# Next Generation Invasive Imaging – 3D OCT, HR-IVUS, and NIRS: Where Are We Going?

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### Rapid Exchange FFR Microcatheter







### *iFR = instantaneous wave-free ratio*

### **Definition:**

Instantaneous pressure ratio, across a stenosis during the wave-free period, when resistance is naturally constant and minimised in the cardiac cycle





Sen et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2012;59:1392-402



### Correlation iFR vs. FFR



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Jeremias et al. J Am Coll Cardiol, in press



| Proportion of pts with | Cut-off | PPV   | NPV   | Total |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| 90% precision          | >0.97   |       | 12.9% | 57.1% |
|                        | <0.88   | 44.2% |       |       |
| 95% precision          | 0.82    | 24.3% |       | 24.3% |



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# Hybrid iFR-FFR Approach







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# Culprit segments contained lipid rich plaque in 19 of 20 STEMI cases (95%), all with a large plaque burden.



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Madder et al, JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2013;6:838-46





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### Spectral differences can be used to distinguish LCP with thin fibrous cap (less collagen) from LCP with thicker fibrous cap (more collagen)



Madden et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2012;59:E308



# Hybrid IVUS/OCT Catheter - I

- The imaging catheter was constructed using the following materials:
  - External nylon sheath with an outer diameter of 4F
  - Custom-built 42 MHz ultrasound transducer, with a 42% 6 dB bandwidth
  - 1310nm single mode fibre optic spliced to a GRIN lens and beam directing prism (200x200x150 microns) with a focal length of 1.2 mm
  - Torque cable, micro-coaxial cable and protective housing for the distal tip
- The beam directing prism was positioned at the same location along the longitudinal axis of the catheter as the center of the ultrasound transducer. This configuration was chosen to provide optimal alignment of the ultrasound and optical imaging planes during cross-sectional imaging.





Courtney et al. TCT 2010 Li et al, Cathet Cardiovasc Interv 2013;81:494-507





Plaques in rabbit aortas imaged using an integrated 3.4F OCT-IVUS system

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*Li et al, JACC Cardiovasc Imaging 2014;7:101-3* 



### Hybrid IVUS/OCT Catheter - II



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Yang et al. IEEE Trans Ultrason Ferroelectr Freq Control. 2010;57:2839-43



### OCT-NIRS Cadaver Coronary Plaques





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### Micro OCT with <1-2 micron resolution

#### Smooth Muscle Cells

#### Macrophages









Fibrin, Platelets





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Tearney. TCT2013



## New generation, high resolution IVUS







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| Axial Resolution       | <50 μm            |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Lateral<br>Resolution  | ~200 µm           |
| Max. Frame Rate        | 60 fps            |
| Max. Pullback<br>Speed | 10 mm/sec         |
| Frame Spacing          | 5-167 µm          |
| Pullback length        | 120 mm            |
| Tissue<br>Penetration  | ~3 mm @ 60<br>Mhz |
| Imaging in Blood       | Yes               |

Fibrous Cap (>100 um) Overlying an Acellular Region (based on histology) Media (echolucènt band) Plaque Lumen Border Plaque Media-Adventitia Border Side Branch (based on histology slides)













# **Co-registration of angio with**

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- Coronary
- Structural
- Echo
- IVUS
- OCT
- iFR/FFR
- Others







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Piazza. TVT2011













# Co-registration of IVUS and Angiography (Paieon)



Links angiographic roadmap with corresponding grey-scale and VH-IVUS crosssections using fiduciary points & interpolated images



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# Co-registration of IVUS and Angiography (MediGuide, MPS)



Miniature sensors provide Position and Orientation (P&O) projected on 3D imaging model with an accuracy of ≈0.5mm













# iFR pullback stenosis mapping





Davies. CIT2014





- Directly links OCT and angiography, giving wide-field context to highresolution pullback
- Enables comprehensive integration of OCT into PCI workflow, both pre- and postintervention
- Automated software provides coregistration in seconds

















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### 3D OCT vs FFR for Jailed Side-Branch Ostial Stenoses



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Ha et al. JACC Cardiovasc Imging. 2014;7:204-205



After almost two decades of technical stagnation, the field of intravascular imaging and physiology is undergoing a renaissance

- Many different approaches some easier and some more complicated
- Better resolution
- Combination devices
- Co-registration
- 3D reconstruction





# Will they all succeed and/or survive?

# Where is the clinical data that the newer approaches are better?



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