

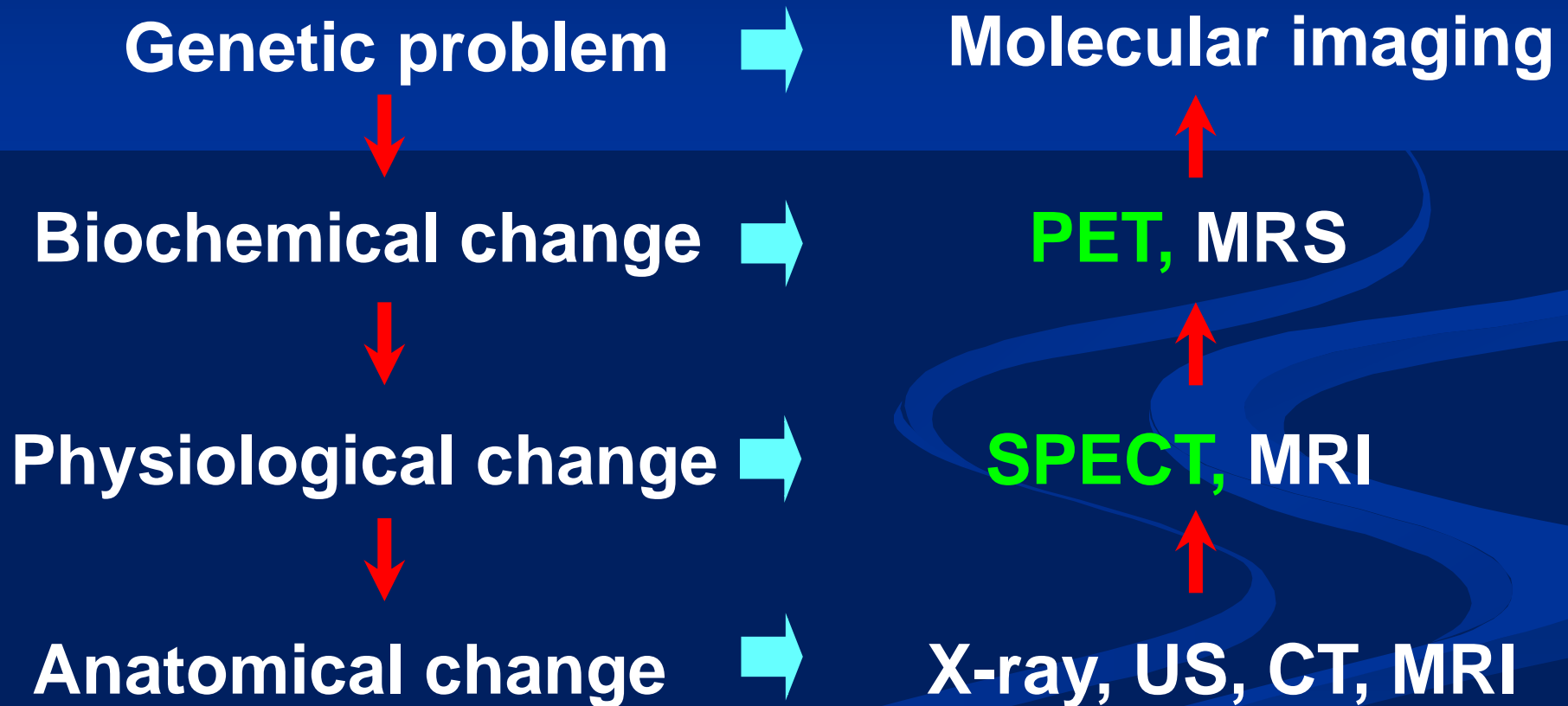
Cardiac Radionuclide Fusion Imaging with CT or MR

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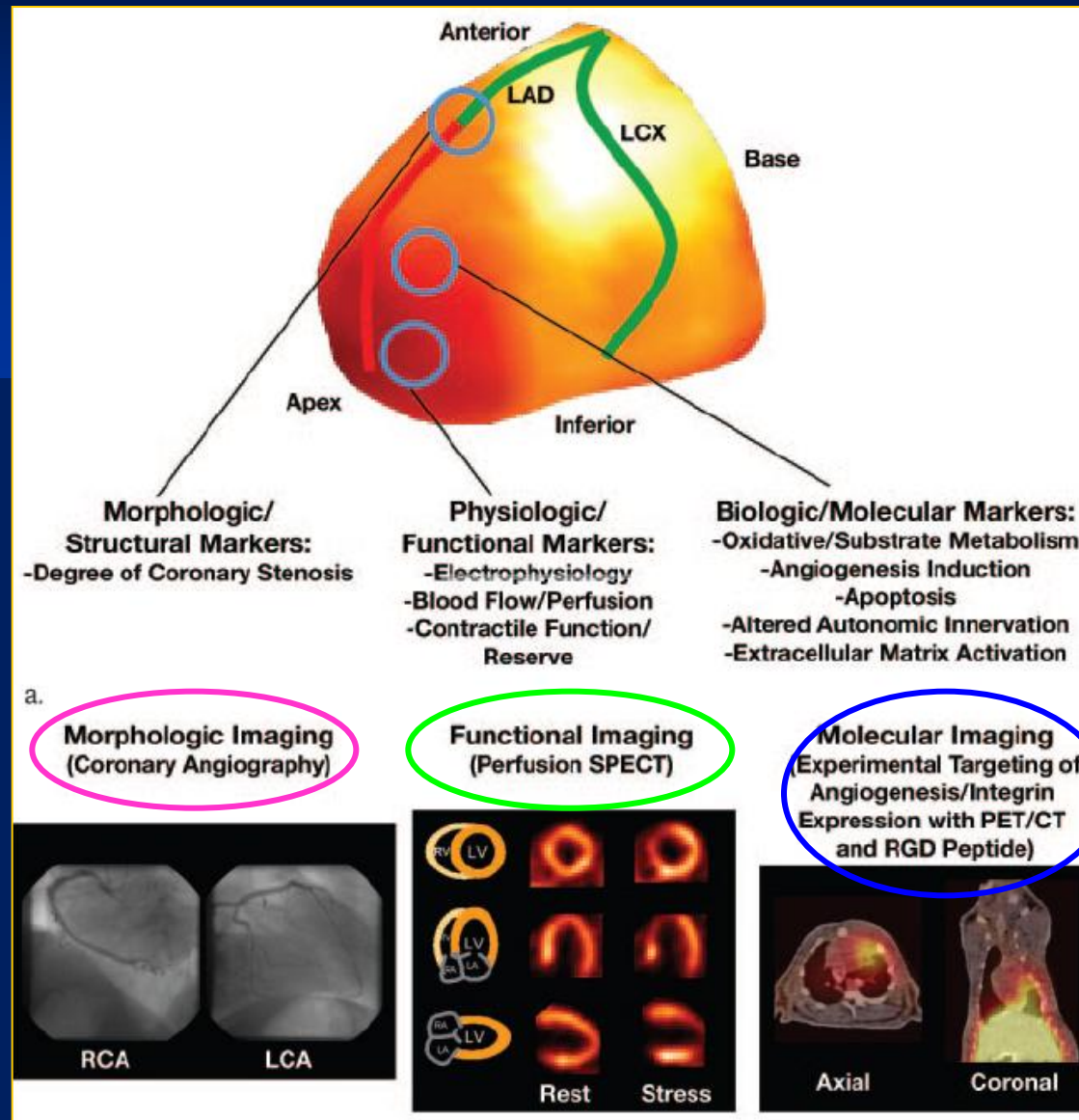
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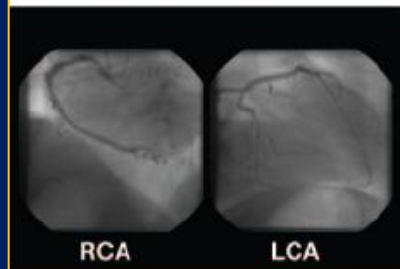
Progress of Disease and Imaging



Imaging of myocardial ischemia



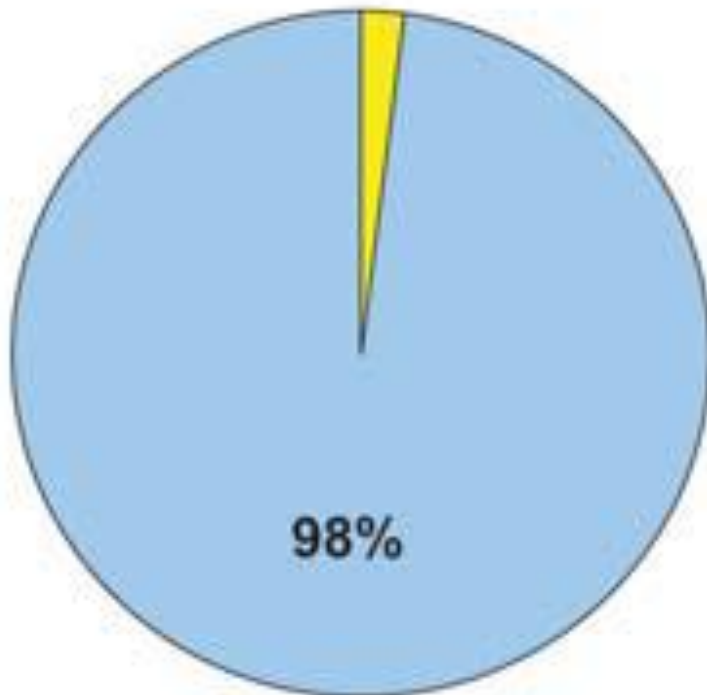
CTA



No stenosis on CTCA

n=219 arteries

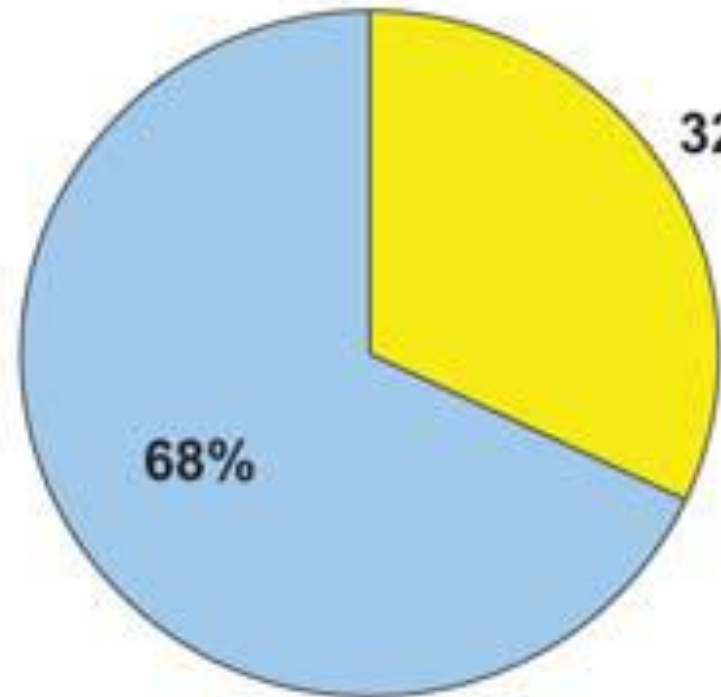
2%



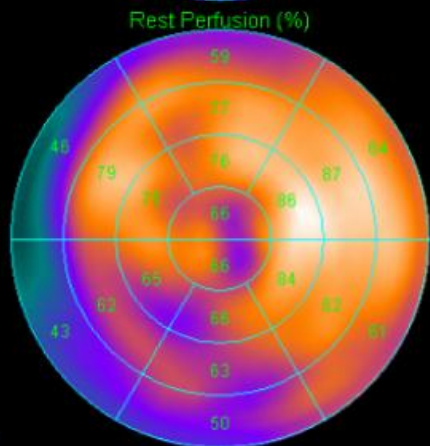
Stenosis $\geq 50\%$ on CTCA

n=91 arteries

32%

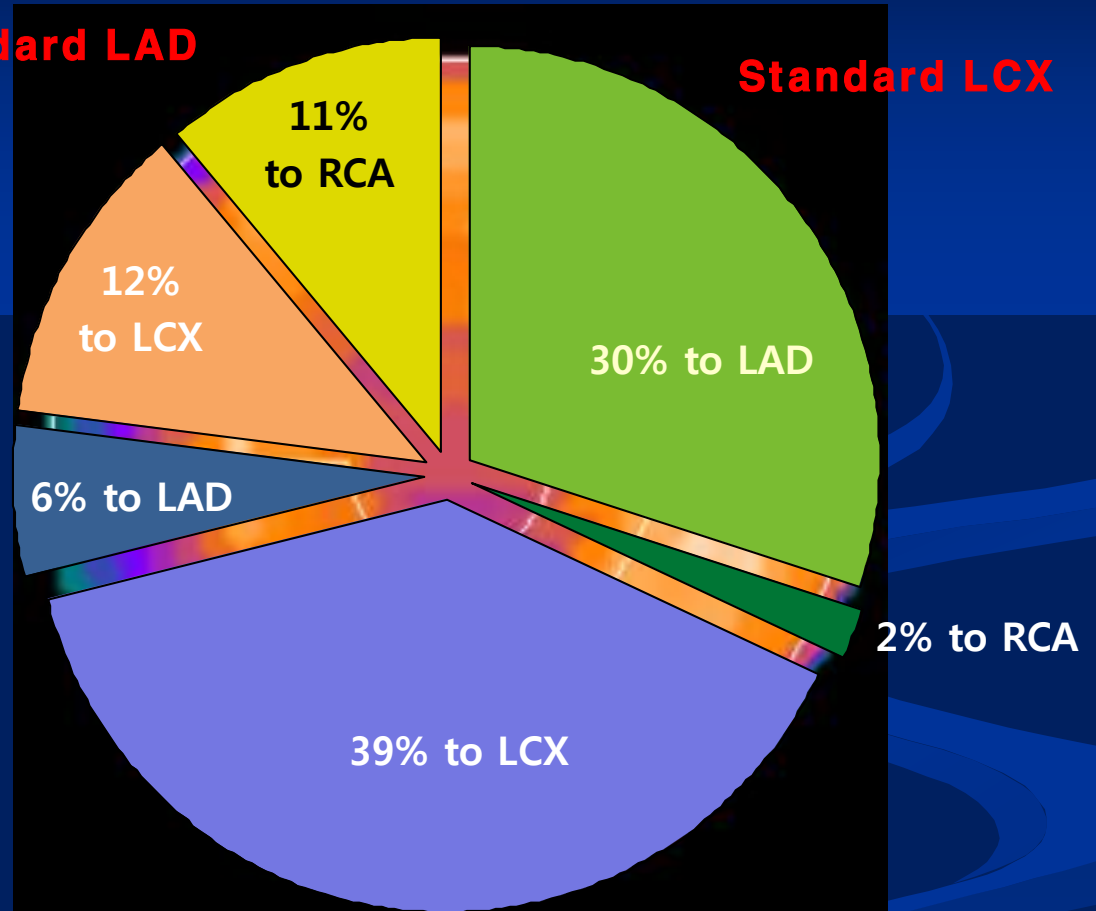


■ Normal perfusion on SPECT ■ Perfusion defect (fixed/reversible) on SPECT



Standard LAD

Standard LCX



Standard RCA

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Cardiac Hybrid Imaging

- Comprehensive imaging of cardiac function with anatomical co-registration
 - ⇒ Coronary anatomy and quantitative perfusion can be studied in a single session

- There are important limitations to myocardial perfusion imaging and CTA alone
- There is added value in the integrated approach

Myocardial Perfusion Imaging

■ Strengths

- Very high success rate
- Relative and absolute perfusion
- Stress and rest function
- Proved cost-effective
- Robust risk stratification/patient management algorithms

■ Weaknesses

- Can underestimate extent of CAD
- Anatomic information only “inferential”

CT angiography

■ Strengths

- Can visualize anatomy/ performed very quickly
- High NPV for significant CAD

■ Weaknesses

- Calcium, stents
- Need for regular rhythm and slow heart rate
- Subjective evaluation
- Distal vessels, side-branches
- Poor quality in large patients

Value Added of the fusion imaging Approach for Diagnosis of CAD

- **MPI contribution to diagnosis**
 - Improved CAD detection in vessels $< 2\text{mm}$ (mid to distal segs, and side branches)
 - Assessment of physiologic significance
- **CT contribution to diagnosis**
 - Assessment of multivessel CAD
- **Fusion imaging contribution to diagnosis**
 - Identification of culprit coronary stenosis for targeted interventions

Value Added of the fusion imaging Approach for Risk Assessment

- MPI contribution to diagnosis
 - Ischemic burden
- CT contribution to diagnosis
 - Multi-VD
 - Subclinical atherosclerosis

Cardiac Hybrid Imaging

- Myocardial perfusion SPECT + CTA
- N-13 ammonia or Rb-82 PET + CTA
- F-18 FDG PET + CTA

- CardIQ Fusion software
 - Advantage workstation 4.4; GE Healthcare

CardIQ Fusion process (GE healthcare)

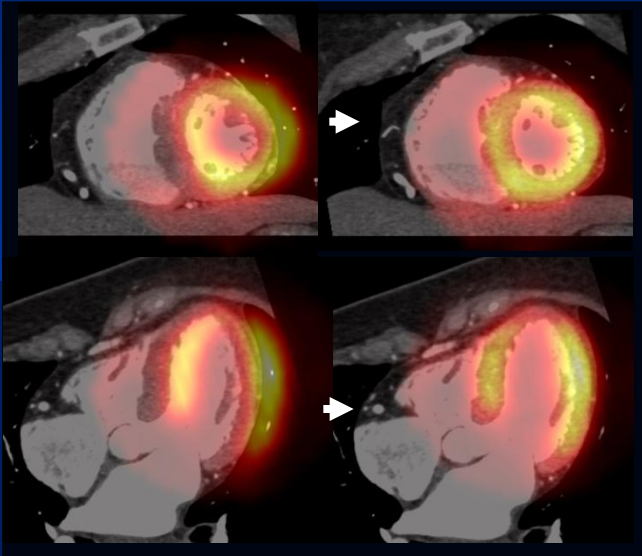
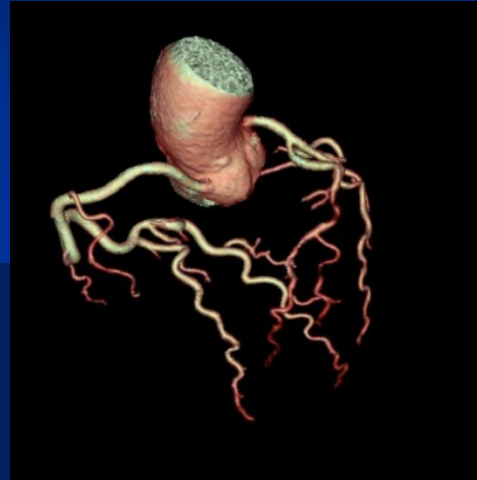
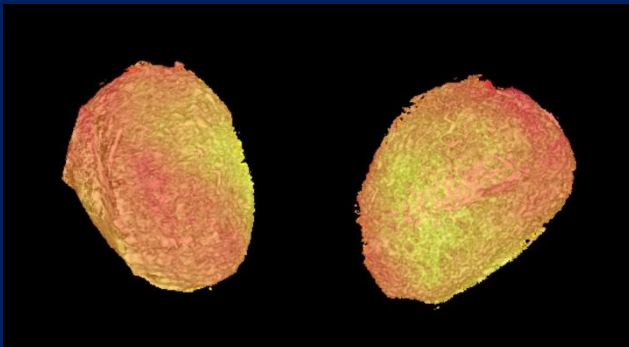


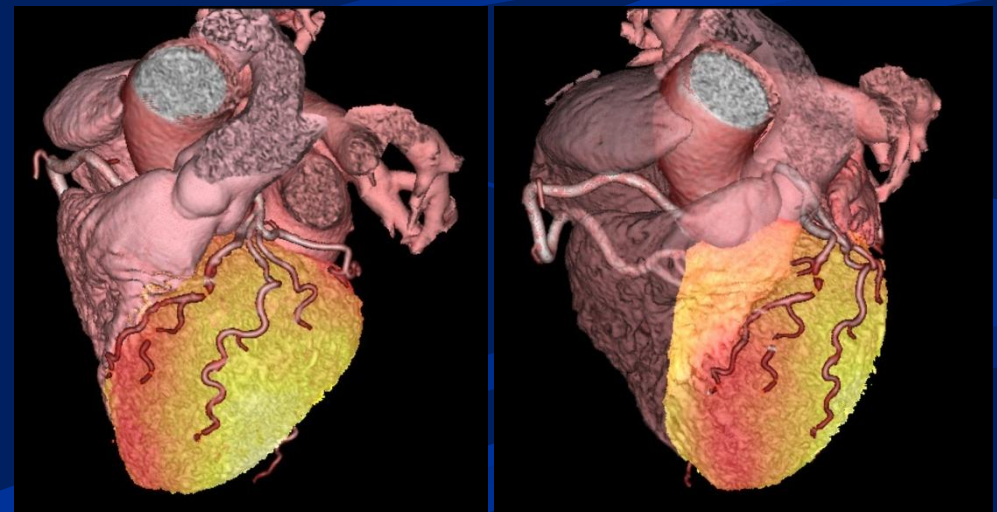
Image coregistration



Coronary artery segmentation



Epicardial segmentation



3-dimensional volume rendered fusion

Added value of 3D cardiac SPECT/CTA fusion imaging in patients with reversible perfusion defect on MPS (CIFKoMS)

3D cardiac SPECT/CTA fusion imaging

vs

MPS

Sensitivity : 82.5%

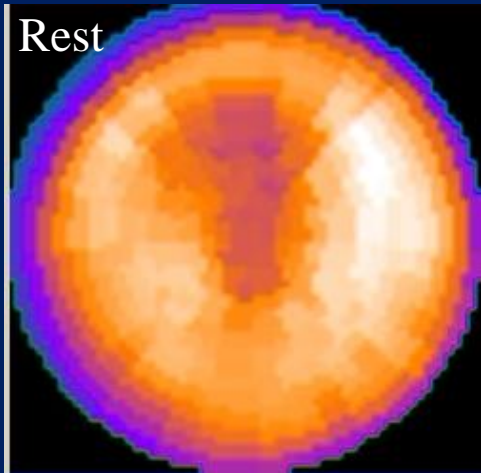
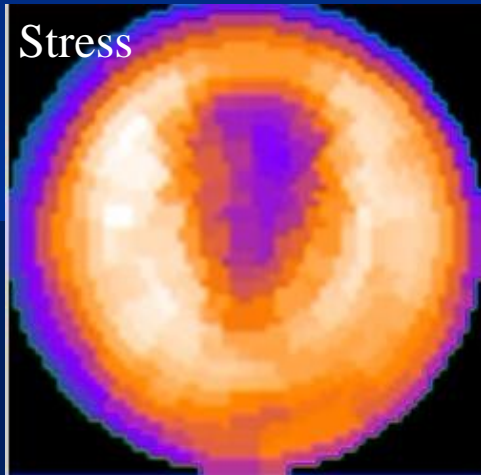
Specificity : 80.3%

Sensitivity : 68.8%

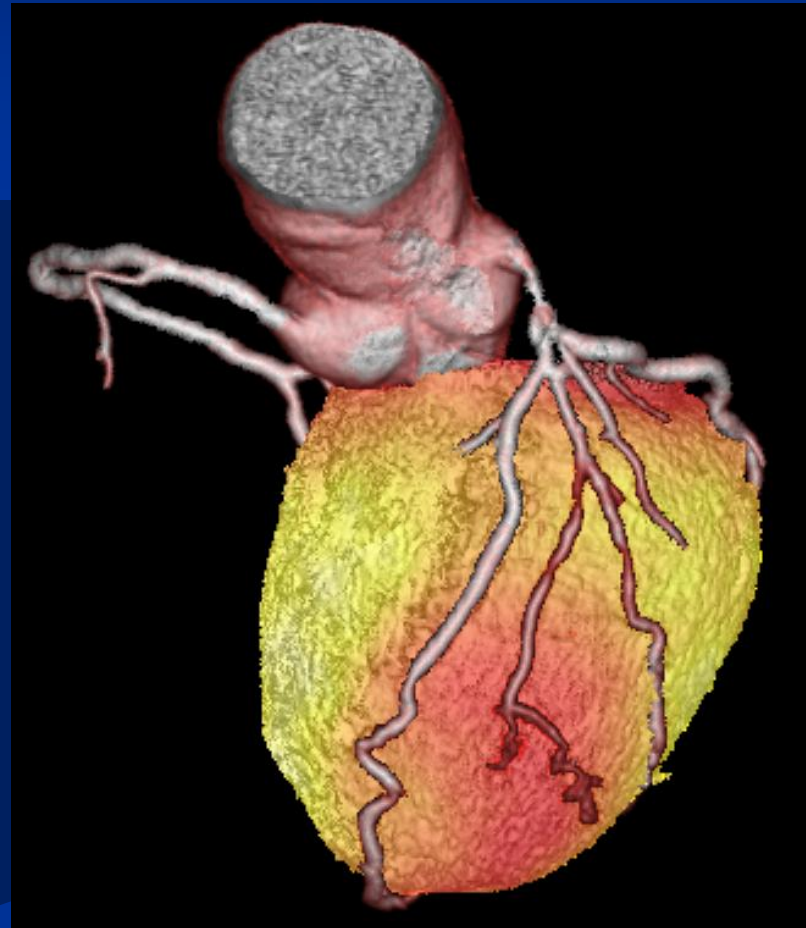
Specificity : 65.6%

- 1) Confirmed hemodynamic significance in many lesions
- 2) Added new lesions including left main disease
- 3) Excluded equivocal defects
- 4) Corrected corresponding arteries to their allocated defects
- 5) Localized culprit segments

Added left main disease

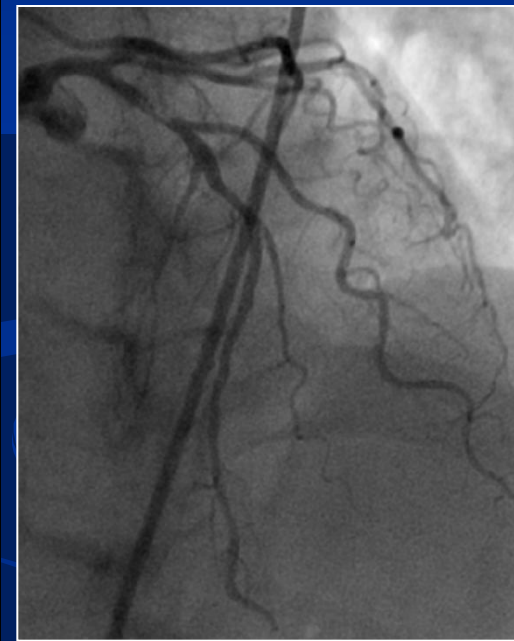
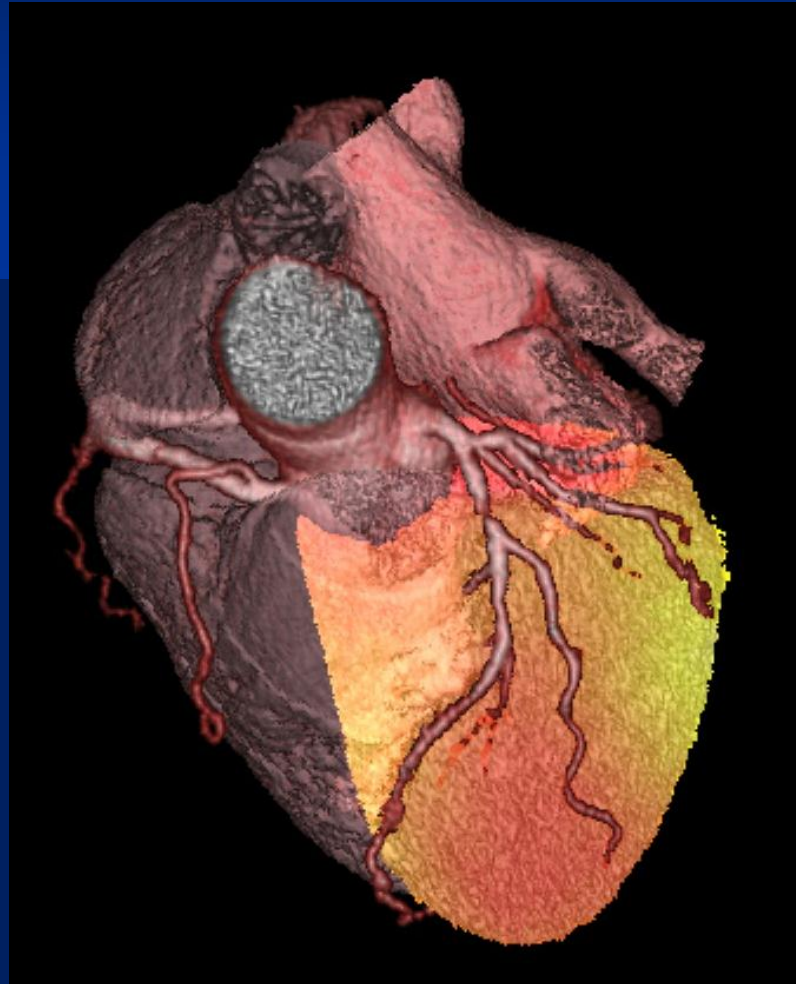


Tc-99m MIBI MPS

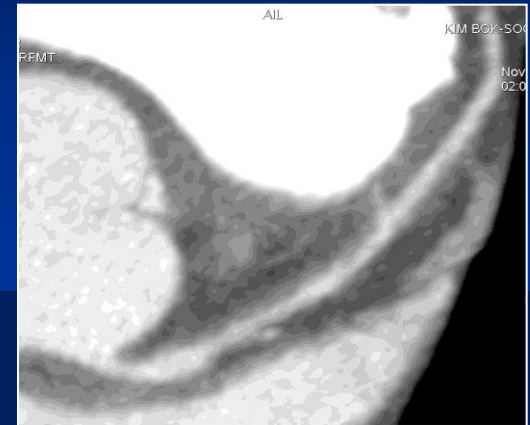
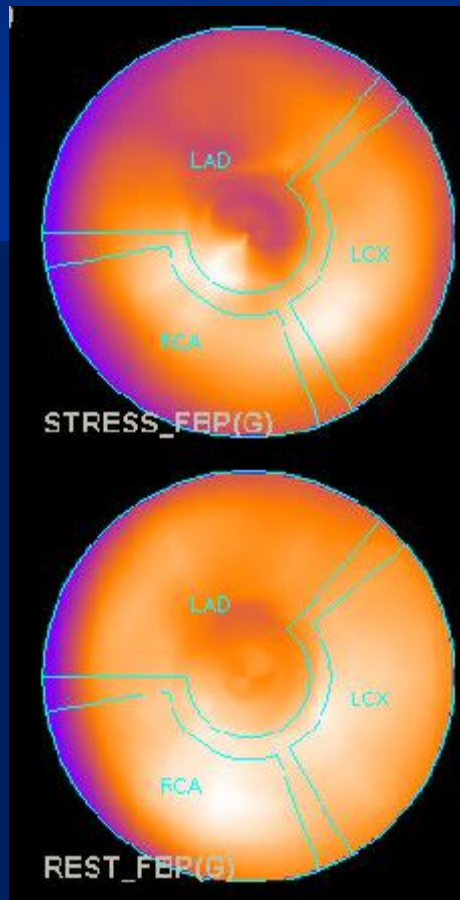
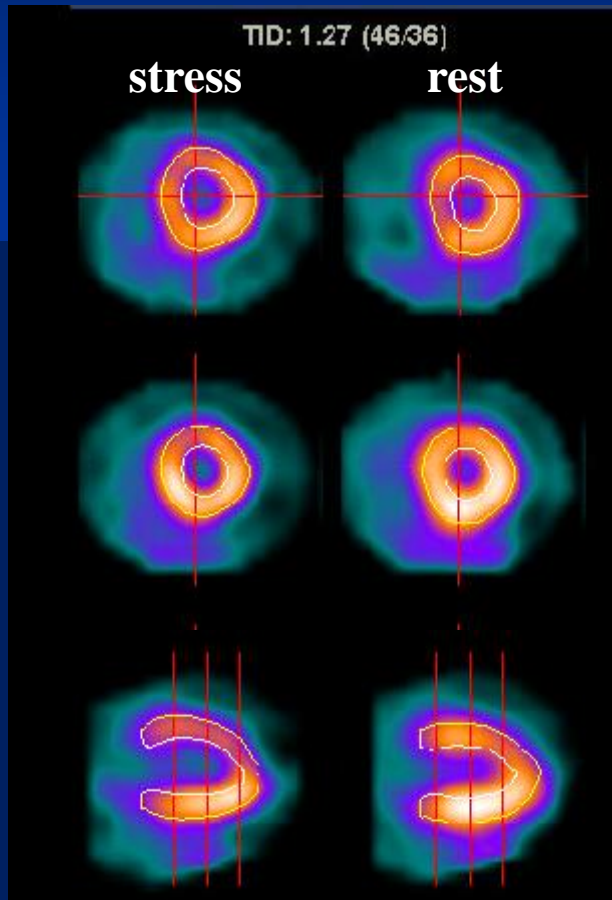


Cardiac MPS/CTA fusion imaging

LAD stenosis: corresponding ischemia

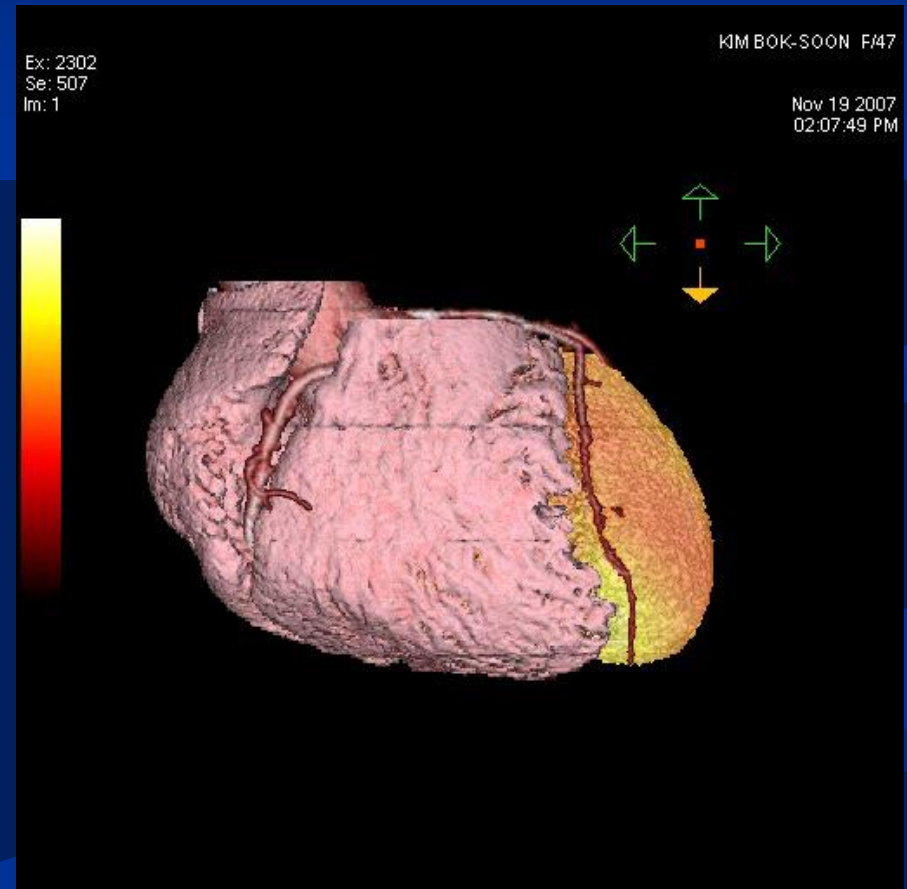


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Ischemia due to RI

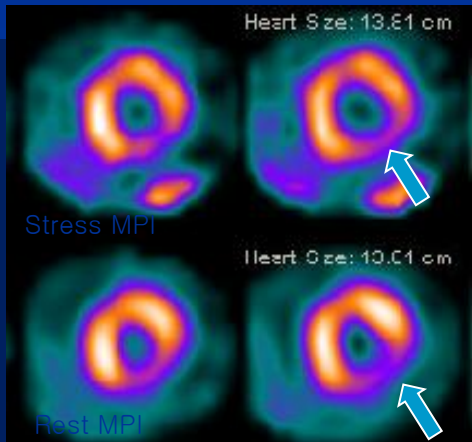


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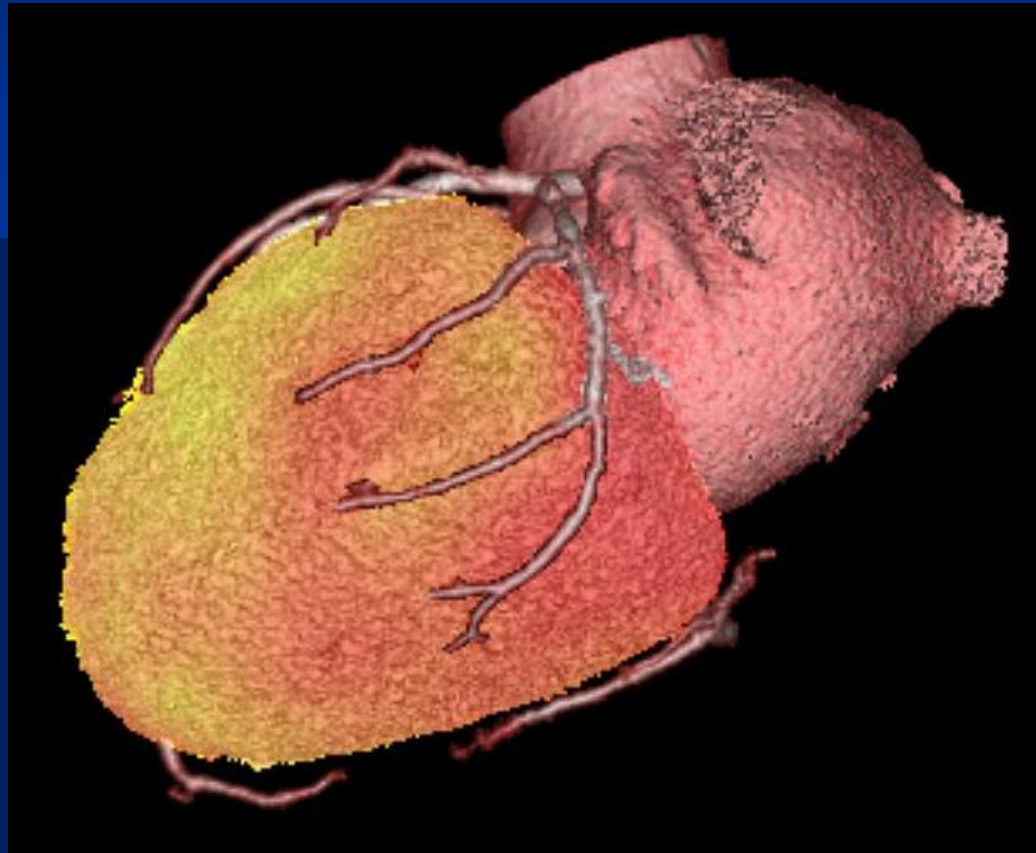


Cardiac MPS/CTA fusion imaging

Allocation of ischemia due to LCX

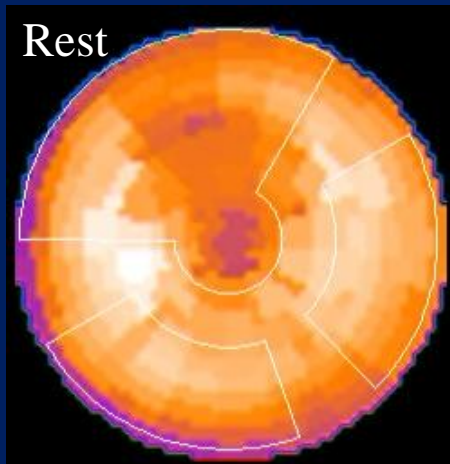
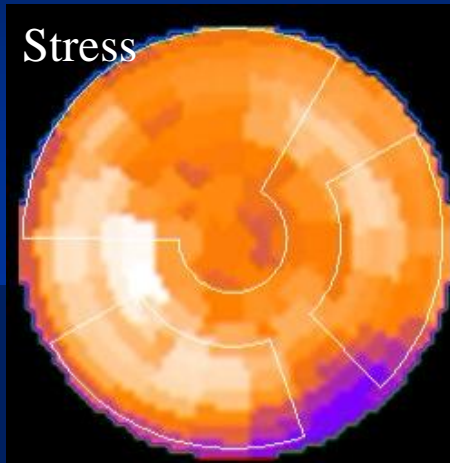


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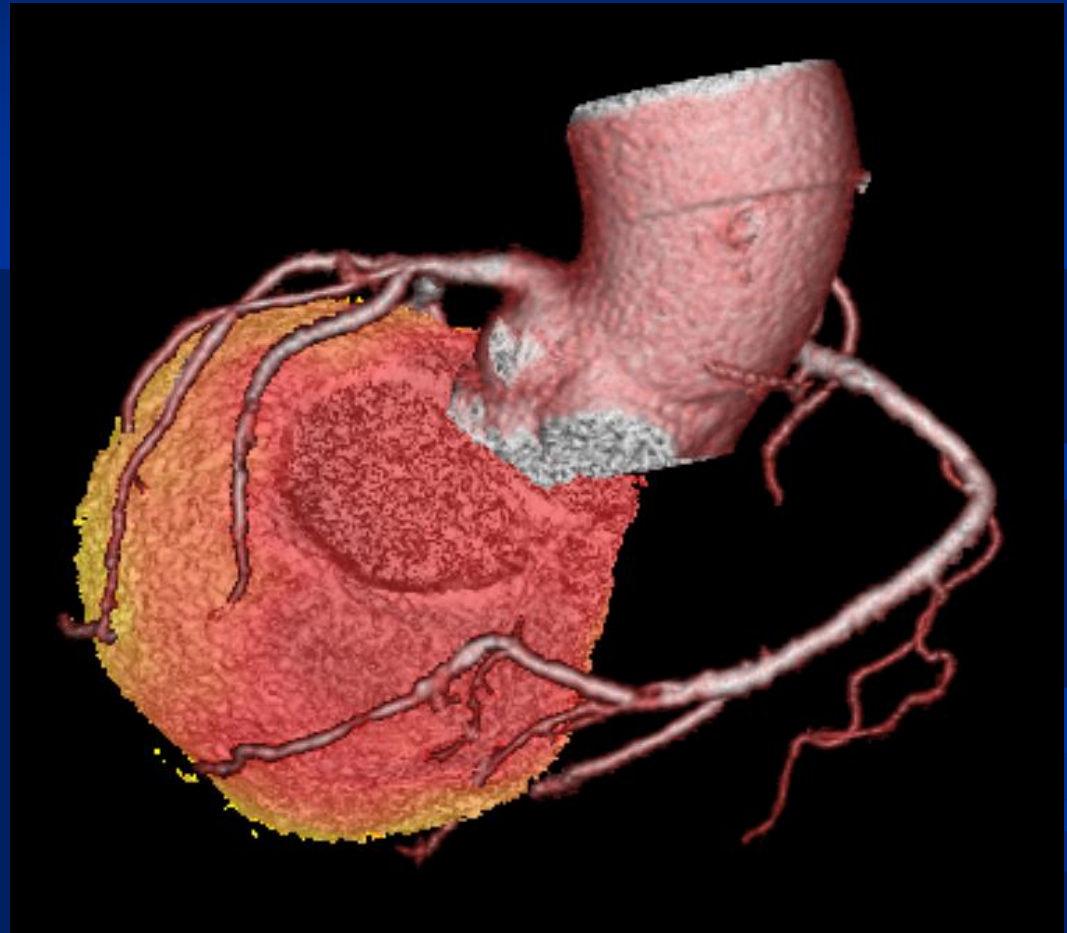


Cardiac MPS/CTA fusion imaging

Allocation of ischemia due to PLB

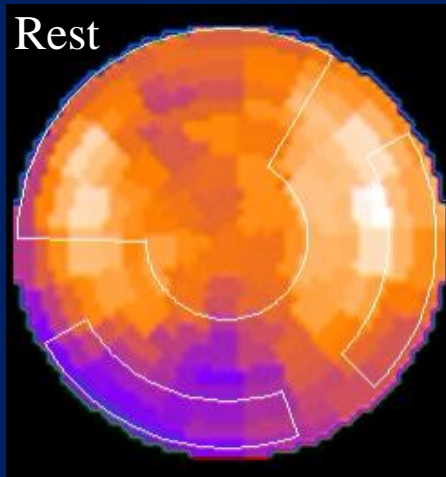
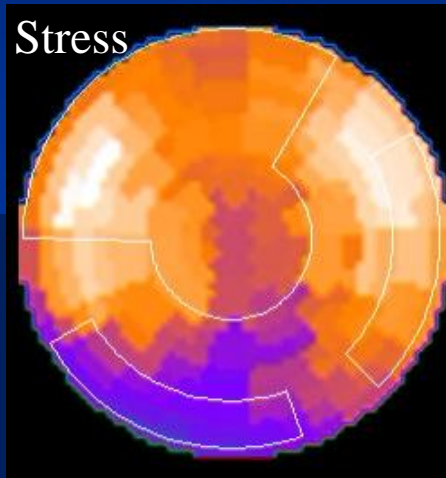


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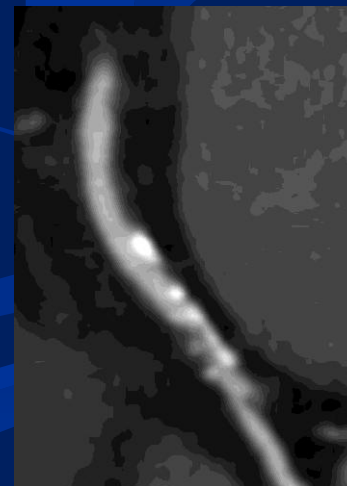
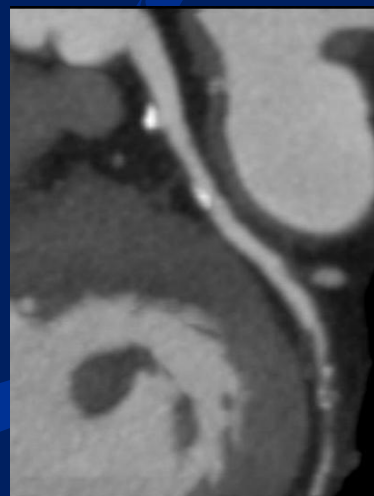
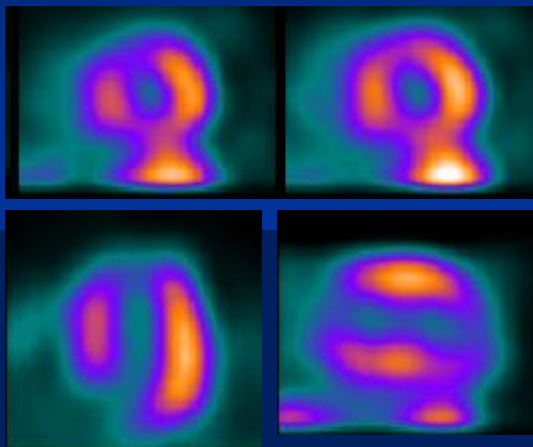


Cardiac MPS/CTA fusion imaging

Allocation of ischemia due to LCX - Left dominant



MPS/CTA fusion imaging: most helpful in multi-vessel disease with intermediate lesion severity



Tc-99m MIBI MPS

Cardiac MPS/CTA fusion image



Table 1 Diagnostic accuracy of cardiac hybrid imaging (SPECT/CTCA and PET/CTCA) (Vessel-based analysis)

Author	Hybrid system	n	Gold standard (definition of significant CAD)	Sens	Spec	PPV	NPV
Namdar <i>et al.</i> ⁴²	¹³ N-NH ₃ PET/4-slice CTCA	25	Flow-limiting coronary stenoses requiring revascularization (ICA + PET)	90	98	82	99
Rispler <i>et al.</i> ⁴³	SPECT/16-slice CTCA	56	Flow-limiting coronary stenoses (>50% stenosis on ICA + SPECT pos.)	96	95	77	99
Groves <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁴	⁸² Rb PET/64-slice CTCA	33	>50% stenosis on ICA	88	100	97	99
Sato <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁵	SPECT/64-slice CTCA ^a	130	>50% stenosis on ICA	94	92	85	97
Kajander <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁶	¹⁵ O-H ₂ O PET/64-slice CTCA	107	Flow-limiting coronary stenosis (>50% stenosis of ICA + FFR)	93	99	96	99

n denotes the number of patients in each study; SPECT, single photon emission computed tomography; CTCA, CT coronary angiography; PET, positron emission tomography; CAD, coronary artery disease; Sens, sensitivity; Spec, specificity; PPV, positive predictive value; NPV, negative predictive value; ICA, invasive coronary angiography; FFR, fractional flow reserve.

^aHybrid SPECT/CTCA only applied for non-evaluable arteries on CTCA (14%).

Table 2 Incremental clinical value of fused hybrid imaging compared to the side-by-side analysis

Author	Hybrid system	Patient population	Incremental value of fused hybrid imaging
Gaemperli <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁷	SPECT/64-slice CTCA and 3D image fusion	38 patients with ≥ 1 SPECT defects	Modification of initial interpretation in 29% of patients In equivocal lesions, haemodynamic relevance could be confirmed in 35% and excluded in 25%
Santana <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁸	16- and 64-slice CTCA and MPI (SPECT or ⁸² Rb PET)	50 patients with suspected CAD	Modification of initial interpretation in 28% of patients Trend towards increased sensitivity (by 17%) in patients with multivessel disease
Slomka <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁹	Motion-frozen SPECT/64-slice CTCA (automatic coregistration)	35 patients with suspected CAD	Improved diagnostic performance in RCA- and LCX-territories

SPECT denotes single photon emission computed tomography; CTCA, CT coronary angiography; MPI, myocardial perfusion imaging; PET, positron emission tomography; CAD, coronary artery disease.

Table 3 Incremental clinical value of hybrid imaging in the diagnosis of coronary artery disease

Improved diagnostic performance to detect CAD compared with SPECT or CTCA alone

Allows to identify flow-limiting coronary lesions ('culprit lesions') requiring revascularization (particularly in the RCA- and LCX-territory and with multivessel disease)

Adds diagnostic information in approximately one-third of patients

Provides independent prognostic information through combination of morphological and functional criteria

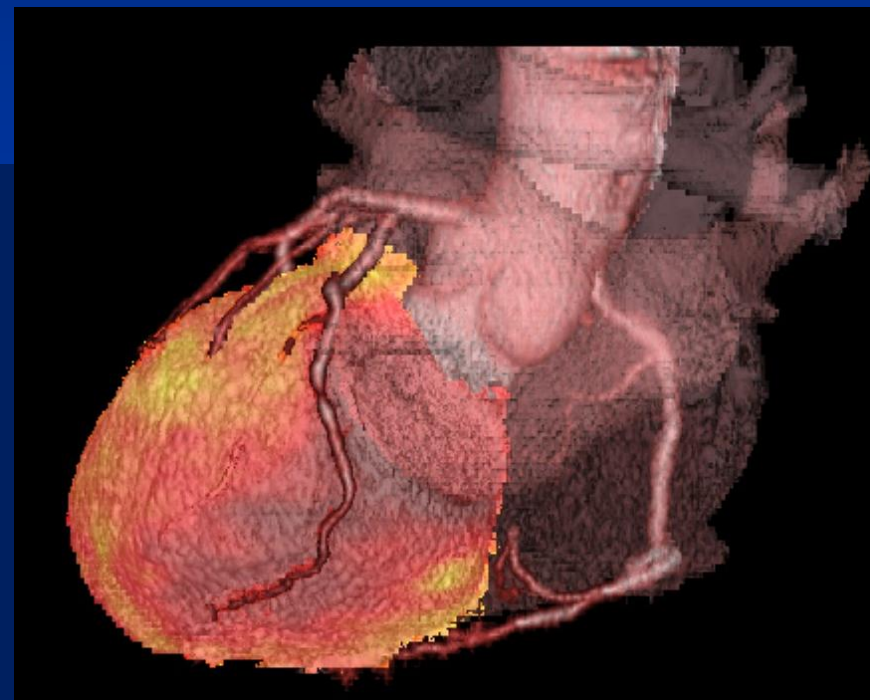
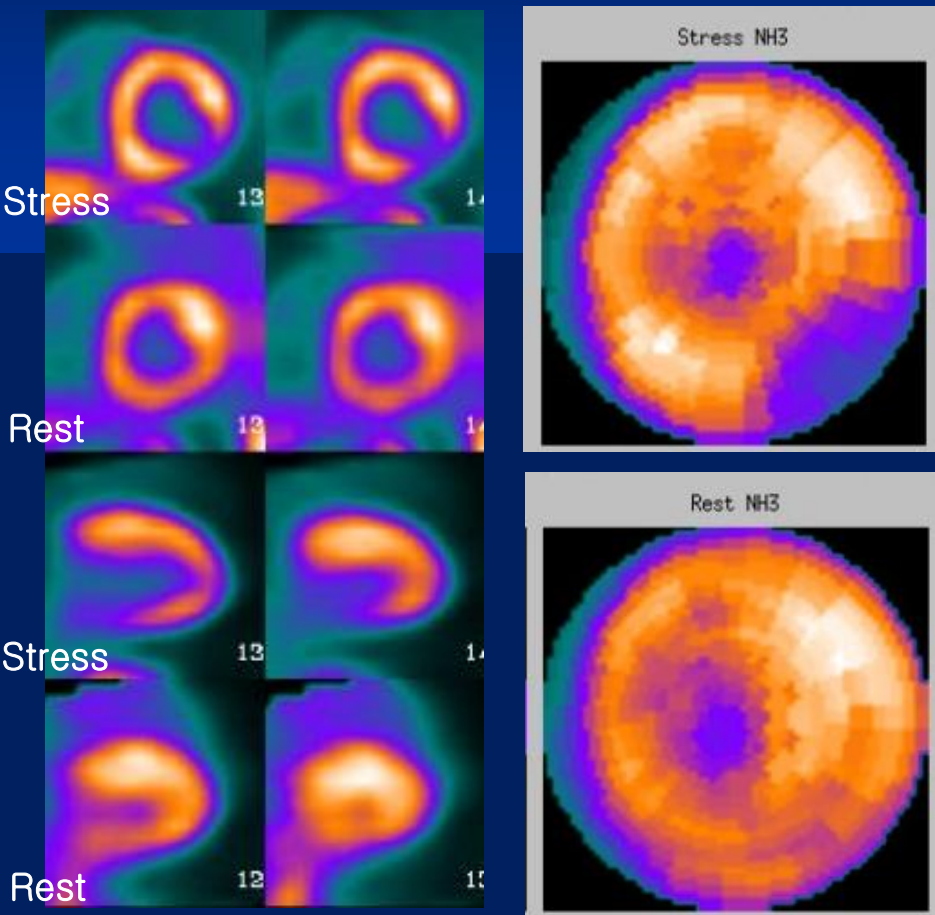
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N-13 ammonia PET/CTA fusion imaging : allocation of ischemia due to LCX

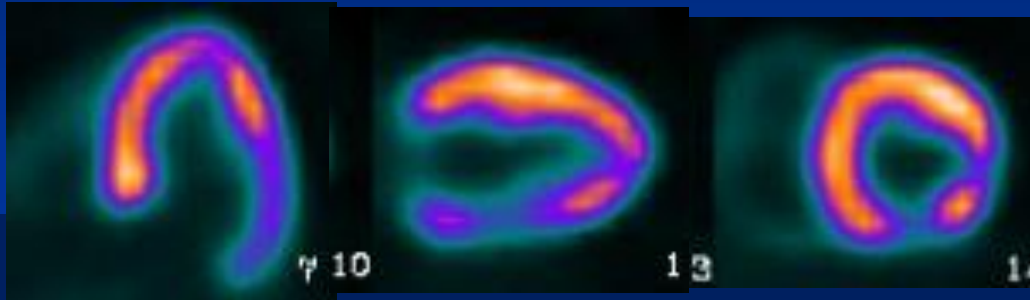
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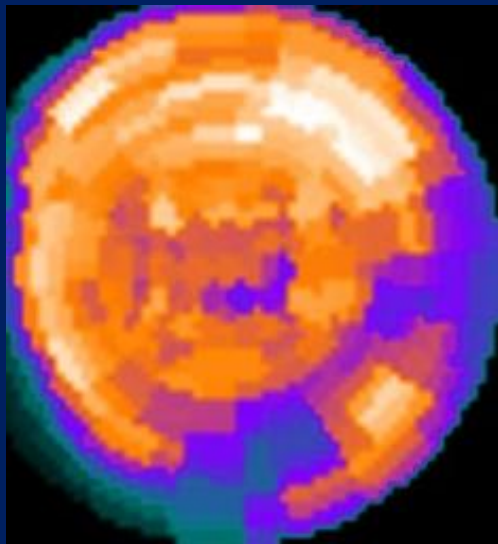
3D cardiac N-13 ammonia/CTA
fusion imaging

Adenosine stress/rest N-13 ammonia PET

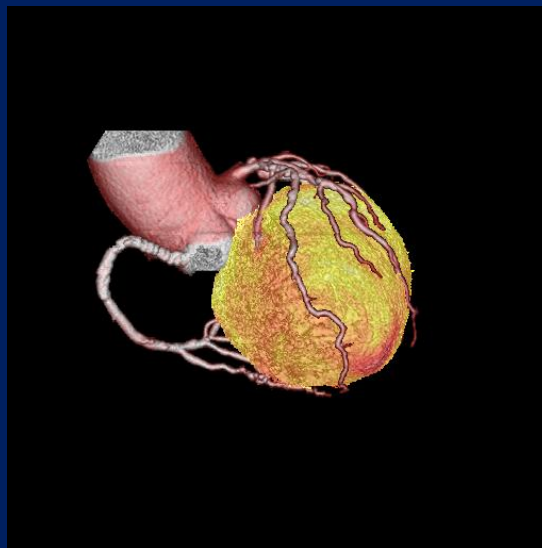
3D cardiac FDG/CTA fusion imaging



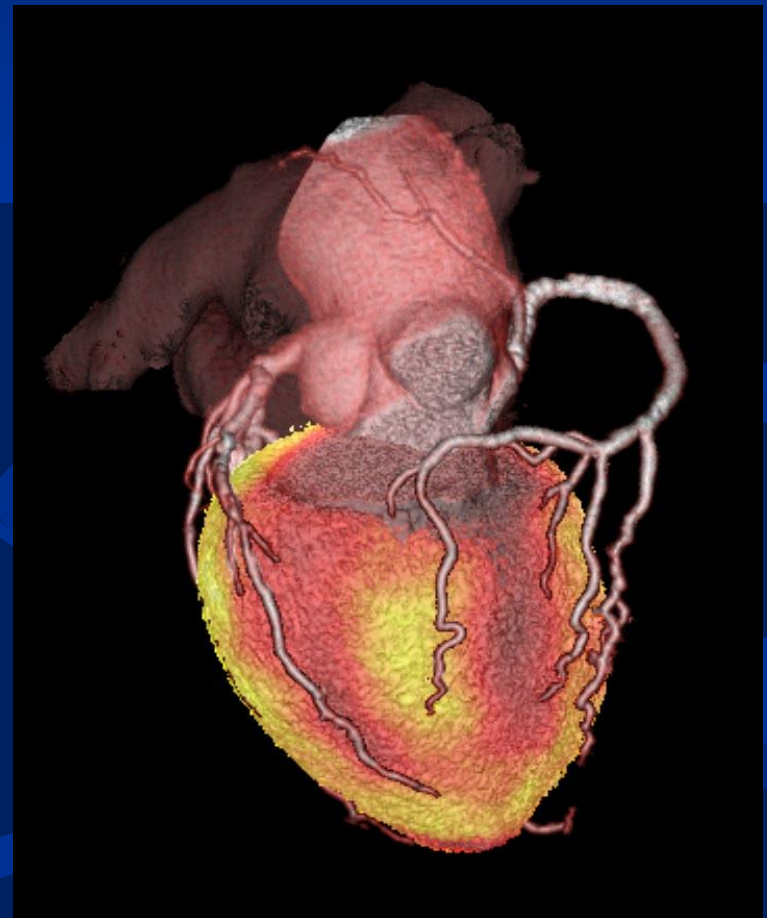
F-18 FDG myocardial PET



Polar map of FDG PET

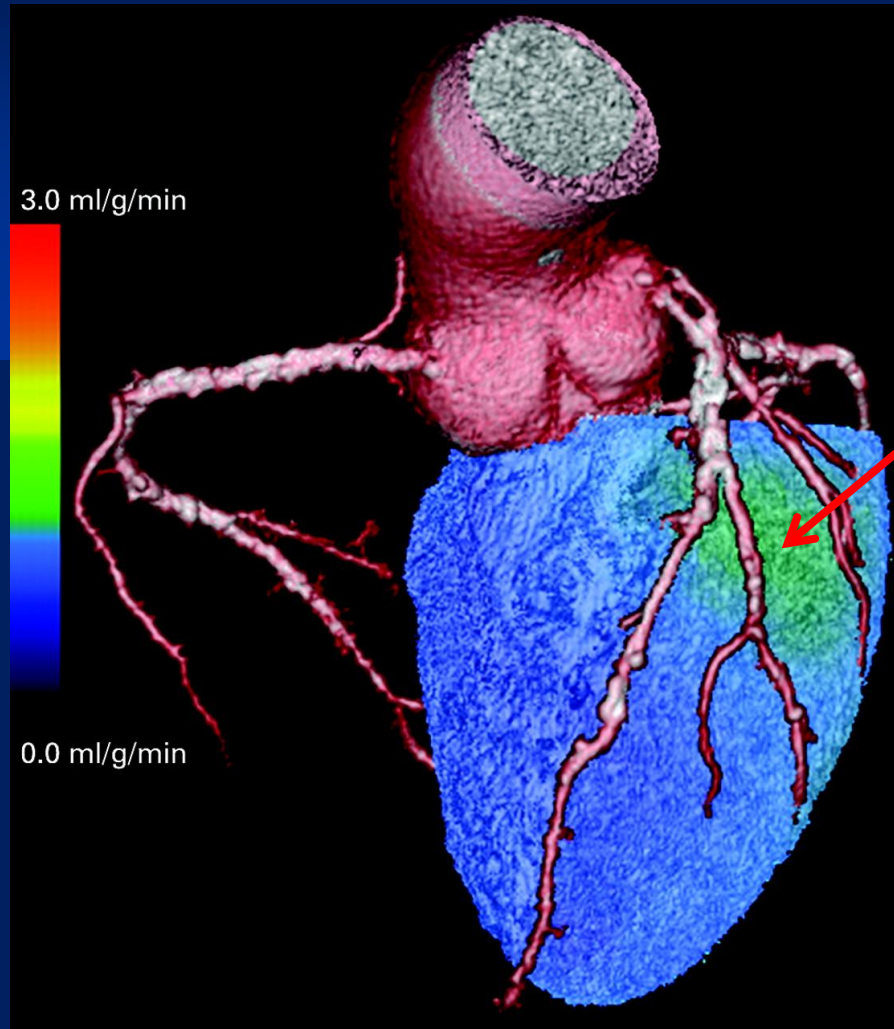


3D-Cardiac FDG/CTA fusion image

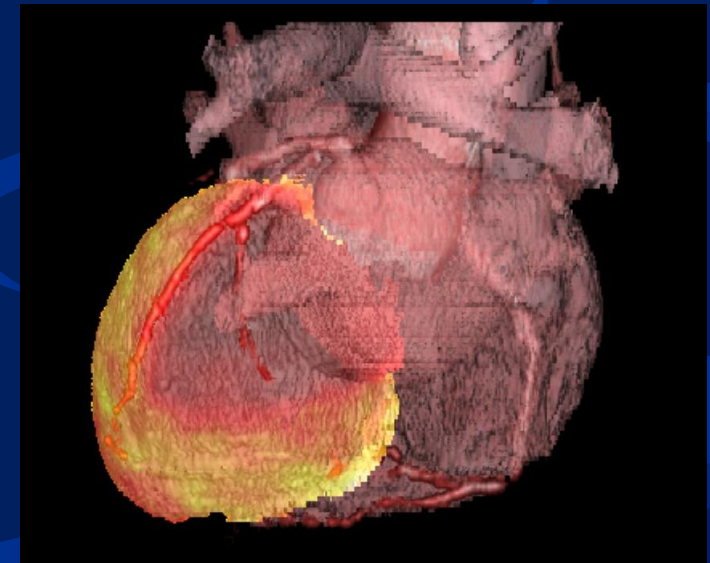


Clinical application of PET/CT

^{15}O -water parametric PET/CT hybrid image



MBF
1.3 ml/g/min



CTA + adenosine stress Perfusion

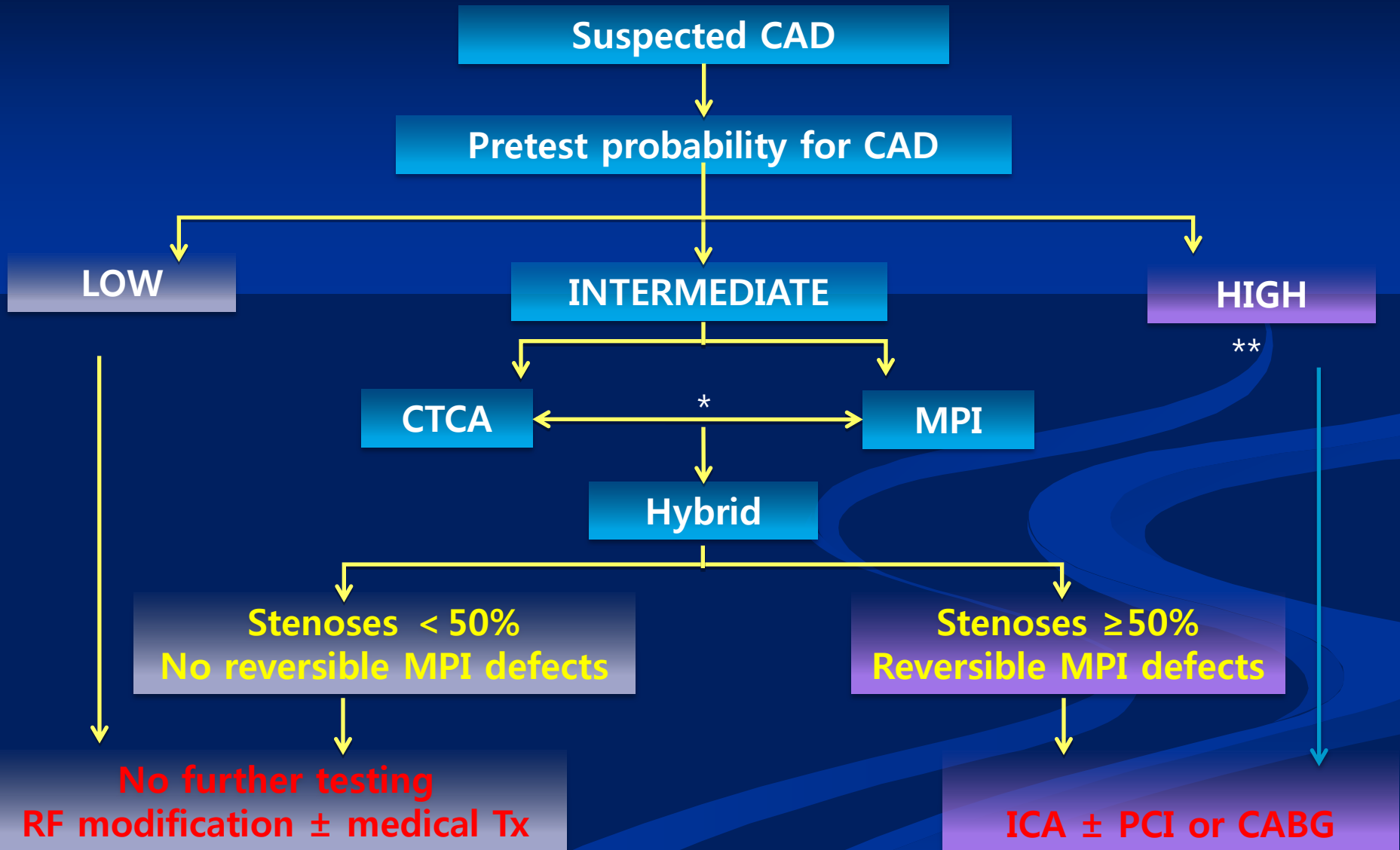
$^{13}\text{NH}_3$ PET/CT hybrid image

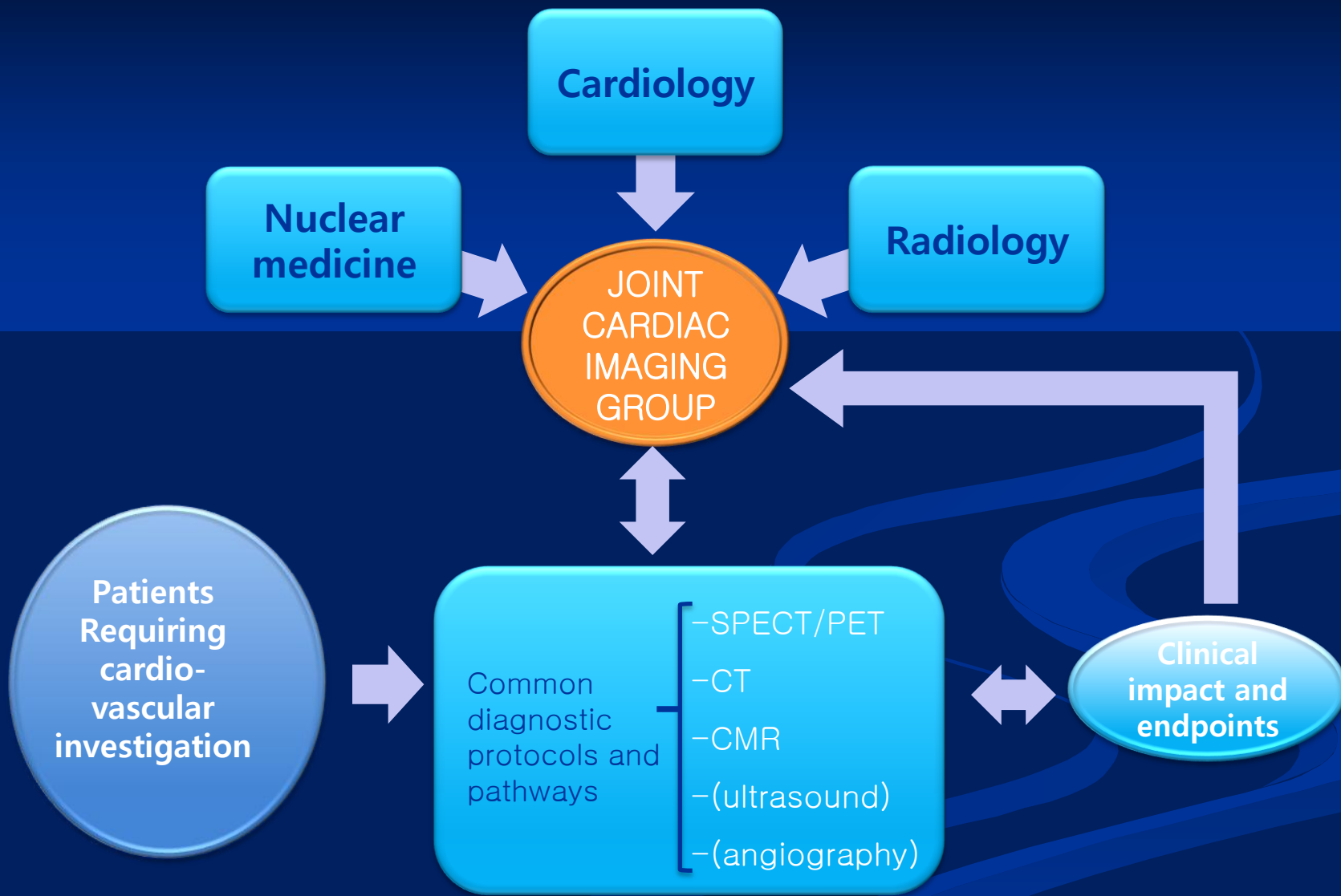
Advances in Cardiac Imaging

- Anatomic assessment
 - Plaque morphology
- Physiologic assessment
 - Flow quantification
 - Biologic properties of pathologic processes

■ Together, **HYBRID IMAGING**, very exciting new developments in coronary imaging

Clinical algorithm for the use of hybrid imaging





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Table 4 Estimated effective radiation dose from cardiac diagnostic imaging

Protocol	Injected activity (MBq) ^a	Effective dose (mSv)
^{99m} Tc sestamibi 1-day stress/rest	350/1000	11.3
^{99m} Tc sestamibi 2-day stress/rest	950/950	15.7
^{99m} Tc tetrofosmin 1-day stress/rest	320/960	9.3
^{99m} Tc tetrofosmin 2-day stress/rest	950/950	12.8
²⁰¹ Tl stress/redistribution	130	22.0
²⁰¹ Tl stress/reinjection	55/110	31.4
⁸² Rb stress/rest ⁷²	1850/1850	4.6
¹³ N-NH ₃ stress/rest	550/550	2.4
¹⁵ O-H ₂ O stress/rest	1100/1100	2.5
¹⁸ F-fluorodeoxyglucose (viability)	350	7.0
CAC-scan (prospective ECG-triggering) ⁷³		1.0
CAC-scan (retrospective ECG-triggering) ⁷³		3.0
4-slice CTCA (without tube current modulation)		6.7–13.0
4-slice CTCA (with tube current modulation)		2.5–6.2
16-slice CTCA (without tube current modulation)		4.9–20.6
16-slice CTCA (with tube current modulation)		4.3–8.1
64-slice CTCA (without tube current modulation)		8.0–21.4
64-slice CTCA (with tube current modulation)		7.0–14.0
64-slice CTCA (prospective ECG-triggering) ³⁰		2.1
320-slice CTCA (prospective ECG-triggering) ⁷⁴		6.8
2 × 128-slice (dual source), high pitch spiral-CTCA ⁵⁸		0.9
Diagnostic coronary angiography		2.3–22.7