

State-of-the-Art Lecture

LATEST ISSUES & FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN FFR-GUIDED ANGIOPLASTY

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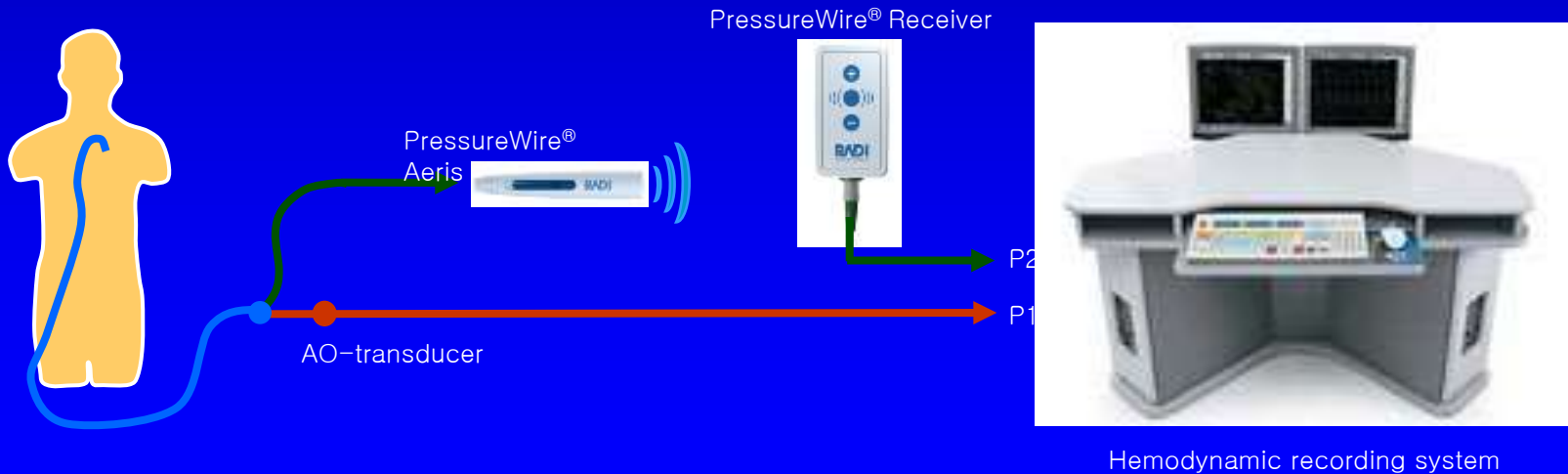
EASY to use means **READY to use** :

- Design the ***logistics and configuration*** in your cath.lab in an optimum way to enable immediate use of the PressureWire if the case demands it

Wireless transmission (Aeris Wire)

True FFR Integration

- Receiver connects directly to any hemodynamic recording system.
- Used directly in the cathlab with no additional instrumentation.
- Utilizes the standard blood pressure transducer ports without any extra cabling.
- Requires FFR software upgrade from cathlab manufacturers General Electric, Philips, etc
- No calibration, ready in 1 second



users friendly, "quiet" interface





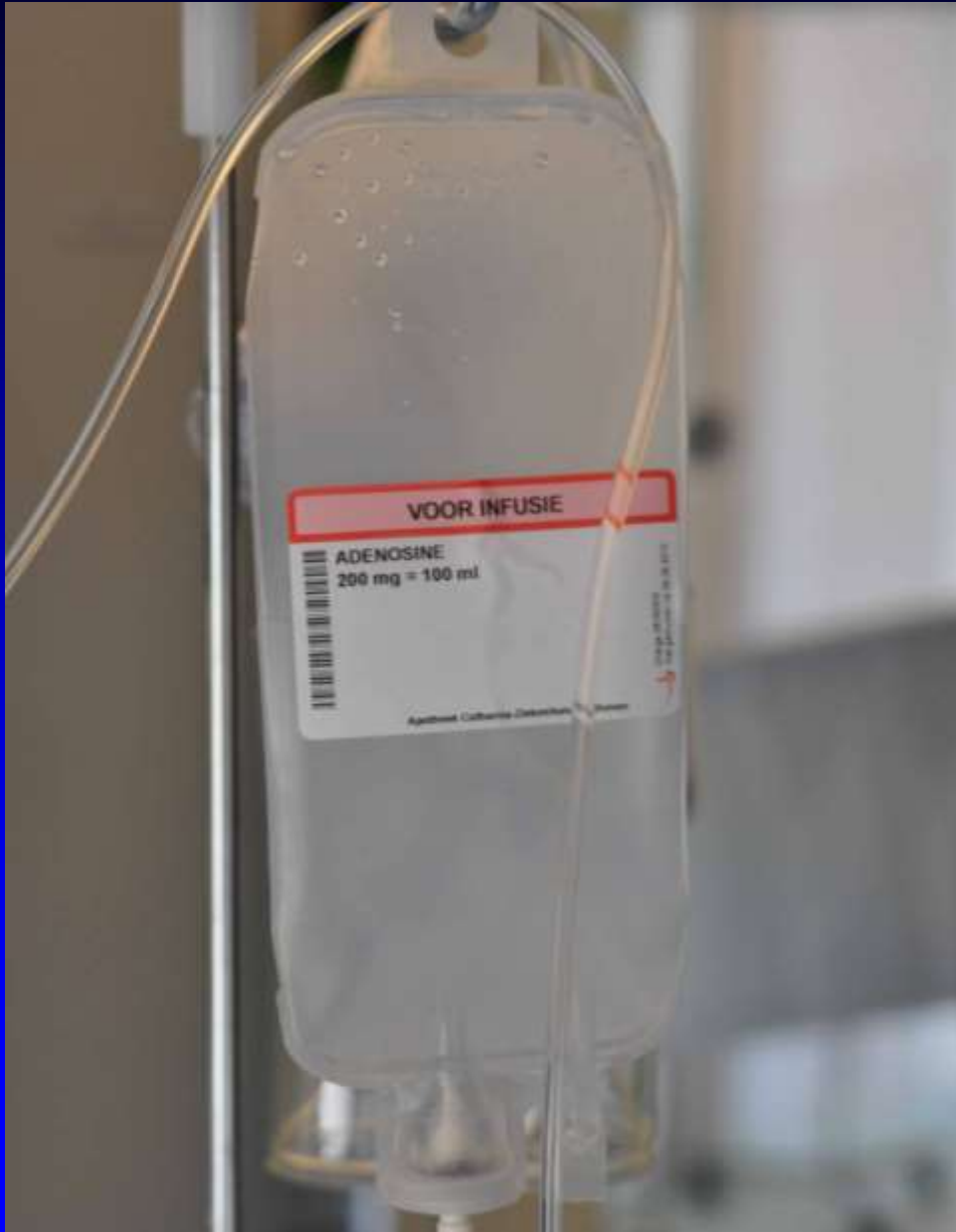
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Infusion pump

Quantien

Practical logistics in the cath lab: ***Keep it simple***

easy hyperemia



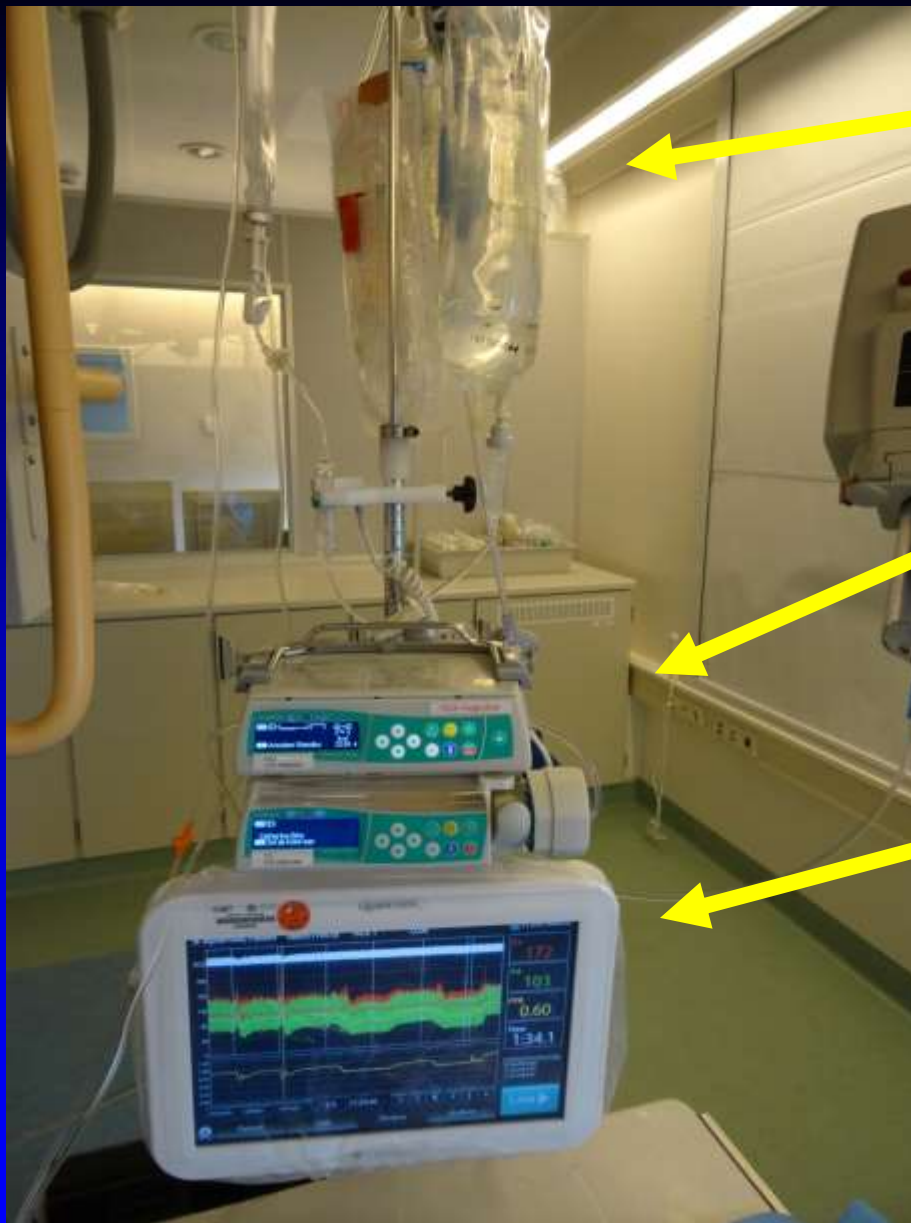
*Adenosine for
i.v. infusion*

(standard bag
200 mg = 100 ml)

price: Euro 2,=
per bag

prepared by
hospital pharmacy

manufacturing
protocol available
at carias@cze.nl



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- *cheap*
- *no preparation in the lab*
- *no difficult calculations*
- *no risk of dosage error*
- *no loss of time*

HOW TO STREAMLINE FFR LOGISTICS IN YOUR LAB

cooperation of your nurses is of paramount importance !

- preparing the equipment, cables, pressure wire
- taking care of hyperemic stimulus
(keep it simple)
- anticipate to the procedure, remind you to measure
- willingness to spend some extra time, if needed

therefore, train your nurses and make them understand the principles, practice, and great advantages of FFR

Similar for fellows and colleagues !

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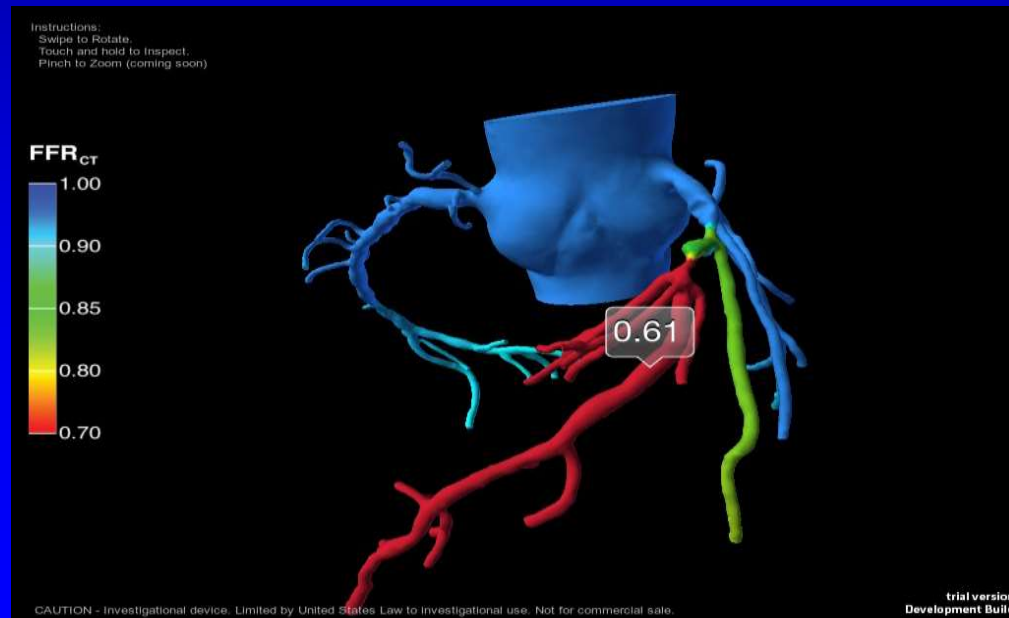
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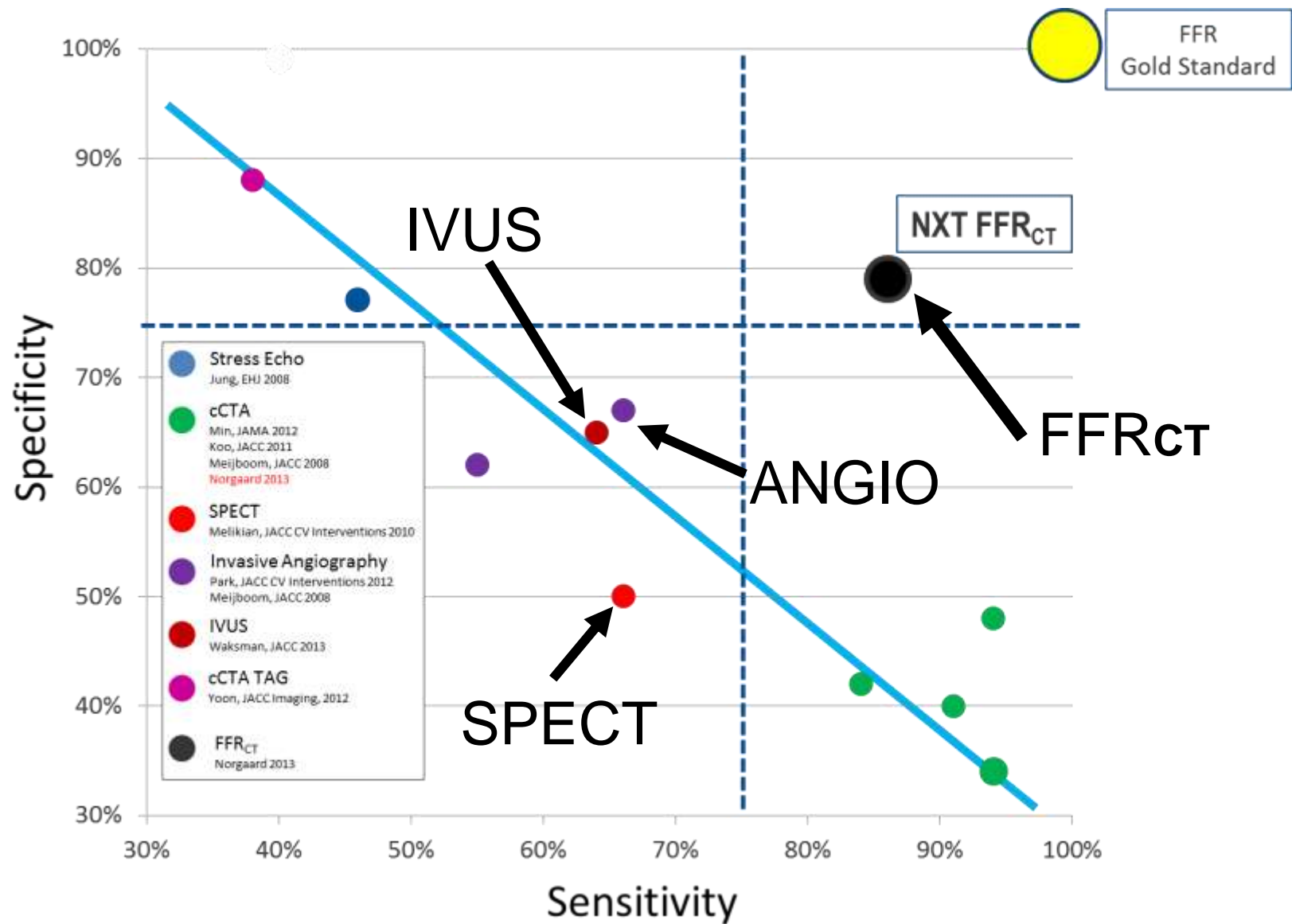
NON-INVASIVE FFR:

Fact or fiction ?? Complementary or substitution??

*several presentations later this morning
(Dr Koo, Dr Kim, Dr Okutsu)*



Diagnostic performance of Coronary diagnostic tests for functional significant ($FFR \leq 0.80$) disease



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FAME 2 Study: FFR-guided PCI vs Medical Treatment



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FAME 3 Study: FFR-guided PCI vs CABG in 3-V disease

→ *Recently started*
Including centers: ASAN, Aalst, Eindhoven, Stockholm, Stanford (presentation by Dr Fearon)

FAME 4 Study: FFR guided PCI in LM

FAME 5 Study: FFR in STEMI

MAYO REGISTRY

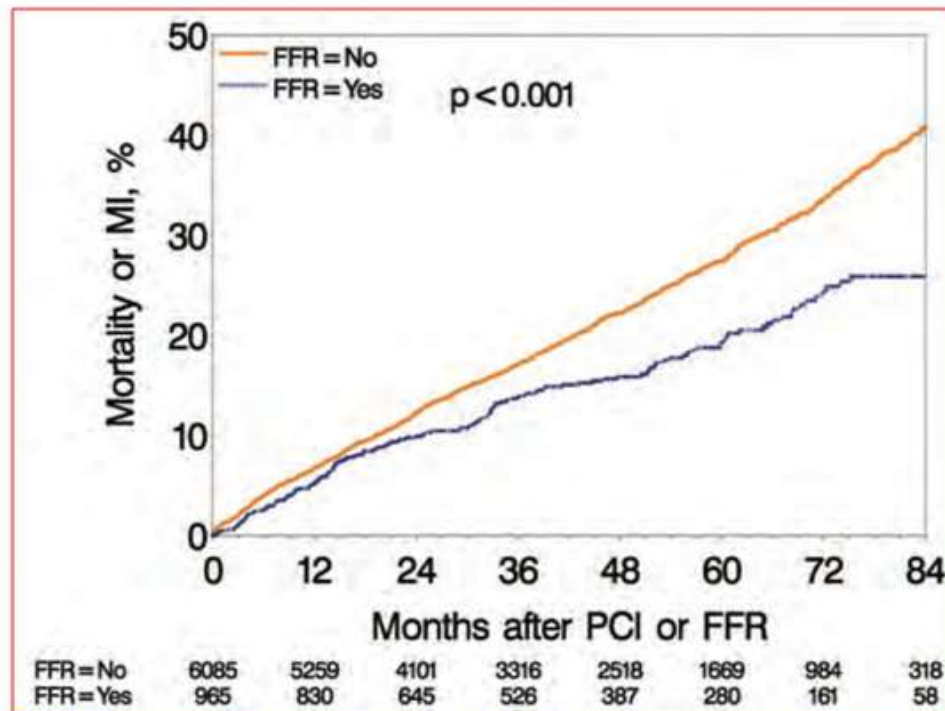
Very long-term follow up of FFR guided PCI

***FAME 5 y follow-up:
underway (PCR)***

***DEFER 15 y follow up:
underway (PCR); glimps presented yesterday***

Change of Strategy Studies: Park SJ, Curzen N, e.a.

Mayo Clinic Experience



www.cardio-aalst.be

FFR-guided treatment strategy is associated with
a favourable long-term outcome

Shanghai, CIT March 2014

Li J et al Eur Heart J 2013

FFR-guided PCI decreases mortality and MI rate,
also on the very long-term follow-up (7 years)

Li et al, Europ Heart J 2013

Change of Decision to Perform or Not to Perform PCI When Using FFR on Routine Basis

Sant'Ana 2007

Tonino, NEJM 2009

Toth, EHJ 2013

Park , EHJ 2013

Curzen 2014

} More than 10.000 patients:

discordance between angio and FFR in ~ 35 %

35 % wrong decisions with angio alone !

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Founders of Pressure Wire and FFR equipment:

- **RADI** → **St Jude Medical**

Follower : **Volcano**

New players on the market:

- **Opsens:** *fiberoptic, on the market in Japan*
- **Acist:** *monorail hypocatheter, to be validated*
- **Boston Sc:** *fiberoptic, expected 2015*
- **Nanosensor:** *experimental & animal testing*

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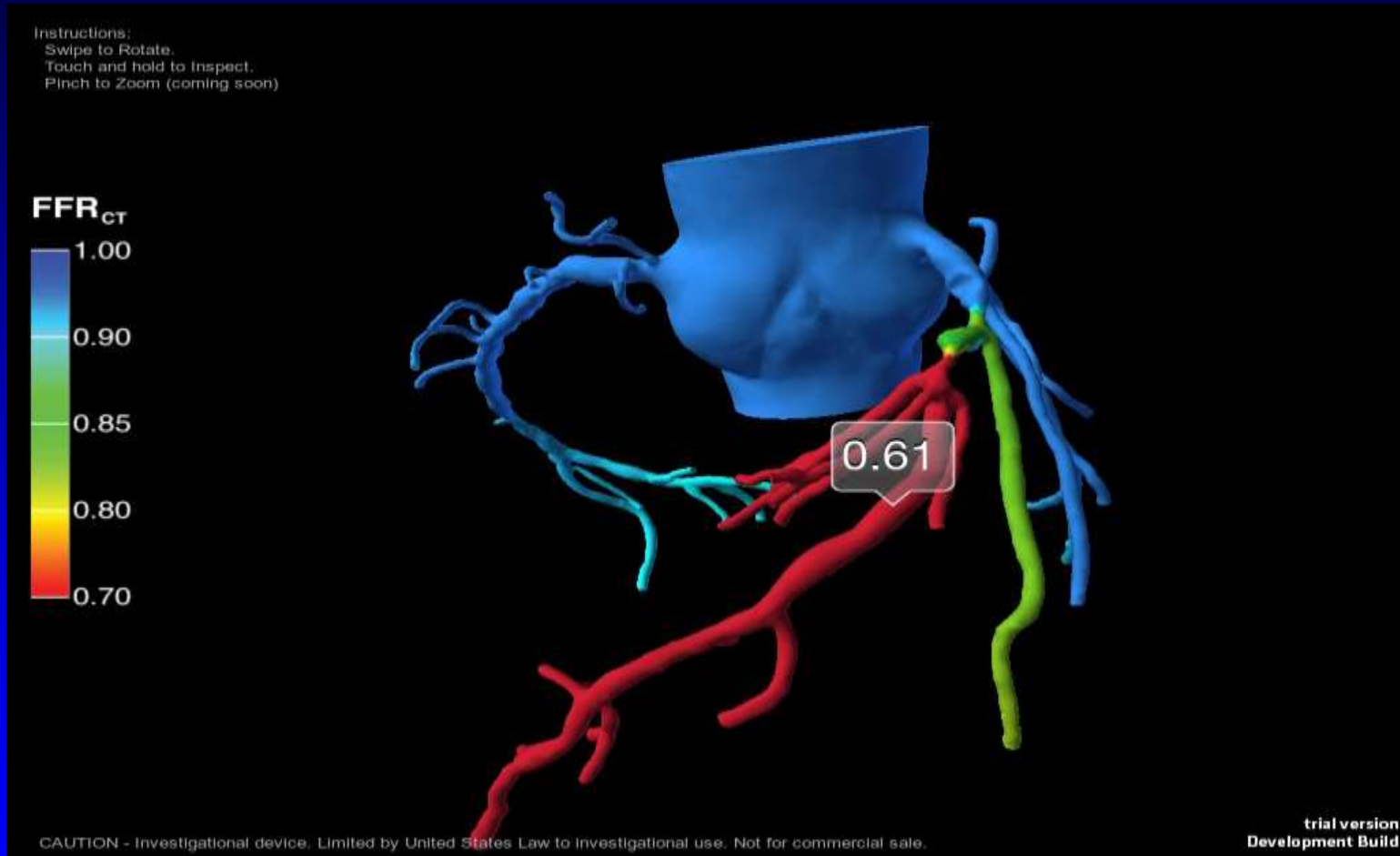


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FFR_{CT} : Complementary or Substitution?



When performing FFR_{CT}, **maximum hyperemia** is assumed and simulated by the calculation algorithms.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI

what is the optimum way to go ?

→ my personal view

OF HIER EINDIGEN (JA!)

Personal view evt na laatste pres.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (1)*

- *Coronary Angiography* alone to guide decisions in the catheterization laboratory for performing (or deferring) PCI, is a *fundamentally flawed approach*
- Therefore, in many patients, (estimated to be 60-80% of the elective PCI), the *need for Physiologic Guidance is undisputable*

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (2)*

Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) is the index of choice because:

- it is the only independently validated index vs a true gold standard (*NEJM 1996*)
- it has been validated extensively in almost all clinical and angiographic conditions
- it is the only index which has been proven to improve clinical outcome (*FAME studies, Mayo, others*)
- the only index not dependent on hemodynamic variations and has the best reproducibility in a myriad of studies

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (3)*

- Leaving away (full) hyperemia, means decrease of accuracy and false decision making in 10-20% of patients.
- *Does a few minutes of extra work and a very moderate saving of money for a hyperemic drug justify a wrong decision in 1 out of every 10 patients ?*

For us, PCI might be routine....

.....for the patient, it is a big deal!

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (4)*

- *Without hyperemia, no meaningful pullback recording* can be made, which implicates that you lose much information, especially in complex disease
- If, nevertheless, you chose to abandon (full) hyperemia, *contrast induced FFR (cFFR)* has my strong preference (*most simple and closest to true FFR*)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (4a)*

Largest threat for physiology-guided PCI:

All those new and less reliable indices may be confounding and negatively affect the trust in physiology-guided PCI !!

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (5)*

- *Non-invasive FFR by CT* enhances the specificity of coronary CT scanning and will result in *screening* of larger populations.

Largest chance for physiology-guided PCI:

- FFR by CT *will not replace invasive FFR but boost it* and make the concept of physiology-guided PCI (and of the importance of ischemia in general) more widely known among non-invasive cardiologists, internists, radiologists, and nuclear specialists

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY-GUIDED PCI: *my personal view (6)*

Physiology Guided Functional Angioplasty.....

- *is the future standard of PCI and a prerequisite:*
- *to maintain the position of PCI as excellent treatment of coronary artery disease*
- *to justify resources from health care insurers and society*
- *to remain credible to ourselves and to our patients*

.....provided that we use it in an optimum way !!