# What Does The Future Hold in Ablation

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This talk discusses various investigational non-FDA approved devices and technologies

## The Future of Thermal ablation

Radiofrequency, Laser, Utrasound

## Controlling Lesions Based on "Tissue Temperature"





MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Advantages of Interface Temperature

- Another measure of <u>contact</u>- not just force
- Direct measure of mechanism of tissue injury
  - Allows for controlled lesion delivery
  - Avoid char/ steam pops
  - Temperature monitoring is also stability monitoring



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### **Chamber Specific Lesion Dimension Prediction**



Embedded surface temperature sensors in 56 hole porous tip





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#### Temperature-Controlled Radiofrequency Ablation for Pulmonary Vein Isolation in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

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## Temperature Controlled-Irrigated RF: Diamond tip ablation



- Diamond-tip radiofrequency (RF) irrigated catheter
- Six thermocouples

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		Study Group (n = 35)	Control Group (n = 35)	p Value
	No. of ablation lesions per patient	$83.6\pm13.2$	151.6 ± 38.2	<0.001
	Left PV lesion set	$\textbf{37.9} \pm \textbf{8.8}$	$\textbf{60.2} \pm \textbf{18.2}$	< 0.001
	Right PV lesion set	46.1 ± 9.5	91.3 ± 26.0	<0.001
1	RF application time per	$18.8\pm1.9$	$\textbf{35.1} \pm \textbf{4.1}$	< 0.001
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	Left PV lesion set	17.6 ± 1.9	33.8 ± 5.4	< 0.001
	Right PV lesion set	197 ± 24	$35.8 \pm 4.2$	< 0.001
ł	Total RF application time per patient, min	$\textbf{26.3} \pm \textbf{5.2}$	$89.2\pm27.2$	<0.001
	Left PV lesion set	11.2 ± 3.3	$\textbf{34.4} \pm \textbf{13.1}$	< 0.001
	Right PV lesion set	$\textbf{15.1}\pm\textbf{3.7}$	$\textbf{54.8} \pm \textbf{17.9}$	< 0.001
	Fluoroscopy time, min	$11.2\pm8.5$	$19.5\pm 6.8$	< 0.001
1	Average impedance drop, $\Omega$	$13.1\pm3.5$	$8.1\pm2.1$	< 0.001
	Average power, W	<del>36.3 ± 2.6</del>	<del>31.2 ± 2.5</del>	< 0.001





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## Irrigated RF and Atrial Ablation.....





High-Power and Short-Duration Ablation for Pulmonary Vein Isolation: Biophysical Characterization. Leshem E, Anter E. JACC Clin Electrophysiol. 2018

## Fast Ablation: Right Superior PV Isolation 90W/4 Seconds







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#### Pulmonary Vein Isolation With Very High Power, Short Duration, Temperature-Controlled Lesions

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- 52 PAF pts
- Procedure time =105 mins
- Fluoroscopy = 6.6 mins
- 79% PVI with vHPSD alone



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# Q-dot - vHPSD



## Lattice Ablation (Sphere 9) Catheter

Combined ablation and mapping catheter

- 8F bidirectional deflectable expandable conductive nitinol mesh
- Diameter- <u>9mm with 9 Temp</u> sensors/mini electrodes
- Central irrigation





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## Lattice Ablation (Sphere 9) Catheter

#### Temperature controlled irrigated RF

- Mini electrodes + Central electrode
- Tissue stability- Compressible
- Faster, Wider, Deeper lesions
- Electroanatomical mapping magnetic sensor
- Anatomy acquisition respiratory gating
- Contact : Impedance between microelectrodes and center electrode



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## Wide Tip RF delivery



## **Preclinical Swine Survival**





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## Preclinical

Koruth, Kuroki, Reddy 2019 (Under Review)



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MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Rapid Pulmonary Vein Isolation using an Irrigated Temperature-Controlled Lattice Ablation Catheter: A First-in-Human Clinical Experience HRS 2019- Vivek Reddy et al



Slide: Courtesy Reddy / Neuzil 2019



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MOUNT SINAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Novel Irrigated Temperature-Controlled Lattice Ablation Catheter for Ventricular Ablation A Preclinical Multimodality Biophysical Characterization. Shapira-Daniels, Anter E et al



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## What is Pulsed Field Ablation (IRE)?

- Novel ablation- Ultra-short, high-voltage electrical impulses
- Large increase in the electric field across cell membrane Nanoscale pores
- Specific thresholds for target tissue
- Permanent nanopores Cell death





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# **Pulsed Field Ablation**

- Non-thermal ablation despite electric field of 1000 V/cm short duration, limited pulses
- Effect/Lesion volume determined by
  - Electric field distribution
  - Tissue specific thresholds
- Affects only cell membrane: Extracellular matrix is intact







## **Pulsed Field Ablation**

• IRE -Unipolar pulse (s) applied for a duration of microseconds: ++muscle contractions requiring NM blockade

• IRE- Bipolar pulse : Effective but with less muscular contractions







Hsiao CY: J Med Ultrasound. 2017 Oct-Dec;25(4):195-200.



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# PFA - Ventricular Myocardium Monophasic - Monopolar

#### **Epicardial** ablation

- 50-360 J
- 5/56 arteries :intimal hyperplasia (<50% stenoses)</li>
- 5 direct LAD no change
- Depth  $6.5 \pm 2.7 \text{ mm}$



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#### Epicardial ablation:

- 50-200-J
- Depth 5-12 mm
- Width 16 20 mm
- 200-J : Transmural lesions & significant tissue shrinkage were observed



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Neven K, Wittkampf F, et al. Circ AE 2014;7:728-733.

## **Epicardial Pulsed Electric Field Therapy**





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### **Pulsed Field Ablation: Catheter Design**

- 12F OTW pentaspline catheter
- PFA-specific generator
- Bipolar/biphasic waveform
- Farawave/Farapulse





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#### **Pre-Clinical Evaluation of Pulsed Field Ablation: Electrophysiological and Histological Assessment of Thoracic Vein Isolation**





#### Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation With Pulsed Electric Fields

An Ultra-Rapid, Tissue-Selective Modality for Cardiac Ablation

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- Acute isolation : 57 PVs in 15 patients
- Mean of  $3.26 \pm 0.5$  lesions/PV
- Procedure :  $67 \pm 10.5 \text{ min}$
- PEF catheter entry into LA to time of removal: 26 ± 4.3 min
- Total ablation time (was 19 ± 2.5 min (range 16 to 23 min)

• All lesions was <60 s/patient





## Pulsed Field Ablation for Pulmonary Vein Isolation in Atrial Fibrillation



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### **Pulsed Field Ablation: Delayed Enhancement**



# **Endocardial Focal PFA Bipolar and Biphasic**

#### 12F Deflectable "FLEX" Catheter

• Four splines / four electrodes each









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## **Endocardial Focal PF Ablation**

- CS and RV pacing catheters
- Synchronized delivery during joined RV and CS pacing
- Pre- and post-ablation pacing threshold recorded in 2/4 swine:
   Pulse width of 2ms pacing

through distal bipoles





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## **Endocardial Focal PFA Ablation**





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## **Endocardial Focal PFA Ablation**





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## **Histological Findings - Focal PFA**



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### **8F Deflectable "POINT" Catheter**



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## **Pulse Field Ablation- ICE Imaging**





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- Echodense lesion immediate post ablation
- Echodensity/edema progresses over time



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## What's out there in PFA?













### **RF Balloon Ablation Catheter** Visually-Guided, Titrate-able RFA

#### One Shot Multipoint Irrigated RF

May improve procedural efficiency



Built-in Cameras Validation of electrode contact via realtime direct visualization



Integrated Mapping and Pacing

Courtesy V Reddy

### Multi-Electrode Balloon Ablation Catheter Helios: Directionally-Titratable RF Energy





8 cm

#### Visually-Guided Laser Balloon Next-Gen Improvements → Shorten Procedure Time

- Gen 2: Excalibur
  - More Compliant Balloon
  - <u>Goal</u>: Easier, faster, maximal balloon-tissue conformance
- Gen 3: X3 RAPID
  - Continuous ablation at higher
    power → 'drag and burn' lesion
  - **o Dose-equivalent to current titration**
  - Controlled by single-axis motor
  - <u>Goal</u>: Isolate PV < 3 minutes of ablation ... but preserve ability to titrate energy along balloon circumference

