

Diastolic heart failure

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Current European Diagnostic Criteria

- Signs or symptoms of CHF (effort dyspnea, pulmonary rales/edema, CPX-test $\text{VO}_2 \text{ max} < 25 \text{ ml/kg/min}$)
- Normal or mildly reduced Lvsystolic function ($\text{EF} > 45\%$, $\text{LVEDD} < 3,2 \text{ cm/m}^2$, $\text{LVEDVI} < 102 \text{ ml/ m}^2$)
- Abnormal LV relaxation, filling, diastolic stiffness by echo or catheterization

The Strong Heart Study

- Population based
- N = 3184, CHF prevalence 3 %
- CHF: EF >54 % : **53%** (E/A ratio ↓, DT ↑, LVH↑)
- CHF associated with hypertension & LVH

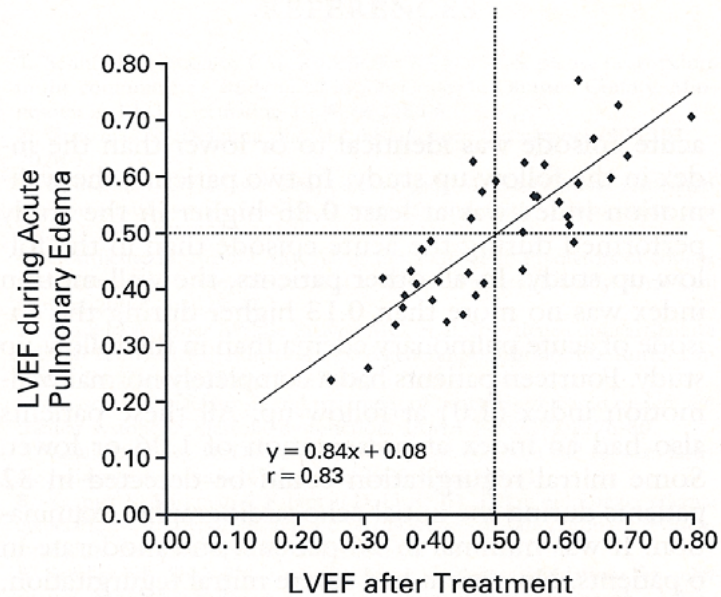
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2000;86:1090-96

CHF with preserved LV systolic function

Characteristics & prognosis

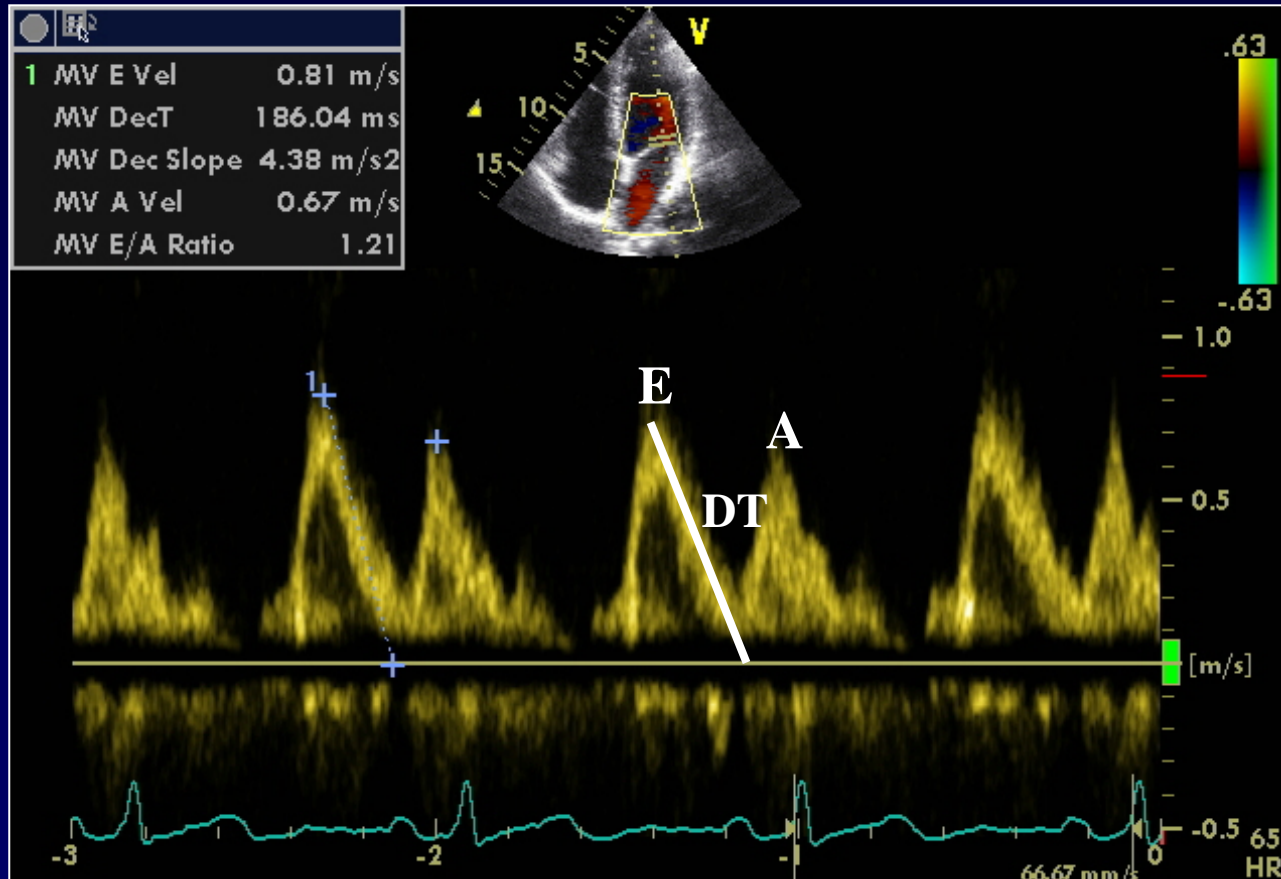
- Hospitalstudy
- N= 2498 pts, NYHA II-IV, EF > 40 %
- Catheterization: 1/3 no CAD, 2/3 CAD
- 62 % hypertension, 32 % diabetes
- Mean EF = 58 %
- 5 years overall mortality 28 %.

LVEF before & after pulmonary oedema in hypertensive



NEJM
2001,344:17-22

Mitral inflow



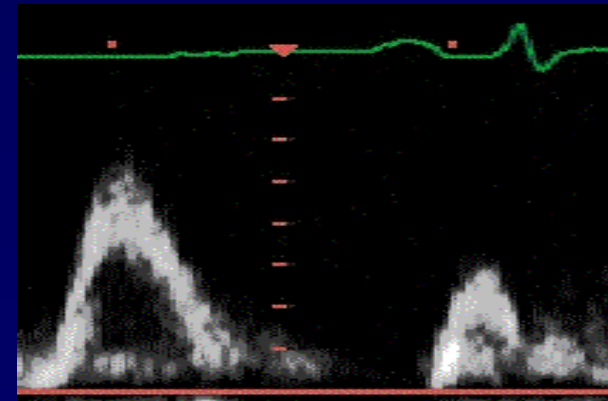
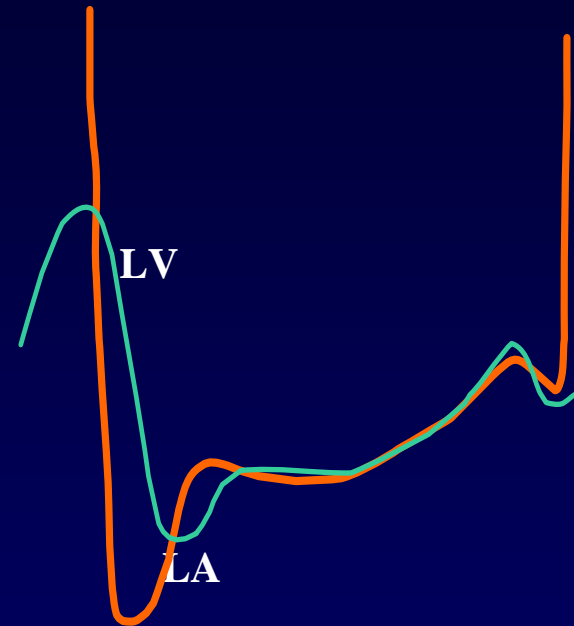
Normal LV Diastolic Function

Normal LV

mass, size, relaxation,
and stiffness

LV filling - 2/3 early
1/3 atrial

Normal LA size and
pressure



Mild LV Diastolic Dysfunction

Impaired LV relaxation

Normal LV

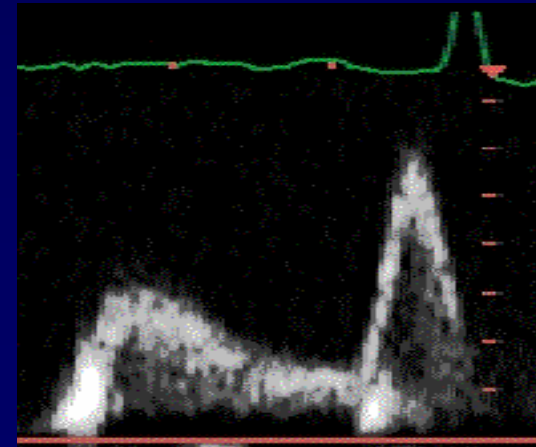
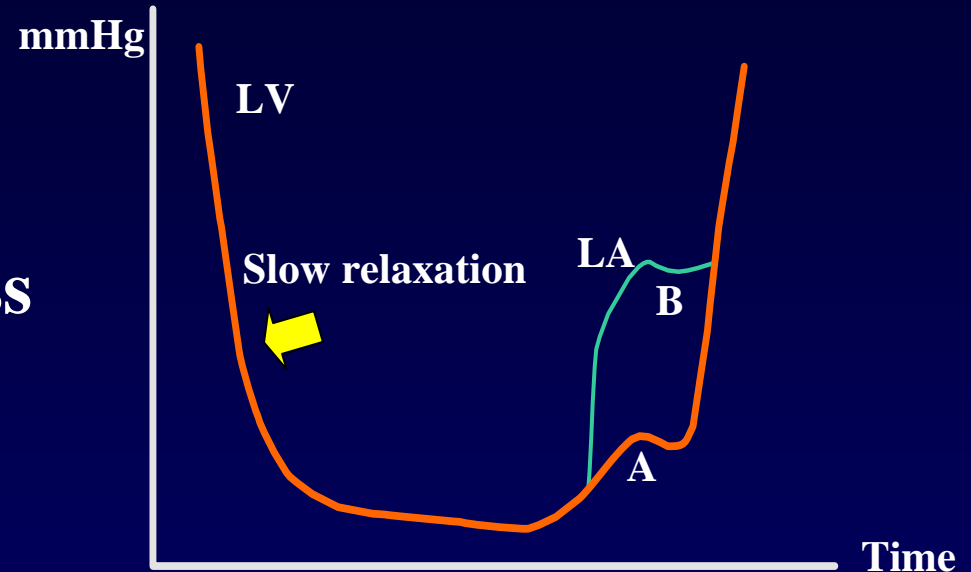
mass, size, stiffness

Impaired LV relaxation

LV filling -  early
 atrial

Normal LA size

LA pressure normal (A)
or mildly increased (B)



Moderat LV Diastolic Dysfunction

Pseudonormal LV filling

Normal LV

mass, size

LV relaxation impaired

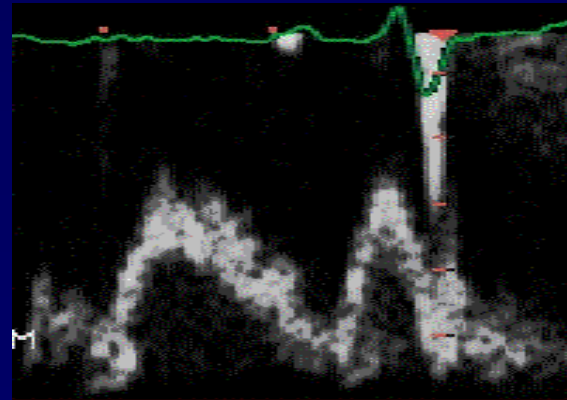
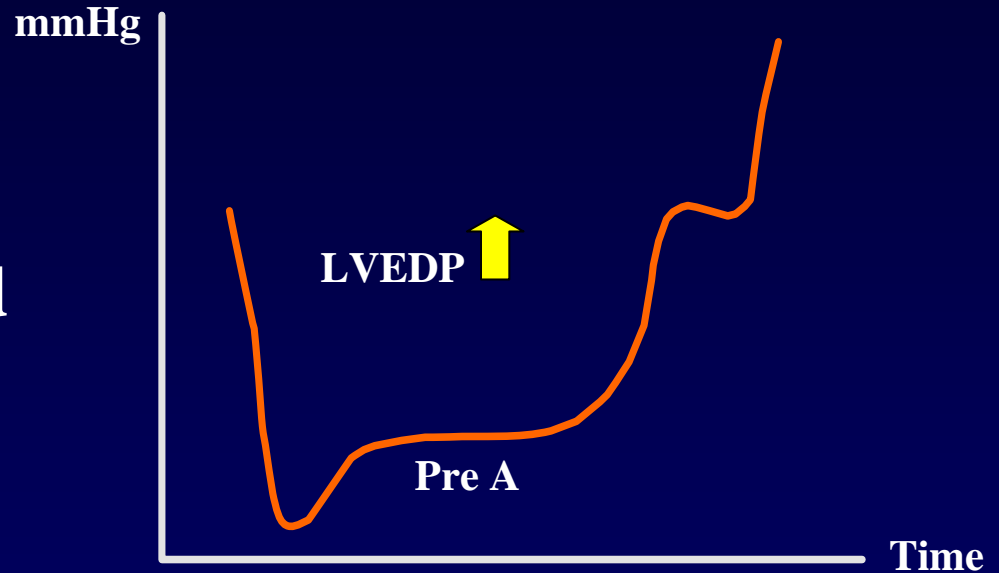
LV stiffness increase

LV filling -

pseudonormal

Increased LA size and

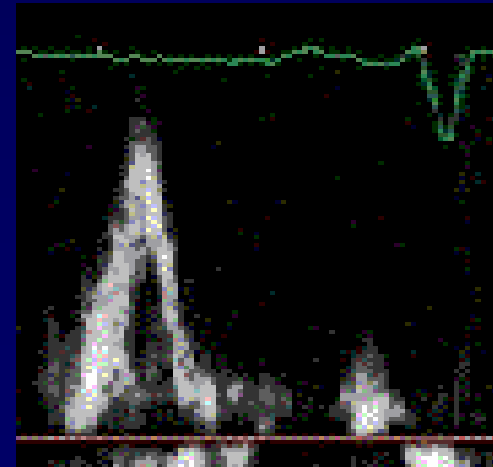
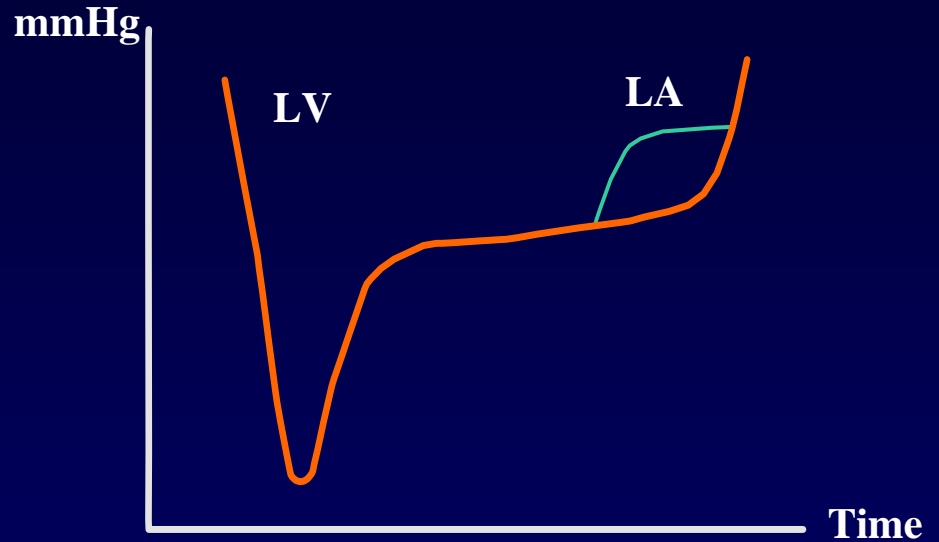
pressure



Severe LV Diastolic Dysfunction

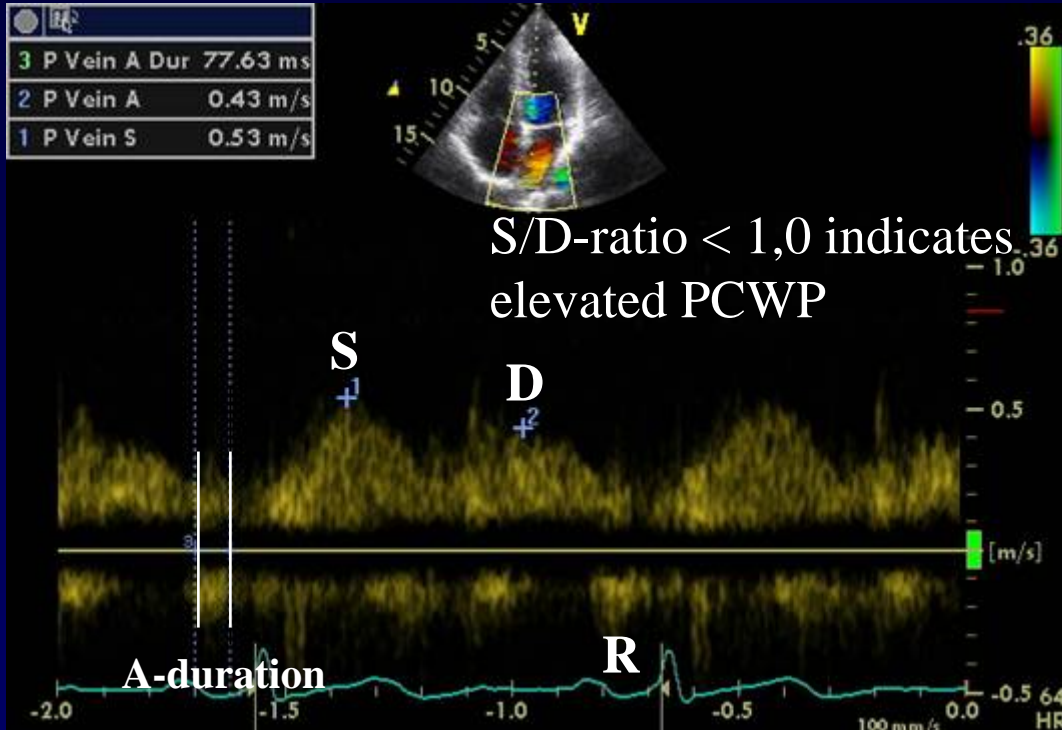
Restrictive LV filling

LV mass and size **↑**
LV relaxation impaired
LV stiffness increased
LV filling - **↑** early
 ↓ atrial
LA size and pressure
 greatly increased



Pulmonary venous flow analysis

3 P Vein A Dur	77.63 ms
2 P Vein A	0.43 m/s
1 P Vein S	0.53 m/s

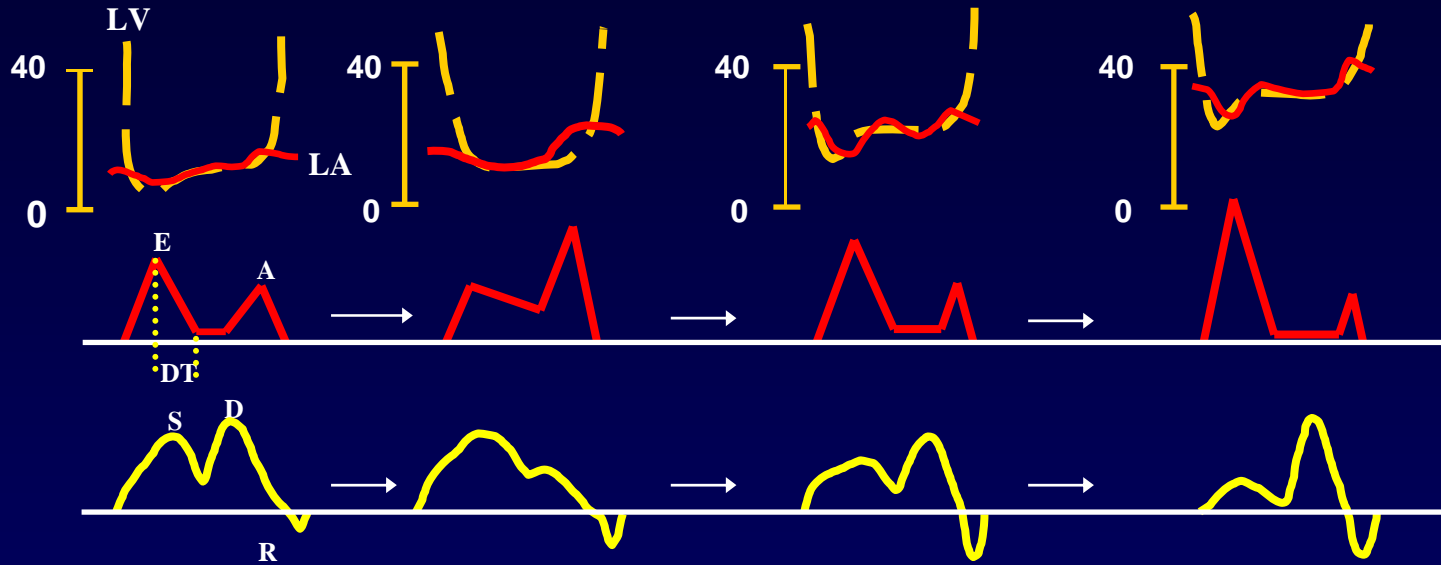


r	249.54 ms
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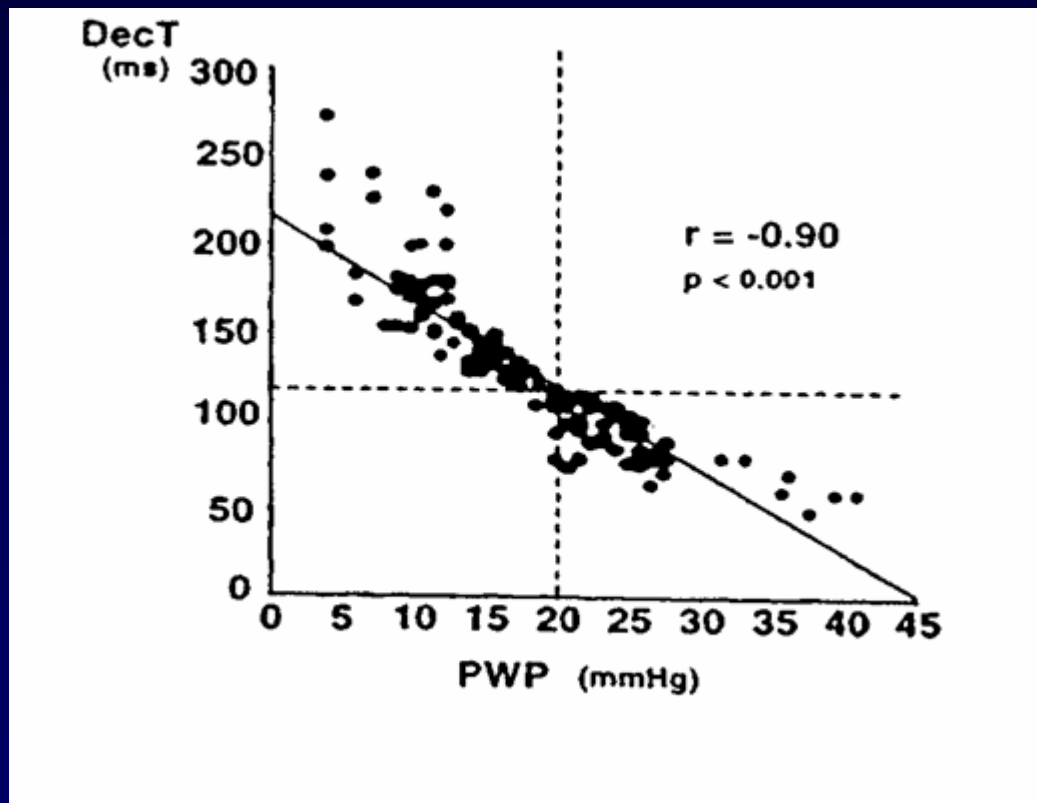
Mitral A duration – Pulmonary A duration < 0 ms indicates elevated PCWP

Normal Abnormal Pseudonormalization Restriction
Relaxation



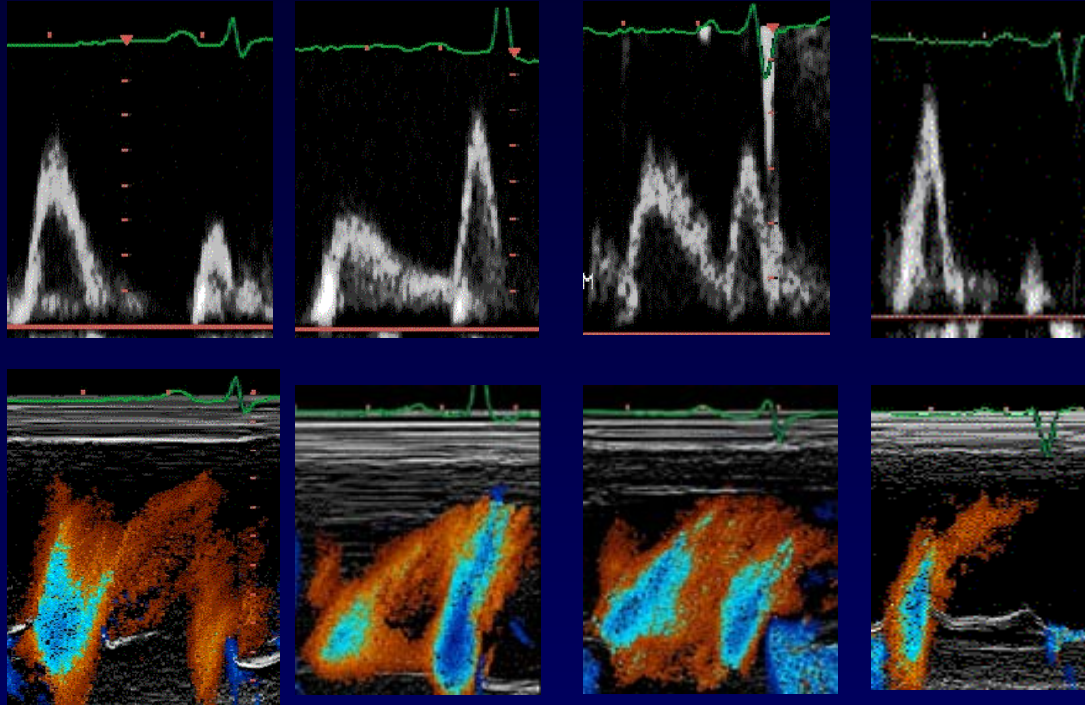
Mean LAP	↑	↑↑	↑↑↑
TAU	↑	↑	↑↑
NYHA	I-II	II-III	III-IV
Grade diastolic dysfunction	I	II	III-IV

Mitral E deceleration tid Relation til PCWP



New indices

Color M-flow propagation



A.
Normal

B.
Impaired-
relaxation

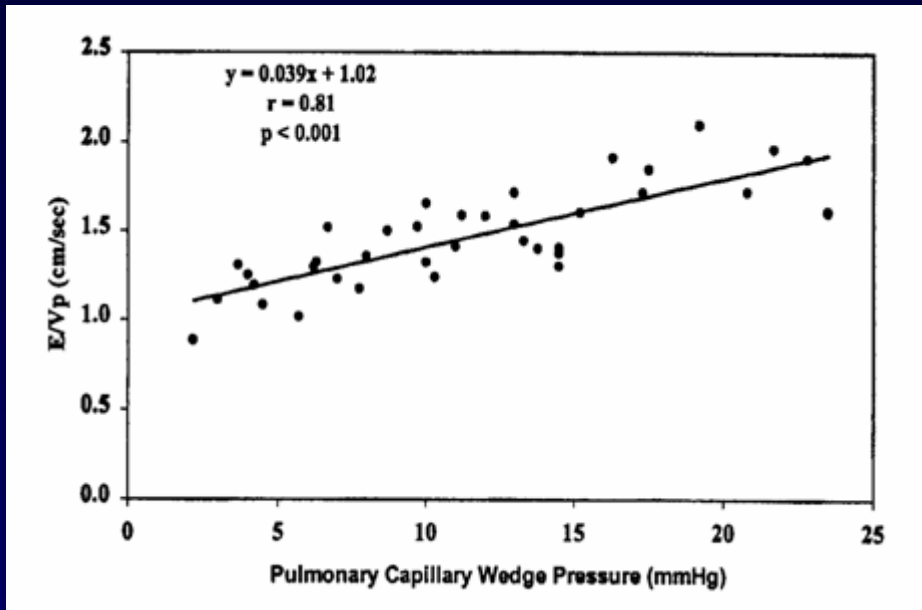
C.
Pseudo-
normal

D.
Restrictive

$V_p < 45 \text{ cm/s}$

JACC 2000;36:1841-6

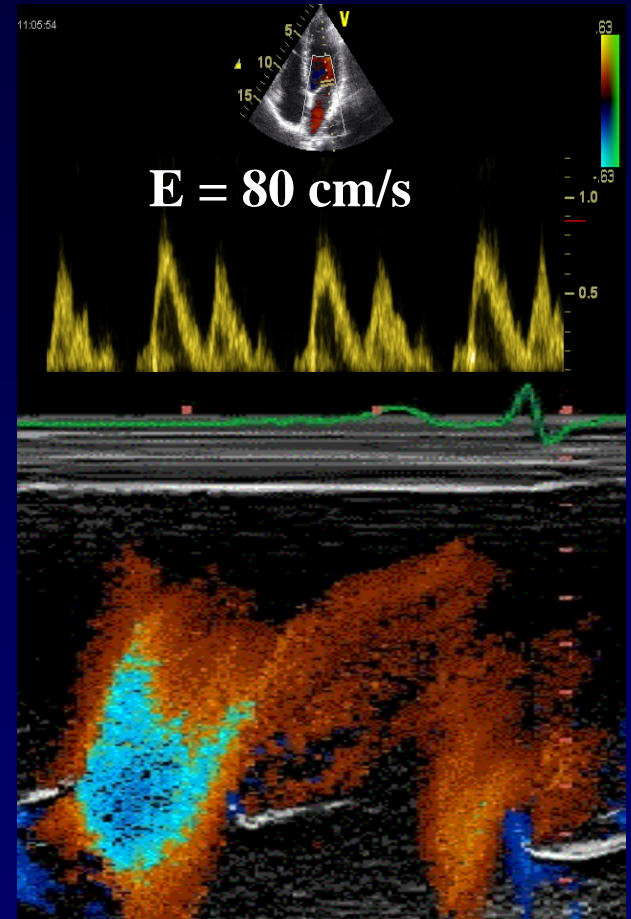
E/Vp ratio & PCWP



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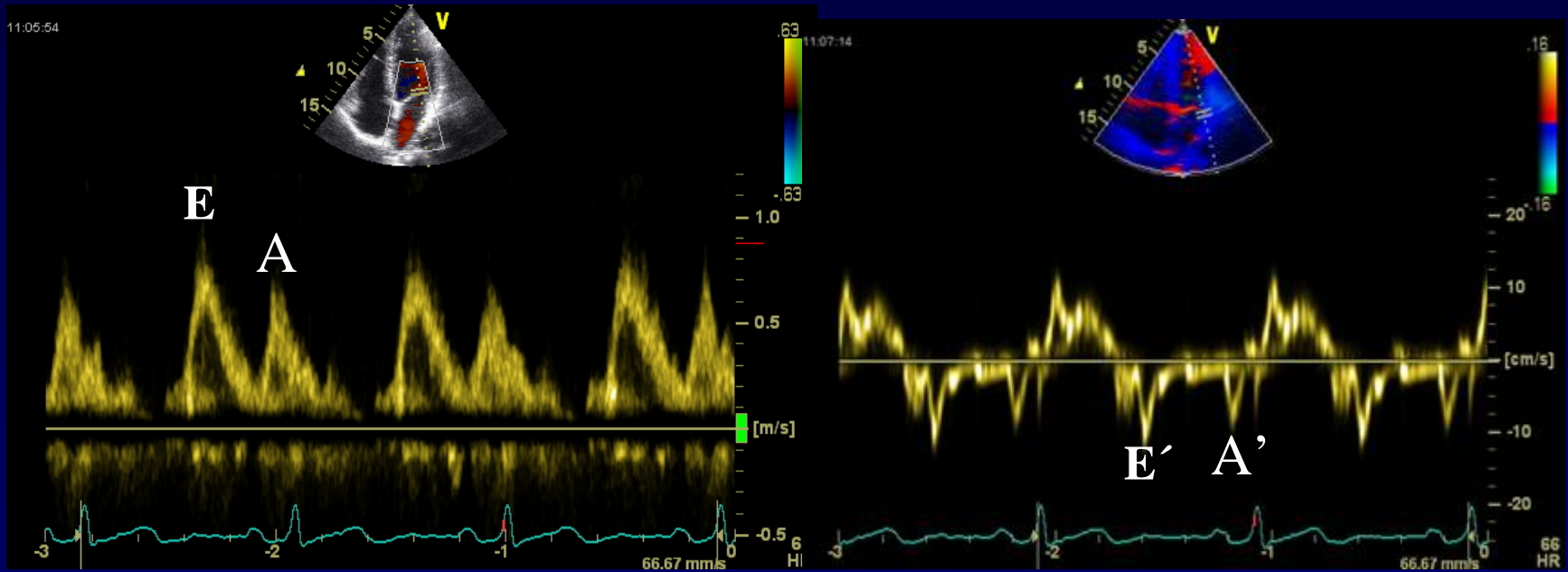
E/Vp ratio $> 1,5$

indicates elevated PCWP



$E/Vp = 1,2$

Assessment of the E/E' ratio



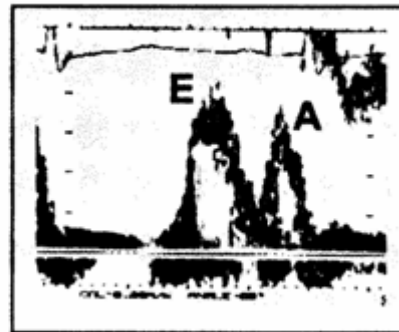
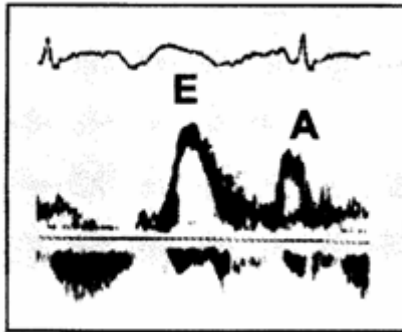
Mitral E peak velocity

Pulsed TDI lateral mitral annulus

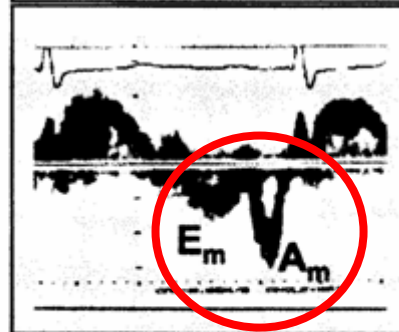
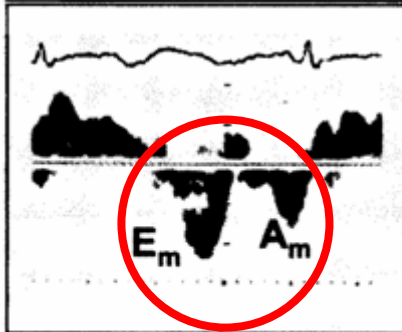
Pseudonormalization

Pulsed TDI

Mitral flow



Pulsed TDI



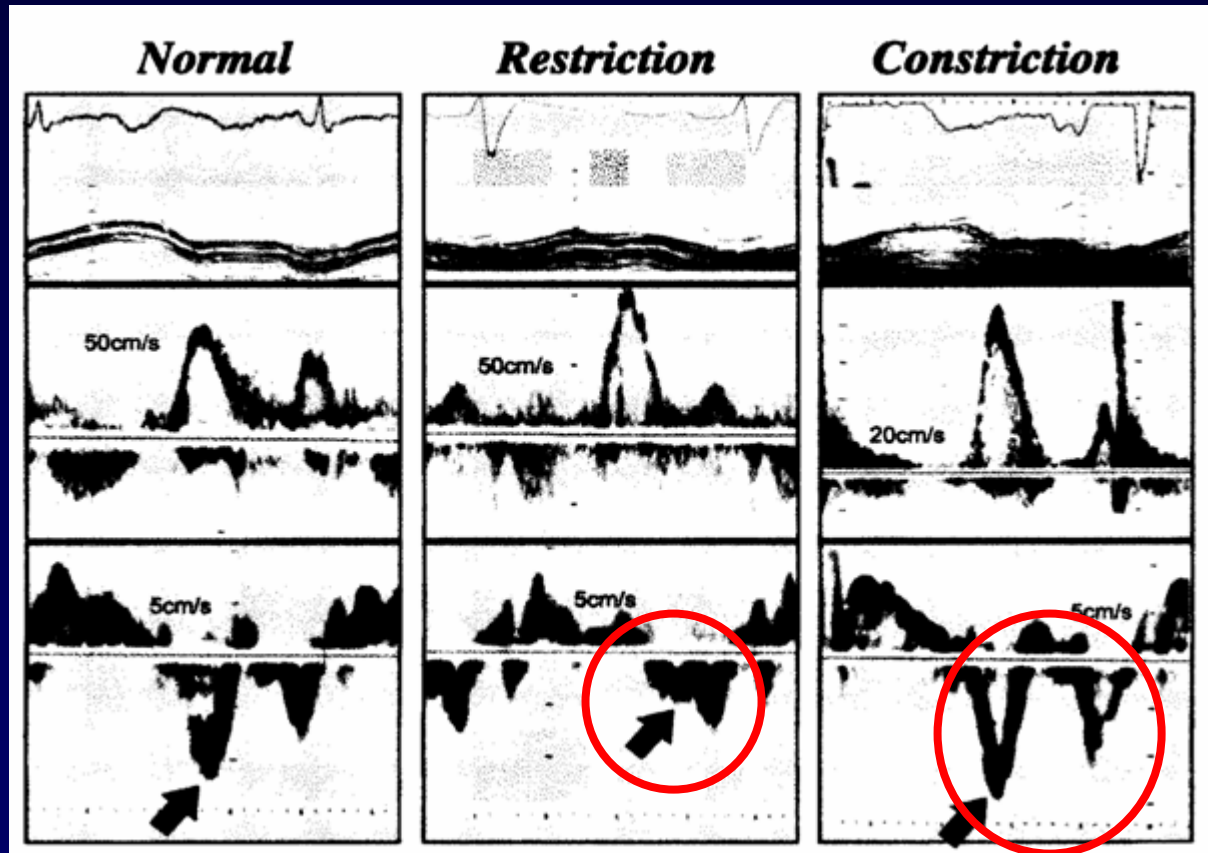
Lateral annulus

Normal

Pseudonormal

Constriction vs Restriction

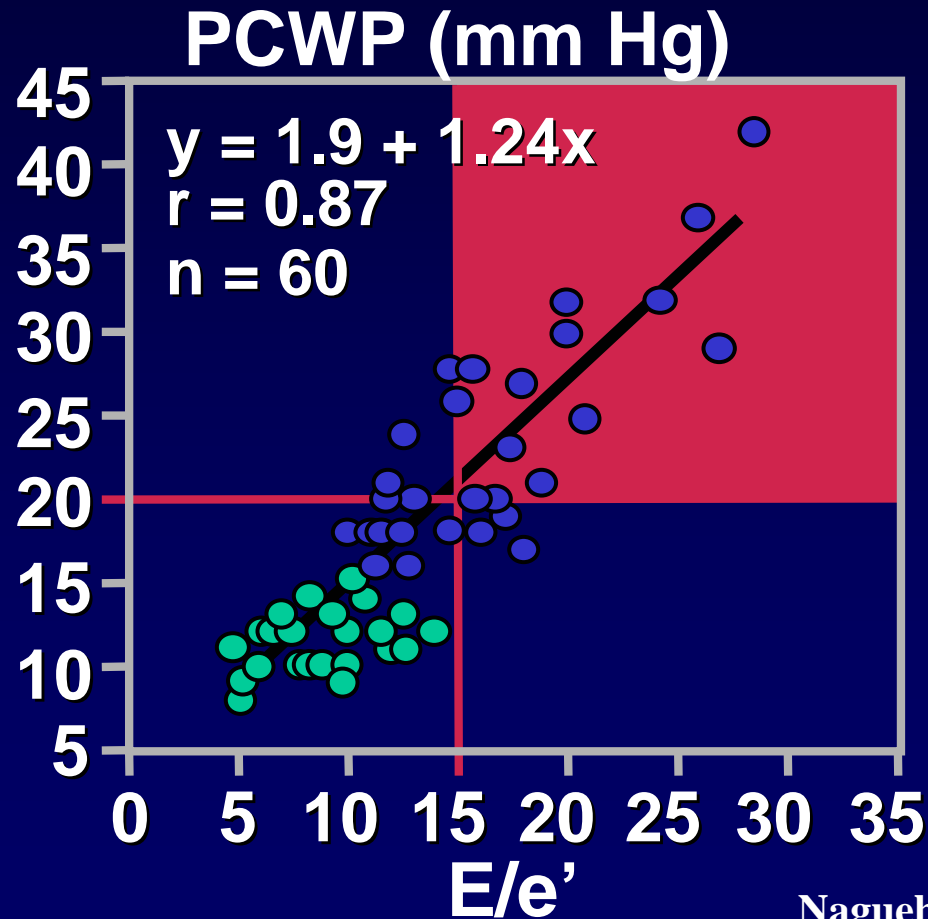
Mitral flow



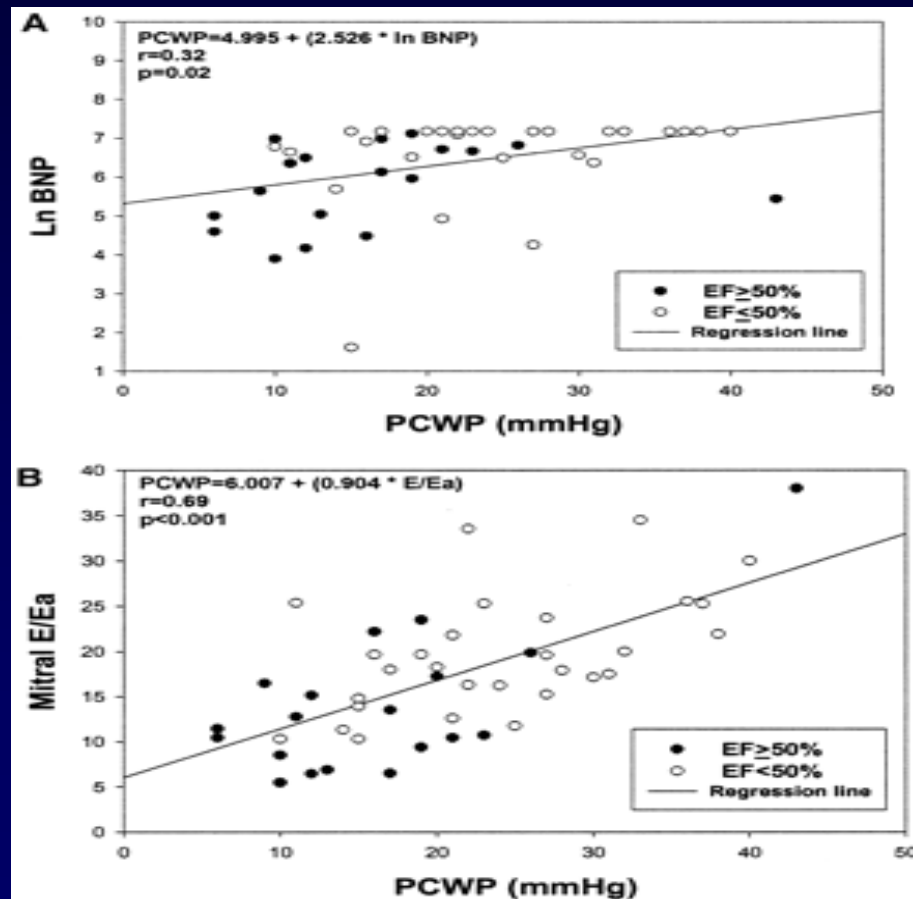
Pulsed TDI

Lateral annulus

E/e' & PCWP



E/E' & PCWP LVEF

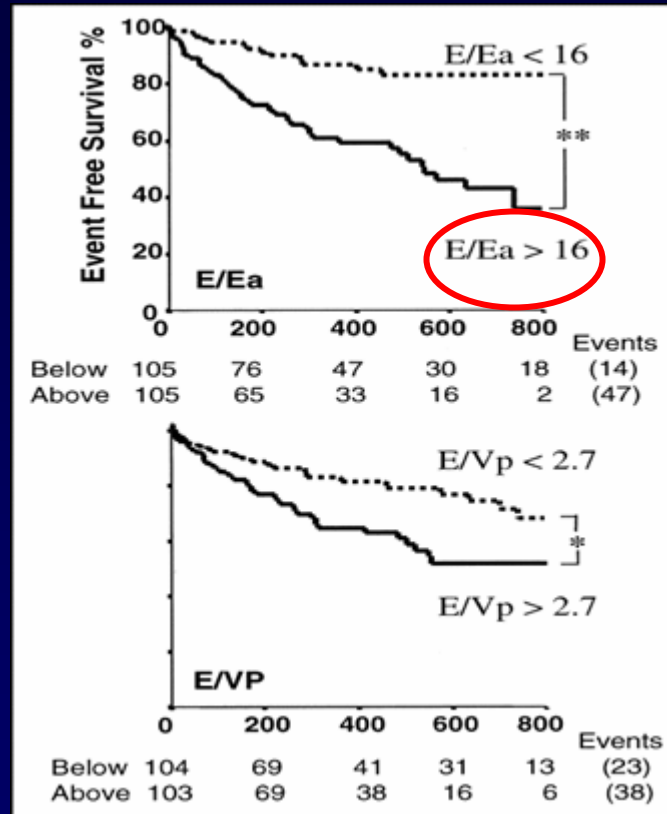


LVEF > & < 50 %

Circulation

2004,109:2432-2439

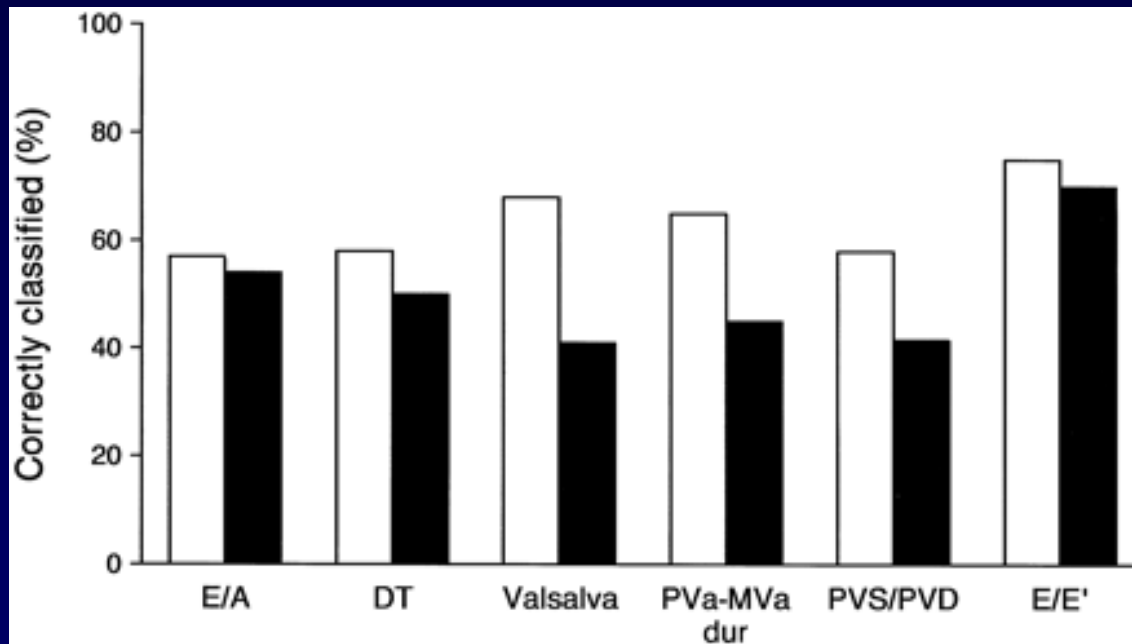
Prognostic implications of E/E' CHF



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2005; 96:257-262

Value of diastolic filling parameters PCWP

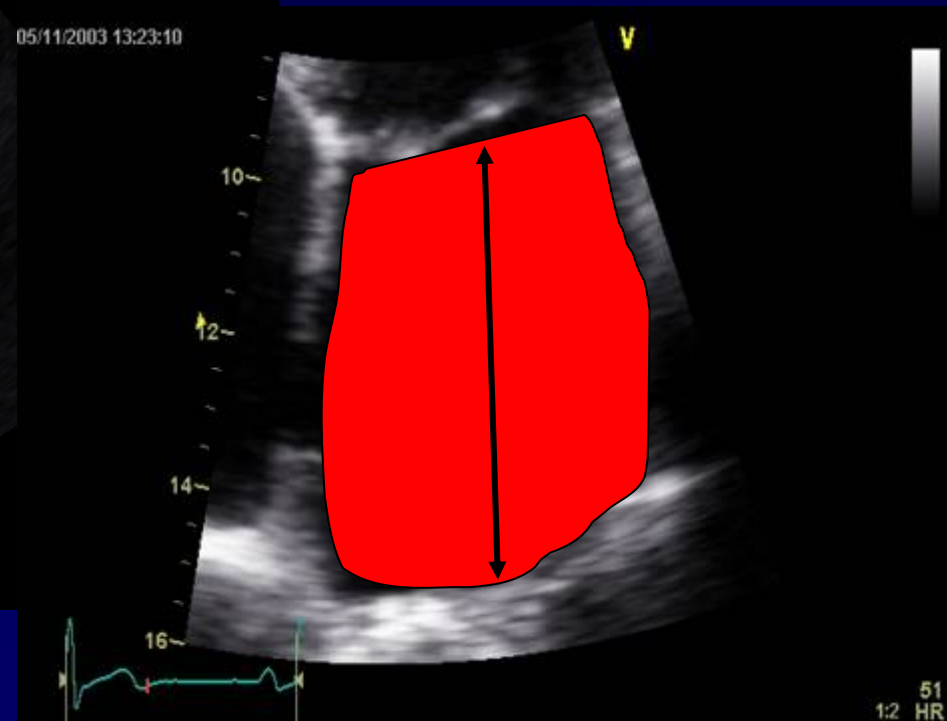
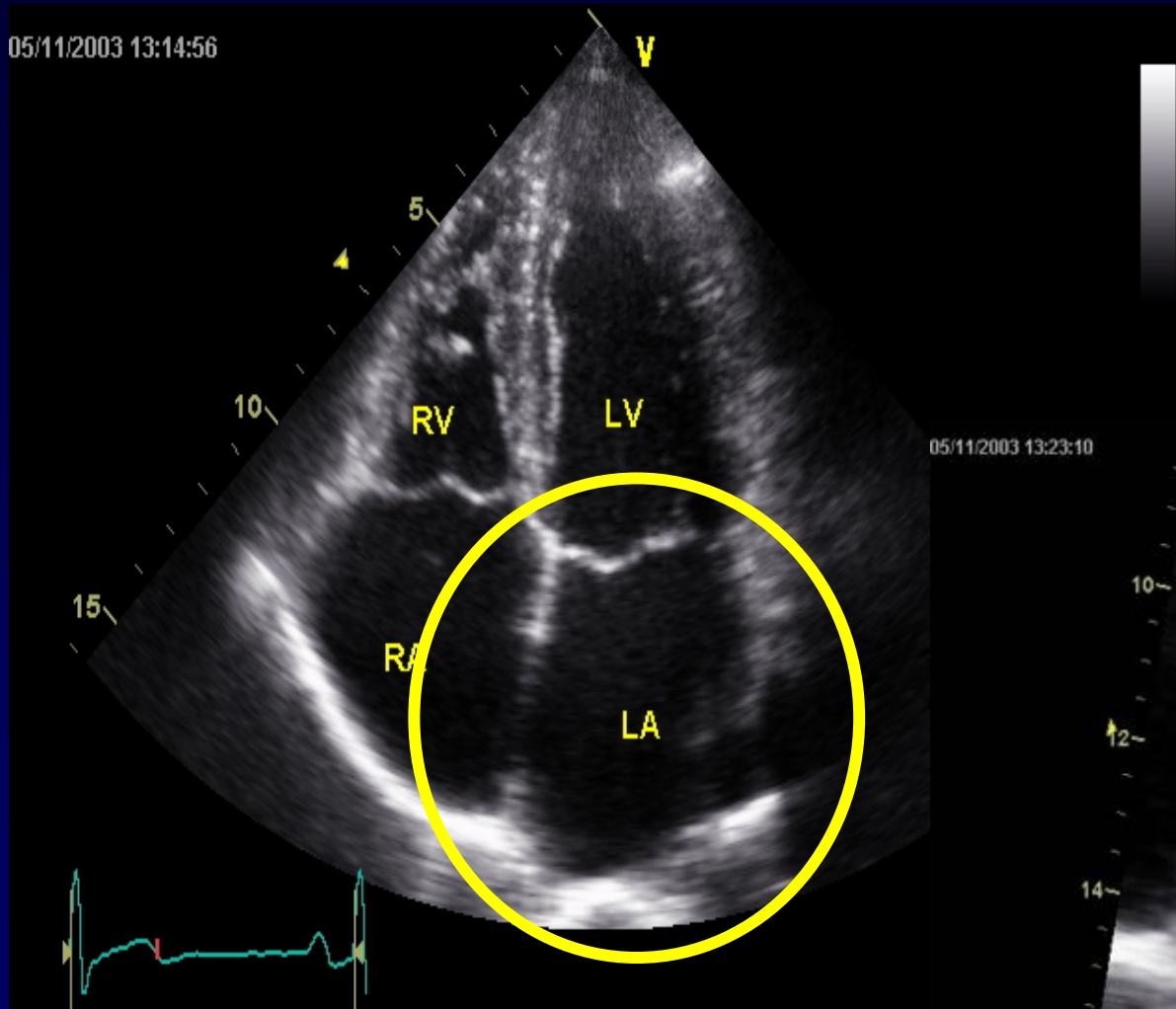


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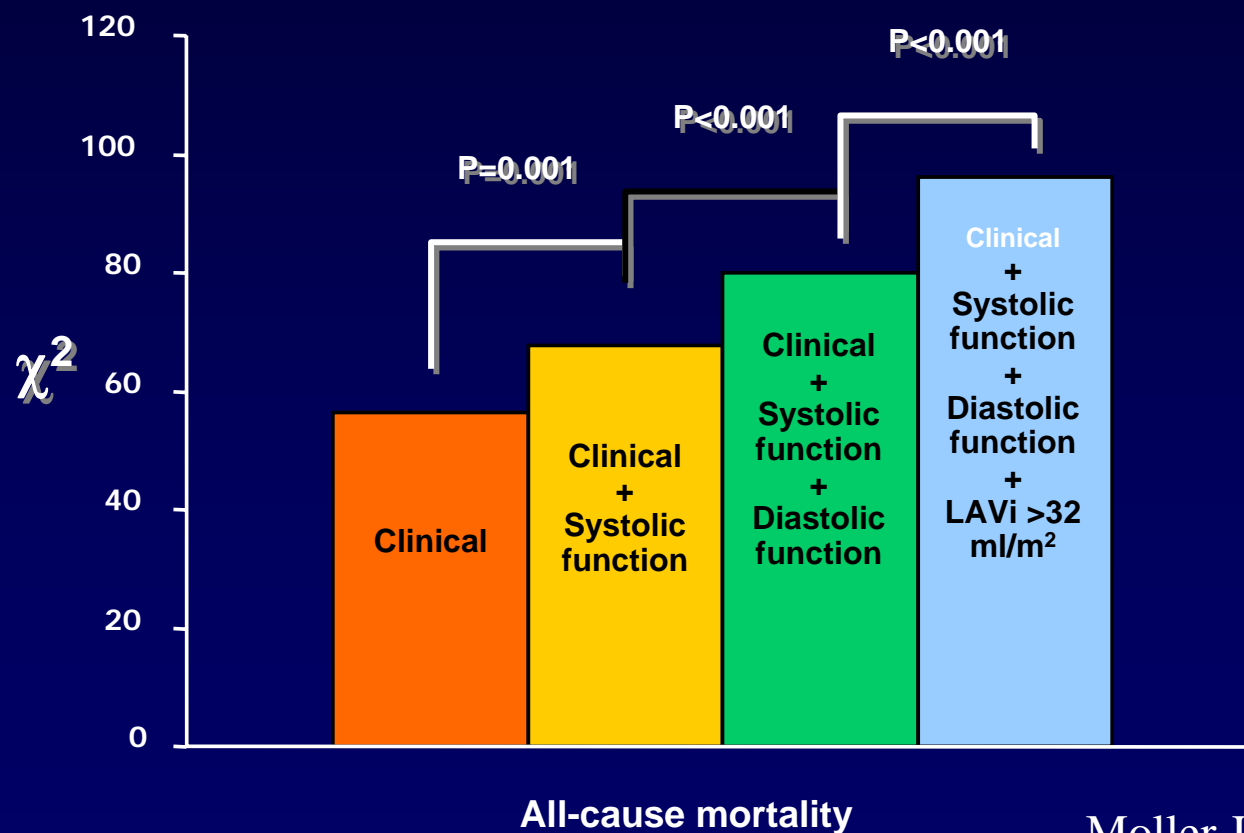
Left atria volume

Marker of LV diastolic filling



LA VOLUME INDEX AND SURVIVAL

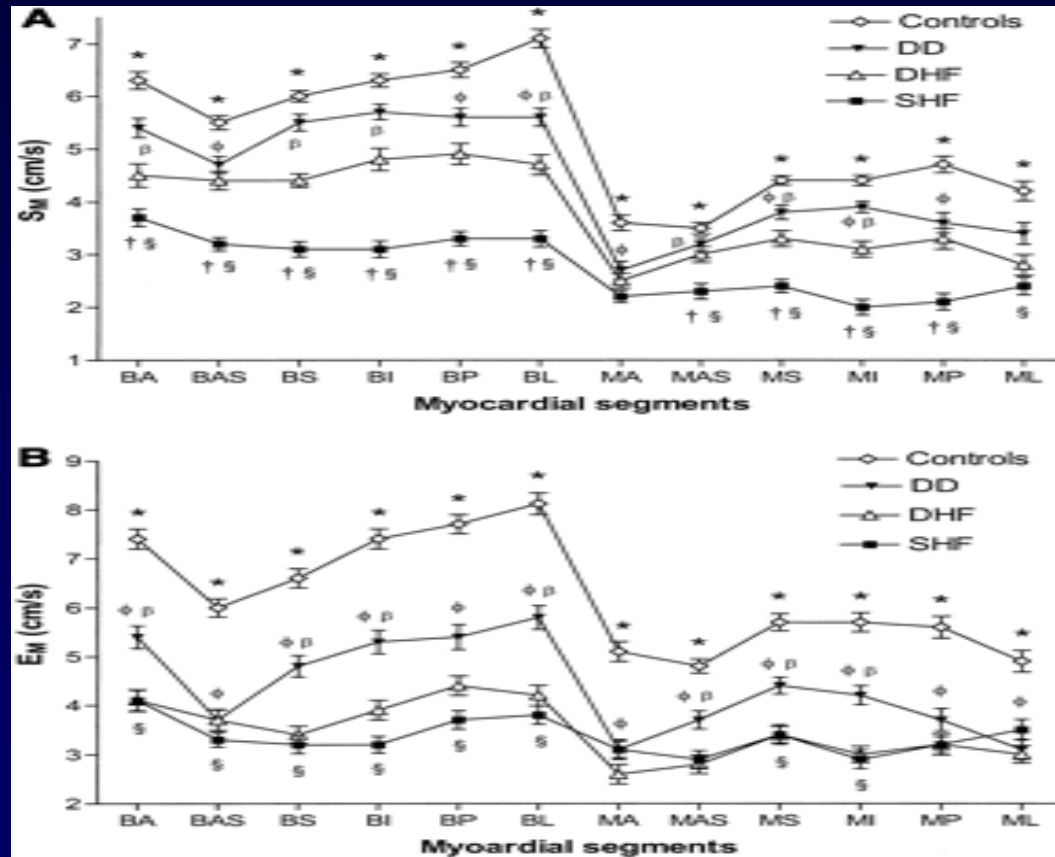
LA-volumen AMI & prognosis



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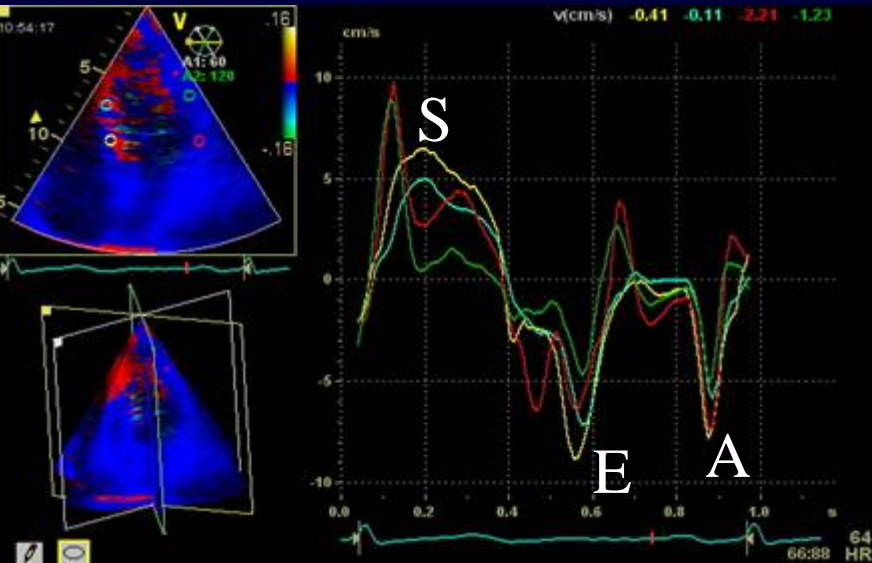
Circulation 2003

Systolic abnormalities in "isolated" Diastolic Heart Failure

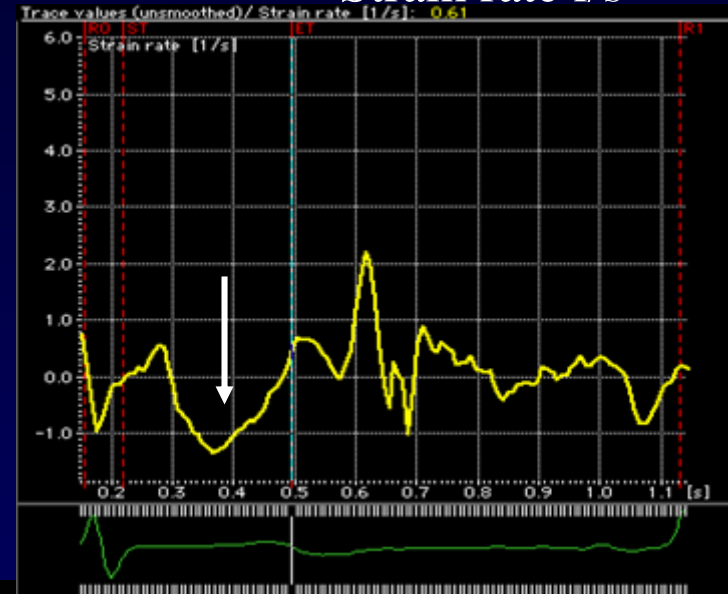


LV longitudinal systolic analysis (TDI)

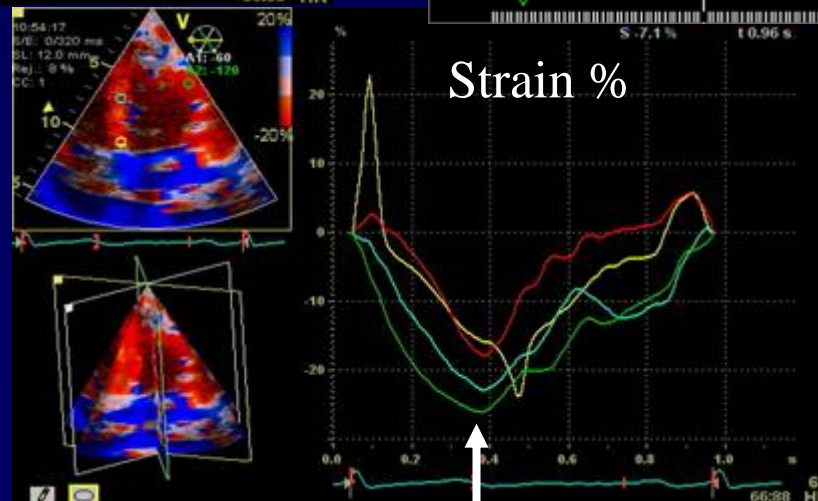
Systolic velocity cm/s



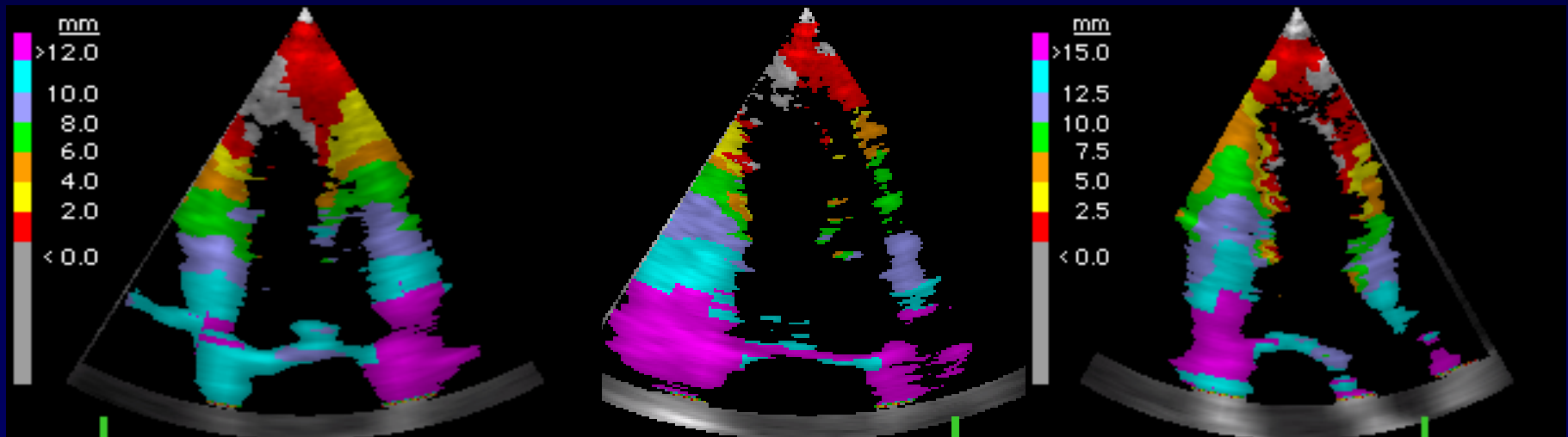
Strain rate 1/s



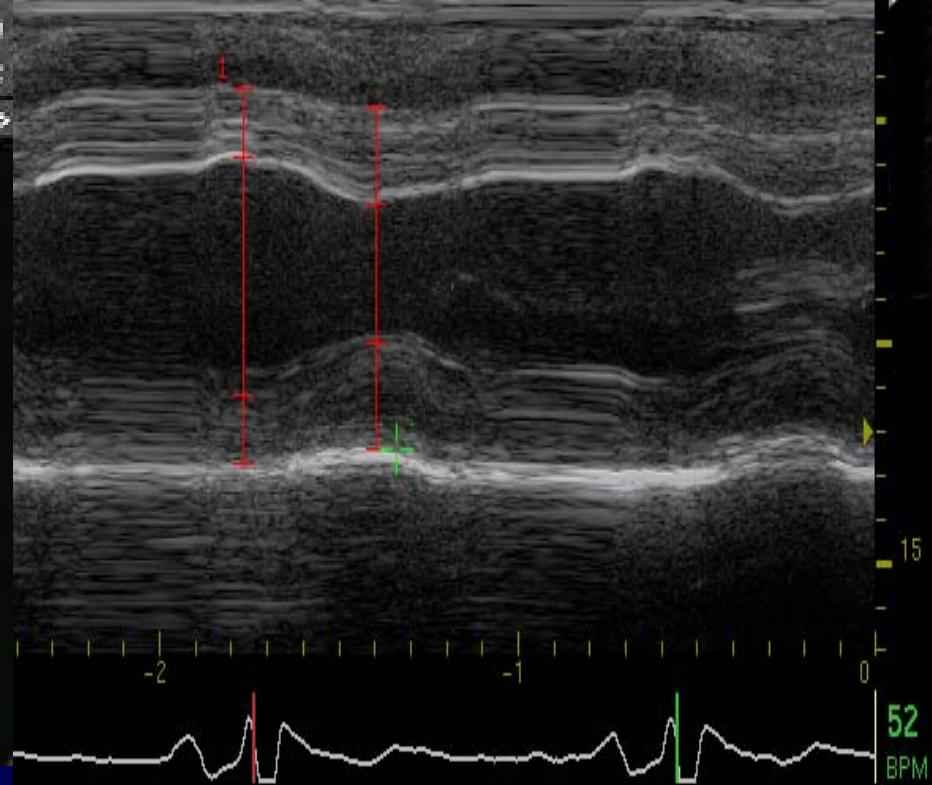
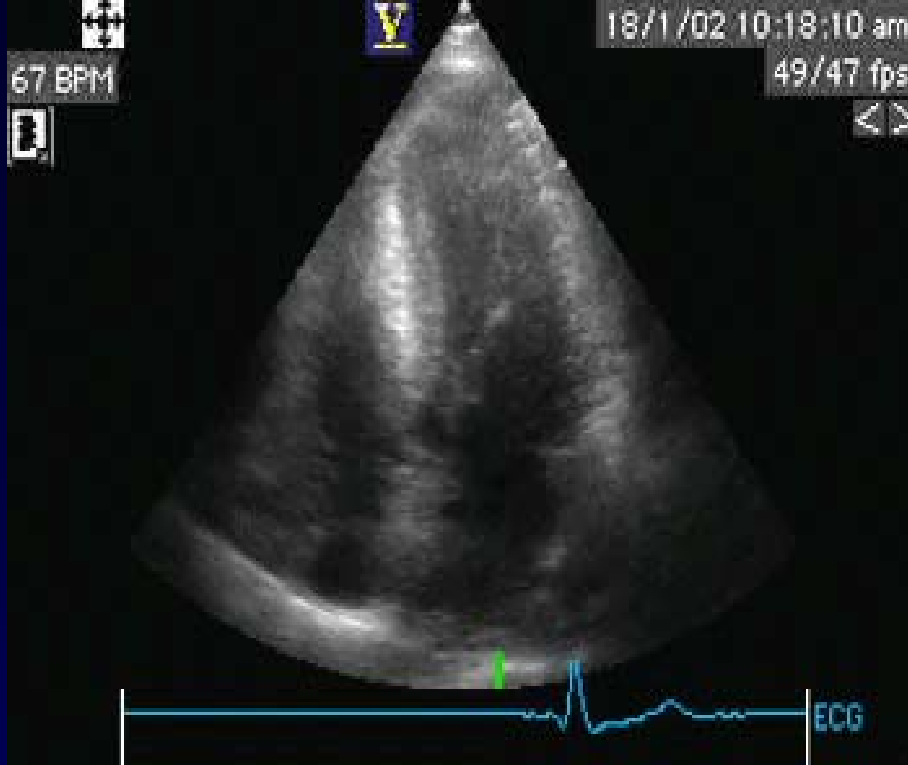
Strain %



Longitudinal systolic function Tissue tracking (displacement)



Normal



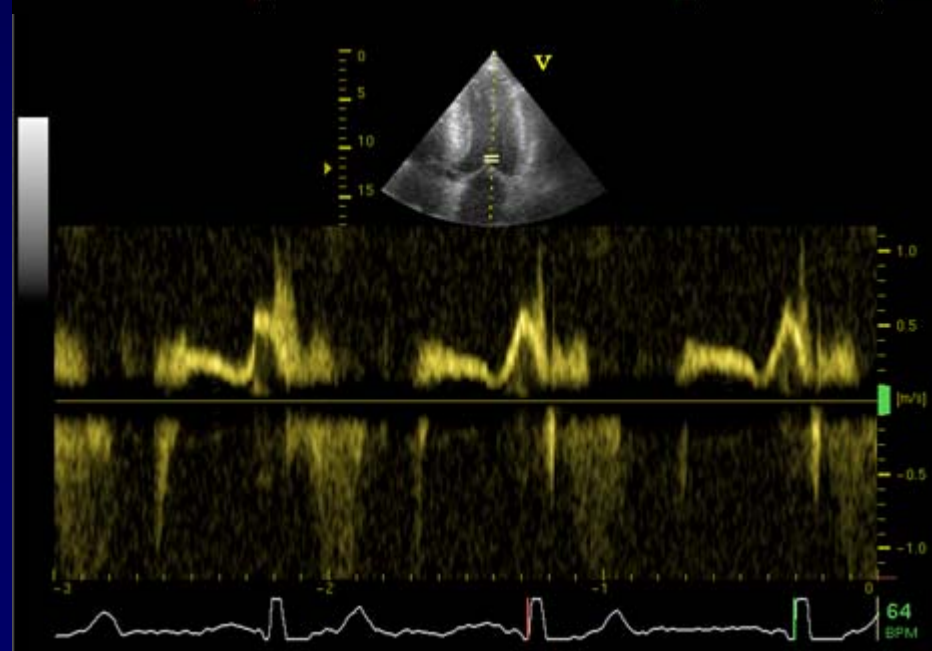
EDD = 5,2 cm

FS= 36 %

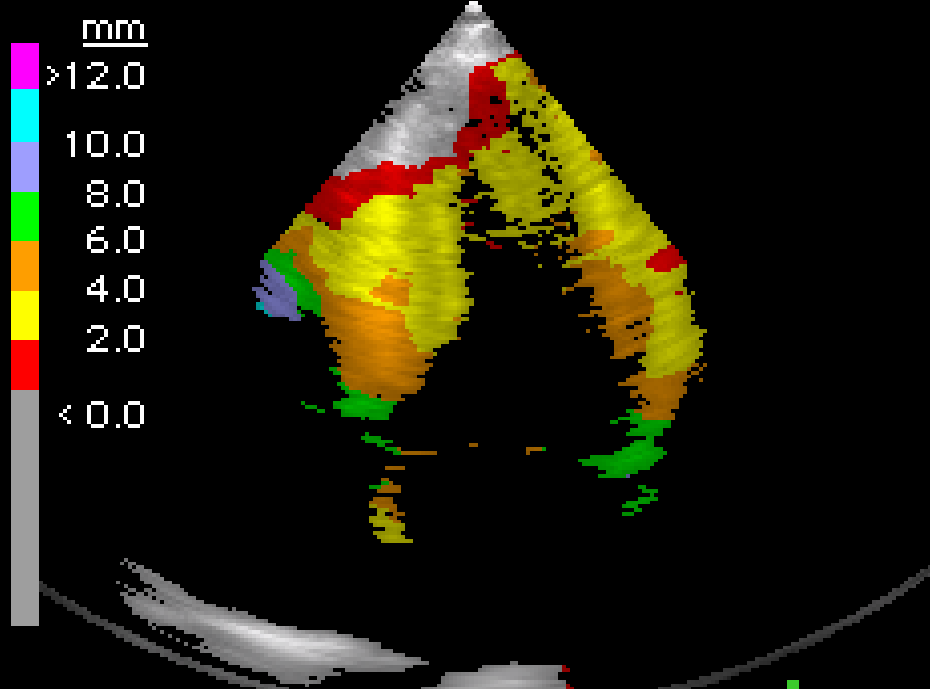
EF= 73 %

LVMI = 181 g/m²

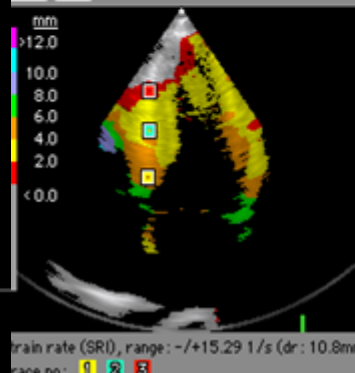
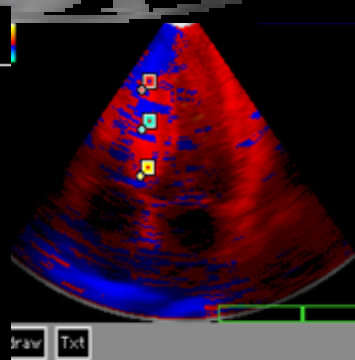
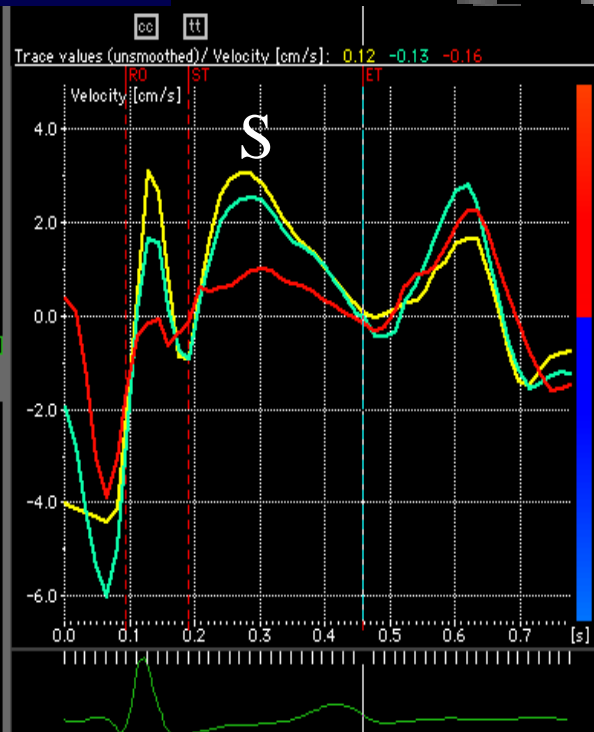
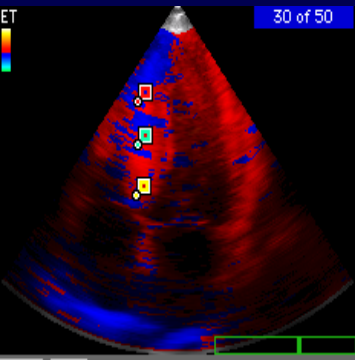
Impaired relaxation



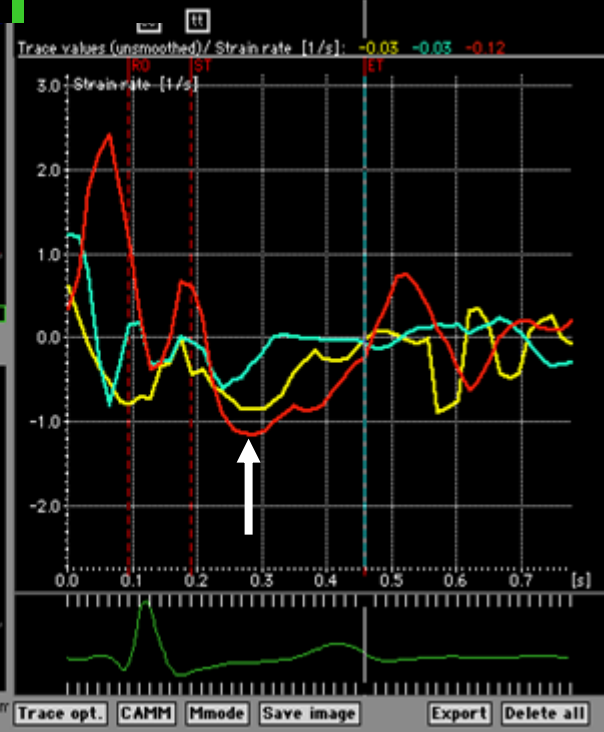
Tissue Tracking



Velocity

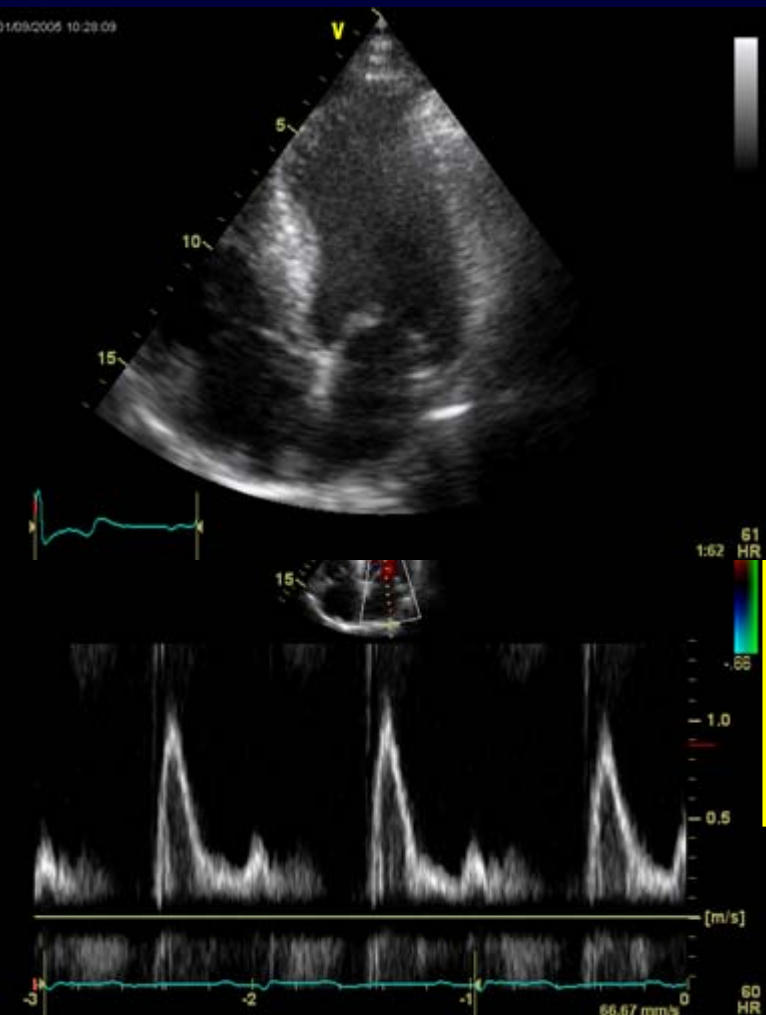


Strain rate



Diabetes mellitus & hypertension

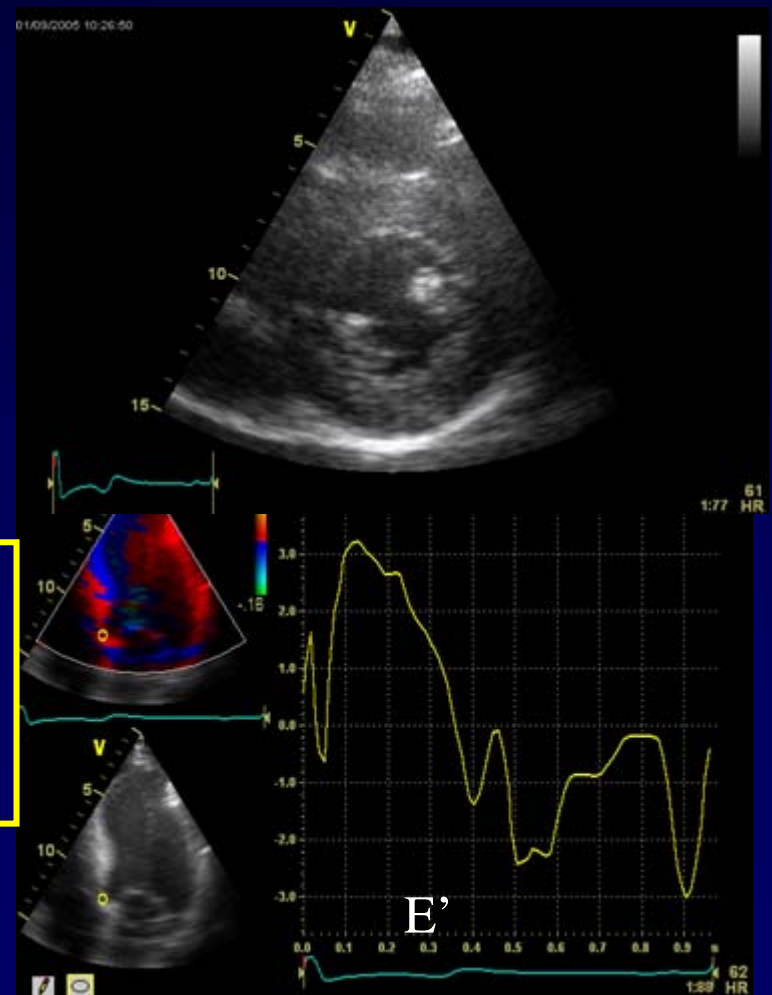
NYHA II, LVEF > 60 %



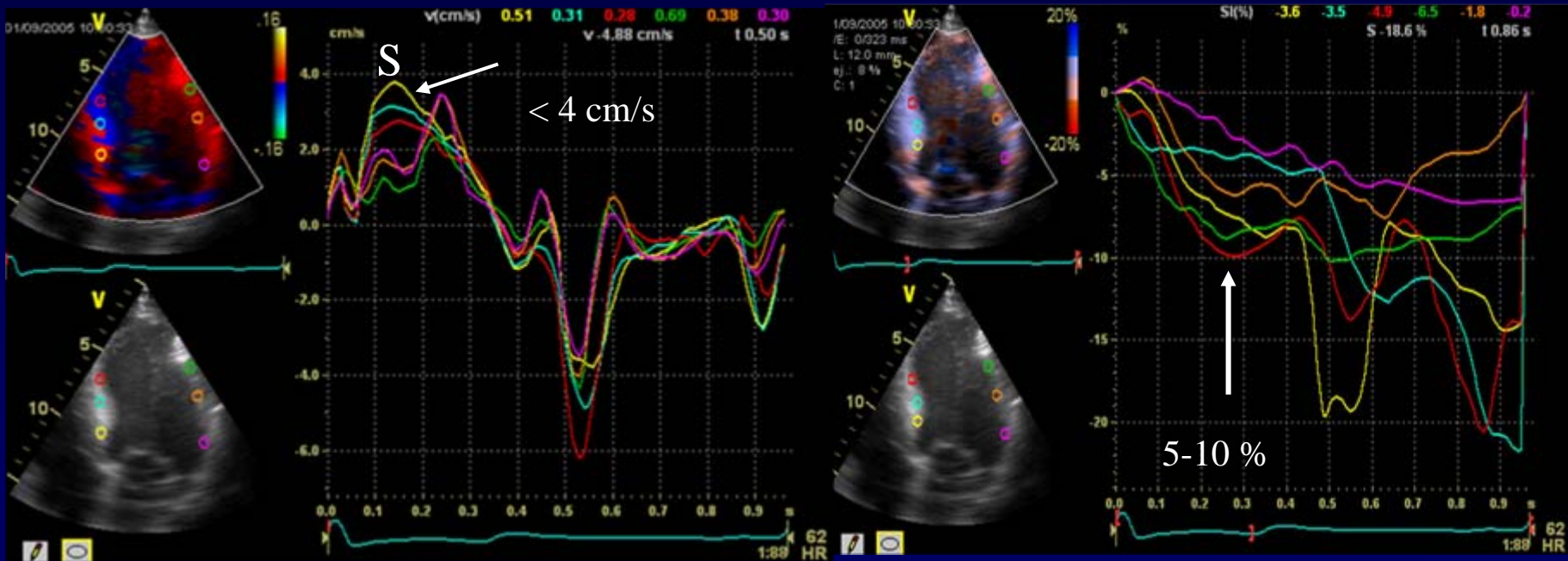
$$E/A = 3,0$$

$$DT = 140 \text{ ms}$$

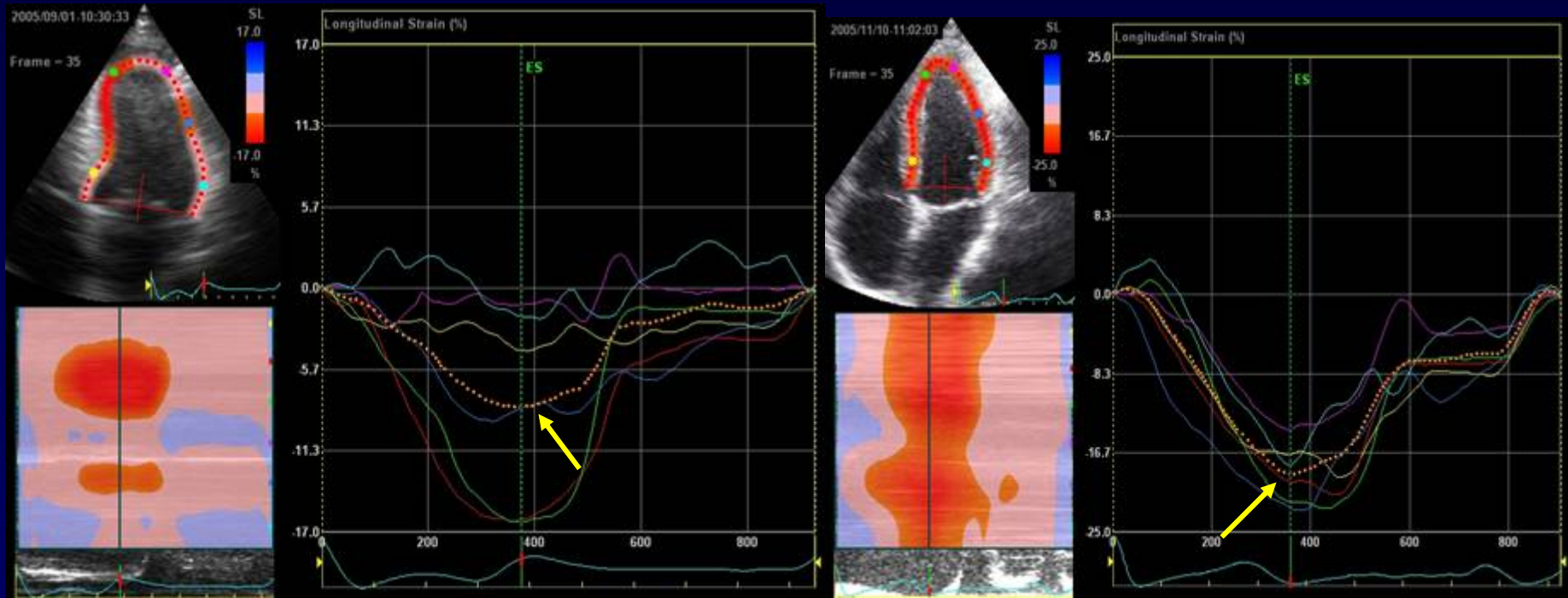
$$E/E' = 34$$



LV longitudinal systolic function Velocity & strain



2D LV longitudinal systolic strain



Patient

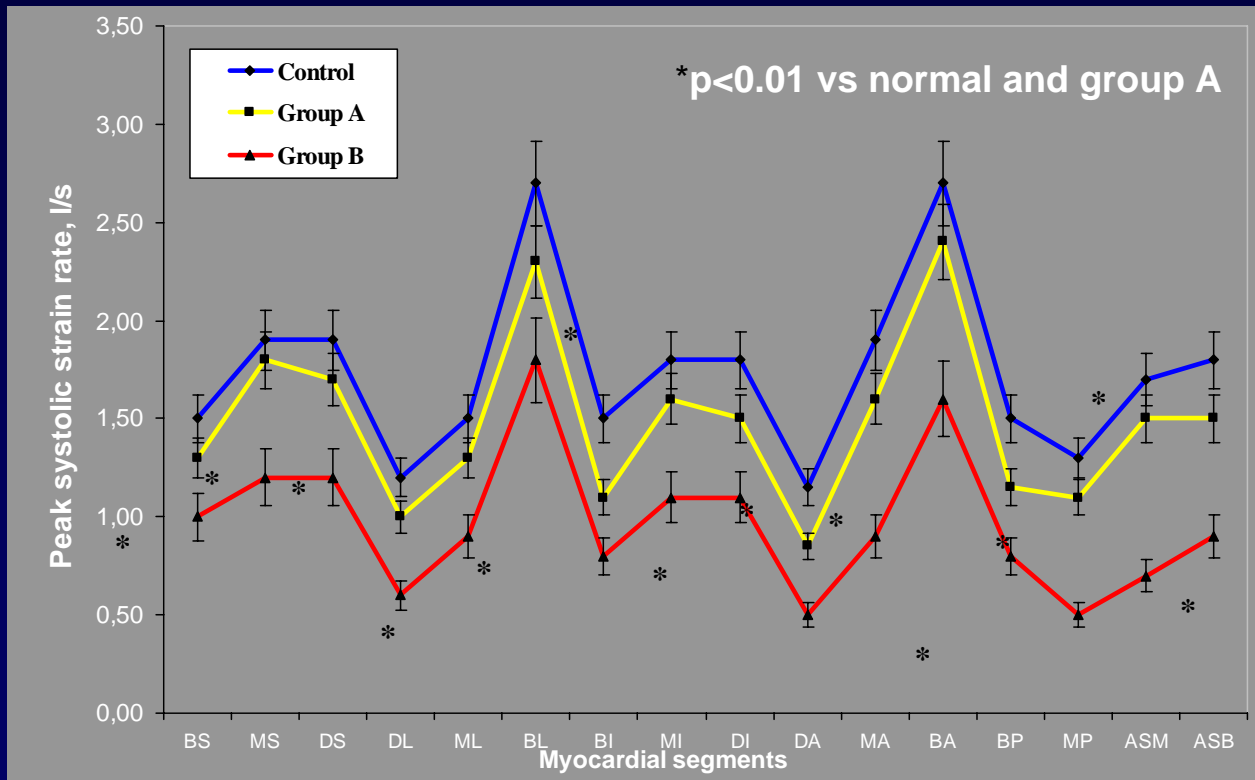
Mean 2D strain = 7 %

Normal subject

Mean 2D strain = 19 %

Hypertension

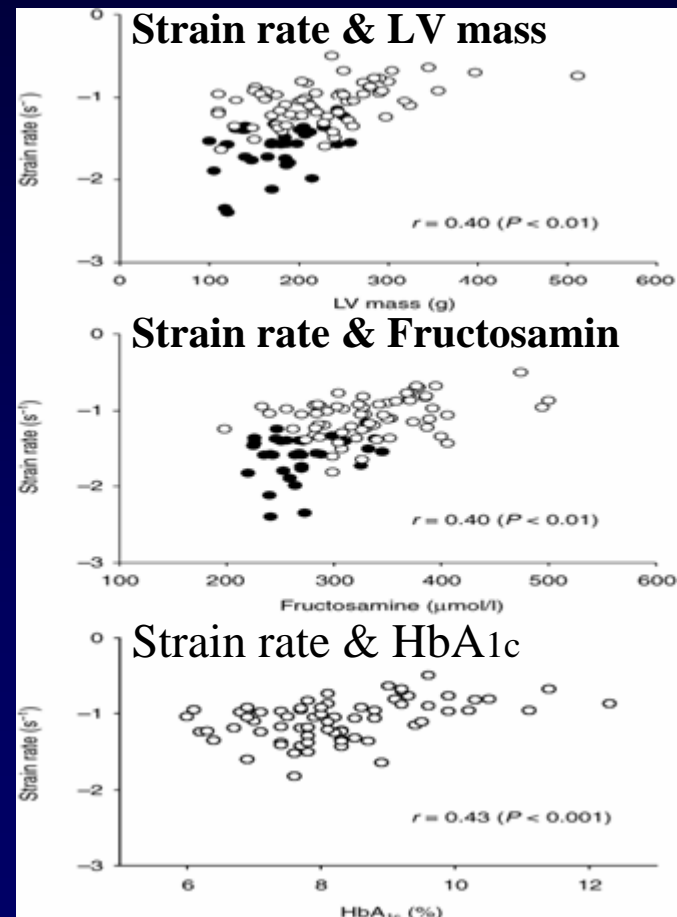
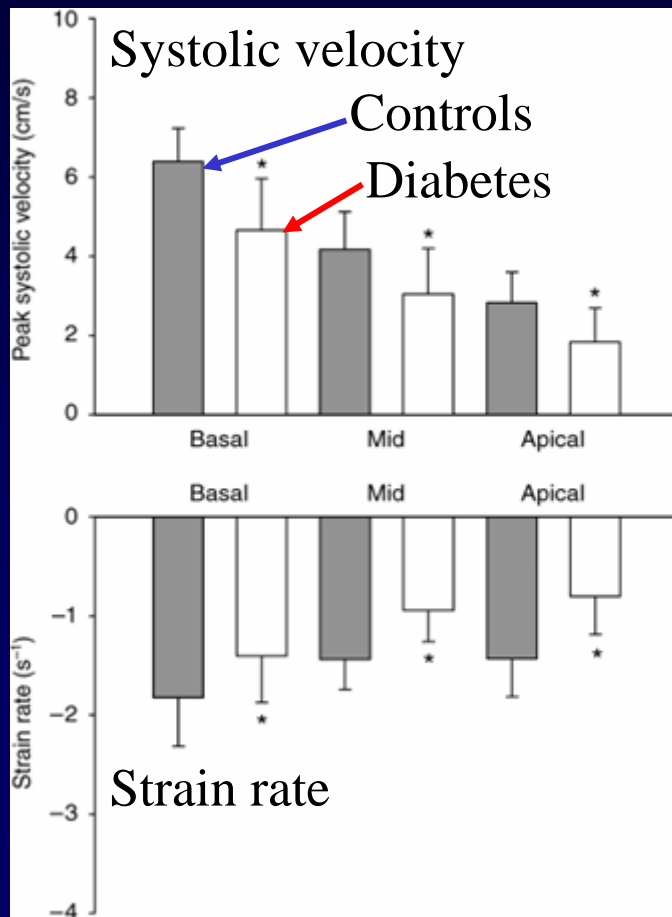
With or without abnormal diastolic LV filling LV longitudinal deformation



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JASE 2000

LV longitudinal systolic function Diabetes Mellitus Type 2



Conclusions

- LV diastolic filling can be evaluated by measurements of peak E/A ratio, E deceleration time, E/E', Vp & E/Vp.
- If possible pulmonary venous flow (S/D-ratio) analysis can be added.
- Evaluation of patients with suspected "*Diastolic Heart Failure*" should include LV longitudinal deformation analysis as abnormal LV longitudinal systolic dysfunction will often be present.