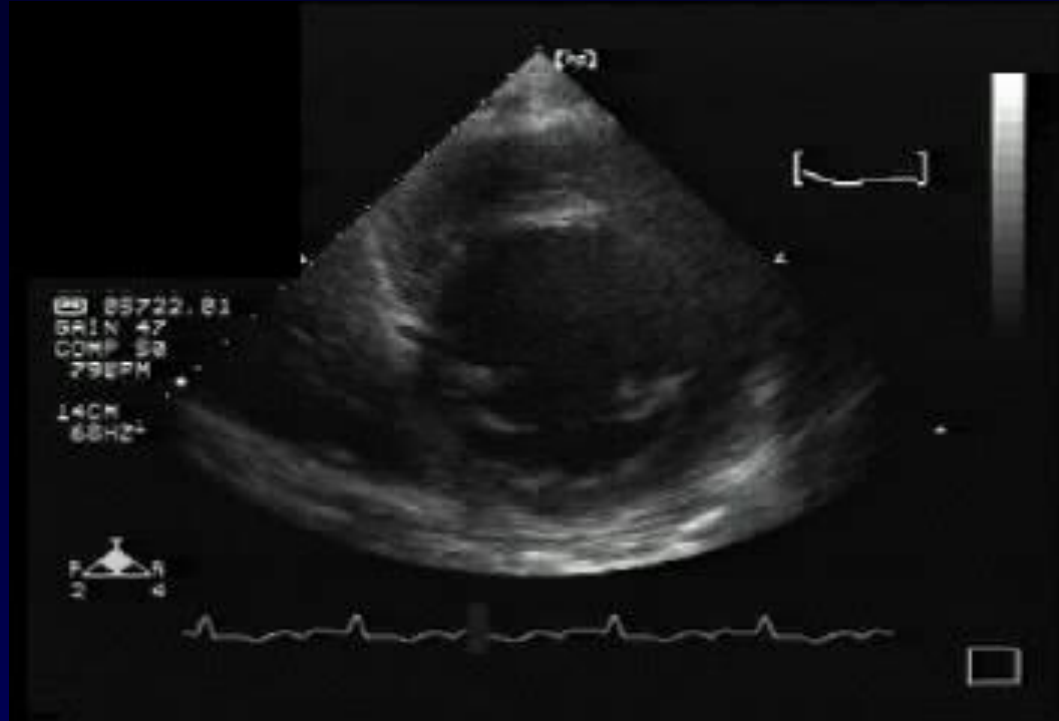


Echo is Still Strong in Myocardial Viability



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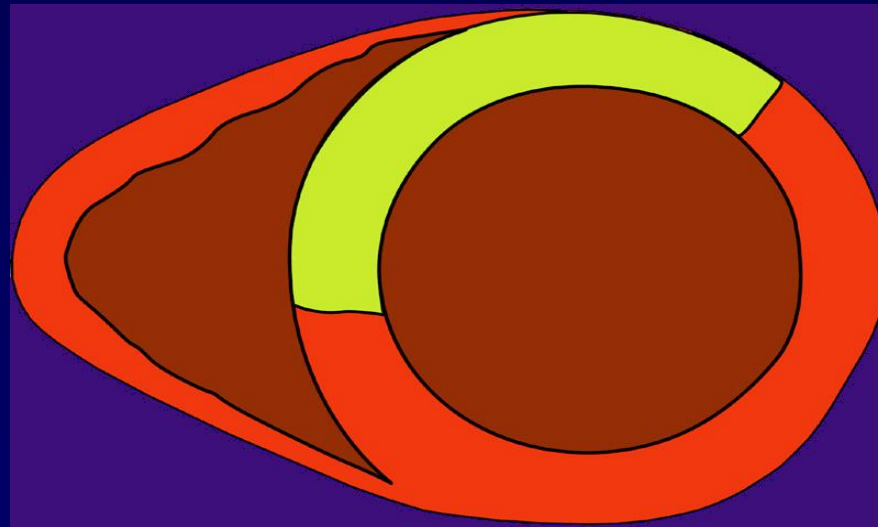
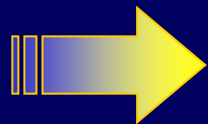
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Necrosis

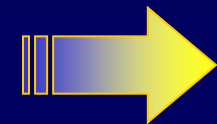
Ischemia

Stunned

Hibernating

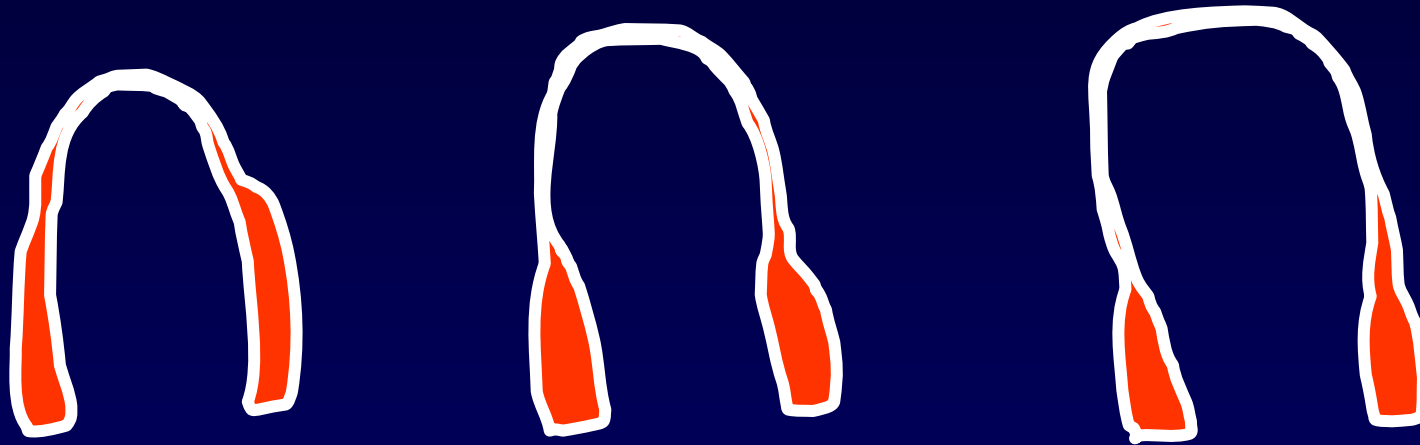


Viable ?



Remodeling

Necrotic tissue- replaced by fibrotic and scar tissue



Stage 1. For hours to a few days

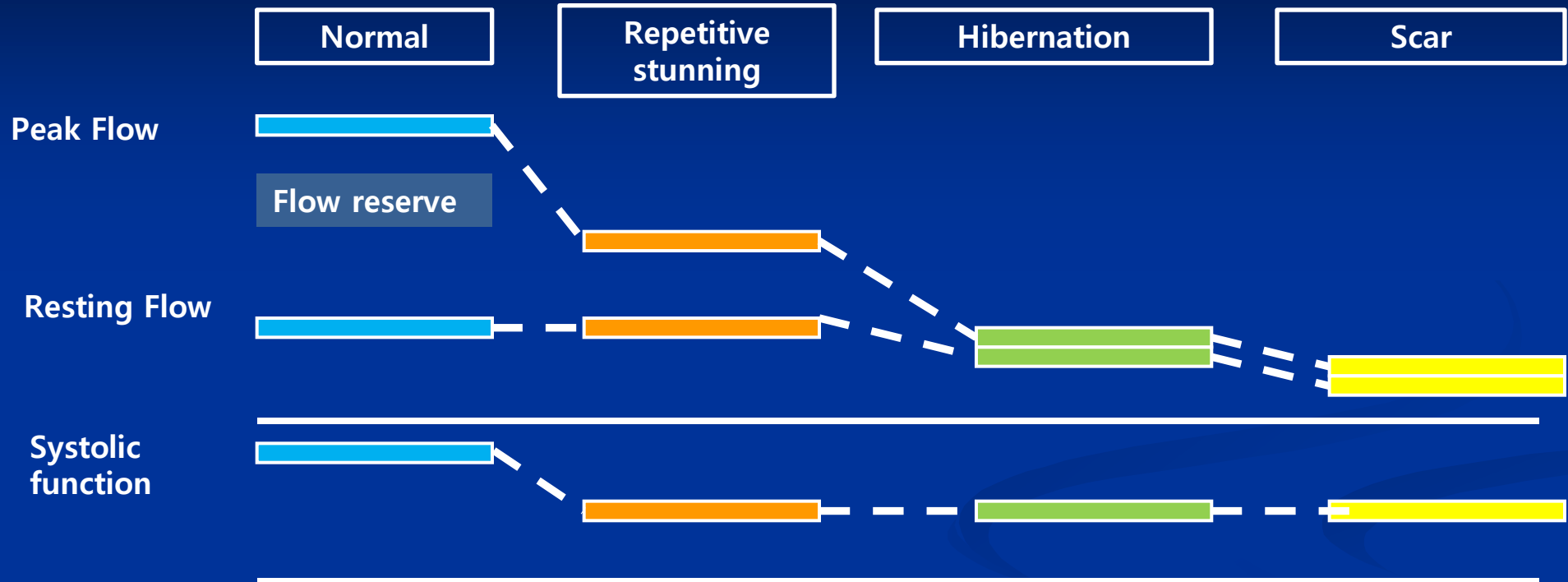
Stage 2. Three weeks

Stage 3. Three or four weeks later

Techniques to Detect Viable Myocardium

Characteristics of viable myocardium	Technique	Signs of viability
Contractile reserve	Dobutame Echo Dobutamine MRI	Improved contraction during infusion of low-dose dobutamine
Intact cell membrane	Thallium-201 SPECT	Tracer activity >50% Redistribution (>10%)
Intact mitochondria	Technetium-99m SPECT	Tracer activity >50% Improved tracer uptake after nitrates
Glucose metabolism	18F-FDG imaging	Tracer activity >50% Preserved perfusion/18F-FDG uptake Perfusion-metabolism mismatch

Spectrum of myocardial dysfunction in ICM



CFR	v	CFR	↓	CFR	↓↓	CFR	X
CR	v	CR	v	CR	↔	CR	X
PERF	v	PERF	v	PERF	↔	PERF	X
MET	v	MET	v	MET	v	MET	X

Myocardial Viability

Myocardial Contrast Echo

TABLE 3-4 Predictive Value of MCE for Detection of Myocardial Viability within 7 Days After Acute Myocardial Infarction, and for Identification of Hibernating Myocardium

Study	N	Follow-up (months)	Sensitivity	Specificity	Reference Standard
Detection of Myocardial Viability Post Myocardial Infarction					
Swinburn et al ^a	96	3-6	59%	76%	RF
Main et al ^b	34	2	77%	83%	RF
Hillis et al ^c	37	2	80%	67%	RF
Janardhana et al ^d	50	3	87%	78%	RF
Korosoglou et al ^e	32	1	81%	88%	RF
Huang et al ^f	34	4	83%	82%	RF
Nunes Sbrano et al ^g	50	6	95%	52%	RF
Abe et al ^h	21	6	98%	32%	RF
Dwivedi et al ⁱ	95	46	80%	76%	CO
Galiuto L et al ^j	110	6	70%	74%	RF
Detection of Hibernating Myocardium					
Korosoglou et al ^k	43	3	86%	64%	RF
Chelliah et al ^l	39	3	88%	61%	RF
Korosoglou et al ^m	34	3-6	88%	66%	RF
Shimoni et al ⁿ	20	3-4	82%	69%	RF

The reference standard was either recovery of regional function (RF) or clinical outcome (CO, defined as death or nonfatal myocardial infarction).

References:

Myocardial Viability

Dobutamine Stress Echo

TABLE 16-8 Comparison of Nuclear and Stress Echocardiographic Techniques for Prediction of Viability (Evidenced by Improvement of Regional LV Function)*

Study	Thallium Technique	Dobutamine Protocol, mcg/kg/min	Sensitivity, %		Specificity	
			Thallium SPECT	Dobutamine Echocardiography	Thallium SPECT	Dobutamine Echocardiography
Marzullo ¹⁶³	Rest-redistribution	Low-dose, 10	86	82	92	92
Charney ¹⁶⁴	Rest-redistribution	Low-dose, 10	95	71	85	93
Kostopoulos ¹⁶⁵	Rest-redistribution	Low-dose, 10	90	87	69	94
Qureshi ¹⁶⁶	Rest-redistribution	High-dose, 40	90	74	56	89
Nagueh ¹⁶⁷	Rest-redistribution	High-dose, 40	91	68	43	83
Senior ¹⁶⁸	Stress (dobutamine)-rest/NTG	Low-dose, 10	92	87	78	82
Arnese ¹⁶⁹	Stress (dobutamine) reinjection	Low-dose, 10	89	74	48	95
Perrone-Filardi ¹⁷⁰	Stress (dobutamine) reinjection	Low-dose, 10	100	79	22	83
Bax ¹⁷¹	Stress (dobutamine) reinjection	Low-dose, 10	93	85	43	63
Haque ¹⁷²	Stress (exercise) reinjection	Low-dose, 20	100	94	40	80
Vanoverschelde ¹⁷³	Stress (exercise) reinjection	High-dose, 40	72	88	73	77
Elsasser ¹⁷⁴	Stress (dobutamine) reinjection	High-dose, 40	87	95	98	80

NTG, Nitroglycerin; SPECT, single photon emission computed tomography.

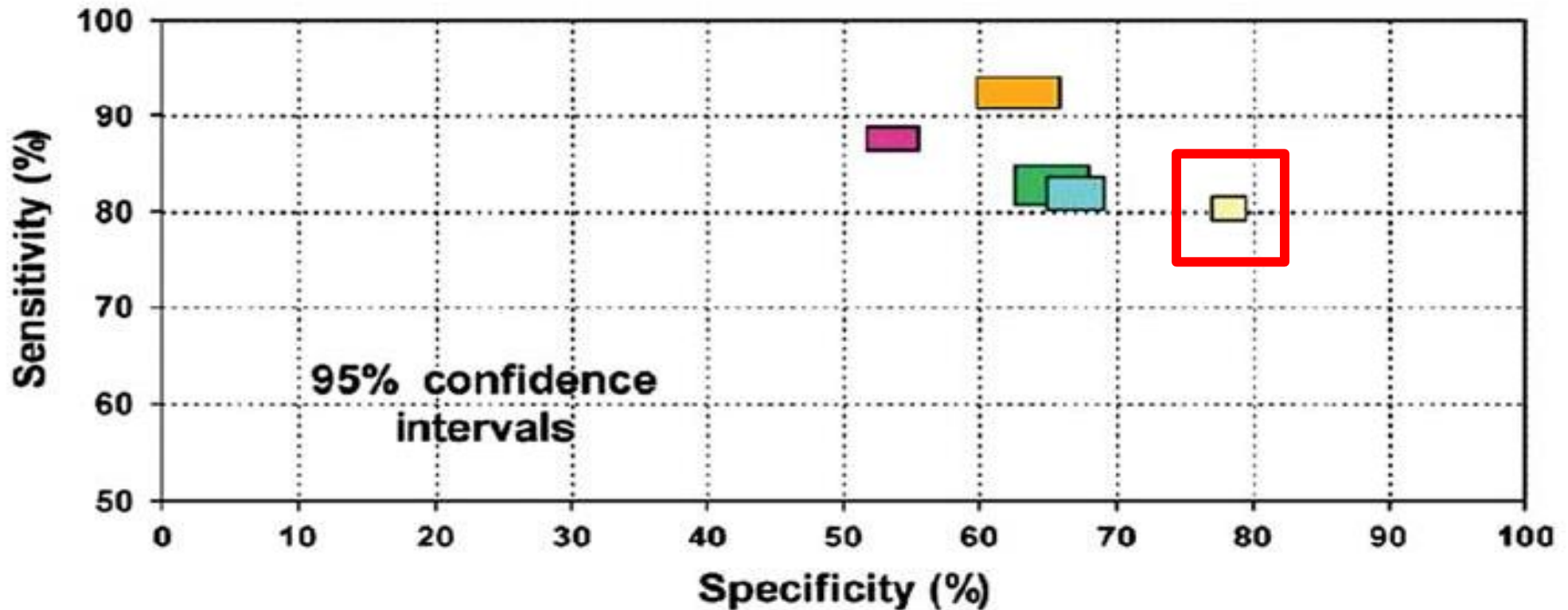
*Average ejection fraction 38%.

Comparison of the various imaging techniques for detecting Hibernating Myocardium

Technique	No. of studies	No. of patients	Mean EF (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Dobutamine echocardiography.total	41	1421	25.48	80	78
Low-dose DbE	33	1121	25.48	79	78
High-dose DbE	8	290	29.38	83	79
Myocardial contrast echocardiography. total	10	268	29.38	87	50
Thallium scintigraphy. total	40	1119	23.45	87	54
Tl-201 rest-redistribution	28	776	23.45	87	56
Tl-201 re-injection	12	343	31.49	87	50
Technetium scintigraphy.Total	25	721	23.54	83	65
Without nitrates protocol	17	516	23.52	83	57
With nitrates protocol	8	205	35.54	81	69
Positron emission tomography.total	24	756	23.53	92	63
Cardiovascular magnetic resonance. total	14	450	24.53	80	70
Low-dose dobutamine protocol	9	272	24.53	74	82
Late gadolinium-enhancement protocol	5	178	32.52	84	63

Detection of Myocardial Viability

Functional Recovery After Revascularization



Dobutamine Echo	41 st./1421 pts	TI-201	40 st./1119 pts
FDG PET	20 st./598 pts	MRI	13 st./420 pts
99m-Tc	25 st./721 pts		

Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography

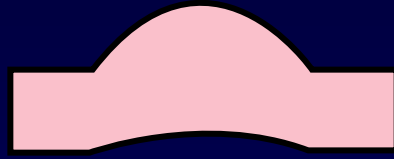
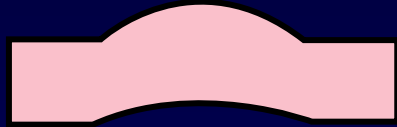
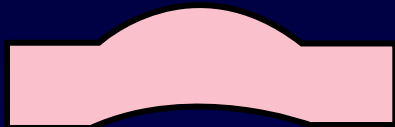
Detection of Myocardial Viability

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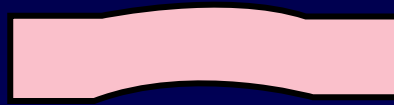
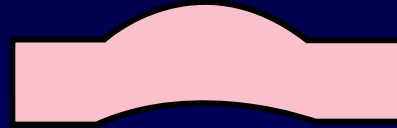
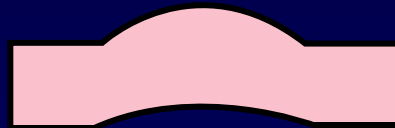
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Low

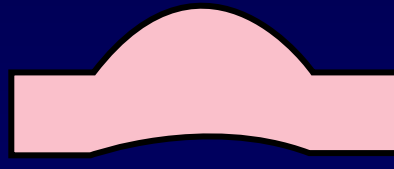
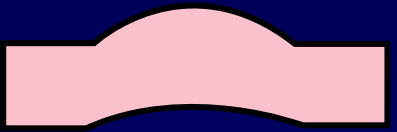
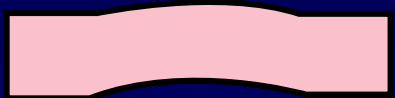
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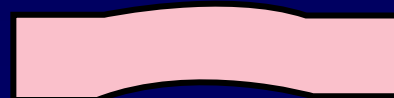
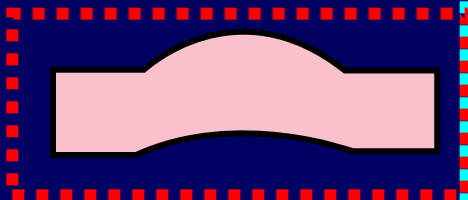
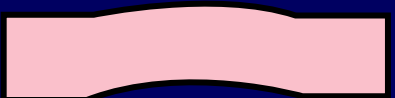
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Normal



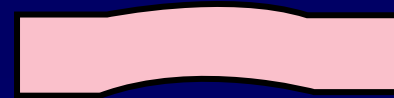
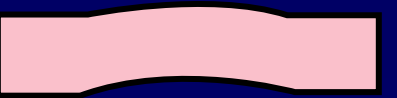
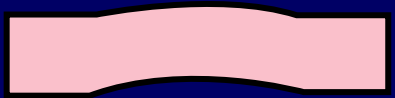
Worsening
Ischemic



Sustained Improvement
Viable, patent IRA



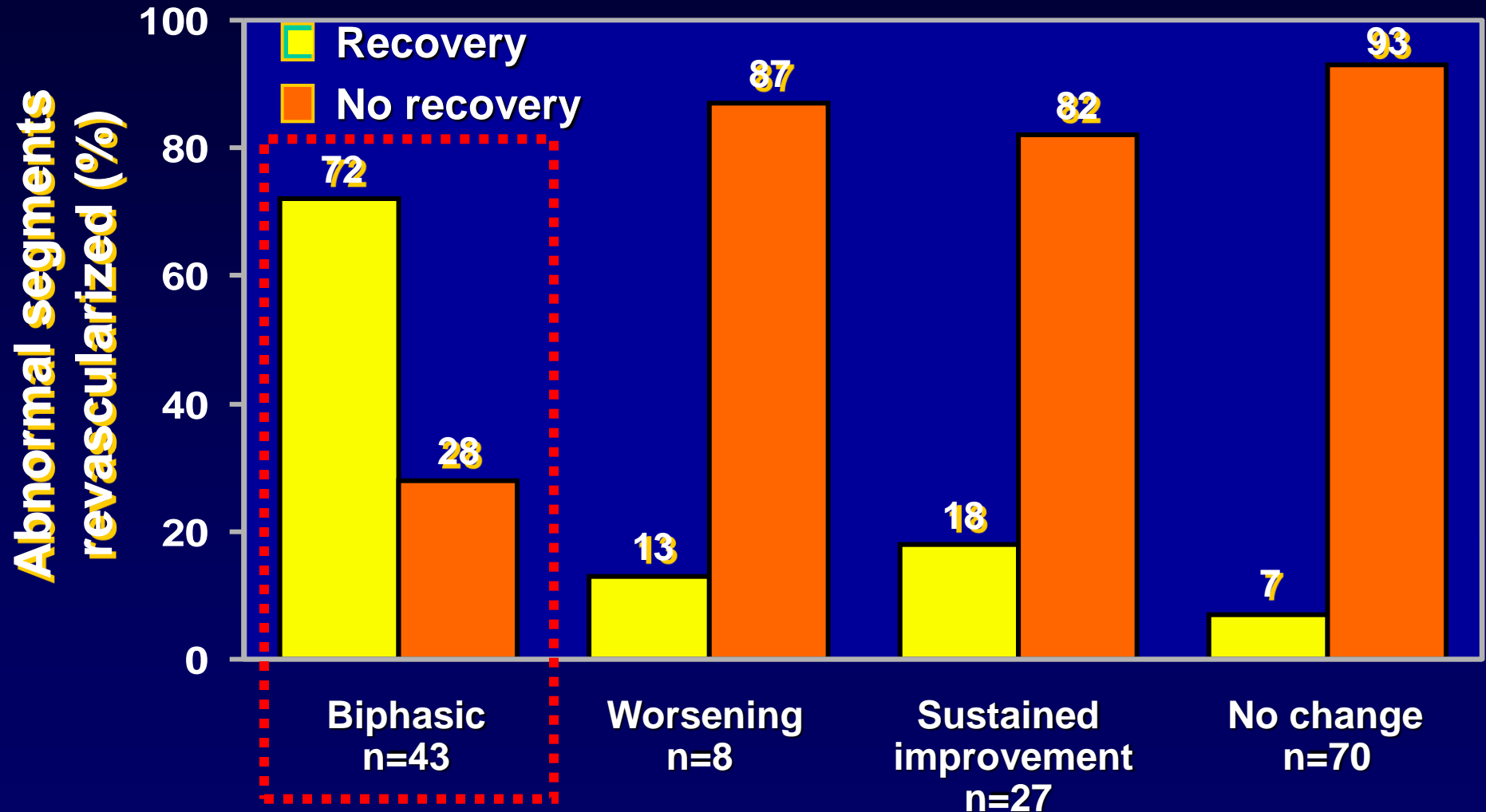
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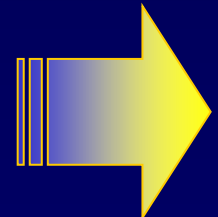
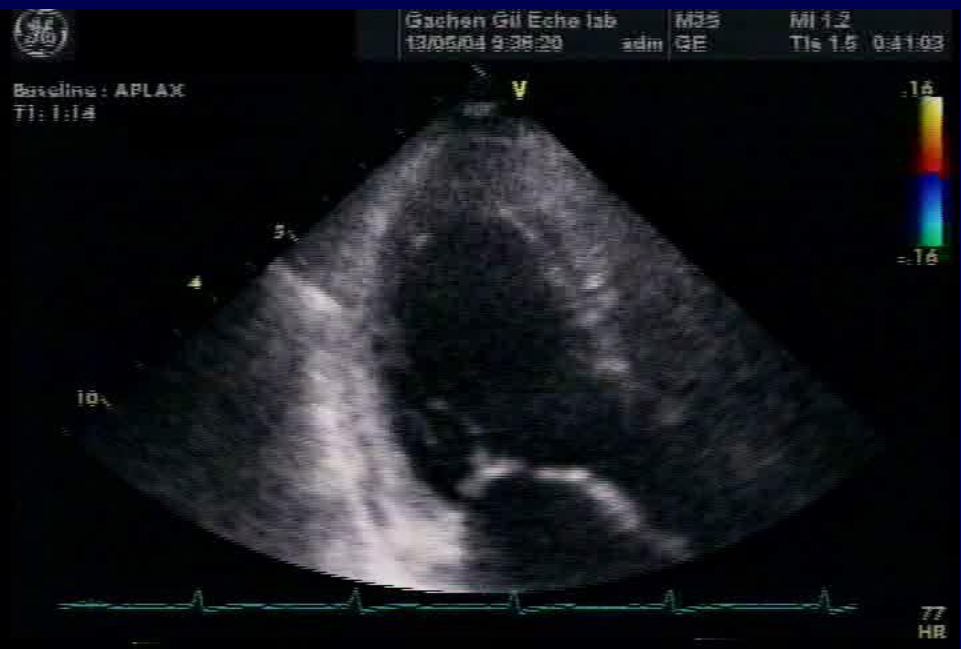


No Change
Infarction

Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography

Detection of Myocardial Viability





Regional Wall Motion in 2D Echo



Wall thickening

Endocardial motion

Synchronicity

Regional Wall Motion in 2D Echo



Problems of `Eye Ball` Assessment

1. Limited temporal resolution
2. Only radial motion
3. Interobserver variability
4. Long learning curve

Need Quantitative Measurements !

Importance of Quantification



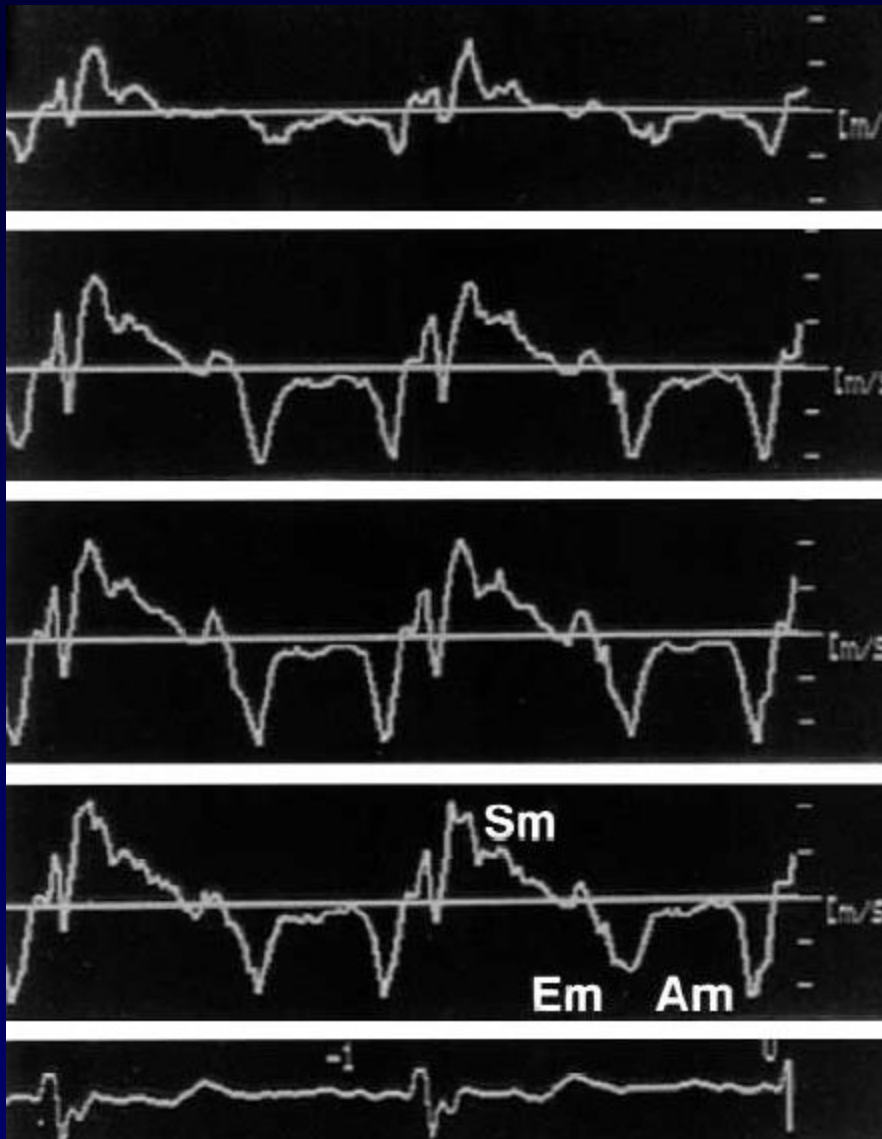
**“ If you can't measure it,
you can't manage it. ”**

Peter F. Drucker (1909-2005)

Quantification of Wall Motion

Tissue Doppler Imaging
Deformation Imaging

Longitudinal Myocardial Velocity

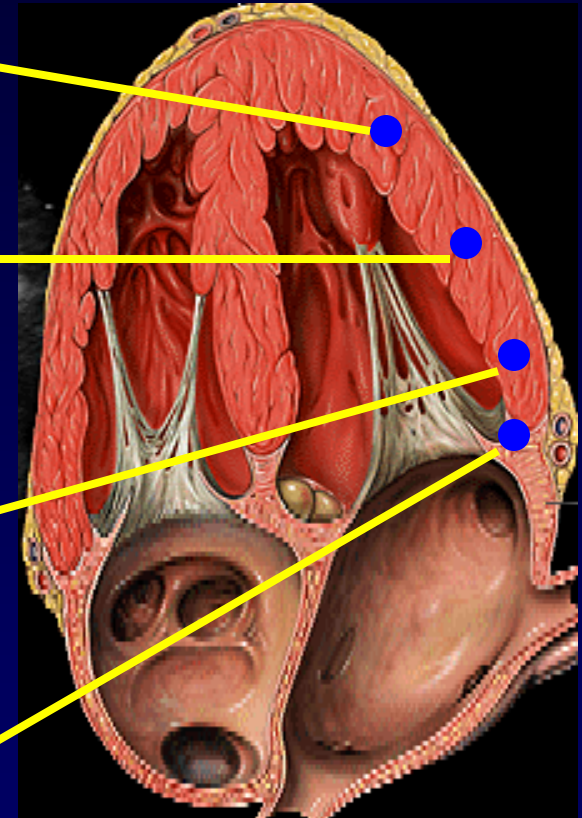


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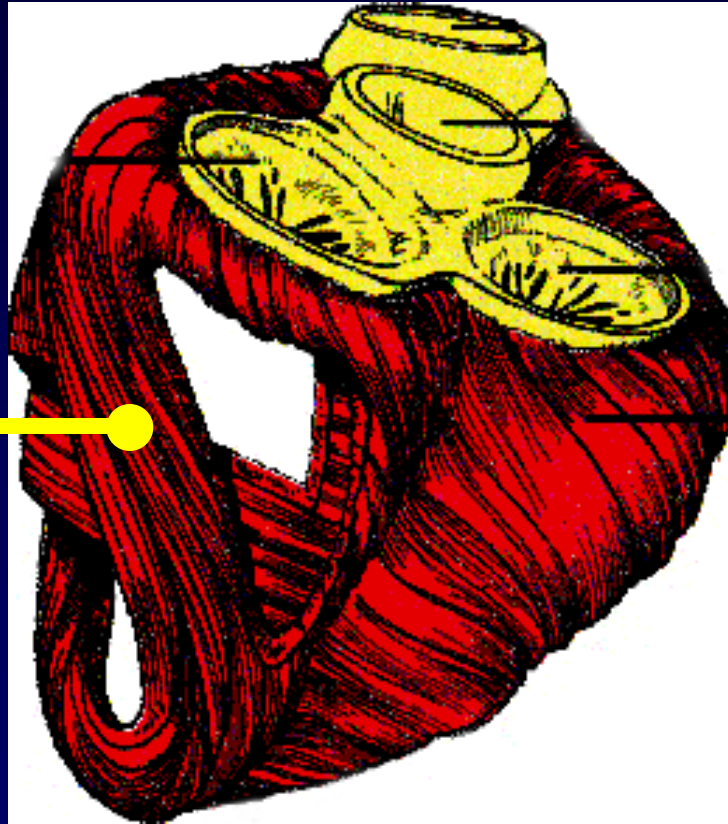
Mid

Basal

Annulus



“The Left Ventricle is ” ...

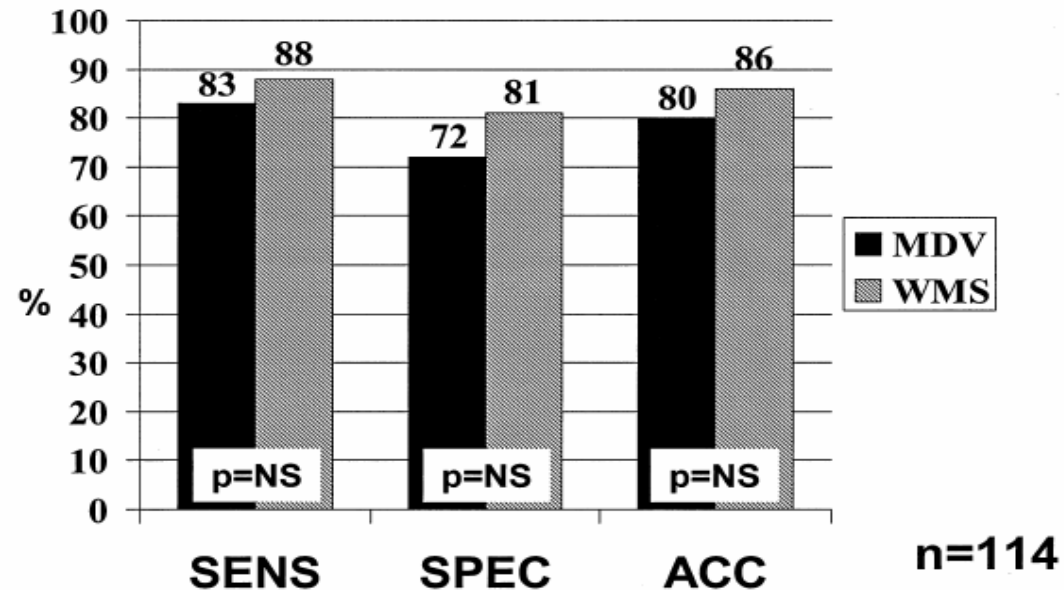
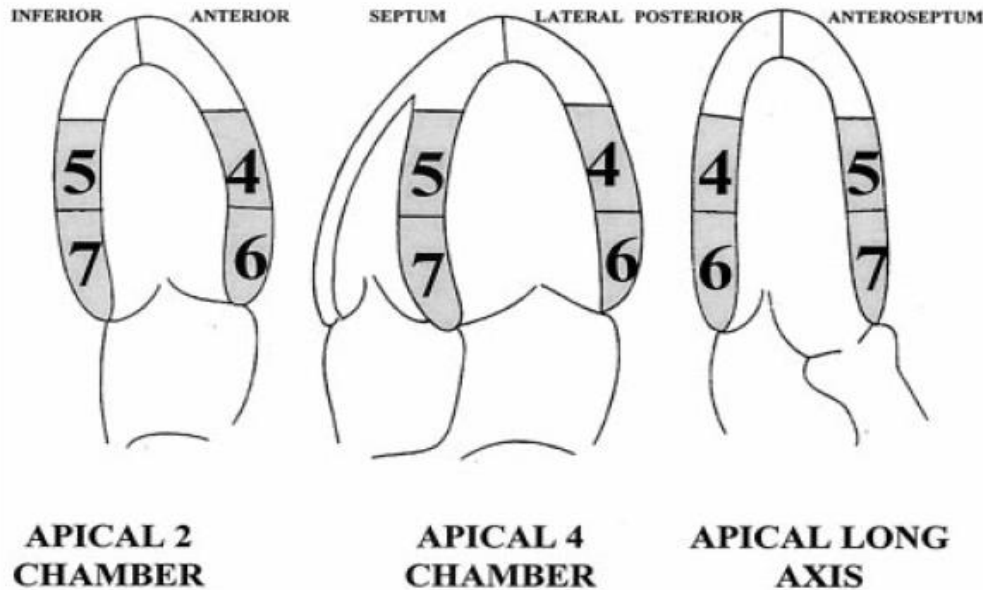


*Isaac K, et al.,
J Am Soc
Echocardiogr, 1993*

70%

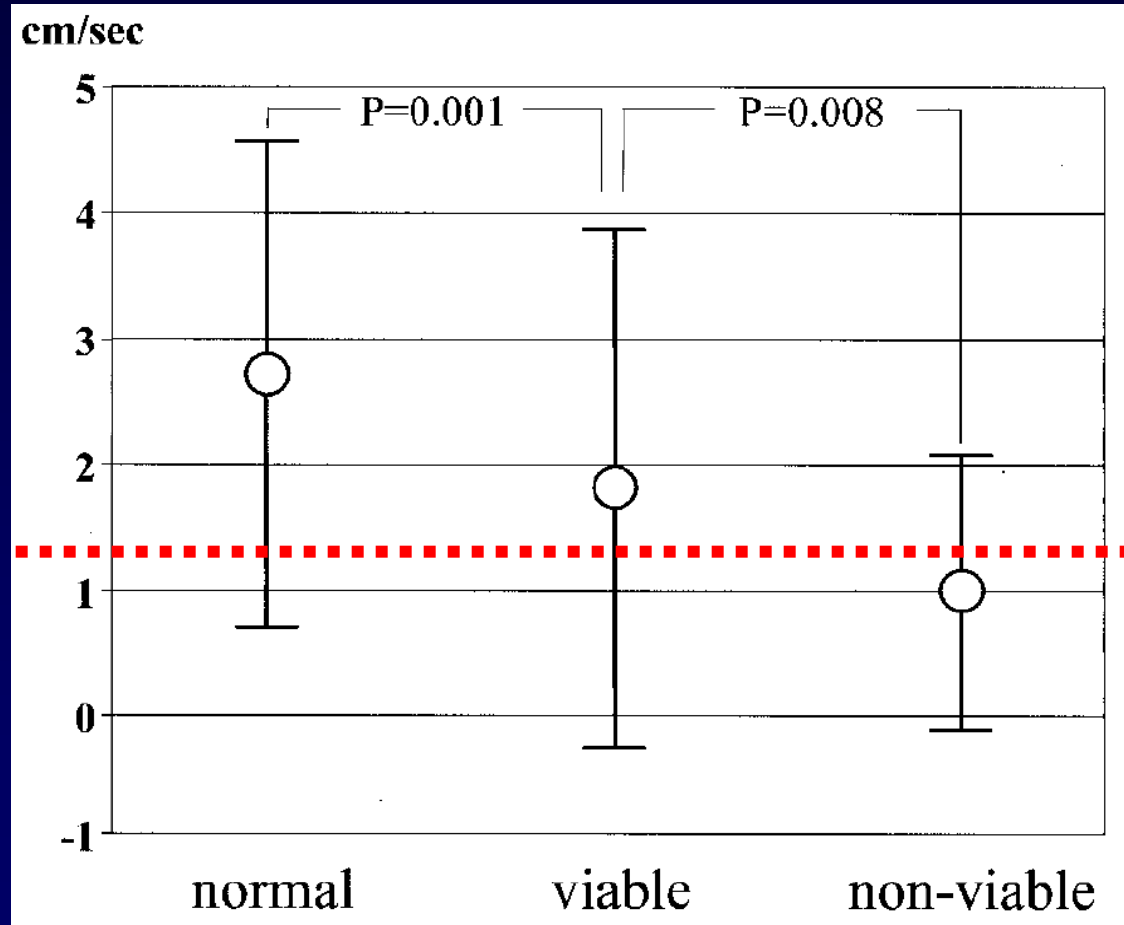
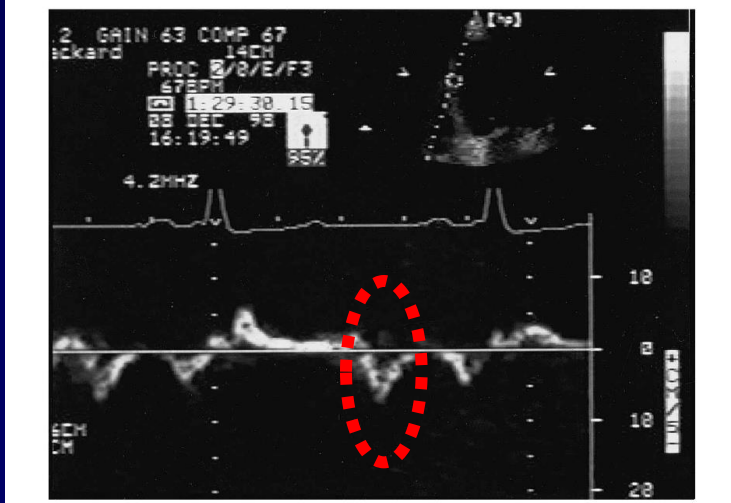
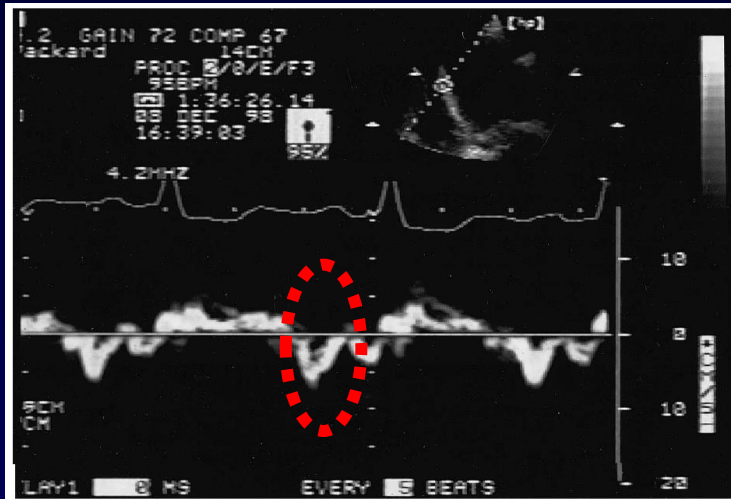
70% of the muscle fibers are longitudinal!

Segmental TDI (S') for IHD during Dobutamine Stress Echo



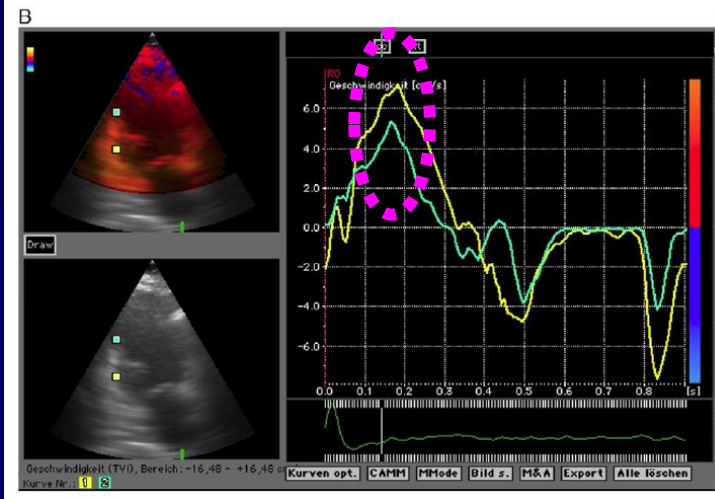
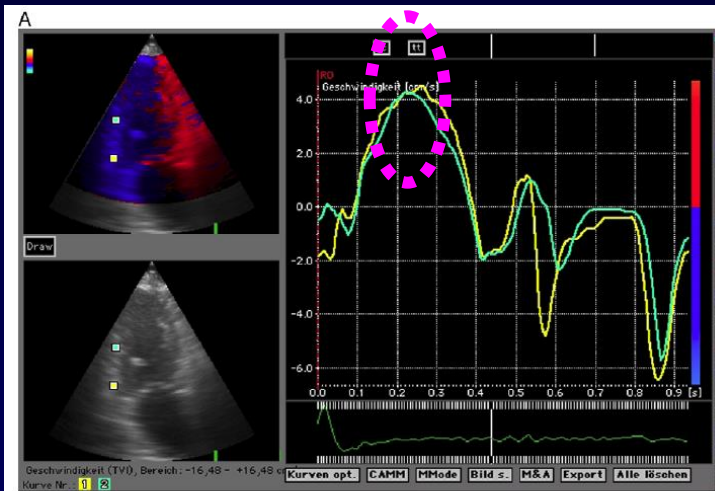
Change of S' during LD-Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography

c/w PET, n=36



Change of S' during LD-Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography

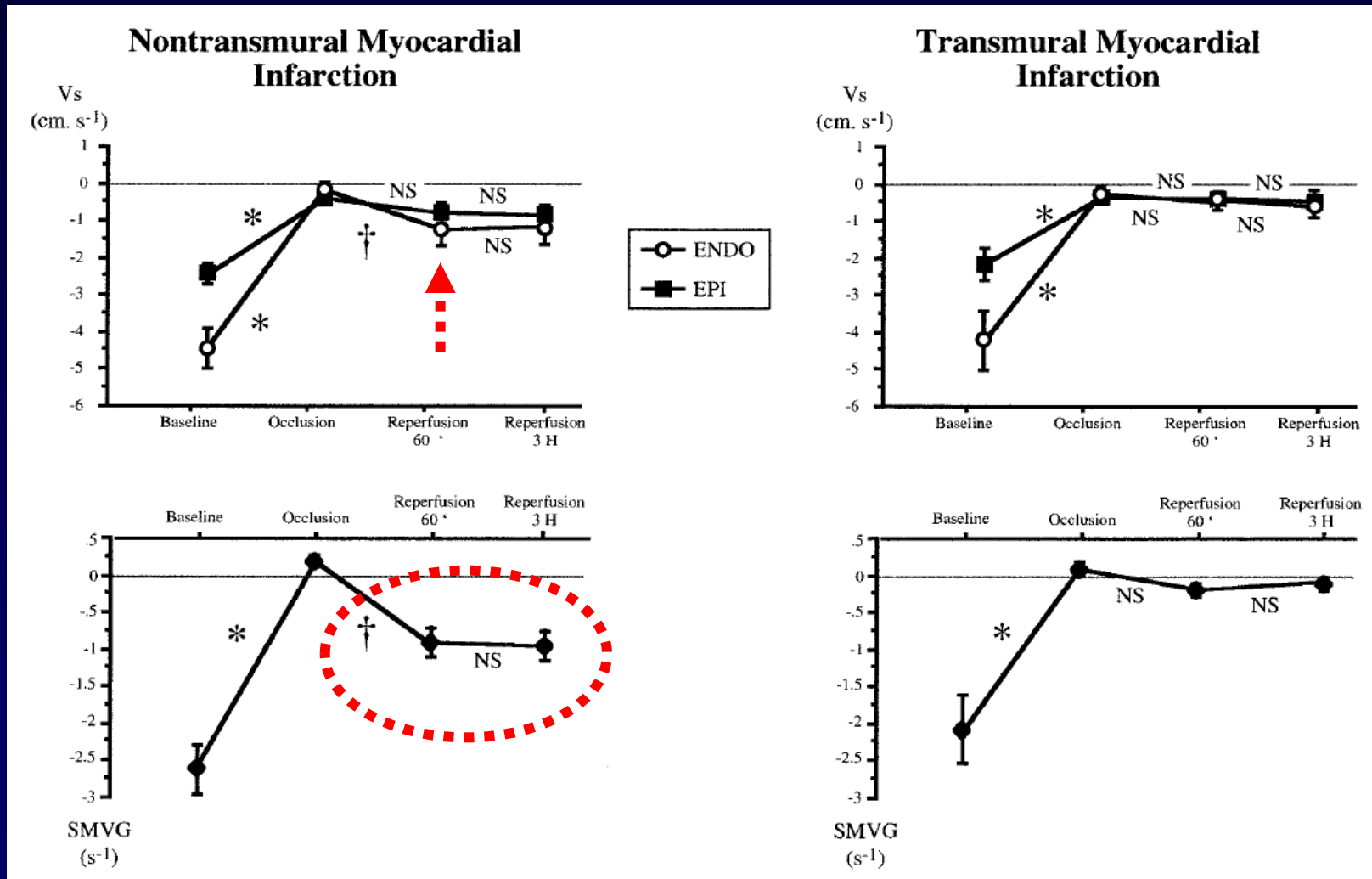
c/w 3M F/U Echo, n=56



	Basal	Midventricular	Apical	<i>p</i>
<i>Viable</i>				
Rest V_{peak}	5.1	4.6	4.2	0.23
Stress V_{peak}	7.7	7.2	6.8	0.61
Increase in V_{peak}	1.6	2.6	2.6	0.14
Increase in %	31.4	56.5	61.9	0.69
<i>Nonviable</i>				
Rest V_{peak}	5.7	3.3	2.9	0.0012
Stress V_{peak}	6.4	3.8	3.6	0.002
Increase in V_{peak}	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.81
Increase in %	12.3	15.1	24.1	0.27

By ROC analysis, a cut-off value of 1.0 cm/s was the best parameter to differ viable from nonviable myocardium (area under the curve 0.85; $p < 0.01$; 95% CI 0.79 to 0.90).

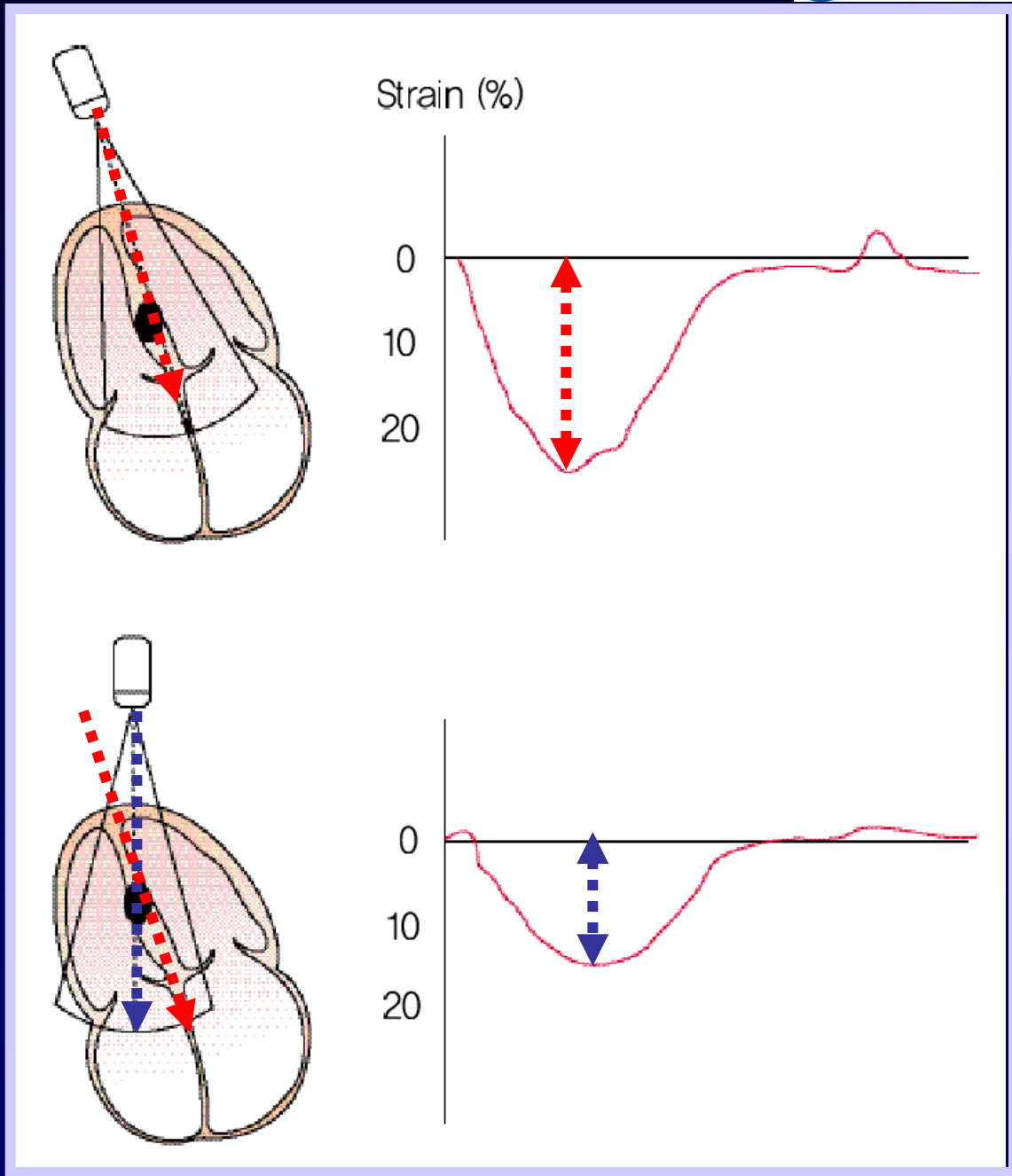
TDI Strain Differentiates Transmurality in AMI After Reperfusion



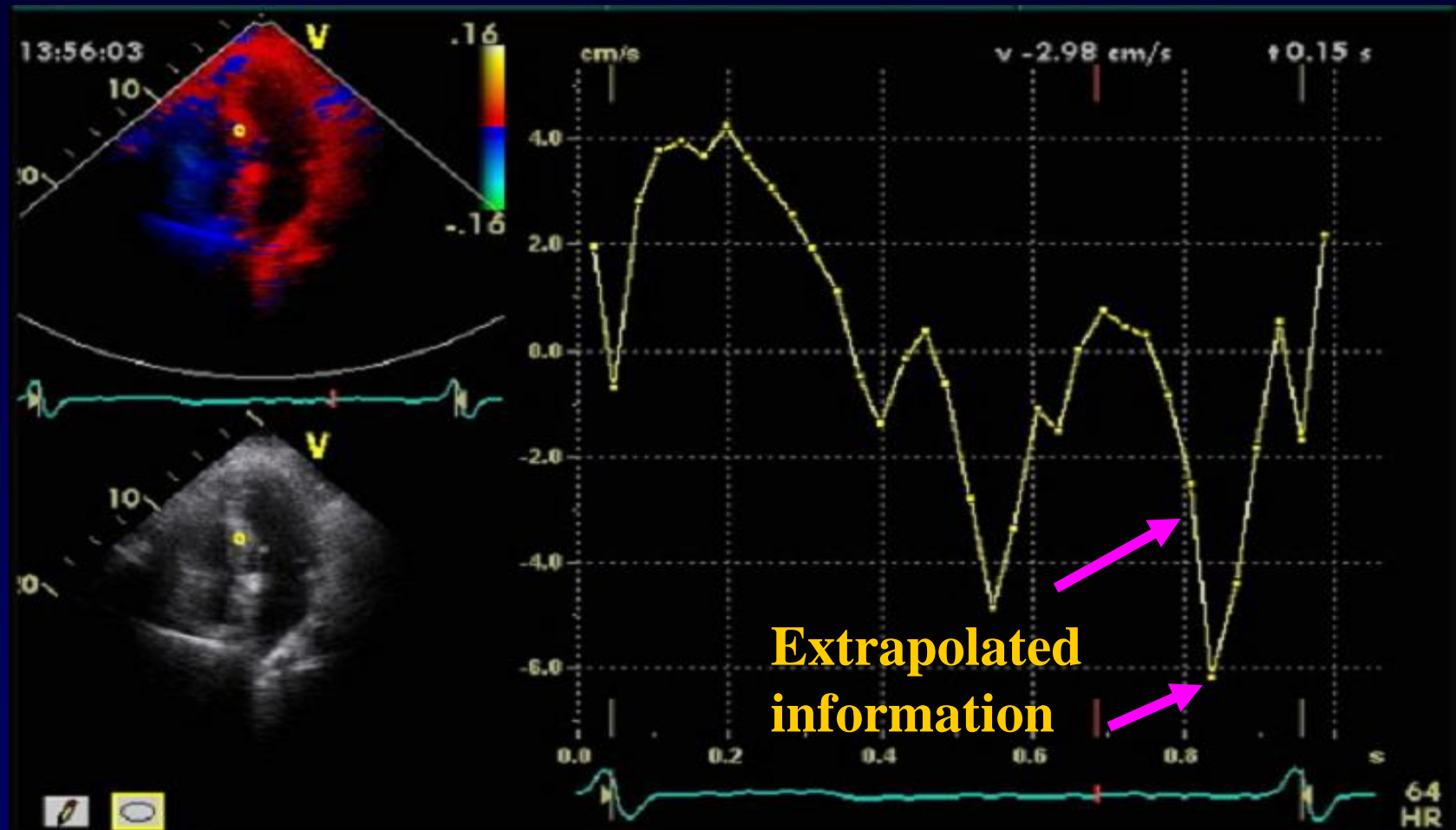
Limitations of TDI

- ✓ Angle dependency
- ✓ Frame rate dependency
- ✓ 'Tethering' (묶임현상)

Angle Dependency of TDI

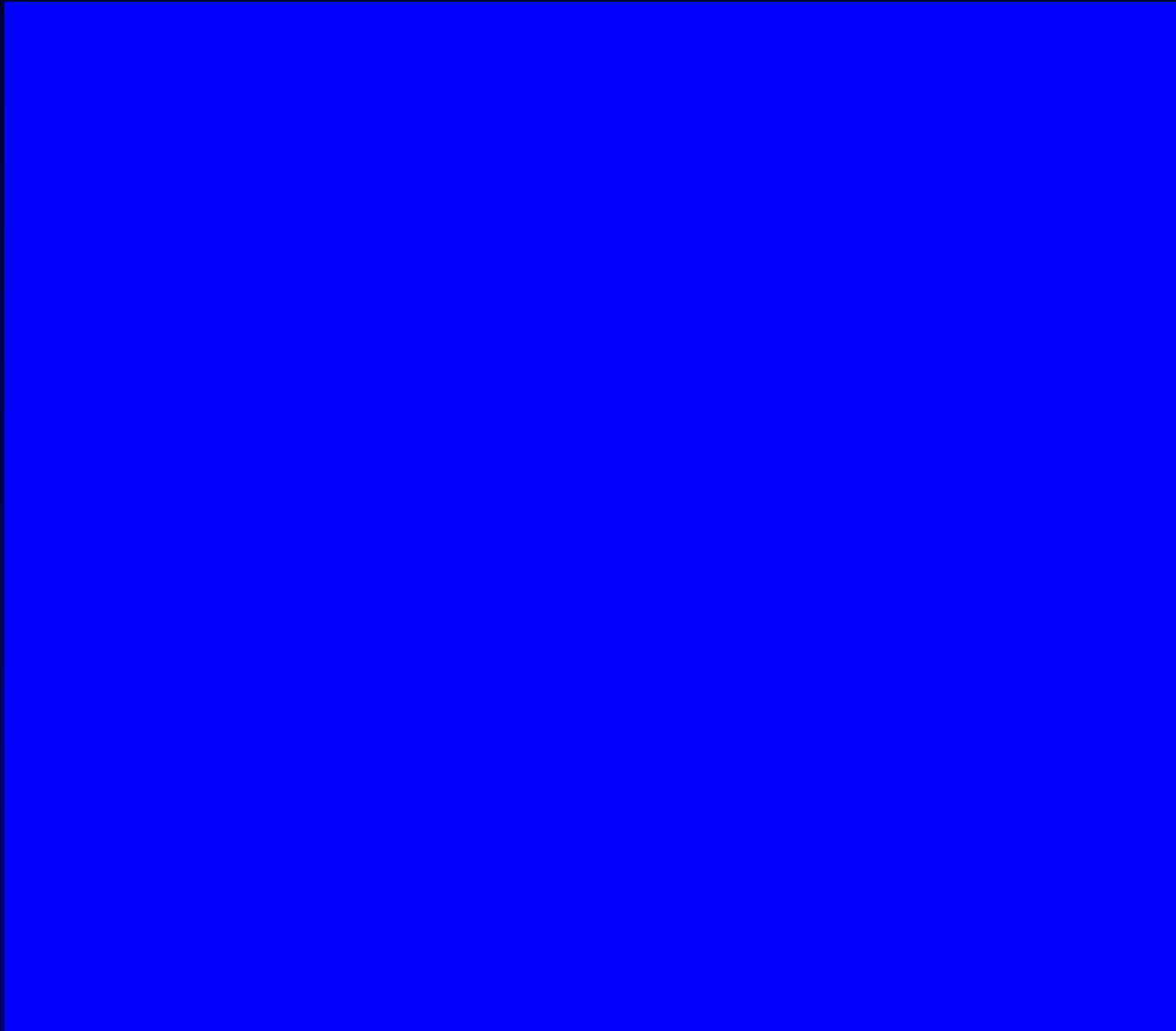


Low Frame Rate TDI Data



More data points, More accurate waveforms!

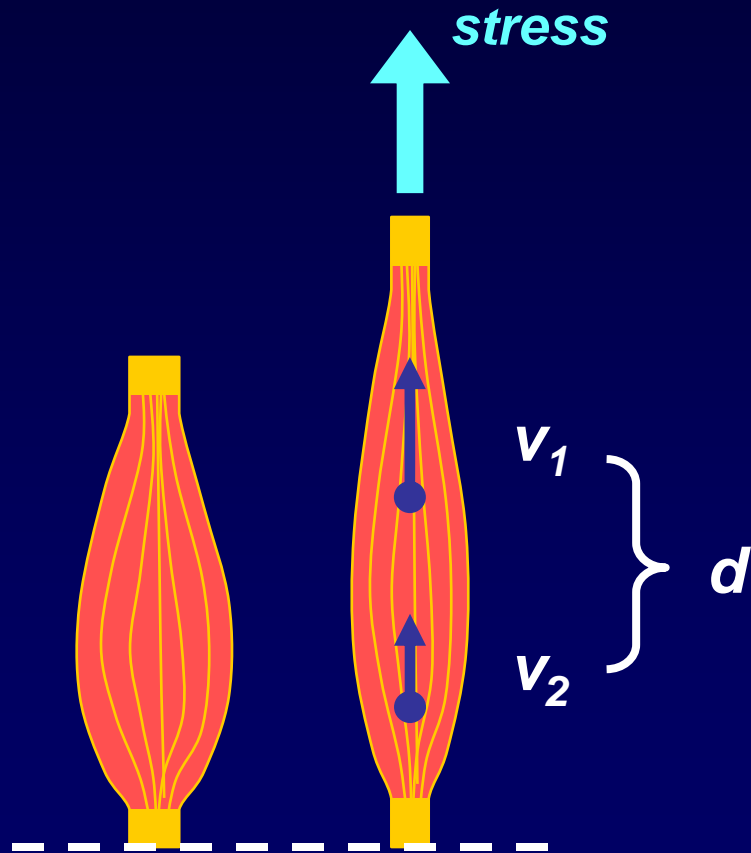
'Tethering(묶임현상)' of TDI



Limitations of TDI Stress Echo

- ✓ **Angle dependent**
-> **Need of 'Narrow angle'**
- ✓ **Not simultaneous assessment**
-> **Color spectral TDI**
(frame rate dependent)
- ✓ **'Tethering'**

“Strain Rate”: *Rate of Deformation* (*Spatial velocity gradient*)



$$\text{Strain Rate} = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{d}$$

No influence of translation

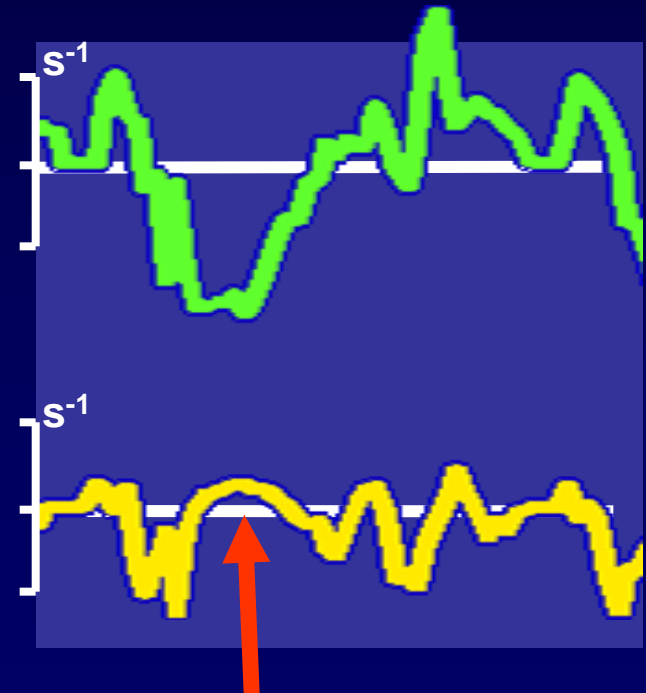
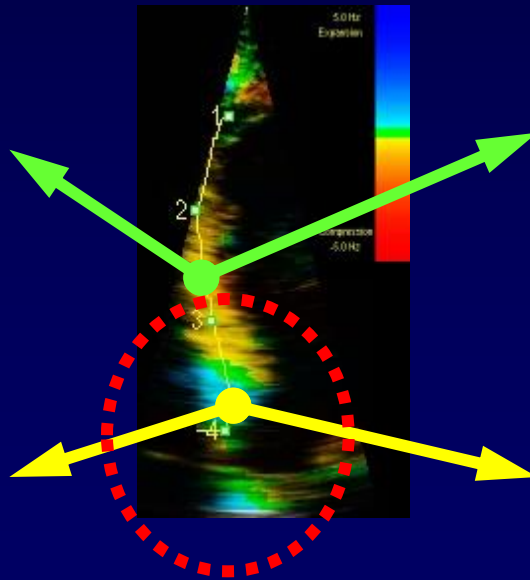
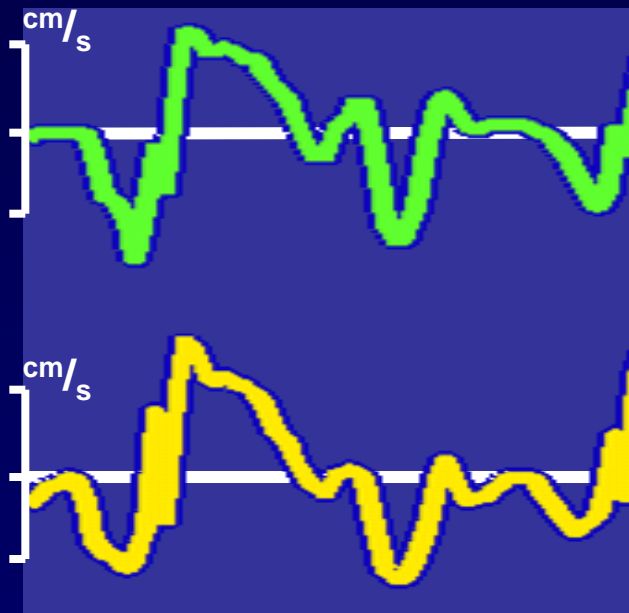
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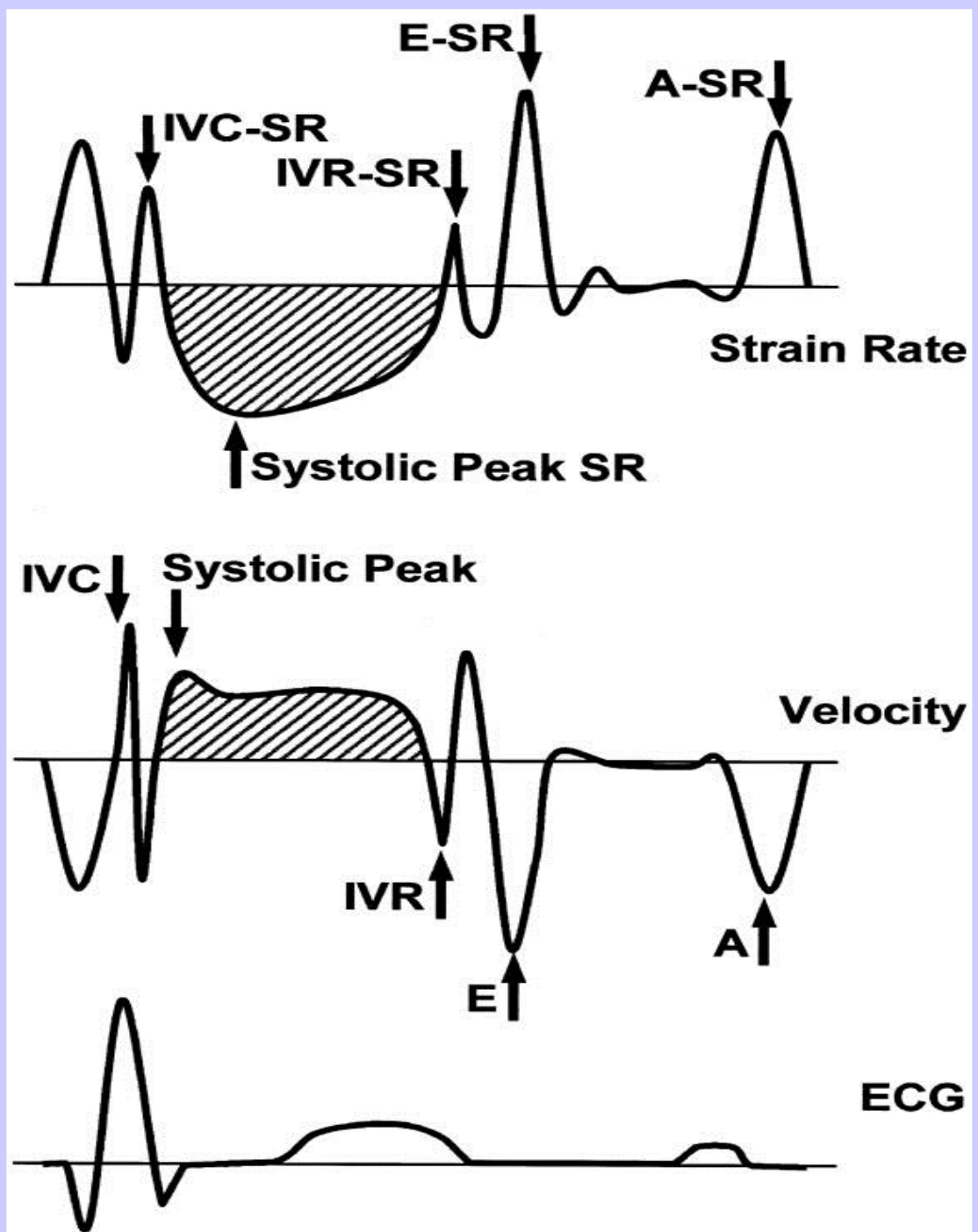
Advantage of Strain Rate Imaging vs TDI

Basal septal akinesia

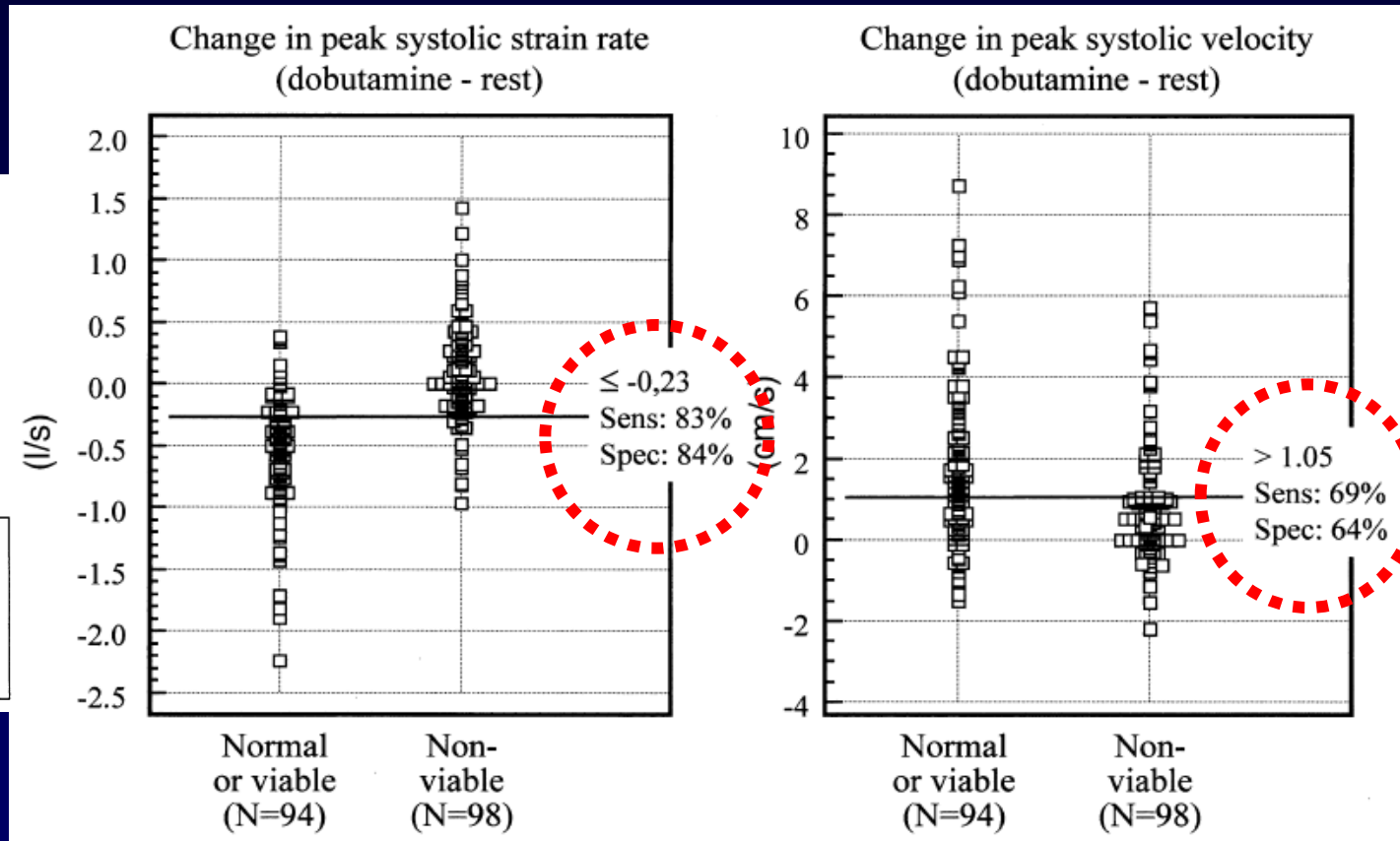
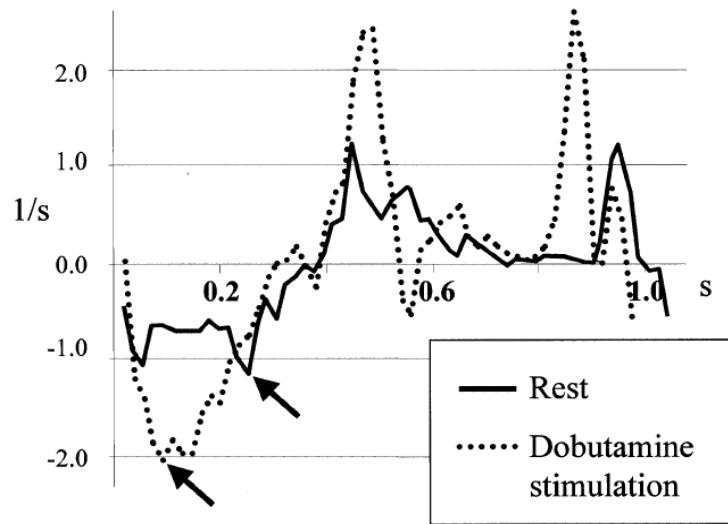
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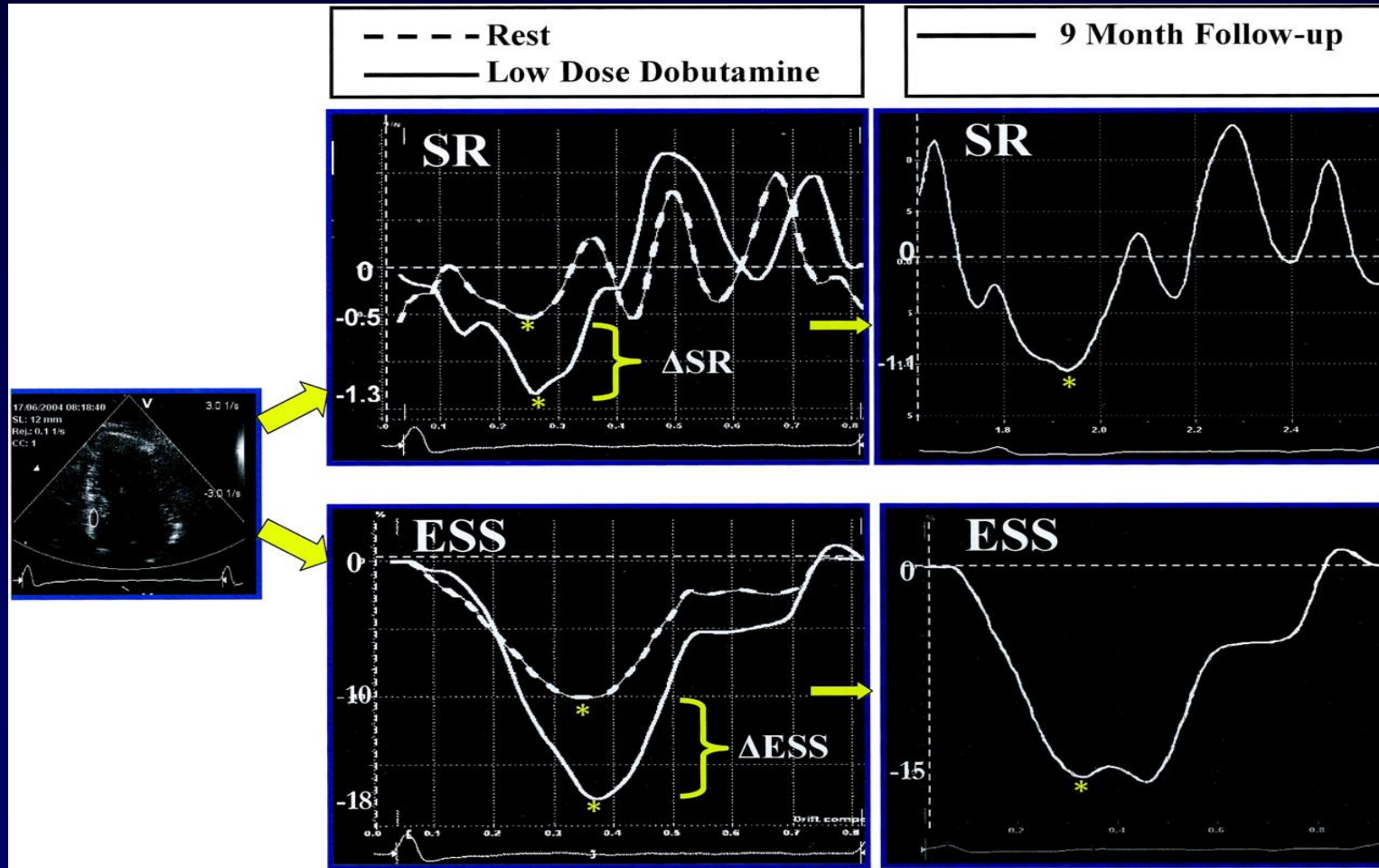


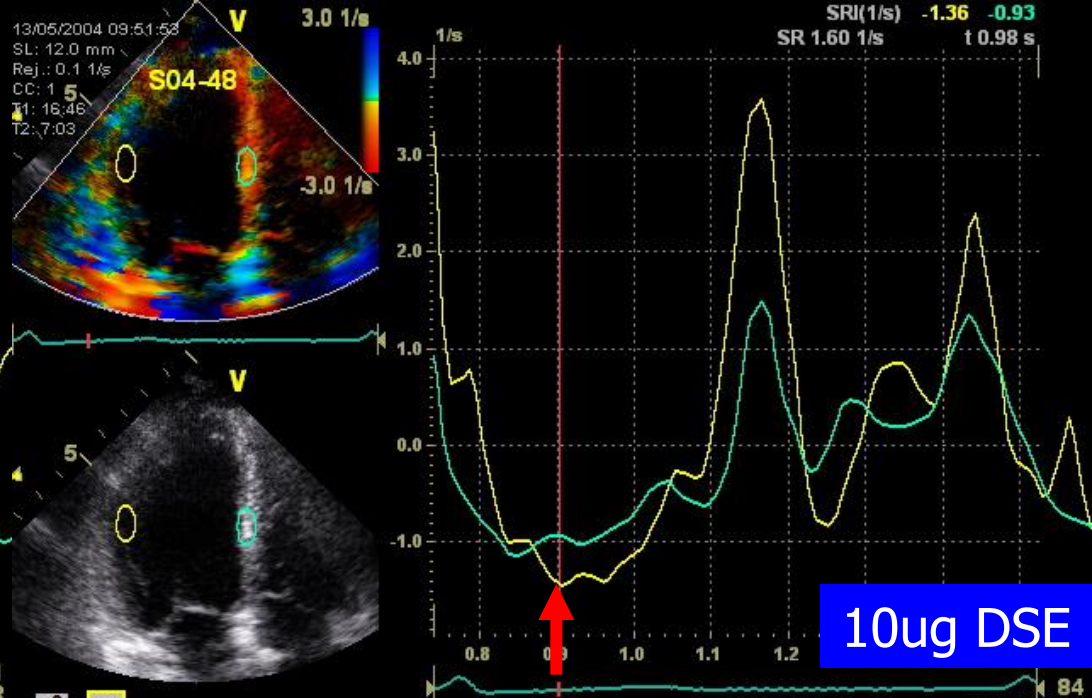
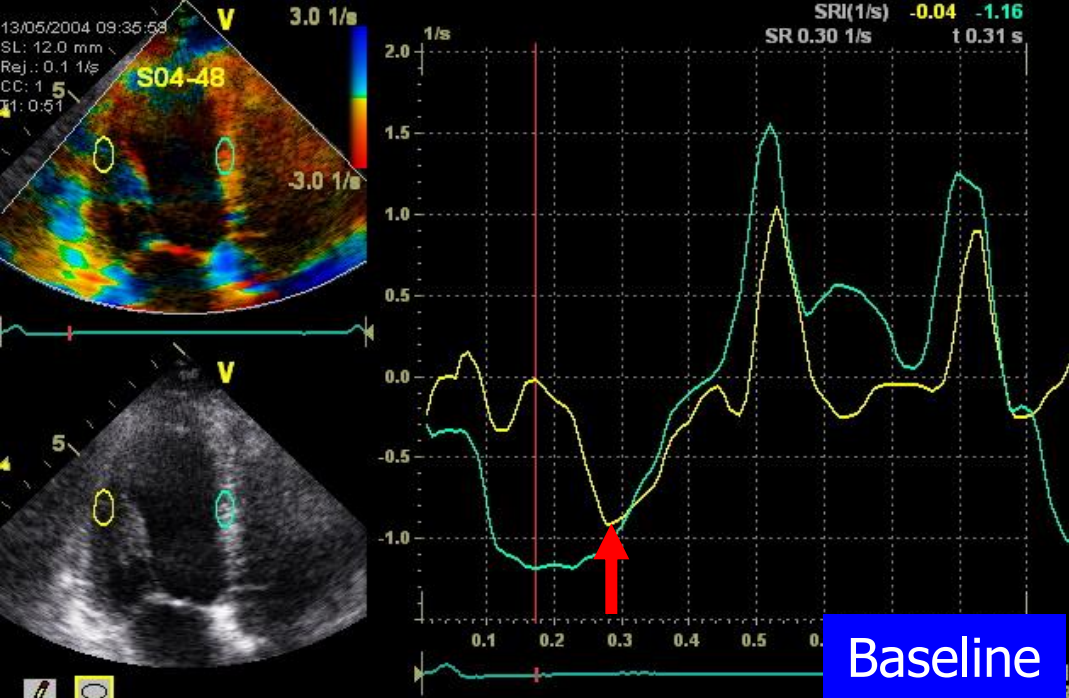


Peak Systolic Strain Rate during Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography

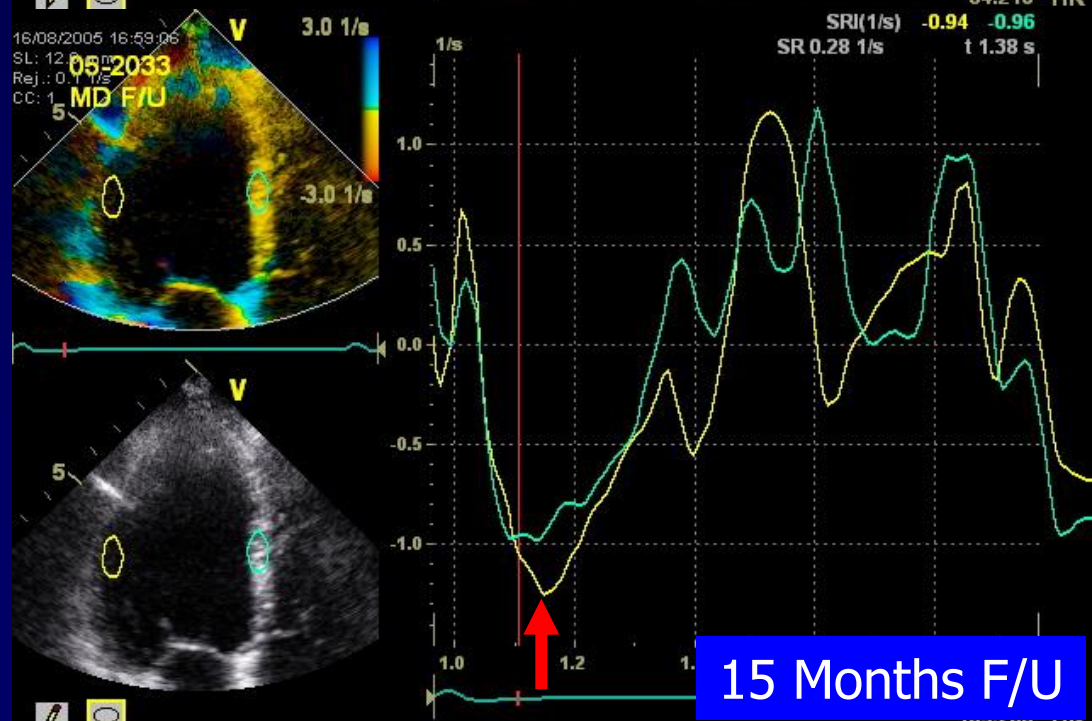


Incremental Value of SRI Assessment of Myocardial Viability after Revascularization





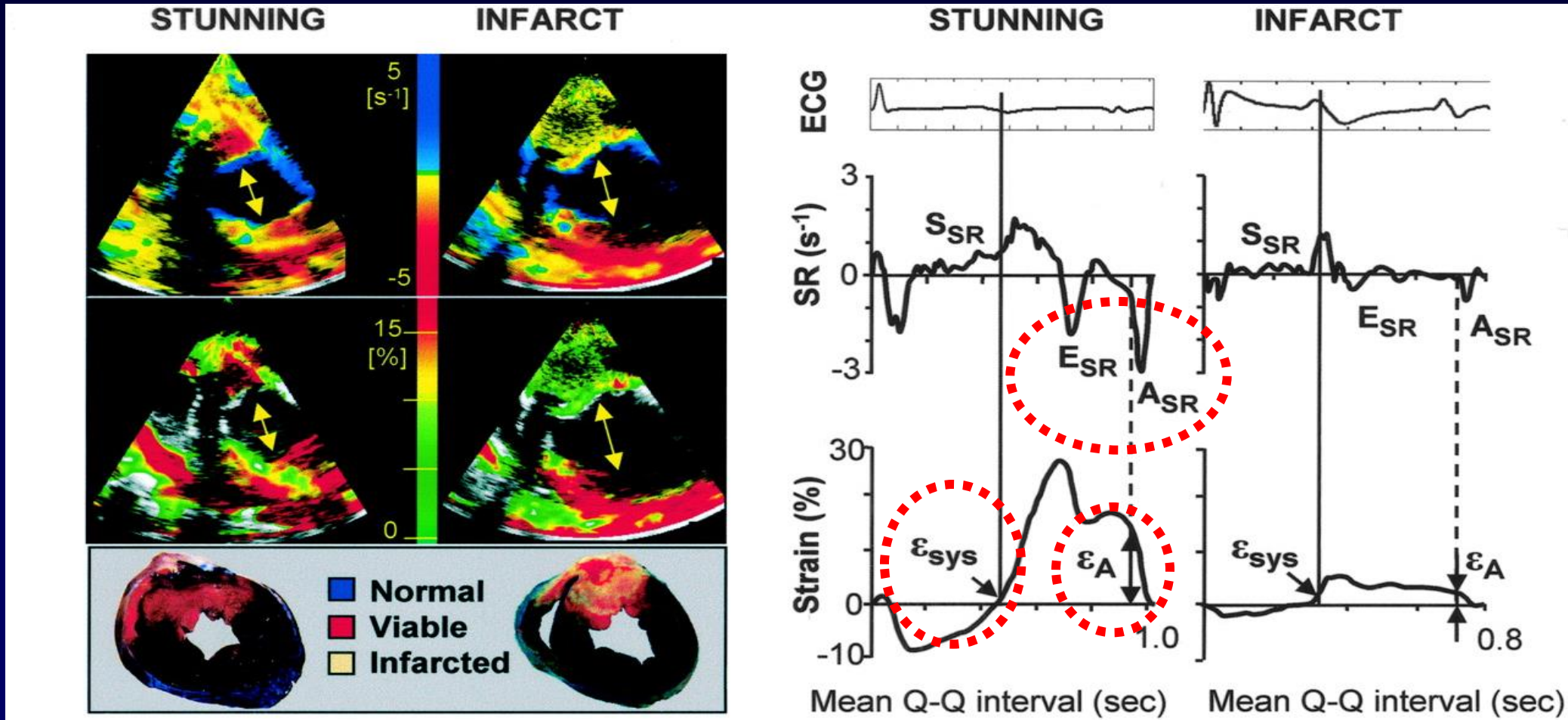
F/60, NSTEMI s/p tirofiban
EF=53% (LVEDV/ESV=80.5/37.8ml)
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Lt main and 2VD,
LVEDP=9mmHg, PCWP=5mmHg

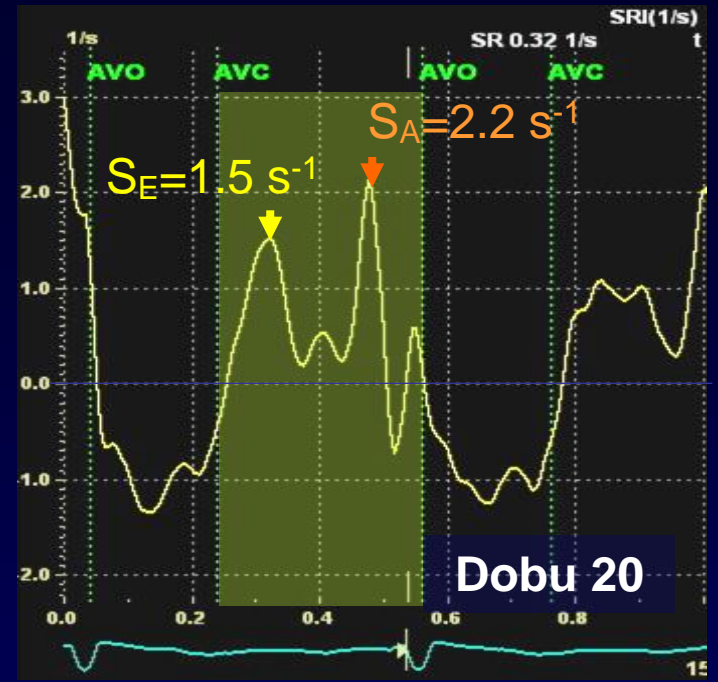
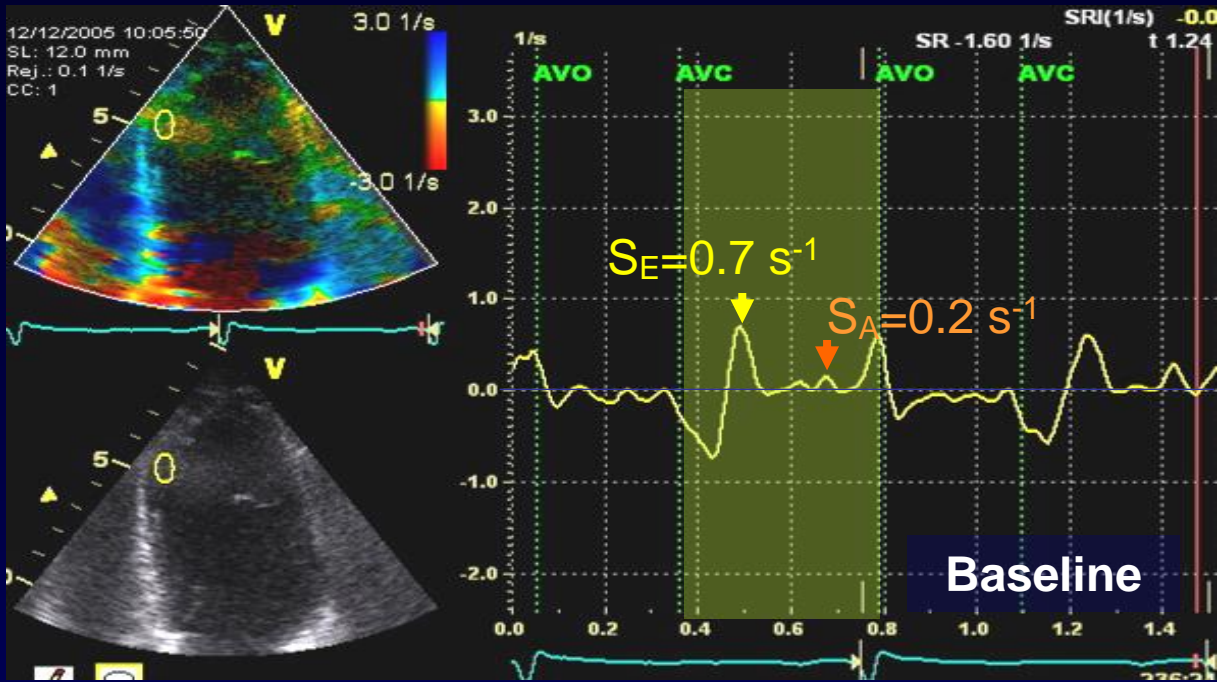


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Altered Myocardial Stiffness

Stunned Vs. Transmural Infarct





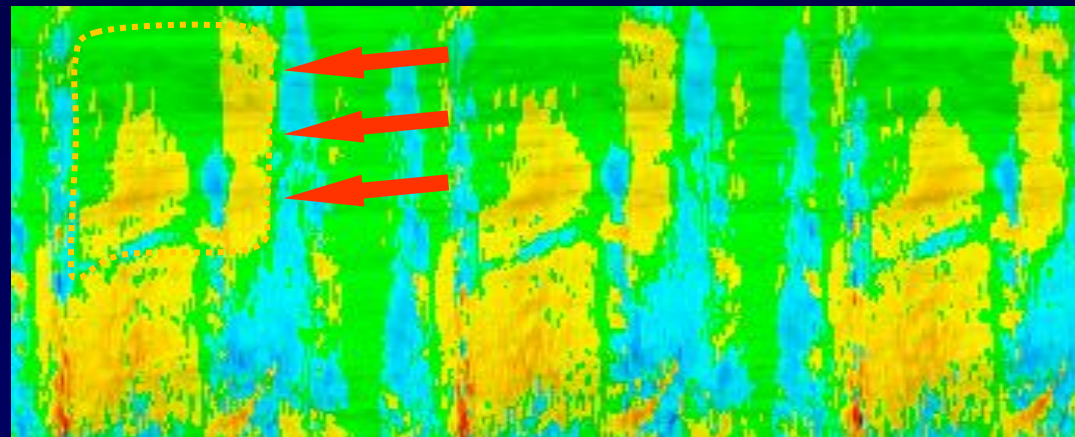
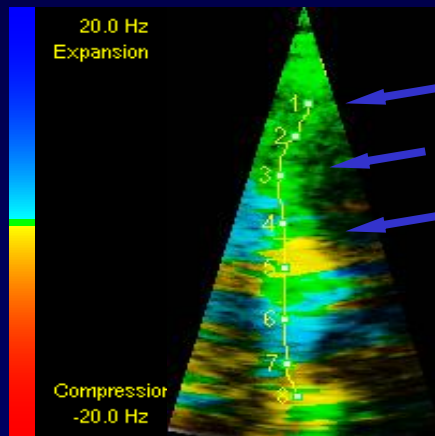
	Normal	Viable by PET	Nonviable by PET	Viable & nonviab
Peak SR_E at rest	1.13 ± 0.58	0.89 ± 0.51	0.77 ± 0.49	0.103
Peak SR_E with dob	1.30 ± 0.61	1.06 ± 0.51	0.78 ± 0.48	<.001
Δ Peak SR_E with dob	0.17 ± 0.58	0.17 ± 0.59	0.01 ± 0.60	0.049
Peak SR_A at rest	0.98 ± 0.61	0.71 ± 0.55	0.57 ± 0.47	0.055
Peak SR_A with dob	1.24 ± 0.64	1.00 ± 0.56	0.71 ± 0.58	<.001

n=37

Hoffmann R, et al. Am Soc Echocardiogr 2005;18(4):330-5.

Strain Rate for Assessing Viability

Acute myocardial infarction in man
(LAD occlusion)



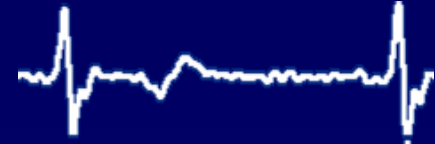
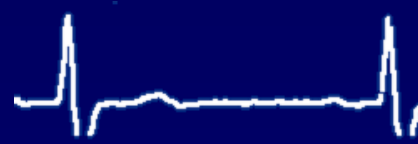
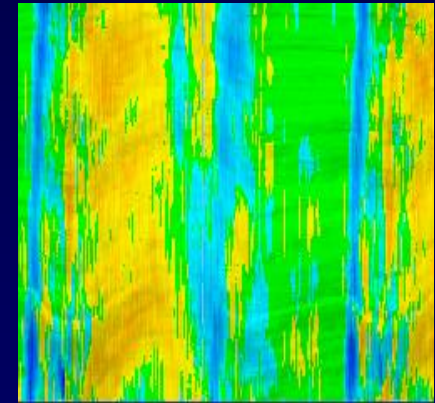
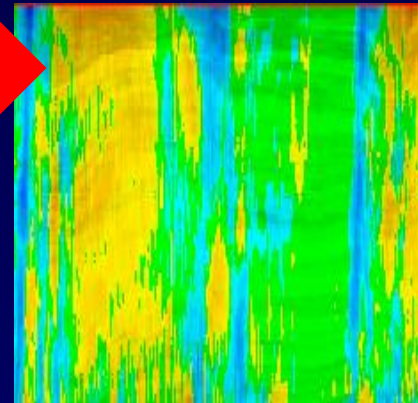
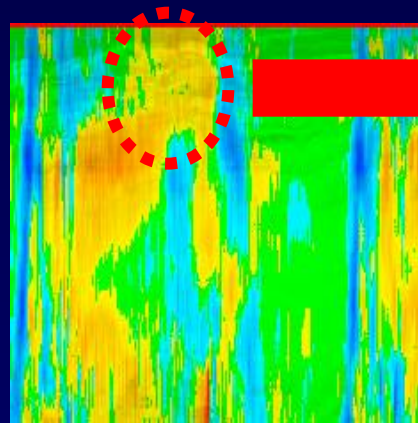
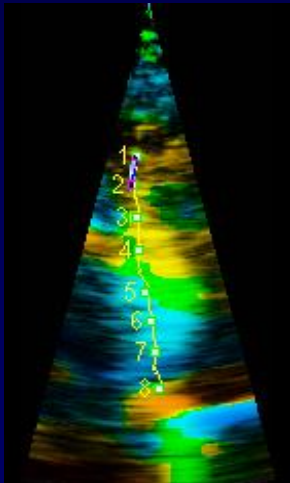
Strain Rate for Assessing Viability

Recovery

acute MI

1 day

2 weeks



Apex

Normal

Base

Apex

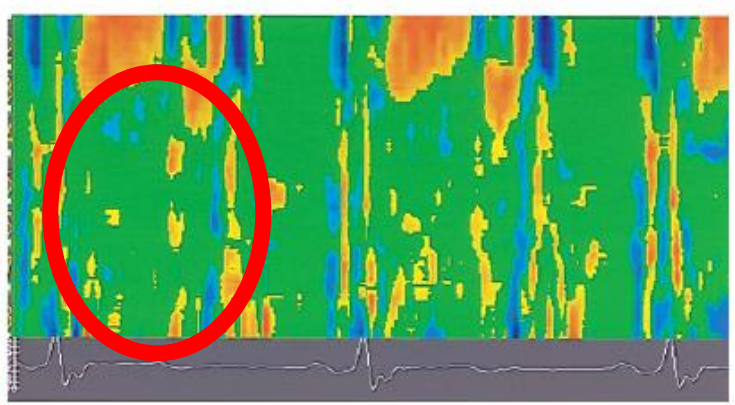
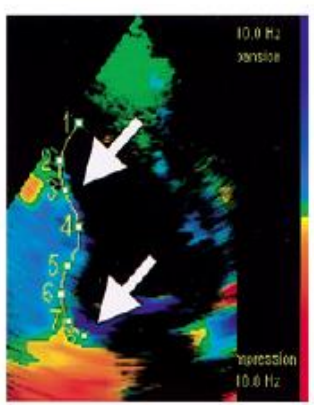
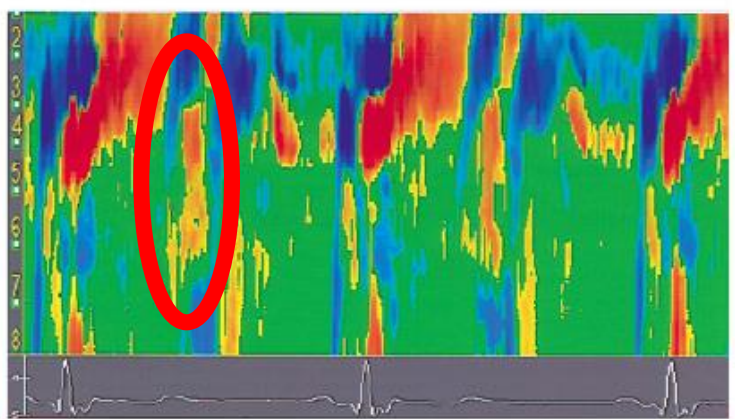
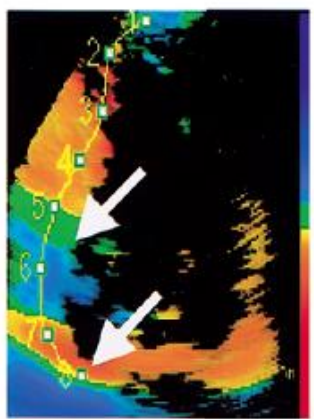
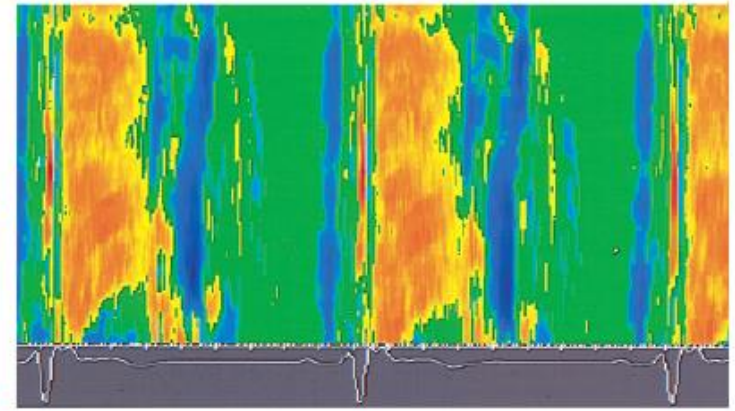
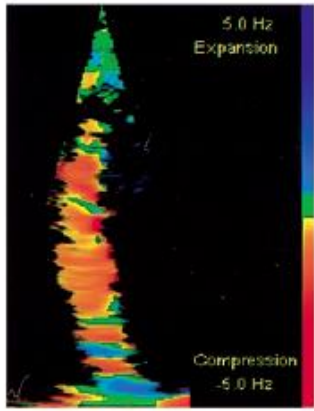
Acute Inferior MI

Base

Apex

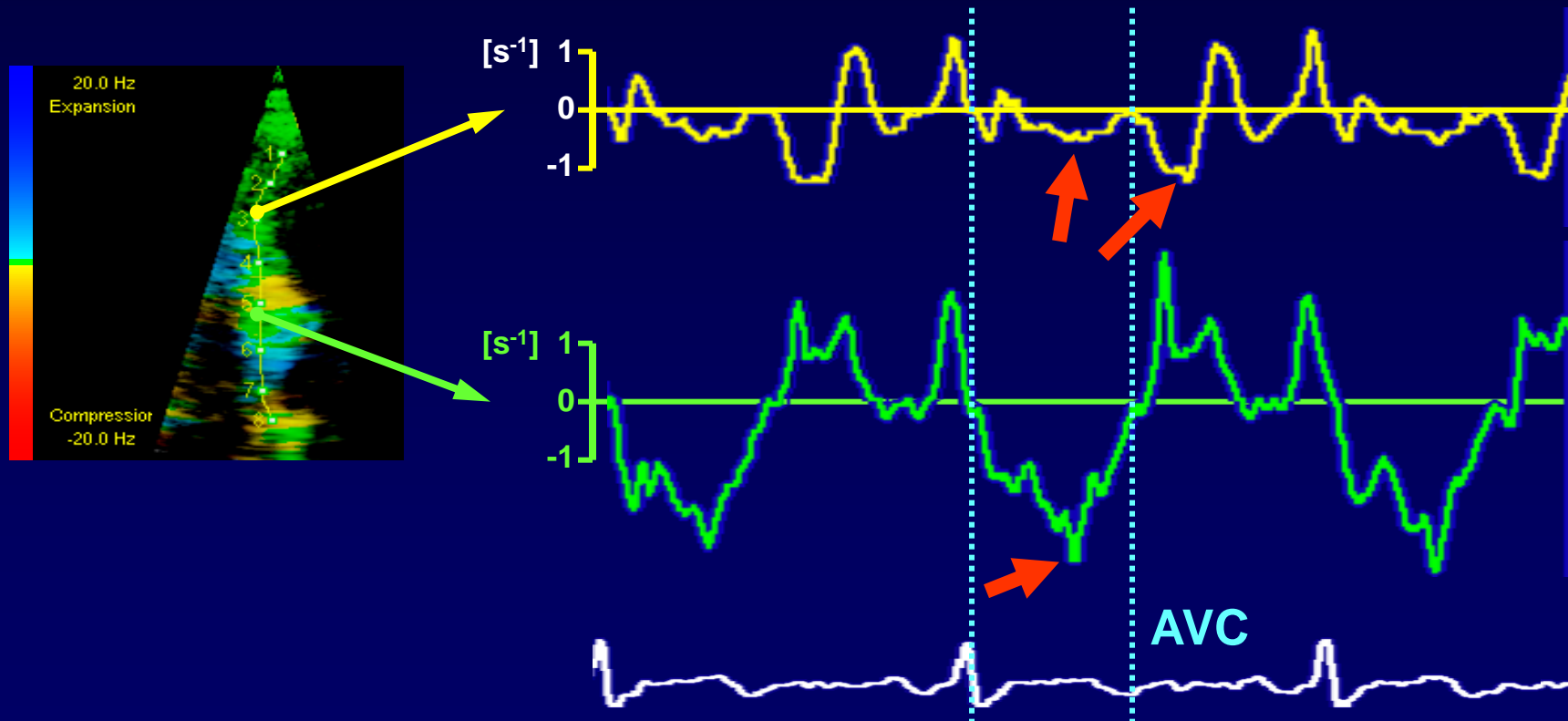
Chronic Inferior MI

Base



Strain Rate for Assessing Viability

Acute myocardial infarction in man
(LAD occlusion)





THE EFFECT OF CORONARY OCCLUSION ON MYOCARDIAL CONTRACTION¹

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Many students of the coronary circulation must have noted that the ventricular zone affected by ligating a large coronary branch not only appears cyanotic and dilated, but that it seems to alter in its mode of contraction. The detailed and sequential changes in contraction are not easily followed by the unaided eye and so far have not been recorded myographically. The reasons for this were the lack of an adequate and suitable myograph and a technic for the application of one to a limited ventricular surface so that records obtained represent, at least reasonably well, changes in muscle length and not predominantly artefacts due to position changes, thrusts and vibrations of the vigorously beating ventricle.

This communication concerns itself with descriptions of a technique and of a type of optical myograph suitable for such studies and an analysis of the changes in optical myograms which follow clamping of a large coronary vessel.

APPARATUS. After preliminary efforts to obtain satisfactory ventricular myograms with the segment myograph used by one of us (Wiggers, 1916) to study auricular contraction, it became obvious that in order to overcome the distortions produced by twists and thrusts of the beating ventricle an instrument was needed in which the movable lever arm operates in fixed bearings. A suitable myograph which retains the compactness, lightness and efficiency of the earlier form is illustrated in figure 1. The body of the instrument consists of a small receiving tambour, *E*, (2.5 cm. in diameter) from which a tube leads off at right angles for connection with an optical segment capsule. The lever arms which are of aluminum are spaced 1.5 cm. apart. The rigid arm, *A*, is attached solidly to the back of the tambour and the movable one, *B*, is pivoted in jewel bearings, *C*, as indicated in the insert sketch. The total weight of the myograph is only

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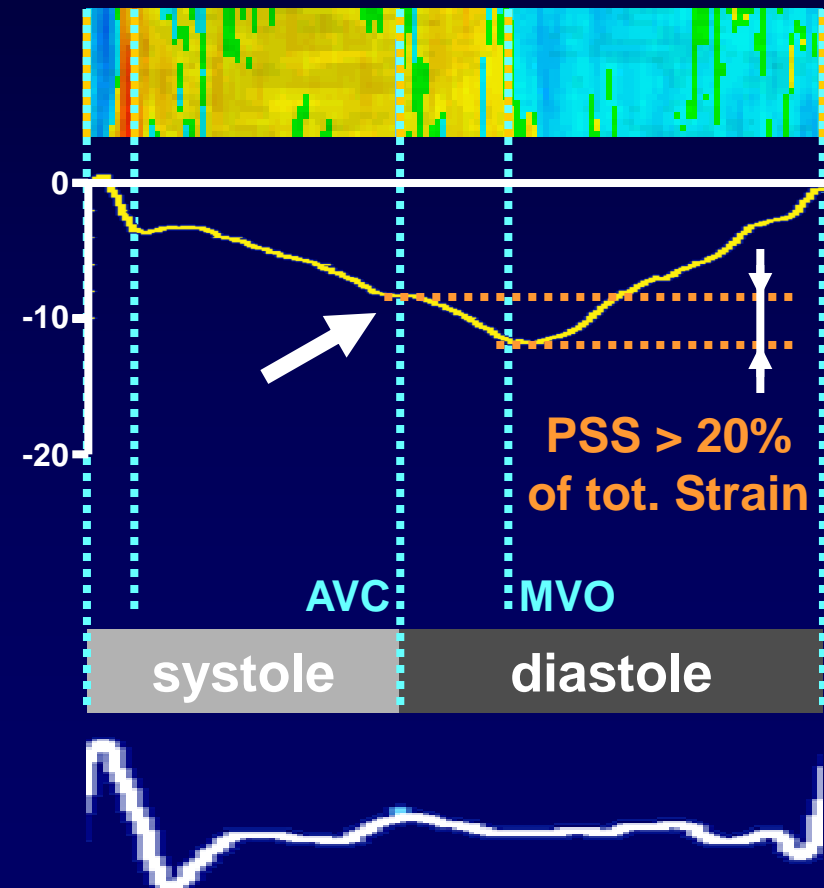
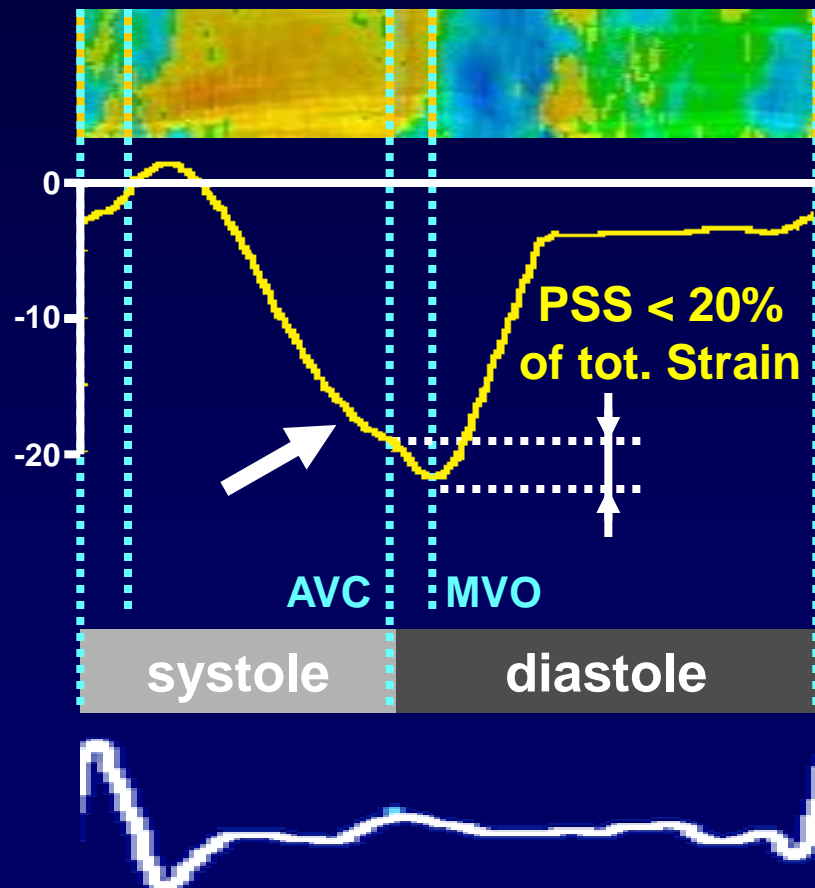
**Tennant R and Wiggers
CJ. Am J Physiol.
1935;112:351-61.**

Post Systolic Thickening

- First described by Tennant and Wiggers.
- **Common finding in myocardial infarction.**
- Small area of contraction interspersed by akinetic and hypokinetic segment after MI.
- **Good predictor of viable myocardium.**
- *Underlying mechanisms are unclear.*
(Active fiber shortening or passive thickening)

Post Systolic Shortening

Defined as predominantly negative Strain between AVC and E-wave (MVO)



Post Systolic Strain Index

[PSS Bulls Eye](#)

[PSI Bulls Eye](#)

[Post Systolic Index](#)

[PSS manual correction](#)

[Pre-stretch definition](#)

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Post Systolic Index

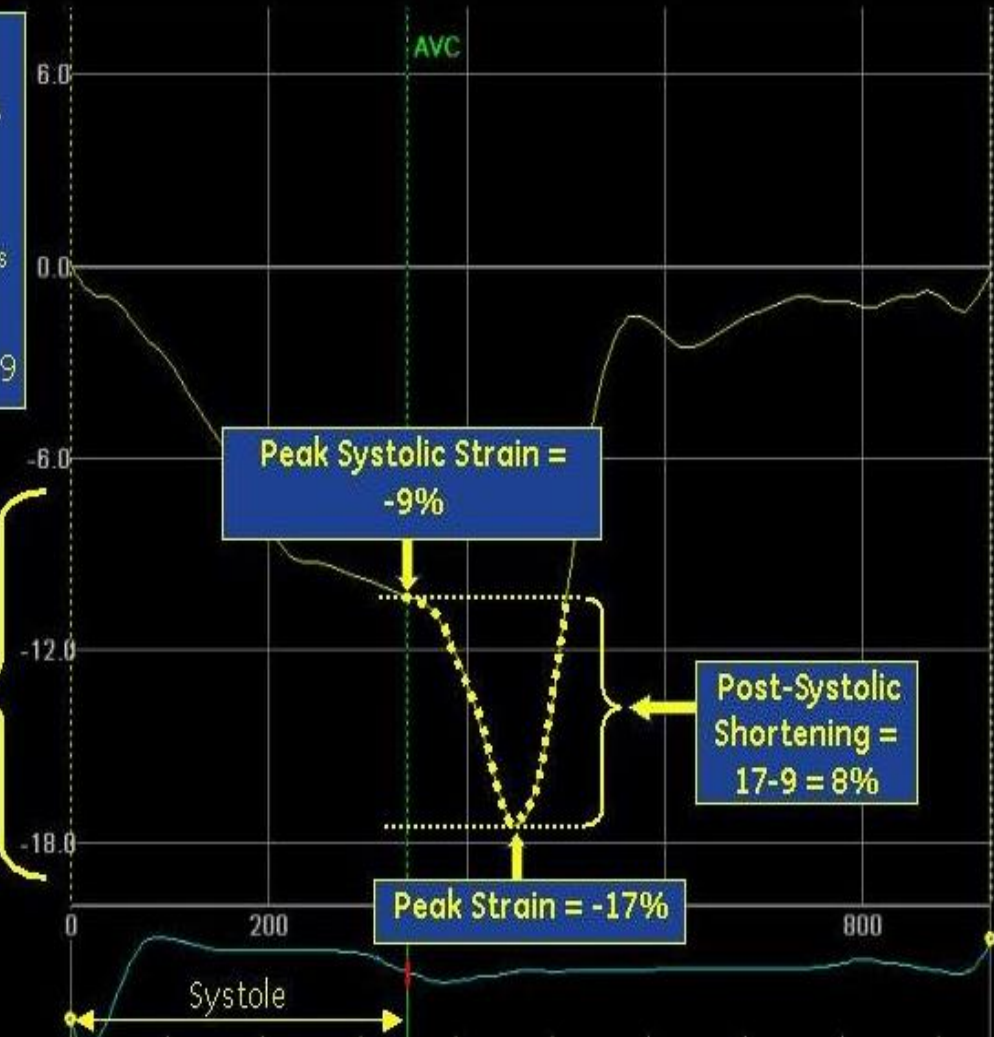
Post-Systolic Strain Index (PSI):

Kukulski T, Jamal F, Herbots L, et al.

Identification of acutely ischemic myocardium using ultrasonic strain measurements. A clinical study in patients undergoing coronary angioplasty.

J Am Coll Cardiol 2003;41:810-9

$$\text{PSI} = 100 * (8 / 17) = 47\%$$

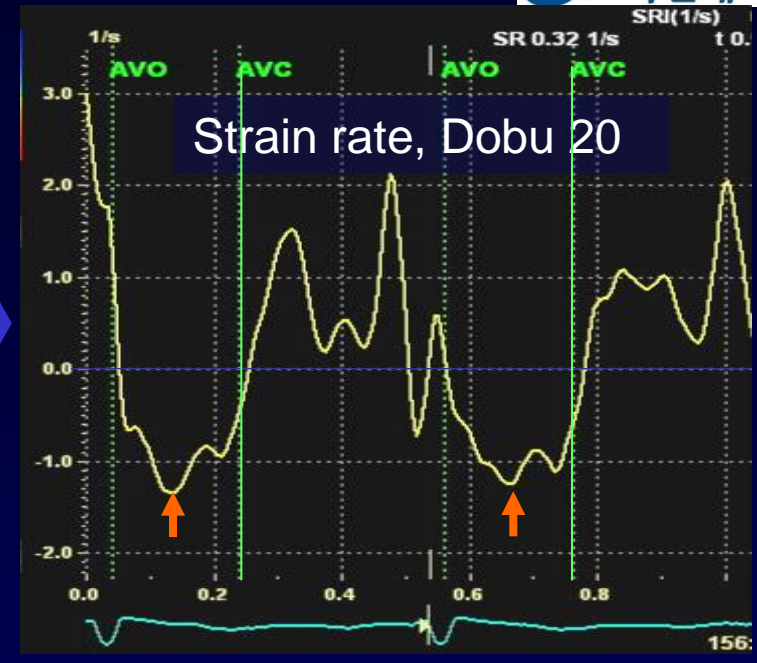
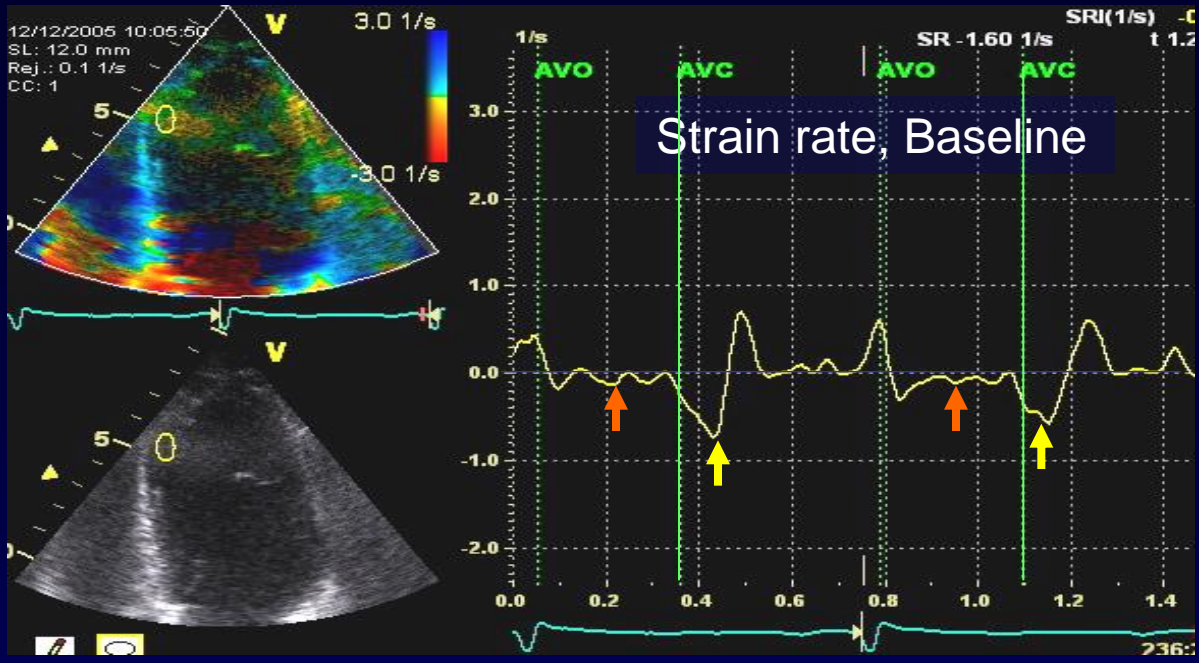


Peak Systolic Strain = -9%

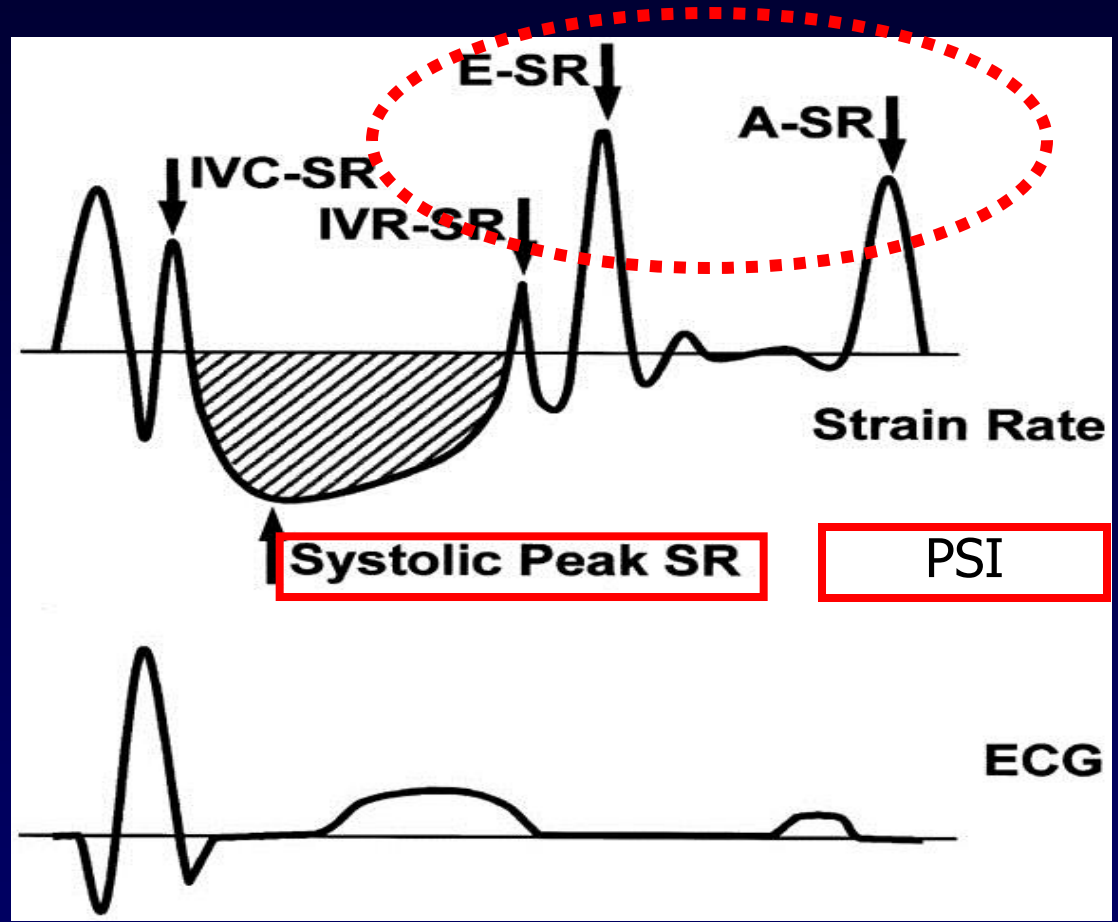
Peak Strain = -17%

Post-Systolic Shortening = 17-9 = 8%

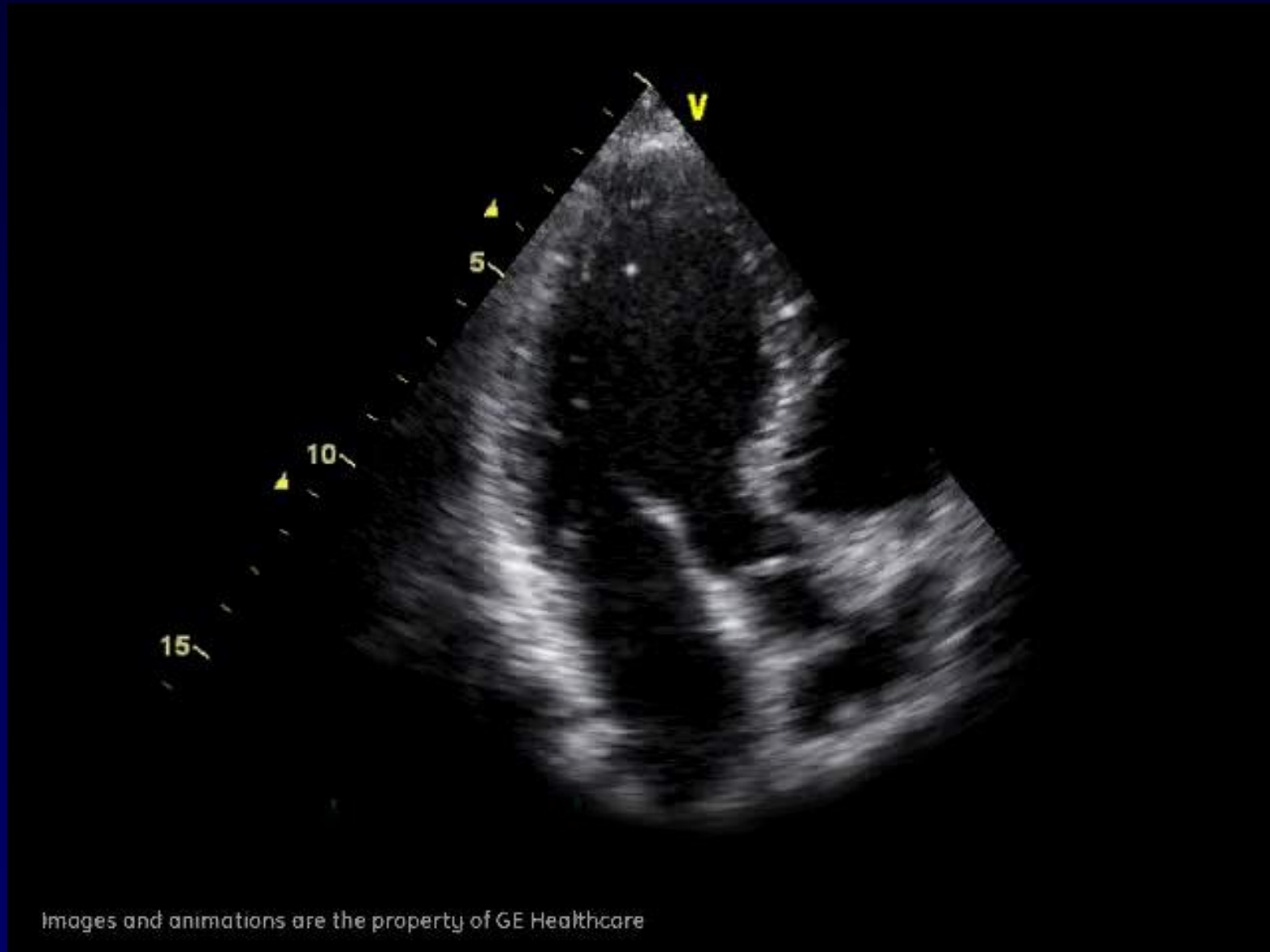
Systole



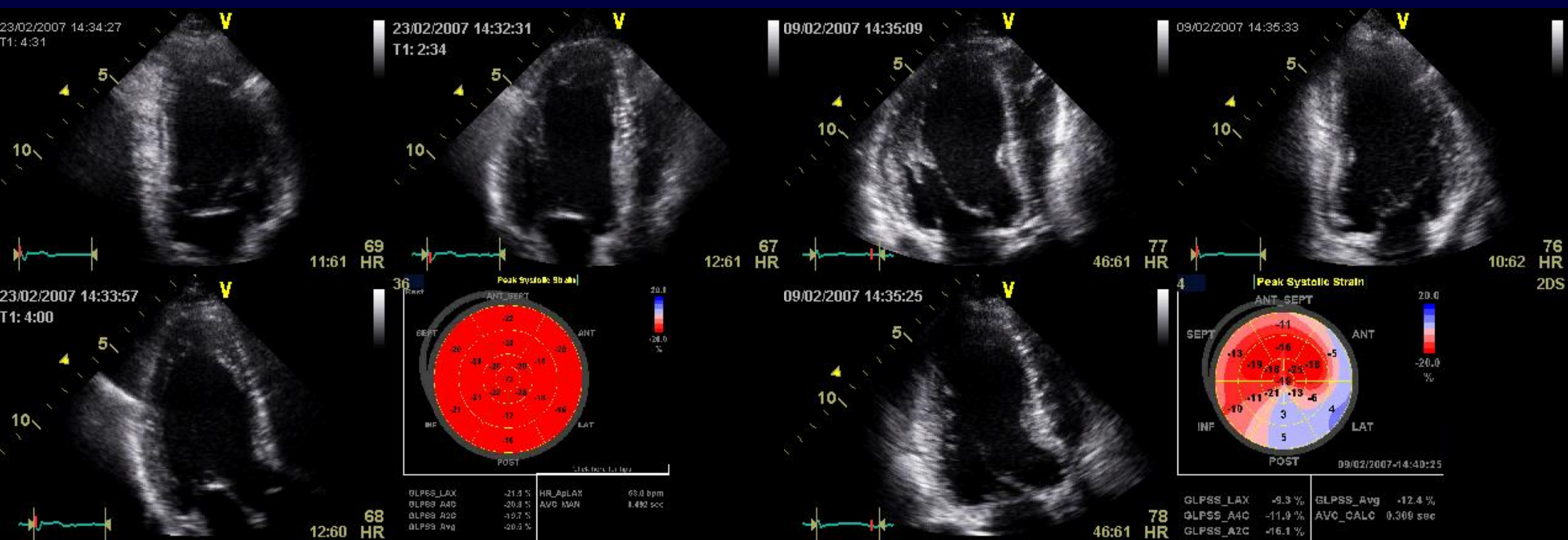
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Stunning	↓	↓	↑	↗	↗	↘
Acute ischemia	↓	↓	↑	↘	↘	↗
Nontransmural MI	↓	↓	↑	↘	→	↗
Transmural MI	↓ ↓	↓ ↓	↑ ↑	→	→	→



Automated Functional Imaging

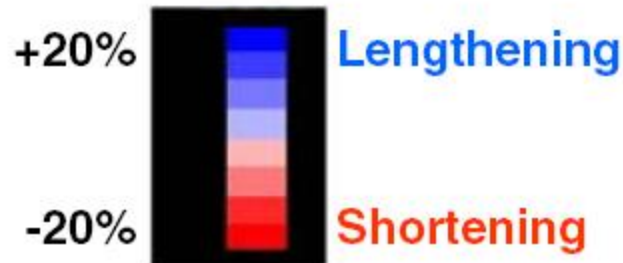


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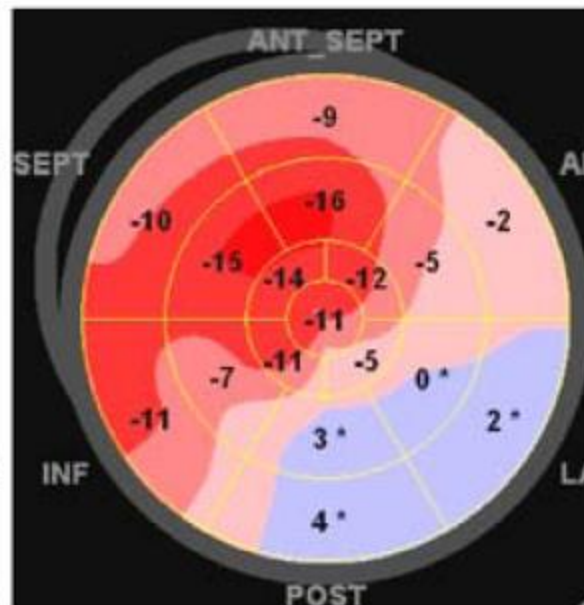


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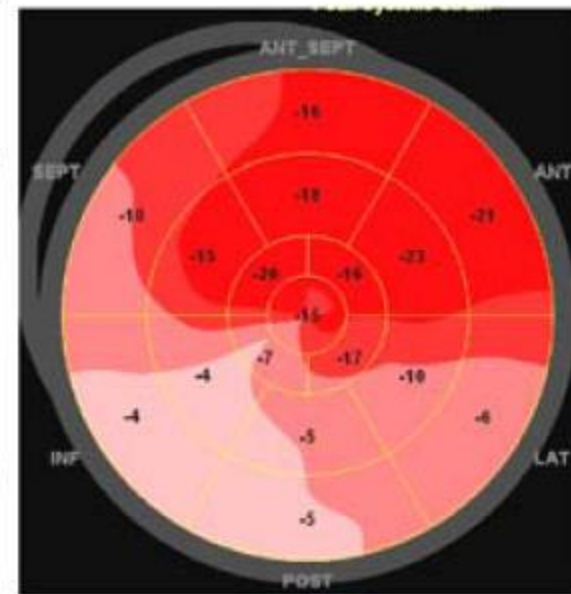
Bull's Eye Mapping



Anteroseptal MI (LAD)

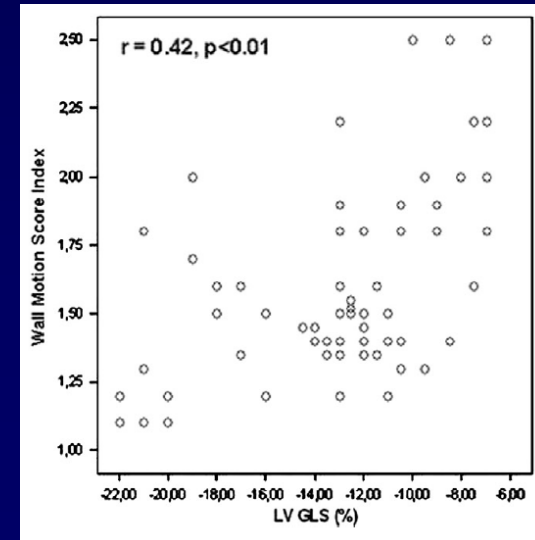
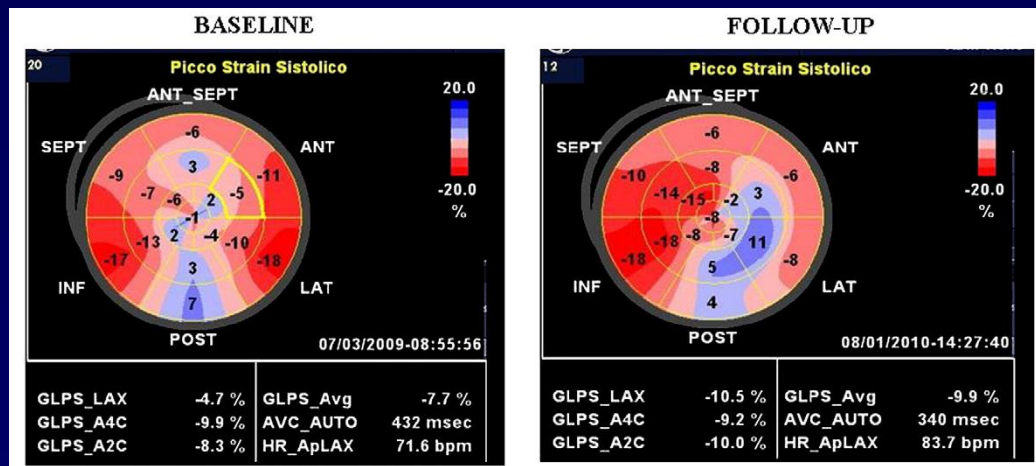
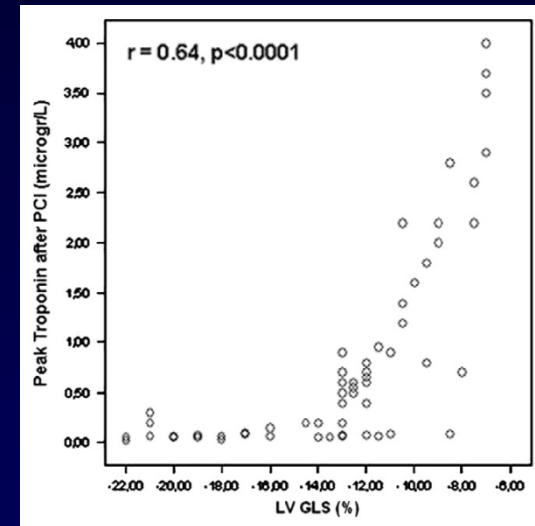
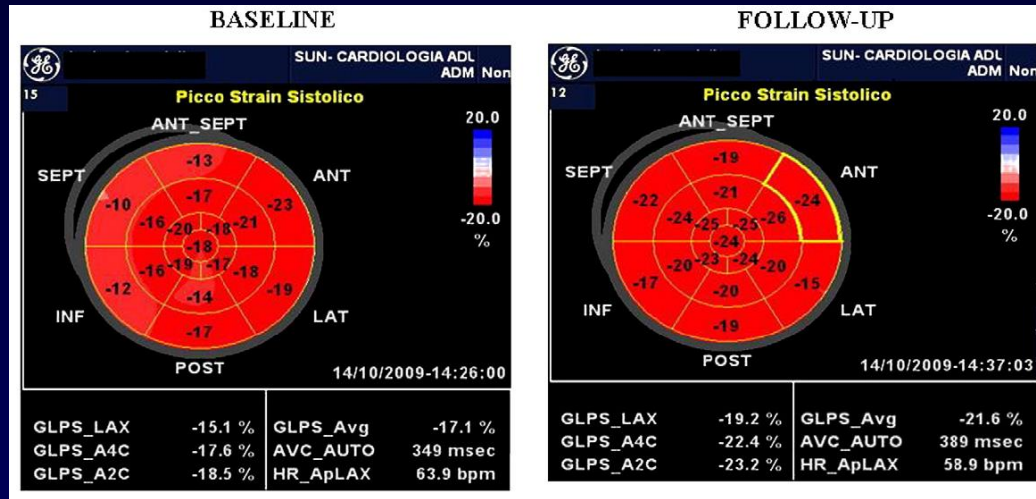


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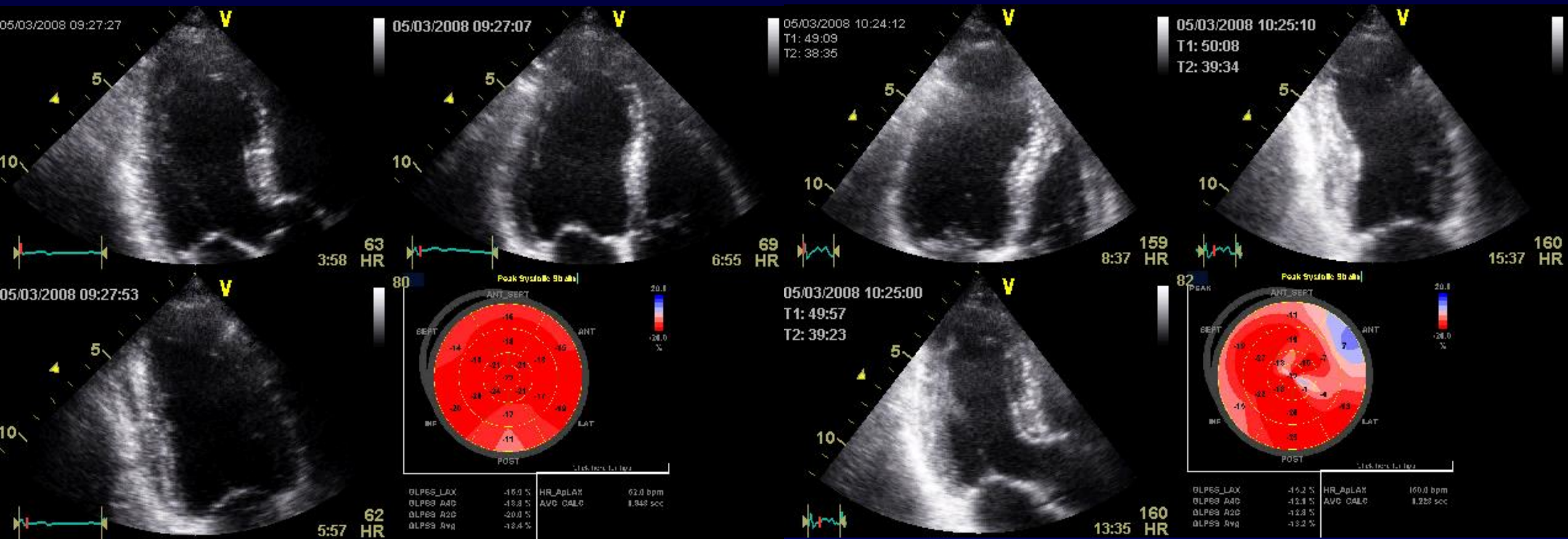
Inferior MI (RCA)

Gobal Longitudinal Strain predicts LV remodeling in recent NSTEMI



Automated Functional Imaging

Exercise Echo

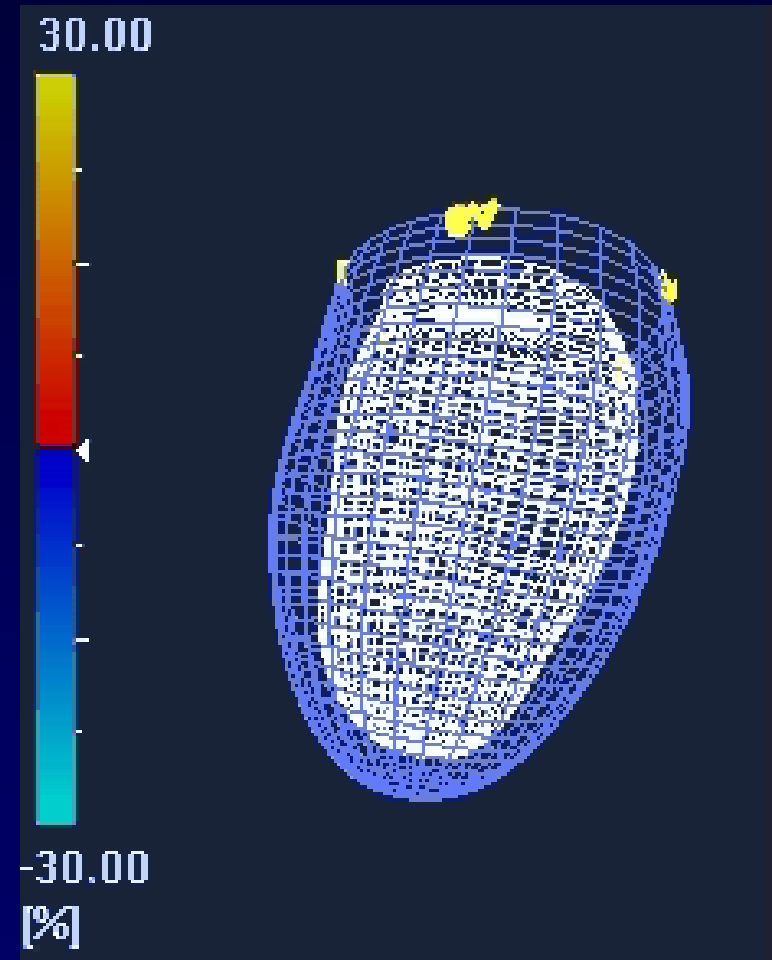
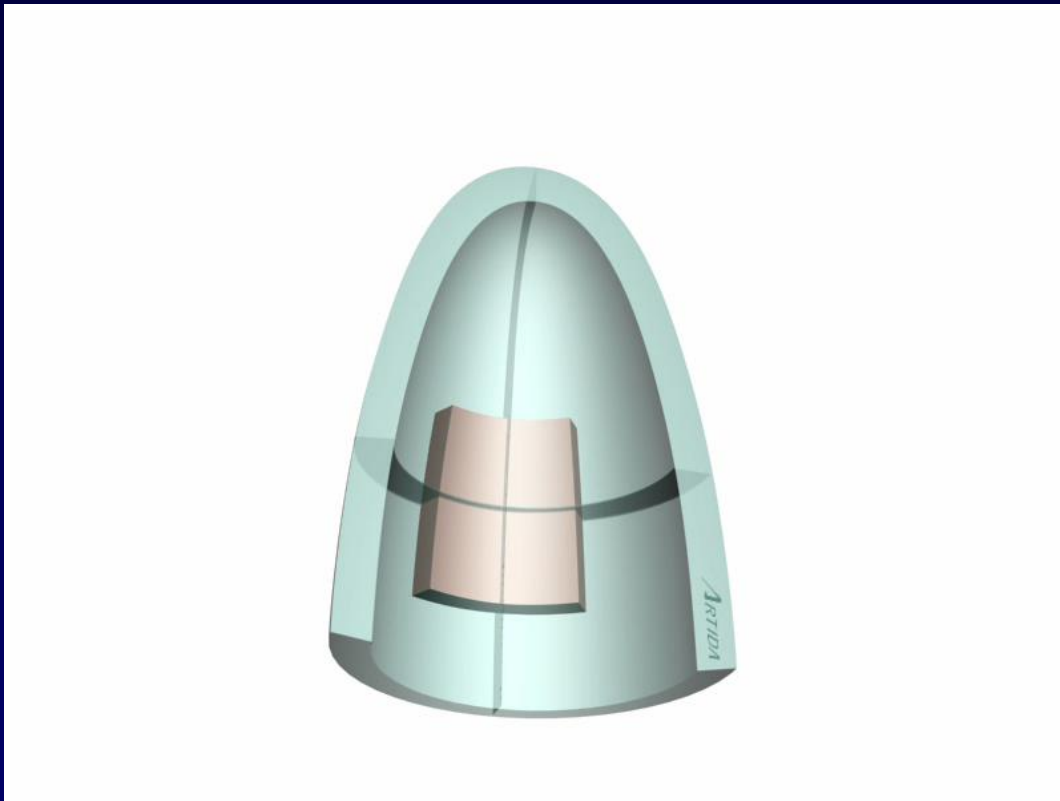


baseline

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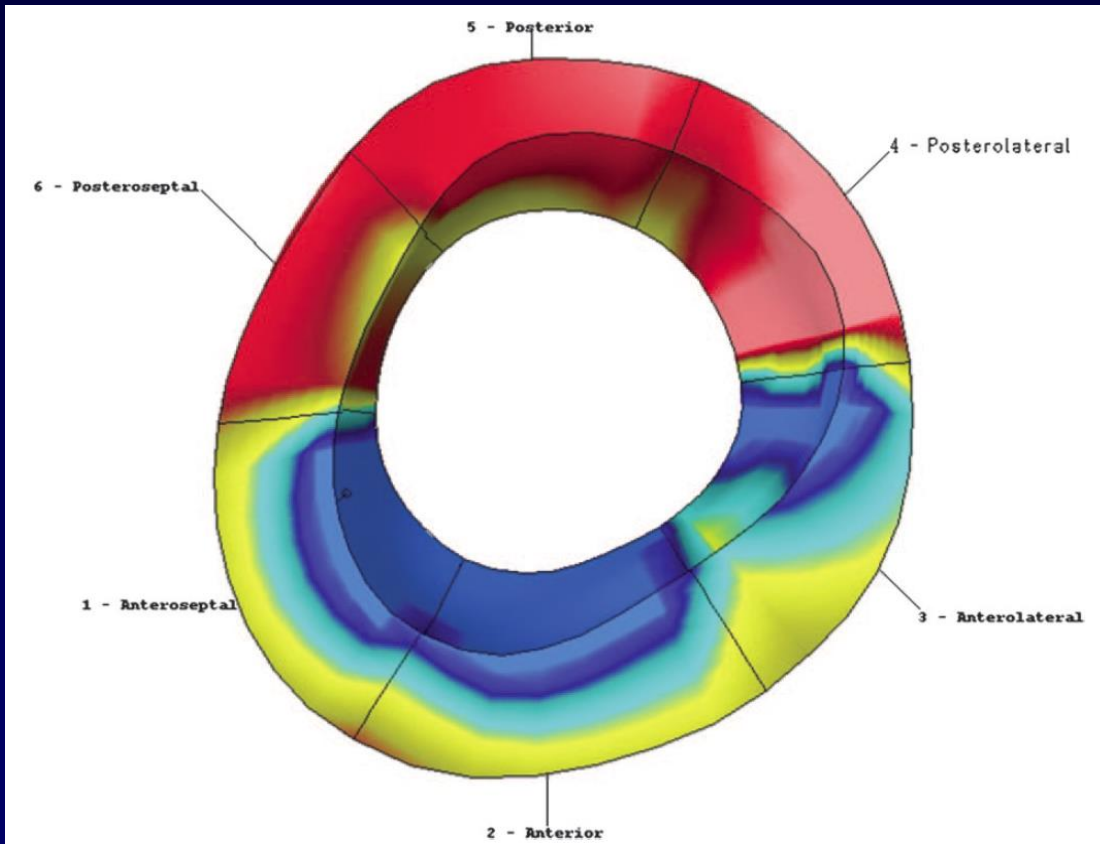
LAD os 70% LN

3D Strain



3D LV Strain in LD Dobutamine MR

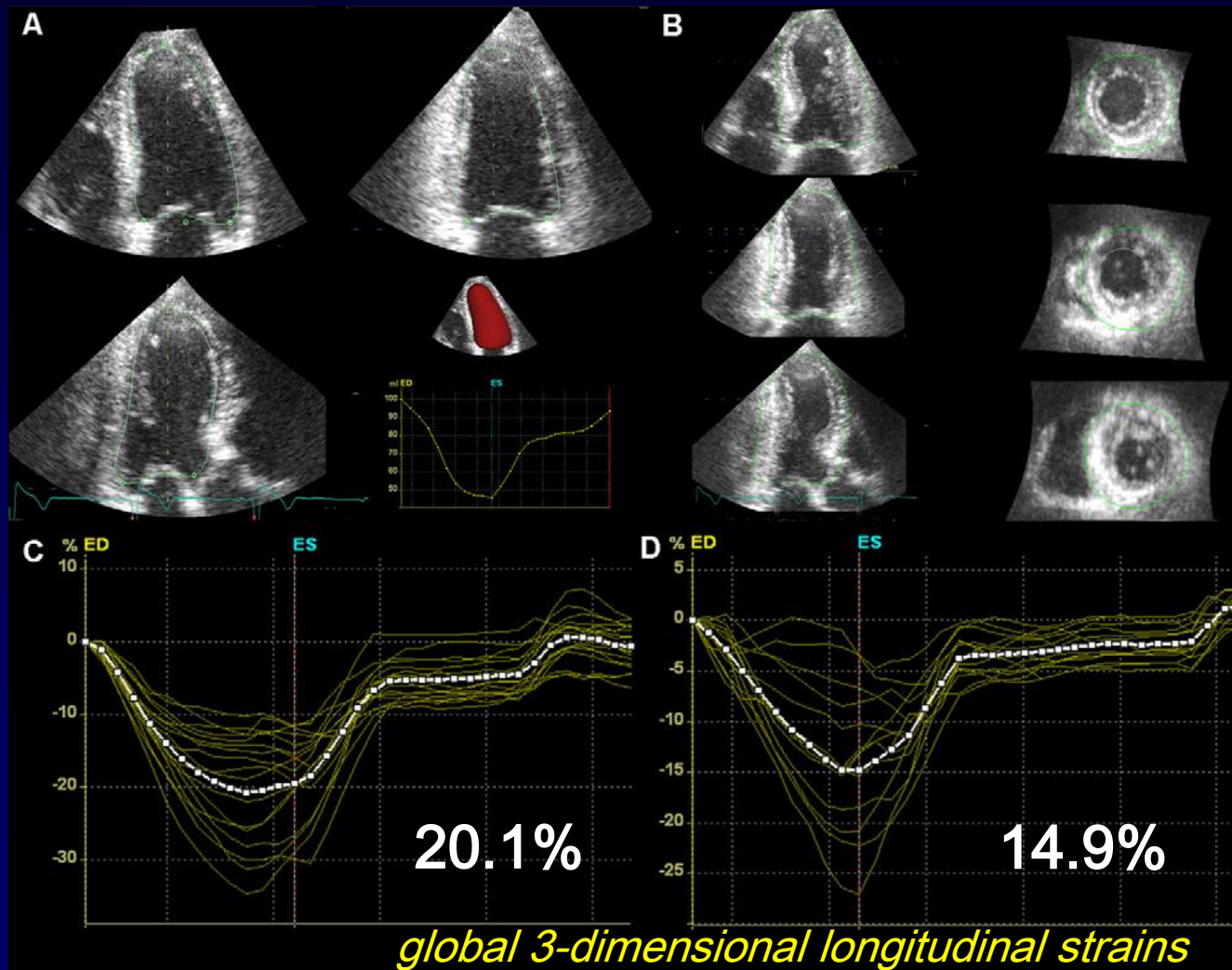
Circumferential strain in mid-ventricle



Compared with normal volunteers, global left ventricular Ecc was significantly decreased in patients with ICM at rest (0.150.06 versus 0.270.03; $P < 0.001$) and with dobutamine (0.170.08 versus 0.370.10; $P < 0.001$).

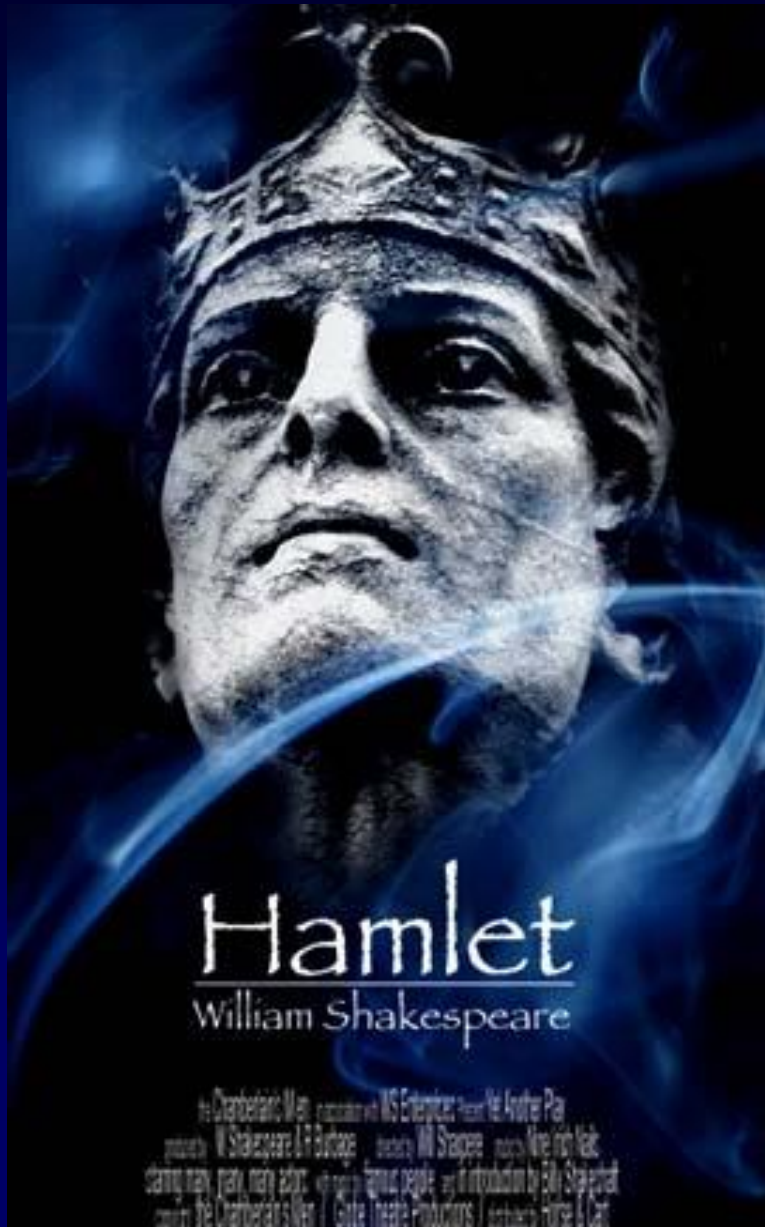
Ecc was significantly decreased in nonviable regions compared with viable segments at rest (0.080.06 versus 0.170.10; $P < 0.001$) and with dobutamine (0.070.06 versus 0.210.11; $P < 0.001$).

3D Speckle Tracking Longitudinal Strain



Take Home Message

1. **Low dose dobutamine stress echocardiography** showed **high specificity** and comparable sensitivity with other imaging modalities
2. Measurement of both **systolic and post-systolic deformation** both at rest and during a graded dobutamine infusion may provide prognostic information about myocardial viability.
3. Implement of these new indices in the routine clinical practice will need **additional clinical and large-scale studies.**



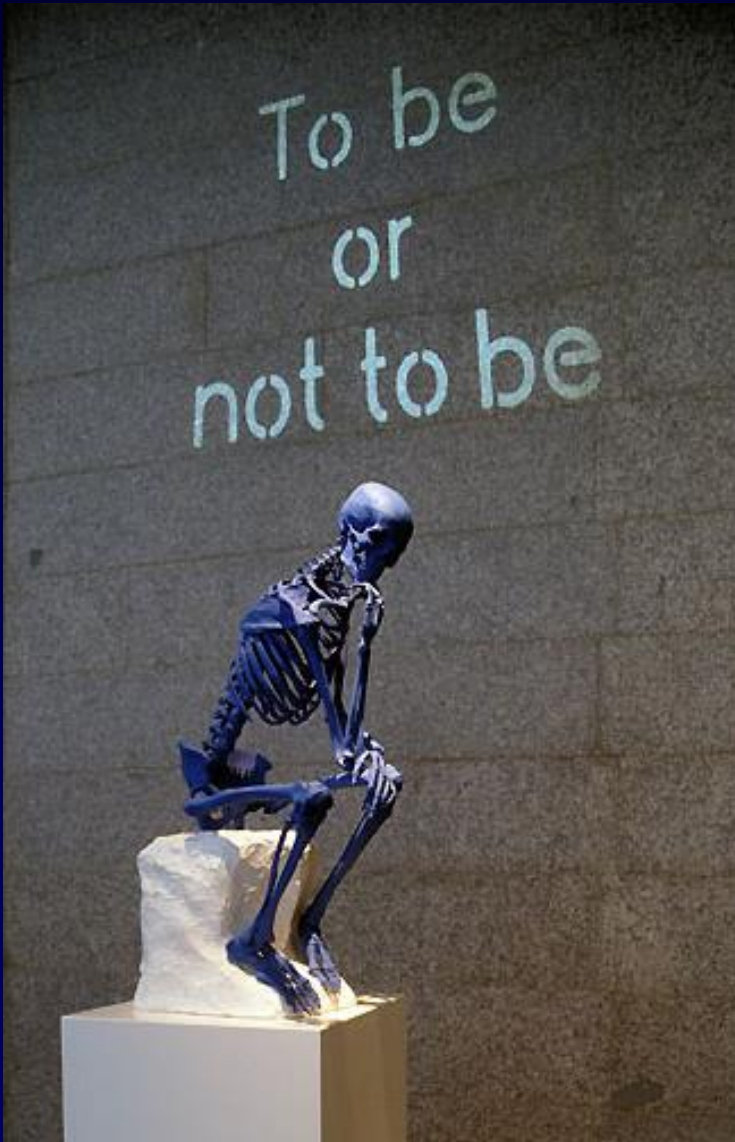
***"To be, or not to be, that
is the question !"***

Shakespeare, Hamlet, 1601

To be
or
not to be

***"To be, or not to be,
that is on your hands !"***

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