

A Computational Framework for Patient-Specific Biomechanical Evaluation of SAVR and TAVR

- A potential strategy to determine the best intervention for younger patients with AS

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A Novel Computational Approach To Optimize Fontan And Improve Surgical Predictability



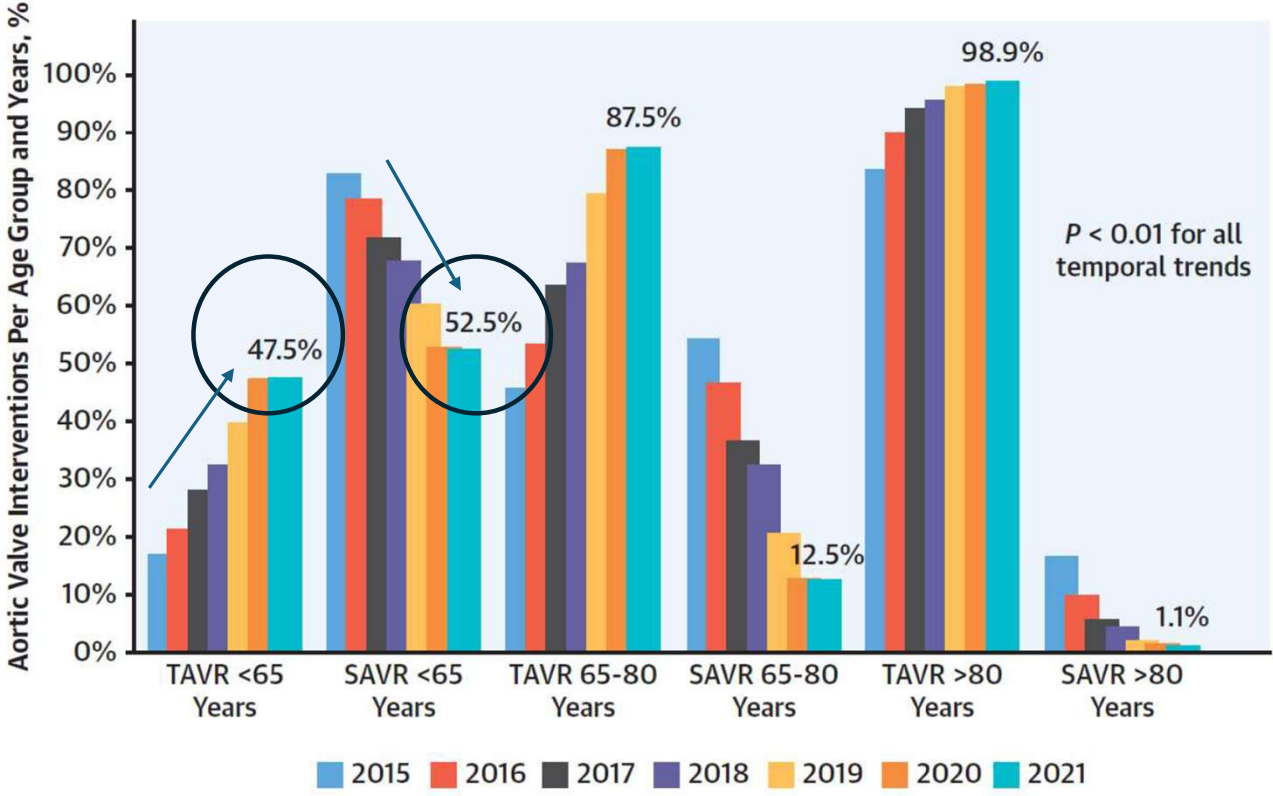
High-performance computational approach to improve cardiac interventional predictability

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Evaluation of flow dynamics in a novel Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve – Phase II

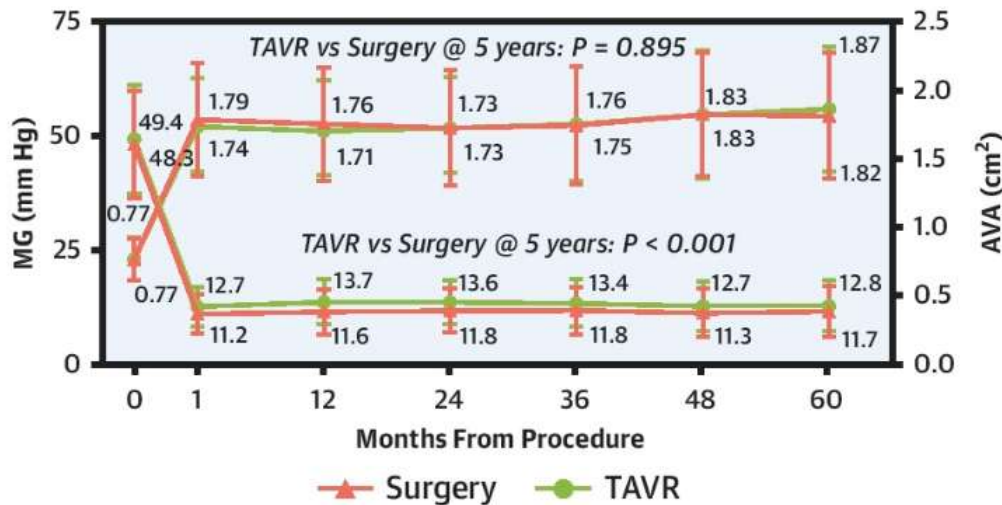
TAVR's Expanding Role: Increasing Use in Younger Patients



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Can we predict the most optimal intervention for a patient?

MG and AVA Through 5 Years by Treatment



Similar and stable valve hemodynamics were observed for both groups with higher MG for TAVR

Hahn, R et al., J Am Coll Cardiol Img. (2025)

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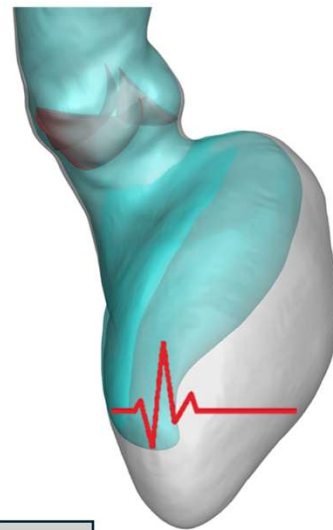
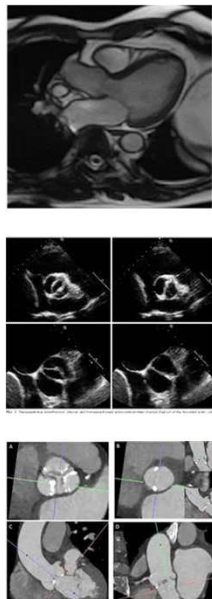
Outcomes of Balloon-Expandable Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement in Younger Patients in the Low-Risk Era

Megan Coylewright, MD, MPH; Kendra J. Grubb, MD, MHA; Suzanne V. Arnold, MD, MHA; Wayne Batchelor, MD, MHS; Abhijeet Dhoble, MD, MPH; Aaron Horne Jr, MD, MBA, MHS; Martin B. Leon, MD; Vinod Thourani, MD; Tamim M. Nazif, MD; Brian R. Lindman, MD, MSc; Molly Szerlip, MD

Patients < 65 years undergoing TAVR are at higher risk with greater likelihood of reduced longevity

Physiologically realistic virtual intervention to quantitatively predict patient's post-operative valve function

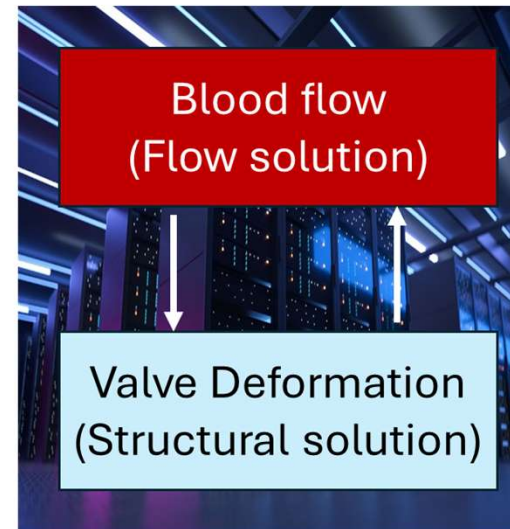
Patient Data



EDV

Model Predicted ESV tuned to HR

Fluid-Structure Interaction
(FSI) Modeling



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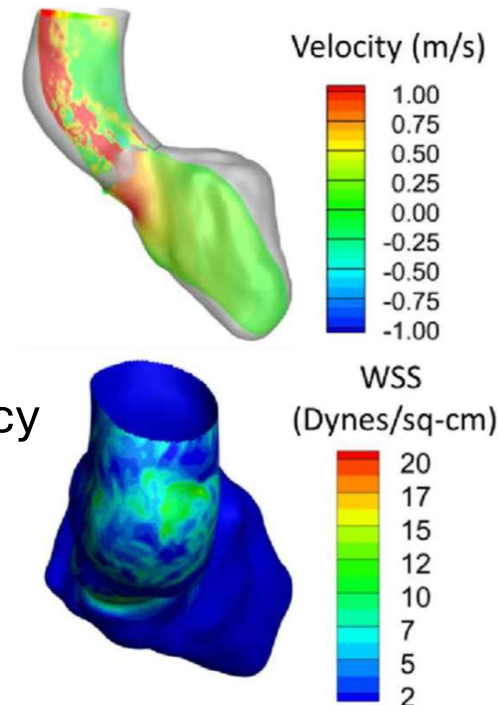
Virtual Intervention can improve predictability

- Evaluate Biomechanical Performance of Valve Replacement Options (TAVR vs. SAVR):

- Aortic hemodynamics and stresses
- valve function
- valve durability (valve stresses)

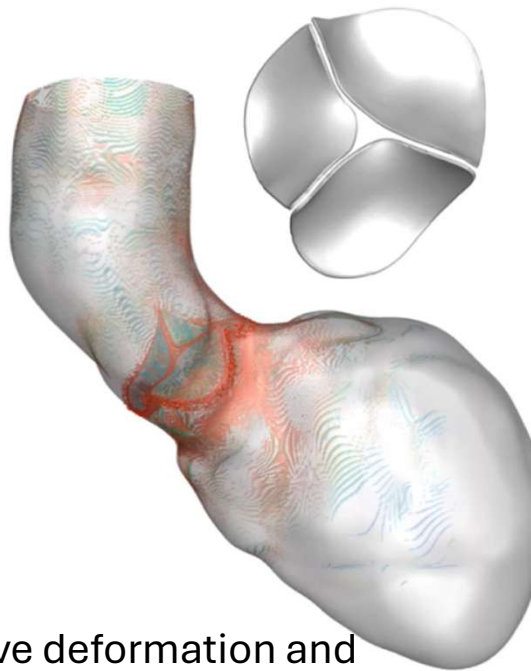
- Refinement to maximize hemodynamic efficiency

- Robustness of the intervention across different flow conditions



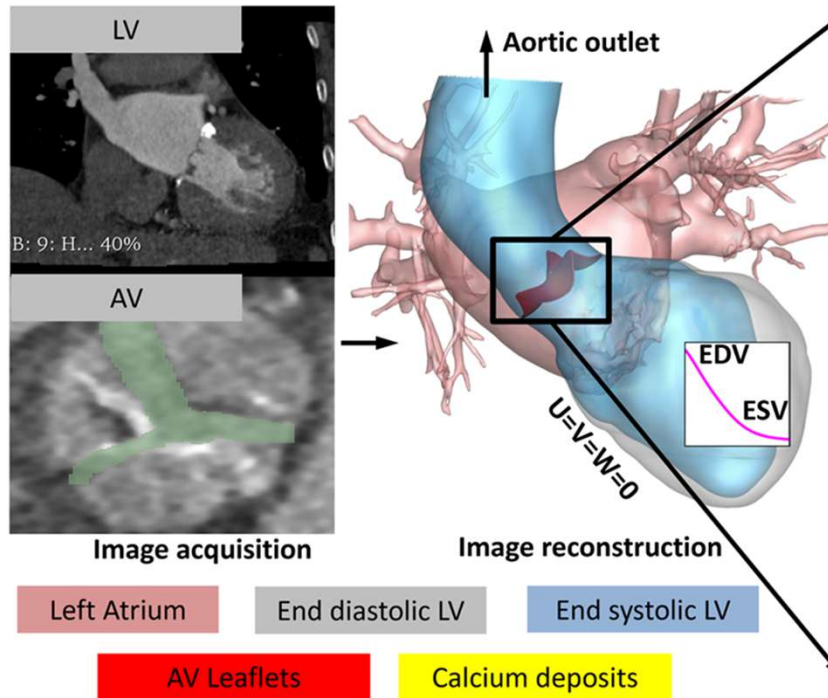
Virtual SAVR vs. TAVR and their comparison with Normal AV

Normalized AV

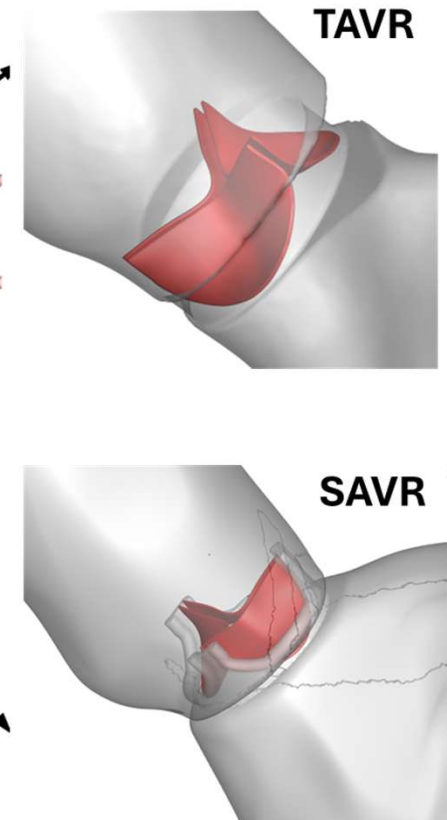


Valve deformation and aortic hemodynamics

70-year-old Female with AS → 23 mm TAVR

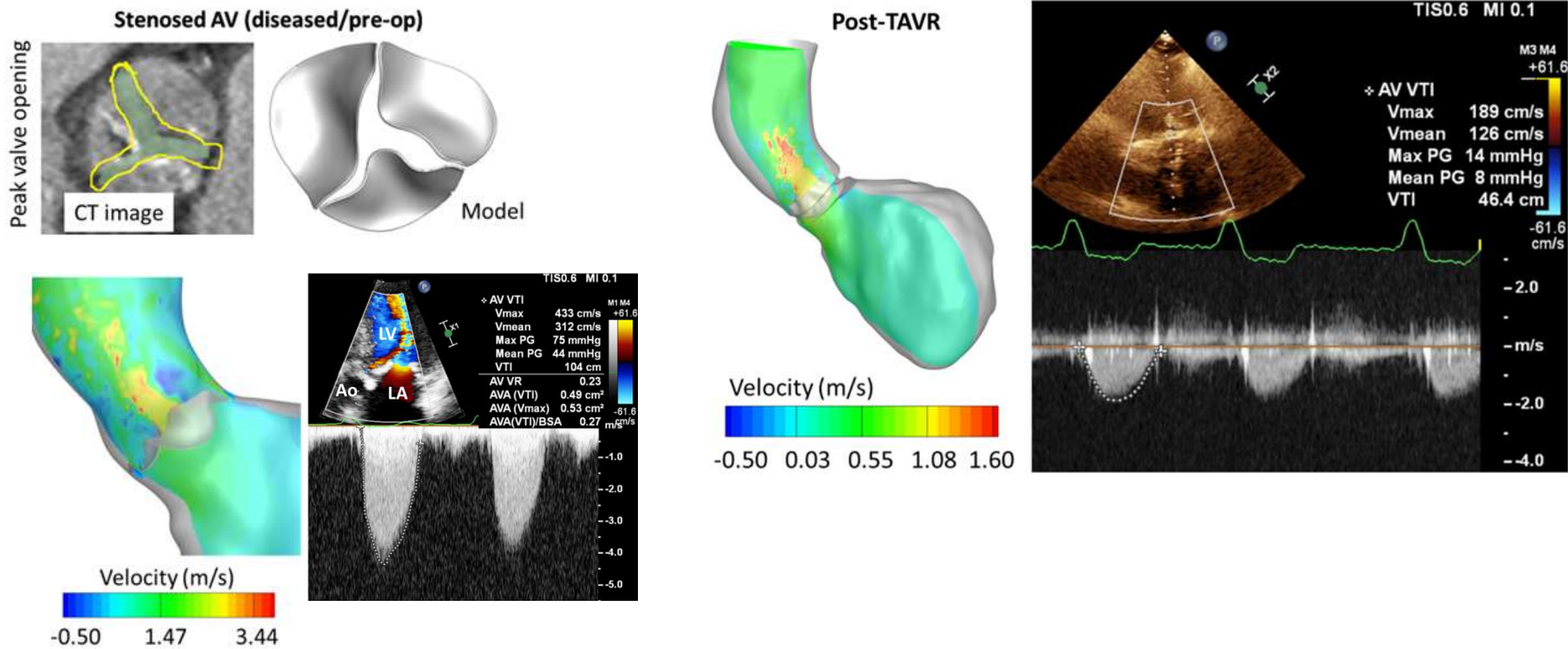


Virtual Surgery



Note: Calcification was virtually removed to derive the normalized AV (NAV) model

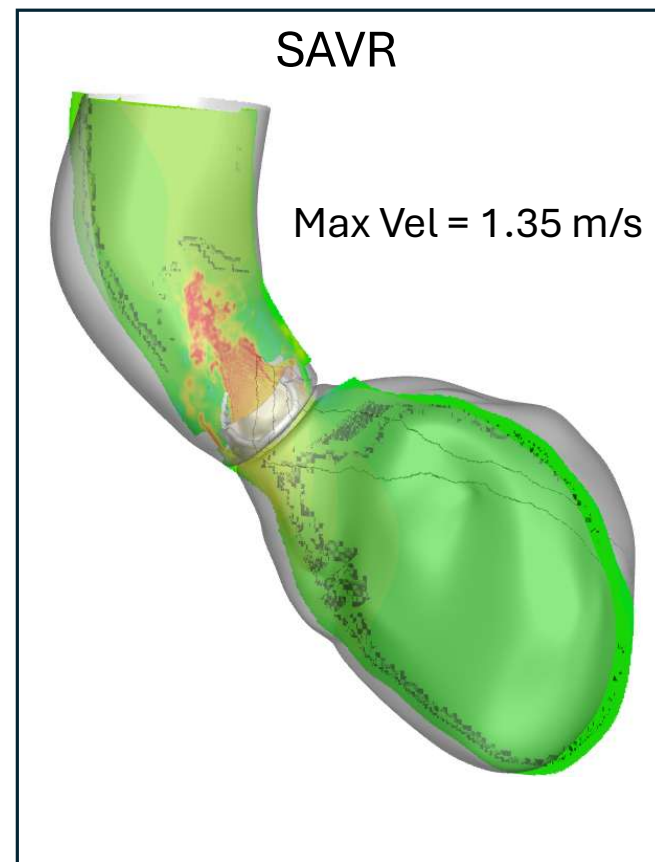
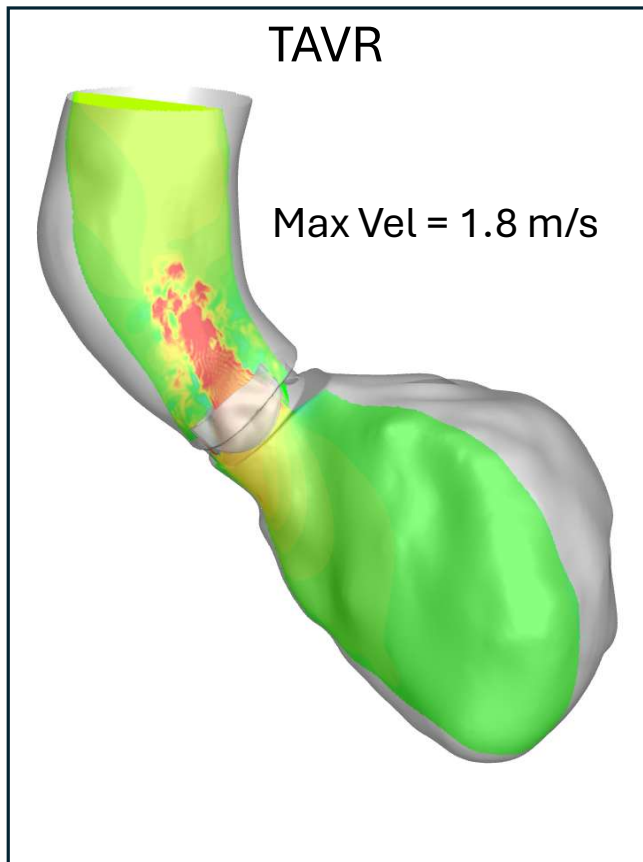
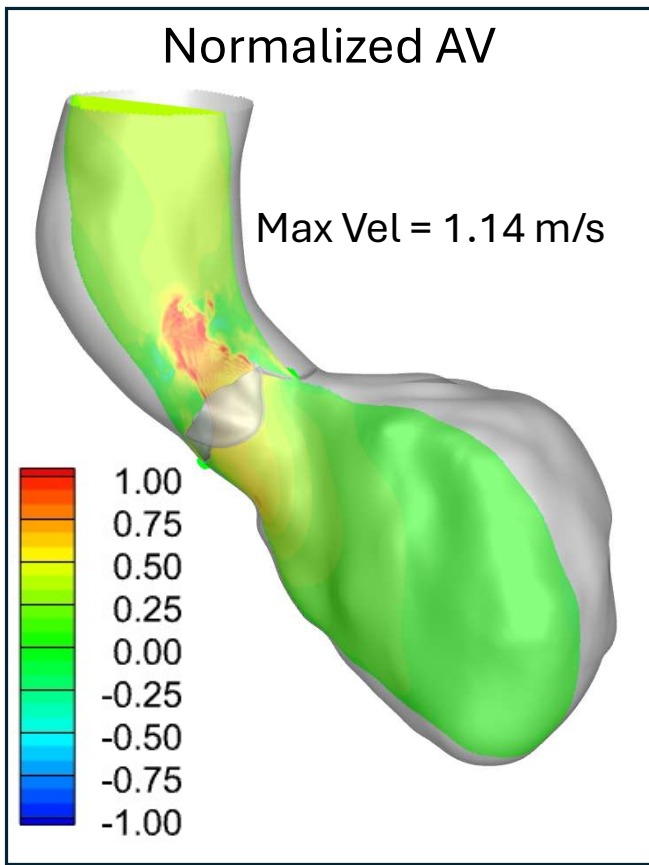
Model predictions of pre- and post-TAVR were validated with clinical data



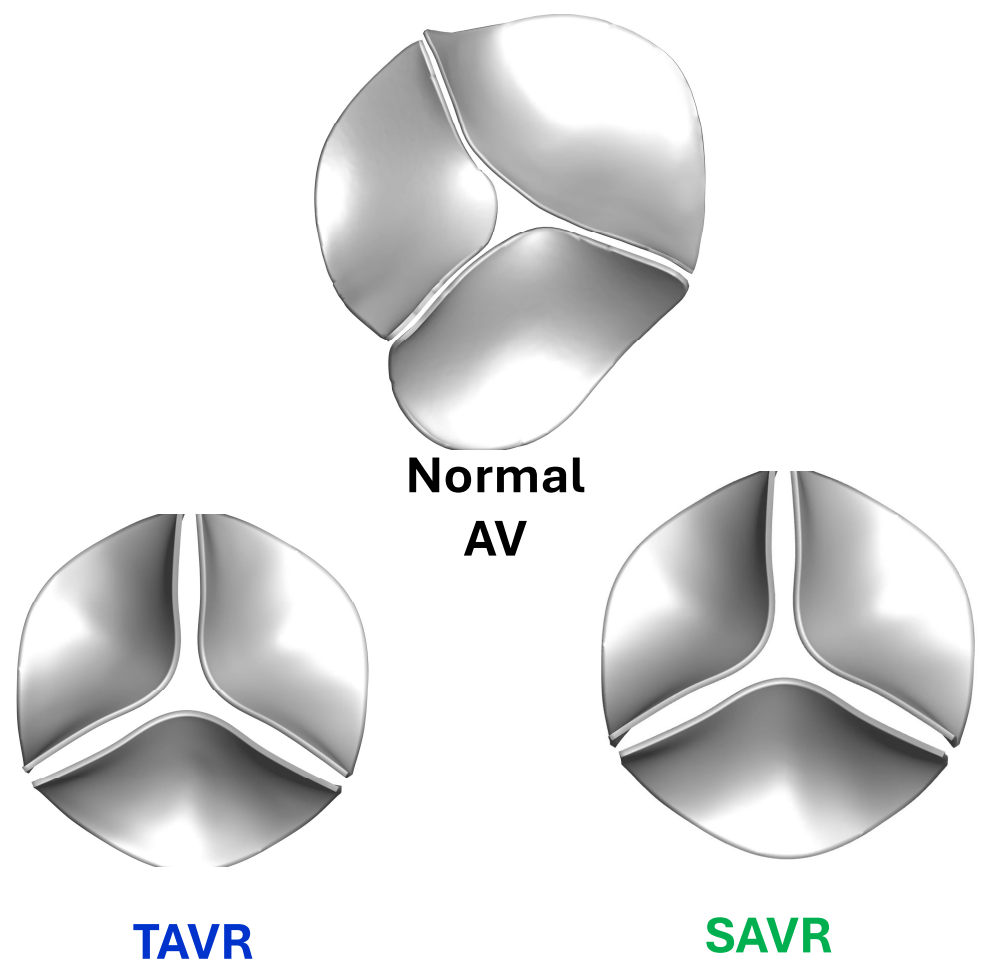
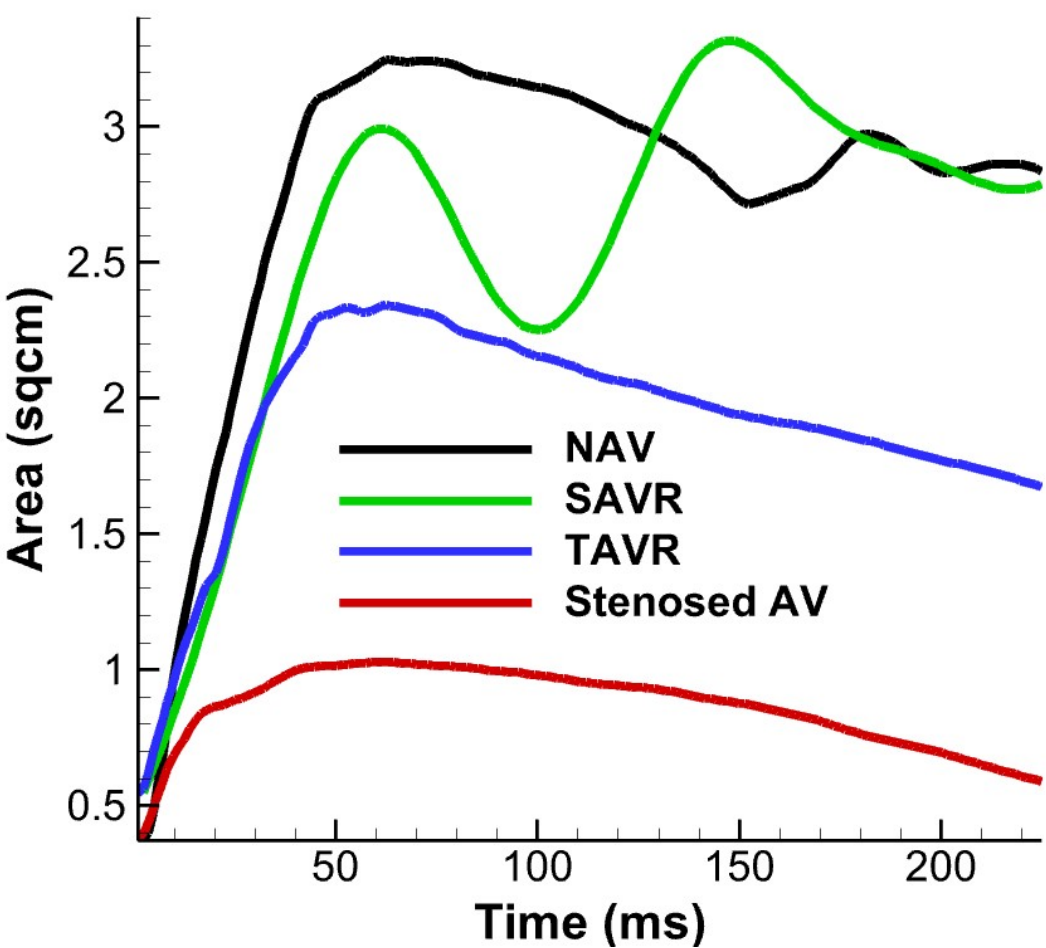
Pre- and post-op model predictions were consistent with clinical data

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Aortic hemodynamics: TAVR vs SAVR Comparison with NAV



Opening dynamics: TAVR vs SAVR- comparison with Normalized AV

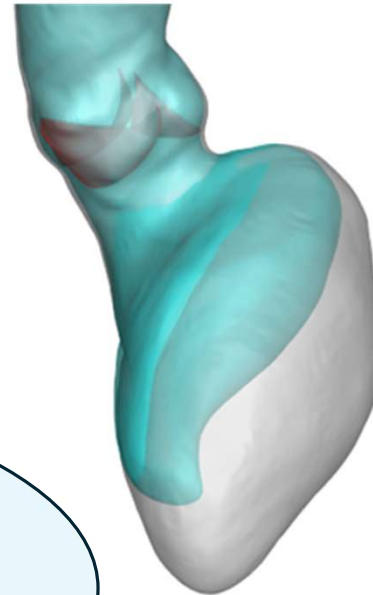


Virtual Stress Testing can Reveal the Impact of Multi-Physiologic Flow on Valve Performance

**Exercise/Dobutamine
- based stress test**



FSI-based virtual stress test



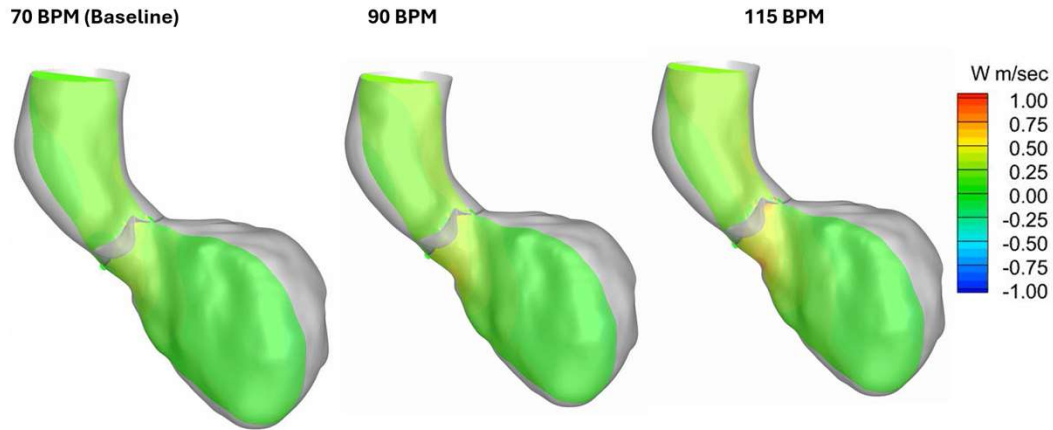
HR

**Velocity
 ΔP
AVA**

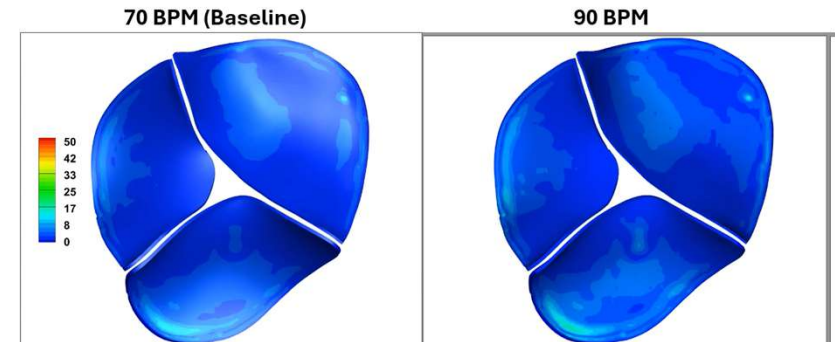
**Energy loss
Valve stresses
Aortic wall shear stress
LV Pressure**

FSI-based Virtual stress test of Normal Aortic Valves

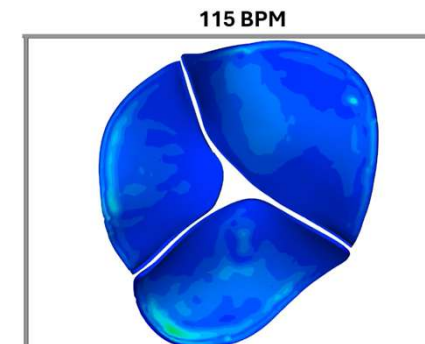
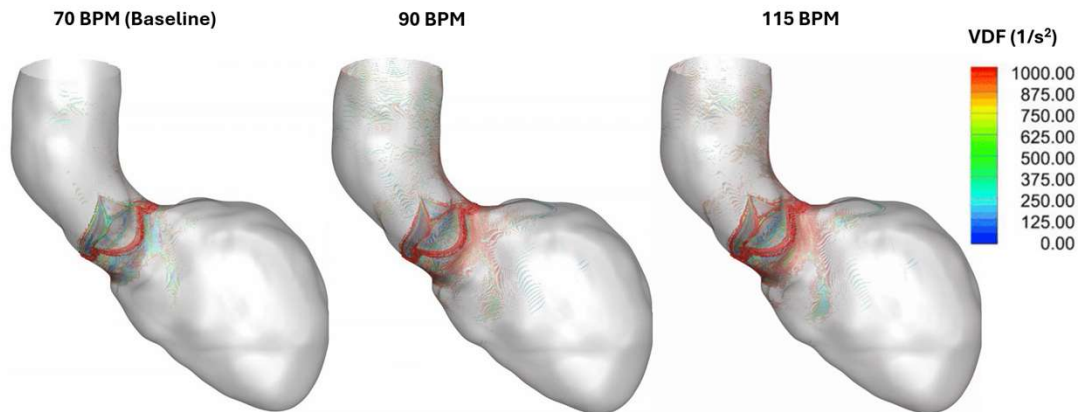
Predict aortic hemodynamics under activity



Quantification of valve stresses under activity

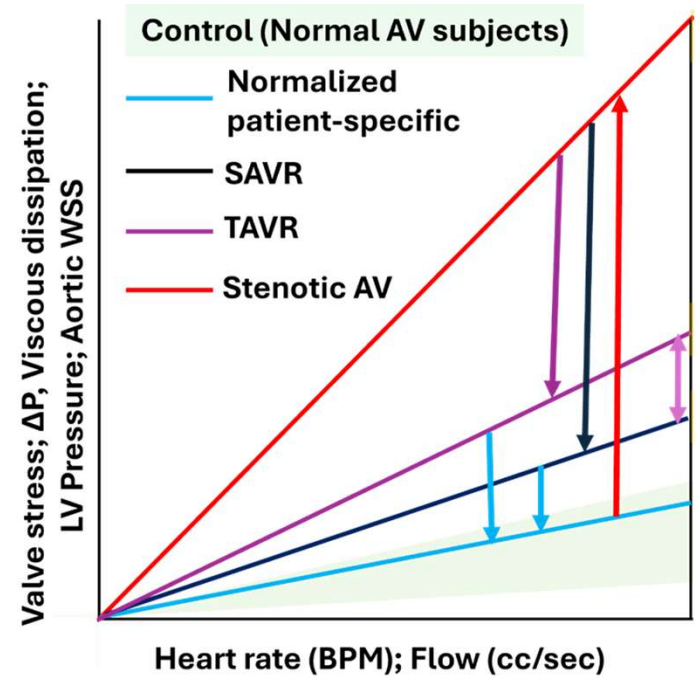
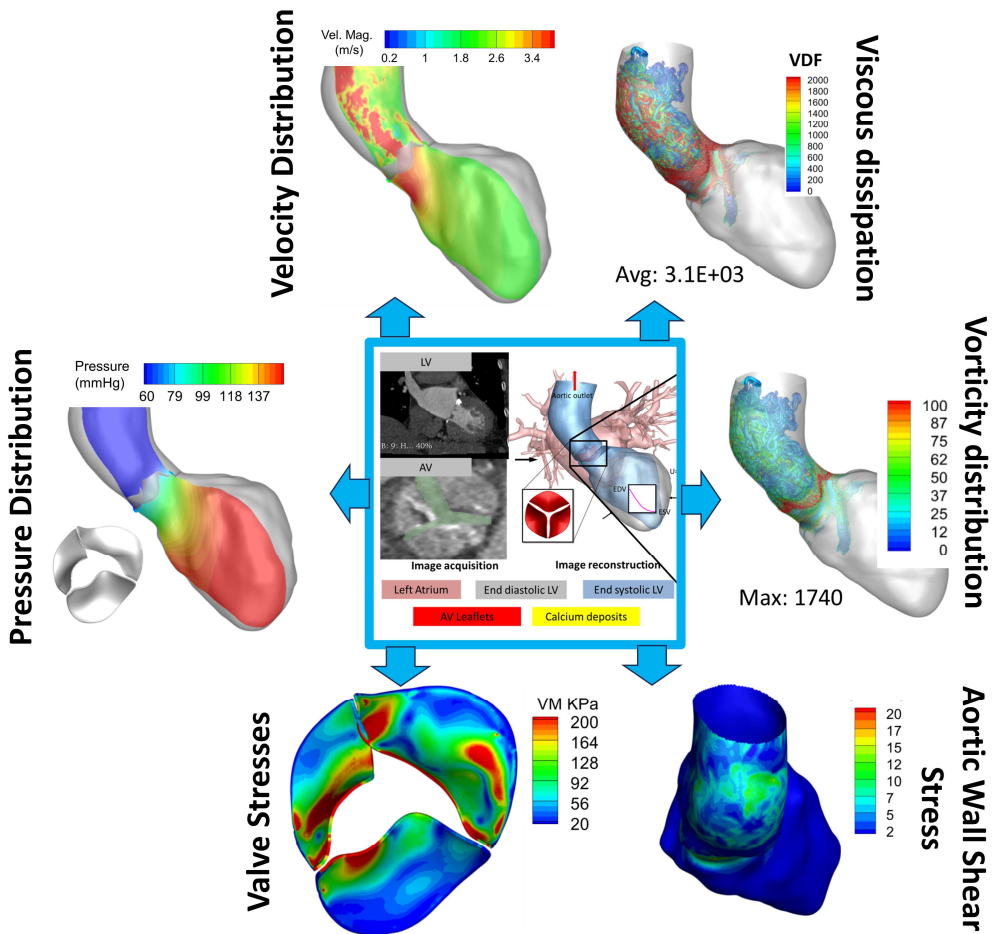


Quantification of dissipative losses under activity



Manuscript Under Review

Biomechanics-based Metrics to compare SAVR and TAVR performance



- Quantification of disease severity
- Degree of restoration by TAVR
- Degree of restoration by SAVR

Conclusion

- **Post-Interventional biomechanics** – By predicting valve deformation, transvalvular pressure gradients, and energy dissipation, FSI-based virtual surgeries provide insights into long-term valve durability, efficiency, and reintervention risks.
- **Patient-Specific Optimization** – FSI-based virtual surgeries enables precise predictions of valve performance, helping to tailor intervention strategies based on individual anatomy.
- **Virtual Stress Testing for Decision Support** – FSI-based virtual stress tests offer a viable approach to predict valve performance under physiological and exercise conditions towards predicting the robustness of the planned intervention.

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