

Myocardial Mechanics: Quantitative Global and Local Myocardial Function For Cardiomyopathies

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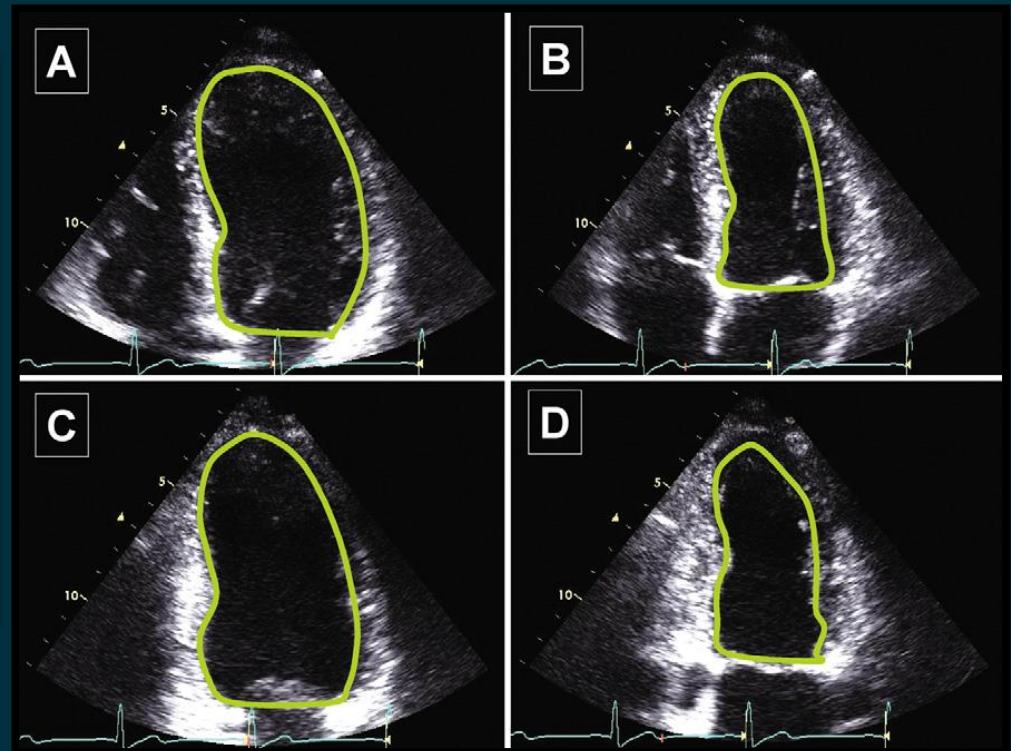
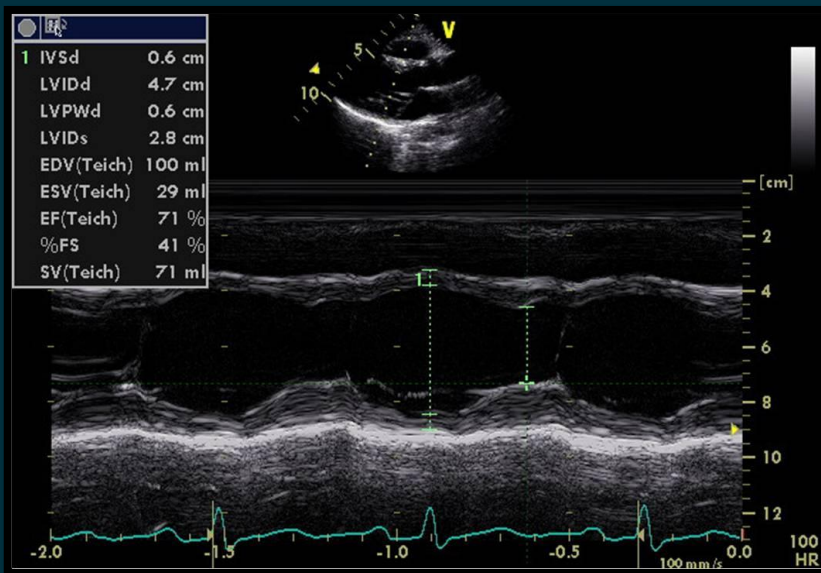
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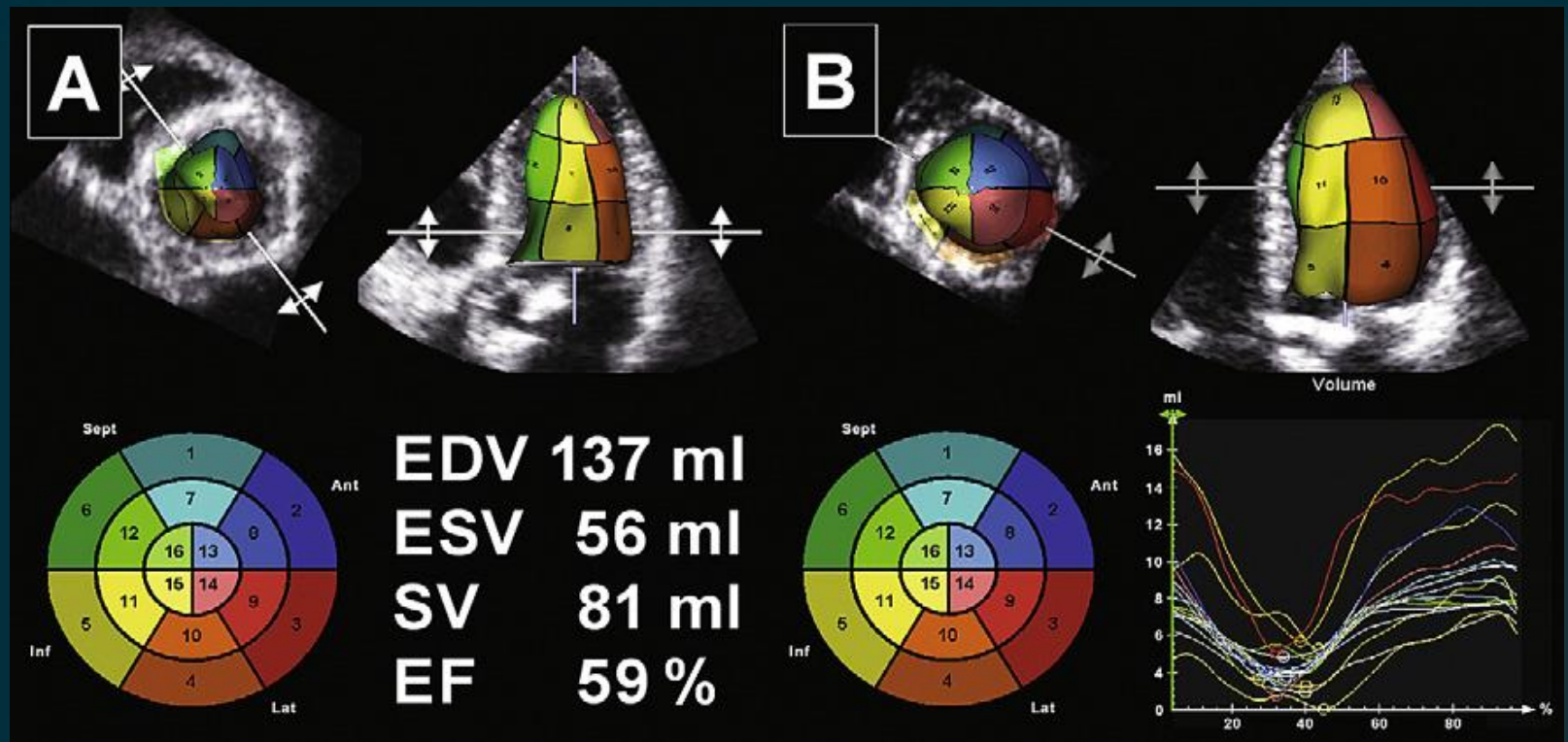
LVEF – most referred parameter

- **Visual score: 5-10% increments (~7% variability)**
- **Teichholz: partial outlook**
- **Simpson rule: where is the endocardium?**



LVEF – most referred parameter

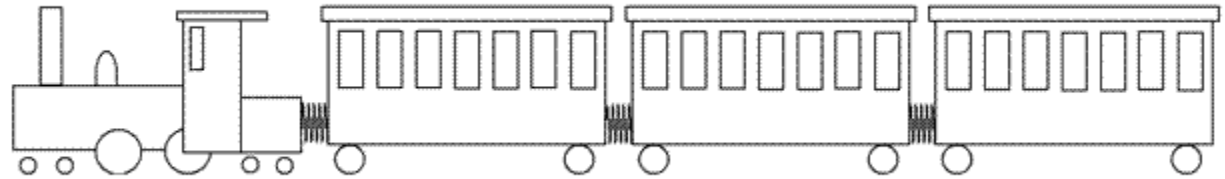
- **3D Echocardiography**
 - **Best correlation with MRI volumes**



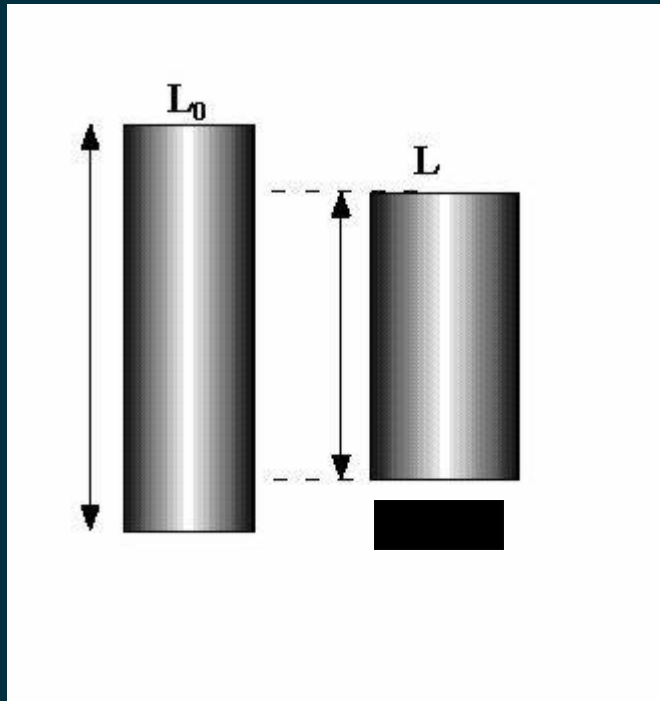
LVEF - Caveats

- **Technical:**
 - **LVEF obtained by echocardiography has a 95% confidence interval of $\pm 11\%$; thus, subtle changes frequently are not detected because of measurement variability**
 - **Depends on image quality**
- **Load dependent (pre-load and afterload)**
- **Heart rate dependent**

Concept: Deformation



Concept: Strain



The diagram shows a horizontal bar. The left part is blue and labeled L_0 . The right part is white and labeled ΔL . Below the bar is the label L . Below the bar is the equation $\epsilon = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0} = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$ with the signature *Stapfen*.

$$\epsilon = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0} = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

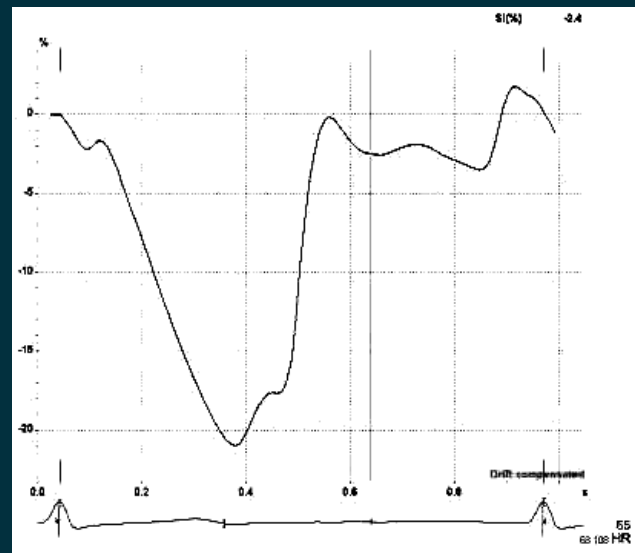
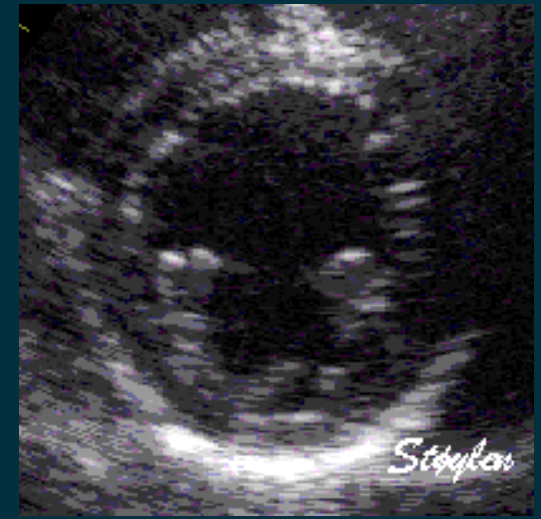
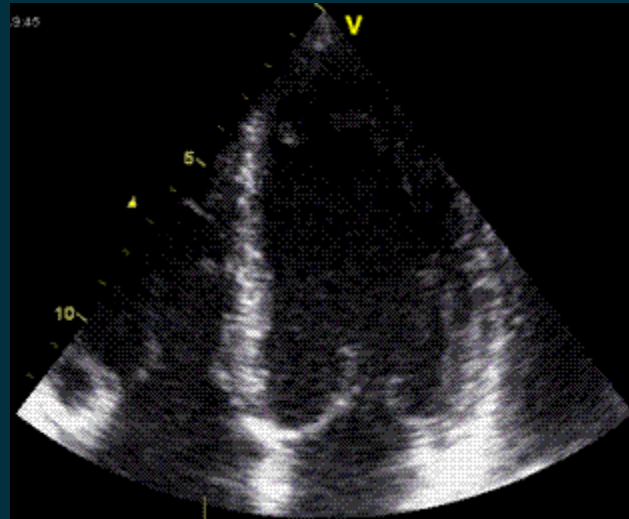
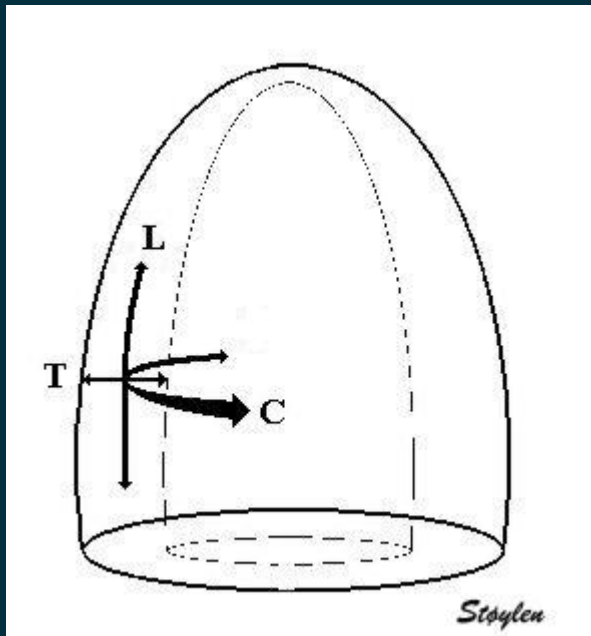
Stapfen

Negative = shortening, expressed as percentage

Normal (longitudinal) = -20%

Larger negative number = more shortening, better contraction

Basic echo deformations

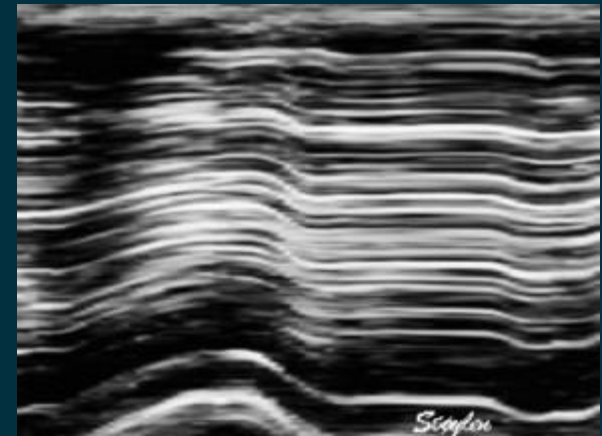


What is Tissue Strain imaging ?

- **Off line analysis of echo clips**
- **Software measures displacement of speckles, using speckle velocities to follow speckles from frame to frame.**
- **Movement measured relative to tracked myocardial border (VVI)**
- **Relative speckle displacement is measured (distance between adjacent speckles/time)**

Software: GE, Siemens (VVI), Philips (QLAB)

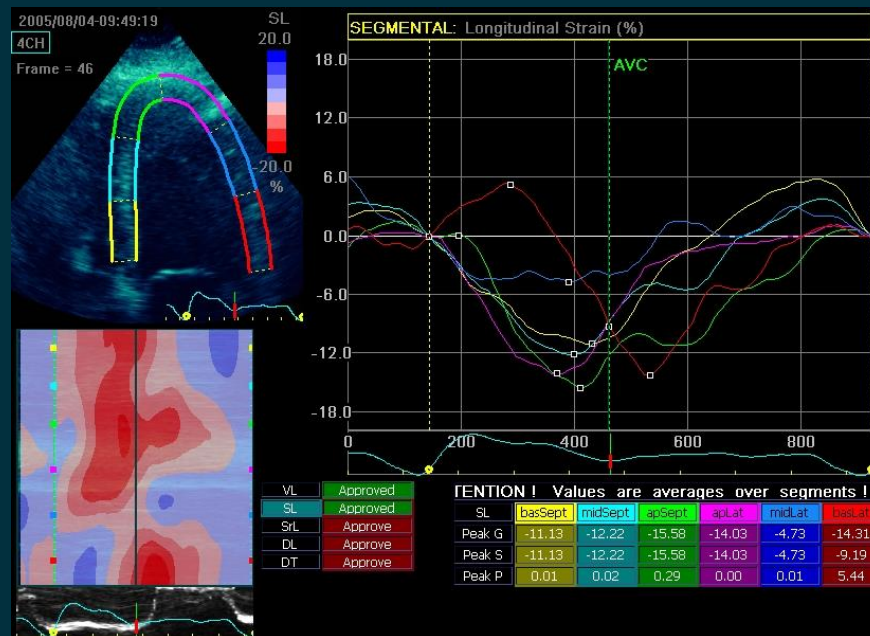
Strain: 2D Tissue tracking



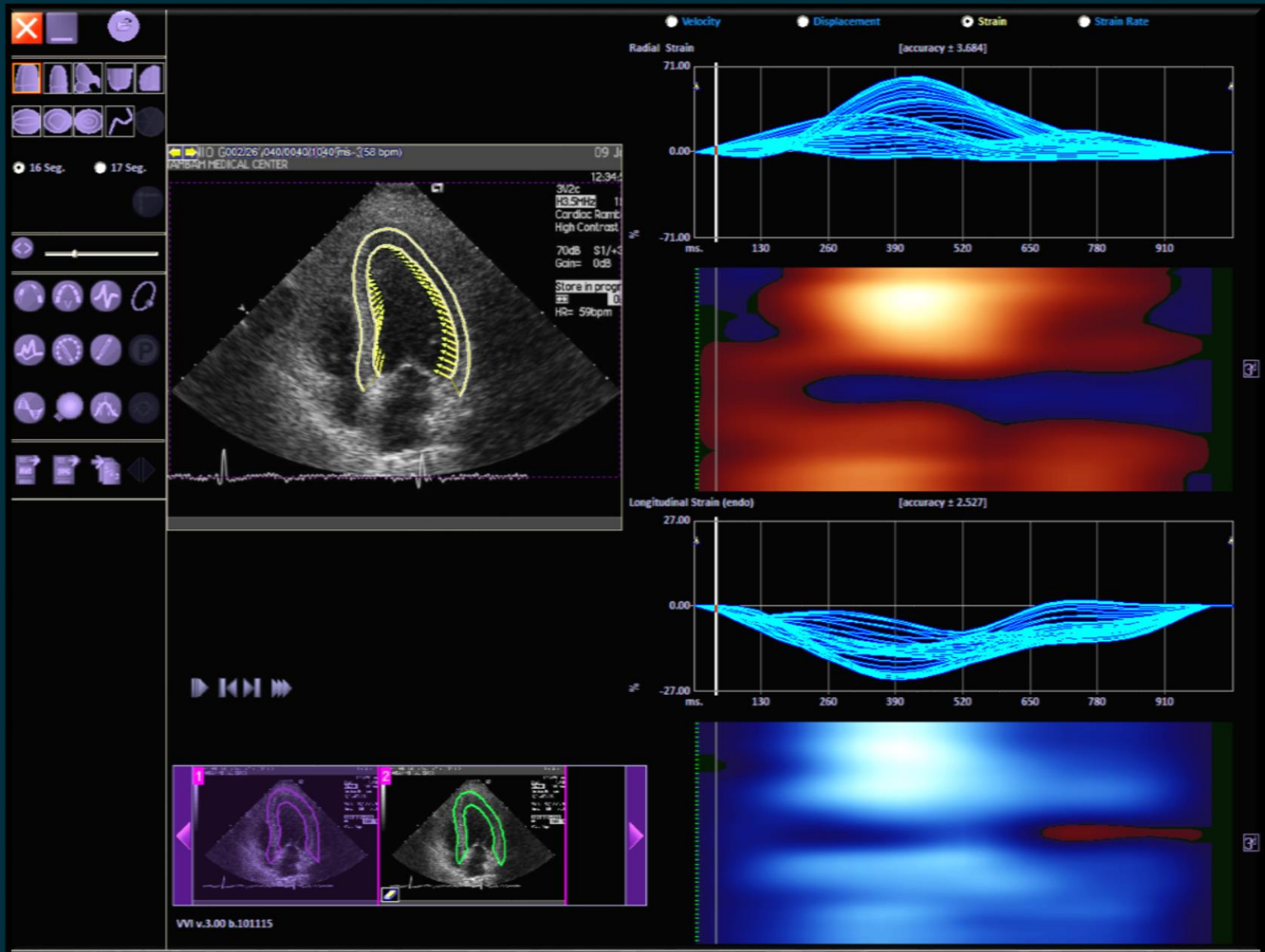
GE's 2DS:

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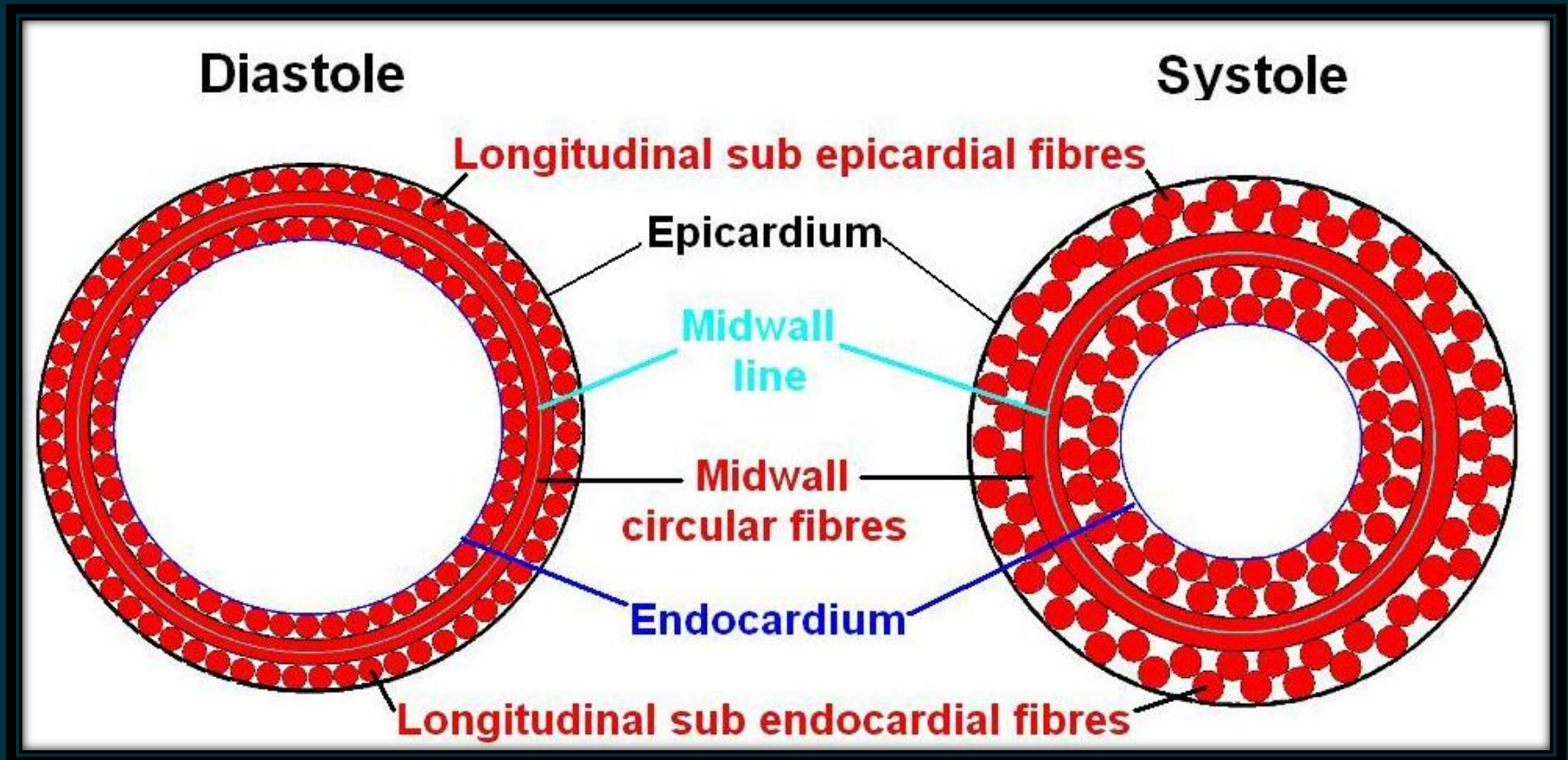
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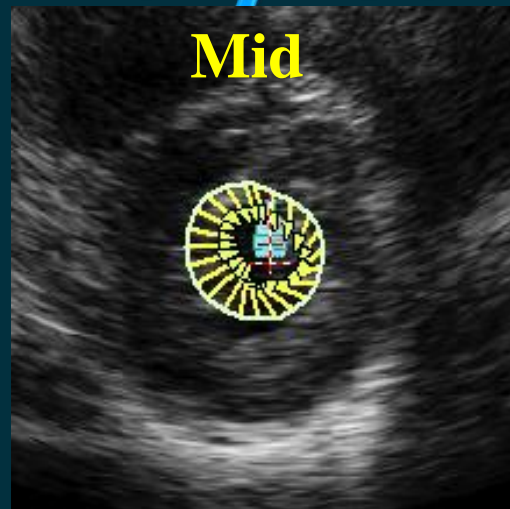
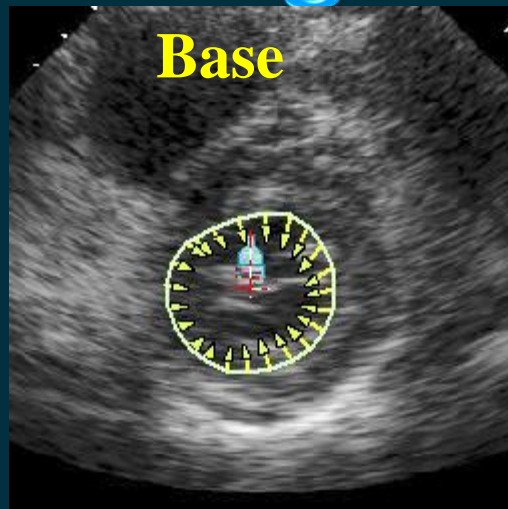
Velocity Vector Imaging



Fiber orientation and deformation

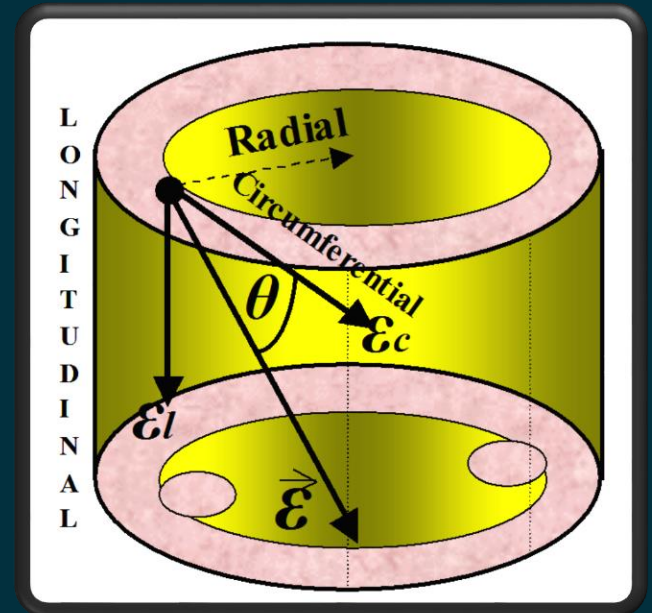


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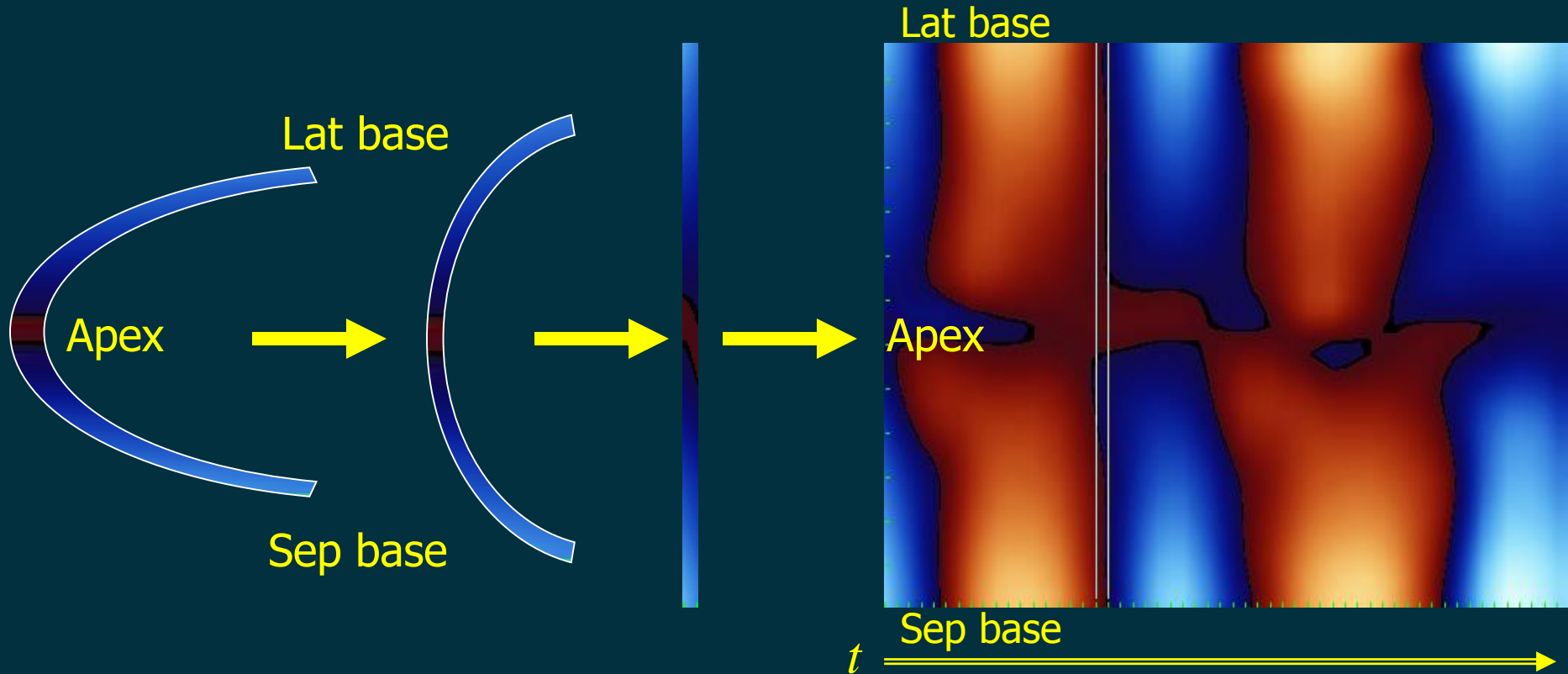


What does it measure?

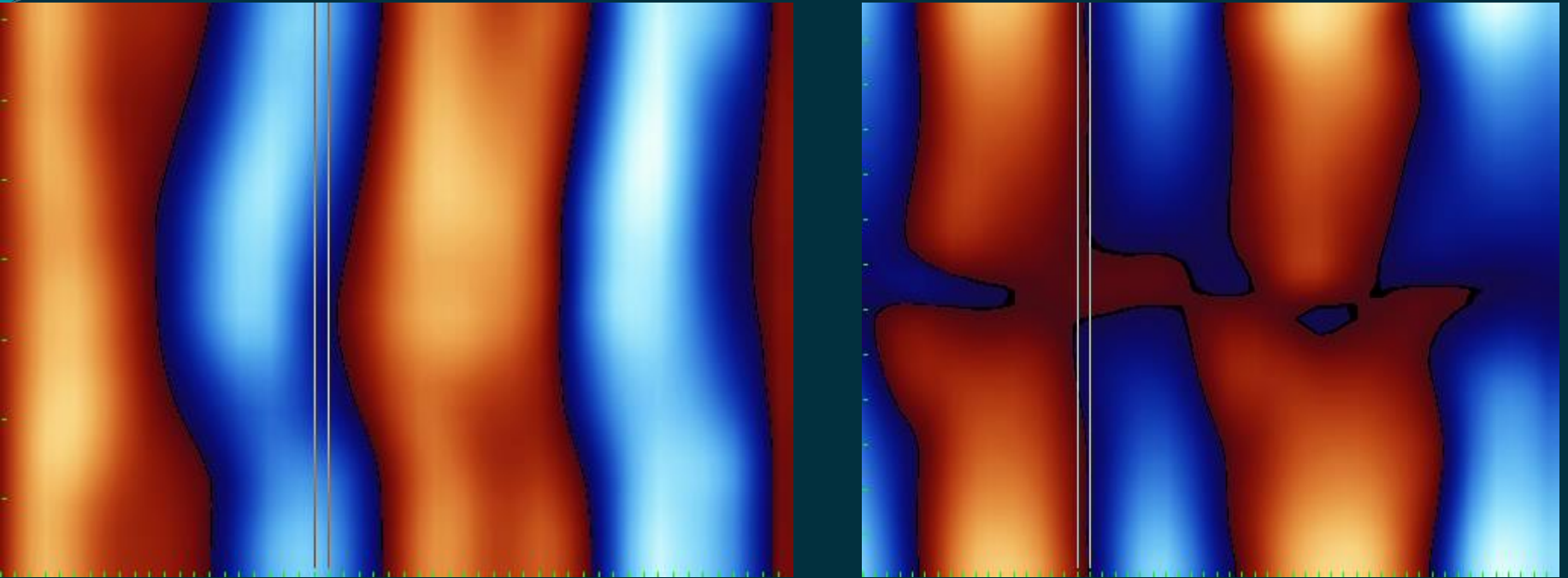
- **Displacement**
 - Radial
 - Circumferential (rotation)
 - Longitudinal
- **Relative displacement (strain)**
 - Circumferential
 - Longitudinal
 - Principal (strain vector)
 - Radial
- **Time derivative of displacement (strain rate)**



Parametric maps: curved M-mode

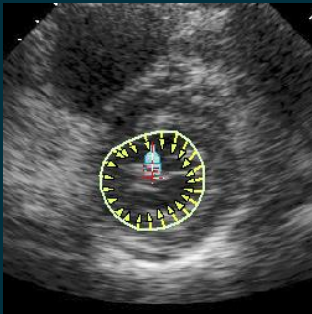


Velocities

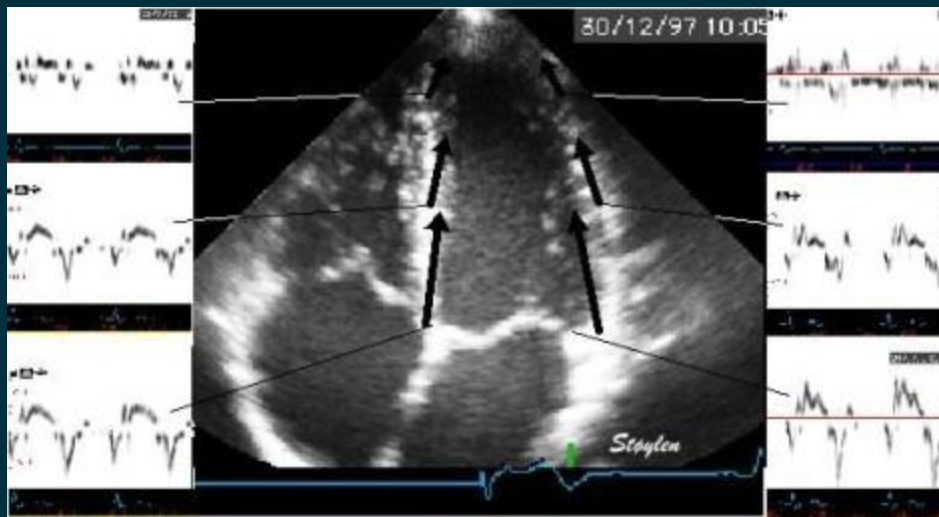
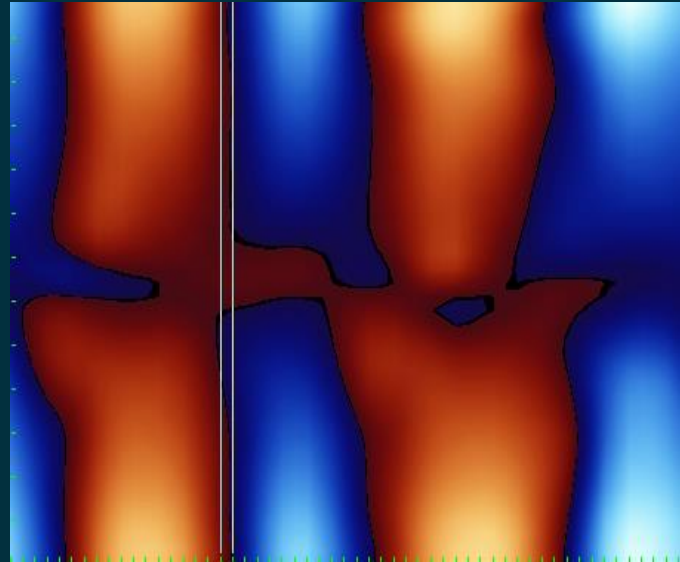


Radial (SAX views)

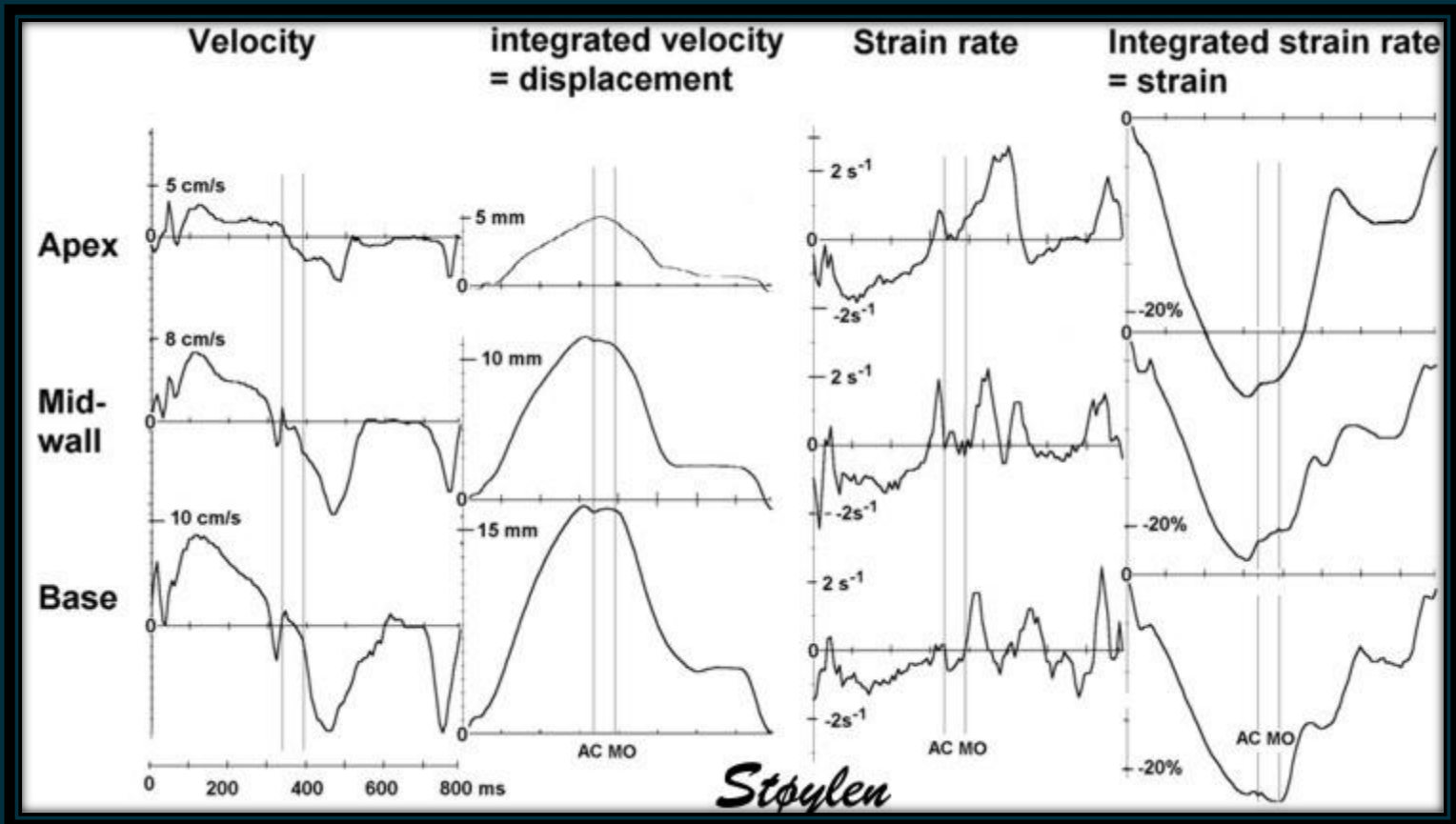
Longitudinal Apical views



Velocity is NOT synonymous of function !

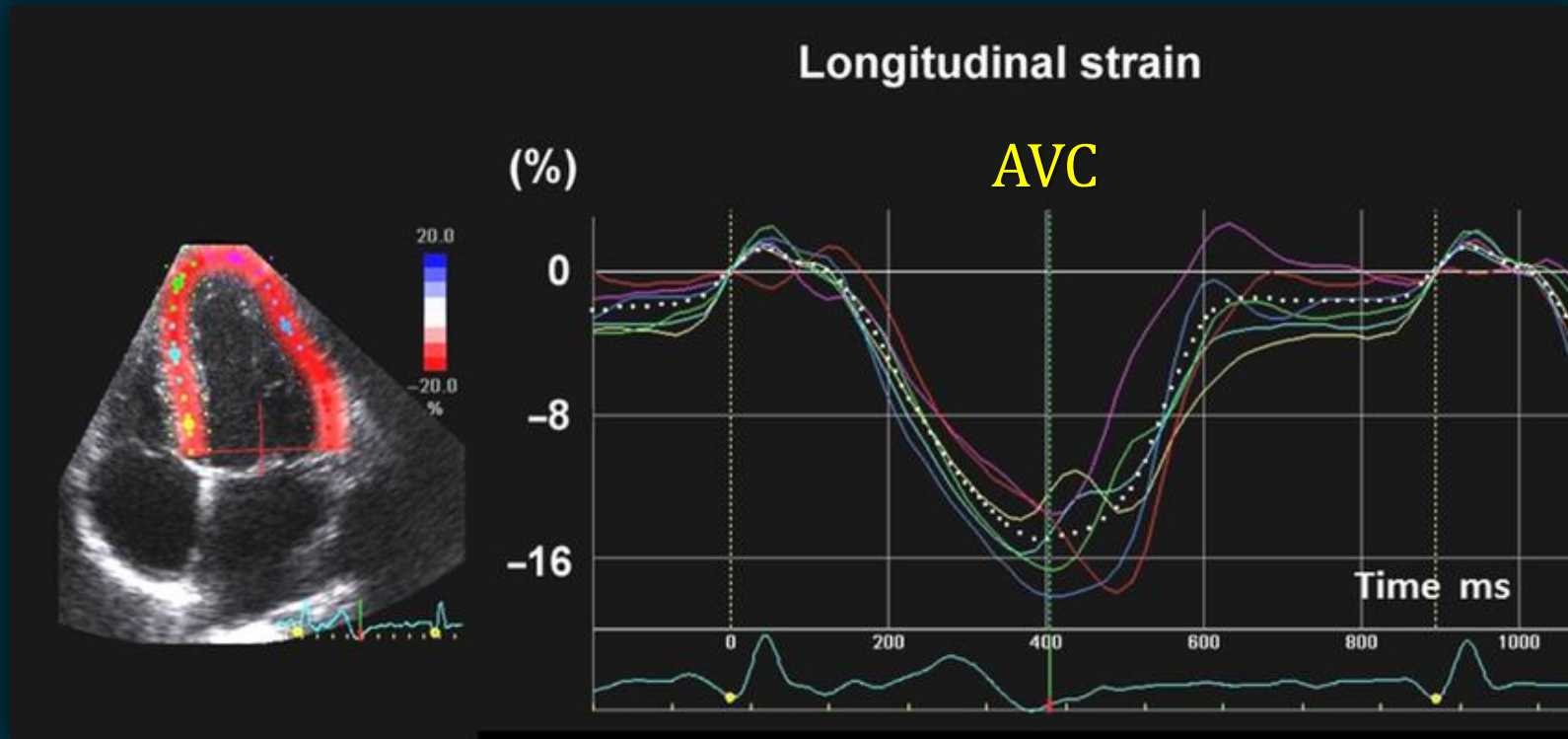


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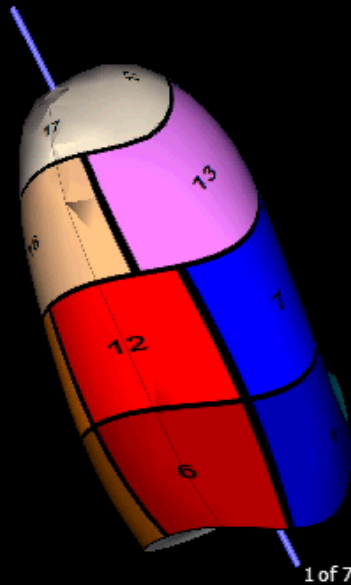


Global longitudinal strain

- Average longitudinal strain at time of Aortic Valve Closure
- Peak of the average LV longitudinal segmental strain curve.



Rotation, Twist and Torsion



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Rotation

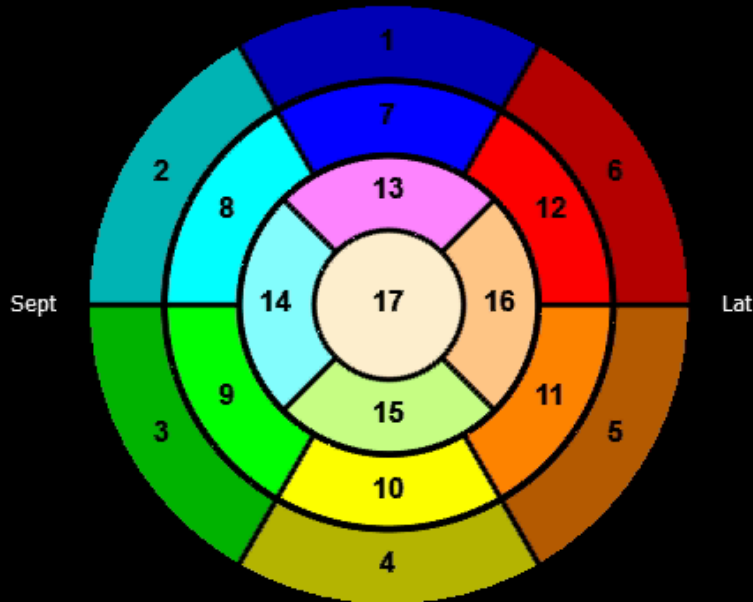
			Peak	Time
Systole	Rotation	Apex	9.4 °	223 ms
	Rotation	Base	-11.99 °	175 ms
	Rotation Rate	Apex	97.9 %/ms	143 ms
	Rotation Rate	Base	-136.3 %/ms	95 ms
Diastole	Unrotation	Apex	0 °	566 ms
	Unrotation	Base	0 °	550 ms
	Unrotation Rate	Apex	-97.21 %/ms	271 ms
	Unrotation Rate	Base	122 %/ms	303 ms

Twist

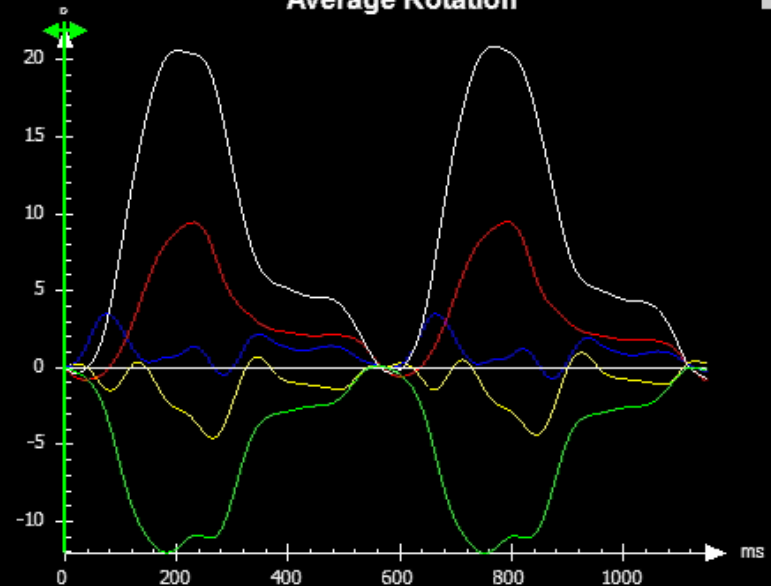
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	Twist Rate		202.05 %/ms	111 ms
Diastole	UnTwist		0 °	1125 ms
	UnTwist Rate		-160.33 %/ms	863 ms

Torsion

Torsion	4.61 %/cm
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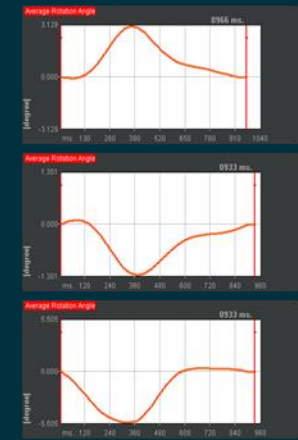
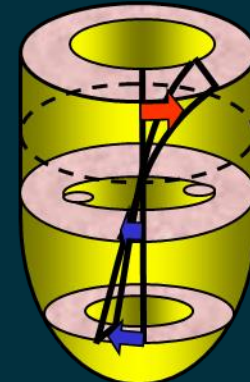
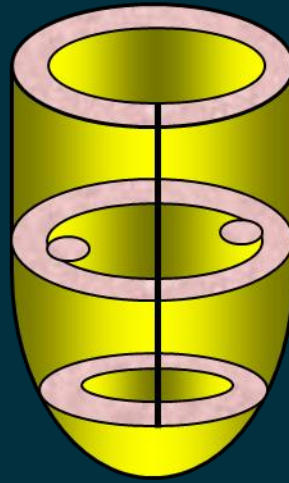


Average Rotation

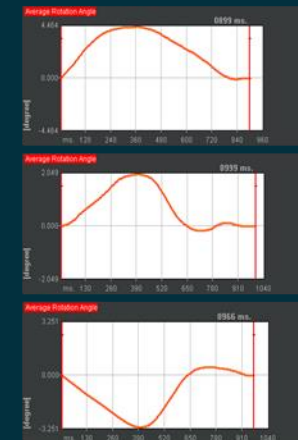
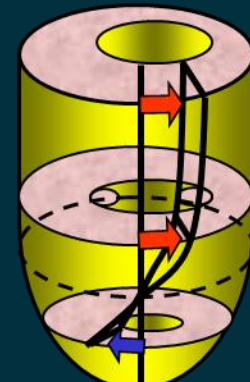
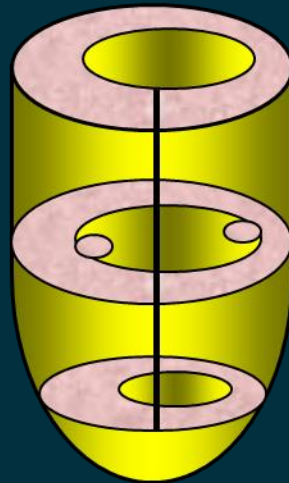


Controls

Twist

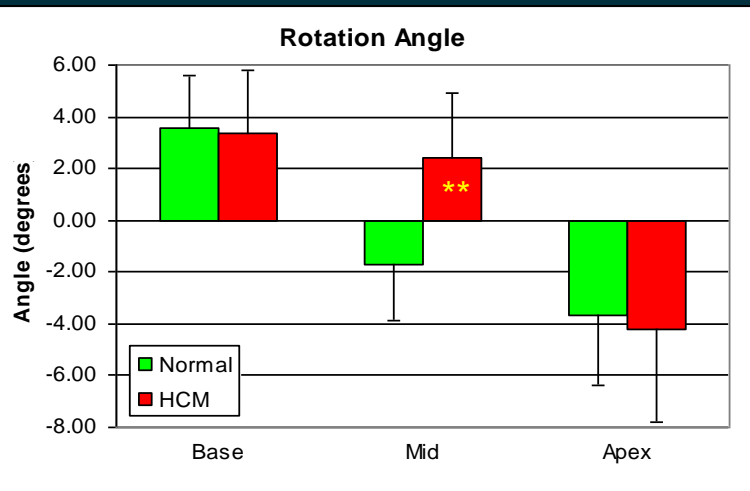
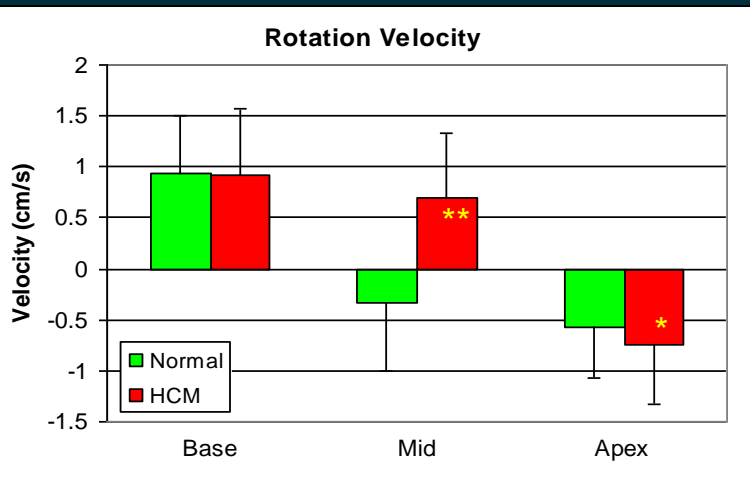


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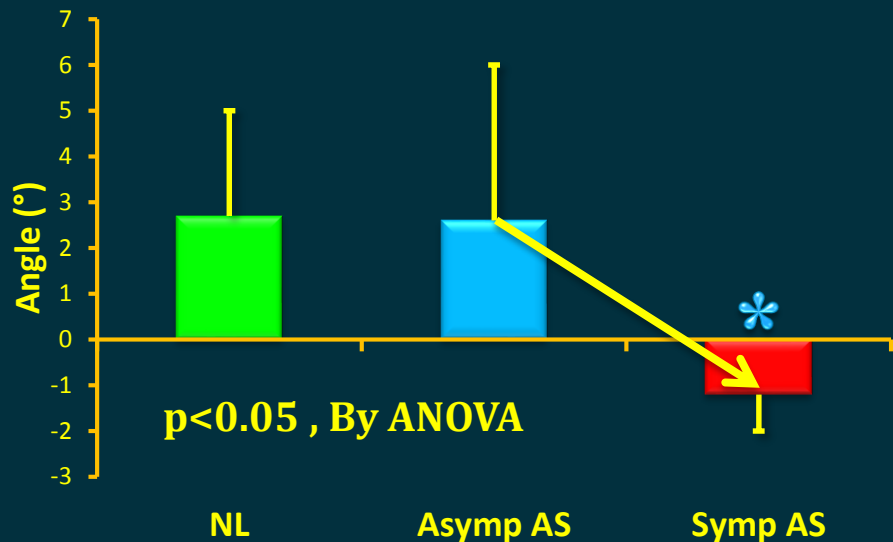
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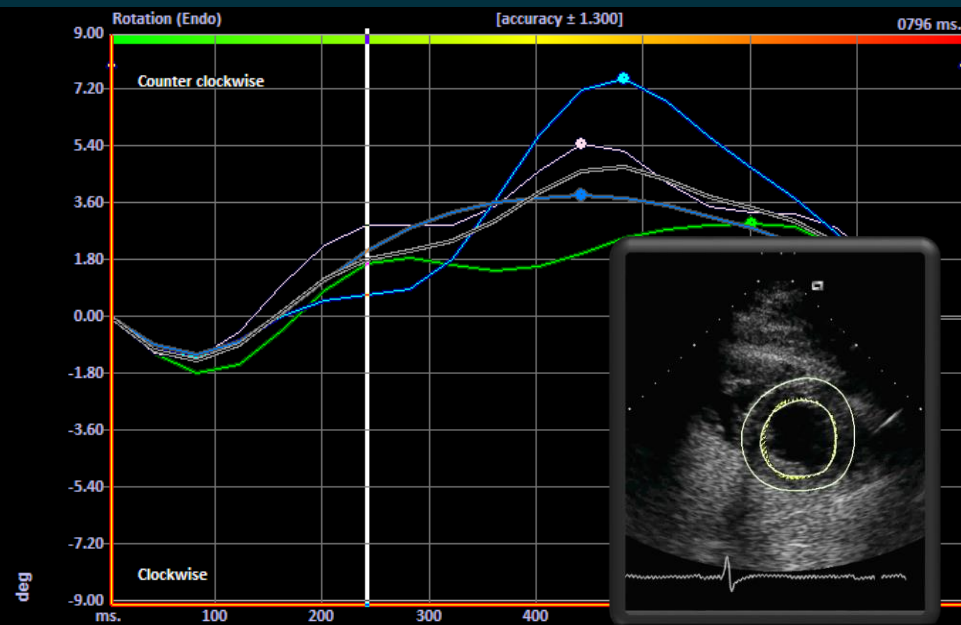
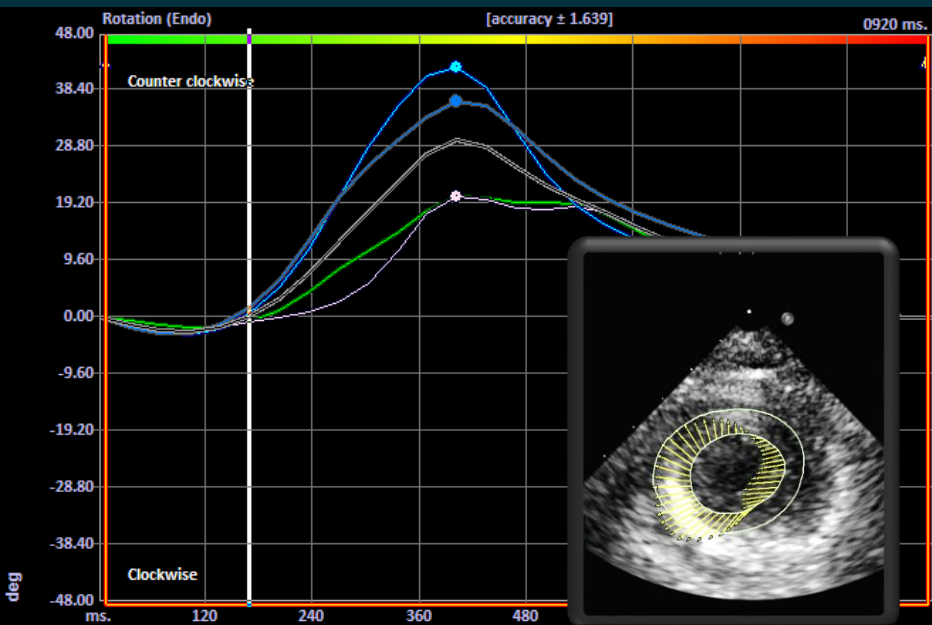
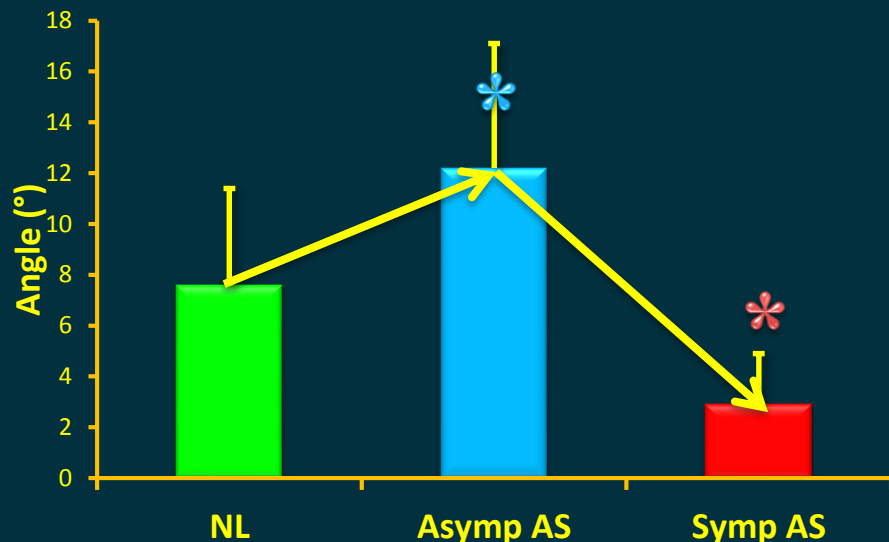


AS – Symptomatic vs. asymptomatic

Mid Rotation



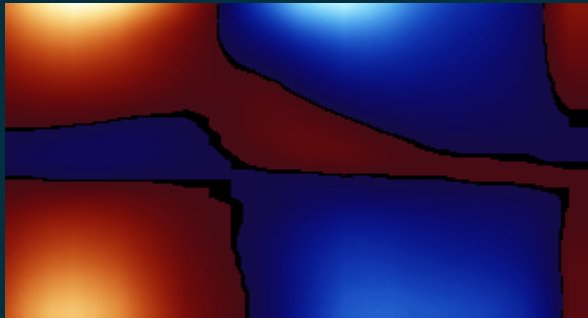
Apical Rotation



Assessment of LV Systolic Function

Regional function (longitudinal)

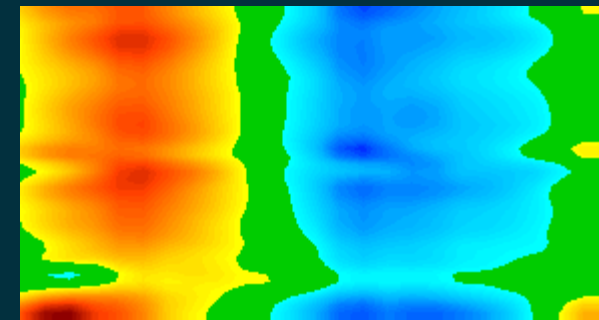
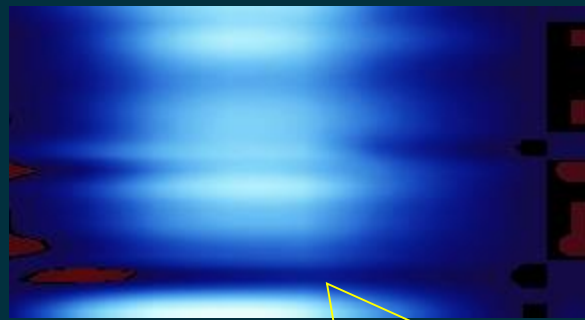
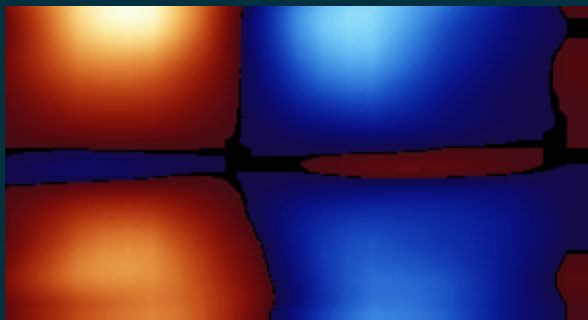
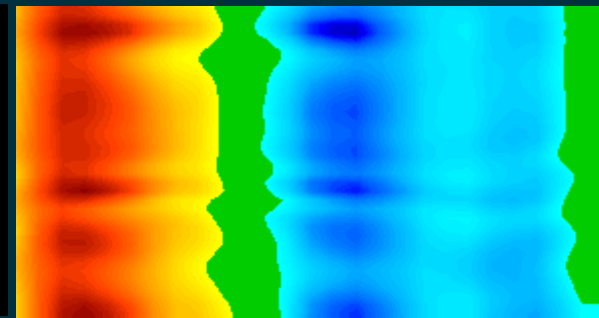
Velocity



Strain

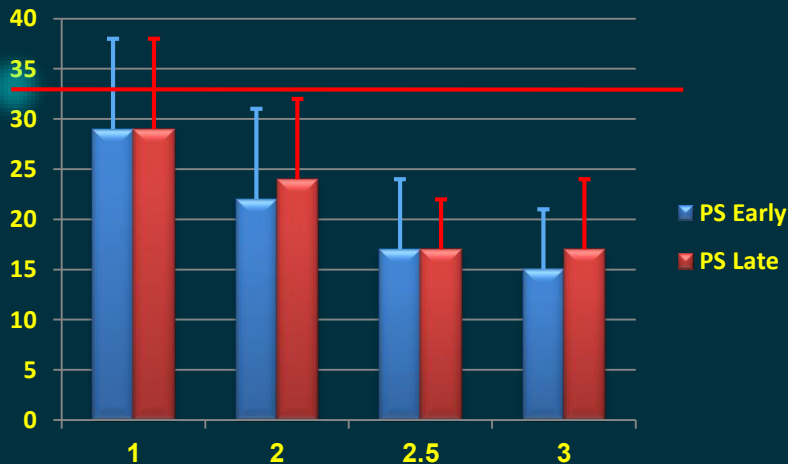
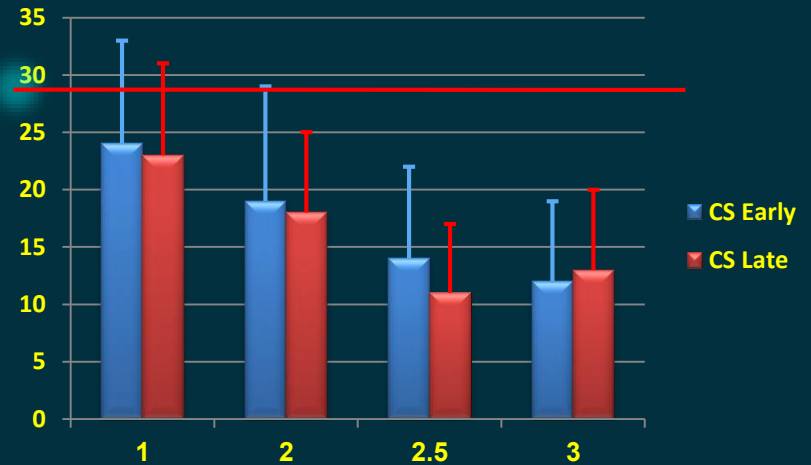
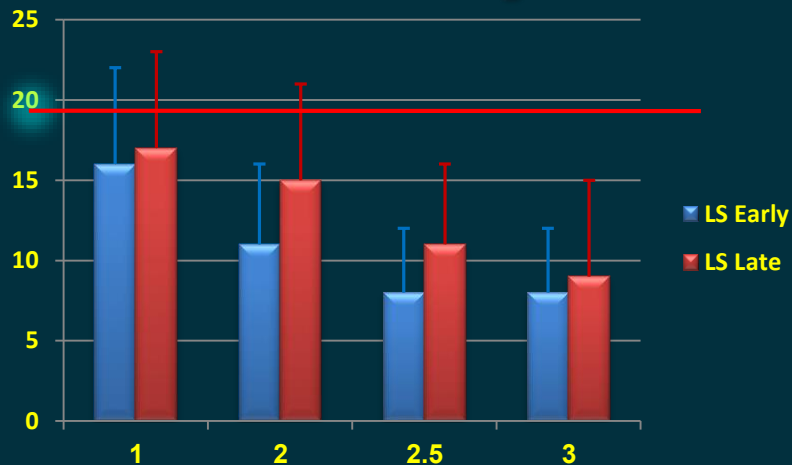


Strain Rate



SEA Infarct

Acute myocardial infarction



WMS

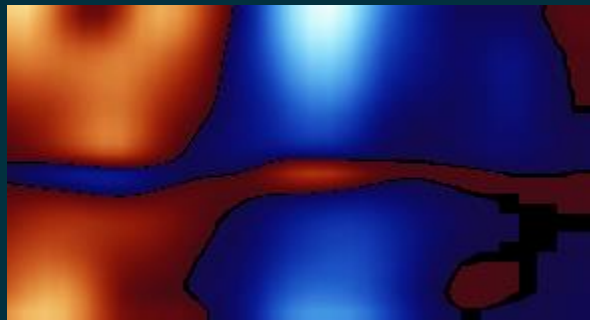
- 1 is less than normal
- 3 is **not 0** shortening
- Late LS is higher
- Late CS is lower in hypokinetic segments

What is abnormal strain?

Early Segmental strains	Echo-Score	AUC	Strain Threshold	Sens=Spec
Longitudinal strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.83 (0.79-0.88)	-11.7	0.76
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.73 (0.65-0.80)	-12.9	0.69
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.71 (0.61-0.80)	-9.2	0.65
Circumferential strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.77 (0.72-0.82)	-18.2	0.70
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.65 (0.57-0.74)	-21.0	0.62
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.70 (0.60-0.79)	-13.6	0.67
Principal strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.83 (0.79-0.88)	22.7	0.76
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.71 (0.63-0.79)	24.9	0.68
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.75 (0.66-0.83)	18.3	0.75
Late Segmental strains				
Longitudinal strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.74 (0.68-0.79)	-13.9	0.68
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.60 (0.52-0.69)	-15.8	0.56
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.73 (0.64-0.82)	-11.8	0.65
Circumferential strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.77 (0.72-0.83)	-19.1	0.70
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.66 (0.58-0.75)	-21.5	0.60
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.72 (0.63-0.81)	-14.5	0.69
Principal strain	Normal vs. Abnormal	0.80 (0.75-0.85)	23.8	0.75
	Normal vs. Hypo	0.66 (0.57-0.75)	26.2	0.64
	Hypokinetic vs. Akinetic	0.76 (0.67-0.85)	19.9	0.67

Activation pattern: RV pacing

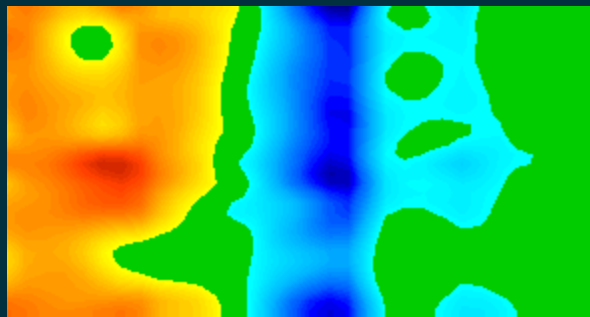
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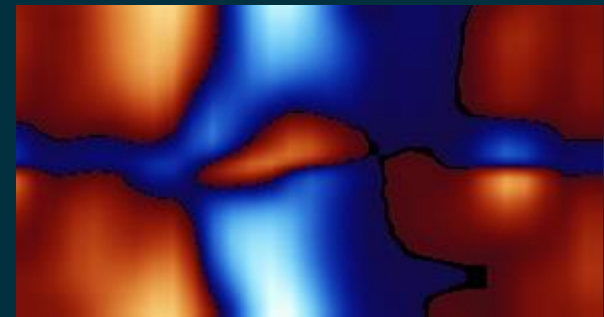
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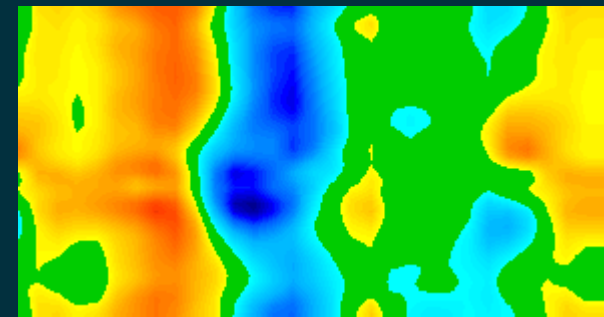
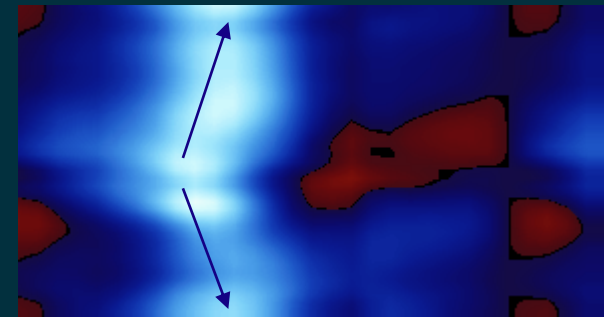
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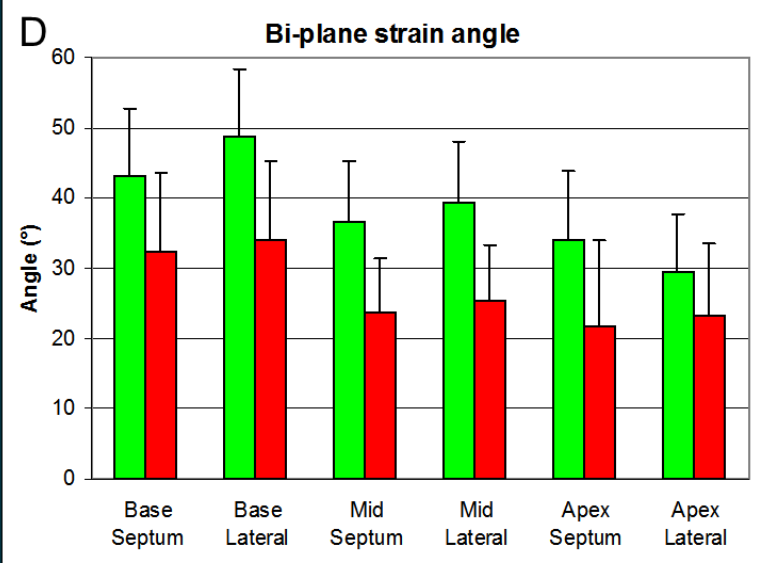
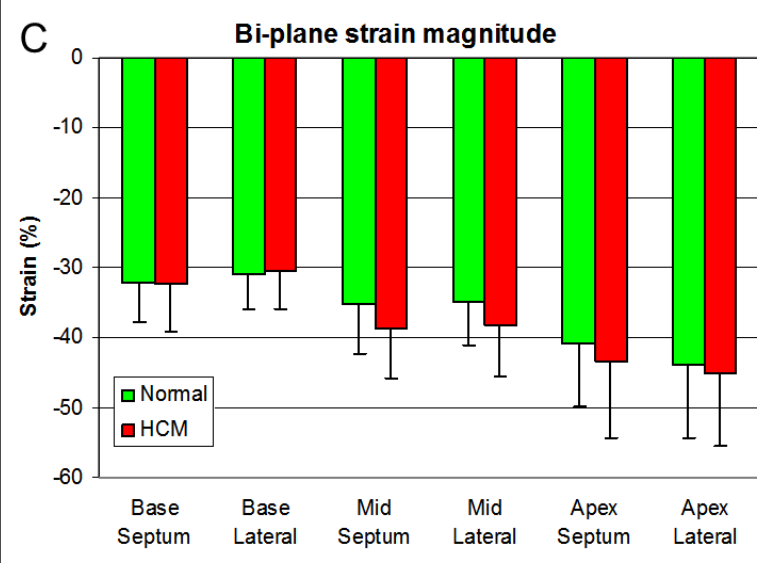
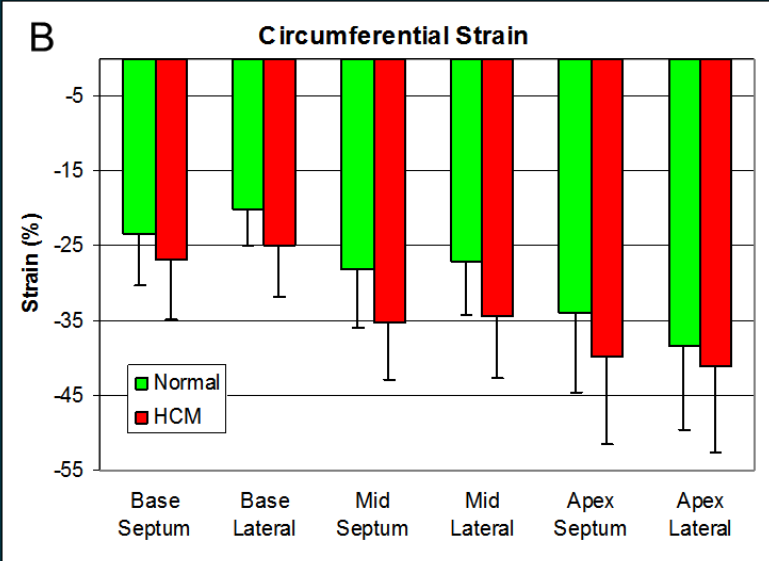
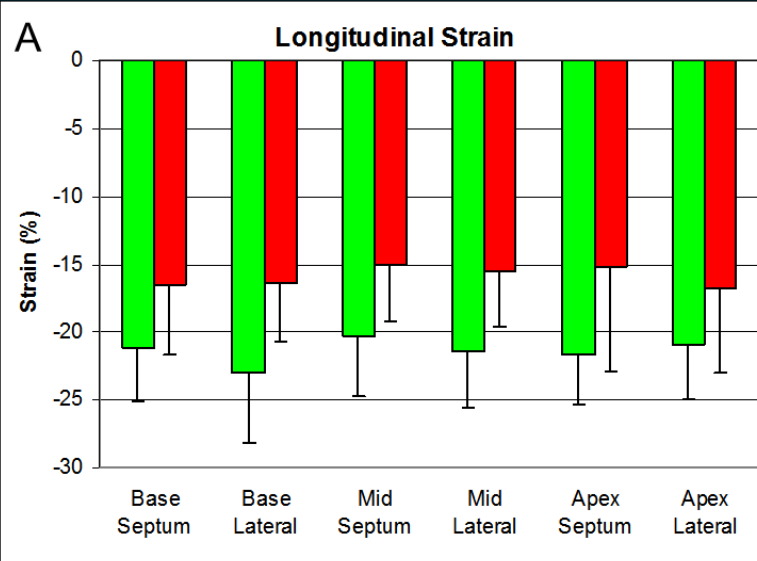
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Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

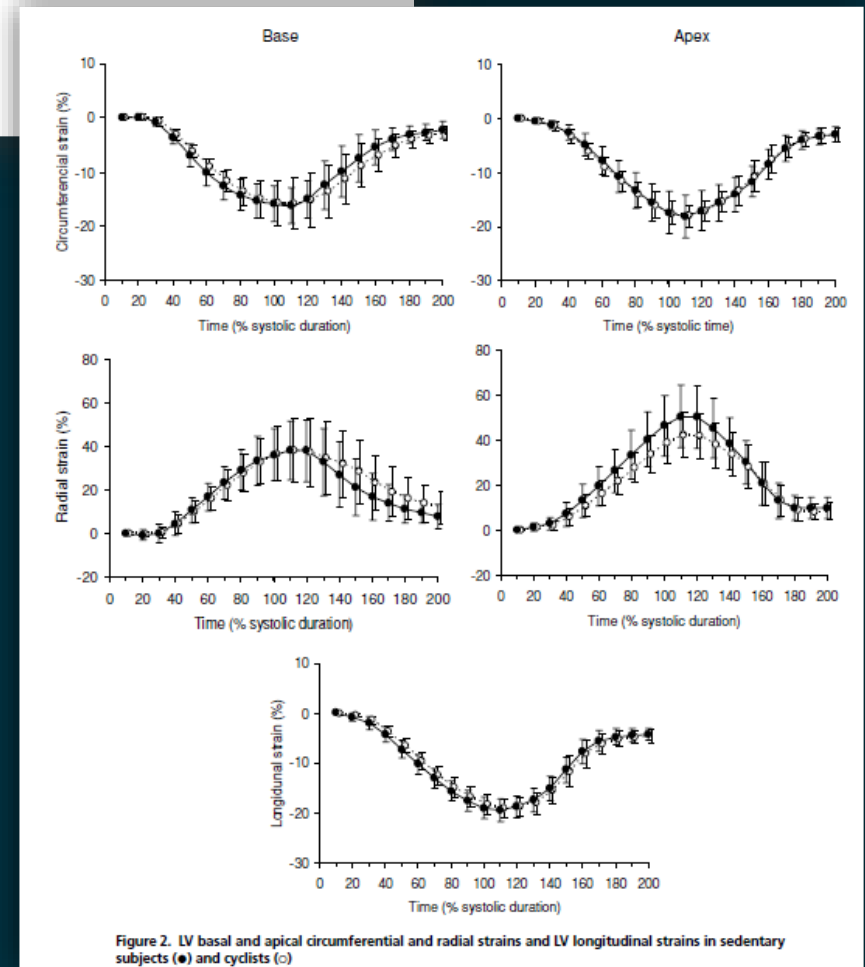


Athlete's Heart

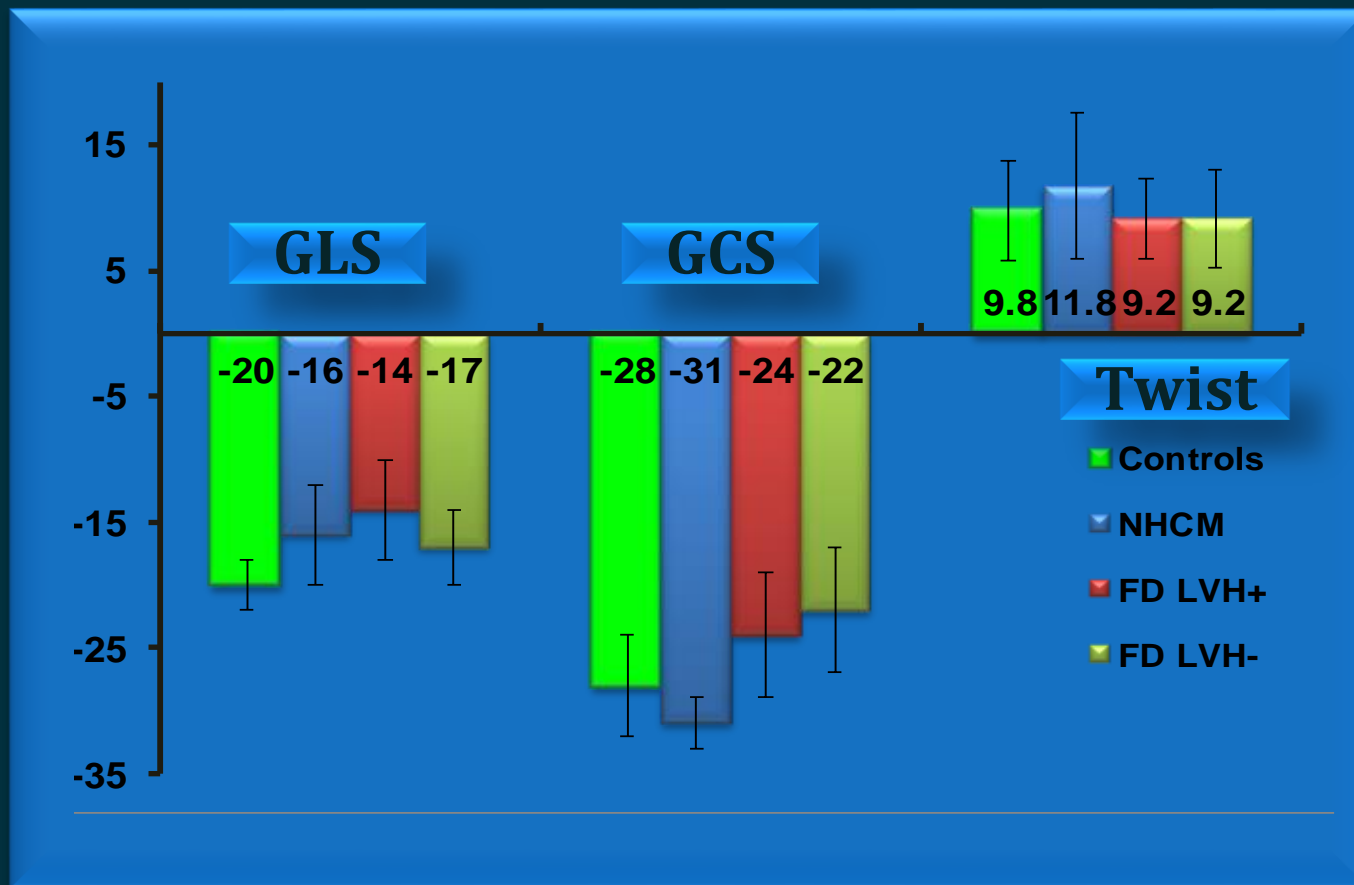
Alteration in left ventricular normal and shear strains evaluated by 2D-strain echocardiography in the athlete's heart

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Anderson Fabry Disease



Amyloidosis

Differentiation of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Cardiac Amyloidosis from Other Causes of Ventricular Wall Thickening by Two-Dimensional Strain Imaging Echocardiography

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- Low LS
- Low CS
- Low apical rotation

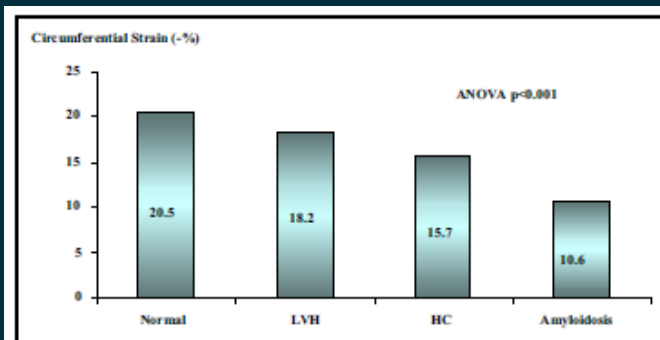
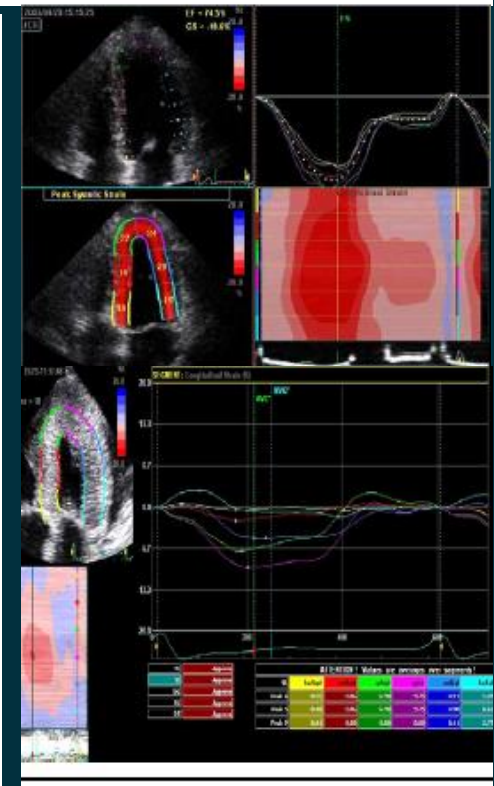
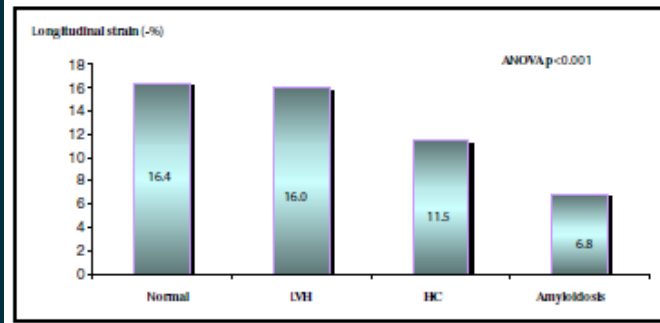
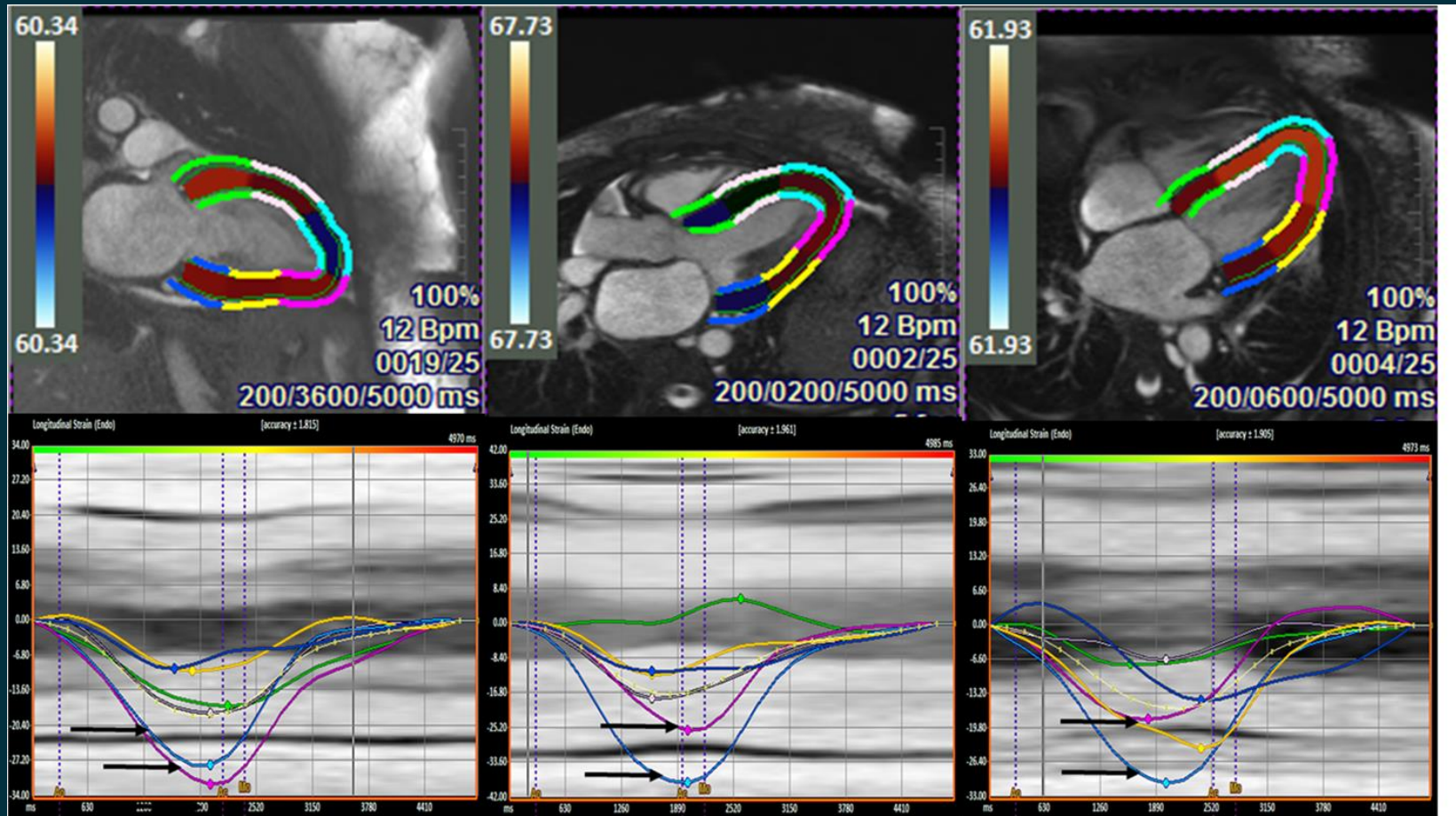


Figure 2. Differences in circumferential strain among the groups. ANOVA = analysis of variance; LVH = LV hypertrophy.



Amyloidosis – apical sparing



Use of Myocardial Strain Imaging by Echocardiography for the Early Detection of Cardiotoxicity in Patients During and After Cancer Chemotherapy

A Systematic Review

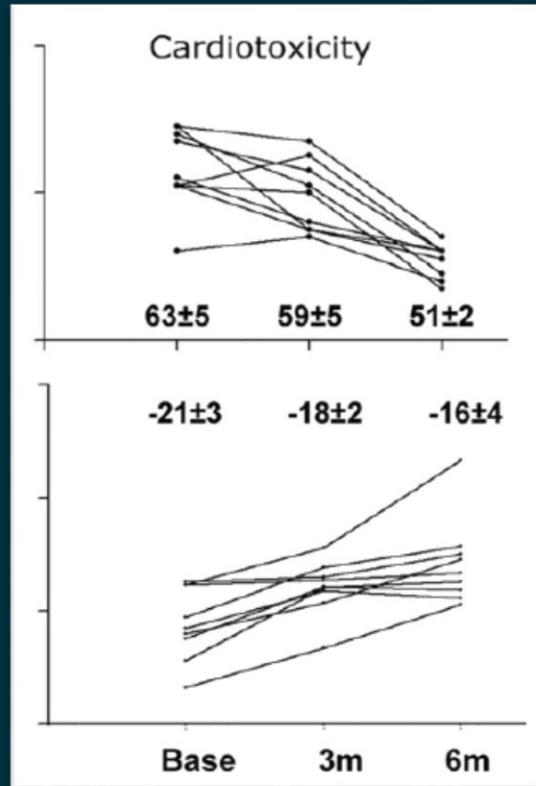
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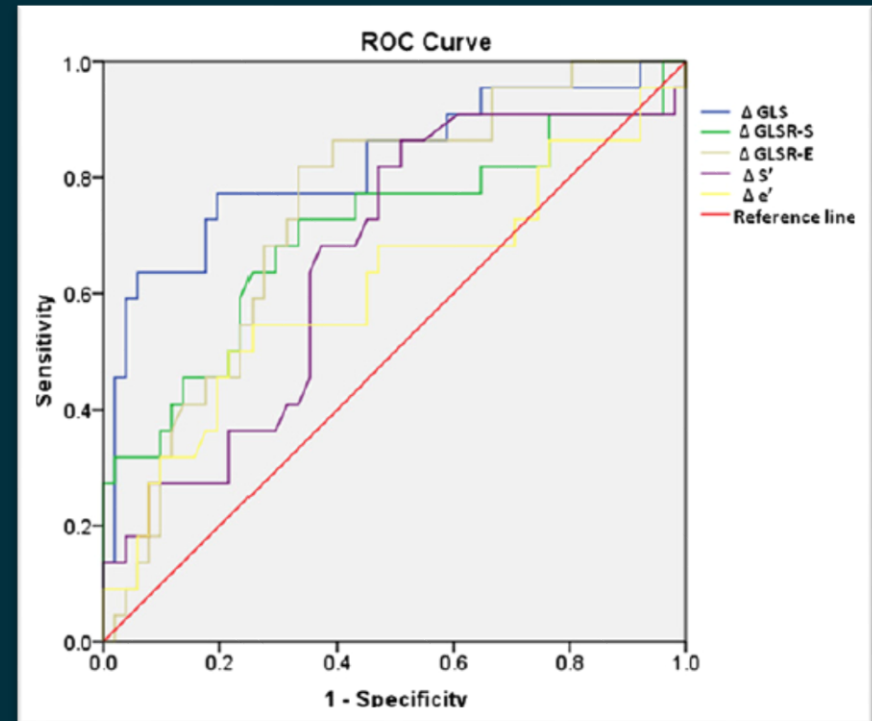
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Early Detection of Myocardial Dysfunction



N=43, 21% CTOX, AC followed by TZM

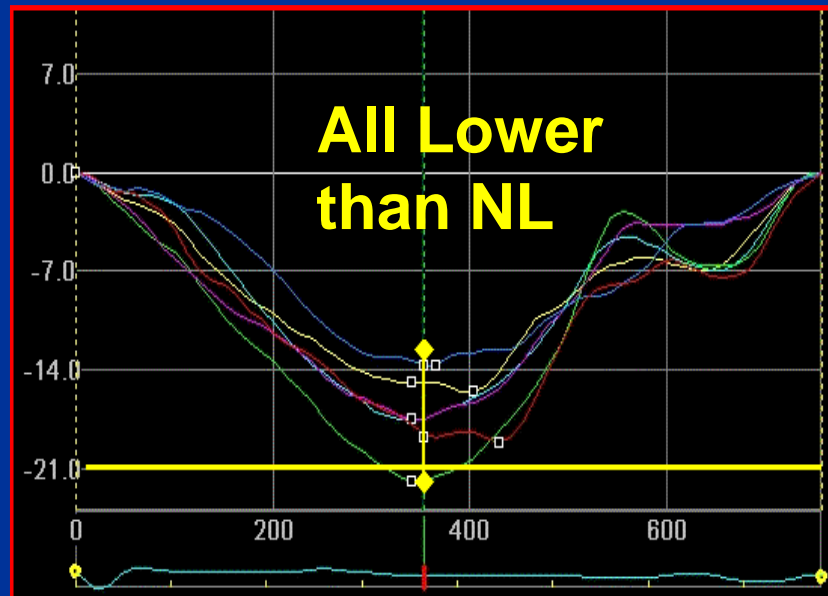
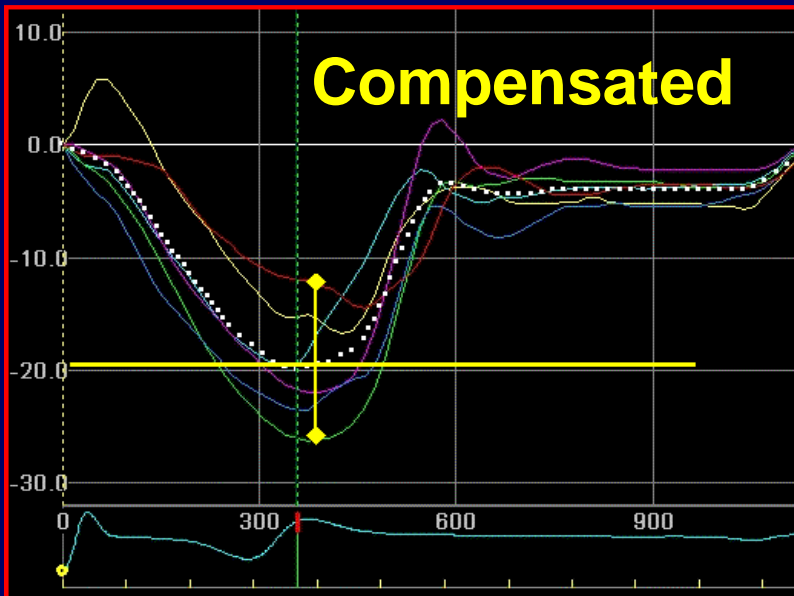
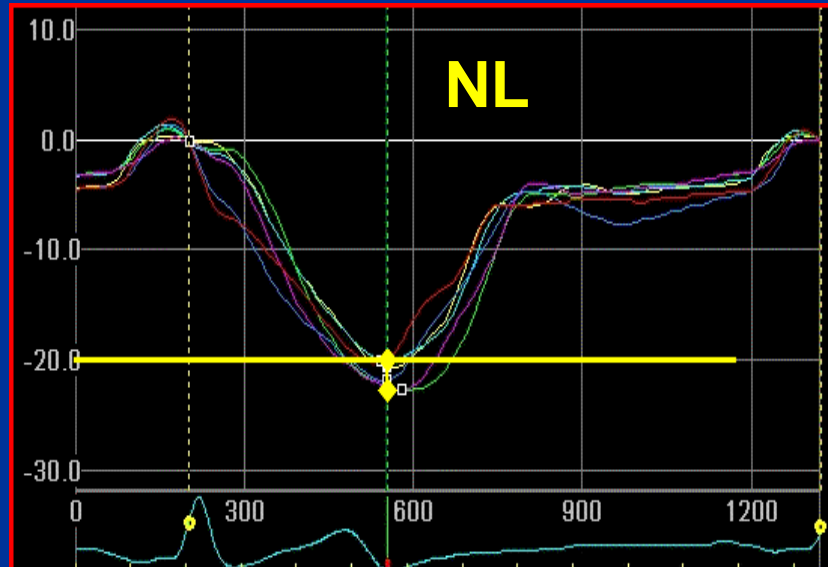
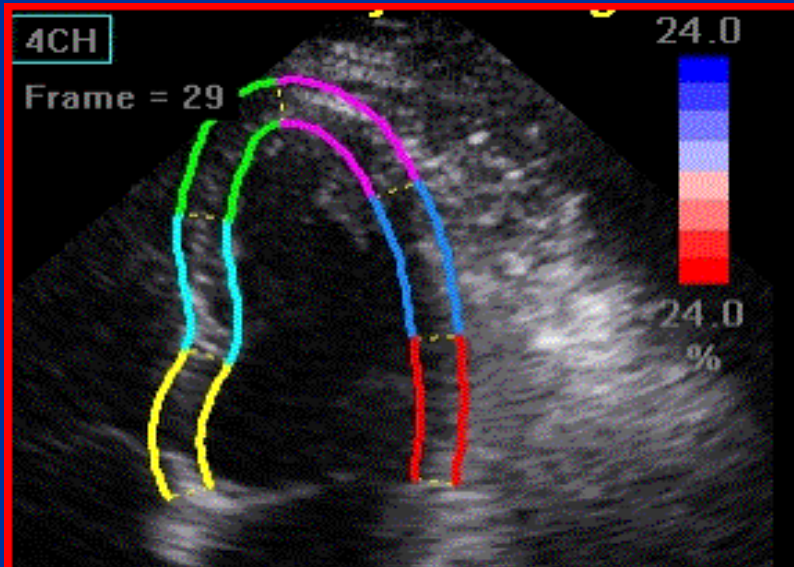
Sawaya H et al. Am J Cardiol 2011;107:1375



N=81, 30% CTOX, All trastuzumab, 40% A

Negishi K et al, JASE 2013, 26: 493-8

Toxic Cardiomyopathy: stages



Adoption of method in guidelines



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ESC CPG POSITION PAPER

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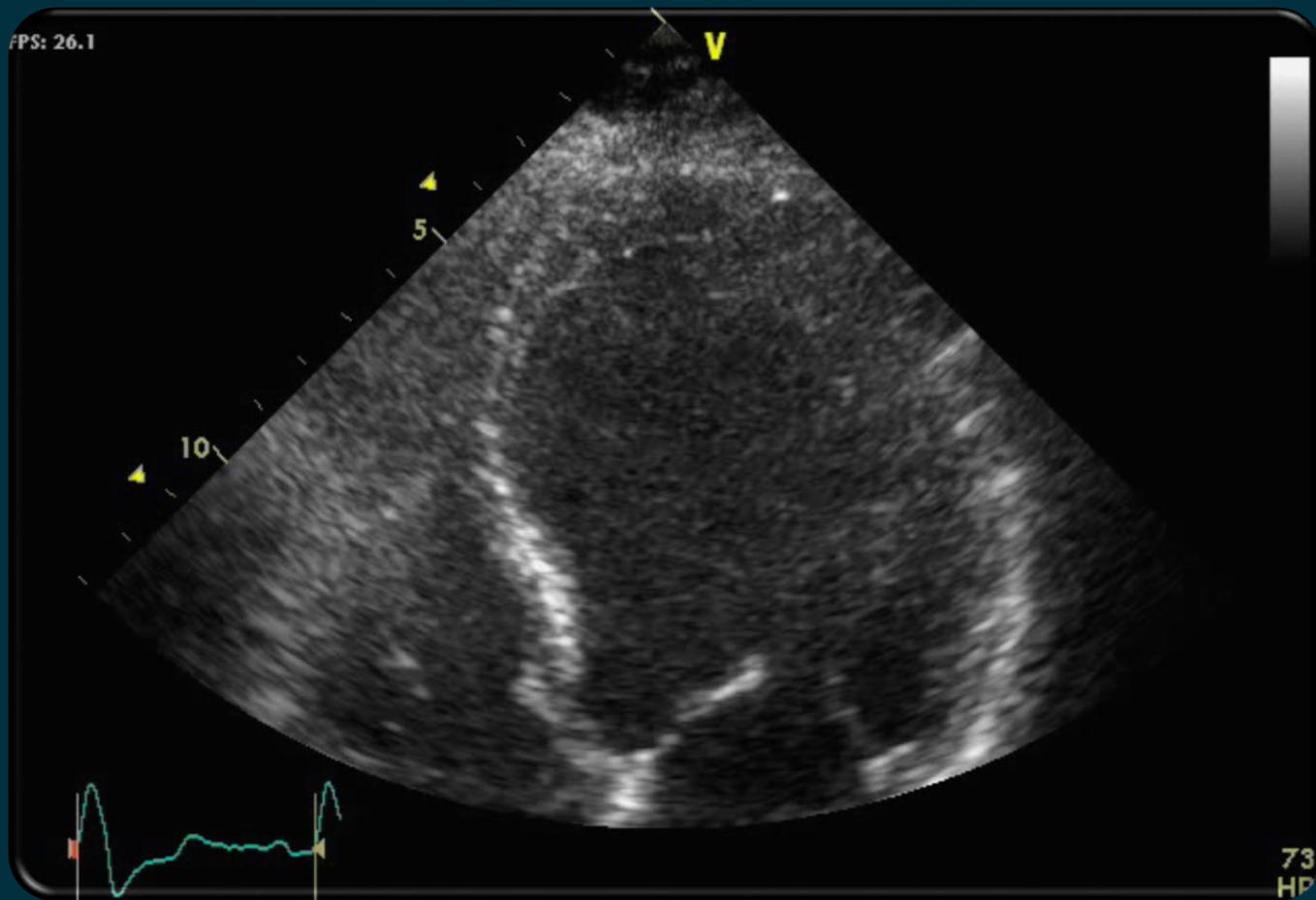
Baseline and follow-up

Table 6 Proposed diagnostic tools for the detection of cardiotoxicity

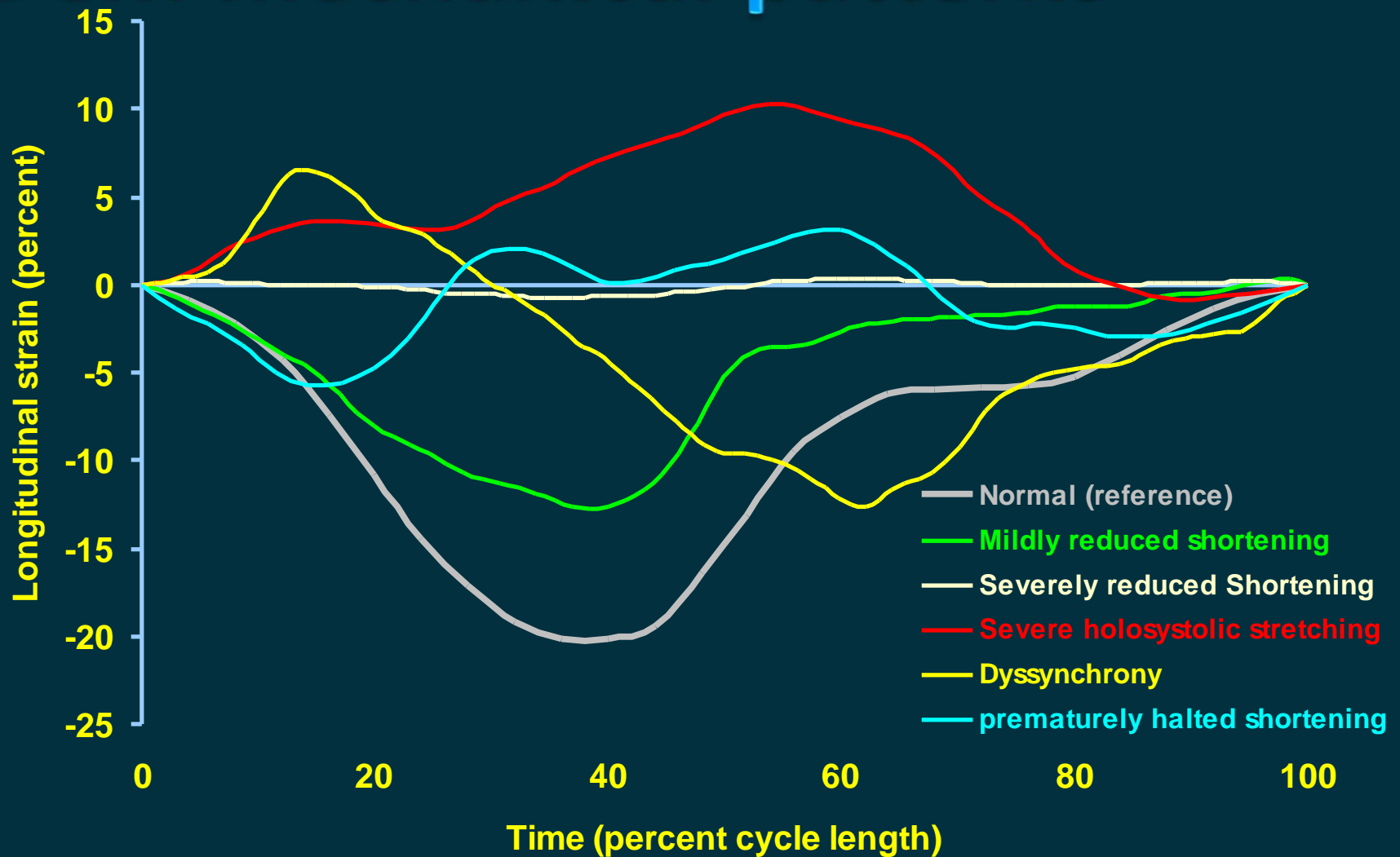
Technique	Currently available diagnostic criteria	Advantages	Major limitations
Echocardiography: - 3D-based LVEF - 2D Simpson's LVEF - GLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LVEF: >10 percentage points decrease to a value below the LLN suggests cardiotoxicity. GLS: >15% relative percentage reduction from baseline may suggest risk of cardiotoxicity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide availability. Lack of radiation. Assessment of haemodynamics and other cardiac structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-observer variability. Image quality. GLS: inter-vendor variability, technical requirements.
Nuclear cardiac imaging (MUGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >10 percentage points decrease in LVEF with a value <50% identifies patients with cardiotoxicity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reproducibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative radiation exposure. Limited structural and functional information on other cardiac structures.
Cardiac magnetic resonance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically used if other techniques are non-diagnostic or to confirm the presence of LV dysfunction if LVEF is borderlines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accuracy, reproducibility. Detection of diffuse myocardial fibrosis using T1/T2 mapping and ECVF evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited availability. Patient's adaptation (claustrophobia, breath hold, long acquisition times).
Cardiac biomarkers: - Troponin I - High-sensitivity Troponin I - BNP - NT-proBNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rise identifies patients receiving anthracyclines who may benefit from ACE-Is. Routine role of BNP and NT-proBNP in surveillance of high-risk patient needs further investigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accuracy, reproducibility. Wide availability. High-sensitivity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient evidence to establish the significance of subtle rises. Variations with different assays. Role for routine surveillance not clearly established.

ACE-Is = angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors; BNP = B-type natriuretic peptide; ECVF = extracellular volume fraction; GLS = global longitudinal strain; LV = left ventricular; LLN = lower limit of normality; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; MUGA = multigated radionuclide angiography; NT-proBNP = N-terminal fragment B-type natriuretic peptide.

Dilated Cardiomyopathy



DCM mechanical patterns



Visual Statistics: non responders

Apical 4 Chamber | Apical 2 Chamber

Strain Pattern											
basSept	midSept	apSept	apLat	midLat	basLat	basInf	midInf	apInf	apAnt	midAnt	basAnt
1	2	2	-2	1	1	3	4	0	1	-2	-4
3	0	4	4	0	-4	-2	1	2	4	2	1
-4	4	1	4	4	1	4	4	1	3	-2	-4
3	3	4	0	-2	1	0	-2	4	0	0	4
3	4	3	1	-4	-4	4	4	1	1	1	0
3	-2	2	4	-4	-4	4	3	1	1	1	4
-4	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1
1	1	1	3	4	-4	4	-2	1	2	2	-4
-4	-4	2	4	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
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-4	-2	4	2	1	1	0	3	-2	1	4	3
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-2	-4	0	0	3	3	4	2	0	0	2	1
2	-2	4	4	-2	1	2	2	1	-4	2	-4
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3-4	Mildly Hypokinetic
2	Pseudo Dyssynchrony
1	Dyssynchronous
0	Akinetic
-2	Mildly Dyskinetic
-4	Severly Dyskinetic

Visual Statistics: responders

Apical 4 Chamber | Apical 2 Chamber

Strain Pattern											
basSept	midSept	apSept	apLat	midLat	basLat	basInf	midInf	apInf	apAnt	midAnt	basAnt
0	2	3	1	4	1	2	0	2	2	1	1
2	2	4	4	0	-2	4	2	1	-2	0	4
4	4	-2	1	4	0	0	2	-2	1	0	4
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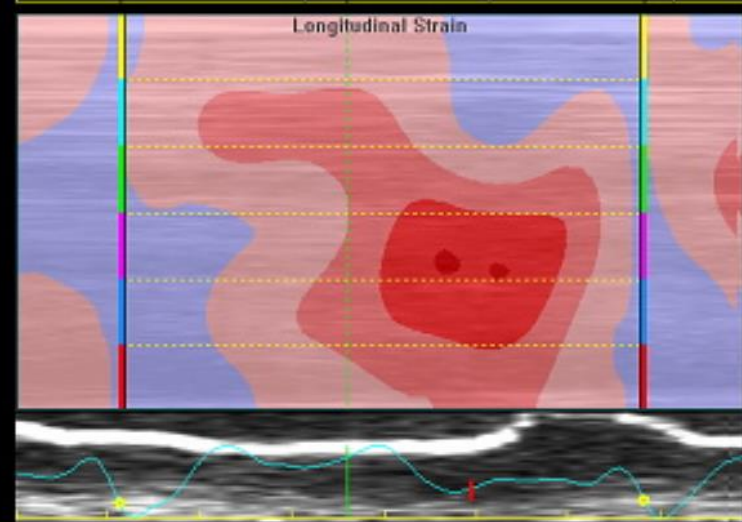
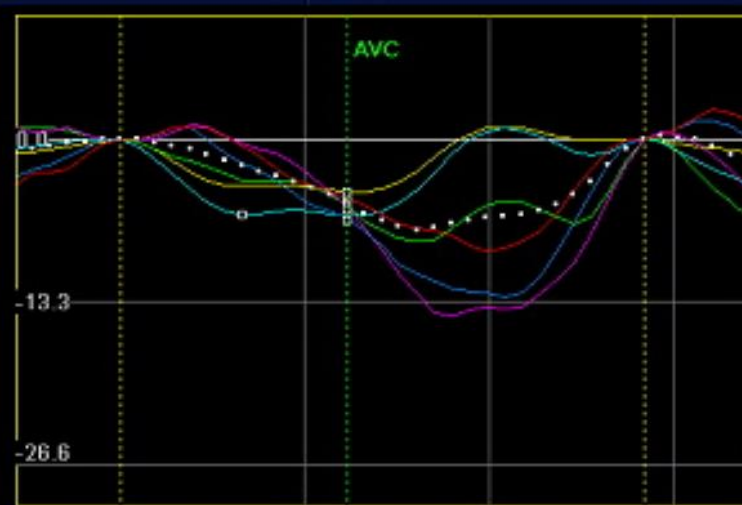
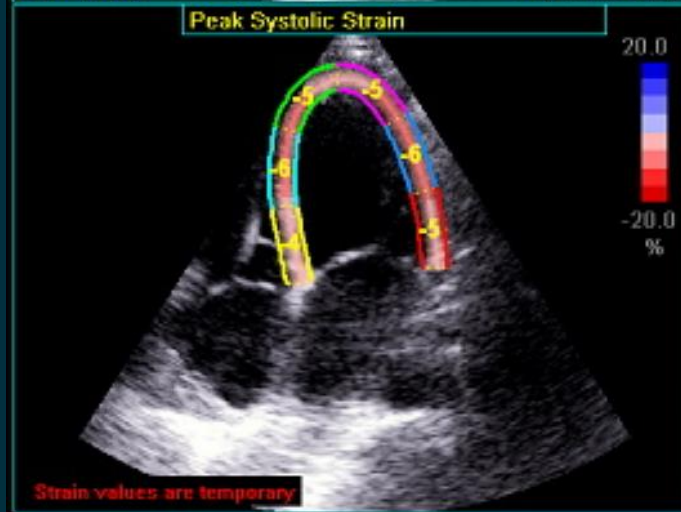
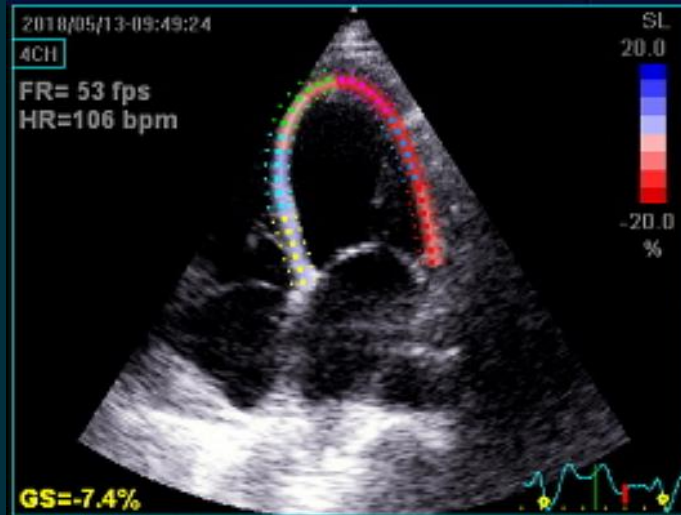
Septal pseudodyssynchrony...

Anterolateral dyssynchrony...

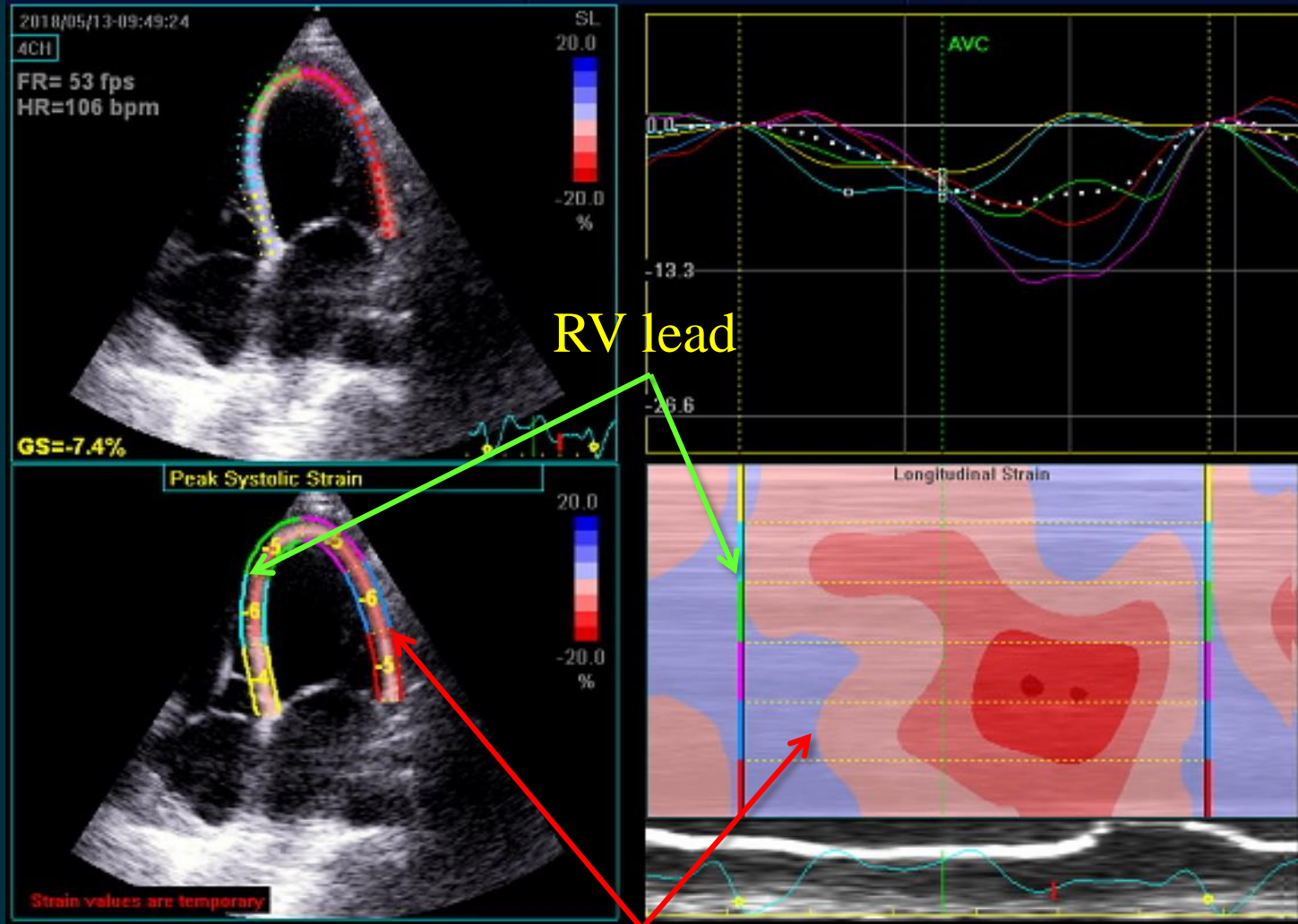
... and **No** severely dyskinetic Segments

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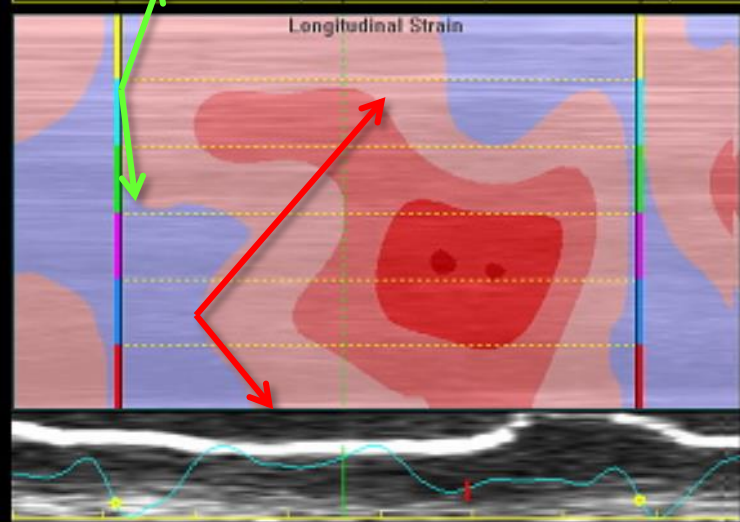
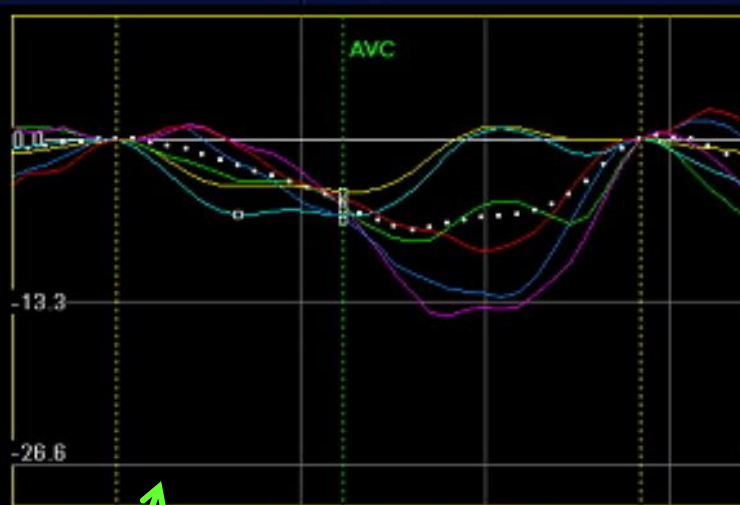
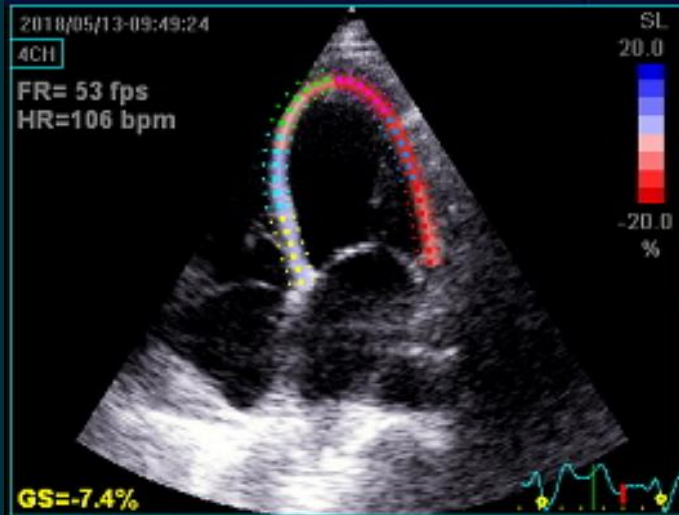
Pacing and Conduction velocities



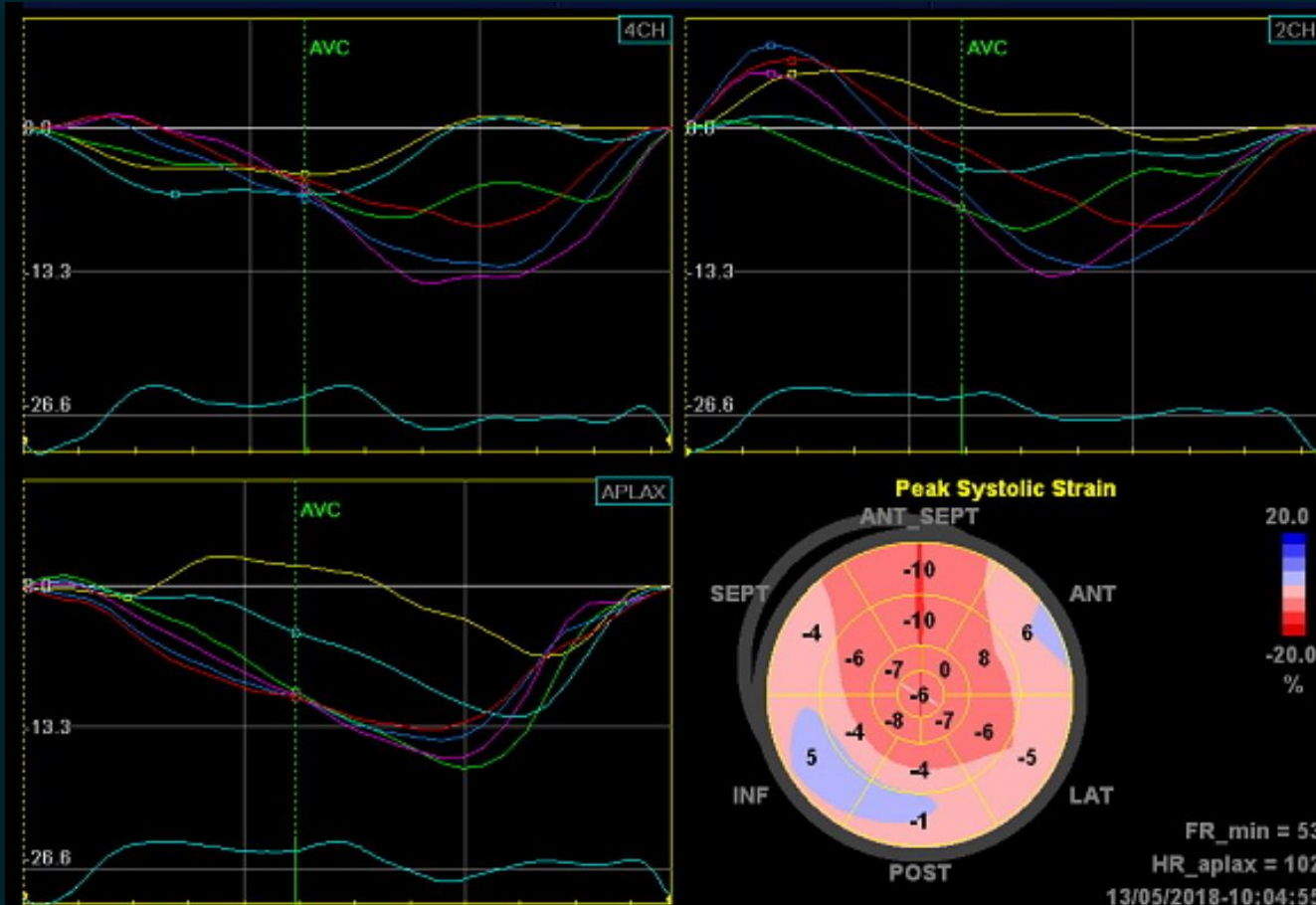
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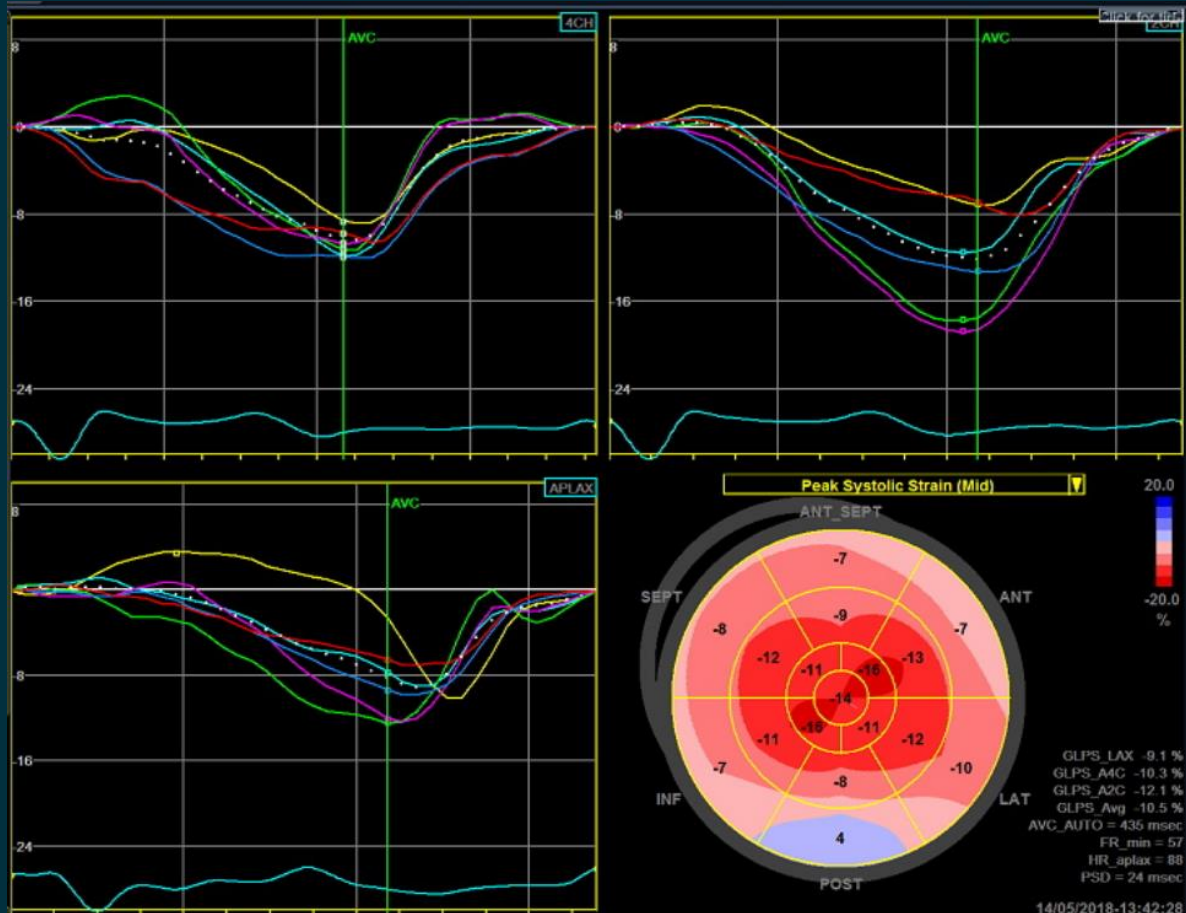
CRT - Myocardial conduction



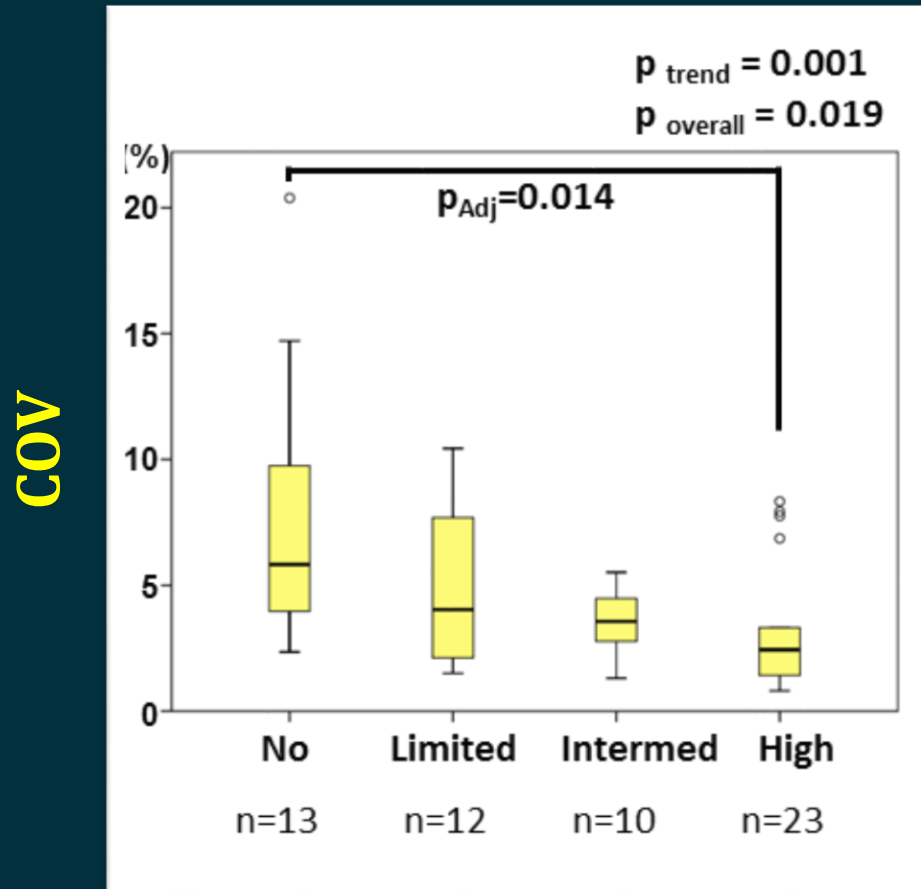
CRT – not optimized



CRT – Optimization, LV pacing.



Influence of experience on reproducibility



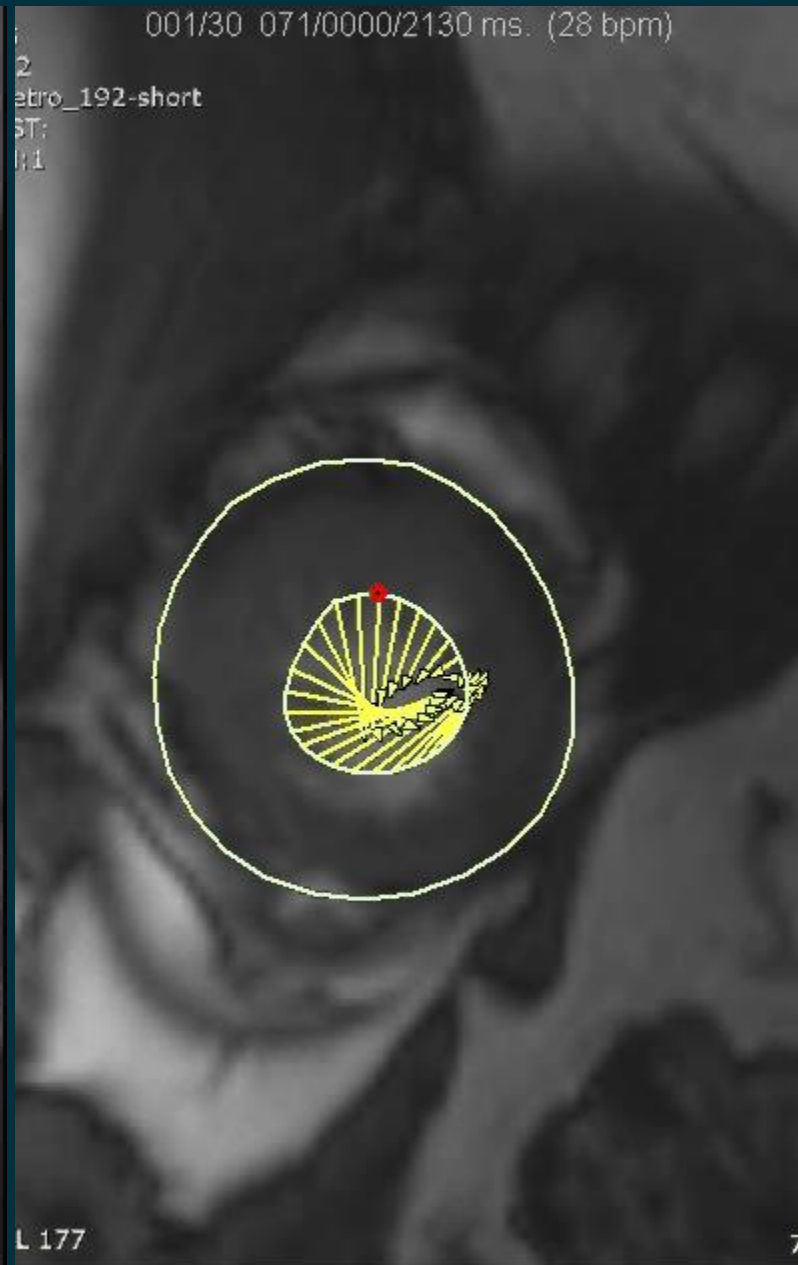
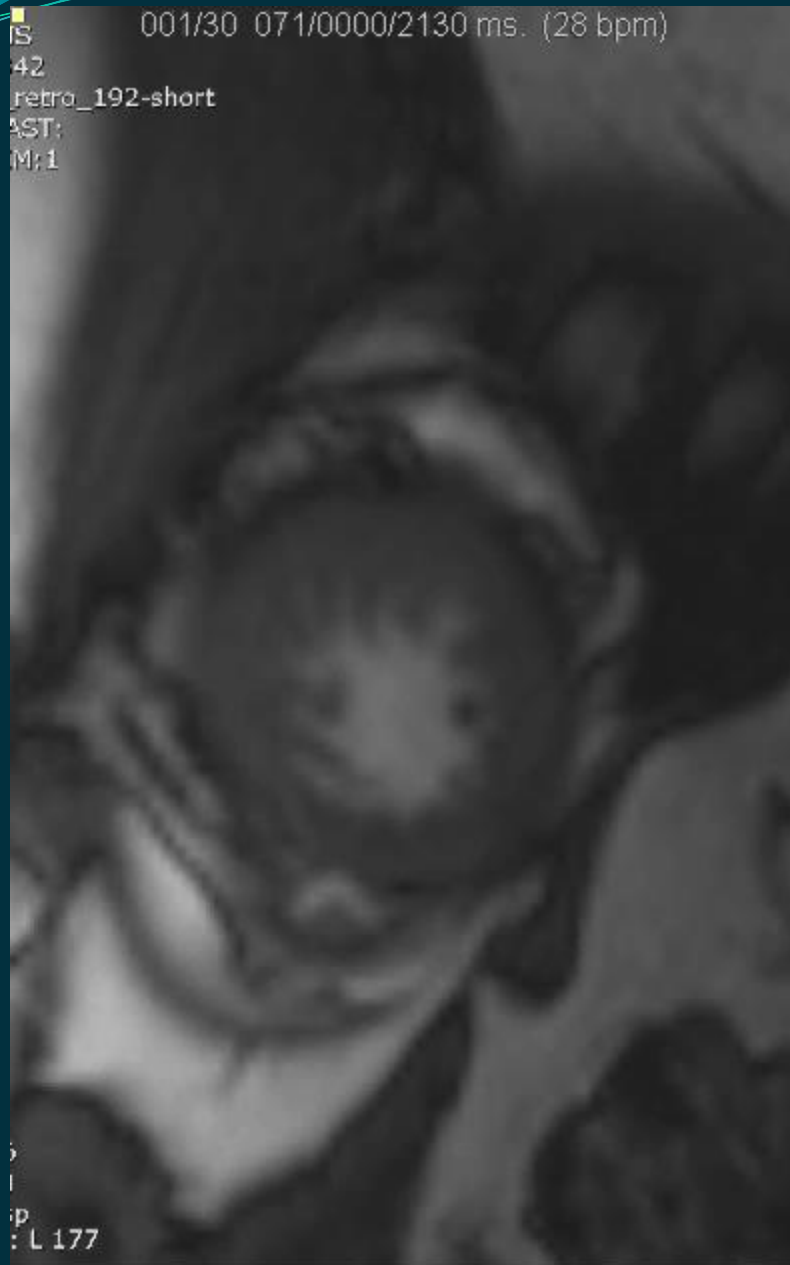
No = 0 cases
Limited = 1-20
Intermediate = 21-100
High >100 cases
Expert > 1000 cases

Negishi T et al, JACC CV Imaging, 2016, Oct 6
58 Readers from North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania

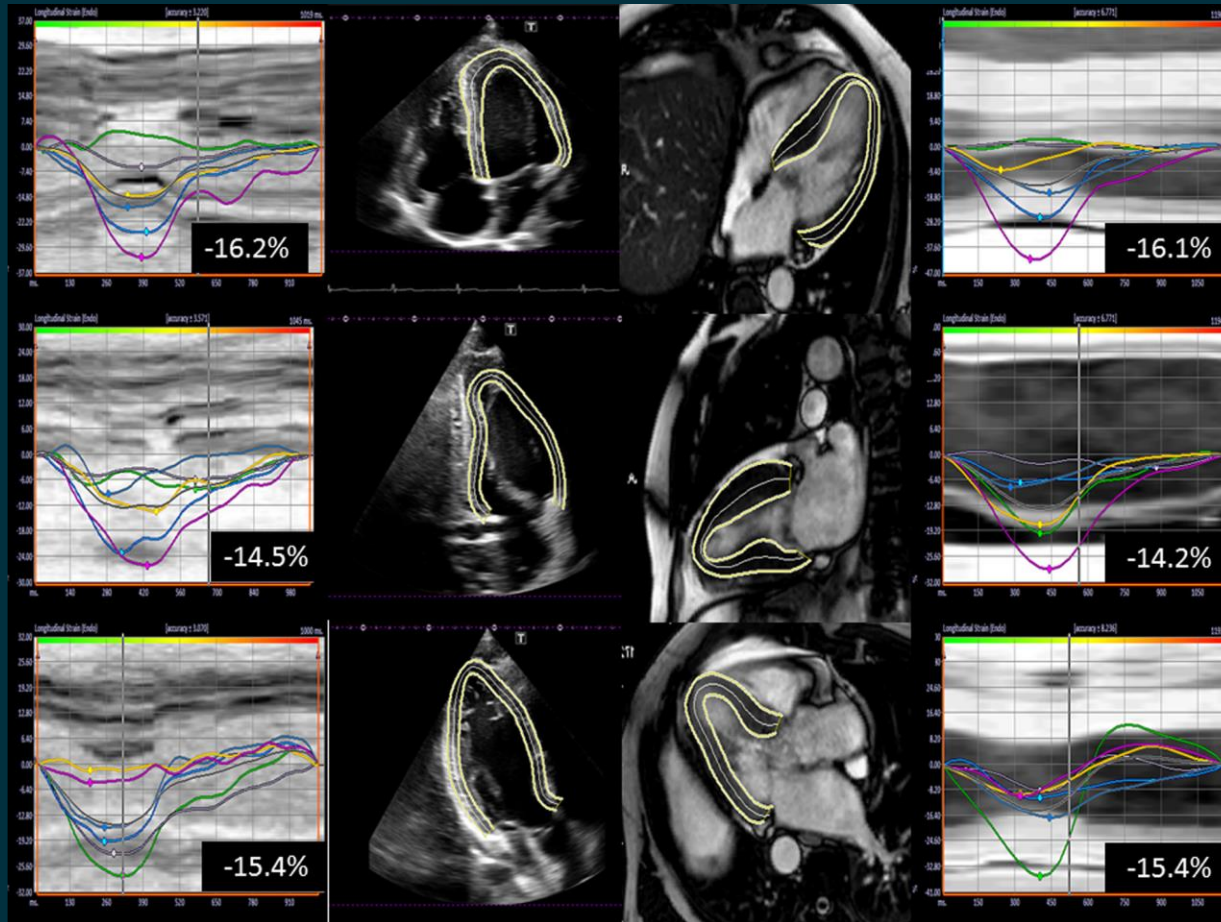
Systolic summary

- **What is normal LV systolic function?**
 - **Merely normal LVEF or:**
 - **Normal bi-plane strain: LS and CS**
 - **Normal strain gradients (Apex-base, Endo-Epi)**
 - **Normal Rotation (magnitude, orientation)**
 - **Normal segmental and global strain**

MRI ... and Echo Strain

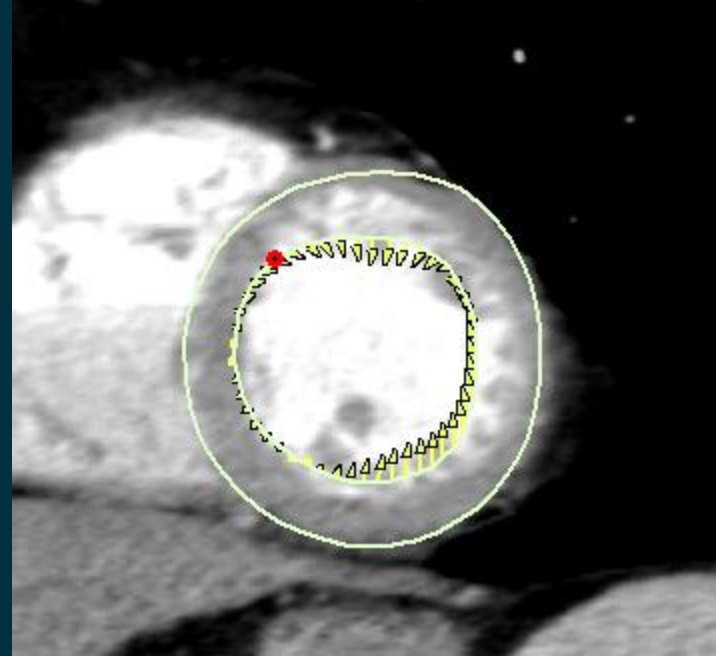
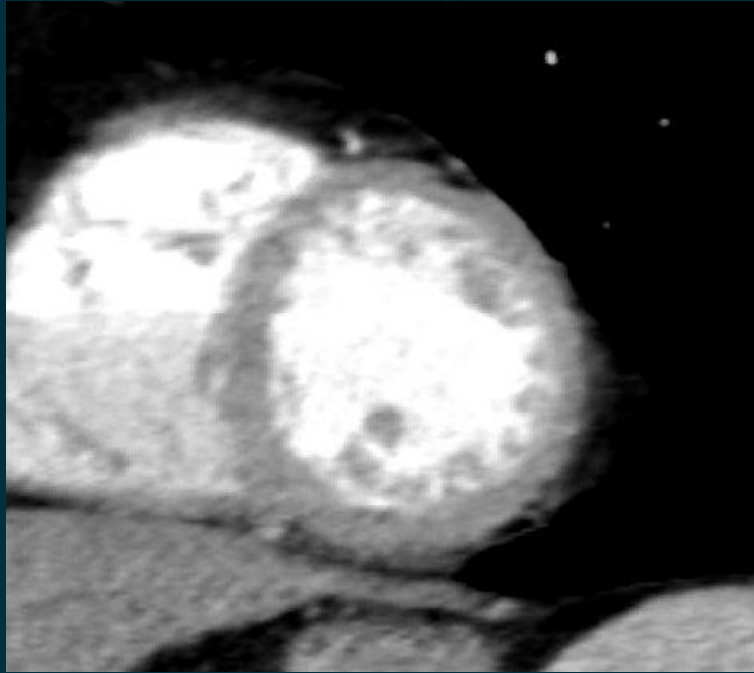


MRI vs. ECHO - longitudinal



(J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2013;26:1153-62.)

...or even CT



Thank You

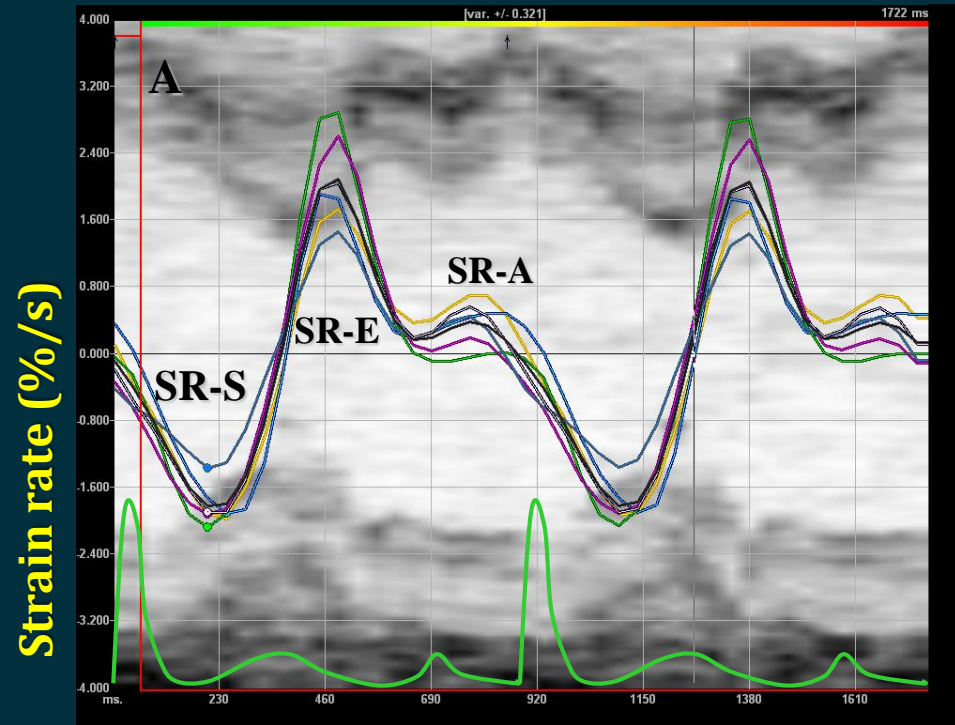
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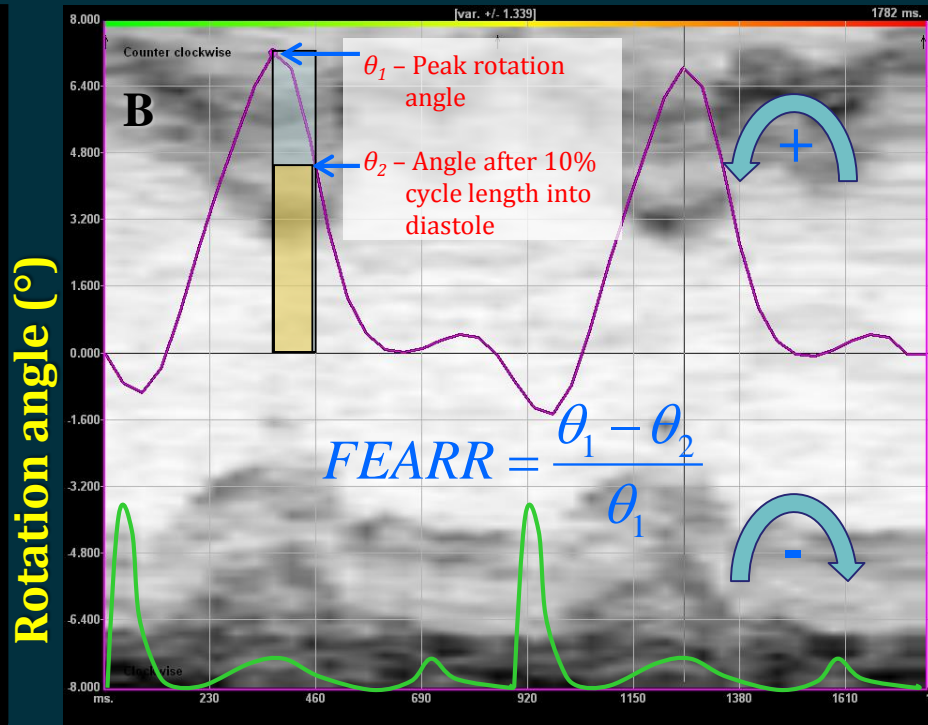
Assessment of LV Diastolic Function

... When conventional 2D Doppler echo fails

Strain rate and reverse rotation



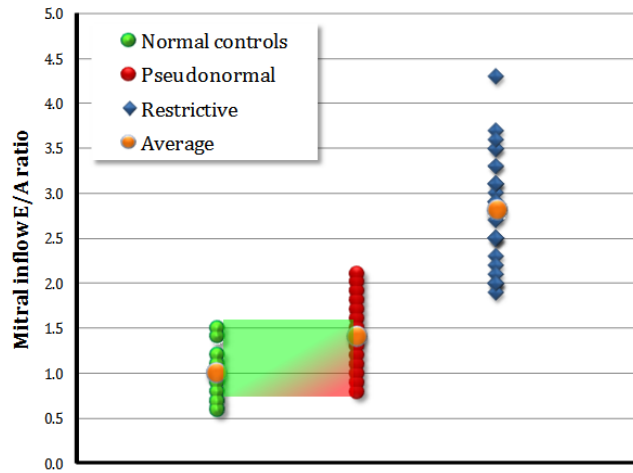
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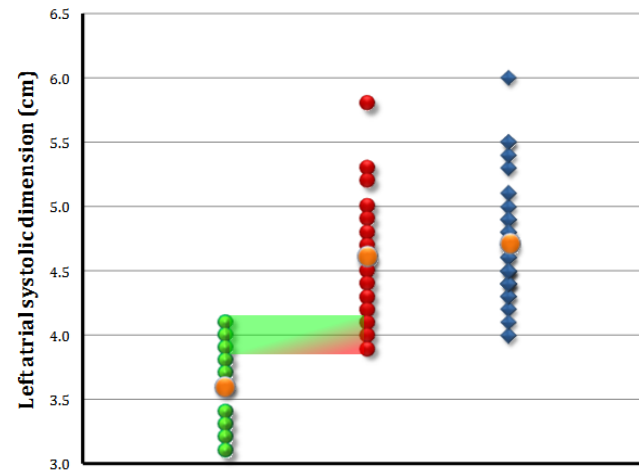
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Symptomatic NLEF ADDFx

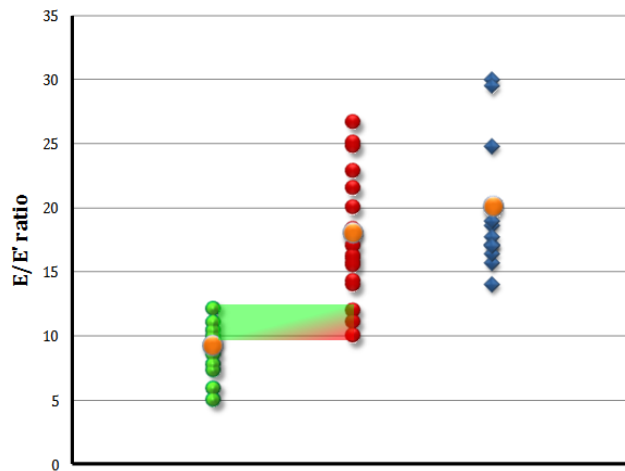
E/A in advanced diastolic dysfunction



LAs in advanced diastolic dysfunction

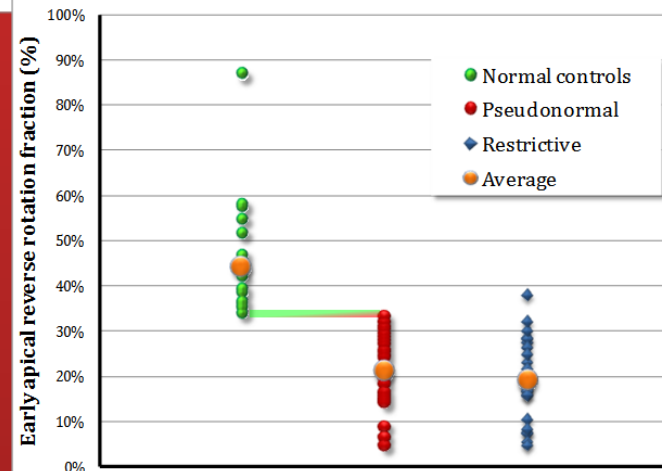


E/E' in advanced diastolic dysfunction



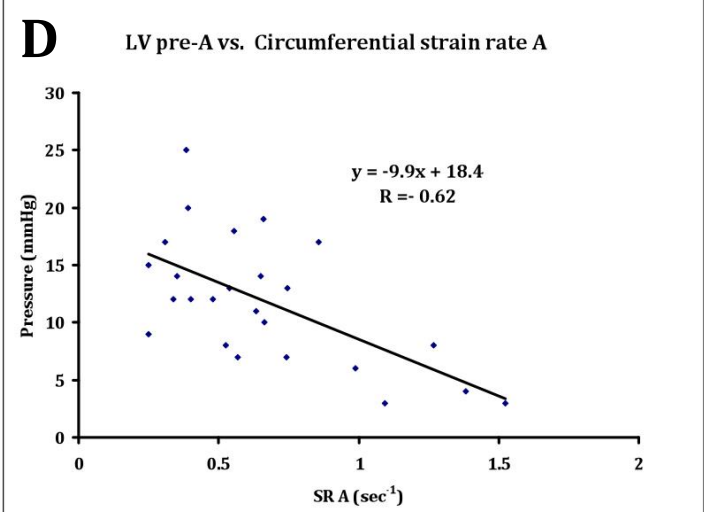
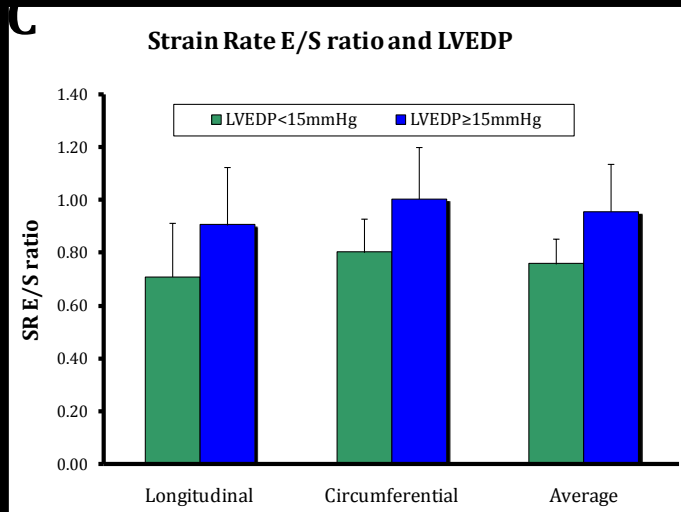
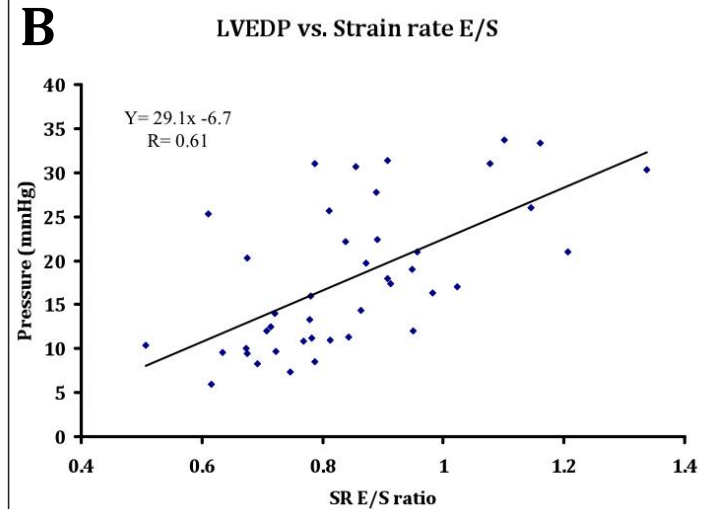
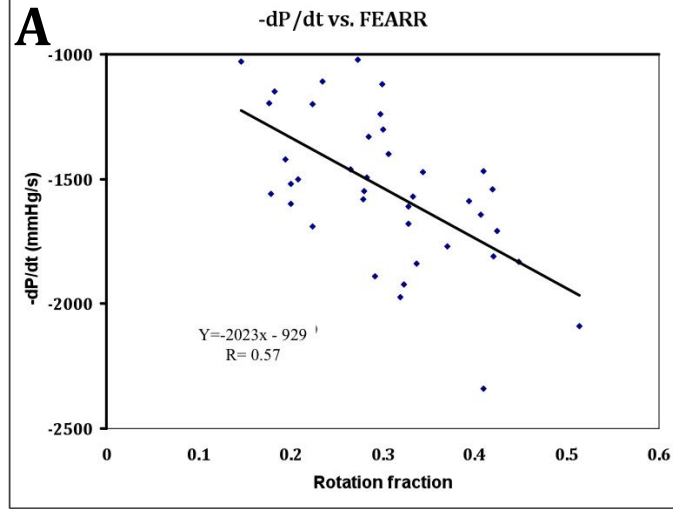
Diastolic Function

FEARR in advanced diastolic dysfunction

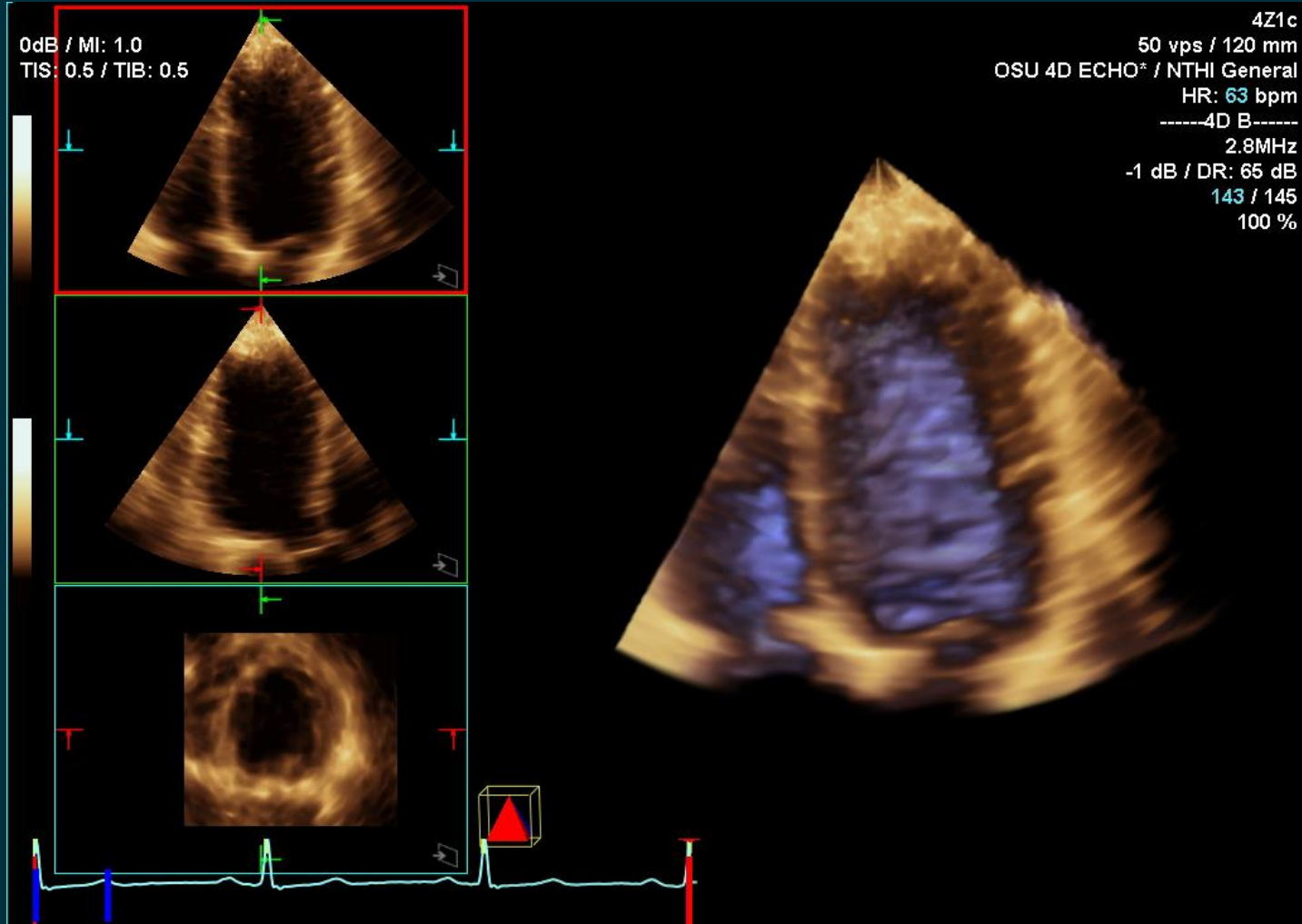


Diastolic function

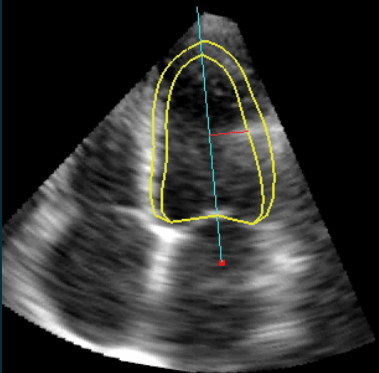
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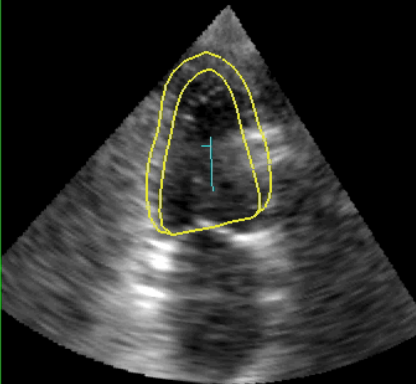
New in Echo: 3D strain



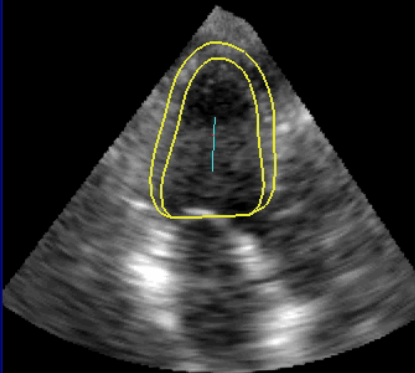
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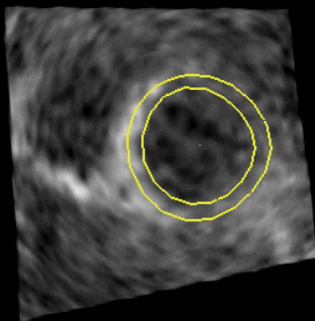
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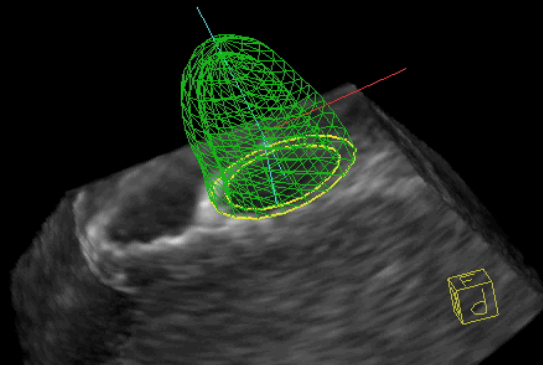
A3C



SAXM



[2] ED=0 ES=4 [70822421.dcm]



Advantages of 3D strain

- Same cycle
- Automated contour detection
- LS and CS segmental registration
 - Relative longitudinal motion correction
- More strains:
 - Principal strain and angle
 - Shear strains

