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# Proximal Flow Control System (Mo.Ma) for CAS:

## Stop Flow and Block Stroke

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# Protection methods

- Distal anti-embolic measures

- Distal balloon occlusion
  - PercuSurge GuardWire (Abbott)
- Distal filtering devices
  - FilterWire, Spider FX, NeuroShield, AccuNet



- Proximal anti-embolic measures

- Flow arrest by occluding the ECA and CCA simultaneously
  - Mo.MA Ultra
- Flow reversal with use of balloon occlusion catheters
  - PAES (Parodi AntiEmbolic System)
  - Gore Flow reversal system
  - Transcervical technique



# Personal experience with distal protection devices

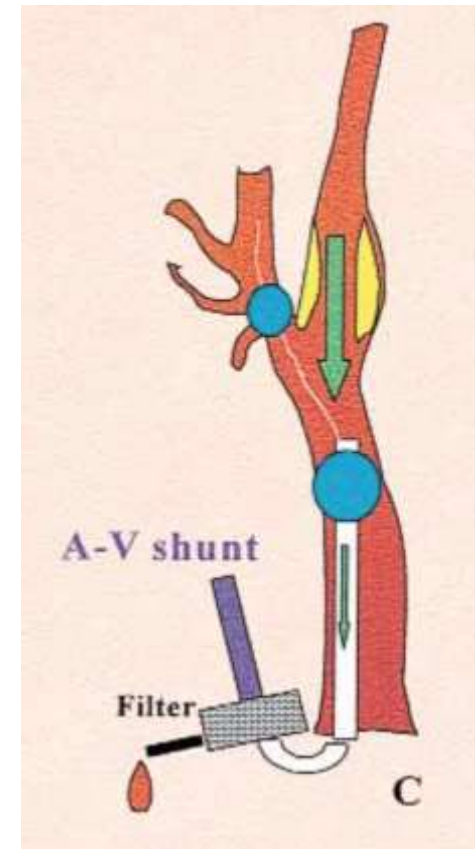
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- PercuSurge
  - Too cumbersome to handle
- FilterWire
  - Not infrequent difficulty in lesion cross
  - Flow arrest with profuse debris
  - Device-related vasospasm
- Spider FX
  - Not infrequent tangling with open-cell stent mesh hampering capture catheter insertion
  - Insecurity in protection!



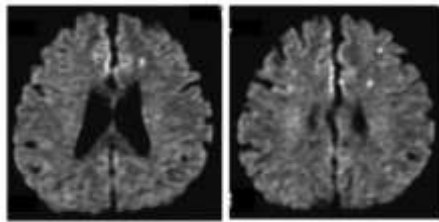
# Proximal carotid protection with Proximal Flow Control System

- Flow reversal
  - Parodi Anti-Embolic System (PAES, ArteriA)
  - Gore Flow reversal system (GORE)
- Flow arrest (Endovascular clamping)
  - Mo.Ma Ultra



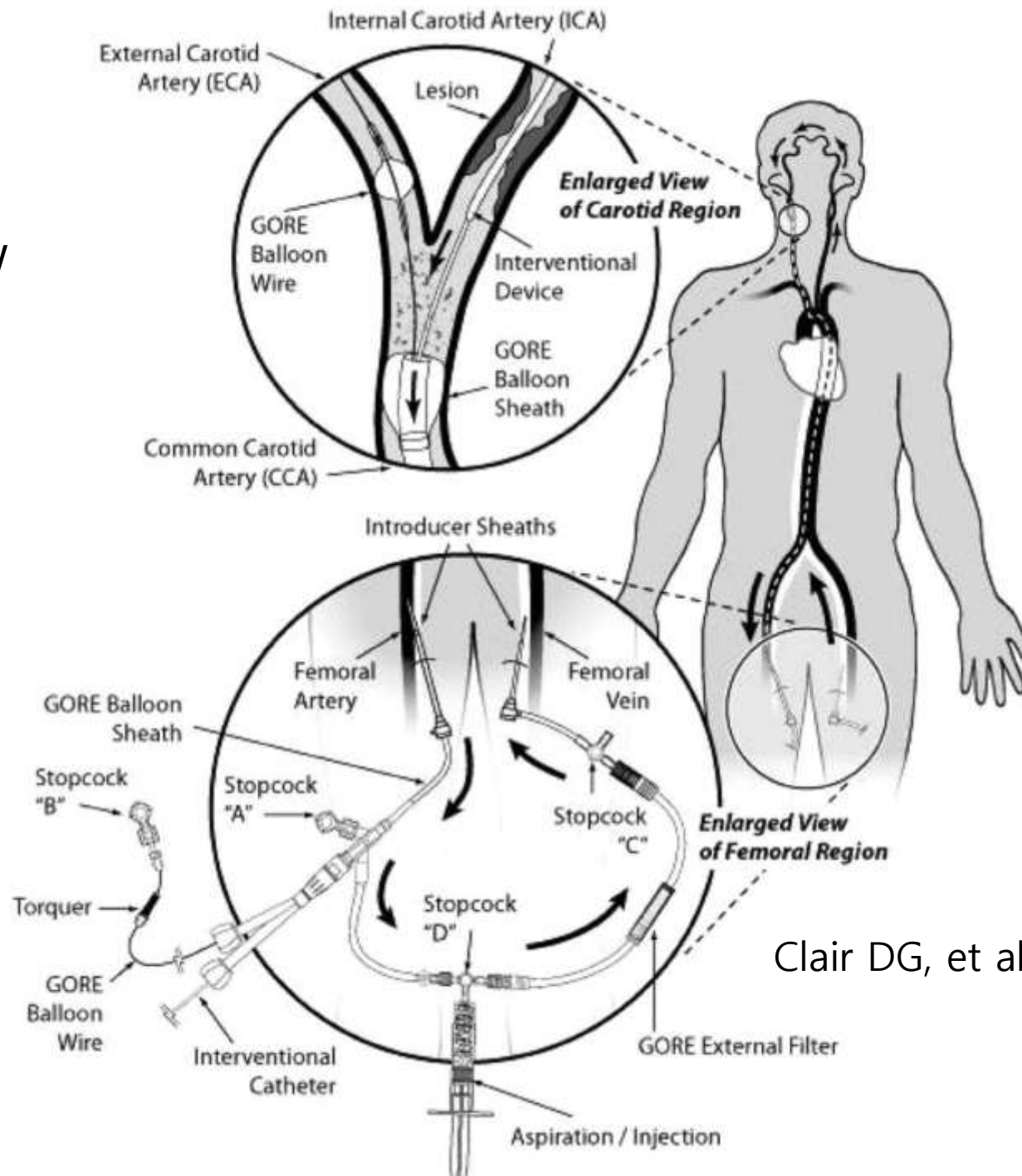
# Flow Reversal with PAES

- Use of the Parodi anti-embolism system: Italian trial results.
  - Successful flow reversal in 28 of 30 patients
  - A complete absence of MES
- DWI after CAS done under reversed carotid flow
  - CAS with PAES in 70 pts, [diagnostic coronary angiography as control](#)
  - DWI HSI comparison: **18.2% vs 11.5%** (p=.62 Fisher exact test)



Adami C, et al. JET 2002  
Asakura F, et al. AJNR 2006

# GORE Flow Reversal System

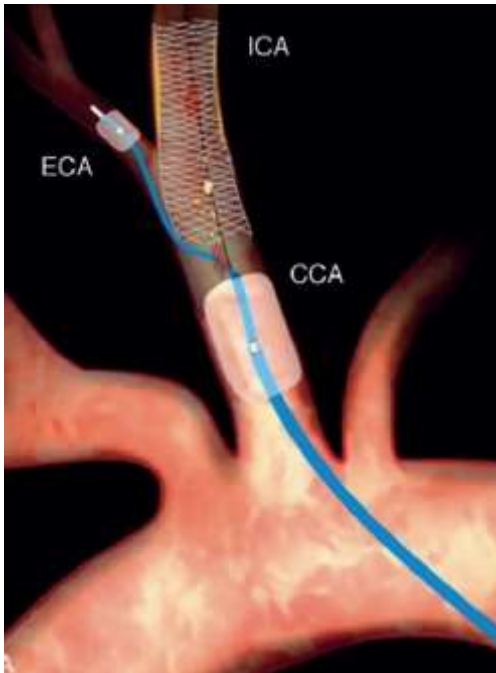
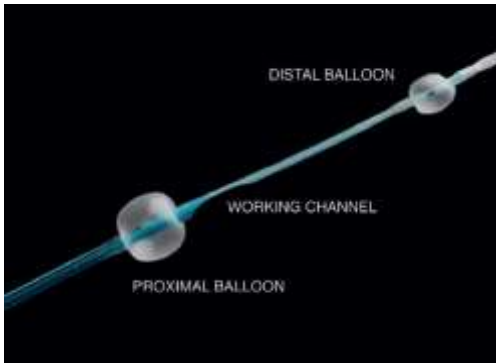


Clair DG, et al. CTVI 2011

# EMPiRE Study

- Embolic Protection with Reverse Flow clinical study
  - 30-day outcome with GORE system
- 245 subjects
  - MAE (including TIA) within 30 days
  - Intolerance to flow reversal 2.4%
- Results
  - 4.5% all MAE
  - Stroke and death 2.9%
  - Major stroke 0%
- The stroke and death rate in this study was among the lowest in CAS trials.

# Flow Arrest with Mo.Ma Ultra



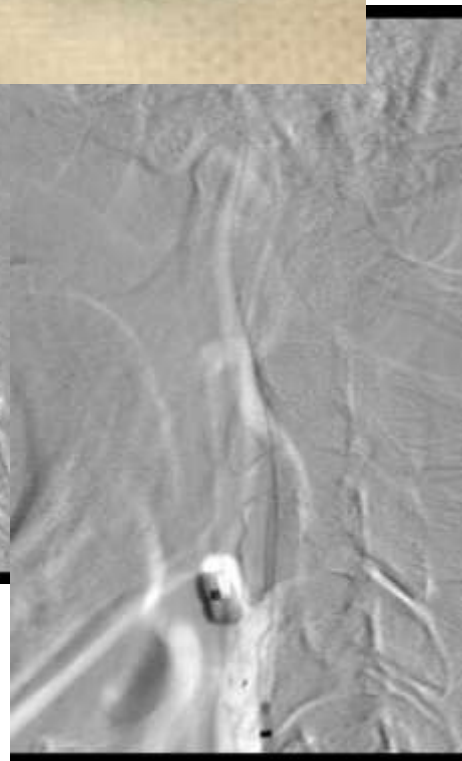
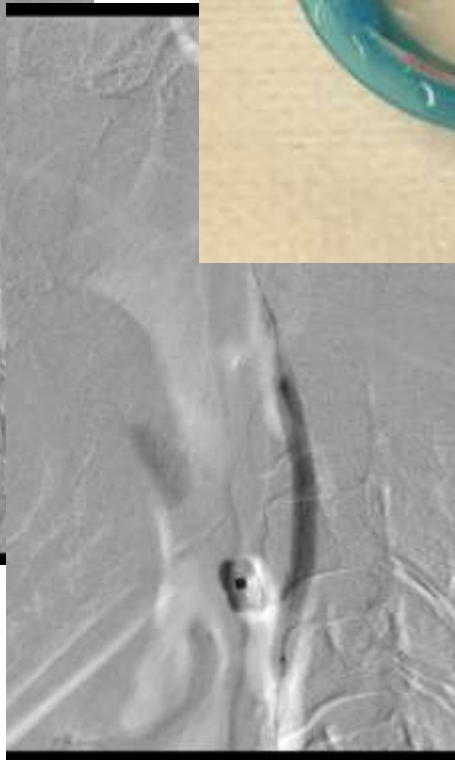
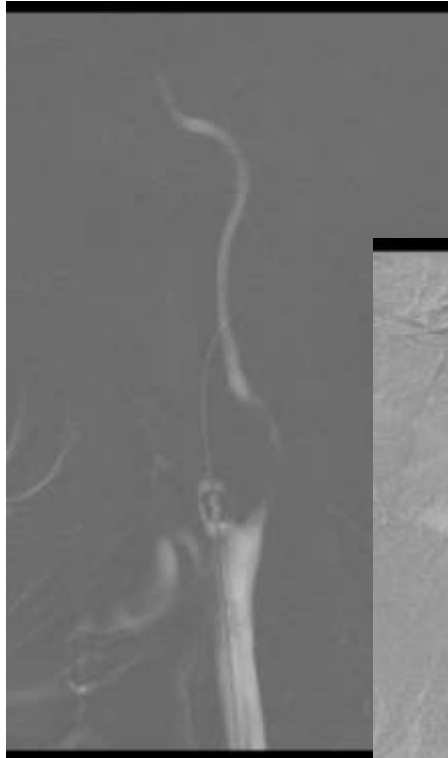
- Device
  - Single catheter system with both antegrade and retrograde flow cessation
  - Semi-compliant balloons
    - 3 to 6 mm for ECA
    - 5 to 13 mm for CCA
  - Working channel ID 0.083 in (2.12 mm)



A 74-year-old man presented with recent right side weakness without DWI abnormality.

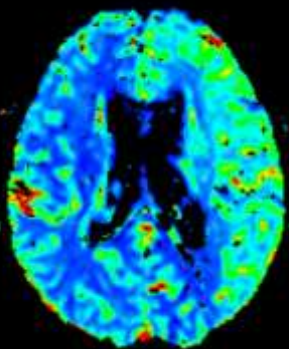
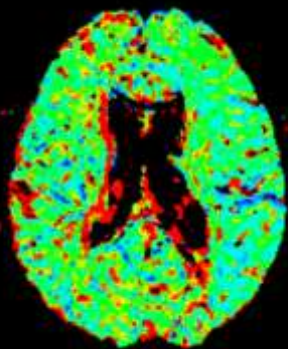
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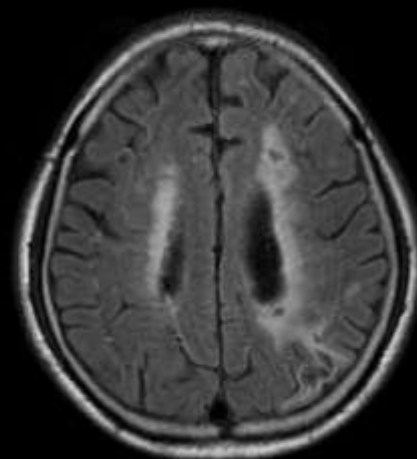


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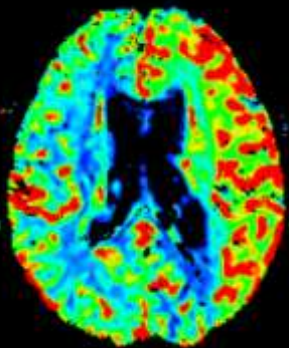
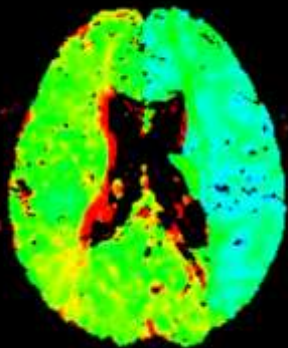


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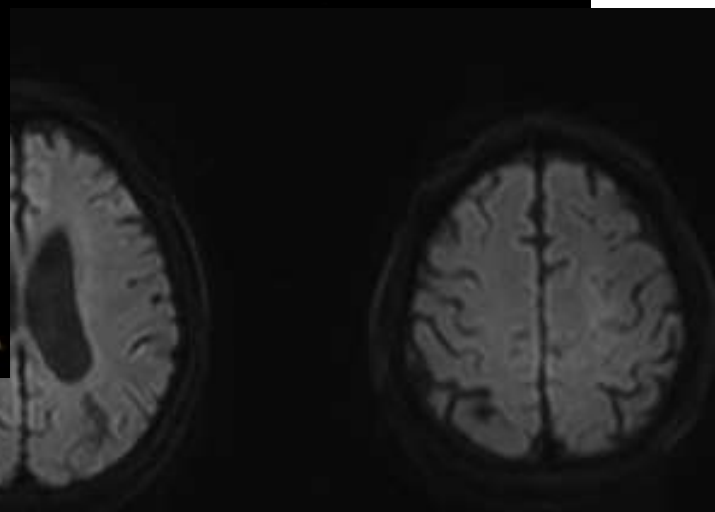


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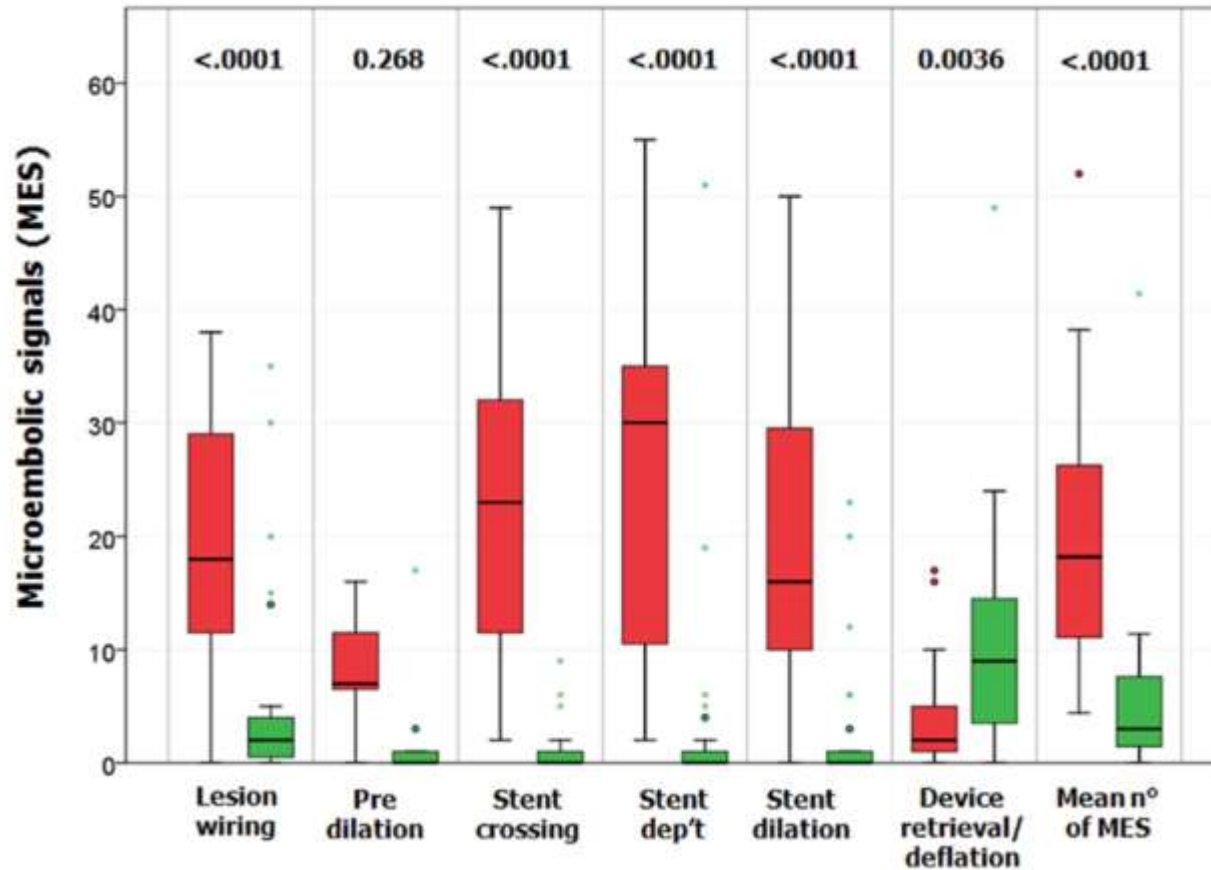
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# Protection performance of Mo.MA compared with FilterWire

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- Using Carotid Wallstents, small size RCT (21 vs 21 patients)
- During 3 phases of CAS, significant reduction of MES with Mo.Ma
  - 196 vs 57 MES
    - During wire passage: 25 vs 1.8
    - During stent deployment: 73 vs 11
    - During ballooning: 70 vs 12
- Post-DWI high signal lesions
  - No significant statistical difference
  - 9/21 (43%) with FilterWire and 2/14 (14%) with Mo.Ma

# MESs seen each procedural step



# MO.MA Proximal Cerebral Protection Device: ARMOUR Trial

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- Enrolled 262 subject from 25 sites
  - 37 for roll in and 225 pivotal subjects from 2007 to 2009
  - 30-day safety (MACCE) and effectiveness of Mo.Ma
- Results
  - Total procedure time 38 min with a flow cessation time of 6.7 min
  - Intolerance to flow cessation 13.8%
    - 12.9% resolved within 20 min after deflation
  - Device success 98.2%
  - Technical success with less than 30% of residual stenosis 94.6%
  - Procedure success (without 30-day MACCE) 93.2%
  - 30-day MACCE rate 2.7%



# ARMOUR Trial: Subgroups

**TABLE VI. 30 Day Results by Symptoms and Age—Intention to Treat Population**

Group	30 Day stroke rate	30 Day MACCE rate
All subjects (N = 225)	2.3% (5/220)	2.7% (6/220)
Symptomatic (N = 34)	0.0% (0/32)	0.0% (0/32)
Asymptomatic (N = 191)	2.7% (5/188)	3.2% (6/188)
Age $\geq 80$ octogenarians (N = 65)	3.1% (2/65)	3.1% (2/65)
Age $< 80$ (N = 155)	1.9% (3/155)	2.6% (4/155)

- Conclusion
  - The absence of stroke in symptomatic patients is the lowest rate reported in any independently adjudicated prospective multicenter registry trial to date.

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From April 2012 when the Mo.Ma Ultra became  
available in Korea  
to March 2015 (For 3 years)

## **AMC RADIOLOGY EXPERIENCE WITH MO.MA**



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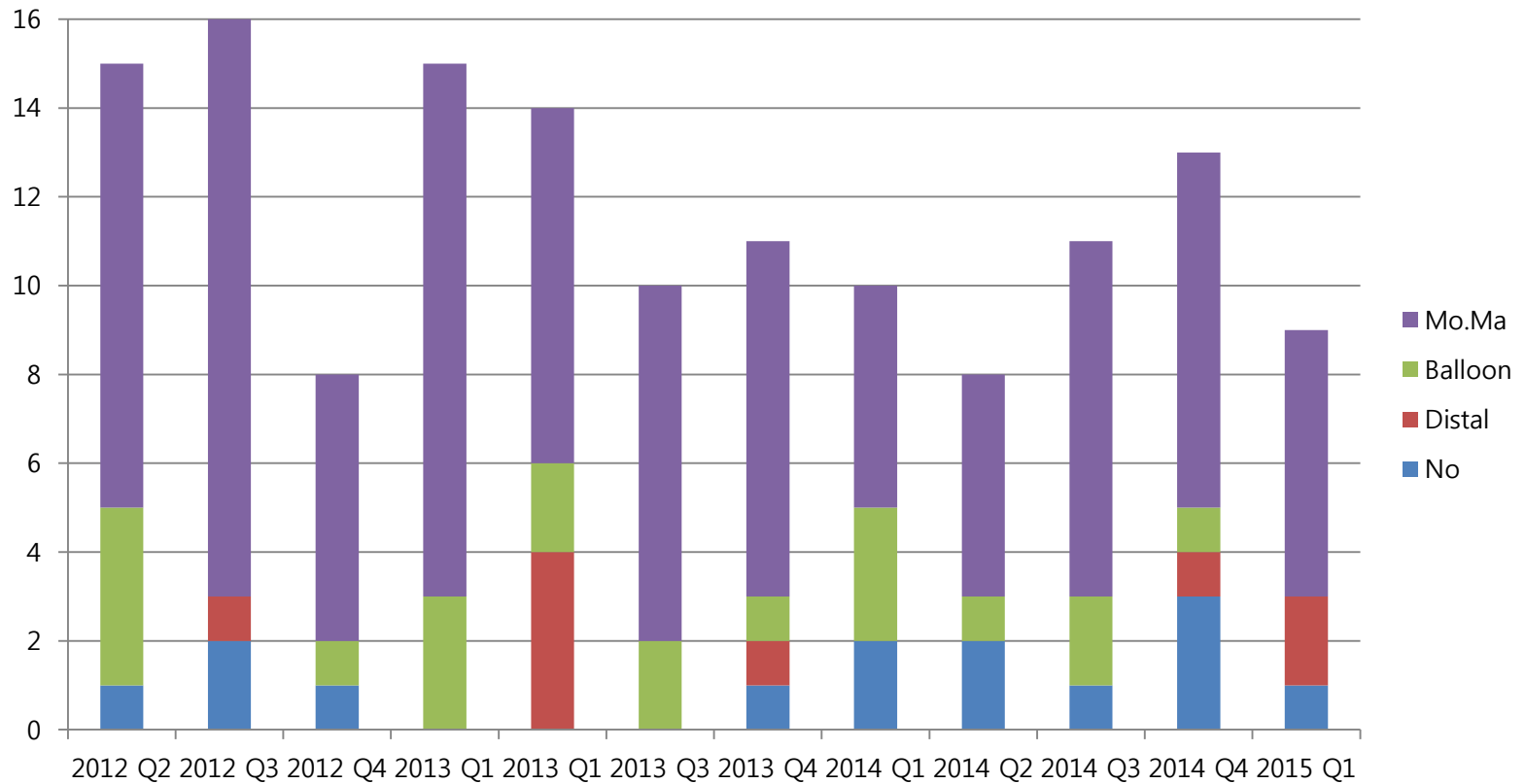
# Choice of protection devices

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- Principle
  - Since **Mo.Ma** has been available, we preferred the device as the device of choice for elective CAS.
  - Acute stroke presented with ICA occlusion or combined ICA stenosis and thrombosis
    - **Balloon-tipped guiding catheter** (Optimo, Cello) was the device of choice
- **Other variation** of protection method
  - Unprotected
  - Distal filter devices

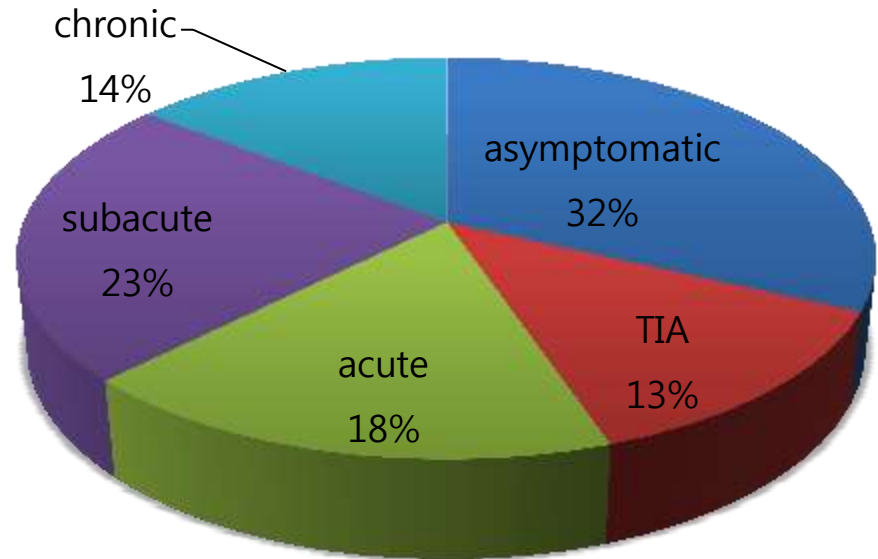


# Number of cases in quarterly base



# Elective CAS Patients

- Patients: 125
  - 107 men
  - Median age: 90 (33-85)
- Symptoms



- Protection

– Unprotected	14	11.2%
– Distal protectors	9	7.2%
– Balloon-tipped guiding catheter	12	9.6%
– Mo.Ma	90	72%

# Procedural Results with Mo.Ma

- 90 patients, 101 carotid arteries (both in 11 patients)
- Technical failure regarding application of Mo.Ma in 7 (7.8%)

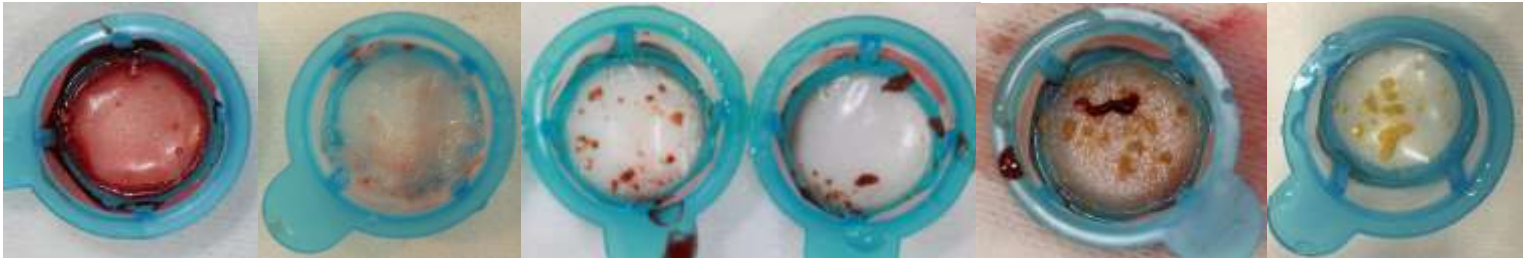
Cause of failure	Case	Solution	Complication
Pt's incooperation	1	CEA	
Long and tortuous arch	1	CEA	
Marked brachiocephalic tortuosity	1	Distal filter	Microembolism
Acute angulation btw arch and CCA	1	Distal filter	
Intolerance to occlusion	1	Distal filter	
Lesion cross failure	1	Abortion	
Aspiration failure after stenting	1	Distal filter	



# Procedural Results

- Patient become symptomatic during balloon occlusion in 7/86 (8.1%)
  - Need procedural switch only in 1 (a distal filter was used after balloon deflation)
- Placement of stent without control angiography
  - Various stents (2 Carotid Wallstent, 6 Acculink, 53 Protégé, 26 Cristallo)
  - Misplacement of the stent requiring another stent in 1

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# Clinical outcome results

Event	Case	Outcome	Residual
TIA with irritability	4	Resolved	No
New cortical infarct	1	Minor stroke	Yes
Other territorial infarct	1	Major stroke (hemianopsia)	Yes
Massive infarct (HARM)	1	Major stroke	Yes

- Mortality: none
- Any events in 7 (7.8%)
- Symptomatic within 30 days in 3 (3.8%)
- Obviously this is a retrospective review.

# How to cope with an intolerant situation

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- No need to rush
  - The patient is just symptomatic, not injured yet.
- 4 options
  - Proceed the procedure
    - You can proceed the procedure if the symptom is not severe or occurred at later steps of the procedure.
  - Stop the procedure and get ready to reinitiate the flow and then decide whether you can retry flow arrest or not.
    - Retry occlusion
    - Use of additional distal protection device
  - Abort the procedure if switching to distal protection is not possible.



# Usefulness of pre-occlusion test

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- Most of the intolerant patients showed the symptom within 30 sec.
  - Test occlusion for 30 seconds and then the patient's condition is OK you can proceed the procedure.
  - Test occlusion for more than 30 seconds and release the CCA balloon
    - Proceed the procedure only when the patient is OK
- Limited value
  - Increases the risk of additional procedural step.
  - Very rare procedural diversion cases.
  - The symptom does not necessarily mean a complication. It is a transient symptom only.





# Technical Issues

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- Preparation and delivery of the device into the target
- How to protect the carotid with secure occlusion of the CCA and ECA
  - Especially isolation of the ECA branches
- Lesion crossing
  - Guidewire passage before or after flow arrest
- Balloon and stenting, stenting and ballooning, and balloon-stent-balloon
- Aspiration technique
  - Allowing spontaneous reflux of the blood during device delivery



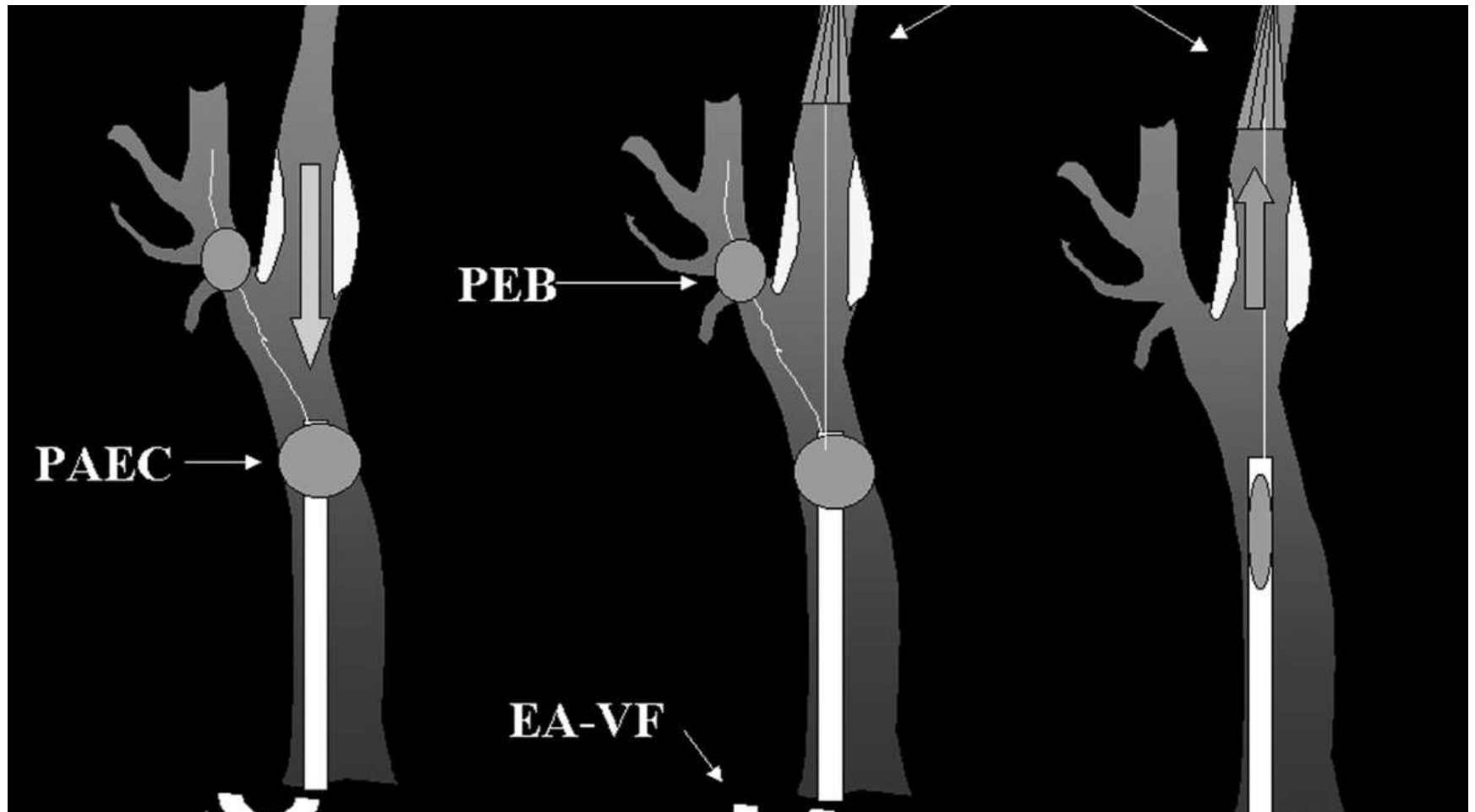
# Limitations of the device

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- Use of a protection device does not always provide a secure anti-embolic effect
  - Adverse effects of using a complicated device should be considered.
- Mo.Ma
  - A little bulky
  - Difficulty in delivery
  - Not hundred percent secure flow arrest
  - Possible flow change due to additional device delivery through the stagnant segment
  - Intolerance to occlusion

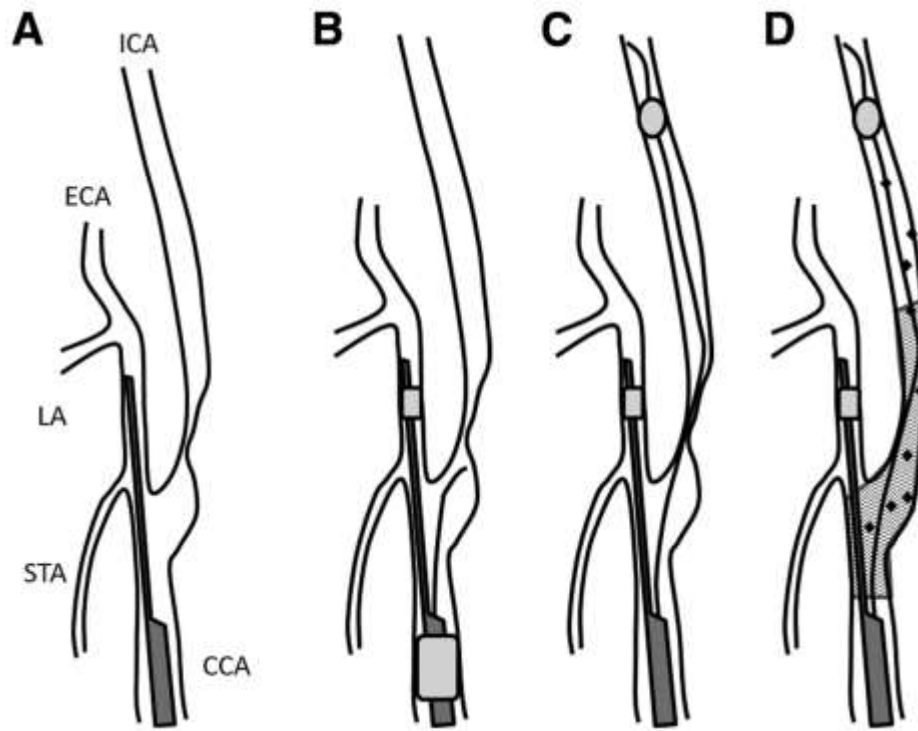


# Seat belt and Air bag Technique



# Tighter Approach: Combined use of protection devices

- Triple balloon protection technique
  - MoMa Ultra + GuardWire



# Summary

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- For protected CAS, proximal flow control is a good option for successful procedure.
- Decrease in microembolic hits on TCD is obvious.
- Clinical benefit of the reduced number of hits remains to be proven.
- Understanding the device and technical limitation of current system is important.
- Both proximal and distal protection devices can be complimentary.

