

**Left Main and Bifurcation Summit**  
**Plaque vs. Carina Shift**  
**Identification and Clinical Impact**

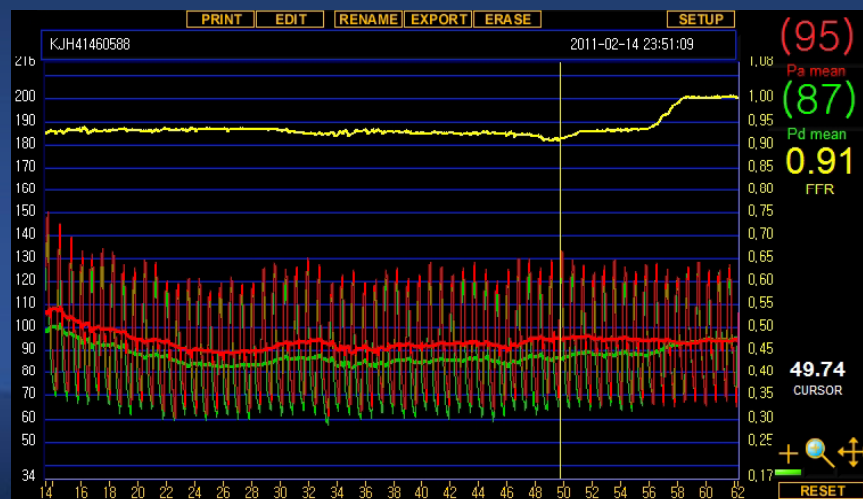
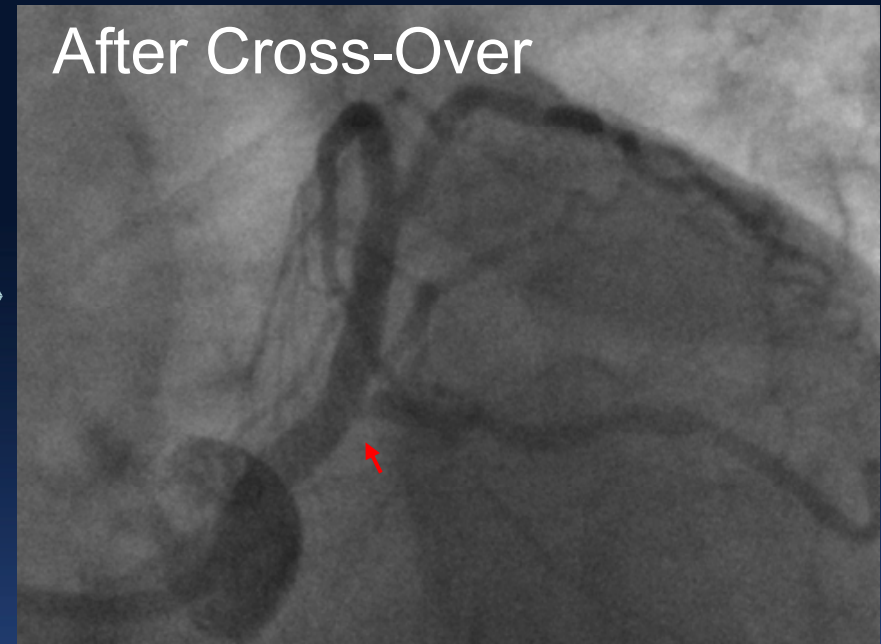
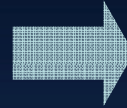
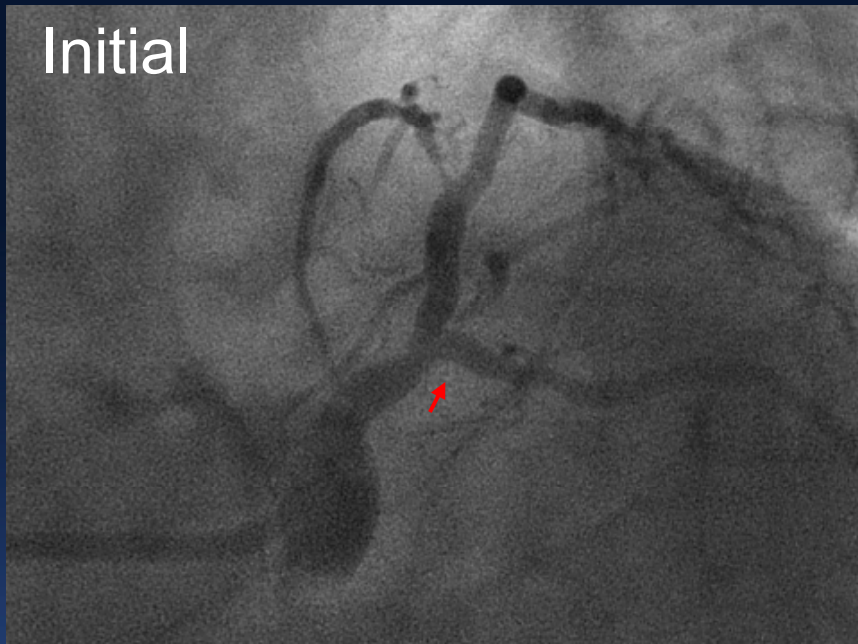
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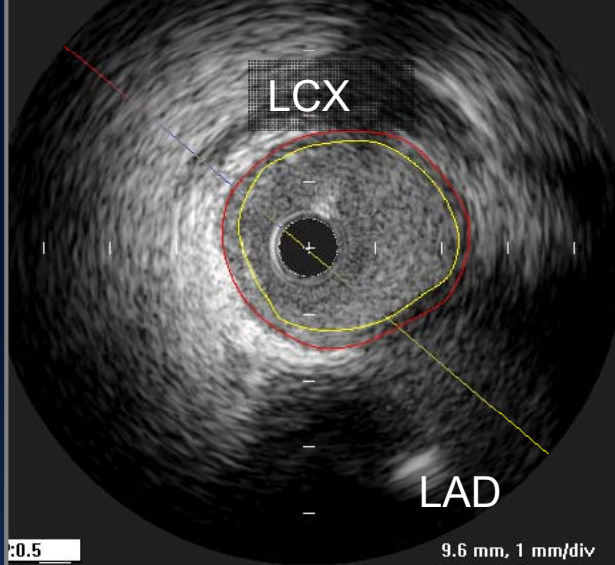
# Mechanisms of Angiographic SB Jailing Carina Shift



**LCX FFR 0.91**  
**Post-stenting**



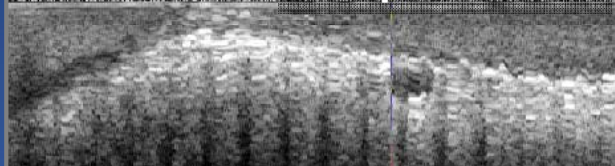
## Pre-procedural



0.5 9.6 mm, 1 mm/div  
Dist: 5.56 / 12.57 mm Frame: 337 / 762

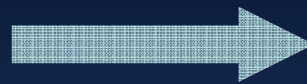


LCX pullback

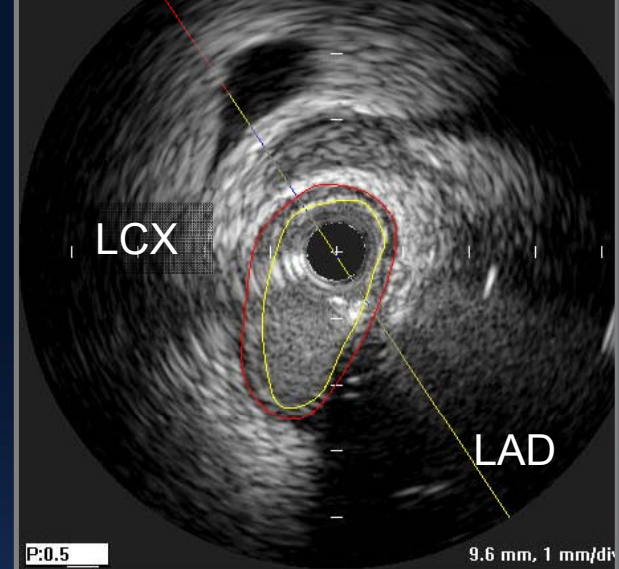


LCX MLA 7.2 mm<sup>2</sup>  
EEM area 9.3 mm<sup>2</sup>  
P+M area 2.1 mm<sup>2</sup>

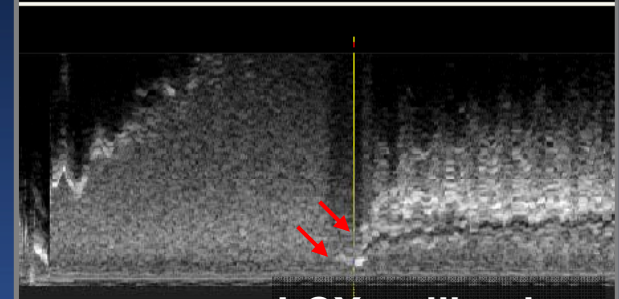
## Carina Shift After cross-over



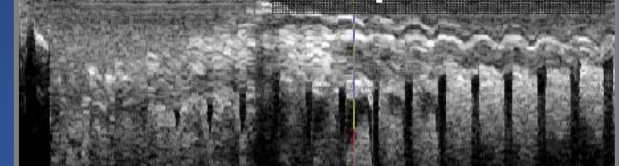
## After Cross-Over



P:0.5 9.6 mm, 1 mm/div  
Dist: 16.42 / 21.98 mm Frame: 995 / 1332



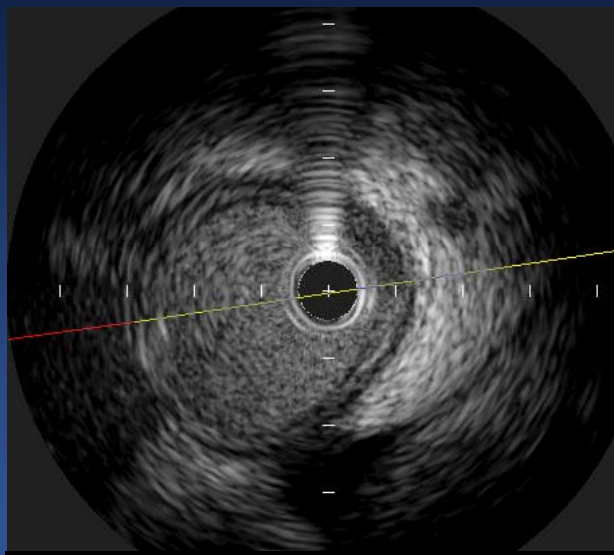
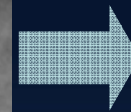
LCX pullback



LCX MLA 3.8 mm<sup>2</sup>  
EEM area 5.8 mm<sup>2</sup>  
P+M area 2.0 mm<sup>2</sup>

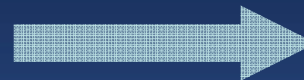
Area Change	
ΔLumen	-3.4 mm <sup>2</sup>
ΔVessel	-3.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
ΔPlaque	-0.1 mm <sup>2</sup>

# Mechanisms of Angiographic SB Jailing Plaque Shift

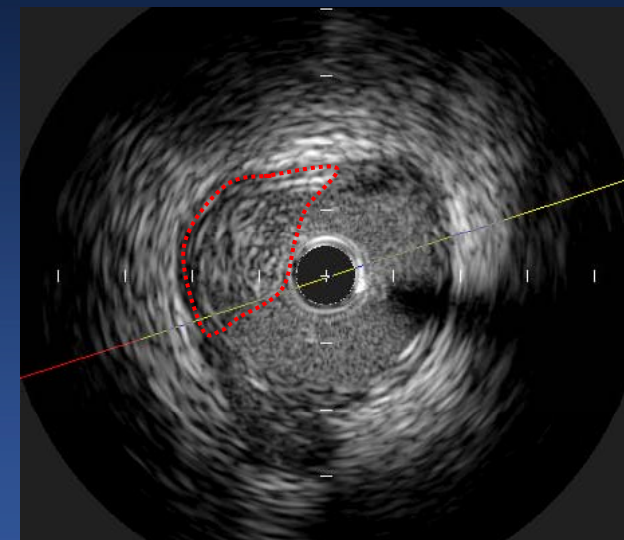


LCX MLA  $6.9\text{mm}^2$   
EEM area  $9.1\text{mm}^2$   
P+M  $2.2\text{mm}^2$

After cross-over



Area Change	
$\Delta$ Lumen	$-1.9\text{mm}^2$
$\Delta$ Vessel	$-0.4\text{mm}^2$
$\Delta$ Plaque	$+1.5\text{mm}^2$



LCX MLA  $5.0\text{mm}^2$   
EEM area  $8.7\text{mm}^2$   
P+M  $3.7\text{mm}^2$

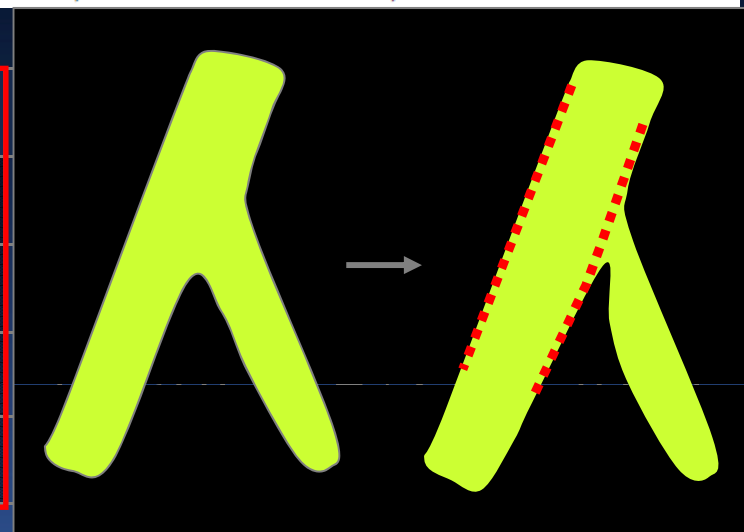
# ***Plaque Shift vs. Carina Shift***

- Mechanisms of SB Compromise
- **Impact on SB Luminal Loss**
- Impact on Functional Significance

# Anatomic and Functional Evaluation of Bifurcation Lesions Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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	<i>Distal MB segment</i>		
	Pre	Post	p
<b>Lumen VI</b>	3.5±1.5	6.1±2.1	<0.001
<b>Plaque VI</b>	5.4±1.8	5.3±1.7	0.227
<b>Vessel VI</b>	9.0±2.5	11.3±3.1	<0.001



Luminal gain is not caused by plaque shift but by EEM expansion, leading to carina shift and SB compromise

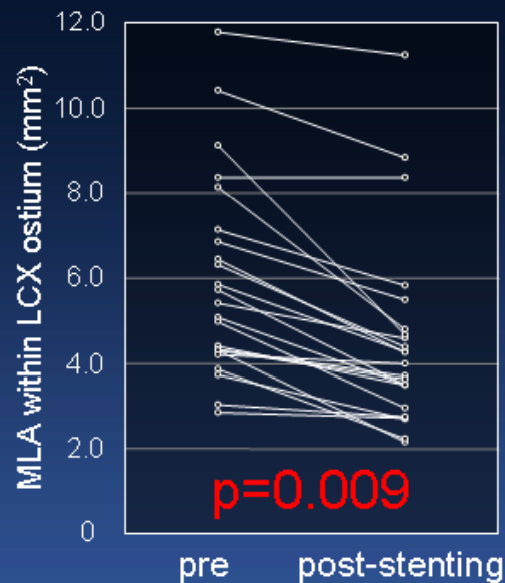
*Koo et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2010;3:113-9*

# Changes in Left Main Bifurcation Geometry After a Single-Stent Crossover Technique

An Intravascular Ultrasound Study Using Direct Imaging of Both the Left Anterior Descending and the Left Circumflex Coronary Arteries Before and After Intervention (n=23 LM bifurcation lesions)

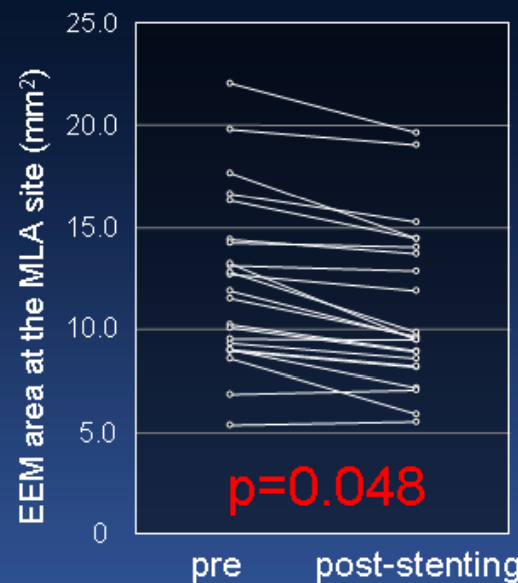
MLA within LCX ostium

5.4mm<sup>2</sup>→4.0mm<sup>2</sup>



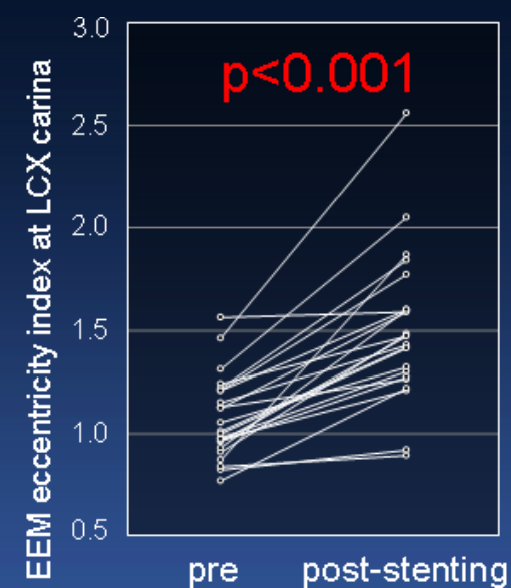
EEM area at MLA

11.8mm<sup>2</sup>→9.6mm<sup>2</sup>



EEM eccentricity

1.22→1.47



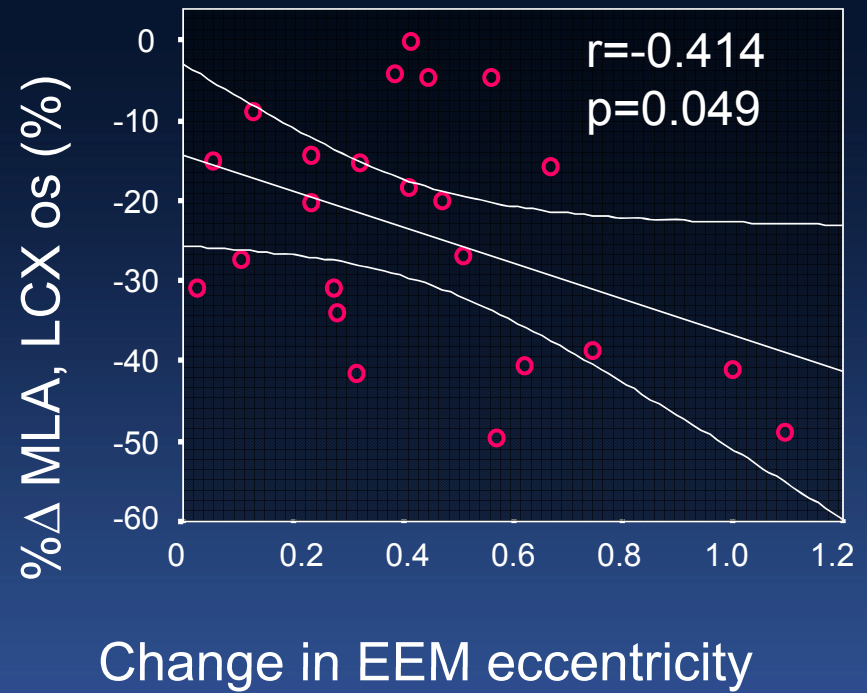
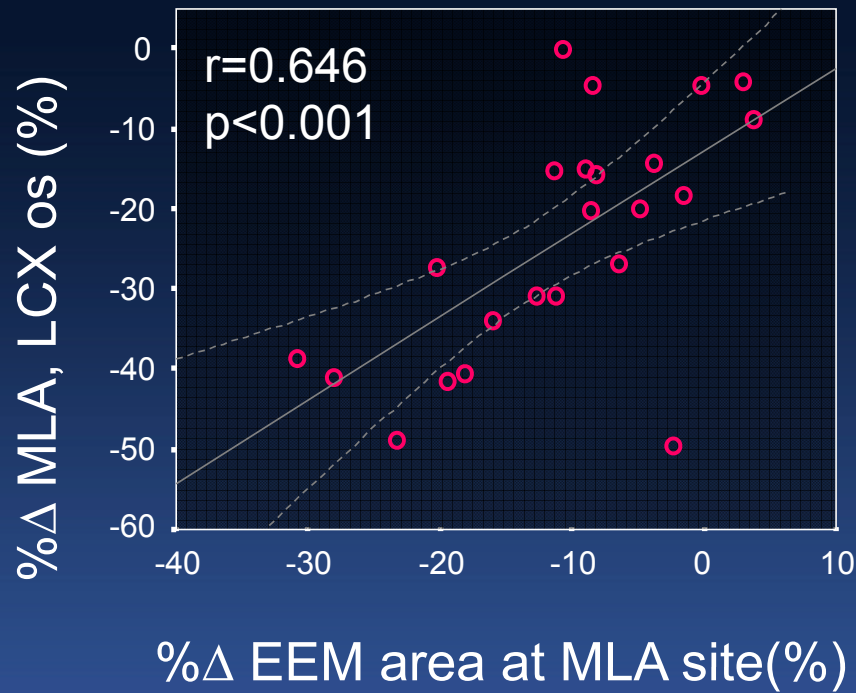
**78%** showed a >10% reduction of MLA within LCX ostium after cross-over stenting

*Kang et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2011;4:355-61*



# Carina Shift

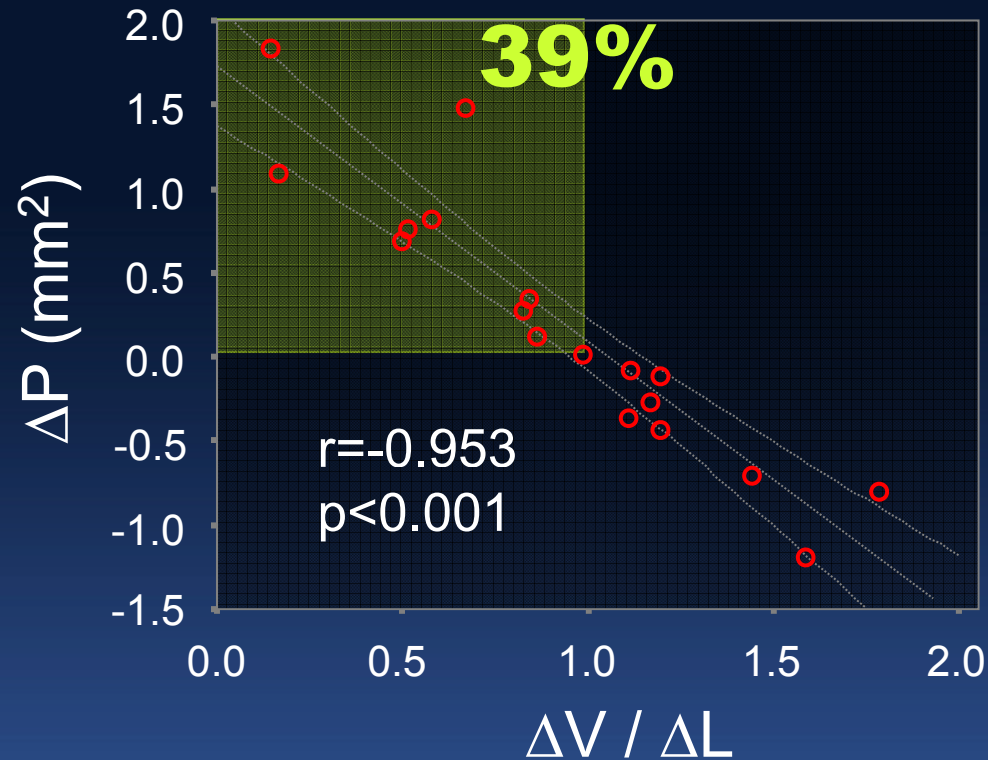
## Primary Mechanism of SB Compromise



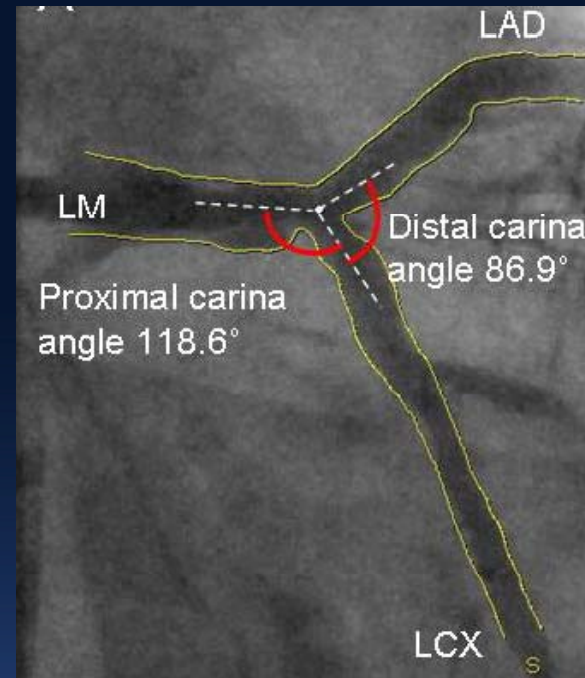
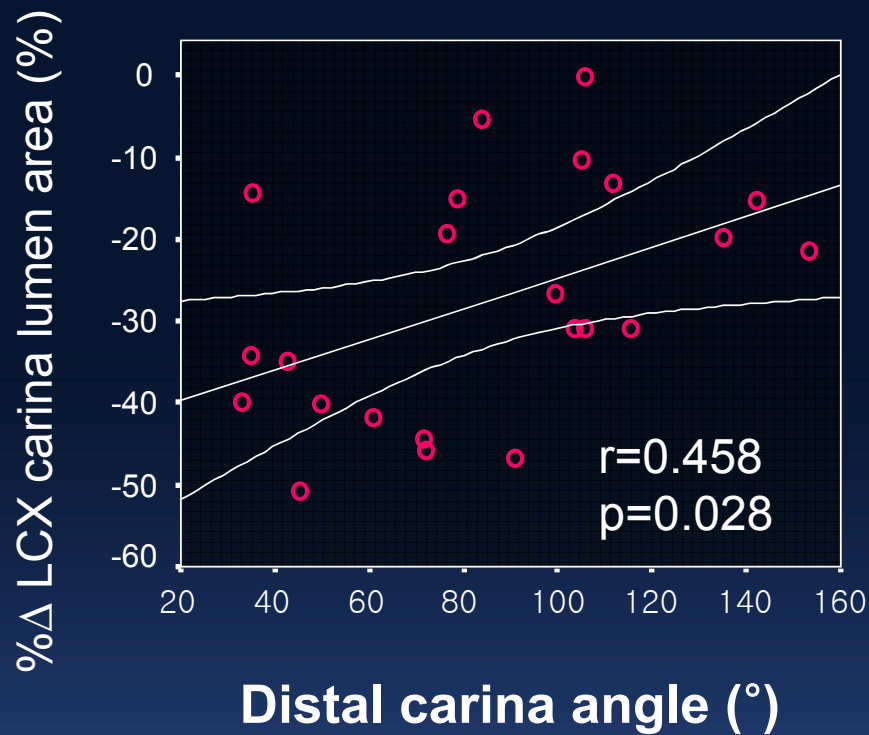
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# Plaque Redistribution

## Second Mechanism of SB Compromise



In 39%, plaque redistribution may be superimposed on carina shift to contribute to further lumen loss



**A narrow distal carina angle predicts a greater reduction in MLA and EEM area at the LCX ostium**

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# *Plaque Shift vs. Carina Shift*

- Mechanisms of SB Compromise
- Impact on SB Luminal Loss
- **Impact on Functional Significance**

# Preintervention Angiographic and Intravascular Ultrasound Predictors for Side Branch Compromise After a Single-Stent Crossover Technique

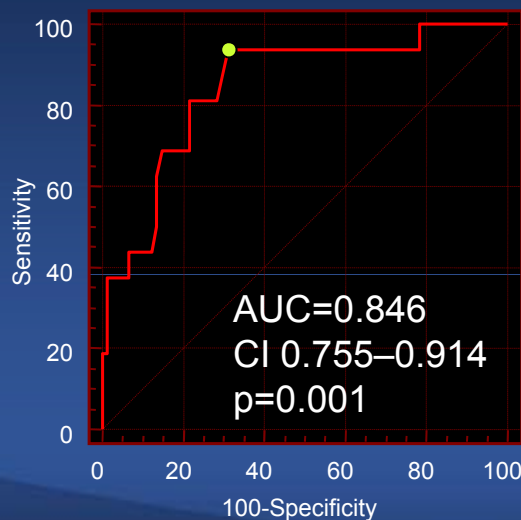
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**Post-stenting SB FFR <0.80: 18%**

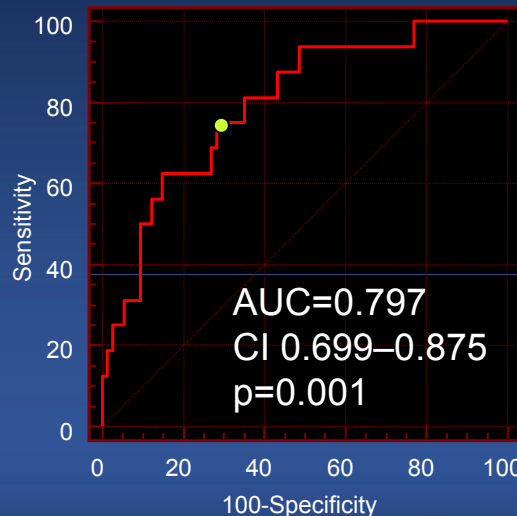
**SB FFR <0.75: 9%**

**SB MLA 2.4mm<sup>2</sup>**

**Plaque burden 50%**



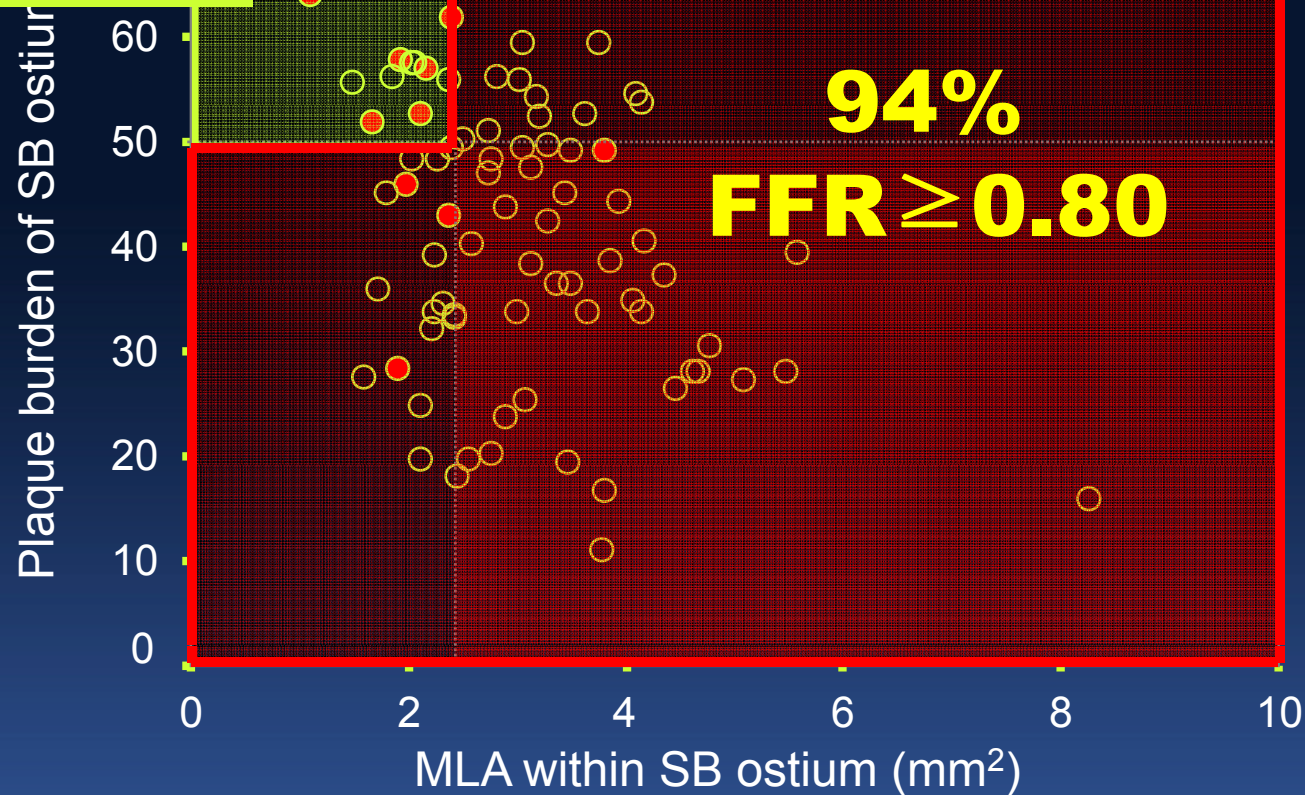
Sensitivity 94%  
Specificity 68%  
PPV 40%  
NPV 98%



Sensitivity 75%  
Specificity 71%  
PPV 36%  
NPV 93%

*Kang et al. Am J Cardiol 2011;107:1787-93*

**Only 52%  
FFR < 0.80**



No suggestion for role of mechanisms of SB change  
lack of post-stenting SB IVUS

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# Impact of Changes in SB Geometry

After MB Stenting in 40 Non-LM Bifurcations

*A decrease in SB MLA >10% was found in 78% (31/40)*

**SB MLA (mm<sup>2</sup>)**

3.5±1.3→2.8±1.2

**EEM (mm<sup>2</sup>)**

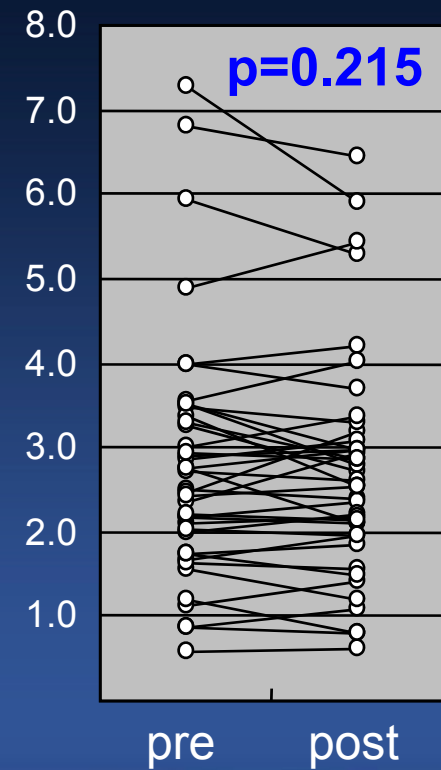
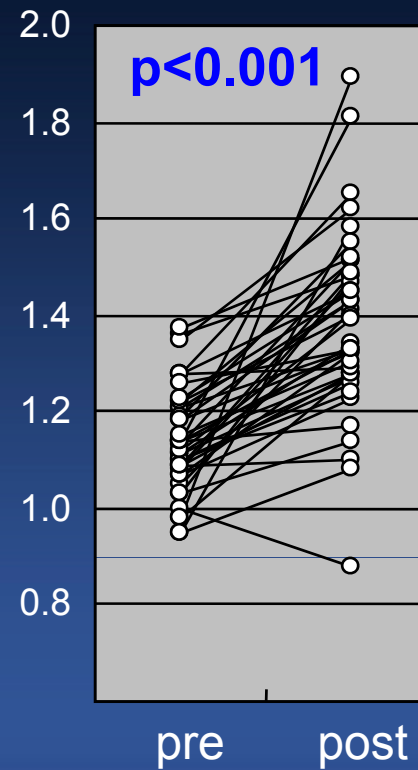
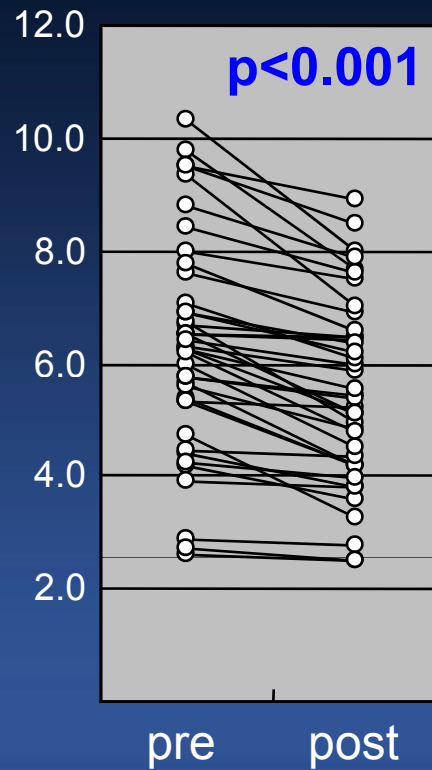
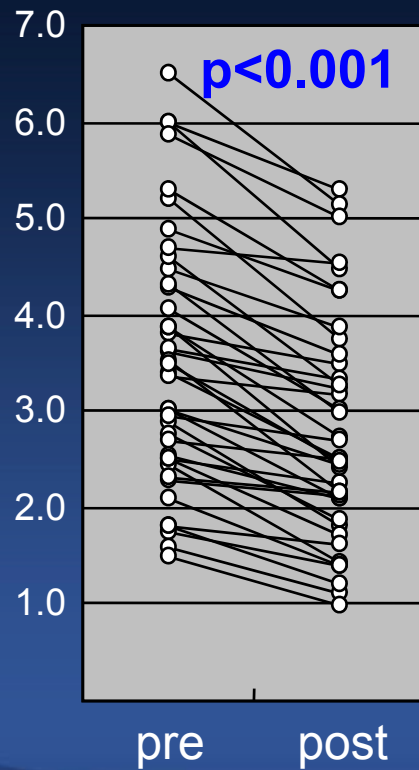
6.3±1.9→5.5±1.7

**Eccentricity**

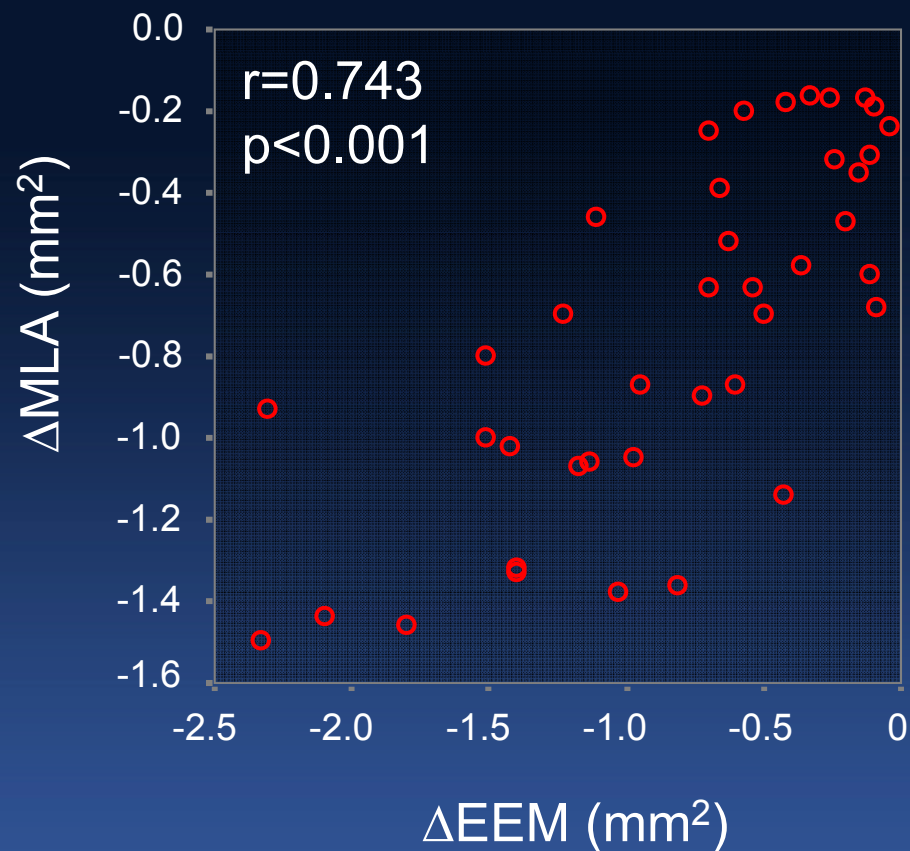
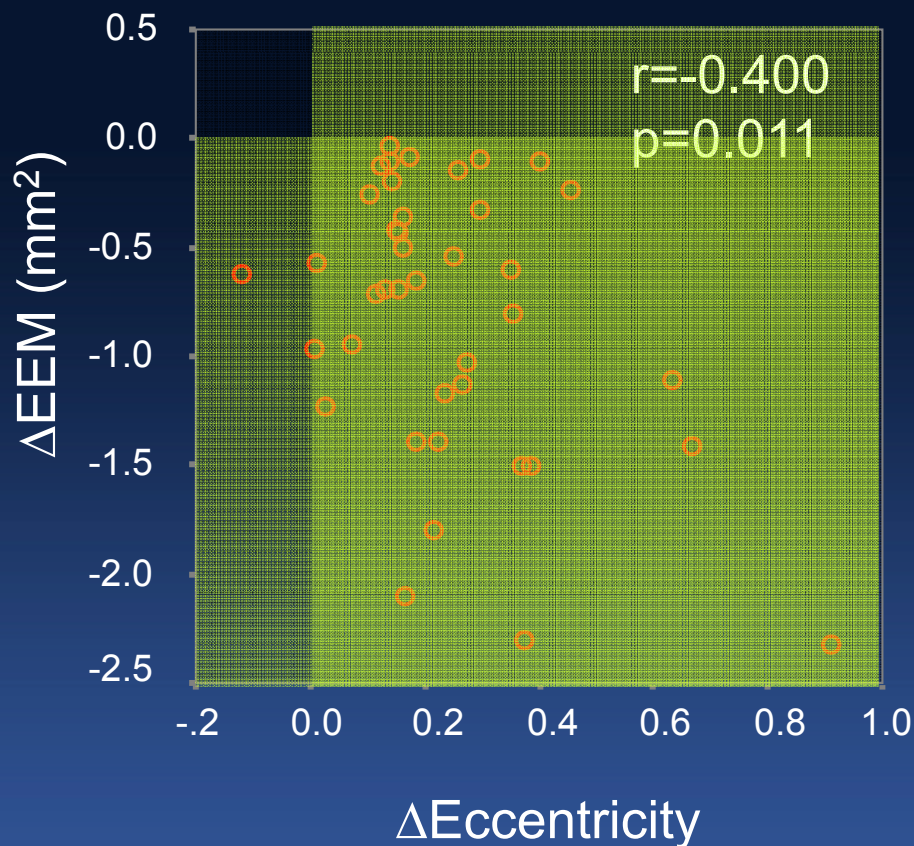
1.1±1.1→1.4±0.2

**P+M (mm<sup>2</sup>)**

2.8±1.5→2.7±1.3



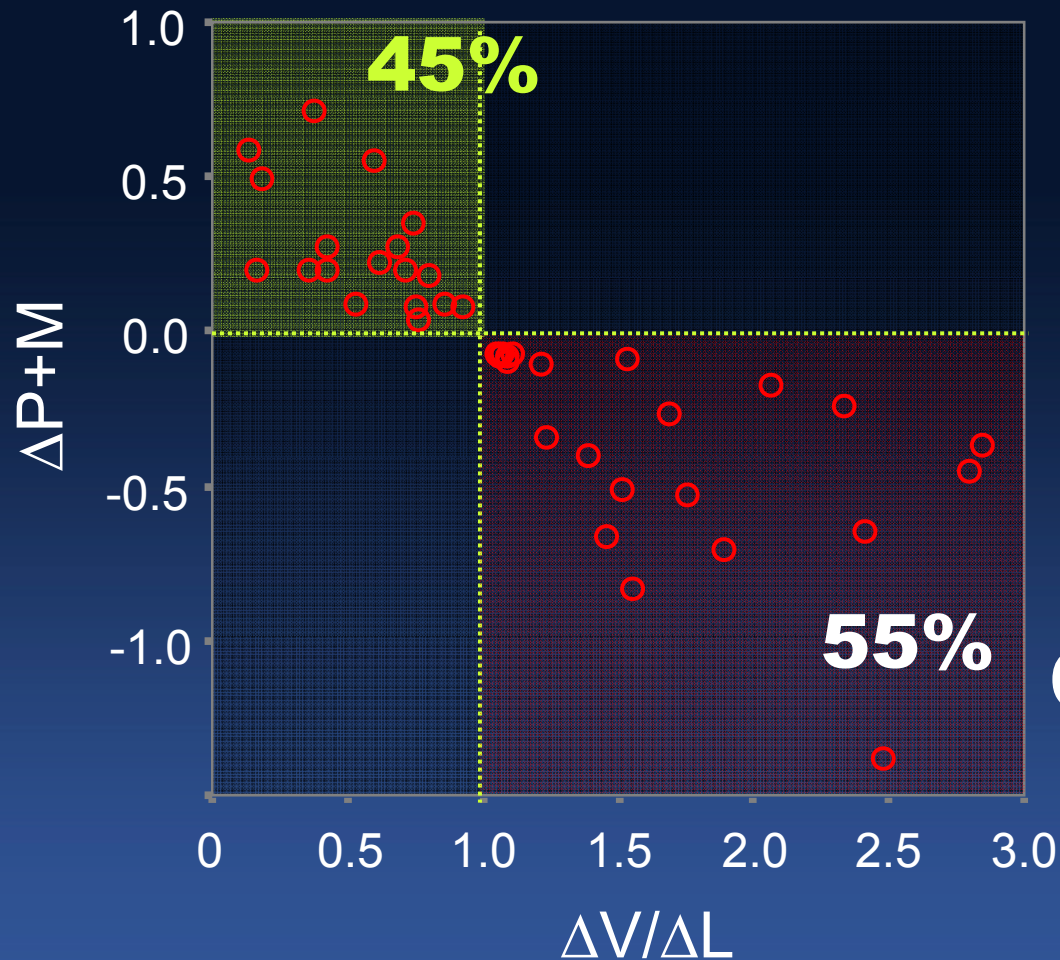
# Eccentricity $\uparrow$ EEM $\downarrow$ “Carina Shift”



*Variable degree of carina shift characterized by Eccentricity $\uparrow$ EEM $\downarrow$  was associated in almost all lesions*



# Plaque Shift + Carina Shift



Isolated  
**Carina Shift**

# Impact of Mechanisms on FFR



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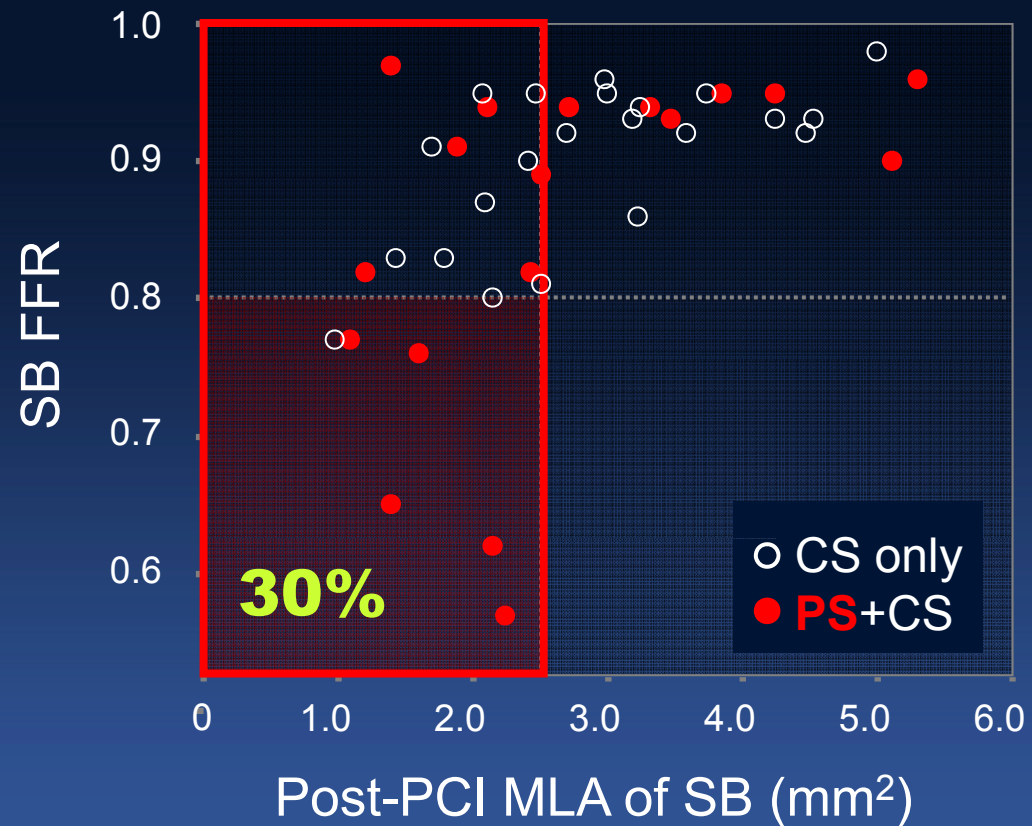
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**FFR 0.83**

Post-stenting SB MLA poorly predicts  
functional significance of SB  
**SB FFR measurement**

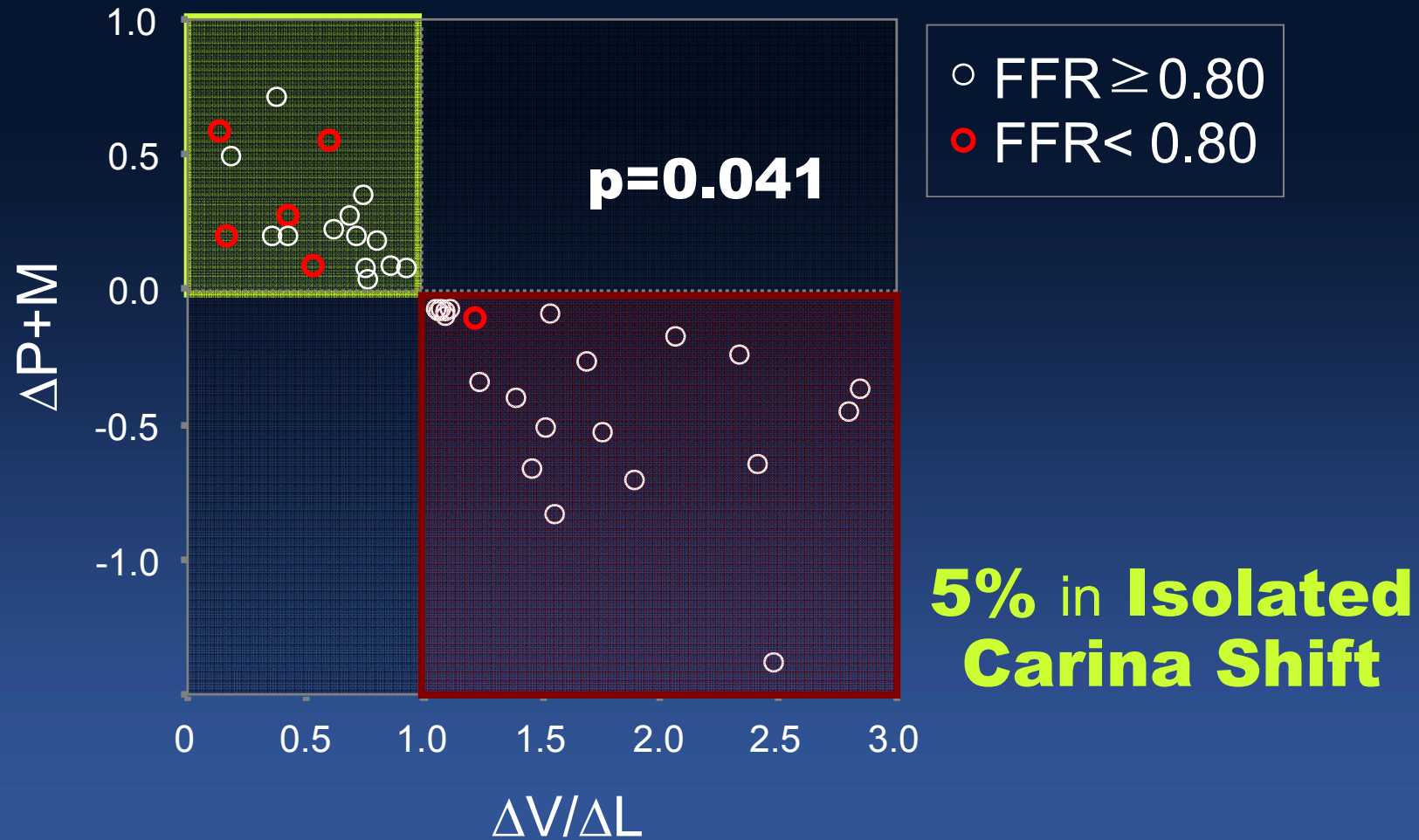
# Relationship Between **MLA-FFR**

Overall, 15% (6/40) showed  $FFR < 0.80$



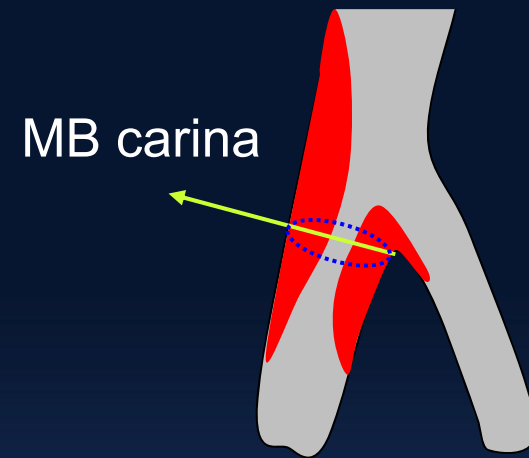
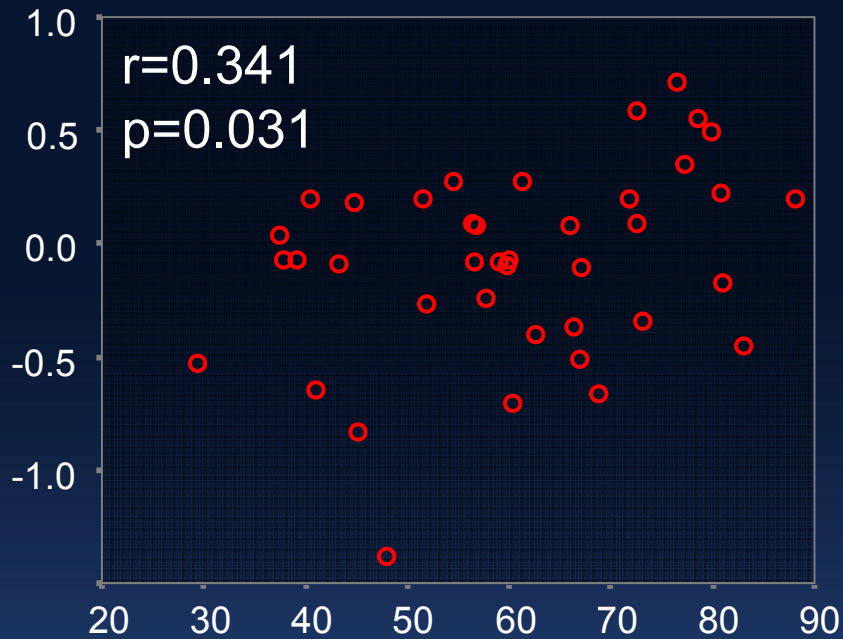
# Impact of Mechanisms on FFR

**28%** in the presence of **Plaque Shift**



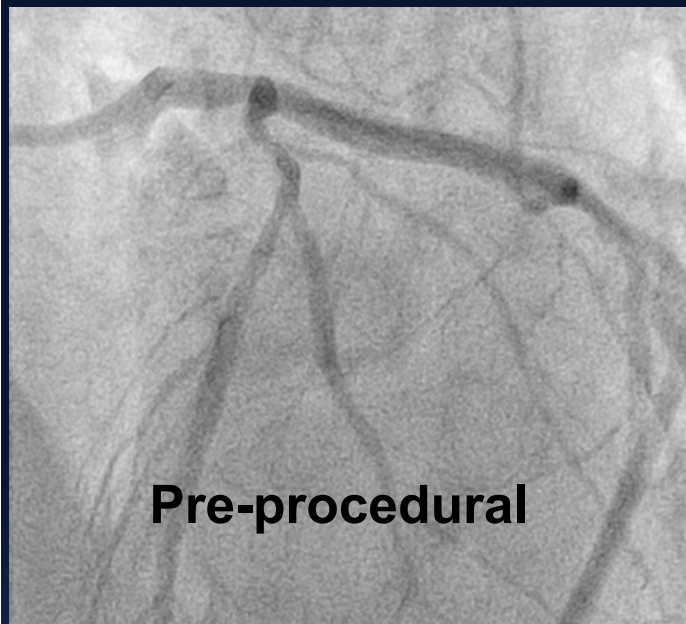
# Predictor for Plaque Shift

$\Delta P+M, SB\text{ ostium (mm}^2\text{)}$



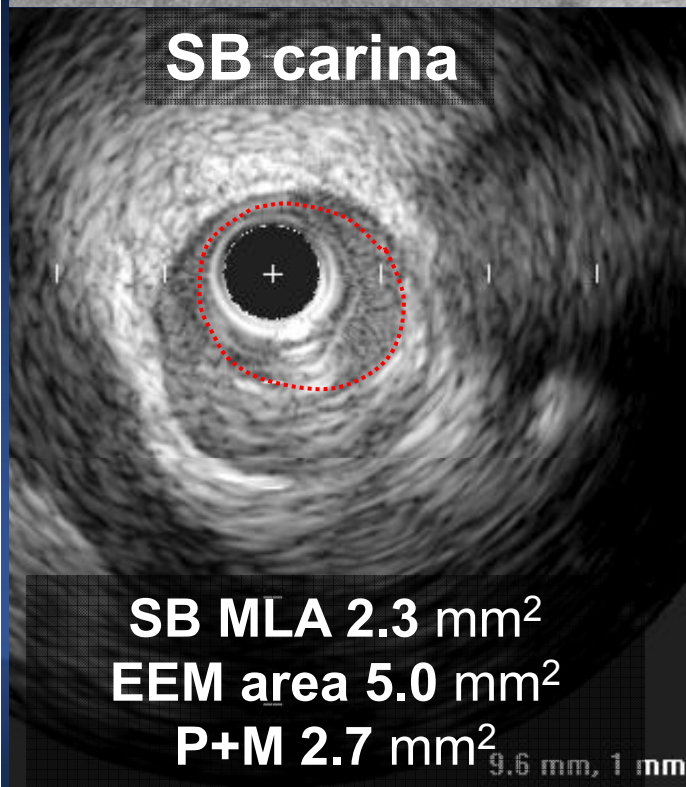
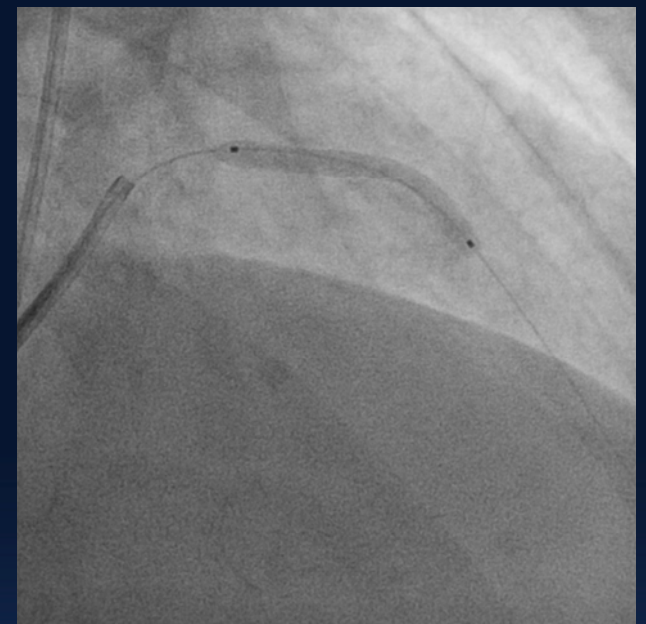
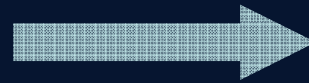
**Plaque burden at MB carina (%)**

	r	p
Lumen area, MB carina	-0.137	0.399
<b>Plaque burden, MB carina</b>	<b>0.341</b>	<b>0.031</b>
Plaque burden, distal MB	0.299	0.061
Plaque burden, proximal MB	-0.039	0.813
Plaque burden, SB ostium	-0.218	0.176



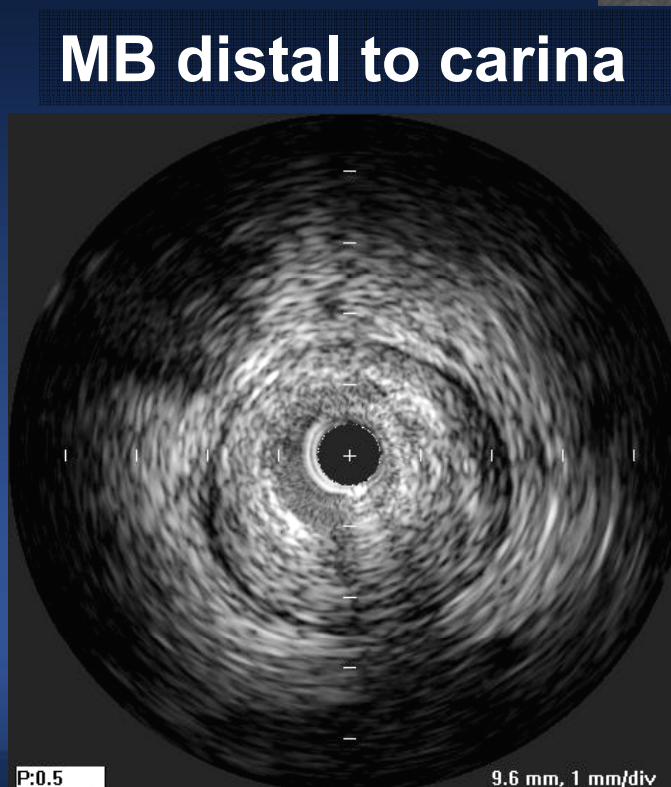
Pre-procedural

## MB Cross-over



SB carina

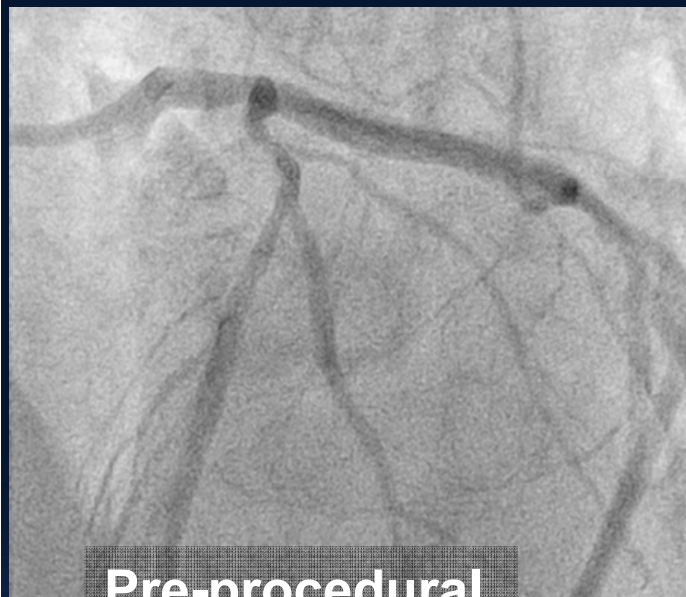
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EEM area 5.0 mm<sup>2</sup>  
P+M 2.7 mm<sup>2</sup>  
9.6 mm, 1 mm



MB distal to carina

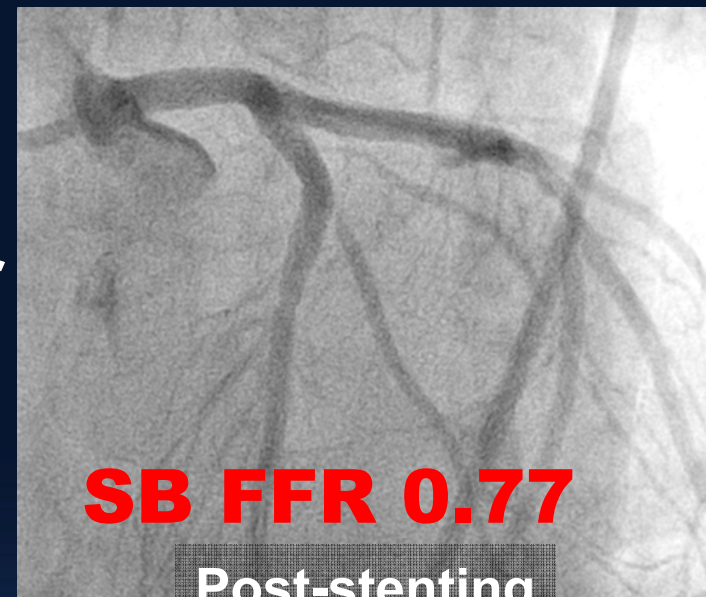
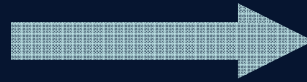
9.6 mm, 1 mm/div

P:0.5



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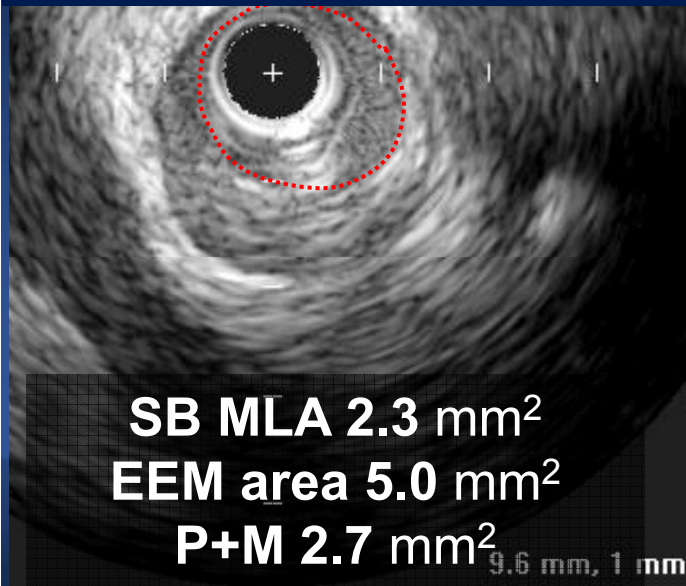
### MB Cross-over



**SB FFR 0.77**

Post-stenting

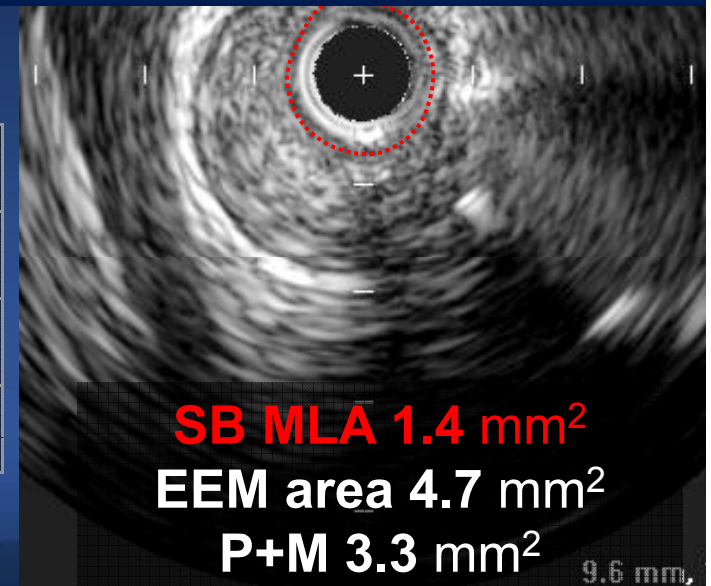
Functional SB compromise was mainly due to plaque shift which is predicted by huge PB at the MB carina



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EEM area 5.0 mm<sup>2</sup>  
P+M 2.7 mm<sup>2</sup>

9.6 mm, 1 mm

Area Change	
ΔLumen	-1.0mm <sup>2</sup>
ΔVessel	-0.3mm <sup>2</sup>
ΔPlaque	<b>+0.7mm<sup>2</sup></b>



**SB MLA 1.4 mm<sup>2</sup>**  
**EEM area 4.7 mm<sup>2</sup>**  
**P+M 3.3 mm<sup>2</sup>**

9.6 mm

# Summary

- Anatomical SB jail is more common than functional compromise
- Considering the frequent mismatch between MLA and FFR, functional compromise should be confirmed by post-stenting FFR
- Carina shift with variable degree is a general mechanism of SB jailing, occurs in almost all lesions
- Plaque shift is less frequent, but more aggressive mechanism for functional SB compromise