

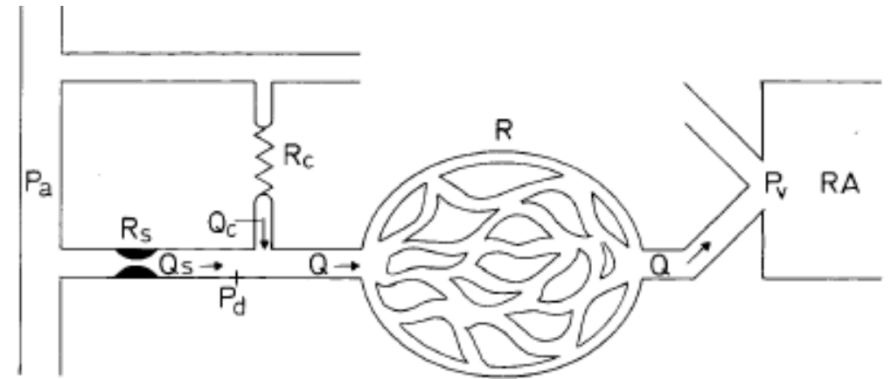
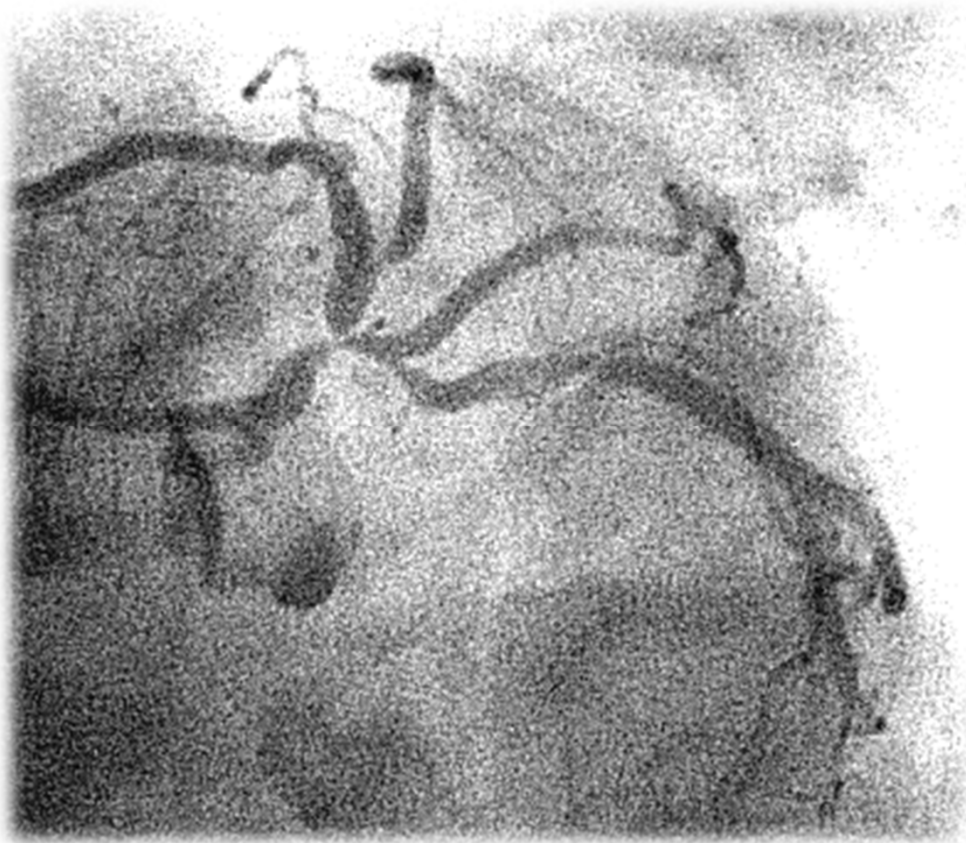
Coronary hemodynamics by Cardiac CT

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I love "Images", But, I hate "Hemodynamics" !



$$= \left(1 - \frac{\Delta^{(2)}P}{P_s^{(2)} - P_s^{(1)}}\right) : \left(1 - \frac{\Delta^{(1)}P}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(0)}}\right) \quad (5b)$$

The expression $FFR_{cor}^{(2)}/FFR_{cor}^{(1)}$ represents the improvement of FFR_{cor} of the dilated artery and is identical to what we called pressure-corrected maximum flow ratio (MFR) in a previous study.

Equation 5a can also be derived directly from figure 4.7 by the following:

$$\frac{Q_s^{(2)}}{Q_s^{(1)}} = \frac{Q^{(2)} - Q_c^{(2)}}{Q^{(1)} - Q_c^{(1)}} = \frac{(P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)})/R - (P_c^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)})/R_c}{(P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)})/R - (P_c^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)})/R_c}$$

and by substituting Equation 1b.

Theoretically, maximum blood flow through the myocardium can be compared before and after the intervention by:

$$\frac{Q^{(2)}}{Q^{(1)}} = \frac{(P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)})/R}{(P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)})/R} = \frac{P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)}}{P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}} \quad (6a)$$

or, if correction for pressure changes is made, by:

$$\frac{FFR_{cor}^{(2)}}{FFR_{cor}^{(1)}} = \frac{P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)}}{P_s^{(2)} - P_s^{(1)}} : \frac{P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(0)}}$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{\Delta^{(2)}P}{P_s^{(2)} - P_s^{(1)}}\right) : \left(1 - \frac{\Delta^{(1)}P}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(0)}}\right) \quad (6b)$$

In the case of coronary interventions, it should be realized that flow at maximum vasodilation is directly proportional to the driving pressure ($P_d - P_s$). Therefore, the ratio between maximum flow through the coronary artery before (situation 1) and after the intervention (situation 2) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q_s^{(2)}}{Q_s^{(1)}} &= \frac{Q^{(2)}}{Q_s^{(2)}} \cdot \frac{Q_s^{(1)}}{Q_s^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{Q_s^{(1)}}{Q_s^{(1)}} \\ &= FFR_{cor}^{(2)} \cdot \frac{P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{FFR_{cor}^{(1)}} \\ &= \frac{FFR_{cor}^{(2)}}{FFR_{cor}^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}} \end{aligned}$$

By substitution of Equations 1b and 2:

$$\frac{Q_s^{(2)}}{Q_s^{(1)}} = \frac{P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)}}{P_s^{(2)} - P_s^{(1)}} \quad (5a)$$

Note that for evaluation of the functional improvement of a stenotic artery after PTCA, $FFR_{cor}^{(2)}/FFR_{cor}^{(1)}$ theoretically is a better measure than $Q_s^{(2)}/Q_s^{(1)}$ because the first expression is independent of arterial pressure. From Equation 2 it is clear that

$$\frac{FFR_{cor}^{(2)}}{FFR_{cor}^{(1)}} = \frac{P_d^{(2)} - P_s^{(2)}}{P_s^{(2)} - P_s^{(1)}} : \frac{P_d^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}}{P_s^{(1)} - P_s^{(1)}}$$

Evaluation of coronary artery disease

Is there a room for more?

- Clinical information: Symptom, risk factors,
- Functional study: SPECT, TMT,
- **Coronary CT angiography**
- Invasive coronary angiography
- Intravascular ultrasound
- Virtual histology
- Optical Coherence Tomography



Cardiology Is Flow

Yoram Richter, PhD; Elazer R. Edelman, MD, PhD

Panta rhei. (*Everything flows*).¹

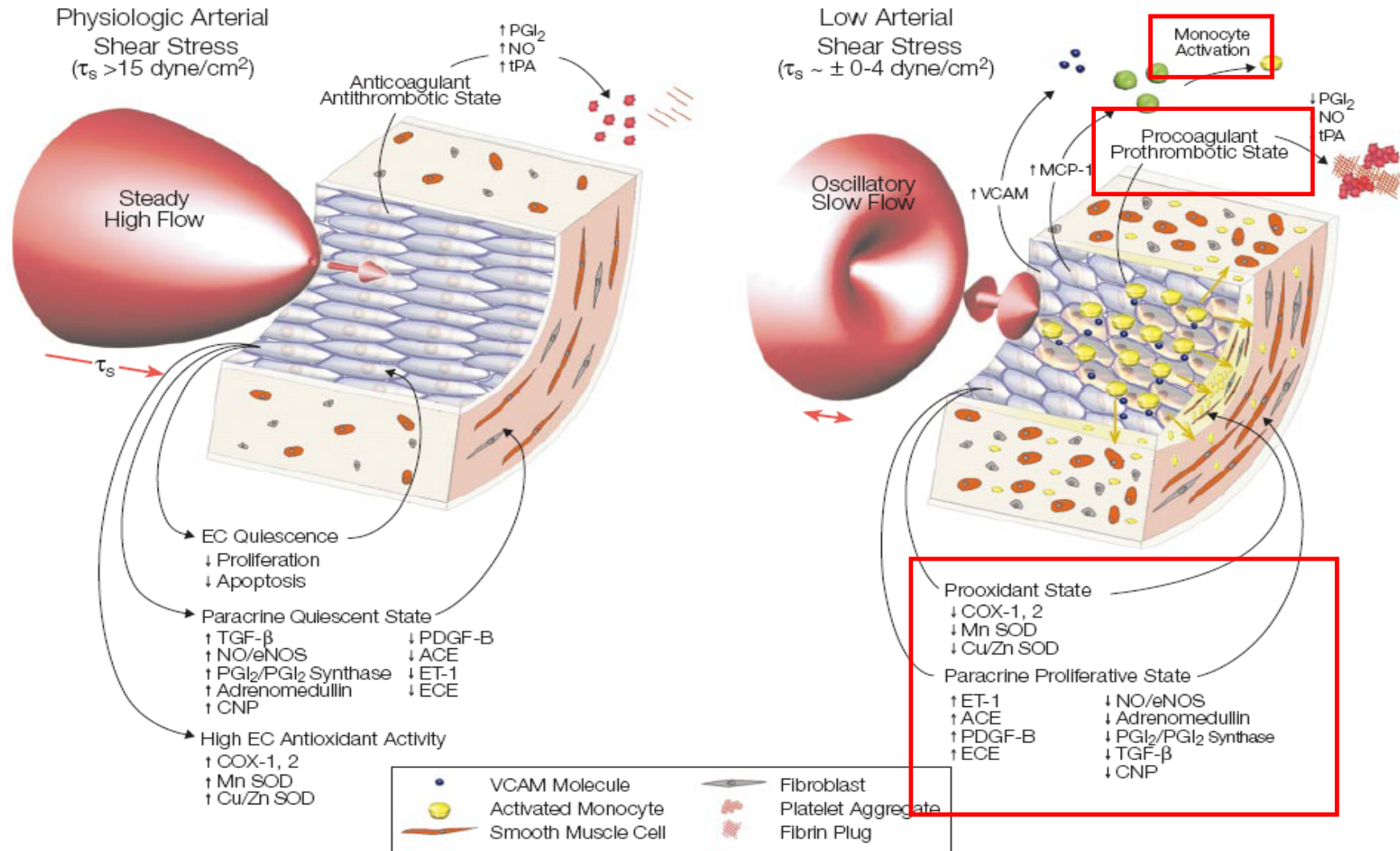
Cardiology is about flow. The primary purpose of the

rosis. Flow disturbances are therefore ubiquitous; they are a fundamental feature of the vascular system. An entire field of study arose correlating disease with its overlying flow pat-

- **Quality of FLOW: wall shear stress, OSI.....**
- **Quantity of FLOW: flow velocity, pressure.....**

Low or abnormal wall shear stress

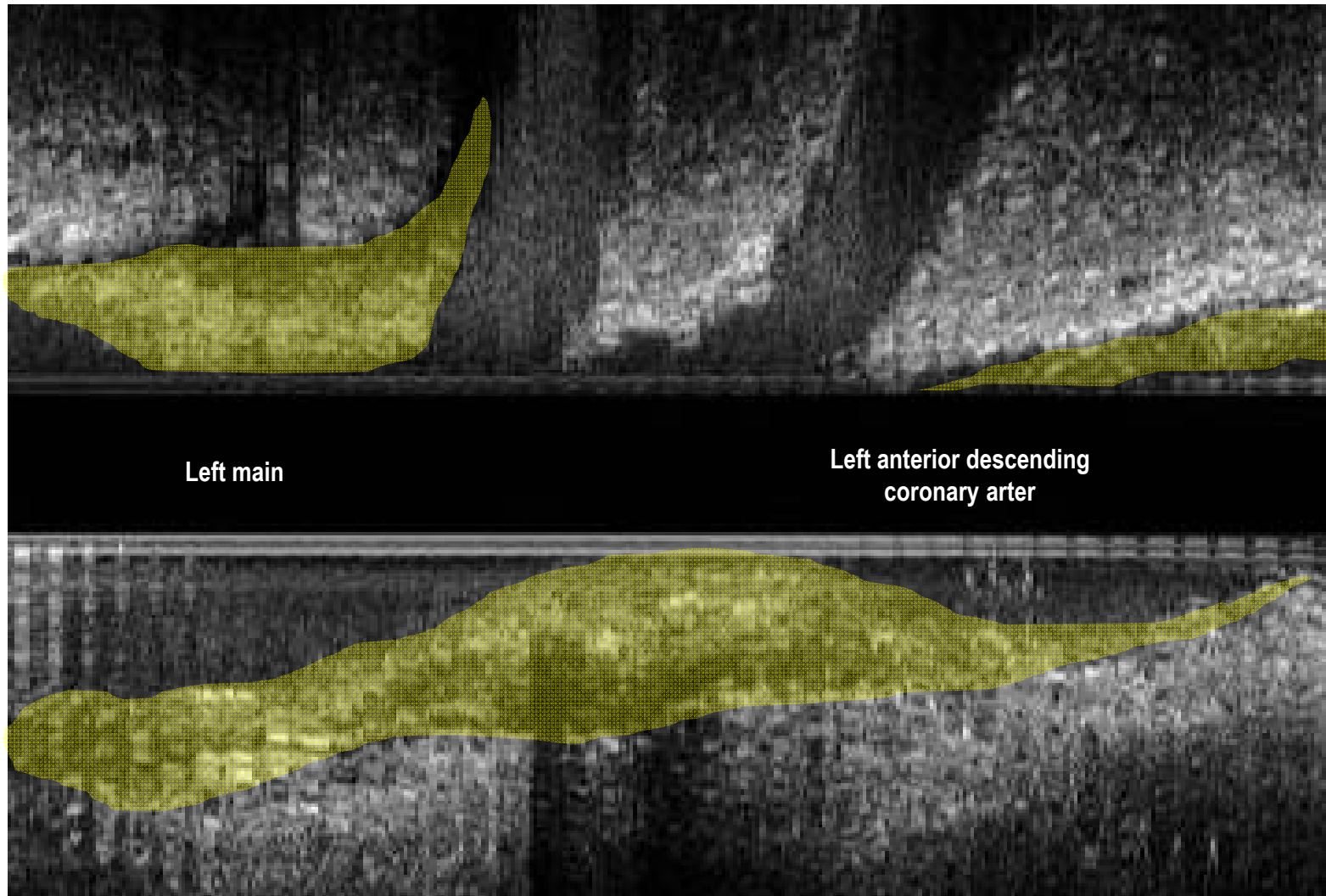
→ Proliferative, pro-inflammatory, pro-thrombotic stimulus



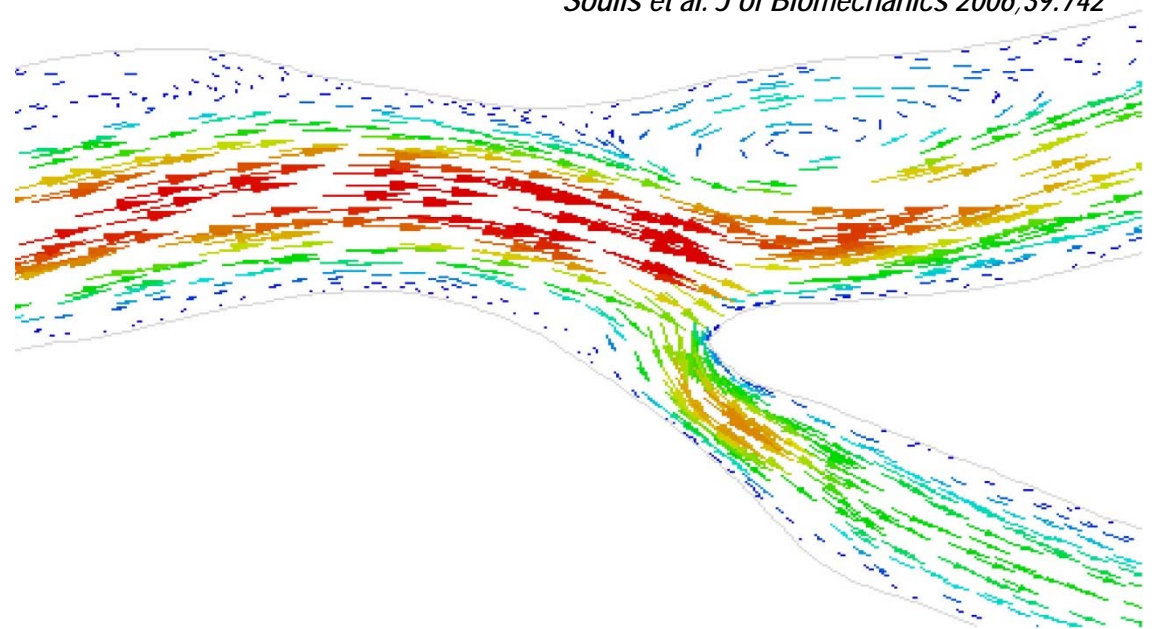
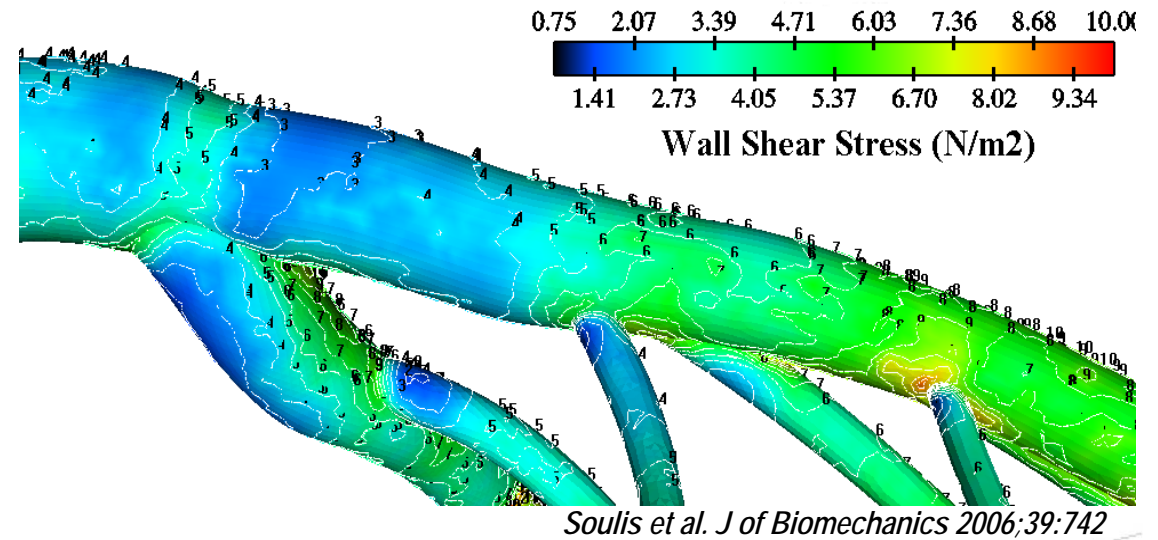
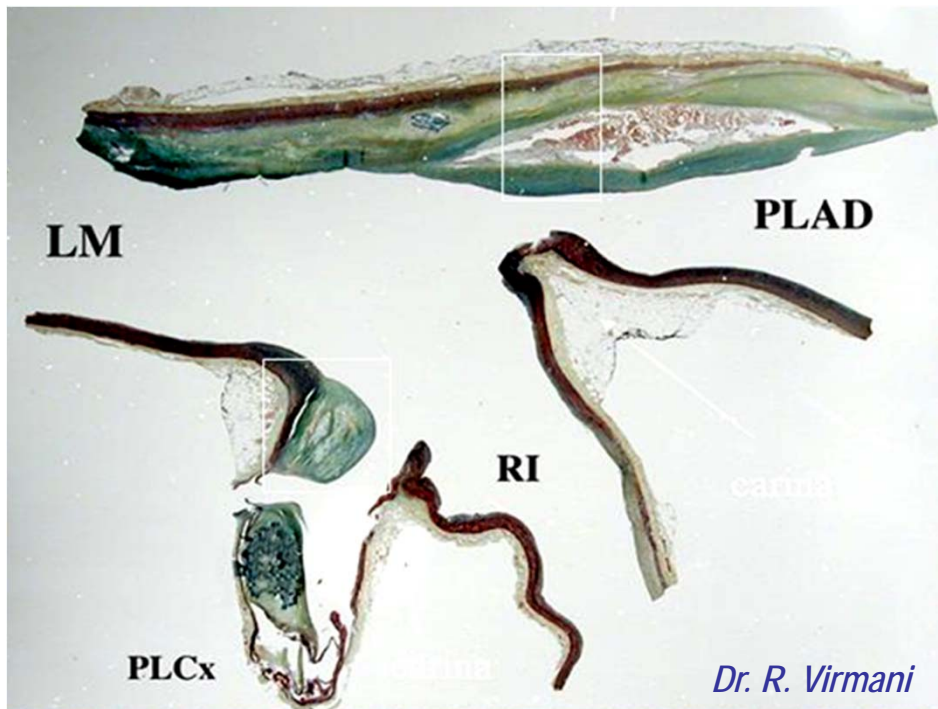
Malek AM, JAMA 1999

Anatomy & Hemodynamics

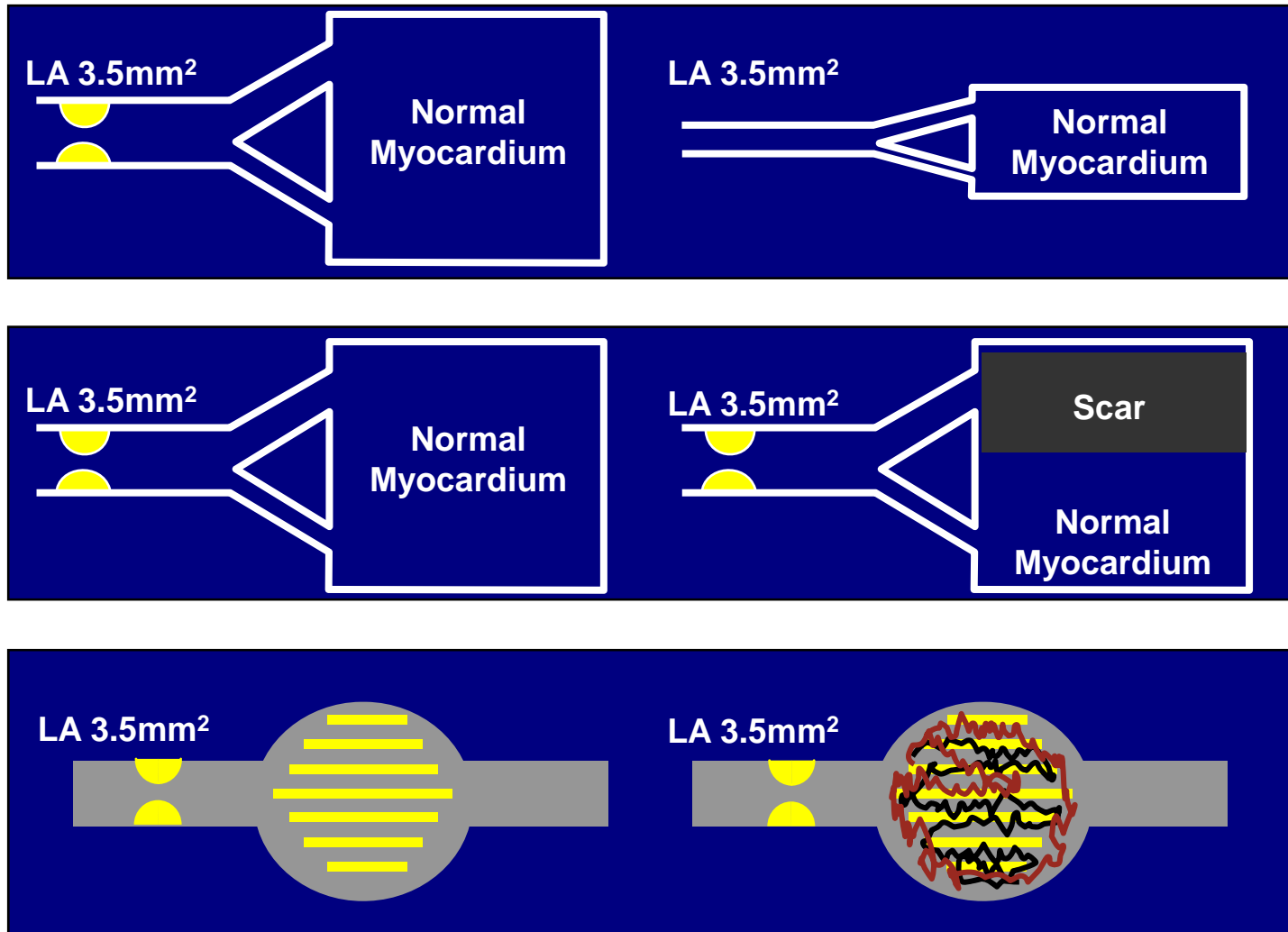
Why “the plaque” is there?



Plaque location: accordant to abnormal flow

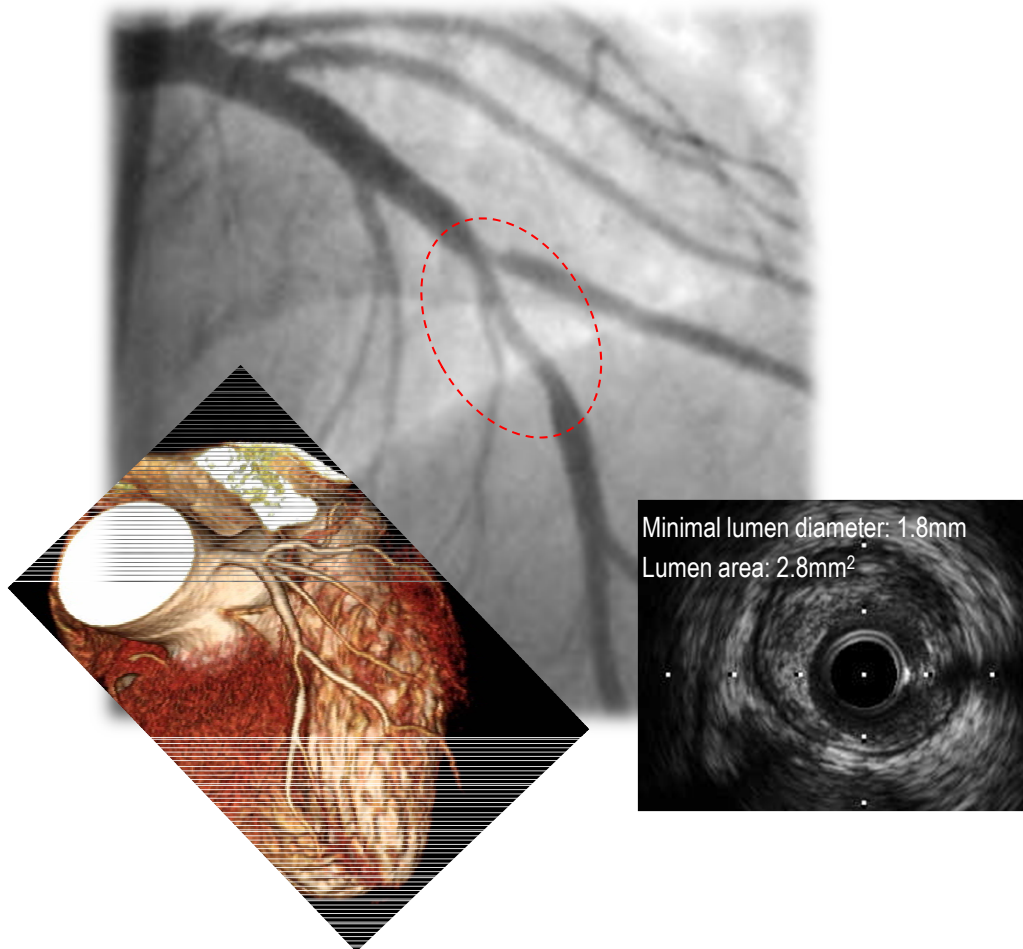


Can anatomy predict the functional significance?

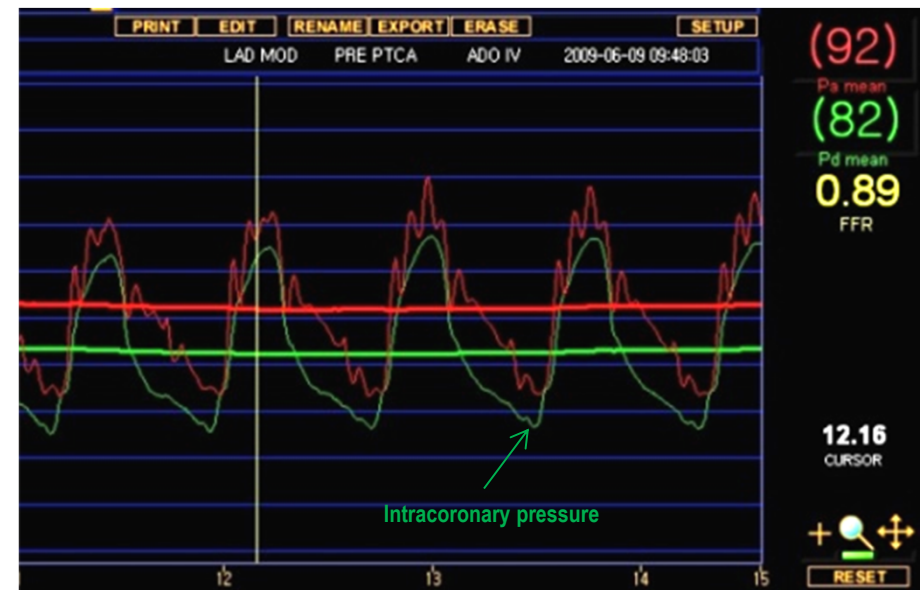


LA: Lumen cross sectional area

Anatomy vs. Hemodynamics



Pressure drop by LAD stenosis: 11%

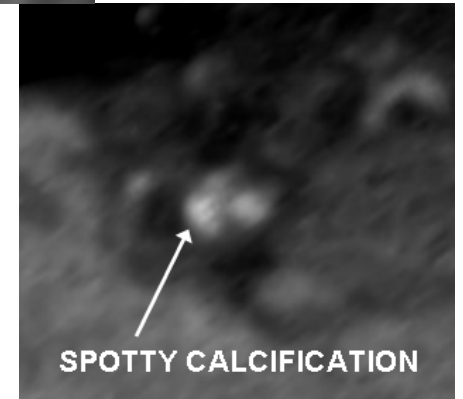
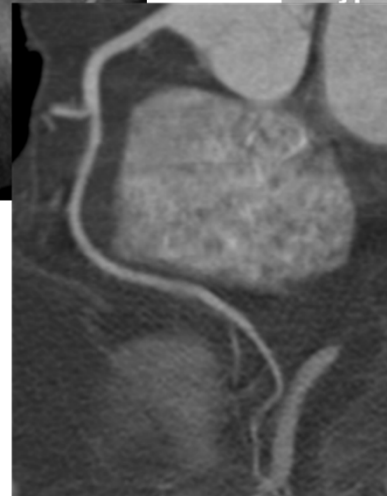
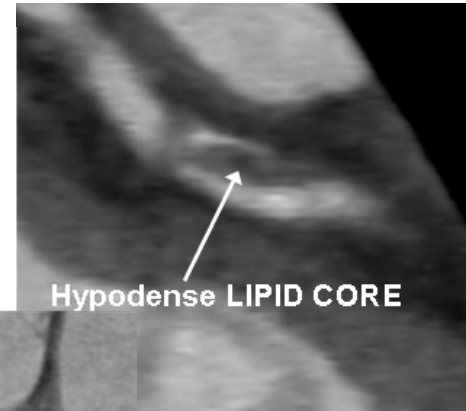
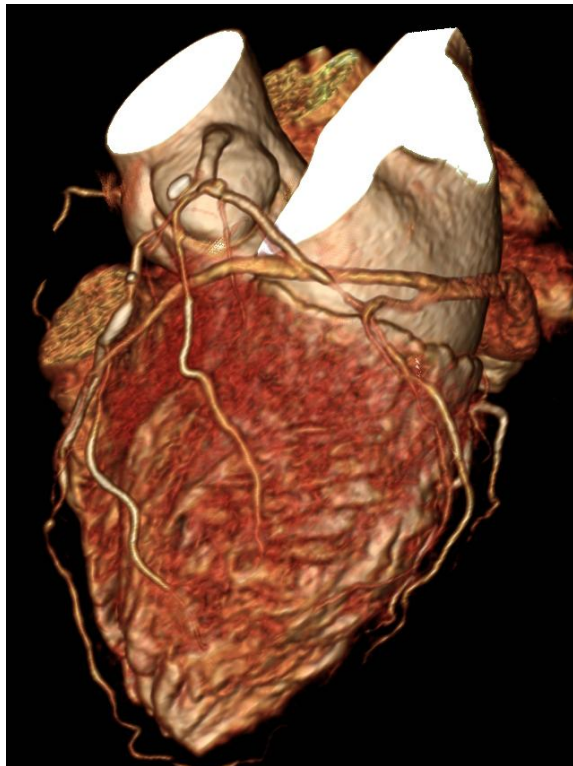


CT angiography: **significant**

Angiography: **significant**

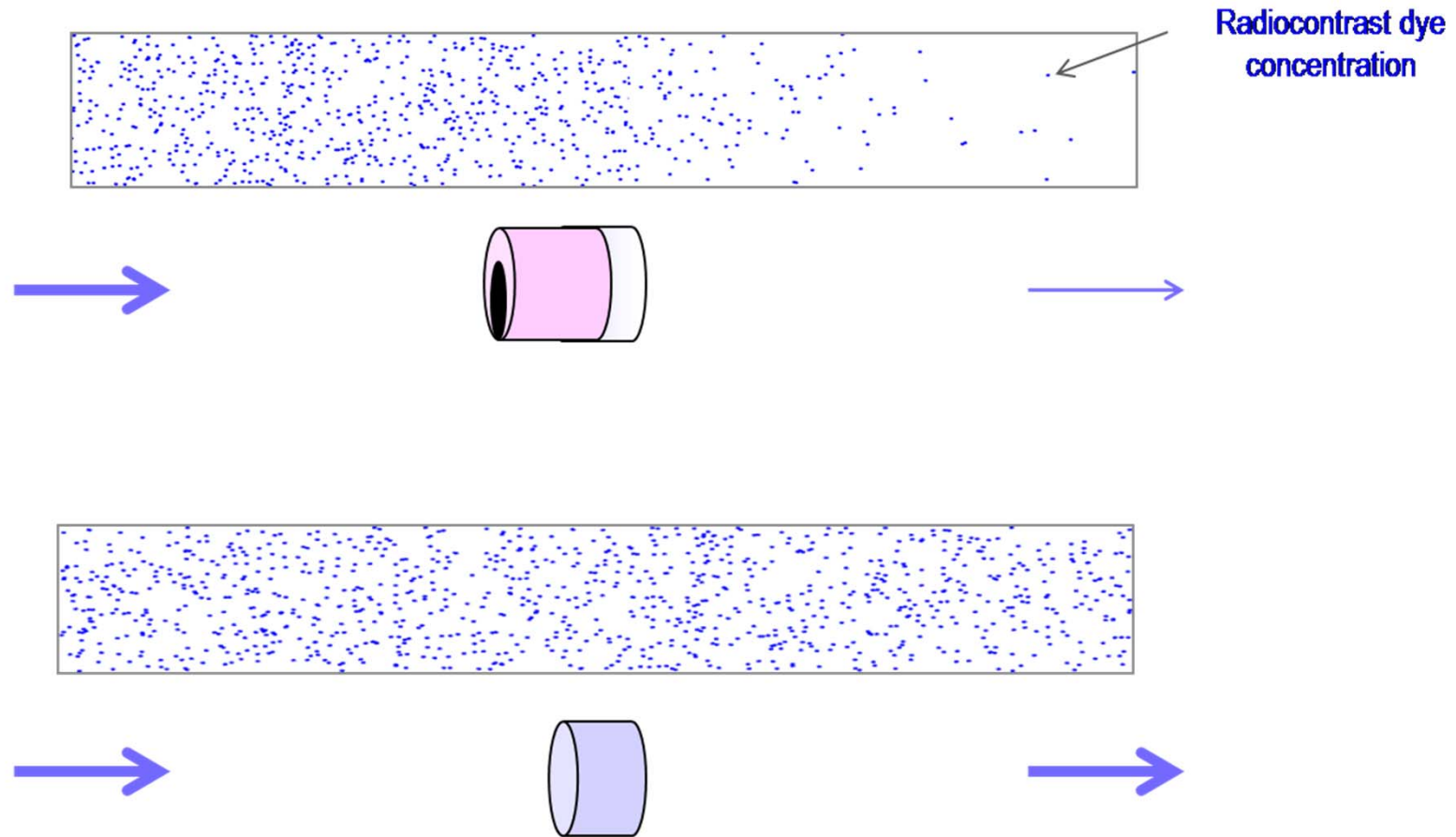
Intravascular ultrasound: **significant**

Can CCTA provide hemodynamic information?



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- Quantity of FLOW: **flow velocity**, pressure.....

Relation between Stenosis, Flow speed, and Density

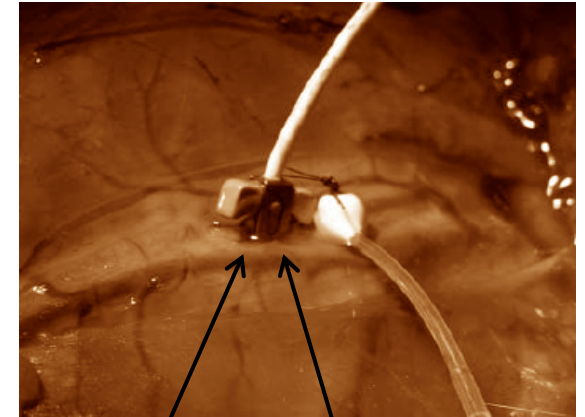


Poiseuille's law:

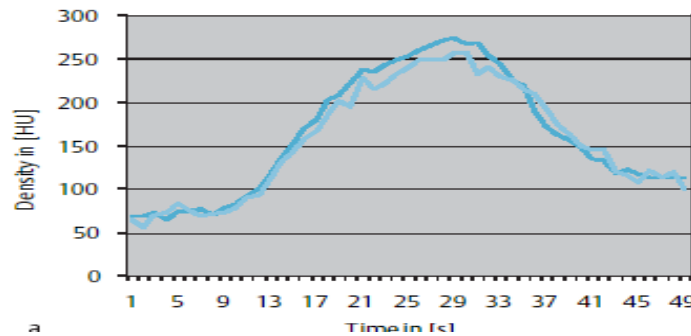
$$\text{Blood flow} = \pi \times \text{radius}^4 \times \text{difference in pressure} / 8 \times \text{viscosity} \times \text{length}$$

CT time-density curve vs. Flow

Animal study



Flow = 100%

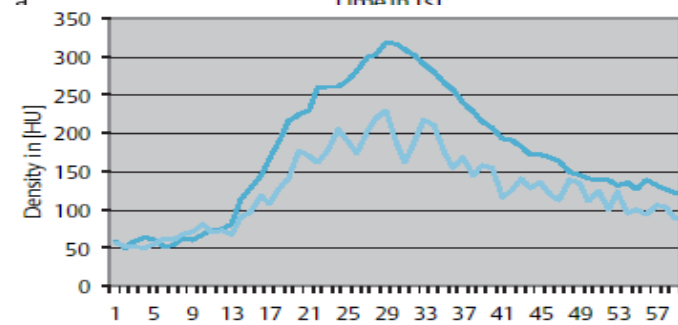


Aorta
LAD

Flowmeter

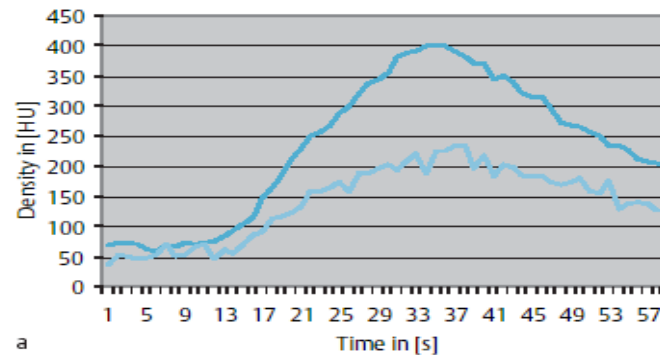
Silicone occluder at LAD

Flow = 43%



Aorta
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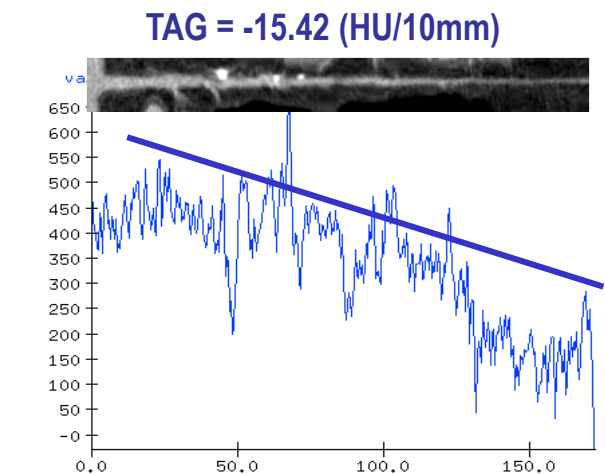
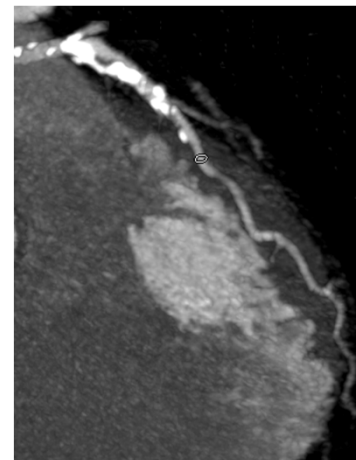
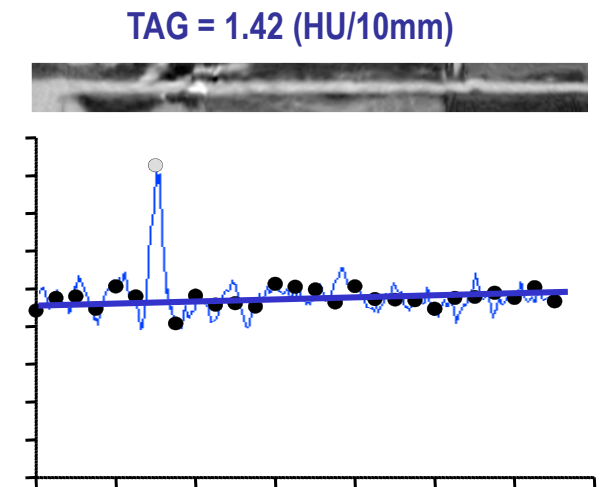
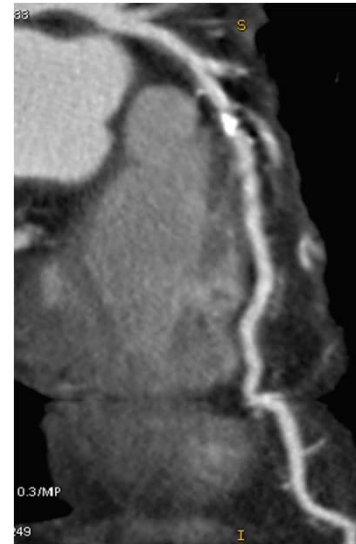
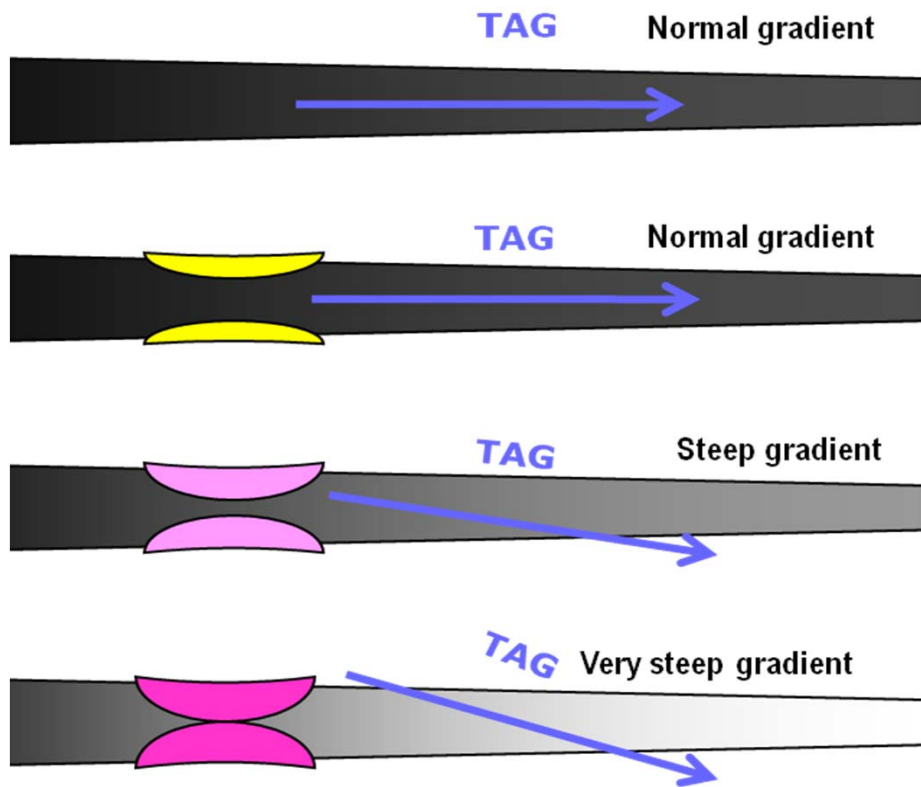
Flow = 10%



Aorta
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Transluminal Attenuation Gradient (TAG)

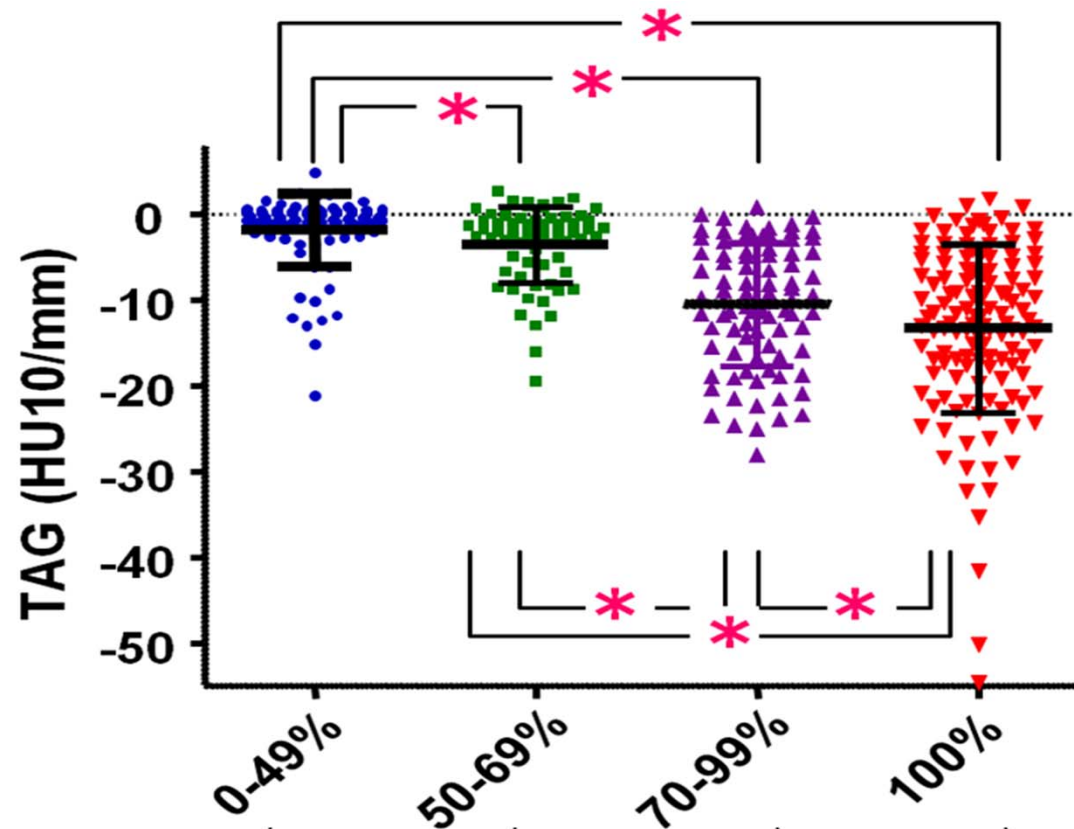
$$\text{TAG} = \Delta\text{HU} / \text{vessel axial length (mm)}$$



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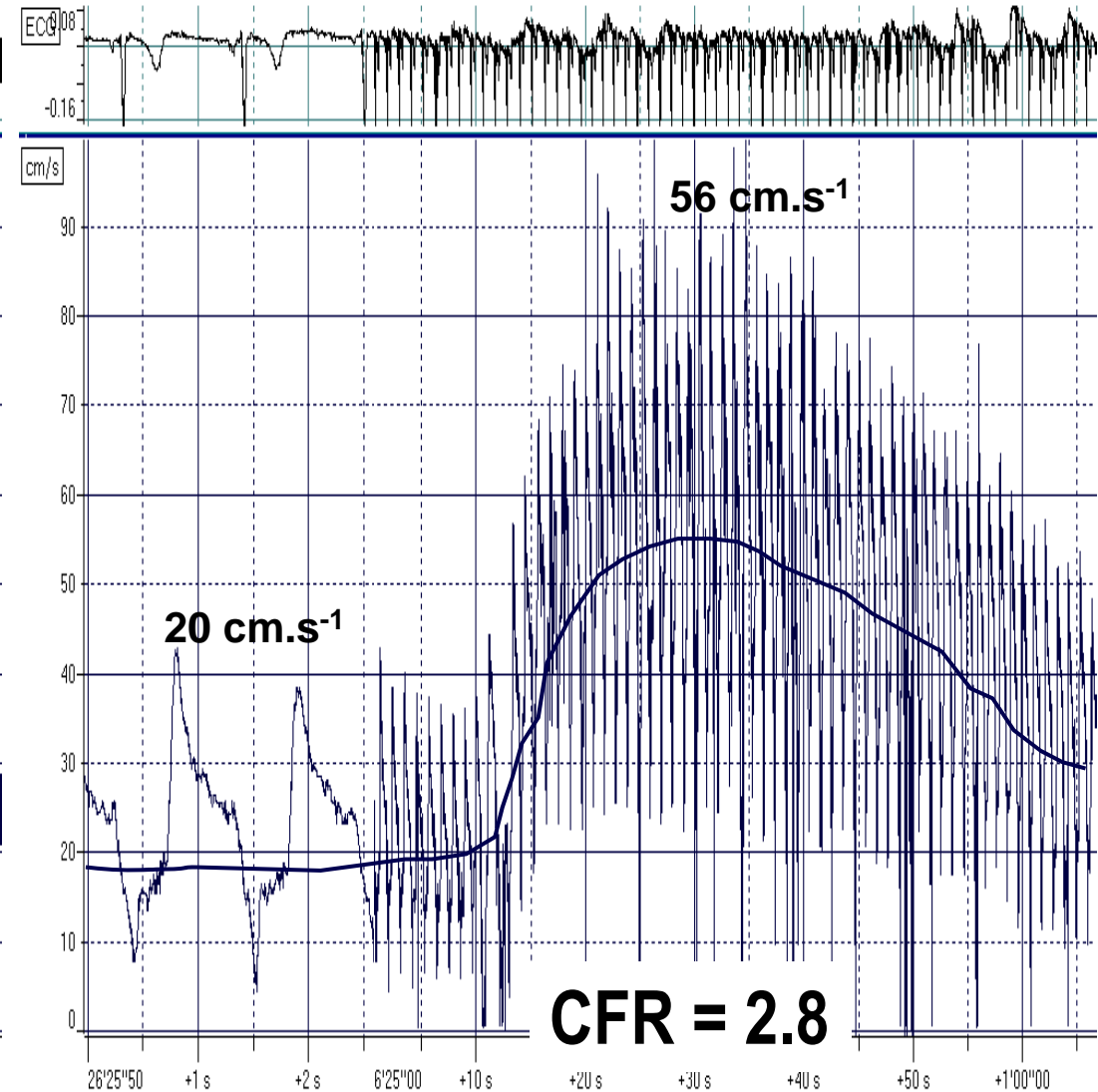
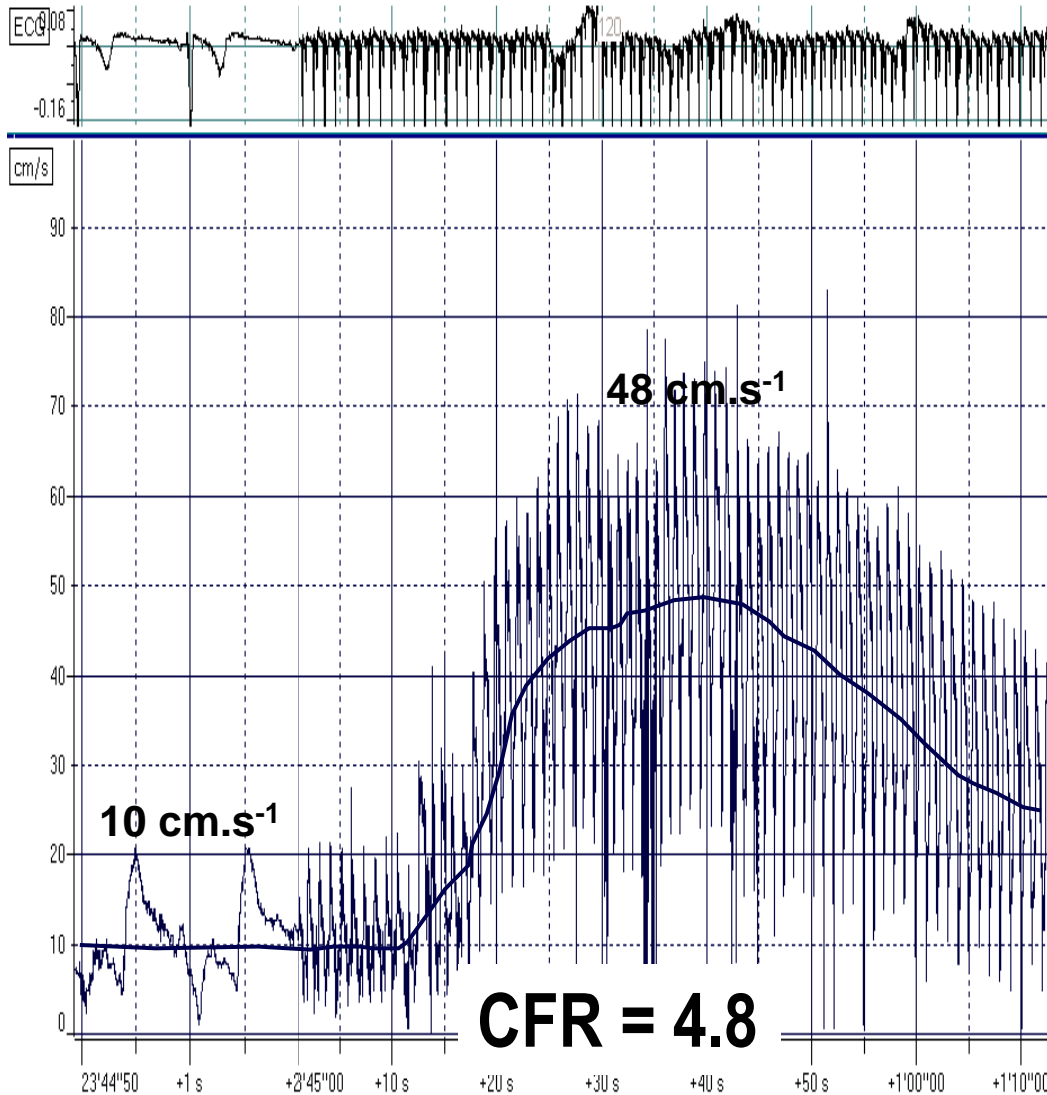


N	84	68	87	131
TAG (HU/10mm)	-1.91 ± 4.25	-3.54 ± 4.43	-10.55 ± 7.20	-13.37 ± 9.81

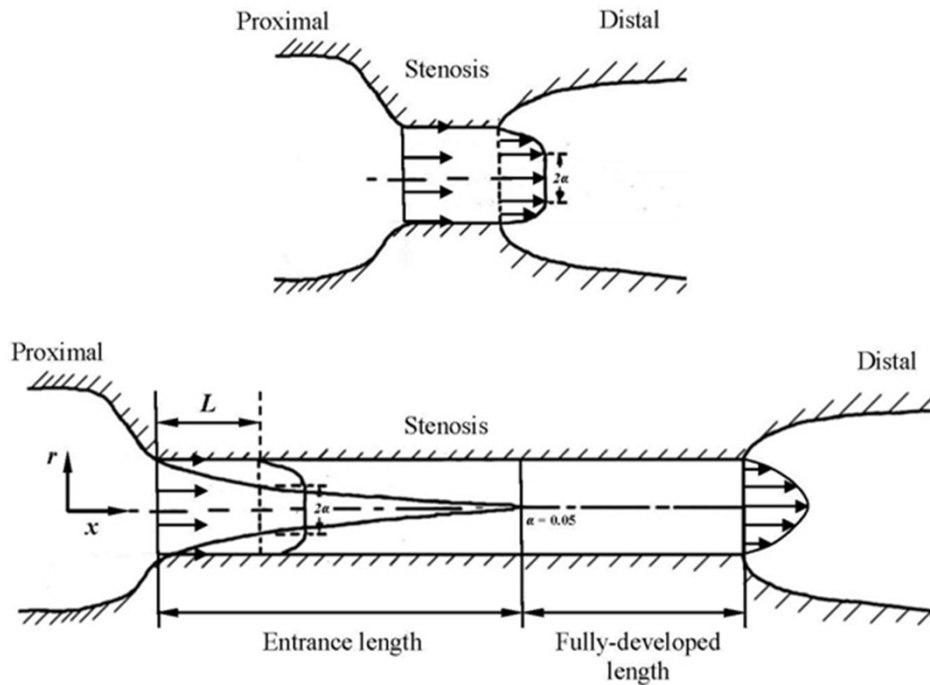
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Pitfalls of Coronary Flow Velocity

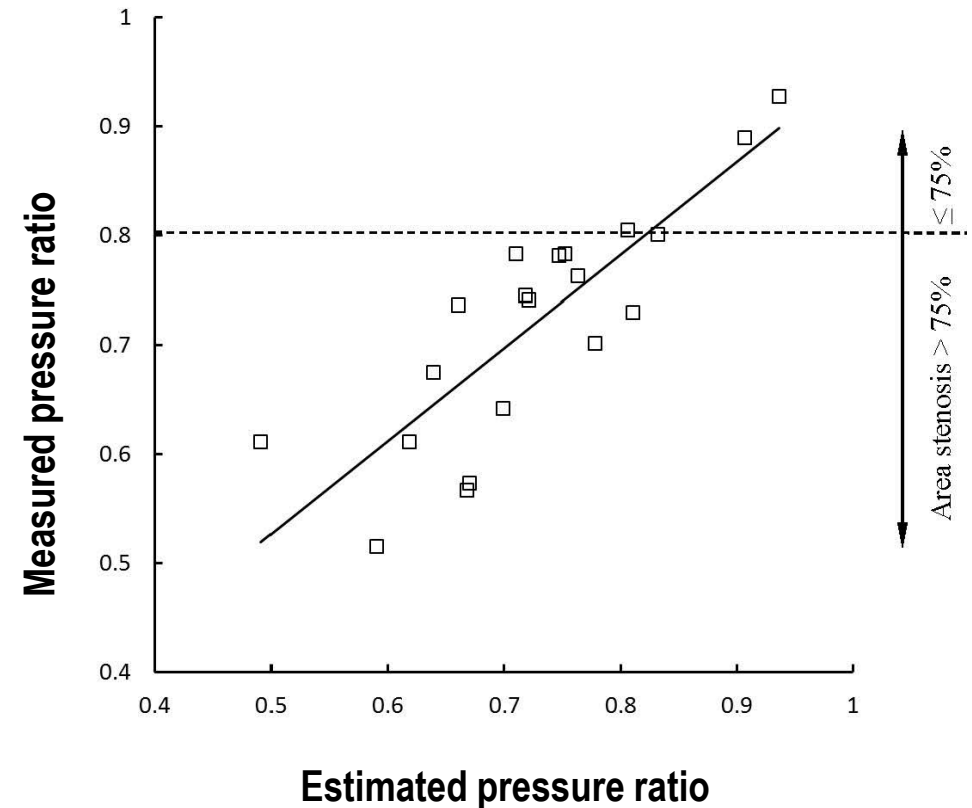
Variation of “Resting Flow (Velocity)”



Estimation of pressure changes from geometry

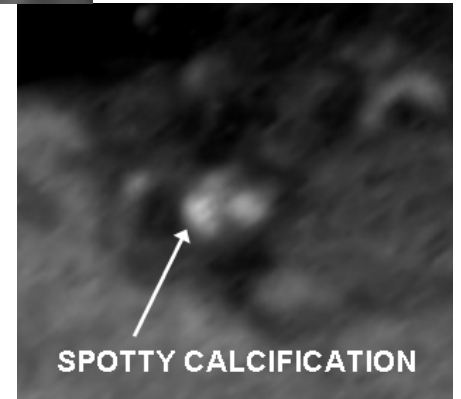
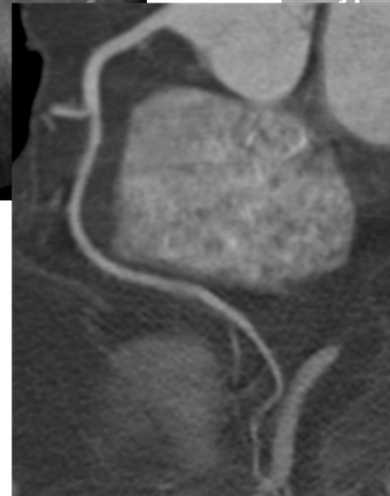
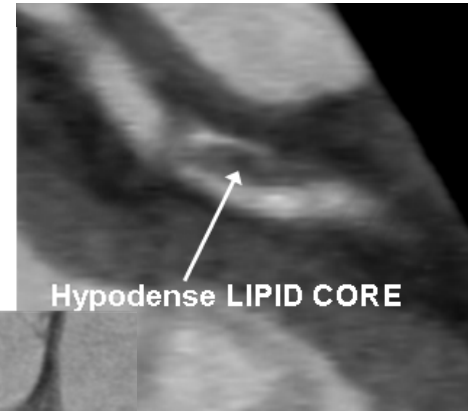
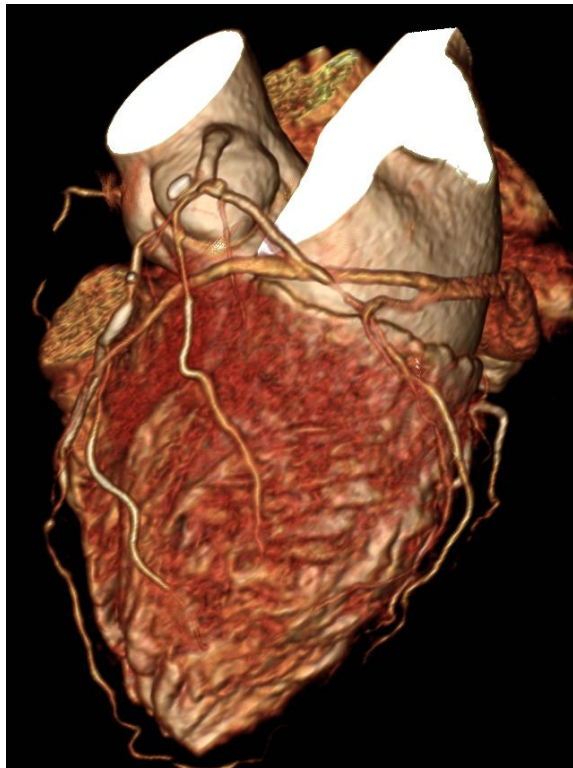


$$\Delta P = \Delta P_{convective} + \Delta P_{diffusive} + \Delta P_{expansion}$$



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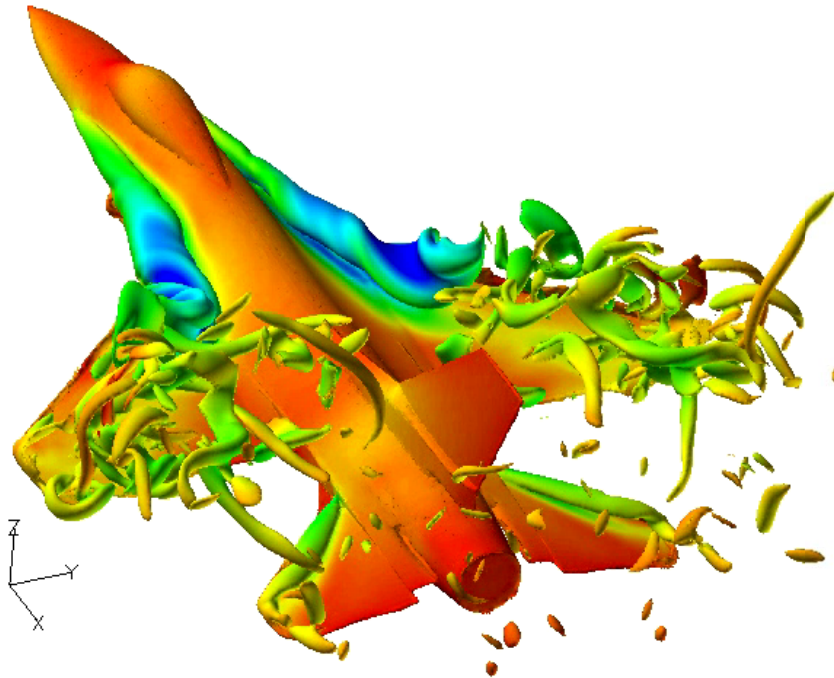
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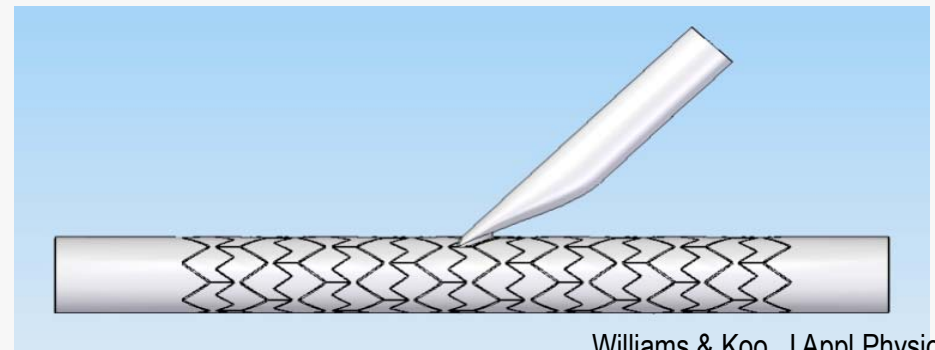
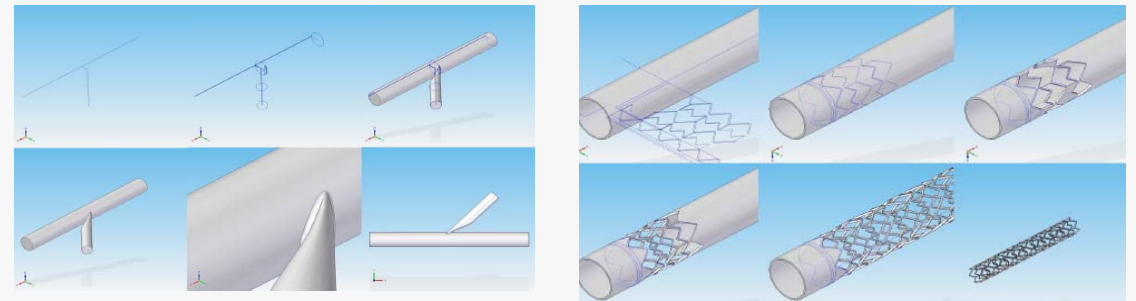
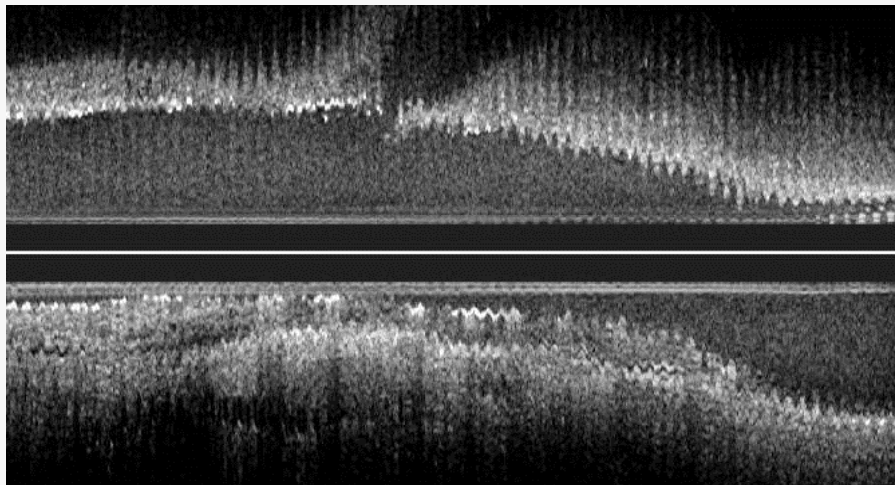
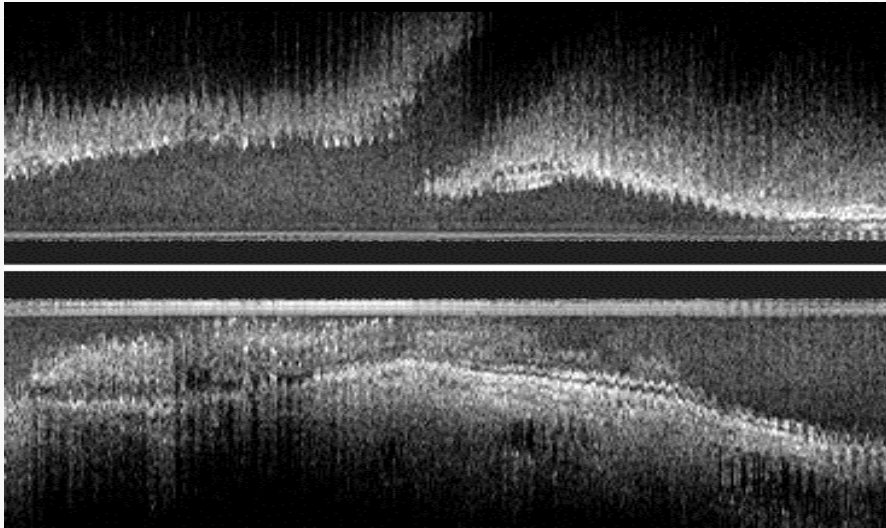
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Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) quantifies fluid pressure and velocity, based on physical laws of mass conservation and momentum balance
- CFD is widely used in the aerospace and automotive industries for design and testing



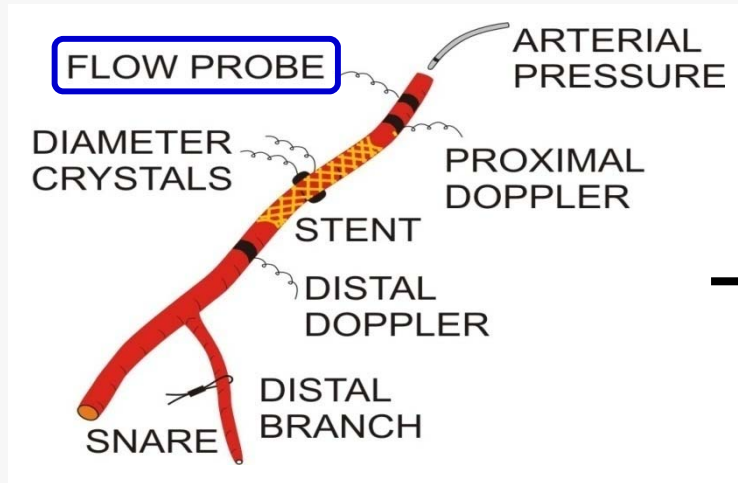
Application of CFD to coronary artery disease: Modeling



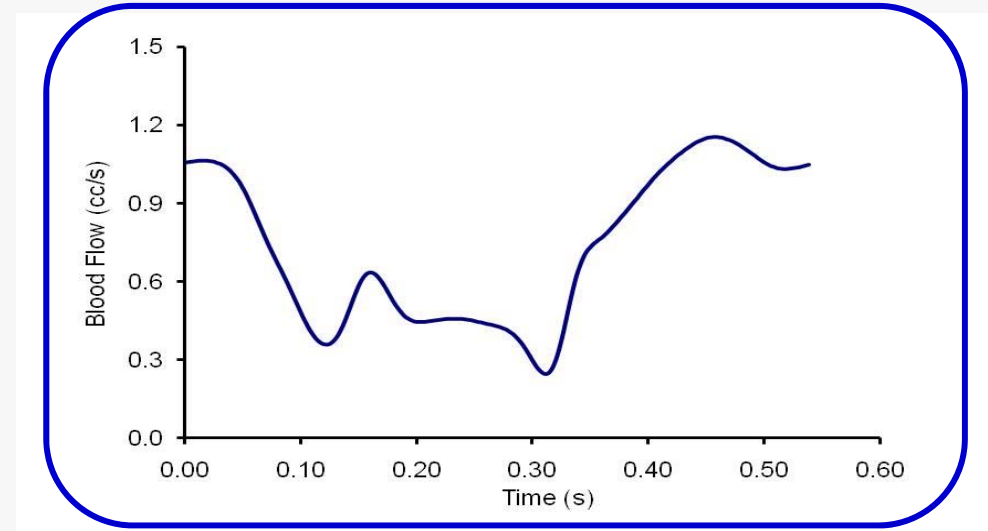
Williams & Koo, J Appl Physiol 2010

Inflow waveforms and estimates of downstream coronary vascular resistance obtained from previous investigations

Inlet

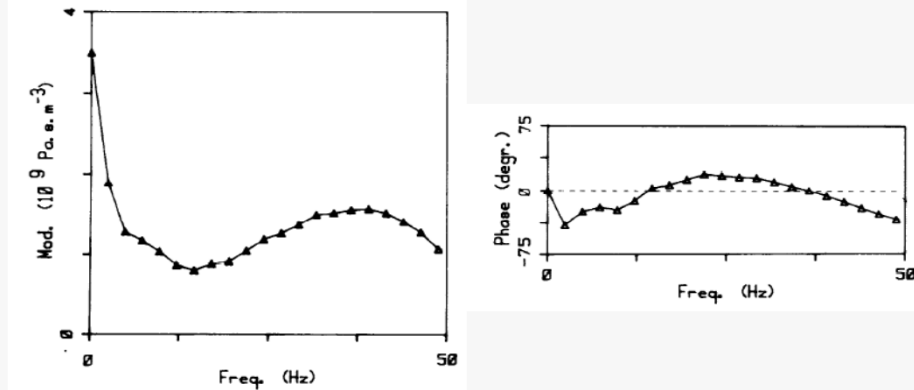


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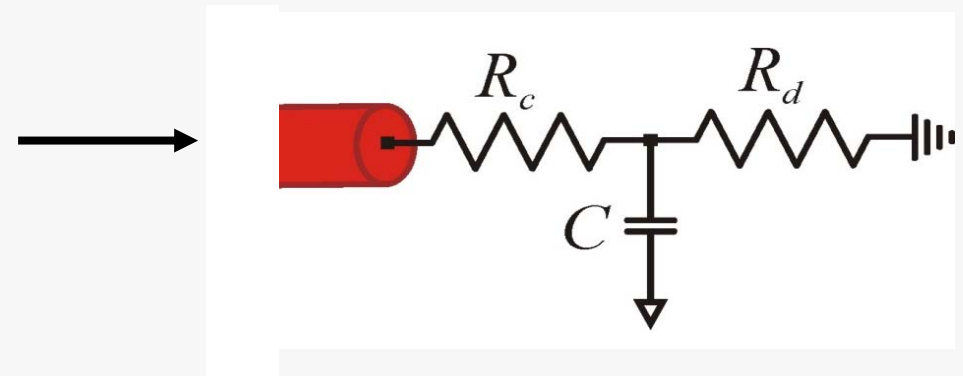


Systolic coronary impedance spectra

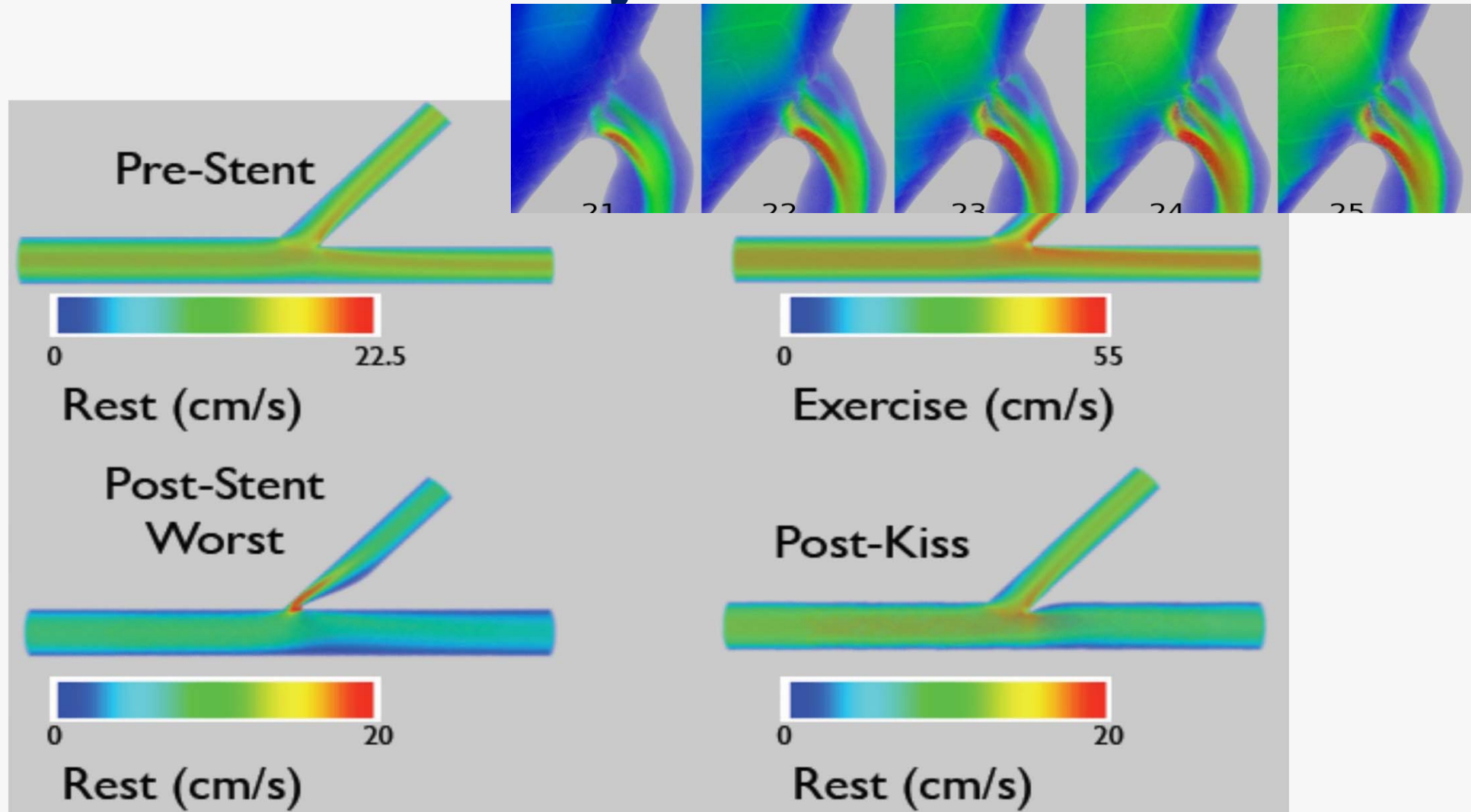
Outlets



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Velocity Profiles

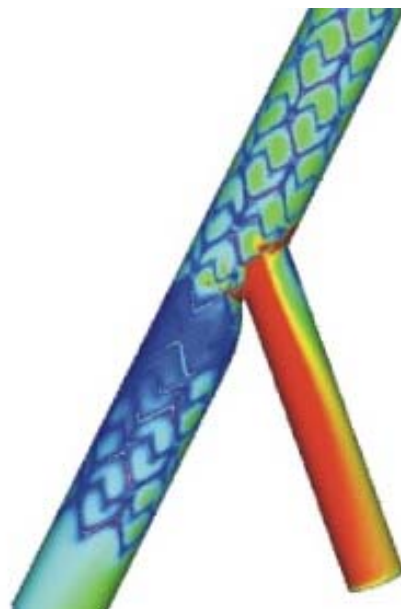


Stent cross over & Distal MB over-expansion

Time Averaged Wall Shear Stress

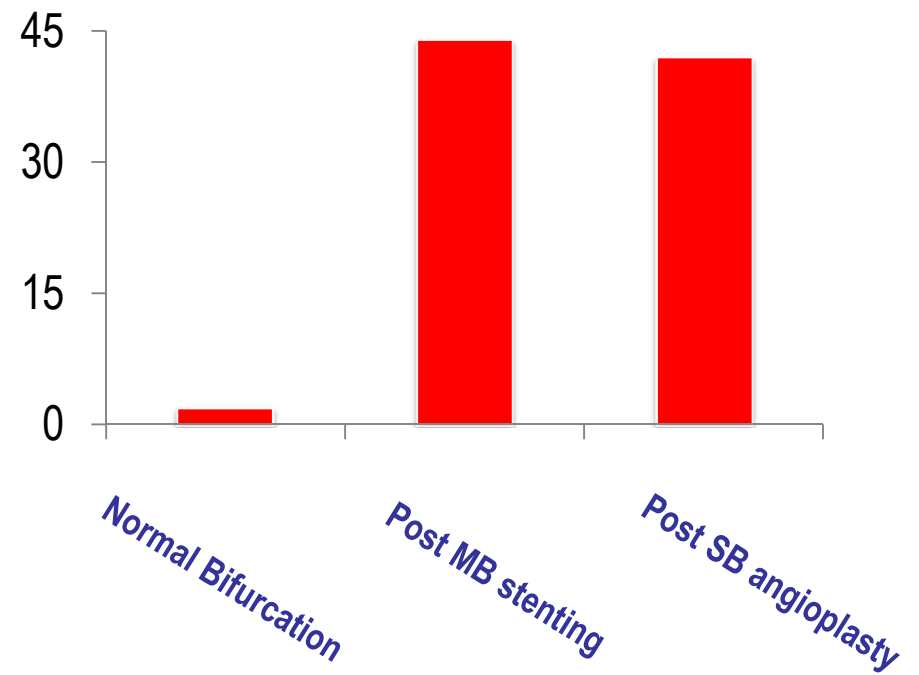
Shear stress distribution

% area of low WSS ($< 4\text{dyne/cm}^2$)



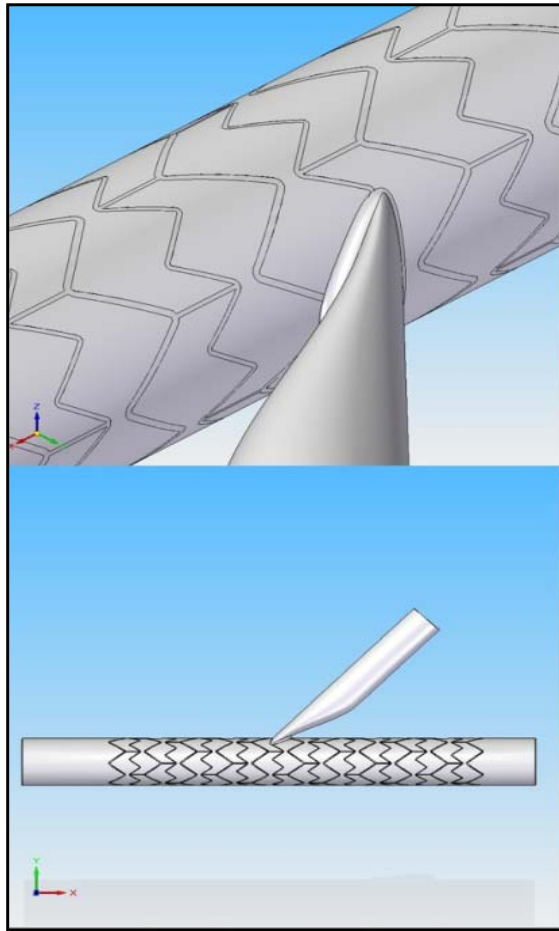
Post MB stenting

Post SB angioplasty



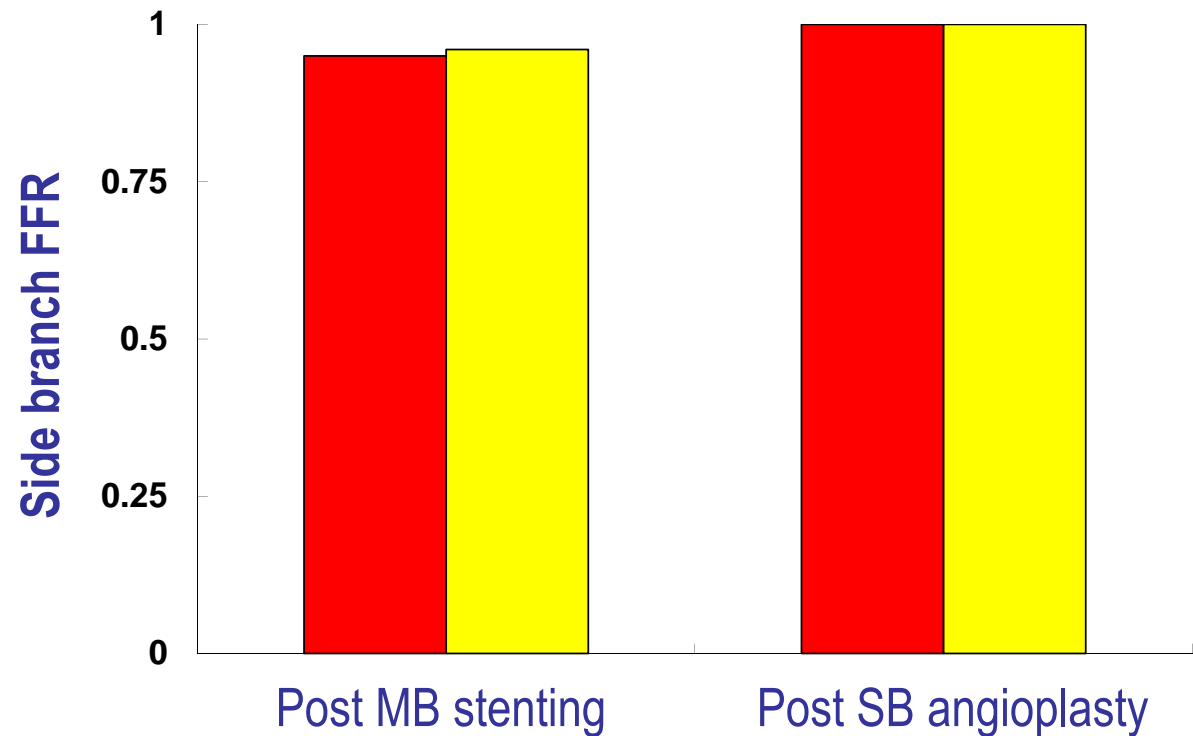
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Fractional flow reserve of Side branch



Post MB stenting

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Clinical relevance of “abnormal flow”?

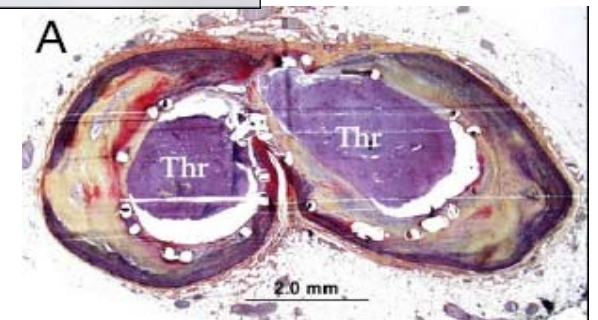
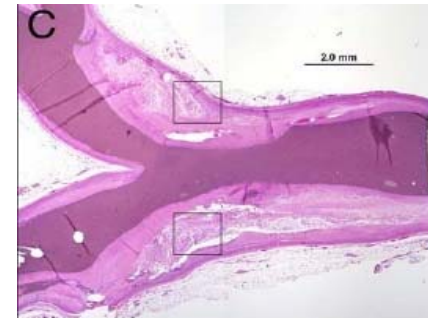
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Pathological Findings at Bifurcation Lesions

The Impact of Flow Distribution on Atherosclerosis
and Arterial Healing After Stent Implantation

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Limitations of current CFD analyses

- Simple models, not patient-specific
- Not completely reflects human coronary circulation
- No established clinical relevance

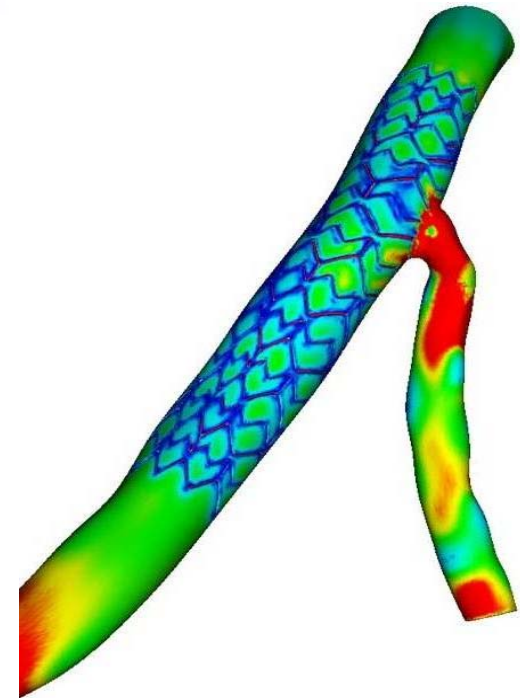
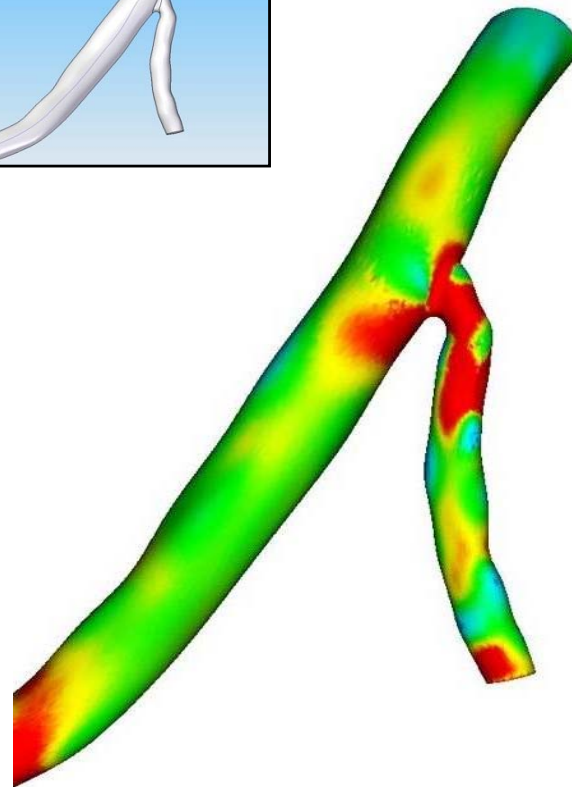
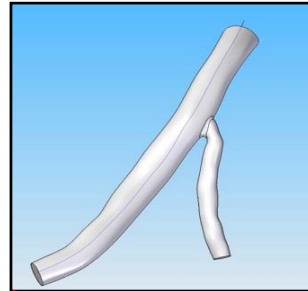
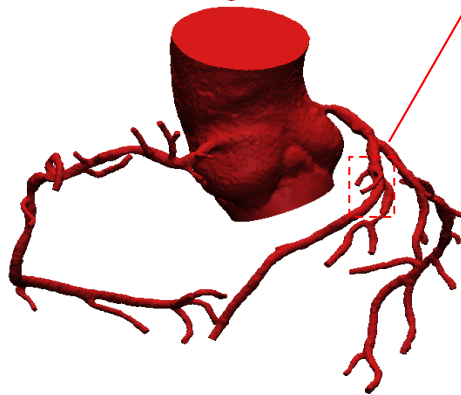
Patient-specific modeling using CCTA

Computational Model based on CCTA

3-D anatomic model from CCTA



No additional imaging
No additional medications



Patient-specific non-invasive coronary hemodynamic assessment

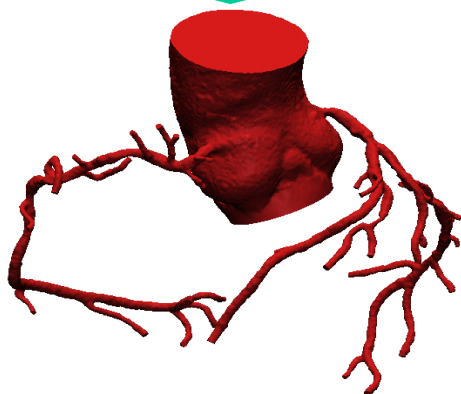
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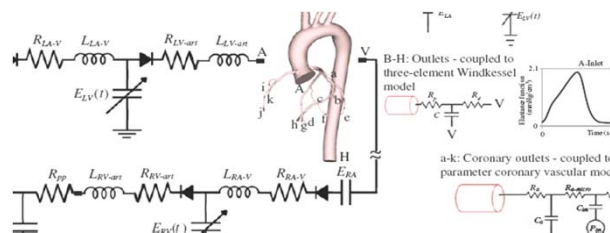


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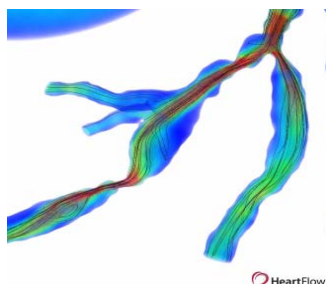
Blood Flow Solution

Blood flow equations solved on supercomputer



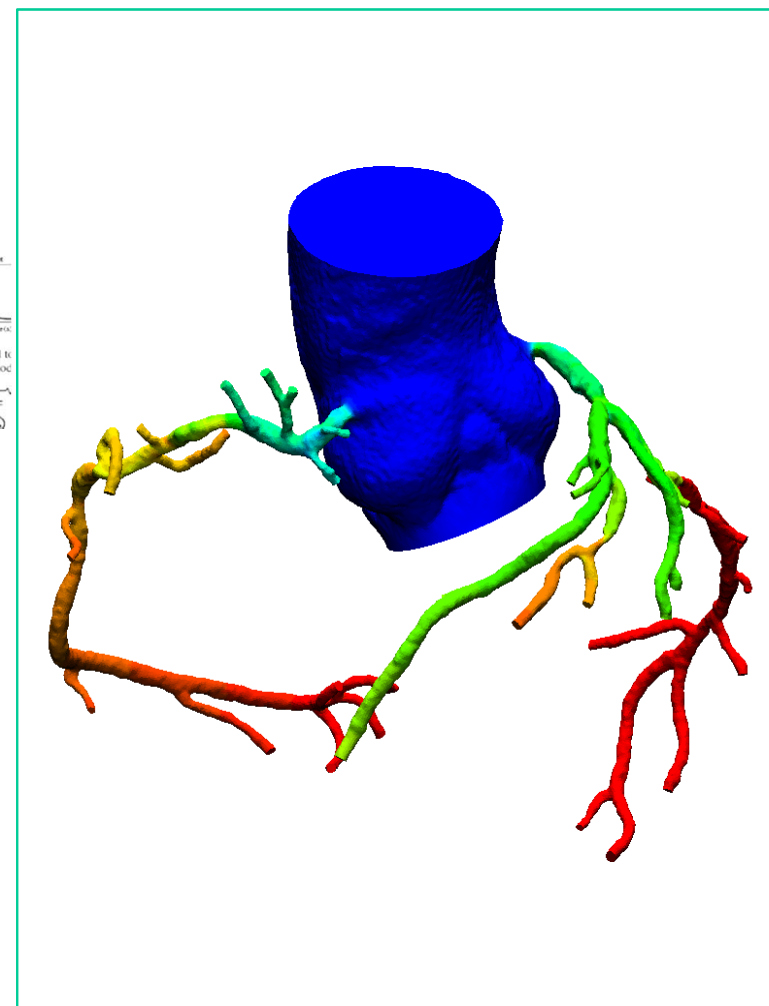
$$\rho \bar{v}_{,t} + \rho \bar{v} \cdot \nabla \bar{v} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \underline{\tau}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{v} = 0$$



Physiologic models

- Myocardial demand
- Morphometry-based boundary condition
- Effect of adenosine on microcirculation



How is FFR computed from static coronary CT?

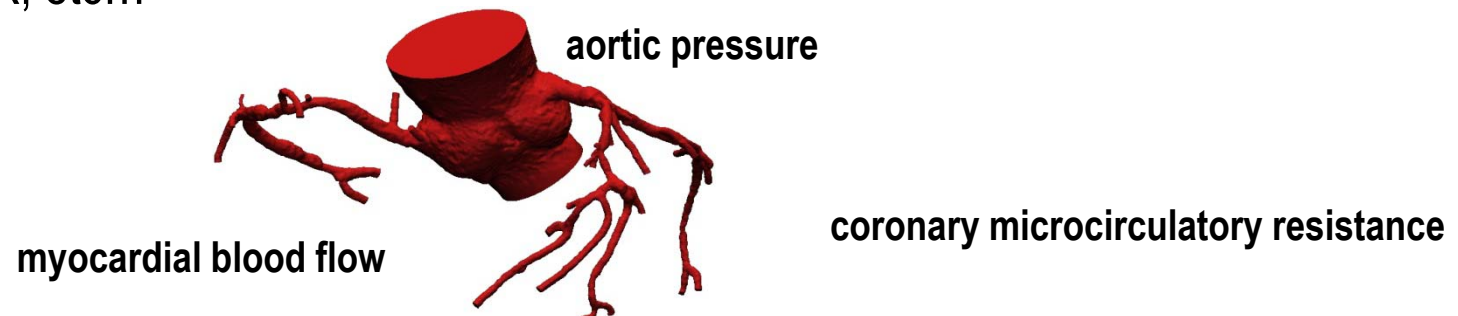
A novel example: Flow through the coronary arteries

Input data:

- Geometry – extracted from CCTA anatomic data
- Boundary conditions
 - Resting coronary blood flow (calculated from myocardial mass)
 - Mean blood pressure (estimated from brachial artery pressure)
 - Coronary microcirculatory resistance (derived from morphometry data)
- Fluid properties – viscosity and density of blood

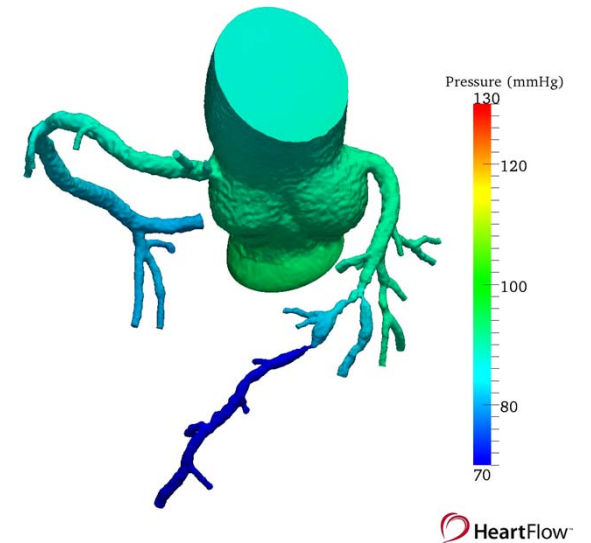
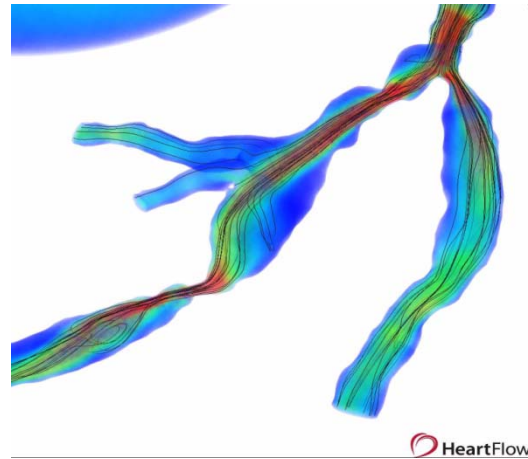
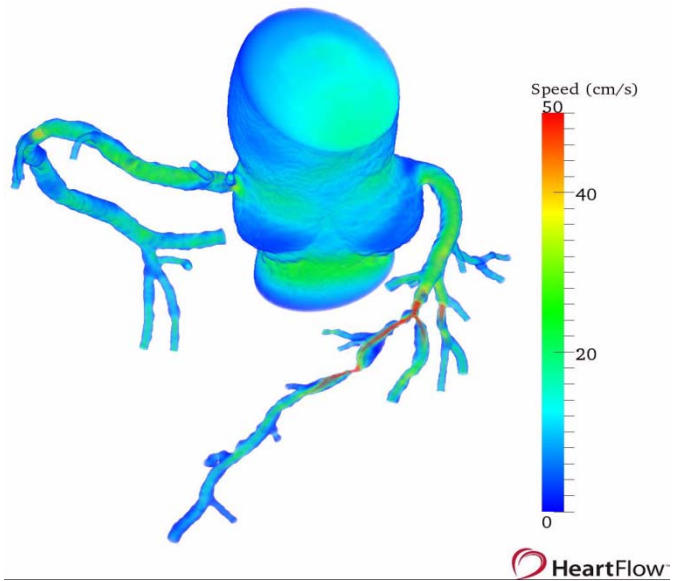
Calculated data:

- Velocity and pressure of blood in coronary arteries
- FFR, CFR, etc...



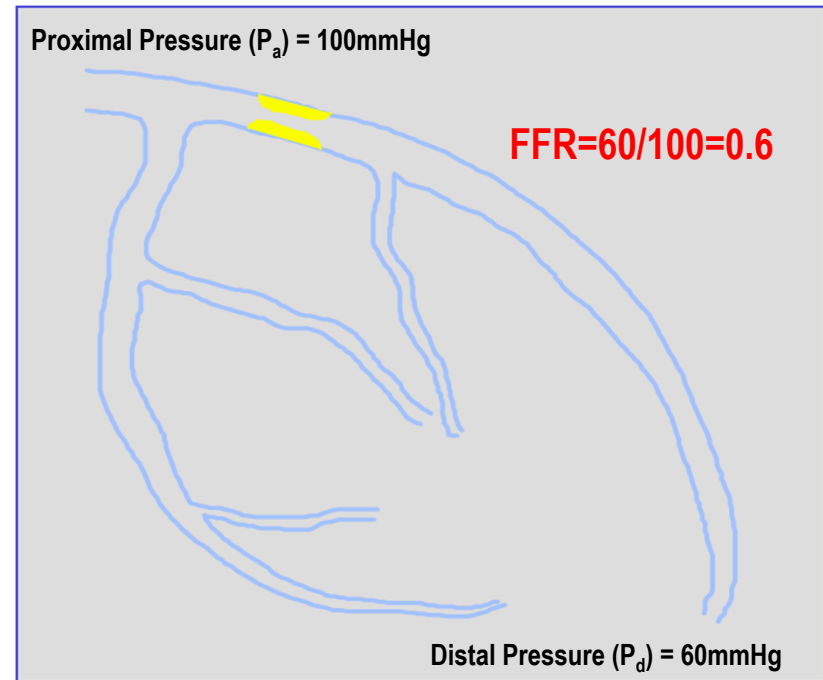
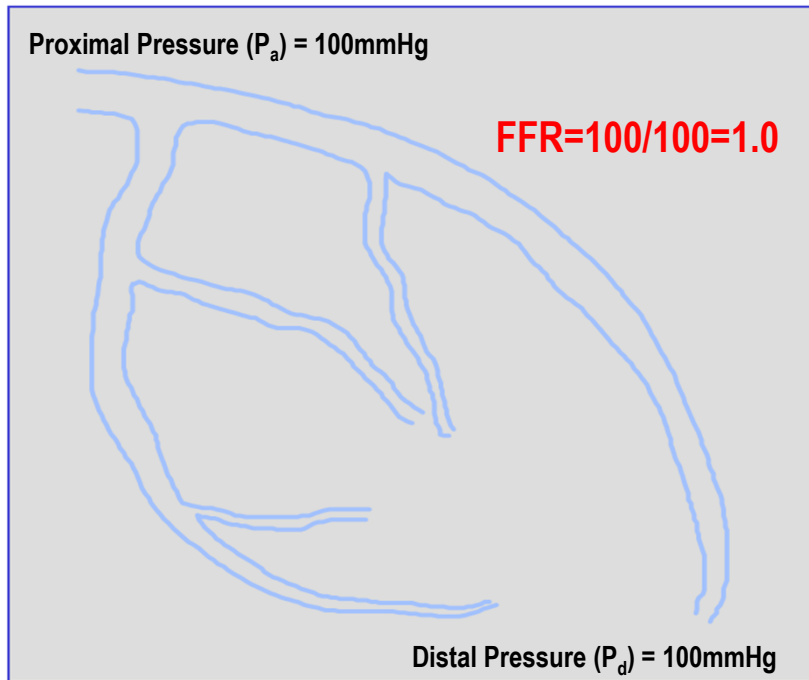


Patient-specific CFD analysis



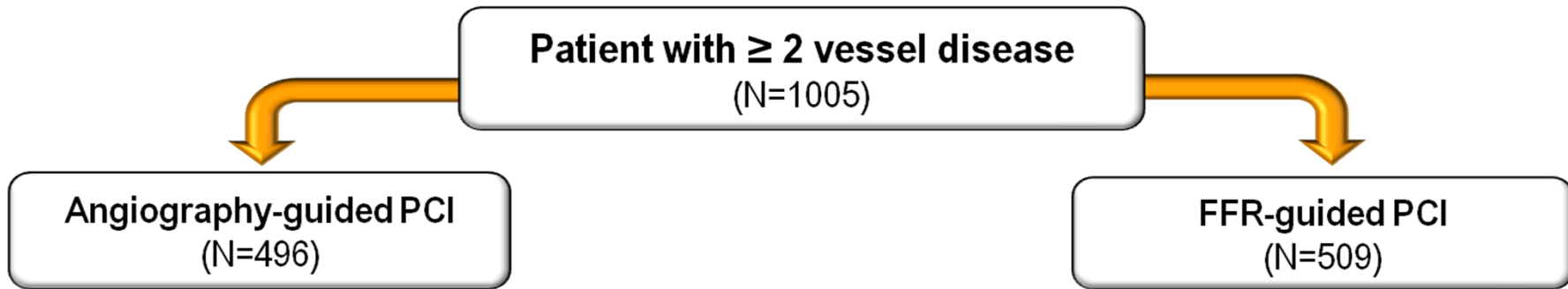
Estimation of flow by pressure: Fractional flow reserve (FFR)

$$FFR = \frac{\text{Maximum flow in presence of stenosis}}{\text{Normal maximum flow}} = \frac{Q_{max}^S}{Q_{max}^N} = \frac{(P_d - P_v)/R}{(P_a - P_v)/R} = \frac{\text{Distal Pr } (P_d)}{\text{Proximal Pr } (P_a)}$$

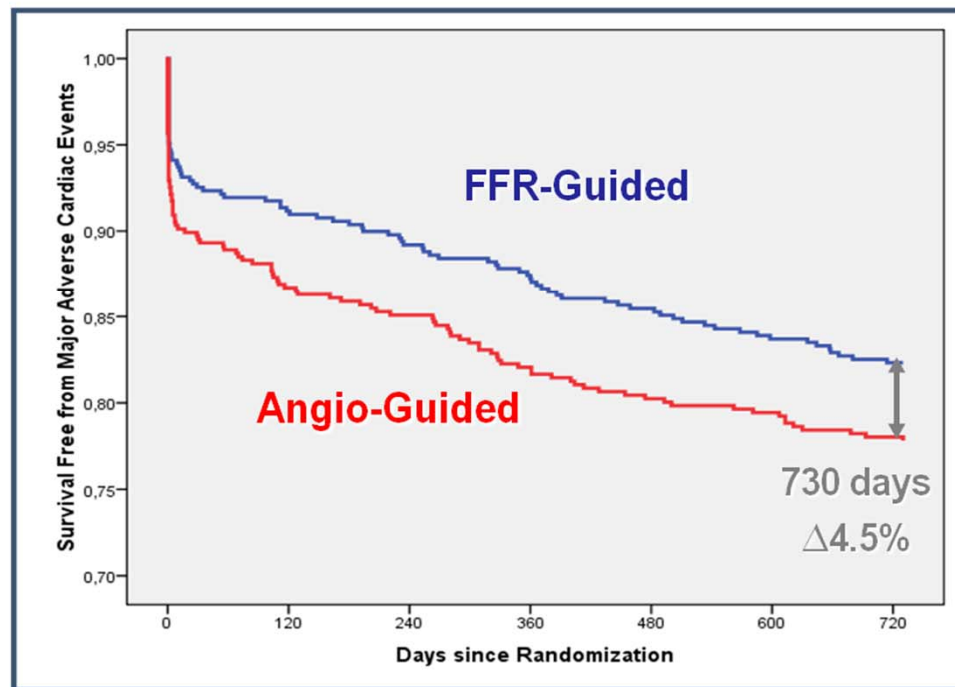


FFR 1.0 0.80 0.75 0

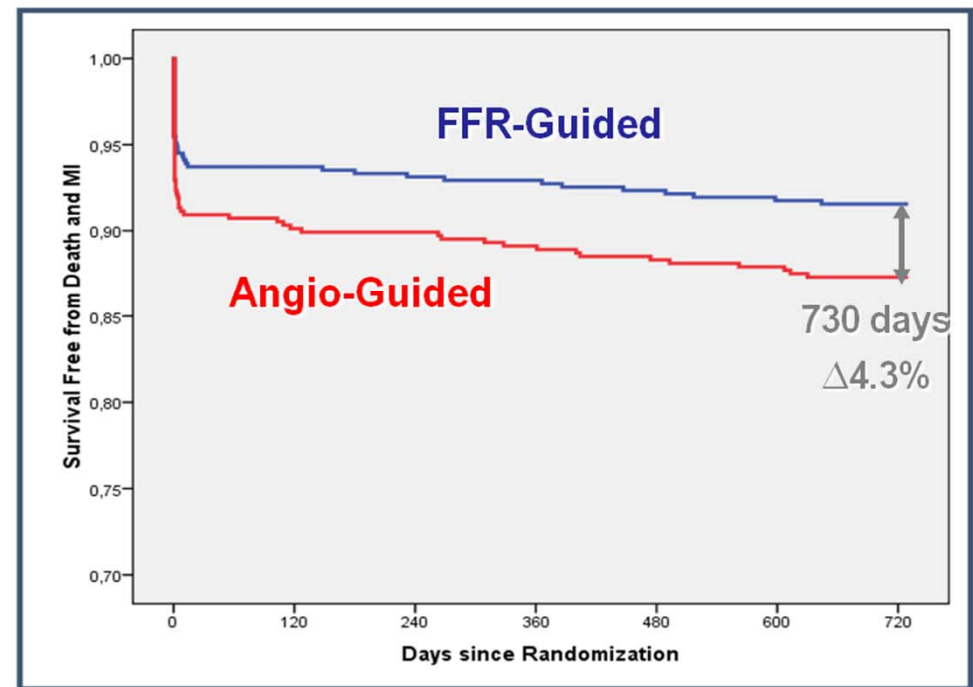
FAME study



2 Year MACE-free Survival



2 Year Death/MI-free Survival



FFR is good for the patients and (relatively) simple.....



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ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES

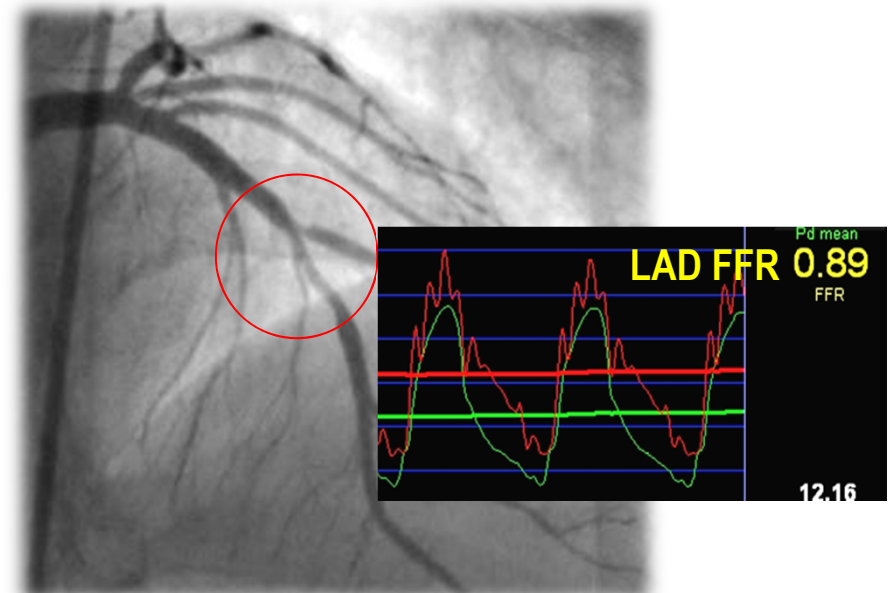


Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

	Class ^a	Level ^b
FFR-guided PCI is recommended for detection of ischaemia-related lesion(s) when objective evidence of vessel-related ischaemia is not available.	I	A
DES ^d are recommended for reduction of restenosis/re-occlusion, if no contraindication to extended DAPT.	I	A
Distal embolic protection is recommended during PCI of SVG disease to avoid distal embolization of debris and prevent MI	I	B

But, requires invasive procedure and expensive..... cannot provide 3D anatomical information....



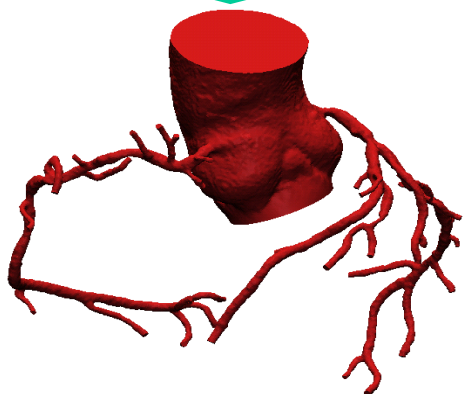
Patient-specific non-invasive FFR using CT & CFD

Computational Model based on CCTA

3-D anatomic model from CCTA

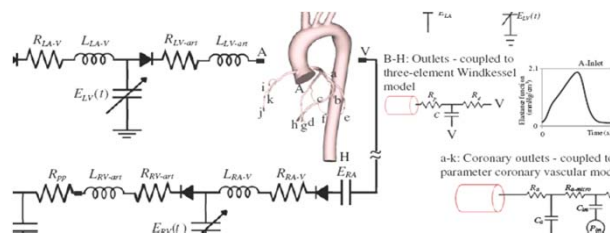


No additional imaging
No additional medications



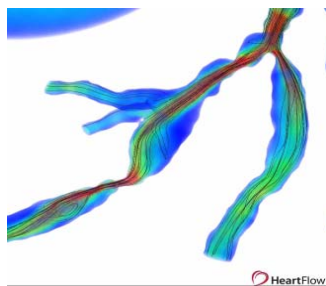
Blood Flow Solution

Blood flow equations solved on supercomputer



$$\rho \bar{v}_{,t} + \rho \bar{v} \cdot \nabla \bar{v} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \tau$$

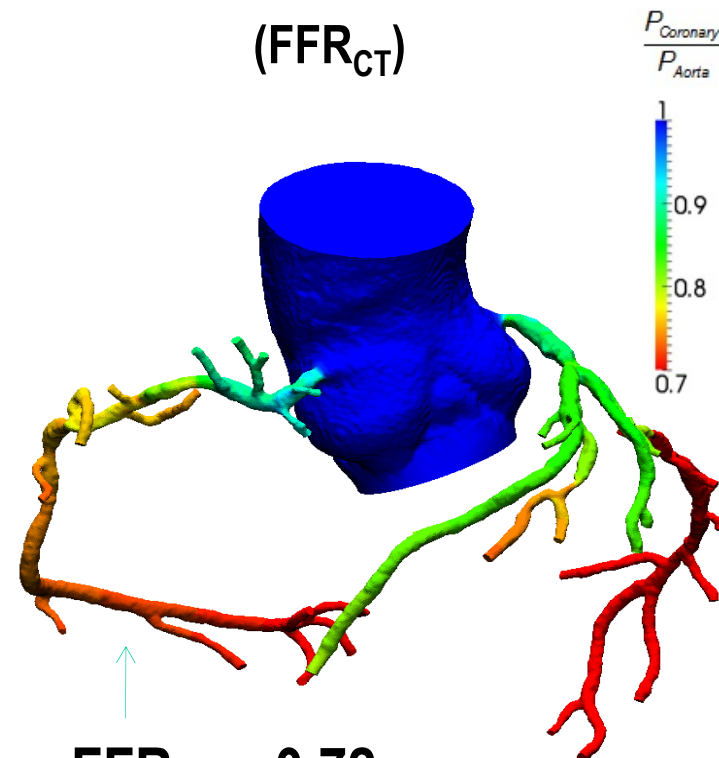
$$\nabla \cdot \bar{v} = 0$$



Physiologic models

- Myocardial demand
- Morphometry-based boundary condition
- Effect of adenosine on microcirculation

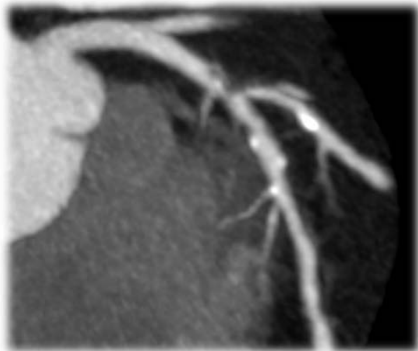
CT-derived computed FFR (FFR_{CT})



(can select any point on model)

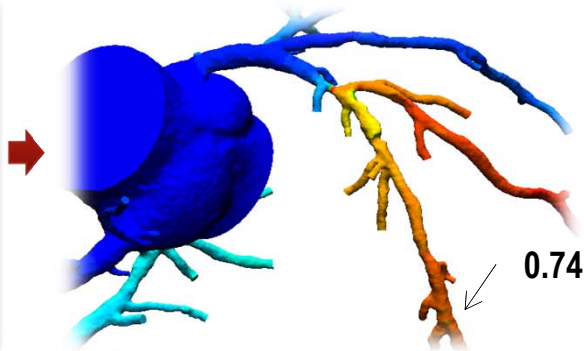
Case Examples

CCTA



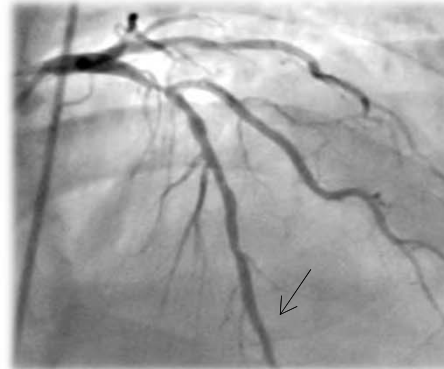
>50% diameter stenosis

FFR_{CT}



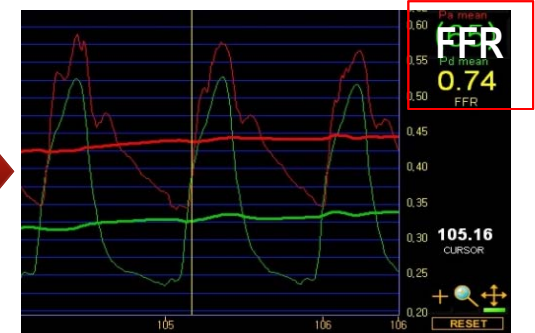
FFR_{CT} 0.74 → ischemia

Invasive angiography

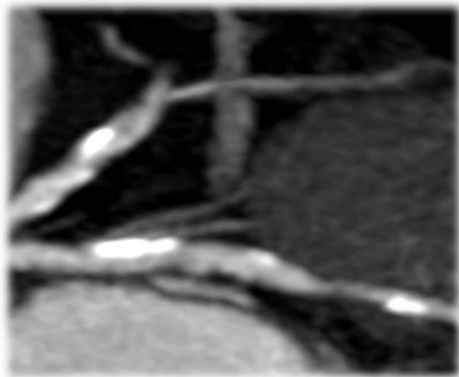


>50% diameter stenosis

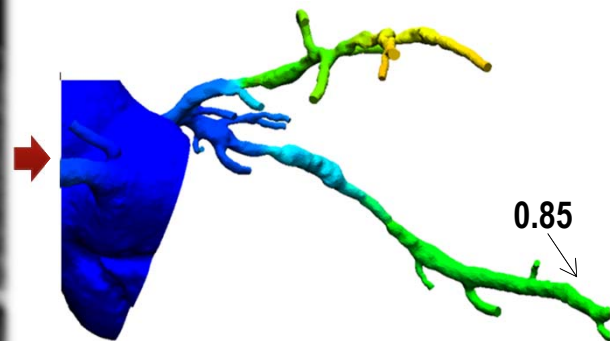
FFR



FFR 0.74 → ischemia



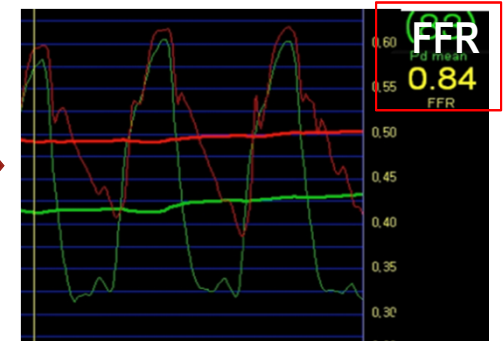
>50% diameter stenosis



FFR_{CT} 0.85 → no ischemia



>50% diameter stenosis



FFR 0.84 → no ischemia

First-in-Human study: DISCOVER-FLOW

Cardiac Imaging

Diagnosis of Ischemia-Causing Coronary Stenoses by Noninvasive Fractional Flow Reserve Computed From Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiograms

Results From the Prospective Multicenter DISCOVER-FLOW (Diagnosis of Ischemia-Causing Stenoses Obtained Via Noninvasive Fractional Flow Reserve) Study

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Objectives The aim of this study was to determine the diagnostic performance of a new method for quantifying fractional flow reserve (FFR) with computational fluid dynamics (CFD) applied to coronary computed tomography angiography (CCTA) data in patients with suspected or known coronary artery disease (CAD).

Background Measurement of FFR during invasive coronary angiography is the gold standard for identifying coronary artery lesions that cause ischemia and improves clinical decision-making for revascularization. Computation of FFR from CCTA data (FFR_{CCTA}) provides a noninvasive method for identifying ischemia-causing stenosis; however, the diagnostic performance of this new method is unknown.

Methods Computation of FFR from CCTA data was performed on 159 vessels in 103 patients undergoing CCTA, invasive coronary angiography, and FFR. Independent core laboratories determined FFR_{CAT} and CAD stenosis severity by CCTA. Ischemia was defined by an FFR_{CAT} and FFR ≤ 0.80 , and anatomically obstructive CAD was defined as a CCTA with stenosis $\geq 50\%$. Diagnostic performance of FFR_{CCTA} and CCTA stenosis was assessed with invasive FFR as the reference standard.

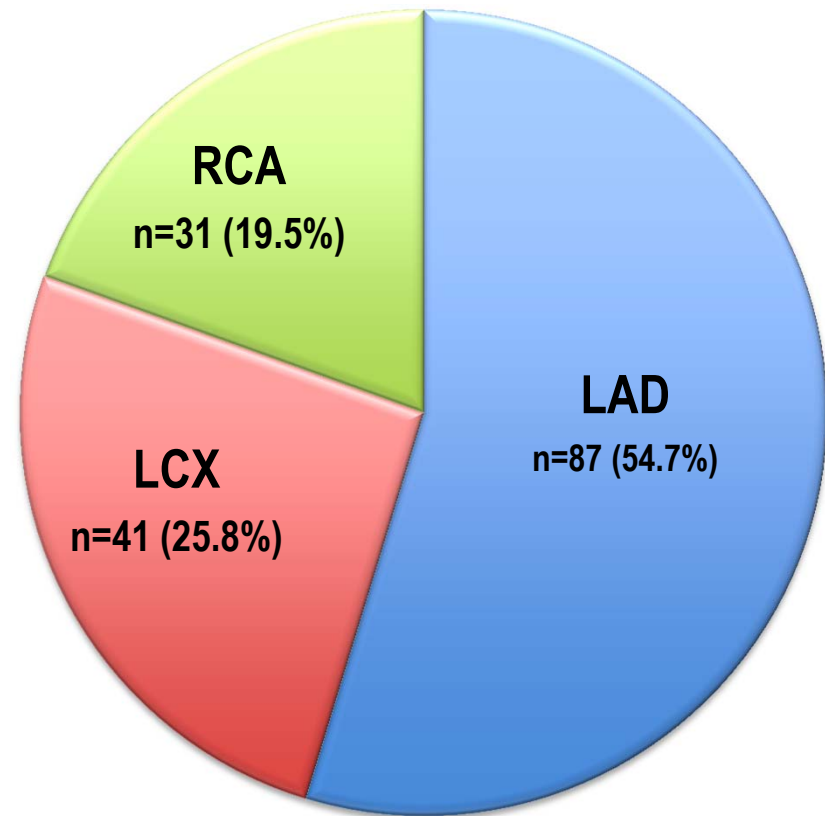
Results Fifty-six percent of patients had ≥ 1 vessel with FFR ≤ 0.80 . On a per-vessel basis, the accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value, and negative predictive value were 84.3%, 87.9%, 82.2%, 73.9%, 92.2%, respectively, for FFR_{CAT} and were 58.5%, 91.4%, 39.6%, 46.5%, 88.9%, respectively, for CCTA stenosis. The area under the receiver-operator characteristics curve was 0.90 for FFR_{CAT} and 0.75 for CCTA ($p = 0.001$). The FFR_{CAT} and FFR were well correlated ($r = 0.717$, $p < 0.001$) with a slight underestimation by FFR_{CCTA} (0.022 ± 0.116 , $p = 0.016$).

Conclusions Noninvasive FFR derived from CCTA is a novel method with high diagnostic performance for the detection and exclusion of coronary lesions that cause ischemia. (The Diagnosis of Ischemia-Causing Stenoses Obtained Via Noninvasive Fractional Flow Reserve; NCT01189331) (J Am Coll Cardiol 2011;58:1989-97) © 2011 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

Patients and lesions

- Oct 2009 – Jan 2011
- 159 vessels in 103 patients

Variable	
Age	63 ± 9 yrs
Male	72 %
Hypertension	65 %
Diabetes	26 %
Current smoker	36 %
BMI	26 ± 4
Prior MI	17 %
Prior PCI	16 %
LV ejection fraction	62 ± 6 %

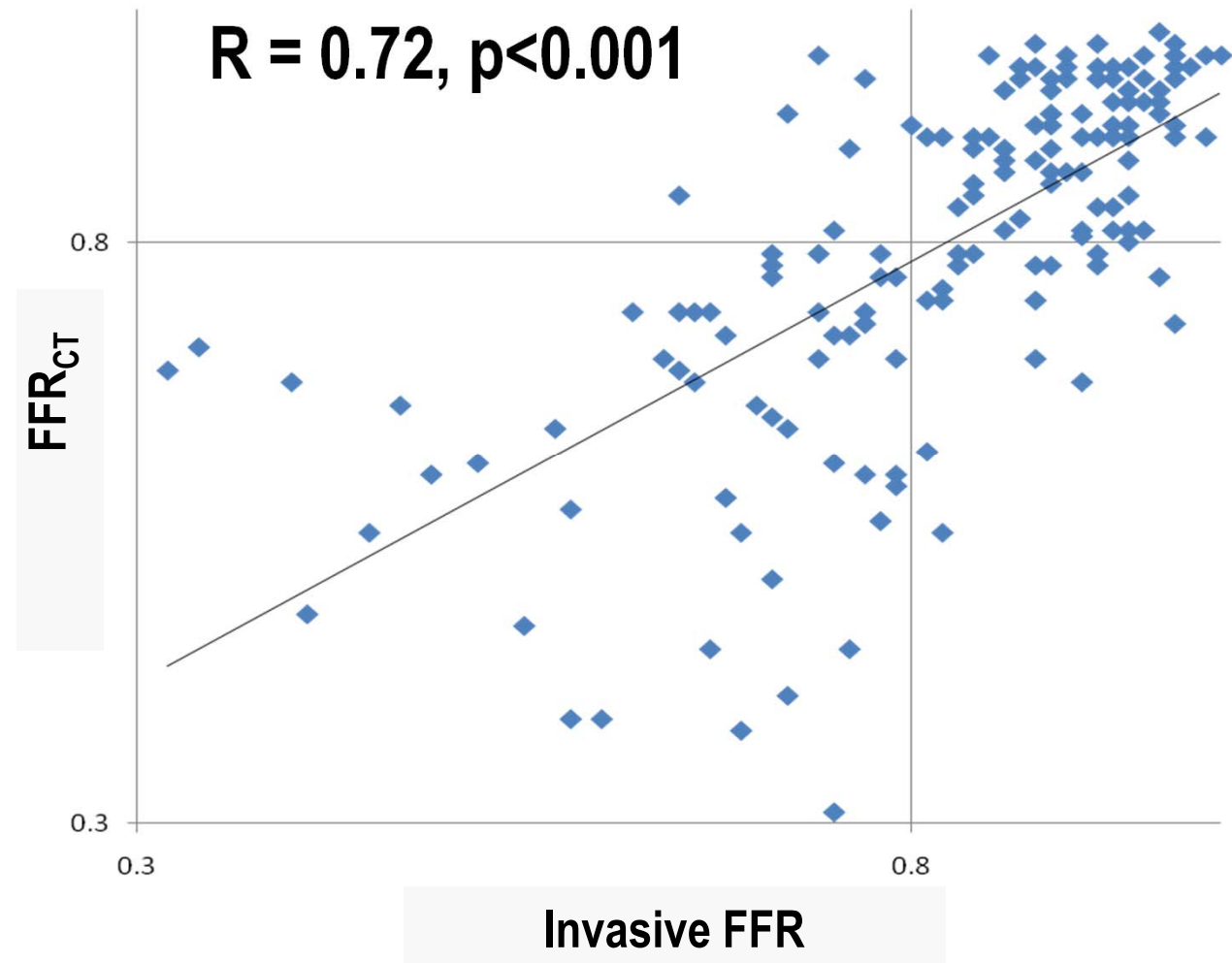


Invasive FFR vs. Non-invasive FFR_{CT}

FFR 0.82 ± 0.13

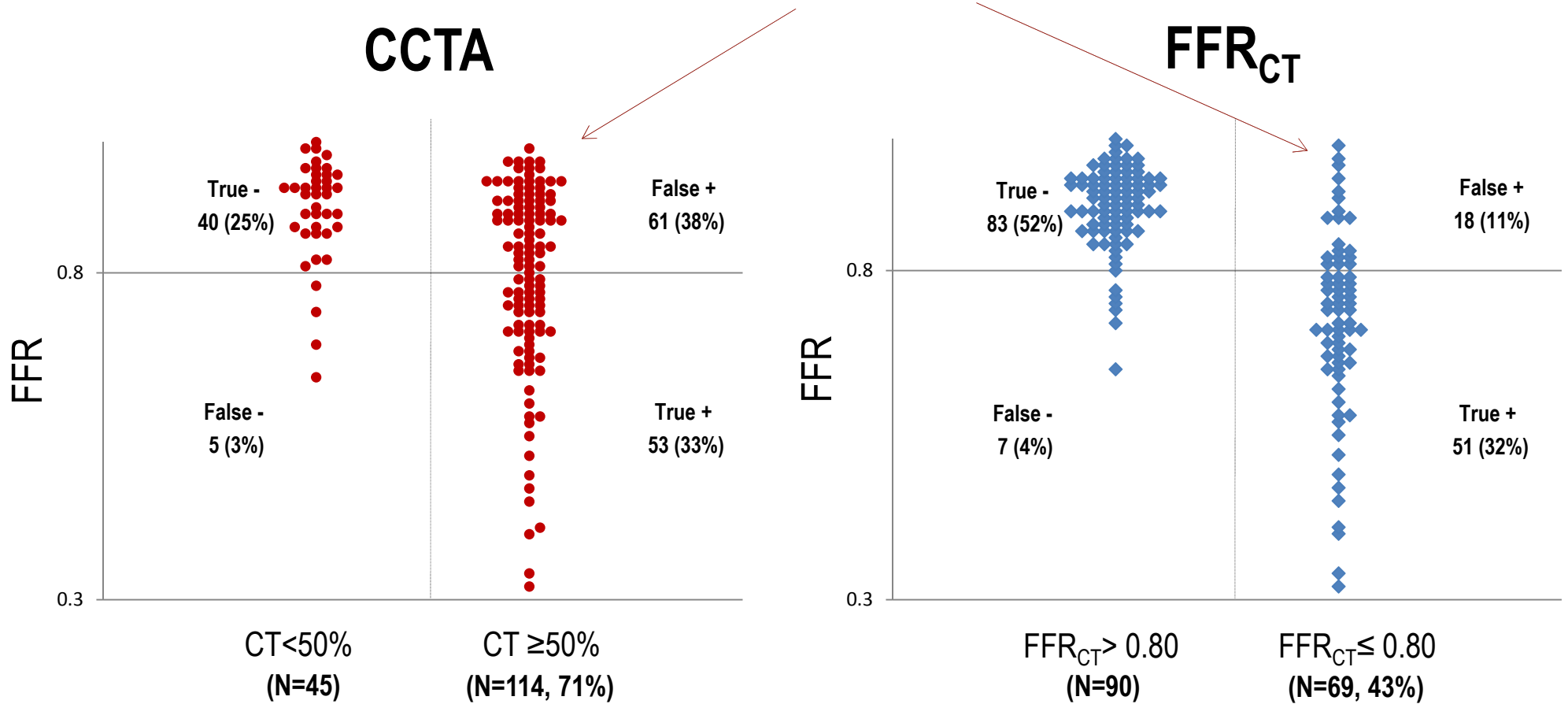
FFR_{CT} 0.80 ± 0.14

\triangle 0.02 ± 0.12



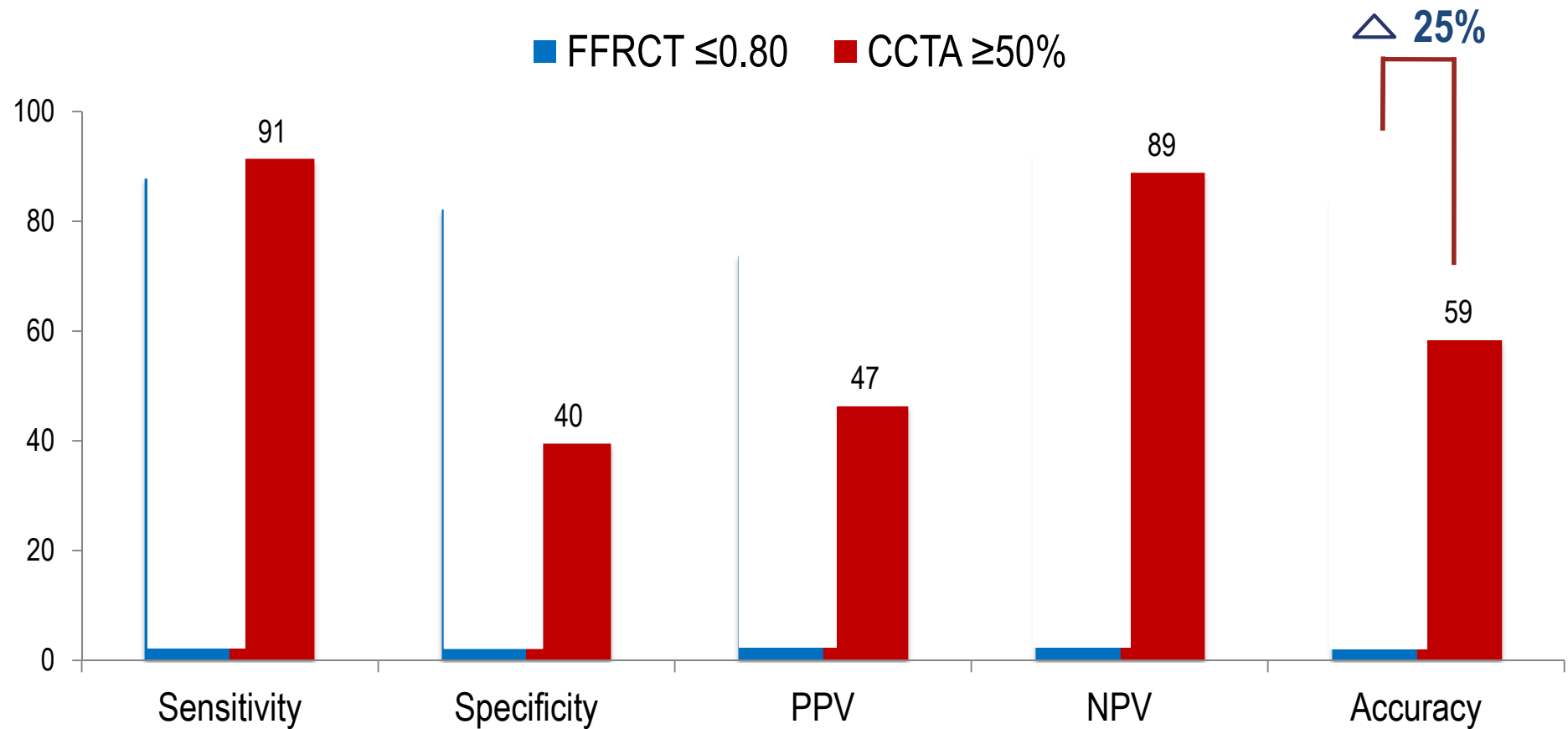
FFR vs. CT and FFR_{CT}

Reduction of false positives: 70%



Diagnostic performance of FFR_{CT} and CCTA

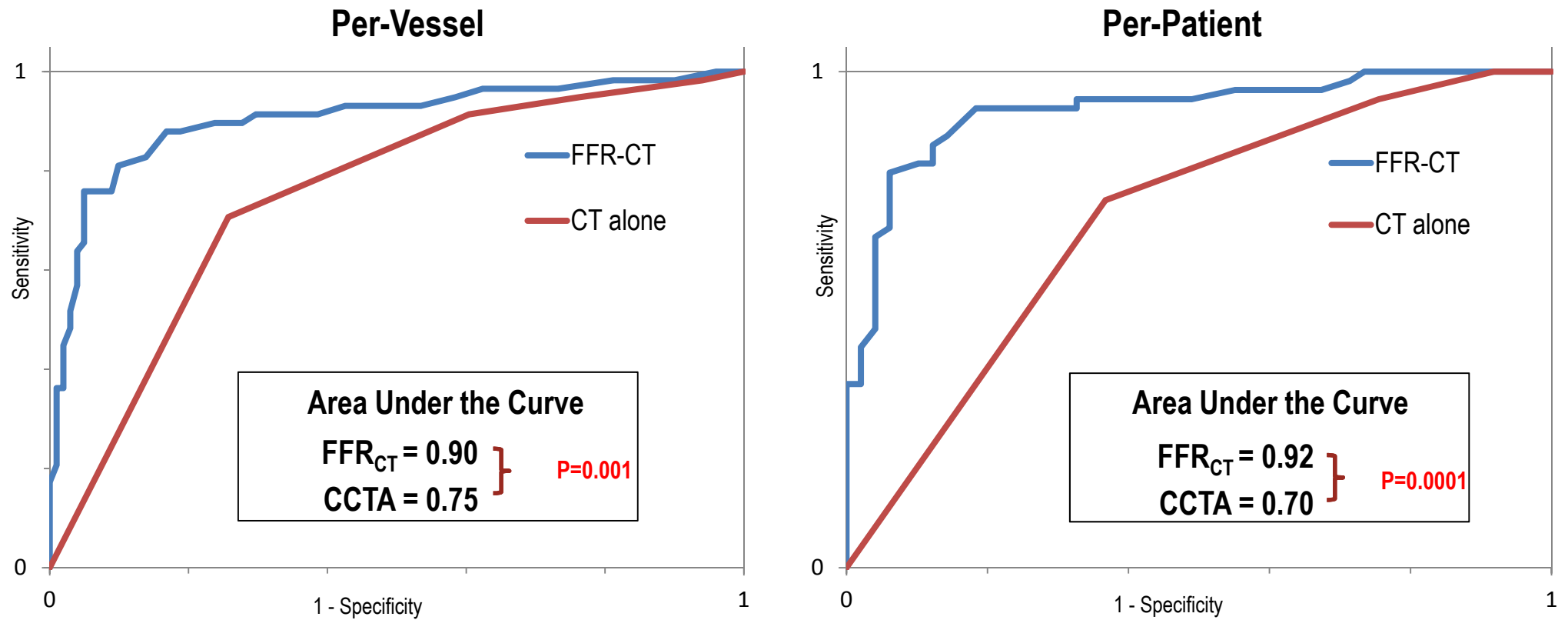
Per-vessel analysis (n=159)



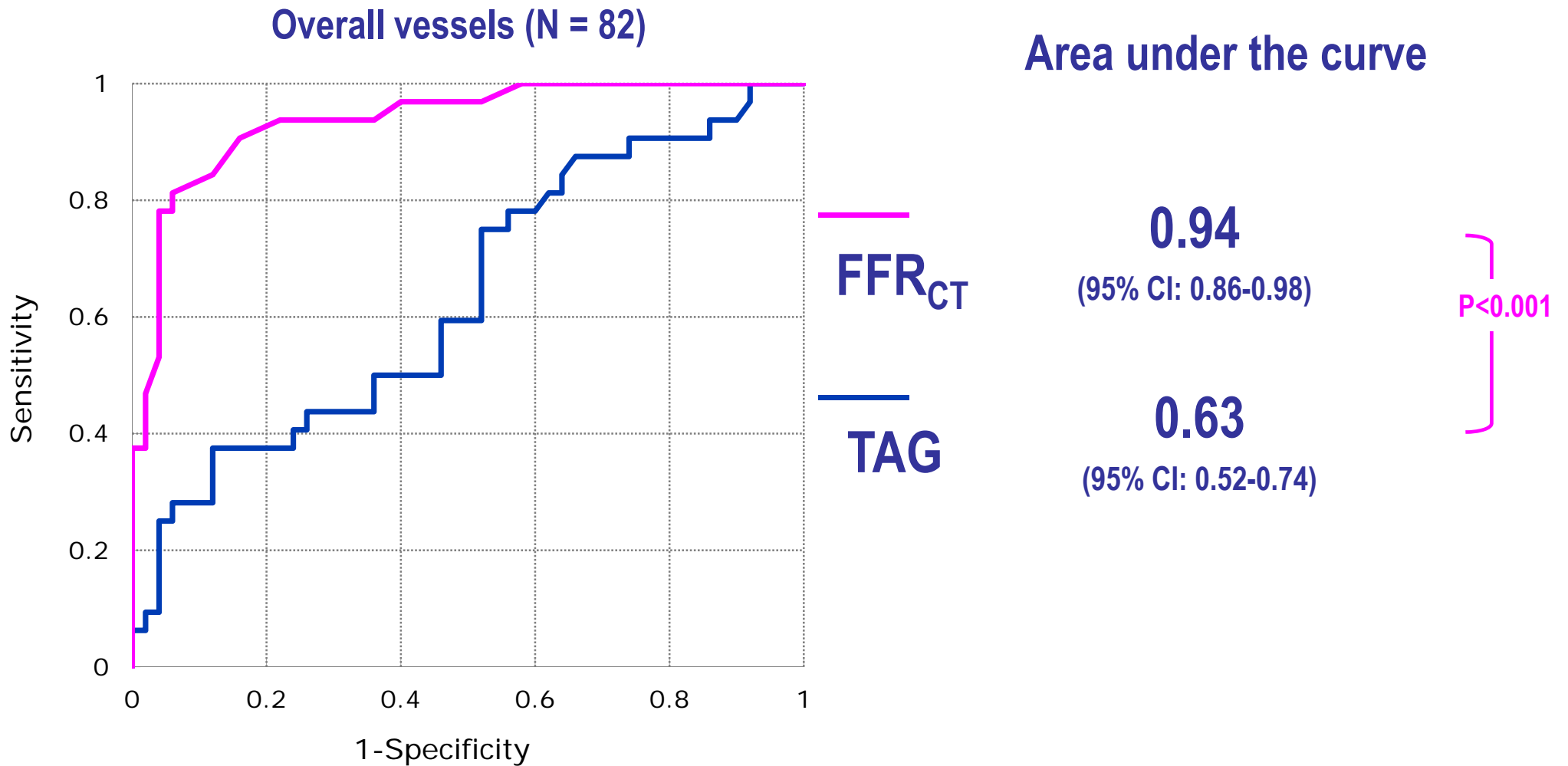
PPV: positive predictive value, NPV: negative predictive value

Diagnostic performance of CCTA and FFR_{CT}

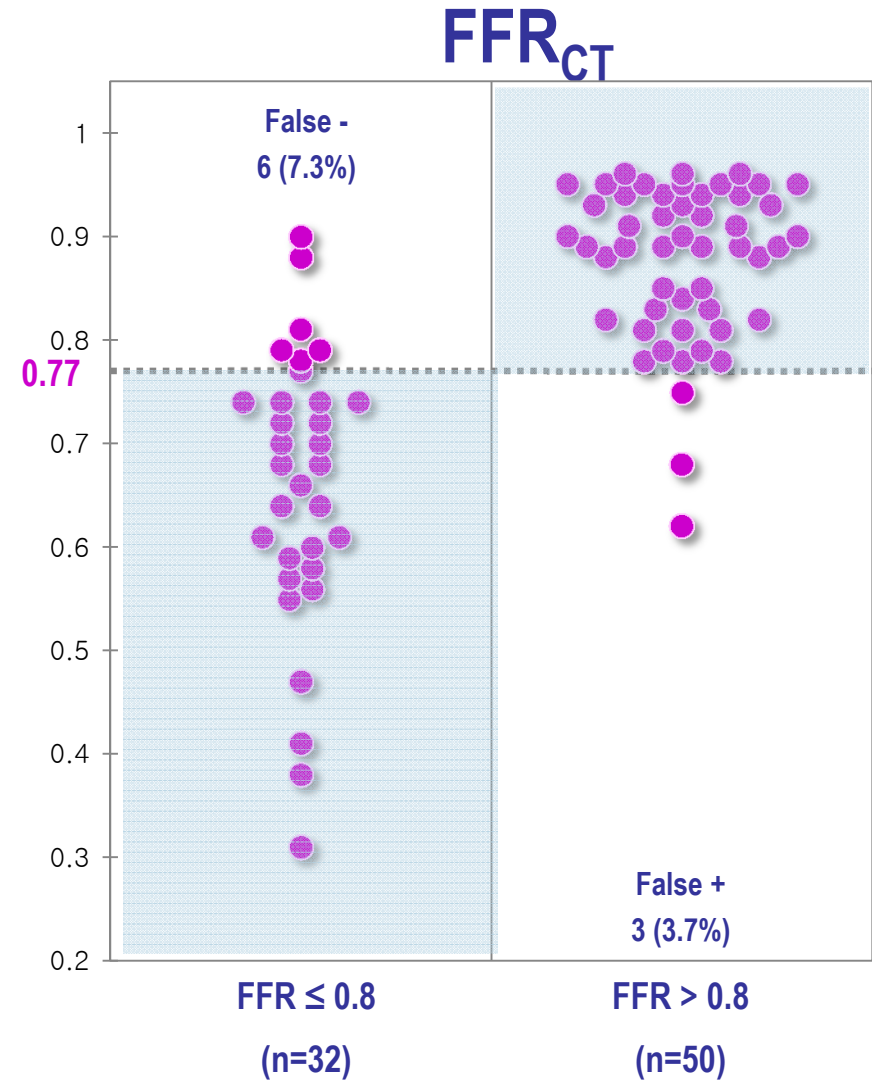
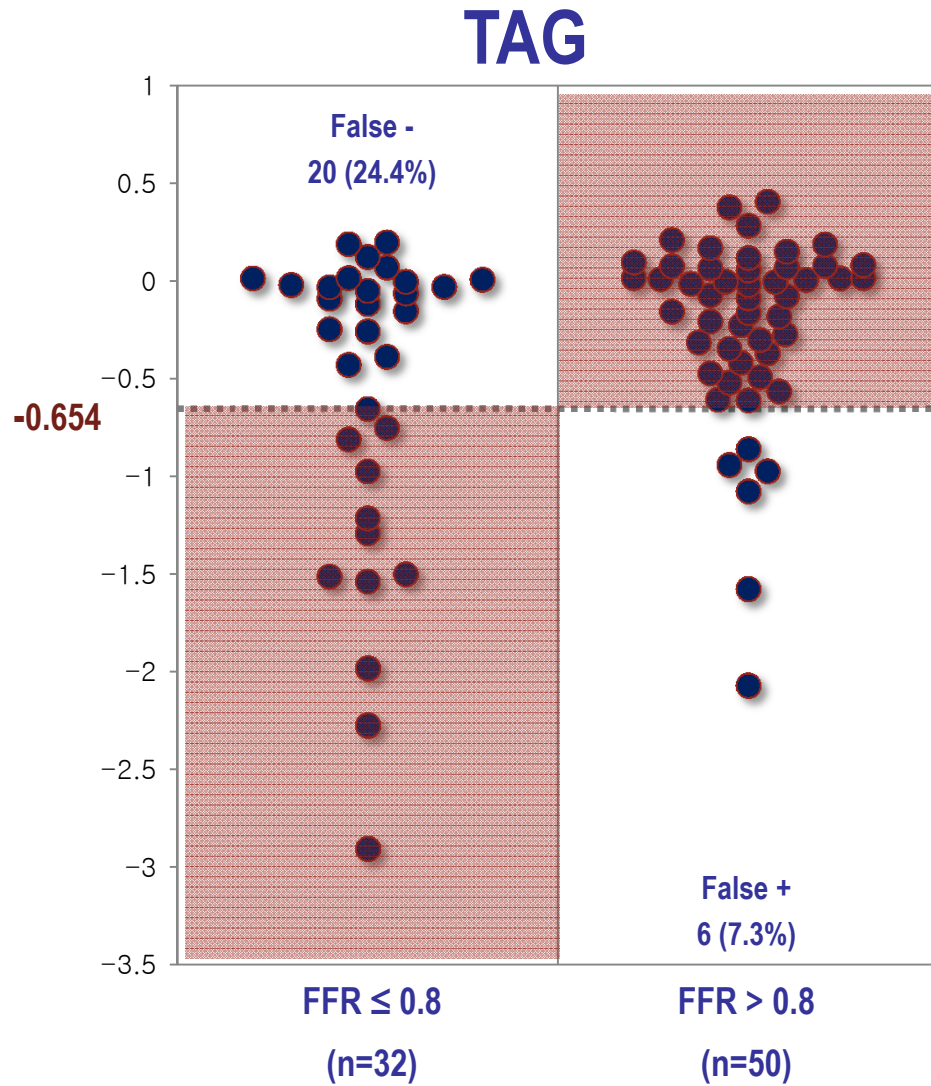
ROC curve analysis



FFR vs. TAG and FFR_{CT}

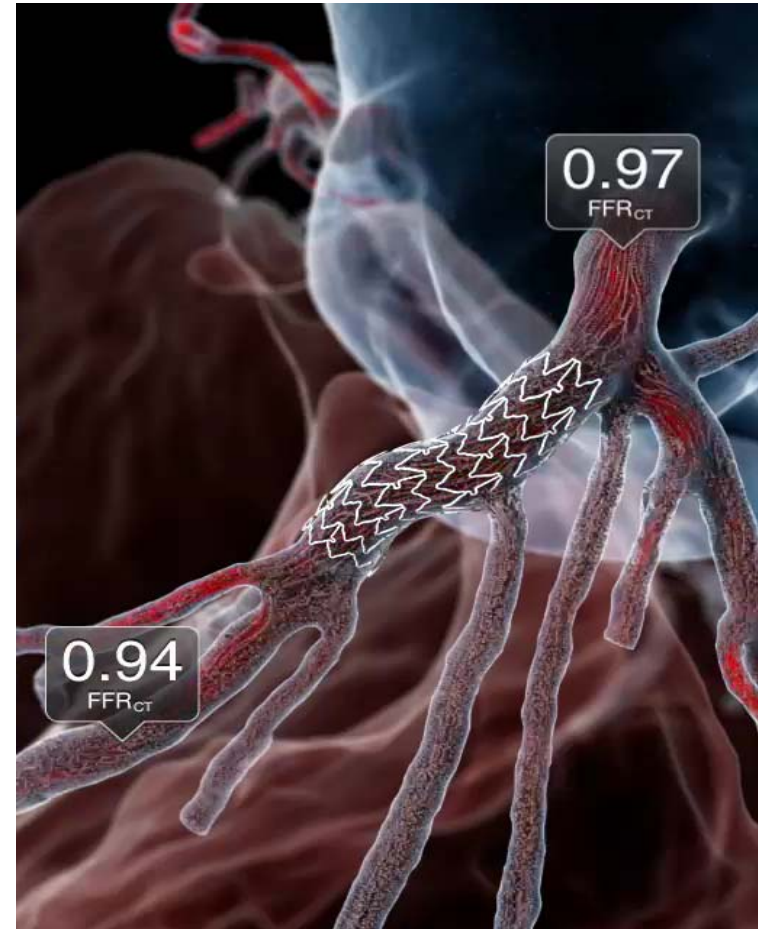
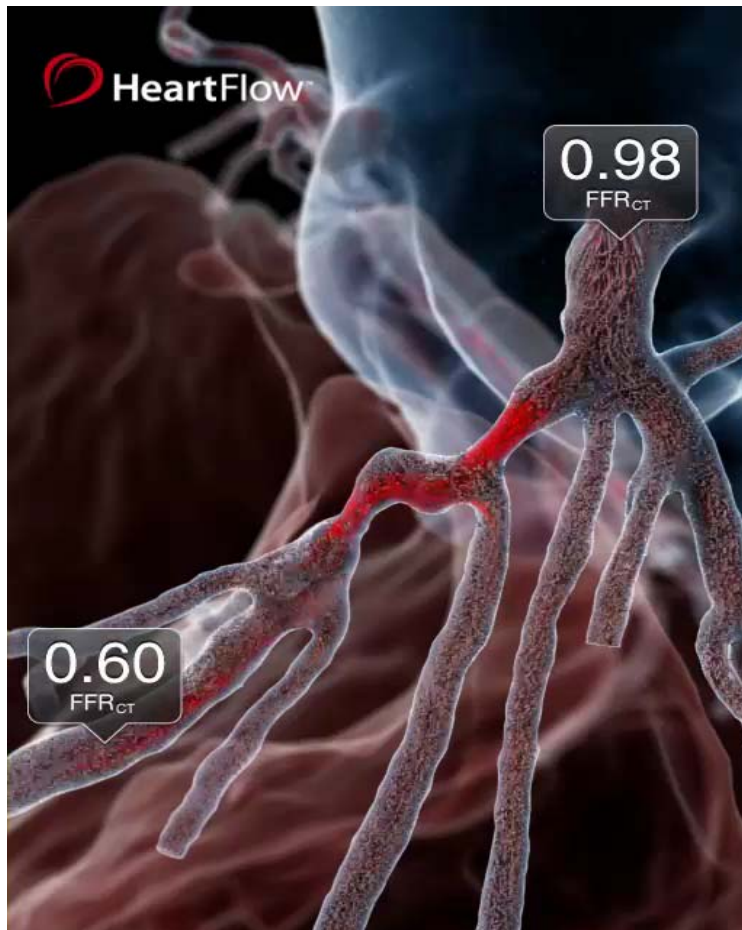


FFR vs. TAG and FFR_{CT}



Treatment planning prior to invasive procedures

Virtual PCI and post-PCI FFR_{CT}

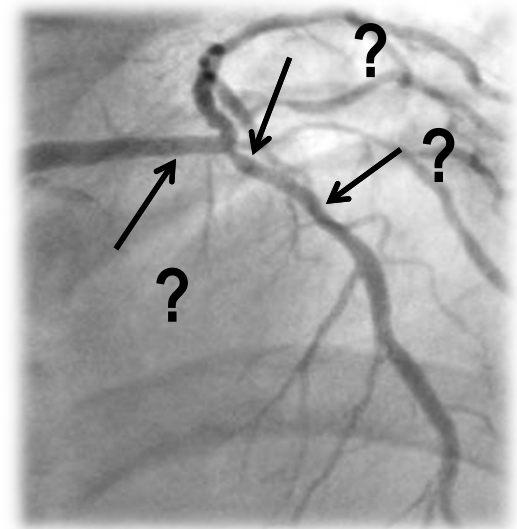
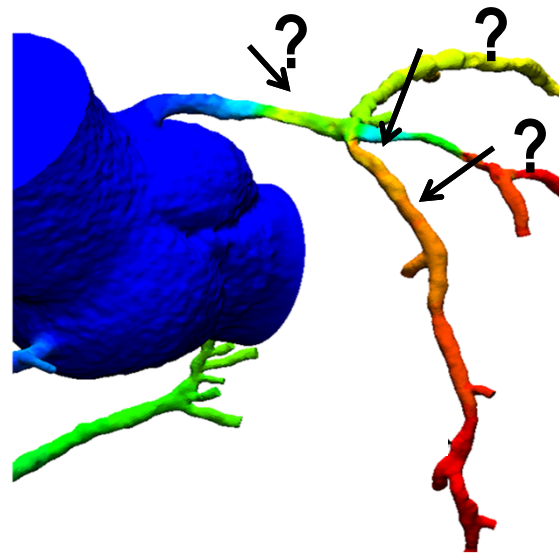
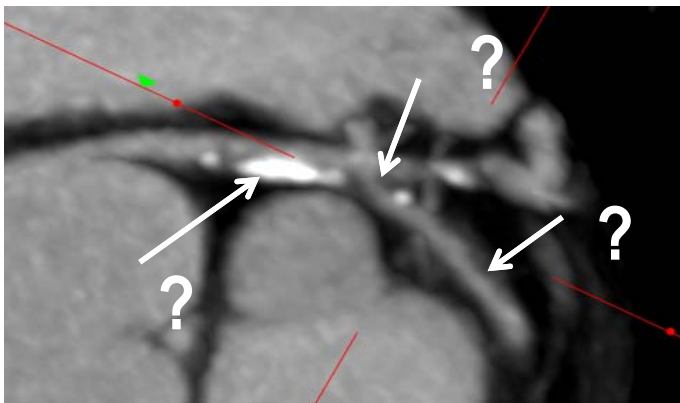


What is the best treatment option for the patient?

Which lesions are flow limiting?

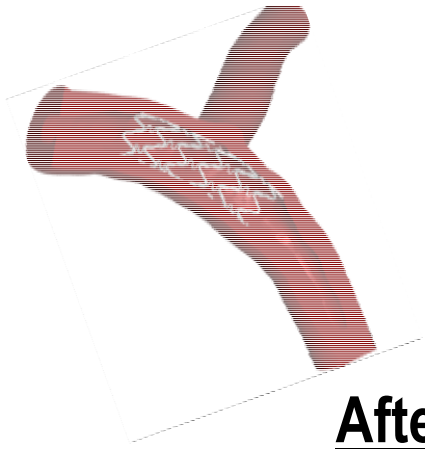
How many stents are needed?

What will be the effect of a stent on the flow to other lesions?



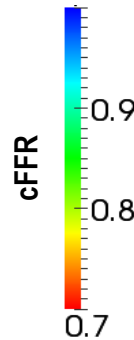
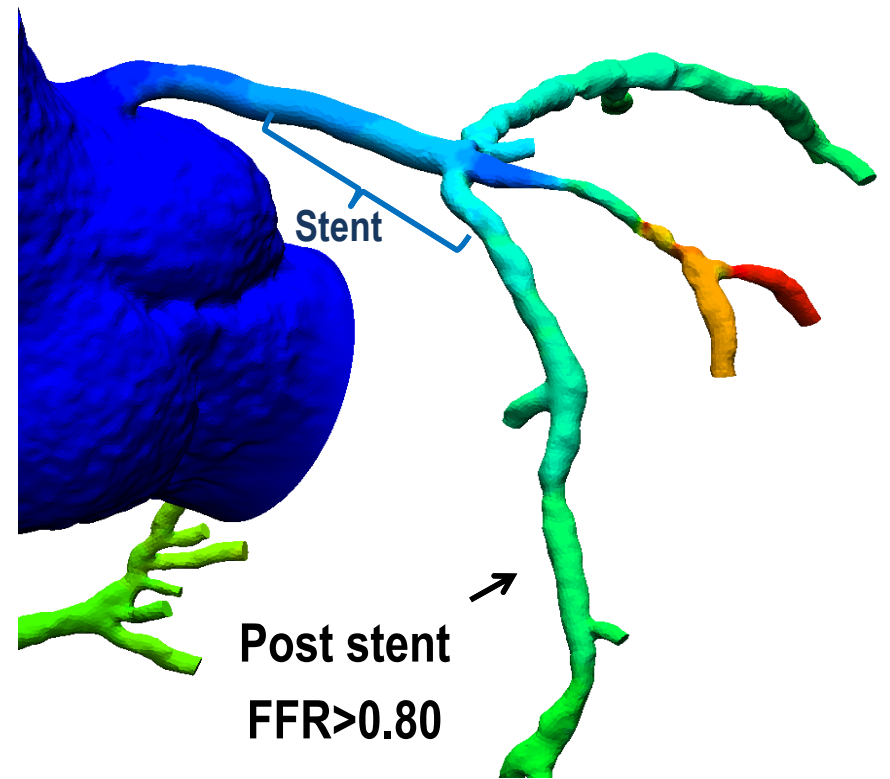
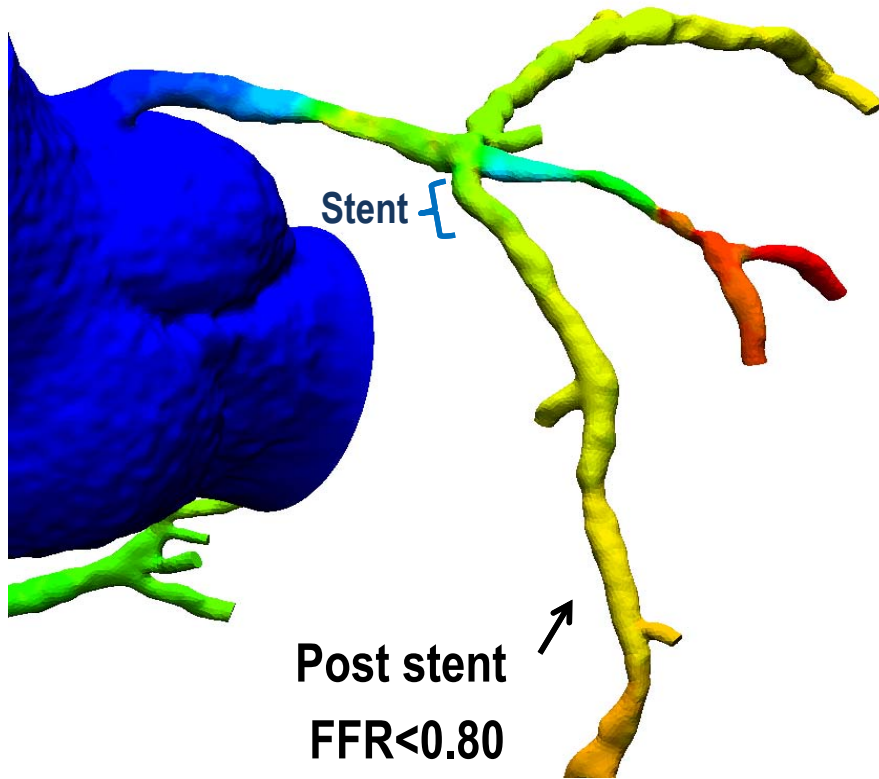
Treatment planning prior to invasive procedures

Virtual PCI and post-PCI FFR_{CT}



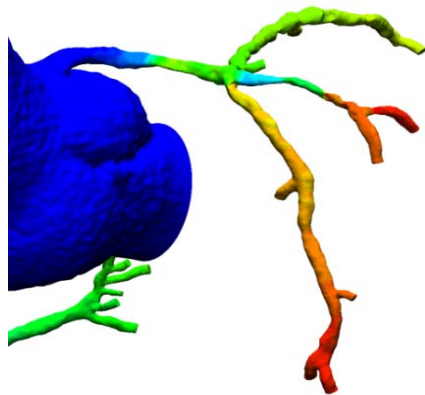
After LAD os PCI

After Left main and LAD os PCI



Treatment planning prior to invasive procedures

- Virtual PCI and post-PCI flow rates-

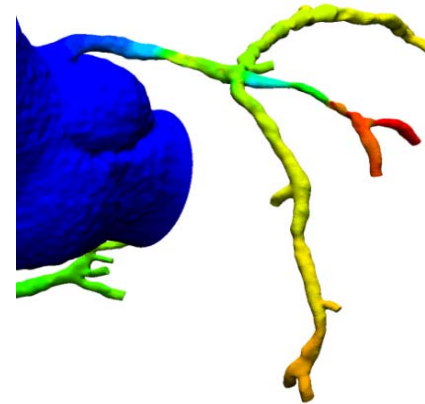


Original

LCX: 107.1 ml/min

RI: 47.3 ml/min

LAD : 84.5 ml/min

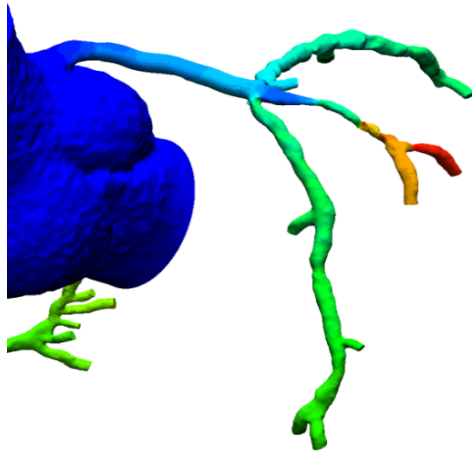


After LAD os PCI

LCX: 107.2 ml/min

RI: 48.0 ml/min

LAD: 87.5 ml/min

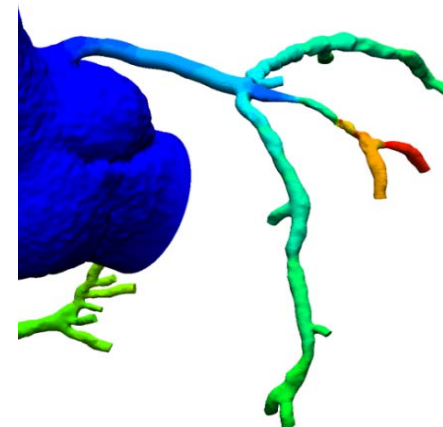


After Left main PCI

LCX: 116.7 ml/min

RI: 48.0 ml/min

LAD: 92.1 ml/min



After all PCI

LCX: 121.6 ml/min

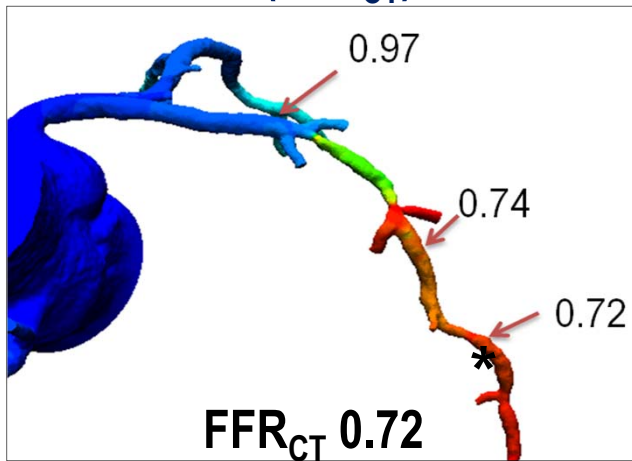
RI: 49.4 ml/min

LAD: 99.5 ml/min

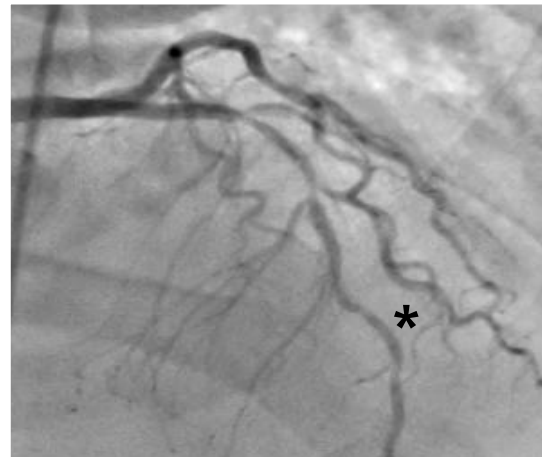
FFR vs. FFR_{CT} after Stenting

CT-derived computed FFR (FFR_{CT})

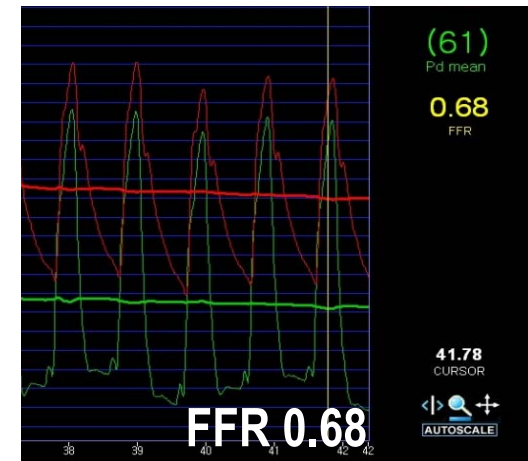
Before Stenting



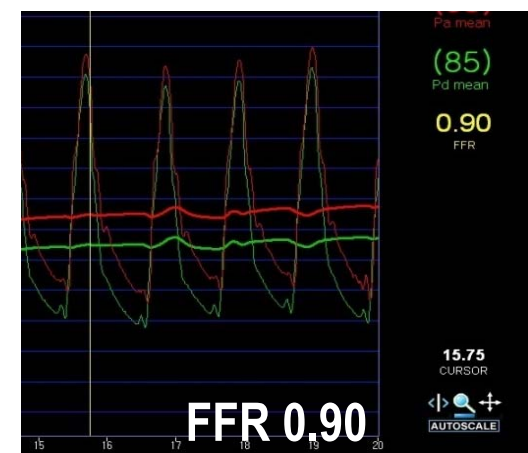
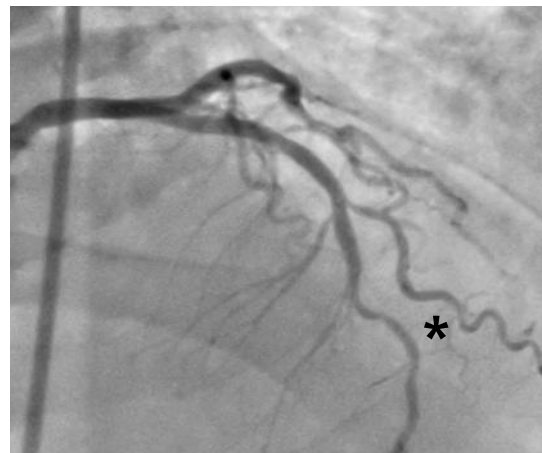
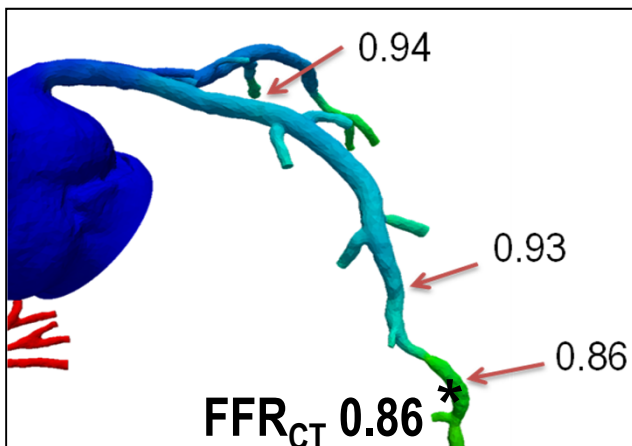
Angiography



Invasive FFR



After Stenting



Invasive FFR vs FFR_{CT}

Pre-PCI

FFR 0.68 ± 0.13

FFR_{CT} 0.69 ± 0.13

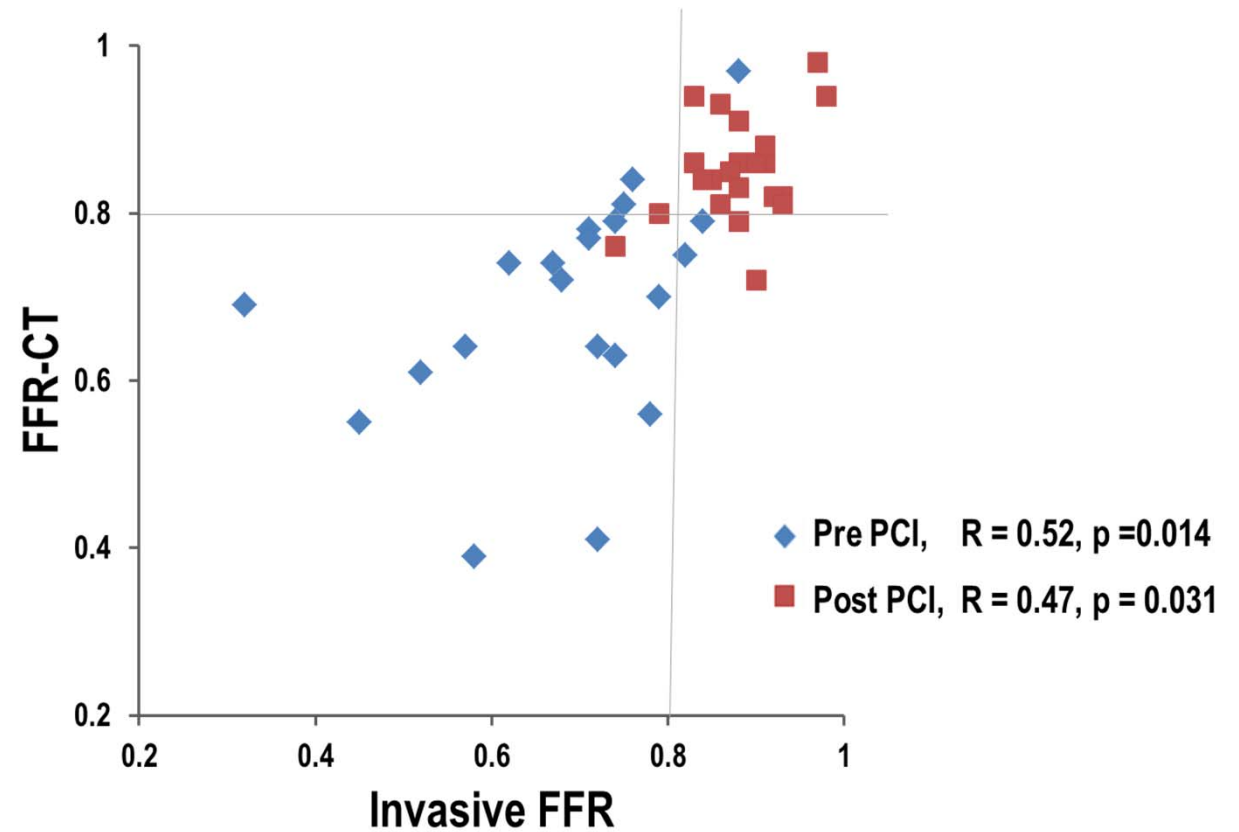
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Post-PCI

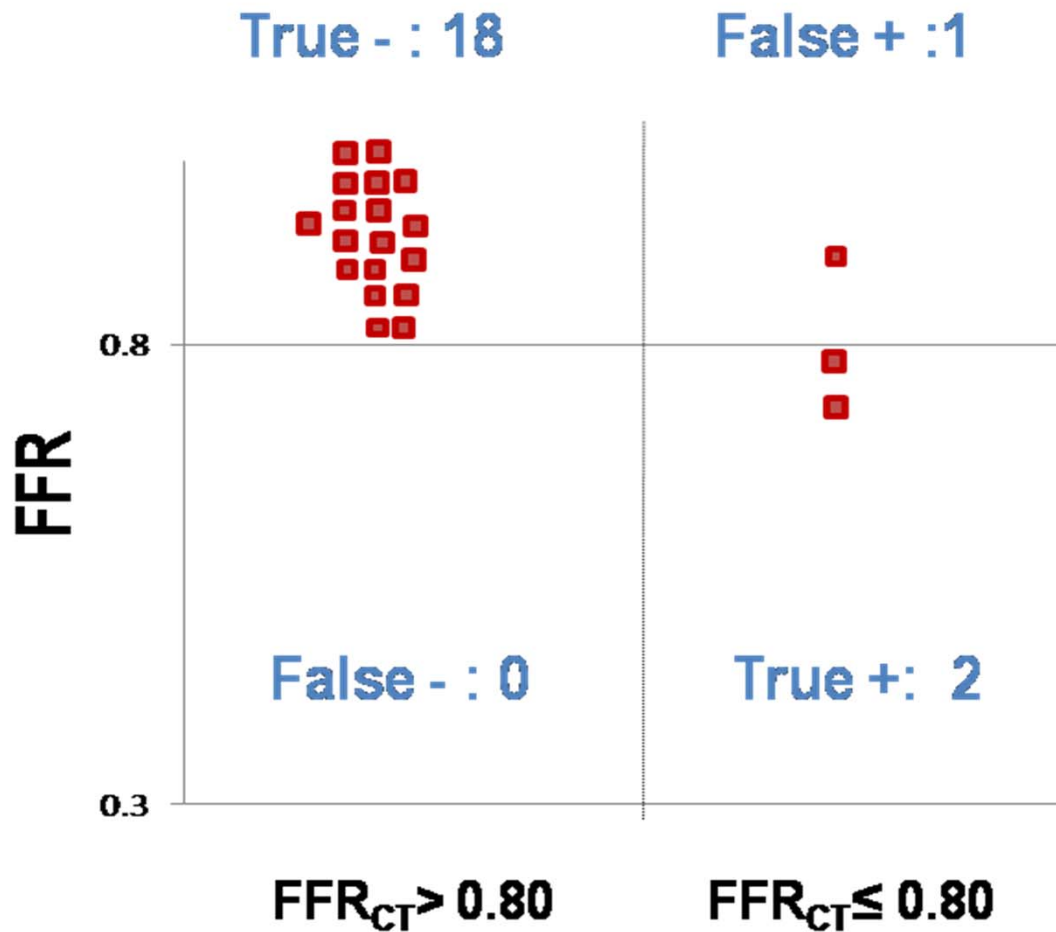
FFR 0.88 ± 0.05

FFR_{CT} 0.86 ± 0.05

\triangle 0.02 ± 0.12



Invasive FFR vs FFR_{CT} after stenting



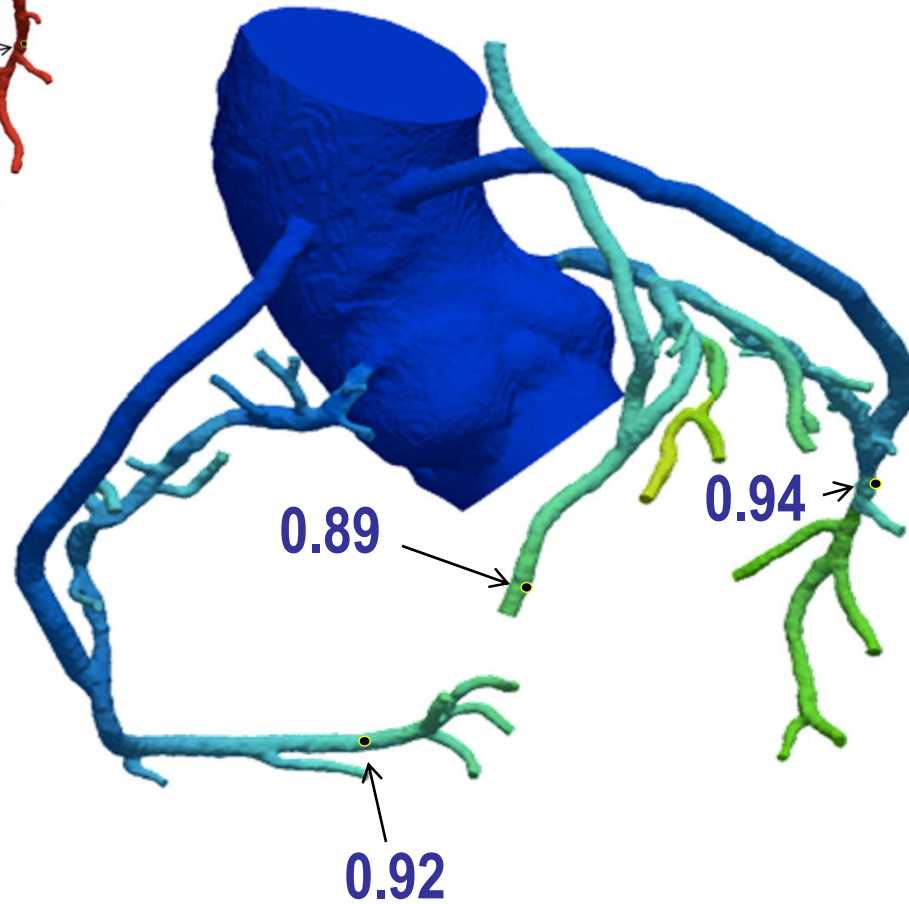
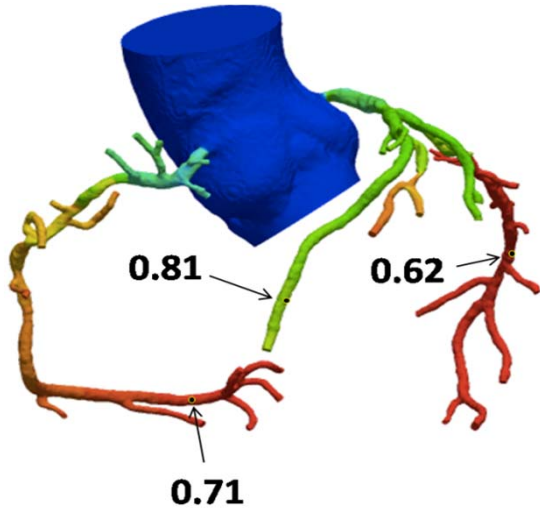
Diagnostic performance of FFR_{CT}

- Diagnostic accuracy 95%
- Sensitivity 100%
- Specificity 94%

CABG Planner

CABG before the surgery, with your computer

FFRCT after LIMA + 2SVGs



Conclusion

- Assessment of coronary hemodynamic parameters using CCTA is feasible with various novel technologies.
- Application of computational fluid dynamics to static CT images can provide quantitative and qualitative flow information.
- FFR_{CT} can predict the functional significance of stenoses and can be helpful in planning the treatment strategy before the invasive procedures.
- Further studies are needed to evaluate the efficacy and to overcome the pitfalls of novel technologies.

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