

# Advance Technology in Vascular Imaging

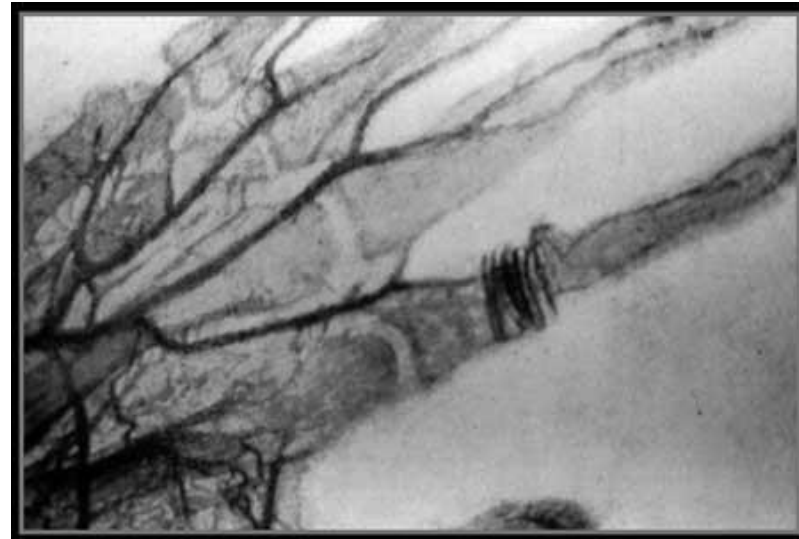
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GE Healthcare

## Some history....

- The first angiogram was performed only months after Roentgen's discovery
- Which was when?
- Two physicians injected chalk or mercury salts into an amputated hand
- and created an image of the arteries



- Post-mortem injection of mercury compounds, January 1896

## Modalities

which demonstrate the vasculature to a greater or less degree

- CT
- MRI (MRA)
- Ultrasound (particularly Doppler)
- Nuclear Medicine
- are all used to image vessels and each has its advantages and disadvantages
- Vessel imaging is a constantly evolving area.

# Refresher (basic concept)

- Contrast Administration

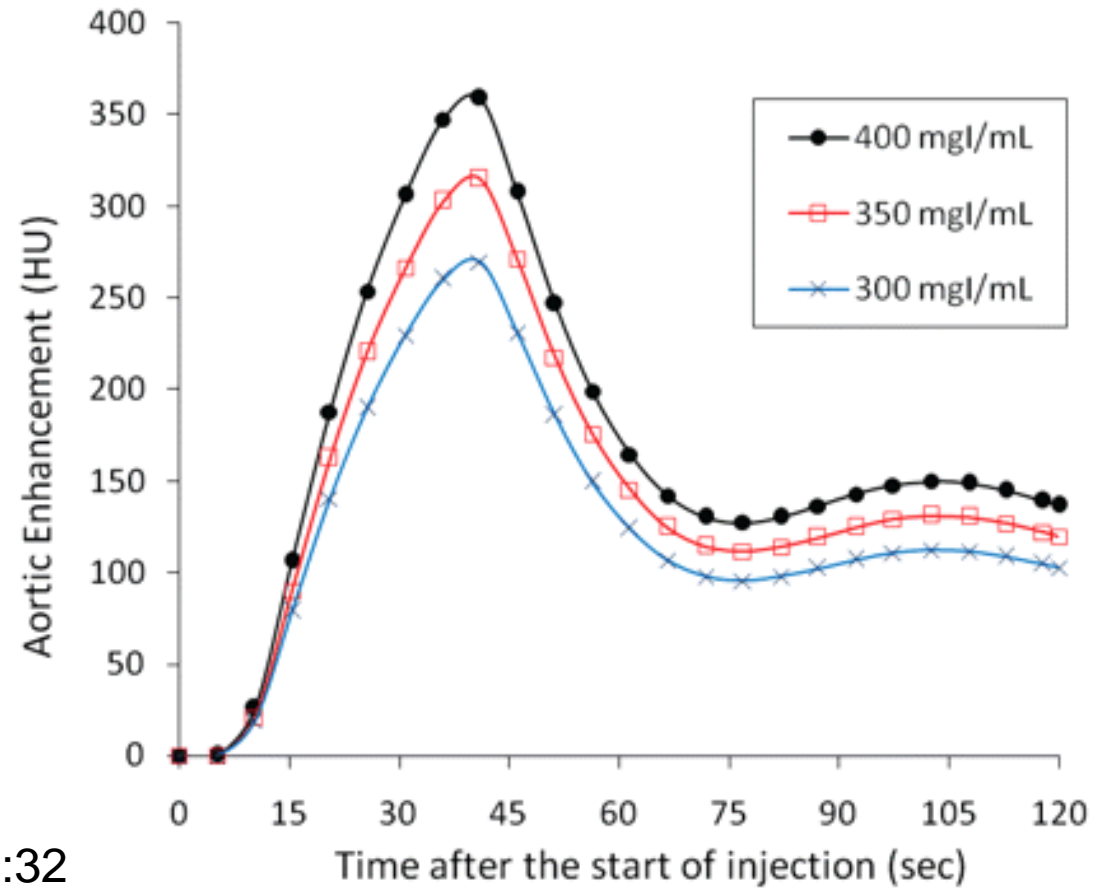
To achieve arterial enhancement generally it is proportional to the iodine administration rate i.e:

1. Iodine concentration
2. Flow rate (mL/s)
3. Longer injection duration (larger volume)

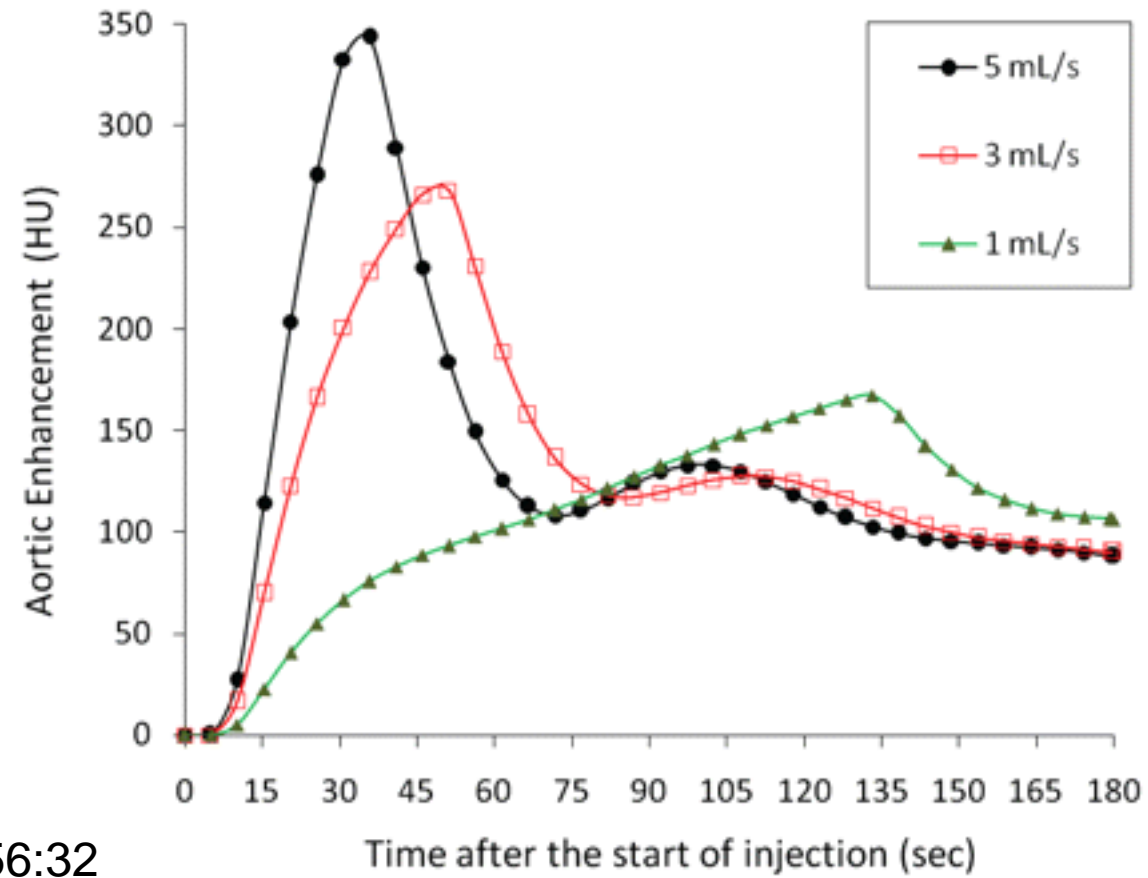
- Time of scan

1. Timing bolus
2. Smart prep
3. Fixed delay

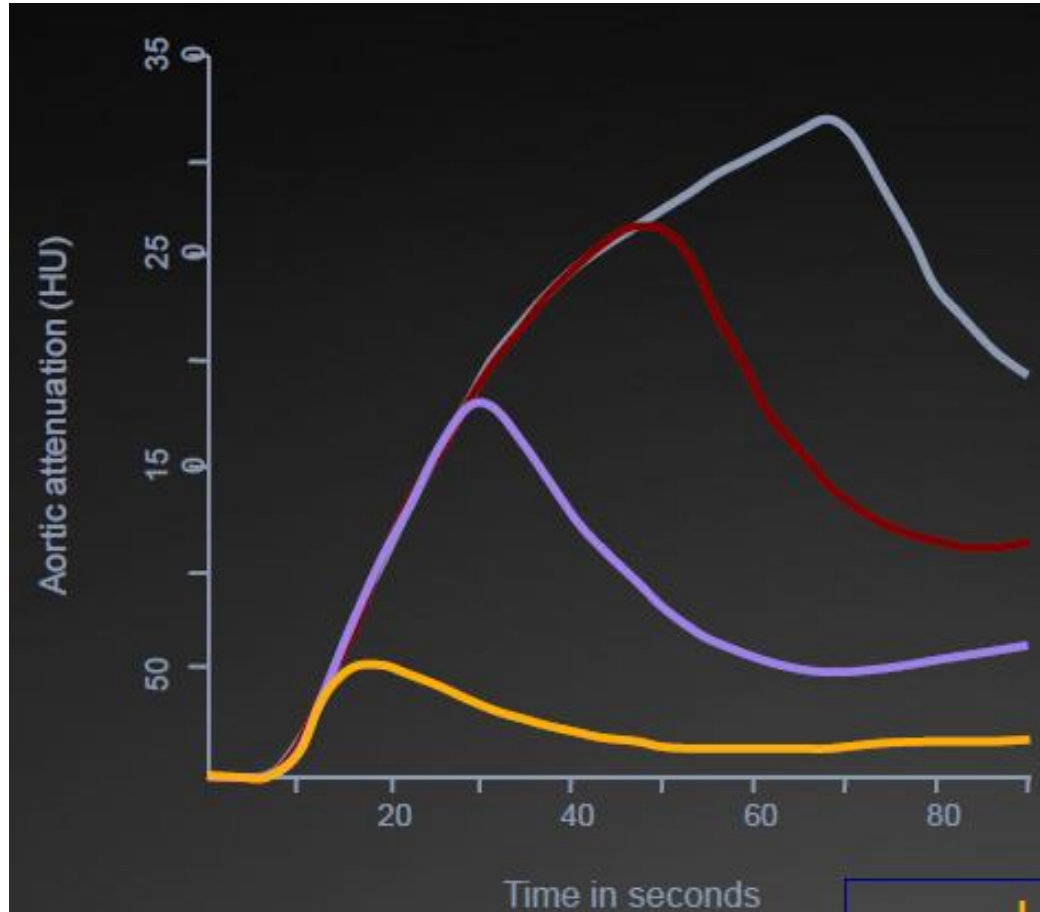
# Iodine Concentration



# Flow rate

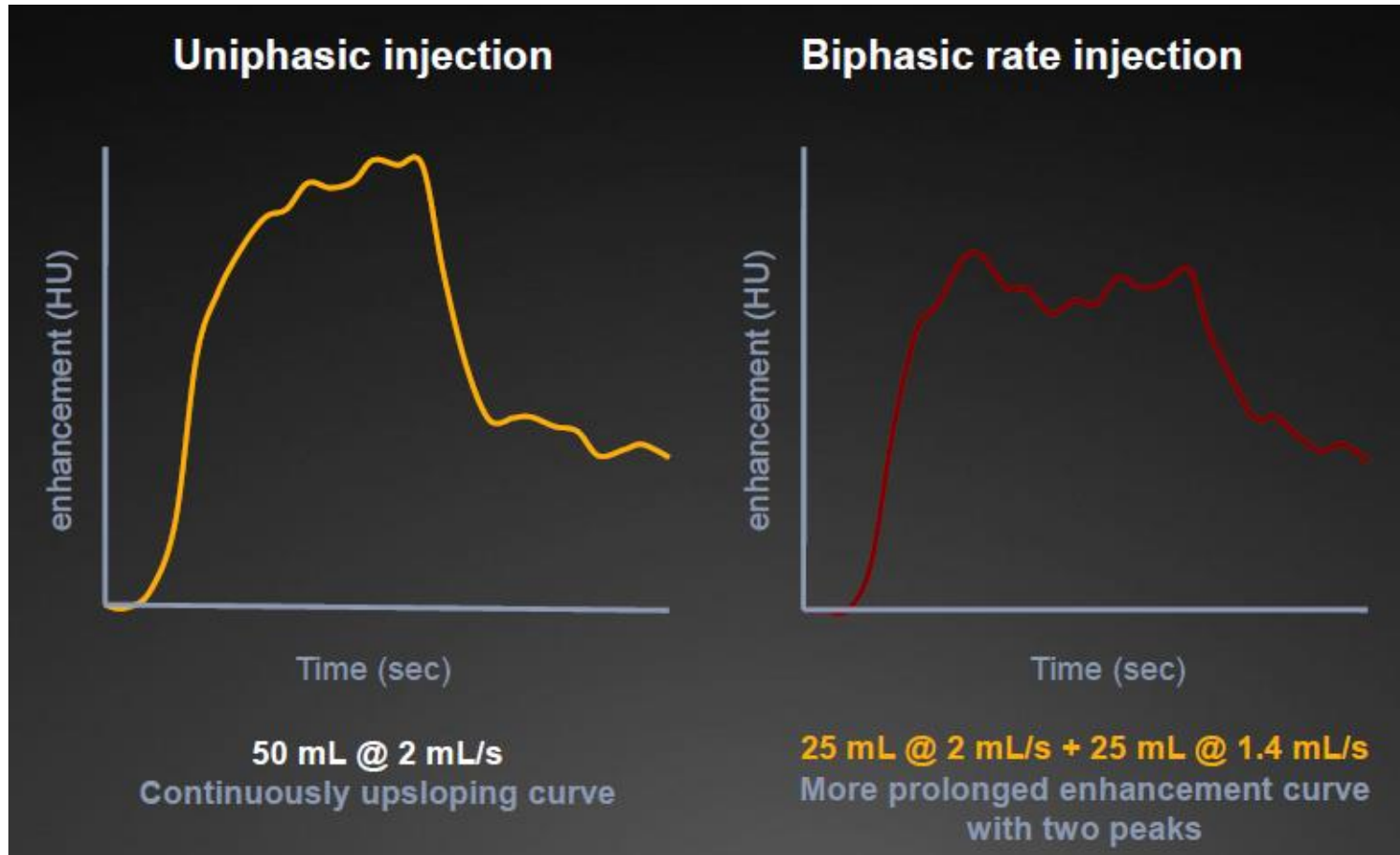


# Injection duration = contrast volume



Varying injection duration of 350ml/mg  
@ 3cc/s

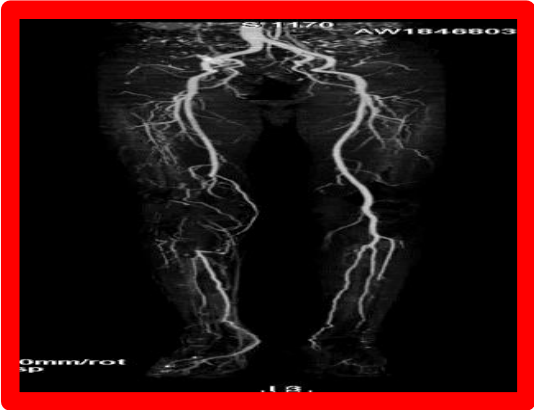
**5 sec = 15 cc**  
**20 sec = 60 cc**  
**40 sec = 120 cc**  
**60 sec = 180 cc**





# Example



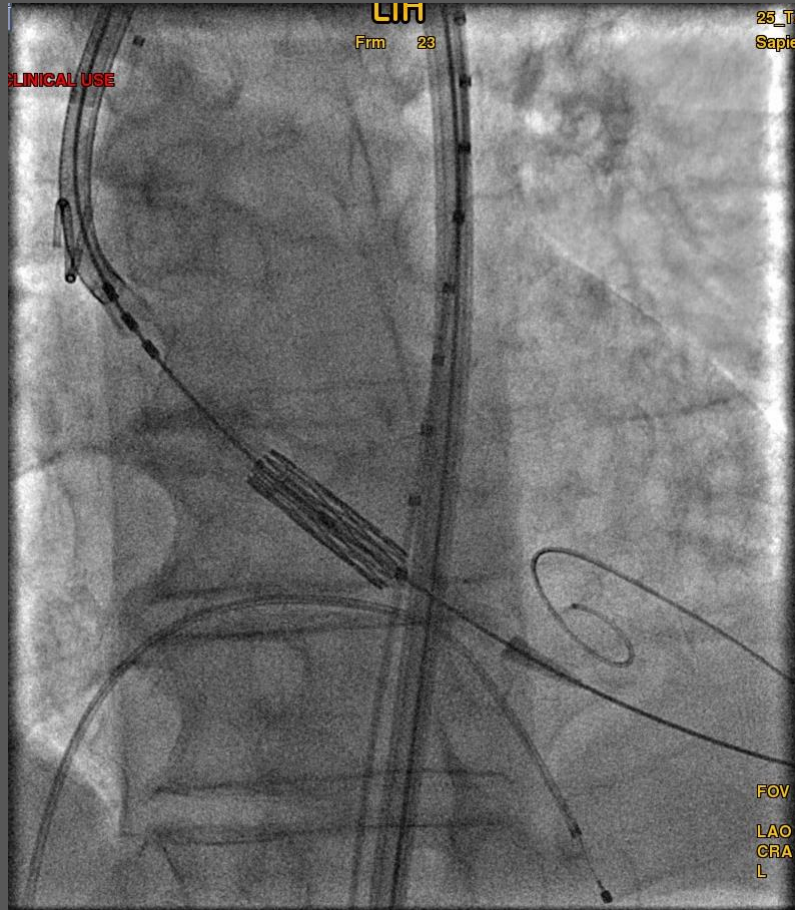




# General Vast Areas of Improvement

- Hardware
  - Slices
  - Detector
  - Tube
  - Rotation
  - Dose
- Software
  - Faster processing
  - Smarter
  - User friendliness

# A new visualization mode for your TAVI procedures



Without Valve ASSIST 2<sup>1</sup>



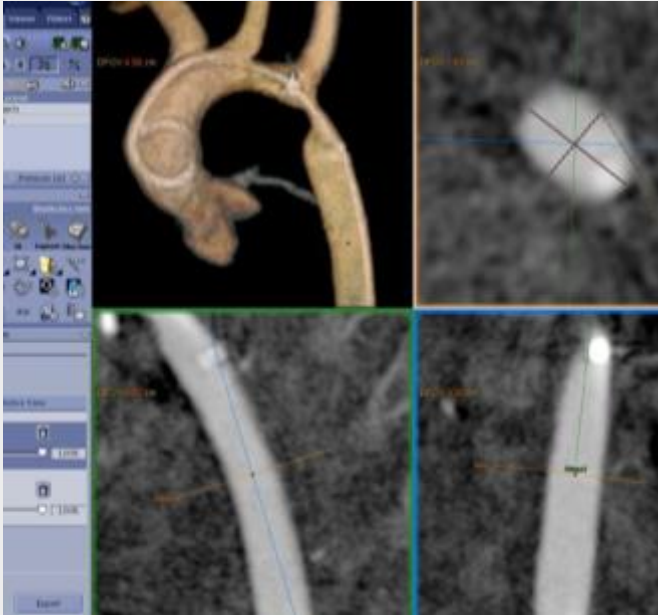
With Valve ASSIST 2<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Cannot be placed on the market or put into service until it has been made to comply with all required regulatory authorizations including the Medical Device Directive requirements for CE marking.

# Our Solution for Aortic Coarctation

with Innova 3D & Valve ASSIST 2



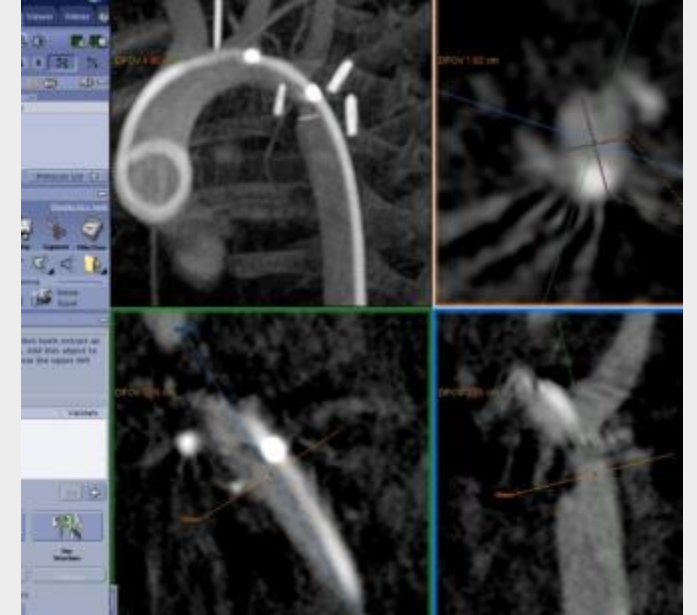
- **Plan**

Innova 3D helps physicians in diagnosis, surgical planning, interventional procedures, and treatment follow-up, and helps clinician find the optimal C-arm angulation.



- **Guide**

Helps to perform a serial angioplasty on the aortic coarctation using Innova HeartVision to fuse the 3D image on the live fluoroscopy.

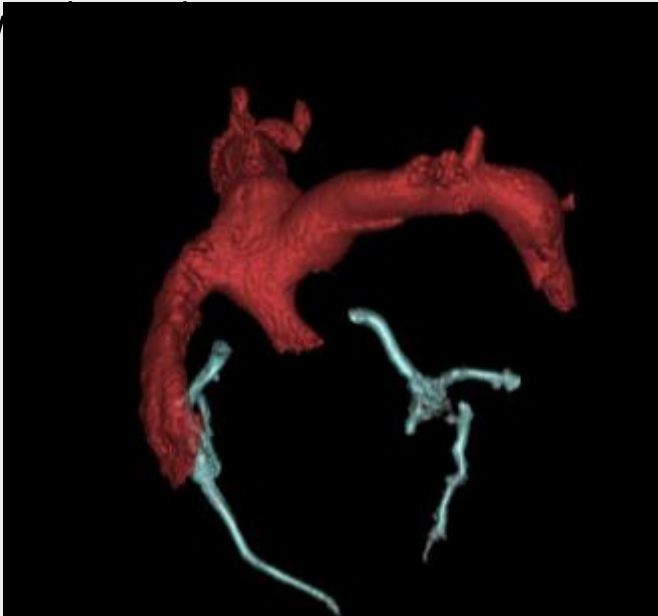


- **Assess**

3DRA helps you compare pre-post angioplasty vessel size.

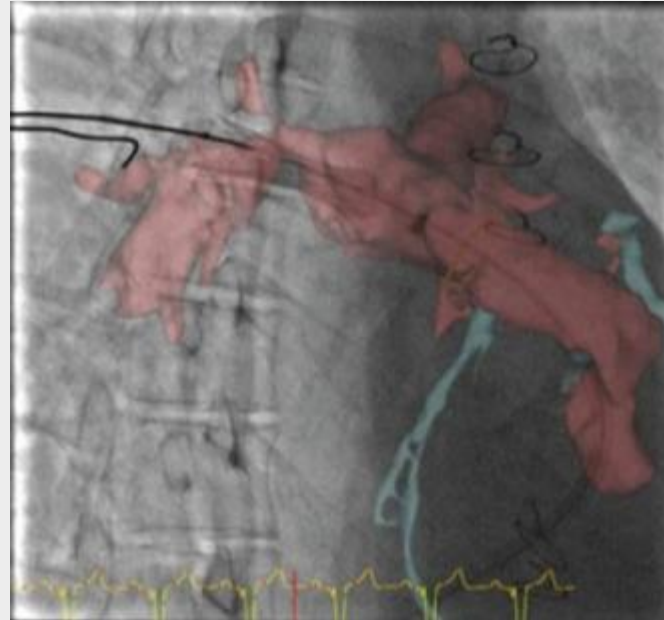


# Our Solution for Pulmonary Artery Valve Replacement



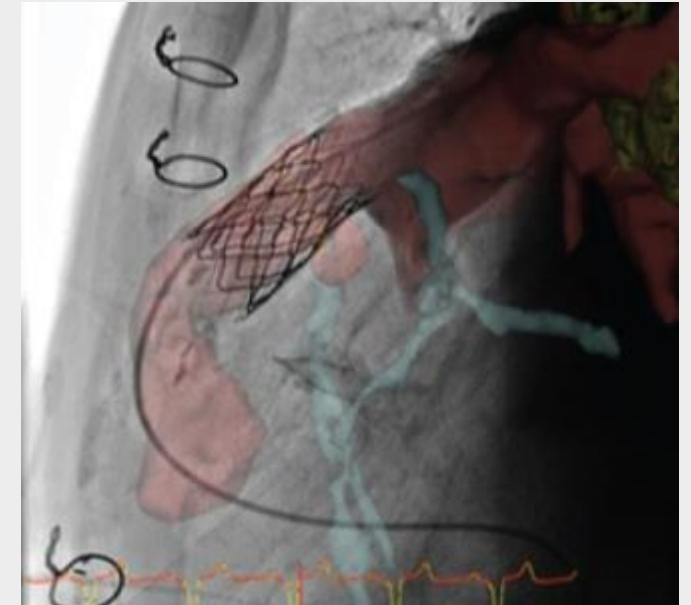
- Plan

Gives the optimal C-arm angulation for valve deployment with CT, MR or Innova 3D. Pulmonary artery conduit quantitative sizing and calcification visualization.



- Guide

HeartVision helps navigating into complex, unusual anatomies with confidence. It helps clinician avoid coronaries compression during angioplasty and valve deployment with HeartVision or Innova 3D

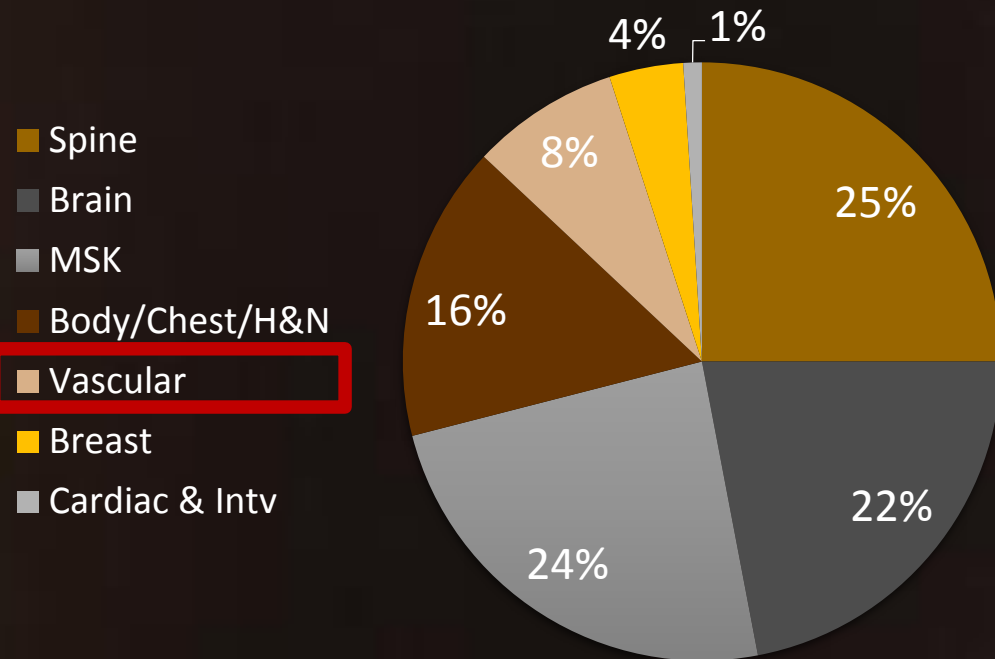


### Assess

- Immediately determine the success of treatment delivery
- Exceptional contrast visualization for assessment of potential regurgitation
- Real time benefits of Ultrasound imaging or angiography

# MR Procedures – US

## Everyday Routine



Total 30.2M in 2010<sup>1</sup>

## Fastest Growth

2010 vs. 2007

83% Breast

35% MSK

16% Body

8% Vascular

87% Cardiac<sup>2</sup>

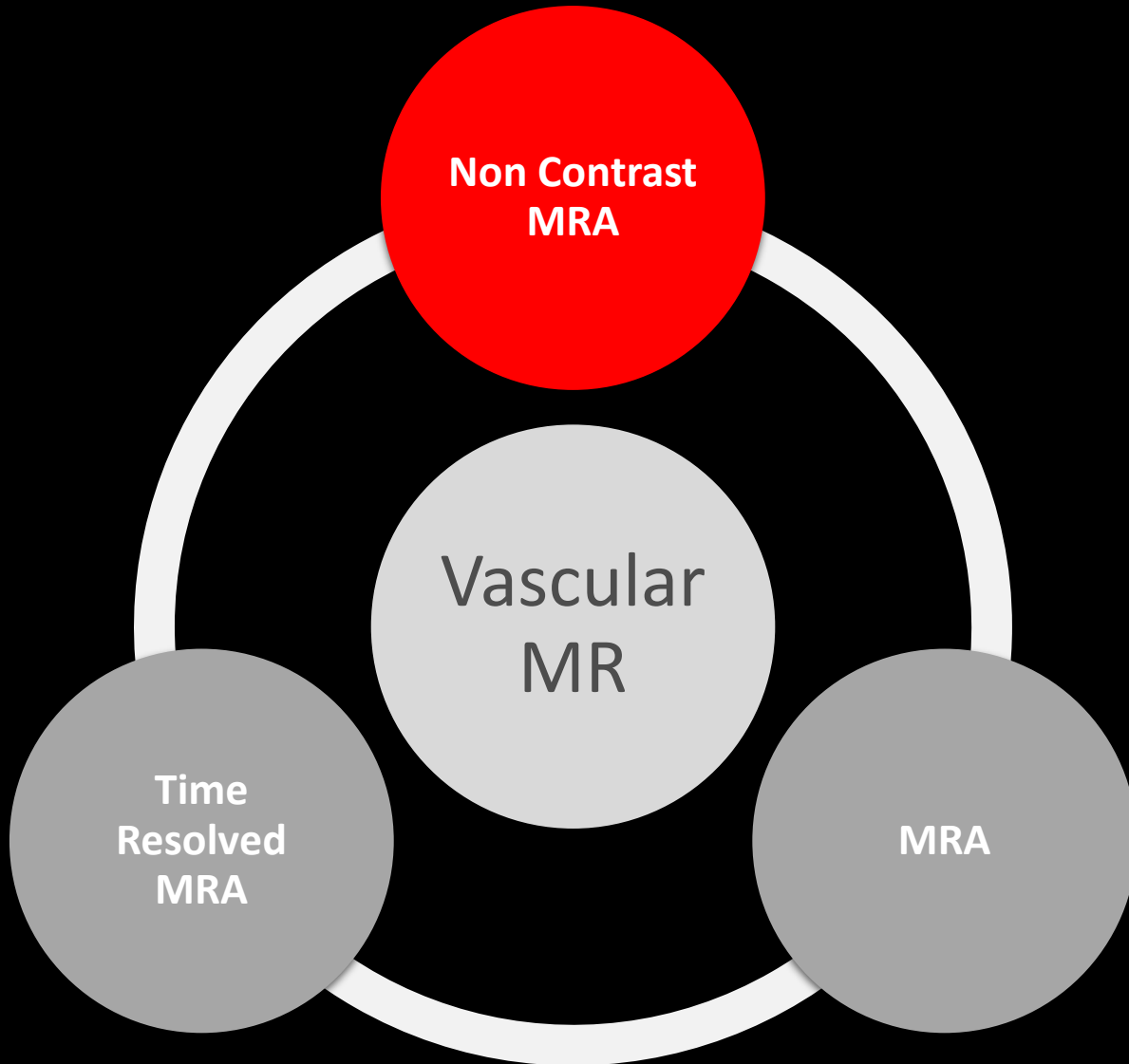
Source:

<sup>1</sup> 2010 IMV MR Medical Market Outlook Report

<sup>2</sup> 2010 Arlington Medical Records



# Vascular MR



## Non Contrast MRA

- Optimized tools for each anatomy
- Robust in diverse diseases

## MRA

- Improved workflow
- Fast multi-station movement

## Time Resolved MRA

- High spatial resolution
- High temporal resolution

# Vascular MRI

## TRICKS : Time Resolved Imaging of Contrast Kinetics

### Target :

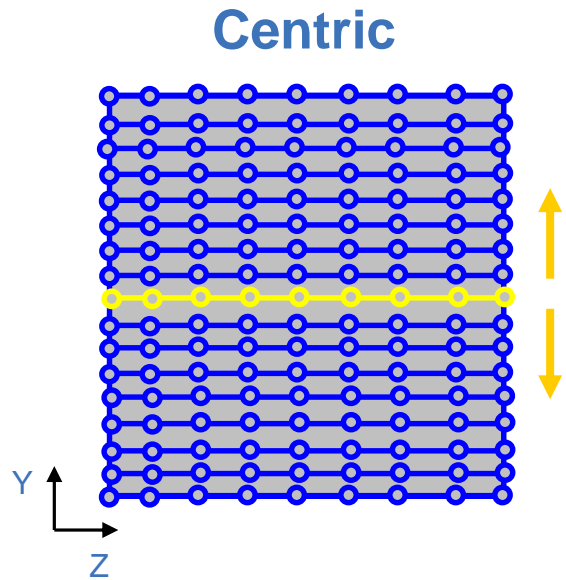
- To provide high temporal resolution without sacrificing spatial resolution

### Characteristics :

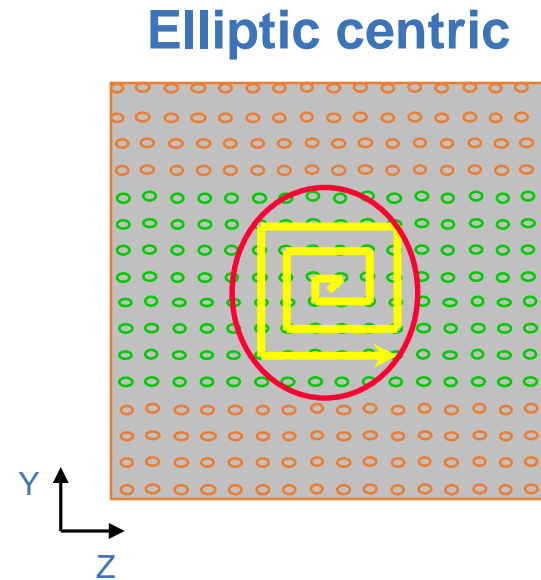
- Elliptic centric-TRICKS
- 3D k-space : segmentation in 4 regions from the center to the periphery
- The central region is sampled more frequently compared to the other regions
- 3D FGRE sequence

# Vascular MRI

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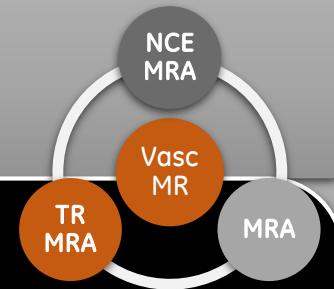
- The sequence acquires first the central lines along the  $K_y$  axis
- Not only the contrast sensitive data are acquired



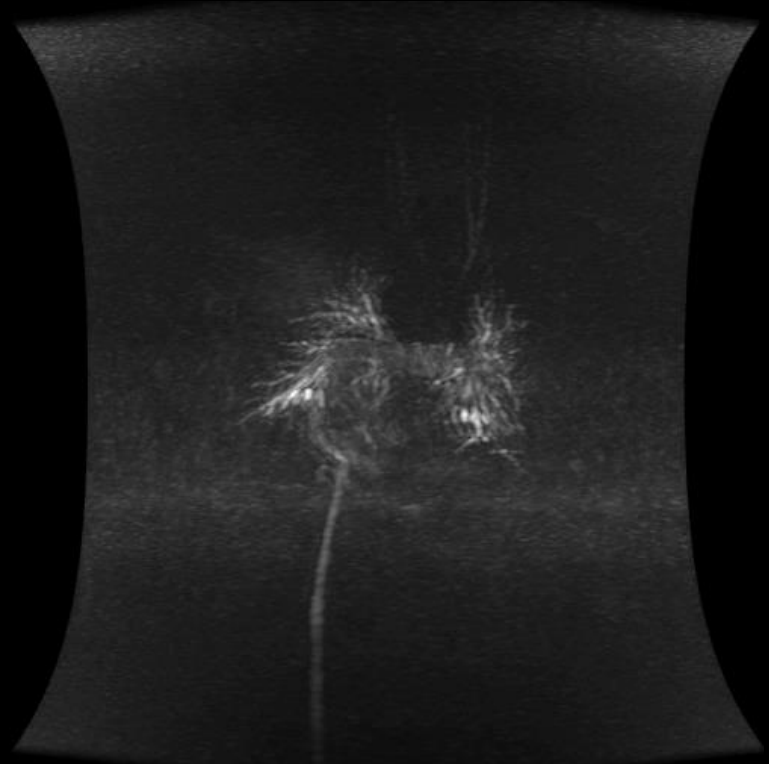
- The sequence acquires first the contrast sensitive data in both  $K_y$  and  $K_z$  axes simultaneously

Elliptic-Centric encoding accomplishes the optimal capture of central k-space for very high resolution and strong arterial weighting

# TRICKS

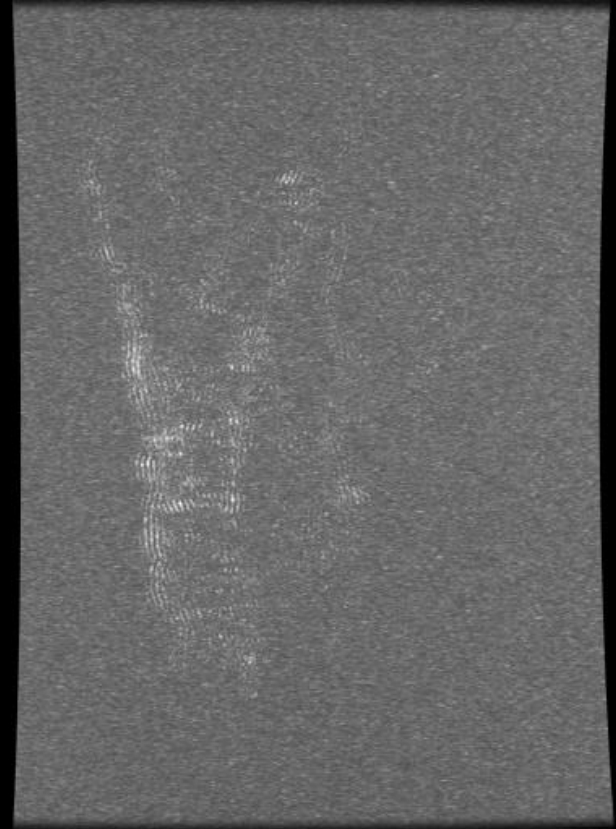


Thoracic

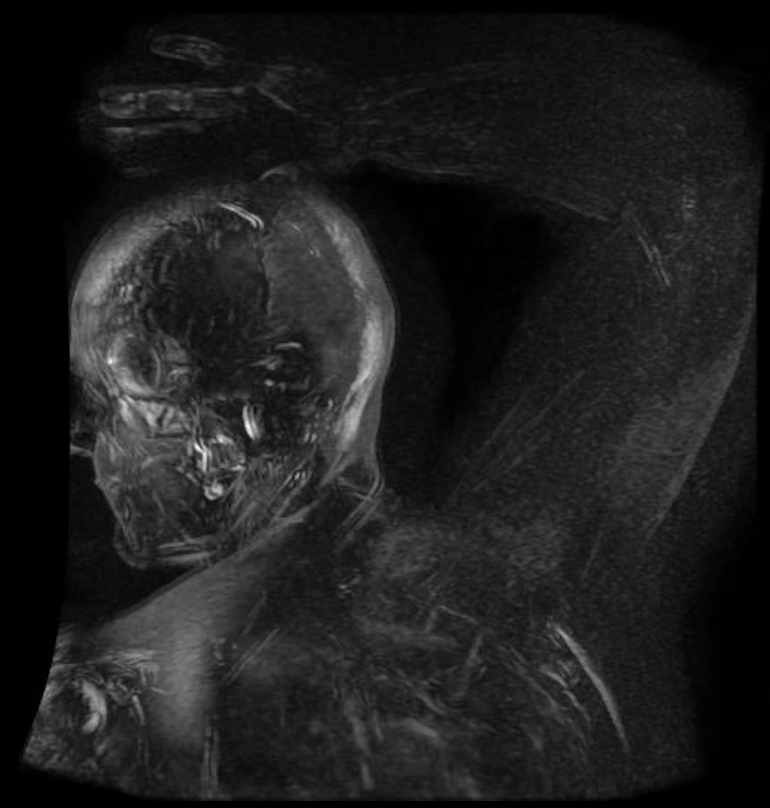


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Classic Fontan  
20 yo male

Fingers



Upper Extremity



Discovery MR750 3.0T

Back

# Background on NCE-MRA

- Linked with NSF, adverse event of Gd contrast agent.
- FDA warnings in 2006-2007
- Risk to high dose of Gd contrast agent for patients with renal insufficiency
- Renewed interest

NSF(Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis)



# Inhance Family

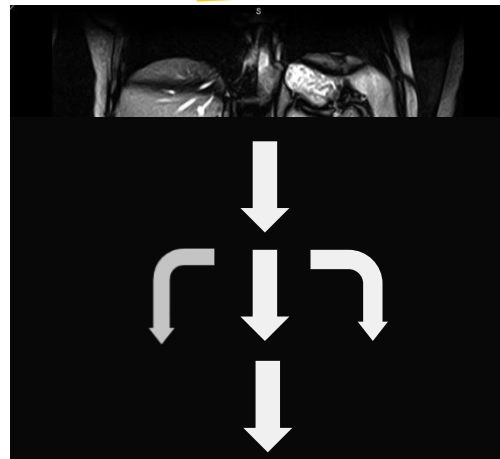
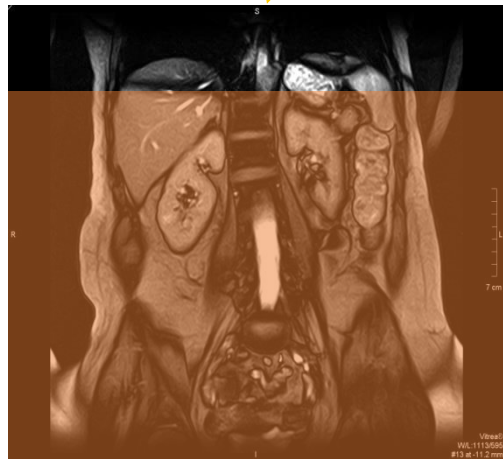
- **Inhance IFIR (Inflow IR)**
- Inhance Delta Flow
- Inhance Velocity

Inhance means “non contrast”, inherent enhancement.

# Inhance IFIR (Inflow IR)



- Stenosis in renal and aorta and renal transplant for preoperational planning
- Excellent separation of arteries from veins
- No image subtraction to make robustness to respiratory motion



IR off

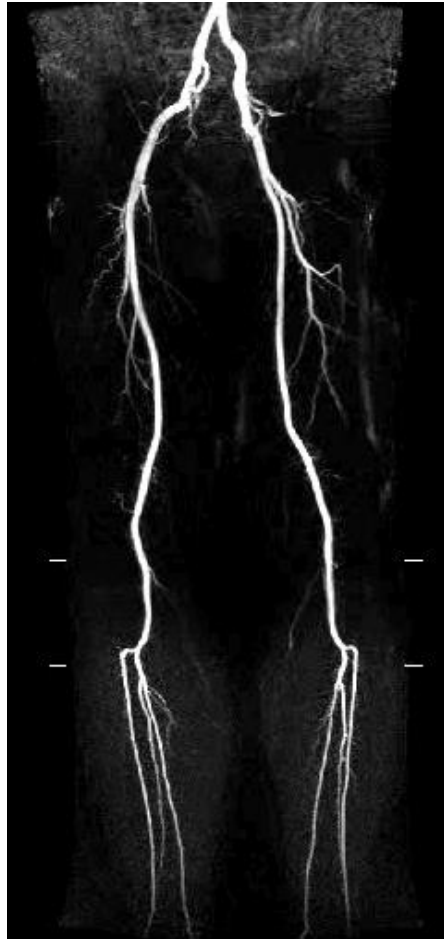


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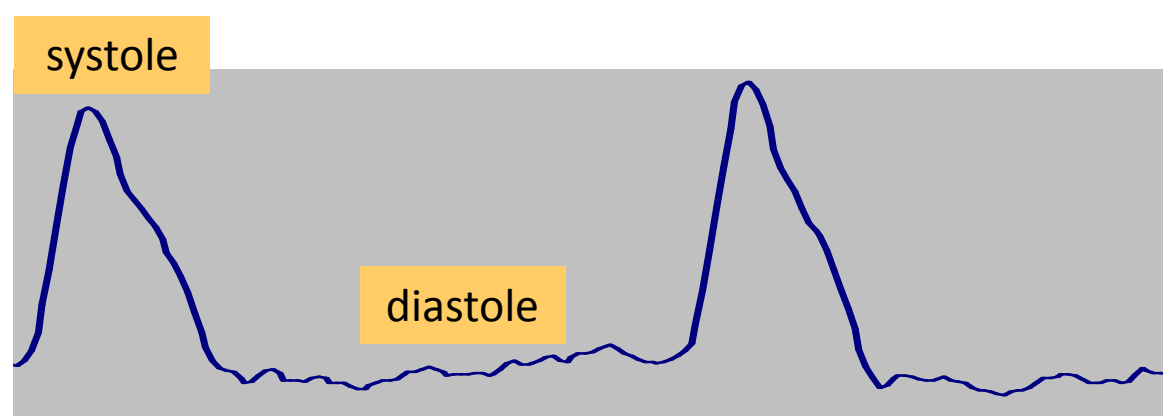
# Inhance Delta Flow



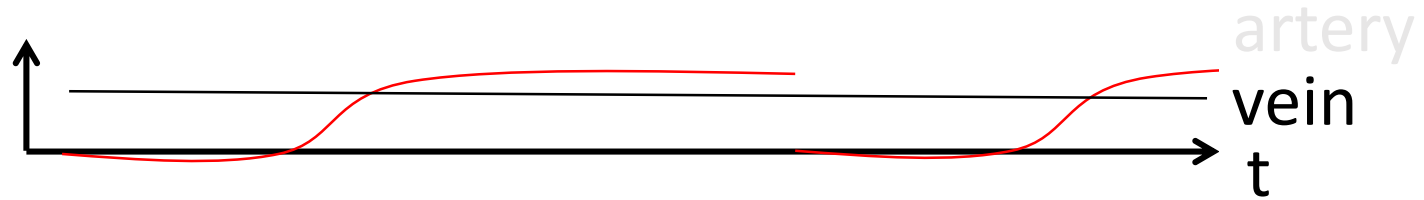
Peripheral MRA, 3 stations

- Flow difference images at systole and diastole
- 3D FSE acquisition with coronal scan plane to scan faster
- Scan time 3-4 min/station

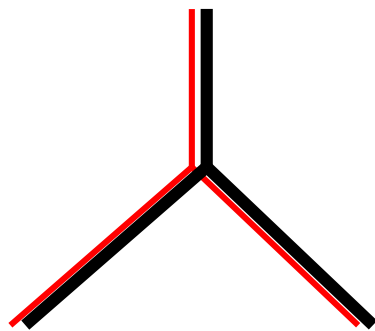
Peripheral wave



FSE signal

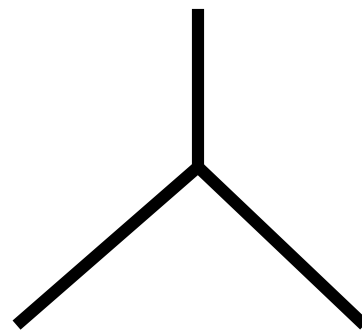


- faster arterial blood  $\Rightarrow$  faster signal decay in FSE  $\Rightarrow$  darker
- slower arterial blood  $\Rightarrow$  slower signal decay in FSE  $\Rightarrow$  brighter
- slow vein blood  $\Rightarrow$  slow signal decay in FSE  $\Rightarrow$  bright



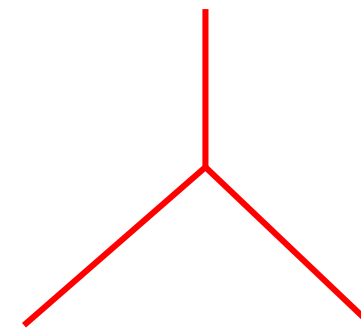
diastole

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systole

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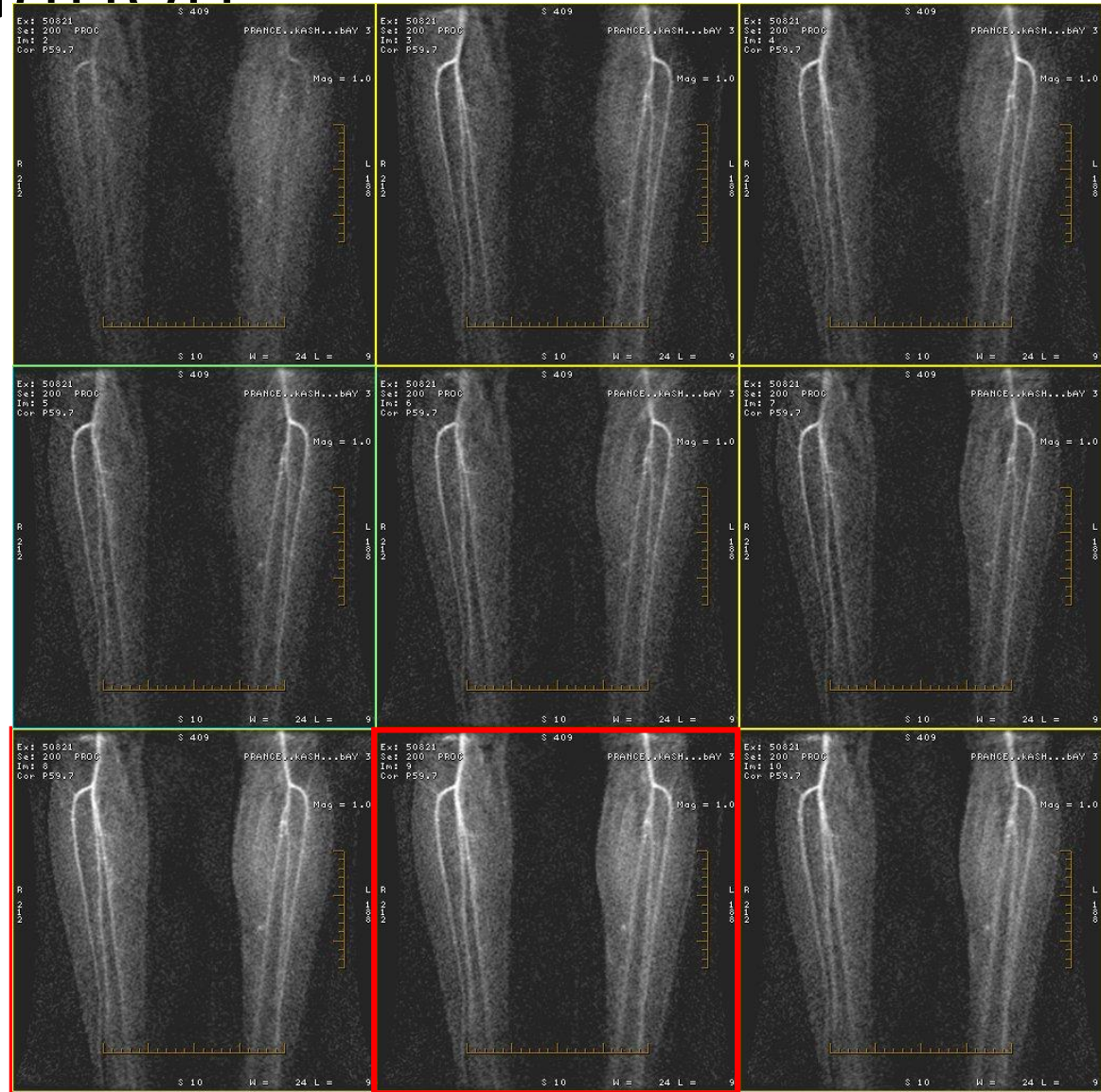


arterial image

# Trigger delay calculation

• Multi-phase coronal CDS  
(75ms step)

- Use Minimum TD with PG or 200 ms with ECG for systolic timing
  - Subtract the minimum TD image from each images. Create arterial only image
  - Diastolic TD - image with the best visualization of superior (faster flow) arteries.
  - Less than a minute
- Intuitive TD selection



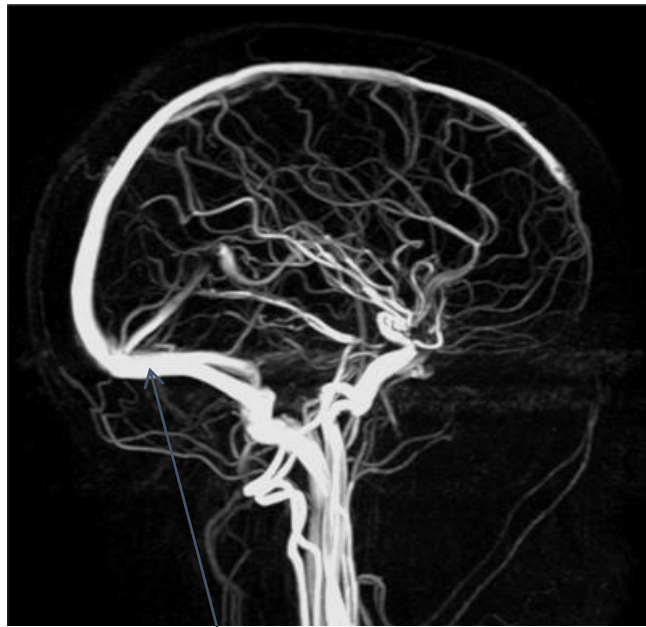
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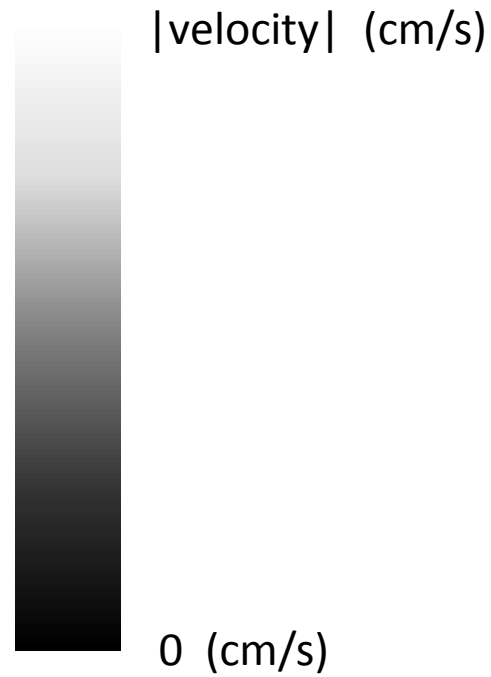
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# Inhance Velocity : phase contrast imaging

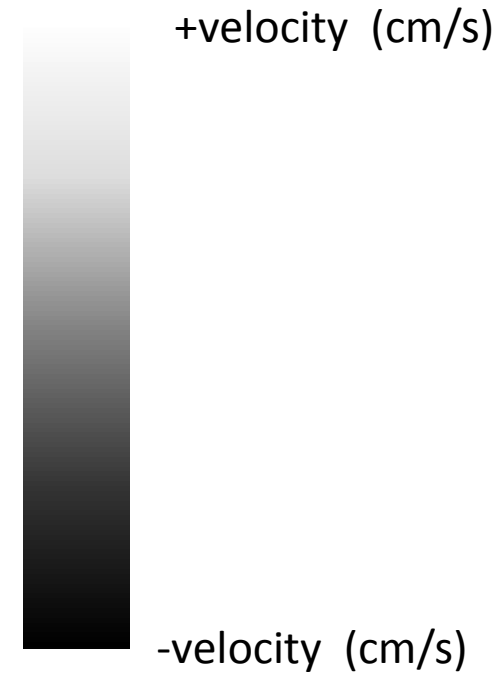
- -Visualization and quantification of blood flow



For example  
Velocity 30 cm/s or – 30 cm/s



Magnitude image



Phase image

# CVWorks: Cardiovascular Signature

- Function & Flow

## Applications

ViosWorks\*

### Mapping

T1/T2 Mapping\*

### Post Processing

CMR42



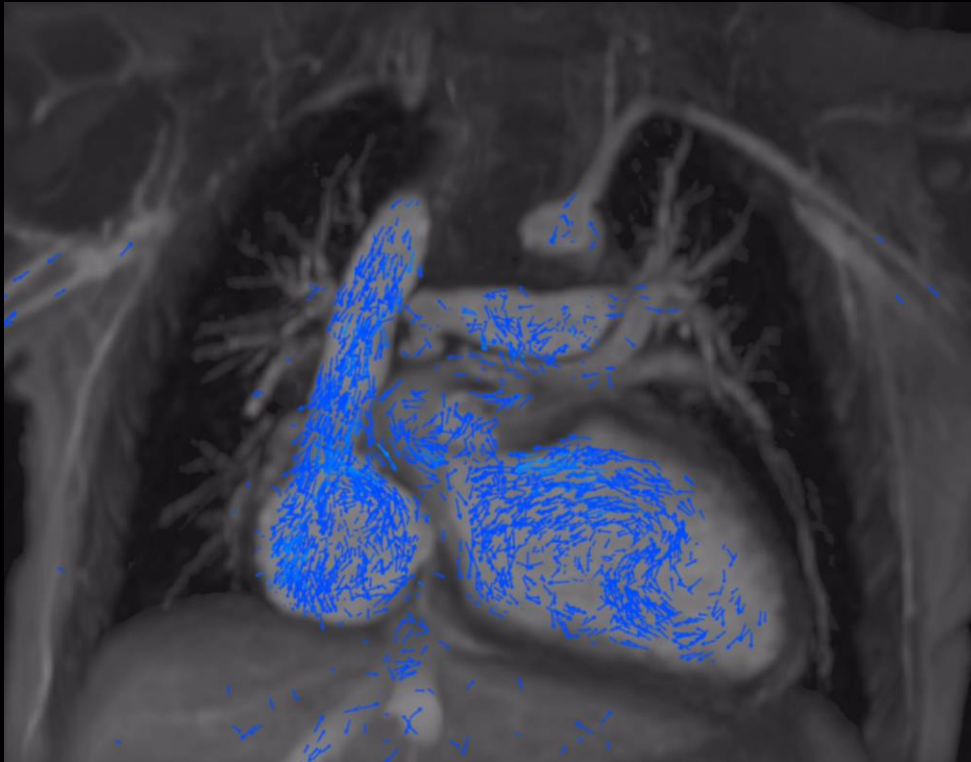
\*Not yet commercially available



# ViosWorks



3D cardiac anatomy, function, and flow in 1 free-breathing, 8 min scan



## What is the ViosWorks Solution?

- 3D Cine PC (eFGRE)- “Vios 3D”
  - Whole ventricular coverage in a single BH
- 4D Flow – “Vios 7D”
  - Capture data in 7 dimensions
    - 3 in space, 1 in time, and 3 in velocity direction
- GPU Cloud Post Processing – Arterys™

## Benefits

- Free-breathing, non-invasive
- Unsupervised cardiac imaging – enable every technologist to scan cardiac
- Faster cardiac exams help to shorten backlog scheduling times



ViosWorks not commercially available.

Expected availability 2016



# Overall Benefits

## Conventional

## ViosWorks

**Acquisition Time**  
*More exams per hour*

**60- 90 min**

**10-20 min**

**Slice positioning**  
*Cardiac MR as easy as a brain*

**Complicated**  
*Multiple slices*

**Simple**  
*One 3D Volume*

**Exam Complexity**  
*One requirement: Find the chest*

**Physician**  
*Required to be at scanner during acquisition*

**Technologist**  
*Empowers every technologist to scan cardiac MR*

**Breath-holds**  
*100% free-breathing*

**Breath-holds**  
*leads to image quality issues*

**Free-Breathing**

**Blood flow measurements**  
*1<sup>st</sup> technology to offer blood flow in 7D*

**Flow only at 2 or 3 slices**

**Flow everywhere in 7D**  
*3 in space, 1 in time, 3 in direction*

**Processing Time**  
*Leveraging machine learning to accelerate case processing*

**1 hour**  
*With multiple, complex steps*

**10 min**  
*With artificial intelligence platform support*



# ViosWorks

Vios 7D

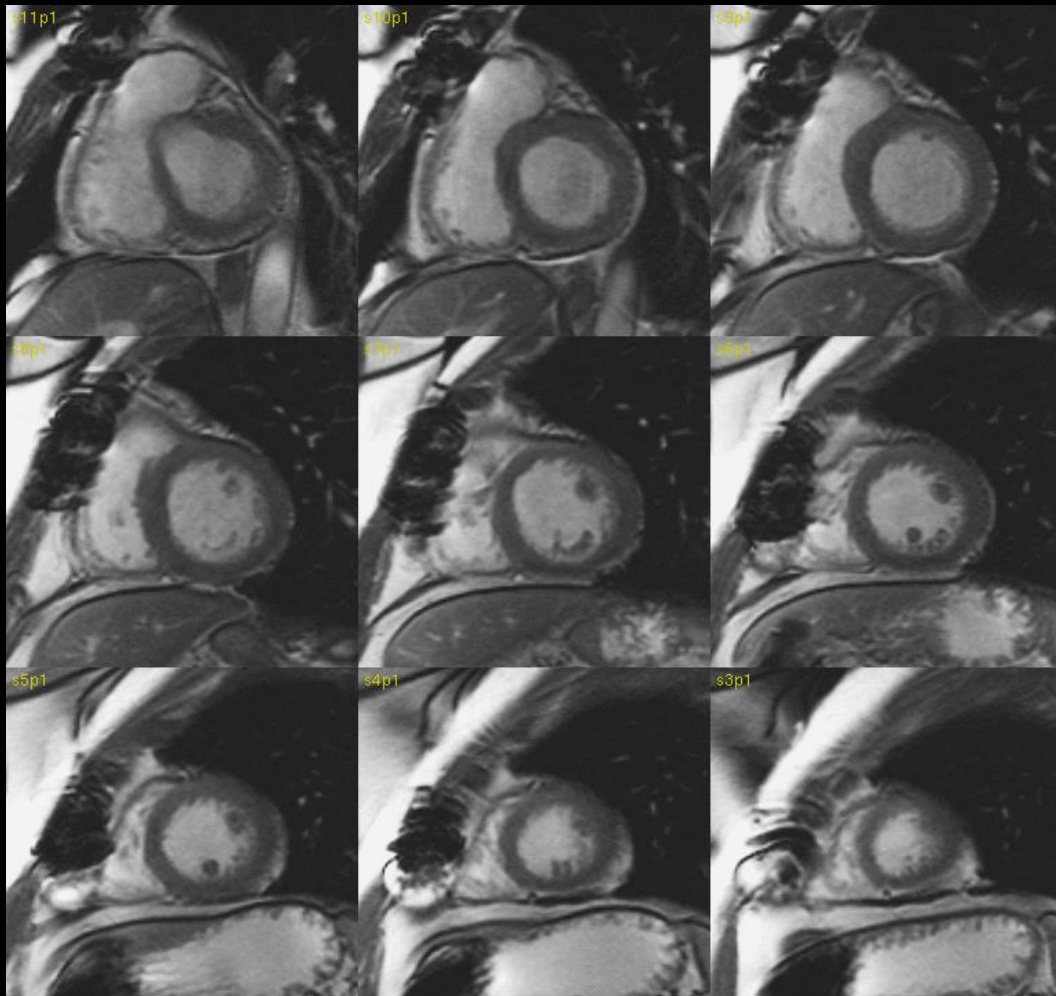
42cm FOV  
256 x192  
7:55 min



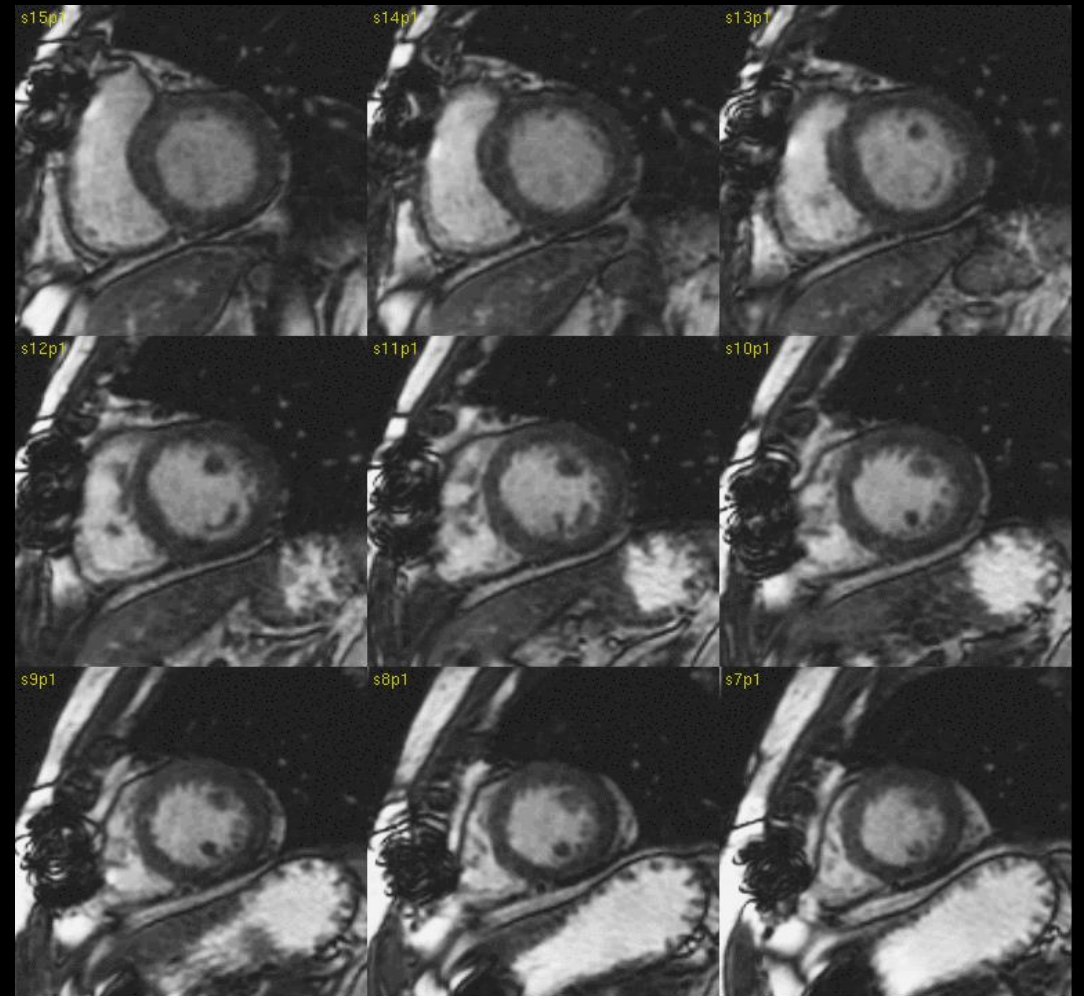
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Vios 3D



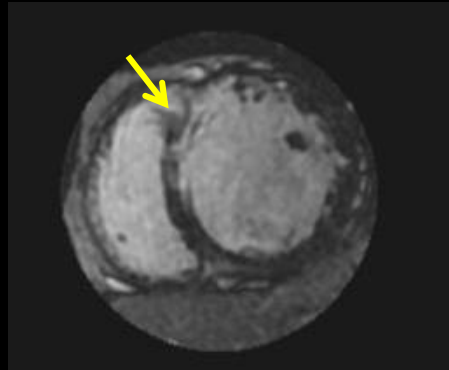
2D Cine = 9 Breath-holds



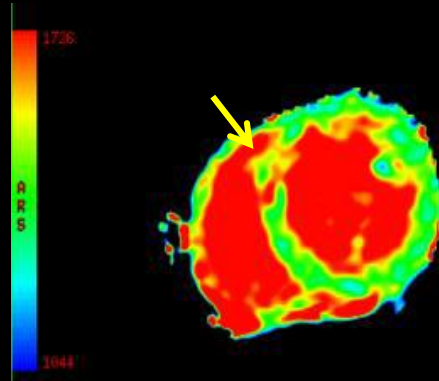
Vios 3D= 1 Breath-hold



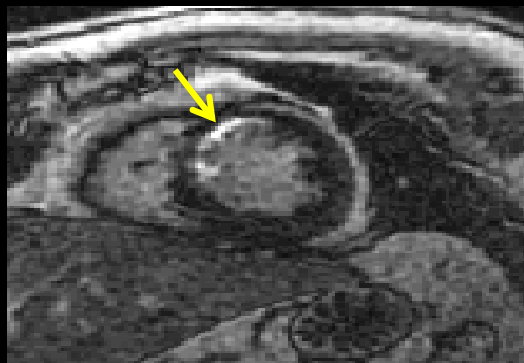
# T1/T2 Mapping Quantitative Myocardial Measurements



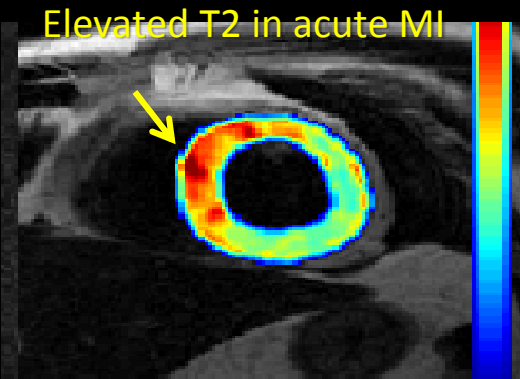
2D MDE



T1 Mapping



2D MDE



T2 Mapping

## What is it?

- T1 Mapping
  - FIESTA based with IR pulse (MOLLI)
    - Measurement of apparent T1, with motion correction
  - FIESTA based with SR pulse (SMART1 Map)
    - Measurement of true T1, with motion correction
    - Used in comparison studies from other systems, sites
- T2 Mapping
  - DIR-FSE based

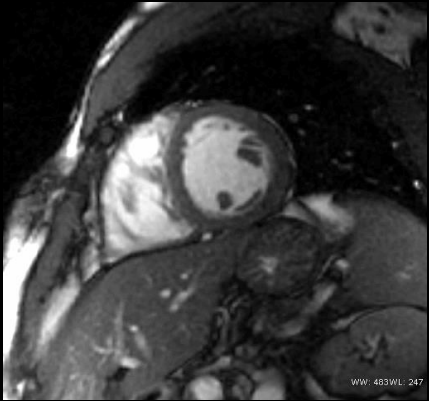
## Benefits

- T1- assessment of diffuse fibrosis (non-detectable with MDE)
- T2- assessment of edema, myocarditis, iron concentration

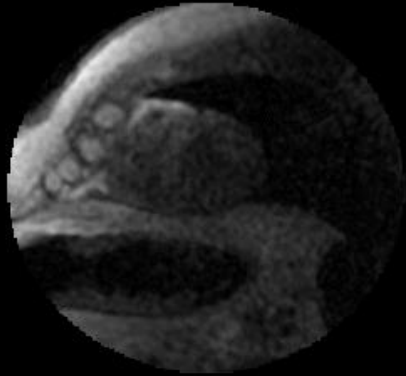




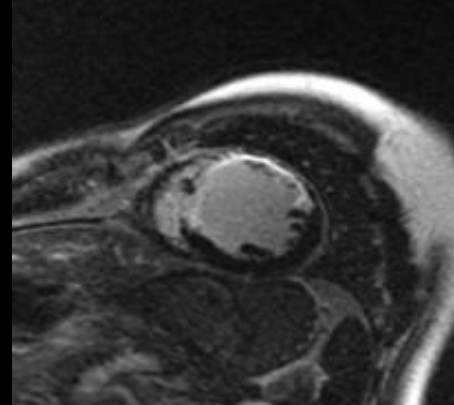
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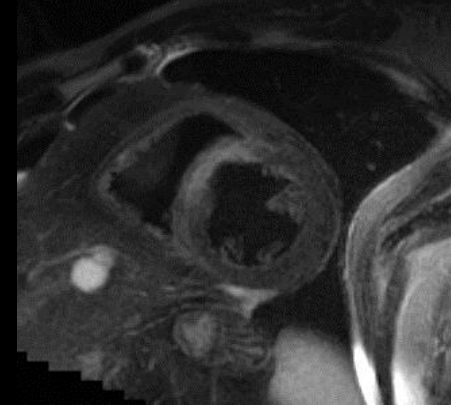
**Function**  
High Resolution Wall motion & EF  
With FIESTA Cine



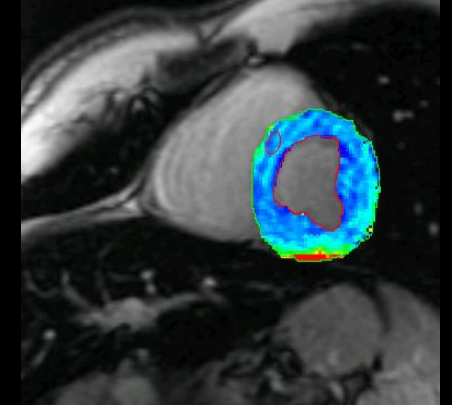
**Time course**  
High Resolution SR FGRE/FIESTA  
Stress/Rest time course exam



**Viability**  
Delayed enhancement (IR FGRE)  
for scar tissue assessment



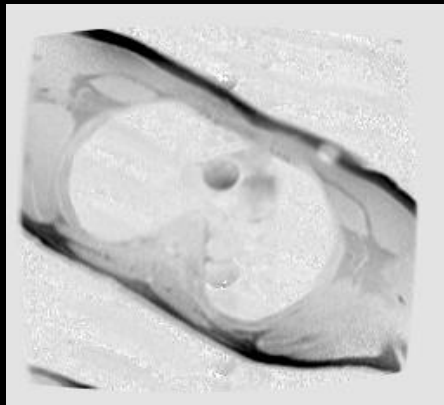
**Tissue Characterization/Morphology**  
T1/T2w black-blood imaging for tissue  
char. in myocarditis and acute MI



**T2\* mapping**  
Iron overload assessment



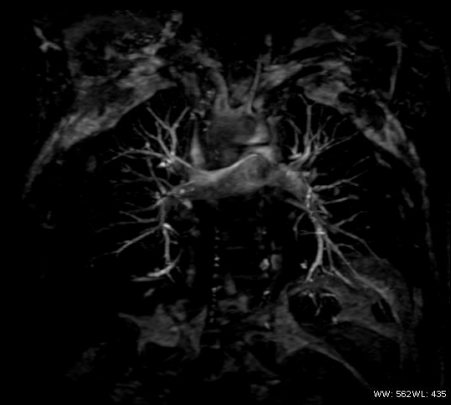
**Coronary**  
NCE Free breathing approach for  
anomalous coronaries &  
cardiac structure assessment



**Flow**  
Quantify flow, no limitation on scan plane.  
Routinely use for Qp/Qs, AI/MR evaluation.



**Angiography**  
MRA with TOF & SPGR



**Time Resolved MRA**  
TRICKS provides dynamic  
filling information



**Non-Contrast MRA**  
Inhance Application Suite, 3D Inflow IR,  
3D Velocity, 3D Deltaflow