

Angiographic Assessment of Bifurcation Lesions

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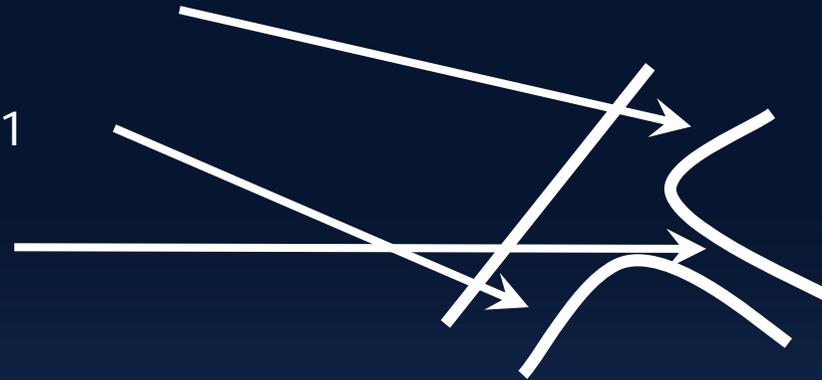
Independent Angiographic
And IVUS Analysis

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IVUS/QCA Core Lab

Classification of Bifurcation Stenosis

1. Prox PV > 50%: 0 or 1
2. Distal PV > 50%: 0 or 1
3. SB > 50%: 0 or 1



1,1,1



1,1,0



1,0,1



0,1,1



1,0,0



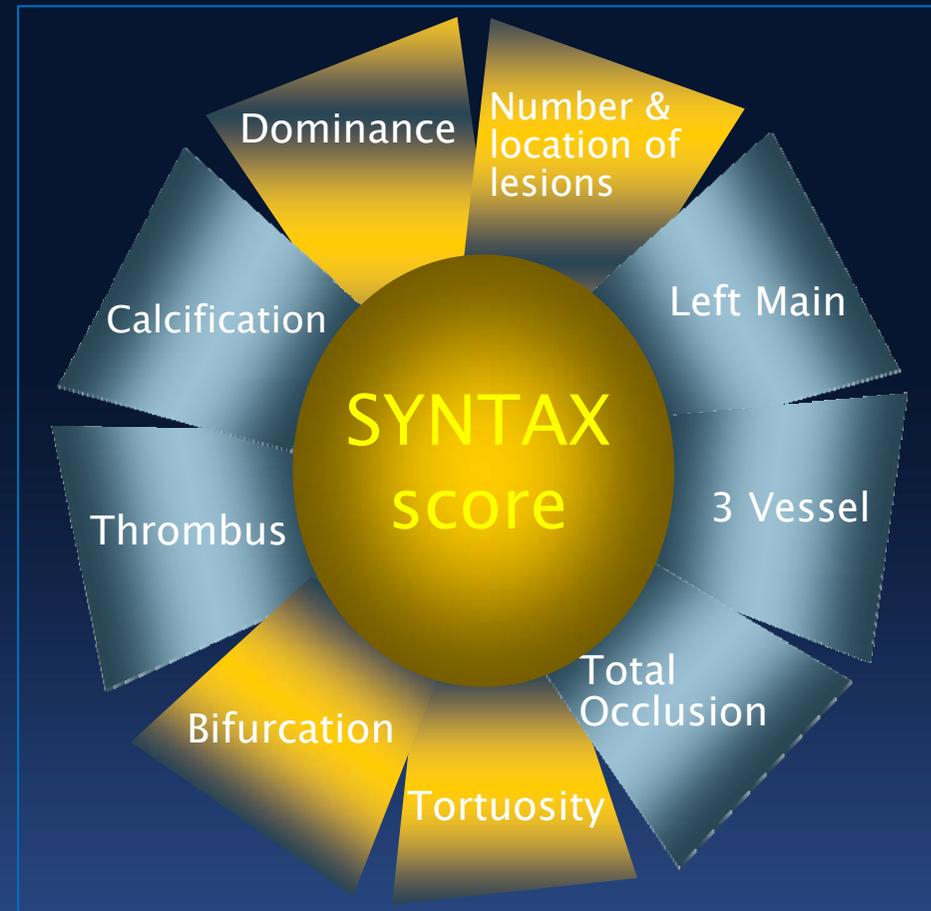
0,1,0



0,0,1

Syntax score (newly developed system)

takes into account the heterogeneity of coronary lesion complexity based on the lesion's characteristics .



Sianos et al, EuroIntervention 2005;1:219-227

Valgimigli et al, Am J Cardiol 2007;99:1072-1081

Serruys et al, EuroIntervention 2007;3:450-459

BARI classification of coronary segments

Leaman score, Circ 1981;63:285-299

Lesions classification ACC/AHA, Circ 2001;103:3019-3041

Bifurcation classification, CCI 2000;49:274-283

CTO classification, J Am Coll Cardiol 1997;30:649-656

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SYNTAX SCORE

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SYNTAX Trial: Two-year outcomes

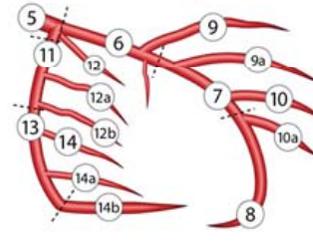
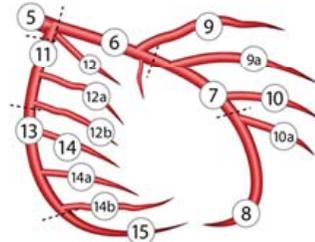
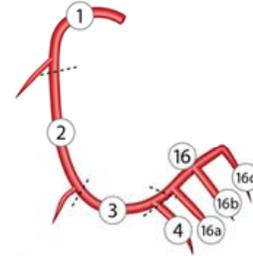
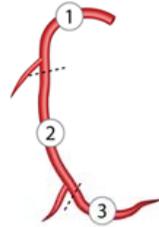


Pieter Kappetein, MD, PhD presented the two-year results of the SYNTAX trial at the European Society of Cardiology Meeting, Barcelona on September 2nd, 2009. SYNTAX was featured in a Clinical Trial webcast. Key findings included:

- ⇒ In the SYNTAX randomized patients, 2-year MACCE rates remained significantly higher for PCI than CABG, mainly driven by higher repeat revascularization in the PCI arm.
- ⇒ MACCE rates at 2 years not significantly different for patients with a low (0-22) or intermediate (23-32) baseline SYNTAX Score treated with either PCI or CABG; for patients with high SYNTAX Scores (≥ 33), MACCE continued to be increased at 2 years in patients treated with PCI compared with CABG
- ⇒ In the predefined subgroups of patients with either 3VD or LM disease:
 - ⇒ In the LM group, safety outcomes and MACCE rates were similar for PCI and CABG, but the 2-year revascularization rate was lower in the CABG group.
 - ⇒ Safety outcomes (death/CVA/MI) in the 3VD group were similar for PCI and CABG, but the 2-year revascularization and MACCE rates favored CABG.

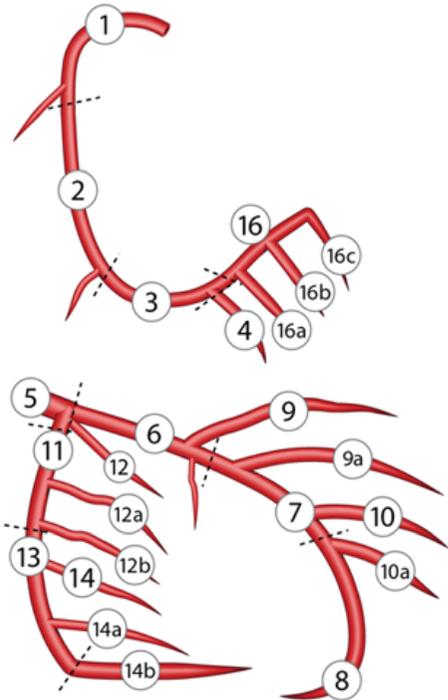
The full presentation can be viewed or downloaded here:

Select dominance coronary system



Left dominance

Right dominance



3. Specify which segments are diseased for **lesion 1**. ?
 Click on the coronary tree image to select or unselect segments.

		Lesion:	1
<i>Segments:</i>			
RCA	RCA proximal	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RCA mid	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RCA distal	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Posterior descending	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Posterolateral from RCA	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Posterolateral from RCA	16a	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Posterolateral from RCA	16b	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Posterolateral from RCA	16c	<input type="checkbox"/>
LM	Left main	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAD	LAD proximal	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LAD mid	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LAD apical	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
	First diagonal	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Add. first diagonal	9a	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Second diagonal	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Add. second diagonal	10a	<input type="checkbox"/>
LCX	Proximal circumflex	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Intermediate/anterolateral	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Obtuse marginal	12a	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Obtuse marginal	12b	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Distal circumflex	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Bifurcation

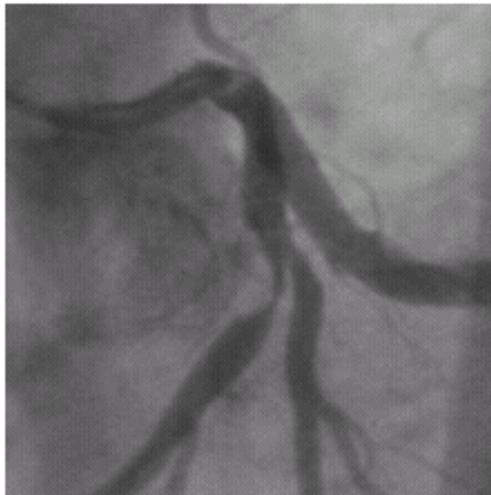
A bifurcation is a division of a main, parent, branch into two daughter branches of at least 1.5mm. Bifurcation lesions may involve the proximal main vessel, the distal main vessel and the side branch according to the Medina classification. The smaller of the two daughter branches should be designated as the 'side branch'. In case of the main stem either the LCX or the LAD can be designated as the side branch depending on their respective calibres. Bifurcations are only scored for the following segment junctions: 5/6/11, 6/7/9, 7/8/10, 11/13/12a, 13/14/14a, 3/4/16 and 13/14/15.

No septal branch

'Specify which segments are diseased for lesion X': one should fill out only those segment numbers of the bifurcation that have a Diameter Stenosis $\geq 50\%$ in direct contact with the bifurcation.

$\geq 50\%$ stenosis

Example 1



- One lesion
- one segment number involved/diseased (= segment: 7).
- Bifurcation 'Yes'
- Medina class: 0, 1, 0

Bifurcation Angle Measures

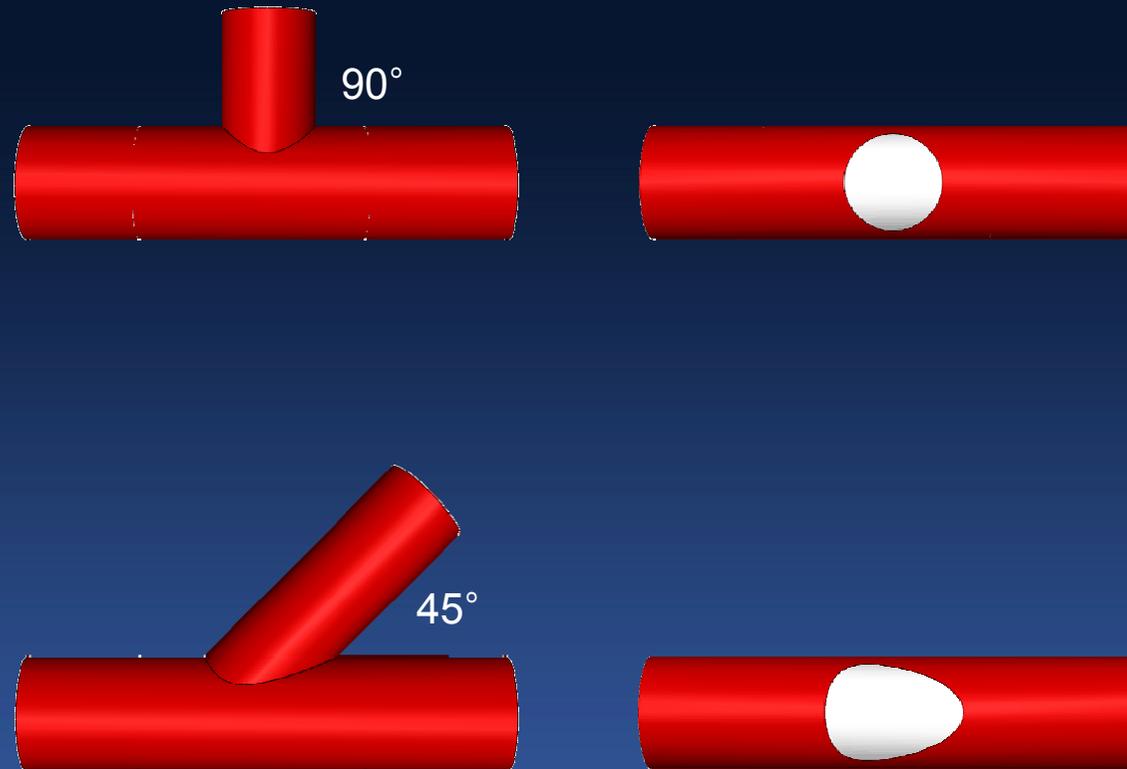
**Angle between
Prox PV and SB**



**Angle between
Distal PV and SB**



Size of the ostium changes with the angle of bifurcation

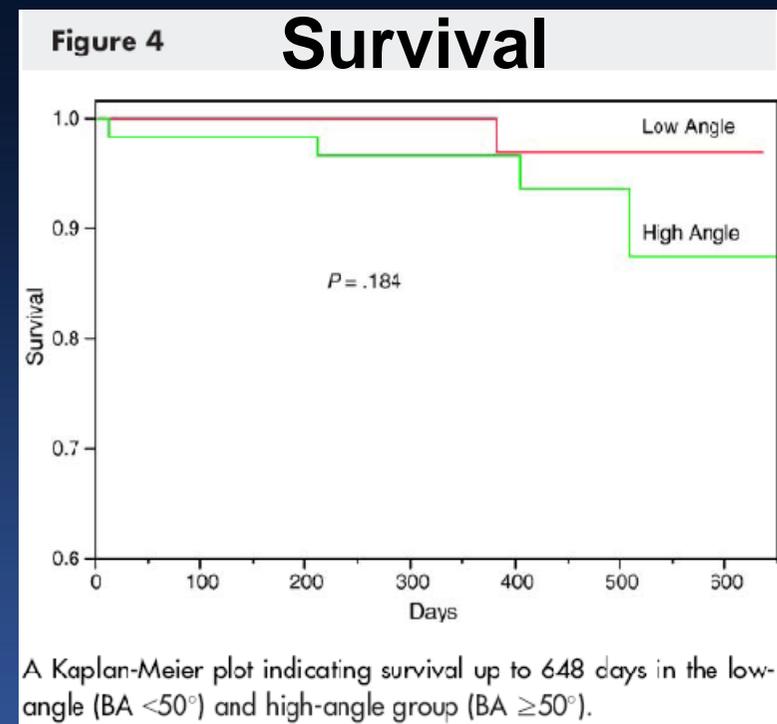
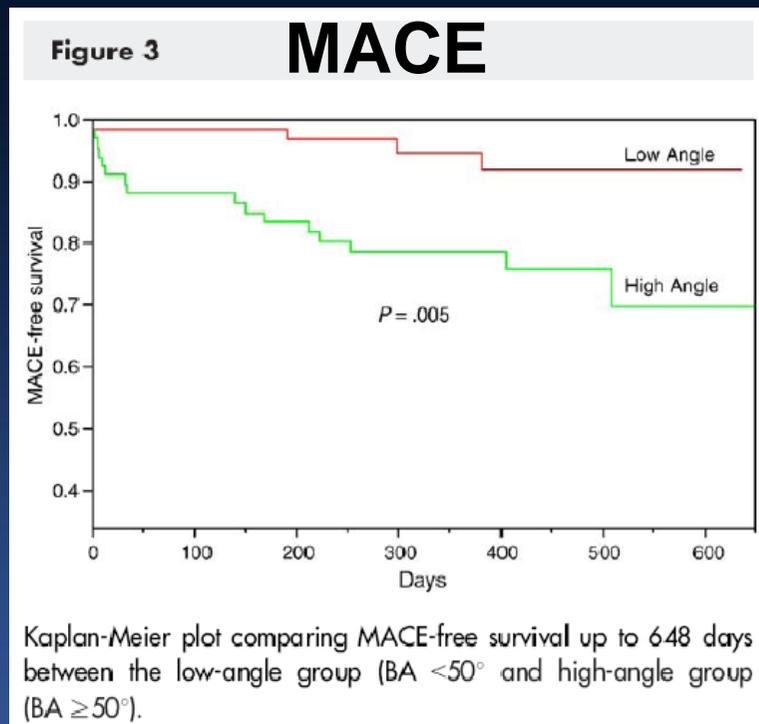


Courtesy P Mortier et al

Greater Bifurcation Angle associated with higher mortality and MACE with Crush Technique

133 pts undergoing crush stenting:

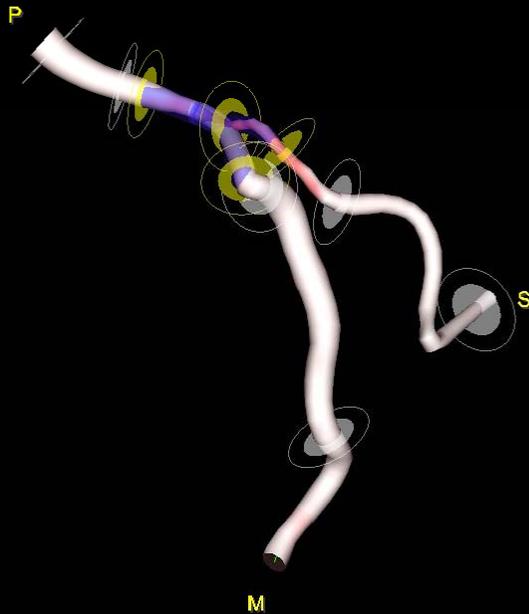
- 66 pts with low angle (<50 degrees)
- 67 pts with high angle (>50 degrees)



Bifurcation angle was an independent predictor of MACE

3-D Morphology

RAO : 16.0
CRA : 64.7

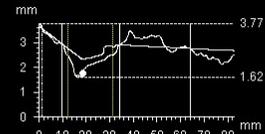


RAO : 0.3
CRA : 77.5

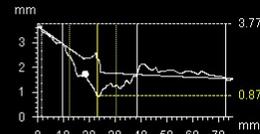


Dprox (min,%)	1.62	mm	35	%
Ddist (min,%)	2.17	mm	11	%
Dside (min,%)	0.83	mm	62	%
Plaque(POC,Obstr)	46		38	%V
LObstr(main,side)	19.23		18.24	mm
DLesion	0.87	mm		
%D	63	%		

Diameter Main

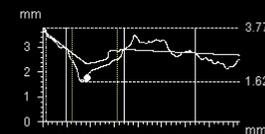


Diameter Side

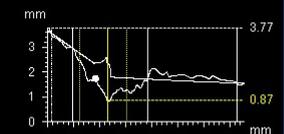


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Diameter Main



Diameter Side



Case Report Form of Angiographic Analysis

CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Study name: _____
 Site : _____
 Patient ID: _____
 Cath date: _____

Image

Catheter frame # _____ Arterial frame # _____

 Director / Fellow / Technician

 Date

1

CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Study name: _____
 Site : _____
 Patient ID: _____
 Cath date: _____

Site: CASS
 1=Prox; 2=Mid
 3=Distal; 4=Ostial
 Location: _____
 Frame: _____
 Projection: _____
 Catheter size: _____ Fr

PRE-PROCEDURE

Quantitative measurement

Morphology

Eccentric 0=Conc 1=Ecc
 Bend 0-180
 Thrombus 0=Absent; 1=Pres
 Tortuosity 0=None; 1=Mod; 2=severe
 Calcification 0=None/mild; 1=Mod; 2=severe
 Ulceration 0=Absent; 1=Pres
 Aneurysm 0=Absent; 1=Pres
 Intimal flap 0=Absent; 1=Pres
 Ectasia 0=Absent; 1=Pres

Pre-TIMI TIMI 0-3
 Frames 0 --- 200
 Frames (corr) 0 --- 200

Bifurcation 0, A-> F
 Side branch CASS
 SBPreDS %

QCA

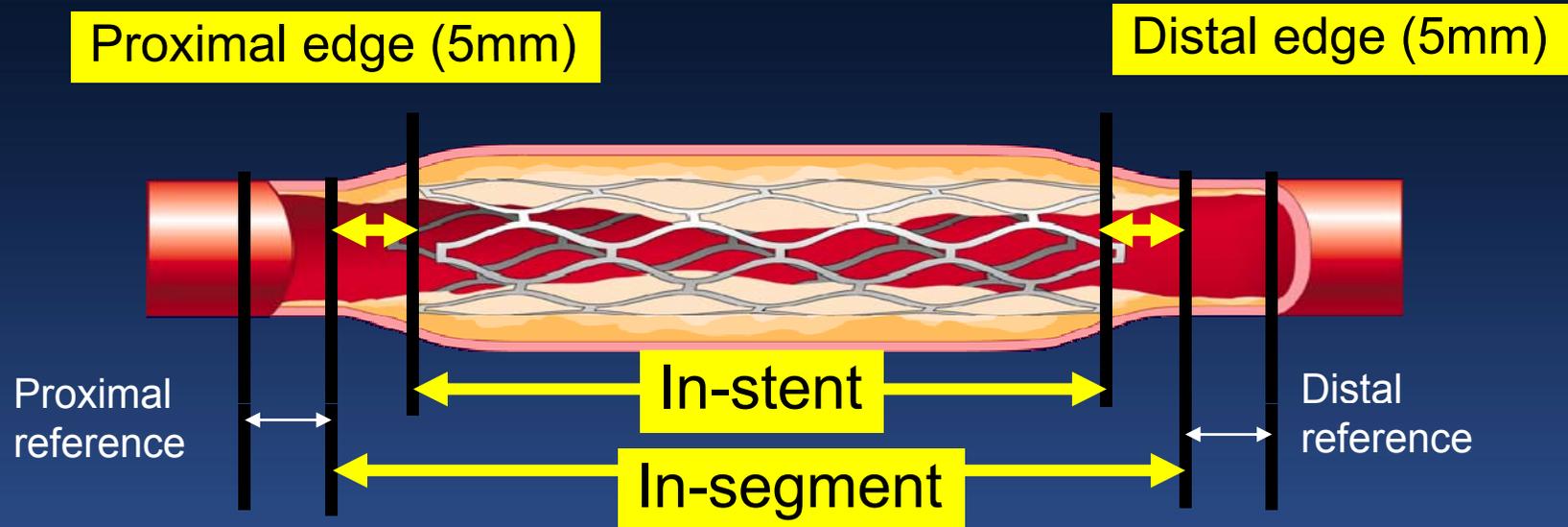
Prox Normal
 Distal Normal
 Inter normal
 MLD
 Lesion length

 Director / Fellow / Technician

 Date

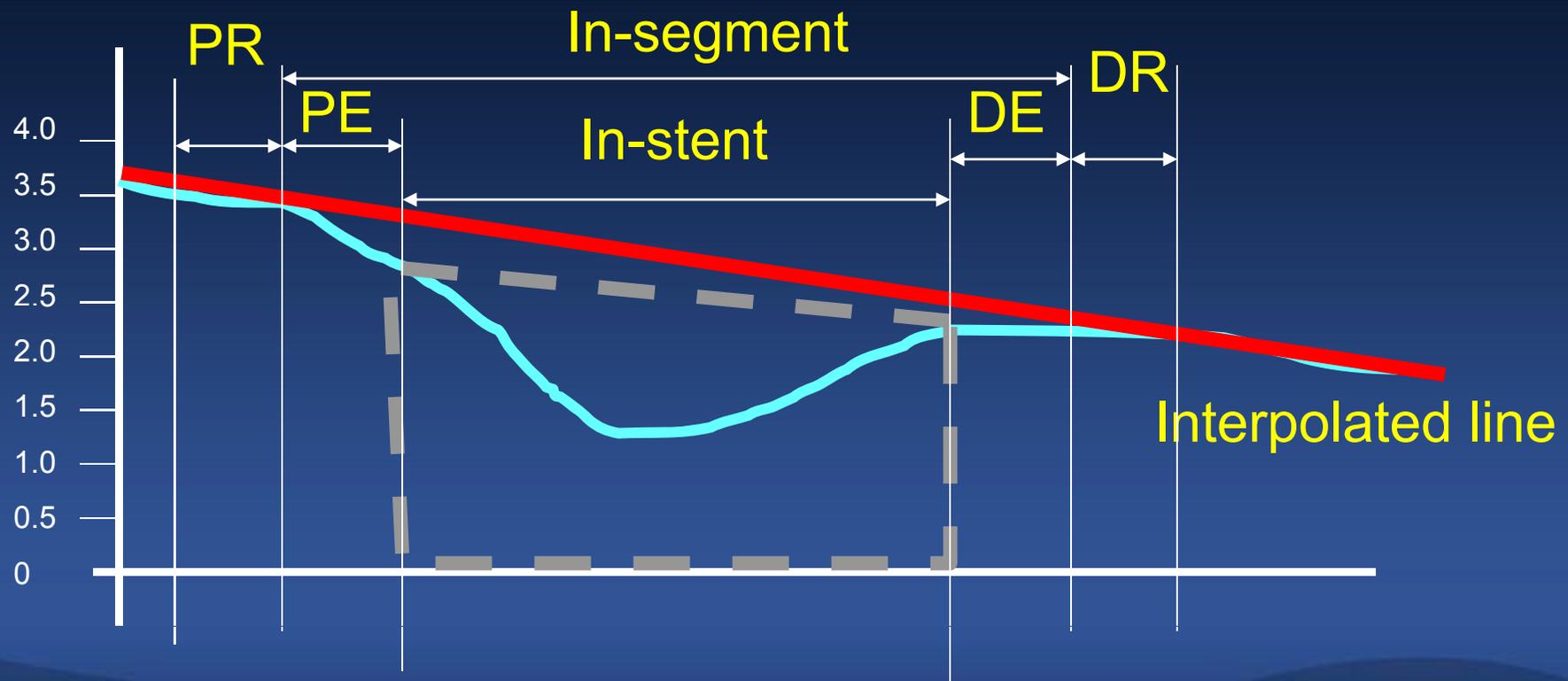
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Standard DES Measurement



Automatic Border Detection for QCA

Interpolated reference line is the index.



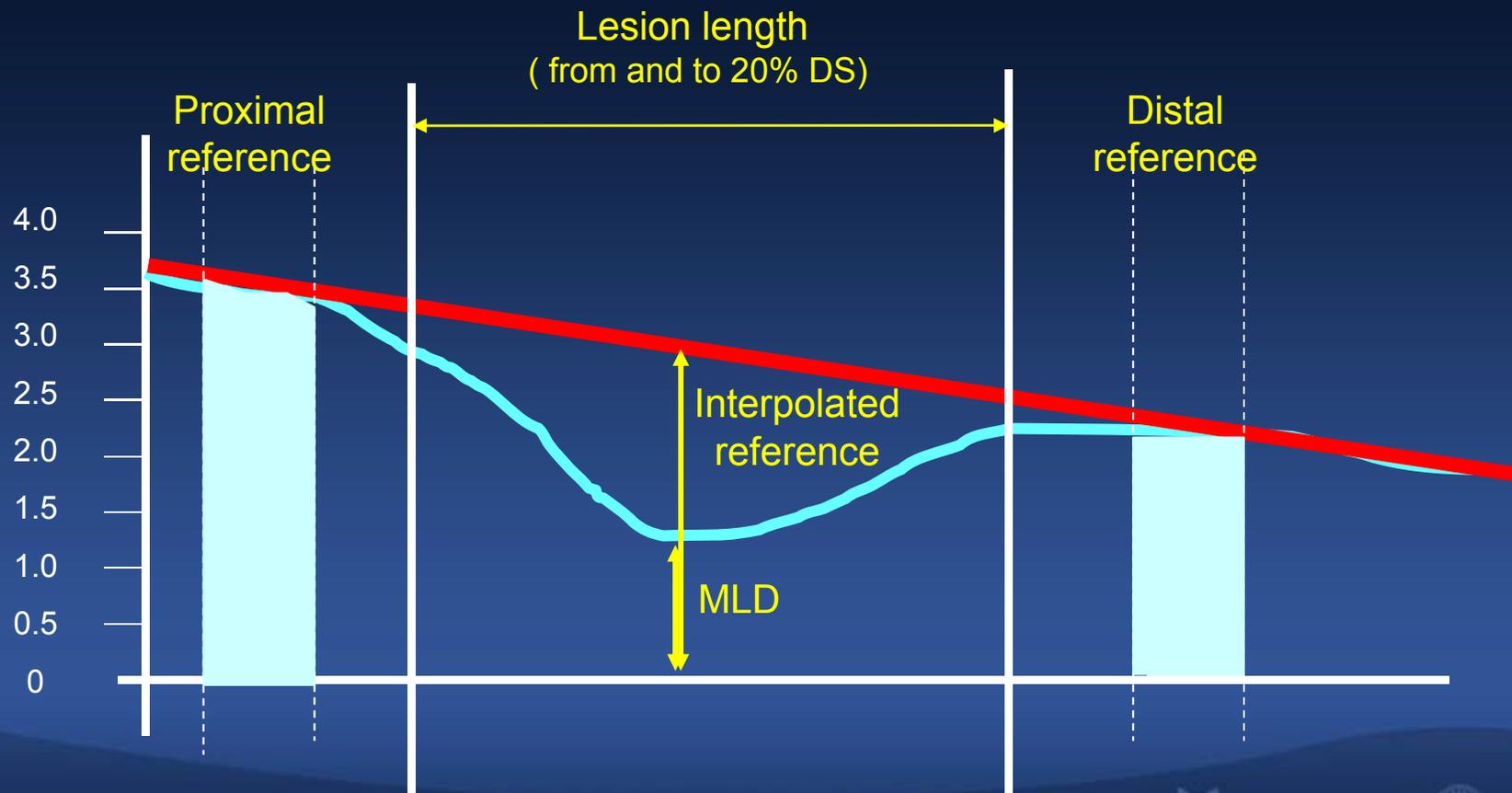
Assessment of Diameter Stenosis

MLD = 1.2 mm

Mean reference: $[3.5\text{mm (PR)} + 2.5\text{mm (DR)}] / 2 = 3.0\text{ mm}$

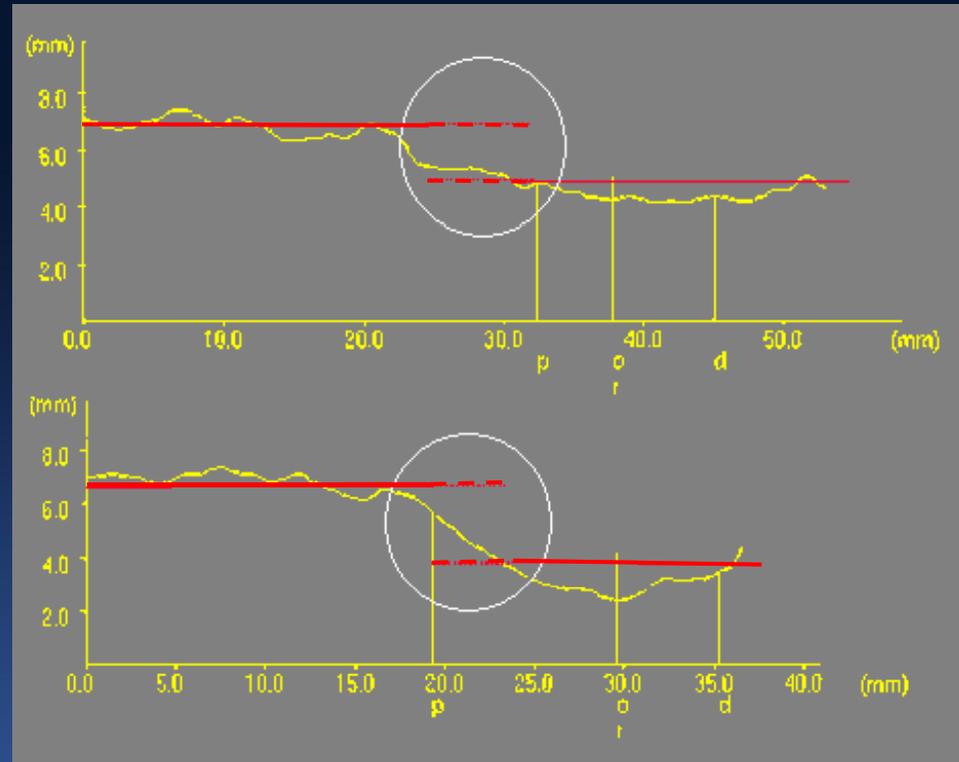
Interpolated reference: 3.2 mm

DS = $[3.2\text{mm (int. ref.)} - 1.2\text{mm (MLD)}] \times 100 / 3.2\text{ (int. ref.)} = 63\%$



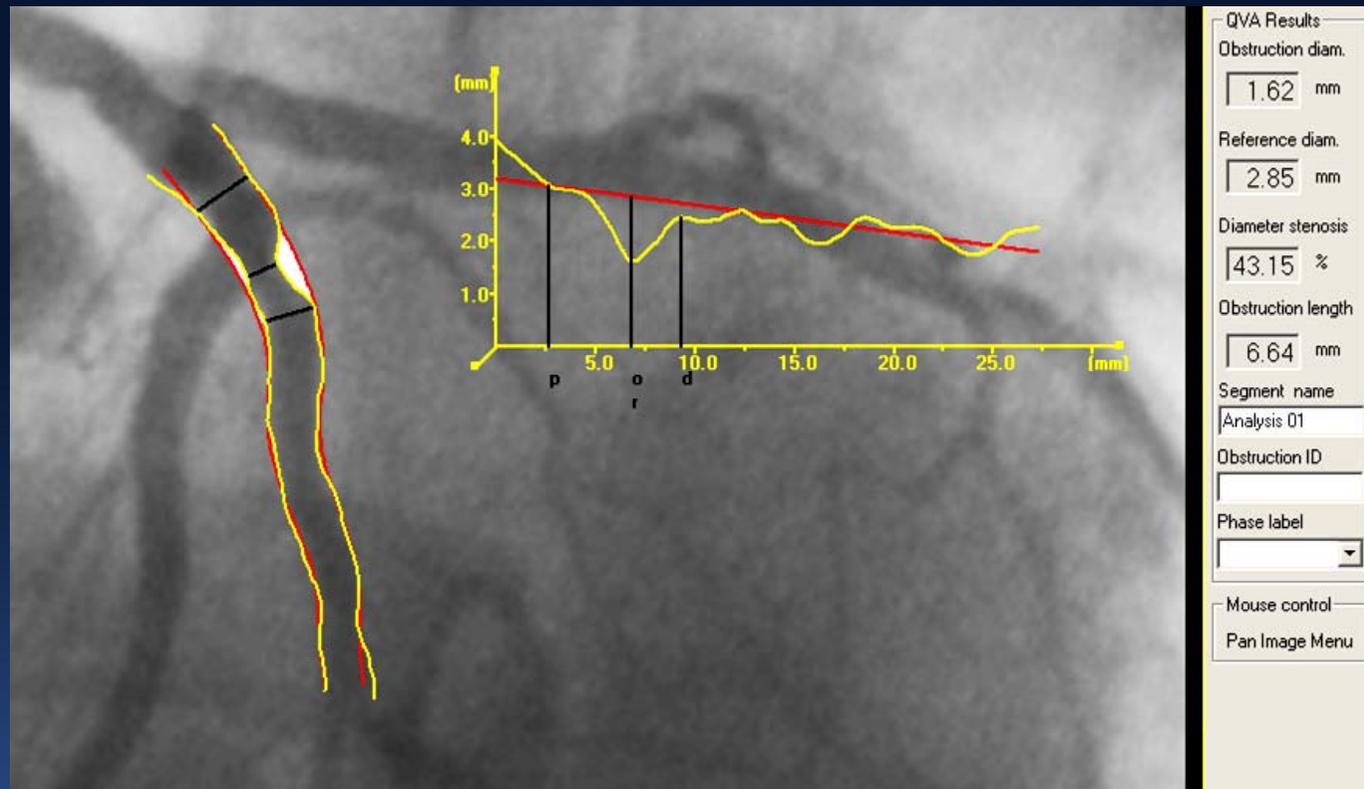
QCA Limitation: Step Down

Method to determine the proper reference diameter for each individual segment



The “Step down” phenomenon is a major limitations of Standard QCA when applied to bifurcation analyses

QCA Limitations: Step Down

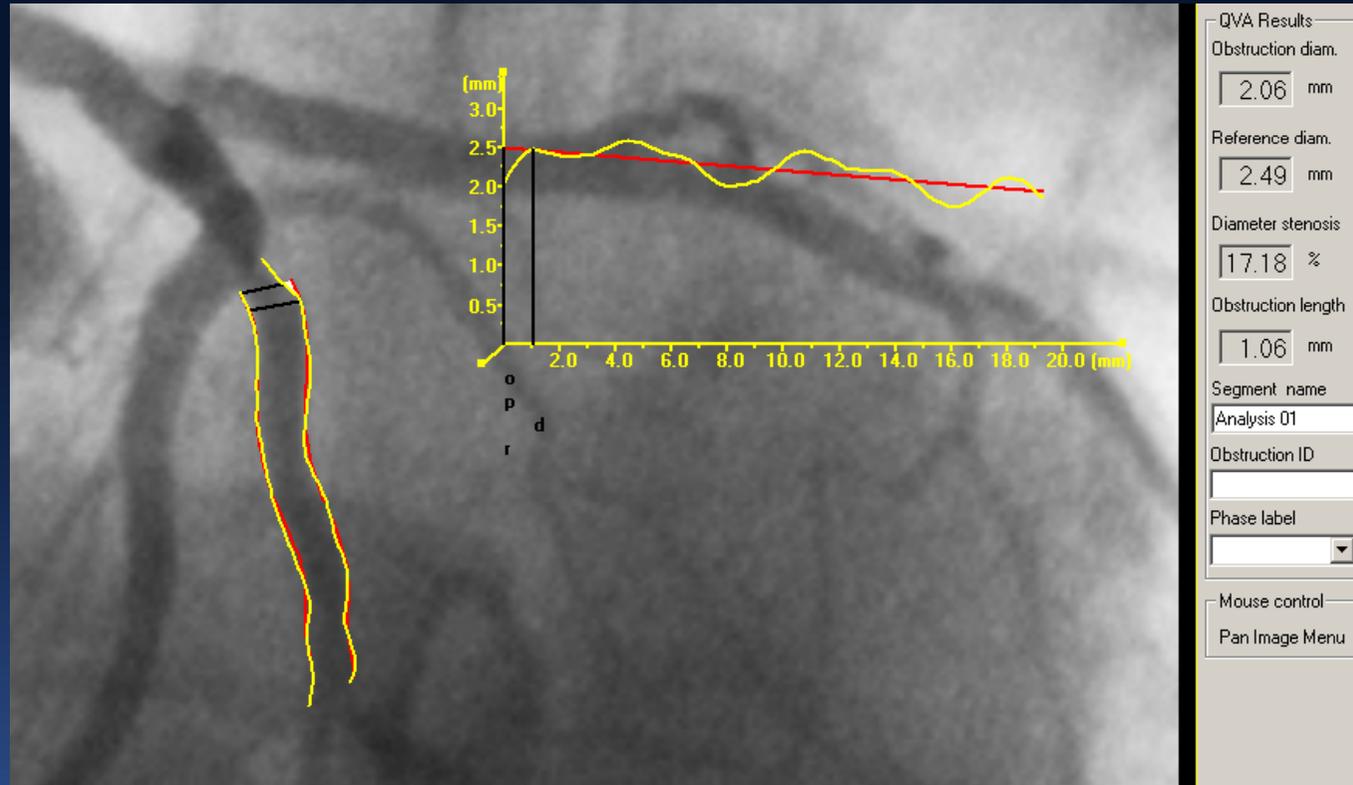


Problem: Mismatch between prox vessel and distal vessel

Results in: Overestimated Reference
Overestimated %DS
Better for lesion length

Solutions:
Use Distal Reference or
Limit analysis to distal PV

QCA Limitation: No Proximal Reference

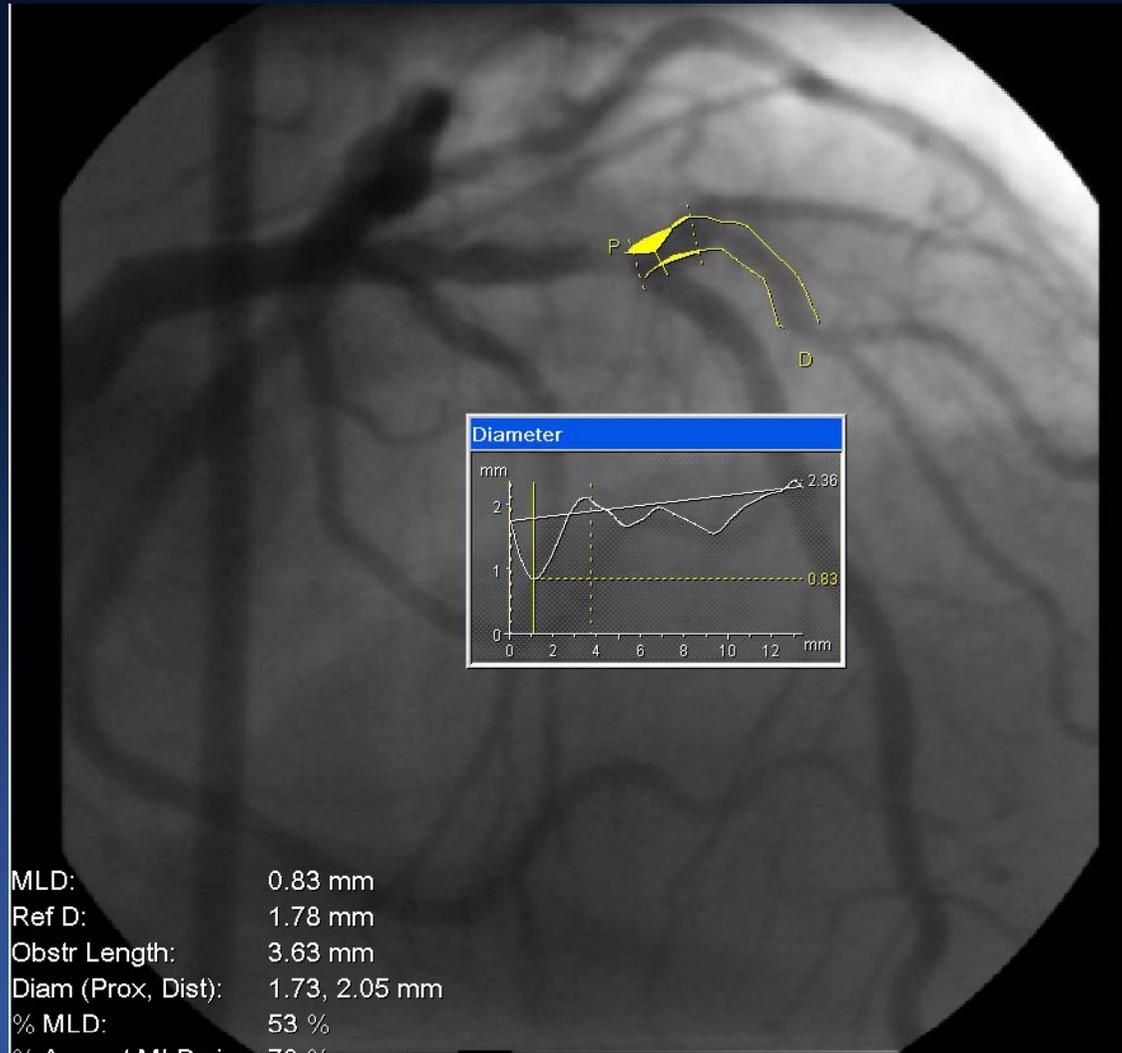


Problems: Vessel contour track into MLD
Cannot assess lesion length

Results in: Underestimated reference
Underestimated %DS

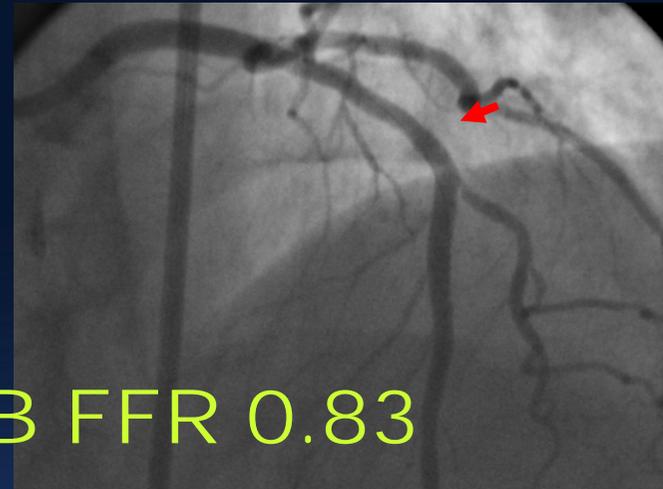
Solution: Use Distal Reference

Incorrect Measurement

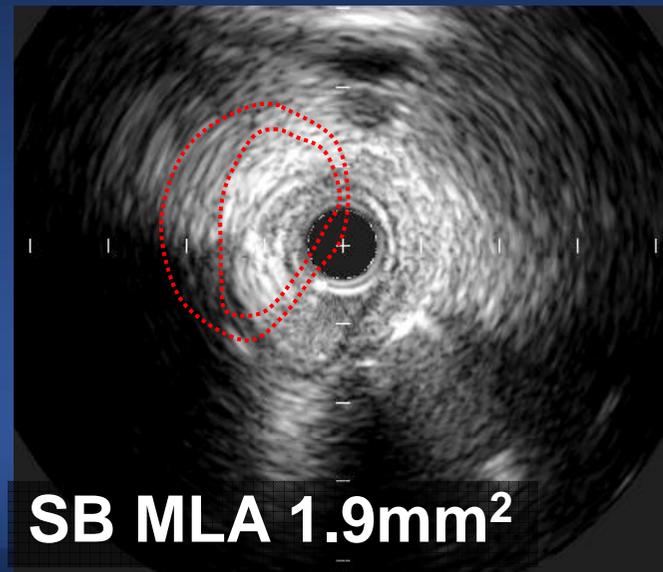
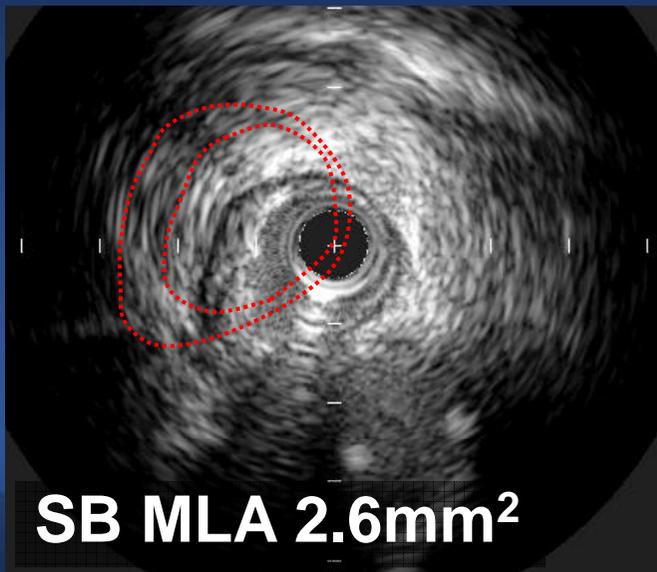


MLD: 0.83 mm
Ref D: 1.78 mm
Obstr Length: 3.63 mm
Diam (Prox, Dist): 1.73, 2.05 mm
% MLD: 53 %
% Area at MLD circ: 78 %
% Area at MLD: 51 %
CF: 0.1312 mm/pix

Limitation: poor correlation with functional ischemia !



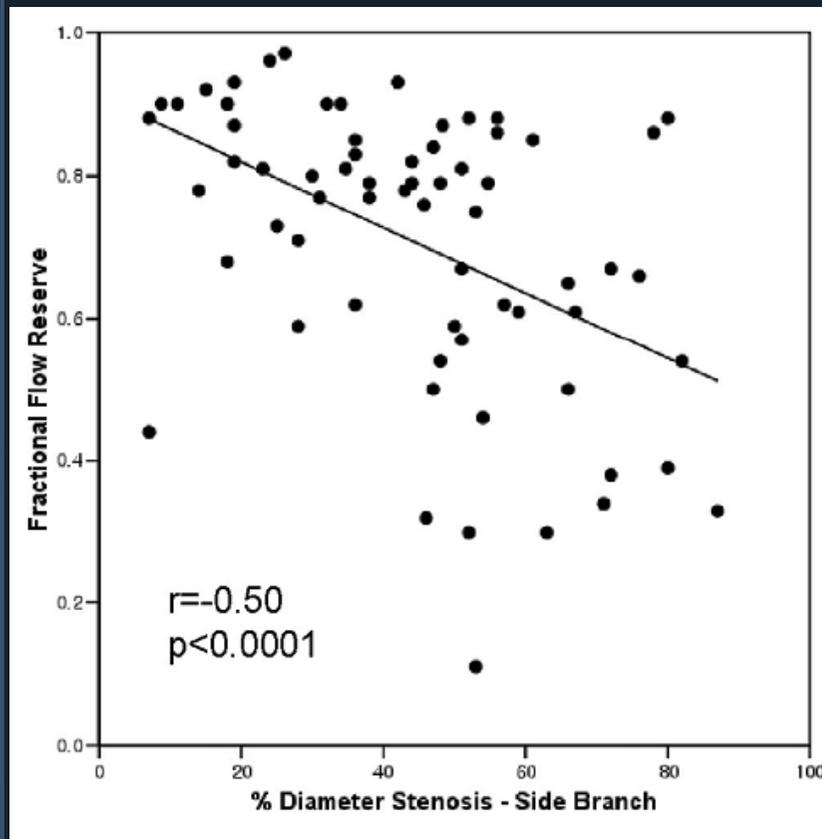
SB FFR 0.83



Pre-PCI %DS vs. Post-Stenting SB FFR

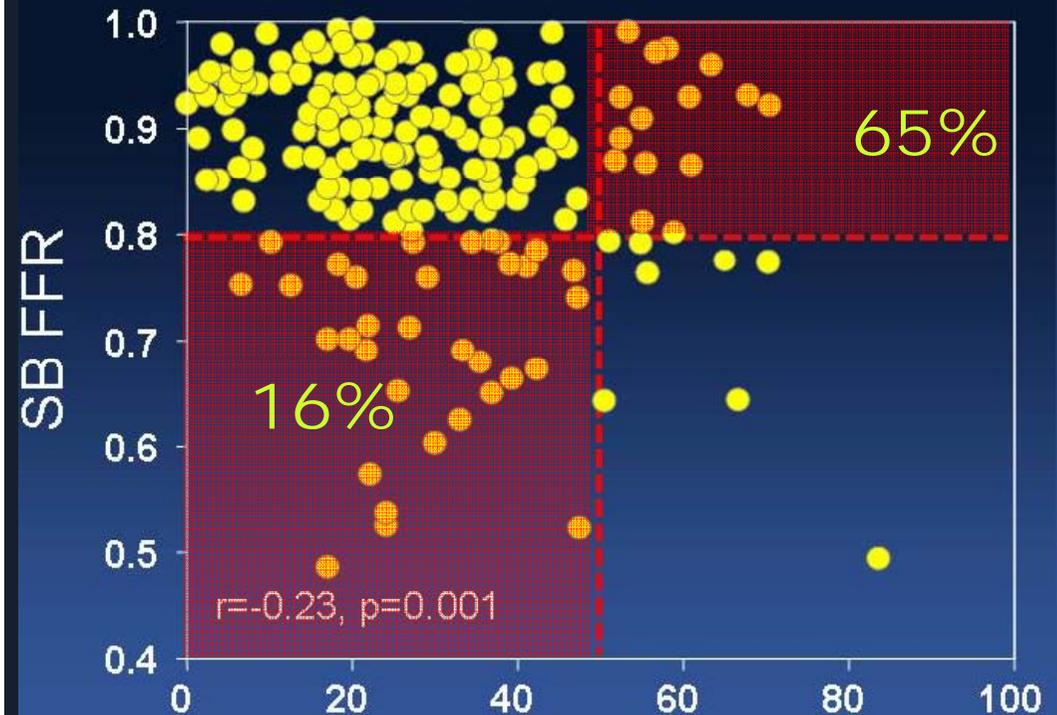
Koo et al.

Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2010;3:113-9



AMC Data

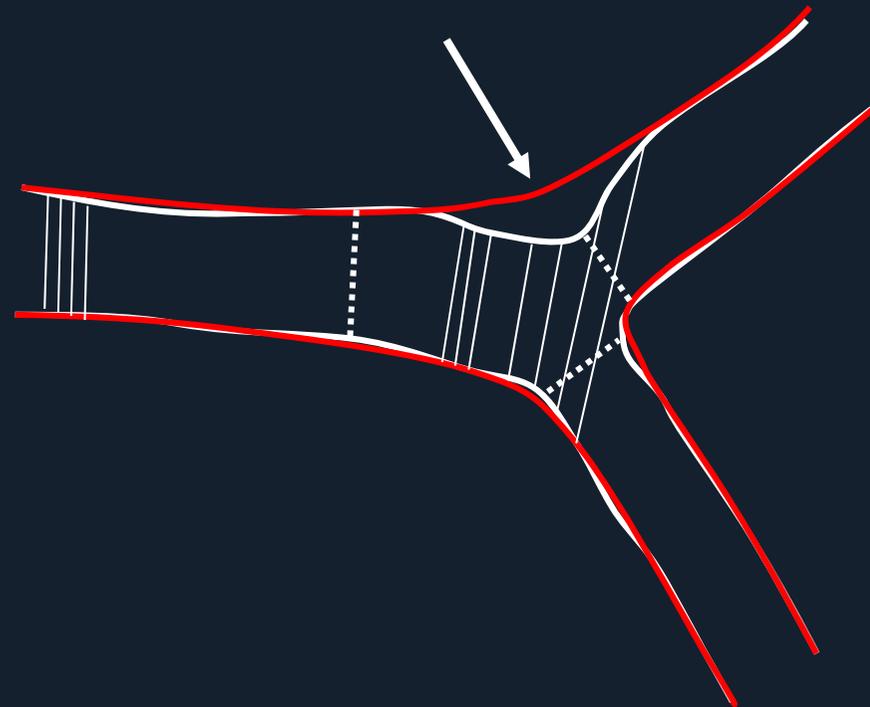
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Pre-procedural %DS (%)

Challenge in measuring Bifurcations

Innovative derivation of RVD in carina segment

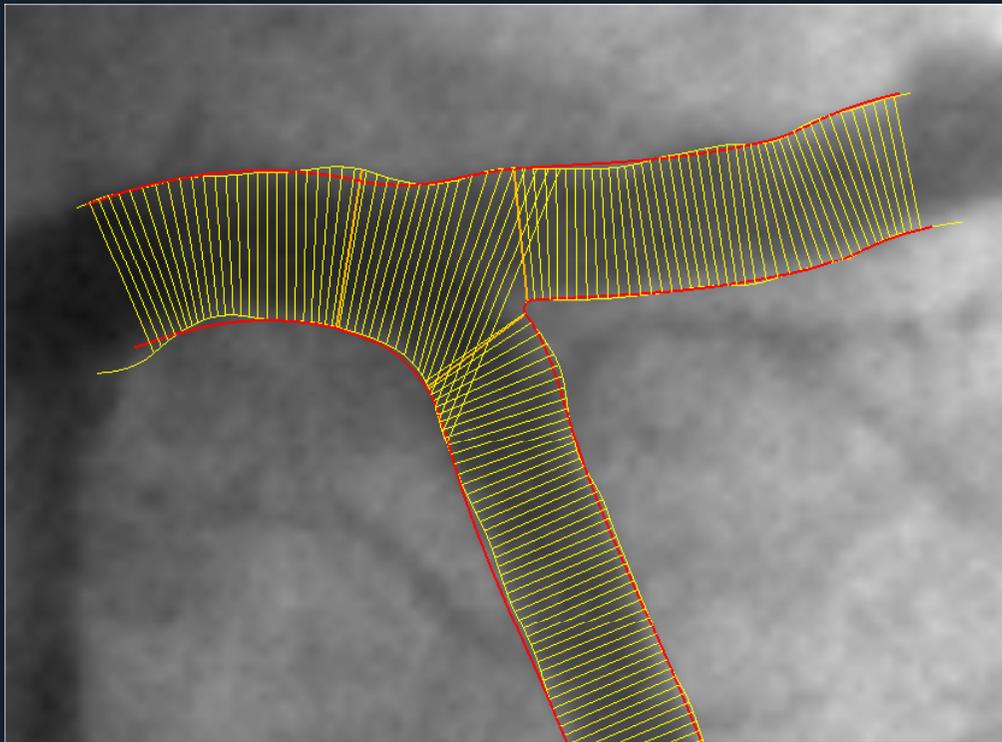


- arterial contours
- reference contours
- fragment delimiters
- arterial diameters in proximal parent and carinal segment

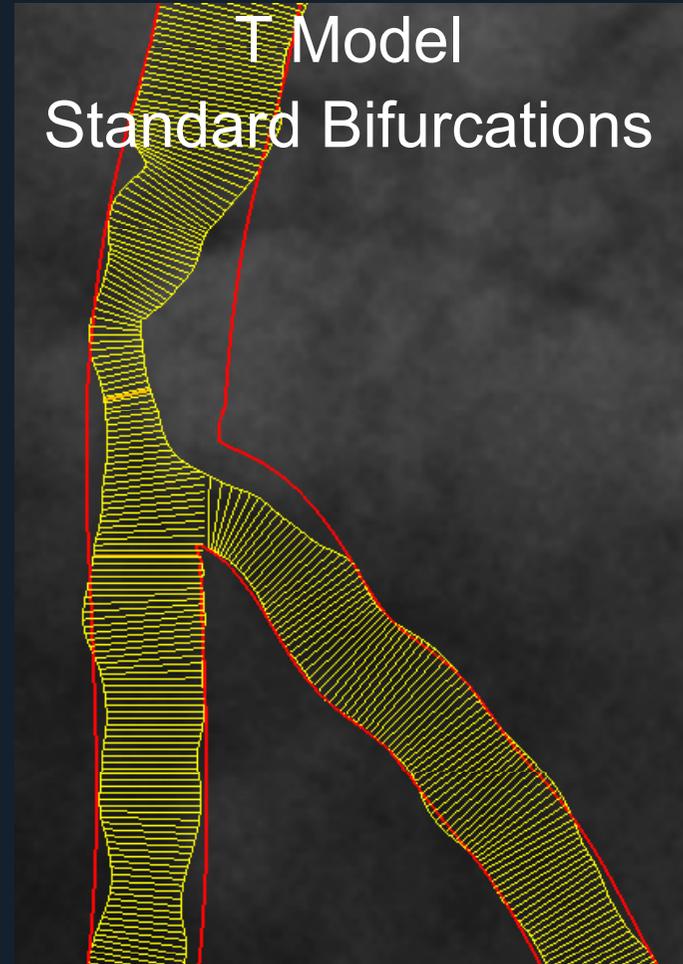
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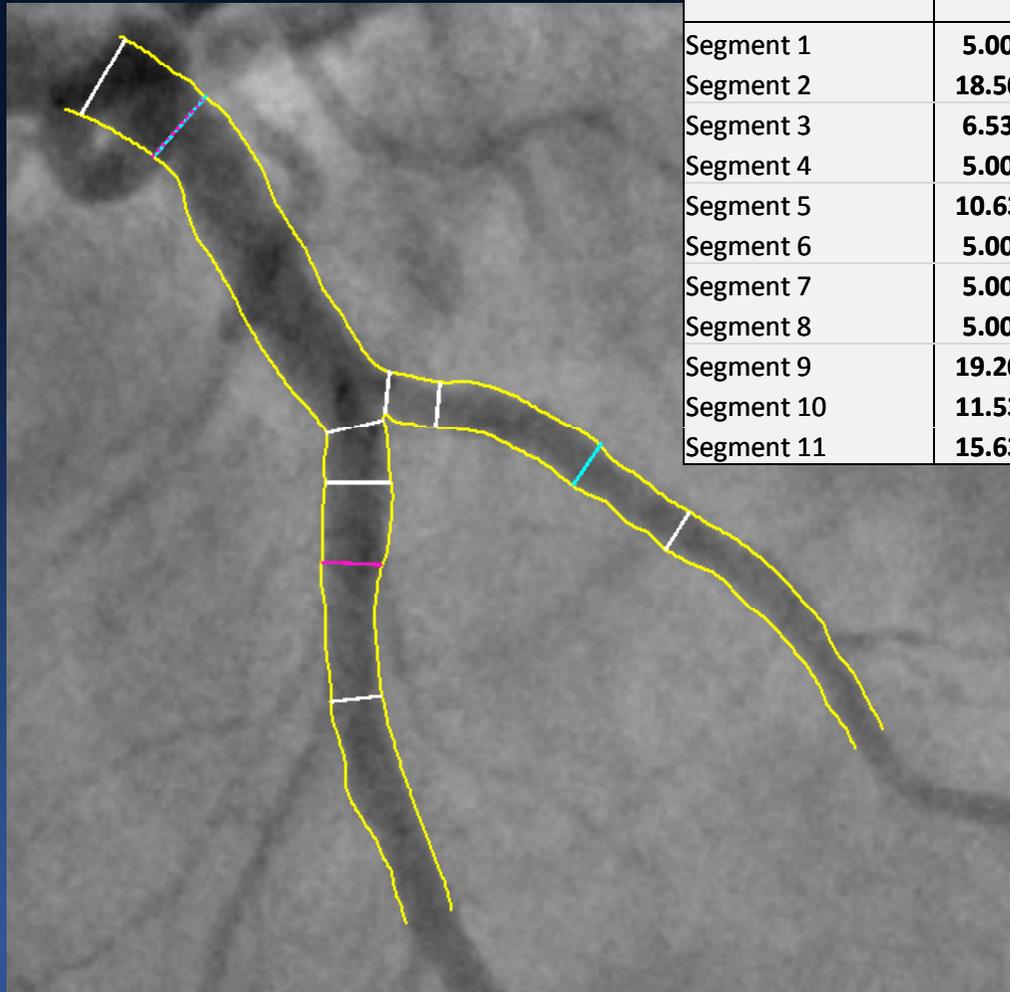
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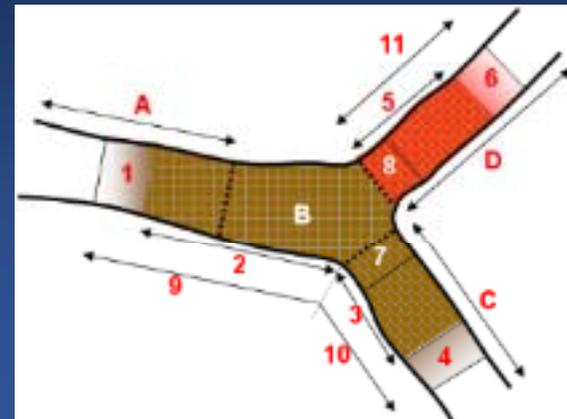
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Standard Bifurcations



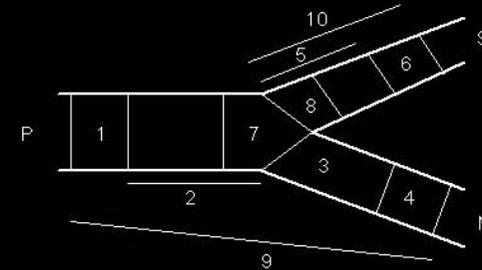
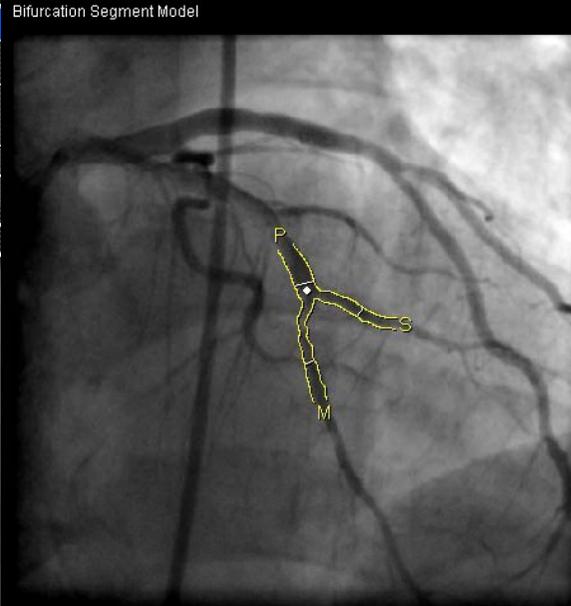
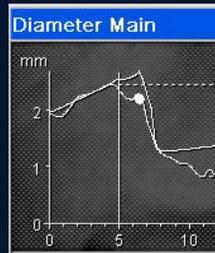
Edge Segment Definitions



	Length	Position MLD	MLD	Ref D	% DS	Distance MLD-stent	Max D	Mean D
Segment 1	5.00	0.523	3.843	3.728	-3.07	0.174	3.845	3.844
Segment 2	18.50	6.099	3.407	3.709	8.14		3.854	3.604
Segment 3	6.53	25.724	2.560	2.462	-3.96		3.231	2.975
Segment 4	5.00	27.485	2.229	2.443	8.76	1.761	2.560	2.380
Segment 5	10.63	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.160
Segment 6	5.00	30.012	1.685	1.944	13.31	1.056	2.035	1.815
Segment 7	5.00	24.198	2.876	2.478	-16.04		3.231	3.049
Segment 8	5.00	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.158
Segment 9	19.20	6.099	3.407	3.709	8.14		3.854	3.613
Segment 10	11.53	27.485	2.229	2.443	8.76		3.231	2.717
Segment 11	15.63	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.050



Dedicated Bifurcation QCA



JEONG HYEONG JIN
 ID 27258695
 Birthdate 1931-4-8
 Physician
 Hospital Asan Medical Center/4411...
 Acquisition Date 2006-9-7
 Patient Orientation LIF
 II Size 16.00 cm
 Segment
 Trial Name
 Intervention
 Analysis type Nonstial
 Cal. Factor 0.1339 mm/pix
 Cal. Object 7.00 French Catheter

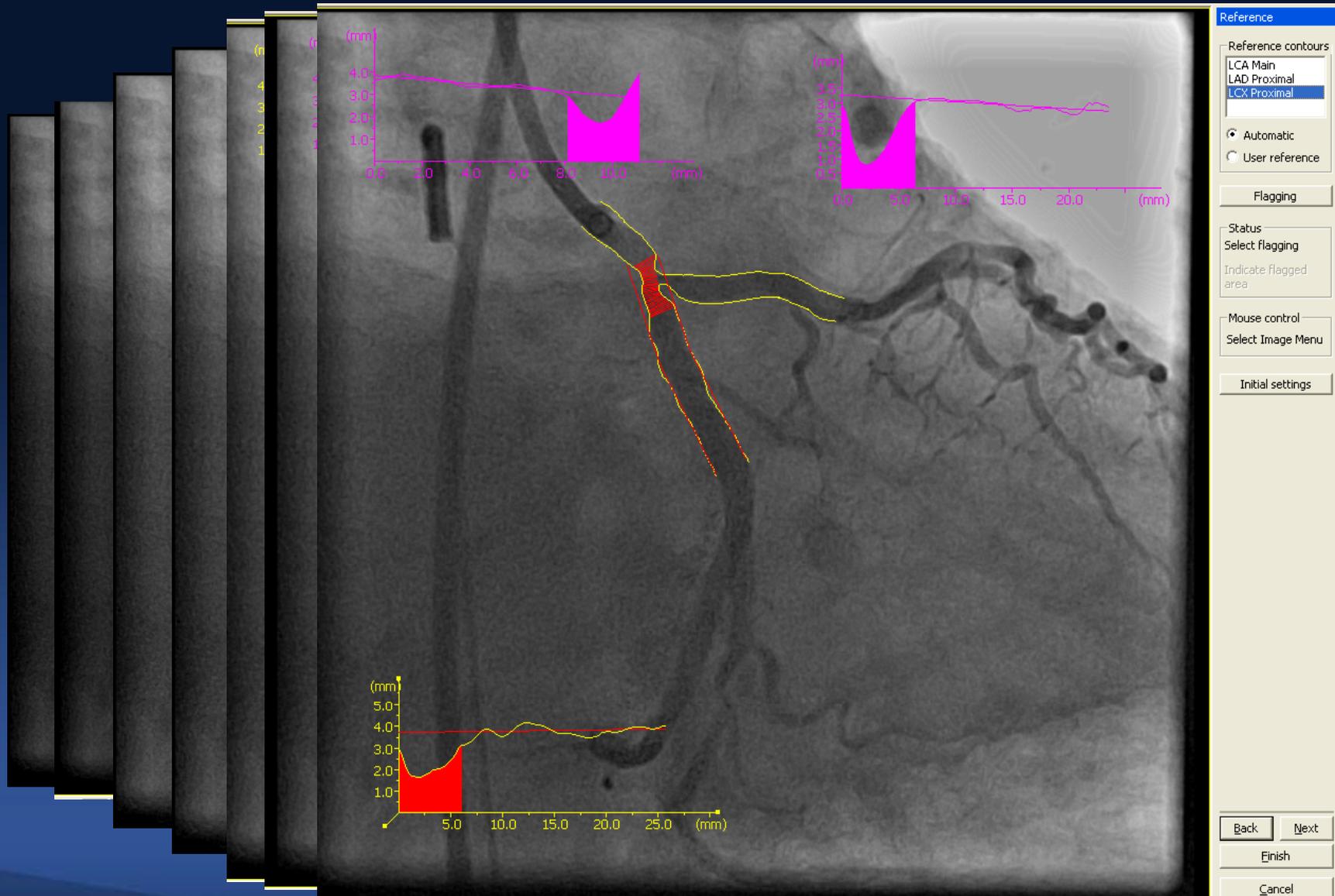
	Ref A (mm ²)	Plaque A (mm ²)	%A (%)
Carina	4.55	0.53	12
Ratio Dist/Prox at Ostium	Luminal	Reference	
Murray	-	-	
Finet	-	-	

	Prox pos (mm)	Length (mm)	%D (%)	Min D (mm)	Max D (mm)	Mean D (mm)	Ref D (mm)
1	0.00	4.97	7.16	1.88	2.46	2.21	2.03
2	4.97	2.59	4.56	1.40	2.39	2.07	1.46
3	7.56	8.23	38.29	0.83	1.40	1.08	1.34
4	15.80	4.98	16.54	1.24	1.75	1.54	1.48
5	7.67	5.91	19.84	1.03	1.46	1.28	1.28
6	13.58	5.00	11.07	1.20	1.37	1.29	1.35
7 Main	5.13	2.43	4.56	1.40	-	-	1.46
7 Side	5.13	2.54	4.56	1.40	-	-	1.46
8	7.67	2.03	19.84	1.03	1.36	1.20	1.28
9	0.00	20.78	38.29	0.83	2.46	1.57	1.34
10	7.67	10.91	19.84	1.03	1.46	1.28	1.28

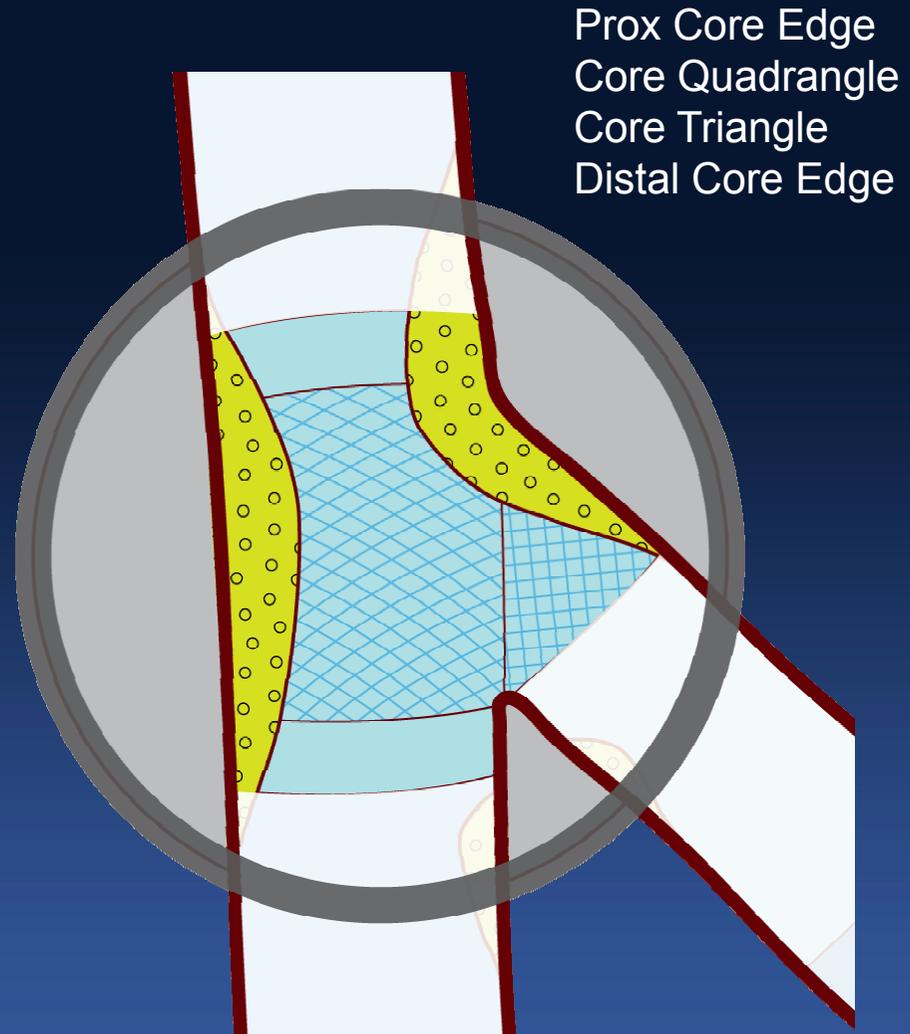
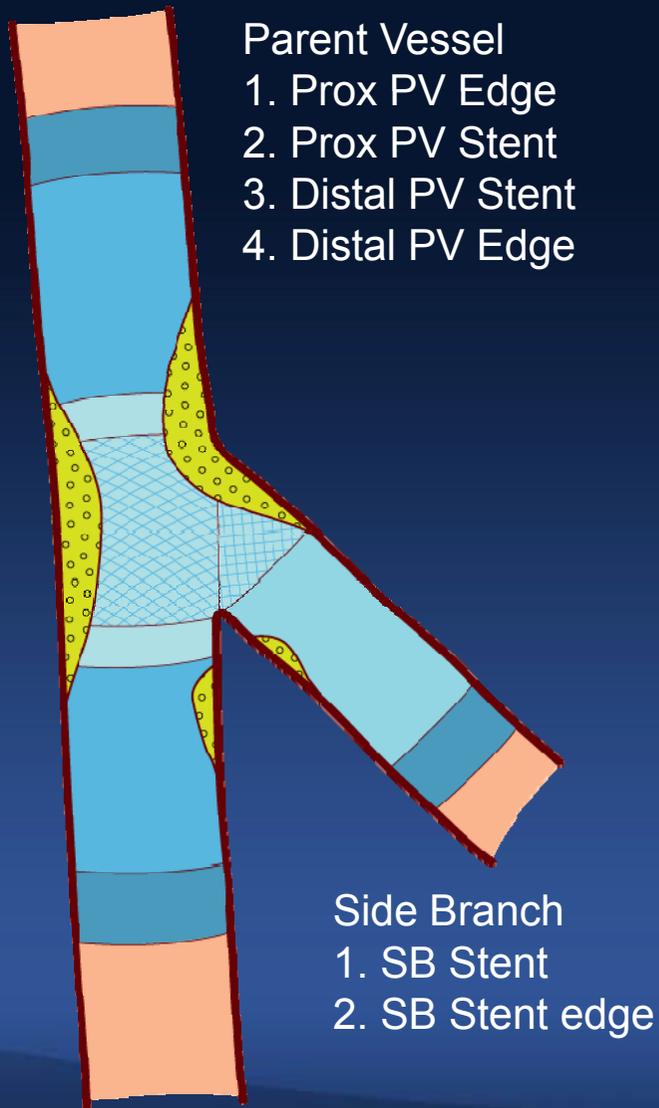
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 %A (Carina):
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0.1339 mm/pix

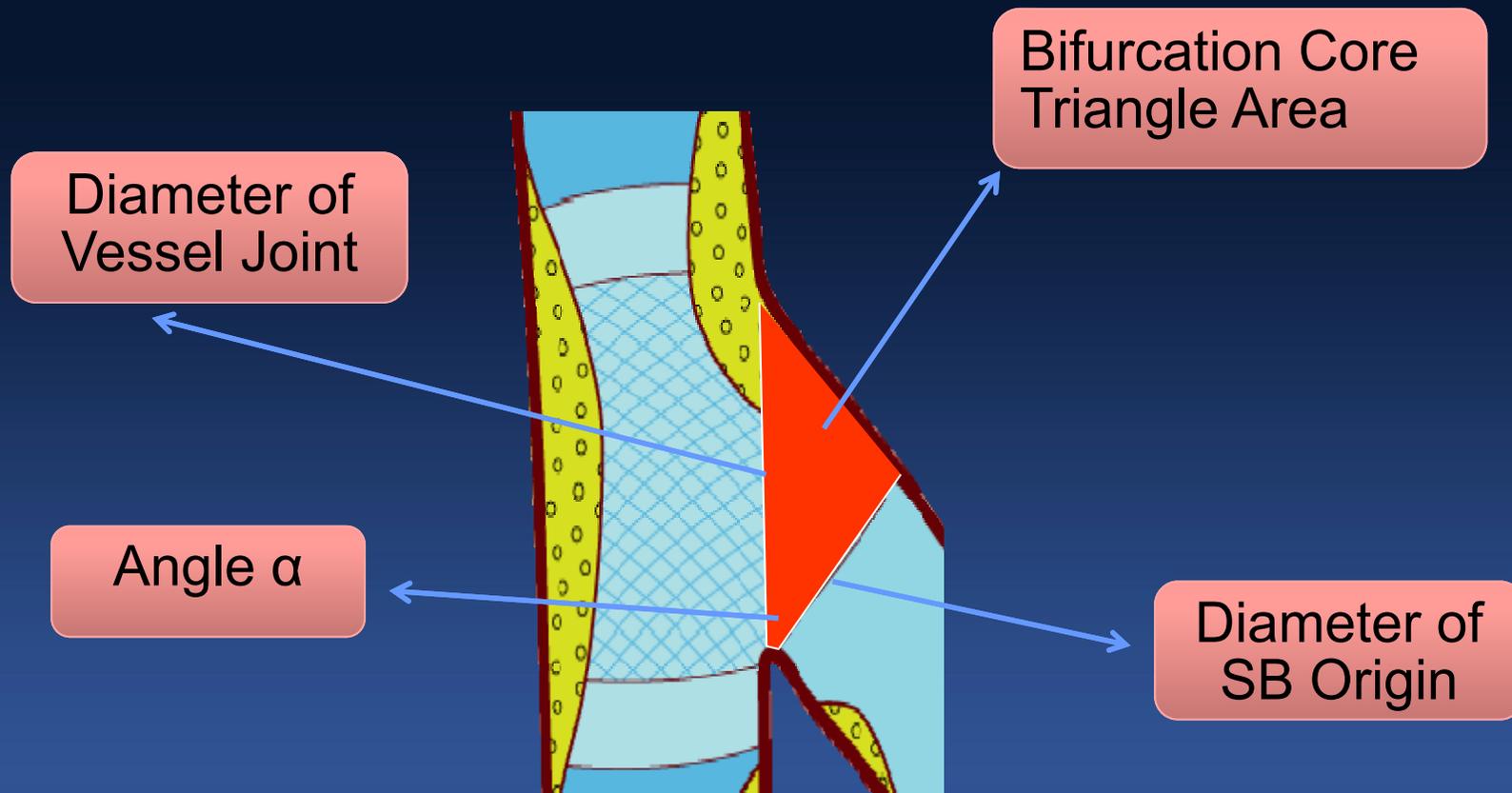
Dedicated Bifurcation Software



Bifurcation Core Analysis



Bifurcation Core Triangle as a Measure for Carina Shift, Ostial Scaffolding, and Ostial Preservation



Conclusions

- Angiography has many limitations in assessing bifurcation lesions.
- Novel QCA software is designed to accurately derive reference measures and minimal luminal diameters.
- Given the asymmetry at the MV and SB transition zone, traditional QCA miss dimensions relevant to the ostial intersection.
- Bifurcation Core area and angle measures provide ostial SB geometry changes from baseline to final treatment.
- This new QCA analysis should provide critical information to guide intervention procedures and new device development.