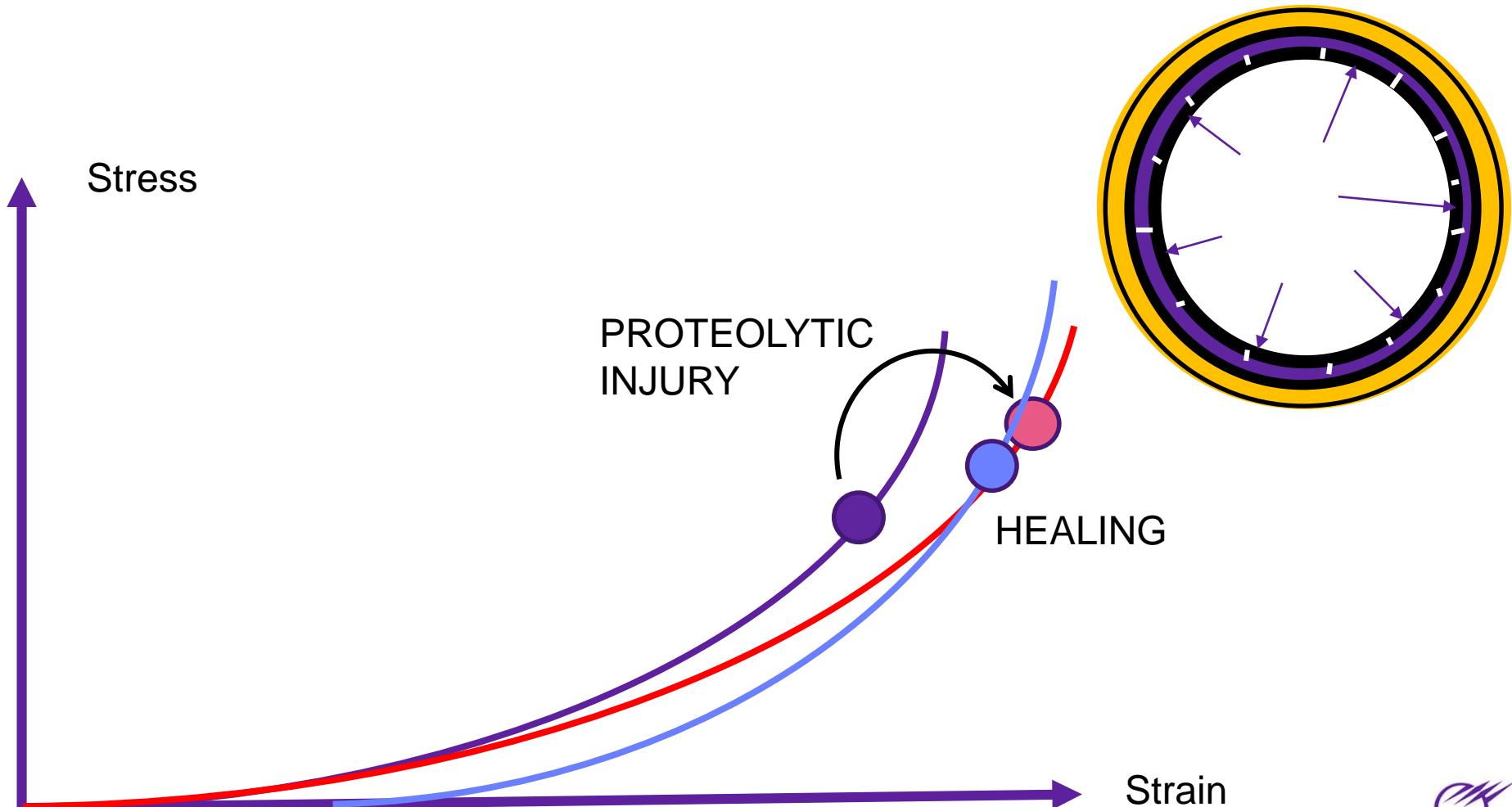
Mechanistic approach

ATAAs are triggered by local proteolytic injury, which induce adaptation in the ascending thoracic aorta



Guzzardi et al, JACC (2014), Condemi et al, IEEE TBME (2019)

Proteolytic injury and tissue adaptation



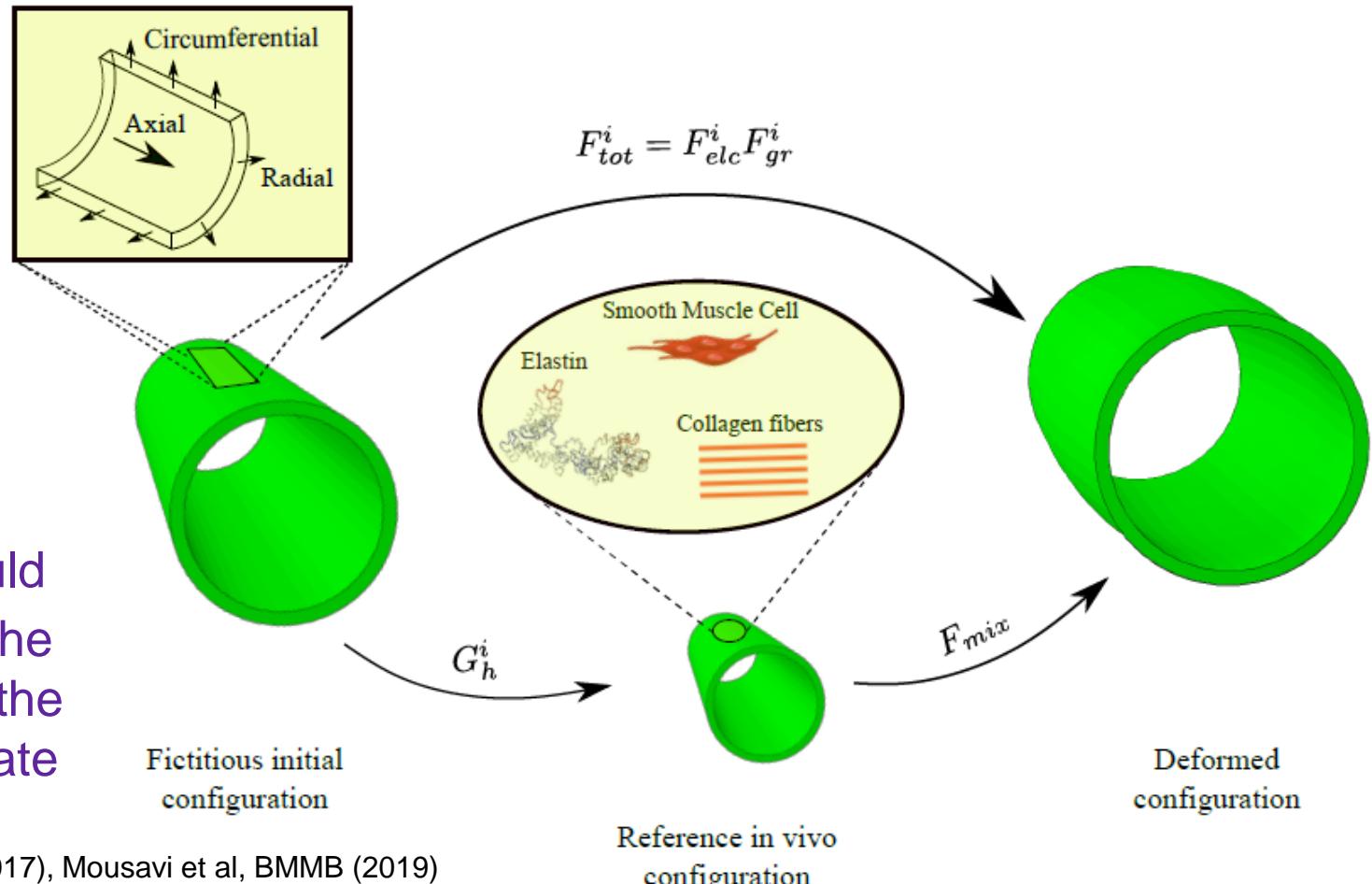
Mechanistic approach

Elastic and inelastic decomposition of deformation gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{tot}}^j = \mathbf{F}_{\text{elc}}^j \mathbf{F}_{\text{gr}}^j$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{gr}}^j = \mathbf{F}_r^j \mathbf{F}_g^j$$

\mathbf{F}_r^j and \mathbf{F}_g^j should be **updated** if the artery is not in the homeostatic state

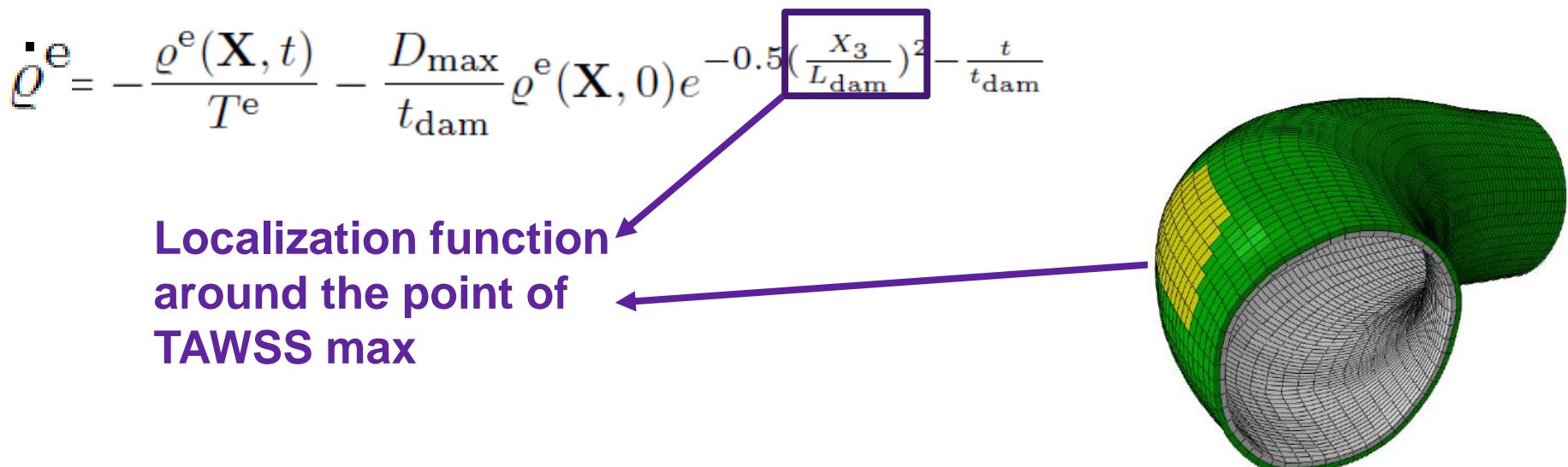


Mousavi & Avril, BMMB (2017), Mousavi et al, BMMB (2019)
Ghavamian et al, Front Bioeng Biotech (2020)

Mechanistic approach

Growth and remodeling of a two-layer patient-specific human ATAAAs due to elastin loss

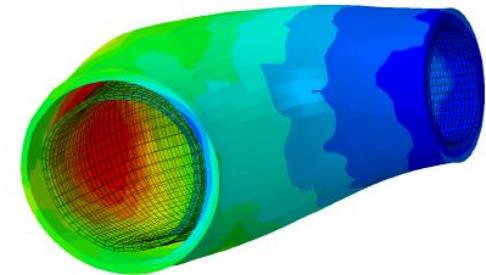
$$W = \varrho_t^e (\overline{W}^e(\bar{I}_1^e) + U(J_{el}^e)) + \sum_{j=1}^n \varrho_t^{c_j} W^{c_j}(I_4^{c_j}) + \varrho_t^m W^m(I_4^m)$$



Mousavi et al, BMMB (2019)

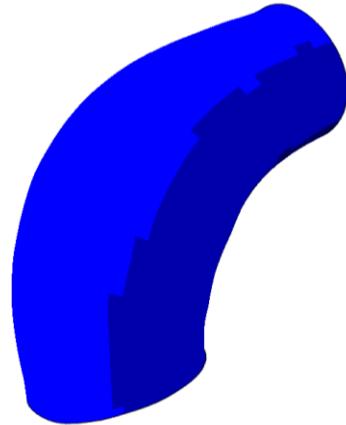
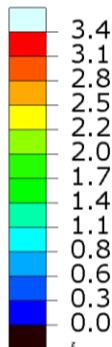
Patient-specific predictions

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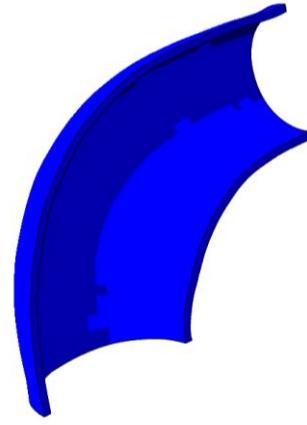
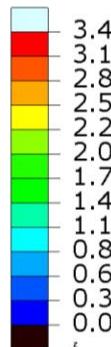


Small growth parameter

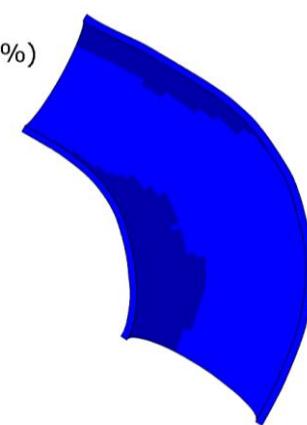
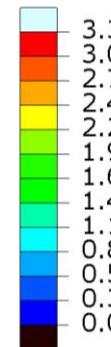
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Normalized Thickness

Mousavi et al, BMMB (2019)

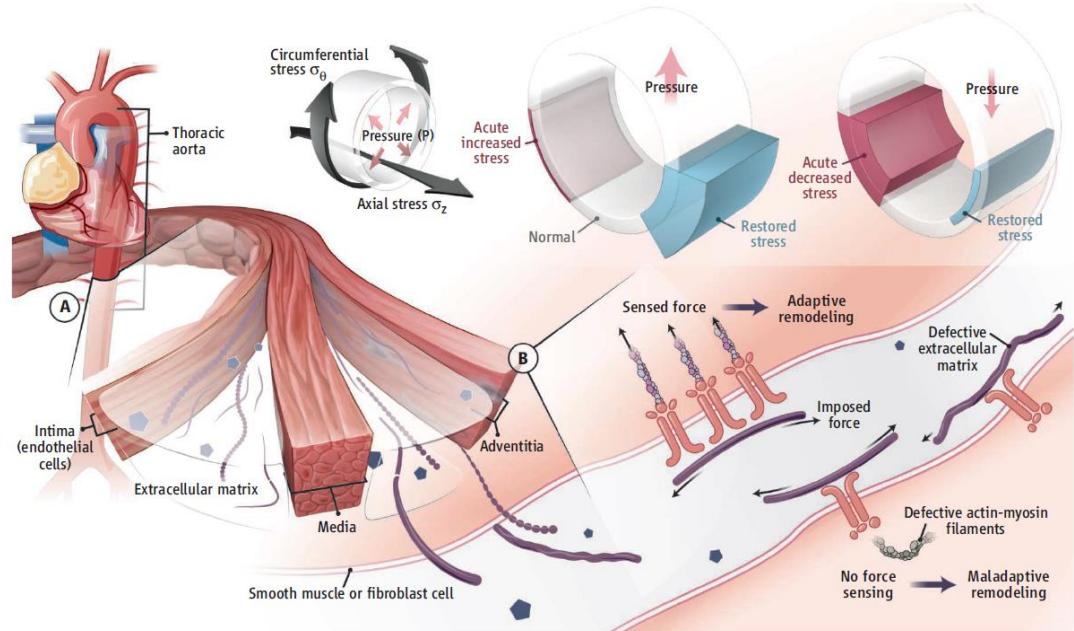
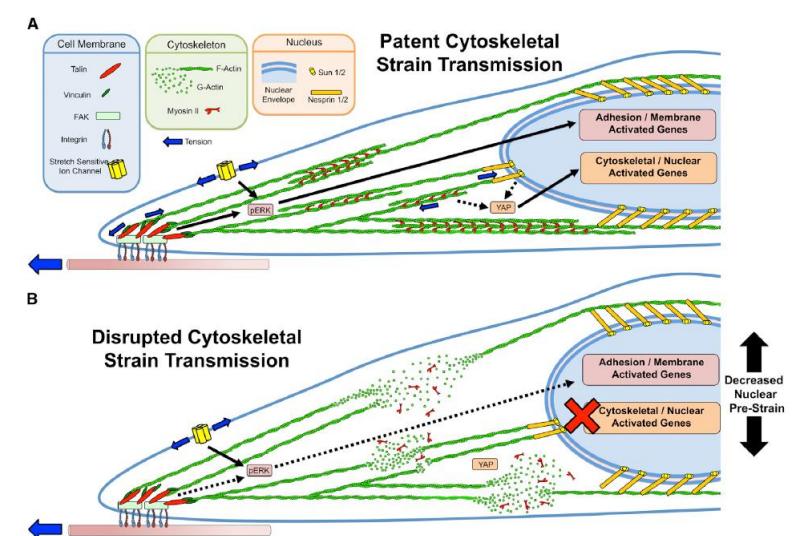
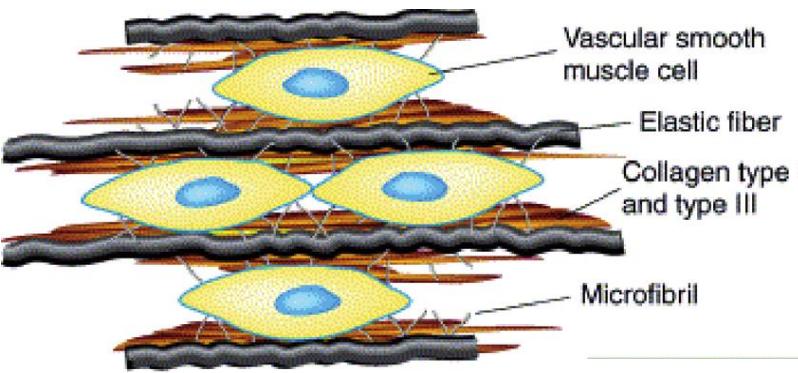
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Difficulties related to the inter-individual variability of aortic dissections => uncertain boundary and initial conditions

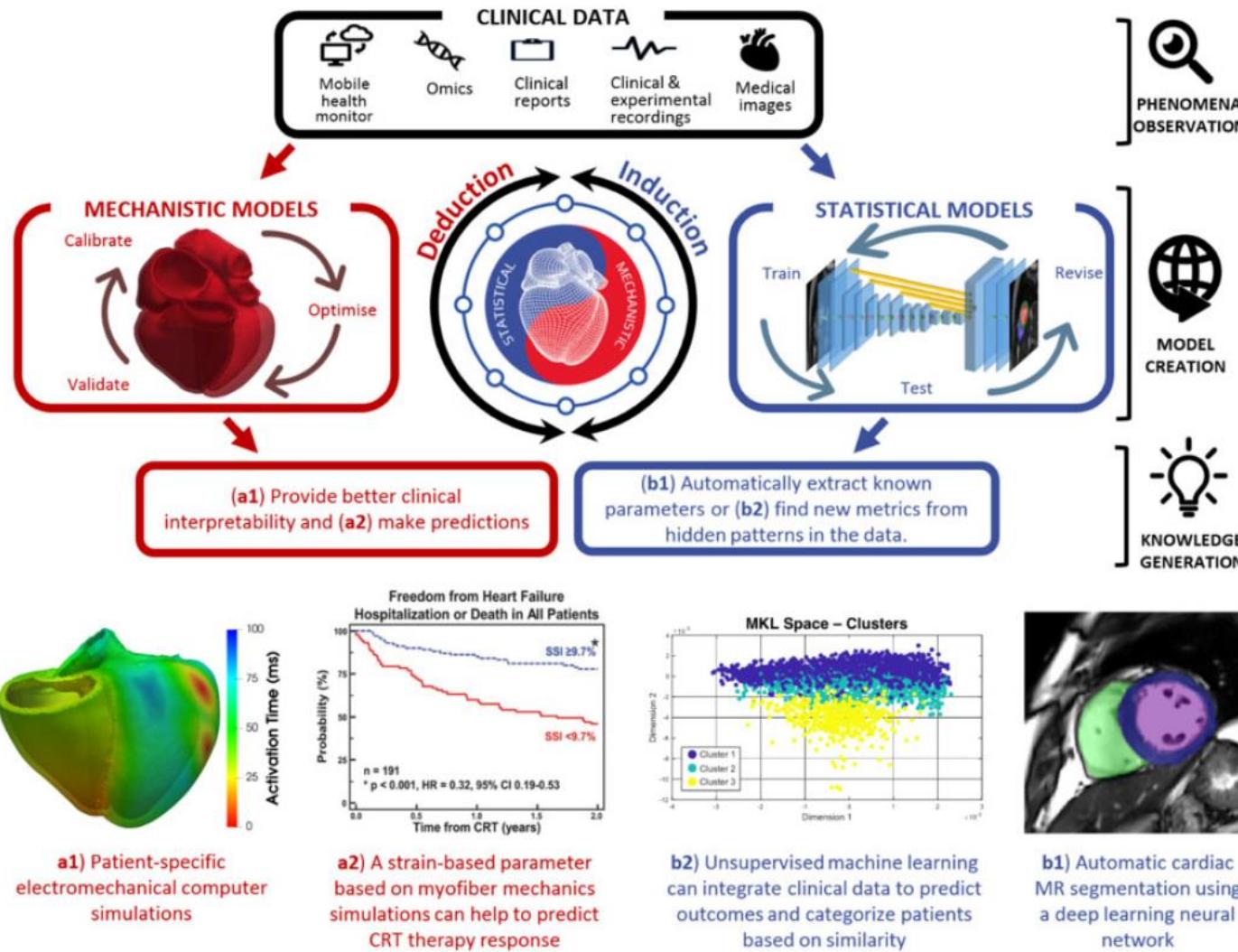


Difficulties related to the uncertainty of molecular and cellular biology

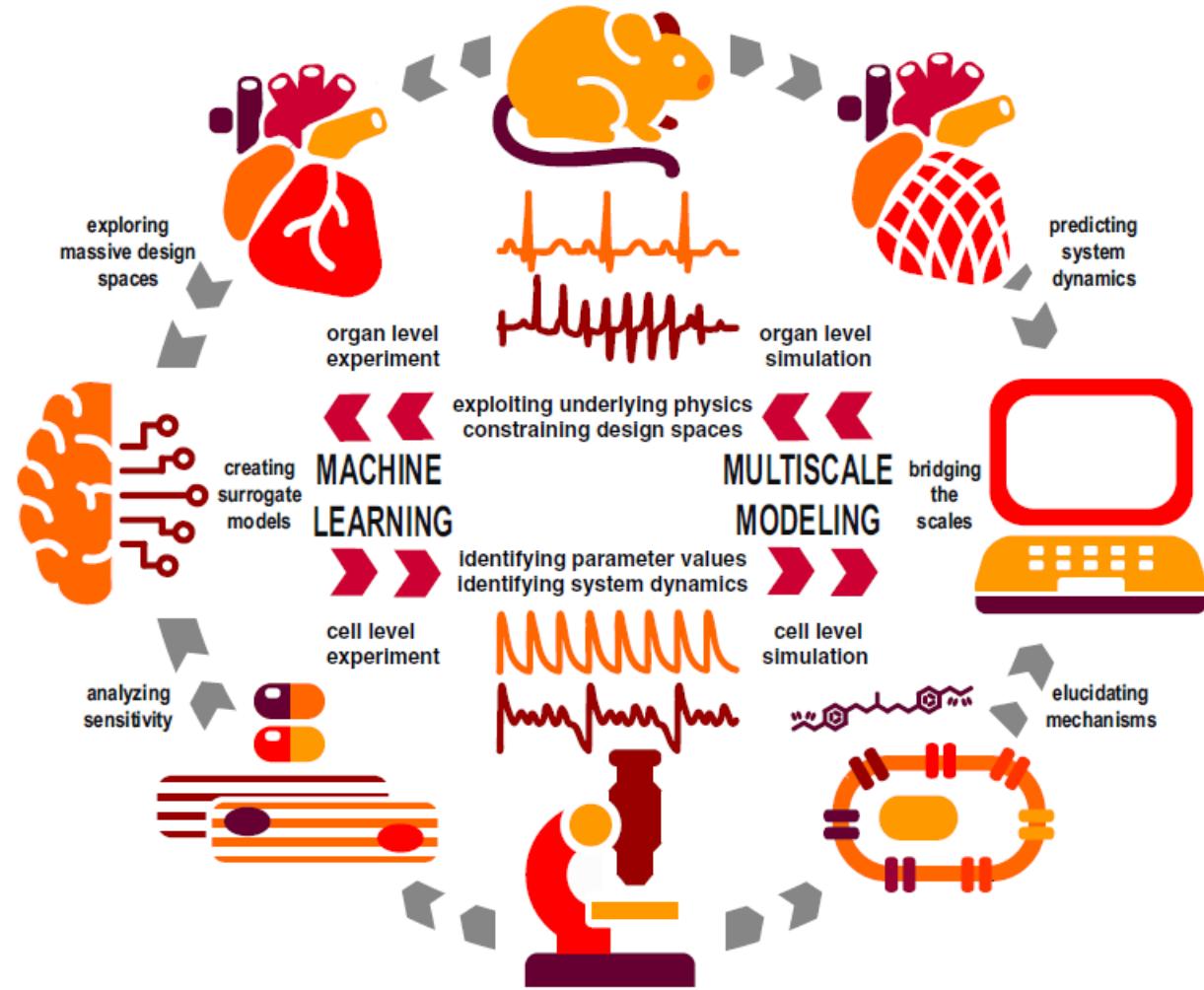


Humphrey et al, Science 2014

Solution: combining statistical models and the mechanistic approach



Combining machine learning and traditional modeling

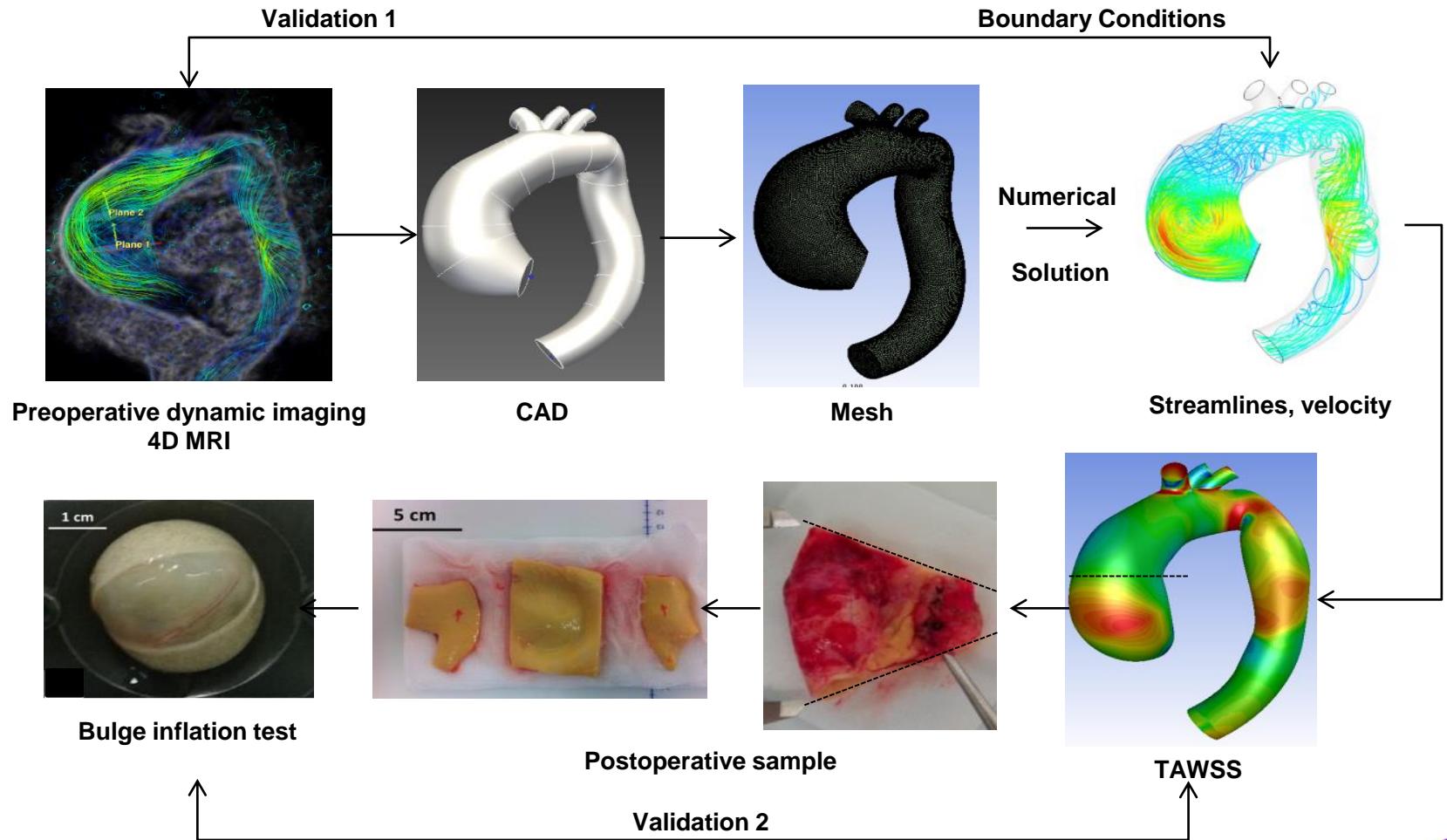


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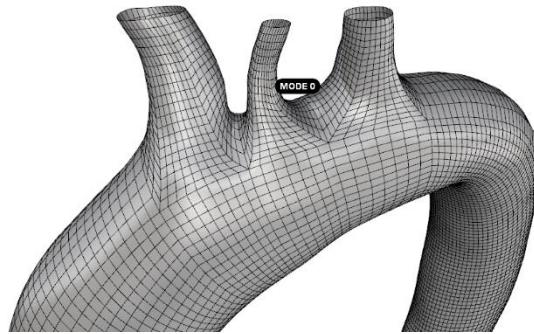
Integrating machine learning and multiscale modeling—
perspectives, challenges, and opportunities in the biological,
biomedical, and behavioral sciences

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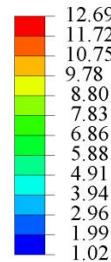
Learn boundary conditions, material properties and initial conditions from image analysis



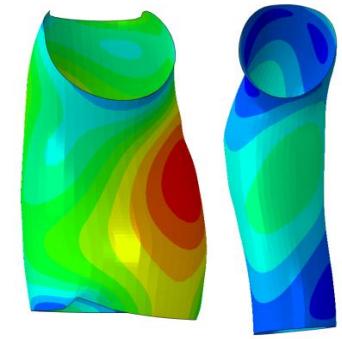
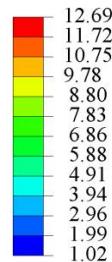
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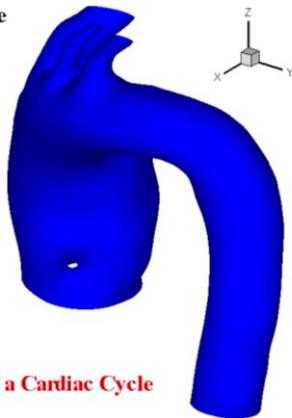
Stiffness [MPa.mm]



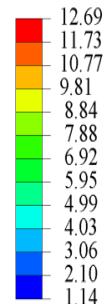
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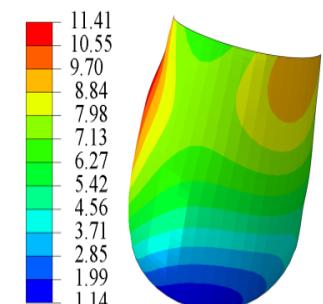
Time= 1thPhase



Stiffness [MPa.mm]

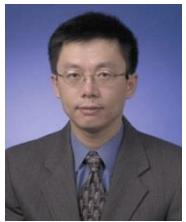


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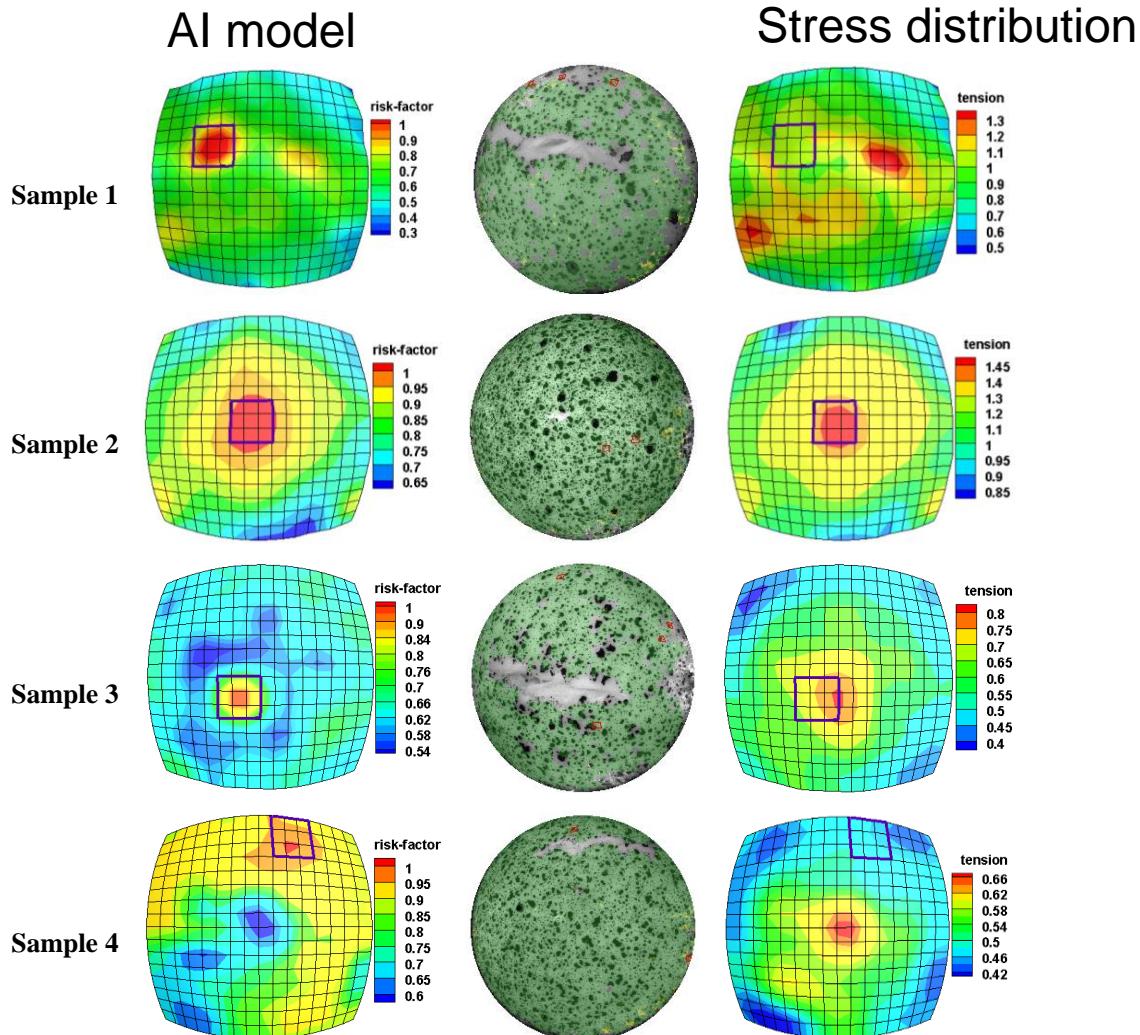


Ten Phases of a Cardiac Cycle

AI model of rupture criterion...



He et al. BMMB
– 2020
(Just accepted!)



Defining patient subgroups depending on genetic factors

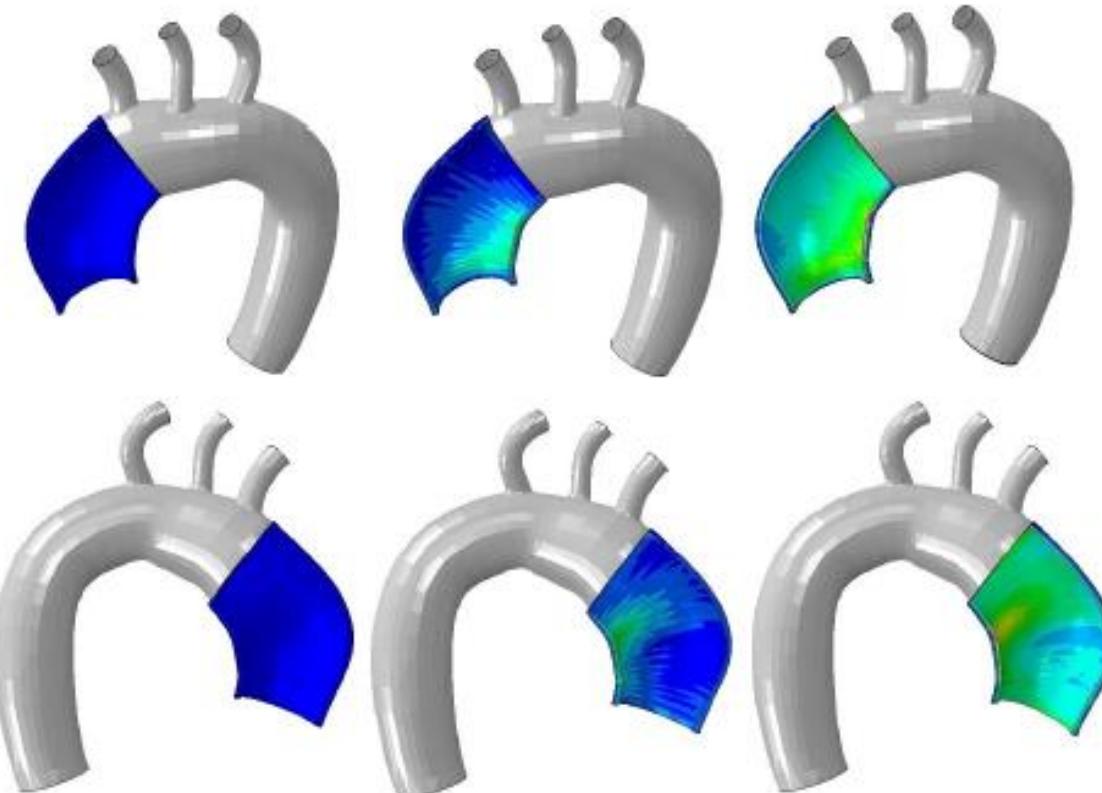
$$\dot{\varrho}^j(t) = \varrho^j(t) k_\sigma^j \frac{\sigma^j(t) - \chi * \sigma_h^j}{\chi * \sigma_h^j} + \dot{\xi}^j(t)$$

$$\chi = 1$$

$$\chi = 1.1$$

$$\chi = 1.25$$

Tangent
stiffness
after
10 years



Mousavi et al, ABME (2020, submitted)



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Collaborative initiatives



A quick video to explain the **Digital Twin** in very simple terms

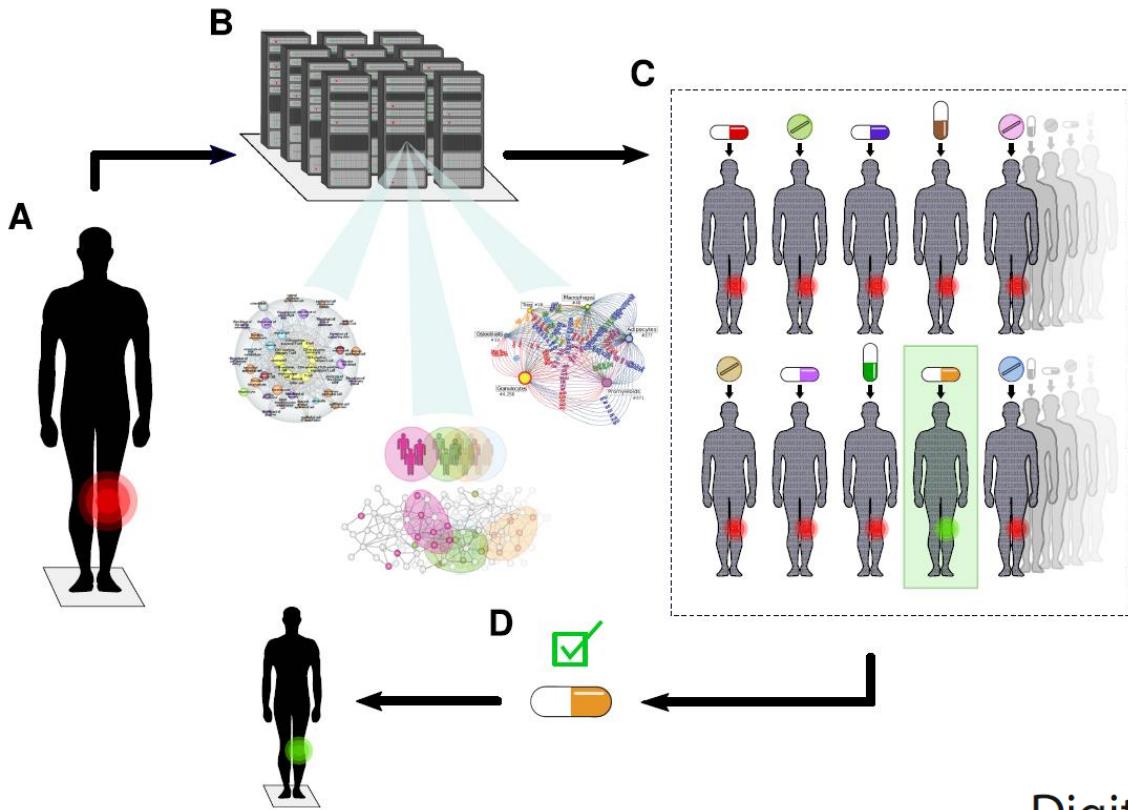


Collaborative initiatives



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Genome Medicine

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CLINICAL REVIEW
Frontiers in cardiovascular medicine

The 'Digital Twin' to enable the vision of precision cardiology

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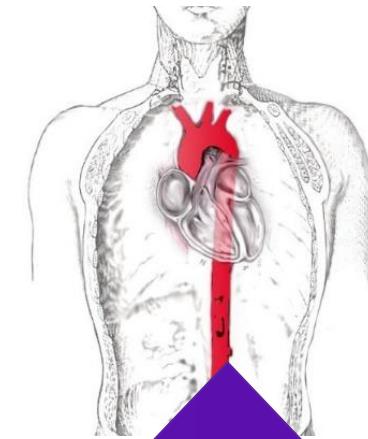
Digital twins to personalize medicine

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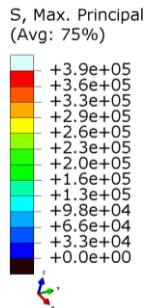
Need to monitor the biological counterpart



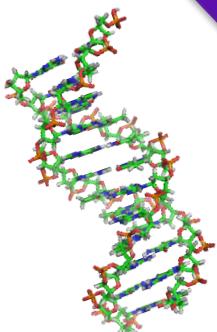
Monitoring mechanical regulation and epigenetics



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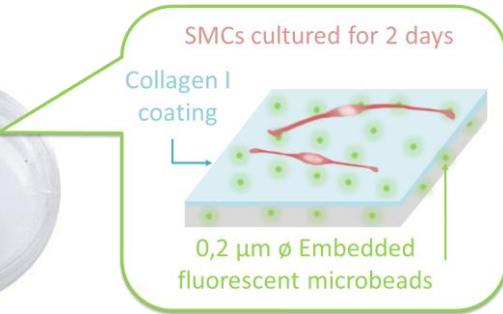
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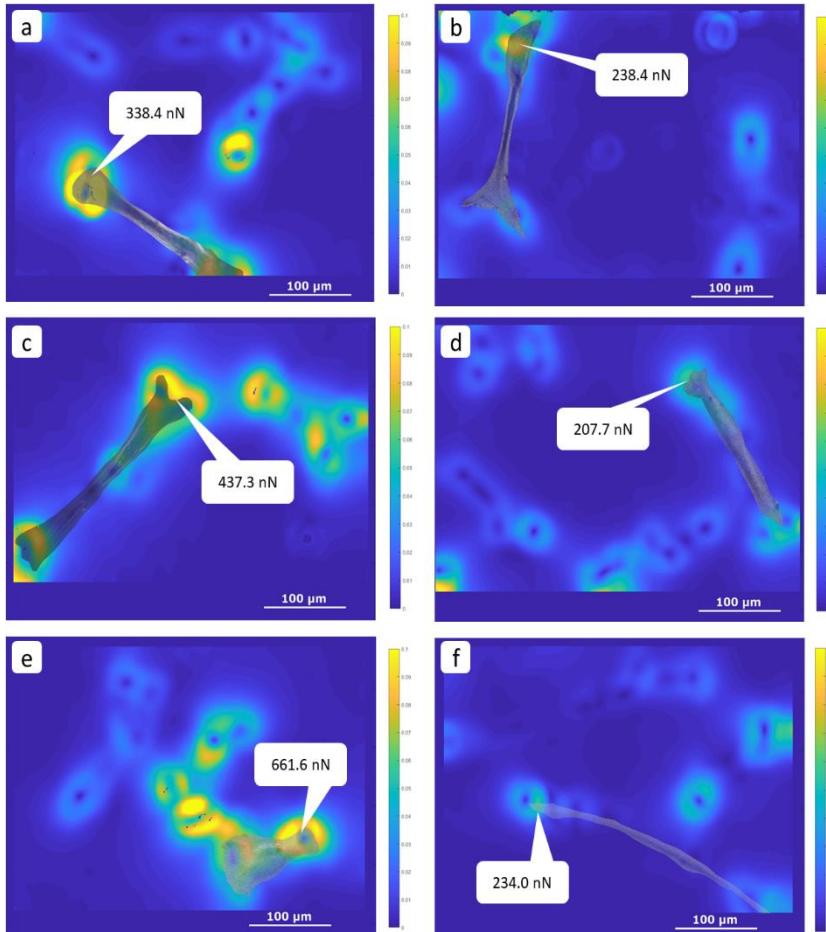
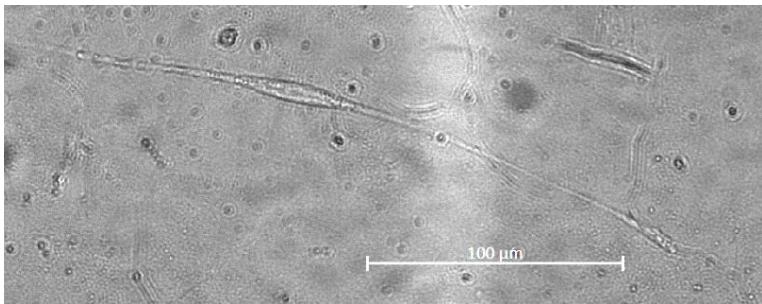
Predicting patient-specific pathophysiology and drug effects

Monitoring mechanobiology *in vivo*

Several stiffness values

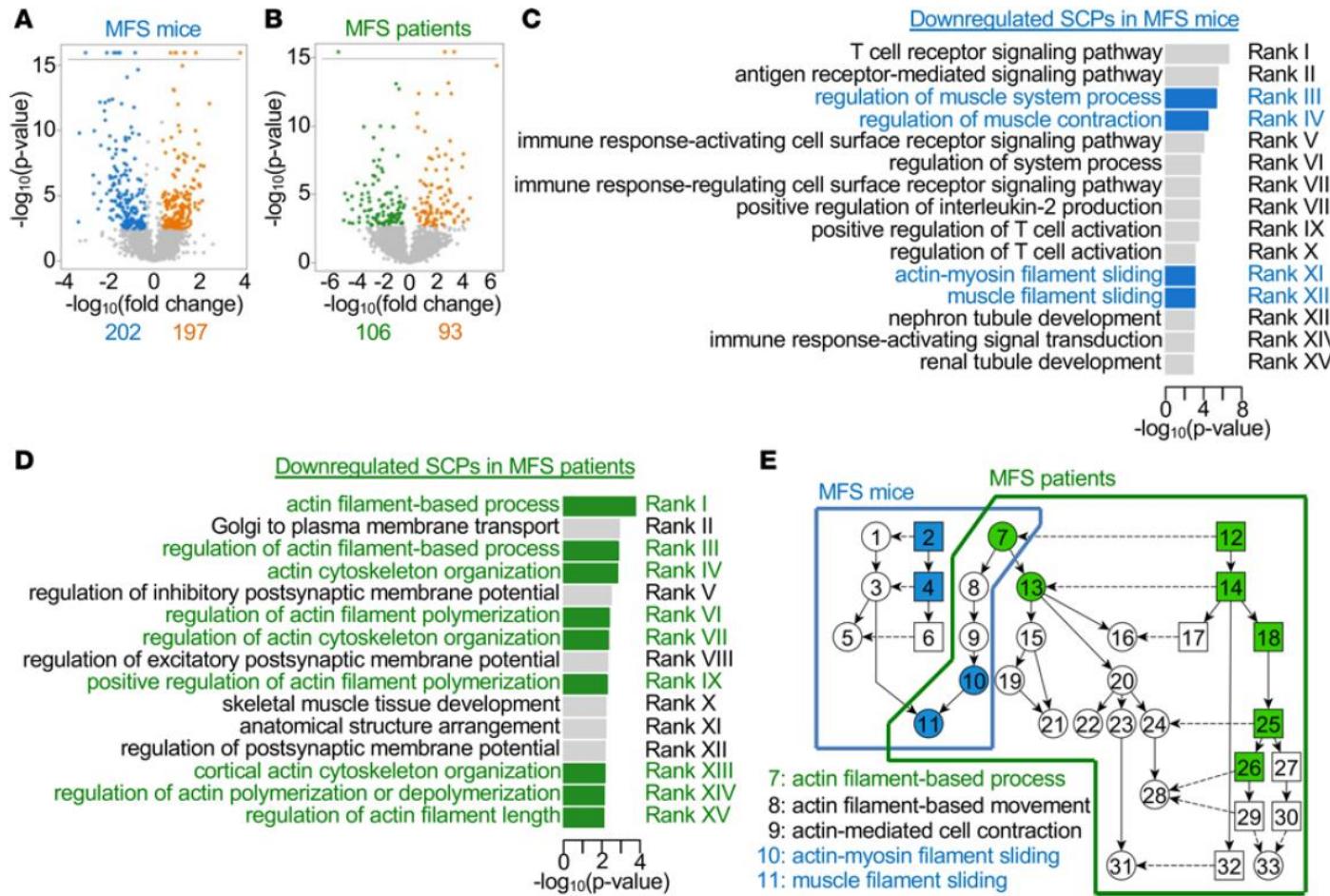


Aortic SMCs from human primary culture (AoSMC, Lonza), passages 5-7, cultured in a differentiating medium (SmBM, Lonza)



- **Fluorescent microscopy + DIC** : track the displacement of fluorescent microbeads
- **Cell unbinding method (with trypsin)** : assess the homeostatic state of single SMCs

Systems pharmacology-based integration of human and mouse data for drug repurposing to treat thoracic aneurysms



SUMMARY AND FUTURE WORK

- ❑ Computational models combining AI and mechanics are now used commonly in healthcare for developing medical devices and drugs
- ❑ Major challenges still need to be overcome to go beyond the virtual patient and establish digital twins of oneself
- ❑ Simple mechanistic models will always be useful!!



Wear a mask!



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