Aneurysm with LSM as a Mechanism of Late Stent Fracture after DES Implantation

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Chicken or Egg?







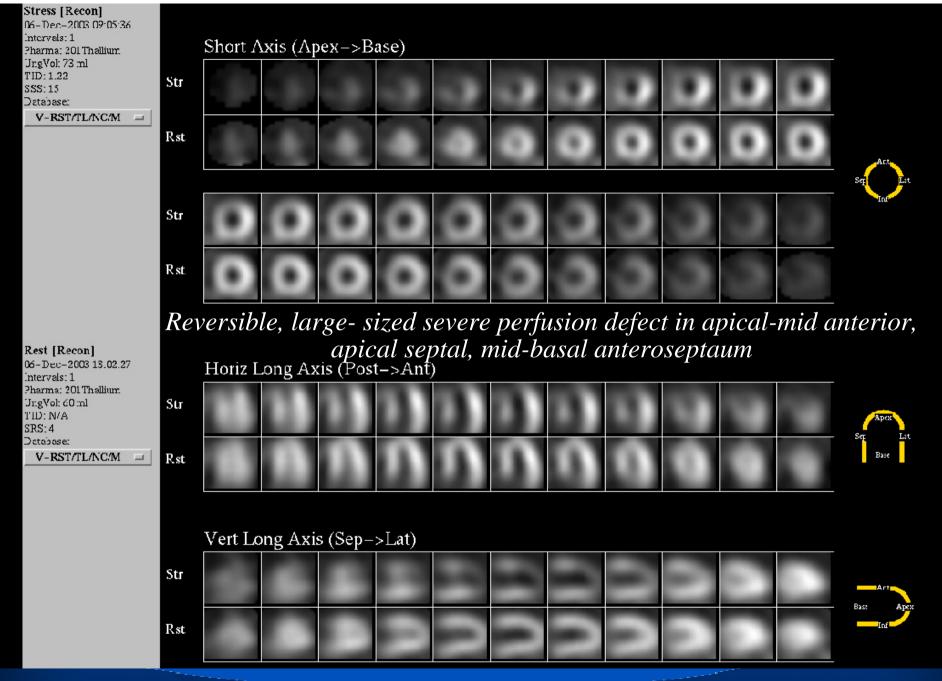


1st Admission (2003,12)

43 year-old male Effort related chest pain for 5 months Hypertension (+) Smoking (+) 20 Pack.years EKG: sinus bradycardia Chest PA: normal







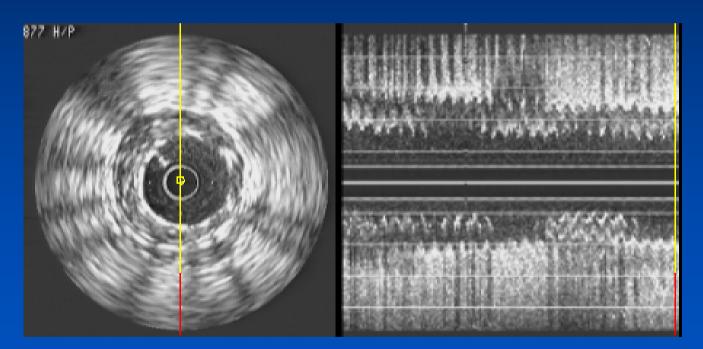
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Initial CAG Finding

Diffuse, severe stenosis at p-mLAD with TIMI2 flow DCA for the lesion with heavy atheroma Cypher stent 3.5 (33)

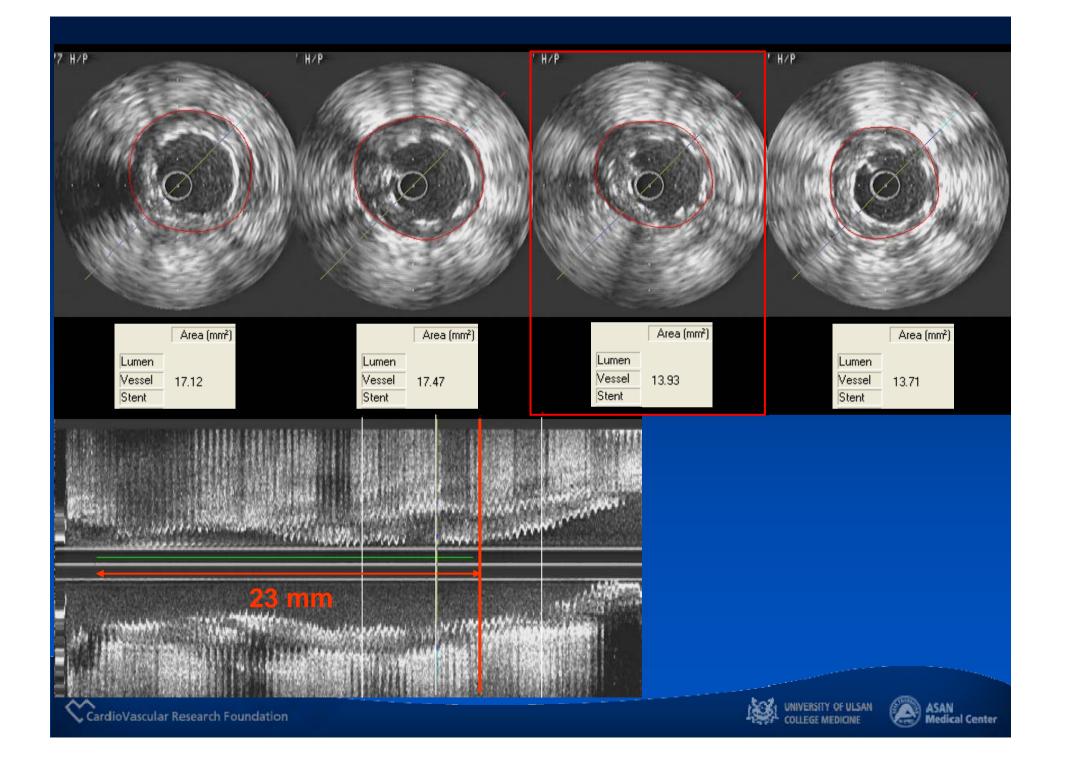


Immediate Post-Stenting IVUS

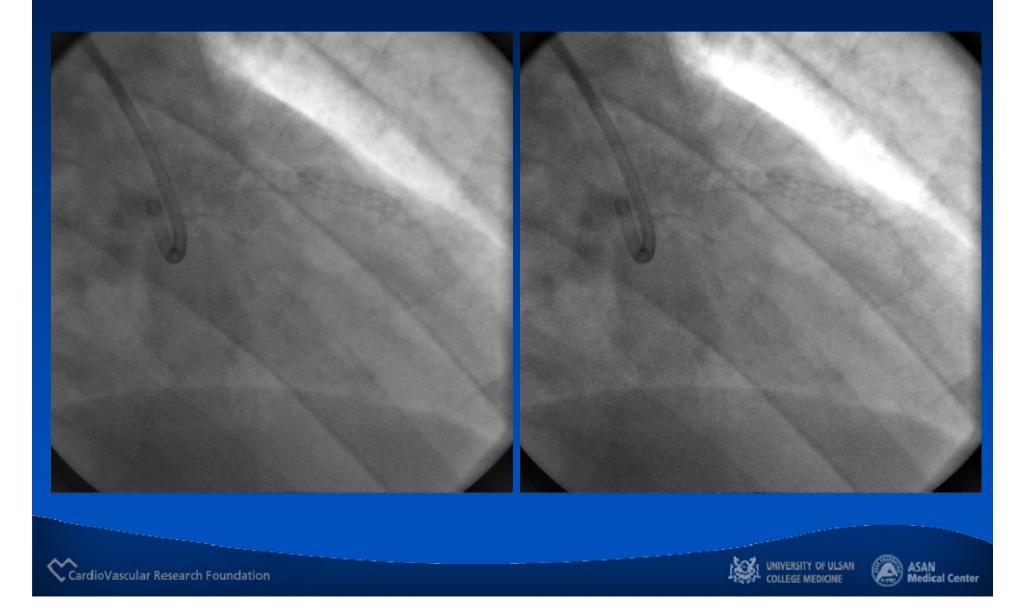




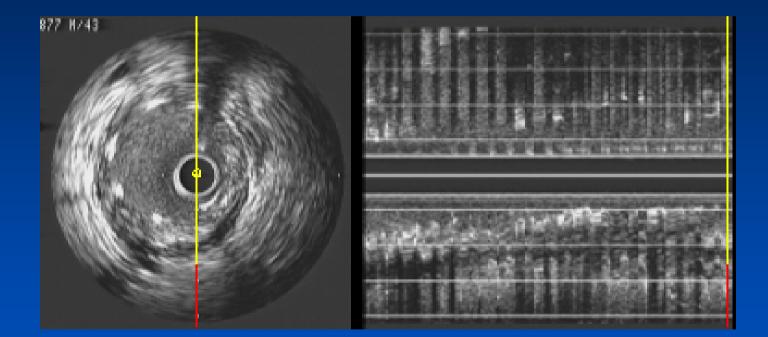




6-Month Follow-up CAG



6-Month Follow-up IVUS

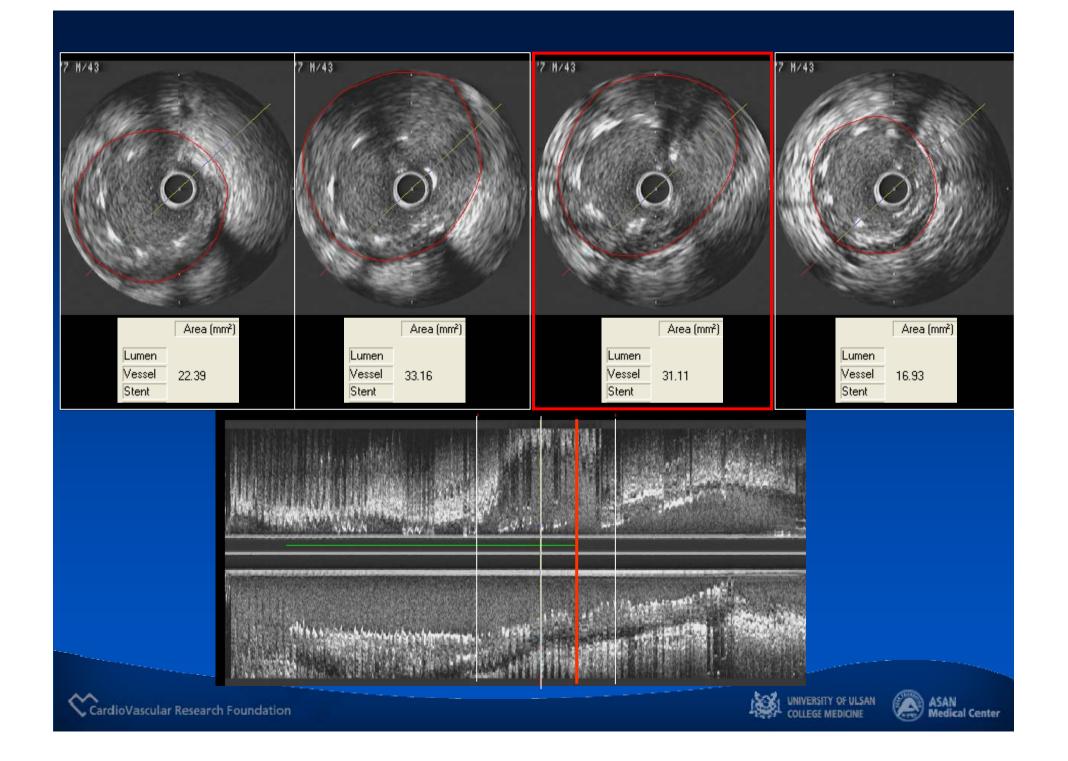


Huge aneurysmal changes with LSM



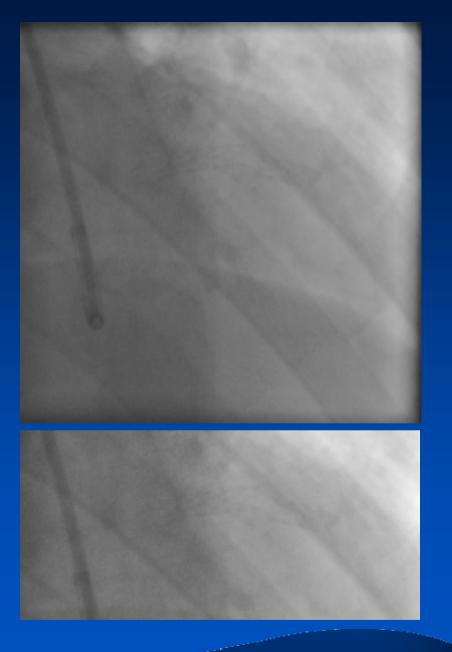






Follow-up CAG at 2-Year



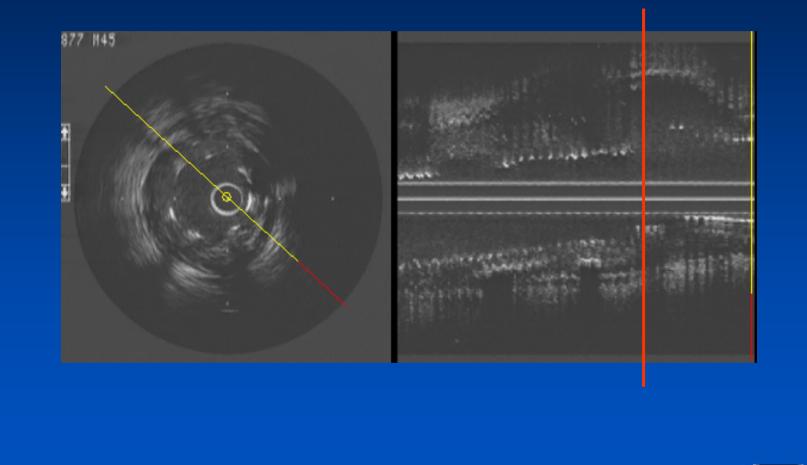








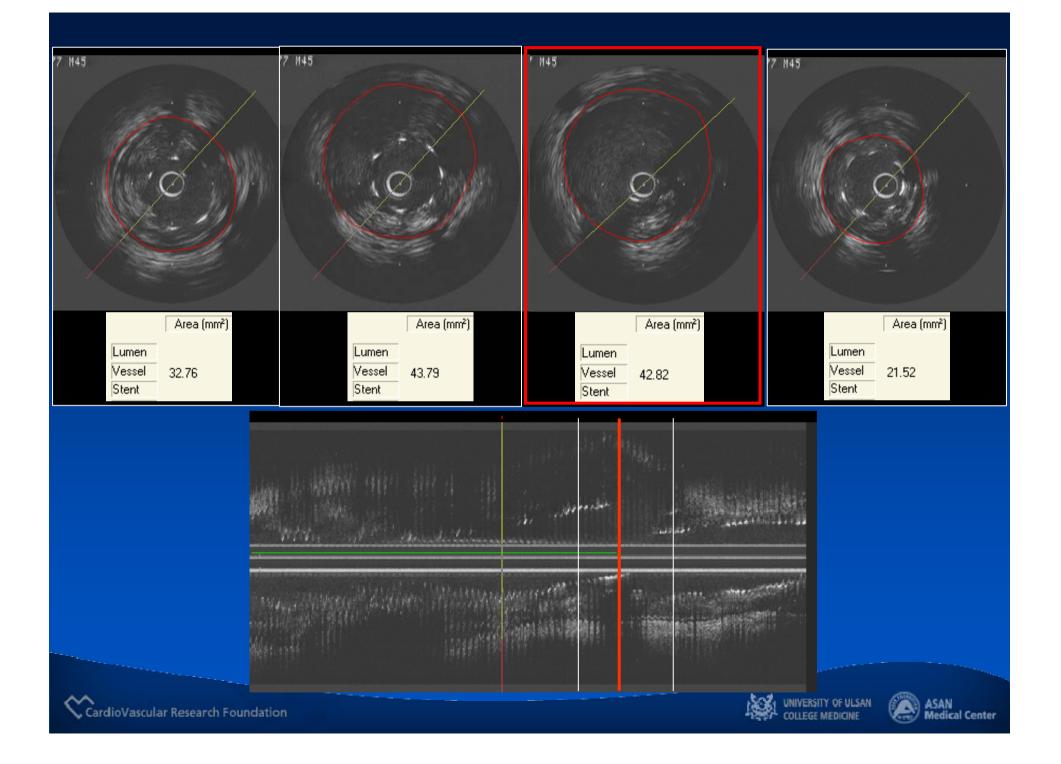
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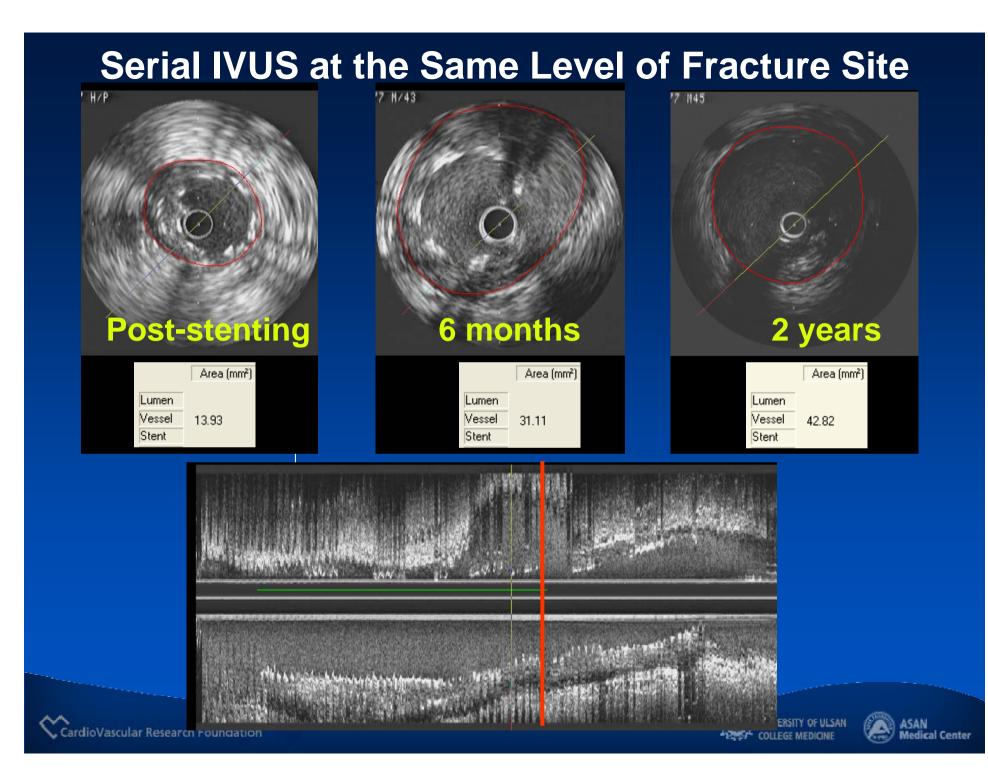






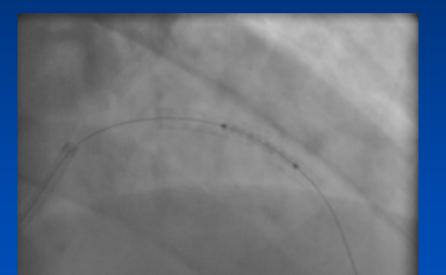


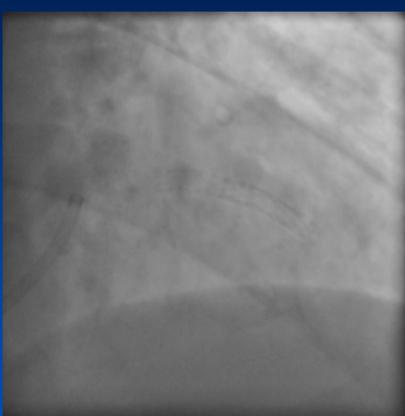




2nd Admission for PCI (2005,12)

Jo Graft 4.0(16) mm at mLAD





It should not have been treated with stenting...



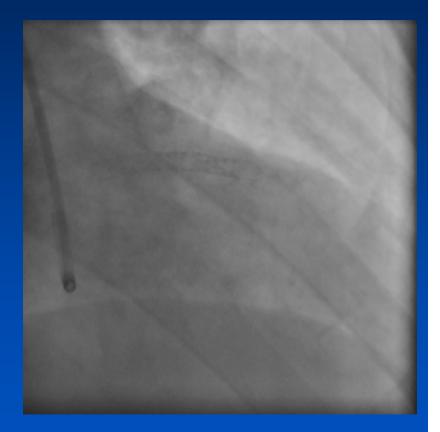




3rd Admission due to NSTEMI (2006,2)

Sudden chest pain during sleep
CK 1645 IU/L, CK-MB 92 ng/ml
Initial EKG: poor R progression
Echo: akinesia at LAD territories

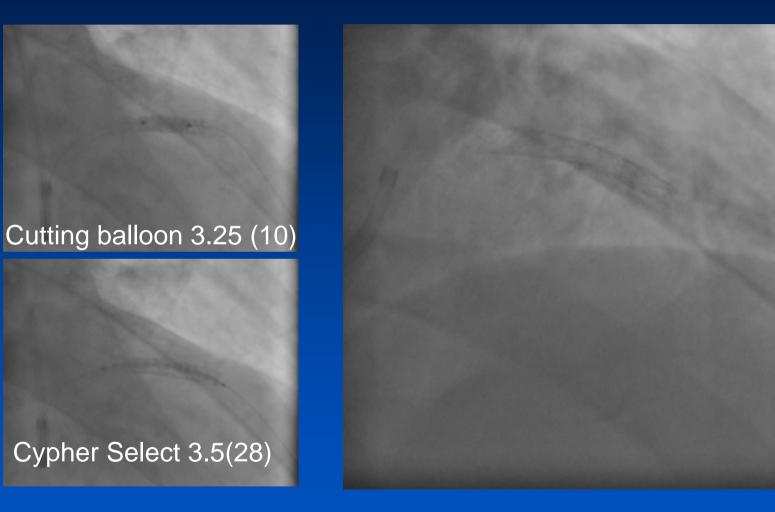
→ NSTEMI







Treatment for In-Stent Restenosis



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Predictors for stent fracture

- RCA location
- longer stent
- overlapped stents
- hinge movement
- Vessel angulation

Related to stent failure.. (ISR, stent thrombosis)







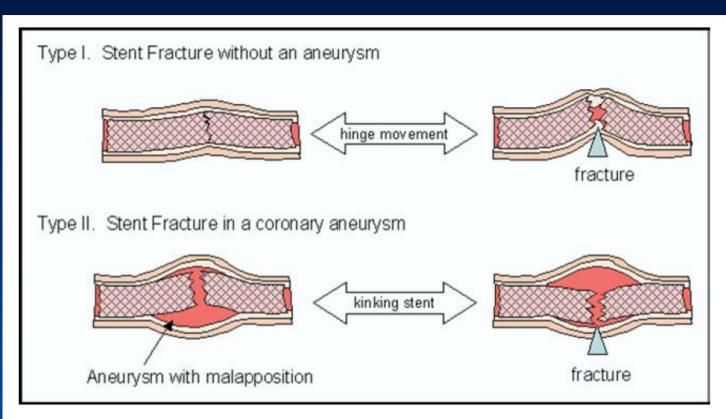


Figure 1. Mechanisms leading to stent fracture. In type I, direct mechanical stress due to vessel hinge movement during systolic cardiac contraction induces stent fracture. In type II, positive vessel remodeling with aneurysm formation causing malapposition allows the stent to kink within the aneurysm, inducing stent fracture.

Maehara et al. Am J Cardiol 2009;103:818–23







Summary

• Serial IVUS examination is helpful to identify stent fracture as a cause of stent failure

• Stent fracture and its injury may lead to positive remodeling and late aneurysm formation as a result

 Alternatively, aneurysm & late stent malapposition allows kinking of the stent within the aneurysm, and could be suggested as a new important mechanism of stent fracture



