

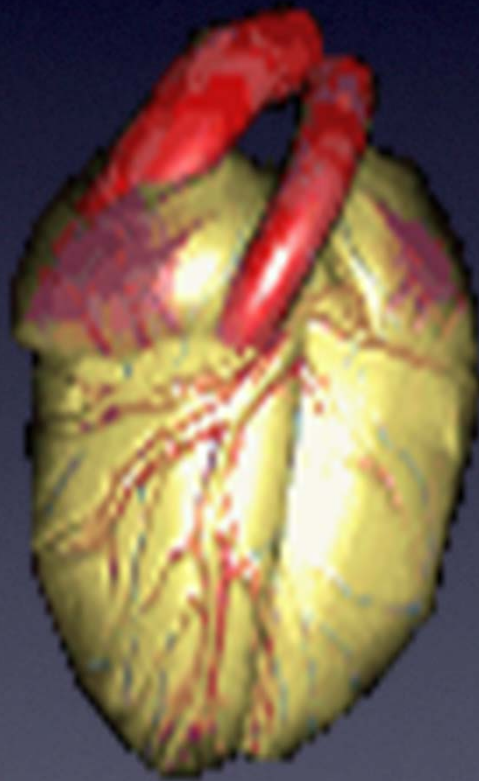
Tissue Doppler and myocardial strain : *a new prognostic parameter?*



Clinical evaluation of cardiovascular diseases

Echocardiography

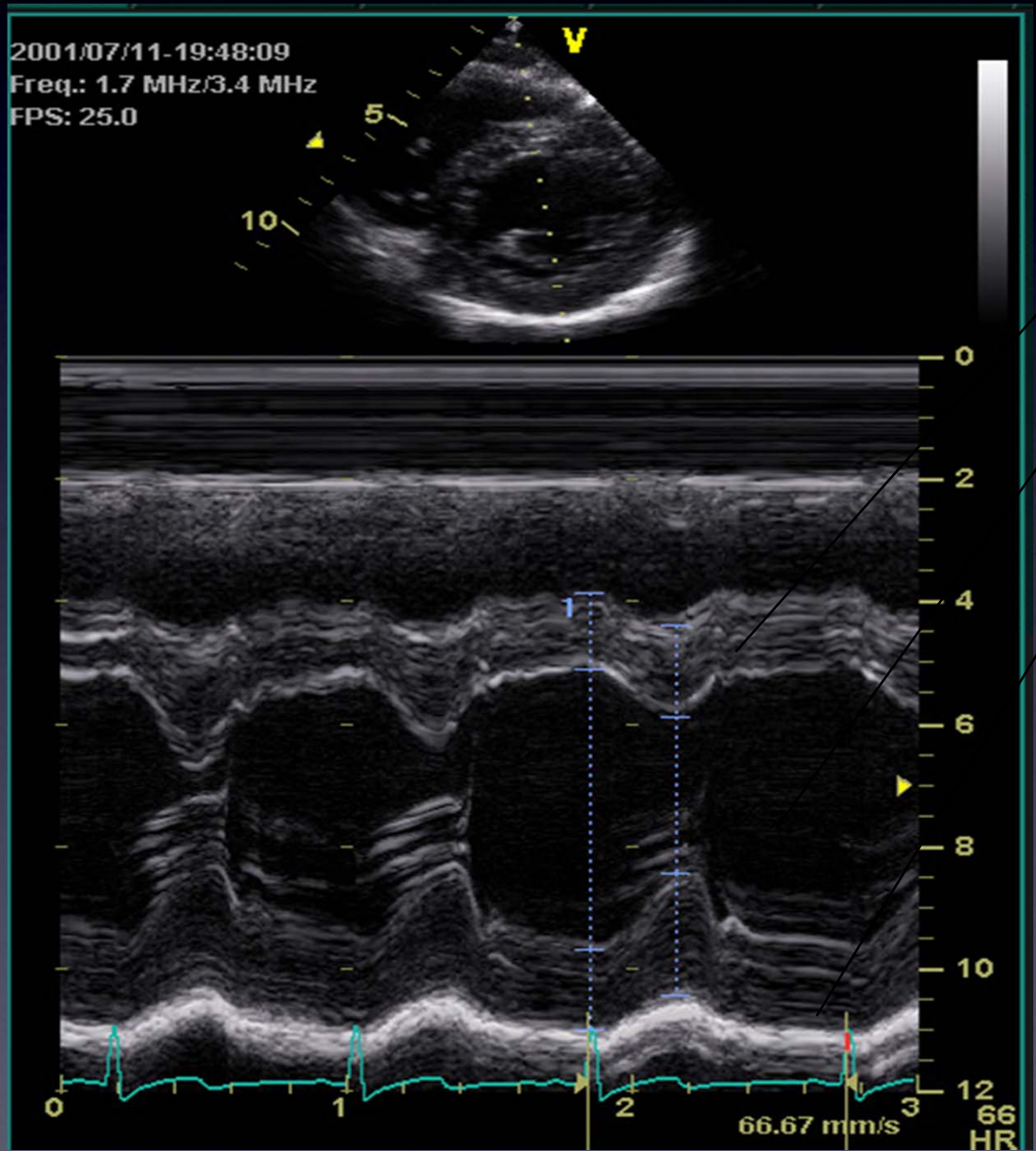
Systolic
dysfunction



Diastolic
dysfunction

Assessment of LV Systemic Function

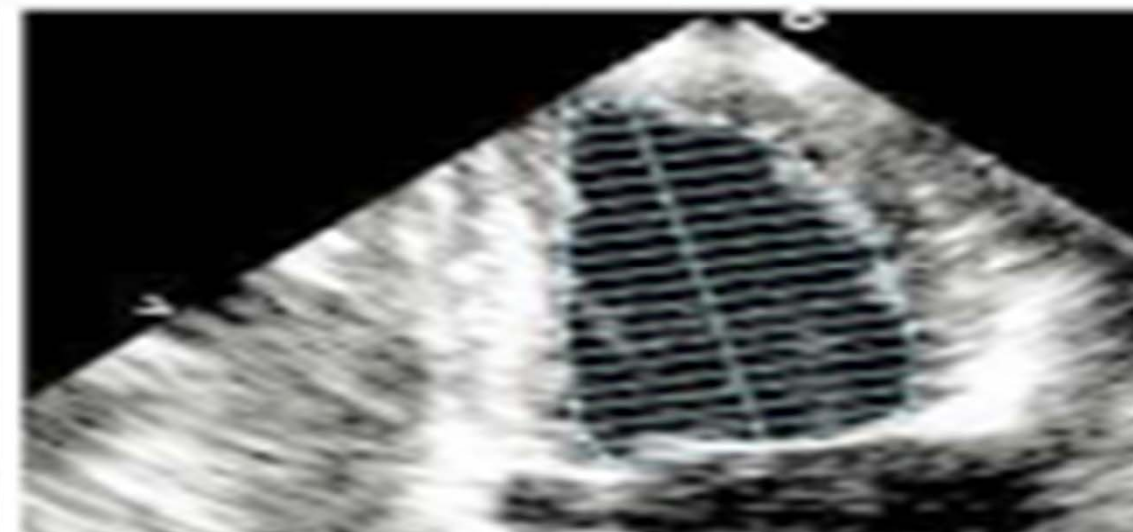
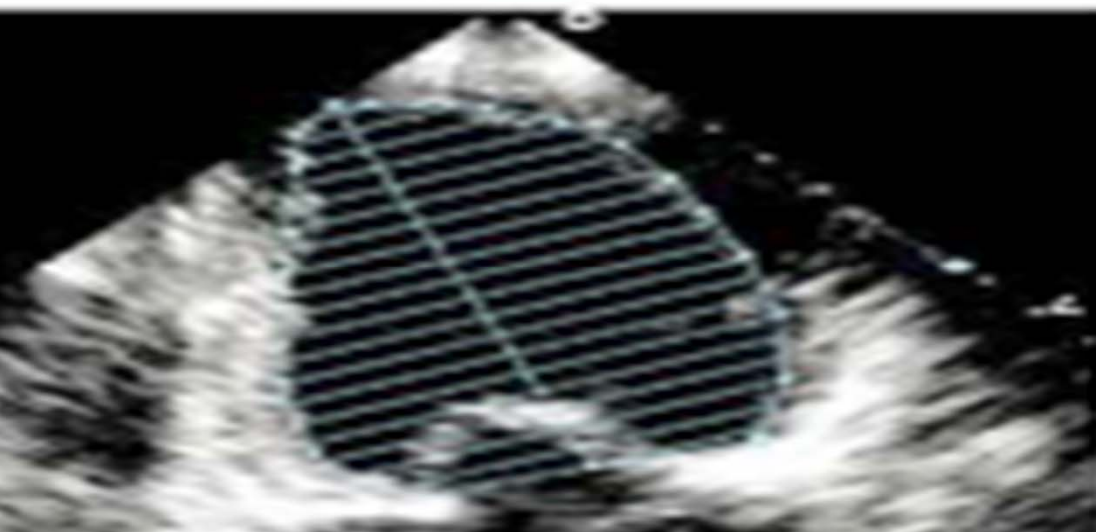
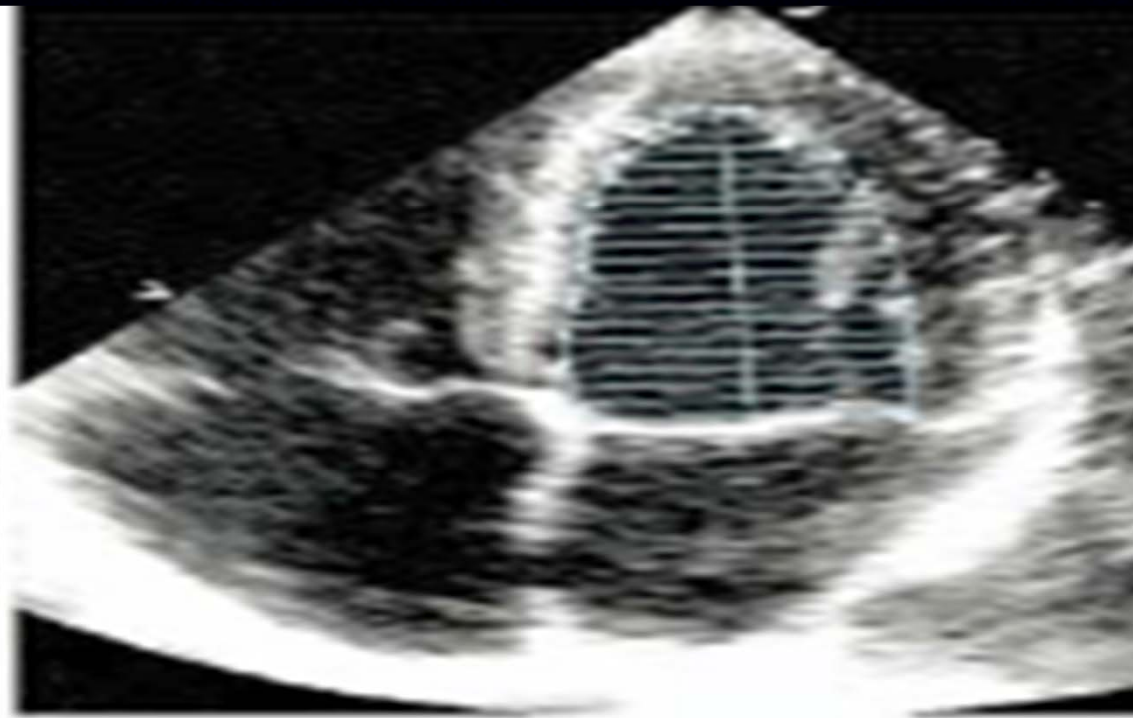
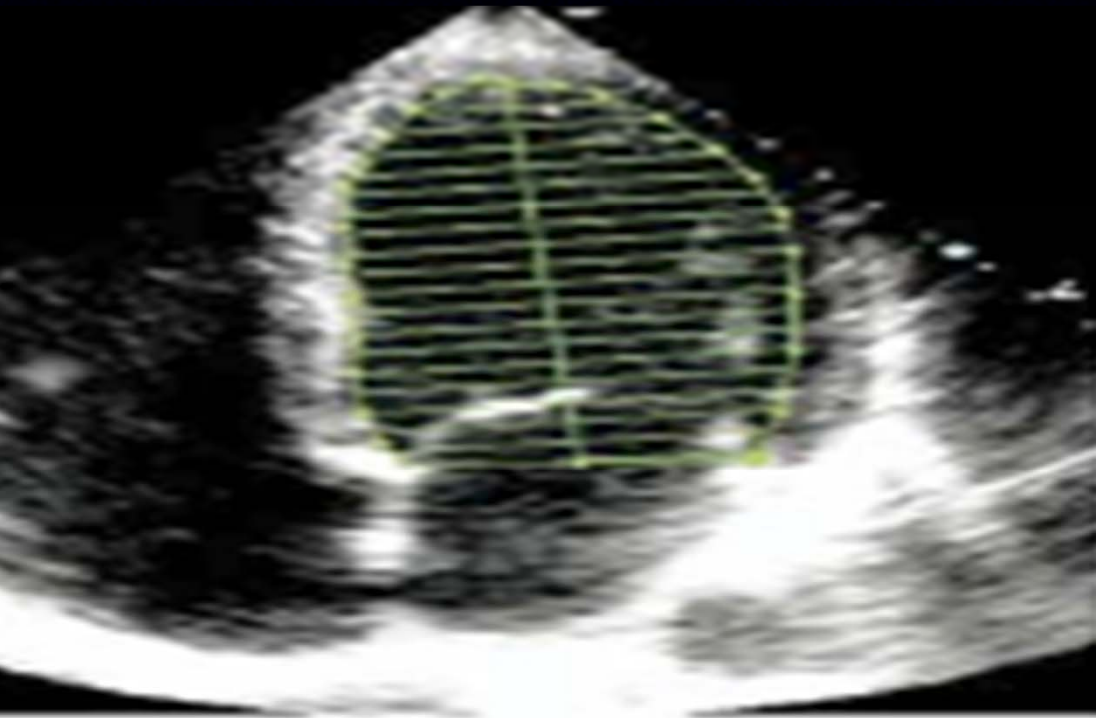
Linear measurement from M-mode



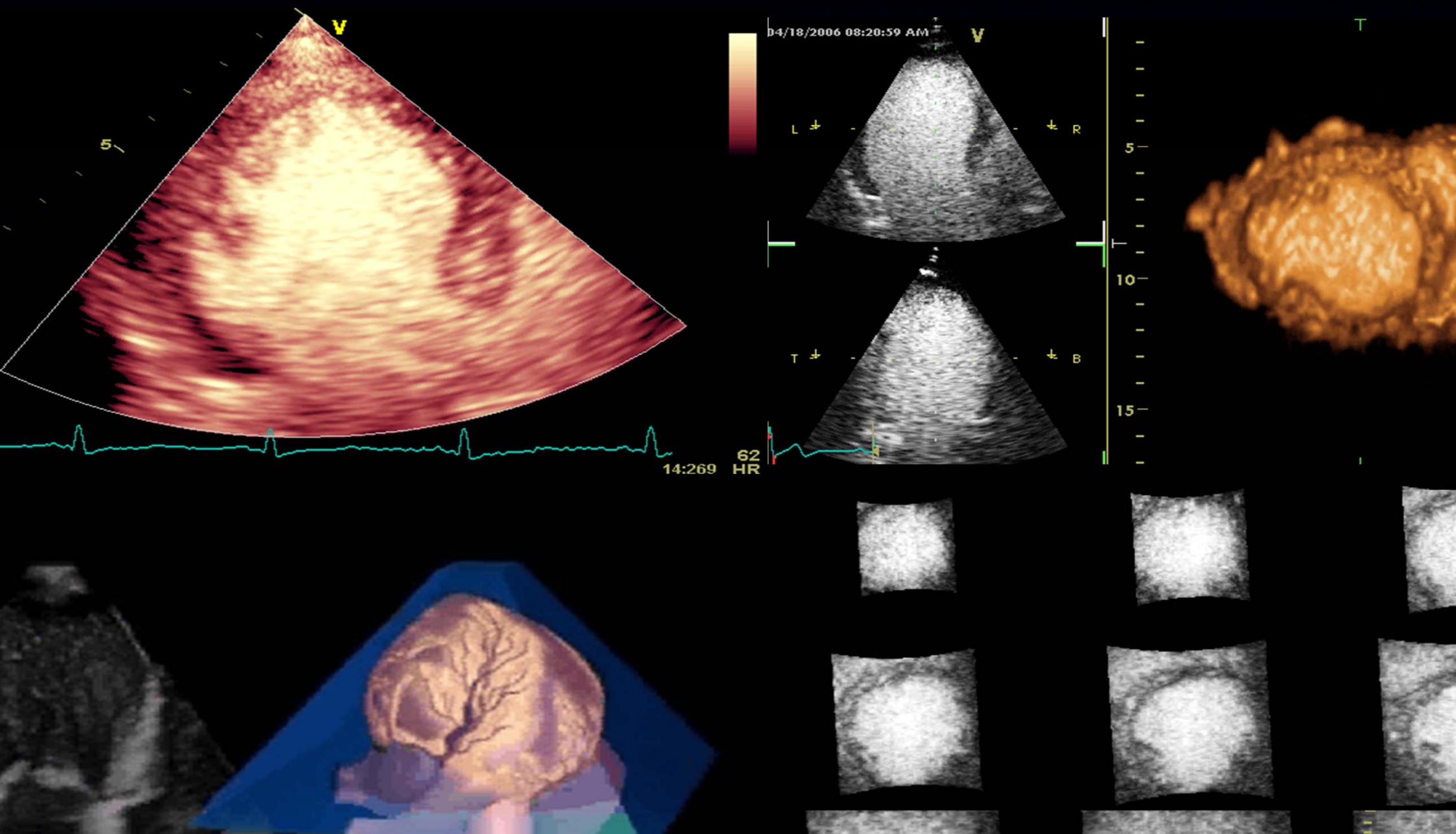
1	IVSd	1.24 cm
	LVIDd	4.57 cm
	LVPWd	1.31 cm
	IVSs	1.49 cm
	LVIDs	2.55 cm
	LVPWs	1.99 cm
	EDV(Teich)	95.9 ml
	ESV(Teich)	23.4 ml
	EF(Teich)	75.6 %
	%FS	44.2 %
	SV(Teich)	72.4 ml

Assessment of LV Systemic Function

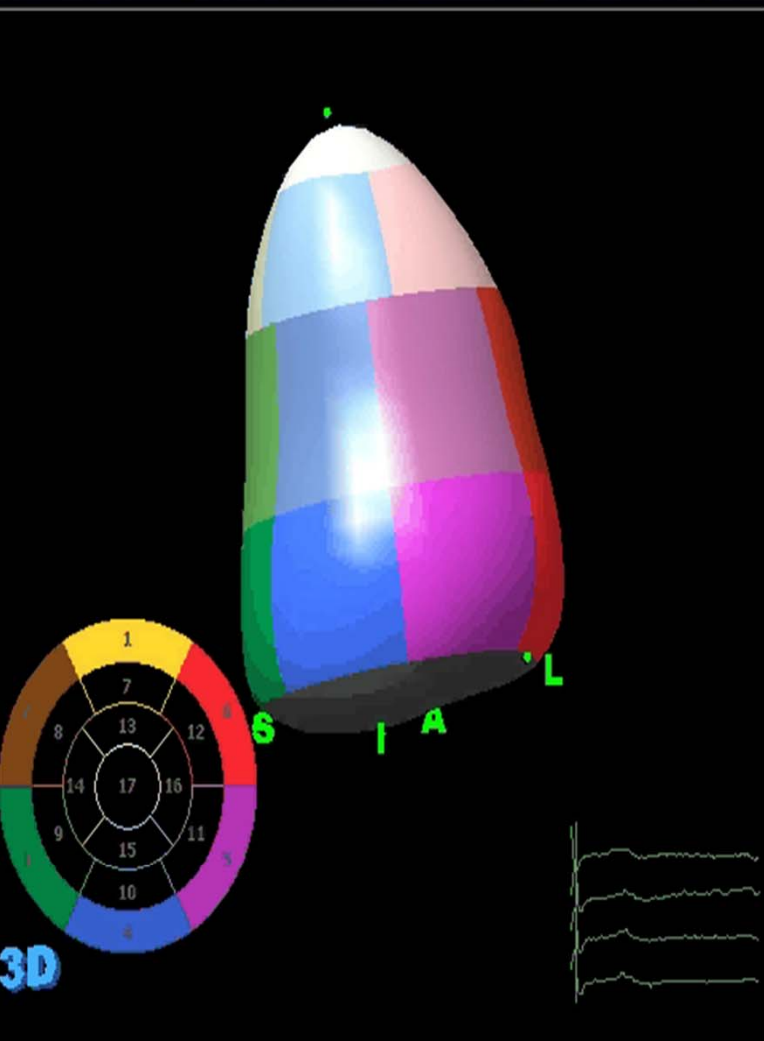
Volumetric measurements- modified Simpson's rule



Contrast echocardiography



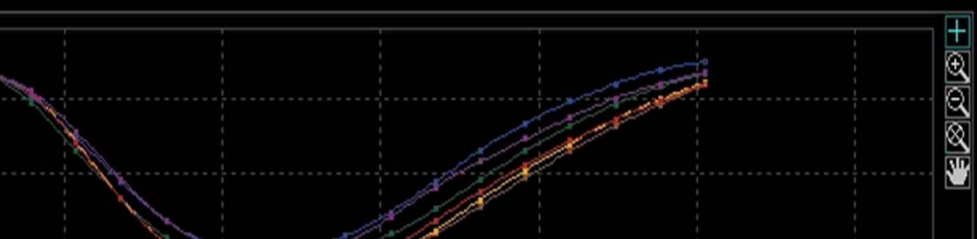
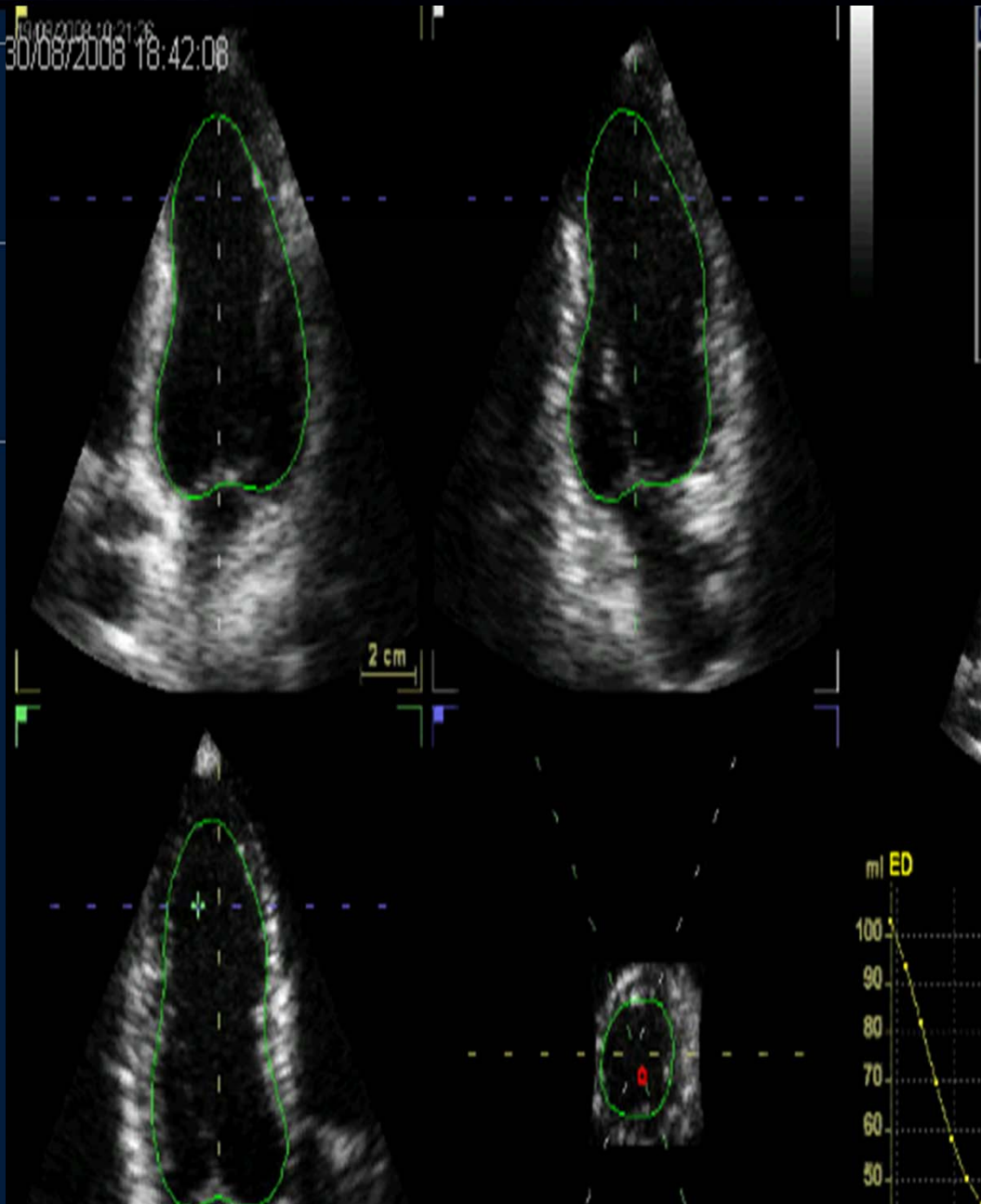
3D and 4D LV Volume...for global EF



Volume(s)
EDV = 84.3 ml
ESV = 23.7 ml

Calculation(s)
EF = 71.9 %
SV = 60.6 ml

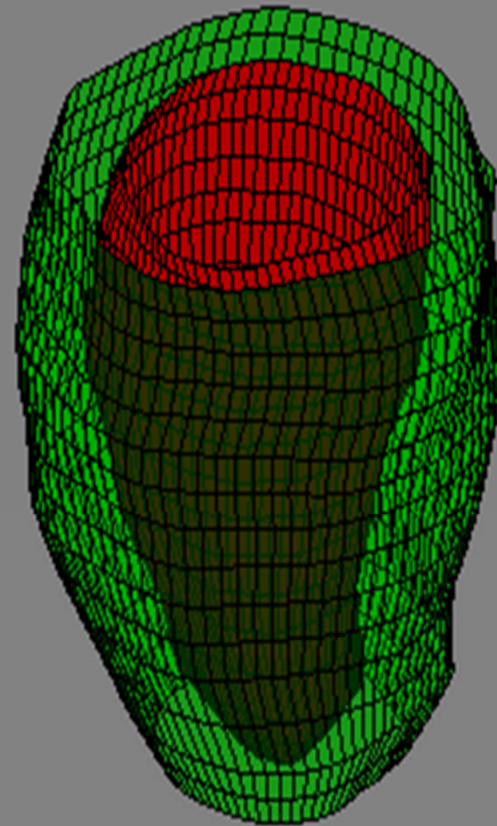
Regional
Tmsv Sel-SD = 12 ms
Tmsv Sel-Dif = 33 ms
Tmsv Sel-SD = 1.11 %



Assessment of LV Systemic Function

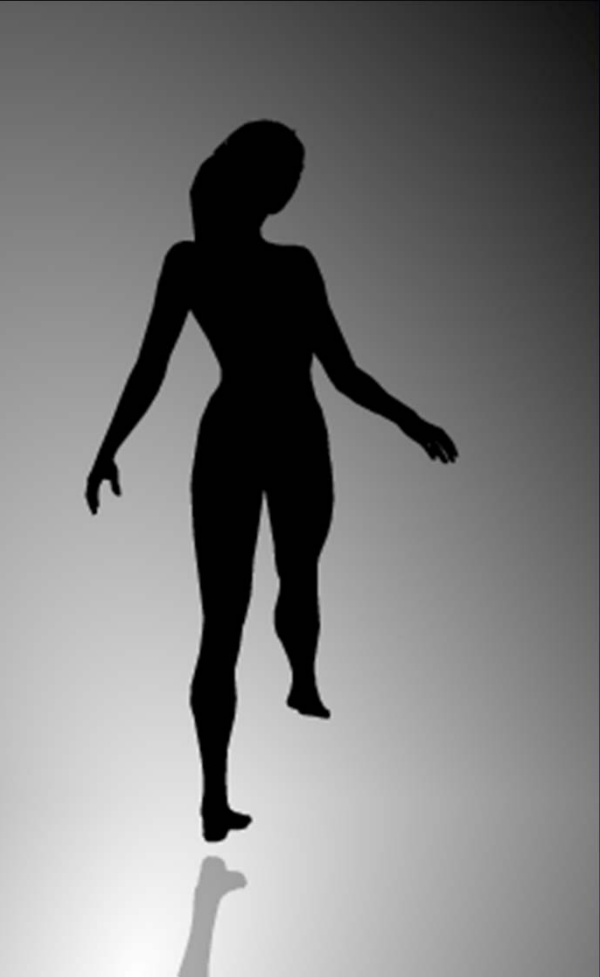
Standard echocardiographic measurements, such as ejection fraction and endocardial fractional shortening reflect *chamber dynamics*

Not direct measurements of the longitudinal fiber function



however, heart is complex fiber structure

3-dinesional movement

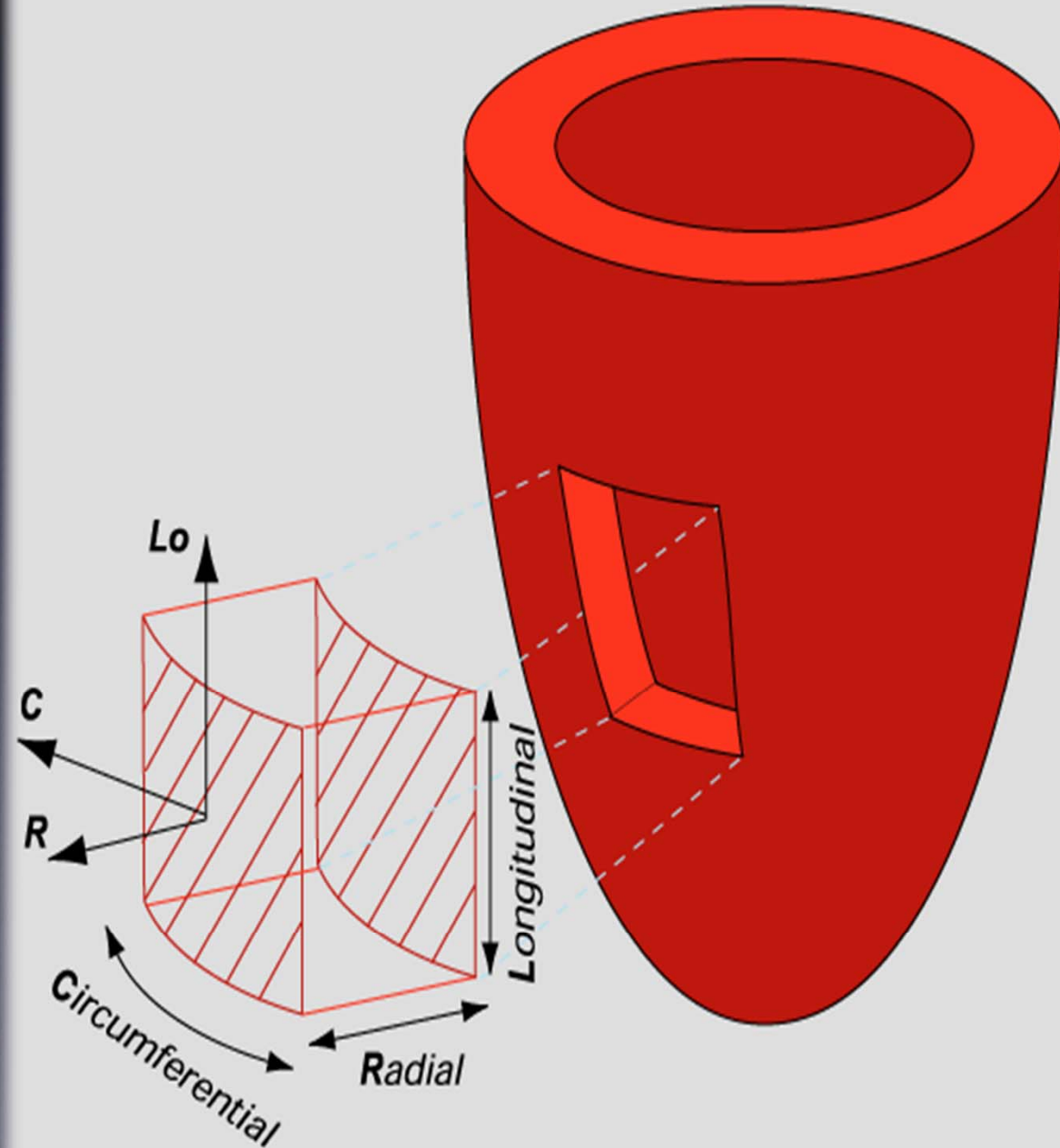


Components of Regional Function

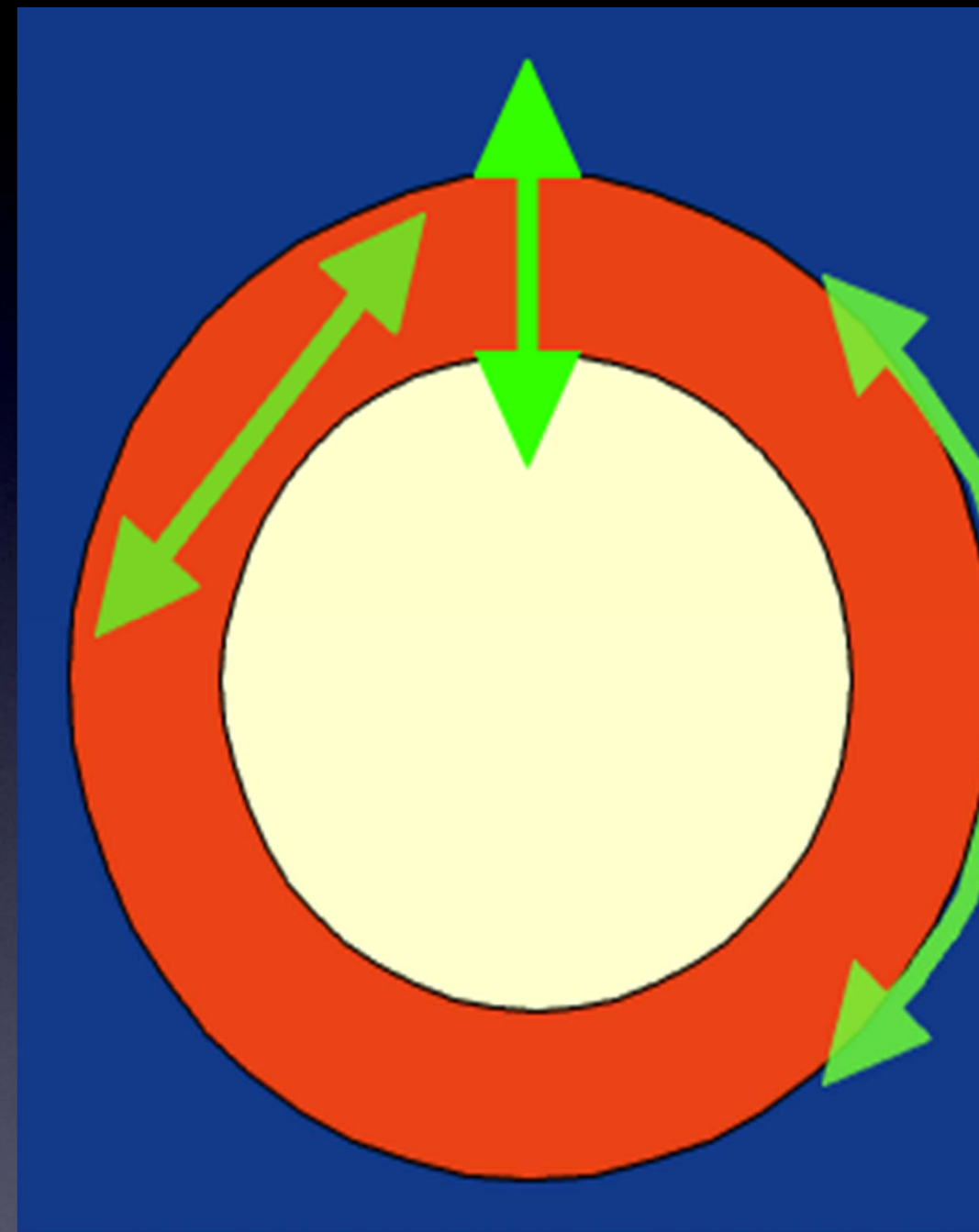
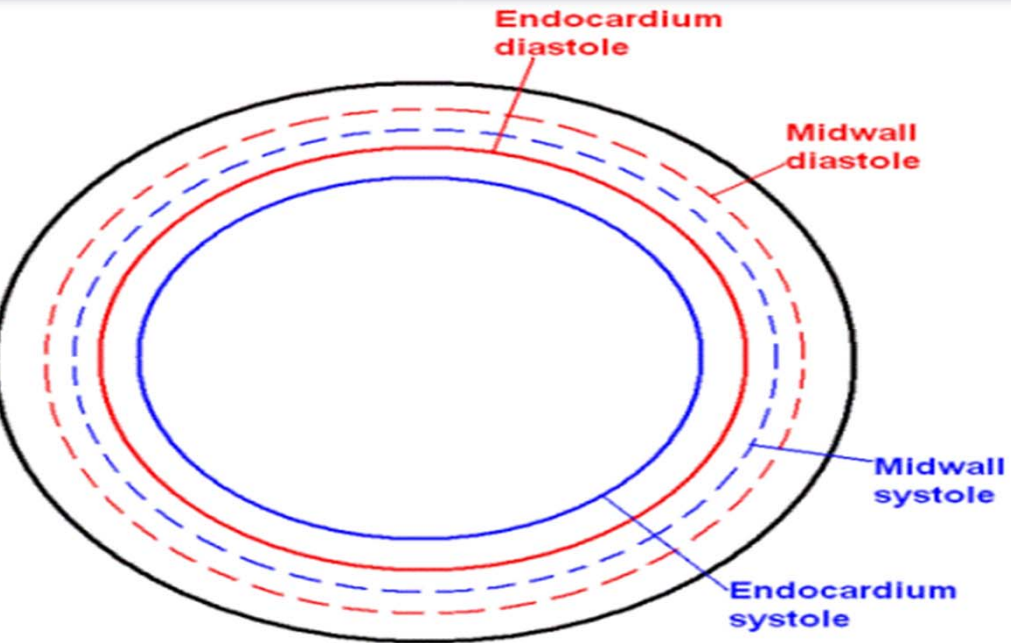
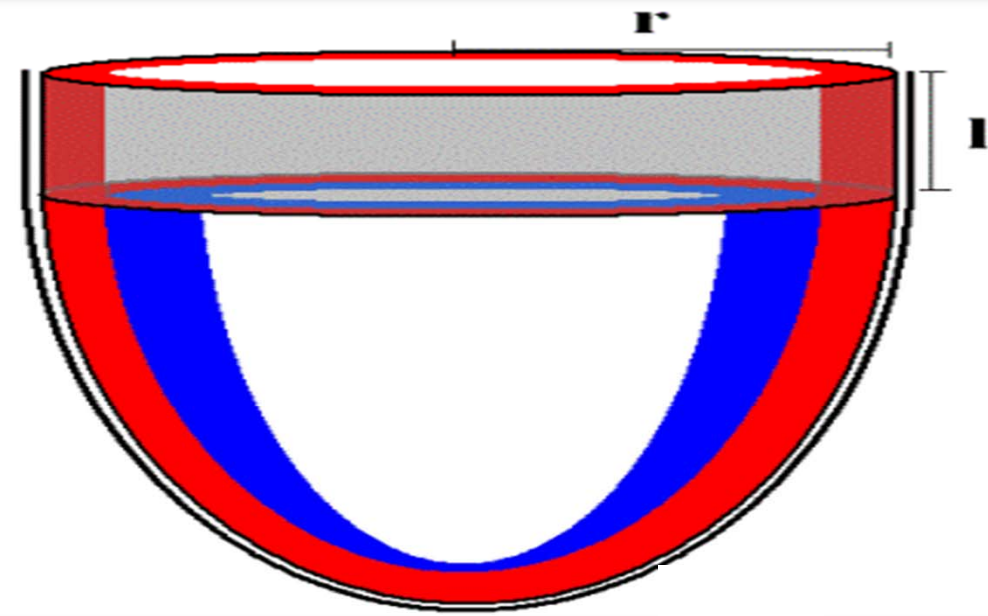
- Radial function
- Longitudinal
- Circumferential



Without the longitudinal component, sarcomere shortening would lead to an EF < 30%.



Components of Regional Function



the wall shortens in the longitudinal and circumferential

Assessment of LV Systemic function

D and M-mode measurements, fractional shortening, longitudinal shortening, myocardial velocities 2D volumes and EF are all related to myocardial motion

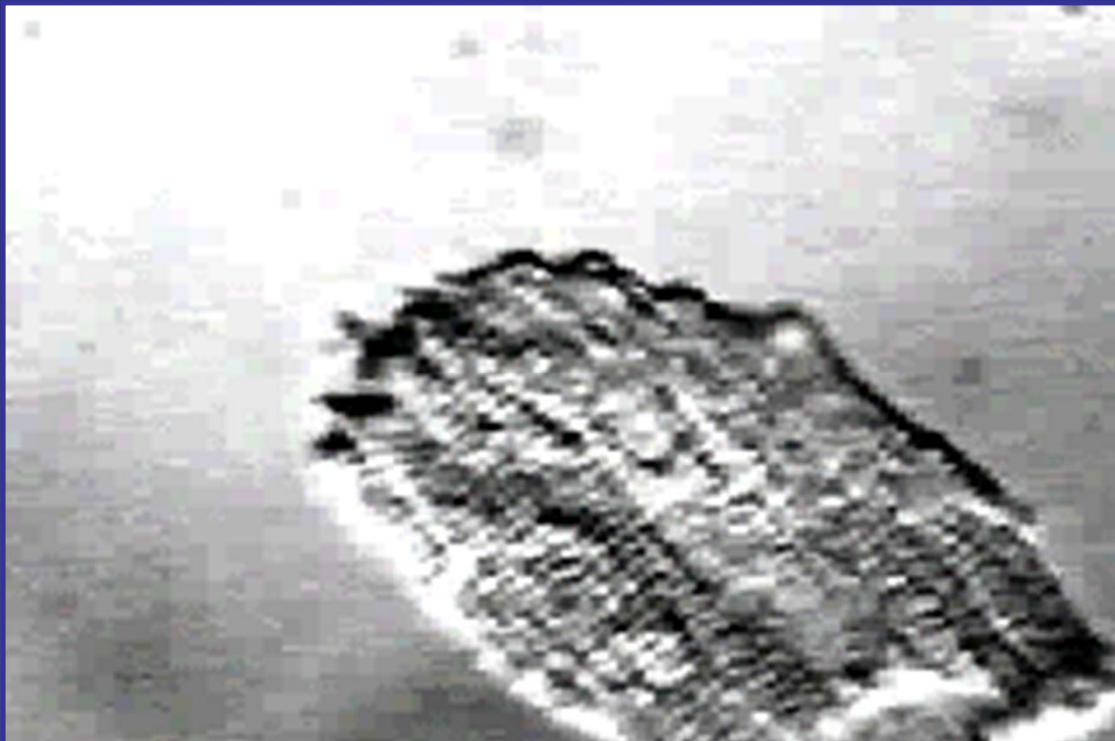
The importance of **normal long axis function** in maintaining a coordinated ventricular contraction

Strain imaging, compared with conventional echocardiography is a more sensitive method for the **detection of LV systolic dysfunction, particularly in subjects with LV remodelling and normal EF**

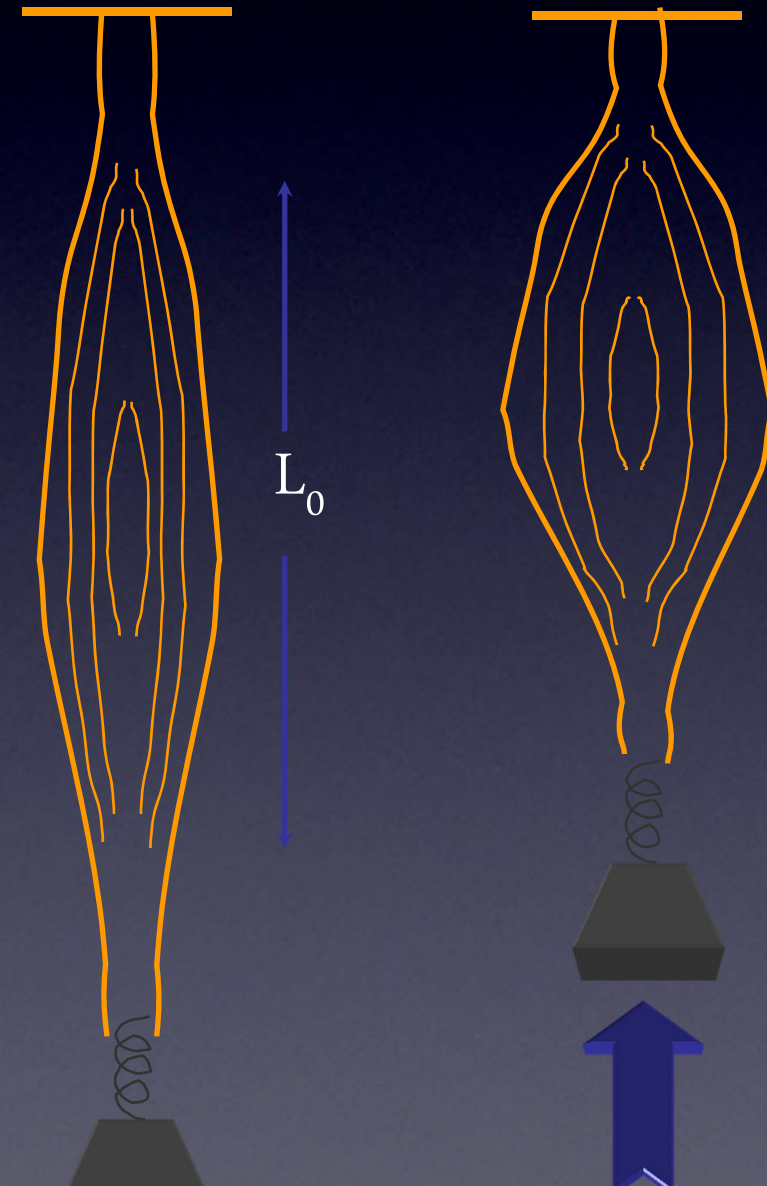
What is Strain?

Strain:

- Is a measure of the *deformation* or *change in shape* of the myocardium between two points
- Is the percent (%) of deformation or change in shape

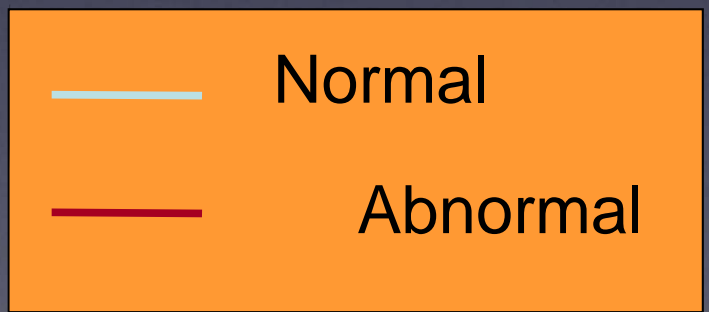
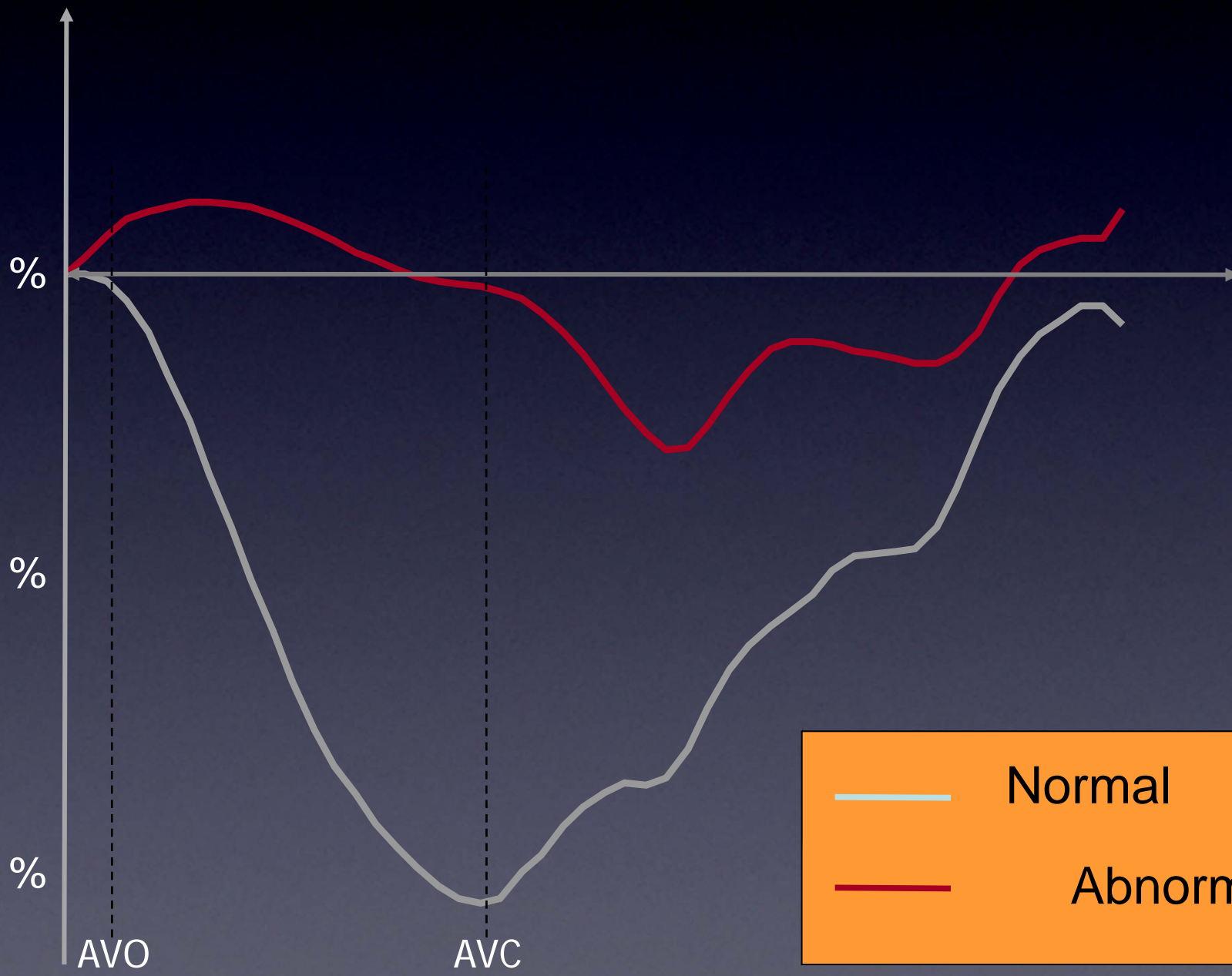


$$\text{Strain } (\varepsilon) = (L - L_0) / L_0$$



:tissue deformation imaging

Strain



issue Doppler imaging?

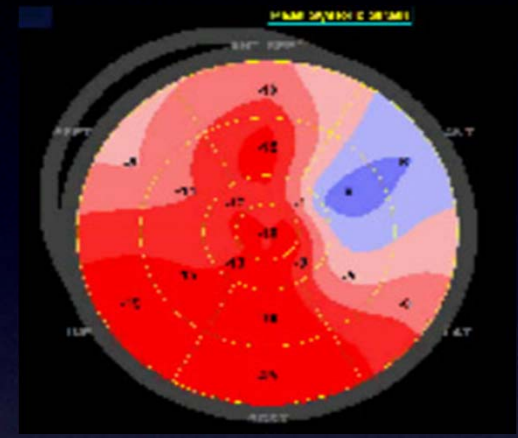
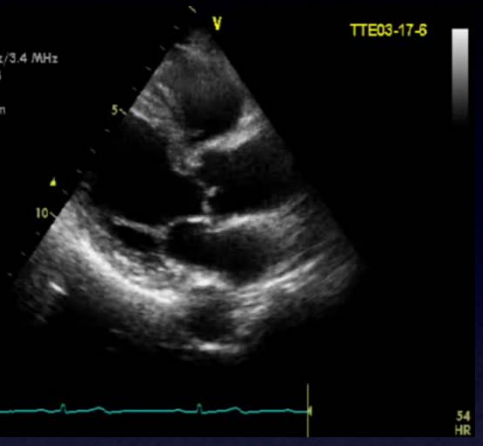
Speckle tracking strain ?

Quantification Roadmap

Early quantitative detection is key

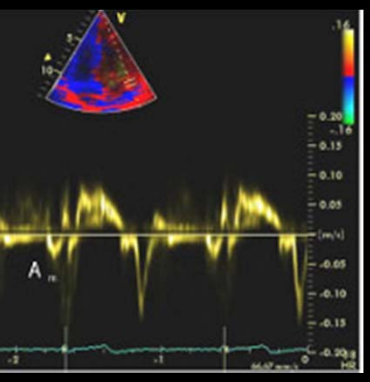
Evolve eye-balling to better tools

Raw Data is enabler for development of ever better quantitative tools.

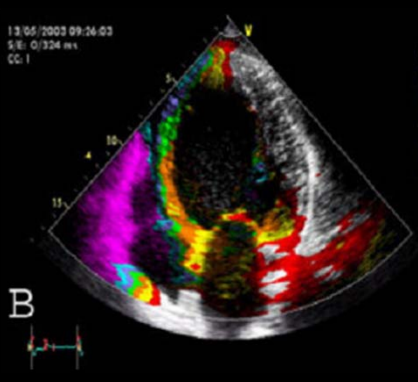


Eye-balling

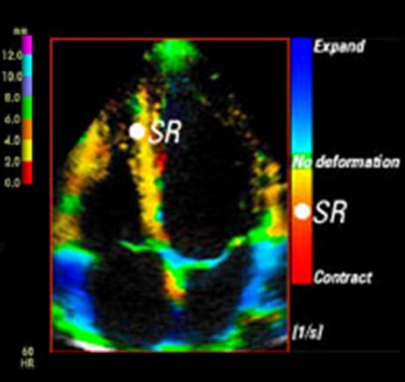
Quantification



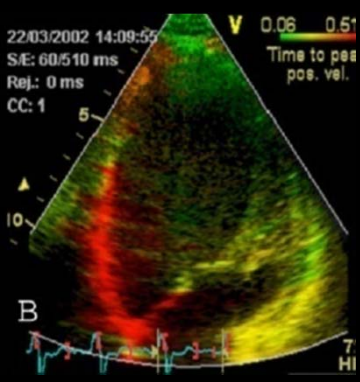
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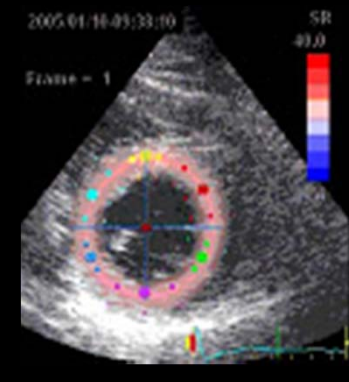
Tissue Tracking



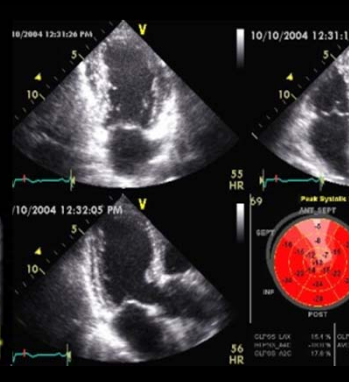
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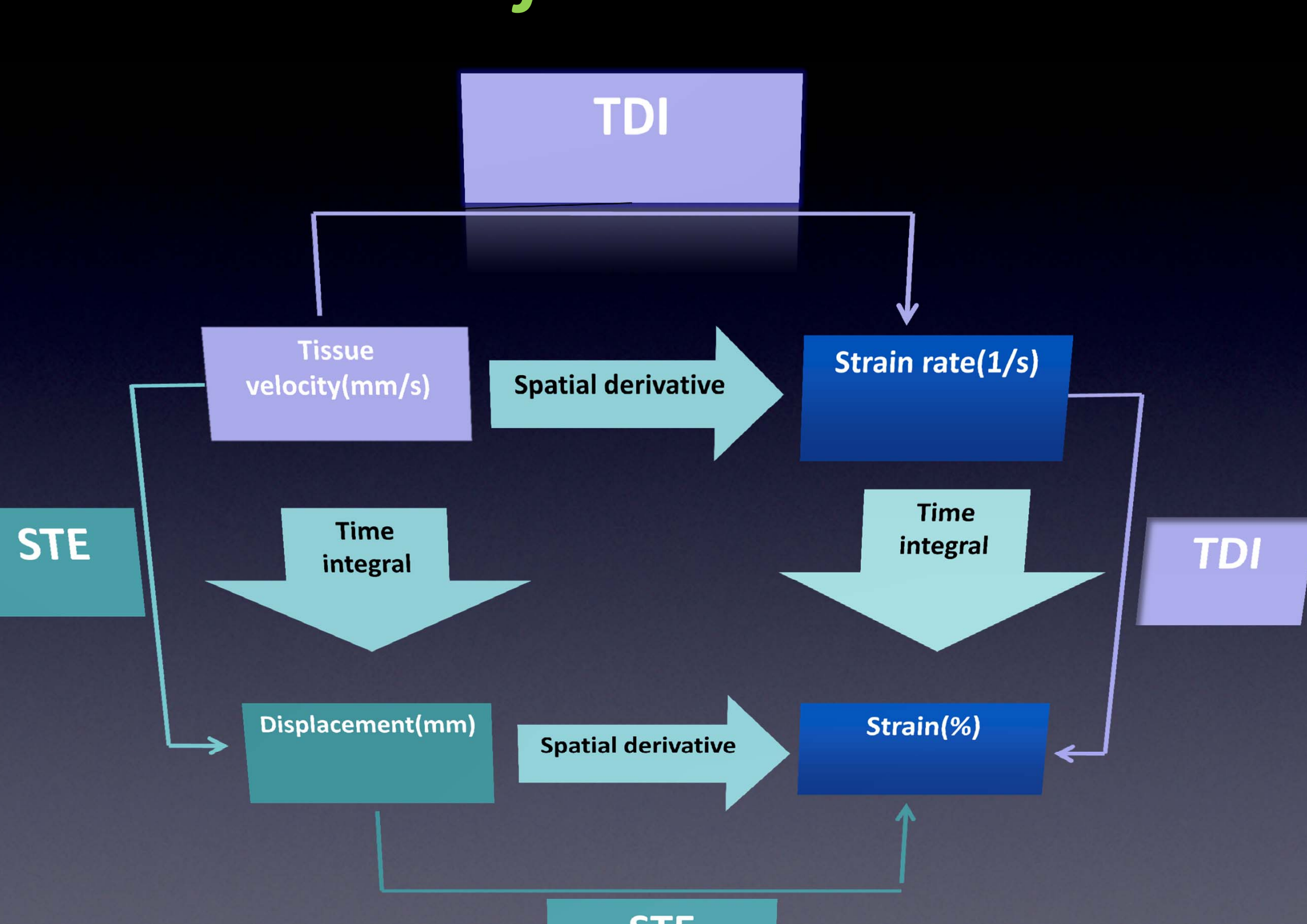
TSI



2D Strain



AEI



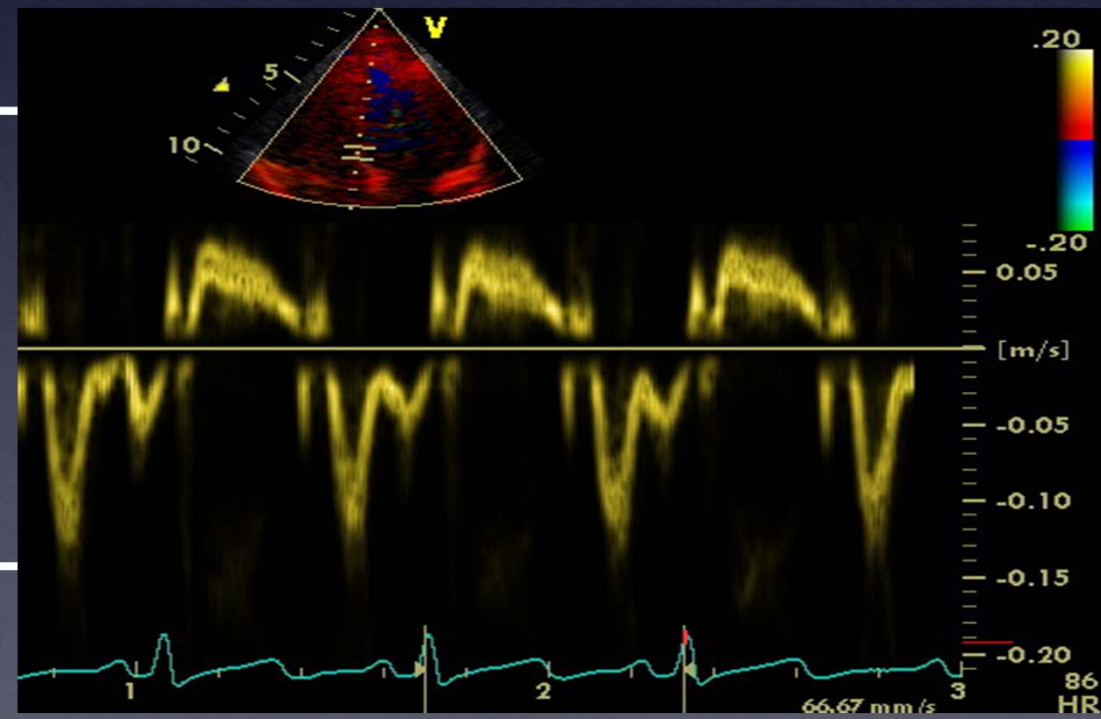
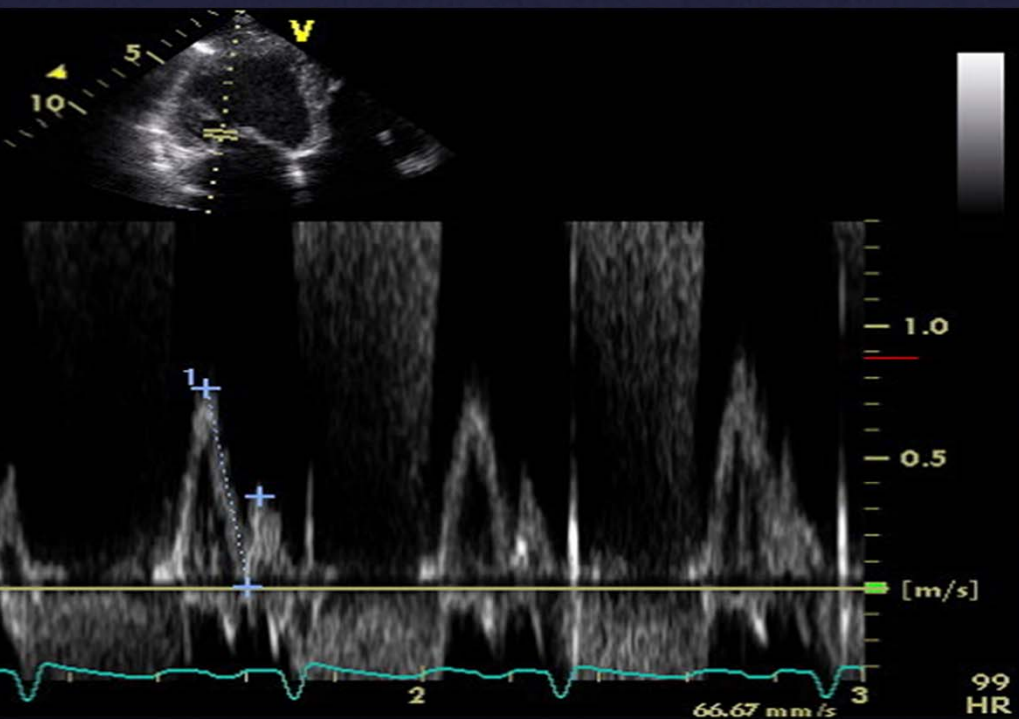
Conventional Doppler and TDI

Conventional Doppler

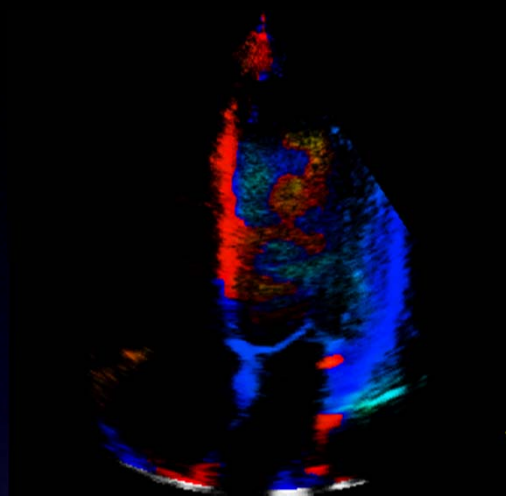
Measure velocity and direction of **blood flow(RBC)**

Issue Velocity(Doppler) Imaging

Measure *velocity of myocardial tissue*



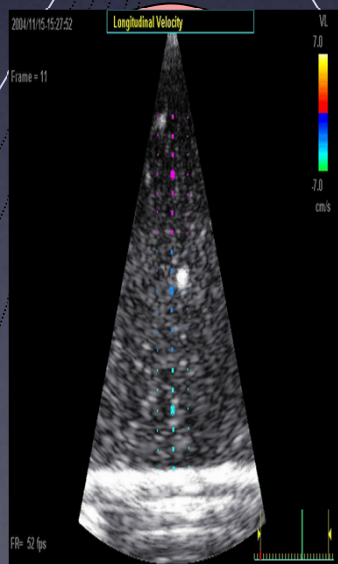
TVI



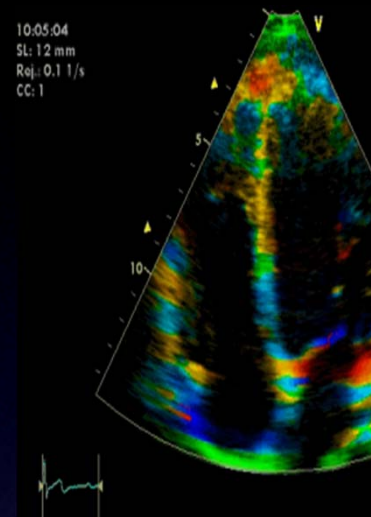
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beams



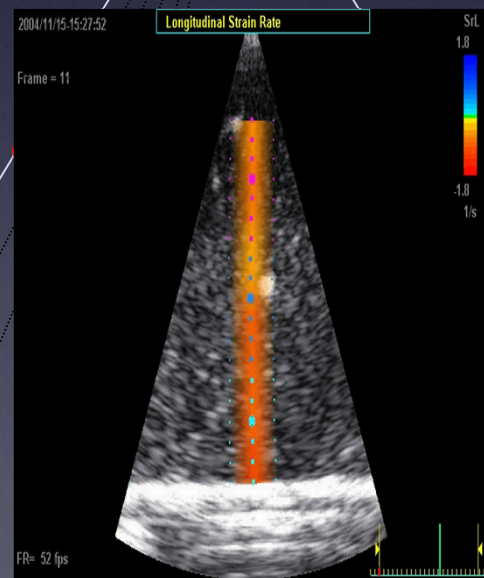
STRAIN



[1/s]



Ultrasound beams

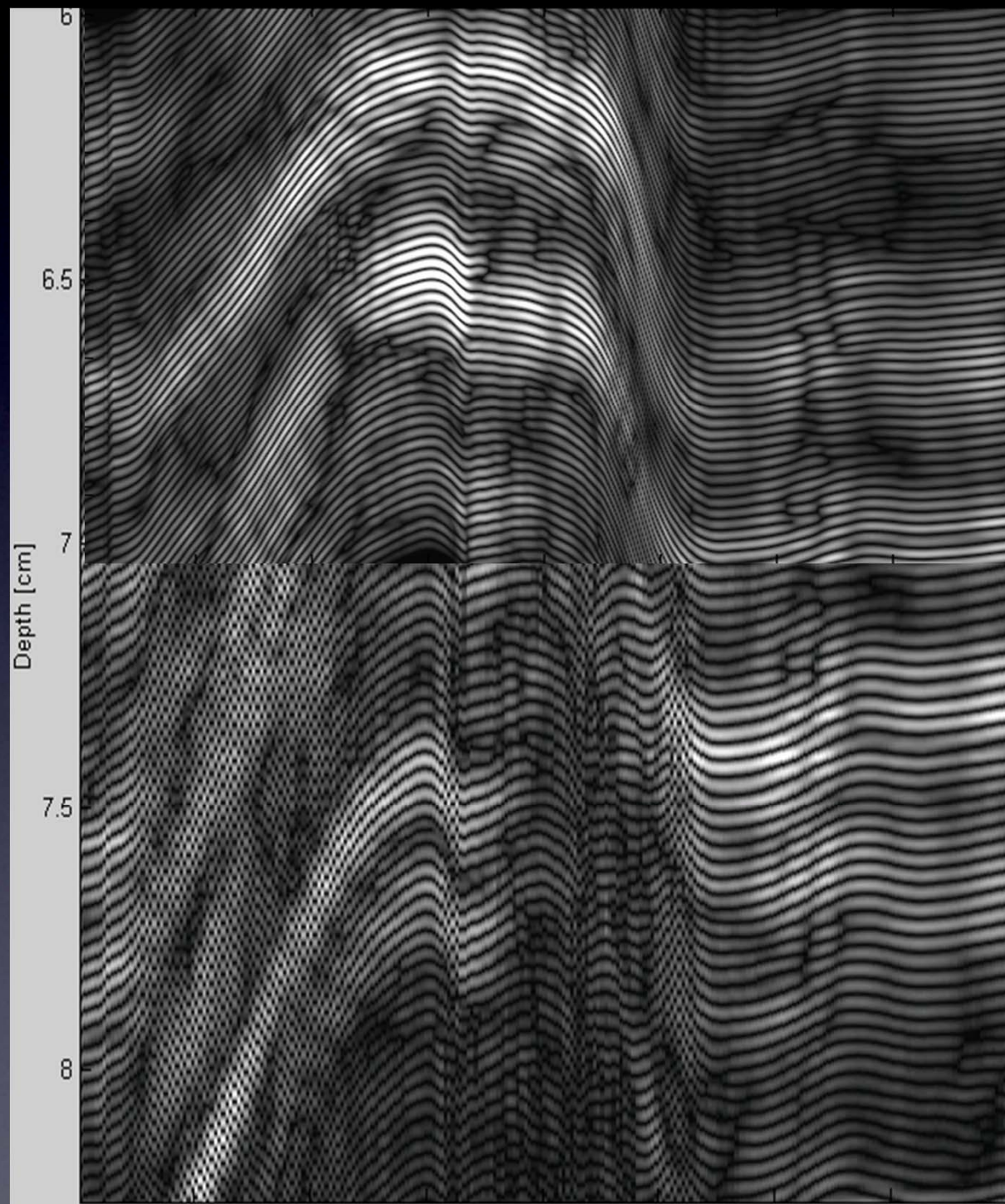
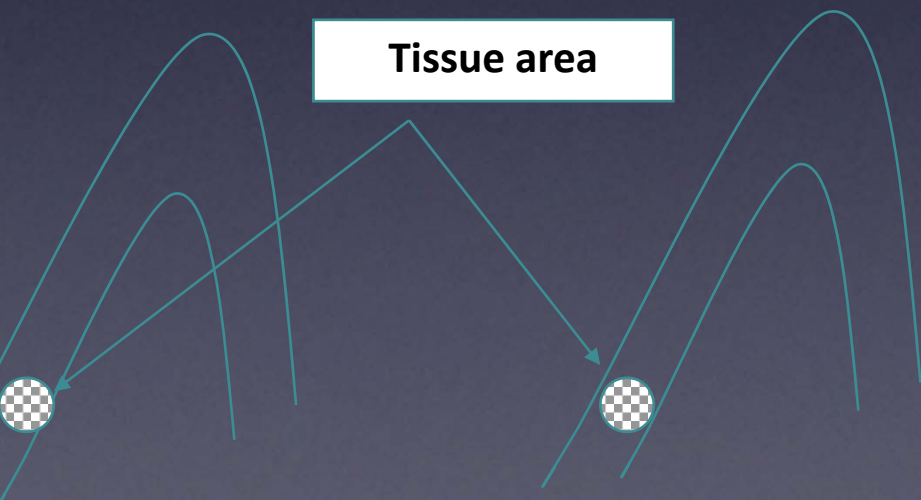
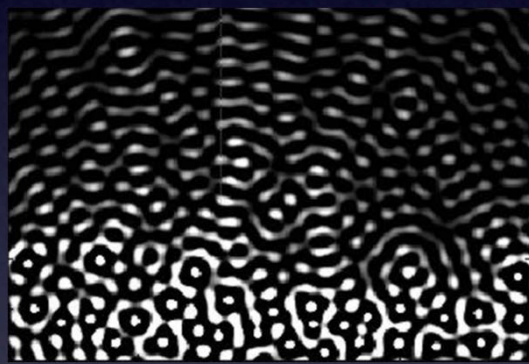
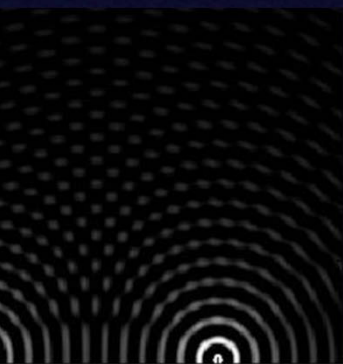
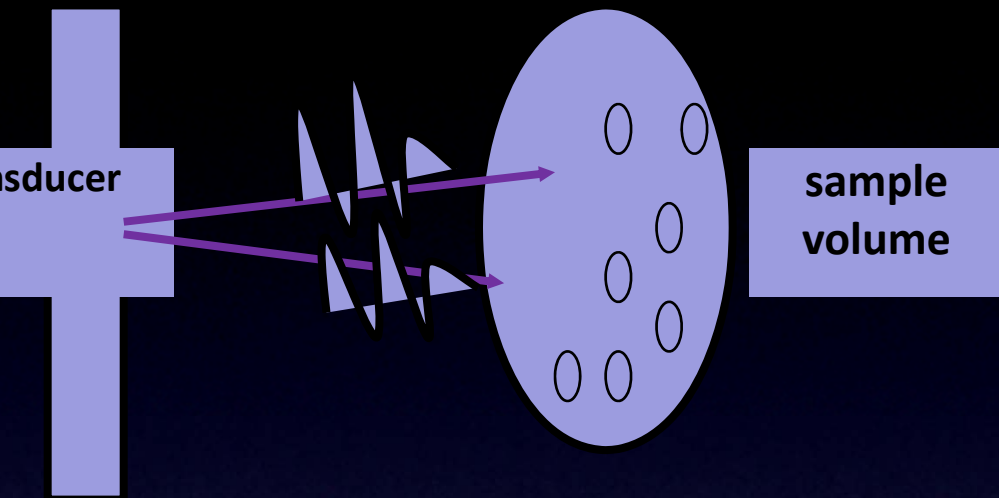


BLUE
above ba
expa

GREEN
deform

RED
below ba
contra

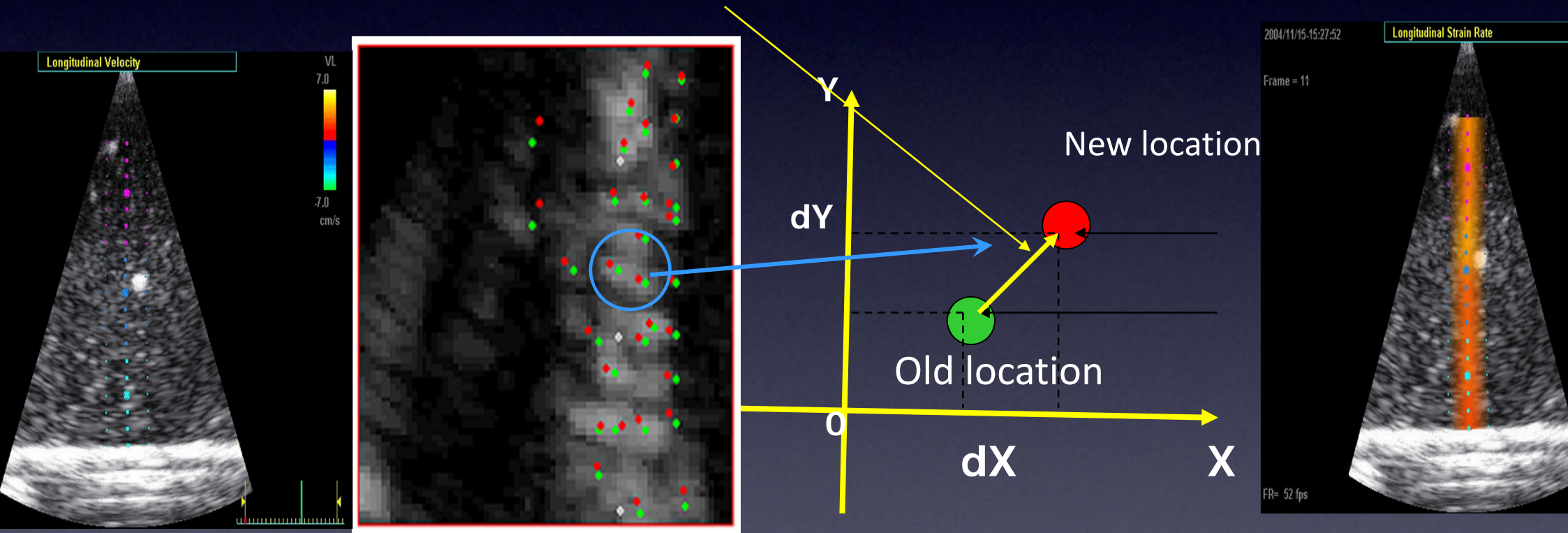
$V_2 =$



Estimation of local tissue velocities.

Velocity is estimated as a shift of each object divided by time between successive frames
(or multiplied by Frame Rate)-->

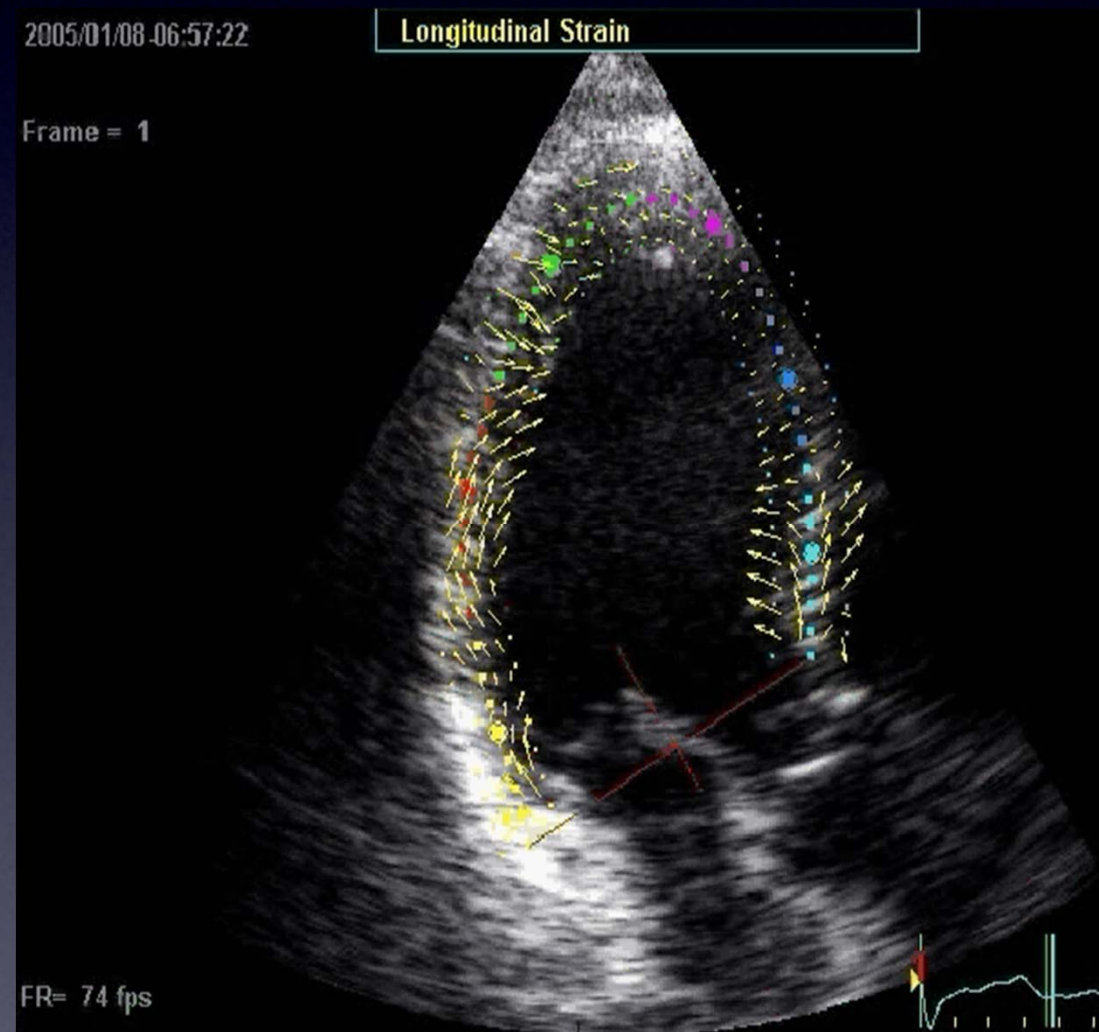
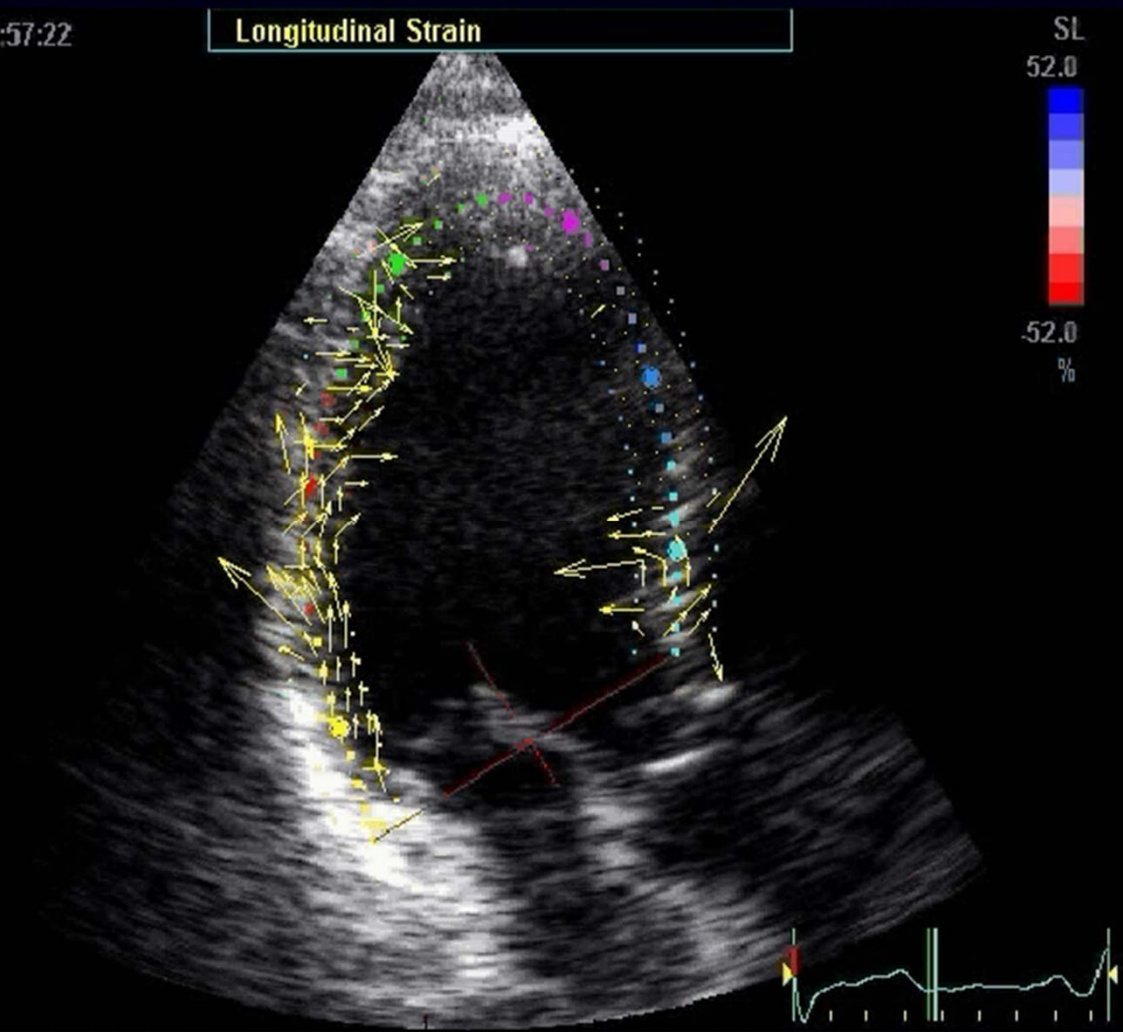
2D velocity vector: $(V_x, V_y) = (dX, dY) * FR$



Relative changes of the mutual distance between neighboring elements reflect the tissue's contraction/relaxation (dimensional Strain Rate and Strain).

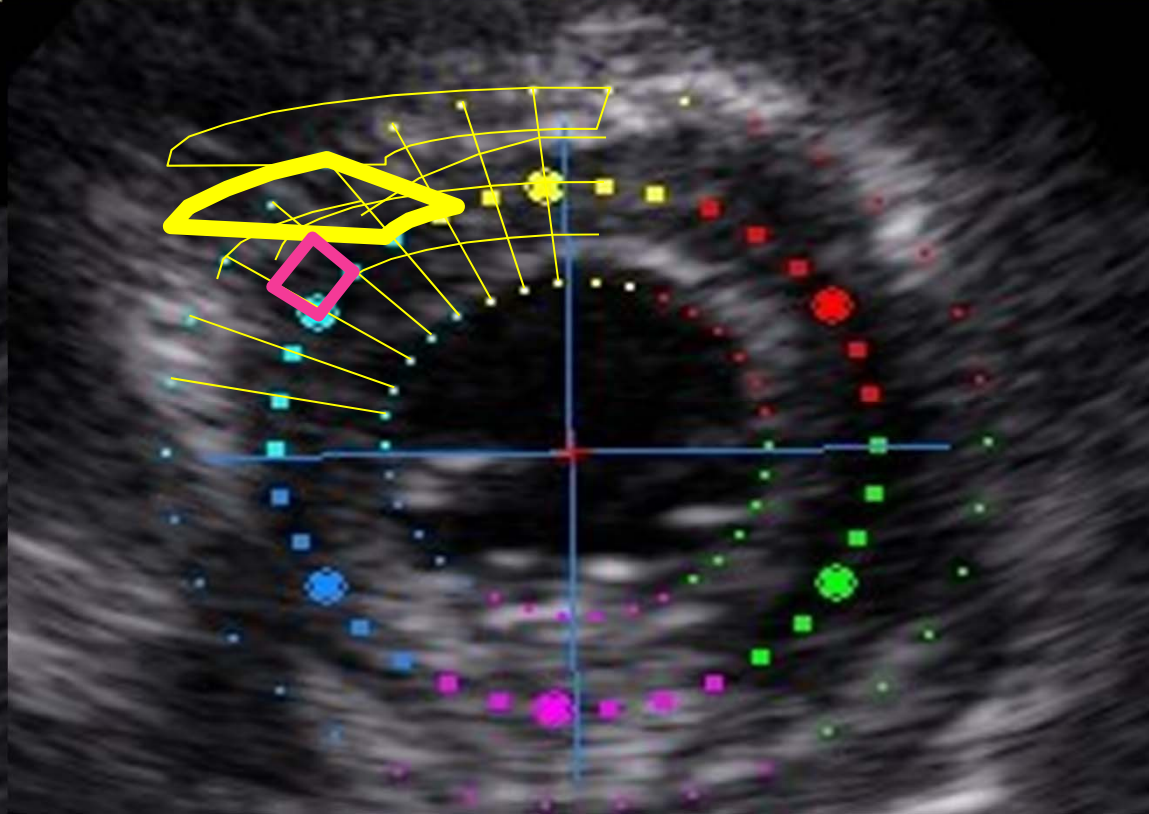
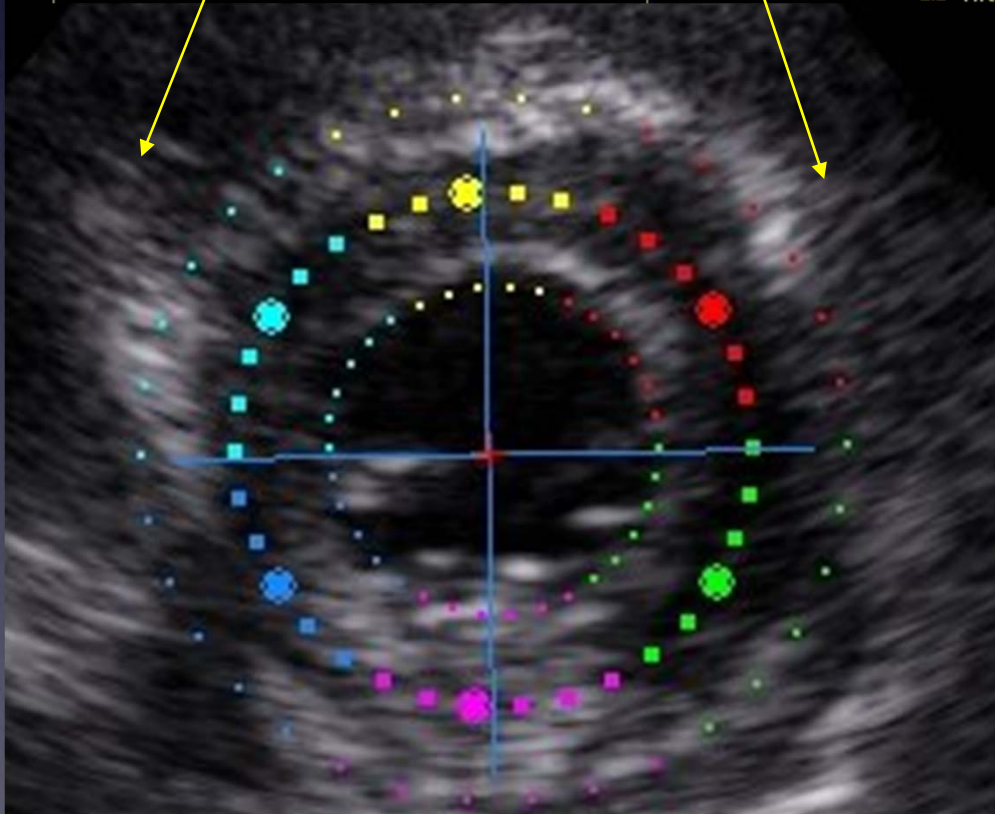
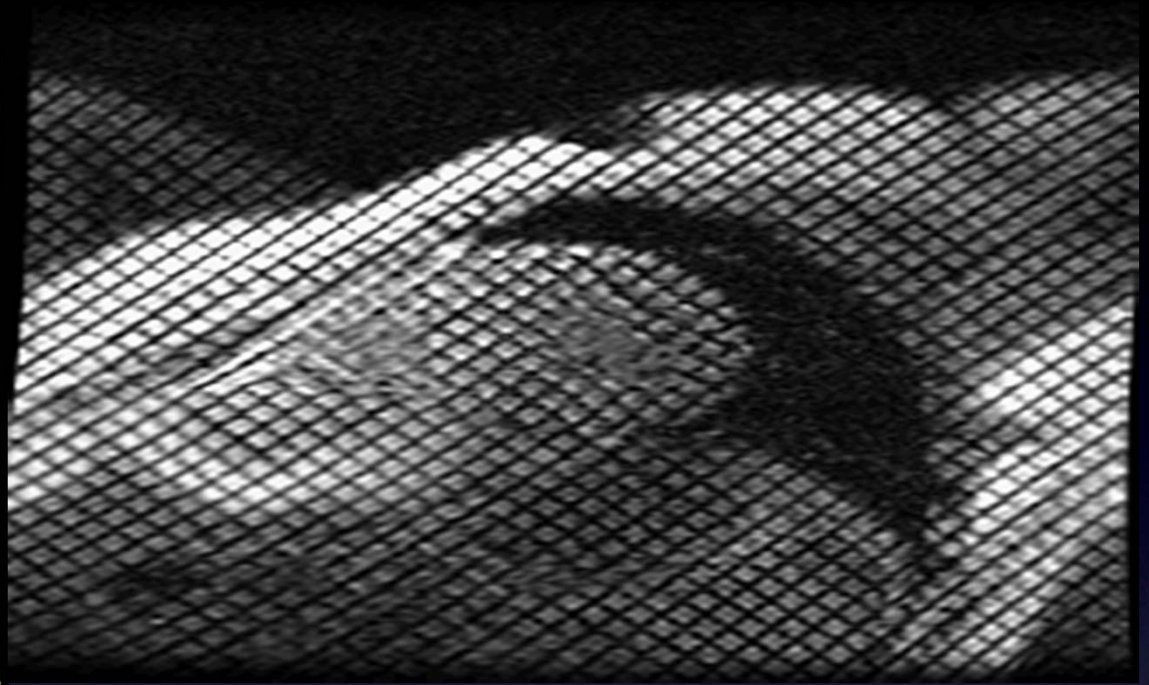
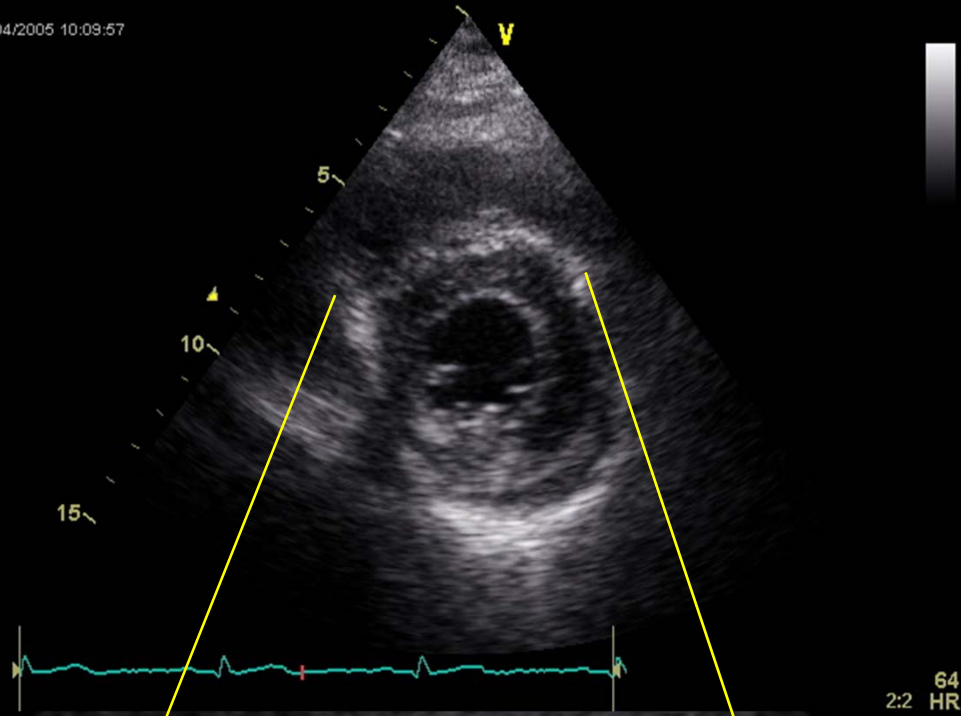
Reconstruction of continuous spatial velocity distribution

The randomly distributed tissue velocities were approximated by a smooth function.



“Raw” velocity field

Filtered velocity field



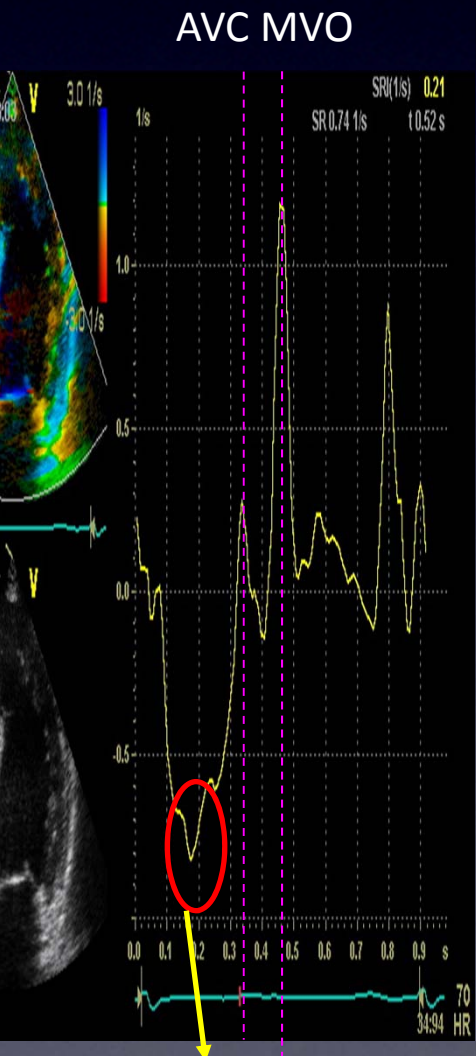


Strain!... TDI vs. STE!

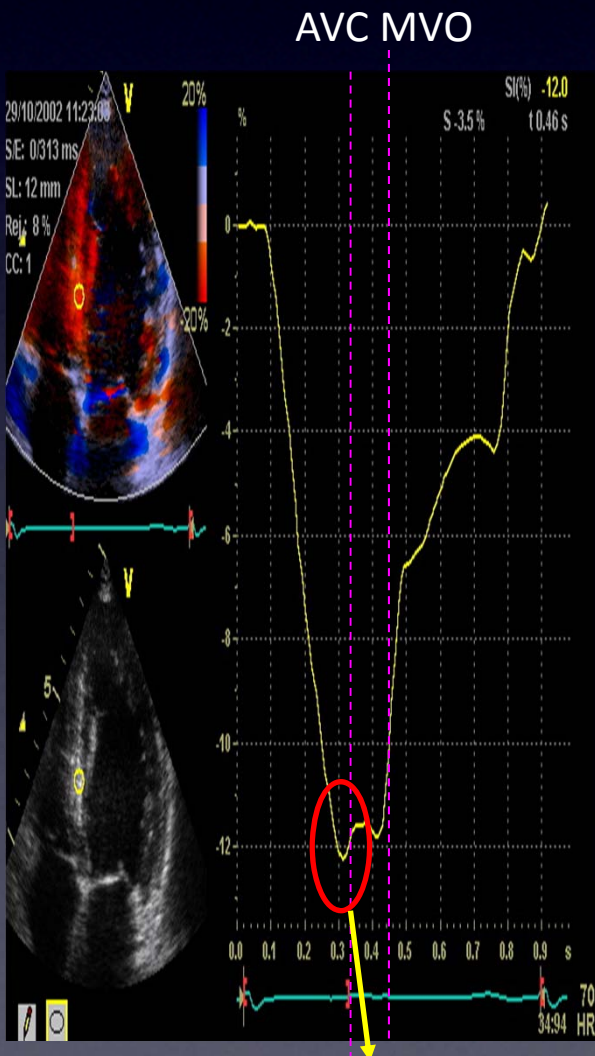
	Tissue Doppler imaging	Speckle tracking imaging
Advantages	High frame rates give good temporal resolution	Angle independent
	Readily available on most modern echo machines	Deformation can be assessed in two dimensions
	Analysis can be done online or offline	Can measure both regional and global strain
Disadvantages	Highly angle dependent	Less influenced by artefacts than TDI
	Can assess deformation in only one dimension	More reproducible than TDI
	Size and placement of sample volumes done manually variation significantly affects results	Semi-automated processing
	Strain data derived from tissue velocity data— prone to noise	Lower frame rates give lower temporal resolution
	Apical segments particularly difficult to interpret	Need excellent image quality for adequate tracking
		Lower spatial resolution than TDI as region of interest determined automatically
		Tracking affected by out of plane cardiac motion
		Lateral resolution more limited than axial resolution
		Automatic tracking must be manually confirmed for each segment

Parameters of Systemic Function

Strain rate



Strain



➤ **End systolic strain estimates EF**
peak systolic SR is a measure of contractility.

➤ **When driving a car both the total distance of the journey as well as the speed of the car during the journey provide valuable information.**



**Measurement of LV
Strain is superior to
EF?**

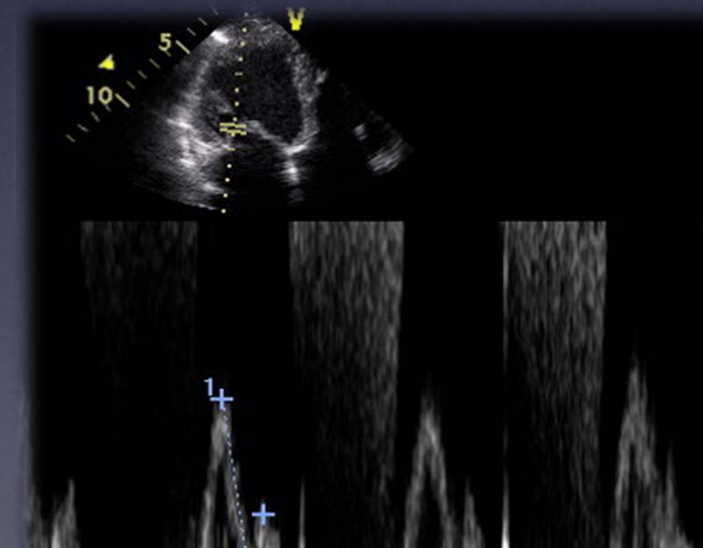
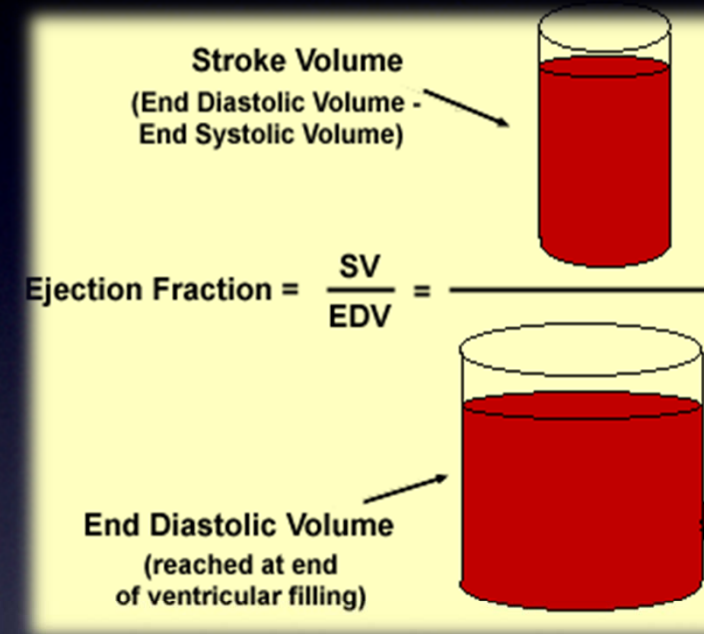
fraction(HFNEF)

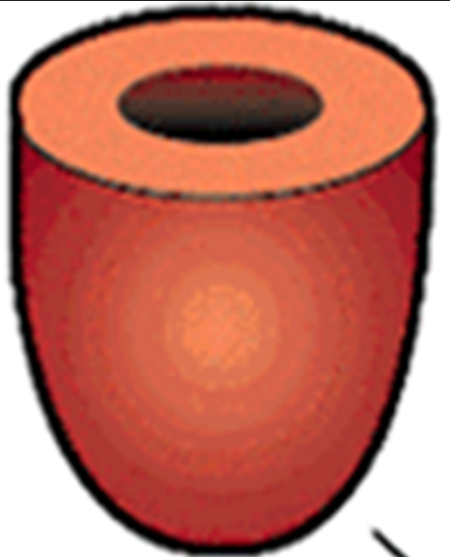
Systolic function has been measured by EF

Diastolic function with mitral flow parameters,

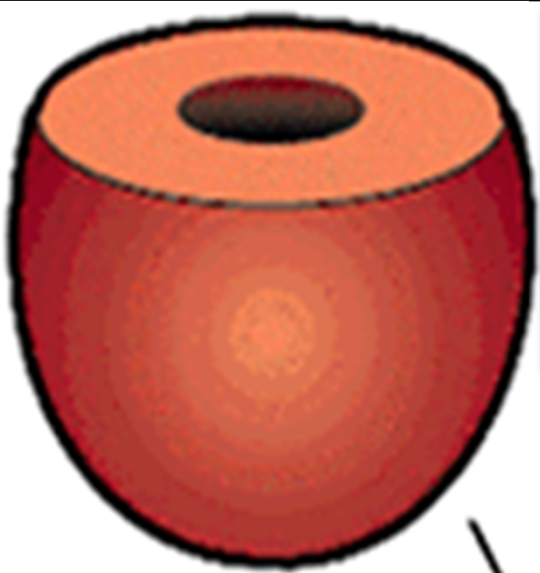
► Isolated diastolic heart failure

At the outset, measuring systolic and diastolic function by different measures with different sensitivity, is methodological nonsense in any





Pressure
Load →



80 Year Female, EDV 75ml
SV of 40 ml :EF=53%
-> Thus EF is normal, but in terms of SV, systolic function is abnormal

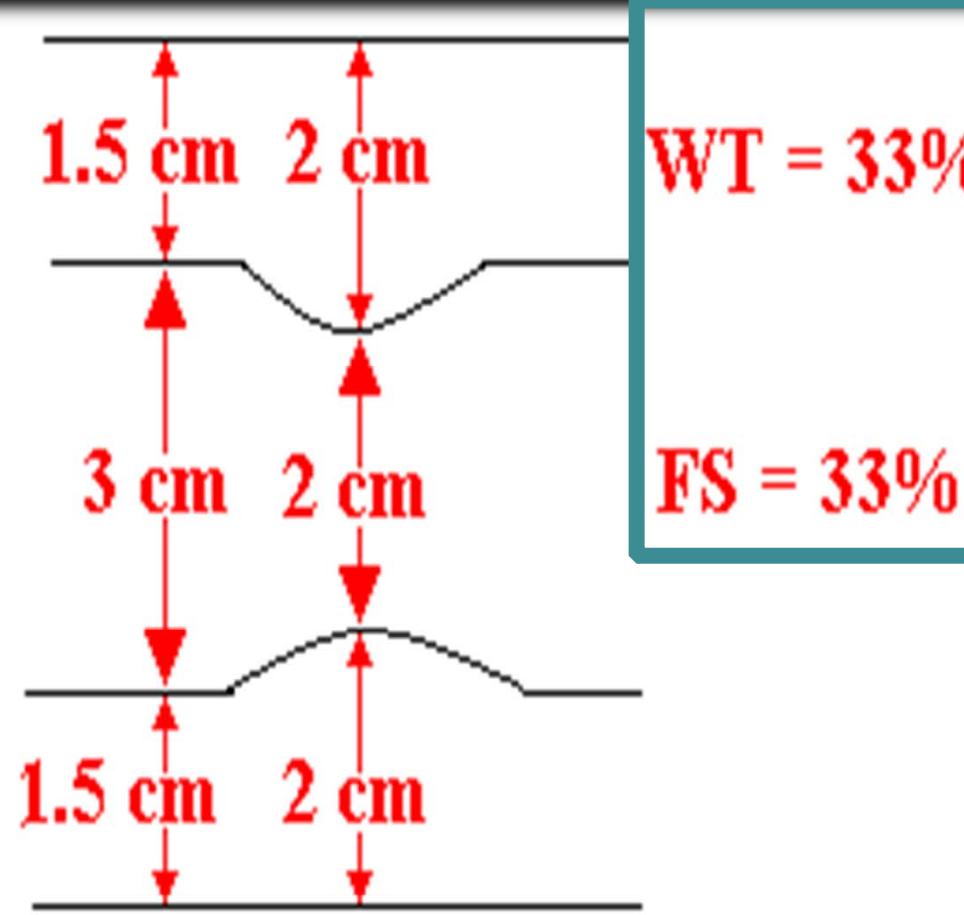
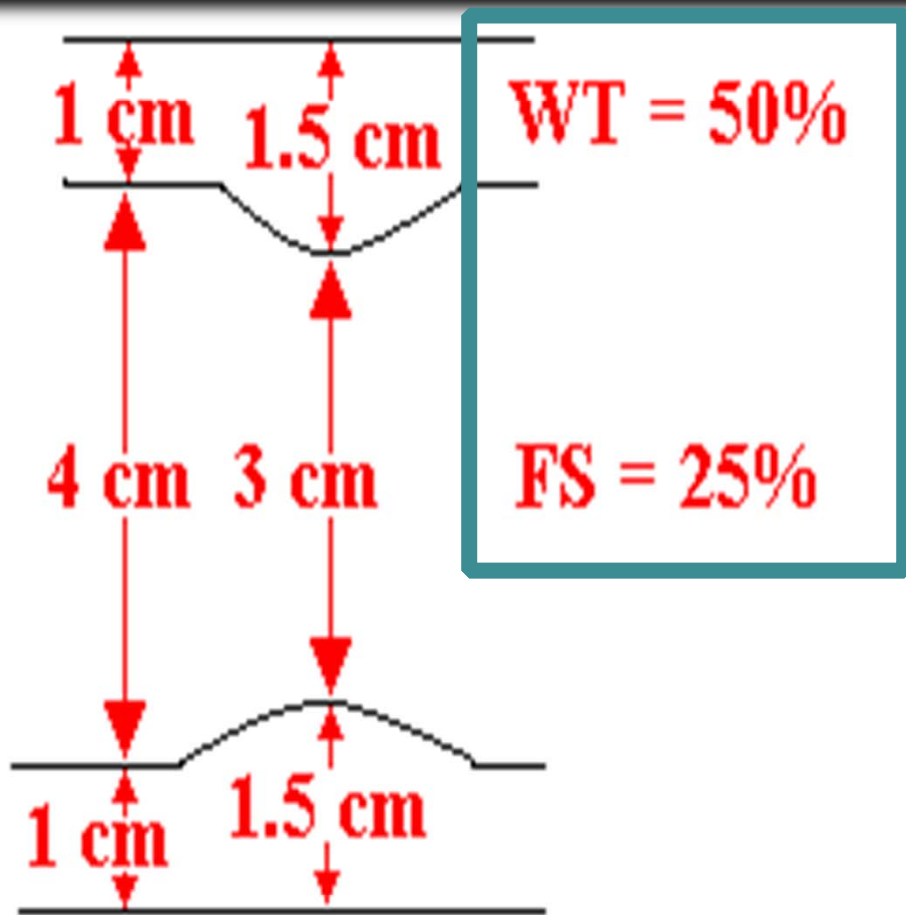


Ischemia

EF as a measure of systolic function in the case of small, hypertrophic ventricles is meaningless

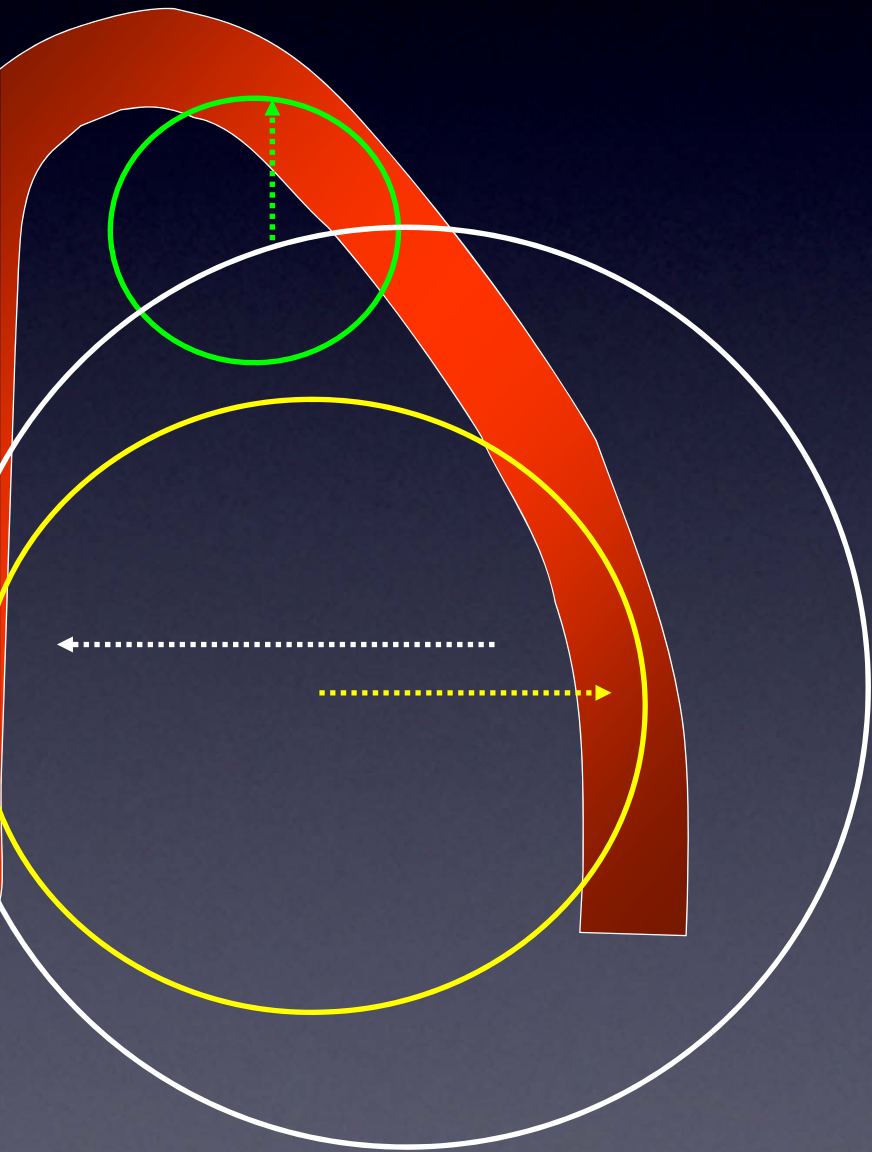
Stimuli
α. Adrenergic
Angiotensin
Endothelin

EDV 250 ml, with maintained
SV of 70 ml: EF=28%
->in accordance with reduced



Any conclusions about radial function based on fractional shortening in the presence of hypertrophy may be erroneous, and the term radial function needs to be defined.

Endocardial fractional shortening, which measures circumferential function



Wall stress related to:

- Pressure $\uparrow \rightarrow \sigma \uparrow$
- Shape, cavity size $\uparrow \rightarrow \sigma \uparrow$
- Wall thickness $\uparrow \rightarrow \sigma \downarrow$

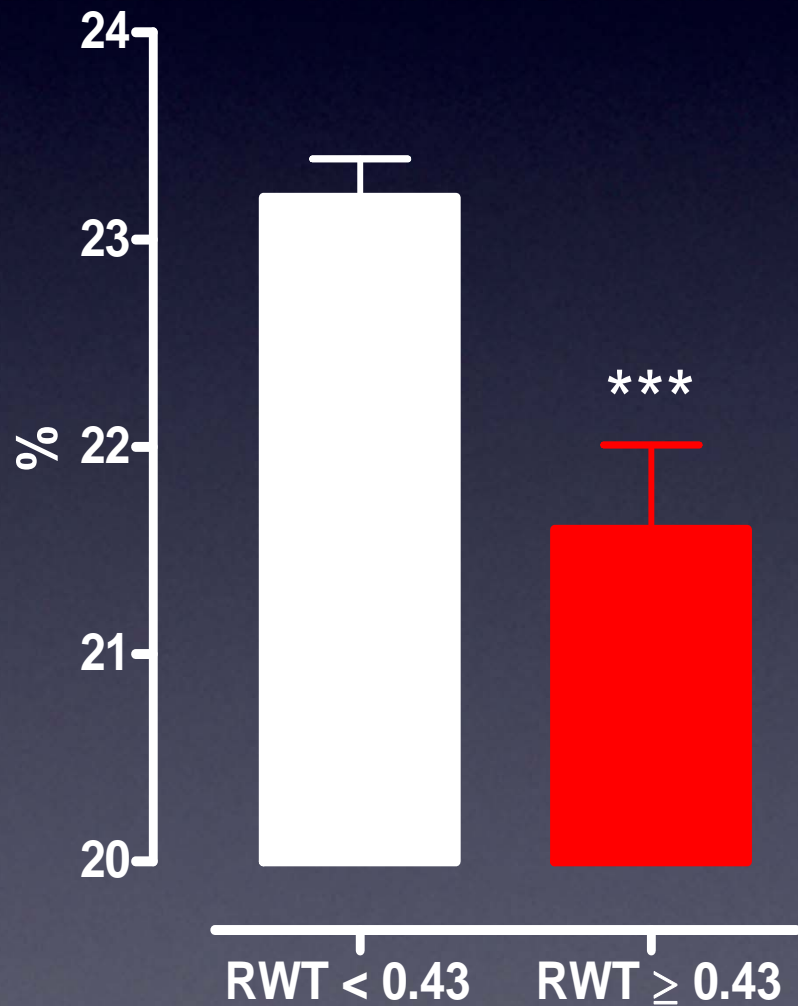


$$\sigma = P \times R / 2WT$$

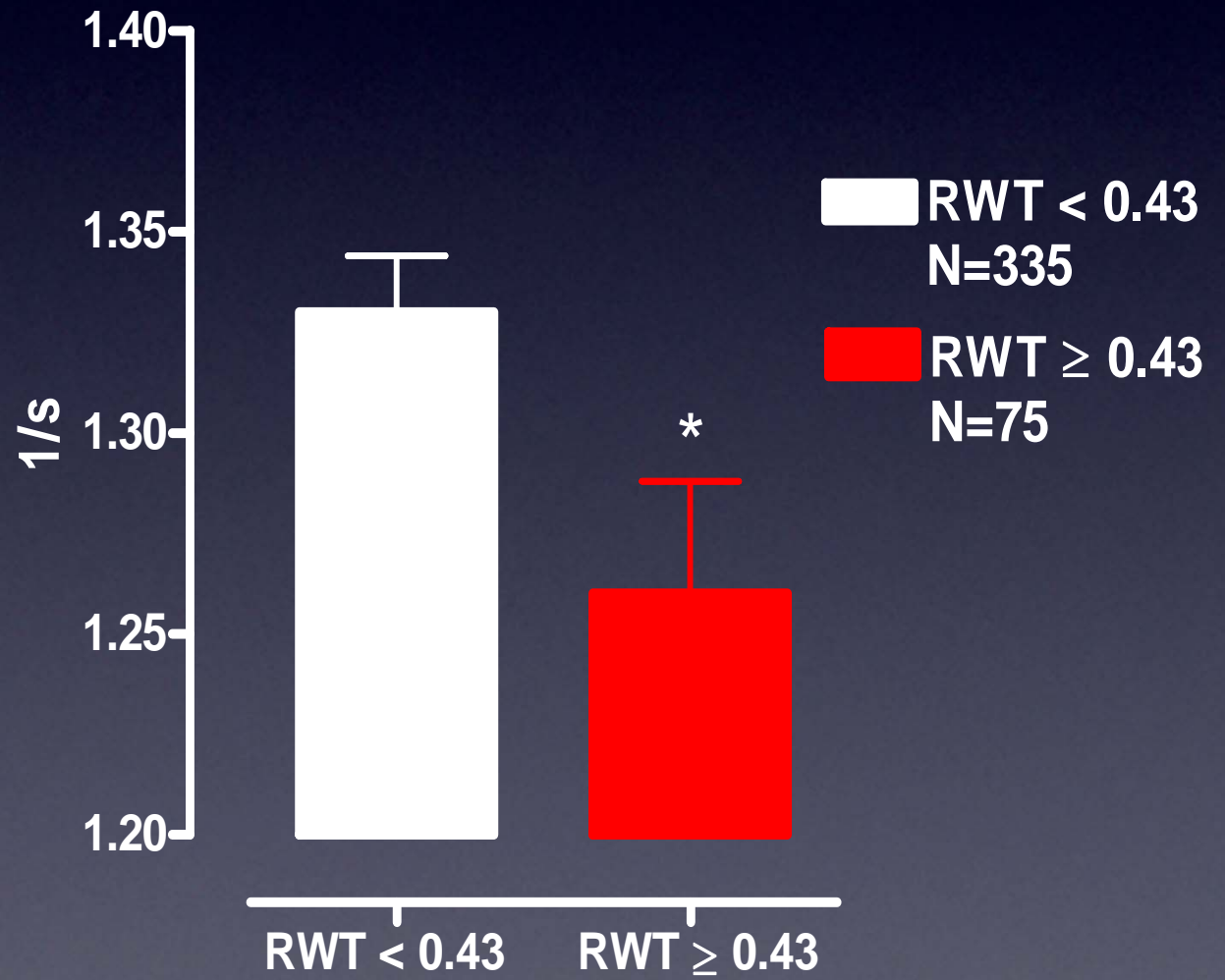
Since R curvature is larger in longitudinal direction, the stress on longitudinal fibres is higher, they show decreased deformation first

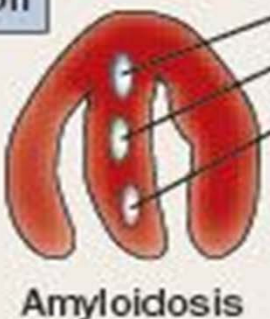
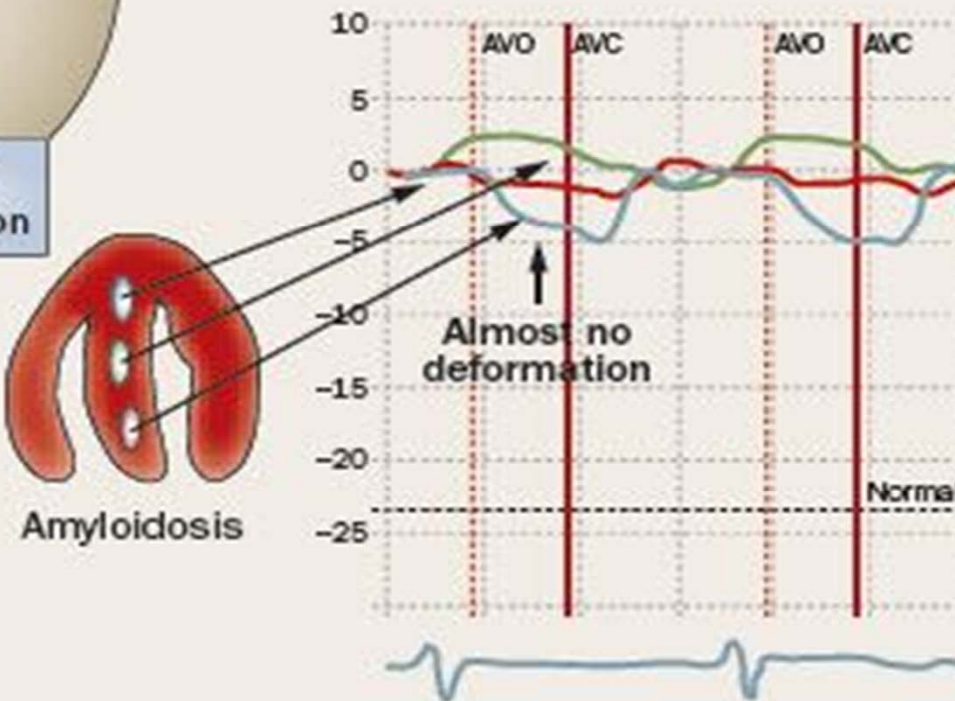
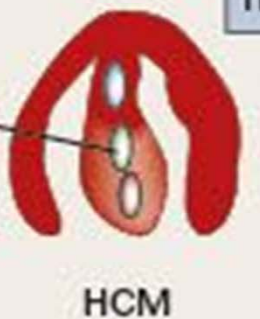
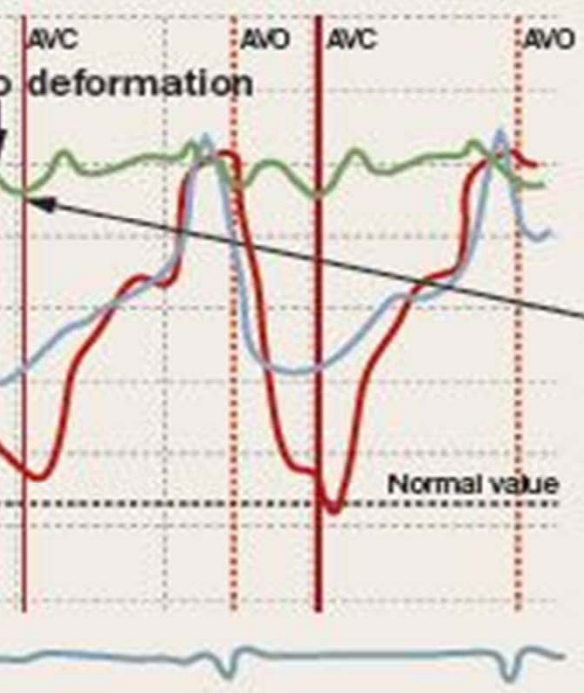
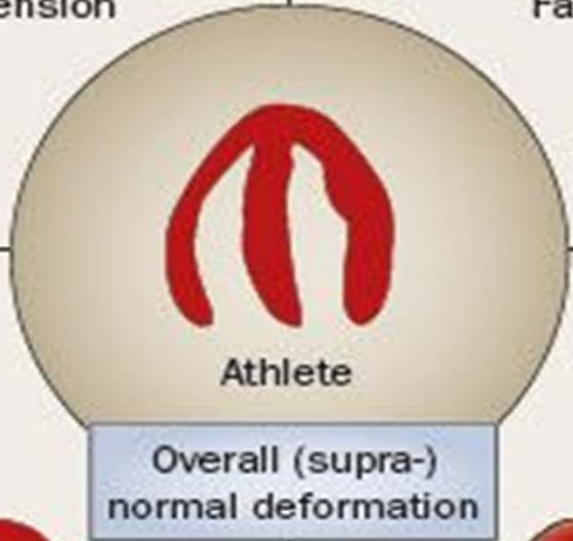
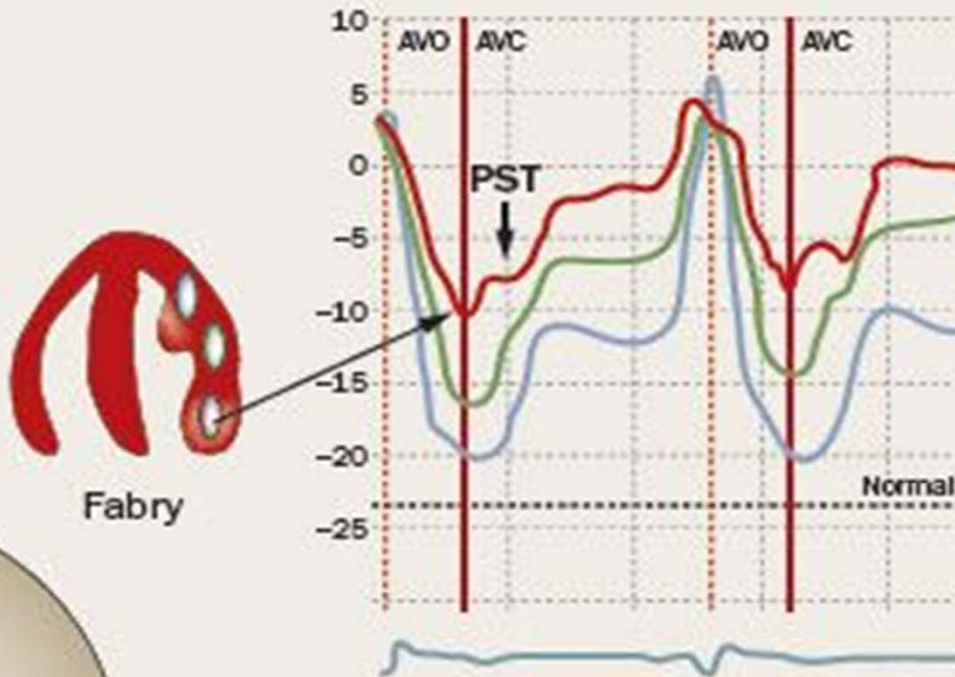
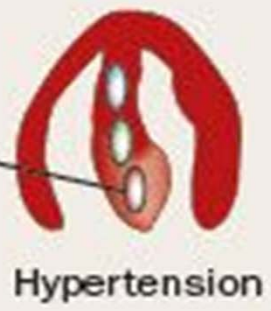
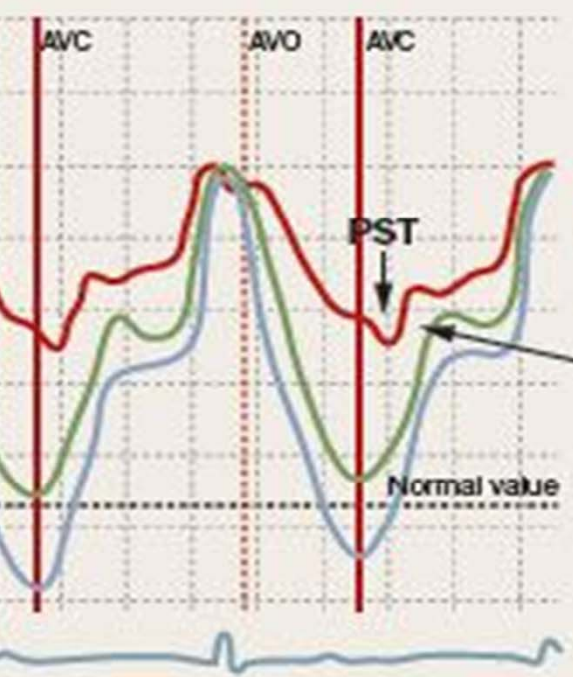
Longitudinal Strain and SR by RWT

Longitudinal Strain



Strain Rate





Systolic function measured by

strain parameters with tissue velocity

Diastolic function by mitral flow

parameters with RBC velocity



fact there is a close link between diastolic and systolic function when

(velocity Doppler) and strain

Systolic function !

Contractility (the basic property of myocardium that reflects its active state, rather than loading conditions) is reflected by the stress/strain relation



imaging in the field of echocardiography

*The high sensitivity of both TDI-derived and 2D speckle tracking derived strain and SR data for the **early detection of myocardial dysfunction** recommend this new non-invasive diagnostic method for routine clinical use.*

Additional value

masking subtle pathology

quantifying myocardial function

visualizing timing issues

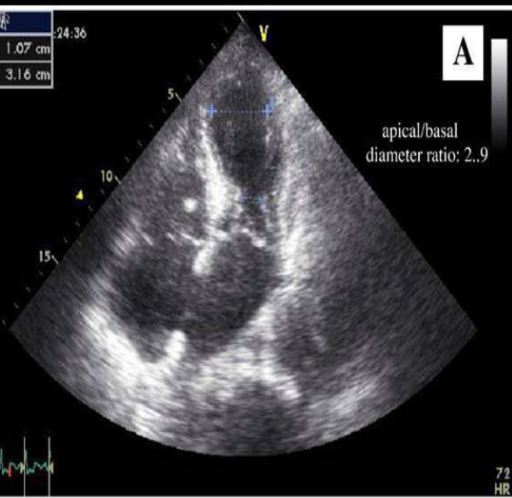
detecting subtle changes over time

improving inter/intra observer variability

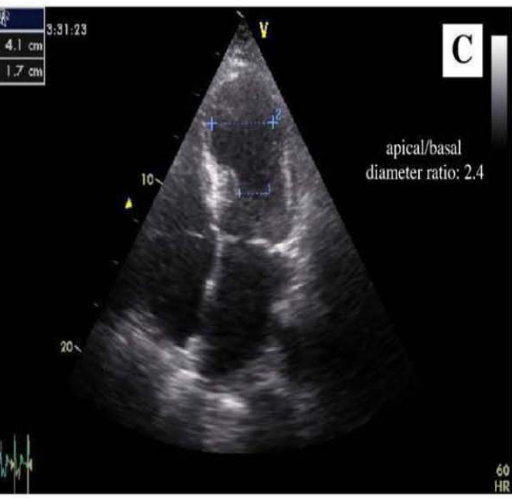
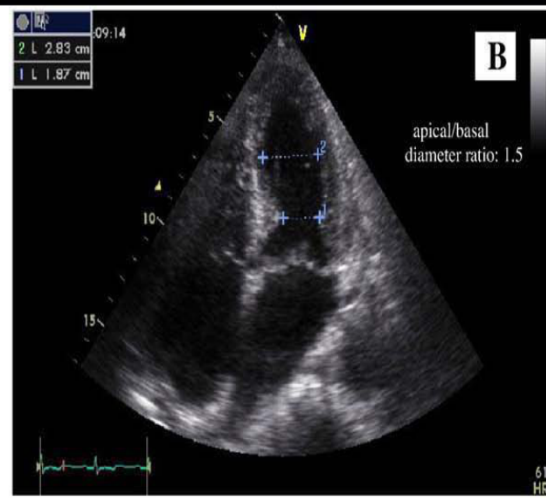
Potential utilities

- Early diagnosis coronary artery disease and cardiomyopathy
- Objective assessment of regional function
- Quantification of timing within a heart cycle
- Therapy evaluation in patient follow-up
- Increasing accuracy of stress echocardiography

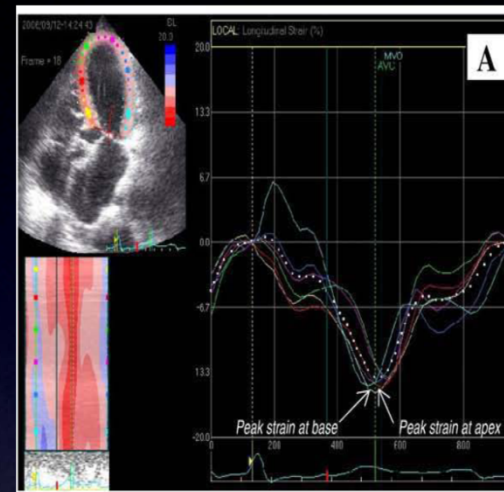
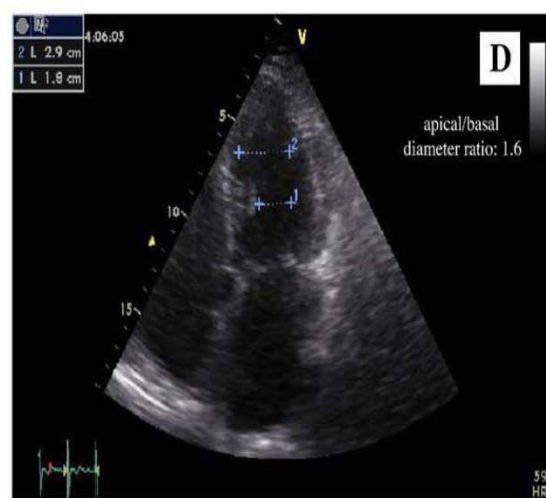
LV wall motion abnormality and myocardial dysfunction in stress cardiomyopathy



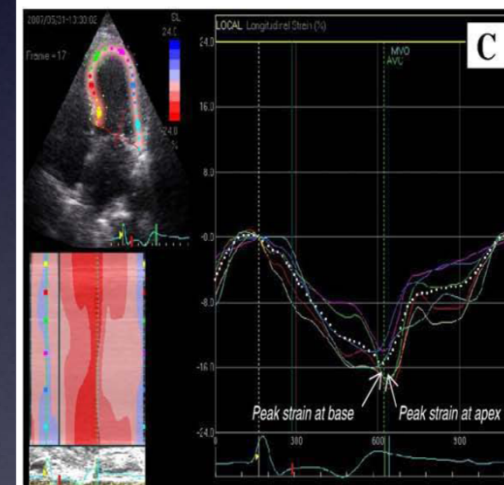
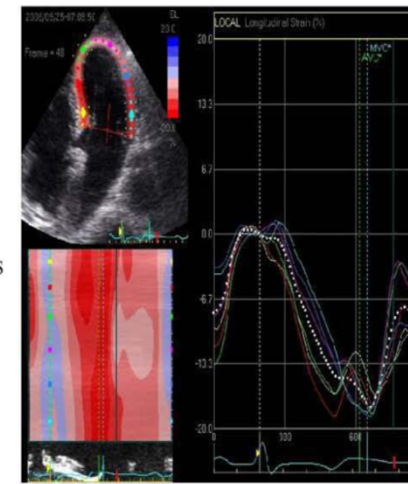
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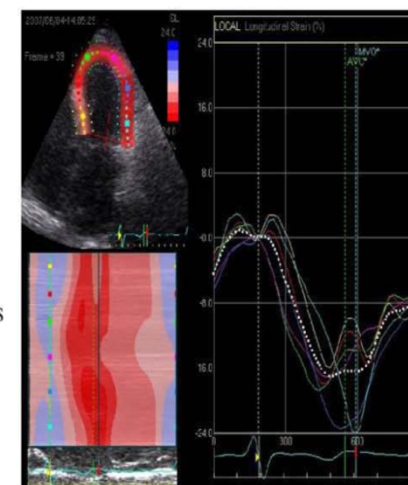
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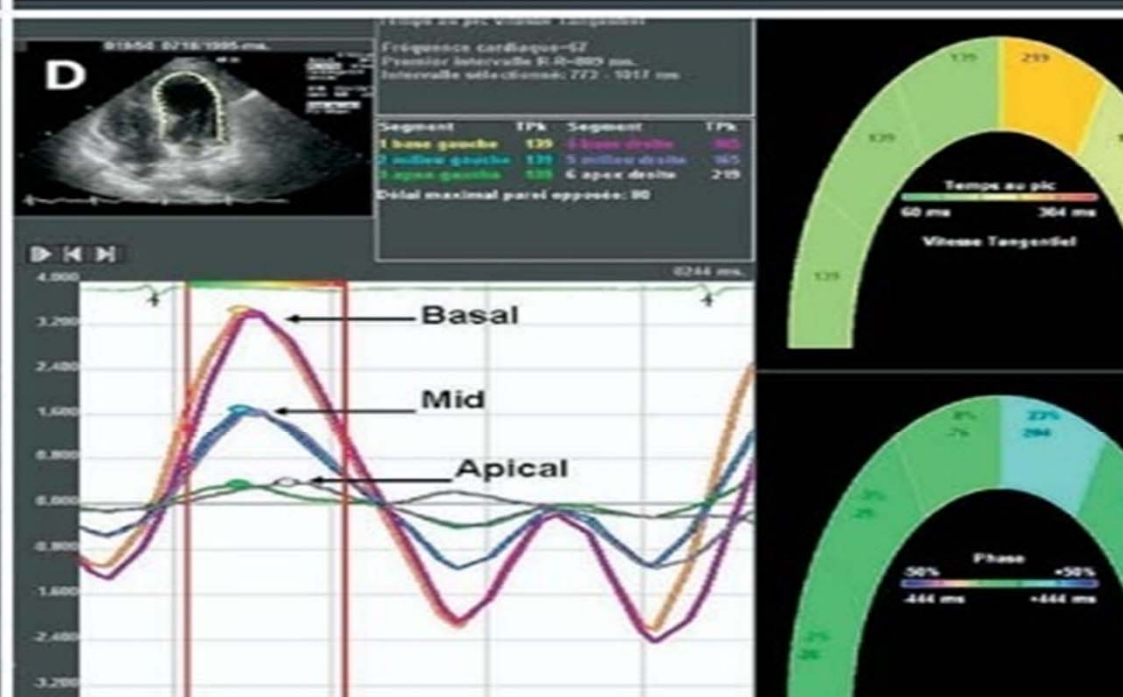
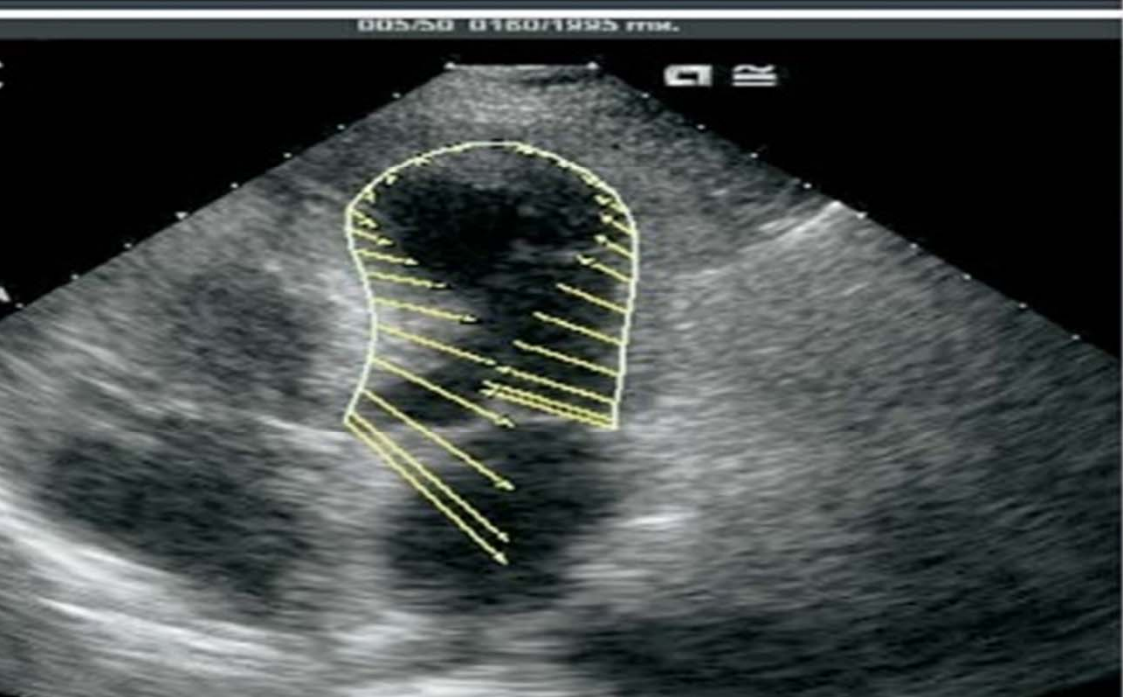
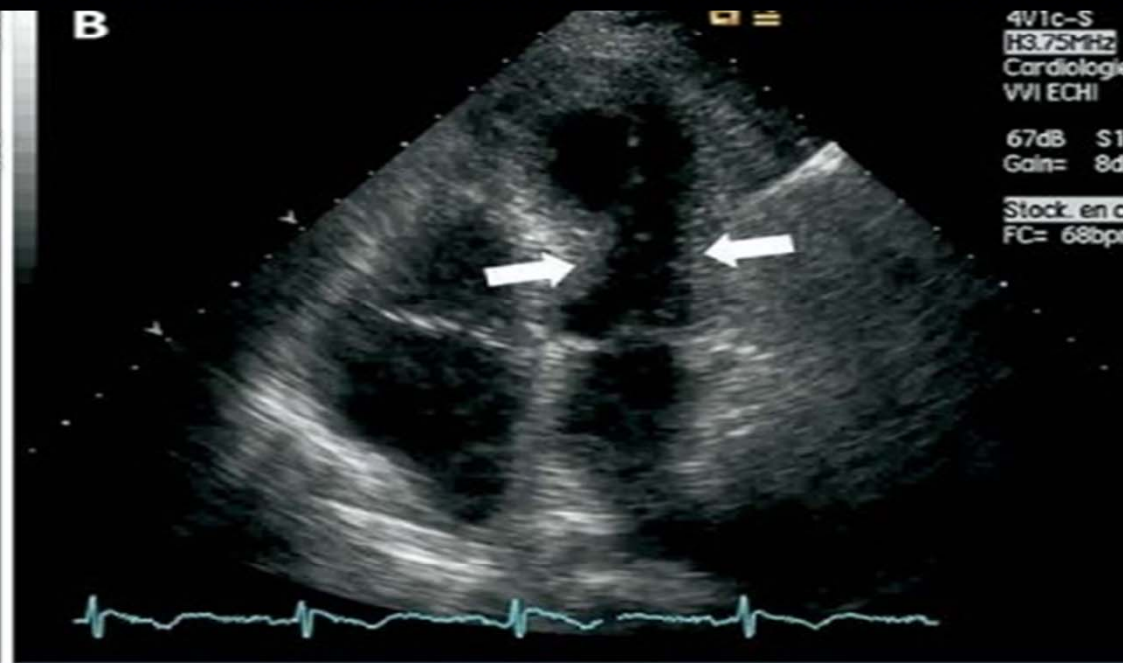
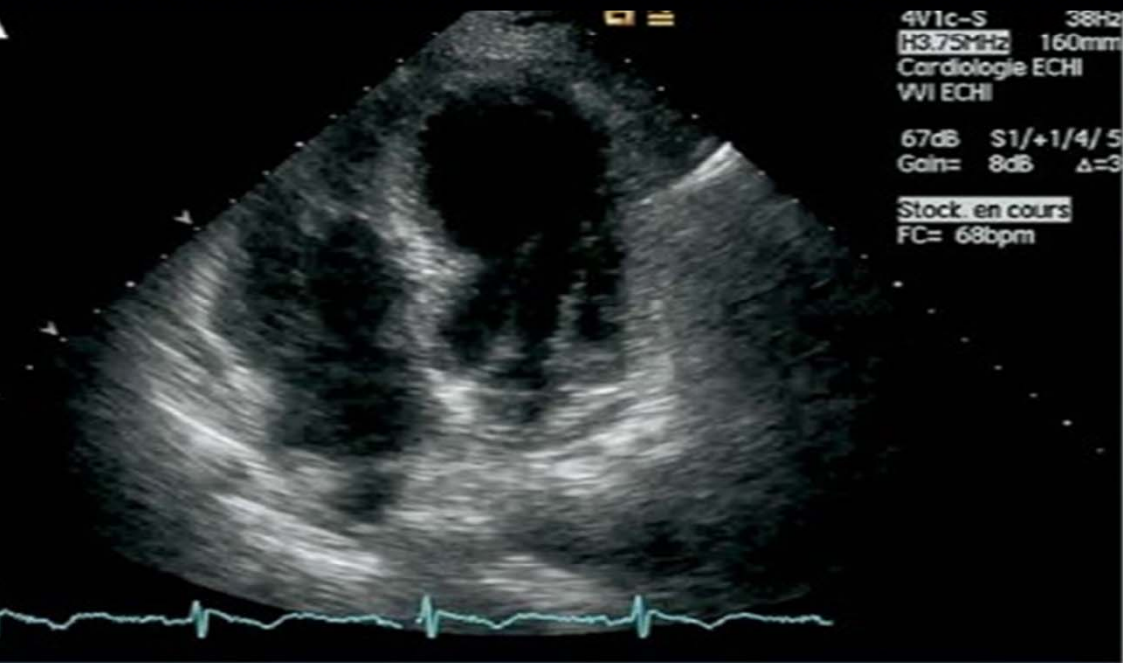


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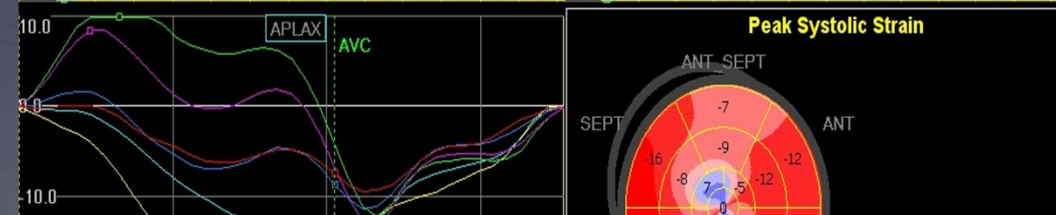
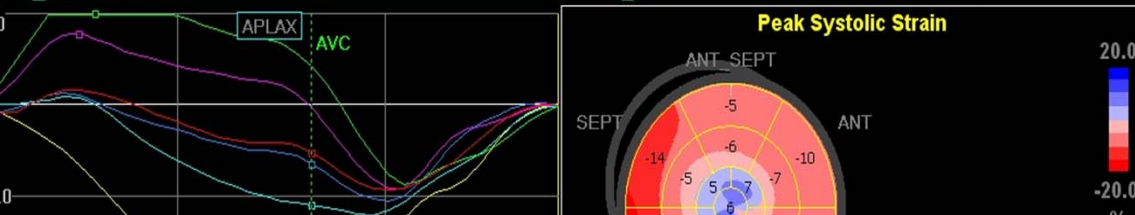
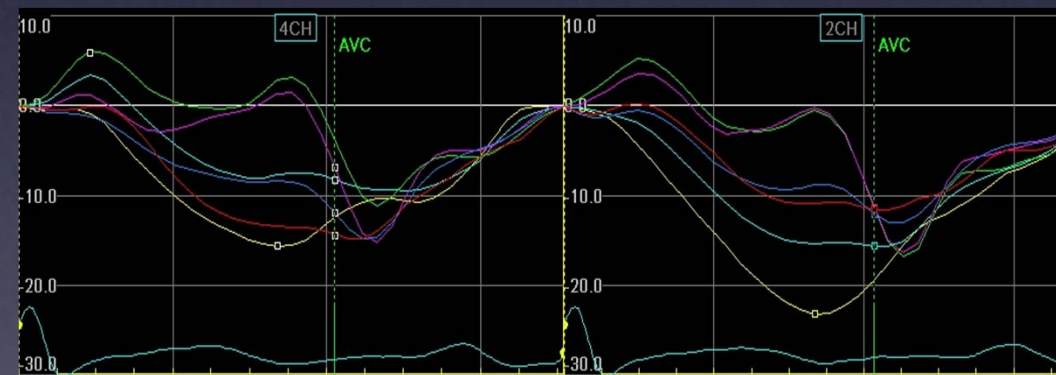
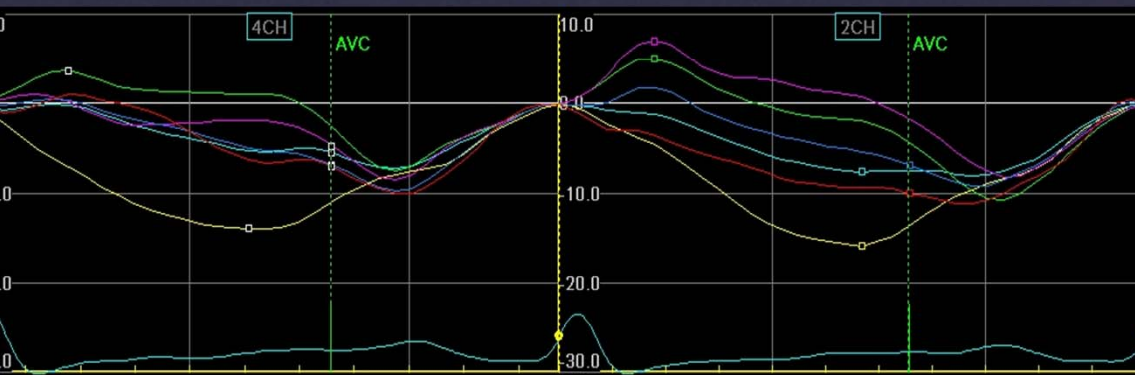
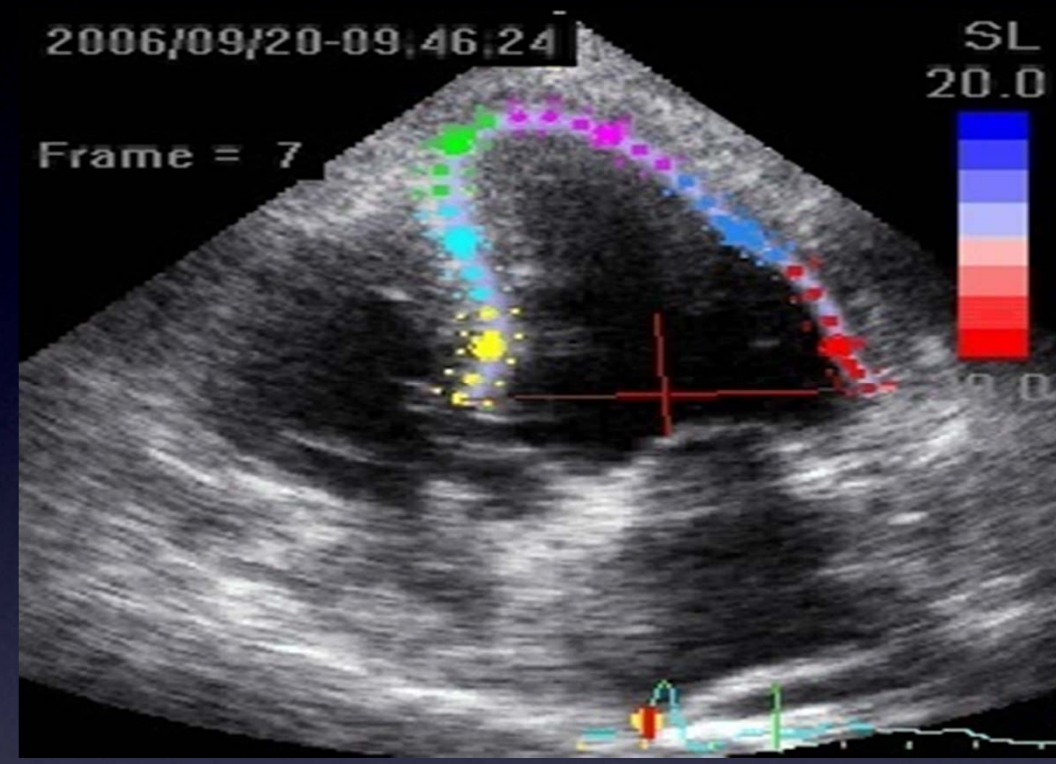
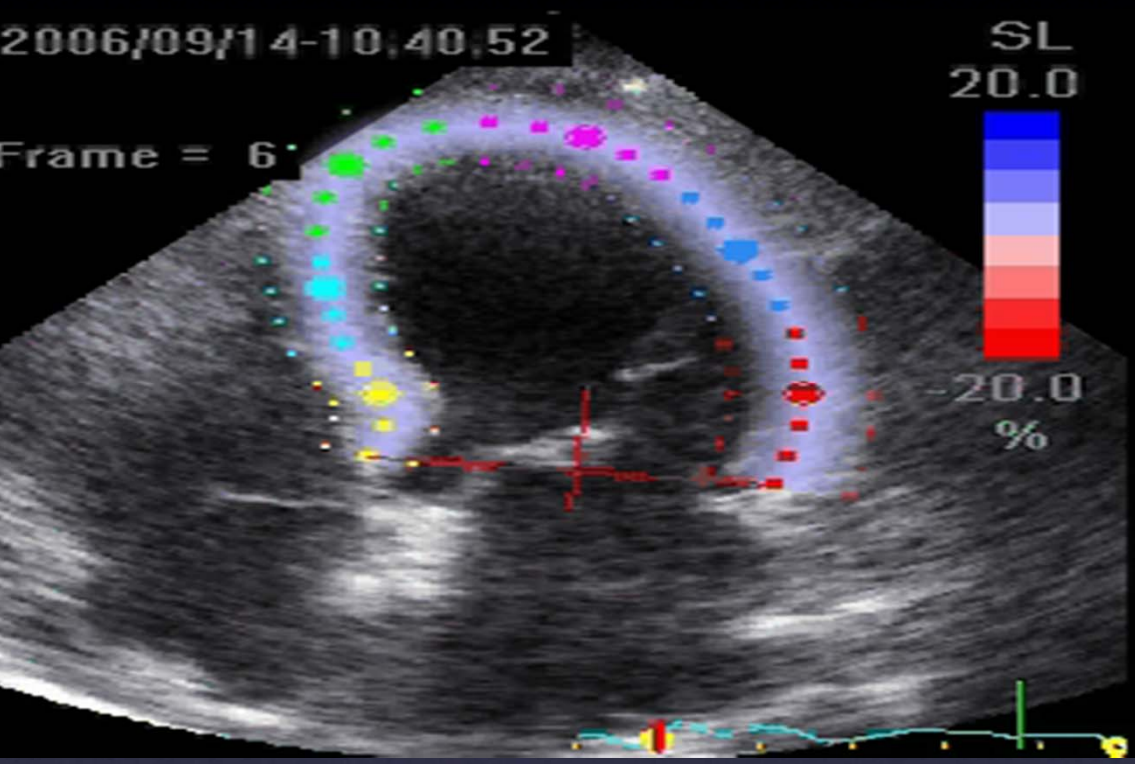


High systolic circumferential wall stress reduce circumferential fiber shortening and thus apical akinesia and ballooning could be mainly the consequences of geometry-induced regional differences in wall stress, rather than a result of

Assessment of Tako-Tsubo Cardiomyo



recovery of LV function in stress cardiomyopathy

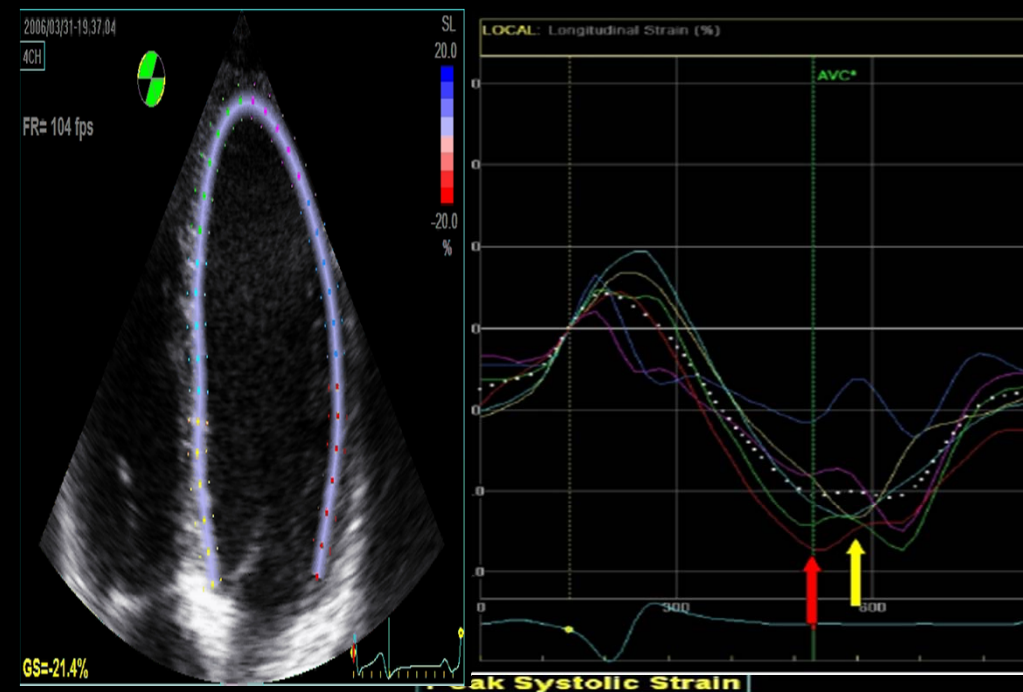
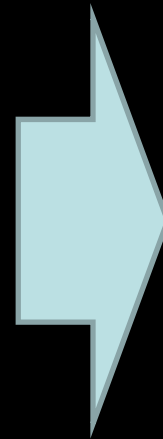
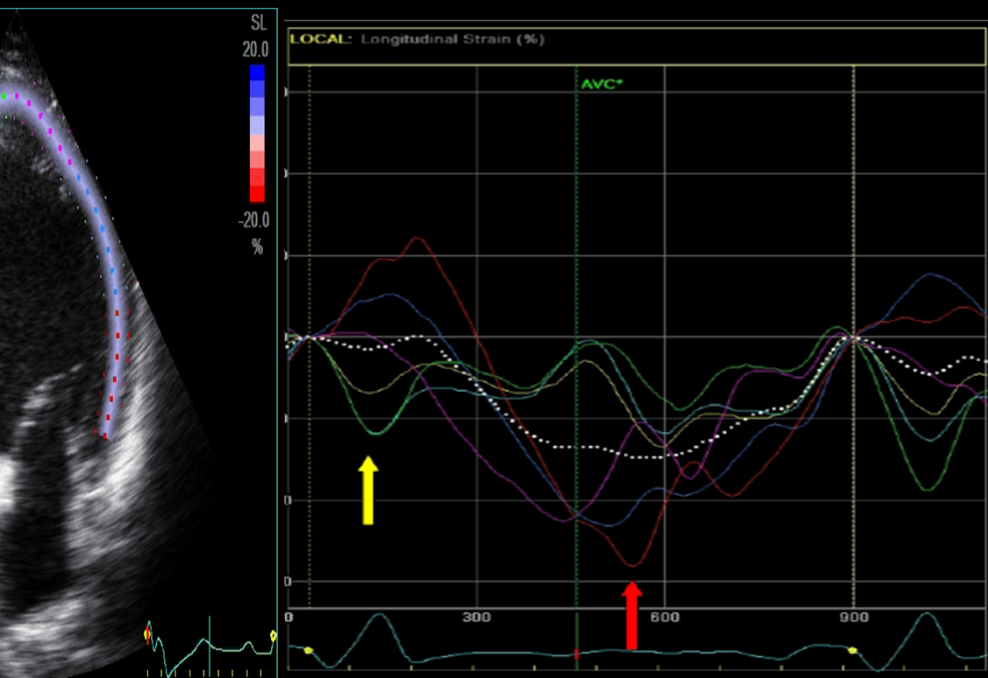


CRT-patient selection

BB with a QRS-width >120 ms, NYHA-class III-IV and an EF of 22% who was implanted with a CRT-device

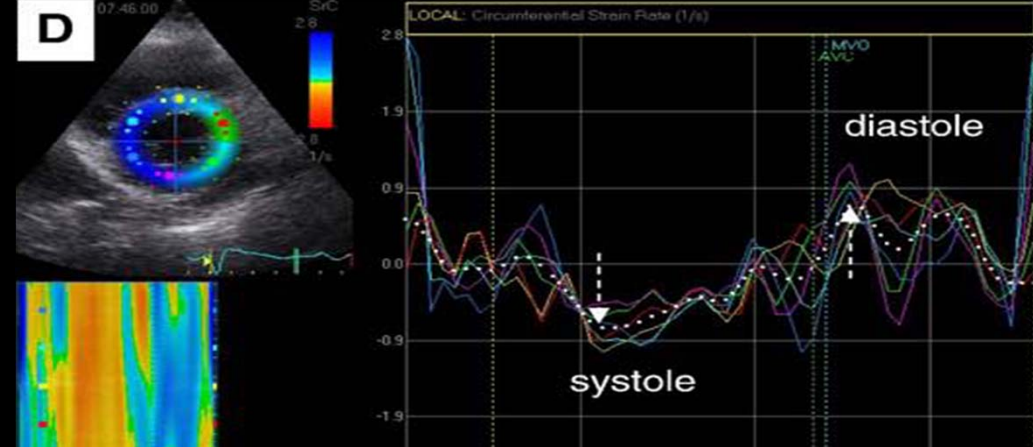
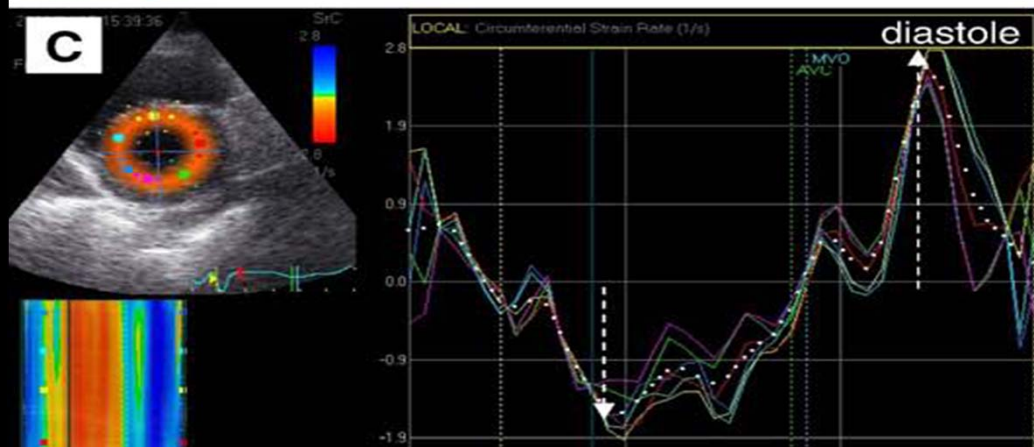
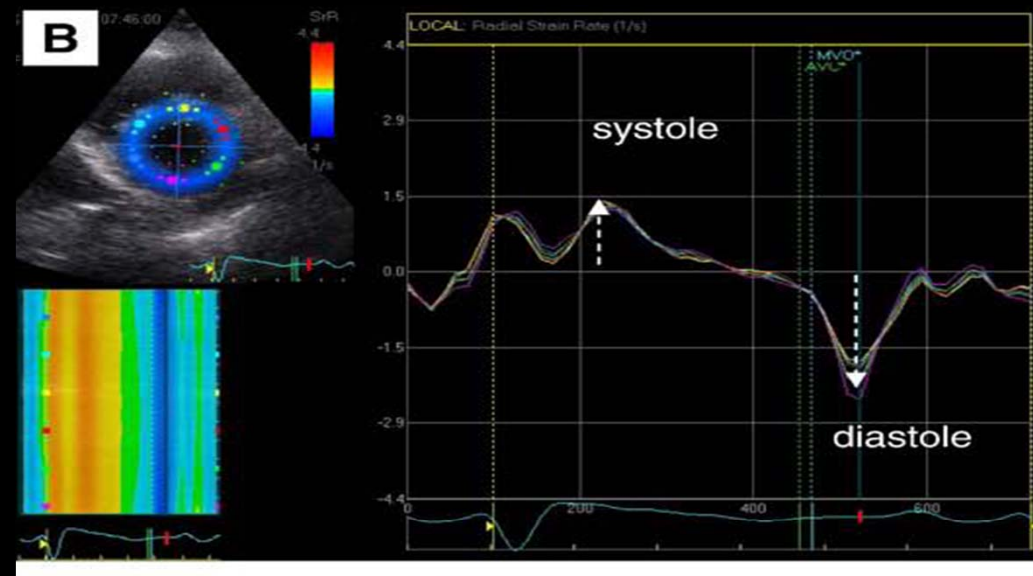
Septal-to-lateral delay to peak strain value of 425 msec using 2DSE

- After 8 months, improvement of EF (to 42%) longitudinal deformation during systole, reduced LV volume
- 2DSE revealed a nearly synchronous longitudinal shortening with a septal-to-lateral delay of -6

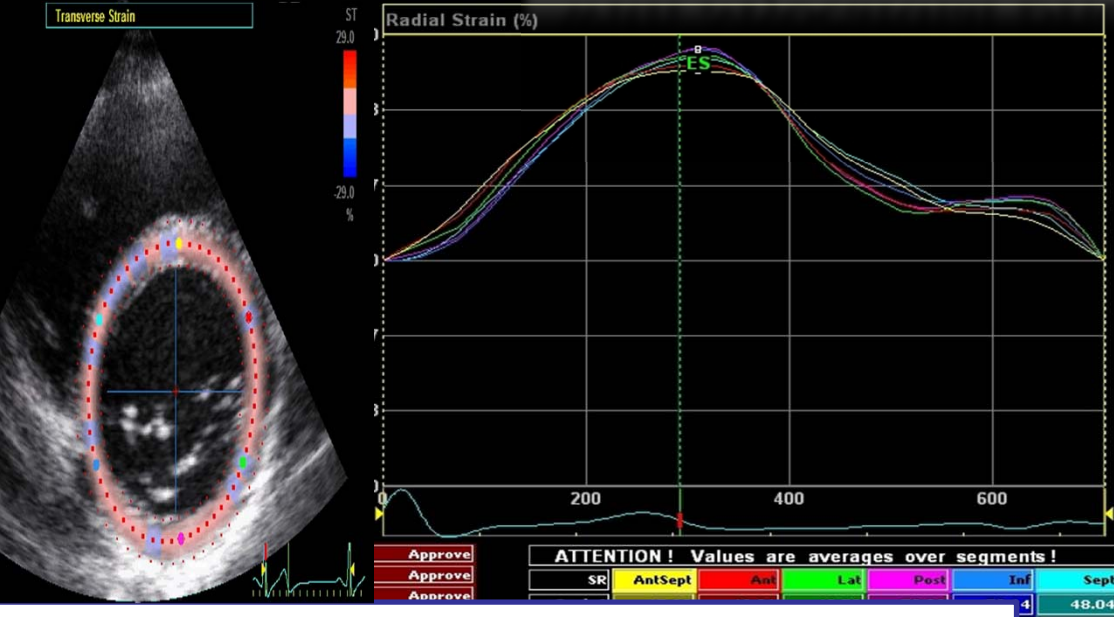


sensitive indicators for surgical LV rest

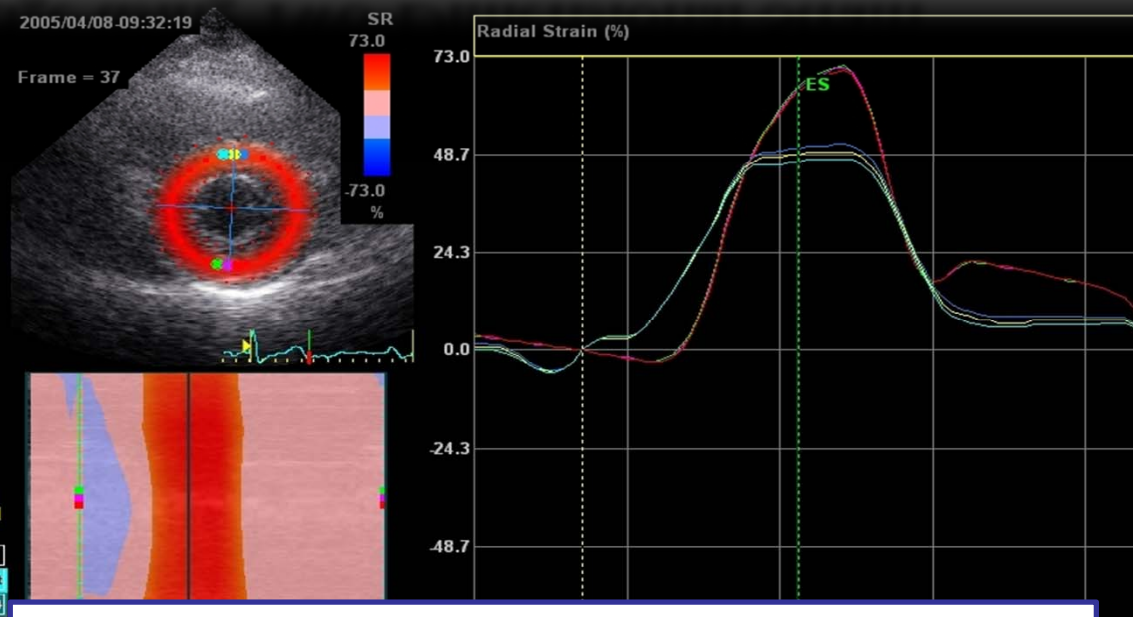
Systolic and diastolic global strain rate reduction appeared to be more sensitive for the early detection of acute rejection than the reduction in systolic and early diastolic global strain values.



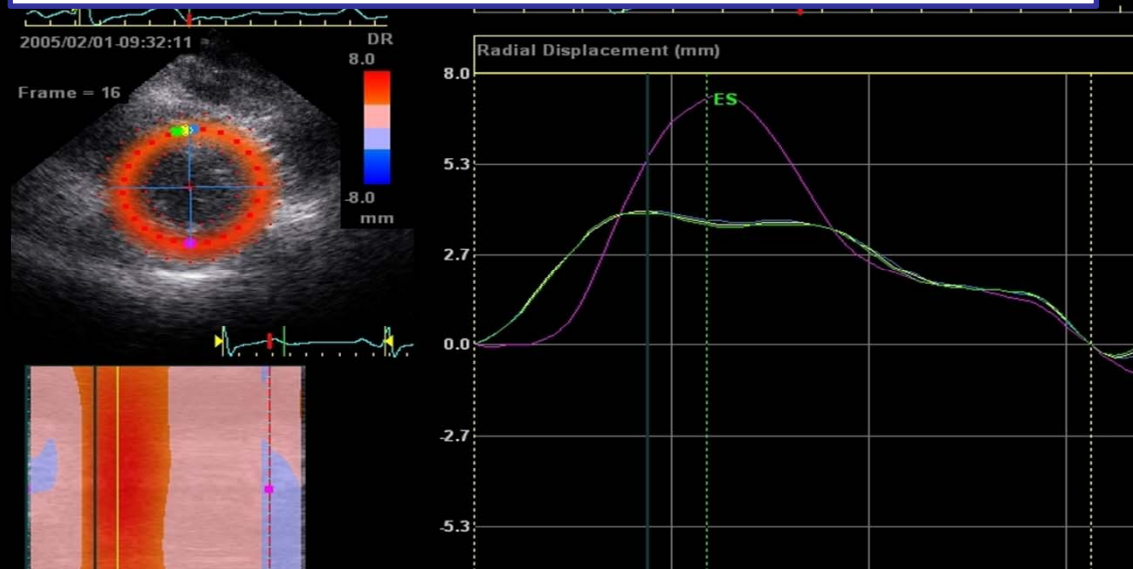
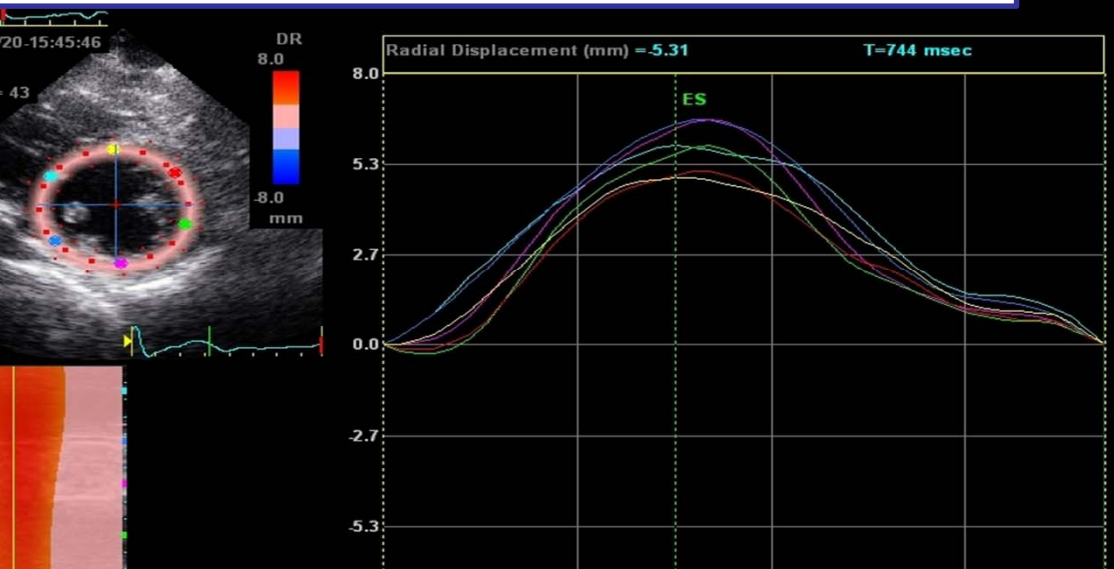
Assessment of Left Ventricular Function in Symptomatic Patients with Myocardial Bridge using Two-Dimensional Strain



A. Radial strain in control



B. Radial strain in MB



With Stress echocardi

Longitudinal strain

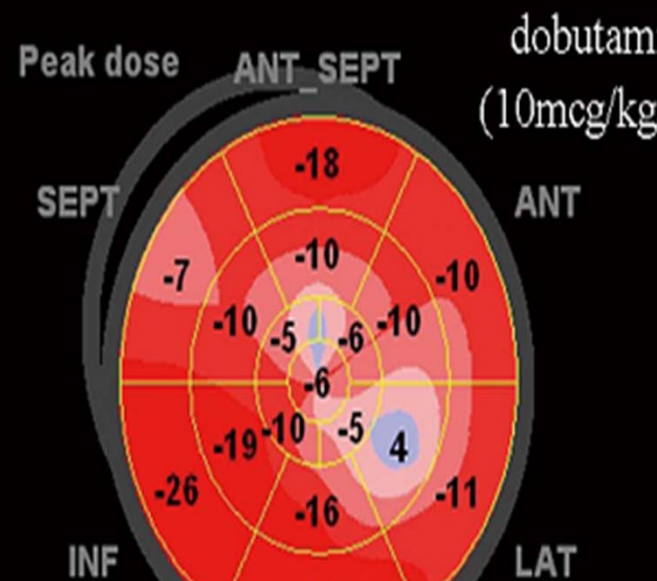
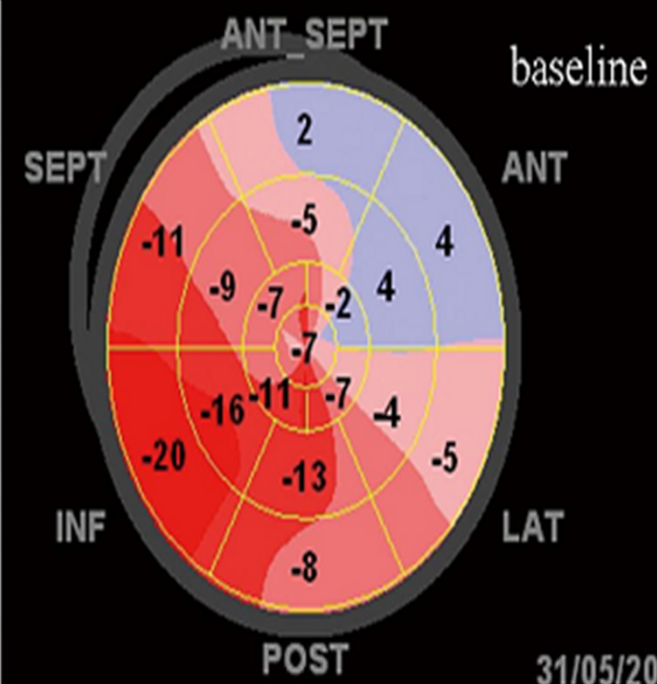
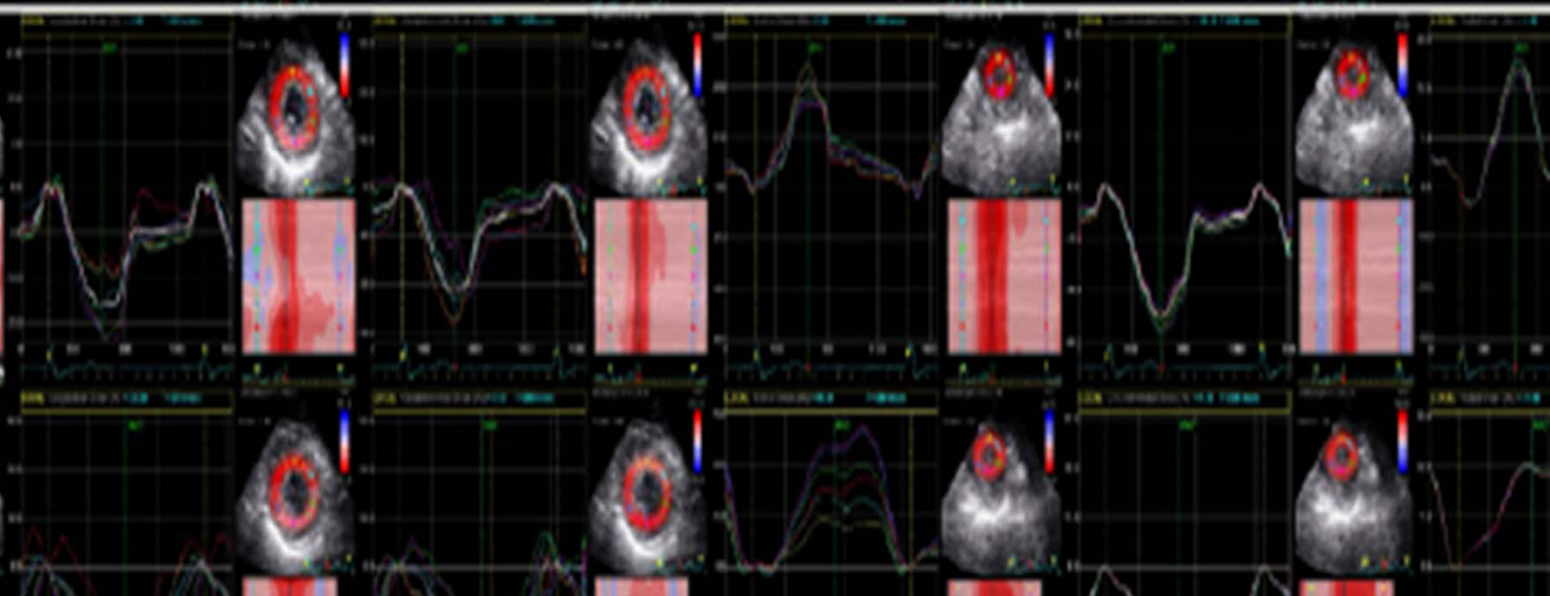
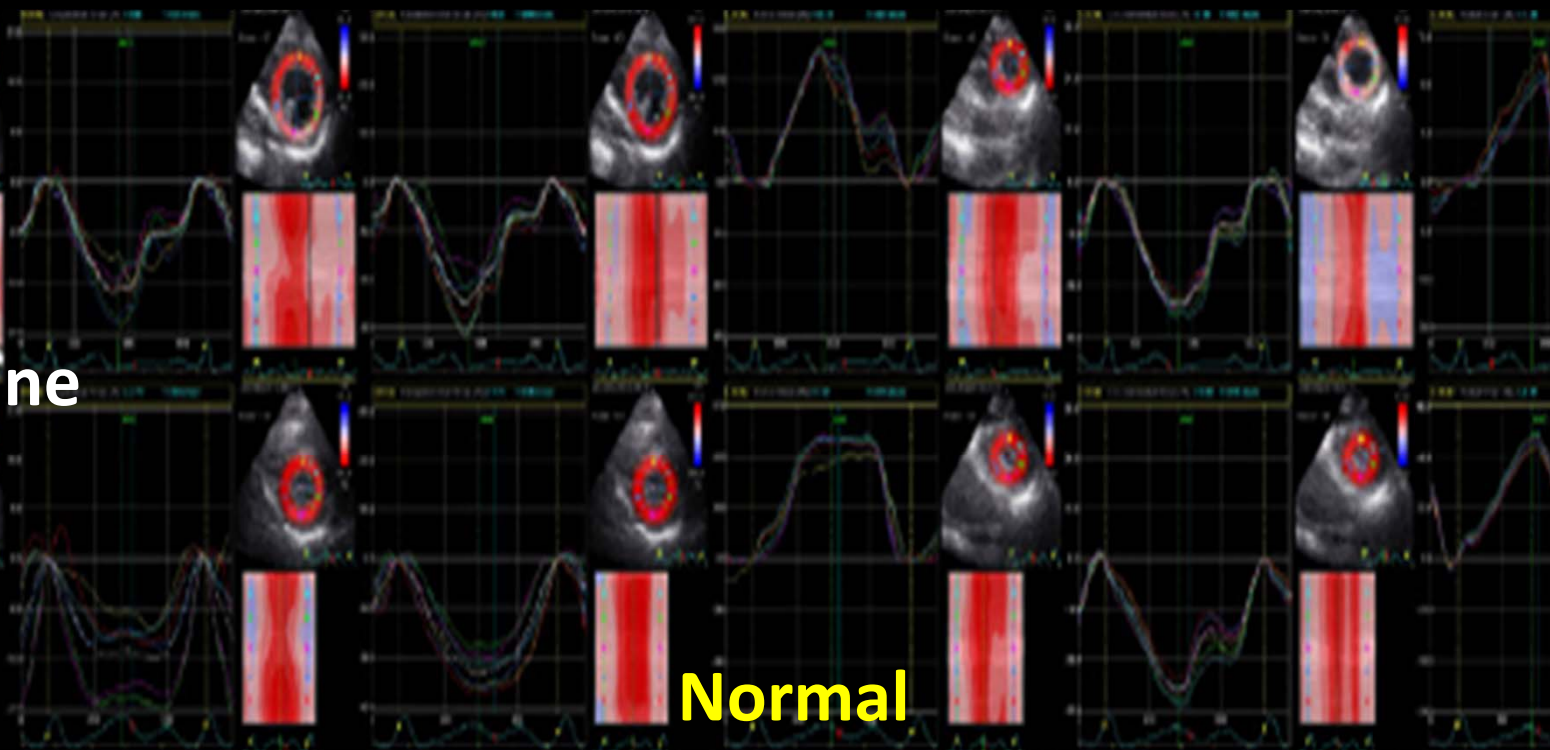
Midventricular circumferential strain

Midventricular radial strain

Apical circumferential strain

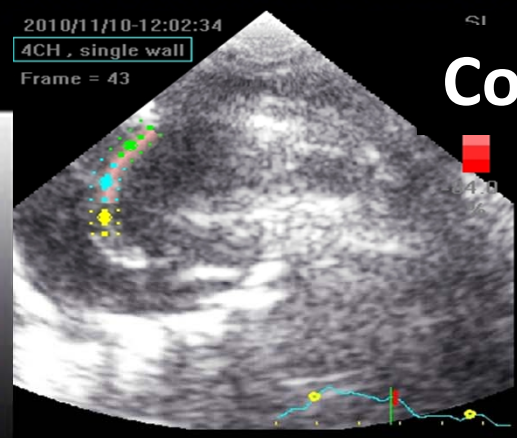
Apical radial strain

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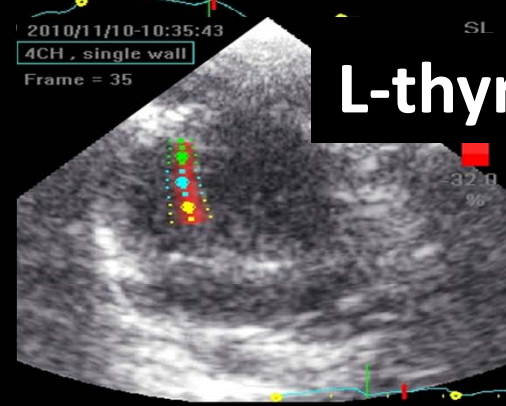
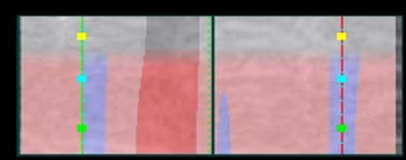
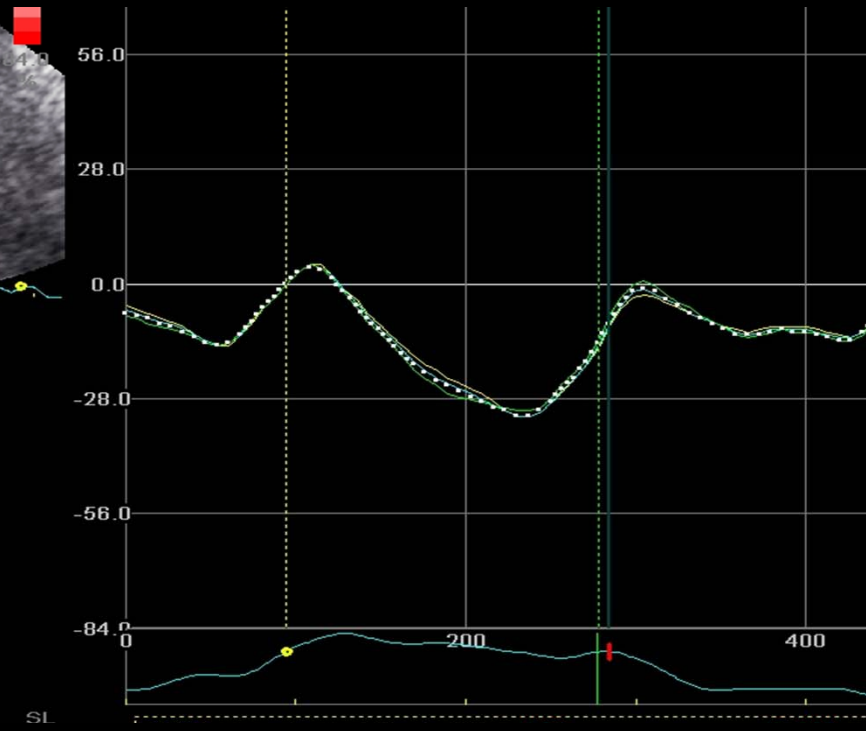


Animal study

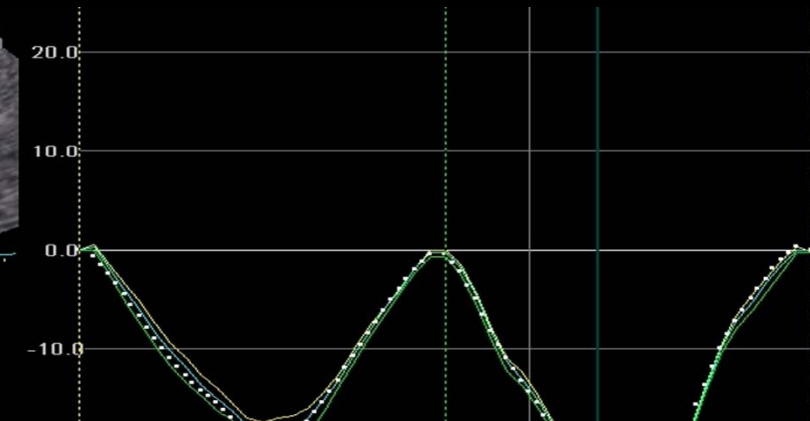
Hyperthyroid cardiomyopathy

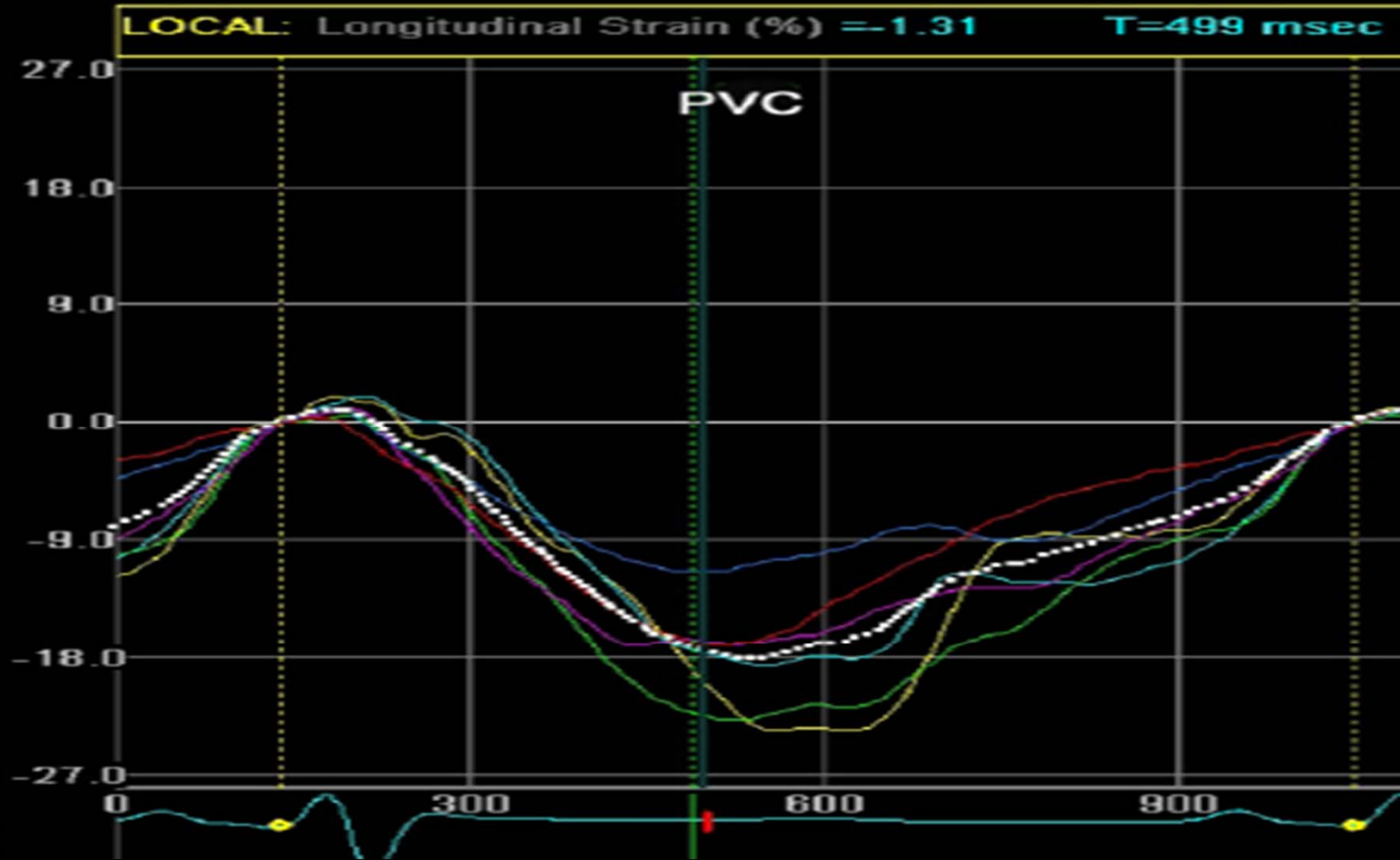
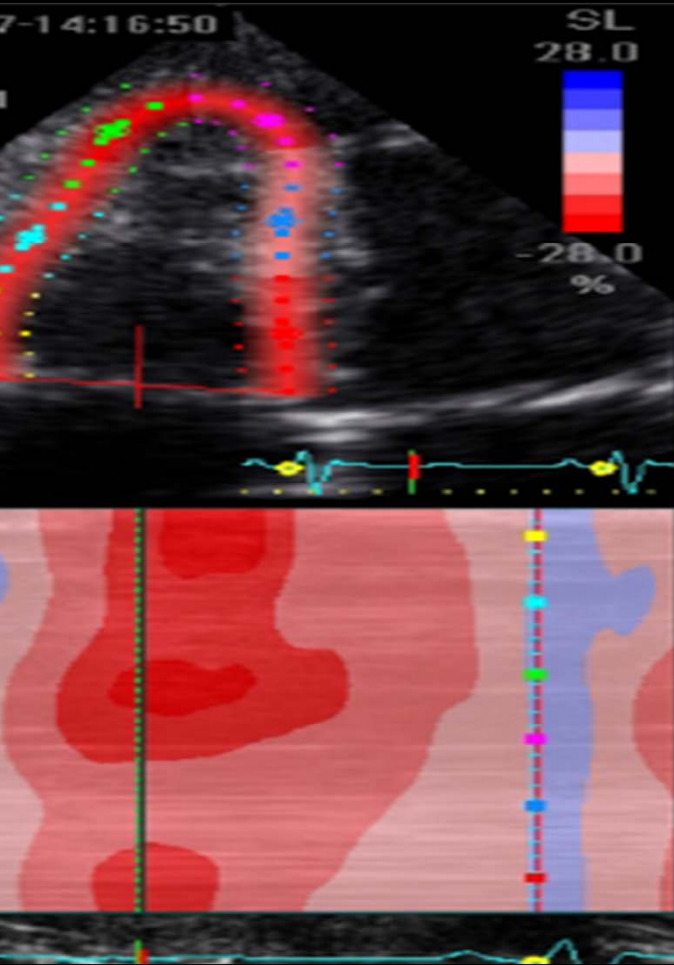


Control rat :peak LV strain=-



L-thyroxine rat :peak LV strain=-





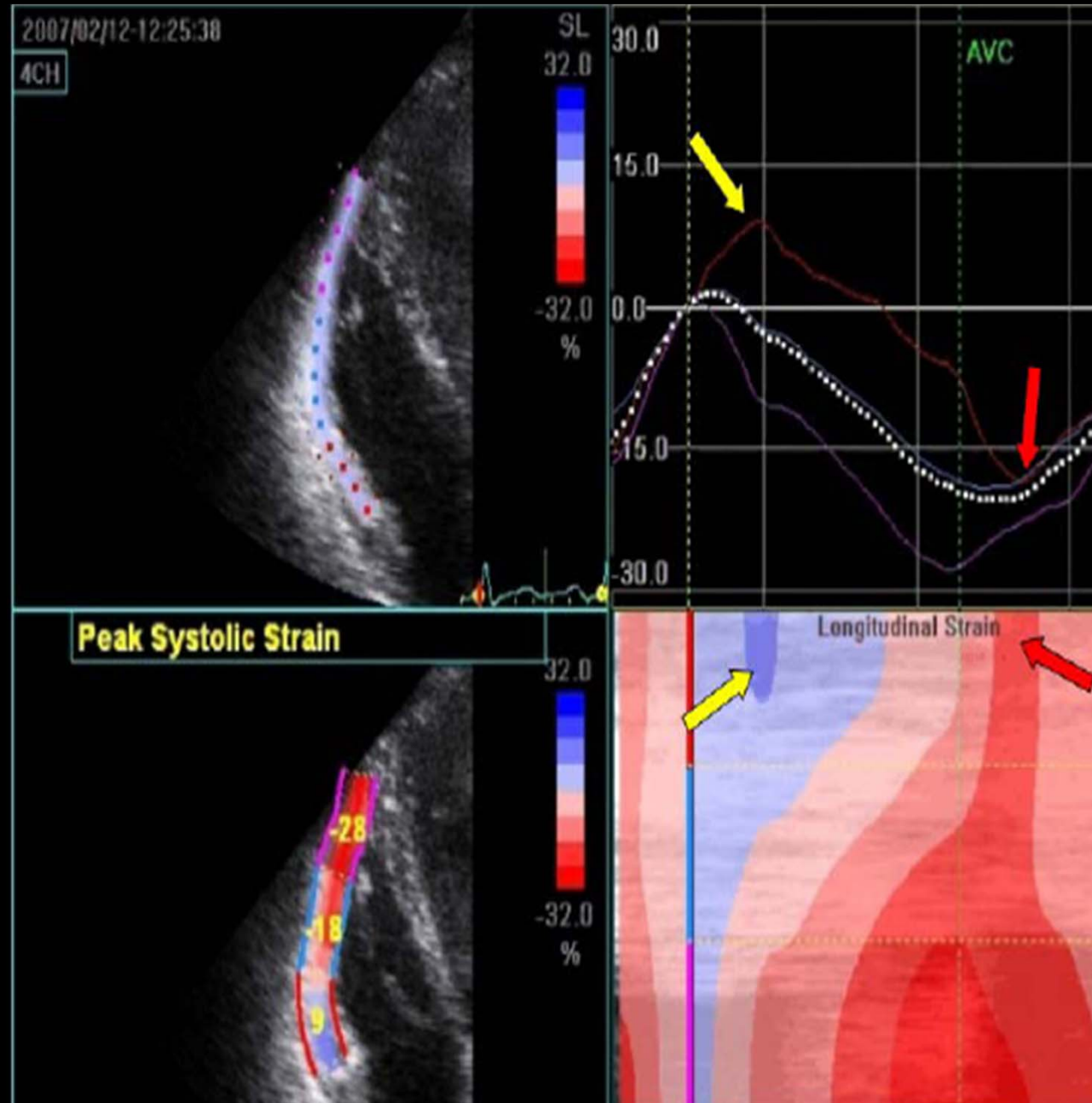
Strain and SR imaging is also useful for the evaluation of **RV function** in pulmonary hypertension and RV diseases of different etiologies (myocardial infarction, arrhythmogenic RV dysplasia/cardiomyopathy)

36 year old woman with arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia (ARVD)

The RV was not dilated, no RWMA or any other typical ARVD findings on conventional echocardiographic examination

Tissue Doppler strain analysis as well as 2DSE revealed an abnormal deformation pattern in the basal segment.

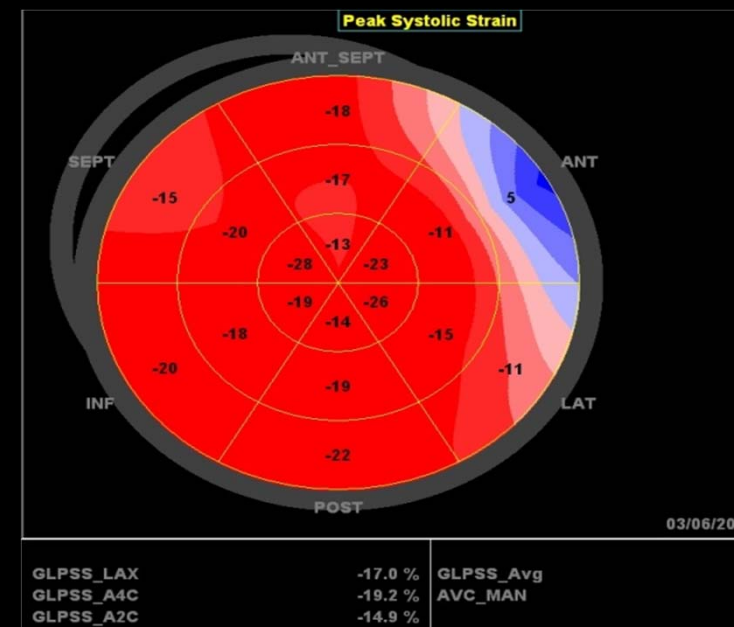
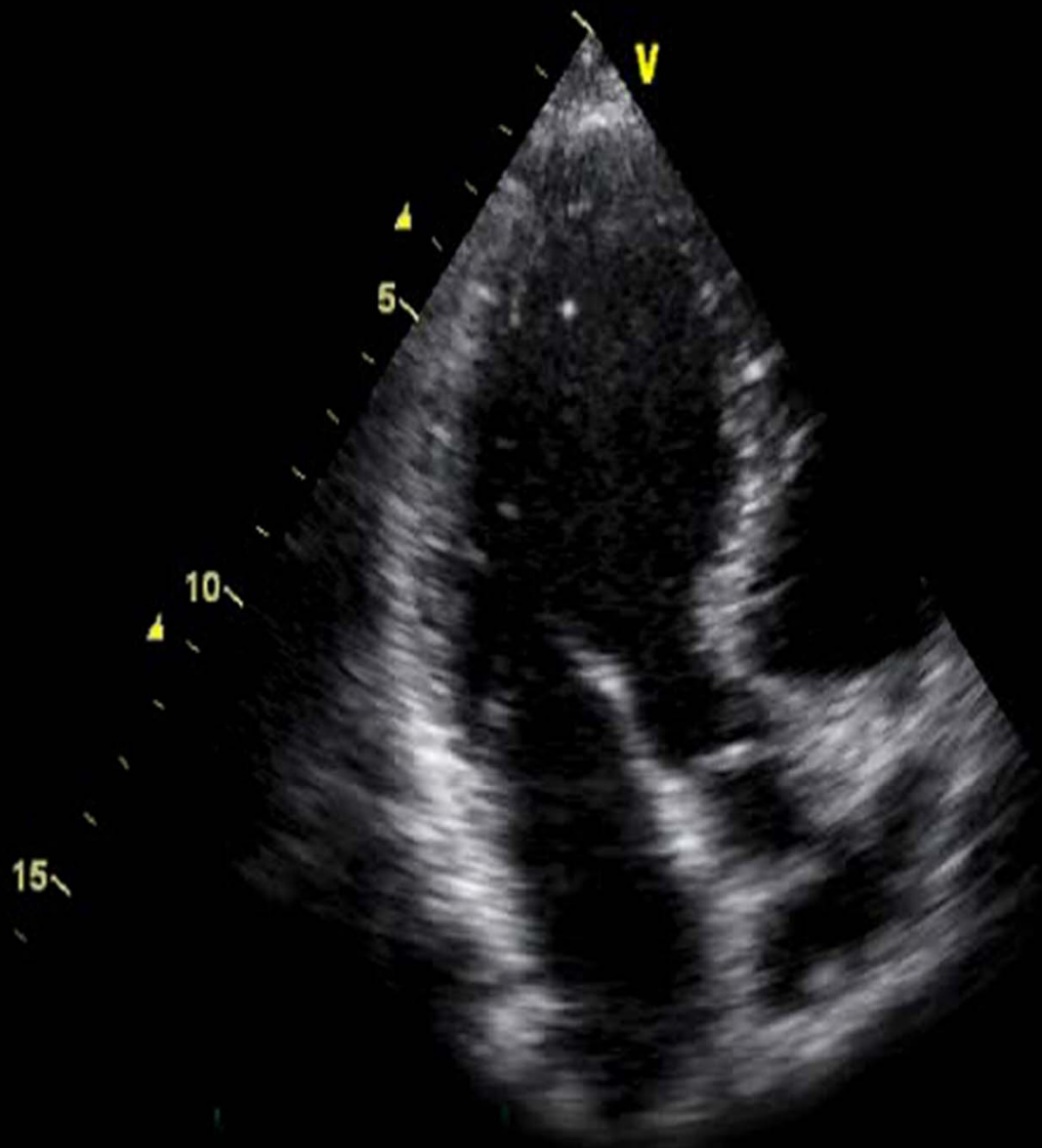
Based on this finding, this patient scored a minor criterion (regional hypokinesia) fulfilling the diagnostic criteria for ARVD (one major and two minor criteria).



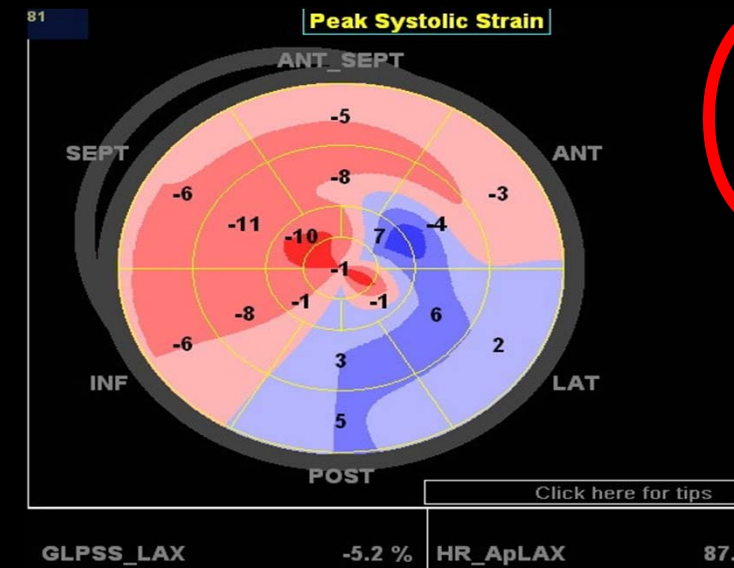
Time-factor to overcome.....

The practical approach to quantify LV function

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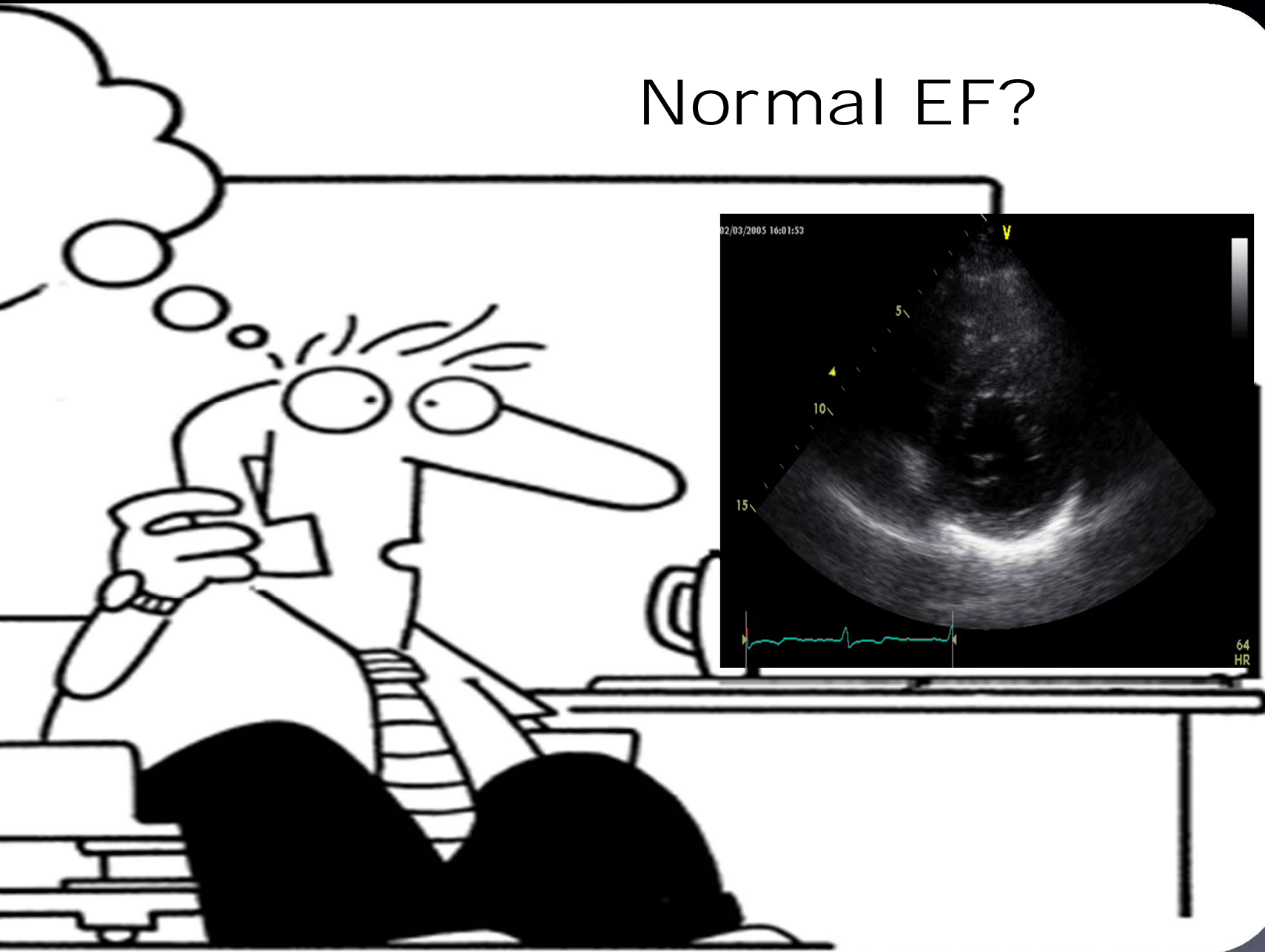


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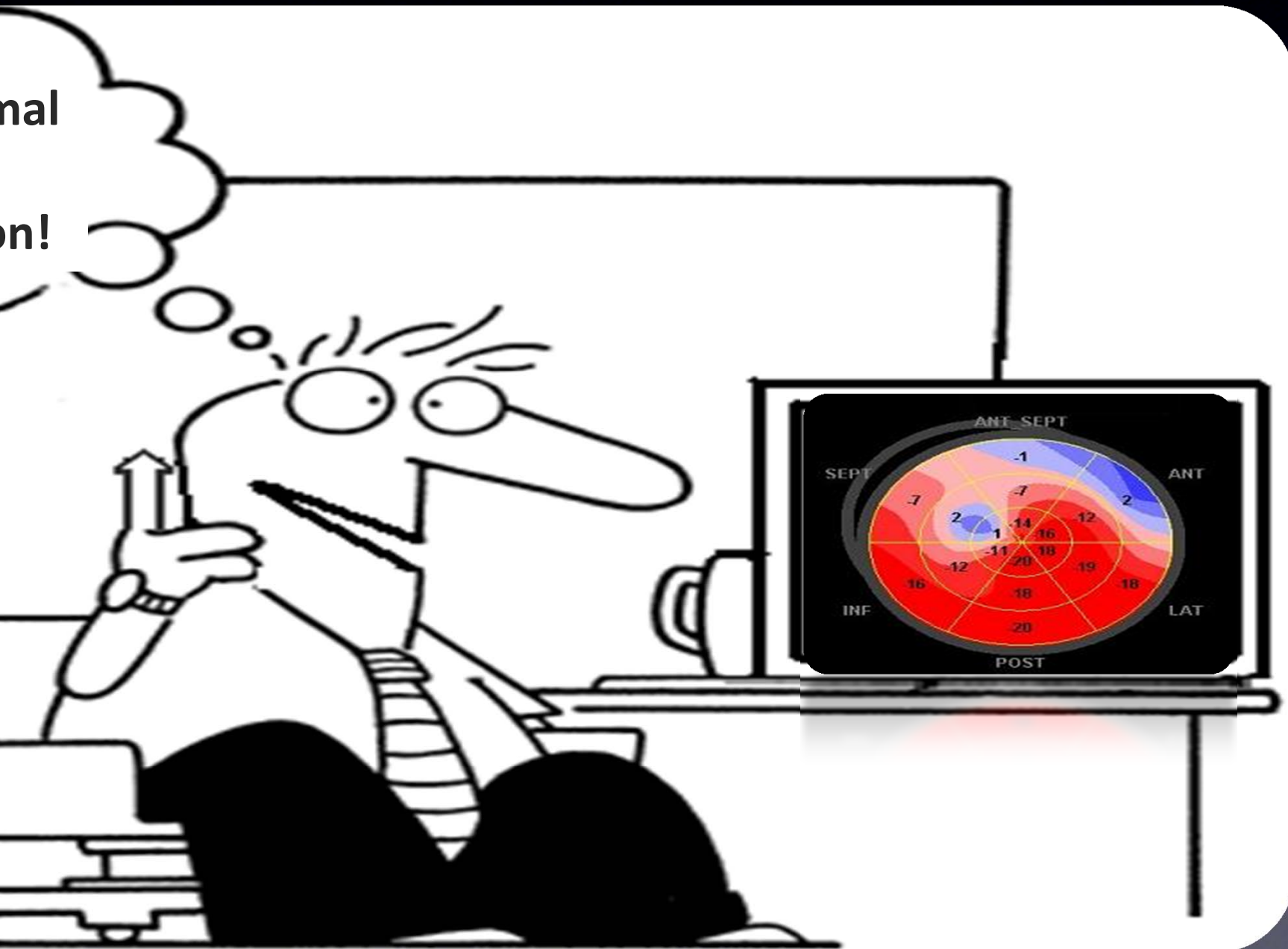


From Subjective Expert Evaluation

Normal EF?



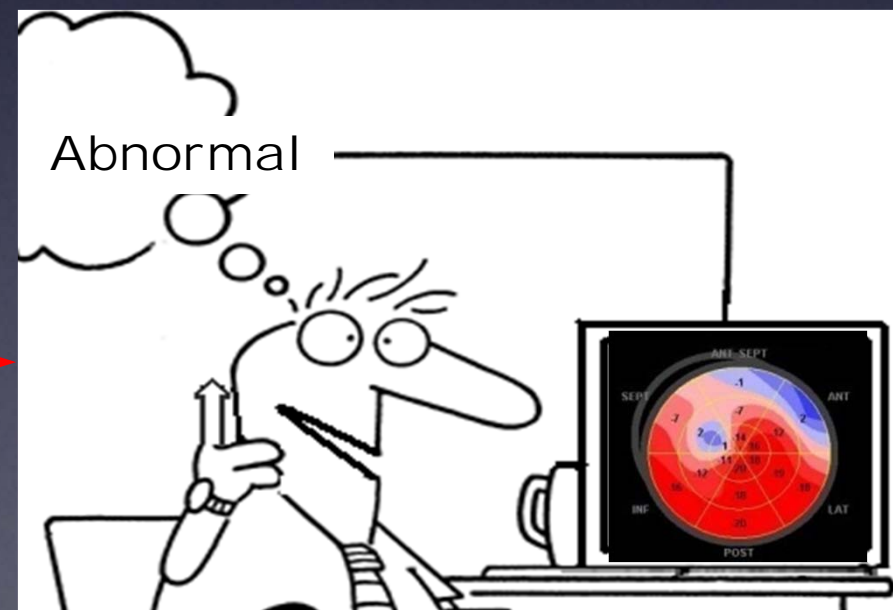
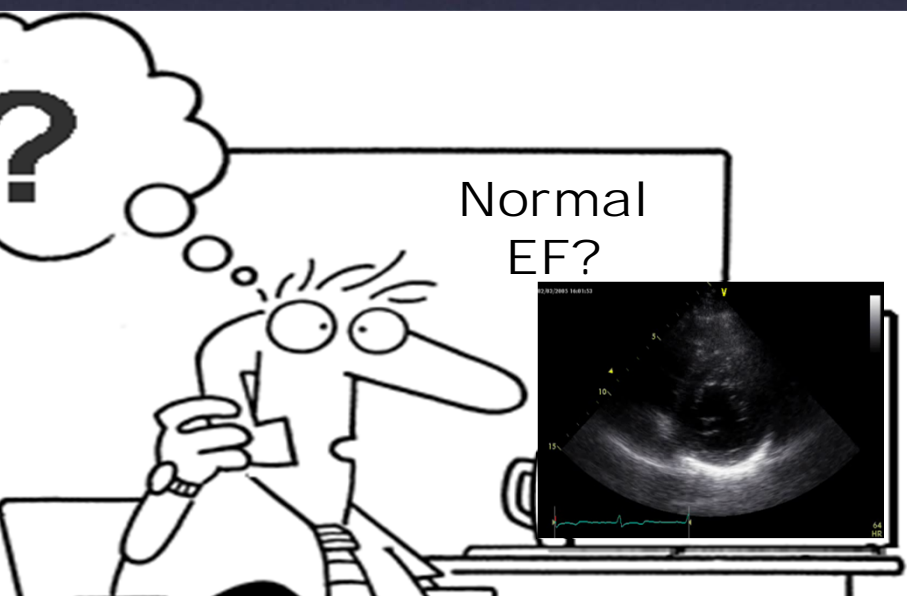
To Quick Quantitative Information



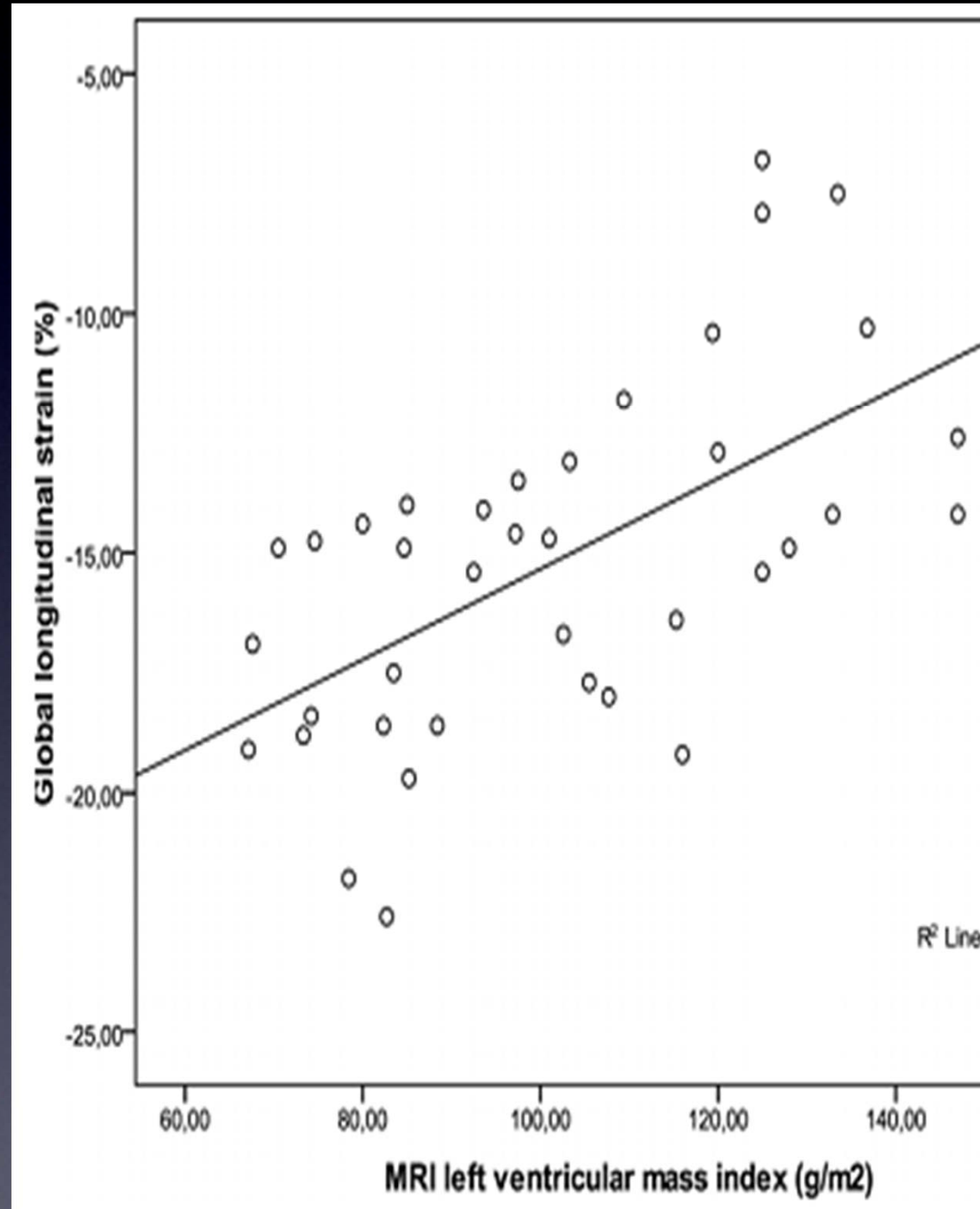
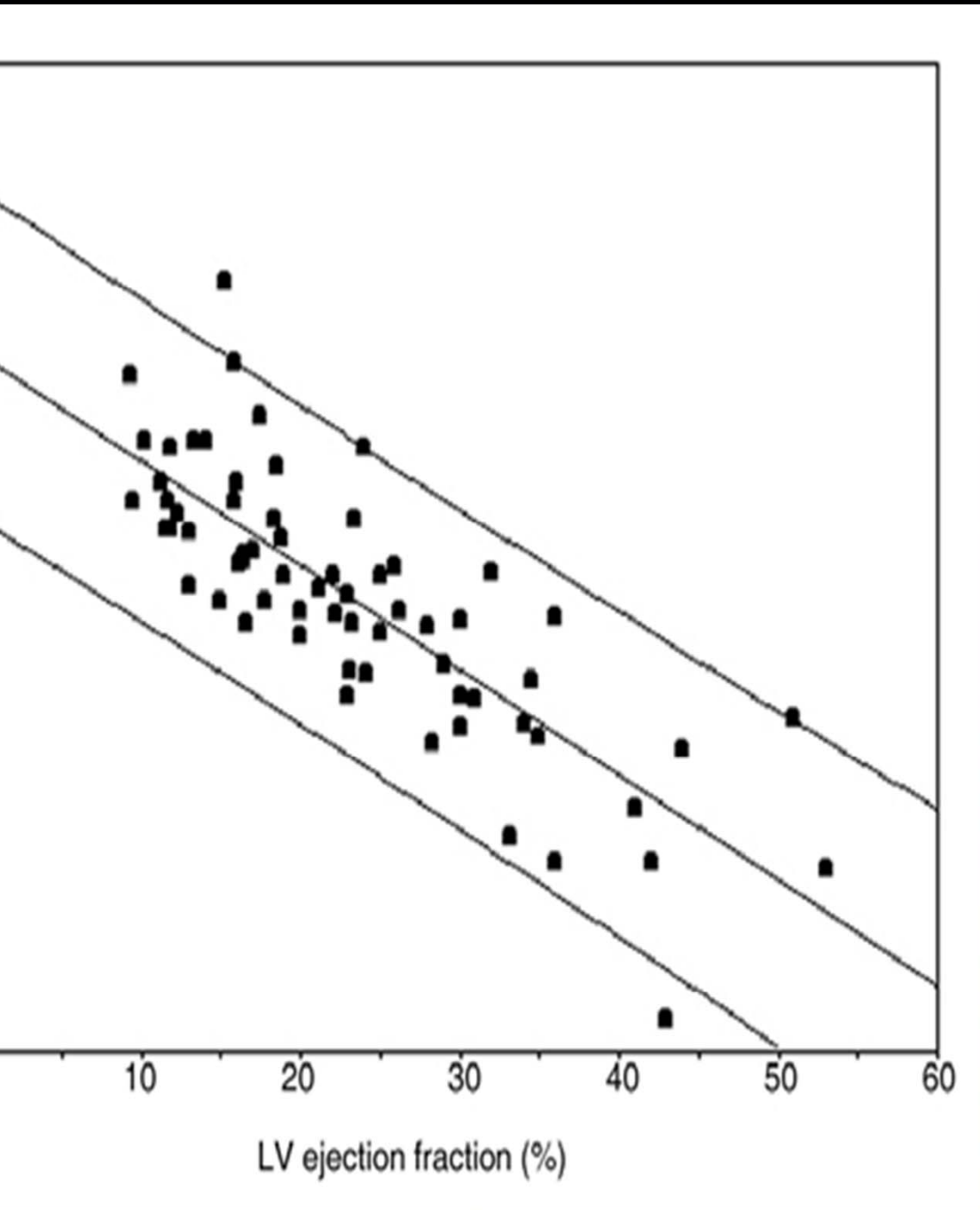
AFI (3-5 m)

For discussion.

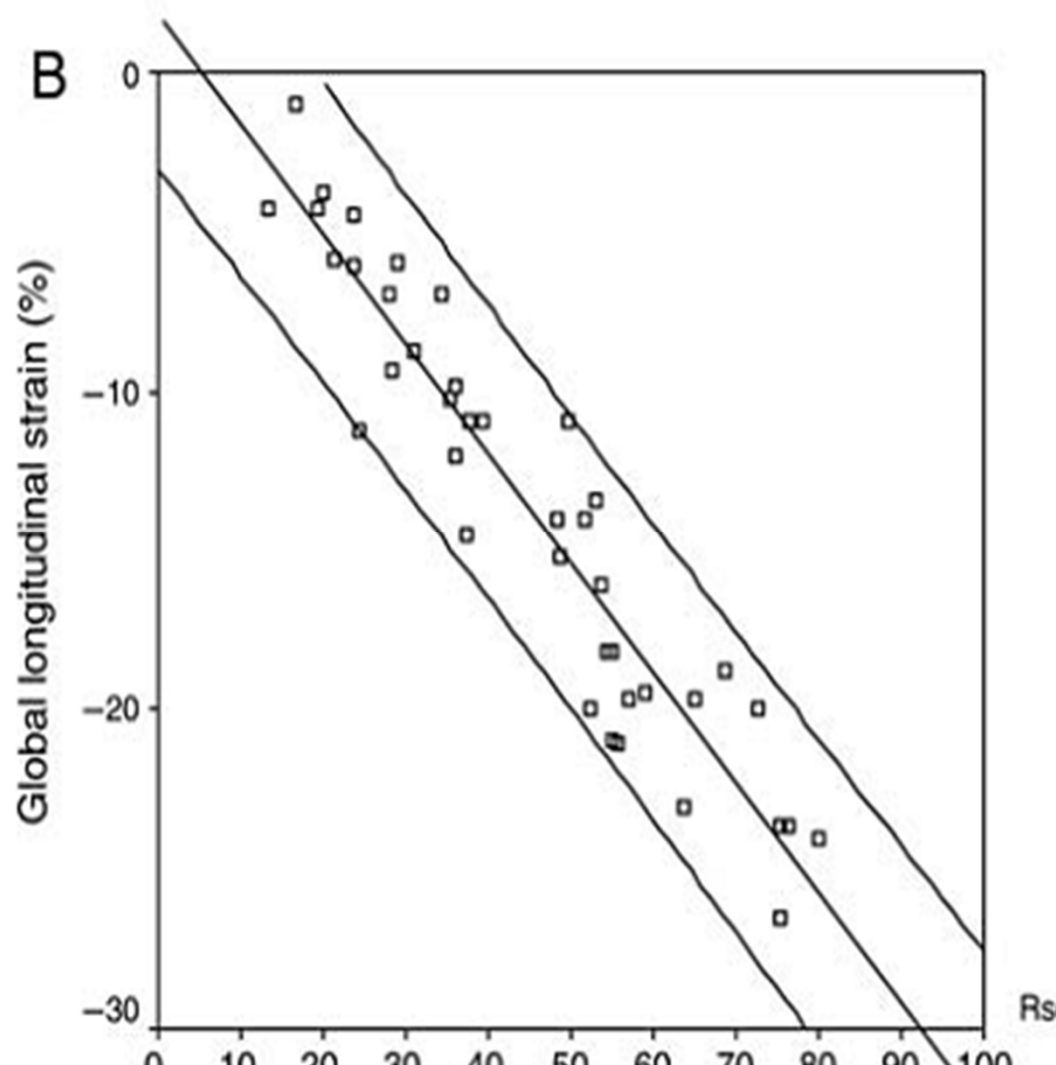
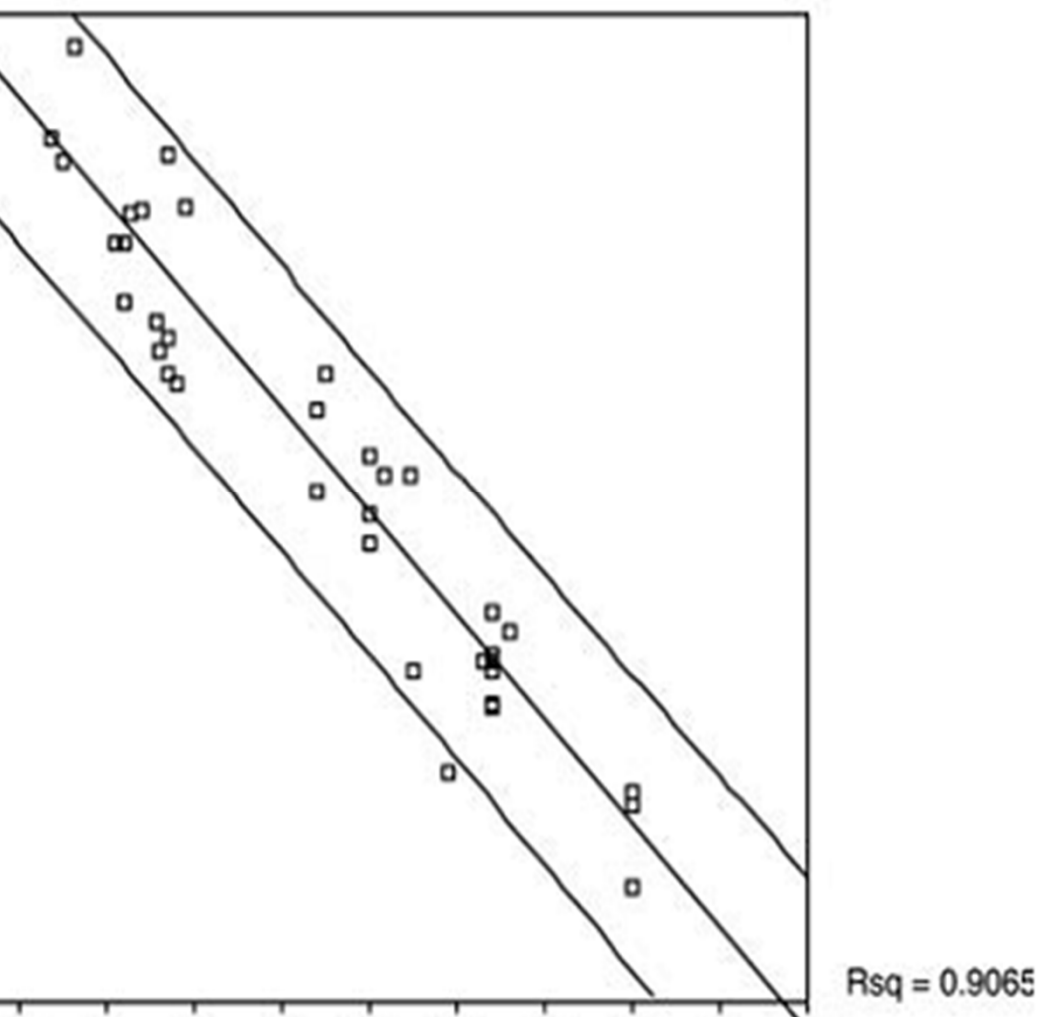
- How do you see 2D quantification like AFI can be used in your clinic?
 - *Can Global Strain parameter (from AFI) replace EF?*



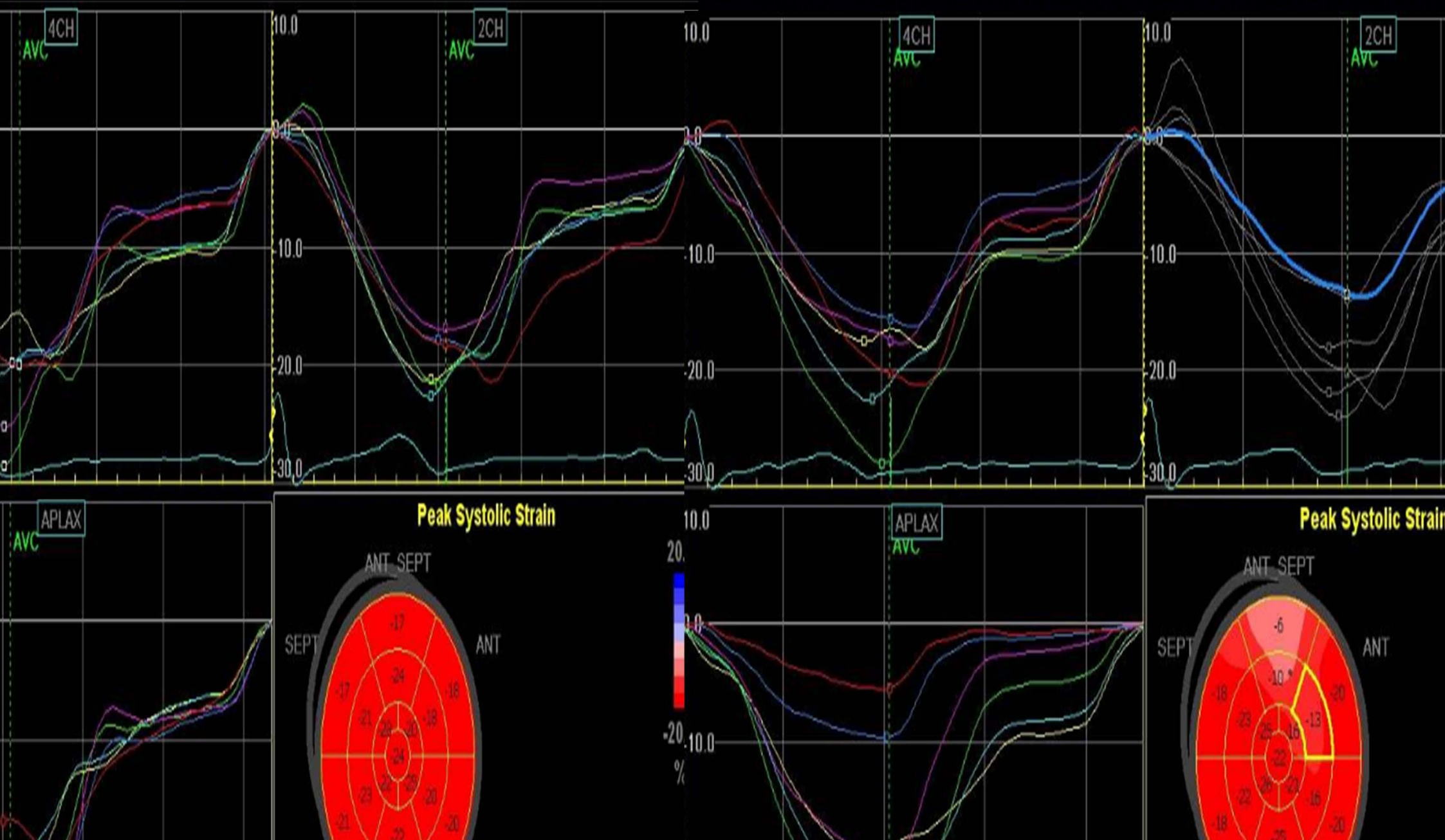
left ventricular systolic function?



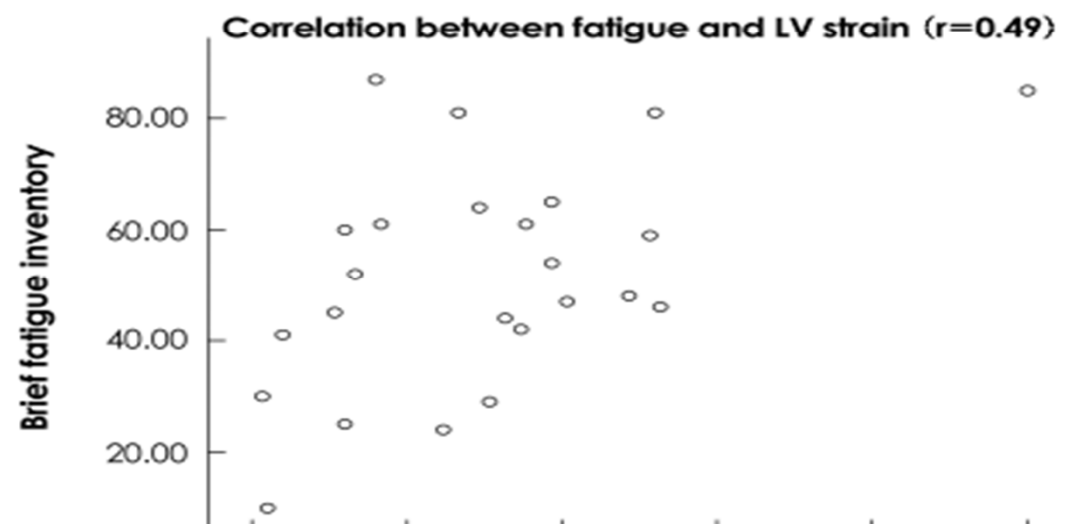
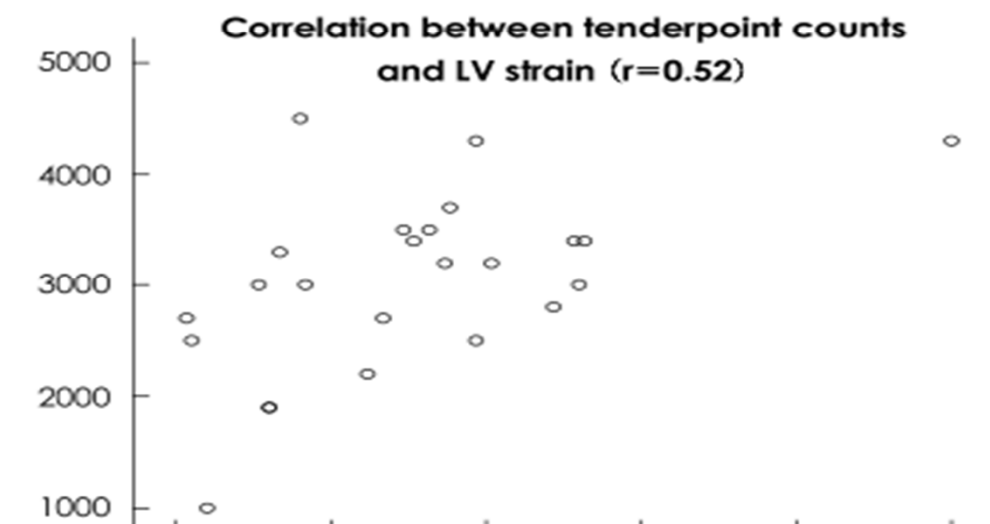
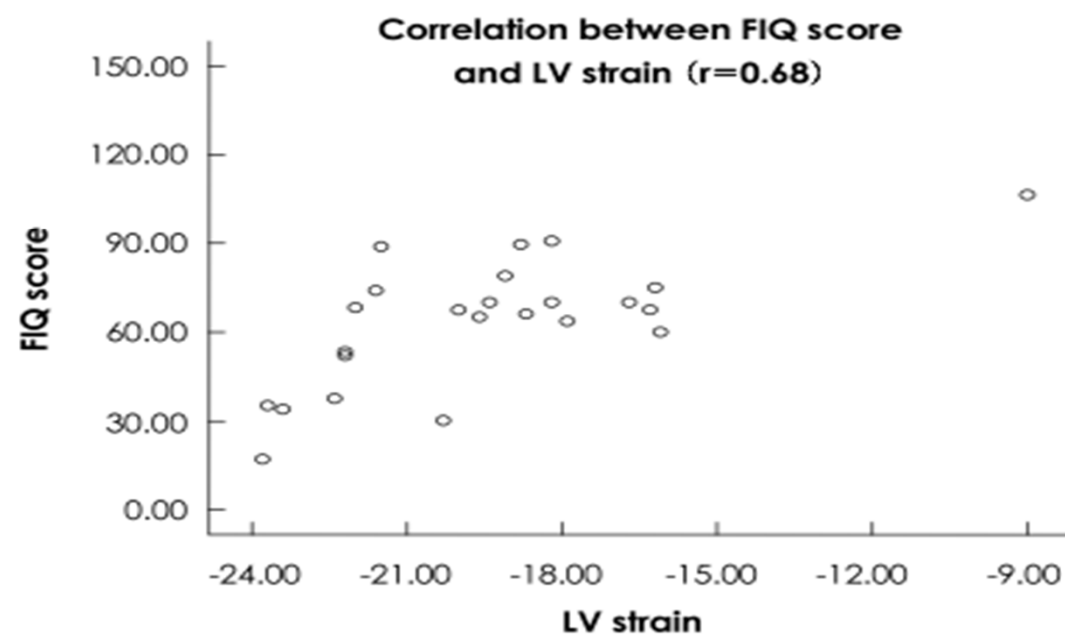
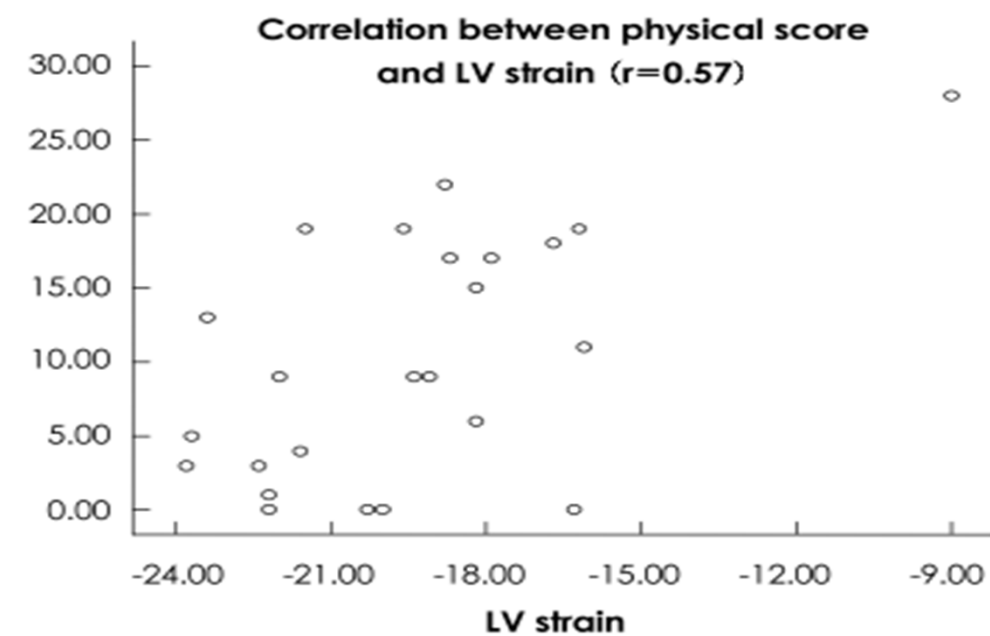
Level wall motion score-based method for estimating global left ventricular ejection fraction: validation by real-time 3D echocardiography and global longitudinal strain



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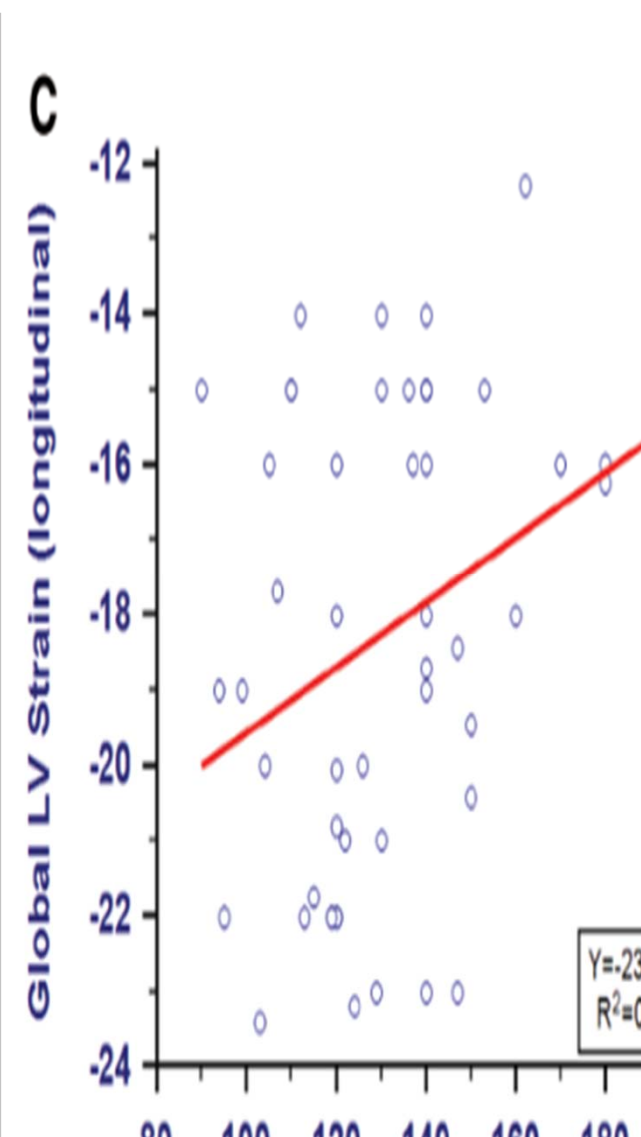
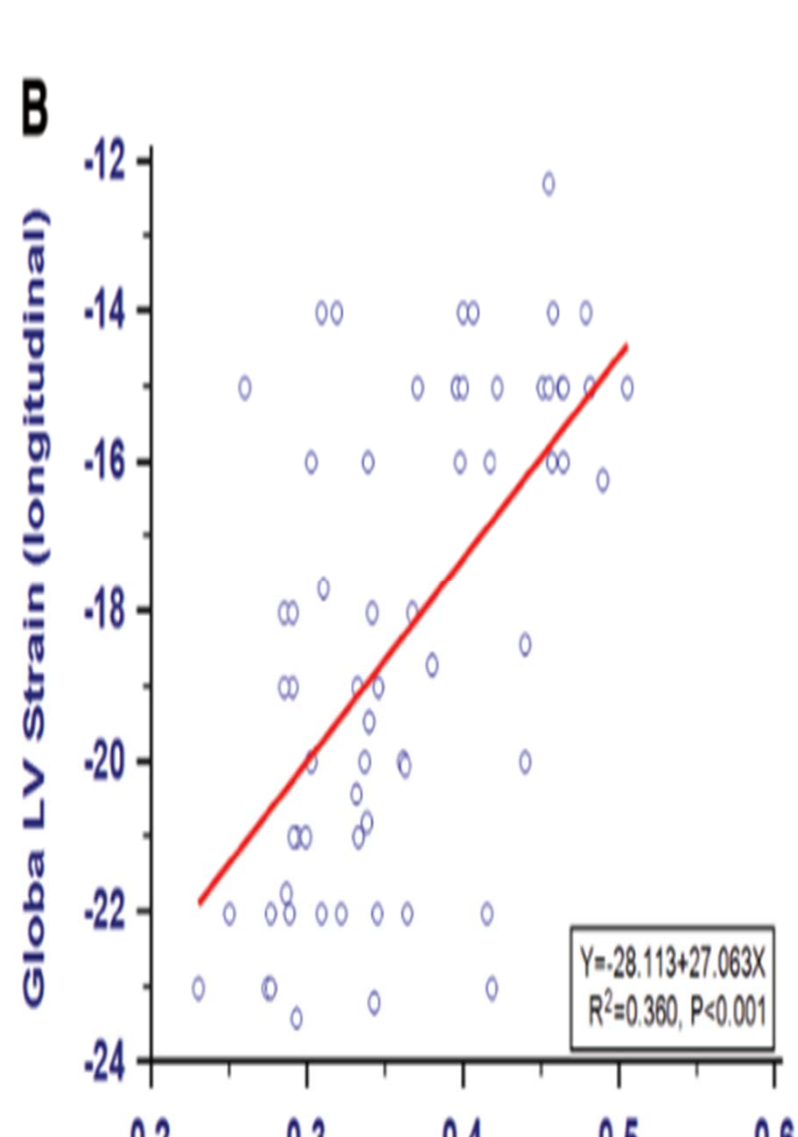
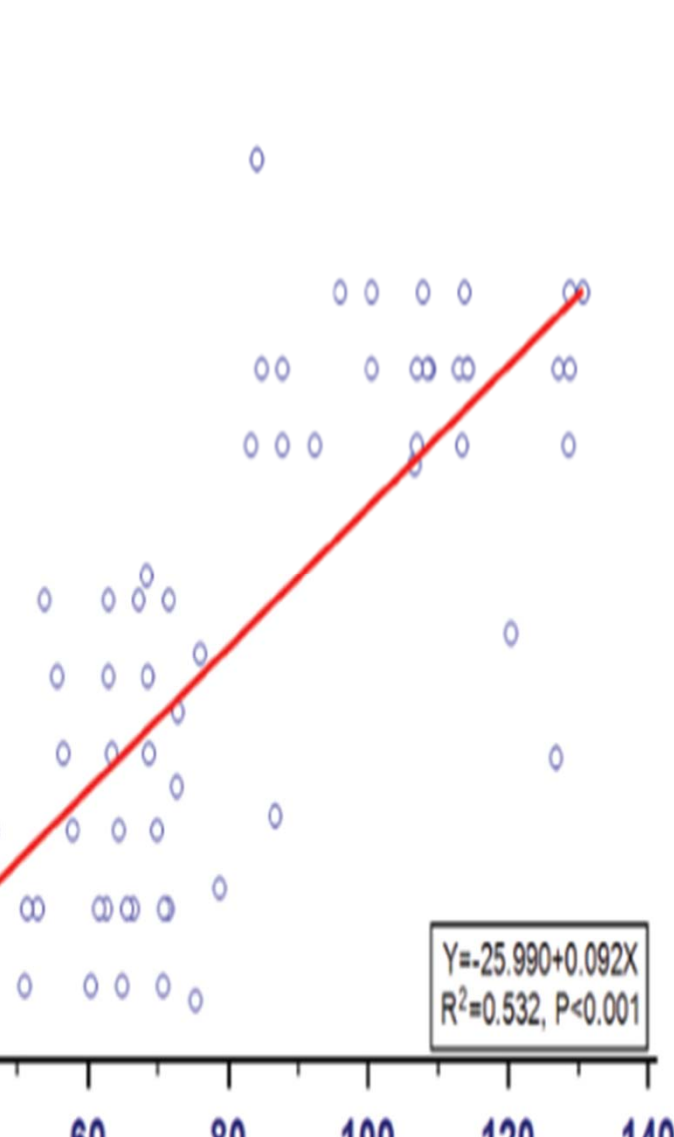
LV Function in GHW and NPW			
Parameters	GHW (n=106)	NPW (n=93)	P value
	62.3±9.0	60.7±7.8	0.08
	33.8±6.4	32.6±5.7	0.18
	171.9±44.2	173.5±35.2	0.81
	79.5±19.7	79.0±18.7	0.88
	11.7±2.83	10.0±2.4	0.001
	75.4±21.7	64.2±14.3	<0.001
	1.00±0.29	1.27±0.33	0.002
	117.7±18.2	82.3±12.6	0.003
	0.51±0.09	0.48±0.23	0.003

Table 4. Follow-up Echocardiography and Clinical Features

Parameters	GHW before delivery (n=37)	GHW after delivery (n=37)	P value
Systolic BP (mmHg)	155.5±18.3	128.5±15.6	<0.001
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	96.8±13.0	74.8±14.3	<0.001
Weight (kg)	75.5±12.5	64.8±14.5	<0.001
LVEDD (mm)	50.2±4.7	49.5±3.9	0.81
LVESD (mm)	34.9±4.2	32.7±4.5	0.18
IVSTd (mm)	9.4±1.2	8.6±1.4	0.003
PWTd (mm)	9.0±1.3	8.7±1.5	0.81
RWT	0.40±0.08	0.36±0.09	0.002
LVMI (g/m ²)	95.8±18.5	88.8±20.1	0.003
LAD (mm)	39.1±4.5	37.0±5.7	0.003
ARD (mm)	29.4±2.7	28.3±2.4	0.003
EF (%)	58.3±9.7	63.8±8.3	0.003
FS (%)	33.6±6.2	33.9±7.5	0.81
DT (ms)	178.8±50.8	171.5±40.7	0.003
E (cm/s)	81.7±20.9	82.7±20.5	0.81
E/Ea	12.7±4.5	11.7±3.8	0.003
A (cm/s)	76.3±20.2	69.5±20.3	0.003
E/A	1.08±0.31	1.23±0.42	0.003
IVRT (ms)	118.8±19.3	96.5±19.7	0.003

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Imaging for assessment of systemic right ventricular function

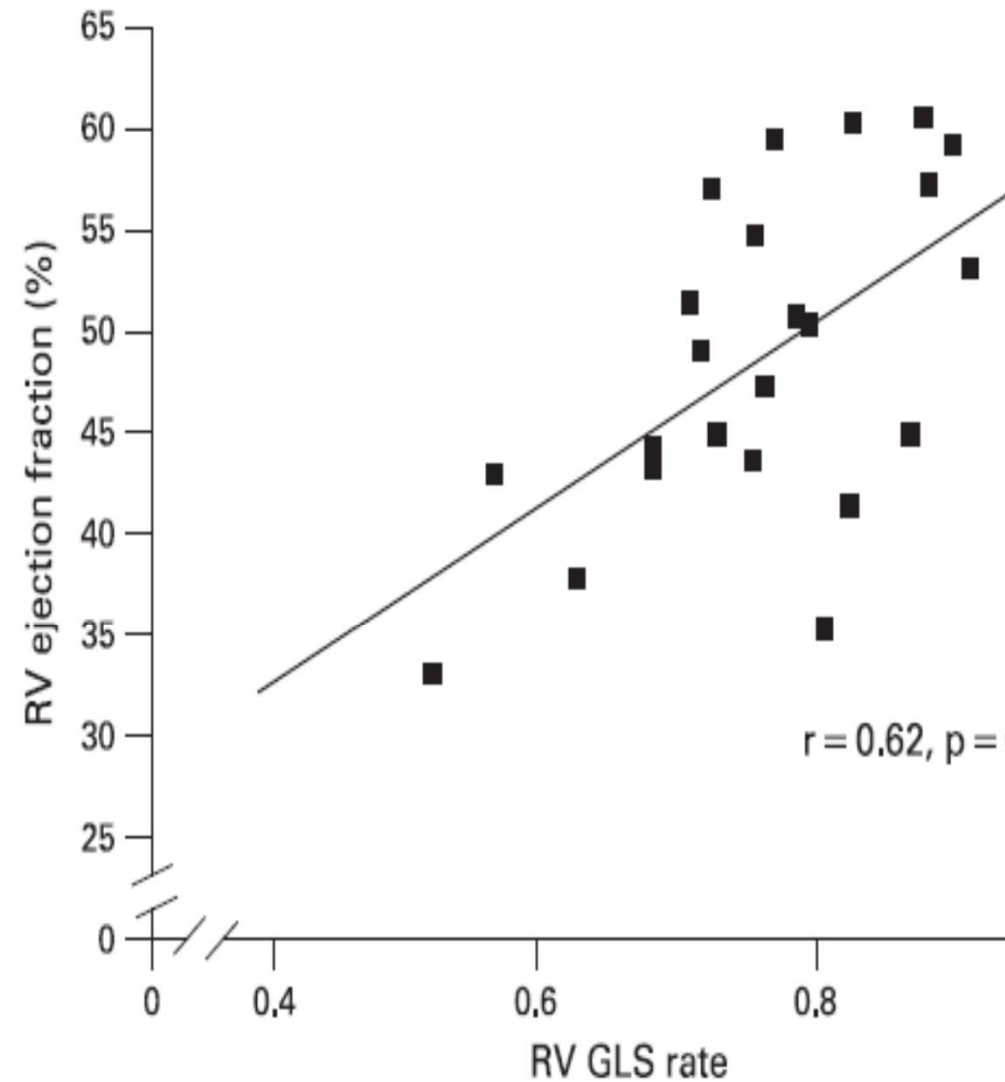
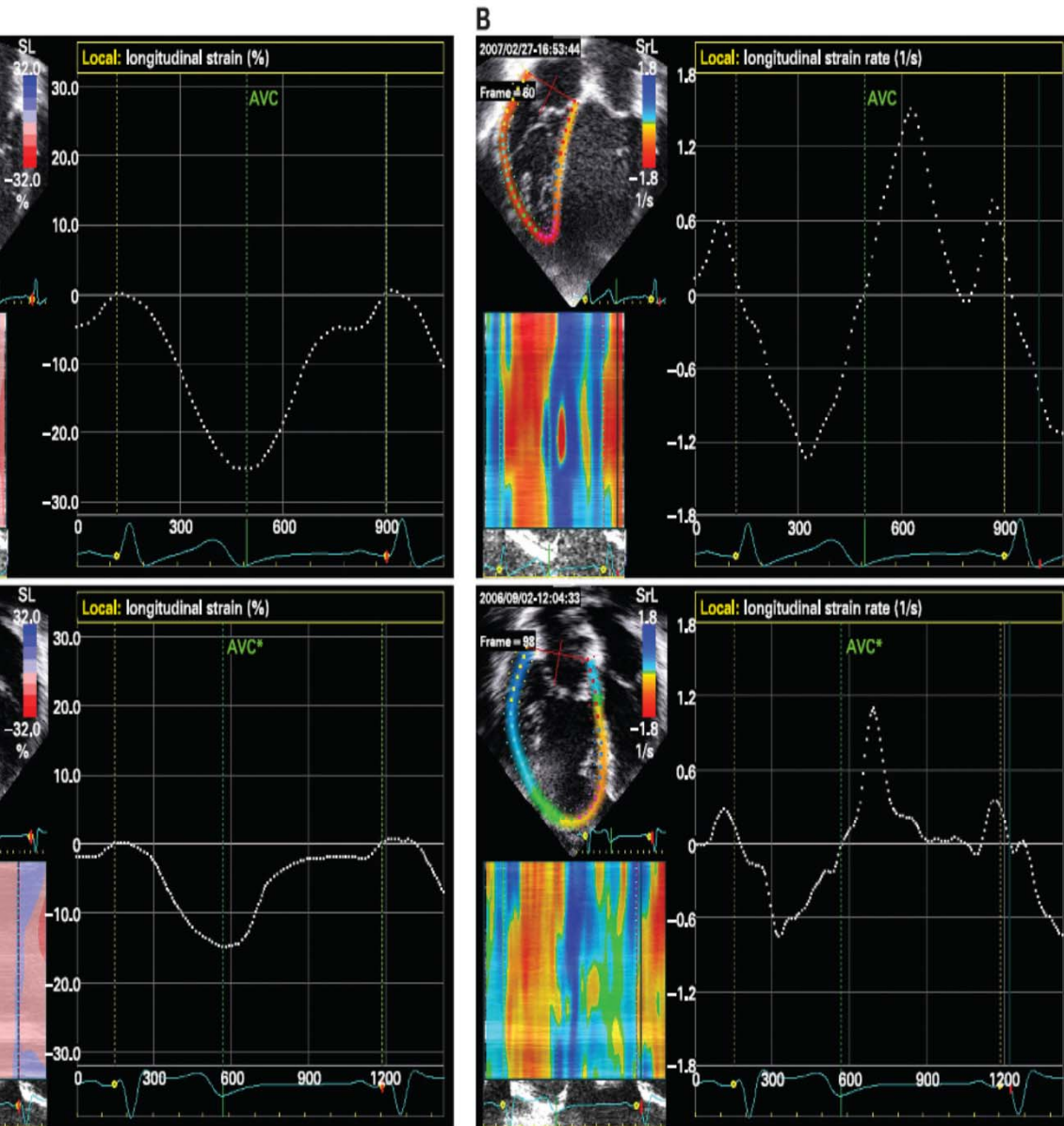
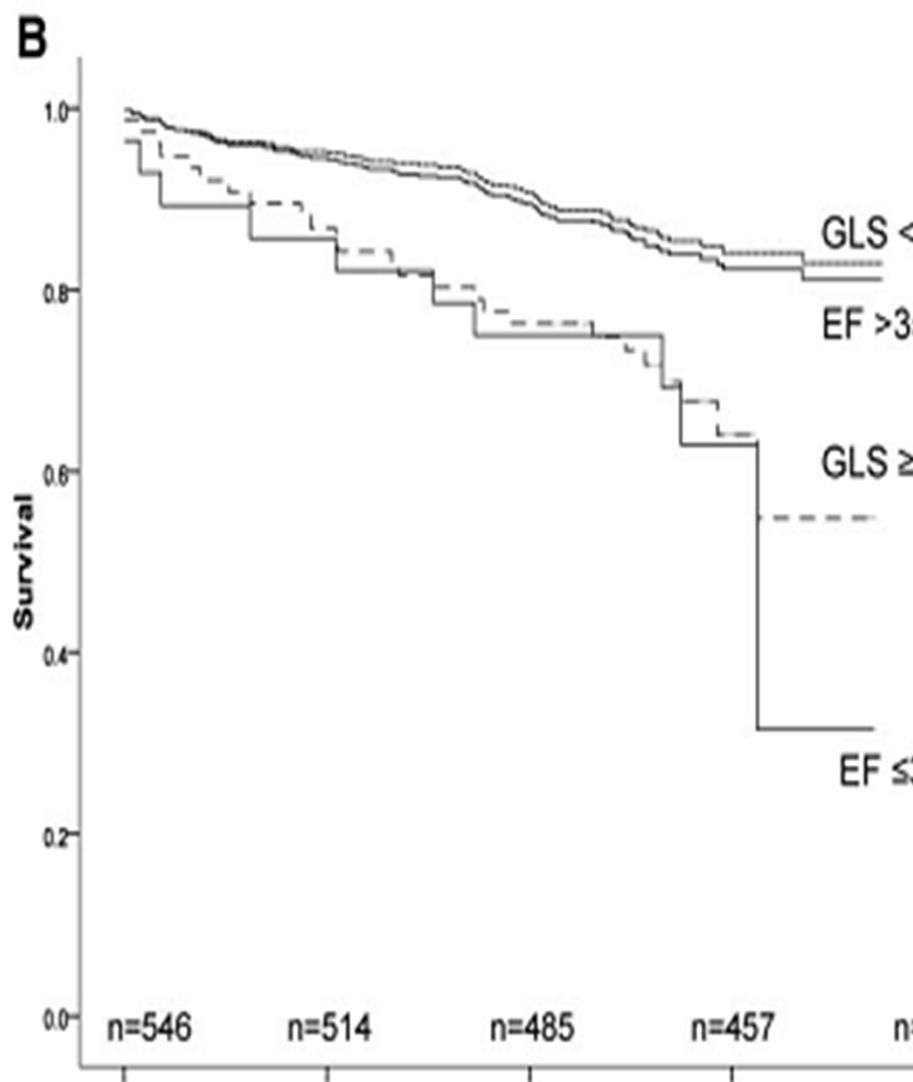
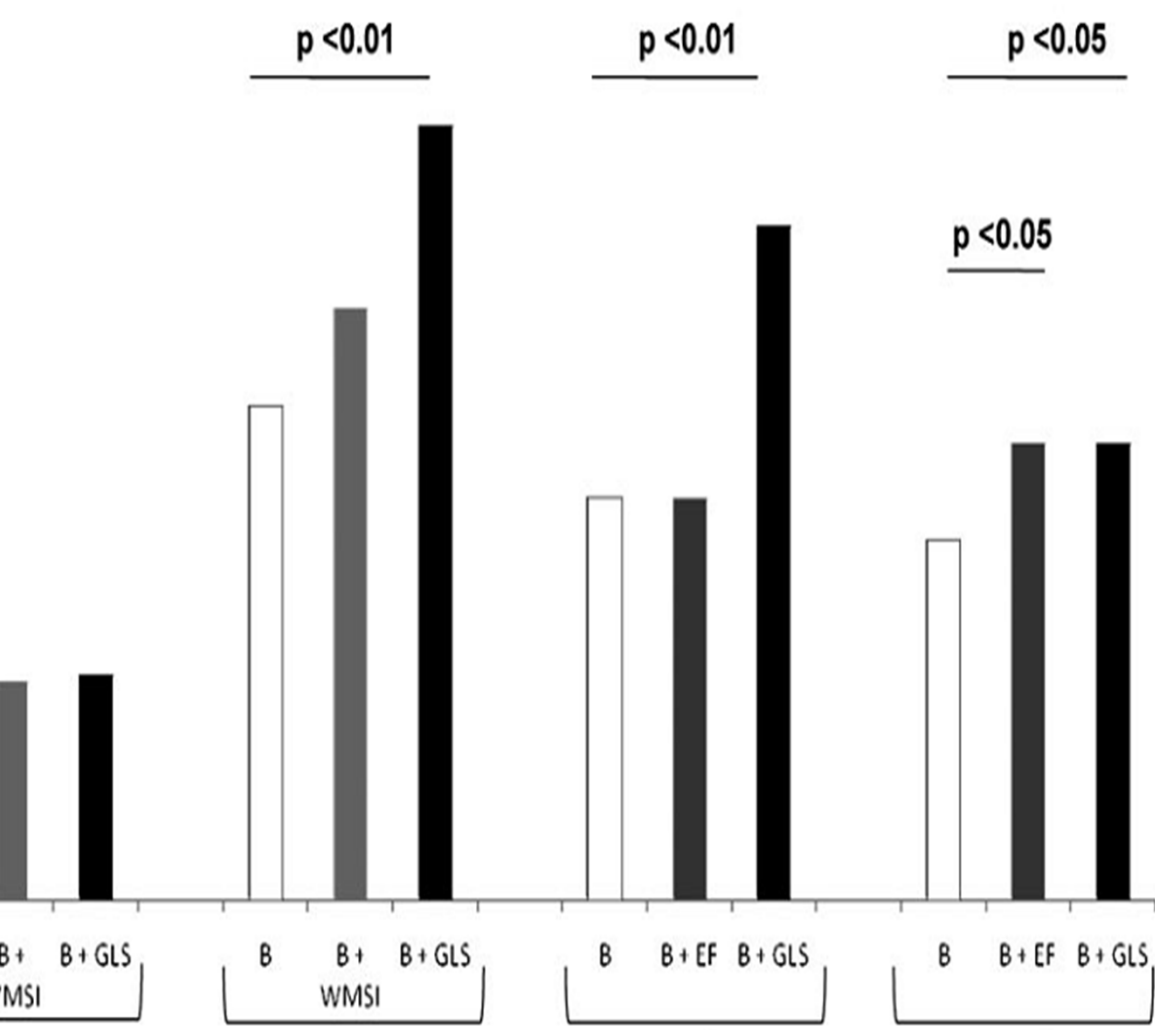


Figure 3 Scatter plot showing a positive correlation between ventricular (RV) global systolic strain (GLS) rate and RV ejection fraction (%)

Prediction of All-Cause Mortality From Global Longitudinal Strain

Comparison With Ejection Fraction and Wall Motion Scoring



(from AFI) replace EF!

the development of GLS has advanced the measurement of longitudinal function, because of

Automation

Measure the longitudinal function of the entire ventricle rather than basal segments alone

Longitudinal contraction is a particular marker of subendocardial function, which may be disproportionately involved in subclinical disease, including myocardial ischemia

Can Global Strain parameter

(from AFI) replace EF!

GLS not only measures contraction but is also able to reflect interstitial myocardial changes such as fibrosis, which are often subclinical.

This may explain the superior predictive power of GLS over those without wall motion abnormalities.

Implementation in Day-to-day use

Compromise between spatial resolution and background noise

Reverberation artifacts and drop-out

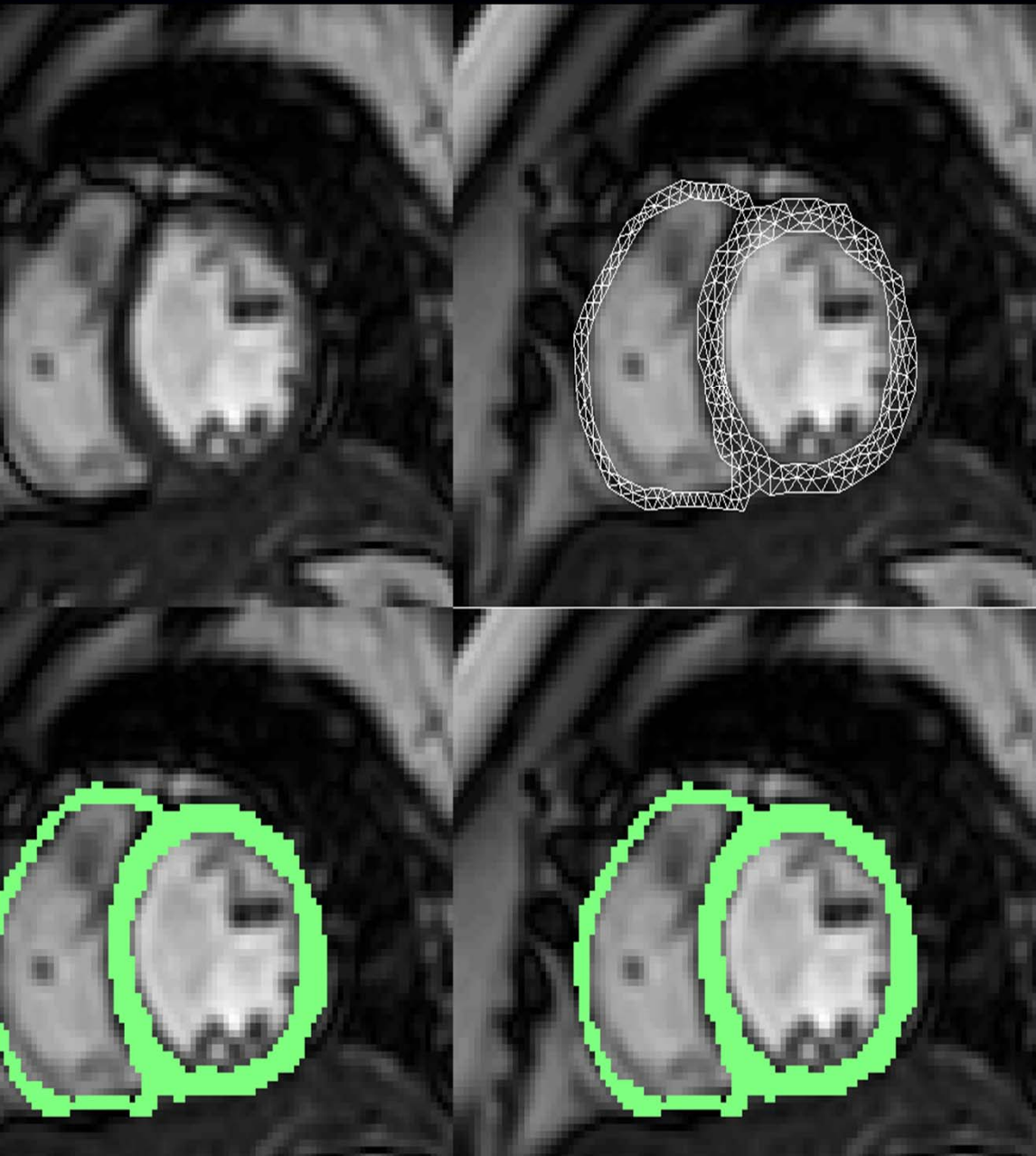
Definition of end-systole to differentiate systolic shortening from post-systolic shortening

Diagnostic or prognostic incremental value over standard assessment

Myocardial deformation is a 3- dimensional process

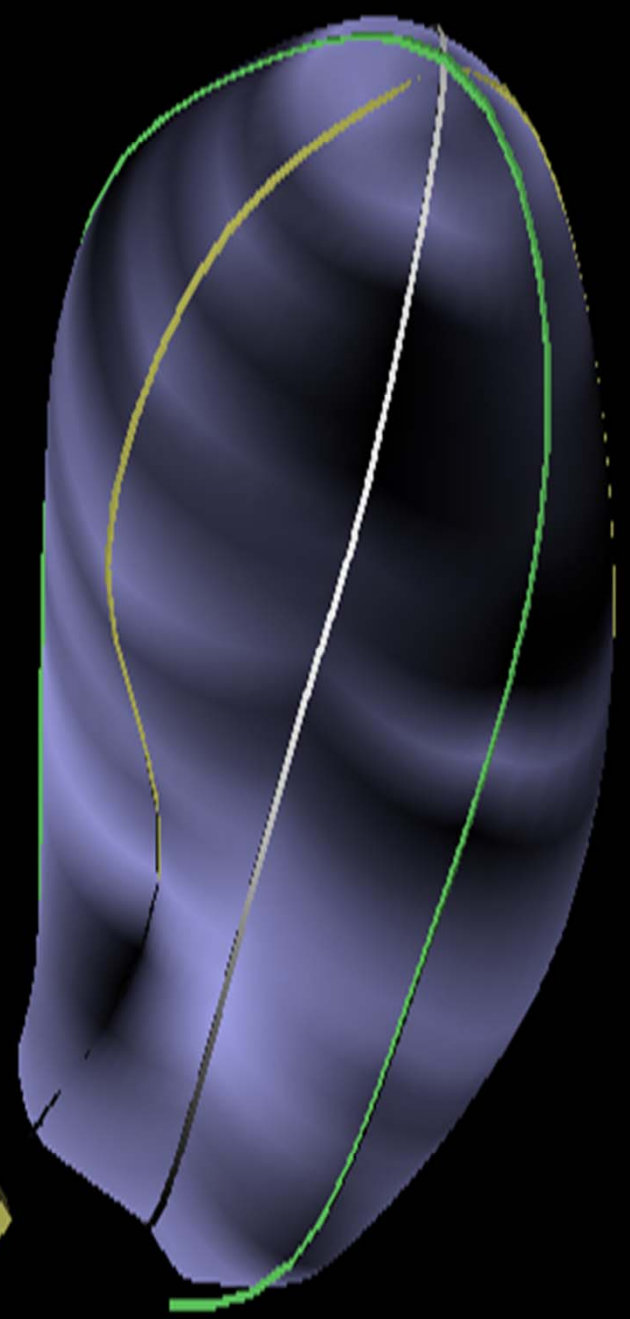
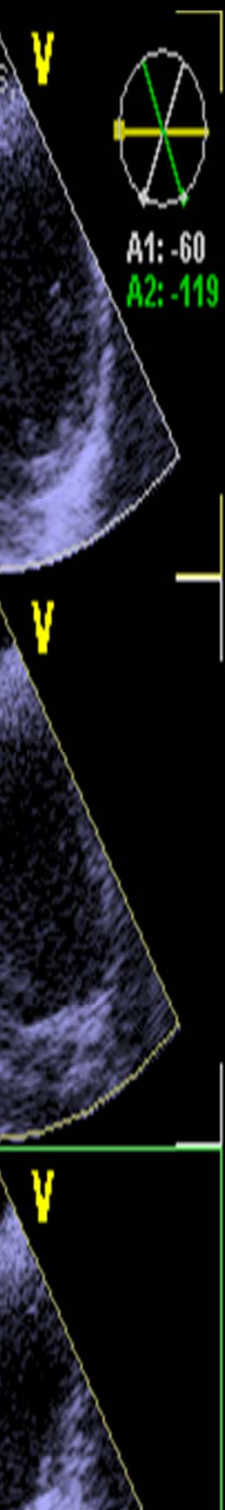


Speckle tracking echocardiography

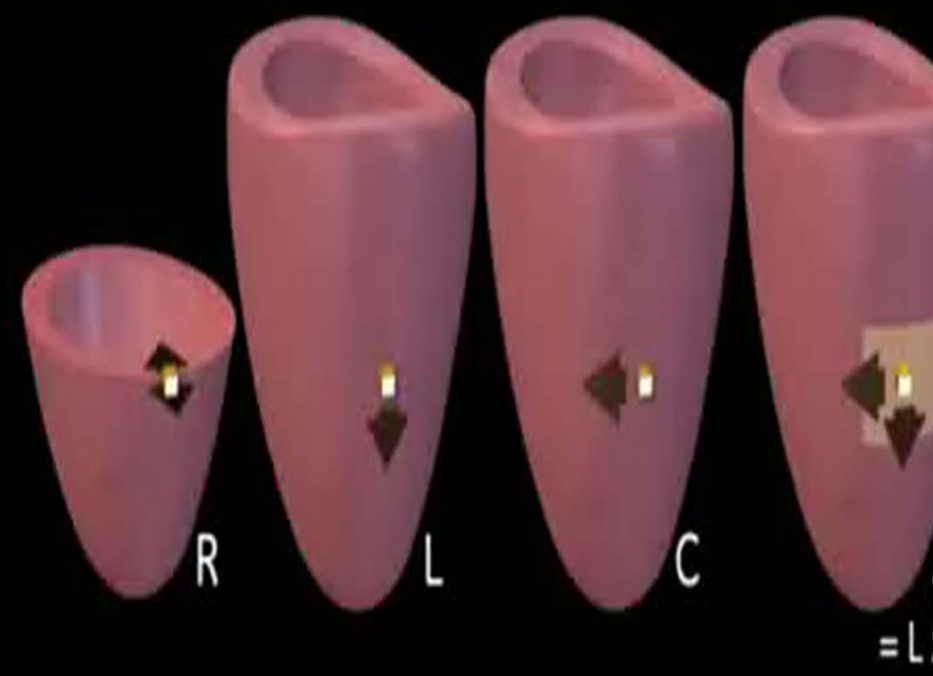


- Speckle tracking applied to 2-dimensional images is limited because regions of the myocardium represented by speckle patterns in reality move through 3-dimensional space, rather than being limited to the 2-dimensional sector, resulting in a reliance on geometric remodelling.

- Nishikage et al. demonstrated a significant correlation between 3-dimensional speckle tracking echocardiography and cardiac MRI for measuring LV volumes.



Radial strain, Longitudinal strain,
Circumferential strain and Area strain.



: a new prognostic parameter?

- Assessment of ventricular function in valvular disease.
- **Myocardial Viability**
 - ✓ Transmurality of myocardial infarction
 - ✓ Detection of viable myocardium with dobutamine echo.
- Detection of myocardial ischemia with stress echo.
- LV Synchrony
- RV function
- LA function

YES! Because...
*new insights into ventricular function,
adaptation and mal-adaptation in response to
pathology.*



Take Home Message

Angle dependency and the impact of artifacts in TDI derived parameters and the low temporal resolution in STE are important limiting factors in the technology

A combination of the two techniques (high quality, angle independent grayscale data and Doppler data with high temporal resolution) could enhance the robustness of the technique and reduce the post-processing time.

GLS is superior to EF because GLS not only measures contraction but is also able to reflect subclinical myocardial changes and may become the optimal method for assessment of global LV systolic function->

Future guidelines of LV function may need to be



Thank you for your attention