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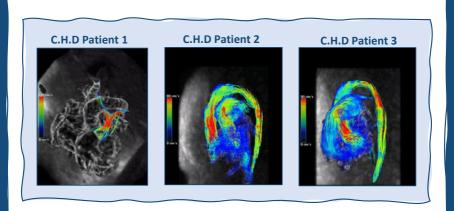
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### GO WITH THE FLOW

Akporeha Efena

"Sometimes, one chooses to **go with the flow**, and at other times, one does not." — A very wise man!

Just as we sometimes choose to go with the flow and sometimes resist, so does the free-running phase-contrast whole-heart MRI. This advanced system navigates the turbulent waters of non-laminar flow and acceleration, potentially stirred up by the storm of high-grade stenosis. But beware! These rough waters can cause signal dephasing. When coupled with extended echo times, this can rock the boat of accuracy in our blood flow measurements.



# Total Eclipse of the Plaque by Isabel Montón Quesada

Carotids Plaque

T1 mapping

Free-running













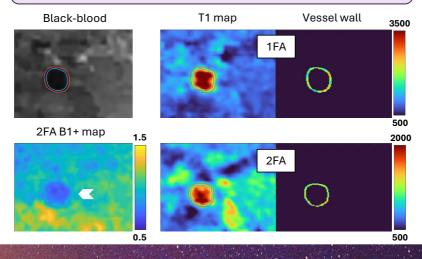


"Every now and then I fall apart..." this Bonnie Tyler's verse from *Total Eclipse of the Heart* could be the theme song for atherosclerotic plaques in the carotid artery. When the plaque becomes vulnerable, it falls apart too, increasing the risk of stroke and further microvascular damage and dysfunction. To identify the specific pathological characteristics that might be involved in this process, T1 mapping of the carotid has been used to quantitatively assess the vessel wall and the plaque components.

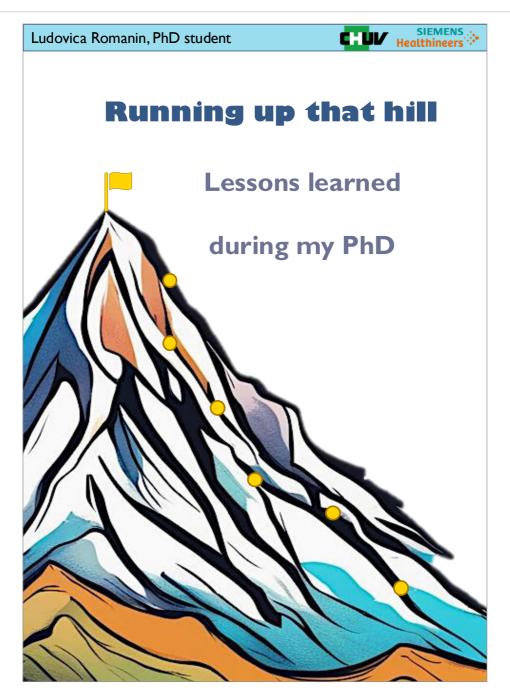
However, **T1** estimations can be **biased** by **B1+ inhomogeneities** and **affected** by **motion** present in the carotid (i.e.: respiration, swallowing, and carotid pulsation).

#### AIM

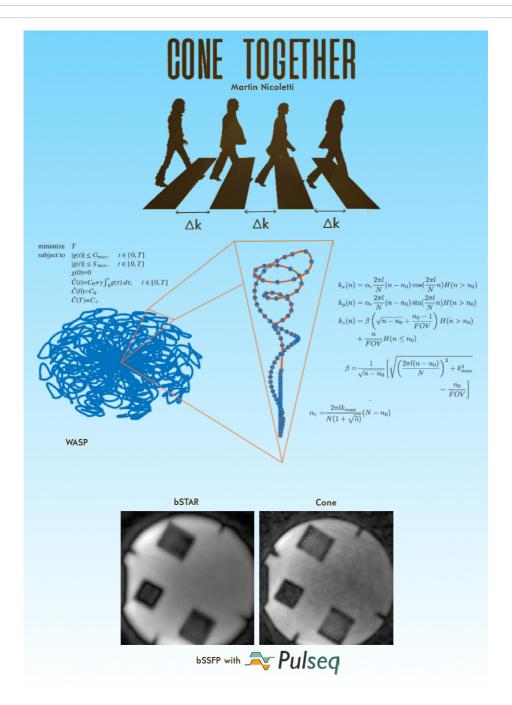
To implement a **free-running T1 mapping** of the **carotid** vessel wall with **B1+ correction** combined with a **respiratory-resolved** reconstruction.





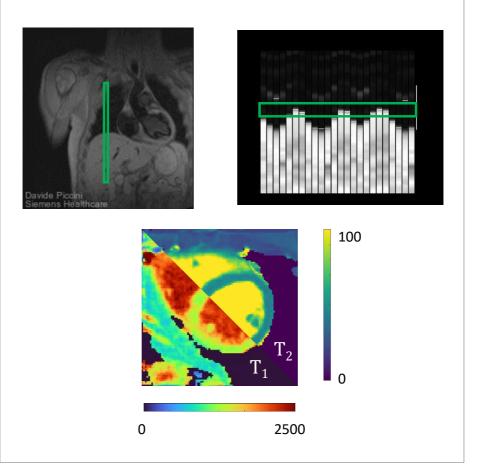






# **Every breath you take,** I'll be mapping you

- **Free-breathing** joint T<sub>1</sub>-T<sub>2</sub> mapping of the heart
- Lung-liver navigator to limit through-plane motion



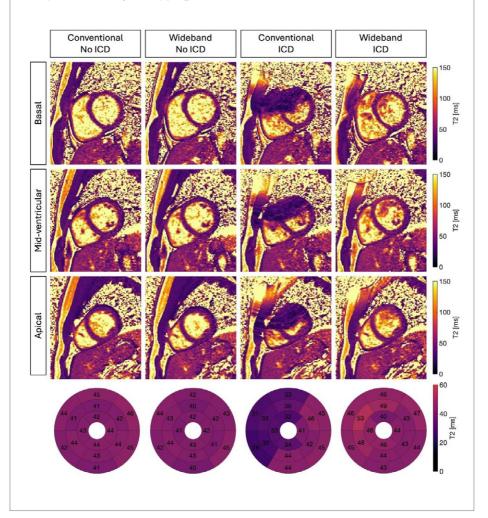
#### "Crystal clear"

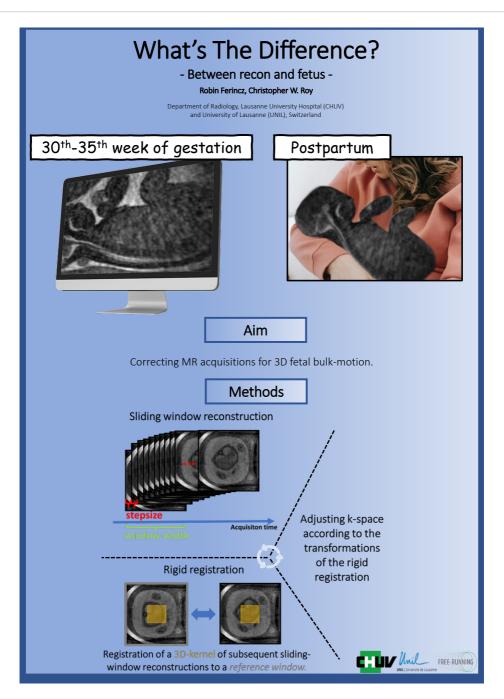
#### Wideband myocardial T2 mapping in patients with implantable cardiac devices:

#### Preliminary evaluation in healthy volunteers at 1.5T

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#### Oops WE did it again: 5D Whole-heart CMR at 0.55T

MRI is accepted as the gold standard for the assessment of the cardiac function, however required expertise and high costs prohibits wide-spread adoption. To democratize CMR, we propose to address these challenges by using a one-click and efficient 5D sequence on a 0.55 T low-field system to drive down the cost and simplify CMR exams.

We implemented and tested a 5D self-gated free-breathing radial phyllotaxis sequence (5D CMR) on a 0.55T Free.Max scanner with limited gradient performances. The images were used to measure the LVEF, RVEF and LAVI and those measurements were compared with a 2D cine clinical reference protocol.

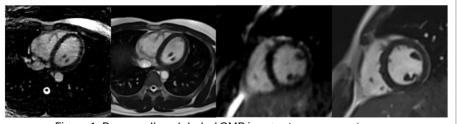


Figure 1: Purposedly unlabeled CMR images to serve as a teaser.

Some of the comments on the 5D CMR images at 0.55T:

"Wow, is this really an image from the Free.Max?"

A full professor

"This image is not great. I'll give it the grade 2 out of 5."

A spoiled cardiologist

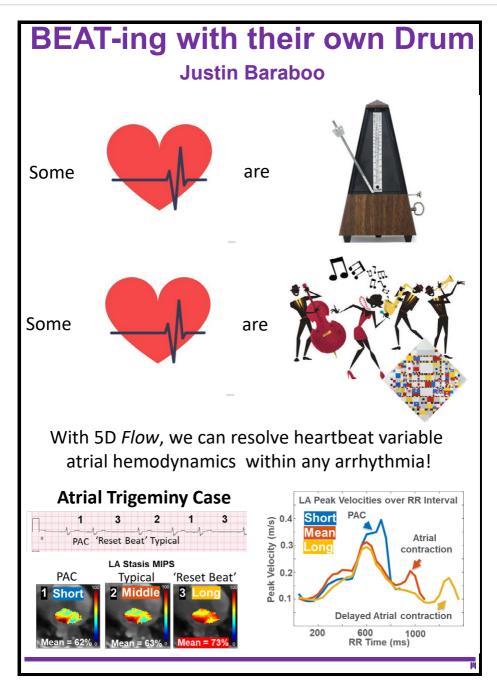
"How did you get those images? They look good."

An assistant/spy professor trying to replicate the work.

"Is this a heart?"
My (sarcastic) dad

"Impressive clarity and detail in this CMR image—truly exceptional work!"

ChatGPT when asked to compliment CMR images



## SPOT-MAPPING smells like T2 spirit V. de Villedon de Naide et al. CIBM-CHUV RETREAT 2024 IMAGE ACQUISITION (SPOT-MAPPING) Image #3 (T2 prep=35 ms PROCESSING Microvascular obstruction Apex -Bright-blood SPOT-MAPPING UNIL | Université de Lausanne 1 liryc **W**V

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- Promote unity in our MR research family in a relaxed atmosphere and free of daily commitments.
- Provide a platform for communication among MR sub-specialties to generate new ideas and stimulate new collaborations.
- Critical review of on-going research projects and future directions.
- Tribute to scientific excellence and achievements.
- Dialog and knowledge exchange among basic scientists, clinicians and industry.
- Foster local, national, and international relations.

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