

# Can Improved Scaffold Technology Reduce Clinical Complications? -Insights and Speculation-

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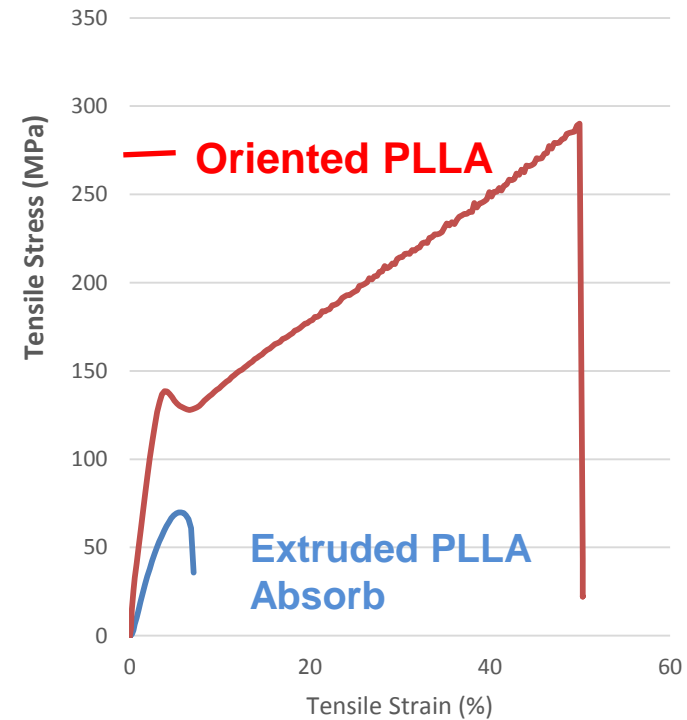
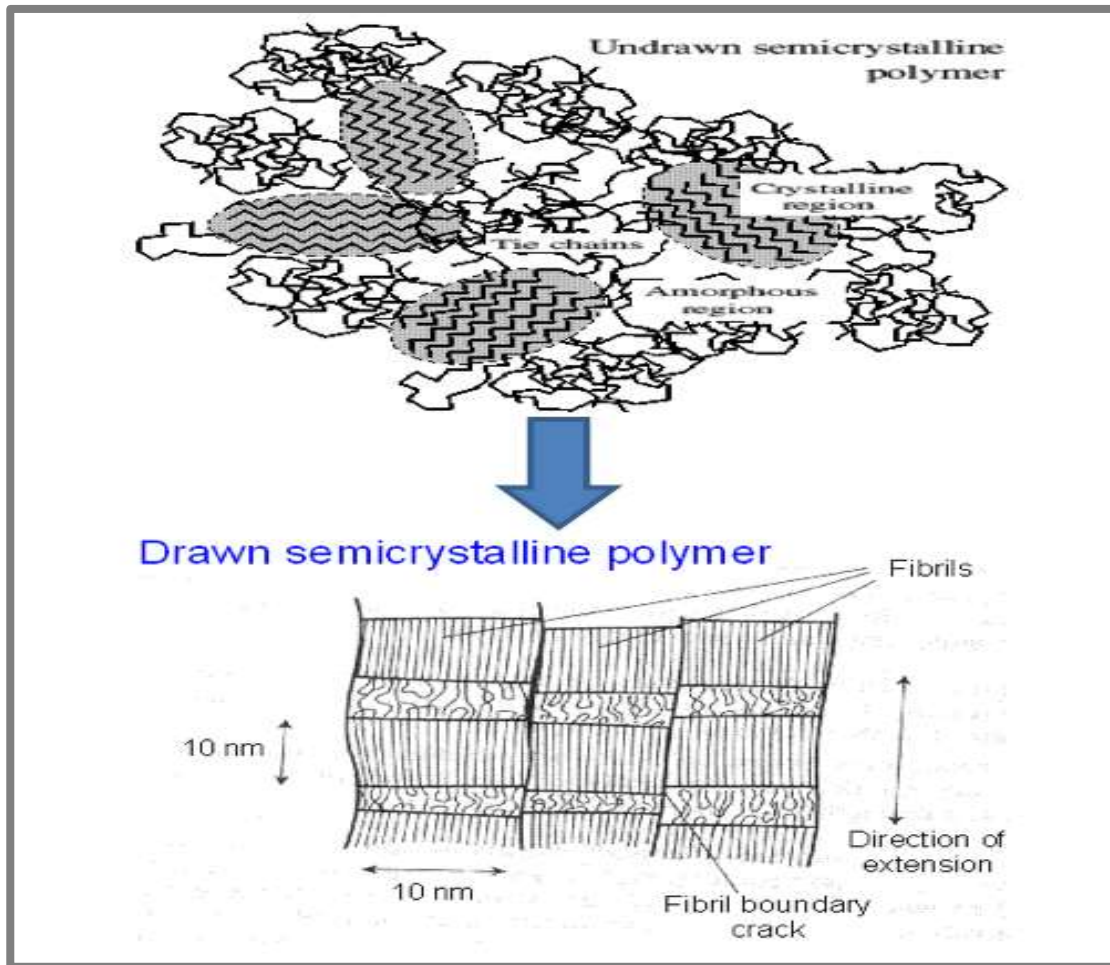
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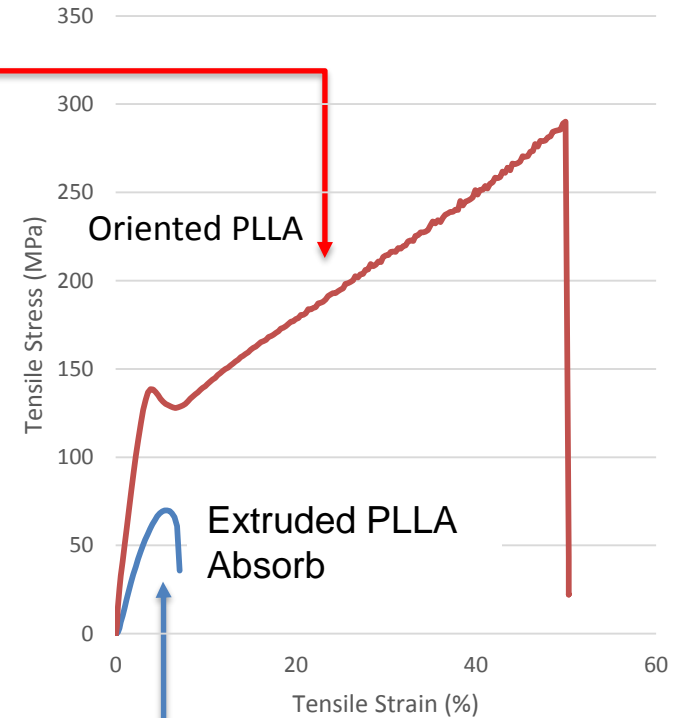


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Material	PLLA	Oriented PLLA	Mg Alloy	Stainless Steel	Cobalt Chrome
Ultimate tensile strength (MPa)	~30-50	220-260	343* 280	670	820-1200
Tensile Modulus (Gpa)	1.2-3.0	5-7	45	193	243
Elongation (%)	2-6	40-70	23	48	35-55

\*cold worked

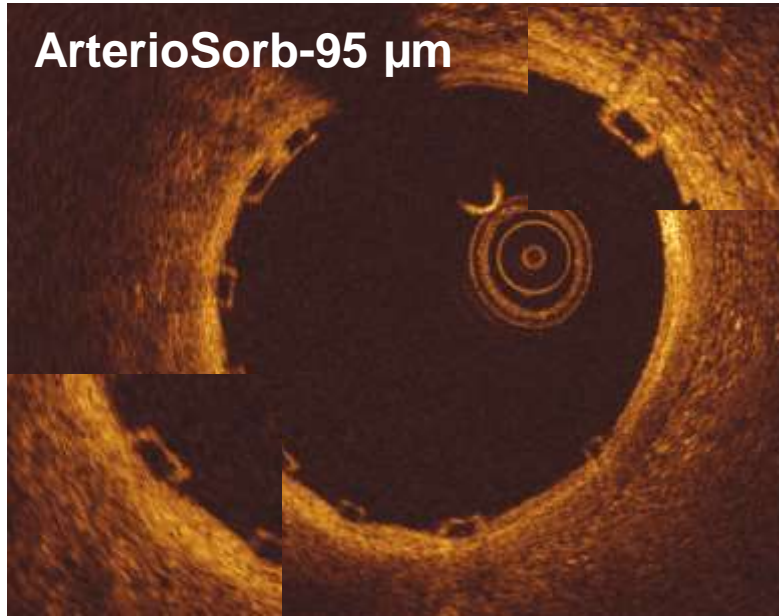


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# Oriented polylactide, stronger and thinner strut Reducing the protrusion without increase of recoil

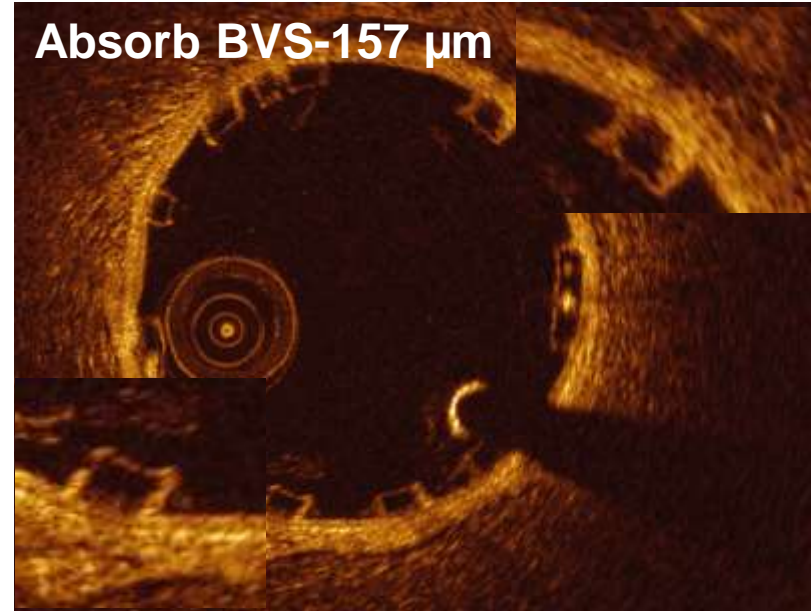
ArterioSorb from Arterius  
(Profile: 1.22 mm)

Protrusion distance:  $89 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}$



Absorb BVS from Abbott  
(Profile: 1.43 mm)

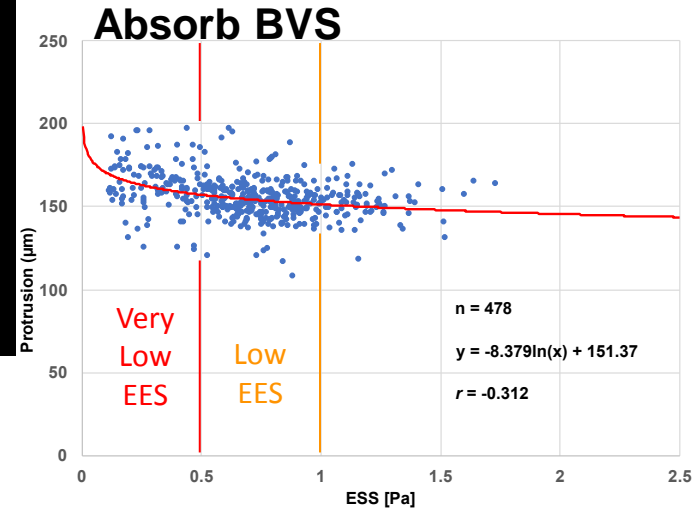
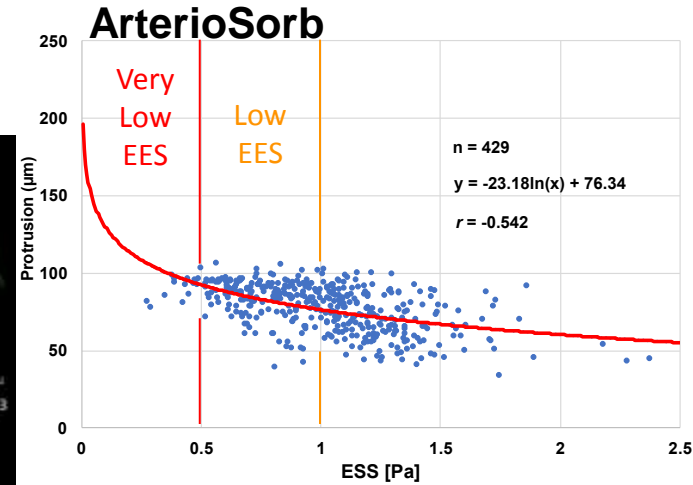
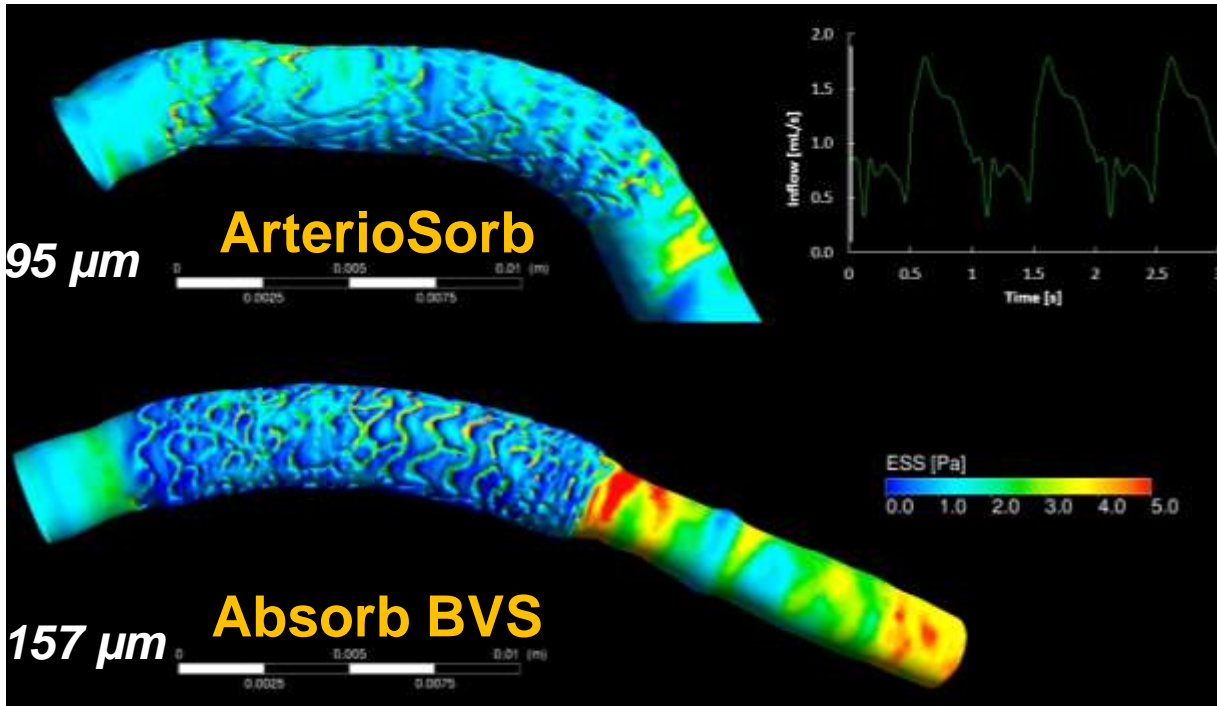
Protrusion distance:  $150 \pm 9 \mu\text{m}$



	After device deployment		After post-dilatation (PD)	
Scaffold	Device balloon-artery ratio	Acute recoil (%)	PD balloon-artery ratio	Acute recoil (%)
Arteriosorb-95 (n=25)	$1.09 \pm 0.11$	$4.69 \pm 7.38$	$1.11 \pm 0.09$	$2.65 \pm 3.81$
Xience (n=15)	$1.12 \pm 0.11$	$2.70 \pm 4.52$	$1.14 \pm 0.10$	$1.06 \pm 4.13$

A:  $19.24 \pm 4.80 \text{ atm}$   
X:  $18.42 \pm 4.56 \text{ atm}$

# Thin struts reduce struts protrusion, very low-shear stress (dark-blue color), risk of thrombus peri-strut and neointima



Tenekecioglu E, Torii R, Serruys PW et al. Non-Newtonian pulsatile shear stress assessment: a method to differentiate bioresorbable scaffold platforms. Eur Heart J 2017 Sep 1;38(33):2570.



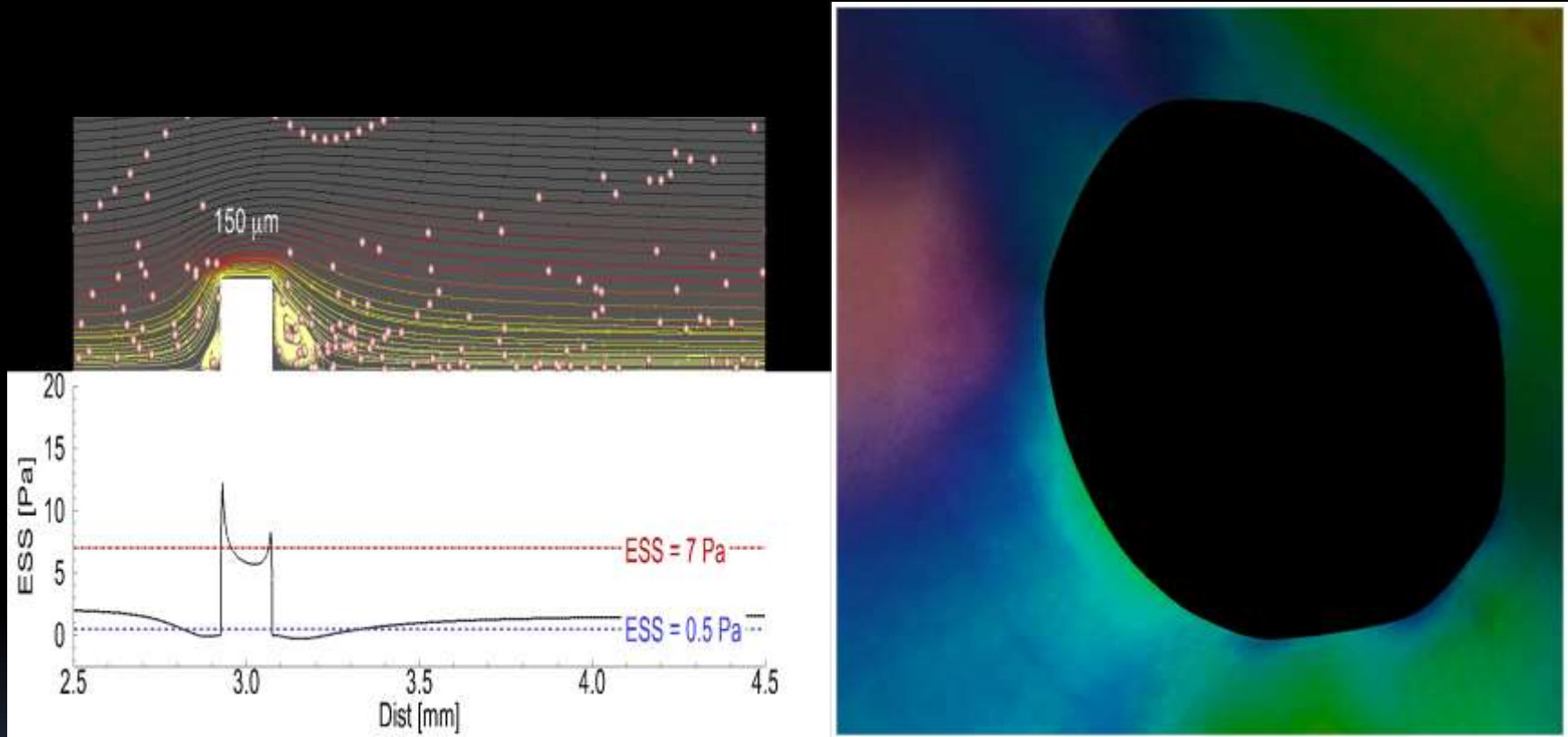
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# Non-Newtonian (cell tracking) shear stress and viscosity in early systole

Navier Stokes (ESS) and Quemada (viscosity) equations



- **Pink fuzzy areas are regions with low shear stress with high viscosity**

Thondapu V et al, Serruys PW. Endothelial shear stress 5 years after implantation of a coronary bioresorbable scaffold. *Eur Heart J*. 2018 Feb 2.[Epub ahead of print]

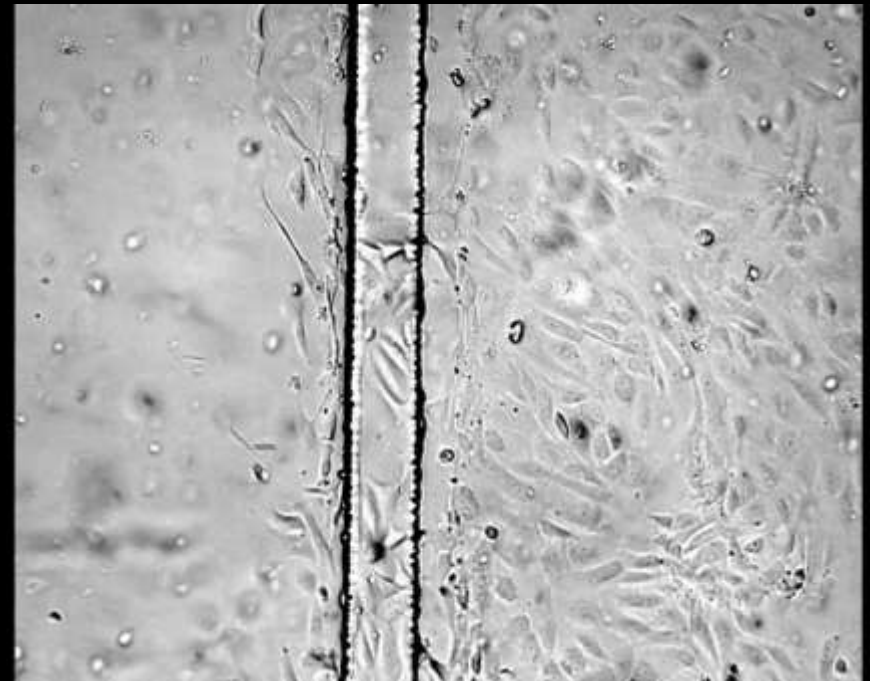
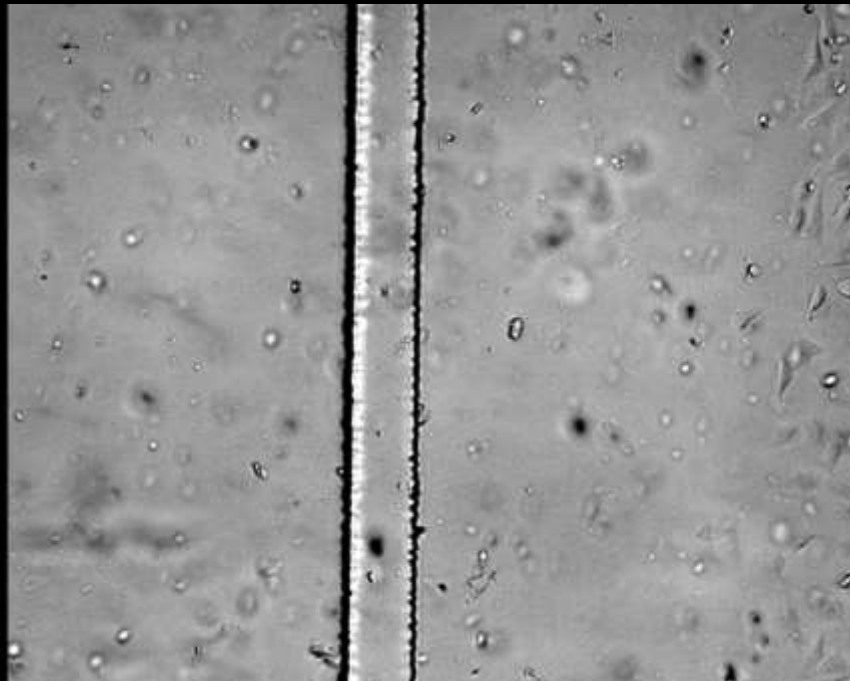
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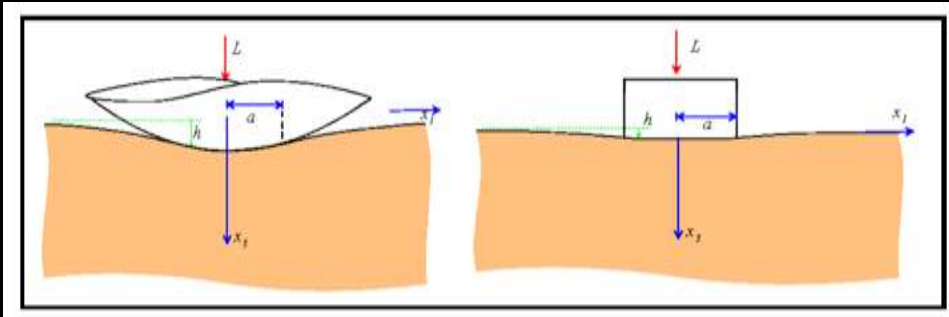
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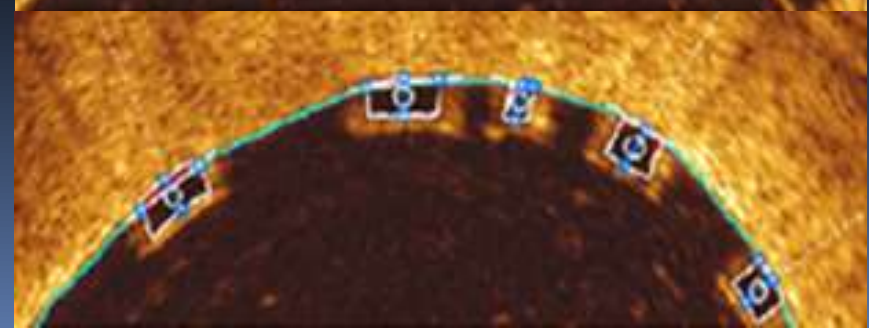
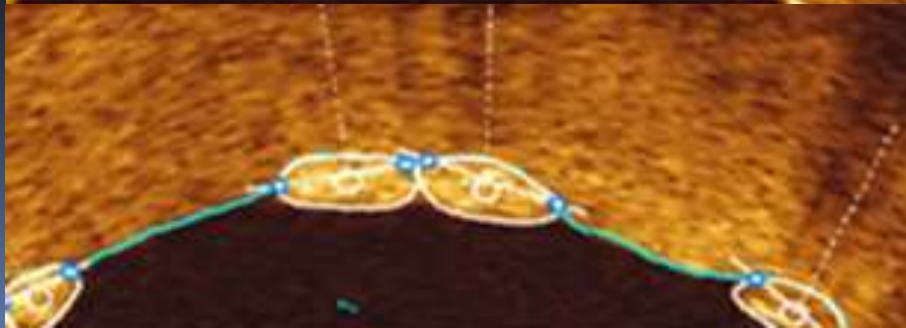
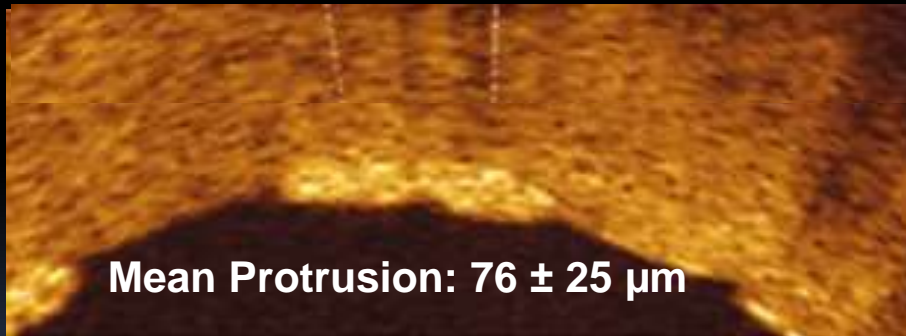
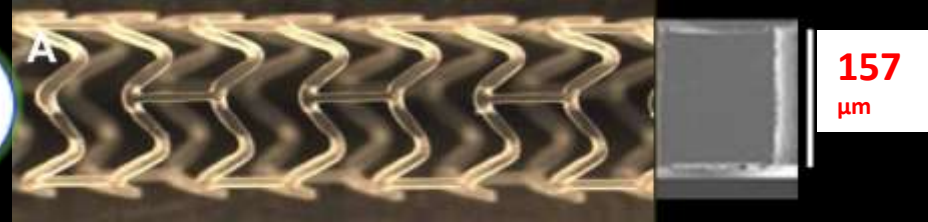


# **CIRCULAR** STRUTS (mono fiber) PENETRATE INTO THE VESSEL WALL BETTER THAN THE **QUADRATIC** STRUTS

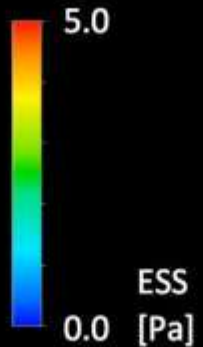
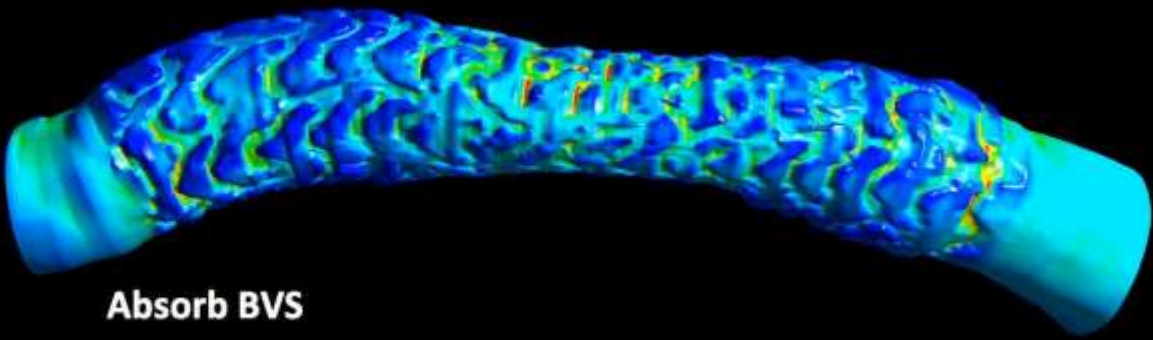
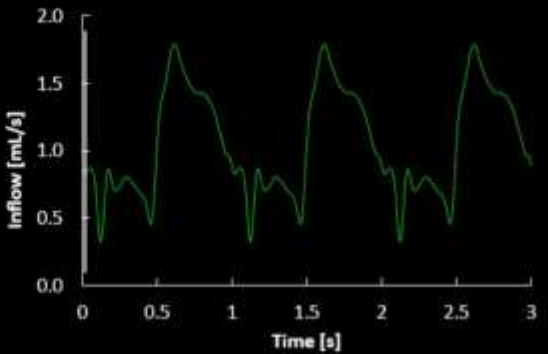
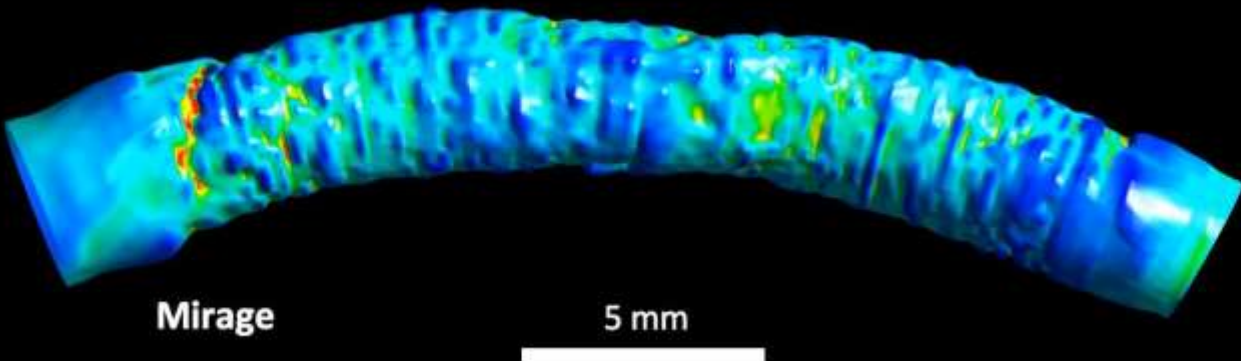


$$p(\rho) = \frac{2\mu h}{\pi(1-\nu)\sqrt{a^2 - \rho^2}}$$

Inverse relationship between contact radius and contact pressure



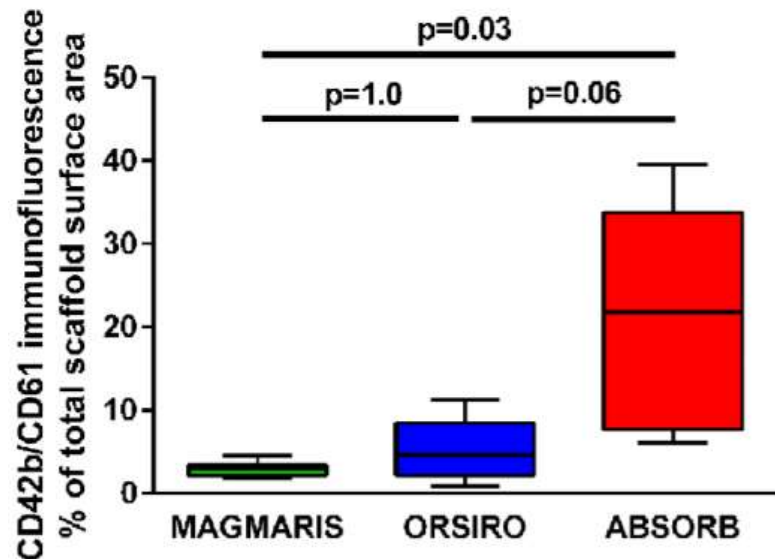
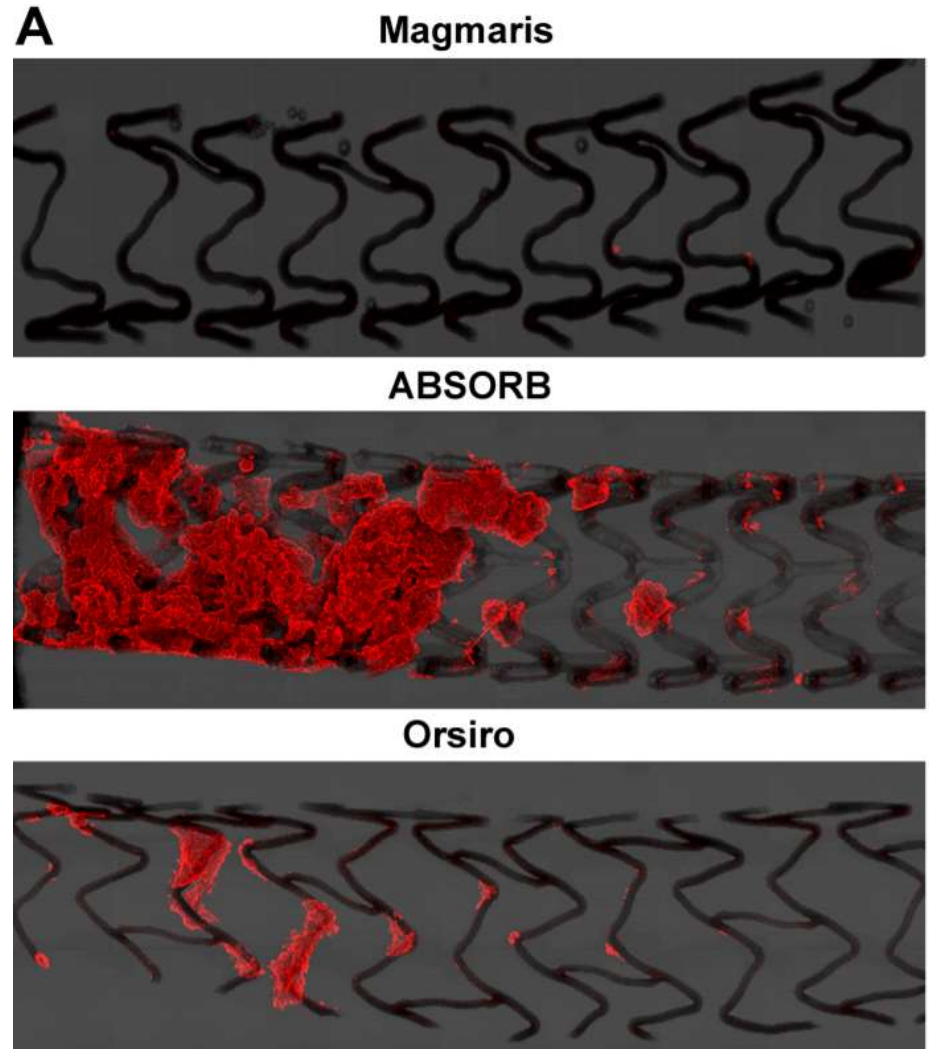
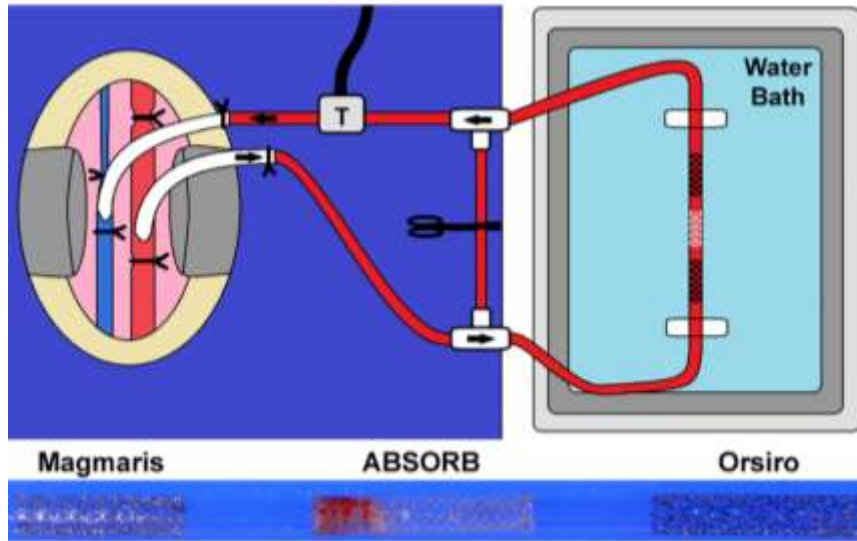
# Circular strut design and reduced strut protrusion reduce low-shear stress (dark blue) in **Mirage** compared to the **Absorb**



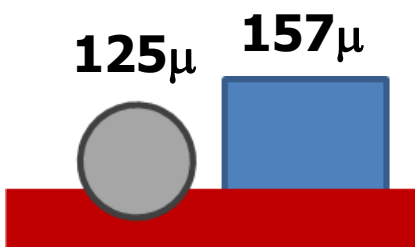
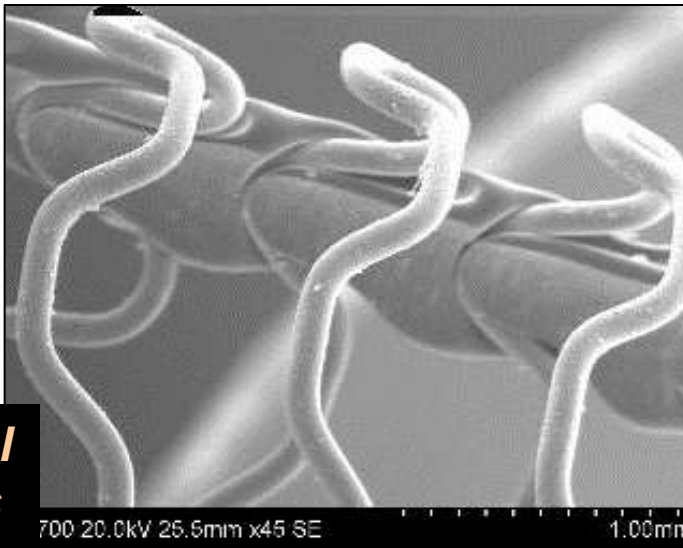
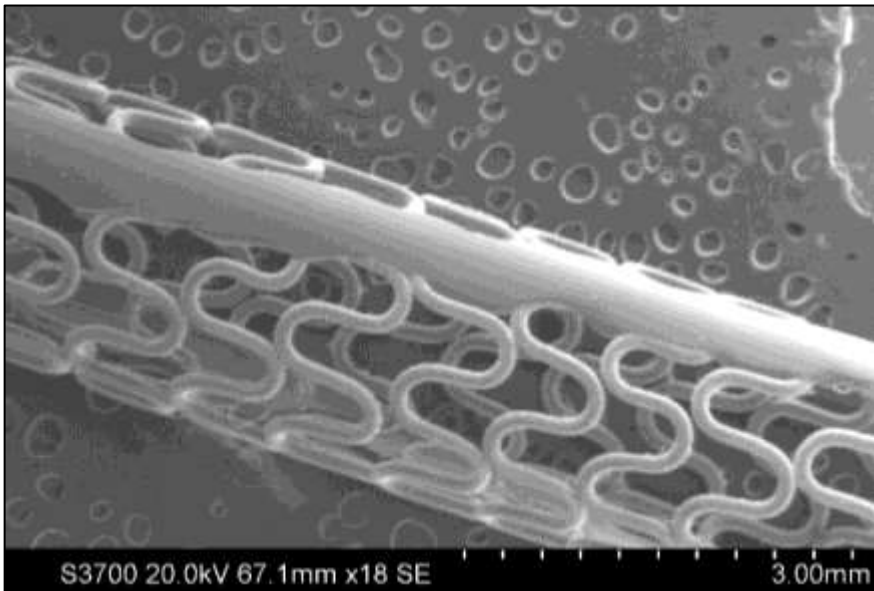
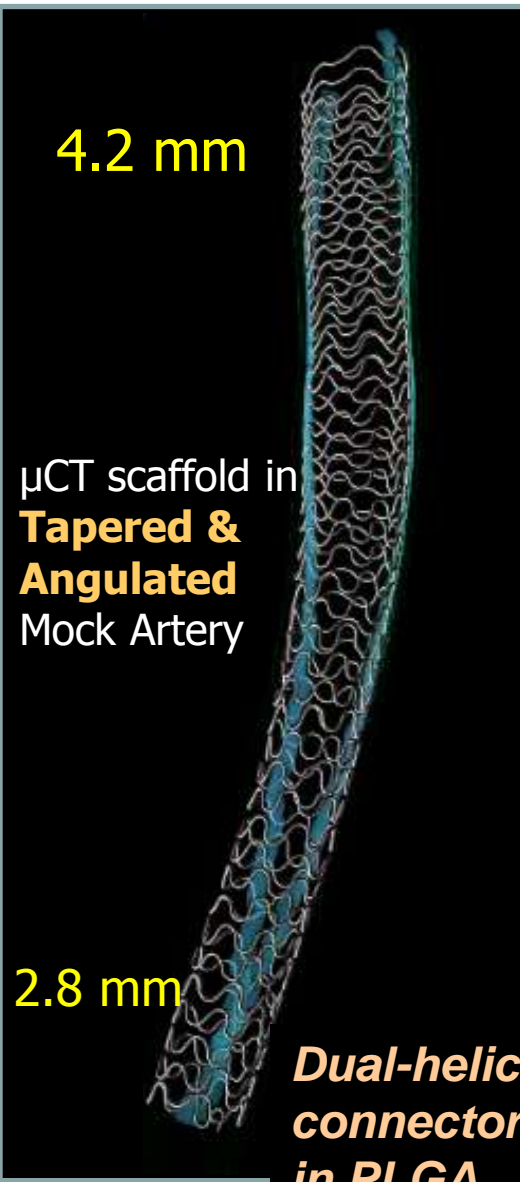
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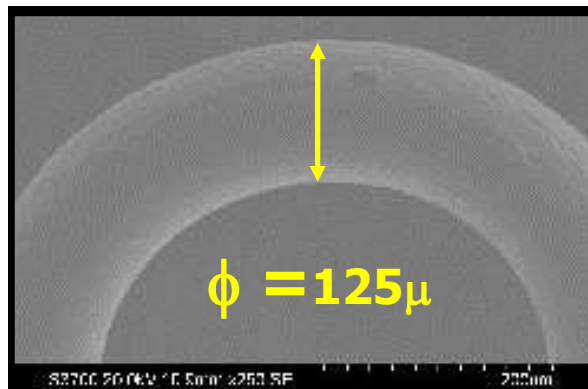
# Comparison of Acute Thrombogenicity for Metallic and Polymeric Bioabsorbable Scaffolds: Magmaris vs ABSORB vs Orsiro in a Porcine Arteriovenous Shunt Model



# Hybrid Design of Proprietary Cold worked Mg Alloy without rare earth elements and with Dual-Helical connectors in PLGA: 125 $\mu$ m Round Wire Struts



Embedment Mg vs. ABSORB (TO SCALE)



Ultimate tensile strength 343 MPa

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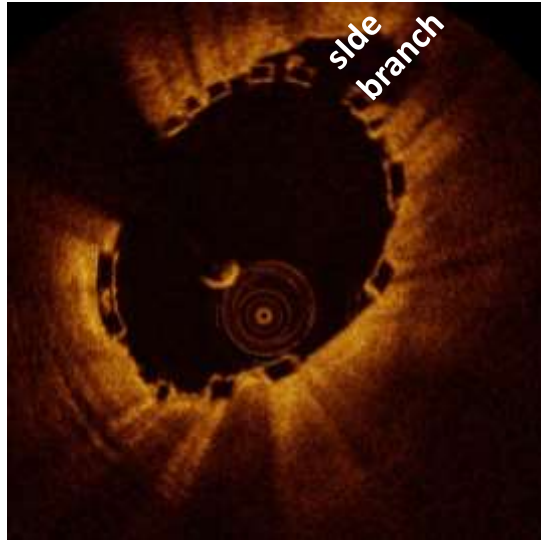
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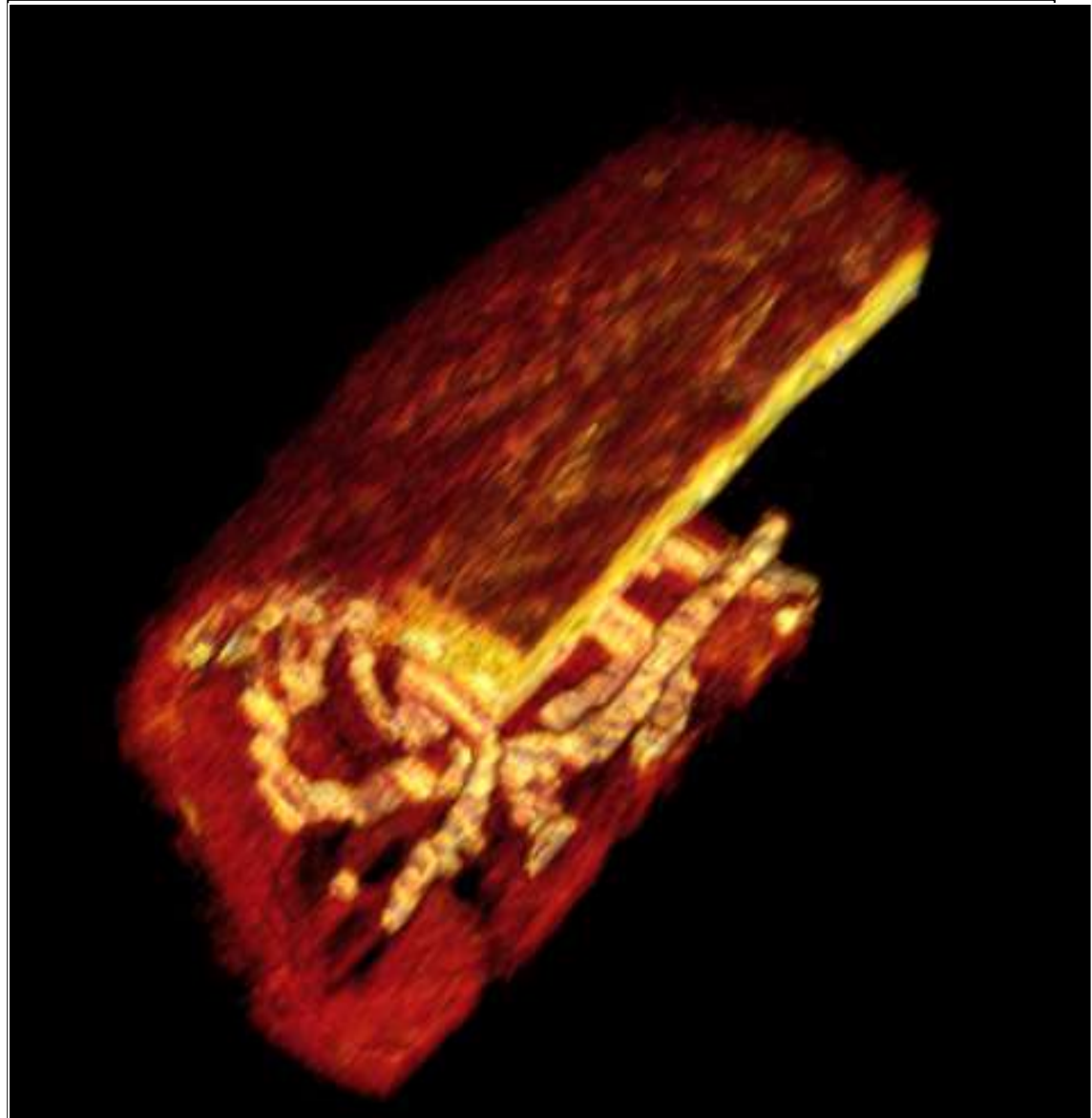
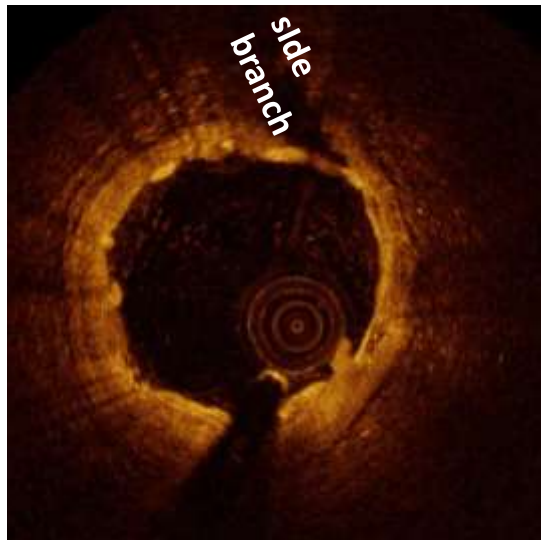
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Post-Procedure

**ABSORB**



**MIRAGE**



# How to accelerate strut encapsulation in vessel wall and avoid the transient consequence of discontinuity???

- ✓ Reducing the protrusion of the strut (stronger and thinner strut) **-done-**
- ✓ Better embedment of the struts **-done-**
- ✓ Changing the quadratic shape of the strut into a circular one **-done-**
- ✓ Faster Bioresorption without inducing an inflammatory vasculitis **-major dilemma-**

**... will result in fast tissue coverage and firm encapsulation of the struts into the vessel wall.**

**There is room for progress!**



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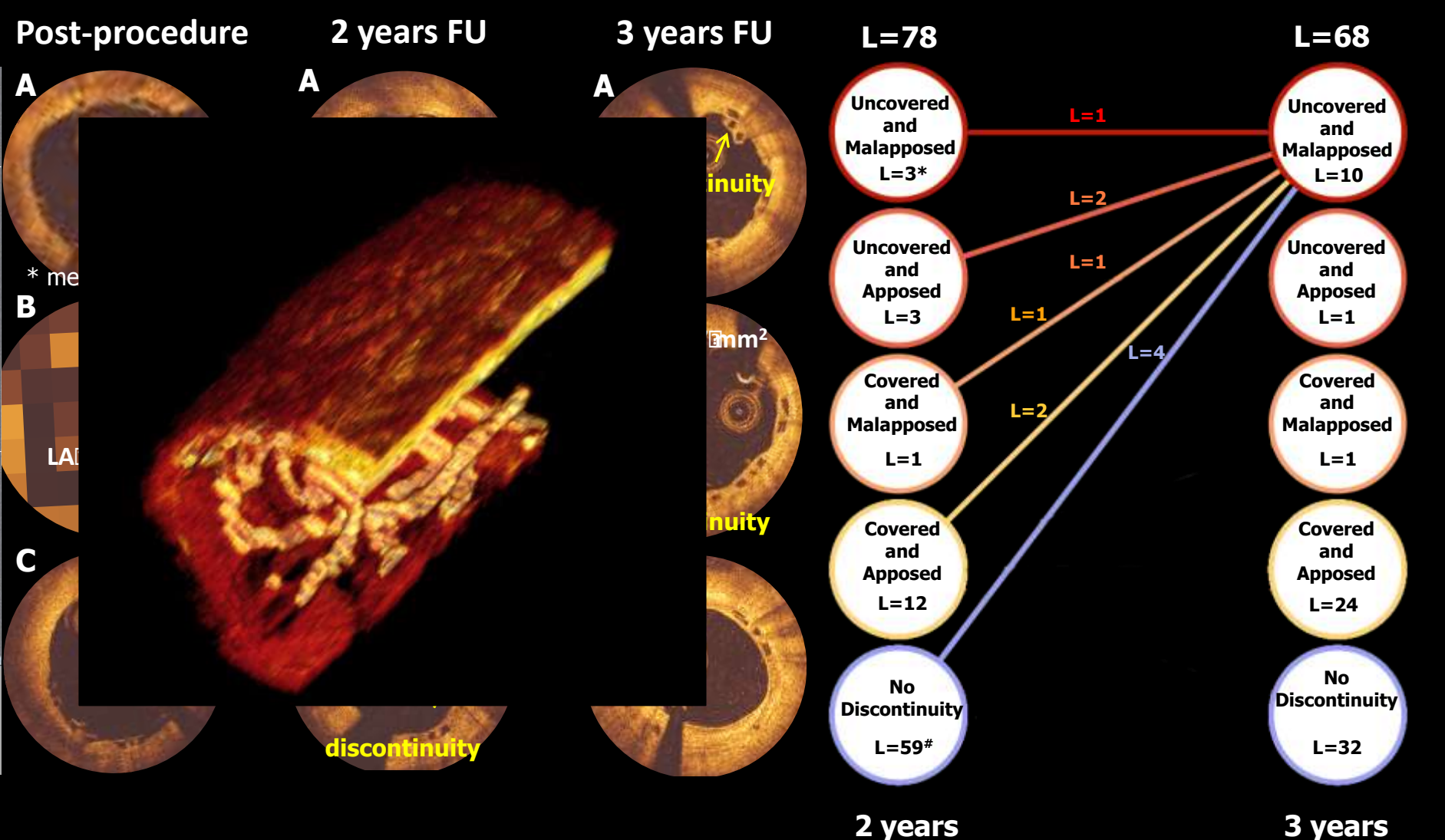
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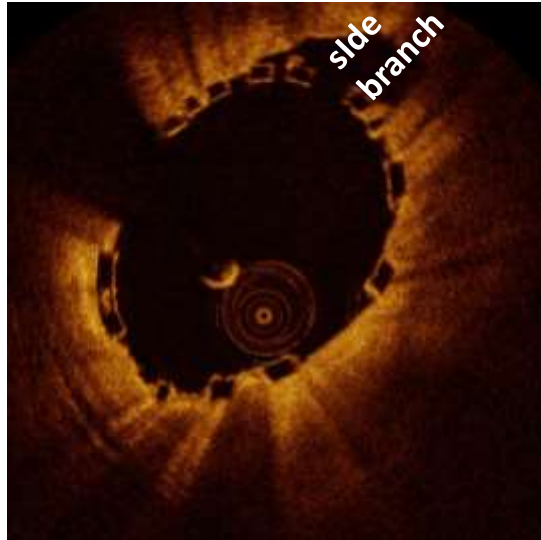


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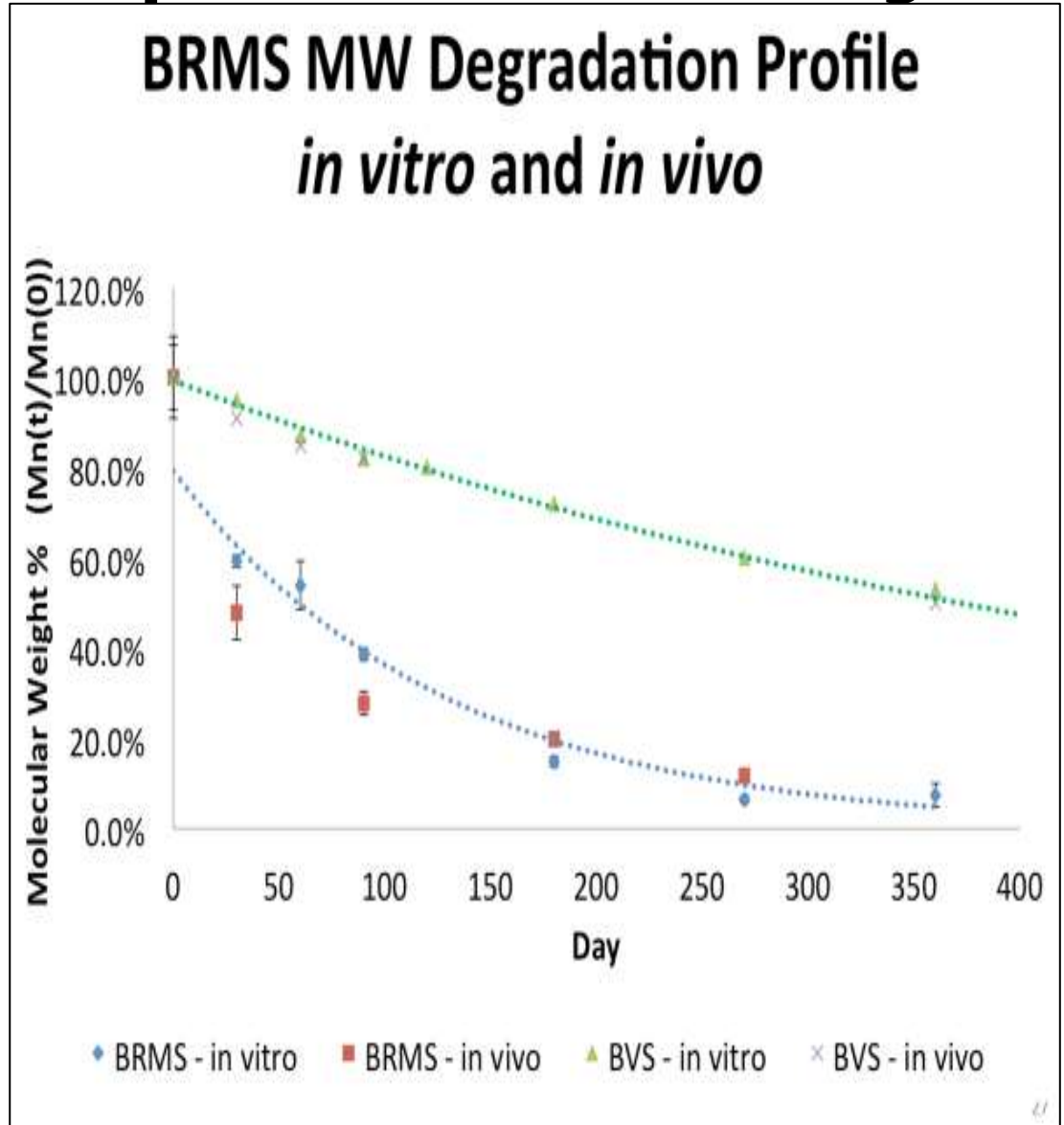
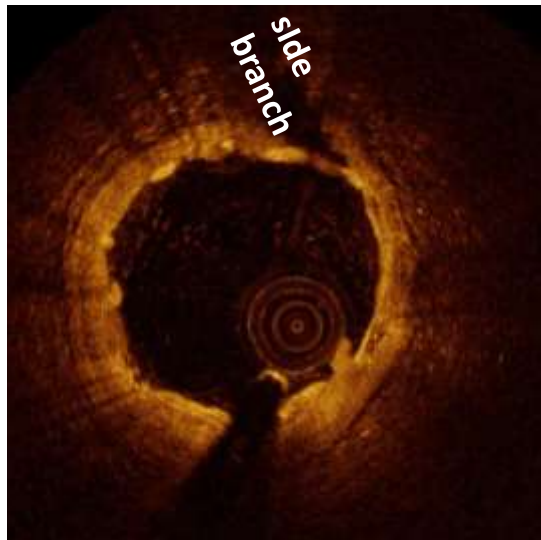
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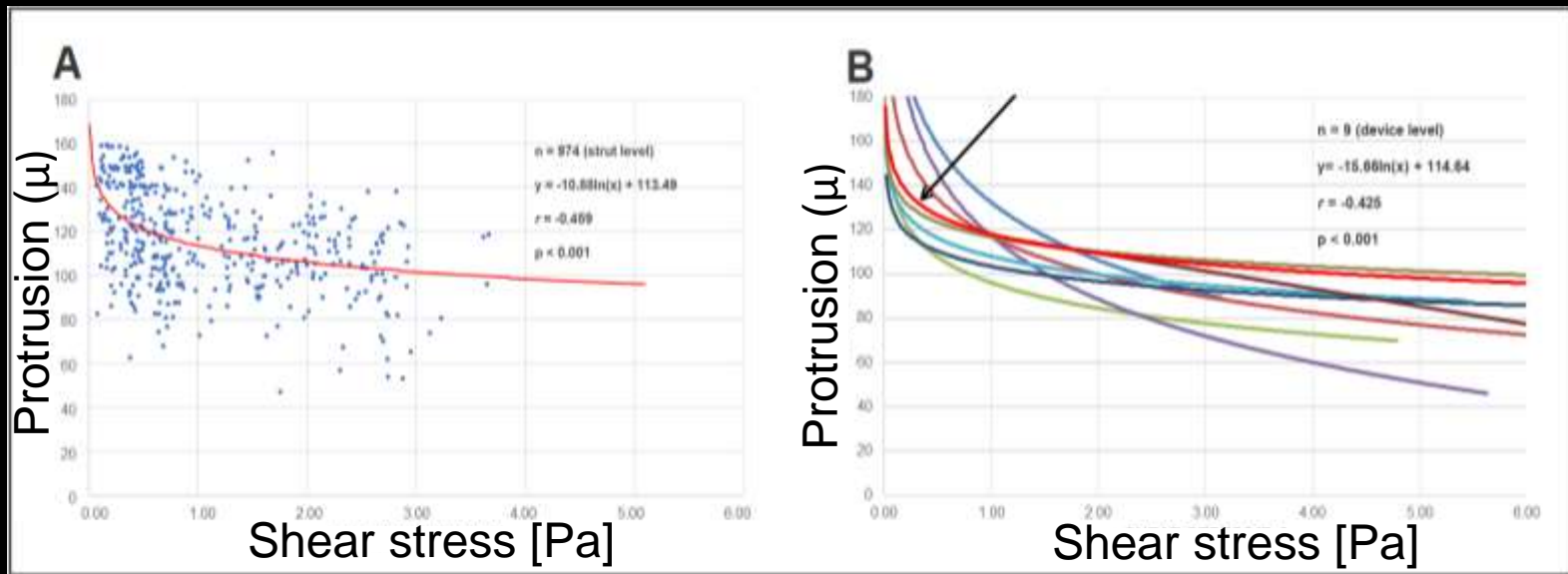
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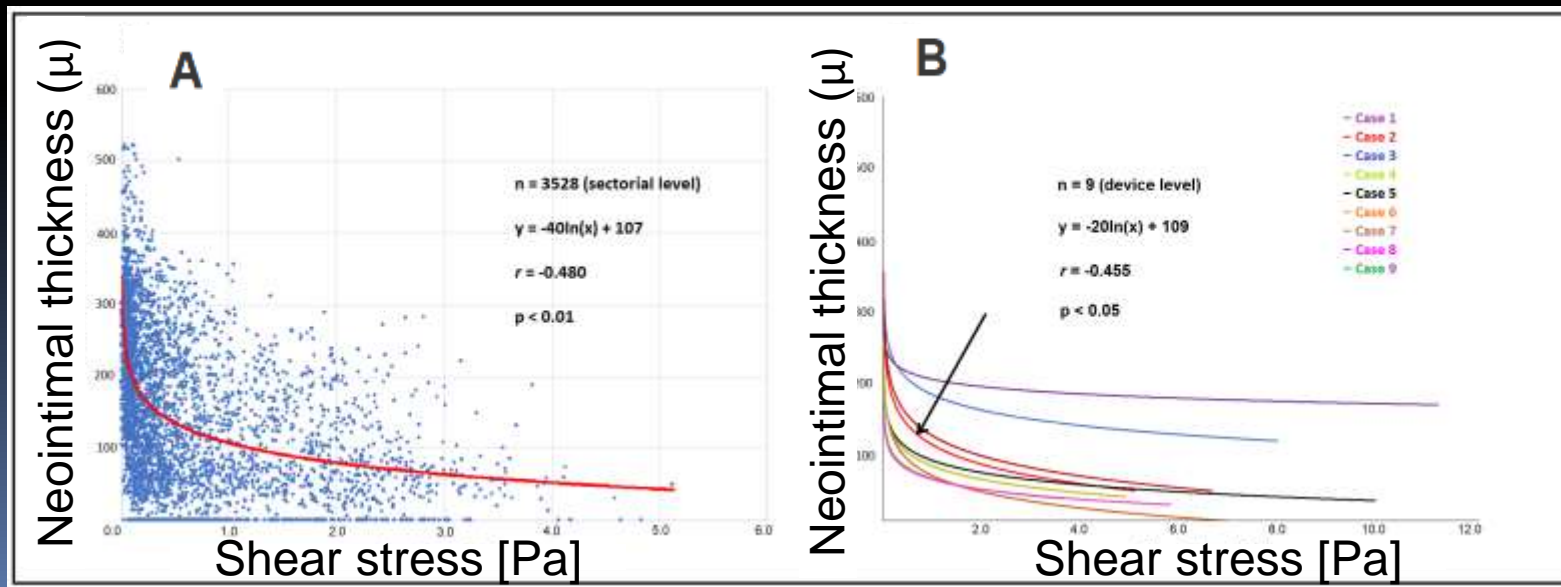
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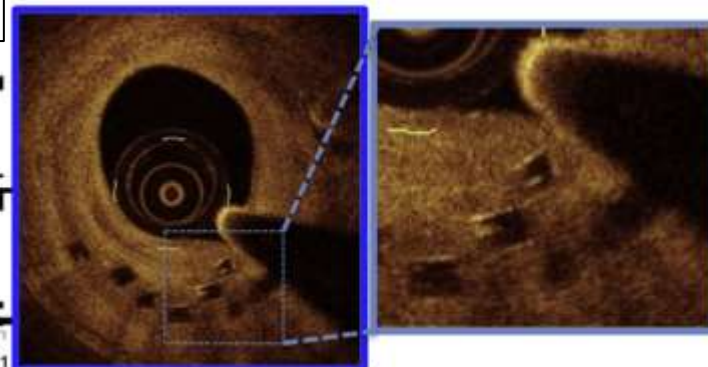
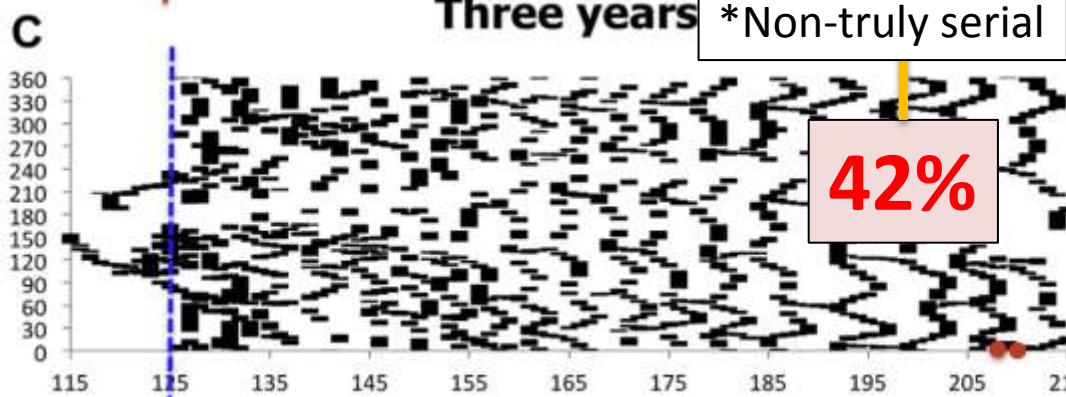
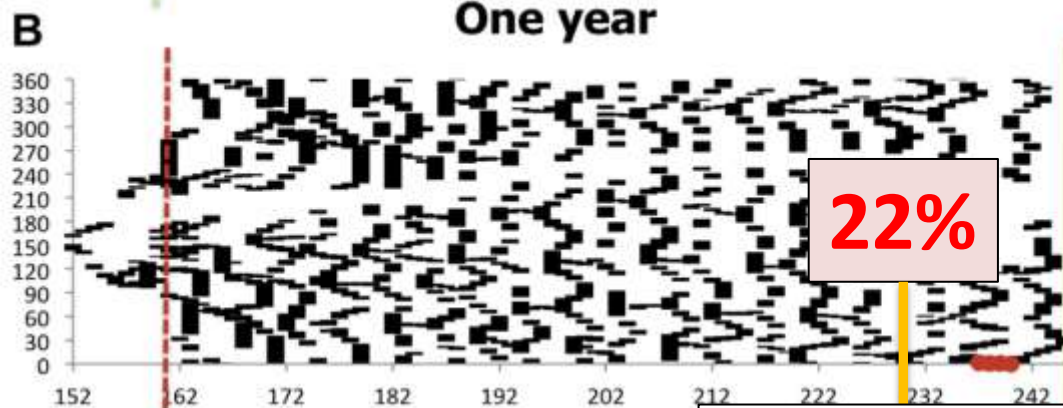
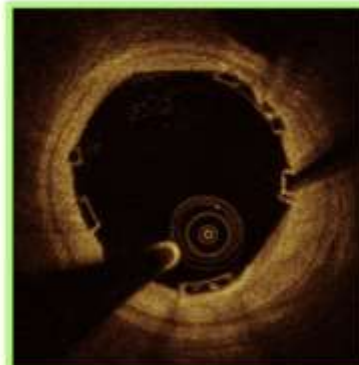
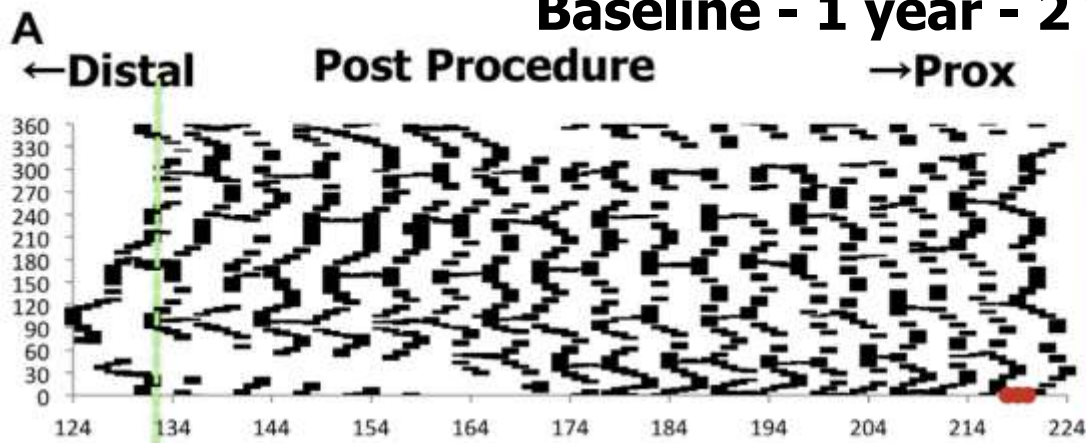


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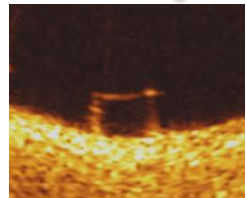
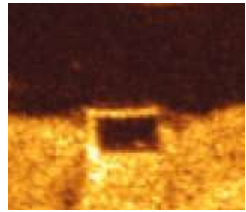
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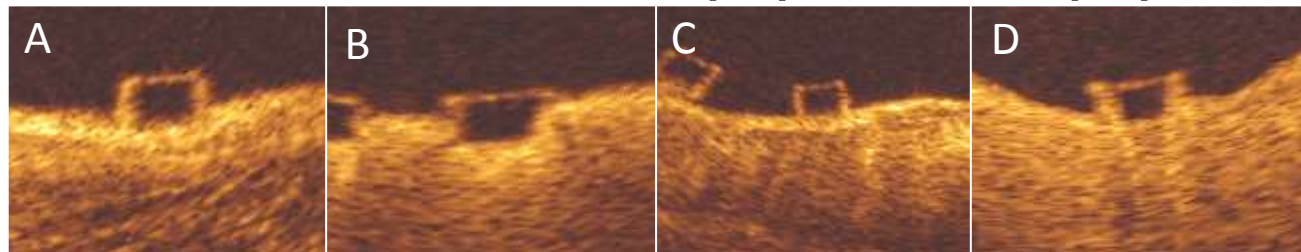
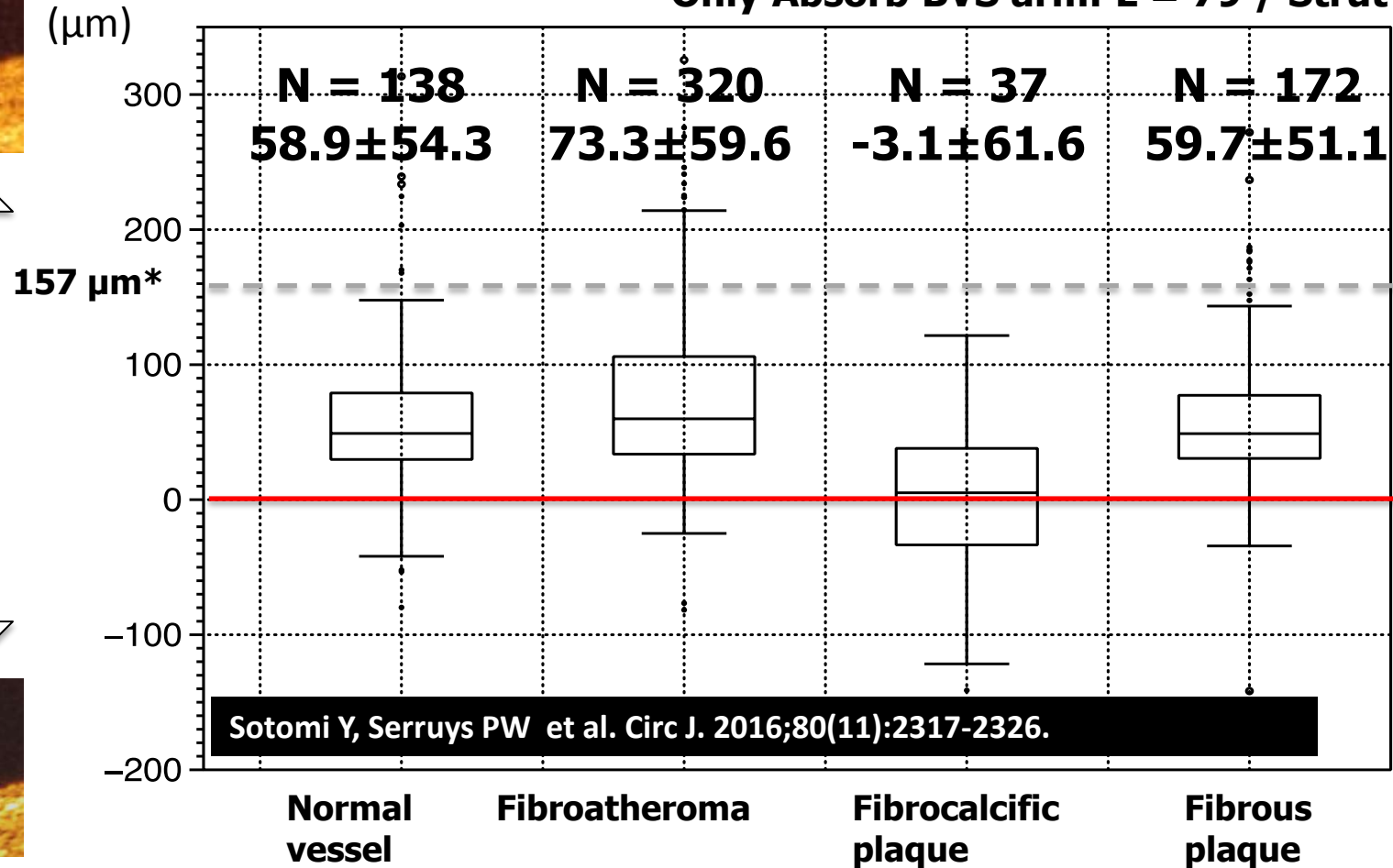
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Only Absorb BVS arm: L = 79 / Strut N= 667



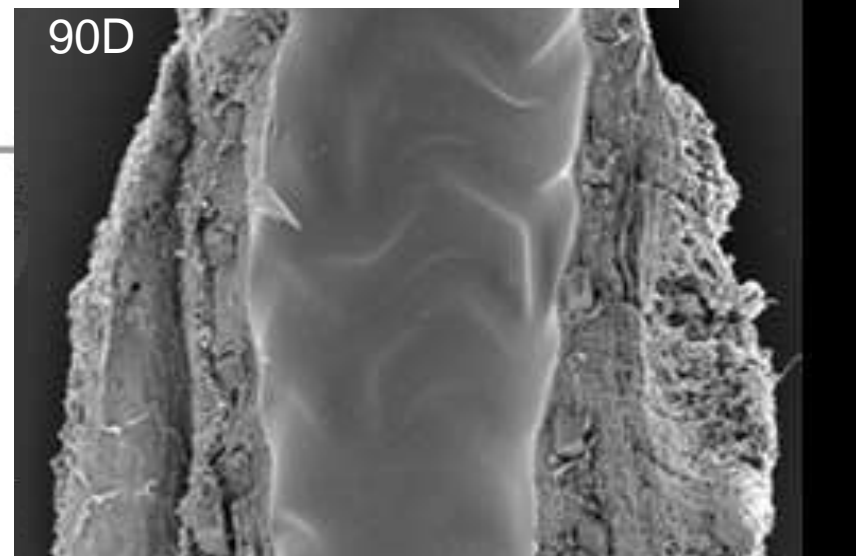
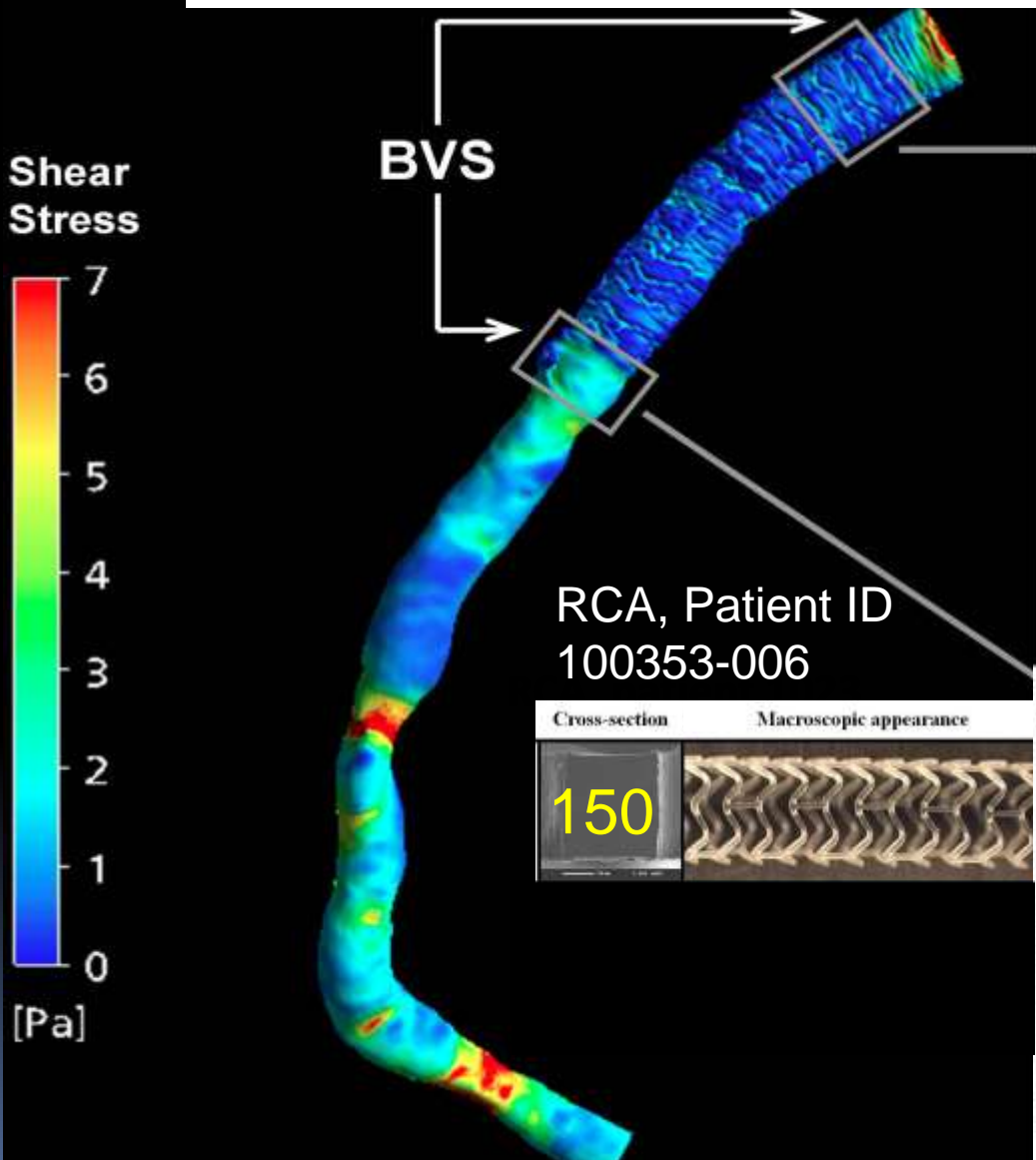
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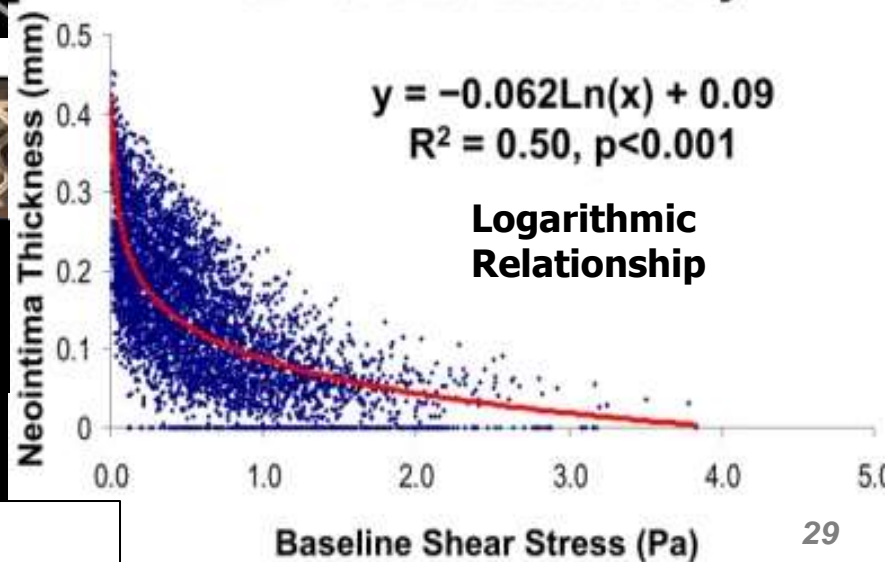
\*strut thickness of BVS

# Thick strut shear stress determinant of neointimal thickness and LA reduction

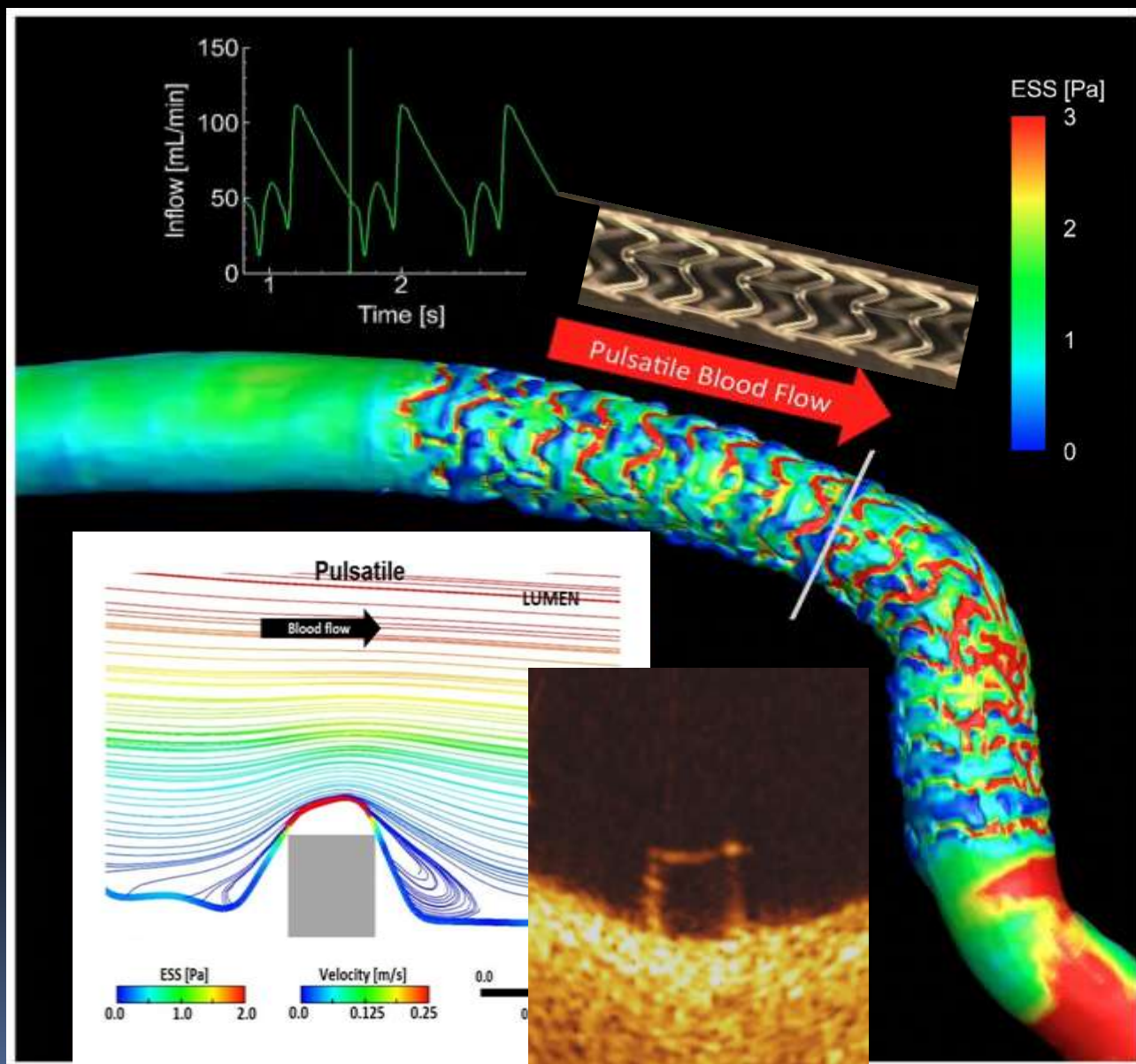
Biplane Angiography and FD-OCT (Terumo): 3D reconstruction of RCA with BVS



FD-OCT-based 3D reconstructed artery



# Fusion of Angio and OCT, pulsatile flow, non-Newtonian shear stress immediately after Absorb implantation in a human being



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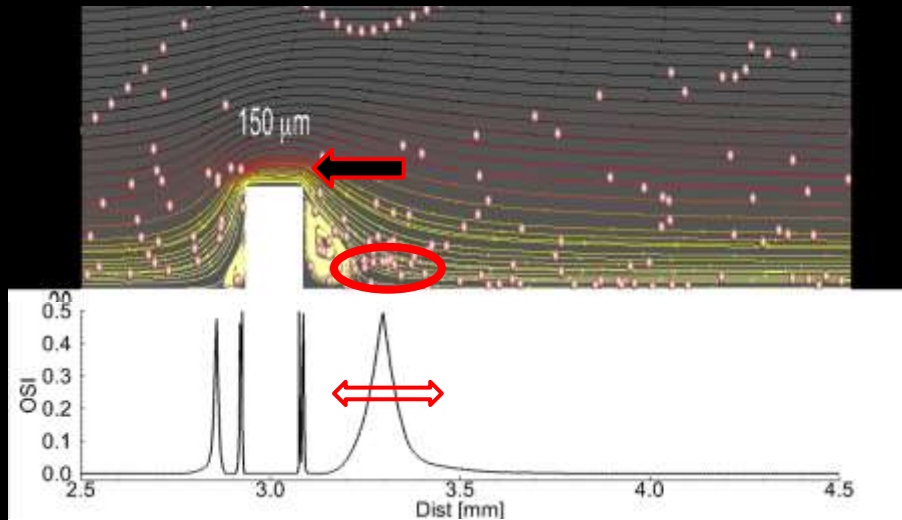
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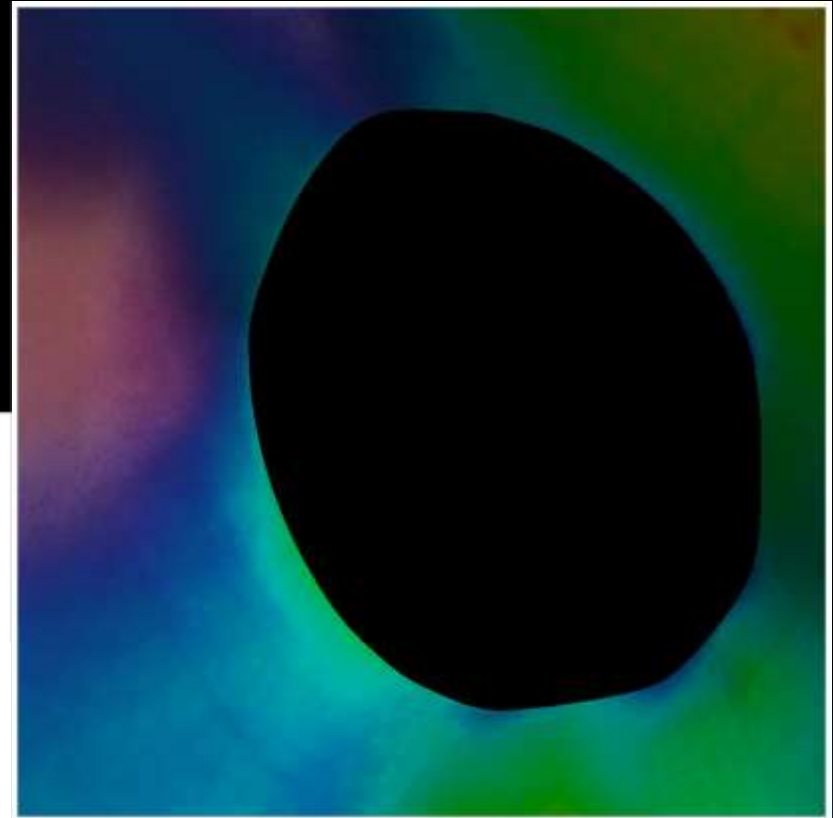
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# Pulsatile Non-Newtonian (cell tracking) Shear stress and Viscosity in early systole

Navier Stokes (ESS) and Quemada (viscosity) equations



**High Oscillatory Shear Index (OSI)**

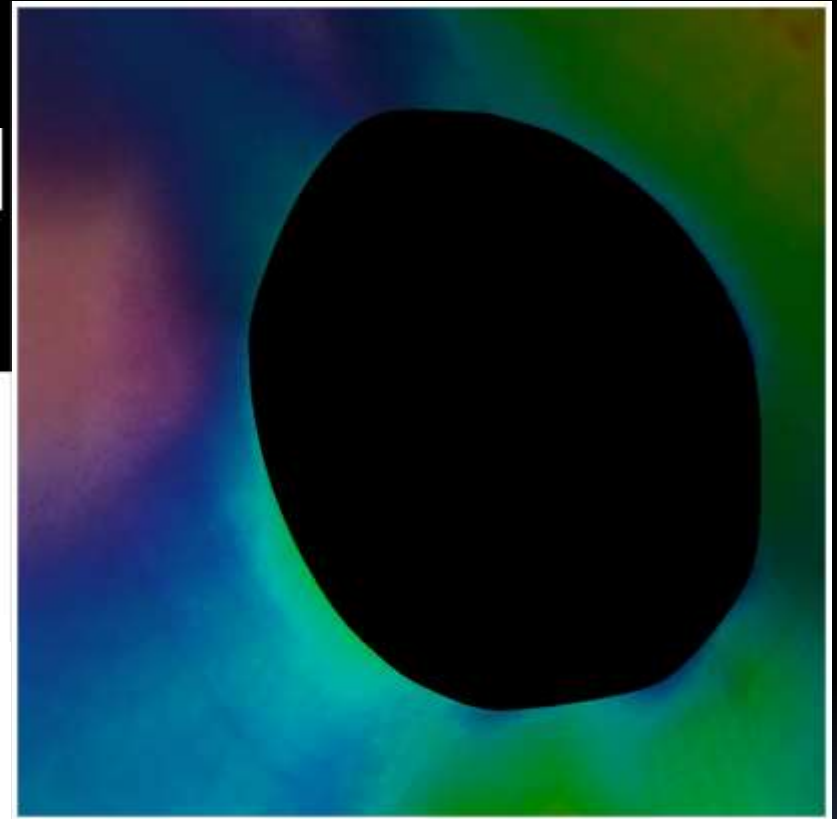
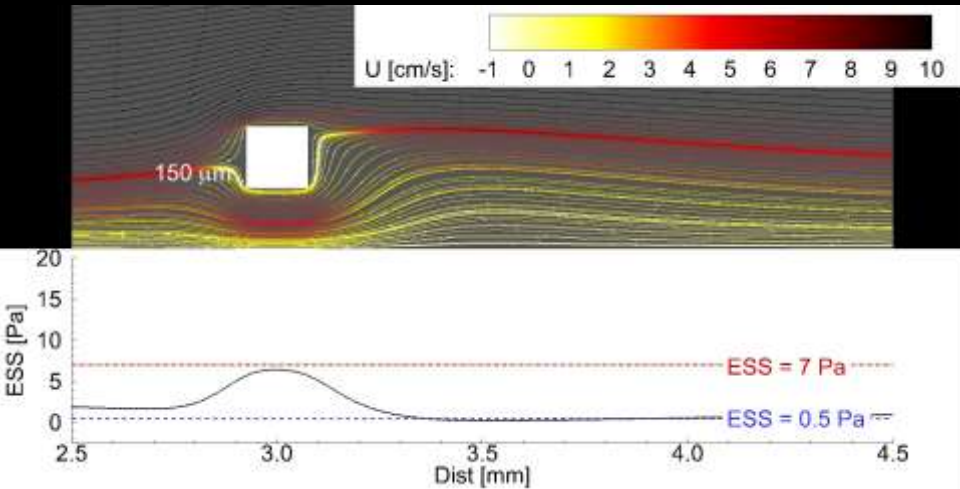


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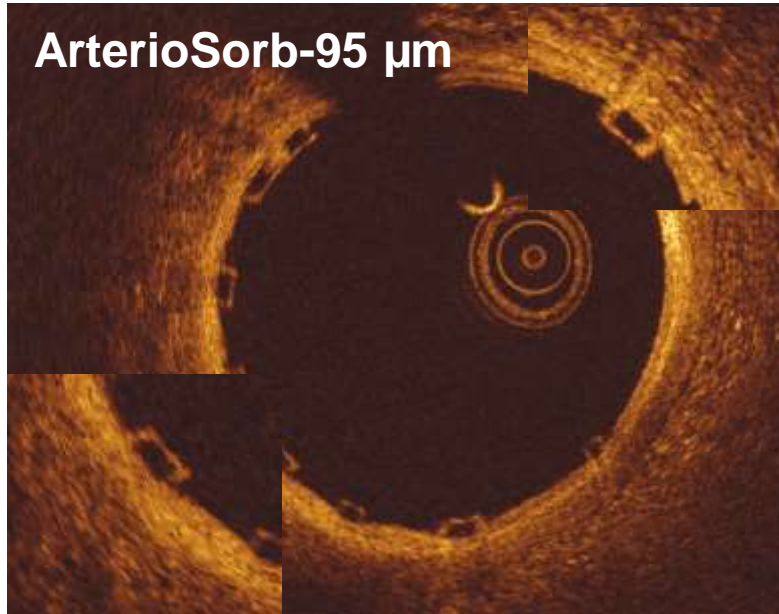
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# Oriented polylactide, stronger and thinner strut Reducing the protrusion without increase of recoil

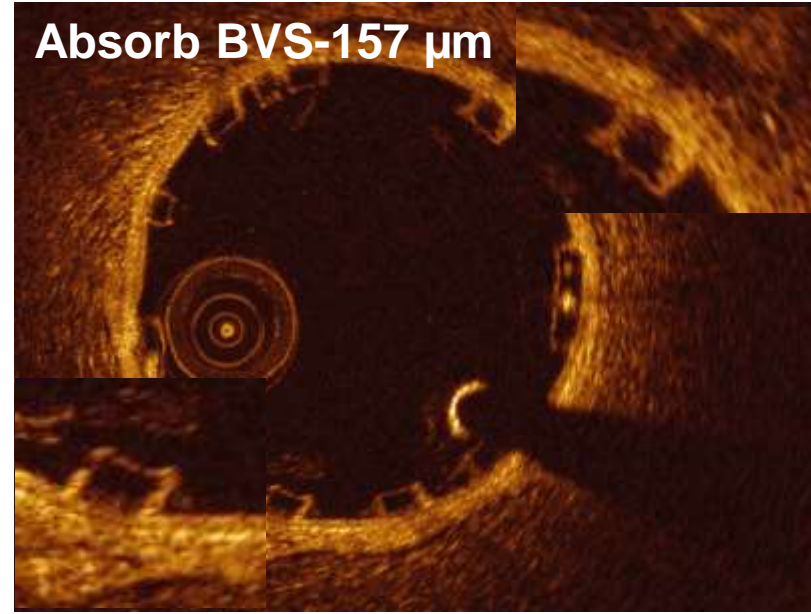
ArterioSorb from Arterius  
(Profile: 1.22 mm)

Protrusion distance:  $89 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}$



Absorb BVS from Abbott  
(Profile: 1.43 mm)

Protrusion distance:  $150 \pm 9 \mu\text{m}$



Scaffold	After device deployment			After post-dilatation (PD)		
	Device balloon-artery ratio	Mean lumen diameter (mm)	Acute recoil (%)	PD balloon-artery ratio	Mean lumen diameter (mm)	Acute recoil (%)
Arteriosorb-95 (n=25)	$1.09 \pm 0.11$	$2.87 \pm 0.30$	$4.69 \pm 7.38$	$1.11 \pm 0.09$	$2.99 \pm 0.16$	$2.65 \pm 3.81$
Xience (n=15)	$1.12 \pm 0.11$	$2.94 \pm 0.17$	$2.70 \pm 4.52$	$1.14 \pm 0.10$	$3.06 \pm 0.13$	$1.06 \pm 4.13$

A:  $19.24 \pm 4.80 \text{ atm}$   
X:  $18.42 \pm 4.56 \text{ atm}$