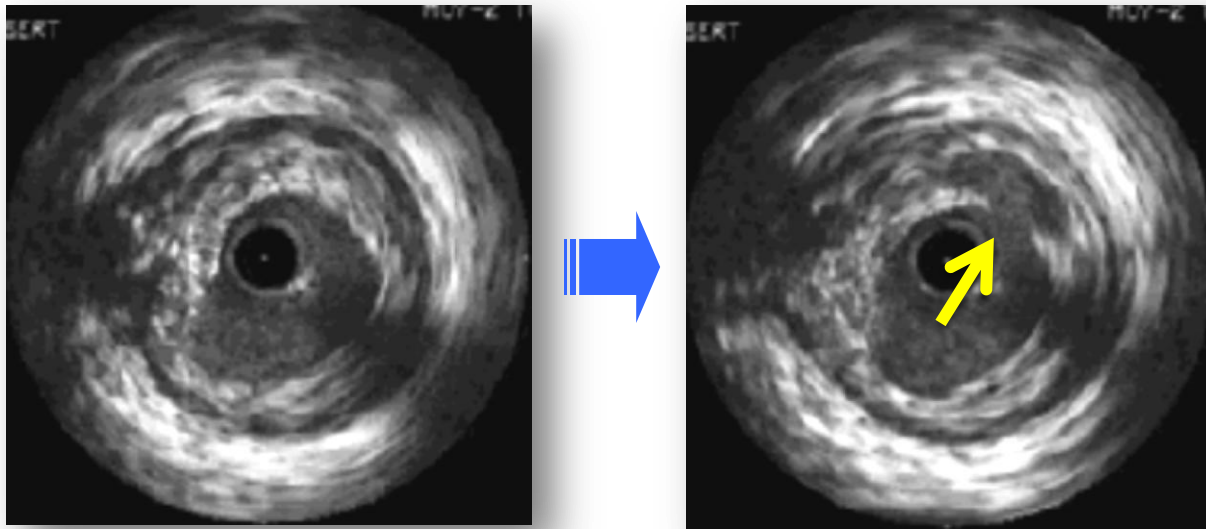


## Rupture de plaque à l'effort : réalité ou fiction ?



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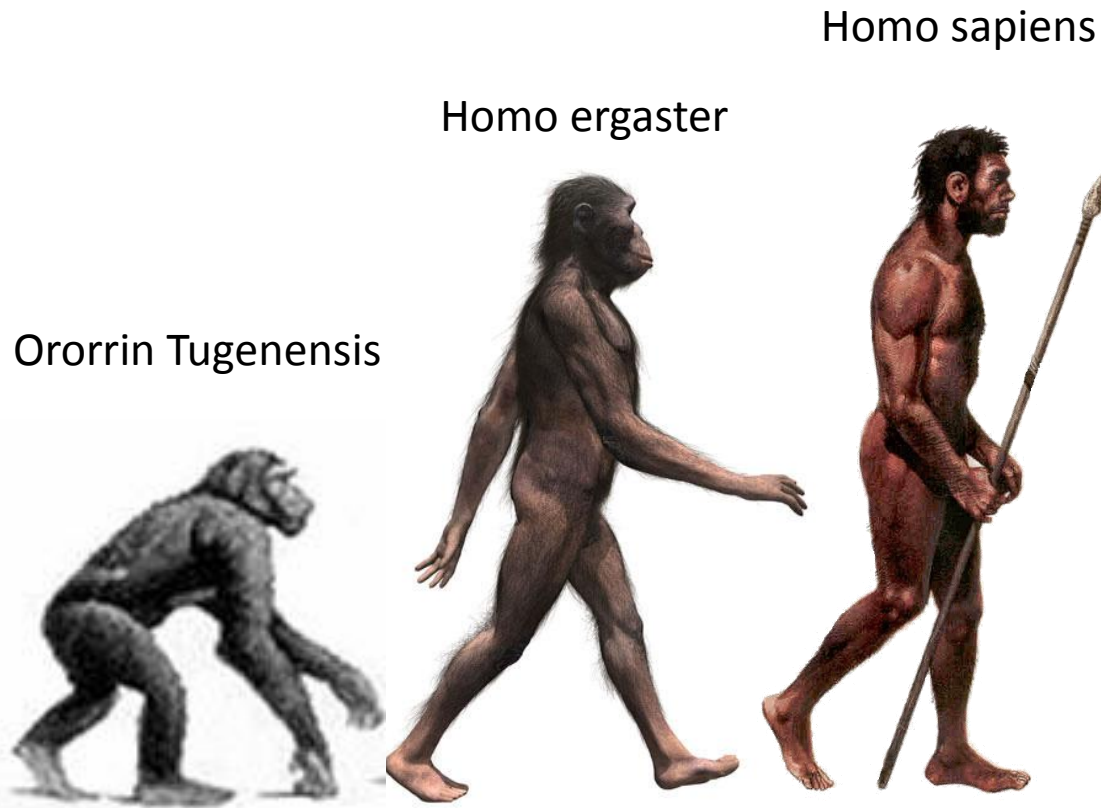
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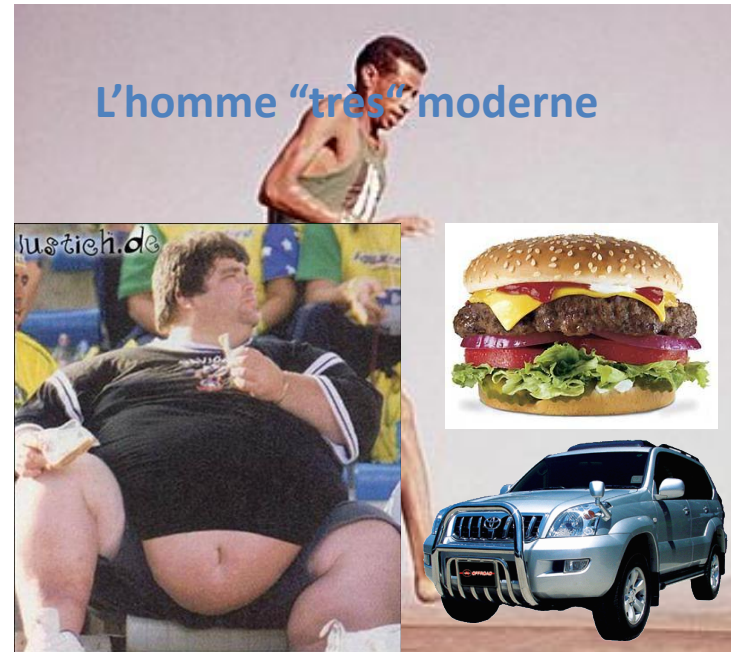


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# L'évolution de l'espèce Homo



L'homme moderne "sportif"



-6 millions  
d'années

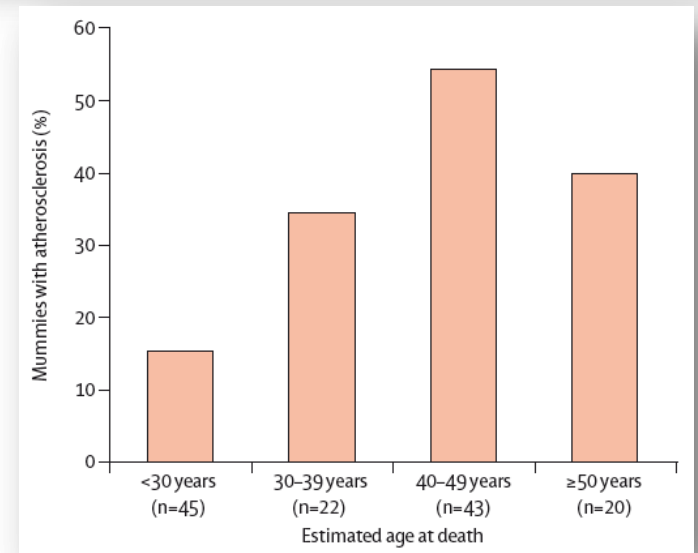
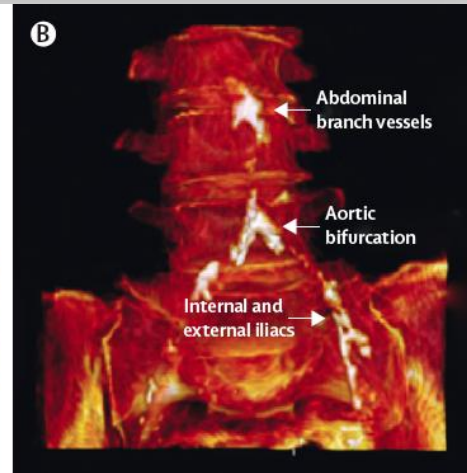
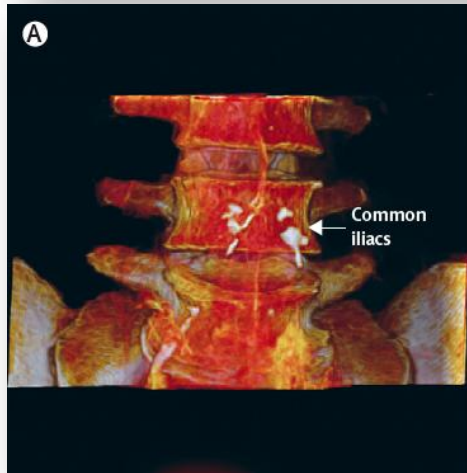
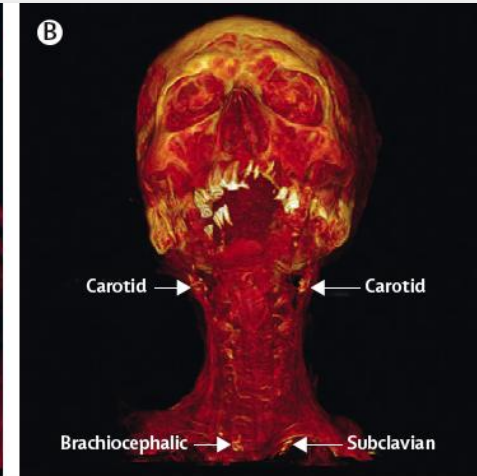
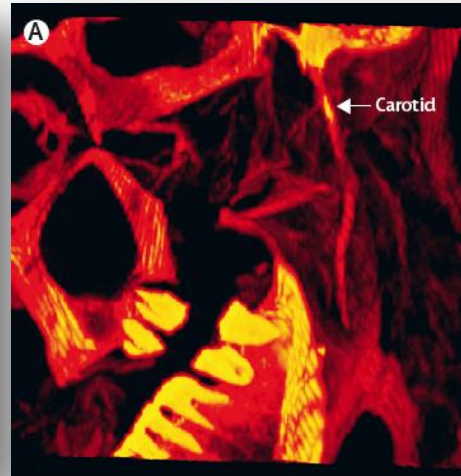
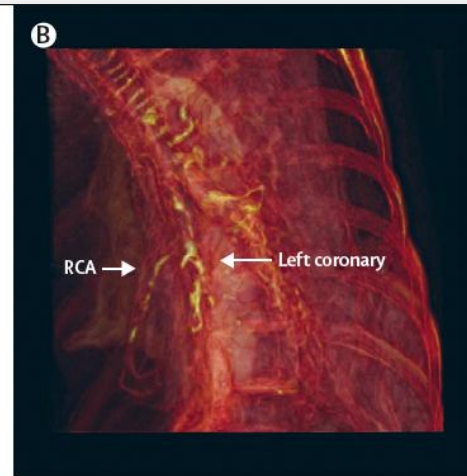
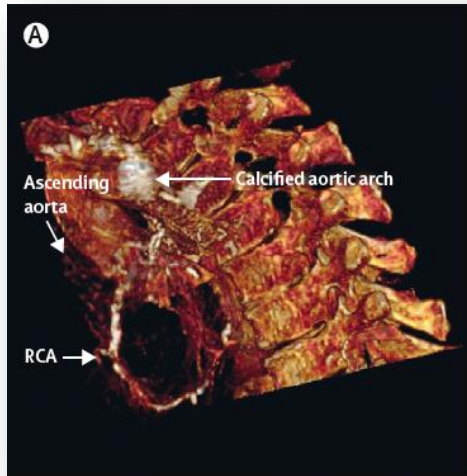
-3.5 millions  
d'années

-75 000 ans

2013

# Atherosclerosis across 4000 years of human history: the Horus study of four ancient populations

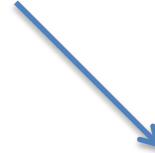
Thompson RC. et al. Lancet 2013



whole body CT scans of 137 mummies from four different geographical regions or populations spanning more than 4000 years.

# Le problème des calcifications artérielles

(sans trouble du métabolisme calcique)



## Les lésions athéromateuses

Calcifications liées aux **tissus nécrosés**

Calcifications par cristallisation  
des cristaux d'hydroxy-apatite  
après **hémorragie intraplaque**

## Sclérose de Mönckeberg

Calcifications de la media

peu liées à l'âge  
mais à la ménopause

### **Liées aux fibres d'élastine**

(lames élastiques)

surtout si altérées ou fragmentées

Ces fibres lésées agrègent les  
phénomène de cristallisation des

**cristaux d'apatite**

sensible au métabolisme du fer

*Yu SY and Blumenthal HT. The calcifications of elastic fiber. Various crystalline structures of apatite in human aorta. Lab invest. 1963; 12:154-1162.*

*Martin GR et al. Chemical and morphological studies on the in vitro calcification of the aorta. J Cell Biol. 1963;1:265-277.*

# Running: the risk of coronary events

## *Prevalence and prognostic relevance of coronary atherosclerosis in marathon runners*

**Table 2** Distribution of coronary artery calcification (CAC) measures in the three groups

	Participants of the Heinz Nixdorf Recall Study			P-value group I vs. group II	P-value group I vs. group III
	Marathon runners (group I)	Age-matched controls (8:1) (group II)	Controls matched for age and risk factors (2:1) (group III)		
log <sub>2</sub> (CAC + 1) (mean ± SD)	4.1 ± 3.6	4.9 ± 3.3	3.8 ± 3.4	0.28	0.02
CAC (Q1/median/Q3)	0/36/217	3/38/187	0/12/78	0.36	0.02
zero CAC (%)	28.7	18.4	31.5	0.01	0.50
CAC >75th percentile (%)	25.0	24.2	14.8	0.85	0.01
CAC 0 to <10	40.74	34.61	48.61	0.52	0.02
CAC 10 to <100	23.15	29.05	29.63		
CAC 100 to <400	23.15	22.80	13.43		
CAC ≥400	12.96	13.54	8.33		

Comparisons in continuous or binary measures adjusted for matching factors (age for group I/group II, age, body mass index, Framingham risk, smoking status for group I/group III).

## L'exercice physique

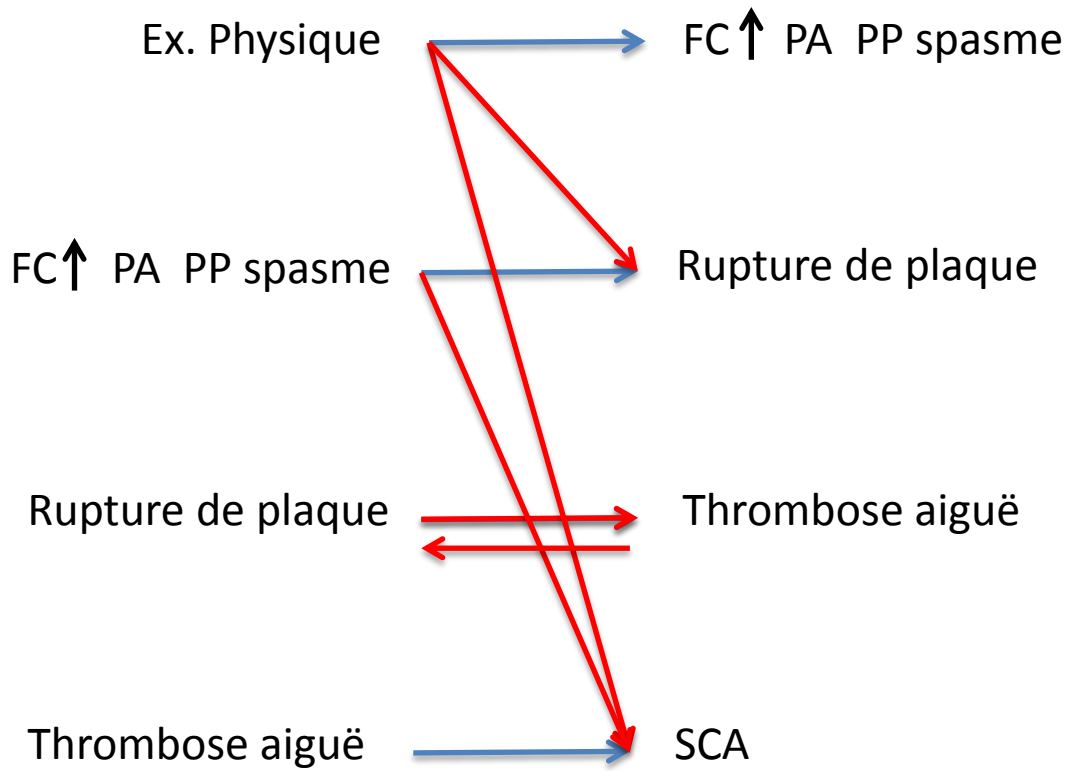


Induction hyperadrénergique

*Augmentation de la fréquence cardiaque*

*Élévation des pressions artérielles*

*Augmentation de l'inotropisme*



*Chevalier et al. Eur J Cardiovasc Rehabil 2009*  
*Thompson et al. Circulation 2007*  
*Siascovick et al. NEJM 1984*  
*Albert et al. NEJM 2000*  
*Corrado et al. Eur Heart J 2011*

*Ciampricotti et al. Am Heart J 1990*

*Davies et al. Eur Heart J 1989*  
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*Burke et al. NEJM 1987*  
*Virmani et al. ATVB 2000*

*Kannel et al. Am Heart J 1987*  
*Benetos et al. Hypertension 1999*  
*Diaz et al. Eur Heart J 2005*  
*Fox et al. Lancet 2008*

Ex. Physique  
Spectateurs foot  
Heartquake  
Missile scud  
Stress mental



FC↑ PA PP spasme



Rupture de plaque



Rupture de plaque

Thrombose aiguë



Thrombose aiguë

SCA

### Exercice sportif

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*Thompson et al. Circulation 2007*  
*Siascovick et al. NEJM 1984*  
*Albert et al. NEJM 2000*  
*Corrado et al. Eur Heart J 2011*

### Spectateurs "sportifs"

*Witt et al BMJ 2002*  
*Katz et al. Int J Cardiol 2006*  
*Toubiana et al. BMJ 2001*  
*Bauman et al. Med J Aust 2006*  
*Klonner et al. Am J cardiol 2009*

### Séismes

*Trichopoulos et al. Lancet 1983*  
*Leor et al. NEJM 1996*  
*Suzuki et al. Lancet 1995*

### Attaque missile

*Meisel et al. Lancet 1991*

### Stress mental

*Jiang et al. JAMA 1996*





## Clinical characteristics and coronary angiographic findings of patients with unstable angina, acute myocardial infarction, and survivors of sudden ischemic death occurring during and after sport

**Conclusions.** This study constitutes the first acute coronary angiographic demonstration of a continuous spectrum of acute ischemic events related to sport. The predominant coronary feature of acute syndromes related to sport is an eccentric lesion that is often associated with thrombosis and less frequently with thrombosis and vasospasm. Physical exercise, probably through coronary spasm, may induce plaque rupture, which in turn can lead to coronary (sub)occlusion precipitating an acute coronary event. Such an event is in most instances unexpected and unpredictable. However, early recognition of risk factors for coronary artery disease and periodic evaluation can identify high-risk subjects. The mechanism proposed is hypothetical and needs to be validated by further studies.

INSEE - 2005  
 63.4 millions d'habitants  
 Les + de 20 ans : 25.1%  
 Soit 47.5 millions

120 000 IDM/an

**246 IDM/100 000 h/an**

**Table 2 Incidences (n) of sports-related ACVE deaths and nonlethal MI**

Incidence n/100 000 participants/year	Global population	<35 years	35-59 years	> 59 years
Total ACVE	6.5 (127)	3.4 (25)	9.8 (80)***	4.9 (20)
Women ACVE	2.2 (24)*	2.2 (8)*	2.9 (12)*	1.5 (4)*
Men ACVE	10.8 (103)	4.6 (17)	17.1 (68)***	8.7 (16)
Total deaths	2 (40)	1.4 (10)	3.0 (24)***	1.5 (6)
Women deaths	0.2 (2)**	0.0 (0)**	0.2 (1)**	0.4 (1)*
Men deaths	4 (38)	2.7 (10)	5.8 (23)†	2.7 (5)
Total MI	2.4 (47)	0.1 (1)	4.3 (35)†	2.7 (11)
Women MI	0.5 (5)**	0.0 (0)	1 (4)**	0.4 (1)**
Men MI	4.4 (42)	0.3 (1)	7.8 (31)†	5.4 (10)

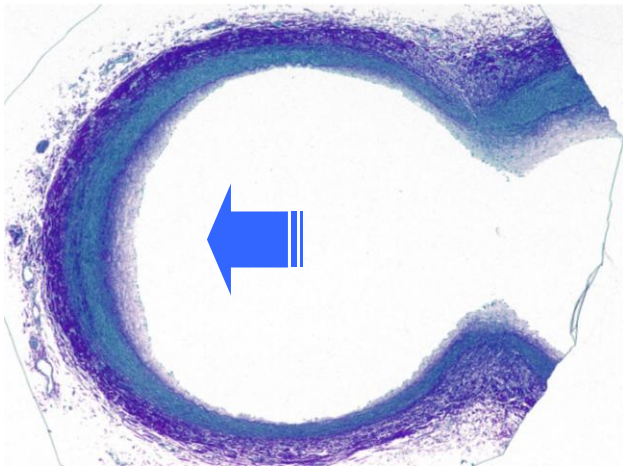
**Soit 2.6%**

**Soit 0.9%**

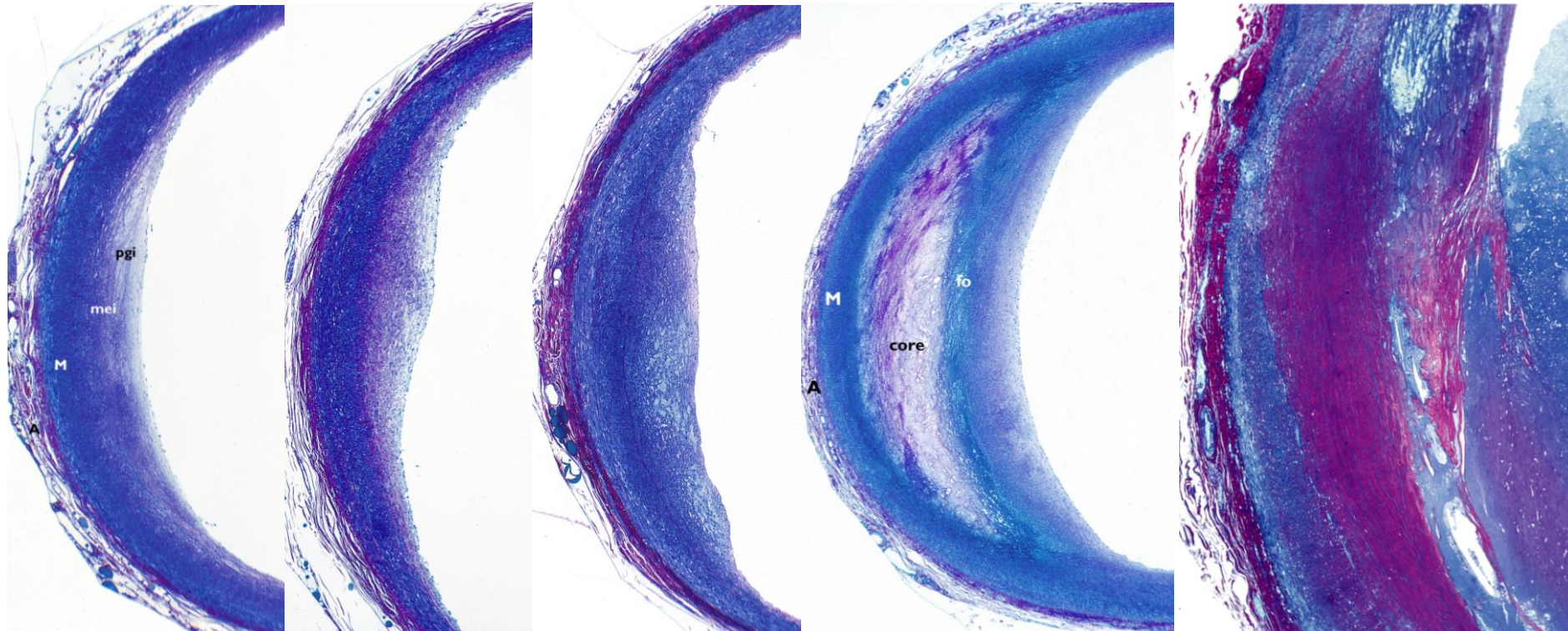
Note that concerning ACVE, age was unknown for two men. ACVE, acute cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction. \* $P < 0.01$  between men and women. \*\* $P < 0.001$  between men and women. \*\*\* $P < 0.05$  between age groups. † $P \leq 0.01$  between age groups.

# La biomécanique de la plaque vulnérable

# Le processus de vulnérabilité



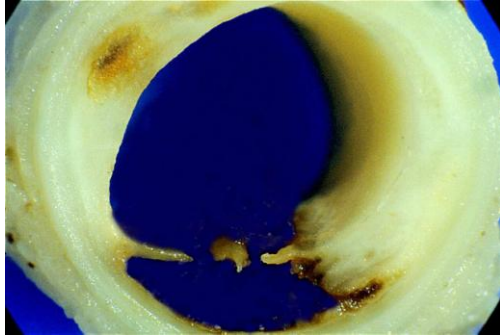
**Rupture et  
thrombose**



# Le processus de déstabilisation

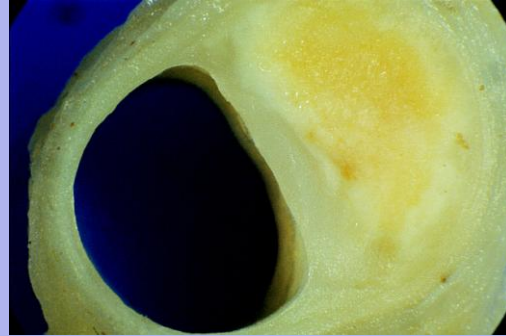
**La rupture de plaque**

≈ 70% des cas



**± THROMBOSE**

**La plaque vulnérable**



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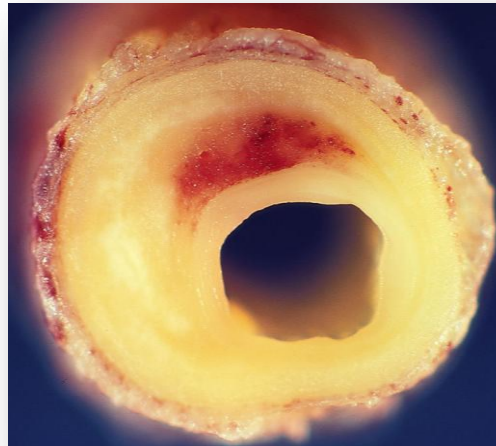
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**L'hémorragie intraplaque**

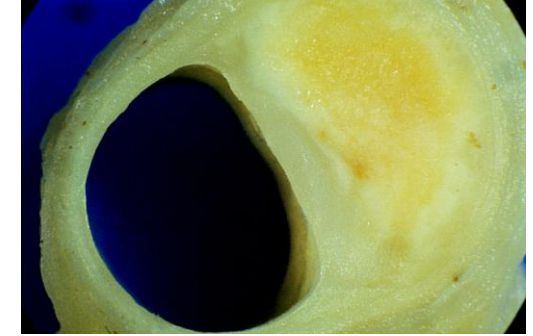
≈ 5% des cas



**± disséquant**

**L'érosion**

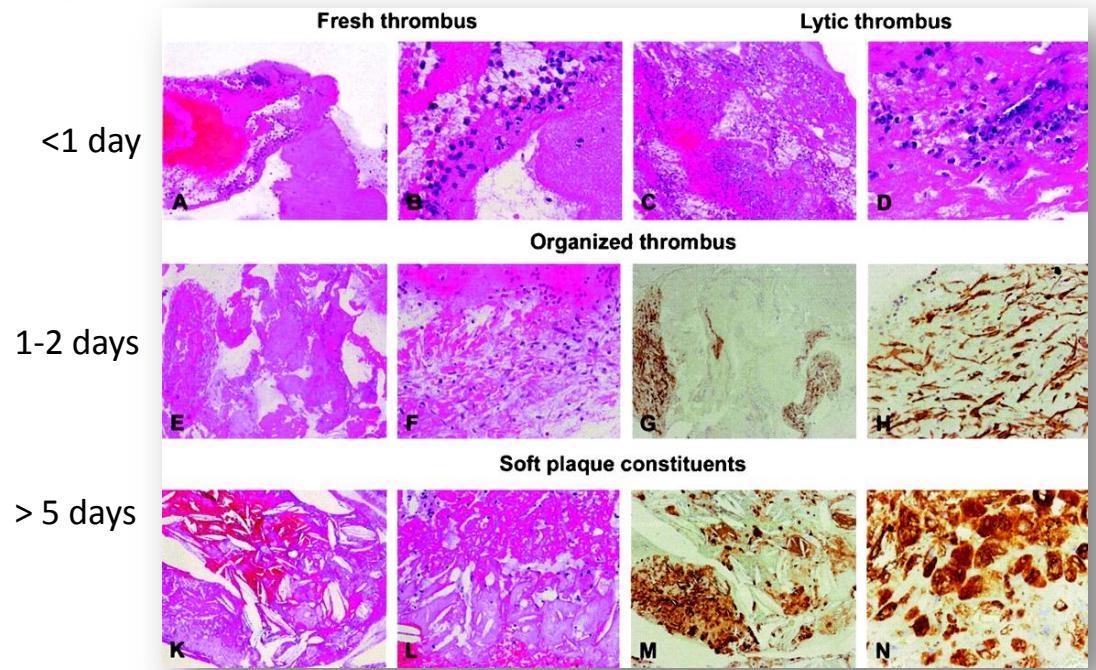
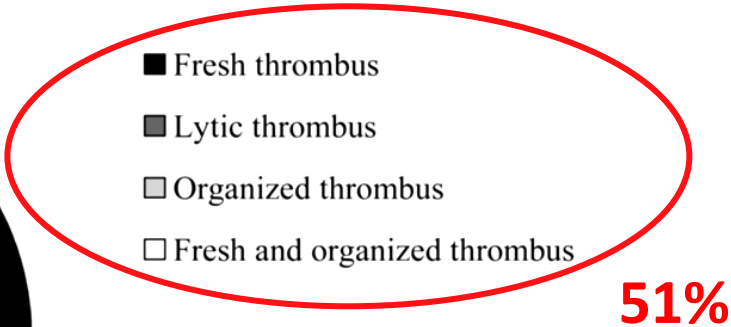
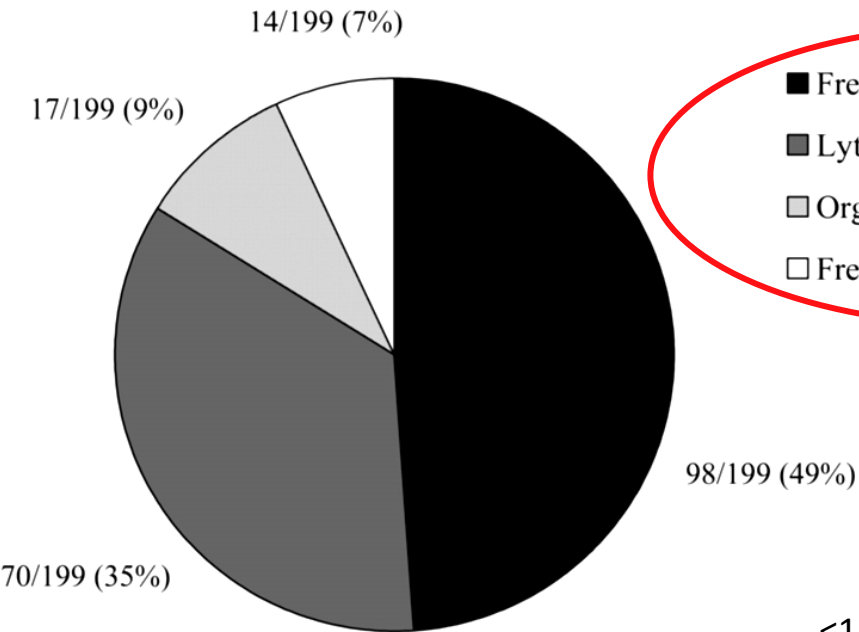
≈ 25% des cas



**± THROMBOSE**

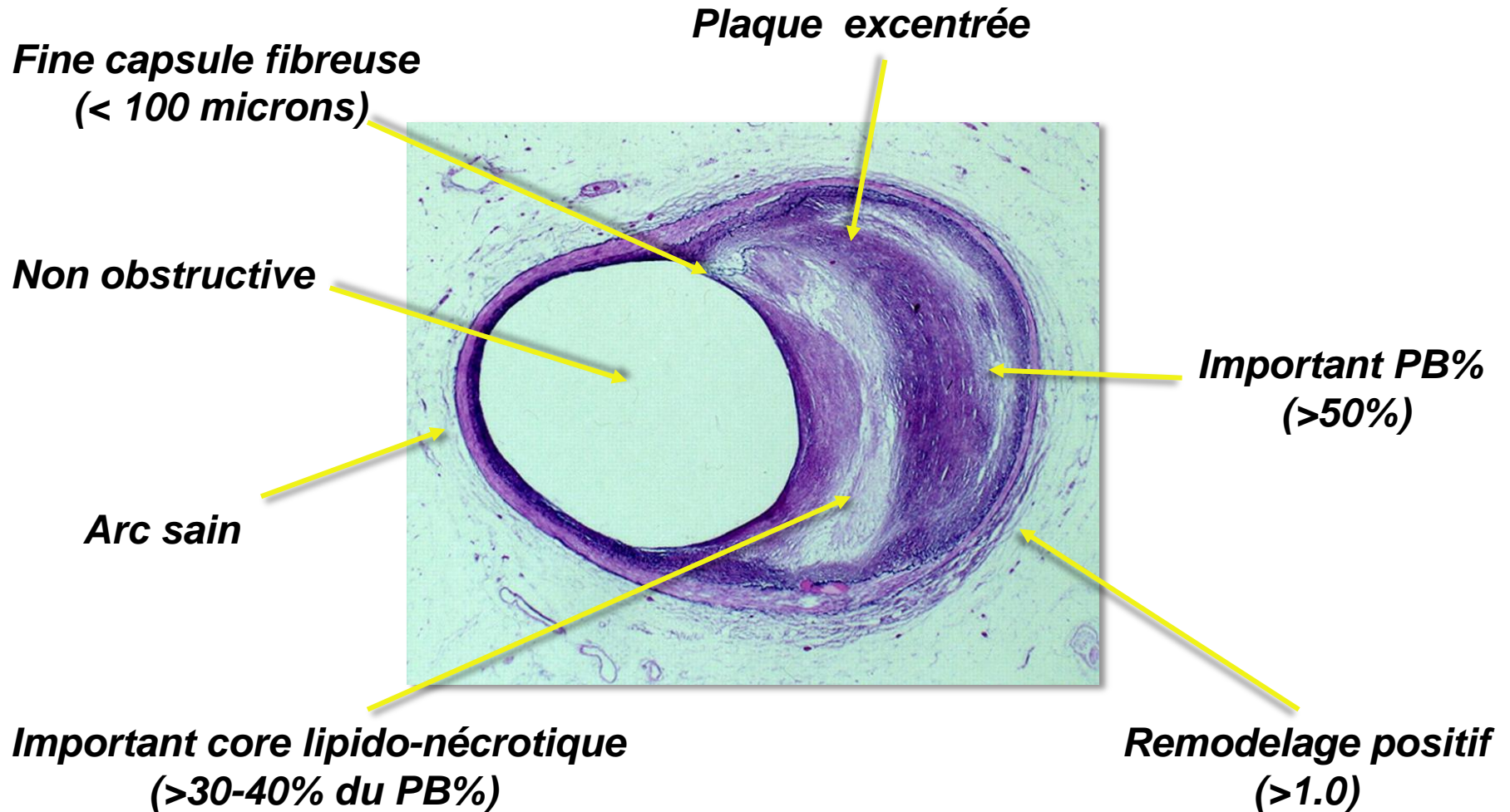
≈ 20% des cas

# Thrombus age after thrombosuction: proportions of treated patients (n 199)

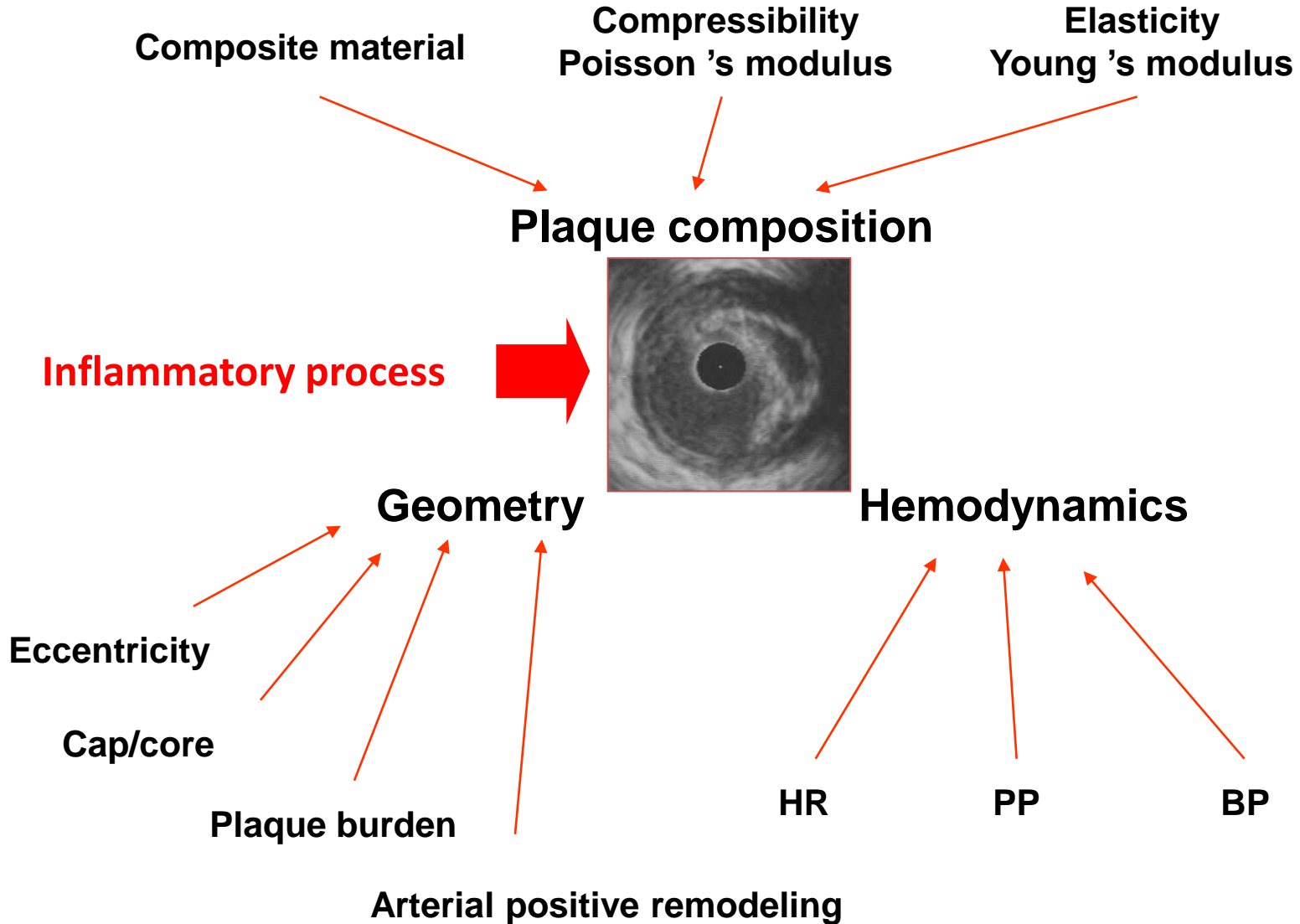


Rittersman et al. Circulation 2005;111:1160.

# La plaque vulnérable



# Complex interaction





# Plaque Vulnerability and Circumferential stress

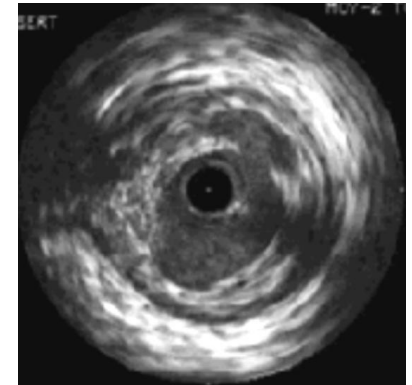
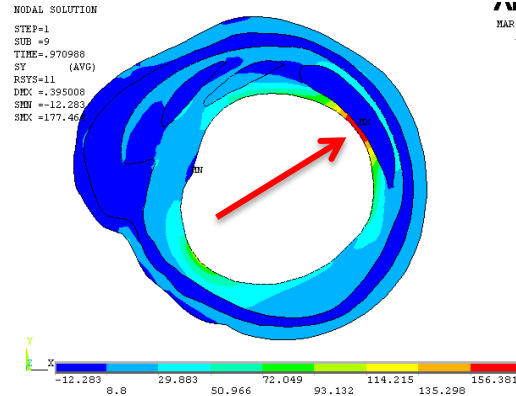
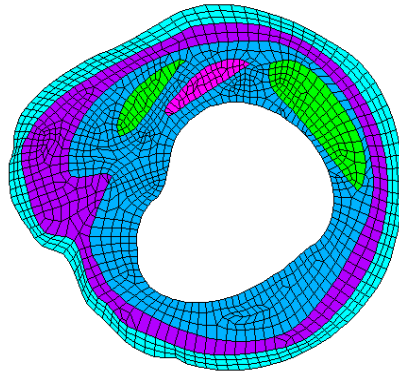
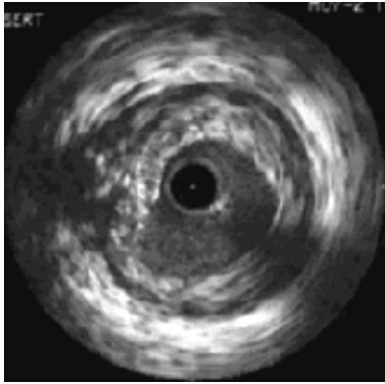
IVUS imaging

Finite element meshes

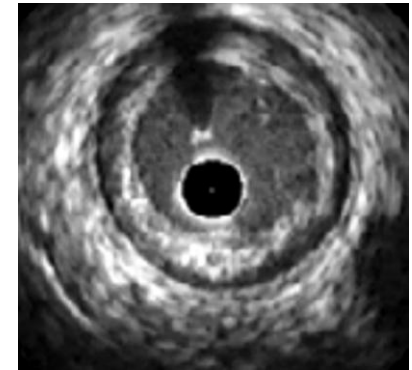
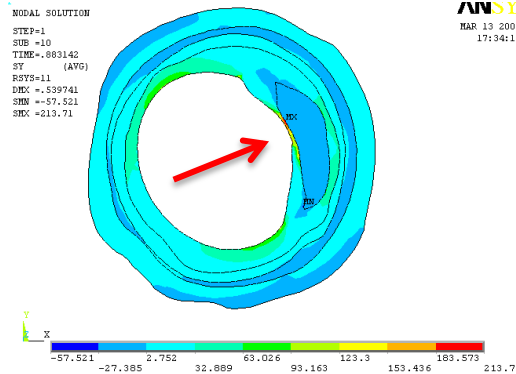
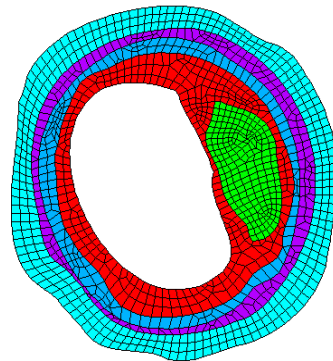
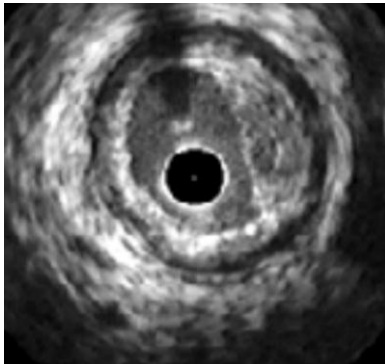
Circumferential stress maps

IVUS imaging

CTH = 160  $\mu\text{m}$



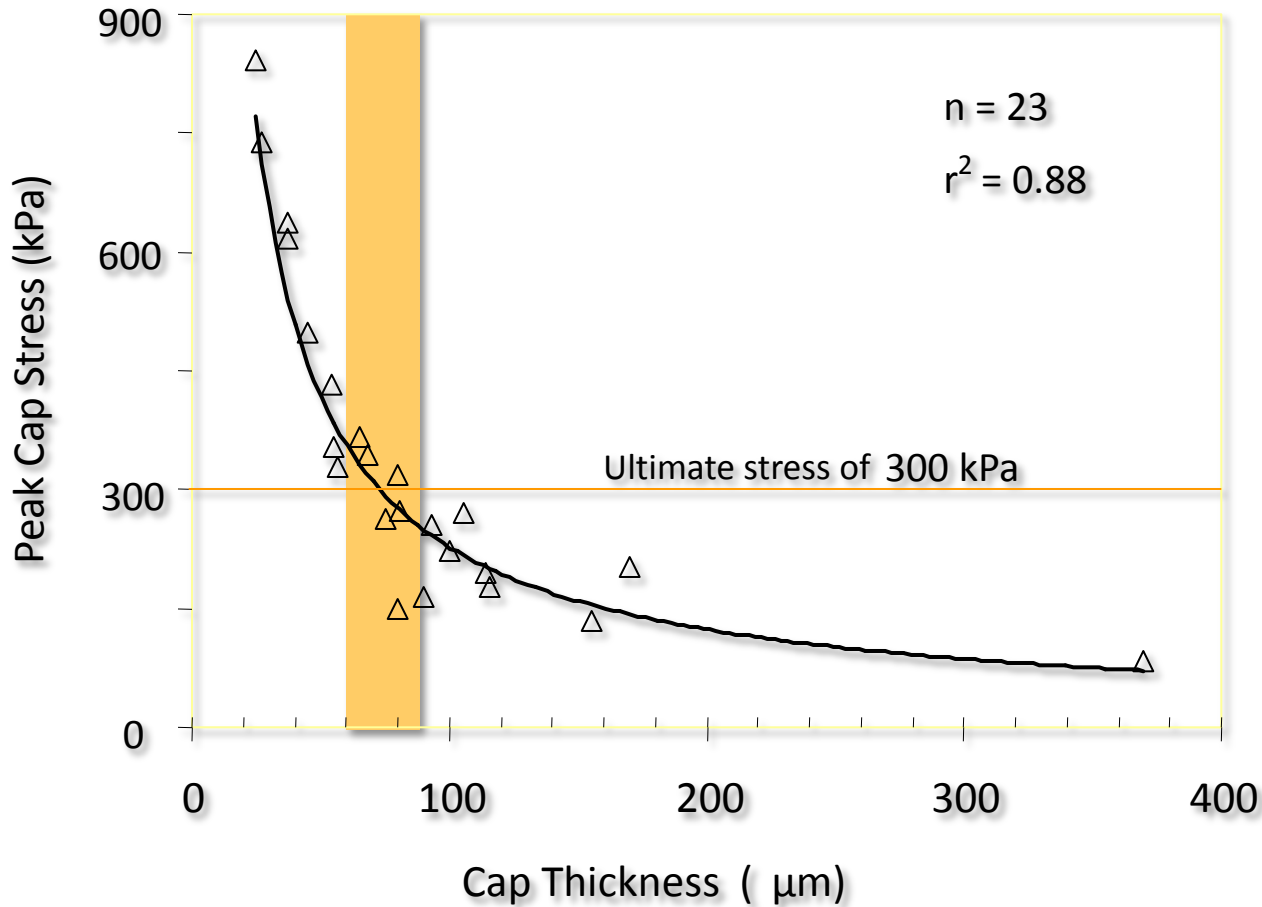
CTH = 56  $\mu\text{m}$



Adjacent non-ruptured  
plaque cross-sections

Ruptured plaque  
cross-sections

# Plaque Vulnerability and Cap Thickness



**Critical Cap Thickness:**

**65 – 100 µm**

*Richardson et al., Lancet 1989*

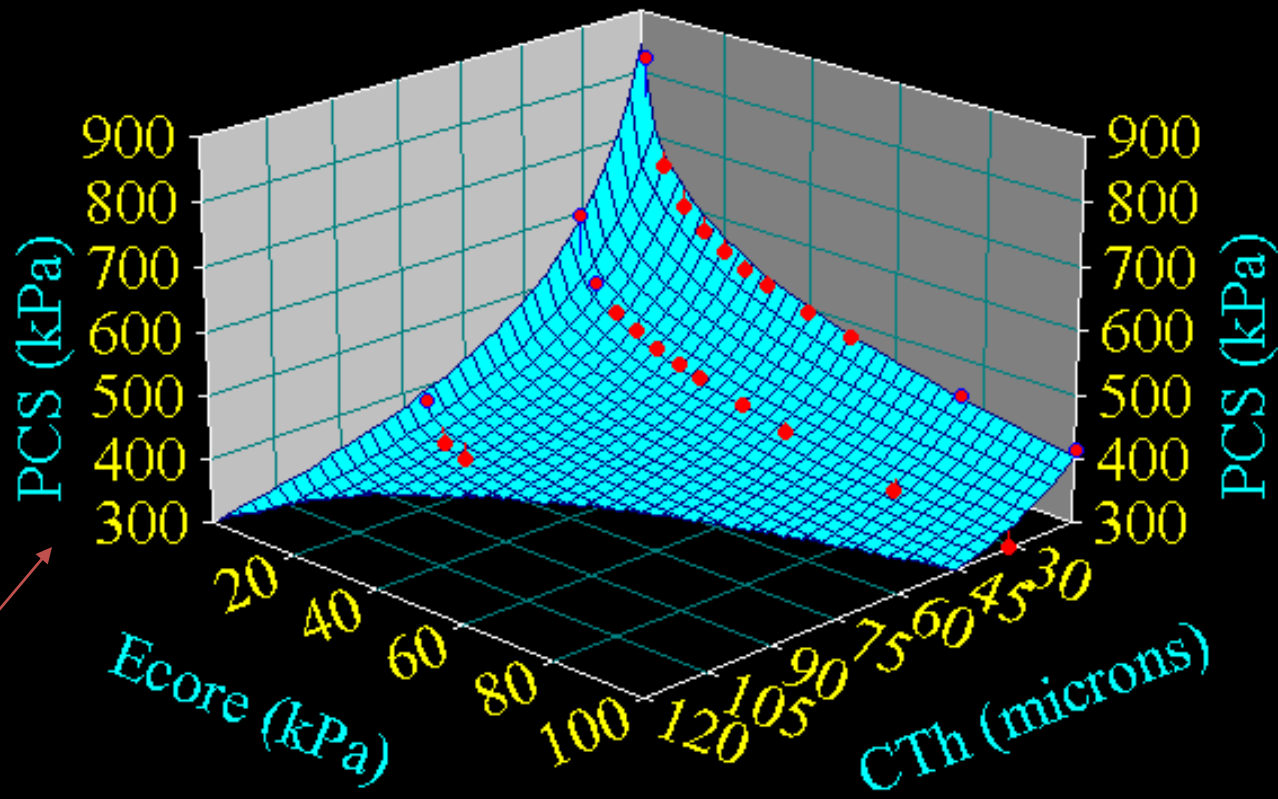
*Lee et al., Circulation 1991*

*Virmani et al., ATVB 2000*

# Effet "trigger" de la pression artérielle

Surface 3D quantifiant les interactions complexes entre Cap thickness (CTh), le module de Young du core lipidique (Ecore), et le pic de contraintes circonférentielles (PCS)

P=10 kPa  
(75 mm Hg)  
P=14.6 kPa  
(110 mm Hg)  
P=20 kPa  
(150 mm Hg)



Lendon et al. Atherosclerosis 1991  
Cheng et al. Circulation 1993

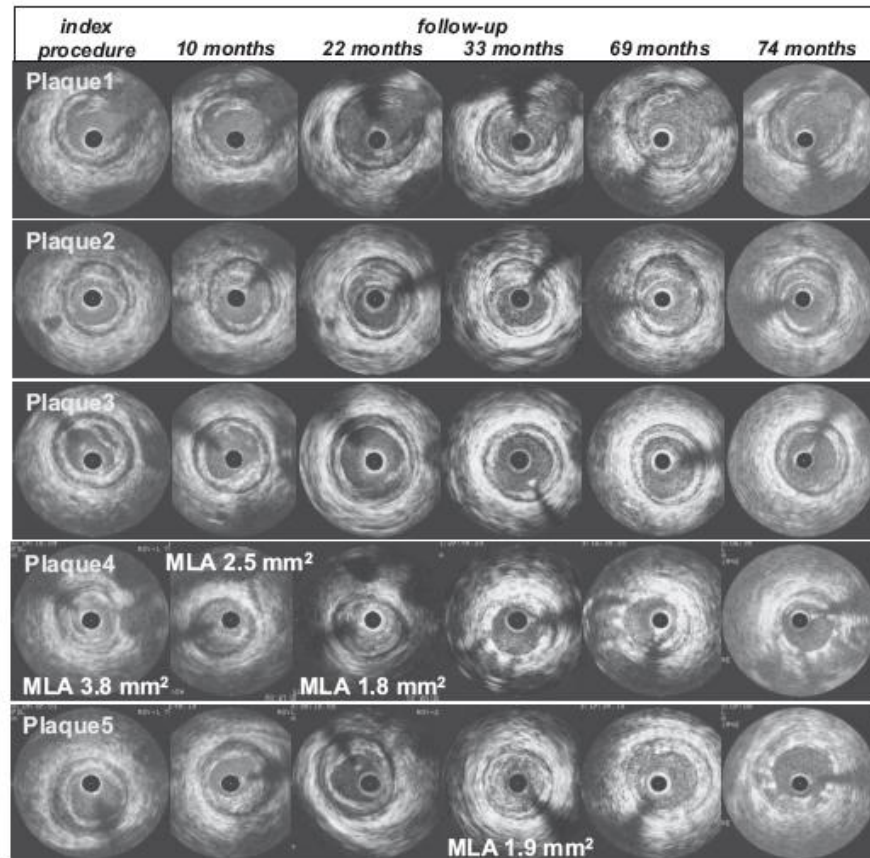
Ohayon et al. CAD 2001;12:655-663. - Finet et al. CAD 2004;15:13-20.

## Seventy-Four-Month Follow-Up of Coronary Vulnerable Plaques by Serial Gray-Scale Intravascular Ultrasound

Pascal Motreff, MD, PhD; Gilles Rioufol, MD, PhD; Gérard Finet, MD, PhD

A 56-year-old male nonsmoker with high blood pressure was referred for a first acute coronary syndrome in the lateral territory. Coronarography identified the culprit lesion on the circumflex artery. The left anterior descending artery (LAD) showed diffuse atherosclerosis and was further explored by 40-MHz intravascular ultrasound (IVUS; baseline). Ten months later, angina recurred, without circumflex artery

restenosis; an LAD plaque (P4, among the 5 plaques ultimately detected) was detected and managed medically (Figure 1). Because the patient developed Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) class 3 angina, this single stenosing LAD lesion was treated by bare-metal stenting at 22 months of follow-up. Symptoms resolved, but 1 year later (at 33-month follow-up) there was recurrence of CCS-3 angina without



**Figure 1.** Six-year serial examination of 5 distinct atheromatous coronary plaques by intracoronary ultrasound in the same patient. MLA indicates minimal lumen diameter.

# Conclusions

Les relations entre l'exercice physique et la vulnérabilité des plaques d'athérosclérose coronaires s'avèrent contradictoires.

L'exercice physique, par l'augmentation des pressions artérielles plus que la fréquence cardiaque, peut être un trigger de la rupture de plaque en acutisant brutalement les pics de contraintes circonférentielles au delà des seuils de rupture du matériau clé : le collagène (capsule fibreuse).

Les interactions entre composition et géométrie de la plaque, biologie, et biomécanique sont tellement multiples et complexes que toute tentative d'explication déductive globale de ces mécanismes semble illusoire.

Un test d'effort négatif, des coronaires angiographiquement normales ou subnormales, et/ou l'absence de calcifications coronaires ne permettent pas d'éliminer la possibilité d'une rupture de plaque ou plus généralement un ACS.

La présence angographique d'une ATS coronaire non obstructive, ou de calcifications coronaires, et même la détection d'une plaque "morphologiquement" vulnérable par IVUS ou OCT ne permettent pas la prédiction d'une rupture de plaque ou plus généralement un SCA

**En conséquence, toute velléité de prévision des évènements coronariens aigus, patient par patient, apparaît utopique.**

Qu'est-ce qu'une plaque réellement vulnérable dans le milieu sportif?

