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# The effect of element formulation on FSI heart valve simulations

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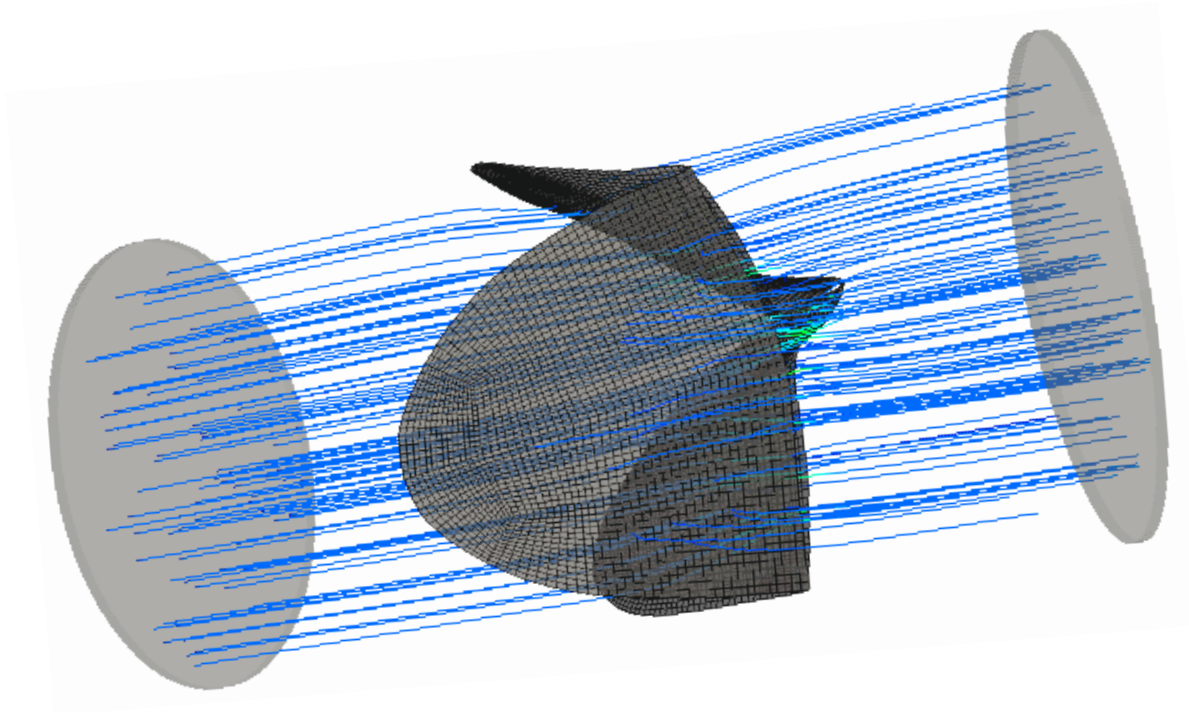
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**Aim**: to verify and compare different technical details of heart valve simulations

- Convergence of the mesh
- Finite element typology and formulation
- Damping factor

# Set-up of the simulations

## Structure: three leaflets biological valve

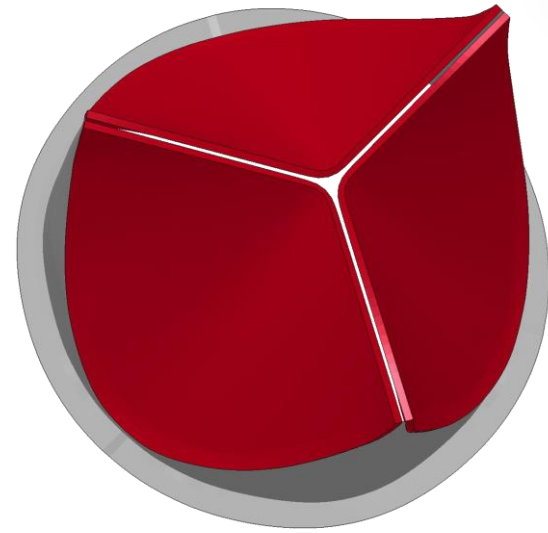
$$\rho = 1100 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$E = 3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.49$$

Thickness = 0.4 mm

BC: fixed commissural edges

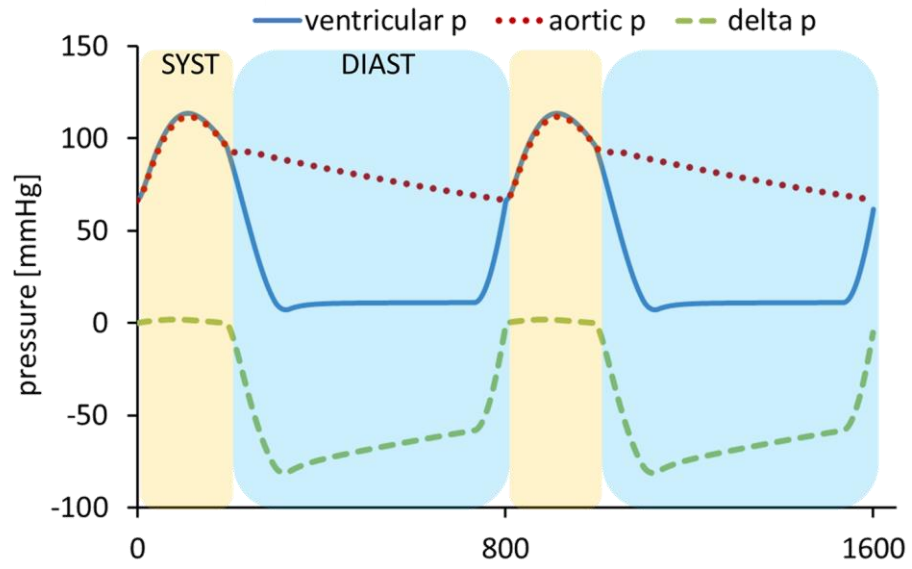


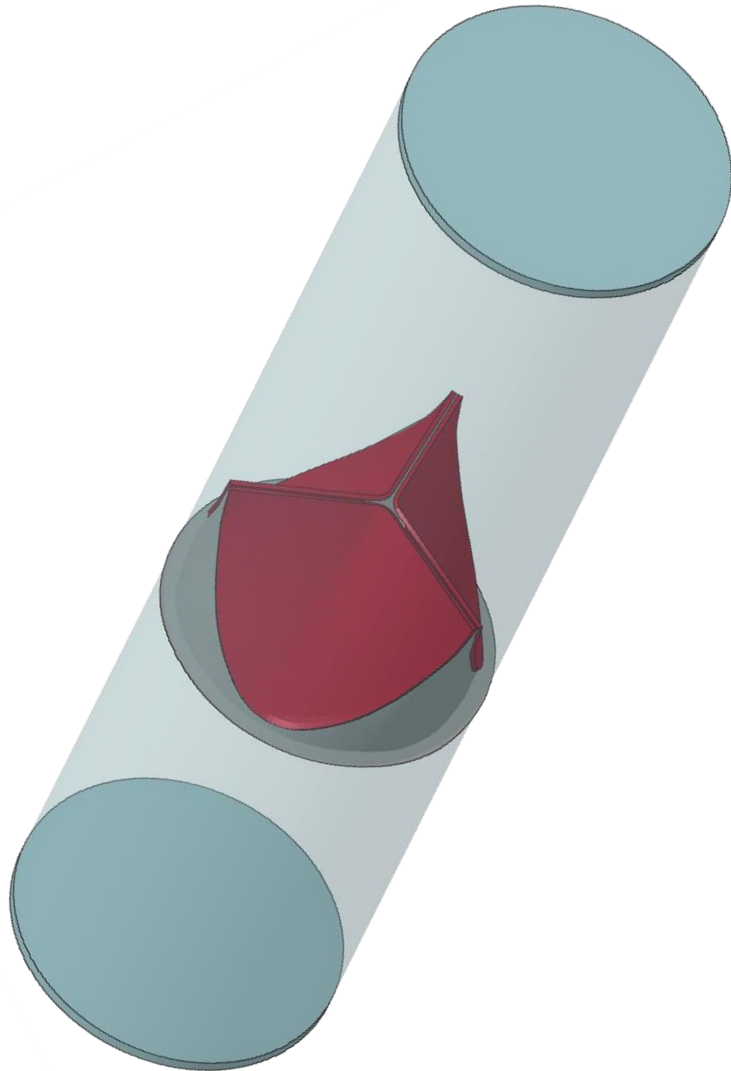
## Fluid: blood in a rigid tube

$$\rho = 1060 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu = 3.5 \text{ cP}$$

BC: physiological pressure gradient





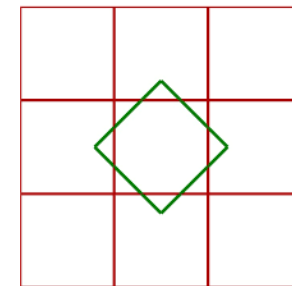
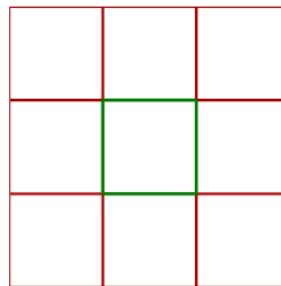
## Fluid-Structure Interaction (FSI)

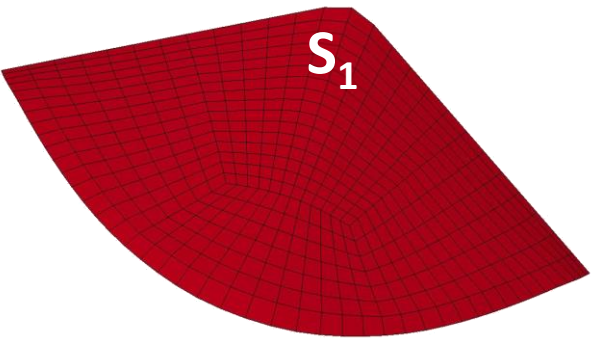
\*`COSTRAINED_LAGRANGE_IN_SOLID`

Non-boundary fitted method

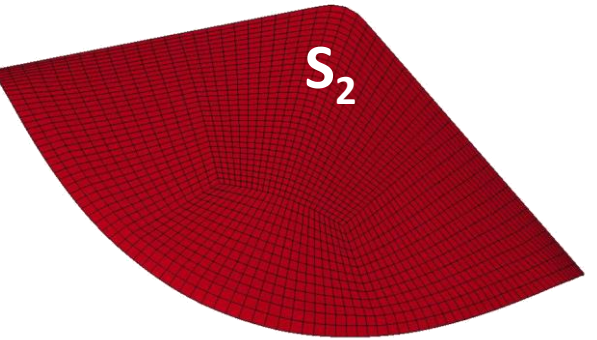
Operator Split algorithm

Fluid domain: control volume + inlet  
and outlet parts

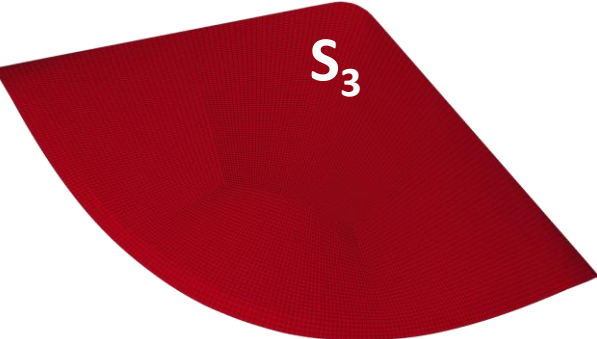




S<sub>1</sub>



S<sub>2</sub>



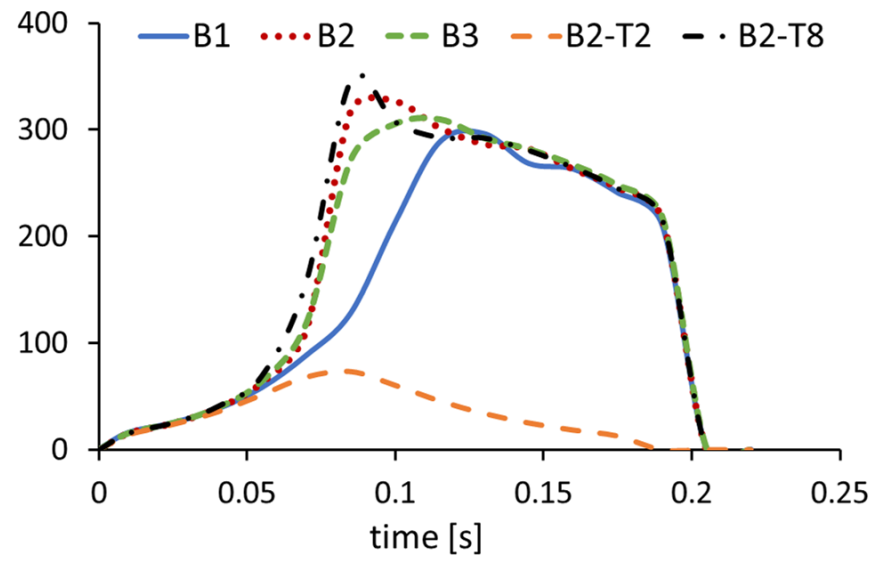
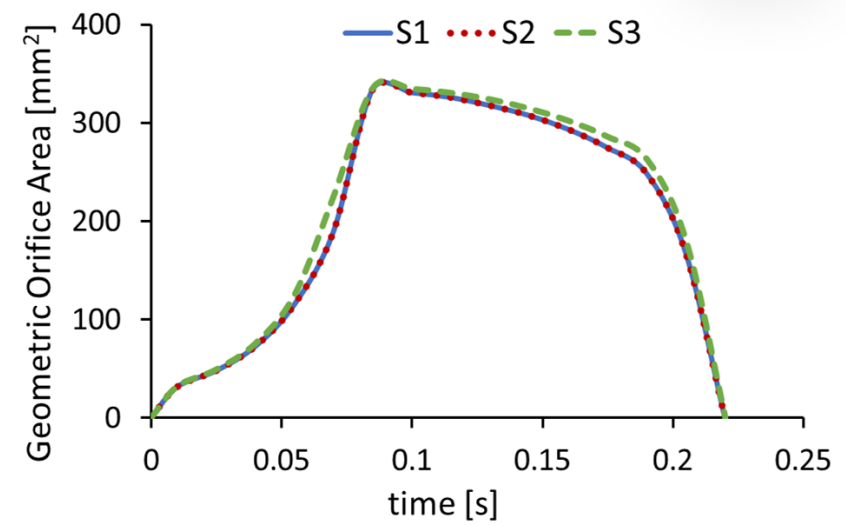
S<sub>3</sub>

### SHELL

- S<sub>1</sub>
- S<sub>2</sub>
- S<sub>3</sub>

### BRICK

- B<sub>1</sub>
- B<sub>2</sub>
- B<sub>3</sub>
- B<sub>2</sub> - T<sub>2</sub>
- B<sub>2</sub> - T<sub>8</sub>



# Accuracy of FSI Heart Valves Simulations

**S<sub>2</sub>**: Belytschko-Lin-Tsay reduced-int, Hg Viscosity, Damp 1-5

**S<sub>2</sub>-BL**: Belytschko-Leviathan, Damp 1-5

**S<sub>2</sub>-HgS**: Belytschko-Lin-Tsay reduced-int, Hg Stiffness, Damp 1-5

**S<sub>2</sub>-FI**: full-int, Damp 1-5

**S<sub>2</sub>-T**: thickness enhanced reduced-int, Damp 1-5

**S<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>0.1</sub>**: S<sub>2</sub> model, Damp 0.1-0.1

**S<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>5</sub>**: S<sub>2</sub> model, Damp 5-5

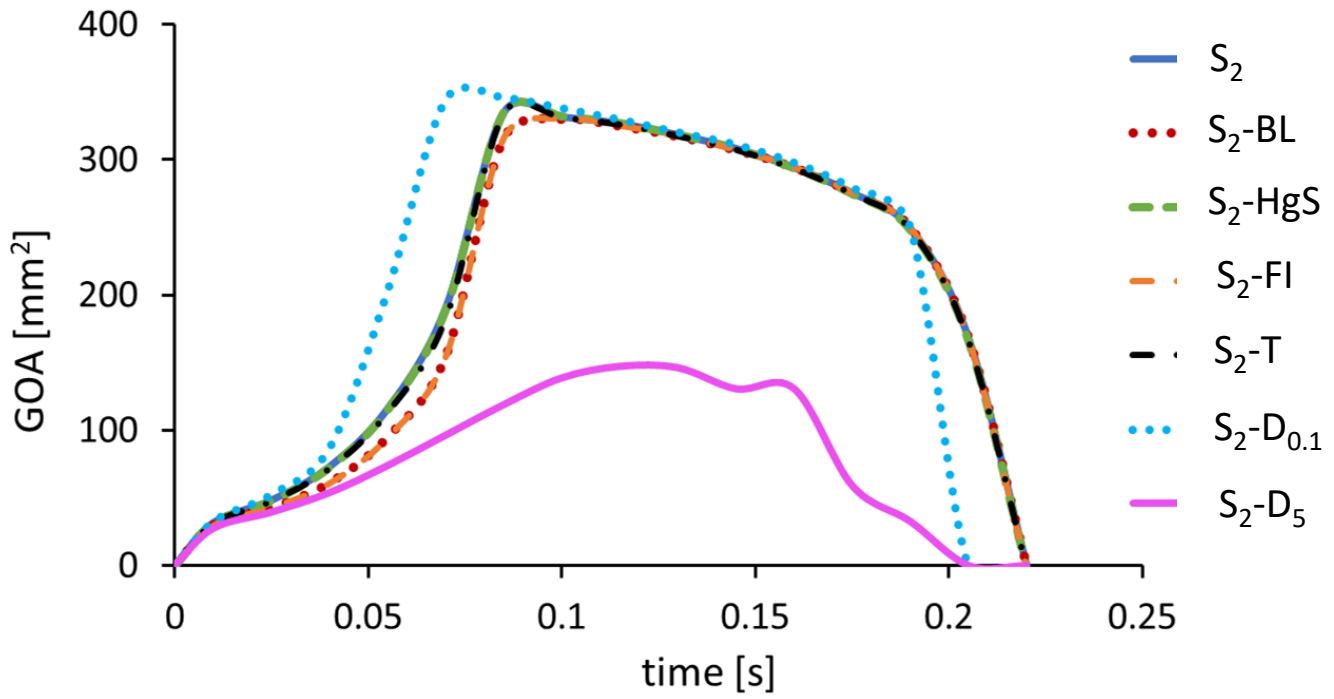
\*ELFORM=2 \*IHQ=2

\*ELFORM=8

\*IHQ=4

\*ELFORM=16

\*ELFORM=25





# Accuracy of FSI Heart Valves Simulations

**B<sub>2</sub>**: quadratic full-int, Damp 0.1-1

**B<sub>2</sub>-FI**: linear full-int, Damp 0.1-1

**B<sub>2</sub>-FI<sub>Adv</sub>**: linear advance full-int, Damp 0.1-1

**B<sub>2</sub>-RI-HgV**: reduced-int Viscous, Hg Viscosity ,Damp 0.1-1

**B<sub>2</sub>-RI-HgS**: reduced-int Stiffness, , Hg Stiffness ,Damp 0.1-1

**B<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>0.05</sub>**: B<sub>2</sub> model, Damp 0.05-0.05

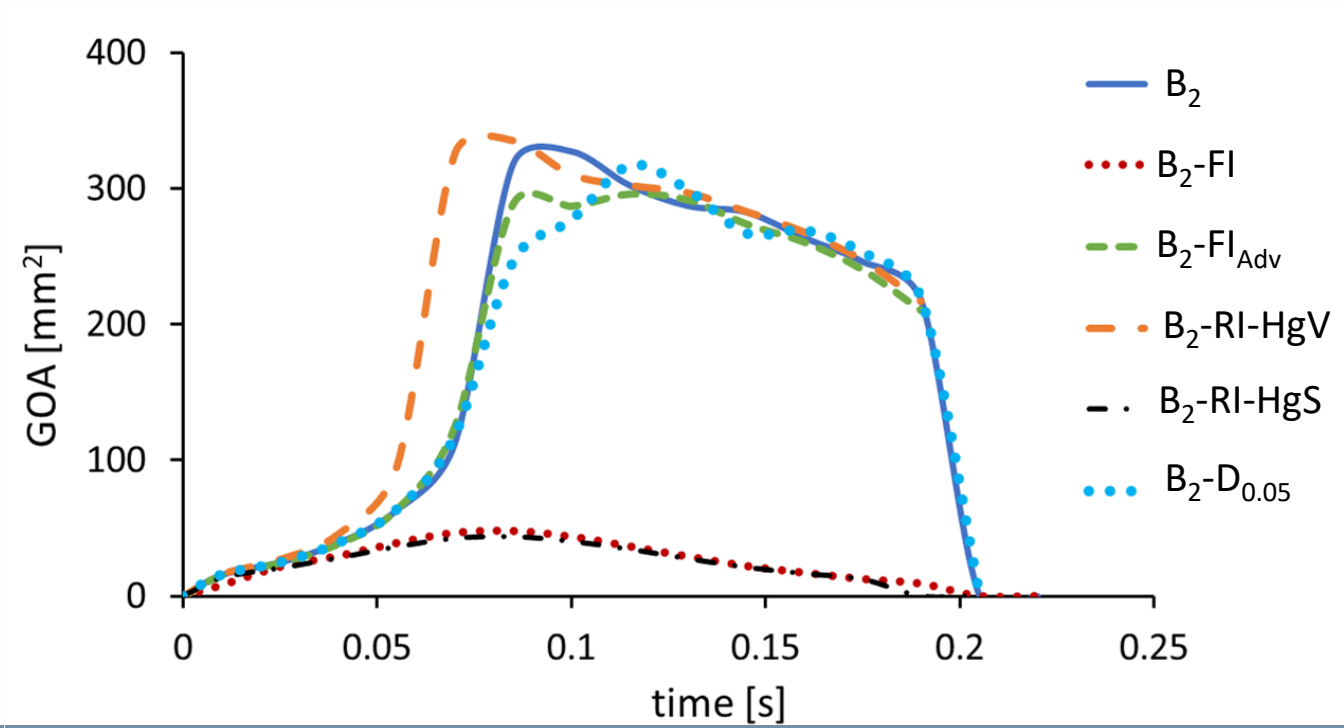
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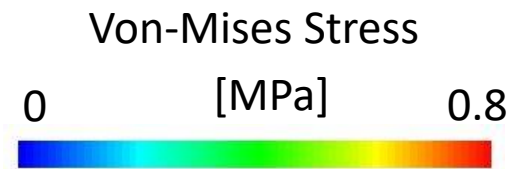
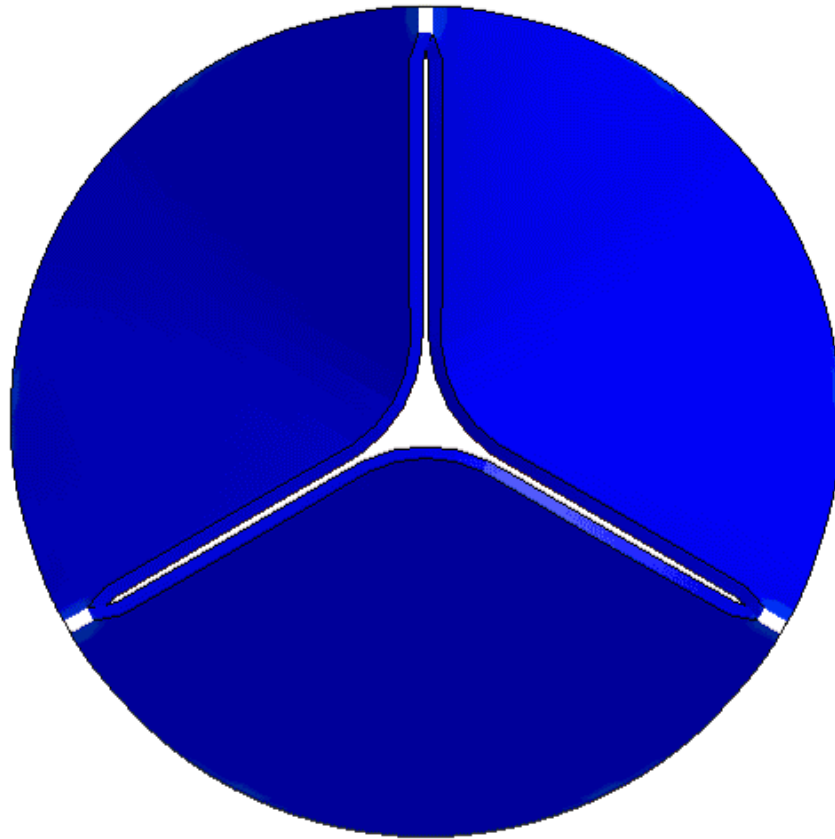
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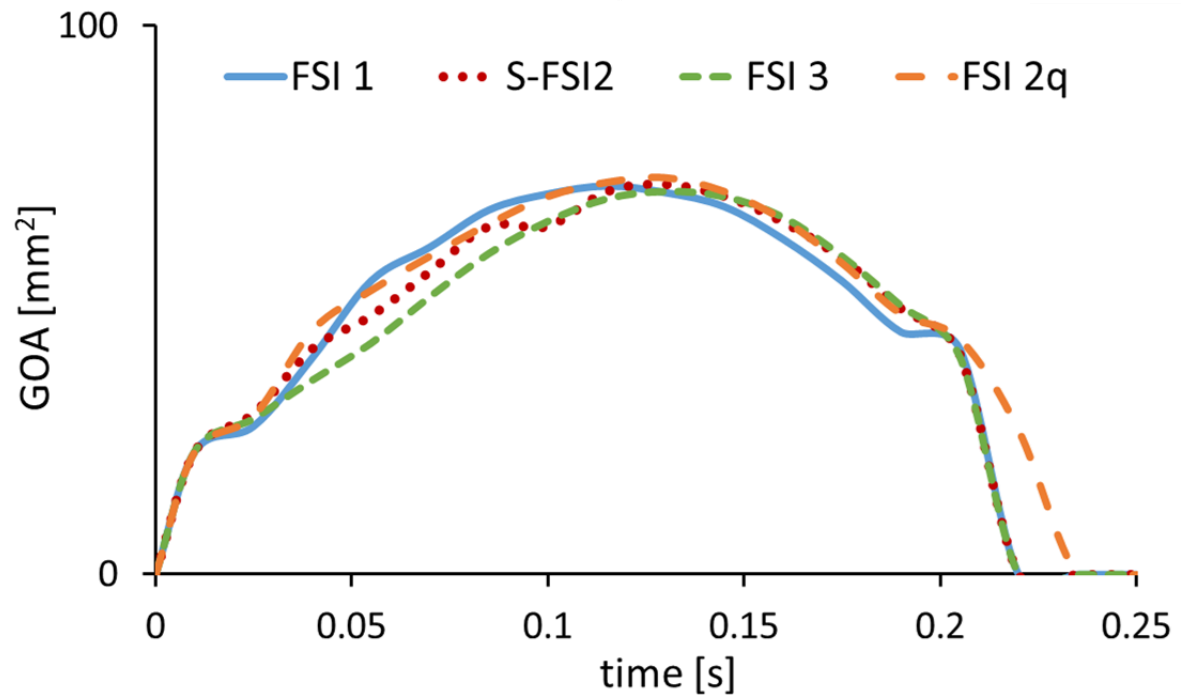
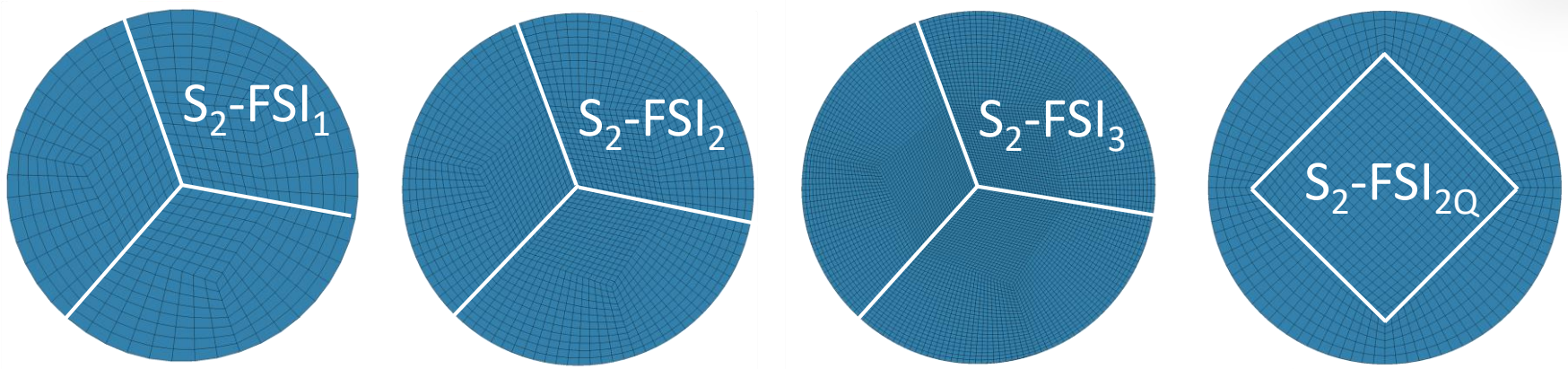
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# Accuracy of FSI Heart Valves Simulations



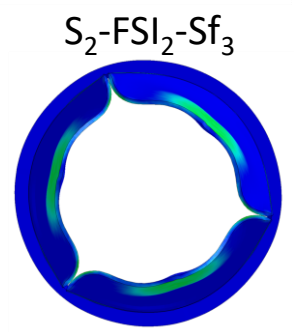
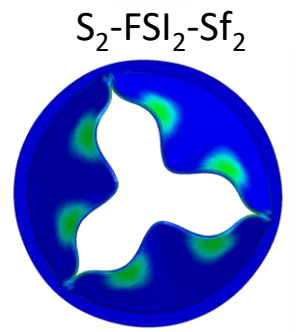
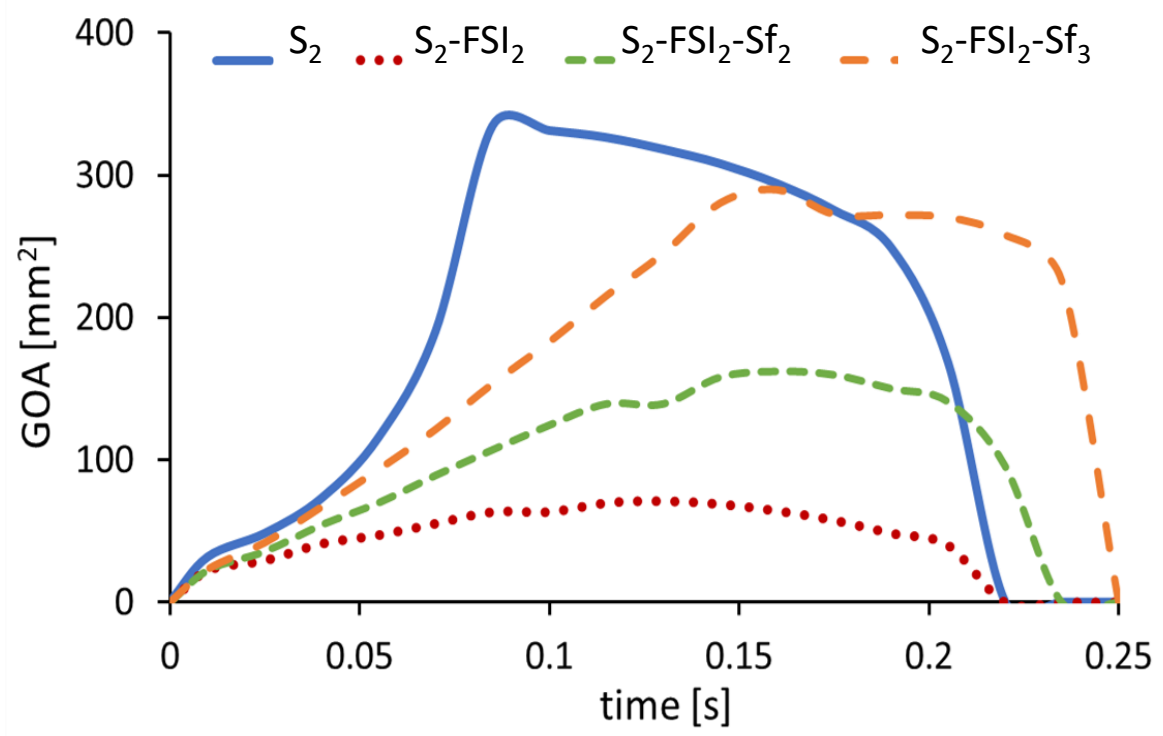
# Accuracy of FSI Heart Valves Simulations

$S_2$ : Belytschko-Lin-Tsay reduced-int Viscosity Hg Damp 1-5

$S_2$ -FSI<sub>2</sub>: 1 scale factor BC

$S_2$ -FSI<sub>2</sub>-Sf<sub>2</sub>: 2 scale factor BC

$S_2$ -FSI<sub>2</sub>-Sf<sub>2</sub>: 3 scale factor BC



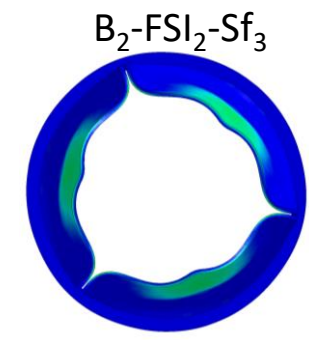
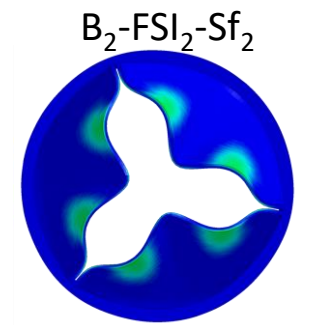
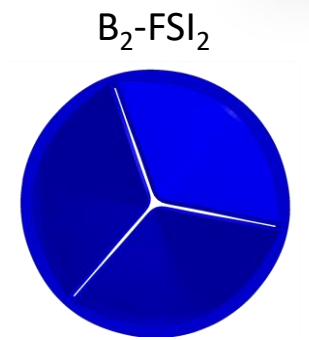
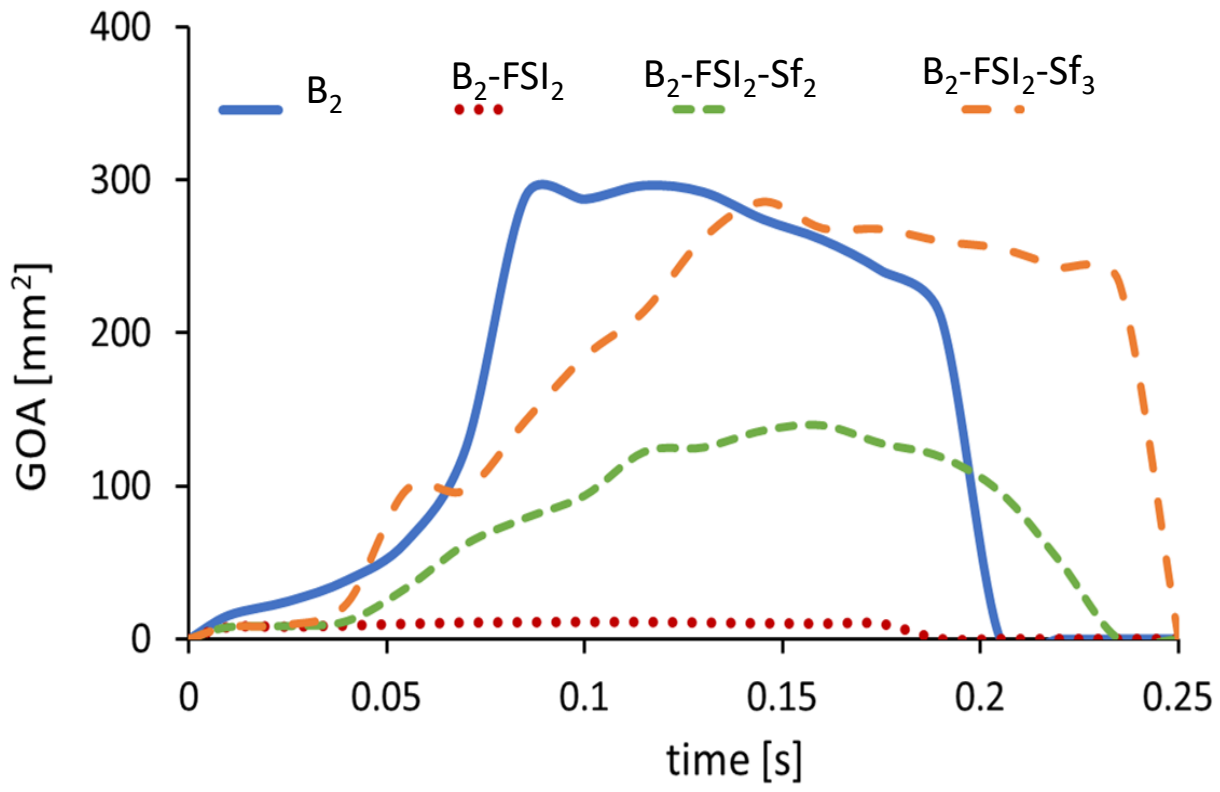
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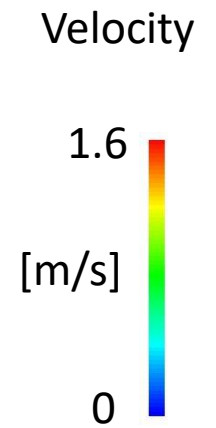
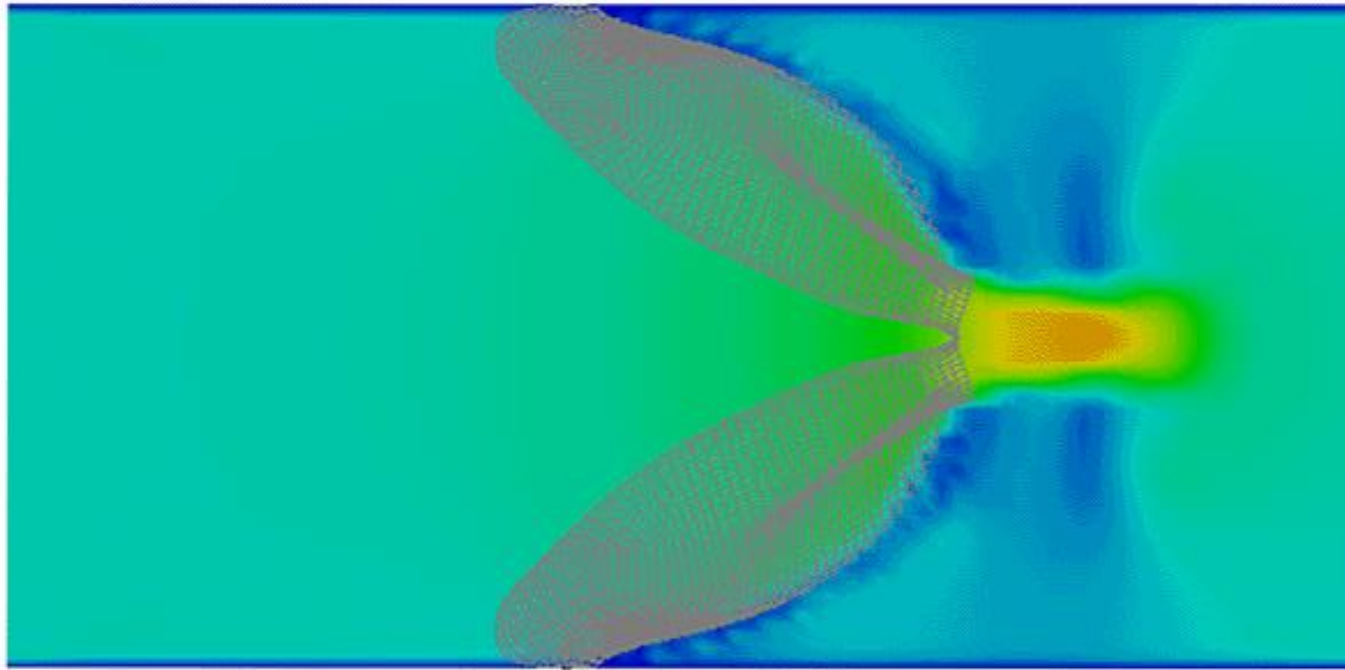
$B_2$ : quadratic full-int Damp 0.1-1

$B_2-FSI_2$ : 1 scale factor BCs

$B_2-FSI_2-Sf_2$ : 2 scale factor BCs

$B_2-FSI_2-Sf_3$ : 3 scale factor BCs



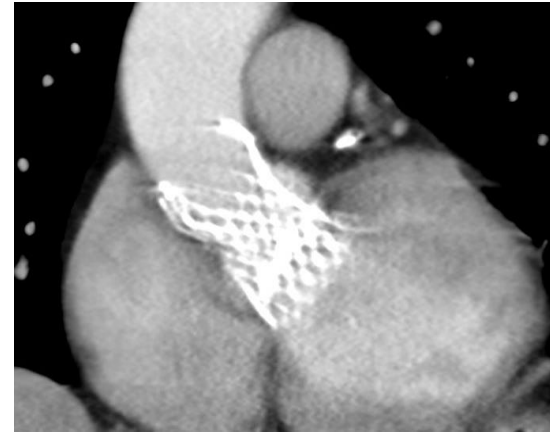


## Study on the Accuracy of FSI Heart Valves Simulations

### Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation: an FSI study

**Aim**: Efficient methodological approach to perform FSI simulations of TAVI procedure

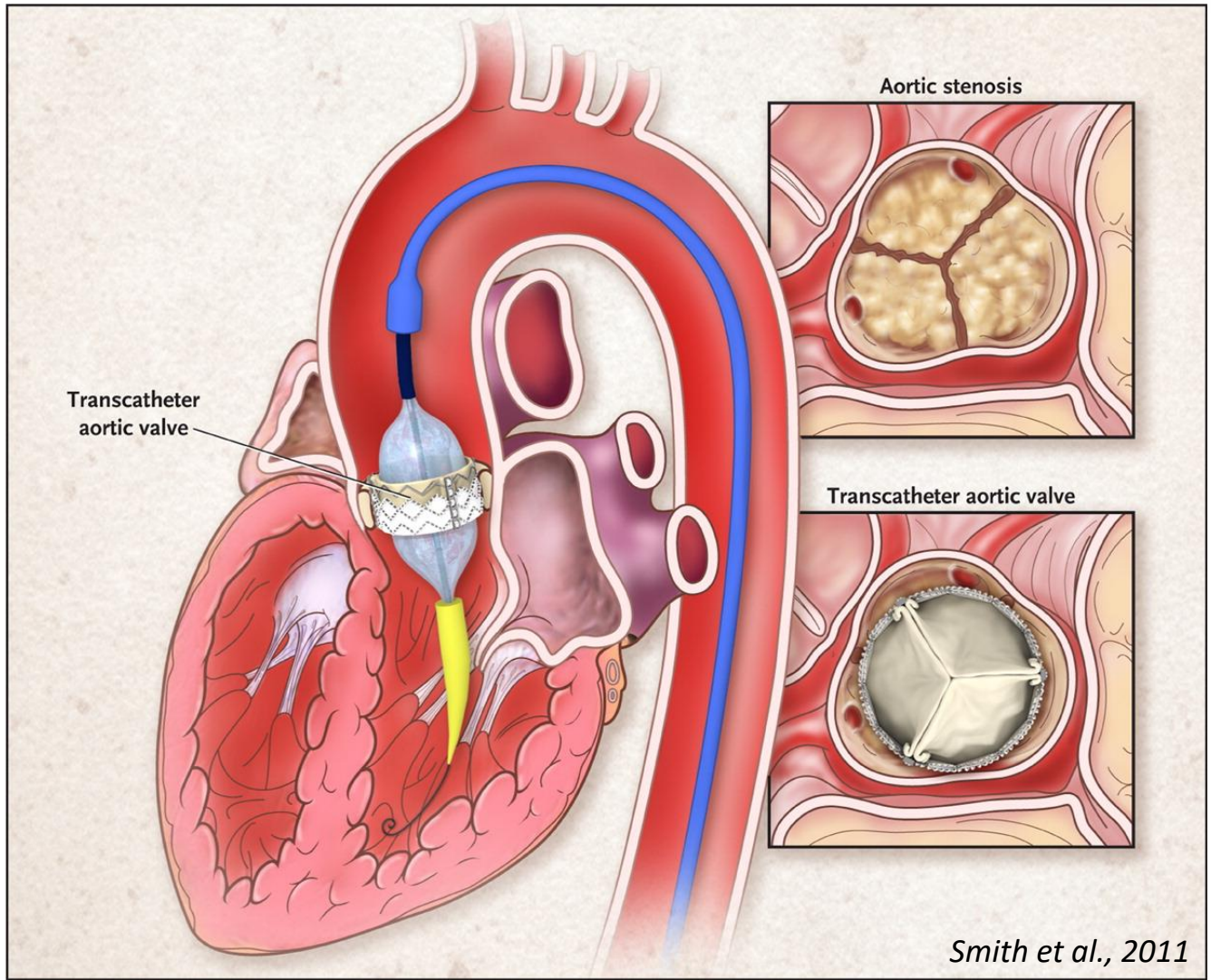
- Patient-specific domain
- Patient-specific BCs



Clinical data provided by Humanitas University  
(prof. Giulio Stefanini)

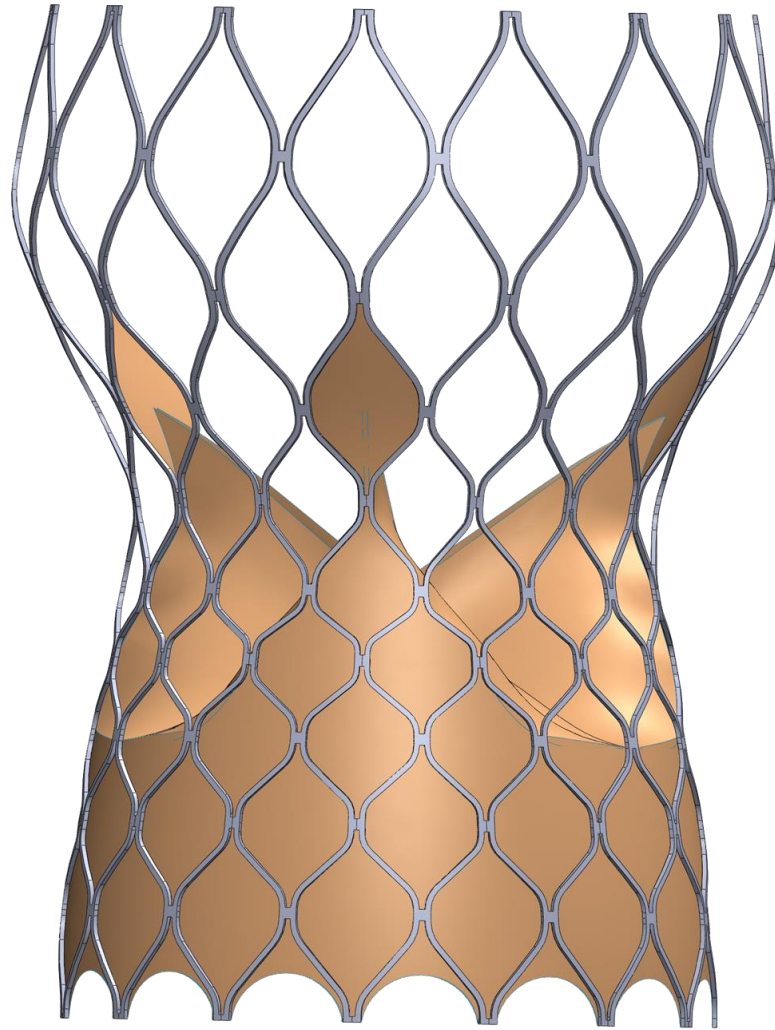
# TAVI: an FSI study

- ✓ Mini-invasive procedure
- ✓ Intermediate- and high-risk patients

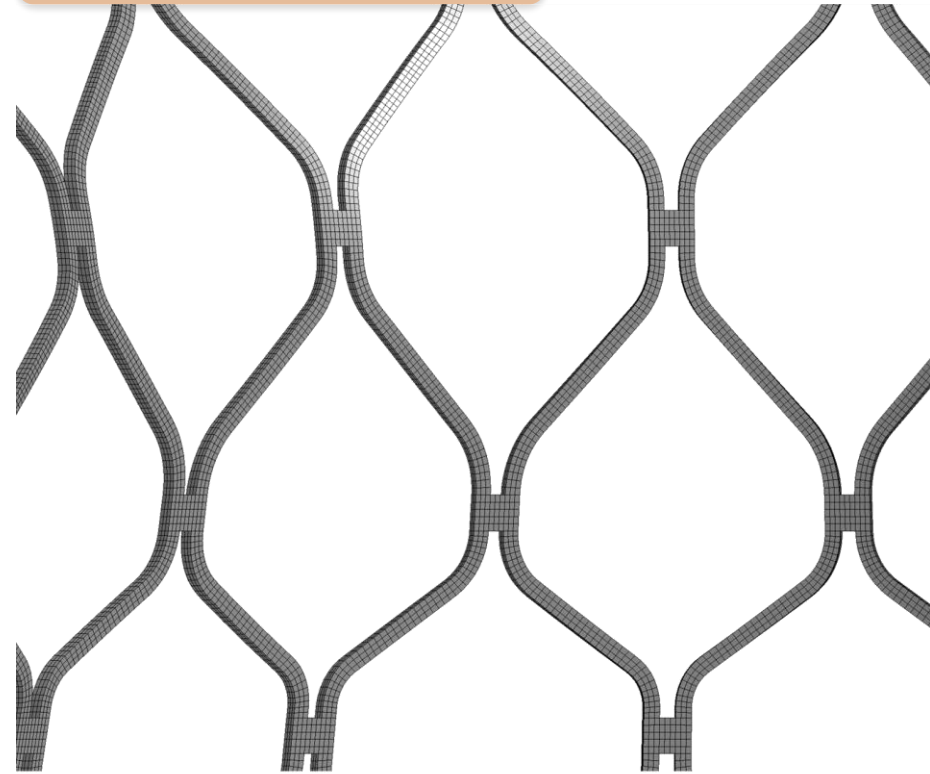


Smith et al., 2011





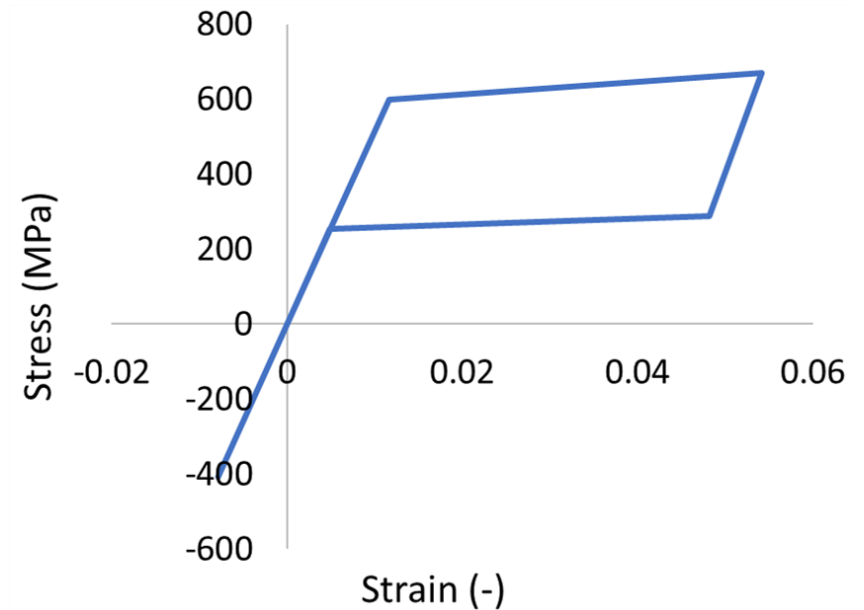
## DEVICE: FRAME



159,435 **hexahedral reduce integrated** elements  
\*ELFORM=1

## Pseudo-elastic material

\*MAT\_SHAPE\_MEMORY

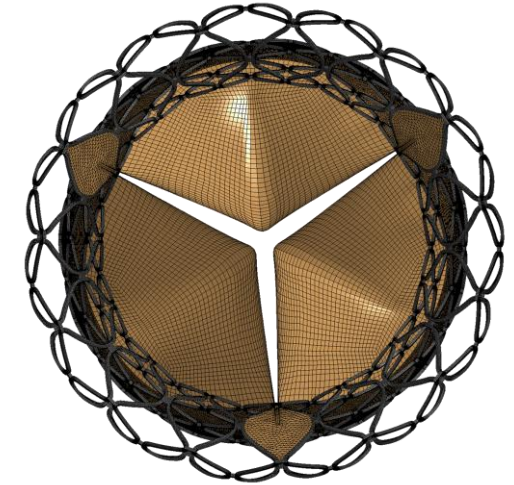


## DEVICE: PERICARDIUM TISSUE

5,706 quadrilateral shell elements

\*ELFORM=2

*leaflets*



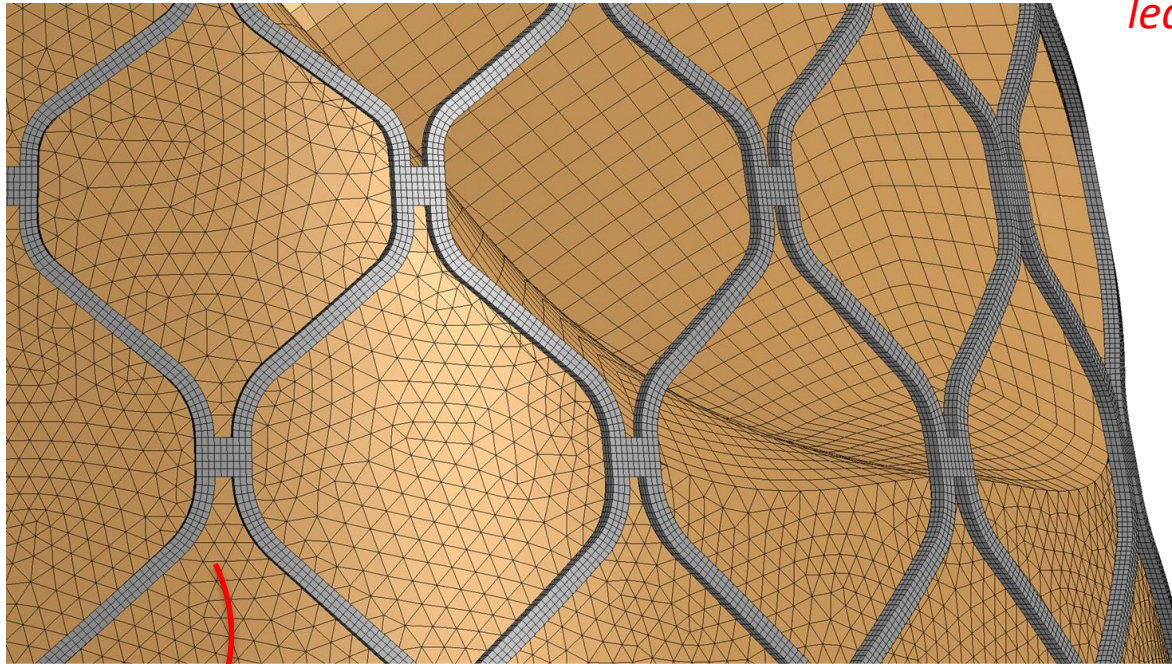
**Linear elastic**

\*MAT\_ELASTIC

$$E = 1 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.45$$

$$\rho = 1100 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



*skirt*

32,388 triangular membrane elements

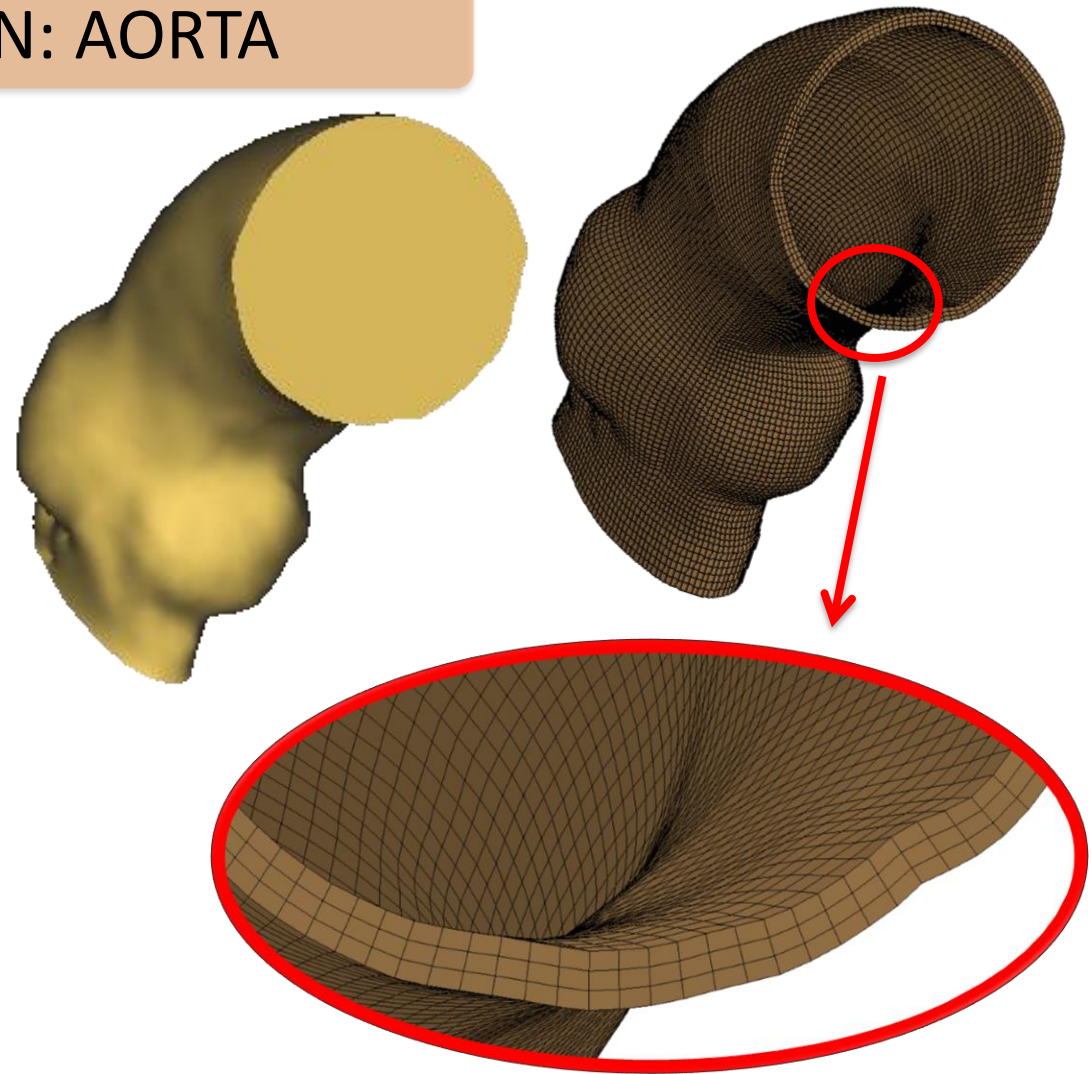
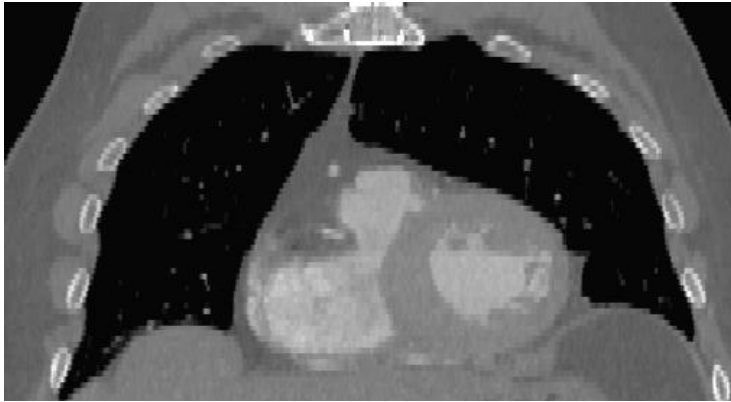
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Element formulation details:

Luraghi et al., 2018. Study on the Accuracy of Structural and FSI Heart Valves Simulations. *Cardiovasc. Eng. Technol.*

## PATIENT-SPECIFIC DOMAIN: AORTA

### CT images segmentation



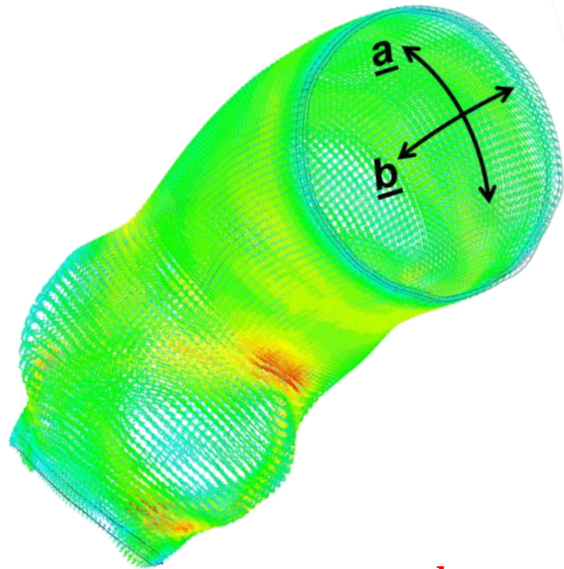
**35,640 hexahedral fully  
integrated elements**

\*ELFORM=2

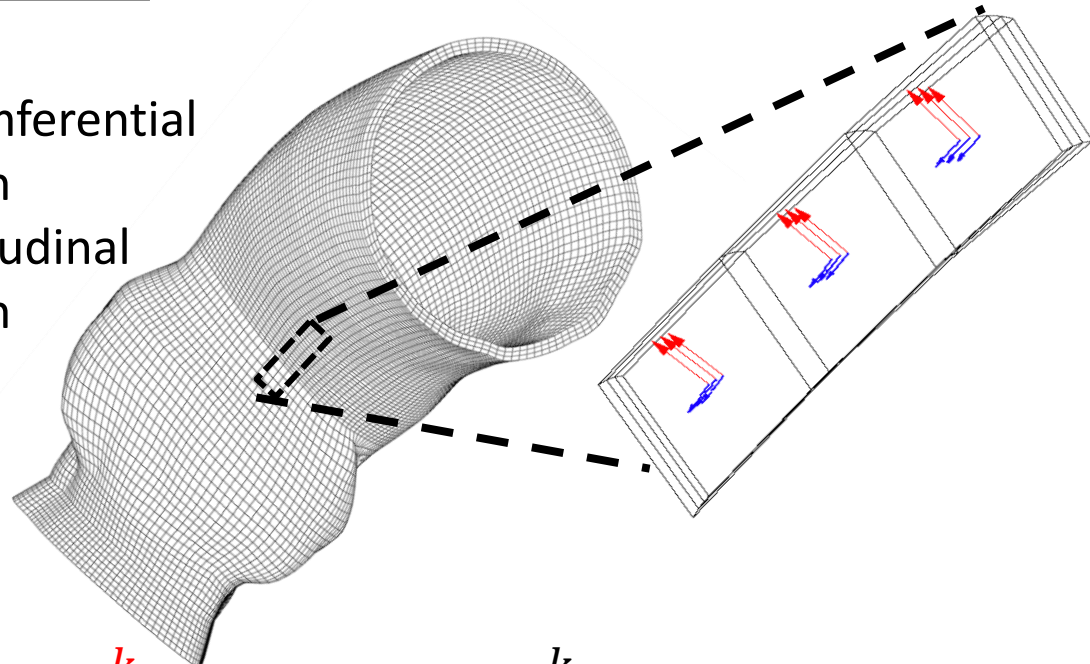
## PATIENT-SPECIFIC DOMAIN: AORTA

### Hyperelastic matrix with embadded fibres

\*MAT\_USER\_DEFINED\_MATERIAL



a: circumferential direction  
b: longitudinal direction



$$W = C_{10}(\bar{I}_1 - 3) + \frac{k_1}{2k_2} [e^{k_2(I_4 - 3)^2} - 1] + \frac{k_3}{2k_4} [e^{k_4(I_6 - 3)^2} - 1] + \frac{k}{2}(J - 1)^2$$

$$C_{10} = 5 \text{ kPa} \quad \nu = 0.49 \quad \rho = 1100 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

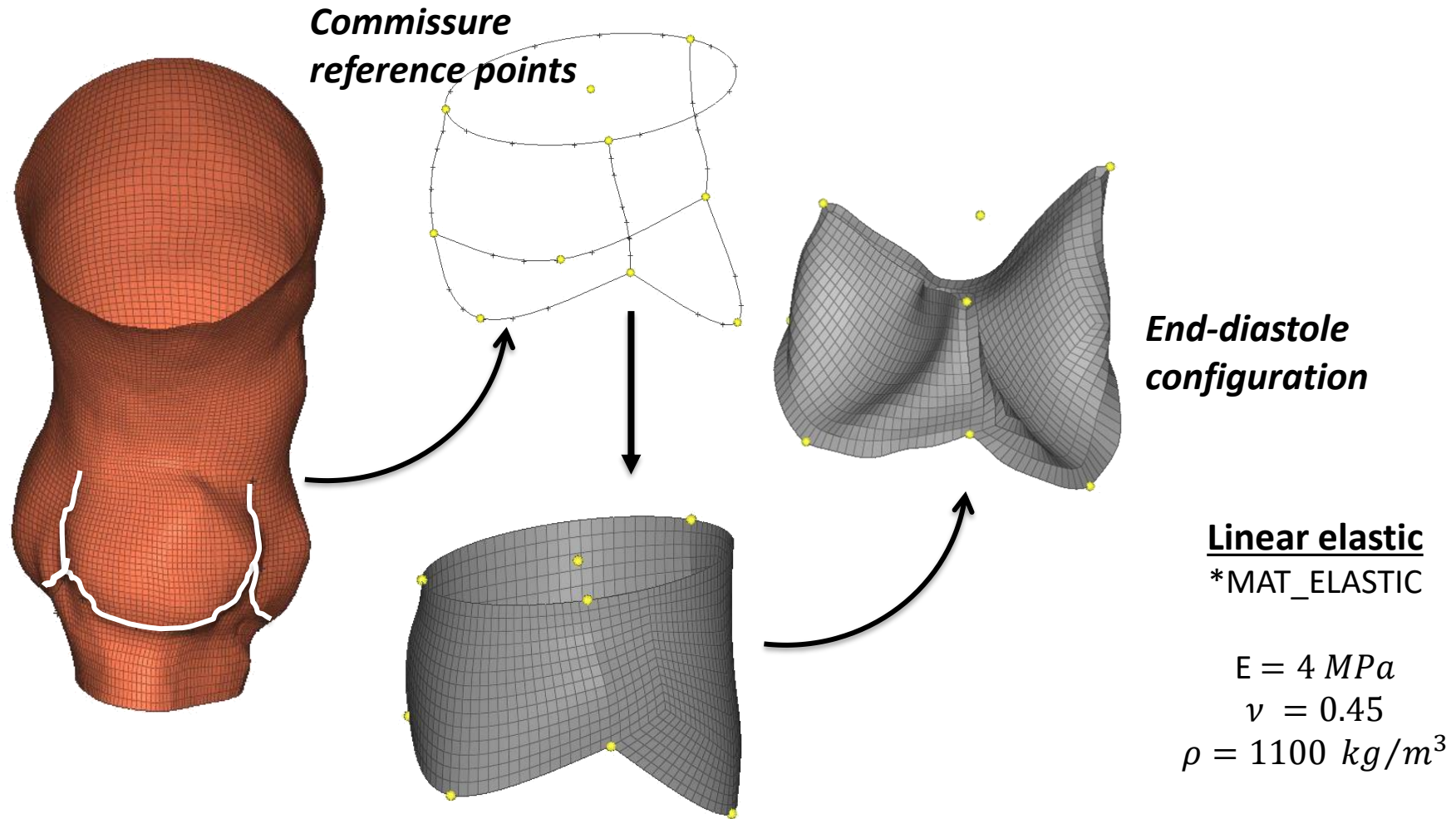
$$k_1 = 50.31 \text{ kPa} \quad k_2 = 0.56$$

$$k_3 = 82.51 \text{ kPa} \quad k_4 = 57.53$$

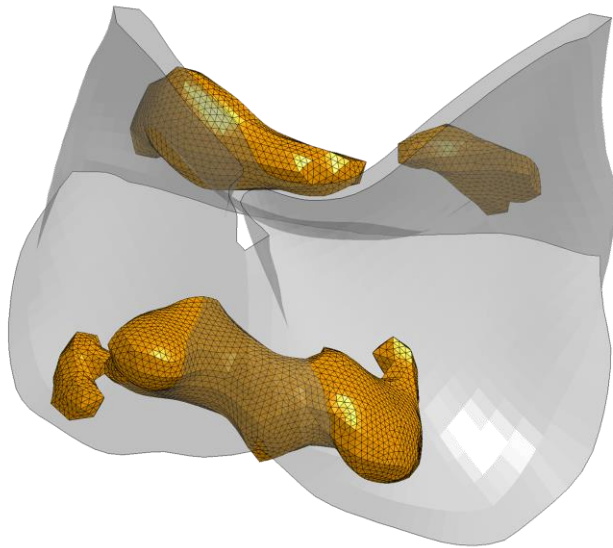
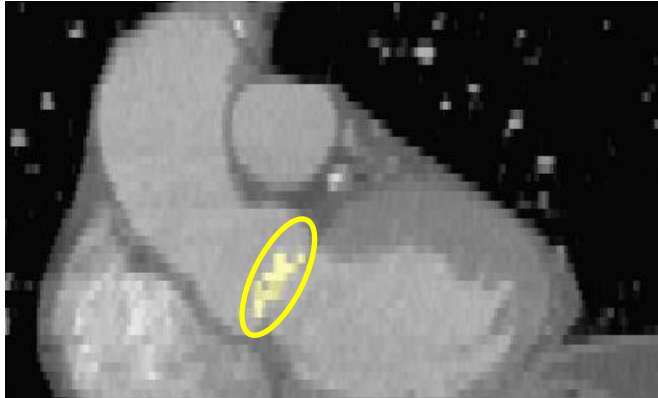
Holzappel-Gasser-Odgen model

Vande Geest et al., 2006

## PATIENT-SPECIFIC DOMAIN: NATIVE VALVE

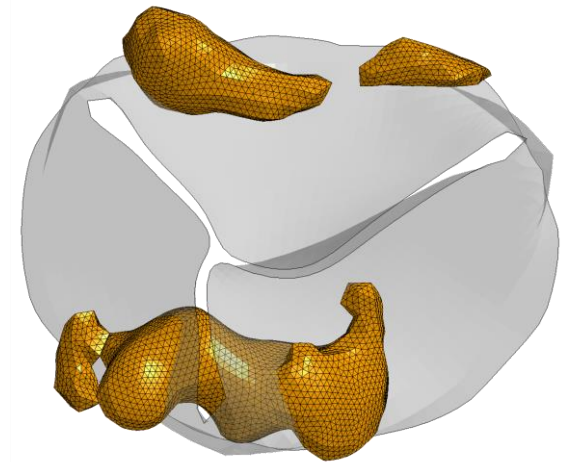


## PATIENT-SPECIFIC DOMAIN: CALCIFICATIONS



38,429 tetrahedral elements

\*ELFORM=10



**Linear elastic**

\*MAT\_ELASTIC

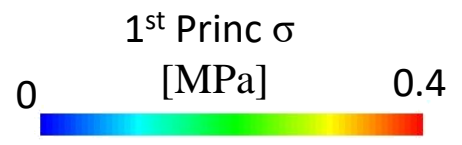
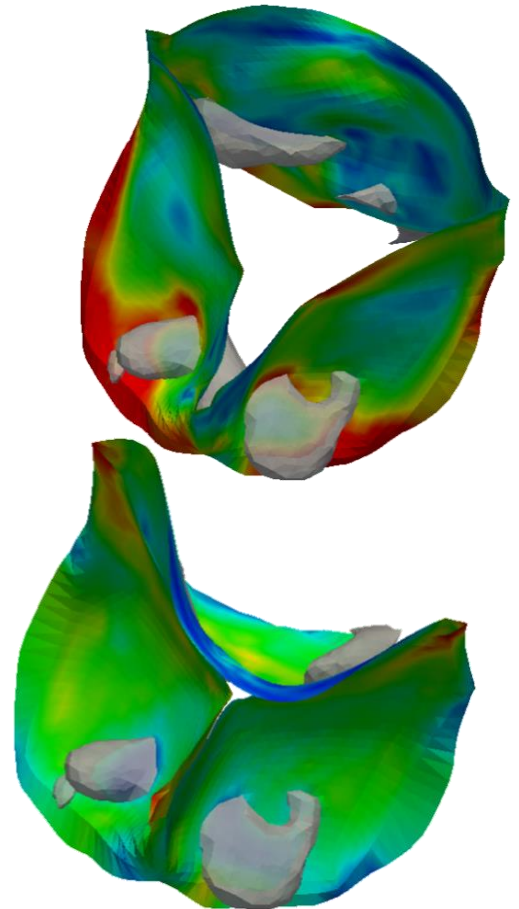
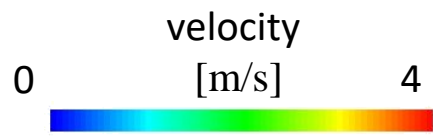
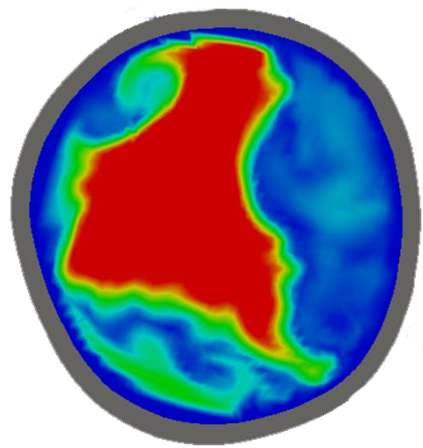
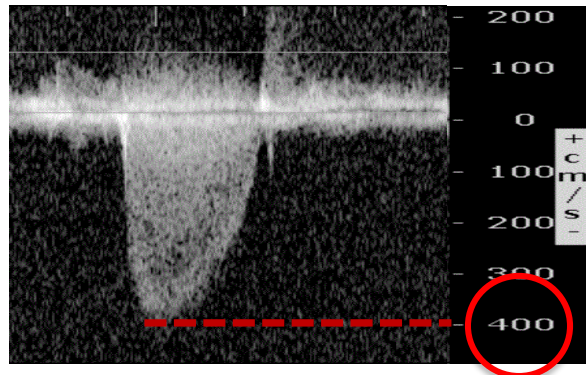
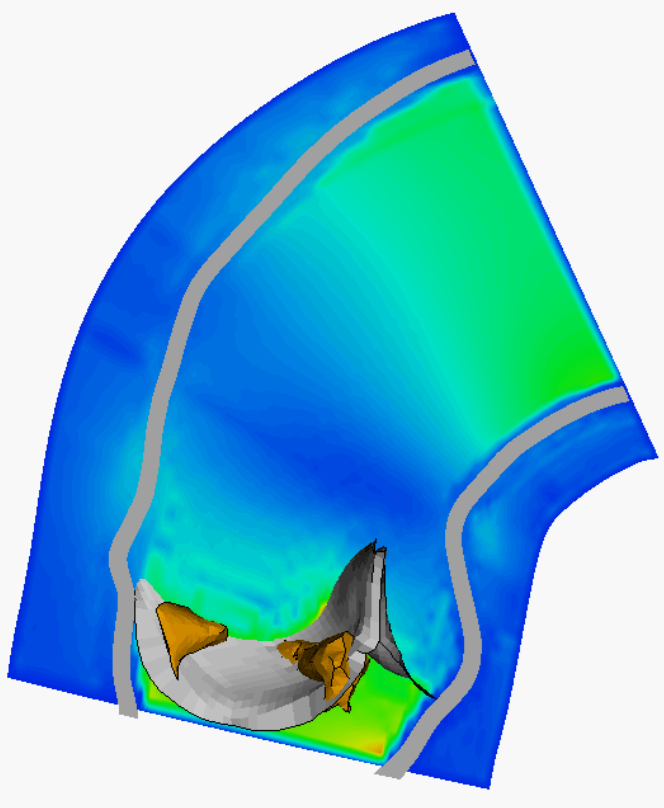
$E = 12.6 \text{ MPa}$

$\nu = 0.45$

$\rho = 2000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

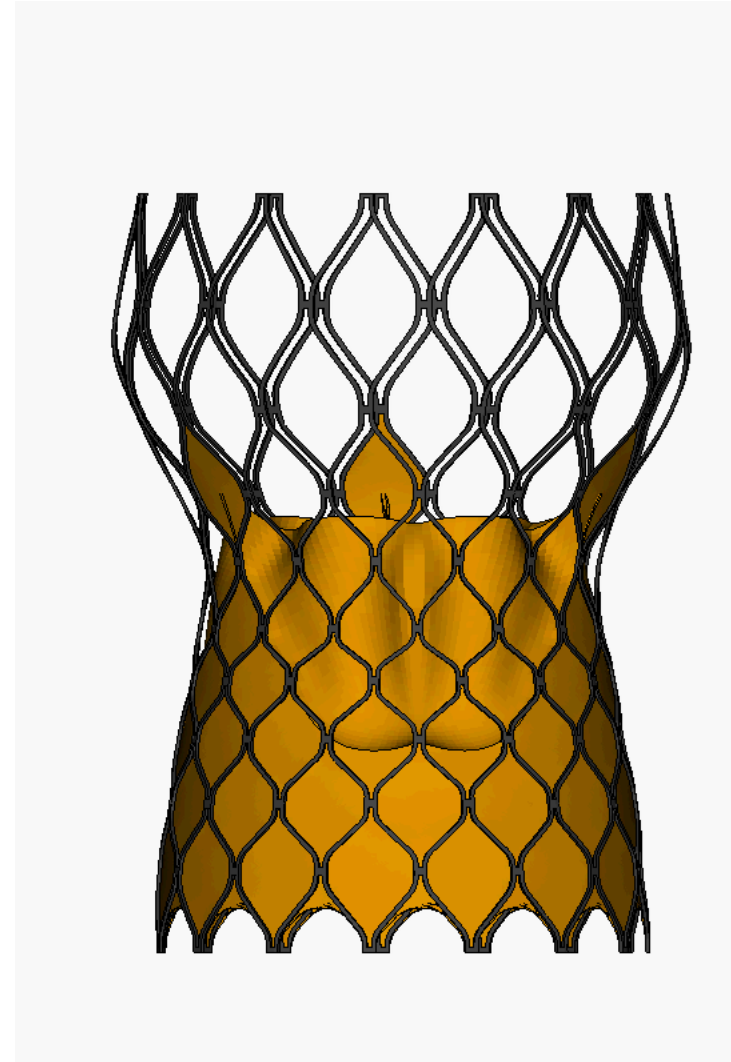
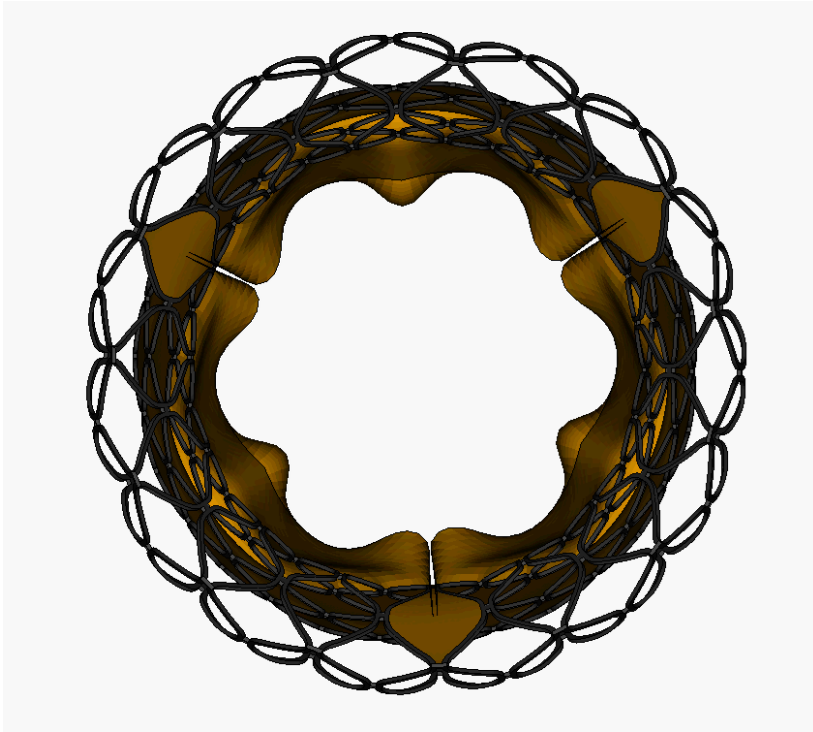
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**I STEP**  
**Pre-TAVI Cardiac cycles**



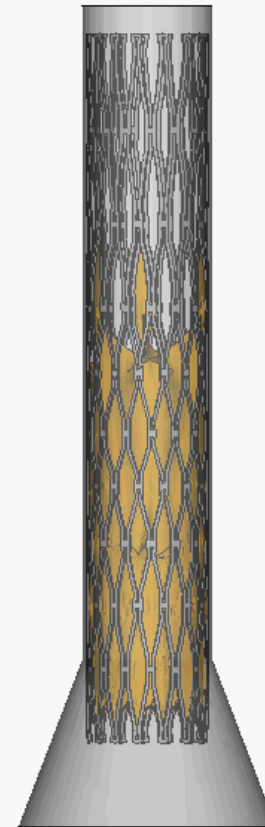
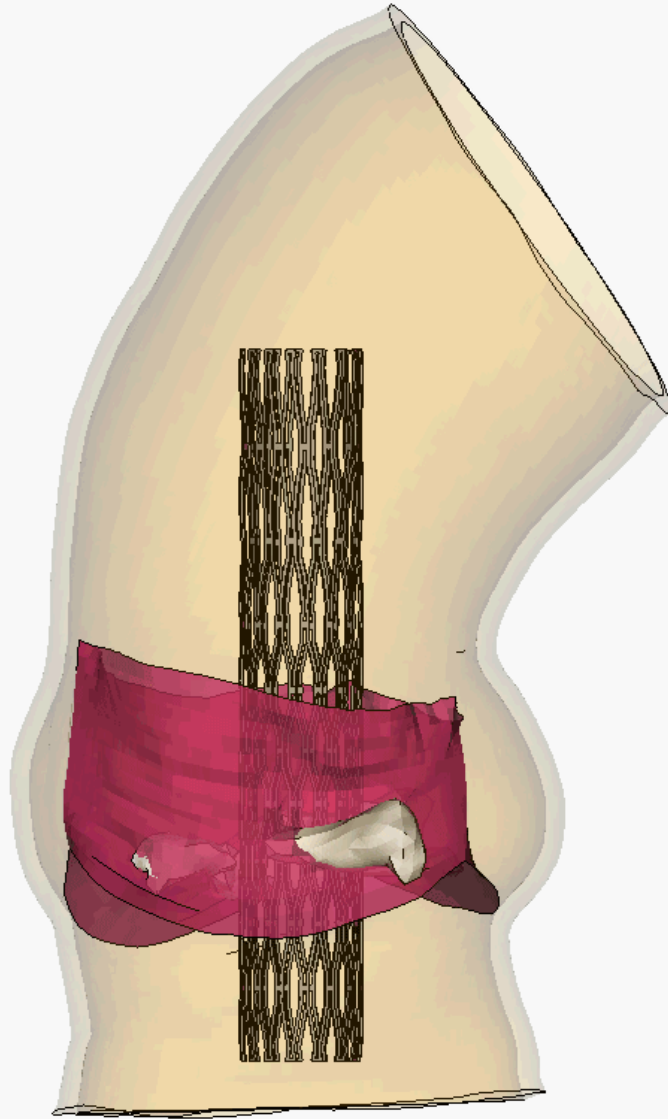


## II STEP Implantation

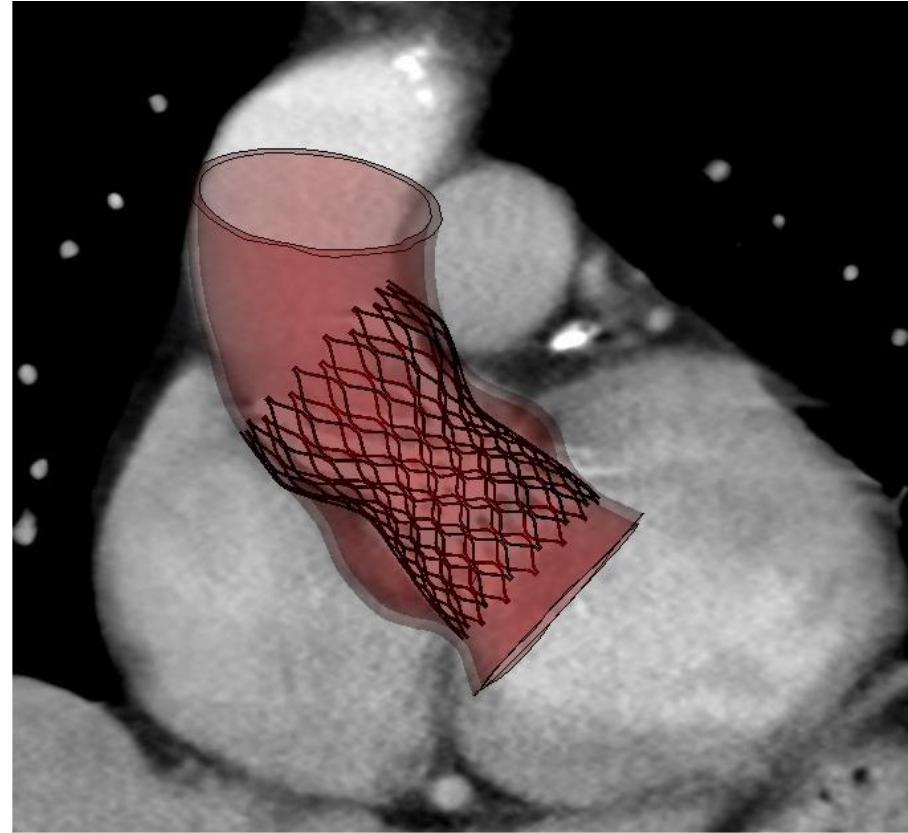
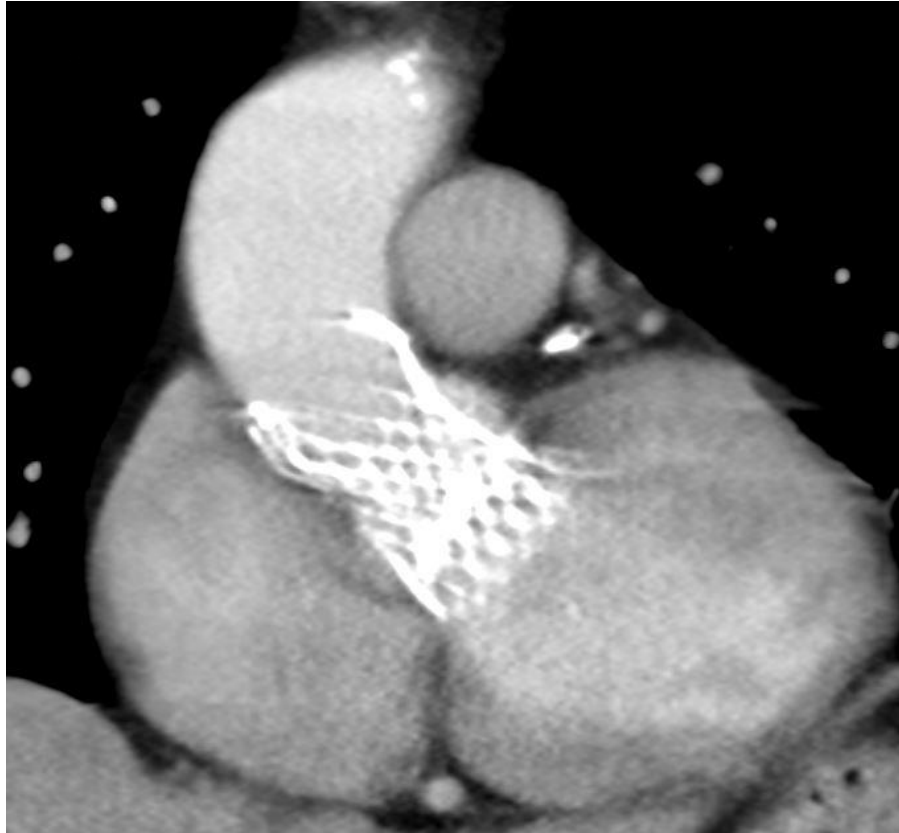


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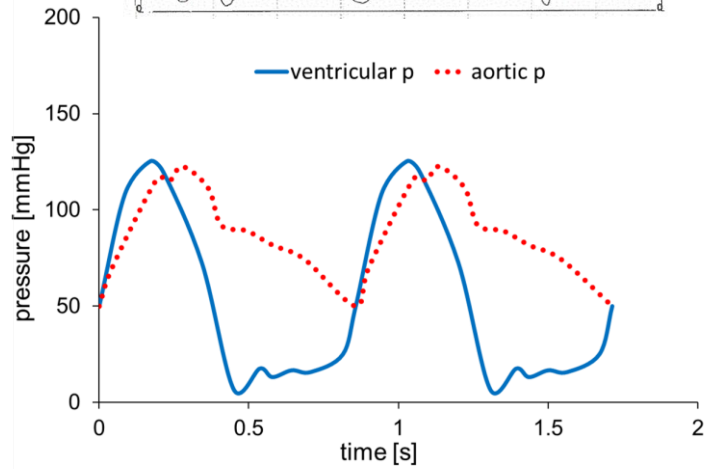
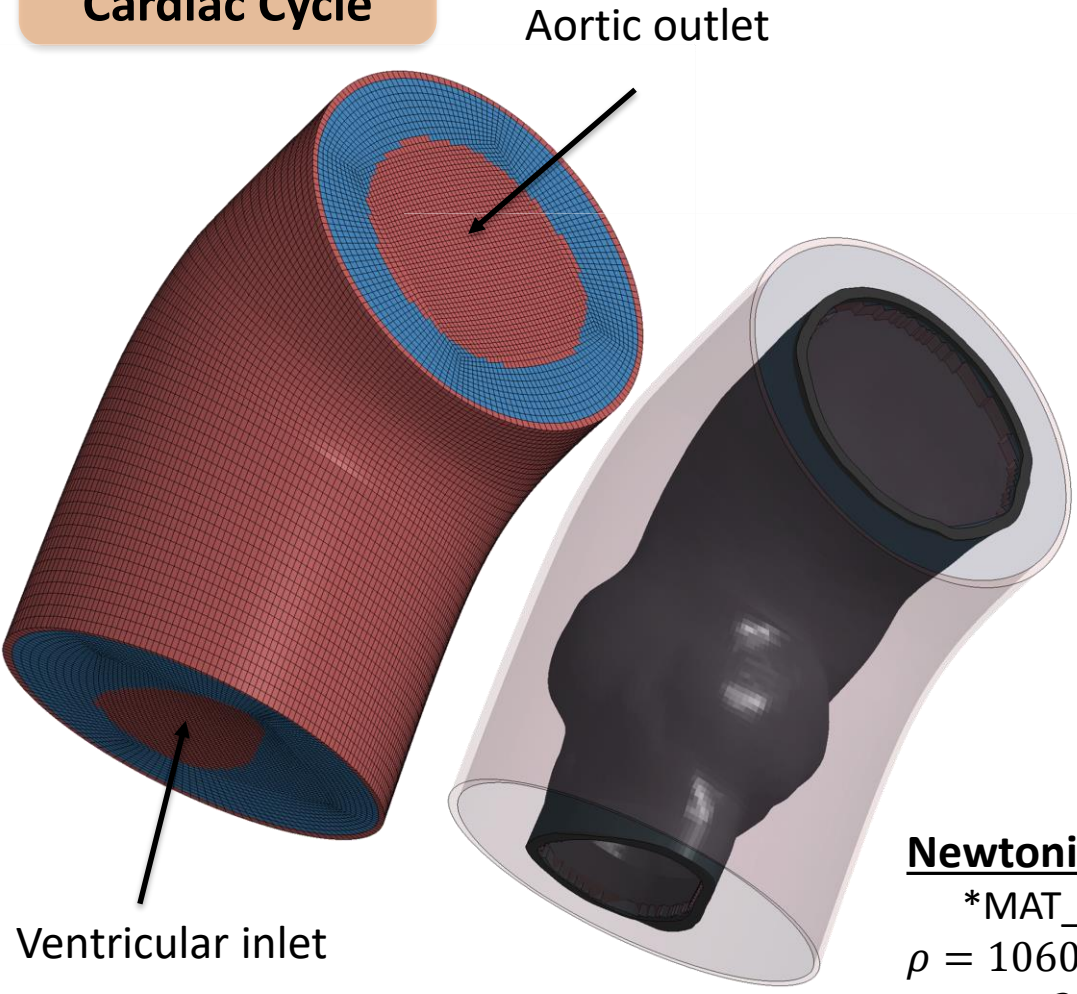


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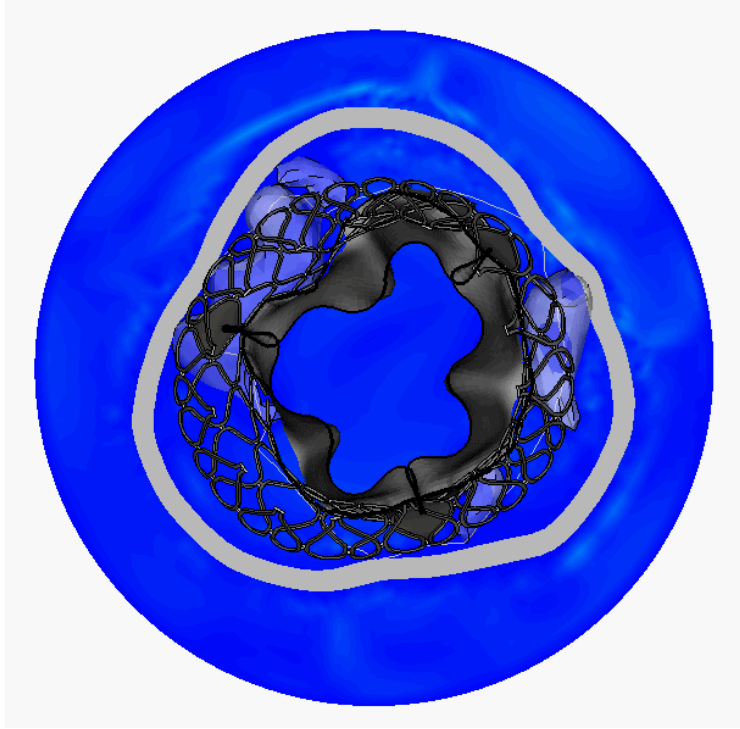
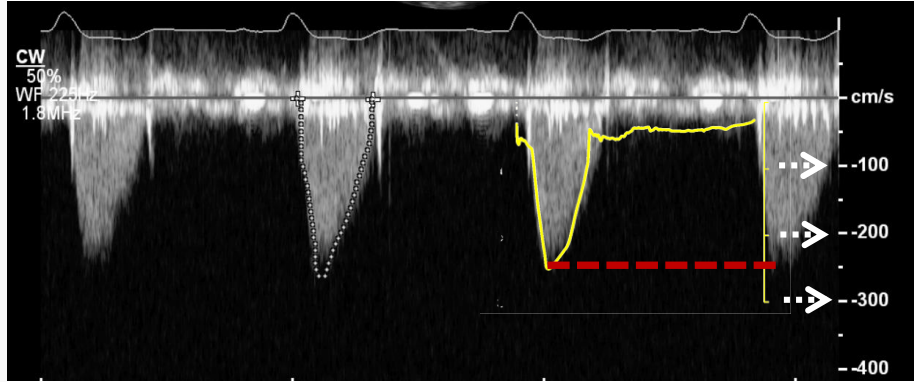
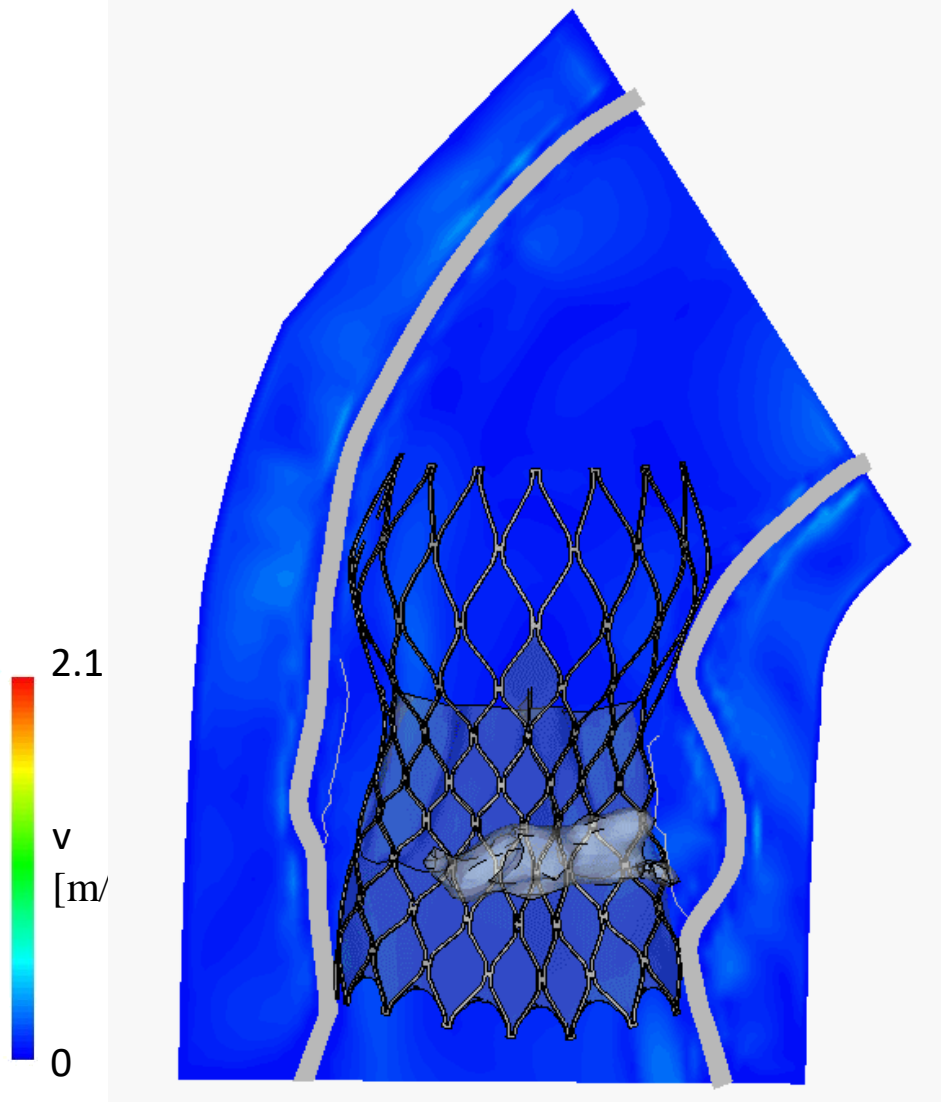
## III STEP Cardiac Cycle



**Newtonian fluid**  
\*MAT\_NULL  
 $\rho = 1060 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
 $\mu = 3.5 \text{ cP}$

**113,216 hexahedral Eulerian**  
one-point elements  
\*ELFORM=11

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