Vulnerability Assessment Using Physiologic Indices

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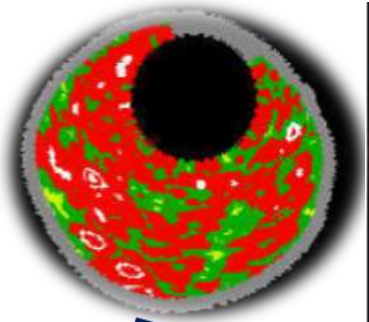
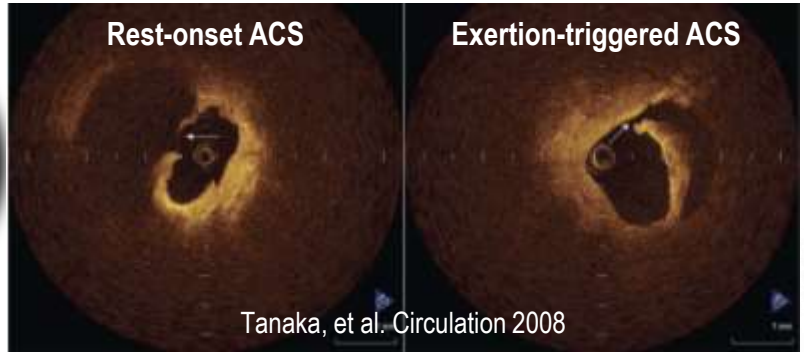
Why does the plaque rupture?

:Mechanism of material failure

Durability = Vulnerability





The broken cap was much thinner in the rest-onset group than in the exertion group (50 vs. 90 μm, *P*<0.01)

External force

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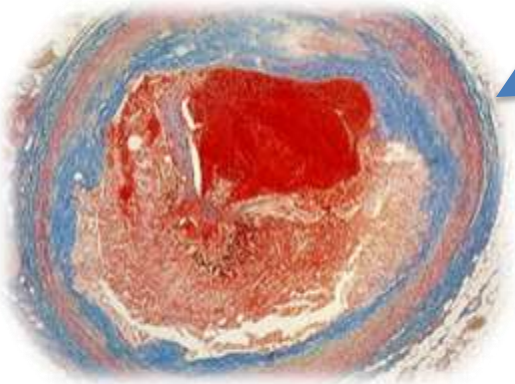

ACS (with rupture)

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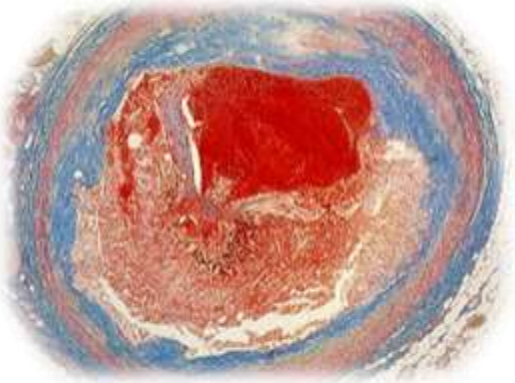
Pressure gradient (FFR)

Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR)

- Surrogate for “ischemia”
- Prognostic indicator for coronary artery disease

Looking for the links between FFR and ACS…



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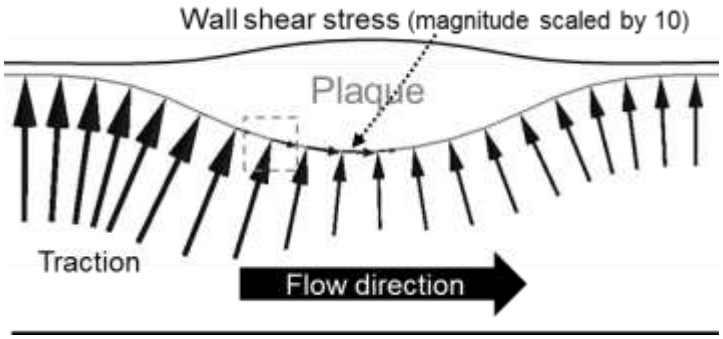
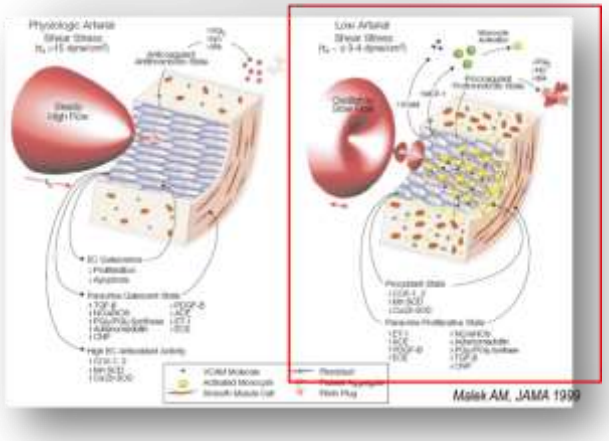
Wall shear stress: Small, but important!



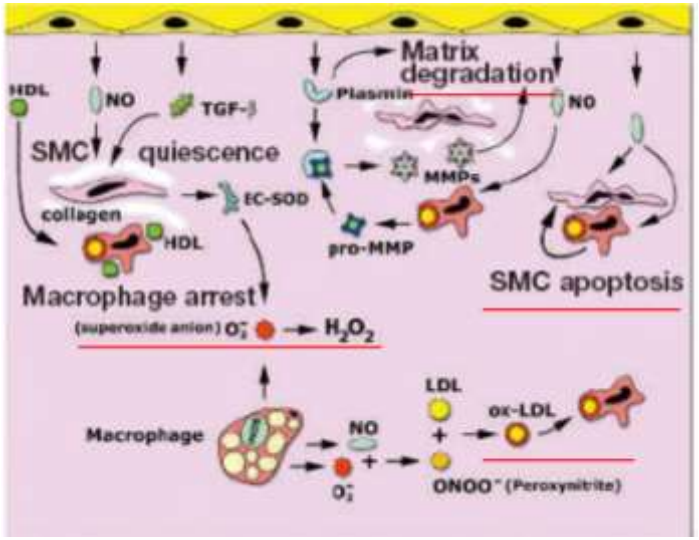
WSS: Tiny tangential force of flowing blood on endothelial surface

Low wall shear stress

→ Proliferative, pro-inflammatory, pro-thrombotic stimulus



Very high WSS (> 30 dyne/cm^2)



- Activation of MMP
- Smooth muscle cell apoptosis
- Suppress matrix production
- Acceleration of downstream atherosclerosis
- Positive remodeling
- Increase necrotic core
- Platelet activation

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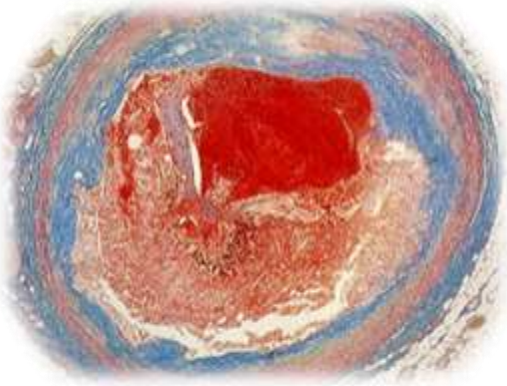

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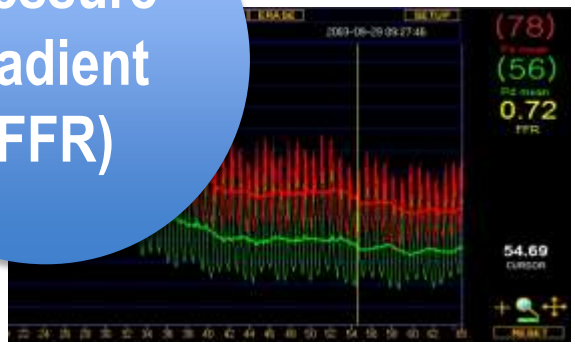
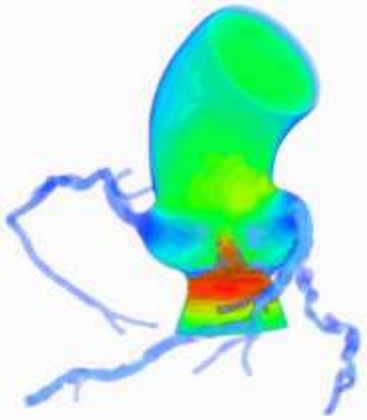


Non-invasive hemodynamic parameter measurement using computational fluid dynamics and cCTA

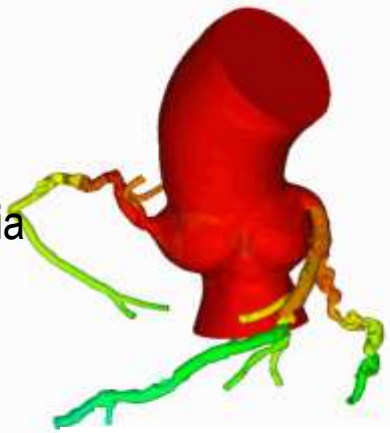
Pressure

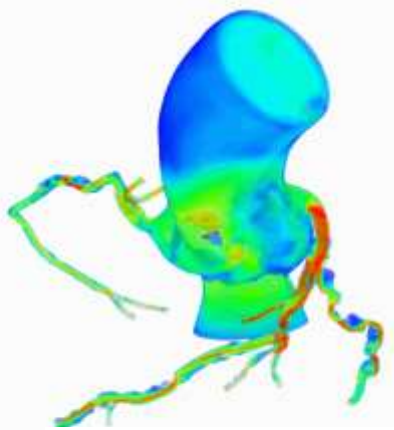
Velocity

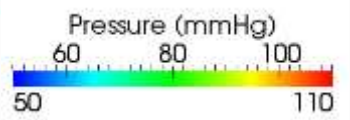
Rest

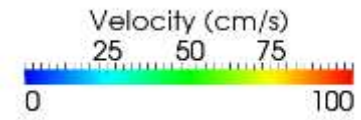


Hyperemia





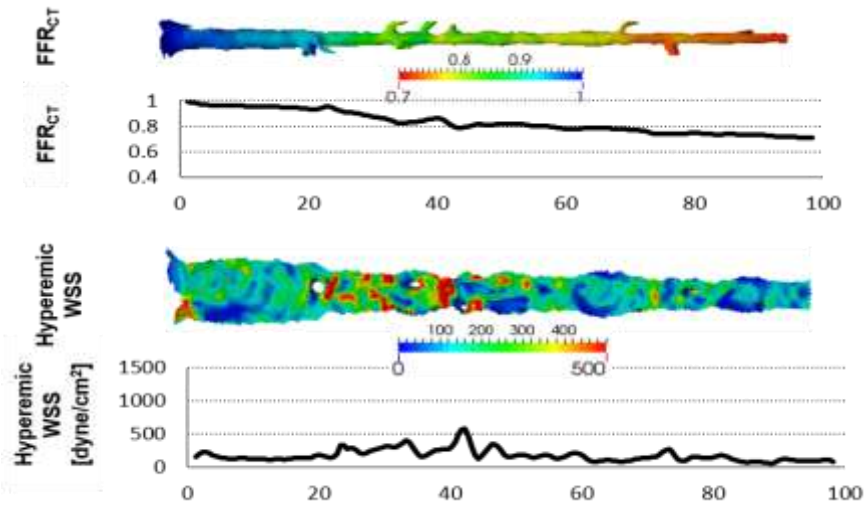


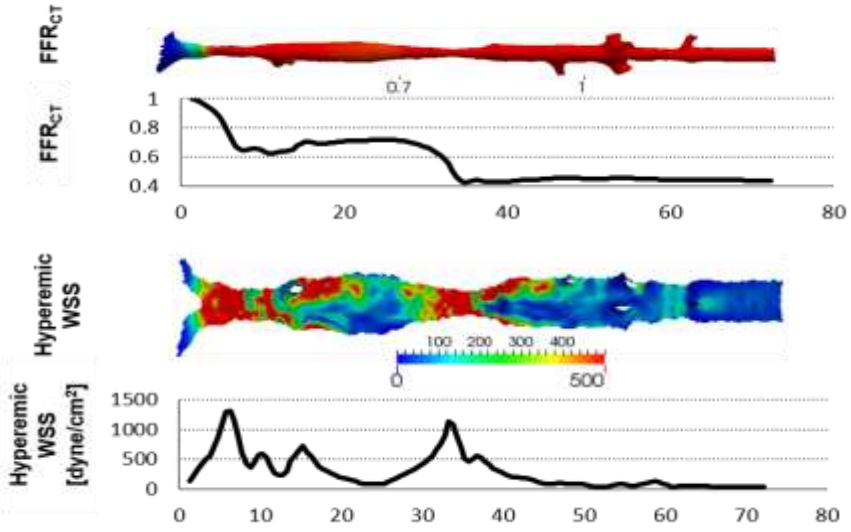


Hemodynamics

- Pressure
  - Pressure difference
  - Pressure gradient
  - Pressure recovery
  - FFR
- Flow velocity
- **Flow rate**
- **Shear rate**
- **Shear stress – average, peak, gradient**
- **Traction**
- **Oscillatory shear index**
- **Particle residence time**
- **Turbulent kinetic energy**
- ……..

Non-invasive WSS assessment using cCTA and computational fluid dynamics





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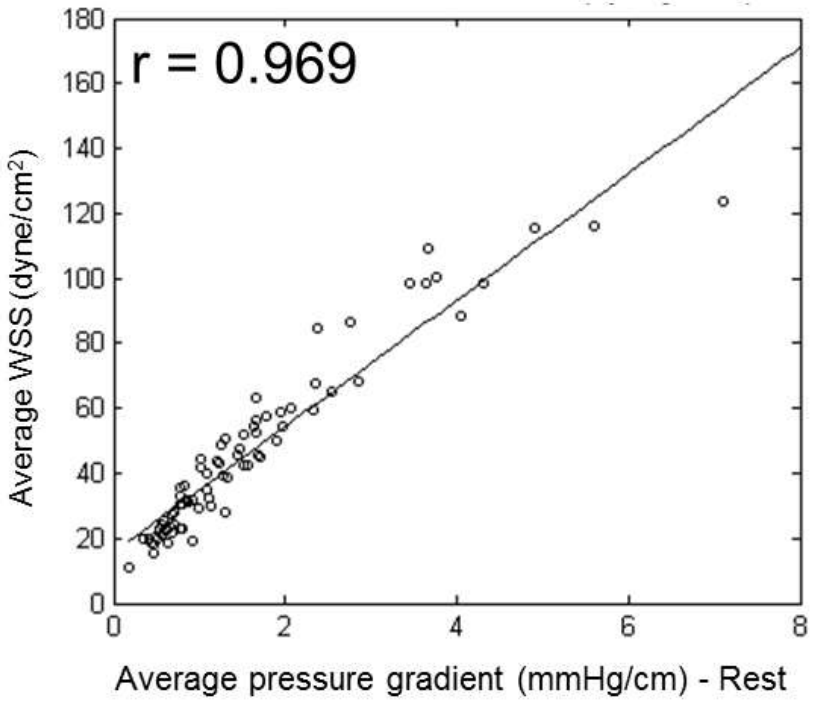
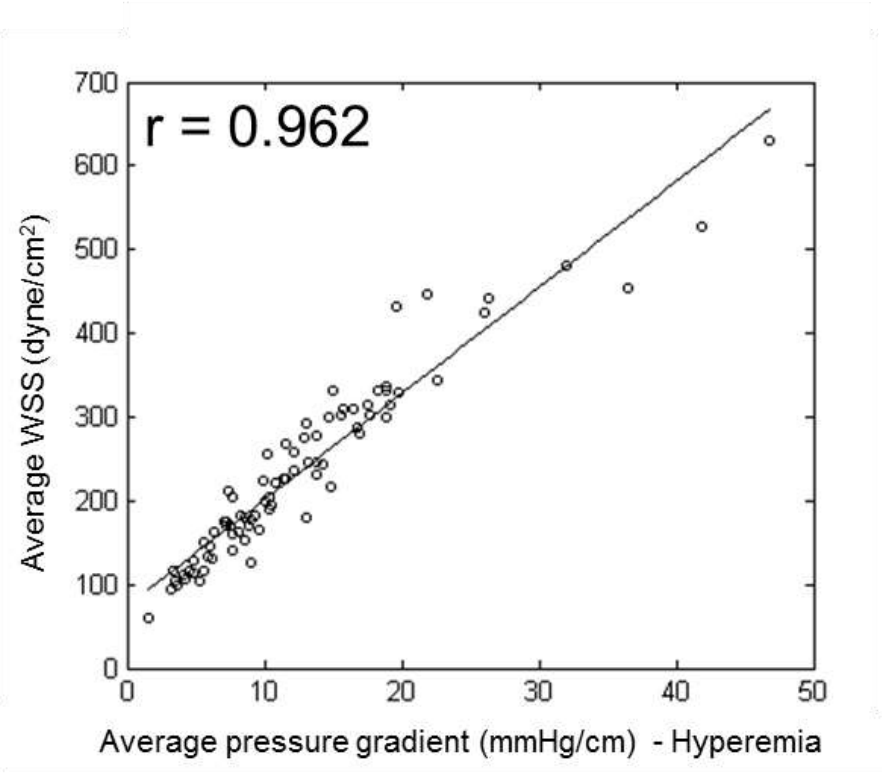
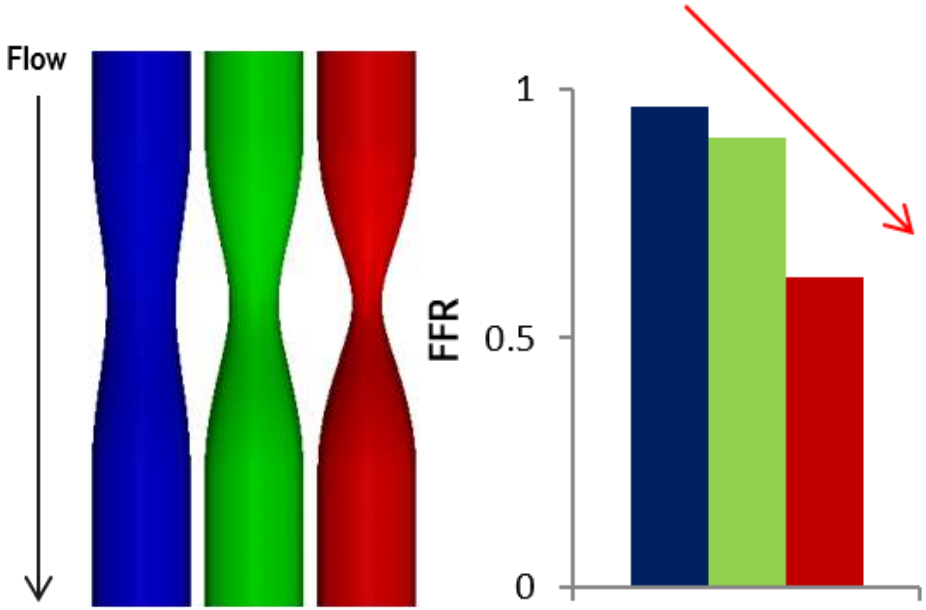
Relationship between WSS and pressure gradient

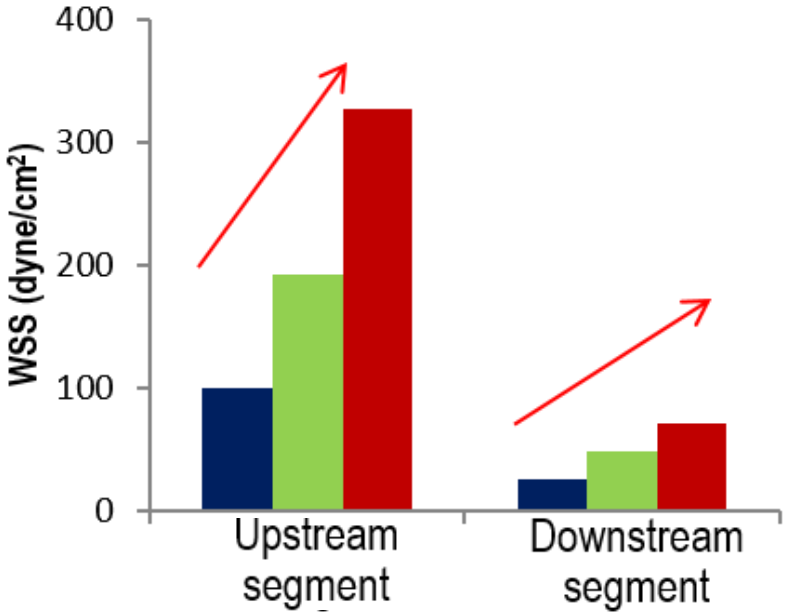




Park JB, et al. Under revision

FFR vs. WSS





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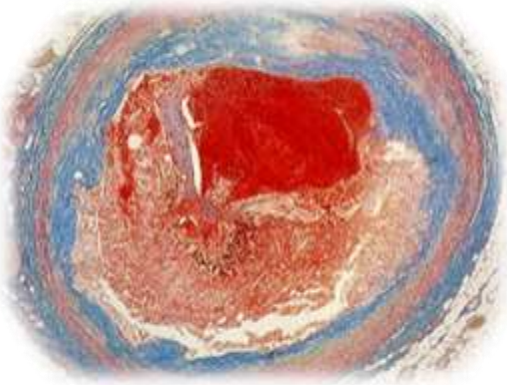

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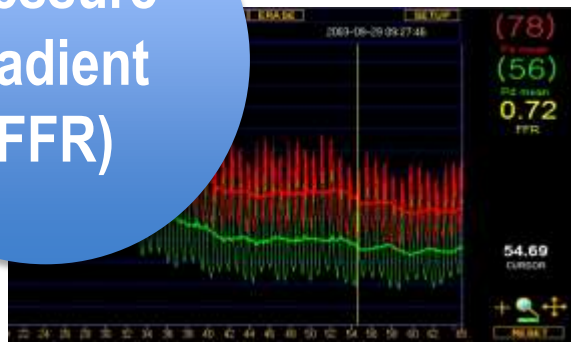
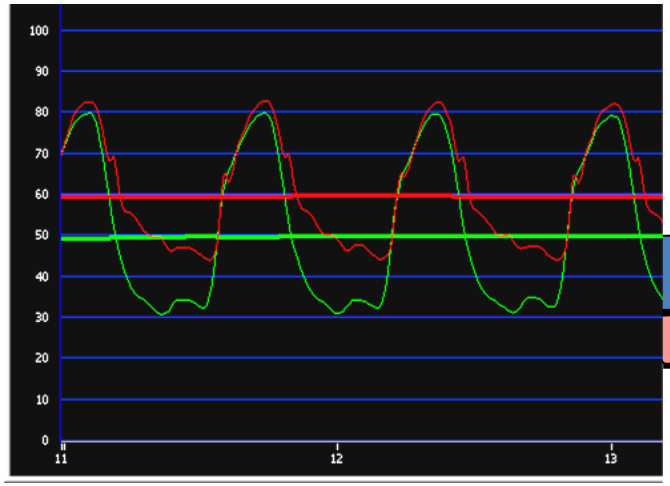
Pressure
gradient
(FFR)



Mechanical constraints on coronary stenoses

40.000.000 / year



Pressure wave

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Slicing forces

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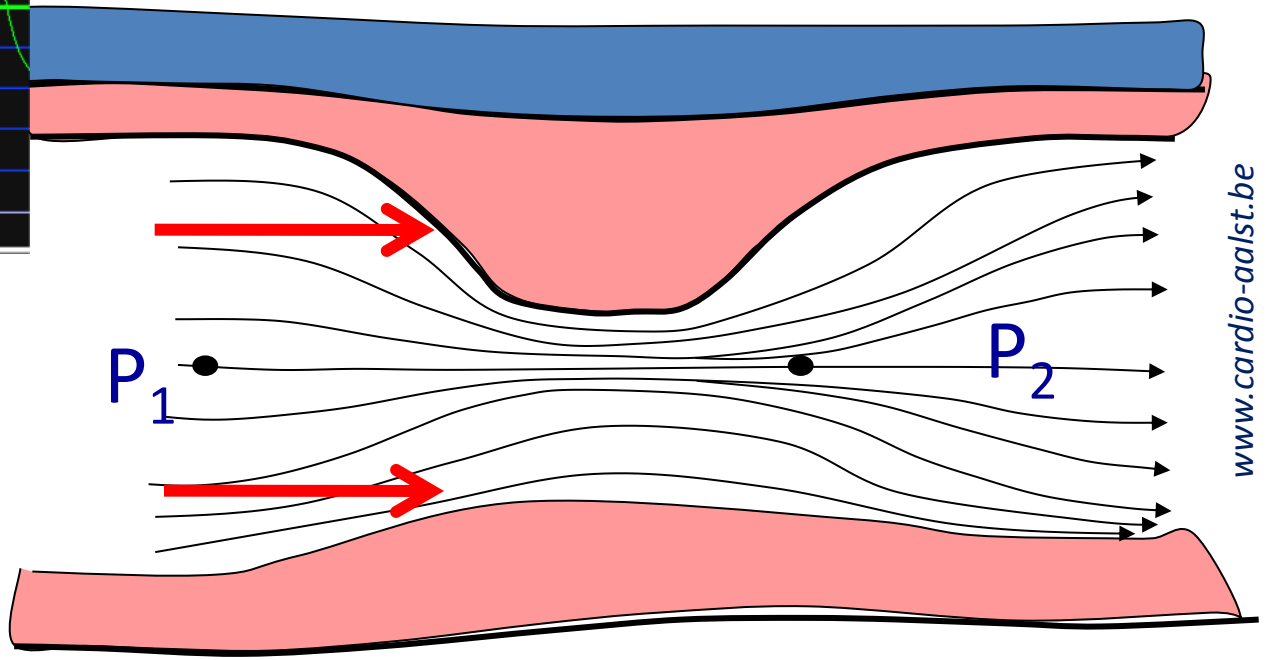
Plaque fatigue



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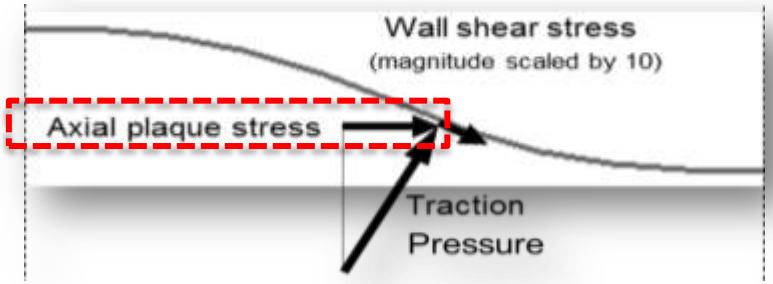
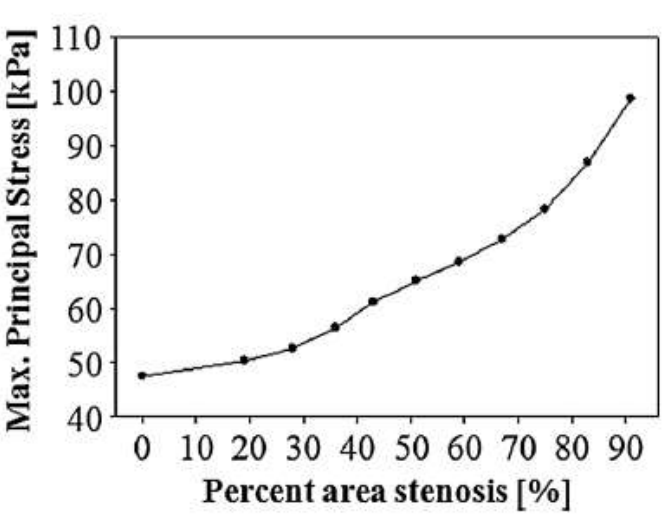
WSS and pressure, then what else?

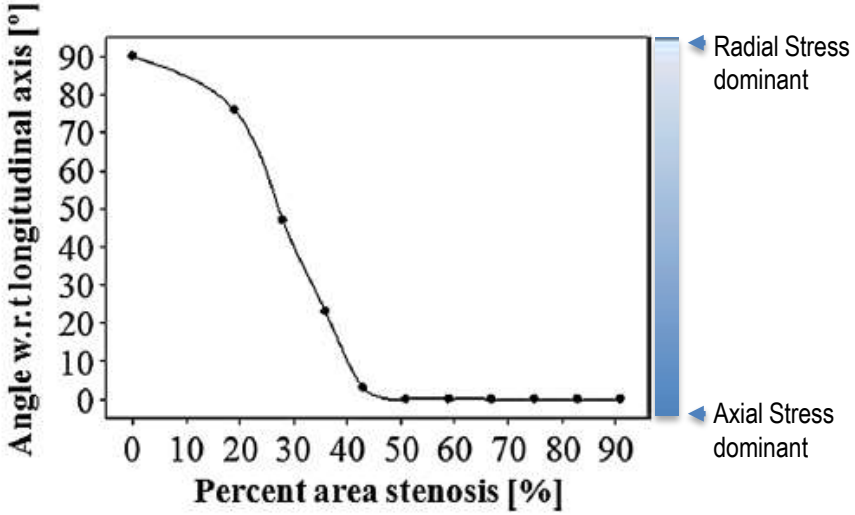


- Traction is the total force acting on vessel wall , and can be decomposed

In relation to lumen surface: $\|\mathbf{Traction}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{WSS}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{Pressure}\|^2$

In relation to centerline: $\|\mathbf{Traction}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{Axial\ Stress}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{Radial\ Stress}\|^2$





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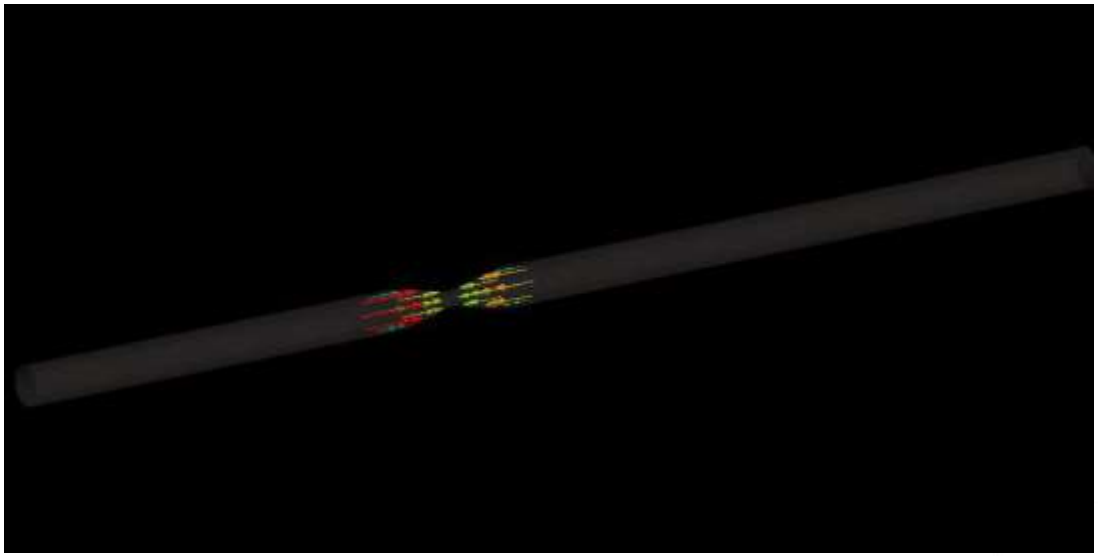
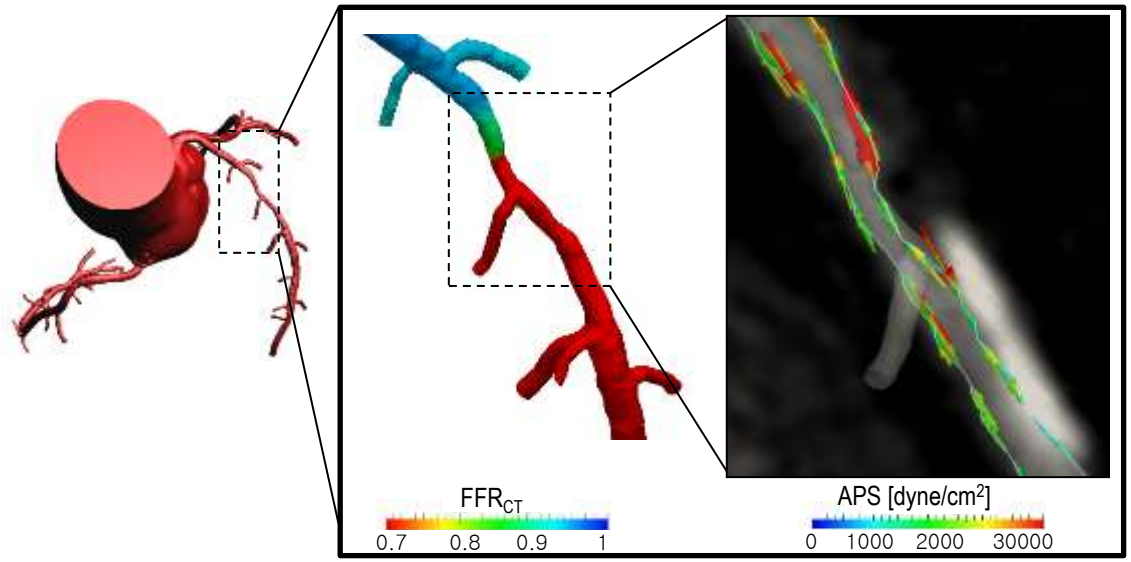
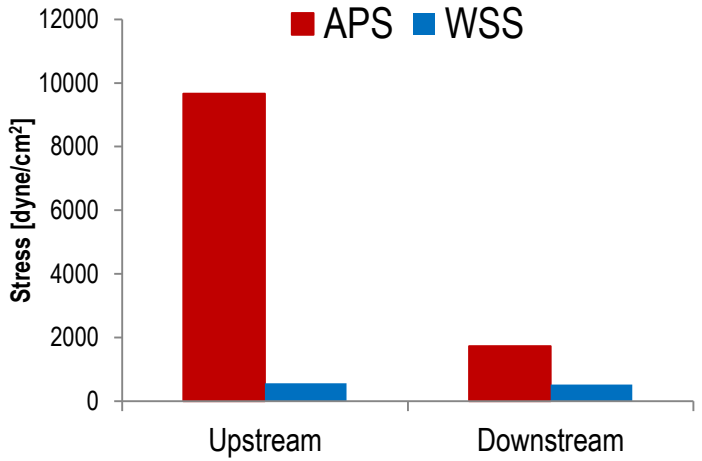
Novel hemodynamic index: Axial Plaque Stress

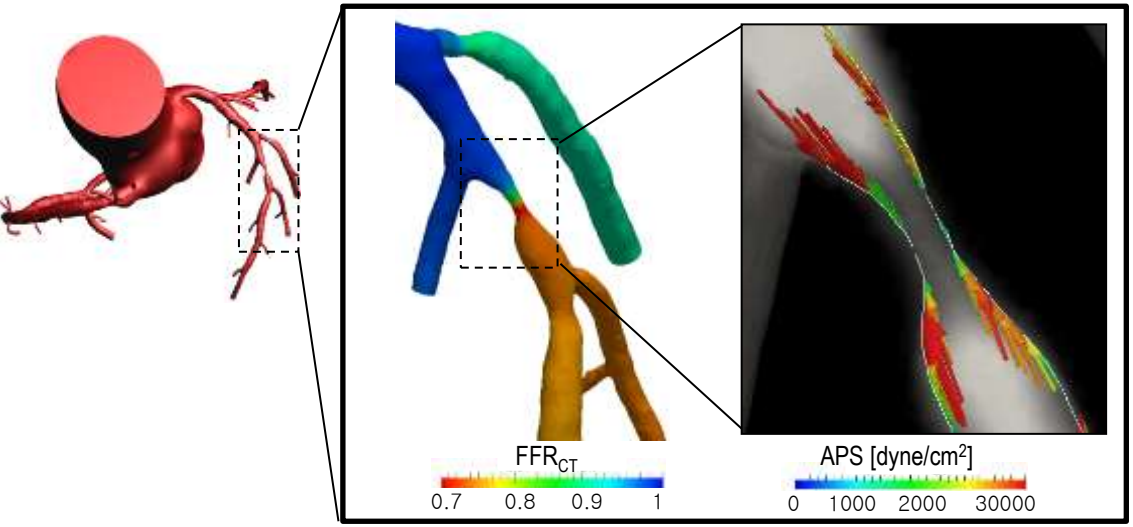


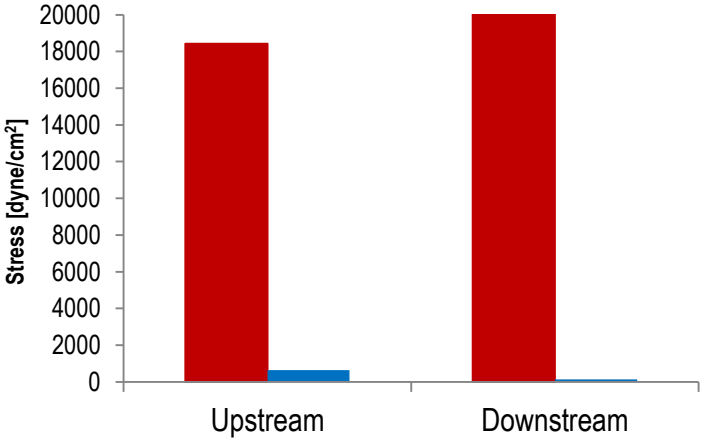
- **Axial plaque stress** uniquely characterizes the diseased segment of both upstream and downstream.
- **Axial plaque stress** is much higher than wall shear stress.

Distribution of Axial Plaque Stress in patients









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Axial Plaque Stress and Clinical Event

Why the rupture is there?

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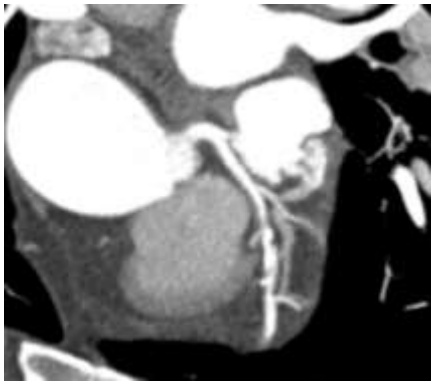

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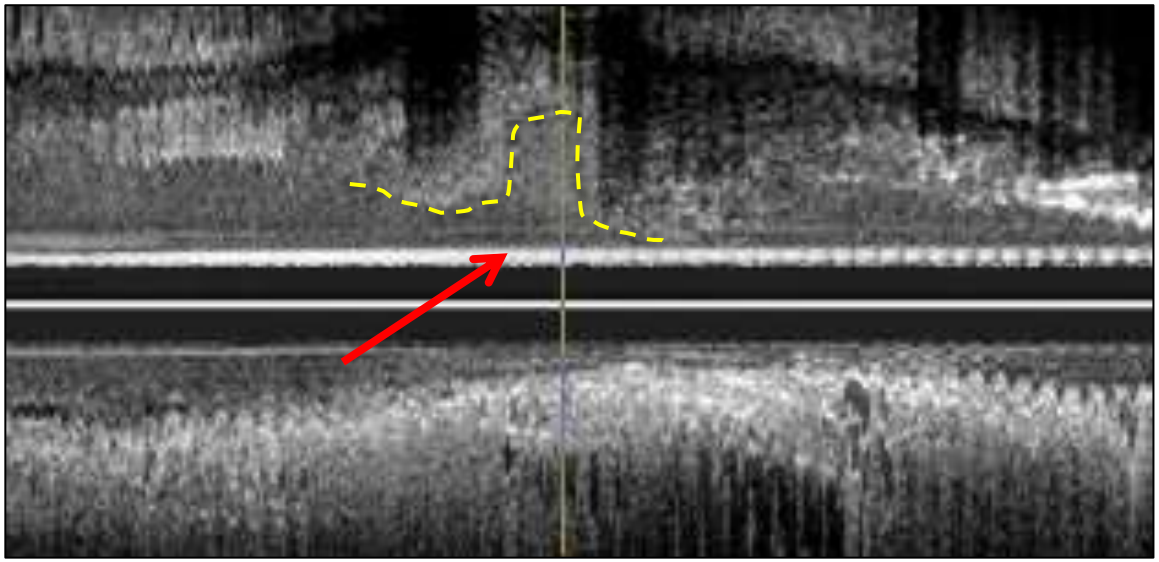

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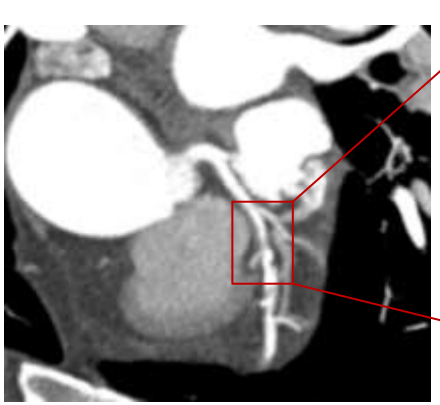

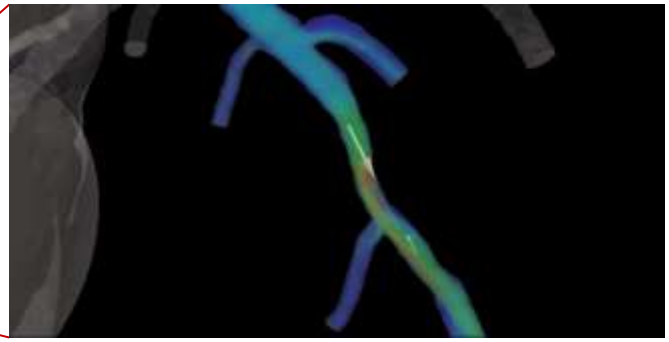

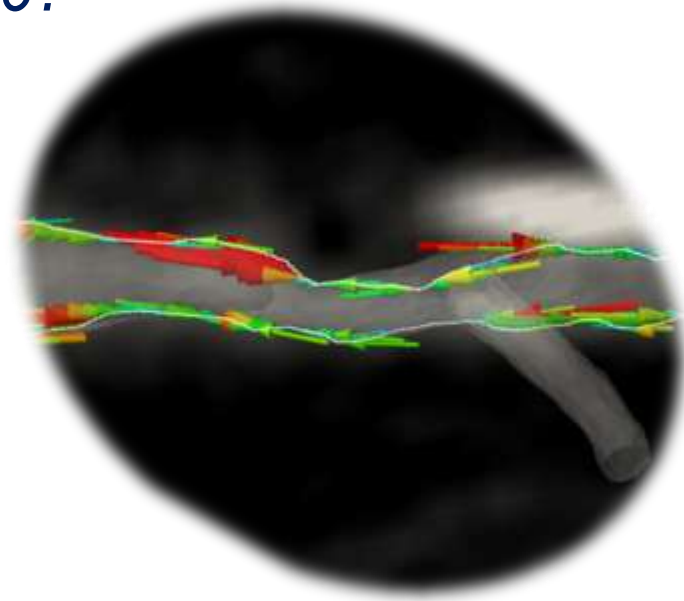

	Axial plaque stress
Upstream	**9960 dyne/cm^2**
Downstream	1740 dyne/cm^2

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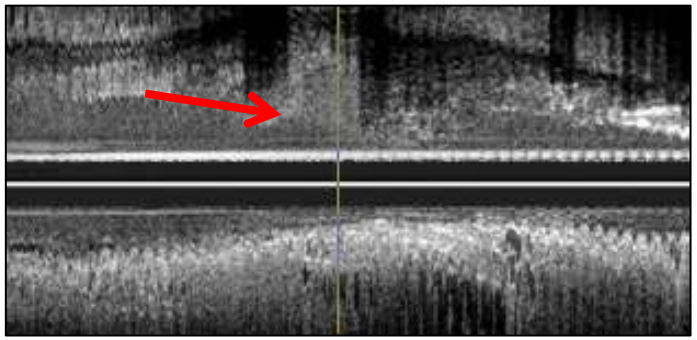

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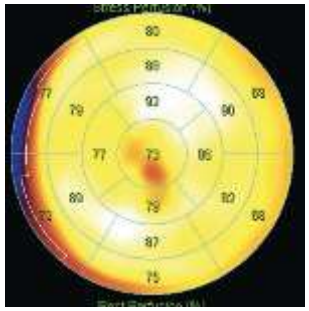
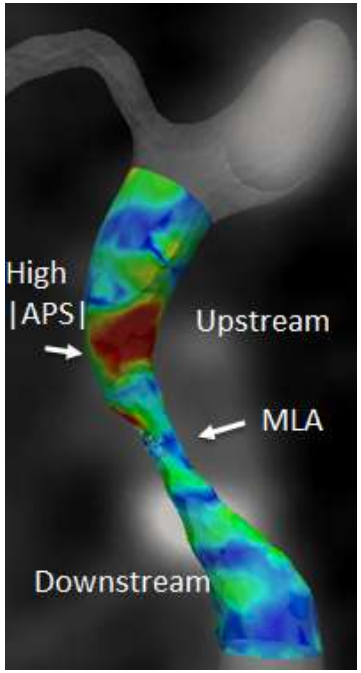
M/52, Asymptomatic

Rb-82 myocardial perfusion scan



No perfusion decrease

1 year later, after strenuous exercise…..



	Upstream segment	Downstream segment
APS (dyne/cm^2)	17200	-11732
WSS (dyne/cm^2)	325	209

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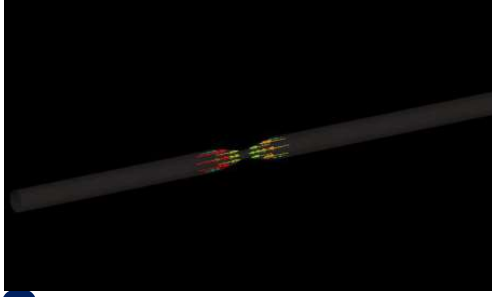
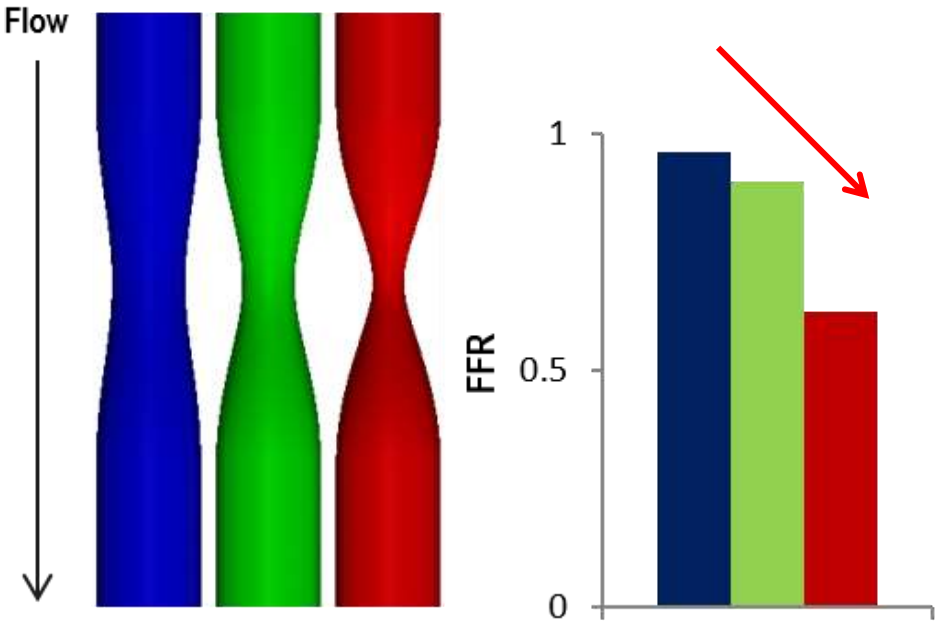
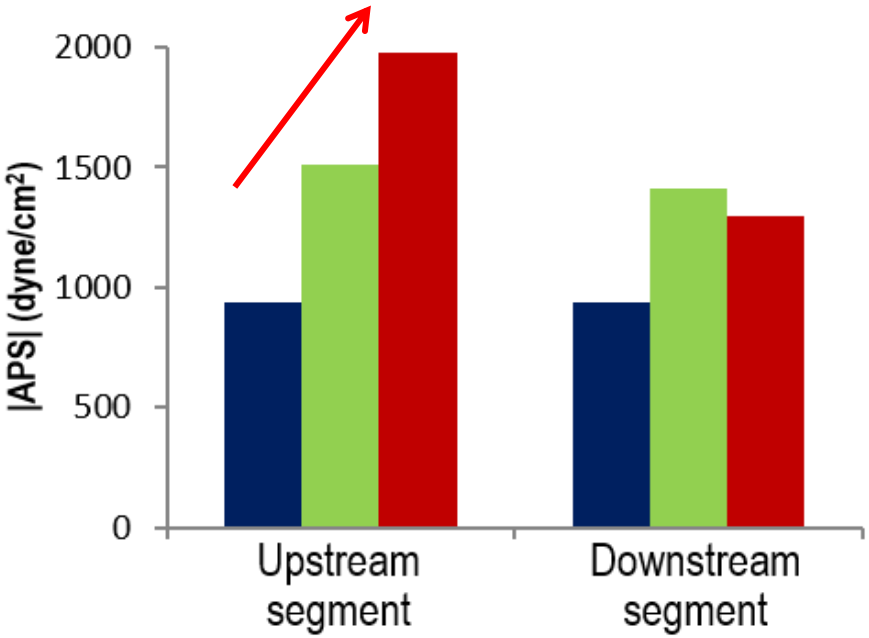


FFR vs. Axial plaque stress





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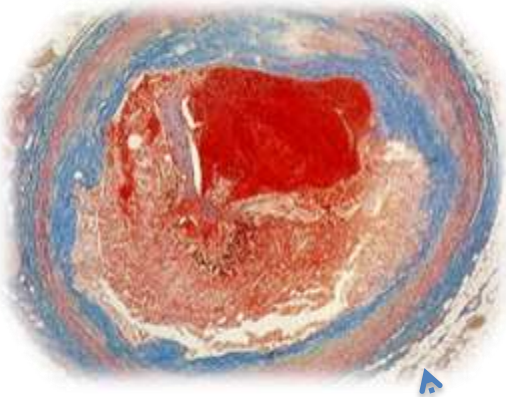

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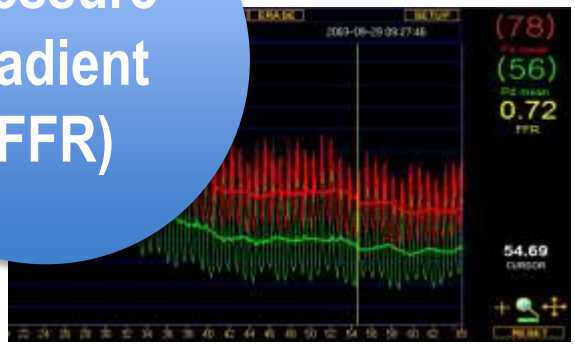

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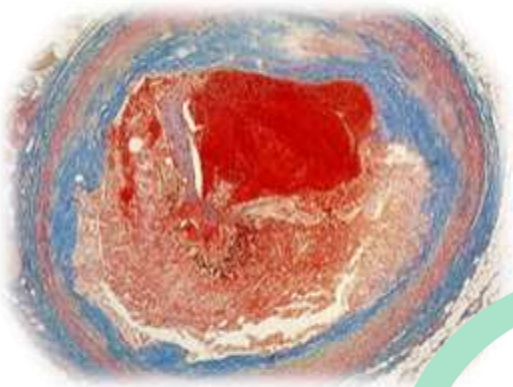

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Vulnerability = Durability

External force

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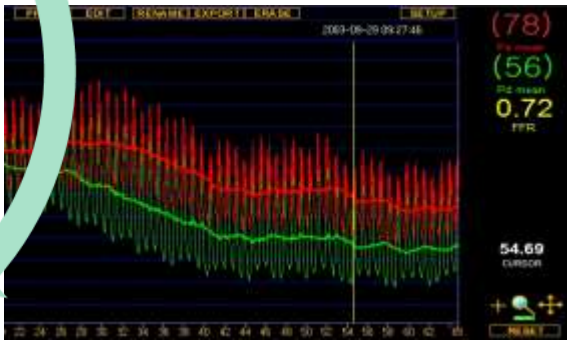
Plaque vulnerability

Pressure gradient (FFR)

High axial plaque force (External force)

High WSS
High WSS gradient



In addition to define ischemia, FFR can tell the risk of ACS through the interaction with biomechanical forces.