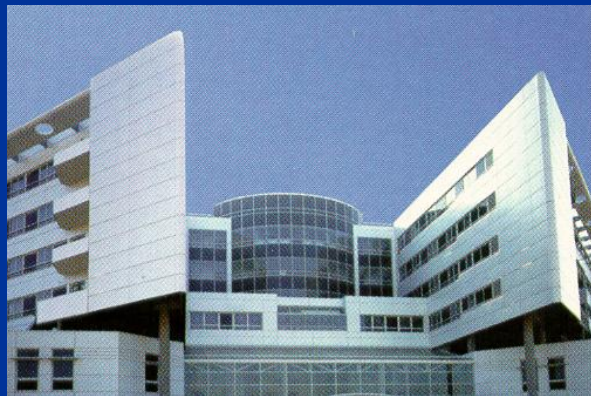


Reste-t-il une place pour l'*Echo* pour la resynchronisation?

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ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure 2008

Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) (Table 23)

- CRT-P is recommended to reduce morbidity and mortality in patients in NYHA III–IV class who are symptomatic despite optimal medical therapy, and who have a reduced EF (LVEF $\leq 35\%$) and QRS prolongation (QRS width ≥ 120 ms).

Class of recommendation I, level of evidence A

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Class of recommendation I, level of evidence A

- The survival advantage of CRT-D vs. CRT-P has not been adequately addressed. Due to the documented effectiveness of ICD therapy in the prevention of sudden cardiac death, the use of a CRT-D device is commonly preferred in clinical practice in patients satisfying CRT criteria including an expectation of survival with good functional status for >1 year.

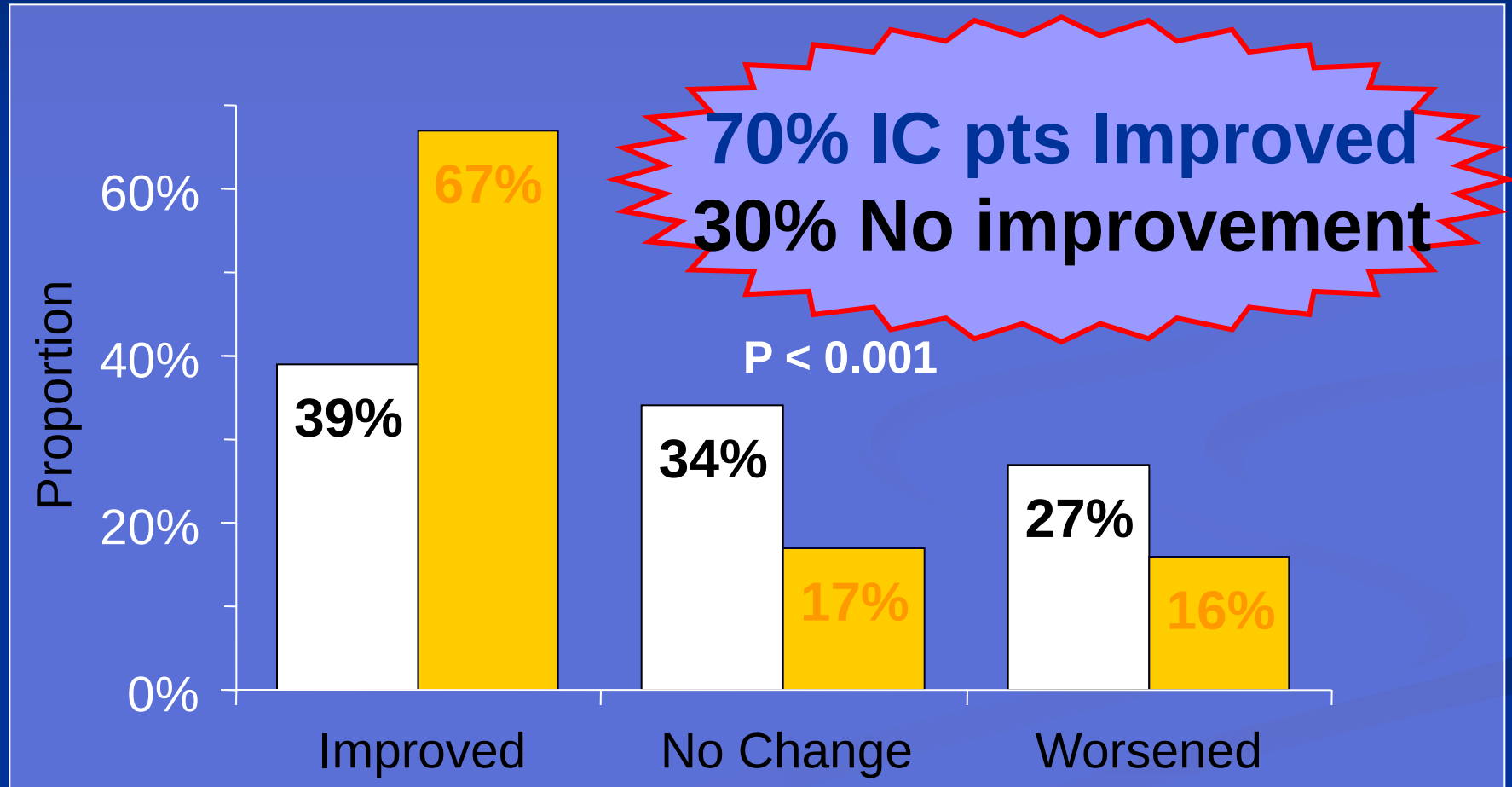
Up-to-date, recognized criteria of dyssynchrony admitted by guidelines...



ELECTRICAL DYSSYNCHRONY

- Severe chronic congestive heart failure (NYHA III or IV class) despite optimal pharmacological treatment
- LV EF < 35%
- LV EDD VG > 55 mm
- QRS > 120 ms

Responders / Non-Responders

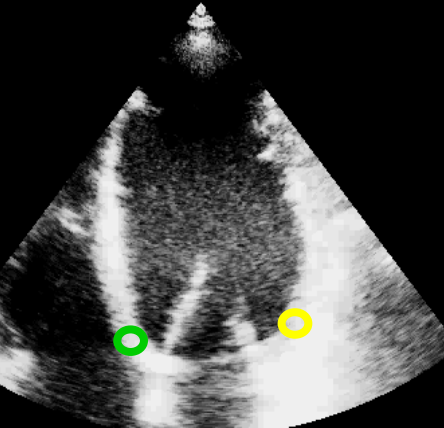


■ Control N=225 ■ CRT N=228

MIRACLE TRIAL
NEJM 2002;346:1845-53

Quels Paramètres Mesurer?

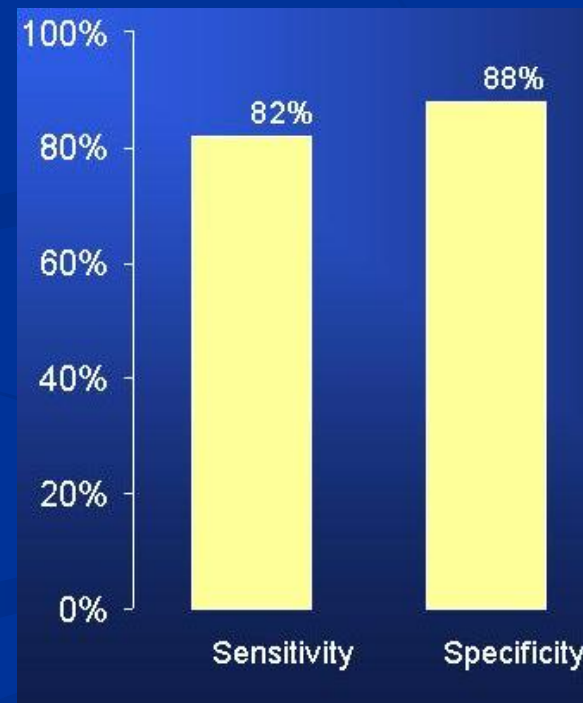
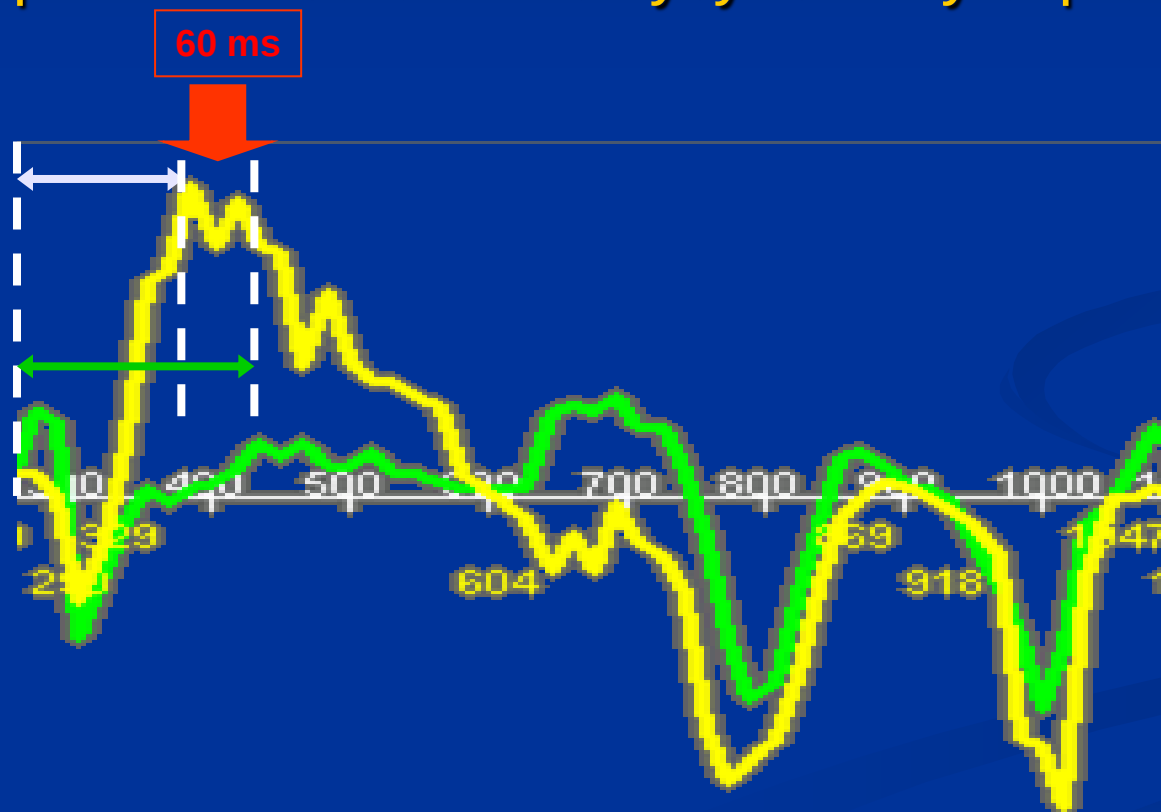
En 20...10...



Measure of the time to peak on DTI velocity curves for patient selection

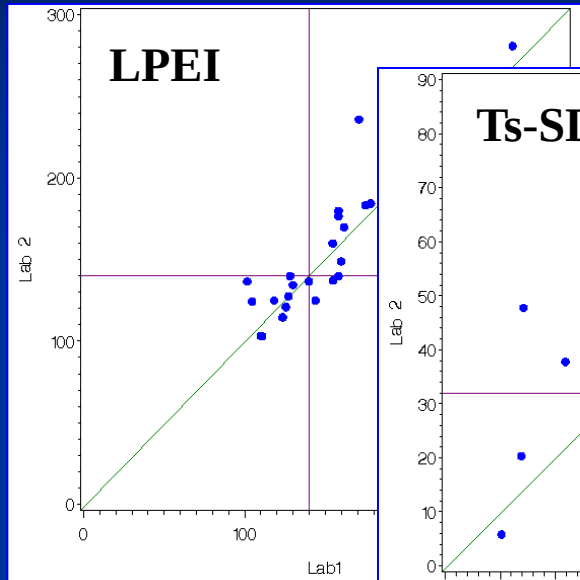
Electro-Systolic Delay

30 pts – measure of the dysynchrony septal vs. Lateral LV wall

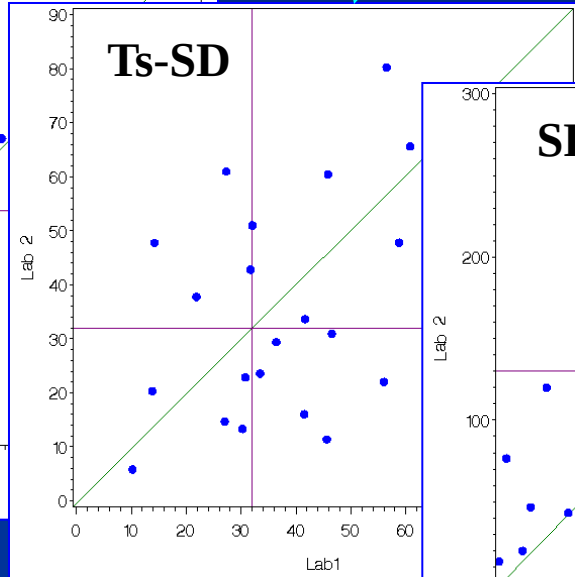


Bax et al. Am J Cardio 2003

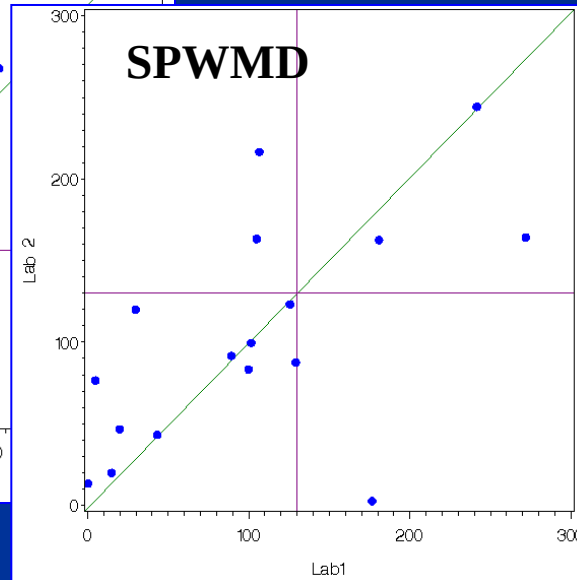
Mesures échocardiographiques: variabilité et faisabilité



Coefficient of
Variation: 6.5%



Coefficient of
Variation: 33.7%

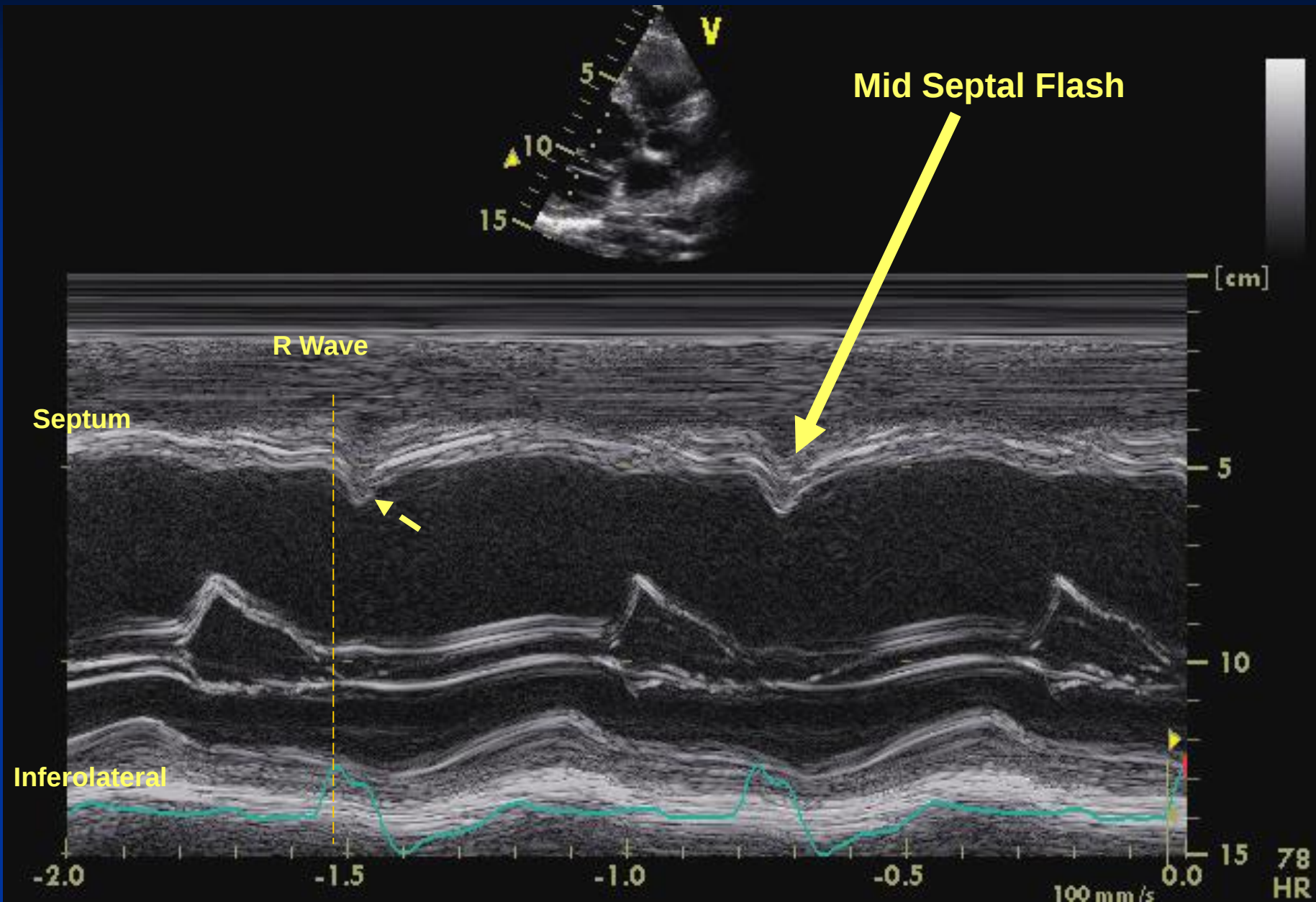


Coefficient of
Variation: 72.1%

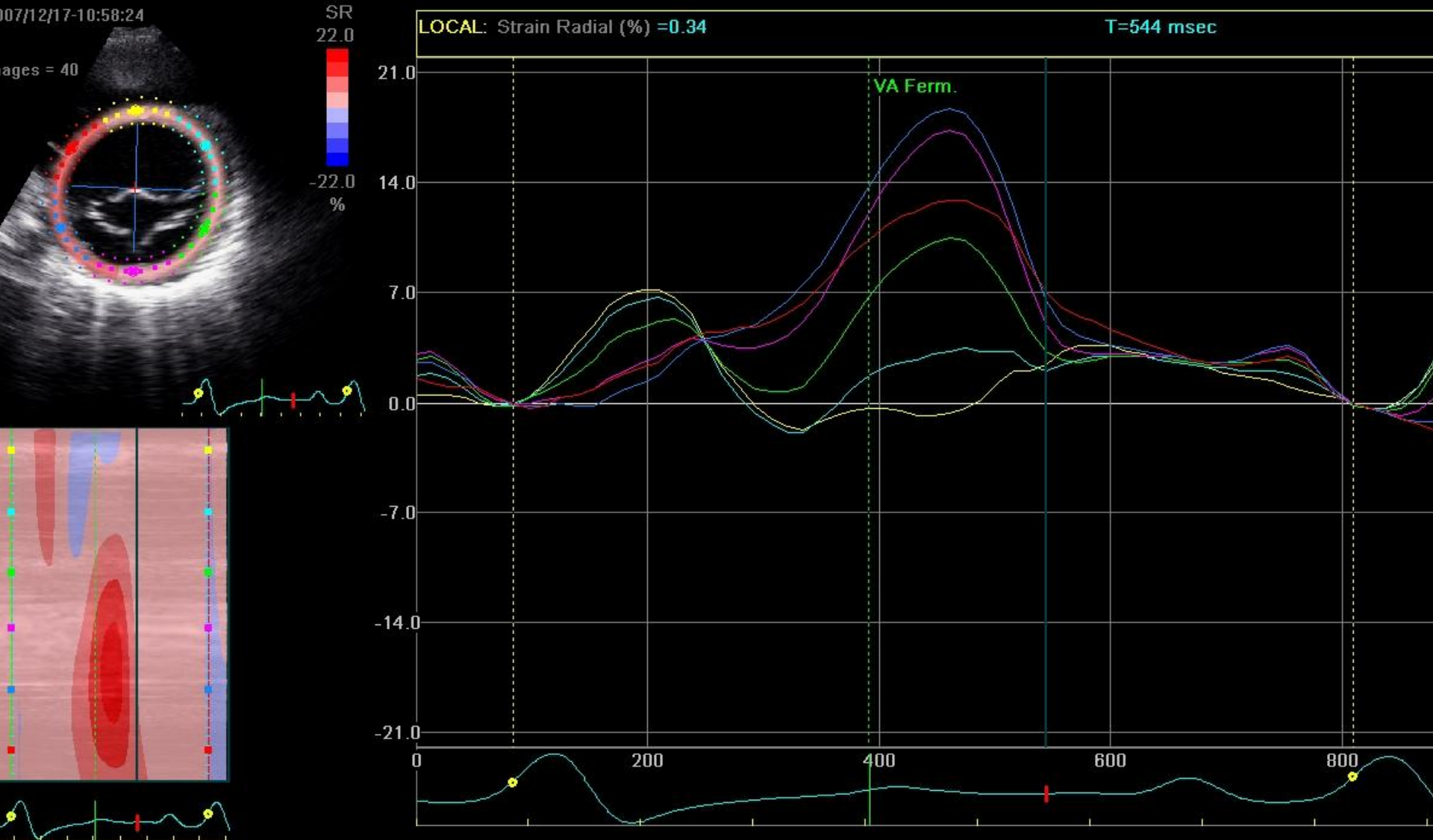
Faisabilité (%)

SPWMD	72
IVMD	92
LVFT/RR	85
LPEI	95
Ts Lat-Se	67
Ts-SD	50

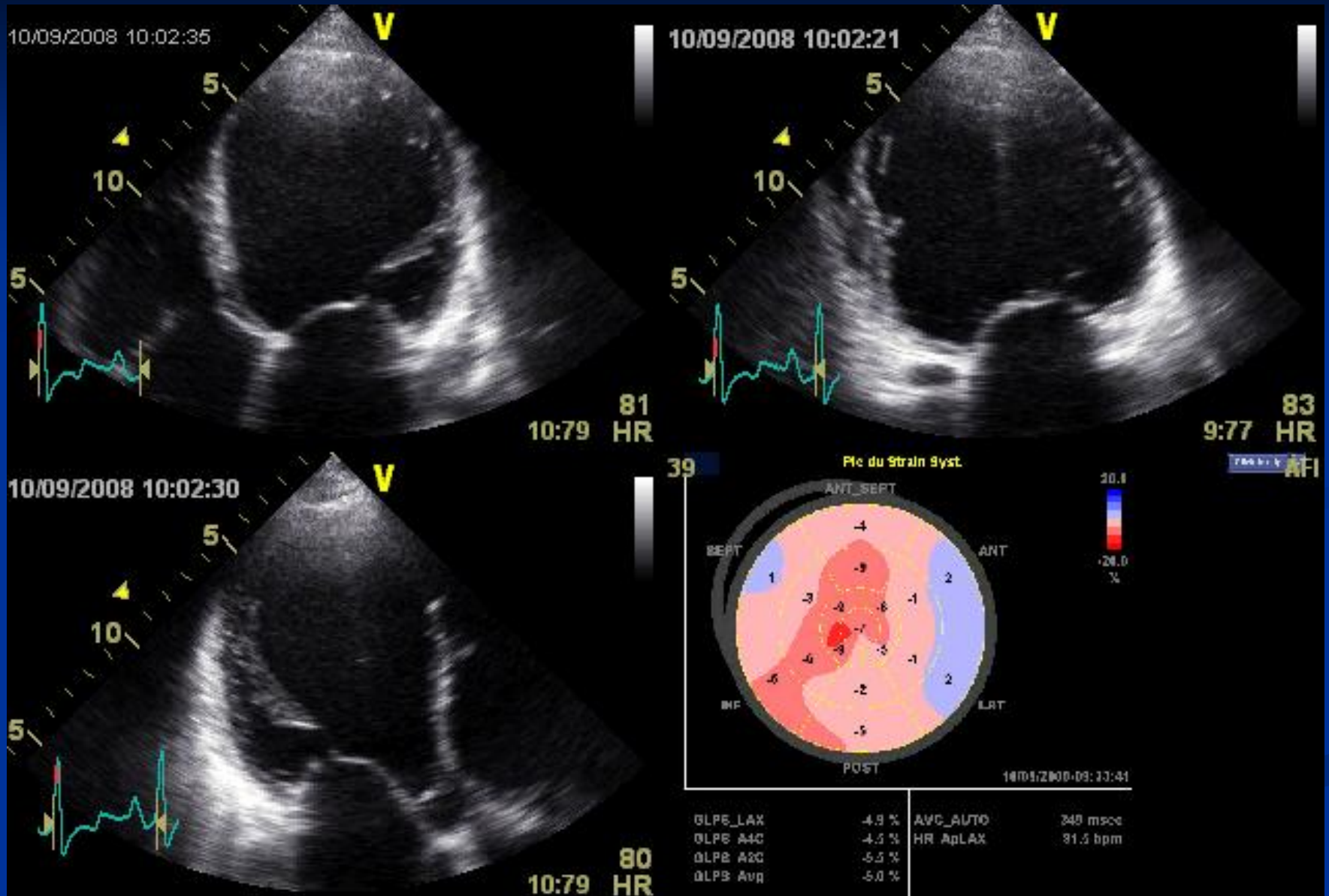
La très grande variabilité entre les CoreLab et la faible faisabilité des mesures nécessitent une Redéfinition méthodologique sur comment étudier l'asynchronisme mécanique.



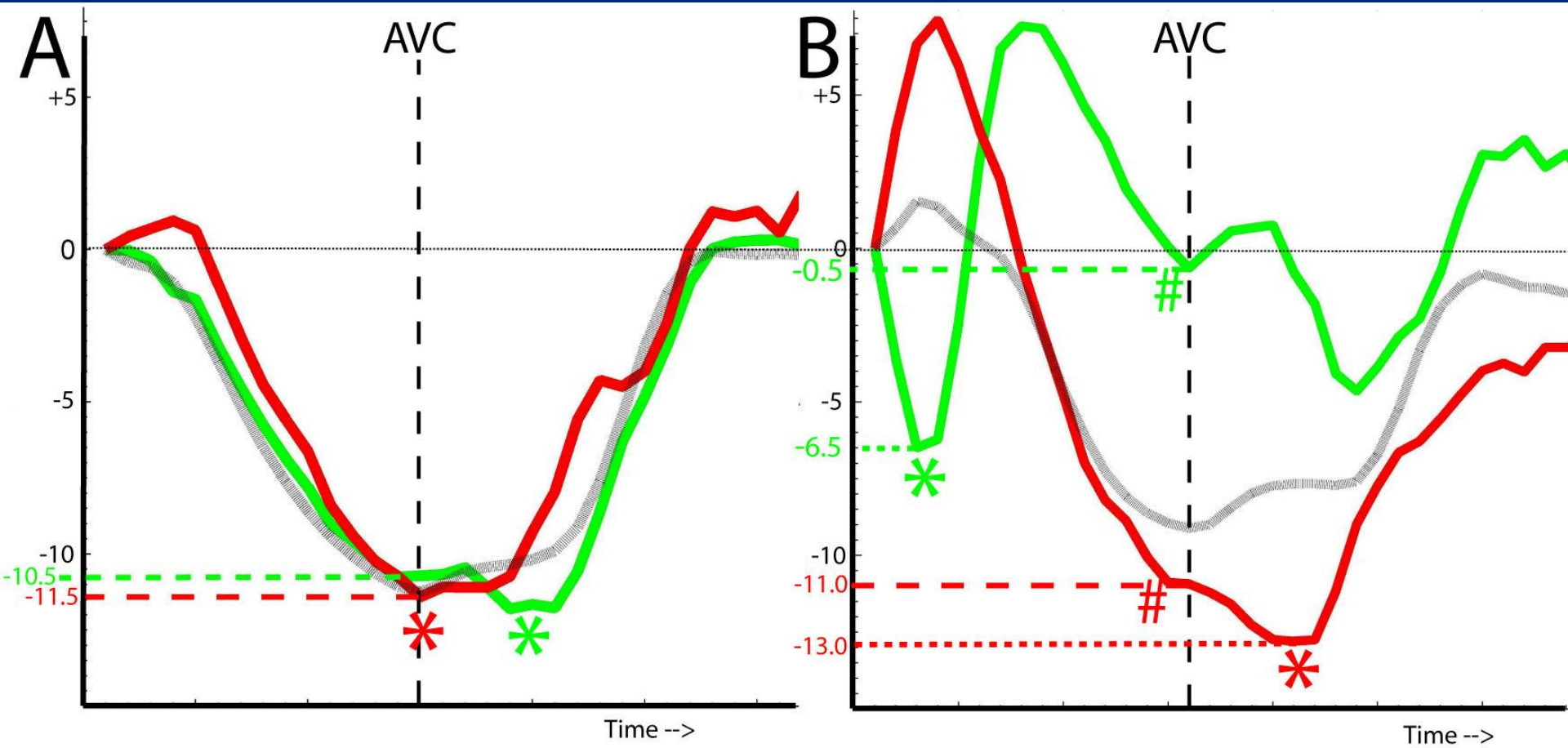
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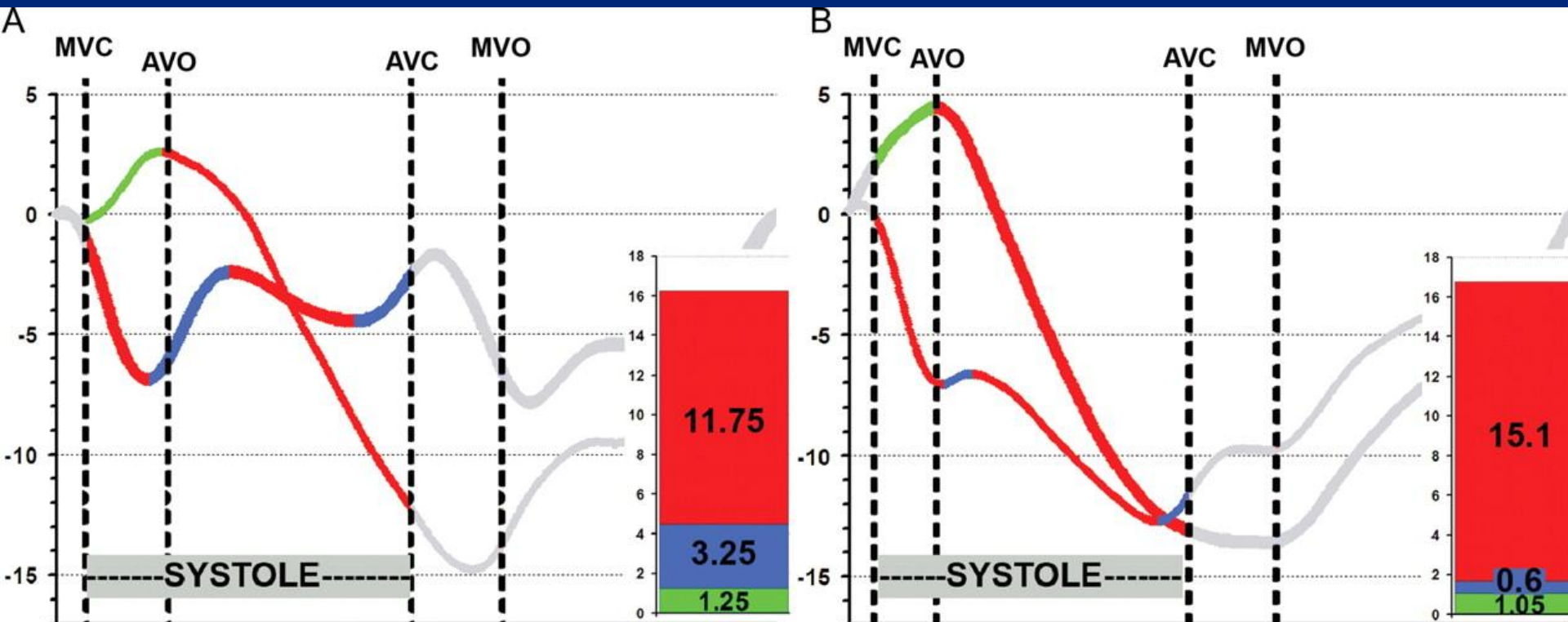
2DS Longitudinal

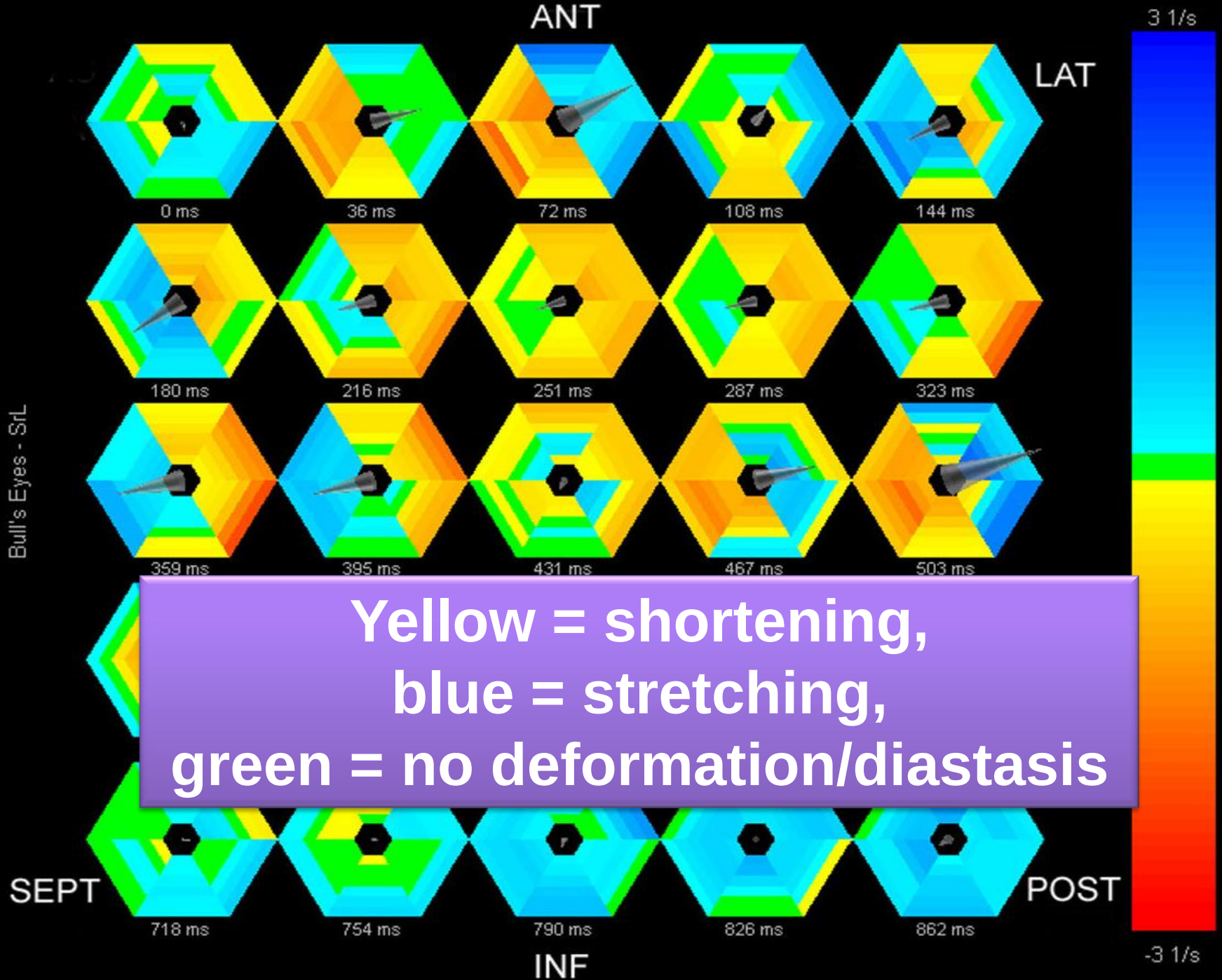


Longitudinal Strain

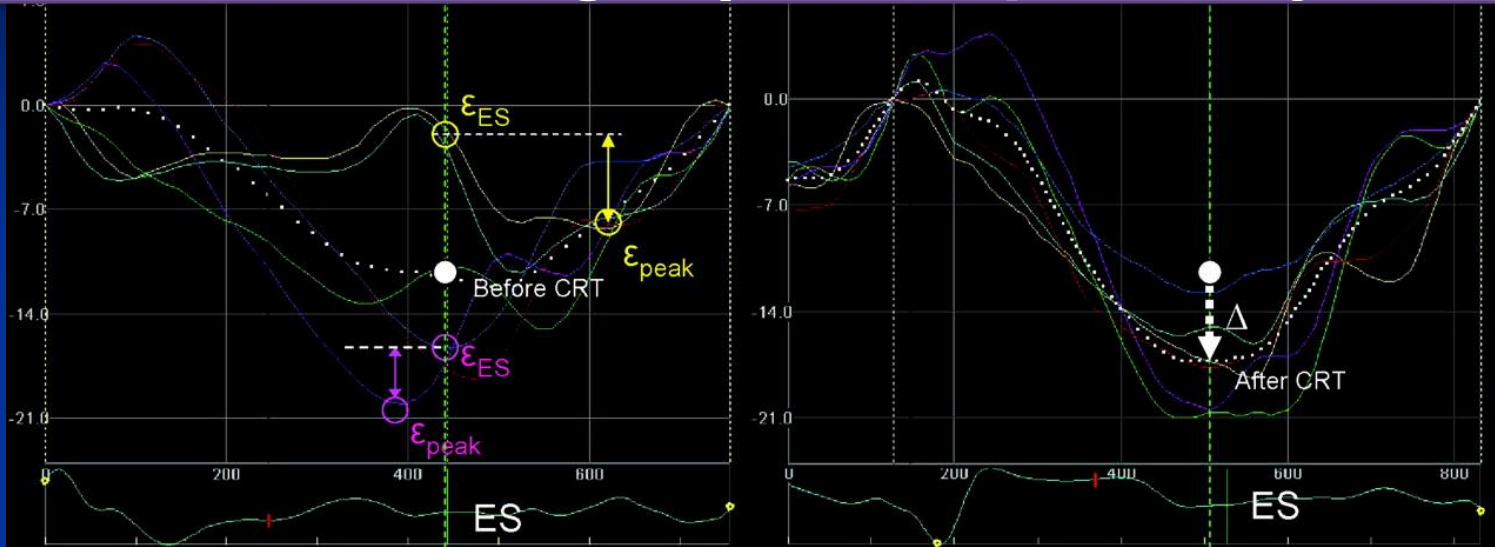


Mesure des déformations efficaces (raccourcissement) et des élongations



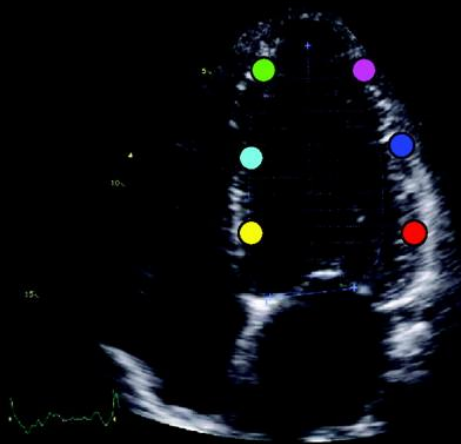


STRAIN DELAY INDEX: somme de l'énergie 'perdue' par le myocarde

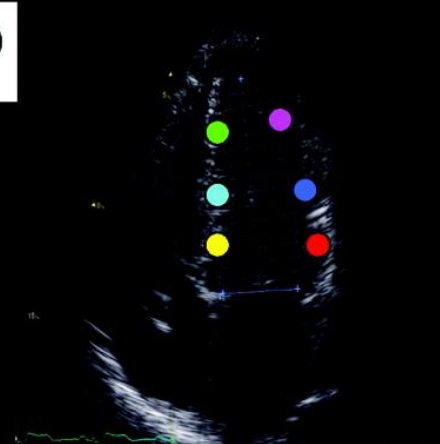


$$\Delta \% \text{ Strain delay index} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\epsilon_{peak} - \epsilon_{ES})$$

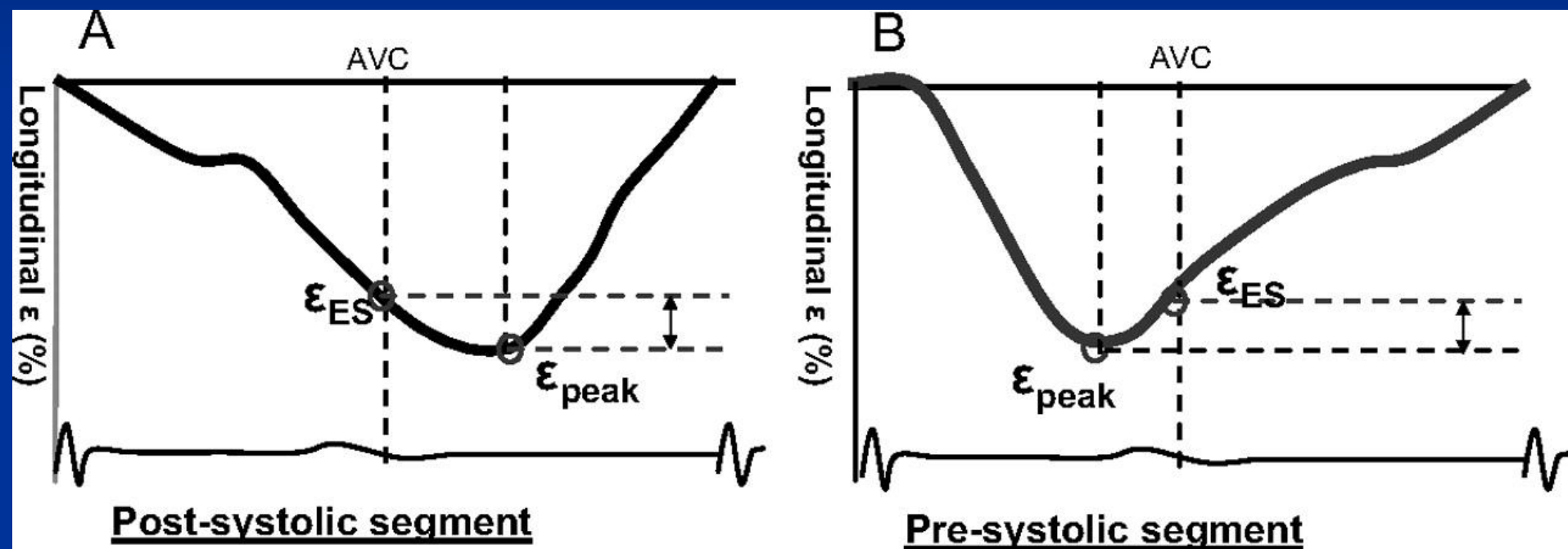
n=16 segments

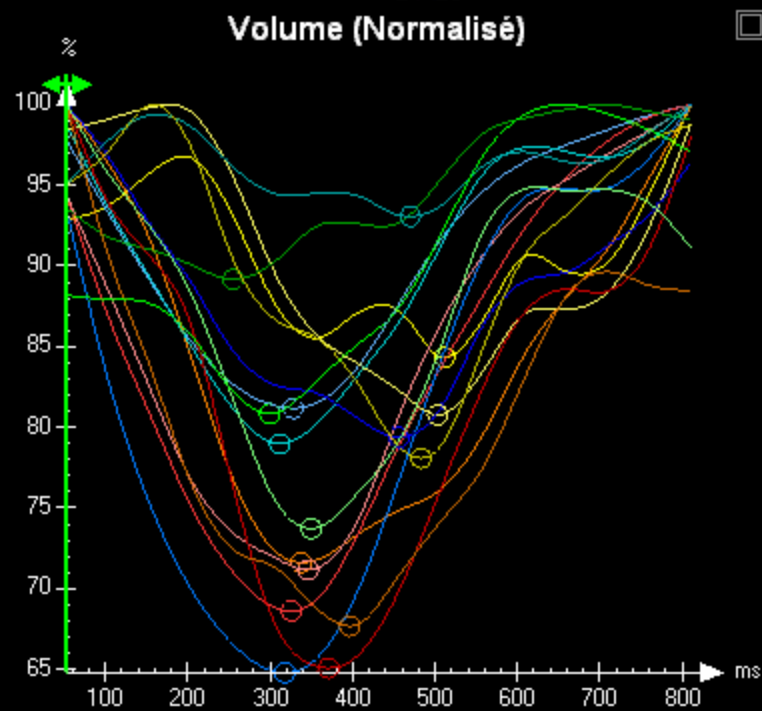
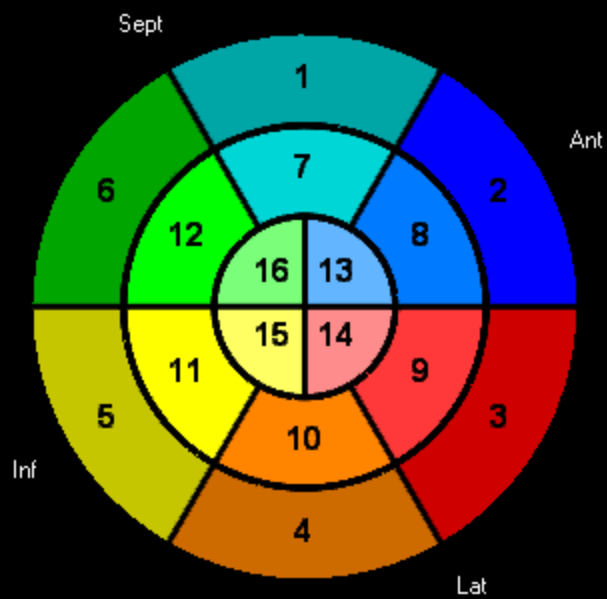
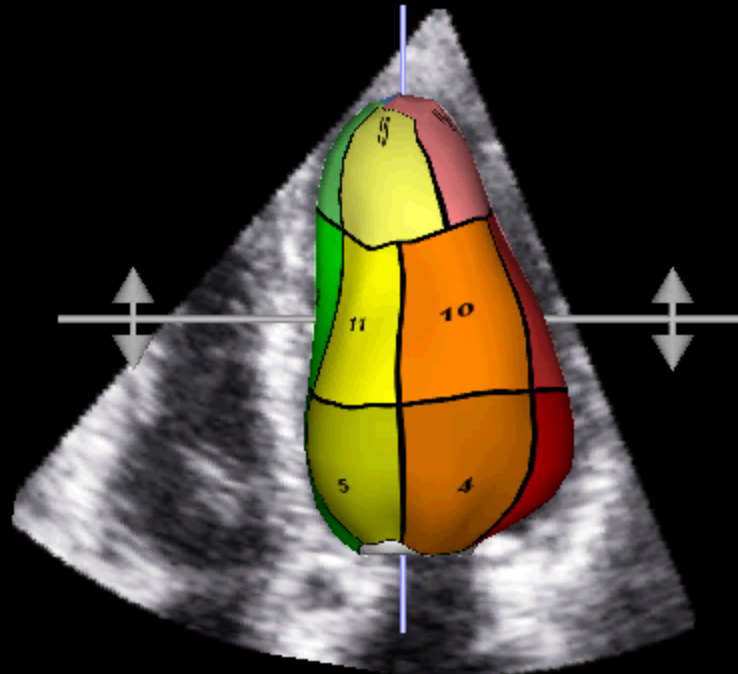
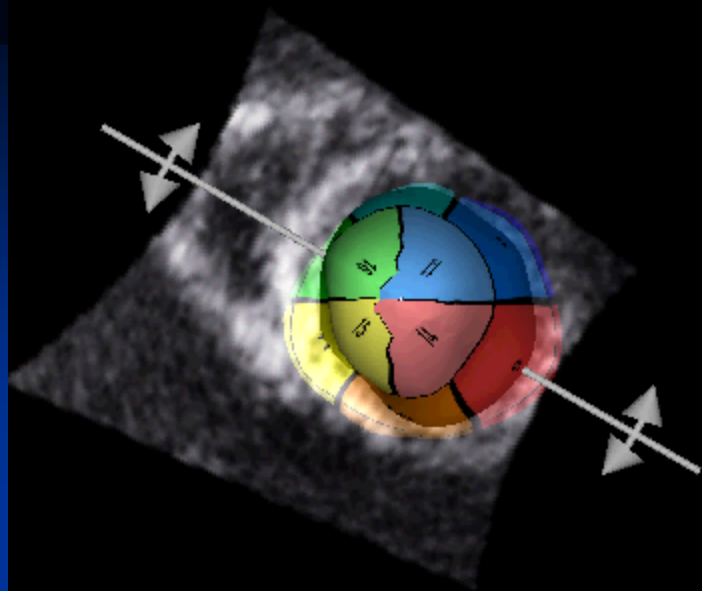


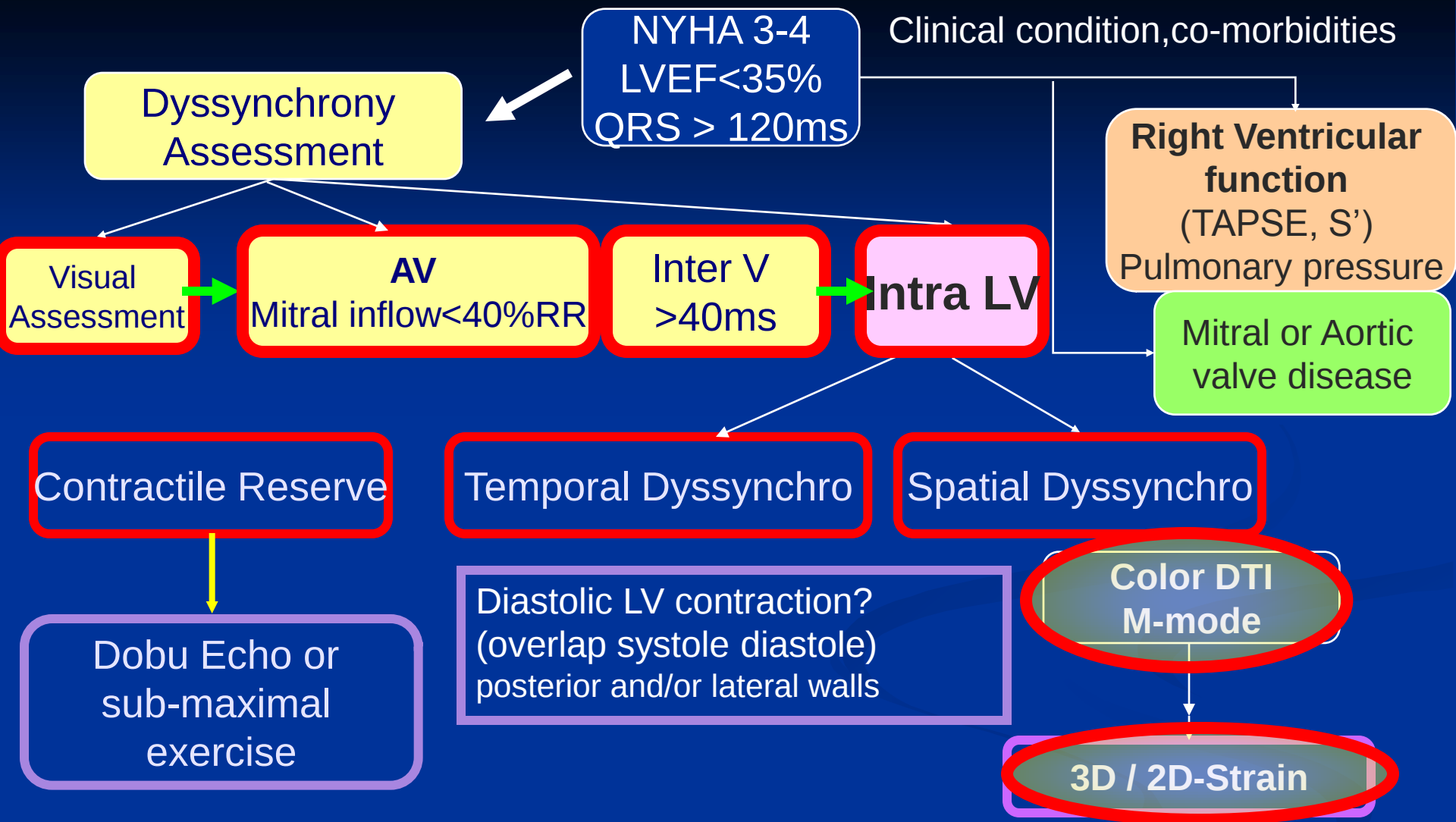
Before CRT
ESV=113ml



After CRT (3 months)
ESV=50ml







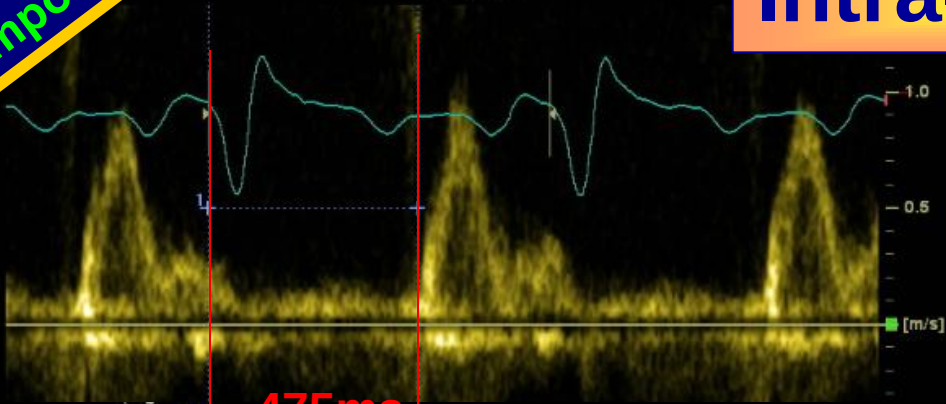
Post-implantation echocardiography is requested to check for the quality of the resynchronization (especially AV one)

Radial dyssynchrony assessment in parasternal short axis views and longitudinal in apical views

Asynchronisme Temporel

Intra-LV DelayS

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470ms

Posterior Wall

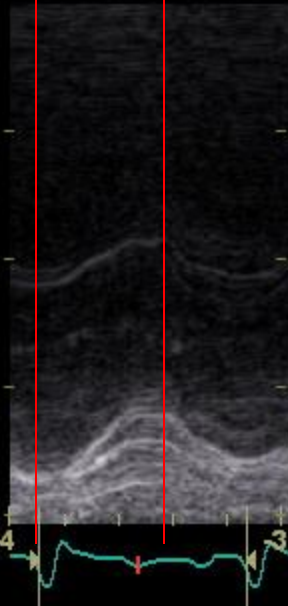
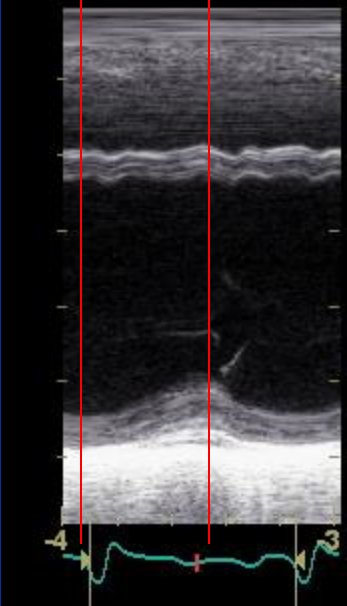


Systole-diastole Overlap

500ms

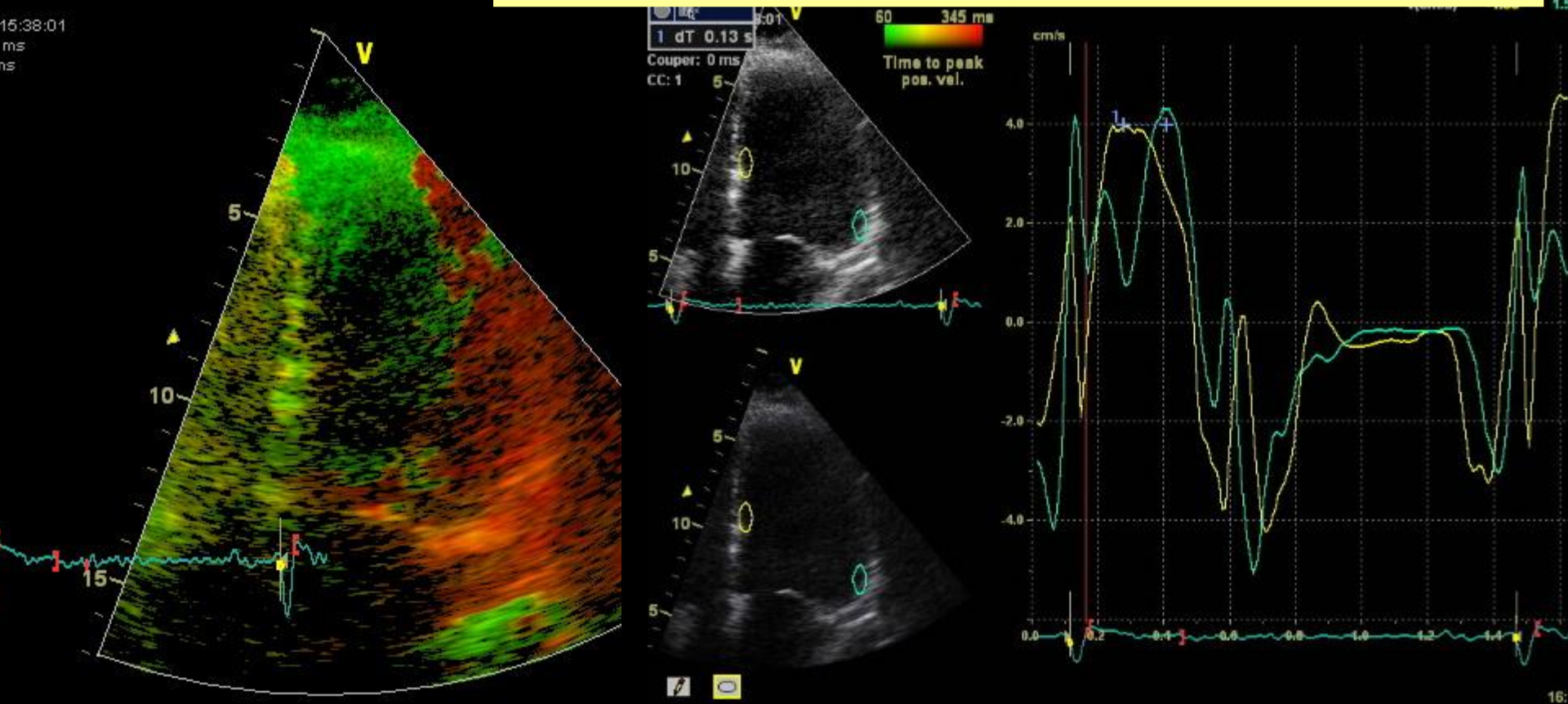


Lateral Wall



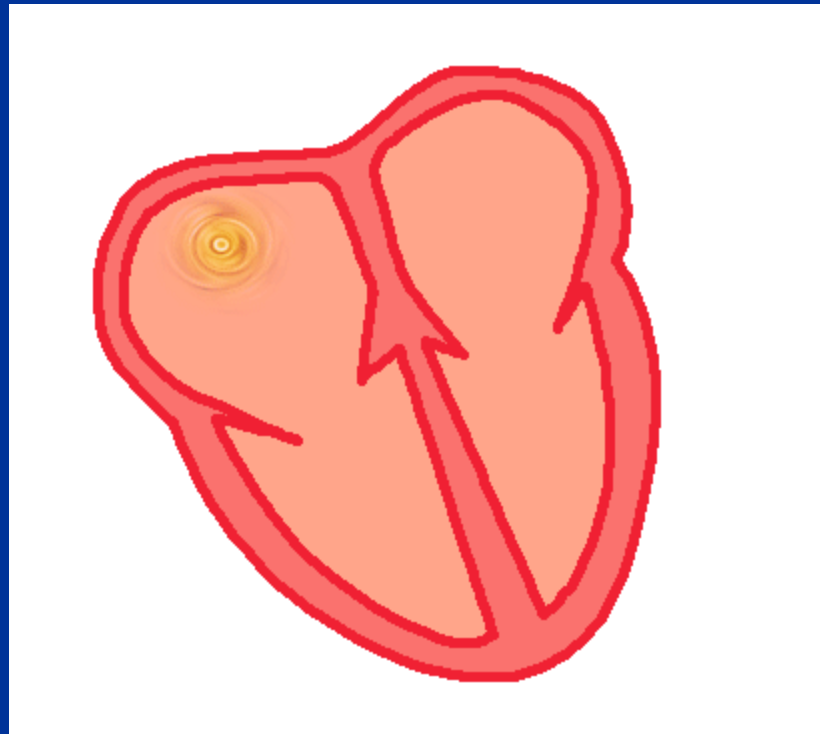
50 mn

QRS < 120ms; Asynchronisme intra V avec retard de la paroi lateral, ici de 130ms selon les courbes de vitesses de déplacement longitudinale du septum et de la paroi latérale



TSI: tissue synchronization imaging: colorant en rouge les segments se déplaçant après la fermeture de la valve aortique (ici la paroi latérale VG)

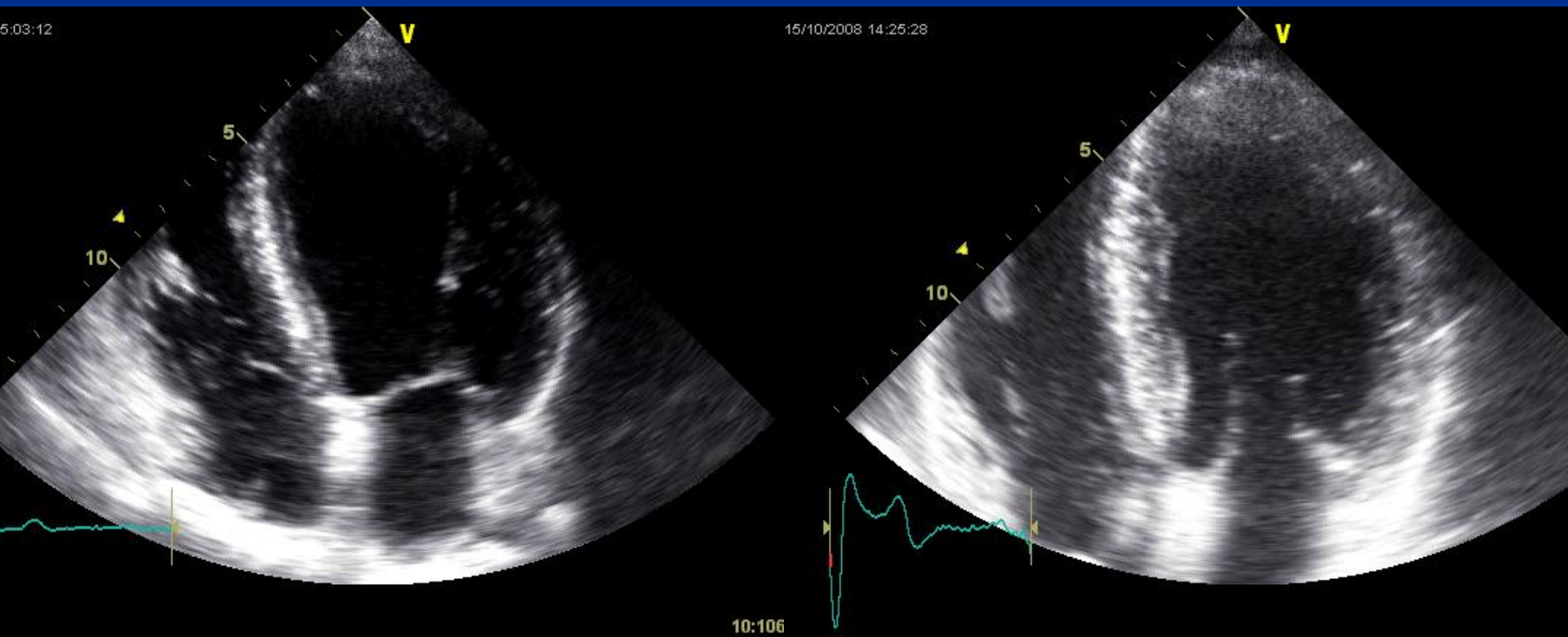
Suivi du patient après CRT



Remodelage VG

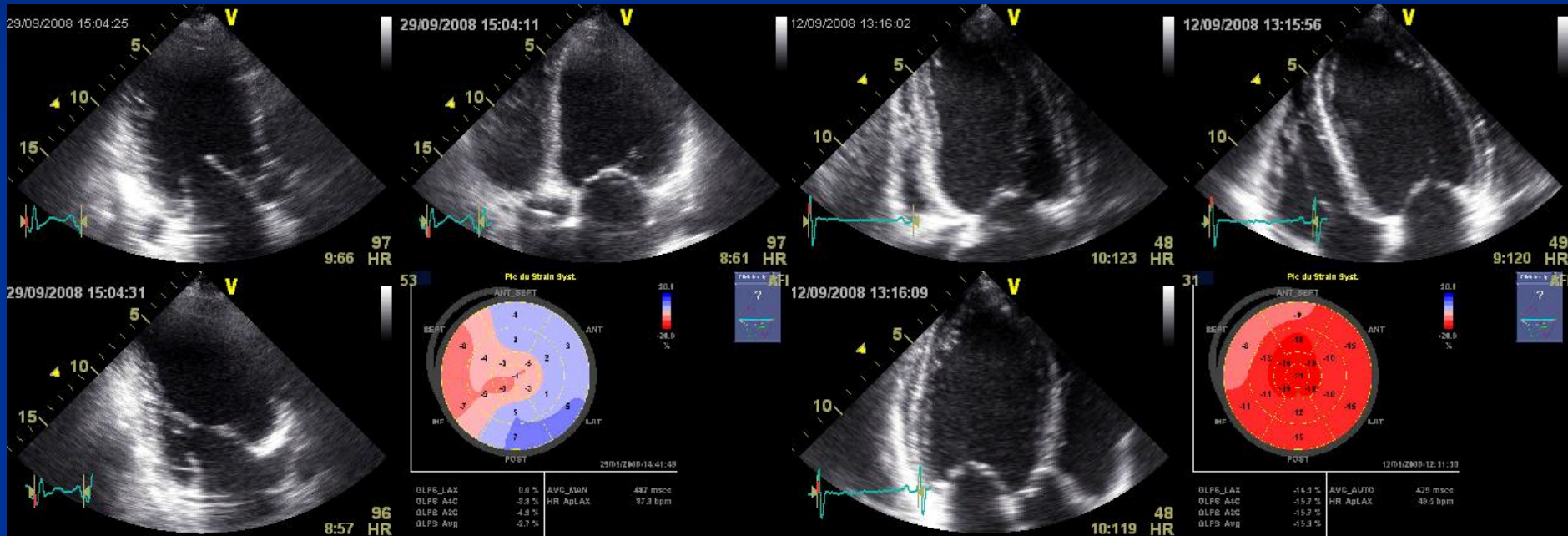
avant

à 3-mois



Par exemple, suivi de CRT

Strain (Déformation) Longitudinale Globale

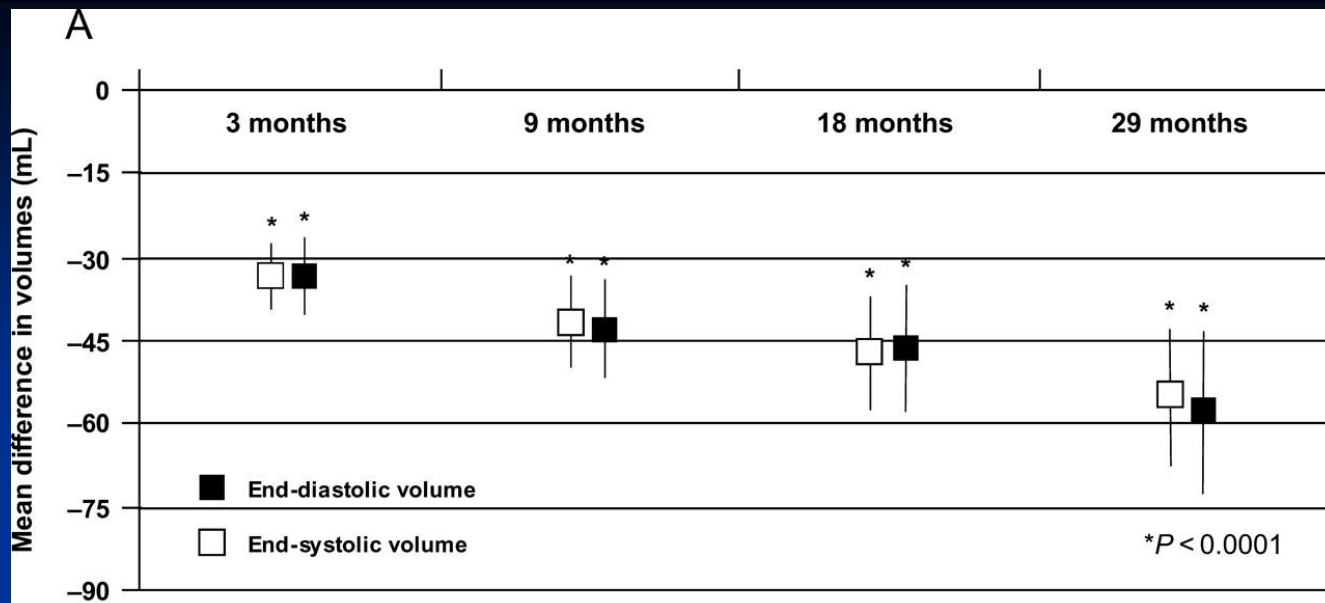


pre

6-mois

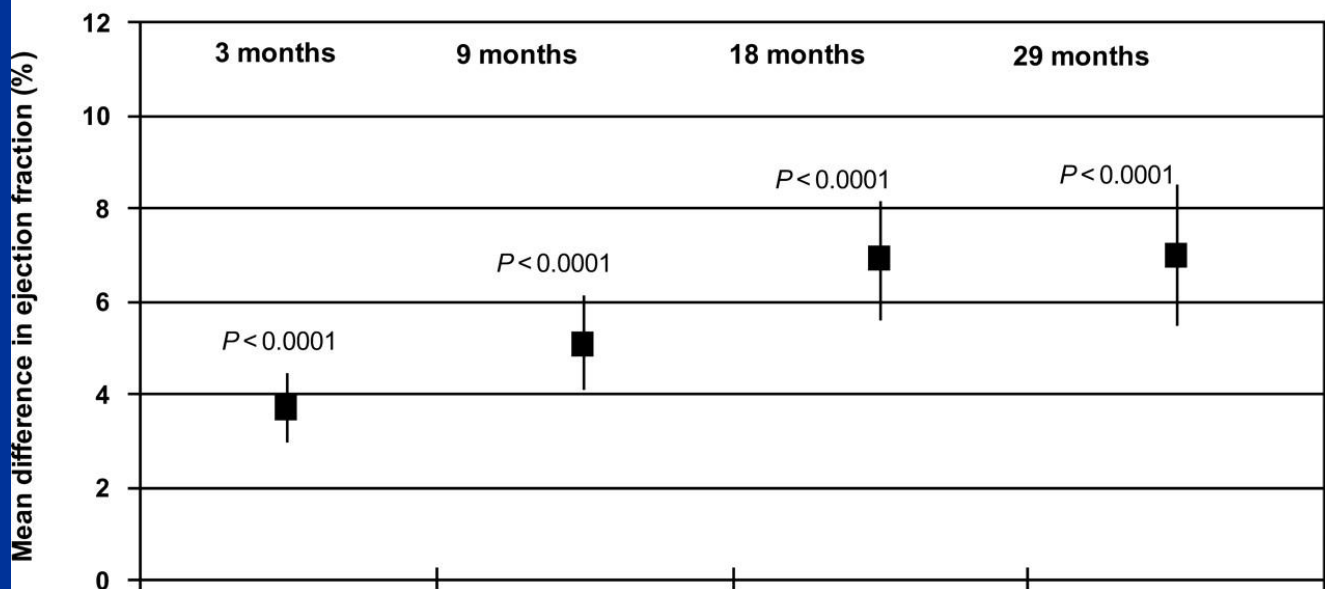
REMODELAGE

LV-volumes



Difference in end-diastolic and end-systolic volumes and ejection fraction at 3, 9, 18 months and the end of the study (mean 29 months)

LV-EF



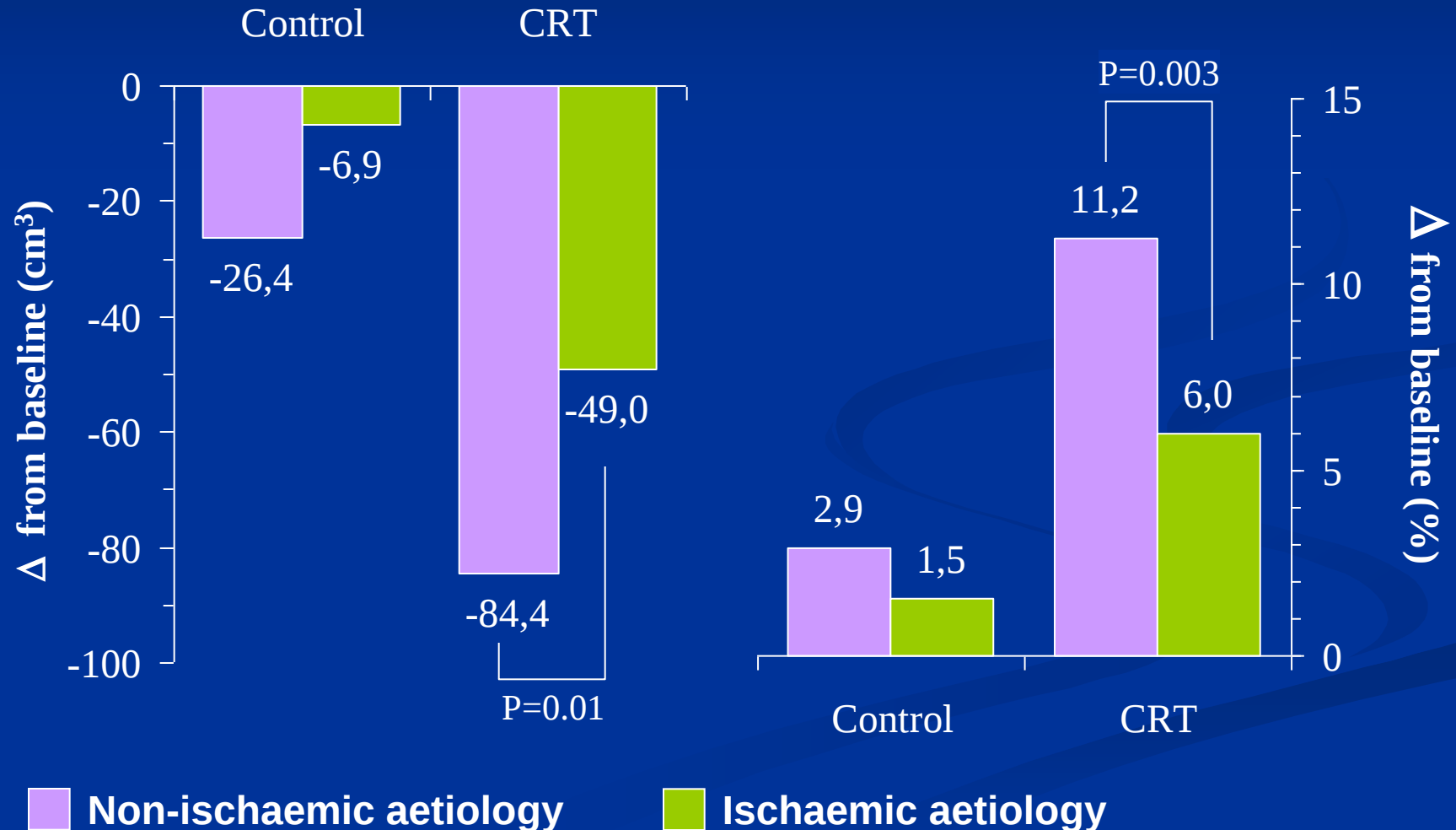
! Points Particuliers !

Problèmes de la cardiopathie Ischémique

CARE-HF extended study

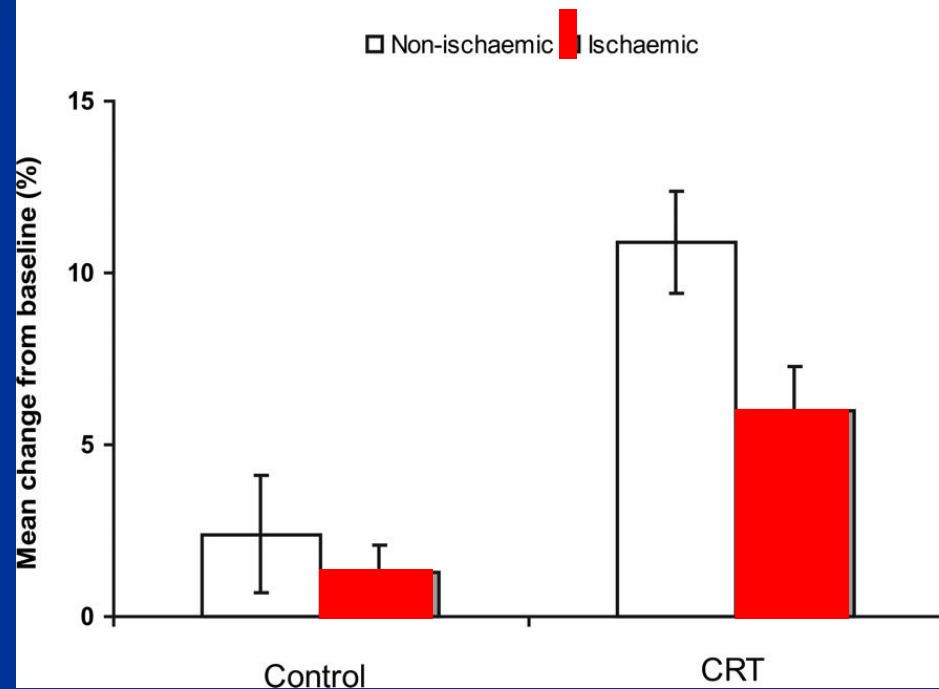
LVESV

LVEF

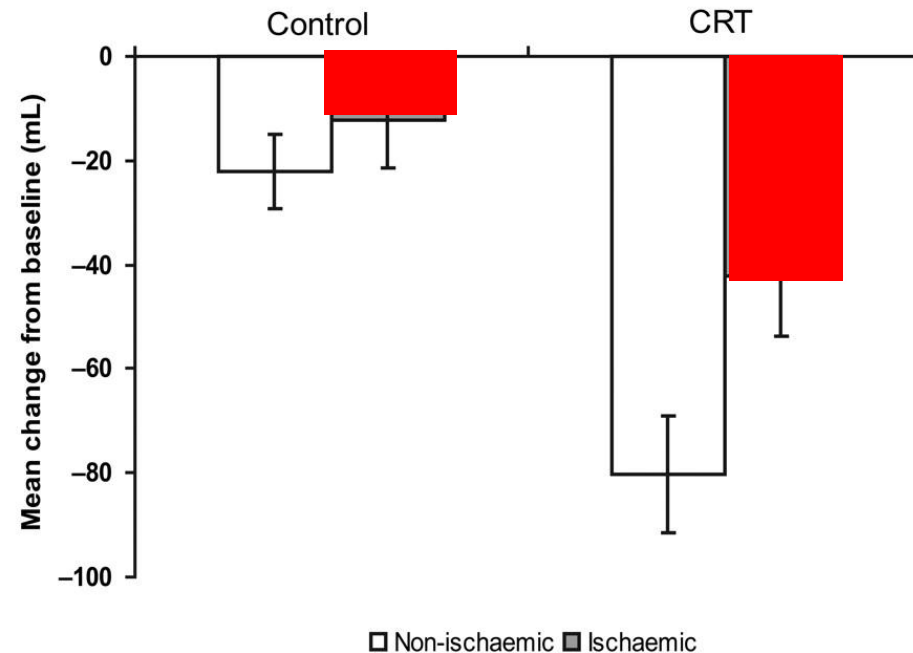


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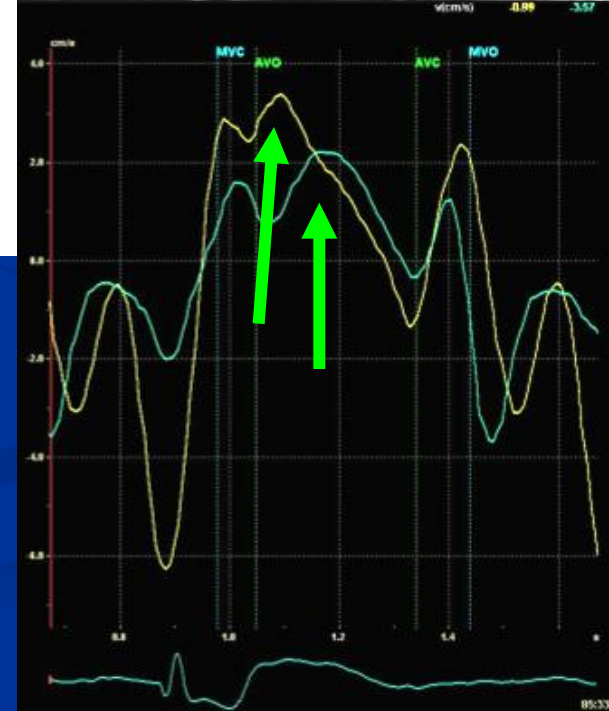
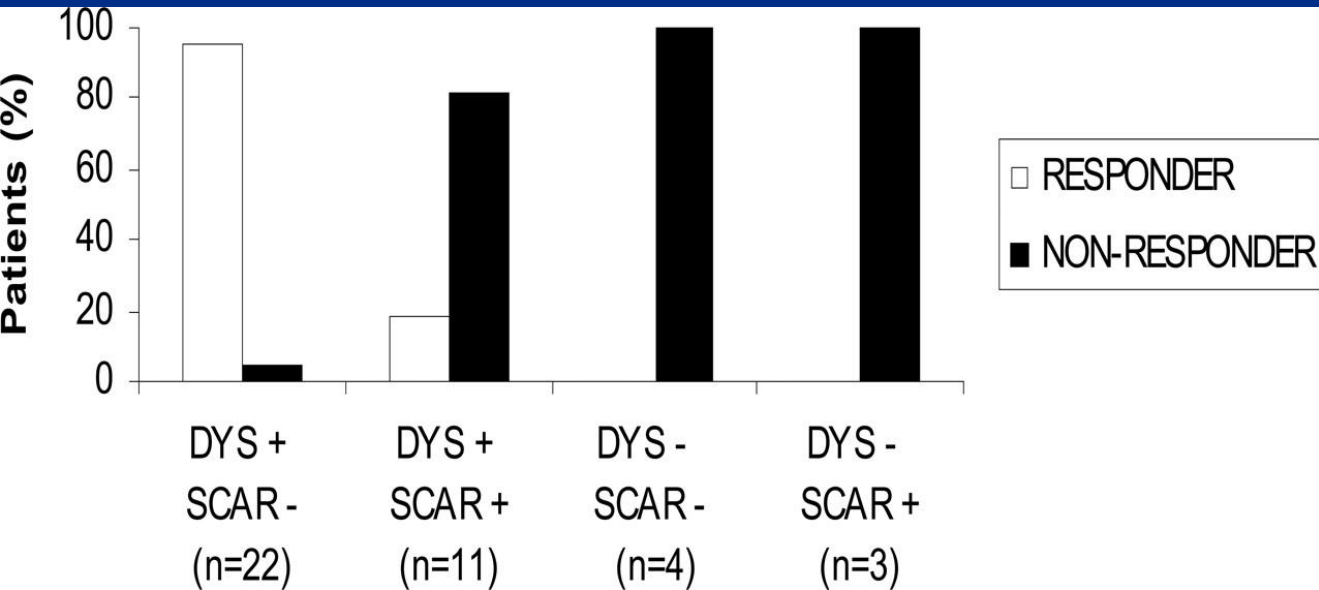
Ejection fraction



End-systolic volume

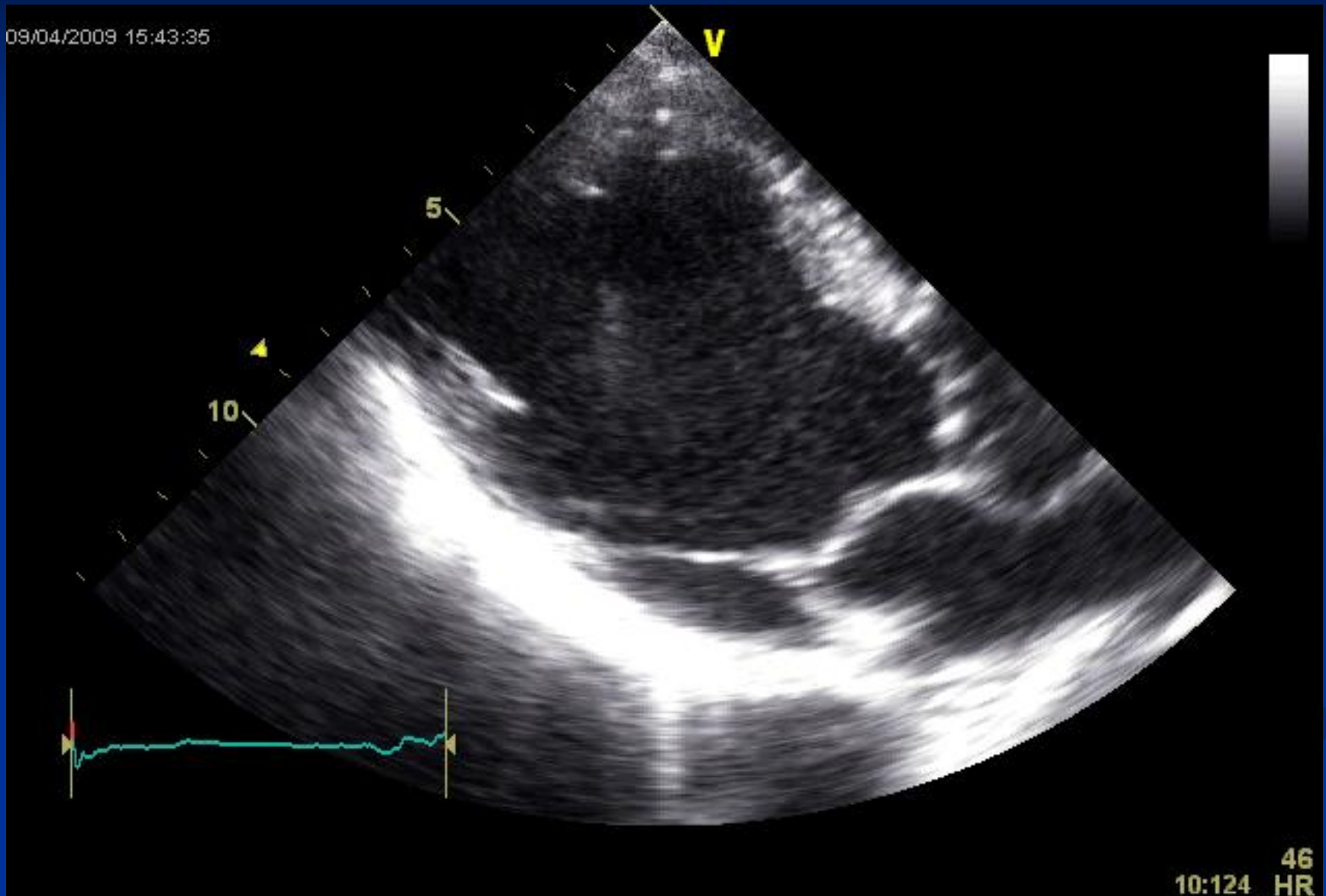


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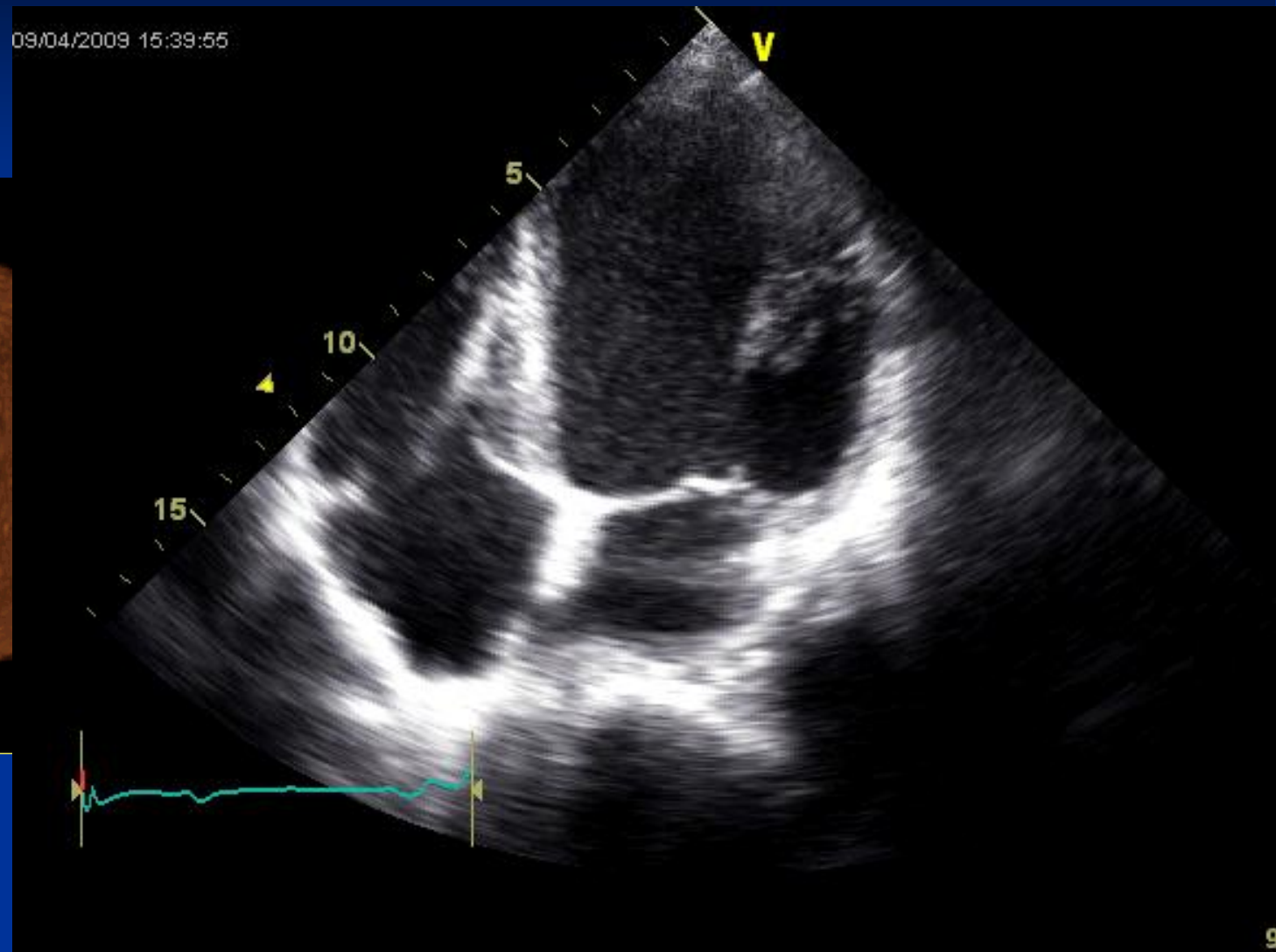
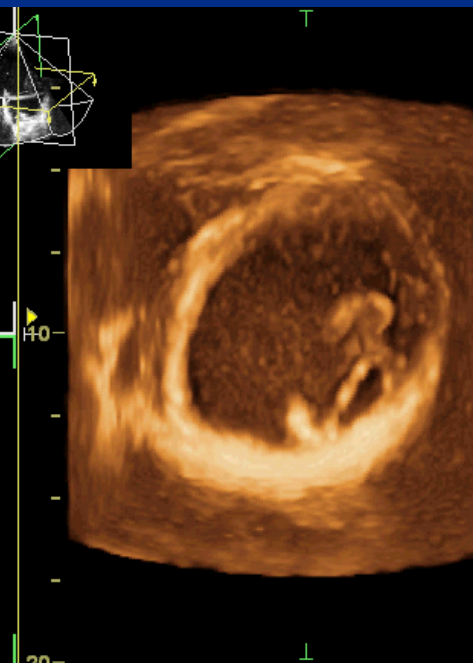


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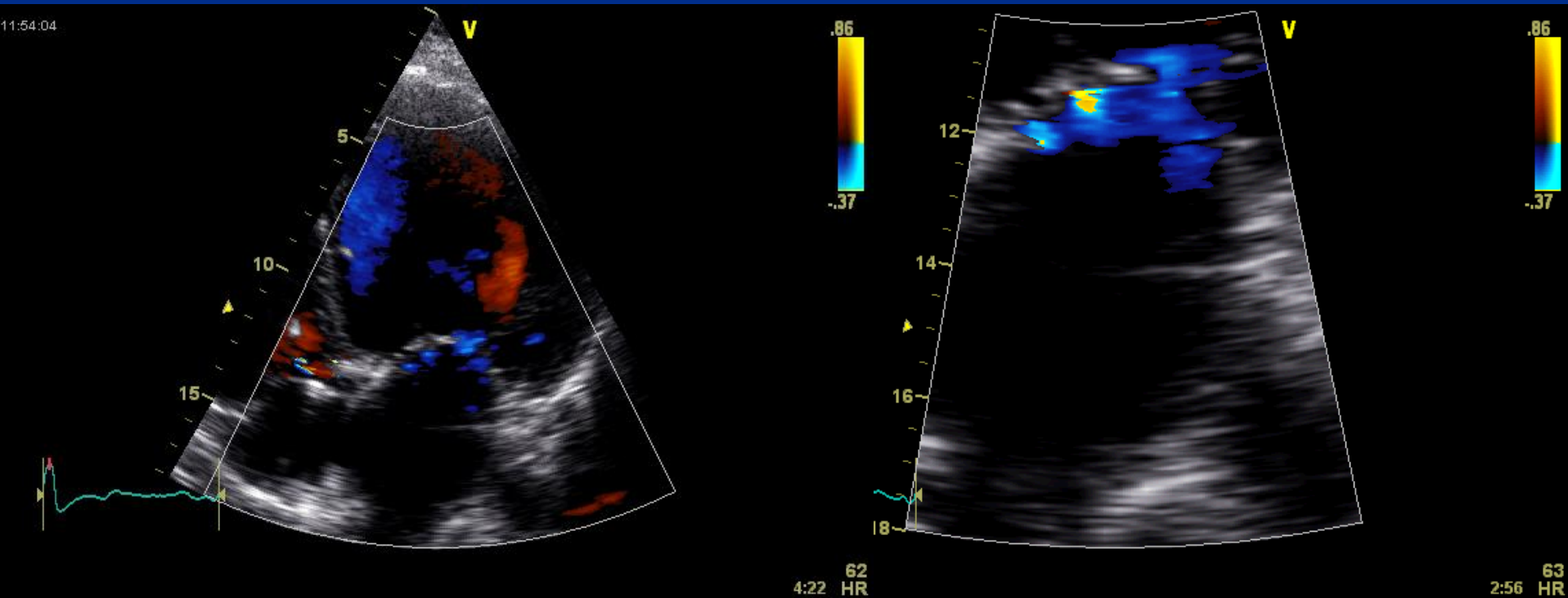
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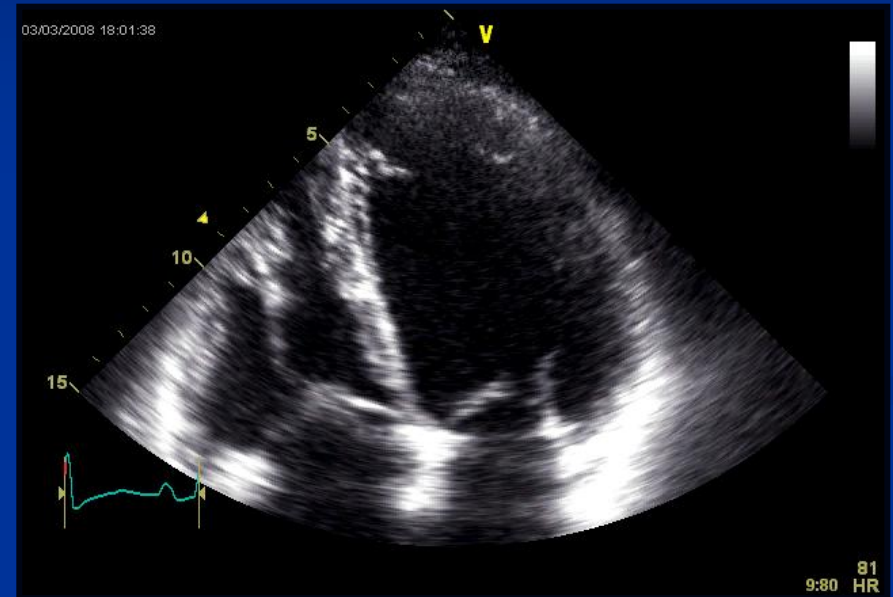
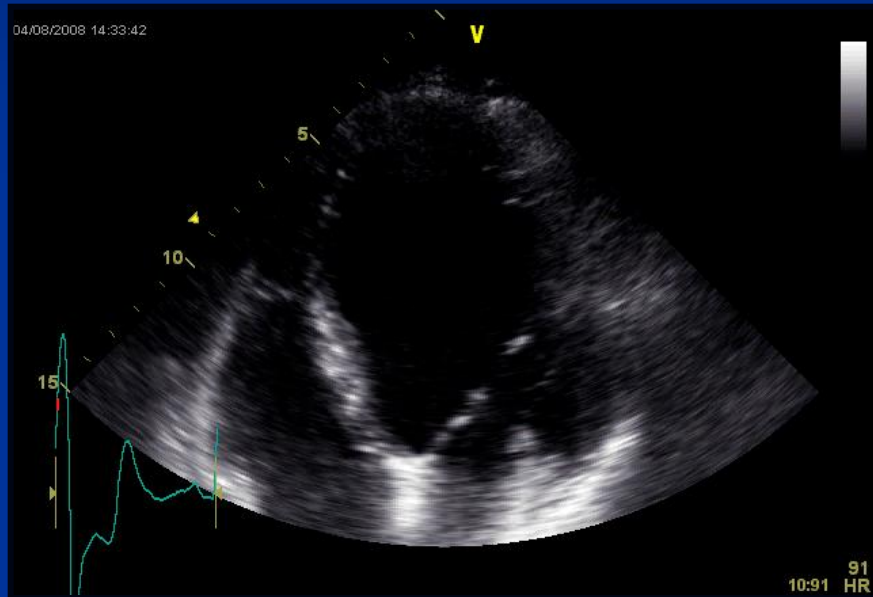
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Valvulopathies et Cardiomyopathies



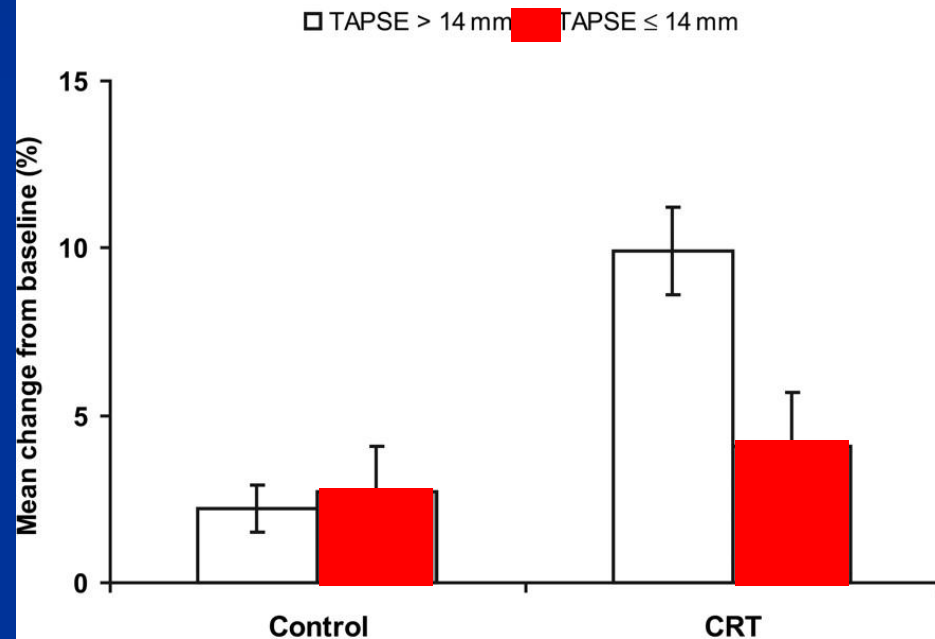
Importance du VD



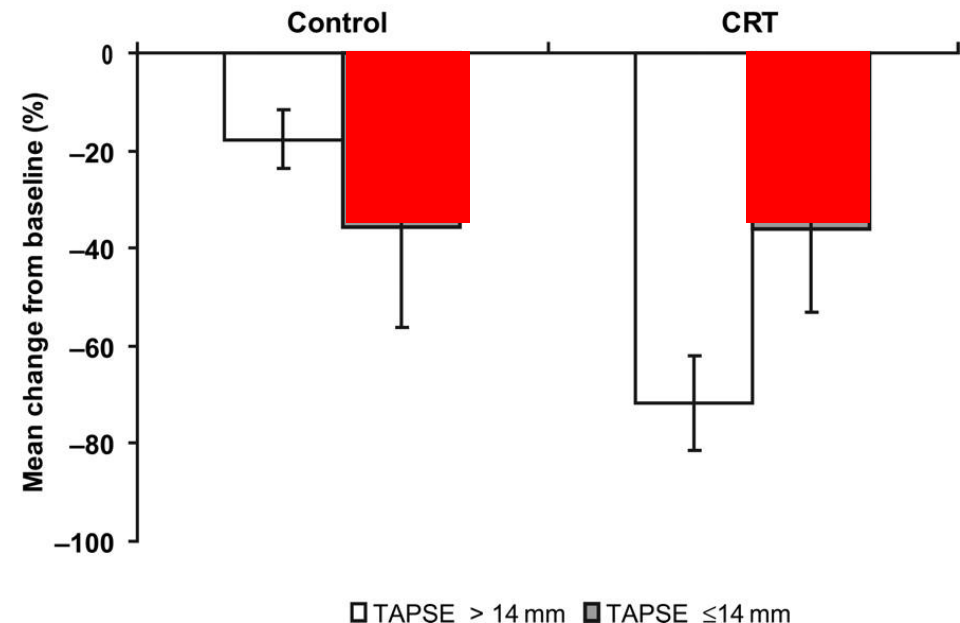
Ghio, S. et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2009 11:480-488
Donal et al. Arch Cardiovasc. 2008
Bernard, Donal et al Int Journal Cardiol (sous presse)

TAPSE <14mm : Mauvaise fonction VD

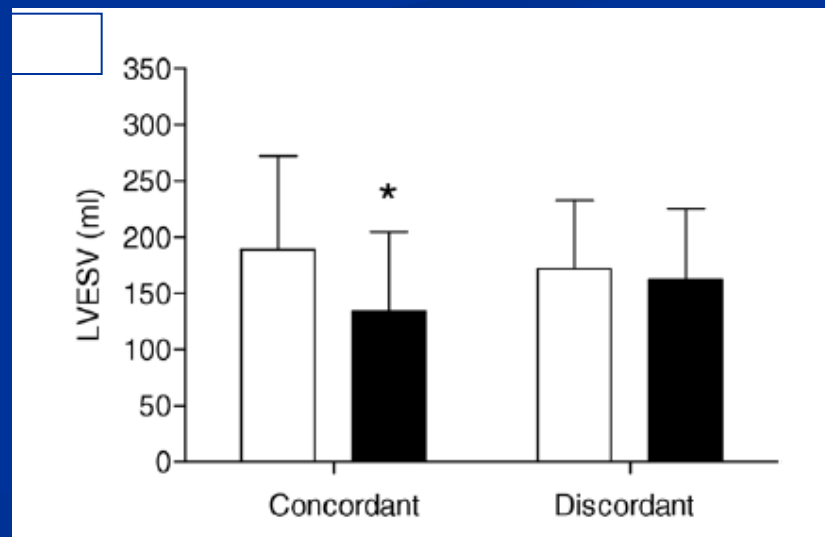
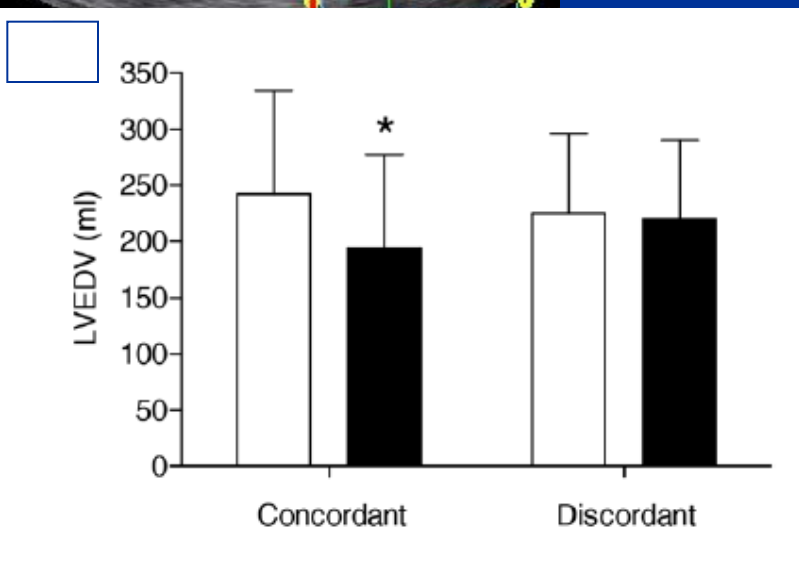
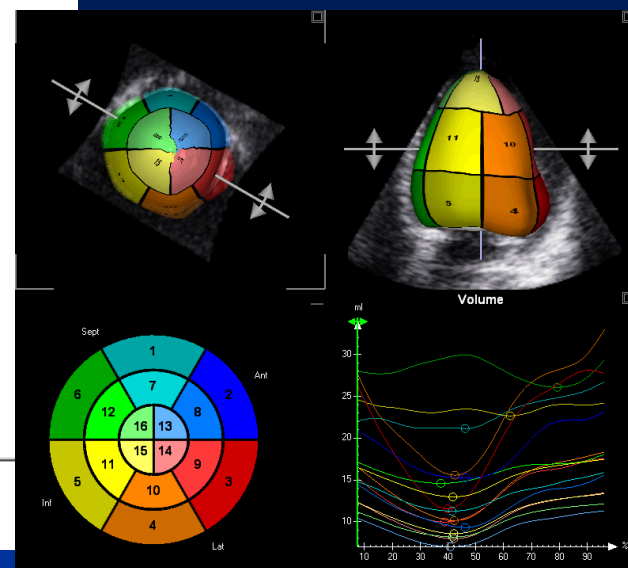
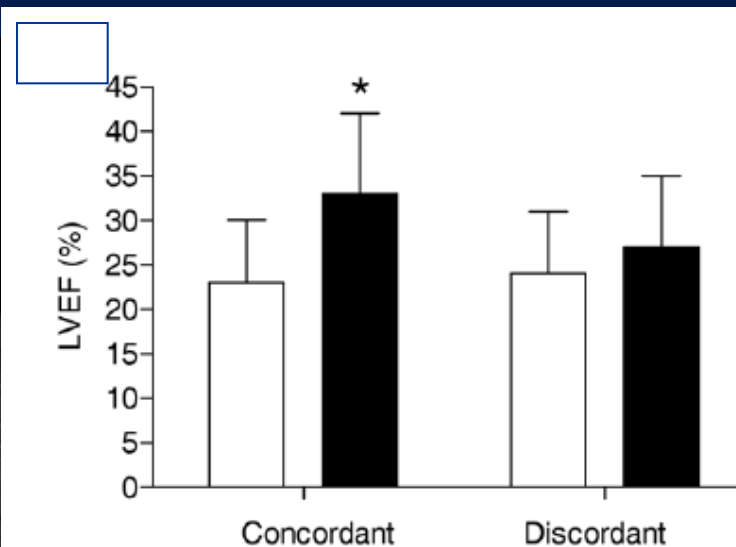
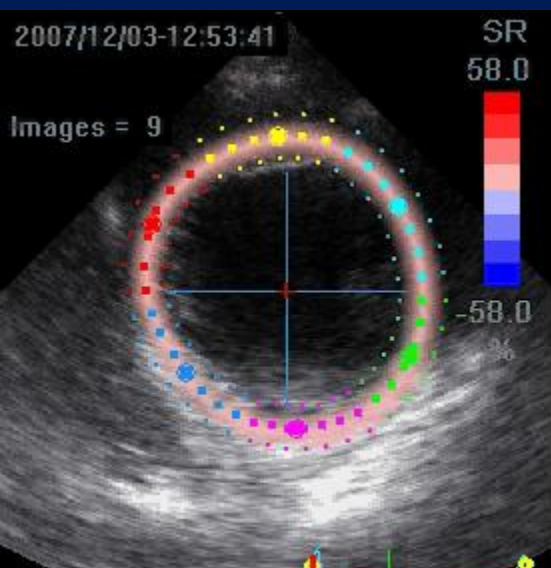
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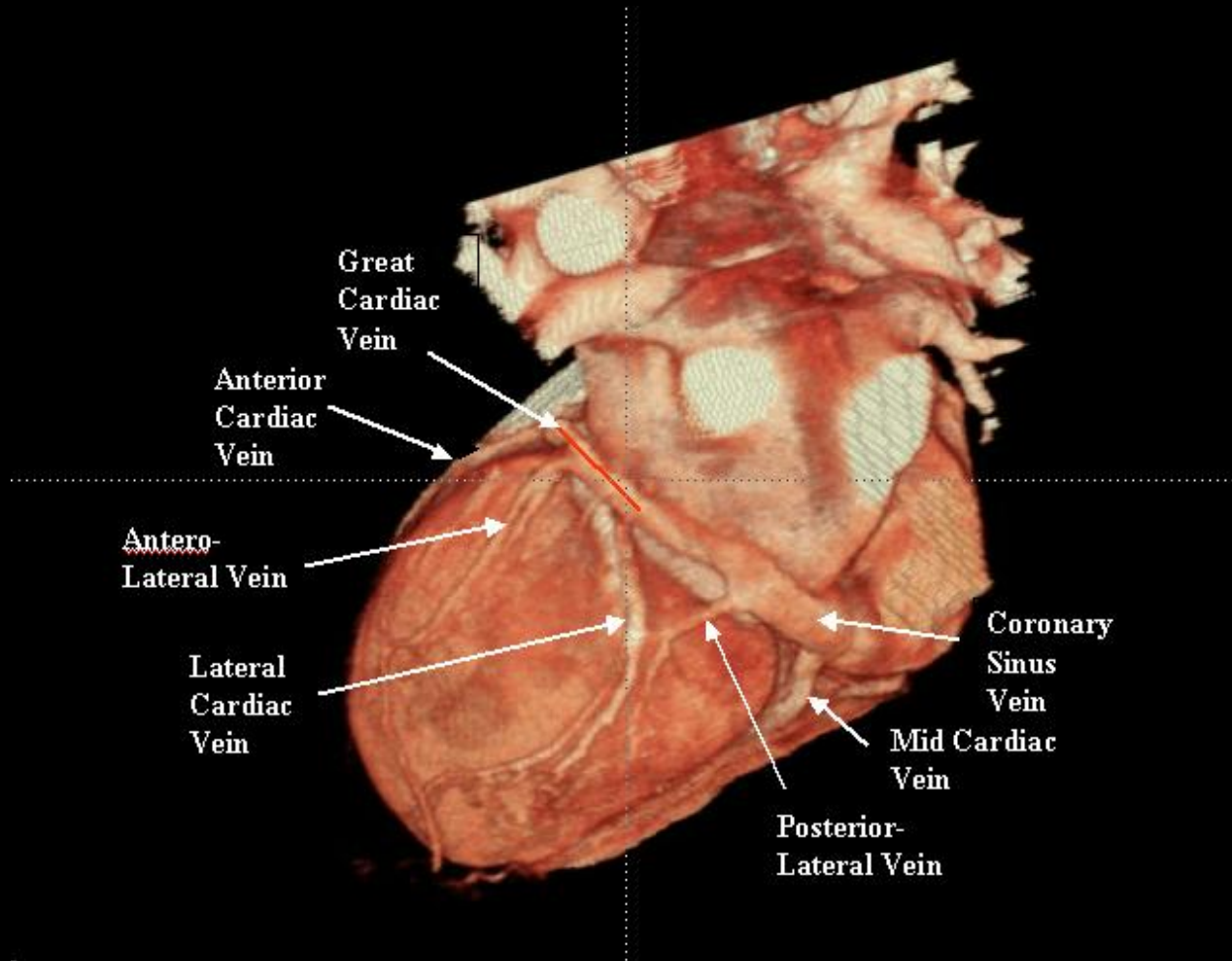
End-systolic volume



Bénéfice de l'optimisation des sondes



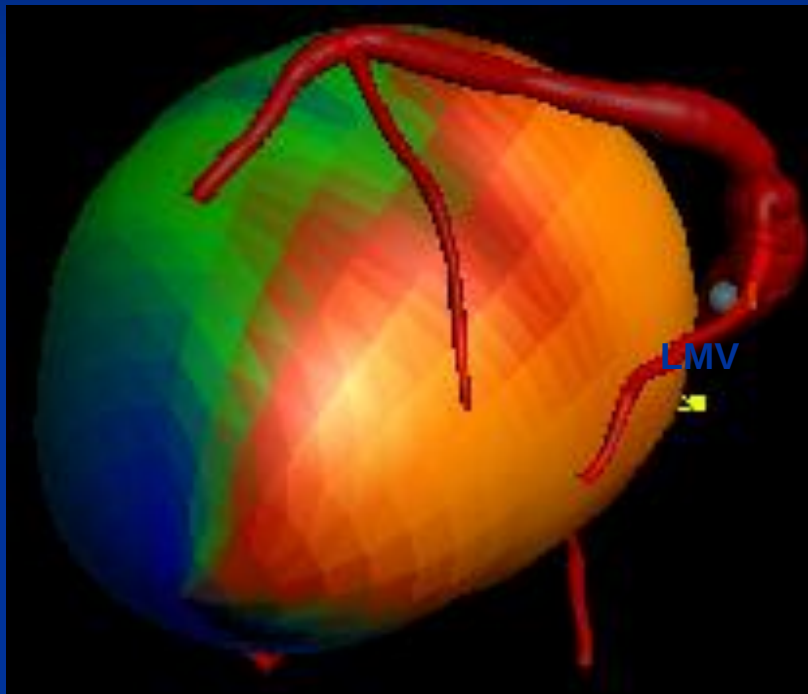
Le Territoire asynchrone et la veine pour y positionner la sonde



EARLY

BEFORE CRT

AIV



LMV

AFTER CRT

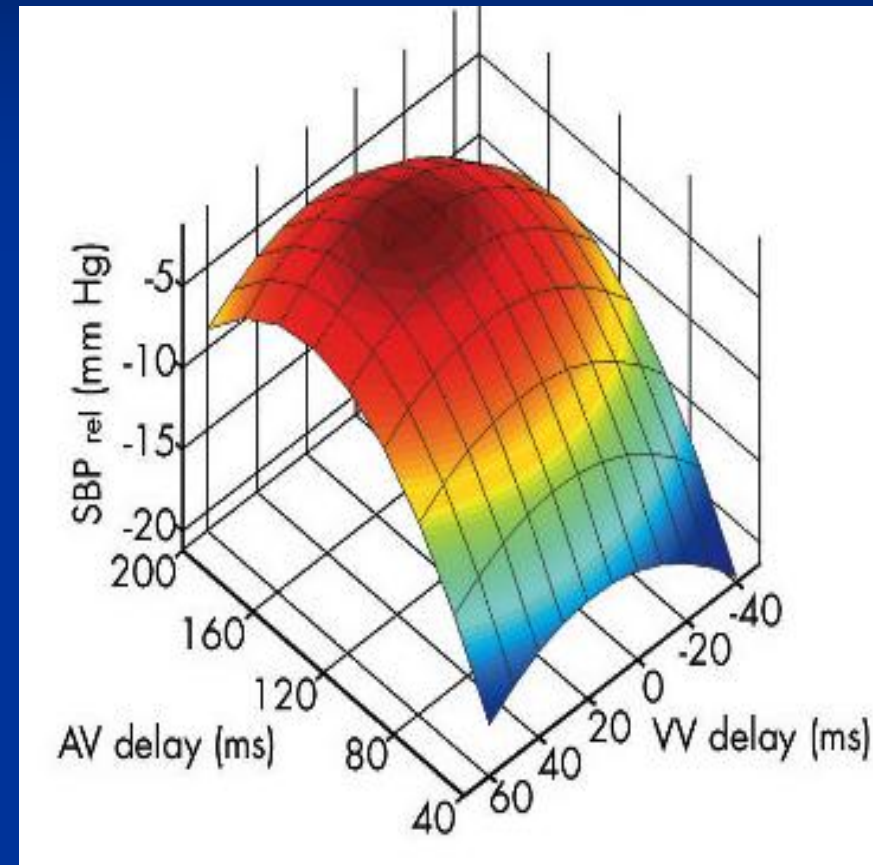


DELAYED

AIV, anterior inter-ventricular vein; LMV, lateral marginal vein;
DOTS: markers for registration; ARROW: LV lead position

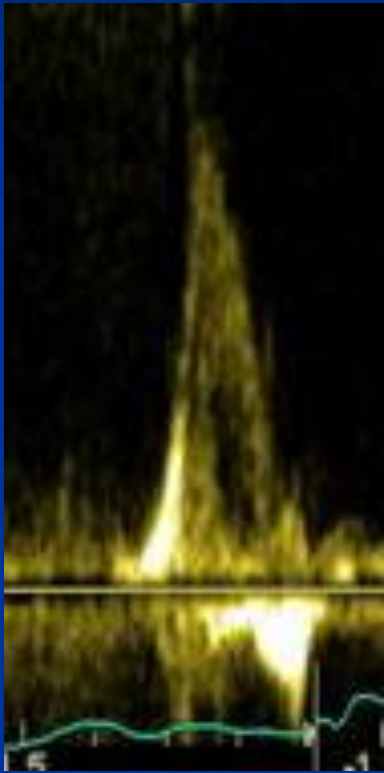
CRT et optimisation

- Configuration optimale de stimulation: propre à chaque patient ⁽¹⁾
- Plusieurs méthodes d'optimisation:
 - Echographiques
 - Non échographique
- Optimum prédit par chaque technique variable ⁽²⁾
- Courbe parabolique de réponse hémodynamique aux changements de délai atrio ventriculaire (DAV) et inter ventriculaire (VV) ⁽³⁾

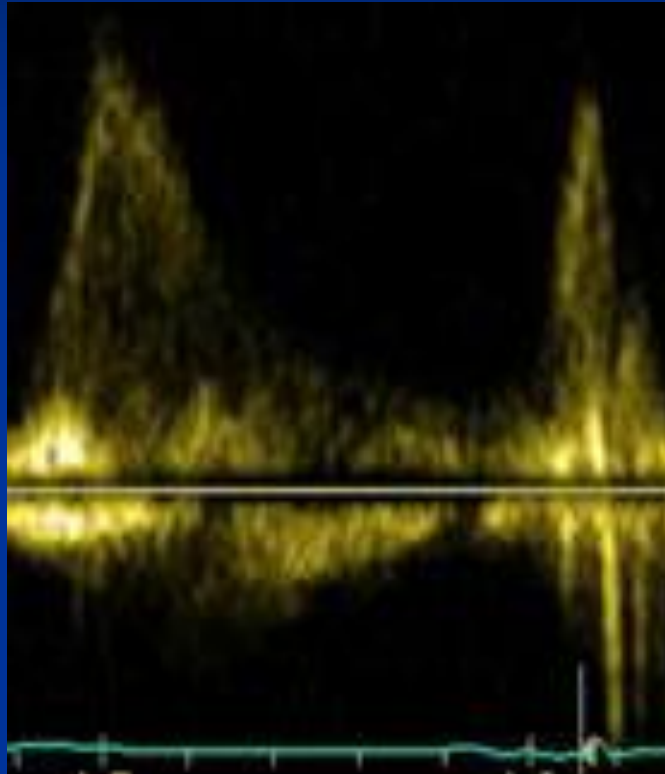


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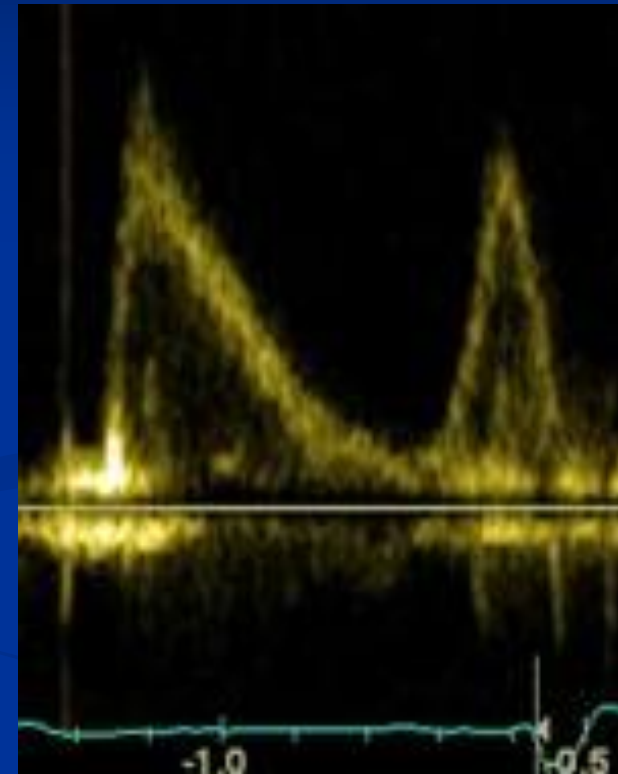
La méthode itérative



**Long AV delay
(E and A fusion)**



**Decrease by 20 ms steps
Too short: truncated A-wave**

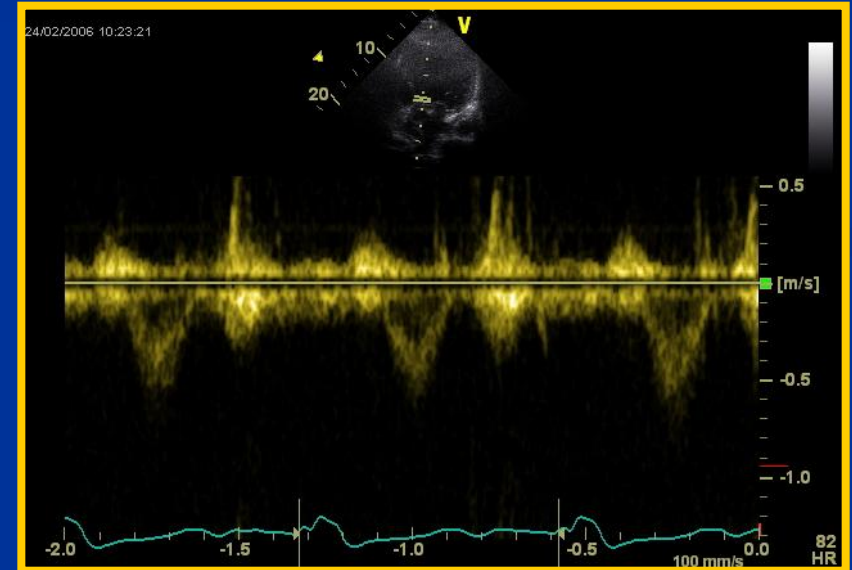


**Optimal AV delay
LV filling > 40% RR cycle**

Démarche "Pas à Pas"



Durée et ITV mitrale

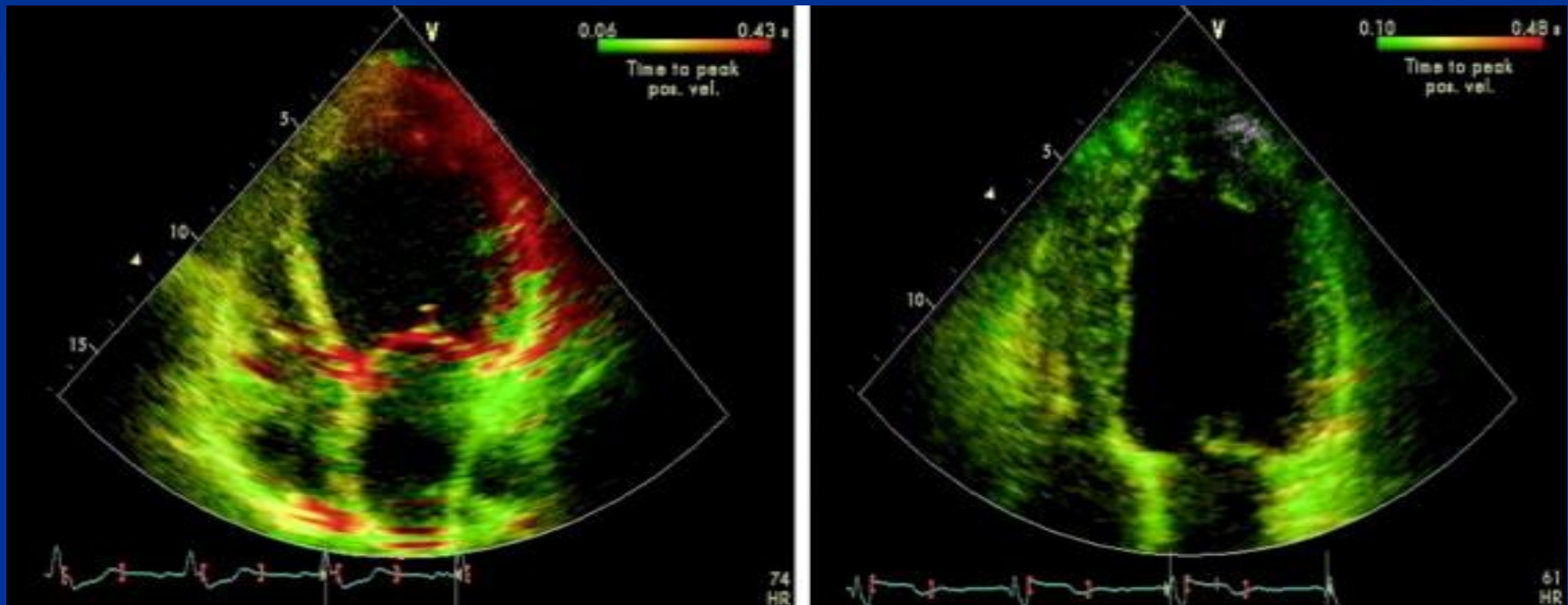


et ITV Sous Ao

Jansen et al. Am J Cardiol 2006; 97: 552

Stimulation séquentielle ou simultanée

intérêt d'optimiser les délais V-V?

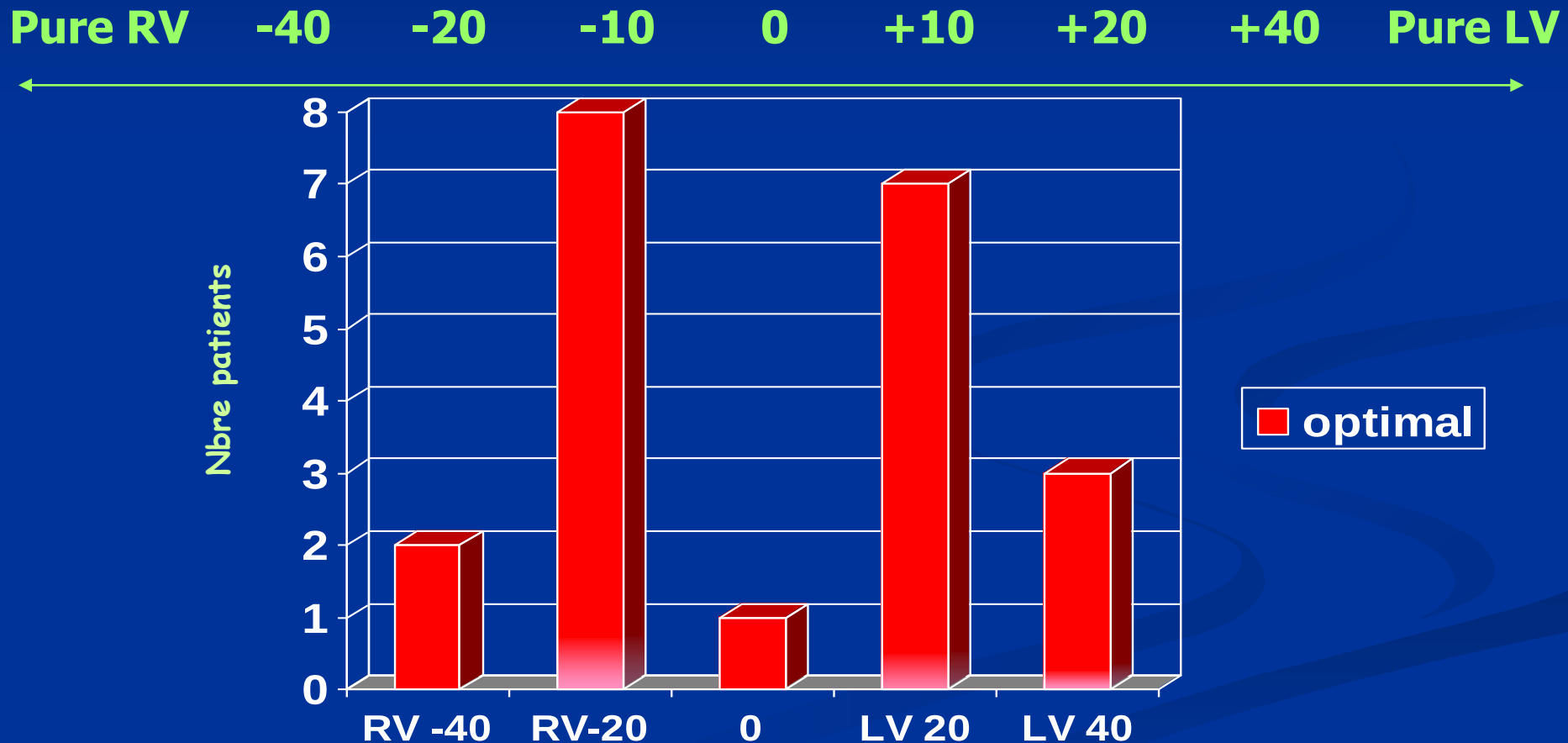


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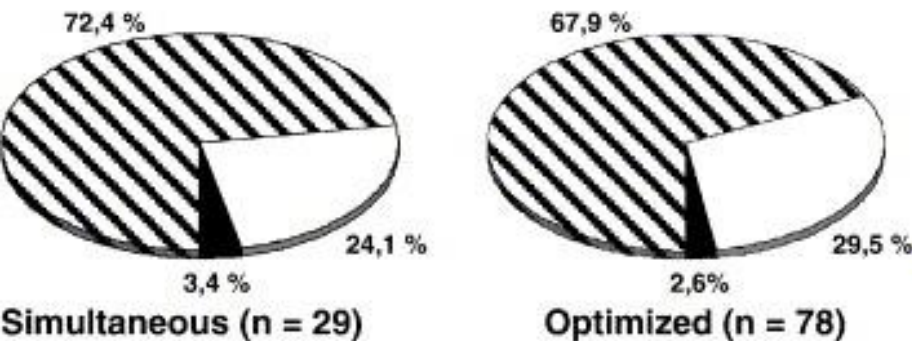
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L'Optimisation de VV est à mener pas à pas individuellement

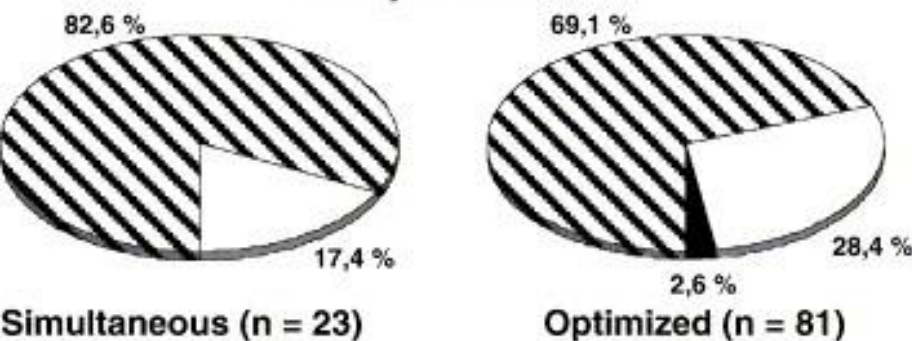


Effect on NYHA class at 6 months

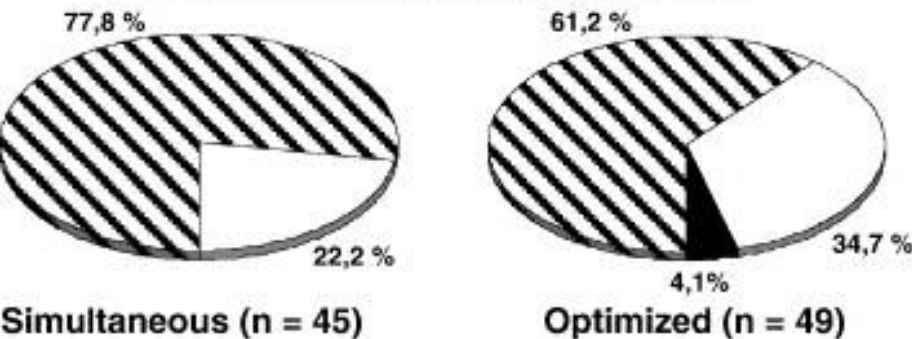
Intention-to-treat



Per-protocol



Per-treatment actually received



Étude multicentrique
randomisée en double
aveugle. 126 patients.

Objectif:

délais inter-
ventriculaires le plus
court possible

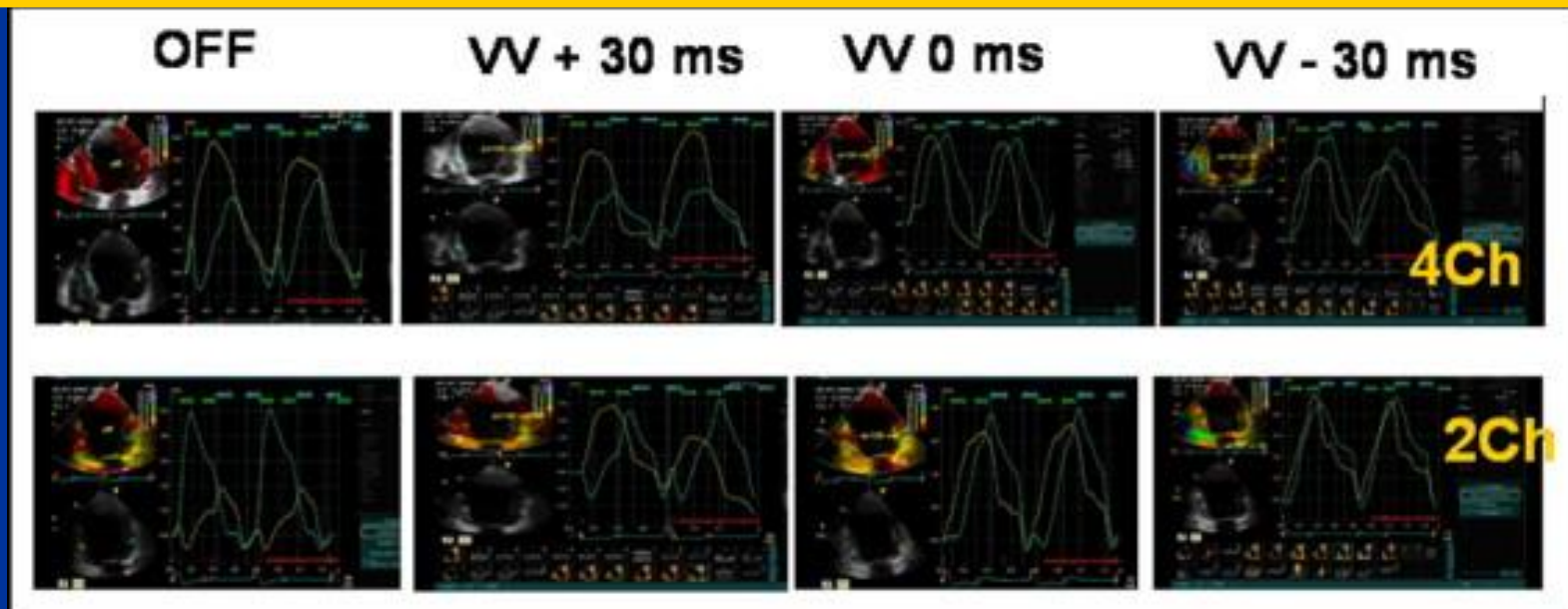
Pas d'effet sur
-NYHA,
-Test de marche et
-qualité de vie à 6 mois

- 100 patients

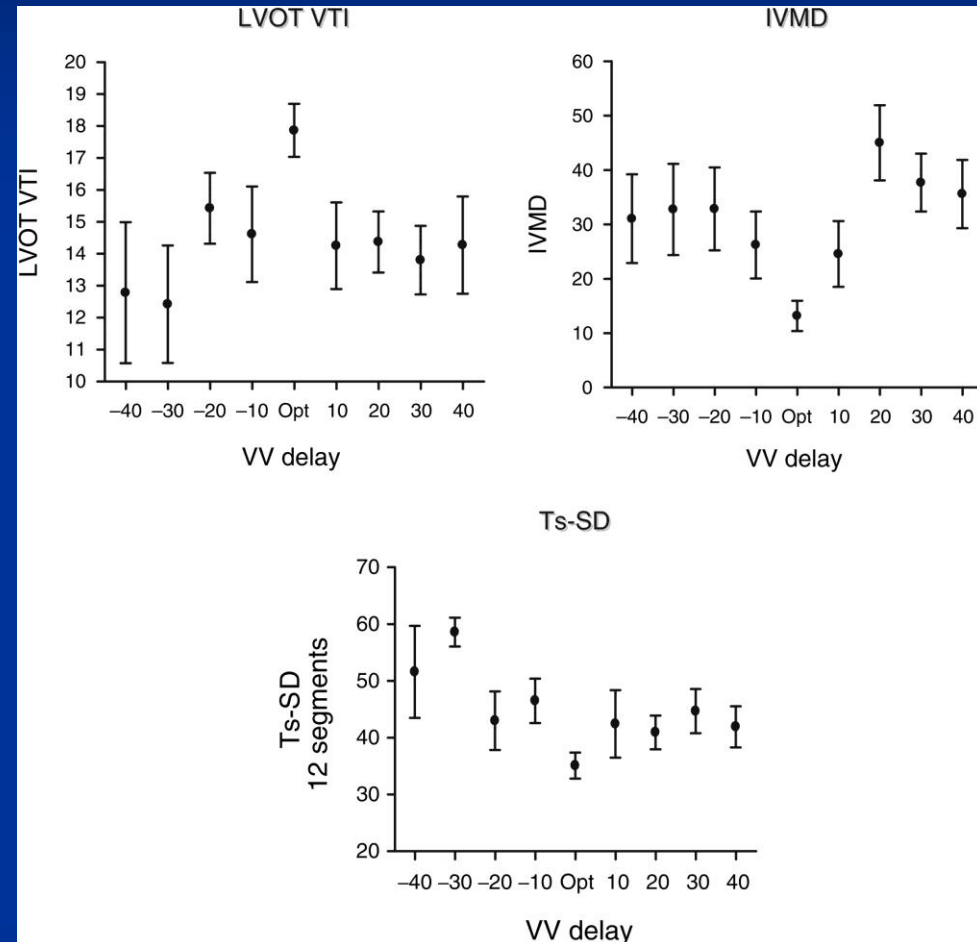
- 49: AV-delay 120ms & V-V=0
- 51: optimization with tissue tracking

- $\geq 10\%$ in distance walked in 6' (6-month)

- Number of non-responders 27 versus 23% (p=ns)
- Cardiac output significantly higher in the optimized group (at rest)



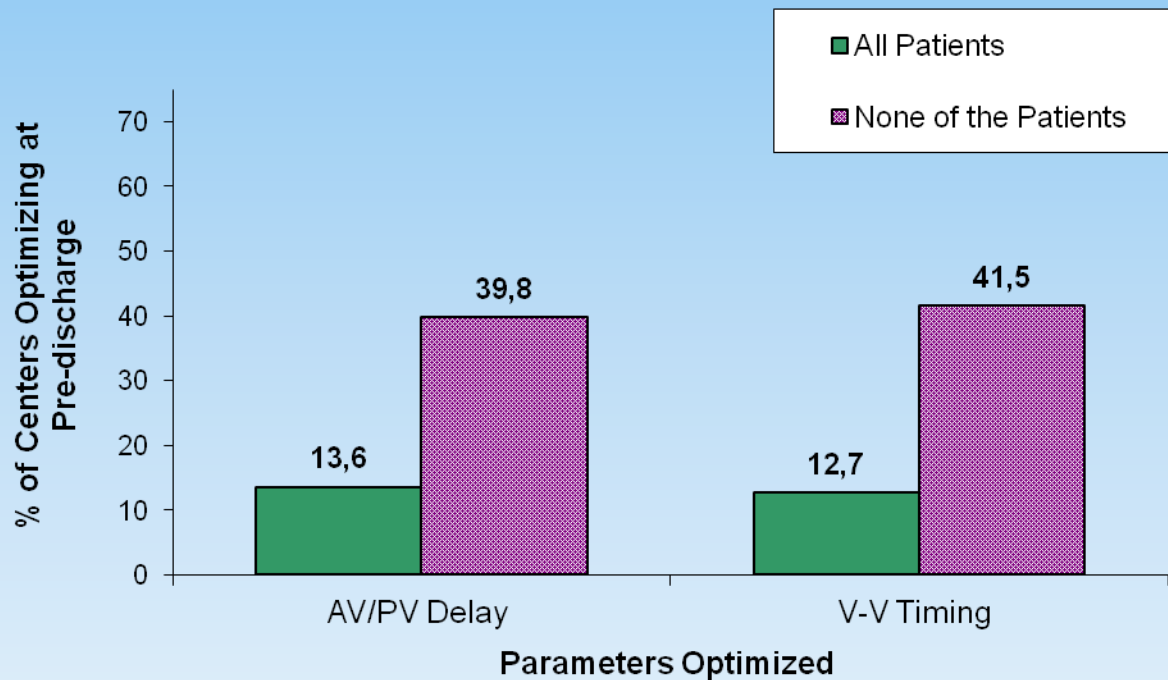
- alteration of AV and/or VV delays in 60% of patients at 3 months
- was associated with a 50% improvement in functional responders between 3 - 6 months



Et en pratique ?

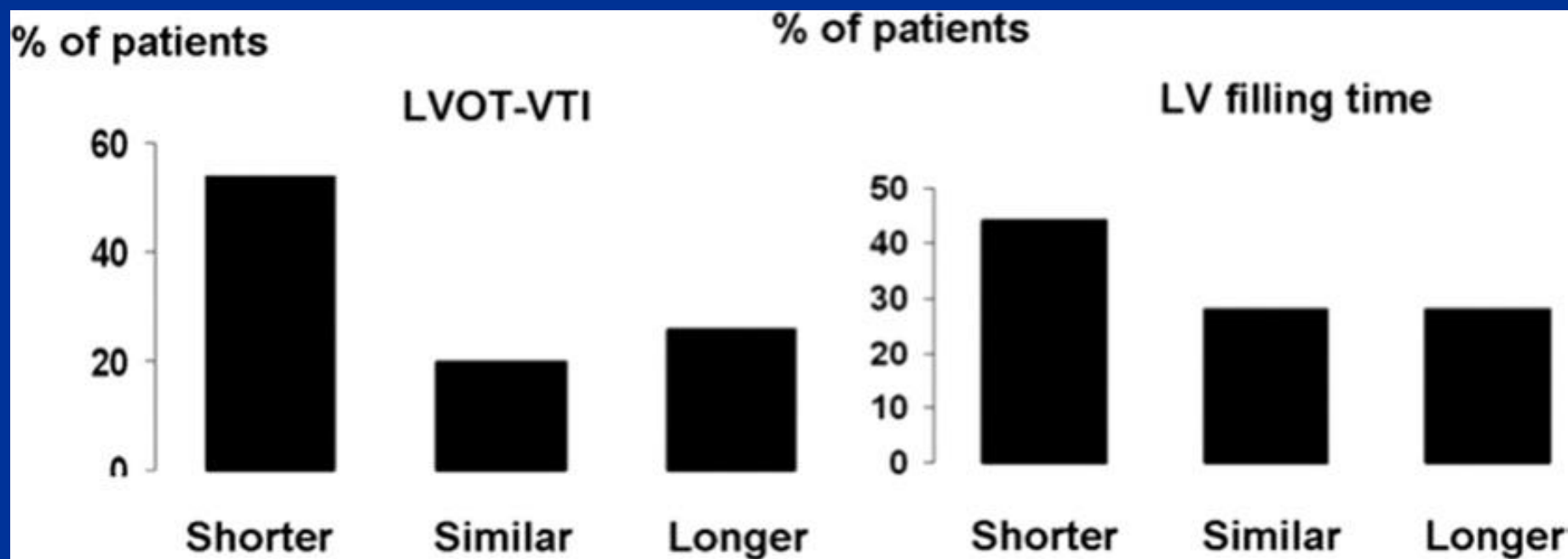
Optimization of CRT Timings at Pre-discharge

- ~13% of the centers optimize CRT timings in all patients
- ~40% of the centers do not optimize CRT timings in any of the patients



Optimization of the AV delay had a positive effect on echocardiographic indices of LV function.

The systematic shortening of the AV delay during exercise is not recommended because, in a high proportion of patients, the optimal AV delay was longer during exercise than at rest

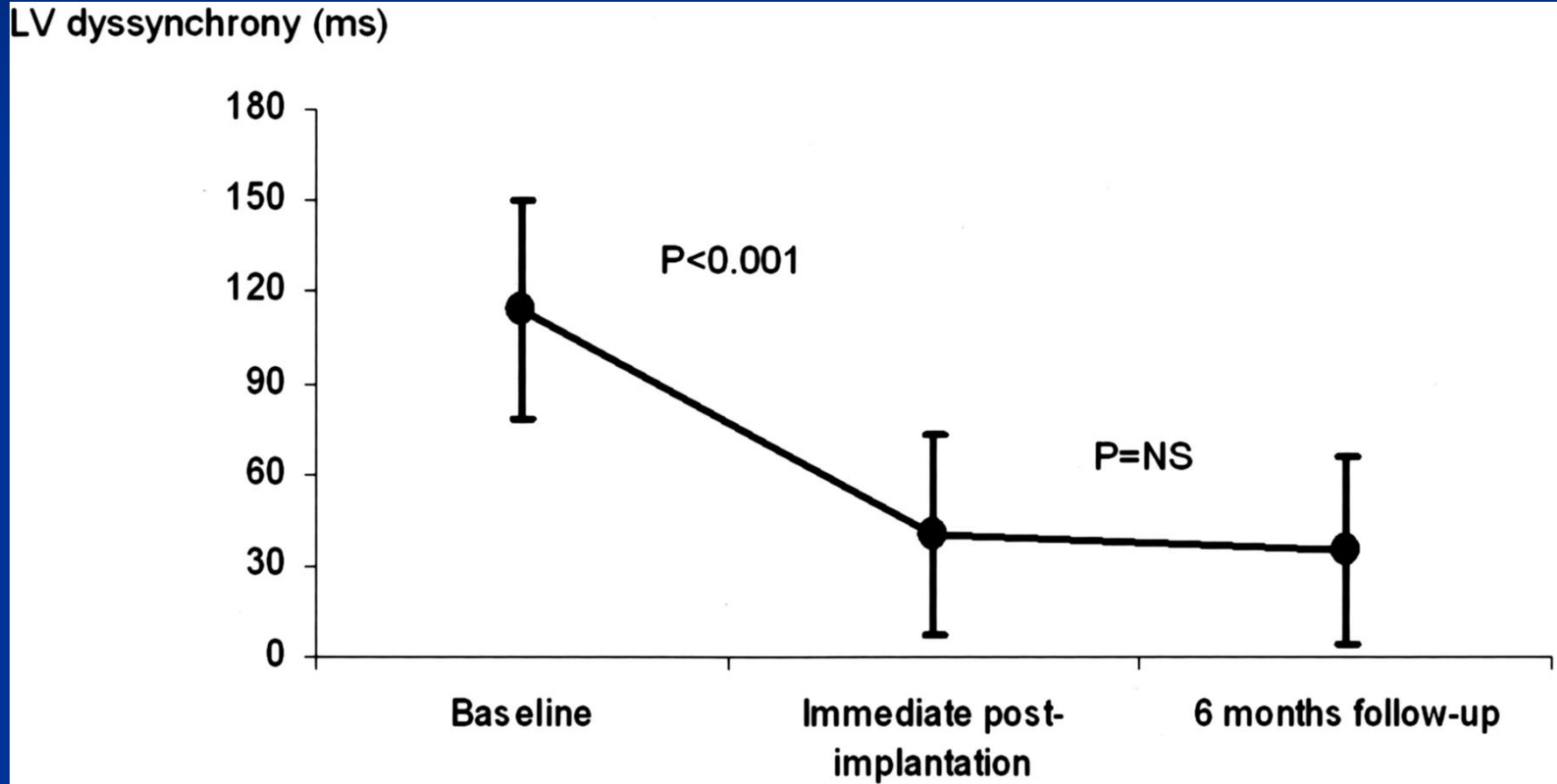


Après Implantation

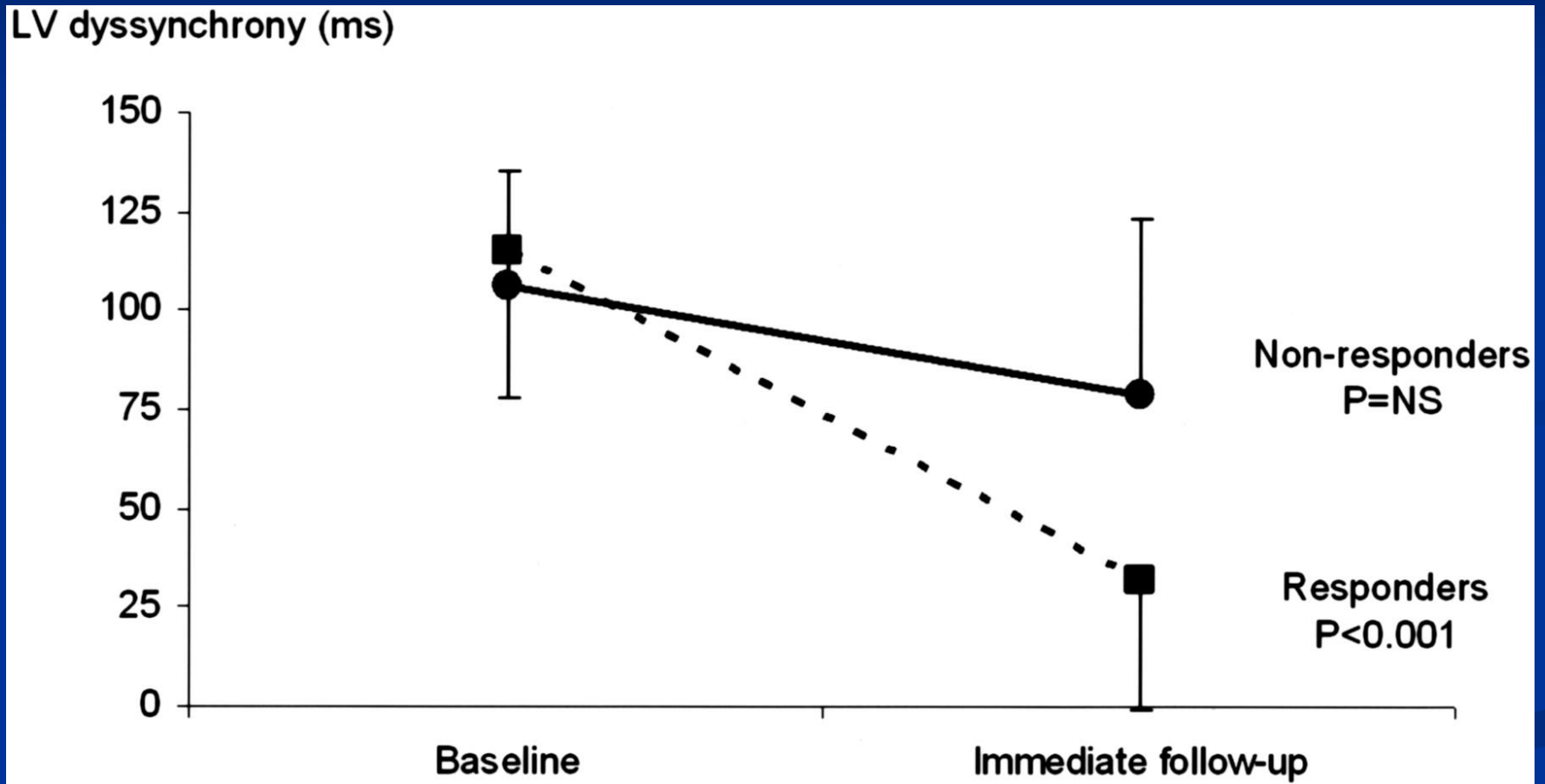
Faut-il étudier les asynchronismes
mécaniques...

- S'assurer d'un DAV correct
- S'assurer de la Bonne réponse Clinique et en terme de Remodelage

Time course of LV resynchronization after CRT implantation (n=100)



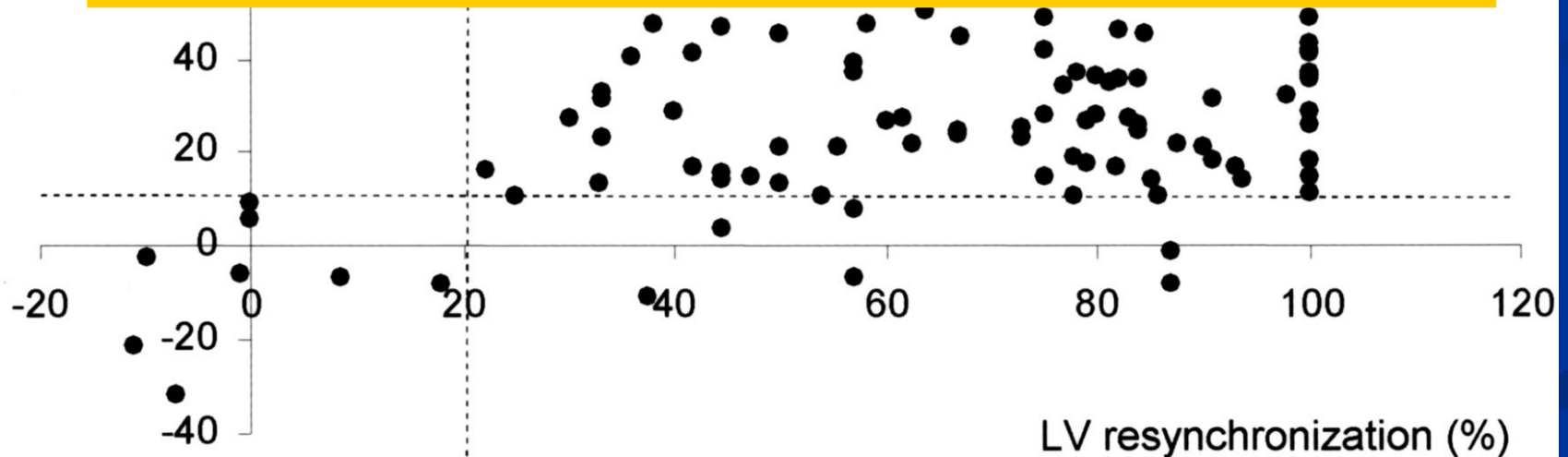
Immediate decrease in LV dyssynchrony in the patients with response to CRT (n=85 [85%], defined as >10% reduction in LV end-systolic volume) vs patients without response (n=15 [15%])



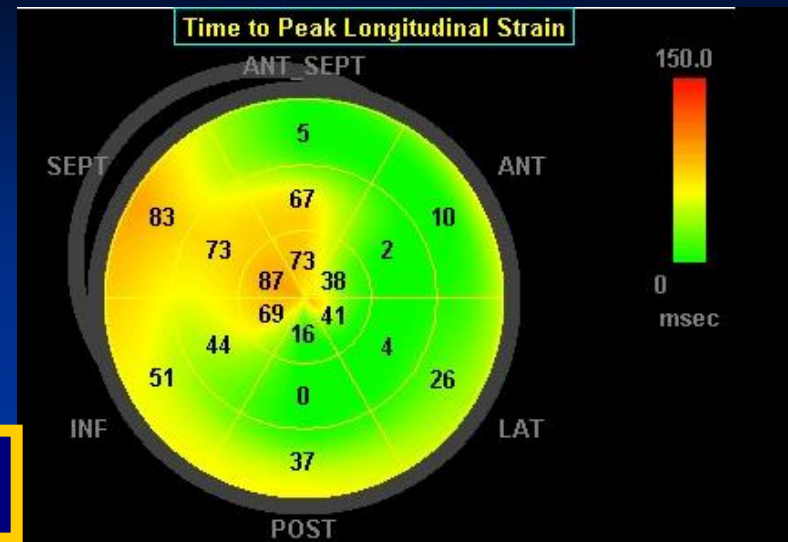
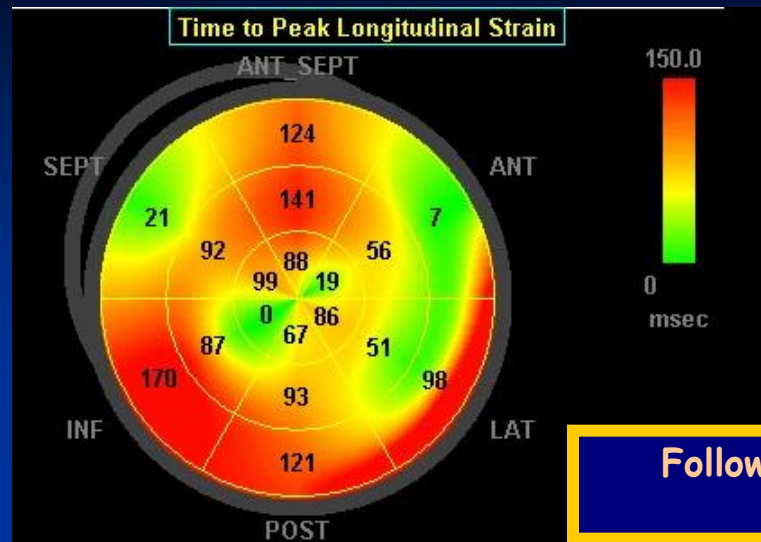
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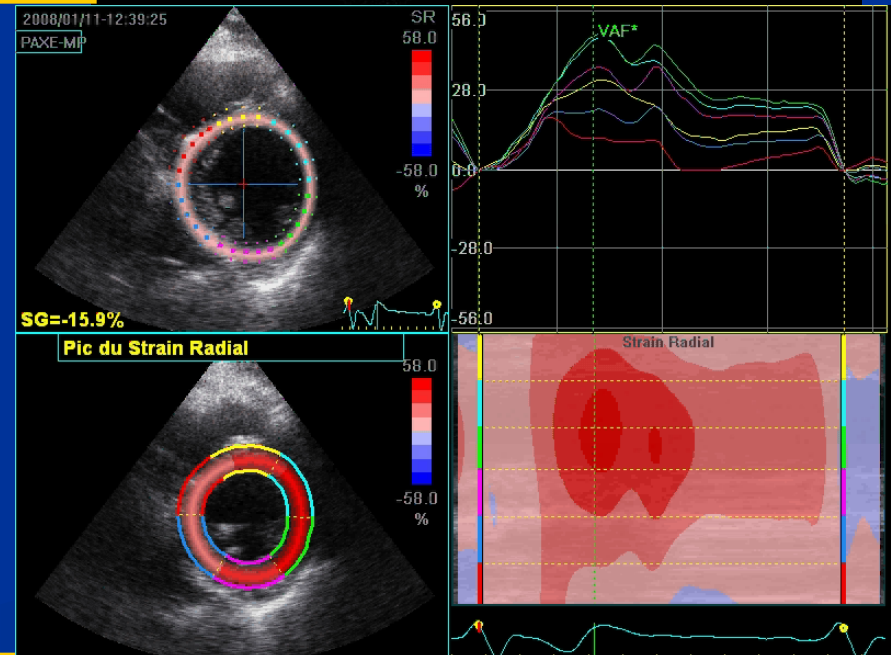
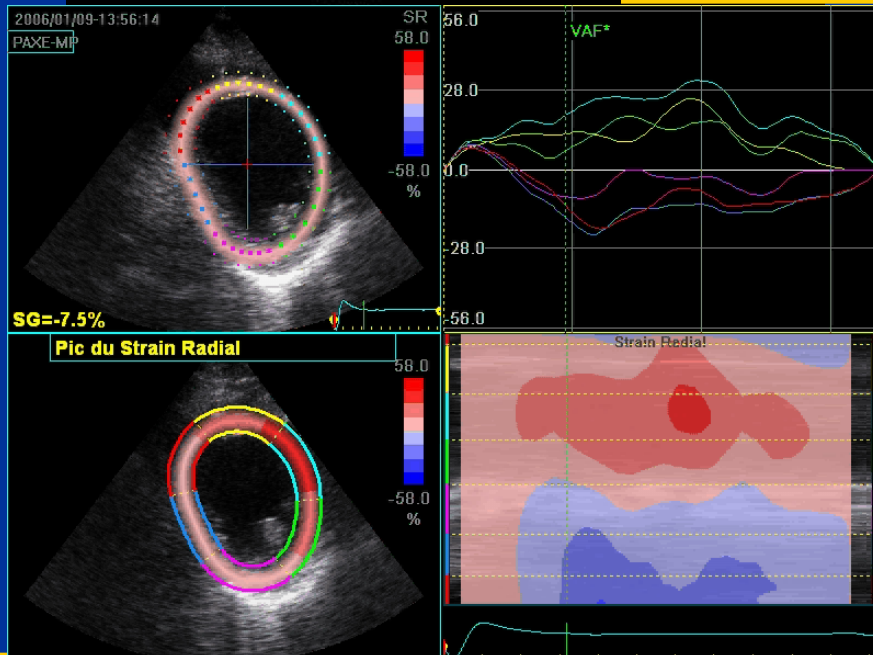
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Follow-up



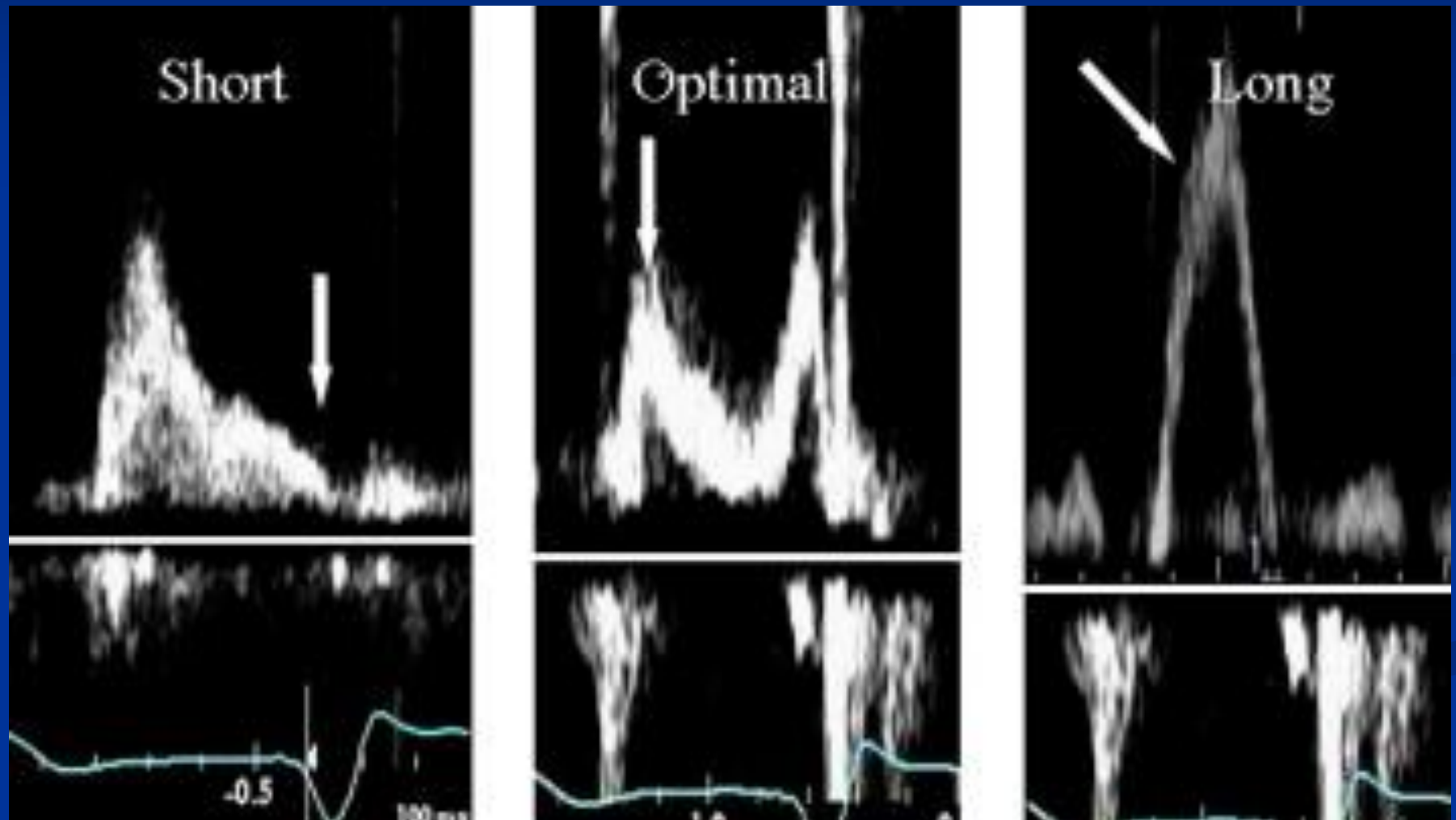
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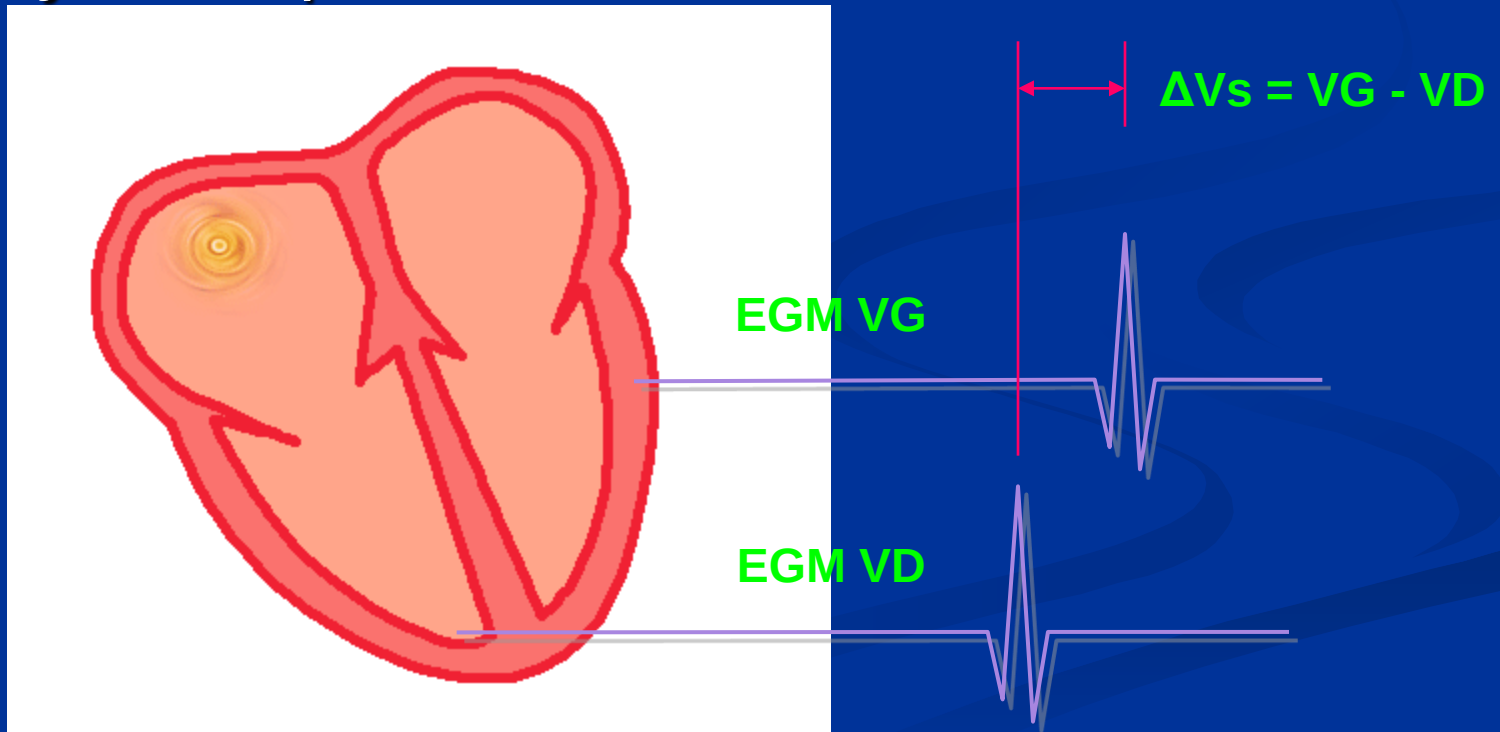
Mieux >
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Optimiser le DAV pas à pas avant la sortie de l'hôpital et vérifier à chaque Cs de suivi



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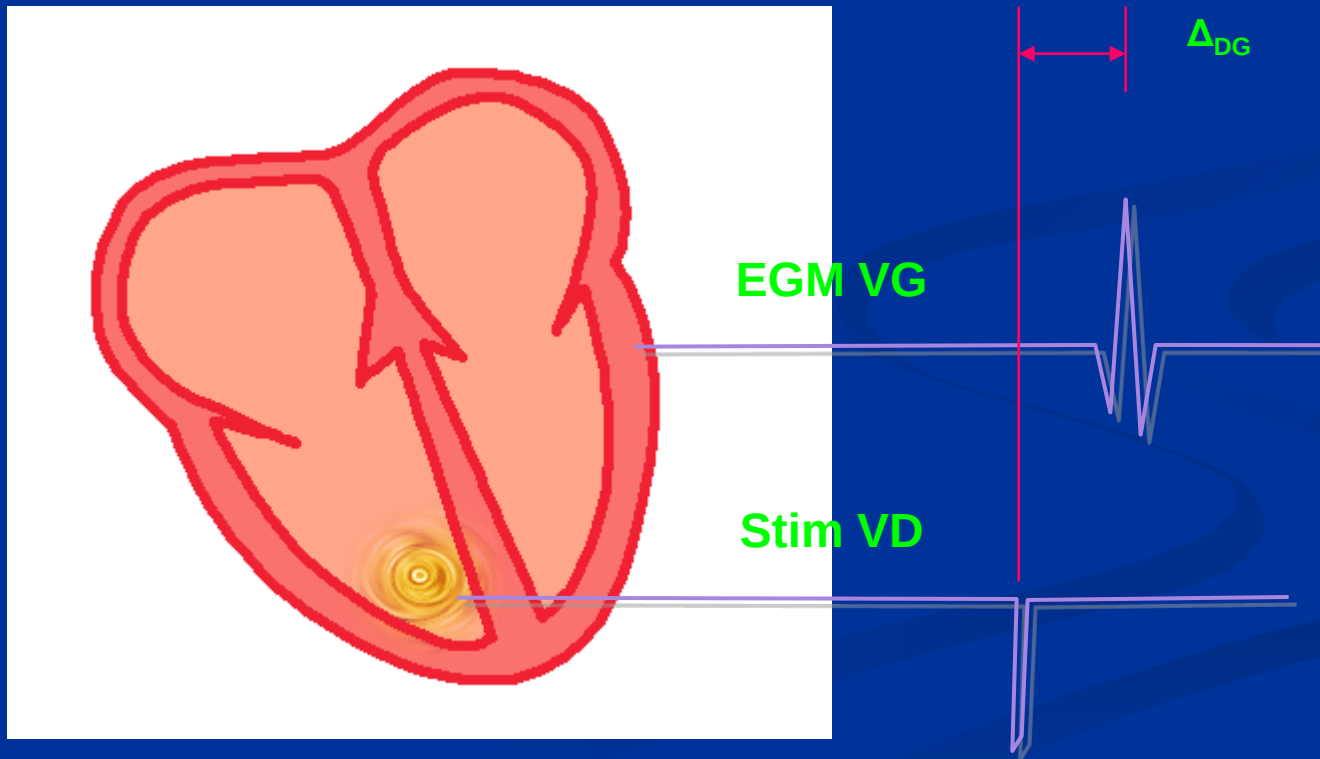
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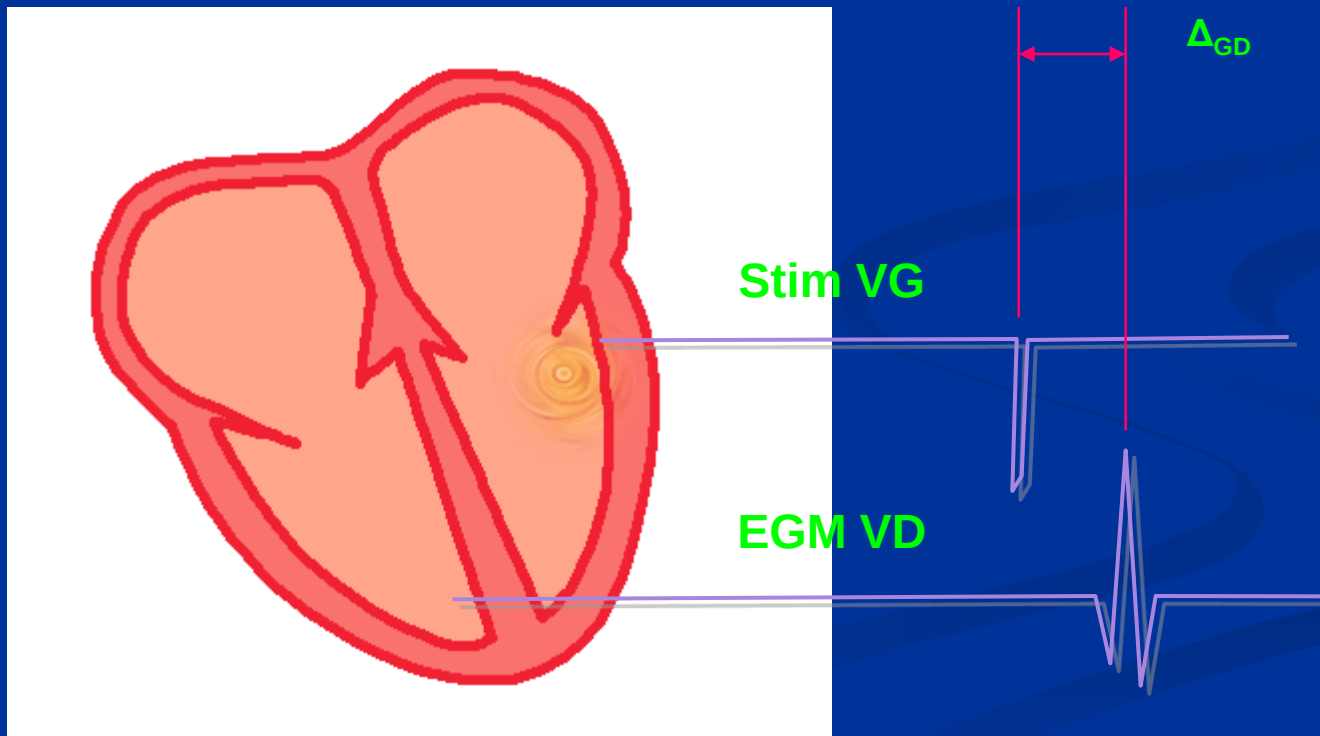
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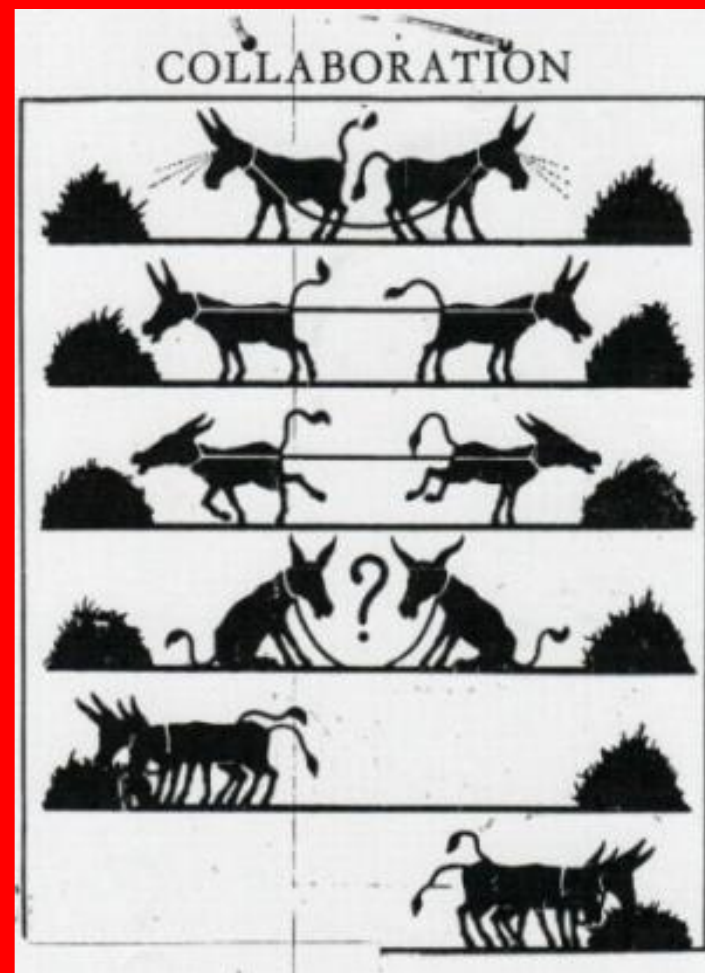
- Délai VV = $(\Delta V \text{ spontané} + (\Delta_{GD} - \Delta_{DG})) / 2$
- Exemple :
 - Délai inter-ventriculaire : VG retardé de 60 ms par rapport à VD
 - Délai de conduction VD-VG de 45 ms et VG à VD de 75 ms
 - Délai VV = $(60 + (75-45)) / 2 = 45 \text{ ms}$,
Stimulation VG en premier



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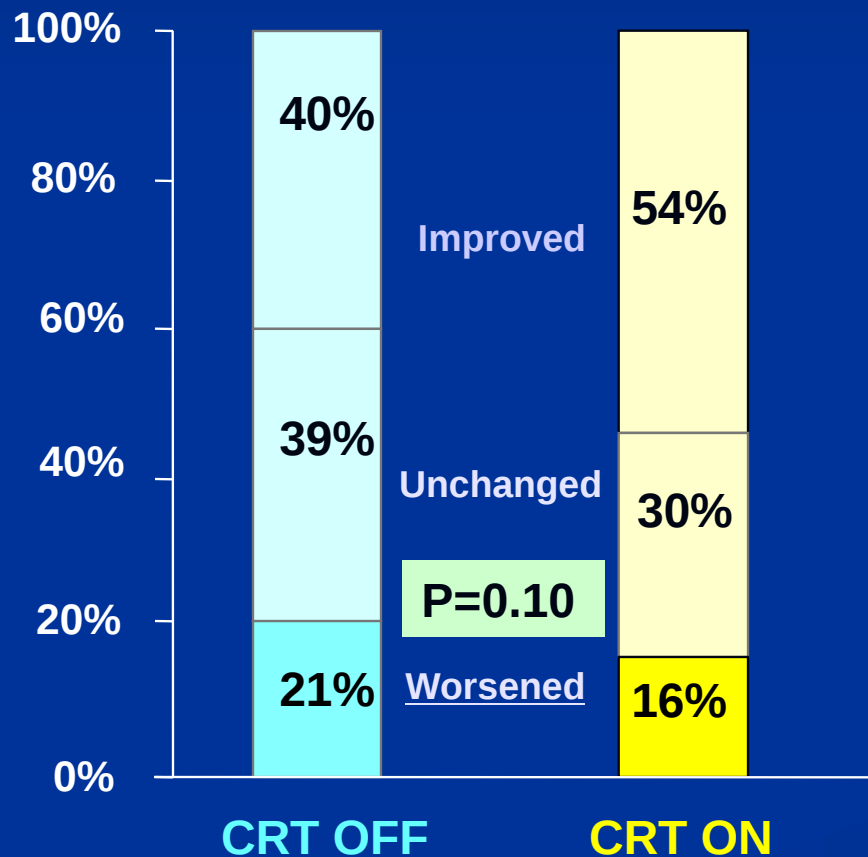
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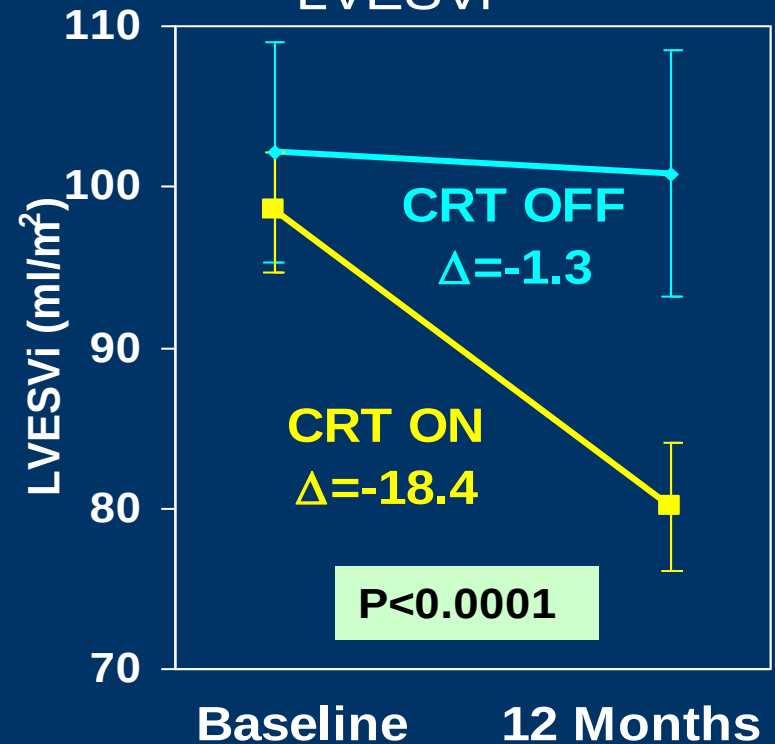
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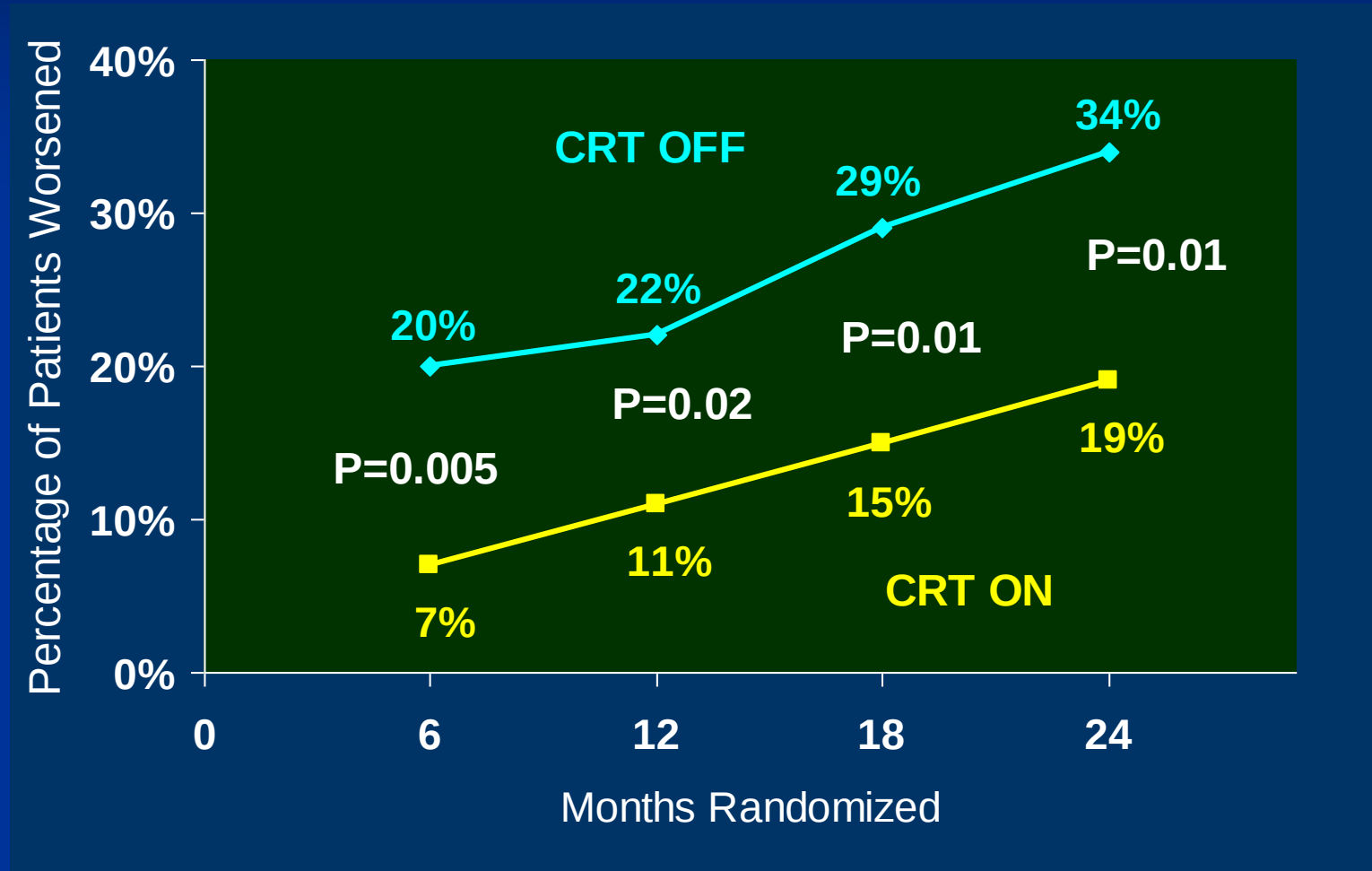
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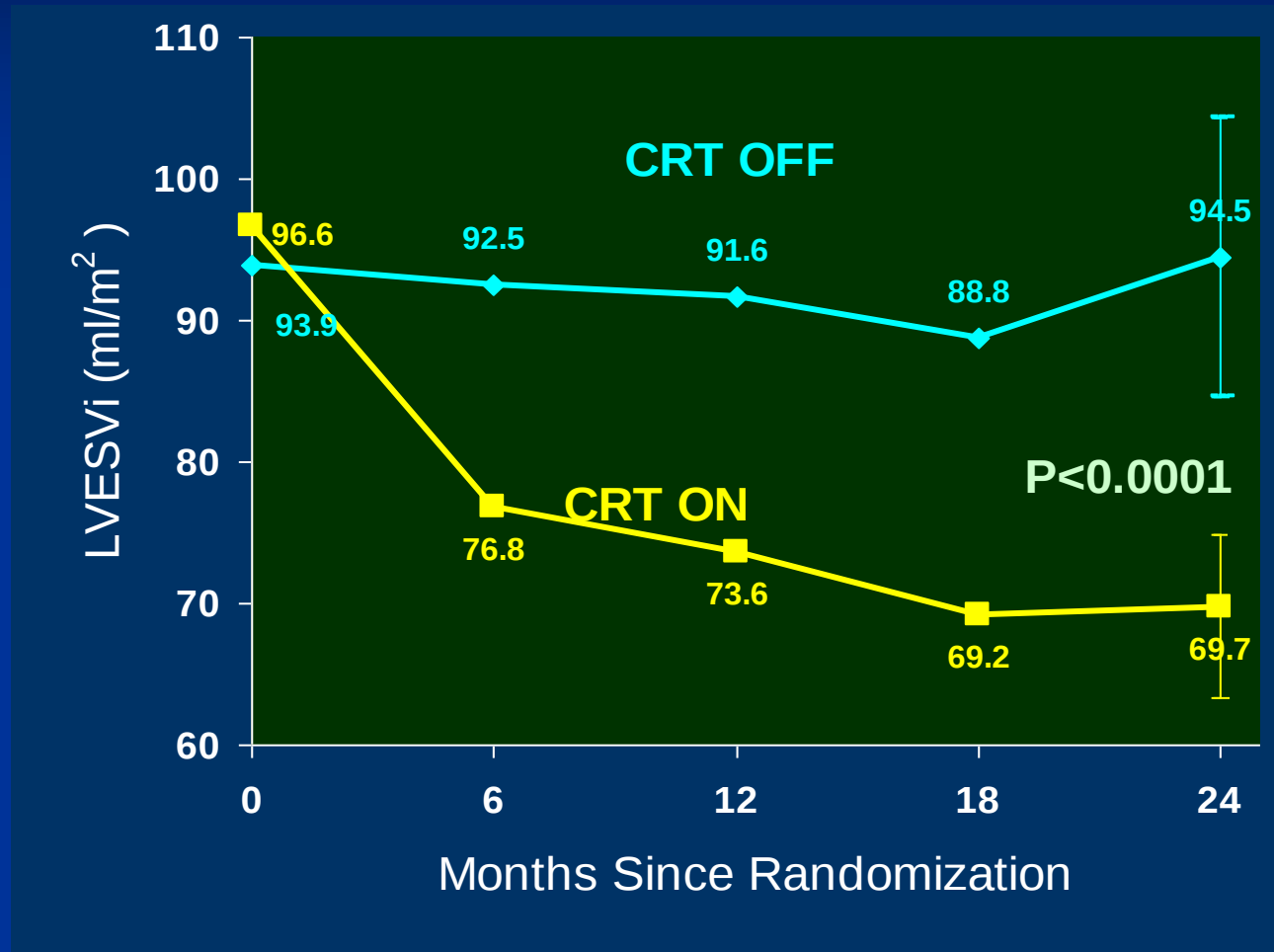
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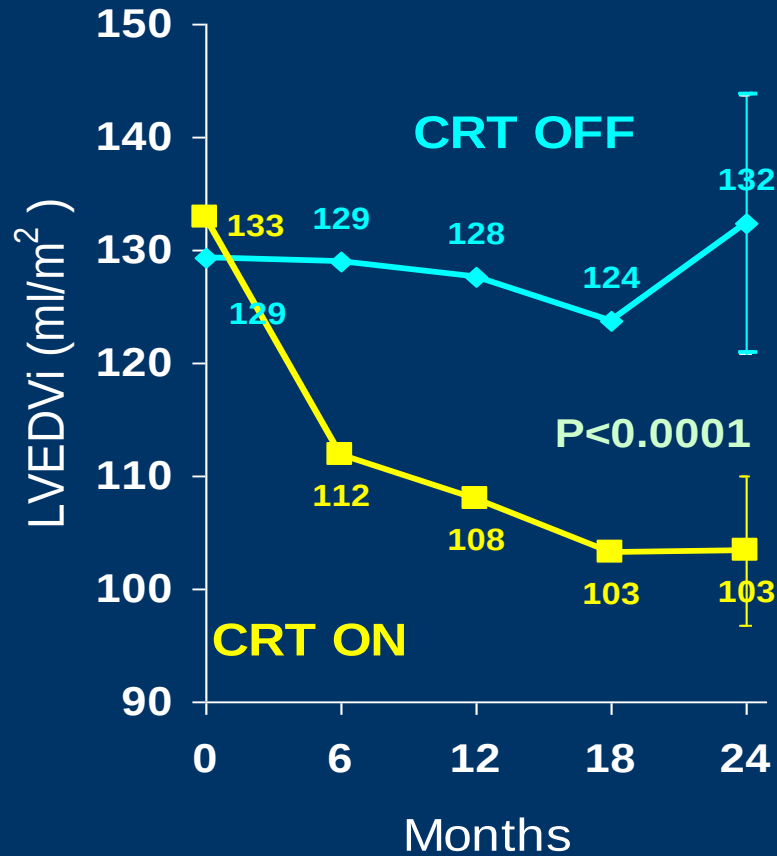
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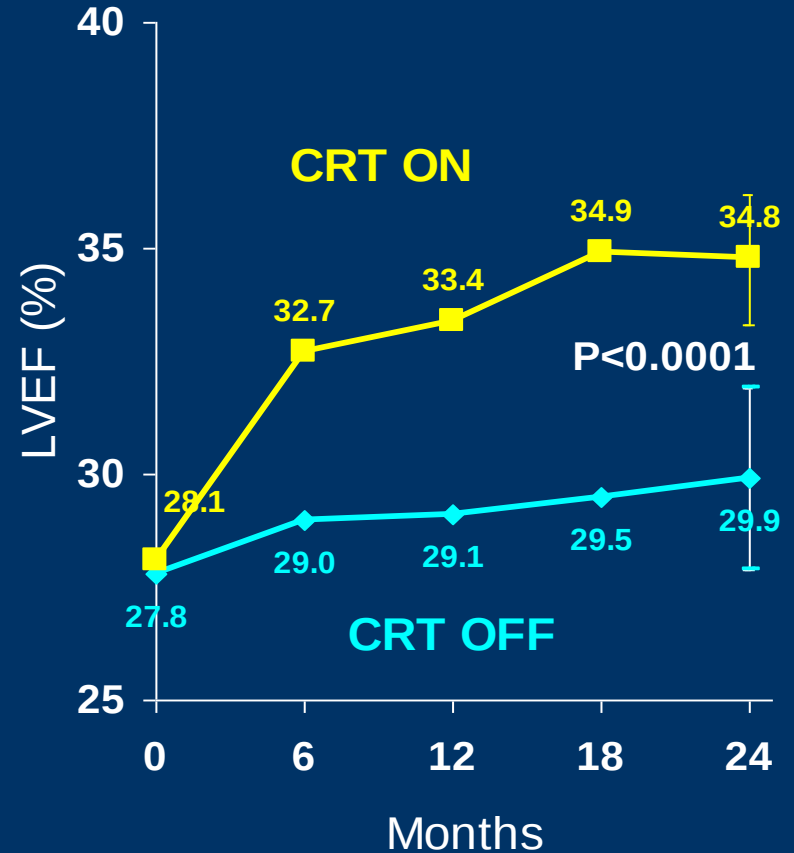
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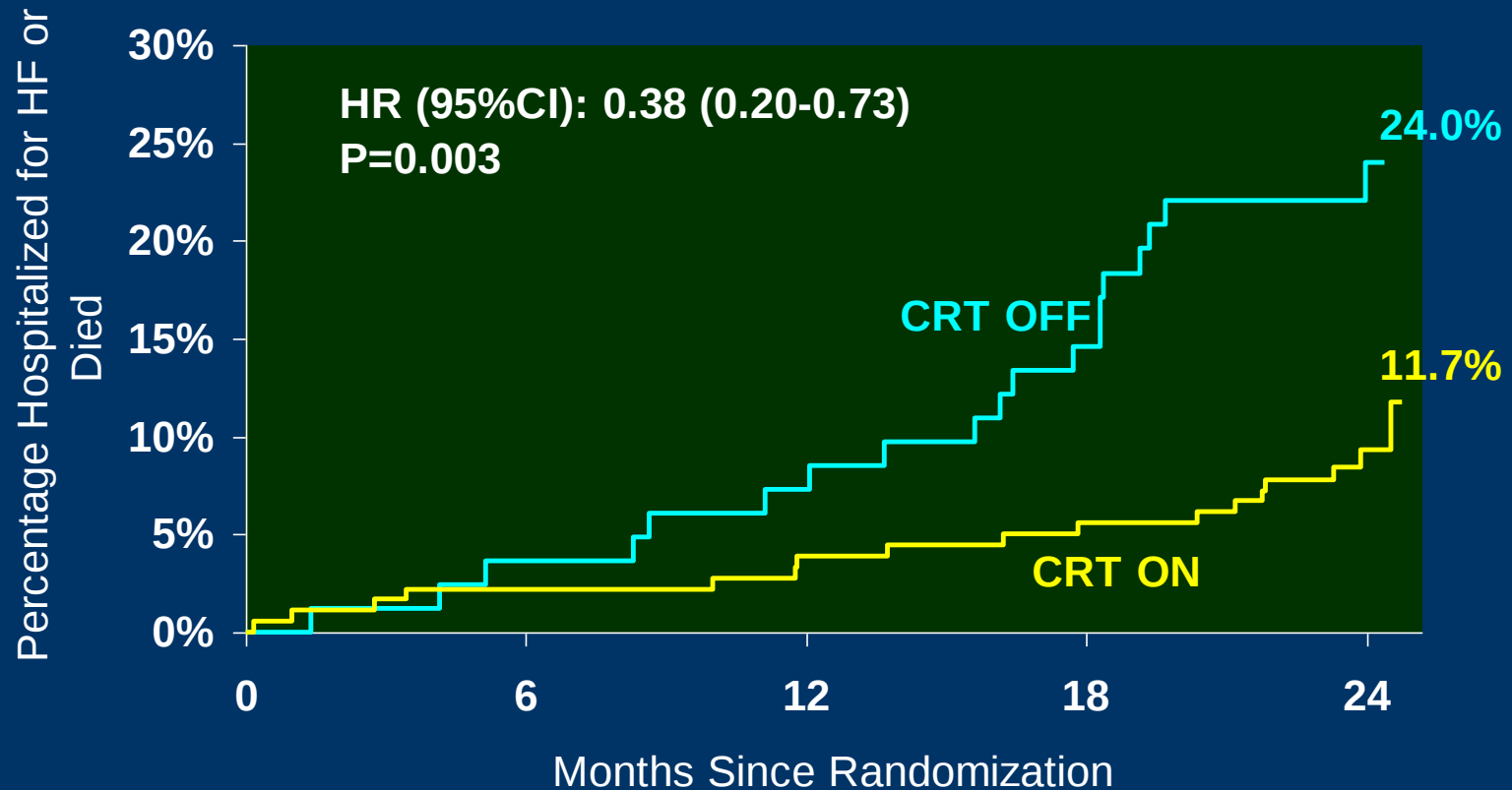


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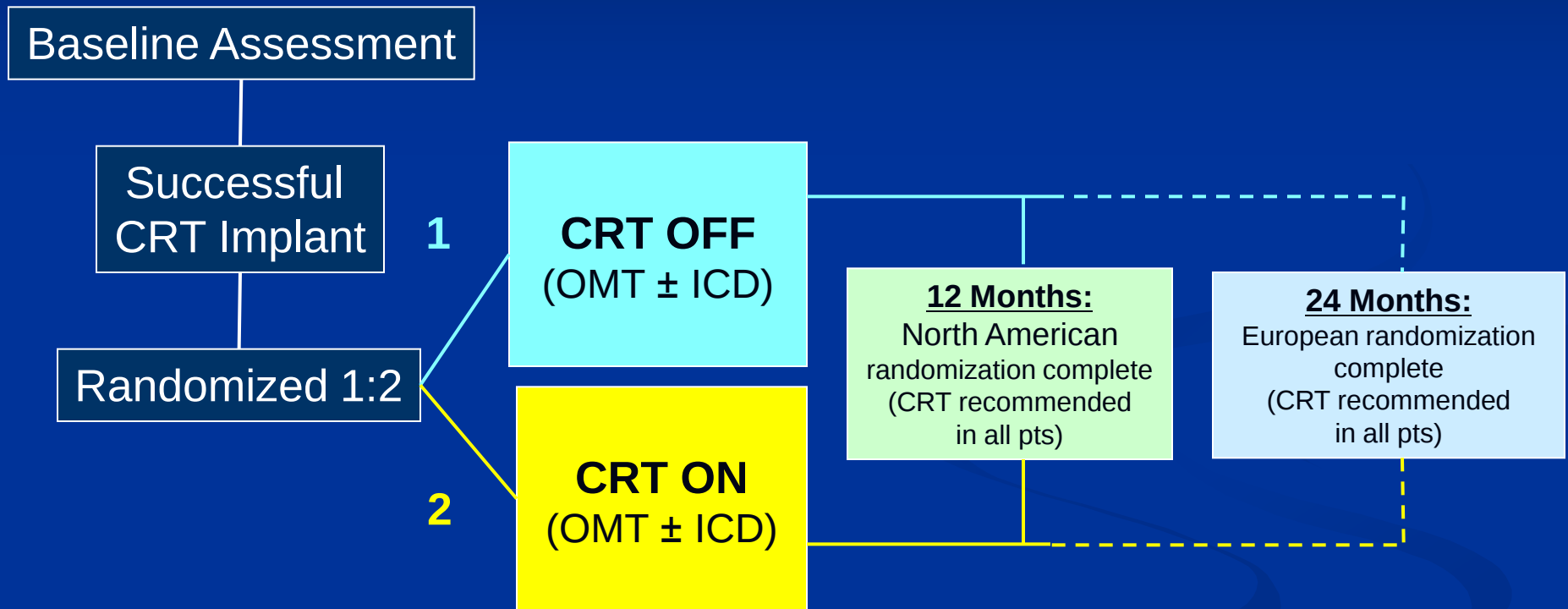
Inclusion Criteria

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- Without permanent cardiac pacing
- With or without an ICD indication

End Points

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 comparing the proportion of patients worsened in
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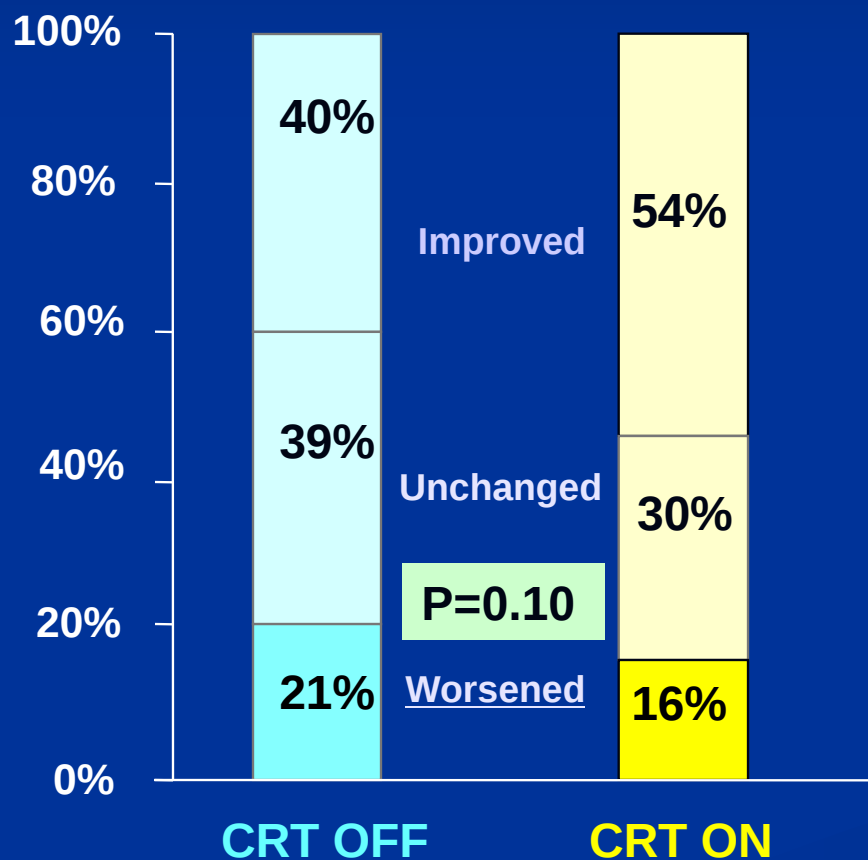
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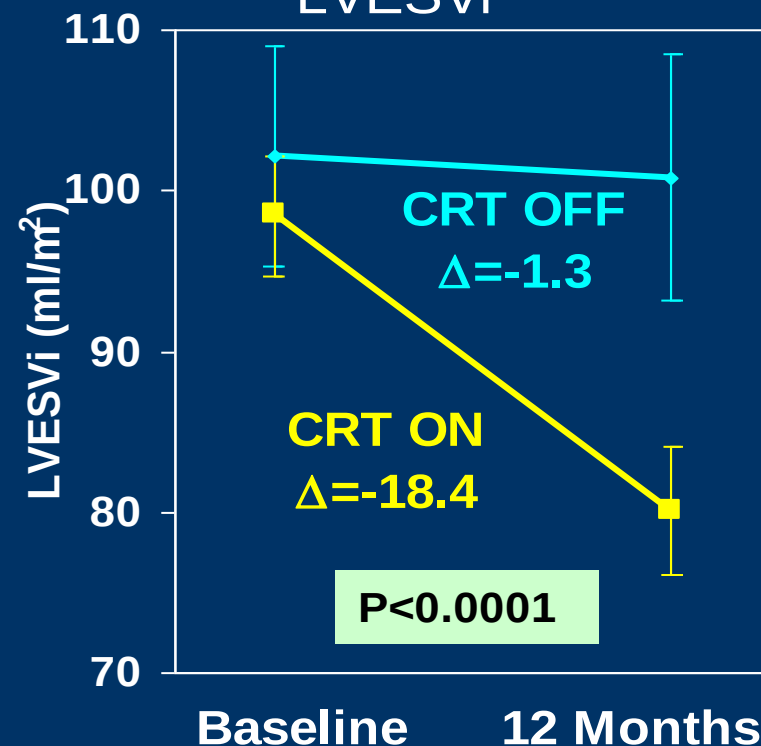
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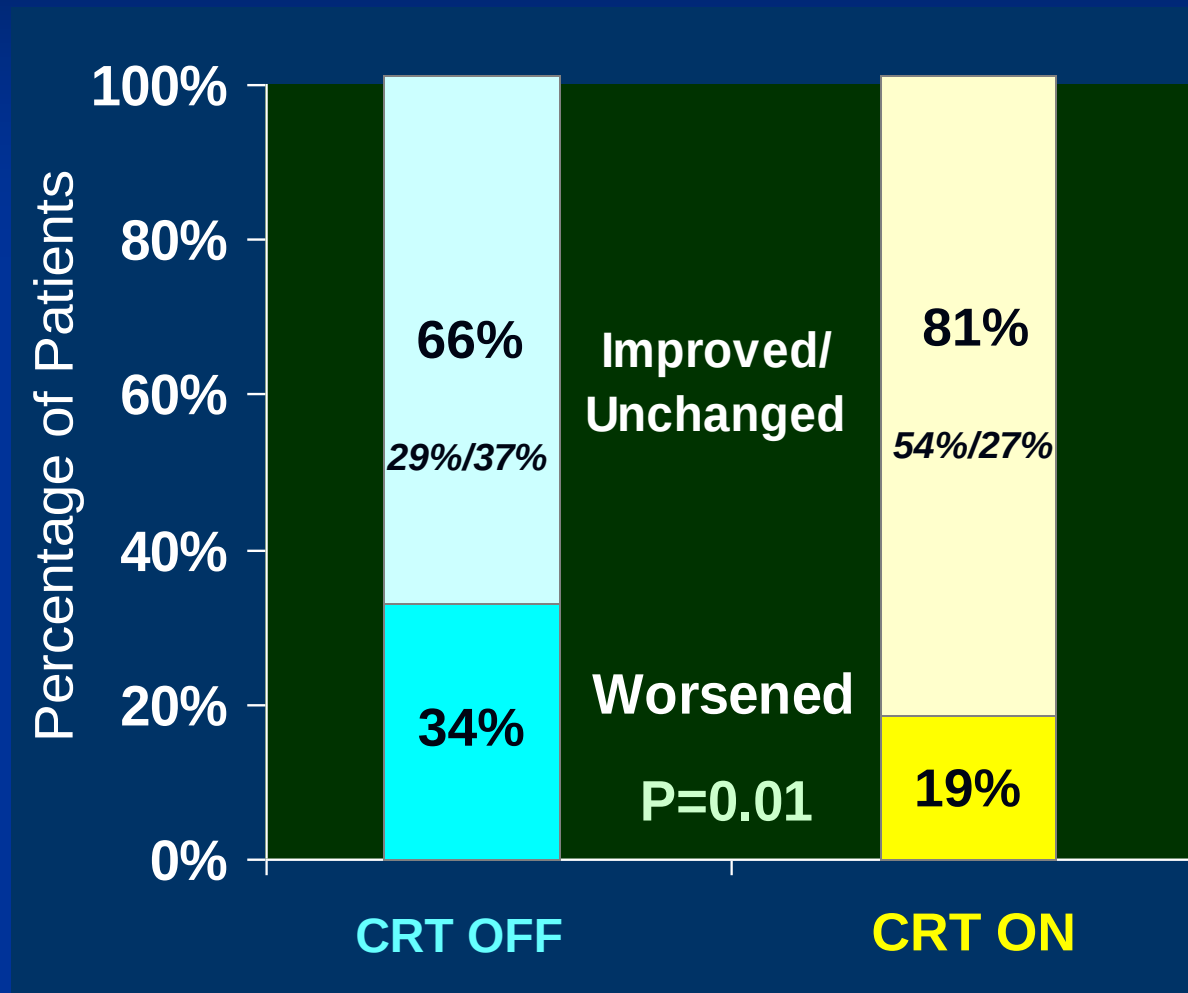
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NYHA II	82%	83%	0.75
ICD	95%	68%	<0.0001
EF	26.3 ± 7.2	27.1 ± 6.8	0.16
LVEDD (mm)	65.5 ± 8.4	68.8 ± 9.2	<0.0001
QRS (ms)	151 ± 21	156 ± 23	0.008
Beta-blockers	96%	94%	0.13
ACE-i/ ARB	95%	>99%	0.0003
6-min. Walk (m)	363 ± 134	439 ± 103	<0.0001

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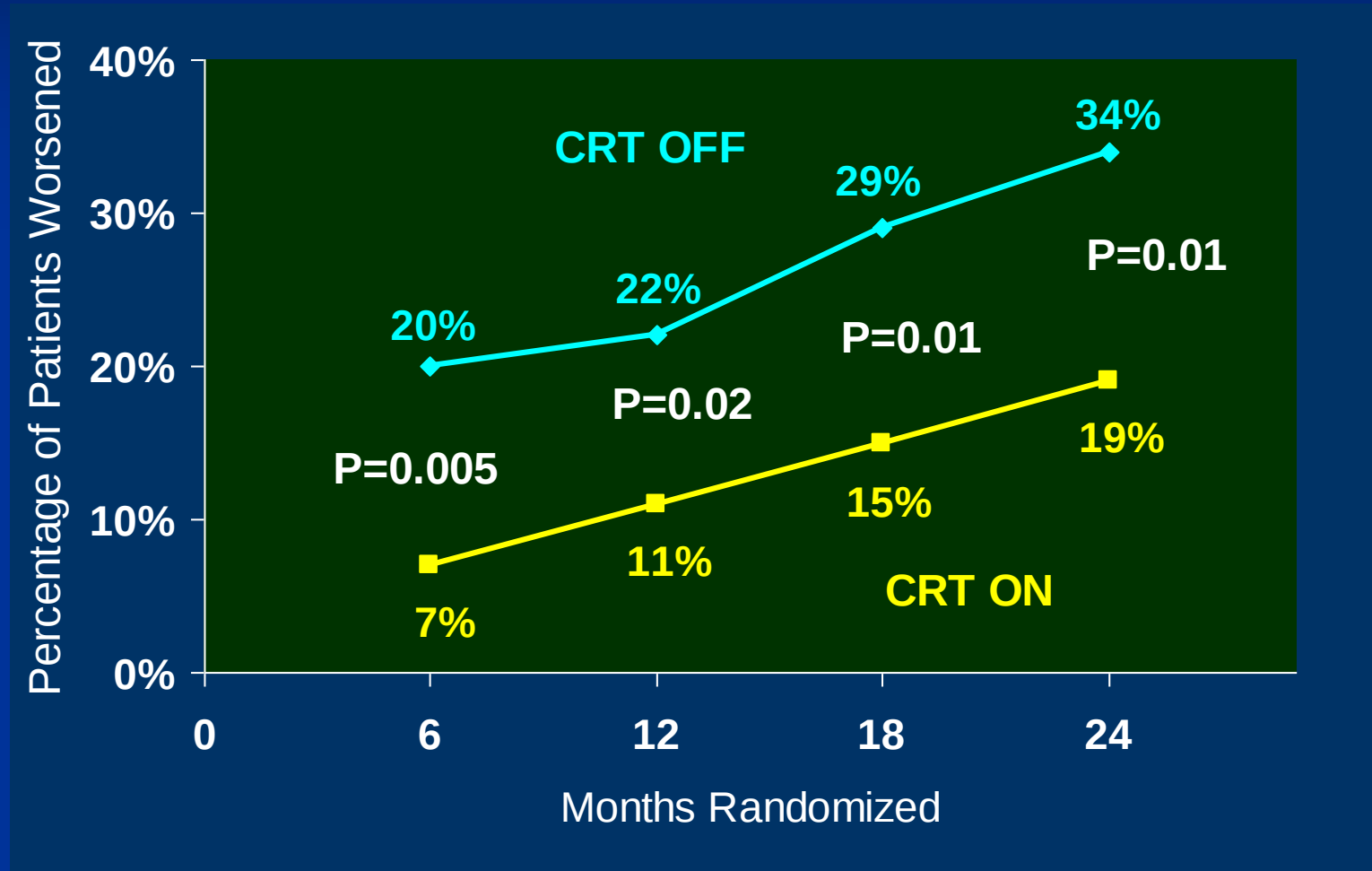


Entire distribution analysis of worsened, unchanged and improved: P=0.0006

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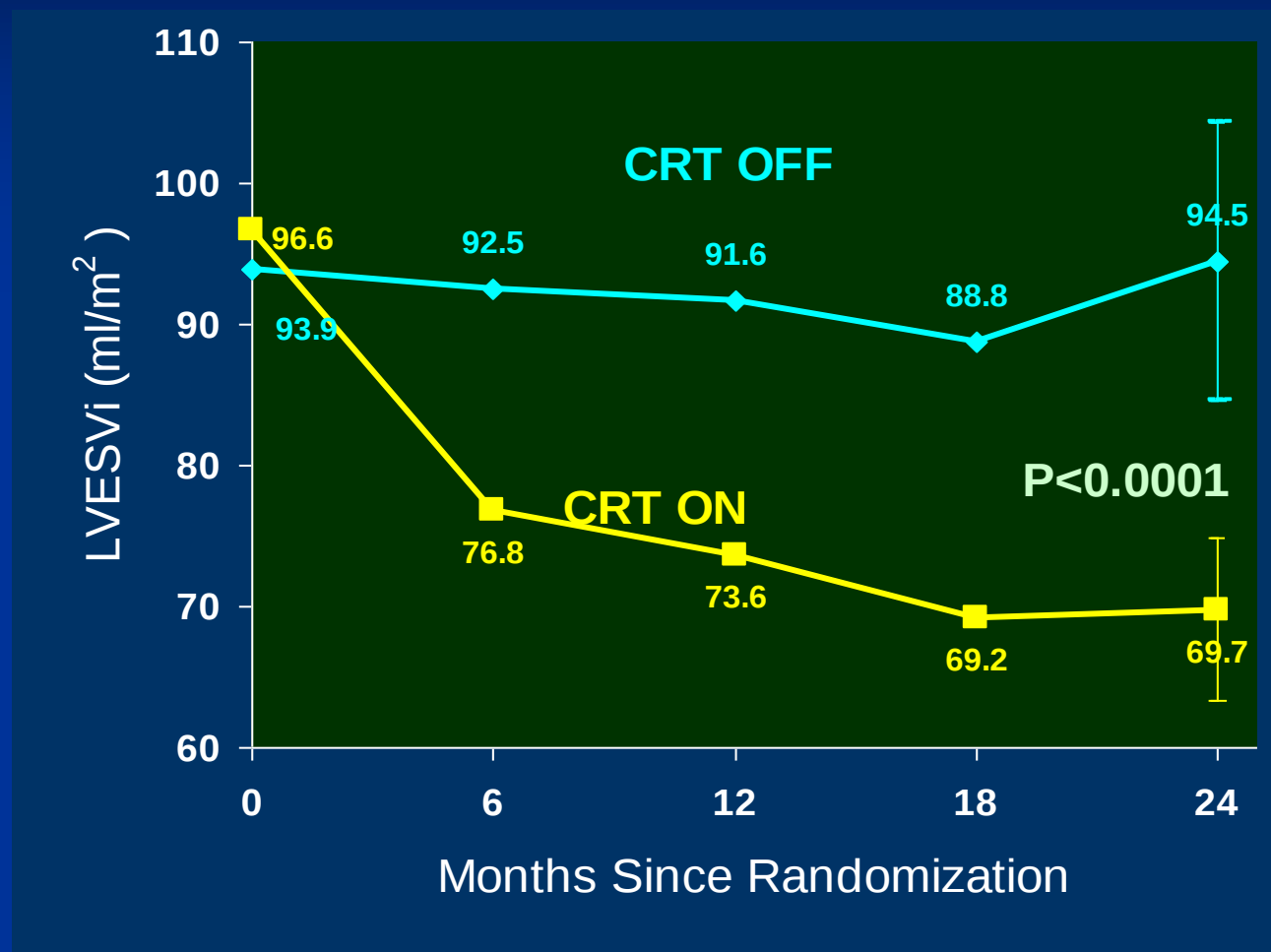
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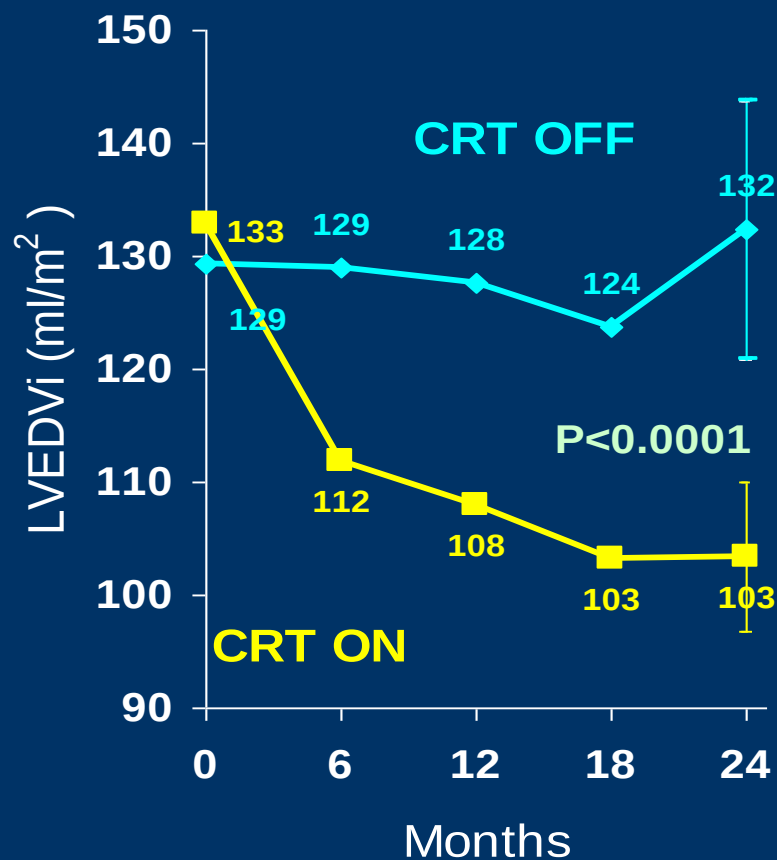
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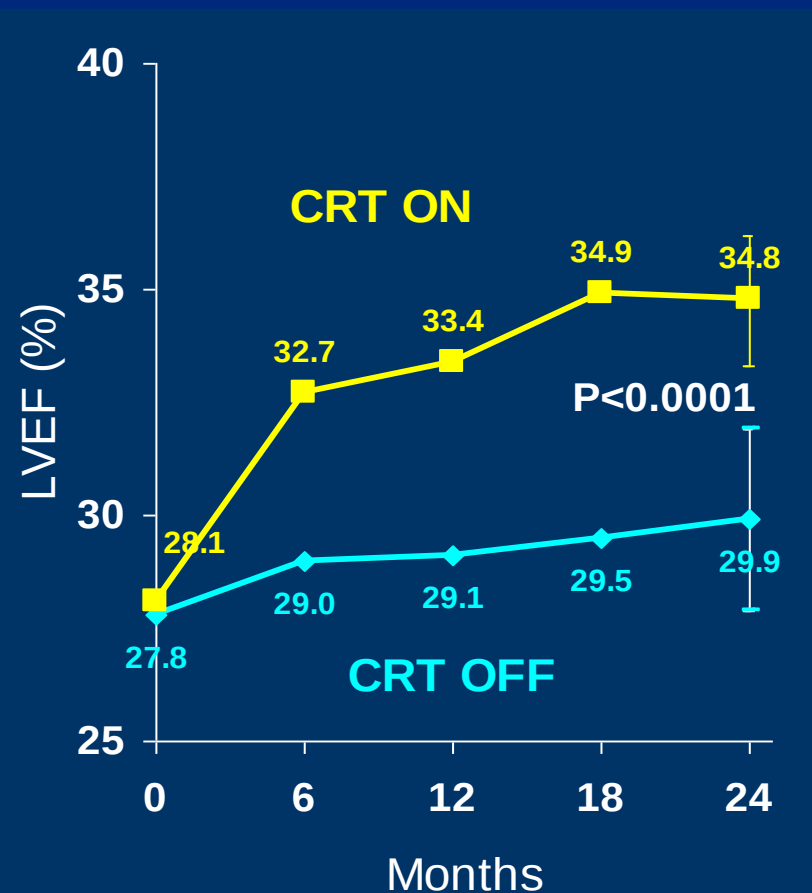
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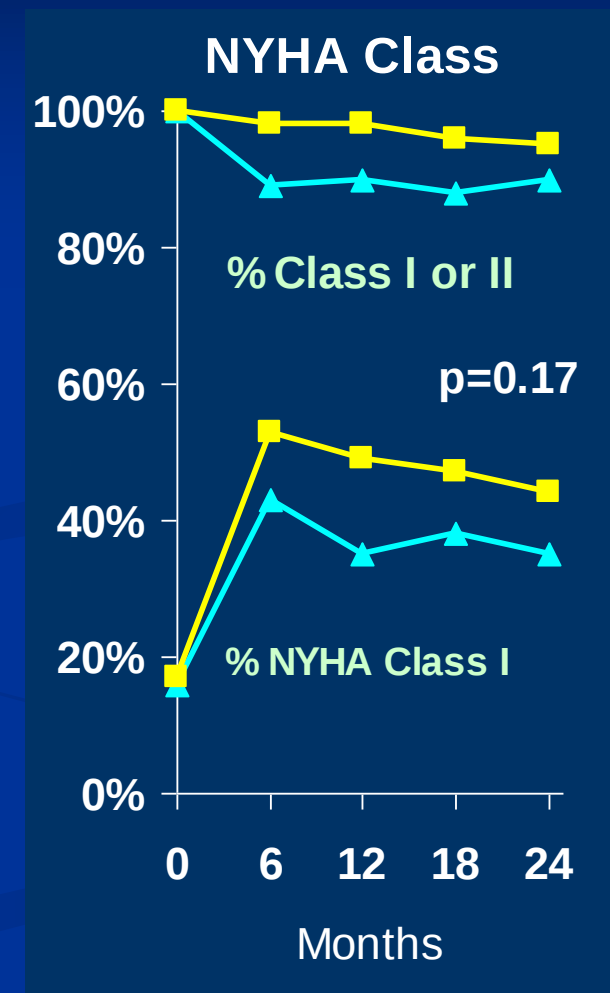
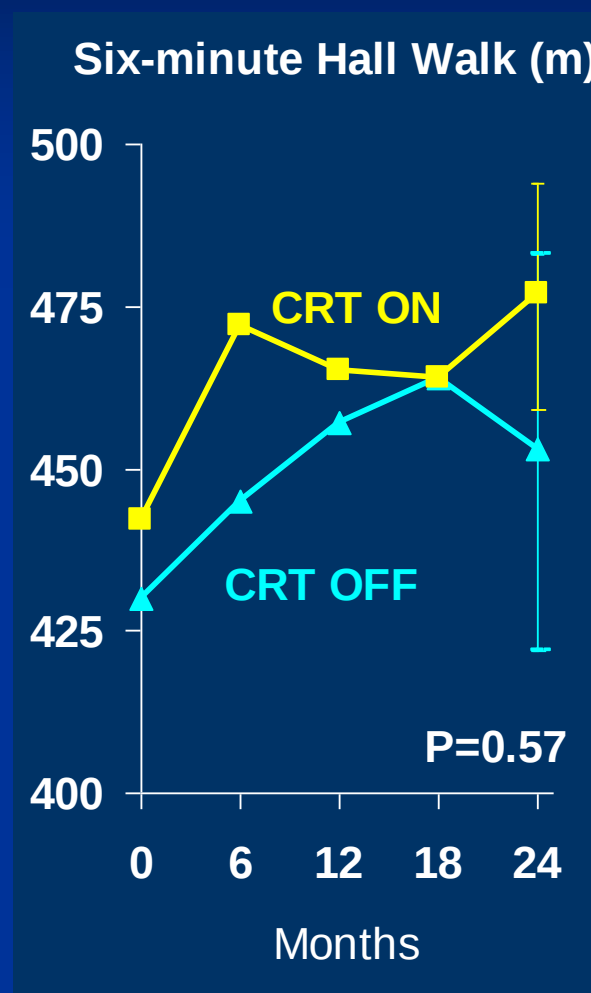
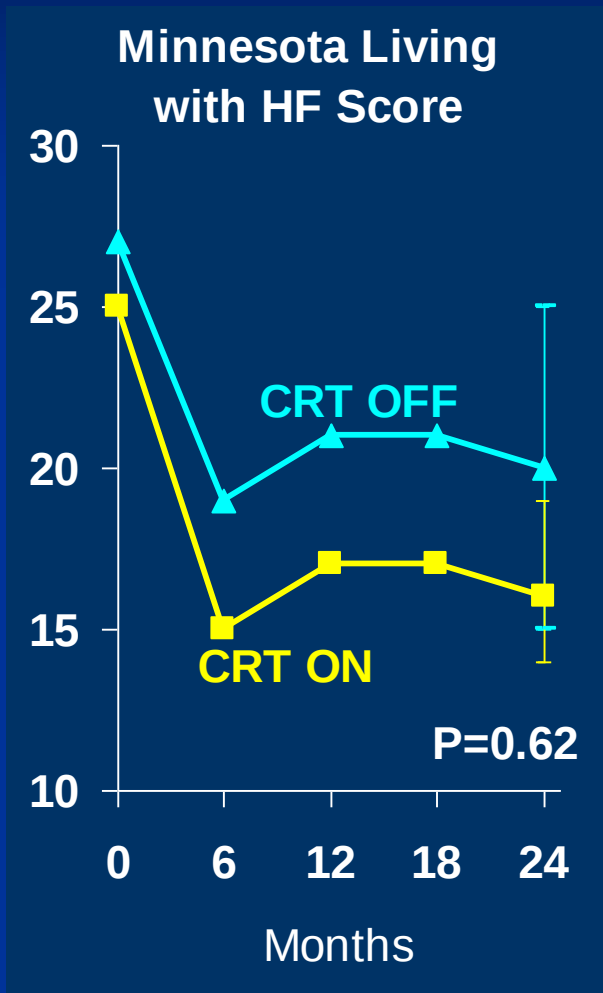


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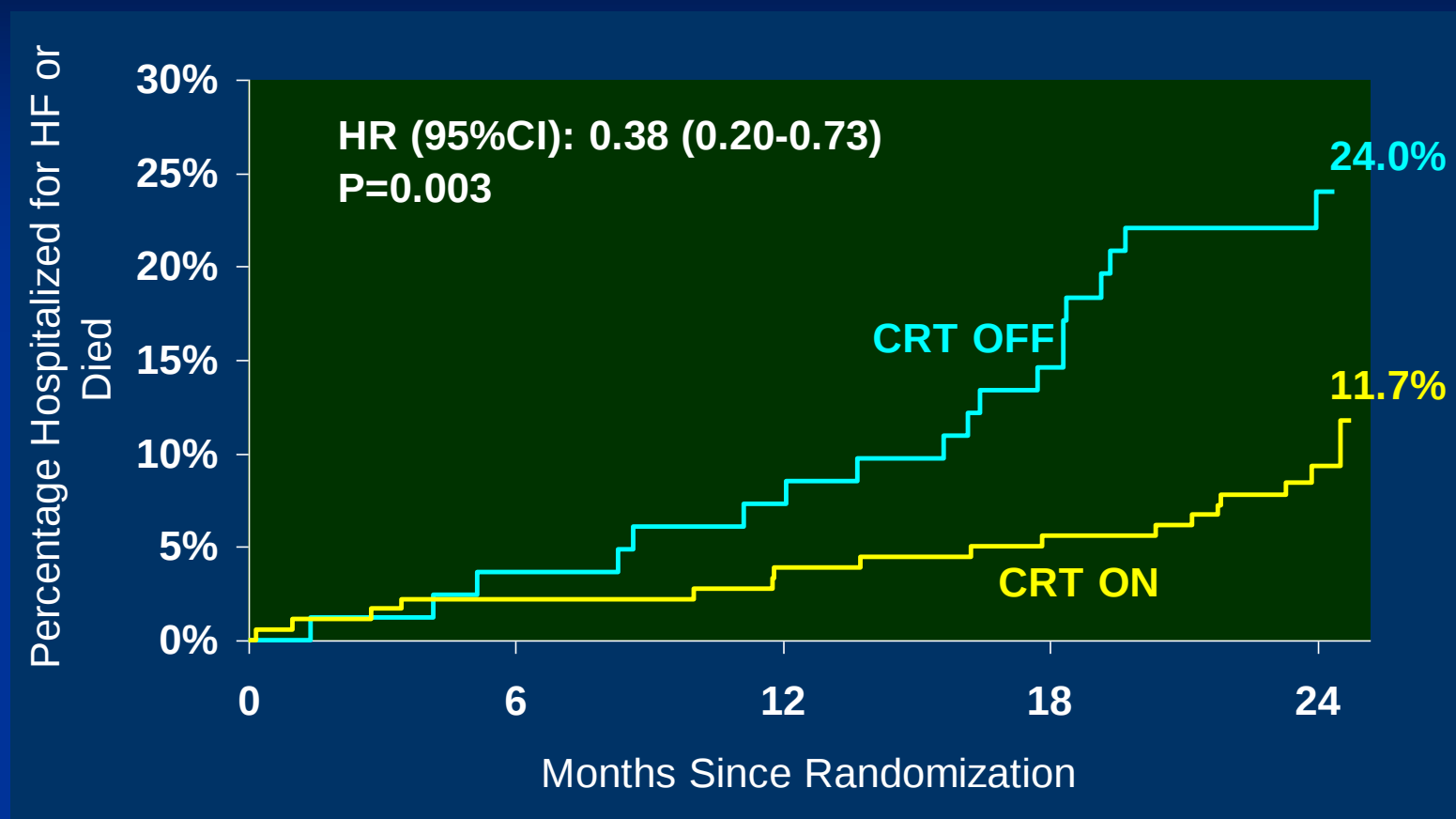
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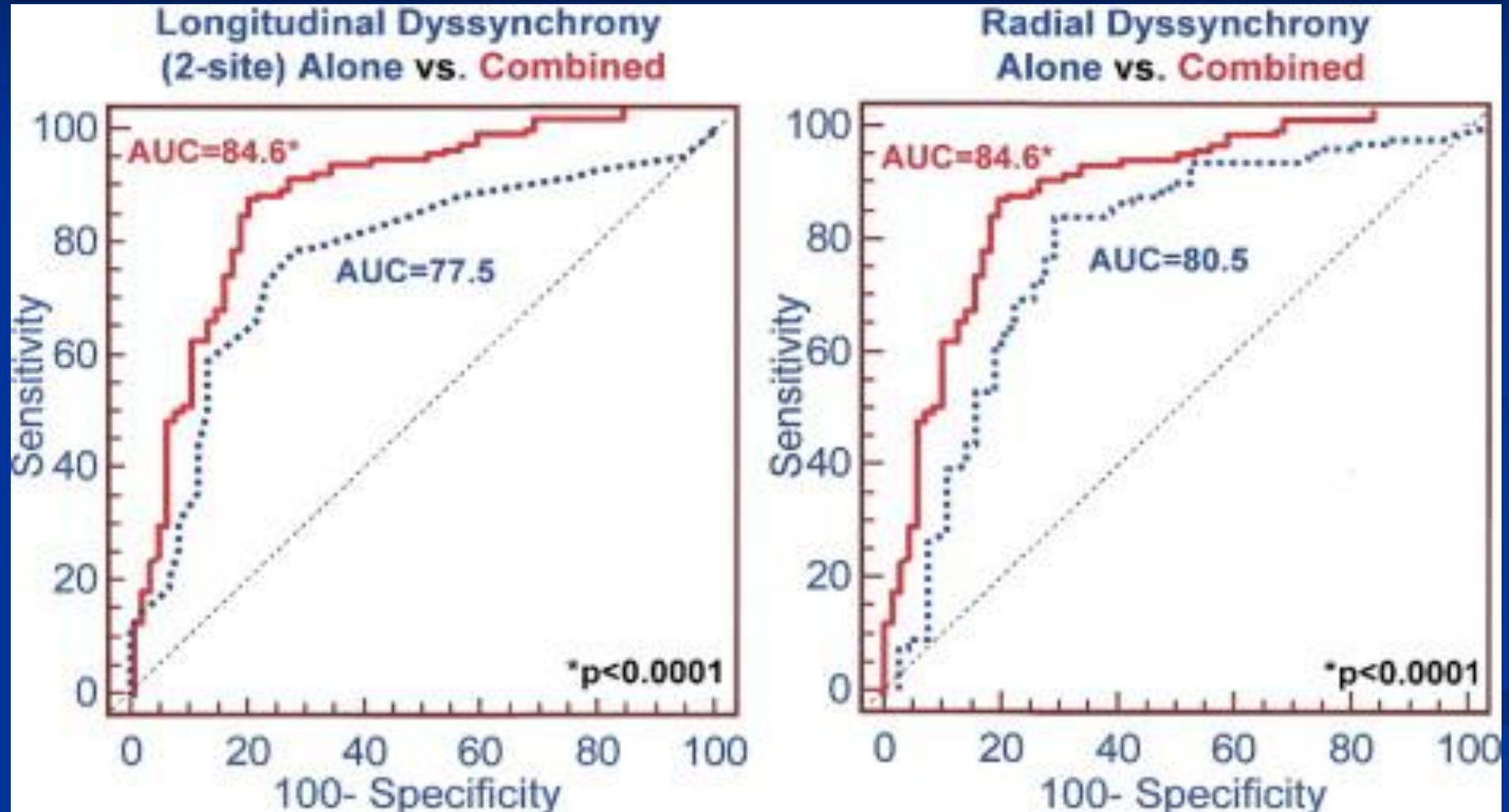
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95% of positive response ($\geq 15\%$ increase in EF)



2 centers, 190 patients

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