

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

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*Action is the real
measure of intelligence*

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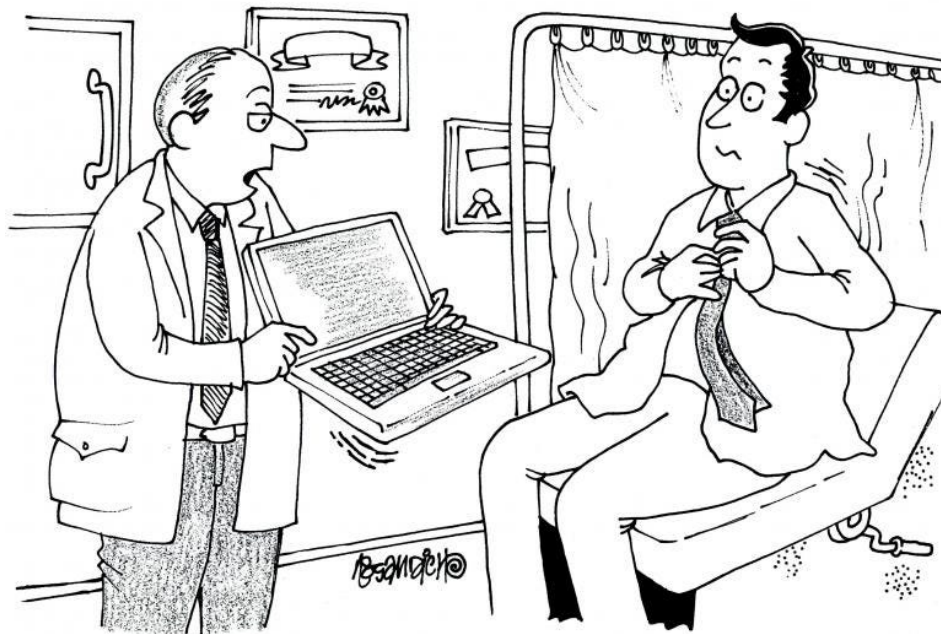
Teasers



Acronyms

- AI – Artificial Intelligence
- API – Application Programming Interface
- CNN – Convolutional Neural Networks
- CV – Computer Vision
- DL – Deep Learning
- GAN – Generative Adversarial Networks
- LSTM – Long Short-Term Memory
- ML – Machine Learning
- NLP – Natural Language Processing
- NN – Neural Networks
- PCA – Principal Component Analysis
- RL – Reinforcement Learning
- RNN – Recurrent Neural Networks
- SVM – Support Vector Machine
- XAI – Explainable AI



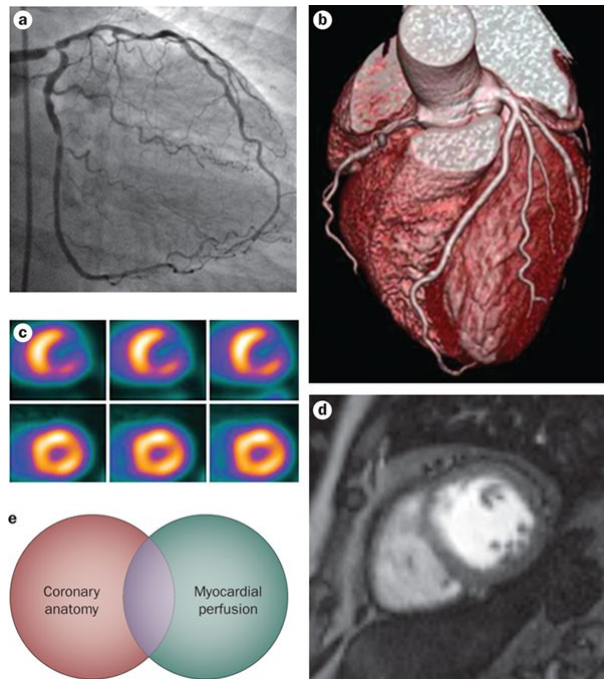


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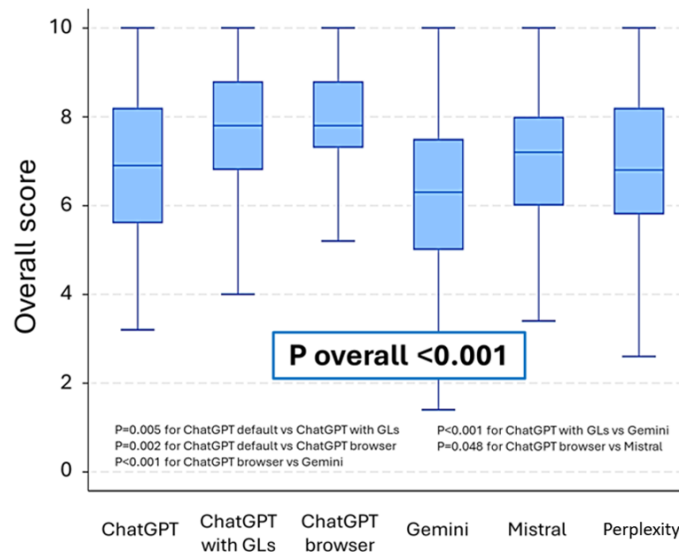
Data for interventional AI

- Imaging/physiology/report data provide complementary views of the same problem.
- Poor annotation quality can make an apparently sophisticated model reproduce human inconsistency rather than procedural truth.
- Data harmonization remains essential because device vendors, imaging protocols, and reporting habits vary substantially across catheterization laboratories.



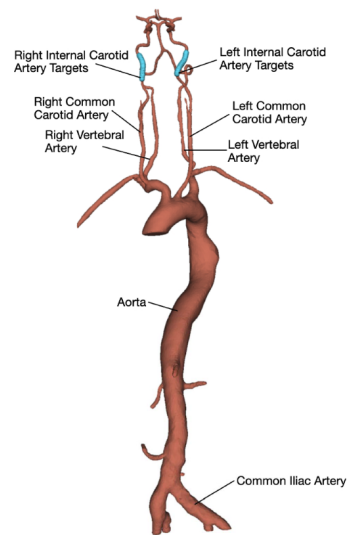
AI-augmented Heart Team

- AI tools can be used to coordinate, supervise and summarize Heart Team discussions.
- Generative AI tools can be leveraged to suggest specific recommendations and provide risk estimates.
- Confidentiality and clinical responsibility are paramount, and final decision making should always remain in the hands of the caring physicians.

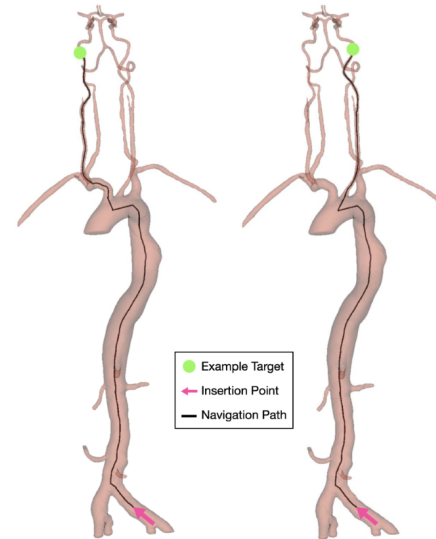


Access and navigation

- ML algorithms may analyze patient-specific anatomical data to guide optimal access points.
- Real-time AI feedback can assist clinicians in navigating complex vascular structures efficiently.
- AI-augmented device navigation may reduce complication rates and increase success rates, leading to safer, more effective, and more efficient interventional procedures.



(a) Example targets.

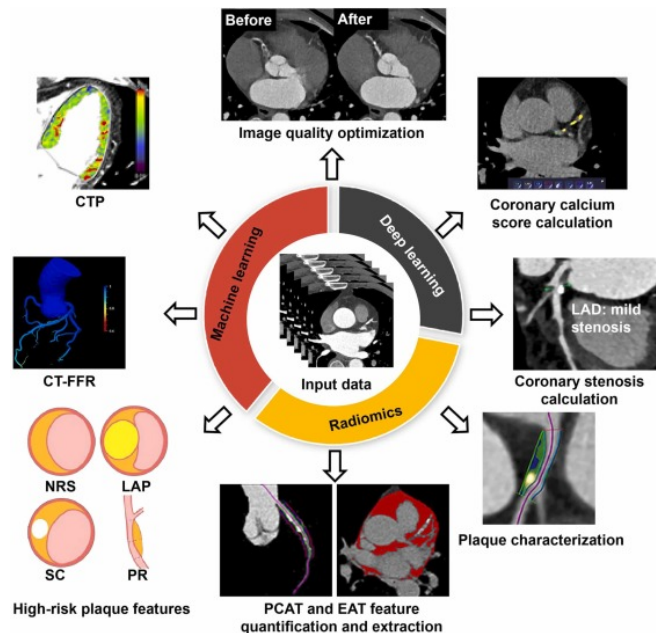


(b) Navigation path.

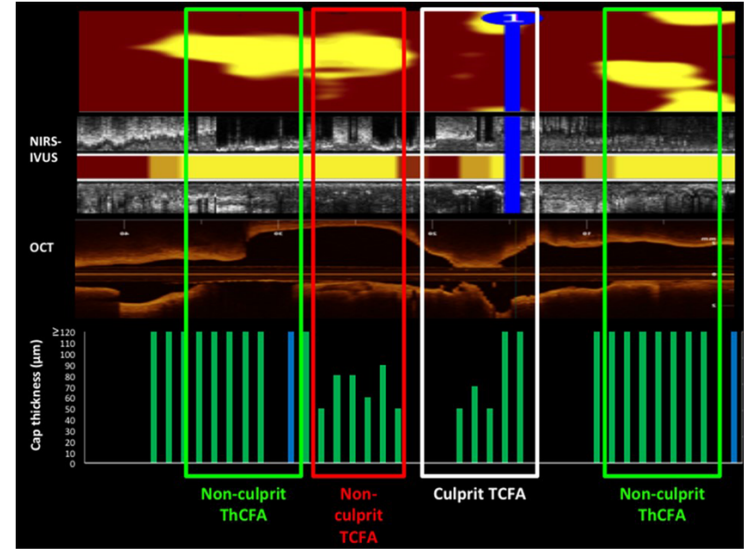


Lesion assessment

- Deep learning tools can be used to analyze imaging data to classify plaque composition and stability.
- Accurate assessment guides decisions on intervention necessity and technique.
- Personalized approaches based on AI assessments lead to better patient outcomes.

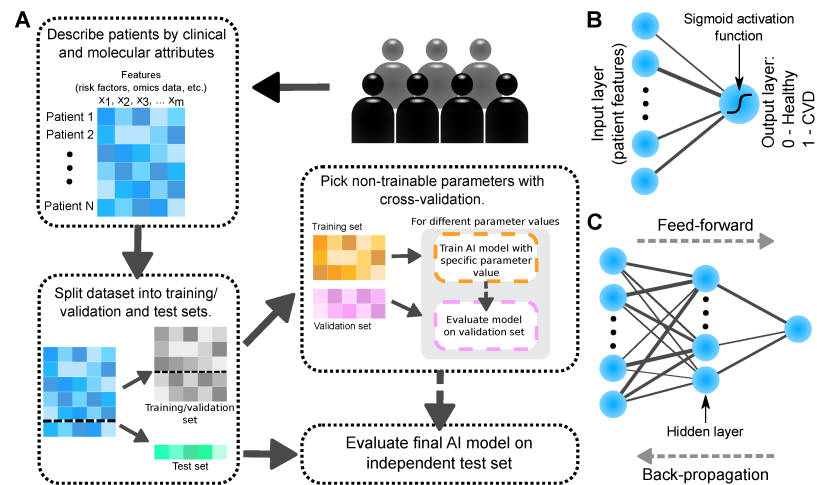


- AI algorithms can provide real-time analysis of intravascular images, identifying critical features.
- Enhanced imaging interpretation guides precise stent placement and deployment.
- Improved accuracy reduces the risk of procedural complications and improves outcomes.



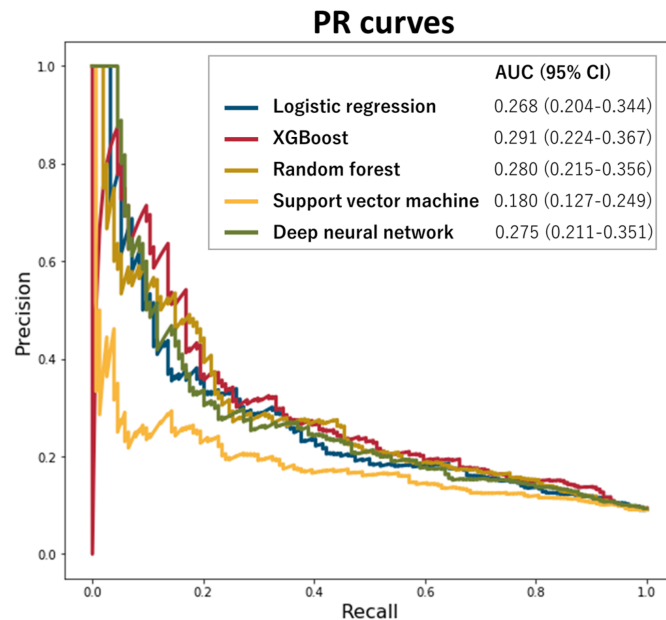
Predictive analytics

- AI models can predict patient-specific risks, allowing for tailored post-procedural care plans.
- Early identification of high-risk patients facilitates timely interventions to prevent complications.
- Predictive insights improve resource allocation and patient monitoring strategies.



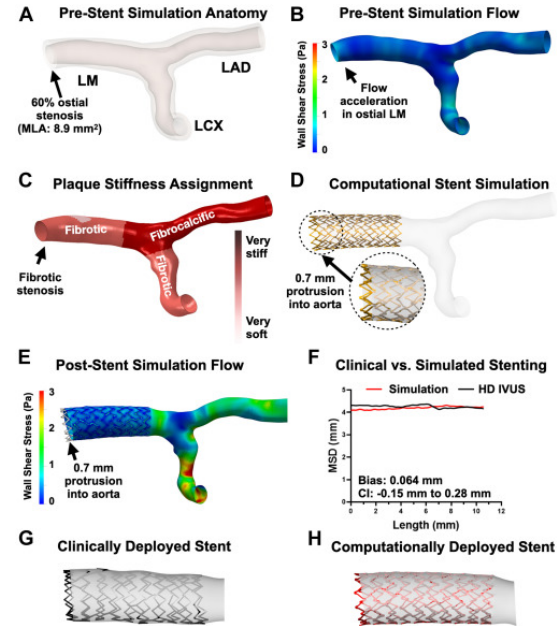
Guidance for CTO PCI

- ML models can predict the likelihood of procedural success based on patient data.
- AI can assist in selecting optimal crossing strategies for complex occlusions.
- Enhanced planning reduces procedure time and improves patient safety.



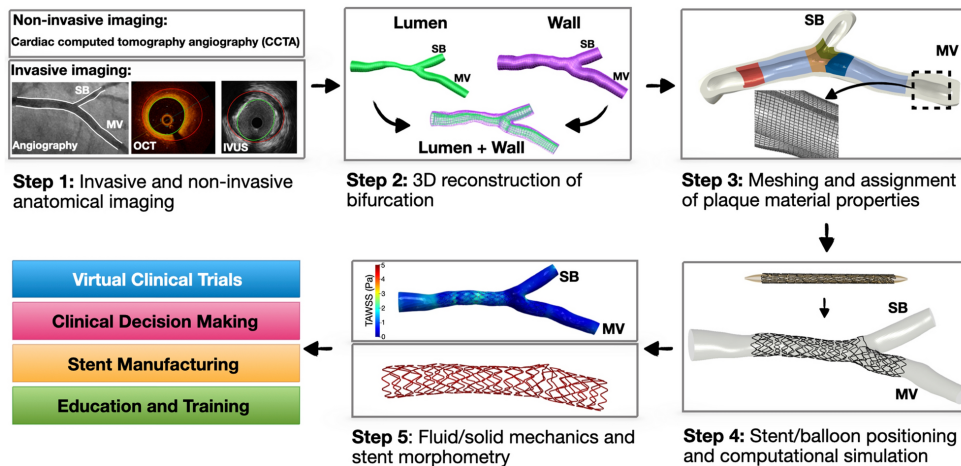
Real-time decision support

- AI can analyze intra-procedural data to suggest optimal PCI techniques.
- Real-time analytics assist in assessing lesion characteristics, guiding intervention decisions (eg bifurcation PCI strategy).
- Decision support systems enhance operator confidence, improving patient outcomes.



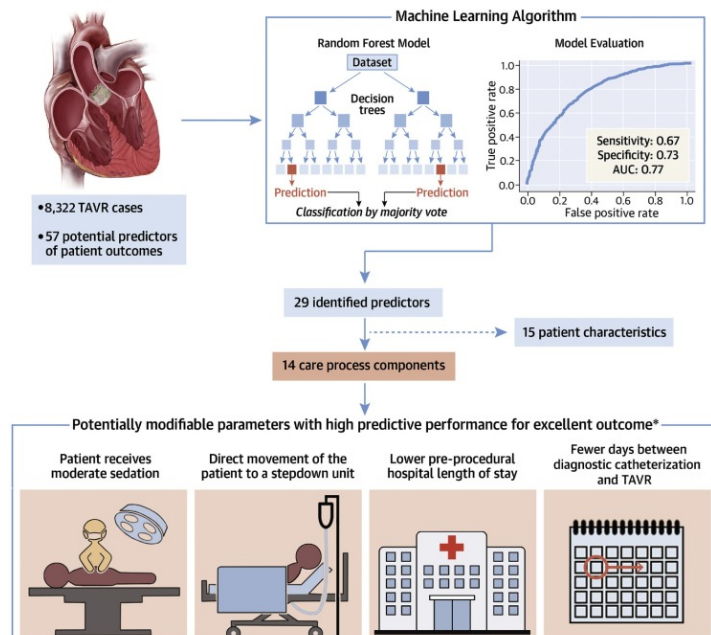
Selecting/placing devices

- AI algorithms can evaluate vessel size and lesion morphology to recommend appropriate stent types.
- AI-guided placement ensures optimal stent expansion and apposition.
- Personalized stent strategies decrease the likelihood of restenosis and thrombosis.



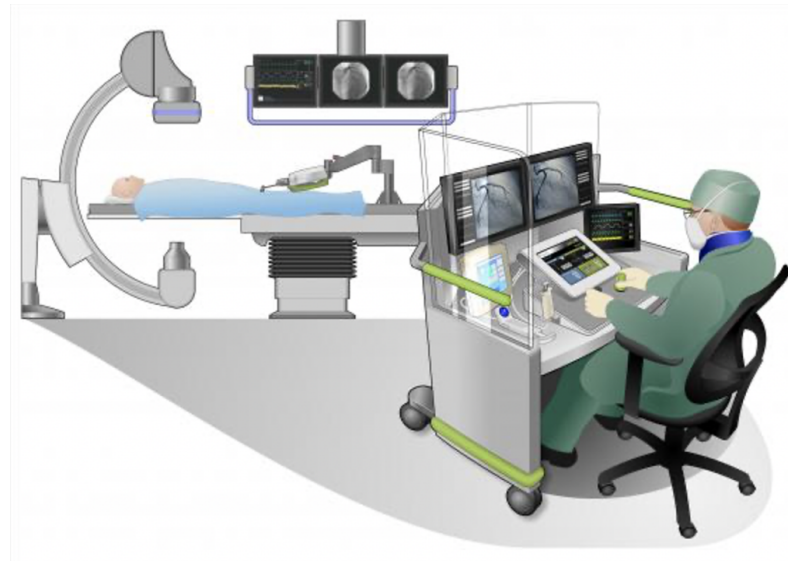
AI for SHD procedures

- Algorithms can assess anatomical suitability, aiding in appropriate patient selection for TAVI.
- AI assists in sizing and positioning of the valve, reducing procedural complications.
- Post-operative monitoring with AI predicts potential complications, ensuring timely interventions.



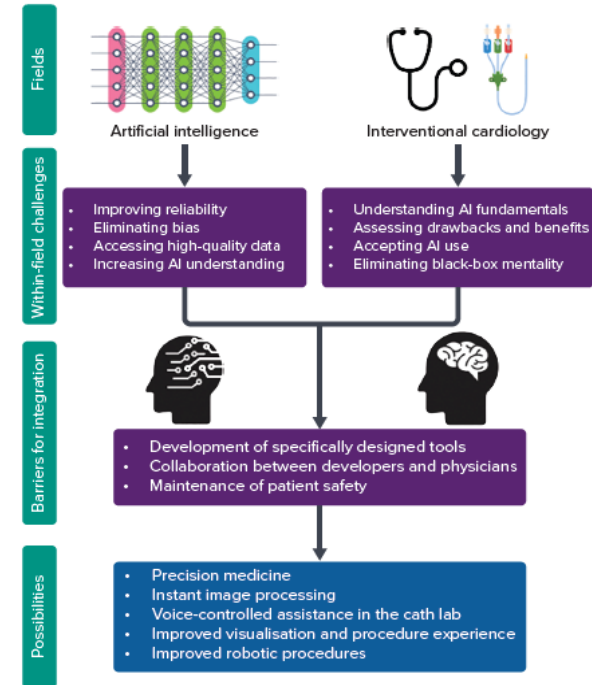
Robotic PCI

- AI algorithms can guide robotic systems for precise device manipulation during procedures.
- Enhanced precision reduces radiation exposure and contrast use.
- Automation of repetitive tasks allows clinicians to focus on complex decision-making.



Autonomous IC procedures

- Research is ongoing into AI systems capable of performing interventions with minimal human input.
- Autonomous procedures could increase access to care in underserved regions.
- Ethical and regulatory considerations are crucial as technology advances toward autonomy.



Kid: this might hurt a little

Doctor: ok

Kid: an AI is going to replace you



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Conclusions

- AI in IC should be judged by its ability to improve outcomes, not by algorithmic sophistication alone.
- Its greatest near-term value lies in coordinating/supervising team care, imaging interpretation, physiology/imaging integration, risk prediction, procedural quality control and documentation.
- Clinical adoption will require external validation, workflow integration, explainability, and evidence that AI improves outcomes without weakening operator accountability nor jeopardizing confidential and unbiased care.



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