

# Embarrassingly parallel analysis of a 1D cardiovascular network towards the generation of a virtual population

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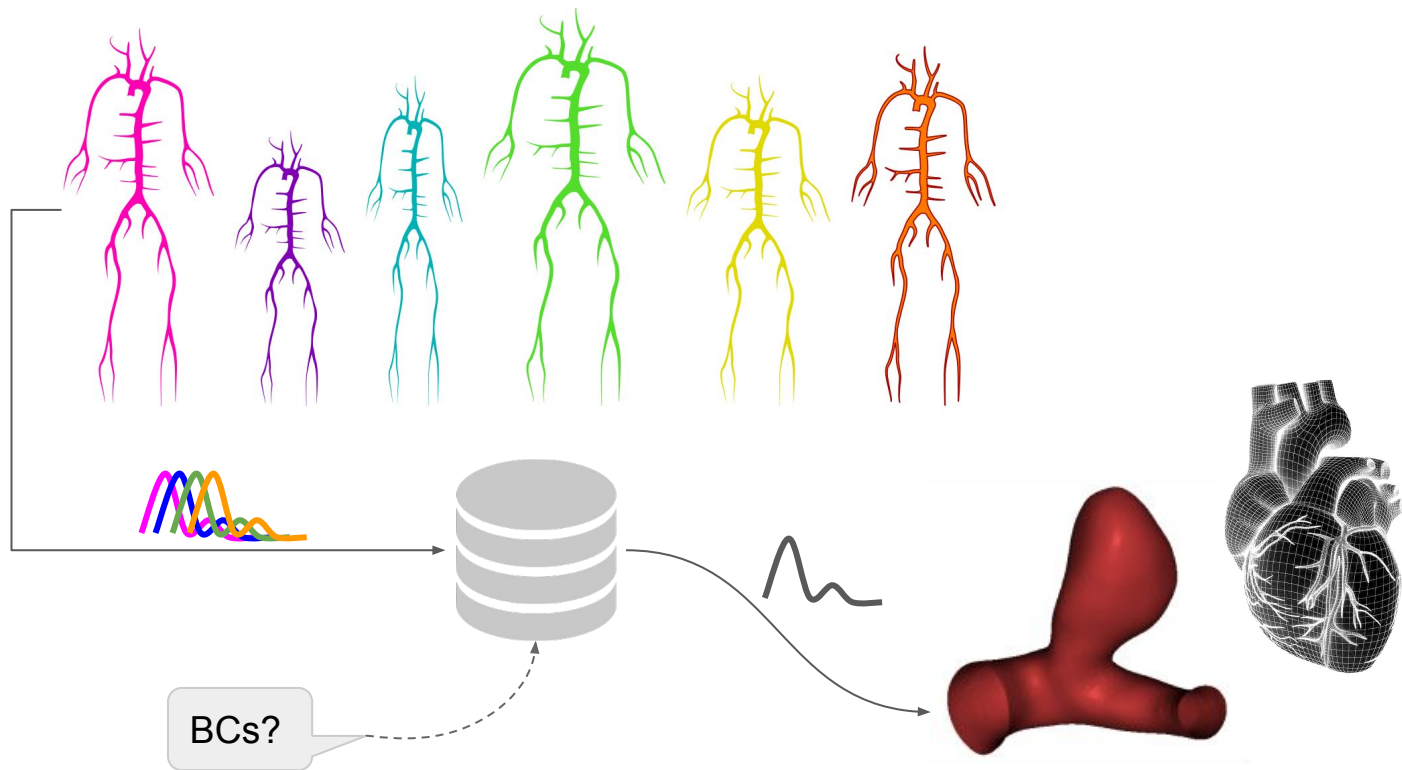
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# Aim



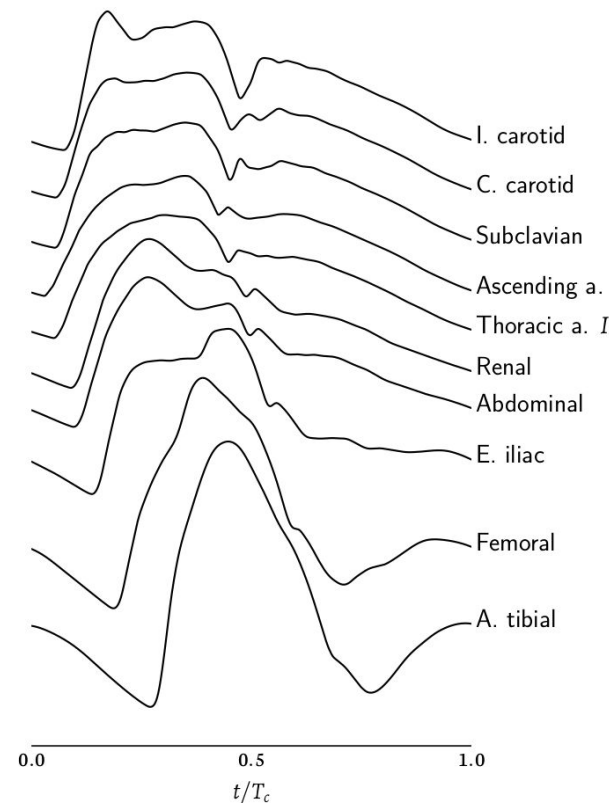
# Pulse waveforms

- Pulsatile regime
- Wave transmission and reflection
- Rich in diagnostic information
- Provide insights on the onset and development of cardiovascular conditions

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**Improved diagnosis of cerebral vasospasm through a sensitivity analysis of a 1D cerebral circulation model**

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# openBF.jl

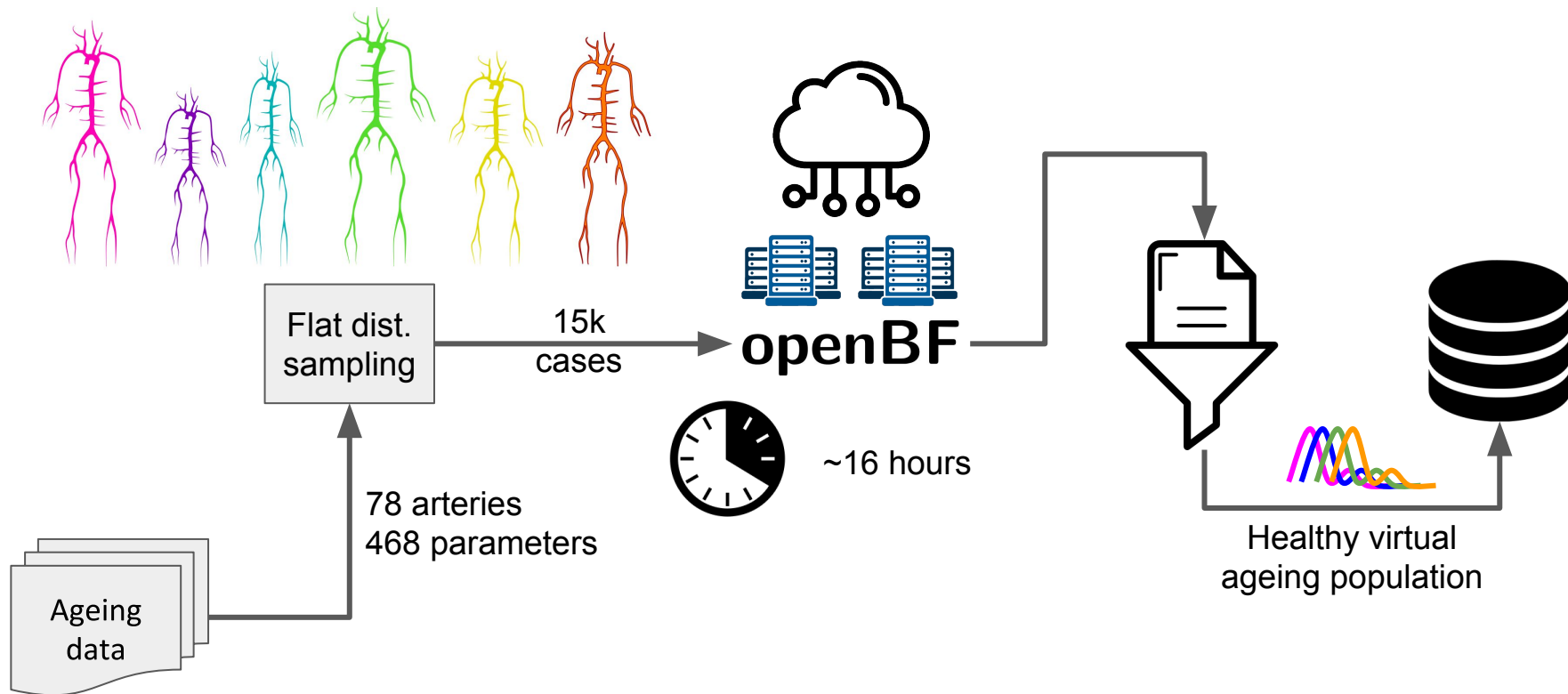
- 1D finite-volume solver
- Predict wave mechanics in networks of compliant arteries
- Validated on experimental and clinical measurements
- Fully documented (case studies and tutorials)



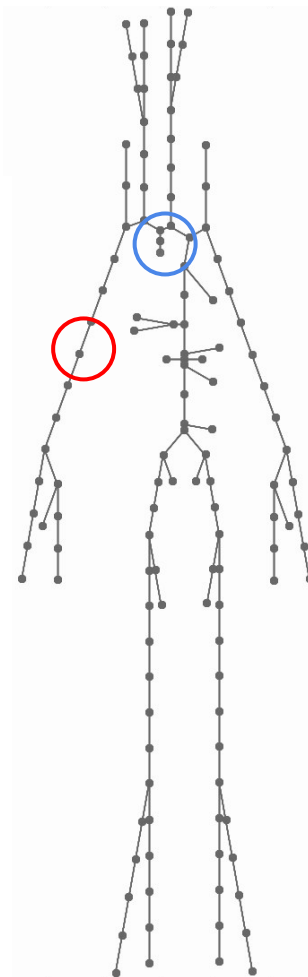
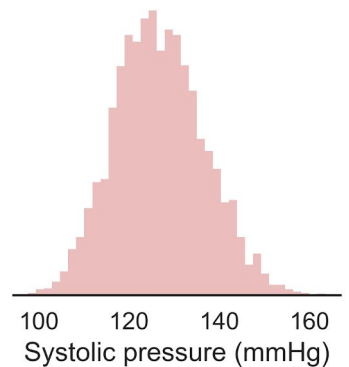
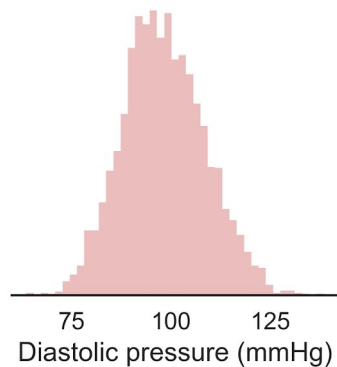
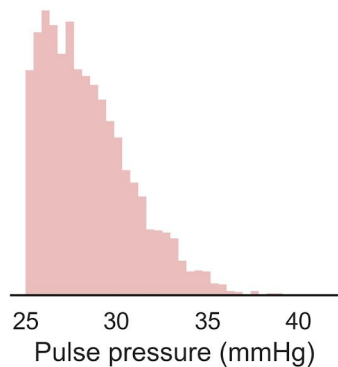
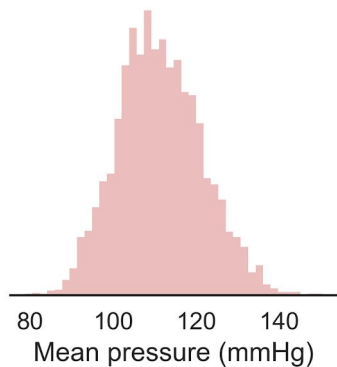
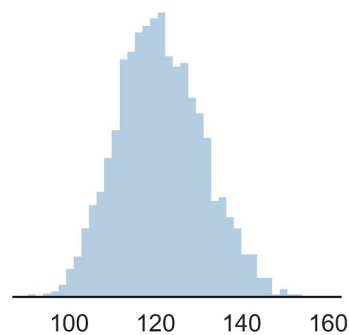
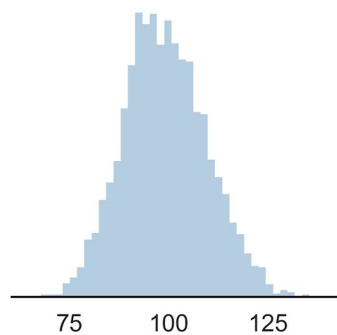
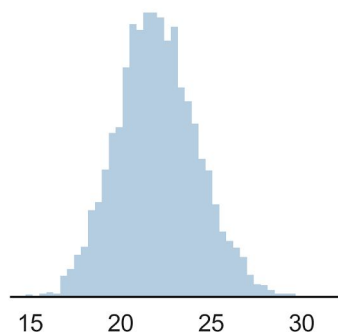
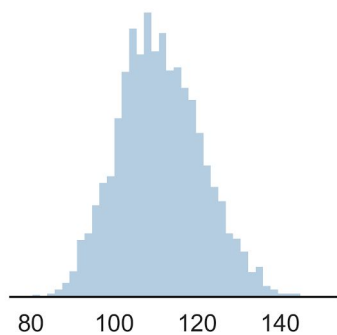
Open-source and available at

<https://github.com/INSIGNEO/openBF>

# Monte Carlo analysis



# Results



# Database

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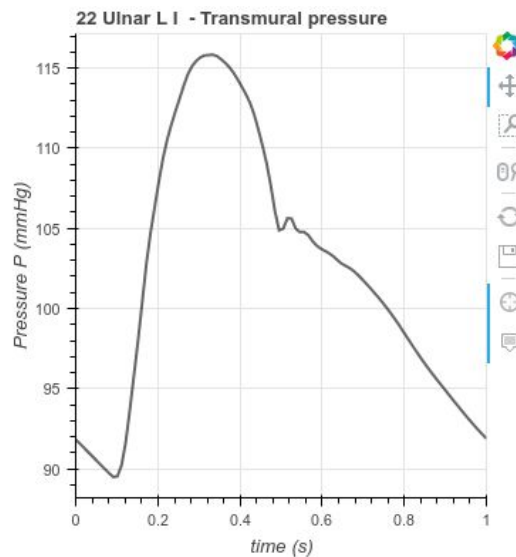
Case: **2180**

☐ SI units  
☒ Clinical units

Flow Q   **Pressure P**   Velocity u

**Plot**

Download waveform (SI units)



# Conclusions

- Healthy population waveforms database
- Embarrassingly parallel execution (cloud & traditional HPC)
- Open source queryable database
  
- Future plans:
  - Increase granularity
  - Annotation
  - Include pathologies



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