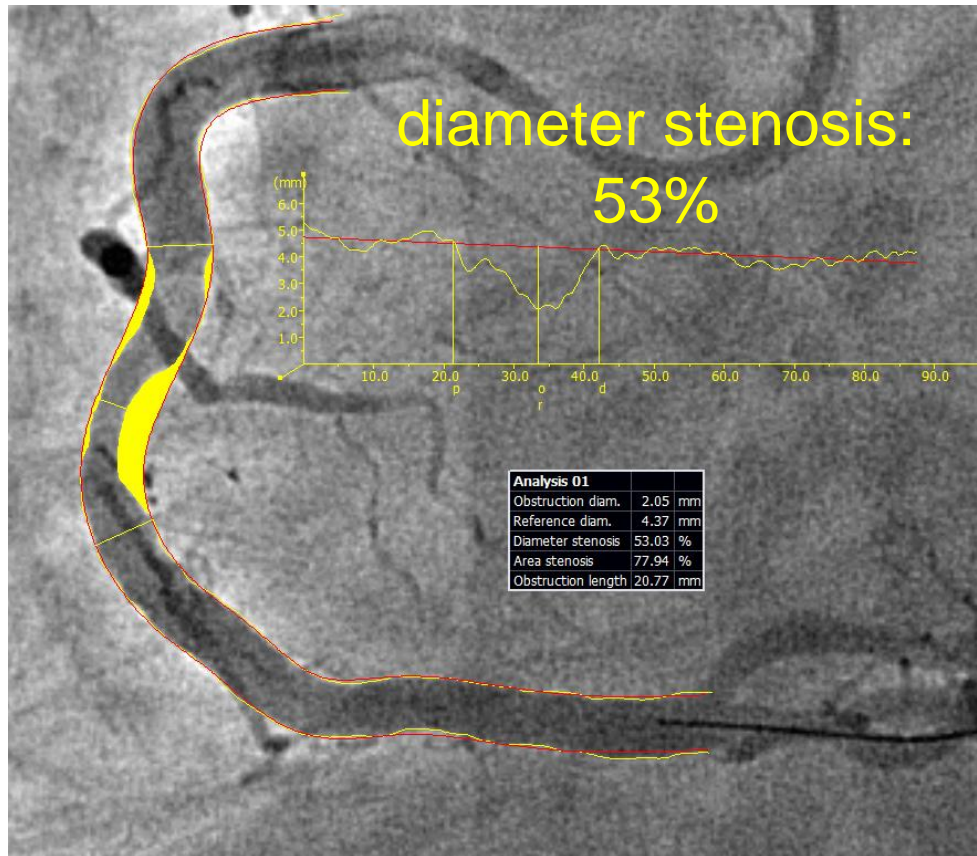


# **La FFR par l'Angio est ce possible?**

Luc Maillard MD PhD  
Aix-en-Provence

# Can we improve the capacity of 'luminography' for the detection of ischaemia?



Anatomy: diameter stenosis = 53%

vs.

Physiology: FFR = 0.85

quantitative coronary angiography (QCA)

# Wire based FFR

**FFR** is a quantitative measurement of the functional severity of the coronary stenosis and measured by a pressure wire

$$\mathbf{FFR} = \frac{\text{Distal Coronary Pressure (Pd)}}{\text{Proximal Coronary Pressure (Pa)}}$$

*During maximum hyperemia*

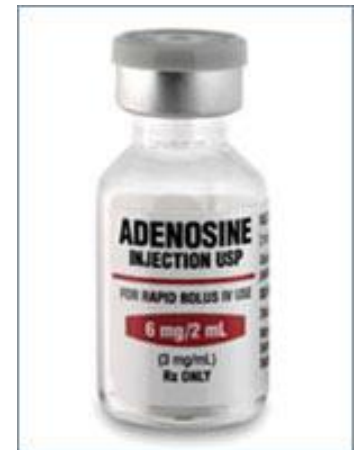
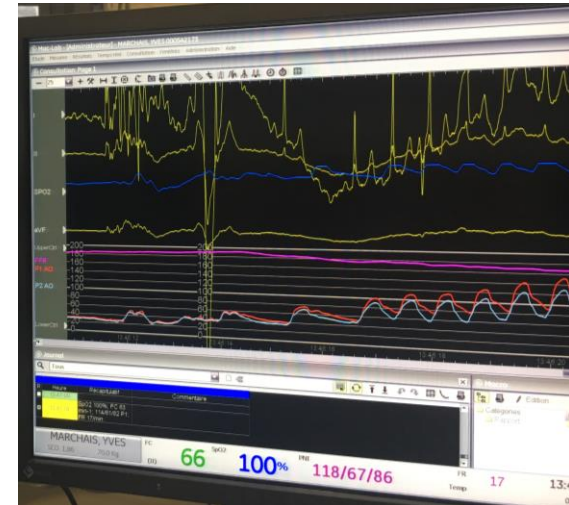


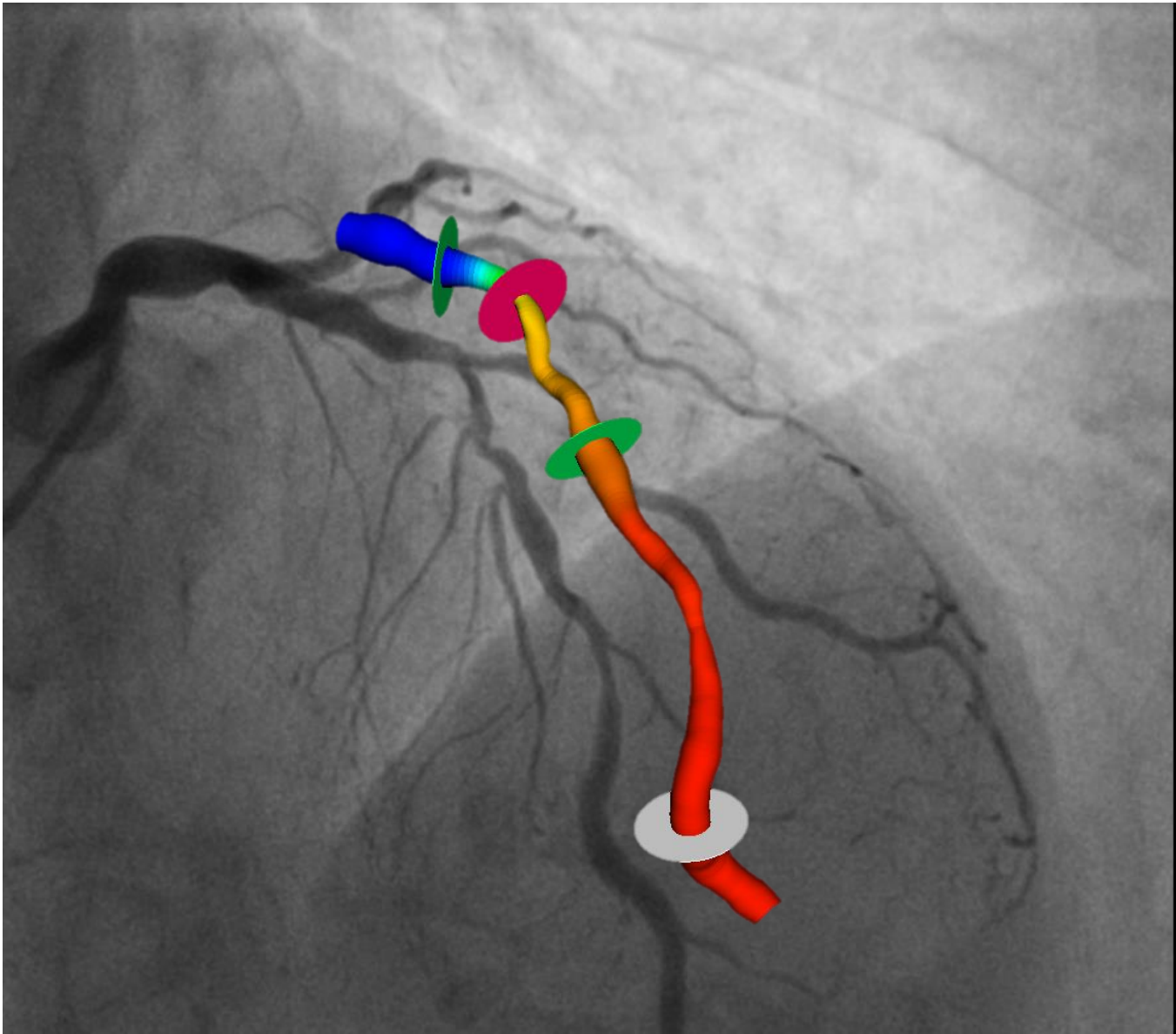
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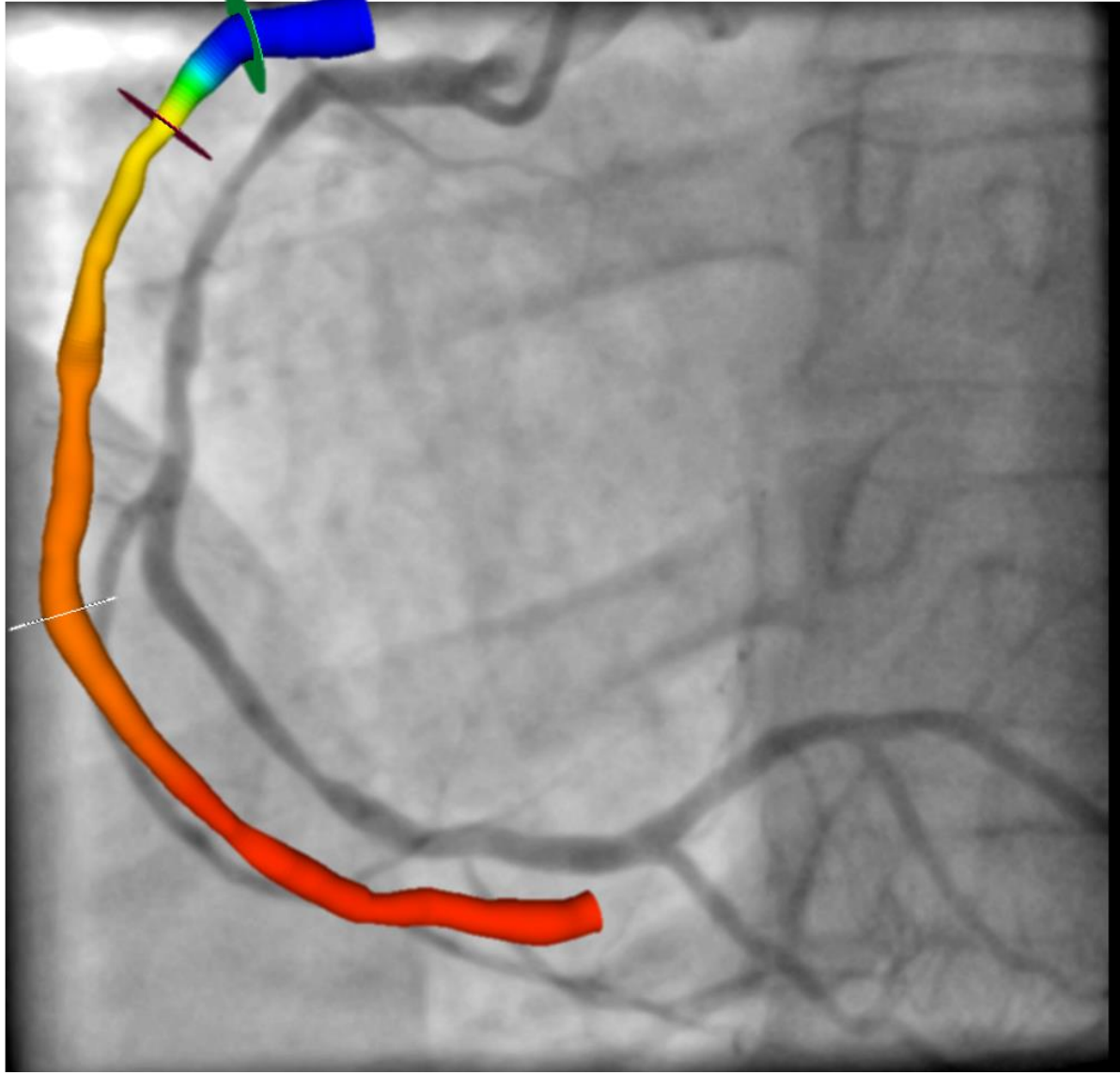
$$\mathbf{FFR} \leq \text{ or } > 0.80$$

# FFR Limitations

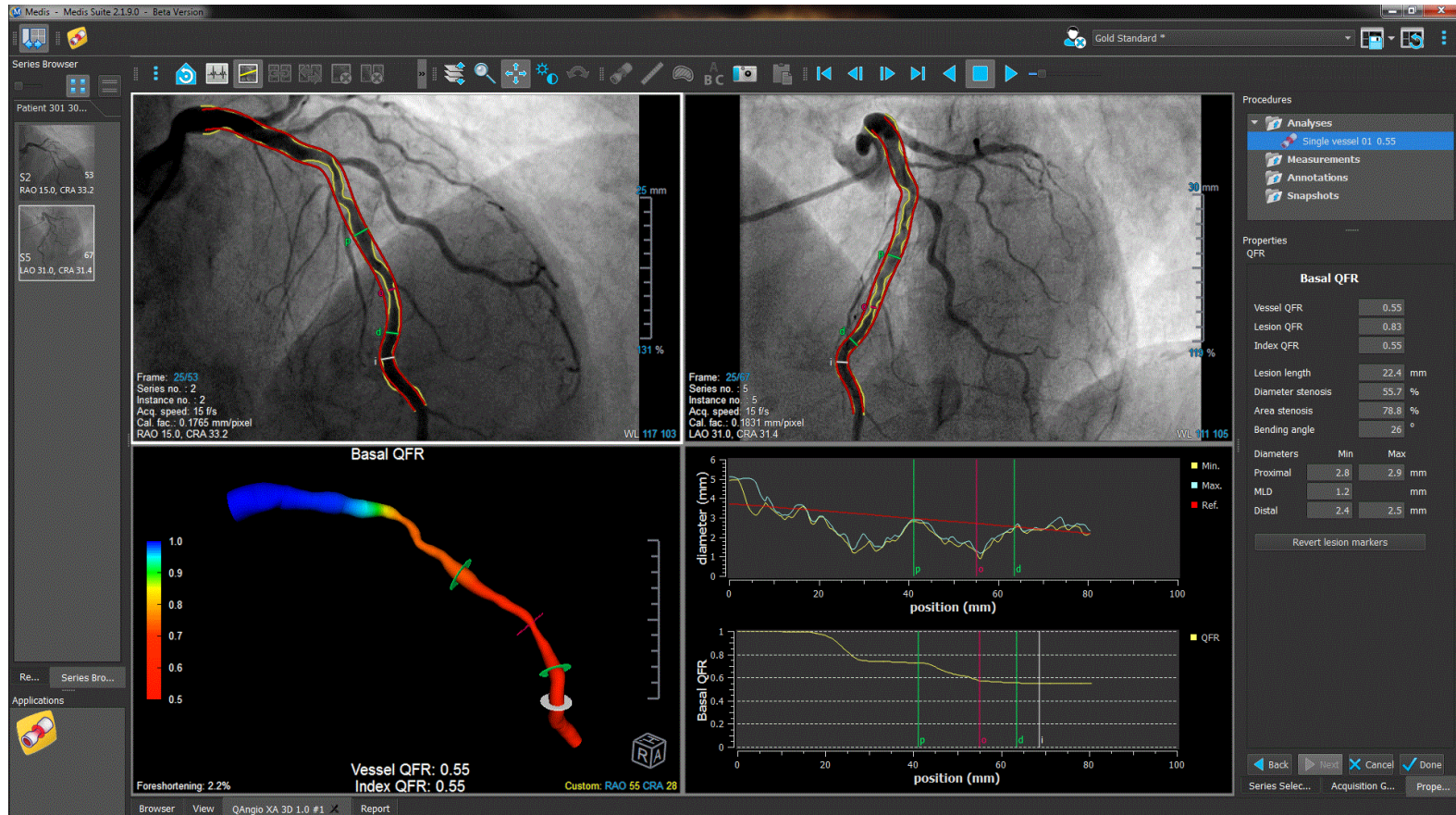
- Invasive
- Need for adenosine
- Time for preparation (consuming)
- Equalization Pressure in the aorta
- Wiring (sometime complex)
- Extubation
- Pullback device not available
- Suboptimal FFR measurements occur in about 1/3 of tracings; JACC Interv 2017; 10:1392
- Expensive for operator or hospital
- Derivation
- Adenosine AV Block
- Worldwide acceptance 7-10%







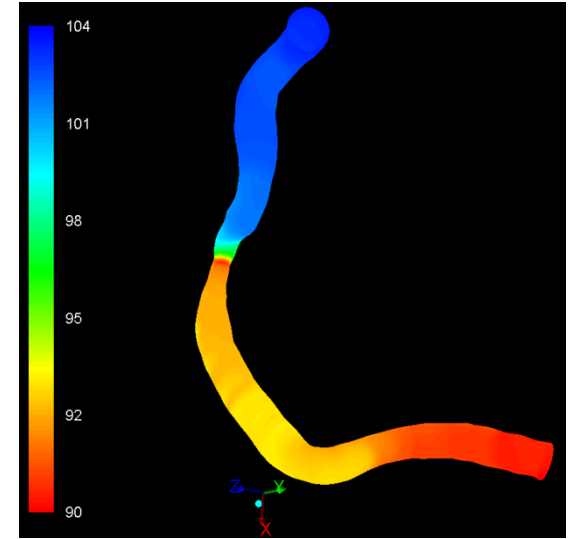
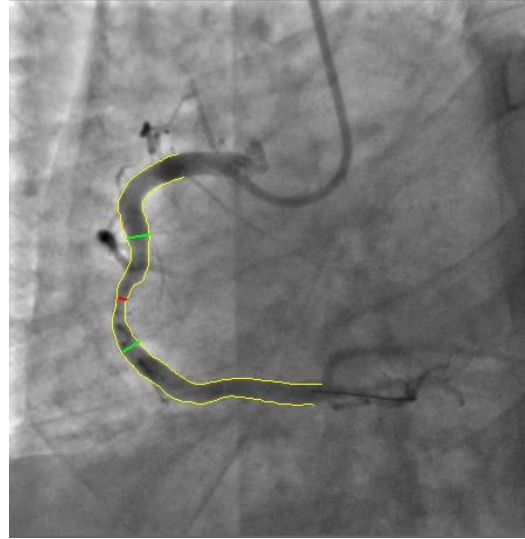
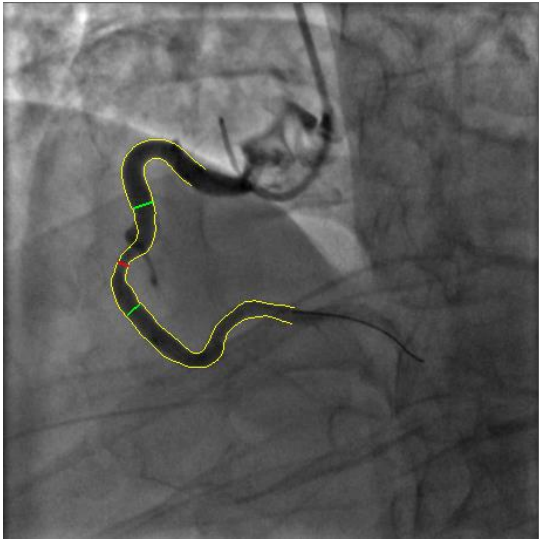
# What if there was another way.....



3D QCA model, color coded with the QFR values, as assessed by QAngio XA 3D 1.0 (Medis, Leiden, The Netherlands)

# QFR

(Quantitative Flow Ratio = Medis' QCA derived FFR)



**3D model** reconstructed from 2 angiographic projections with angles  $\geq 25^\circ$  apart, acquired by monoplane or biplane systems.

QFR = 0.87

Patient-specific **volumetric flow rate** (at hyperaemia) calculated using the combination of contrast bolus front **frame count** and **3D QCA**;

FFR = 0.85

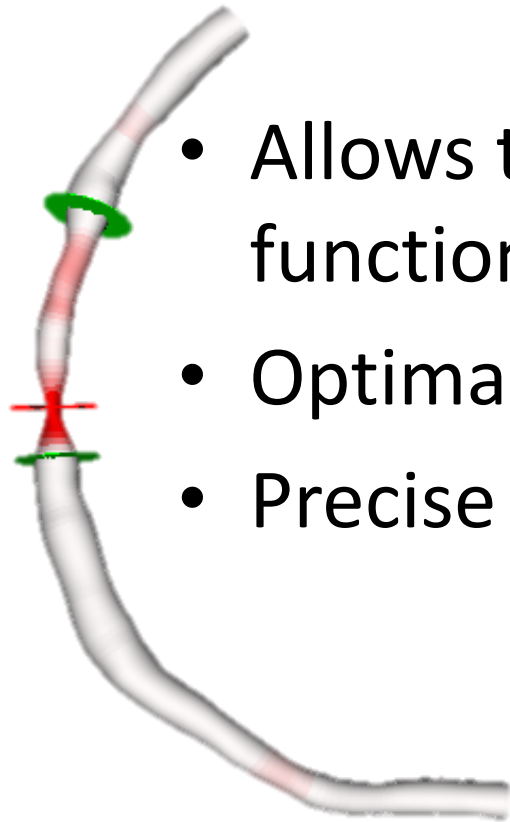
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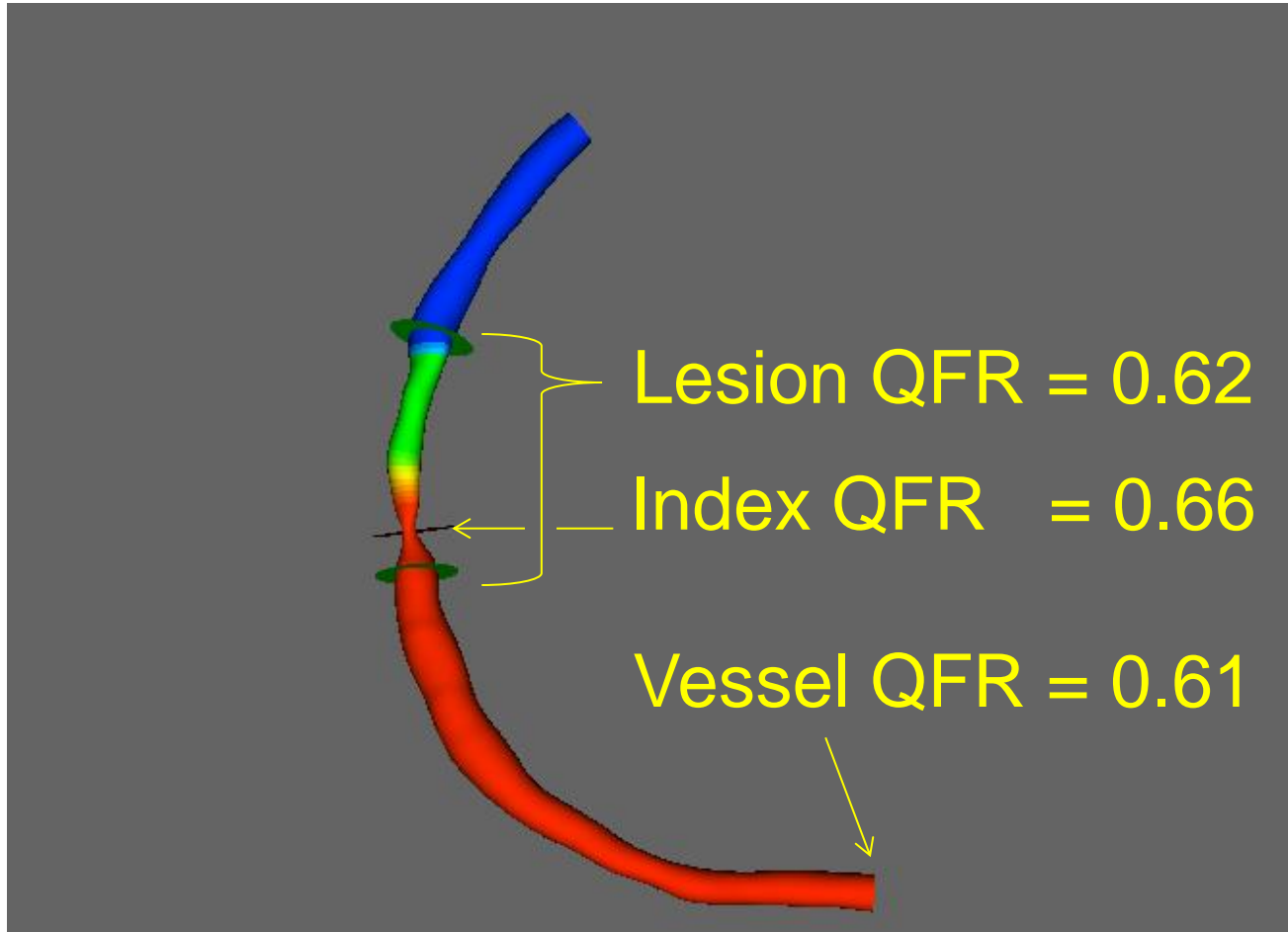
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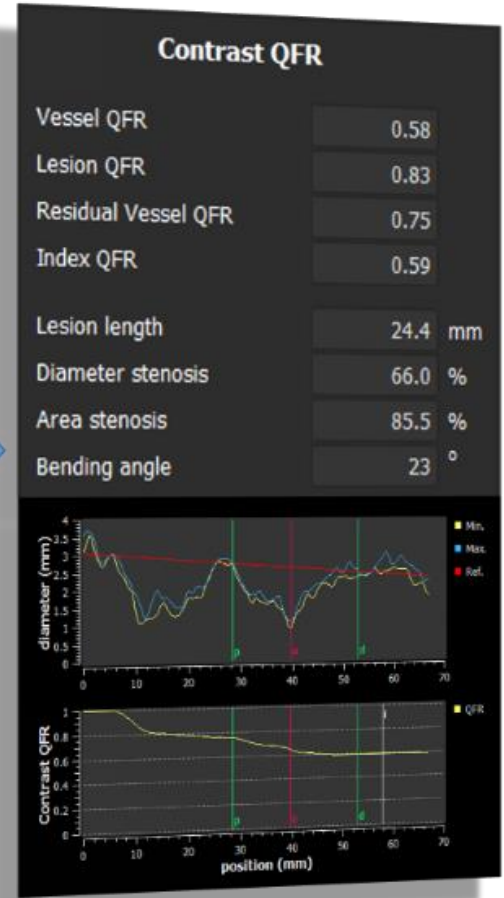
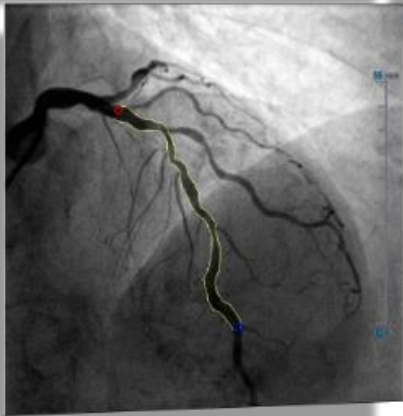
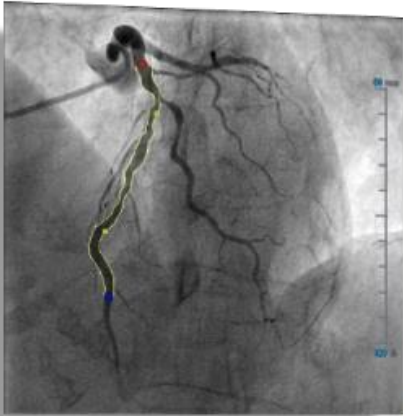
3D vessel modelling by Qangio XA 3D is the backbone for the PCI procedure:

- Allows the calculation of the functional significance parameter QFR
- Optimal viewing angle for PCI
- Precise stent sizing



# QFR (Medis' QCA derived FFR)





# First Clinical Trial

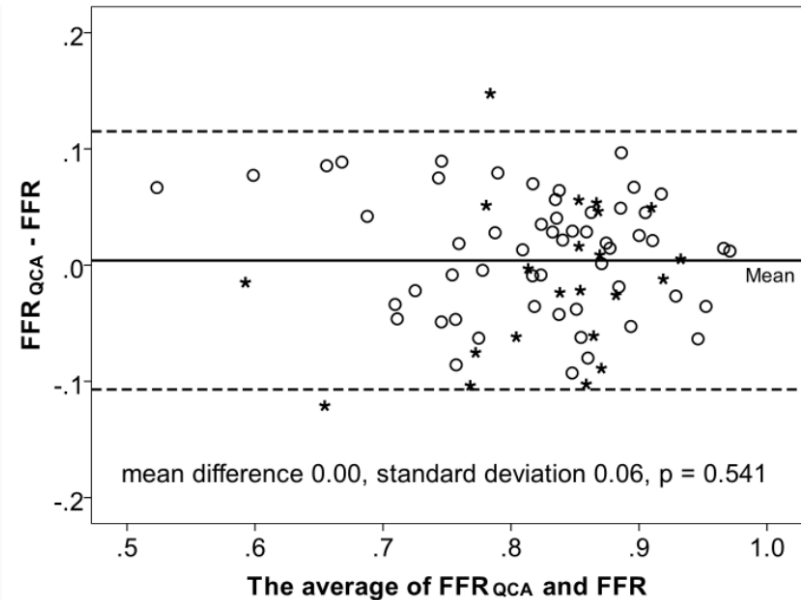
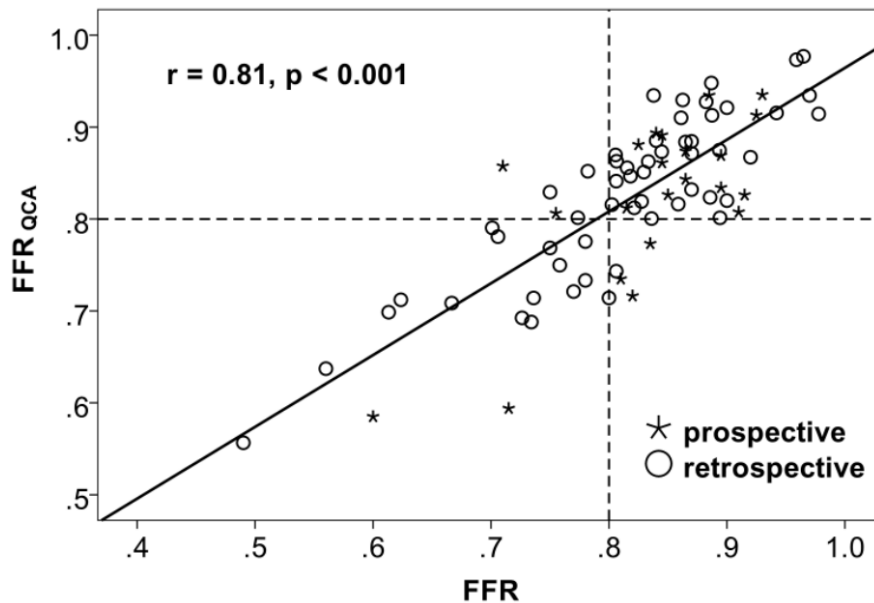
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## FFR<sub>QCA</sub> versus FFR



Difference:  $0.00 \pm 0.06$  ( $p = 0.541$ )

# Clinical Trial <sup>1</sup>

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### Fractional Flow Reserve From 3-Dimensional Quantitative Coronary Angiography

Fresh Light Through an Old Window\*

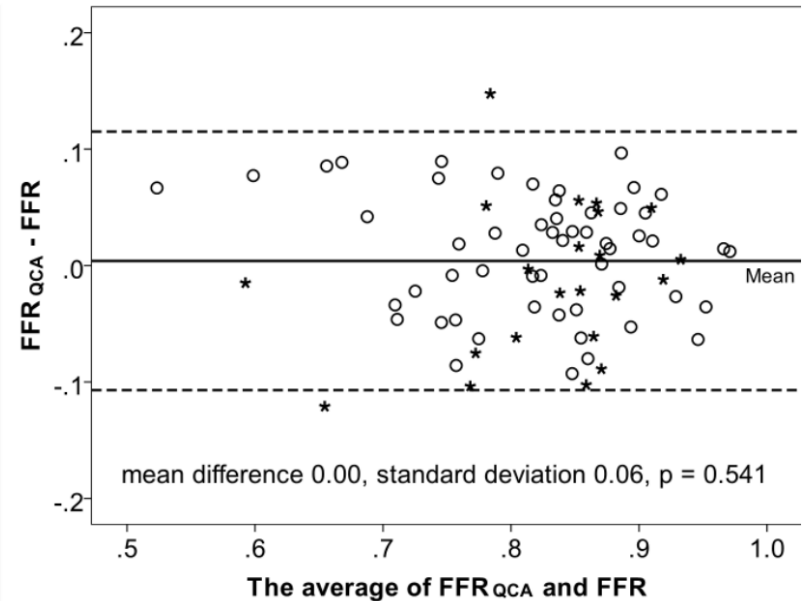
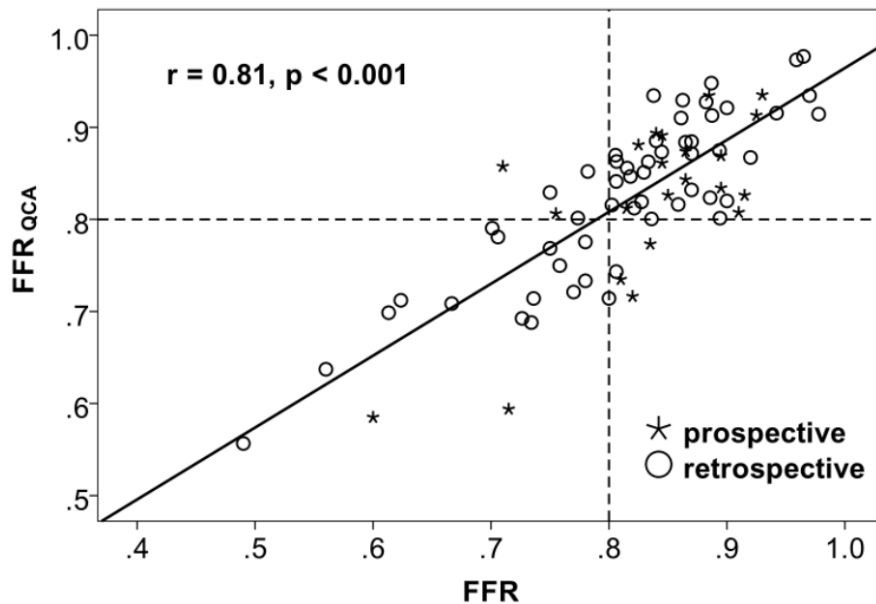
Alexandra J. Lansky, MD, Cody Pietras, BSc

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In this issue of *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*, Tu et al. (1) report on an initial validation study for a less-invasive approach to derive fractional flow reserve (FFR) based on the coronary angiogram. The investigators should be congratulated on developing an innovative means to expand the diagnostic value of angiography by including physiological ischemic assessment, potentially broadening access FFR data to every patient undergoing cardiac catheterization.

# Clinical Trial<sup>1</sup>

## FFR<sub>QCA</sub> versus FFR



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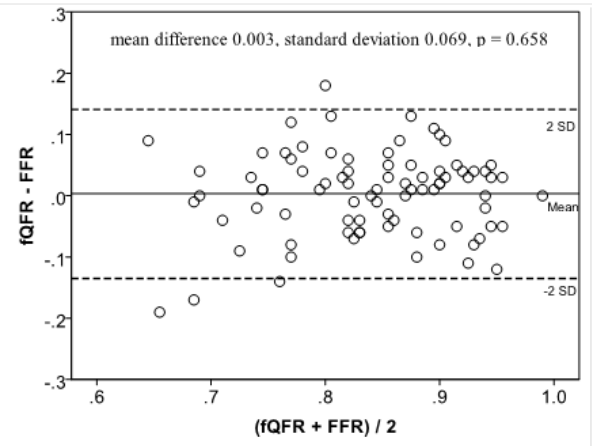
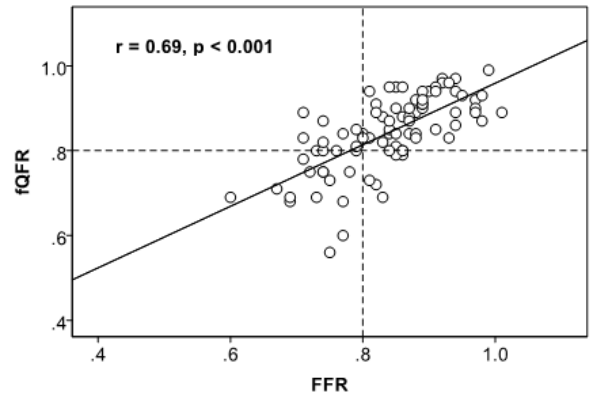
# FAVOR II

- Finalized recruitment and analyses of 73 patients in multi-center setting for optimizing algorithms;
- Tested 3 different scenarios:
  - 1) with adenosine;
  - 2) without adenosine; and
  - 3) fixed flow velocity.
- Manuscript submitted to JACC Interventions

**FAVOR II confirmed results of FAVOR I**

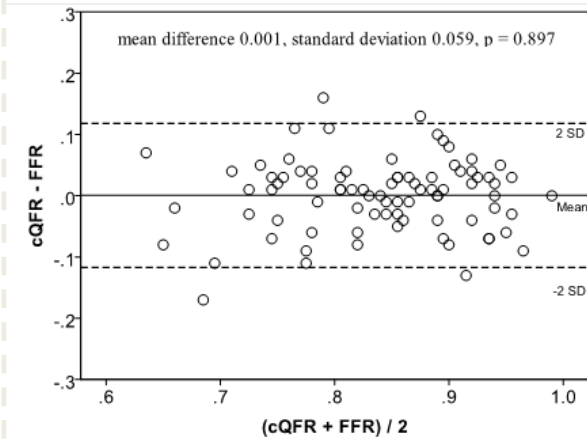
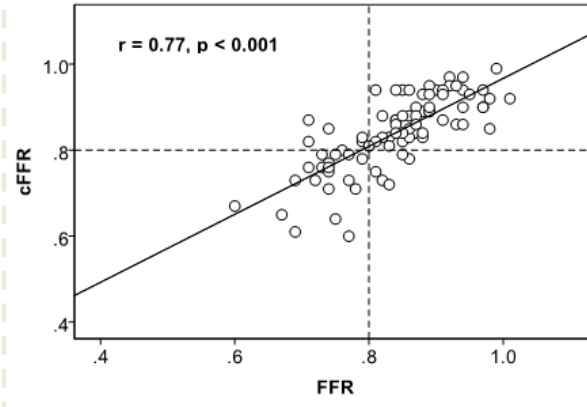
# Results – Correlation and Agreement

## Fixed-flow



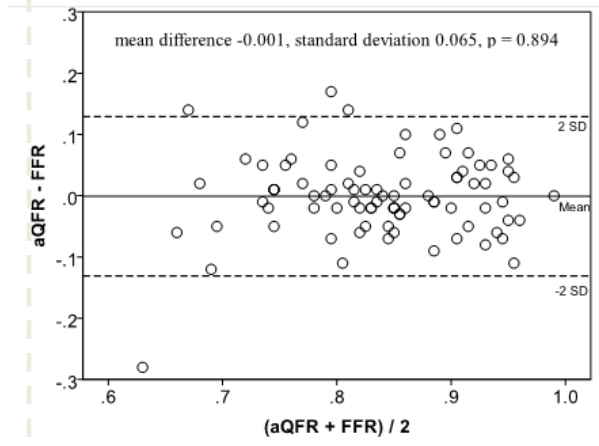
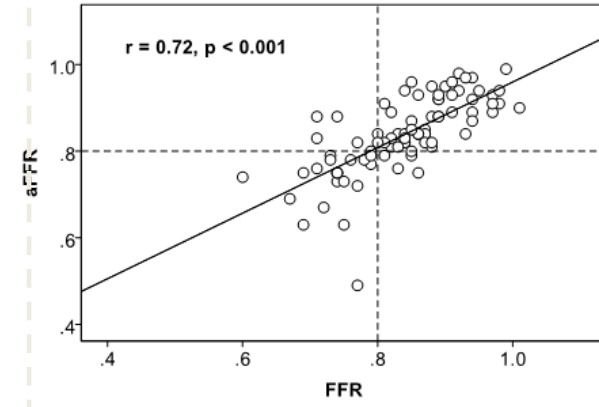
**Difference:  $0.003 \pm 0.069$**

## Contrast-flow



**$0.001 \pm 0.059$**

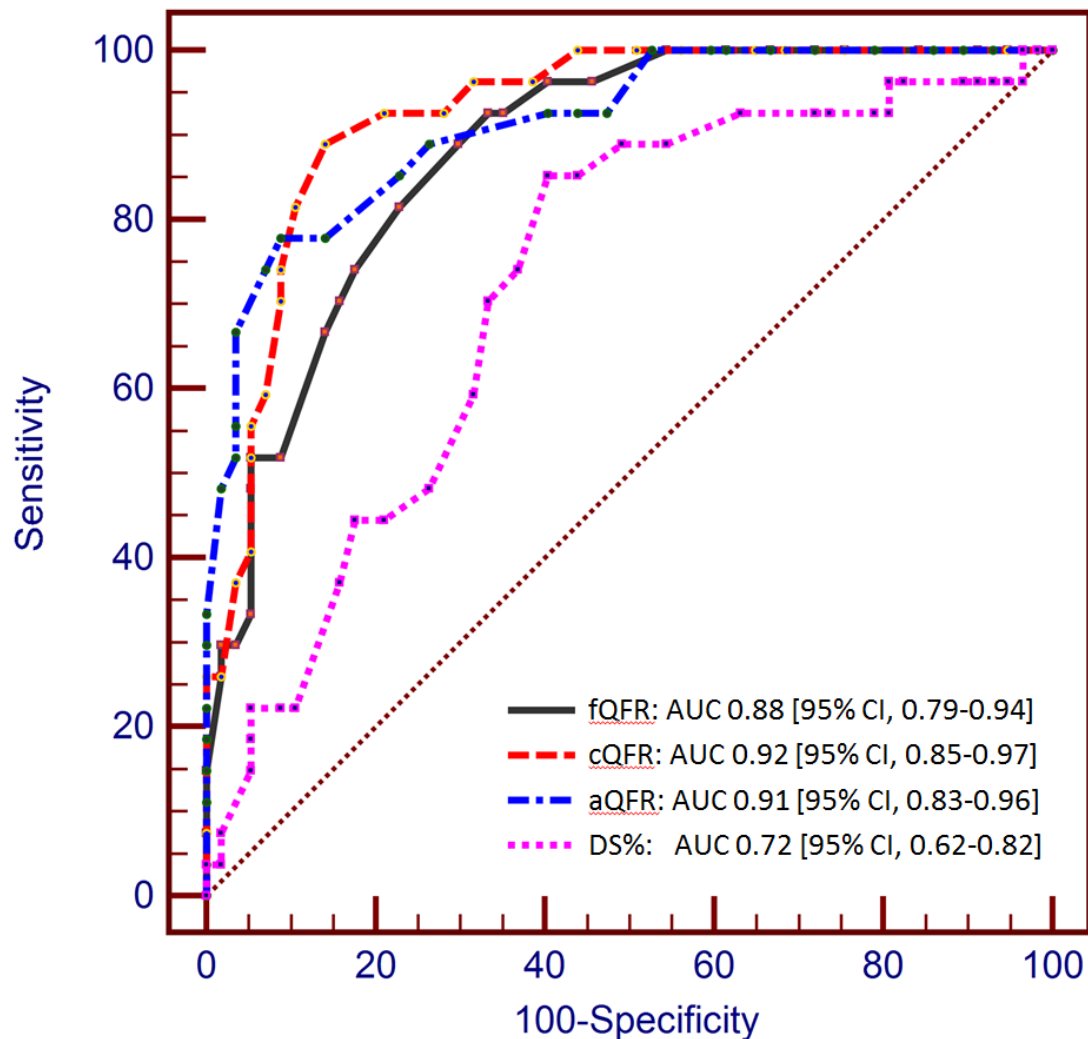
## Adenosine-flow



**$-0.001 \pm 0.065$**



# Results – Diagnostic Performance



## Increase in AUC

fQFR – DS%: 0.16 ( $p = 0.003$ )

cQFR – DS%: 0.20 ( $p < 0.001$ )

aQFR – DS%: 0.19 ( $p < 0.001$ )

cQFR – fQFR: 0.04 ( $p = 0.006$ )

cQFR – aQFR: 0.01 ( $p = 0.646$ )

# Results – Diagnostic Performance

Clinical population requiring FFR.  
Consistent with previous studies<sup>1,2,3</sup>

|             | fQFR ≤ 0.8       | cQFR ≤ 0.8       | aQFR ≤ 0.8       | DS% ≥ 50%        |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accuracy    | 80 (71-89)       | 86 (78-93)       | 87 (80-94)       | 65 (55-76)       |
| Sensitivity | 67 (46-84)       | 74 (54-89)       | 78 (58-91)       | 44 (26-65)       |
| Specificity | 86 (74-94)       | 91 (81-97)       | 91 (81-97)       | 79 (66-89)       |
| PPV         | 69 (48-86)       | 80 (59-93)       | 81 (61-93)       | 50 (29-71)       |
| NPV         | 85 (73-93)       | 88 (77-95)       | 90 (79-96)       | 75 (62-85)       |
| LR+         | 4.8 (2.4-9.5)    | 8.4 (3.6-20.1)   | 8.9 (3.7-21.0)   | 2.1(1.1-4.1)     |
| LR-         | 0.4 (0.2-0.7)    | 0.3 (0.1-0.5)    | 0.2 (0.1-0.5)    | 0.7 (0.5-1.0)    |
| AUC         | 0.88 (0.79-0.94) | 0.92 (0.85-0.97) | 0.91 (0.83-0.96) | 0.72 (0.62-0.82) |

**Good diagnostic accuracy**

1. Toth et al. Eur Heart J 2014; 35:2831-8.
2. Tu et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv1.
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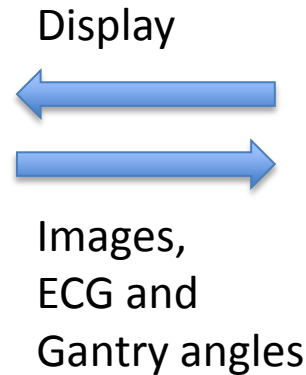
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# How does it integrate into my practice ?



Examination Room



Control Room

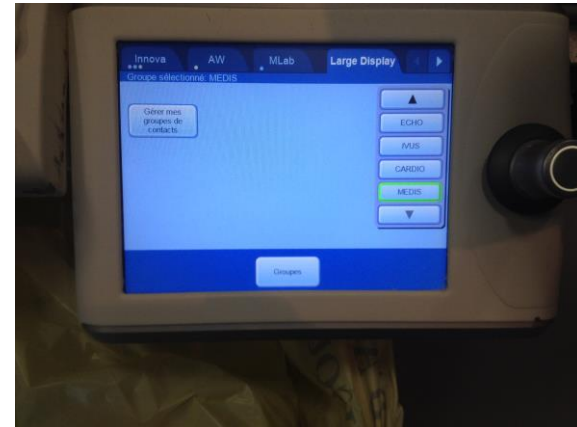
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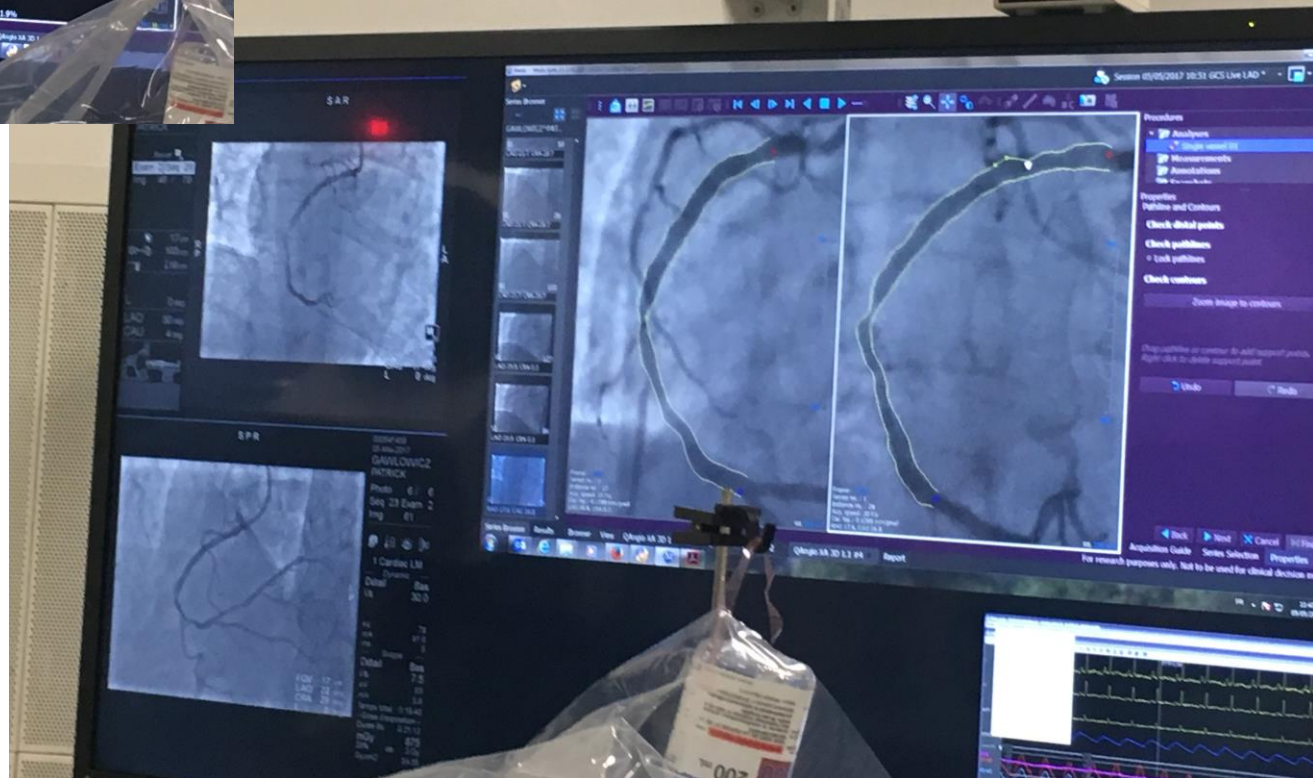
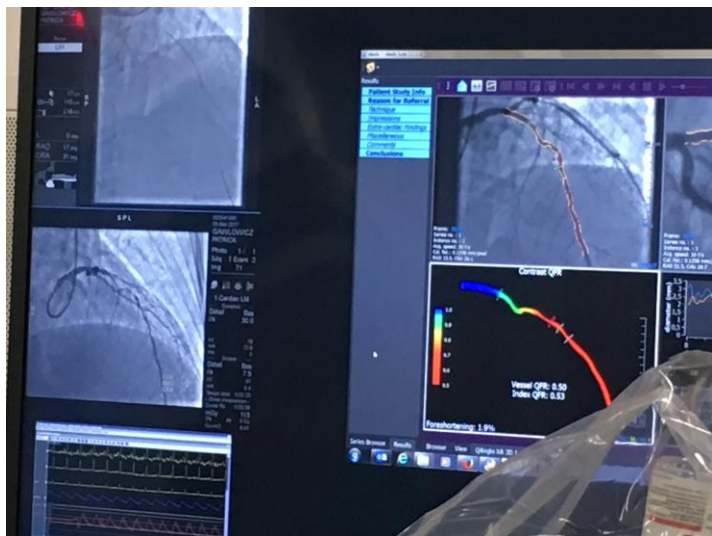
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- S1 LAO 48.8, CRA 21.0 85
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Angulation CRA 34

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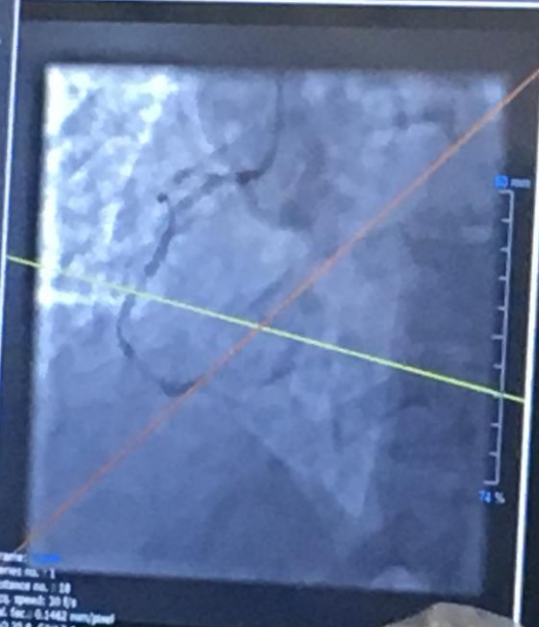
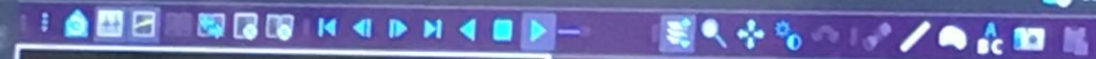
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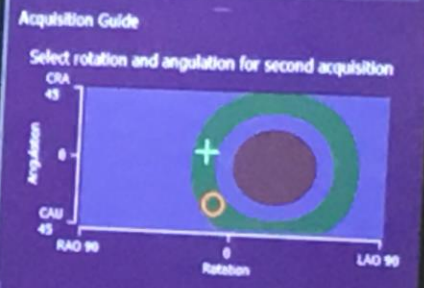
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ct rotation and angulation for the second view



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RAO 15  
CRA 5

Angles from gantry  
Gantry angles: RAO 10, CAU 30

## ***Acquisition Aid for QFR<sup>®</sup>***

| <b>Target Vessel</b> | <b>1st XA</b> |        | <b>2nd XA</b> |        |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| LM + LAD/LCX         | RAO 20,       | CAU 45 | AP,           | CAU 10 |
| LAD/Diag             | AP,           | CRA 45 | RAO 30,       | CRA 20 |
| LCX/OM               | LAO 10,       | CAU 25 | RAO 25,       | CAU 25 |
| RCA                  | LAO 45,       | CAU 10 | LAO 20,       | CRA 20 |



- ✓ Imaging shortly after Nitroglycerin
- ✓  $\geq 12,5$  Fr/s Acquisition
- ✓  $\Delta$  Angulation  $\geq 25^\circ$  & perpendicular on lesion
- ✓ Brisk contrast fluid injection for 3 cardiac cycles
- ✓ Prevent: Vessel overlap & Patient movement

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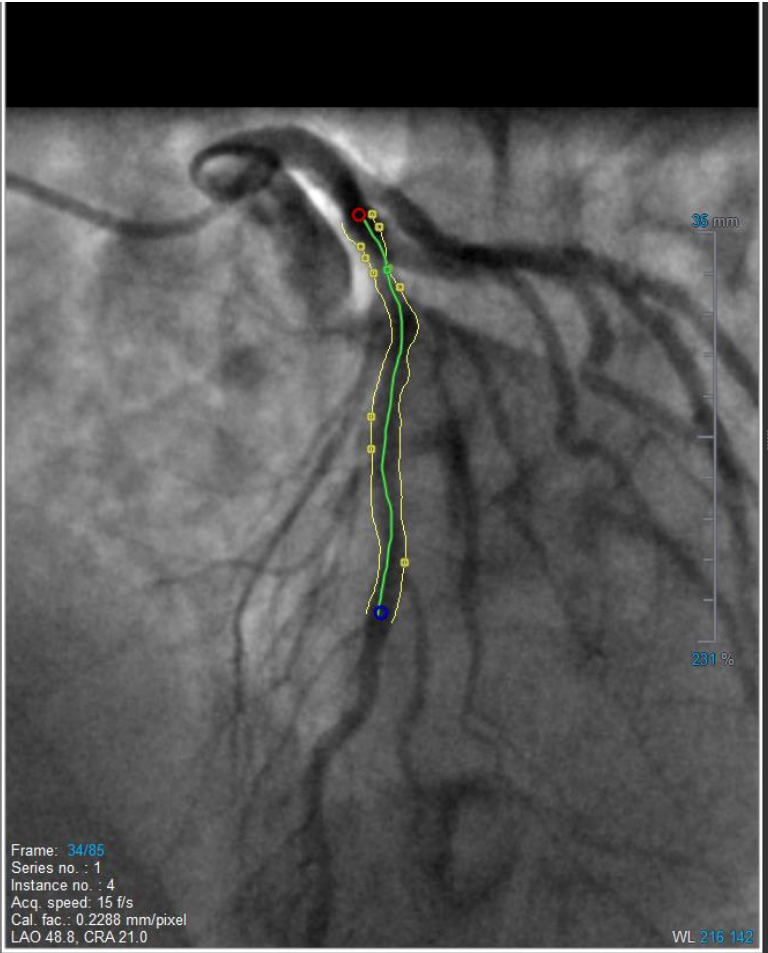
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3D Model  
Foreshortening: 0.4%  
Optimal5: RAO 26 CAU 9

diameter (mm)  
position (mm)  
■ Min.  
■ Max.  
■ Ref.

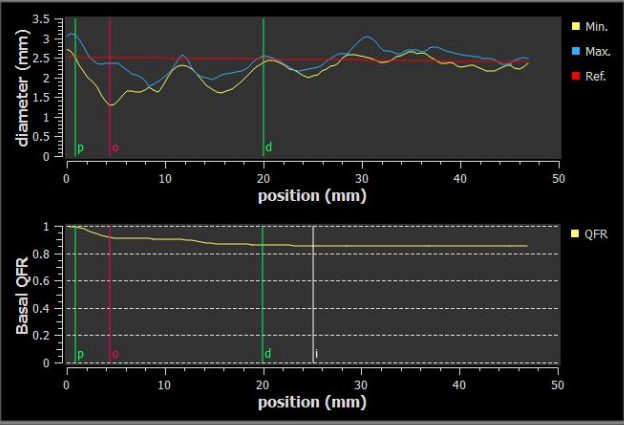
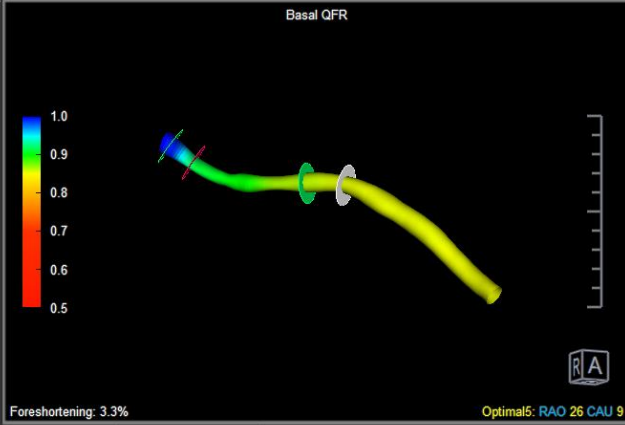
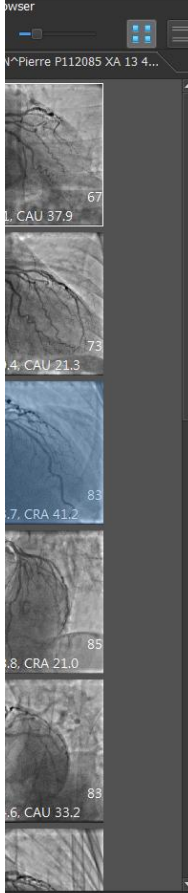
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Properties  
Lesion  
Lesion length: 9.8 mm  
Diameter stenosis: 43.8 %  
Area stenosis: 42.1 %  
Bending angle: 9 °  
Diameters  

|          | Min | Max |
|----------|-----|-----|
| Proximal | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| MLD      | 1.3 |     |
| Distal   | 2.3 | 2.4 |

Flagging  
 Corresponding points  
 Show 3D reference  
 Show plaque

Back Next Cancel  
Acquisition Guide Series Selector



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Properties

QFR  Show graph


**Basal QFR**


|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Vessel QFR        | 0.85       |
| Lesion QFR        | 0.87       |
| Index QFR         | 0.86       |
| Lesion length     | 19.1 mm    |
| Diameter stenosis | 48.4 %     |
| Area stenosis     | 51.2 %     |
| Bending angle     | 22 °       |
| Diameters         | Min Max    |
| Proximal          | 2.5 3.1 mm |
| MLD               | 1.3 mm     |
| Distal            | 2.4 2.5 mm |



- Results
- Patient Study Info
- Reason for Referral
- Technique
- Viewer
- QAngio XA 3D Analysis: Sing...
- 2D Images
- 2D Image
- 2D Image
- Lesion Images
- 3D Reconstruction
- Diameter Diagram
- Lesion Results
- Diameter stenosis 43.8 %
- Lesion length 9.8 mm
- Proximal diameter 2.3 - 3.0 mm
- Distal diameter 2.3 - 2.4 mm
- MLD 1.3 mm
- Bending angle 9 °
- Optimal Viewing Angles
- LAO 0, CRA 35 1.7 %
- RAO 9, CRA 22 1.4 %
- RAO 16, CRA 9 1.0 %
- RAO 23, CAU 4 0.5 %
- RAO 26, CAU 9 0.4 %
- QFR Images
- 3D Reconstruction with QFR
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- Impressions
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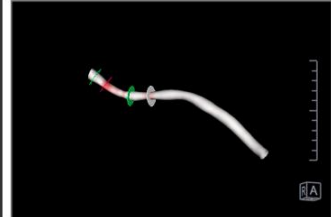
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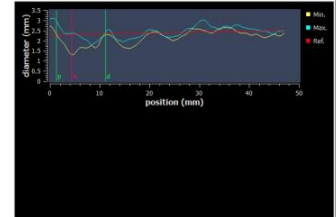
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2D Image



3D Reconstruction





Diameter Diagram

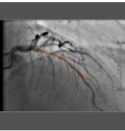
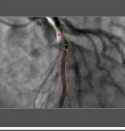

**Lesion Results**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Diameter stenosis | 43.8 %       |
| Lesion length     | 9.8 mm       |
| Proximal diameter | 2.3 - 3.0 mm |
| Distal diameter   | 2.3 - 2.4 mm |

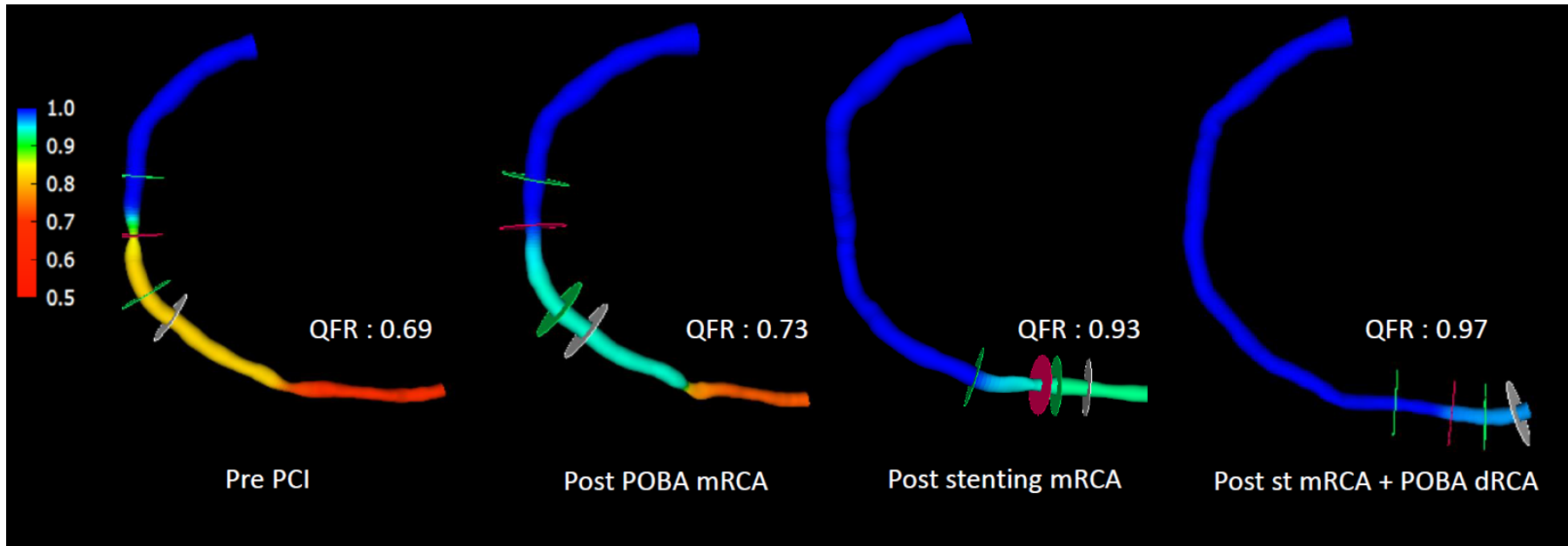
**Report**

**Snapshots**

# QFR can be used pre-, during, and post-PCI



# Benefits

- For patients:
  - No adenosine with side-effects
  - No extra radiation
  - Less chances on complications due to wire insertion
- For (interventional) cardiologist:
  - Applicable in diagnostic cases, and pre-, during-, and post-PCI
  - Applicable in all coronary vessels without repeat insertions of wire
  - Fast and easy, embedded in diagnostic on-line workflow
- For hospitals:
  - Cost-effective

# Tips and Tricks



Do not forget Nitro

PA > 100 mm Hg

Get good pictures,

increase frequency if needed

5F

Avoid superposition

Look at the curves

Ostial lesion

# Evaluation

|               | Target lesion  | Non Target lesion |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| ST +          | No             | Yes               |
| ST -          | Yes (> 5 Days) | Yes               |
| Stable Angina | Yes            | Yes               |



PA > 100 mm Hg - Nitro

# Conclusions

- Fast computation of functional significance from coronary angiography is feasible.
- Contrast-flow QFR (cQFR) gives equal results as hyperemic QFR, and is superior to fixed-flow QFR.
- QFR shows superior sensitivity and specificity for functional lesion detection as compared to 2D QCA, using FFR as reference standard.
- cQFR bears the potential of a wider adoption of physiological lesion assessment, as cQFR might reduce procedure time, risk, and costs (no need to use pressure wire, and no need to induce maximal hyperemia) .
- The use of QFR is not without a steep learning curve, which requires that users be certified by Medis before being able to start.
- QFR may emerge as important cost saving alternative to pressure wire based evaluation of intermediate coronary lesions.
- CE certification Since April 2017

# Conclusions

- **Research tool**
- **Learning tool**
- **Clinical application**