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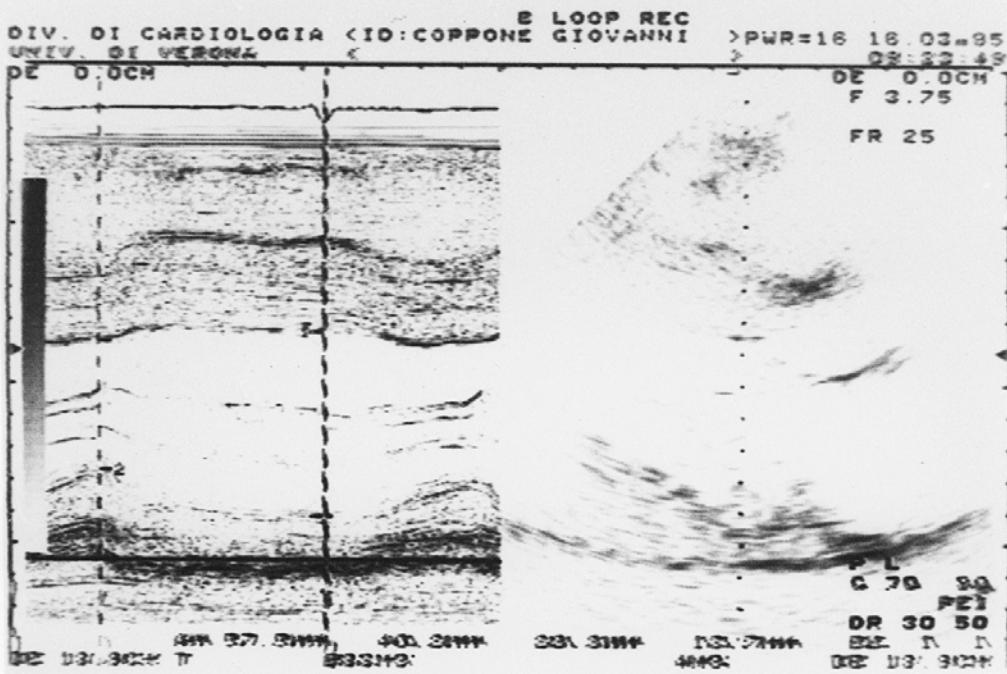
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# Clinical features of SHF and NEHF

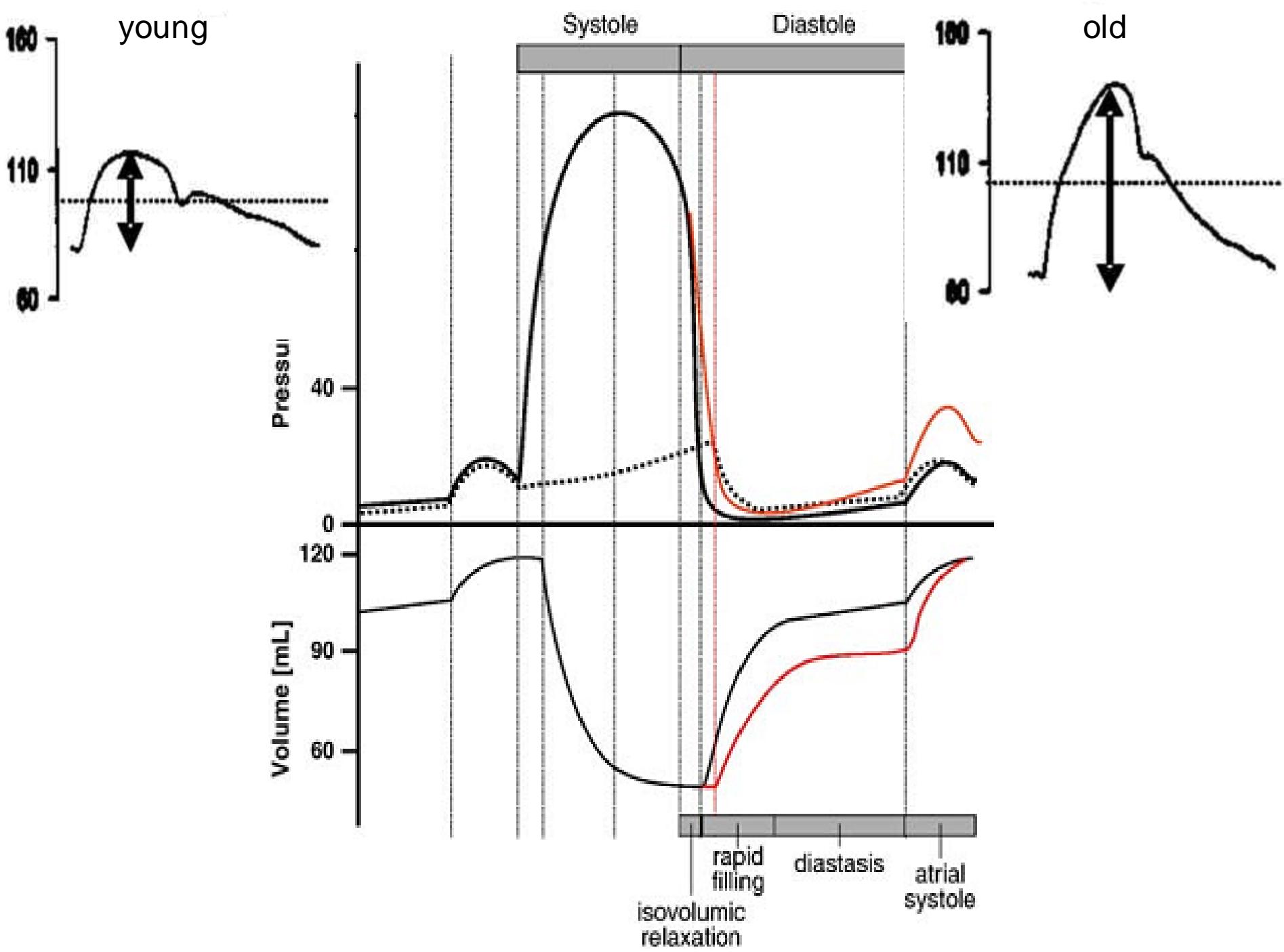
	<b><u>HF with reduced EF (SHF)</u></b>	<b><u>HF with normal EF (HFNEF)</u></b>
gender	M>F	F>M
age	50-60 years	60-70 years
aetiology	Myocardial infarction; idiopathic DCM	Hypertension ± diabetes; Atrial fibrillation Transient ischaemia
Clinical progress	Persistent HF	Often episodic HF
Ventricular remodeling (increased LV volumes)	+++	0
LVH	+/-	+++
Dyssynchrony	common	? less common
Mitral inflow pattern	RFP or ARP	ARP
Peak mitral annular systolic velocity	Markedly reduced	Moderately reduced
Peak mitral annular early diastolic velocity	Markedly reduced	Moderately reduced
LA pressure	raised	raised
LA volume	increased	increased

# Guideline recommendations for treatment of HFNEF

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Level of evidence</i>	
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Control of hypertension	I	A
Rate control in atrial fibrillation	I	C
Diuretics for pulmonary congestion and peripheral edema	I	C
Coronary revascularization in coronary artery disease with ischemia-induced cardiac dysfunction	IIa	C
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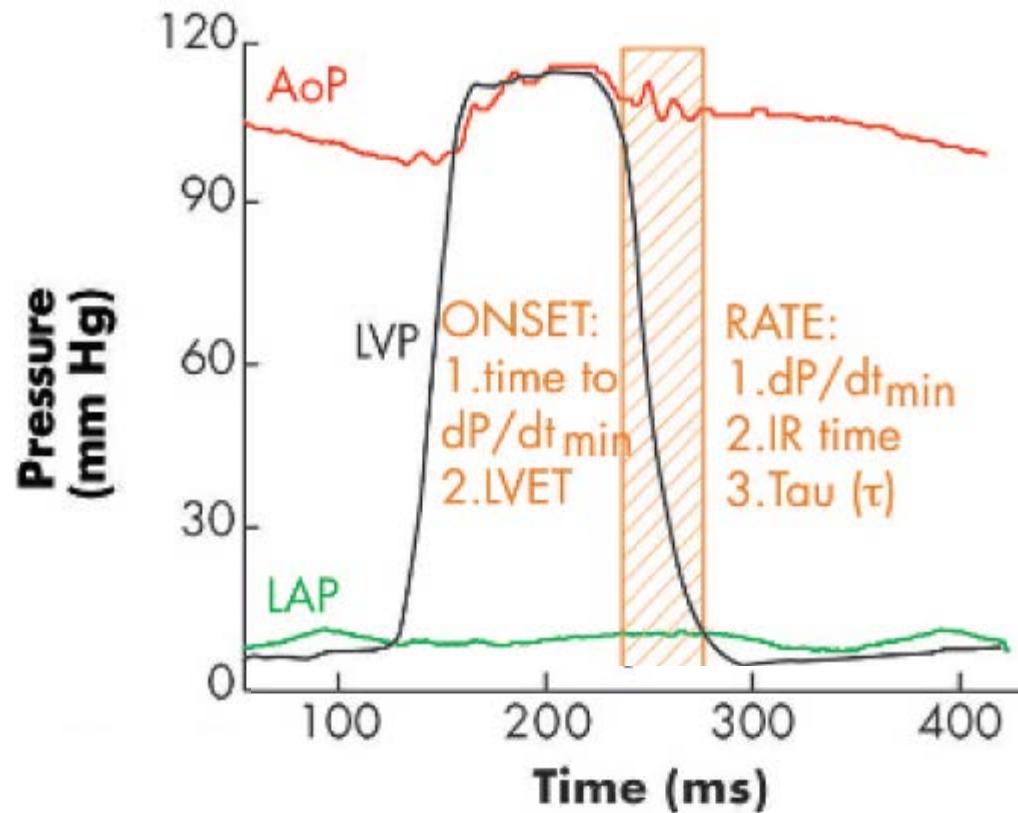
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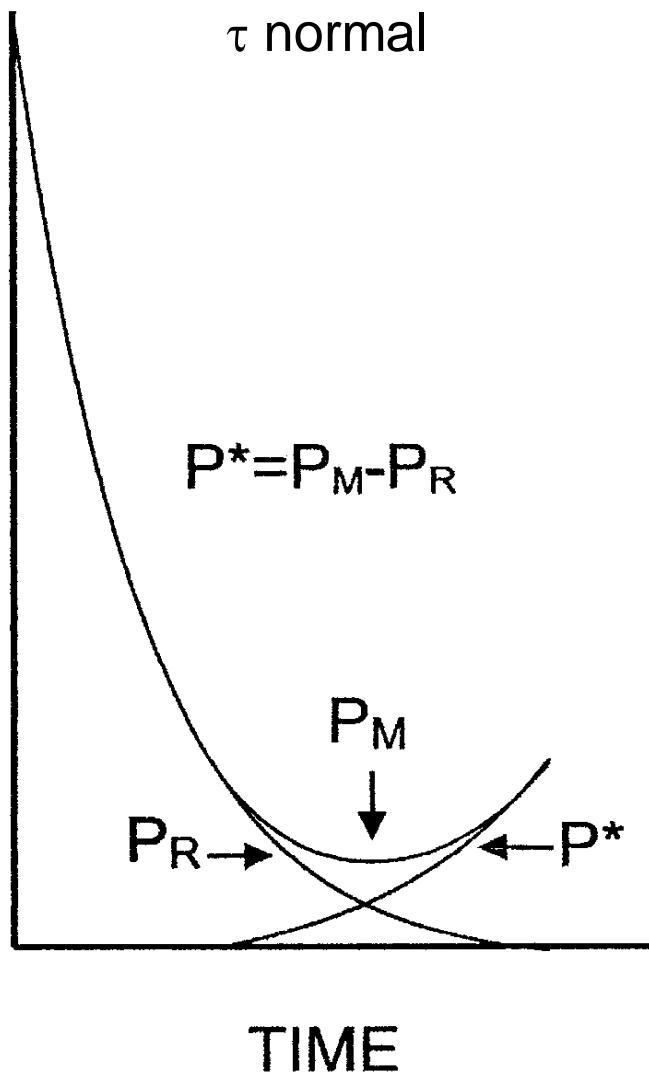
# Isovolumetric relaxation

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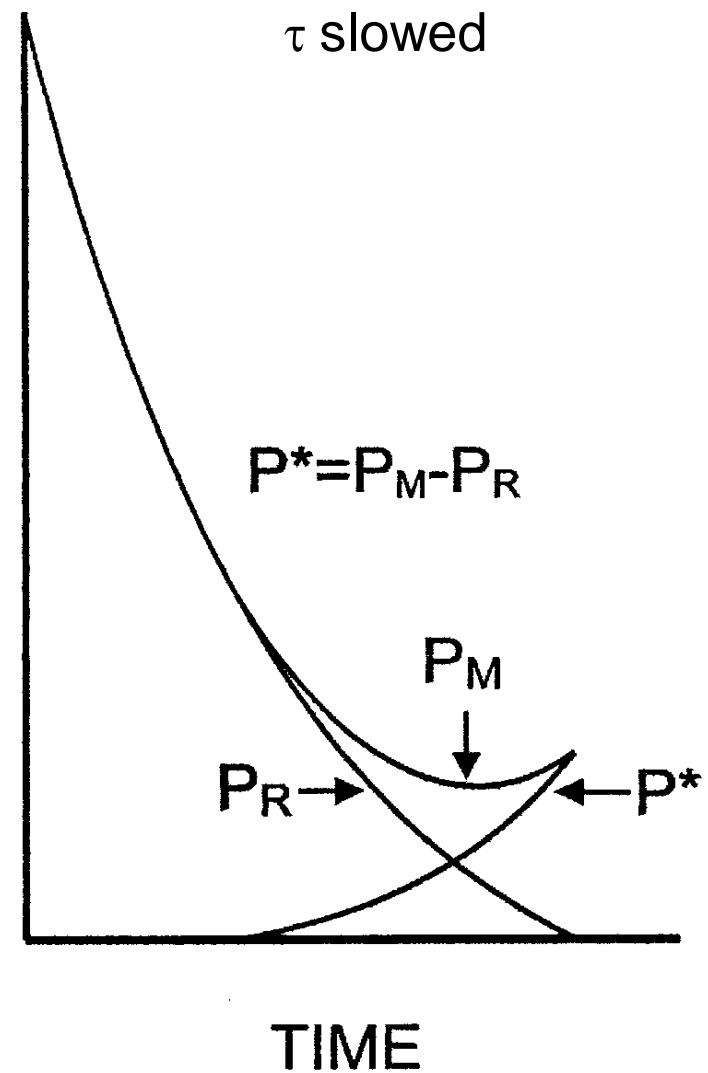


# Effects of prolonged relaxation on LV diastolic pressures

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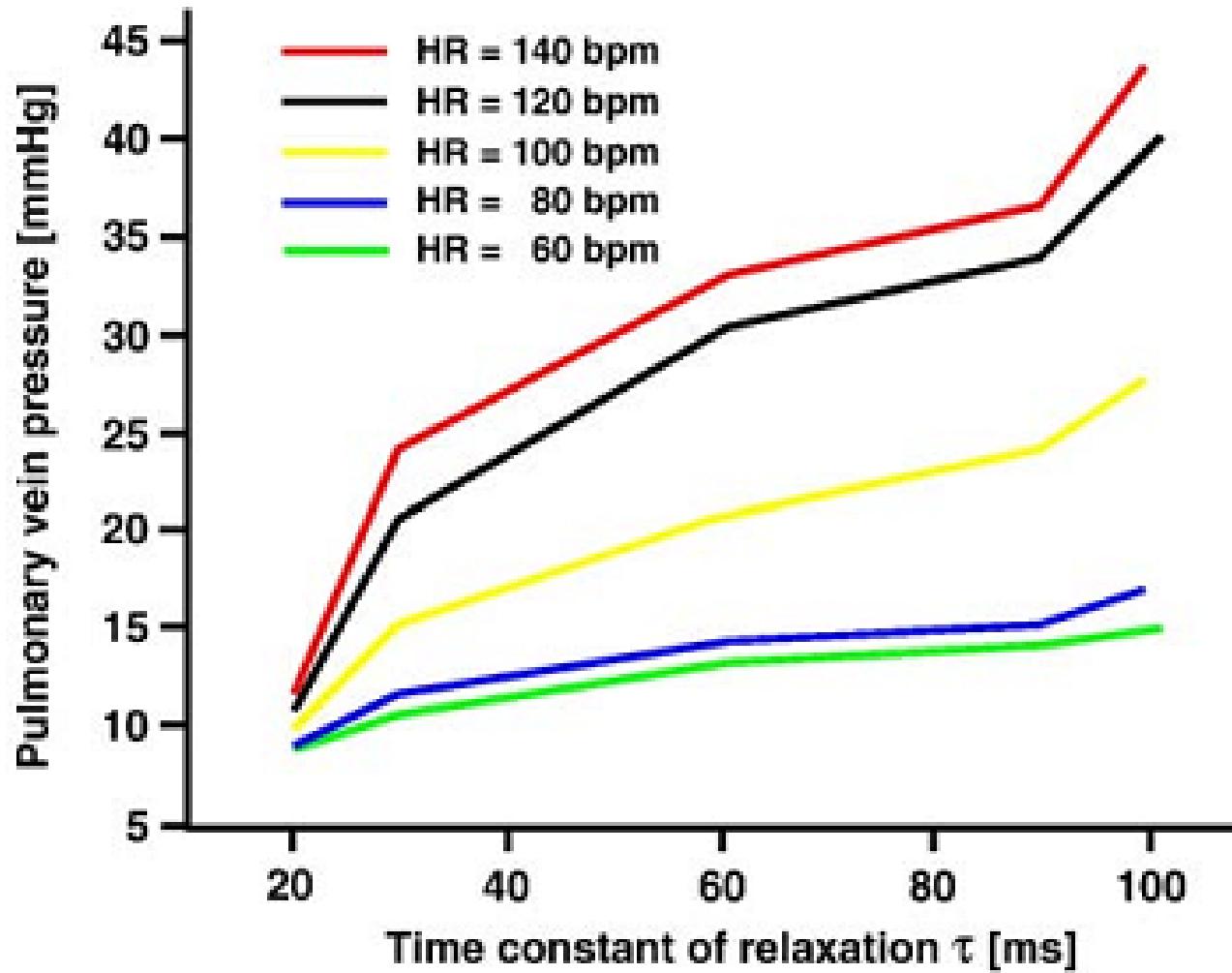


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# Interplay between $\tau$ and heart rate

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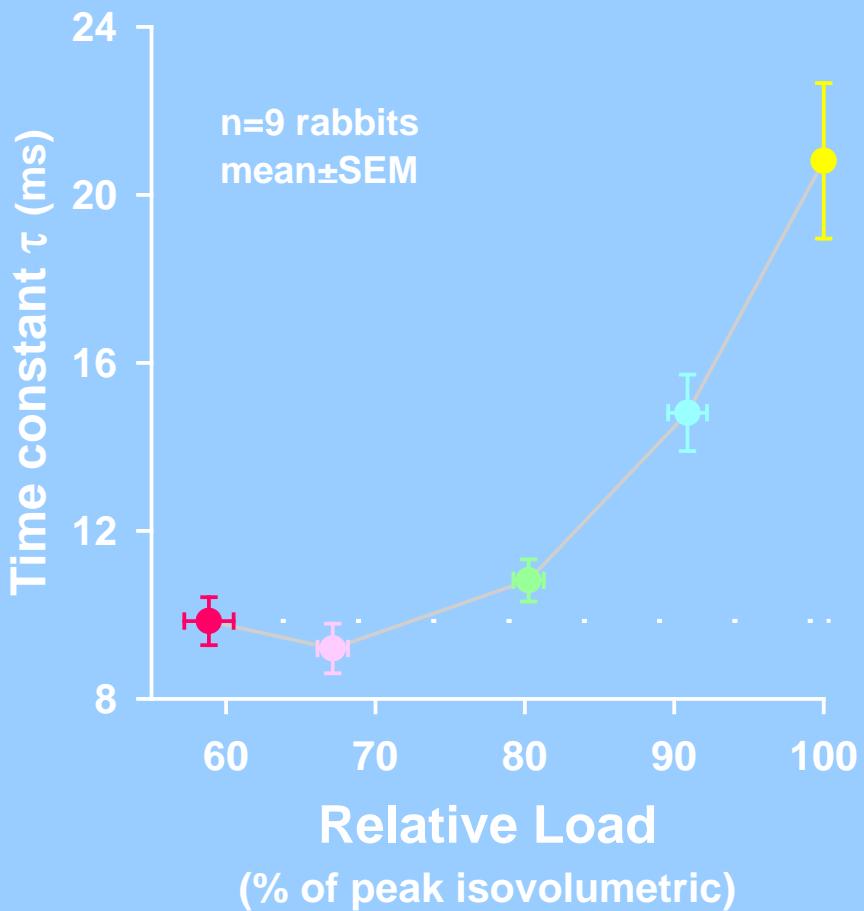
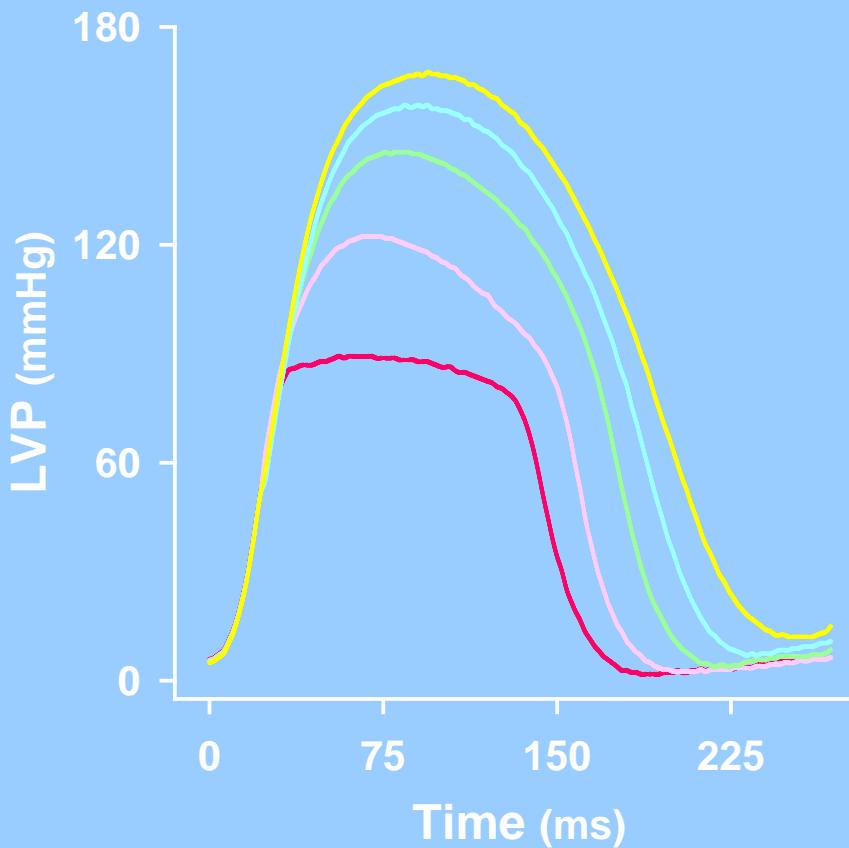
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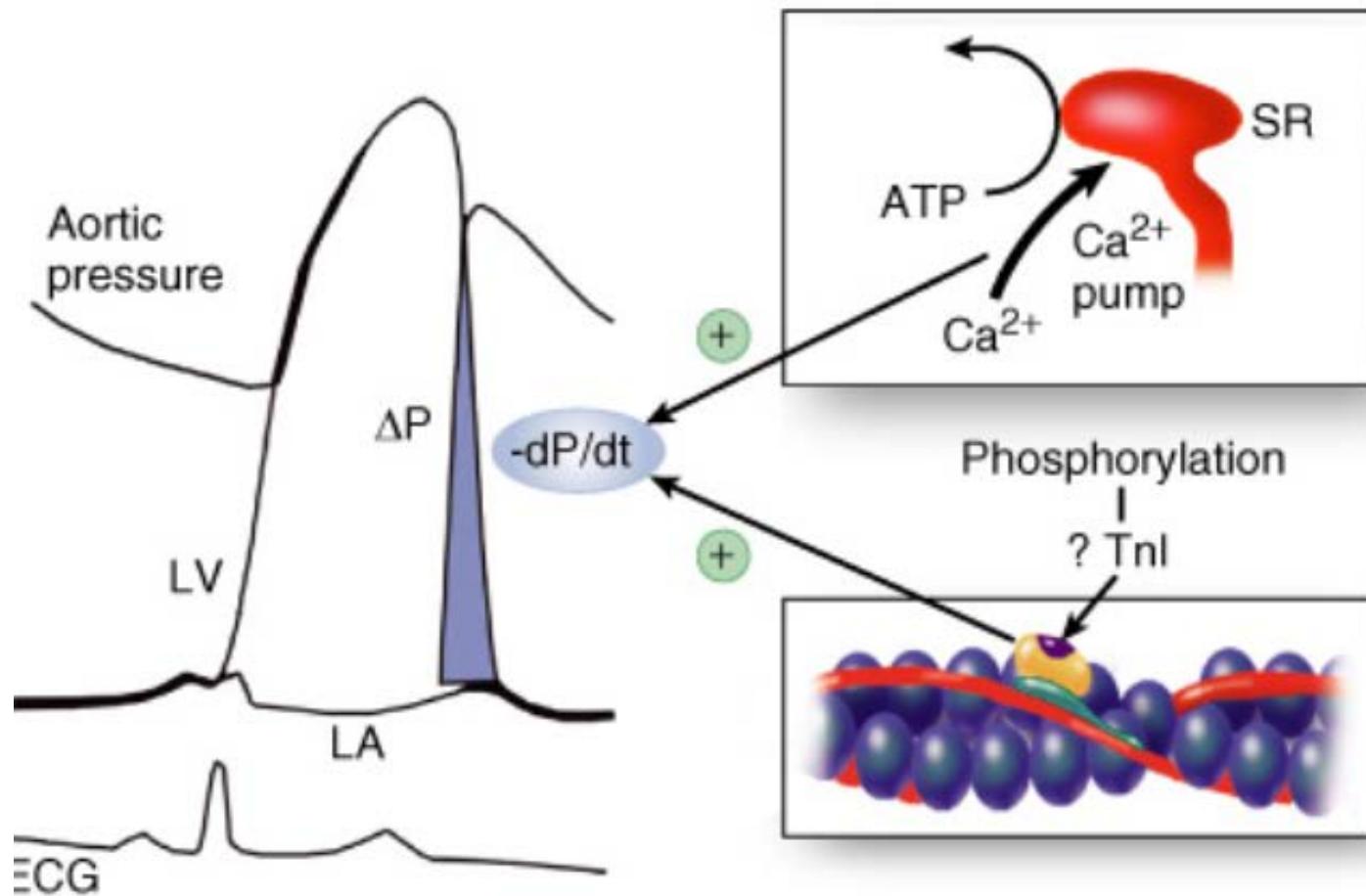
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# Load and ventricular relaxation



# The LV pressure decay



Modified from Opie LH: Heart Physiology, from Cell to Circulation.  
Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2004

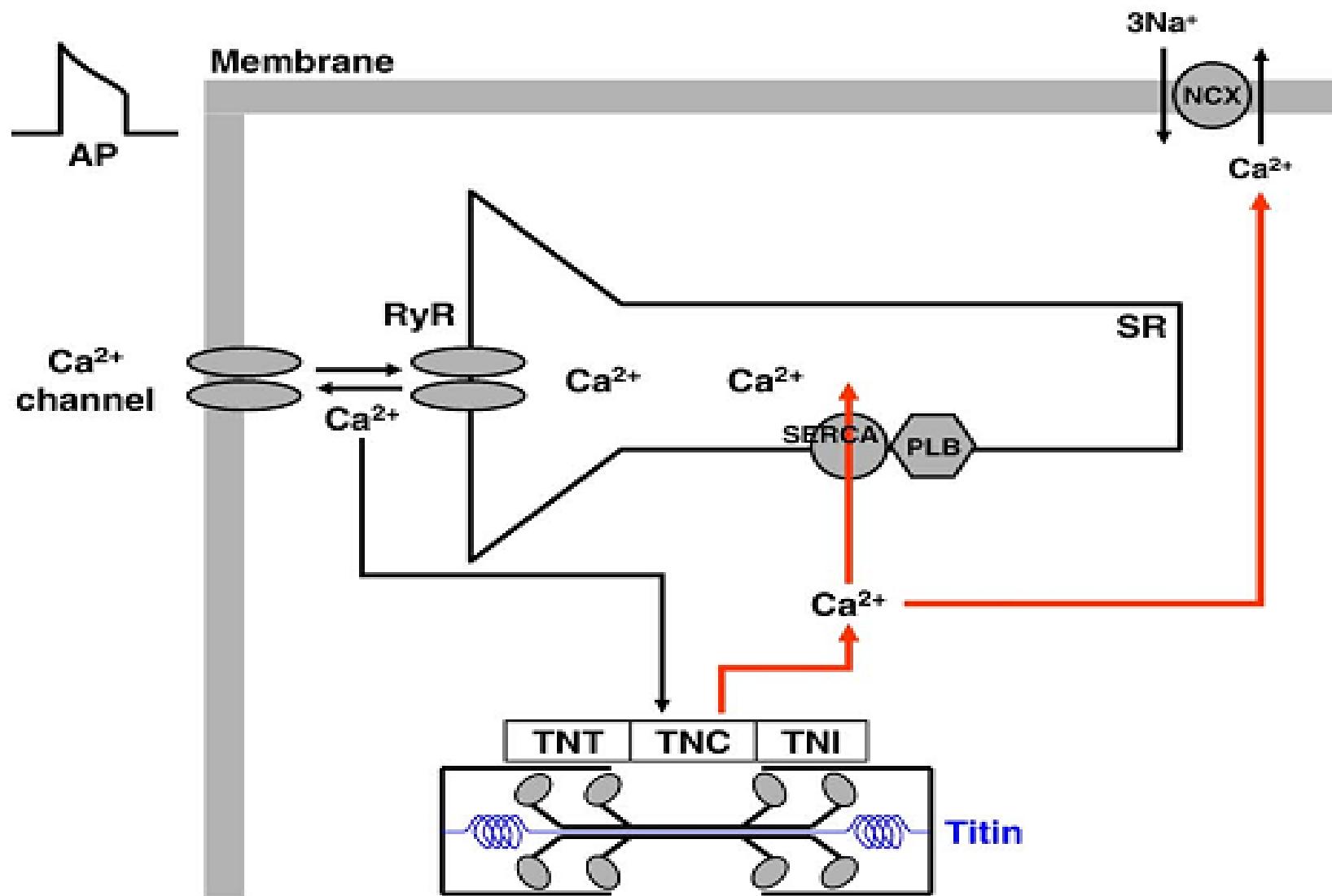
# Determinants of myocardial inactivation

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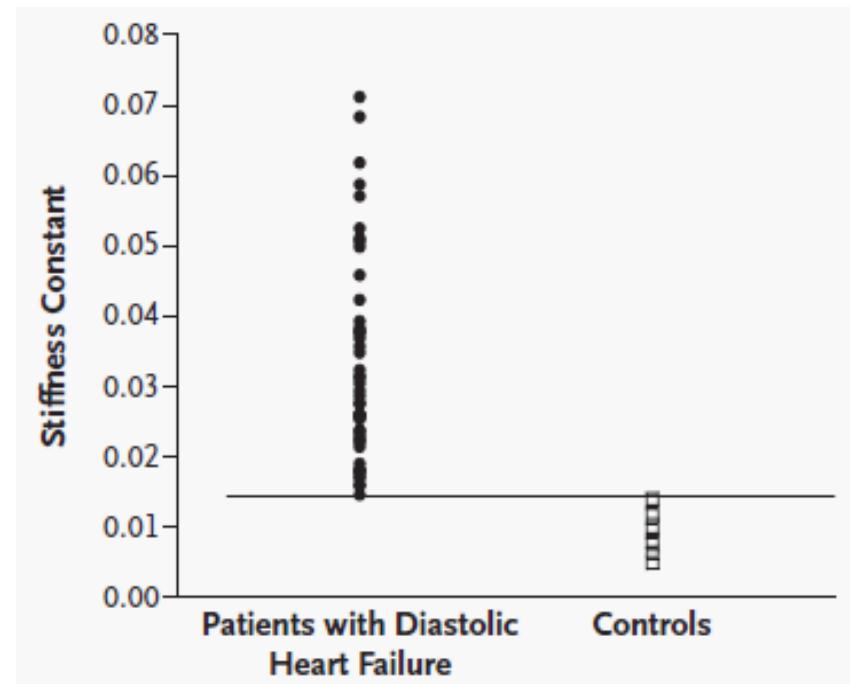
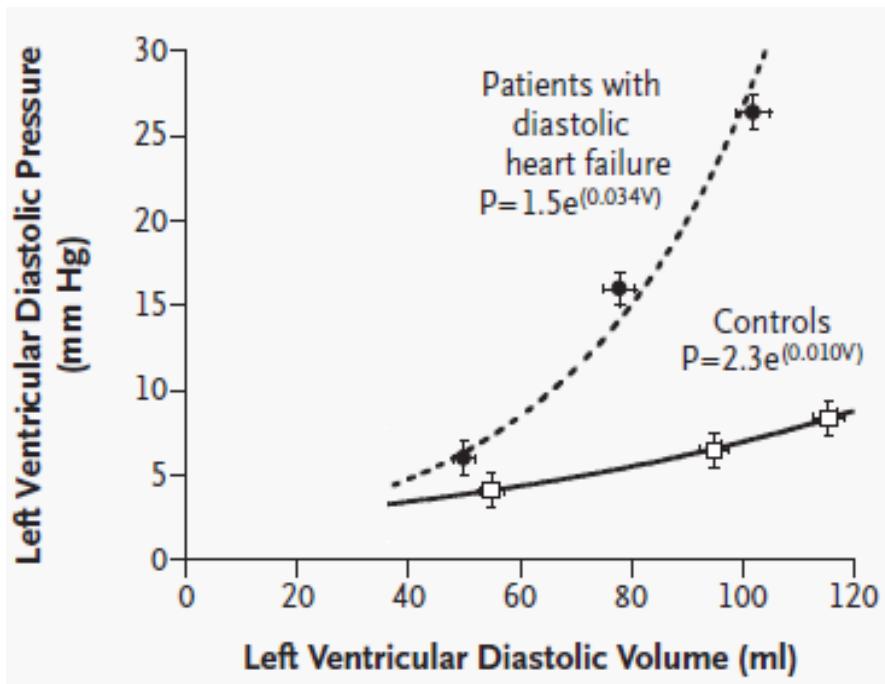
- ▶  **$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  homeostasis**
    - $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentration
    - sarcolemmal and SR  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transport
    - modifying proteins (phospholamban, calmodulin, calsequestrin)
  - ▶ **Myofilaments**
    - Tn-C  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding
    - Tn-I phosphorylation
    - $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  sensitivity
    - $\alpha/\beta\text{-MHC ATPase ratio}$
  - ▶ **Energetics**
    - ADP/ATP ratio
    - ADP and Pi concentration
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ADP, adenosine diphosphate; ATP, adenosine triphosphate; MHC, myosin heavy chain; SR, sarcoplasmic reticulum; Tn, troponin.

# Cellular mechanisms of diastolic dysfunction

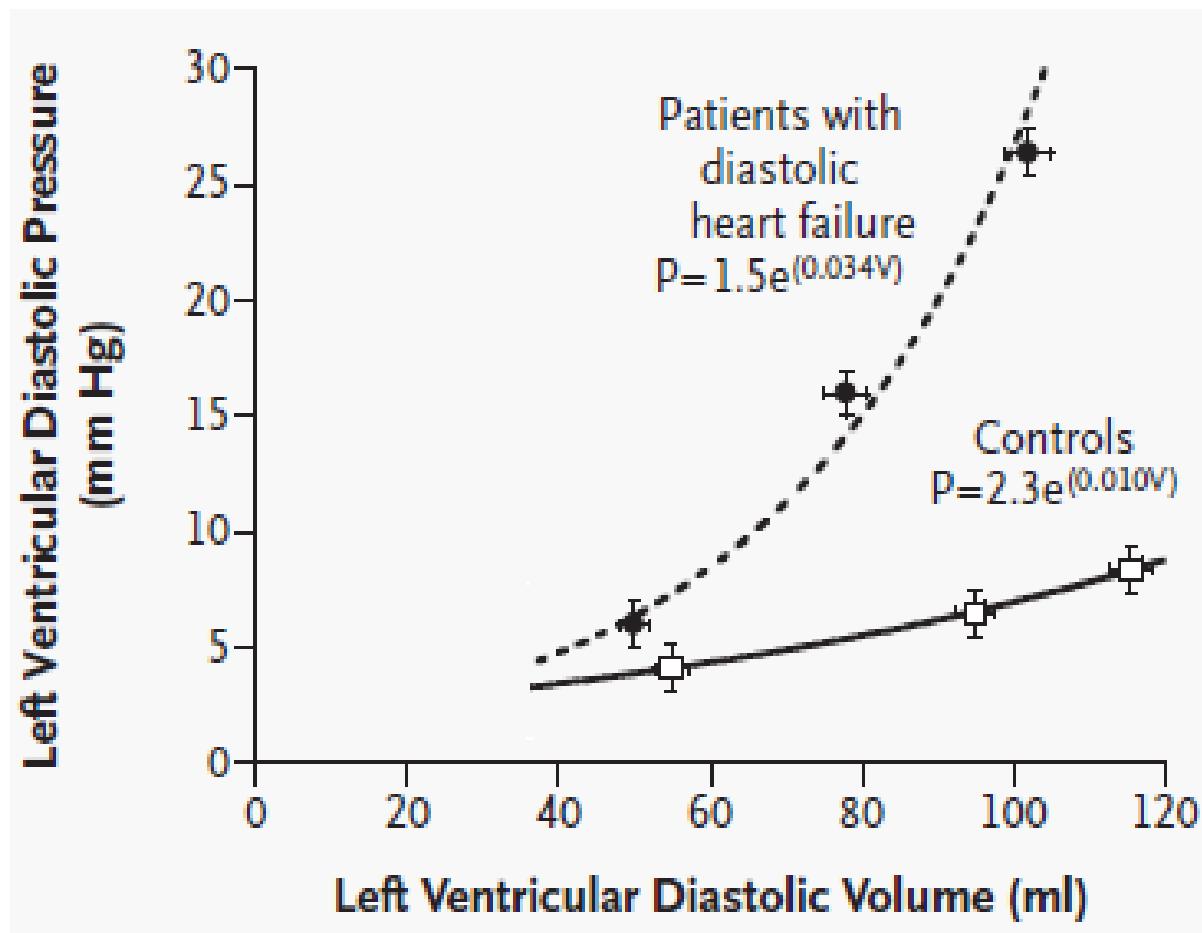


# Passive properties in diastolic heart failure



Zile NEJM 2004

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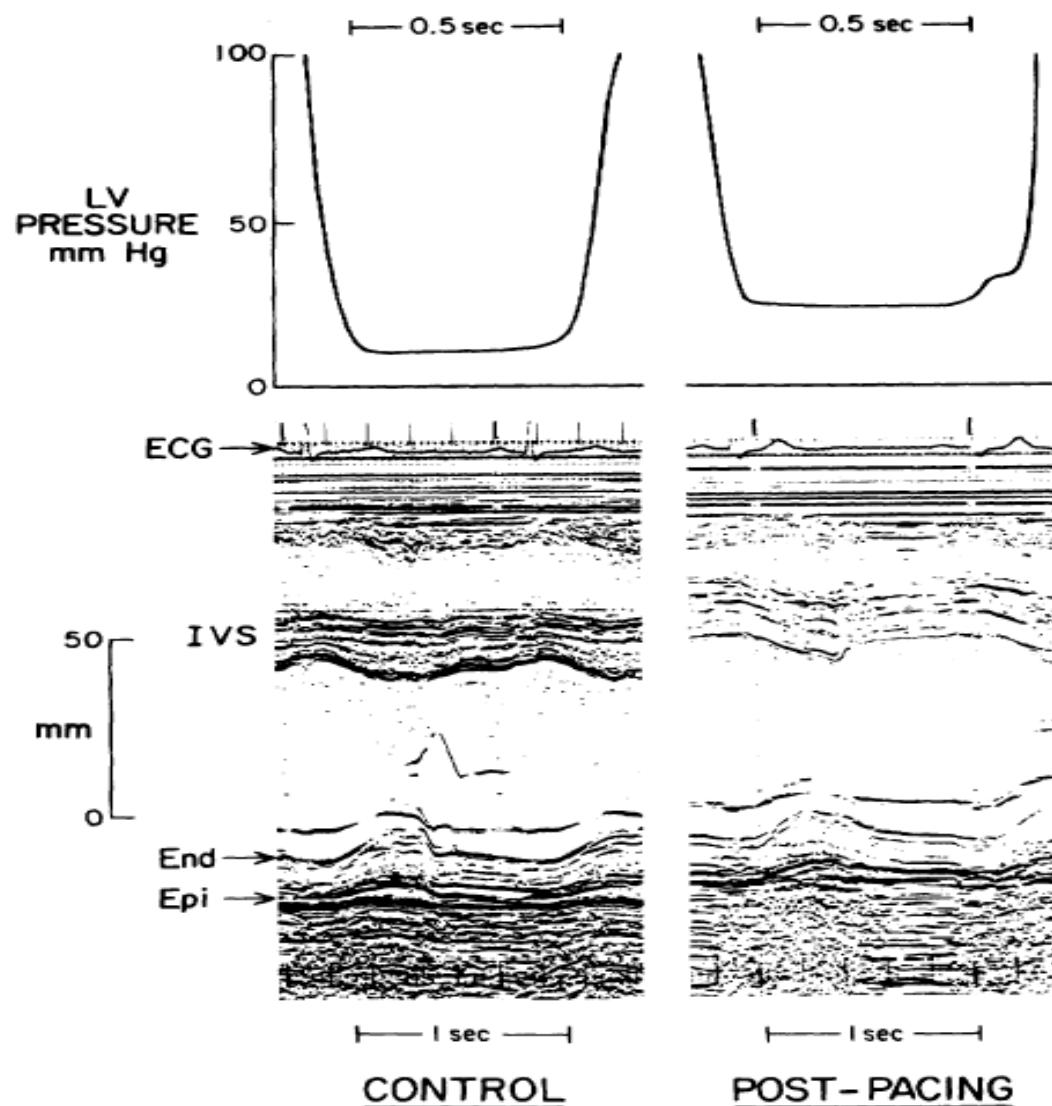
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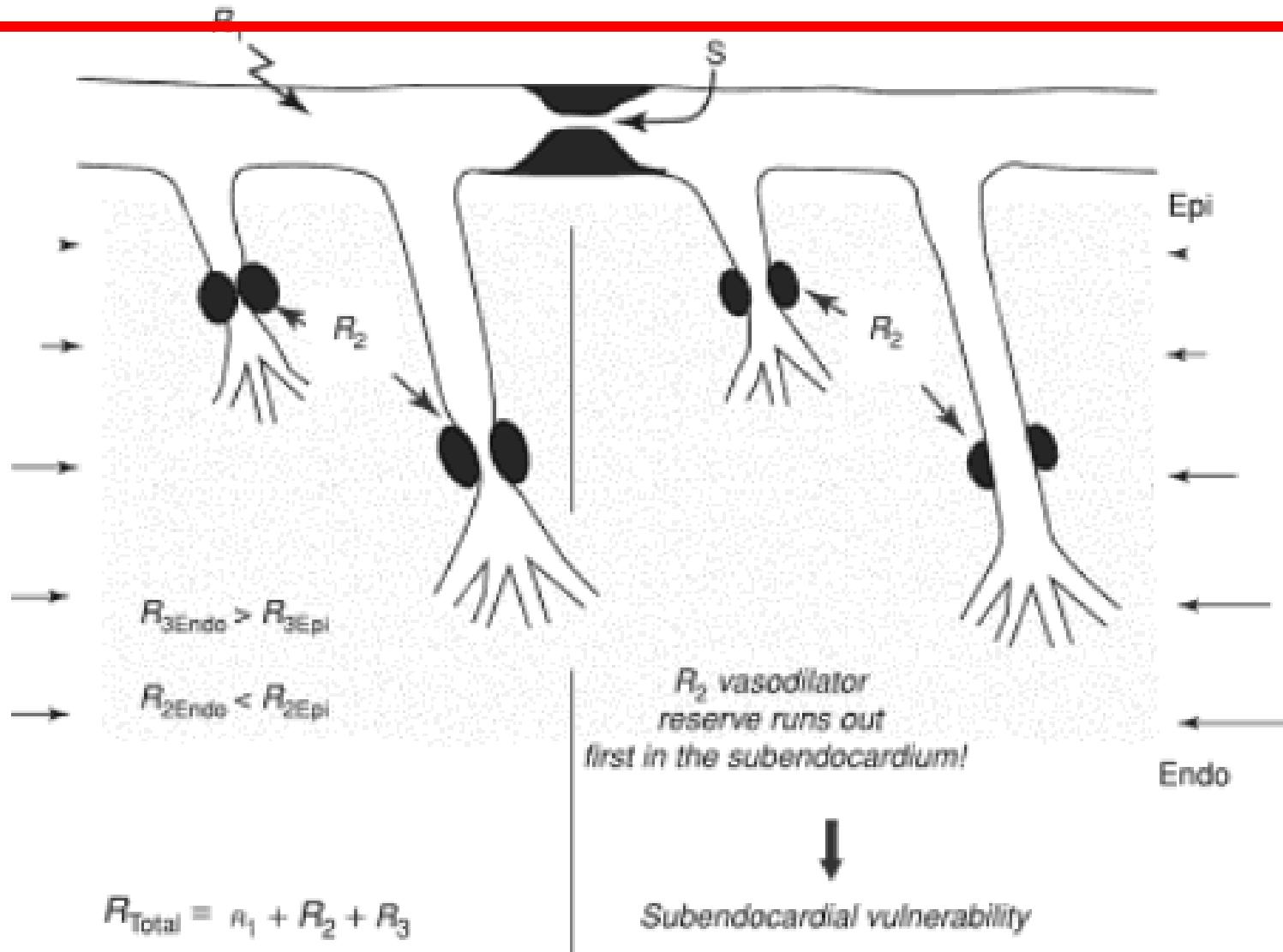
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- Elevated cardiomyocyte resting tension and less phosphorylation of the stiff N2B titin isoform
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# Effect of ischemia on LV diastolic pressure



# Transmural differences in perfusion and effects of a coronary stenosis



after Klocke FJ

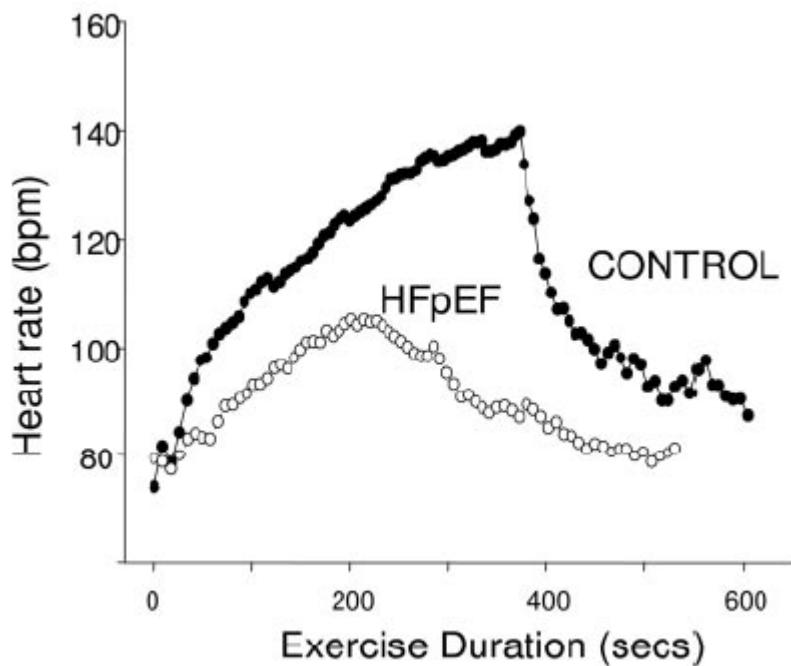
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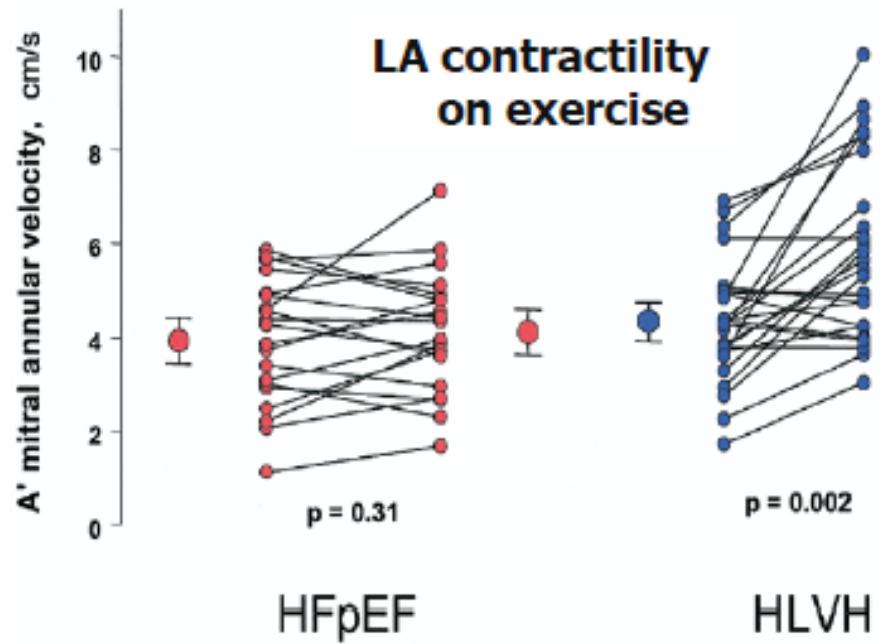
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# Cardiovascular response, at low and equivalent workload, in subjects with diastolic dysfunction vs. control patients

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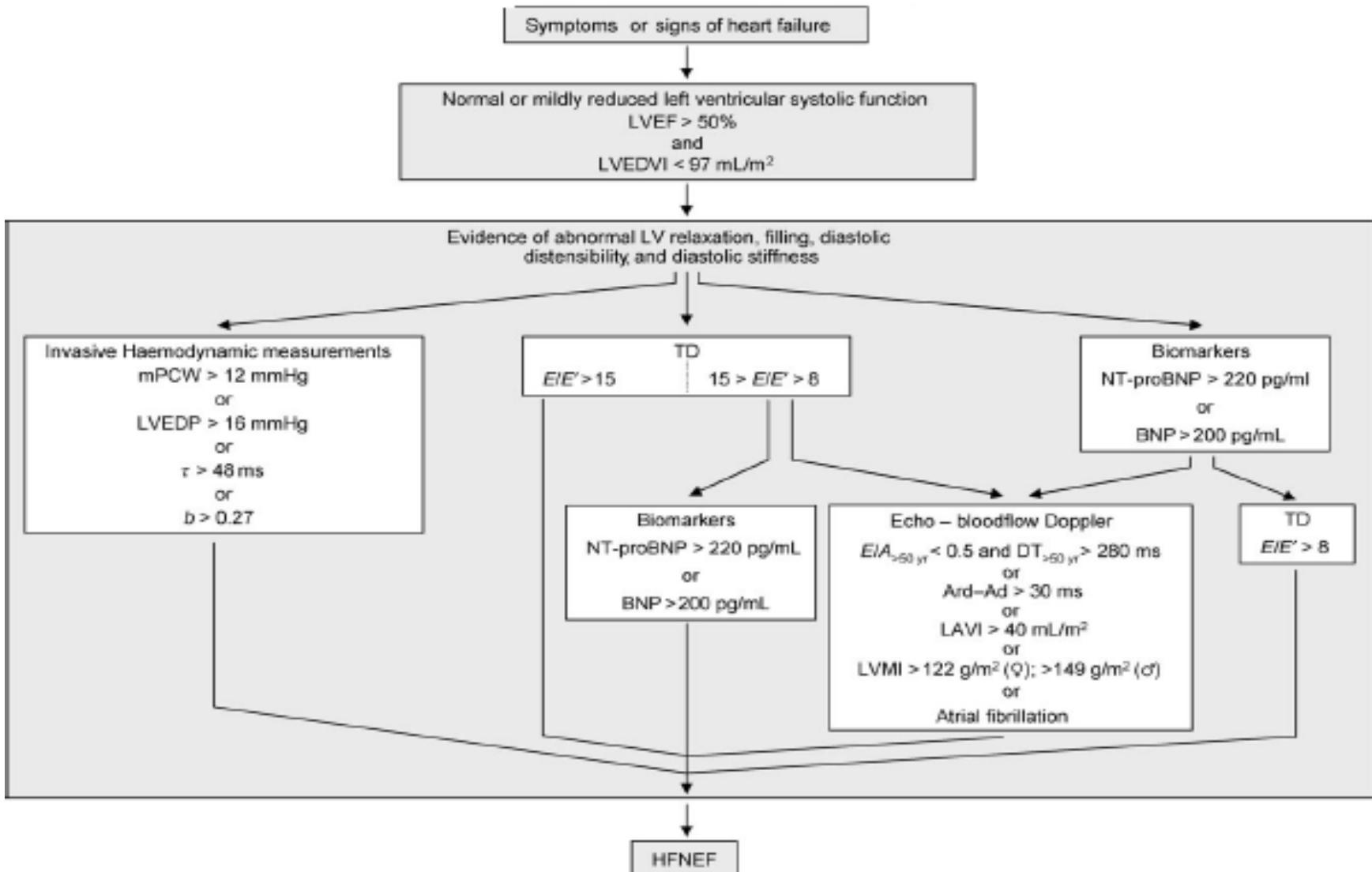


Borlaug et al, Circulation 2006

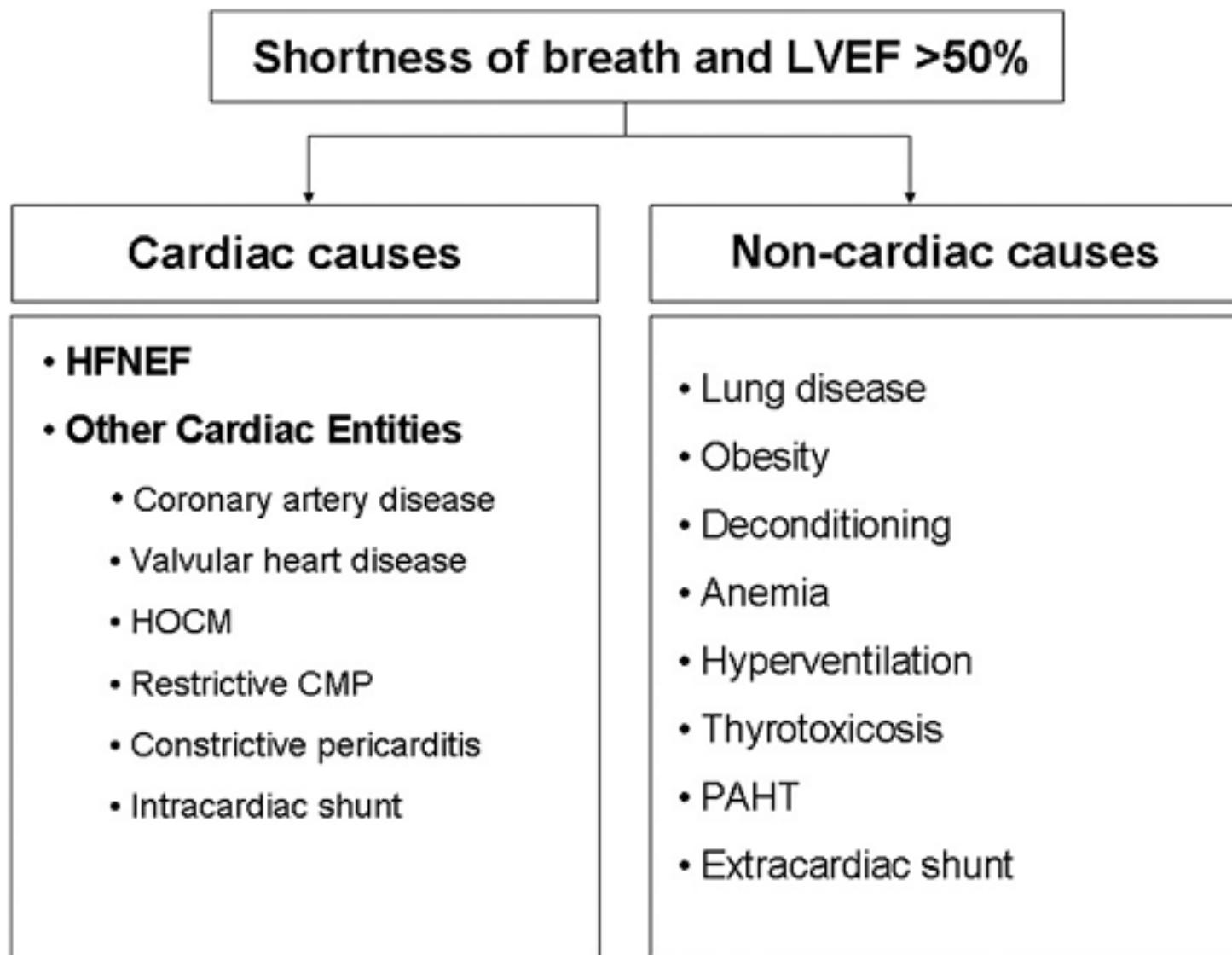


Melenovsky et al, JACC 2007

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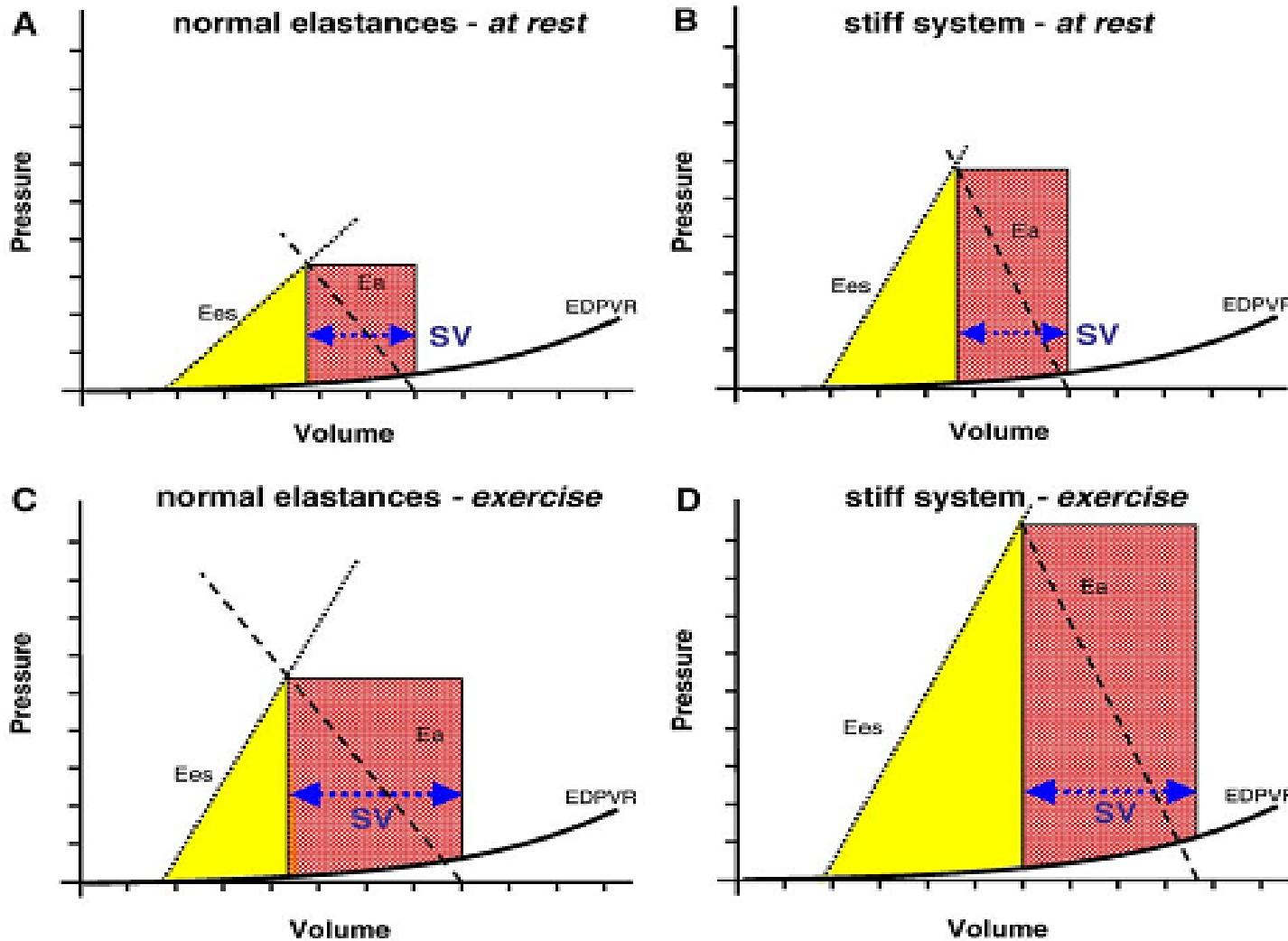
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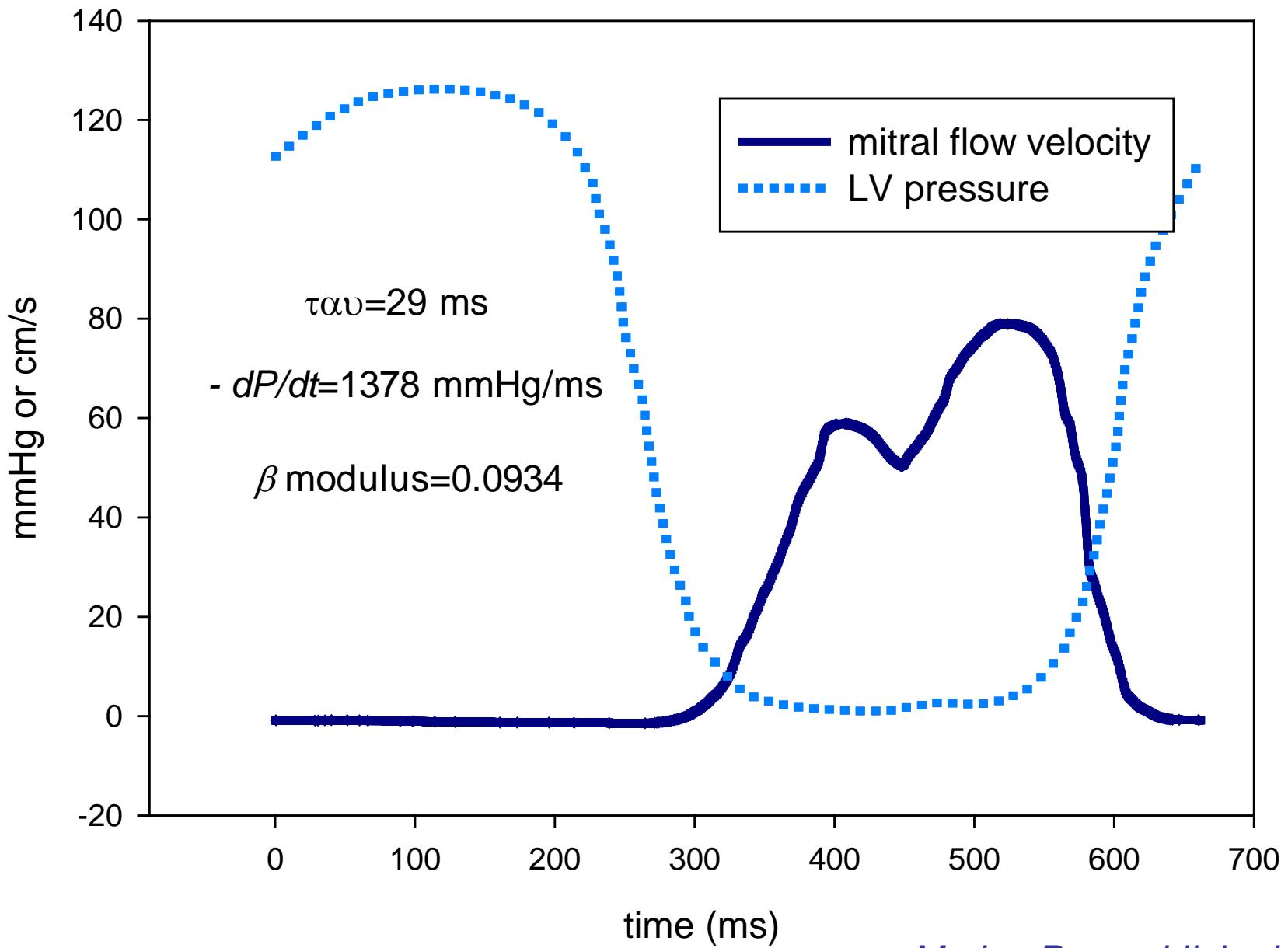


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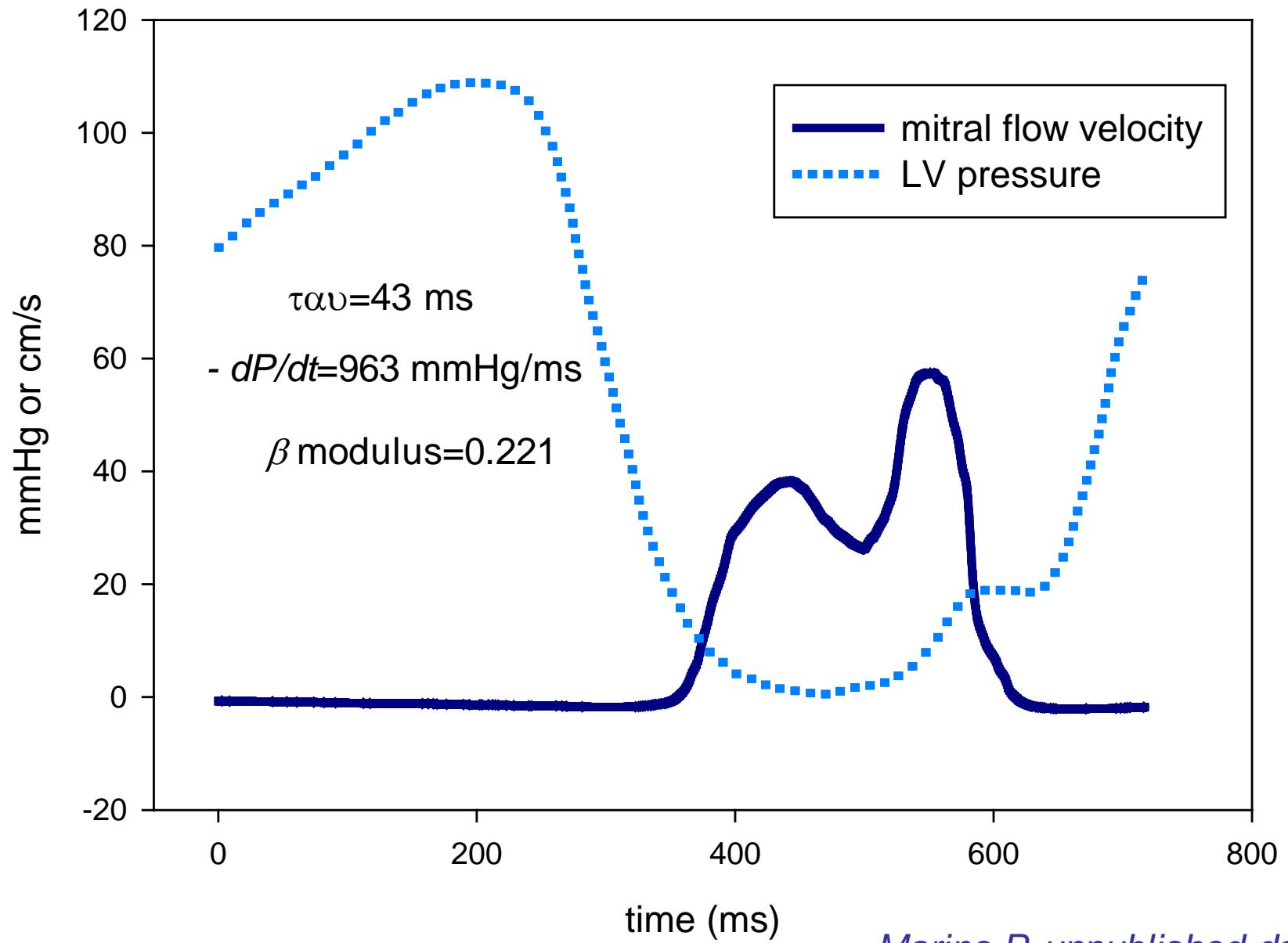


# PV analysis of ventricular-vascular coupling

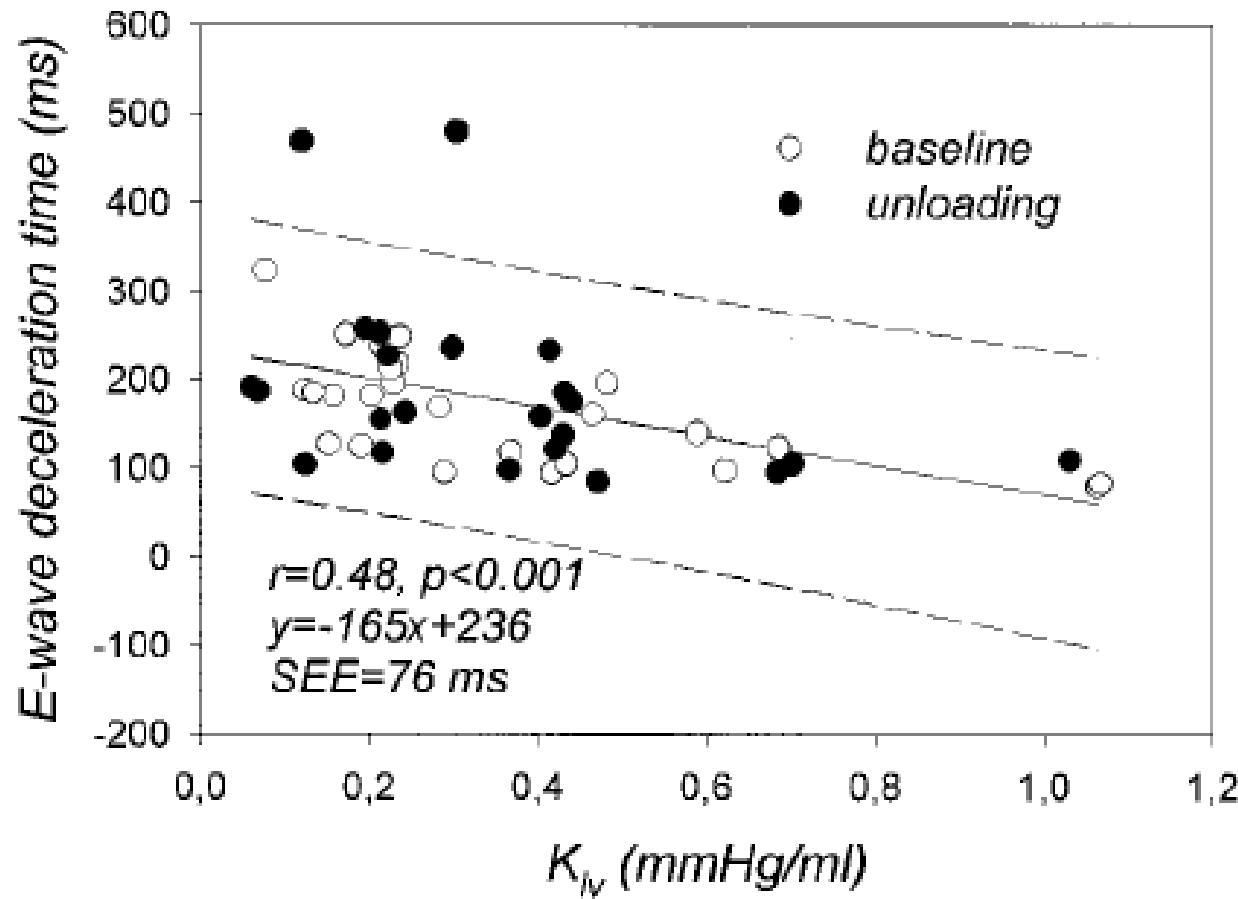




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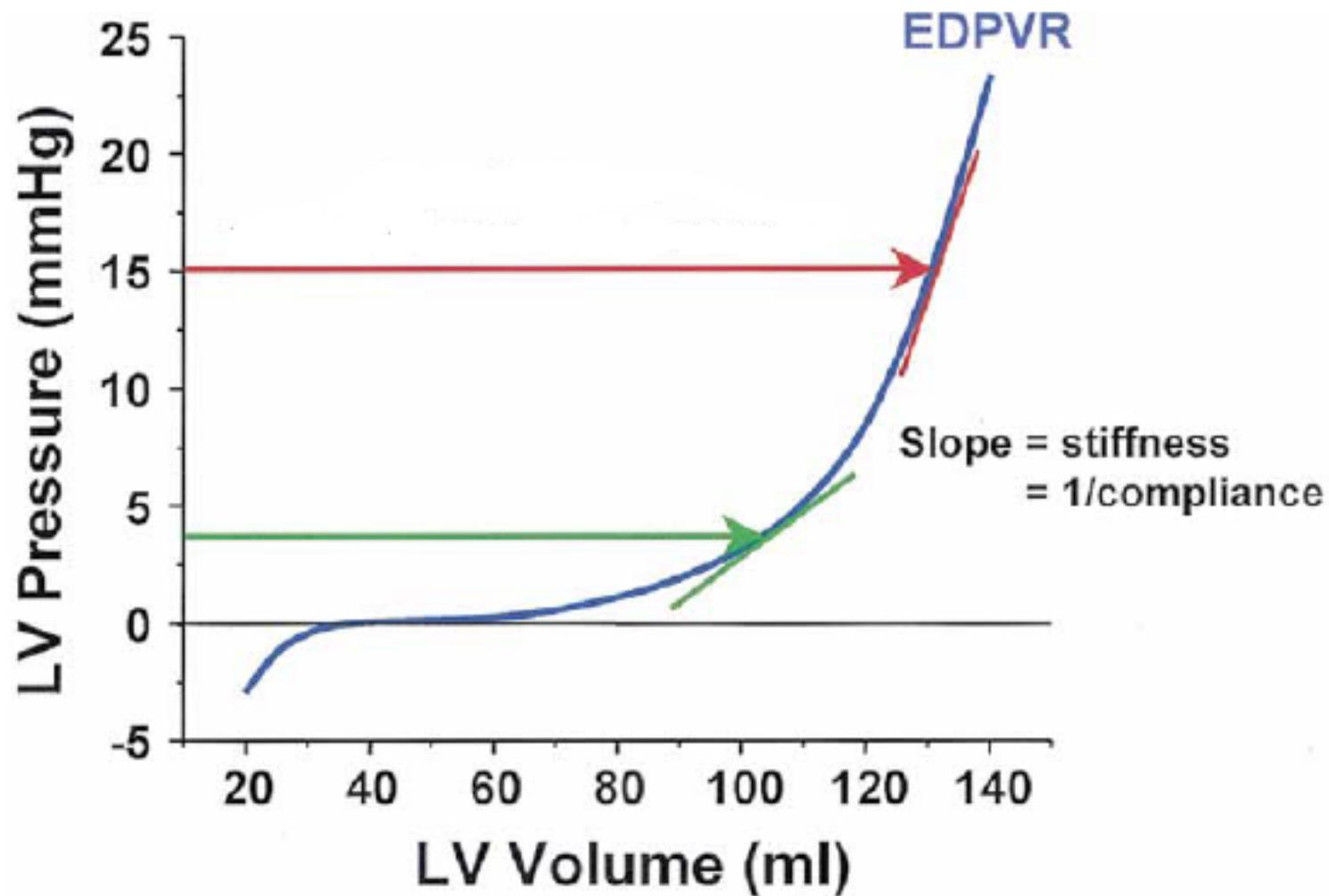
# E-wave deceleration e stiffness ventricolare



Marino P... Little WC, JASE 2002

# Nonlinearity of end-diastolic P-V relationship

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# Ventricular properties via P-V analysis

## *End diastolic pressure-volume relationship*

