



# Interest of Digital Twin in Liver Surgery

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# Links of interest in my lab of Digital Innovation for OR



## Startups



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Digital Twins for better outcomes in oncologic liver surgery

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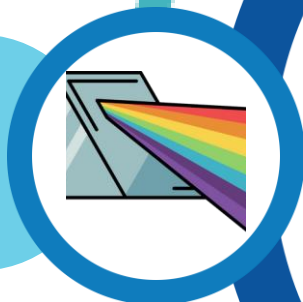
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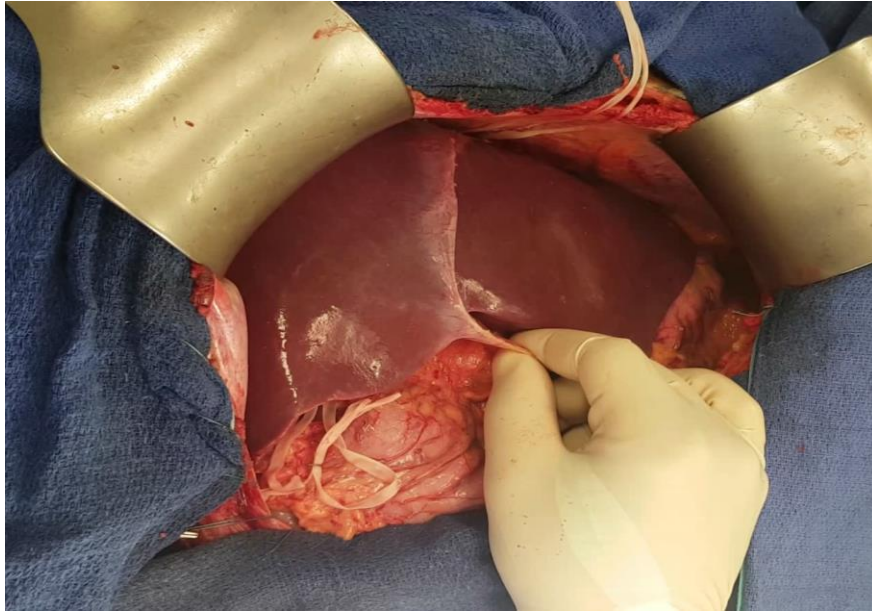


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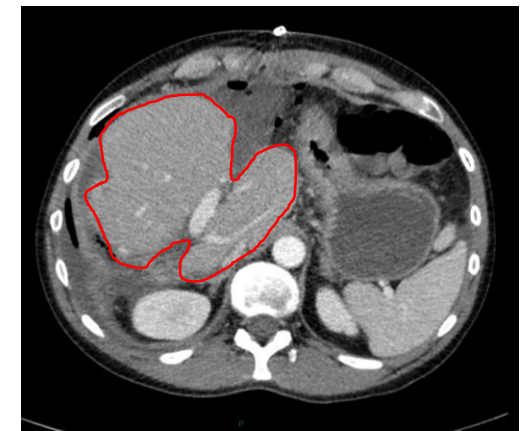
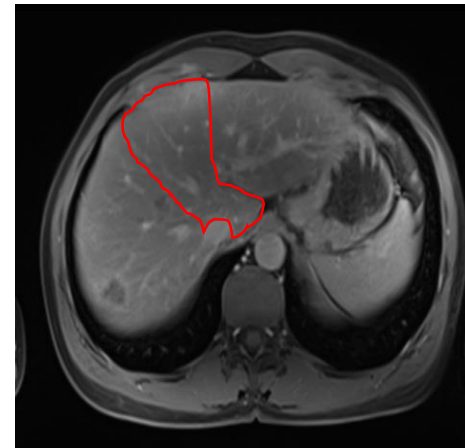
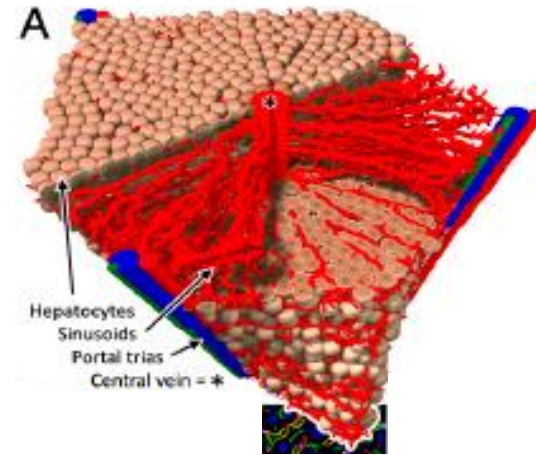
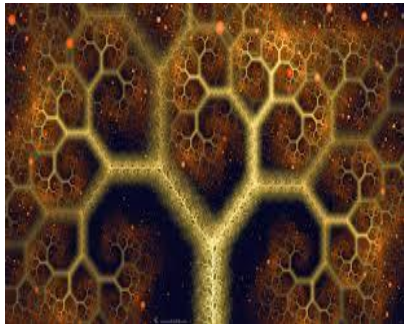


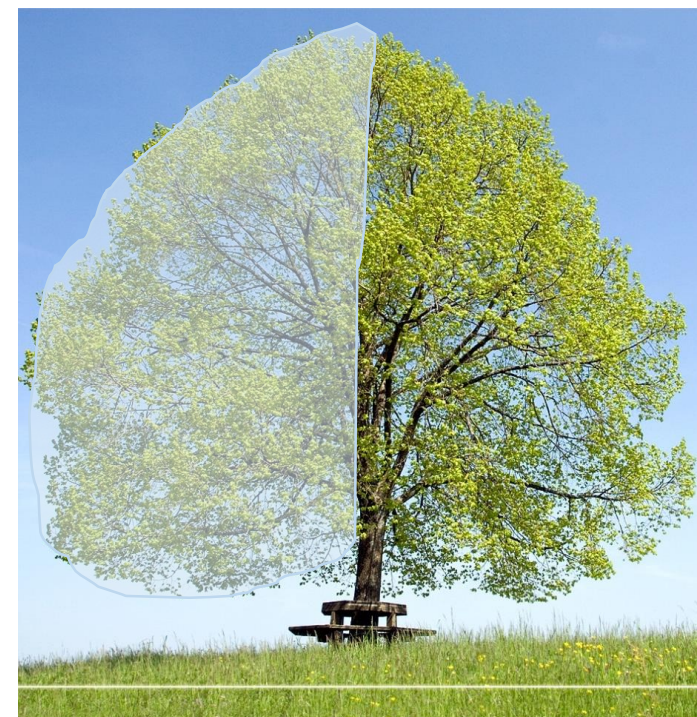
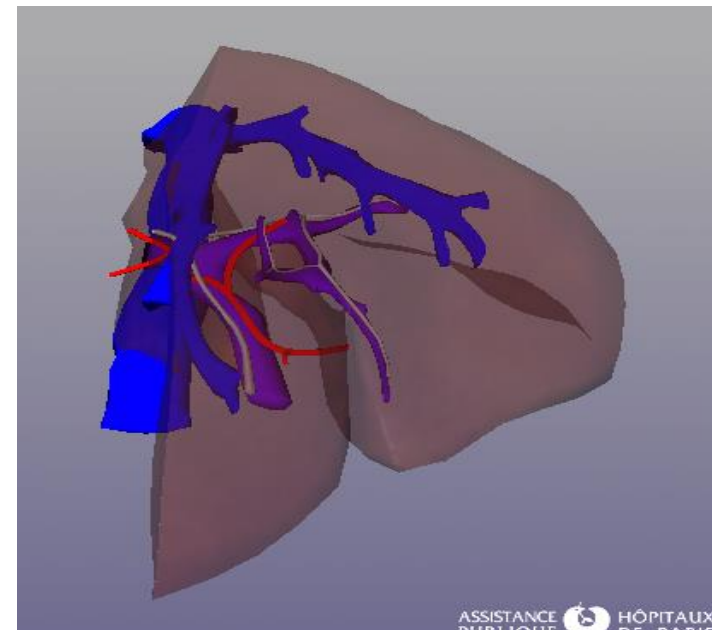
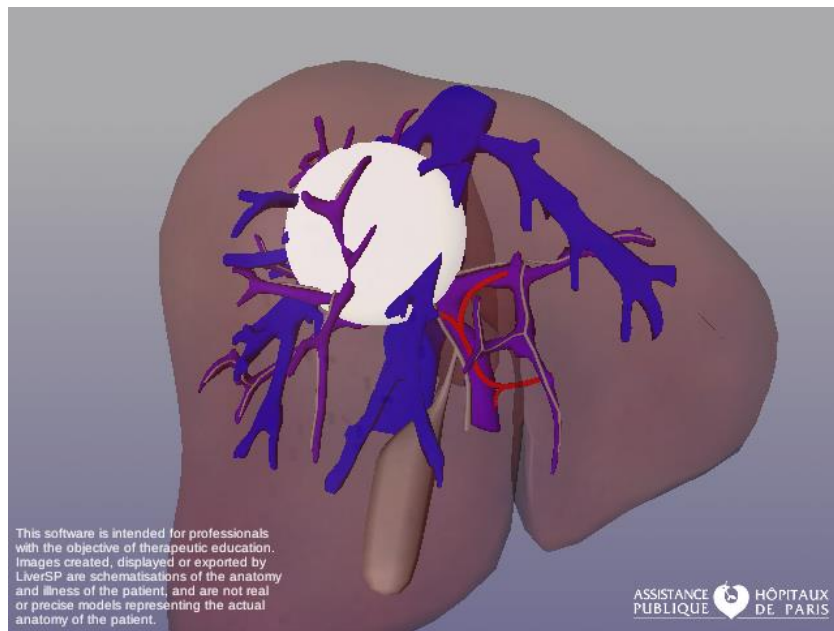


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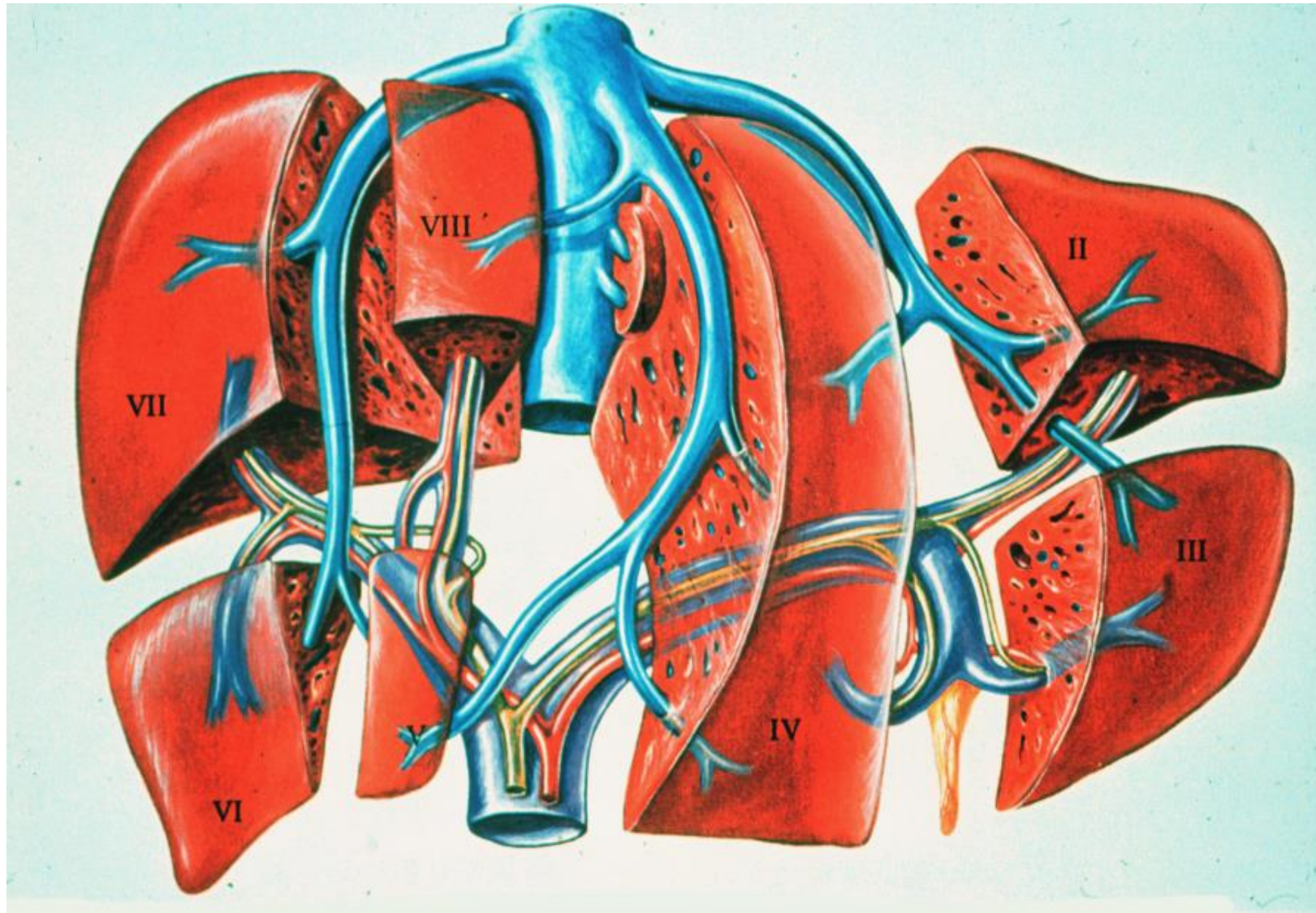


A Soft Brocoli









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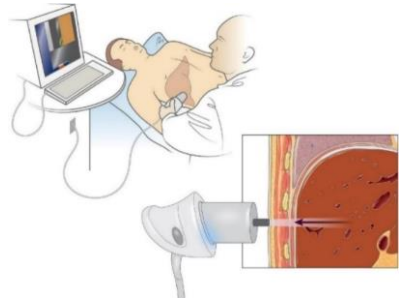
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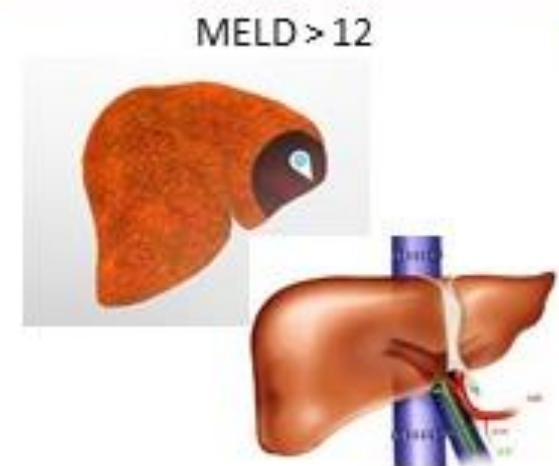
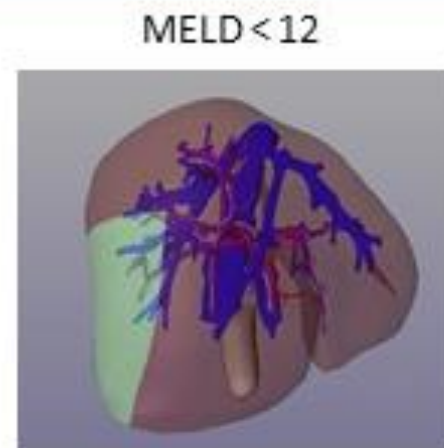
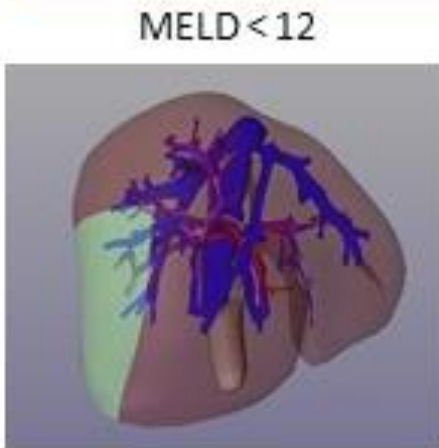
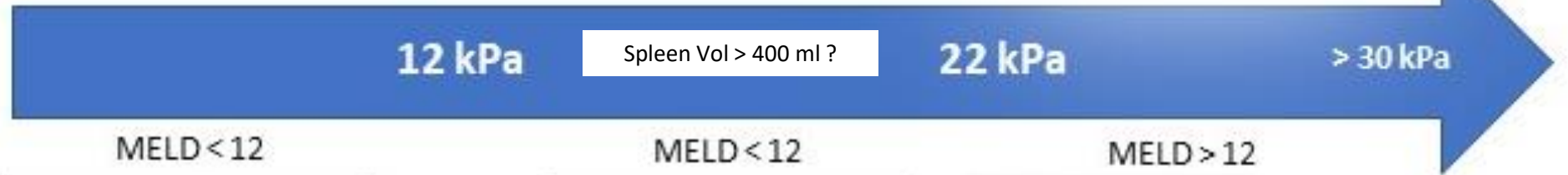
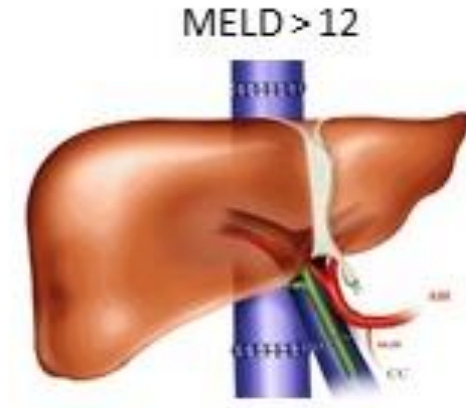
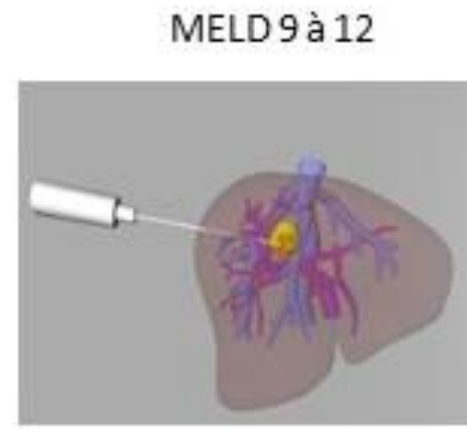
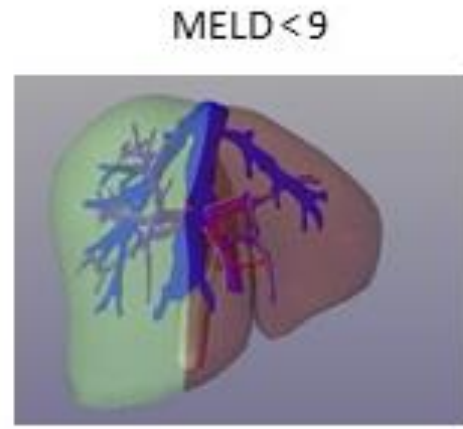
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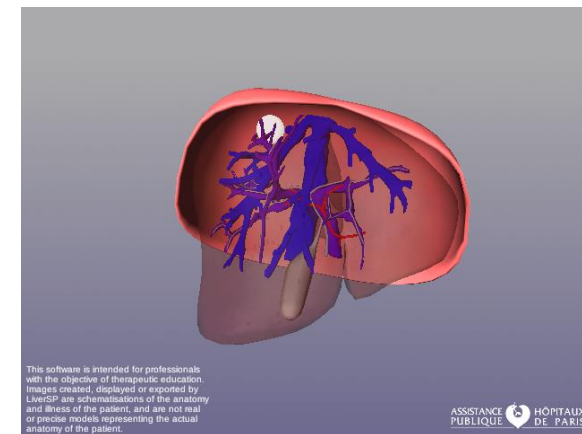
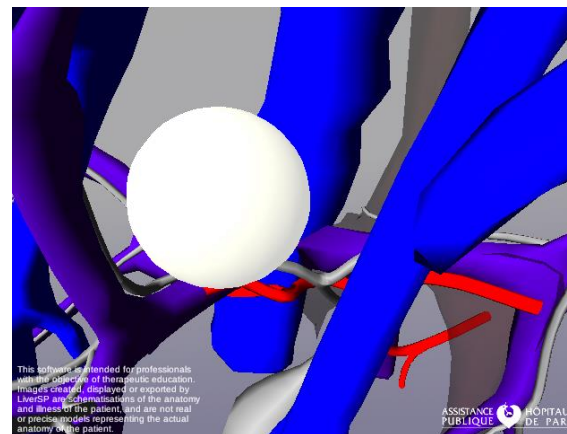
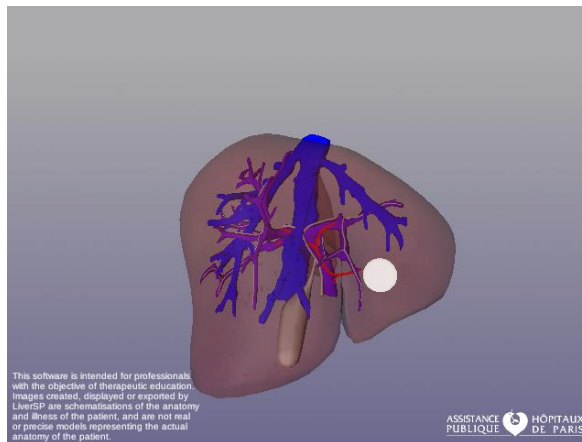
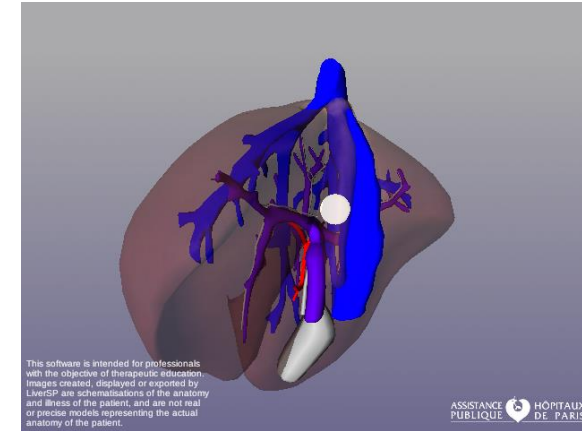
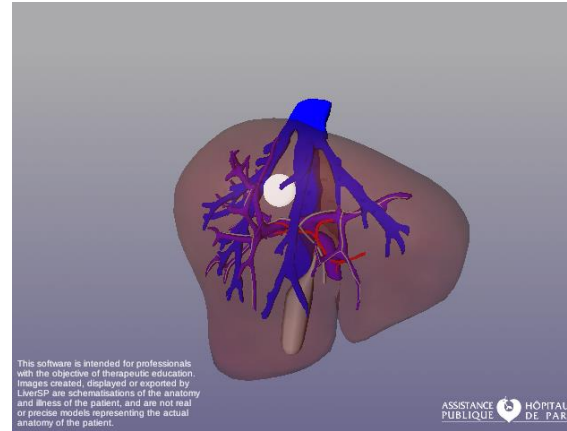
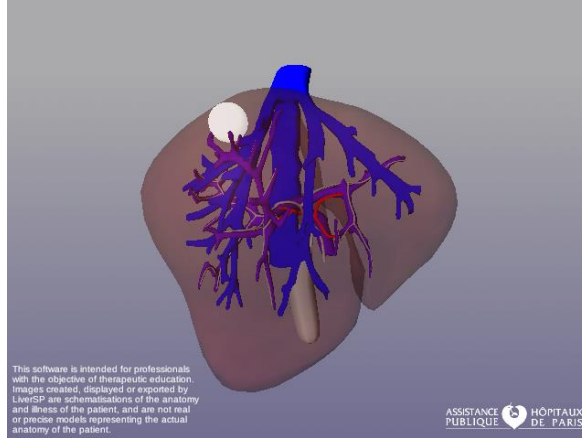


In absence of right large tumor





# Tumor Location into the liver



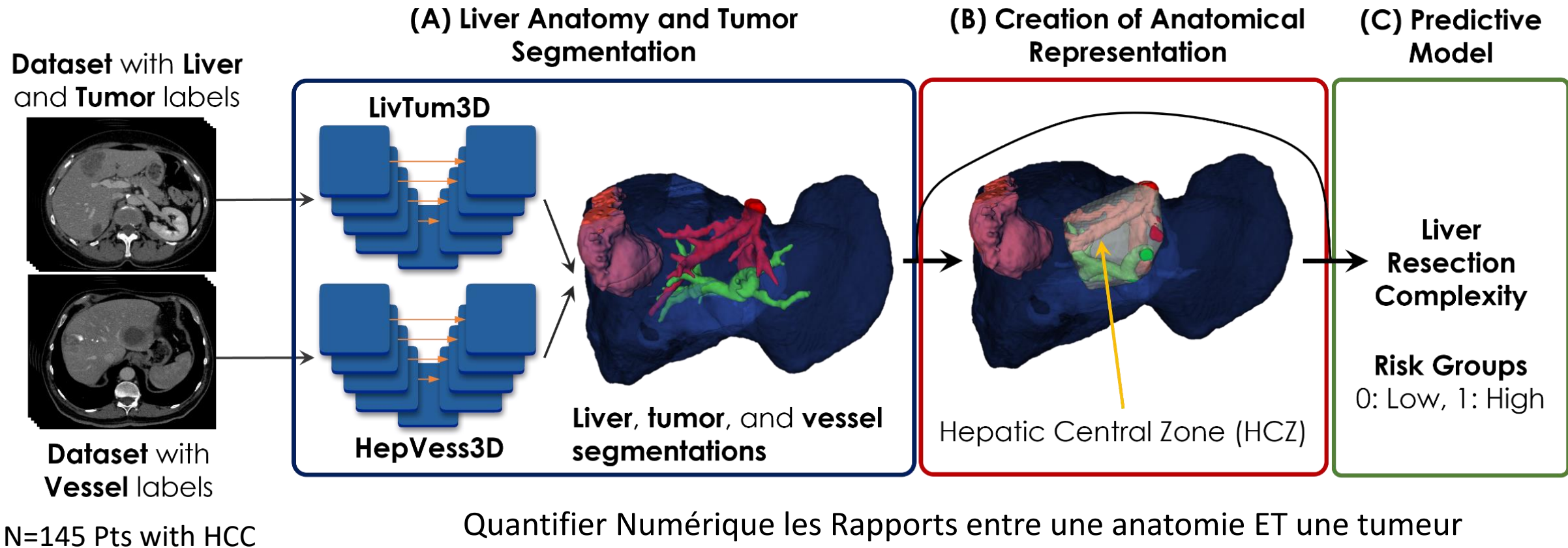
# Digital Twin In Liver Surgery

Closer to the complexity of reality  
to improve safety in surgery



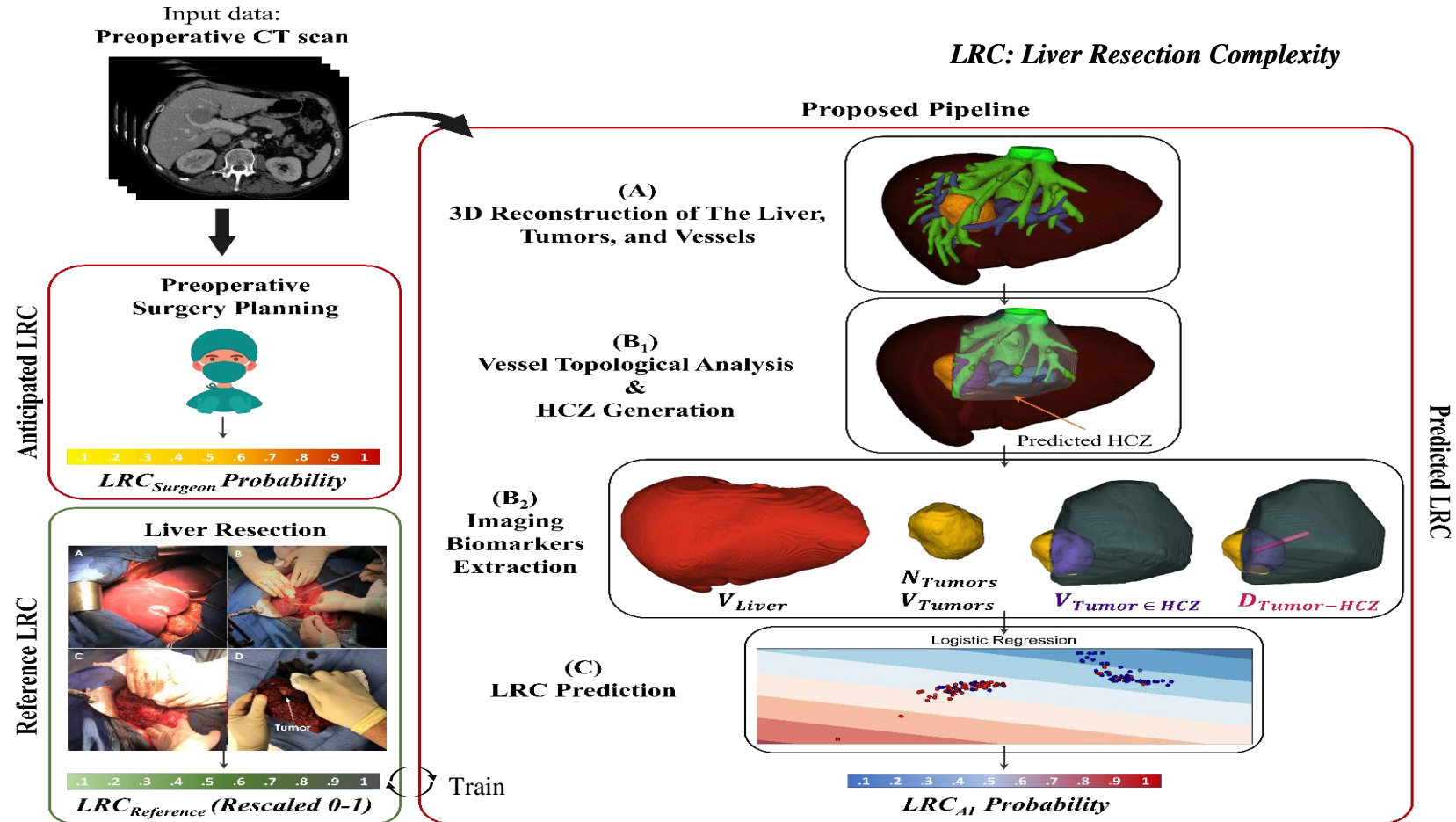
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# Digital “quantification” to identify complexity and help non “expert” surgeon

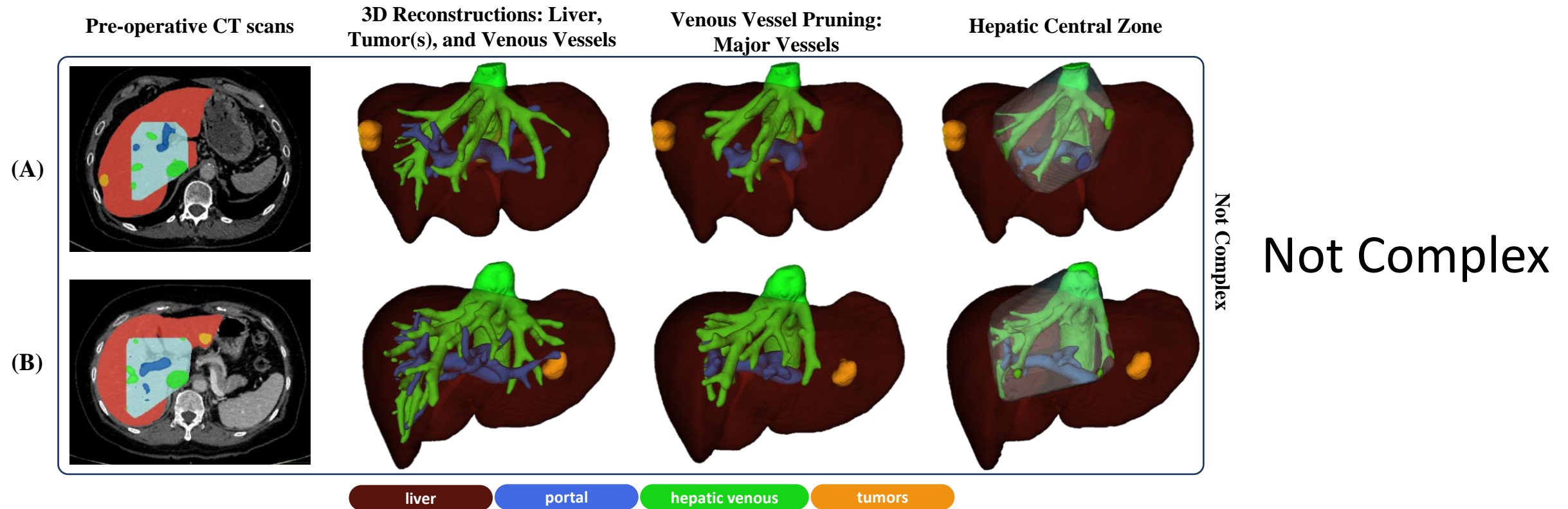




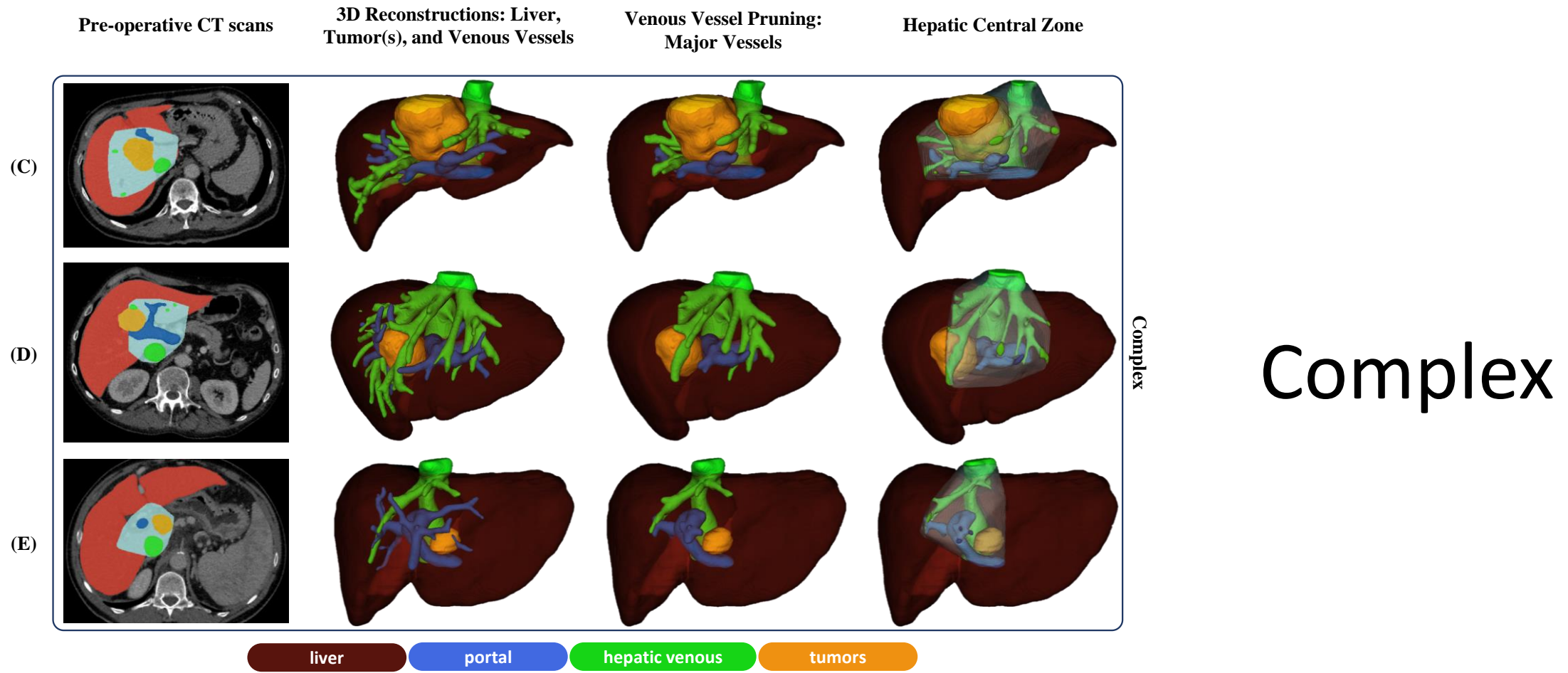
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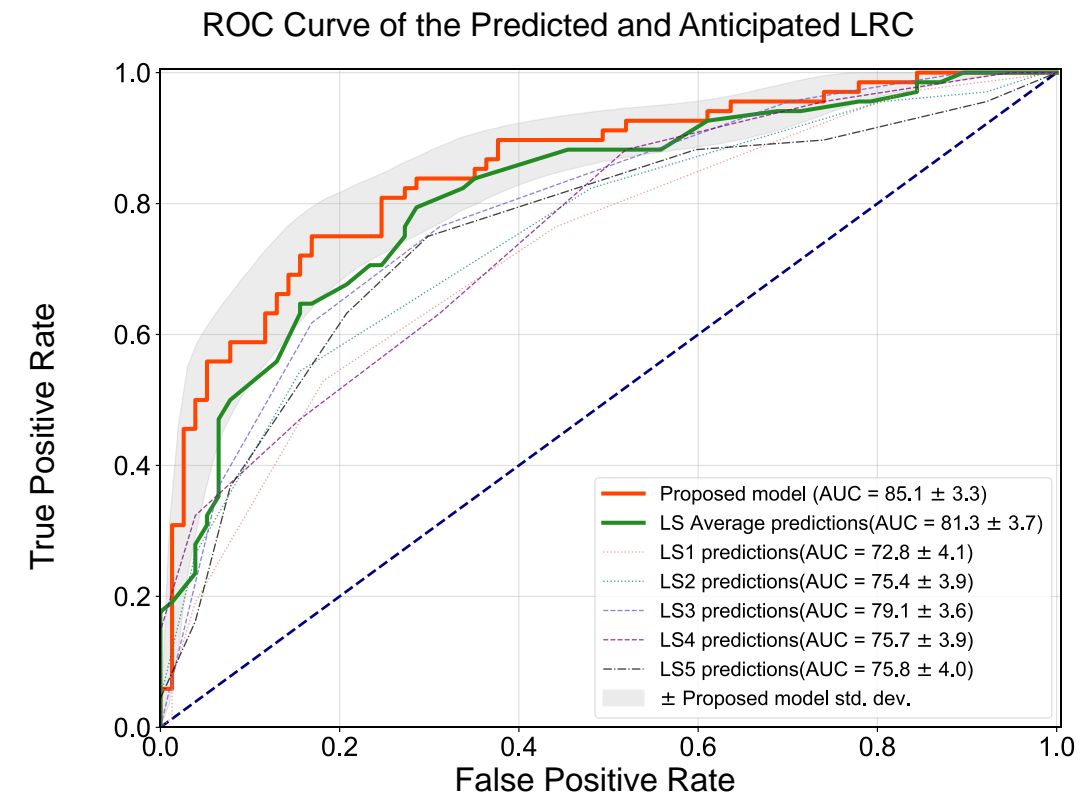
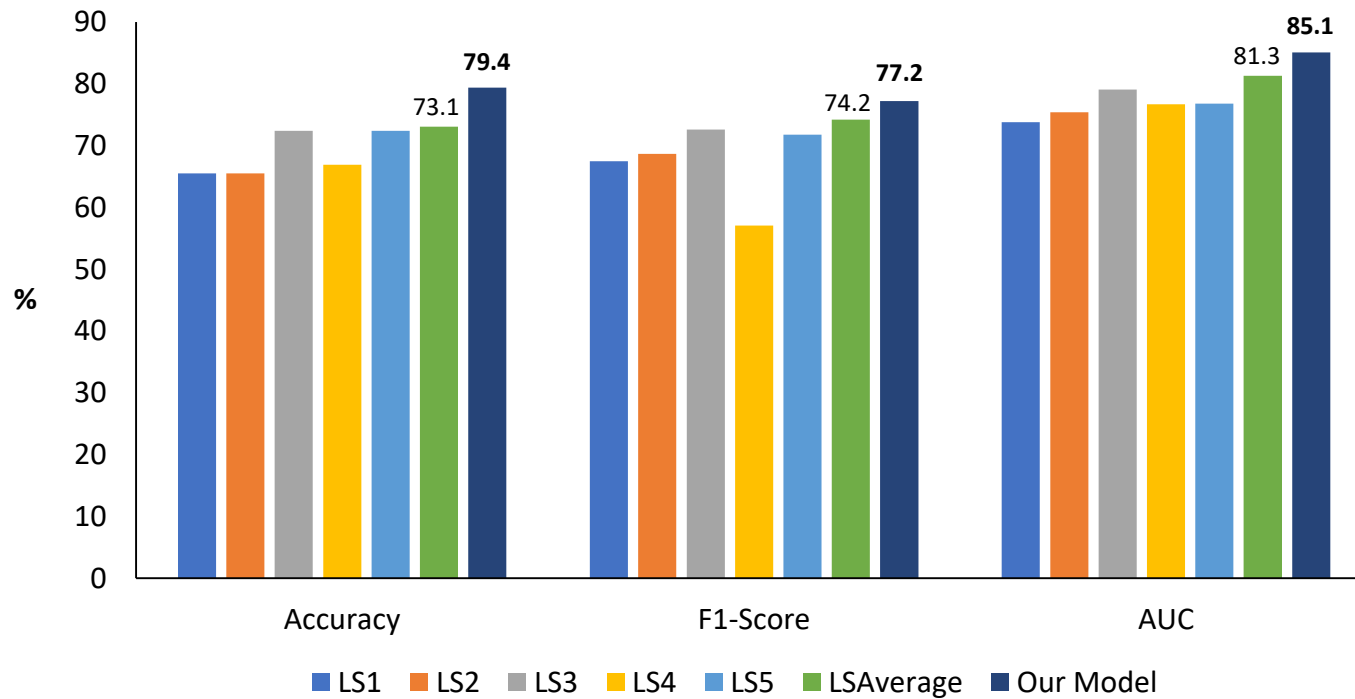




# Liver Resection Complexity Prediction

## ■ Liver Resection Complexity: Quantitative Results

□ Proposed model surpasses individual and combined predictions of the five liver surgeons

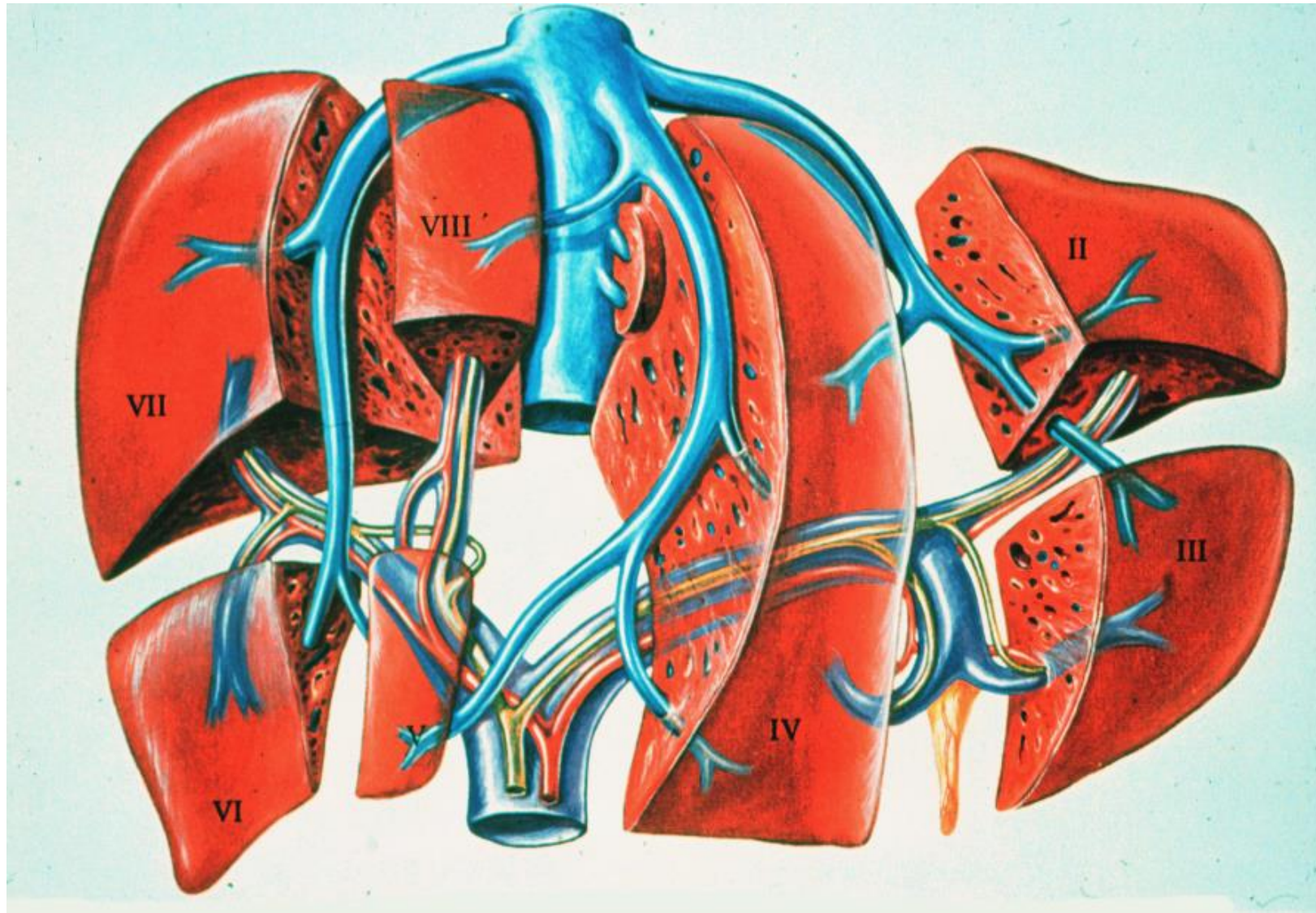


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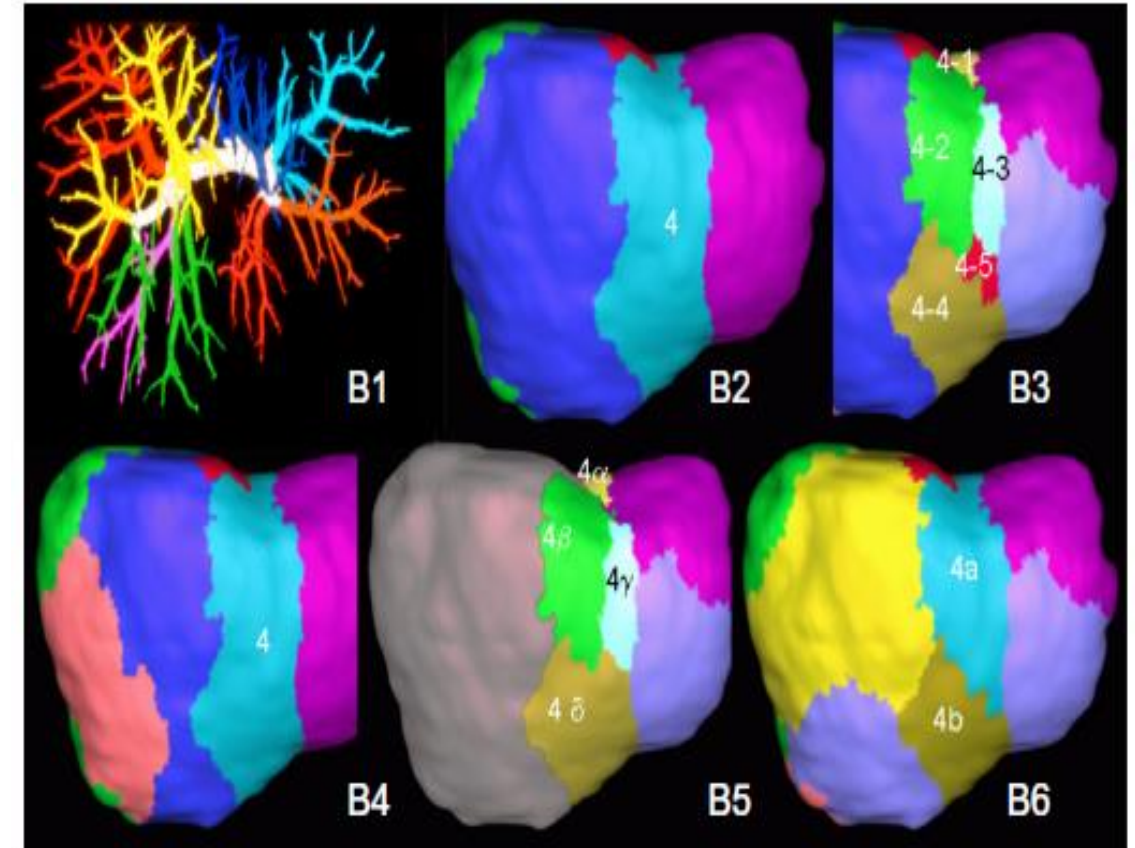
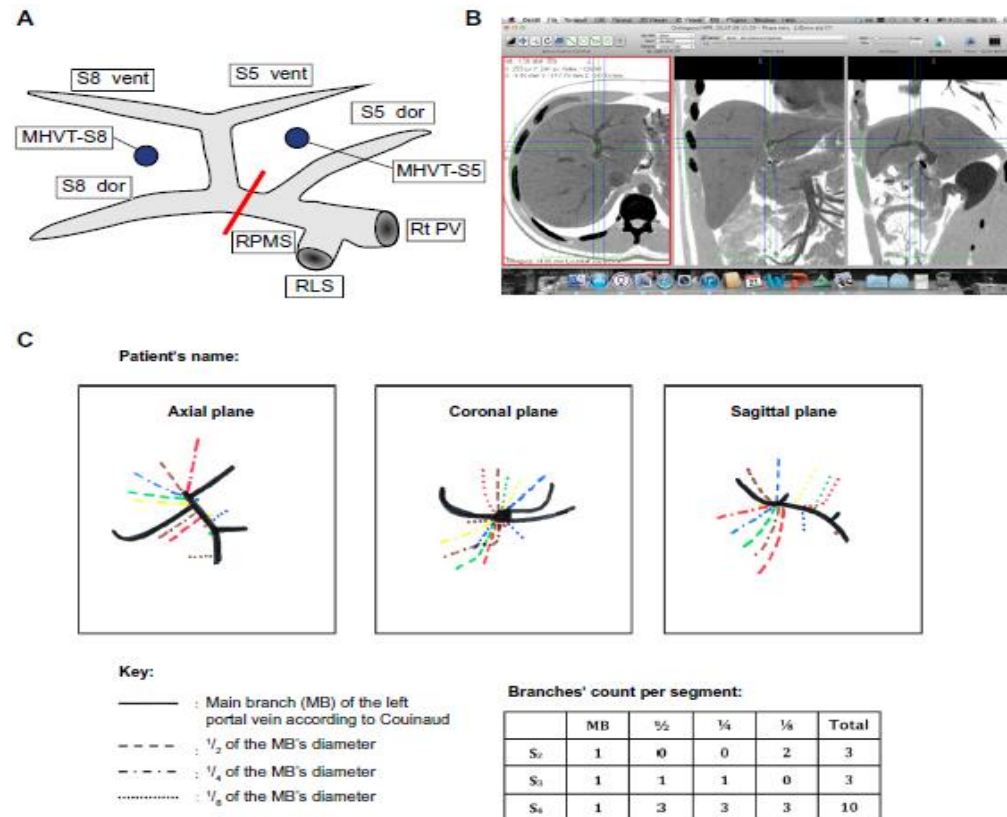


# Anatomy of the liver: An outline with three levels of complexity – A further step towards tailored territorial liver resections

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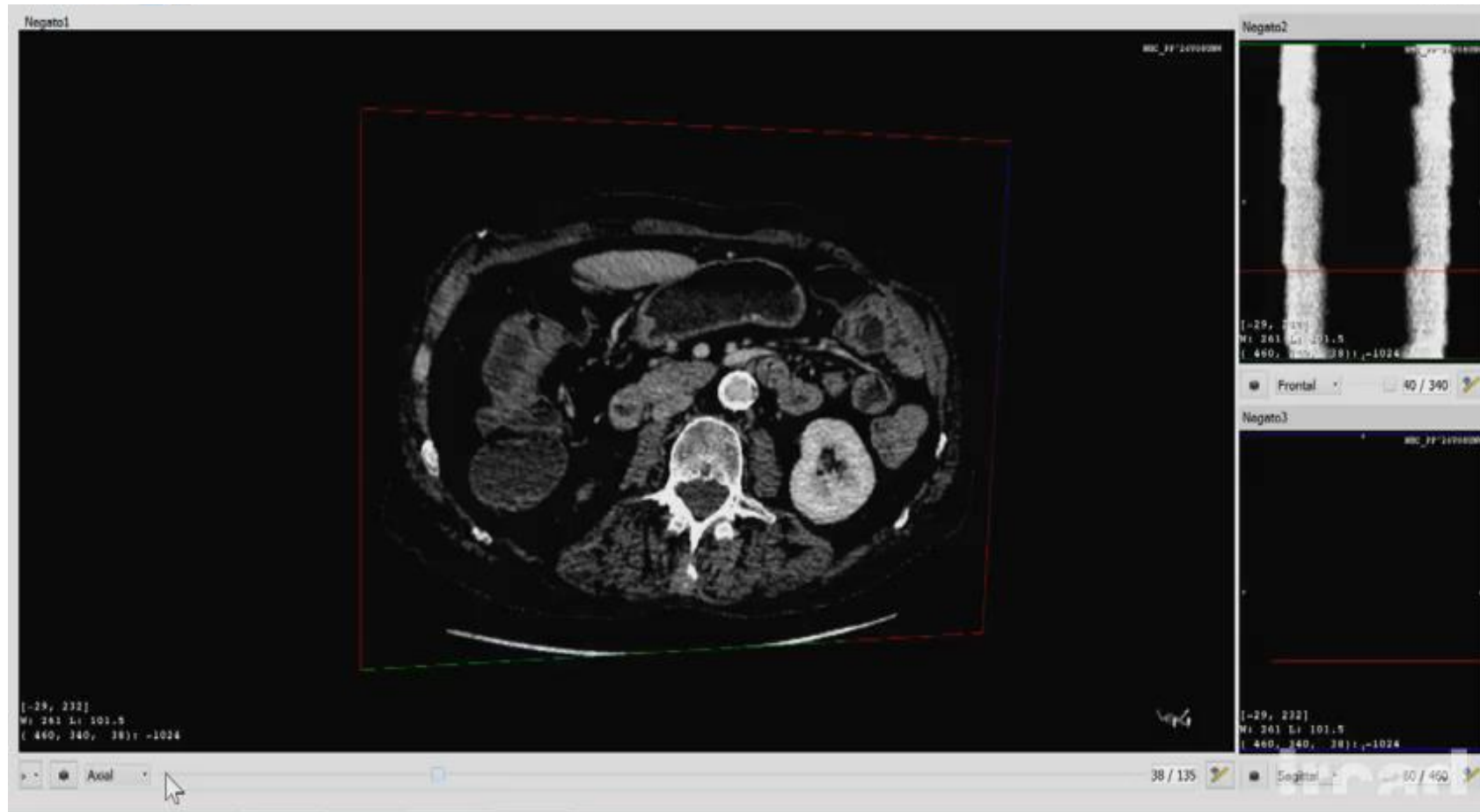
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Adapt the level of anatomical complexity to the objective...



Couinaud Schema is correct for the staff meeting but not always for the surgery...

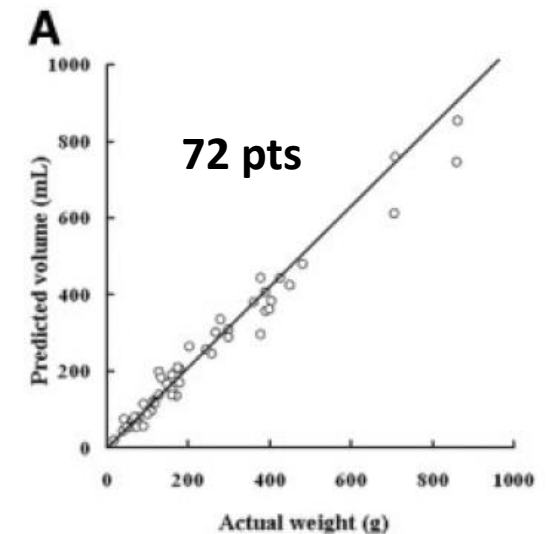
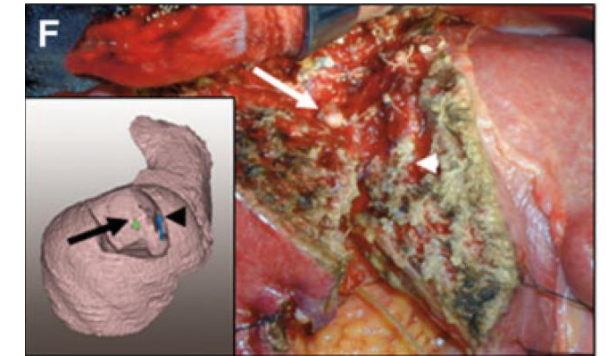
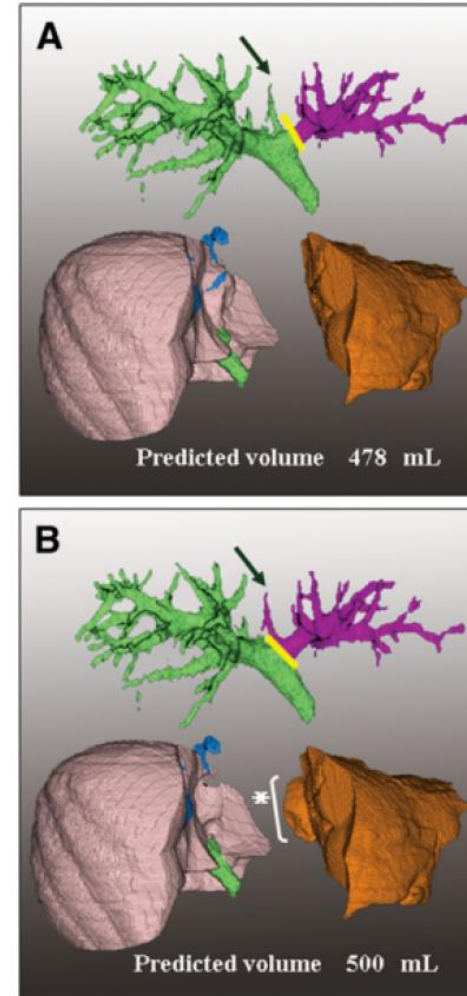
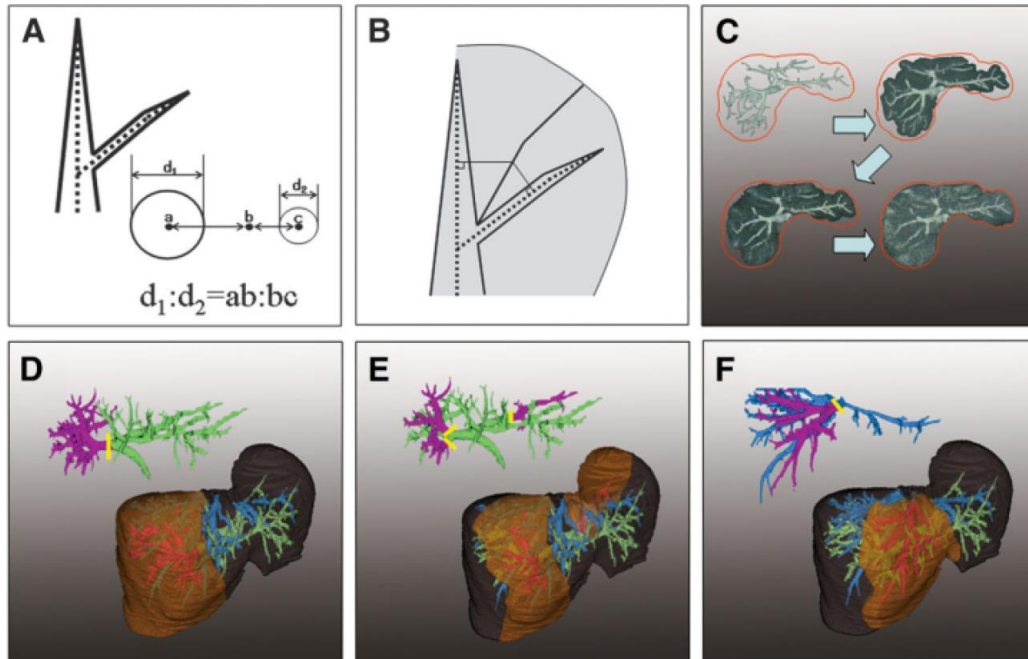
# From Standard Anatomy to Personalized



# An « old » Japanese Surgical Tradition of PRECISION

## A Novel 3D Hepatectomy Simulation Based on Liver Circulation: Application to Liver Resection and Transplantation

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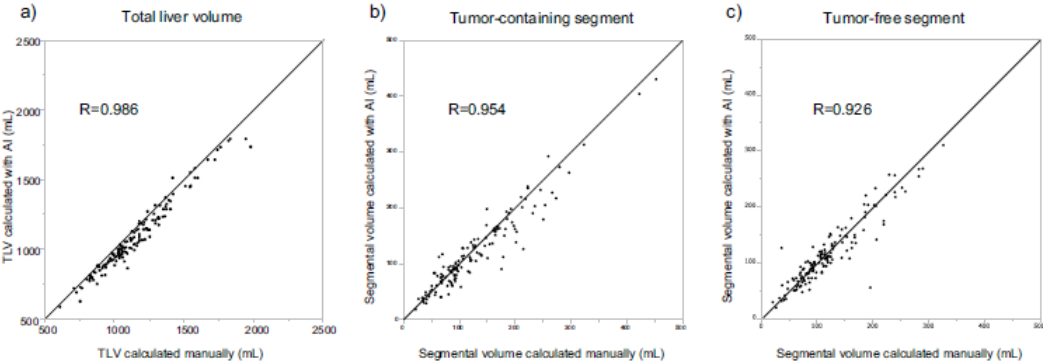
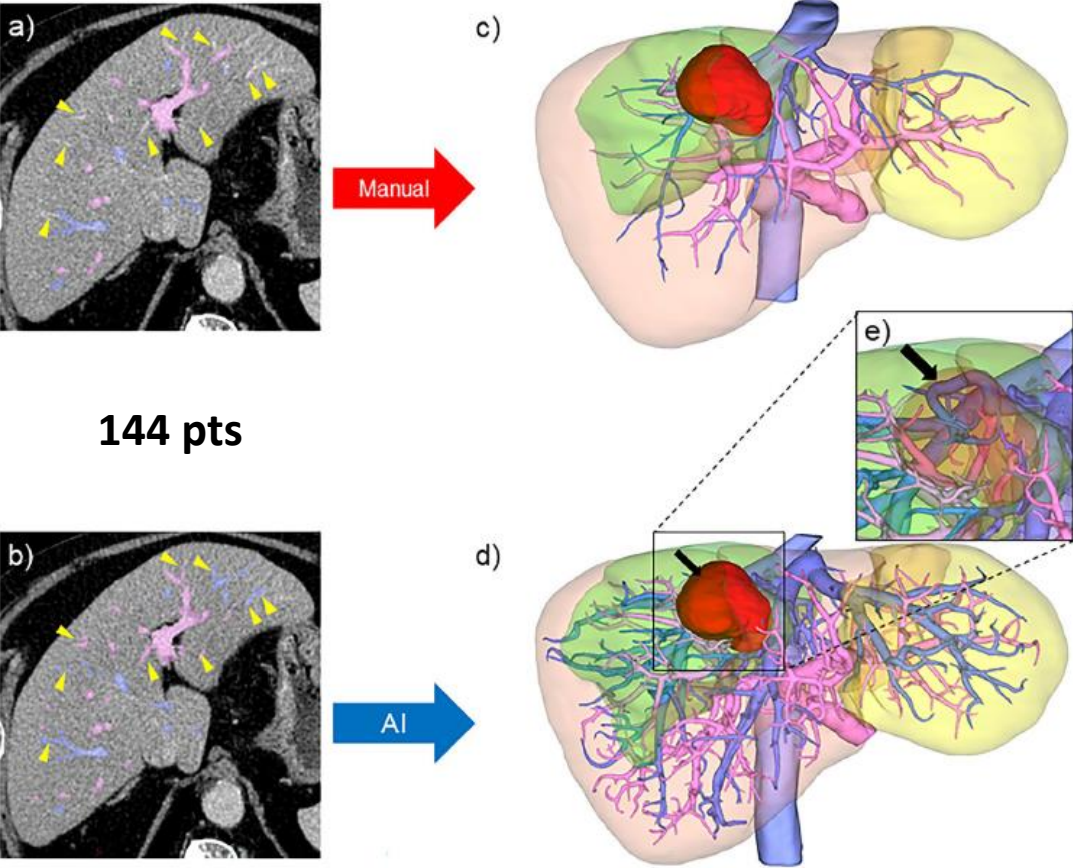
PVE or Not ?

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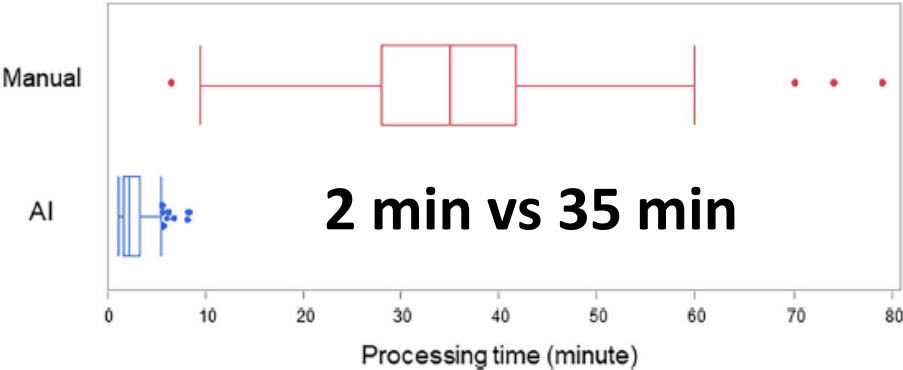


# Automated Three-Dimensional Liver Reconstruction with Artificial Intelligence for Virtual Hepatectomy

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More Precise, Reliable and Very Rapid



# Less Post Operatives Complications with 3D...

A meta-analysis of the three-dimensional reconstruction visualization technology for hepatectomy



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12 Retrospectives studies that evaluated some intraoperatives and postoperatives data with or without preoperative virtual hepatectomy : 2053 Patients

Studies	Year	Country	Disease types	Age(years) <sup>a</sup>	3D reconstruction system	Sample Size			NOS
						Total	3D-RVT	N3D-RVT	
Fang et al	2013	China	NLT	50.6 ± 11.5/53.5 ± 12.6	MI-3DVS <sup>b</sup>	98	56	42	8
Wei et al	2015	China	LT	50 ± 10.6/48 ± 10.0	3D Plus Body Visible System, Yorktal Medical, ShenZhen, China	74	31	43	7
Fang et al	2015	China	LT	47.5 ± 13.8/46.5 ± 13.3	MI-3DVS <sup>b</sup>	116	60	56	8
He et al	2015	China	NLT	41.4 ± 13.1/42.5 ± 13.2	IQQA Liver, EDDA Technology, Princeton, NJ, United States	106	59	47	6
Okuda et al	2015	Japan	LT	64 ± 11/66 ± 9	IAP <sup>c</sup>	118	49	69	7
Su et al	2016	China	LT	NA	Hisense CAS system	26	16	10	6
Guan et al	2016	China	NLT	52.9 ± 11.6/53.3 ± 11.9	MI-3DVS <sup>b</sup>	148	74	74	7
Mise et al	2017	Japan	LT	68 (22–85)/68 (19–88)	Surgical Planning Software	802	297	505	7
Nakayama et al	2017	Japan	LT	67 (17–81)/65 (22–80)	Synapse Vincent, FUJIFILM Medical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan	240	120	120	7
Yang et al	2018	China	LT	NA	Transparent VeroClear™ and RGD720	30	15	15	6
Zhang et al	2021	China	NLT	NA	NA	200	100	100	6
Zhu et al	2022	China	LT	57.6 ± 9.2/60.2 ± 9.2	TM-MIS 1.0, Tuomeng Science and Technology Ltd, Heilongjiang, China	95	37	58	7

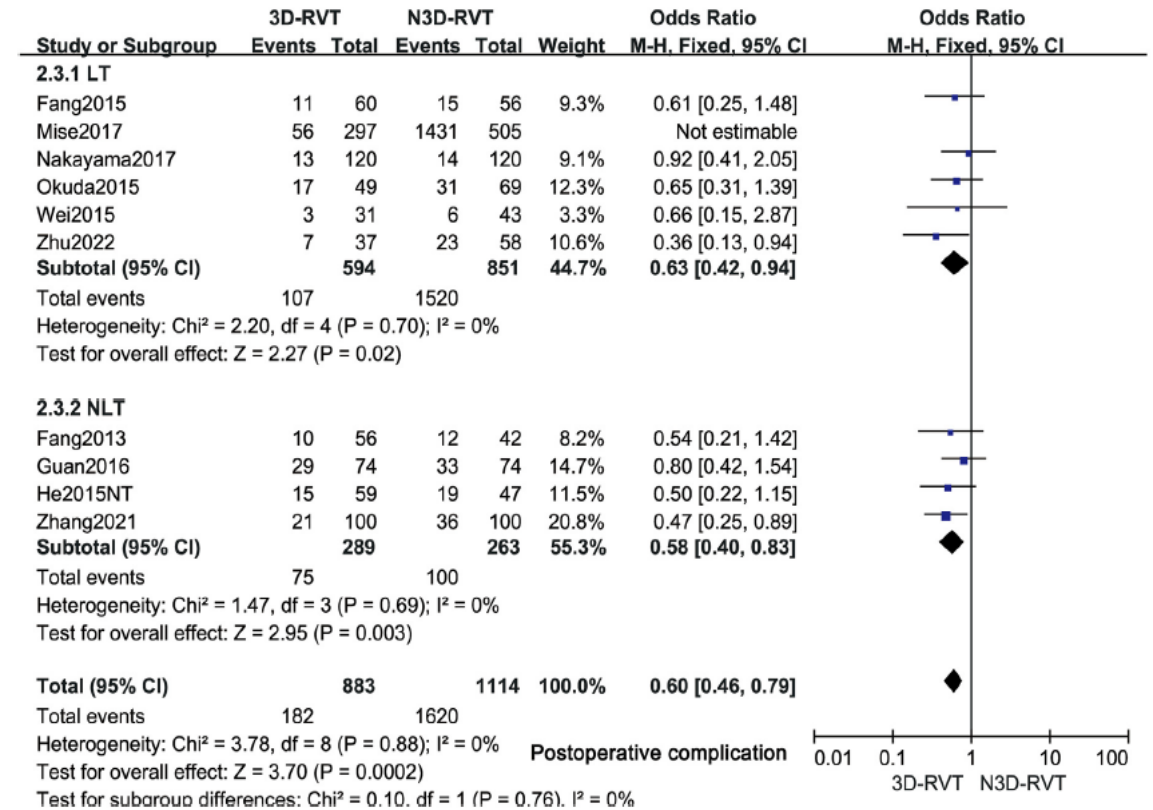
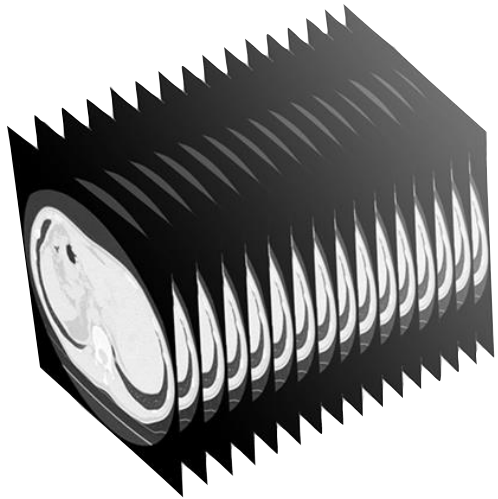


Fig. 7. Forest plot of overall postoperative complications in combined and subgroup analysis.

# From 3D Liver Reconstruction to Digital Liver Twin

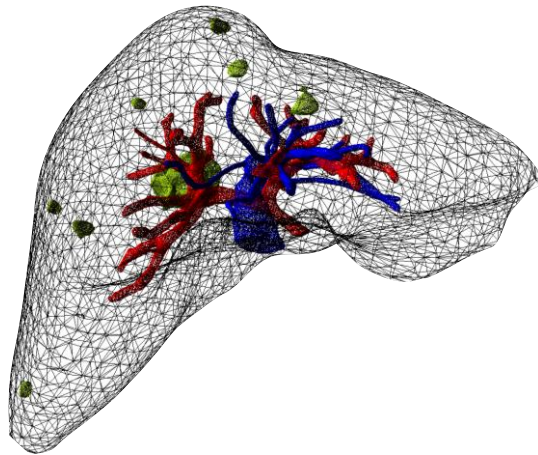
*“Digital twins use data from sensors installed on physical objects to determine the objects’ real-time performance, operating conditions, and changes over time. Using this data, the digital twin evolves and continuously updates to reflect any change to the physical counterpart ... creating a closed-loop of feedback in a virtual environment.”*

Stephane Cotin, Famous French Mathematician



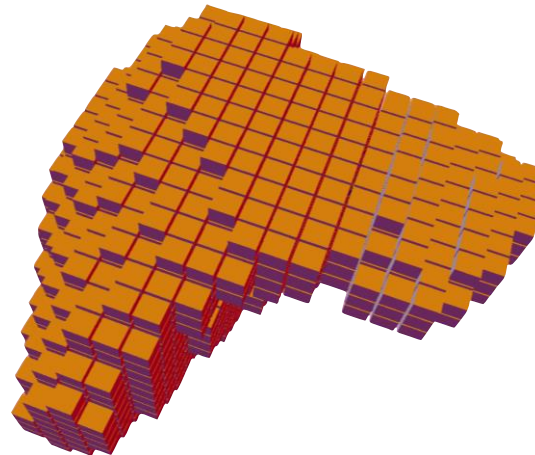
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Automatic segmentation from medical images



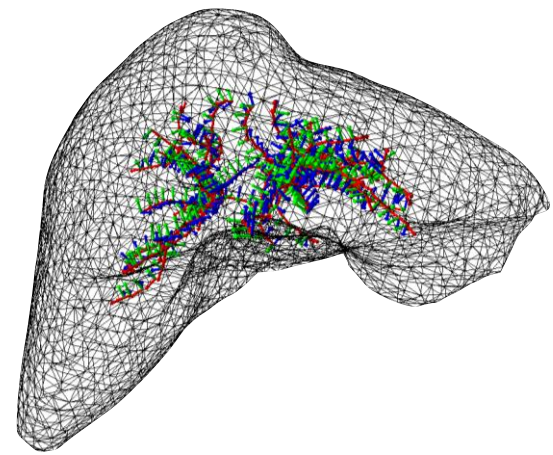
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Automatic 3D reconstruction of anatomical structures



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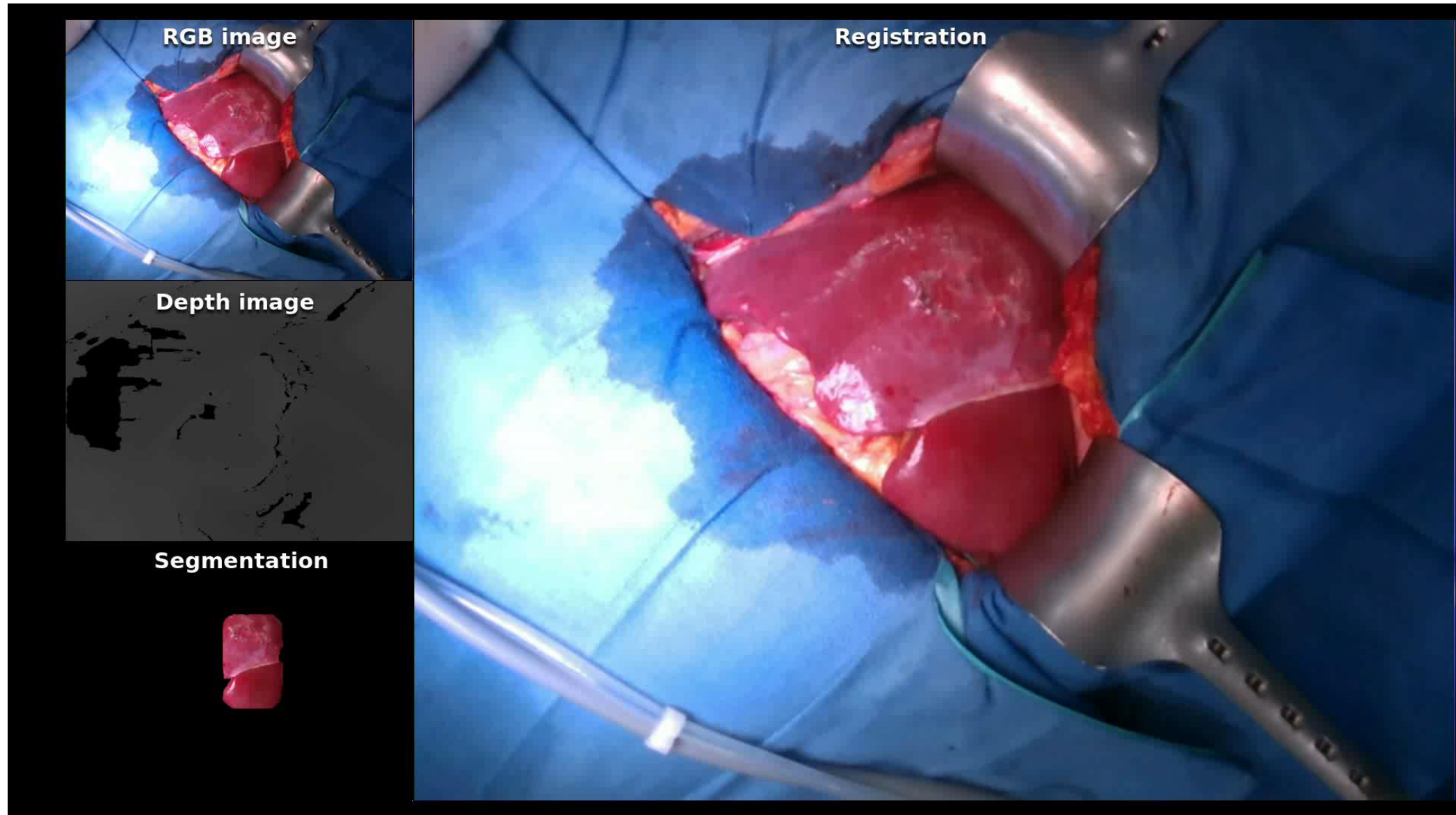
Stable and automatic FEM mesh generation using an immersed boundary approach



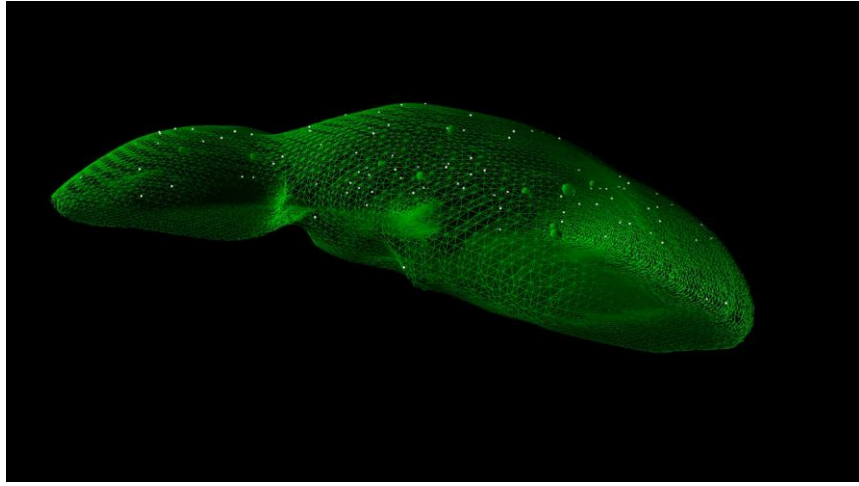
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Integration of vessels as beam elements for improved simulation





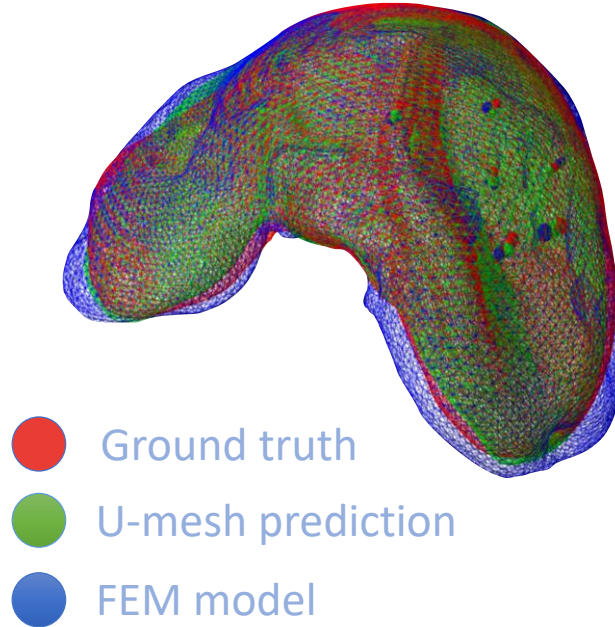
# Deep Physics for elastic registration and validation



Our U-mesh method

Computation time 3 ms per time step

Accuracy mean TRE: 2.9 mm

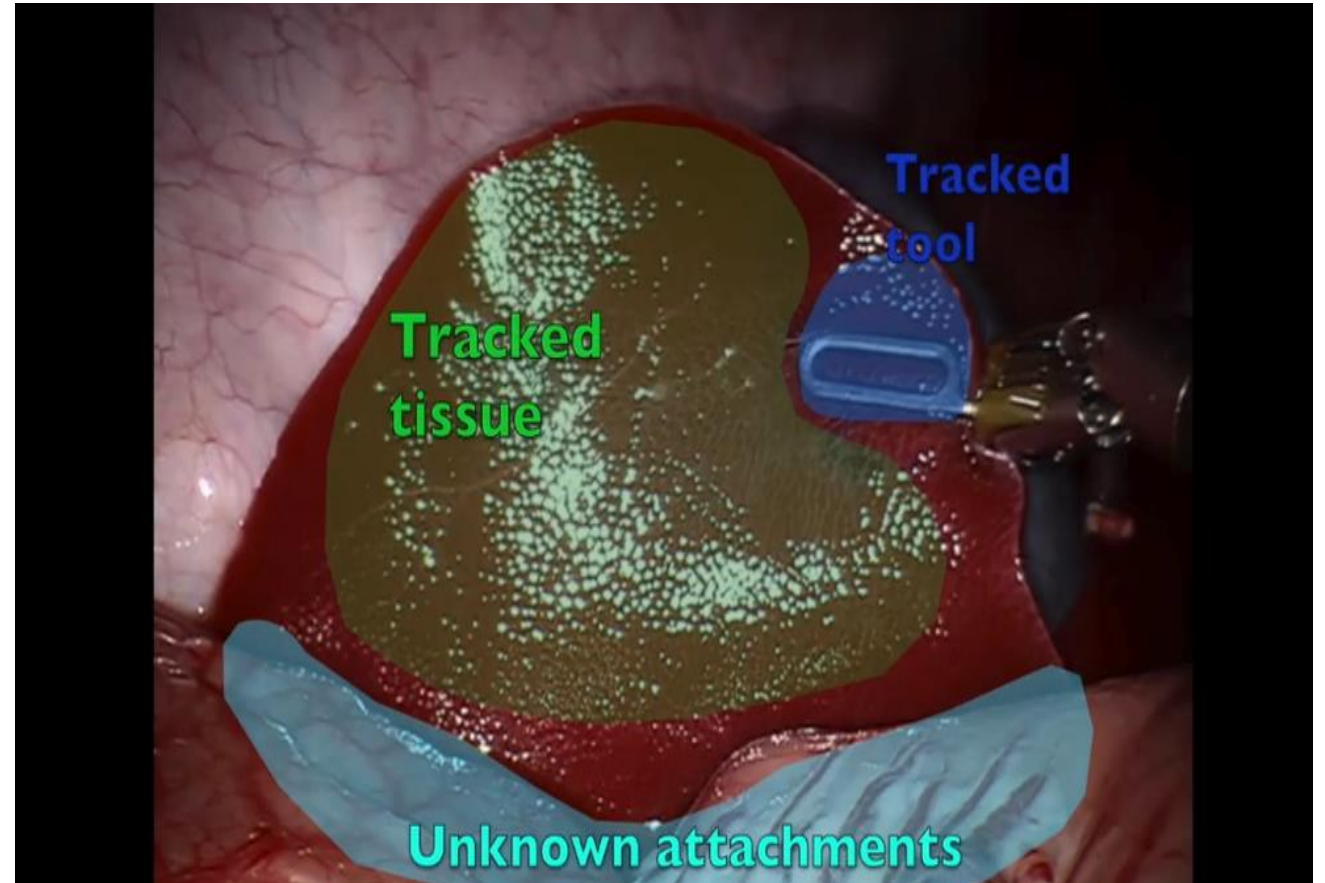
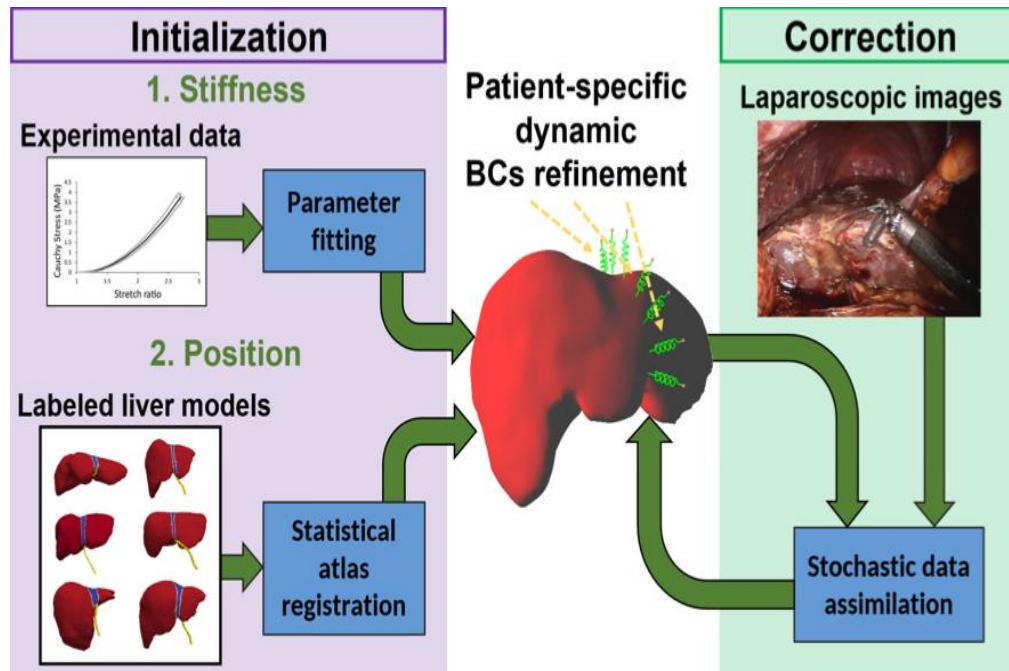


Validation on ex vivo  
explanted human  
liver



Deformed under CT Scan  
Including Cholangiography

# Look what happen during surgery today to create very realistic models tomorrow...





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Augment vision. Reduce errors. Save lives.



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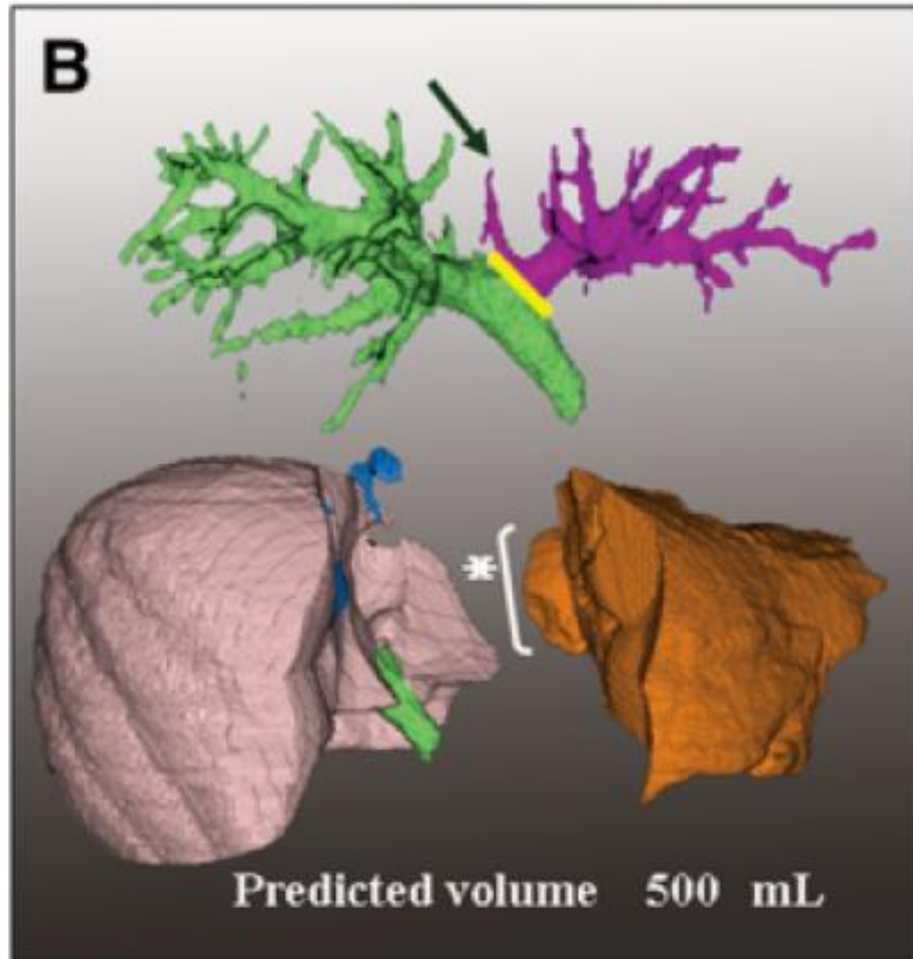
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# To operate after the limit defined by liver volume



## ORIGINAL ARTICLES FROM THE ESA PROCEEDINGS

### Posthepatectomy Portal Vein Pressure Predicts Liver Failure and Mortality after Major Liver Resection on Noncirrhotic Liver

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### Hepatic venous pressure gradient in the preoperative assessment of patients with resectable hepatocellular carcinoma

Alessandro Cucchetti\*, Matteo Cescon, Rita Golfieri, Fabio Piscaglia, Matteo Renzulli, Flavia Neri, Alberta Cappelli, Federico Mazzotti, Cristina Mosconi, Antonio Colecchia, Giorgio Ercolani, Antonio Daniele Pinna

The Portal Caval Gradient < 12 mmHg at the end of surgery is the key to avoid post-operative death

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# Predicting the risk of post-hepatectomy portal hypertension using a digital twin: A clinical proof of concept

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## Highlights

## Graphical abstract

## Keywords

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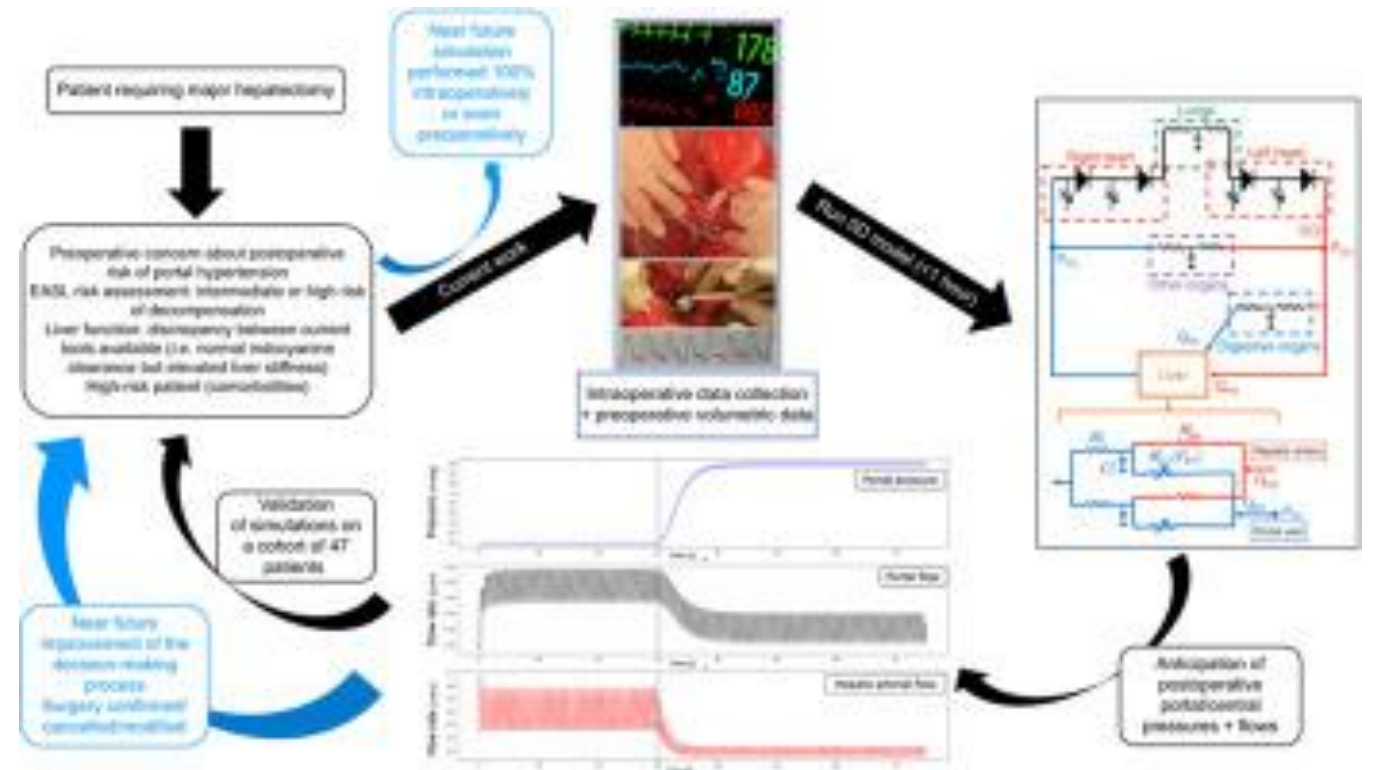
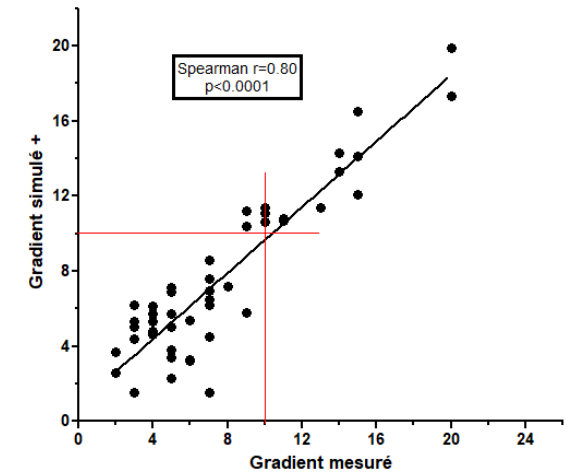
## Article Info

## Highlights

- Personalized predictors of postoperative portal hypertension level are still lacking.
- We developed a mathematical model to anticipate postoperative hemodynamics.
- This patient specific numerical tool is accurate in major hepatectomy setting.
- It can be applied for cirrhotic or non-cirrhotic patients.
- In the near future, it could be used in the clinical decision-making process.

How anticipate ACCURATELY the hemodynamic consequence of our surgery according to the futur liver remnant volume ?

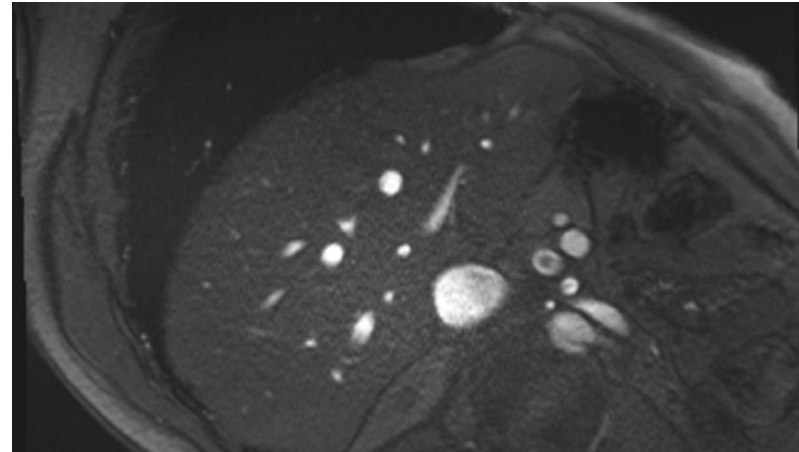
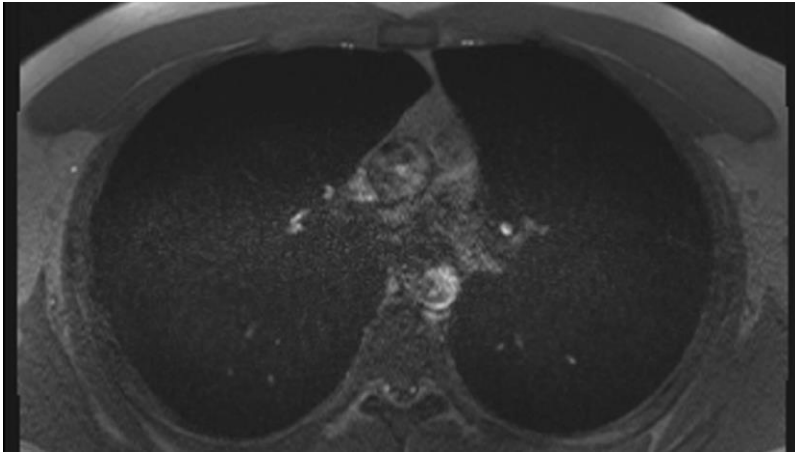
## Corrélation Grad. porto-cave mesuré vs simulé+ débits estimés, calibré auto (n=47)





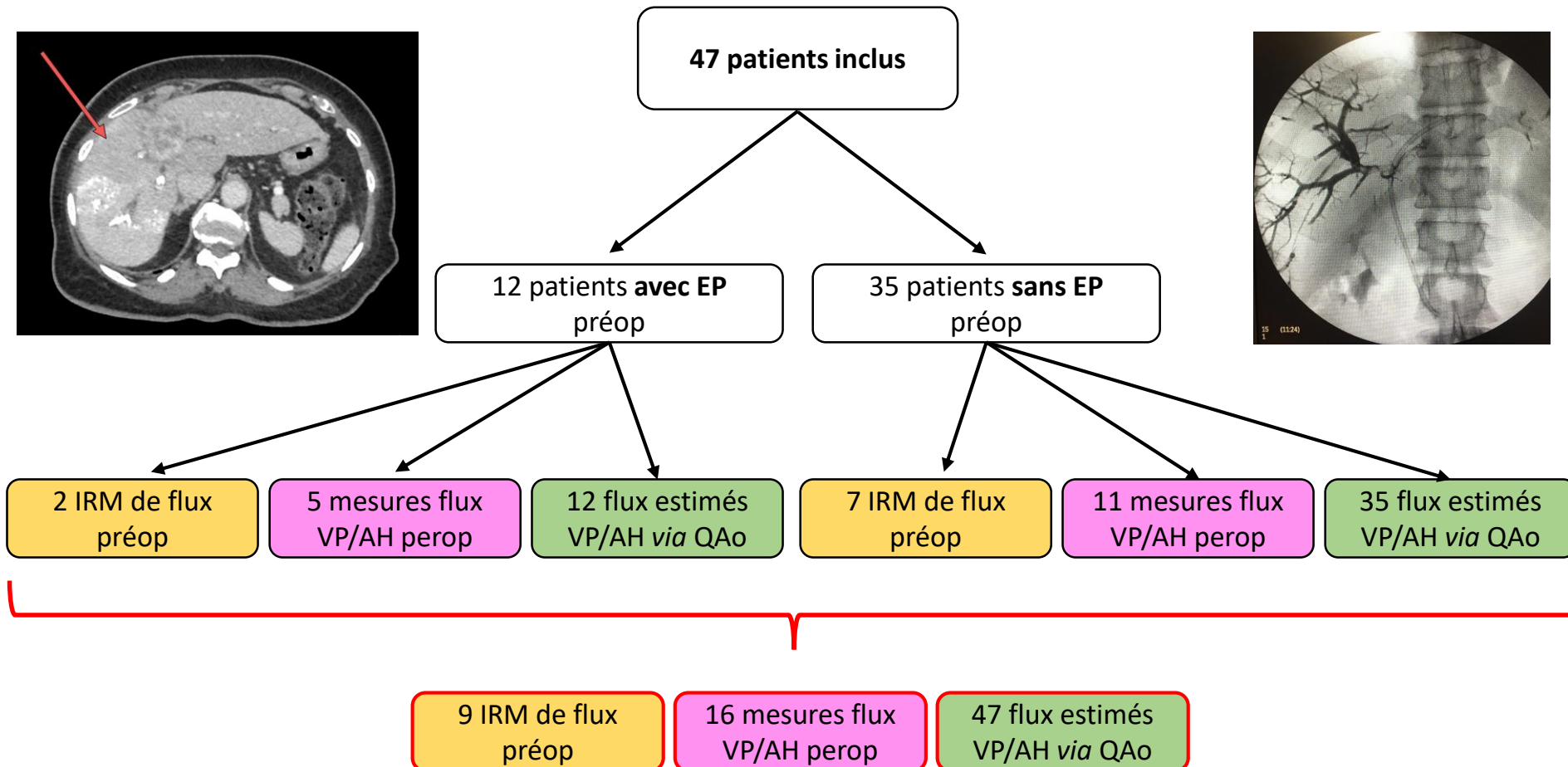


## ***Flow MRI Preoperatively to measure Aortic and Portal Flow...***

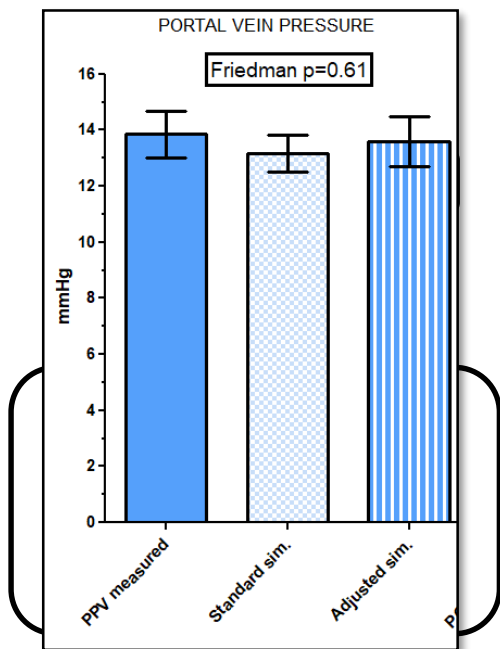


« Estimated data » for hepatic arterial flow : 5% of the measure aortic flow (Vilgrain et al. J Radiol 2002)

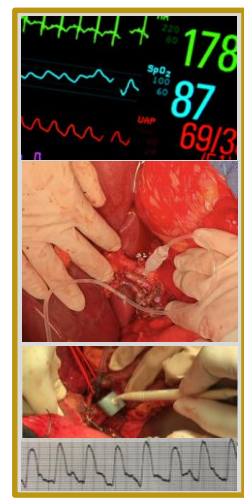
# Prospective Evaluation of 0D model in human in Paul Brousse



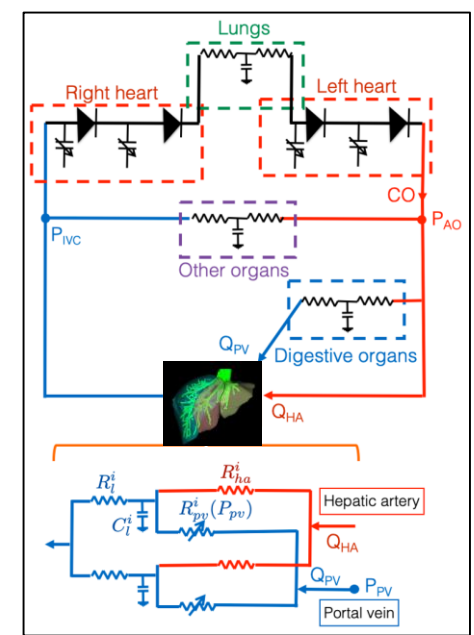




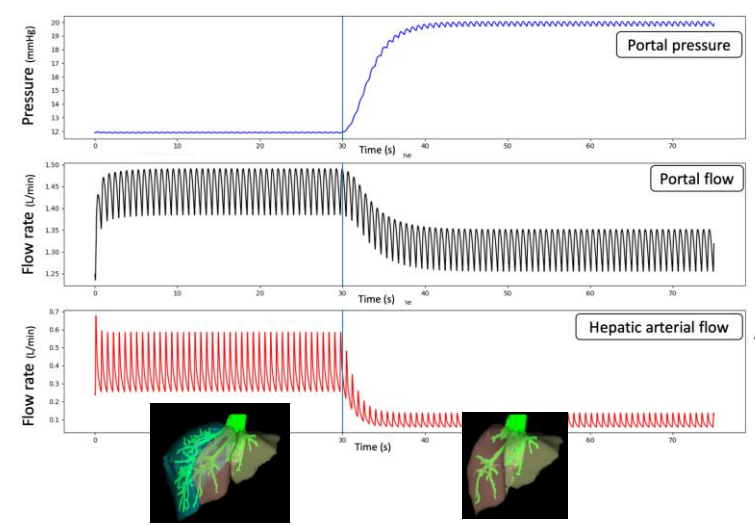
Current work



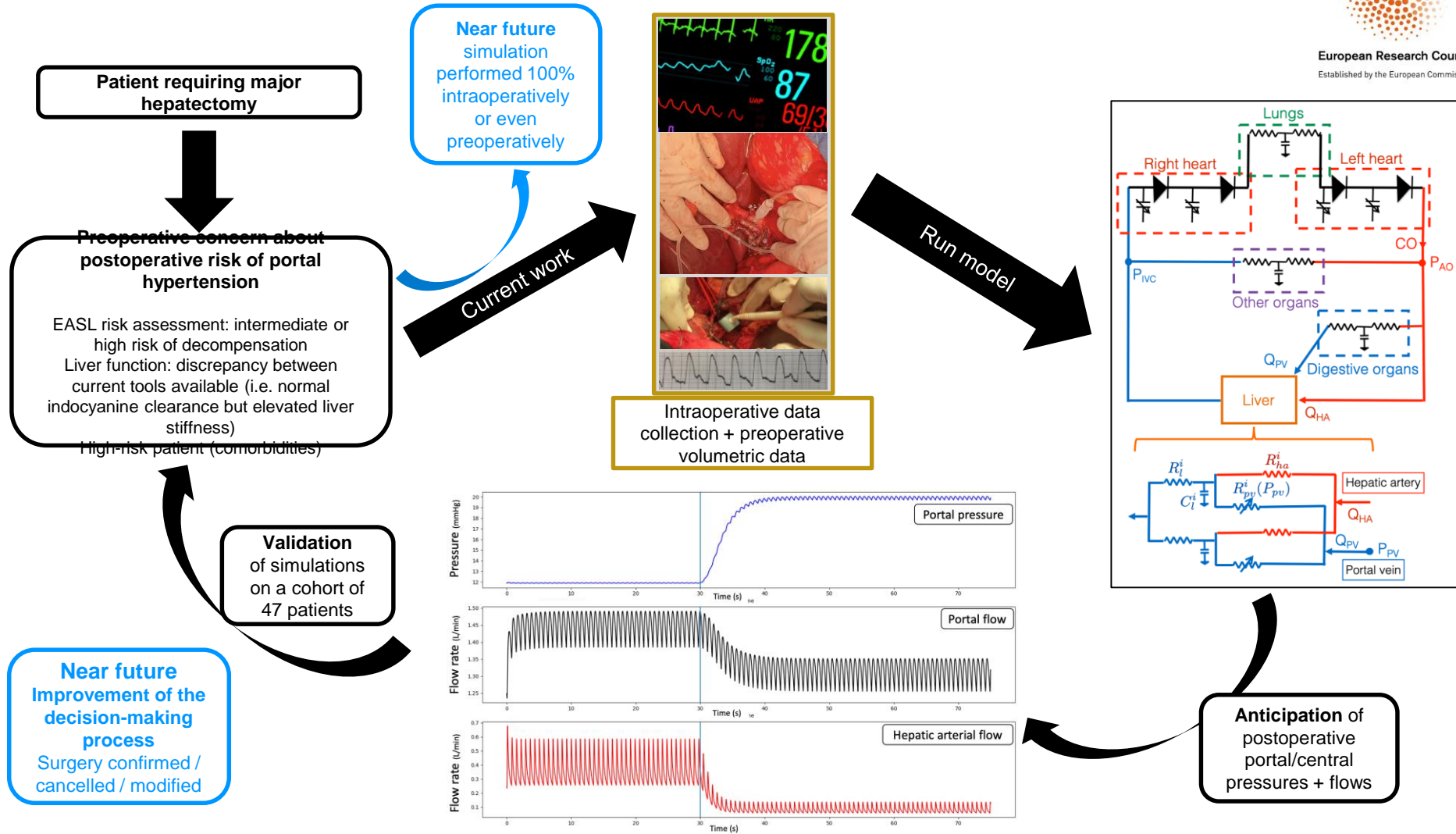
Hemodyn. model



Validation of simulations on a cohort of 47 patients



Anticipation of postoperative portal/central pressures + flows



Finally, Paul Valery is more and more wrong !

« Ce qui est simple est faux mais ce qui est juste est inexploitable »

This was no more totally true with digital twin so we need to use it (and feed it...) to improve the safety of liver surgery