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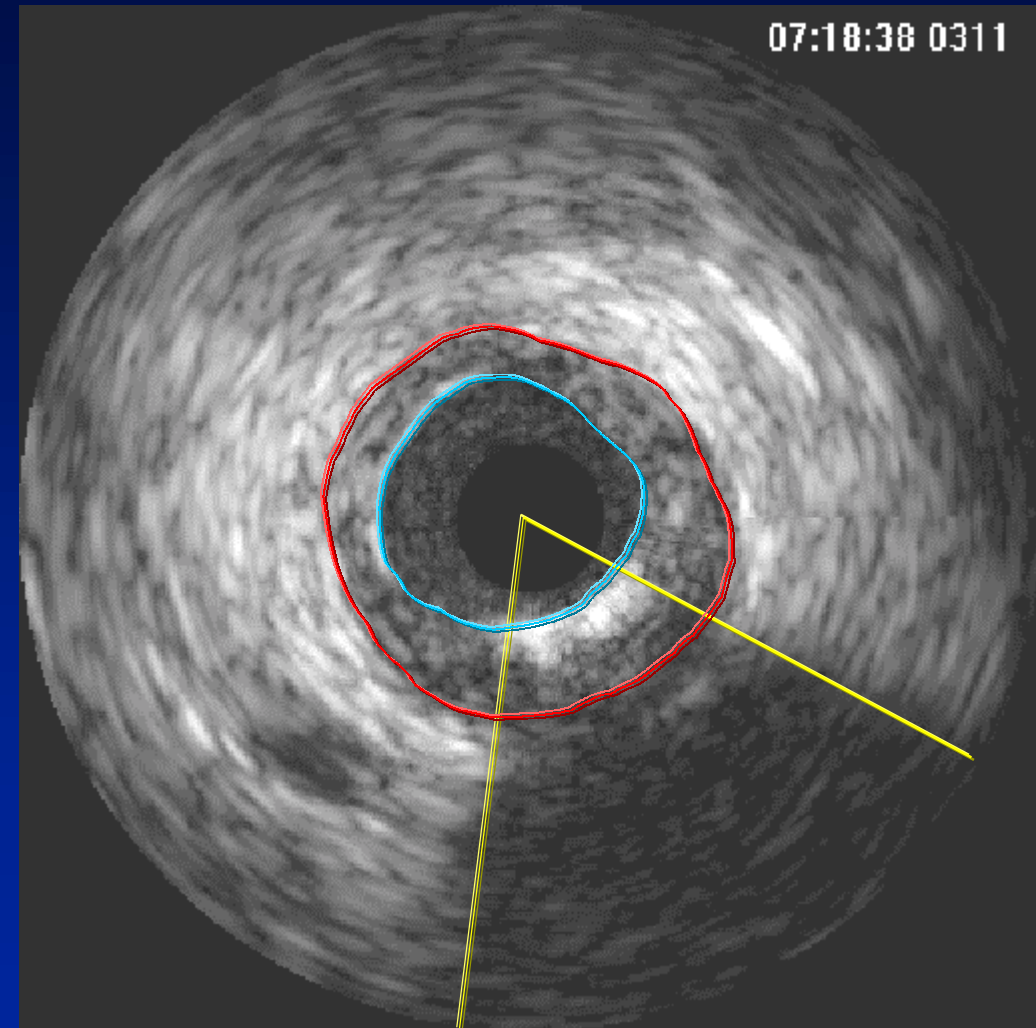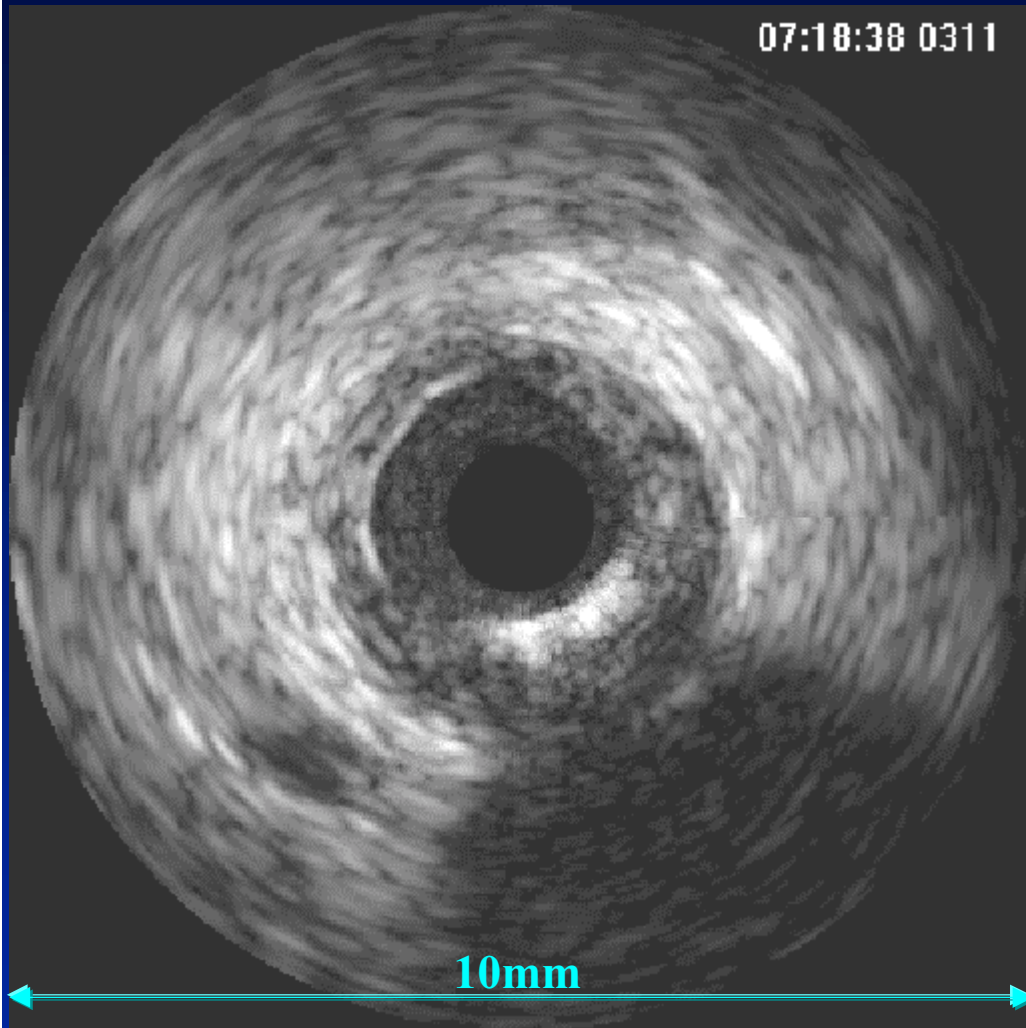# Multi-agent image interpretation of medical images

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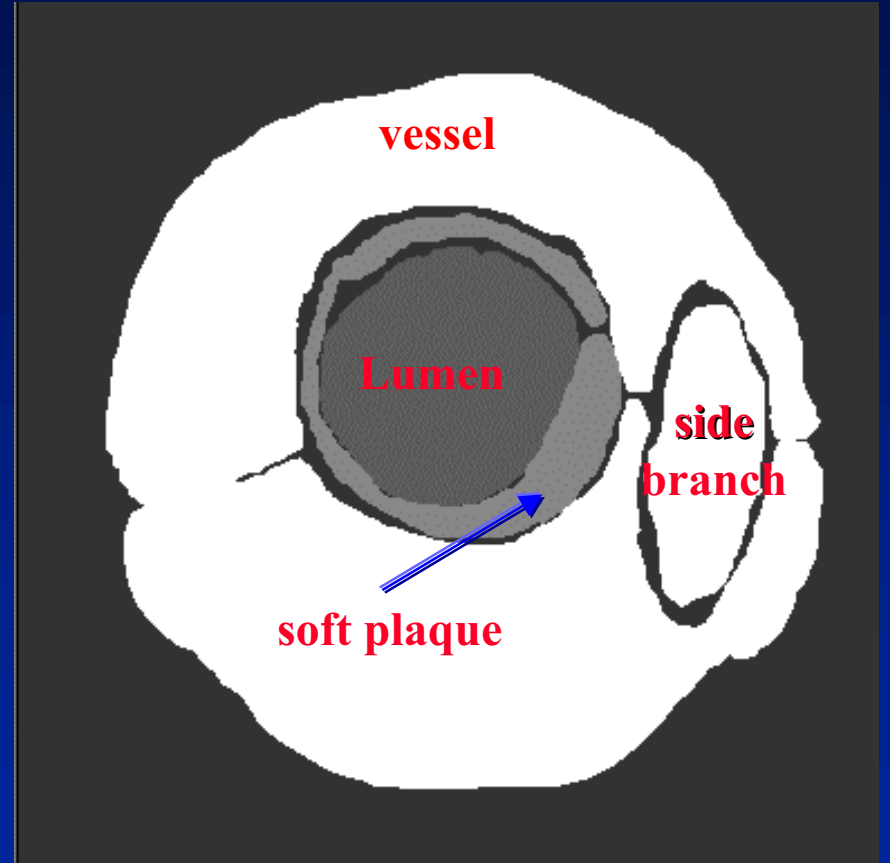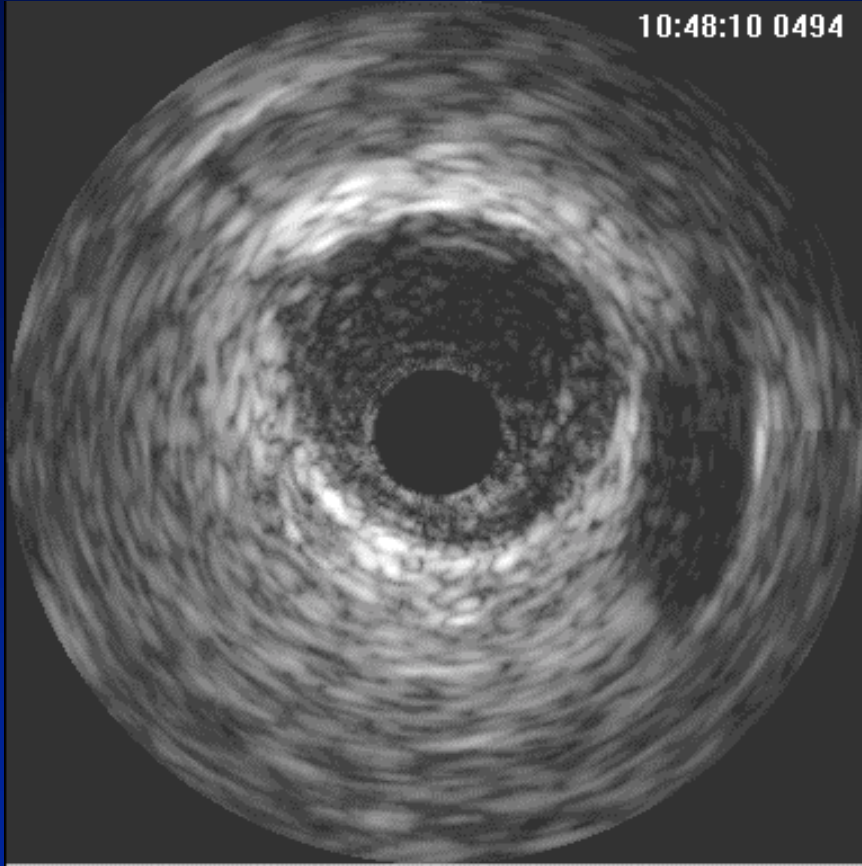Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands
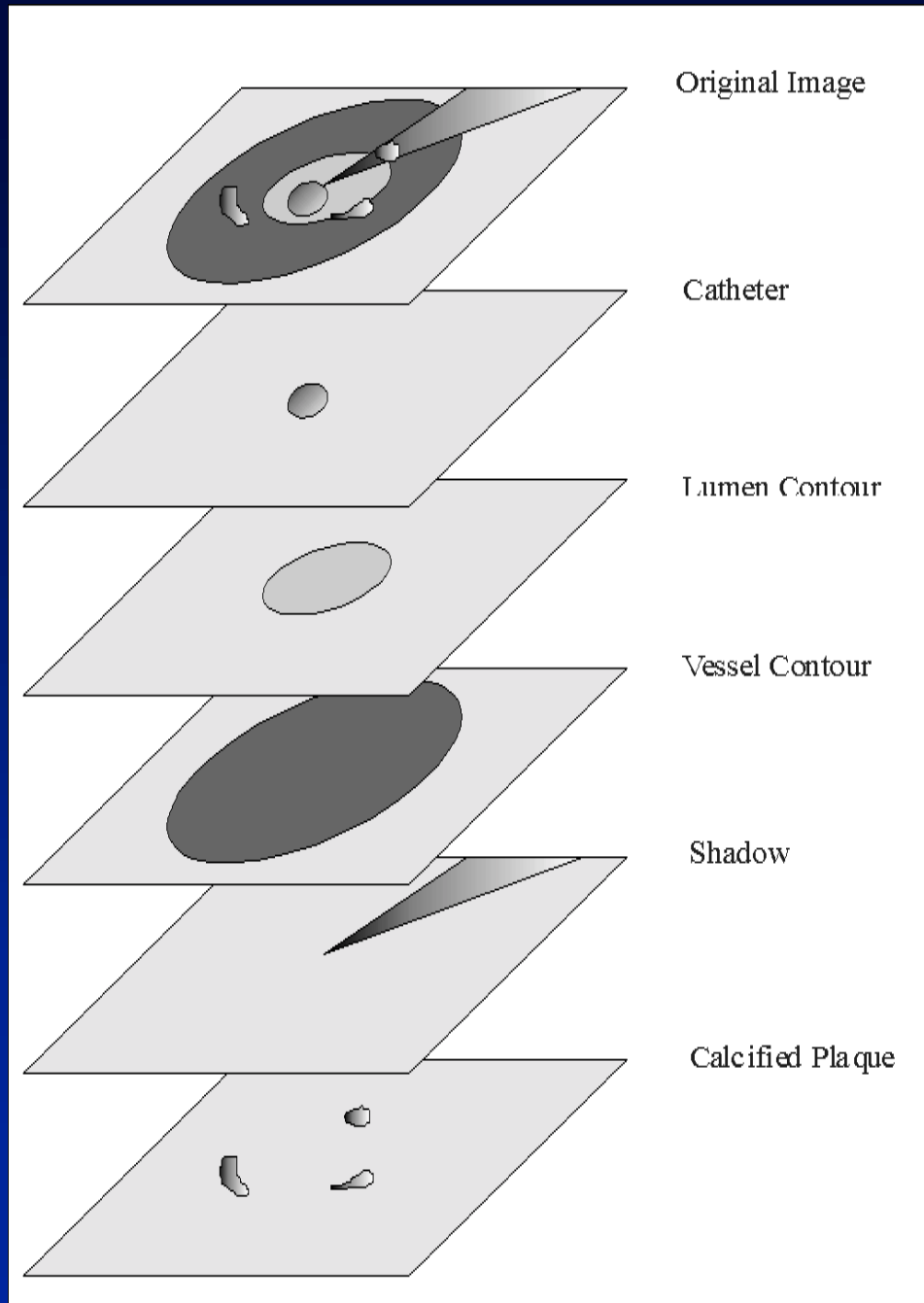
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Problem domain (IVUS)

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IVUS Image interpretation

Some data

- Soar version: 6.2.5

- Agent development: Emacs + SDE 12.0

- Platform: Windows NT

- Software: C++, MDS 6.0

Agents at work

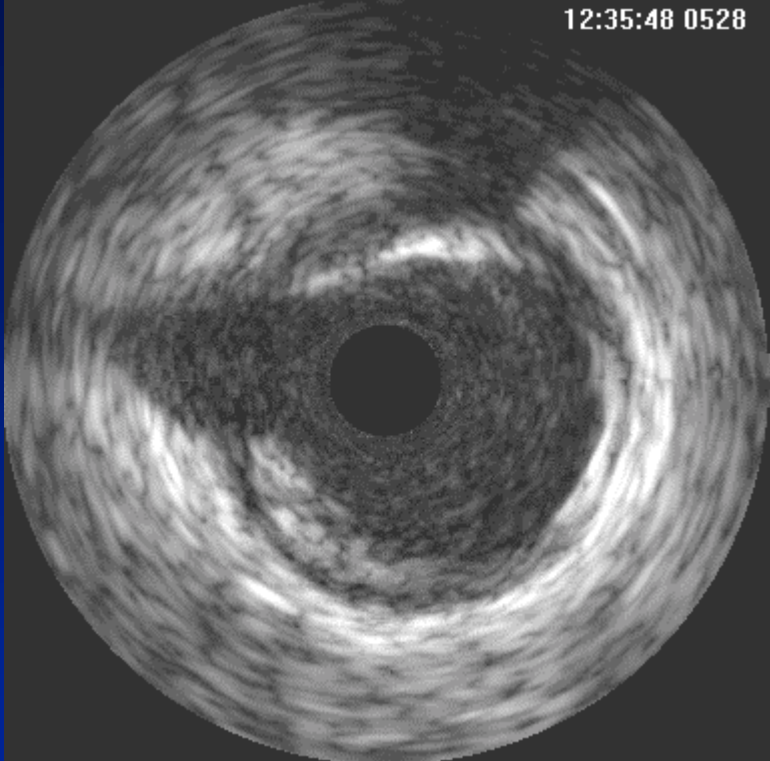- Demonstration of communicationprotocol

- Demonstration of imageprocessing actions

- Demonstration build-up of internal models

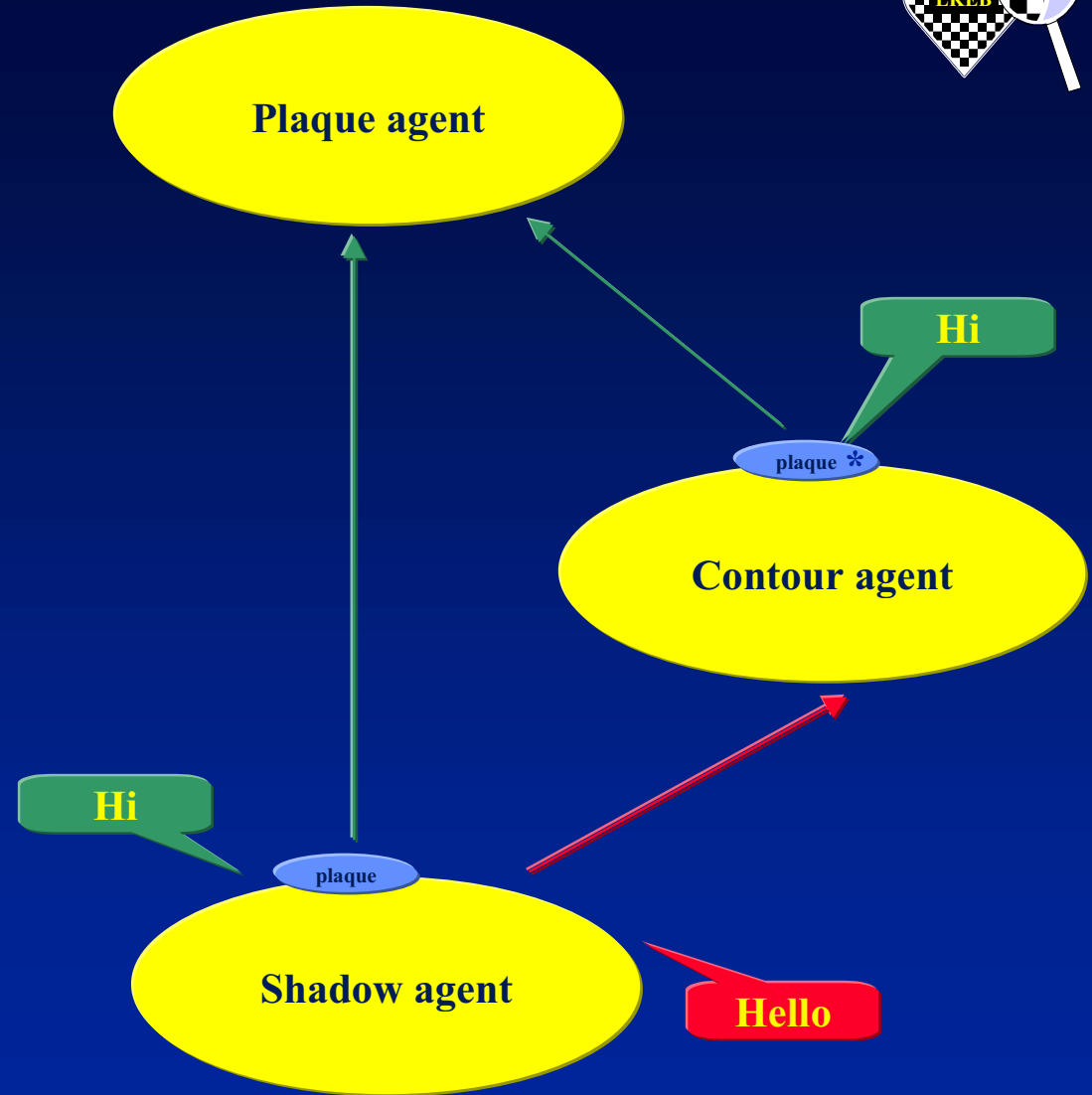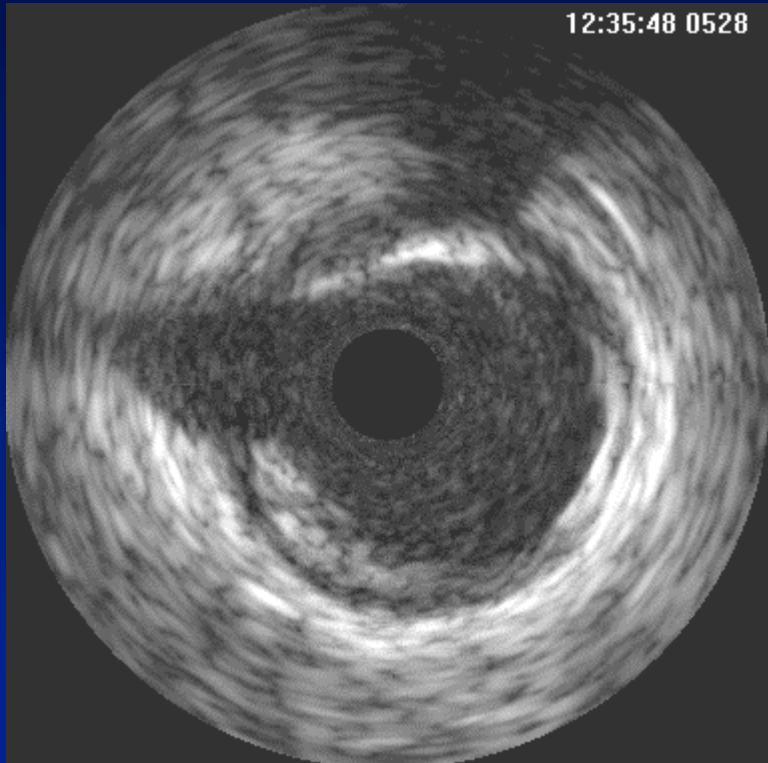- Demonstration of exchange of image interpretation information
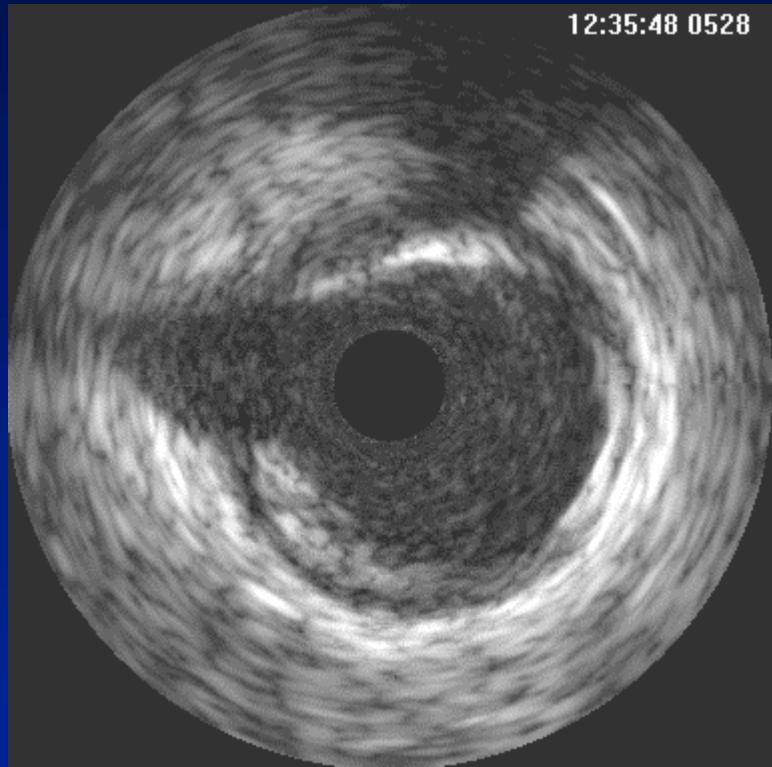
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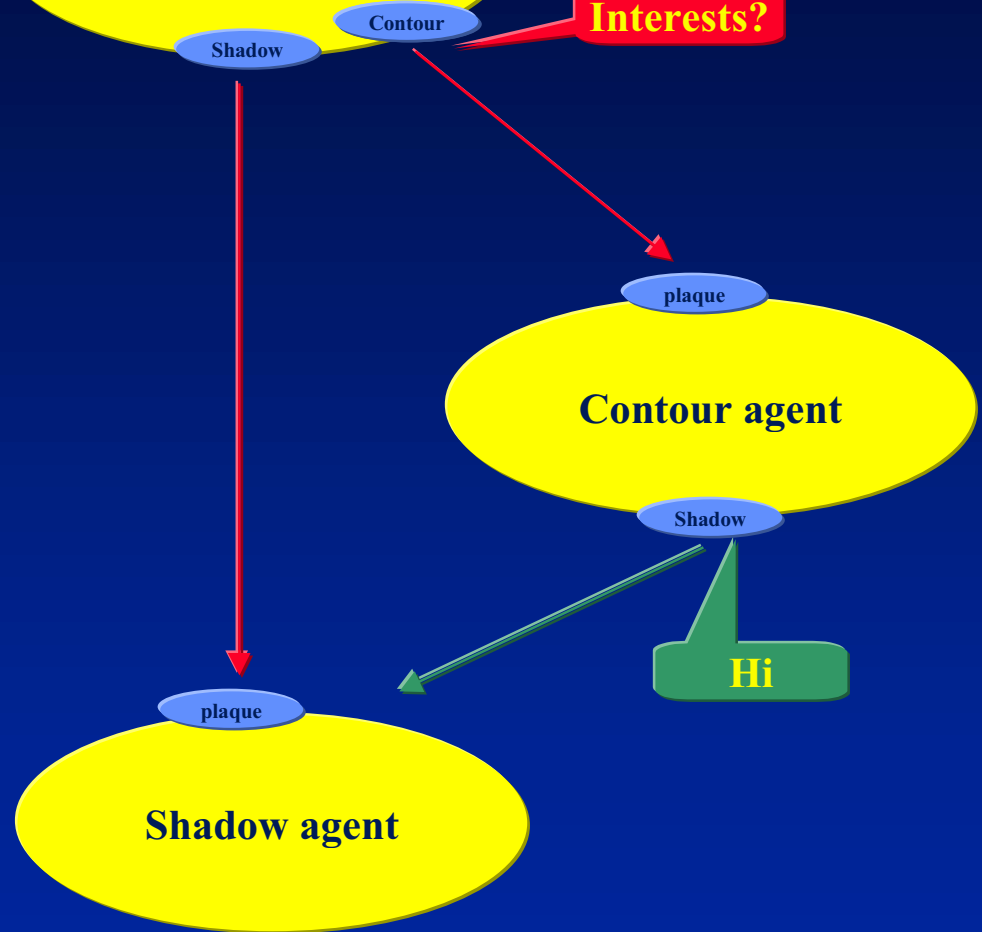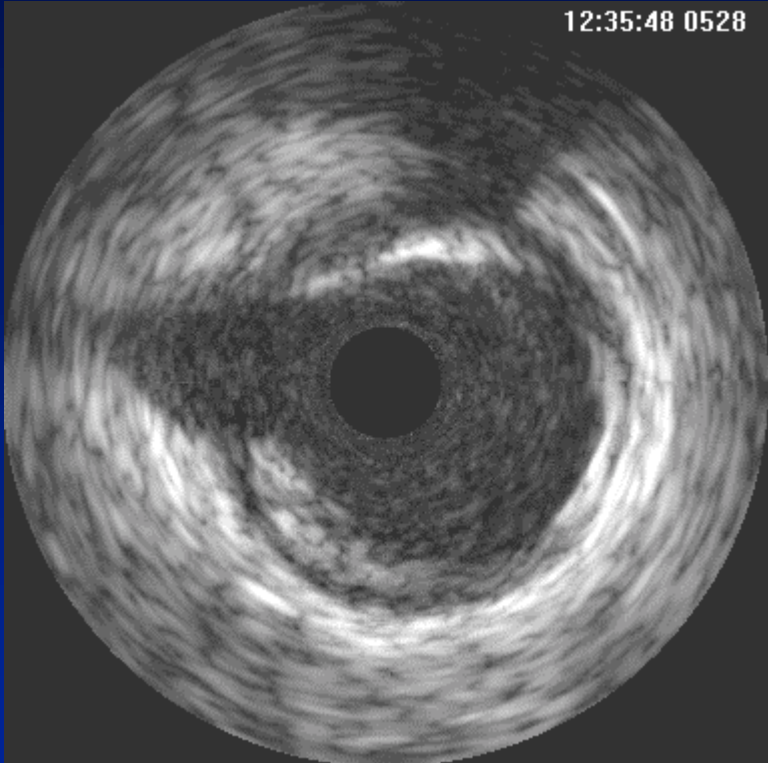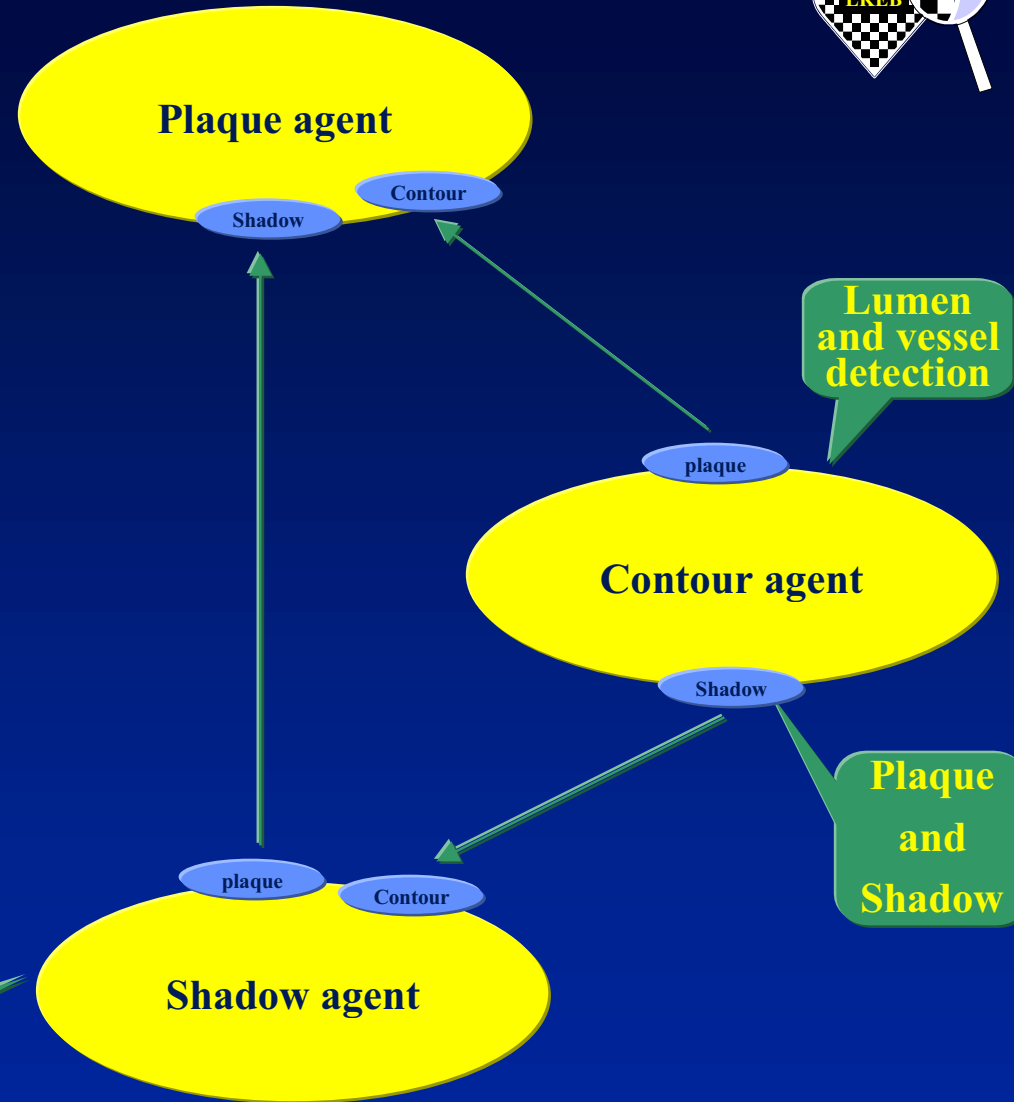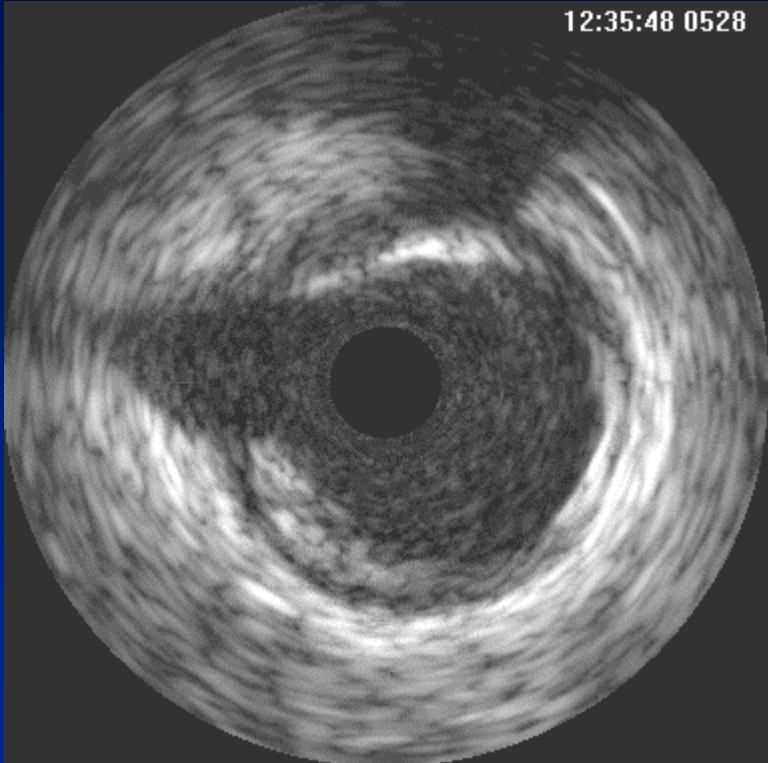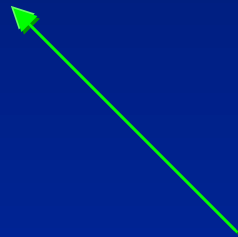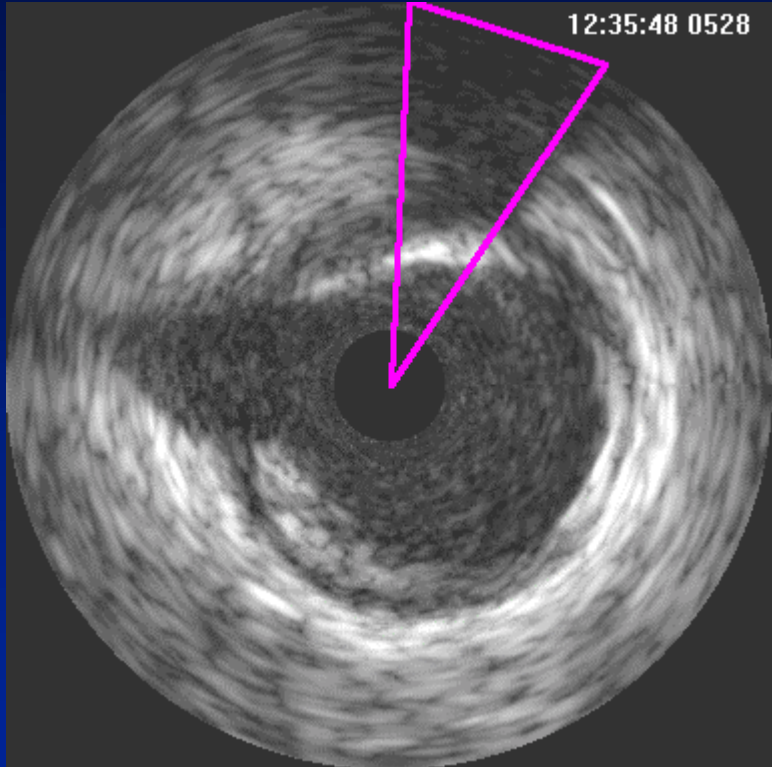
Plaque agent
shadow plaque
Shadow Contour
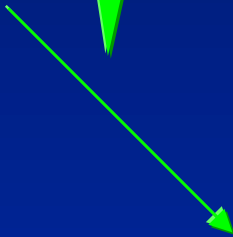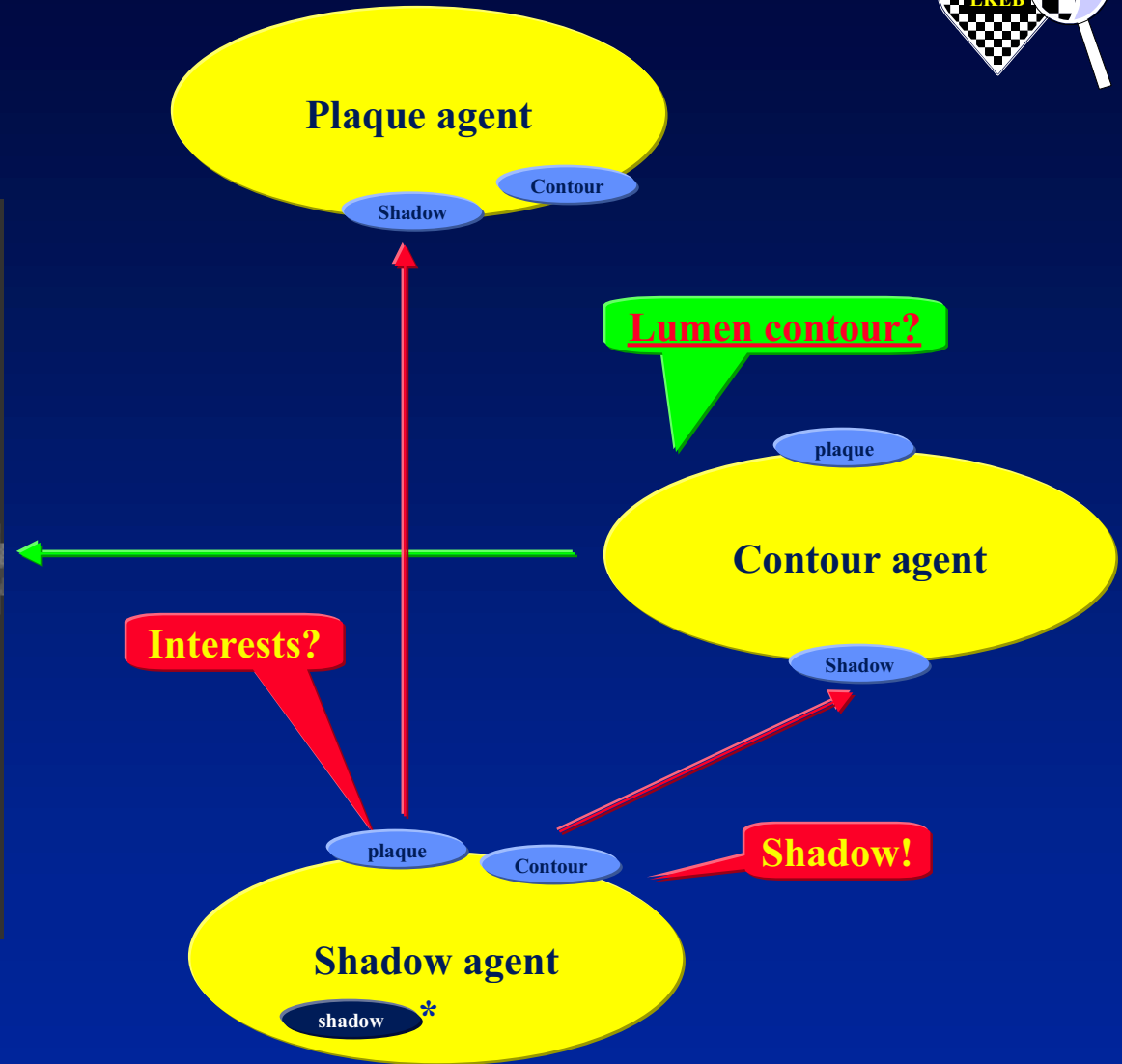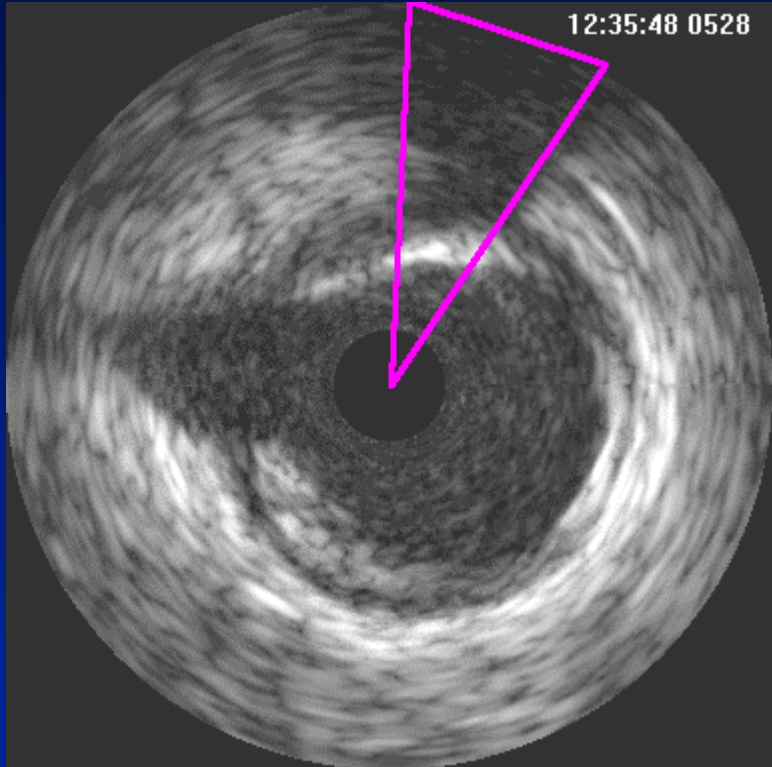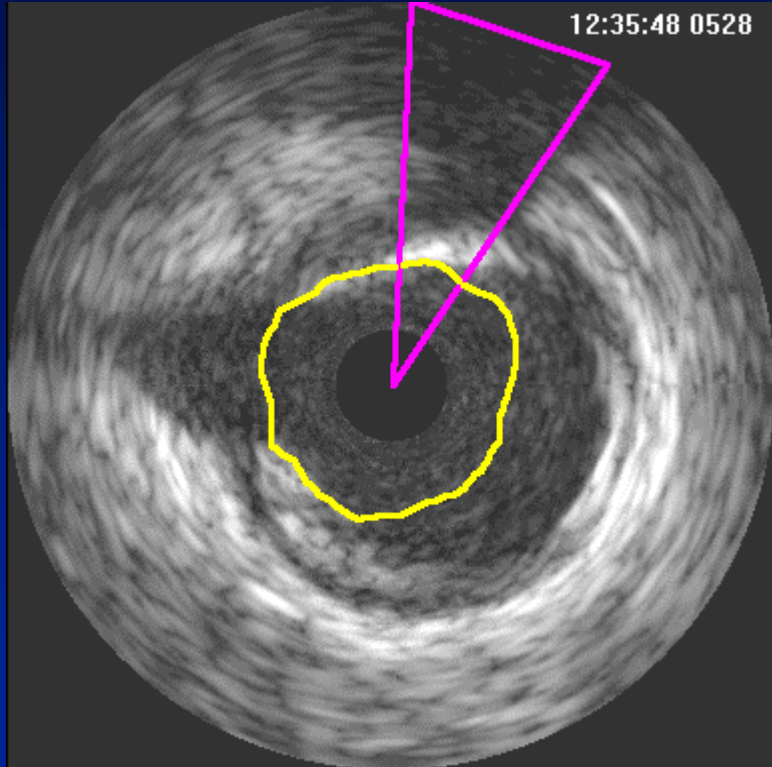
Contour agent
plaque
lumen vessel
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Shadow
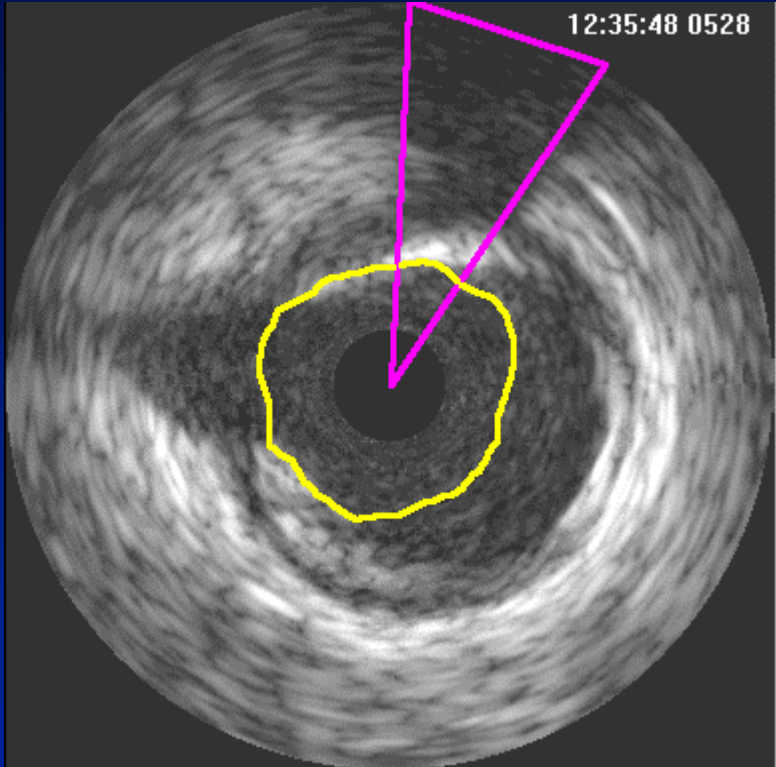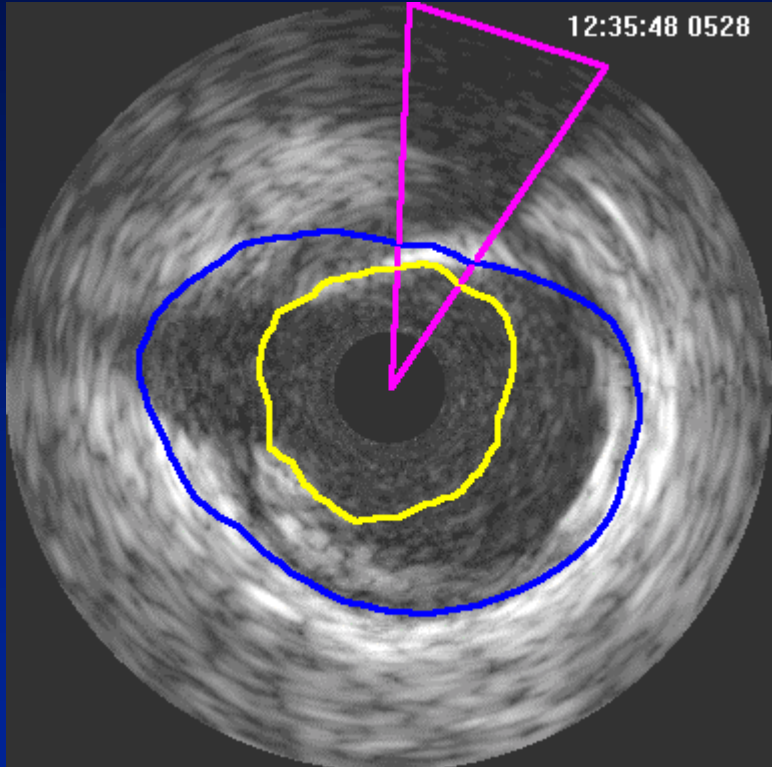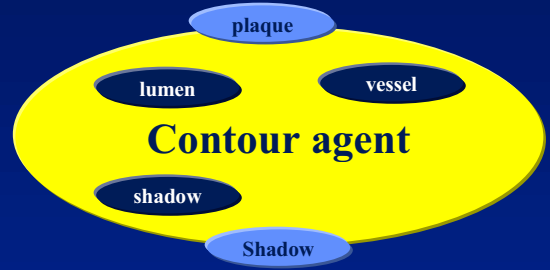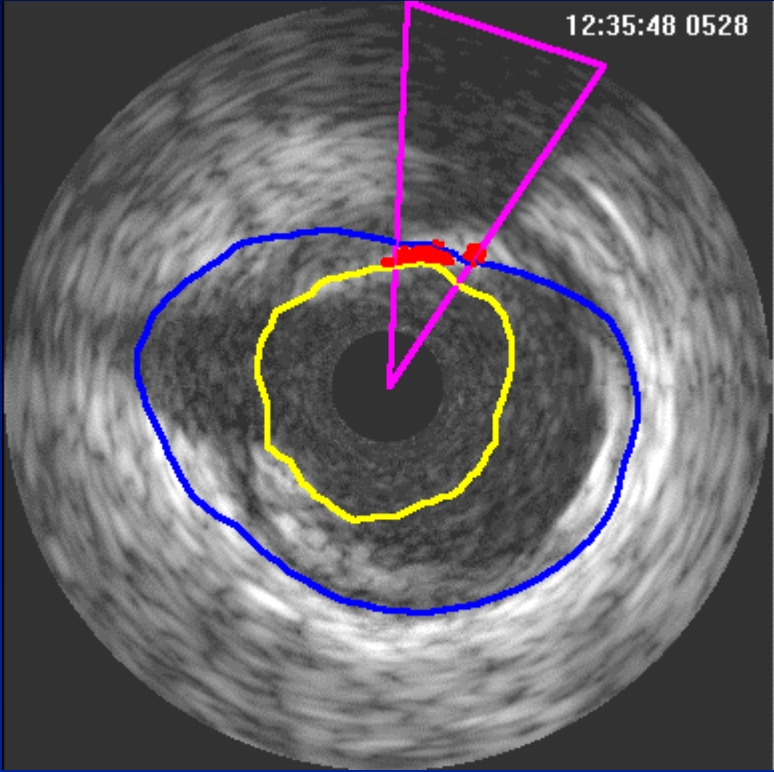
Shadow agent
plaque Contour
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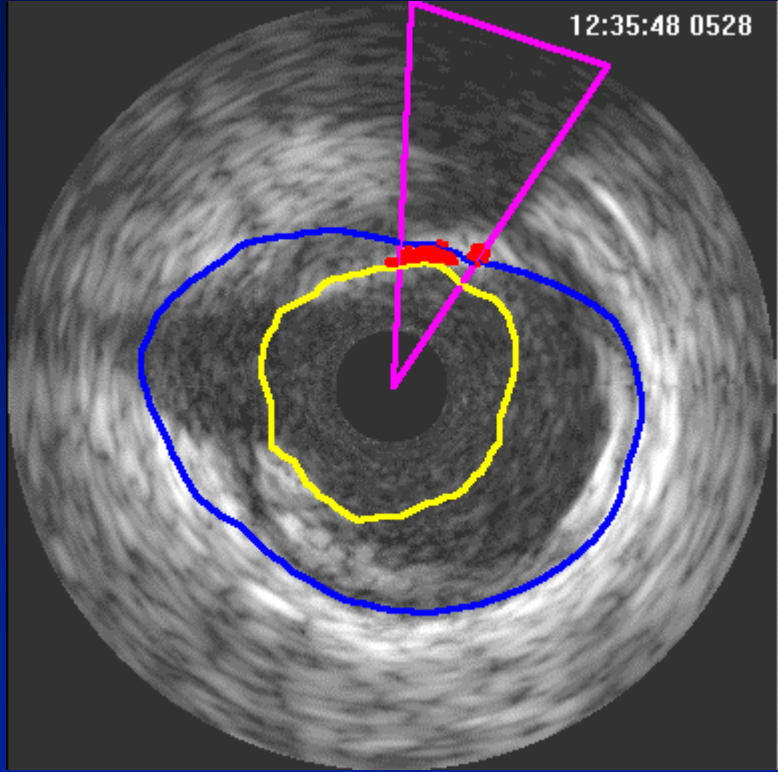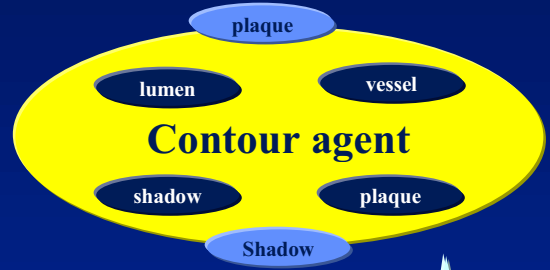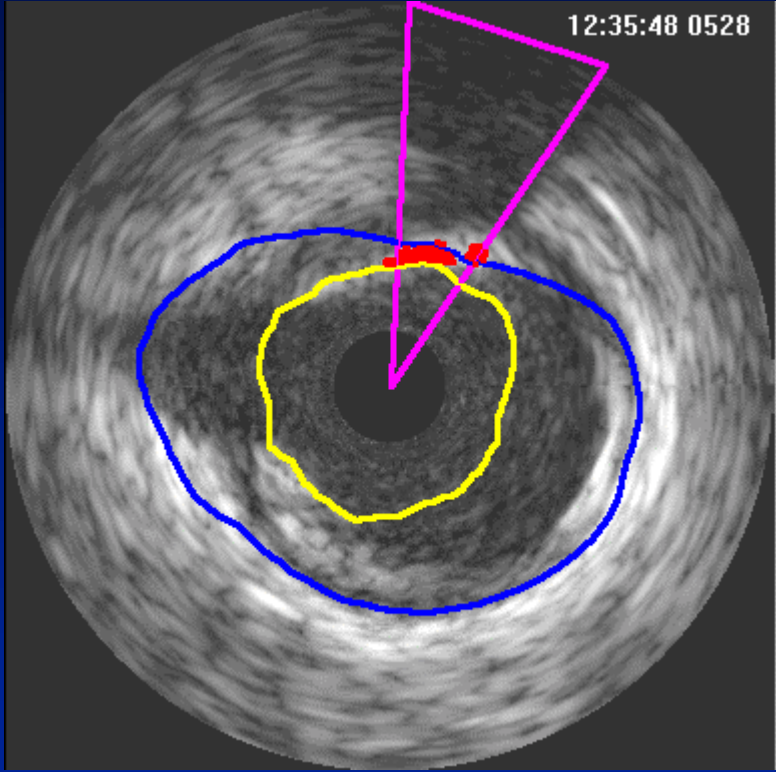
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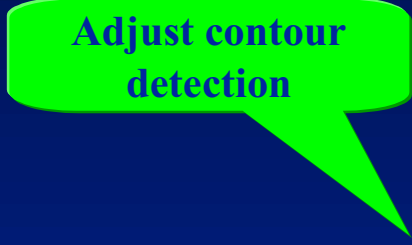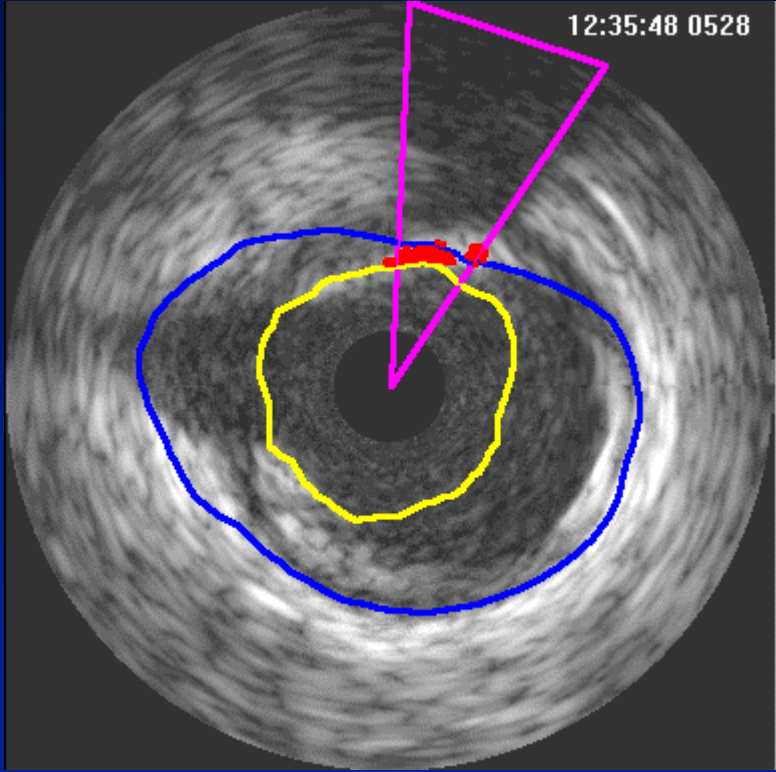
Future work

- Agent behavior: learning, emergent behavior, timing issues.

- Agent internal models: allowing an agent its personal views on the world and other agents.

- Specialized vs general agent issues.

- Agent communication: outdated information, conflicting information, etc.
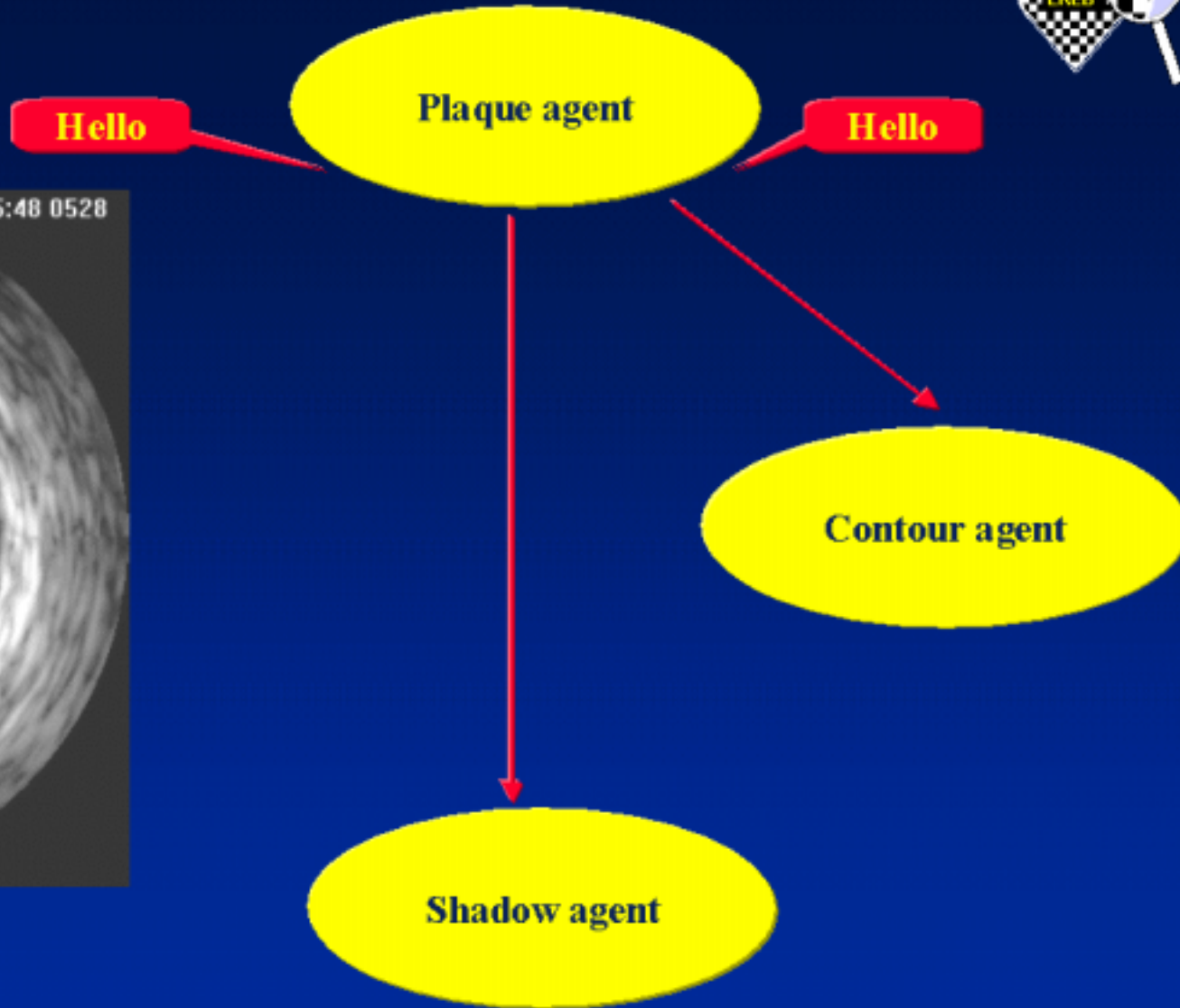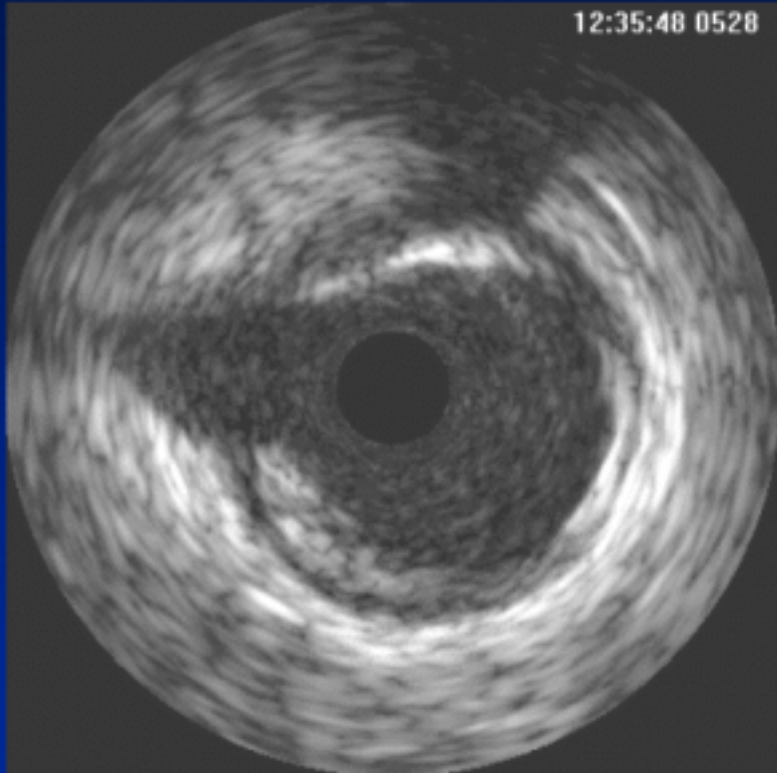
Agent communication: initialization
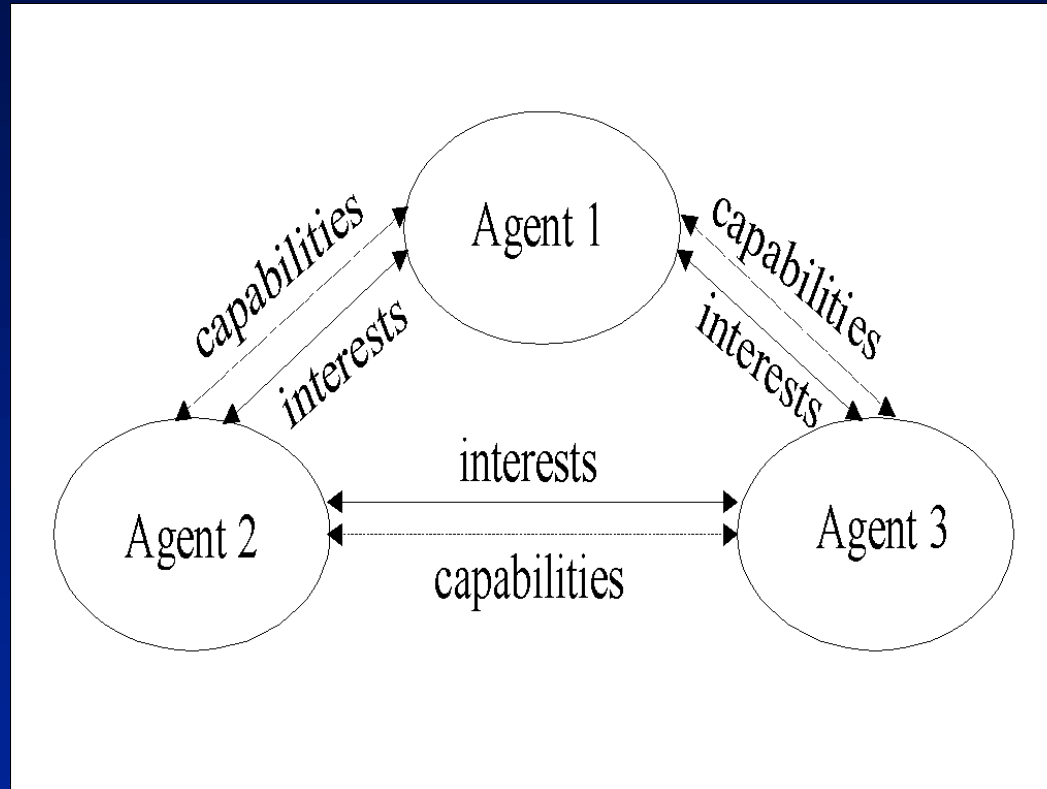
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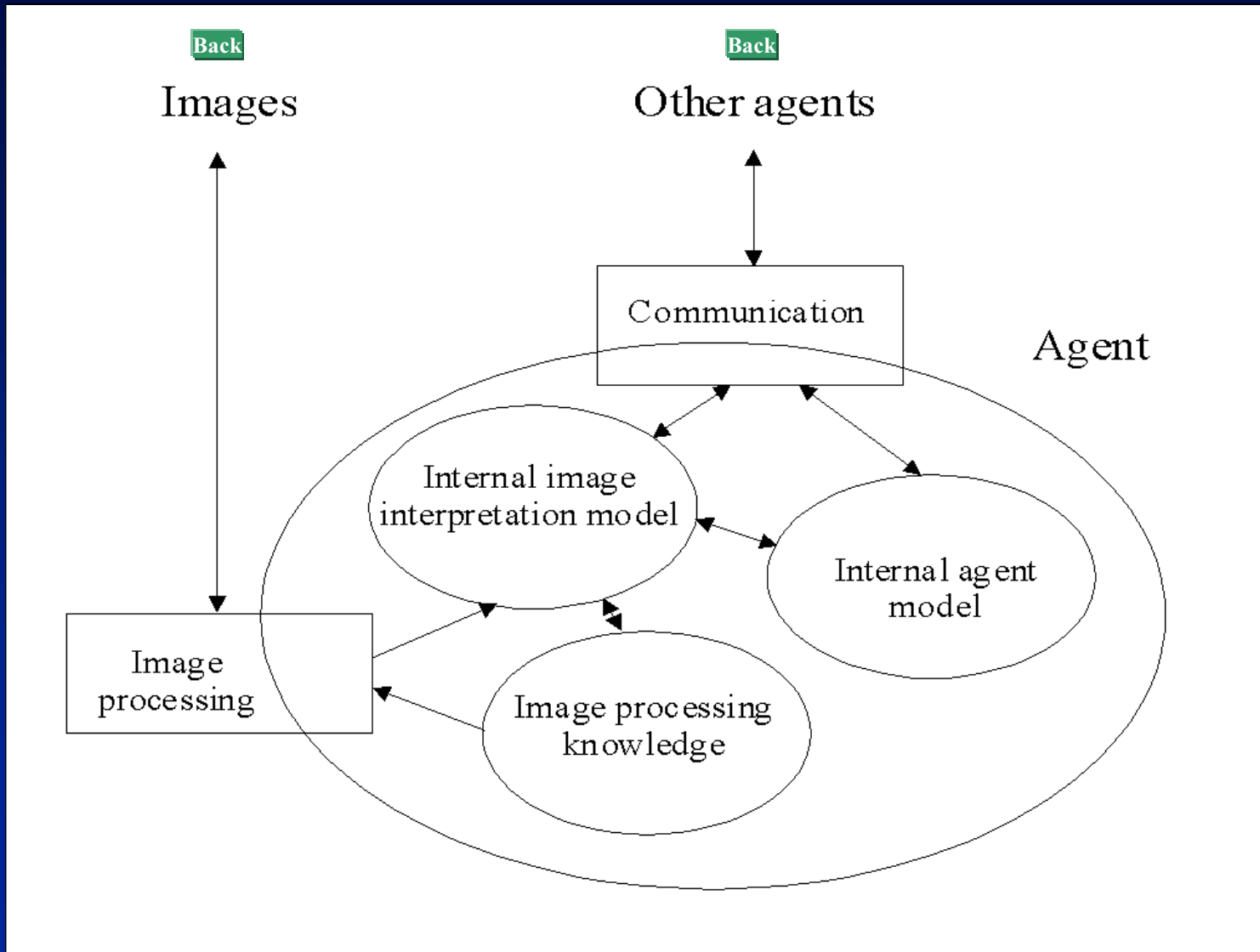
Agent IP:
encoding of a cascade of image processing operations

IvusContourDetection
Operator Structure

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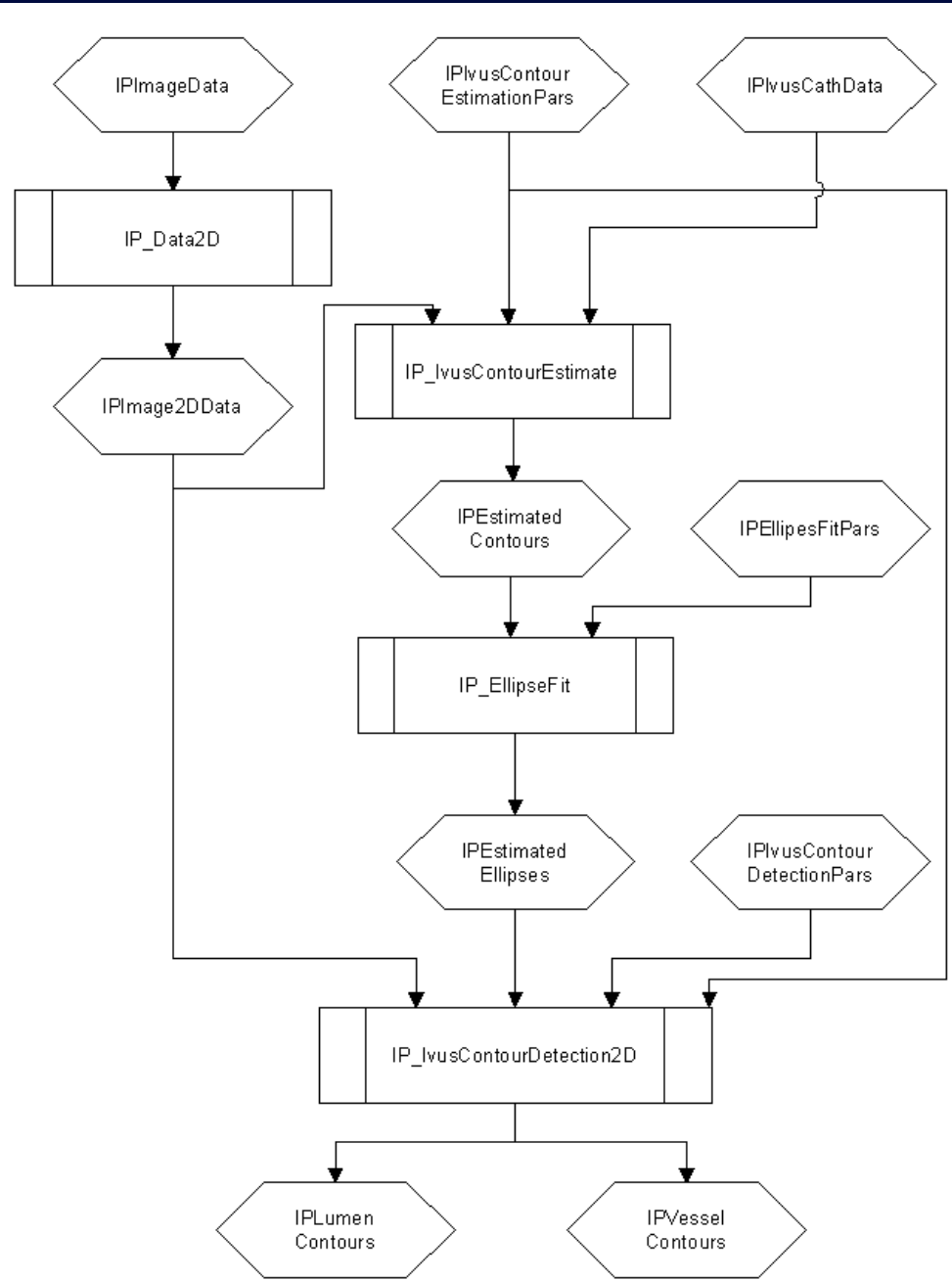
Back to agent demo

Soar agent interfaces
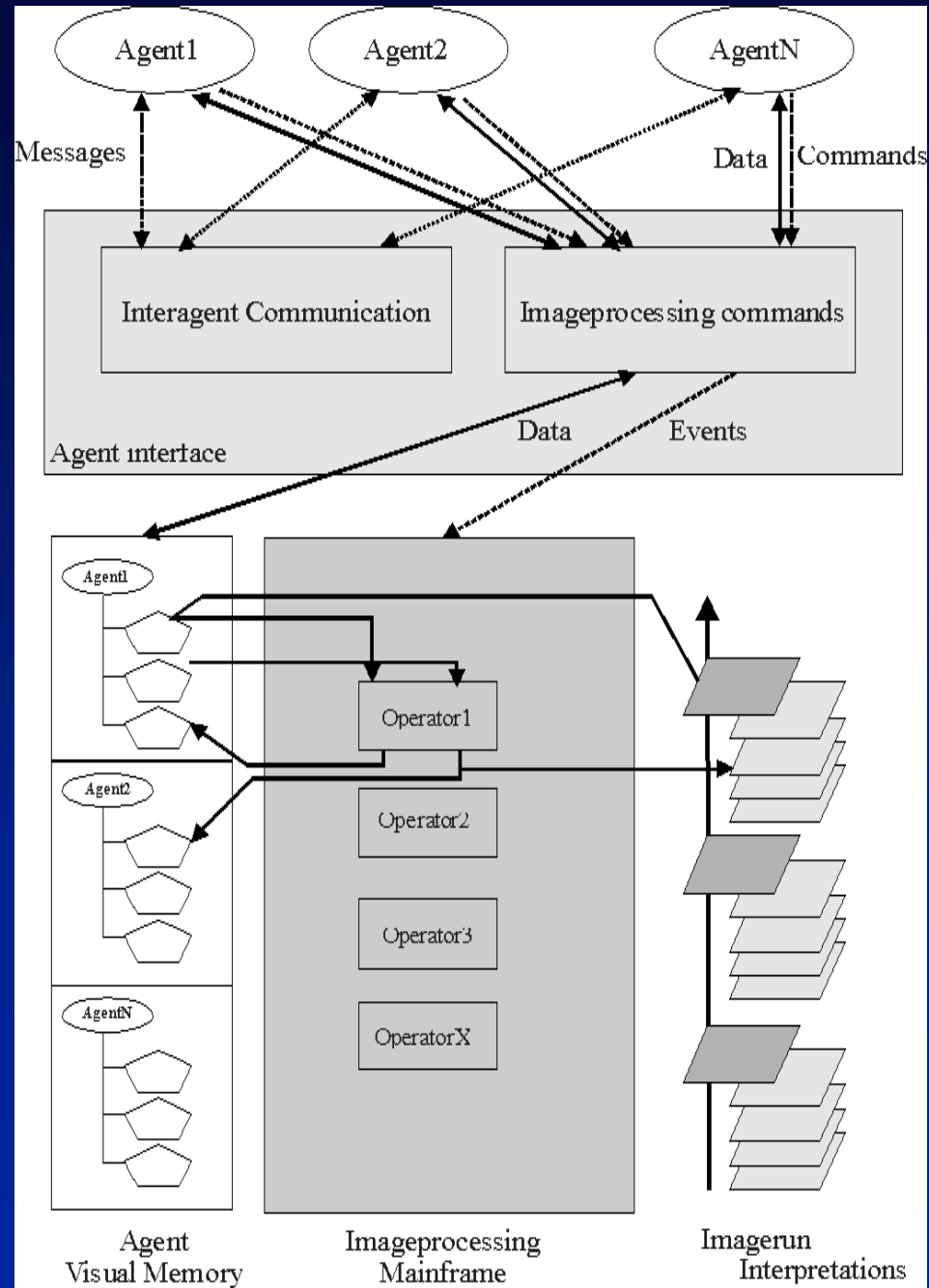
ivus-contour

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    (N33 ^grav-x 233. ^grav-y 127. ^maxgray 184. ^mean 165.722 ^mingray 150.
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  (N30 ^nr 0 ^object N31 ^startangle 3 ^stopangle 34)
    (N31 ^grav-x 208. ^grav-y 126. ^maxgray 214. ^mean 180.736 ^mingray 150.
          ^plaque-angle 14. ^size 216. ^variance 347.274)
(N29 ^end 34 ^mindist 40 ^nr 0 ^start 3)

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  (N7 ^capabilities shadow ^interests calcified-plaque
        ^interests side-branches ^name ivus-shadow)
  (N5 ^capabilities calcified-plaque ^interests shadow ^name ivus-cplaque)
  (M1 ^capabilities vessel ^capabilities lumen ^interests shadow
        ^interests calcified-plaque ^name ivus-contour)
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Command > | p :depth 6 a1

Step

Stop

Run

Init

Learn

Watch

Excise

Productions

Save

Print