



# HiFlow<sup>3</sup>-based Numerical Simulations for Cognition-Guided Surgery

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# HiFlow3

## Finite Element Software Toolkit for High-Performance Computing (HPC)

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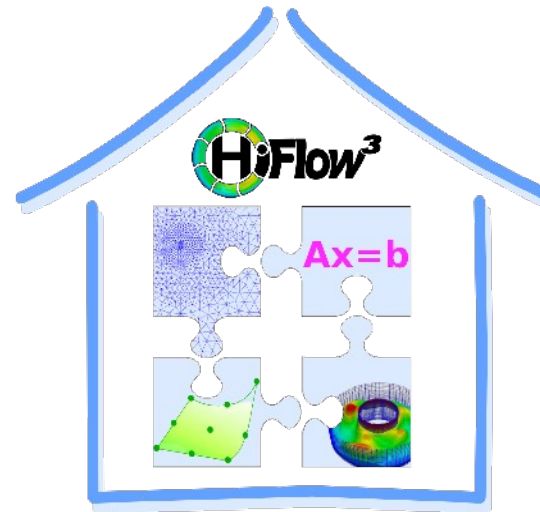
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### A modular approach

#### Mesh

- 2D: triangles, quads
- 3D: tetrahedrons, hexahedrons
- unstructured meshes
- h-refinement



#### Linear Algebra toolbox

- matrix and vector structures
- linear and nonlinear solvers
- preconditioners

#### Finite Element Spaces

- Lagrange Finite Elements
- arbitrary polynomial degree
- p-refinement

#### User defined application

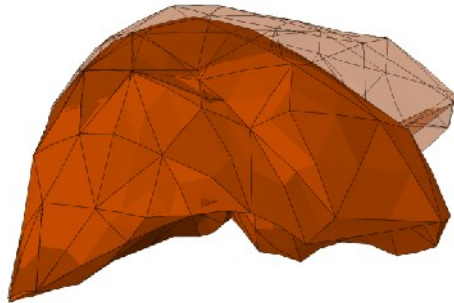
- PDE
- assembly of matrices and vectors
- postprocessing
- visualization

# Soft Tissue Simulation

## – Modelling Elasticity (Show Cases)

Modeling the Biomechanical Behaviour of Soft Tissue under the Effect of External (Surgical) Manipulation.

Liver Surgery (Simulation)

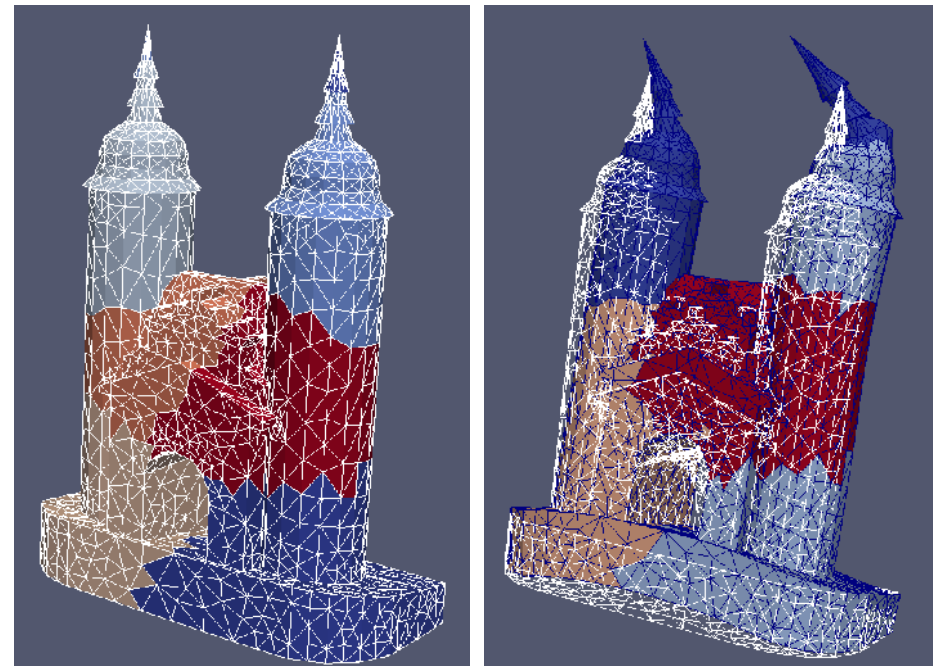


HiFlow<sup>3</sup> system matrix assembly for linear elasticity equations.

HiFlow<sup>3</sup> CG/GMRES with Jacobi/ILU/etc preconditioning.

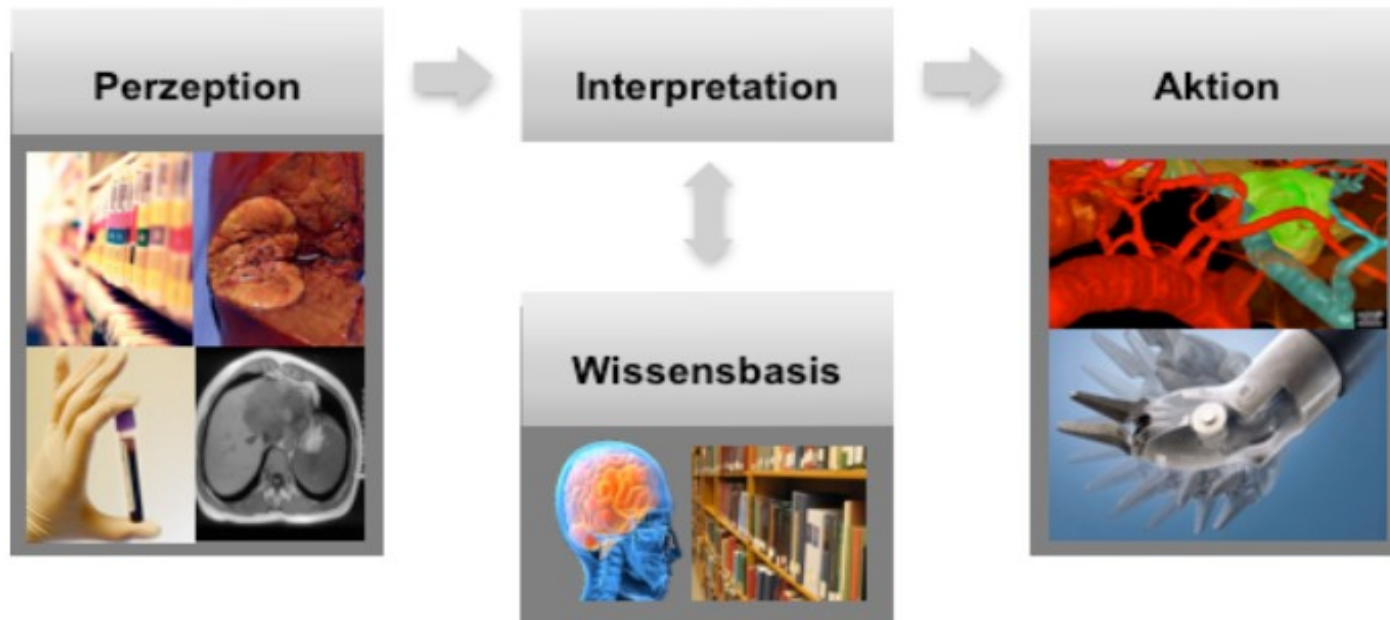
Simulation on HPC systems, including CUDA-implementation of CG solver.

Heidelberg Bridge meets Pudding (Simulation)



# Soft Tissue Simulation – for Surgery Assistance

## Overview and Project Vision



### Vision of 'Surgery in the Future':

- Surgery lead by machine cognition
- Intelligent surgery support system recognizes clinical situations

Cognition-Guided  
**Surgery** 

# Soft Tissue Simulation

## – for Surgery Assistance (Show Case)

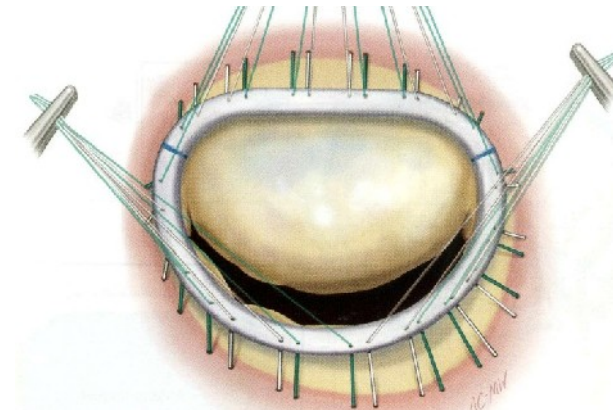
### Integration of Biomechanical Simulation into Surgery Assistance System for Mitral Valve Reconstruction



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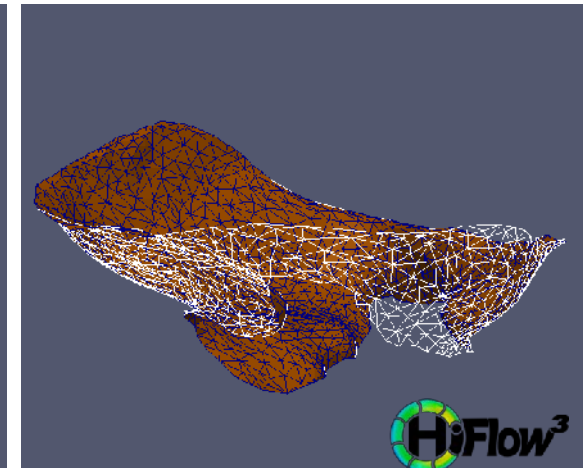
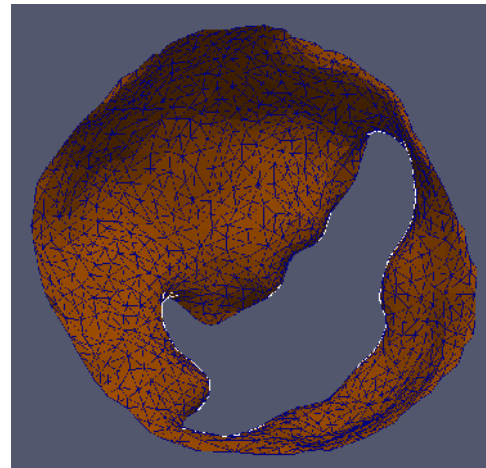
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Fixed Annulus Ring

Solve dynamic equation of Mitral Valve leaflets, subject to:

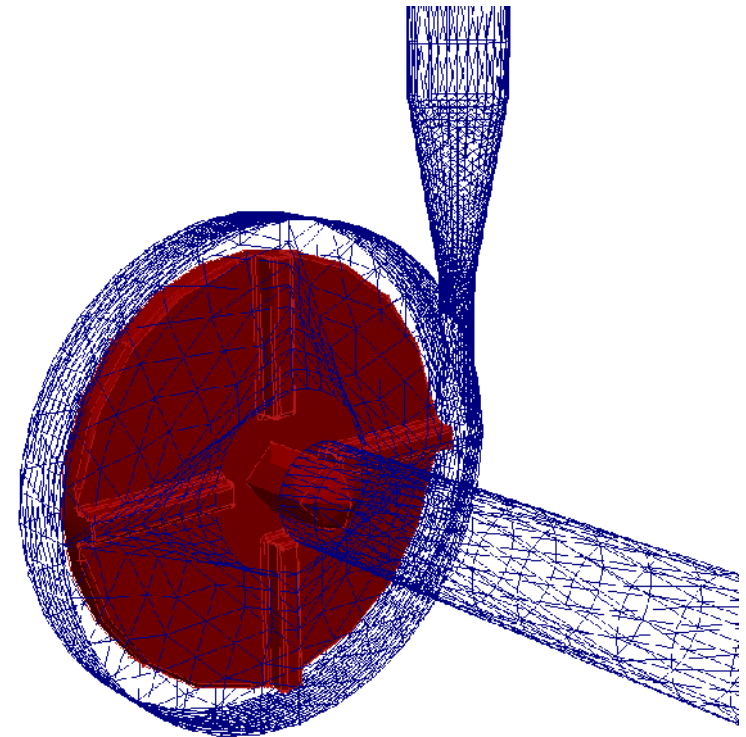
- Chordae tension (displacement & tension),
- surface pressure (fluid flow),
- fixed displacement boundary conditions (Annulus Ring).



# Simulation of a blood pump

## Benchmarking with FDA's scenario

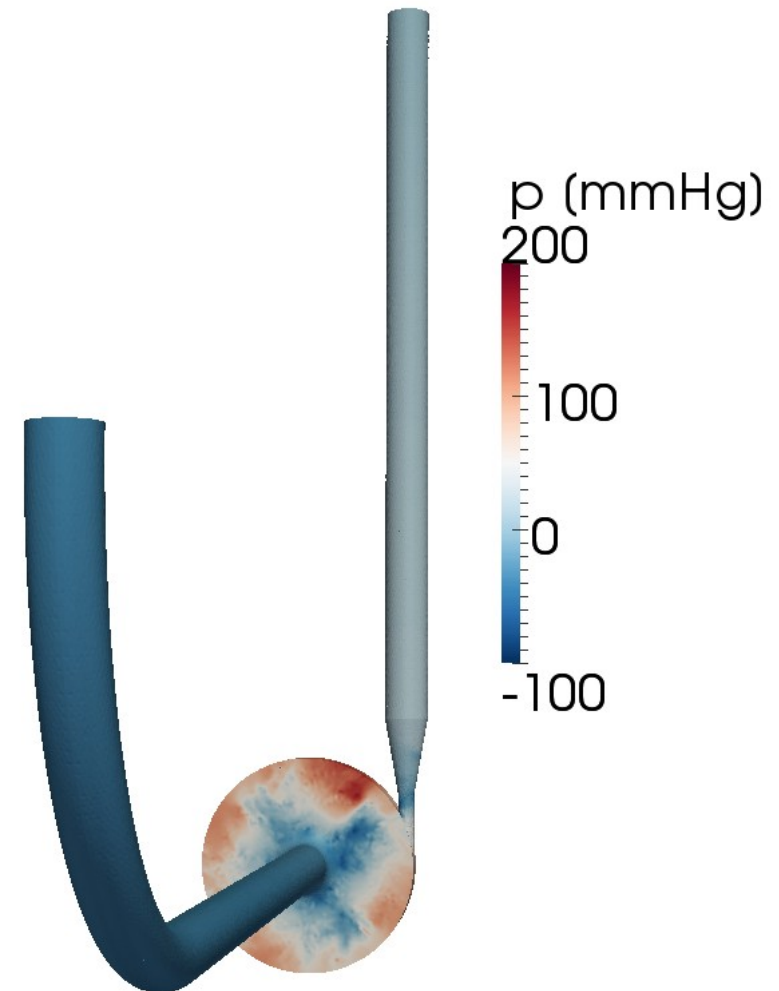
- Idealized ventricular assist device (VAD)
- Volume flow rate 2.5 – 7.0 L/min
- Rotor speed 2500 – 3500 RPM
- Evaluation of physical parameters
- Comparison to physical experiments in a round-robin study



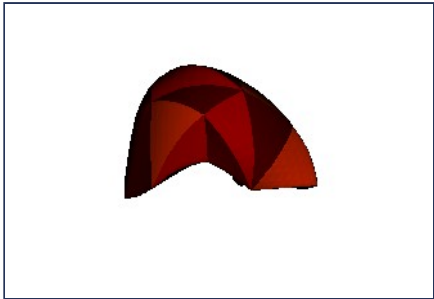
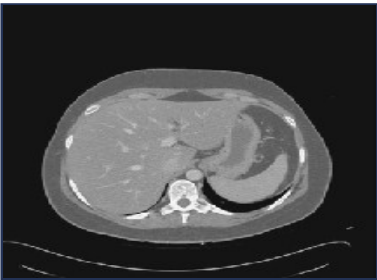
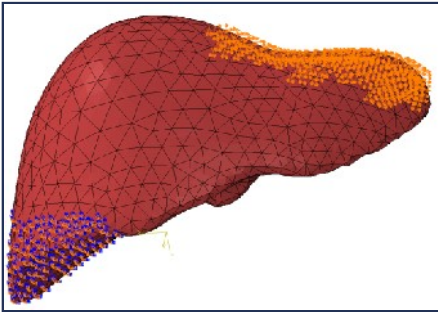
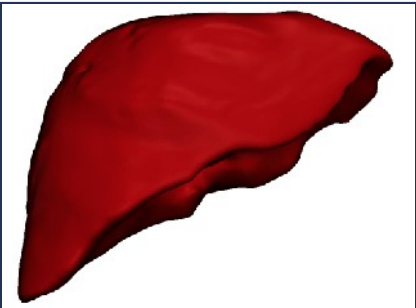
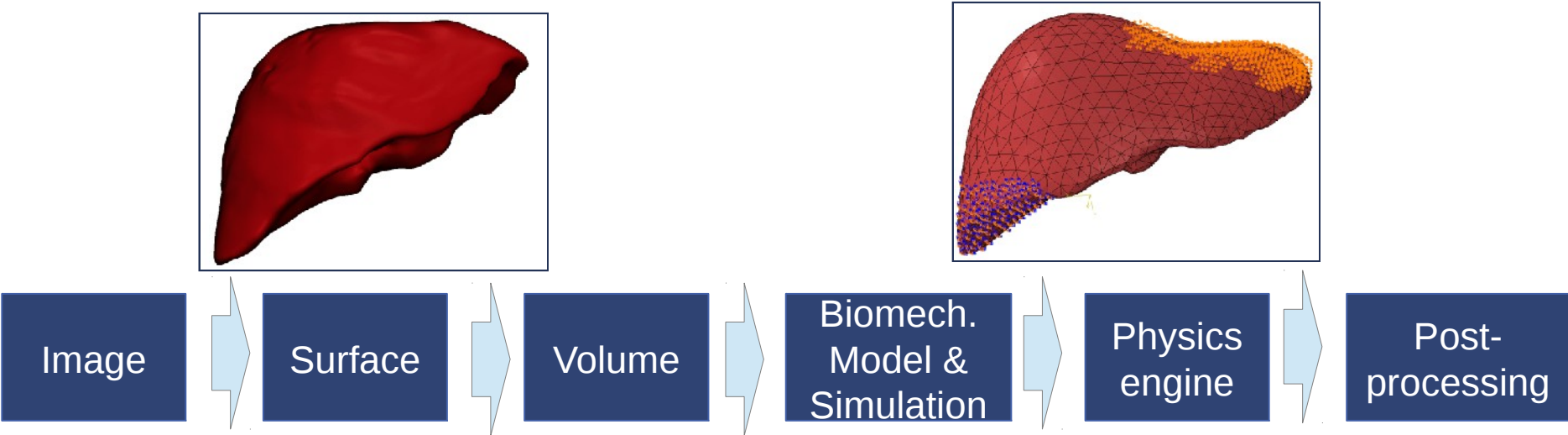
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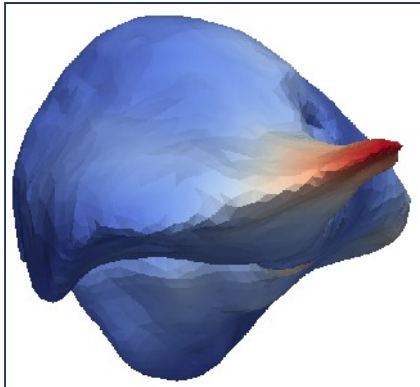
- Hiflow<sup>3</sup> system matrix assembly for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with streamline diffusion
- Reynolds number:  $\sim 250,000$
- Interior mesh adaption to the rotor
- P2/P1 LBB-stable finite elements
- HiFlow<sup>3</sup> GMRES with ILU preconditioning
- Simulation on HPC systems



# Simulation-based Surgery Assistance in the Clinic Workflow



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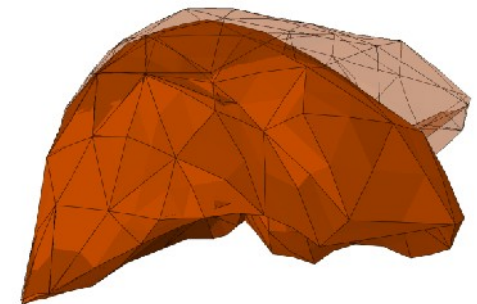
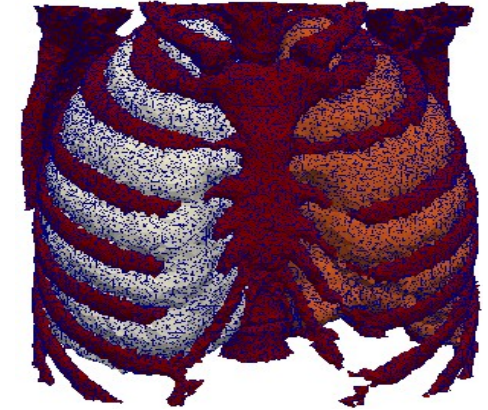
# Impact on OR / Clinic Environment

## Software Development

Software Platform Interface Project:

**'Medical Simulation Markup Language (MSML)'**:

- Simplify biomechanical modeling workflow
  - Act as middleware between all tools used in the modeling pipeline
- XML-based modeling scheme/alphabet.
- Python-based implementation (including interpreter/executor).
- HiFlow<sup>3</sup>-MSML-Exporter allows for feeding HiFlow<sup>3</sup>-based simulations with flexible surgery-motivated modelling situations.



Conference Contribution and Publication:

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# Outlook

## HiFlow<sup>3</sup> medical applications

- X-FEM capabilities for Soft Tissue Cutting Simulation
- Knowledge-based, intelligent Biomechanical Simulations in Surgery Workflow
- Preconditioners for complex blood flows
- Fluid-Structure Interaction
- Uncertainty Quantification for reliable medical simulation results

