

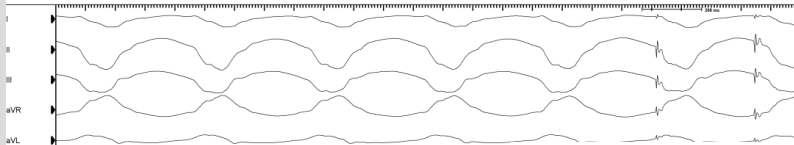
High density and automated mapping technology in VT

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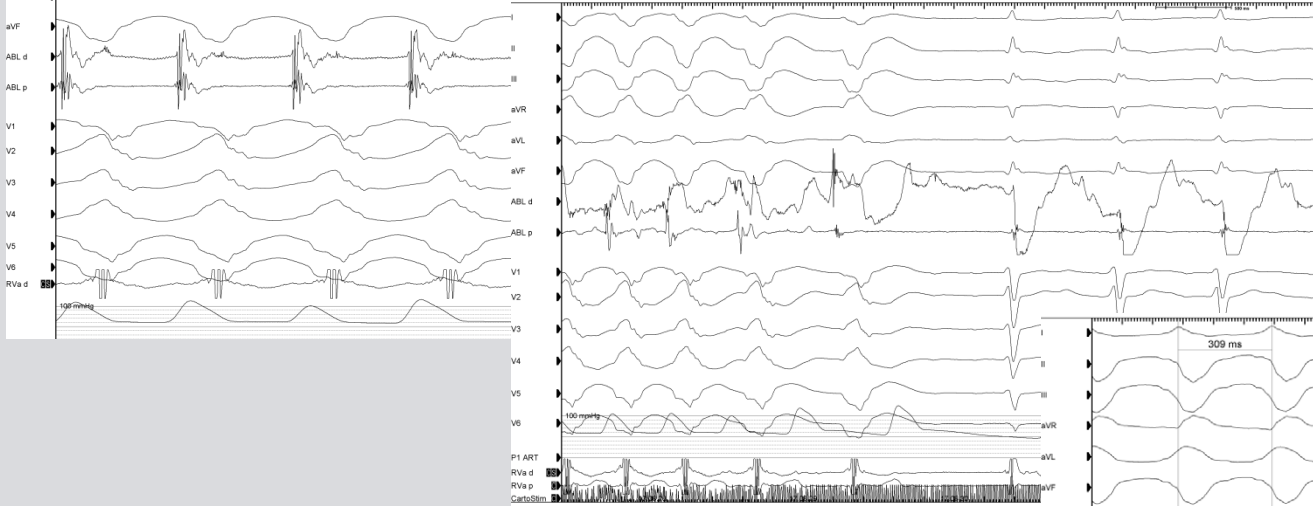
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VT ablation: limitations of activation mapping

Post- MI VT RFCA

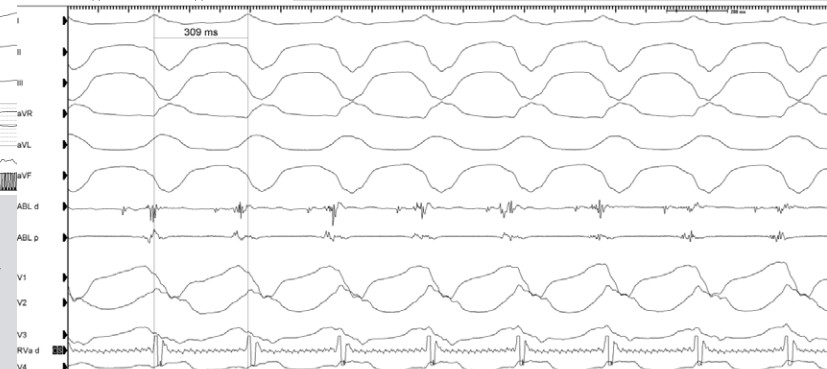


Tolerated VT cycle 390 ms. Activation mapping...

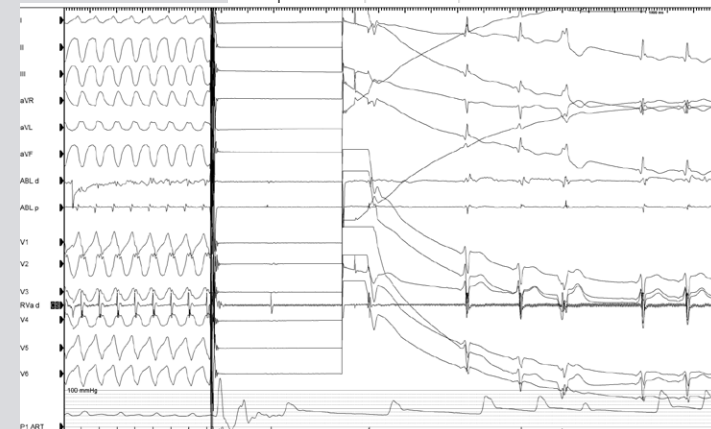


VT termination during RF...

A second, faster (310 ms) and poorly tolerated VT. Activation mapping. ...



- Non tolerated VTs
- Multiple morphologies of VT inducible
- Morphology of the index spontaneous VT often not available
- Unpredictable VT inducibility at pre-ablation EP study



Concept of Substrate Modification

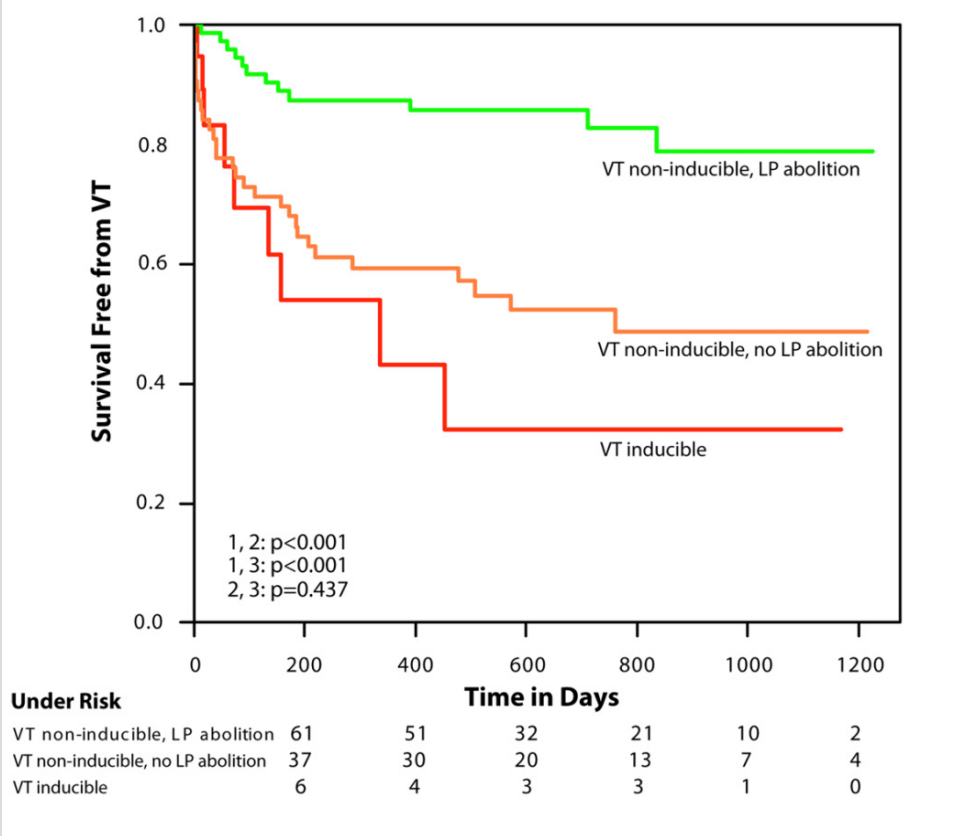
- Ablation is performed during sinus rhythm
- The aim is the identification and elimination of those sites related with the maintenance of VT circuits
- It is performed by mapping and elimination of specific targets:
 - *Late potentials*
 - *LAVA*

It relies on

- Reproducibility of specific targets
- Possibility to assess, objectively and reproducibly, the modification of the substrate after the ablation

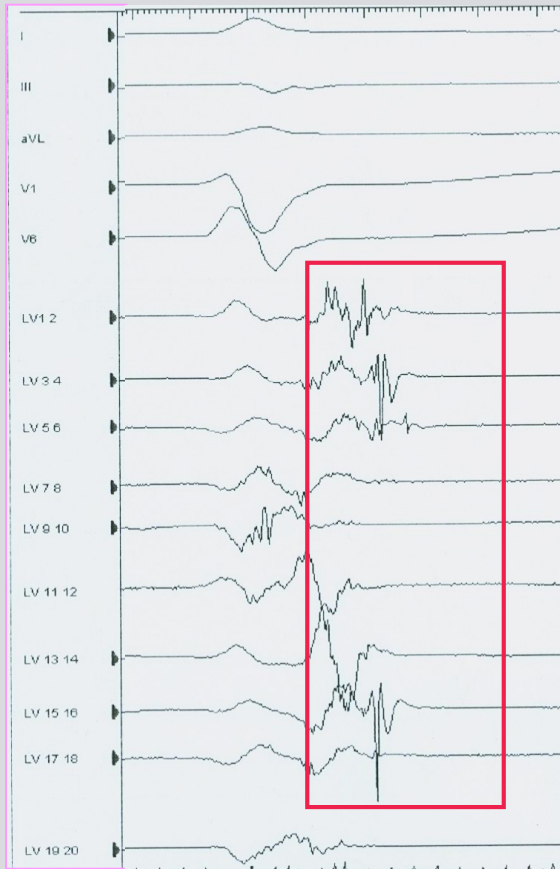
Improved long term results of substrate modification as an additional endpoint to abolition of VT inducibility

Study population: 155 pts with post-MI VT
 Anterior: 35%, Inferior: 37%, inferolateral: 17%, multiple: 11%
 Mean EF: $31 \pm 3,3\%$
 LPs in 103 pts (65%)
 LPs successful ablation: 79/103 (76%)

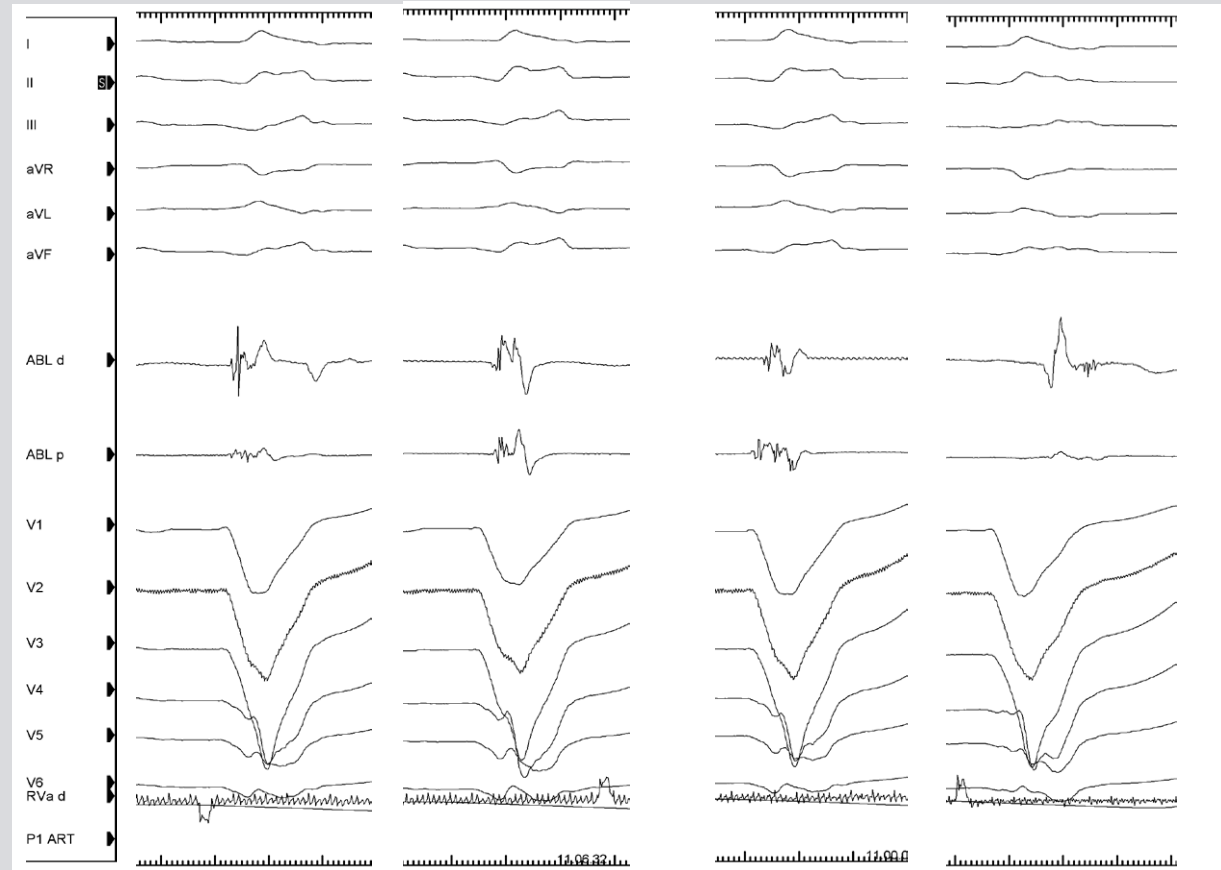


VT recurrence rate in the overall population

Targets for substrate modification




Late potentials occurring after QRS in SR



Low-amplitude, sharp, high frequency potentials occurring anytime during or after the far field ventricular EGM in SR

ADVANTAGES OF HIGH DENSITY MAPPING BY MULTIELECTRODE CATHETERS

- - High number of recording electrodes in a small surface
- - Small electrode size
- - Reduced interelectrode distance



Enhanced discrimination of near –field from farfield electrical activity even in the setting of low amplitude and complex EGMs

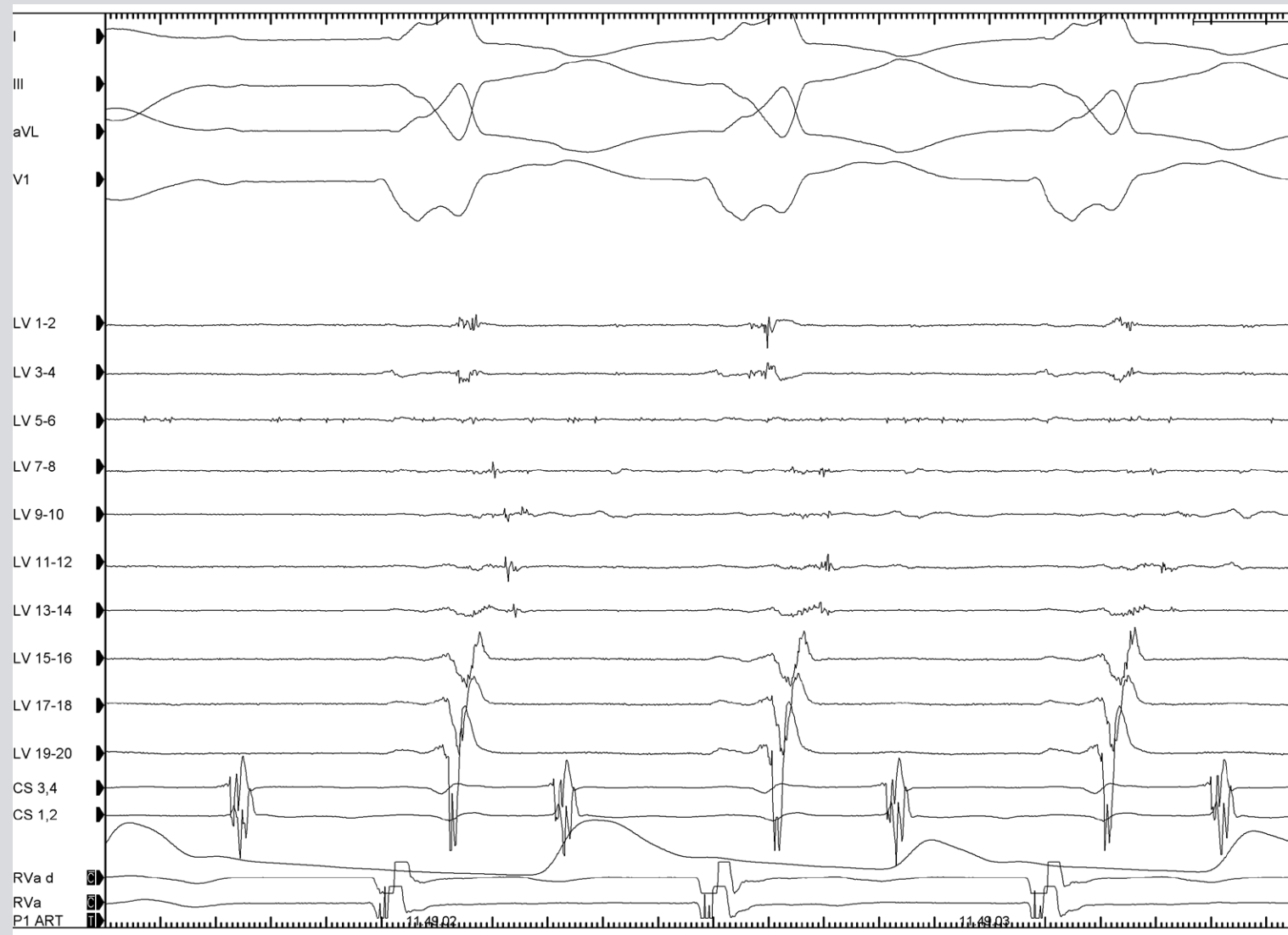
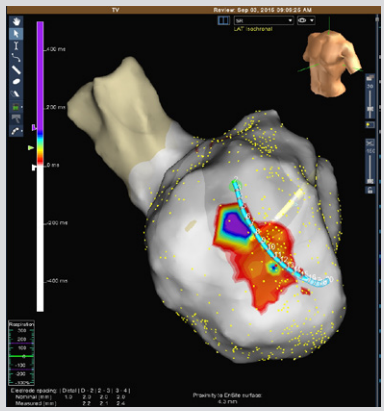
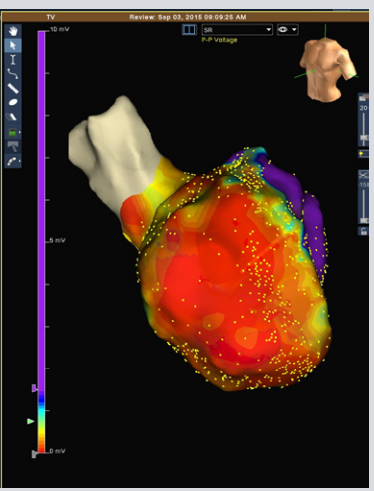


- -More accurate evaluation of the arrhythmogenic substrate during sinus rhythm.
- -Improved activation mapping during VT:
- -Quicker and improved evaluation of substrate modification after ablation

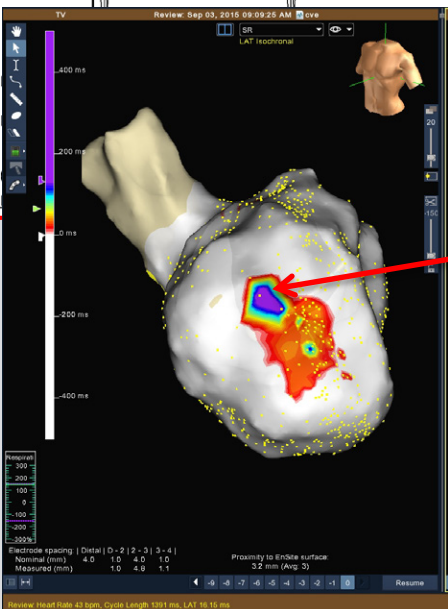
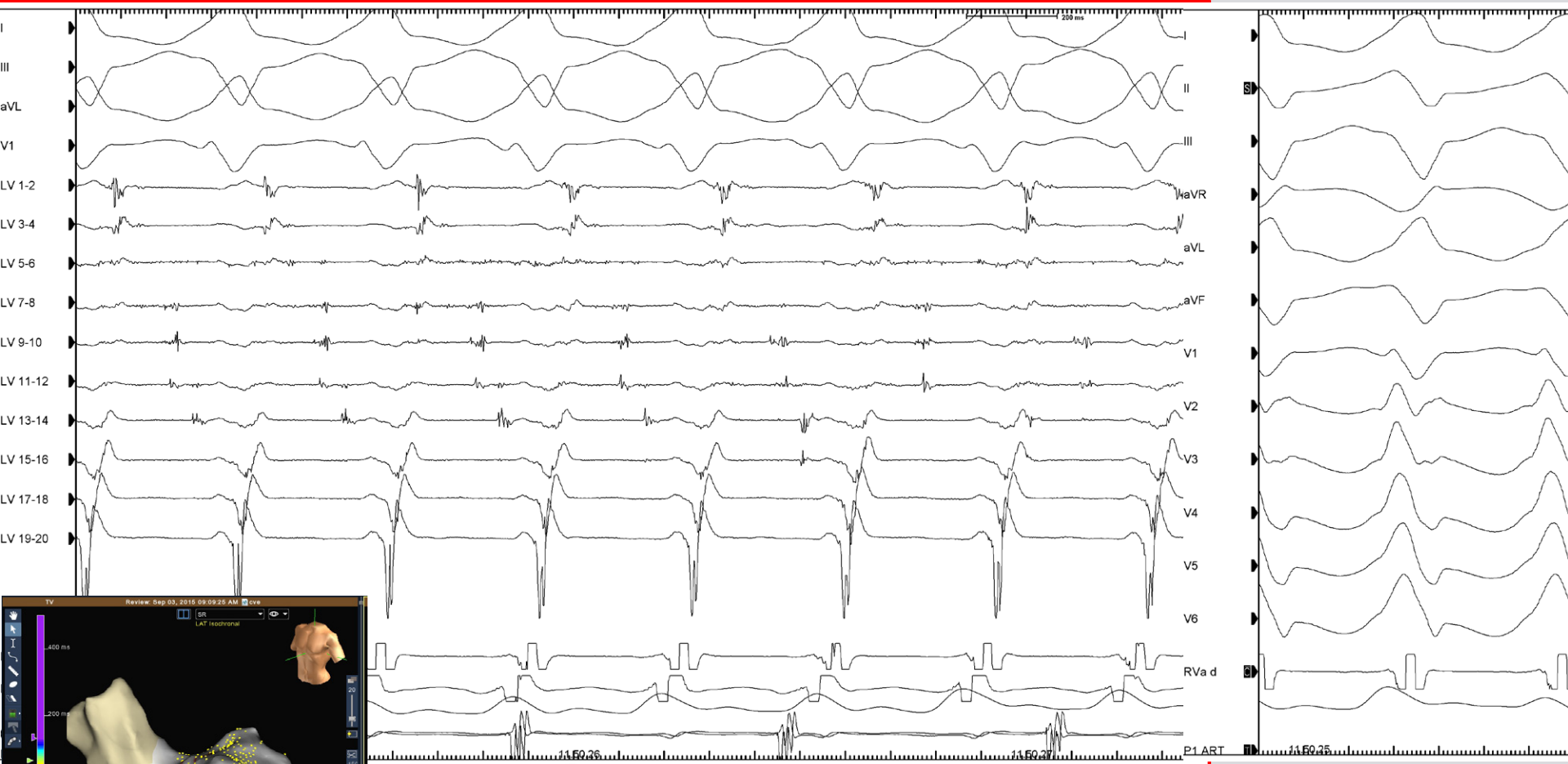


2-2-2 20 poles high density mapping catheter

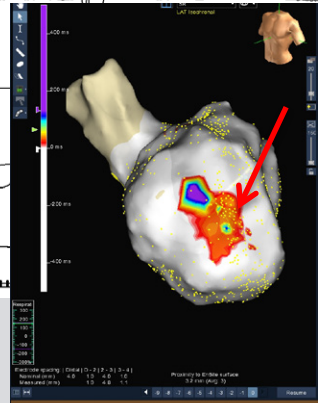
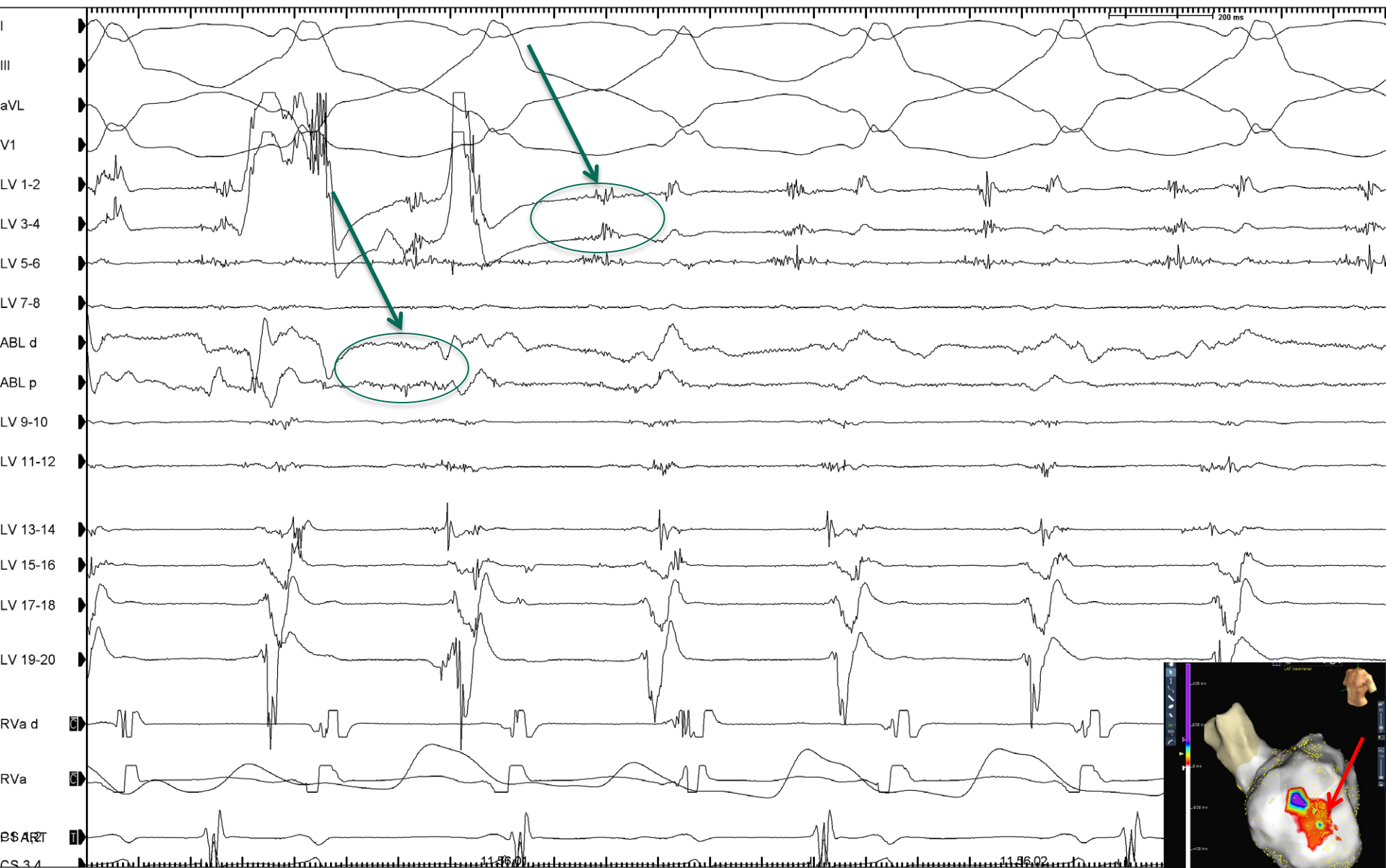
C.M. Post-MI VT ablation. Previous anterior MI- LVEF: 21%

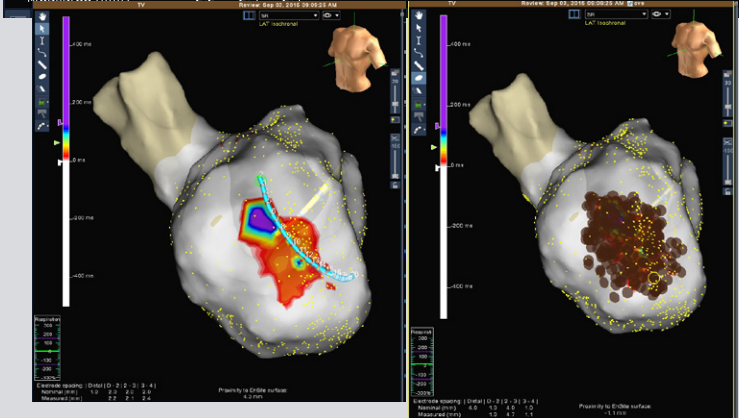
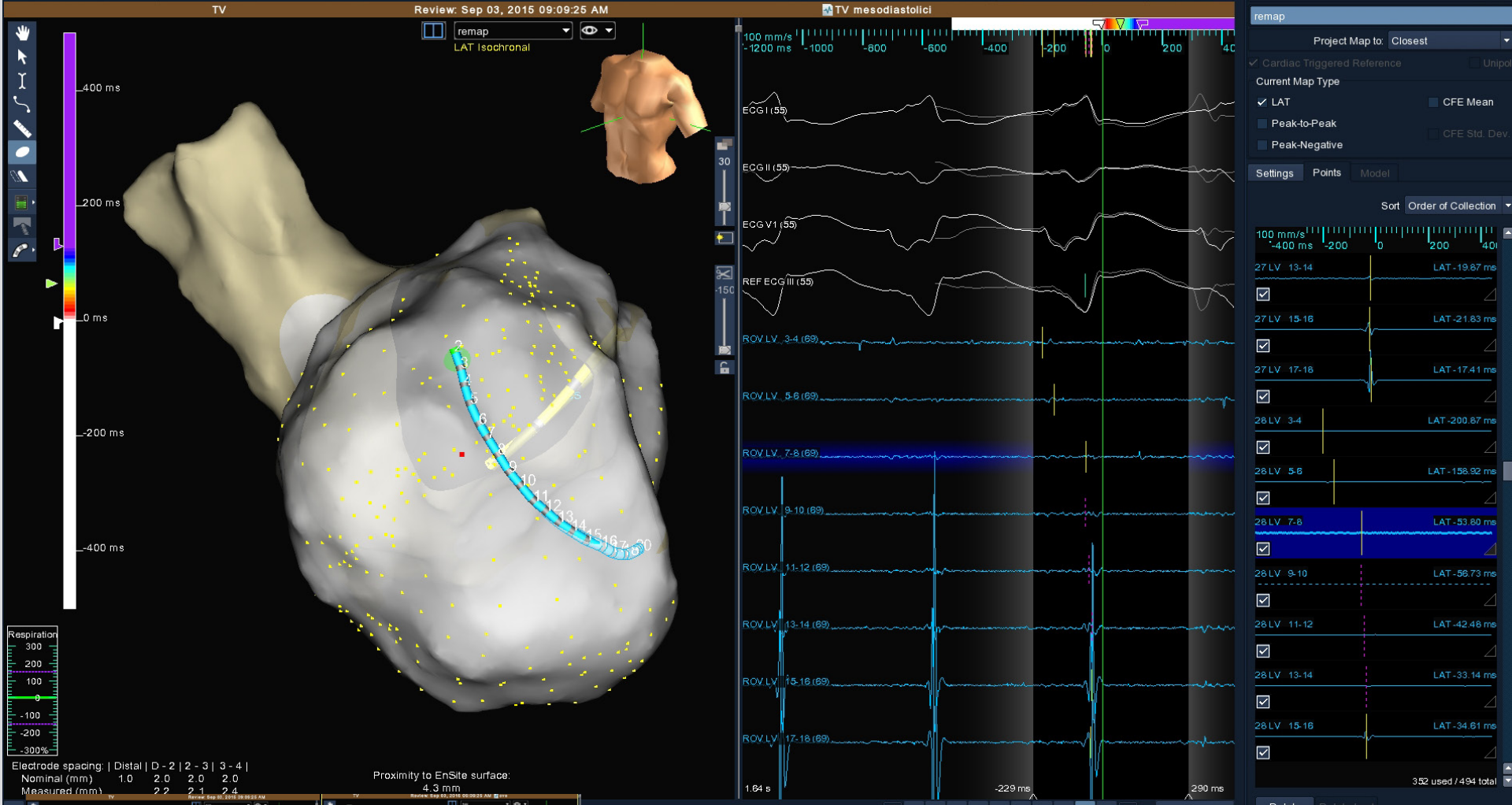


VT diastolic pathway recorded by multipolar catheter



Better accuracy of signal recording by multipolar with respect to Flexability ablation catheter





Remapping

Programmed ventricular stimulation: no VT inducible

VT substrate ablation

Tools for the currently used advanced mapping techniques

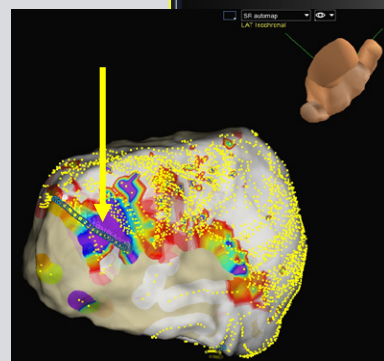
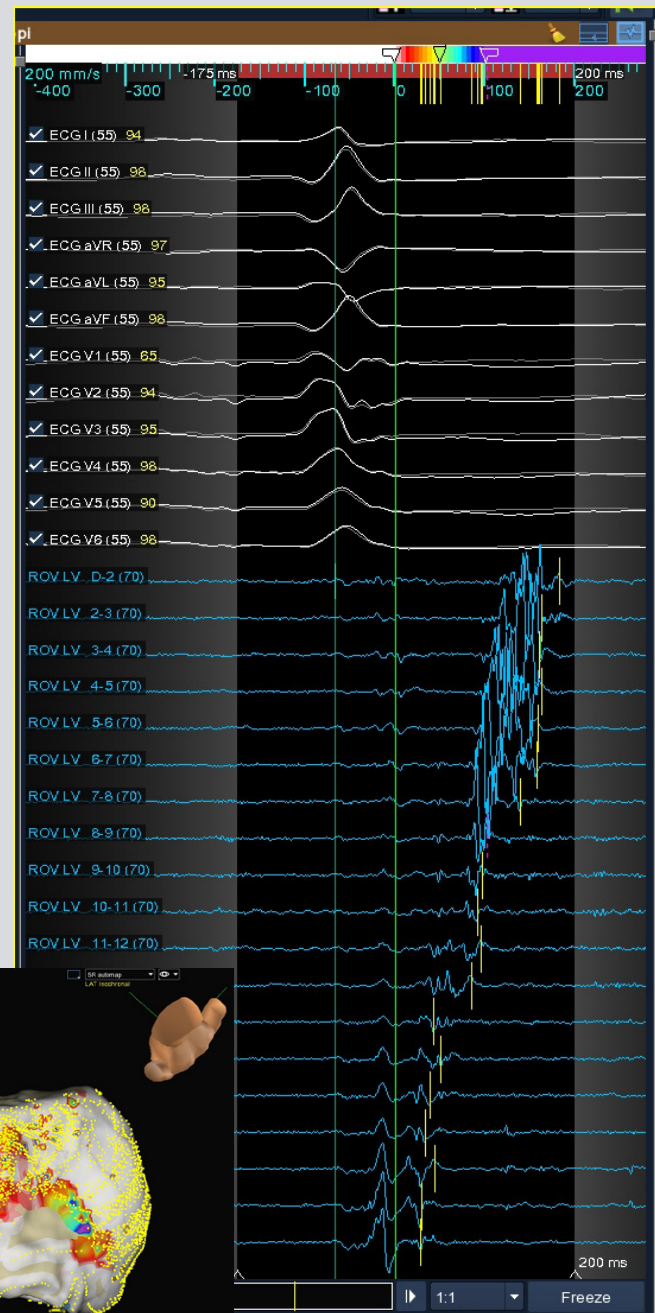
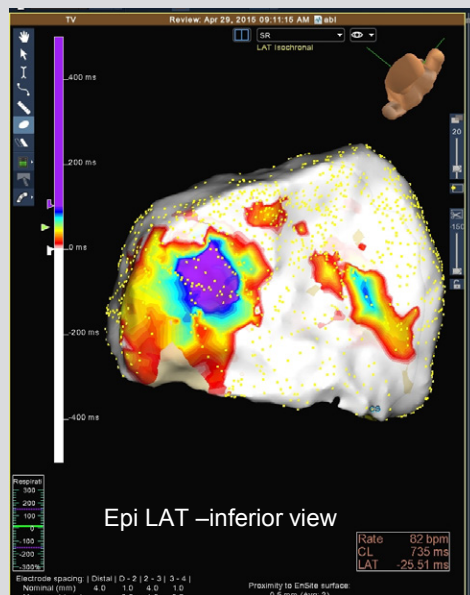
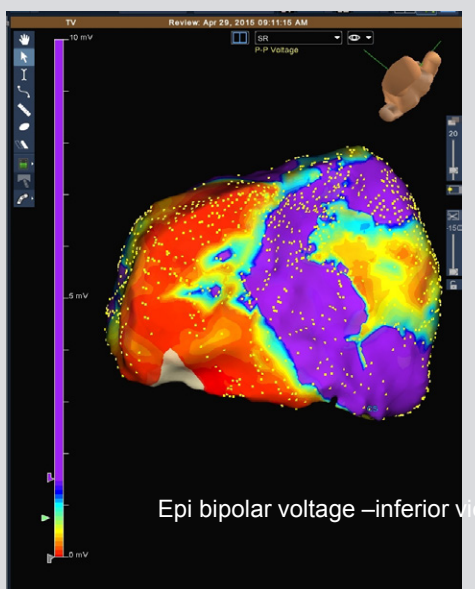
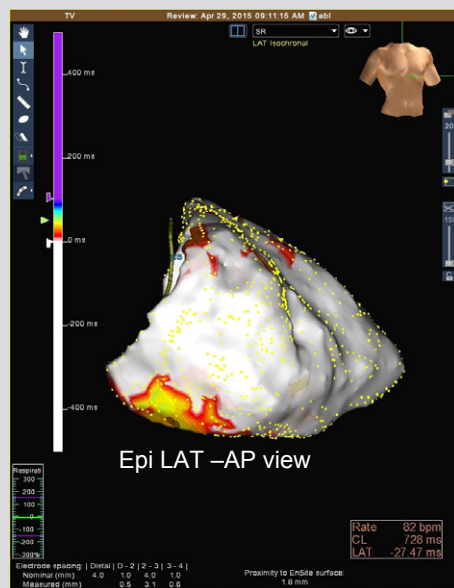
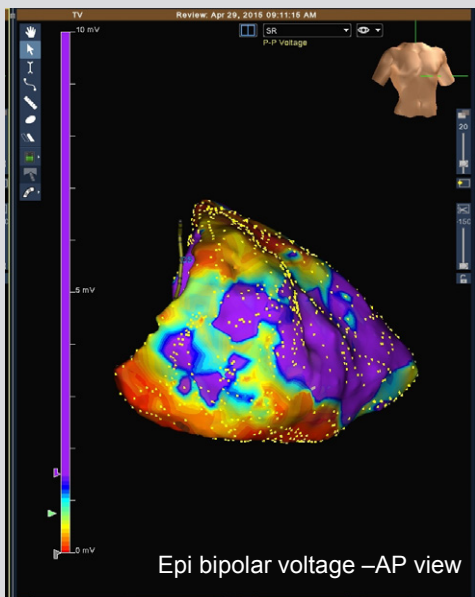
- Accurate reconstruction of the geometry of the endocardium and epicardium

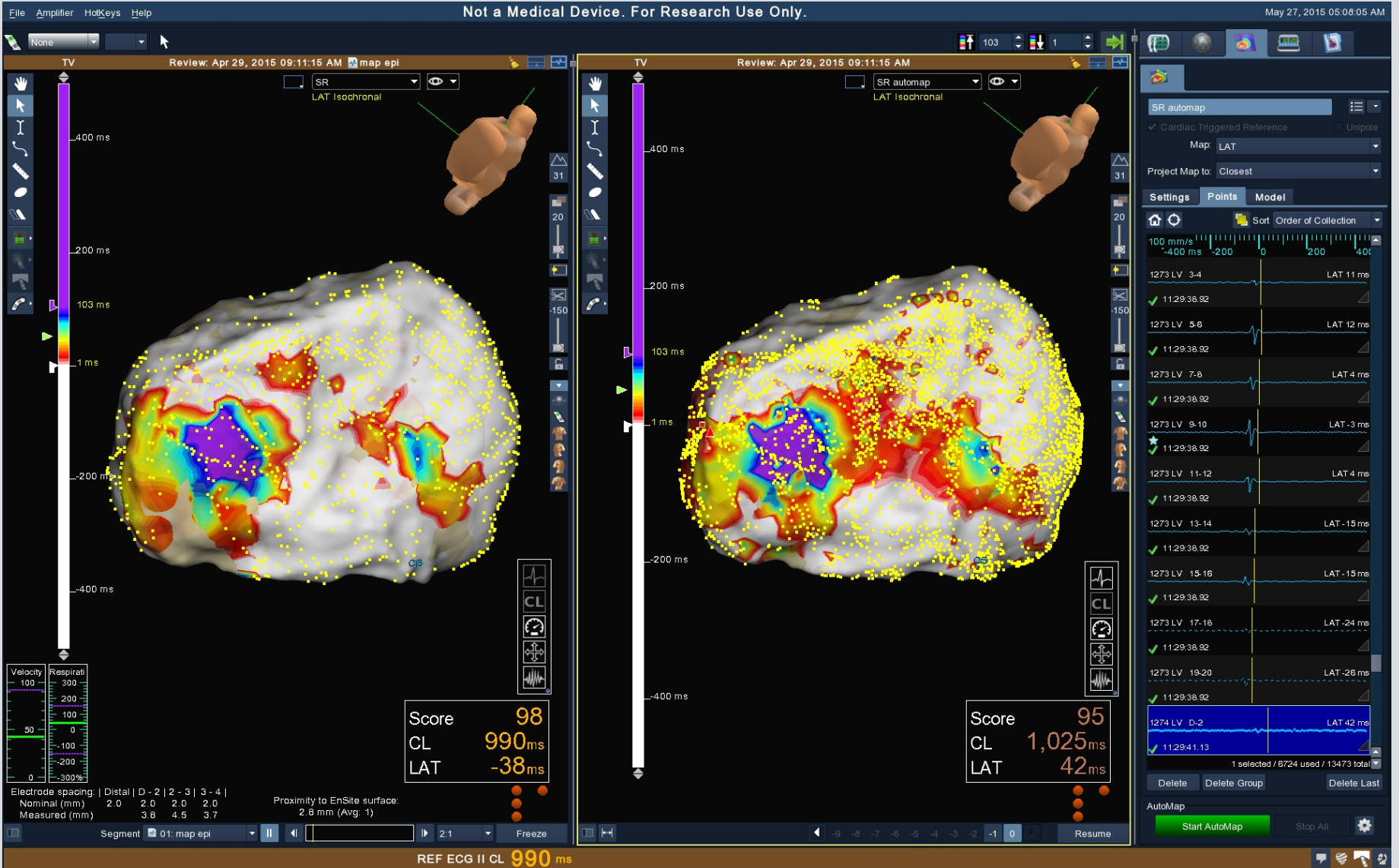
- Evaluation of arrhythmogenic substrate during sinus rhythm:
 - Bipolar voltage map
 - Unipolar voltage map
 - Local activation map (Late potentials map)

- Quick and accurate remapping to assess substrate modification after ablation

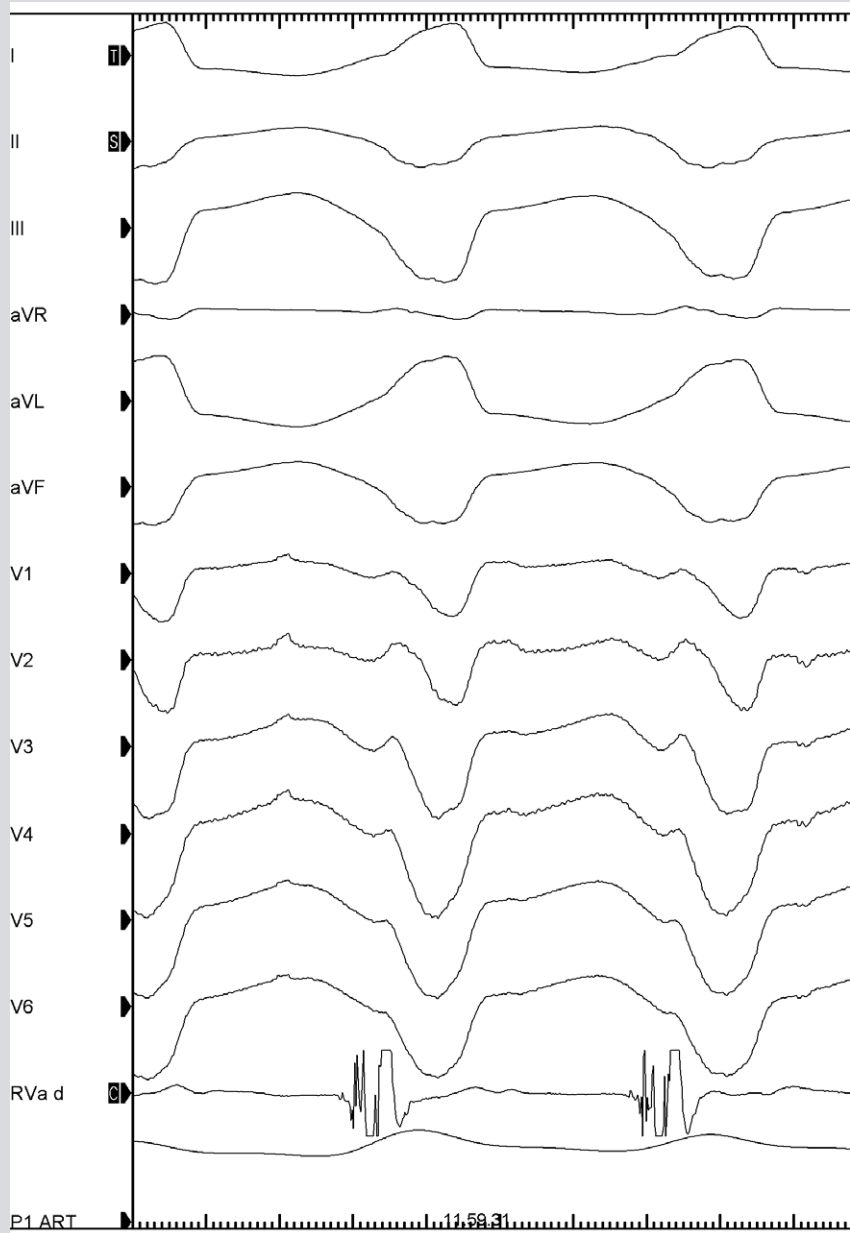
Automap: software to provide automated point collection and annotation by multielectrode catheters

Epicardial VT RFCA - IDCM

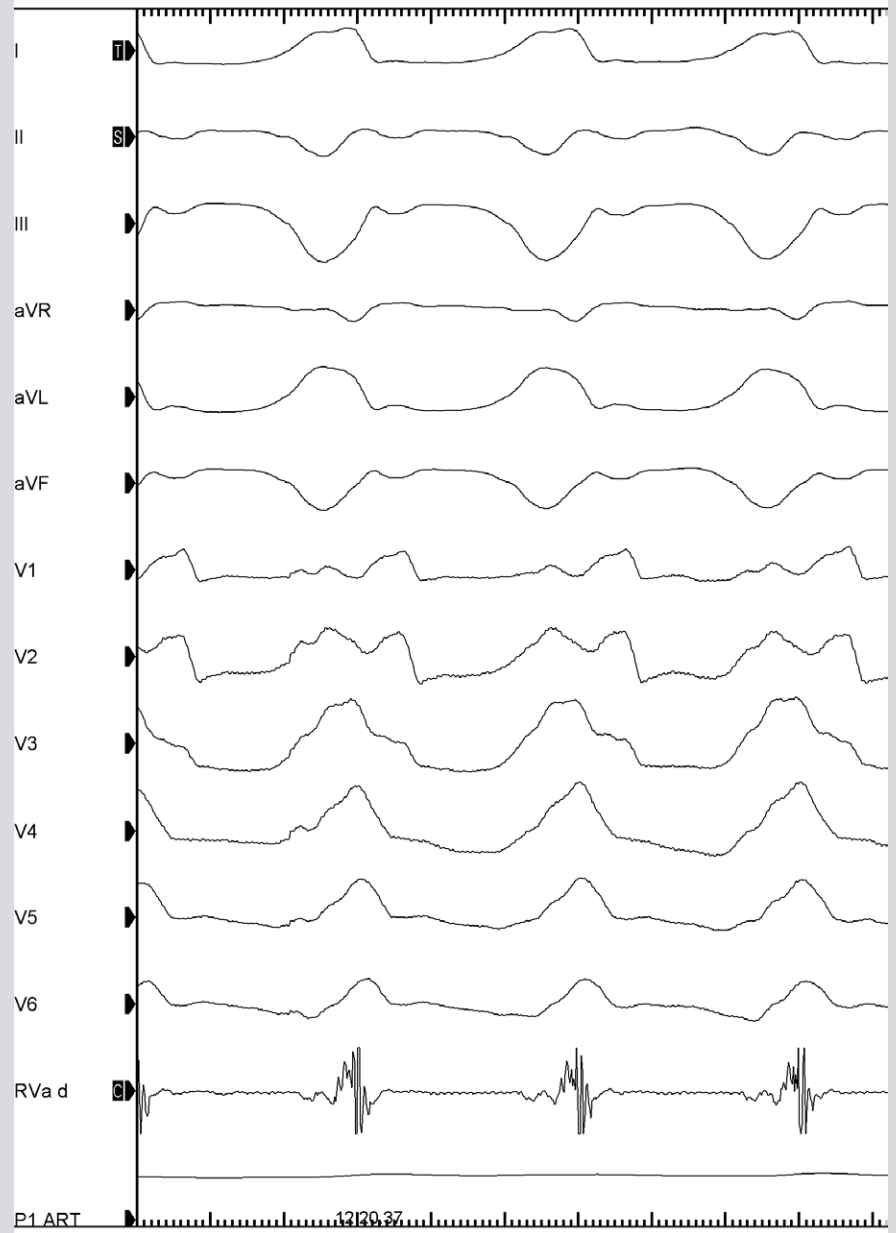




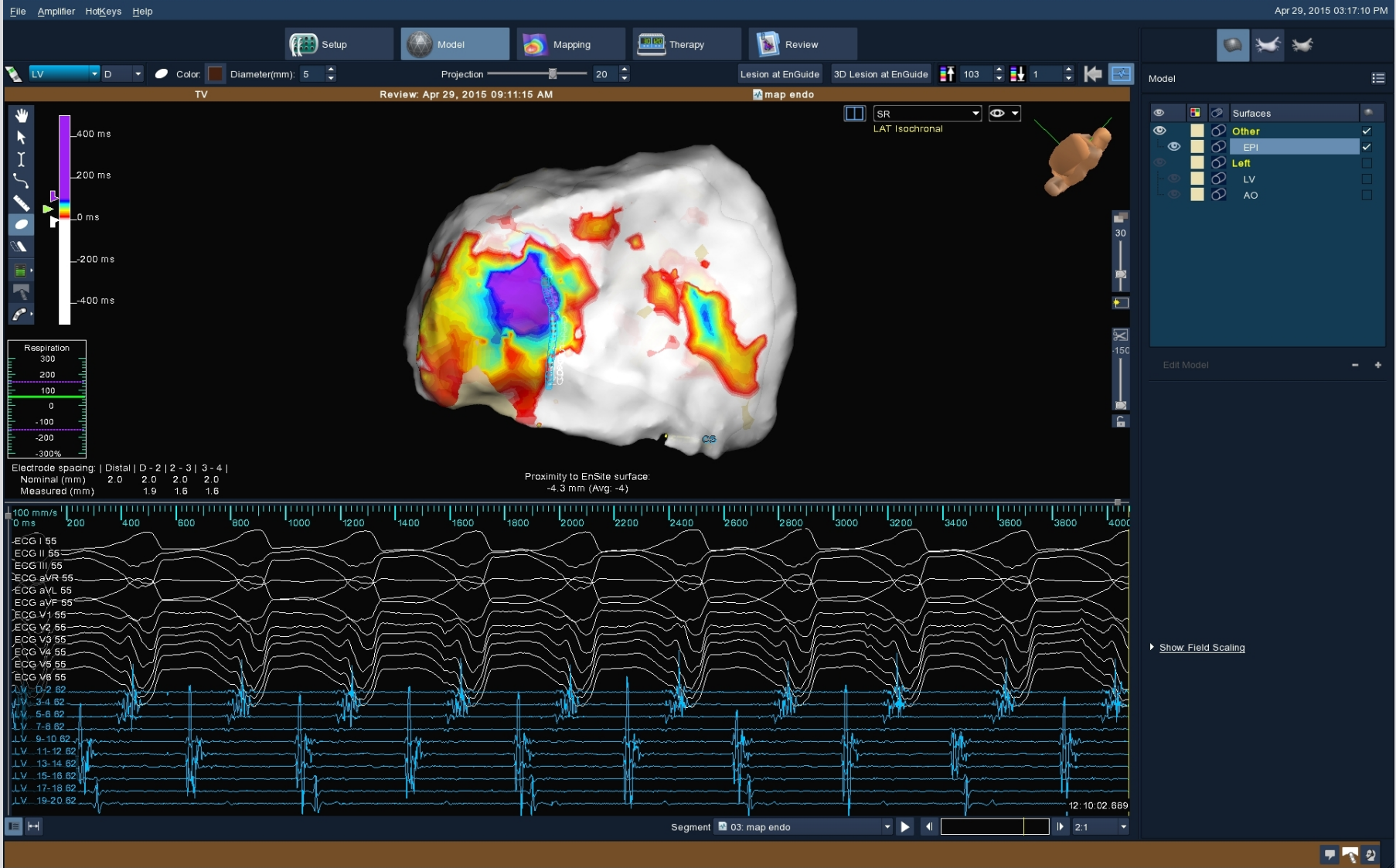
MANUALLY COLLECTED MAP (2336 POINTS) (LEFT) VS. AUTOMAP (6726 POINTS) (RIGHT)



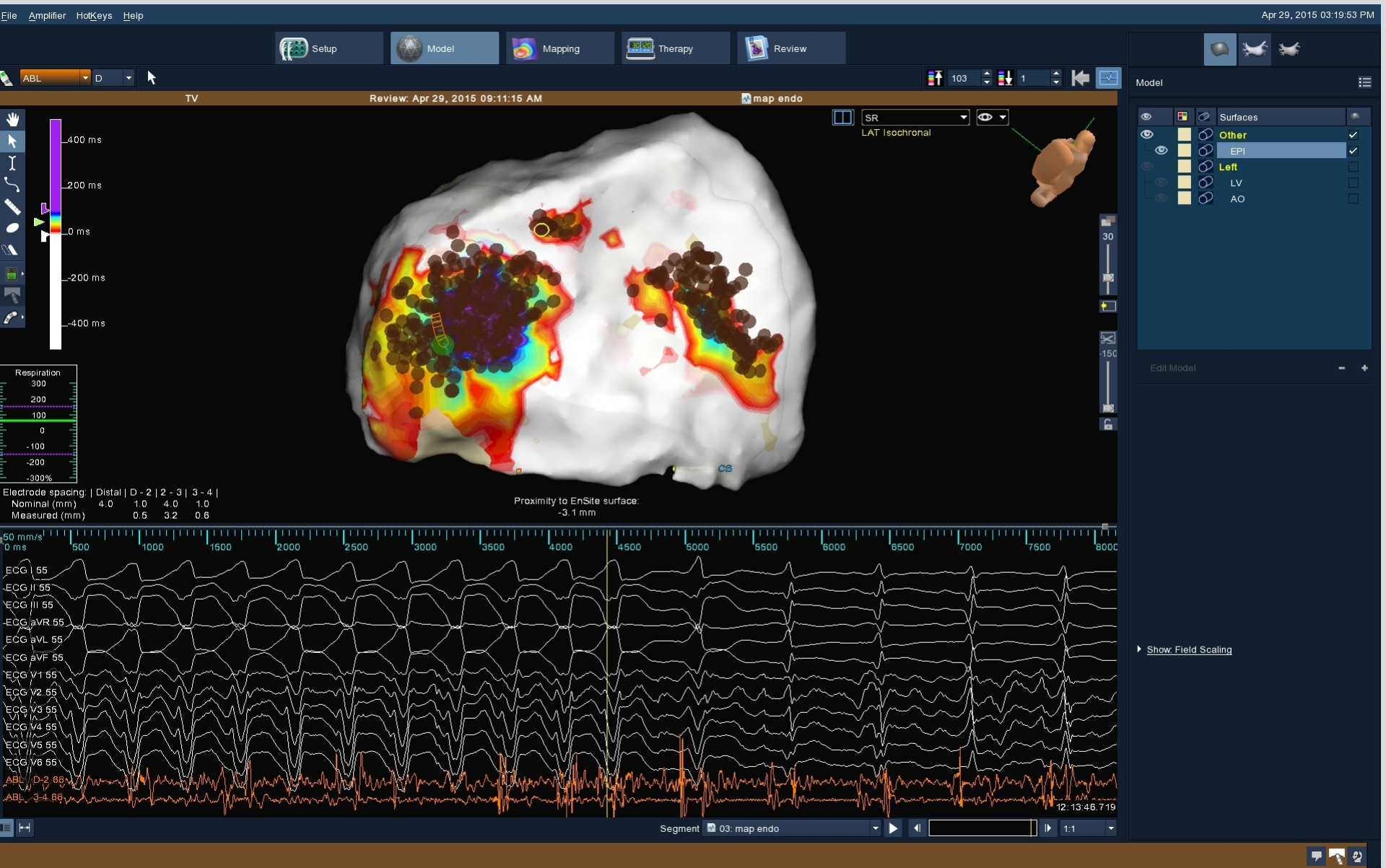
VT1



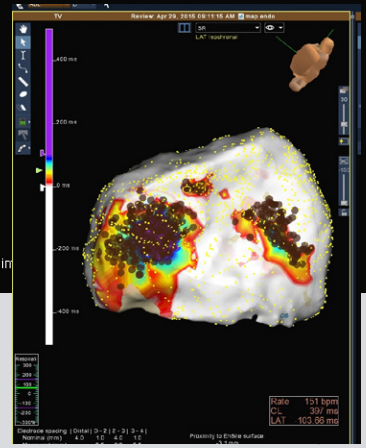
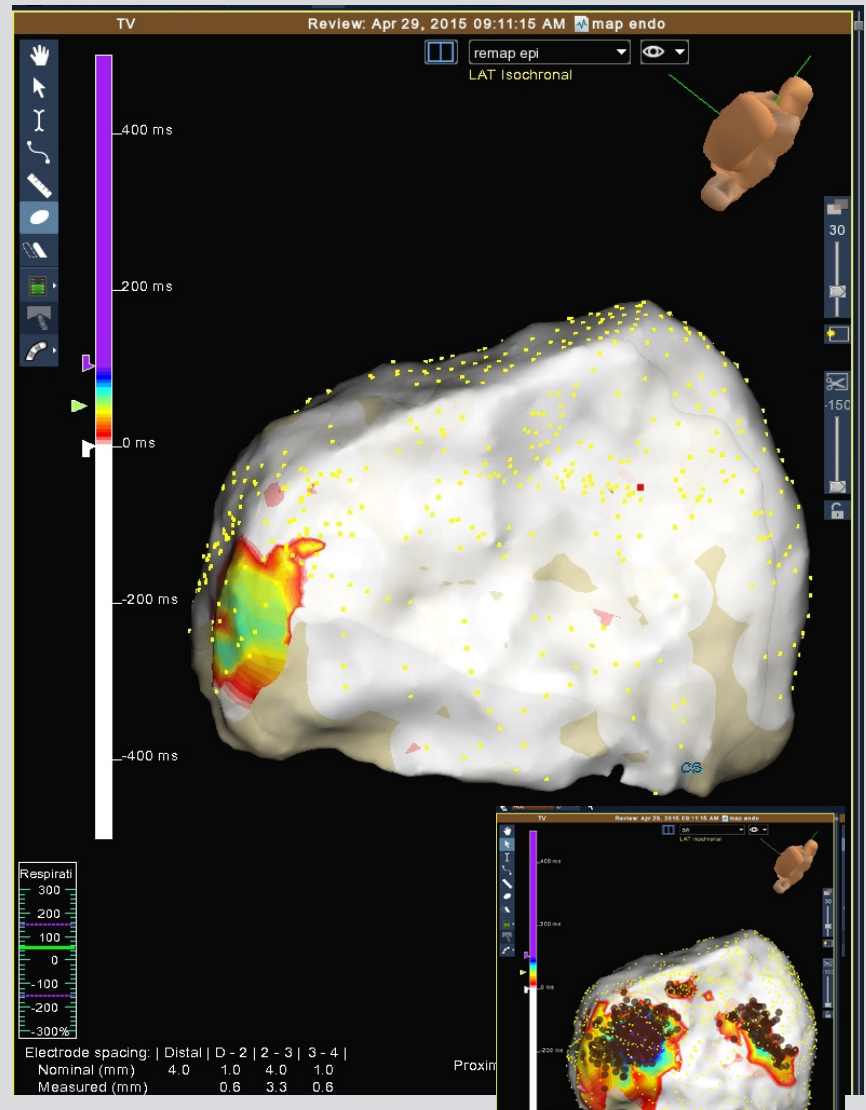
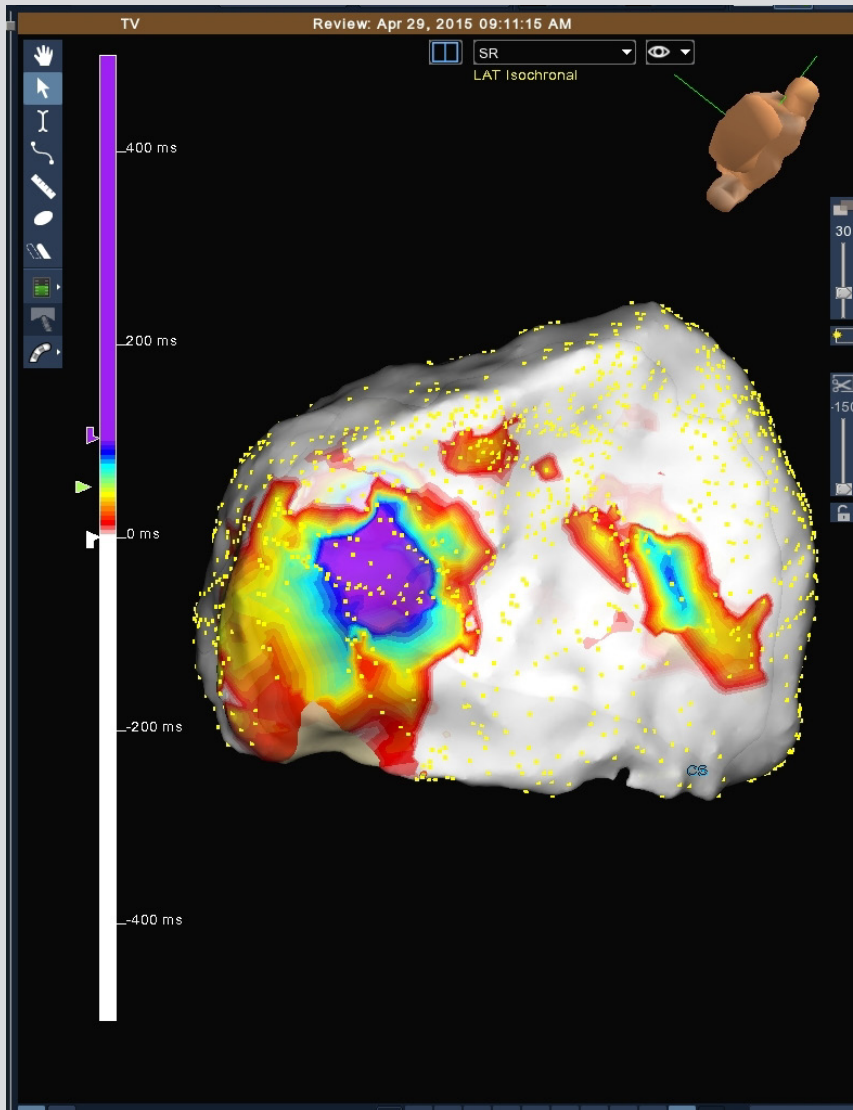
VT2



VT activation mapping (multipolar catheter)

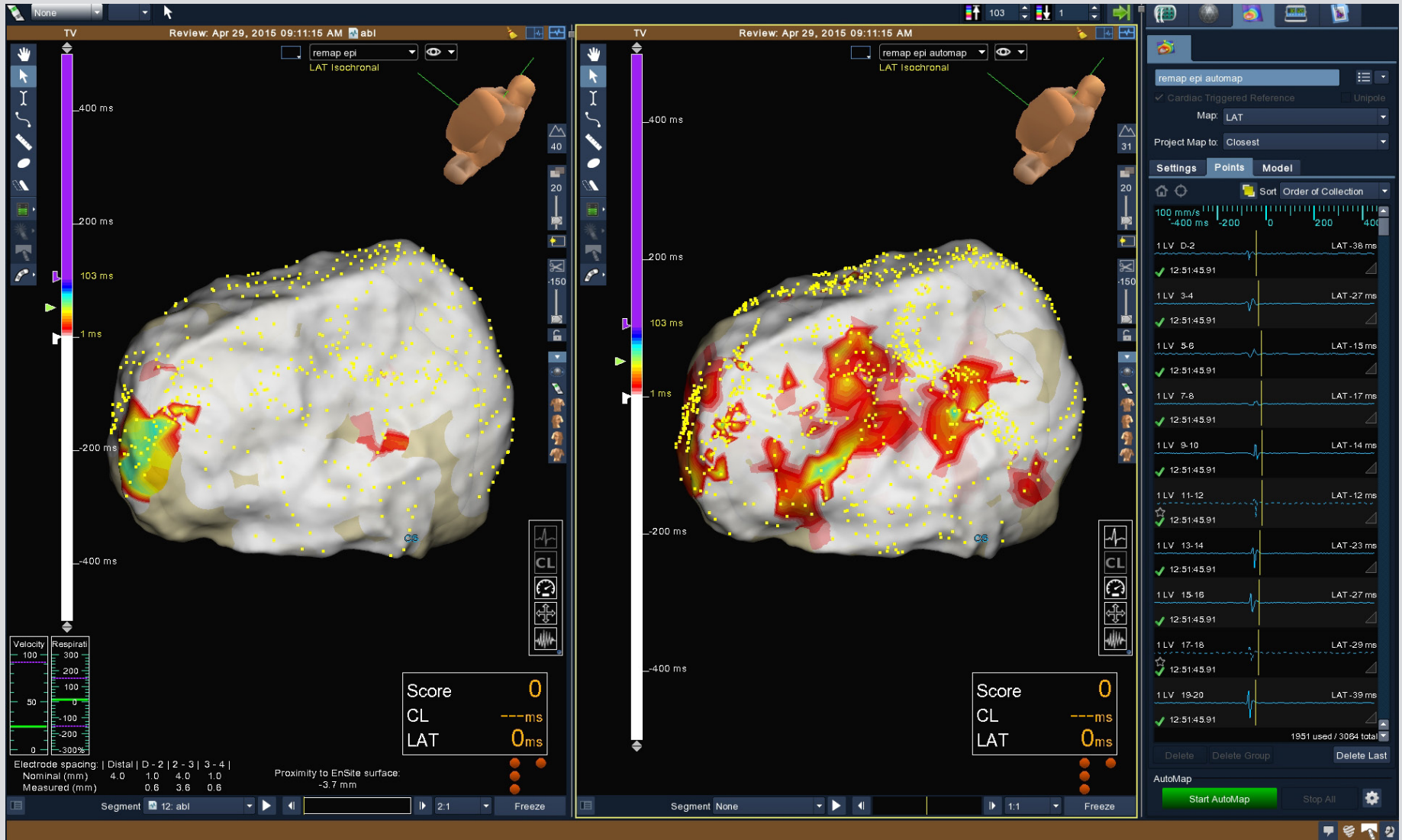


VT termination during RF delivery



Abolition of LPs demonstrated by remap (right panel)

Remap



Manually collected Map (929 points) (left) vs. Automap (1951 points) (right)

VT ablation in RVOT epicardium- «early» ARVD

F.A. , male 34 years

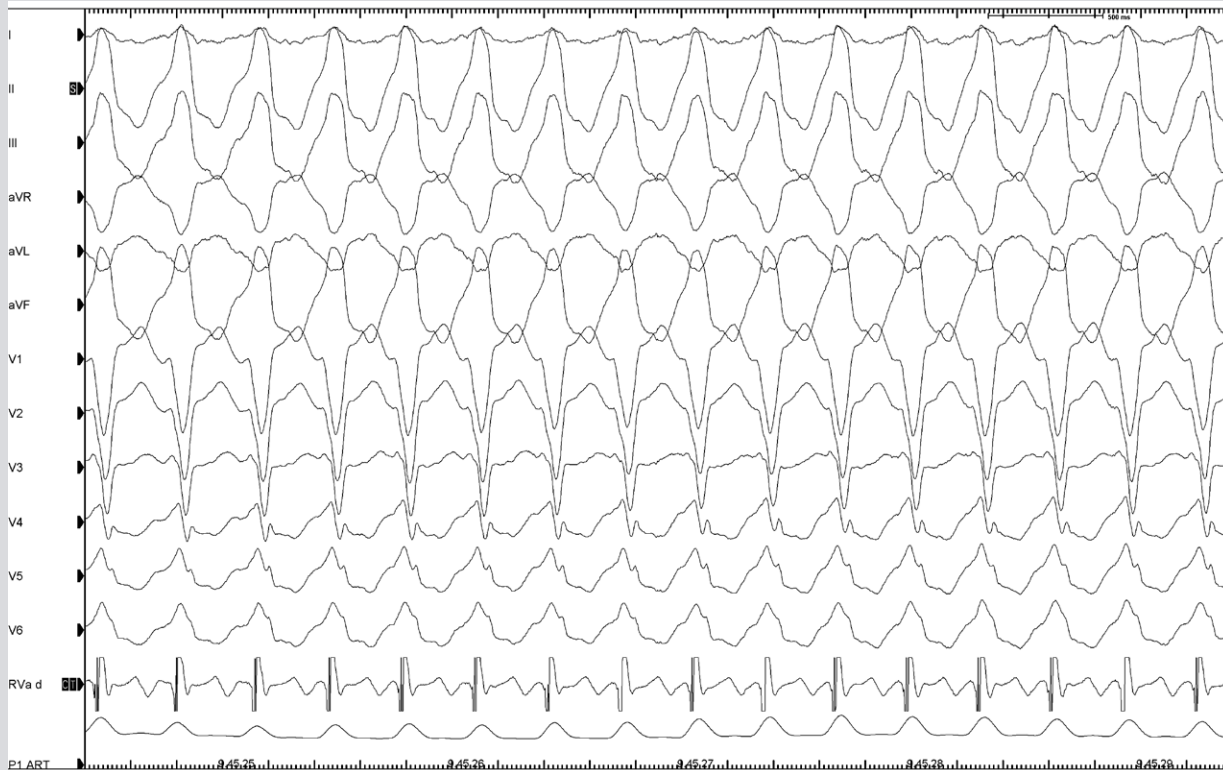
Episodes of LBBB-inferior axis VT related to physical effort

Previous documentation of T wave inversion in V1-3 lead during sinus rhythm in 12 lead ECG recorded 12 months before the ablation.

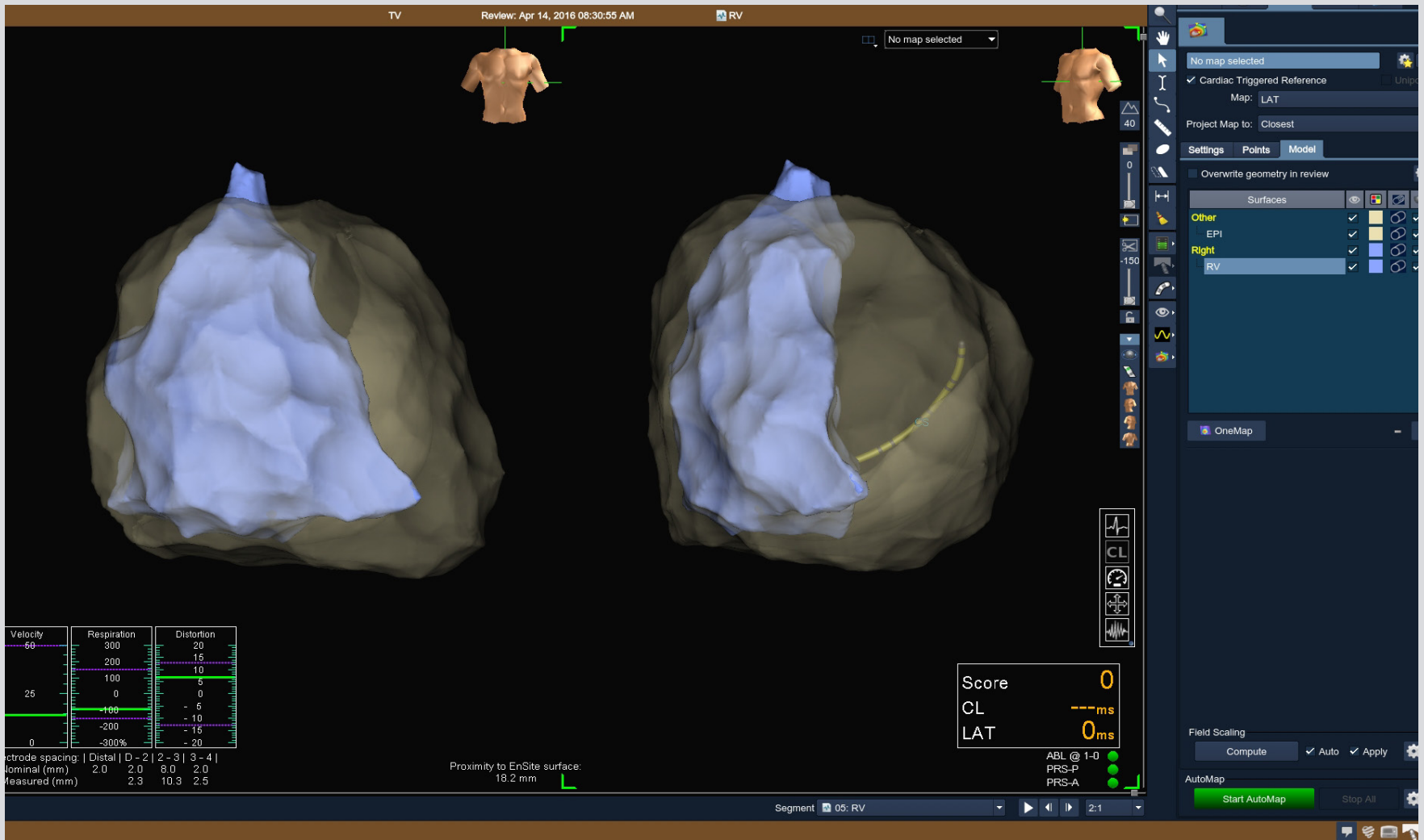
Normal pattern of repolarization at hospital admittance

Cardiac MRI: no abnormalities suggesting ARVD

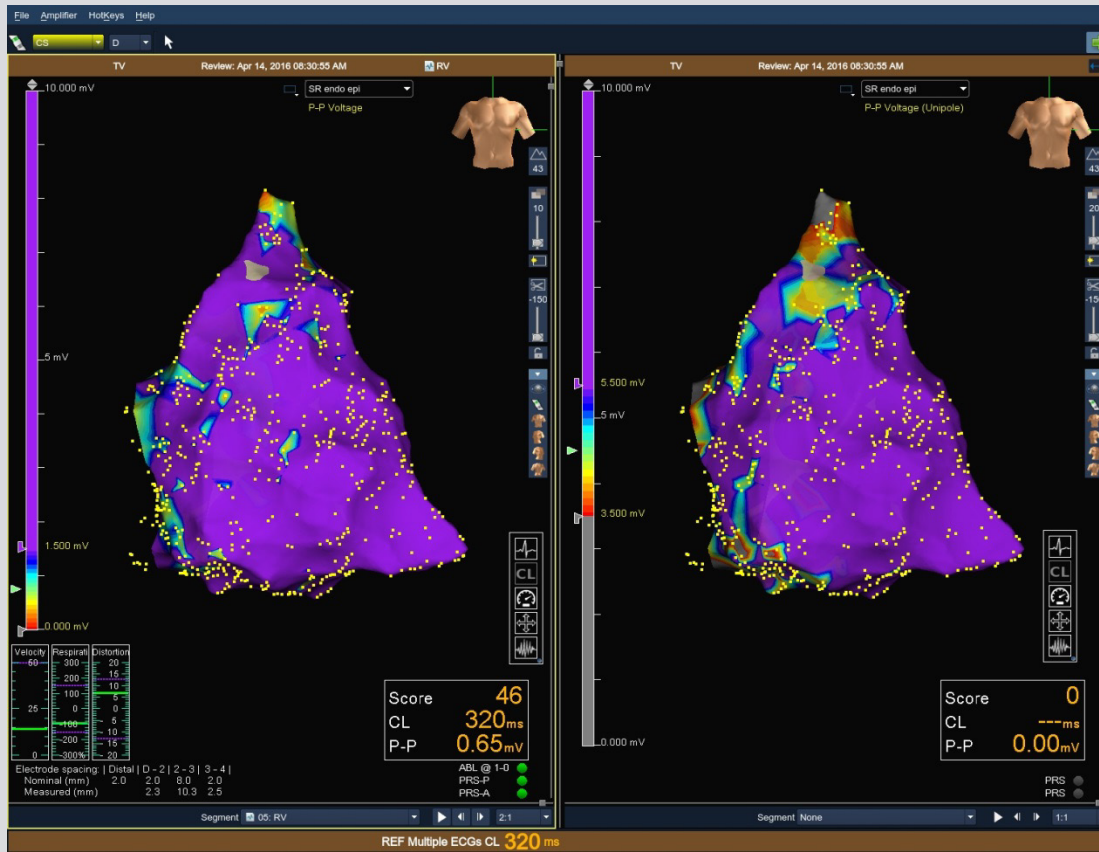
- Ensite Precision
- High density mapping catheter Livewire 20 poles 2-2-2
- Ablation catheter: Flexability SE



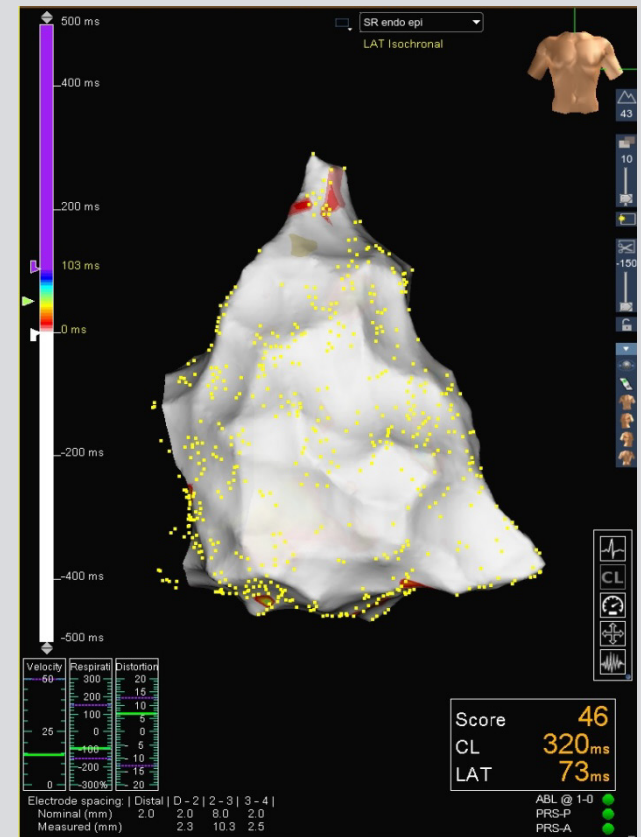
Clinical VT (spontaneous or induced by programmed stimulation from RVA)



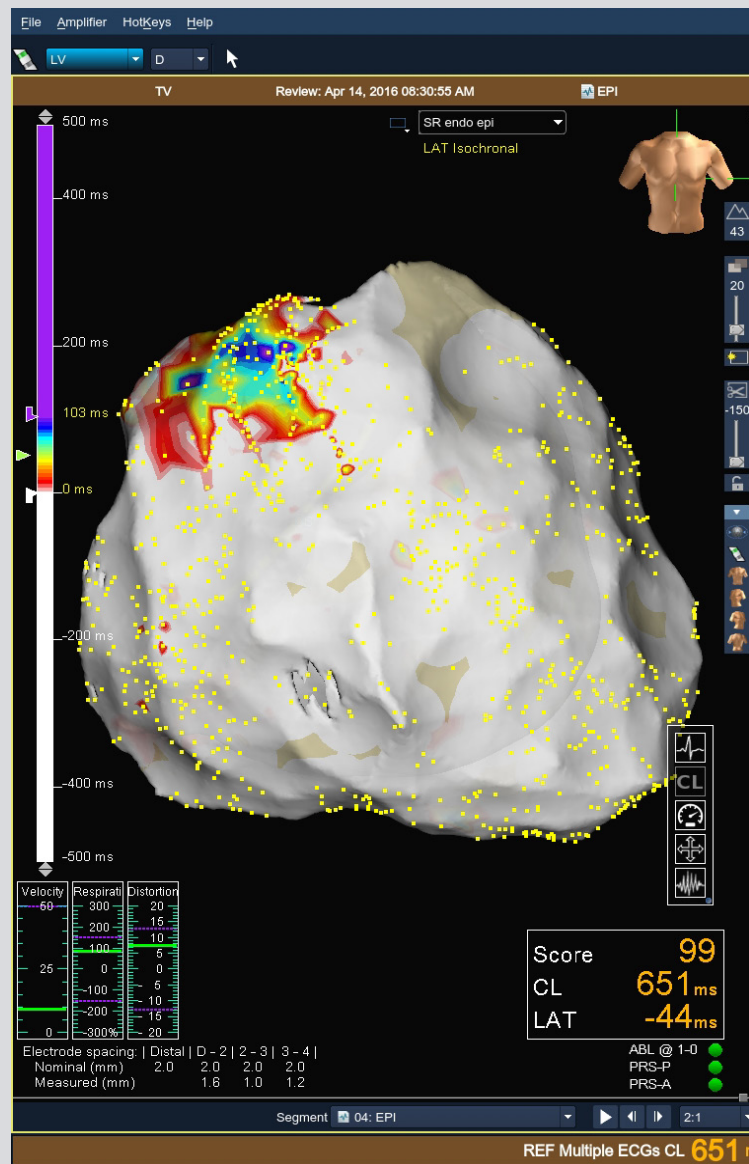
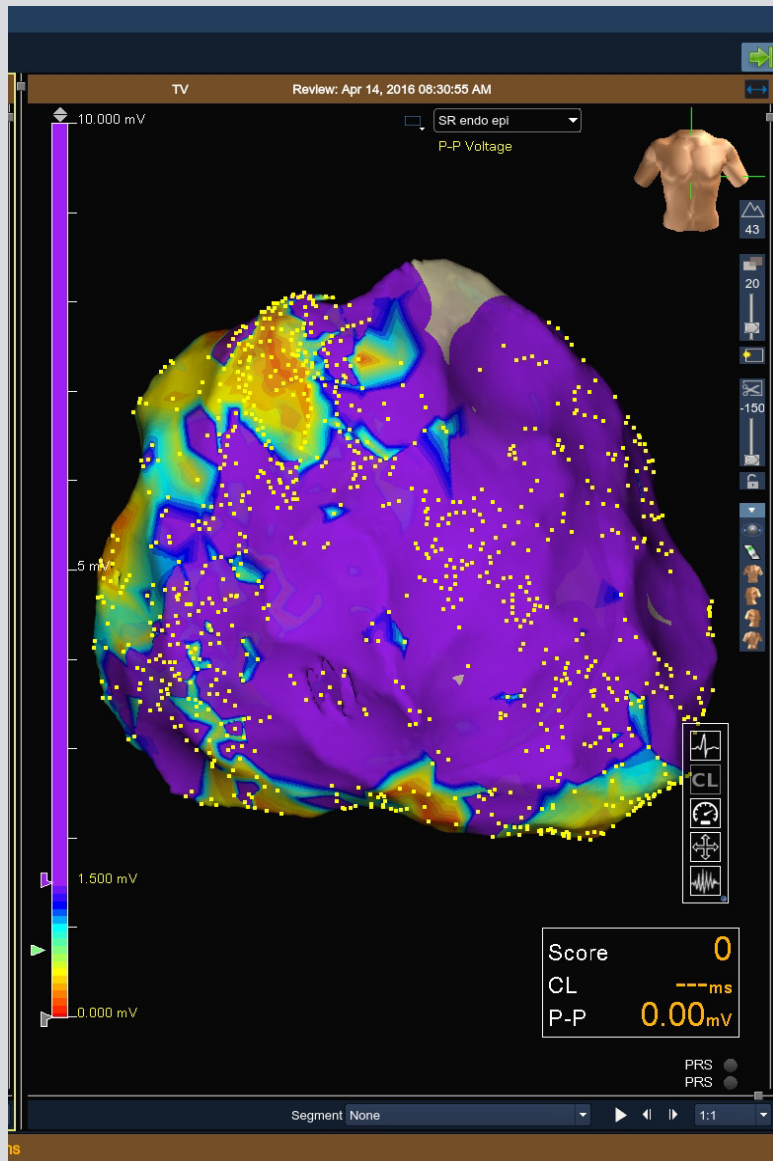
Geometry of the endocardium and epicardium of the right ventricle



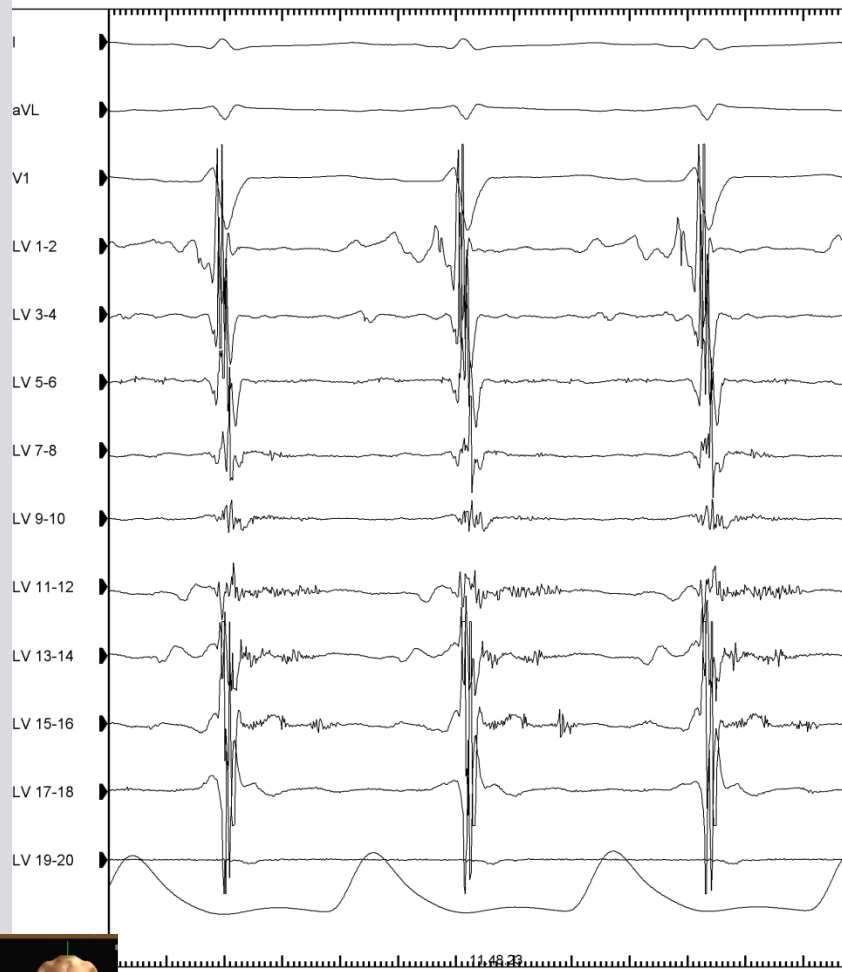
Unipolar (left) and bipolar (right) voltage map - endocardium



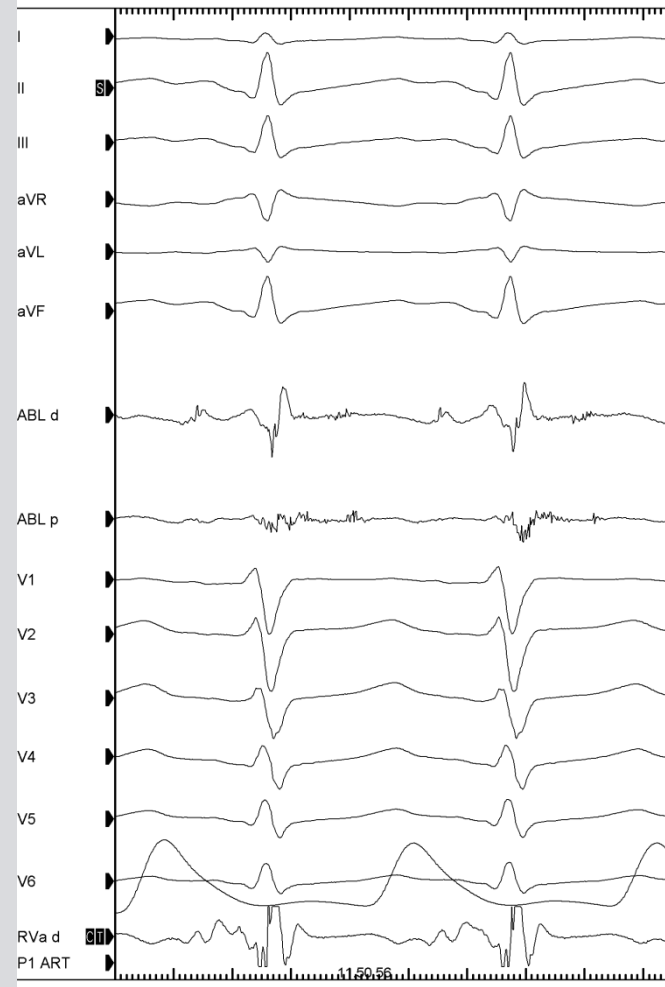
LAT map during sinus rhythm – endocardium



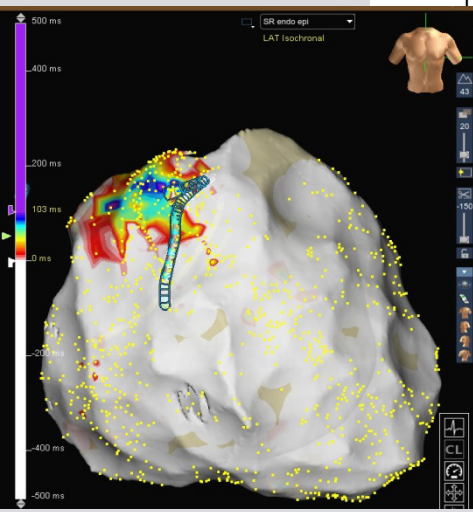
Bipolar voltage (right) voltage and LAT map – epicardium

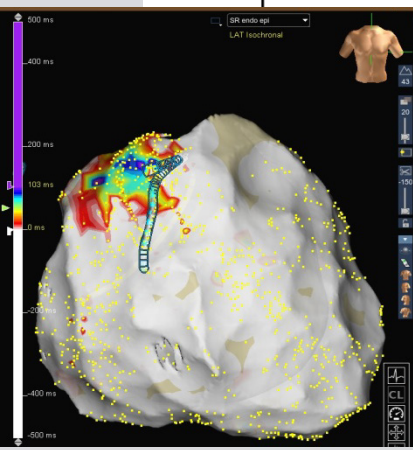
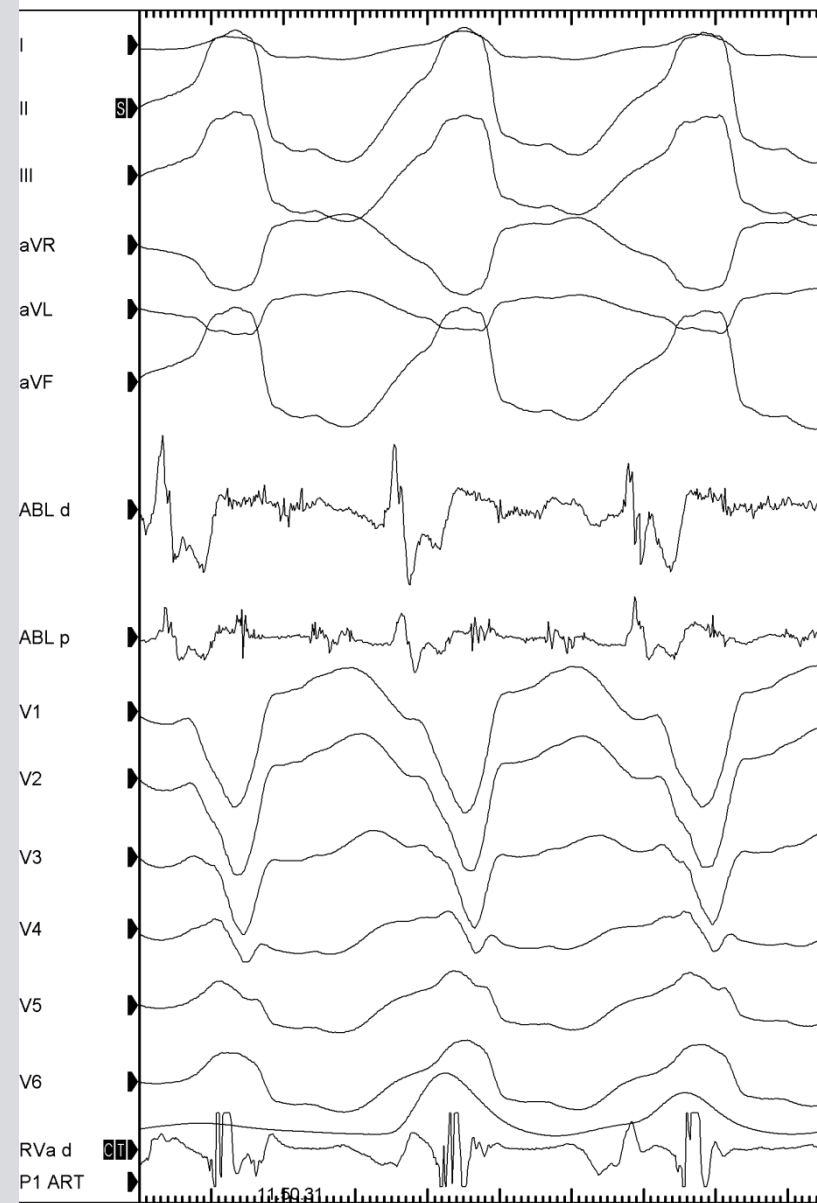


LPs – multipolar catheter

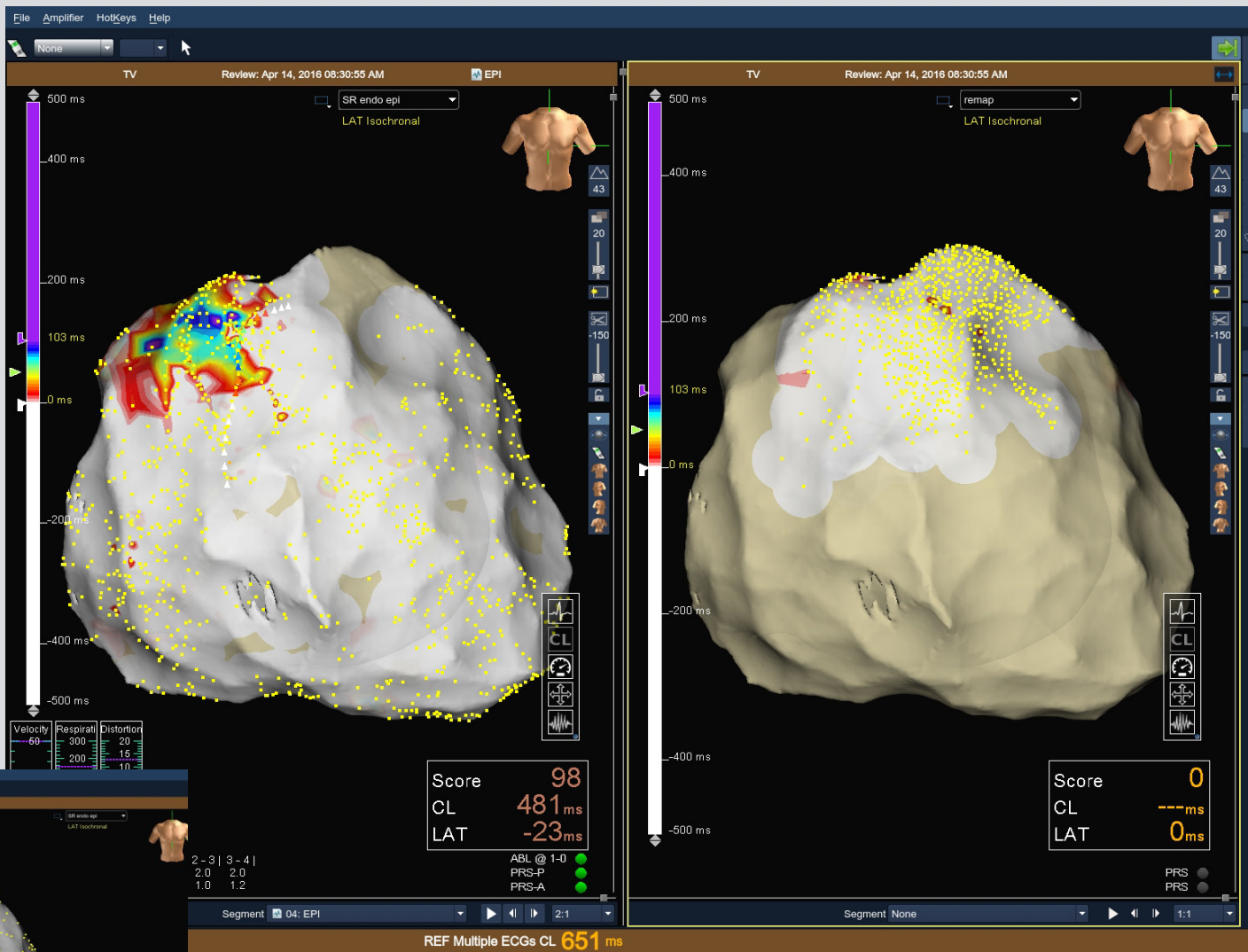


LPs – Flexability

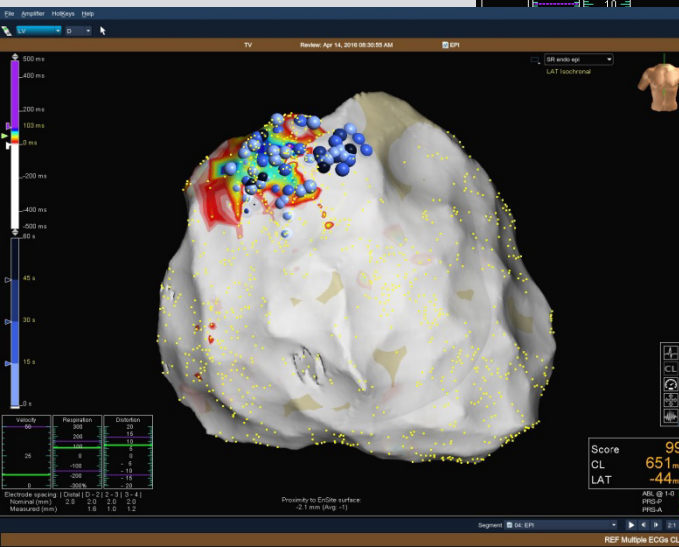




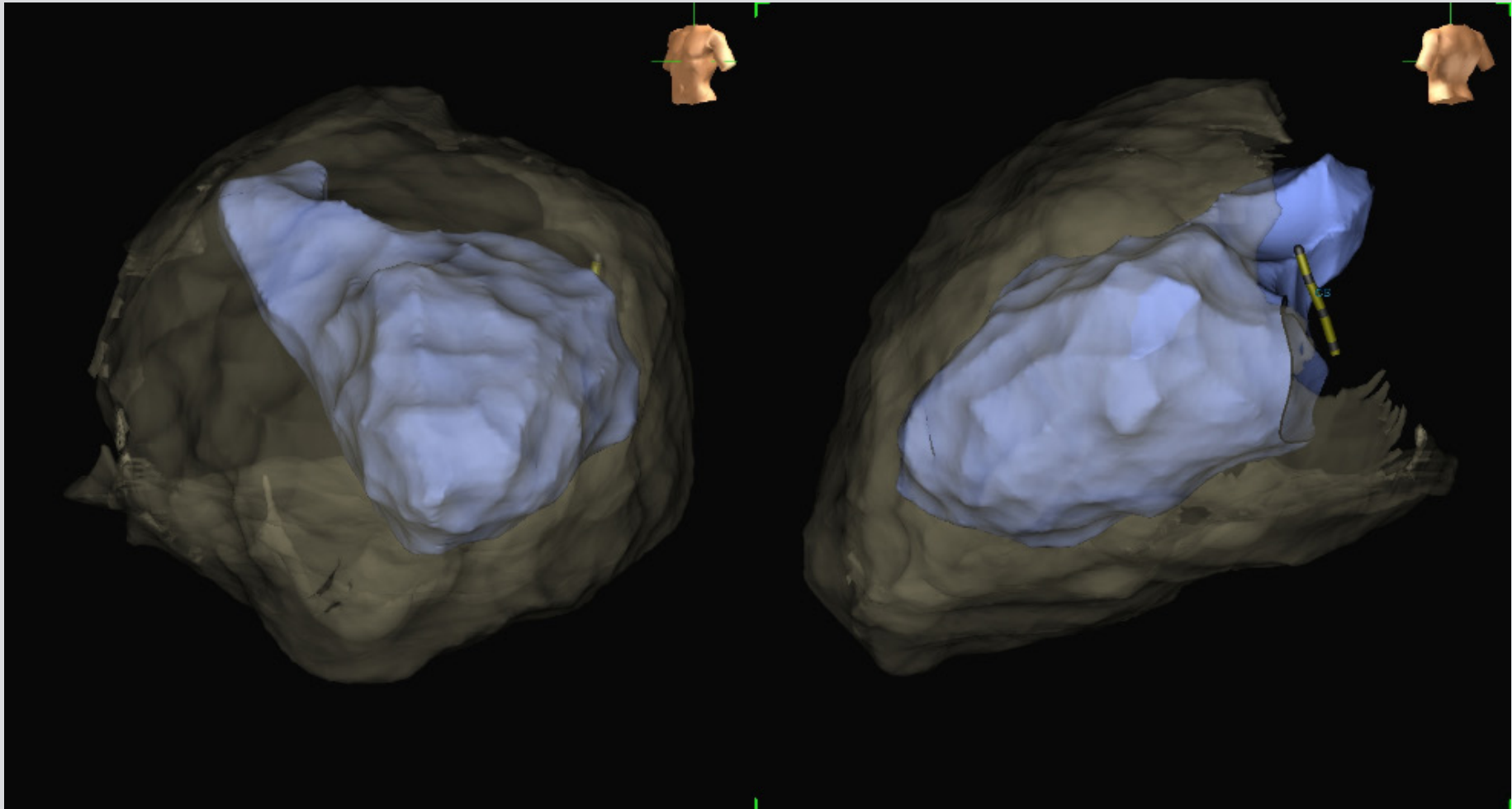
VT activation mapping – Multipolar catheter (left) and Flexability (right)



Remap: LPs abolition
 Post-procedure programmed ventricular stimulation (4 extrastimuli):
 No VT inducible

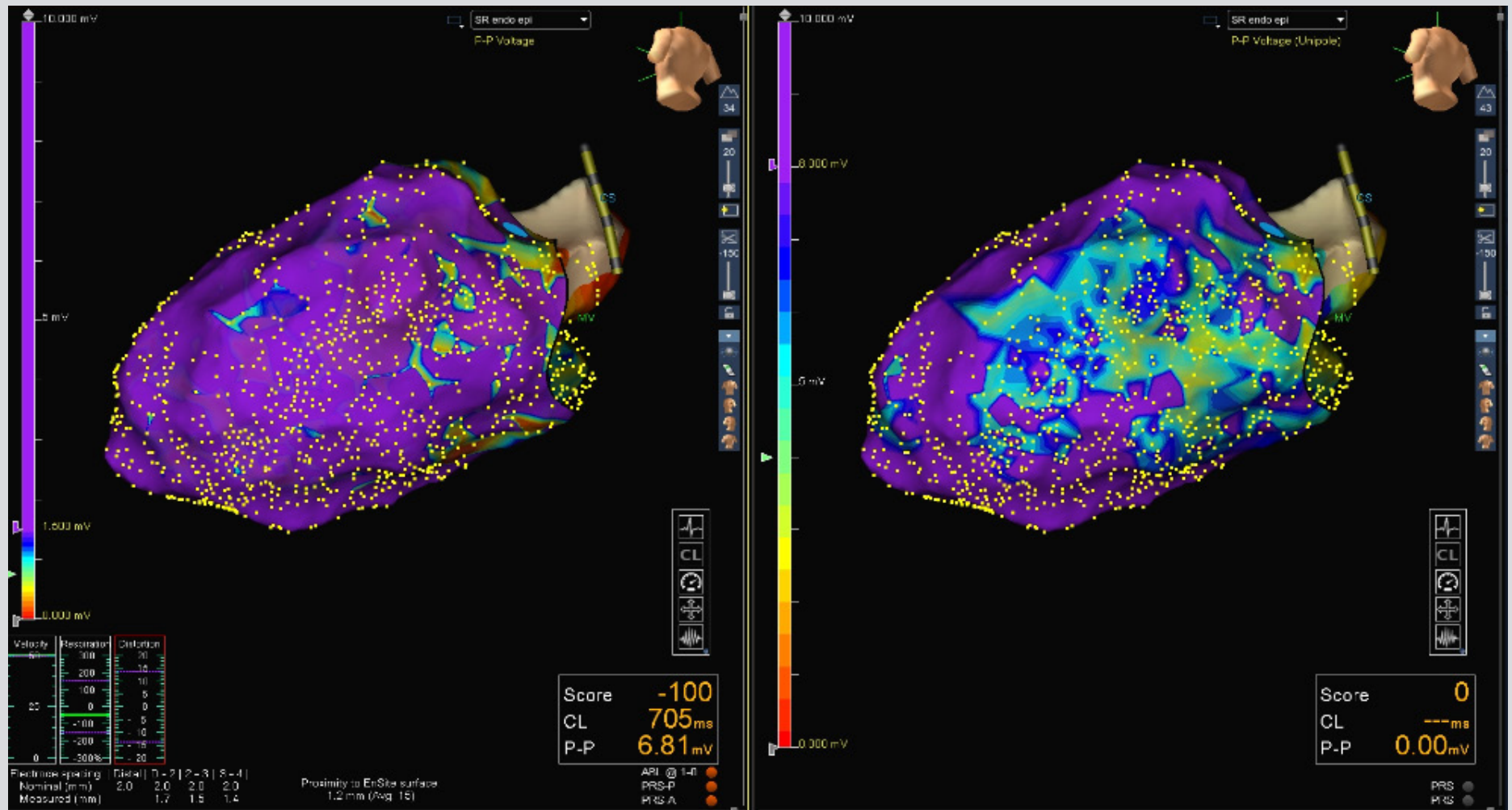


Endo-epicardial VT ablation in a patient with IDCM

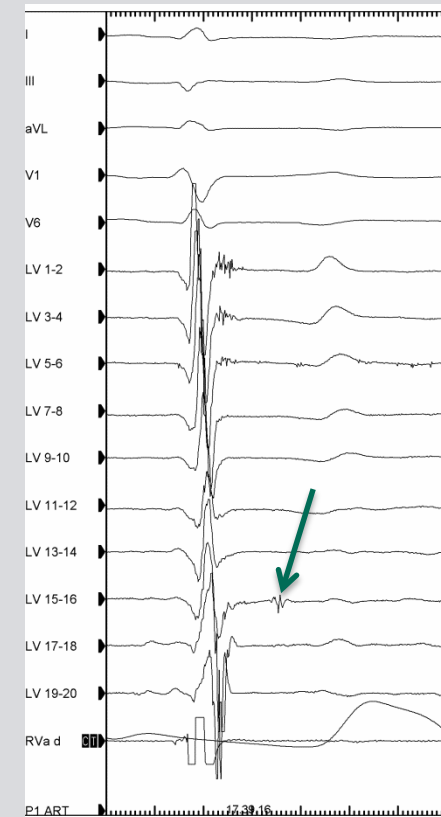
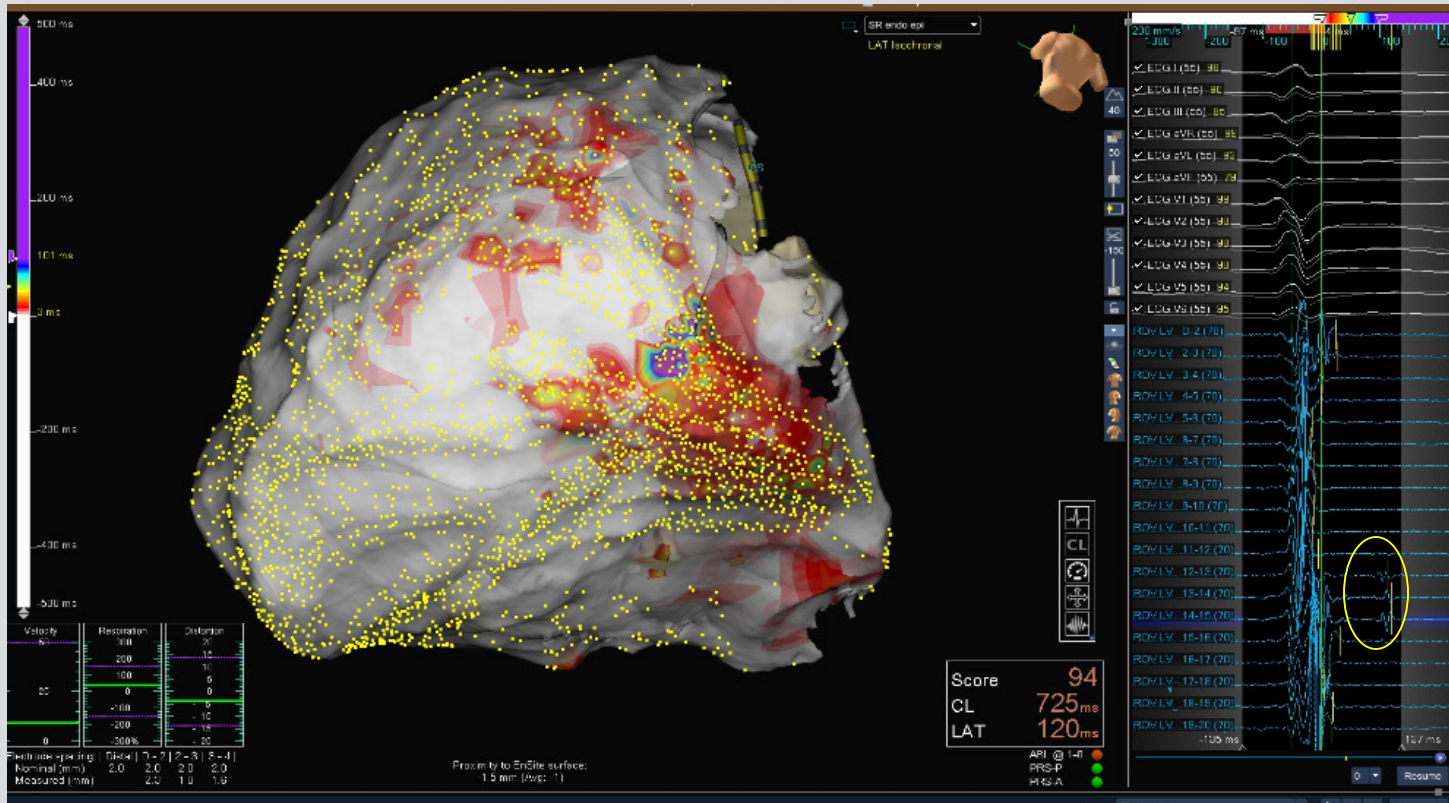


Reconstruction of the geometry of the left ventricle
(endocardium and epicardium)

Endocardial bipolar (left) and unipolar (right) voltage map: 1600 collected points



Mapping of epicardial late potentials by Automap software

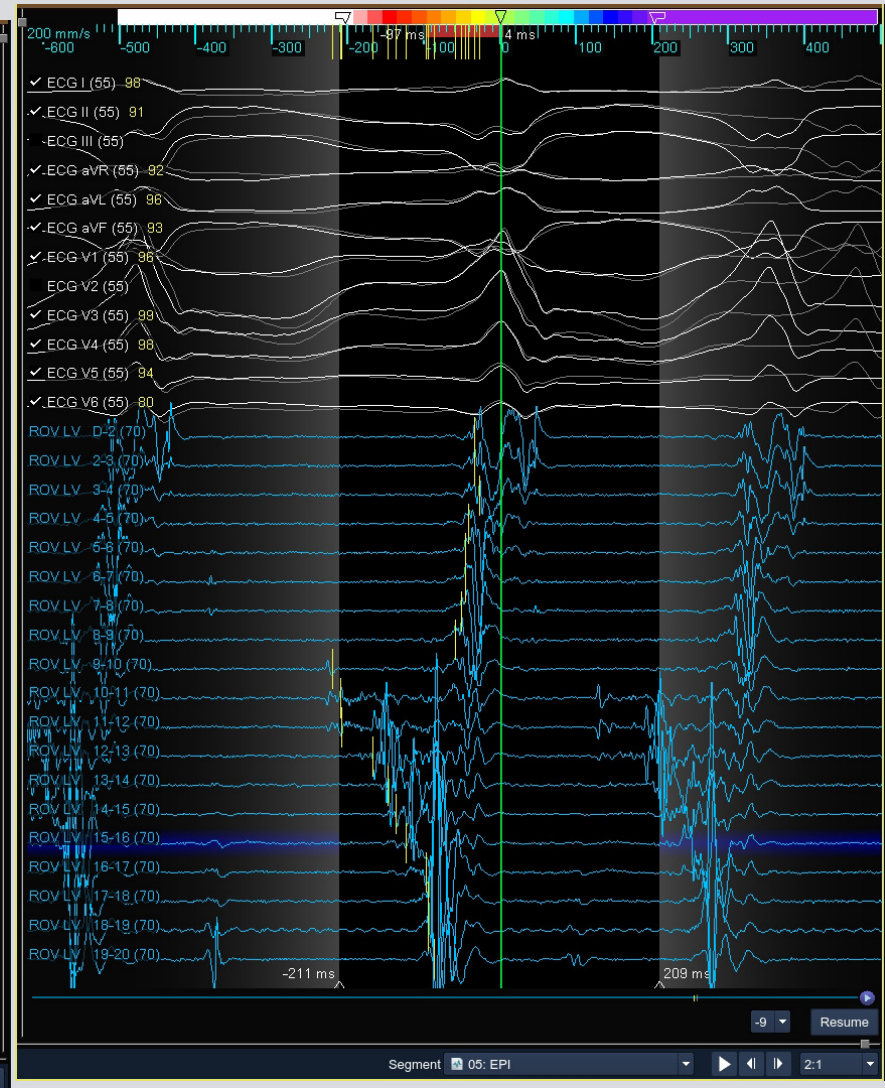
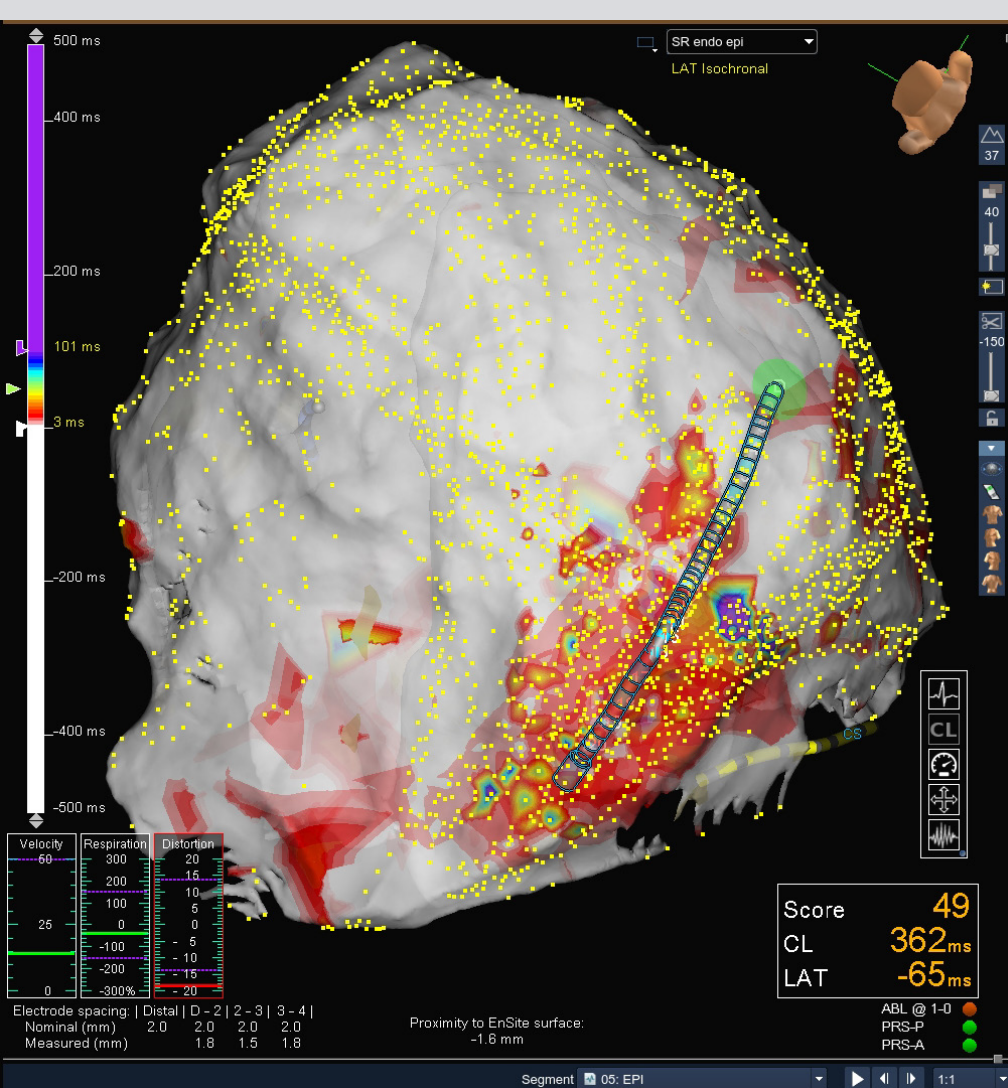


LPs correctly annotated by Automap

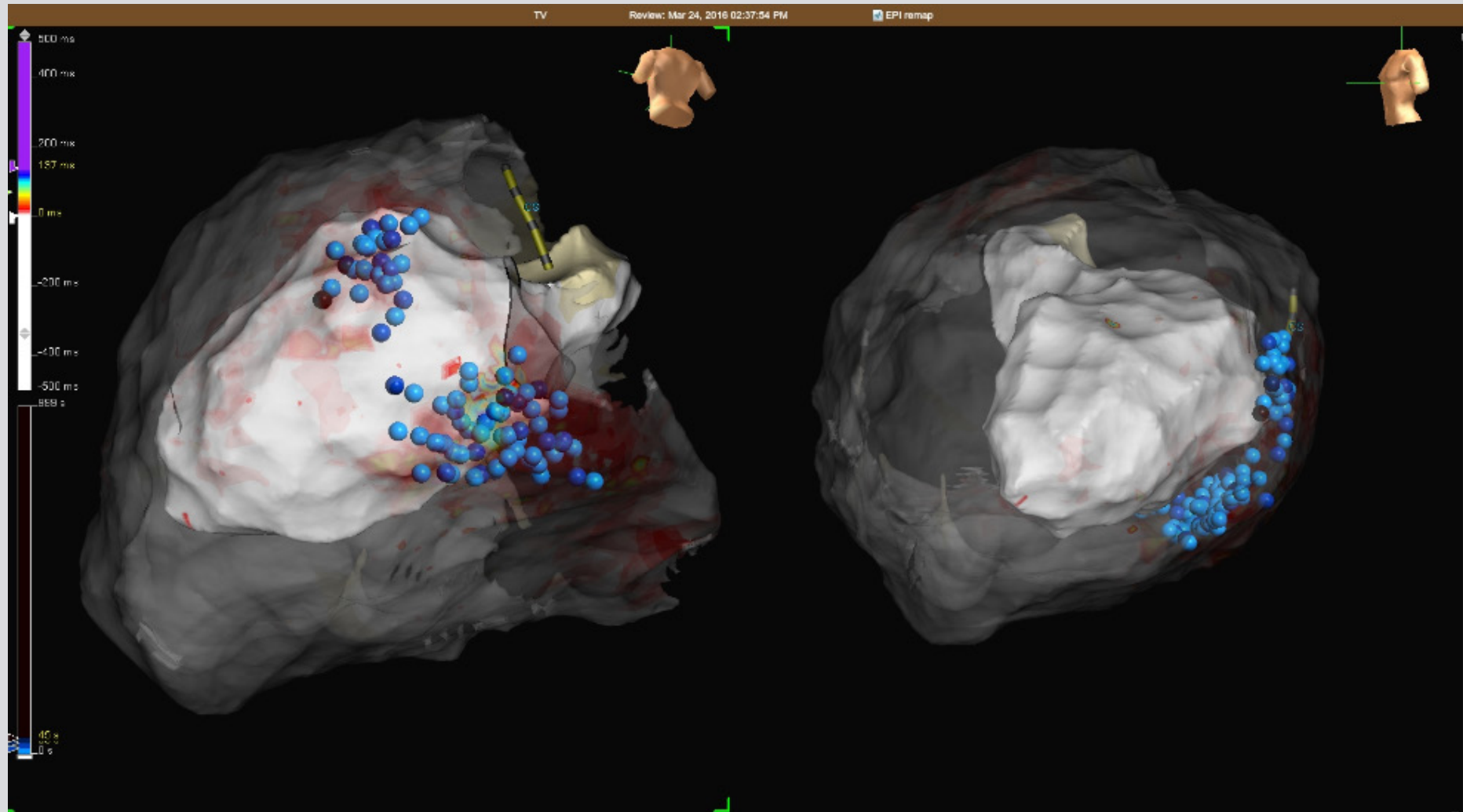


Clinical VT

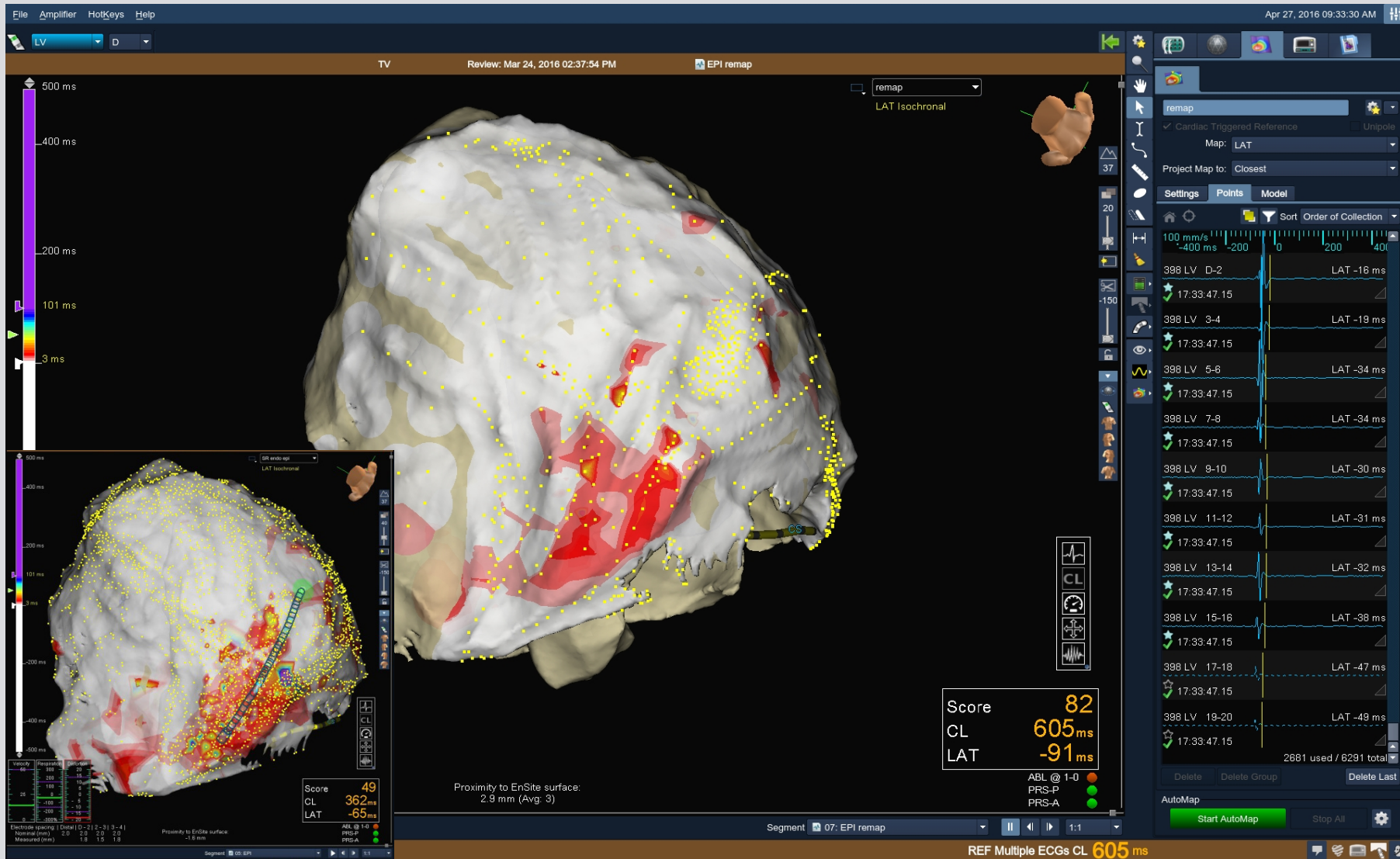
Activation mapping during epicardial VD by high density mapping catheter (Livewire 2 2 2)



RF delivery in epicardium



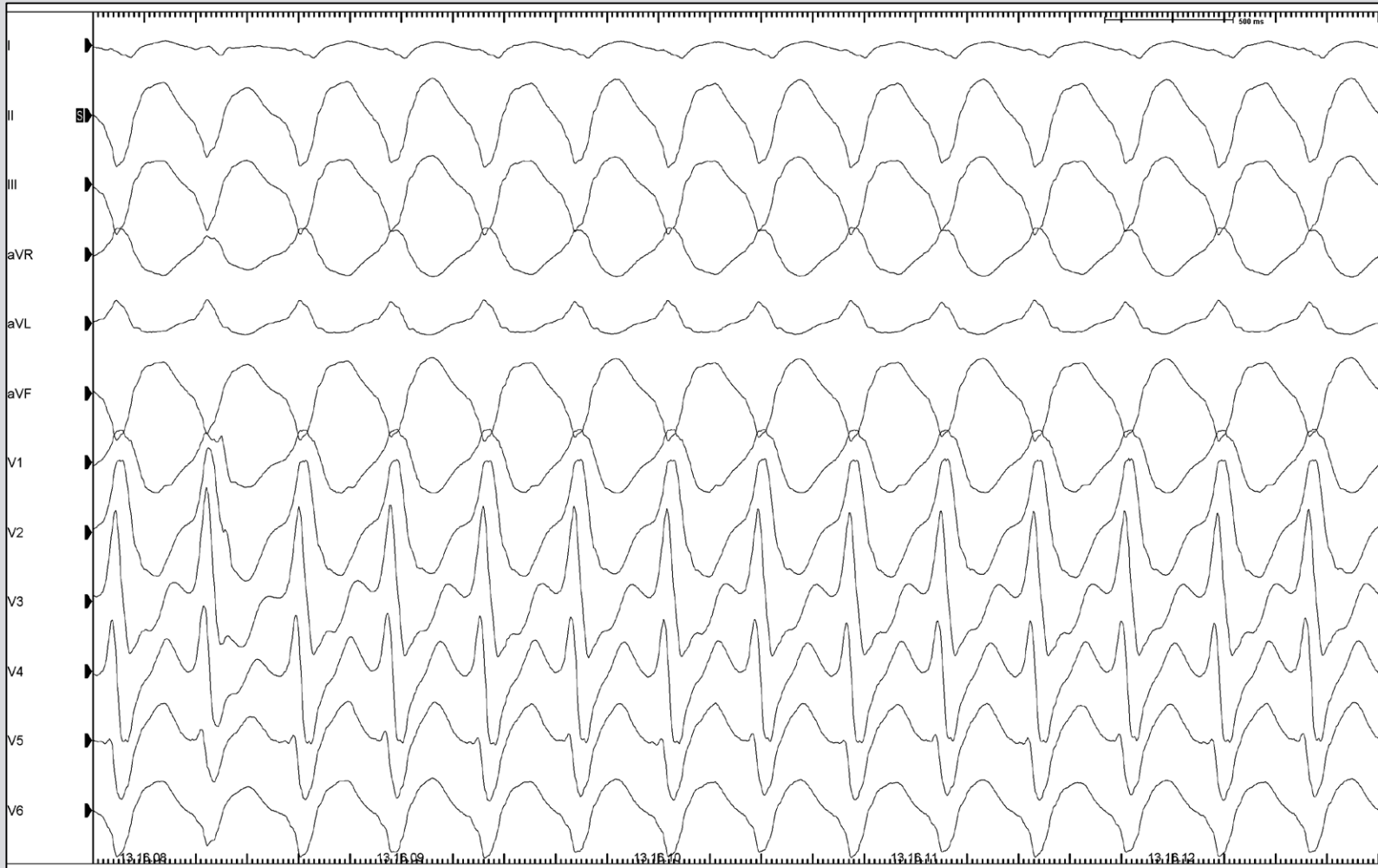
Remap



VT case

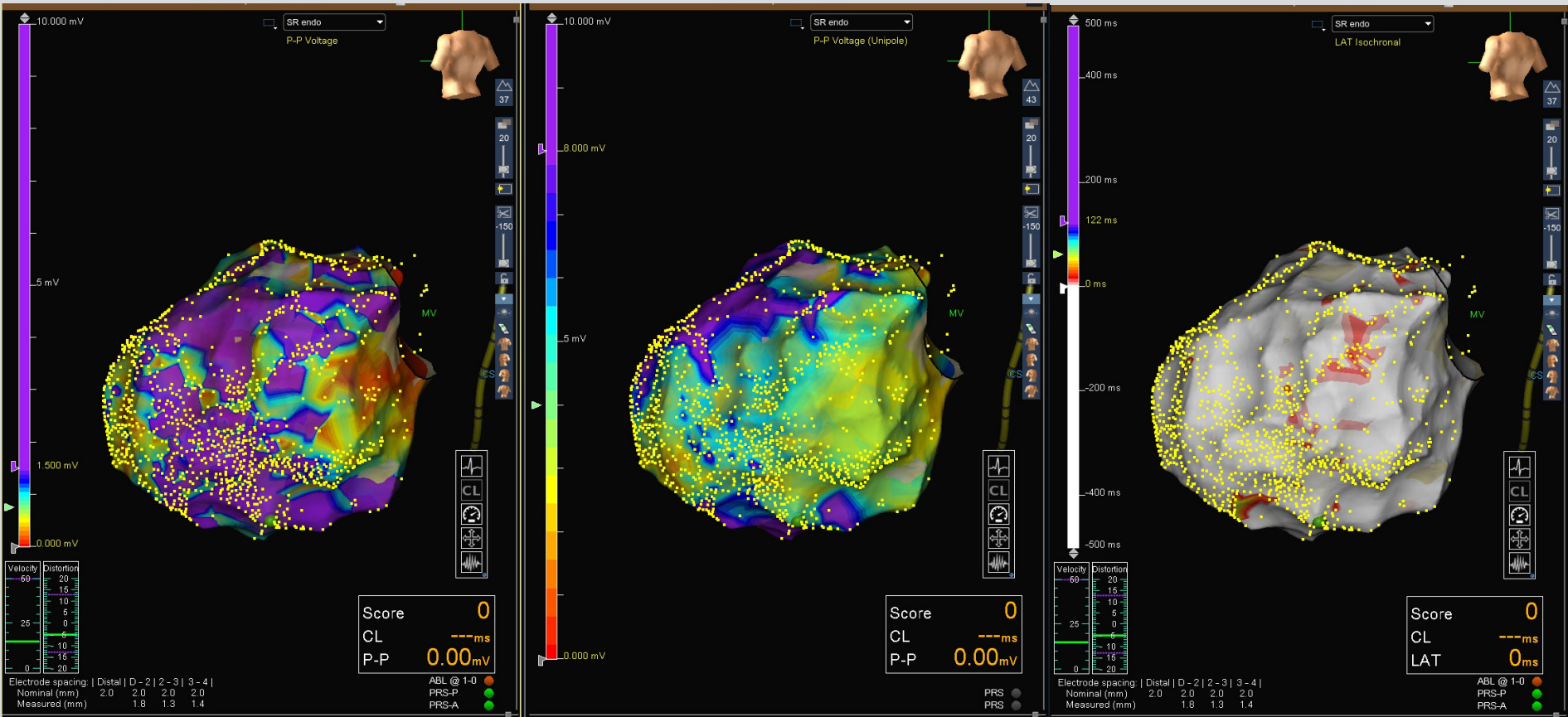
Male 48 yo, amateur cyclist. Previous AMI (2013). In 2015 secondary prevention ICD implantation.

Cardiac MRI: scar in the infero-lateral wall of the LV



Clinical VT morphology

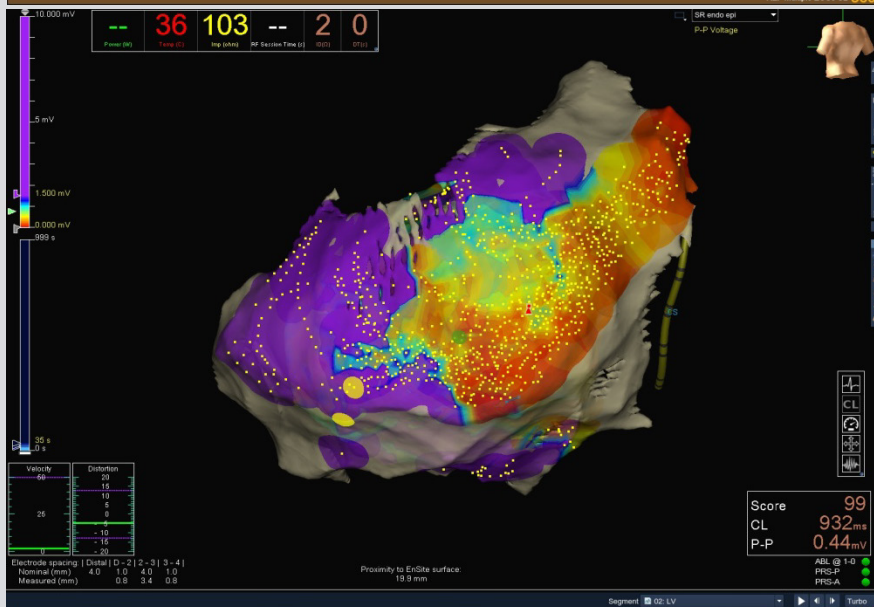
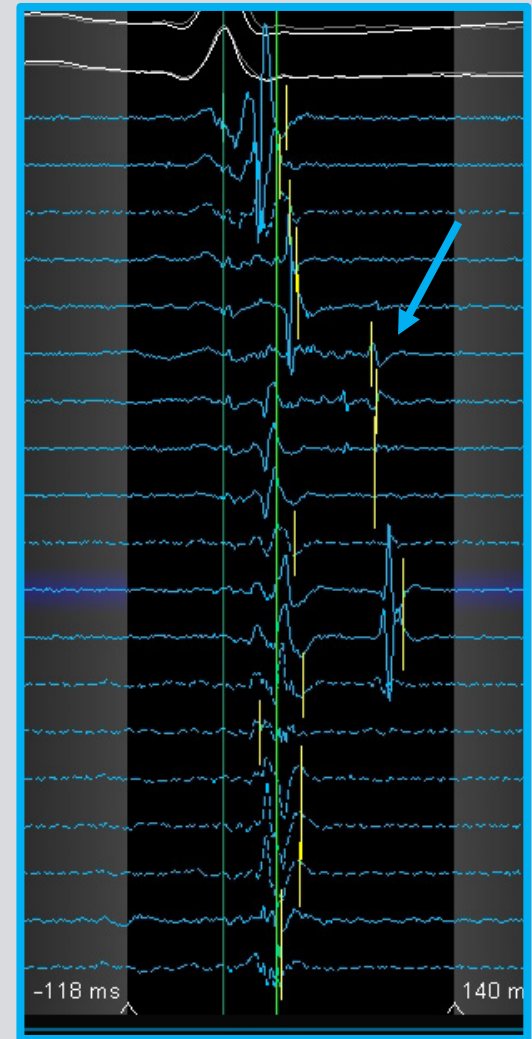
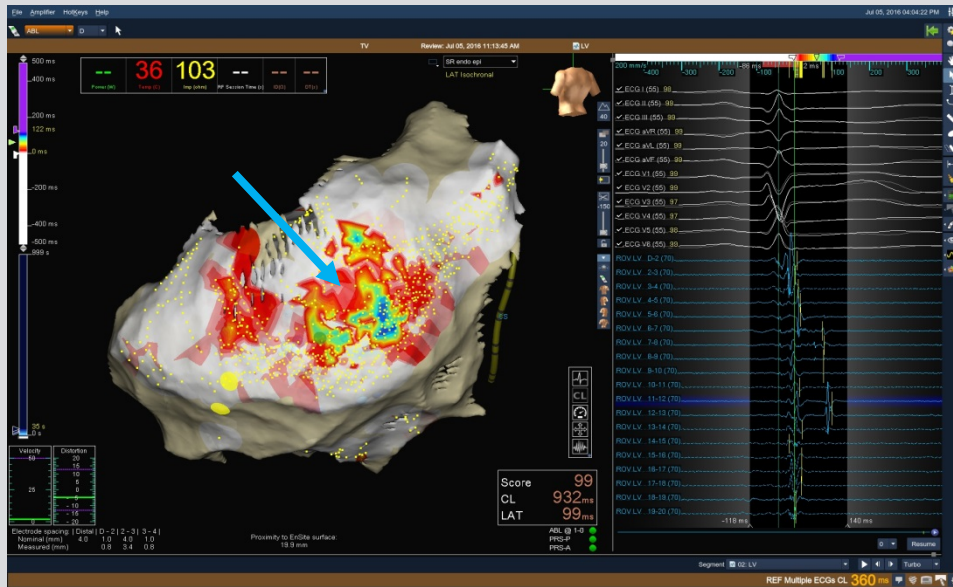
Left ventricle Endocardial map



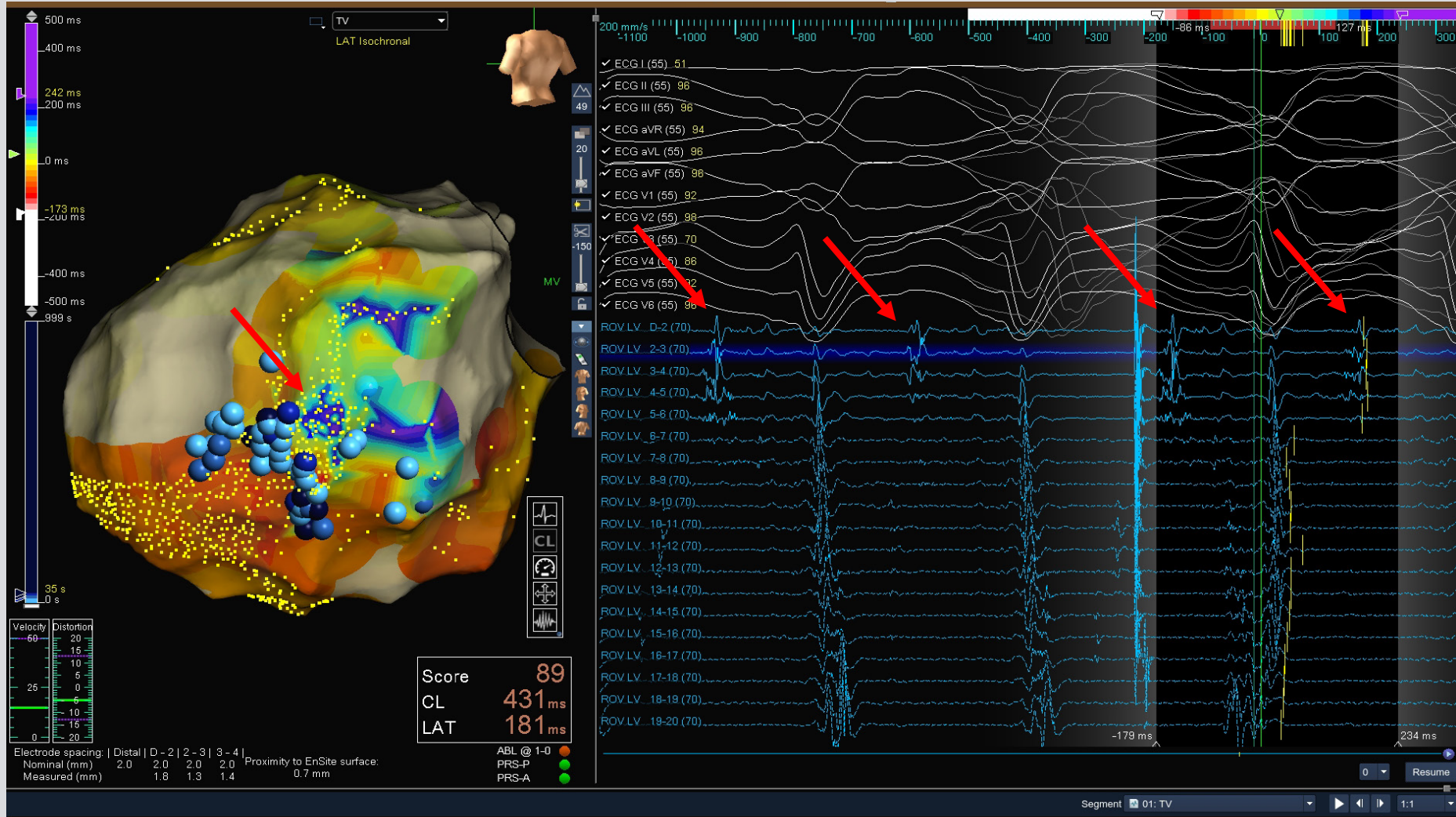
BIPOLAR AND UNIPOLAR, LATERAL WALL

LATE POTENTIAL MAP

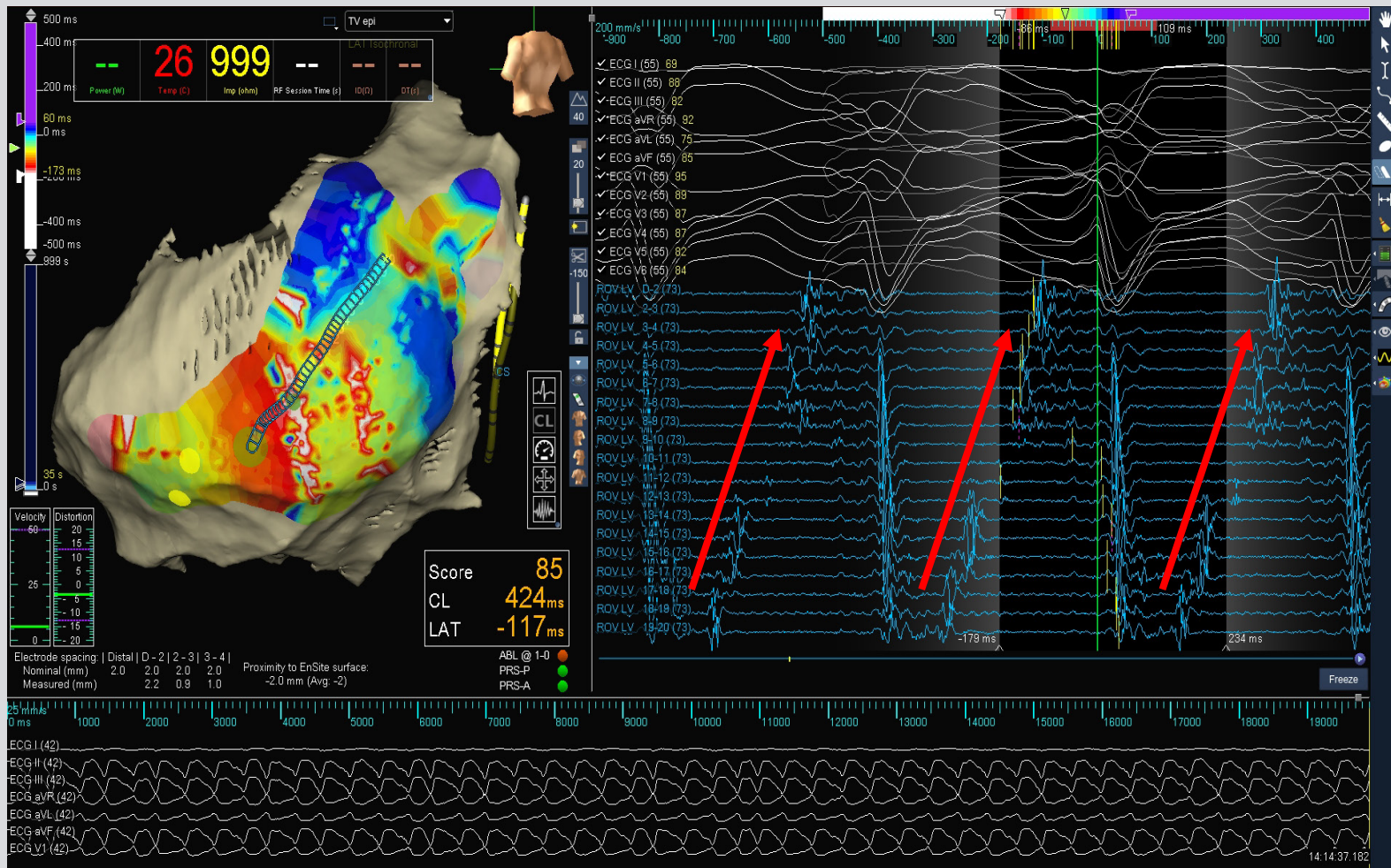
EPICARDIAL LAT AND BIPOLAR VOLTAGE: LPS



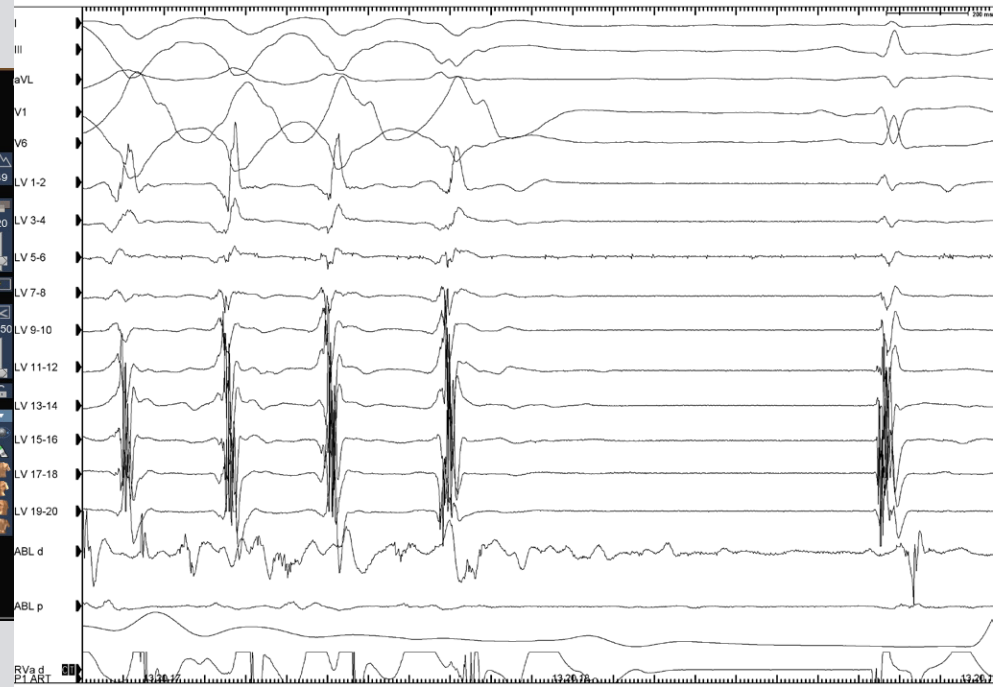
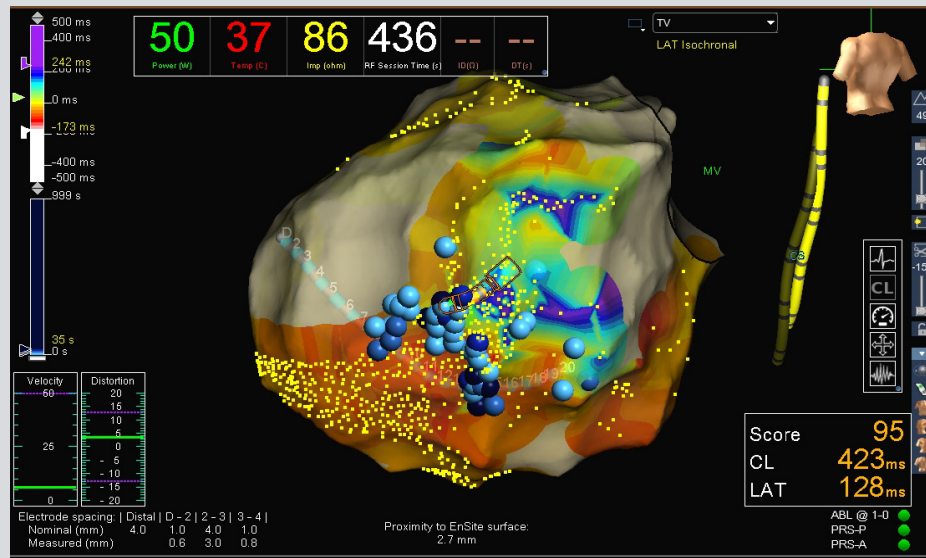
MID-DIASTOLIC PATTERN IN THE MID-LATERAL WALL



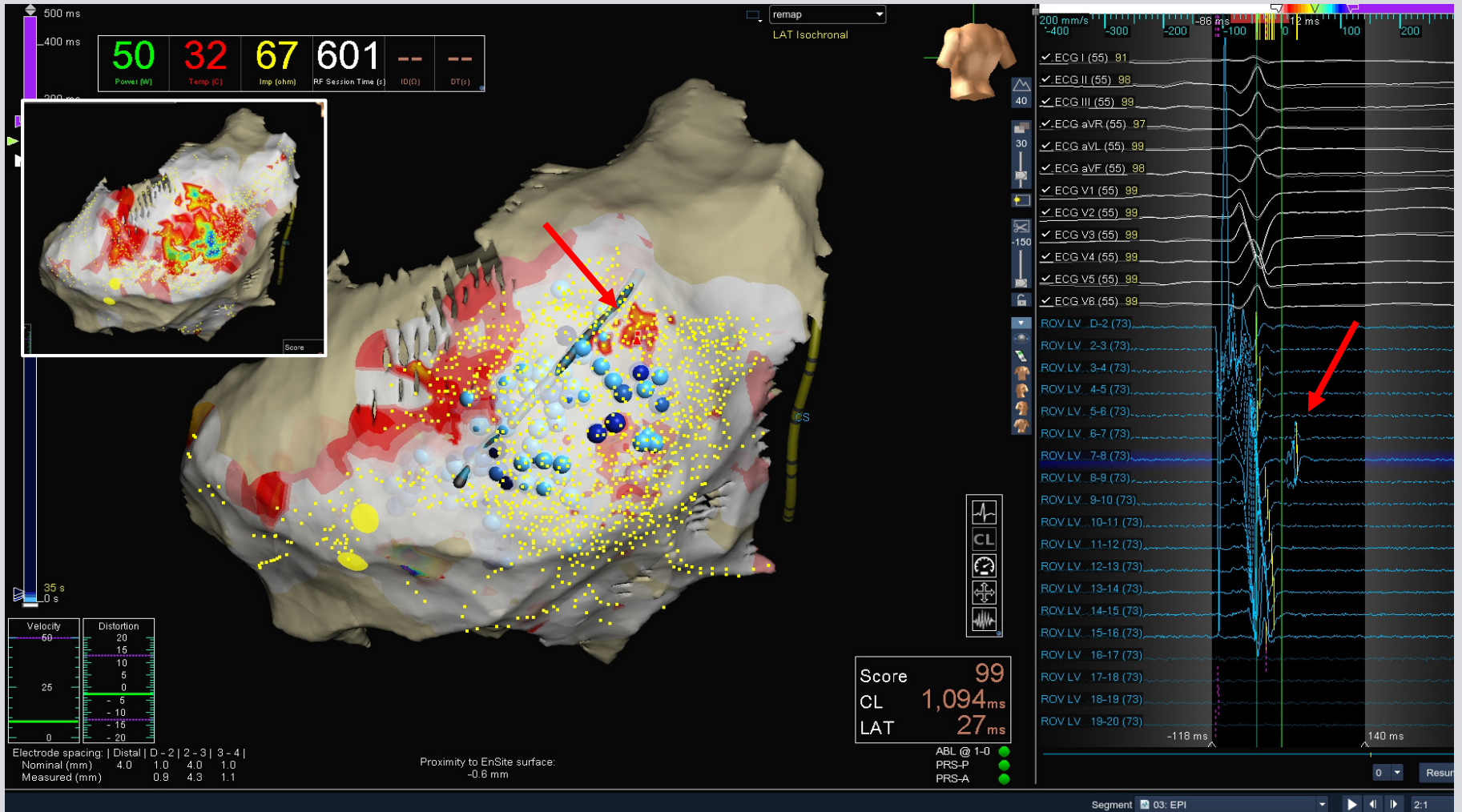
MID-DIASTOLIC PATTERN DURING VT



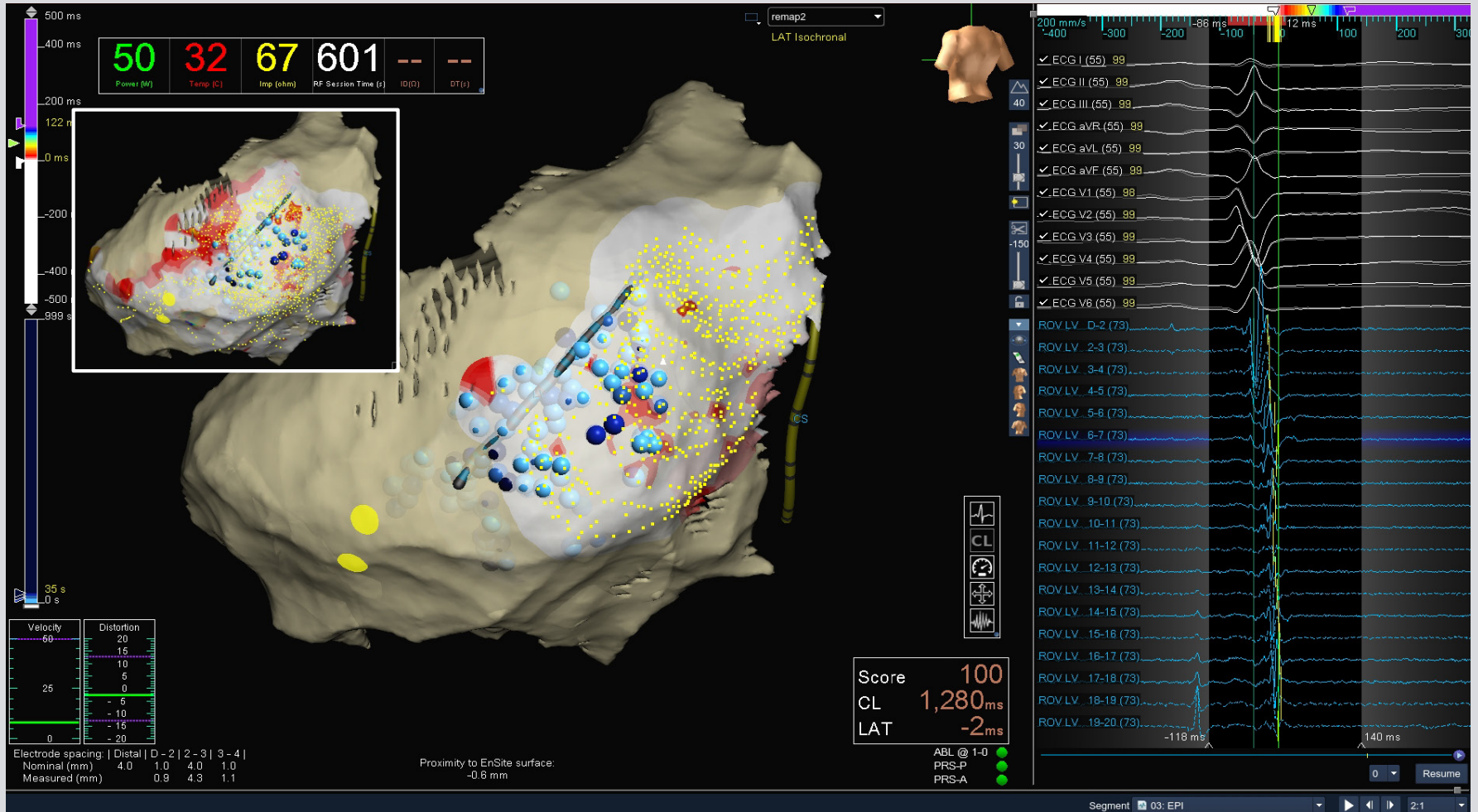
VT TERMINATION DURING RF AT 50W



FIRST REMAP



SECOND REMAP AFTER ANOTHER SET OF RF LESIONS



Conclusions

- Current features of the Precision software enable simultaneous acquisition from multielectrode catheters and the reconstruction of high density maps.
- Automatic annotation of the electrogram timing is provided by the Automap software signals from multielectrode catheters, without the need for manual tagging.
- Better visualization of ablation parameters (including contact force) by Automark software
- Further improvement of accuracy in geometry reconstruction and catheter navigation by magnetic sensor.