

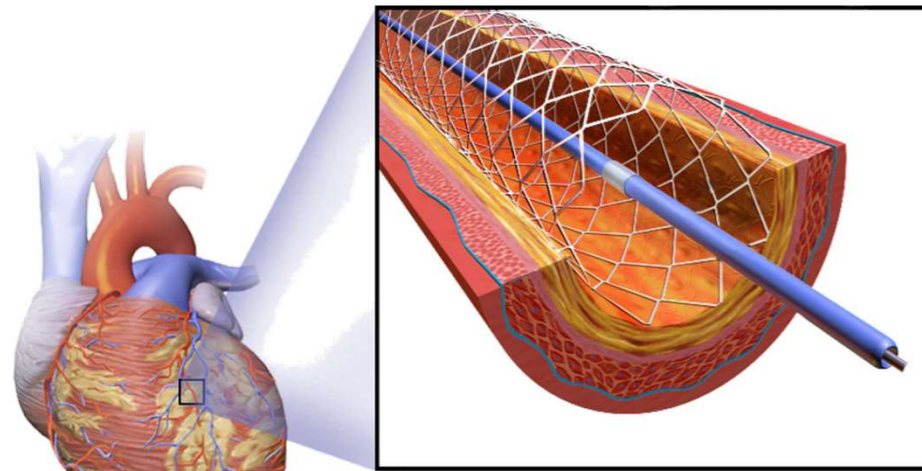


IGA-based computational methods to simulate shape-changing artery stents

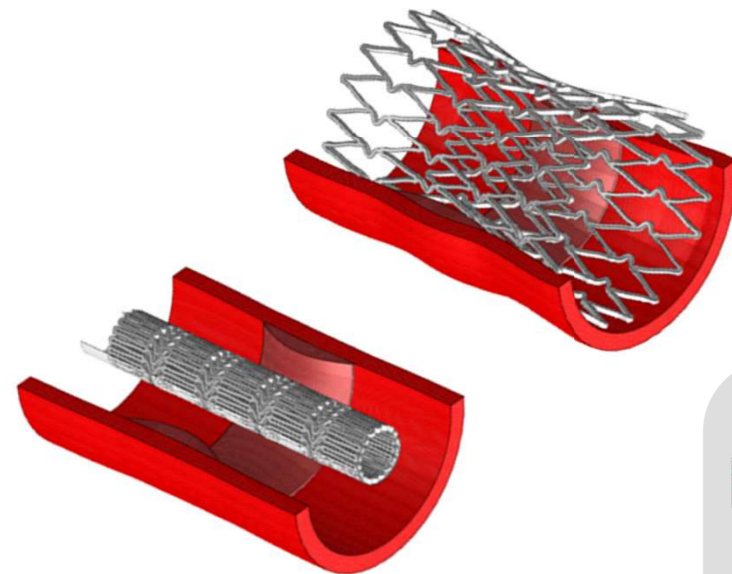


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Artery stent deployed in a coronary vessel [1]



Shape-changing stent procedure inside the vessel [2]

OBJECTIVE

To develop a **powerful computational model** based on **isogeometric analysis (IGA)** to model **shape-changing, patient-tailorable stents**, suitable for 4D printing.

TOOLS and METHODOLOGY

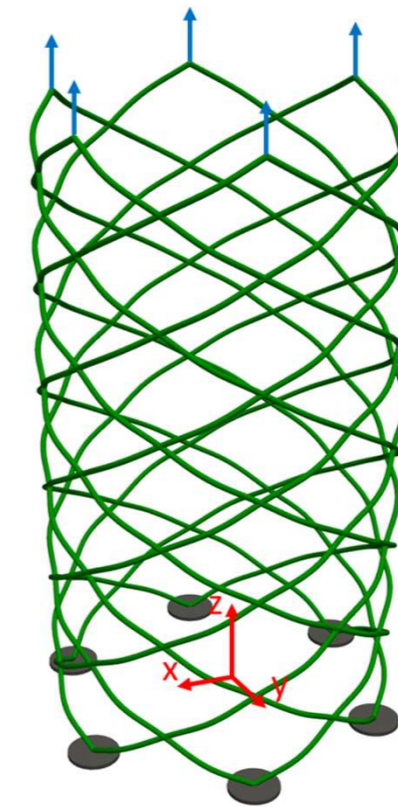
IGA, especially if combined with the collocation method (**IGA-C**), represents a very **appealing method** to achieve unprecedented efficiency and geometrical accuracy with respect to standard FEM (Finite Element Methods).

ACHIEVED GOALS and NEXT STEPS

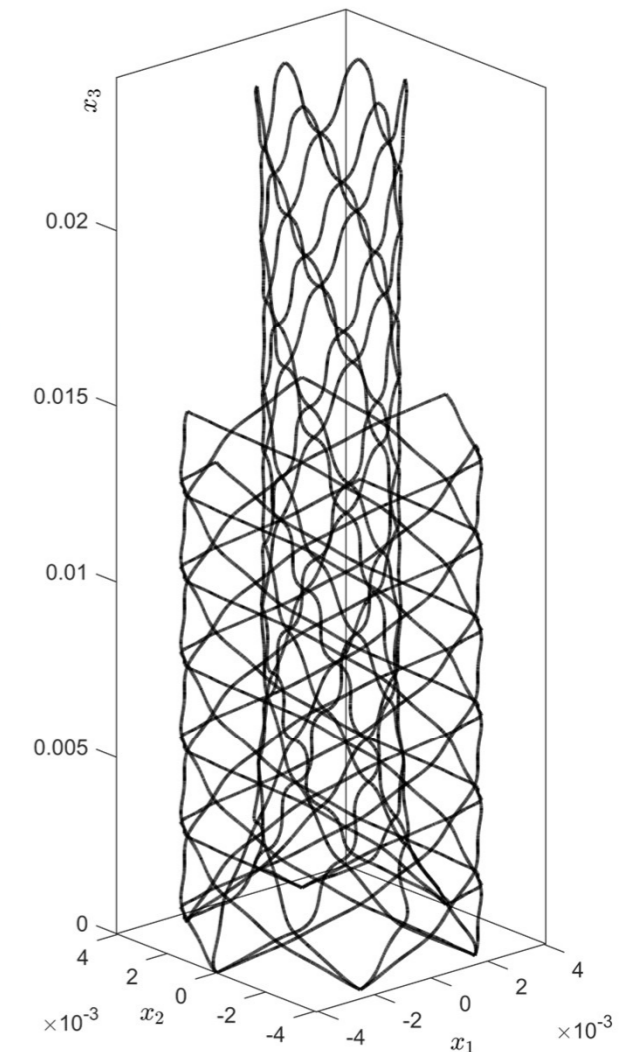
- To model and analyse accurately and efficiently very **complex structures** with **IGA-C**;
- Use of nonlinear thermo-responsive constitutive model for **programmable materials (4D)**;
- Simulation of **patient-tailored devices**.

NUMERICAL APPLICATIONS

Analisis of a real artery stent by adopting an improved IGA- C formulation [3]



Stent structure



Deformation of the stent

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