



# **Your most challenging TAVI cases – Achieving precision and control w/ Evolut platform**

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# Learning Objectives

To learn how to achieve optimal patient outcomes with Evolut platform in challenging anatomies

To uncover practical tips and techniques to achieve implant precision and control

To become familiar with technical considerations and procedural execution of TAVI

# The Team

Chairs: Thomas Cuisset and Darren Mylotte

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Ole de Backer

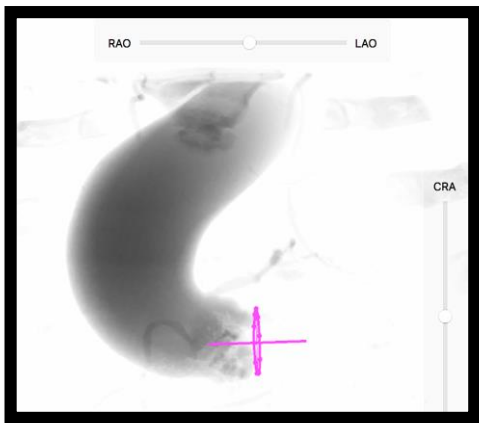
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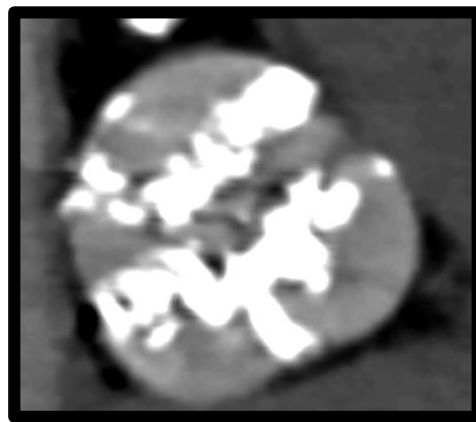
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# Challenging Anatomies

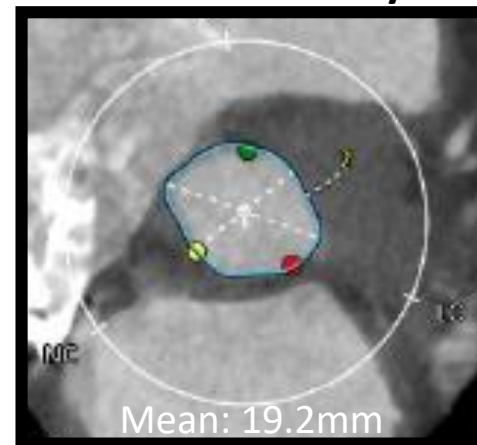
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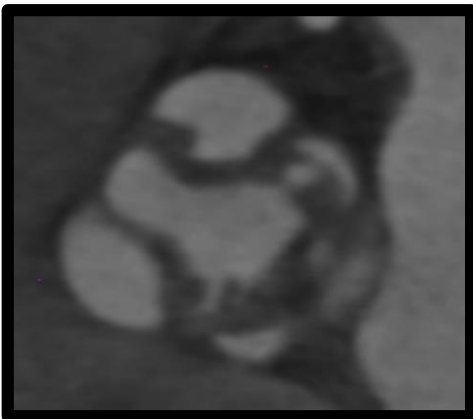
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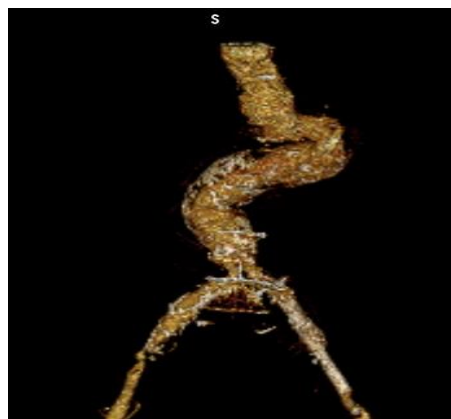
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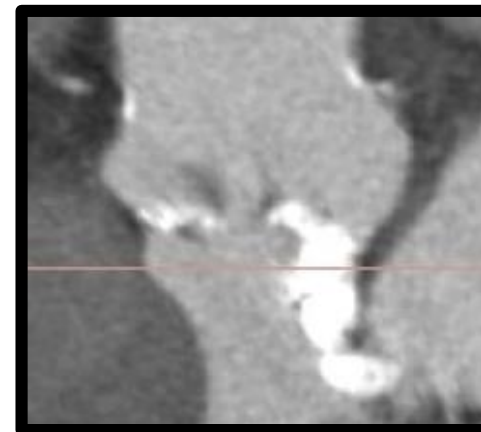
**Acalcific Valves**



**Hostile Access**



**LVOT Calcium**





## Case in Point:

A case with horizontal aorta and severe excentric calcification treated with the Evolut Pro+ 34 mm

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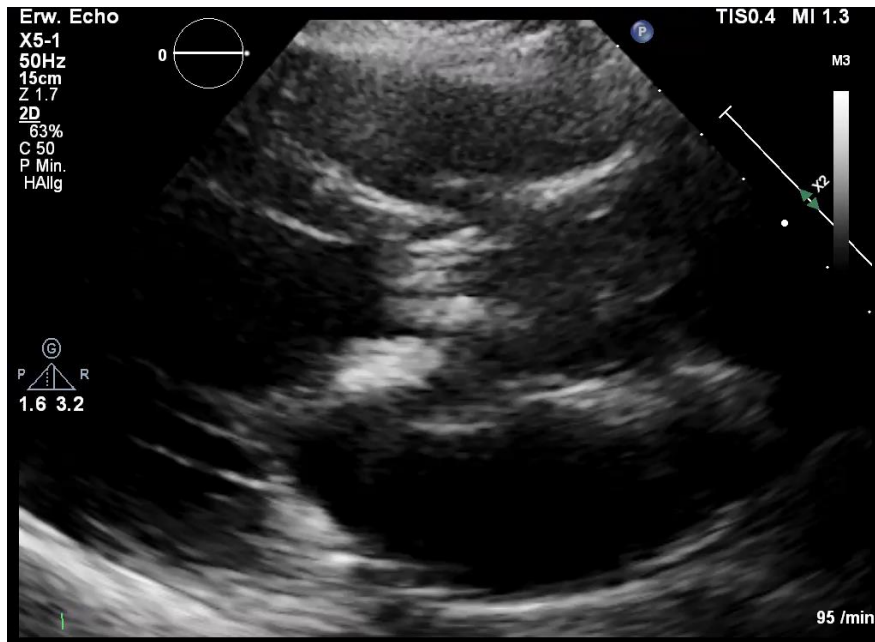
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# Case outline

- 79 y male patient
  - EF 40%
  - Severe 3-vessel disease, s/p multiple interventions in 2016
  - s/p NSTEMI 12/2021
  - Major stroke 2004 with residual hemiparesis, cerebral multi-infarct syndrome
  - Significant cerebrovascular disease
- Severe symptomatic aortic stenosis (MPG 50 mmHg)
- NYHA III
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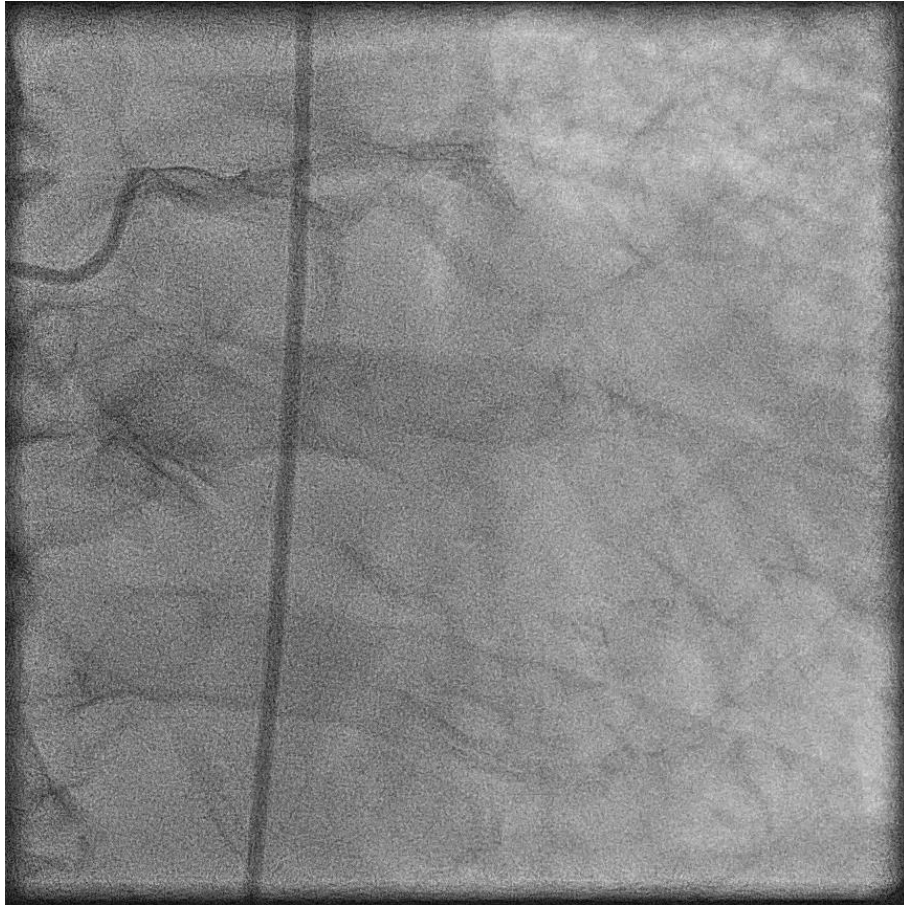


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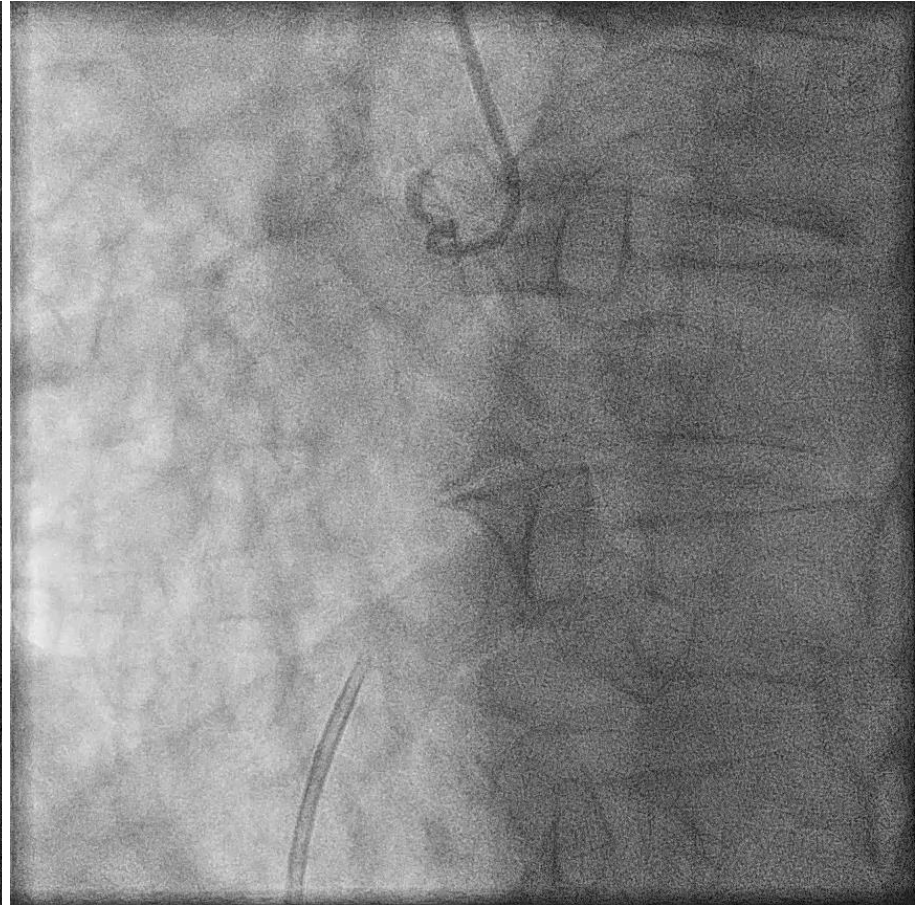


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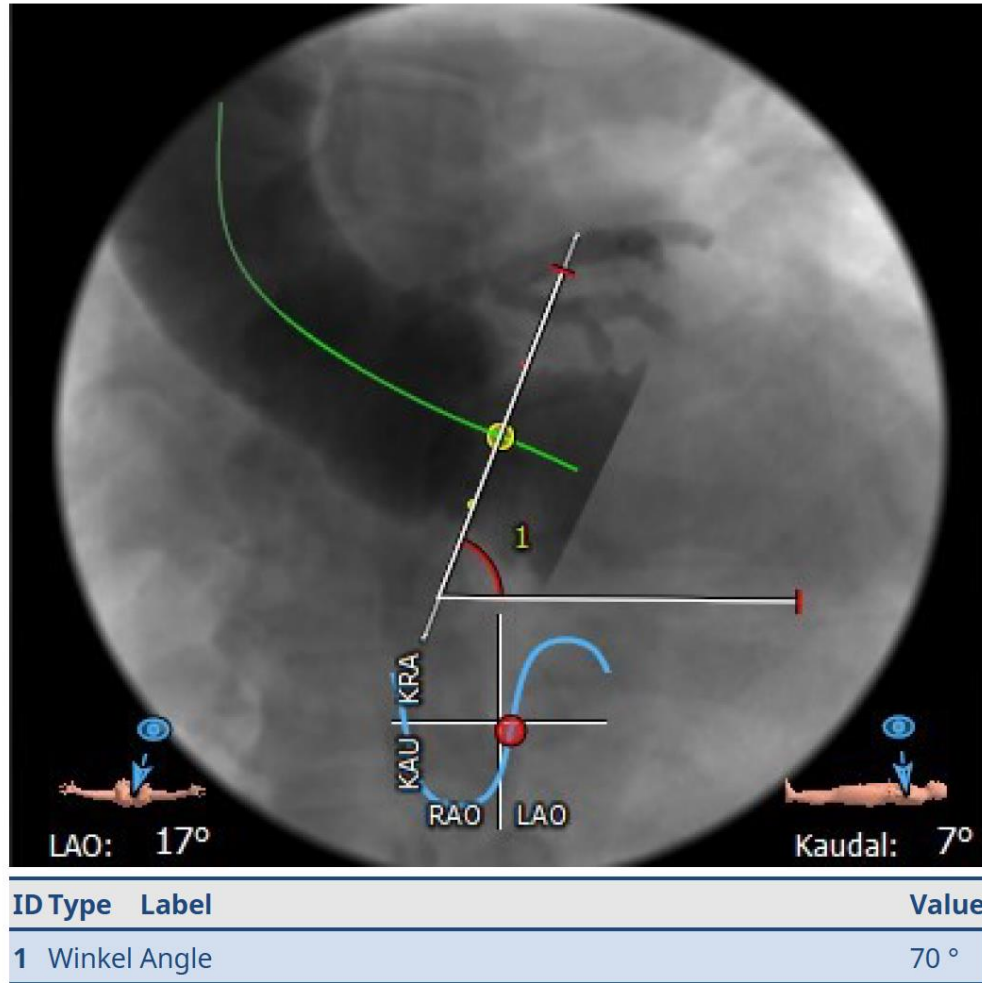
LCA



RCA (CTO)

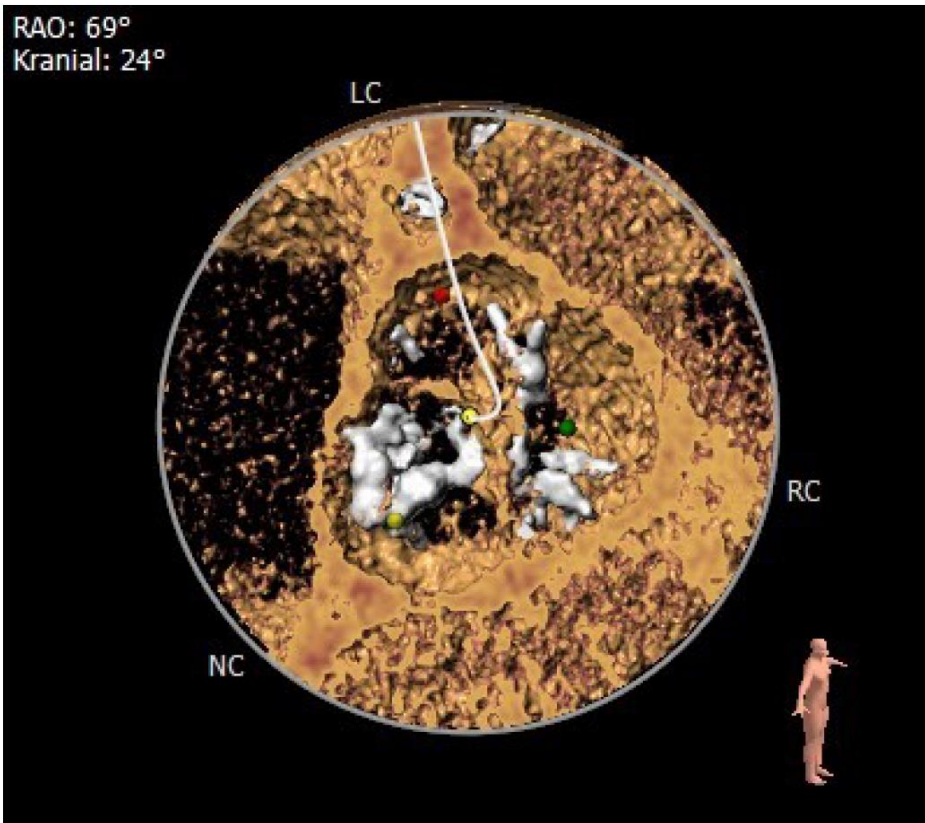


# Horizontal aorta

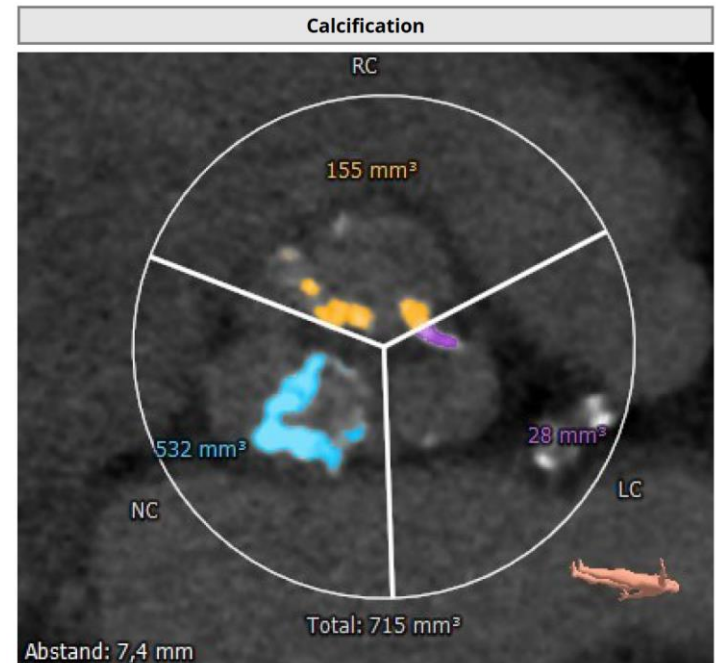
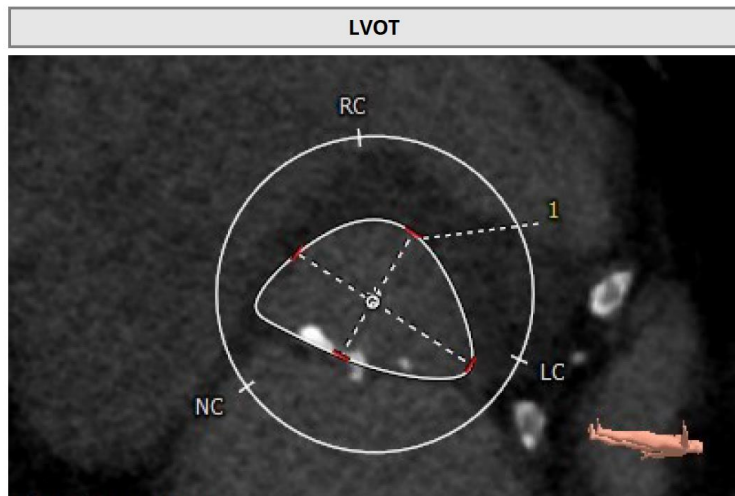
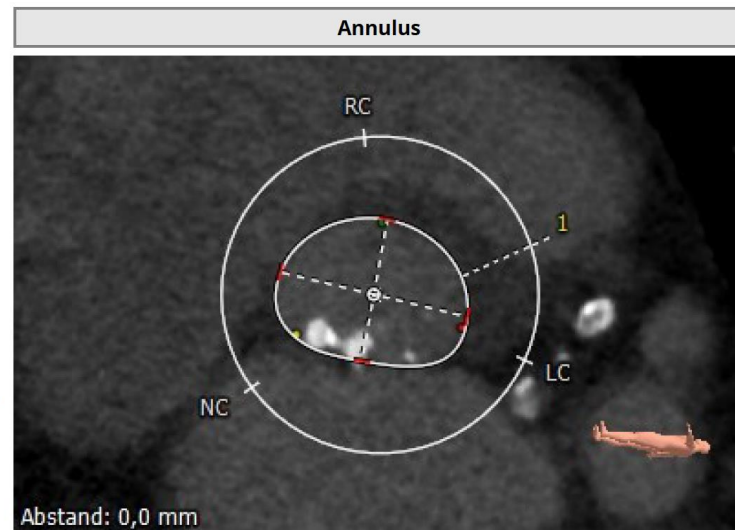




# Severe excentric calcification of the NCC and LVOT



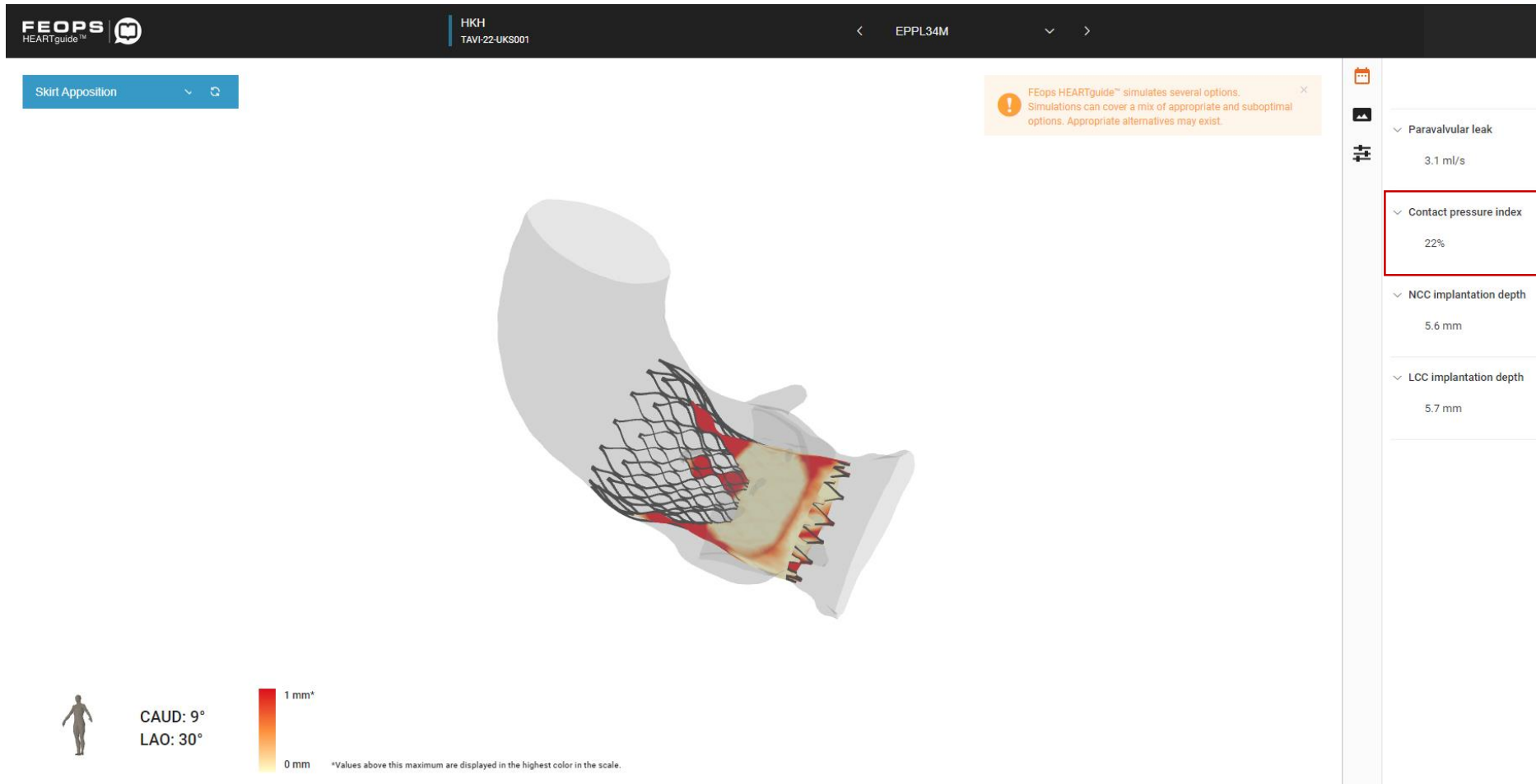
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# Transfemoral access



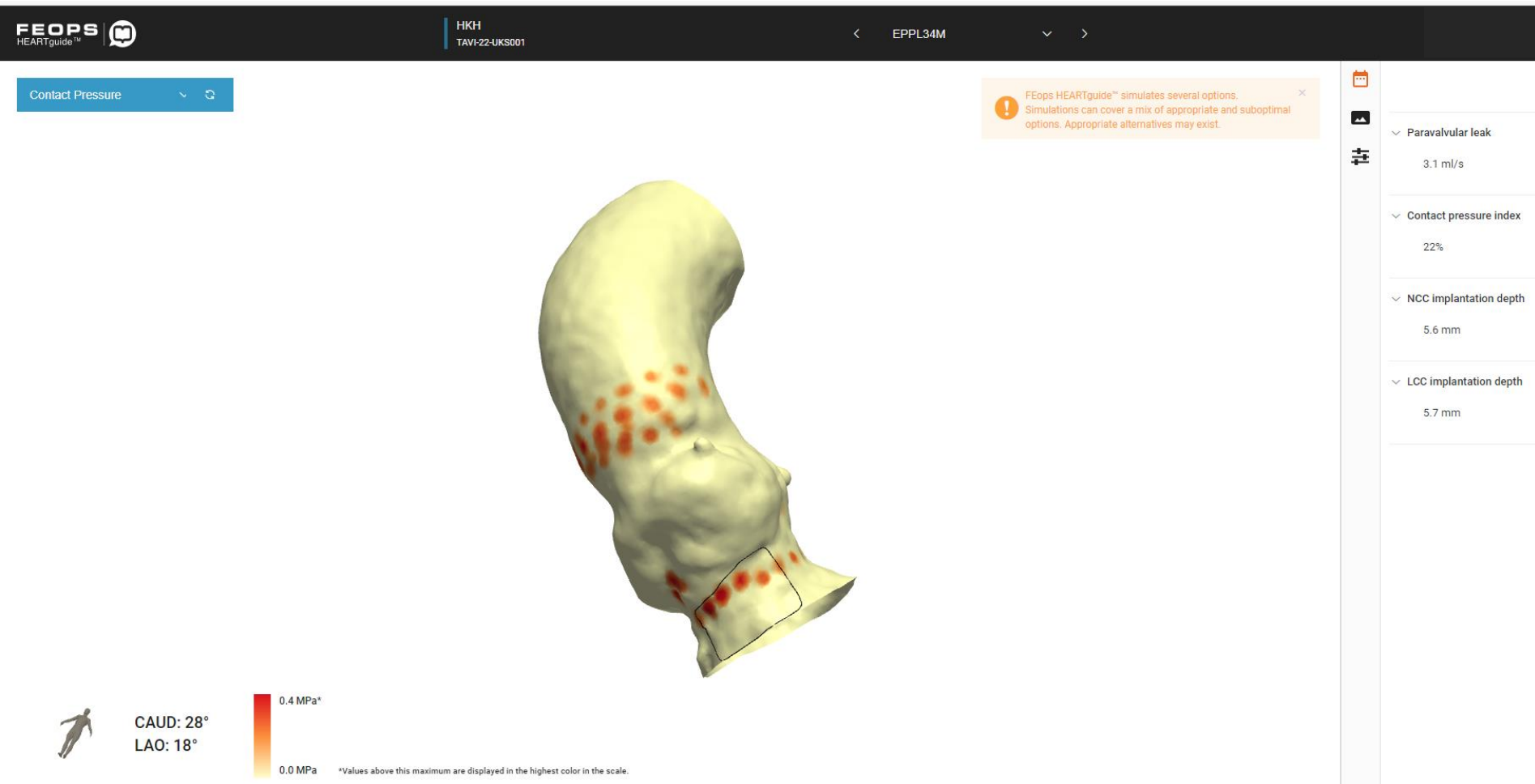
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Three-cusp view

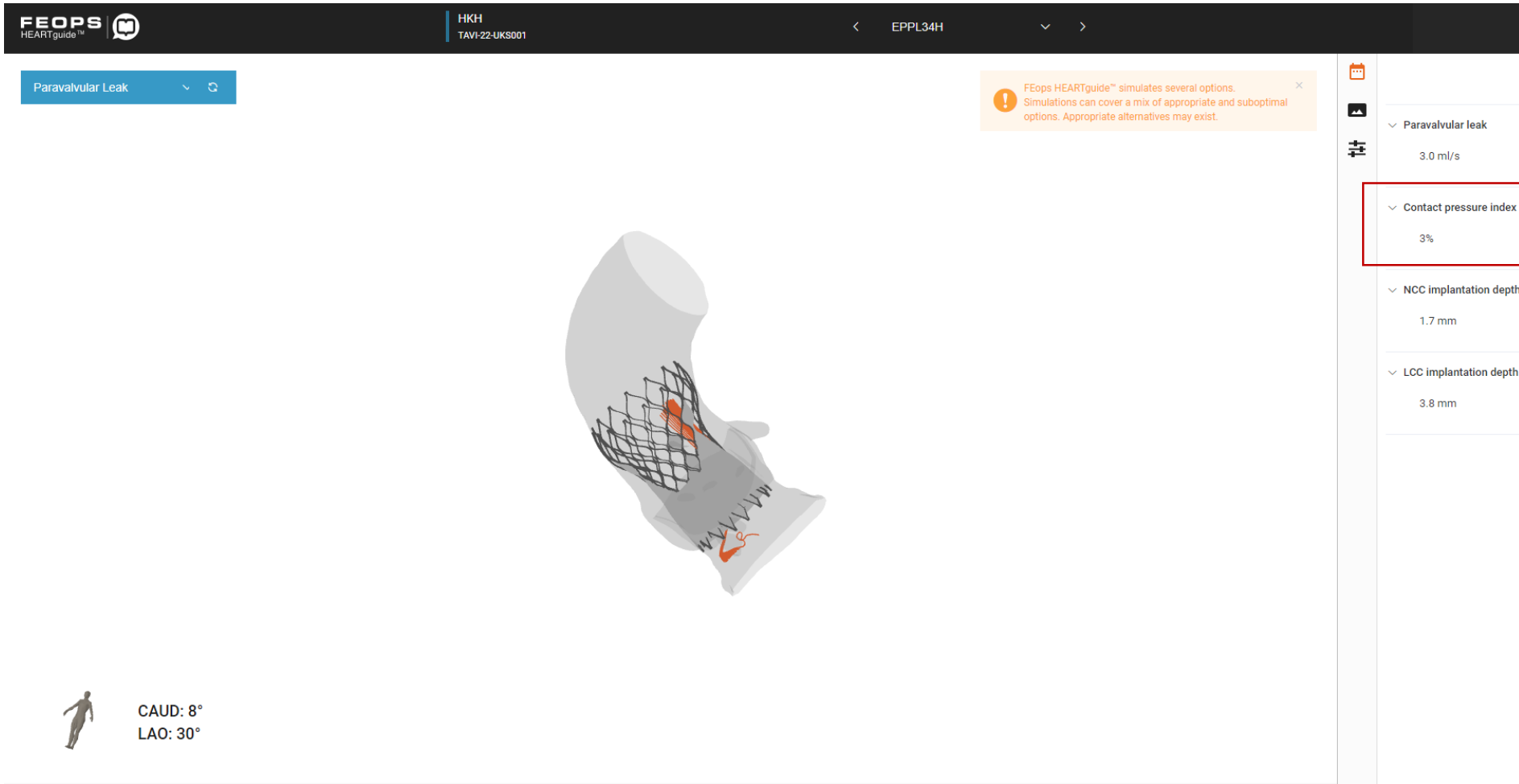


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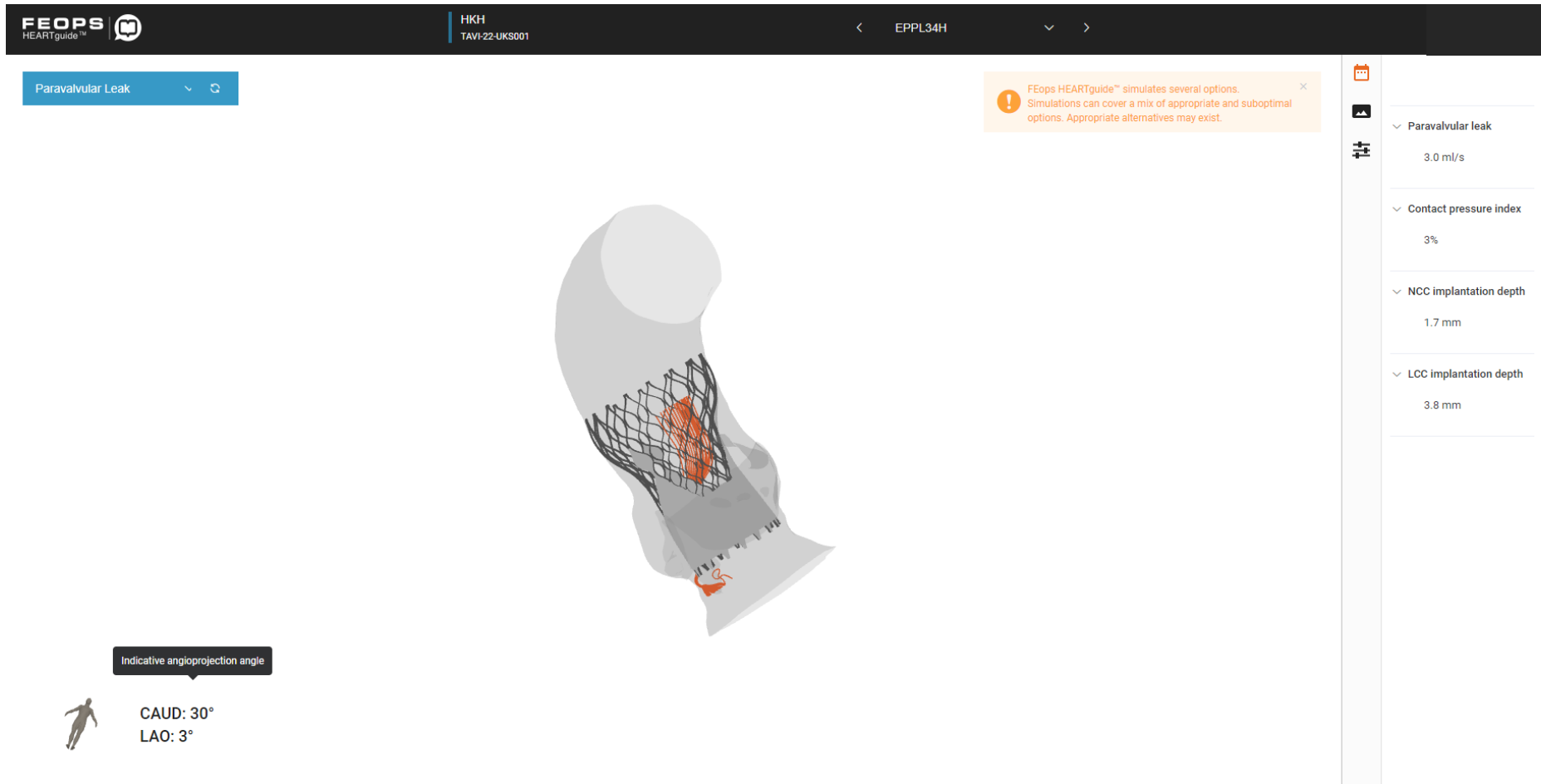


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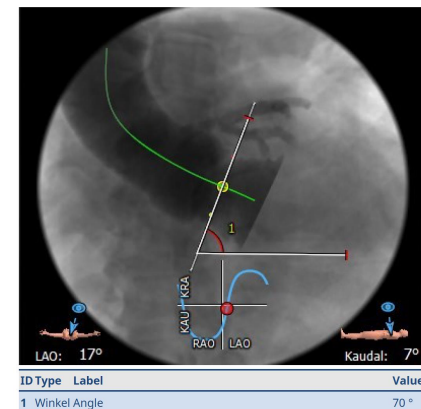
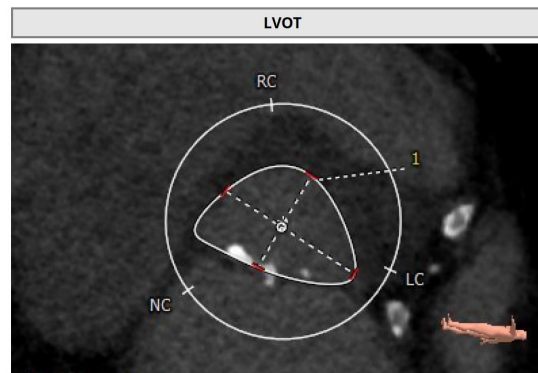
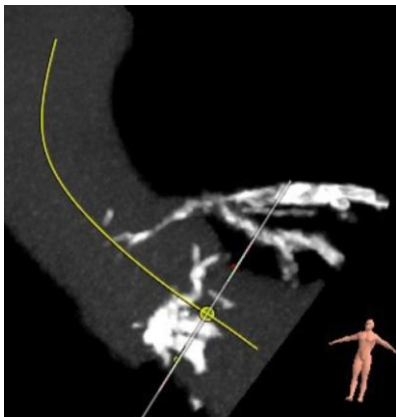
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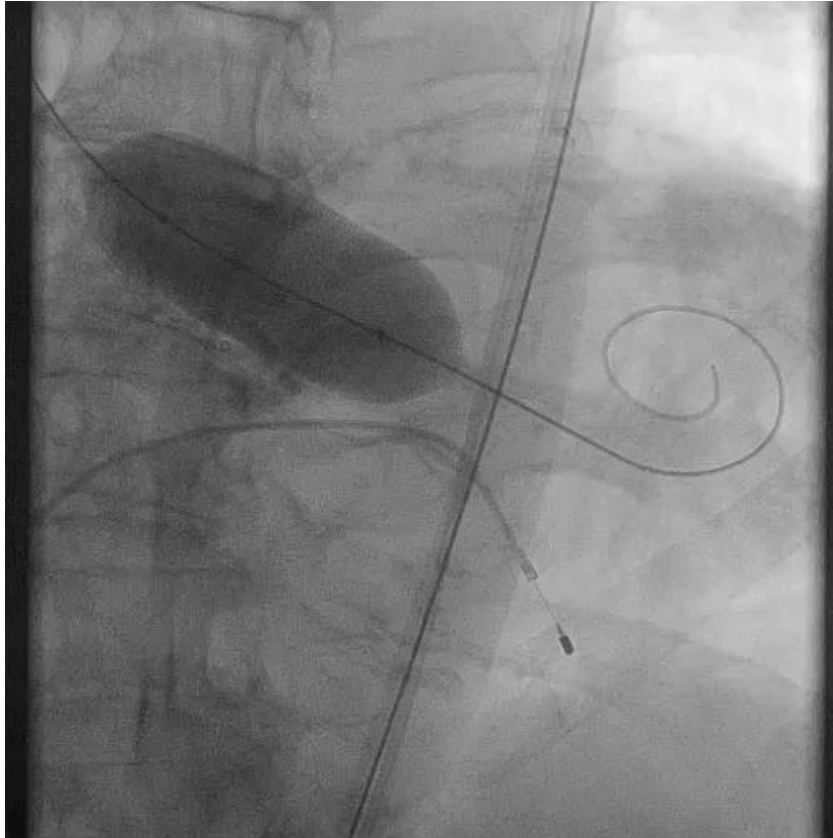


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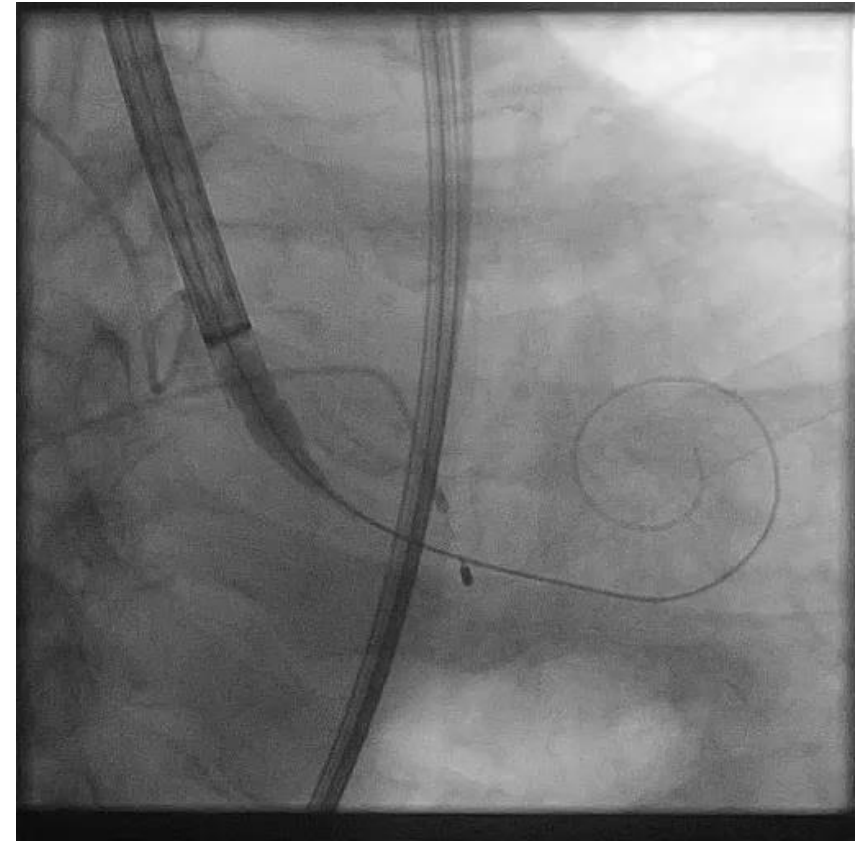
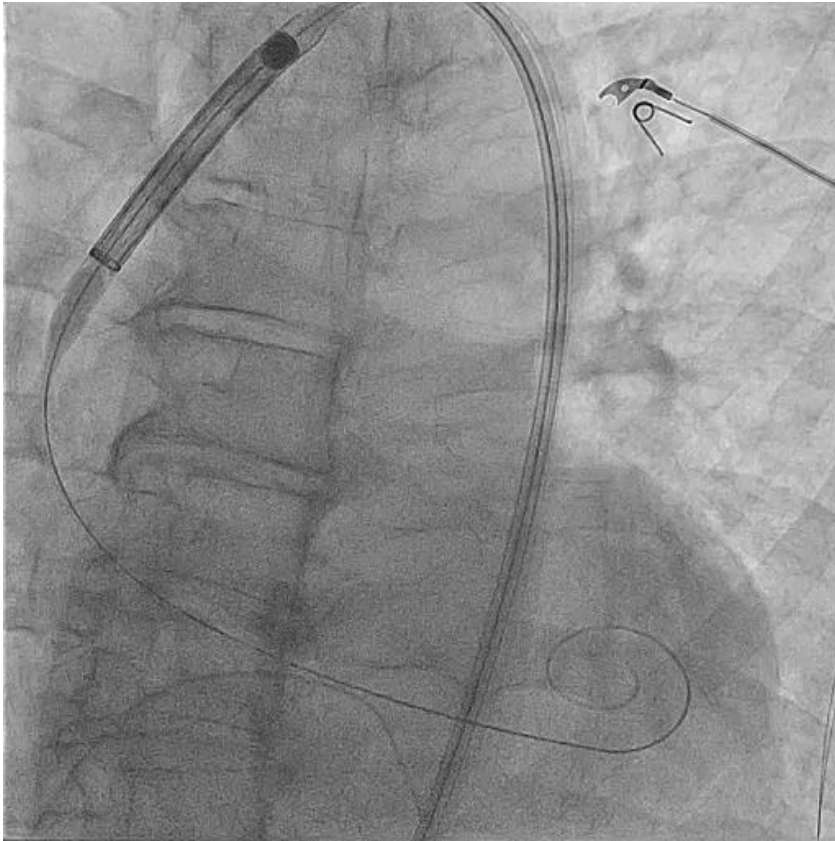
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- Severe symptomatic aortic stenosis MPG 50 mm Hg
- NYHA III
- EuroSCORE 2: 7.28%
- Deemed « clinically inoperable » in the Heart team decision
- Treatment decision: TF-TAVI with the Evolut Pro+ 34 mm device



# Predilatation with a 24 mm semi-compliant balloon

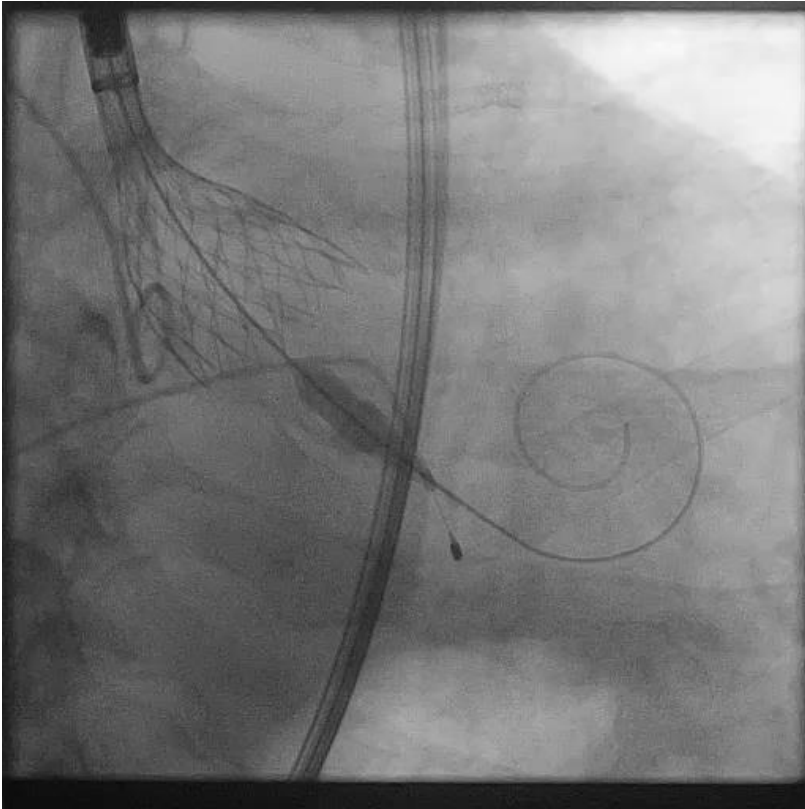


# Valve positioning in „near cusp overlap position“

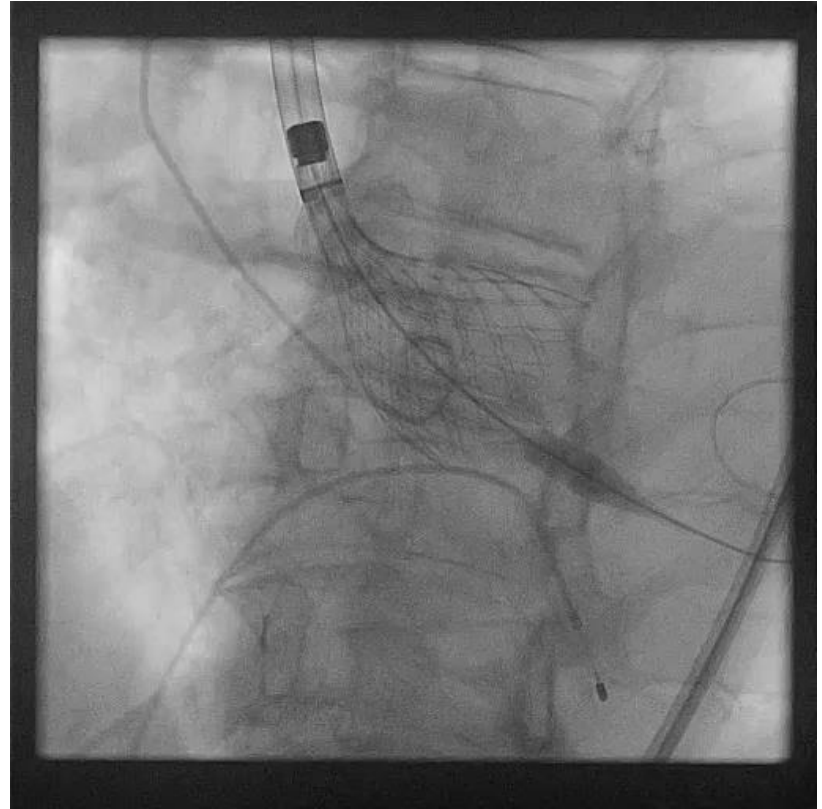


Near-cusp-overlap view

# Positioning



Near-cusp-overlap view



Three-cusp view

# Result after release

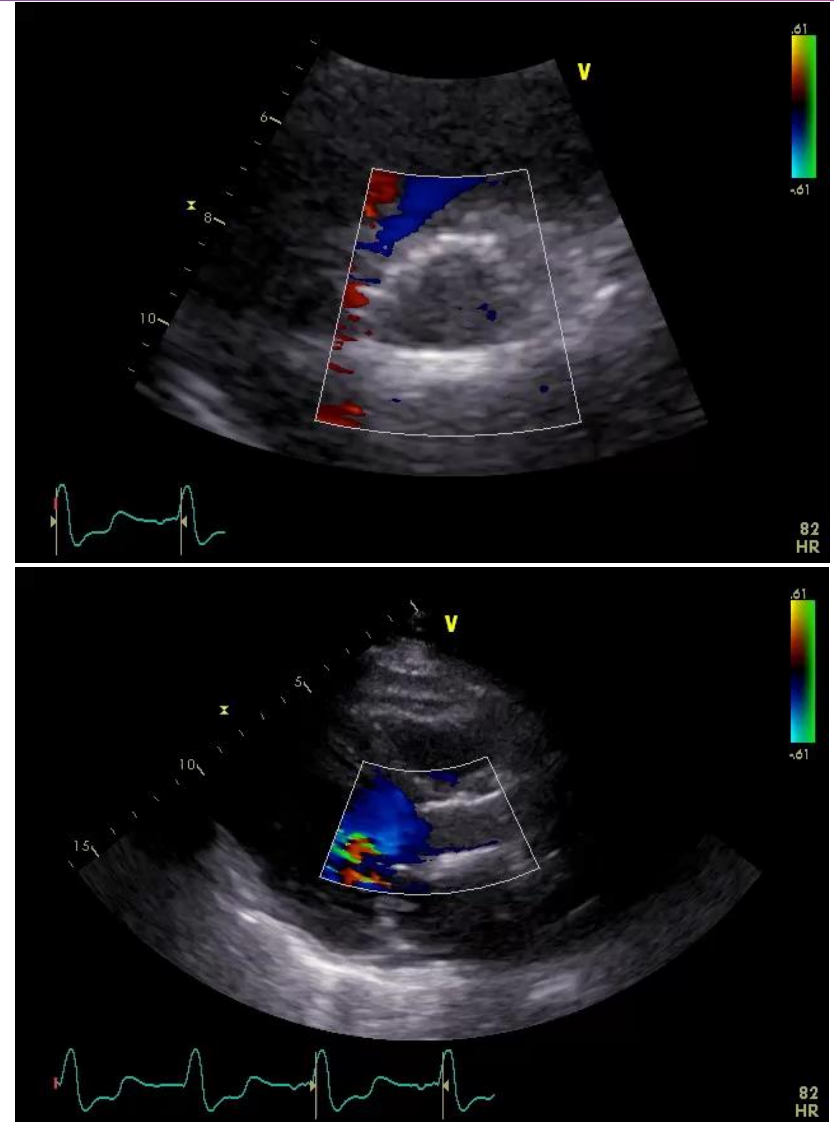


Three-cusp view



# Echo follow-up

- LV-EF 55%
- Aortic valve:
  - no paravalvular leak
  - Max flow velocity: 2,1 m/s
  - MPG 10 mm Hg





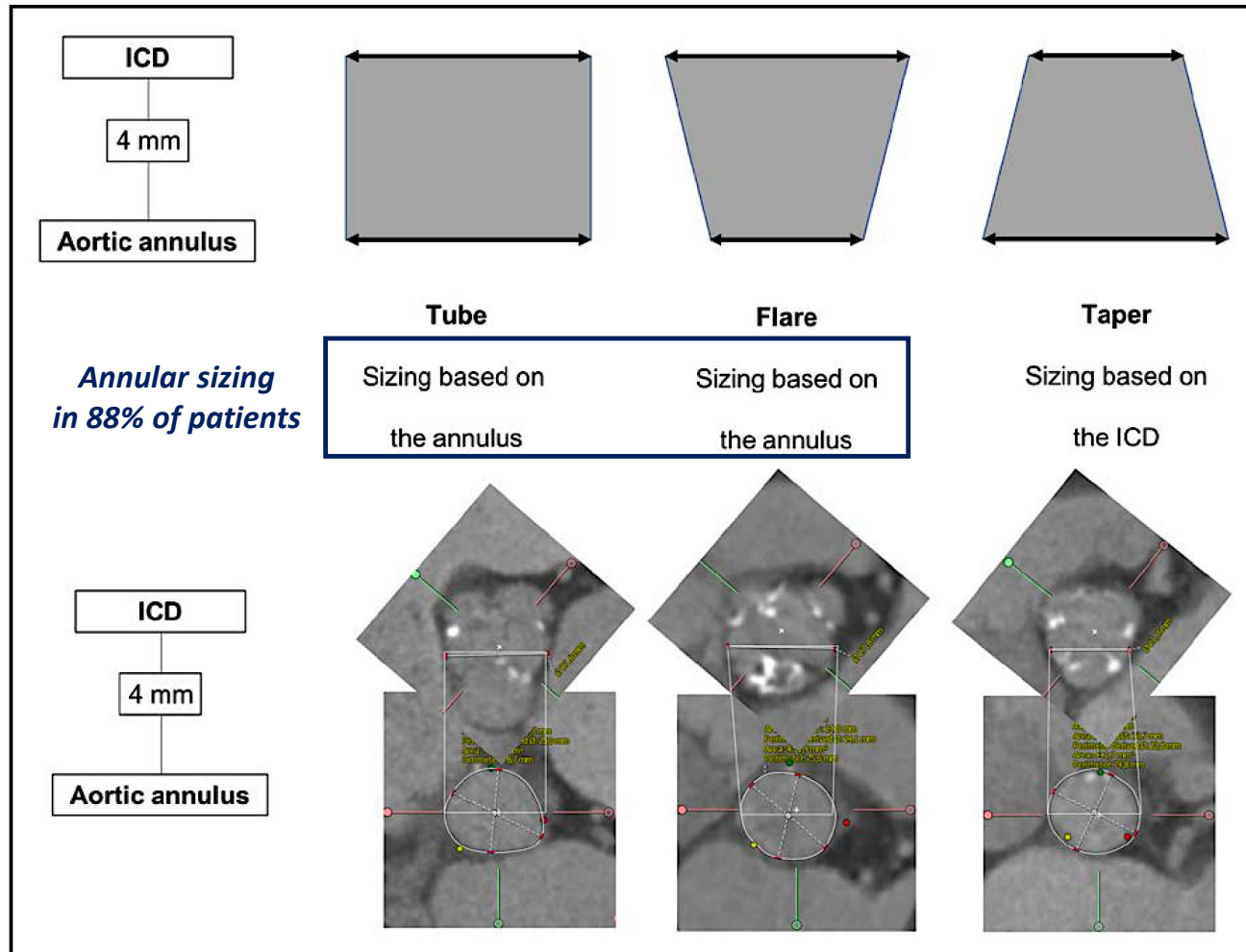
# Conclusions

- The Evolut Pro+ 34 mm achieves a hemodynamically optimal result despite:
  - Horizontal aorta
  - Severe, excentric calcification involving the LVOT

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# BAVARD sizing strategy – landing zone configuration



Various configuration of the landing zone in bicuspid patients and simplified sizing algorithm.



*Case-in-Point*  
**Challenging bicuspid AS  
for TAVI treatment**

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The Heart Center – Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark



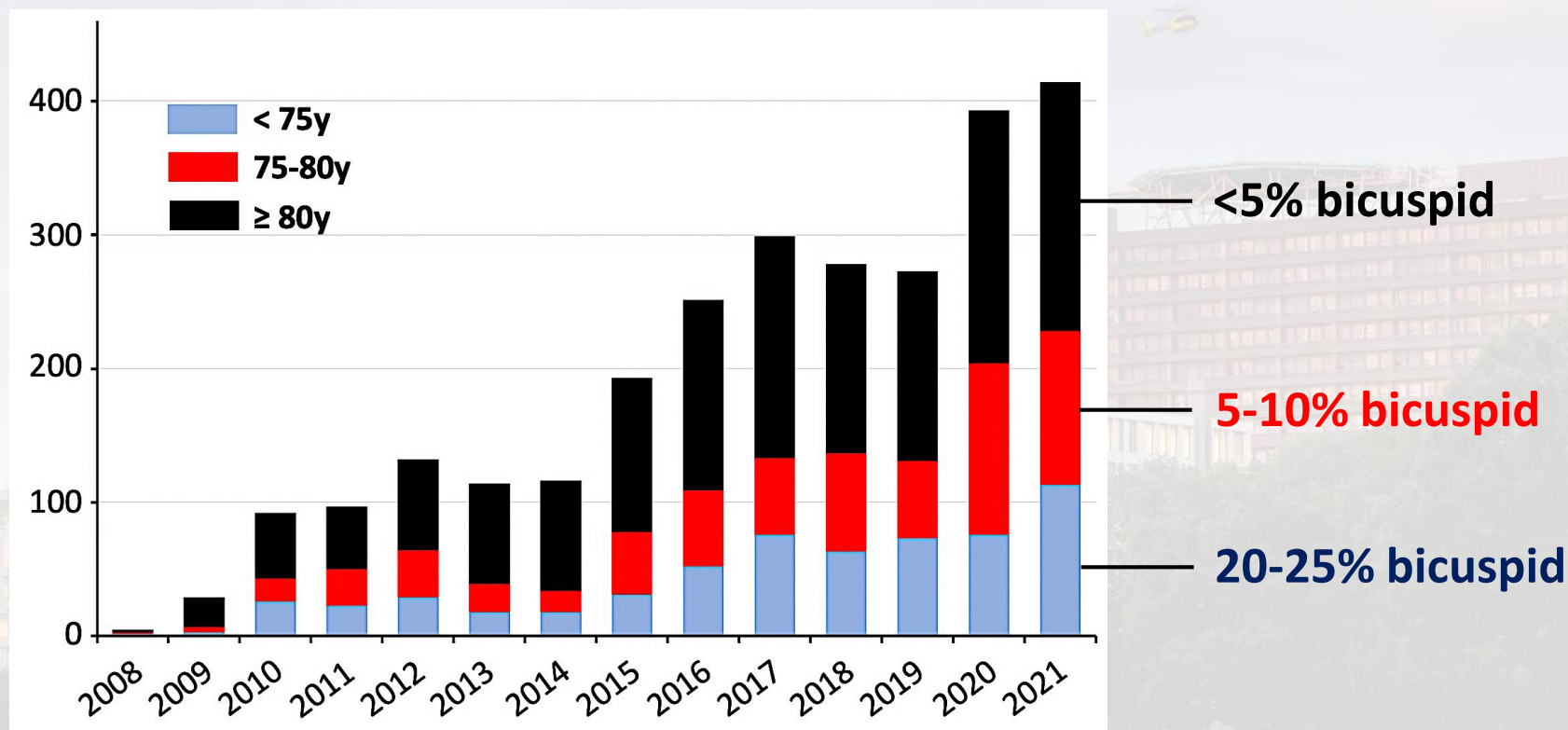
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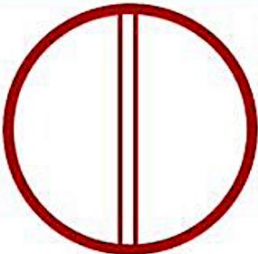
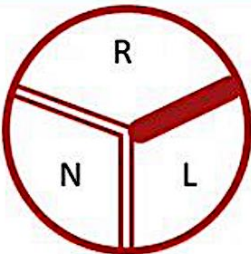
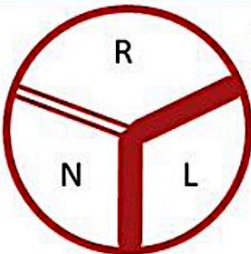





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# TAVI – bicuspid AS - Copenhagen

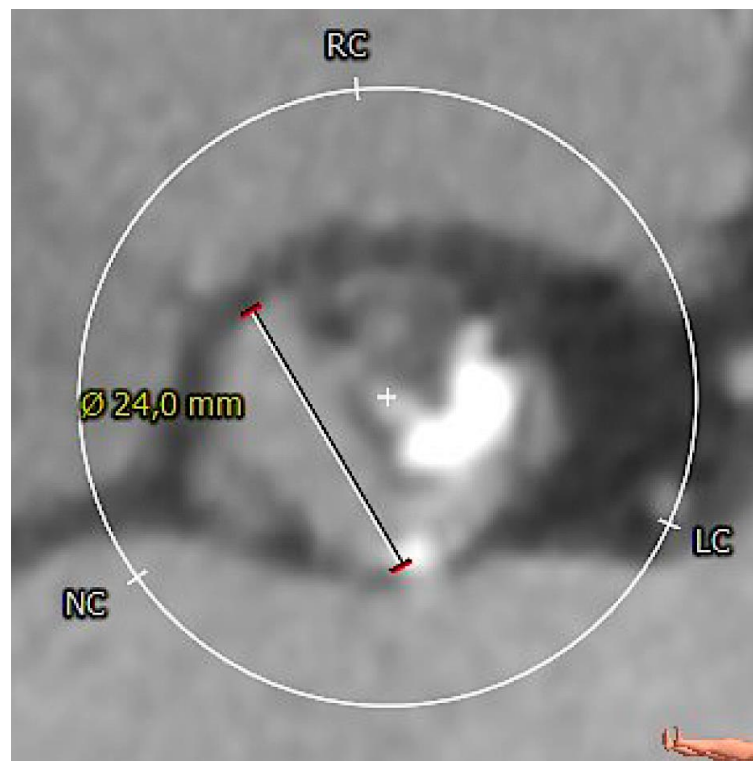


# Classification of BAV

Type 0 (0 raphe, true BAV)	Type 1 (1 raphe)	Type 2 (2 raphe)
 (6%)	 (89%)	 (5%)
 (4%) lat	<div> <div>  (71%) R-L           </div> <div>  (15%) R-N           </div> </div>	 (3%) L-N
 (2%) AP		(functionally unicuspid)

Adapted from Sievers HH et al. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2007;133:1226-1233.

# Challenging bicuspid AS for TAVI



*Bicuspid type 1 R-L fusion  
with asymmetric leaflet calcification*



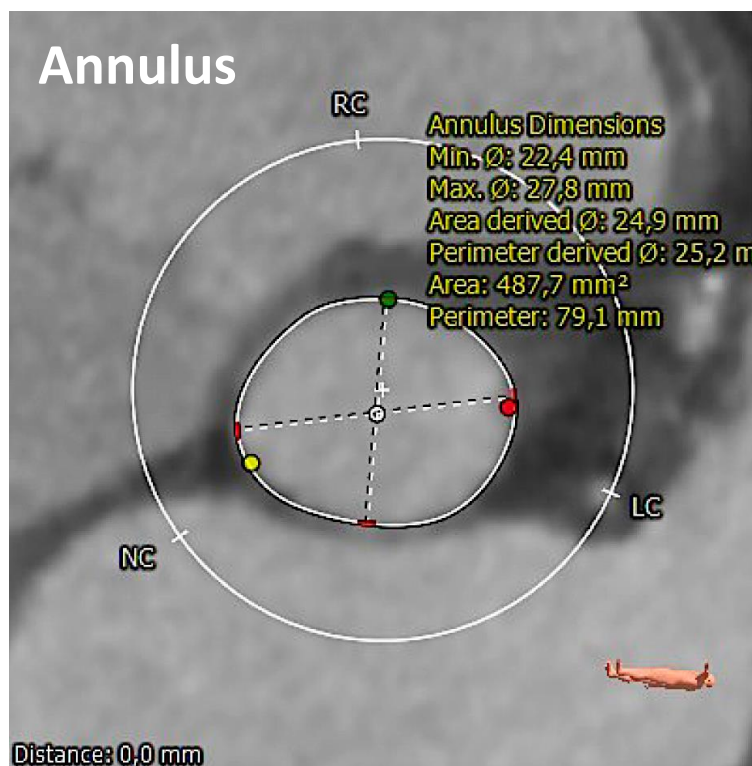
# Type 1 R-L fusion with asymmetric leaflet calcification

73-year old male

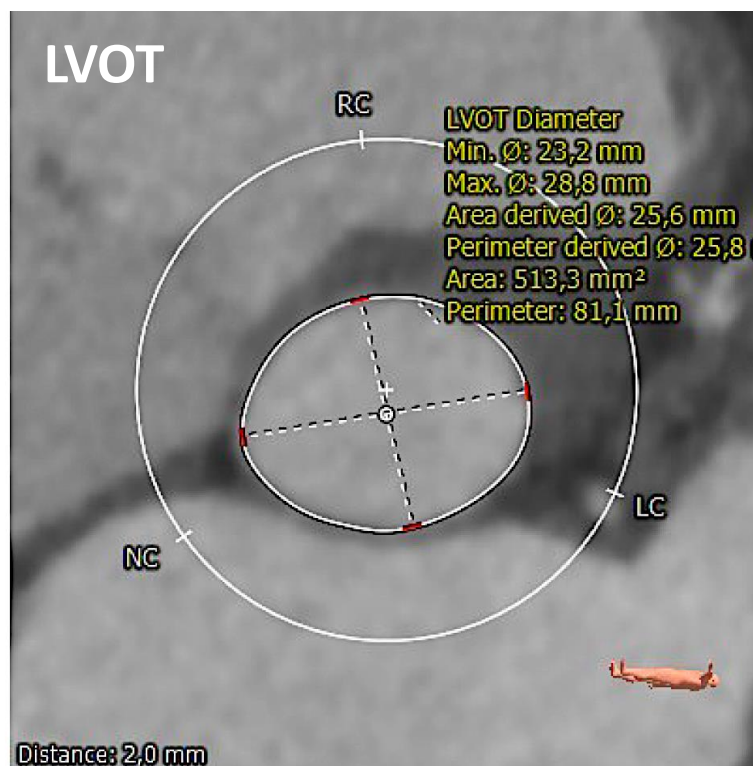
- Diabetes mellitus type 1
- 2002: CABG
- Atrial fibrillation
- TTE: LVEF 25%, peak/mean 45/26 mmHg
  - dobutamine-stress echo: 108/60 mmHg
- CAG: well-revascularized
- ECG: sinus rhythm, PR 174 ms, QRS 128 ms (LAH)

Presenting with severe AS, dyspnea NYHA 2b

# Type 1 R-L fusion with asymmetric leaflet calcification

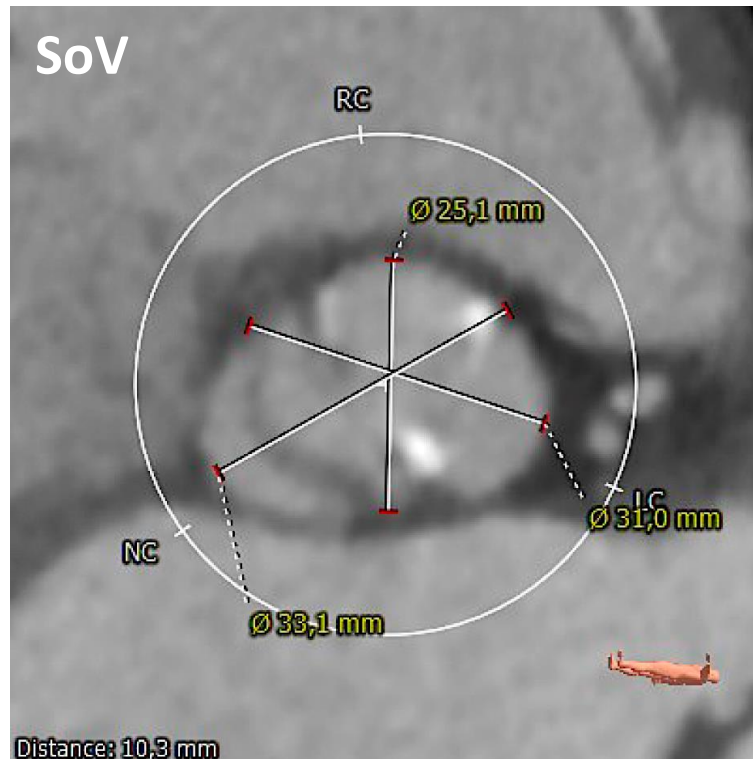


Perimeter: 79.1 mm



Perimeter: 81.1 mm

# Type 1 R-L fusion with asymmetric leaflet calcification



25 x 31 x 33 mm

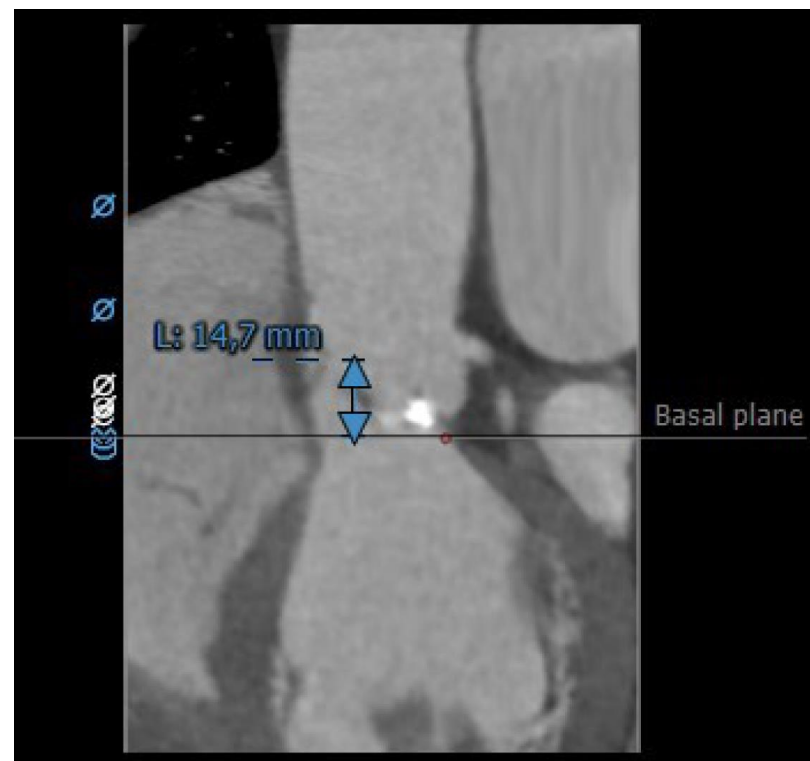


28 x 28 mm

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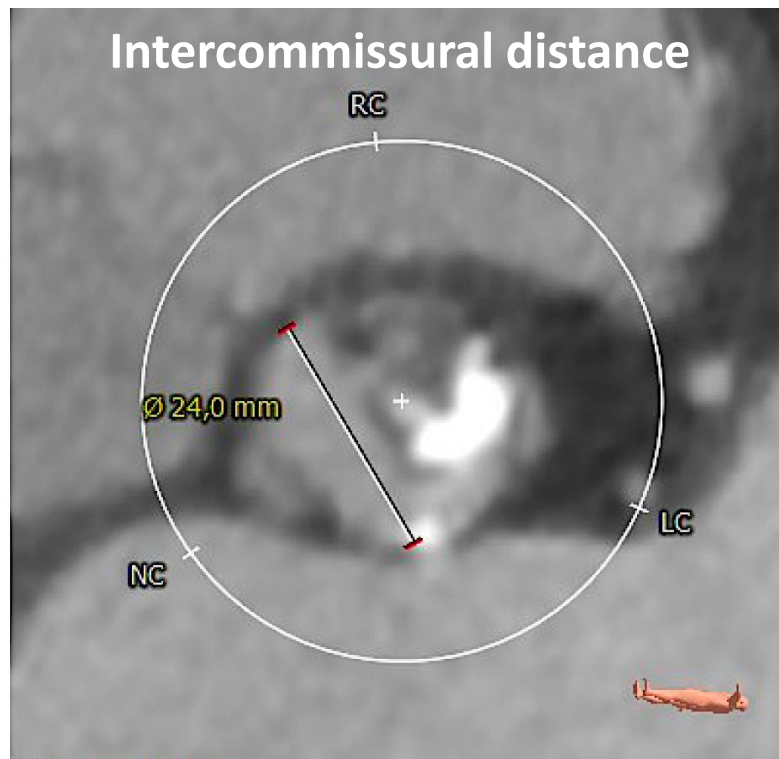


RCA height: 17.0 mm

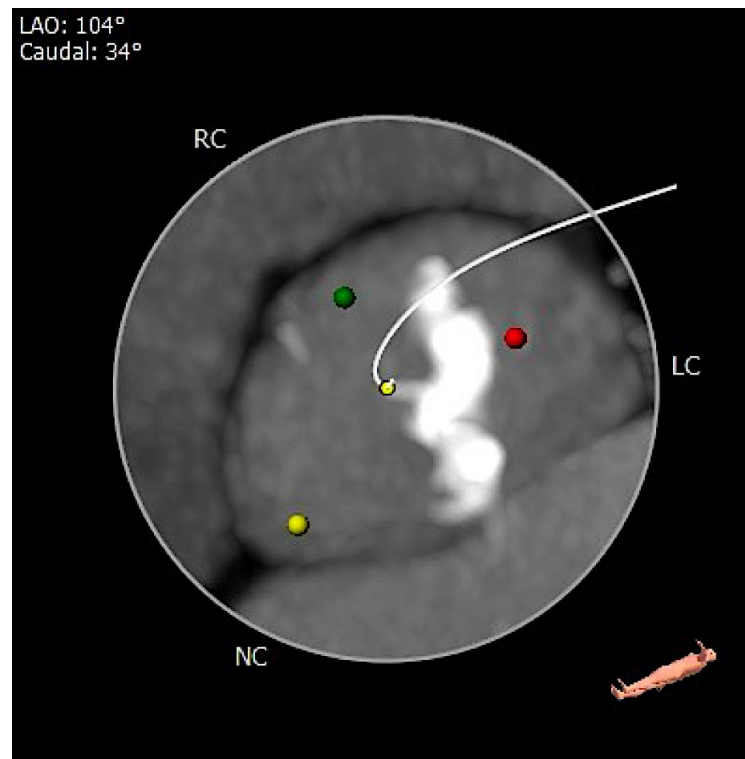


LCA height: 14.7 mm

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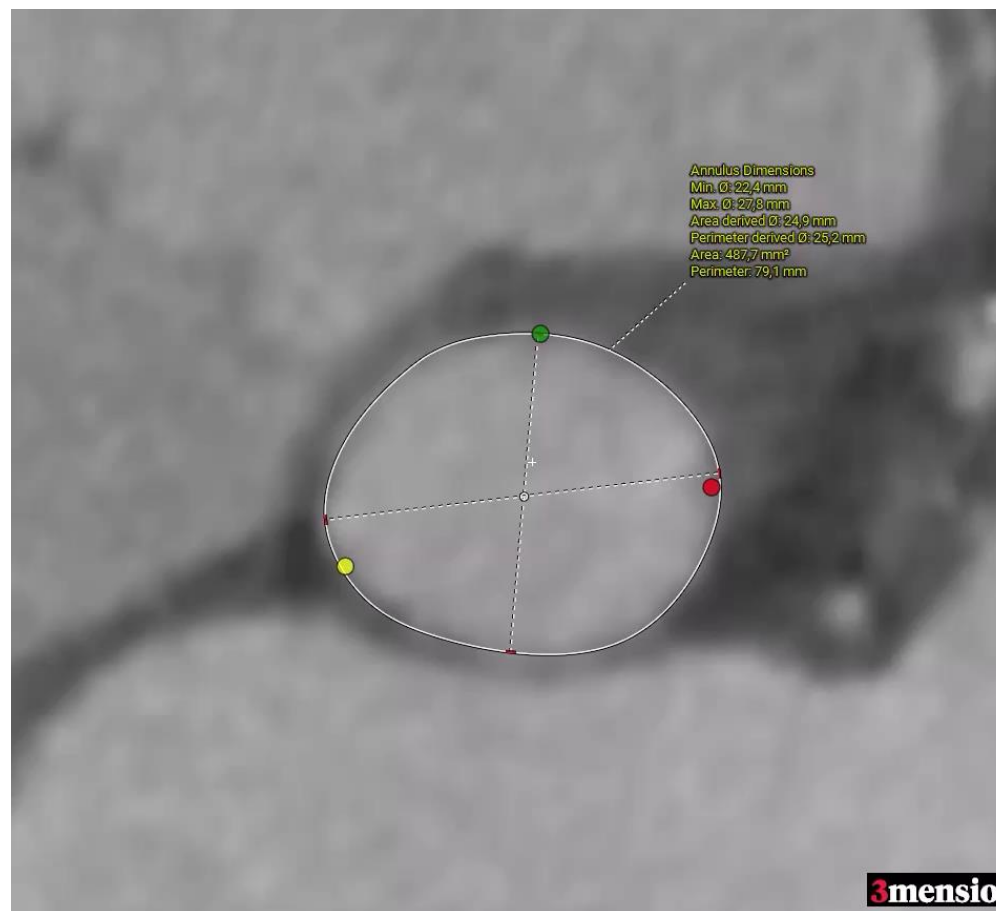


ICD (+4 mm): 24.0 mm



Asymmetric calcification

# CT scrolling technique

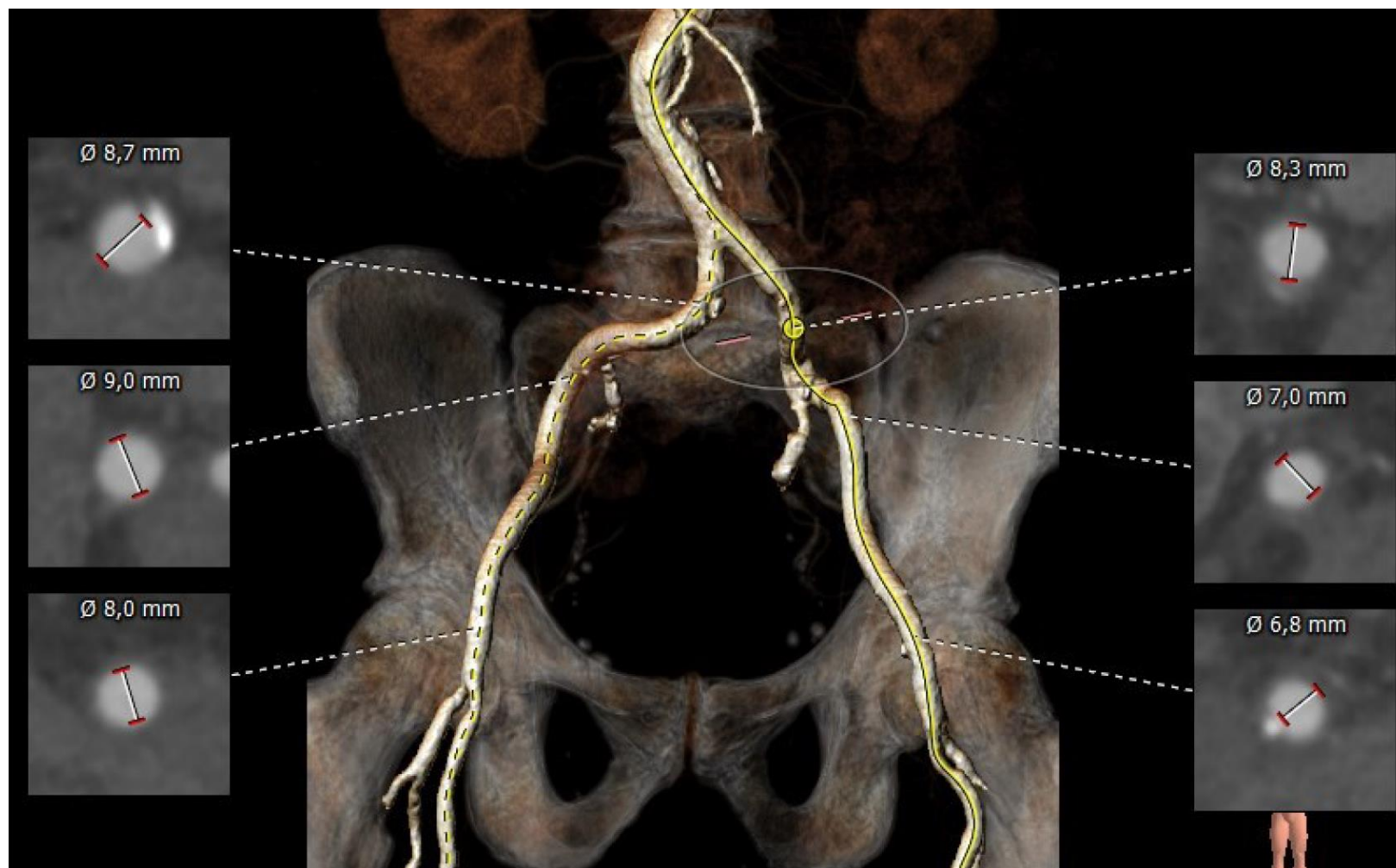




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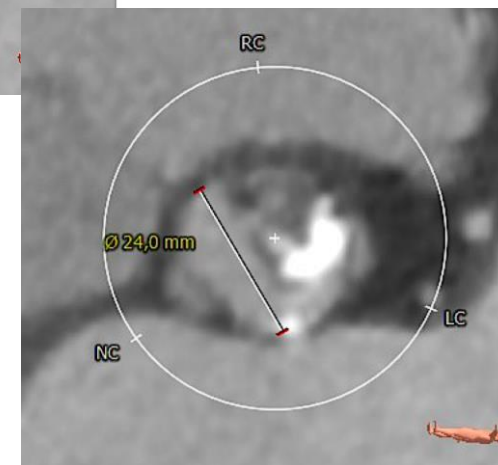




## CASE SUMMARY

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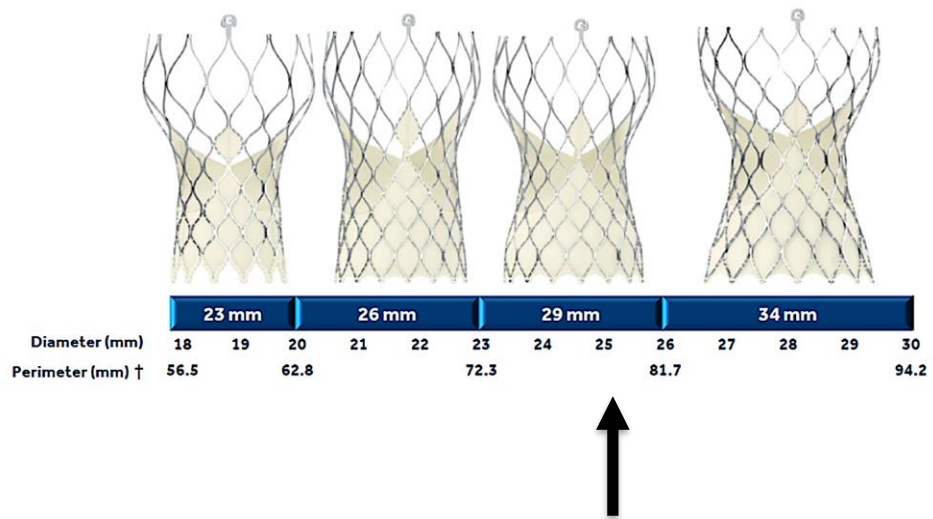
- Diabetes mellitus type 1
- Prior CABG
- Atrial fibrillation
- LVEF 25%, severe AS



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- Bicuspid type 1 R-L fusion
  - Severely calcified raphe
  - Asymmetric leaflet calcification

# TAVI in bicuspid AS – THV sizing dilemma

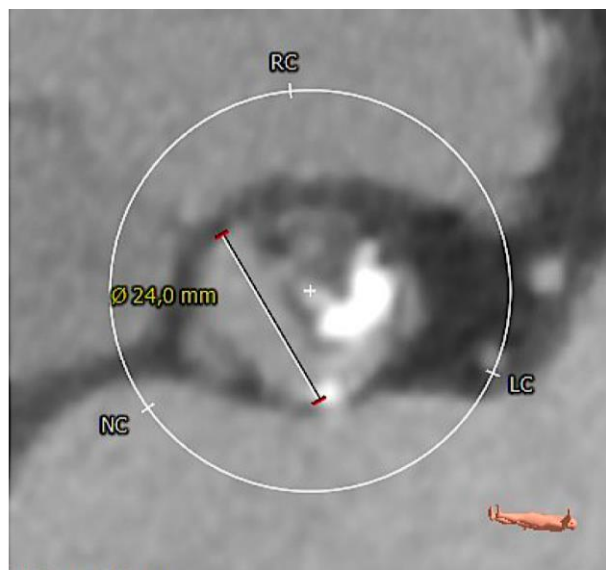
## Annulus-based sizing



**Evolut PRO+  
29 mm**

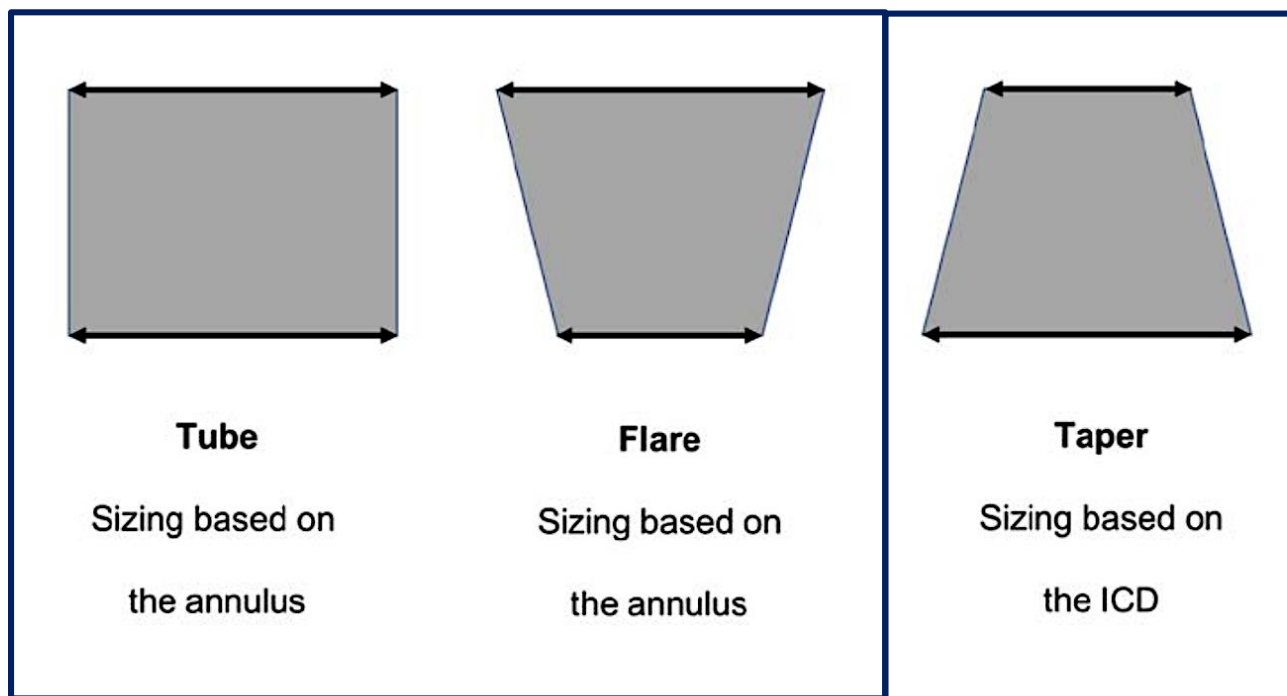
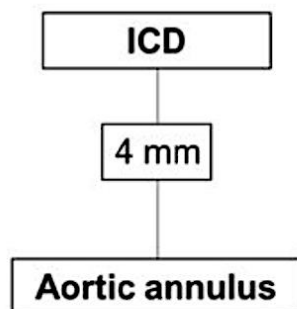
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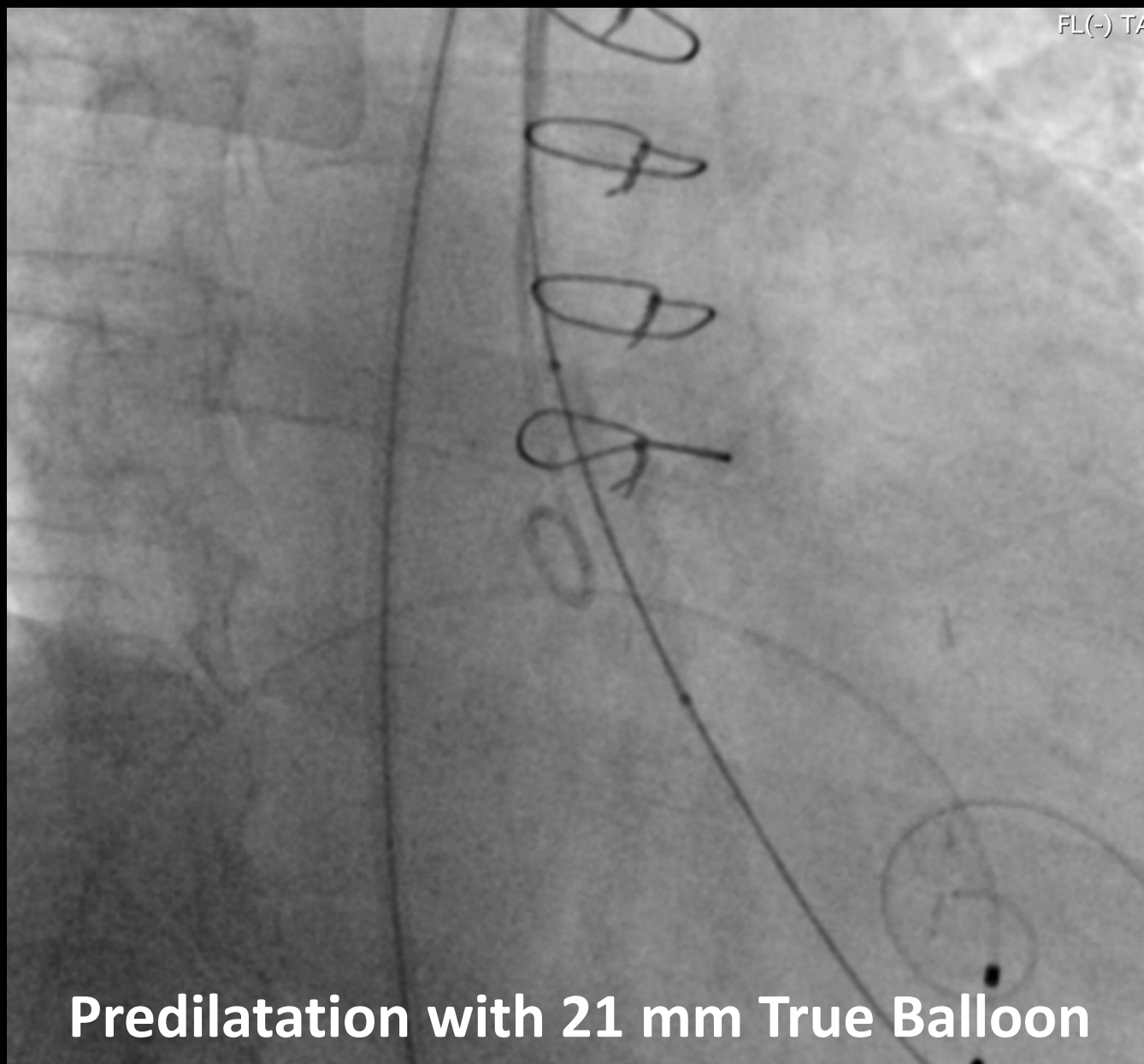


**Evolut PRO+  
26 mm**

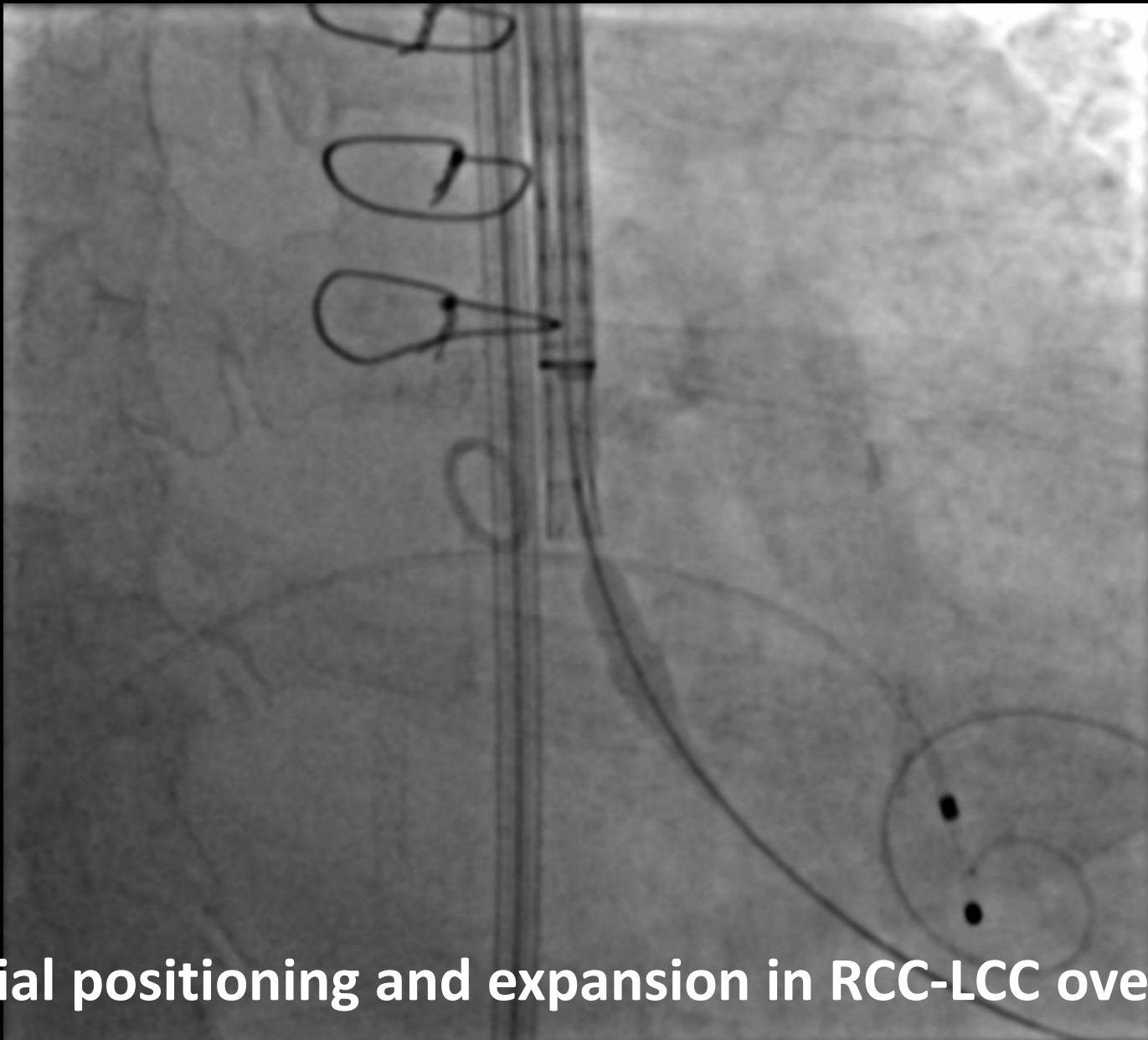
# BAVARD sizing strategy – landing zone configuration



*Annular sizing in 88% of patients*



**Predilatation with 21 mm True Balloon**

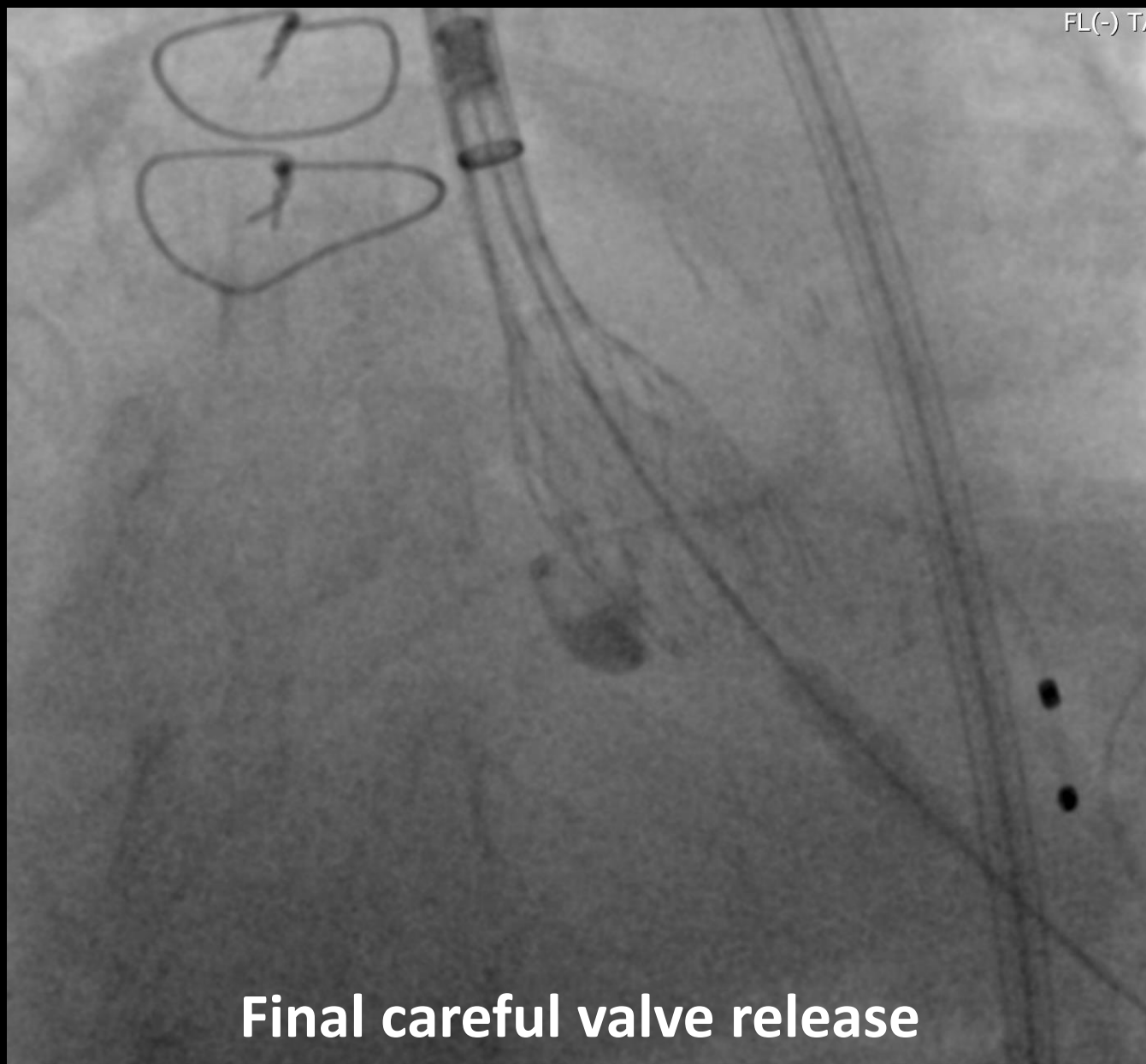


**Initial positioning and expansion in RCC-LCC overlap**



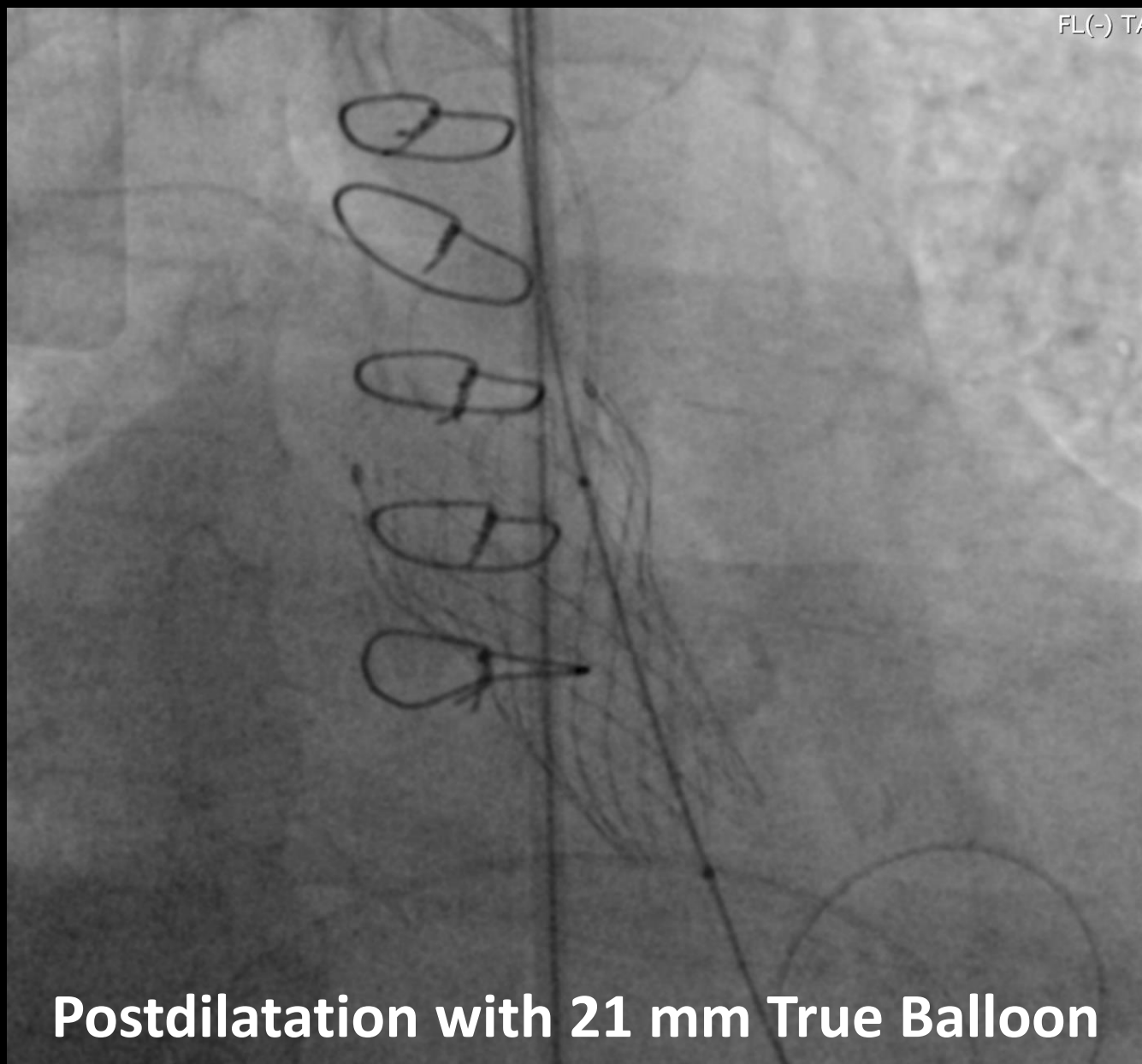


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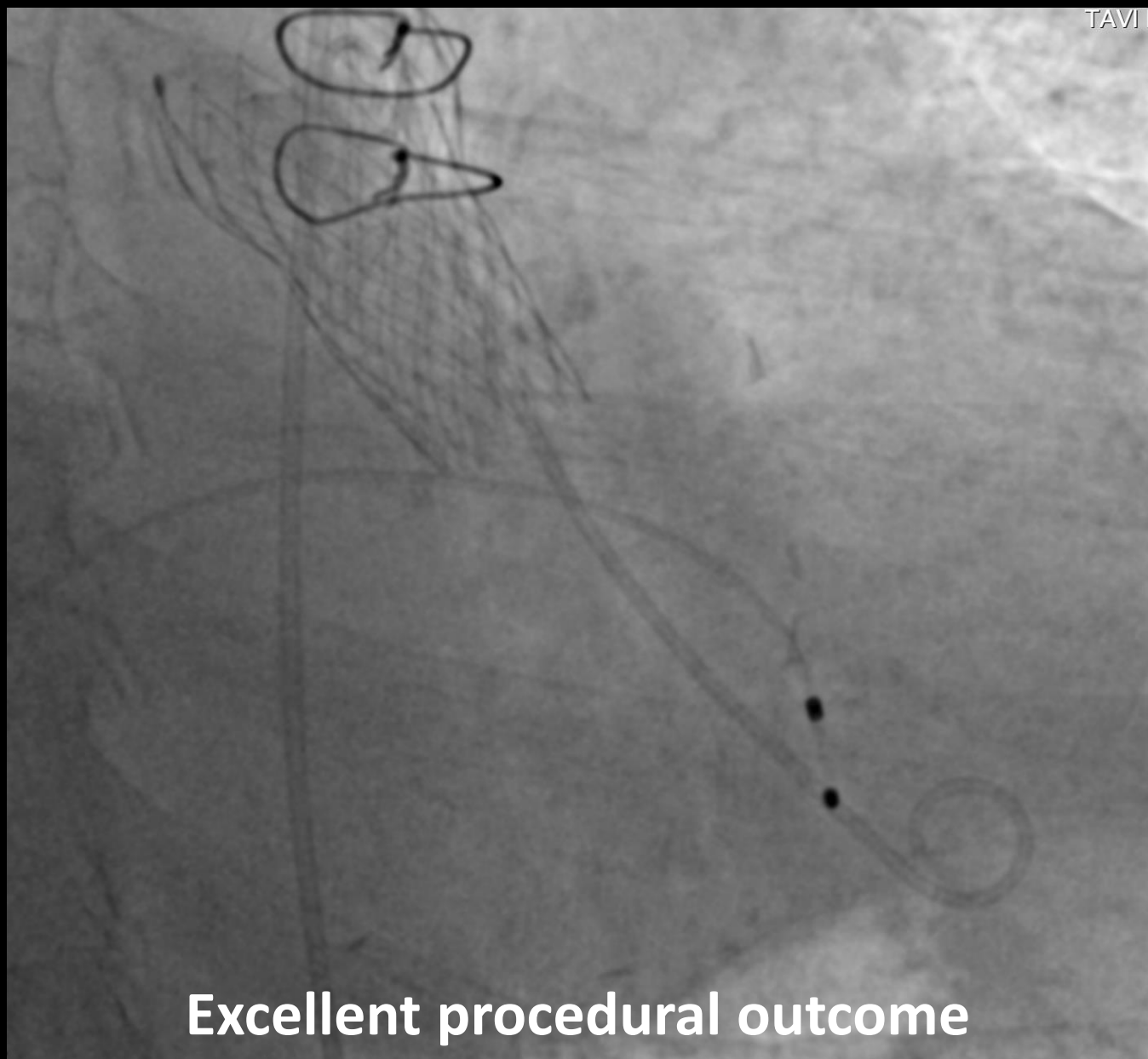
**Final careful valve release**

FL(-) TA



**Postdilatation with 21 mm True Balloon**





**Excellent procedural outcome**

## BAV-Evolut - clinical outcome

Excellent procedural and clinical outcome

- ✓ No procedural complications
- ✓ TTE +1 day: - mean gradient 7 mmHg
  - trace PVL
  - LVEF 30%
- ✓ ECG: AF (70 bpm), QRS 108 ms

**Next-day discharge** homewards in good clinical condition

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# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation in a patient with small anatomy

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Professor of Interventional Cardiology, University of Leeds, UK



# Potential conflicts of interest

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# Case Presentation

89 year old male

Hypertension

Permanent atrial fibrillation

Chronic kidney disease (eGFR 20)

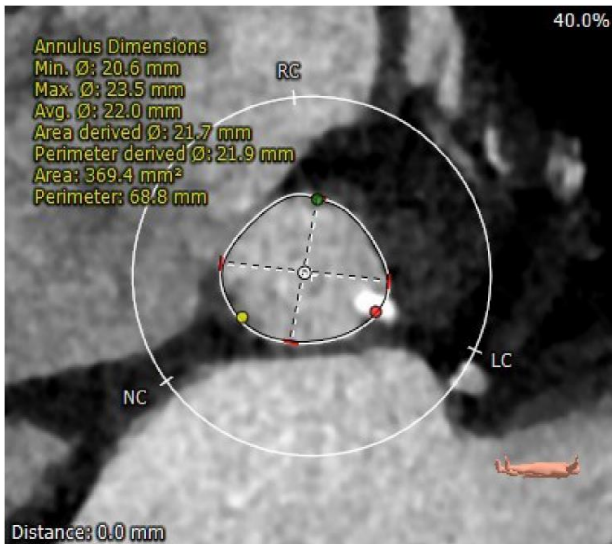
Height 1.60m, weight 71 kg, BSA 1.8 m<sup>2</sup>

Peak velocity 4.4 m/s, mean gradient 46mmHg, AVA 0.42 cm<sup>2</sup>

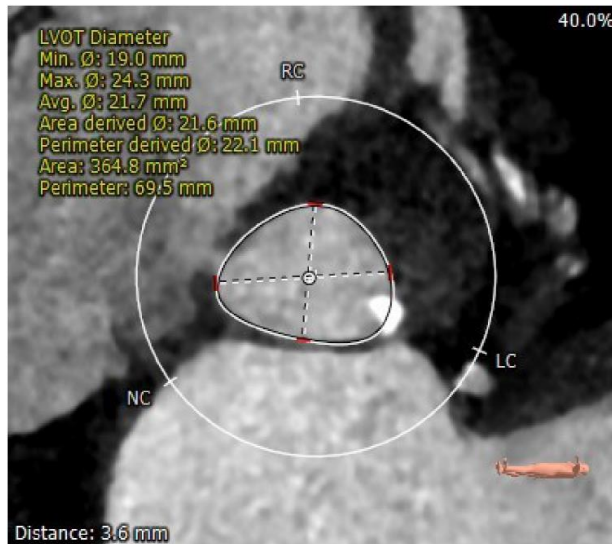
LV systolic function normal

NYHA 3 breathlessness; No chest pain/presyncope/syncope

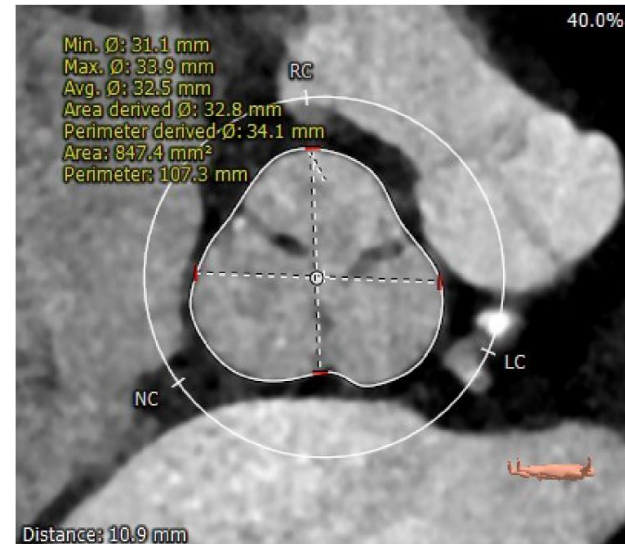
# CT 3mensio analysis



Annulus  
Perimeter 66.8mm (21.9mm)  
Area 369mm<sup>2</sup>(21.7mm)



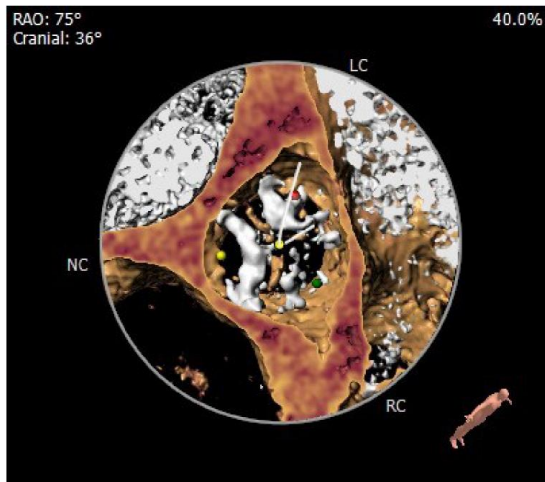
LVOT  
Perimeter 69.5mm (22.1mm)  
Area 365mm<sup>2</sup>(21.6mm)



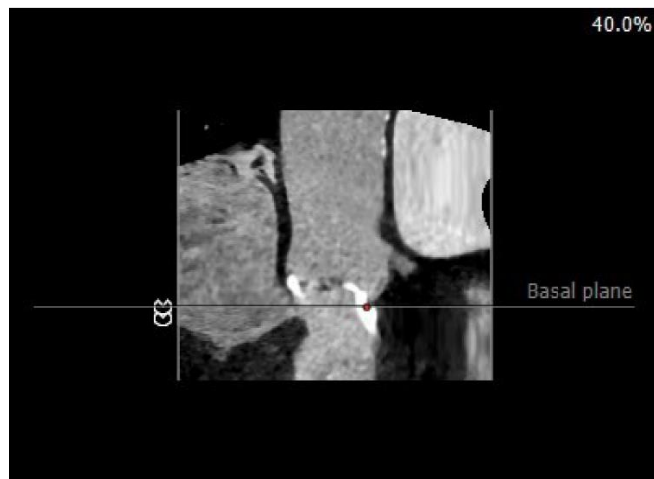
SOV  
Average diameter 32.5mm



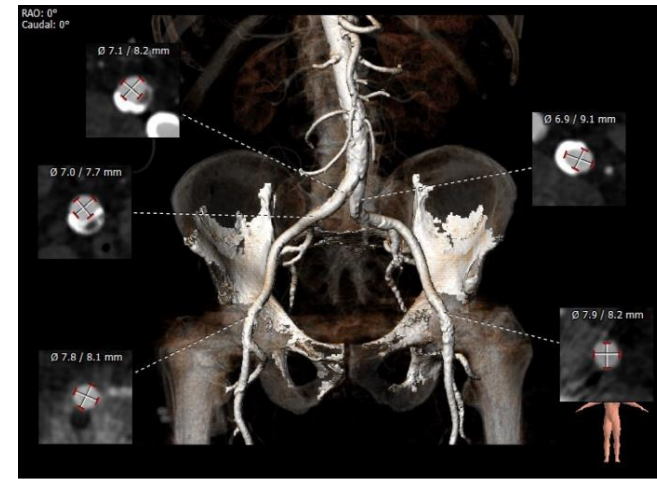
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Severe cusp calcification



Severe LVOT calcification to 10mm



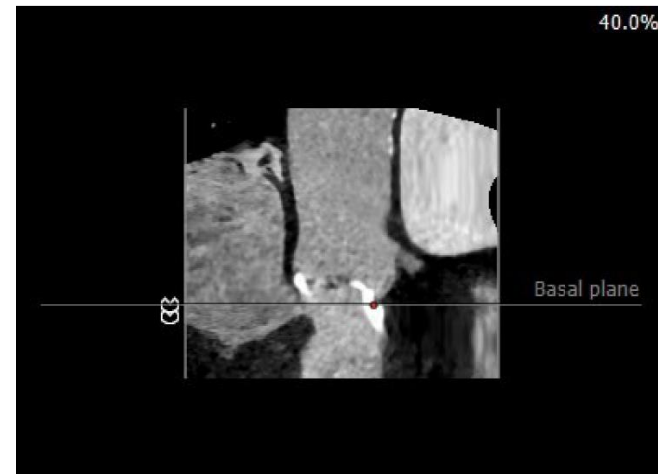
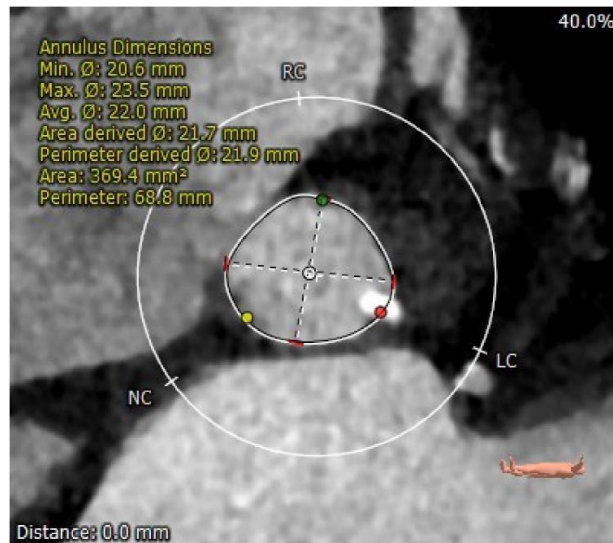
Good access vessels

# Summary

89 year old male of average size (BSA 1.8m<sup>2</sup>) with severe symptomatic AS

Small annulus with protuberant bar of LVOT calcification

Diffuse 3-vessel coronary calcification on TAVI CT. No chest pain



# Procedural Strategy

Supra-annular self-expanding Evolut Pro Plus 26mm

Cautious pre-dilatation

High threshold for post-dilatation

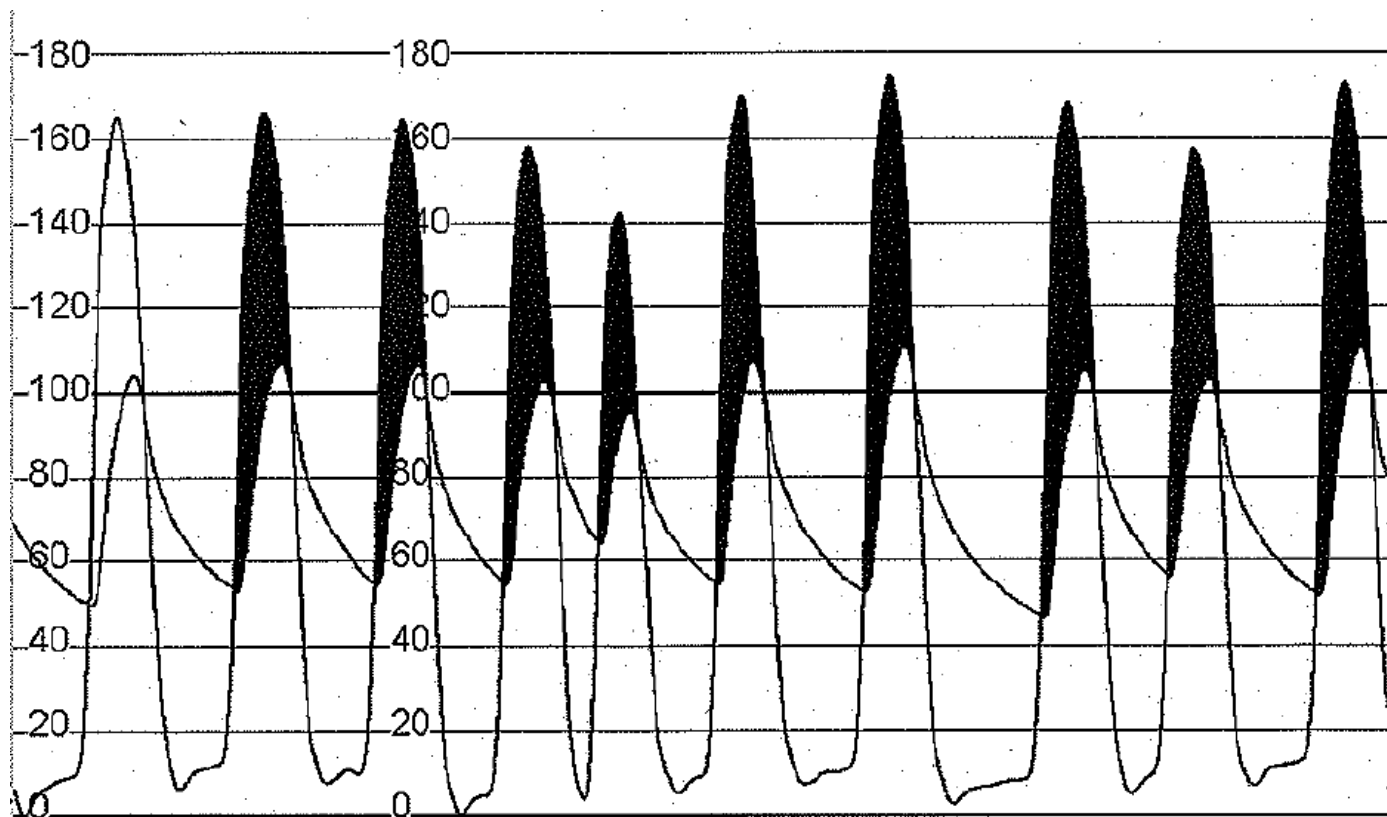
No invasive coronary angiography / revascularisation

Commissural alignment to preserve coronary access

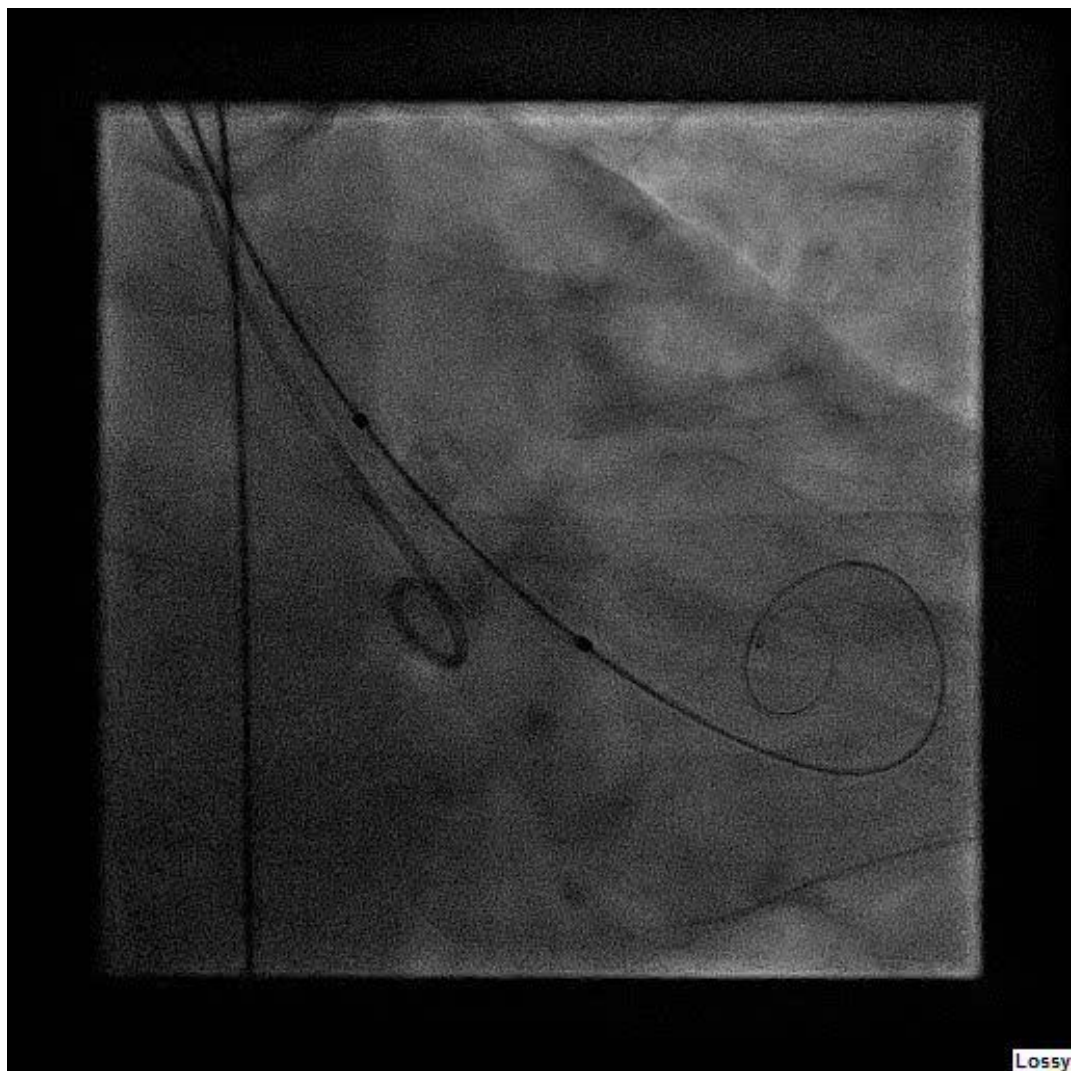
Not recruited to SMART trial due to risk of annular rupture with BEV

Recruited to BHF-PROTECT CEP Trial – randomised to control

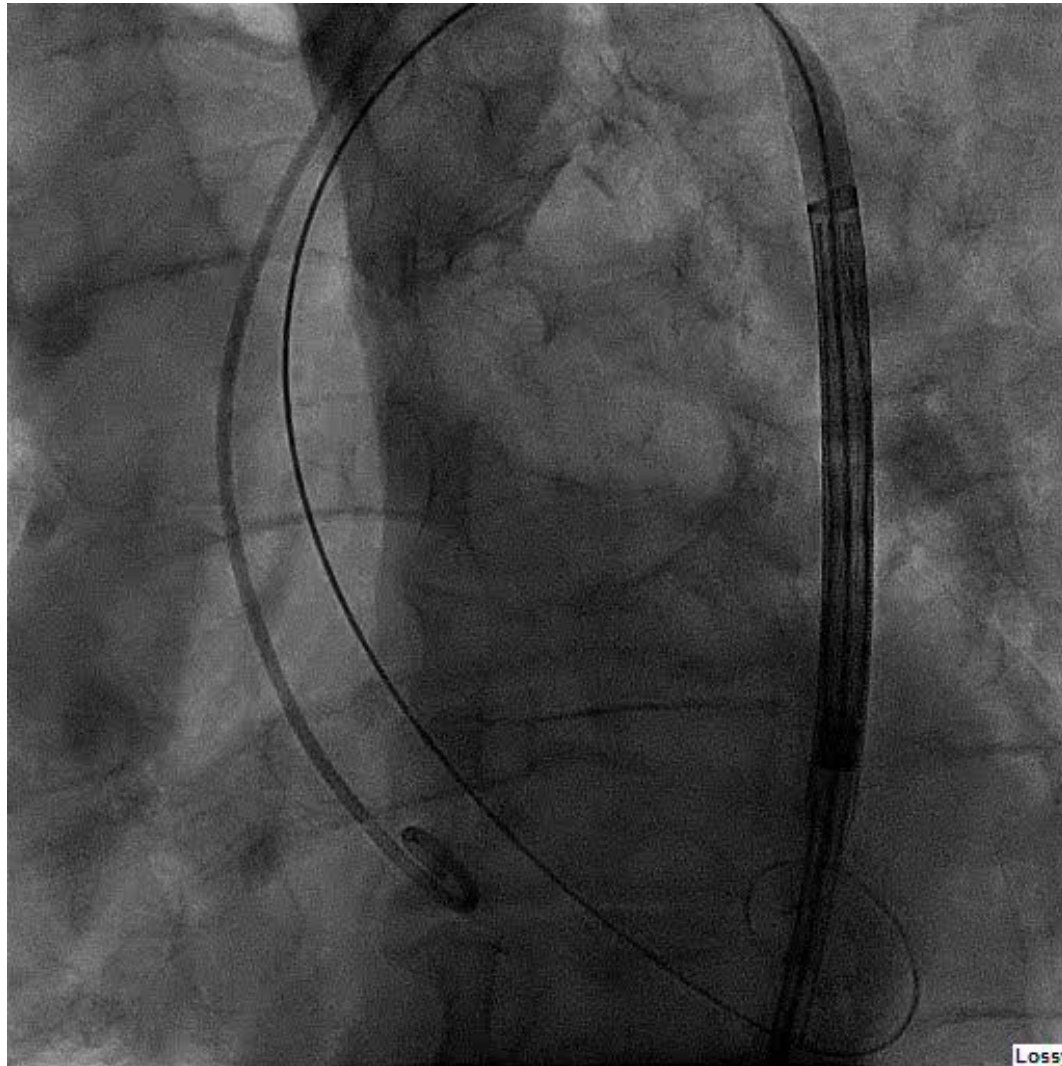
# Pre-TAVI invasive haemodynamics



# Balloon pre-dilatation with an 18mm balloon

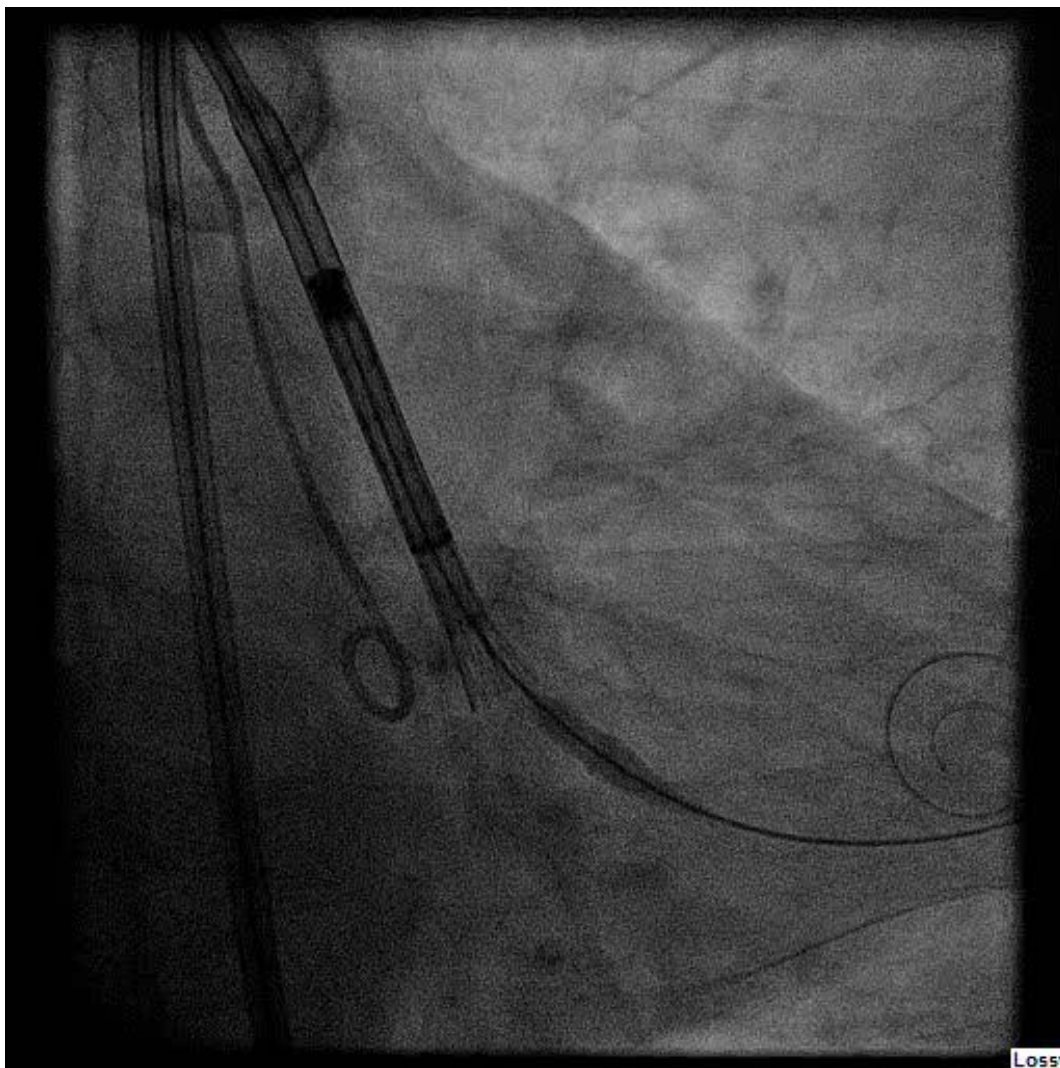


# Traversing the arch with the 'Half-hat' marker on the outer curve in the LAO projection to optimise commissural alignment



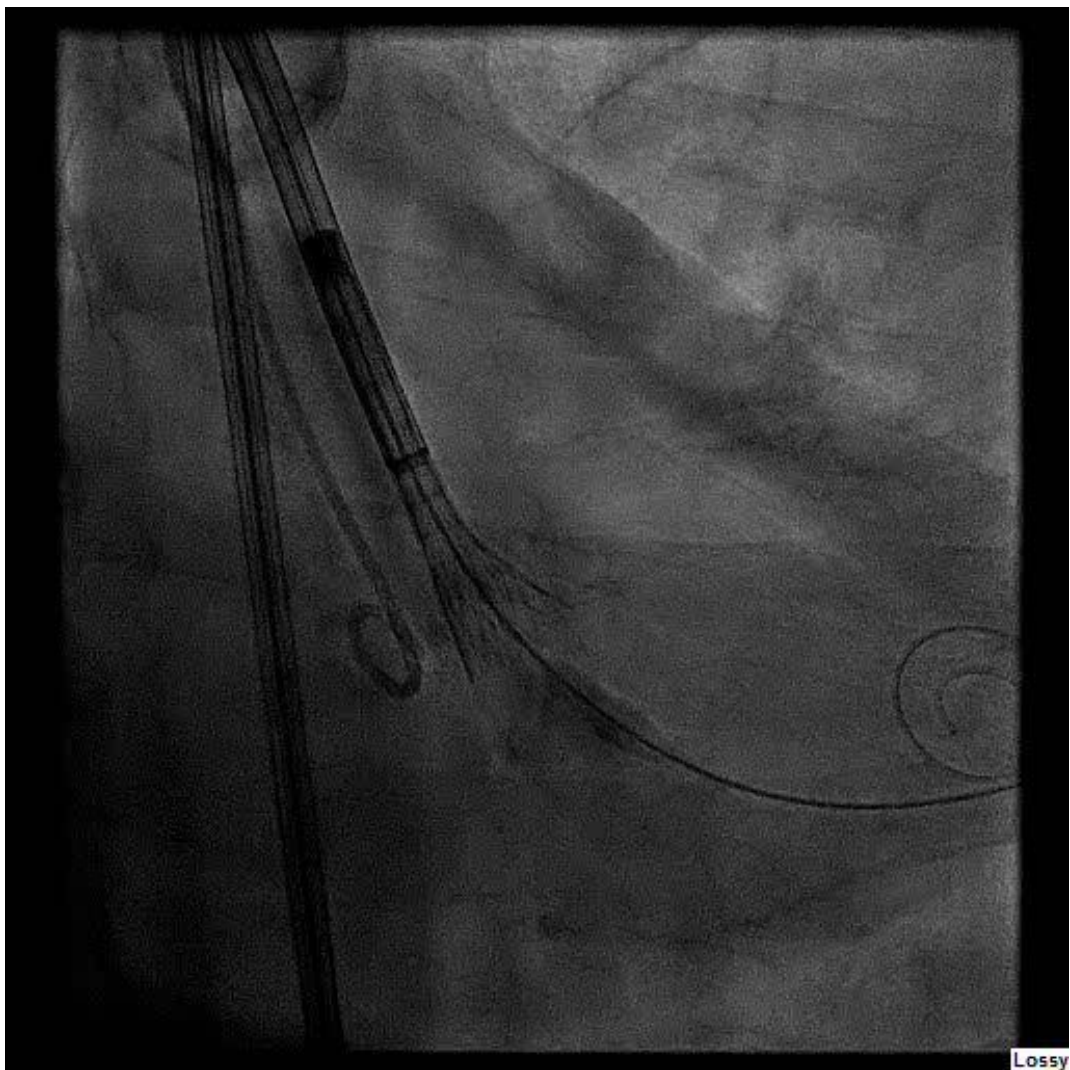


# High deployment using the RAO Caudal cusp overlap projection

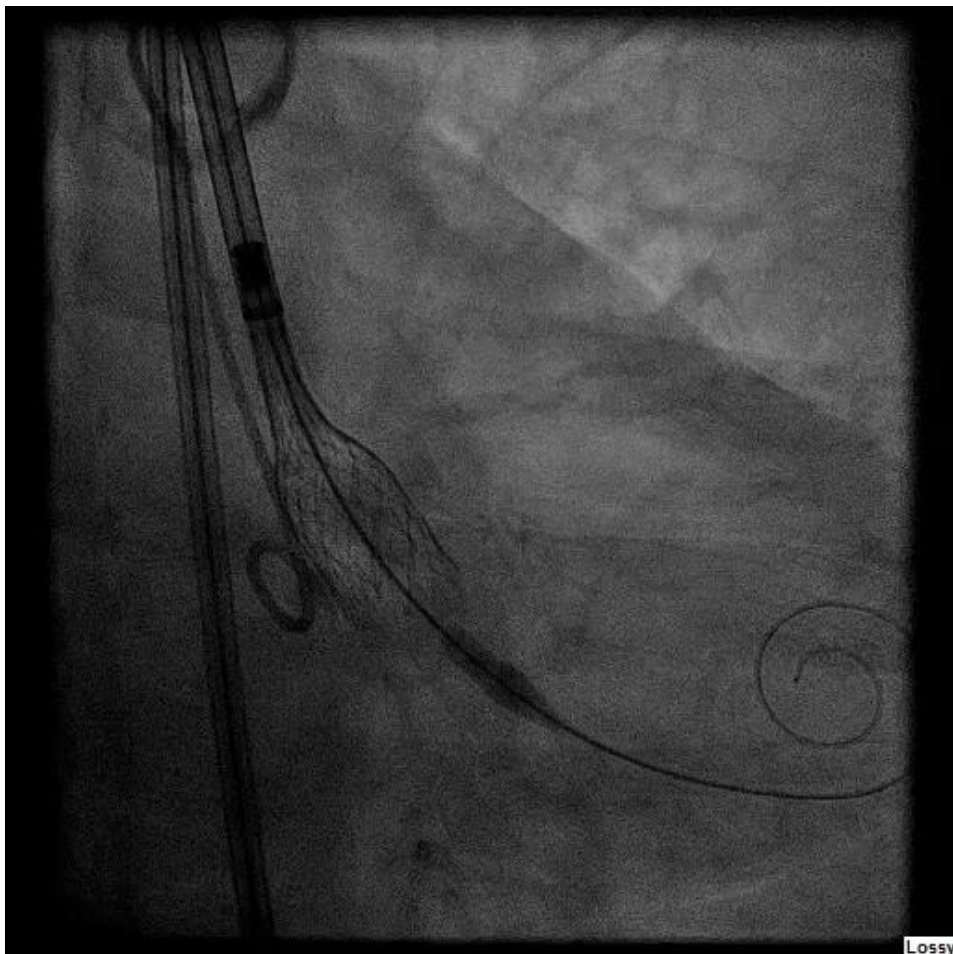




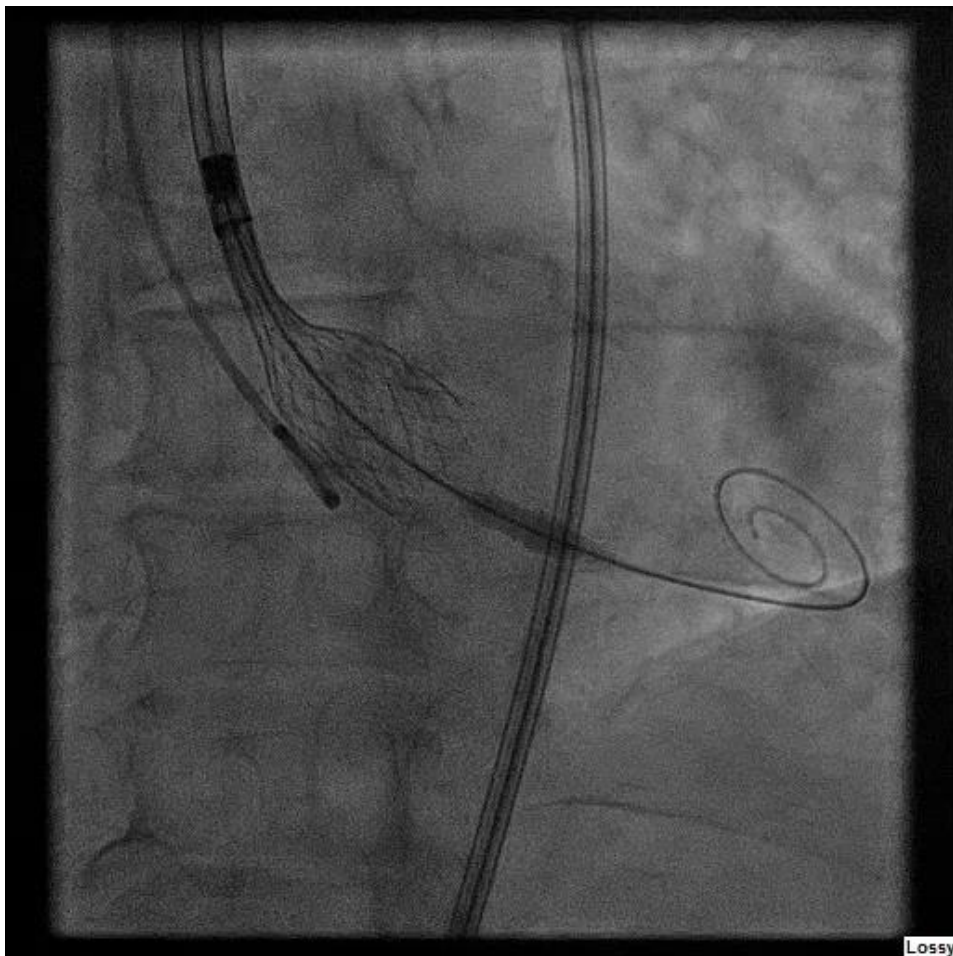
# Deployment in the cusp overlap projection with rapid pacing



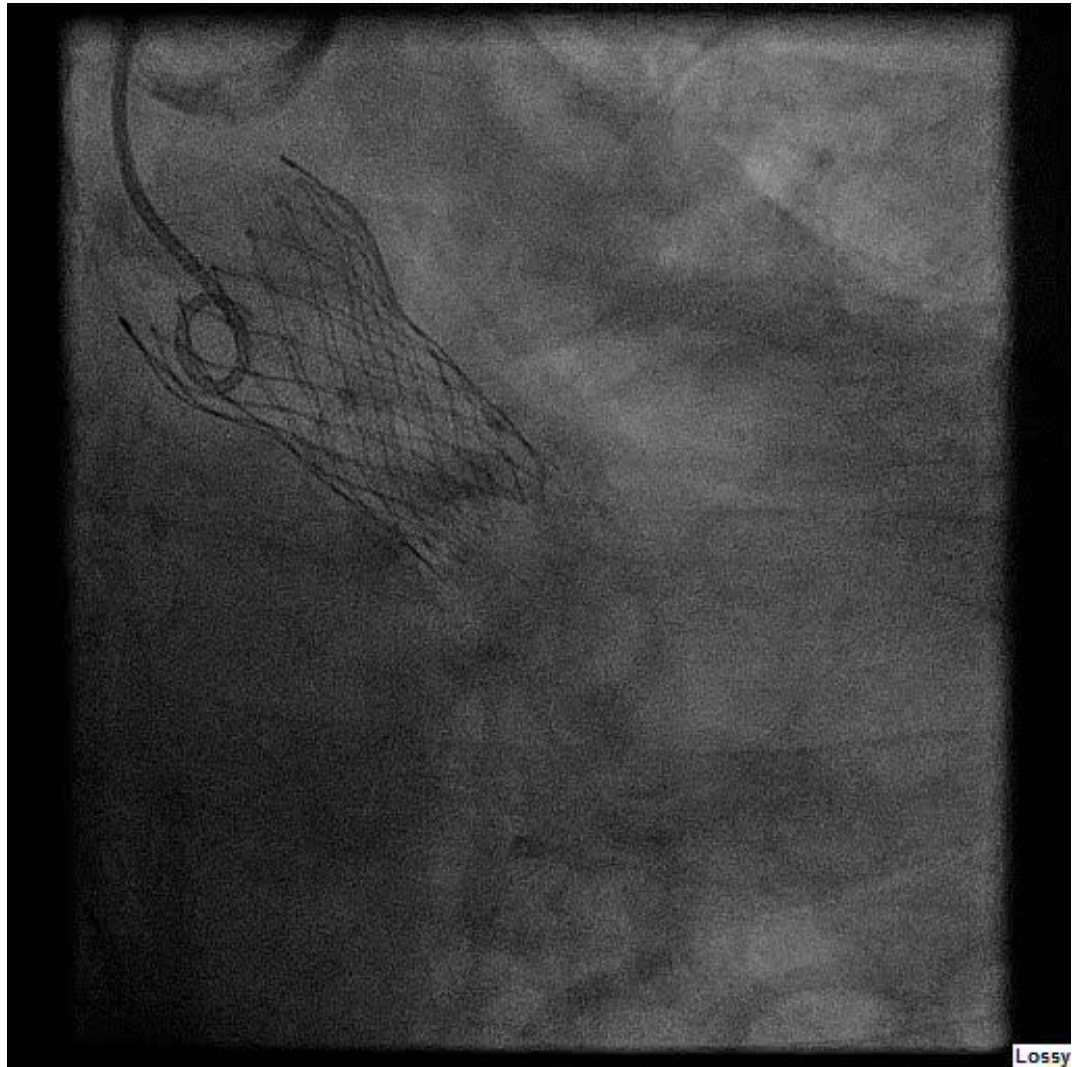
# Pre-release position check versus NCC in cusp overlap projection



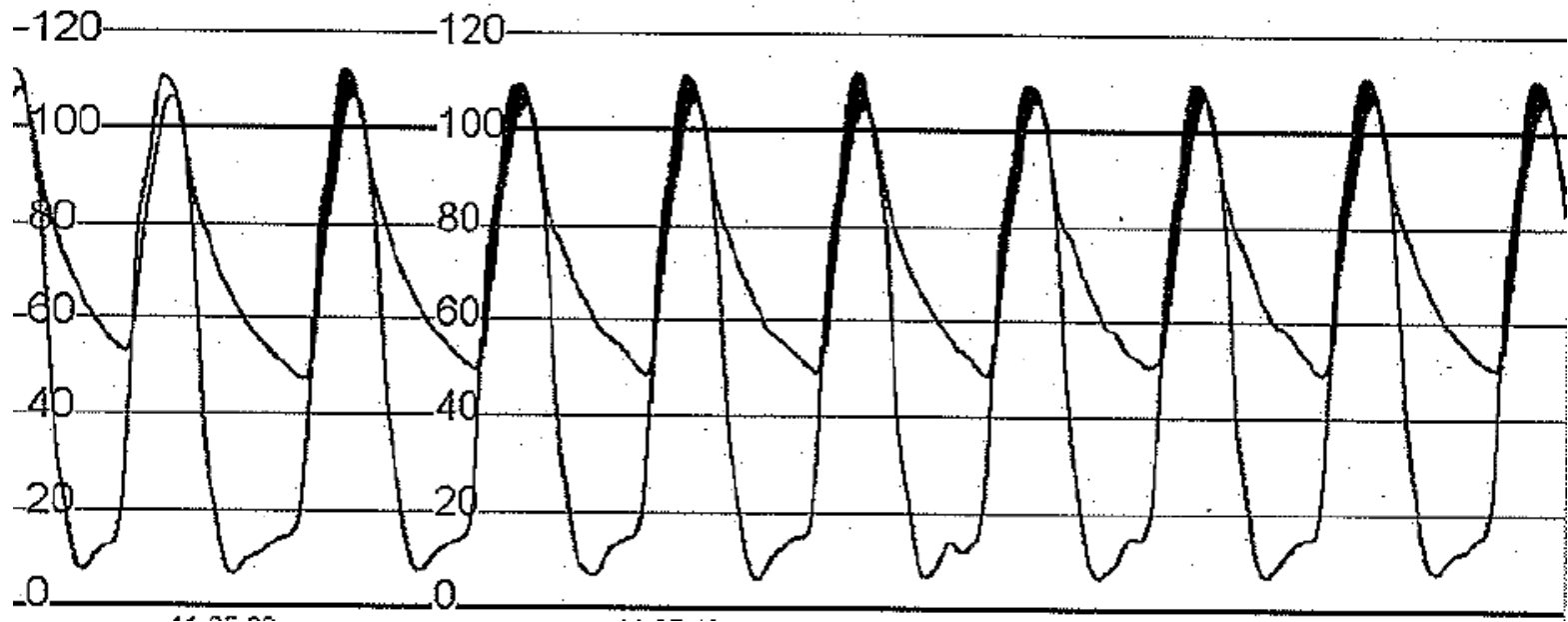
# Pre-release position check versus LCC in LAO projection



Final result. High position; trivial AR; Confirmation of commissural alignment by 'C-tab' positioned on inner curve in cusp overlap projection.



# Final invasive haemodynamics



# Outcome

Uncomplicated recovery

New borderline LBBB (QRS 122ms)

Discharged post-TAVI day 2

Pre-discharge echocardiogram

Trivial AR

Peak velocity 1.5 m/s; Mean gradient 5,  
AVA 2.3cm<sup>2</sup>

Indexed AVA 1.3cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> - no PPM

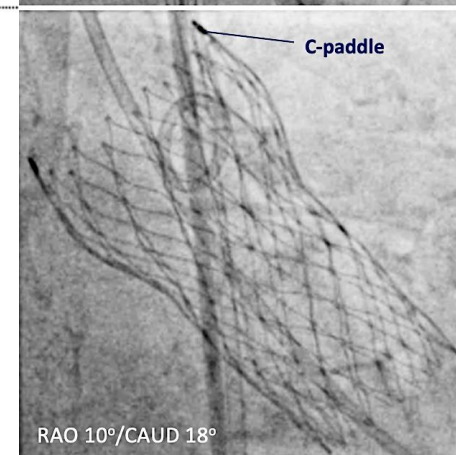
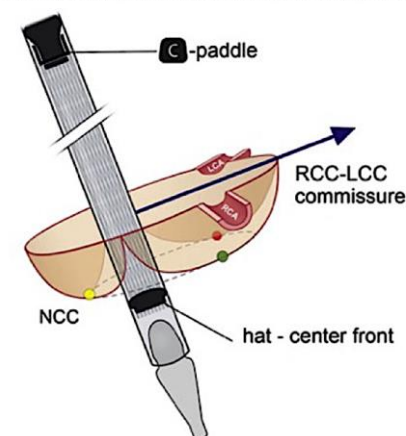
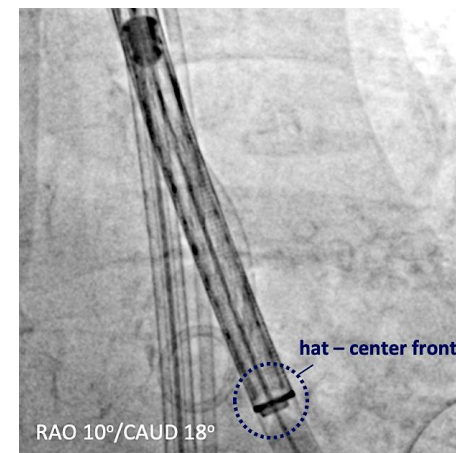
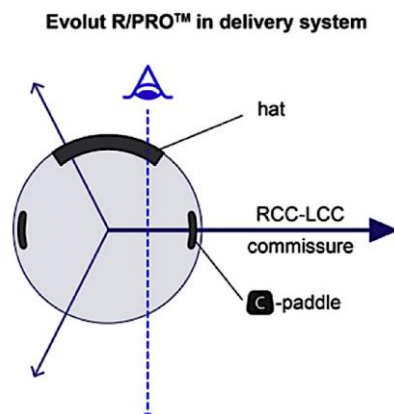
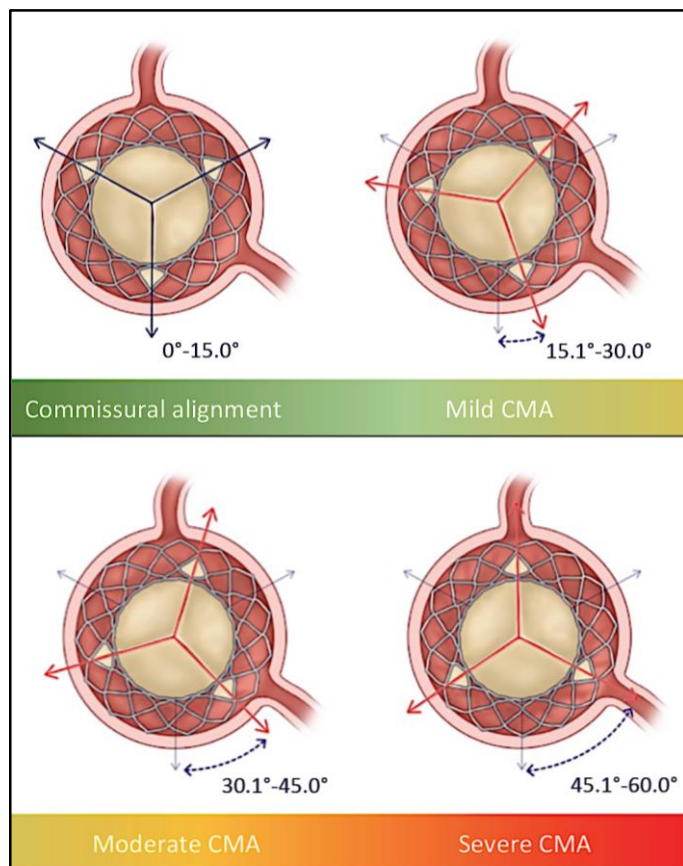
Asymptomatic at follow-up 8 weeks

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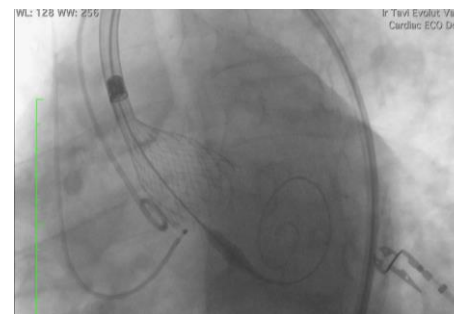
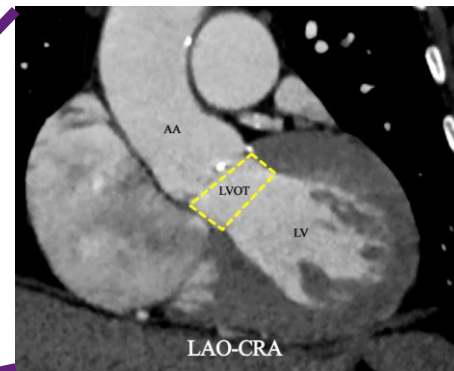
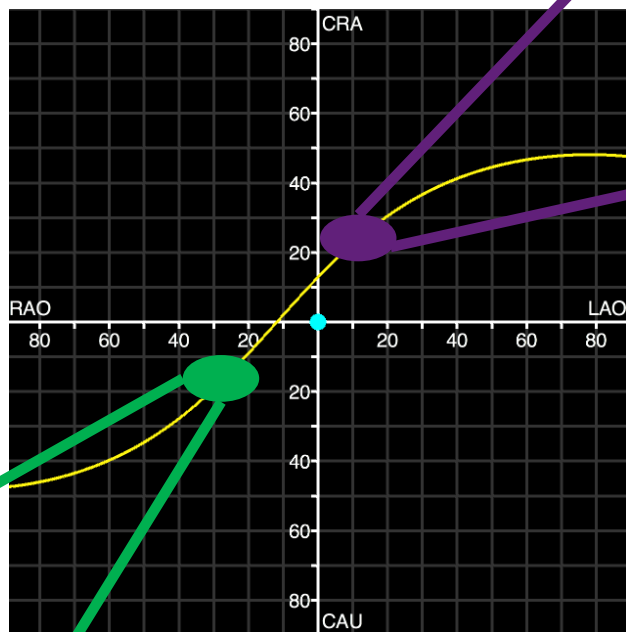
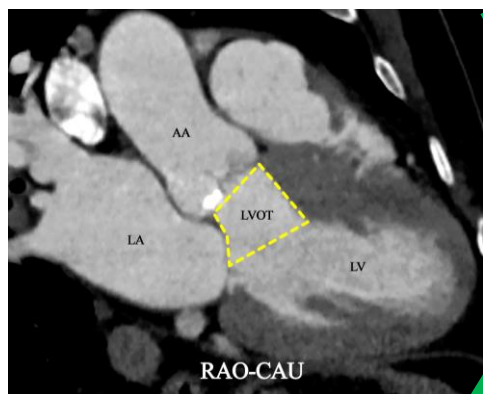
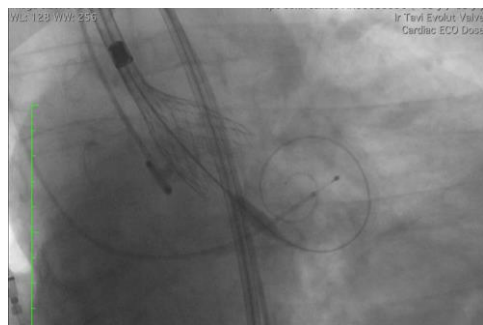


# Commissural alignment with Evolut THV



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# Cusp Overlap technique



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