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Νέες εξελίξεις στην κατάλυση κολπικής μαρμαρυγής: Cryoablation, Pulse Field Ablation

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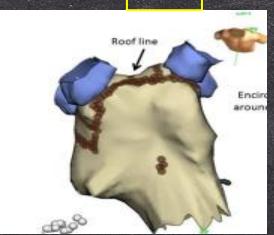
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Ablation of AF

What to do beyond PVI isolation?

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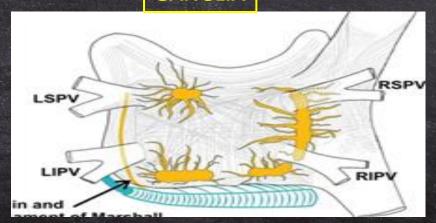
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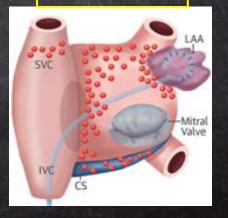
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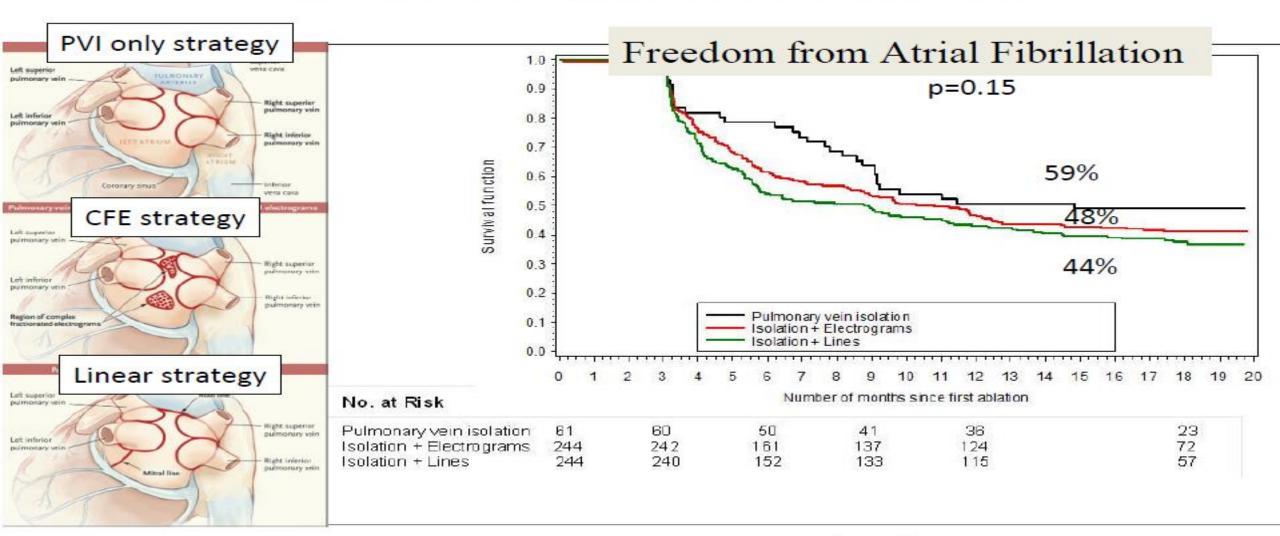


LAA isolation



Catheter Ablation for Persistent AF

The STAR AF 2 - Randomized Trial (n=589)



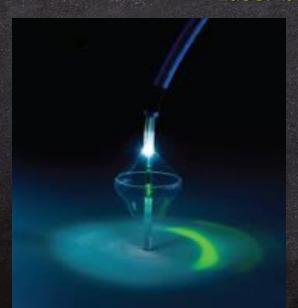
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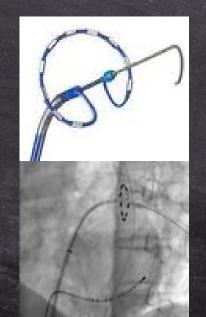




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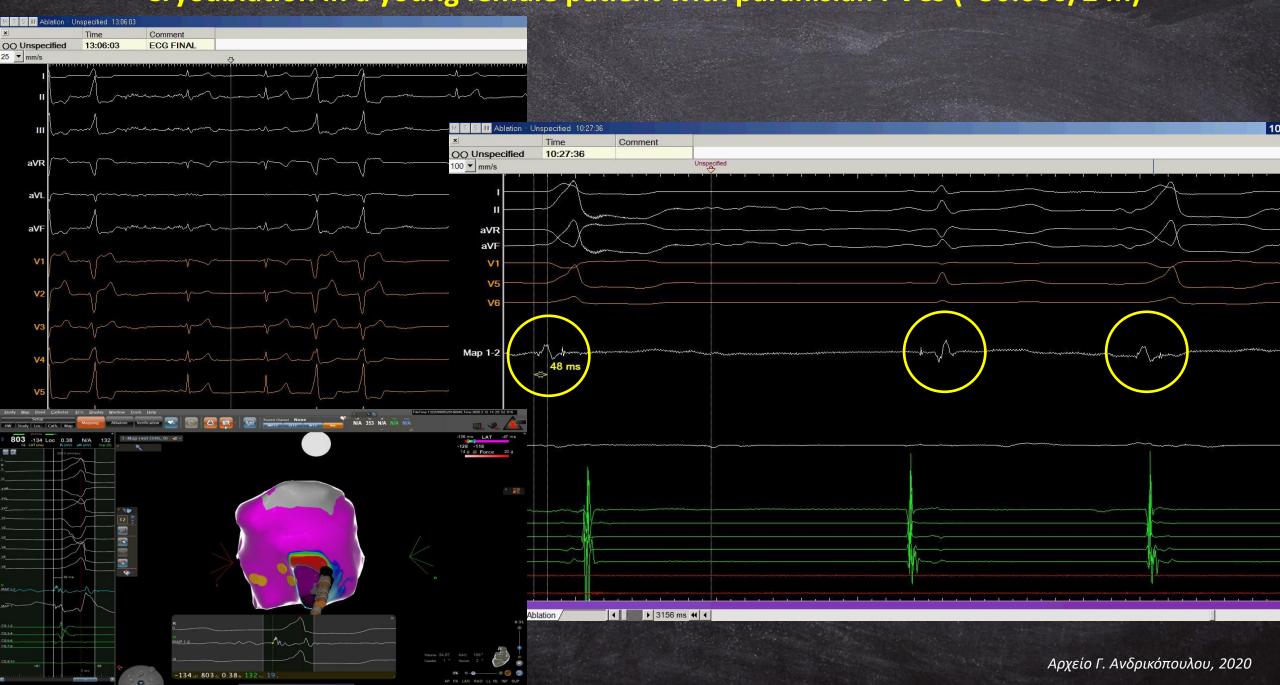




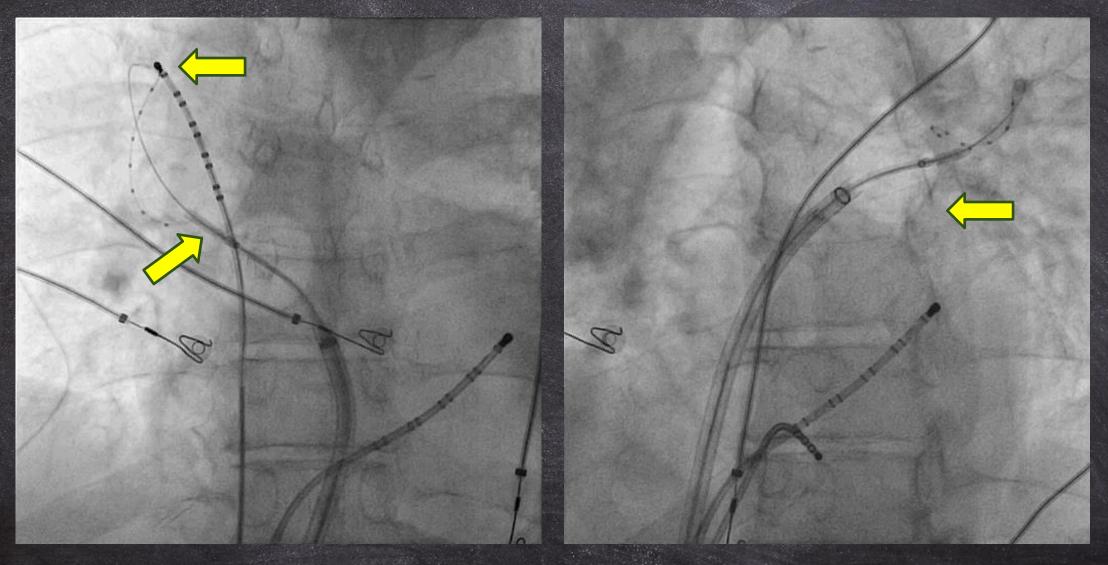




Cryoablation in a young female patient with parahisian PVCs (>30.000/24h)



Απομόνωση πνευμονικών φλεβών με Cryoballoon



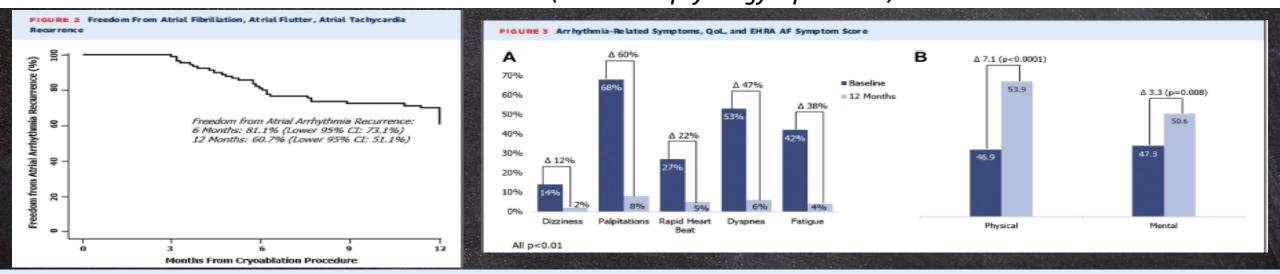
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Αριστερή άνω πνευμονική φλέβα

Single-Procedure Outcomes and Quality-of-Life Improvement 12 Months Post-Cryoballoon Ablation in Persistent Atrial Fibrillation

Results From the Multicenter CRYO4PERSISTENT AF Trial

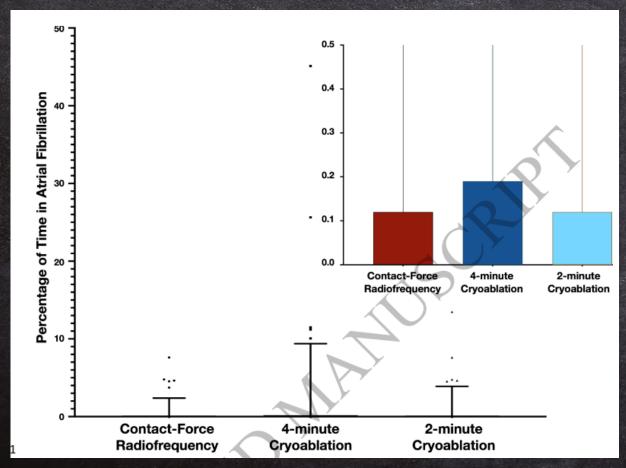
Serge Boveda, MD,^a Andreas Metzner, MD,^b Dinh Q. Nguyen, MD,^c K.R. Julian Chun, MD,^d Konrad Goehl, MD,^e George Noelker, MD,^f Jean-Claude Deharo, MD,^g George Andrikopoulos, MD,^h Tillman Dahme, MD,ⁱ Nicolas Lellouche, MD,^j Pascal Defaye, MD^k (JACC Electrophysiology in press 2018)

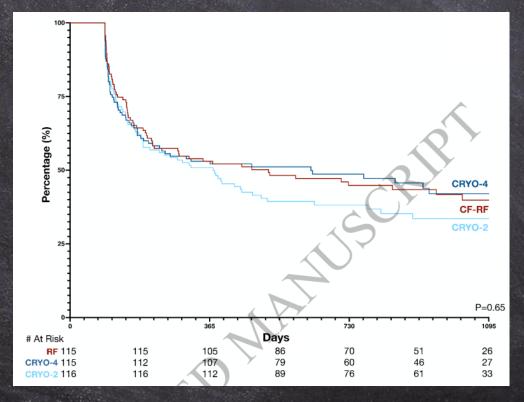


CONCLUSIONS Cryoballoon ablation for treatment of PerAF demonstrated 61% single-procedure success at 12 months post-ablation in addition to significant reduction in arrhythmia-related symptoms and improved quality of life. (Cryoballoon Ablation for Early Persistent Atrial Fibrillation [Cryo4 Persistent AF]; NCTO2213731). (J Am Coll Cardiol EP 2018; ■-■) © 2018 The Authors. Published by Elsevier on behalf of the American College of Cardiology Foundation. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/).

Atrial fibrillation progression after cryoablation versus radiofrequency ablation: the CIRCA-DOSE trial

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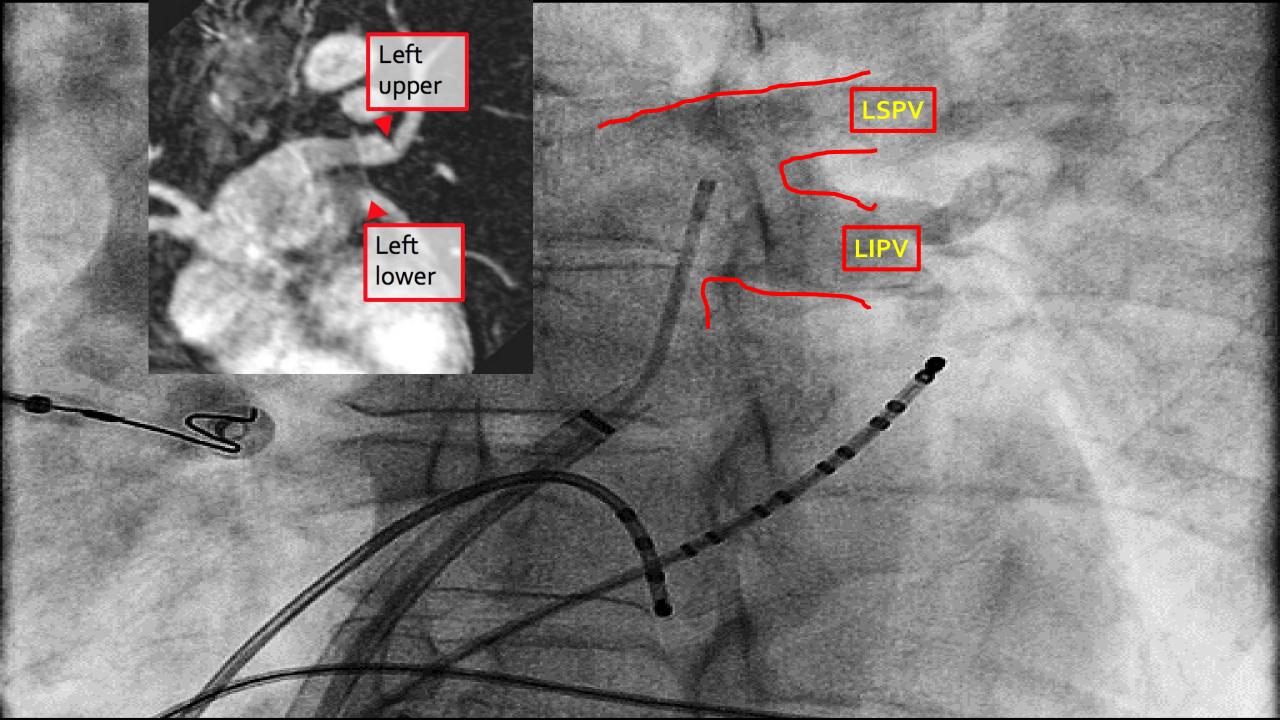
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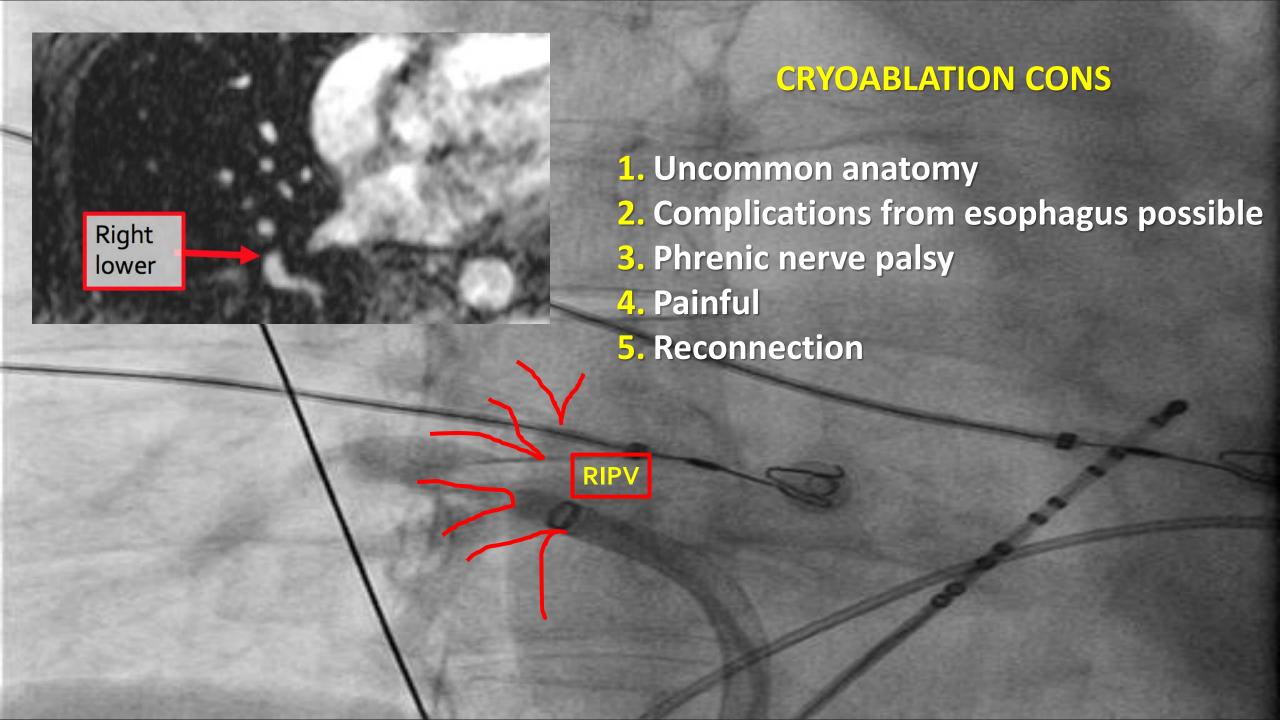
1. What is new?

- a. Progression from paroxysmal to persistent atrial fibrillation was observed less frequently after pulmonary vein isolation using radiofrequency energy compared to cryoballoon ablation.
- b. Significant differences in the rate of atrial fibrillation progression were observed between ablation technologies despite similar rates of atrial fibrillation recurrence, and similar substantial reductions in atrial fibrillation burden.
- c. In those who progressed to persistent atrial fibrillation prior to ablation, catheter ablation enabled "regression" to paroxysmal forms of the arrhythmia.

2. What are the clinical implications?

- a. Pulmonary vein isolation using radiofrequency energy is more effective than cryoballoon ablation in preventing "progression" to persistent atrial fibrillation and enabling regression to paroxysmal atrial fibrillation.
- Given the differences observed herein, it cannot be assumed that all ablation technologies and modalities are equally efficacious in modifying disease progression.
- c. The disconnect between binary recurrence, burden reduction, and atrial fibrillation progression suggests that the latter should be considered as an independent endpoint of clinical trials.





3D Printed atria before AF ablation (The 3-D GALA study)

3D printing for ablation planning in patients undergoing atrial fibrillation ablation: Preliminary results of the pilot randomized 3D GALA trial.

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Table 1

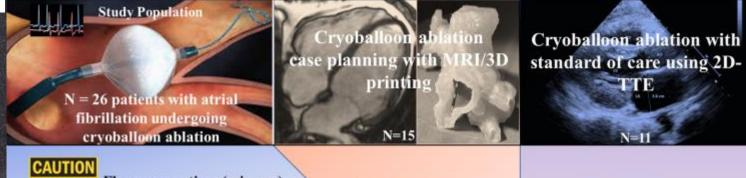
Baseline characteristics and procedural results and variables reflecting relative procedural efficiency between case planning with combined MRI/3D printing versus standard of care using 2D-TTE.

| Variables | No preprocedural imaging n = 11 | MRI+3D model n = 15 | p value |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Age (years) | 61.4 (13.3) | 58.2 (13.4) | 0.56 |
| Gender, male | 7 (64) | 11 (73) | 0.60 |
| Weight (kg) | 77.5 (13.4) | 86.2 (12.4) | 0.10 |
| Height (cm) | 172.6 (9.8) | 176.7 (8.6) | 0.28 |
| Obesity, n (%) | 4 (36) | 4 (27) | 0.60 |
| Diabetes, n (%) | 4 (36) | 3 (20) | 0.37 |
| Hypertension, n (%) | 5 (45) | 6 (40) | 0.78 |
| Smoking, n (%) | 6 (55) | 2 (13) | 0.024 |
| History of CAD, n (%) | 4 (36) | 1 (7) | 0.06 |
| Persistent AF, n (%) | 2 (18) | 3 (20) | 0.91 |
| LVEF (%) | 56.3 (4.9) | 55.6 (11.1) | 0.85 |
| Left atrium size (mm) | 38.6 (4.0) | 40.6 (4.1) | 0.23 |
| Presence of MR, n | 3 (27) | 3 (20) | 0.66 |
| Presence of TR, n | 2 (18) | 1 (7) | 0.36 |
| Primary and secondary procedural outcomes | | | |
| Fluoroscopy time (min/sec) | 20:14 (05:58) | 20:37 (05:07) | 0.87 |
| Contrast (ml) | 22.5 (6.5) | 12.3 (4.7) | < 0.001 |
| Air Kerma (mGy) | 495.1 (142.8) | 483.4 (198.9) | 0.87 |
| Cryoballoon applications, n | 4.7 (0.8) | 5 (0.7) | 0.36 |

3D-printing for Ablation Planning in Patients Undergoing Atrial Fibrillation Ablation (3D-GALA trial)

(3D-GALA trial)

Pilot, randomized, open-label, controlled, multicentre, clinical trial





x-ray A. Fluoroscopy time (min:sec)

20 min 14 sec

20 min 37 sec



Contrast (ml)

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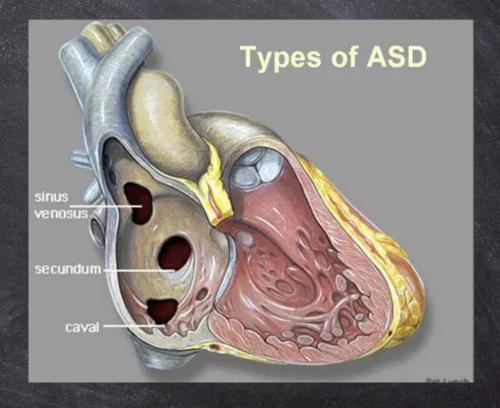
p<0.001

p=0.87

MRI/3D printing-guided cryoballoon ablation for atrial fibrillation was associated with lower use of contrast but no difference in fluoroscopy time compared to the standard of care

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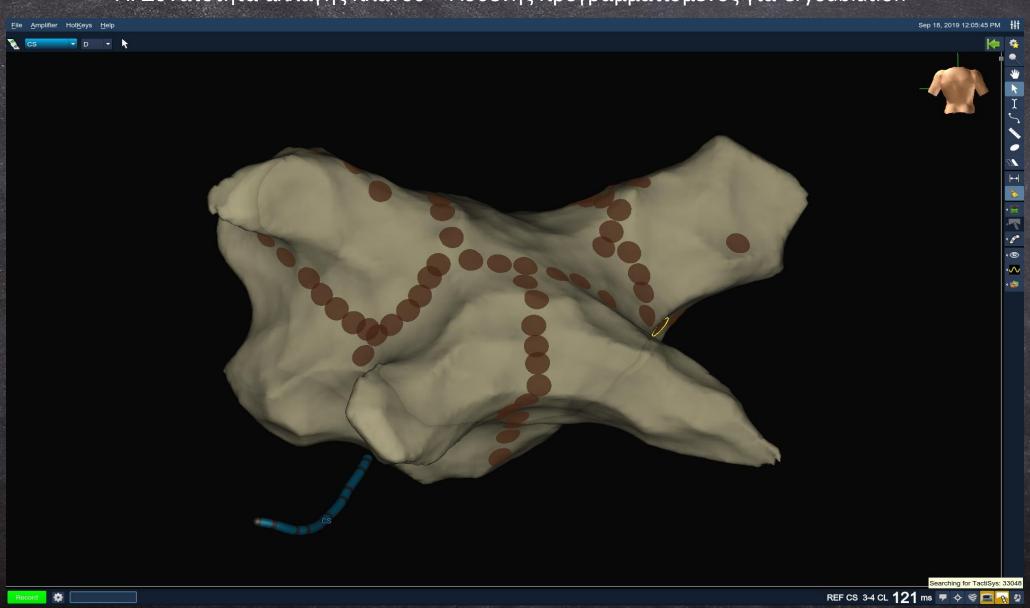


Cardiac MRI multiplanar reconstruction

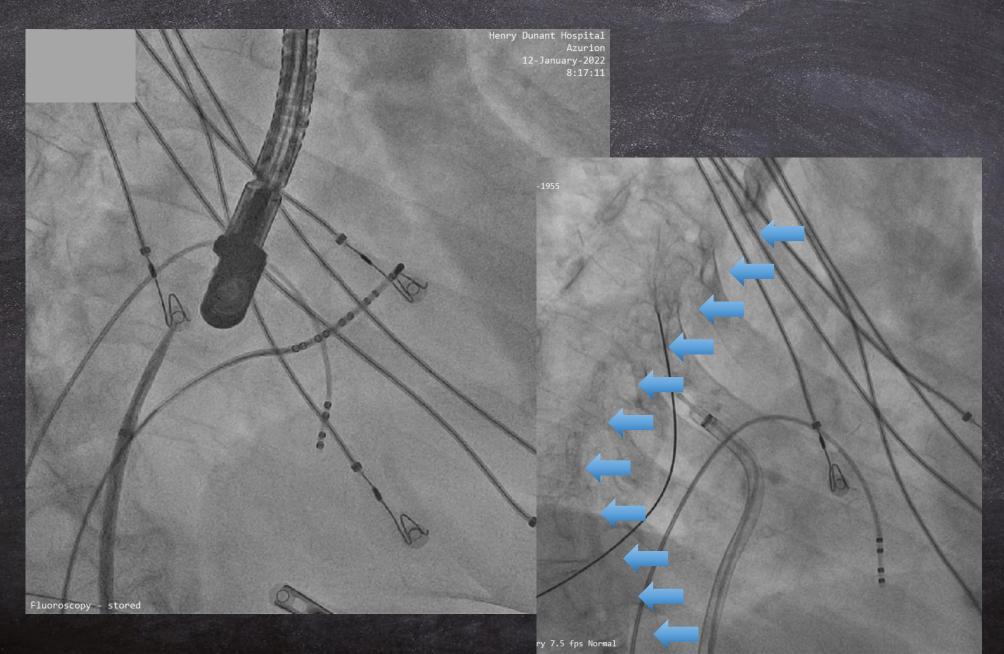
Arrow: right upper pulmonary vein draining into superior vena cava

2. ΑΣΘΕΝΗΣ ΜΕ ΙΔΙΑΙΤΕΡΗ ΑΝΑΤΟΜΙΑ

A. Δυνατότητα αλλαγής πλάνου – Ασθενής προγραμματισμένος για Cryoablation



Η τεχνολογία ΔΕΝ υποκαθιστά την κλινική σωφροσύνη

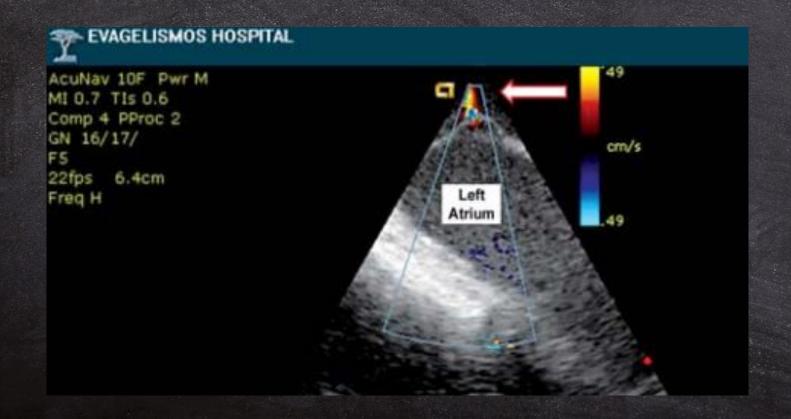


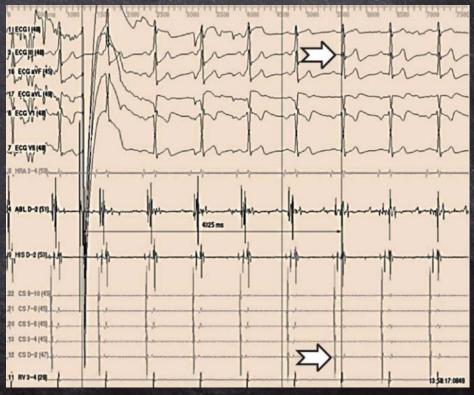
Case Report

Intracardiac Echocardiography-Facilitated Ablation of a Left-Lateral Bypass Tract in a Patient with Atrial Septal Aneurysm

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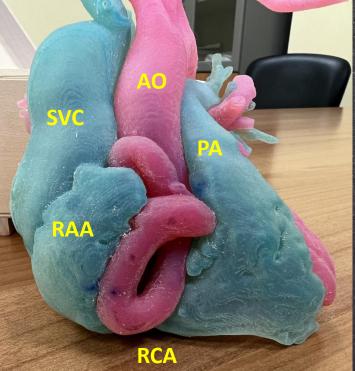
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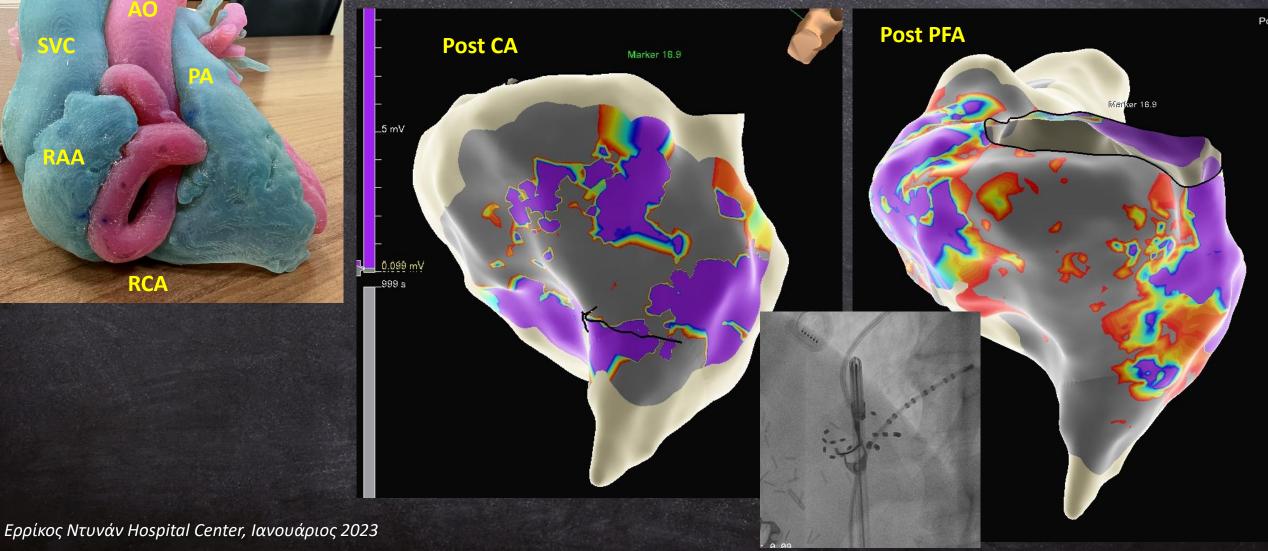


Fluoroscopy guided PF CTI ablation in a patient with peculiar anatomy

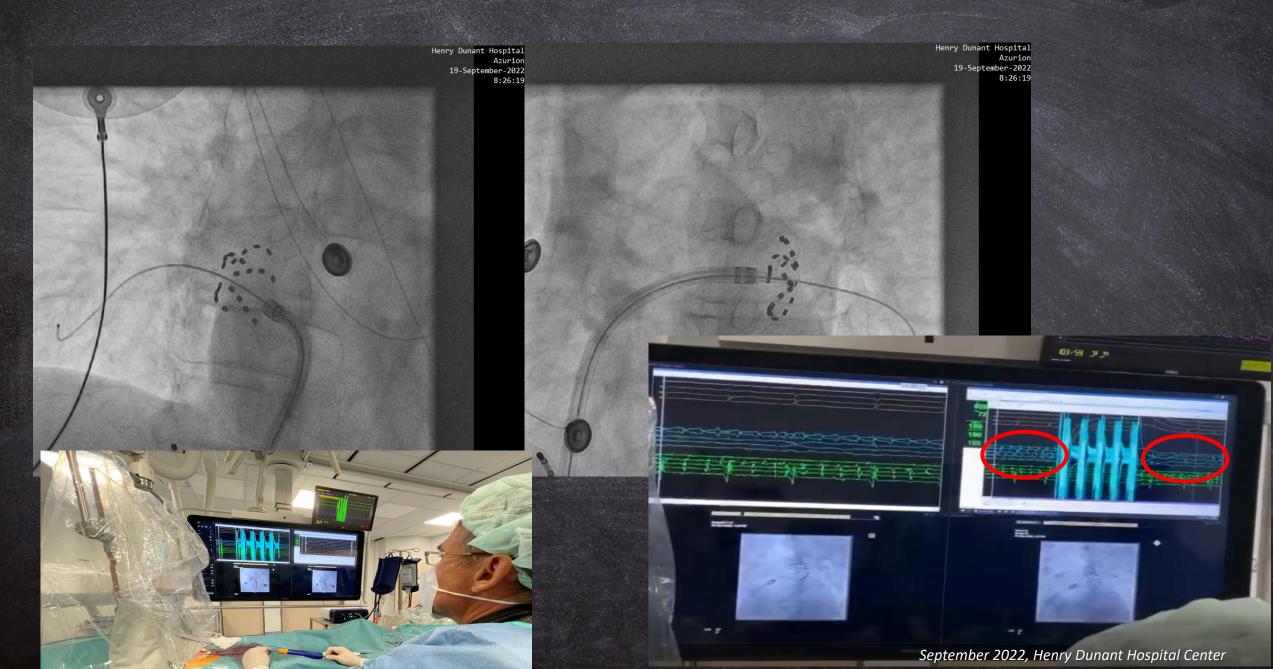
(CTI bidirectional block NOT feasible with irrigated catheter and electroanatomic mapping)



Η σημασία της δυνατότητας αξιοποίησης διαφορετικών τεχνολογιών (και πολλών πόρων)



PFA for AF ablation



Theory of Electroporation of Planar Bilayer Membranes: Predictions of the Aqueous Area, Change in Capacitance, and Pore-Pore Separation

Scott A. Freeman,* Michele A. Wang,* and James C. Weaver[‡]

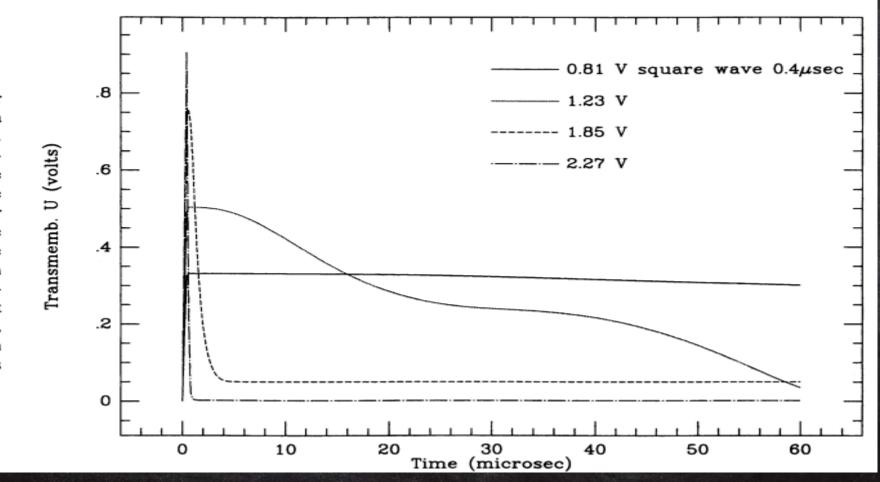
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Change in Capacitance and Pore-Pore Separation

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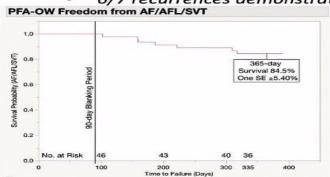
FIGURE 2 Predicted square pulse behavior of the transmembrane voltage, U(t), due to a single 0.4-us pulse of the indicated amplitudes. As found previously, four distinguishable outcomes are possible: (1) simple charging of the membrane capacitance (smallest pulse; here 0.81 V), (2) rupture of the membrane (larger pulse; here 1.23 V), (3) incomplete reversible electrical breakdown (still larger pulse; here 1.85 V), (4) reversible electrical breakdown (REB) (largest pulse; here 2.27 V). The electrical behavior predicted by a recent transient aqueous pore model (Barnett and Weaver, 1991) agrees reasonably, but not exactly, with experimental observations of these outcomes (Benz et al., 1979).

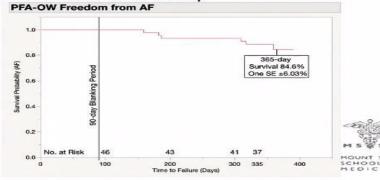


PVI in **PAF** pts

1-Year Clinical Recurrence

- 97 pts reached 1 year of follow-up
- Optiwave cohort
 - 86% per-week (TTM) and 98% per-monitor (Holter) compliance
 - 85±5% freedom from atrial arrhythmia
 - 6/7 recurrences demonstrated durable PVI at remap





PVI in PAF pts

Remap Results



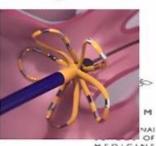




- 2 pairs in "Flower"
- 2 pairs in "Basket"







Farapulse gains CE mark for its pulsed field ablation system

29th January 2021 @ 1630



Farapulse announced that it has received the CE mark for its pulsed field ablation (PFA) system for the treatment of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation (AF). The approval will allow the company to commercialise the cardiac PFA system and permits marketing of the system across the European Union and other CE mark geographies.

Farapulse said in a press release that it will partner with a select number of physicians prior to a broader rollout of the device.

"Farapulse PFA has garnered a high level of interest at scientific symposia in the past several years, making it abundantly clear that the medical community is primed to adopt our technology into routine use. The clinical results and unparalleled volume of data chronicled through investigator-authored abstracts and manuscripts have been exceedingly well received," said Allan Zingeler, president and CEO of Farapulse. "Europe's modern and progressive electrophysiology market represents a unique opportunity for Farapulse to showcase our PFA system's powerful yet incredibly safe ability to lead in the treatment of AF"

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Pulsed Field Ablation Versus Radiofrequency Ablation

Esophageal Injury in a Novel Porcine Model

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BACKGROUND: Pulsed field ablation (PFA) can be myocardium selective, potentially sparing the esophagus during left atrial ablation. In an in vivo porcine esophageal injury model, we compared the effects of newer biphasic PFA with radiofrequency ablation (RFA).

METHODS: In 10 animals, under general anesthesia, the lower esophagus was deflected toward the inferior vena cava using an esophagueal deviation balloon, and ablation was performed from within the inferior vena cava at areas of esophagueal contact. Four discrete esophagueal sites were targeted in each animal: 6 animals received 8 PFA applications/site (2 kV, multispline catheter), and 4 animals received 6 clusters of irrigated RFA applications (30 W×30 seconds, 3.5 mm catheter). All animals were survived to 25 days, sacrificed, and the esophagus submitted for pathological examination, including 10 discrete histological sections/esophagus.

RESULTS: The animals weight increased by 13.7±6.2% and 6.8±6.3% (P=0.34.3) in the PFA and RFA cohorts, respectively. No PFA animals (0 of 6, 0%) developed abnormal in-life observations, but 1 of 4 RFA animals (25%) developed tever and dyspnea. On necrops, no PFA animals (0 of 6, 0%) demonstrated esophageal lesions. In contrast, esophageal injury occurred in all RFA animals (4 of 4, 10.0%; P=0.005): a mean of 1.5 mucosal lesions/animal (length, =21.8±8.9 mm; width, =4.9±1.4 mm) were observed, including one esophage-pulmonary fistula and deep esophageal ulcers in the other animals. Histologial examination demonstrated tissue necrosis surrounded by acute and chronic inflammation and fibrosis. The necrotic RFA lesions involved multiple esophageal tissue layers with evidence of arteriolar medial thickening and fibrosis of periesophageal nerves. Abscess formation and full-thickness esophageal wall disruptions were seen in areas of perforation/fistula.

CONCLUSIONS: In this novel porcine model of esophageal injury, biphasic PFA induced no chronic histopathologic esophageal changes, while RFA demonstrated a spectrum of esophageal lesions including fistula and deep esophageal ulcers and abscesses

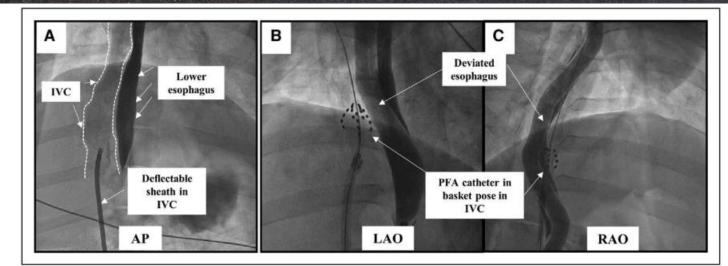
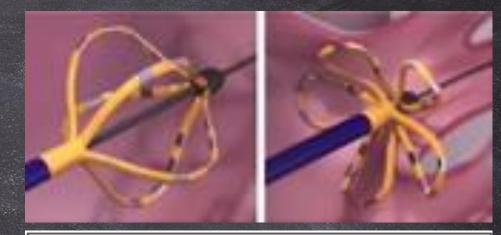


Figure 2. Fluoroscopic view of the esophageal injury mode: pulsed field ablation (PFA) cohort.

A, Contrast angiography was performed using a long deflectable sheath placed in the inferior vena cava (IVC; outlined). In the anteroposterior (AP) view, the IVC is seen rightward of the contrast filled esophagus. **B** and **C**, Left and right anterior oblique (LAO and RAO) projections demonstrate the PFA catheter in basket pose forcefully pushed against the deviated esophagus. The PFA catheter is shown here ablating 2 different esophageal locations.



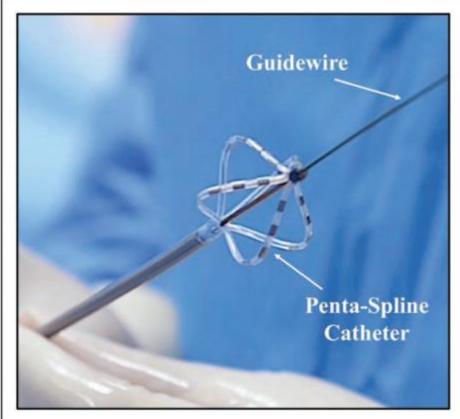


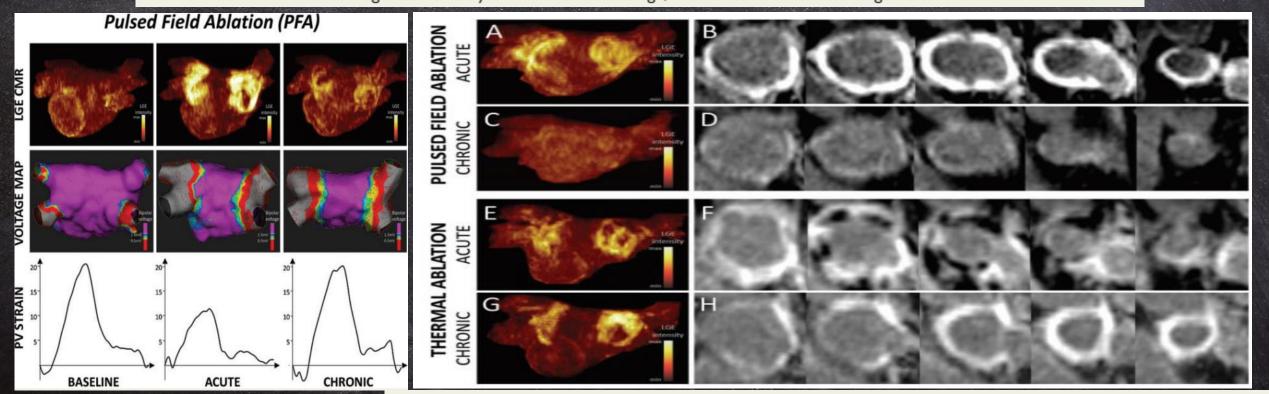
Figure 1. Pulsed field ablation (PFA) catheter: pentaspline over-the-wire PFA catheter in basket pose.



Pulsed field ablation prevents chronic atrial fibrotic changes and restrictive mechanics after catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation

Methods and results

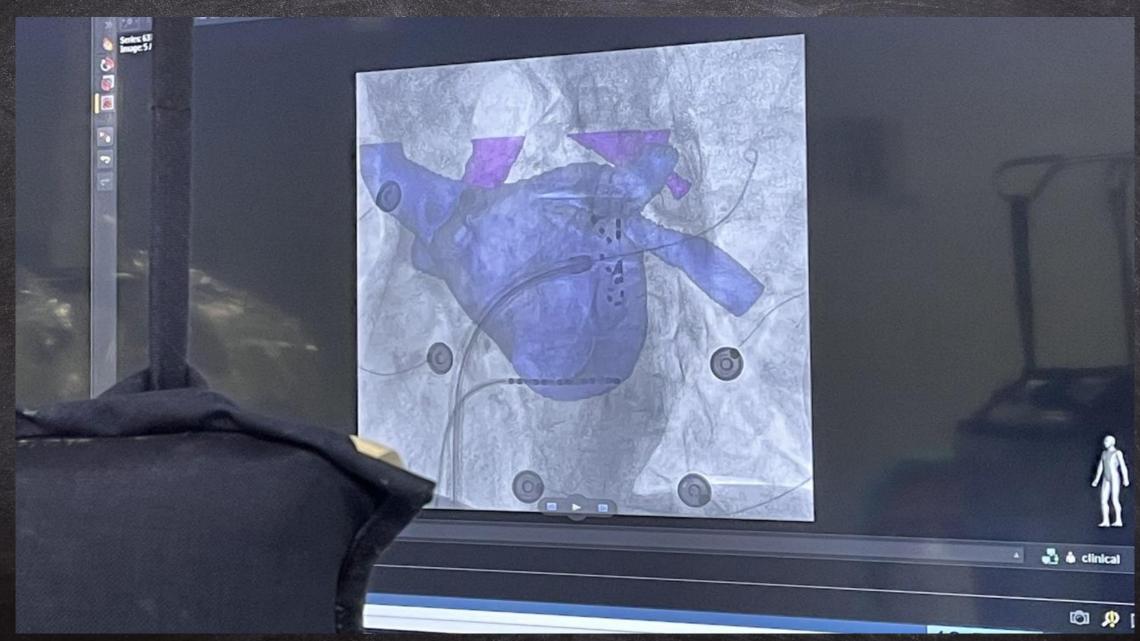
Cardiac magnetic resonance was performed pre-ablation, acutely (<3 h), and 3 months post-ablation in 41 patients with paroxysmal atrial fibrillation (AF) undergoing pulmonary vein (PV) isolation with PFA (n = 18) or thermal ablation (n = 23, 16 radiofrequency ablations, 7 cryoablations). Late gadolinium enhancement (LGE), T2-weighted, and cine images were analysed. In the acute stage, LGE volume was 60% larger after PFA vs. thermal ablation



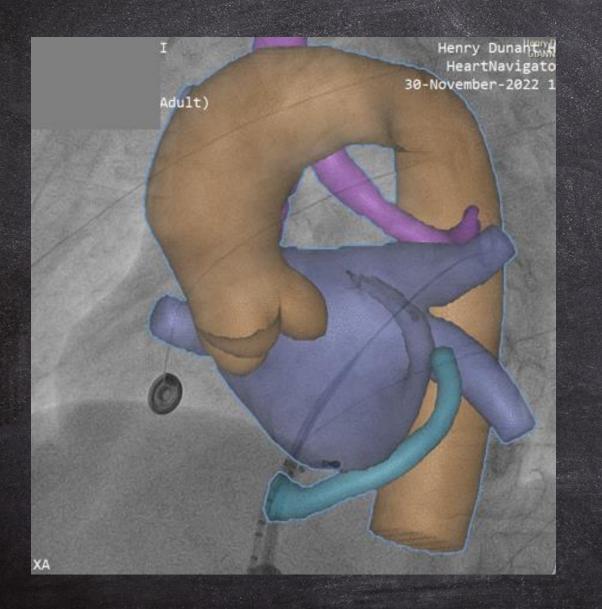
Conclusion

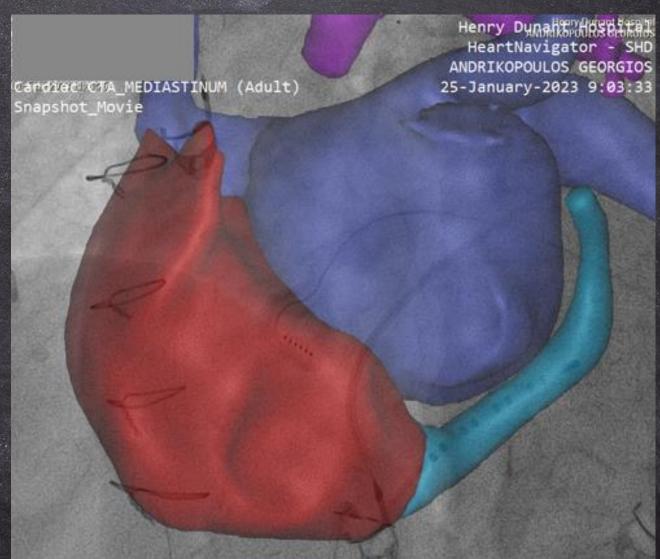
Pulsed field ablation induces large acute LGE without microvascular damage or intramural haemorrhage. Most LGE lesions disappear in the chronic stage, suggesting a specific reparative process involving less chronic fibrosis. This process may contribute to a preserved tissue compliance and LA reservoir and booster pump functions.

CT imaging integrated into Fluoroscopy during PFA ablation



CT imaging integrated into Fluoroscopy





CLINICAL RESEARCH

Ablation for atrial fibrillation

Multi-national survey on the methods, efficacy, and safety on the post-approval clinical use of pulsed field ablation (MANIFEST-PF)

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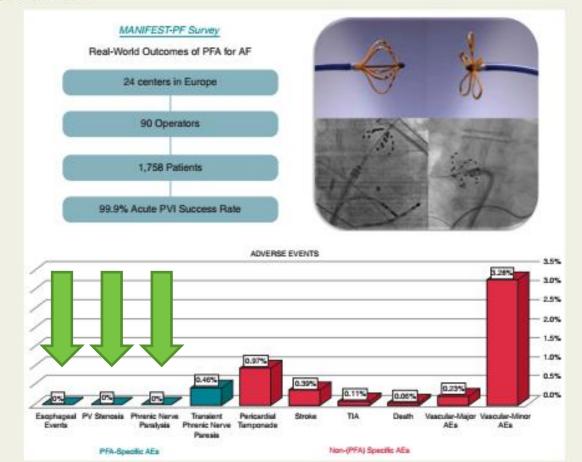
Methods and results

This retrospective survey included all 24 clinical centres using the pentaspline PFA catheter after regulatory approval. Institution-level data were obtained on patient characteristics, procedure parameters, acute efficacy, and adverse events. With an average of 73 patients treated per centre (range 7–291), full cohort included 1758 patients: mean age 61.6 years (range 19–92), female 34%, first-time ablation 94%, paroxysmal/persistent AF 58/35%. Most procedures employed deep sedation without intubation (82.1%), and 15.1% were discharged same day. Pulmonary vein isolation (PVI) was successful in 99.9% (range 98.9–100%). Procedure time was 65 min (38–215). There were no oesophageal complications or phrenic nerve injuries persisting past hospital discharge. Major complications (1.6%) were pericardial tamponade (0.97%) and stroke (0.4%); one stroke resulted in death (0.06%). Minor complications (3.9%) were primarily vascular (3.3%), but also included transient phrenic nerve paresis (0.46%), and TIA (0.11%). Rare complications included coronary artery spasm, haemoptysis, and dry cough persistent for 6 weeks (0.06% each).

Conclusion

In a large cohort of unselected patients, PFA was efficacious for PVI, and expressed a safety profile consistent with preferential tissue ablation. However, the frequency of 'generic' catheter complications (tamponade, stroke) underscores the need for improvement.

Graphical Abstract



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N (%) 29 (1.6%)

0

17 (0.97)

13 (0.74)

4 (0.23)

7 (0.39)^a

4 (0.23)

1 (0.06)

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68 (3.86%)

2 (0.11)

8 (0.46)

43 (2.44)

4 (0.22)

3 (0.17) 6 (0.34)

2 (0.11)

7/2021 (3/2021-12/2021)

Table 5 Adverse events

Oesophageal fistula

Oesophageal dysmotility Pulmonary vein stenosis

Pericardial tamponade Percutaneous treatment

Surgical treatment

Coronary artery spasm

Sustained effect^b Vascular

> Hematoma Pseudoaneurysm

AV fistula

Other complications

One patient who sustained a stroke subsequently died. ^bDefined as persisting beyond hospital discharge.

Minor complications

Phrenic nerve injury (persistent) Vascular complications requiring surgery

Phrenic nerve injury (transient) Transient effect

Stroke

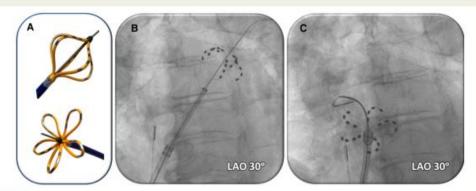


Figure 1 PFA catheter. (A) Pentaspline PFA catheter in basket (top) and flower (bottom) configurations. (B and C) Fluoroscopic images of per taspline PFA catheter over a guidewire in the left superior (B) or right superior (C) pulmonary veins.

Table 3 Procedural parameters

| Procedural parameters | Percentages (%) | |
|--|-----------------|--|
| | | |
| General anaesthesia/intubation (%) | 17.8% | |
| Deep sedation/no intubation (%) | 82.1% | |
| No. of transeptal punctures, n (%) | 1 (100%) | |
| PVI success rate (%), mean (min-max) | 99.9% (98.9–10 | |
| Procedure time (min), mean (min-max) | 65 (38–215) | |
| Fluoroscopy time (min), mean (min-max) | 13.7 (4.5-33) | |
| Same day discharge (%) | 15.8% | |

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| Tab | e 1 | Clinical s |
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(earliest-latest)

PFA, pulsed field ablation

| Practice type | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Academic (%) | | 70.8 |
| Semi-academic (%) | | 8.3 |
| Private (%) | | 20.8 |
| No. of operators, mea | an (min-max) | 3.8 (2-11) |
| Years in practice, mea | ın (min-max) | 13.2 (5.3-22.5) |
| Annual no. of AF ablat | tions, mean (min-max) | 704 (300-2200) |
| No. of PFA cases in p | ast year, mean | 73.3 (7-291) |
| (min-max) | | |
| Date of first PFA case | , month/year | 7/2021 (3/2021-12/20 |

Table 4 Procedural characteristics

| Procedural characteristics | Never | Sometimes | Frequently | Alway |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Pre-procedural imaging | | | | |
| TEE (%) | 25 | 37.5 | 12.5 | 25 |
| CT (%) | 25 | 29.2 | 12.5 | 33.3 |
| MRI (%) | 70.8 | 25 | 4.2 | 0 |
| Intra-procedural imaging | | | | |
| TEE (%) | 58.3 | 33.3 | 0 | 8.3 |
| ICE (%) | 69.6 | 8.7 | 0 | 21.7 |
| Fluoroscopy (%) | 0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 91.3 |
| Follow-up imaging | | | | |
| TEE (%) | 73.9 | 21.7 | 4.3 | 0 |
| CT (%) | 86.9 | 13.1 | 0 | 0 |
| MRI (%) | 73.9 | 26.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Electroanatomical mapping | | | | |
| Paroxysmal AF (%) | 41.6 | 16.6 | 8.3 | 33.3 |
| Persistent AF (%) | 29.2 | 8.3 | 20.8 | 41.7 |
| Long standing persistent AF (%) | 37.5 | 4.2 | 8.3 | 41.7 |
| Additional lesion sets | | | | |
| Roof line (%) | 50 | 25 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Lateral mitral isthmus line (%) | 62.6 | 33.2 | 4.2 | 0 |
| Left atrial posterior wall (%) | 25 | 45.8 | 16.7 | 12.5 |
| Anterior line (%) | 75 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| SVC isolation (%) | 95.8 | 4.2 | 0 | 0 |
| CFAE (%) | 95.8 | 4.2 | 0 | 0 |
| LAA isolation (%) | 93.8 | 6.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-PV trigger (%) | 79.2 | 20.8 | 0 | 0 |

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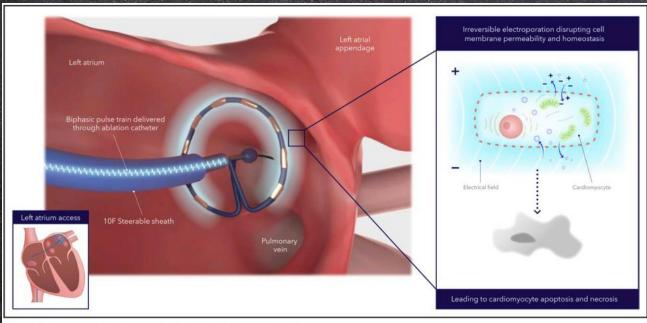
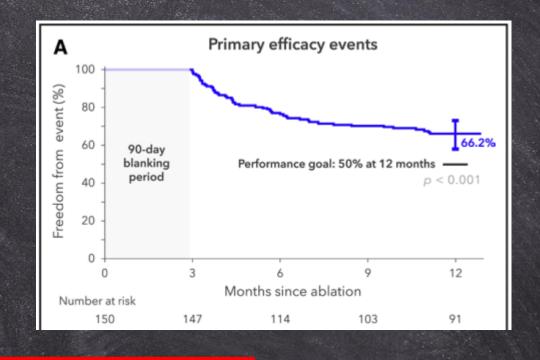


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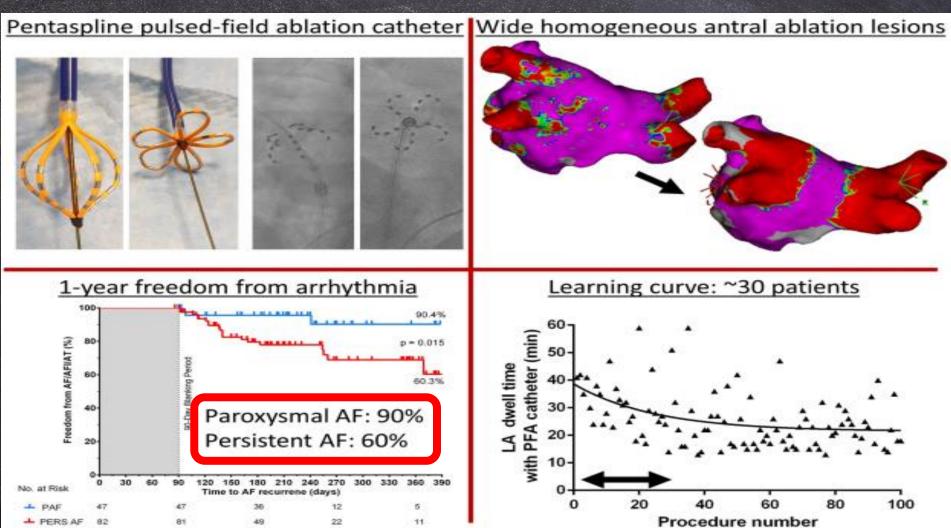
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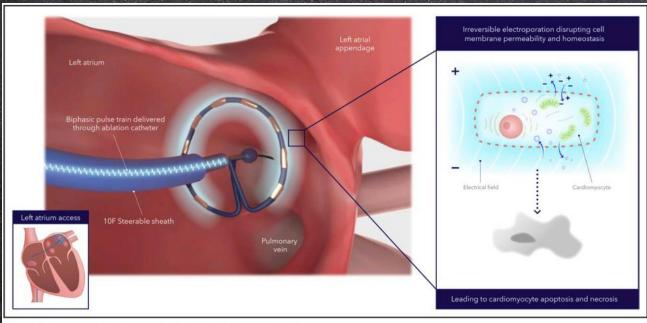
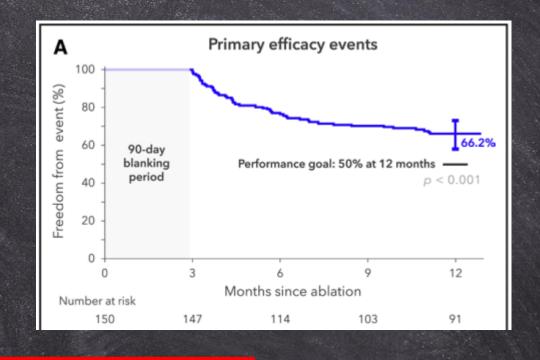


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CLINICAL RESEARCH

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Graphical Abstract Study catheter Experiment 1: PULSE 2 1-week survival 6/6 (100%) RSPV 6/6 (100%) RSPV 8 swine 8/8 (100%) SVC 6/8 (75%) SVC 34/34 (100%) SVC Experiment 2: PULSE 3 5-week survival | 5/5 (100%) RSPV 5/5 (100%) RSPV 31/31 (100%) RSPV 5 swine 5/5 (100%) LSPV LAA Isolated **RSPV** within the transmural lesion The tip consists 6 sections that can be independently and No venous stenosis, phrenic sequentially energized for PFA Follow up ICPV palsy, or esophageal injury.

Aims

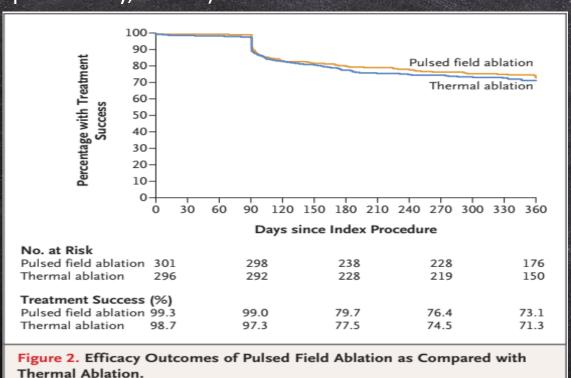
Single-shot pulmonary vein isolation can improve procedural efficiency. To assess the capability of a novel, expandable lattice-shaped catheter to rapidly isolate thoracic veins using pulsed field ablation (PFA) in healthy swine.

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The study catheter (SpherePVI; Affera Inc) was used to isolate thoracic veins in two cohorts of swine survived for 1 and 5 weeks. In Experiment 1, an initial dose (PULSE2) was used to isolate the superior vena cava (SVC) and the right superior pulmonary vein (RSPV) in six swine and the SVC only in two swine. In Experiment 2, a final dose (PULSE3) was used for SVC, RSPV, and left superior pulmonary vein (LSPV) in five swine. Baseline and follow-up maps, ostial diameters, and phrenic nerve were assessed. Pulsed field ablation was delivered atop the oesophagus in three swine. All tissues were submitted for pathology. In Experiment 1, all 14/14 veins were isolated acutely with durable isolation demonstrated in 6/6 RSPVs and 6/8 SVC. Both reconnections occurred when only one application/vein was used. Fifty-two and 32 sections from the RSPVs and SVC revealed transmural lesions in 100% with a mean depth of 4.0 ± 2.0 mm. In Experiment 2, 15/15 veins were isolated acutely with 14/15 veins (5/5 SVC, 5/5 RSPV, and 4/5 LSPV) durably isolated. Right superior pulmonary vein (31) and SVC (34) sections had 100% transmural, circumferential ablation with minimal inflammation. Viable vessels and nerves were noted without evidence of venous stenosis, phrenic palsy, or oesophageal injury.

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The ADVENT trial was a multicenter, randomized, noninferiority, single-blind, pivotal trial with blinded end-point adjudication. A total of 305 patients were assigned to undergo pulsed field ablation, and 302 were assigned to undergo thermal ablation. At 1 year, the primary efficacy end point was met (i.e., no events occurred) in 204 patients (estimated probability, 73.3%) who underwent pulsed field ablation and 194 patients (estimated probability, 71.3%) who underwent thermal ablation.



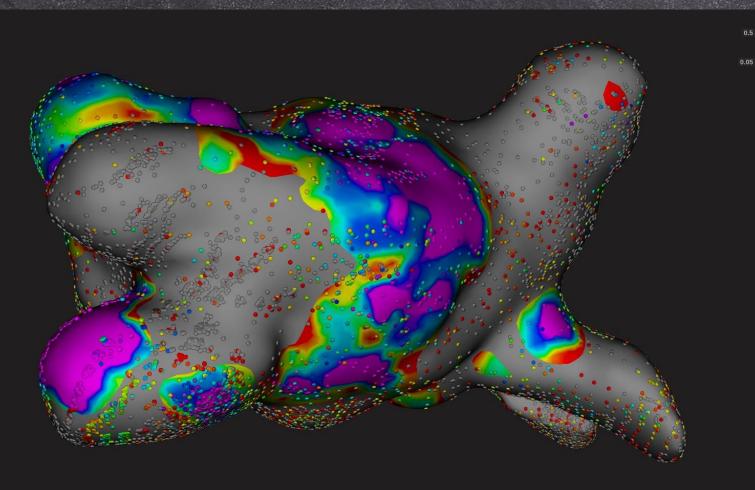
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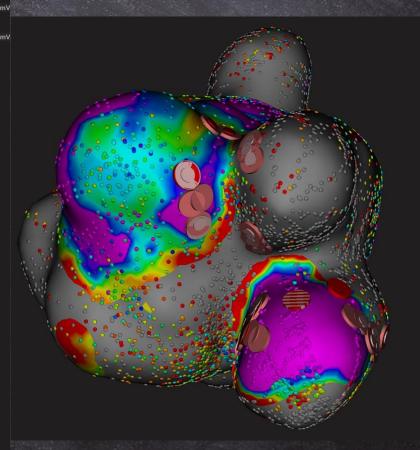
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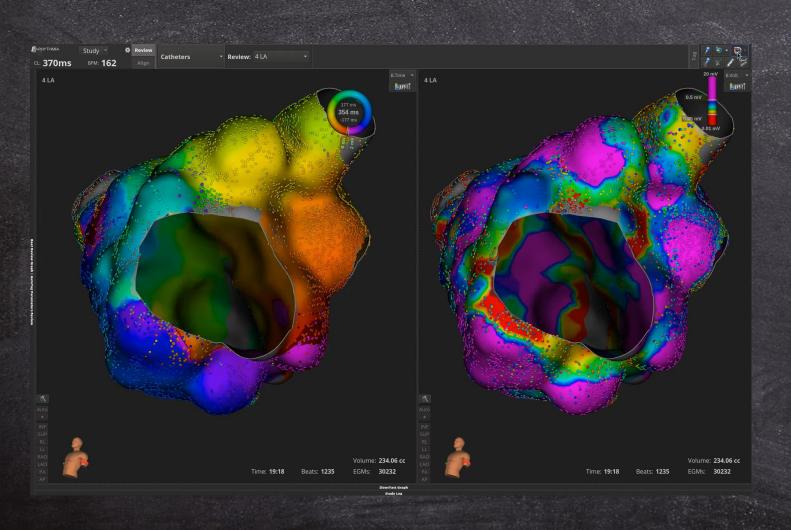
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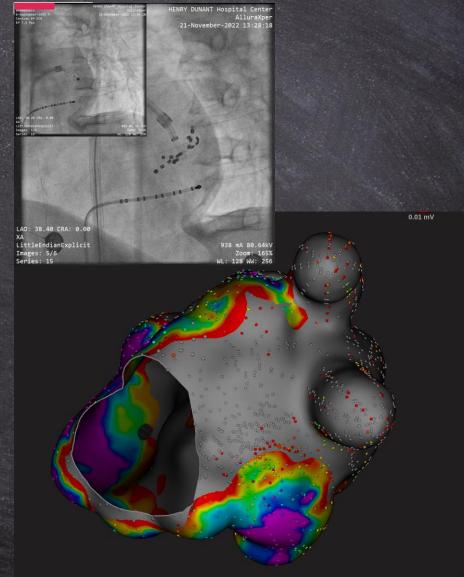
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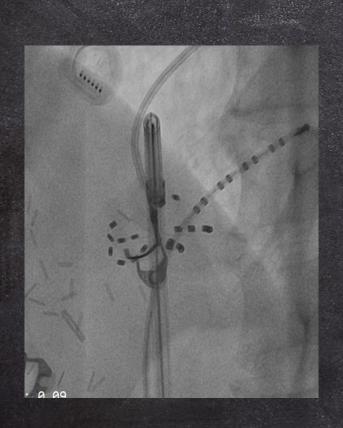
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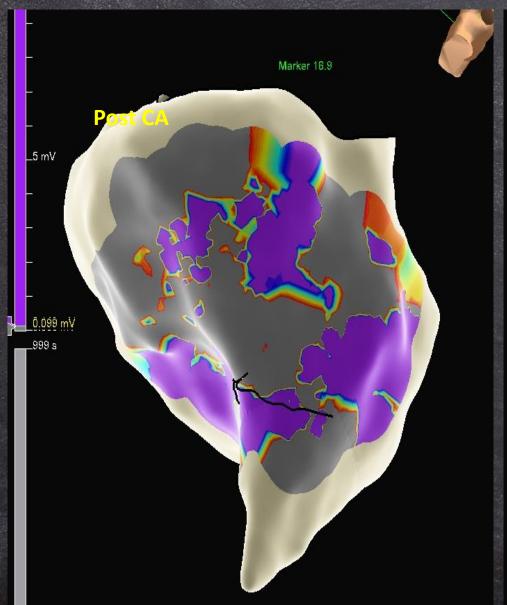


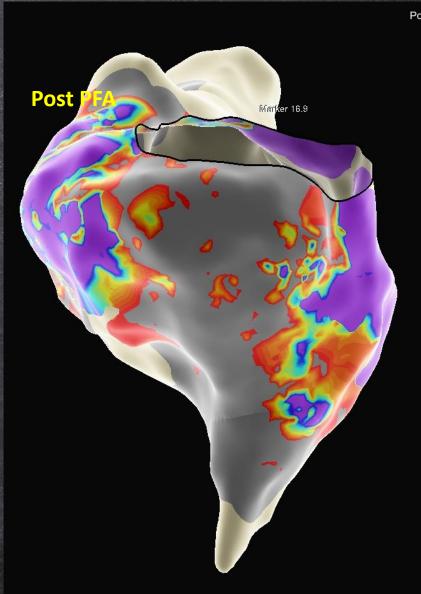


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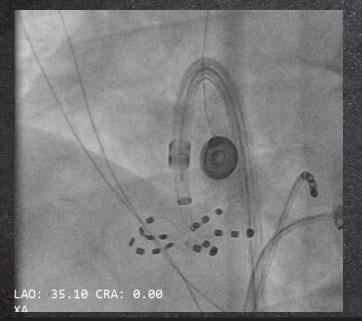
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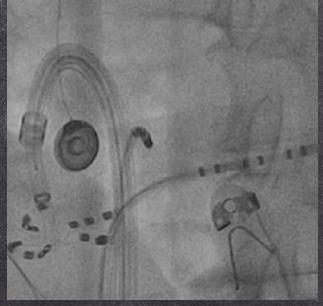


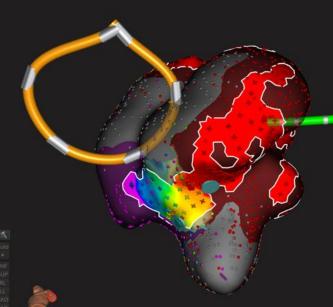




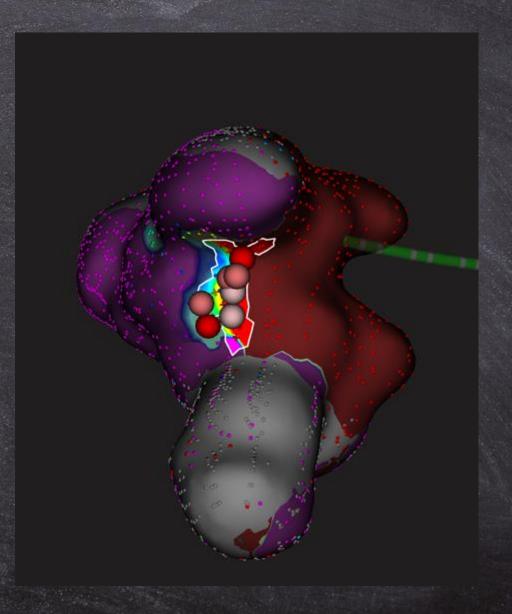
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PFA is NOT Always the solution for everything



Electrophysiology

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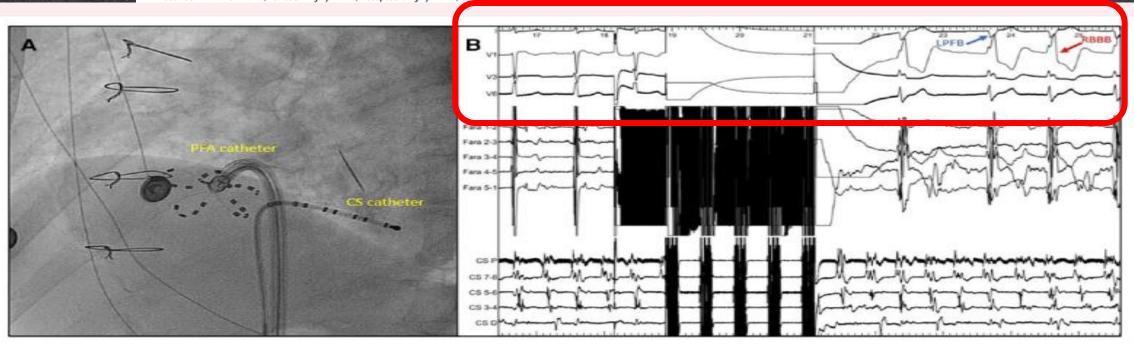
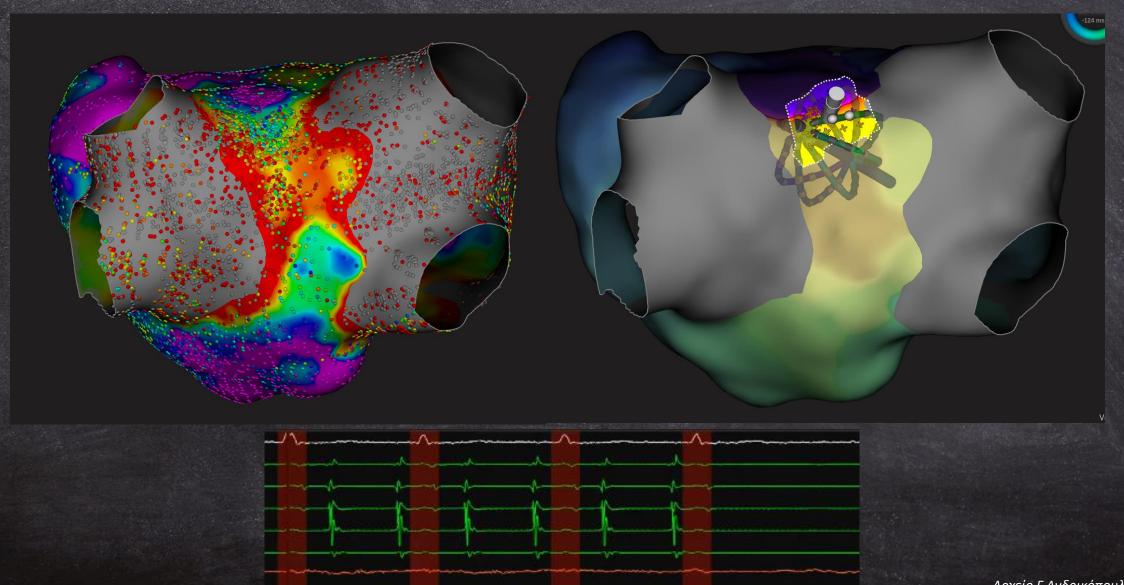
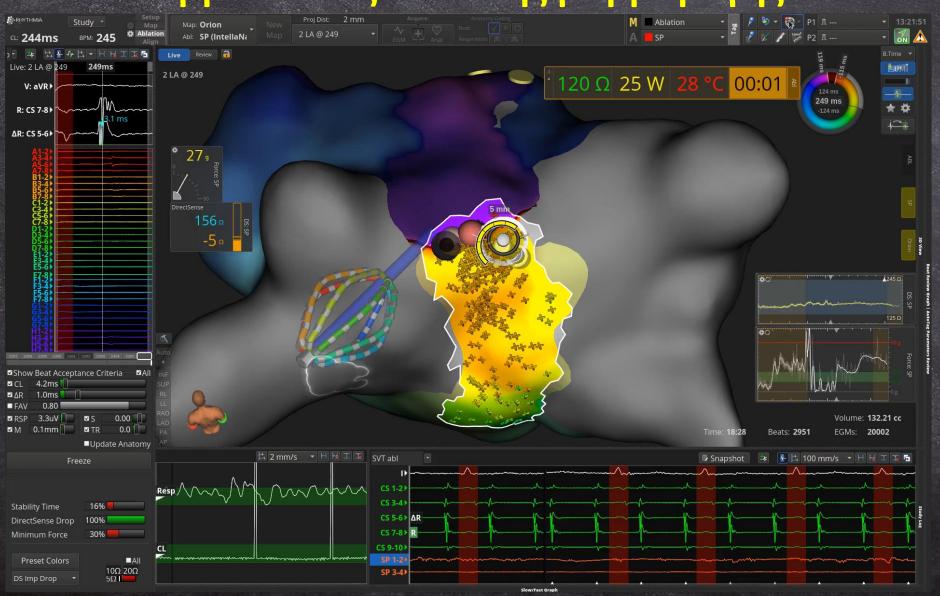


Figure 2 (A) After administration of 2 mg of intravenous nitroglycerine, a single pulsed-field application (with a peak voltage of 2.0 kV), in flower configuration, was delivered at the lateral annular portion of the cavotricuspid isthmus. (B) Acute occurrence of RBBB and LPFB without flutter termination. CS, coronary sinus; PFA, pulsed-field ablation; RBBB, right bundle branch block; LPFB, left posterior fascicular block.

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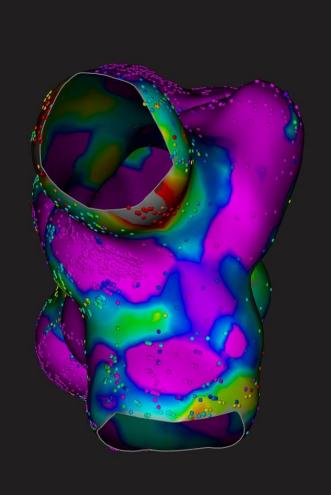


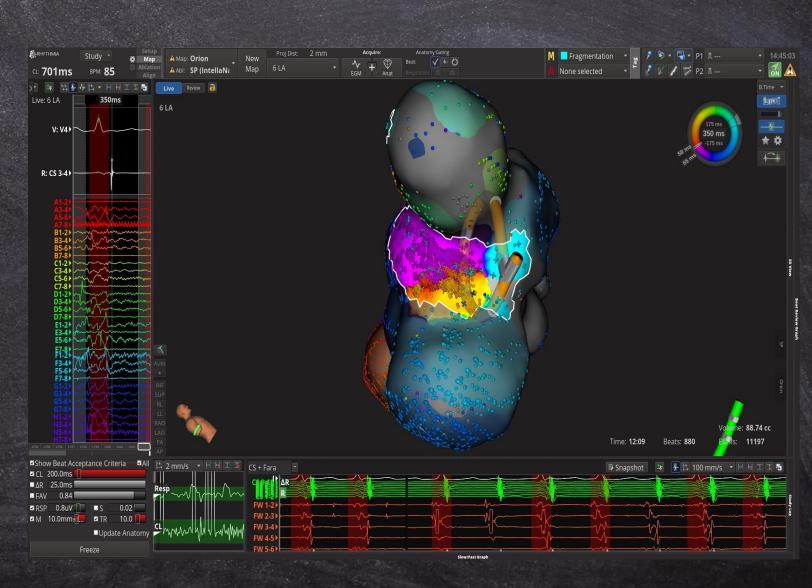
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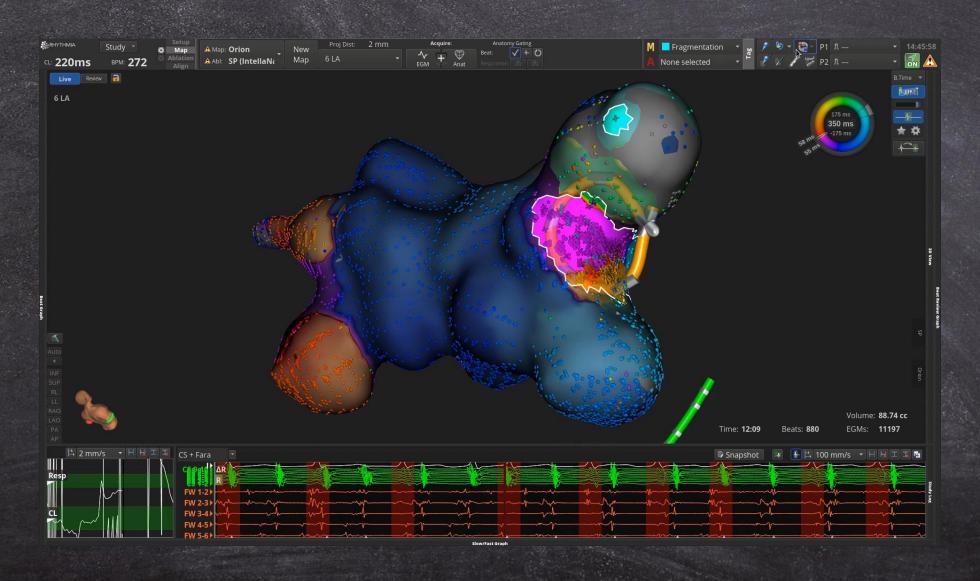
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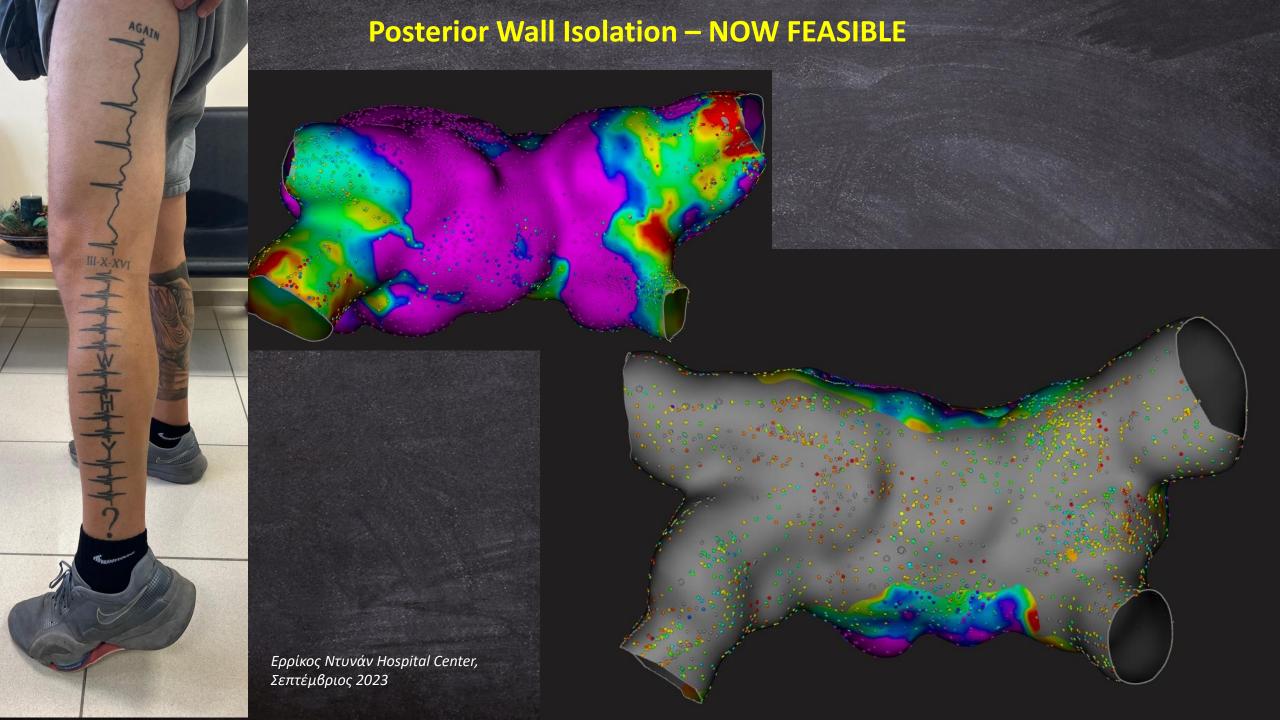


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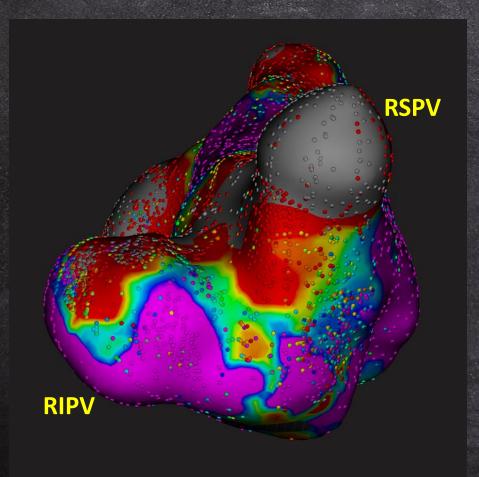
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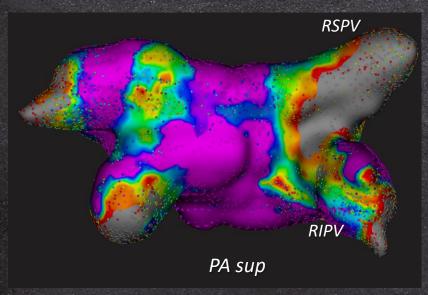


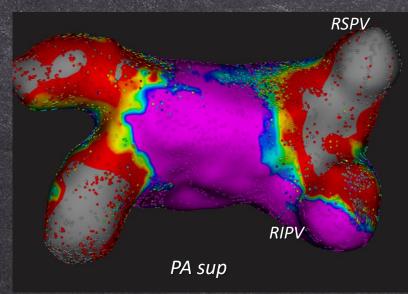


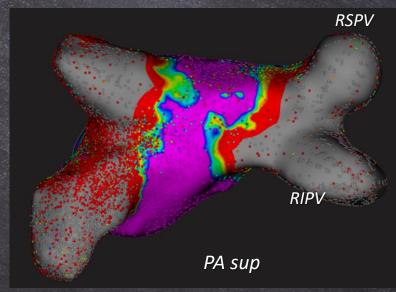
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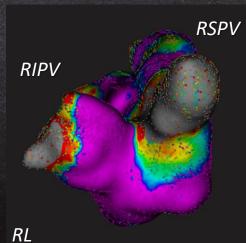
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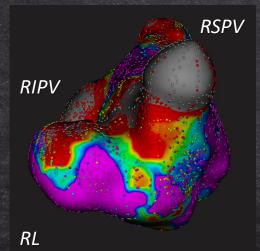
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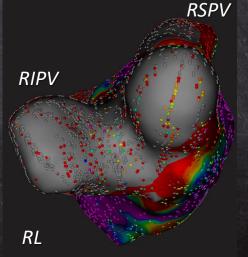








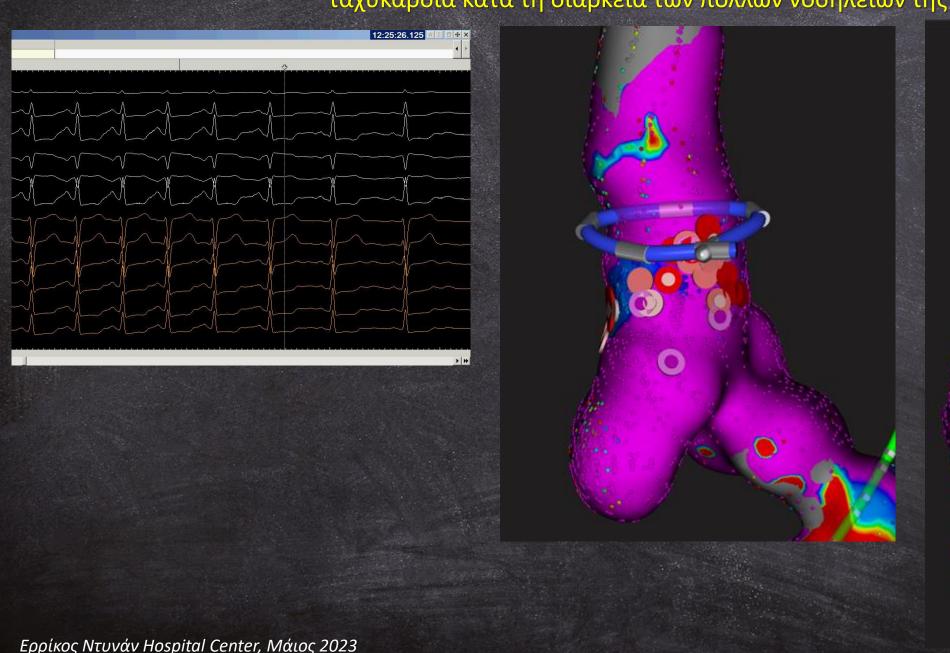


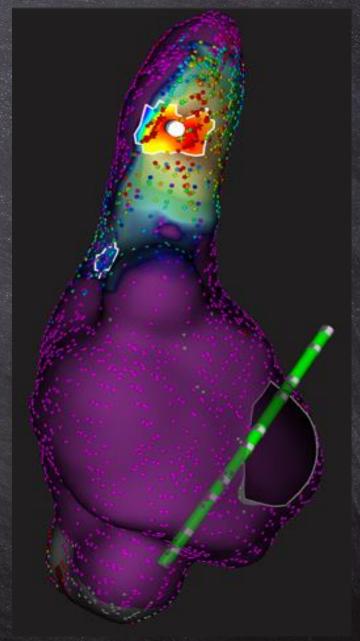




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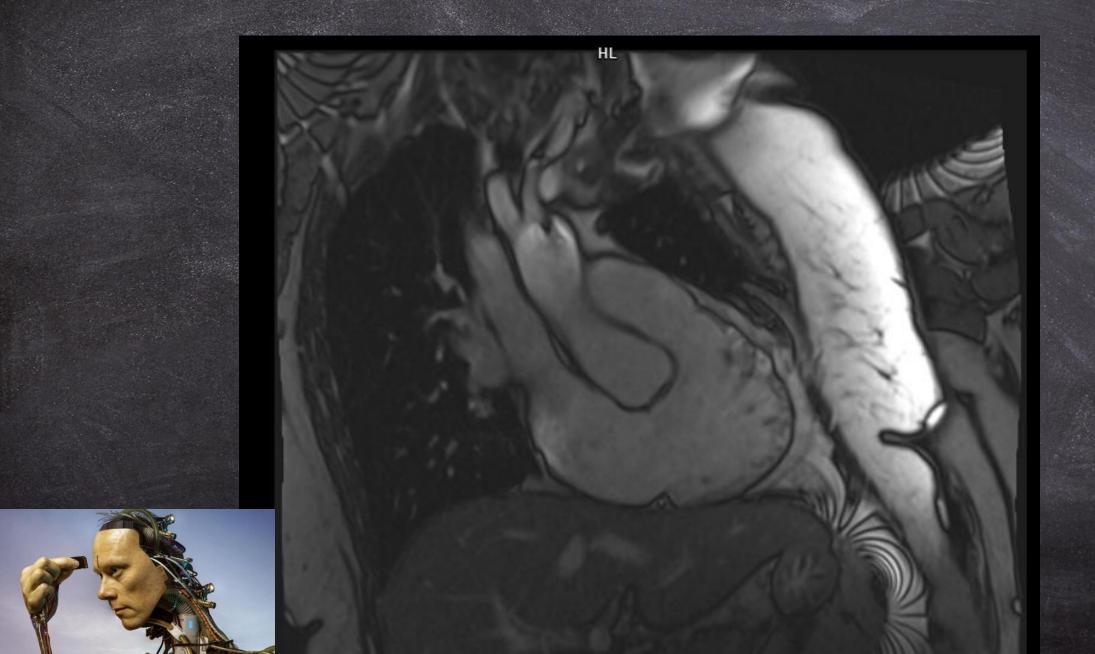
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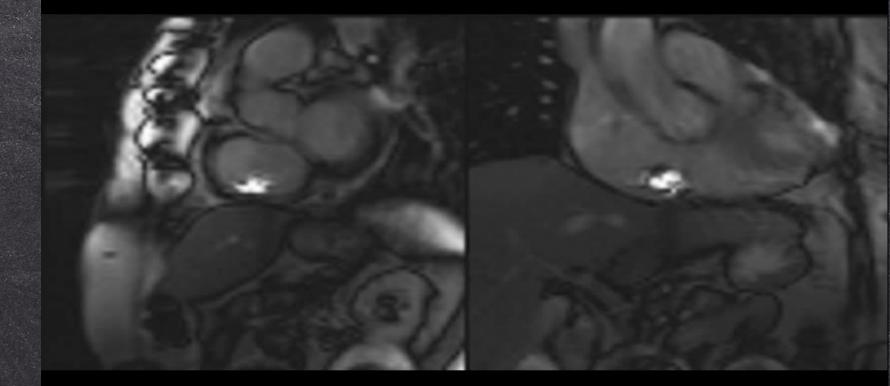
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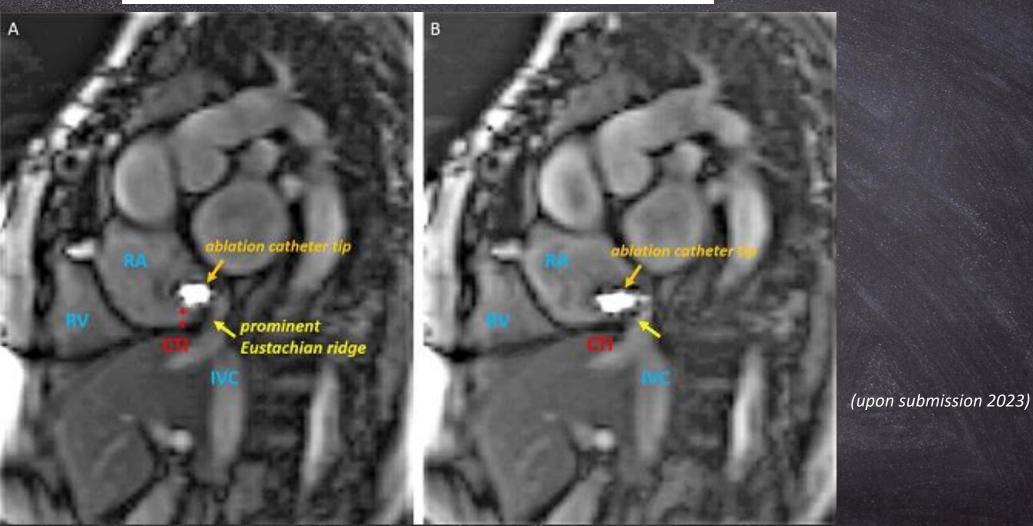
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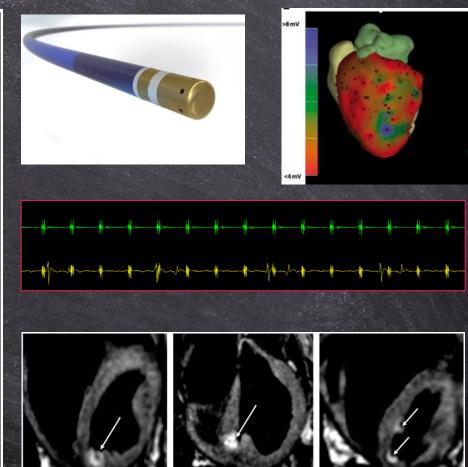


In this figure, a prominent Eustachian ridge impedes contact between the tip of the ablation catheter and the CTI (panel A). During active tracking, the tip of the catheter is visualized in real-time and permits avoidance of the prominent Eustachian ridge (panel B) and navigation towards the CTI to obtain adequate tissue contact.

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