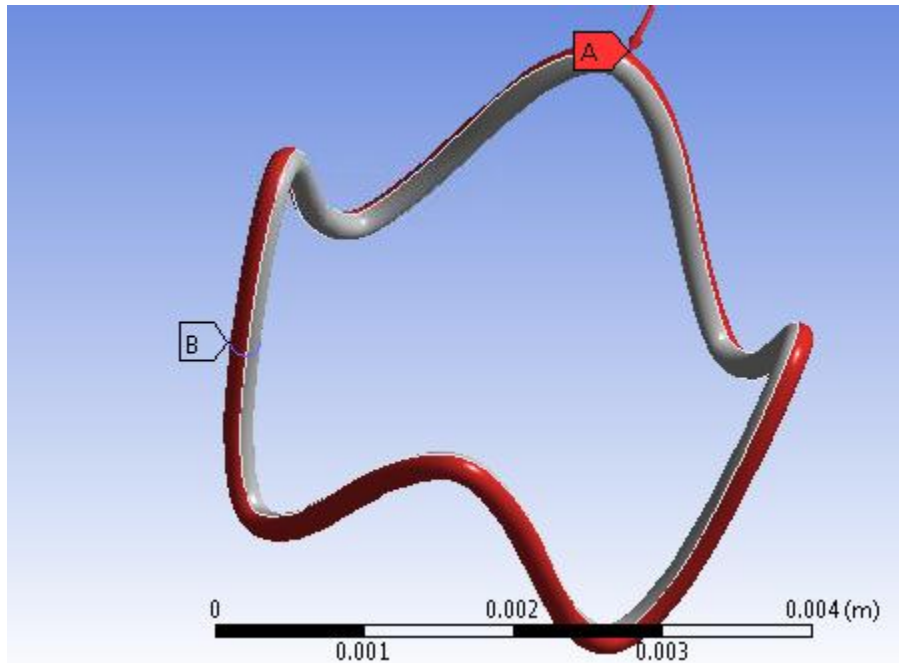
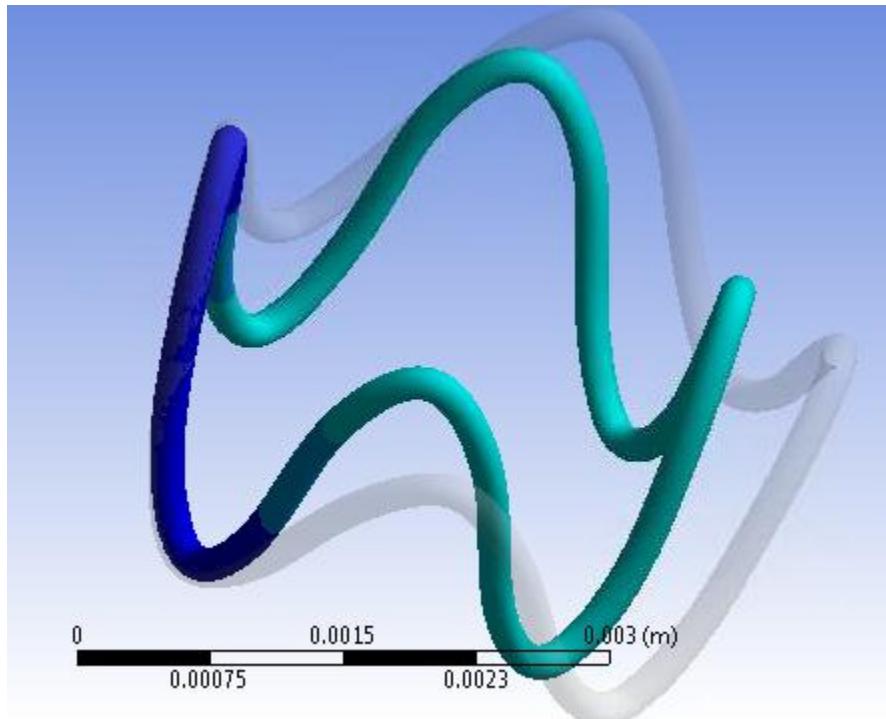


Undeformed geometry showing the applied pressure. The pressure is applied on the 'outer' surface (A). Also, the fixed support is provided at 'B'



In the next figure shown below, the shadowy ring shows the original undeformed, fully expanded stent ring. The brighter, more prominent shape represents the stent half-way thru its squeezed shape.



The next figure below shows further squeezing of the stent.

