

Medical Device Applications of Shape Memory Polymers

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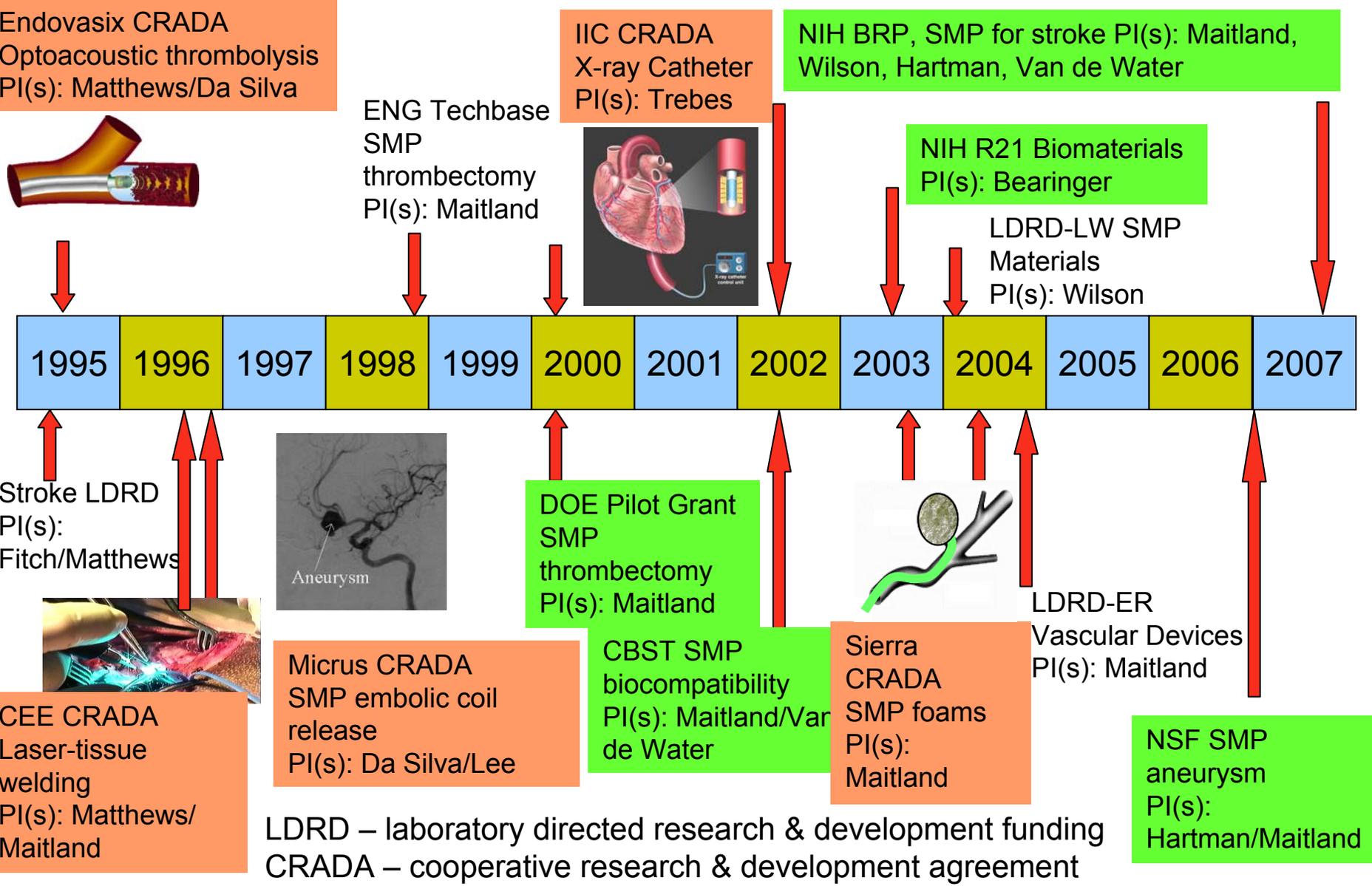
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Introduction: MTP interventional device history



Part I

SMP Background

Shape memory example: thermally activated polyurethane

SMP is fabricated into primary shape



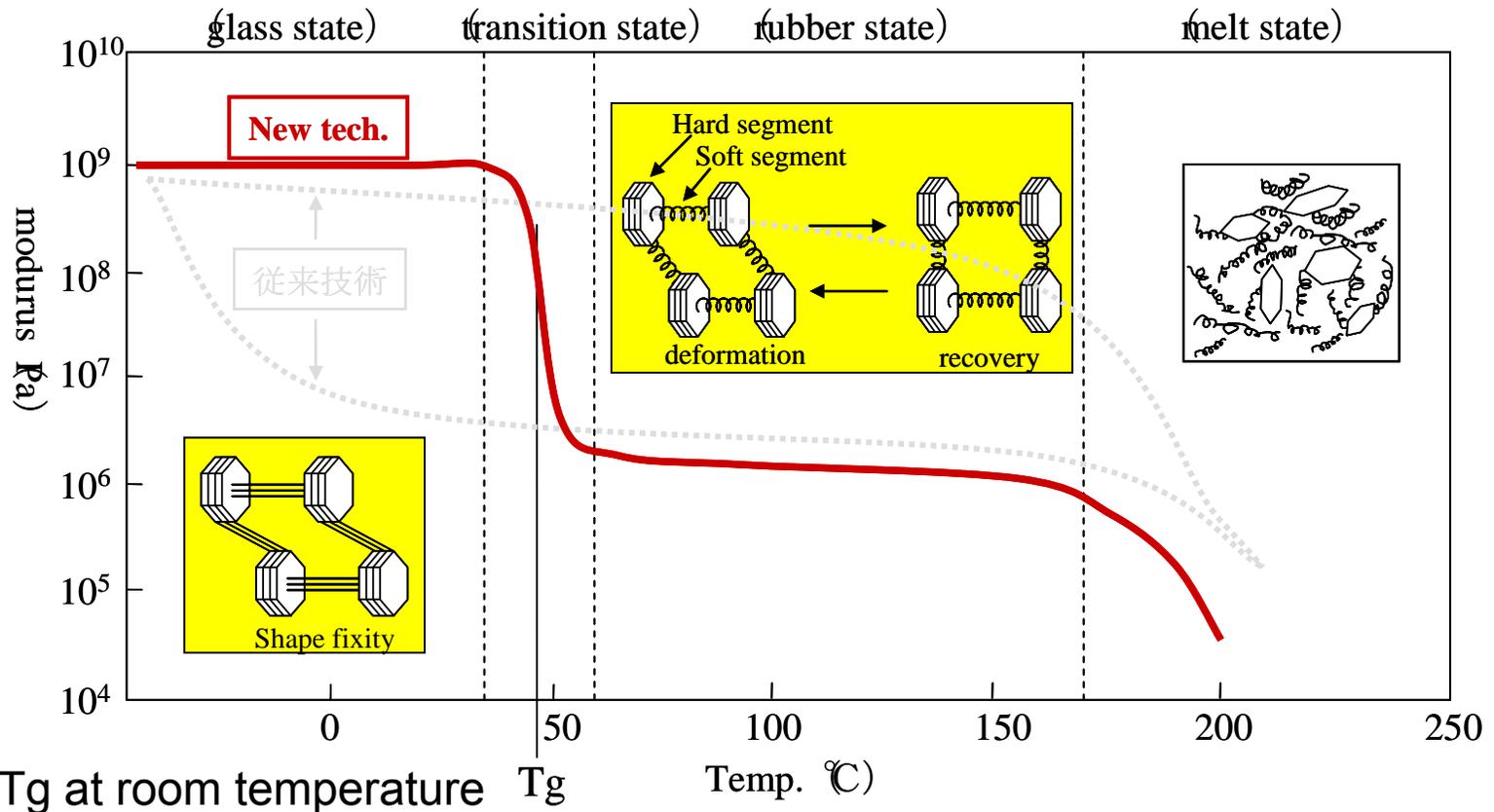
Deformed above T_g , then cooled to fix secondary shape



Actuated back into primary shape by controlled heating



Shape memory example: thermally activated polyurethane



- Tg at room temperature
- Narrow transition state
- Drastic change of properties at transition state

Courtesy of S. Hayashi

History of SMPs

1951
SMA Chang & Read
J. Met.

1990s
Commercial Sales
Diaplex
Polyurethane



1941
US2234993
L.B. Vernon
Dental App.

1960s
Heat
Shrink
Tubing

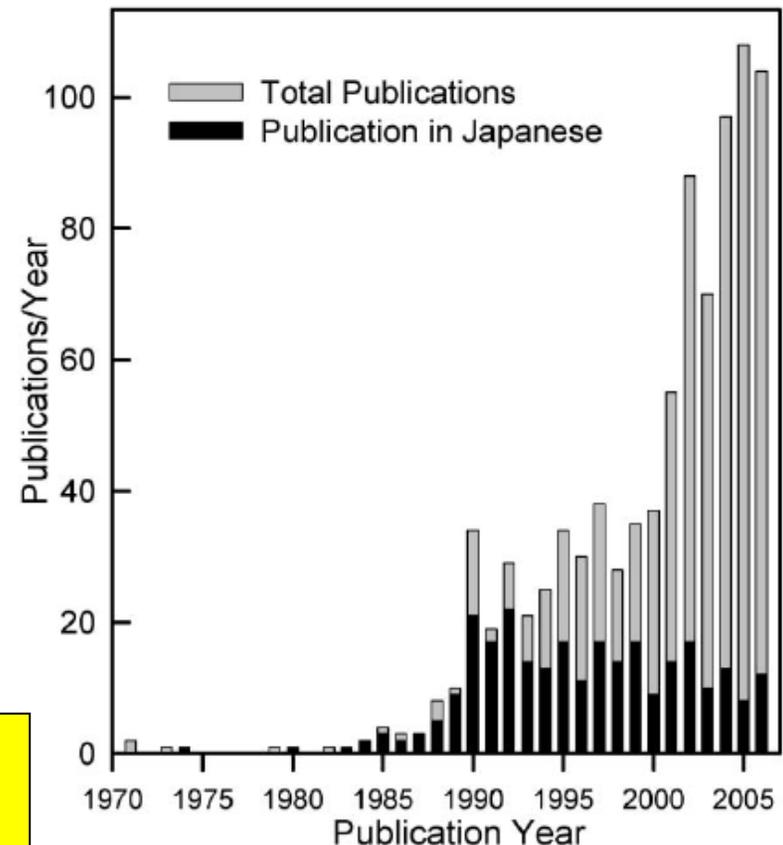
1980s
Multiple
Groups
(Japan)
1996
Human
Trials
Embolic
Coil
Release

Review Articles:

*Liu, Qin and Mather, *J. Mater. Chem.* 2007
Behl and Lendlein, *Mater. Today* 2007

While shape memory is inherent to many polymers, targeted engineering of SMP properties has increased over the last 20 years.

Publication History of SMPs
(from Liu, Qin and Mather, *J. Mater. Chem.* 2007)



Types of SMPs and activation mechanisms

Types of SMPs

*Type I: Chemically cross-linked glassy Thermosets

Type II: Chemically cross-linked semi-crystalline rubbers

Type III: Physically cross-linked thermoplastics

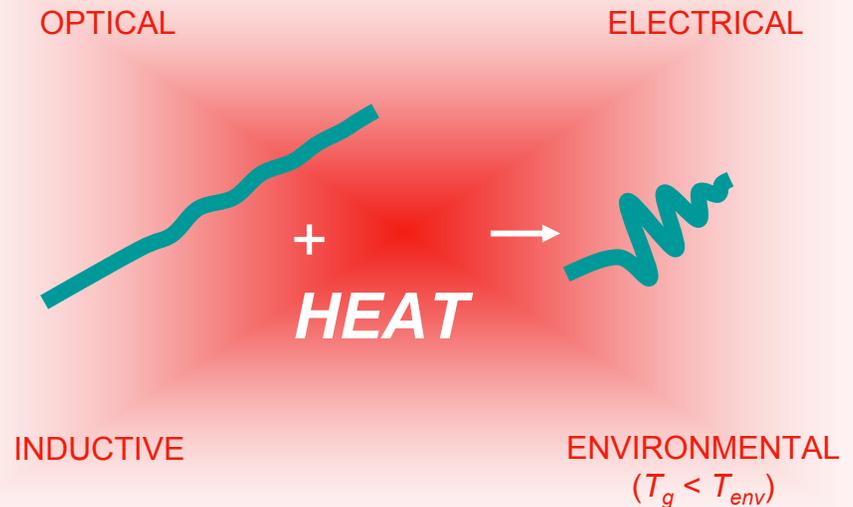
*Type IV: Physically cross-linked block copolymers

(Liu, Qin and Mather, *J. Mater. Chem.* 2007)

Bi-stable, unidirectional actuation

Activation Mechanisms

- Chemical
- Photo
- *Thermal

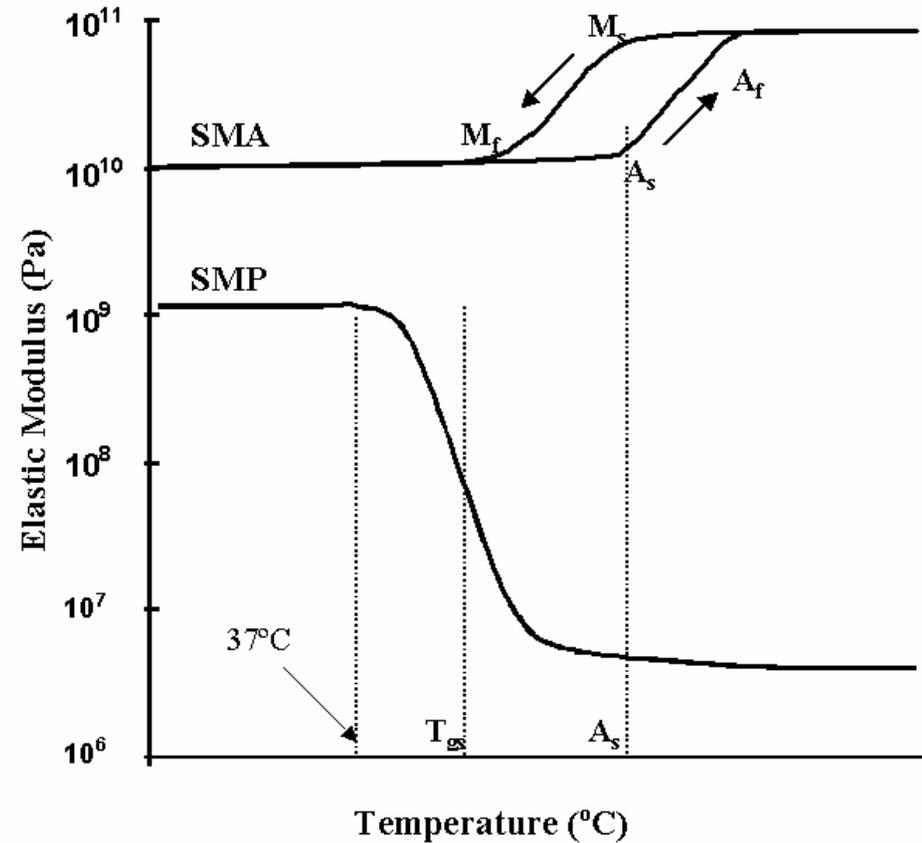


SMP properties

Comparison with shape memory alloy (SMA)

	SMP	SMA
Strain	300%	10%
ΔE	>500x	10x
Stress	~25 MPa	~500 MPa

(Hayashi et al., *Plast. Eng.* 7 1995)



- Desired SMP features: sharp transition temperature, superelastic (low loss modulus, high strain recovery), rapid & complete fixing
- Other: variable T_g , optically clear, imaging contrast, biocompatibility

SMP enables complex geometries and shapes

Basket for catching large emboli
(micro-injection molded)



SMP foam for treating aneurysms
(chemically blown, open cell foam)



SMP stent
(dip coated and laser machined)

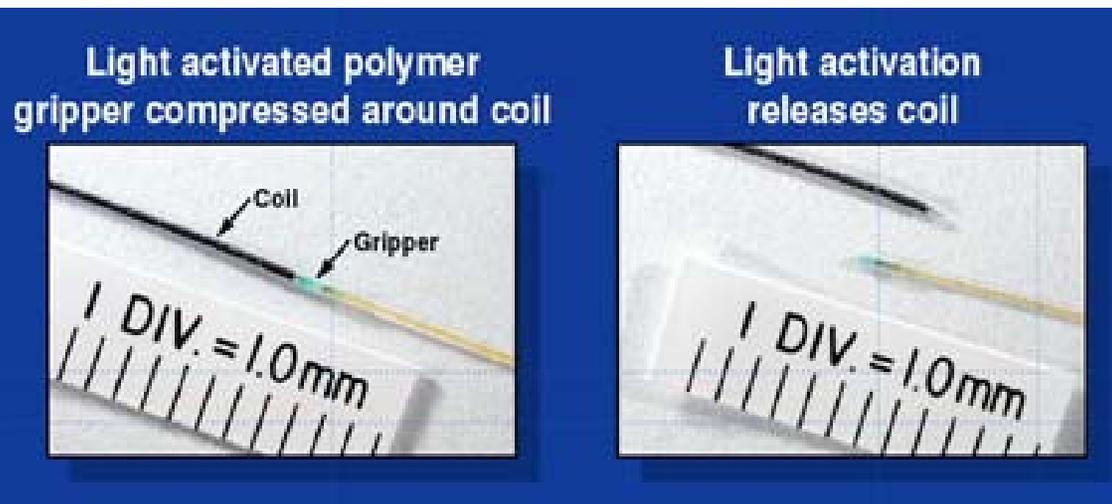
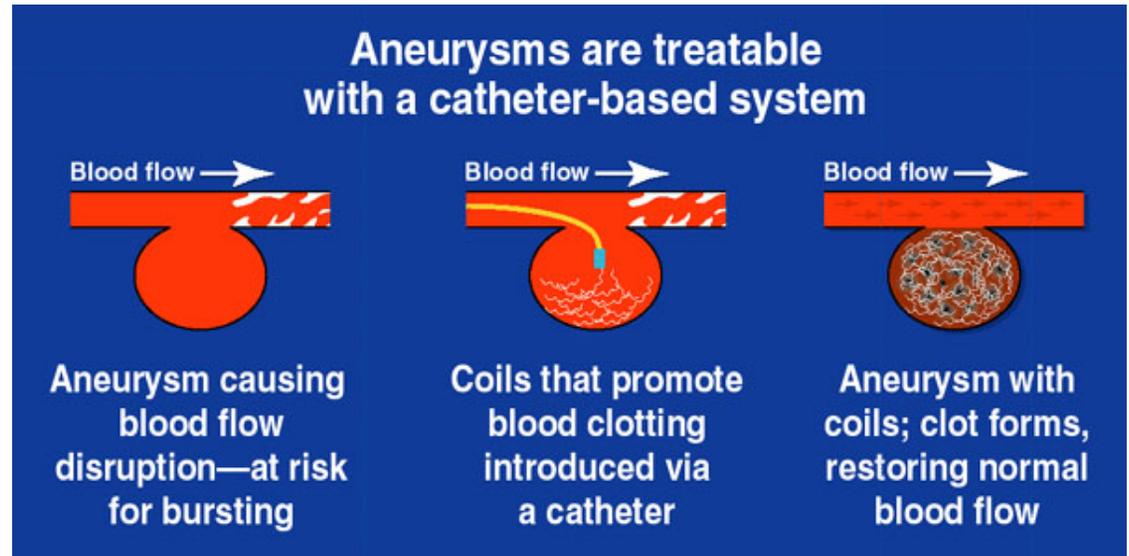
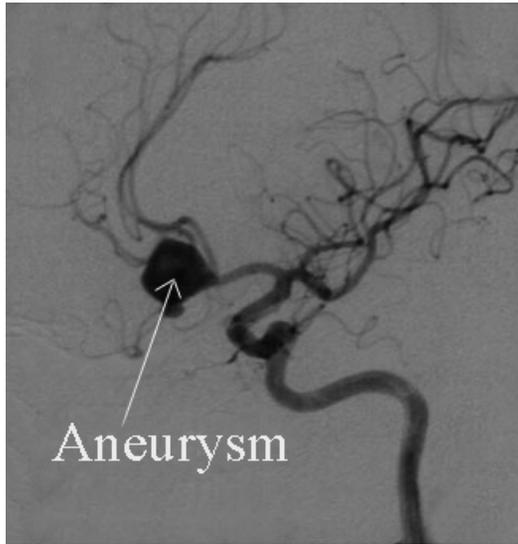


smp.llnl.gov

Part II

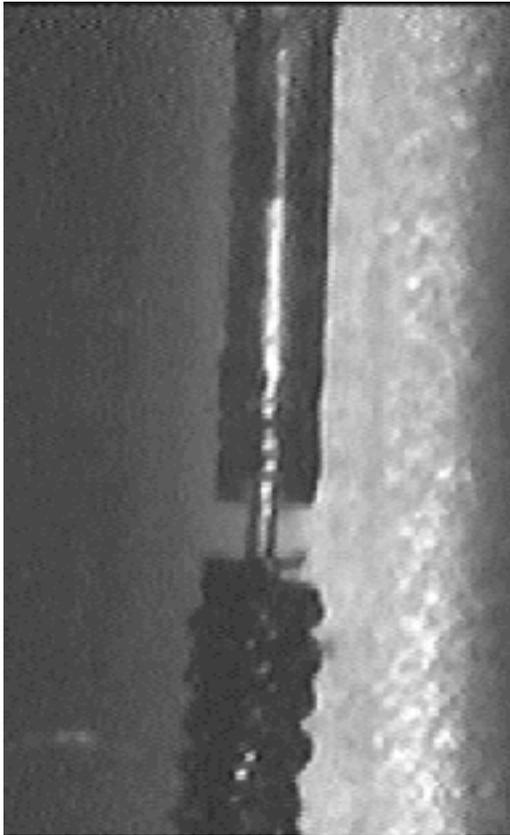
Medical Applications

1996: Treating potential hemorrhagic stroke with a SMP coil release system

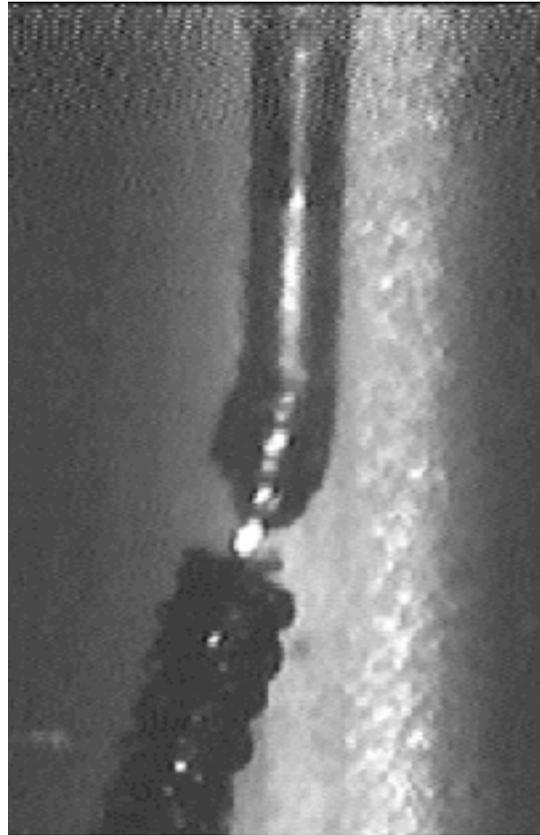


Maitland et al.,
US Patent 6,102,917, 1998

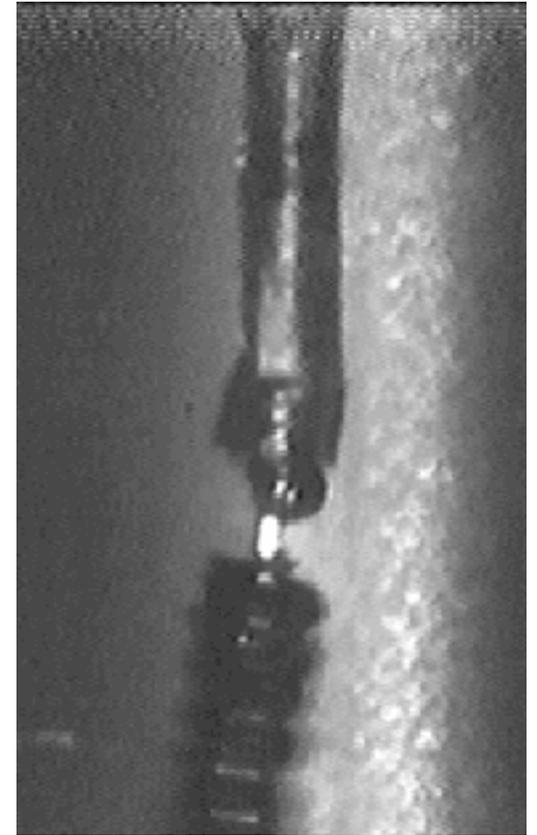
Embolic coil release: first SMP device in human trials



0 ms



133 ms

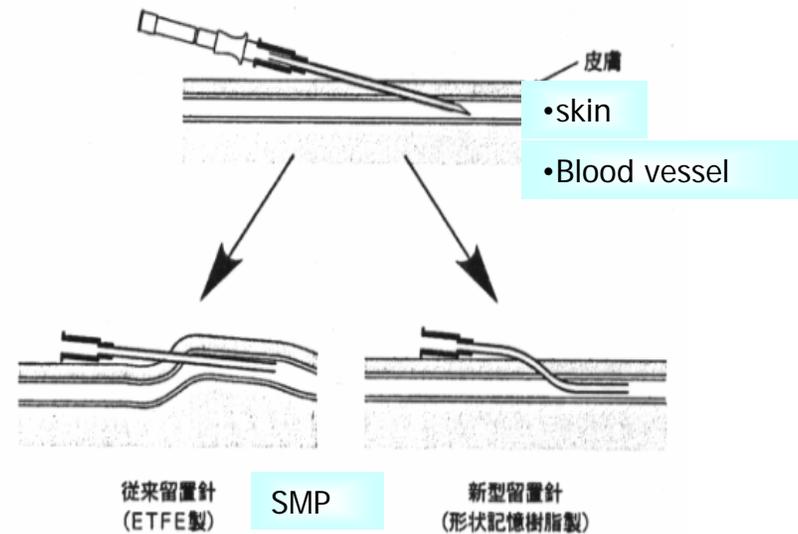
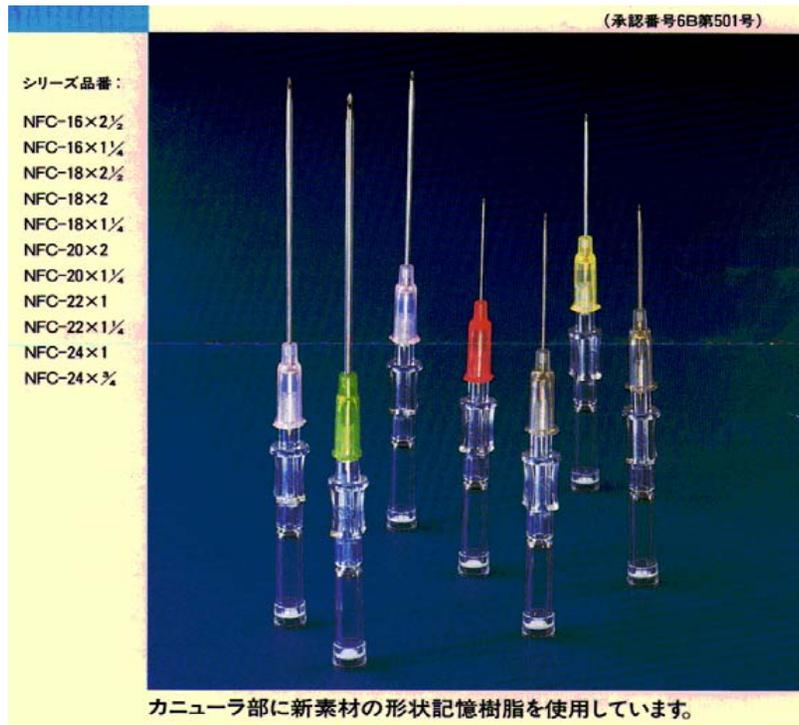


267 ms

100 ml/min flow rate, 37 C

Intravenous syringe cannula

When injection is performed, it keeps its rigid state. Once under the skin, it becomes flexible, resulting in greater comfort.

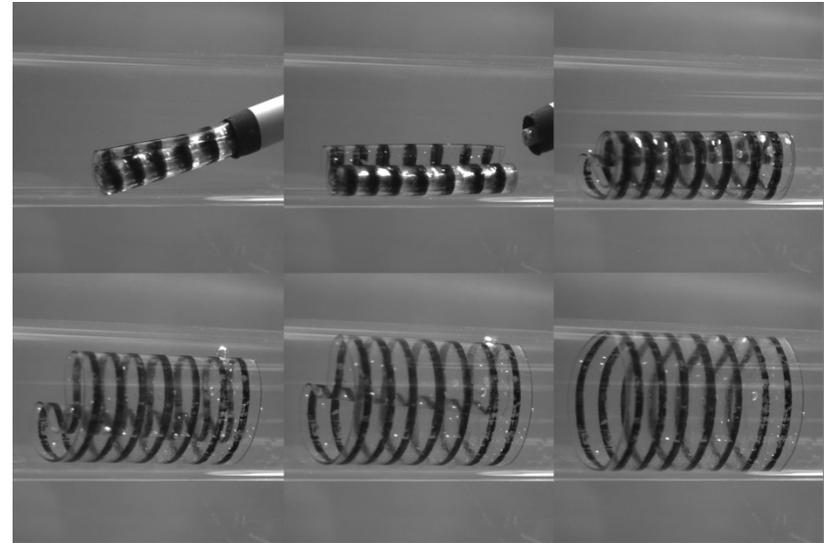


Using condition of cannula
 留置針使用状況

Target biomedical applications

- **Cardiovascular Stents**

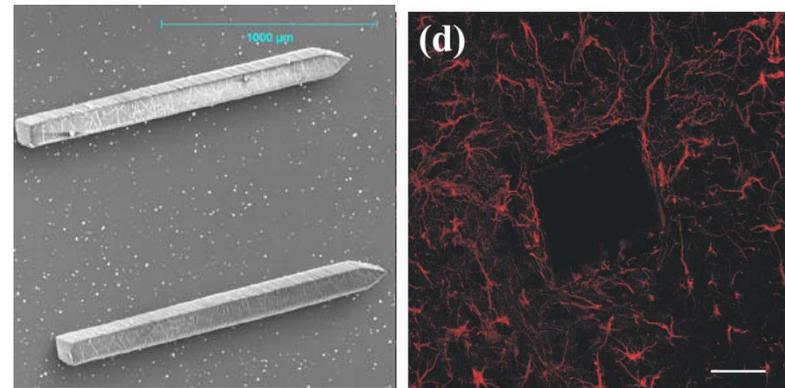
- Delivery via shape memory effect
- Match mechanical properties of artery
- Complex geometries to match arteries
- Funding: NIH
- Student: Chris Yakacki



Deployment of a SMP Stent from a Catheter

- **Neuronal Probes**

- Slow deployment into tissue
- Minimize tissue damage
- Deployment past scar
- Funding: NIH
- Student: Scott Kasprzak

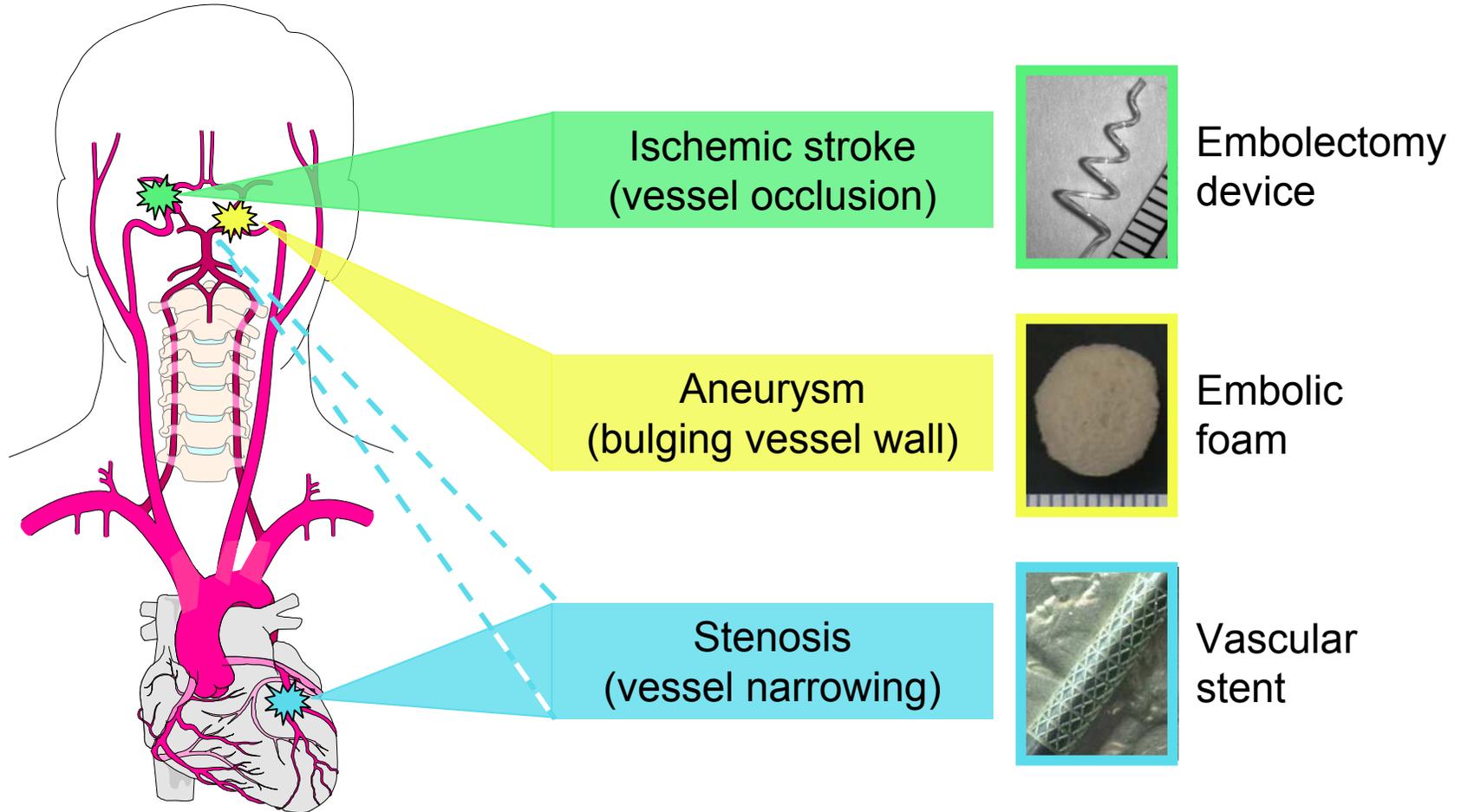


SMP Probe (left) and tissue response (right)

Other groups working on SMP medical applications

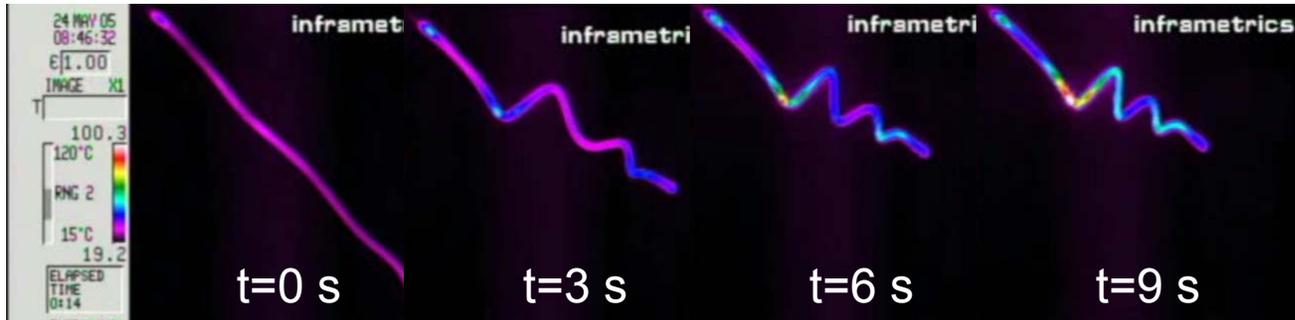
- Biodegradable stents, sutures – Lendlein & Langer
- Orthodontic implants – Mather
- SMP foams for aneurysms – Metcalf & Sokolowski
- Stents – Shandas & Gall

Interventional applications of SMP devices

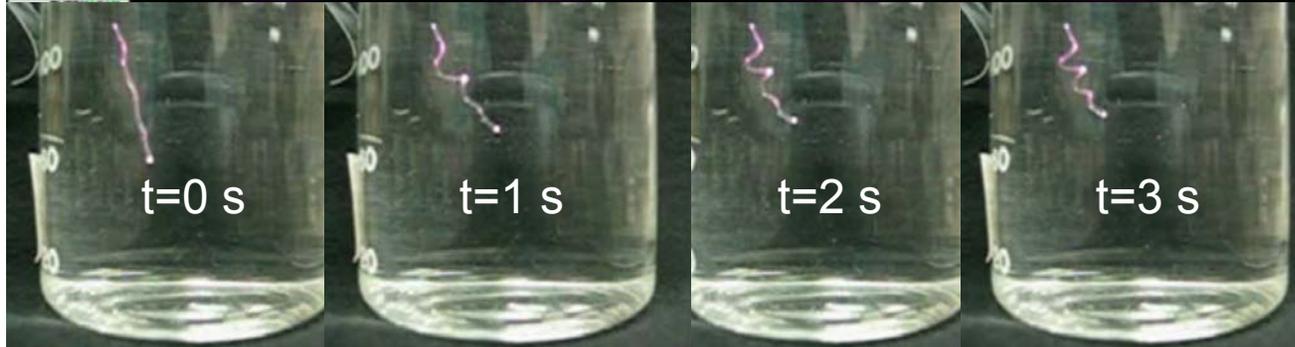


Low force recovery forced redesign of embolectomy device

air
0.6 W



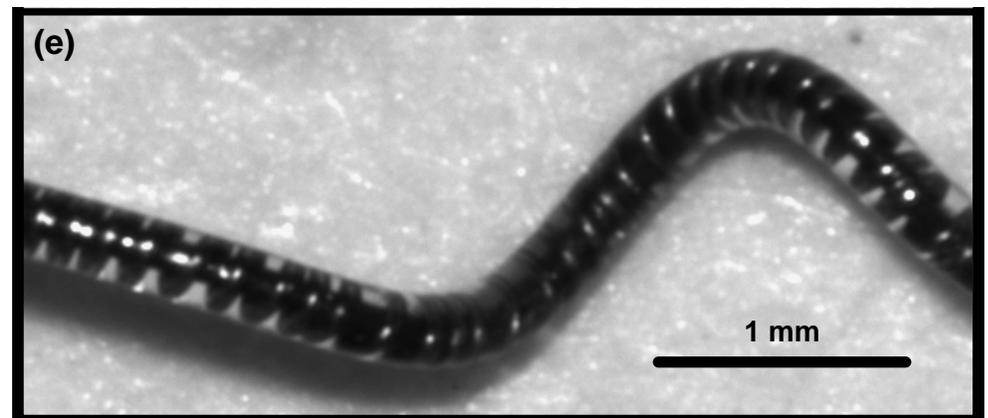
37 °C
water
zero flow
4.9 W



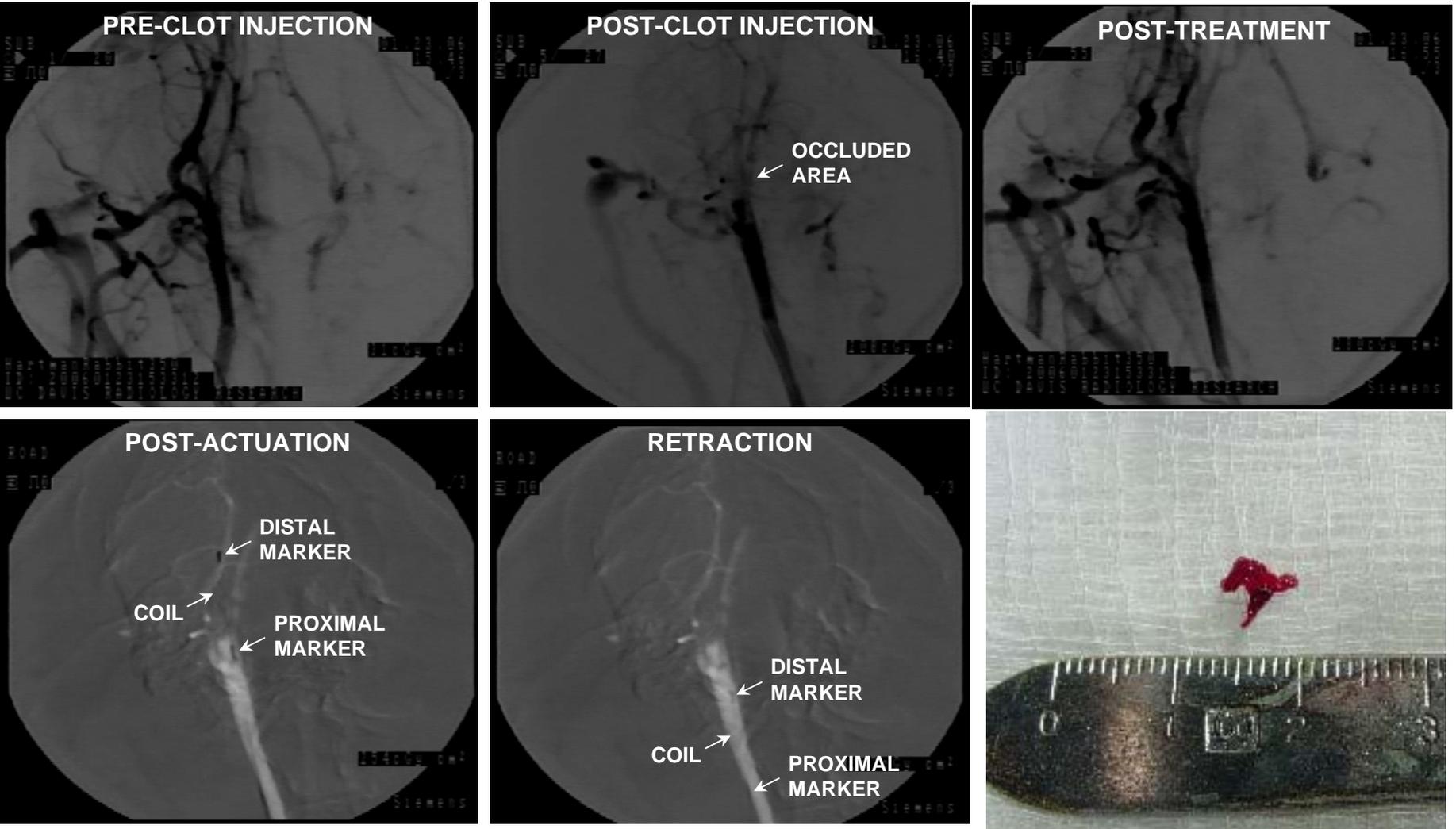
Maitland et al. *Lasers Surg. Med.* (2002)
Metzger et al. *J. Biomed. Micro Dev.* (2002)
Small et al. *IEEE Trans Quant. Elec.* (2005)

Hybrid
SMP-SMA,
resistively
actuated

Small et al. *IEEE Trans Biomed Eng* (2007)

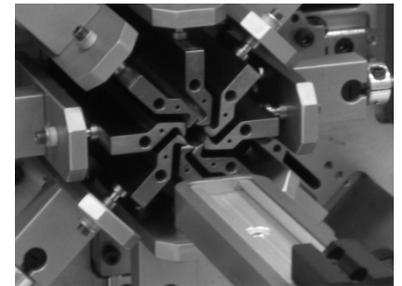
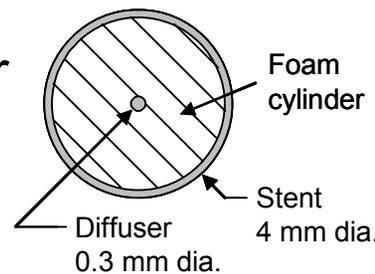


In vivo deployment of SMP-nitinol embolectomy device



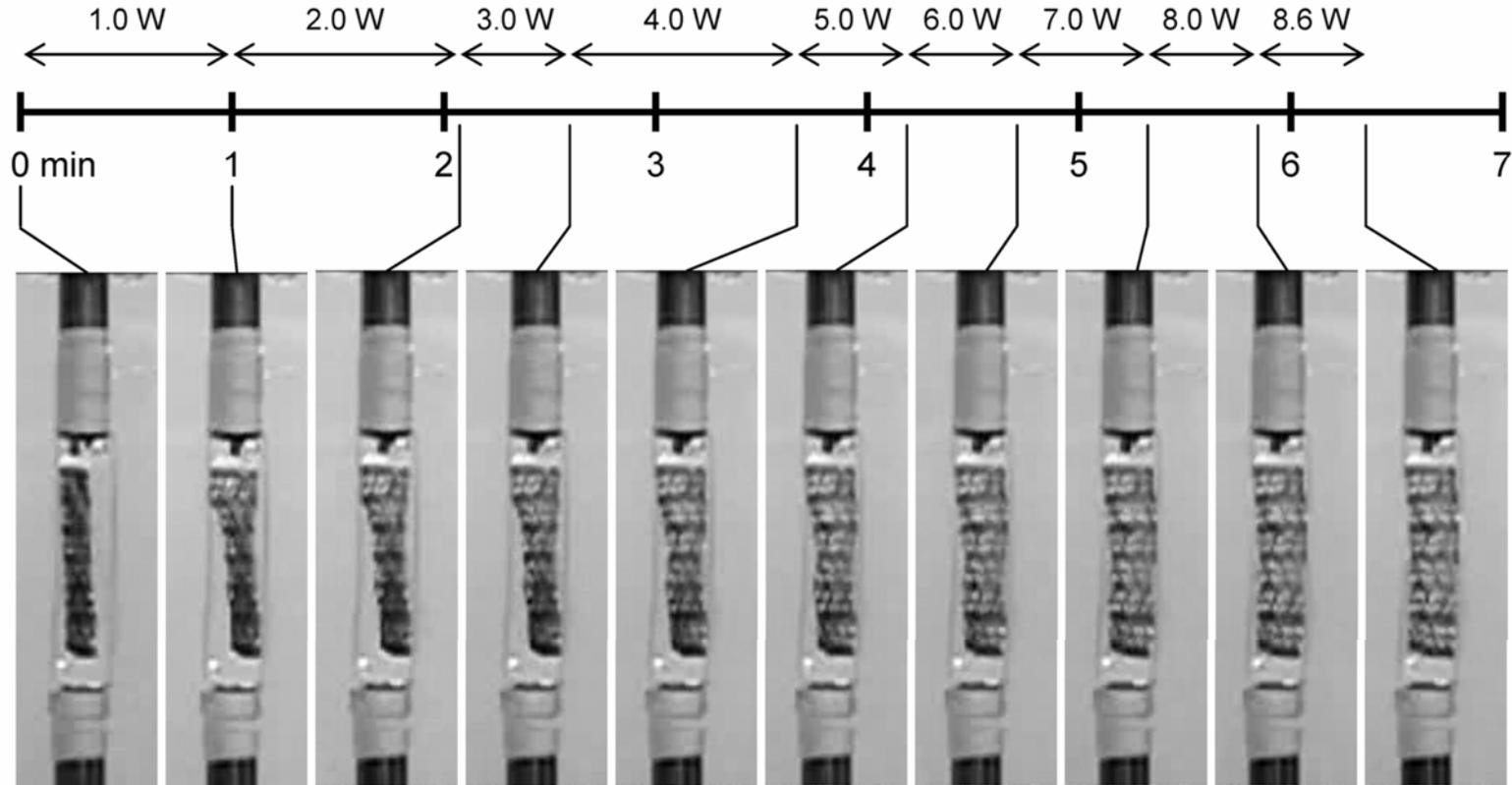
Fabrication of SMP vascular stent

- Dip coated 4 mm dia. stainless steel pin
 - DiAPLEX, $T_g \approx 55$ °C
 - Wall thickness ≈ 250 μm
- Pattern cut with excimer laser
- Added laser-absorbing dye
- Inserted diffuser and SMP foam cylinder
 - Center diffuser in stent lumen
 - Improve illumination uniformity
 - Reduce convective cooling
- Collapsed for catheter delivery using crimping machine with heated blades



Baer et al. *Biomed Eng Online* (submitted)

In vitro deployment of SMP vascular stent

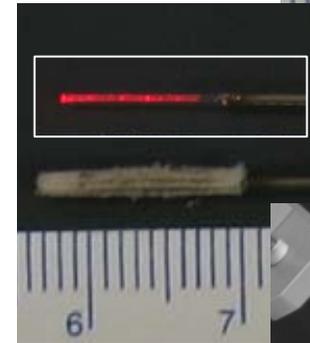
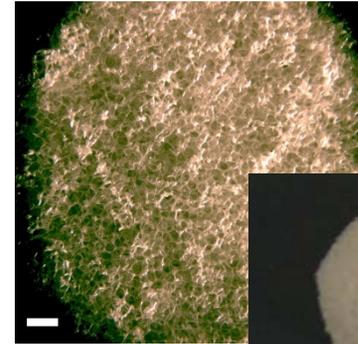


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- Zero flow; 37 °C water
- Only ~60% expansion when flow increased to 180 cc/min (carotid artery)

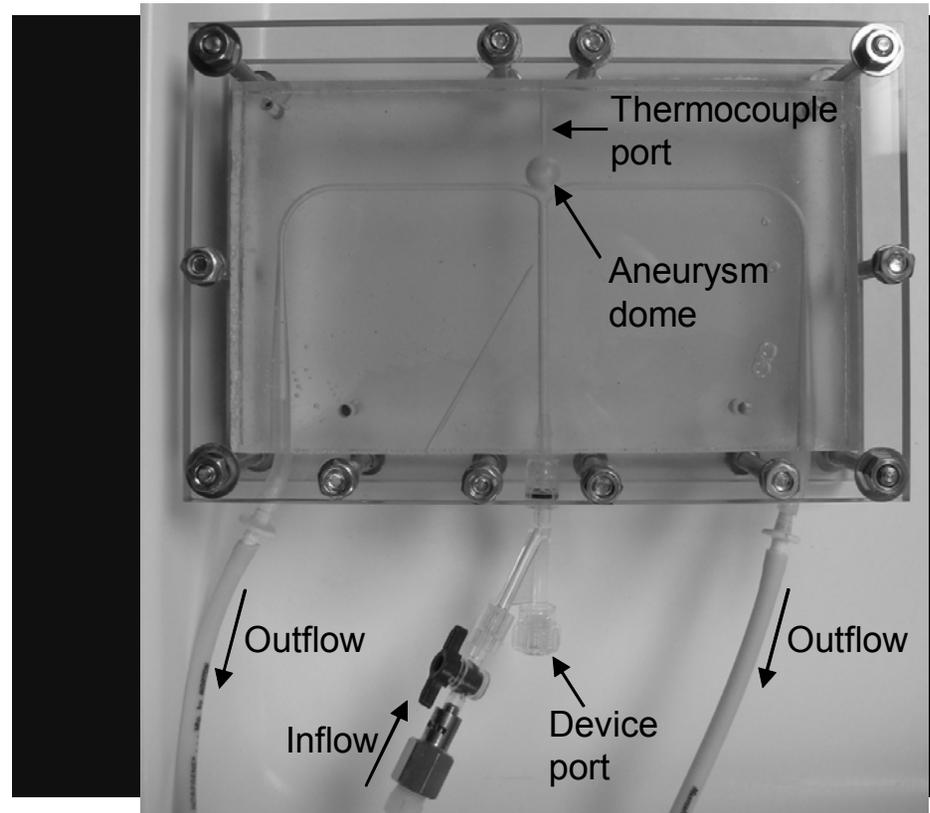
Fabrication of SMP embolic foam

- Open-cell foam developed at LLNL
 - $T_g \approx 45$ °C; adjusted by varying monomer ratios
 - Density=0.02 g/cc;
 - ~60X volume expansion
 - Dye added during or after processing
- Collapsed over a diffuser for endovascular delivery
 - Crimping machine with heated blades



In vitro aneurysm deployment

- Two silicone elastomer halves cast around CNC-milled part
- Room temperature (21 °C) water
 - Low T_g foam would expand at body temperature (37 °C)
- Flow rates 0-148 cc/min
 - 0: blocked flow
 - 70 cc/min: basilar diastolic
 - 148 cc/min: basilar systolic



Maitland et al. *J Biomed Opt Lett* 2007

Part III

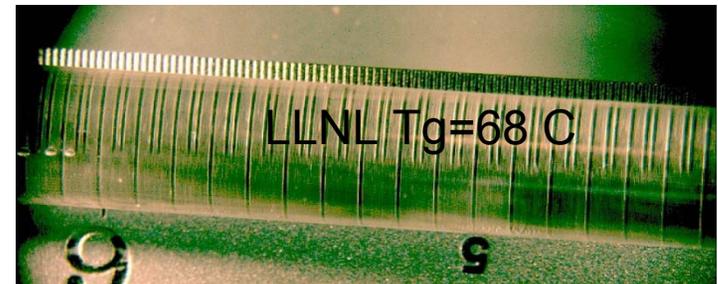
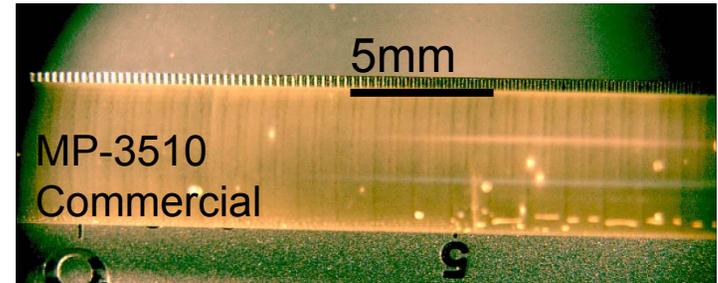
Current Directions

New SMPs

Courtesy of T. Wilson
Advanced Materials I, Tuesday,
11am

LLNL urethane SMPs designed for laser actuated therapeutic device use:

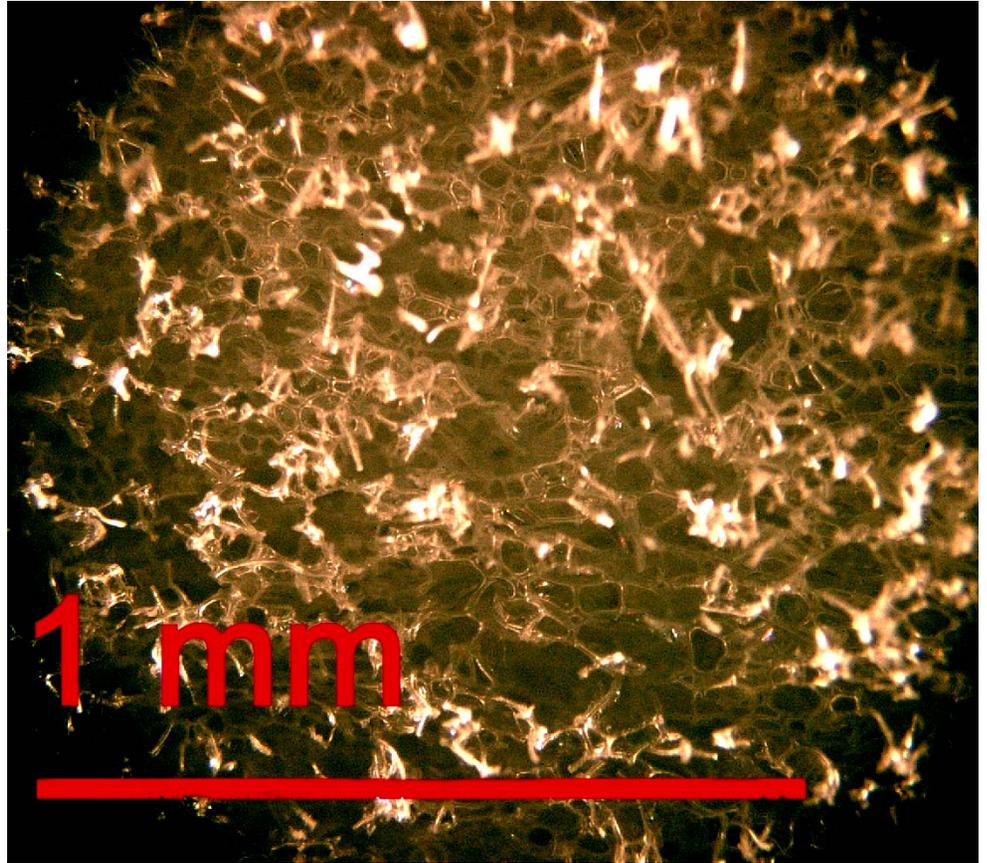
- Based on HDI, TMHDI, IPDI, HMDI, HPED, and TEA (urethane) chemistry.
- Amorphous thermoset polymer
- Optically clear
- Tg's from 34 to ~145 °C
- Very sharp (glass) transitions
- High recovery force
- High % shape recovery
- Aliphatic => biocompatibility
- No ester/ether links => biostable
- Use neat or as open cell foam



Targeted Processing and Fabrication

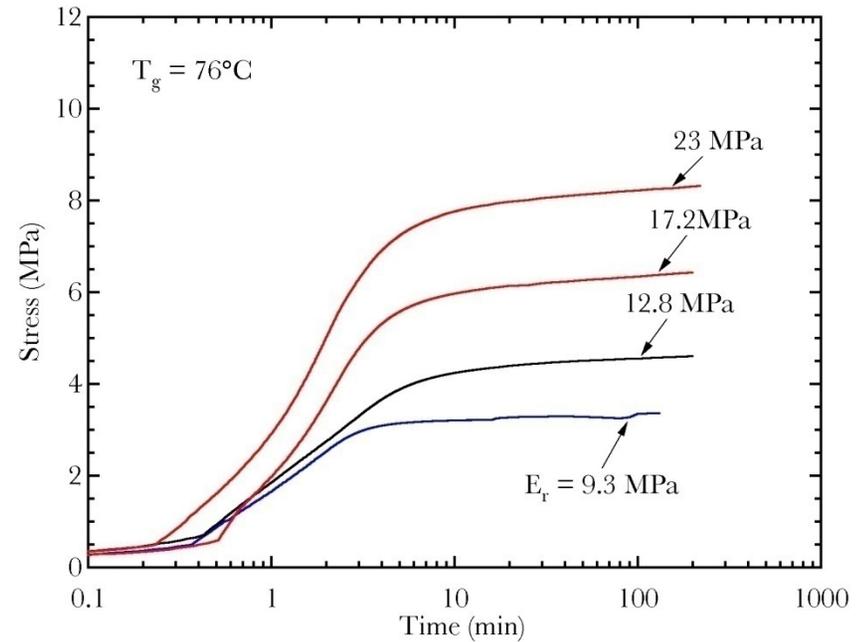
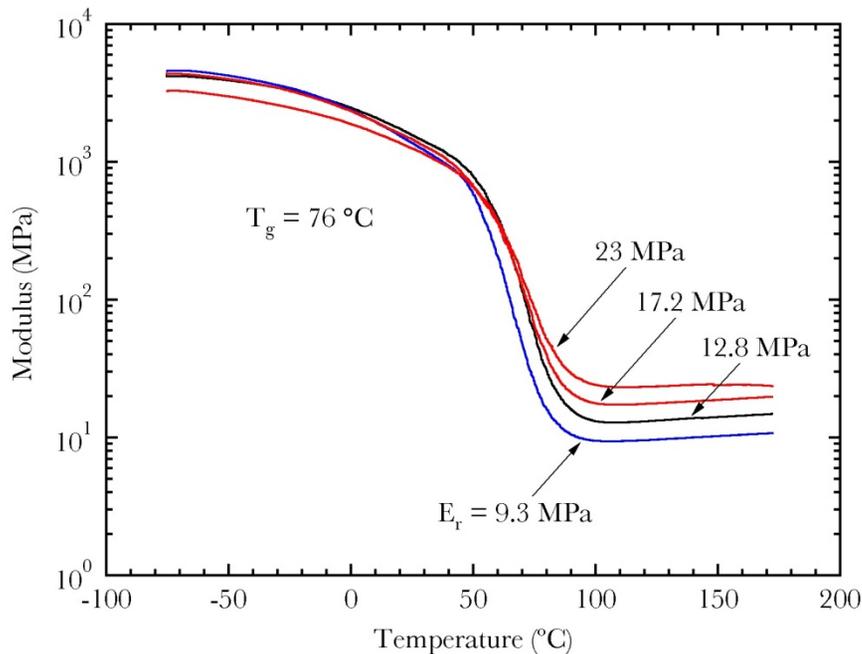
Characteristics:

- Chemically/physically blown urethane network foams
- Highly open cell structure
- Porosities up to 98.6%
(Volume Expansibility to ~70x)
- Tg's from ~ 40 to 90 °C
- Composition HDI, TMHDI, HPED, and TEA
- In Vitro results suggest good biocompatibility.



Courtesy of T. Wilson

Linking Chemistry and Mechanics



Change in Chemistry to Vary
Rubbery Modulus at Constant
 T_g



Tuned Variation in
Recoverable Stress (Under
Constraint) at Constant
Activation Time

Predictive Modeling

Courtesy of K. Gall

$$\sigma = \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_s - \int_{T_h}^T \alpha dT}{\frac{\phi_f}{E_i} + \frac{1 - \phi_f}{E_e}} = E \left(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_s - \int_{T_h}^T \alpha dT \right)$$

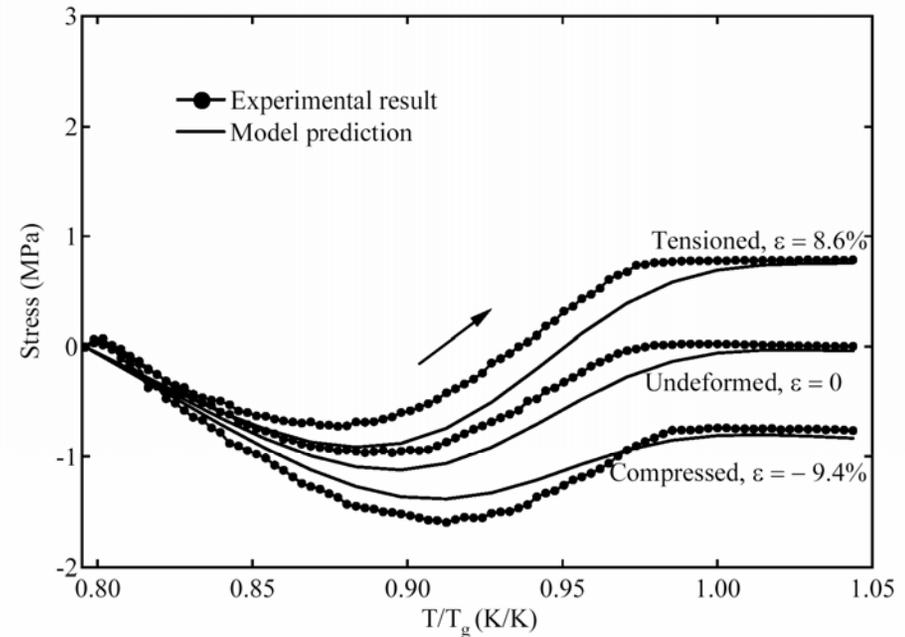
$$\phi_f = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + c_f (T_h - T)^n}$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_s}{dT} = \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_s - \int_{T_h}^T \alpha dT}{E_e \left(\frac{\phi_f}{E_i} + \frac{1 - \phi_f}{E_e} \right)} \left(\frac{d\phi_f}{dT} \right)$$

$$E_i = \text{constant}$$

$$E_e = 3NkT$$

Constitutive Framework

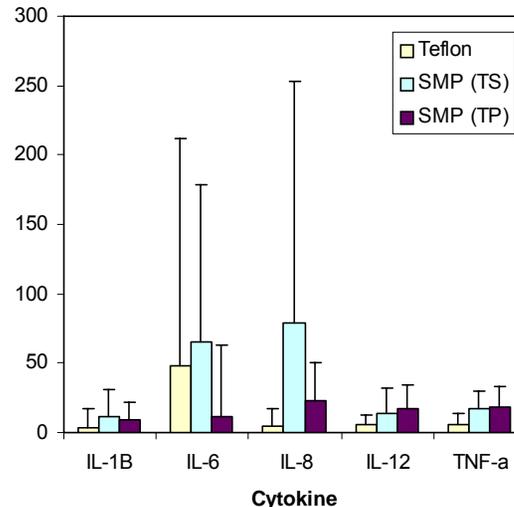
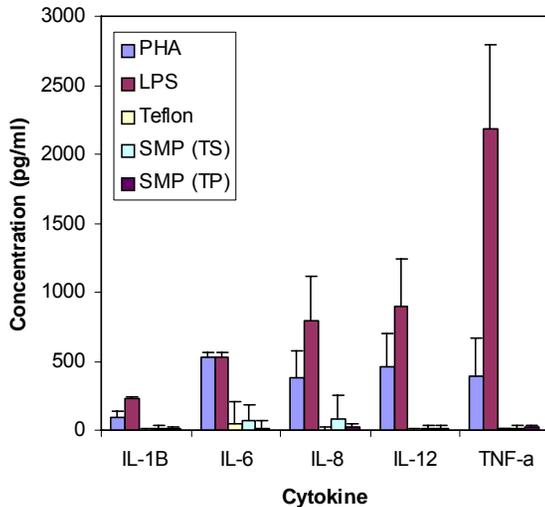
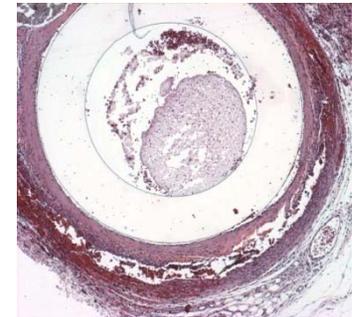
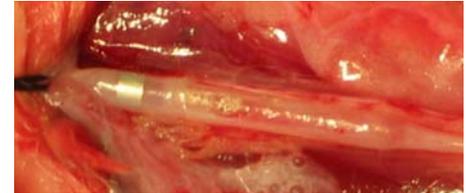


Constrained Stress Prediction

Y. Liu, K. Gall, M. L. Dunn, A. R. Greenberg, and J. Diani (2006) Thermomechanics of Shape Memory Polymers: Uniaxial Experiments and Constitutive Model. *International Journal of Plasticity*, vol. 22, pp. 279-313.

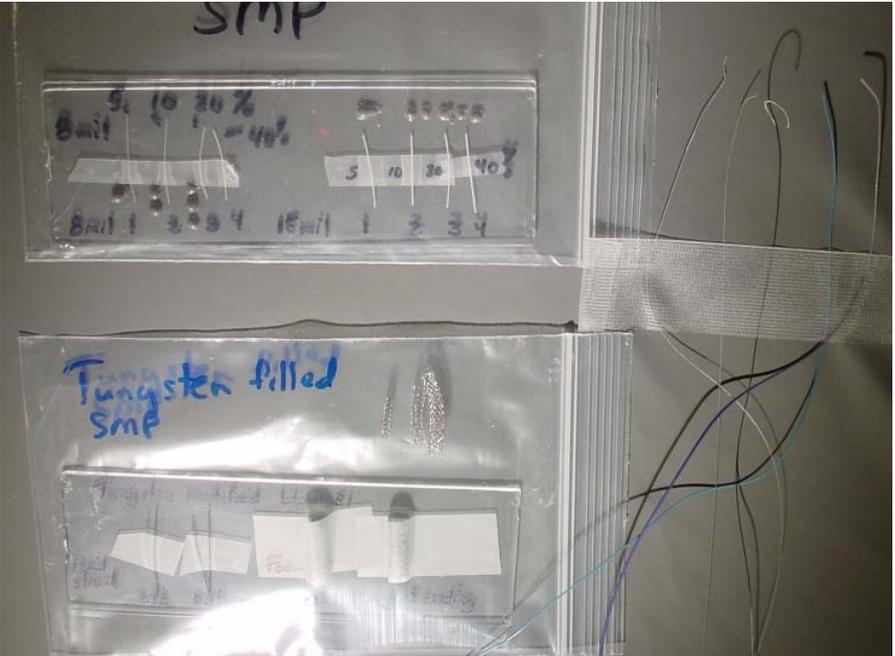
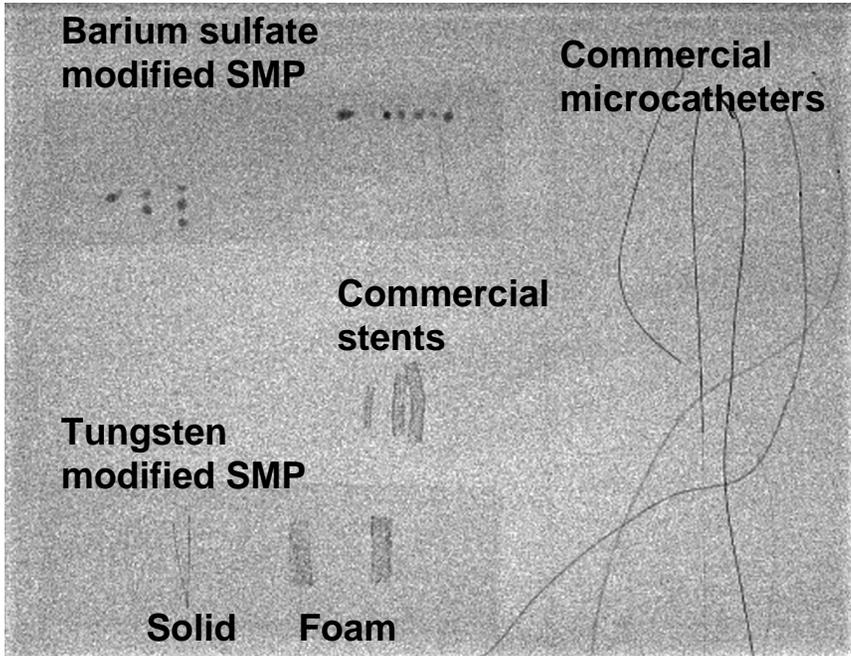
SMP biocompatibility

- In vitro: Diaplex and LLNL neat and foam - negative activation of human platelets, cytokines, t-cells, negative toxicity (Cabanlit et al. *Macromol Biosci* 2007).
- In vivo: negative inflammatory or adverse thrombogenic response [foams (Metcalf et al., *Biomater* 2003), stents (in prep)]

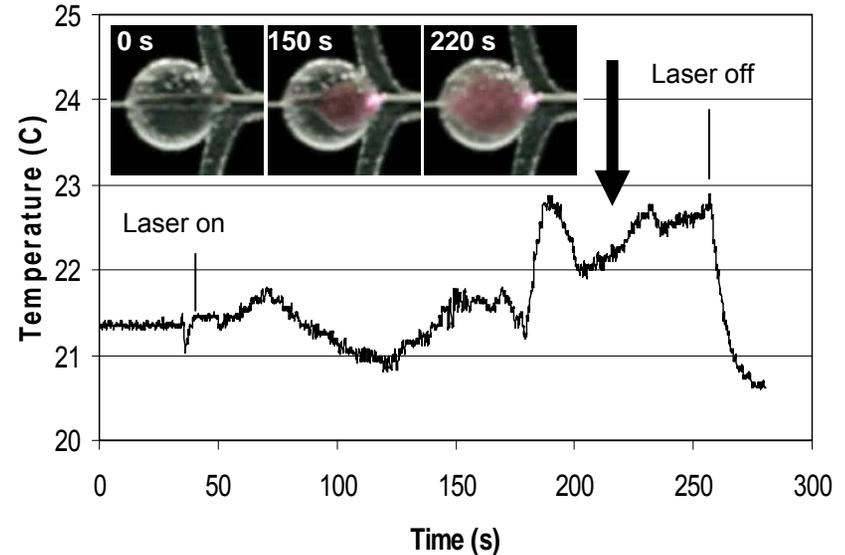
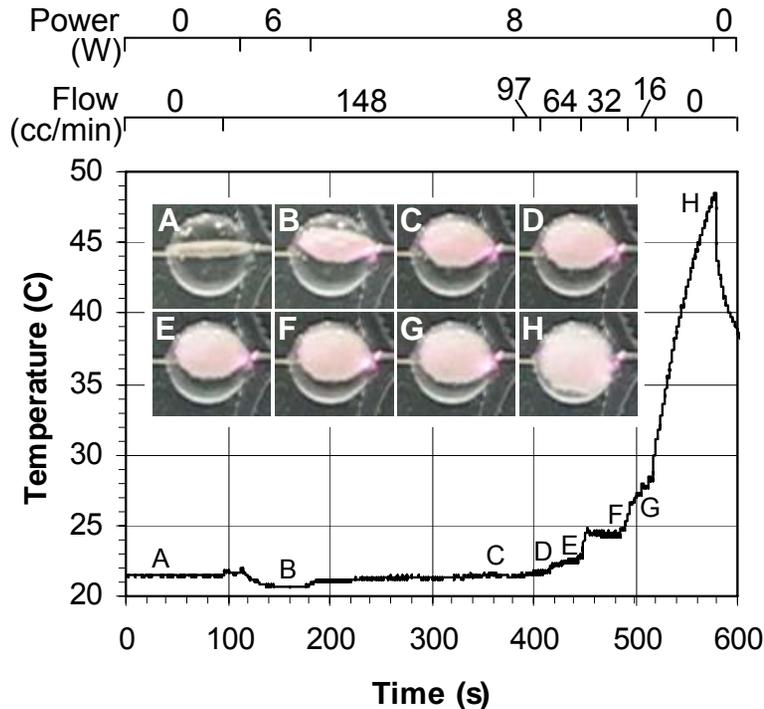


Cabanlit et al. *Macromol Biosci* 7, 48-55 (2007)

Radiopacity of SMP composites



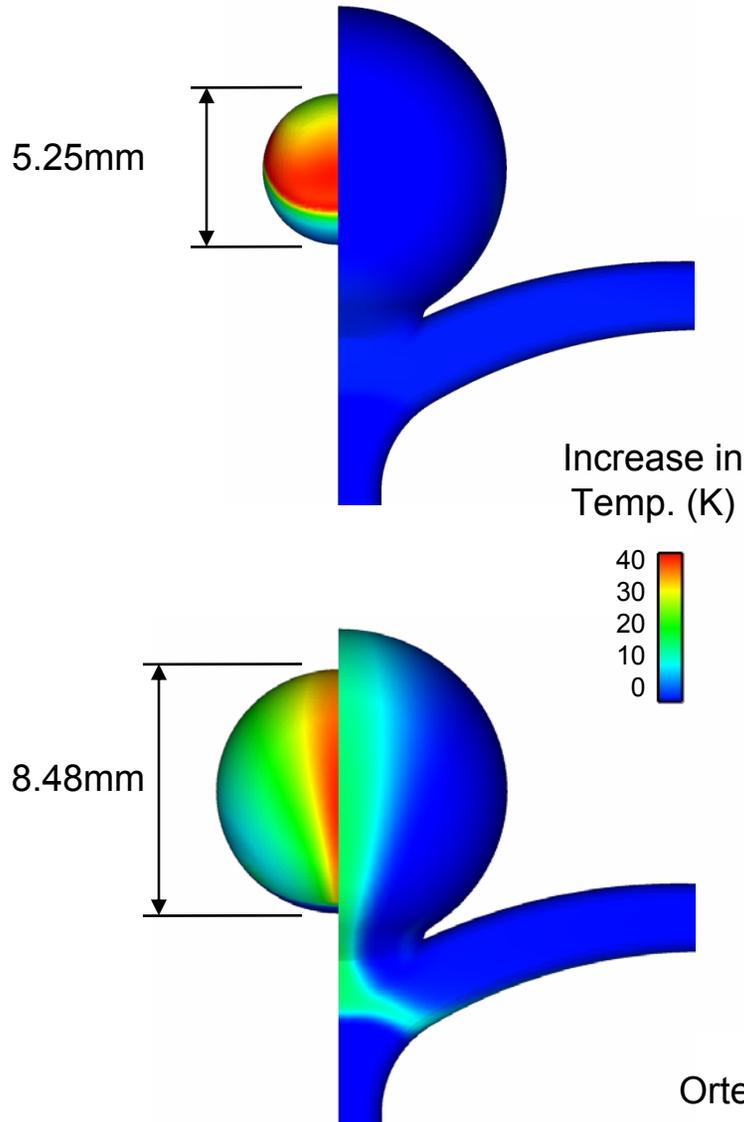
Device-body interactions: in vitro deployment of SMP embolic foam



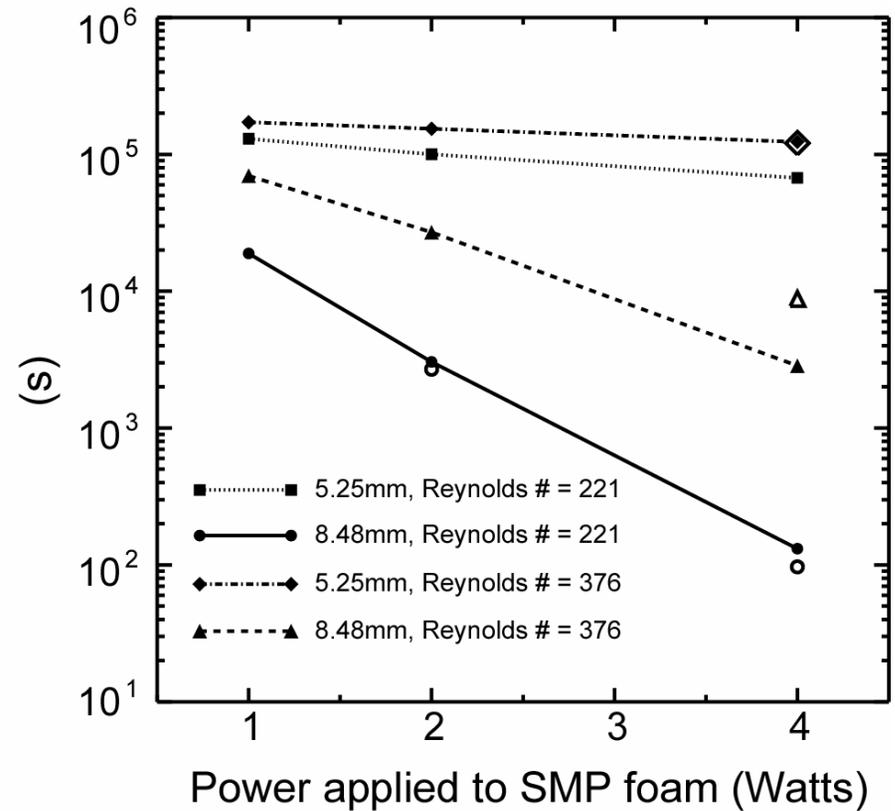
- With flow, convective cooling prevented full expansion
- With zero flow, full expansion in 60 s with $\Delta T \approx 30^\circ\text{C}$ (not shown)

- Extra dye added to overcome convective cooling
- Laser power slowly ramped to 8.6 W over 3 min
- At 70 cc/min, full expansion in 3 min with $\Delta T < 2^\circ\text{C}$

CFD provides an estimate of thermal damage resulting from the heated SMP foam



Time scale for thermal tissue damage to the aneurysm



Summary

- The application of SMP to Medical Devices in its infancy
 - ~12 academic groups publishing medical SMP research
 - 6+ companies pursuing SMP medical devices
 - 2+ companies selling SMP
- Significant commercial cruxes remain – aging, fabrication, sterilization, long-term toxicity
- Our team will continue to work on interventional applications with Stroke focus
 - Emphasis on device-body interactions (physics, biocompatibility, image-guided delivery)
 - Document commercially relevant topics
 - Pre-clinical studies
 - Engineered bulk and surface chemistry for biological applications

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