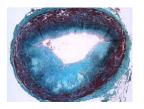
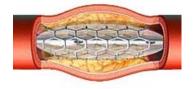


Research Activities in Balloon Angioplasty





The NRC research group in balloon angioplasty develop leading edge technologies for the balloon angioplasty intervention and the design of related cardiovascular devices.

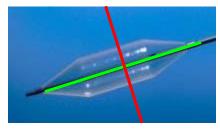
Overview

Innovative tools are being developed to:

- optimise balloon/stent materials and design
- assist the cardiologist in planning the intervention

in order to address the following needs:

- control balloon failure
- balloon/stent miniaturization
- control restenosis and avoid thrombosis



Balloon failure modes

The benefits of membership are:

- competitive advantage on developed technologies
- seminars and web-site access on results of research program
- access to NRC laboratories for prototyping and R&D studies

Research Program

Stronger and smaller balloons

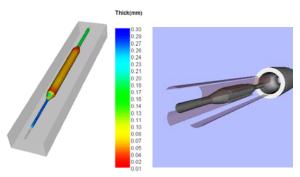
- polymer blends, multilayer and microstructure dependency
- precision micro-extrusion



Biaxial sheet stretcher

Process simulation and prototyping

prediction of the balloon forming process and folding onto catheter



Balloon forming and folding onto catheter

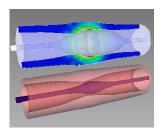
 design optimization and prototyping for stent and balloon shapes



Prototyping facilities

Interventional modelling

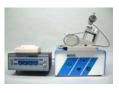
 prediction of the angioplasty intervention in virtual 3D and quasi real-time



Deployment within an artery

 validation on synthetic materials; animal models for tissue damage, restenosis and thrombosis

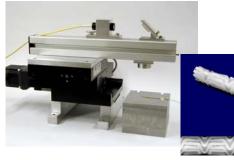


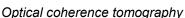


Animal and synthetic material validation

Diagnostics and characterization

 In-vivo/in-situ diagnosis and geometric modelling of personalized arterial morphology





 elastography characterization of generic and personalized arterial properties



Biaxial stretcher for biological tissue

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