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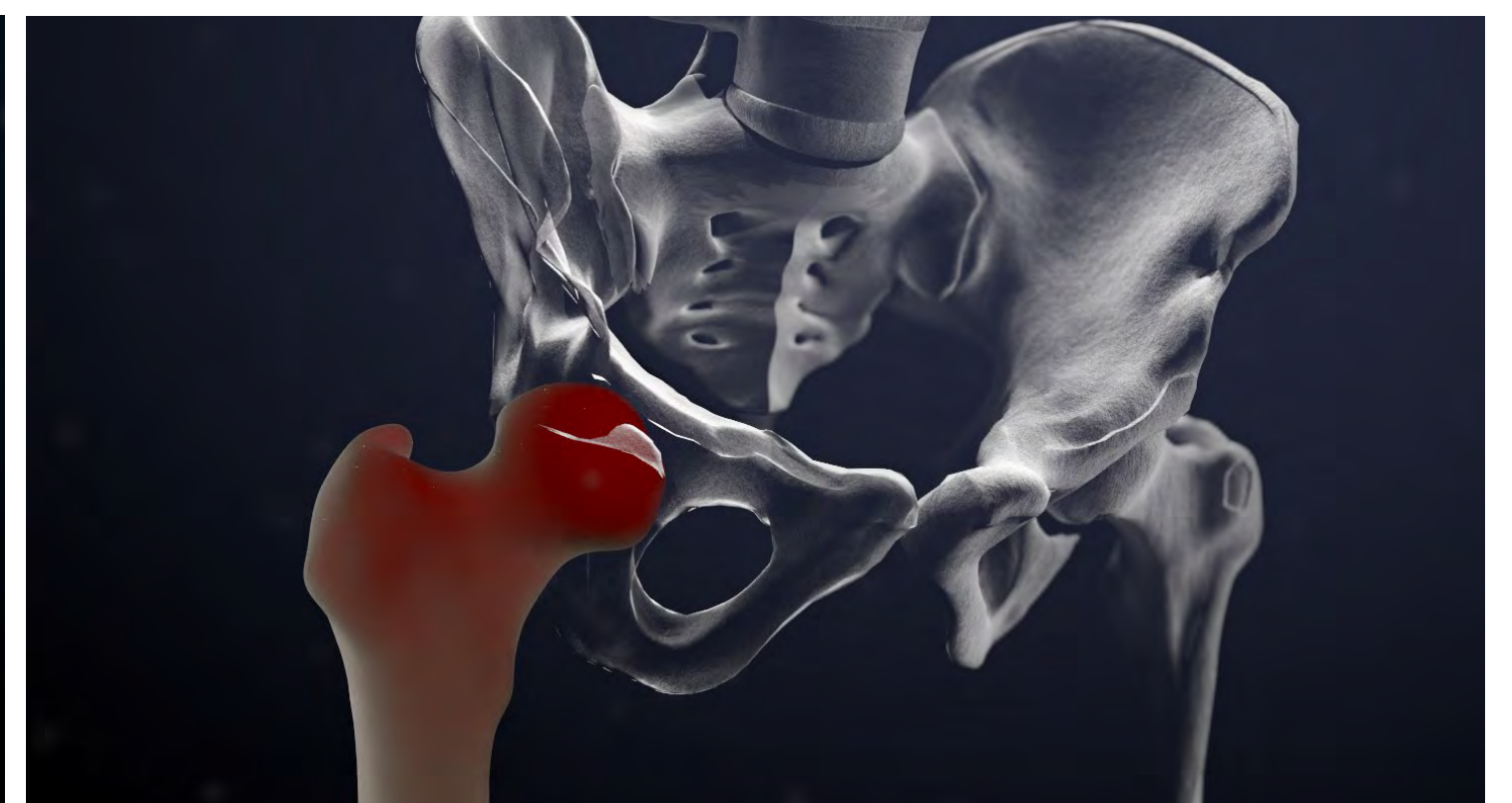
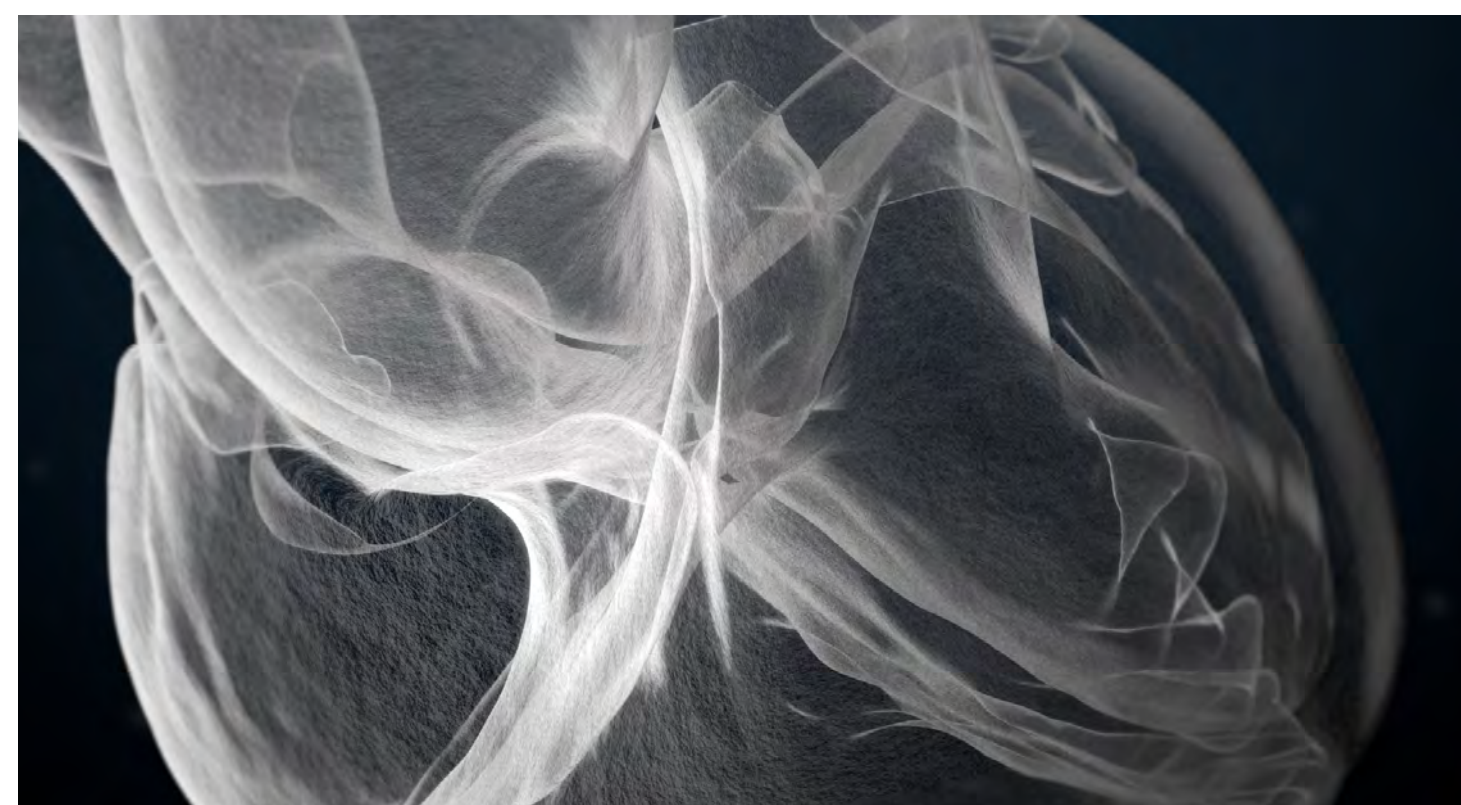
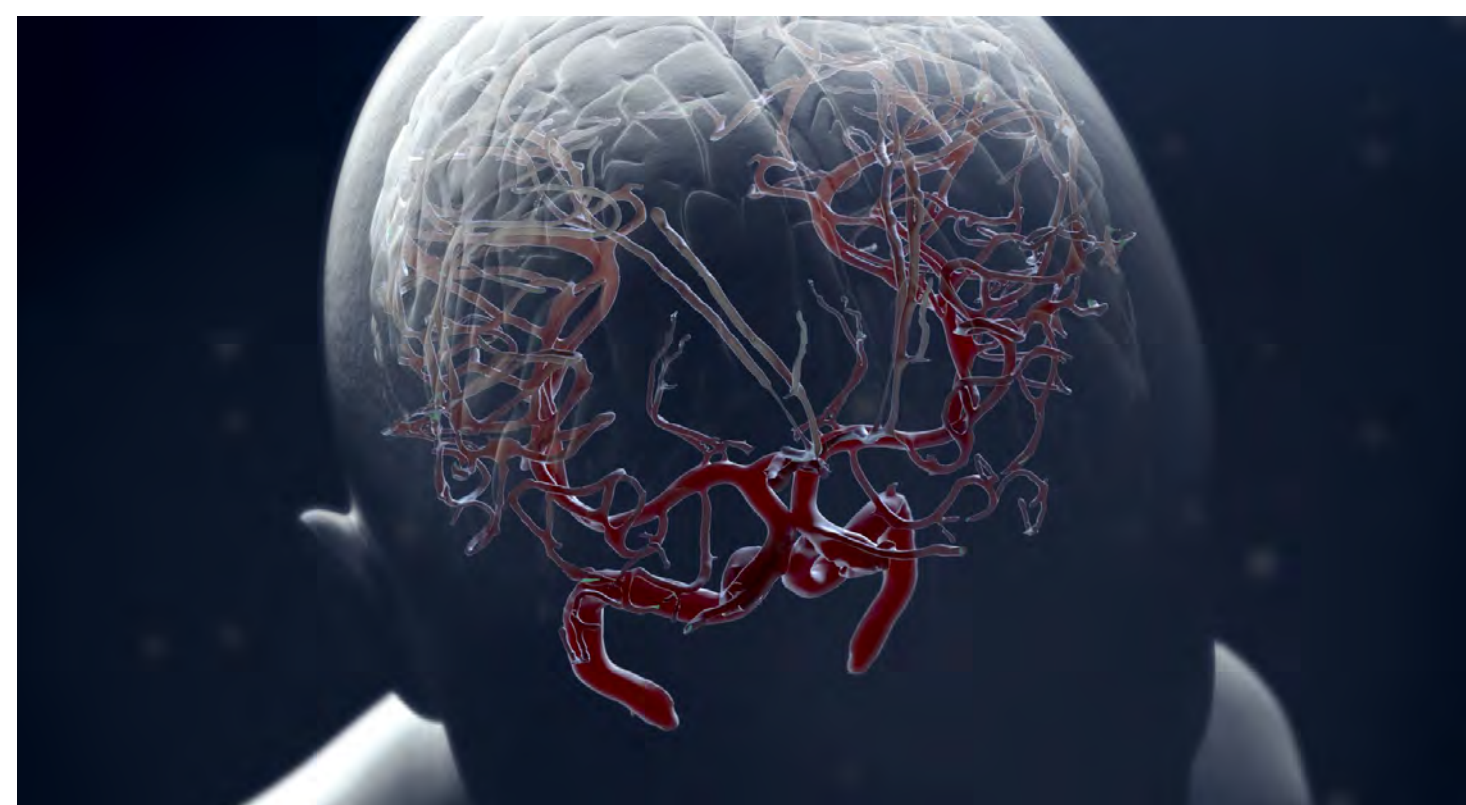
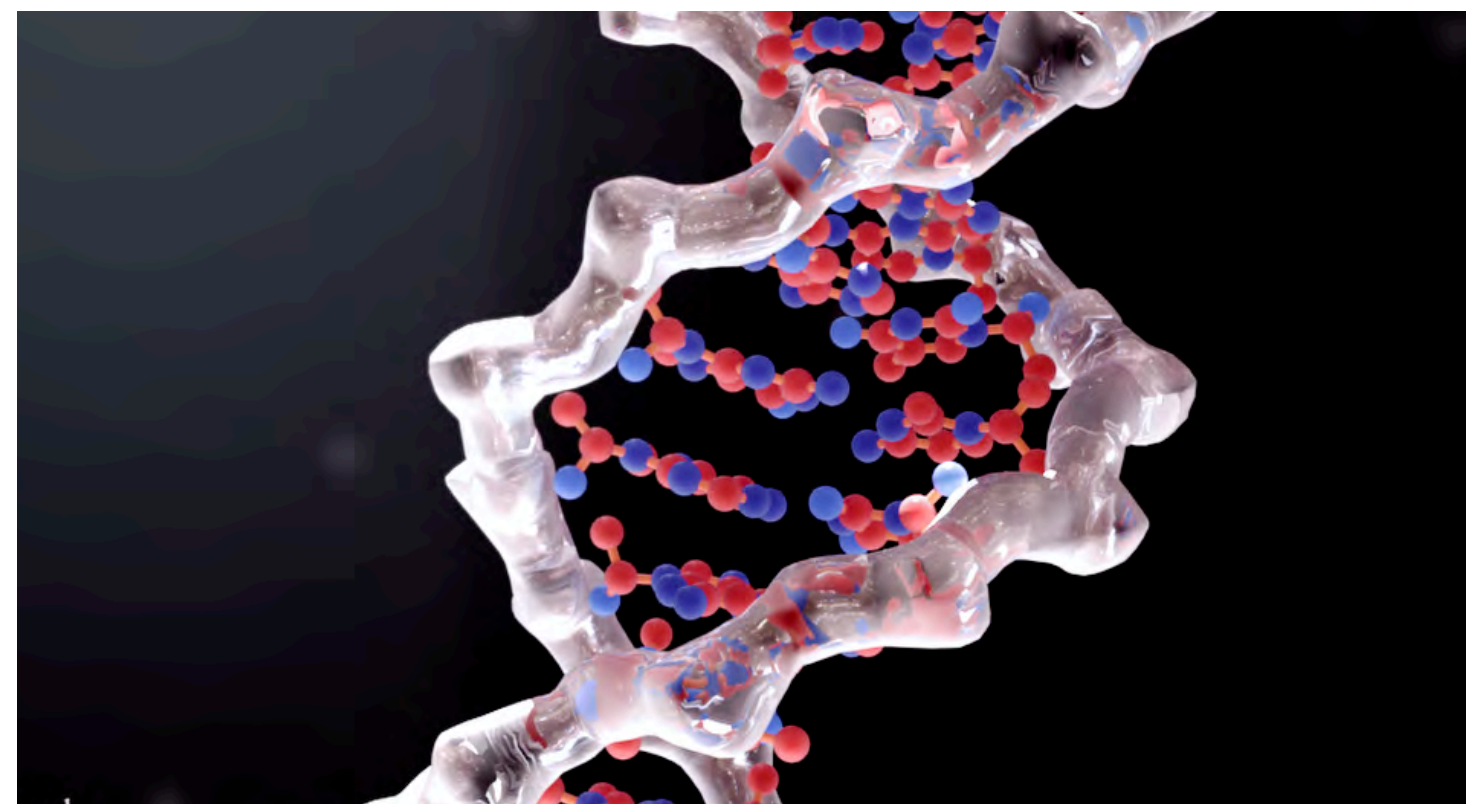
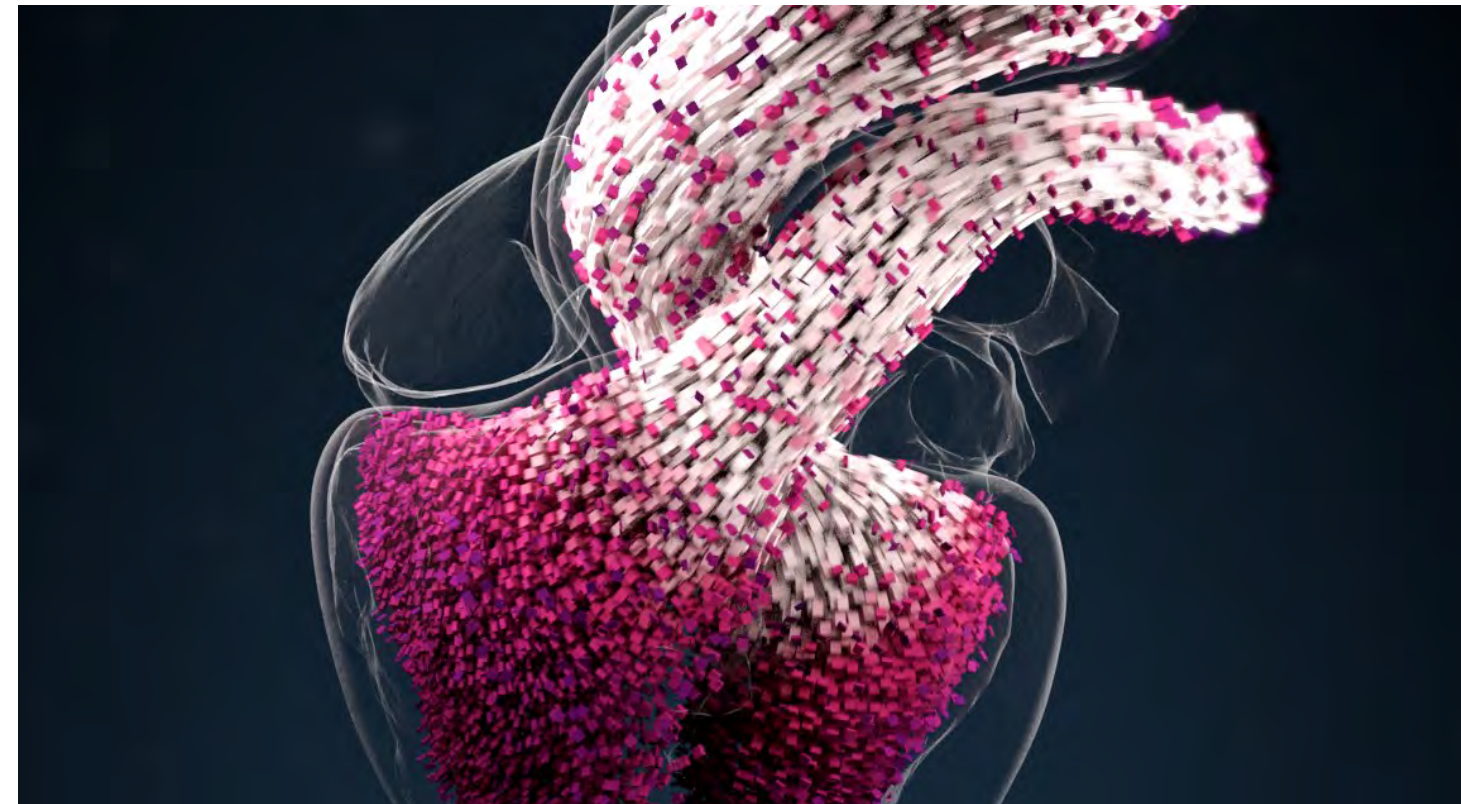
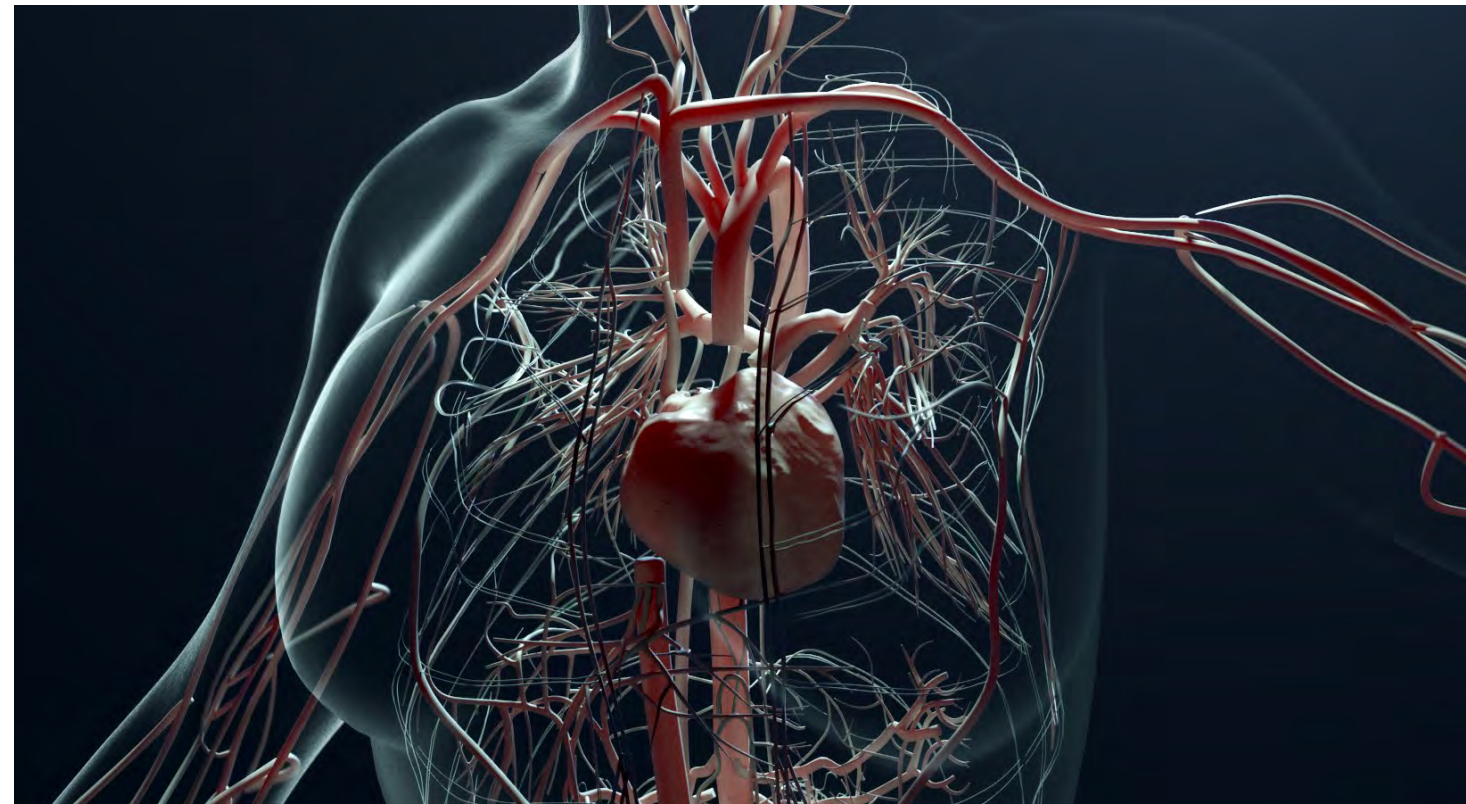


# VIRTUAL HUMANS





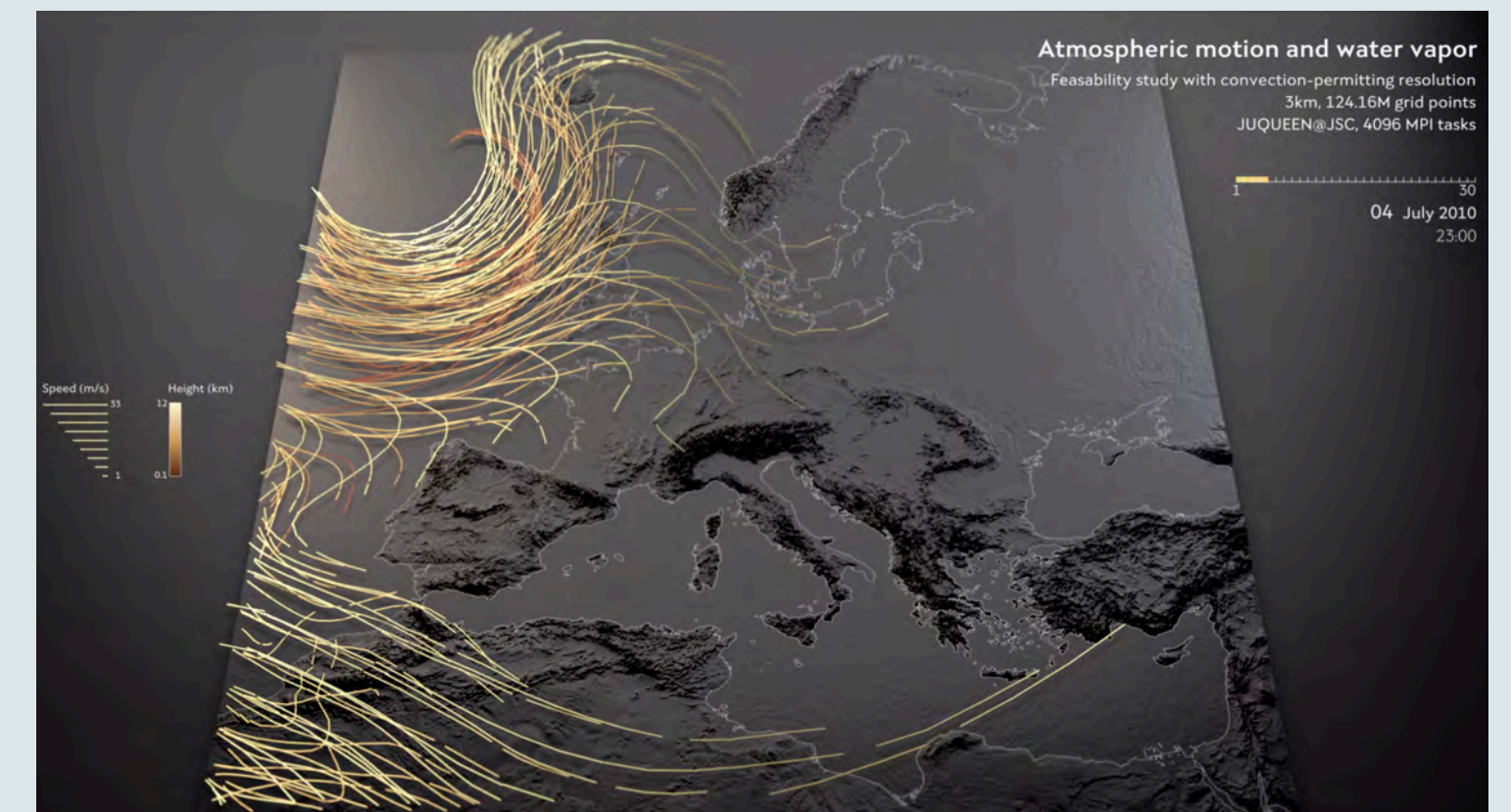
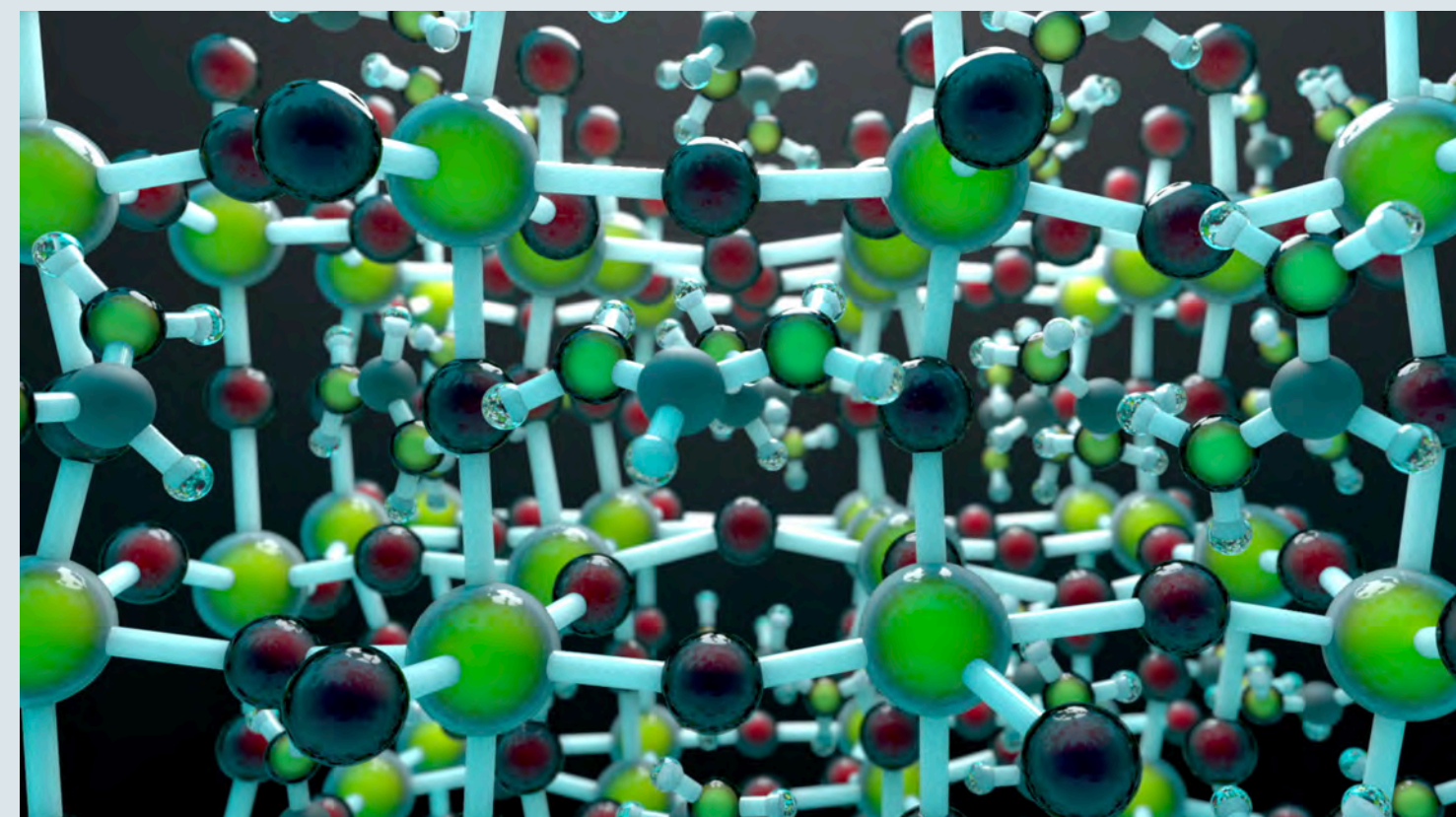
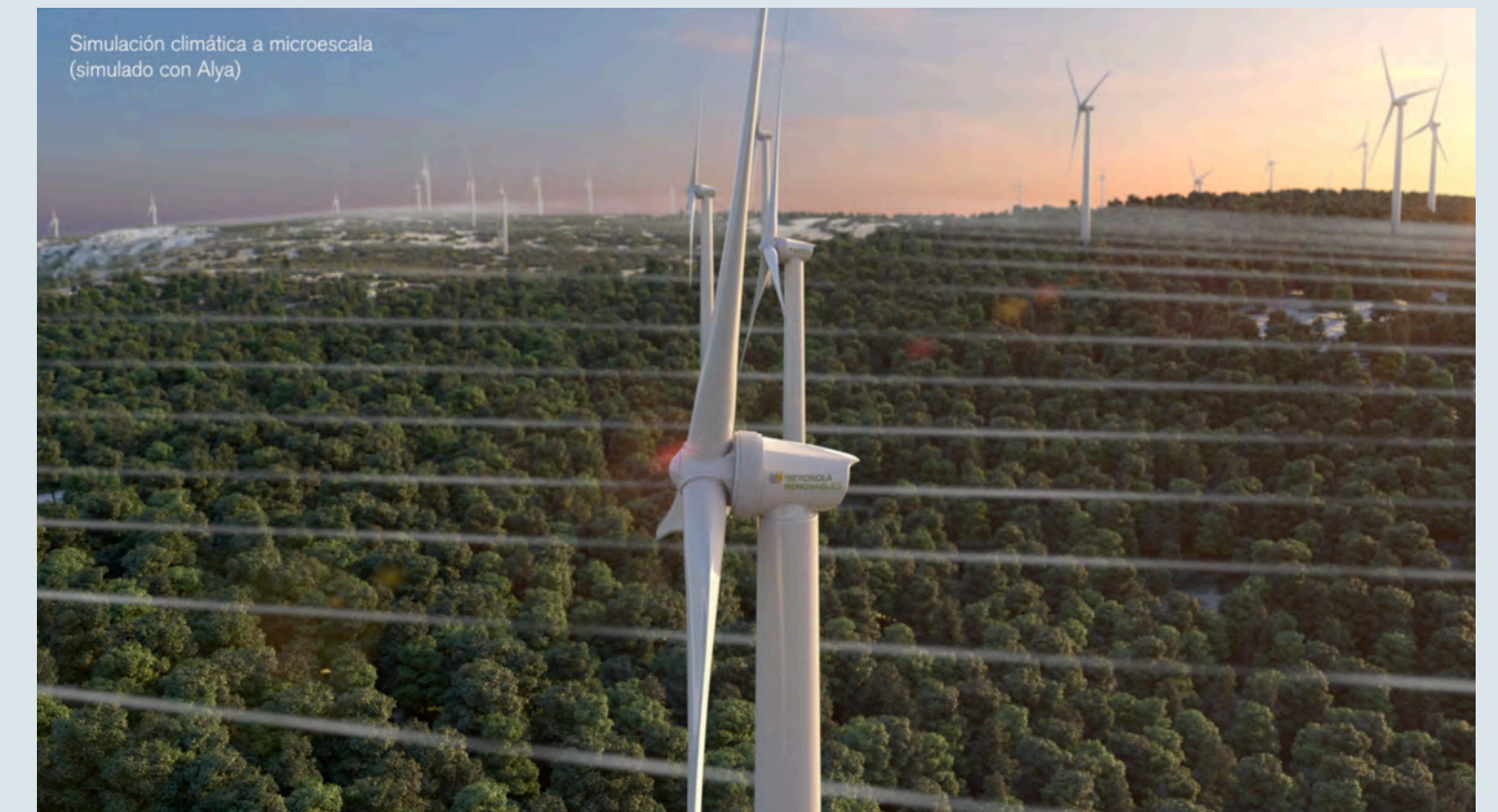
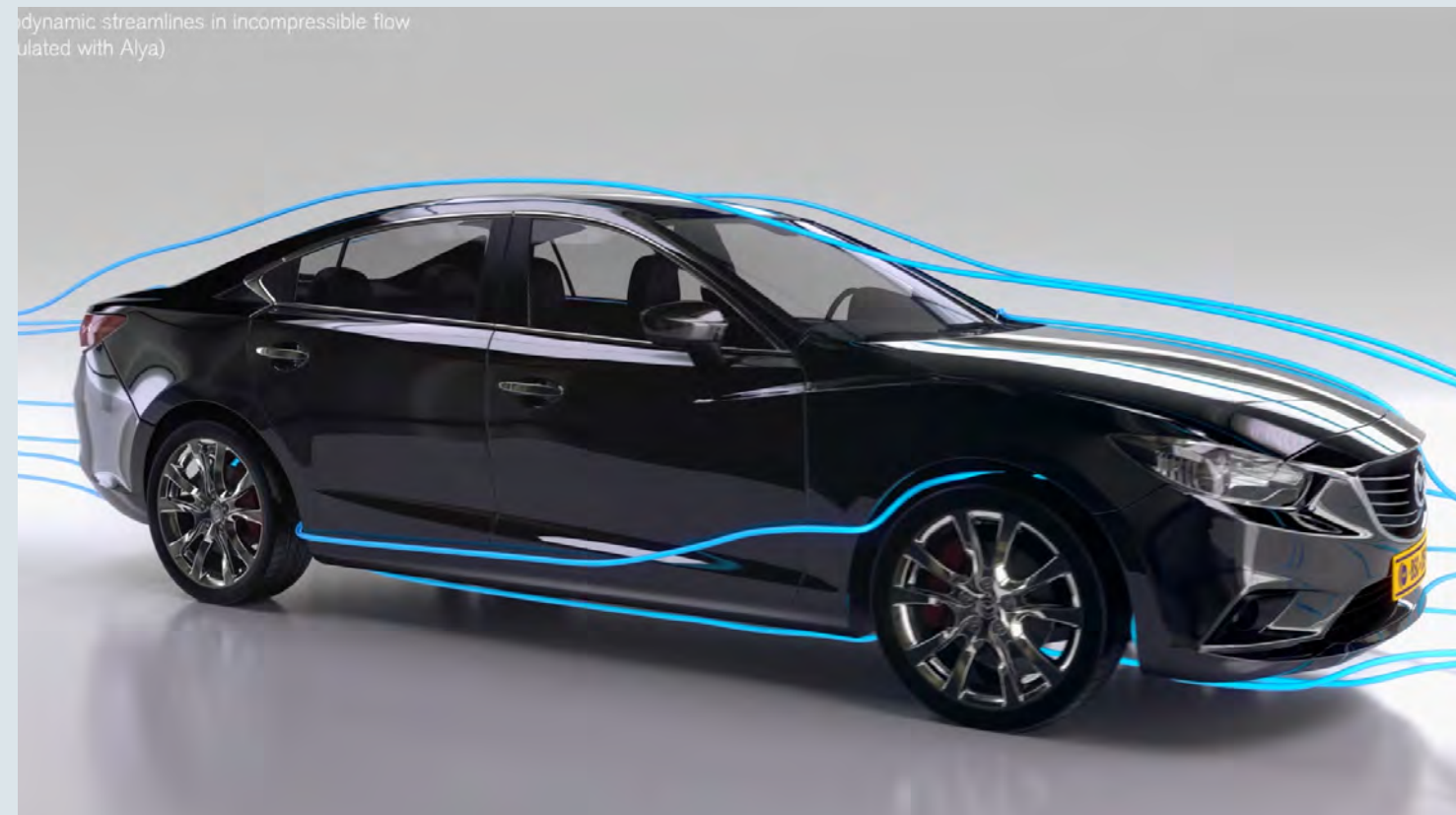
# Hyper-realistic visualisations of computer simulations





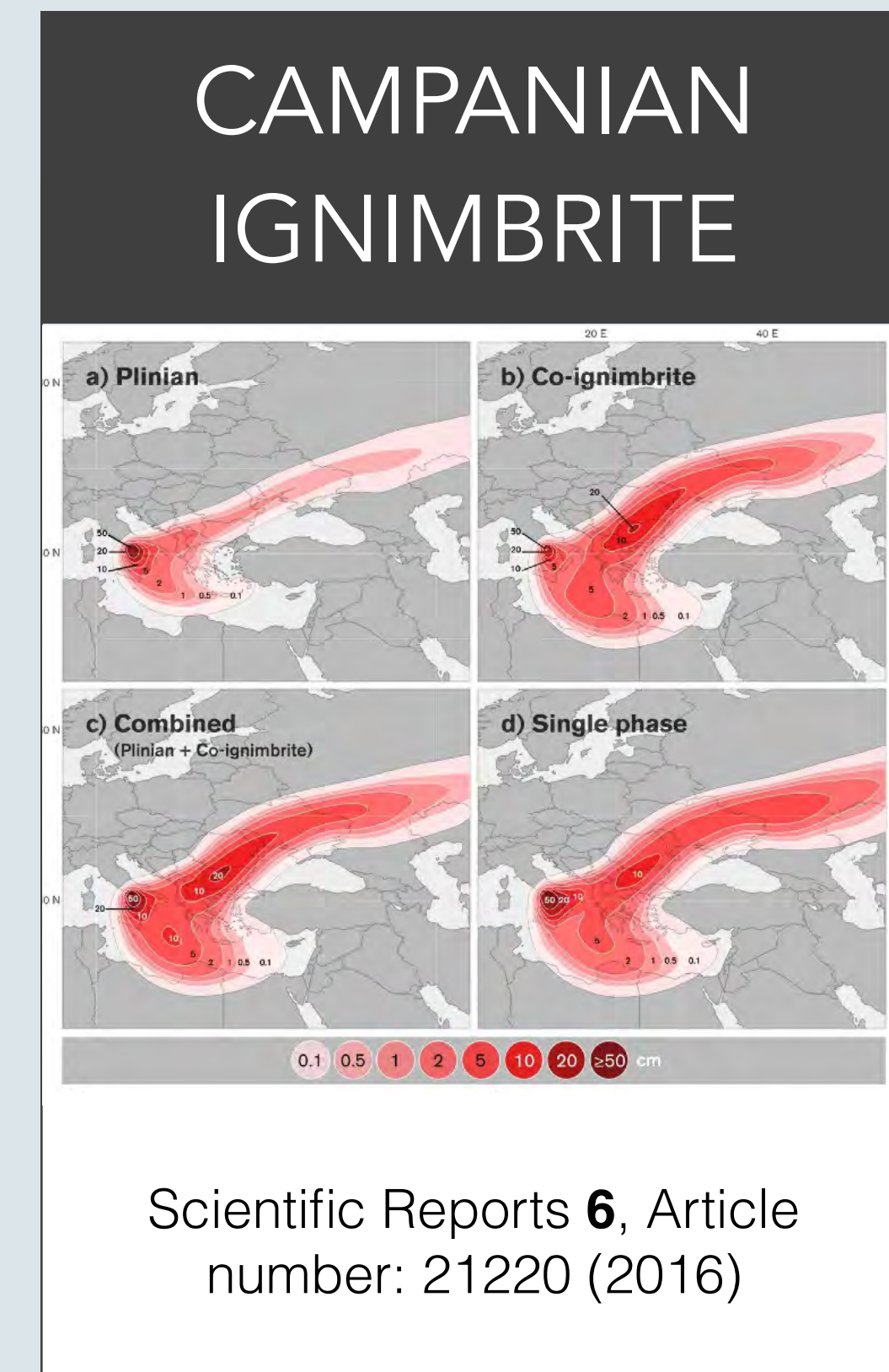
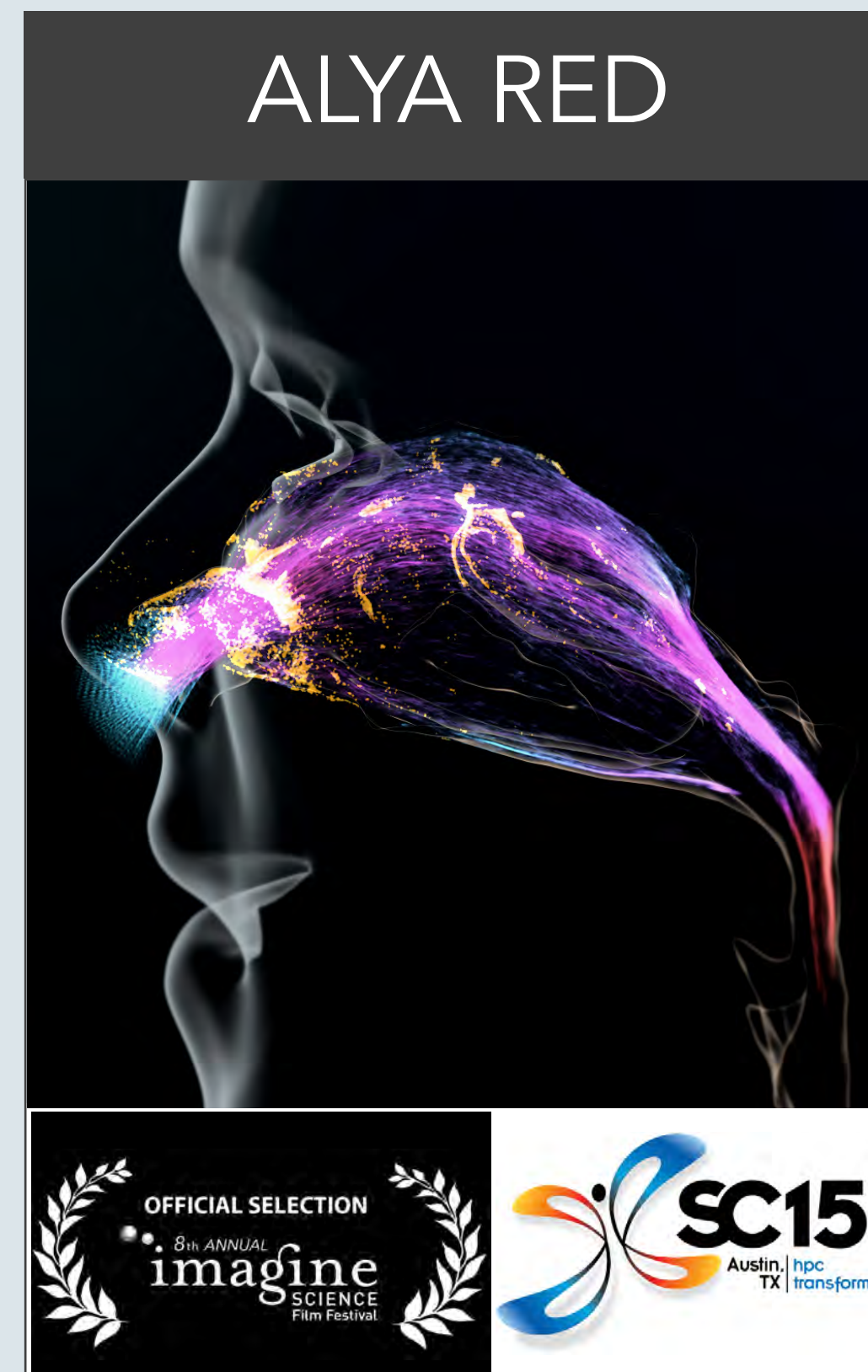
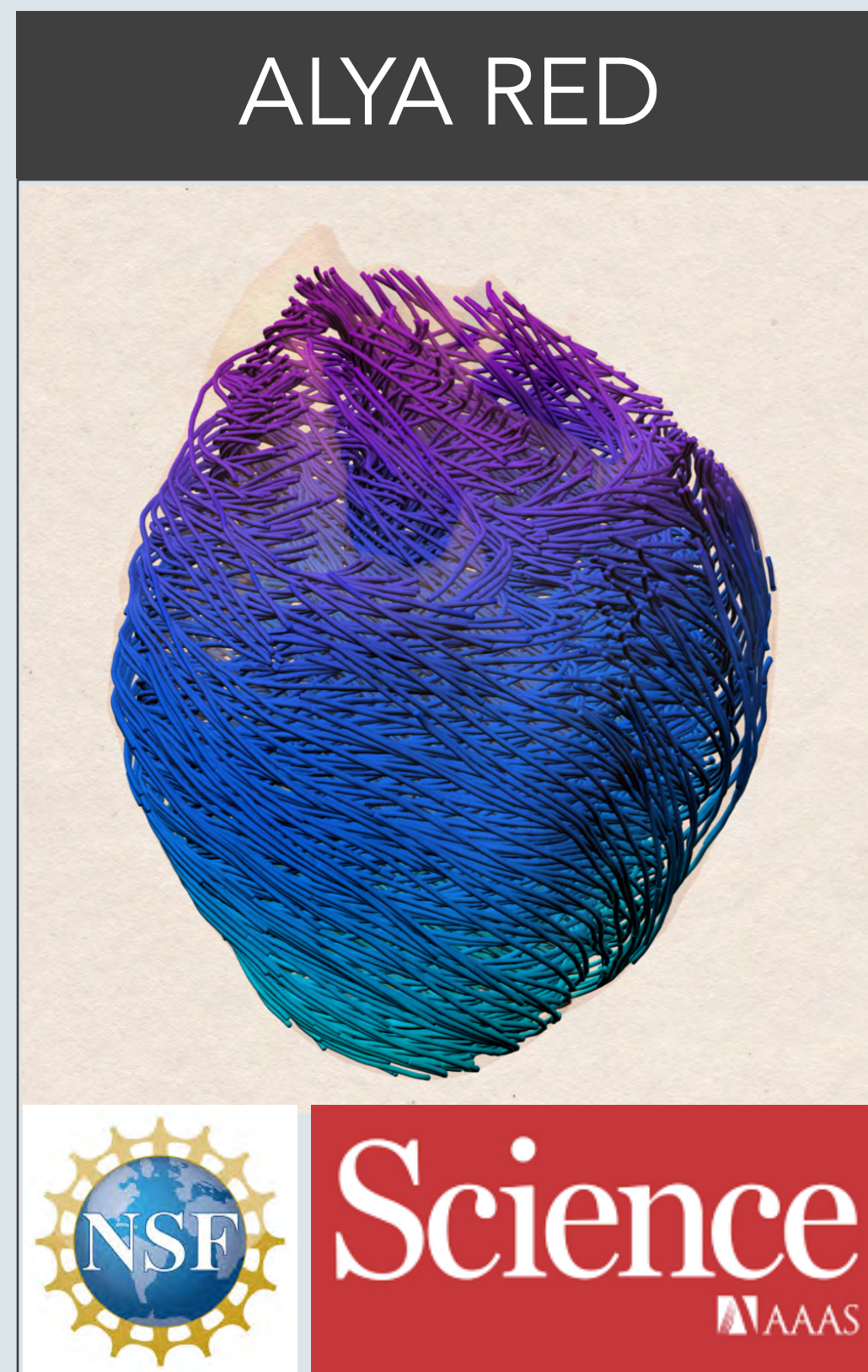
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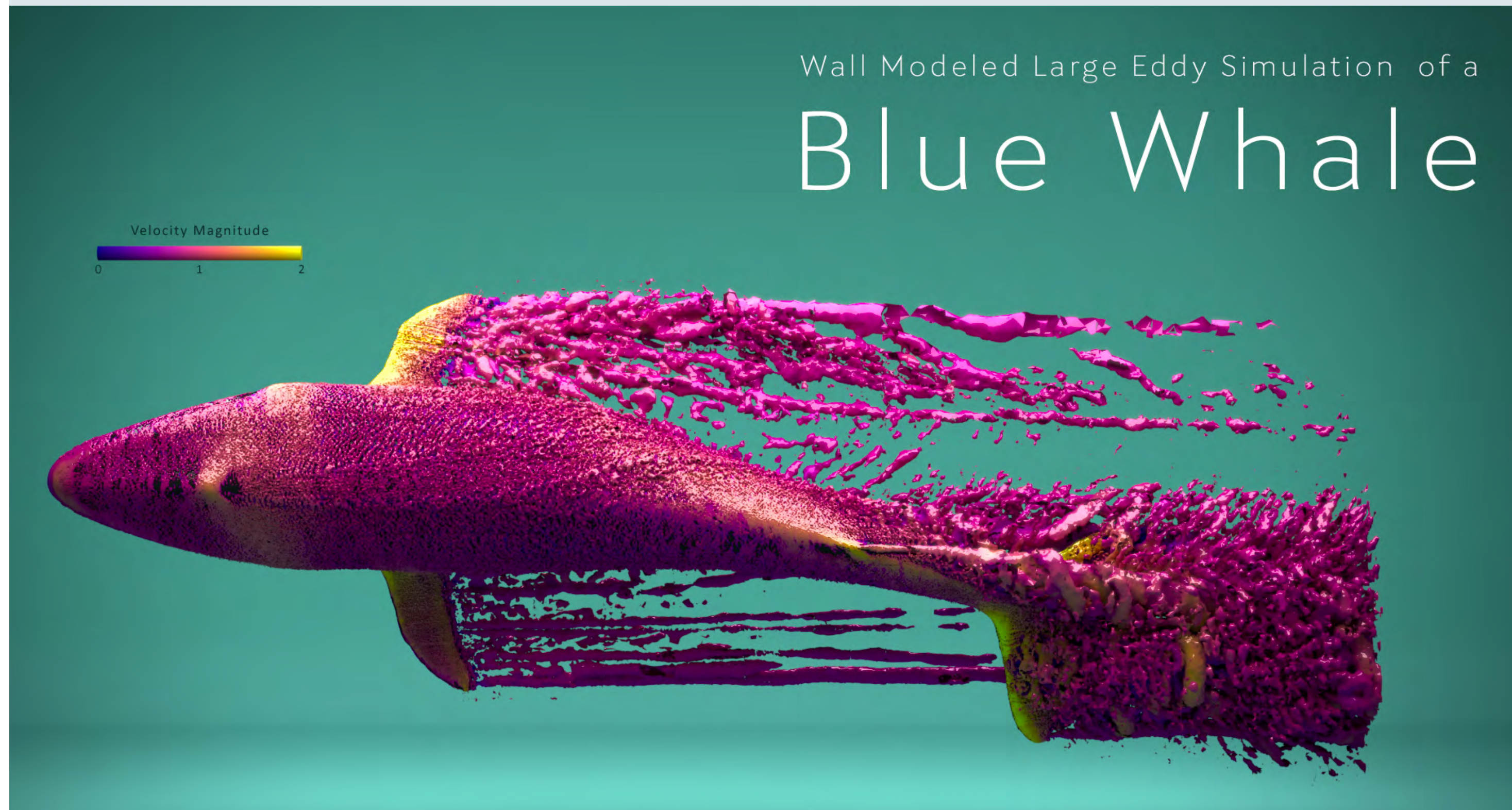


# High-end visualisations of computer simulations





# Super nice visualisations of computer simulations



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## What we do

Photo-real renders of **DATA**

Used in short movies and still images

For general public and/or peers

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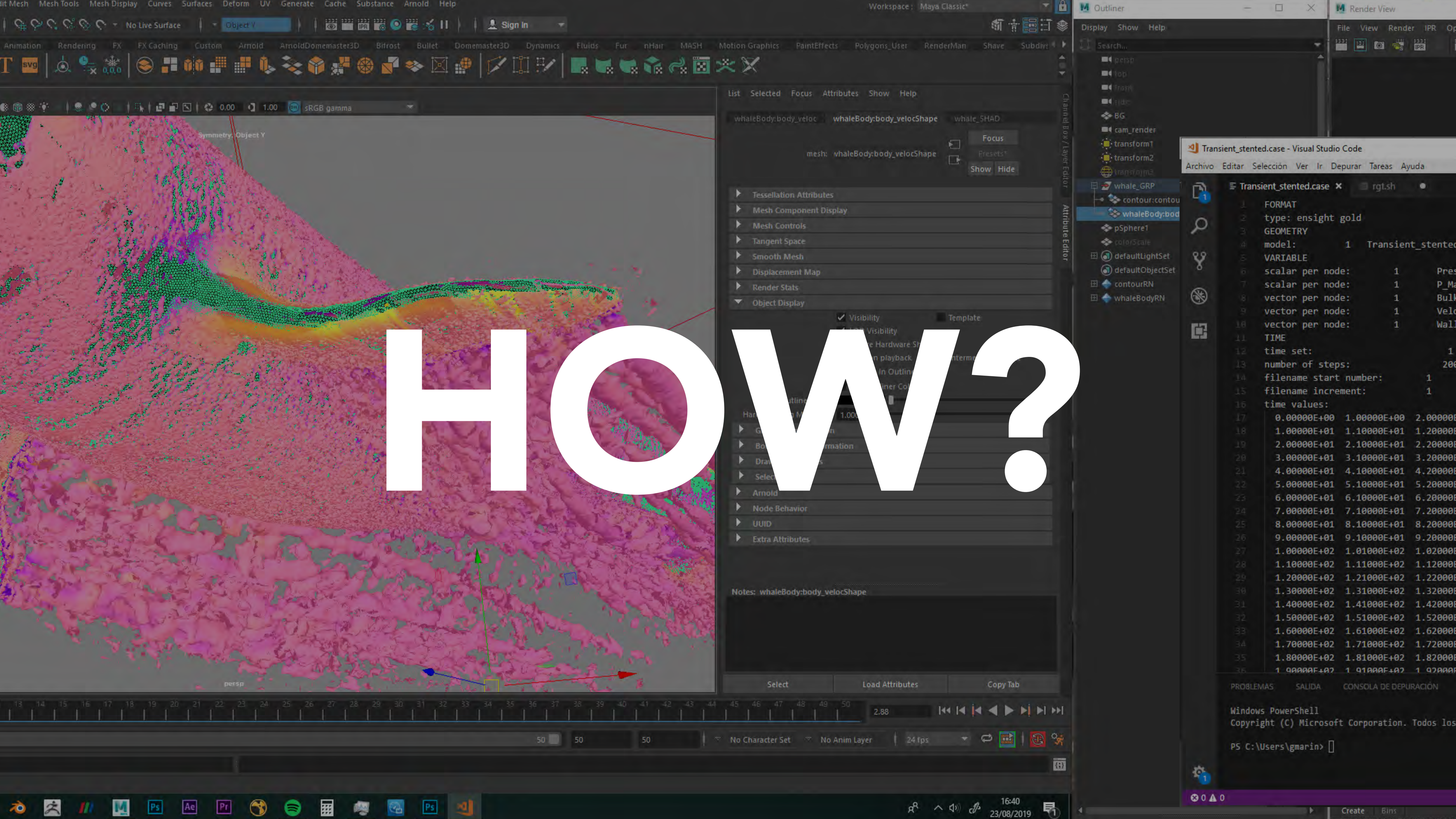
## Why we do it

Maximise impact

Increase memorability

Bateman, Useful junk?, 2573-2582

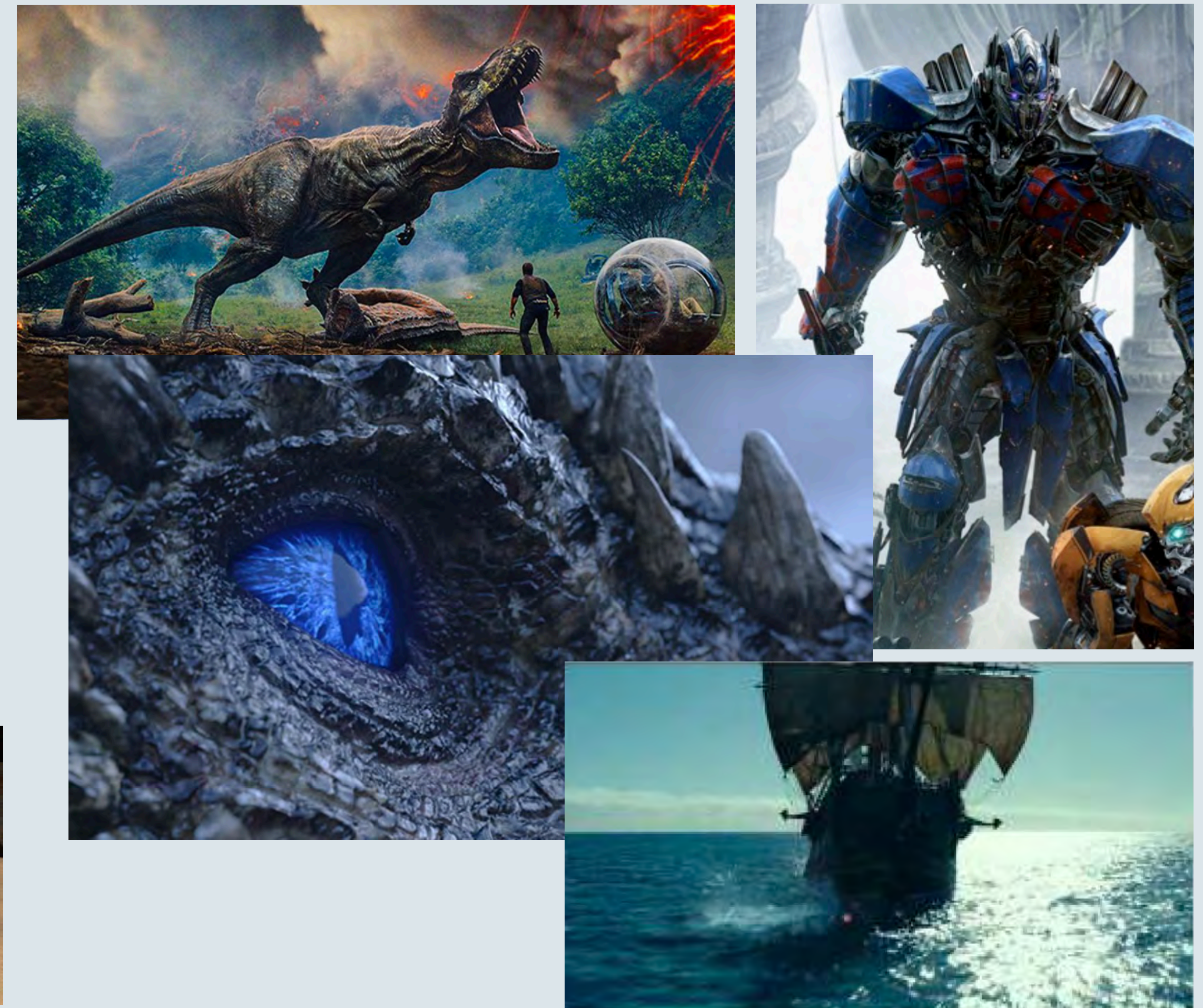
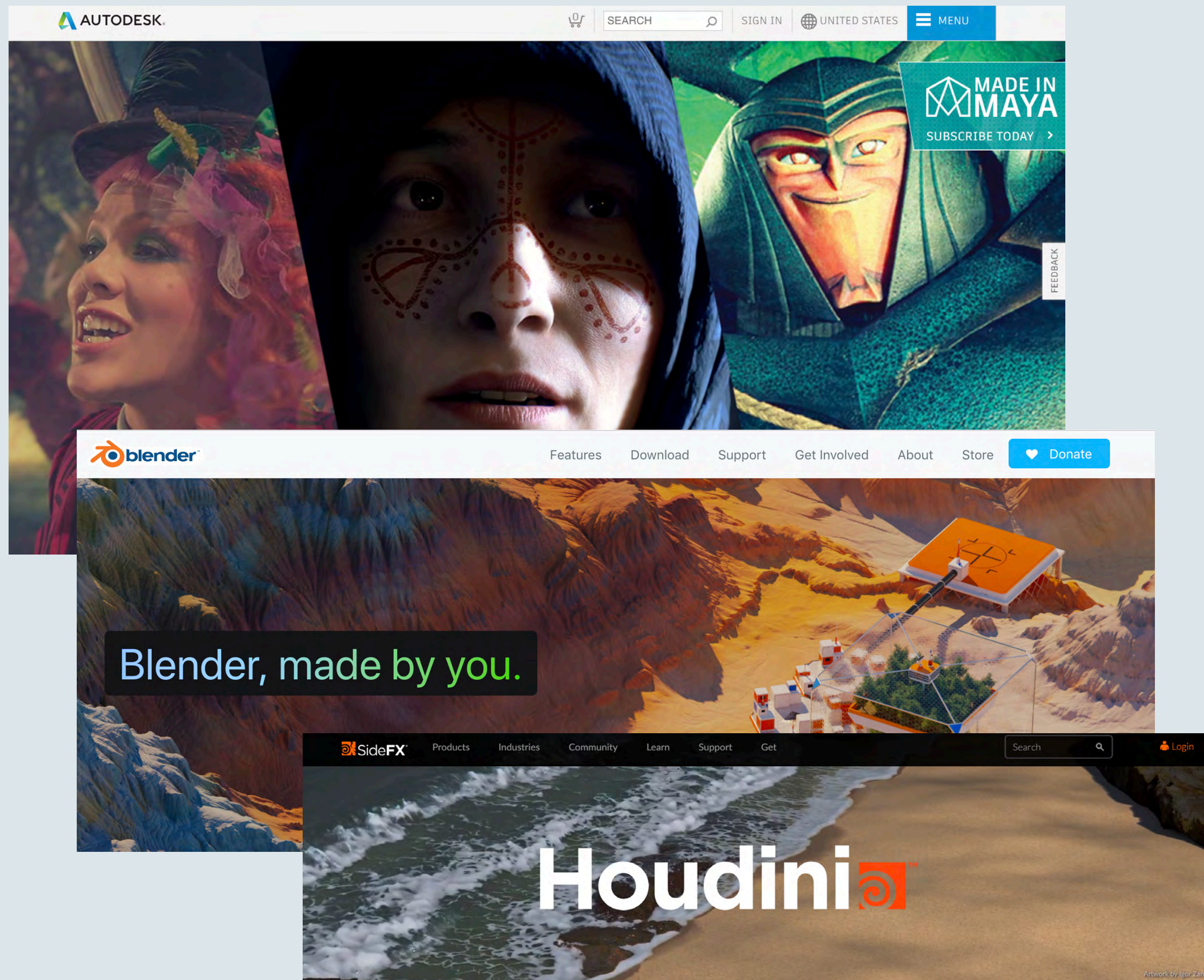




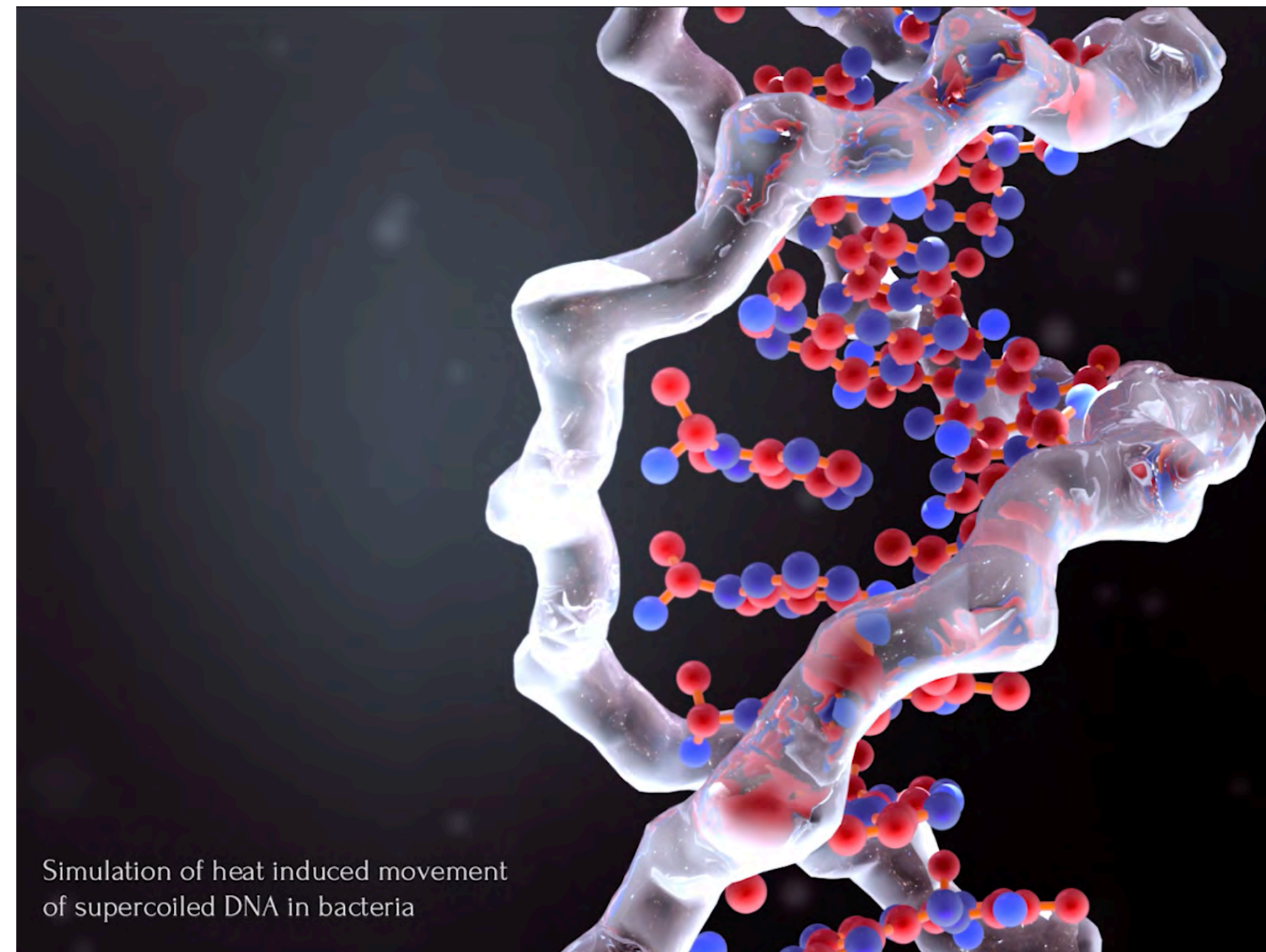


Film industry **tools** are amazing  
Film industry **people** too

To achieve it, we need artist level  
of control over camera, light, textures,  
animation, and render quality







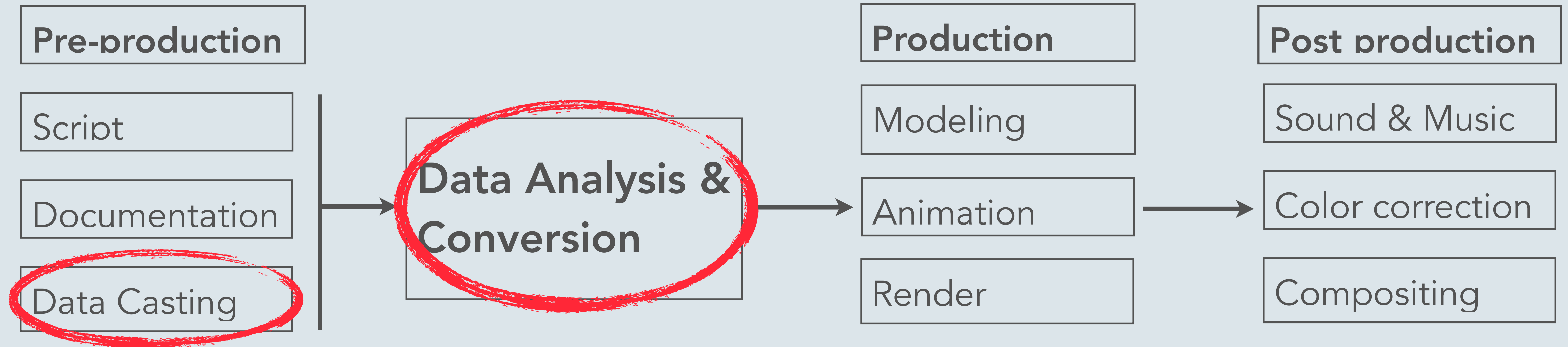
# Beautiful **AND** accurate

- Have scientists and artists work together
- Convert data from scientific software/format into animation industry standards



# Production pipeline

Typical pipeline in animation with a few extra steps for **DATA**





# Production pipeline

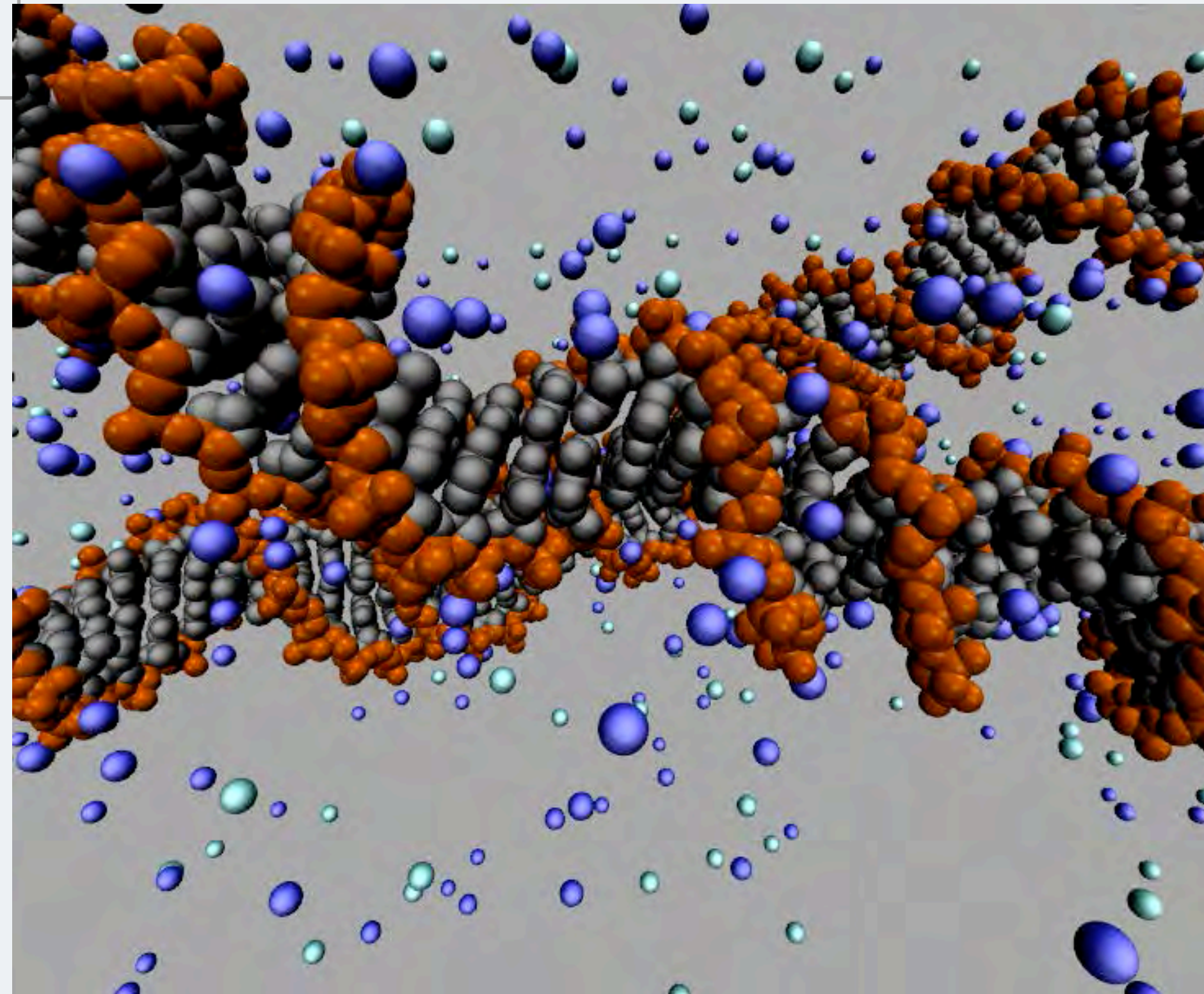
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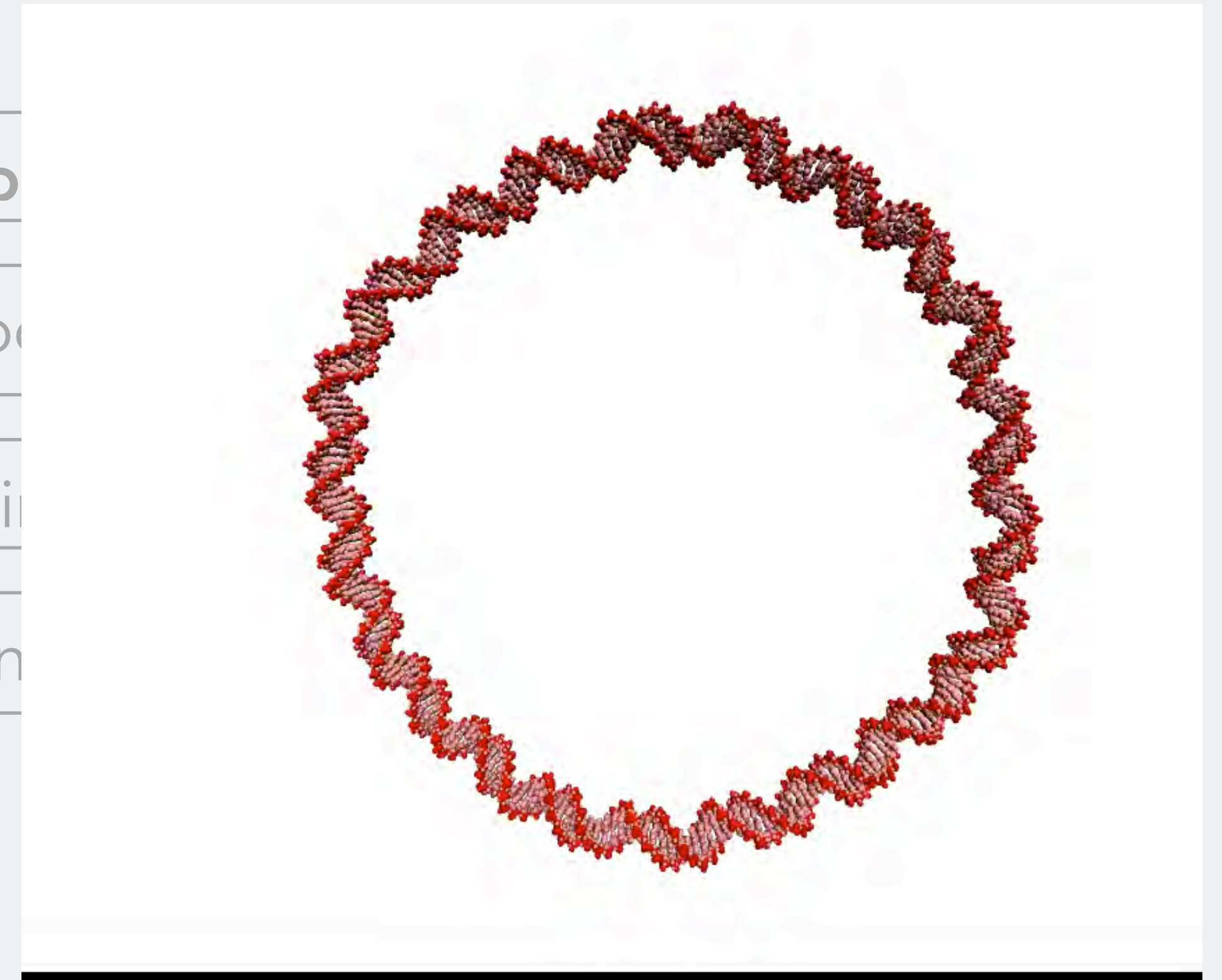
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## Data Casting

Inspect data in  
Sci-Viz software  
Data forensics  
if necessary



Harris, S. University of Leeds





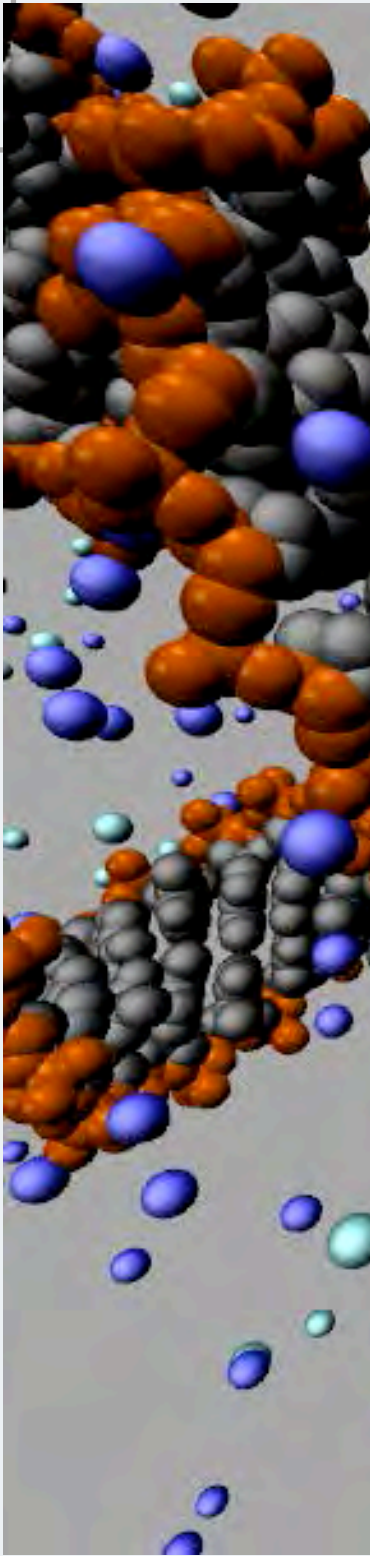
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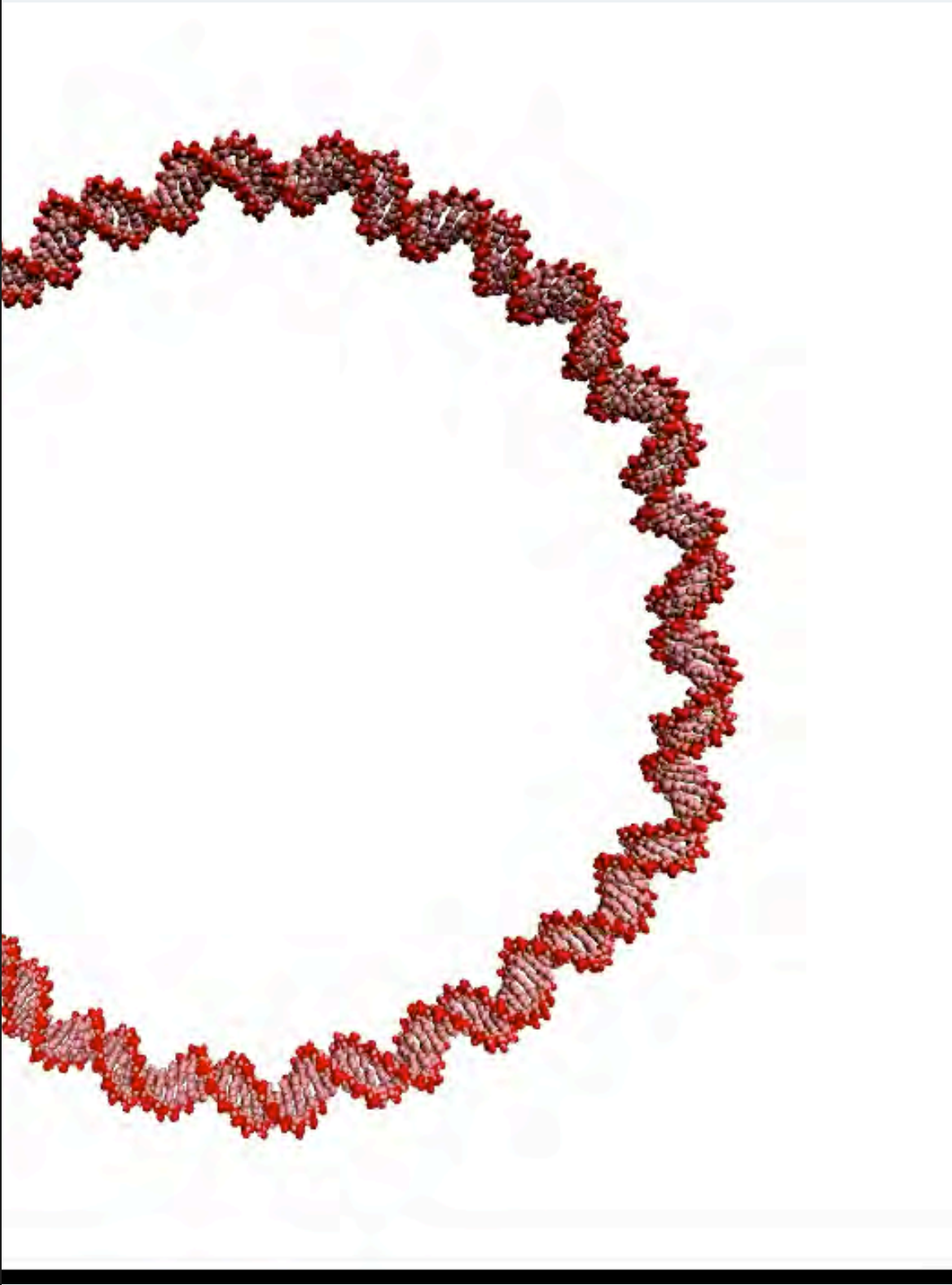
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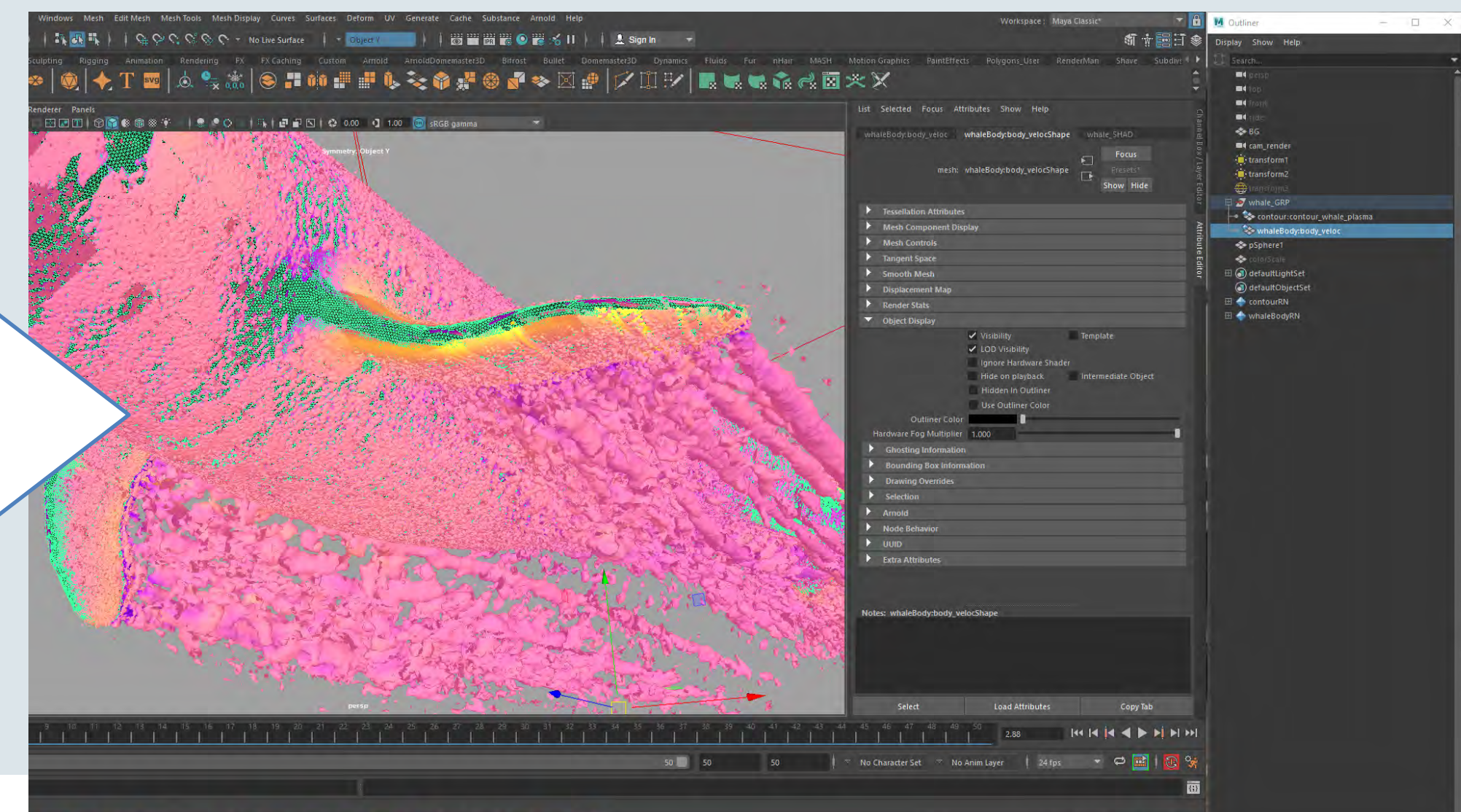
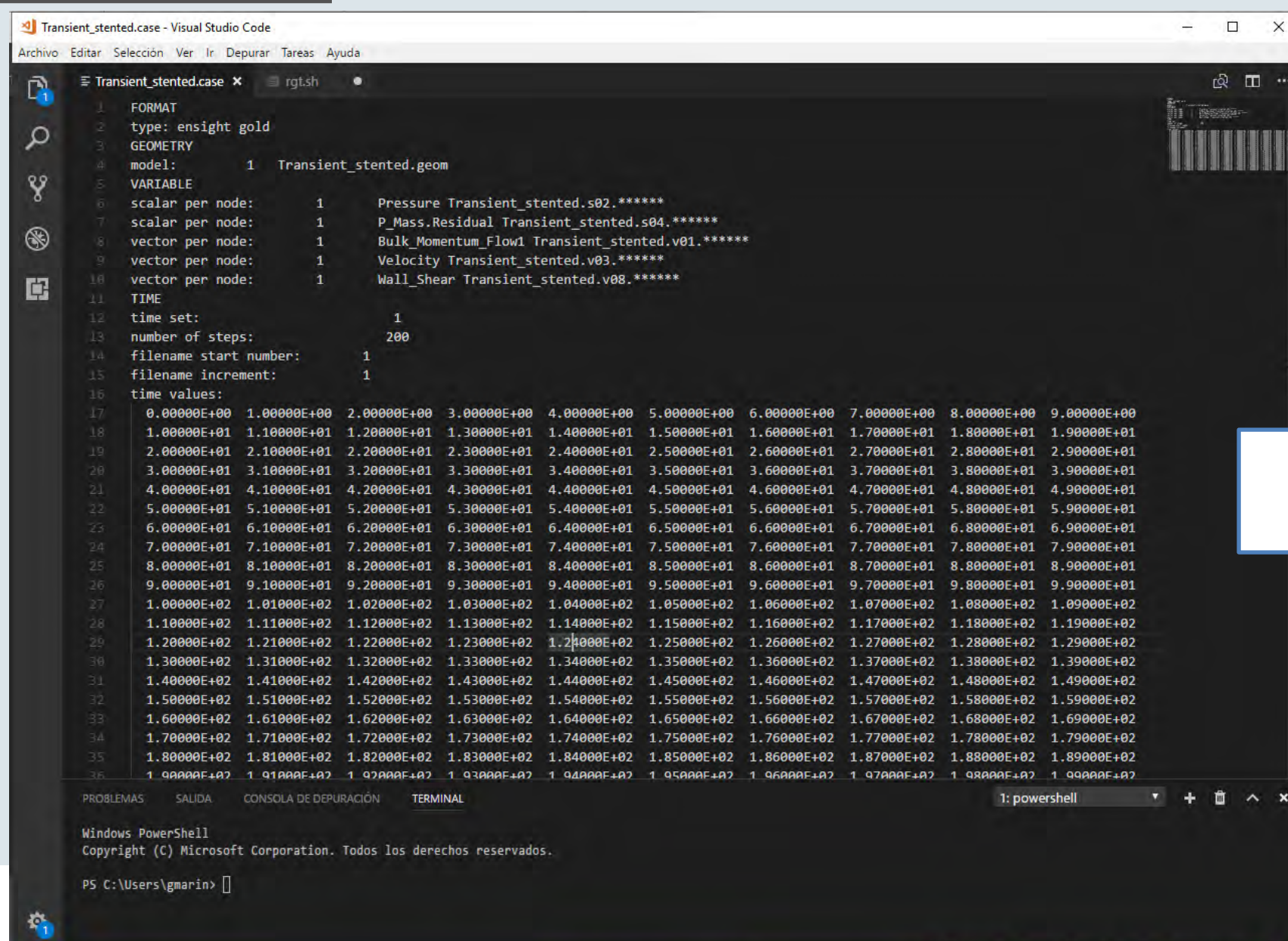
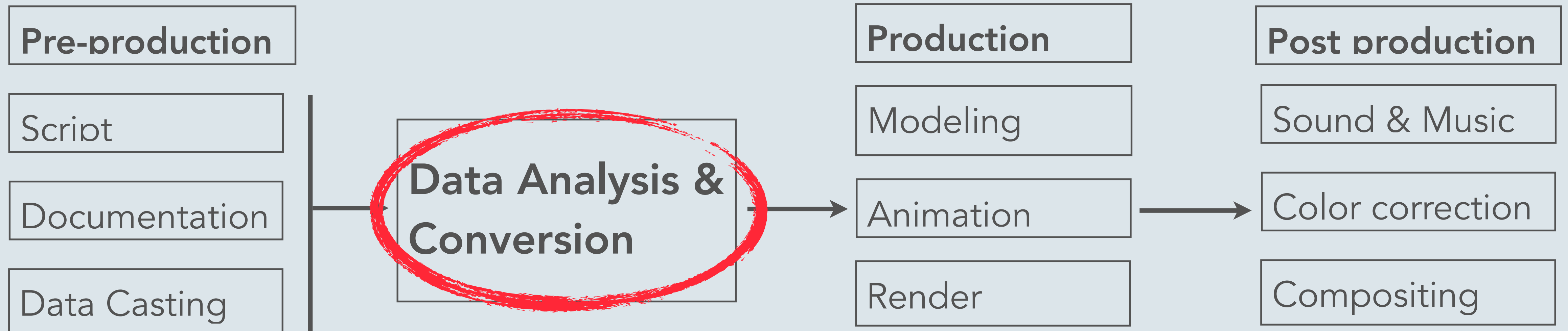
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# Production pipeline

# Typical pipeline in film industry with a few extra steps for **DATA**





# Data conversion workflow

Formats we can **read**

## Standard formats

**netcdf** (climate)

**vtk** (engineering, physics, etc)

**ensi** (same as above)

**PDB** (molecular data)

CSV

**Almost anything readable by Paraview**

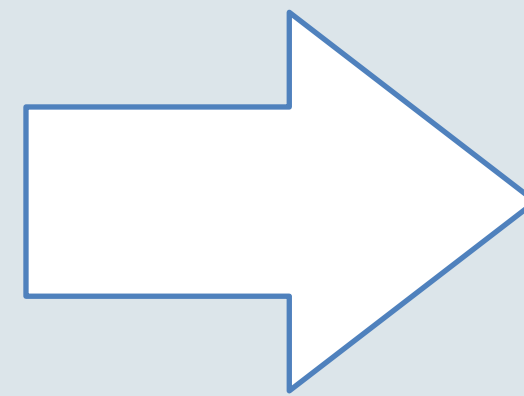
## Other formats

Structured and Unstructured Grids

Semi-Structured Grid Data

**Generic Particle Data**

Tables, trees, matrices



## 3D computer graphics software

Maya 

Blender 

3DSMax 

Houdini 

## Renderers

Arnold Render 

Renderman 

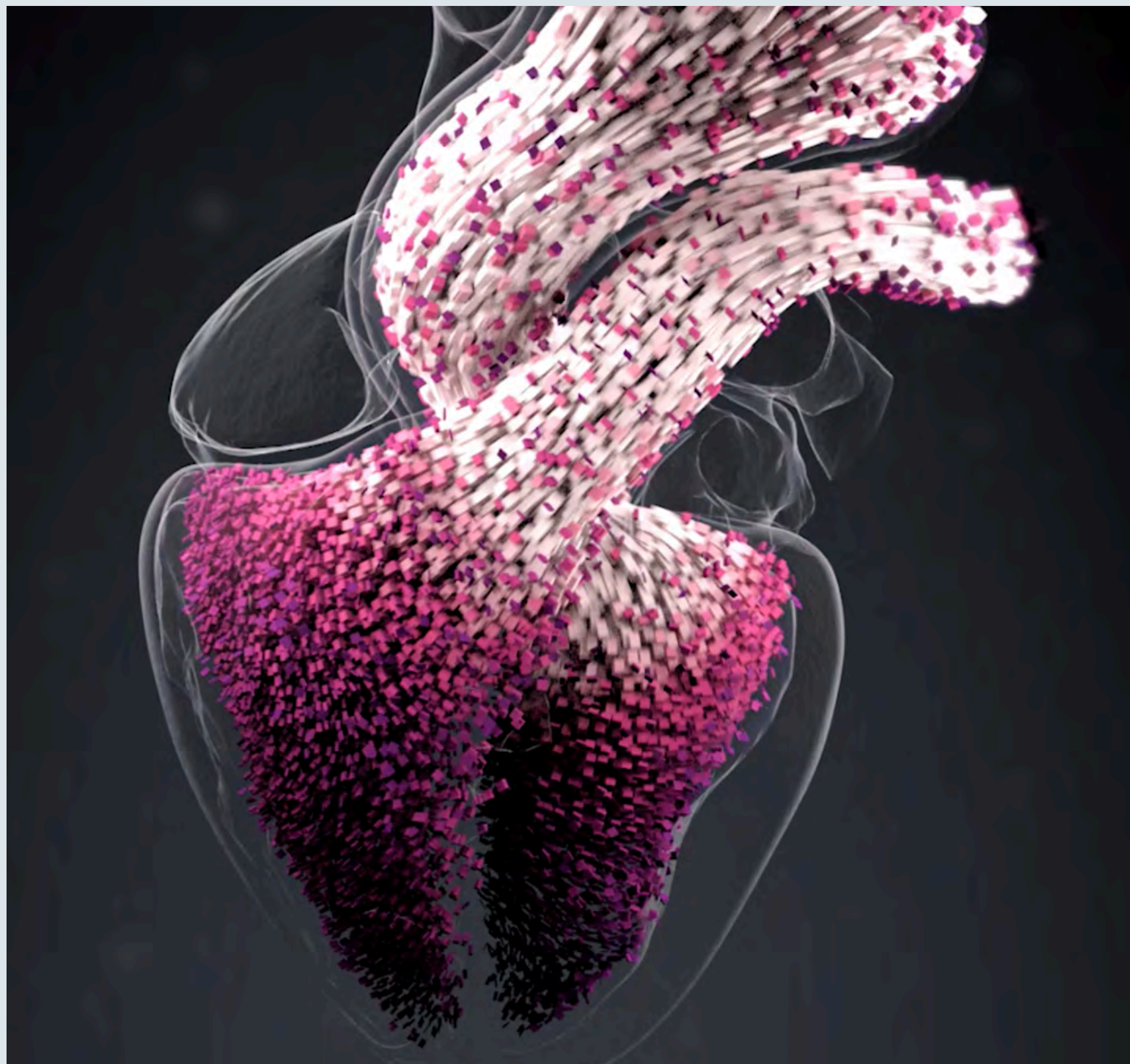
Redshift 

Blender Cycles



# Data conversion workflow

Formats we can **write**



## Volumetric data

Maya cache (mc)

Blender Voxels (bvox)

OpenVDB

## Surface data

STL

OBJ

FBX

Alembic, etc...

## Point/vector data

Maya cache (mc)

Partio



<http://ytini.com/>

Naiman, J.P., Borkiewicz, K., & Christensen, A.J.  
2017, PASP, 129, 058008

A set of tools to read and write volumetric data



# 3D design software

- Maya: High cost but stable, easy to find experts
- Blender: Cheap (as in free) but less stable  
workflow is less “professional”  
very flexible, good for scientists
- Houdini: Procedural workflow,  
handles bigger datasets more efficiently

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- Arnold Render: Biased, CPU renderer, really fast
- Renderman
- Redshift: Unbiased GPU-based, even faster
- Cycles: Unbiased render, good use of GPU cluster



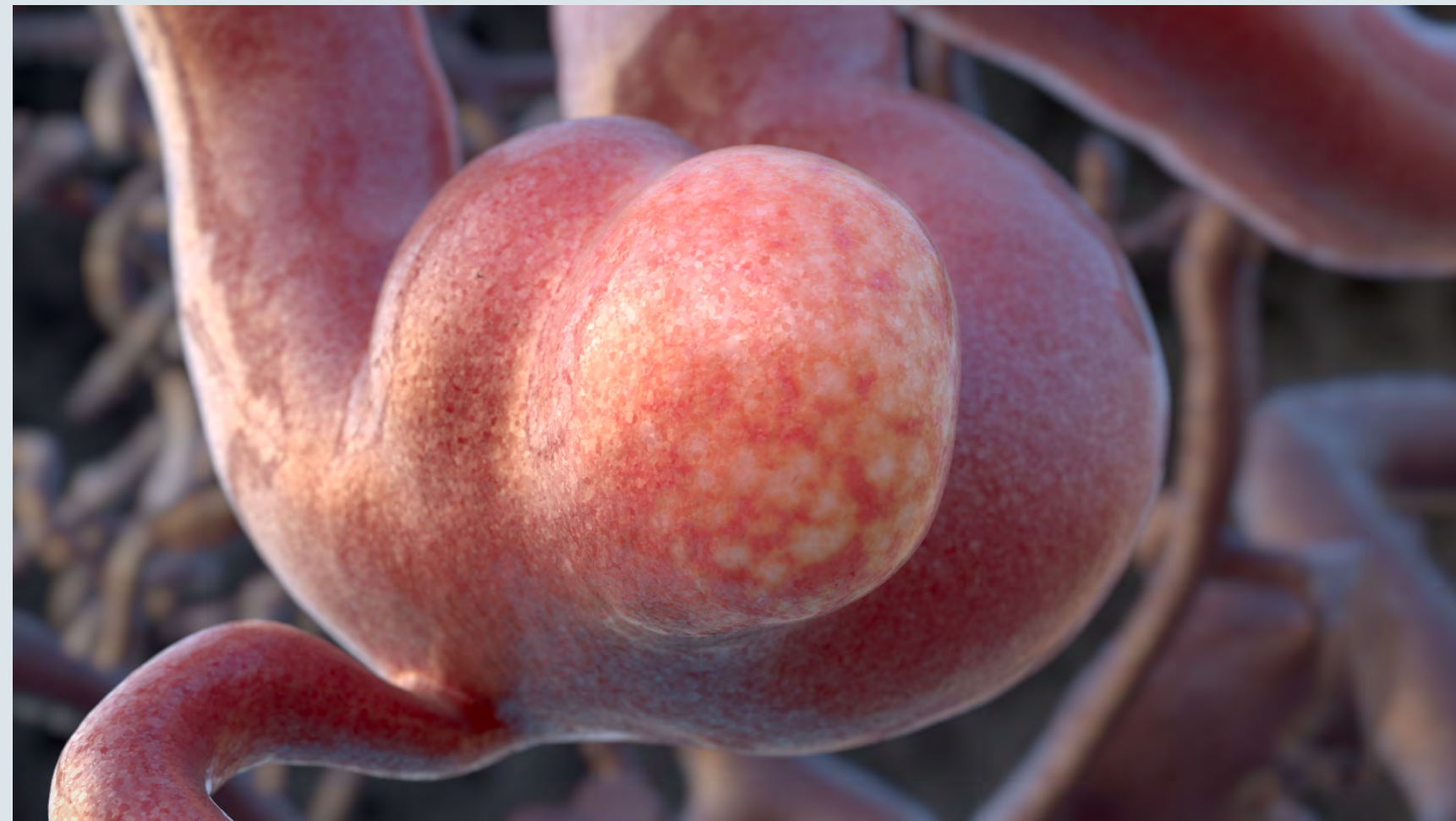
# Medtronic

- Commissioned film
- 10th Anniversary of the Pipeline Embolization Device
- Shown at LINNC 2019 (Live Interventional Neuroradiology & Neurosurgery Course)
- Audience mainly MDs
- 3D stereoscopic and Mono versions
- Coordinated by Dr. Ana Paula Narata; Simulations by Dr. Alberto Marzo

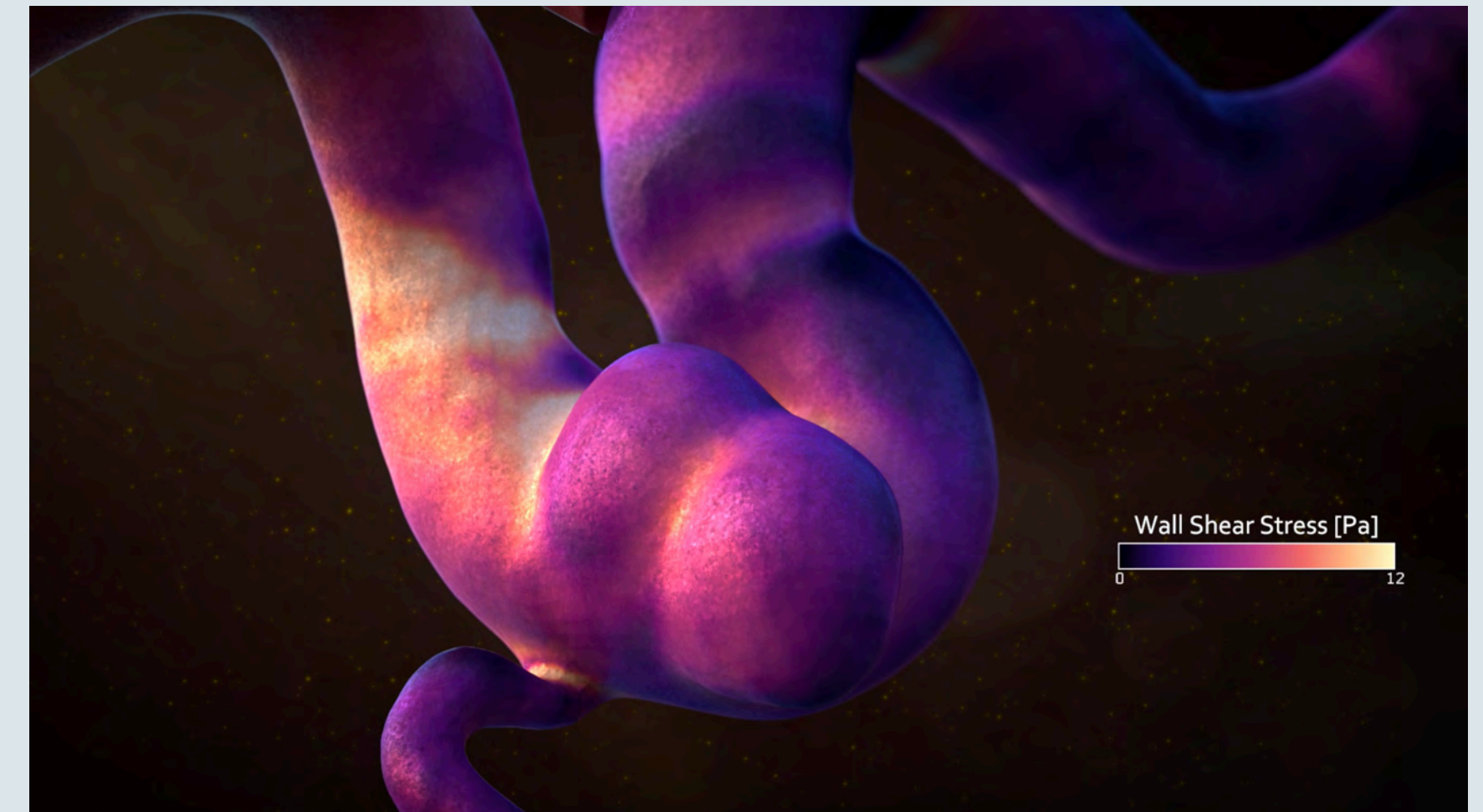




Intro: Patient-based geometry of intracranial artery

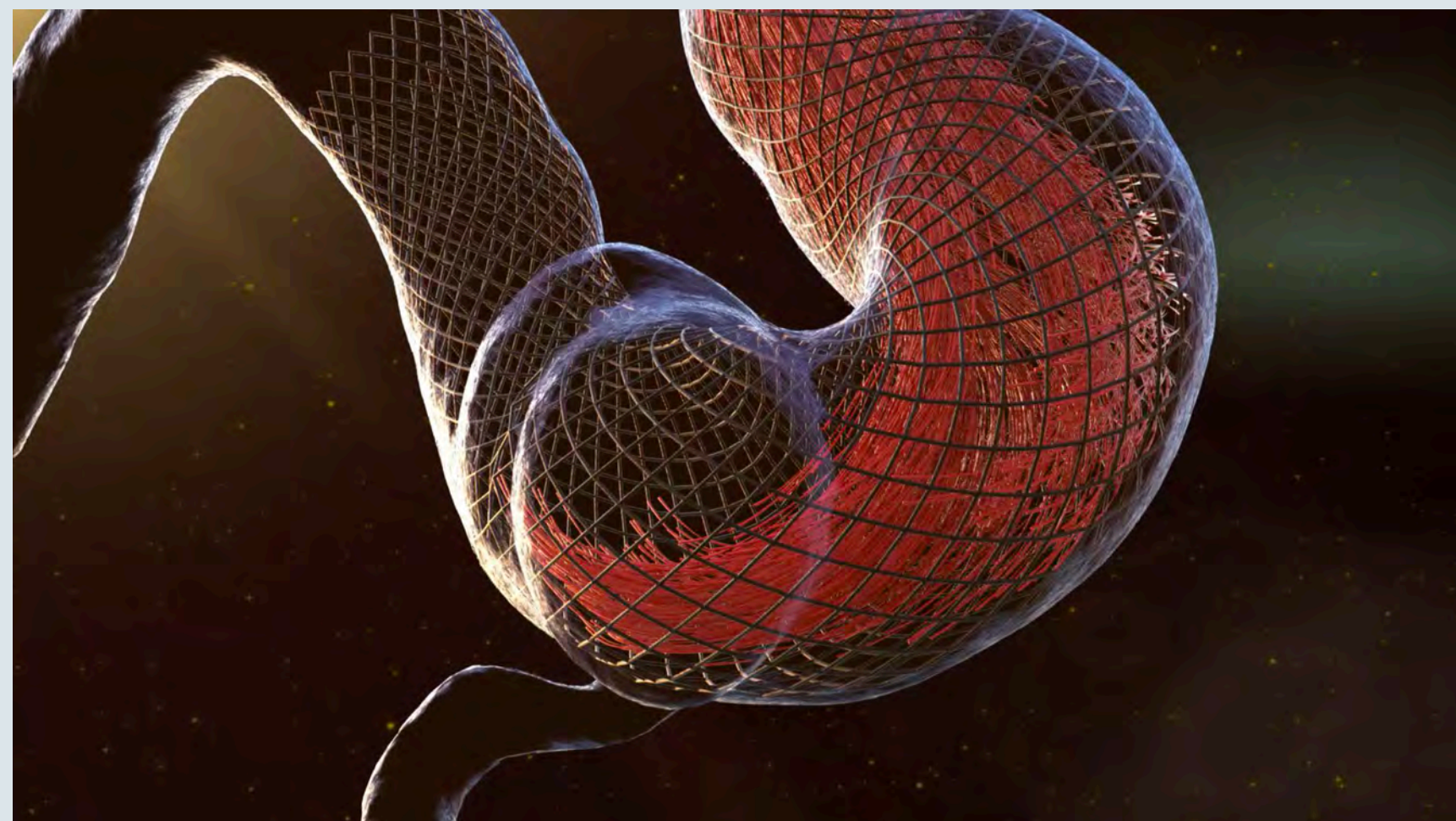


CFD study of the blood flow before stent implantation



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CFD study of the blood flow after stent implantation



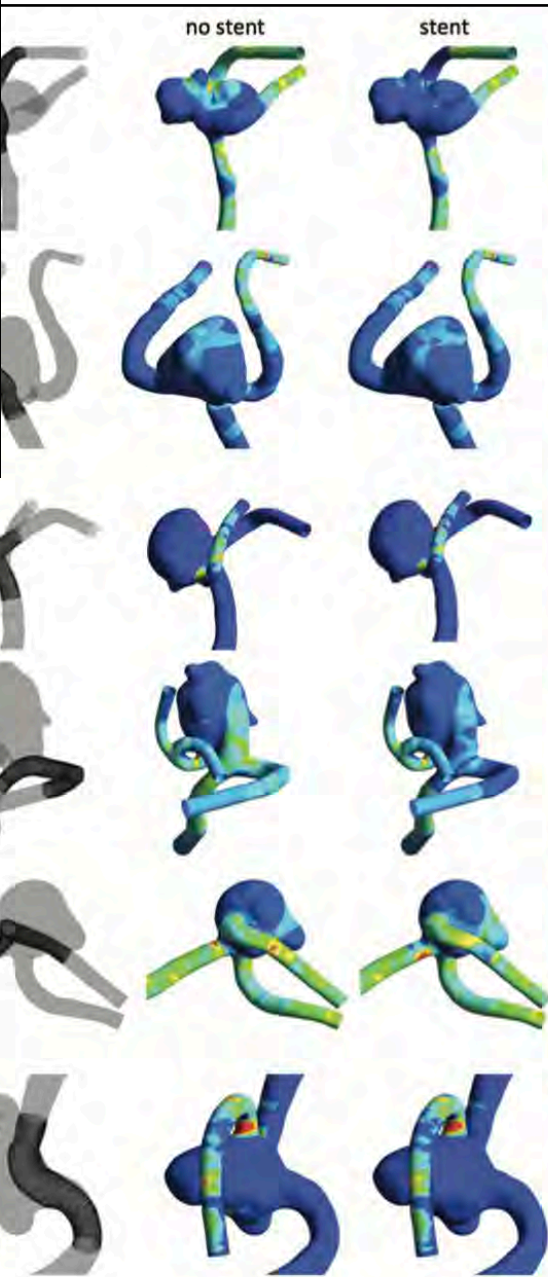
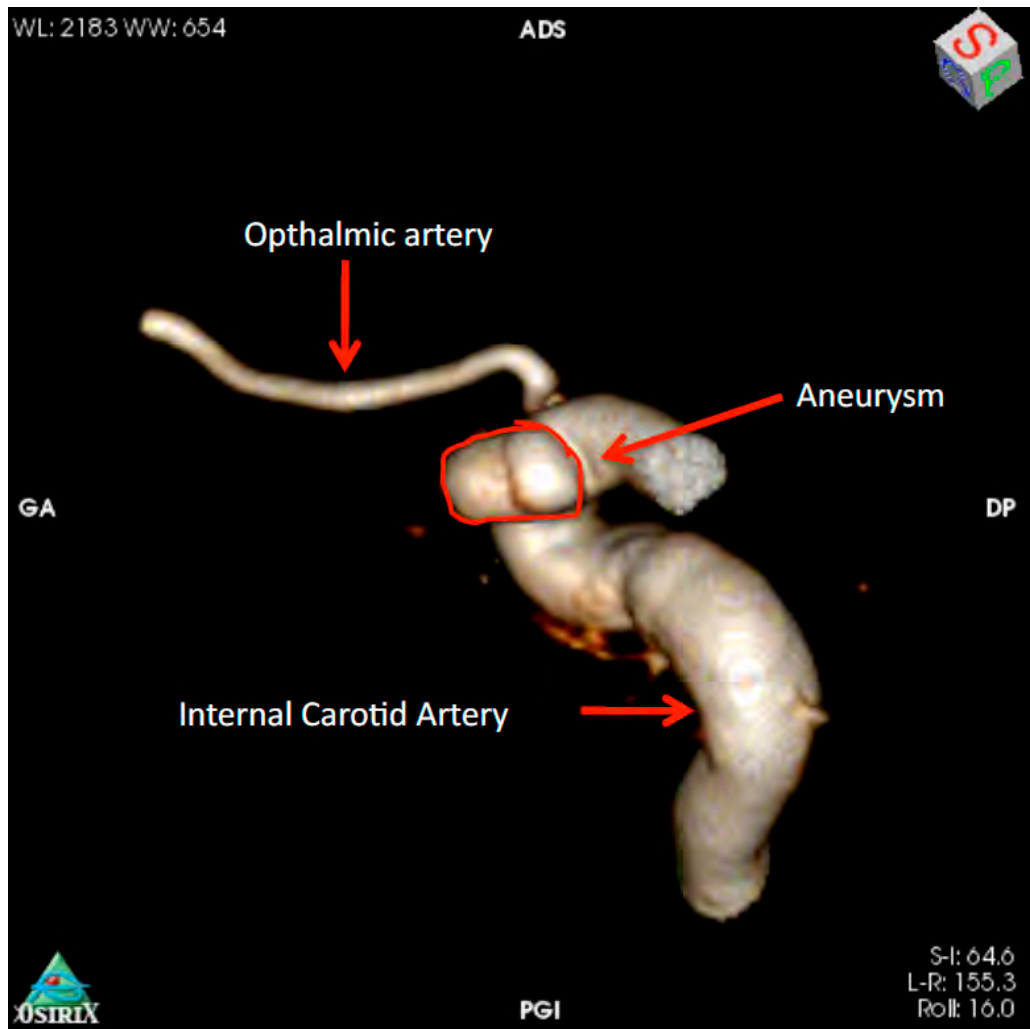
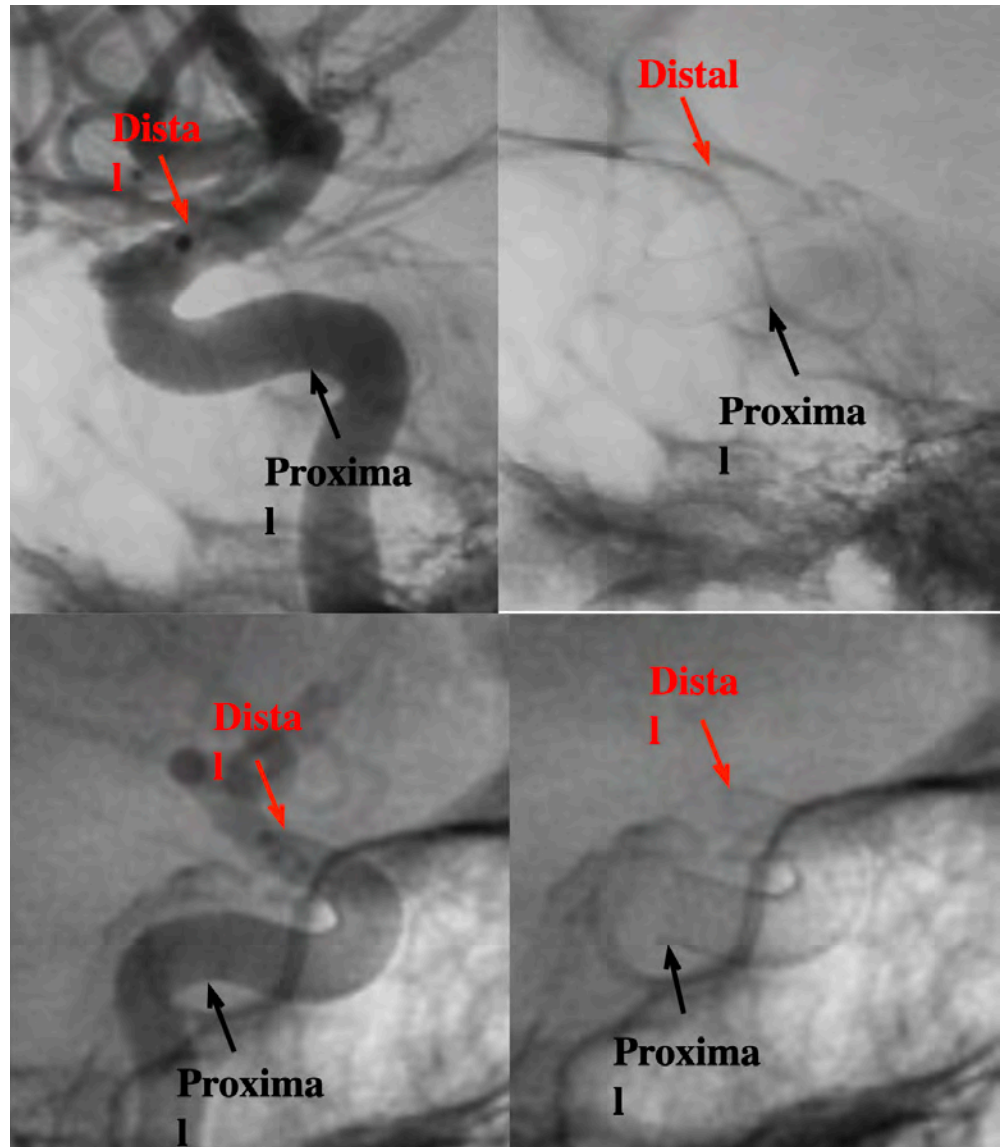
Accurate recreation of the stent delivery process



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# CFD study references



In the published series of bifurcation aneurysms treated with FDSs, approximately two-thirds of the arteries jailed by the FDS were affected by a narrowing process or complete subacute occlusion.<sup>3-8</sup> In the 25-aneurysm dataset reported in this study, narrowing or complete subacute occlusion was observed in 56% of cases. Only 1 patient (patient 6) presented acute arterial occlusion at 3-month follow-up, keeping a normal diameter. The main hypothesis is that acute occlusion was caused by a thrombotic process because occlusion was immediate (during the procedure) and completely reversible. Occlusion and narrowing processes by permanent flow changes seem to be subacute events and not reversible.

Causes and mechanisms underlying FDS-induced artery caliber changes have not been elucidated. An analysis of anatomic and radiologic data for the study cohort reported here found a statistically significant correspondence between levels of bifurcation asymmetry and narrowing or subacute occlusion of the jailed artery. These correspondences were found for a 25-dataset cohort; a larger cohort size would be needed to enhance the significance of these findings.

Insertion of an FDS in asymmetric idealized bifurcations led to more changes in daughter vessel hemodynamics, in particular a reduction in WSS, compared with symmetric cases, regardless of whether the FDS was deployed along the larger or smaller branch. Deploying the FDS along the smaller bifurcating vessel led to more pronounced alterations in the hemodynamic parameters investigated. Patient-specific simulations confirmed previous results from the idealized geometry study, with observable hemodynamic changes in the asymmetric group. Although changes in WSS values seem

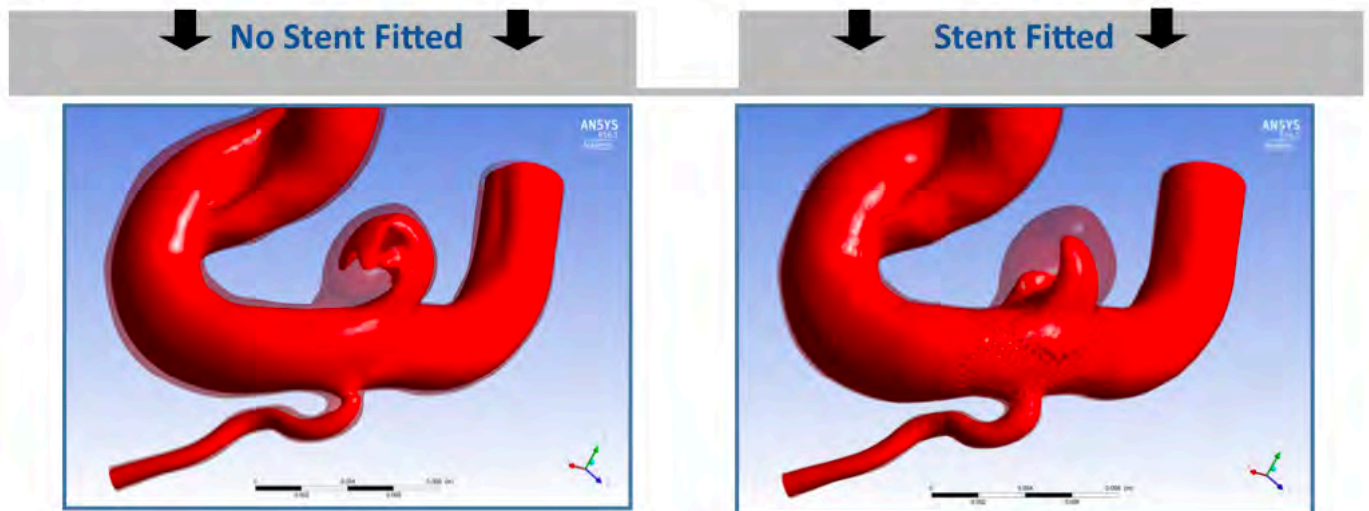
FIG 6. Computational fluid dynamics results for patient-specific analyses (phase III). WSS contours and anatomies were investigated.

**DISCUSSION**  
Wide-neck bifurcation aneurysms present an unfavorable configuration for endovascular treatment. Balloon remodeling, stent-assisted coiling, and other complex procedures such as double-stent placement are often applied to provide more support to coil packing, with permanent neurologic impairment estimated in approximately 10% of cases.<sup>8</sup> A number of bifurcation aneurysms have been treated by using FDS procedures, and results are worse than in proximal aneurysms, with lower occlusion rates (33%–97%) and higher permanent neurologic impairment (0%–27%).

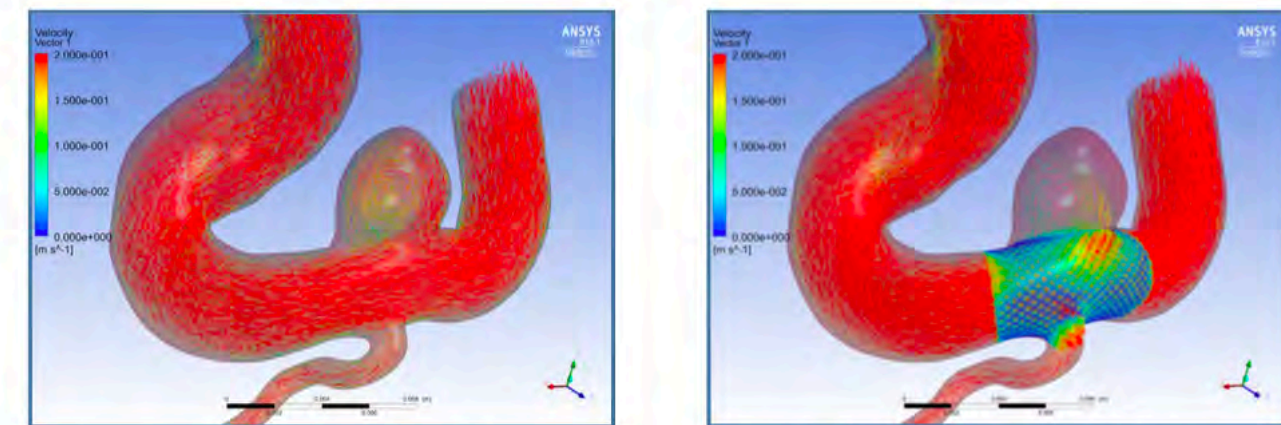
modest to definitely suggest a role played by hemodynamics, our findings have to be taken in a qualitative way and in view of the limitations of our approach. The computational fluid dynamics analysis was performed by using typical boundary conditions (eg, inlet flow rates). A more patient-specific approach would be necessary to fully understand in a quantitative way the significance of WSS alterations with respect to caliber changes and endothelial behavior. Nonetheless, the study identified an important trend demonstrating that hemodynamics is mostly perturbed by an FDS

## CFD Reveals Changes in Velocity and Wall Shear Stress

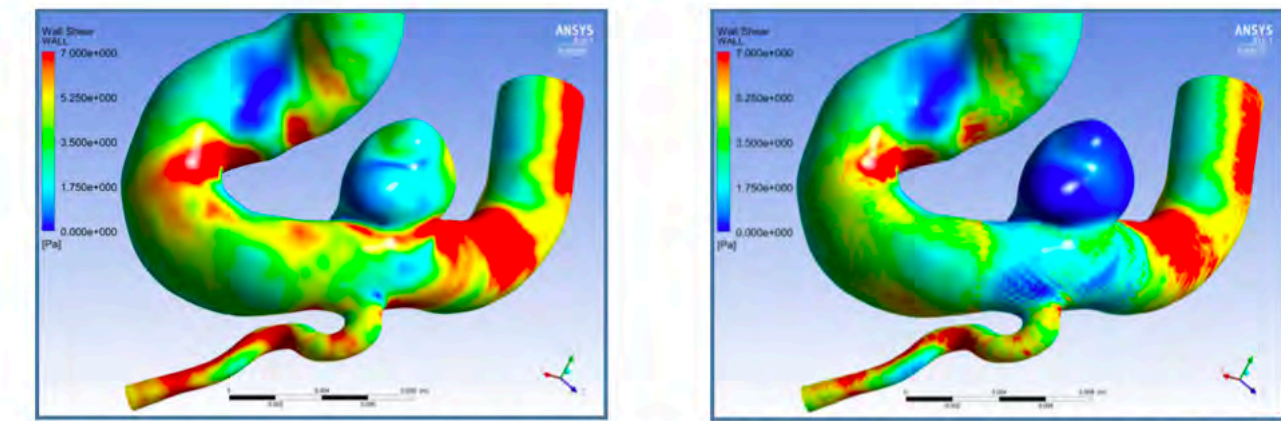
Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modelling within cardiovascular medicine is a specialist area of mathematics, used routinely across a diverse range of safety-critical engineering systems. CFD modelling has already revolutionised the research and development of devices such as stents, valve prostheses, and ventricular assist devices by facilitating rapid, economical and low-risk prototyping when combined with cardiovascular imaging. It enables detailed characterisation of complex physiological pressure and flow fields and the computation of metrics that cannot be directly measured, for example, wall shear stress, of particular interest in clinical applications.



Velocity Iso-surface: Surface plots showing areas of higher velocity (jets) entering the aneurysm sac in the untreated (left) and treated (right) case using a typical flow diverting stent (FDS) geometry in a patient-specific ophthalmic artery bifurcation.



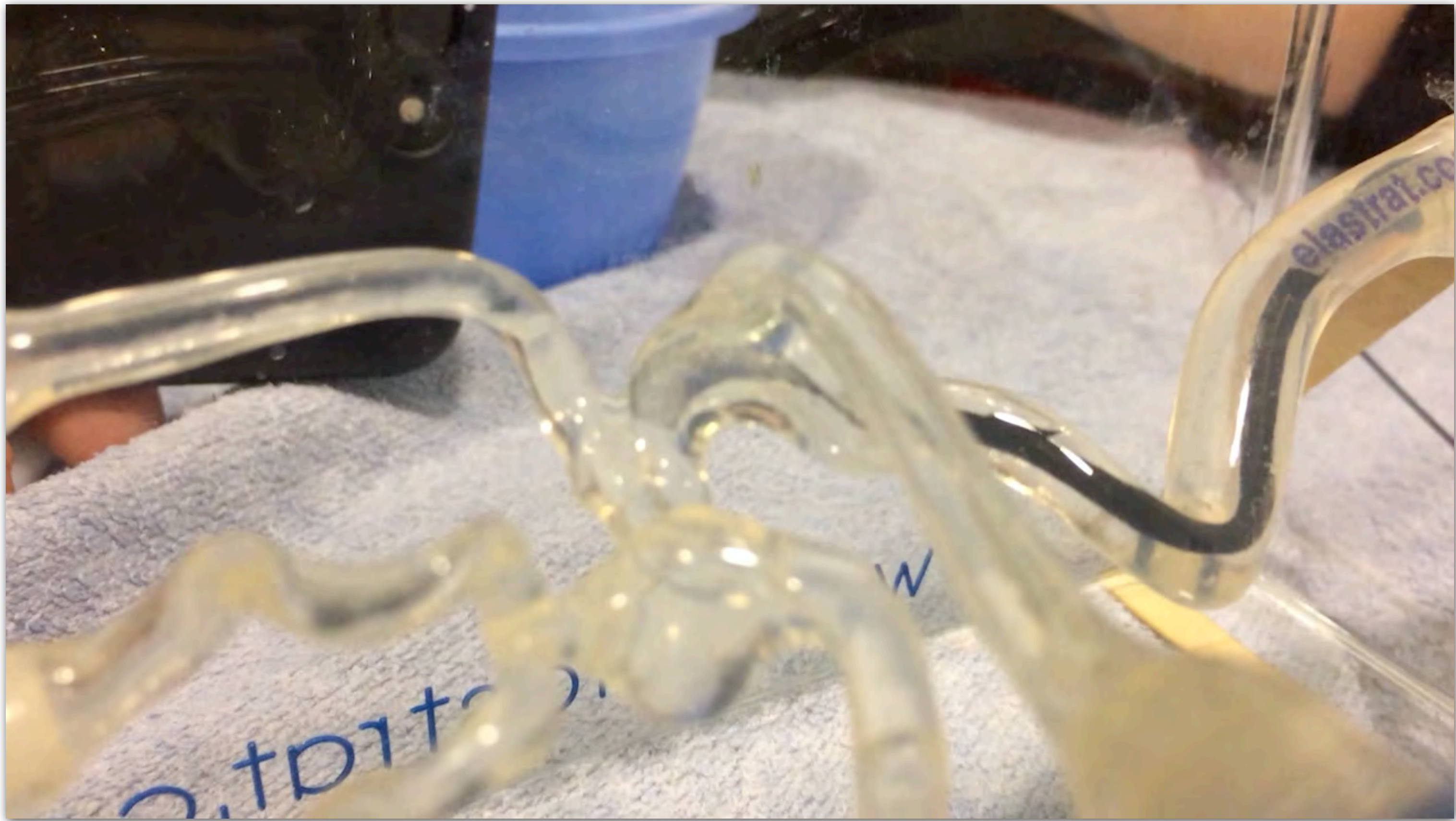
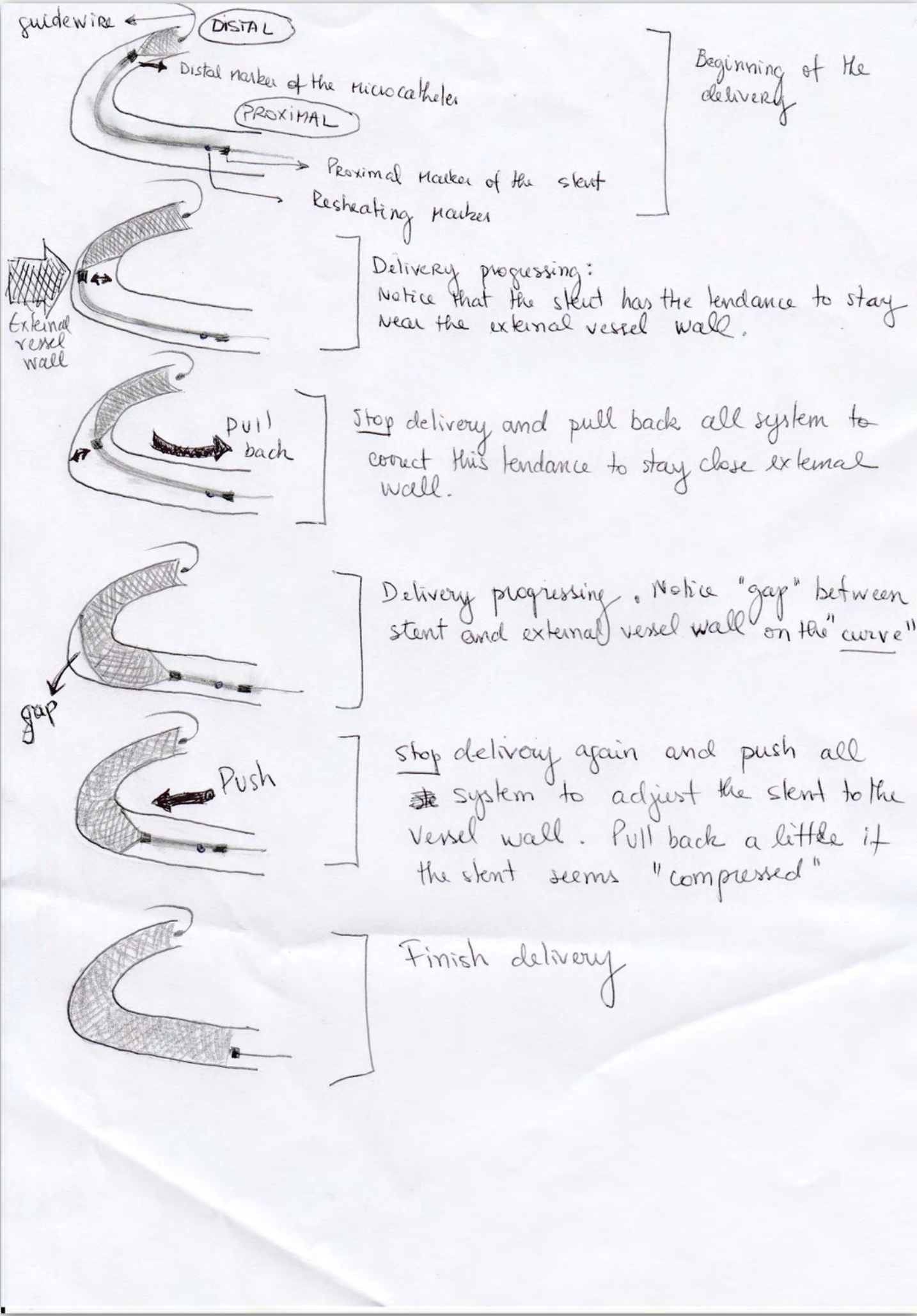
Velocity Vectors: Vector plots of the velocity field showing direction and magnitude of blood flow entering and circulating within the aneurysm before (left) and after (right) treatment with FDS



Wall Shear Stress: Contour plots of Wall Shear Stress before (left) and after (right) treatment with FDS showing significant alteration of aneurysm sac haemodynamics with little effect on the haemodynamics of the surrounding vasculature.



# CFD study references





# Thanks!