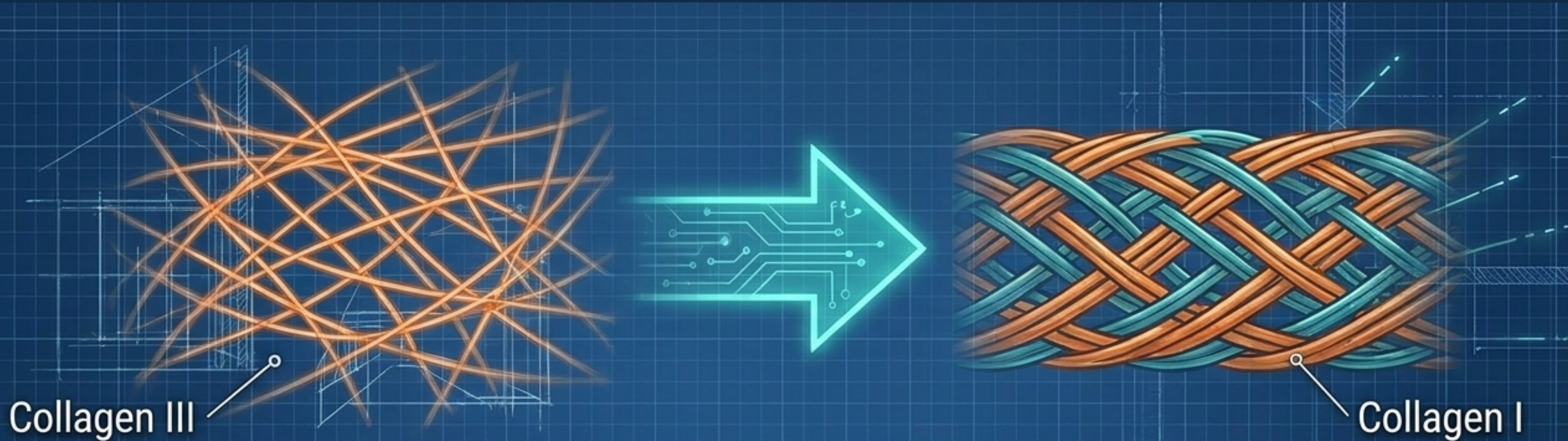


Phase 4: Remodelling and Tensile Strength



A piercing fistula only reaches roughly 80% of its final tensile strength at week 12. It continues remodeling for a year or more.

Takeaway: Visual healing is deceptive. Internal structural maturation takes months.