

Machine learning in cardiology: why do we need realistic synthetic databases?

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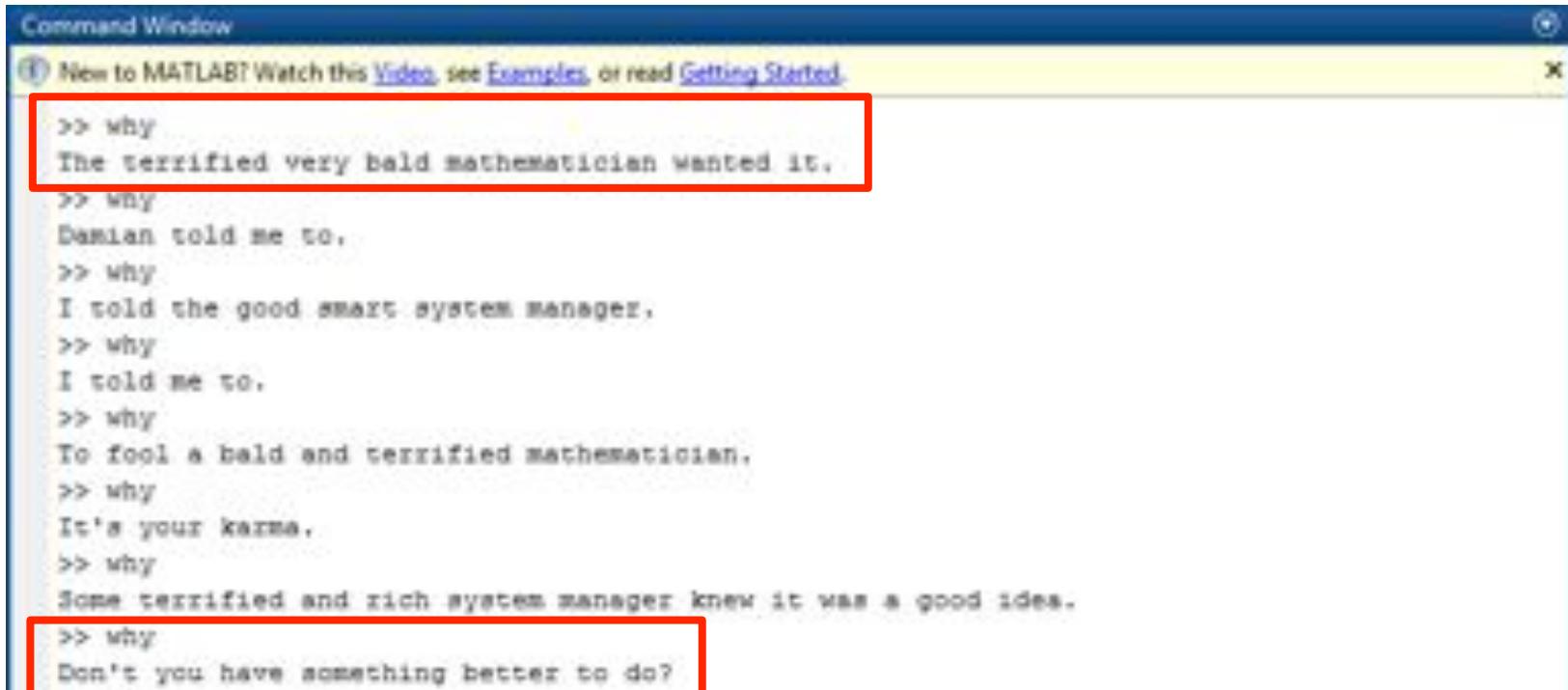
Let's dream = easy data collection and sharing

Simulation is complex, can't we do everything from data?

- Yes

So why do we need synthetic data?

- mmmh... let's ask Matlab:

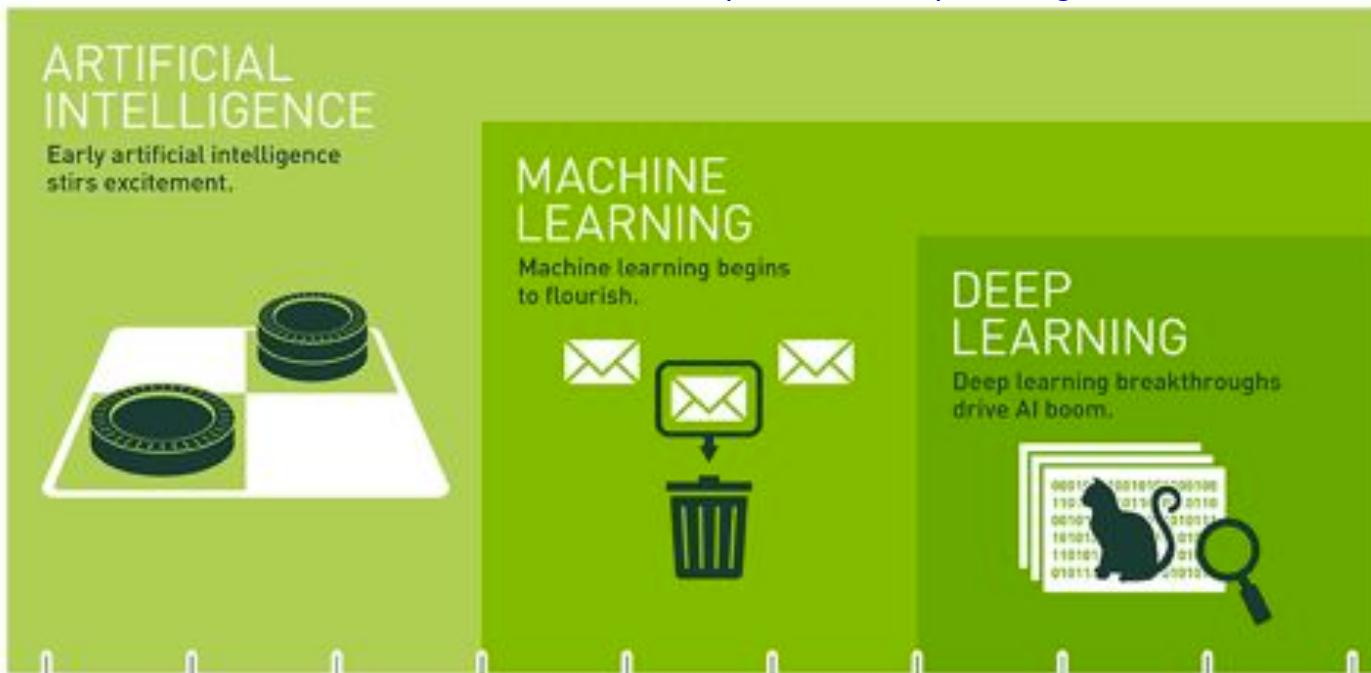


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The terrified very bald mathematician wanted it.
>> why
Damien told me so,
>> why
I told the good smart system manager,
>> why
I told me so.
>> why
To fool a bald and terrified mathematician.
>> why
It's your karma.
>> why
Some terrified and rich system manager knew it was a good idea.
>> why
Don't you have something better to do?
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Machine learning = learning from samples

Copeland M <https://blogs.nvidia.com/> 2016



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if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.



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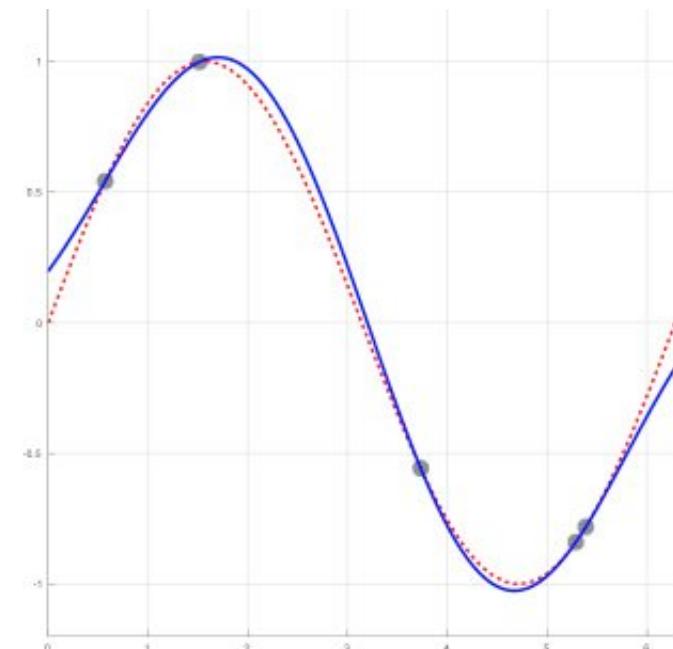
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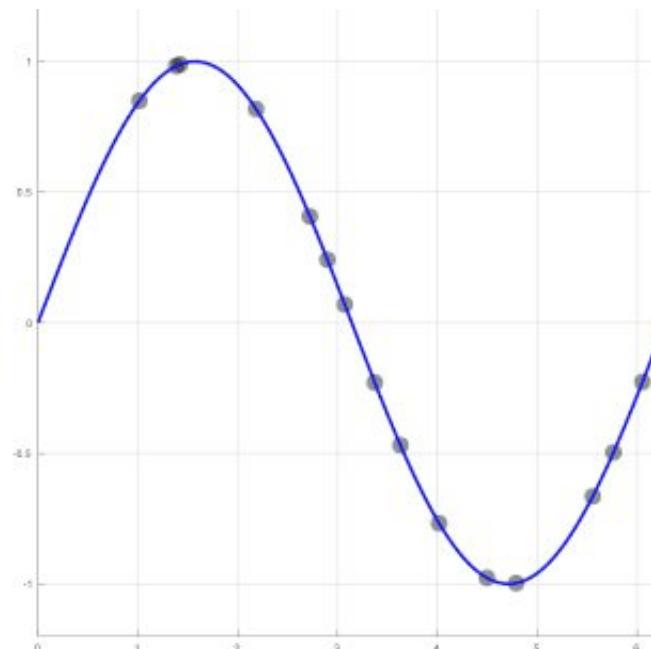
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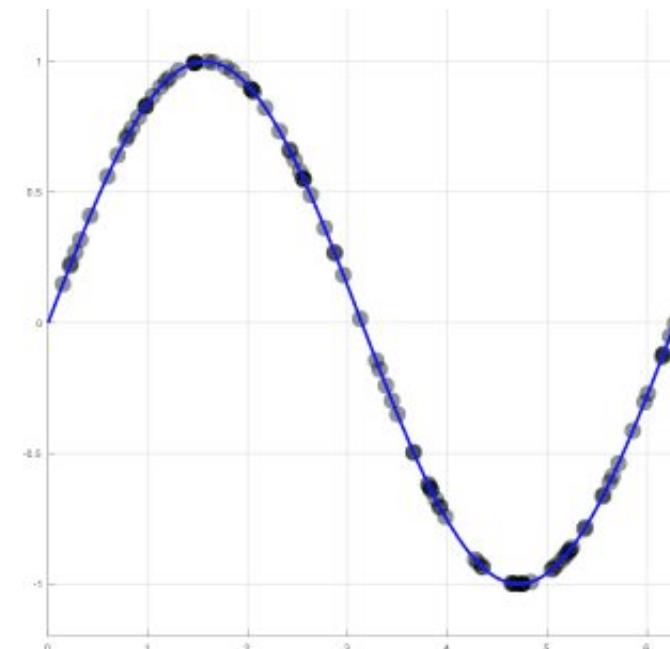
5 samples



15 samples



100 samples



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black widow	lifeboat	go-kart	jaguar
cockroach	amphibian	moped	cheetah
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starfish	drilling platform	golfcart	Egyptian cat
grille	mushroom	cherry	Madagascar cat
convertible	agaric	dalmatian	squirrel monkey
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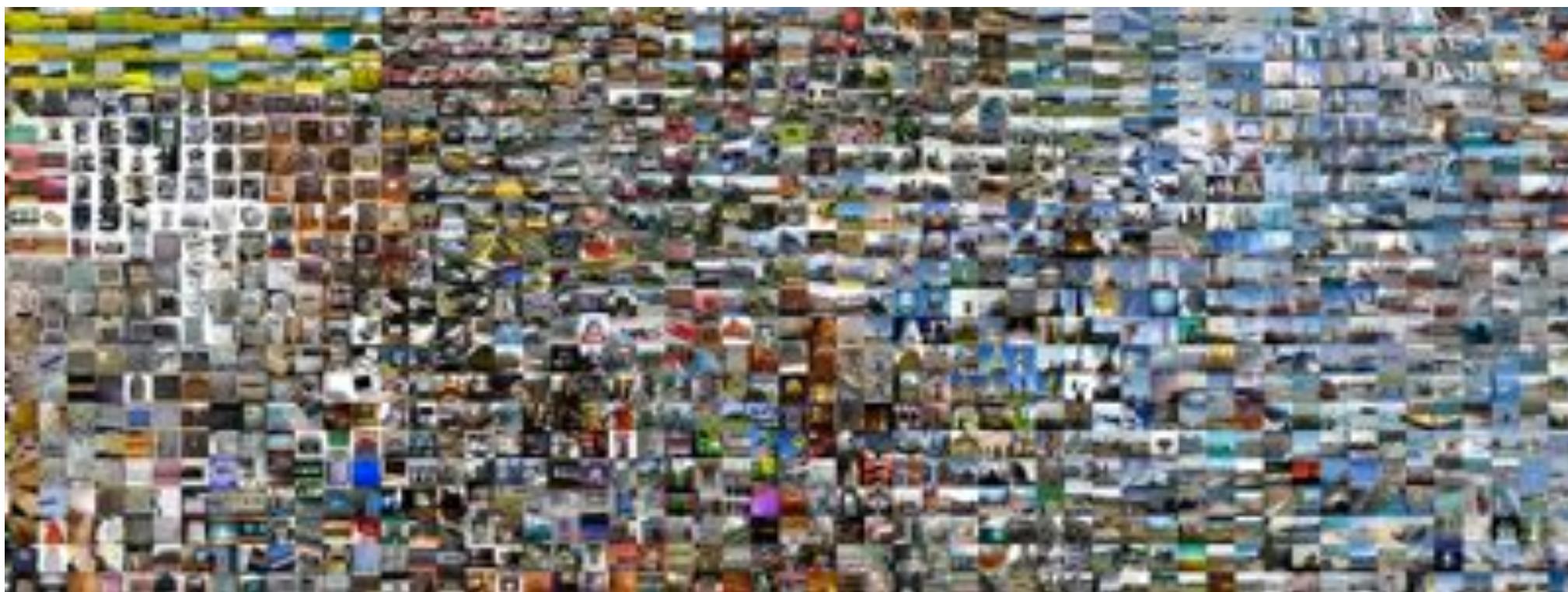
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... **training = 1.2M !!!**
testing = 100k !!!



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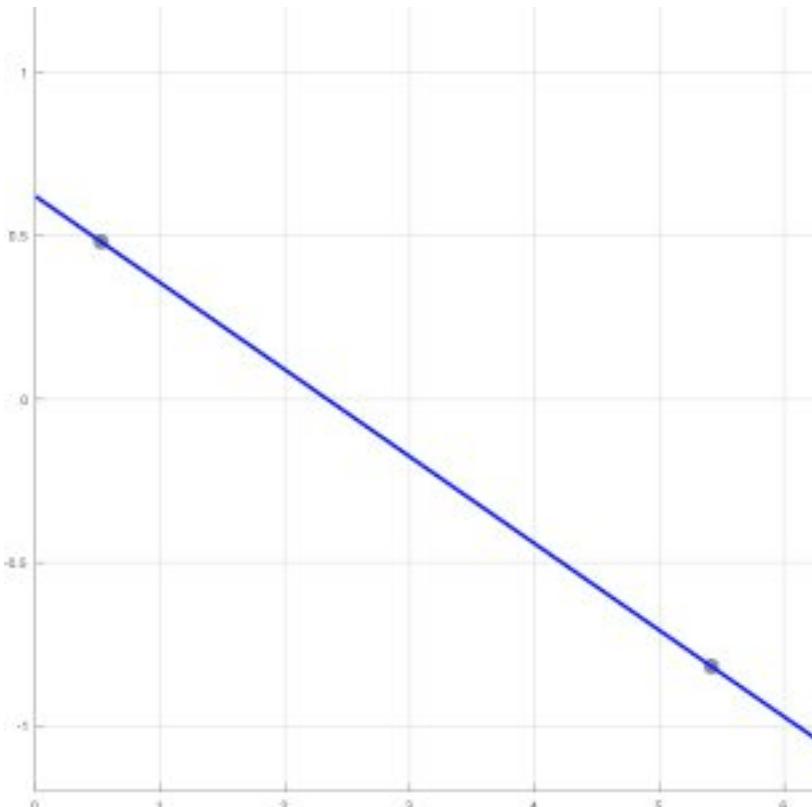
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Linear model:

2 samples !



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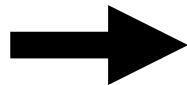
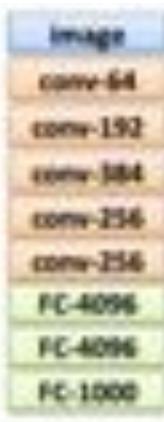
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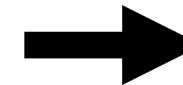
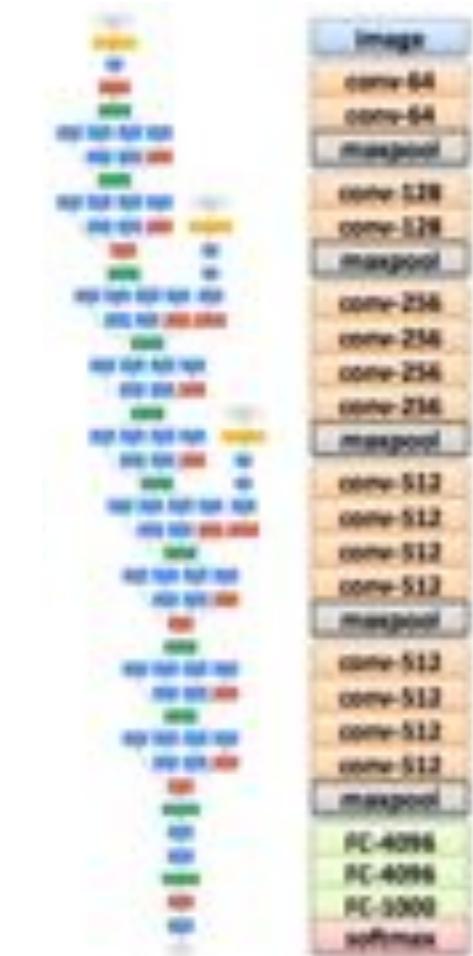
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AlexNet
Krizhevsky A et al. NIPS 2012



GoogleNet
Szegedy C et al. CVPR 2015

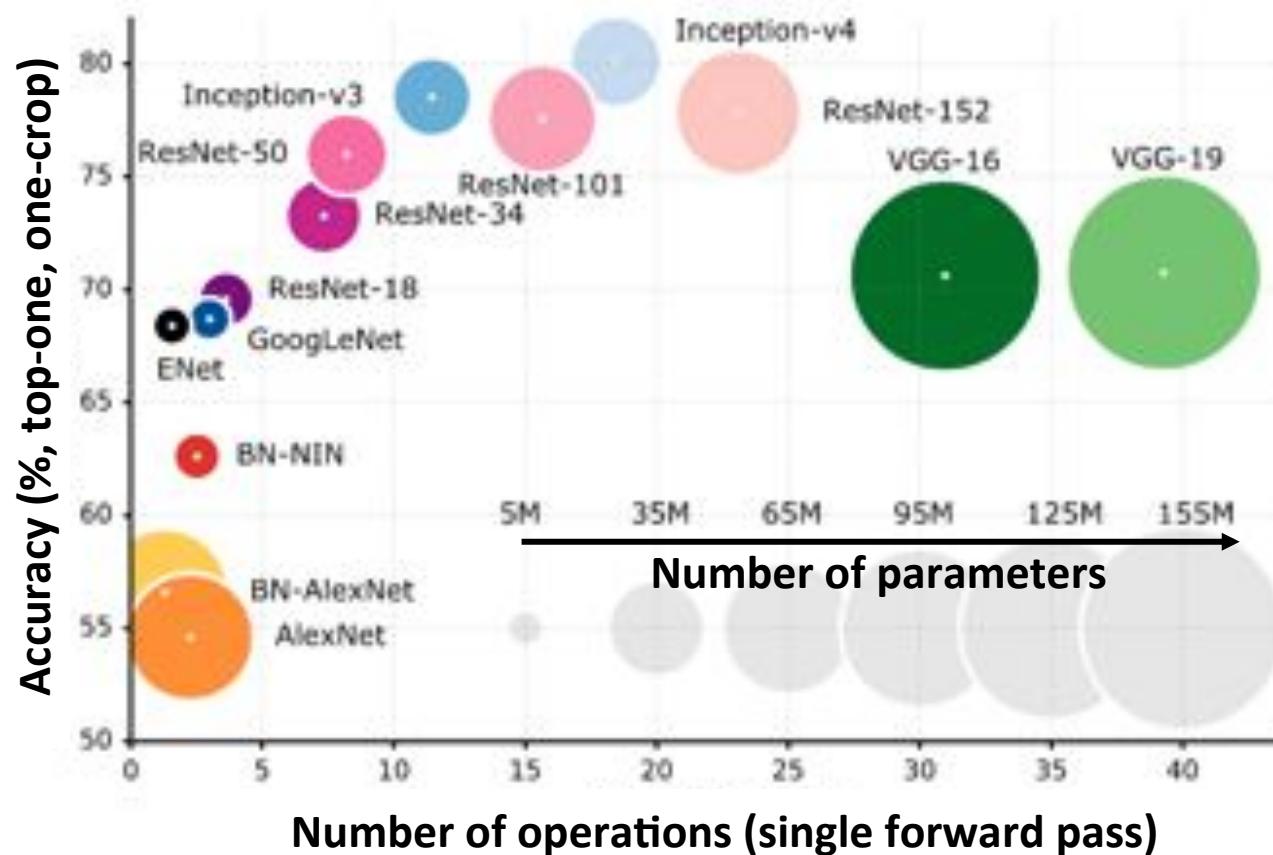
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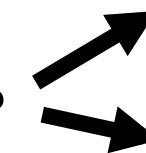
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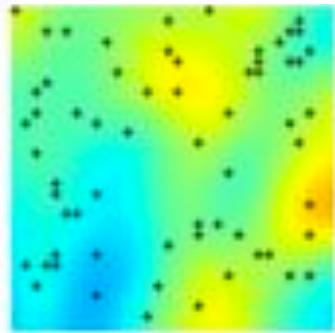


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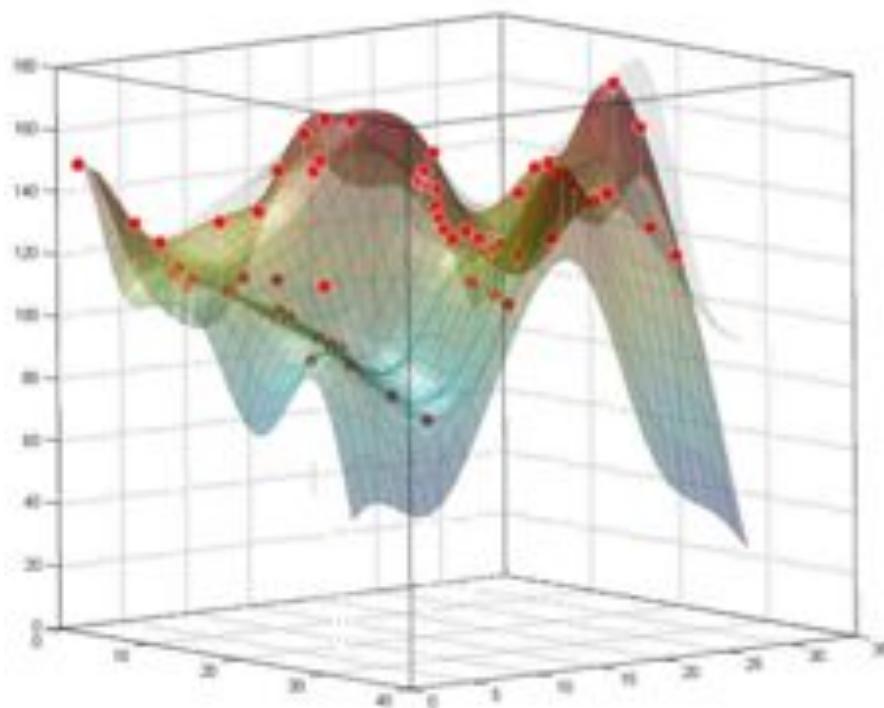
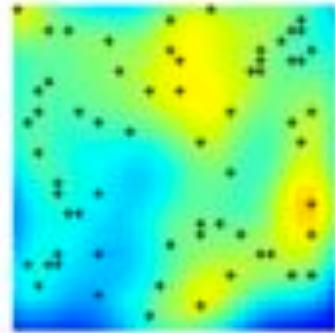
Intrinsic dimensionality

Kernel regression (exact - 2D):

Ground truth



Interpolation



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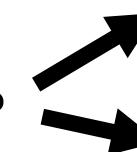
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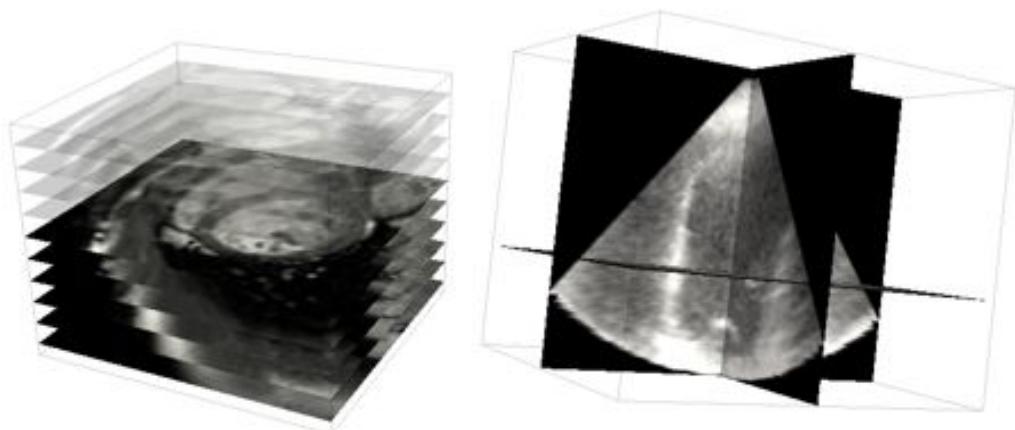
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2D images: 256 x 256 pixels (resampled)



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Cine MR ~ 100 x 100 x 14 voxels (3D stack)

3D echo ~ 200 x 200 x 200 voxels

x N_{frames} in the cycle !!!

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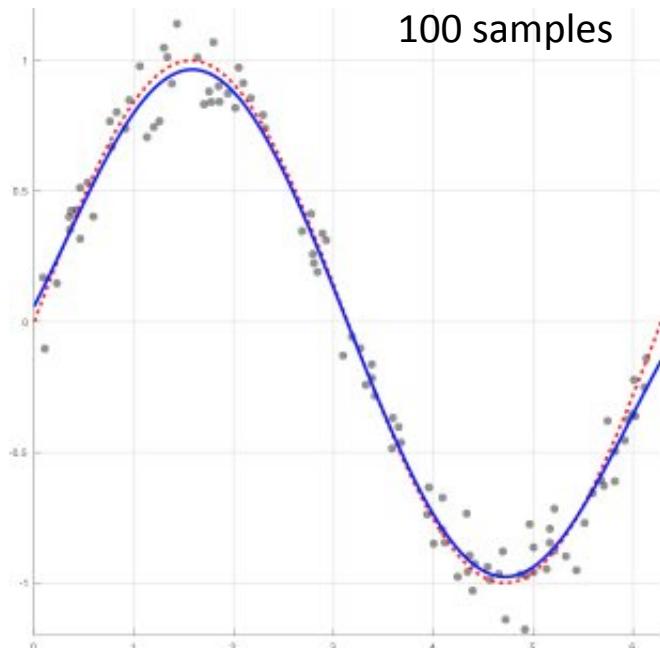
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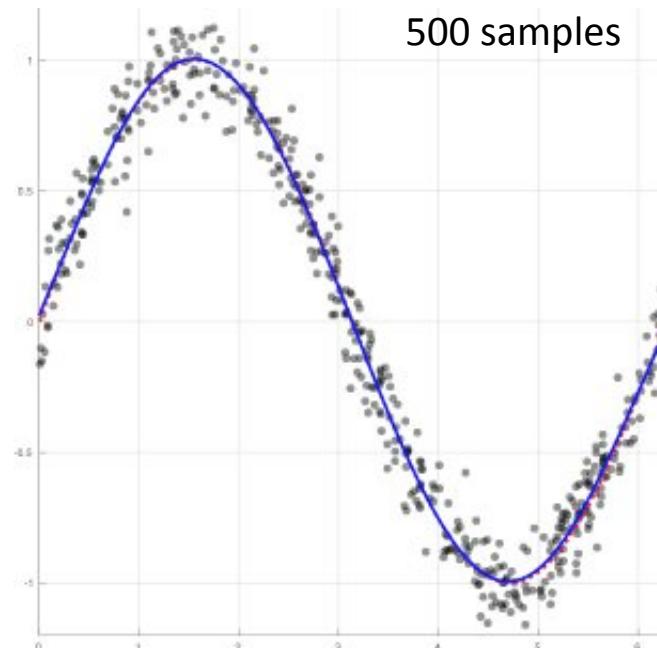
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Or **noise** on the data?

Kernel regression (inexact):



100 samples



500 samples

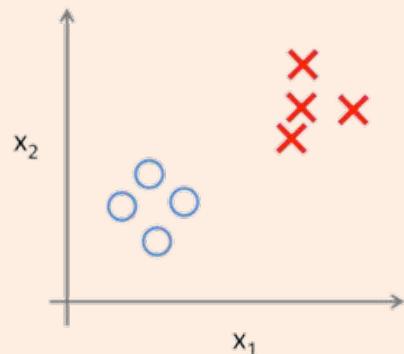
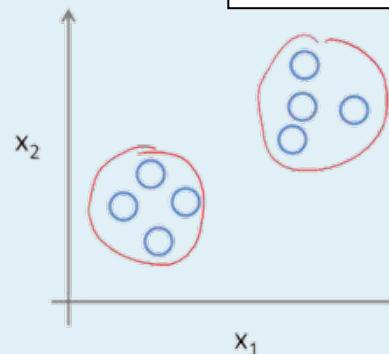
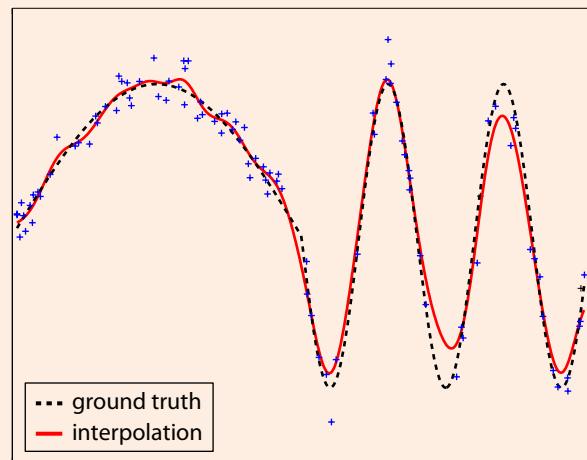
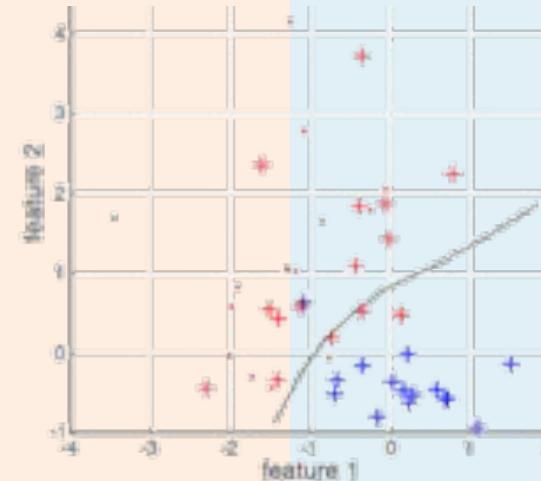
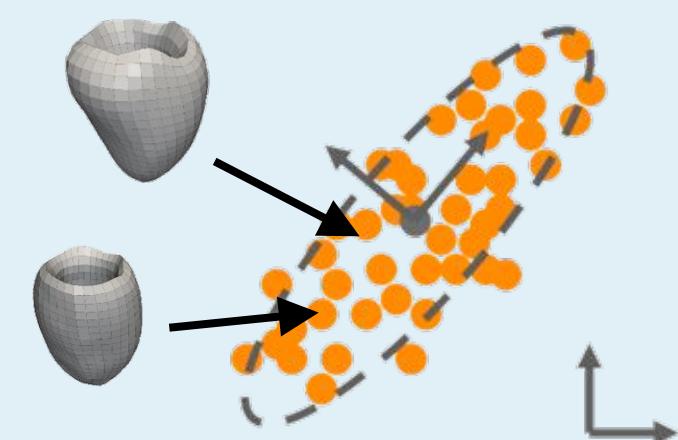
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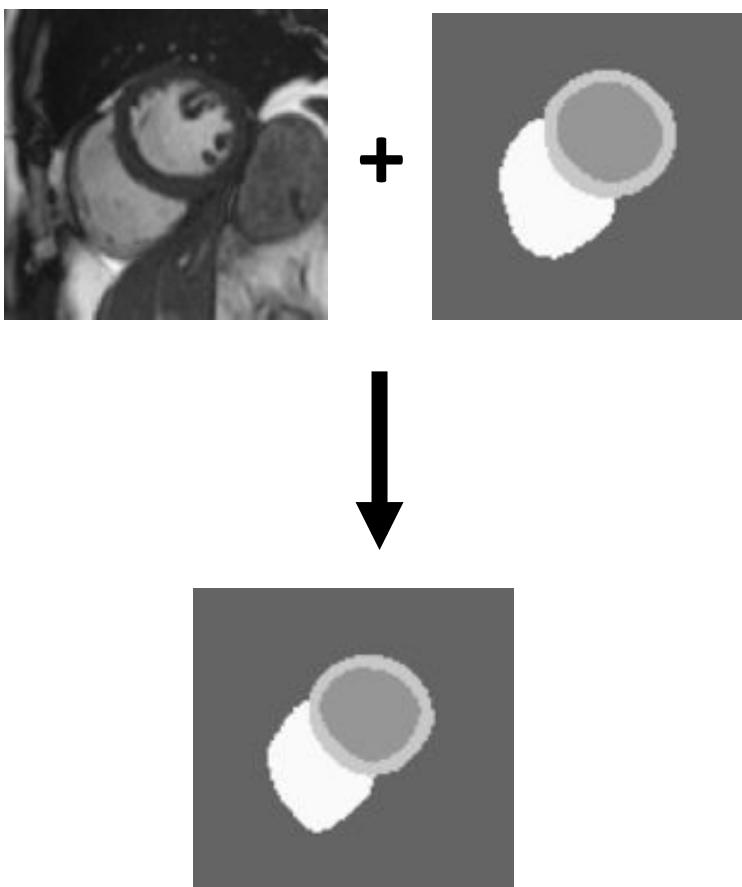
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**Supervised****Unsupervised****regression****classification / clustering****variability analysis**

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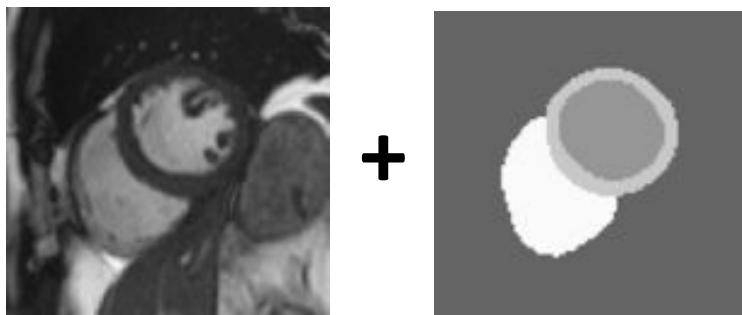
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Classification
Supervised



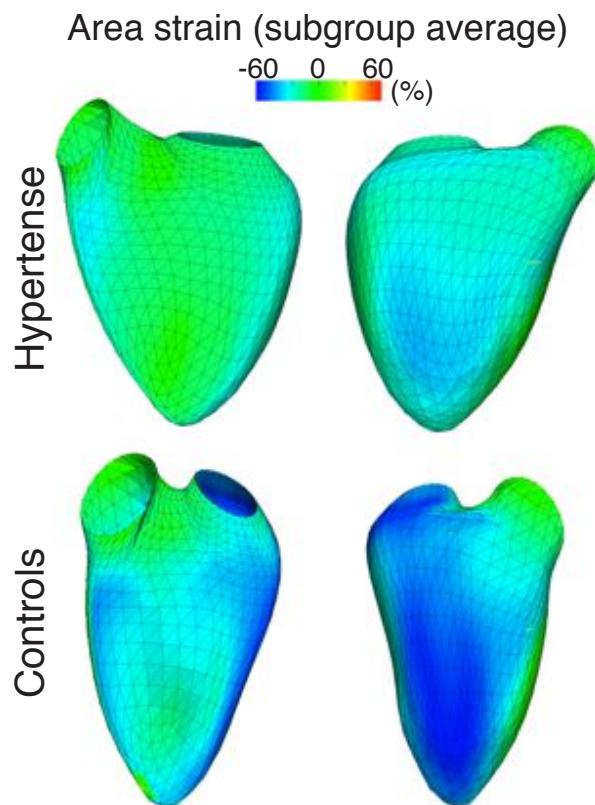
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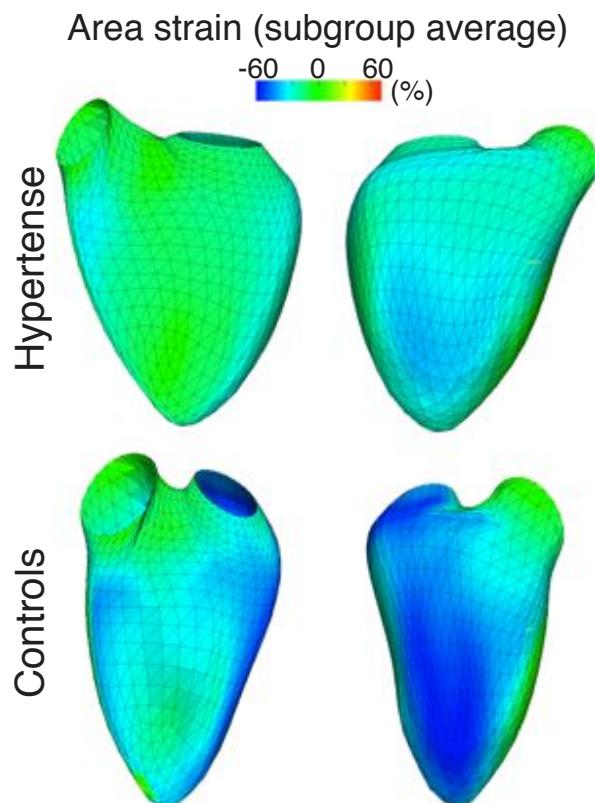
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Variability analysis
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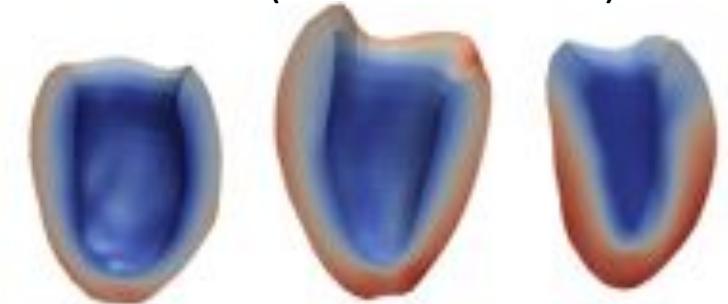
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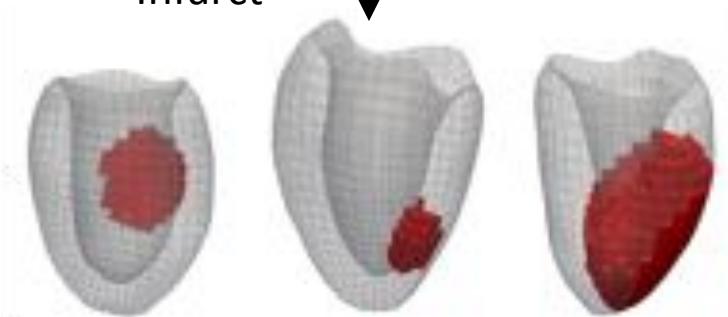
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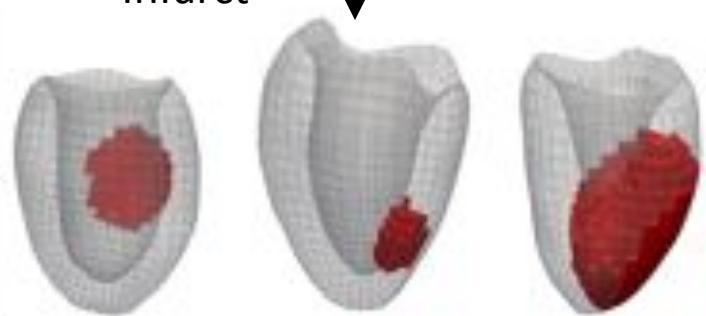
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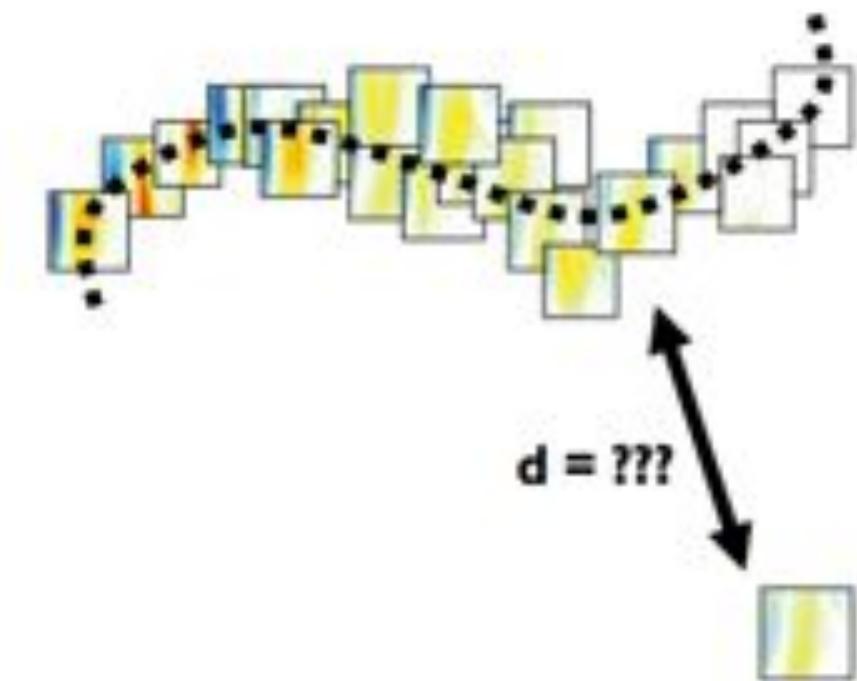
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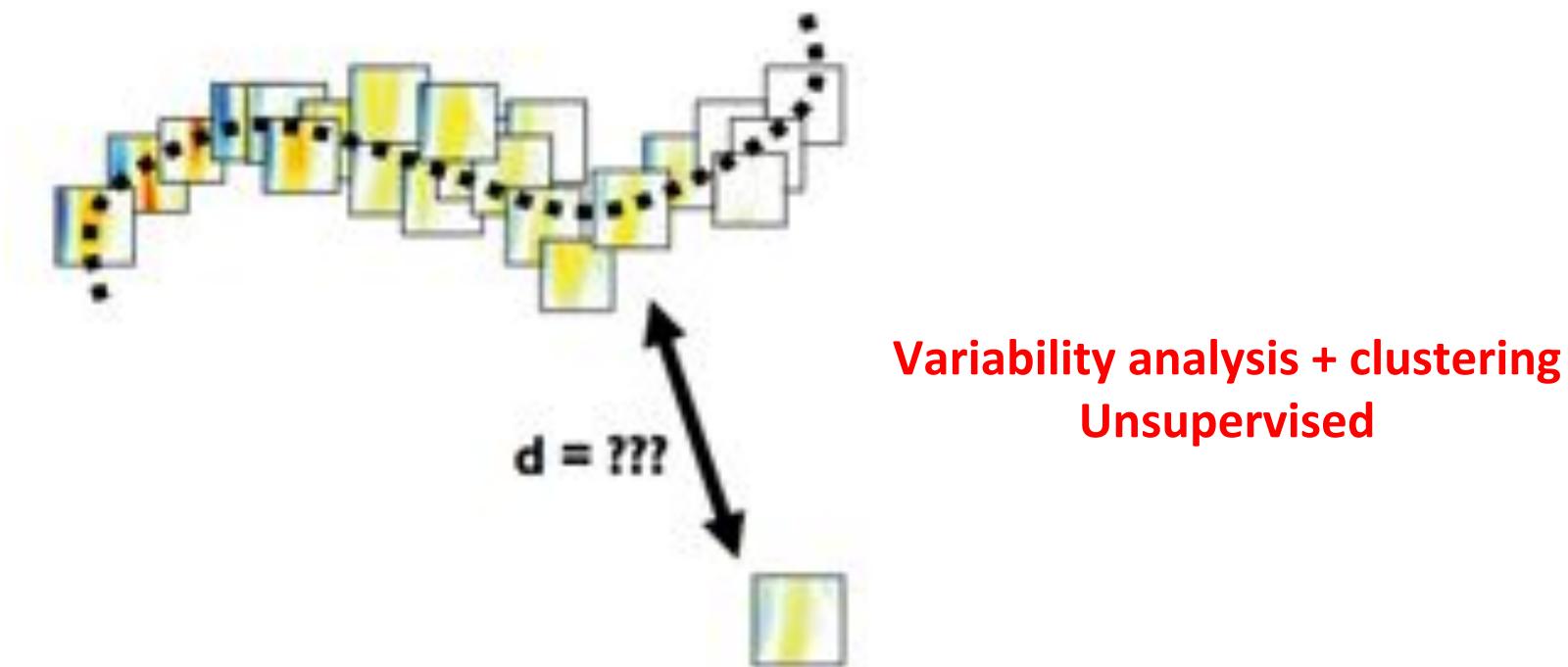
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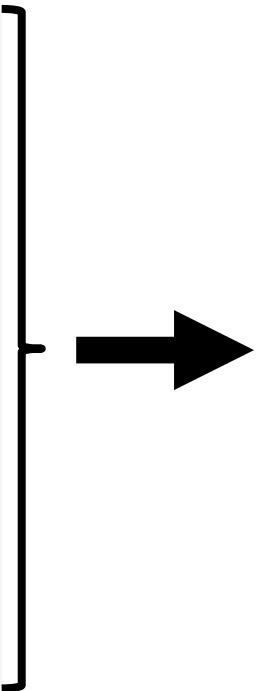
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Regression**Clustering****Variability analysis****Complexity of the question...**

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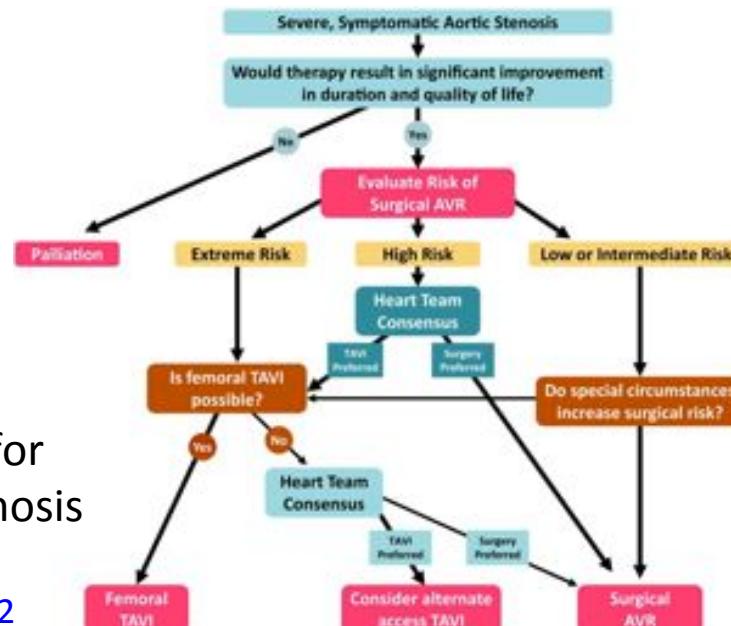
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Complexity of the question...

vs. complexity of the disease !

Clinical decision tree for patients with aortic stenosis

Web J et al. *Can J Cardiol* 2012

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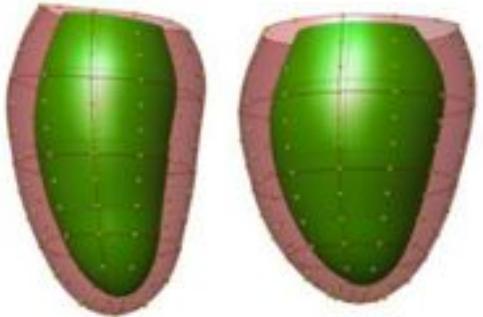
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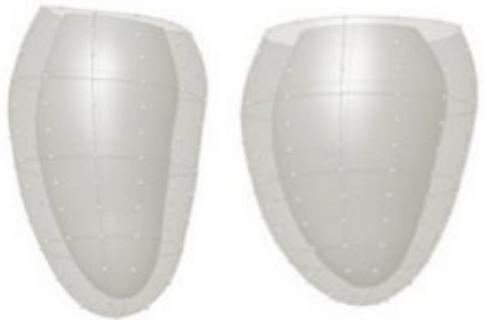
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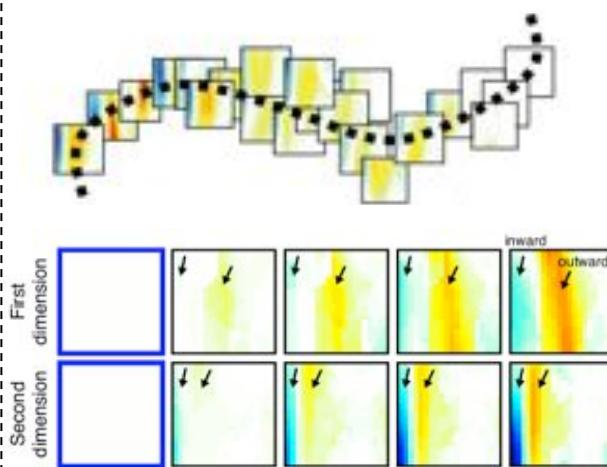
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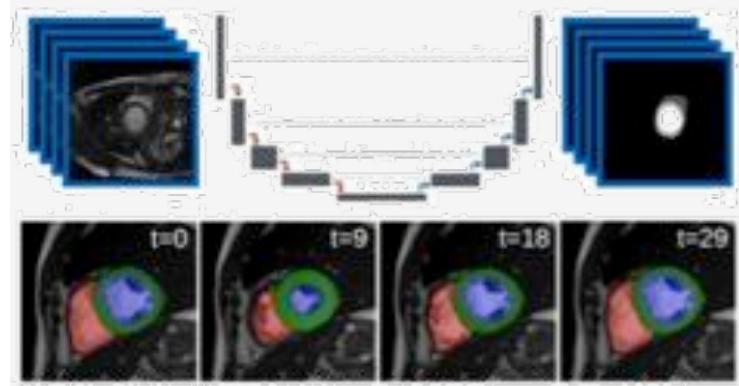
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Non-linear



Duchateau N et al. Med Image Anal 2012

Deep learning



Insensee F et al. STACOM 2017

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Images

- Gray level, texture, ...

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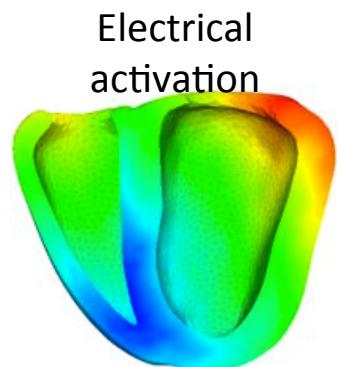
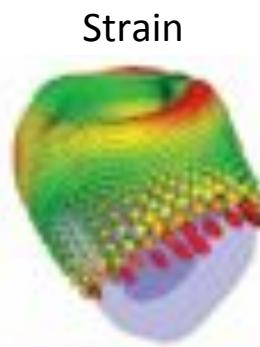
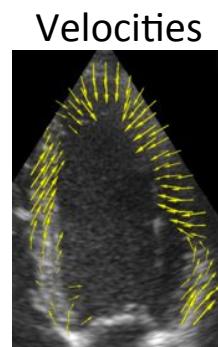
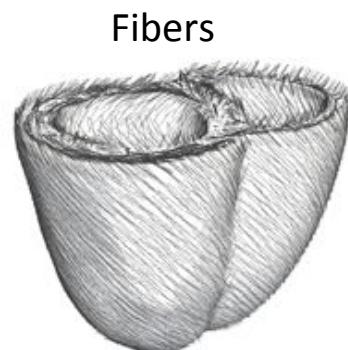
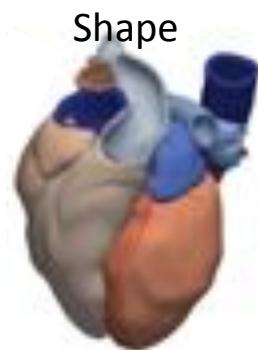
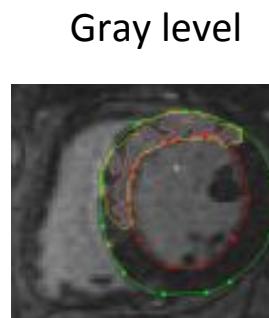
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Shapes

- Geometry (meshes, curvature,...), fibers, ...

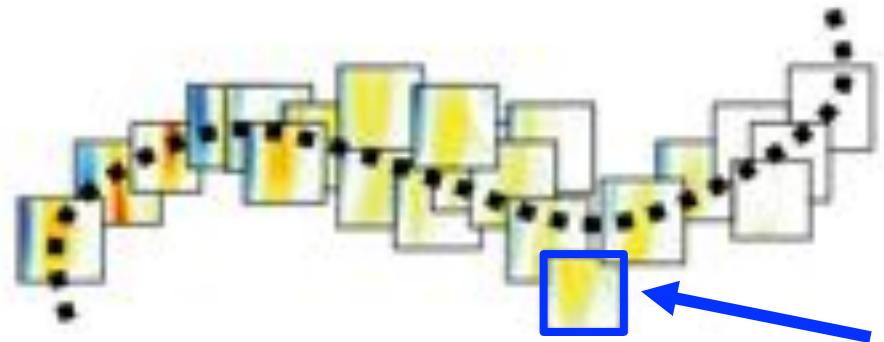
Functional features

- Global: clinical measurements, outcome, ...
- Local: **mechanical (motion / deformation)**, electrical, ...



Specificities / constraints ?

- Physiology
 - 4D (space + time) ... or 5D (longitudinal data)
- = **High dimensionality !!!**

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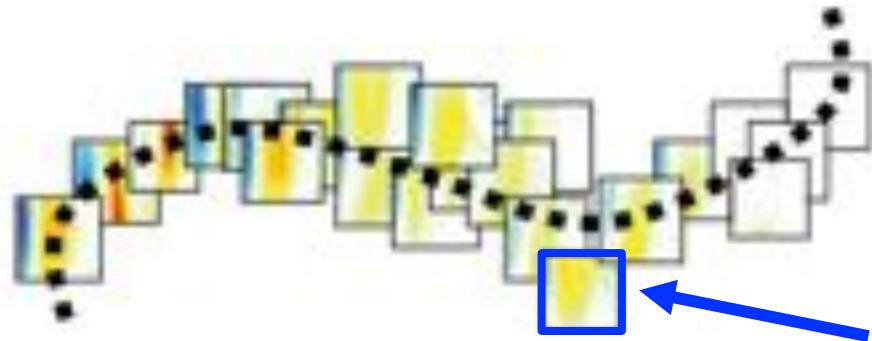
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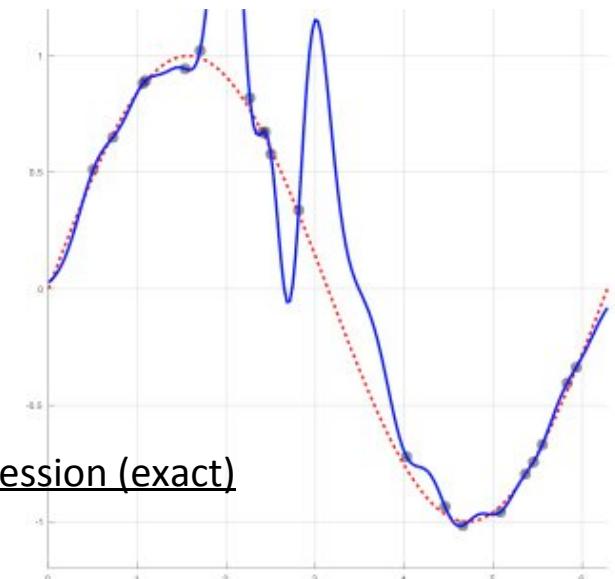
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+ measurements

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General population

- **Cardiac Atlas Project**

MESA study (**6500+** cases)



Heckbert S et al. *JACC* 2006
Medrano-Gracia P et al. *JCRM* 2014

- **European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging**

EchoNoRMAL study (51000+ cases)

NORRE study (**1100** cases... **440** with suitable 3D echo)



Lancellotti P et al. *EHJ-CI* 2013
Bernard A et al. *EHJ-CI* 2017

- **UK Biobank**

Planned 100000+ cases

Currently **5000** cases



Petersen S et al. *JCMR* 2013

- **etc...**

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General population

The reality of specific populations = need for a well-settled question !!!

Physiologist's point-of-view ?

- Coherent chosen population
- Understanding physiology
- Identified clinical question
- “Small” population
- Too “controlled” population?

+ multi-center data

Cohort's point-of-view ?

- Much more heterogeneous samples
- Classification (trial)
- ... or discovery / question to find?
- Large population
- Real-life population?

Generalization ability of algorithms?

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if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

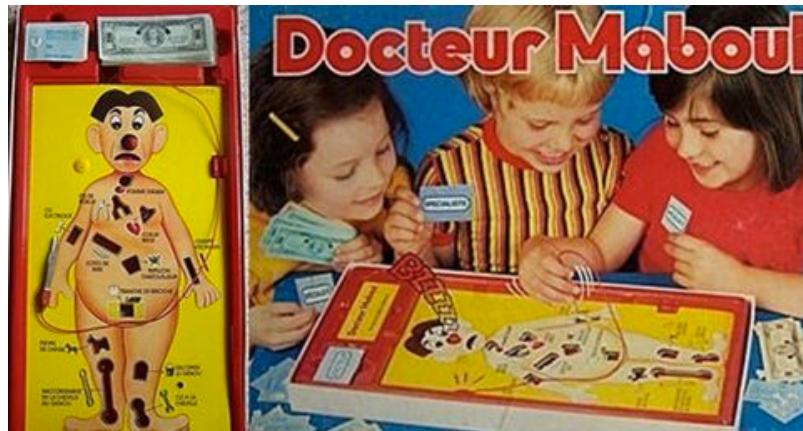
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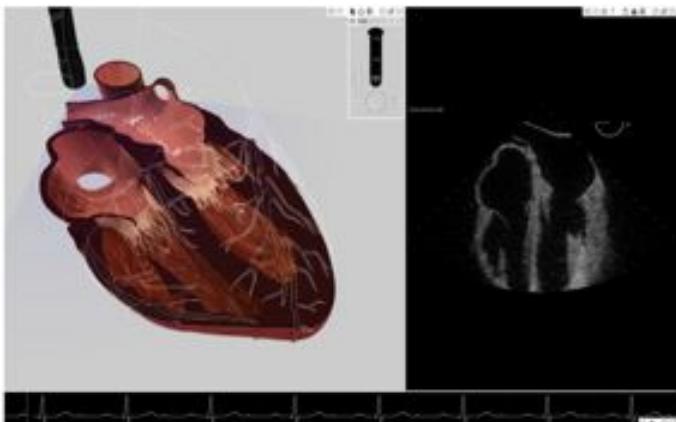
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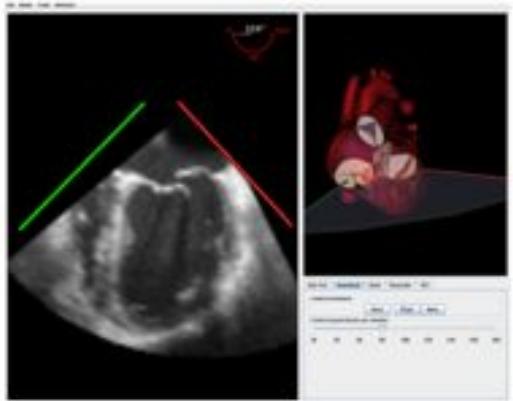
if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.



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Heartworks (UK)



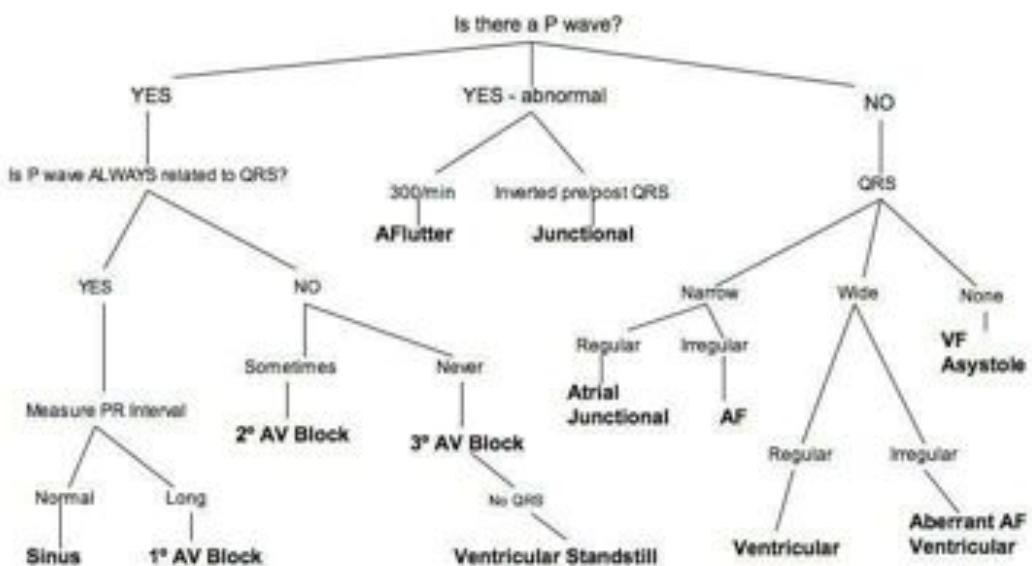
EchoCom (DE)

<http://pie.med.utoronto.ca/TEE/>

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Epicardio / Schiller

ECG INTERPRETATION FLOWCHART
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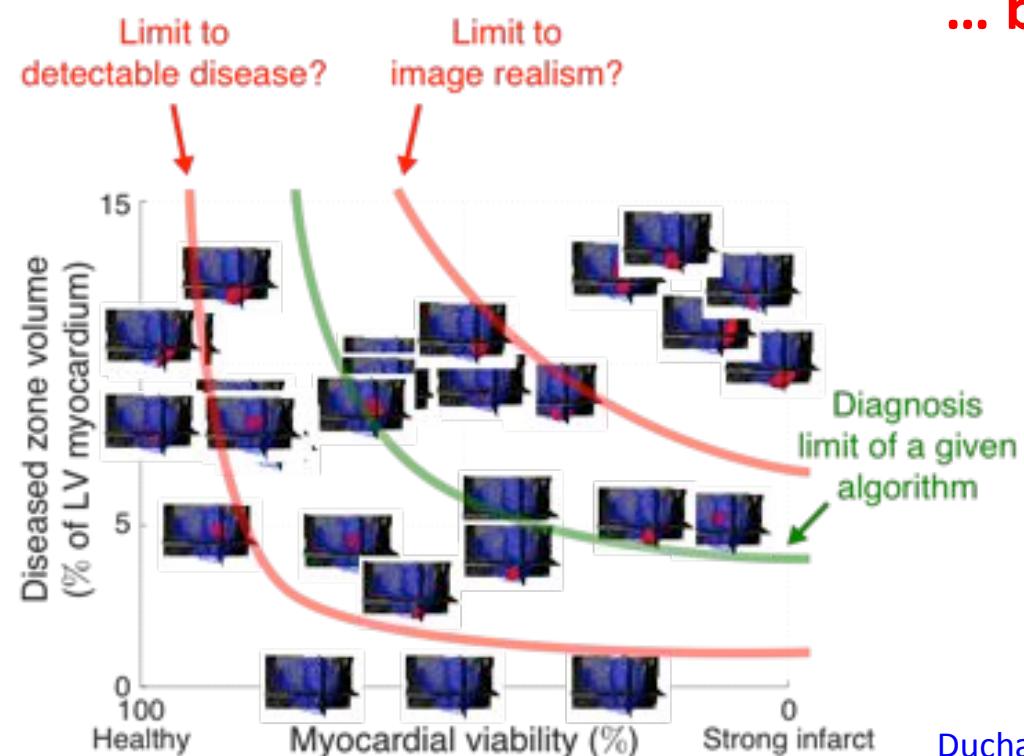
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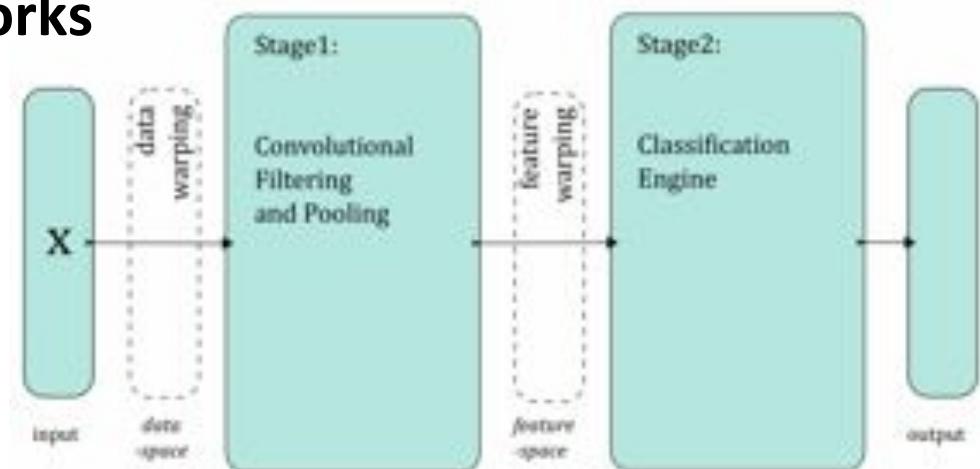


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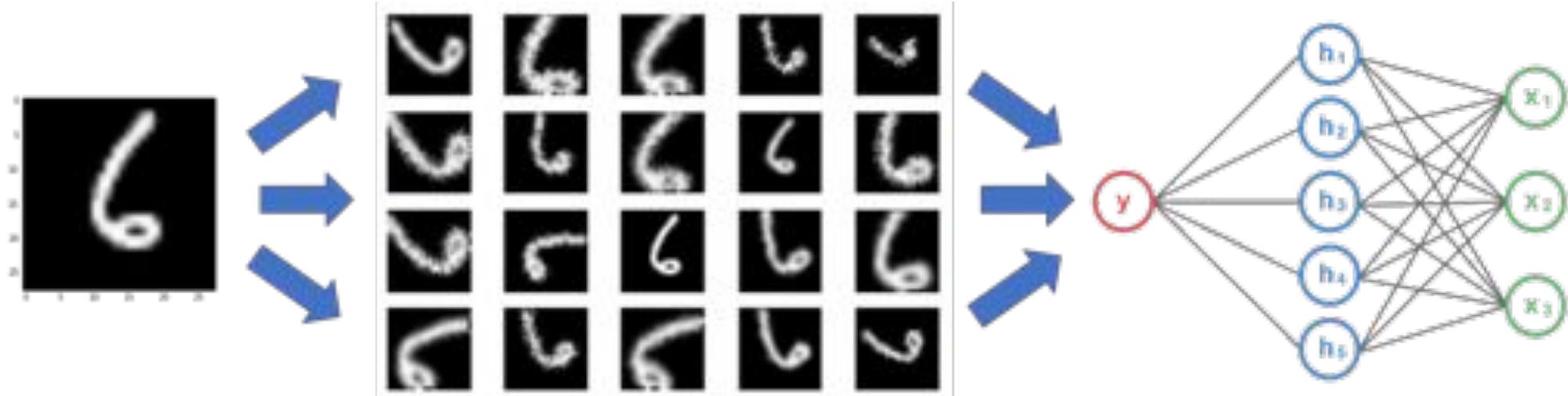
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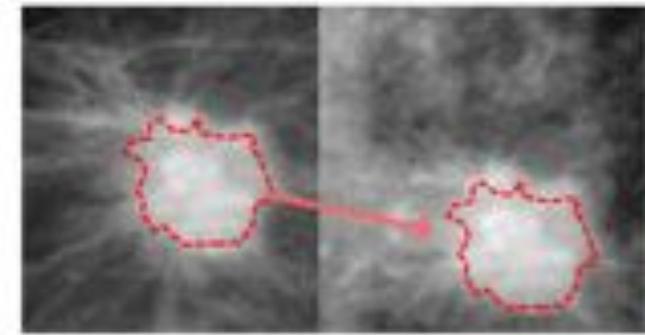
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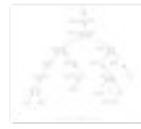
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Ex:

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2. Move
3. Resample background tissue
4. Blend

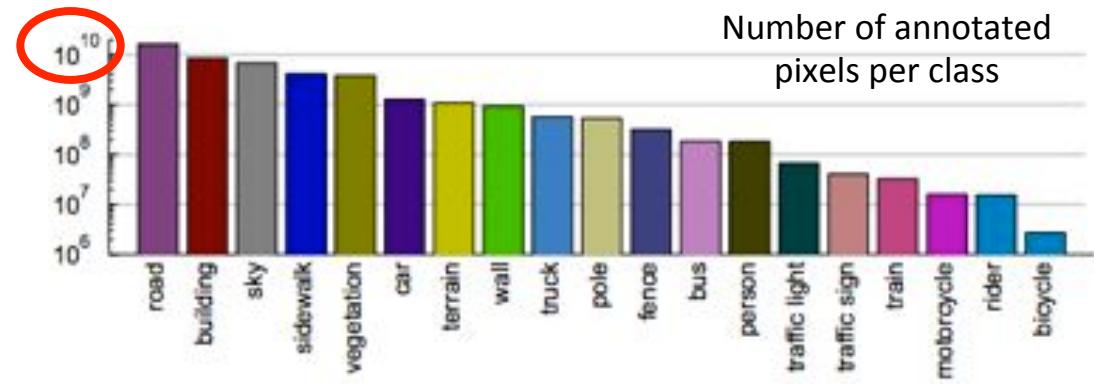
- + our current asset = **realistic physiological models !**
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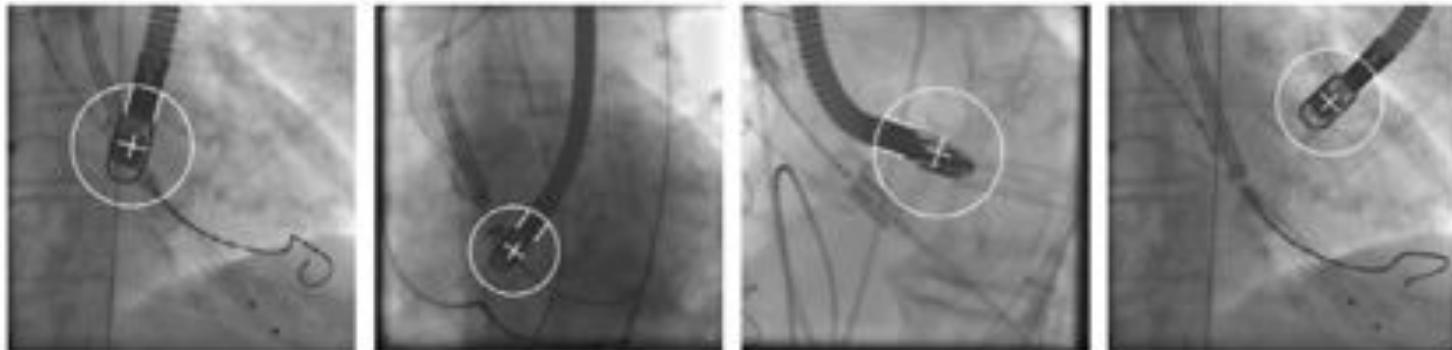
Synthetic images...
from video games !!!



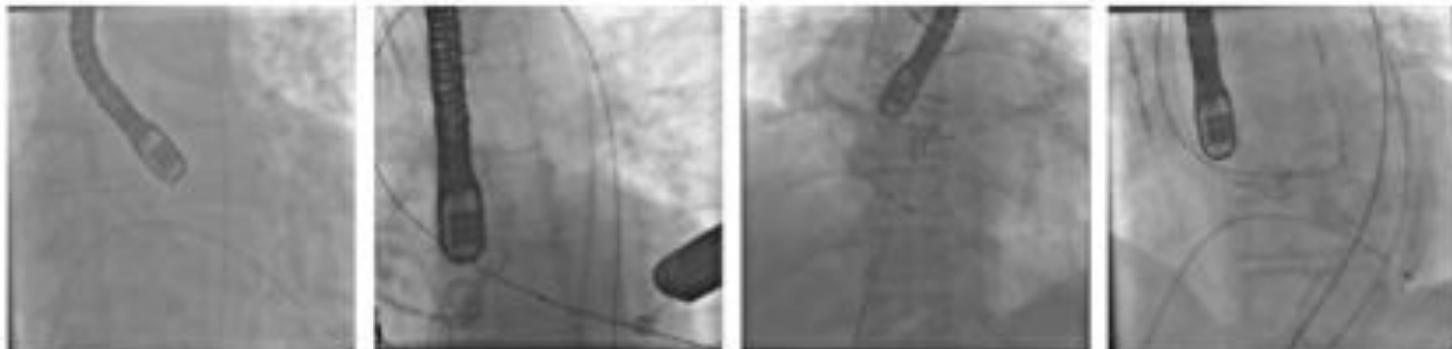
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In-silico
- 10000 images !



In-vivo
- 68 sequences
- 22 patients



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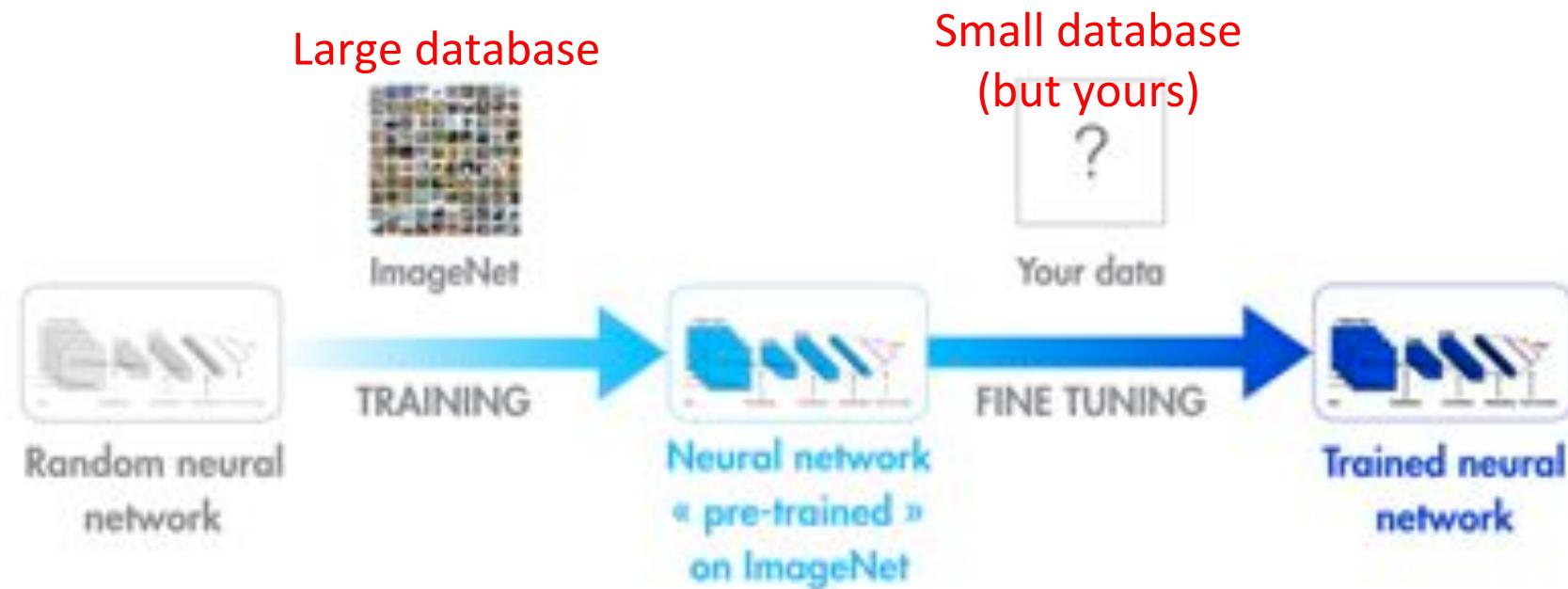
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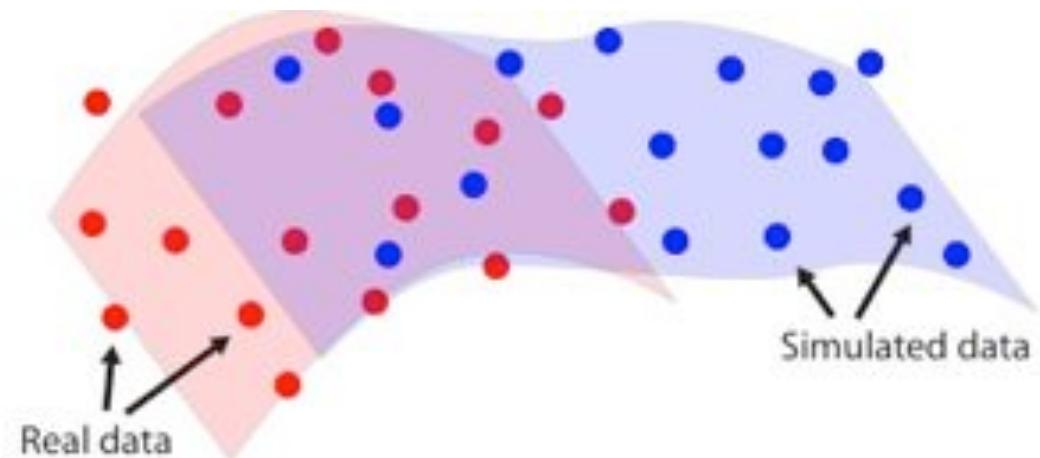
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What's the actual challenge ?

Your data lie in a specific space

- Bring close enough simulation and real data spaces

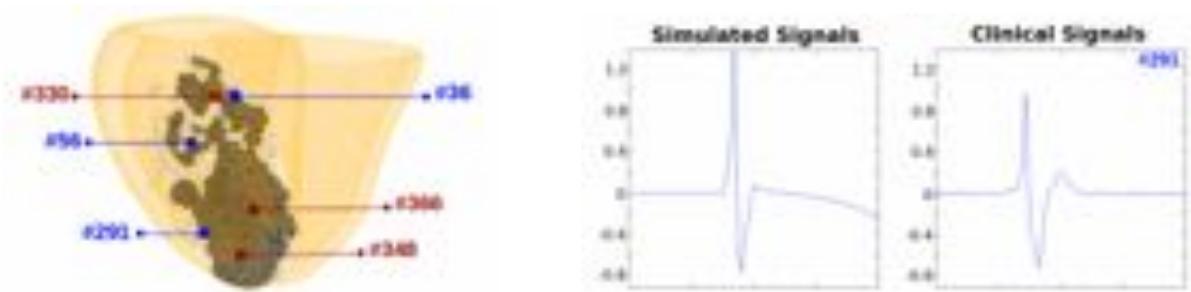


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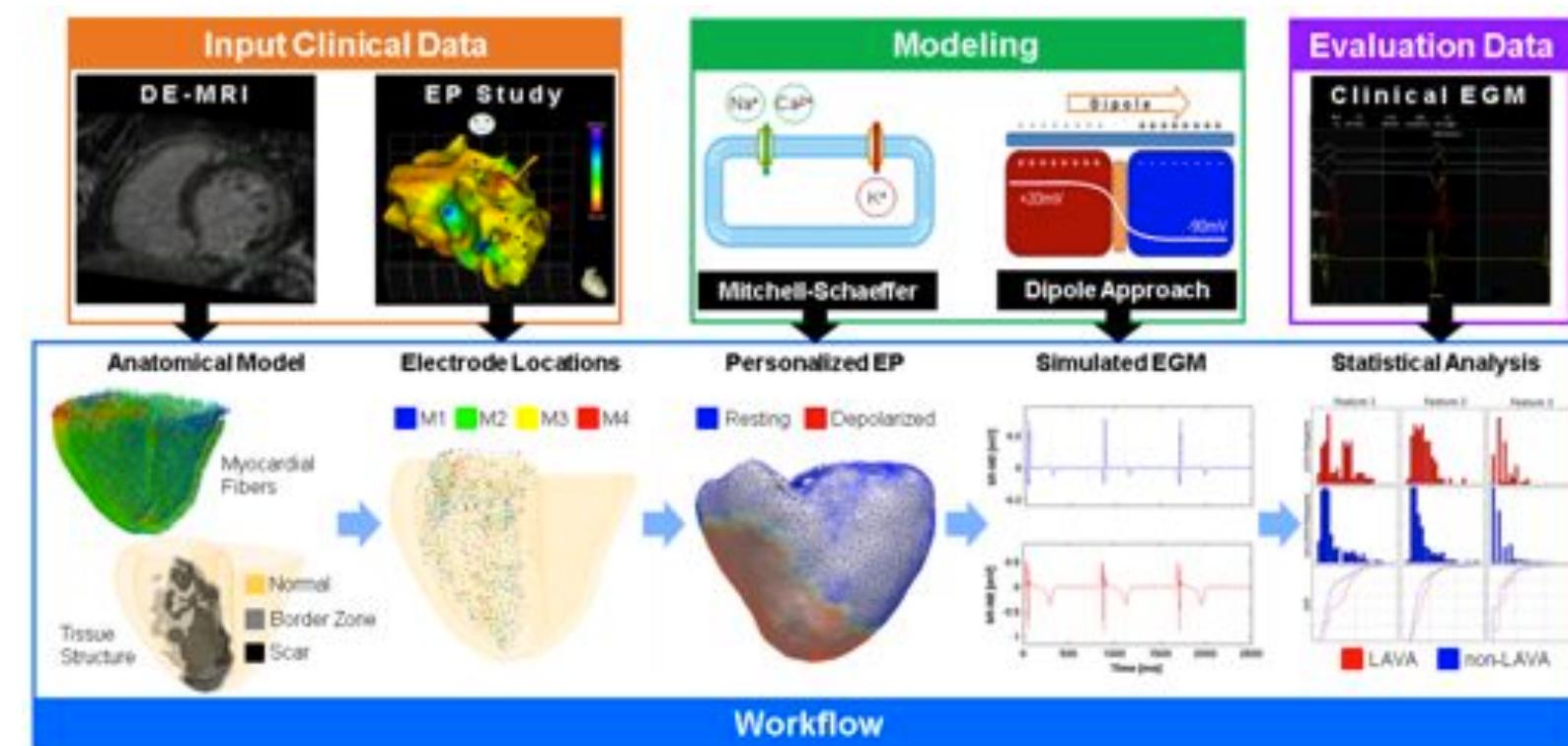
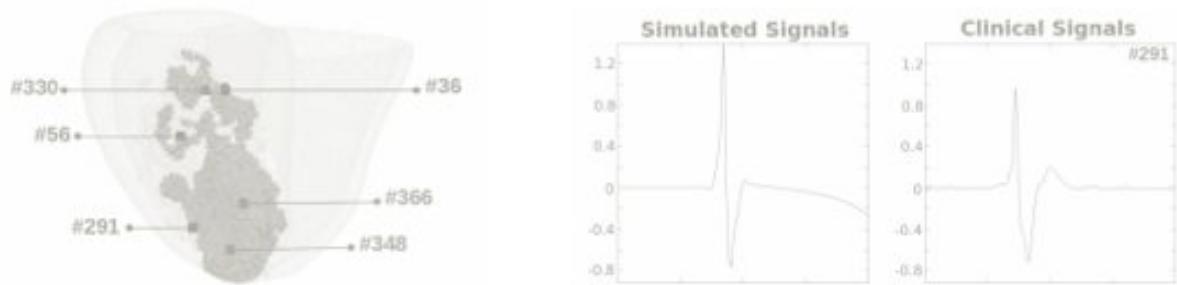
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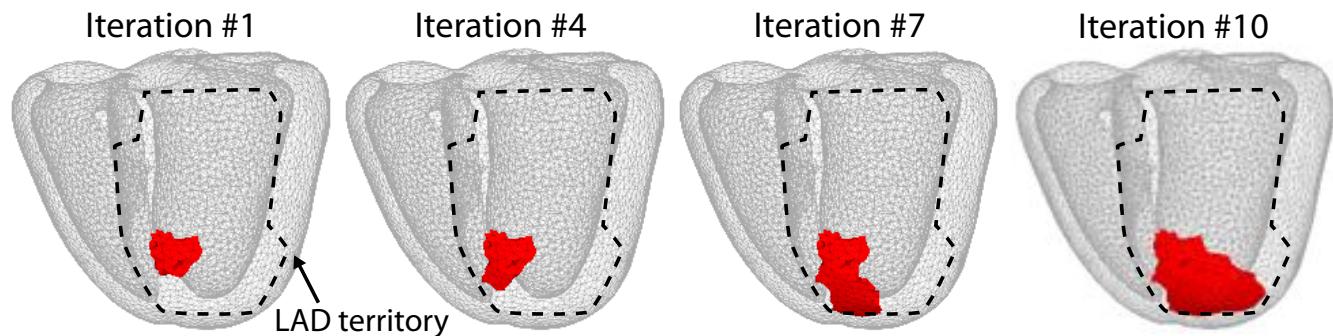
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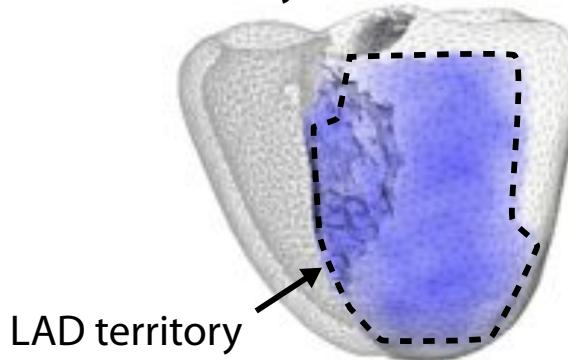
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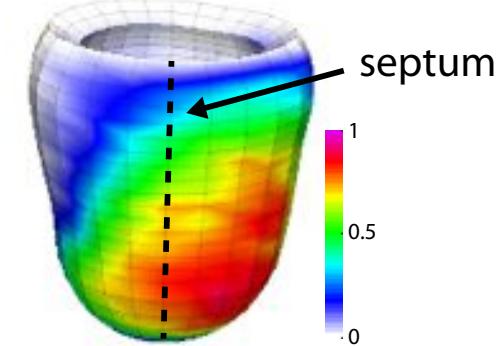
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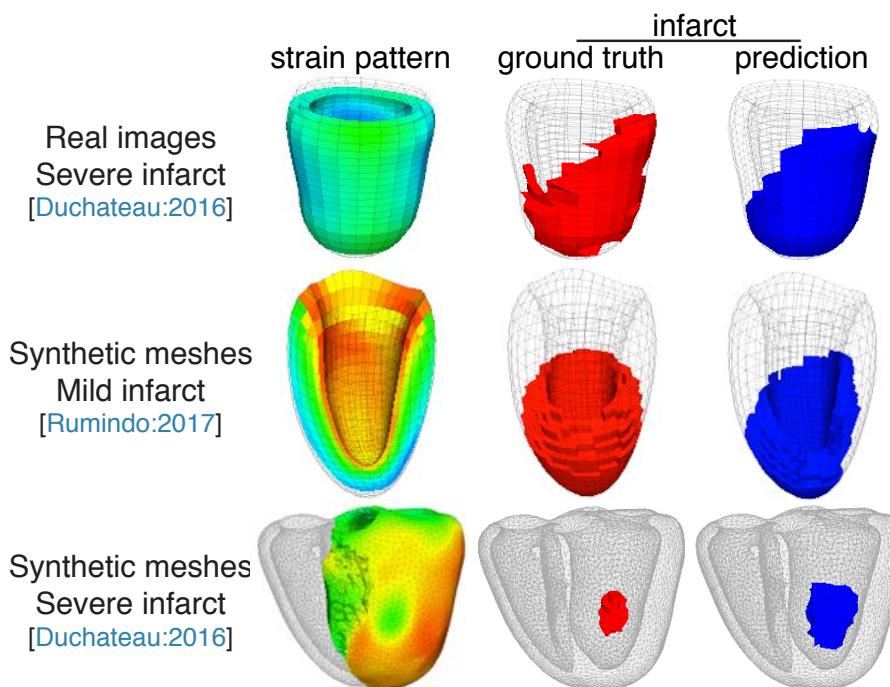
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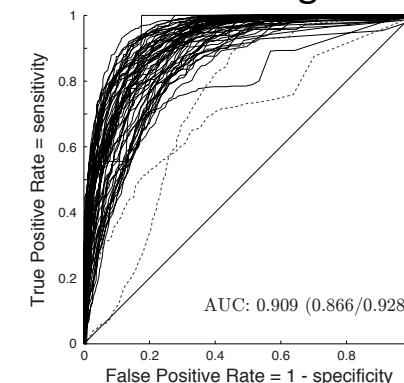
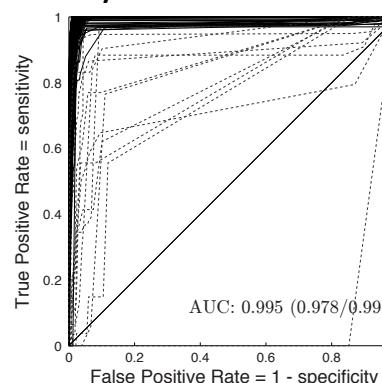


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Synthetic meshes

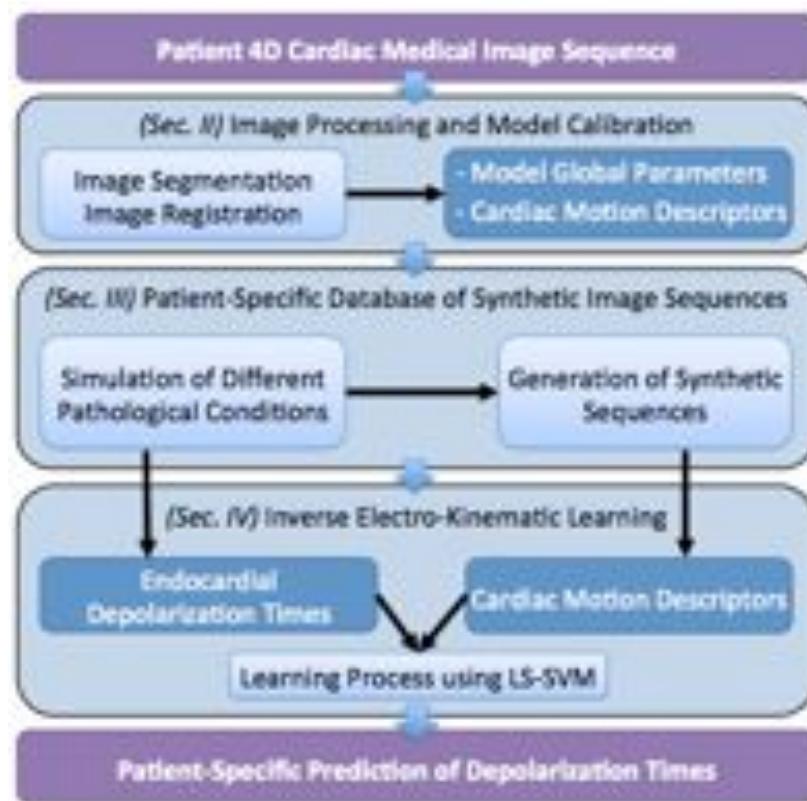
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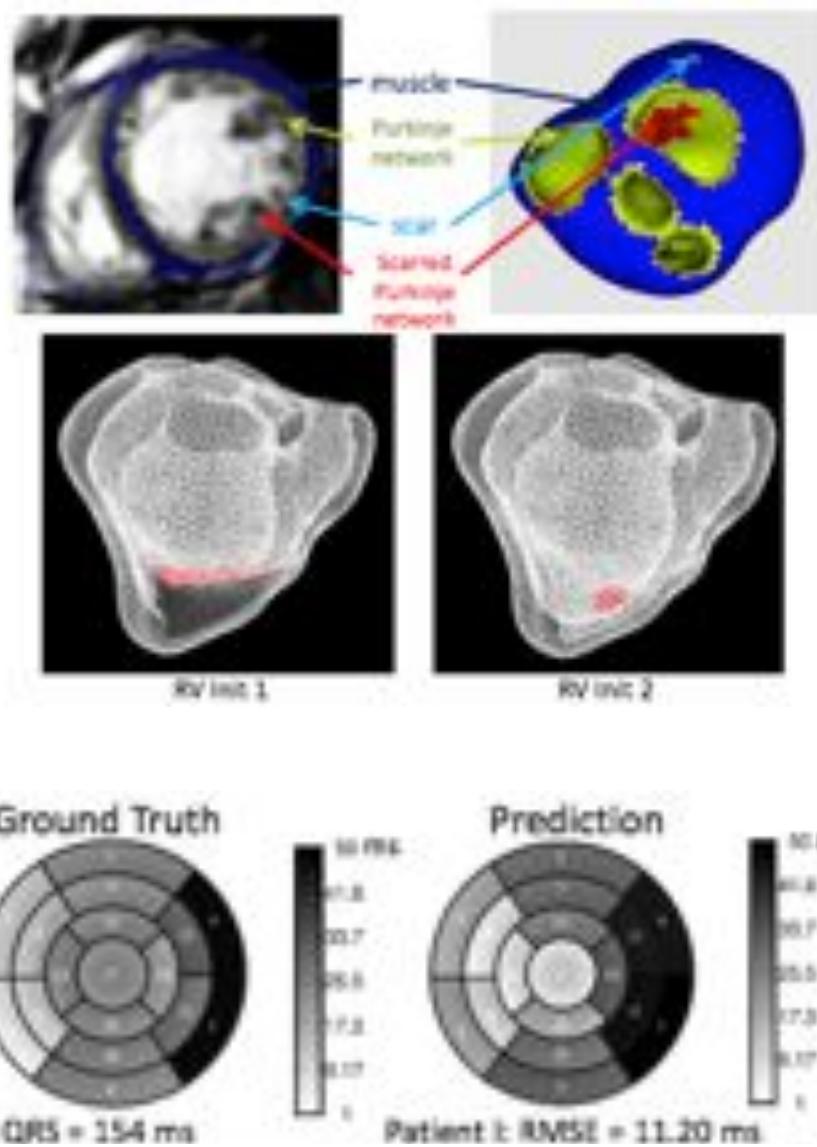
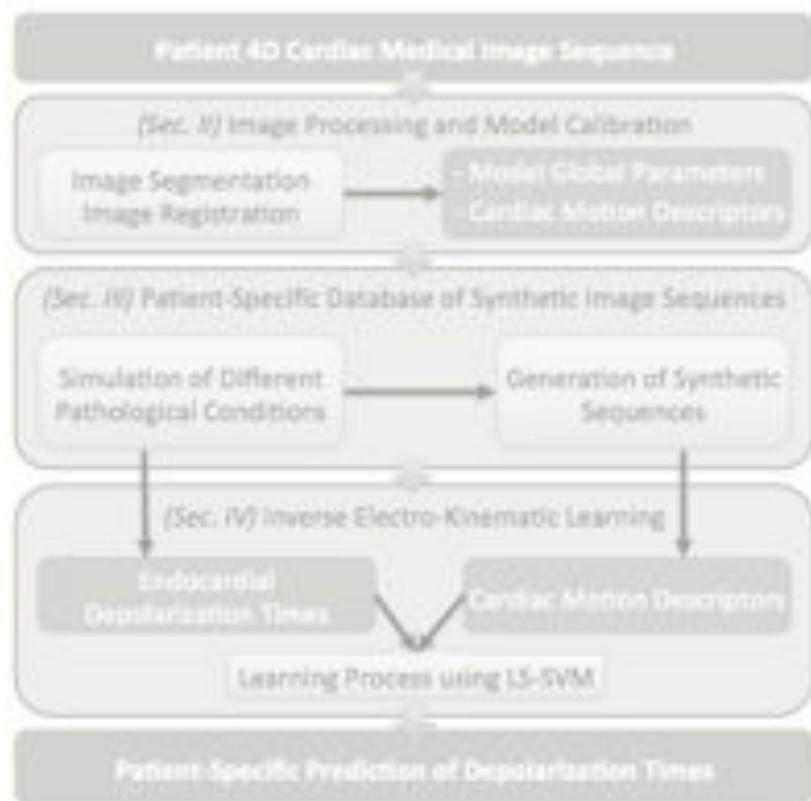
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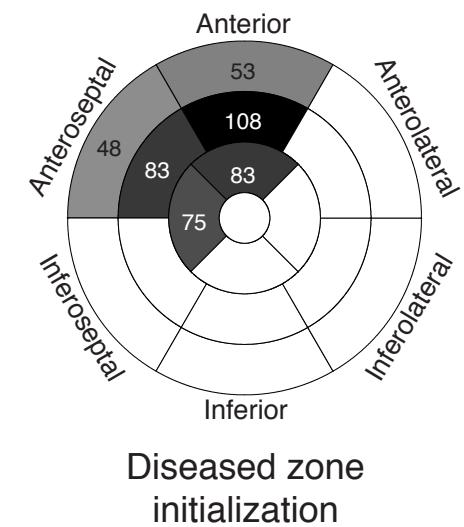
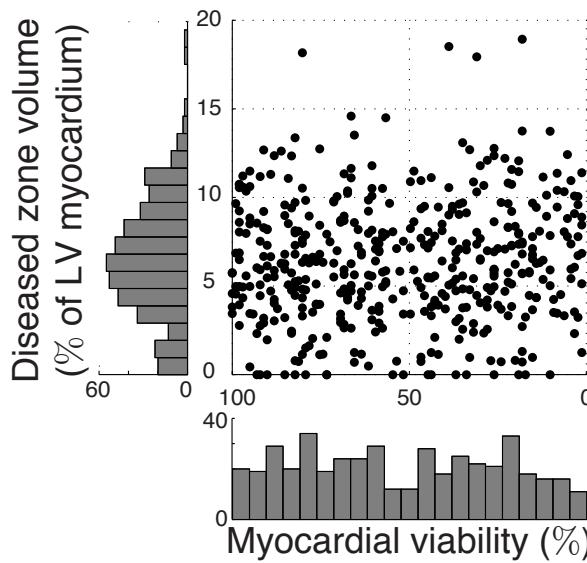
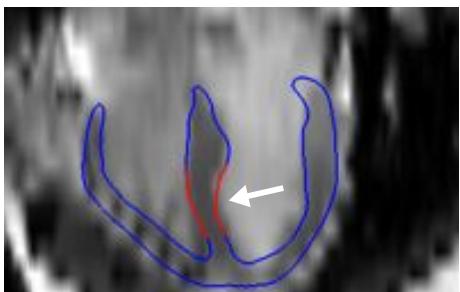
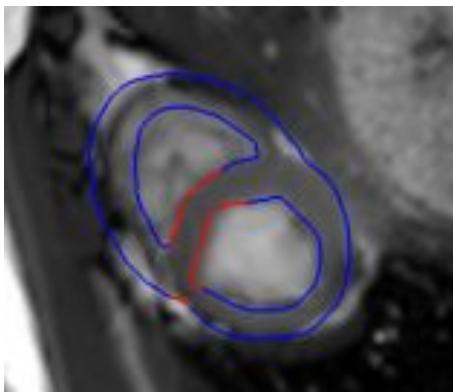


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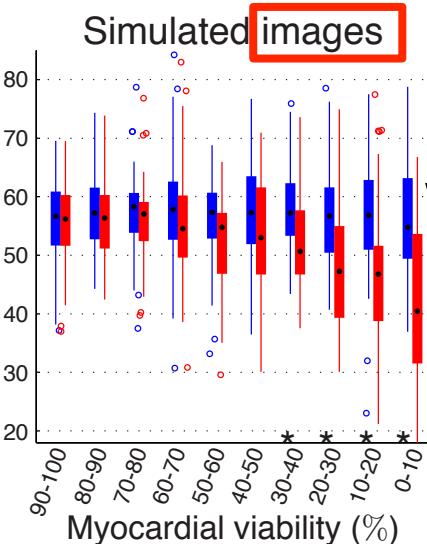
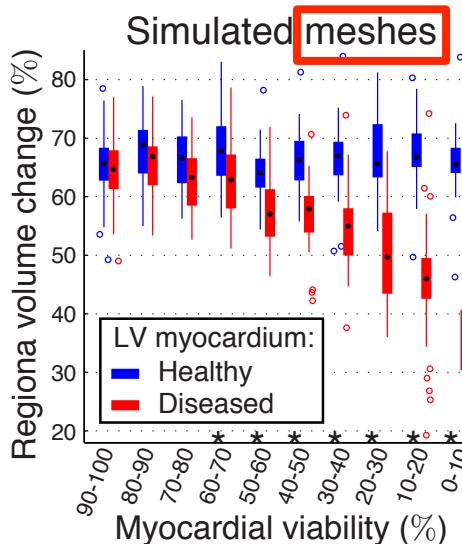
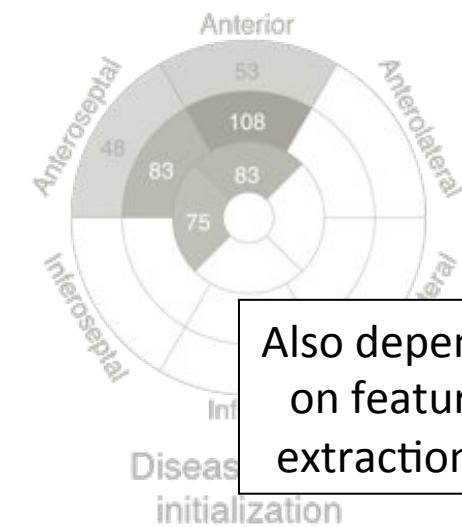
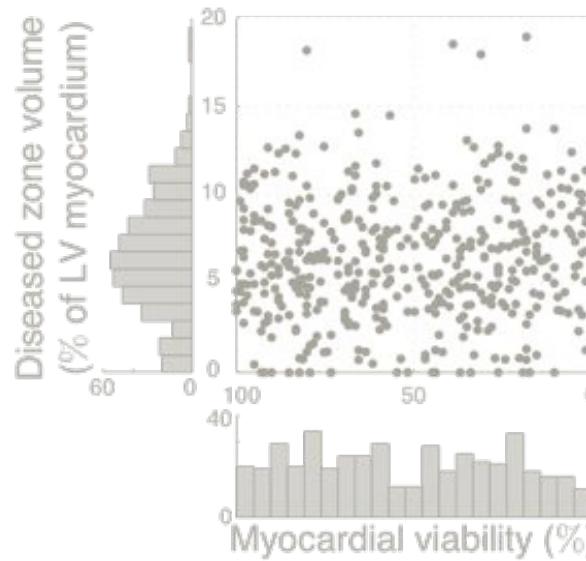
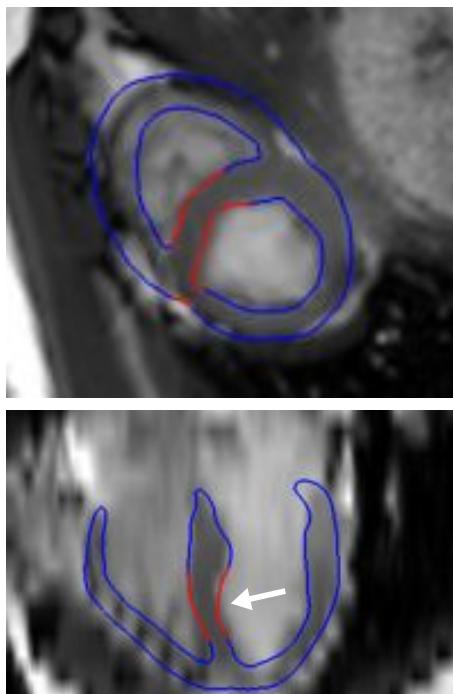


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Thanks... questions ?

Take-home = bridging the gap between simulations and real data

