



# Left main bifurcation PCI

*OCT-guided DK Culotte strategy*

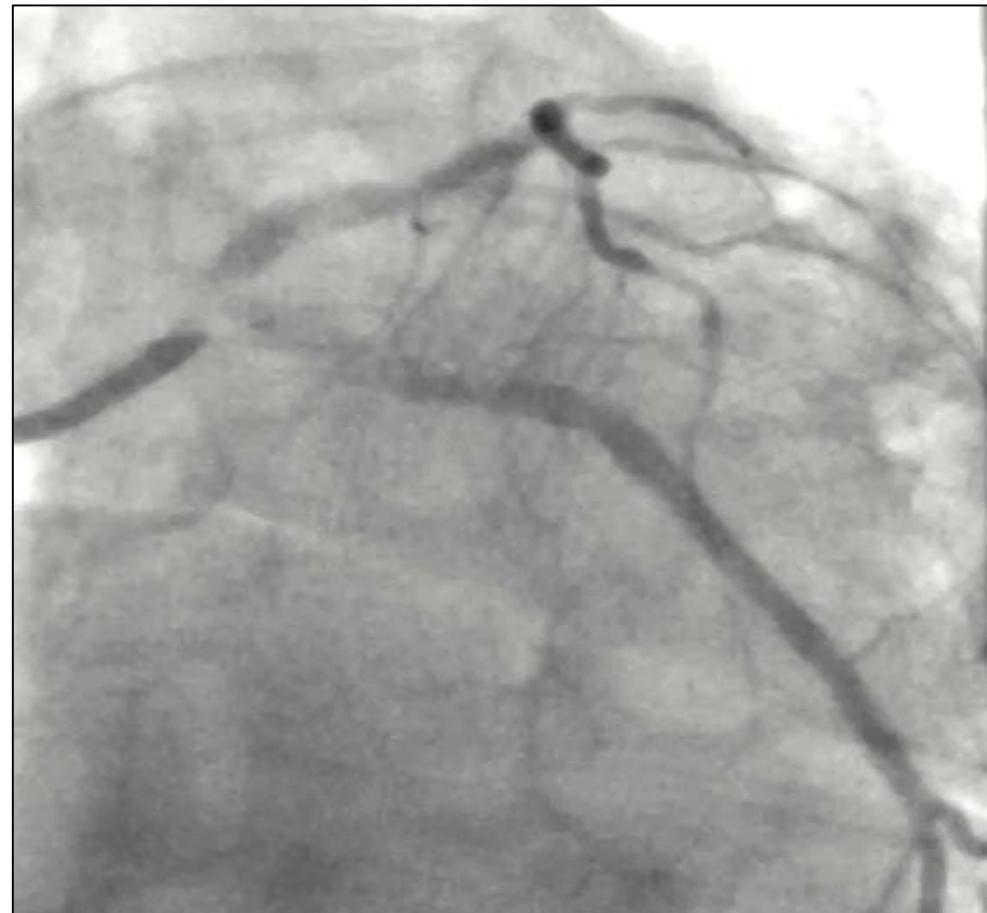
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# 82yr old female NSTEACS

- Good left ventricular function
- Comorbidities:
  - Previous PCI to circumflex
  - Type 2 diabetes on insulin
  - Chronic renal impairment
  - Hypertension

MDT → CABG recommended

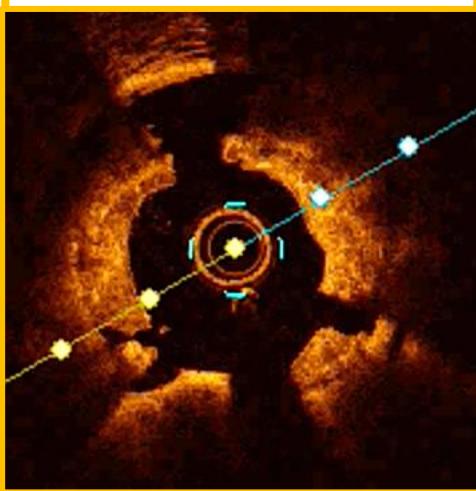
Patient declined surgery  
→ Left main bifurcation PCI



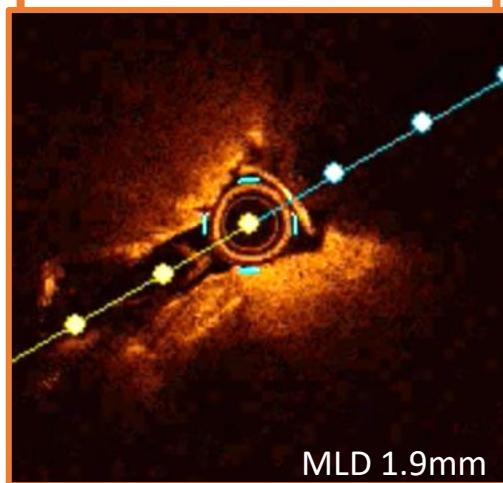
Dissection post ballooning

OCT of left anterior descending artery

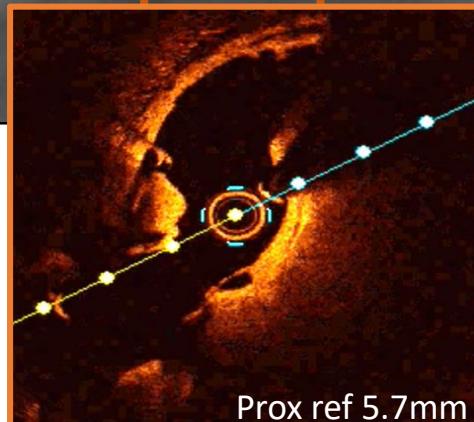
Calcium disruption



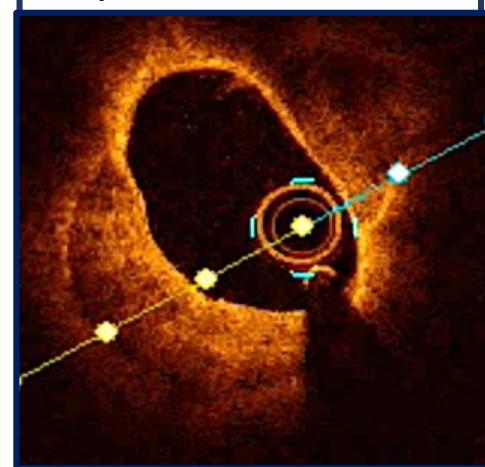
Ostial LAD



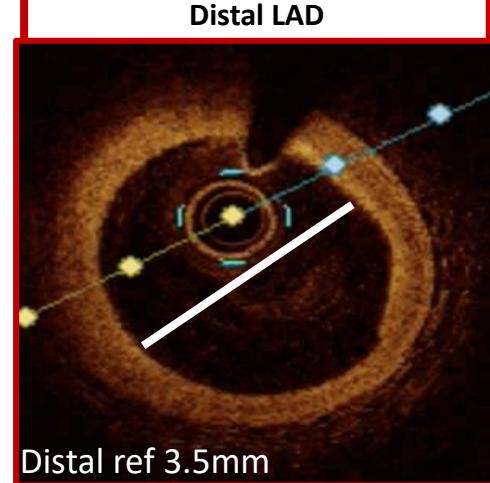
Distal LM



Deep wall calcium with nodule



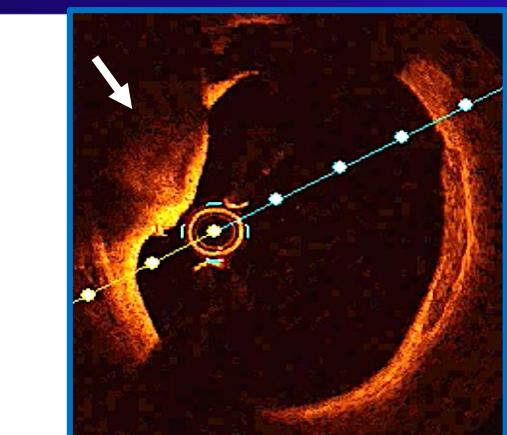
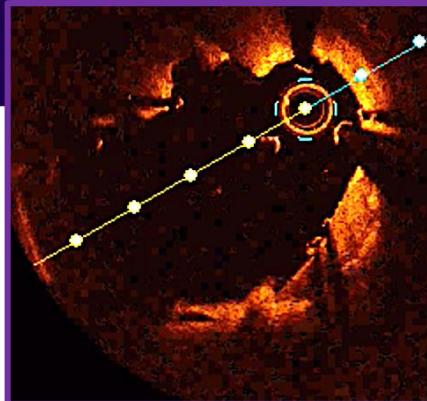
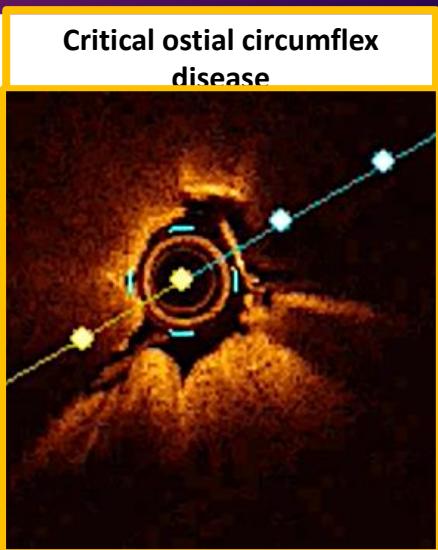
Distal LAD



Calcium disruption  
post ballooning

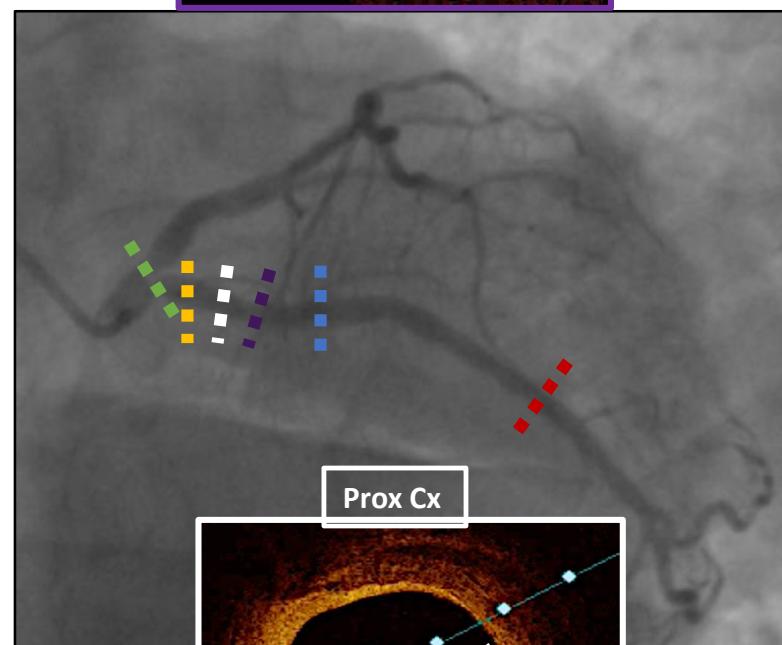
OCT Circumflex

Critical ostial circumflex  
disease



Nodule of calcium

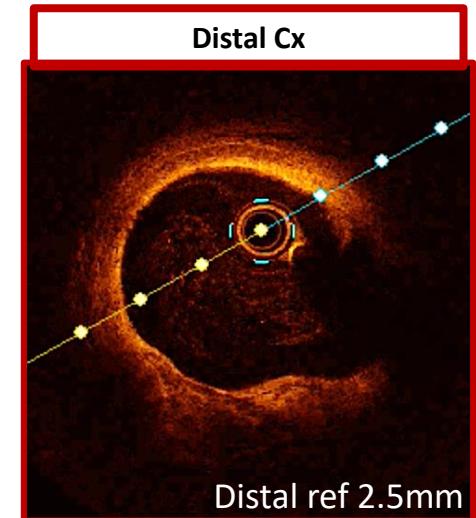
Severe left main/circumflex  
bifurcation



Prox Cx

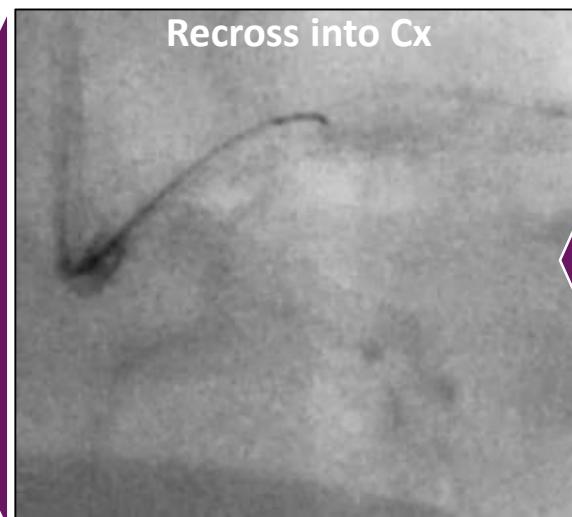
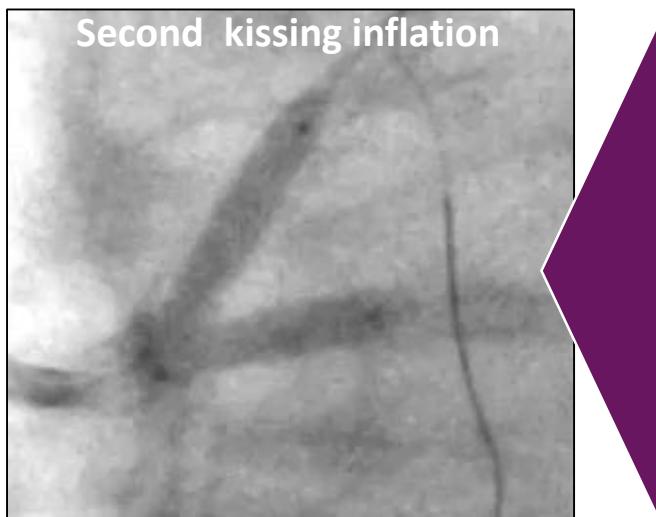
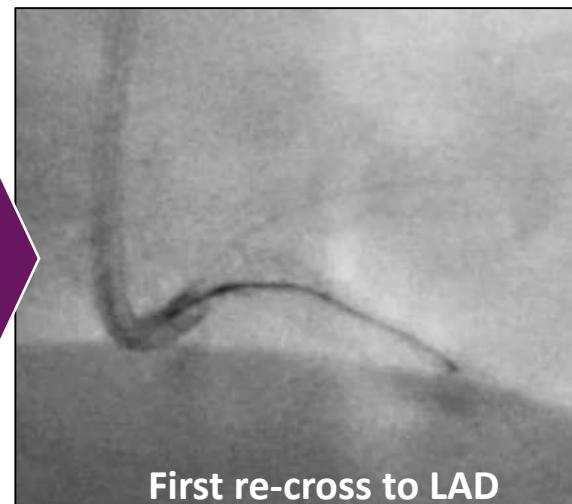
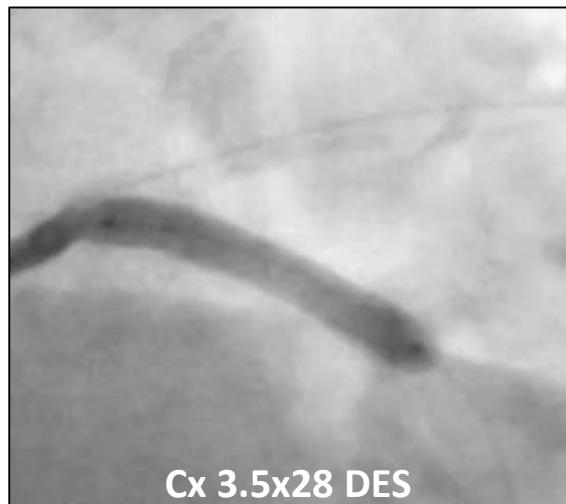
Prox ref 4.5mm

Distal Cx

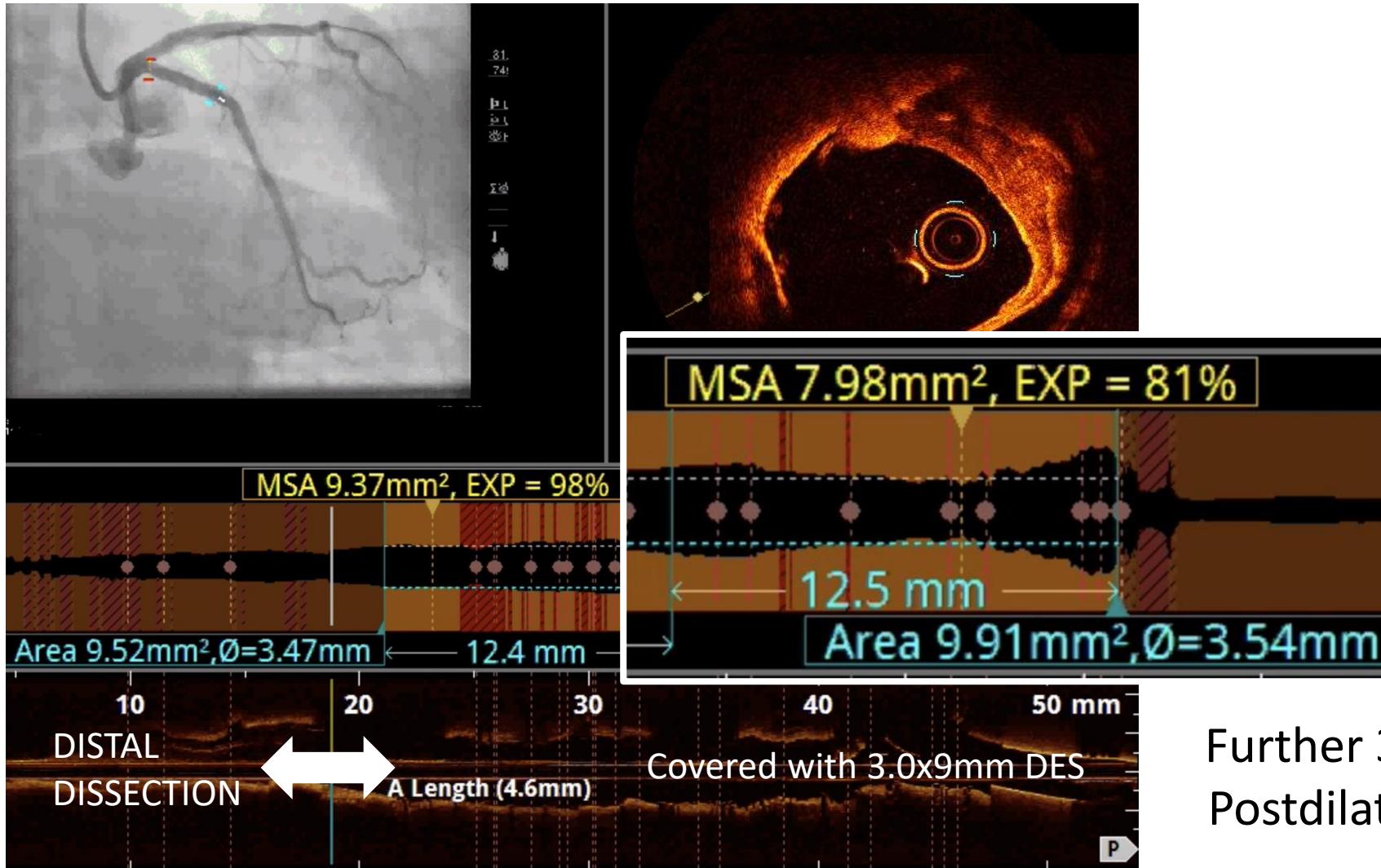


Distal ref 2.5mm

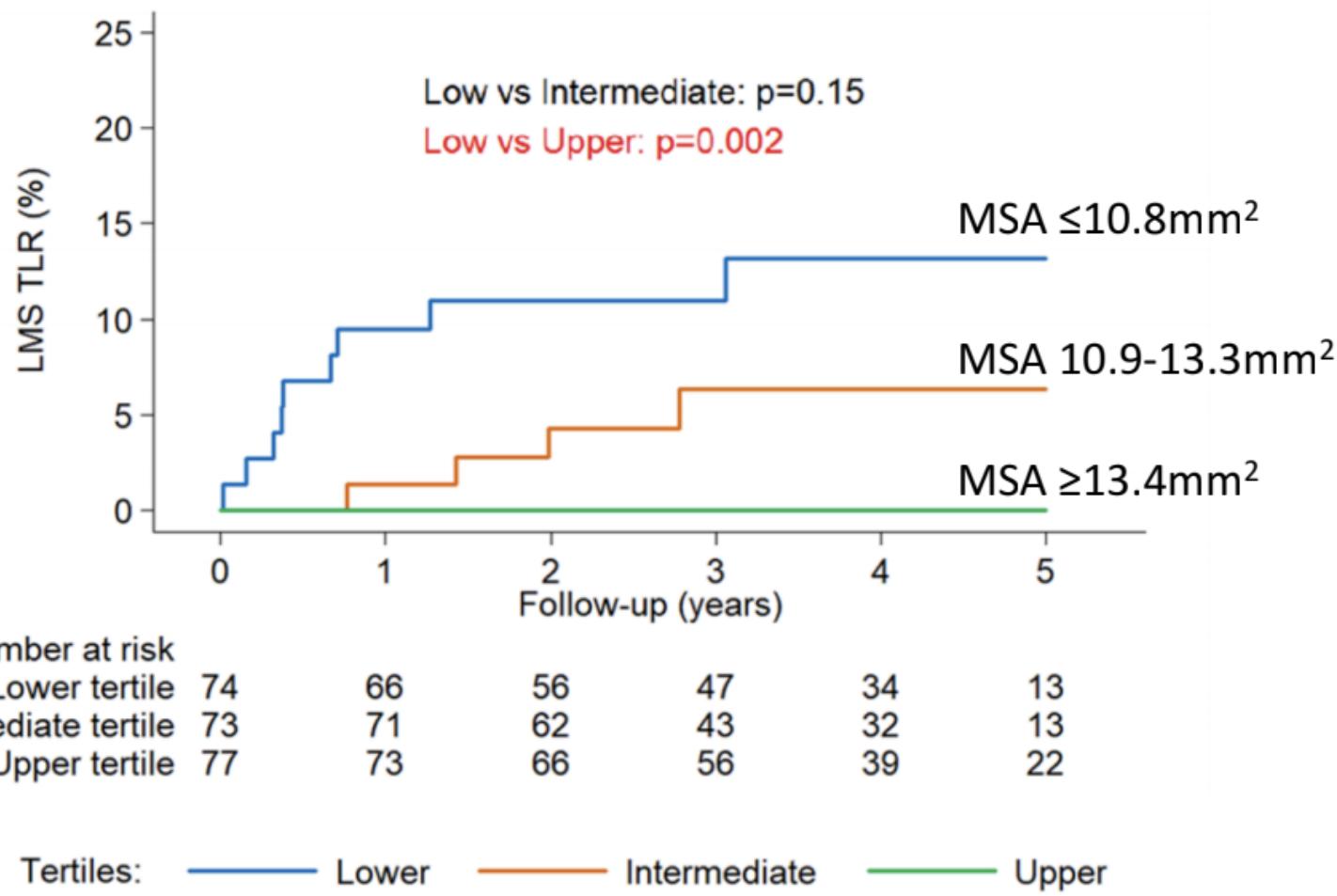
Adequate calcium disruption with pre-dilatation therefore no indication for rota/IVL. Further pre-dilatation to LAD/Cx with 3.5 NC balloon, then



# Circumflex distal edge dissection & proximal stent segment underexpansion



## NOBLE IVUS post-hoc analysis – LMS MSA terciles

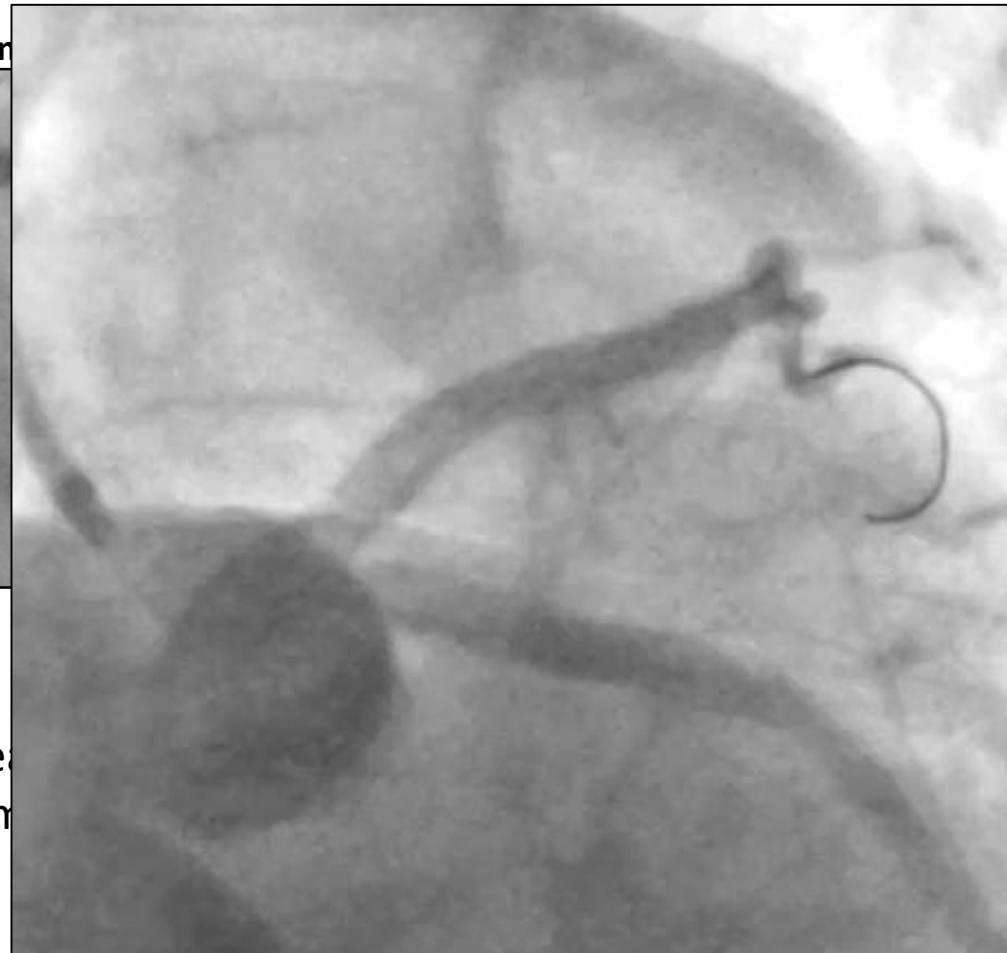


# Left main angiographic distal edge dissection

Dissection in left main ostium



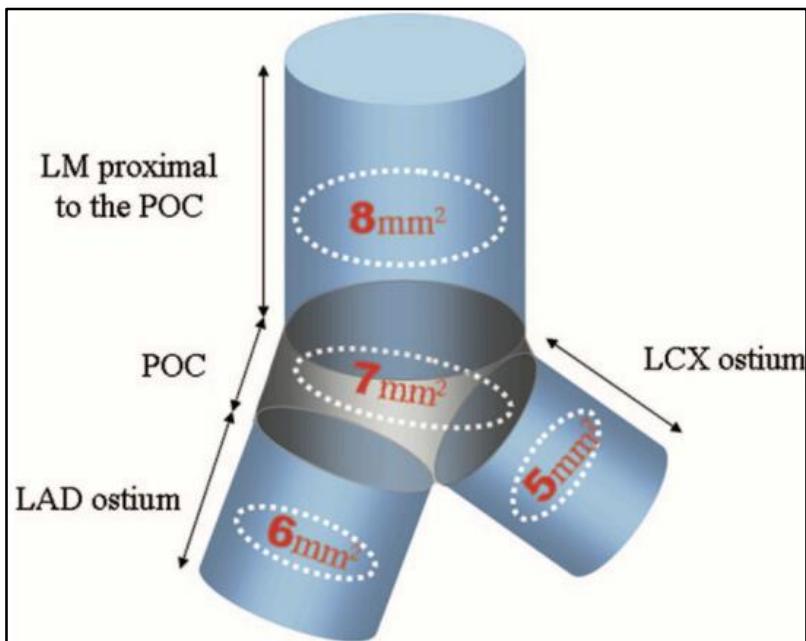
Post dilatation



Repeat OCT although ideal contrast dose used (270ml)

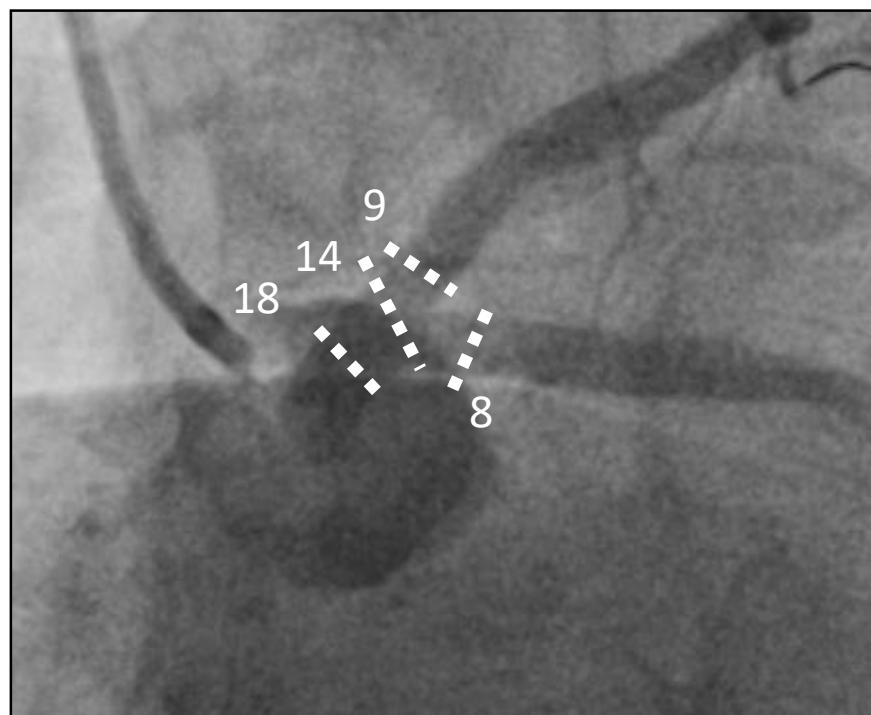
Armament and

Reference optimal minimum luminal area MLA (mm<sup>2</sup>)



Kang et al. Circ CI 2011;4:562-569

Equivalent achieved minimum luminal area MLA (mm<sup>2</sup>)



- DK culotte is a new iteration of the culotte strategy and can be used in 2-stent bifurcation technique
- *Imaging facilitates:*
  - Sizing of distal and proximal luminal reference diameter/area: traditional references may not be optimal in individual patients
  - Delineation of calcium
  - Stent optimization (apposition and expansion)
  - Evaluation of complications including edge dissections that may not be obvious angiographically