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(54) **Method and system for patient-specific modeling of blood flow**

(57) Embodiments include a system for determining cardiovascular information for a patient. The system may include at least one computer system configured to receive patient-specific data regarding a geometry of the patient's heart, and create a three-dimensional model representing at least a portion of the patient's heart based

on the patient-specific data. The at least one computer system may be further configured to create a physics-based model relating to a blood flow characteristic of the patient's heart and determine a fractional flow reserve within the patient's heart based on the three-dimensional model and the physics-based model.

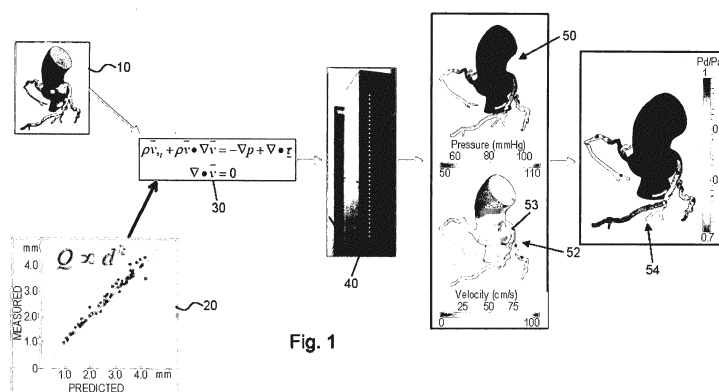


Fig. 1

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摘要(译)			

实施例包括用于确定患者的心血管信息的系统。该系统可以包括至少一个计算机系统，其被配置为接收关于患者心脏的几何形状的患者特异性数据，并基于患者特异性数据创建表示患者心脏的至少一部分的三维模型。所述至少一个计算机系统还可以被配置为创建与患者心脏的血流特征相关的基于物理的模型，并基于所述三维模型和基于物理的模型确定患者心脏内的分数流量储备。。

