



Virtual cohort generation of Aortic Valve Stenosis geometries

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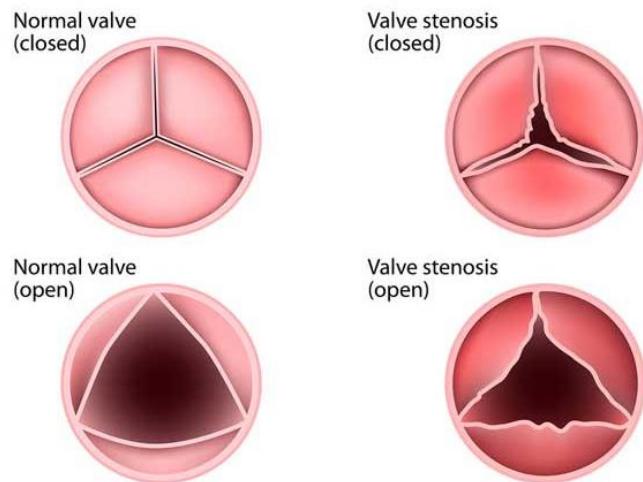
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Aortic valve stenosis



Heart-valve-surgery.com (2021)

Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)



Benefits

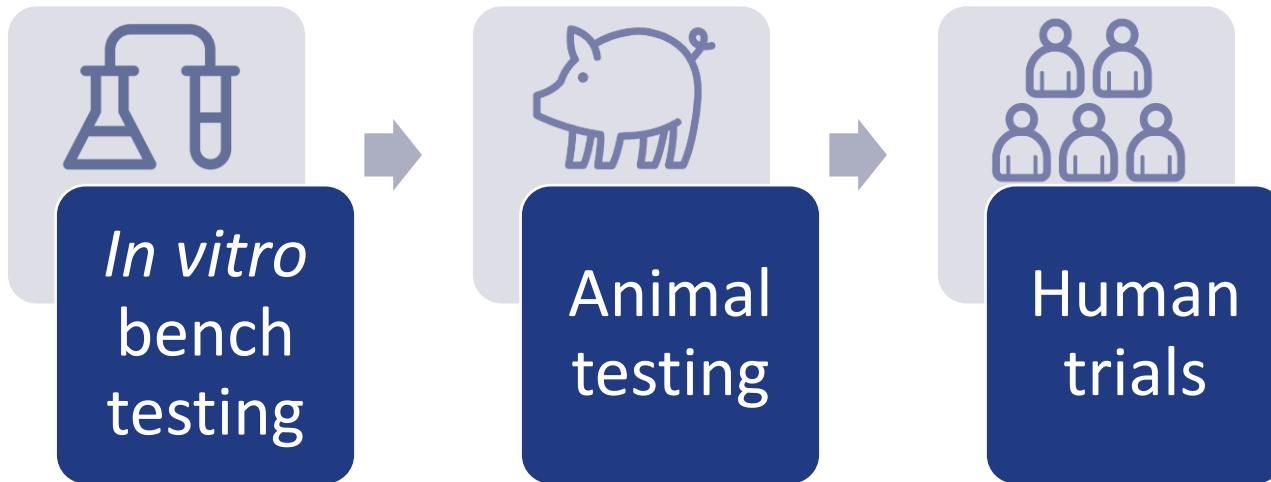
- Relief from symptoms
- Increased life expectancy
- Accessible for all patients



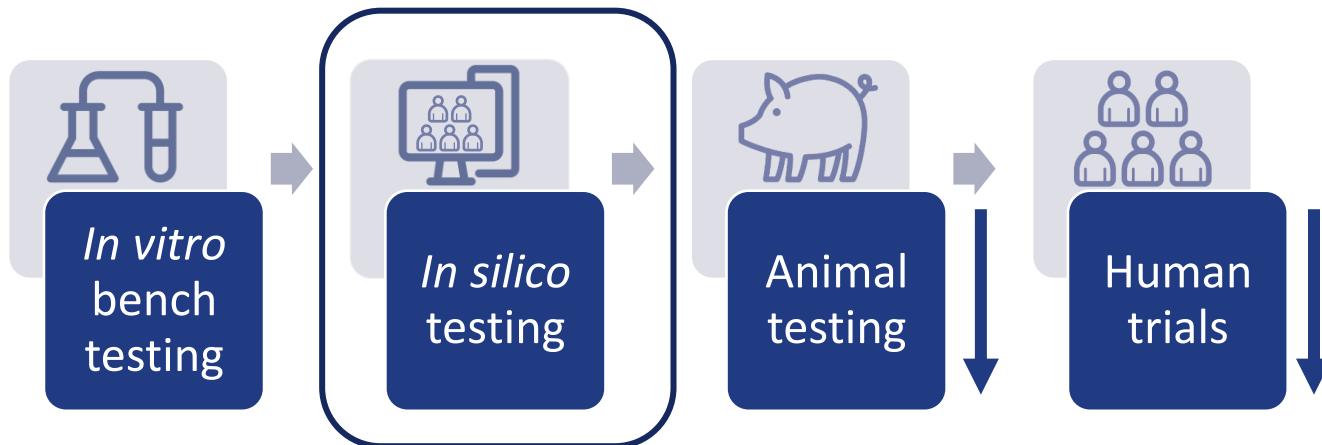
Risks

- Paravalvular leakage
- Thrombosis
- Conduction problems

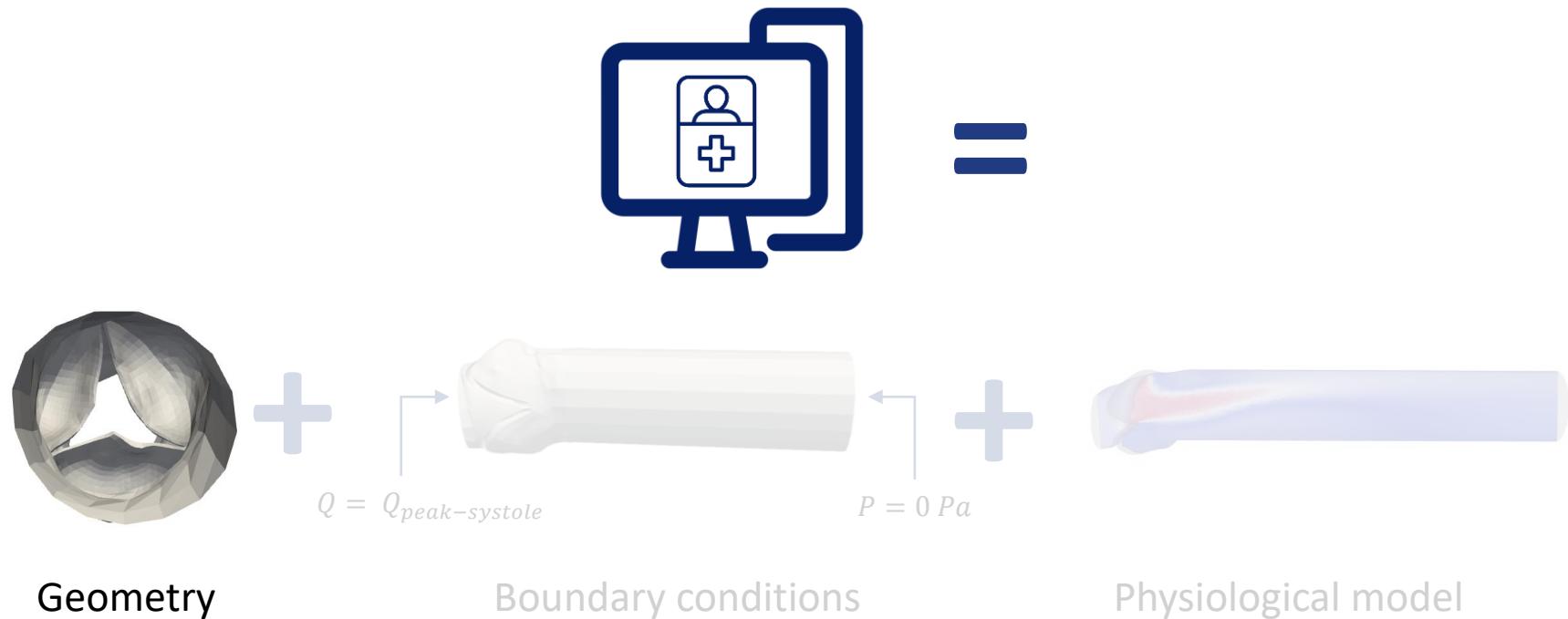
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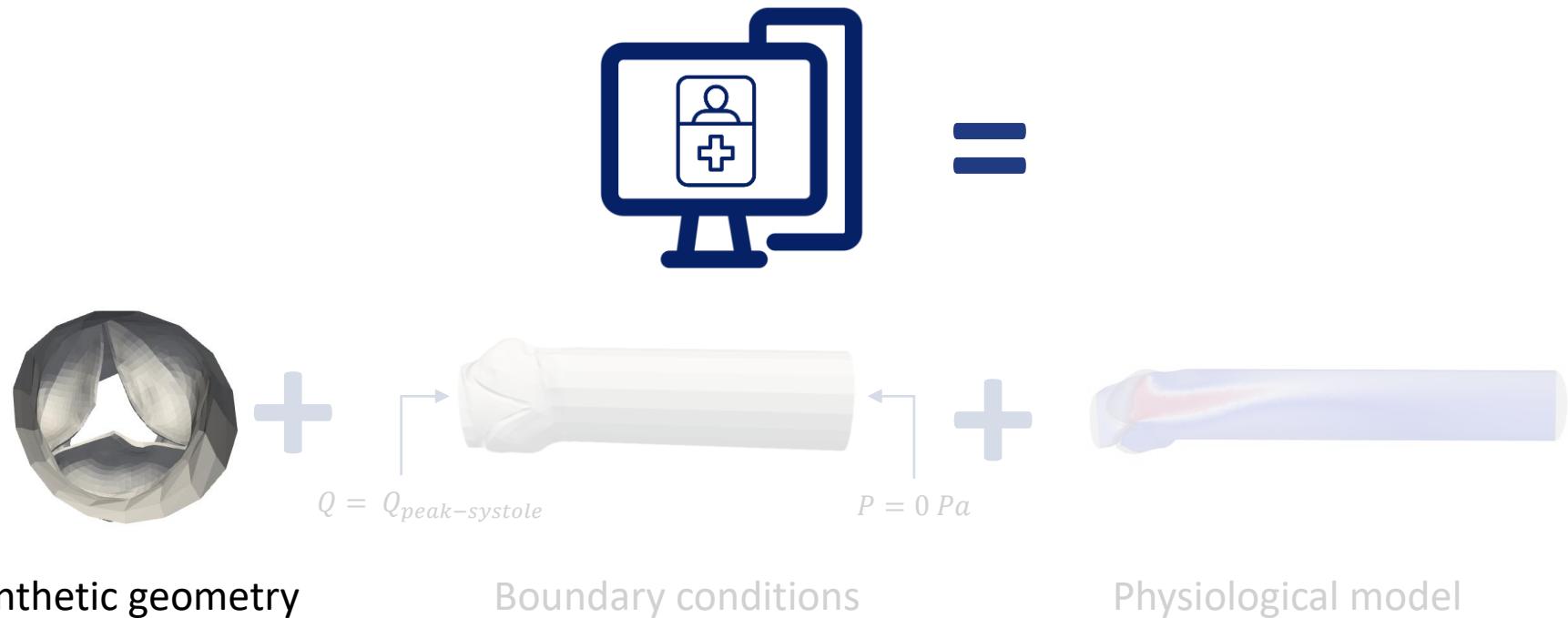
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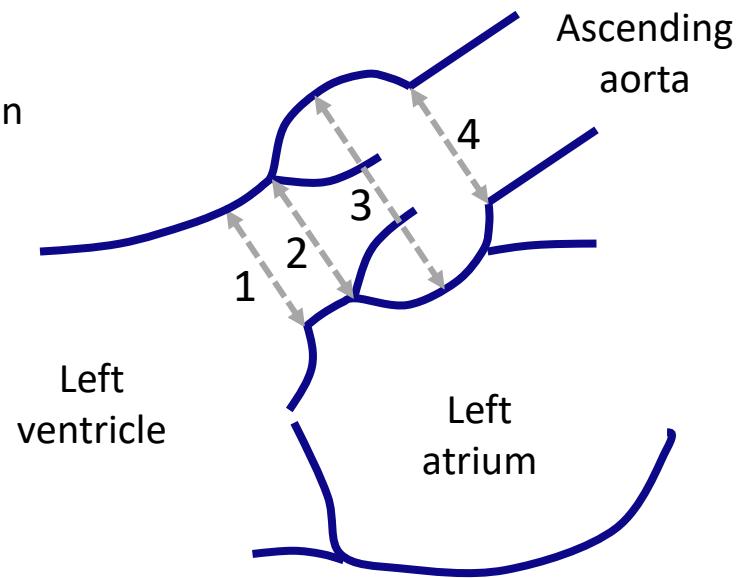


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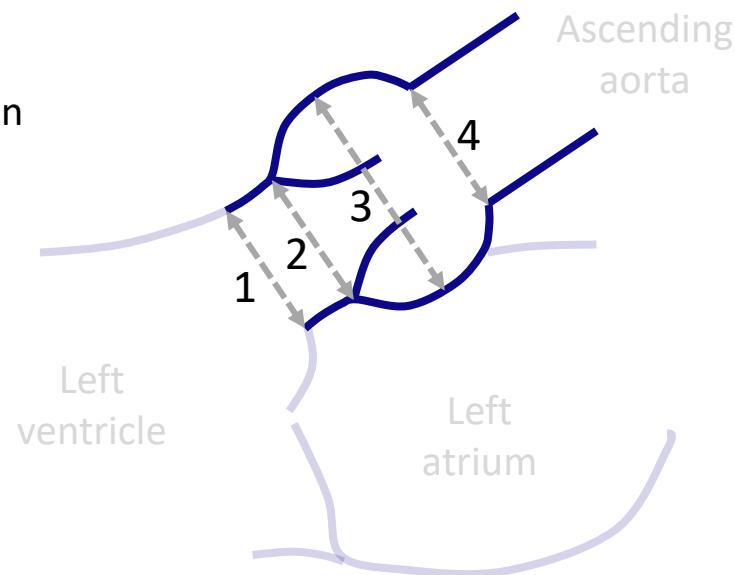
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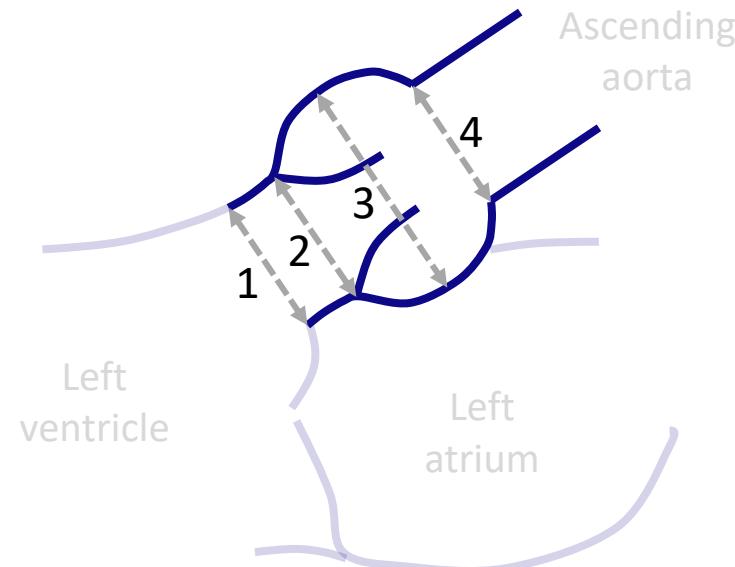
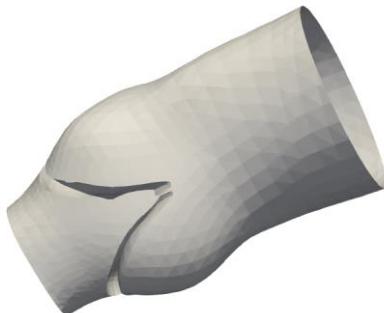
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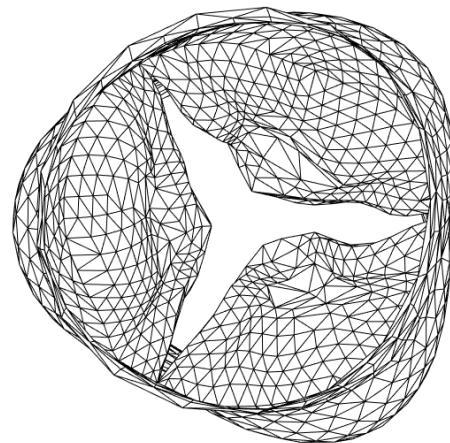
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Real patient data set

- 97 geometries
- Peak-systolic
- Severe stenosis



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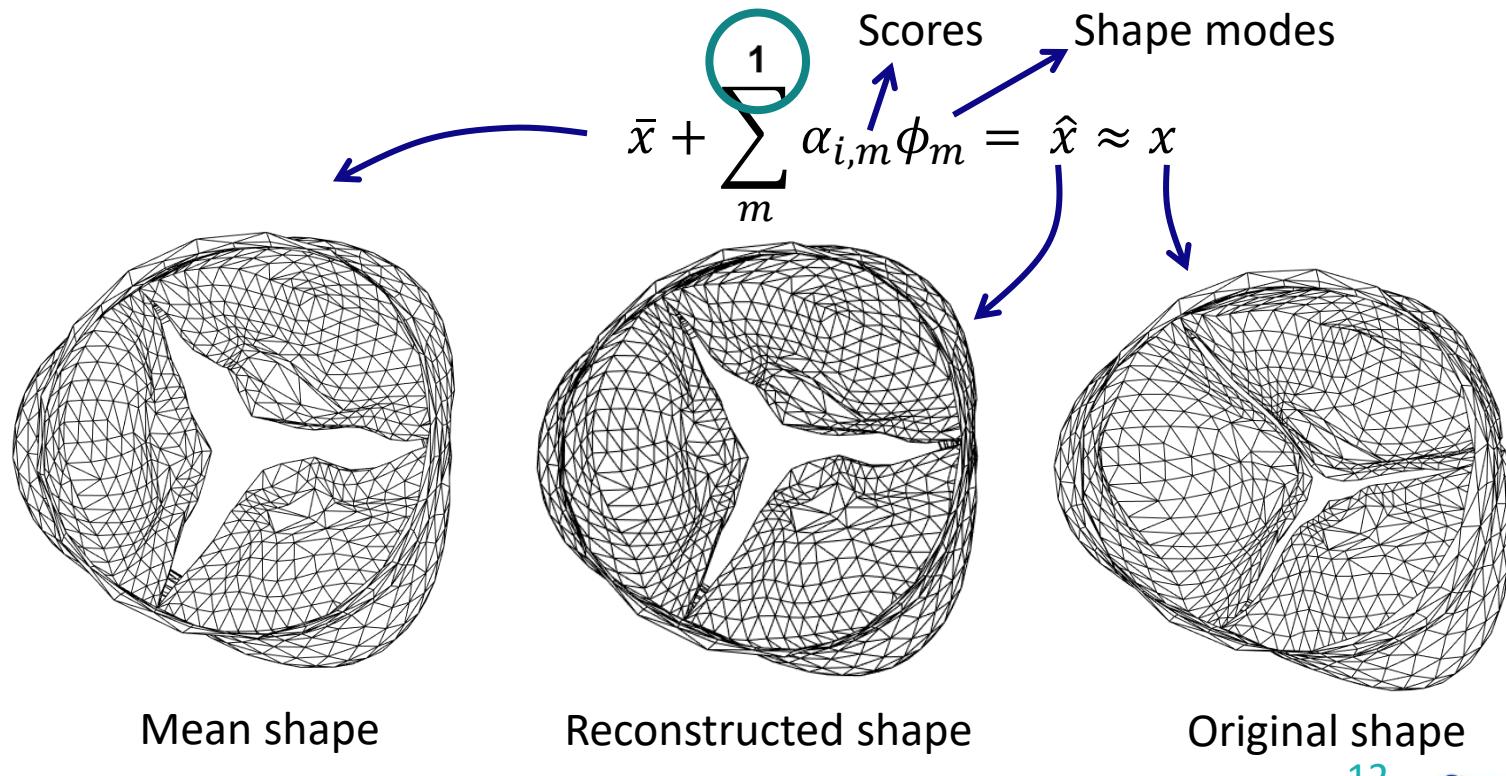


Mean shape

$$\bar{x} + \sum_m^N \alpha_m \phi_m = \hat{x} \approx x$$

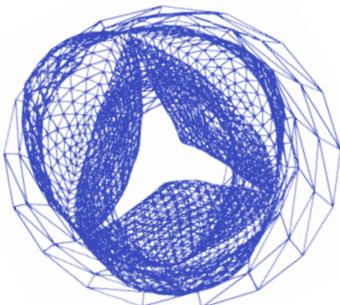
A mathematical equation illustrating the decomposition of a shape. On the left, a curved arrow points from the mean shape to the equation. The equation itself is $\bar{x} + \sum_m^N \alpha_m \phi_m = \hat{x} \approx x$. A blue arrow points from the term α_m to the label "Scores". Another blue arrow points from the term ϕ_m to the label "Shape modes".

Statistical shape modelling (SSM)

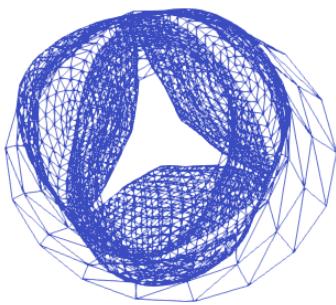


Statistical shape modelling (SSM)

Conventional SSM



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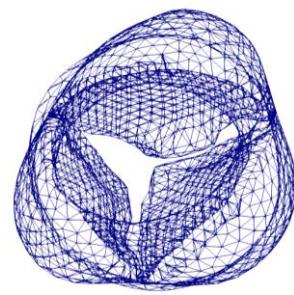


Inter-patient topology required!

Non-parametric SSM



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24254 points

4063 points



Applicable to all sets of geometries!

Synthetic geometries with non-parametric SSM

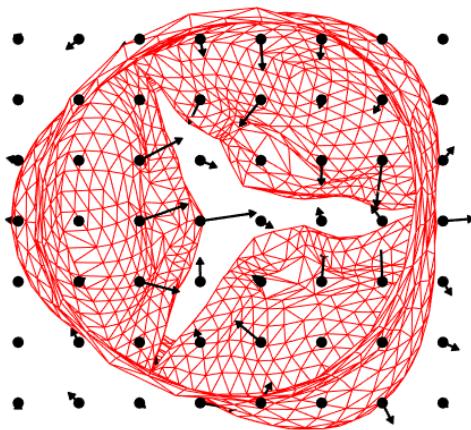


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Non-parametric representation

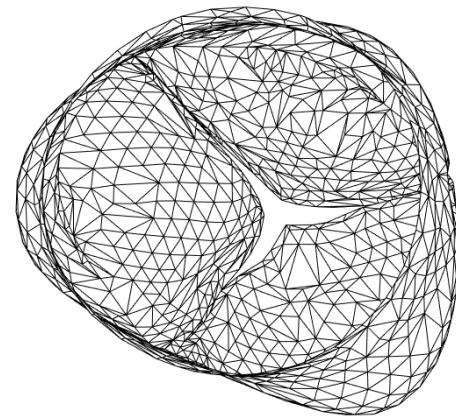
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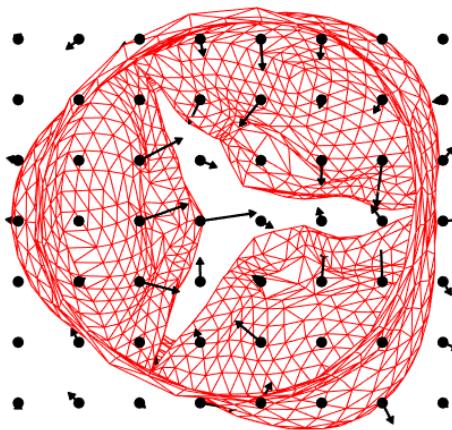
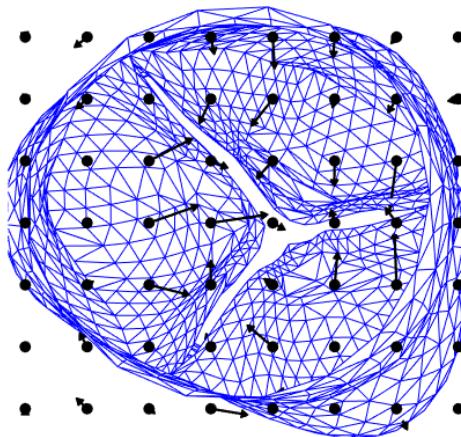
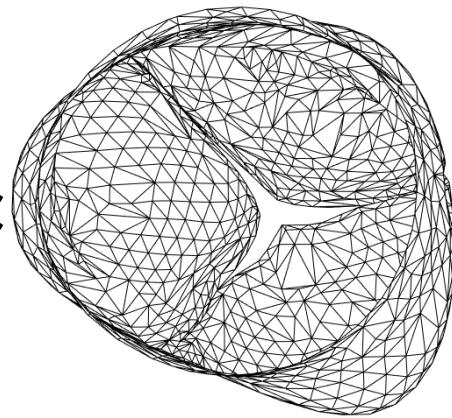
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$$\bar{x} + \sum_k^N K(\bar{x}, c_k) \cdot \beta_k$$

Patient x



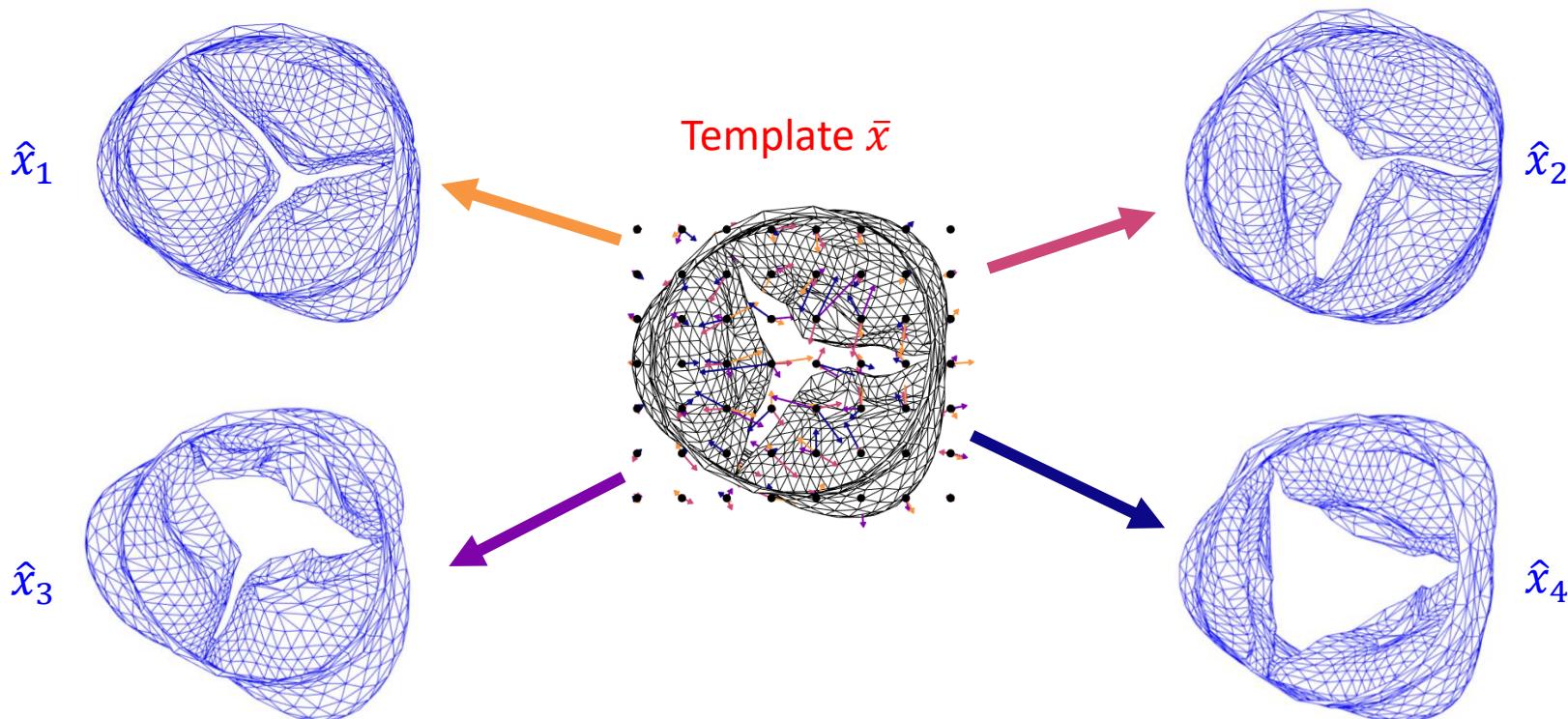
Non-parametric representation

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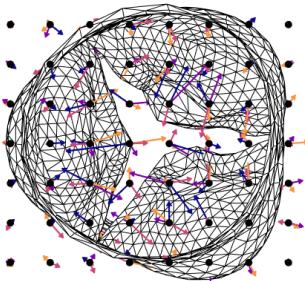
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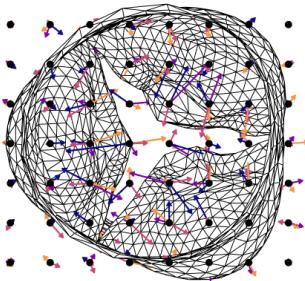
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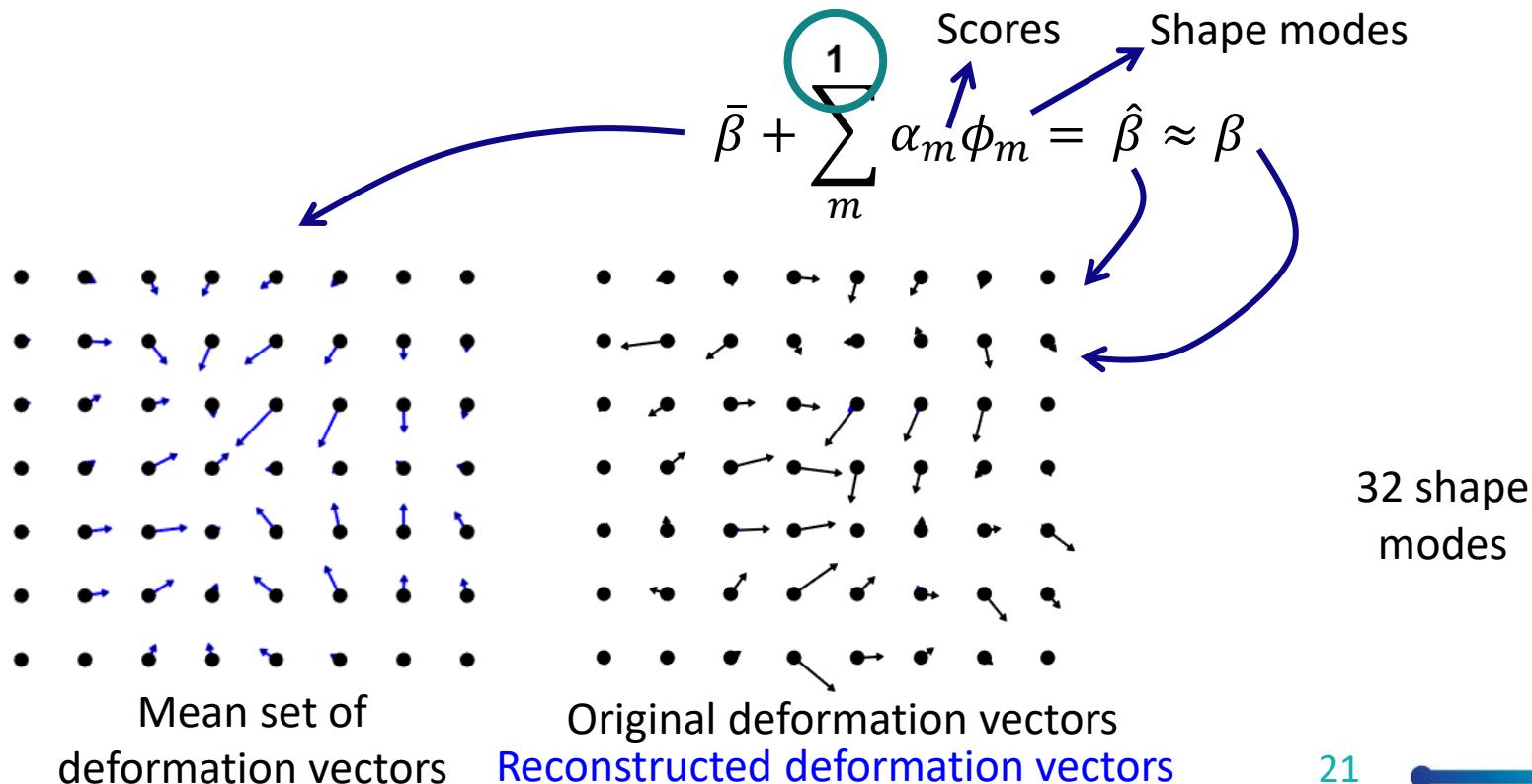
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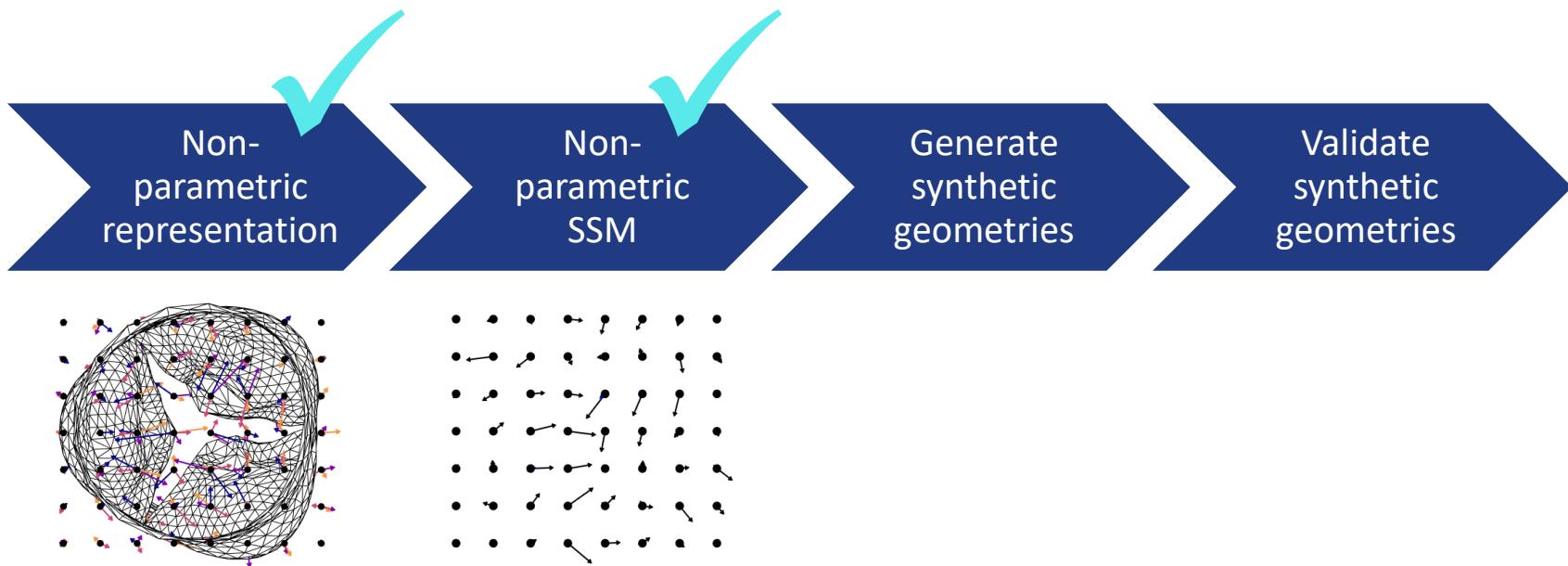
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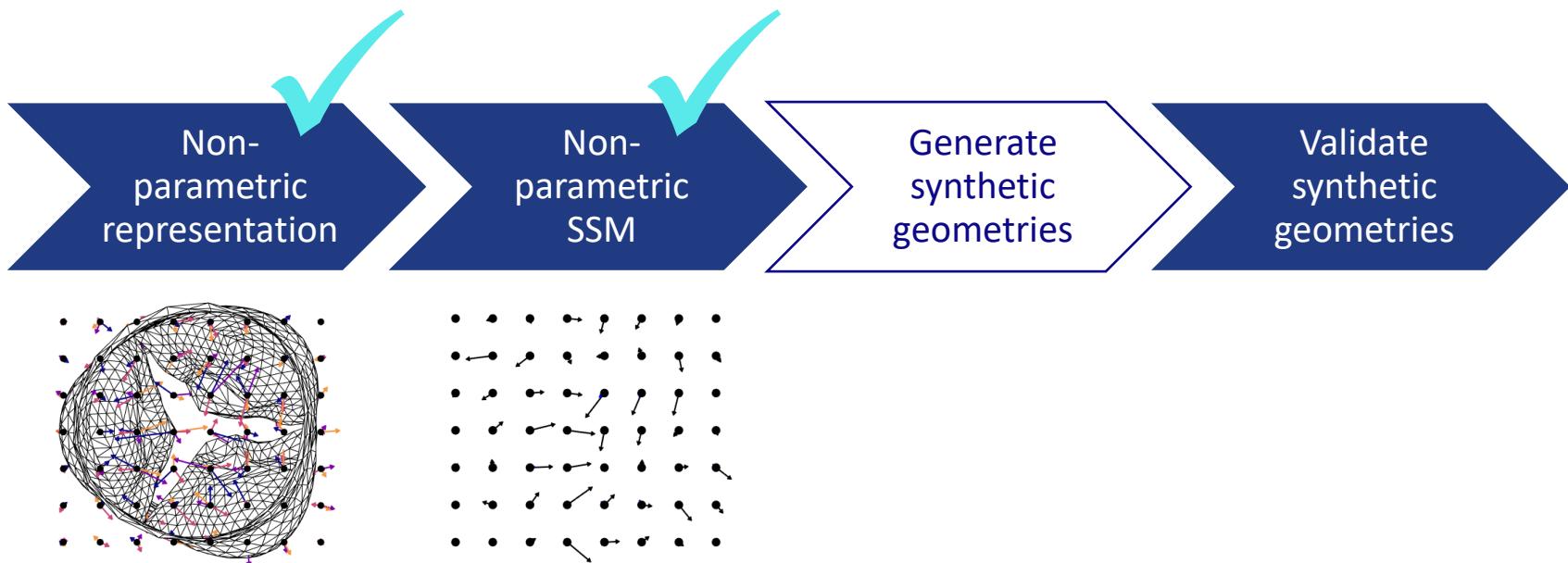
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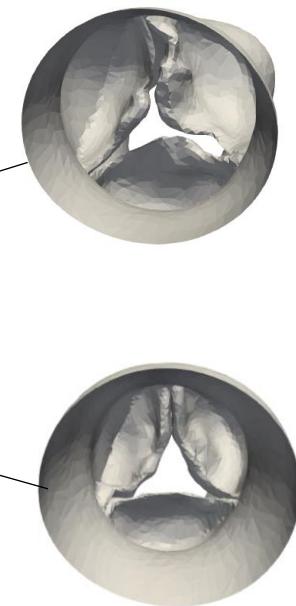
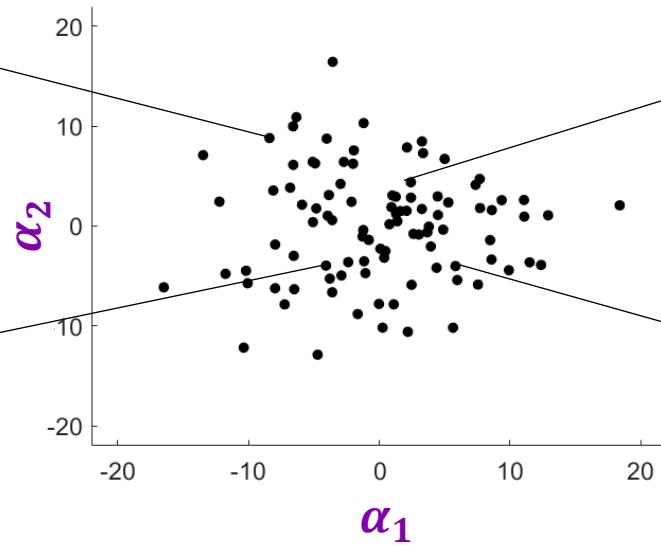
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Generation of synthetic geometries

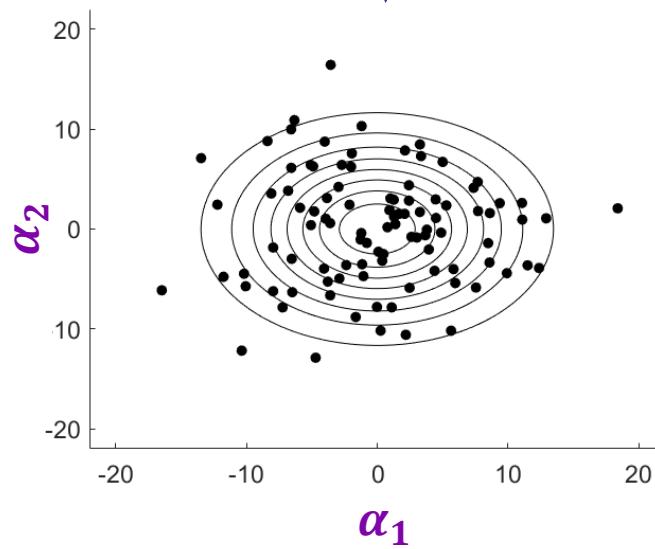


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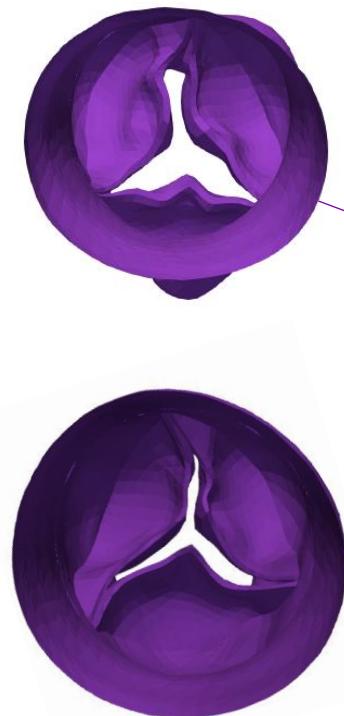


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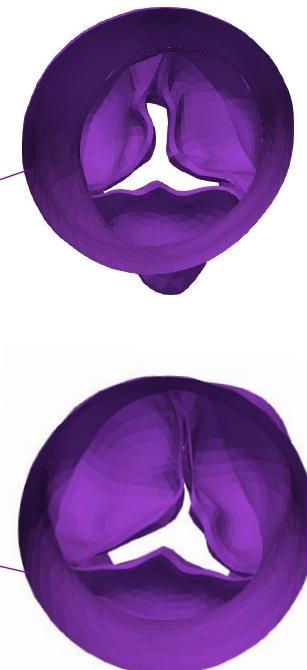
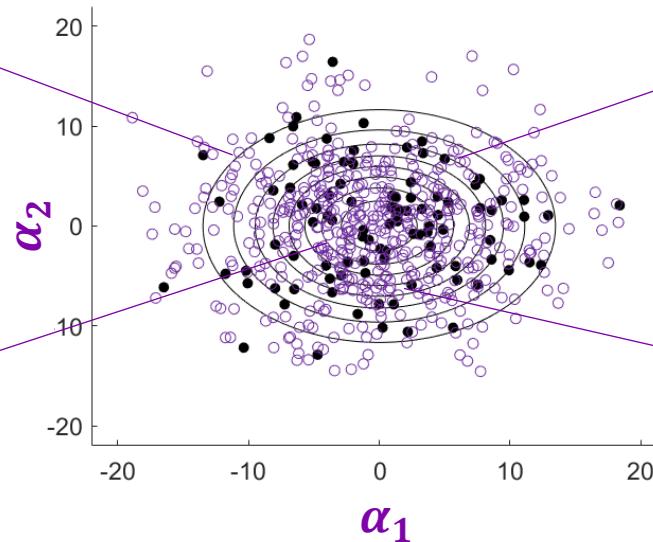
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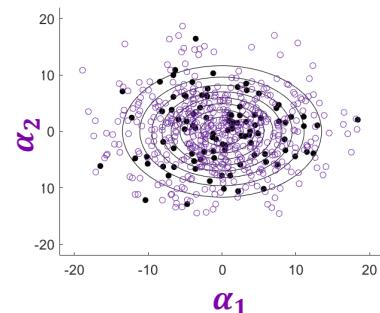
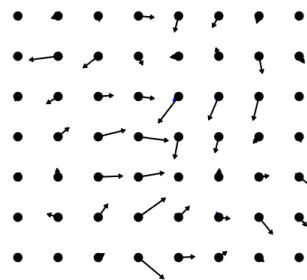
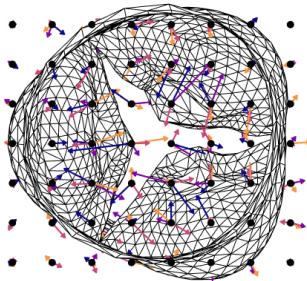
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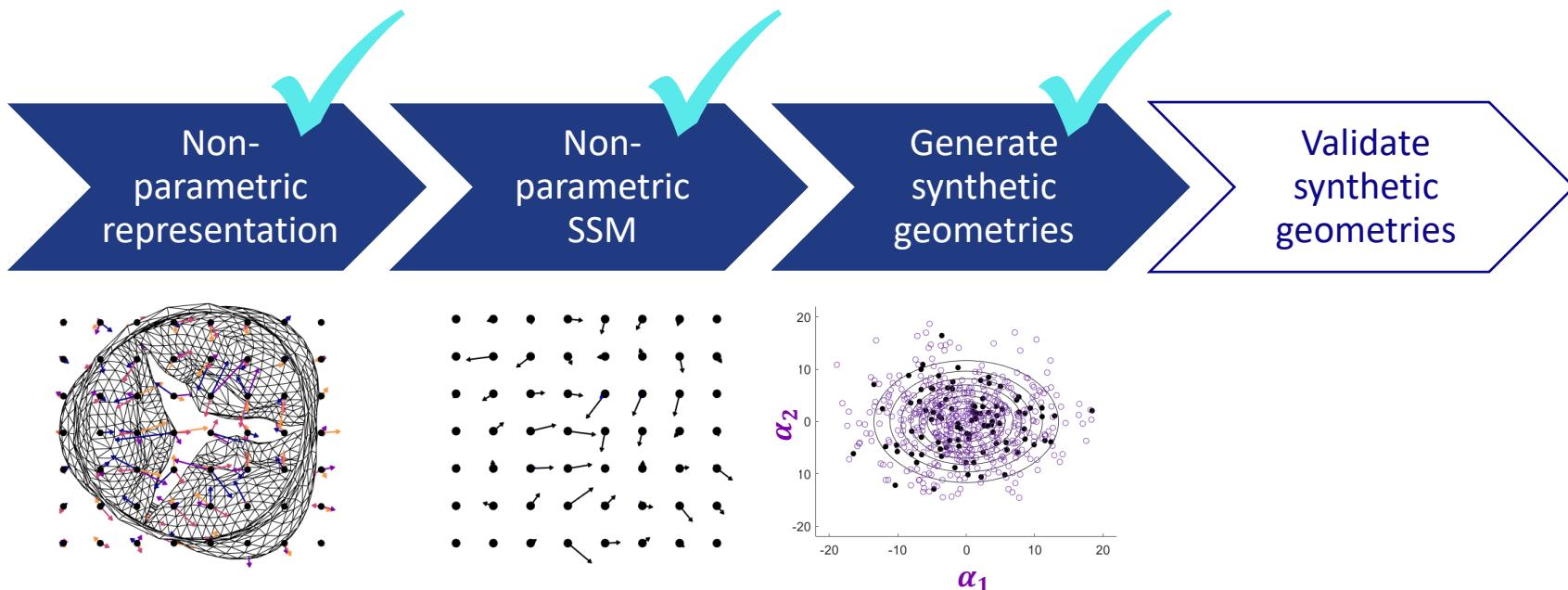
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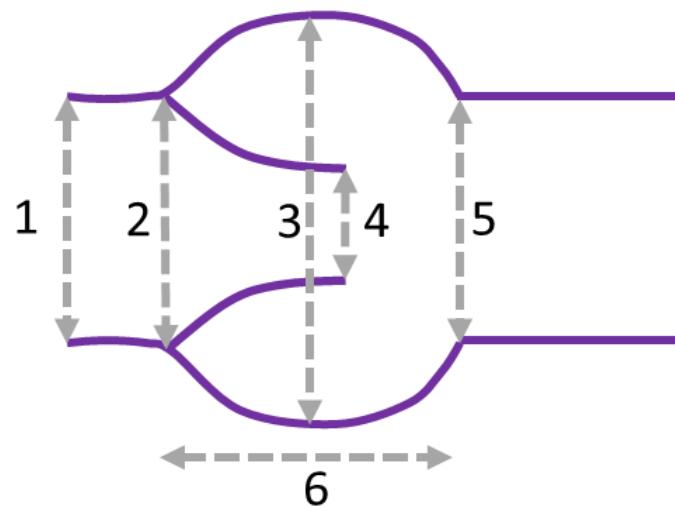


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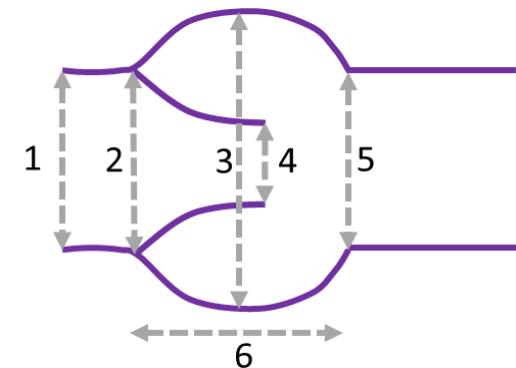
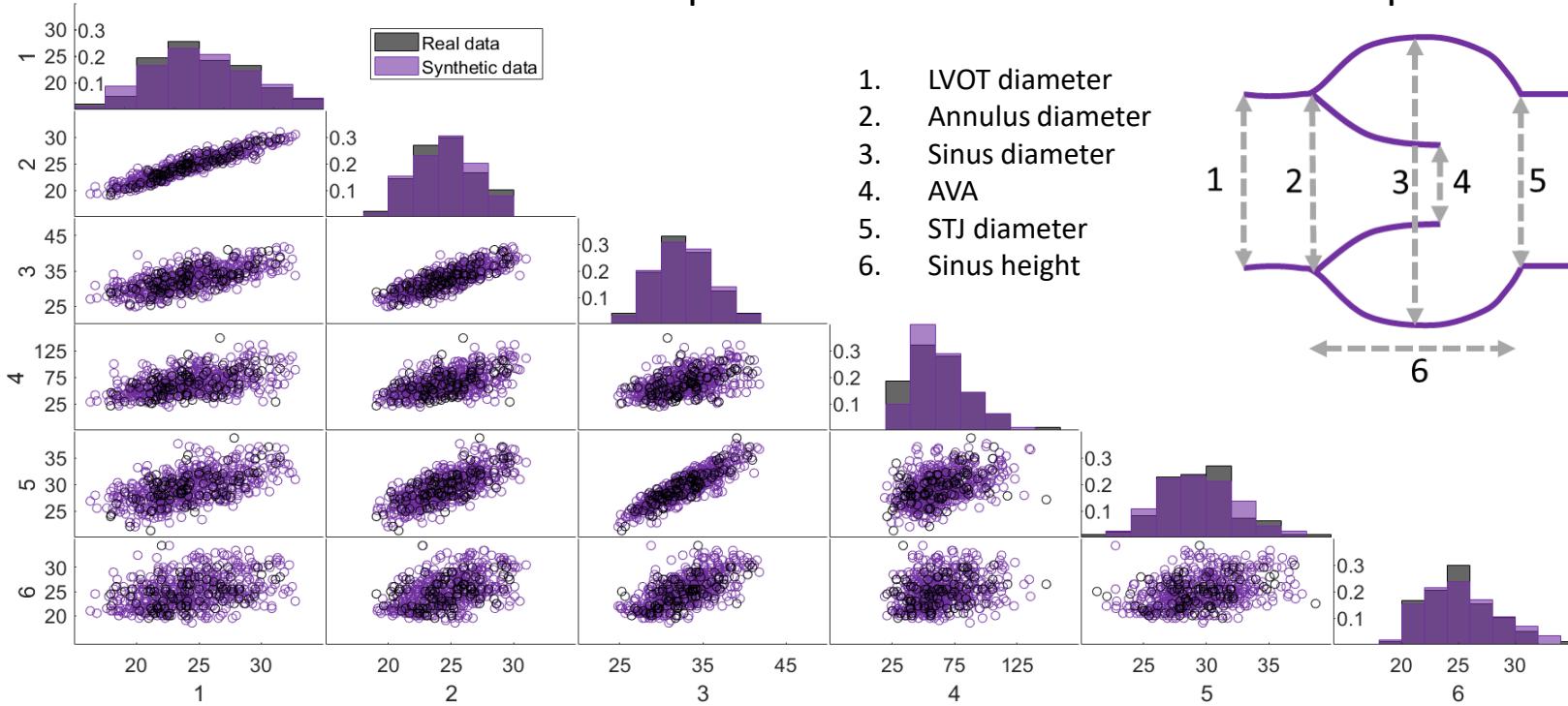
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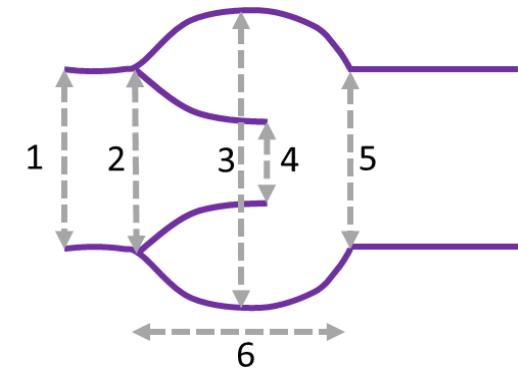
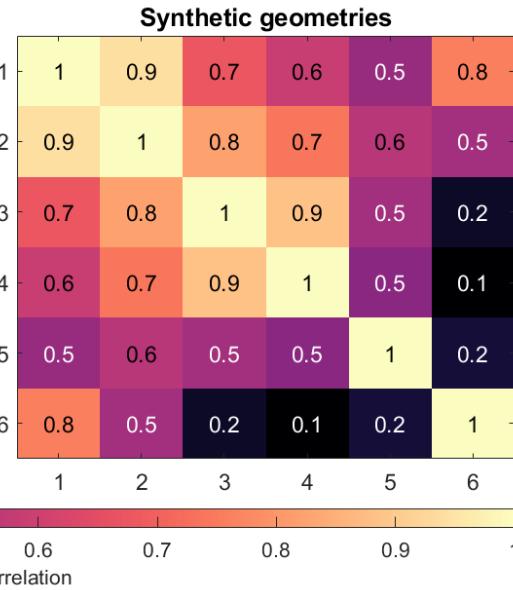
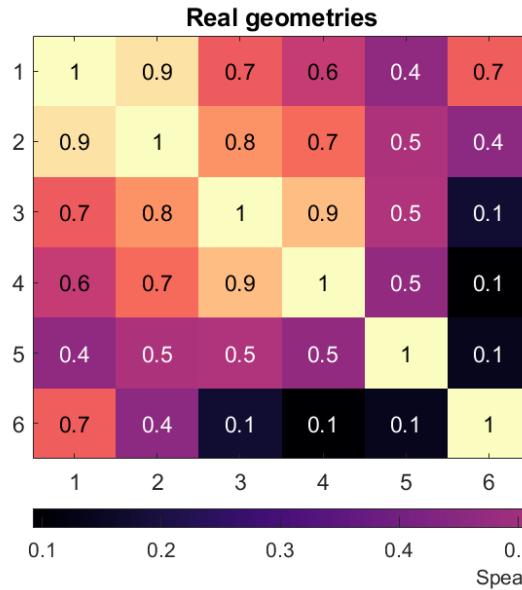
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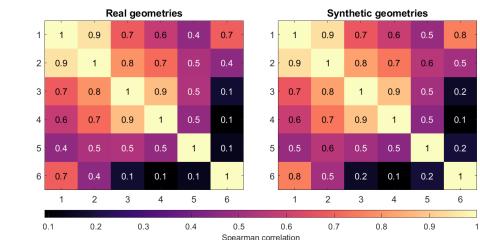
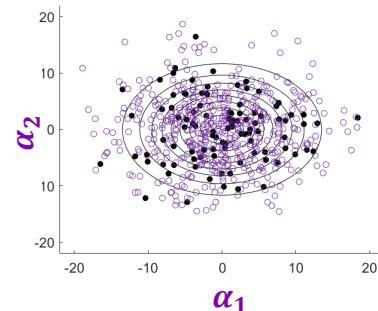
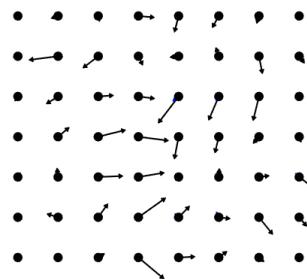
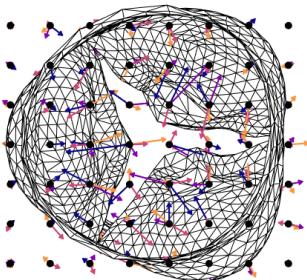
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Virtual cohort generator



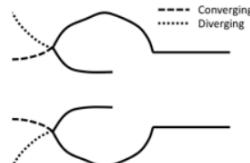
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Virtual cohort generator to generate synthetic stenosed aortic valve geometries

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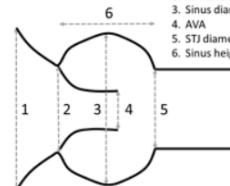
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Virtual cohort generator

SIMCor Virtual cohort generation for *in silico* trials of transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)

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Need for *in silico* trials
In silico trials can speed up the long and expensive process of developing cardiovascular implantable devices, by integrating them in the validation chain:

- Designing
- In vitro tests
- Animal tests
- Clinical trials

During *in silico* trials devices are tested on cohorts of virtual patients. Virtual patients are computer models that simulate human physiology and response after device implantation.

In Silico trials to investigate TAVI complications
This study aims to generate synthetic aortic valve stenosis geometries related to the shape of the left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) [1] and the angle between the LVOT and the ascending aorta [2] (see next figure).

Example applications of virtual cohort generator

- Industry**: 100 synthetic geometries. Converging LVOT leads to improved valve function and reduced valve-related complications.
- Academy**: 100 synthetic geometries. Aim: training a neural network to predict the optimal TAVI valve positioning in large angle stenosis geometries.
- Clinic**: 500 geometries. Aim: generating a synthetic aortic valve dataset for clinical validation.

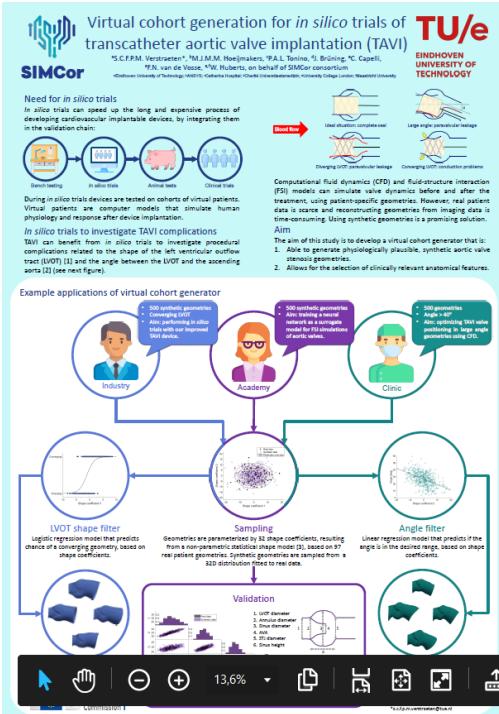
LVOT shape filter
Logistic regression model that predicts chance of valve stenosis, based on shape coefficients.

Sampling
Geometries are generated by a shape space search, requiring them to have specific features (1), based on 57 real patient geometries. Synthetic geometries are sampled from a 3D distribution fitted to real data.

Angle filter
Linear regression model that predicts if the angle (α) in the dataset is large enough, based on shape coefficients.

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Software interface



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Submitted paper: generation of synthetic aortic valve stenosis geometries for *in silico* trials
(Verstraeten et al. 2023)

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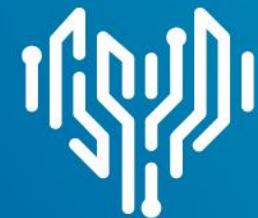


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