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**Modeling and Complexity**  
**Reduction in PDES for Multiphysics**  
**Modeling the Circulatory System**

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# The Context

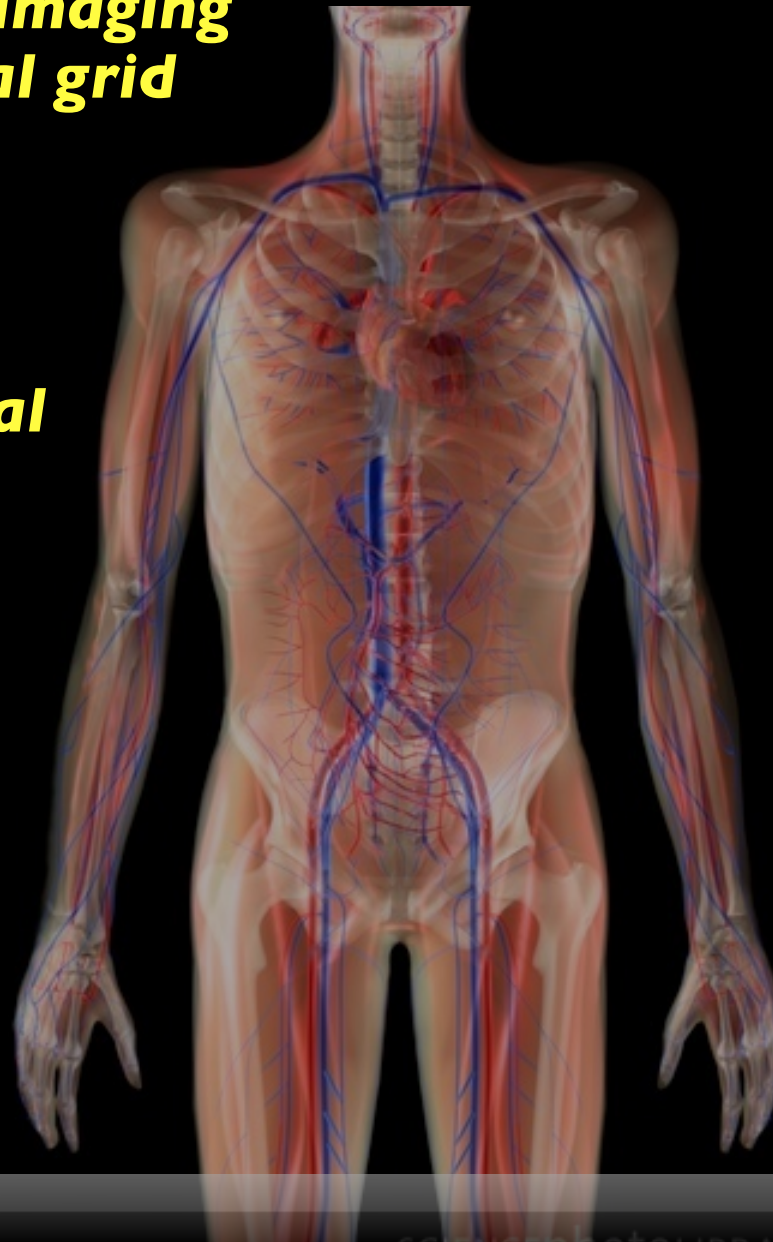
**1. From clinical imaging to computational grid**

**2. Mathematical Modeling**

**3. Computing**

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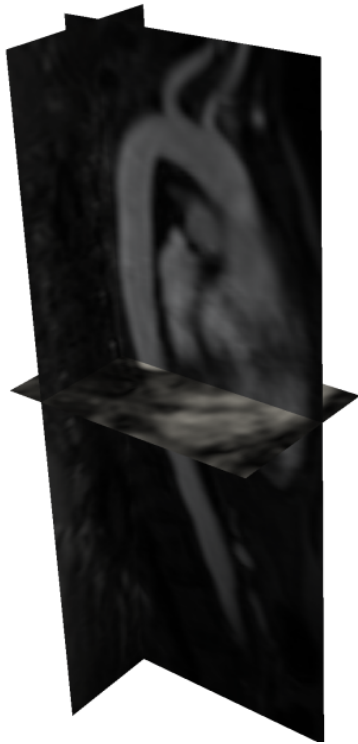
**5. Clinical  
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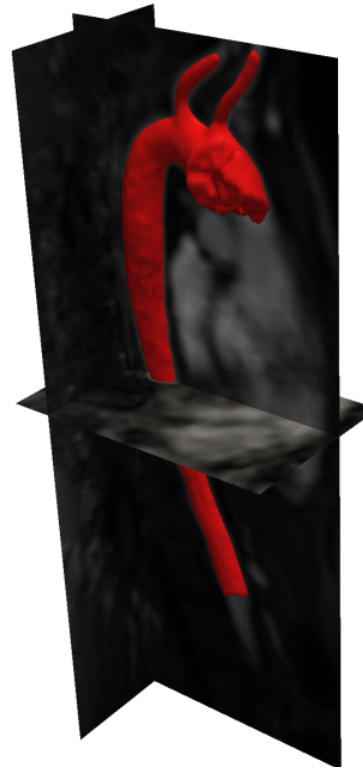
# From Images to Grid

# Image Processing and Volume Reconstruction

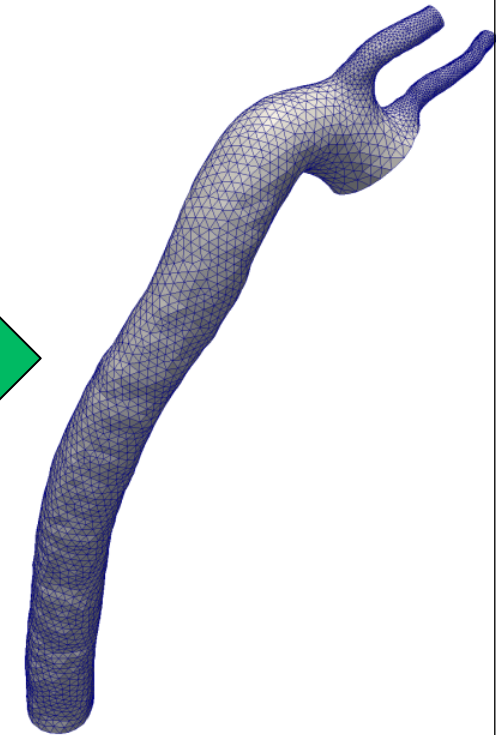
3D Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) data: patient anatomical information



Vessel's (lumen) extraction via *level set segmentation* (VMTK)



Mesh generation (Netgen) for fluid-dynamics simulations



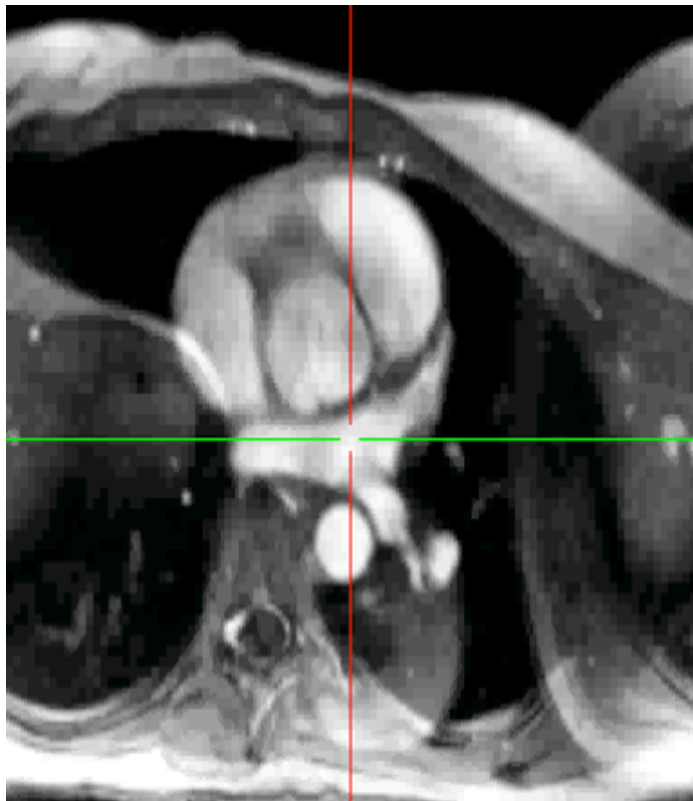
This “snapshot” has been obtained as an **average** over the cardiac cycle that could be considered as the **diastolic configuration**

Aortic arch (courtesy of MD Luciani and MD Puppini, Ospedale Borgo Trento, Verona, Italy)  
(E.Faggiano, G.B.Luciani, G.Puppini, C.Vergara, 2010)

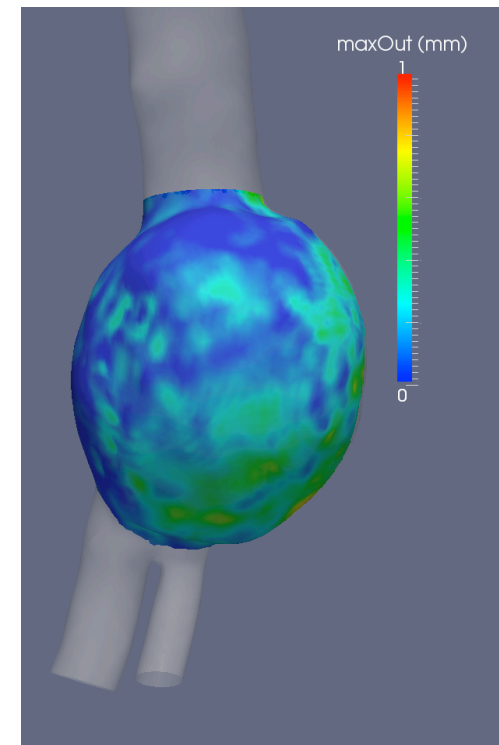
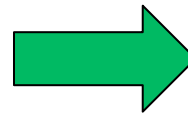
# Image Processing (cont'd) 4D Displacement Data

## AAA - Aneurysm in the Abdominal Aorta

4D MRI data: anatomical information of the patient at 10-20 instants over the cardiac cycle



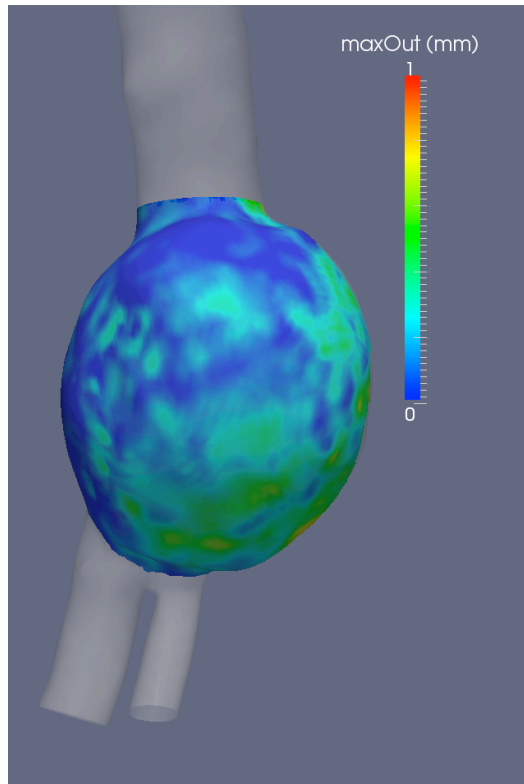
Vessel segmentation and **surface registration**  
→ displacement analysis (VMTK)



Normalized maximum (in time) displacement with respect to the diastolic configuration

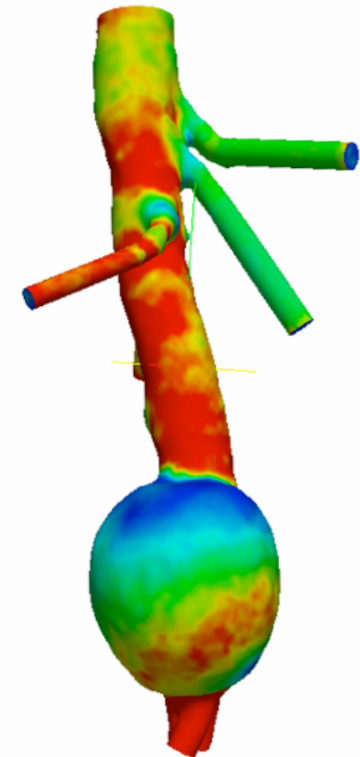
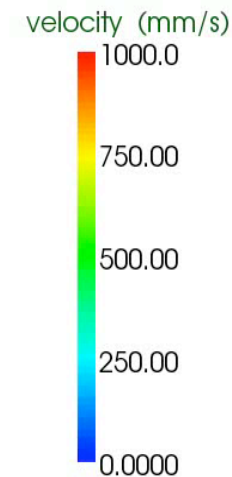
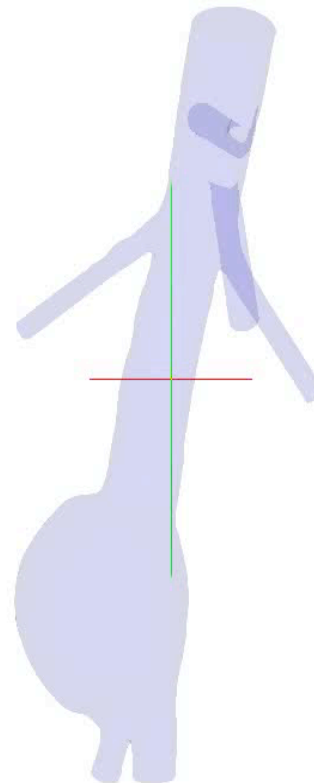
Aortic arch, courtesy of MD M. Domanin, Policlinico di Milano, Italy

## AAA - Aneurysm in the Abdominal Aorta



Normalized maximum (in time) displacement with respect to the diastolic configuration

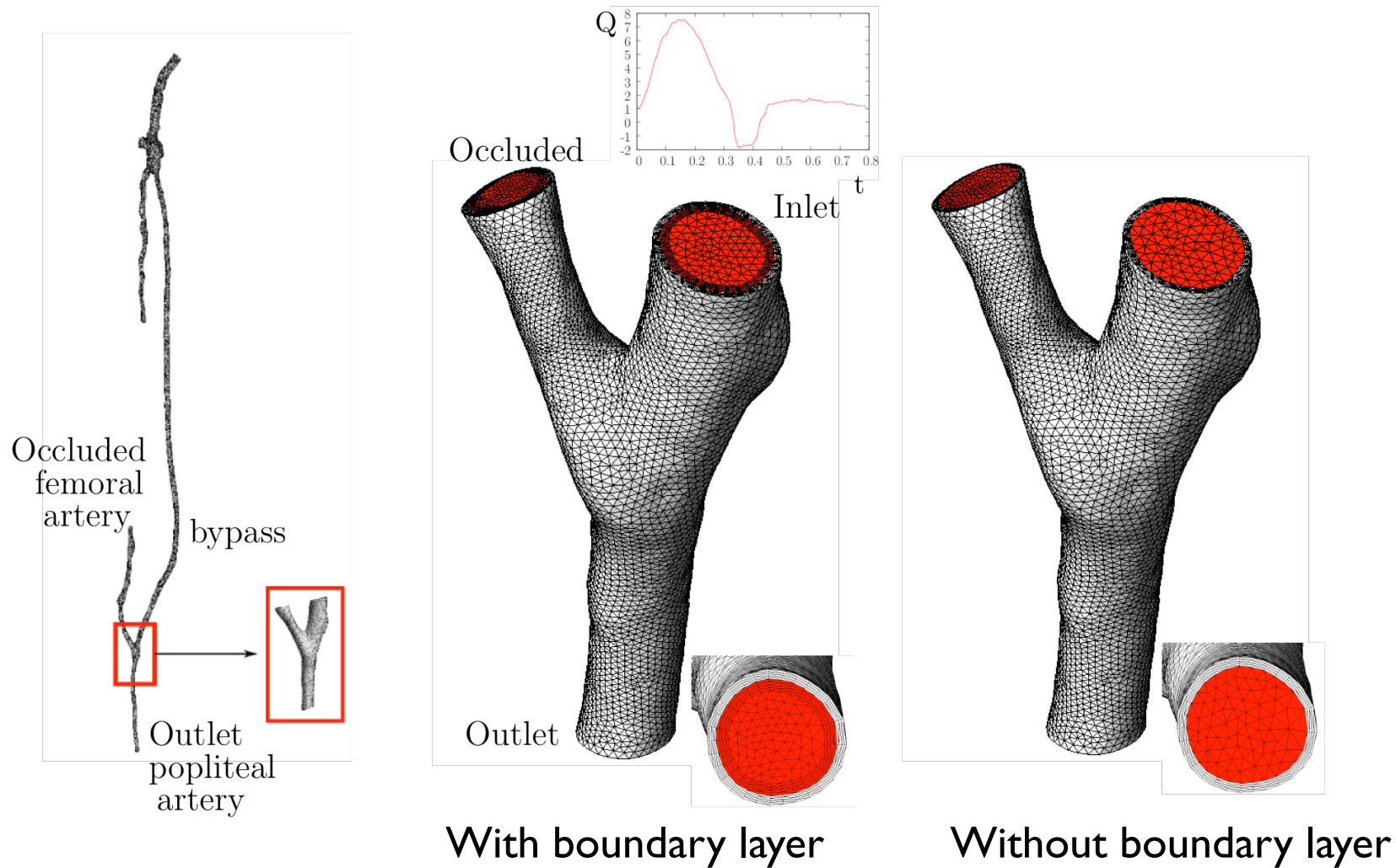
Numerical simulation (LIFEV): blood velocity pattern and WESS  
(Courtesy: M.Piccinelli and C.Vergara)



The zone of **highest jet's incidence** is the one of maximum displacement on the figure on the left

# Importance of grid quality: FSI simulation in a femoral bypass

## Patient-specific geometry and boundary conditions



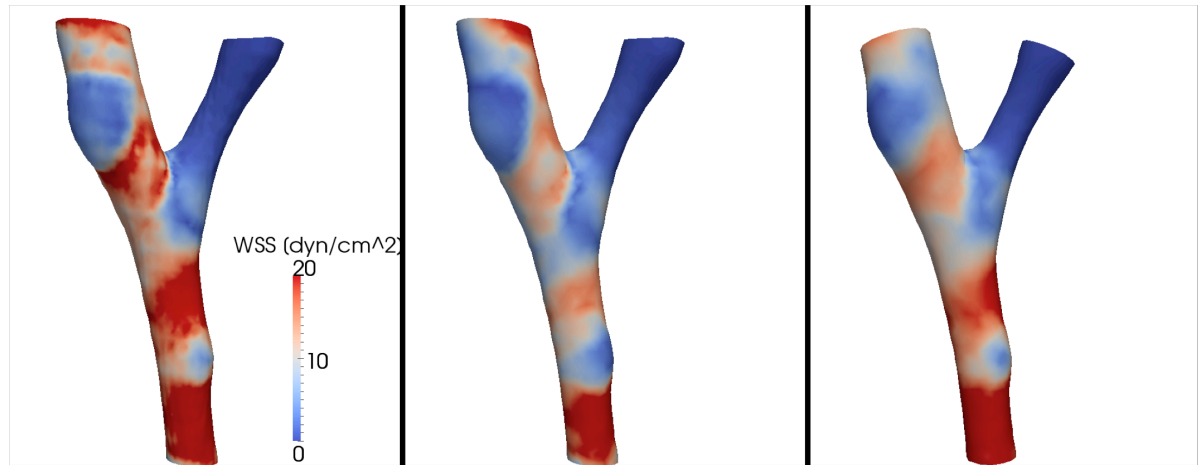
Numerical simulation: Marchandise, Crosetto, Geuzaine, Remacle, Sauvage, 2010

# FSI in a femoral bypass

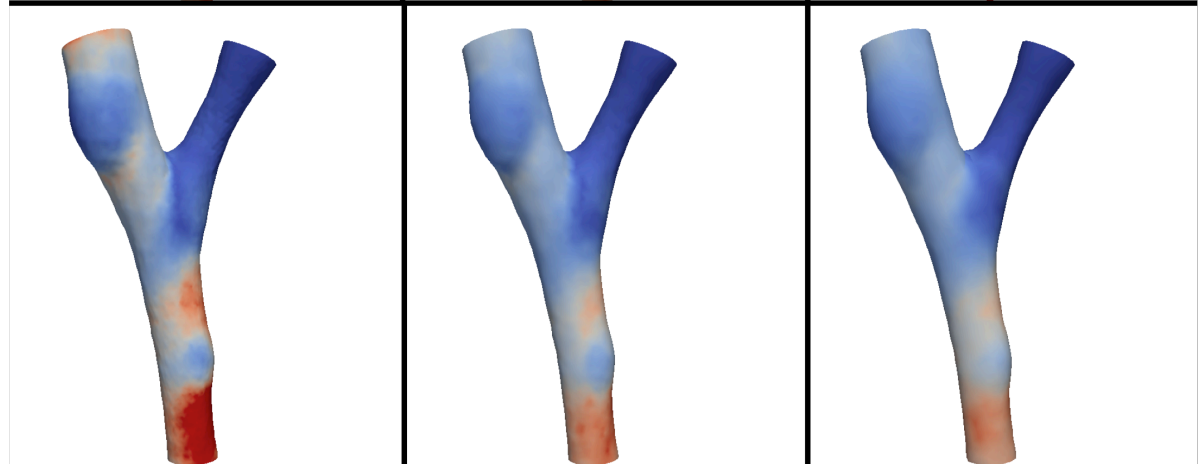
## Influence of boundary layer grid on wall shear stress (WSS)

Three different grids, meshes with and without BL

Boundary  
layer grids



Grids without  
boundary layer



All three meshes without boundary layer (lower) fail to capture the correct WSS.

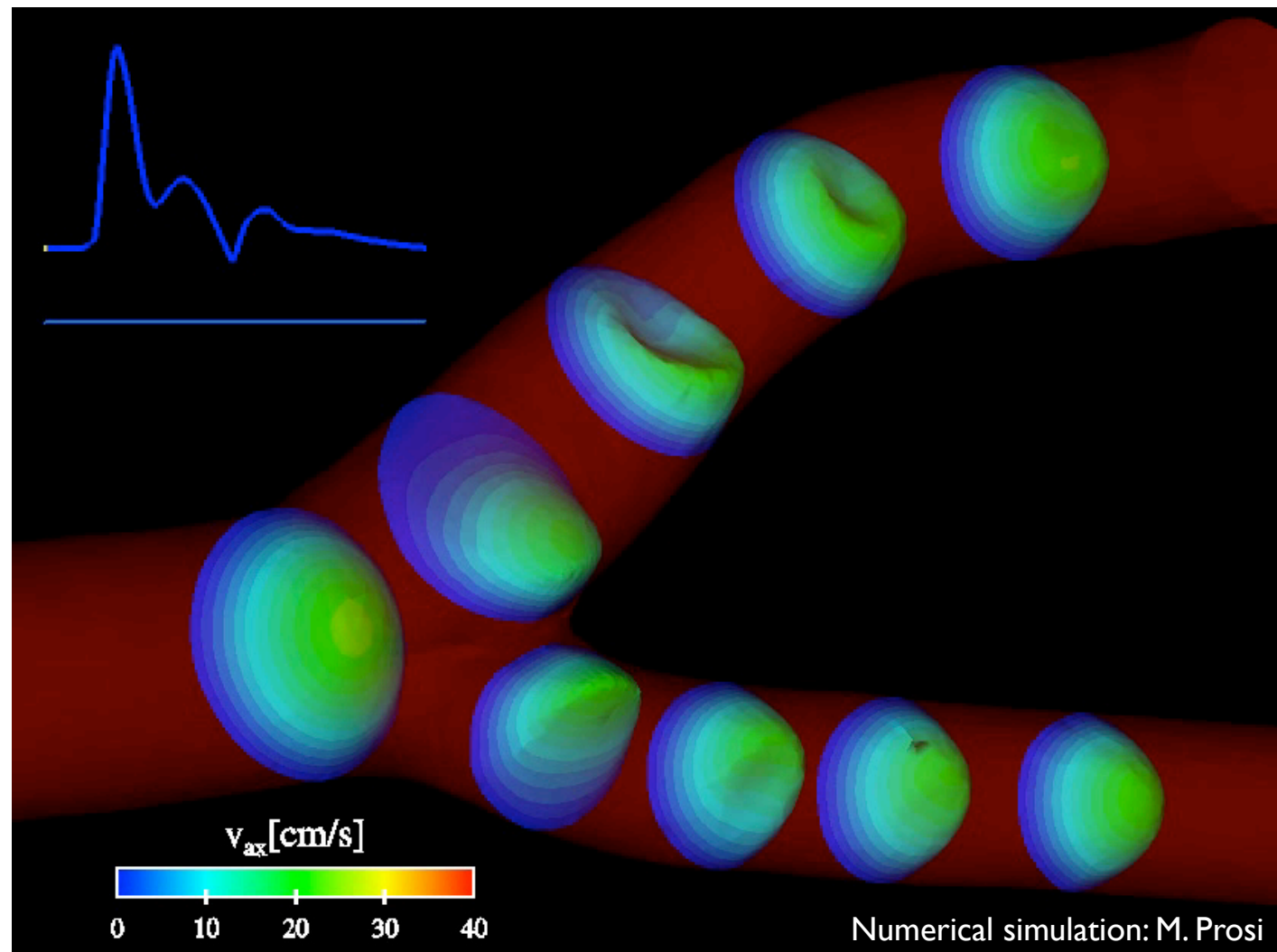
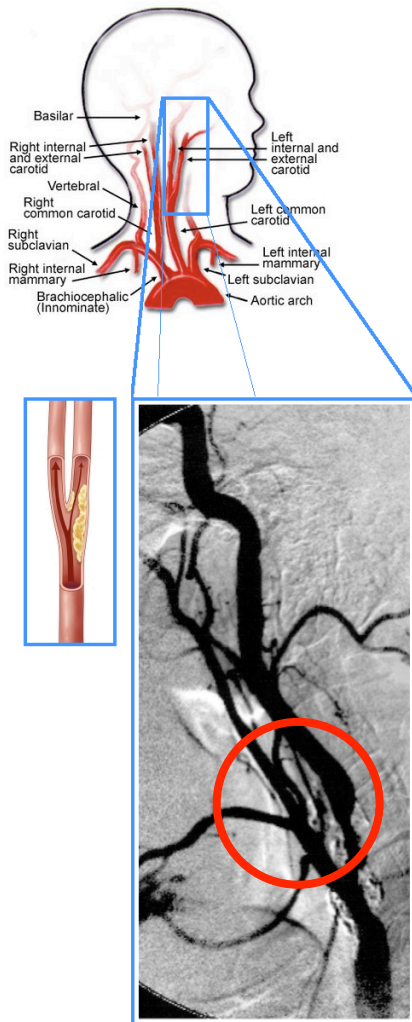
Fluid meshes ranging from 9,000 to 213,000 nodes



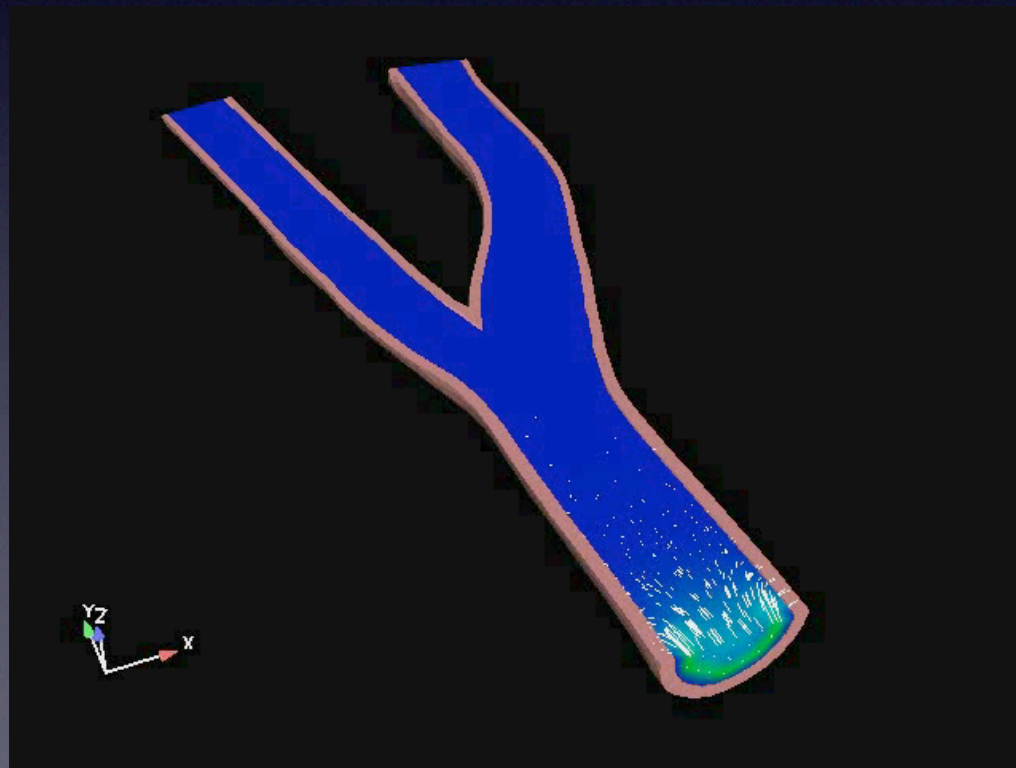
# Modeling

# Local flow analysis - Incompressible Newtonian Flow

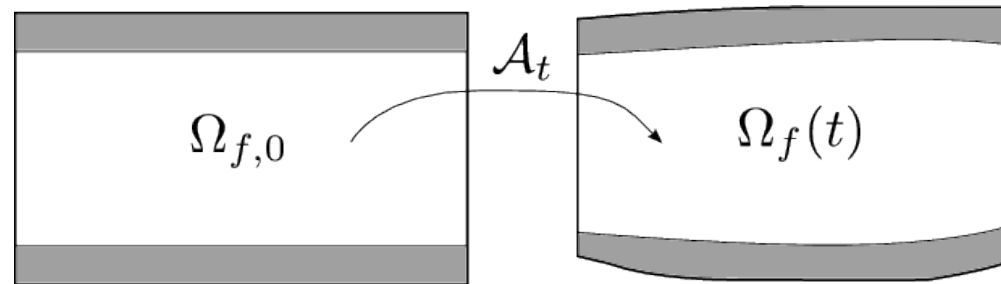
- Navier-Stokes equations in carotid artery with rigid walls
- Pulsatile inflow - defective b.c at outflow



# Modeling: Vessel Compliance



# Abstract setting - FSI: the ALE frame of reference



- **ALE mapping**

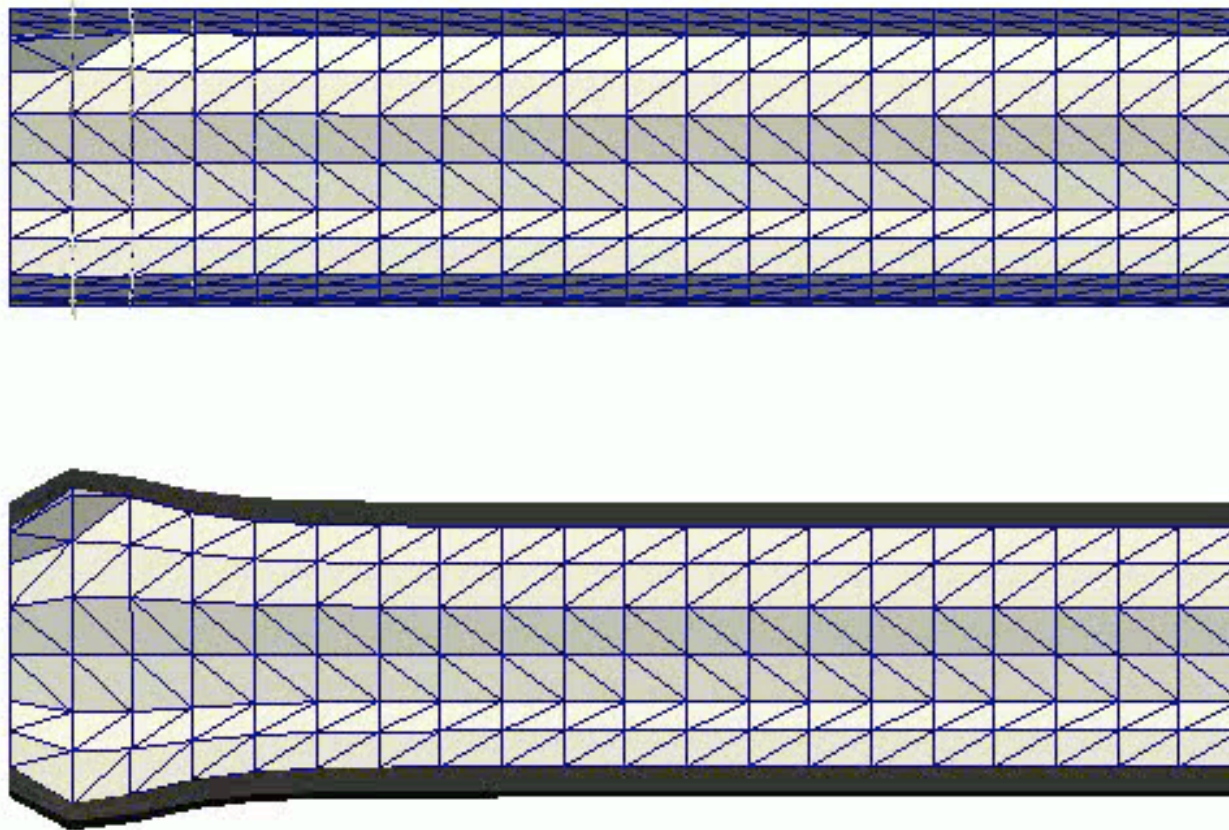
The computational domain  $\Omega$  in the Eulerian formulation. It is a fixed portion of space filled by the medium during its motion

- **ALE derivative**

$$\left. \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right|_{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla q + \frac{\partial q}{\partial t}$$

# The moving grid and the ALE velocity

## A coupled fluid-structure problem



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# The Reynolds transport theorem

Let  $\tilde{\omega}_0 \subset \tilde{\omega}$  be a subdomain in the ALE reference configuration and  $\omega_0(t) = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{\omega}_0, t) \subset \omega(t)$  its image by the ALE map. Then for any continuously differentiable field:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega_0(t)} f \, d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{\omega_0(t)} \left( \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} + f \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} \right) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\omega_0(t)} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} (f \mathbf{w}) \right) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

# Blood flow FSI - The equations

## A coupled fluid-structure problem

Equations for the geometry:

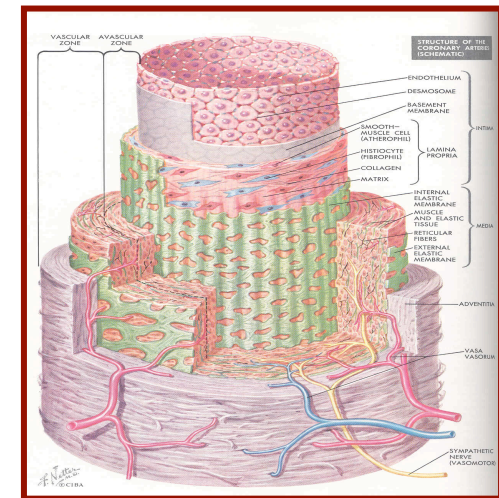
$$\hat{\eta}_f = \text{Ext}(\hat{\eta}_s|_{\hat{\Gamma}}), \quad \hat{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{\partial \hat{\eta}_f}{\partial t}, \quad \Omega_f(t) = (I + \hat{\eta}_f)(\hat{\Omega}_f)$$

Equations for the fluid:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_f \partial J_{\hat{A}} \mathbf{u}_f}{J_{\hat{A}} \partial t} \Big|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} + \text{div}(\rho_f \mathbf{u}_f \otimes (\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{w}) - \sigma_f(\mathbf{u}_f, P)) &= 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega_f(t) \\ \text{div} \mathbf{u}_f &= 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega_f(t) \\ \mathbf{u}_f &= \mathbf{u}_D, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{f,D} \\ \sigma_f(\mathbf{u}_f, P) \mathbf{n}_f &= \mathbf{g}_{f,N}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{f,N} \\ \mathbf{u}_f &= \mathbf{w}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma(t) \end{aligned}$$

Equations for the structure:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}_{s,0} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\eta}_s}{\partial t^2} - \text{div}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(\hat{\mathbf{F}}_s \hat{\Sigma}) &= 0, \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}_s \\ \hat{\eta}_s &= 0 \quad \text{on } \hat{\Gamma}_{s,D} \\ \hat{\mathbf{F}}_s \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s &= \hat{J}_s | \hat{\mathbf{F}}_s^{-T} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s | \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s,N}, \quad \text{on } \hat{\Gamma}_{s,N} \\ \hat{\mathbf{F}}_s \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s &= \hat{J}_s \hat{\sigma}_f(\mathbf{u}_f, P) \hat{\mathbf{F}}_s^{-T} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s, \quad \text{on } \hat{\Gamma} \end{aligned}$$



# Surface registration

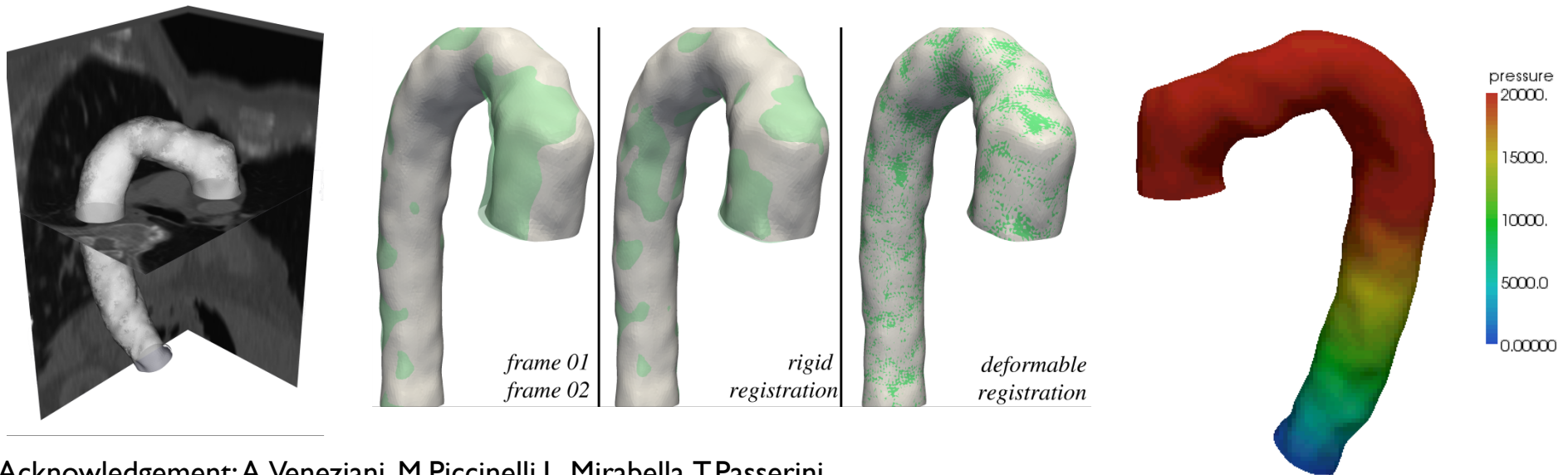
## Surface registration:

find the alignment of the surfaces of two consecutive time frames

- construction of a **displacement field**  $\eta_{meas}$  which maps the surface points

Surface registration could be used to solve a FSI problem **without solving the structure:**

- Solve the **ALE fluid problem** in a moving domain with known boundary



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# (Variational) data assimilation

## I) Based on surface registration

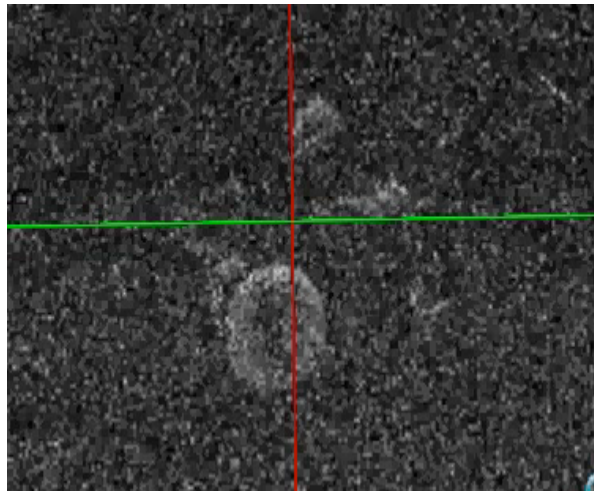
**Example:** determine the rigidity of a vessel

Find the minimum of

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_{\Sigma} (\eta_{meas}(\mathbf{x}, \tau_k) - \eta(\mathbf{x}, \tau_k))^2 d\sigma.$$

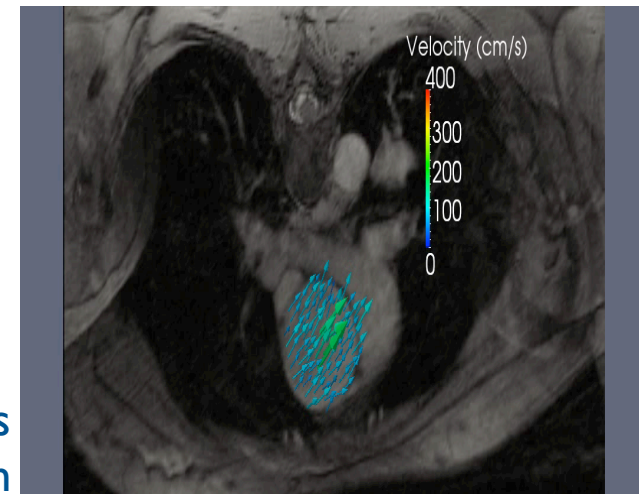
under the constraint given by the **FSI** problem

## II) Based on volumetric data



4D Phase-contrast MRI data: blood velocity at specific slices at 10-20 instants over the cardiac cycle

Velocity vectors extraction



(M.Perego, A.Veneziani, C.Vergara,

A variational approach for estimating the compliance of the cardiovascular tissue, SIAM J Sci Comp, 2011)

(M.D'Elia. PhD Thesis, Emory University)

Computing -  
Complexity

# Geometric Multiscaling

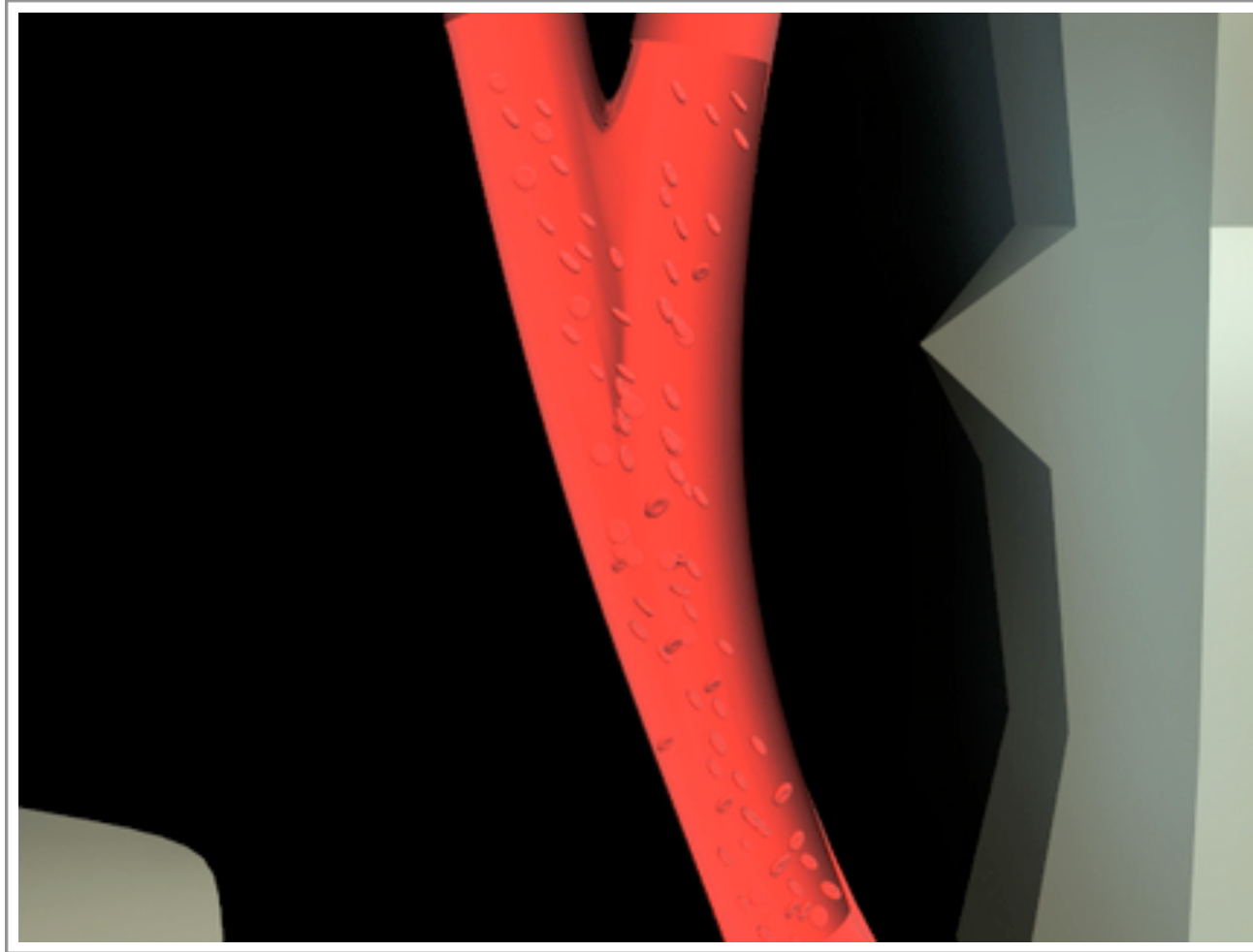
# Global Flow Analysis: System's Complexity

- **Morphological complexity:** the diameter of blood vessels ranges from  $10^{-2}$  m down to  $10^{-6}$  m. Consequently, the flow regime varies considerably.

Vessel	Radius(cm)	Number	Reynolds number
Aorta	1.25	1	3400
<u>Arteries</u>	0.2	159	55
Arterioles	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.7 \times 10^7$	0.7
<u>Capillaries</u>	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$	0.002
Venules	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^9$	0.01
<u>Veins</u>	0.25	200	140
Vena cava	1.5	1	3300

- **Functional complexity:** the cardiovascular system is able to react to changes in the external environment and presents several 'non-linear' components (e.g. valves). We need to account for the **local/systemic interactions**.

# Geometric multiscaling in the circulatory system

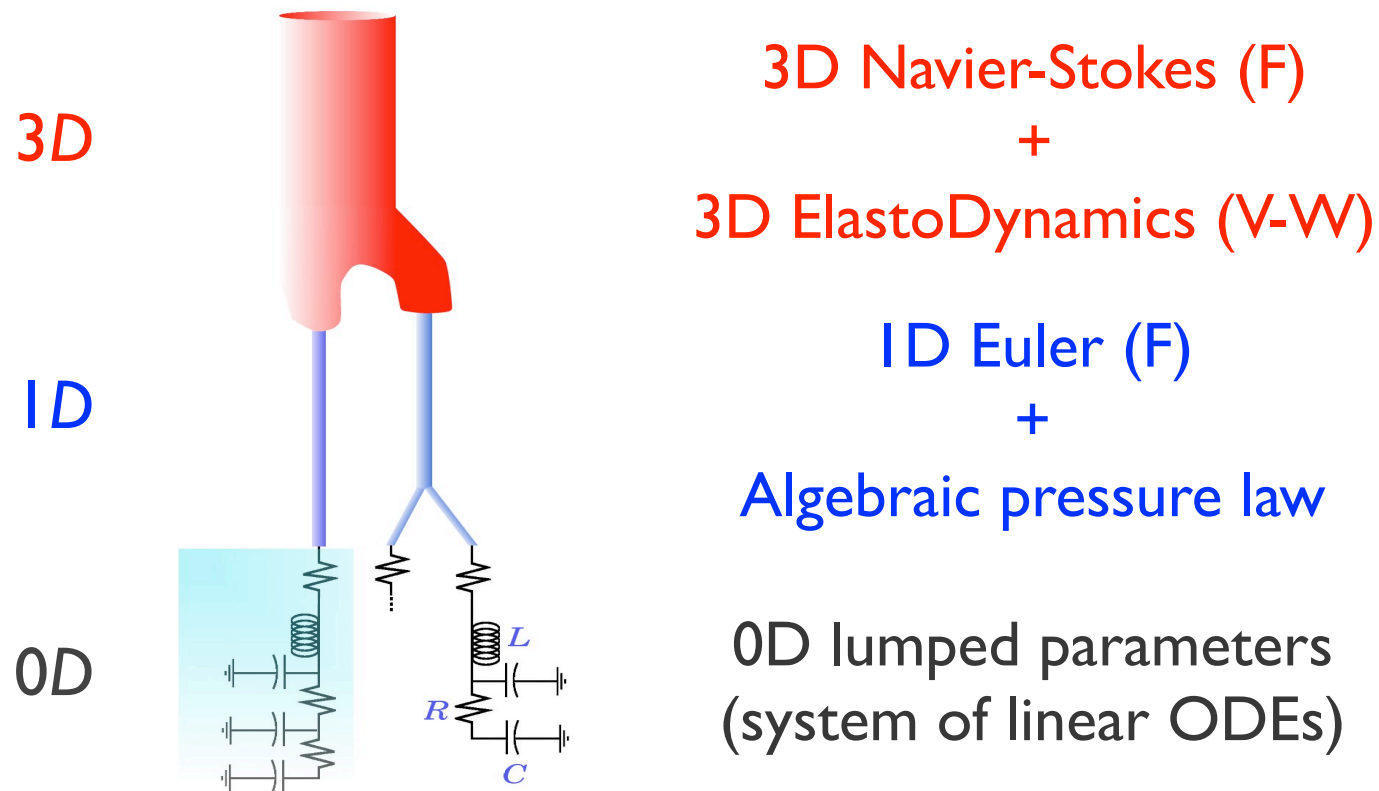


**Local:** 3D FSI flow model

**Global:** 1D network of arteries and veins (Euler hyperbolic system)

**Global:** 0D capillary network (DAE system)

# Geometric multiscaling in the circulatory system



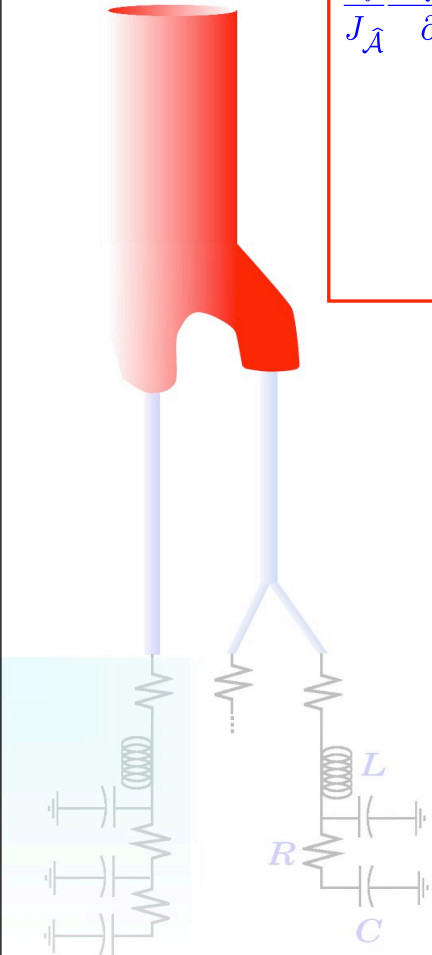
(L. Formaggia, A.Q, A.Veneziani: Cardiovascular Mathematics, Springer, 2009)

# Mathematical Model

3D

3D Navier-Stokes (F) + 3D ElastoDynamics (V-W)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\rho_f}{J_{\hat{\mathcal{A}}}} \frac{\partial J_{\hat{\mathcal{A}}} \mathbf{u}_f}{\partial t} \Big|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} + \text{div}(\rho_f \mathbf{u}_f \otimes (\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{w}) - \sigma_f(\mathbf{u}_f, P)) &= 0, \text{ in } \Omega_f(t) \\
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 \end{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$



Assume to:

- $u_z \gg u_x, u_y$
- $u_z$  has a prescribed steady profile
- average over axial sections
- static equilibrium for the vessel

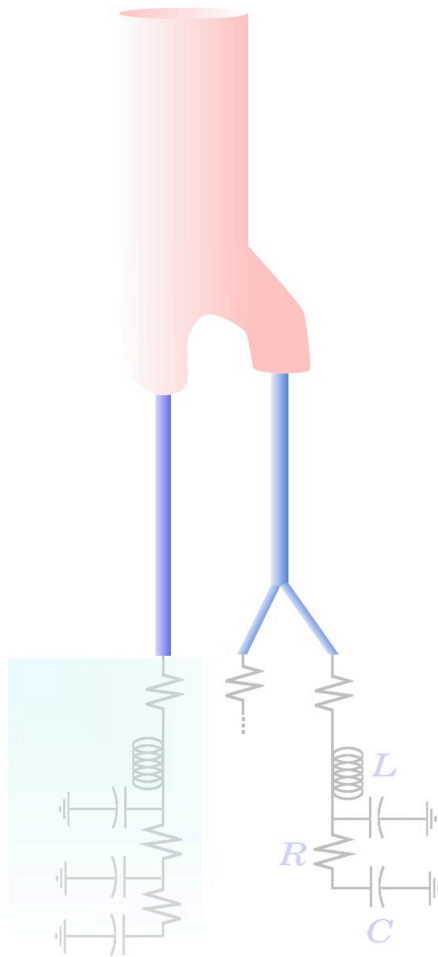
Then we obtain a 1D problem

# Mathematical Model

ID

ID Euler(F) + Algebraic pressure law

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t A + \partial_x Q &= 0, \\ \partial_t Q + \partial_x \left( \frac{\alpha Q}{A} \right) + \frac{A}{\rho} \partial_x P &= -K_r \frac{Q}{A}, \\ P(A) &= \beta \frac{\sqrt{A} - \sqrt{A_0}}{A_0}\end{aligned}$$

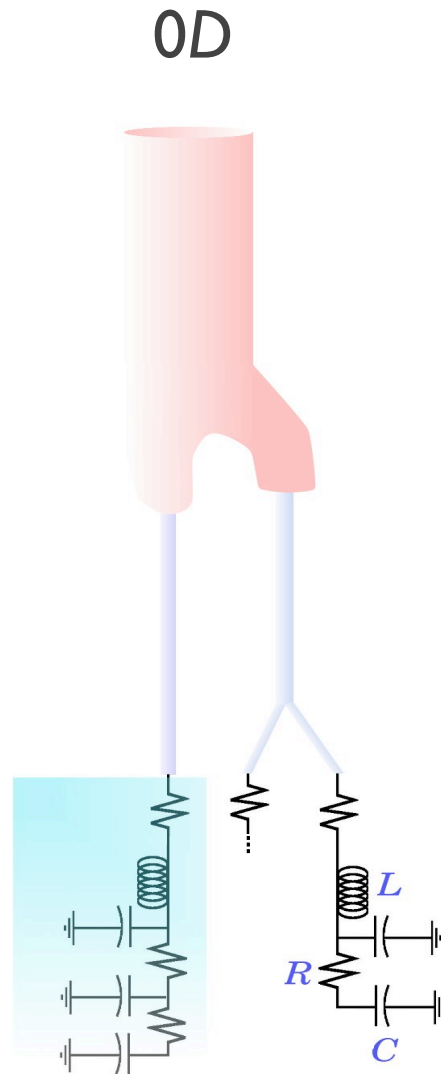


Assume to:

- linearize ID equations
- consider average internal variables
- relate interface values to averaged ones

Then we obtain a 0D problem (ODE)

# Mathematical Model



0D Lumped parameters (system of linear ODE's)

$$C \frac{dP_i}{dt} = -(Q_{i+1} - Q_i),$$

$$L \frac{dQ_i}{dt} = -(P_i - P_{i-1}) - RQ_i$$

Fluid dynamics	Electrical circuits
Pressure	Voltage
Flow rate	Current
Blood viscosity	Resistance R
Blood inertia	Inductance L
Wall compliance	Capacitance C

- RLC circuits model “large” arteries
- RC circuits account for capillary bed
- Can describe compartments (such as peripheral circulation)



# The ID Network

At a bifurcation we prescribe

- ✓ Continuity of total pressure:  $p_{t,1} = p_{t,2} = p_{t,3}$
- ✓ Conservation of mass:  $\sum_i Q_i = 0$

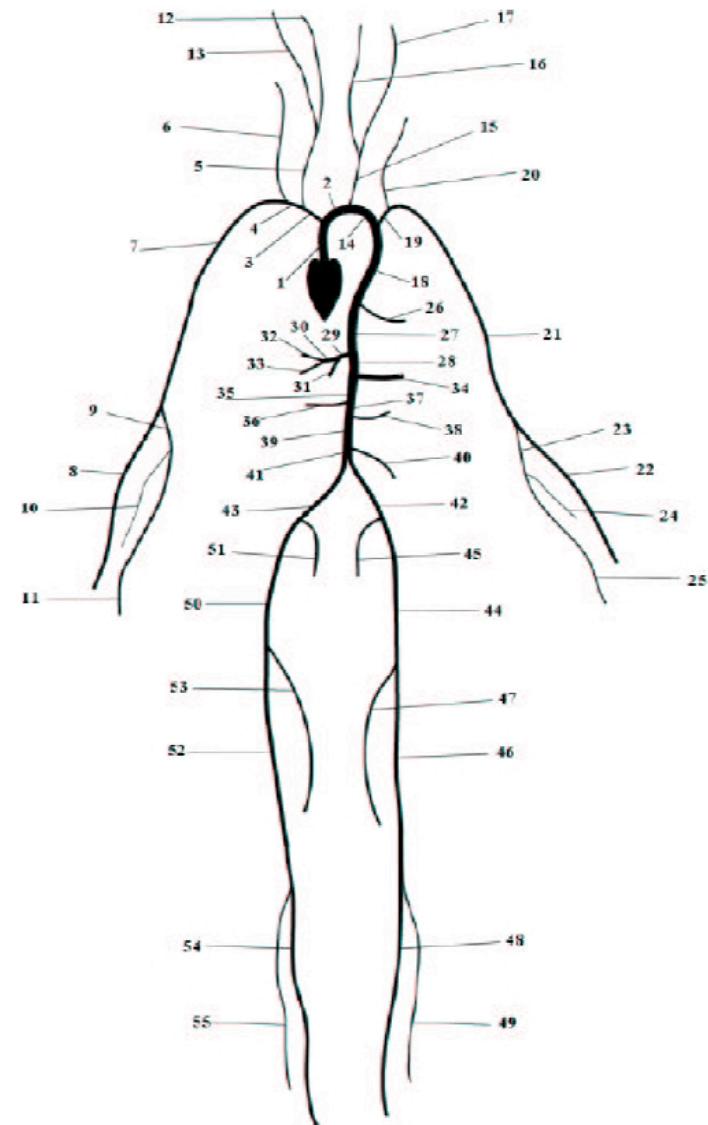
## Mathematical Analysis

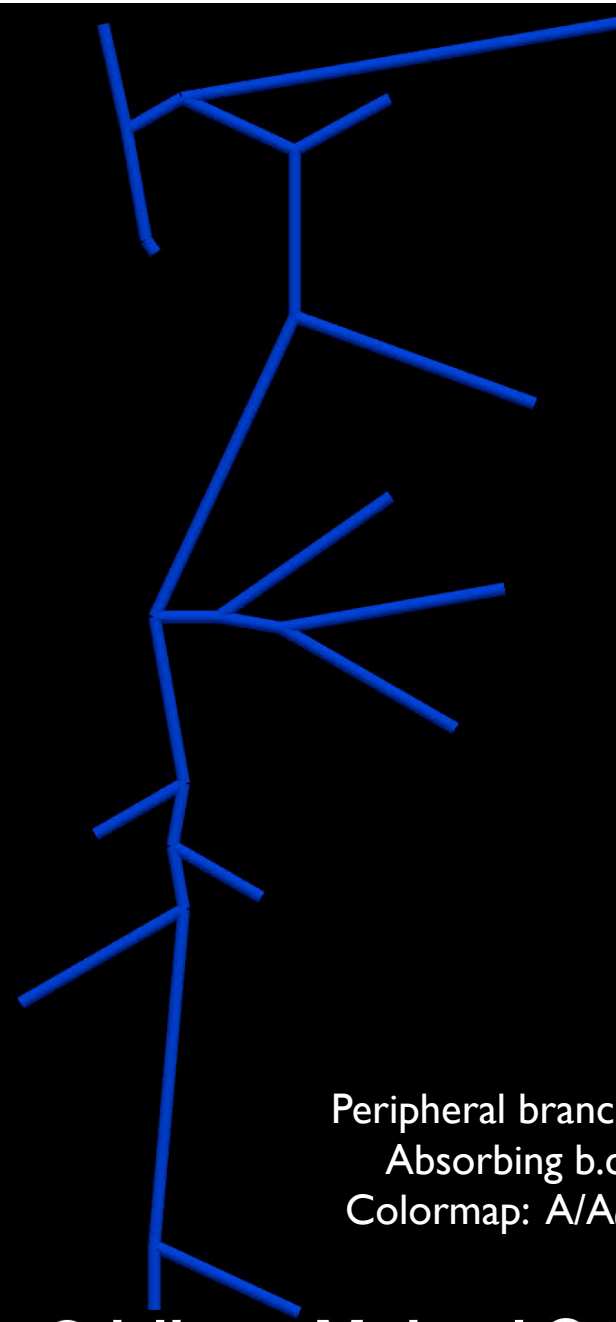
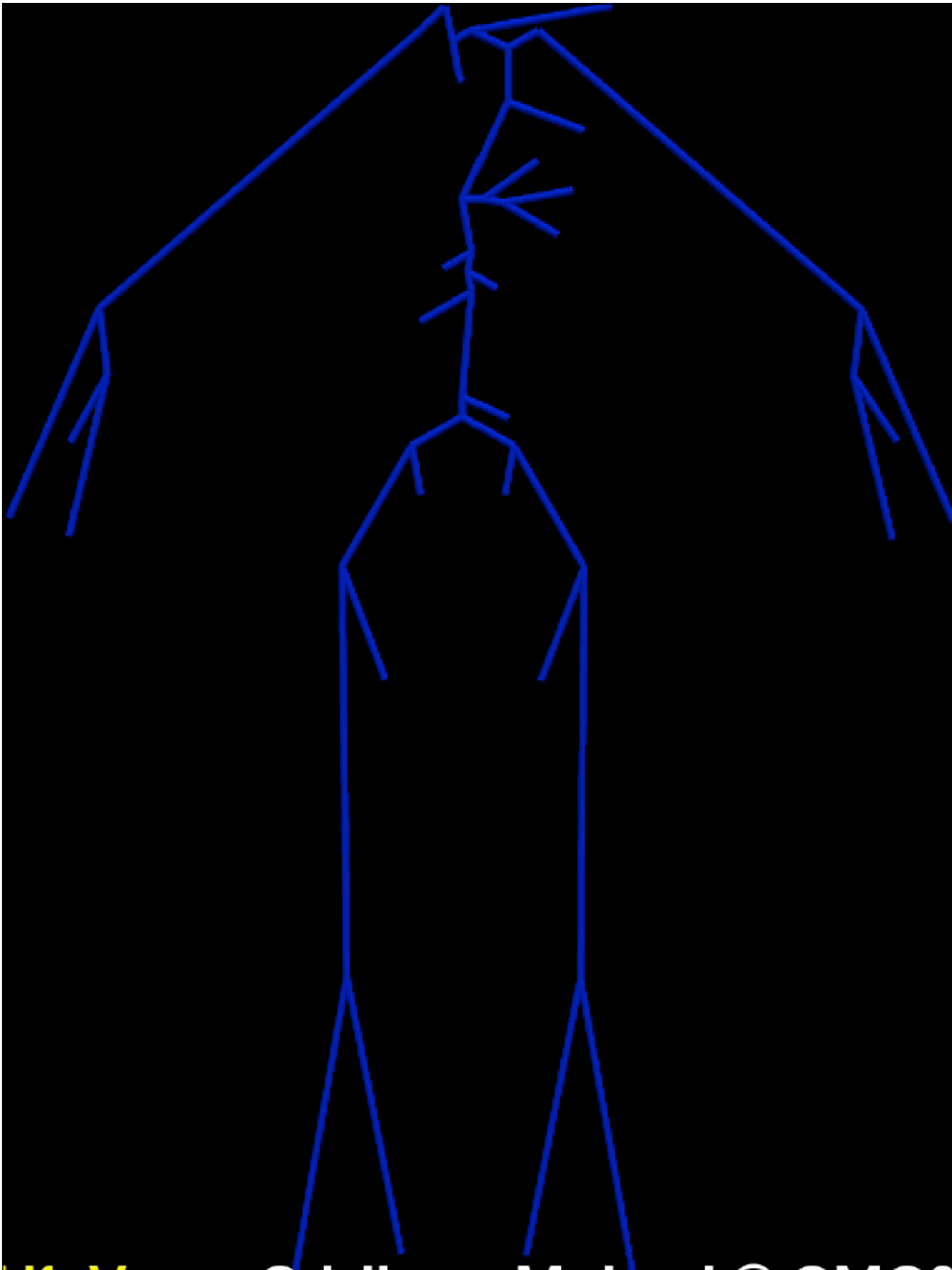
The coupled problem satisfies a stability estimate similar to that of the single artery model.

No shock waves developing, explicit form of characteristic variables available

In principle, it is possible to account for curvature, tapering, and for the bifurcation angle through an energy loss term.

In practice, this has a minor impact on numerical results





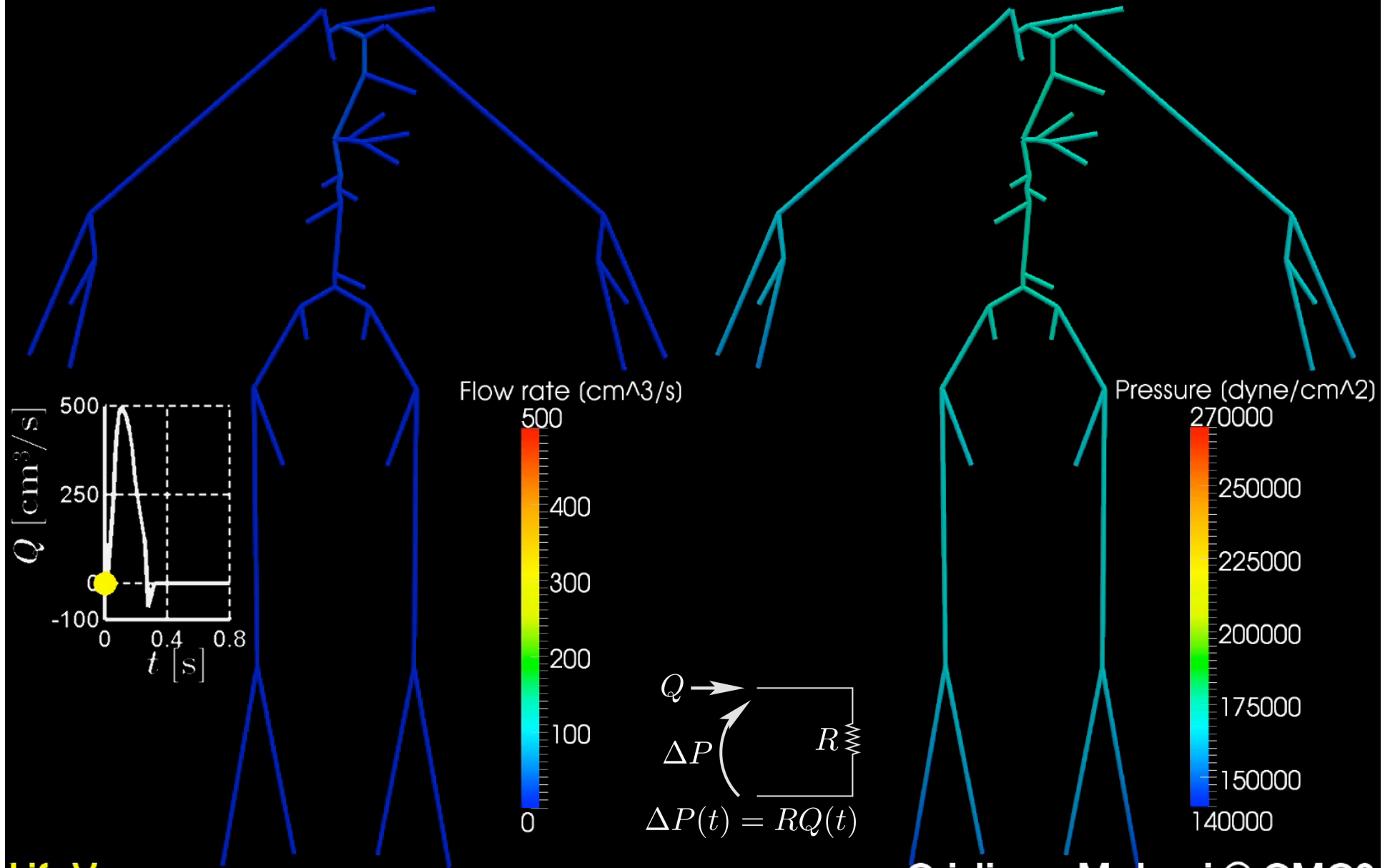
Peripheral branches:  
Absorbing b.c  
Colormap:  $A/A_0 - I$

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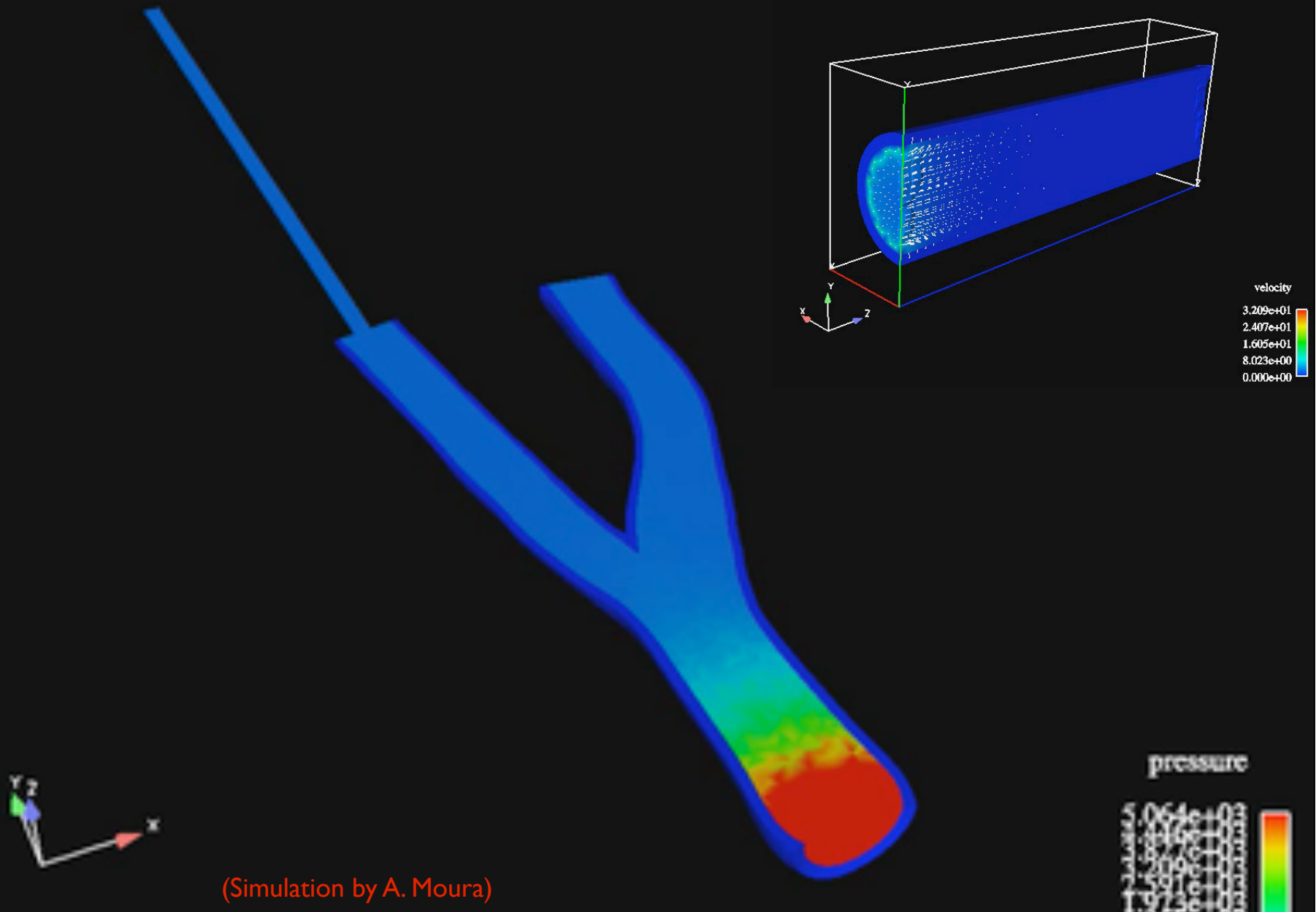
# 1D model of circulation: peripheral resistance



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# 3D-ID for the carotid artery: pressure pulse



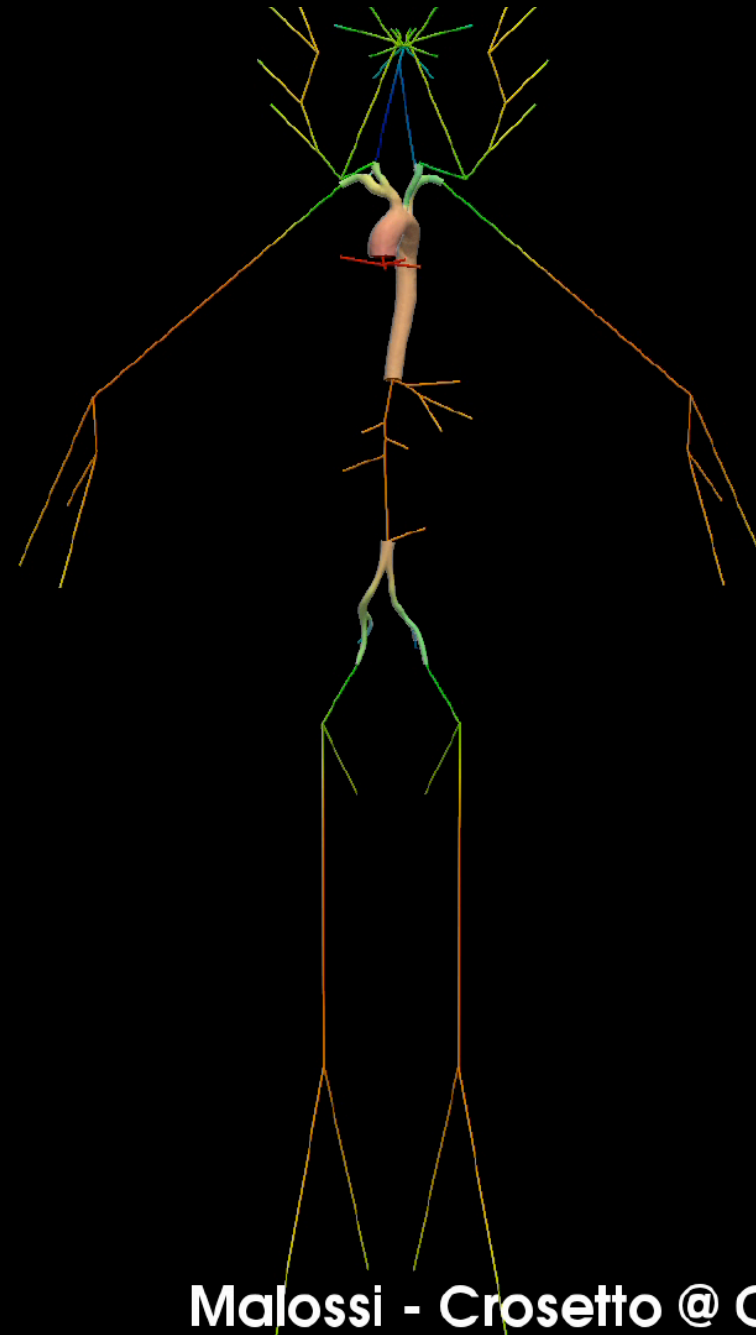
# Geometric Multiscale - an Instance

## Models:

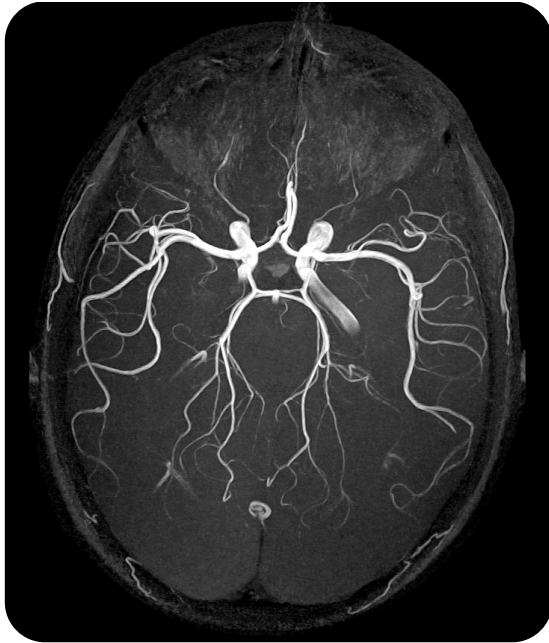
- ◆ 3-D FSI Aorta & Iliac Artery
- ◆ 1-D arterial tree
  - 92 tapered elements
  - viscoelastic wall
- ◆ 0-D terminals
  - 47 Windkessel elements (RCR)

## Coupling:

- ◆ averaged/integrated quantities at the interfaces (flow rate or normal stress)
- ◆ segregated approach for the solution of the coupled problem (Newton, inexact-Newton, or Broyden methods)

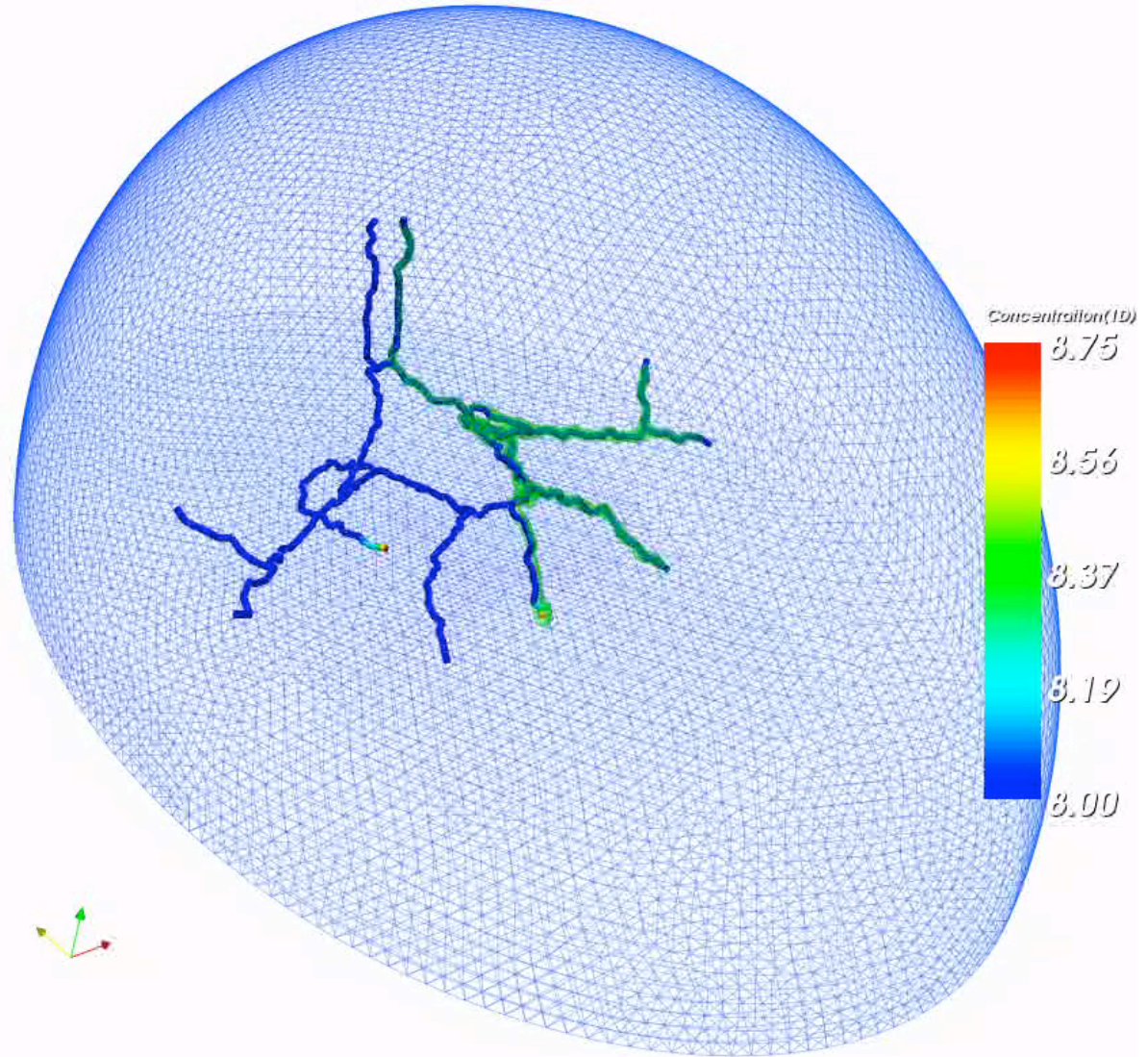


# Imbedded 1D-3D



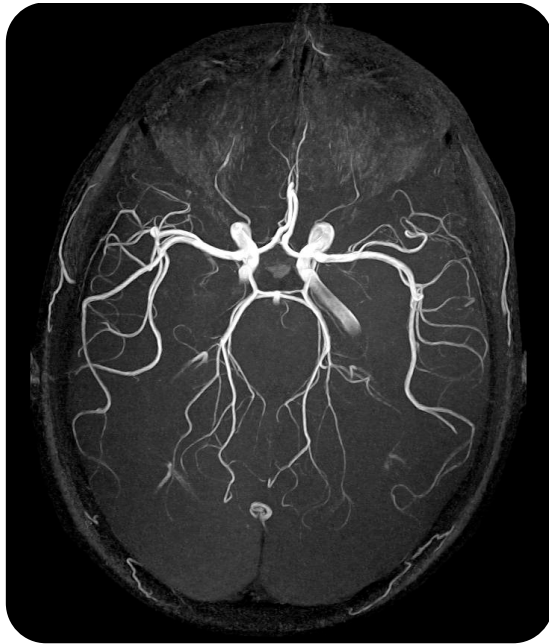
Application to oxygen transport in the brain:  
*isosurface of oxygen concentration.*

Impairment due to left carotid artery occlusion.

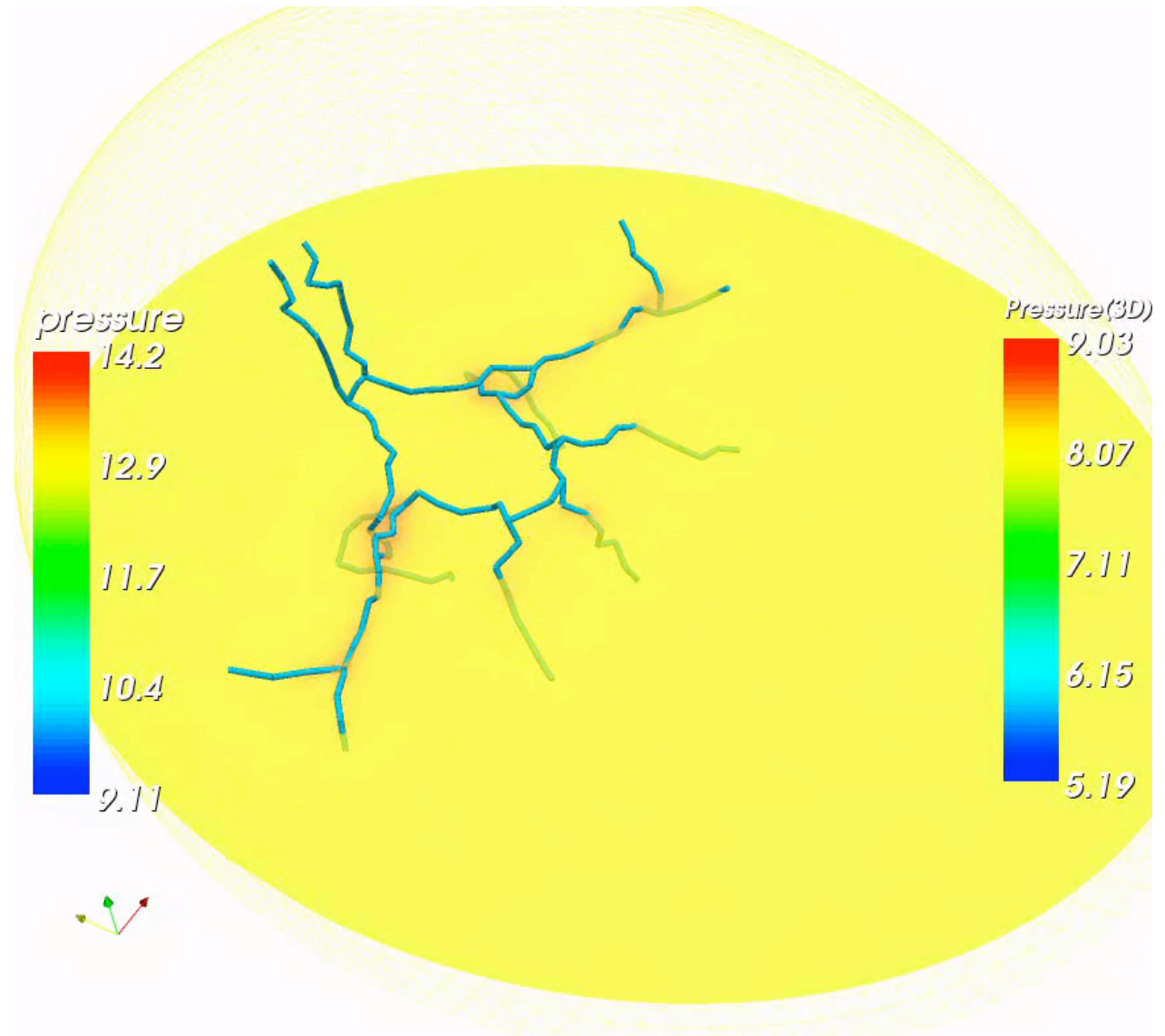


(Simulations by C. D'Angelo)

# Blood Flow and Oxygen Transport in the Brain



ID (vessels) and  
3D (brain tissue)  
*blood pressures*  
with pulsatile input  
blood flow rate and left  
carotid artery occlusion



(Simulations by C.D'Angelo)

# 1D-3D Perfusion Model

A realistic time-dependent 1D-3D model:

$$\begin{cases} C_t \frac{\partial p_t}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (K_t \nabla p_t) + \alpha p_t - \phi(p_t, p_v) \delta_\Lambda = 0 & t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} p_v \\ q_v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \begin{bmatrix} p_v \\ q_v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{c} \phi(p_t, p_v) \\ r q_v \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}, & t > 0, s \in \Lambda, \end{cases}$$

  $p_t : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  blood pressure in the tissue (3D)

  $p_v : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  blood pressure in the vessel (1D)

  $q_v : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  blood flow rate in the vessel (1D)

  $\phi : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the exchange term



# 1D-3D Perfusion Model

## Flow model

$$\begin{cases} C_t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_t + \nabla \cdot (K_t \nabla p_t) + \alpha p_t - \phi(p_t, p_v) \delta_\Lambda = 0 & t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} p_v \\ q_v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{l} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \begin{bmatrix} p_v \\ q_v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{c} \phi(p_t, p_v) \\ r q_v \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}, & t > 0, s \in \Lambda, \end{cases}$$

 Venous transmission coefficients [range:  $10^{-3}$  kPa $^{-1}$  s $^{-1}$ ]

 Capillary compliance [ $10^{-3}$  kPa $^{-1}$ ]

 Tissue conductivity [ $0.05$  mm $^2$  kPa $^{-1}$  s $^{-1}$ ]

 Vessel Windkessel parameters

# 1D-3D Perfusion Model

## 1D-3D mass transport and diffusion models:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_t - D_t \Delta u_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u_t - \theta(u_t, u_v) \delta_\Lambda = f, & t > 0, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ A_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_v - A_0 D_v \frac{\partial^2 u_v}{\partial s^2} + q_v \frac{\partial}{\partial s} u_v = 0, & t > 0, s \in \Lambda, \end{cases}$$

$u_t : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  mass concentration in the tissue (3D)

$u_v : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  mass concentration in the vessel (1D)

$\theta = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (u_v - \bar{u}_t)$  is a penalization term.

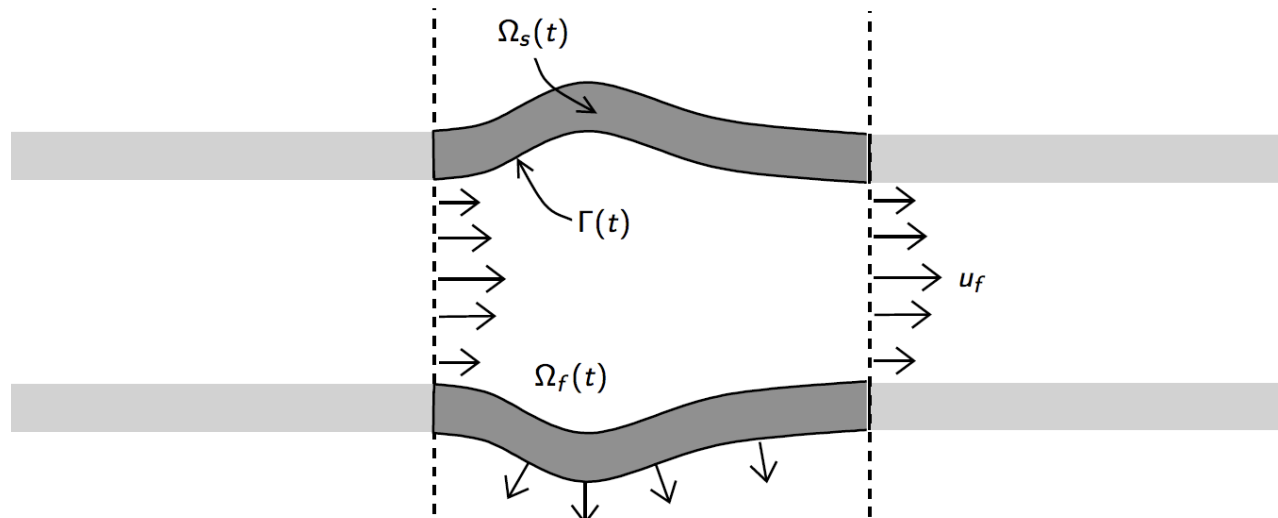
- Same form as  $\phi$

- Enforces  $u_v = \bar{u}_t$

Computing -  
Complexity

FSI algorithms

# The Coupled FS system in compact form



- **FS system**

With variables  $(u_f, d_f, d_s)$  for the fluid solution and displacements of the fluid and structure domain respectively, the fluid-structure interaction problem is

$$F(u_f, d_s, d_f) = 0, \quad \text{fluid subproblem}$$

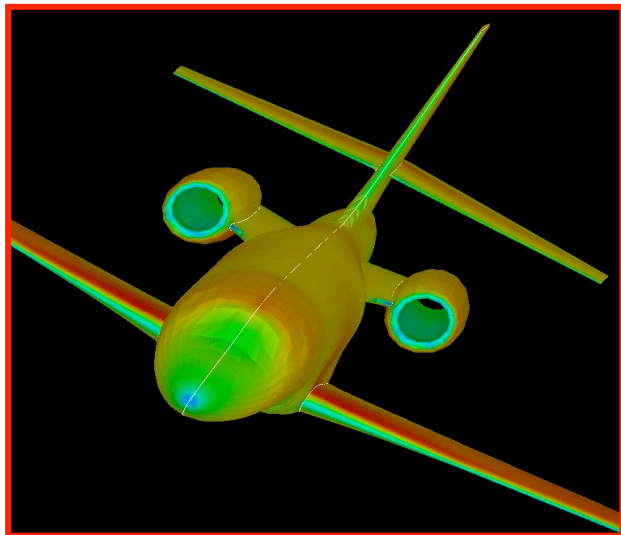
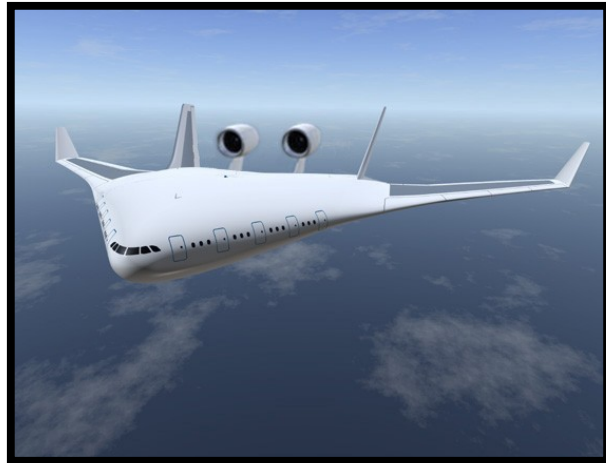
$$S(u_f, d_s) = 0, \quad \text{structure subproblem}$$

$$G(d_s, d_f) = 0 \quad \text{geometry subproblem.}$$

# Fluid structure Interaction (FSI) - Not only blood flow

- **Aerodynamics**

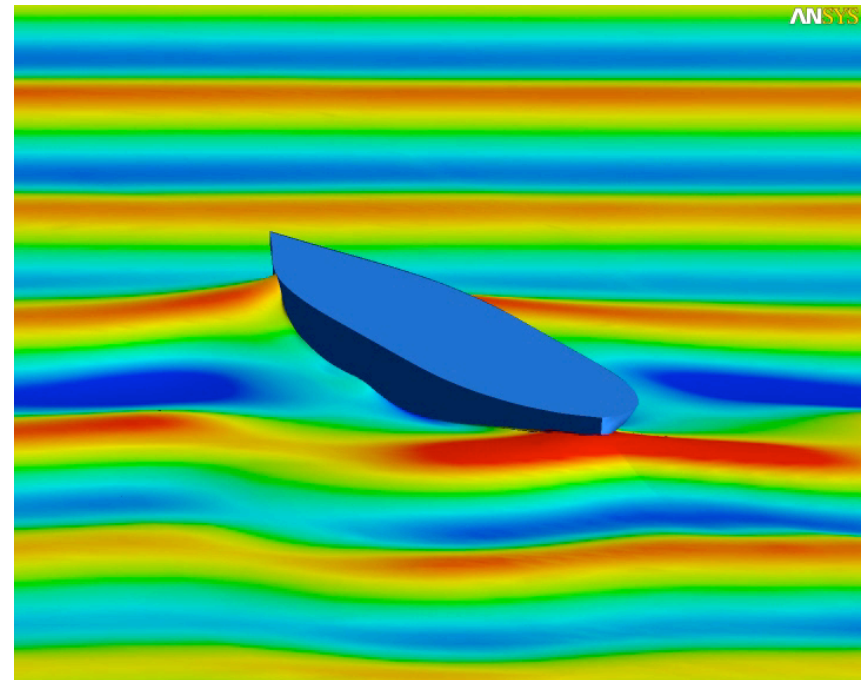
Aircrafts, Flying Bodies



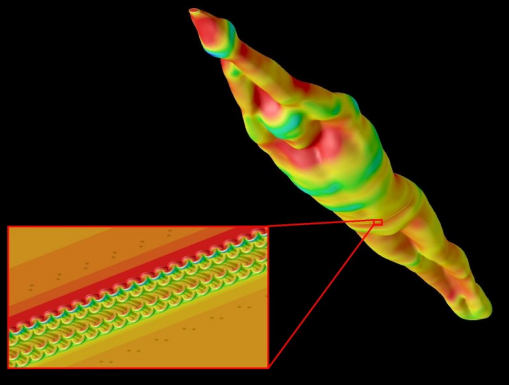
- **Wing Multihulls**  
Wind-sail interaction

# Fluid structure Interaction (FSI)

## Rowing and sea-keeping



# Swimsuits optimization (A.Veneziani,N.Parolini)

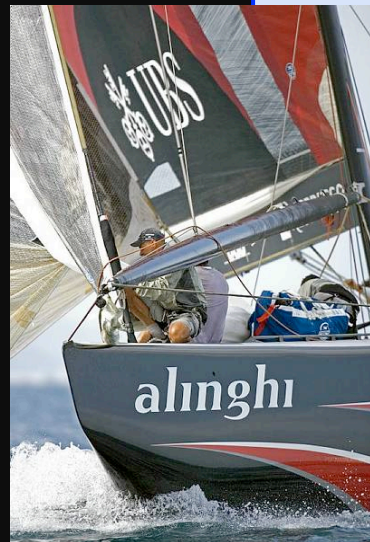


POWERSKIN *Ultra*



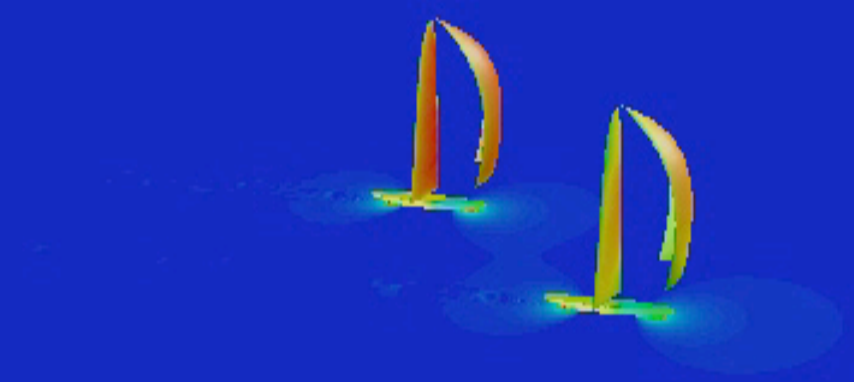
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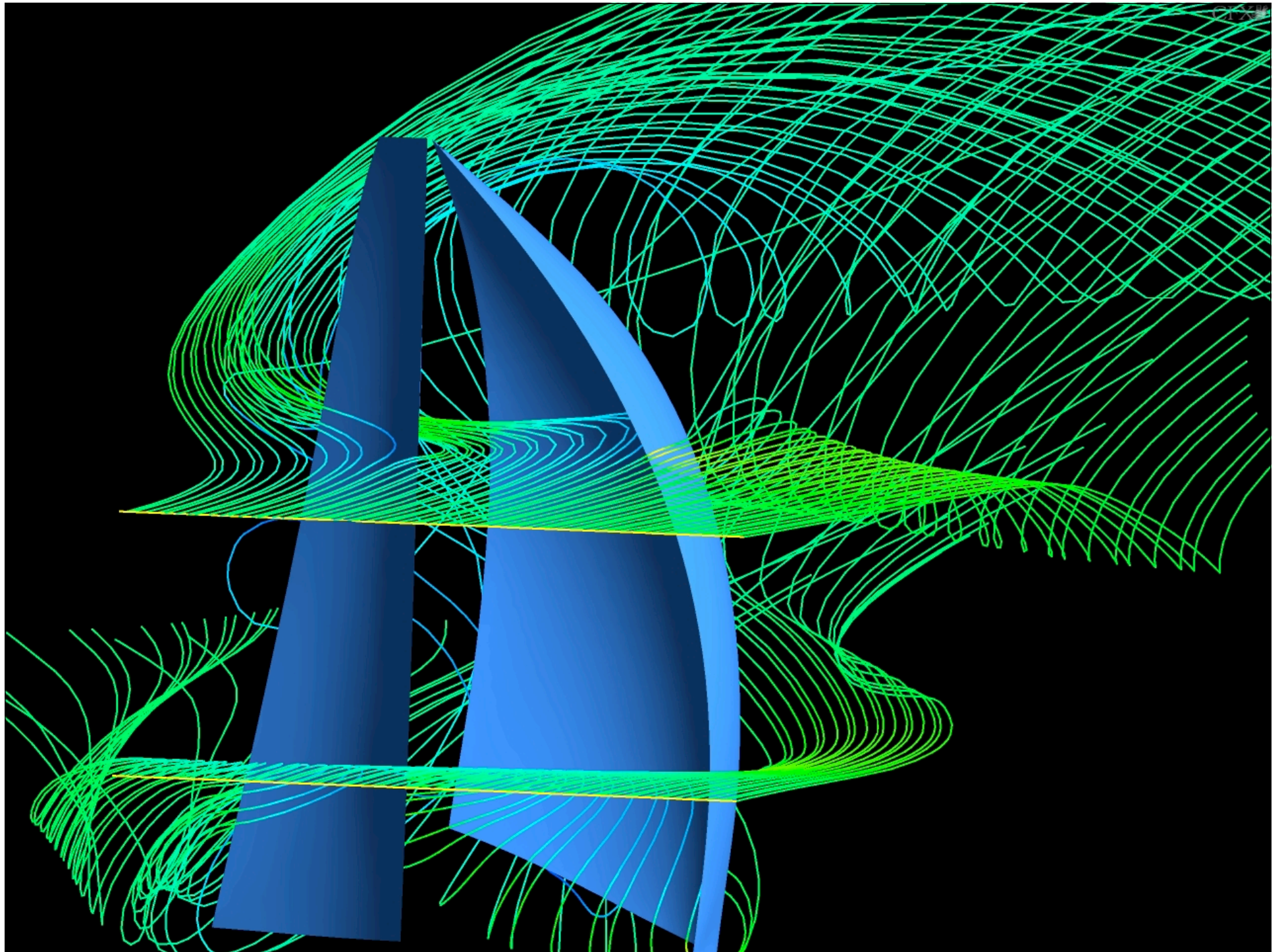
## Wind/sails interaction



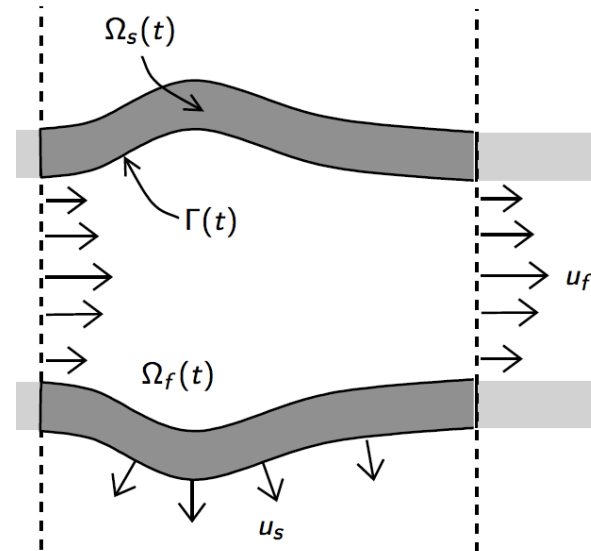
(N.Parolini,  
D.Detomi)







# FSI - Numerical Algorithms



$$F(u_f, d_s, d_f) = 0,$$

$$S(u_f, d_s) = 0,$$

$$G(d_s, d_f) = 0$$

**Solution approach: FEM in space, FD in time, then:**

Segregated / **Monolithic** / Hybrid

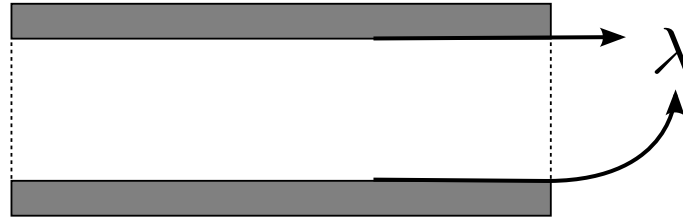
- Newton linearization
- Krylov iterative methods
- Domain Decomposition preconditioners

based on **blockwise parallel Schwarz preconditioners**

(P.Crosetto, S.Deparis, G.Fourestey, A.Q.,

Parallel Algorithms for Fluid Structure Interaction Problems in Haemodynamics, SIAM J. Sci. Comp., 2011)

# Reduction to the interface problem



**Goal: eliminate fluid, structure and geometric variables**

Let us define The Steklov-Poincaré operators for the fluid and structure subdomains as

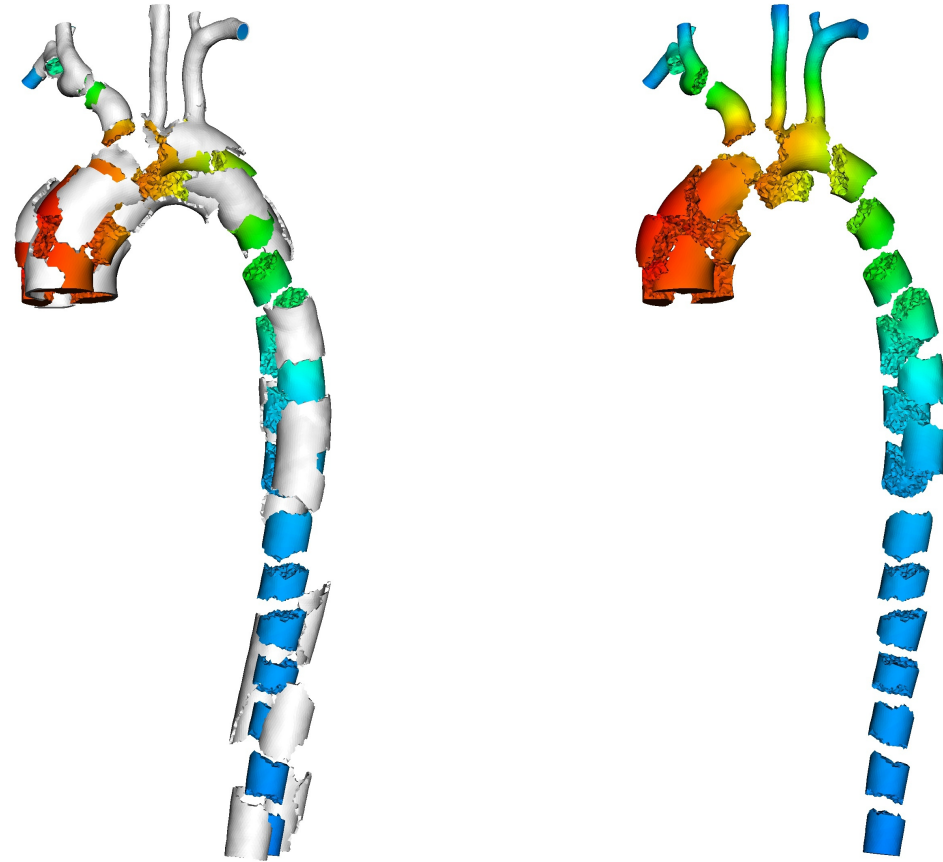
$$\begin{aligned} S_f : H^{1/2}(\Gamma)^3 &\rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)^3 \\ \lambda = \mathbf{d}_{s\Gamma} &\mapsto \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f^o|_{\Gamma} \\ S_s : H^{1/2}(\Gamma)^3 &\rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)^3 \\ \lambda = \mathbf{d}_{s\Gamma} &\mapsto \boldsymbol{\sigma}_s|_{\Gamma} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

that map the trace space of displacements on the interface  $\Gamma$  to the dual space of the normal stresses exerted on  $\Gamma$ .

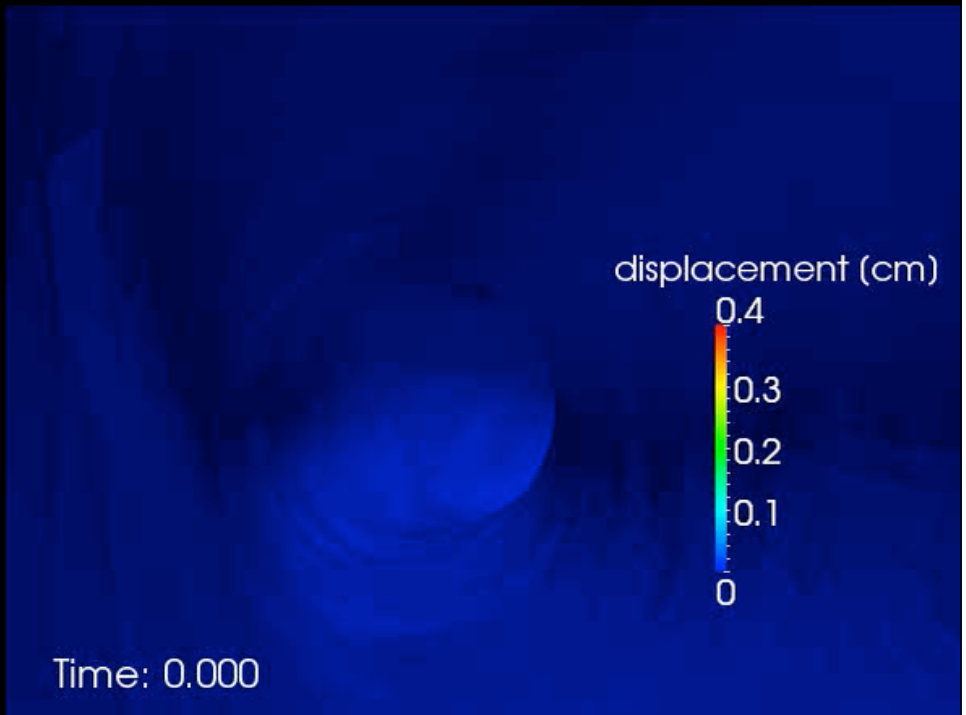
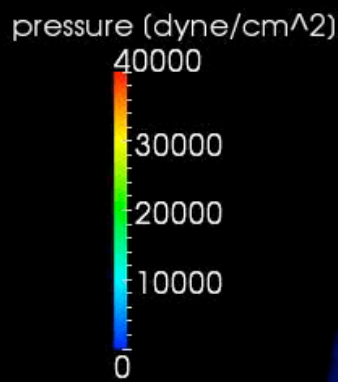
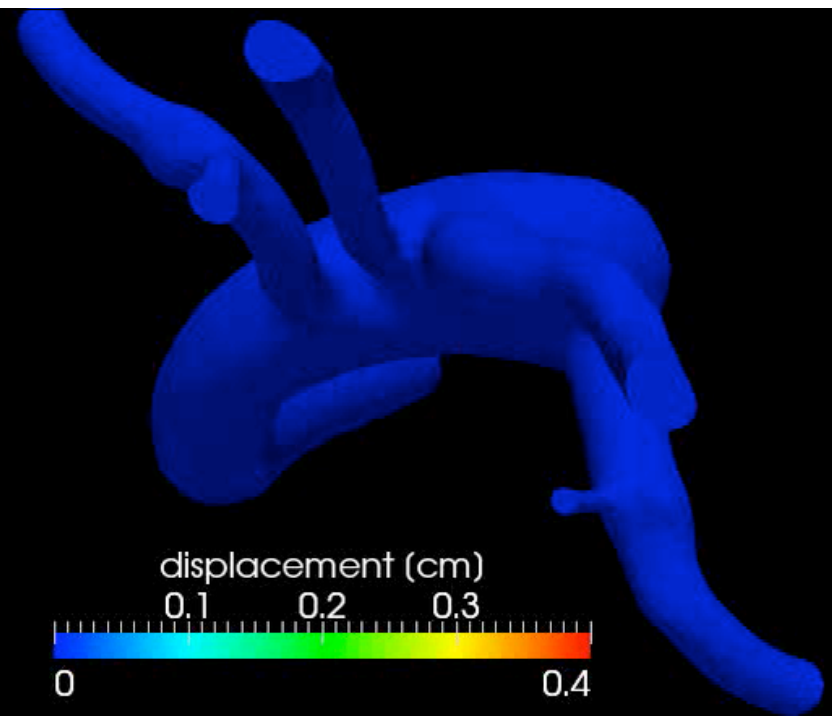
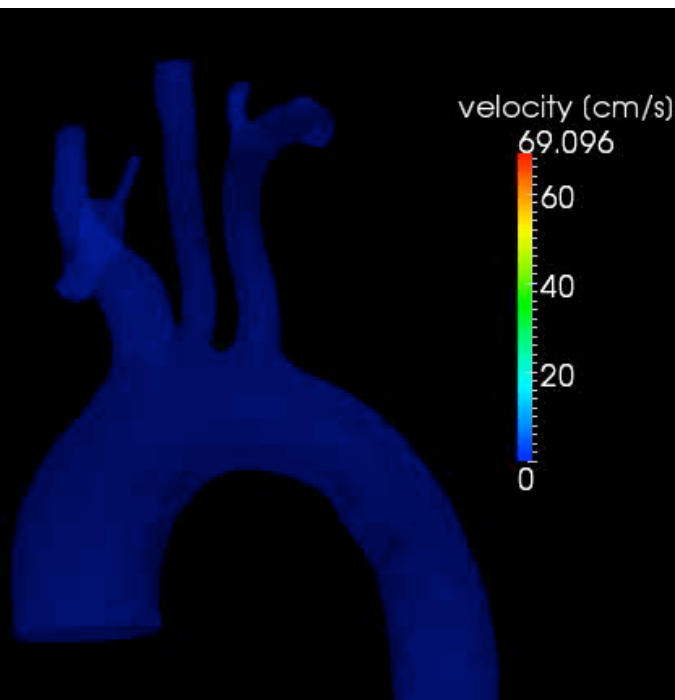
Applications

Understanding Physiology

# Subdomain partition for lumen and wall



**FIGURE:** The fluid and the solid meshes are partitioned in  $2 \times 32$  subdomains.  
380'690 tetrahedra and 324'000 dofs



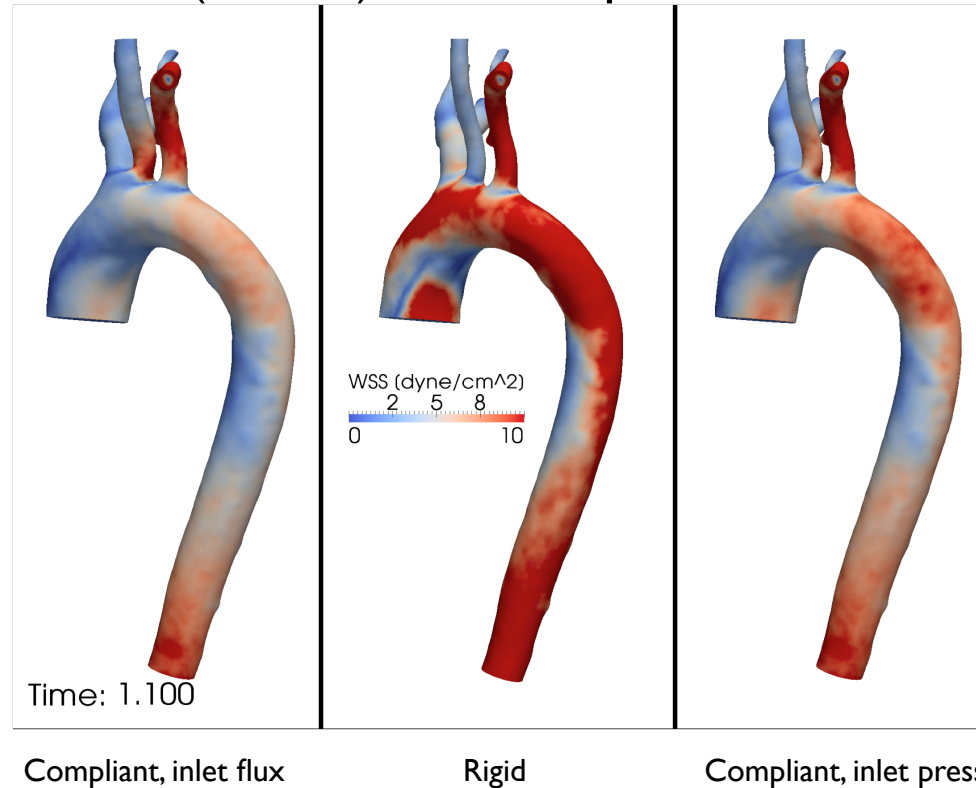
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# FSI in the aortic arch: WSS comparisons

## Compliant versus rigid walls: WSS pattern at systole

The rigid walls simulation (middle) shows important differences in WSS



Patient-specific geometry and boundary conditions. Simulation run for 3 heartbeats, timings: about 30s per timestep, 6.6h per heartbeat (800 timesteps), using 128 processors on Cray XT6 cluster HECToR ([www.hector.ac.uk](http://www.hector.ac.uk))

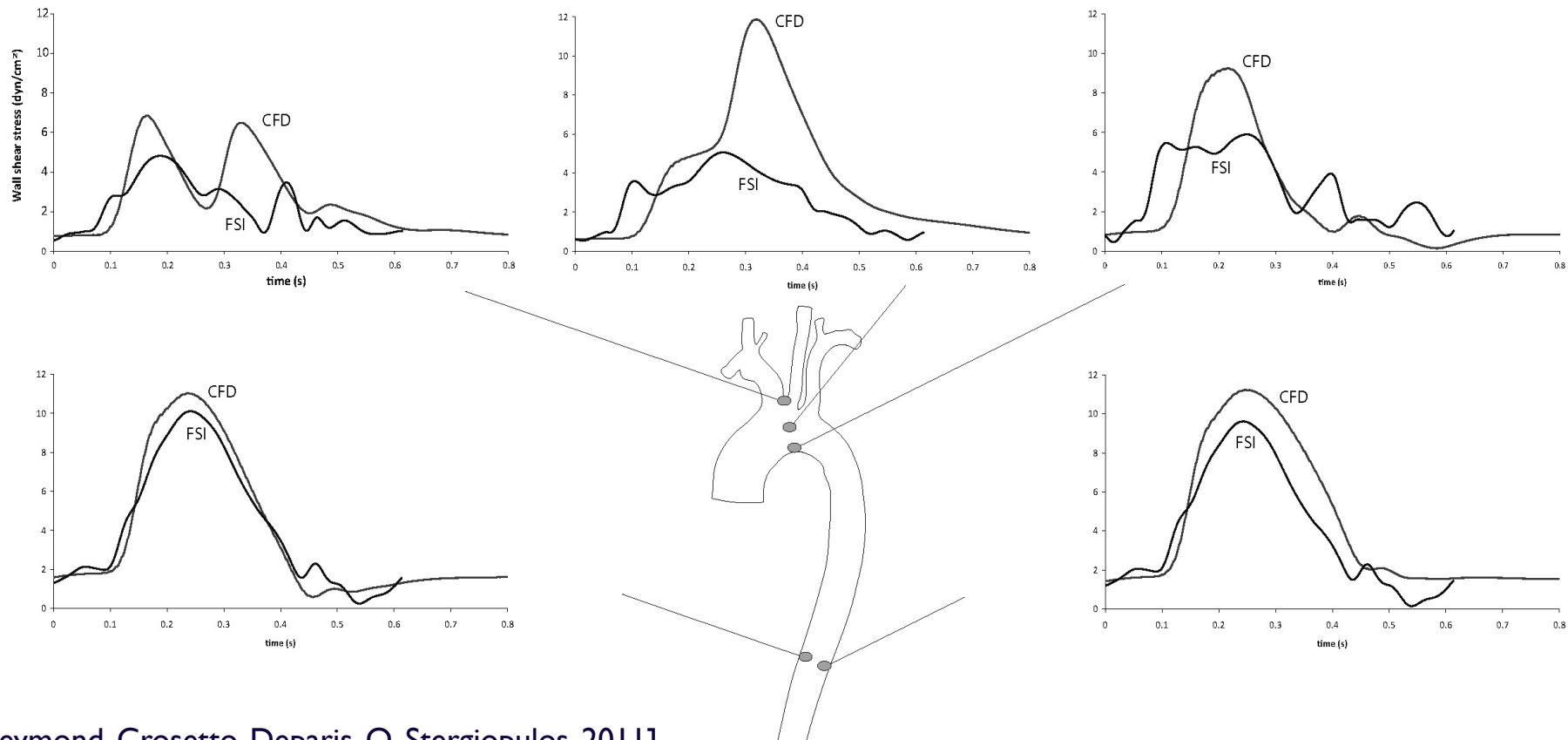
(Crosetto, Reymond, Deparis, Kontaxakis, Stergiopulos, AQ, submitted, 2011)



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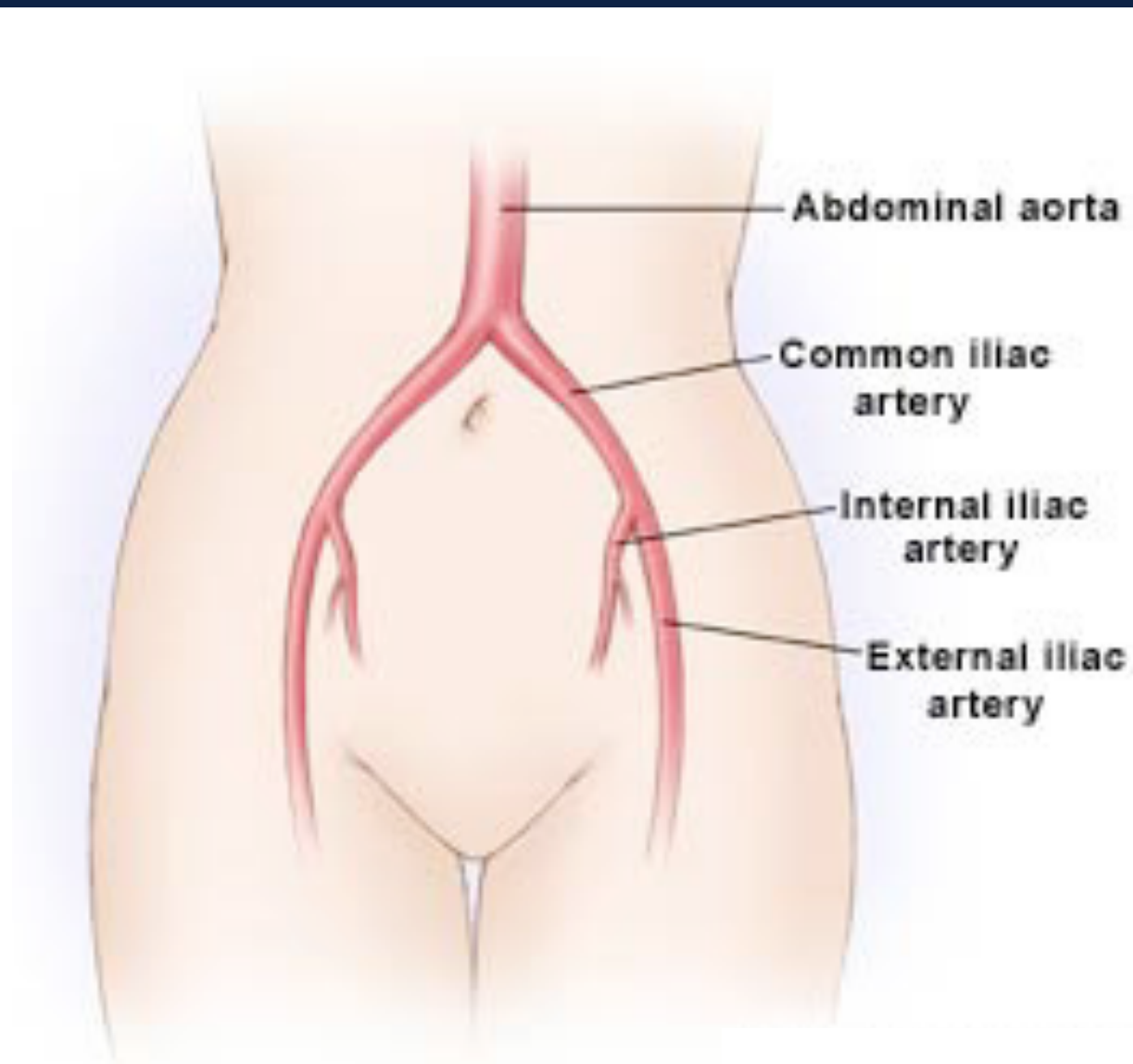
## Compliant versus rigid walls: history of space averages at different locations

WSS mainly overestimated by the rigid wall simulation, differences in magnitude and waveform

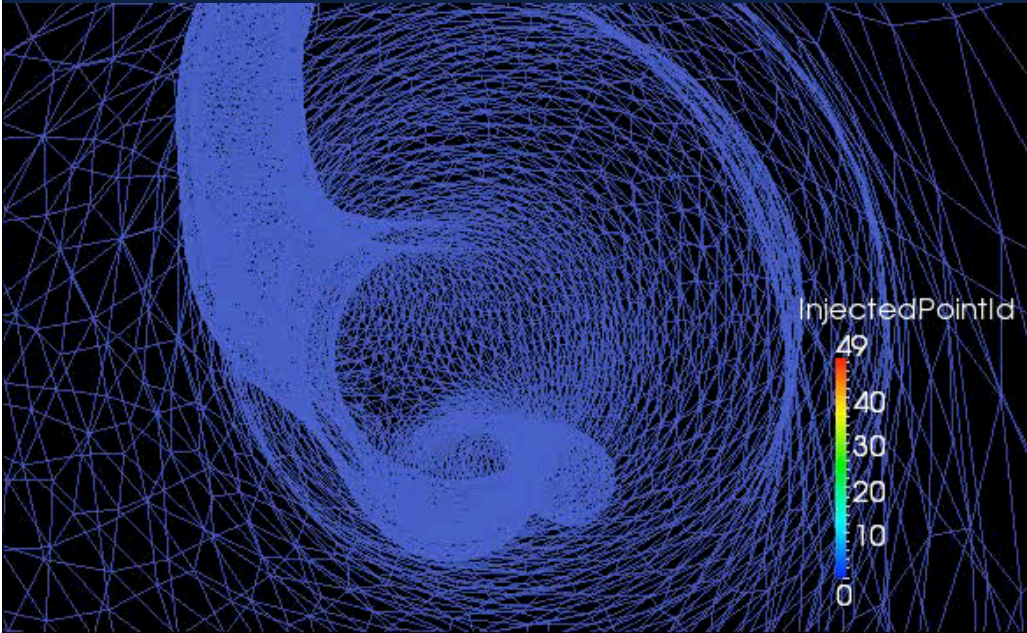


[Reymond, Crosetto, Deparis, Q, Stergiopulos, 2011]

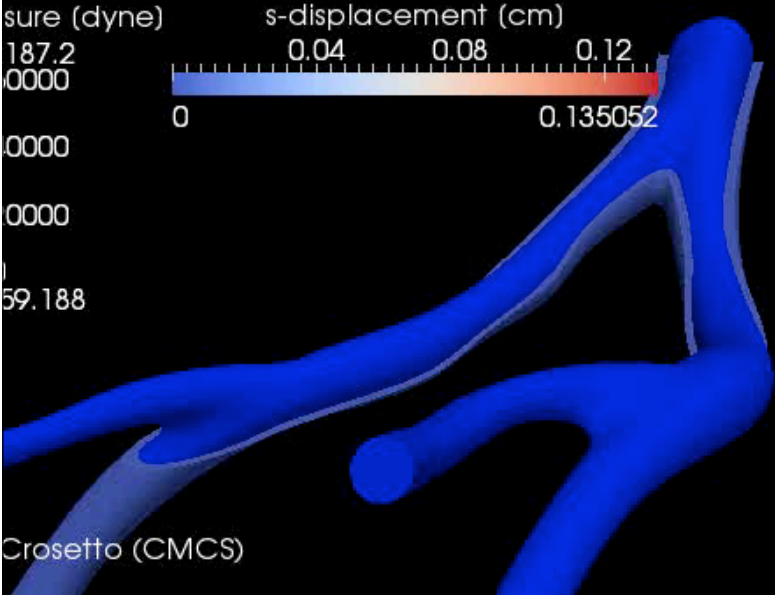
# Flow in the iliac artery



# Flow in an iliac artery

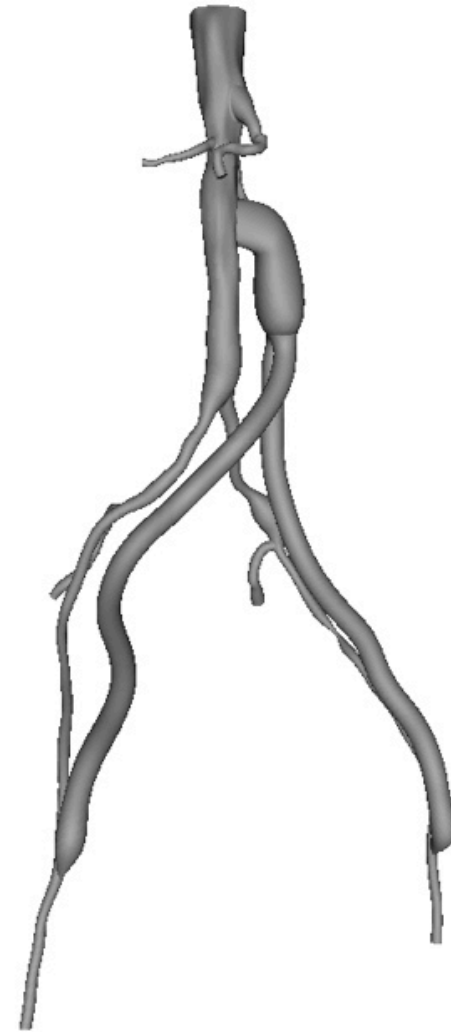
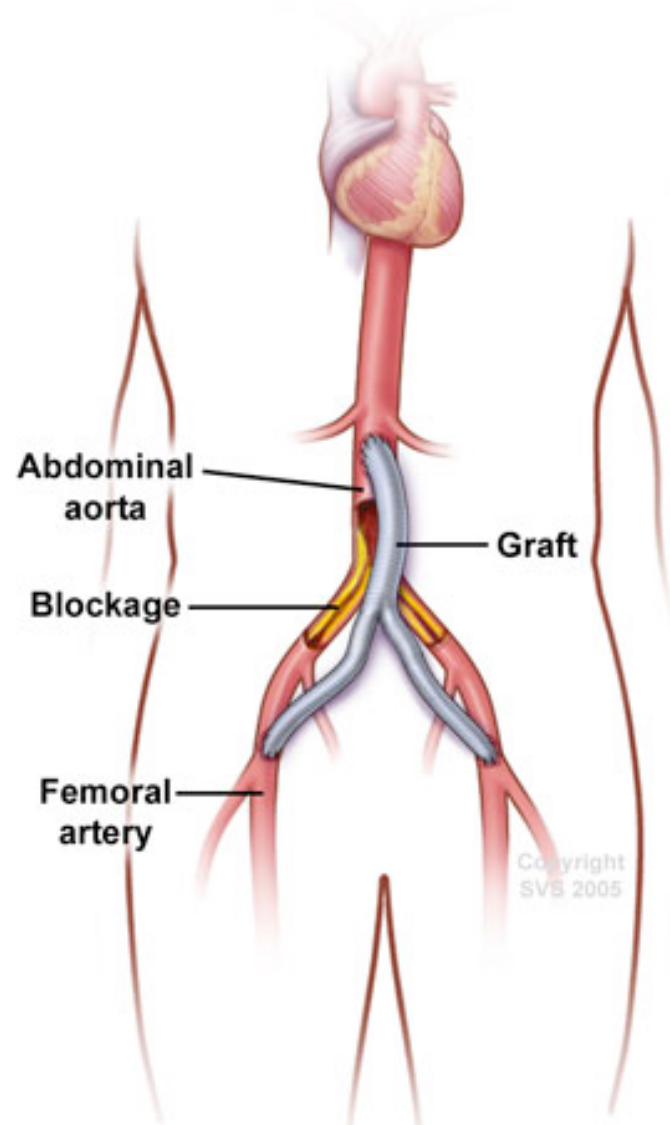


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Applications  
Surgical Planning

# Bypass graft in abdominal artery



# FSI in a femoral bypass

## WSS and streamlines at systole

Recirculation zone at the bypass anastomosis (left) produces modification in the WSS pattern (right)



# Flow in Cerebral Aneurysms

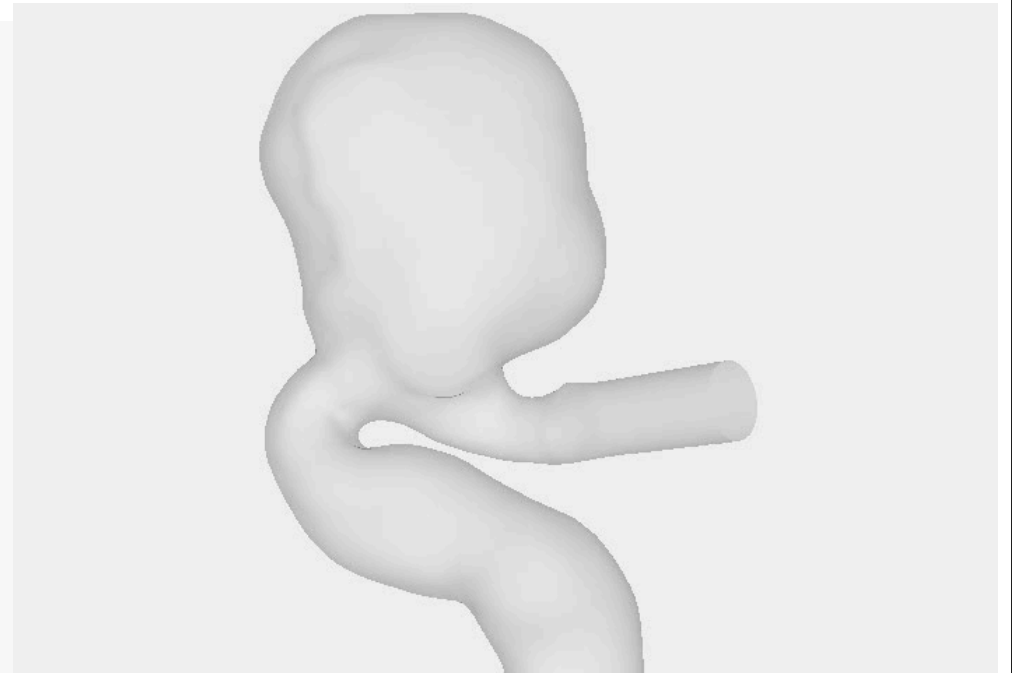
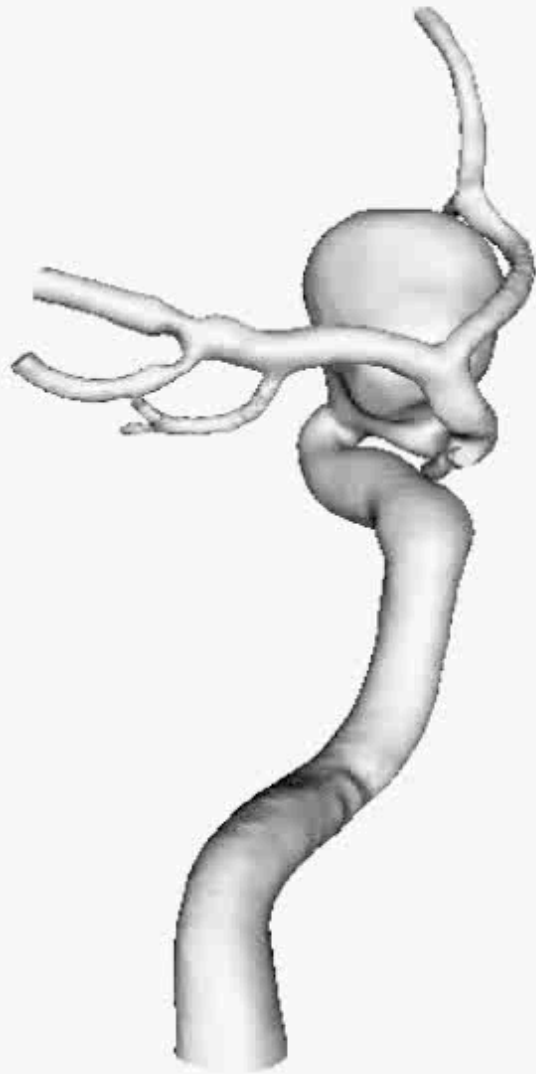
**Cerebral aneurysms:** deformations of cerebral arteries, mostly placed on vessels belonging to or connected to the **Circle of Willis**.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STATISTICS

- Incidence rate of cerebral aneurysms:  
**1/20 people**
- Incidence rate of ruptured cerebral aneurysms per year:  
**1/10000 people per year**
- Mortality due to a ruptured aneurysm:  
**> 50%:**  
Out of 9 patients with a ruptured aneurysm:
  - 3 are expected to die before arriving at the hospital
  - 2 to die after having arrived at the hospital
  - 2 to survive with permanent cerebral damages
  - 2 to survive without permanent cerebral damages



# Flow in a cerebral aneurysm during a full cardiac pulse

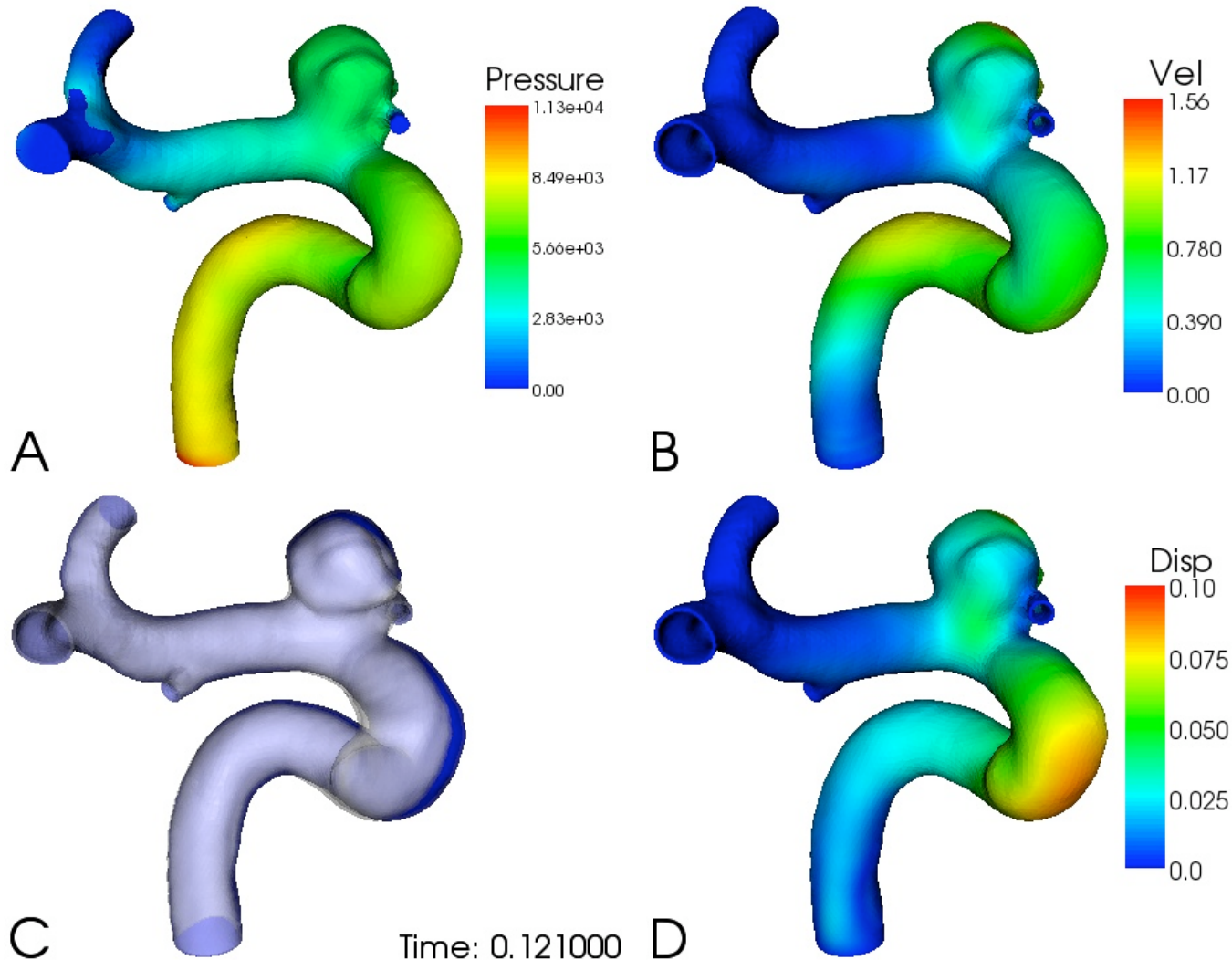


Simulation carried out by T. Passerini



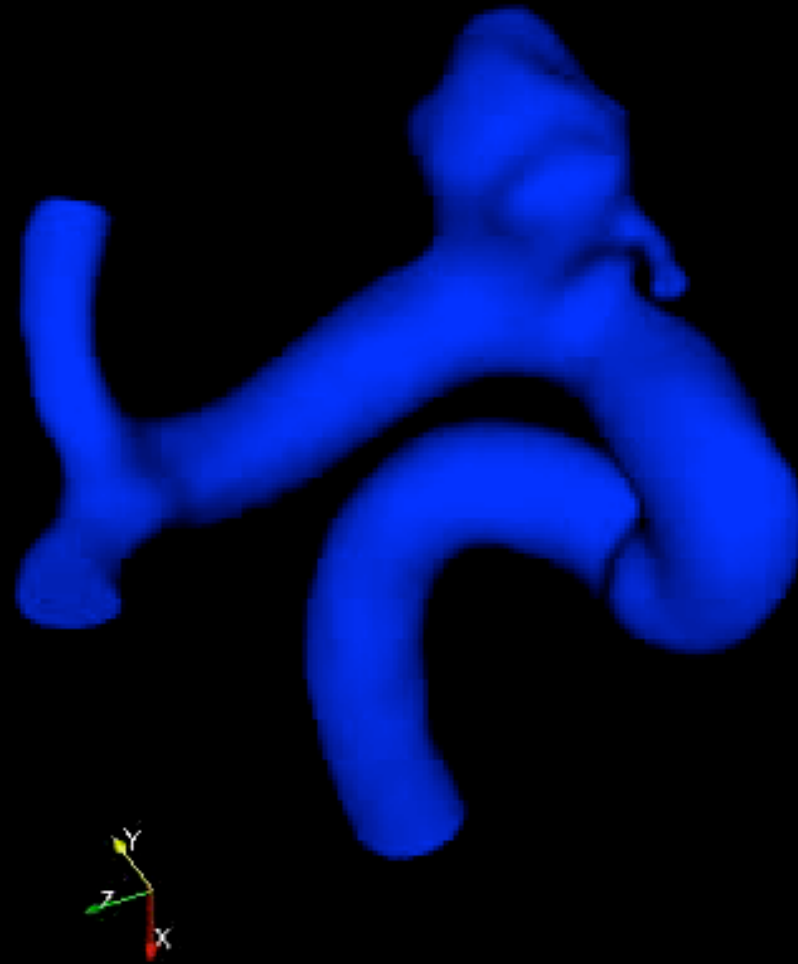
# Pressure, velocity and wall displacement

$dofs = 100'000$ ,  $dt = 10^{-3}$ ,  $T = .9$ ,  $cpus = 32$ ,  
P1P1-IP, FSI: Segr. inexact Newton,



# WSS - Wall Shear Stress

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Time: 0.00

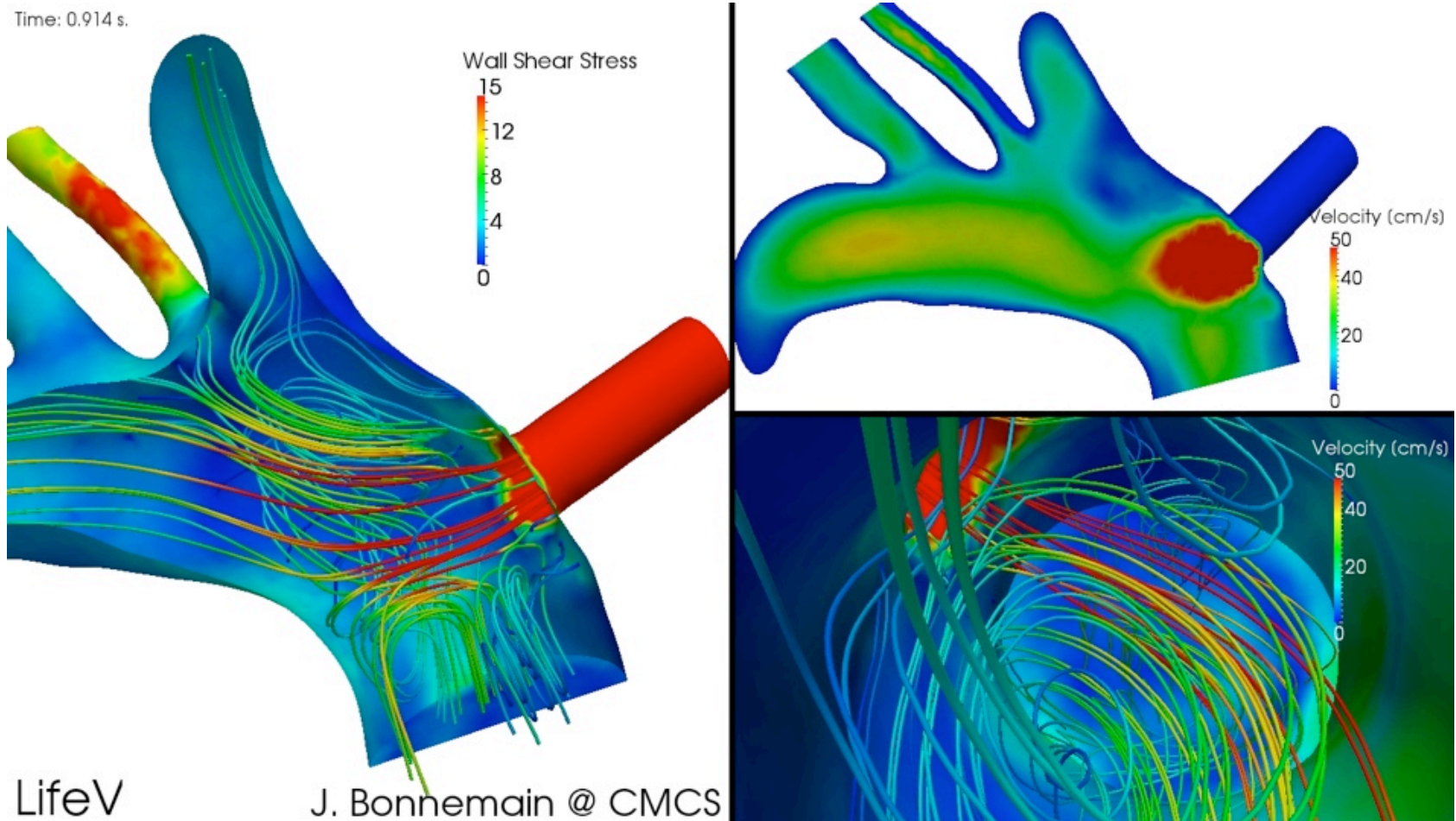
Applications  
Prosthetic Devices

# Cannula of a Ventricular Assisted Device (VAD)

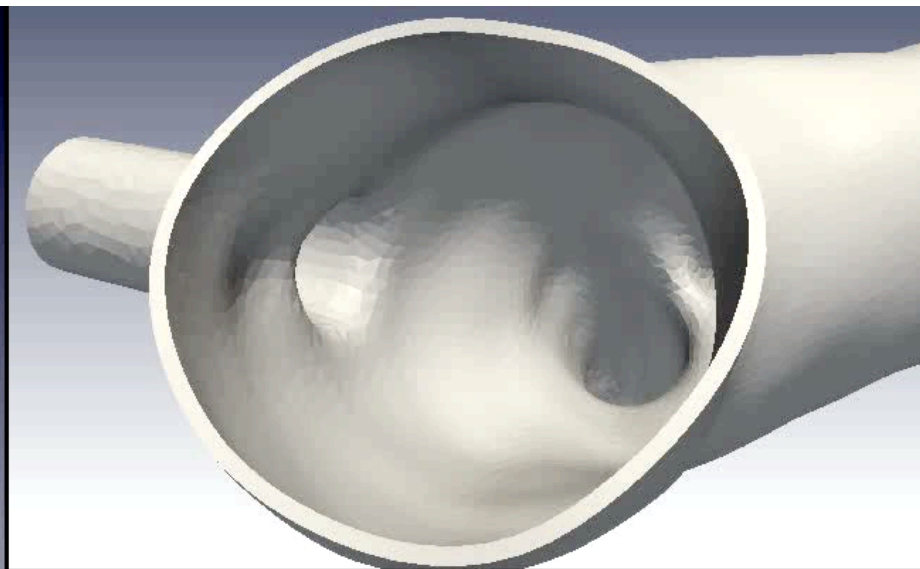
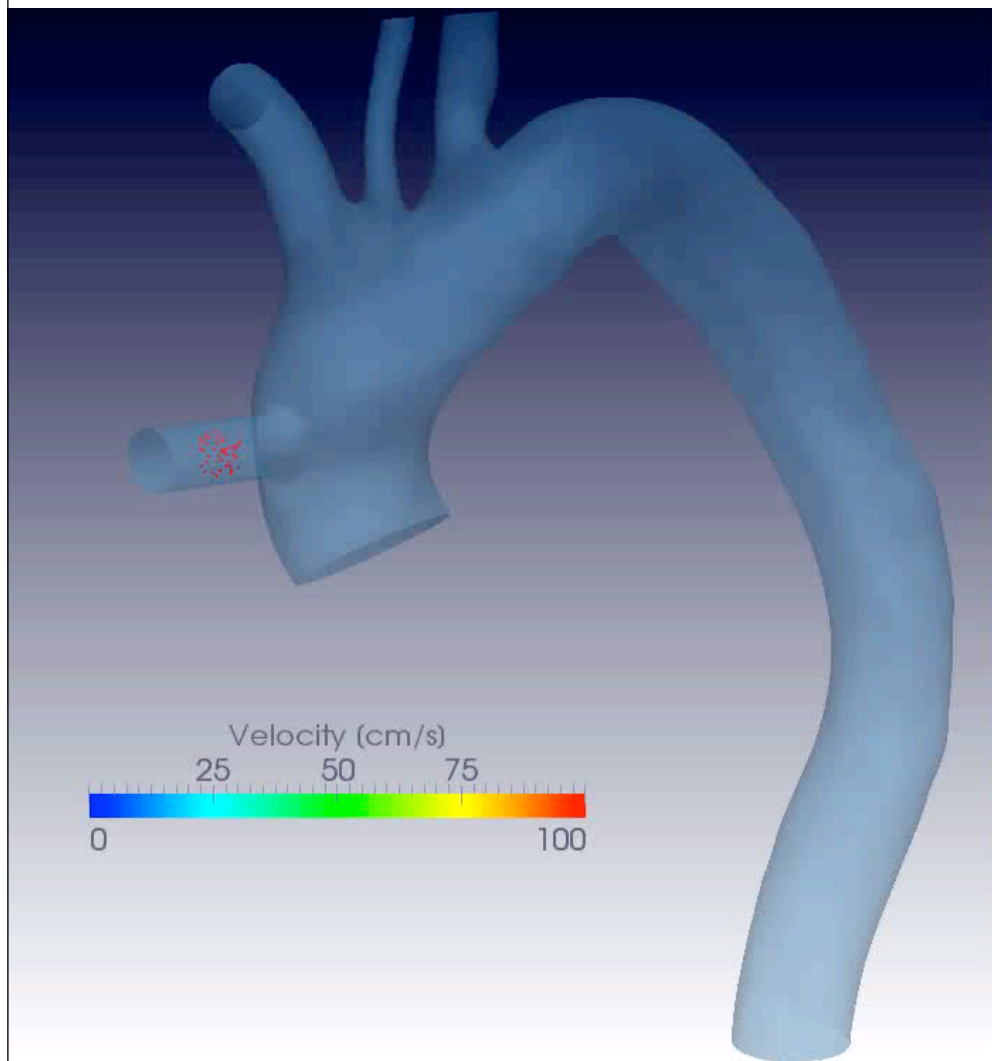
## VAD connection to an Aorta (6 lt/min blood supply)

WSS and streamlines (steady state simulation)

Recirculation and secondary flows (left/lower right) velocity magnitude (upper right)



# Cannula of a Ventricular Assisted Device to Aorta

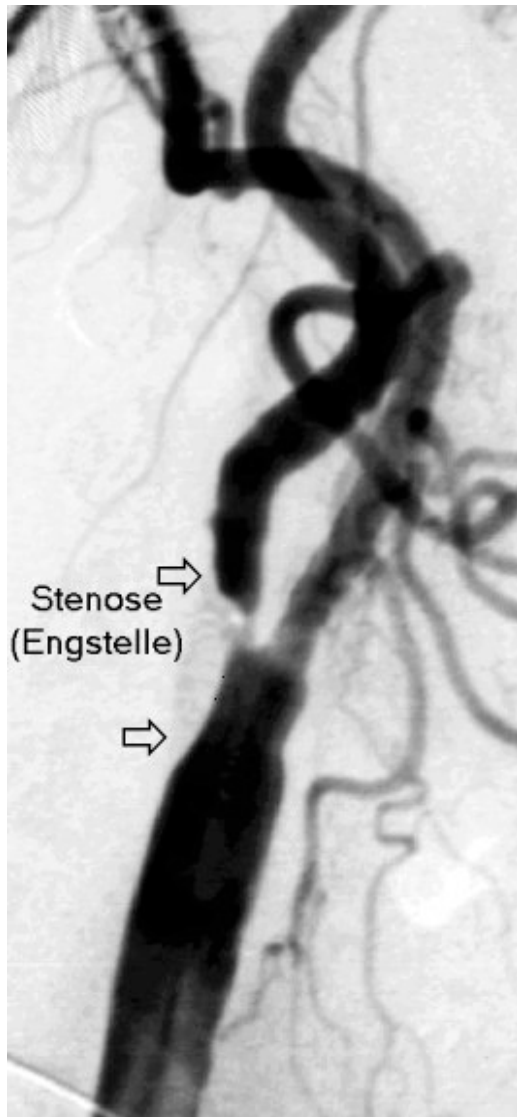


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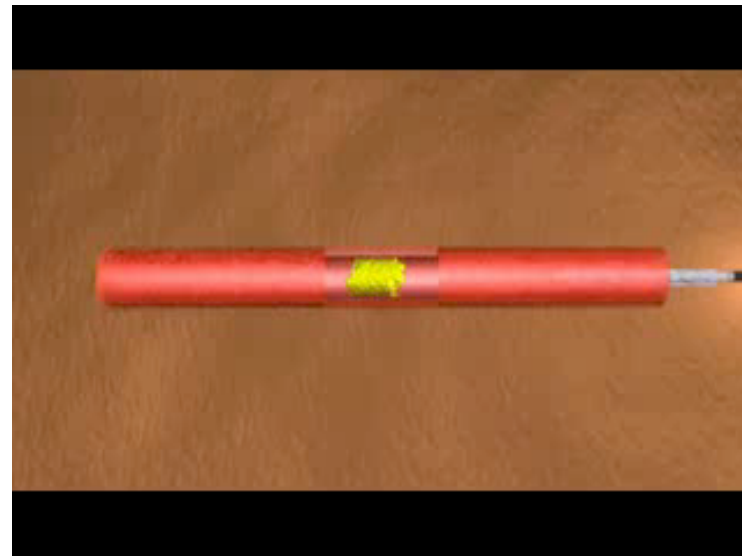
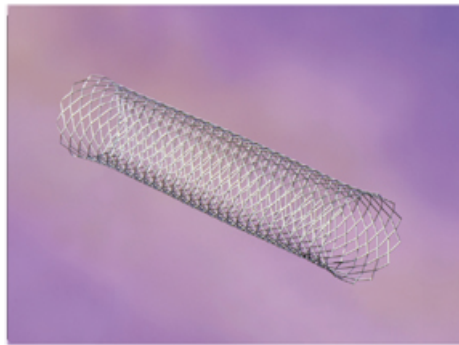
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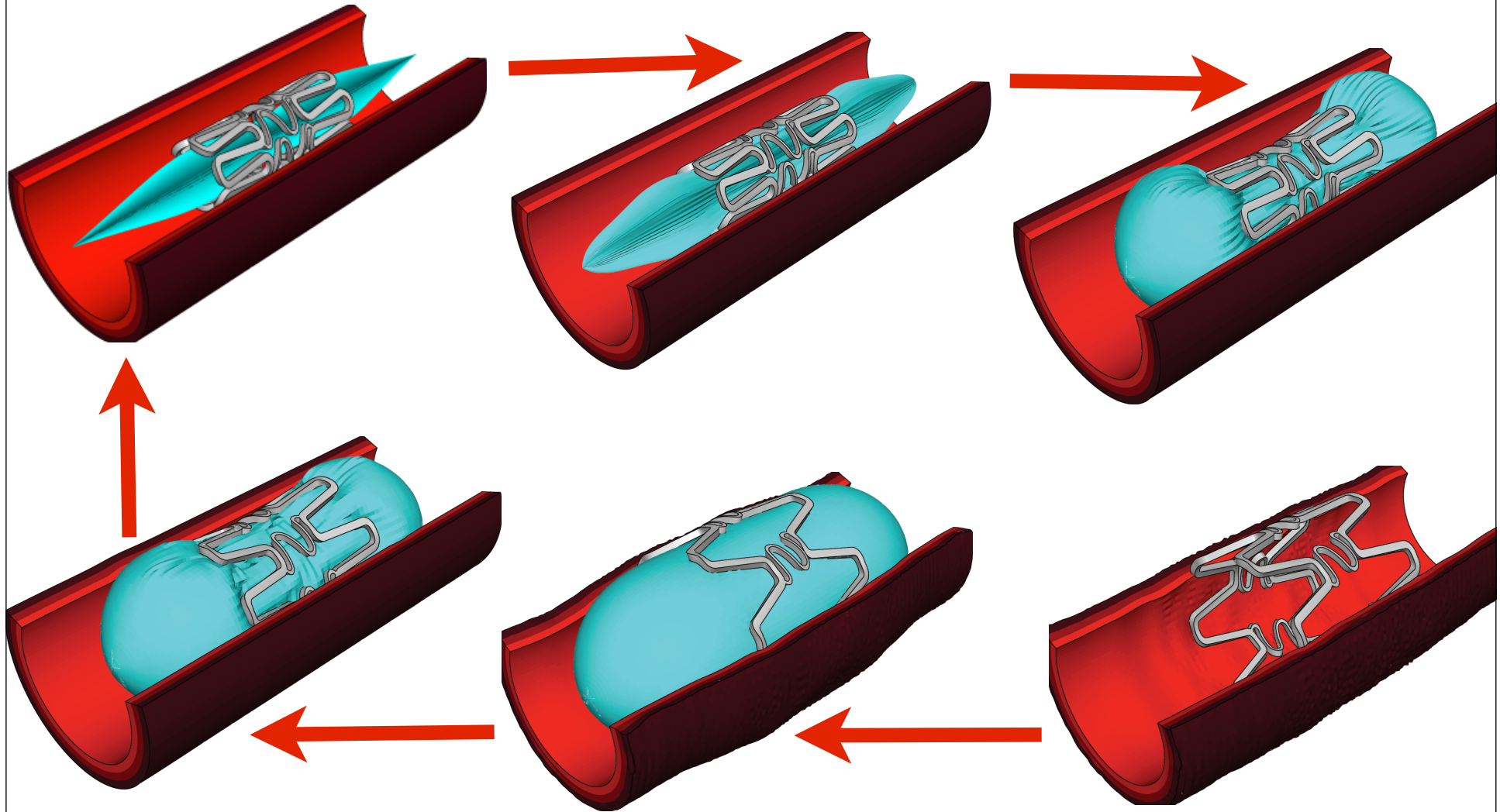
# Drug release from Stents



Angiography after  
stent placement



# Drug release from Stents



Stent deployment (Courtesy of LABS-Polimi)

# A Multi-Domain/Multi-Phase Problem

Macroscale, mm (in the arterial wall)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D\Delta c + \mathbf{u}\nabla c$$

Macroscale,  $\mu\text{m}$  (in the coating matrix)

$$\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( D \cdot r^2 \cdot \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial r} \right)}_{\text{Diffusion}} + \underbrace{C_{Se} \cdot K_{Lero}}_{\text{Erosion}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial C_{Se}}{\partial t} (1 - K_{Lero} \cdot t)}_{\text{Dissolution}}$$

**LIQUID  
PHASE**

$$\frac{\partial C_S}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial C_{Se}}{\partial t} (1 - K_{Lero} \cdot t) - C_{Se} \cdot K_{Lero}$$

**VIRTUAL SOLID  
PHASE (free interface)**

$$\frac{\partial C_{Se}}{\partial t} = -K_{dis}(\epsilon C_{sat} - C_L)$$

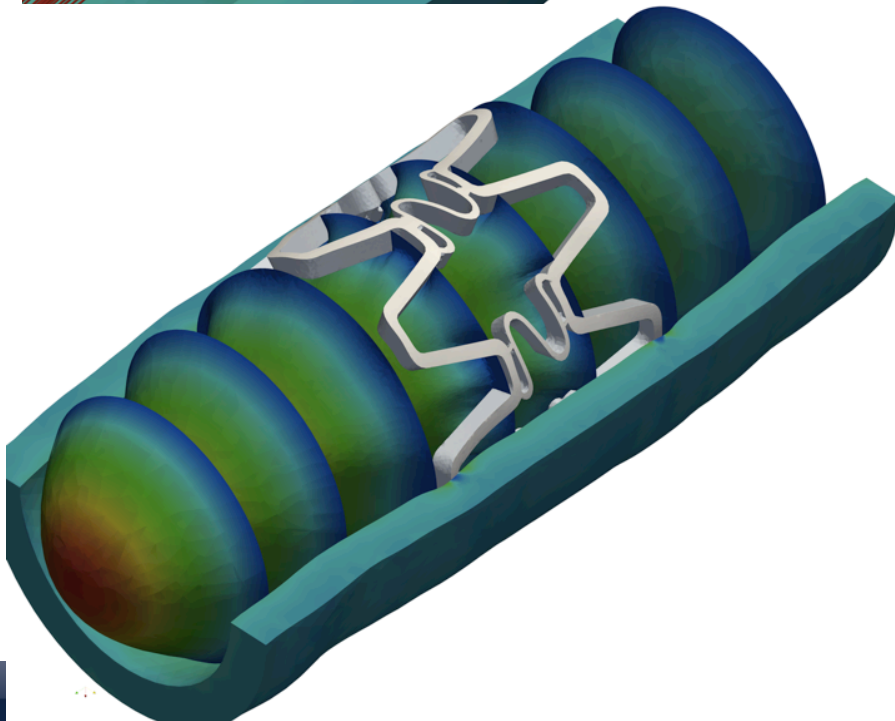
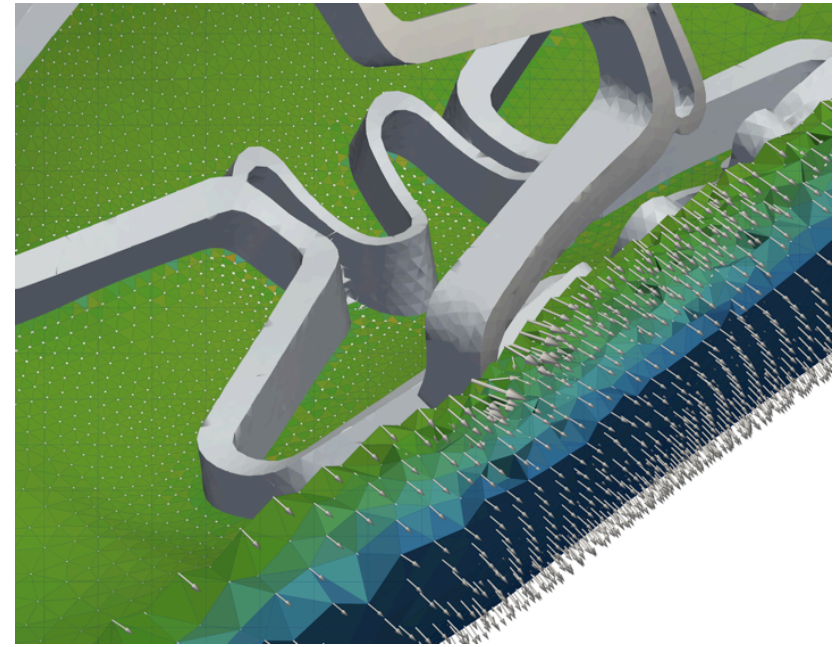
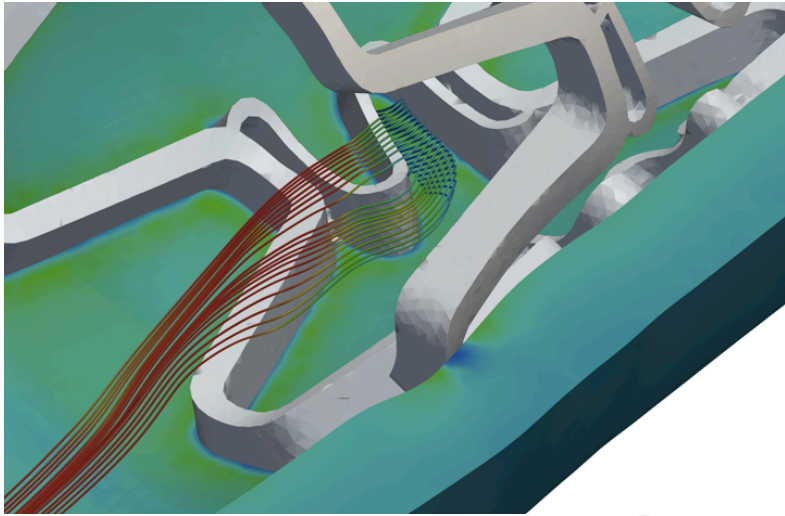
**EFFECTIVE SOLID PHASE  
(dynamics of polymer  
concentration)**

$K_{dis}, K_{Lero}, D$

Depend on polymer characteristics (porosity, tortuosity,...)  
Determined by stochastic models

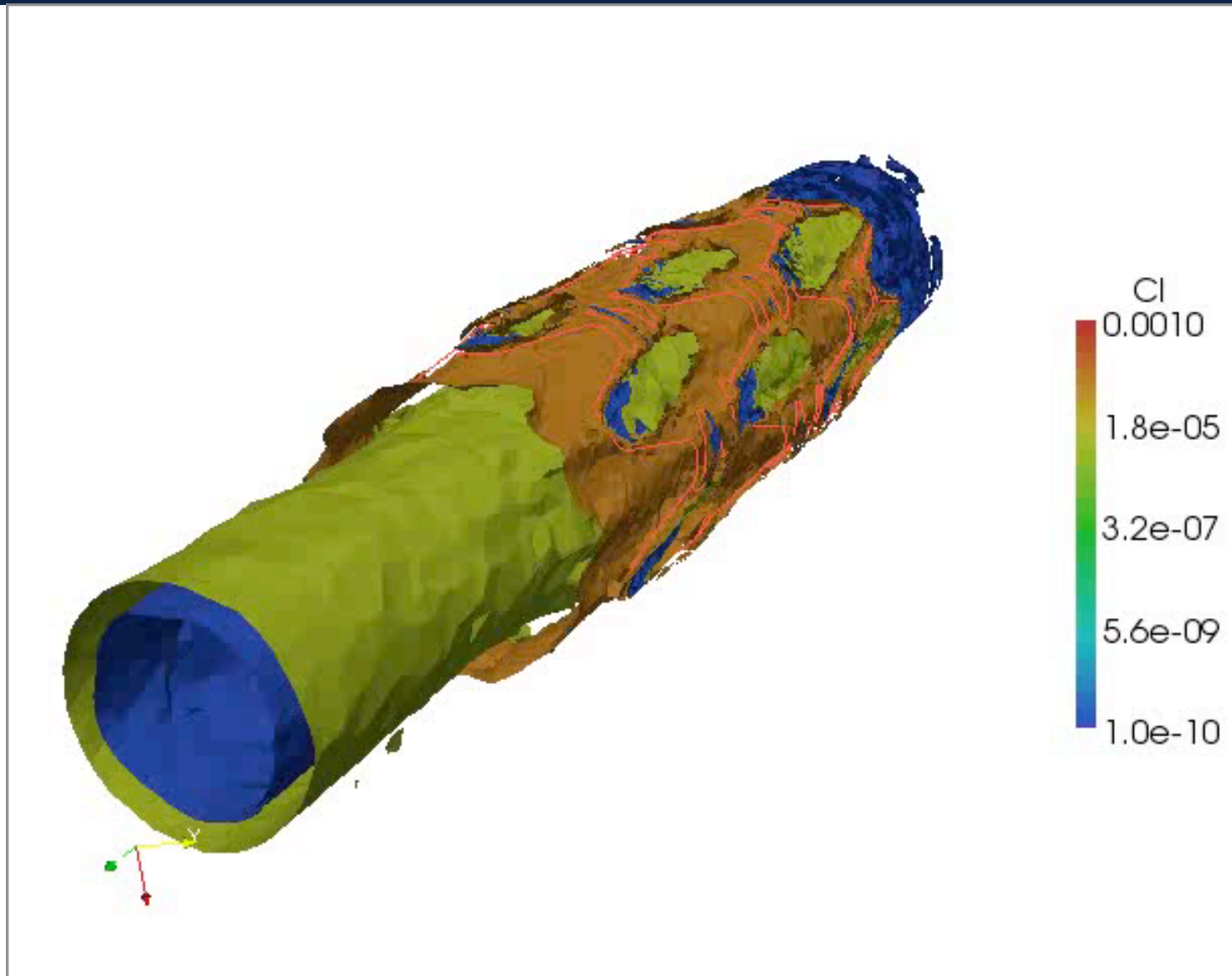


# Flow Field Around a Stent: Numerical Simulation



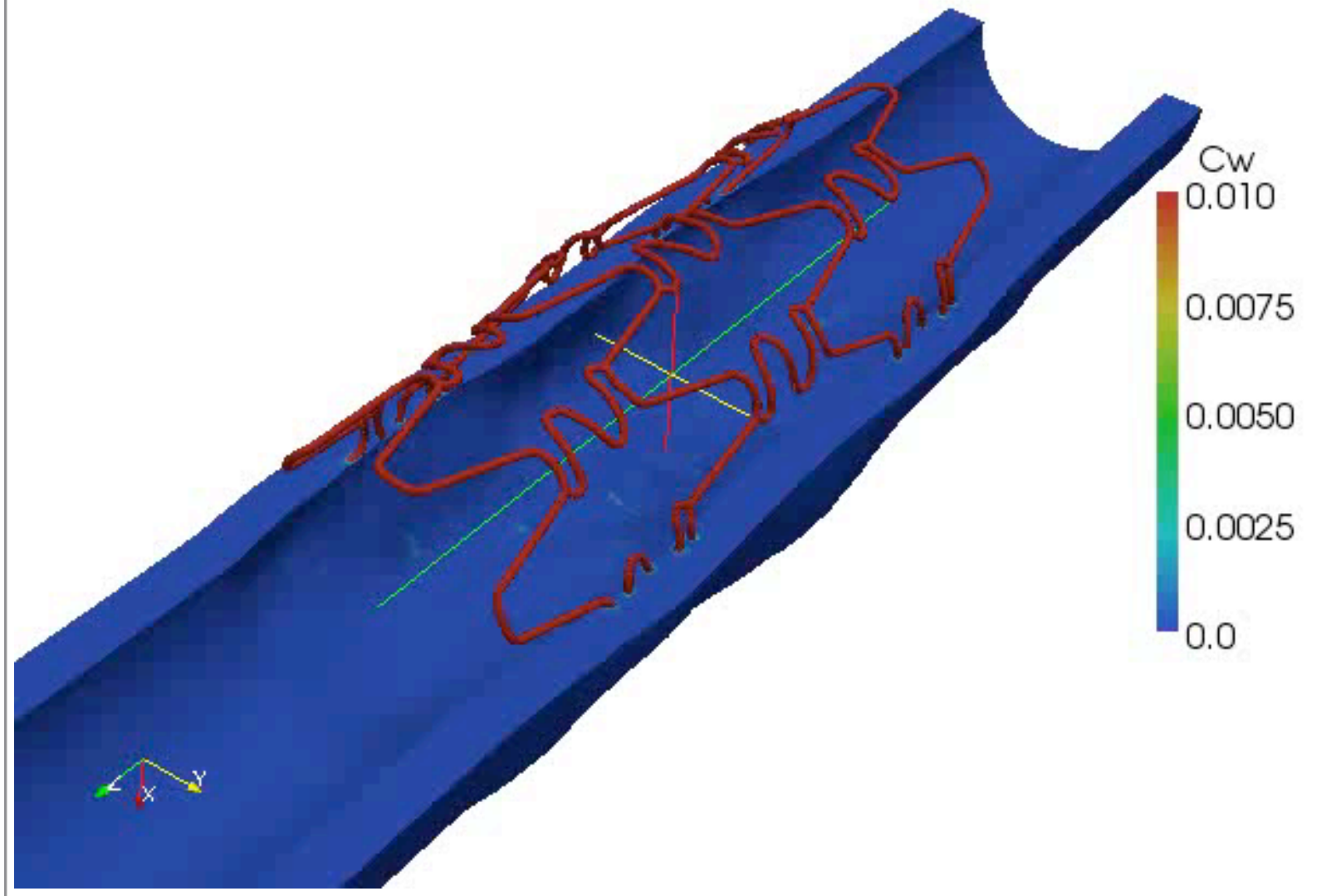
- Simulations by C.D'Angelo,
- P.Zunino, MOX - in collaboration
- with LABS, PoliMi

# Isosurfaces of drug concentration (lumen)



(C.D'Angelo,P.Zunino)

# Isosurfaces of drug concentration (arterial wall)



(C.D'Angelo,P.Zunino)