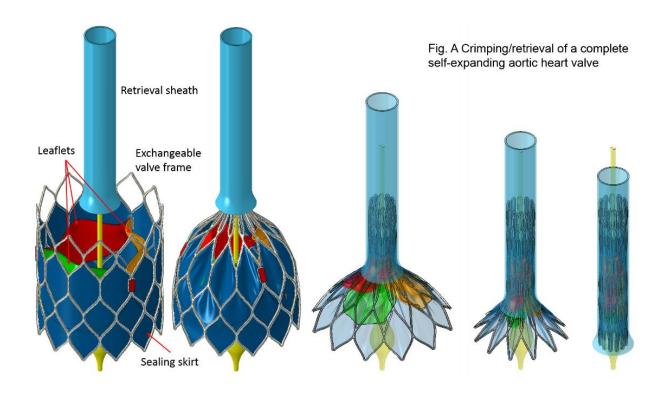
Ongoing research using the same valve model is investigating crimping to 6 mm using axial displacement of a sheath as illustrated in Fig. A.



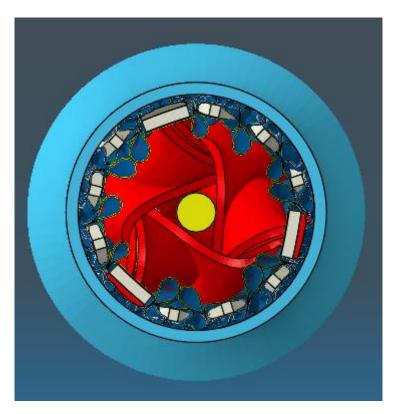


Fig. B View from above illustrating the folding pattern in the leaflets following axial crimping through a sheath.