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Echocardiographic Workshop

The assessment of left ventricular volumes and function.

Perspectives from new echocardiographic tools.

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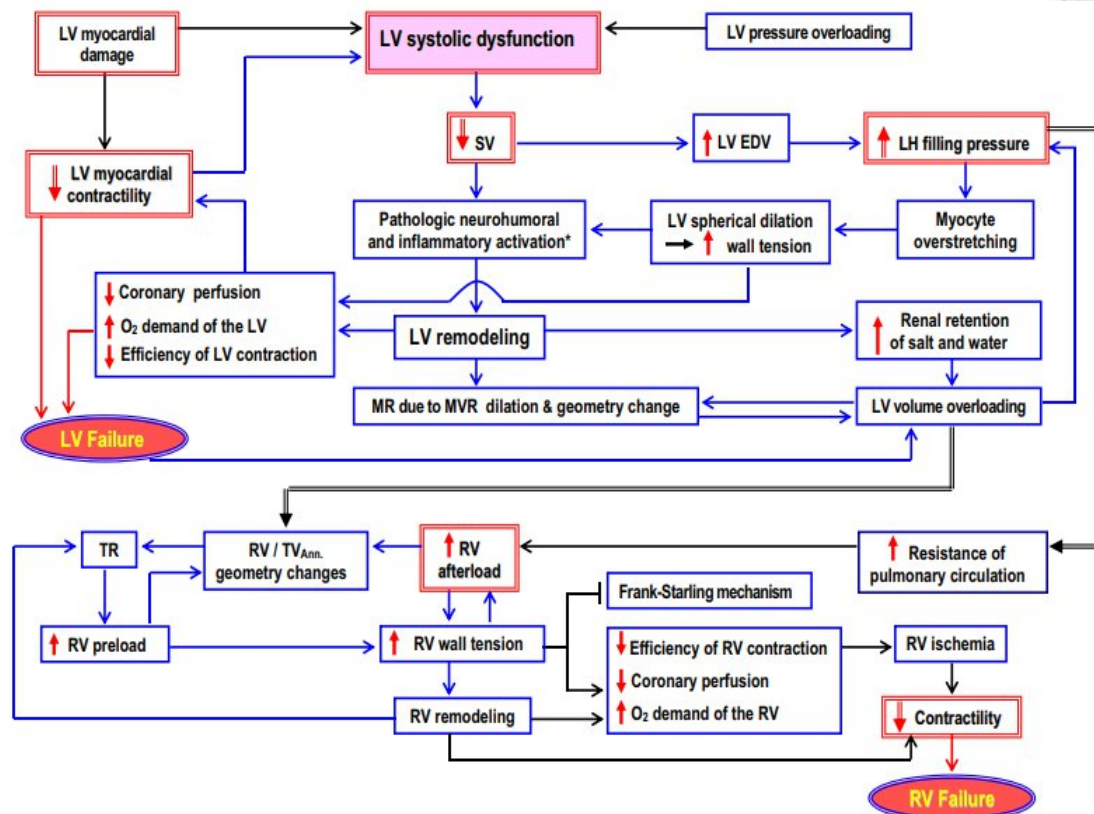
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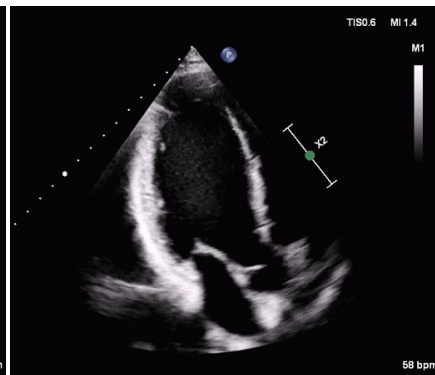
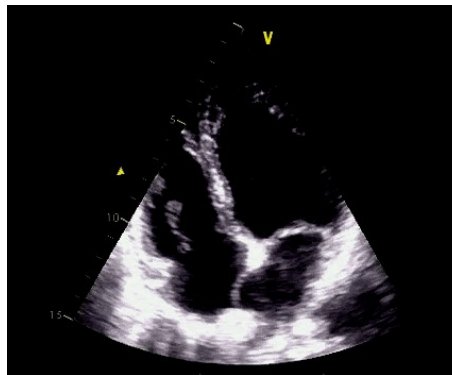


- ➔ Ischemic heart disease
- ➔ Valvular heart diseases
- ➔ Cardiomyopathies
- ➔ Heart failure
- ➔ Congenital heart disease





How we do assess LV function?



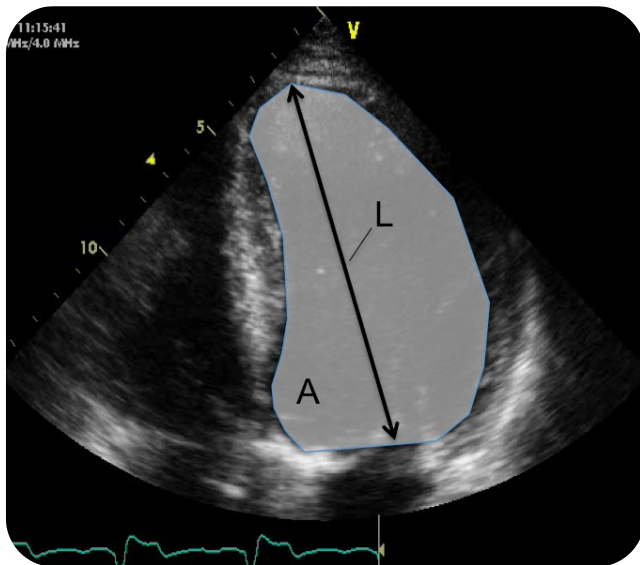
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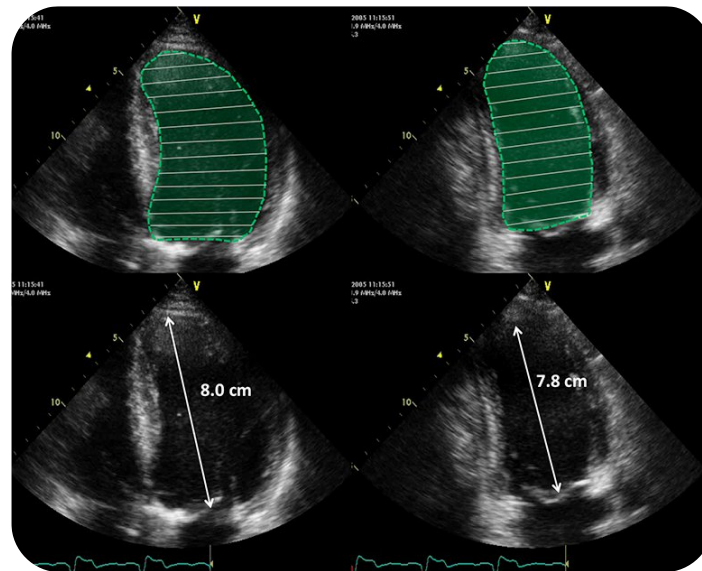
- Subjective
- Experience dependent
- Lack of standardization
- Large inter- and intra-observer variability



Foreshortening



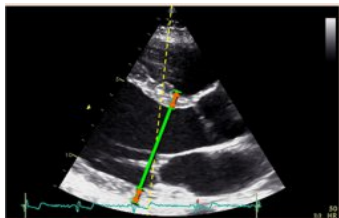
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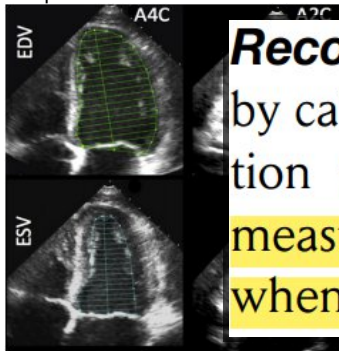
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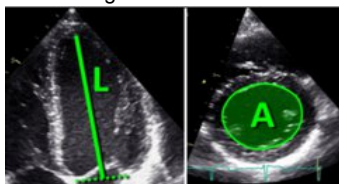
2DE linear measurements



Biplane disk summation



Area-length



What is the accepted practice today

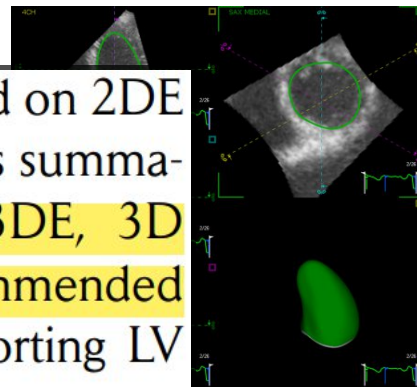
GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

Recommendations for Cardiac Chamber Quantification by Echocardiography in Adults:
An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography

Recommendation. LV size should be routinely assessed on 2DE by calculating volumes using the biplane method of disks summation technique. In laboratories with experience in 3DE, 3D measurement and reporting of LV volumes is recommended when feasible depending on image quality. When reporting LV

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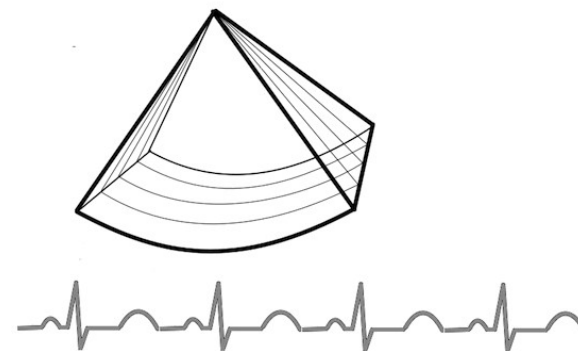
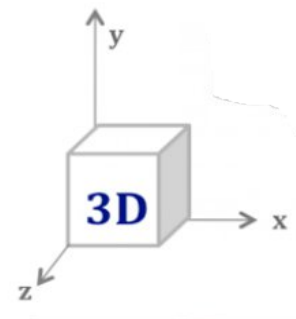
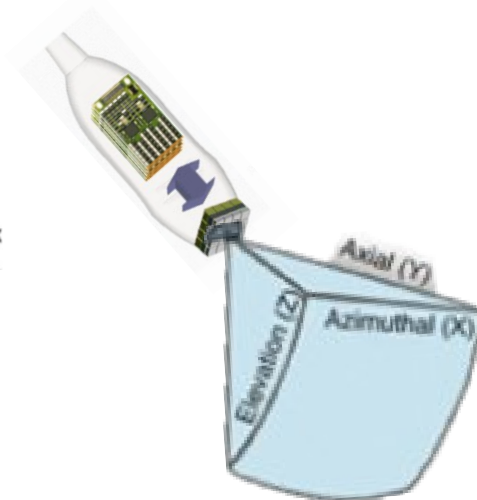
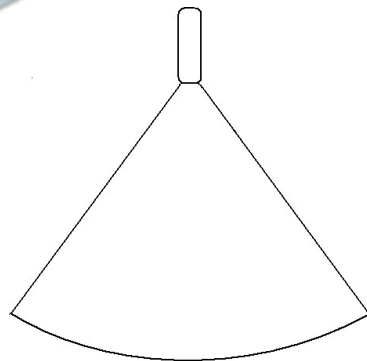
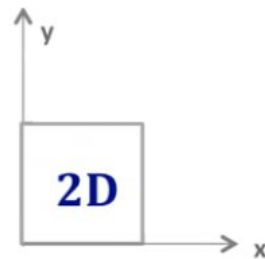
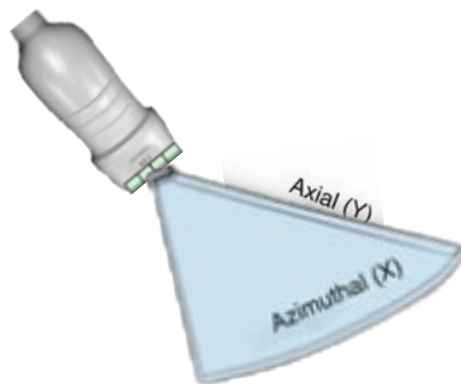
3DE data set



2D is the accepted practice for volume analysis and EF evaluation today with the acknowledgement that 3D is superior



2D vs 3D Echocardiography





Different Modes of Acquisition

- **Simultaneous Multiplane mode**
- **Real-Time 3D Mode—Narrow Sector**
- **Focused Wide Sector—“ZOOM”**
- **Full Volume—Gated Acquisition**



Different Modes of Acquisition



Real-Time 3D Mode



3D "ZOOM" Mode

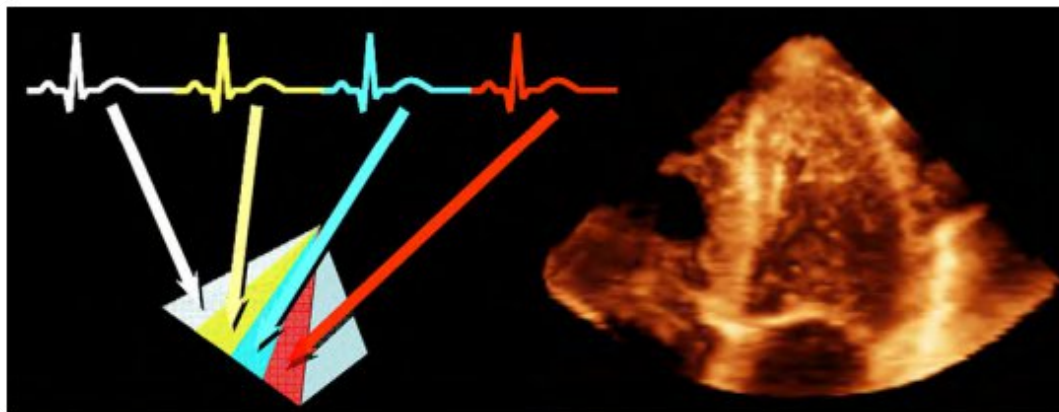
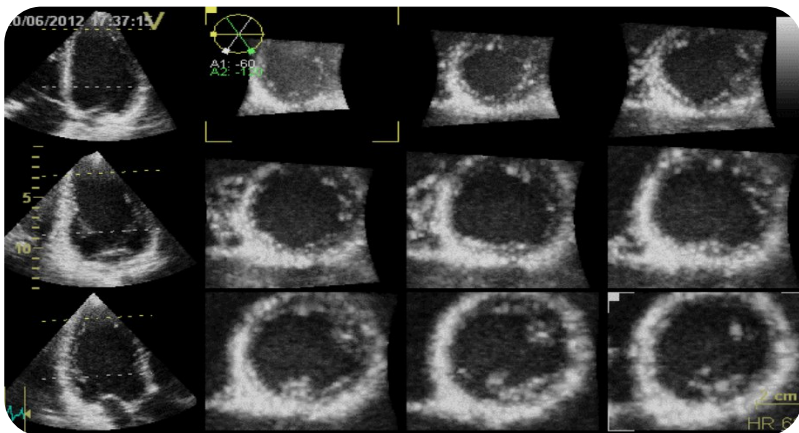


3D Full Volume Mode



3DE acquisition of left ventricle

- The LV is generally acquired as a **Full-Volume dataset** over 4-6 heartbeats (**multi-beat acquisition**) during a **single breath-hold** by stitching together dynamic sub-volumes scanned during consecutive cardiac cycle



Lang Roberto M. et al, J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2012;25:3-46



3DE acquisition of left ventricle

Multi-beat acquisition of LV



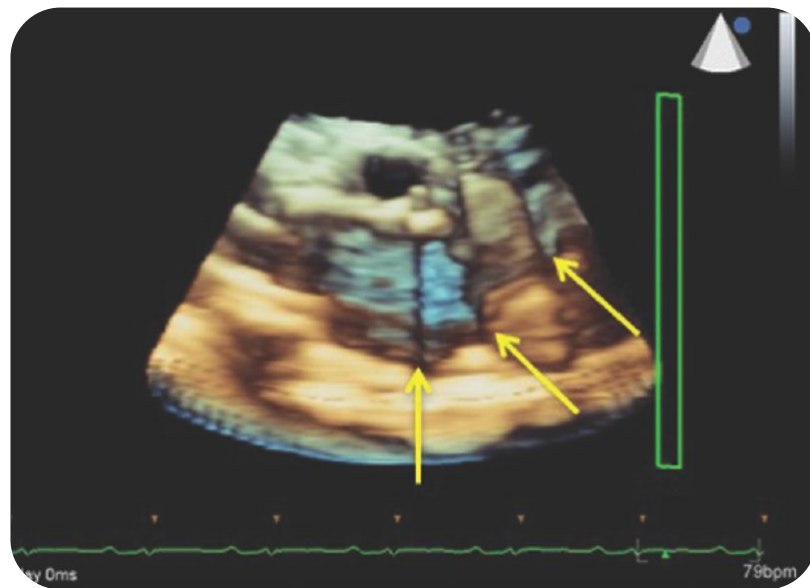
Advantage

- Images with higher temporal and spatial resolution



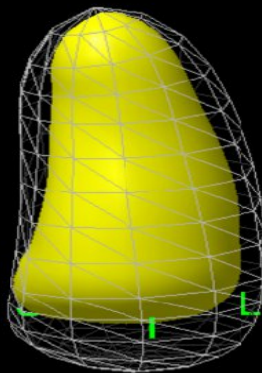
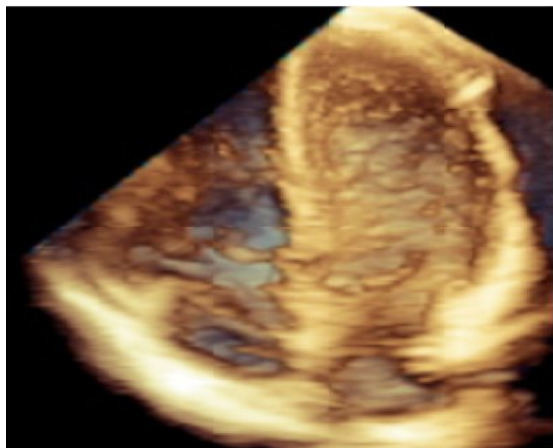
Disadvantage

- Gated images are susceptible to artifacts from respiratory motion or cardiac arrhythmias (stitching artifacts)

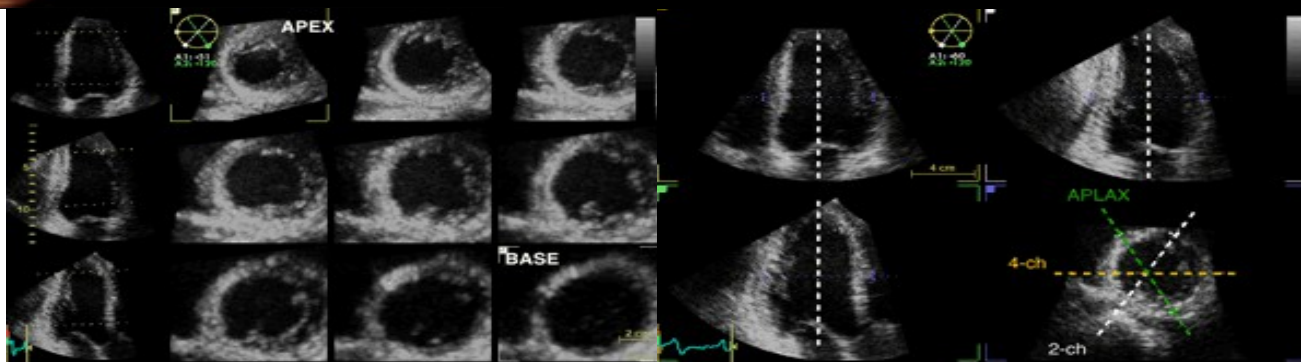




3DE dataset display of left ventricle



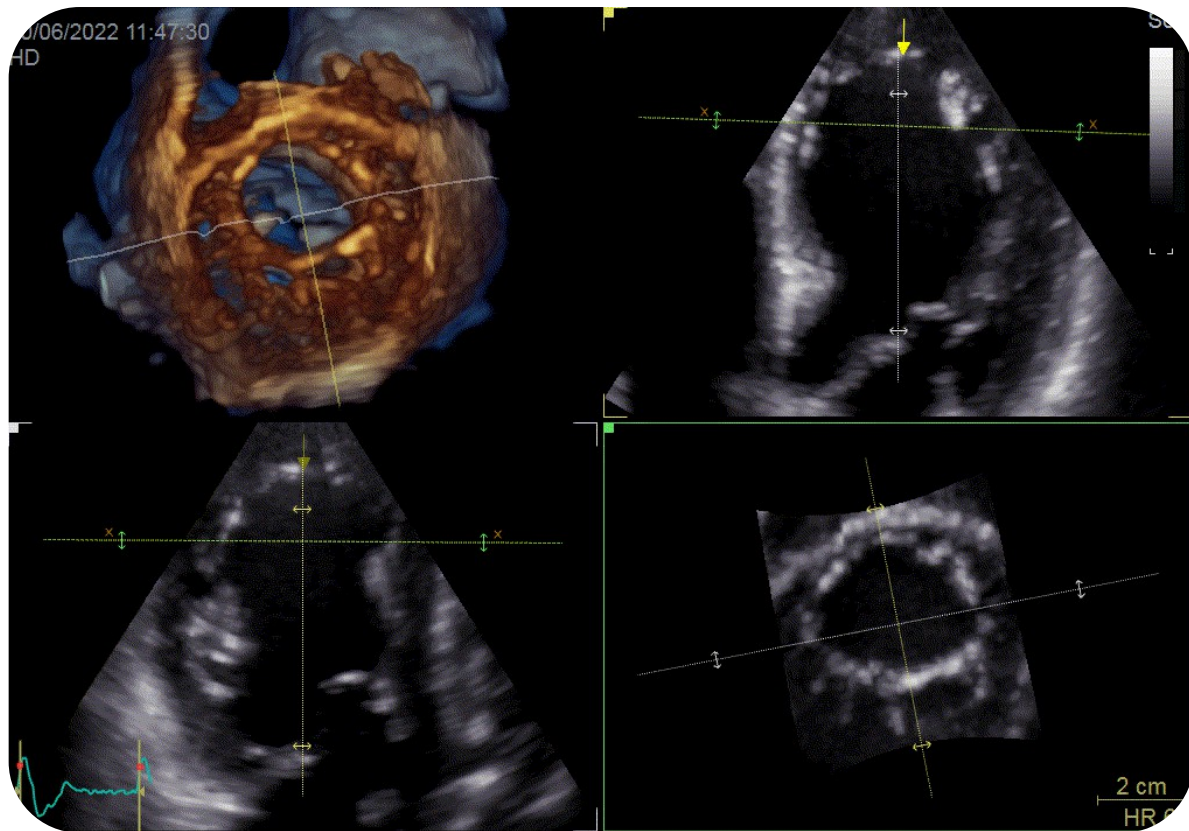
- **VOLUME RENDERING DISPLAY**
- **MULTISLICE DISPLAY**
- **SURFACE RENDERING DISPLAY**



Andrada C. Guta et al, Expert review of Cardiovascular Therapy 2019

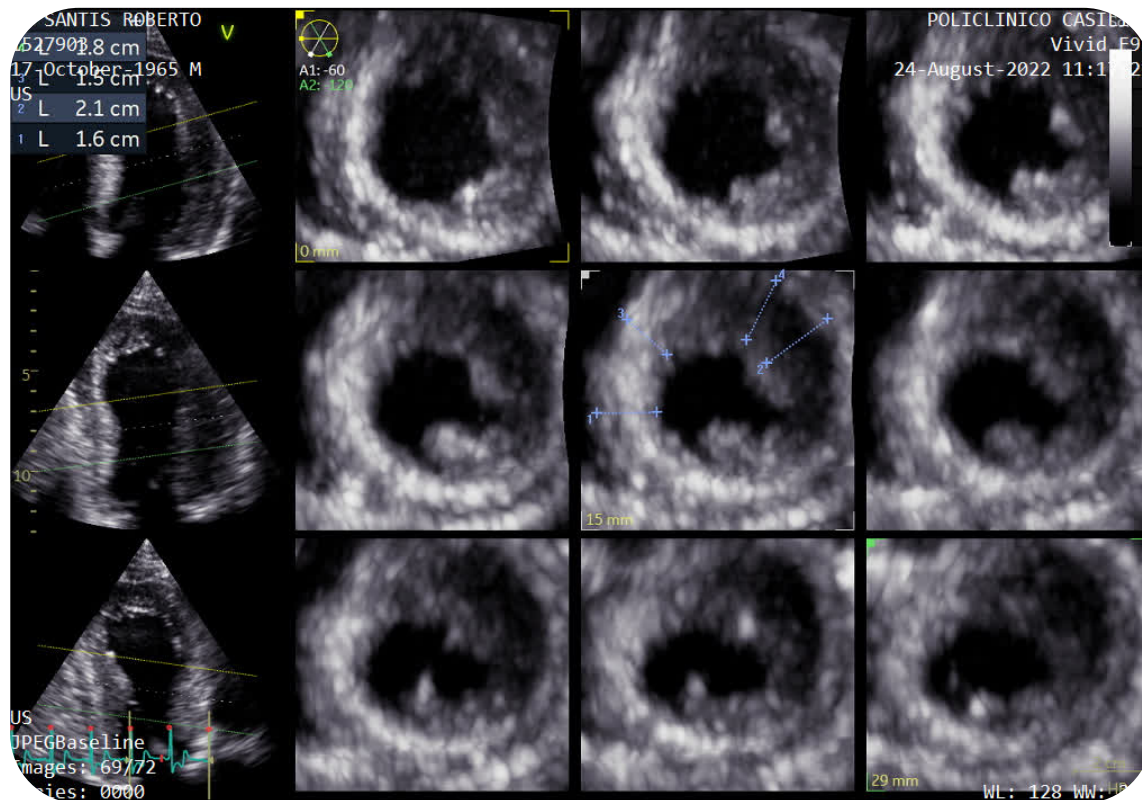


3DE dataset
display of LV:
volume
rendering
display





3DE dataset display of LV: multislice display





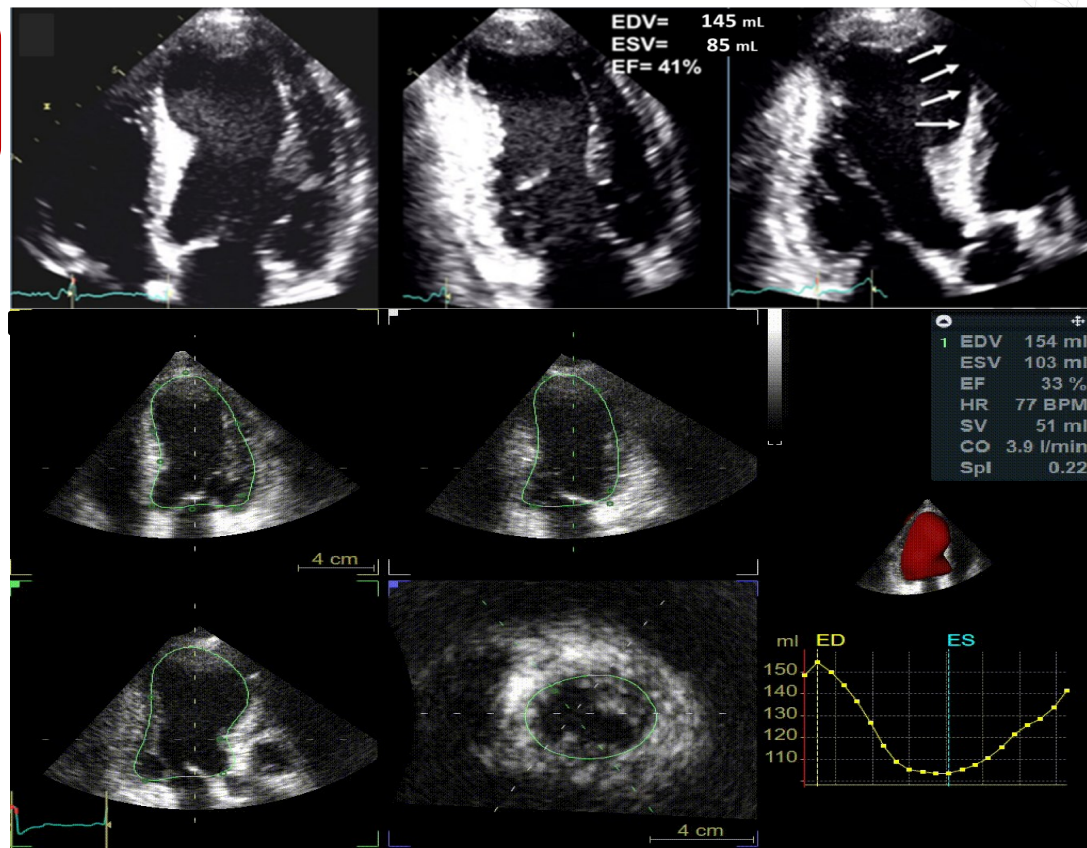
3DE assessment of LV size and systolic function: full-volume 3DE quantification

Advantages

- no geometric assumptions;
- more accurate than 2DE even in very dilated and aneurysmal ventricles;
- more reproducible than 2DE

Disadvantages

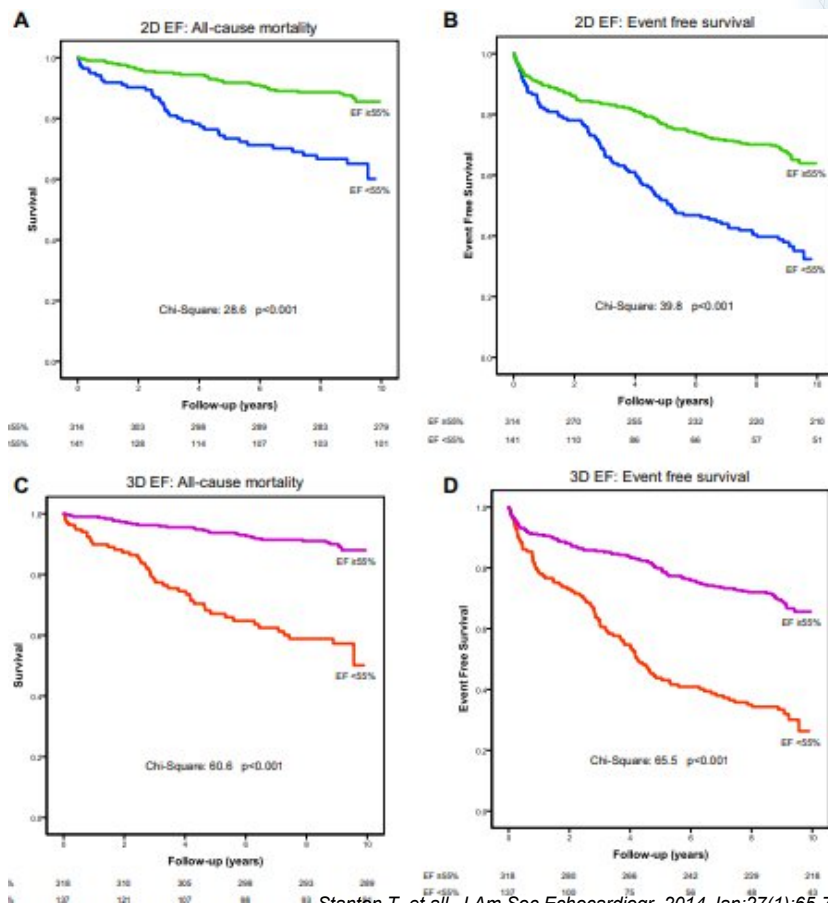
- time-consuming;
- requires training in 3DE analysis;
- accuracy varies with expertise;
- reproducibility varies among individuals



3DE assessment of LV size and systolic function: from theory to clinical practice



- 529 patients, with high frequency of cardiovascular risk factors, underwent LV assessment with 2DE and 3DE
- median follow up of 6,6 years
- 3DE EF and volumes showed stronger associations with outcomes than those derived from 2DE imaging



Stanton T. et al, J Am Soc Echocardiogr. 2014 Jan;27(1):65-73.

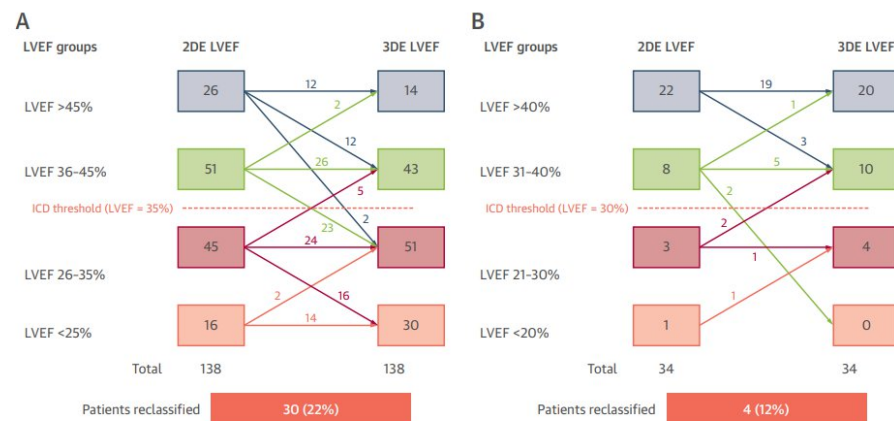


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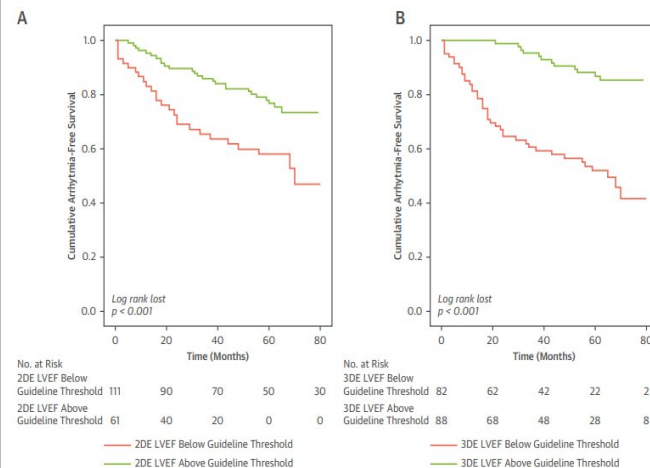
Added Value of 3- Versus 2-Dimensional Echocardiography Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction to Predict Arrhythmic Risk in Patients With Left Ventricular Dysfunction

FIGURE 2 Reclassification of Patients According to LVEF Using the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Guidelines Threshold Values Obtained by 2DE and 3DE



(A) Symptomatic patients and reclassification using a LVEF threshold $\leq 35\%$. (B) Asymptomatic patients with ischemic heart disease and reclassification using a LVEF threshold $\leq 30\%$. See Online Videos 1, 2, 3, and 4. ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; other abbreviations as in Figure 1.

FIGURE 4 Arrhythmia-Free Outcomes in Patients Meeting ACC/AHA Guideline Criteria for an ICD Using LVEF Measured by 2DE and 3DE



Using Kaplan Meier curves we show both patients with both (A) 2DE and (B) 3DE LVEF above guideline implant threshold have higher free outcome survival. ACC = American College of Cardiology; AHA = American Heart Association; other abbreviations as in Figures 1 and 2.

Rodríguez-Zanella H, Muraru D. et al, JACC Cardiovasc Imaging. 2019 Oct;12(10):1917-1926.



Myocardial Work: a new window on Myocardial Function using speckle tracking value

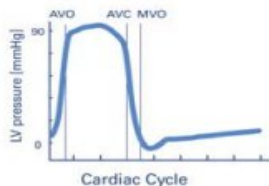
Segment interaction

Passive loading

proportional to local deformation of neighbouring segment

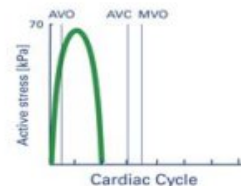
LV Pressure

Passive loading



Active contraction

Intrinsic contractility

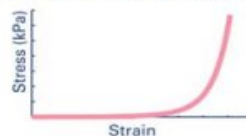


**Load
Dependency!**

**Be careful:
Strain is not
Contractility**

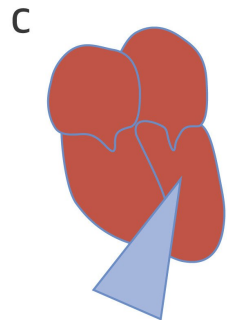
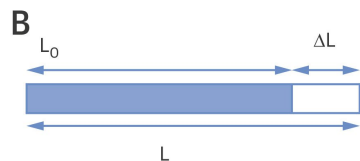
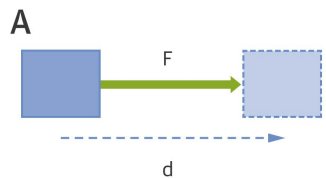
Elastic recoil

non-linear passive stress/strain relation
proportional to local deformation

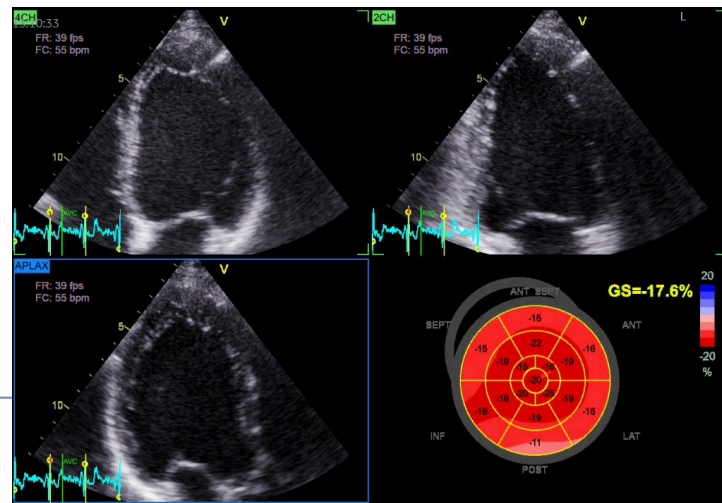
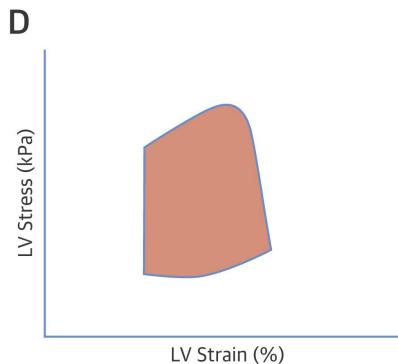




Myocardial Work is an index of LV performance incorporating afterload



$$\text{Wall stress} = \frac{\text{pressure} \times \text{radius}}{2 (\text{wall thickness})}$$



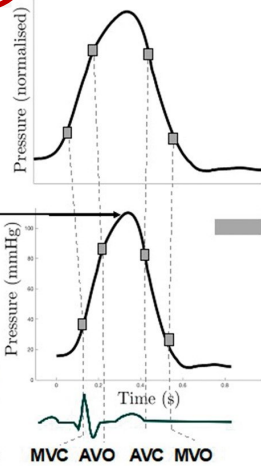
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Multiplying myocardial stress (Laplace law) and wall strain (longitudinal strain) provides a value for myocardial work

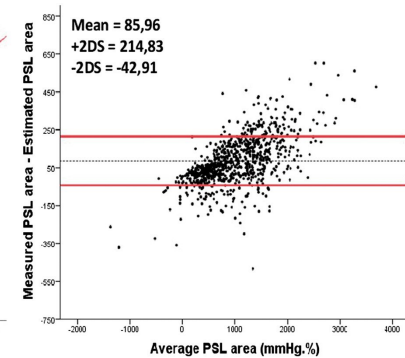
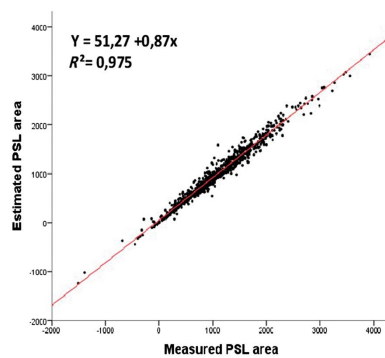
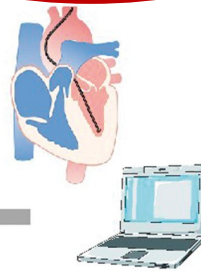
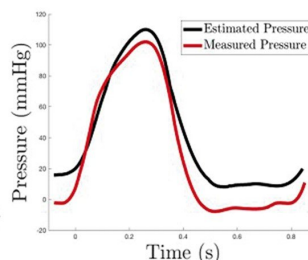




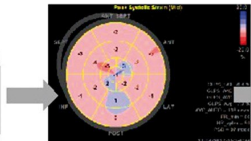
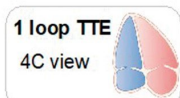
Estimated pressure



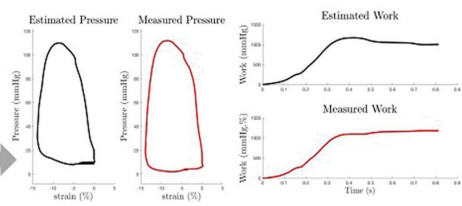
Measured pressure



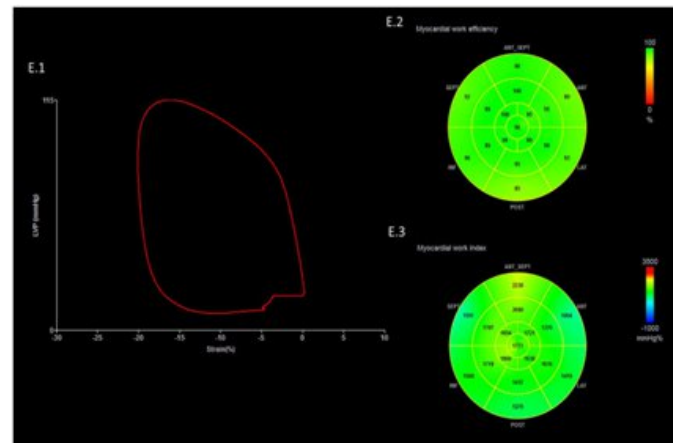
Echocardiography



Pressure-strain curves

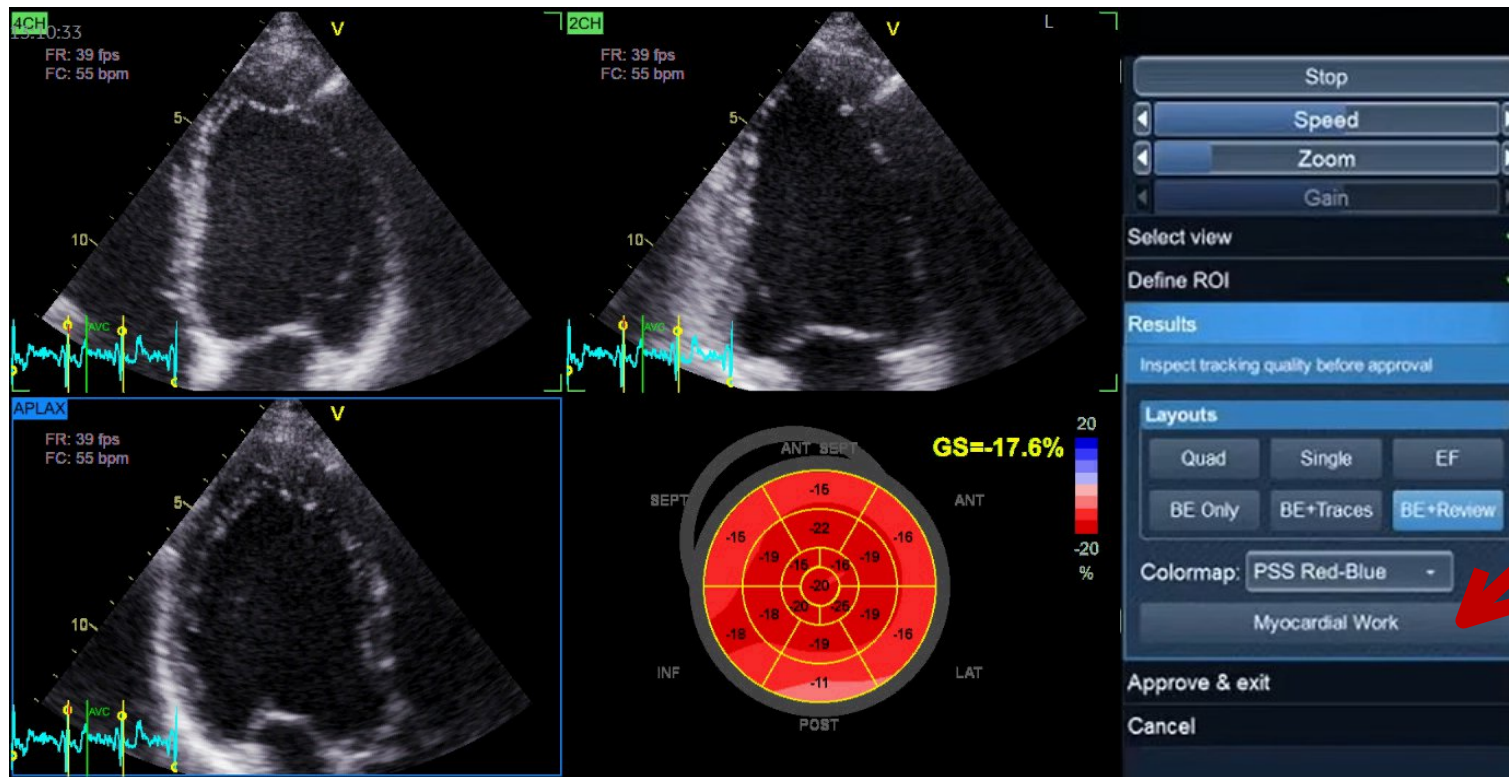


Arnaud Hubert et al., European Heart Journal Cardiovascular Imaging, 2019





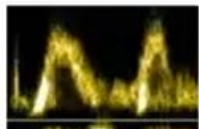
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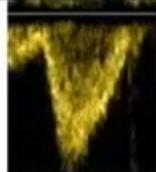
PW Doppler
MV level



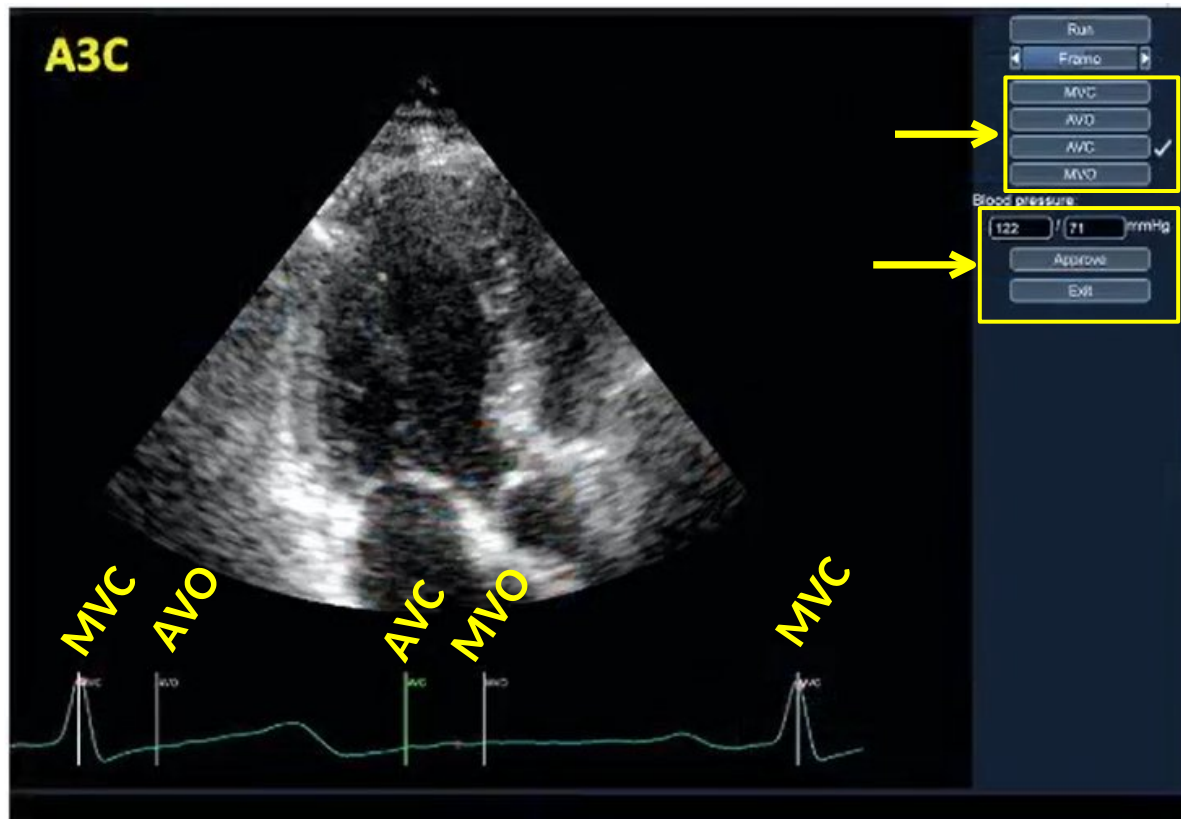
MVO

MVC

AVO AVC



PW Doppler
AV level



Peak systolic longitudinal strain

Peak Systolic Strain

GLS: -20 %
HR apex: 65
PSD: 44 msec
BP: 122/71 mmHg

Myocardial work index

Myocardial work index

GWI: 1916 mmHg%
GWE: 96 %

BE for strain

Peak S Strain

Time To Peak

BE for myocardial work

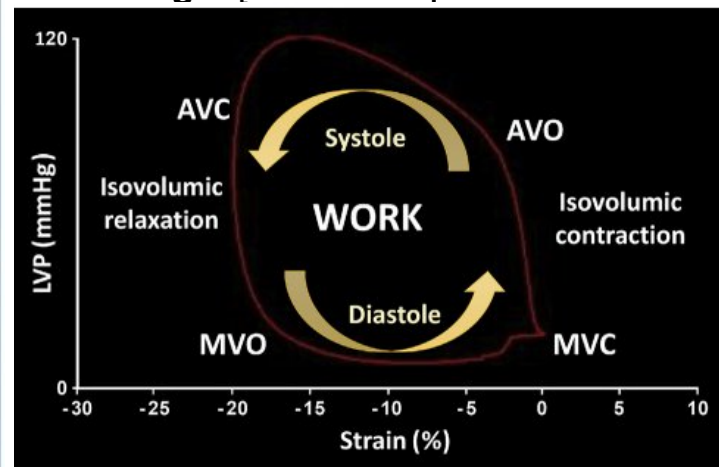
Myocardial Work

Work Efficiency

Export

Advanced

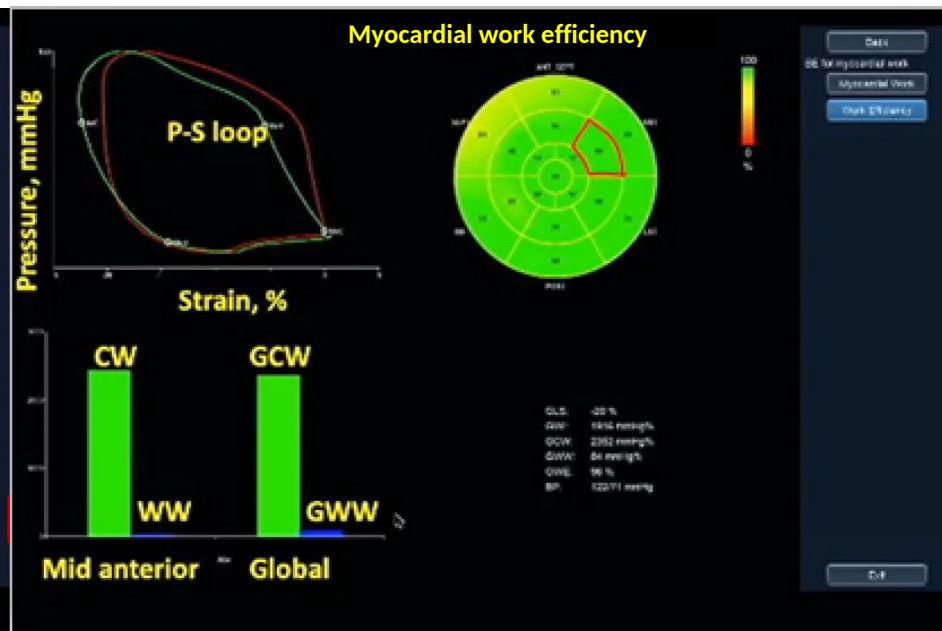
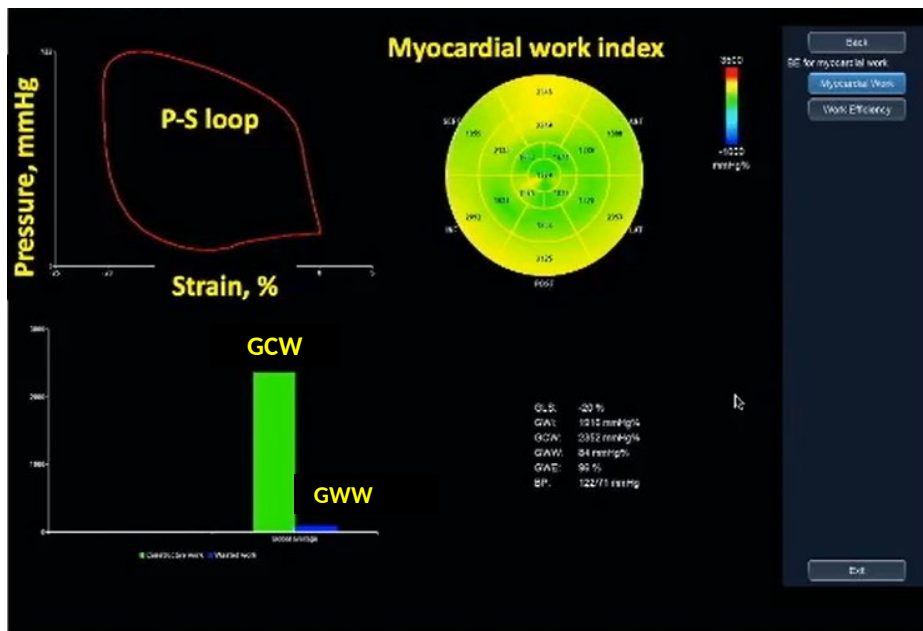
- **GWl:** total work performed by the LV during mechanical systole (MVC- MVO) plus IVC and IVR, reflected by the area within the PSL (normal values **1896 ± 308 mmHg%** [1292-2505])



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How to assess myocardial work in clinical practice



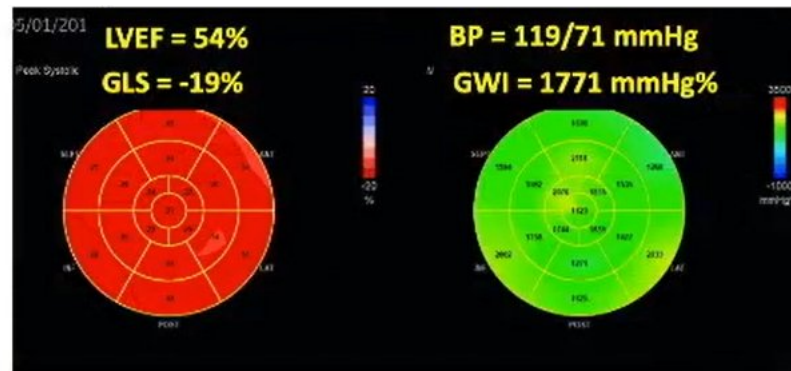
- GCW: (+)W systole + (-)W IVR 2232 ± 331 mmHg%
- GWW: (-)W systole + (+)W IVR 79 (53-122) mmHg%
- GWE: $GCW / (GCW + GWW)$ 94-97% (> 90%)



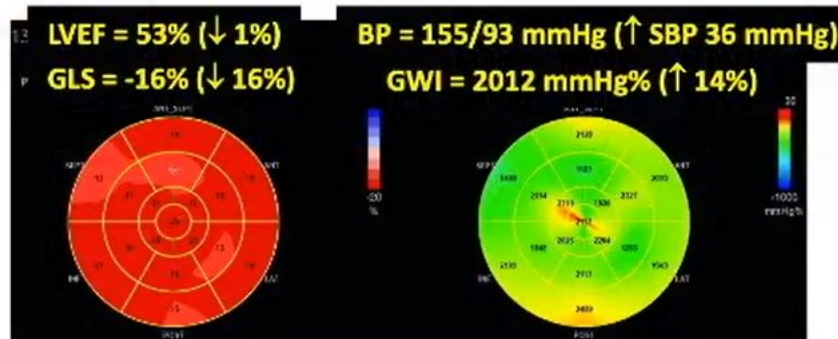
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CARDIO-ONCOLOGY

Baseline



Follow-up





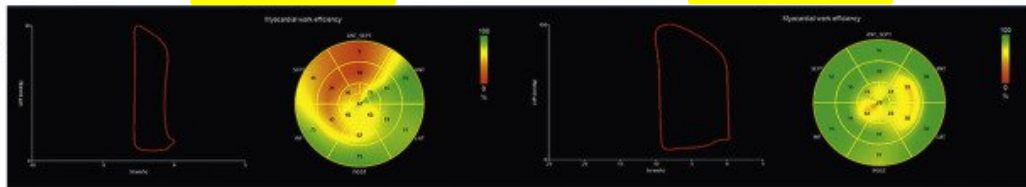
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IDENTIFICATION OF RESPONDERS TO CRT

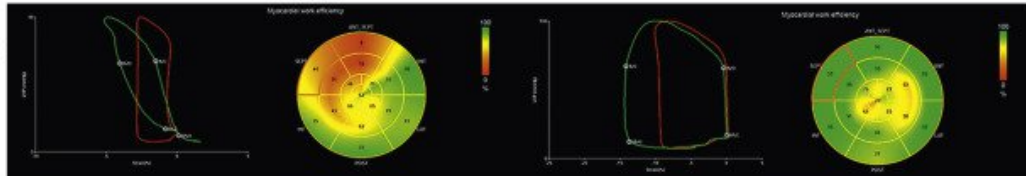
65y M, non-ischemic DCM, LBBB, (QRS = 170 ms) and LVEF = 24%

BASELINE
6 months FU

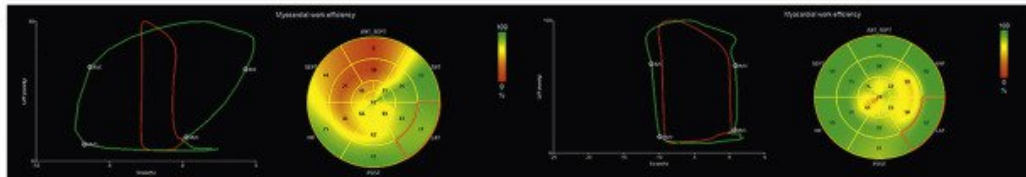
Baseline global:
GWE=59%
GCW=411 mmHg%
GWW=215 mmHg%



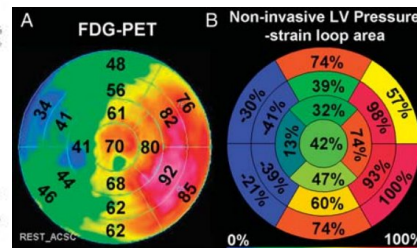
Baseline septum:
WE= 33%
CW= 187 mmHg%
WW= 386 mmHg%



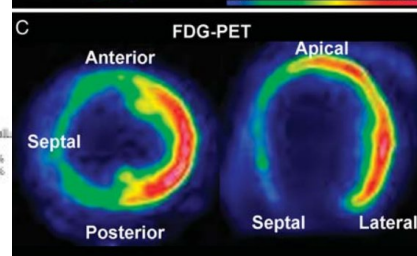
Baseline lateral wall:
WE= 72%
CW= 867 mmHg%
WW= 197 mmHg%



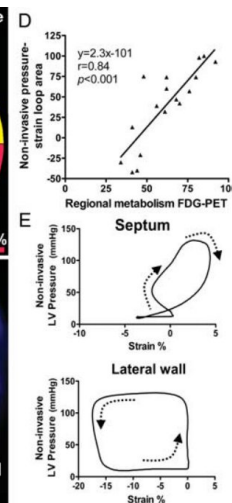
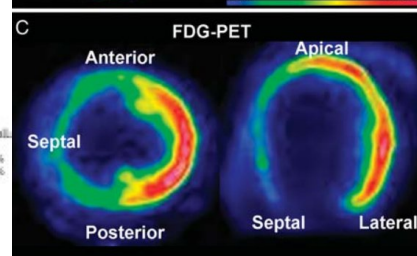
6 months global:
GWE=81%
GCW=1145 mmHg%
GWW=231 mmHg%



6 months septum:
WE= 97%
CW= 1570 mmHg%
WW= 55 mmHg%



6 months lateral wall:
WE= 75%
CW= 868 mmHg%
WW= 201 mmHg%



Van der Bijl P et al.. JACC Cardiovasc Imaging. 2019

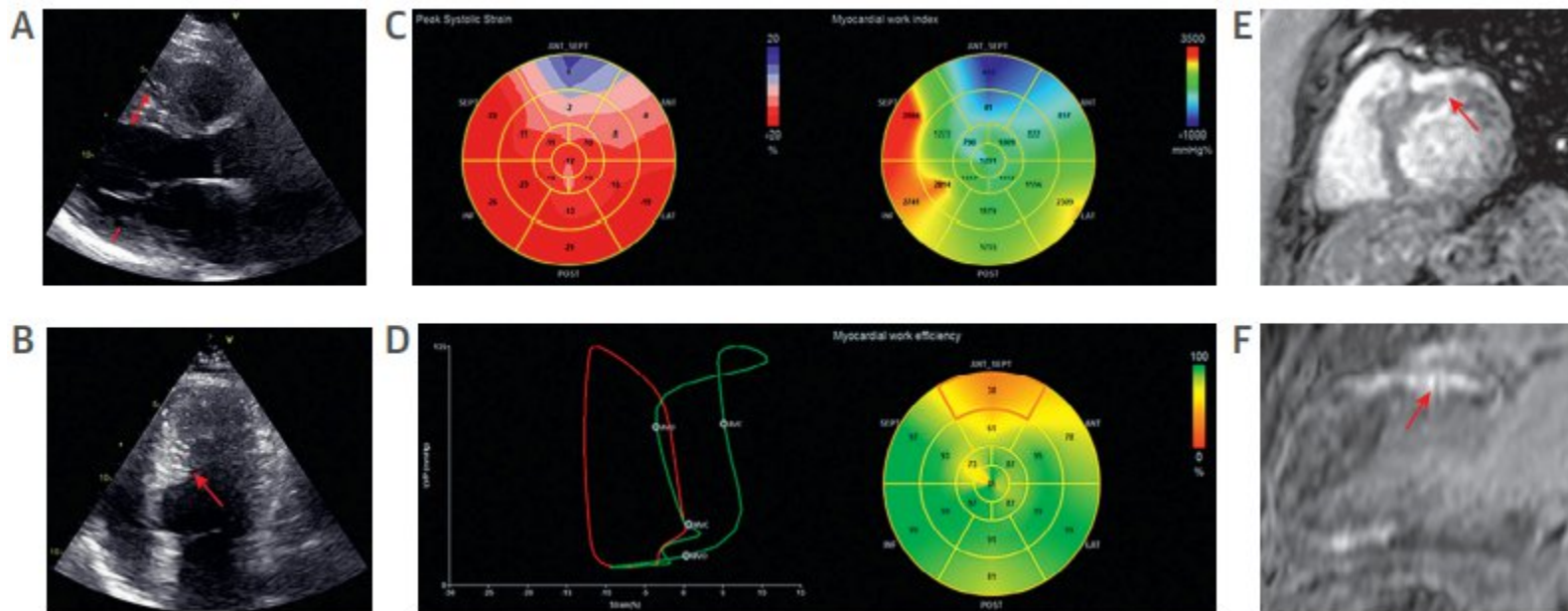
B Russell K. et al., Eur Heart J. 2012



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HCM

41y F, HCM (LVEF = 61%)



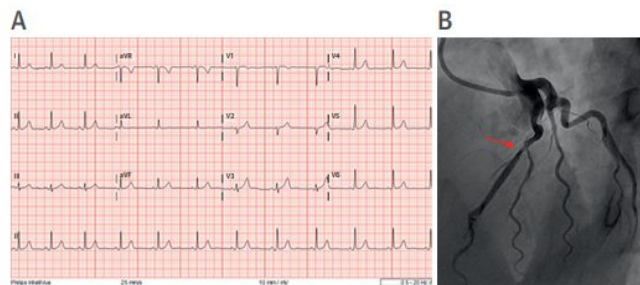
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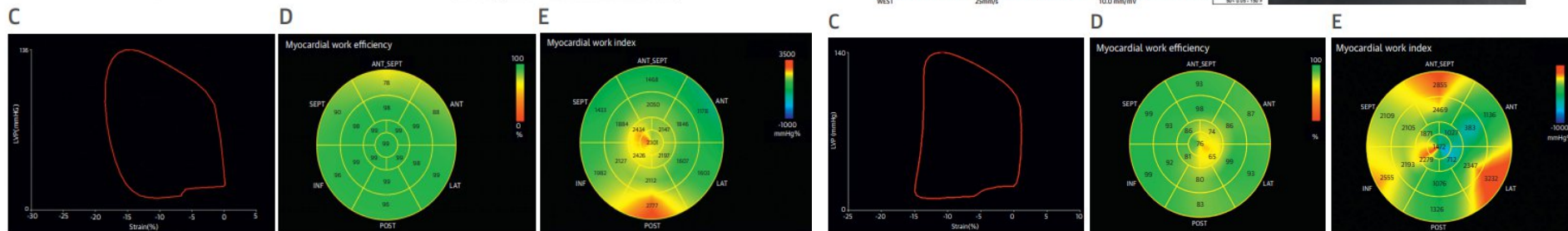
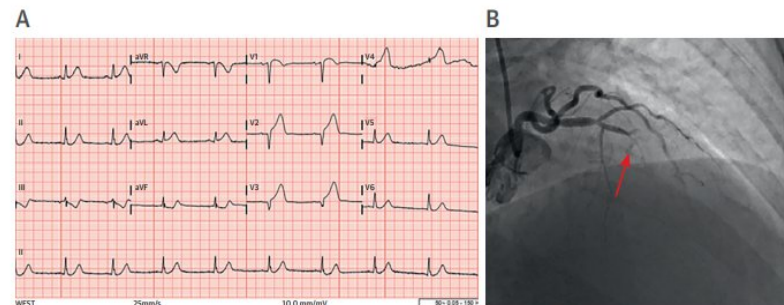
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ACS

52y F, DM, NSTEMI



49y F, STEMI



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Take-Home Messages

- 3DE allows the assessment of the anatomy of LV non being limited to a number of thin tomographic views as conventional 2DE
- LV volumes are more accurate, reproducible and repeatable when measured with 3DE
- LV volumes and EF measured by 3DE have added prognostic power compared with 2DE measurements
- MW is advanced analysis of LV function by including BP and afterload
- MW is more sensitive than GLS and LVEF as it overcomes load-dependent limitations
- MW shows high correlation with myocardial contractility than GLS
- Clinical applications can be applied across a multitude of diseases

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