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**FIBRILLAZIONE ATRIALE: TECNICHE A CONFRONTO**

**MISURAZIONE DELLO SPESSORE DEL TESSUTO DELL'ATRIO  
DESTRO BASATO SU TECNOLOGIA DIELETTRICA DURANTE  
ABLAZIONI TRANSCATETERE A RADIOFREQUENZA**

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# What impacts lesion with radiofrequency?

Catheter stability

Contact force

Power output

Temperature

Duration of RF output



**Tissue Thickness**



## Real Time Atrial Wall Imaging during Radiofrequency Ablation in a Porcine Model

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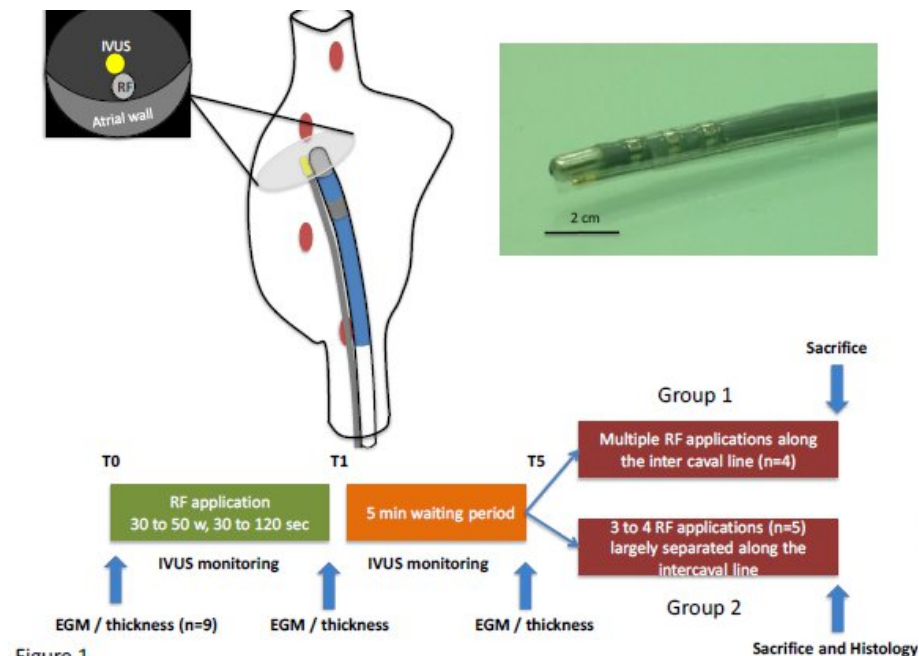
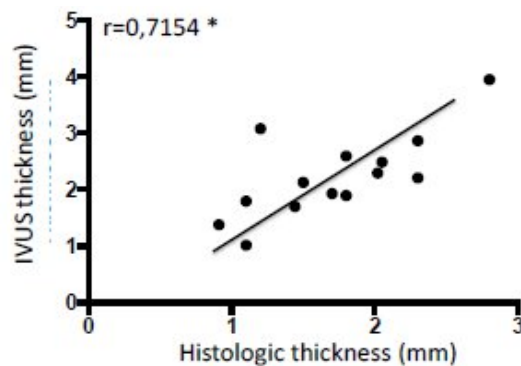


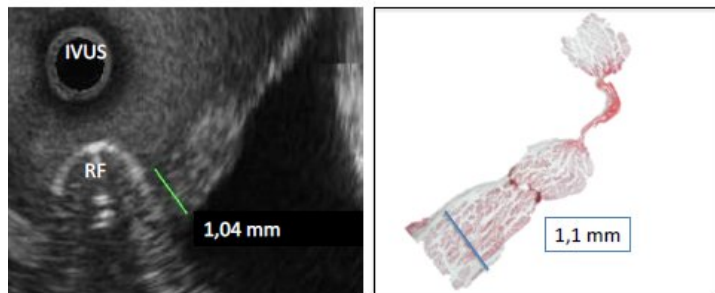
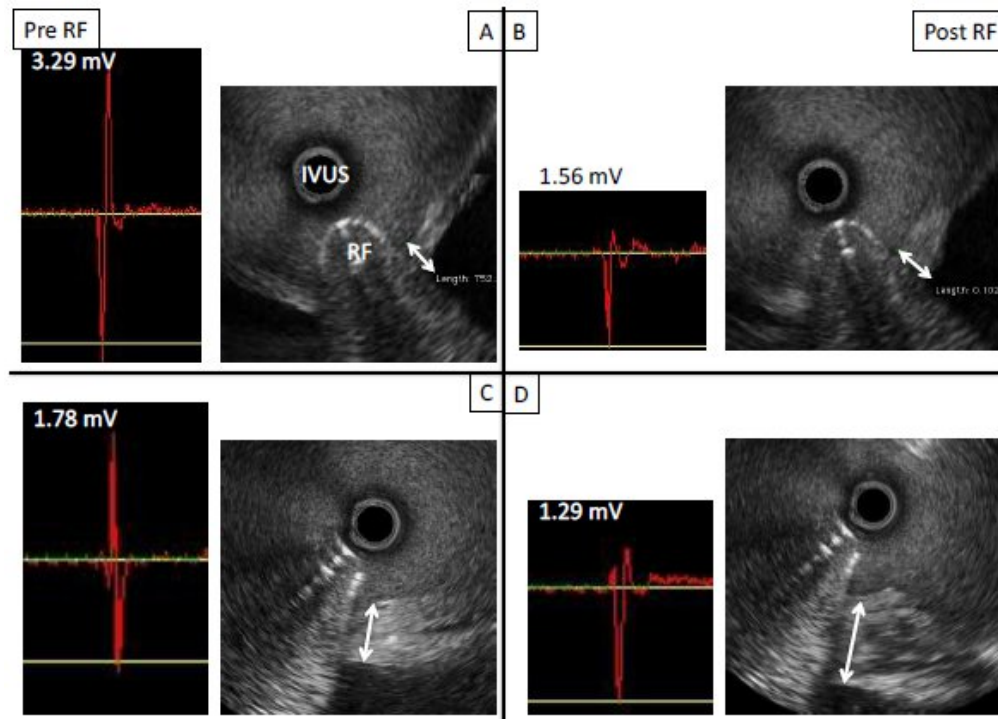
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## EGM/thickness relationship

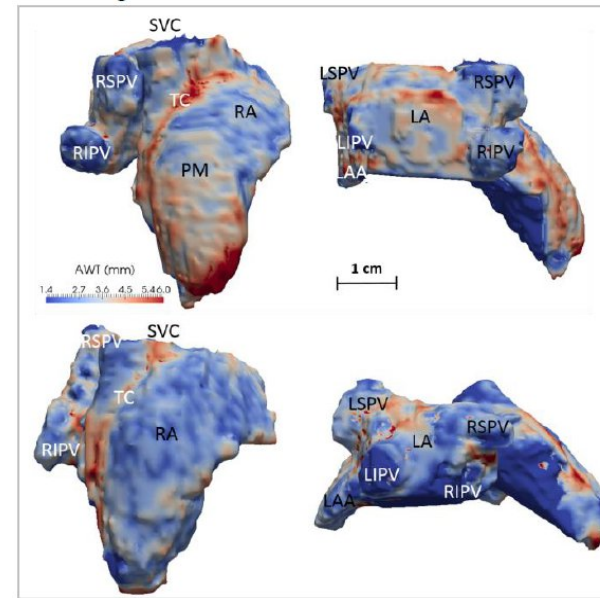
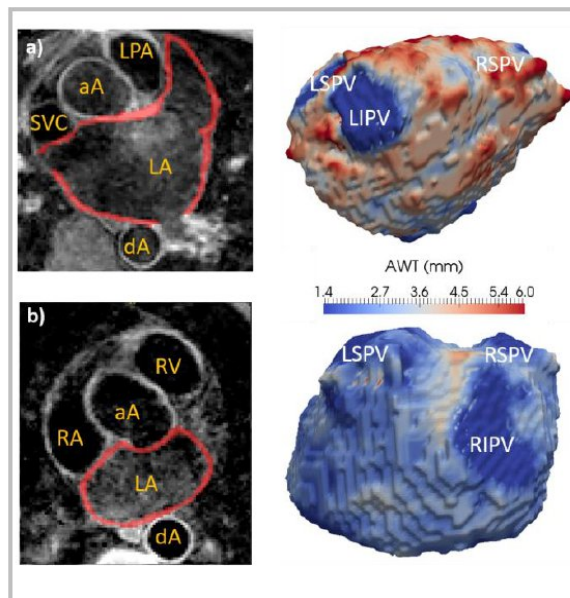
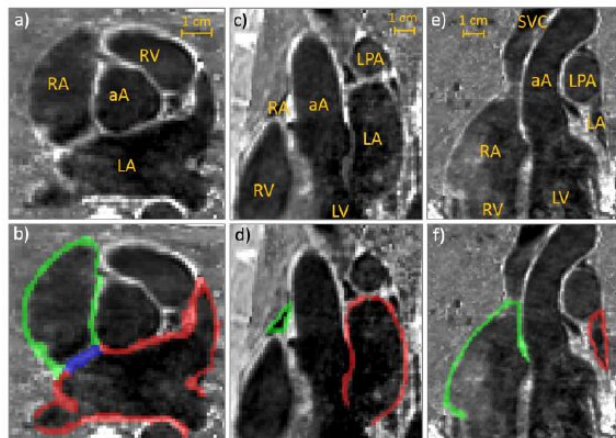






# Novel MRI Technique Enables Non-Invasive Measurement of Atrial Wall Thickness

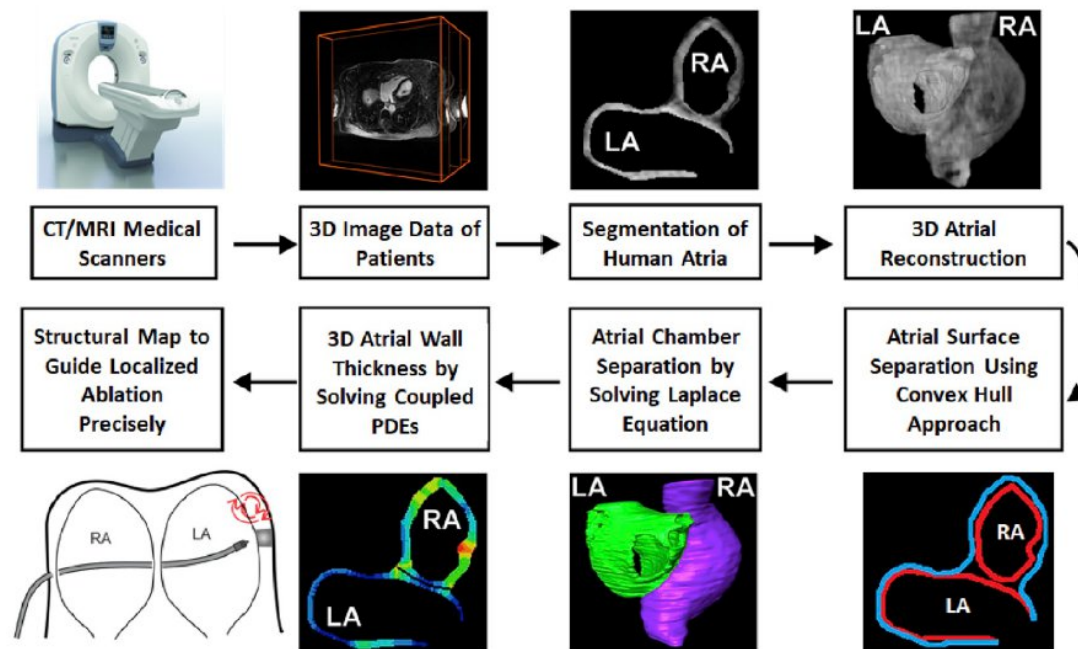
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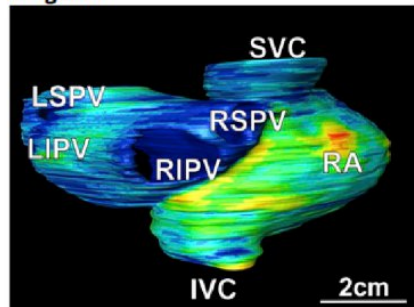




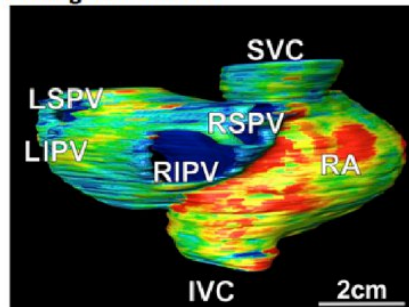
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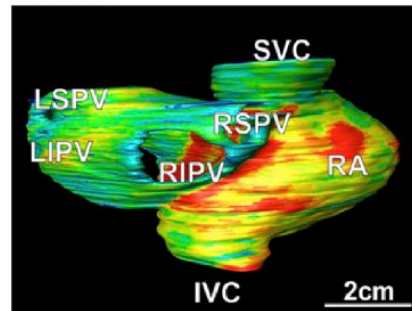
**A** Wall Thickness Using Nearest Neighbor



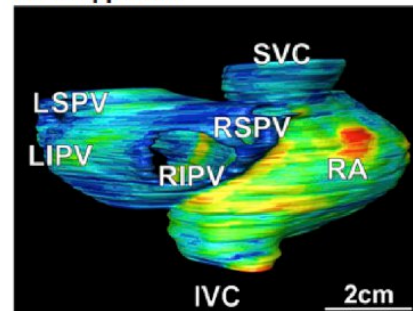
**B** Wall Thickness Using an Orthogonal Surface



**C** Wall Thickness Using Laplace Solution



**D** Wall Thickness Using Coupled PDEs Approach



Wall Thickness  
0  8mm

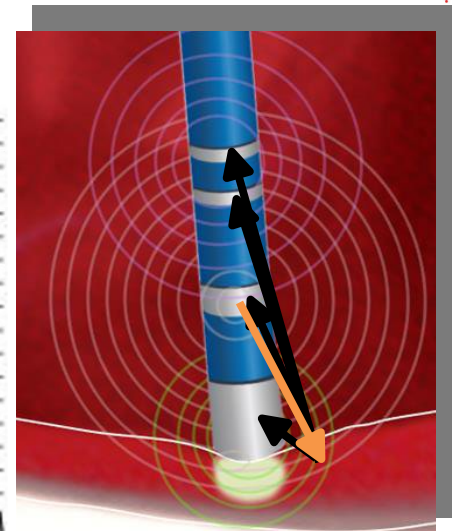
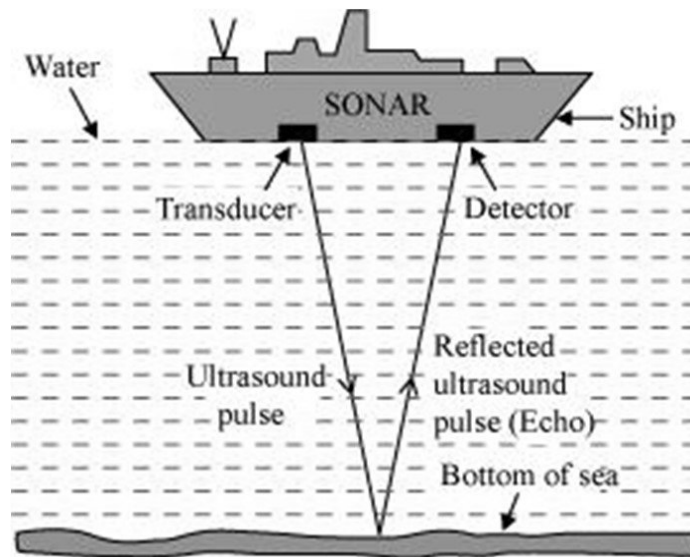
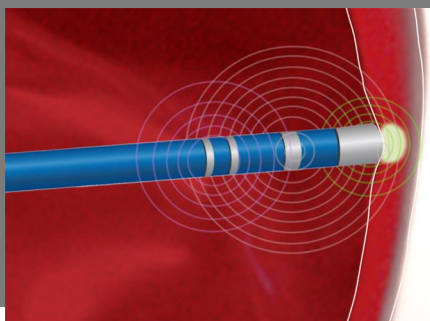




# How Wall Viewer works

## Local Fields

- Used for local tissue properties
- Generated between catheter electrodes
- Sensed by catheter (and sensors)



Electrical field  
shape +  
dielectric tissue  
signature



Regional  
normality  
distribution  
filter

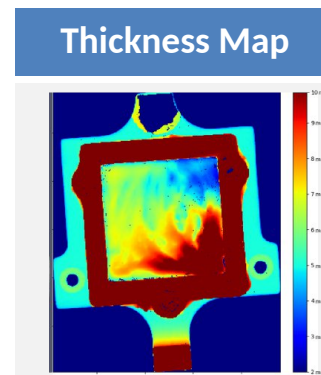
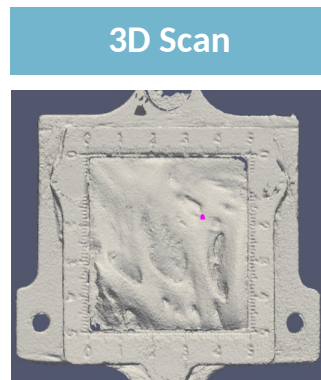
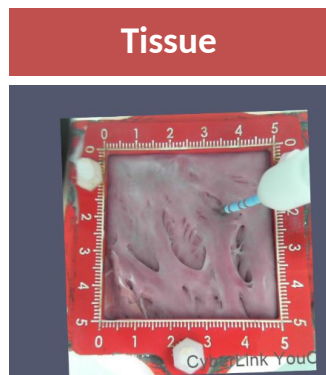
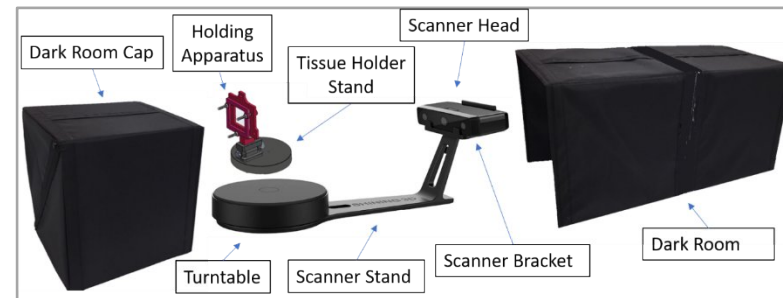


Outcome =  
Wall-thickness  
(mm)



## Wall Viewer – Comparison between 3D scanner thickness and Kodex

- Thickness measurement from a 3D Scan consists of scanning a cardiac tissue segment fixed by a Holding Apparatus and positioned on the 3D Scanner's turntable by a Tissue Holder Stand.
- The subjected cardiac tissue in each test setup is being 3D scanned prior a test.
- Each WV Point acquired in KODEX is compared to thickness extracted from the 3D scanner

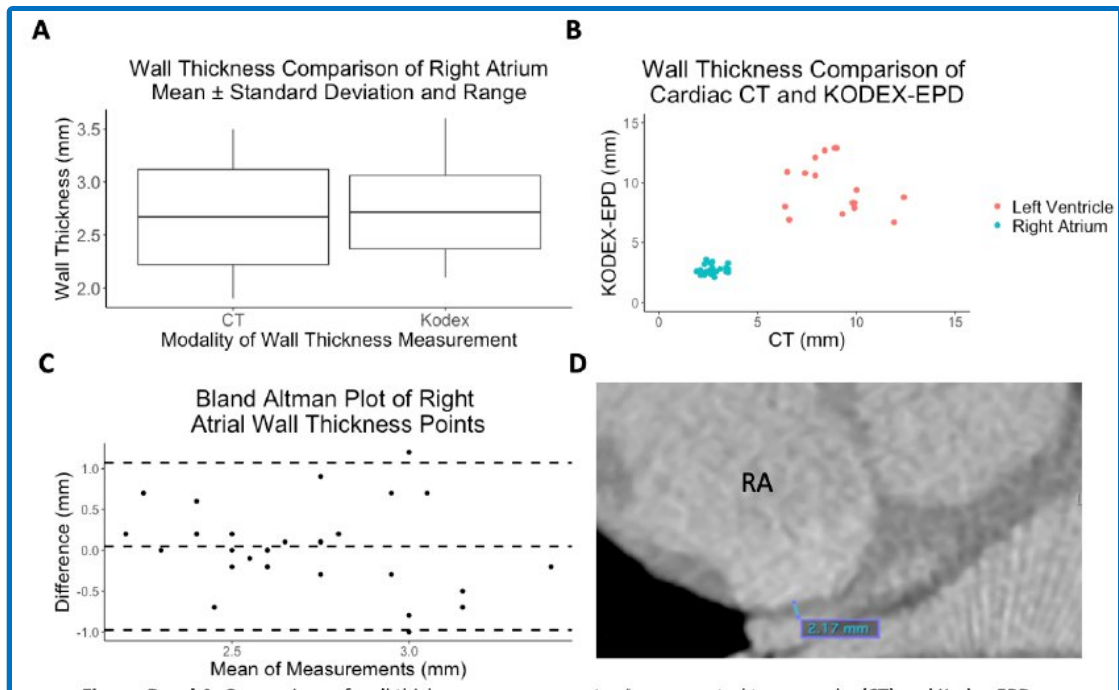


**Extracted  
thickness  
from KODEX**



## B-P001-072 - Dielectric-based Tissue Thickness Measured With A Radiofrequency Ablation Catheter: Initial Clinical Results

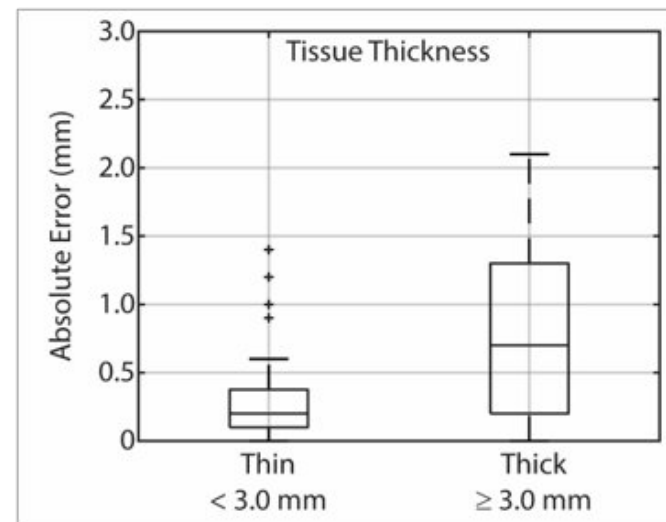
- 48 wall thickness points were measured (30 in the right atrium, 18 in the left ventricle)
- Wall thickness ranged from 1.9mm to 12.9mm
- No significant difference in atrial wall thickness between KODEX-EPD and CT ( $3.02 \pm 0.35\text{mm}$  vs.  $3.00 \pm 0.45\text{mm}$ ,  $P=0.65$ )





## Dielectric Tissue Imaging in Cavotricuspid Isthmus Ablation (ERUCA)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04438395; PI - Dr. Larry Chinitz; Estimated enrollment N=30







# Our experience

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## CASE REPORT

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# Dielectric-based tissue thickness measured during radiofrequency catheter ablation

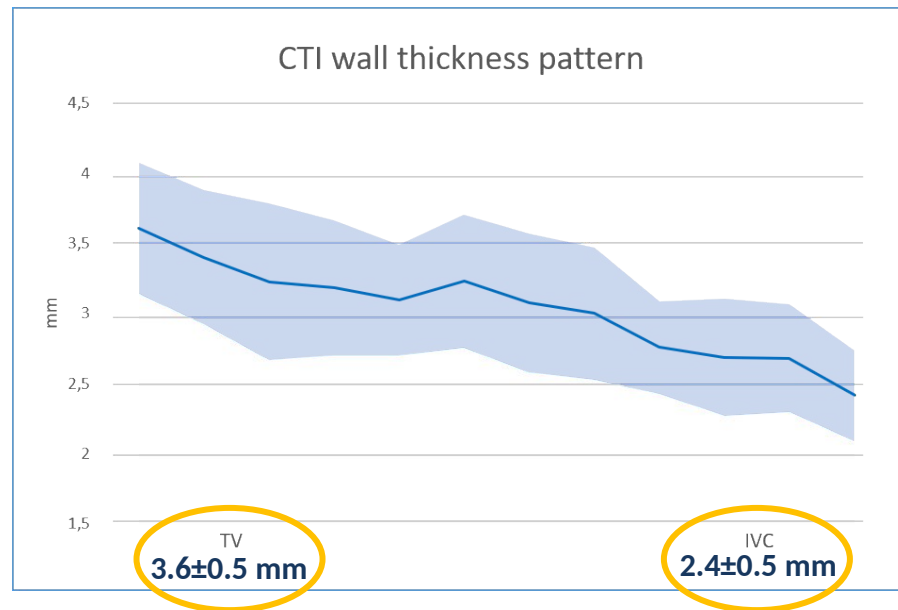
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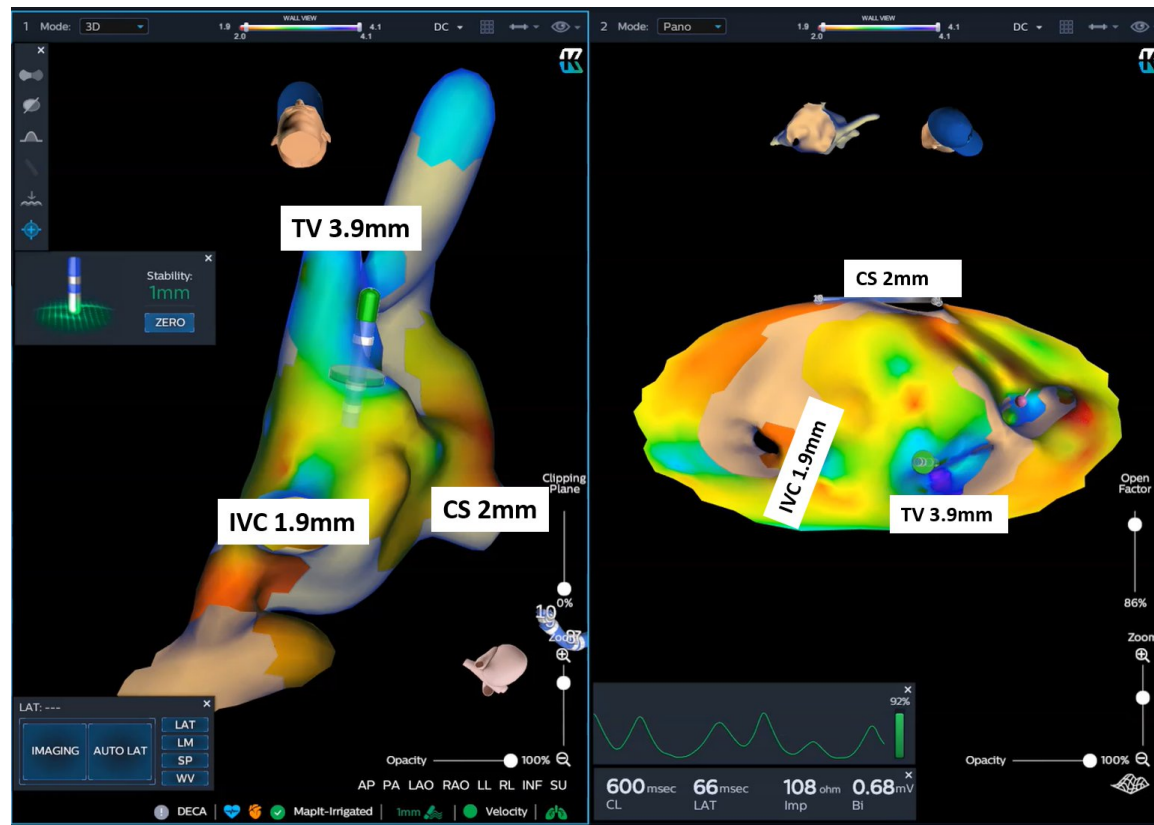
## Our experience

- 12 consecutive patients with AFL - CTI dependent
- 4mm MAP-iT catheter (APT, Access Point Technologies) with a 6-hole irrigated tip
- Point by point ablation 35W
- Interlesion distance  $\leq 6$  mm

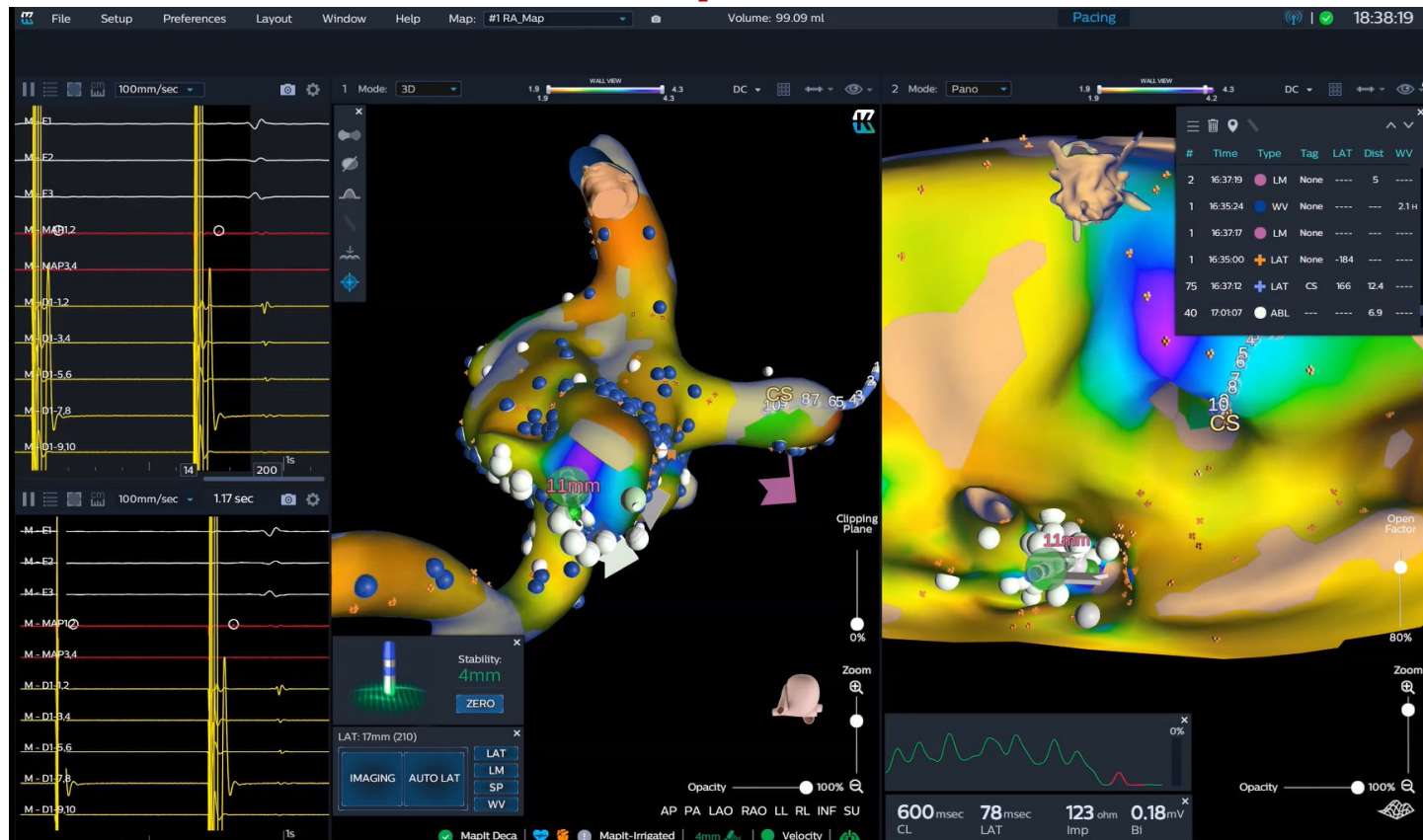
- Mean CTI length was  **$29.5 \pm 2.6$  mm**
- Mean procedure time  **$37 \pm 13$  min**
- Mean fluoroscopic time was  **$690 \pm 378$  s**
- Mean RF time  **$763 \pm 205$  s**
- Mean number of RF pulses of  **$28 \pm 7$**
- Acute bidirectional cavo-tricuspid isthmus block achieved in all patients without any complications



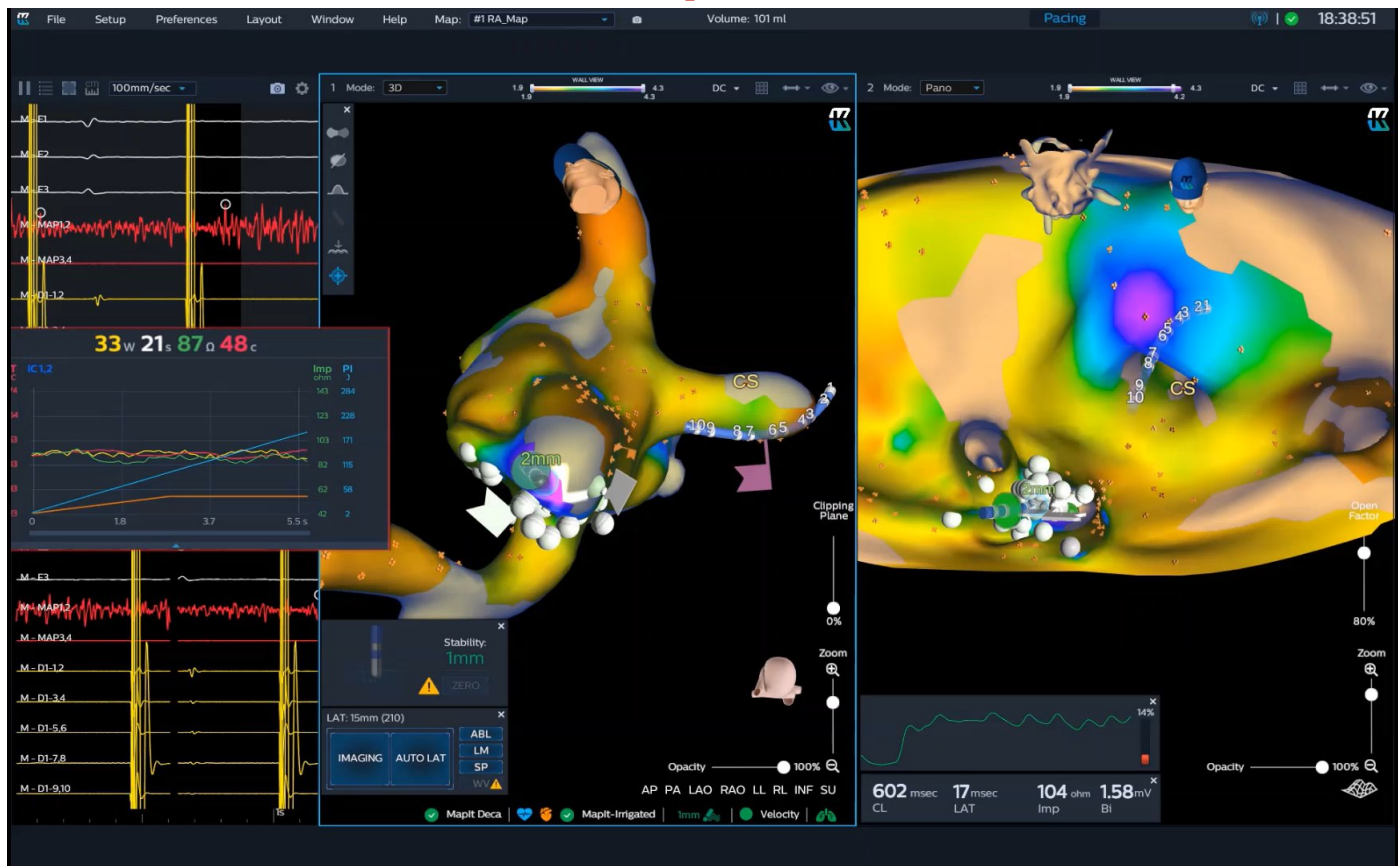
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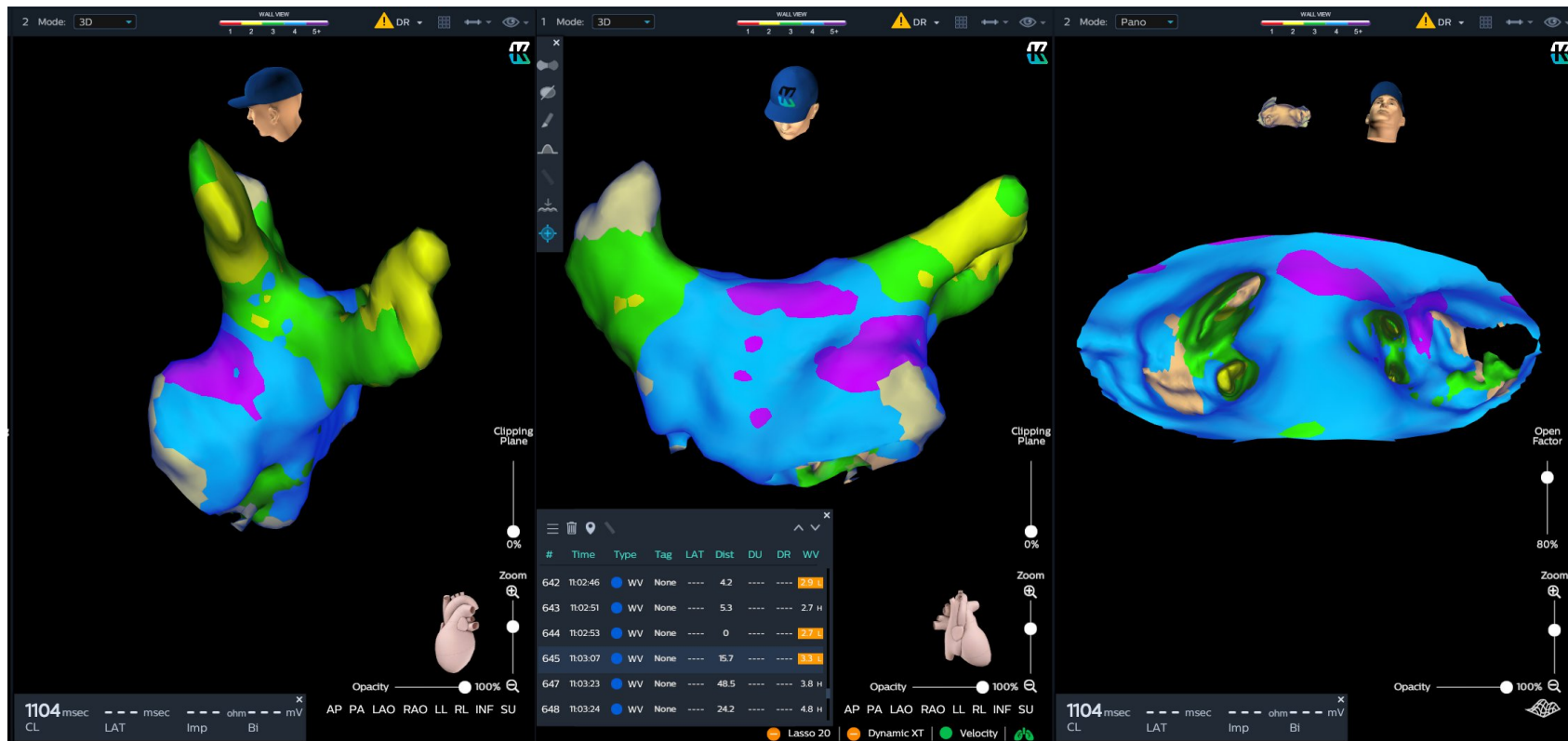


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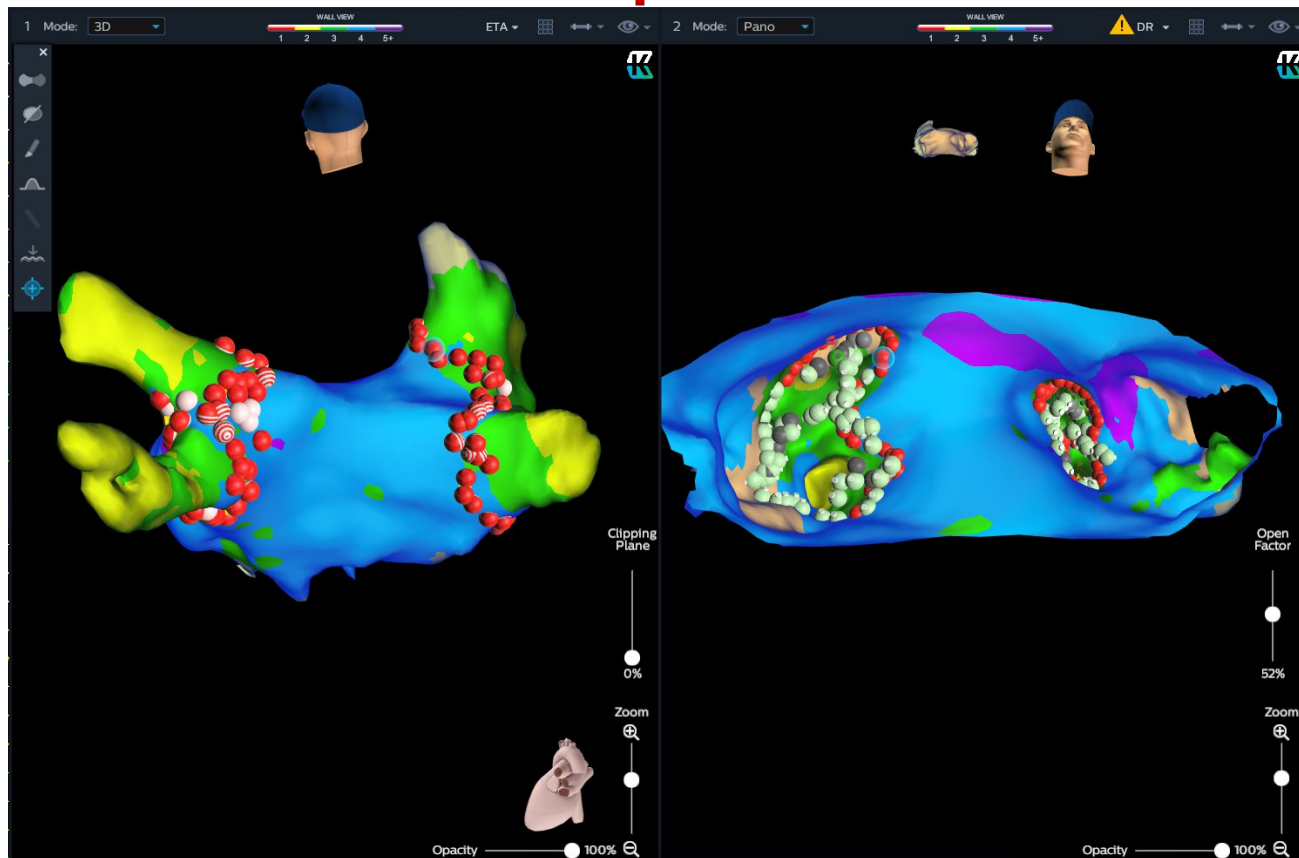




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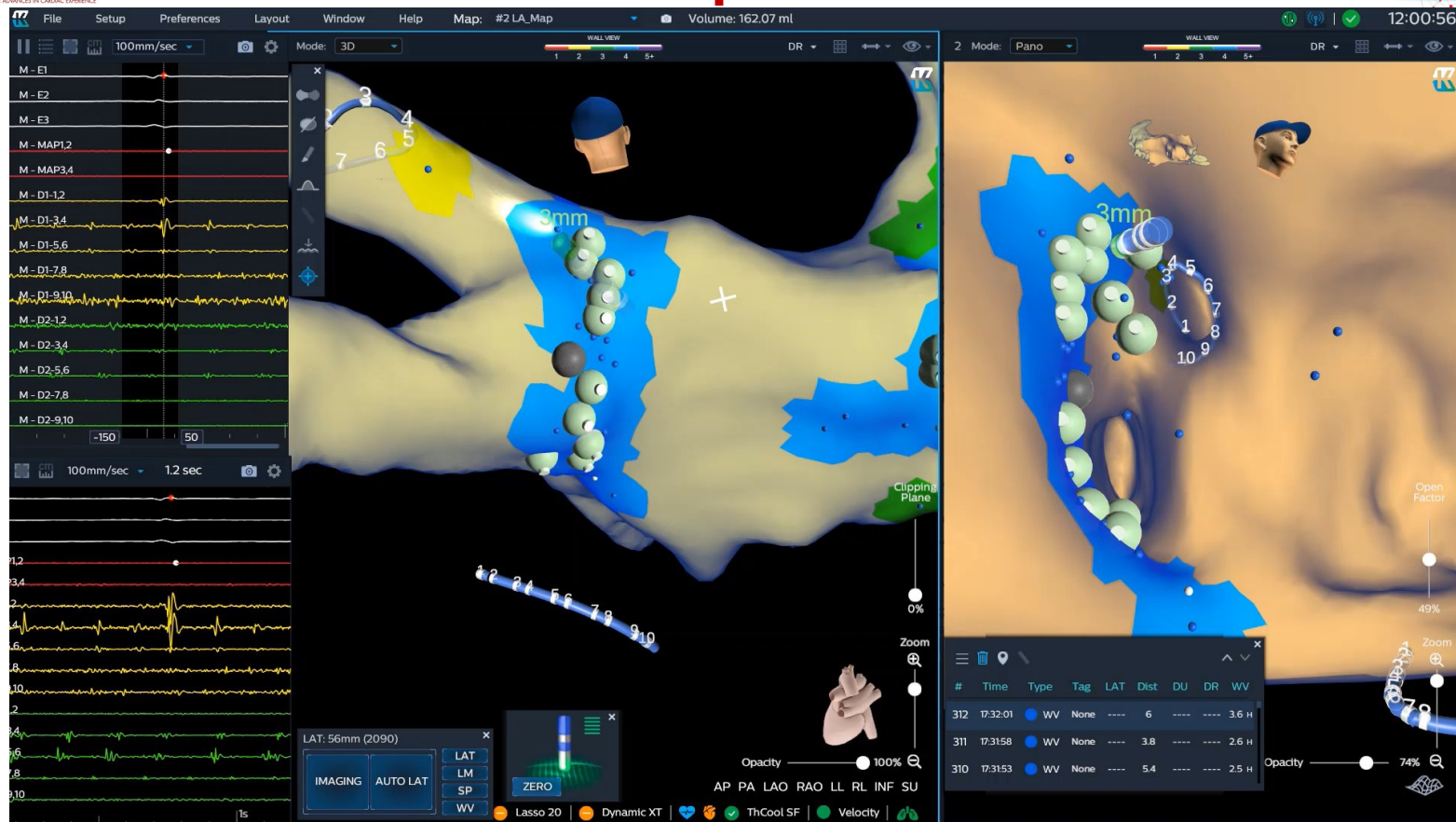


# Our experience





# Our experience



Kodex v  
1.5.1

# Response Study



## Study Purpose

### Assumptions

Tissue Response Viewer (TRV) is the primary feature which will be studied

1.5.1a software enables identification/localization of PVI gaps

### Primary endpoints:

Correlation between TRV (index procedure) and sites of late PV reconnections (3-month mapping procedure )

### Secondary endpoints:

Procedural data: total procedure time, RF application time, mapping time, location of RF applications, number of RF applications, fluoroscopy time/dose, RF ablation parameters

## Study Design

Prospective, non- randomized, open label, multi-center

## Number of subjects

Up to 50 subjects

## Number of sites

5 in Europe

## Follow-up

- Mandated 3-month mapping procedure
- Data collection at discharge , 3-month-post index PVI procedure and Safety FU at 4 months.



# Three-dimensional atrial wall thickness maps to inform catheter ablation procedures for atrial fibrillation

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## Conclusions

Left atrial wall thickness can be measured robustly and efficiently across the whole left atrium using a solution of the Laplace equation over a finite element mesh of the left atrium. Further studies are indicated to determine whether the integration of LAWT maps into pre-existing 3D anatomical mapping systems may provide important anatomical information for guiding radiofrequency ablation.



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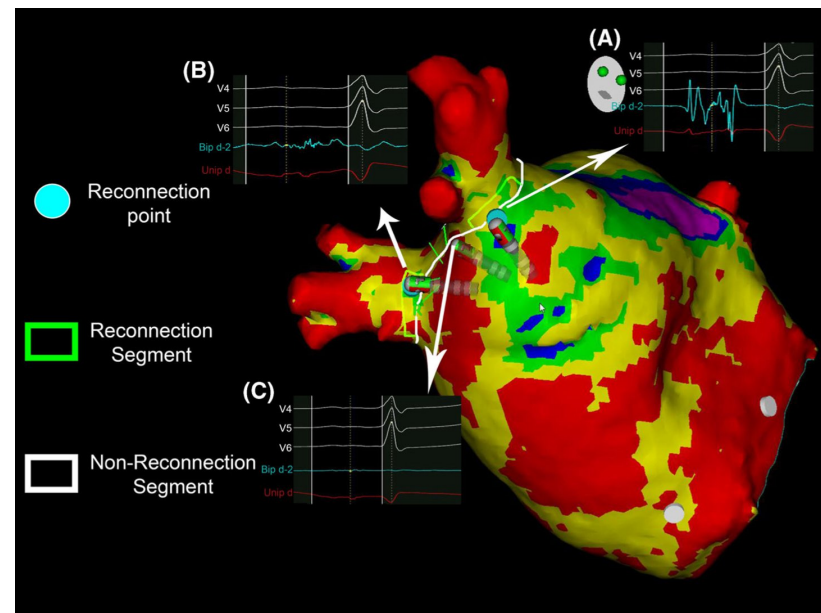
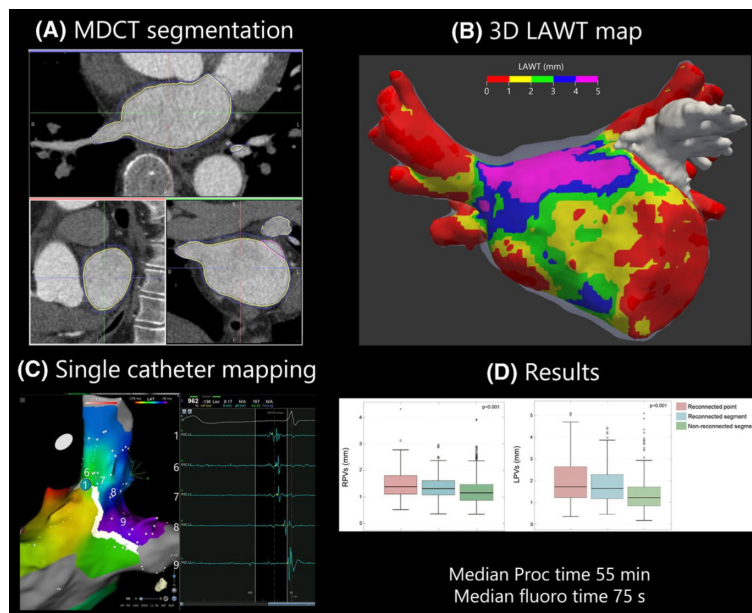
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# Left atrial wall thickness of the pulmonary vein reconnection sites during atrial fibrillation redo procedures

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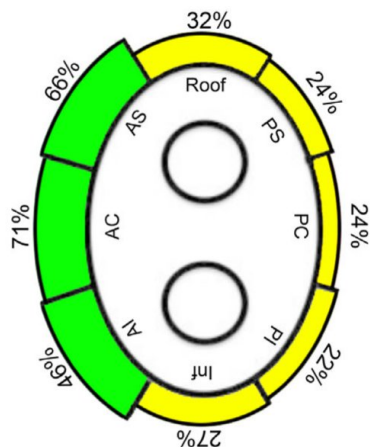






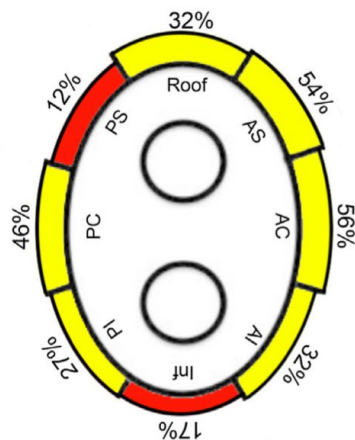
## Left atrial wall thickness of the pulmonary vein reconnection sites during atrial fibrillation redo procedures

1) Left Pulmonary Veins



LAWT	Roof	PS	PC	PI	Inf	AI	AC	AS
(mm)	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.6	2.3	2.2	2.3

2) Right Pulmonary Veins



Roof	AS	AC	AI	Inf	PI	PC	PS
1.5	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0

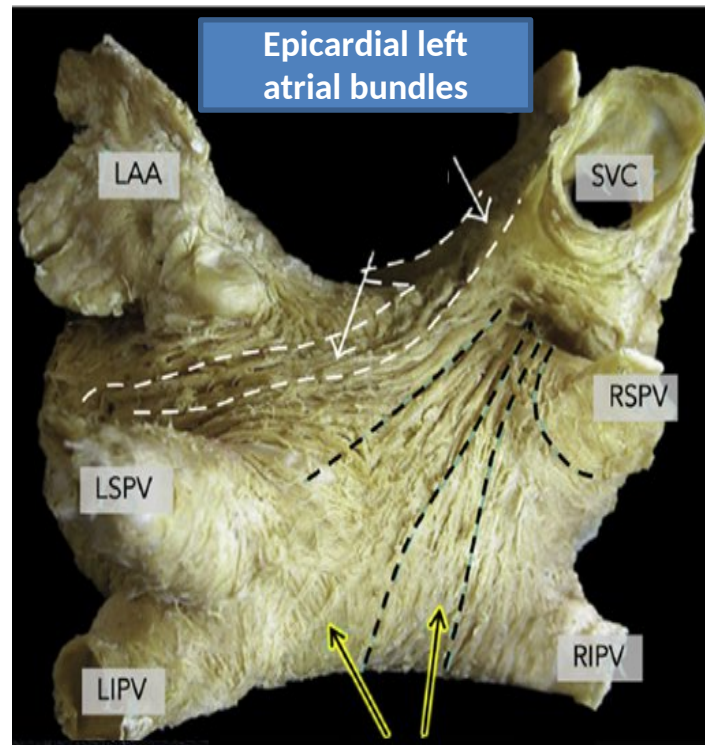
### 4.3 | LAWY and gap identification

The result of this pilot study confirms previous observations from retrospective studies, on that atrial WT is a major determinant of lesion transmuralty and that PV reconnections occur more frequently in thicker parts of the PV circumferential line. We have found that the more frequently reconnected sites are those with thicker atrial WT, in particular the right and left anterior carinas. In fact, previous histological<sup>17</sup> and imaging<sup>18</sup> studies have shown that the left atrial ridge is the thickest structure around the circumferential PV lines and that it is also where reconnection sites were more frequently found in this study. Nevertheless, despite an excellent spatial resolution which



## Hybrid non surgical endo-epi ablation of persistent AF: when tissue thickness map and local impedance information work together

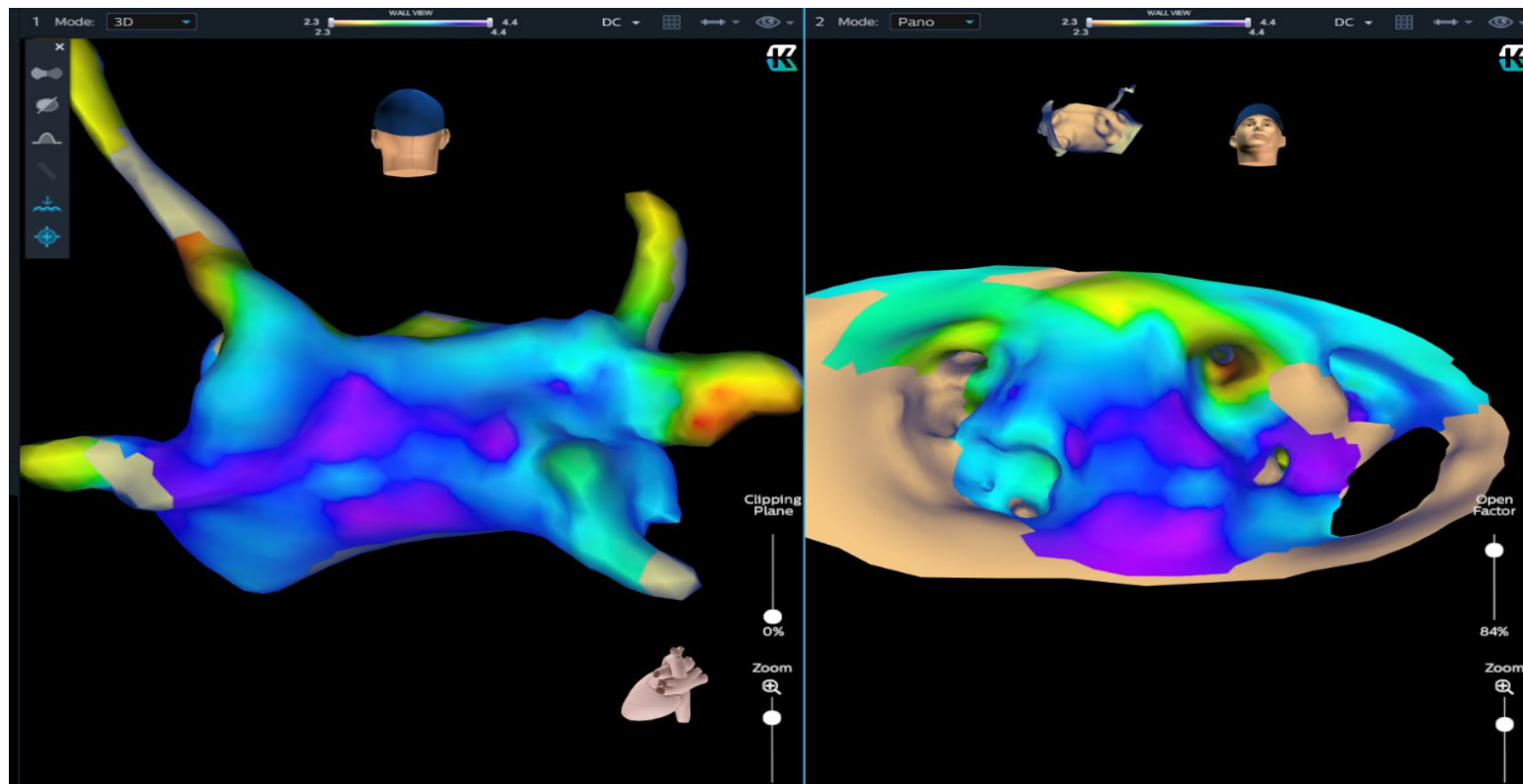
- 49 year old male, persistent AF, highly symptomatic
- Third ablation procedure: first procedures 2012(PVI only), 2017 (PVI plus posterior box)
- Mapping during CS pacing revealed:
  - Three reconnected veins
  - Roof line not blocked





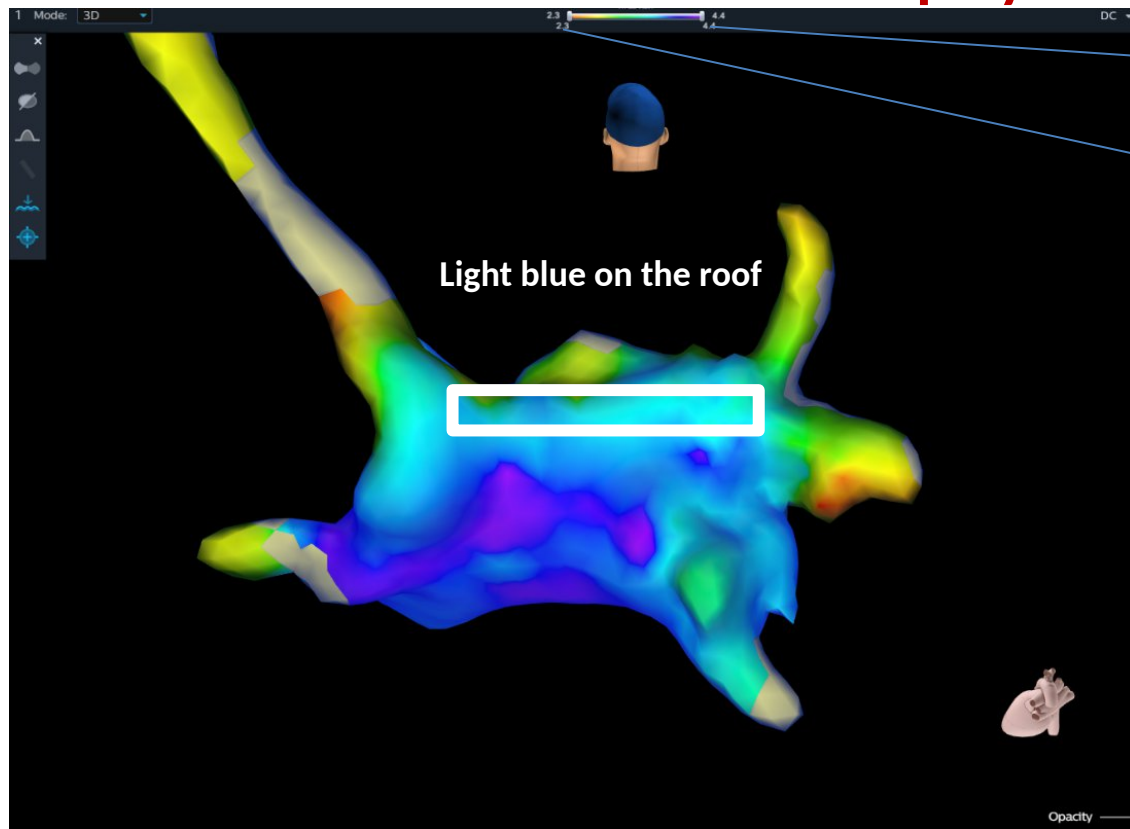


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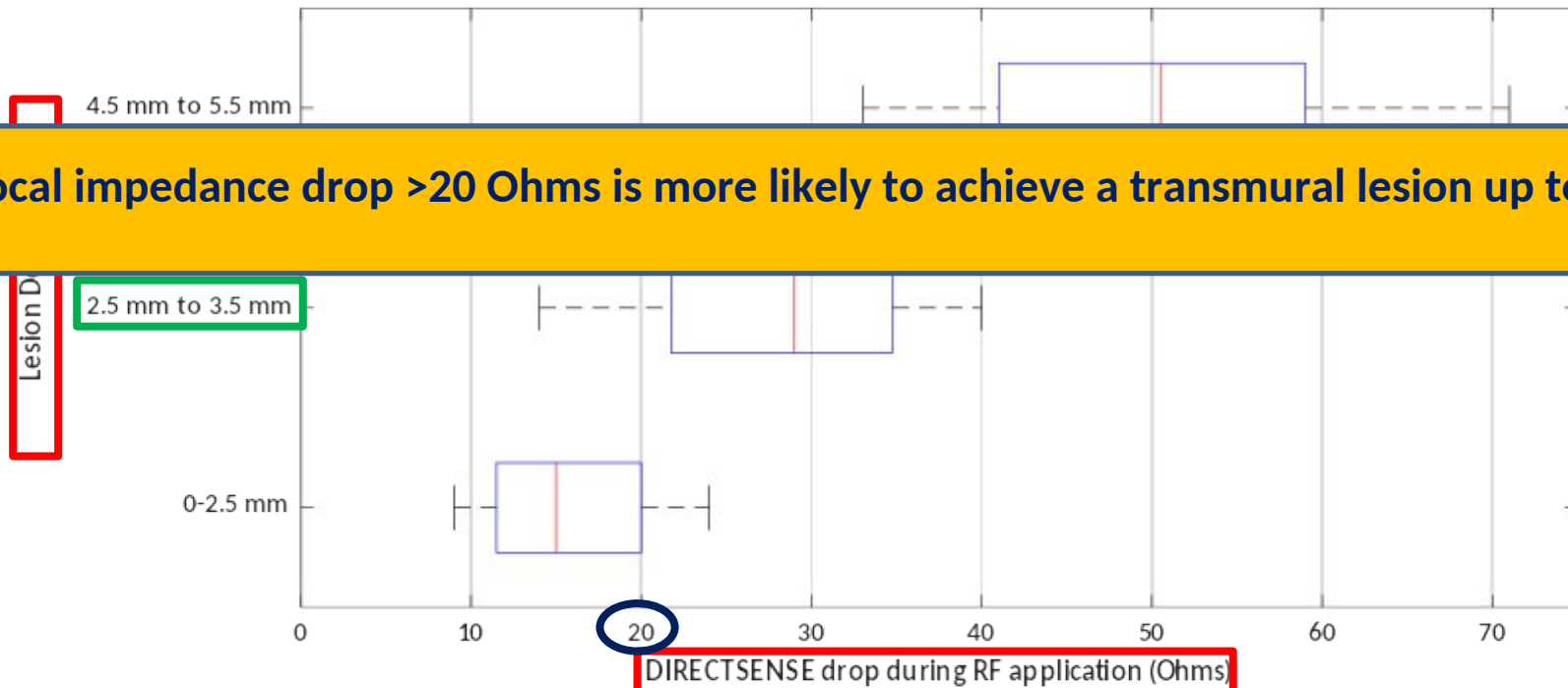


Indicates wall thickness between 3/3.5 mm



# Relationship between local impedance drop and lesion depth

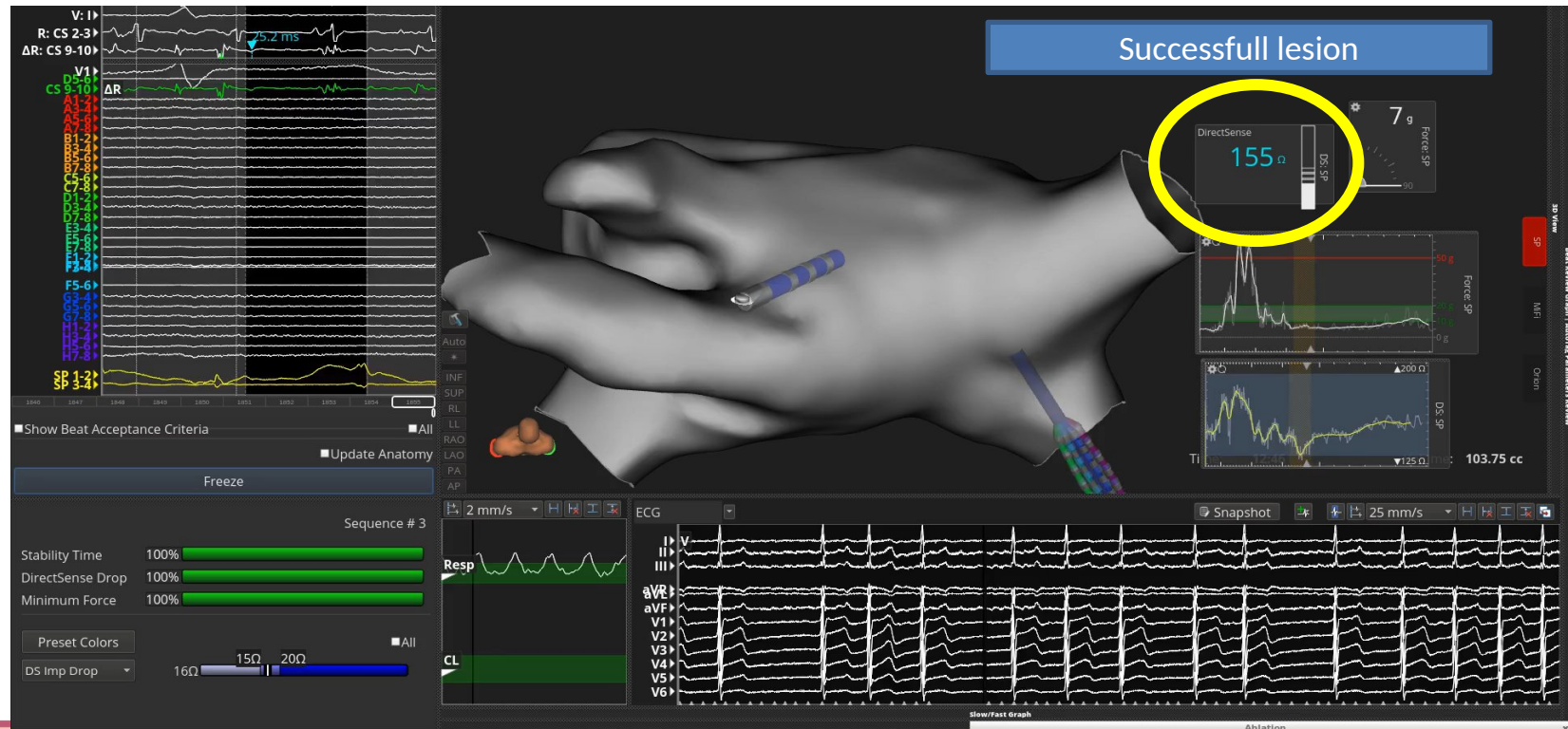
Library of Bench Lesions (Range of Powers, Durations and Applied Forces)



# Roof line block after PVI



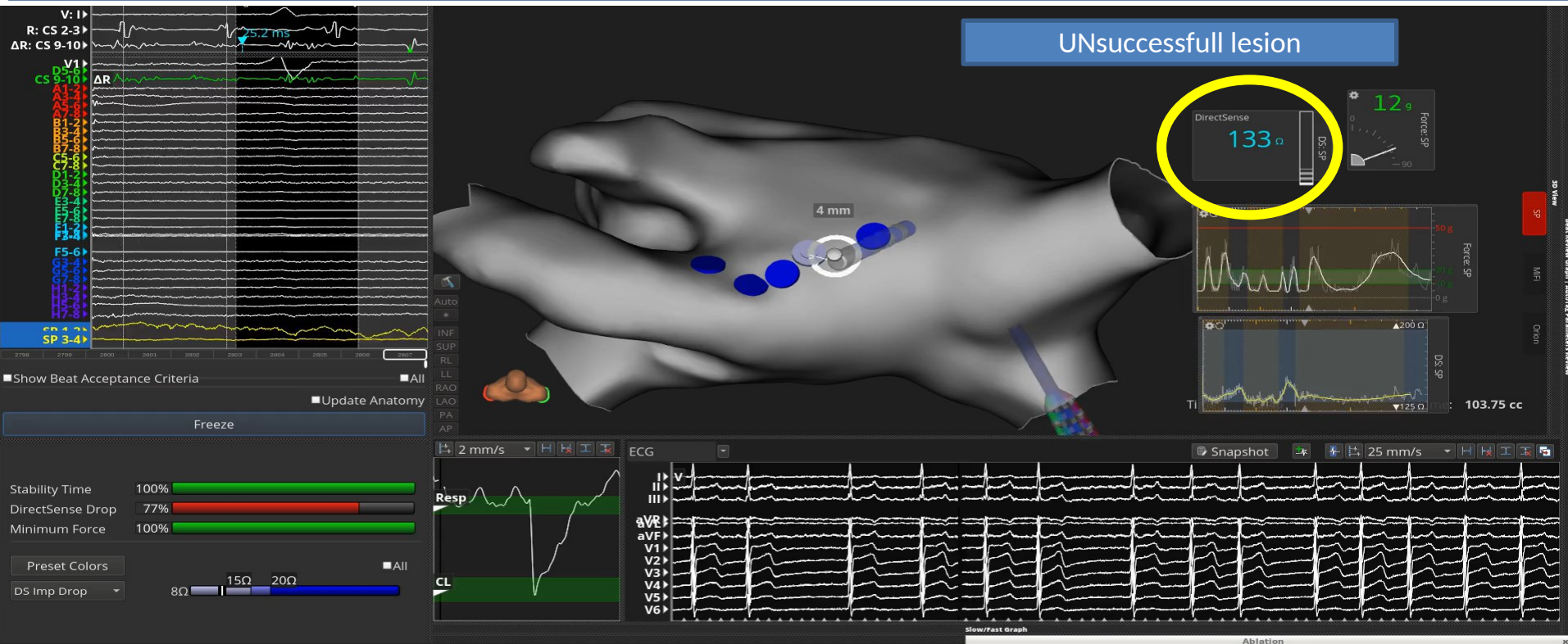
Based on the KODEX EPD map we aimed at a local impedance drop  $>20$  on the roof



# Unsuccessful lesions



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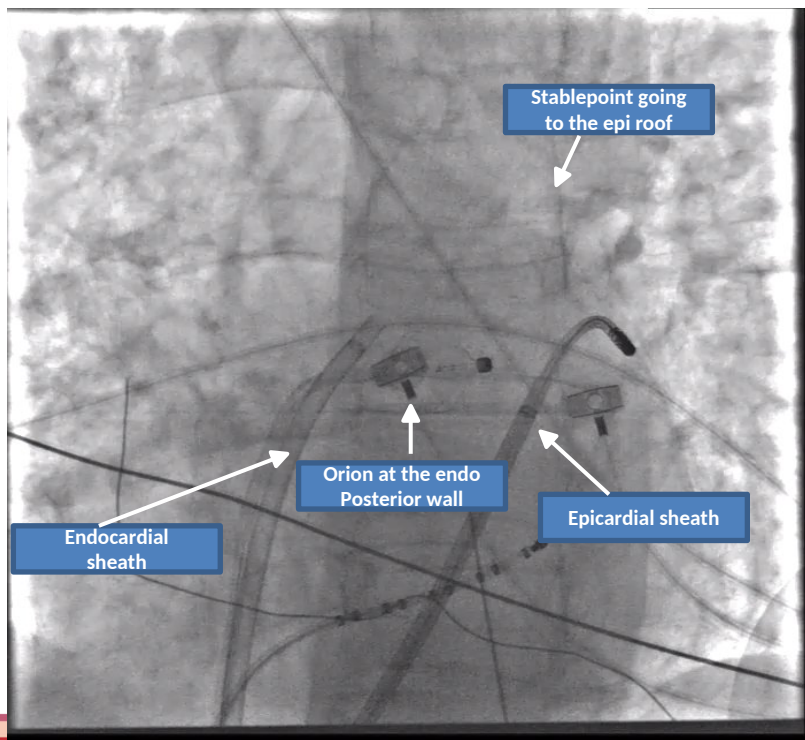






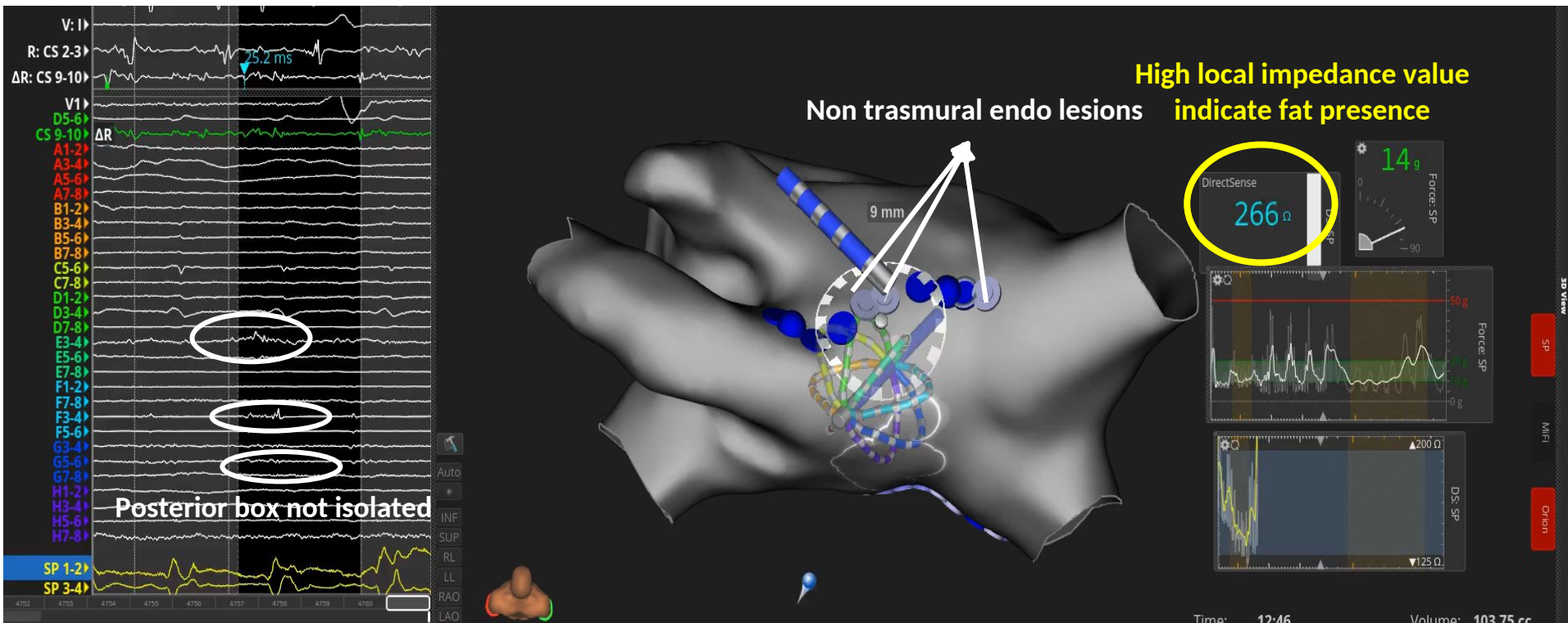
# Epicardial ablation

**Posterior box could not be isolated so we decided to ablate epicardially on the roof**





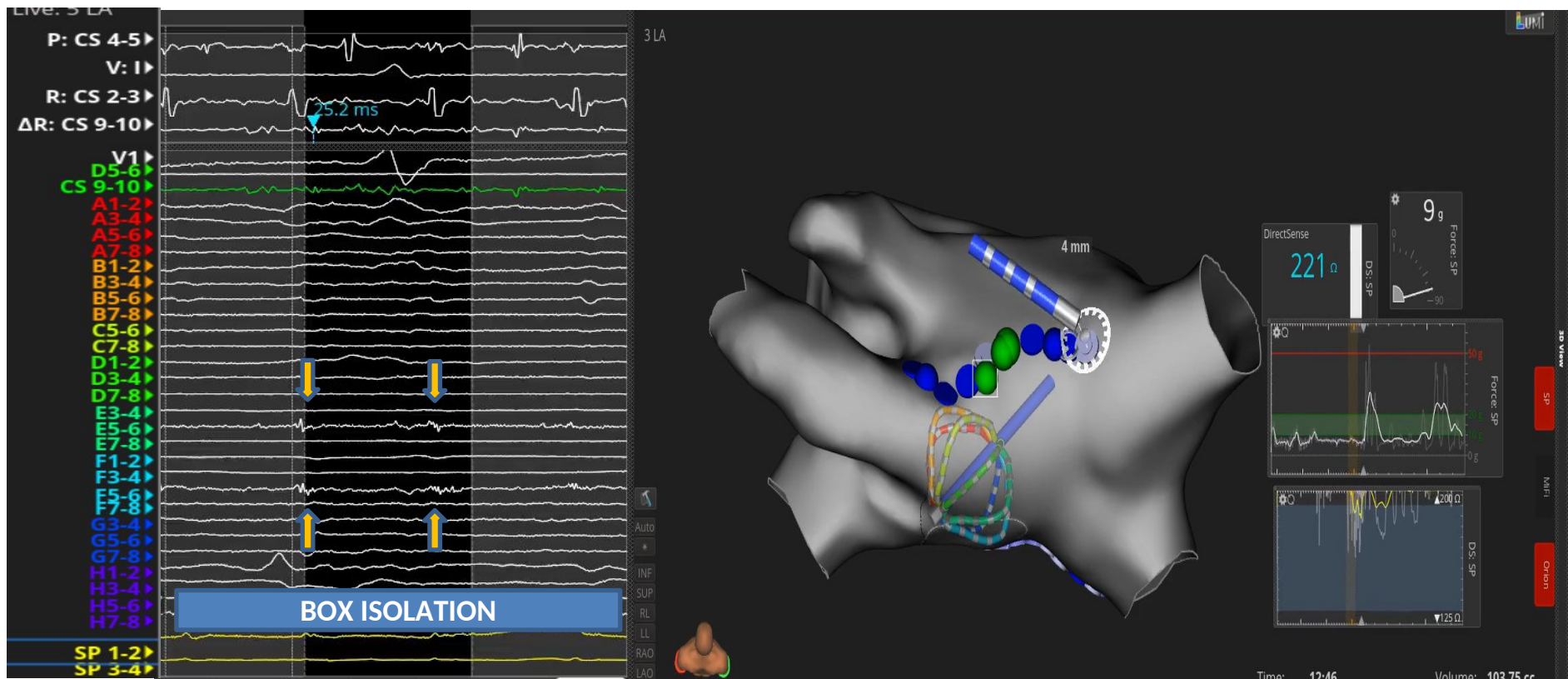
# Epicardial ablation on the roof







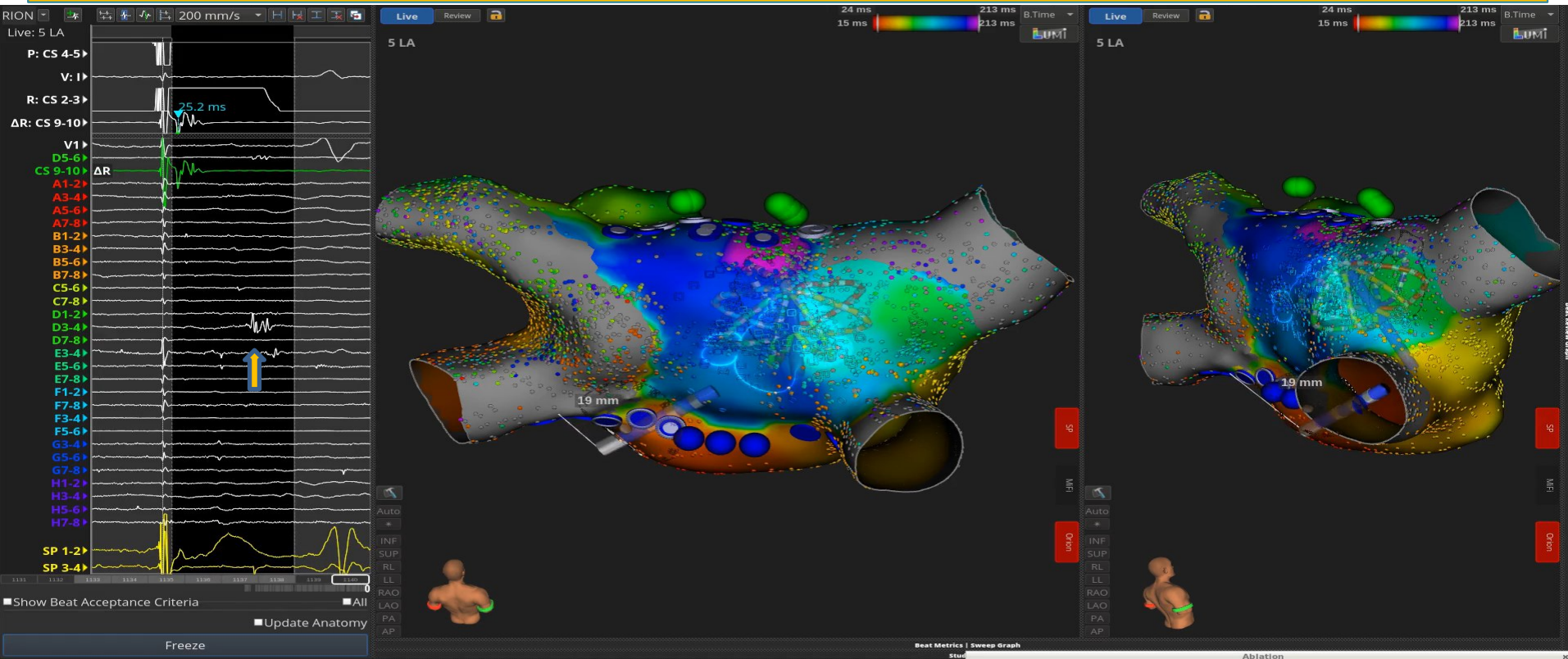
# Box isolation with epicardial ablation



# Remap after cardioversion



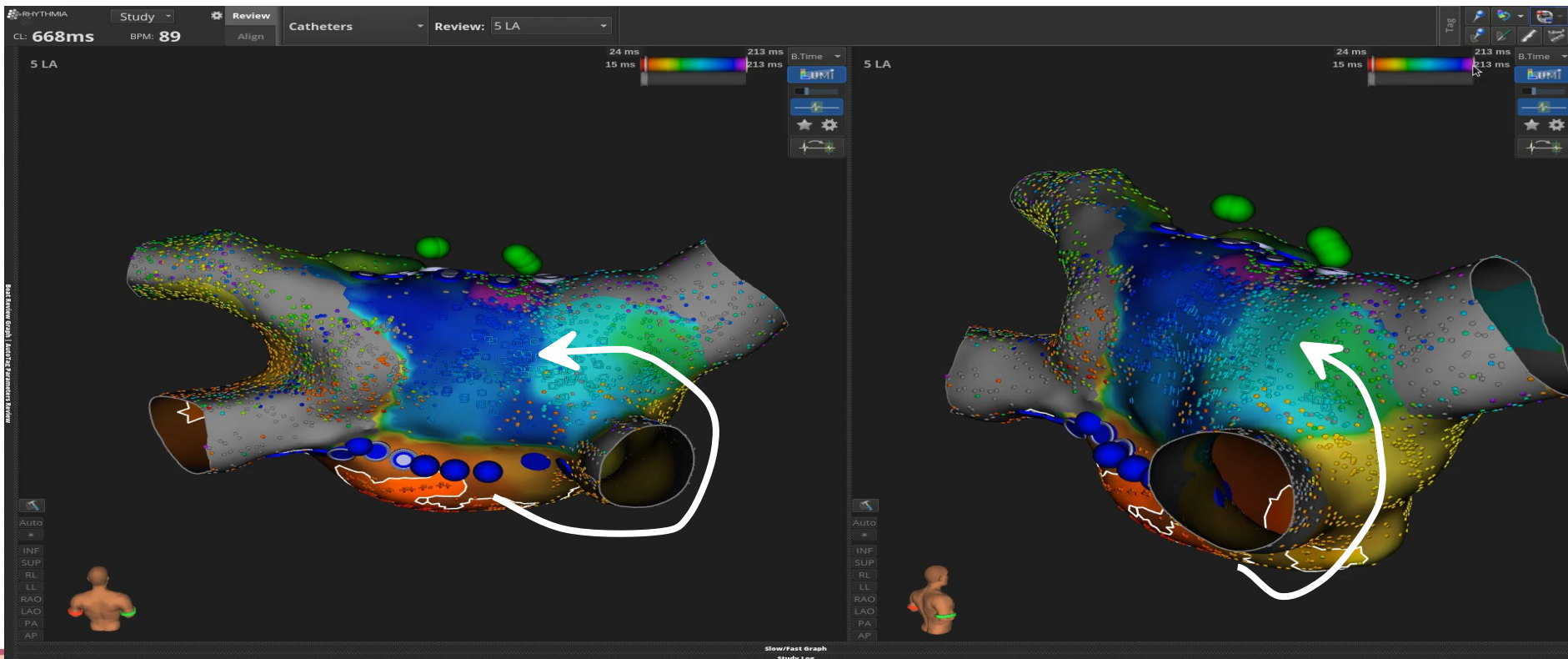
*Posterior box still connected: very small signal detected by the Orion catheter*



# Remap after cardioversion



Roof is blocked: the gap is at the right carena

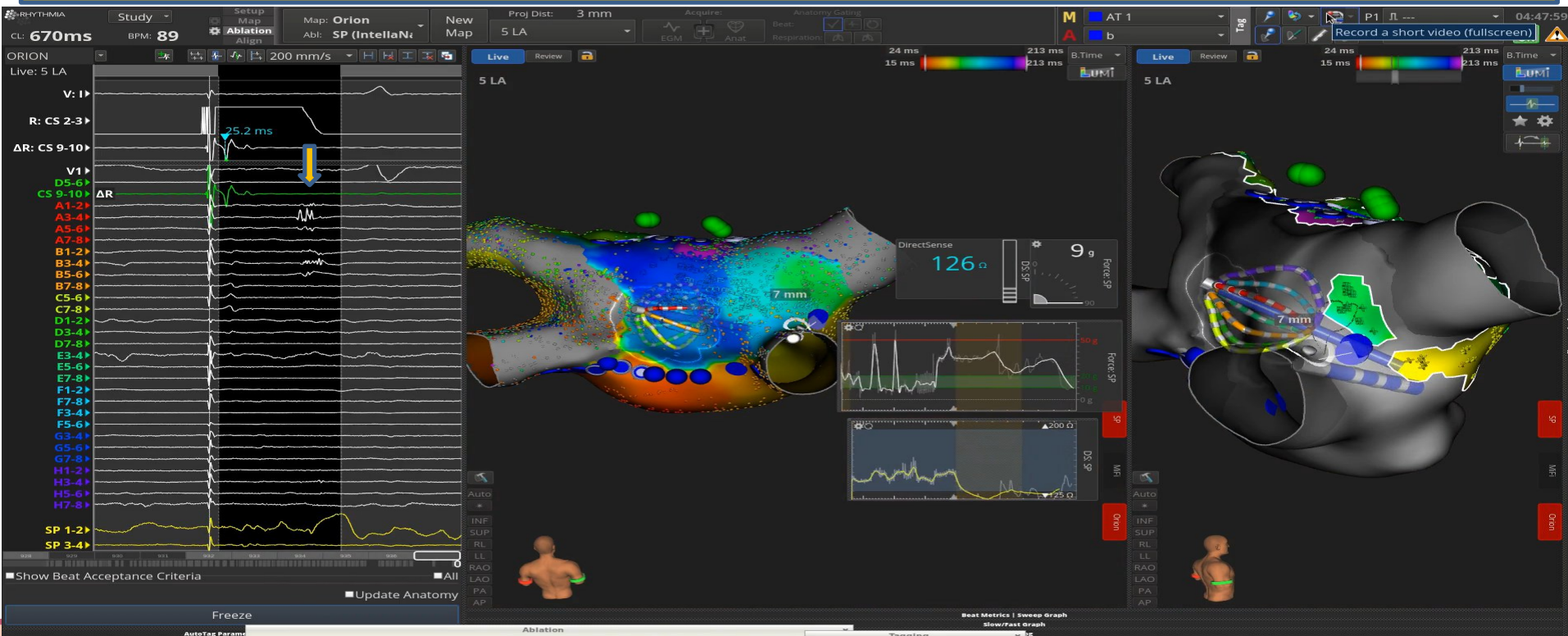




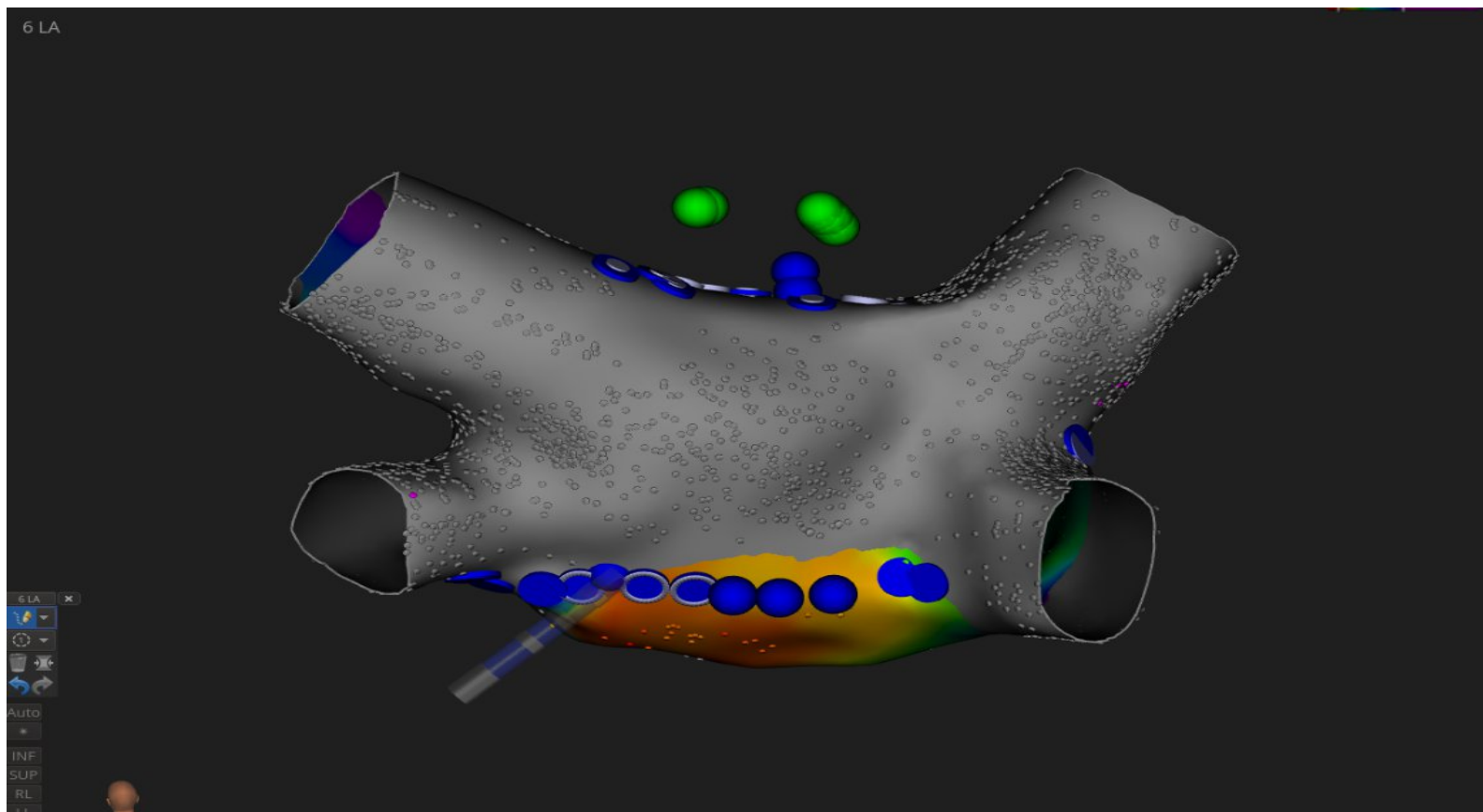
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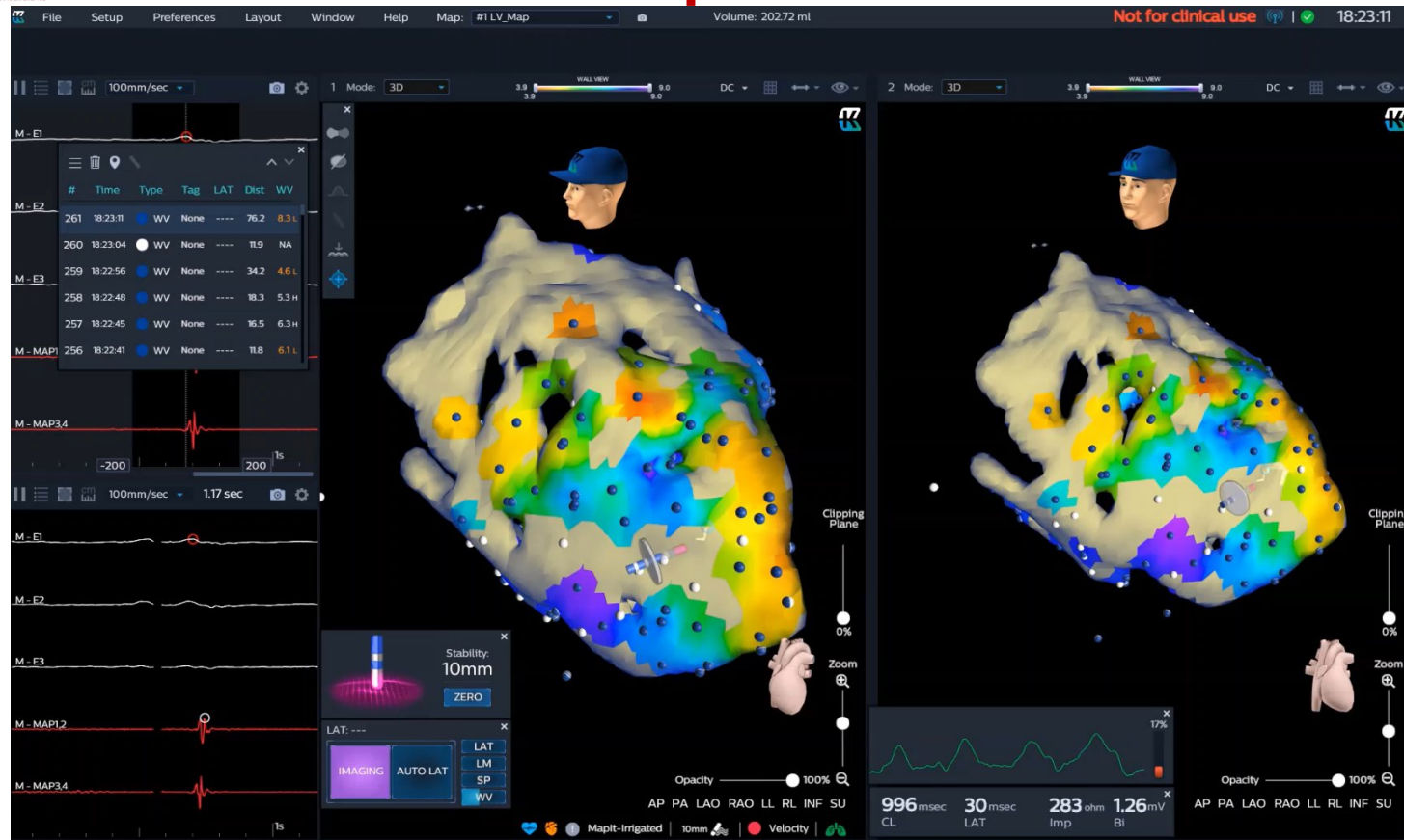


# Final remap





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## Conclusion

**Left atrial wall thickness provides anatomical information which may be useful to guide ablative approach**

**The combination of tissue thickness map and local impedance drop information can help understand when epicardial approach is necessary optimizing the patient outcome**



# THANK YOU