



# The Role of 3D Printing for RVOT Intervention

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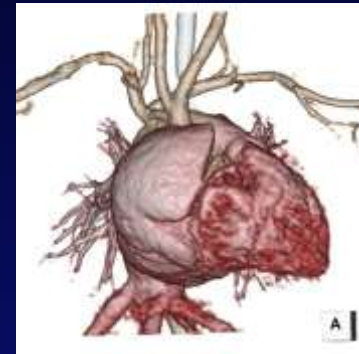
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# What is 3D Printing

- 3D Printing = Rapid Prototyping
- 3D computerized models are converted into physical models

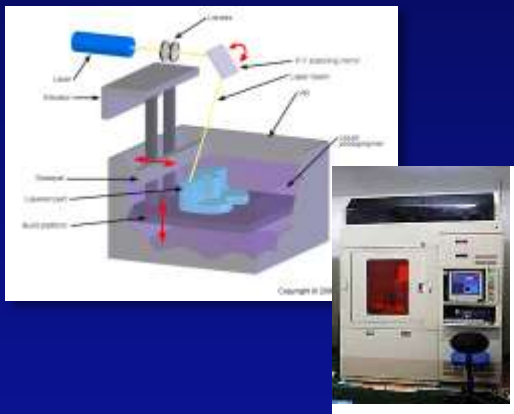




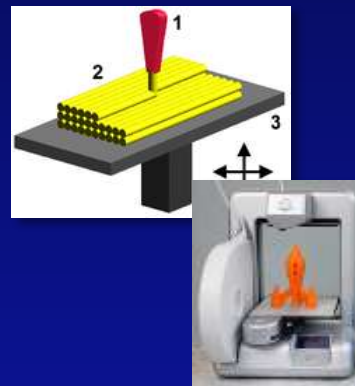
# What Types of 3D Printing

3D Printing	Methods	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Stereolithography</b>	A laser beam selectively solidifies photosensitive liquid plastic.	Suitable for creating complicated 3D objects.	Epoxy or ABS resins are expensive
<b>Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)</b>	Thermoplastic filament is heated and extruded to create a 3D object.	ABS plastics are solid and durable.	Surface is not smooth and exhibits step-like structures.
<b>Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)</b>	Tiny particles of plastic, ceramic or glass are fused together by heat.	Precise and durable.	Surface is coarse
<b>Inkjet 3D printing</b>	Use inkjet nozzle and solidify with UV light.	Easy to use different material and colors	Degradation may occur under the sunlight.
<b>Plaster 3D printing</b>	Plaster powder is applied in layers and a binder is printed on it.	Fastest in 3D printers. Good for making small figures.	Plaster is coarse and fragile.

Stereolithography (SL)



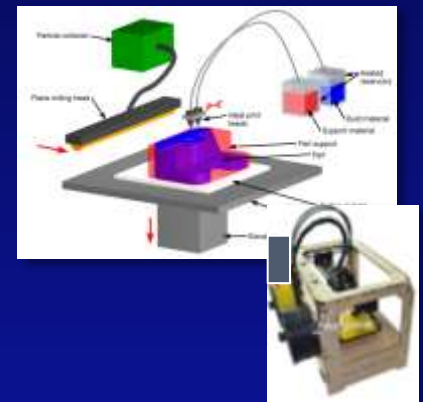
Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)



Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)



Inkjet 3D printing





# Why 3D Printing

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- Multi-slice computed tomography has allowed the visualization of congenital heart disease from any angle of view and perspective.
- However, significant discrepancies still remain between the 3D images and the real structures of the anatomy.

*Began in the 1990's – craniofacial surgery*



# Why 3D Printing

- Angioplasty
- Valvuloplasty
- PDA closure
- ASD closure
- Stent implantation



- Valve implant
- Valve repair
- VSD closure
- Hybrid approach
- Fontan revisions
- Fontan creations
- Extra-vascular shunt creations

- Our interventions continue to become more complex !
- Our medical teams continue to become multi-disciplinary !



# How to Do 3D Printing

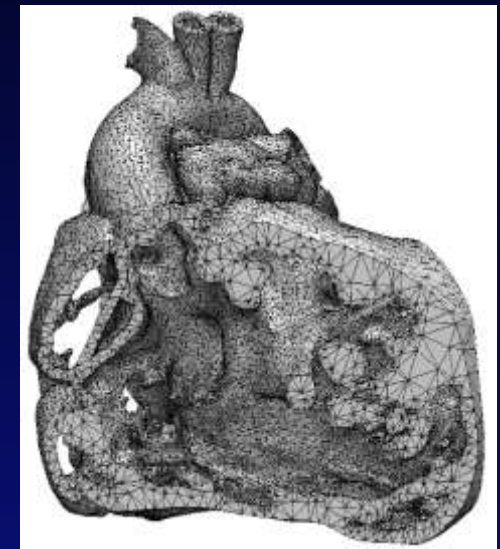
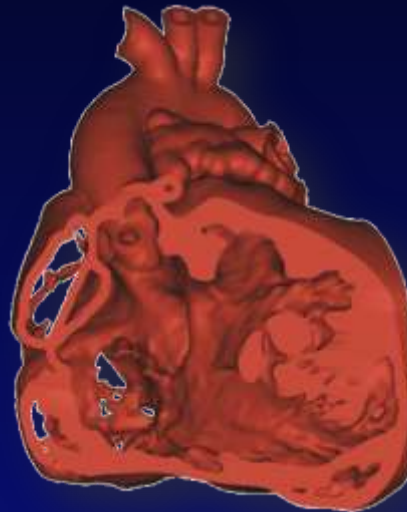
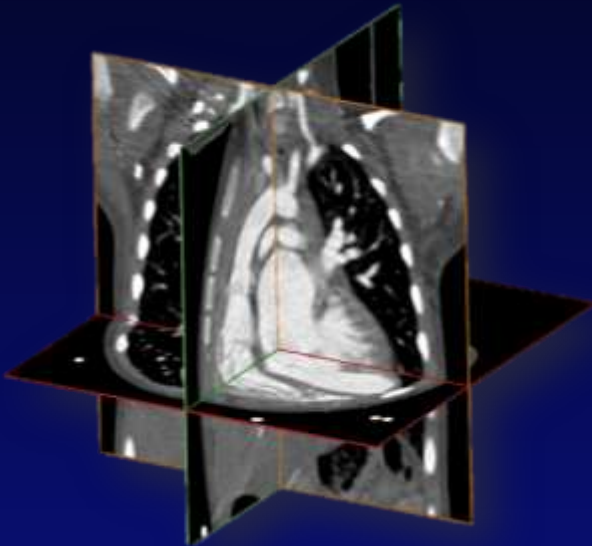
Imaging



3D Reconstruction



3D Print

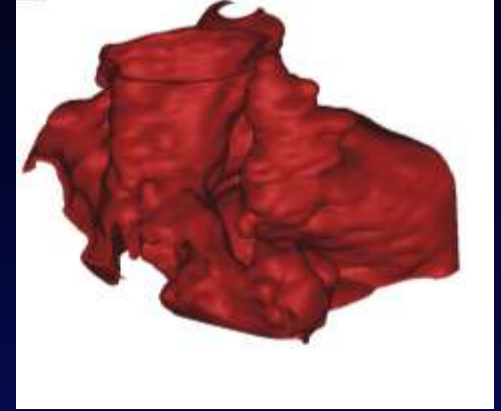
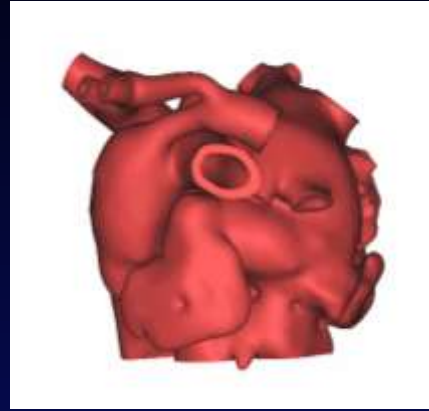
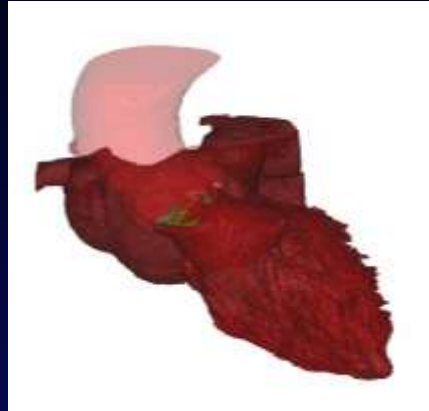
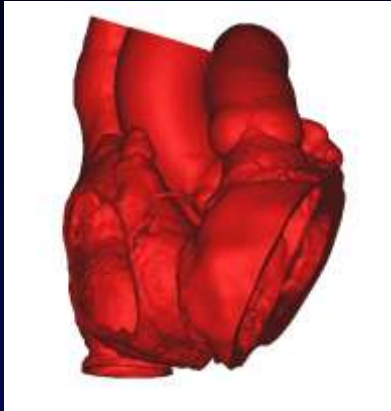


- Segmentation – isolate anatomy from CT, MRI, 3D RA, 3D echo
- Create 3D surface models 3D computer model prepared
- 3D printing choose desired material based on model requirements

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# Cardiac 3D Printing



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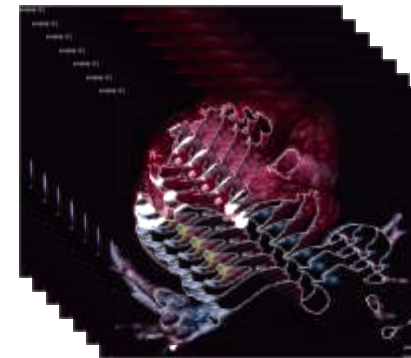




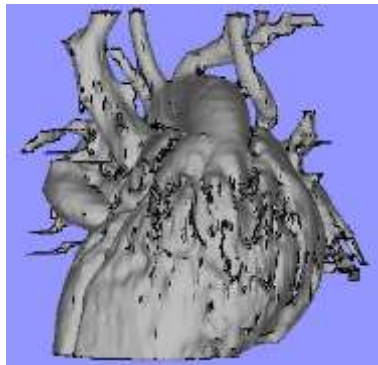
# Cardiac 3D Printing



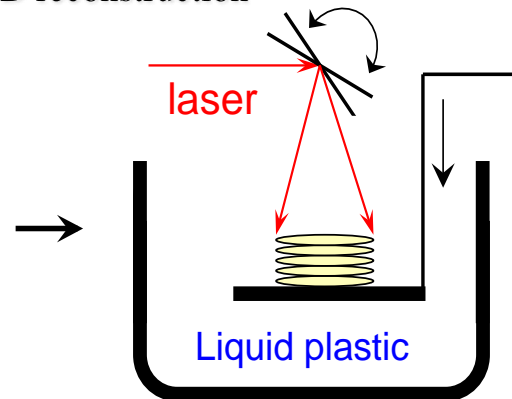
1), 2) Image acquisition and 3D reconstruction



3) Output of serial axial images



4) Smoothing and Reconstruction



5) Solidify liquid plastic by laser

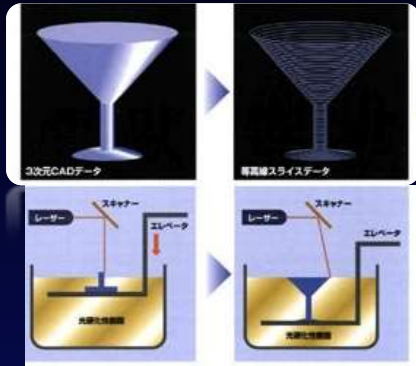


6) Solid Biomodels

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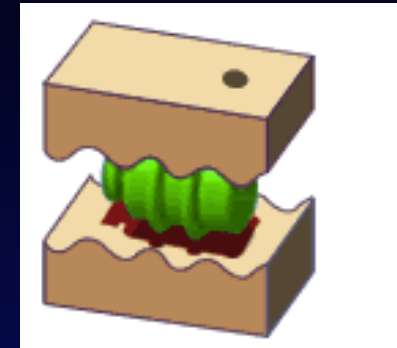
# Cardiac Stereolithography



1) Manufacturing inner and outer master mold with stereolithography.



2) Making outer cast with polyurethane.

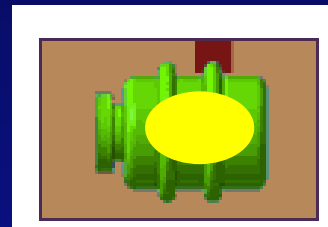


3) Removing outer master mold from the polyurethane cast.

Inner master m



Outer cast



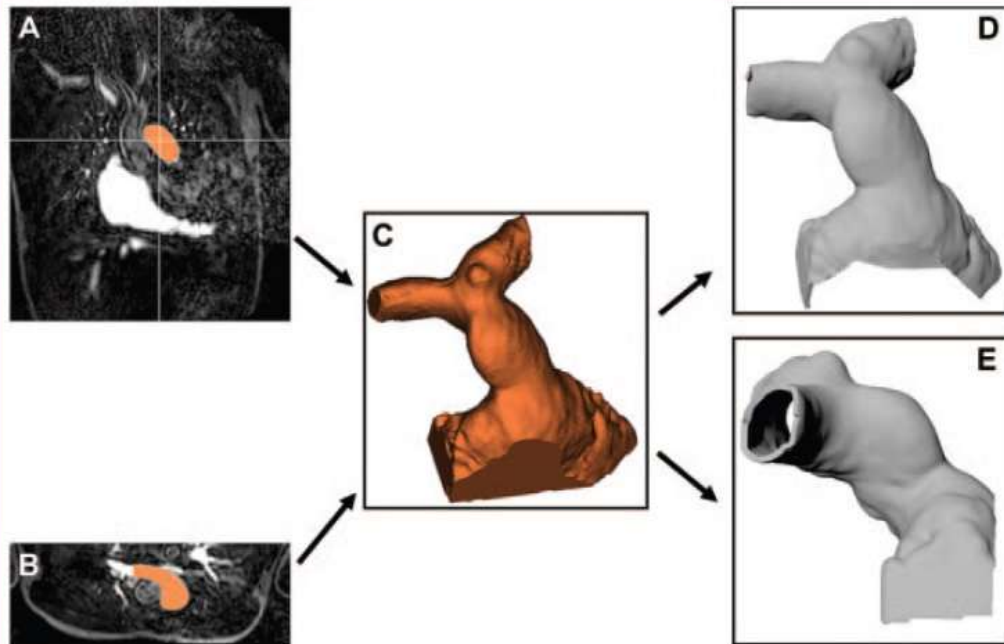
4) Injecting polyurethane material in between the outer and inner molds under the vacuum condition.



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# RVOT 3D Printing

Figure 1



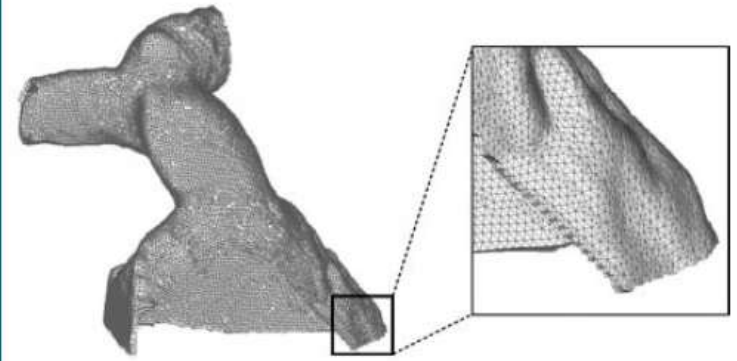
**Figure 1:** *A*, Original coronal, and *B*, reformatted transverse MR images show segmentation mask (orange) of pulmonary trunk (*A*) and proximal right pulmonary artery after thresholding, region growing, and manual editing. *C*, Computer-generated 3D reconstruction of blood volume without arterial thickness (constant 2-mm thickness), anterior view of RVOT, and pulmonary bifurcation. *D*, *E*, Reconstructed *D*, anterior, and *E*, lateral views of arterial wall.

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**Materials and Methods:**

Institutional review board approval and informed patient consent were obtained. Twelve patients' MR data were

Figure 2



## and Pulmonary MR Data<sup>1</sup>

...e if magnetic resonance (MR) imaging data ...o create rigid models that are accurate repre... the right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) ...ry trunk anatomy and if such models can be... e the selection of patients for percutaneous ...lve implantation (PPVI).

# RVOT 3D Printing Cases

Figure 6

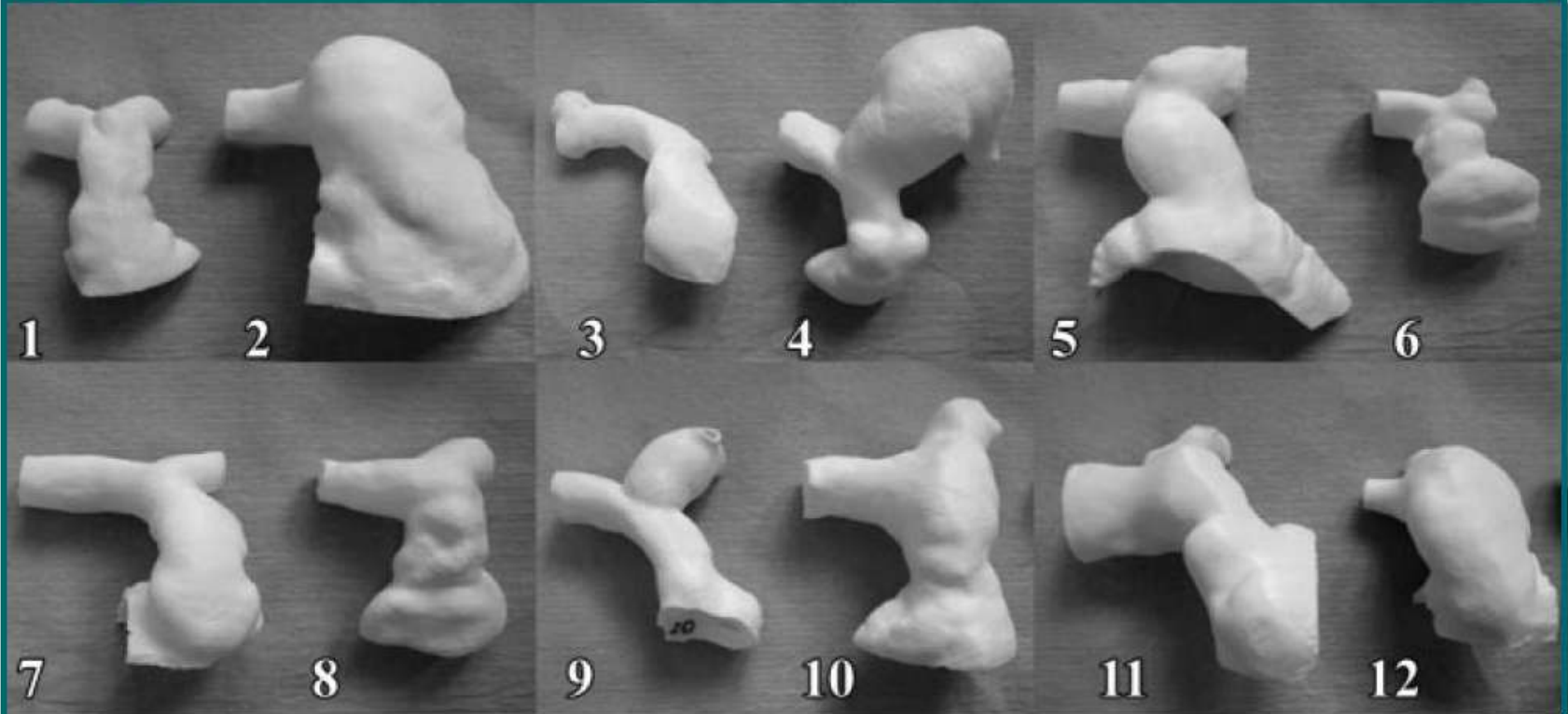


Figure 6: Rigid 3D models of RVOT and pulmonary bifurcation in 12 patients.

# Case – S/P TOF repair

- 16 yr old boy patient
- S/P TOF repair - infant trans-annular patch
- PR fraction : 40 %
- RVEDVi : 180 cc/m2  
(z score=6.7)
- Preserved RV systolic function  
(EF 55%)

→ *too large, too irregular RVOT*



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# Creation of 3D Model

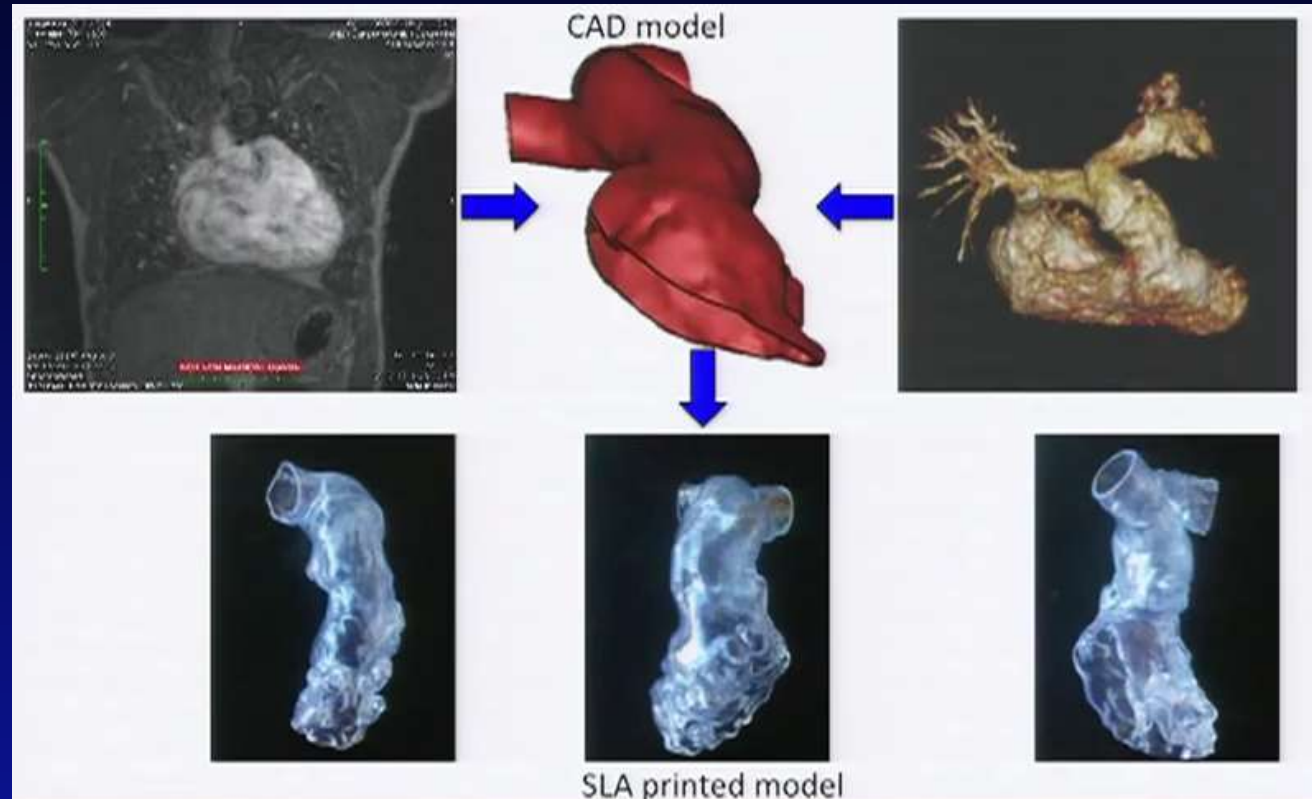


Balloon sizing → 28 mm

- Too large for conventional Melody implant

## Concern...

- Create reliable landing zone
- Eliminate and minimize para-valve leak



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# Conceptualizing and Virtualizing



## *Solutions...*

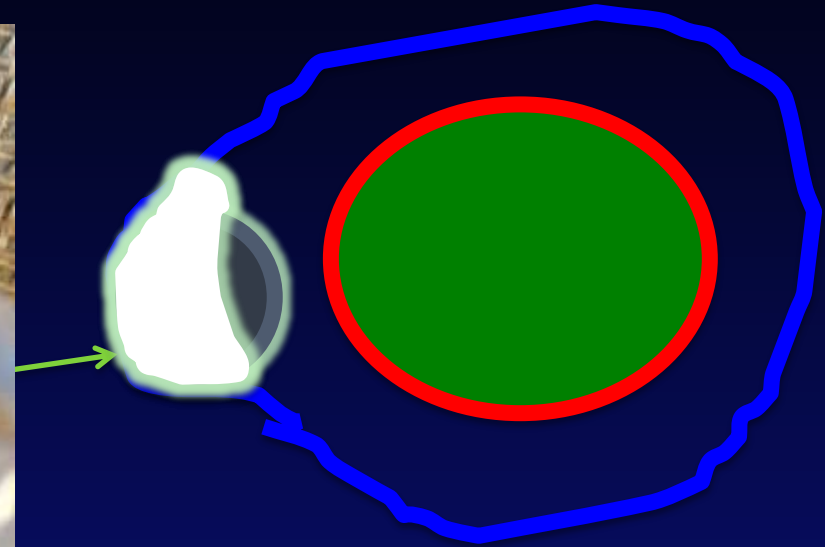
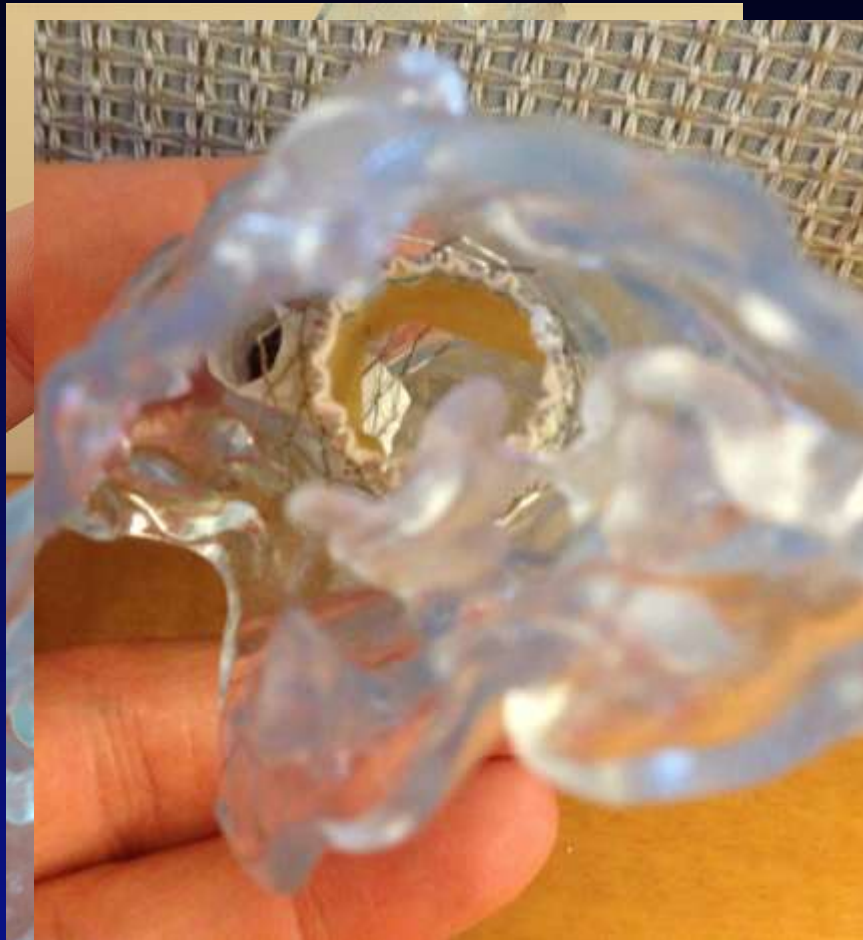
- Use a Per-ventricular approach
  - Implant space occupier (covered stent, AVP II)
  - Simultaneous implant large BMS landing zone
  - Implant large TPV into landing zone
- Melody on 24 mm BiB  
26 or 29 mm Sapien



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# RVOT Geometric Remodeling



\* RVOT remodeling  
: Making a spherical  
landing zone

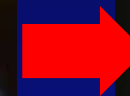
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# Melody Valve Implant

- Melody on 24 BiB, modified Ensemble sheath



*after 5 months*



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# Contributions of 3D Models

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- Improved understanding complex anatomy and geometry of RVOT
- Procedural planning
- Proof of concept - virtual implants
  
- Teaching
- Communication



# Conclusion

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- 3D modeling appears to be a useful adjunct to performing complex and novel hybrid interventions, especially for RVOT cases.
- Advantages :
  - Improved ability to understand complex relationships
  - Ability to test various treatment strategies
  - Ability to assess virtual result
- 3D printing custom devices for RVOT cases could be a huge potential in the future.