

# GORE Calcified Vessel Model Presentation 1

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# Project Description

## Client:

W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.  
Medical Division



Figure 1 – Gore Logo [1]

## Project Scope:

The scope of this project is to design, build, and test a replicable (12 count) model of calcified lesions in the Peripheral Arterial System for deployment of peripheral vascular interventional devices under simulated use conditions, using non-biologic materials.

## Significance of the Project:

Vascular intervention devices are crucial for treating peripheral arterial disease(s) by restoring blood flow, reducing symptoms, and preventing severe complications through intervention care.

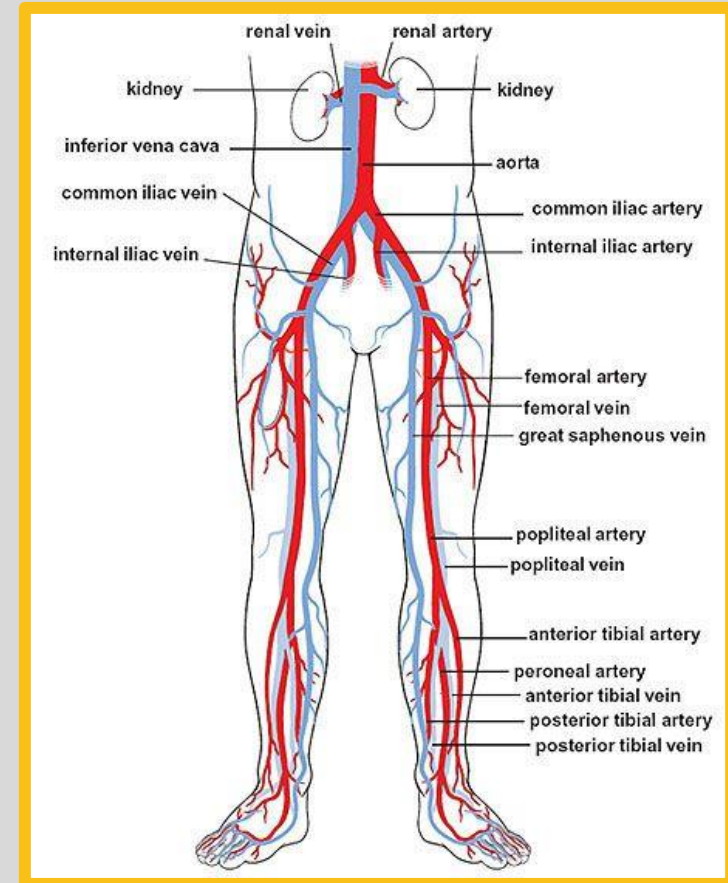


Figure 2 – Peripheral Artery System [1]

# Background & Benchmarking

## Existing Vessel Model Designs

There are many existing simulation models that are designed to simulate the human body. Here we will review three existing designs, devices, and or sub-systems that are potential considerations for our project scope and project solution. These three existing benchmarks have been applied to similar context relevant to our project scope.

### **Creative Biolabs 3D Biology**

- Research Models
- Testing, experimenting and devices for vascular intervention
- Cardiovascular disease

### **Preclinic Medical Simulation**

- Numerous models that are specific to certain areas of the arterial system (WB)
- Offers endoscopy simulators
- Models used for training medical professionals

### **Vitro Labs - Simulators**

- Endovascular simulator
- Deployment accuracy
- Adaptability; easy to reconfigure to different model sizes and connection types

# Background & Benchmarking

## Creative Biolabs 3D Biology

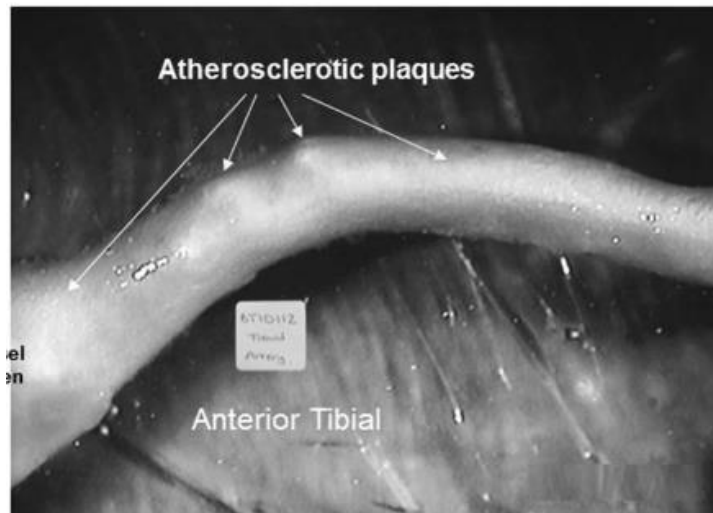


Figure 3. *Atherosclerotic tissue sample* [27]

## Preclinic Medical Simulation



Figure 4. *Silicone Cardiac Vessels* [28]

## Vivitro Labs - Simulators



Figure 4. *Endovascular Simulator* [29]

# QFD: Requirements

## Customer Needs:

- Replicability
  - Product can be manufactured by Gore
- Models simulated use conditions
  - Accurately models vessel and lesion
- Non-Biological materials
  - Entirely synthetic model
- OSHA/ANSI compliance
  - For safety when operating
- Visualization of deployment
  - For demonstration purposes
- Durability
  - Able to be used for many tests
- Ergonomic for intended use

## Engineering requirements:

- Vessel properties
  - Synthetic vessel to have same elasticity and strength as biological lesion
- Vessel dimensions
  - Synthetic vessel dimensions to fit stent
- Lesion properties
  - Synthetic lesion to have same hardness and adhesion to wall as biological lesion
- Lesion dimensions
  - Accurately represent lesion shape
- Fluid properties
  - Accurately represent blood
- Engineering standard compliance
  - Product must be safe
- Manufacturing cost
  - Under total budget of \$3,000

# QFD

System QFD		Project: <b>Calcified Vessel Model</b>					
		Date: 9/11/ 2024					
1	Vessel Properties						
2	Vessel Dimensions						
3	Lesion Dimensions		9				
4	Lesion Properties	3	3	6			
5	Fluid Properties	3	3		1		
6	Engineering Standard Compliance						
7	Manufacturing Cost	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1	6

Customer Needs	Customer Weights	Technical Requirements						
		Vessel Properties	Vessel Dimensions	Lesion Dimensions	Lesion Properties	Fluid Properties	Engineering Standard Compliance	Manufacturing Cost

Customer Needs	Customer Weights	Technical Requirements							Customer Opinion Survey				
		Vessel Properties	Vessel Dimensions	Lesion Dimensions	Lesion Properties	Fluid Properties	Engineering Standard Compliance	Manufacturing Cost	1 Poor	2	3 Acceptable	4	5 Excellent
Replicability	4						9	9		A		C	B
Models simulated use conditions	5	9	9	9	9	9				A		BC	
Non-biological materials	3	9			9	9				A			BC
OSHA/ANSI standard	4						9	6				A	BC
Visualization of deployment	4	3			3	6					A		BC
Durability	2	6	3	3	6			3				ABC	
Ergonomic for intended use	2		6	6				3					ABC

Technical Requirement Units	Technical Requirement Targets
Pressure (kPa)	11-17 kPa
Stiffness (%)	50%
Length (cm)	~30 cm
Thickness (mm)	1-2 mm
Stem length (mm)	5-9 mm
Length (mm)	5 mm
Thickness (mm)	0.5 mm
Angle (deg)	180°
Strength (Pa)	7 Pa
Buoyancy (g)	70 mg
Flow rate (mL/s)	7.2 mL/s
Dynamic viscosity (Pa·s)	0.003-0.006 Pa·s
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
%	100%
USD	\$3000 USD

Legend
A Creative Biolabs 3D Biology
B Preclinic Medical Simulation
C Vivitro Labs - Simulators

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Viabahn stent instruction manual [1]
  - Provides instructions and insight as to how the stents are to be inserted into the peripheral arteries. This will aid in designing the inlet ports of the model
- Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 21st edition[2]
  - Explains the medical side of the peripheral artery disease. Outlines the cause, and effects of the disease as well as ways to test for the disease. This textbook will provide background information for the project and model
- Comparison of BARD®LIFESTREAM™ covered balloon-expandable stent versus GORE® VIABAHN™ covered self-expandable stent in treatment of aortoiliac obstructive disease: study protocol for a prospective randomized controlled trial (NEONATAL trial) [3]
  - Provides comparison between two products that may be tested within the model. This will aid in creating a functional model that can be used for multiple tests.
- Utilization of Endoluminal Bypass Using the Viabahn Endoprosthesis with Heparin Bioactive Surface Compared With Surgical Femoropopliteal Bypass. [4]
  - Outlines the difference between stent and surgical options for treatment. This provides valuable insight as to why this project is important



# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Endovascular Today: Stent device guide[5]
  - Contains dimensions and procedures for multiple different stents that could be used within our model. This will further aid in design decisions within the model.
- A computational study of effects of material properties, strain level, and friction coefficient on smart stent behavior and peripheral artery performance during the interaction process[6]
  - Explains the interaction between the stent and the artery wall when inserted. The data from this study will aid in creating a model that will interact with the stent correctly
- W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES ENHANCES GORE® VIABAHN® ENDOPROSTHESIS PORTFOLIO WITH LOWER PROFILE DELIVERY [7]
  - Press release for an improvement to the Gore Viabahn design. Outlines the new lower profile deployment. This provides further knowledge as to how the model will be used for testing.
- OSHA Regulations[8]
  - Provides information on how to keep our project safe when creating and testing the model

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Materials Science and Engineering: An Introduction, 10th Edition [9]
  - Explains the primary types of materials: metals, ceramics, polymers, and composites, as well as the relationships between material structural elements and their properties. It will help guide the characterization and calculation of peripheral arterial calcification (PAC) material properties, such as durometer and adhesion strength.
- Schaum's Outline of Probability and Statistics, 4th Edition [10]
  - Explains the fundamentals of conditional probability and independence, random variables, binomial and normal distributions, sampling distributions, and analysis of variance. It will provide statistical tools for the analysis of medical experiments and the relevant data they provide to designing calcified vessel models.
- GORE® VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis [11]
  - Provides information, instructions, clinical uses, case studies, specifications, and further reading related to Gore Medical's Viabahn endoprosthesis device. It provides an in-depth view of the device to be tested on the calcified vessel model, aiding the understanding of testing conditions which the model must simulate.

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- A new optical coherence tomography-based calcium scoring system to predict stent underexpansion [12]
  - A retrospective study using blood vessel imaging technology to create an accurate model of predicting stent underexpansion based on blood vessel calcification levels. It reveals which factors related to blood vessel calcification interfere with stent expansion, and the critical measurements at which they occur.
- Carotid Artery Stenting for Calcified Lesions [13]
  - A correlation study comparing the arc of circumferential vessel occlusion in patients with calcified lesions to the outcomes of balloon expansions in stent placement operations. It reveals a statistical correlation between degree of vessel occlusion and residual stenosis, providing guidelines for necessary balloon expansion pressure during stent placements depending on calcification levels.
- Quantifying Effects of Plaque Structure and Material Properties on Stress Distributions in Human Atherosclerotic Plaques Using 3D FSI Models [14]
  - A computational study using blood vessel imaging technology to create 3D structural and fluid models of calcified plaque in blood vessels for mechanical analysis. It provides mathematical relationships of stress and strain levels in calcified lesions according to plaque material properties and geometries.

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Ultrasound determination of total arterial wall thickness [15]
  - A correlation study using blood vessel imaging technology comparing the ages and peripheral artery disease (PAD) states of test subjects with their artery wall thicknesses. It reveals a statistically significant correlation of the increase in peripheral artery wall thickness in patients 60-69 years old due to PAD.
- Cardiovascular implants — Endovascular devices (ISO 25539-2:2020) [16]
  - A standard written and published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specifying the requirements of vascular stents and delivery systems with regards to their design, manufacturing, and evaluation among ISO member nations. It will provide fundamental technical information on the medical device to be tested in the calcified vessel model, including the rules and regulations they must follow.

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Biocompatible 3D Printing Resins for Medical Applications [21]
  - Testing research of flexible and nonflexible biocompatible materials and discusses limitations of the resins. This will aid in the design stage and the prototyping in that 3D printing materials and limitations can be part of the testing process and possible variations of the models.
- Research Models for Studying Vascular Calcification [22]
  - Discusses the type of system required to create calcifications and the components within blood that make the calcification build up. This will aid with the ideation of calcification of the model vessels and the materials that most compared to the body to accurately recreate the problem.
- Comparing Traditional and Contemporary Manufacturing Methods [17]
  - Discusses the process of casting resin and the limitations associated. This source also covers the limitations of 3D printing. This source is helpful in the comparison of the restrictions of both processes. We will be able to weight the benefits of each method and decide which limitations apply to our project.
- Vascular Corrosion Casting [23]
  - This article talks about specific silicone rubber casting and its ability to create fine detail aspects efficiently. Understanding this process and prototyping with this silicone rubber will allow us to compare prototypes. This also talked about making a model with multiple ports which will be important for our model as well. A system that allows for multiple components in one model cast.
- 3D Printed Molds for Injection Molding [18]
  - This journal described the process of injection molding which was described as successful process for elastomeric devices. It also talks about the 3D printing process as well as the injection molding. This will be helpful to combine the best components of our designs and think creatively how to manage cost based on materials used.

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Standard Practice for Selecting Generic Biological Test Methods for Materials and Devices [25]
  - This document is the standard for generic biological test methods and safety standards. This suggests that there may be additional testing required for biological devices despite being non-tissue materials. This is important to understand so that when presenting to client they understand the possibility of further testing that could be required.
- Design For Mechanical Measurements Chapter 1 [19]
  - This chapter covers many basics of measurements however the main concept of importance of this chapter is the replication and repetition portion. This is especially important when considering out testing methods. The project entails making 12 models and testing them the same, so the repetition and replication is ideal scenario.
- Design For Mechanical Measurements Chapter 9 [20]
  - This chapter is focused on pressure measurements which is the primary testing procedure for this project. The most helpful aspect of the chapter is the velocity probe section. This details simple procedures, calculations, and purpose of these devices which is essential in determining what system to use for our own procedures.
- 3D Printed Biomedical Devices and their Applications [26]
  - This journal talks about the issues discovered across experiments with 3D printing for medical devices. This pertains to our project as a warning meaning that these are things the team needs to avoid and try to troubleshoot in advance. The other part of the journal specially interesting is the future of 3D printing mainly the materials. These are materials to consider for 3D printing since this was published in 2023 some materials may be available.
- How Cost-Effective is SLA 3D Printing [24]
  - This website is detailing the SLA 3D printing process cost to other manufacturing costs. It also provides information about what SLA printing is and how it compares cost to injection molding or CNC machining. This pertains to our project for the main aspects of 3D printing and Injection molding as these are the two most popular methods for achieving a model like ours.

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Endovascular Simulator creates physiological pulsatile flow and pressures (vivitrolabs.com) [29]  
*Used as a bench-marker; providing some direction in the assembly and design process.*
- Silicone Vessels Simulation Model Manufacturer, Vascular Simulation | Preclinic Medtech (preclinic-sim.com) [28]  
*Used as a bench-marker; providing direction in the assembly and material selection process.*
- CRIMSON: An open-source software framework for cardiovascular integrated modelling and simulation | PLOS Computational Biology [30]  
*Engineering tool used for segmenting vascular structures from medical images. This source will be used as the standard in helping create accurate and detailed simulation modeling for our customer and project.*
- Anatomy, Blood Vessels [31]  
*Used as a textbook chapter from the StatPearls by William D. Tucker; Yingyot Arora; Kunal Mahajan. Help with identifying the peripheral vascular system, includes all the blood vessels that exist outside the heart.*
- Central Versus Peripheral Artery Stiffening and Cardiovascular Risk [32]  
*Used as a peer-reviewed source (journal). This source will help with understanding of the calcification behavior(s) and effects in the peripheral arterial system while linking it back to the entire arterial system.*

# State-of-the-Art Literature Review

- Blood Flow in Vessels – Circulation [33]  
*Used as a peer-reviewed source. This source gives exceptional information on the behavior of the blood flow in vessels. Both peripheral and central systems, we are interested in the peripheral flow characteristics.*
- Cardiovascular Physiology - Chapter 6: The Peripheral Vascular System; McGraw Hill [34]  
*Used as a textbook source. This source will help define the peripheral vascular system that we intend on replicating in our model design.*
- Tortora's Principles of Anatomy & Physiology Textbook [36]  
*Used as a textbook source. This source was used for calculations. Precisely used for the velocity max value.*



# Mathematical Model: Wall Shear Stress

## Define WSS:

Wall shear stress is the force created by fluid flow and the internal surface of a vessel. Applying fluid mechanic principles to blood flow in a blood vessel we can use this calculation to determine appropriate wall thickness of our model.

## Considerations:

- Assuming Laminar Flow
- Viscosity of blood is never a fixed value
- Shear Rate and Flow Velocity  $(V)_{\max}$  will need to be calculated as well. [35]
- Radius value [36]

## Calculation:

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(V)max = 0.3 m/s      *typical of a medium-sized artery @ resting conditions
(R) = 0.005 m         *reasonable approximation for common
(μ) = 0.0035 Pa*s    *common dynamic viscosity value for blood

1. Calculate Shear Rate:
   du/dy = [2(V)max]/(R)
   du/dy = [2(0.3 m/s)] / (0.005m)
   du/dy = 120 1/s

2. Calculate Wall Shear Stress (WSS):

   τ = (μ)(du/dy)
   τ = (0.0035 Pa*s) (120 1/s)
   τ = 0.42 Pa
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Figure 6. WSS Calculation [38]

# Mathematical Model: Pump Power

## Pump Efficiency or Brake Power

Equation on the reference manual (page 113)

$$\text{Pump (brake) power } \dot{W} = \frac{\rho g H Q}{\eta_{\text{pump}}}$$

$$\rho g: \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} (\text{m/s}^2) = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} = \gamma, \quad SG \Rightarrow \gamma_f = SG \gamma_w$$

H: Head added by pump

$$Q: = VA$$

$$\eta_{\text{pump}}: \frac{\%}{100}$$

Online example:

Outlines the equation as well as the units needed within the equation

SI Units:

$$\dot{W} = \frac{\gamma H Q}{\eta_{\text{pump}}} = \frac{\text{kN/m}^3 (\text{m})(\text{m}^3/\text{s})}{\eta_{\text{pump}}} = \text{kN}\cdot\text{m/s} = \text{kJ/s} = \text{kW}$$

English Units:

$$\dot{W} = \frac{\gamma H Q}{\eta_{\text{pump}}} = \frac{\text{lb/ft}^3 (\text{ft})(\text{ft}^3/\text{s})}{\eta_{\text{pump}}} = \text{lb}\cdot\text{ft/s} \left( \frac{1 \text{ hp}}{550 \text{ lb}\cdot\frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}} \right) = \text{hp}$$

# Mathematical Model: Pump Power

## Equation

$$P(\text{pump}) = \frac{Sg * \gamma * Q * H}{\eta}$$

$$P = \frac{1.066 * 62.43 * 0.00235 * 3}{0.8} = 0.5864 \text{ lb} - \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

$$P = 0.5864 \text{ lb} - \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} * \left( \frac{1 \text{ hp}}{550 \text{ lb} - \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}} \right) =$$

$$P = 0.0011 \text{ hp}$$

## Variables

$$Sg(\text{blood}) = 1.066 - 1.048$$

$$\gamma(\text{water}) = 62.43 \text{ lb/ft}^3$$

$$H(\text{max}) = 3 \text{ ft}$$

$$Q = 300 - 400 \text{ mL/min} \rightarrow 0.00235 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\eta \approx 80\%$$

## Conclusion

Required power output for pump is 0.0011hp, this falls well within the range of commercially available pumps

# Mathematical Model: Cost Analysis

## Online Example:

Amid the [conversion](#) of raw materials it purchased into finished goods ready to be sold to its customers, the manufacturer incurred a total of \$500,000 in fixed costs.

- Total Number of Units Produced (Q) = 25,000
- Total Fixed Costs = \$500,000

Moreover, the [variable cost](#) per unit of production is \$4.00, so the total [variable costs](#) incurred over the course of the fiscal year were \$100,000.

- Variable Cost Per Unit = \$4.00
- Total Variable Costs =  $\$4.00 \times 25,000 = \$100,000$

The sum of the manufacturer's fixed and variable costs, i.e. the total cost of production, comes out to \$600,000.

- Total Cost of Production (TC) =  $\$500,000 + \$100,000 = \$600,000$

In the final step of our exercise, the total cost of production is divided by the total quantity of units produced to arrive at an average cost of \$24.00.

- Average Cost Per Unit =  $\$600,000 \div 25,000 = \$24.00$

Total Number of Units Produced (Q) = 25,000

Total Fixed Costs = \$500,000

Variable Cost Per Unit = \$4.00

Total Variable Costs =  $\$4.00 \times 25,000 = \$100,000$

Total Cost of Production (TC) =  $\$500,000 + \$100,000 = \$600,000$

Average Cost Per Unit =  $\$600,000 / 25,000 = \$24.00$

Equation found from WallStreet Prep [16]

# Mathematical Model: Cost Analysis

## Equation

$$Q * C_v = TC_v$$

$$TC = C_f + TC_v$$

$$A = \frac{TC}{Q}$$

## Variables

Q - Total Number of Units Produced

C<sub>v</sub> – Variable Cost

TC<sub>v</sub>- Total Variable Cost

TC- Total Cost

C<sub>f</sub>- Fixed Cost

A- Average Cost per Unit

## Calculation

Q = 12 units

C<sub>v</sub>= material cost, labor cost, shipping

Resin, tubing, syringes, labor at \$15/hr, average of \$10 shipping fee

C<sub>f</sub>= fixed cost

Pump, tank, cart, blood solution

$$Q = 12$$

$$C_v = \$3.44 + \$8.91 + \$65 + \$22.49 + \$60 + \$10$$
$$C_v = \$169.84$$

$$C_f = \$71 + \$26.24 + \$9.98 + \$150 + \$66.75$$
$$C_f = \$323.97$$

$$TC_v = C_v * Q = 169.84 * 12 = \$2038.08$$

$$TC = C_f + TC_v = 2038.08 + 323.97 = \$2,362.05$$

$$A = \frac{TC}{Q} = \frac{2362.05}{12} = \$196.84$$

This calculation applies to both 3D printing and molding because the same materials are purchased just in various quantities. So, there will be slight alterations to variable cost if molding is chosen direction (would be roughly \$22 cheaper per unit)

# Mathematical Model: Disease States

## Question

- How to characterize peripheral arterial calcification disease states?
- Peripheral arterial disease presents differently in different patients.
- Characterizations must be relevant to their effects on vascular stents.

## Methods

- Perform A/B test to determine statistical significance of each incomplete stent expansion factor.
- From EuroIntervention study: 133 operations on calcified lesions [14]
  - Calcified lesion thickness, length, and degree of vessel occlusion recorded
  - Stent expansion completion recorded

# Characterization of Disease States

## Equations

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

$$p = P(z < -z_{crit}) + P(z > z_{crit})$$

[11]

## Variables

$\bar{x}$ - sample mean

$\mu$ - mean

$\sigma$ - standard deviation

$n$ - sample size

$z_{crit}$ - critical z-score

## Example

<50% occlusion:

$$\mu = 3/33 = 0.0909$$

$$\sigma = 0.2919$$

$$n = 33$$

$$z_{crit} = 1.645$$

>50% occlusion:

$$\mu = 7/24 = 0.2917$$

$$\sigma = 0.4643$$

$$n = 24$$

$$z_{crit} = -1.282$$

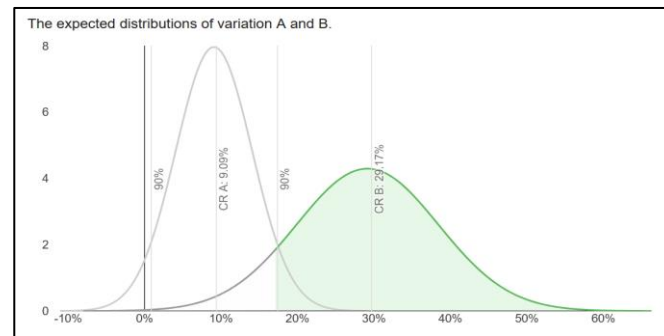


Fig. 8 – two-tailed t-test for degree of vessel occlusion vs incomplete stent expansion rate (per 180°) [18]

## Results

p value – 0.0569

z-score – 1.9044

Significance: >90%

# Characterization of Disease States

## Conclusions

- Calcified lesion thickness  $>0.5$  mm, length  $>5$  mm, and degree of vessel occlusion  $>50\%$  are statistically significant predictors of incomplete stent expansion.
- These factors can be effectively used to characterize PAC disease states.

## Recommendations

- To represent the entire range of PAC disease states, several calcified vessel models should be made which feature none of these factors, some factors, and all factors.



# Schedule – Gantt Chart

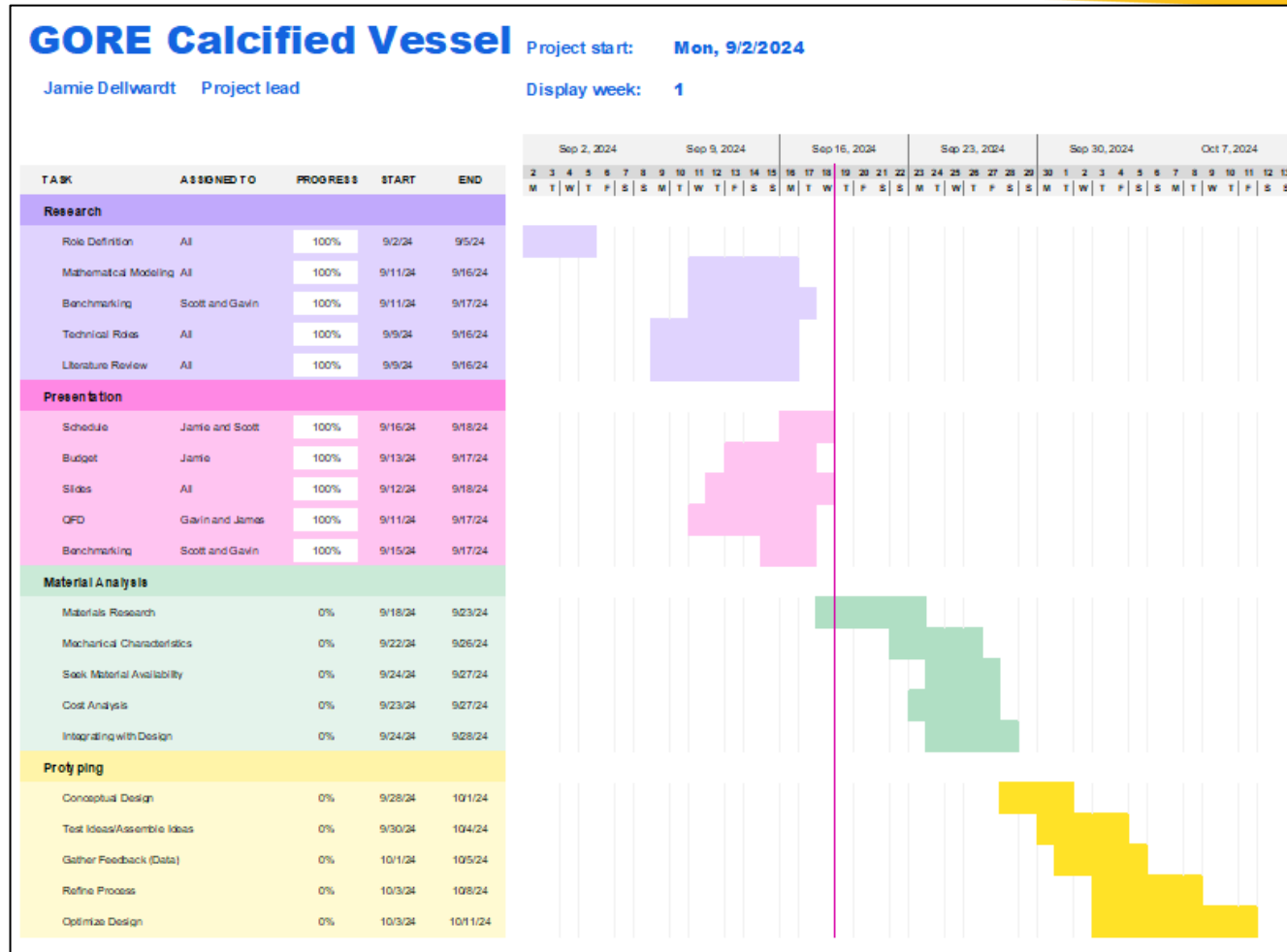
## Gantt Chart:

- A project management tool.
- Utilize Gantt Chart to help with production throughout the life span of our project.
- The Gantt Chart aids in clearly assessing task responsibilities with deadlines for project progress to be maintained.
- We can redefine our Gantt Chart to be utilized as a "Can-Build" chart as well.



Figure 9. Time Management [37]

# Schedule – Gantt Chart



# Budget

Income	\$3,000			
Fundraising	\$300			
Item	Cost	Details	Purchased Date	Received
Resin	\$65	Flexible resin		
Resin	\$22.49	3D printer resin		
Pump	\$9.98	mini water pump		
Plastic tubing	\$8.91	12 meters		
Pump tank	\$26.24	Fish tank?		
Syringes	\$3.44	medical dosing syringe		
Utility Cart	\$71	Hold the model		
Filament	\$50.00	per liter		
Prototype 1	\$196.84	All materials required		
Prototype 2	\$196.84	All materials required		
Final Model		Split up above in individual costs		
Total Spent	\$651			
Total Remaining	\$2,649			

Most cost expected right now is ordering materials to start building prototypes and testing procedures.

Fundraising plan right now is to go to local businesses and set up GoFundMe. Possibly also reach out to larger companies or research labs that may be interested in this model.

# Thank You!

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