

**Valvular Regurgitation:**  
*Putting the New Guidelines  
into Practice*

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## Quantification of MR

- *Defining the size of the “hole” in the valve is key, along with the regurgitant volume (leak/beat)*
- *What is severe MR?*
  - Regurgitant orifice area > 0.4 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Regurgitant volume > 60 mL
- *As of March, 2017, we use the same standard for organic MR and functional MR but recognize that lesser degrees of FMR adversely impact survival than in primary MR.*

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**PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

**2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease**

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Recommendations for Noninvasive Evaluation of Native Valvular Regurgitation

A Report from the American Society of Echocardiography Developed in Collaboration with the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

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**2017 AHA/ACC Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease**

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## We Now Have Détente Between the Guidelines

### *Organic and Functional MR Graded the Same*

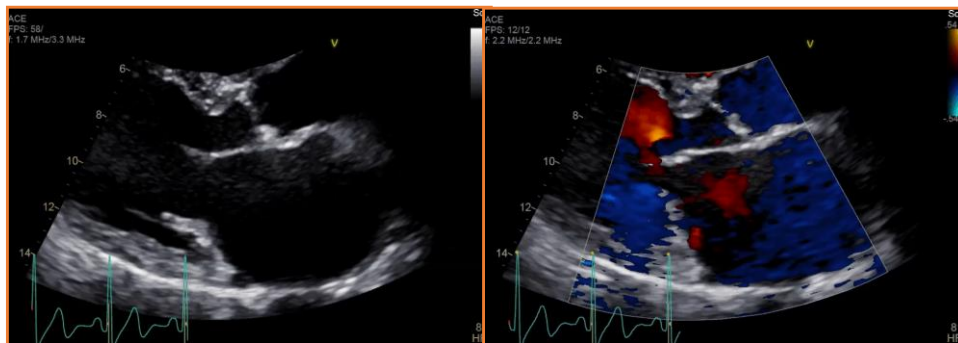
- Does this mean that etiology doesn't matter anymore?

**NOT AT ALL**

## Organic vs Functional MR

### *Critical to Proper Management*

### **Organic MR: The valve makes the ventricle sick**



**Flail PML, severe anteriorly-directed MR**

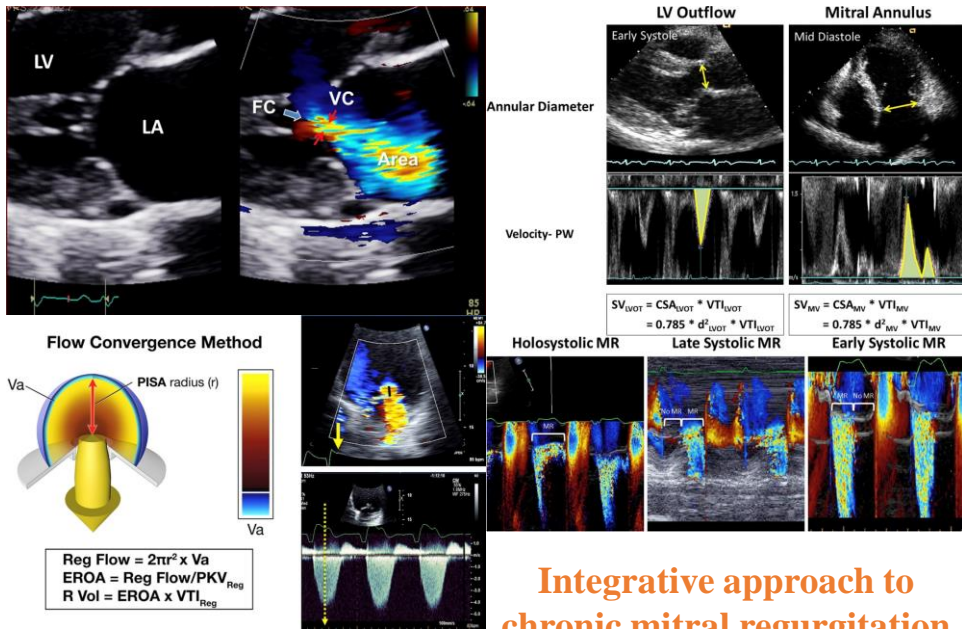
# Organic vs Functional MR

*Critical to Proper Management*

## Functional MR: The ventricle makes the valve sick



*Large IPMI, severe posteriorly-directed MR  
Look for the PML pointing to the apex*



## Integrative approach to chronic mitral regurgitation



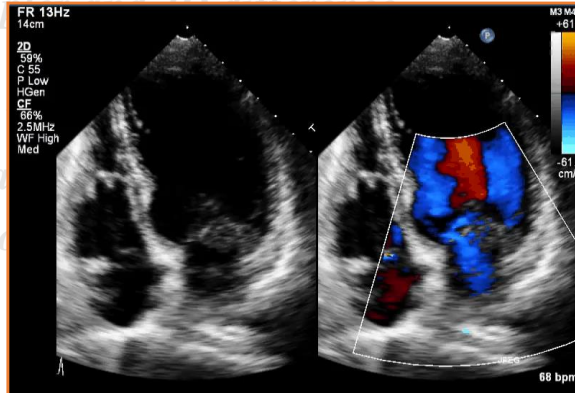
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# Quantifying Mitral Regurgitation

## *What are the Alternatives?*

- **Color jet area**
  - **Pro: Easy, fast, helps assess mechanism**
  - **Con: Impacted by BP, jet eccentricity, instrumentation factors, only 3 or 4 grades**
- *Pulsed Doppler*
- *Pulmonary*
- *Vena contra*
- *Proximal flow*



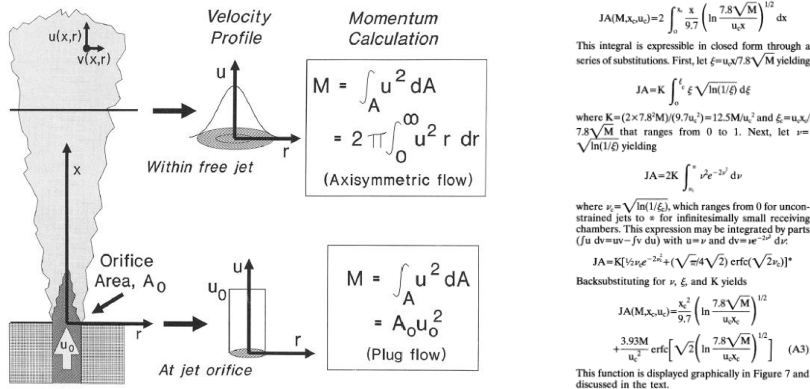
## Factors Effecting Color Doppler Jet Size

- Jet momentum
  - Flow rate x velocity
  - Record BP during examination
- Chamber constraint
  - Eccentric jets only 40% the size of free jets
- Instrumentation
  - Jet size **directly** related to gain, transmit power, ensemble length
  - **Inversely** related to pulse repetition frequency and wall filter
  - Transducer frequency has **variable** effect

# Quantification of Jet Flow by Momentum Analysis

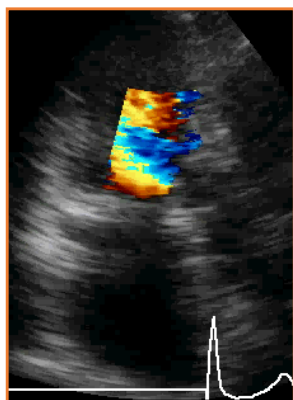
## An In Vitro Color Doppler Flow Study *Circulation* 1990; 81: 247-259

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## Determinants of Jet Size

*Wall jets are 58% smaller than equivalent central jets*

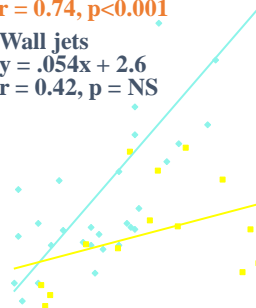


*Central jet  
(Cardiomyopathy)*

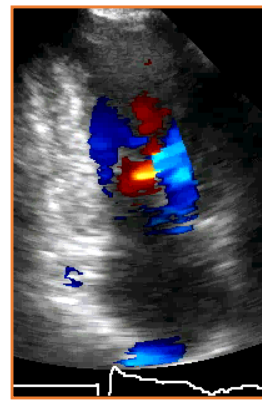
Chen, et al., *Circulation* 1991; 84; 712-720

Central jets  
 $y = .254x - 0.7$   
 $r = 0.74, p < 0.001$

Wall jets  
 $y = .054x + 2.6$   
 $r = 0.42, p = \text{NS}$



*MR fraction [%]*



*Wall jet  
(AML override)*

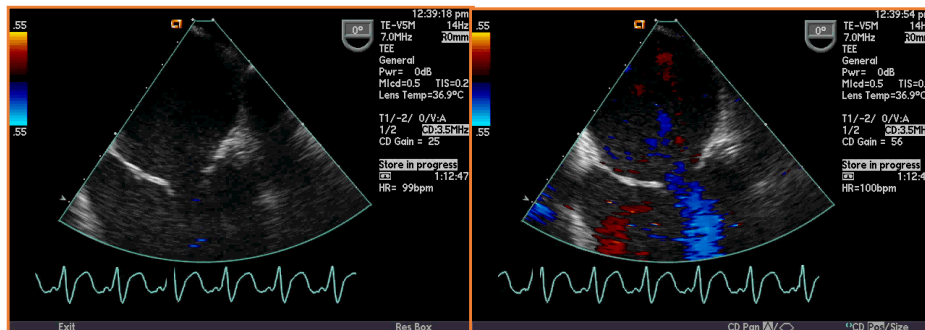
# Color Doppler Instrumentation

## *Changes that Increase Jet Size*

- **↑ Gain and power**
- **↓ Pulse repetition frequency**
- **↑ Transducer frequency**
  - *Frequency effect*
- **↓ Transducer frequency**
  - *Attenuation effect*
- **↓ Wall filter**
- **↑ Ensemble length**

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## Impact of Color Gain

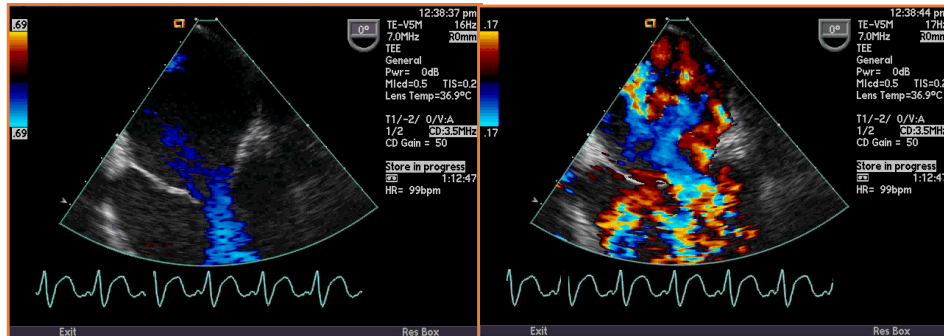


**CD Gain = 25**

**CD Gain = 56**

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## Impact of Velocity Scale



*Nyquist Limit = 69 cm/sec*    *Nyquist Limit = 17 cm/sec*

*$V_{min} \approx 4 \text{ cm/sec}$*

*$V_{min} \approx 1 \text{ cm/sec}$*

## How We Usually Grade Regurgitation

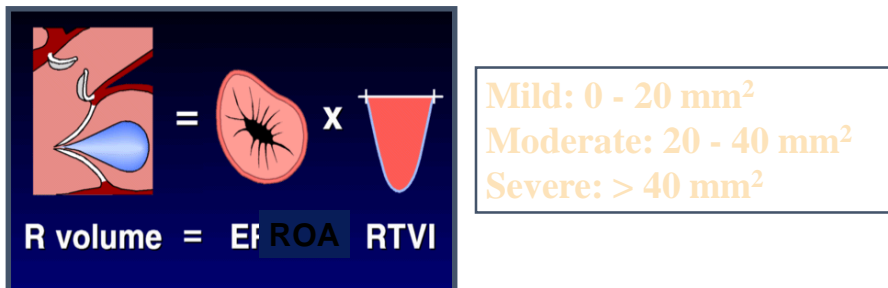


*Can't we do better????*

## How Leaky IS That Valve?

### *Key Quantitative Concept*

- Regurgitant orifice area (ROA)
  - Actual size of the regurgitant lesion
  - Fundamental parameter of valve integrity

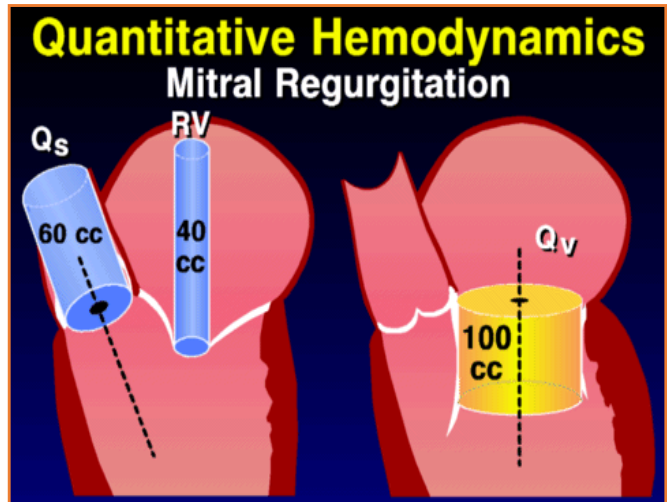


## PISA??

### *What are the Alternatives?*

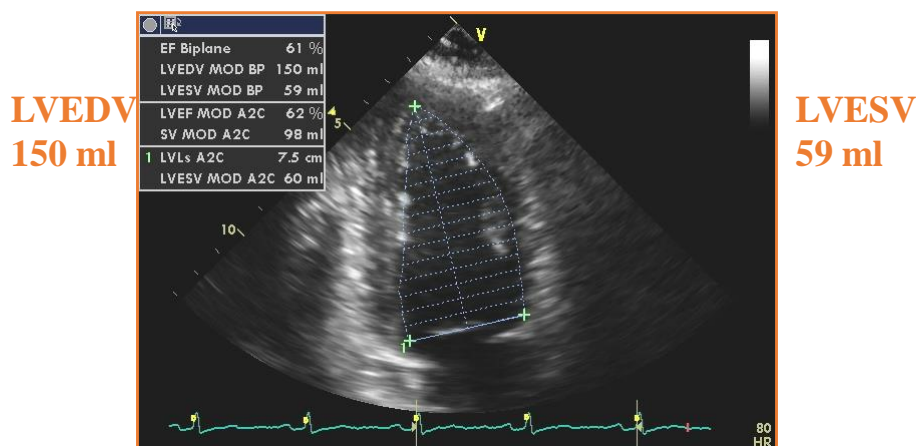
- *Color jet area*
- *Pulsed Doppler and 2D difference methods*
  - **Pro: Well validated, quantitative**
  - **Con: Complex, multiple windows and measurements, propagation of errors compounded by subtraction**
- *Pulmonary veins*
- *Vena contracta*
- *Proximal flow convergence (PISA)*





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## Quantification of Stroke Volume *2D or 3D Volumetric Assessment*

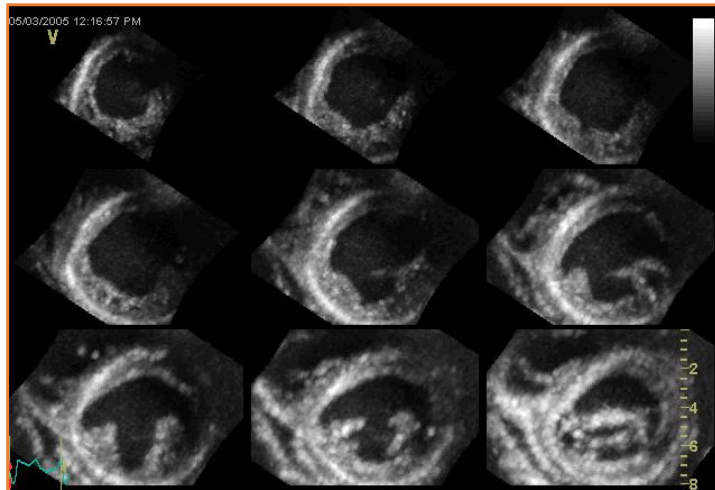


**Stroke volume = 91 ml; ejection fraction = 61%**

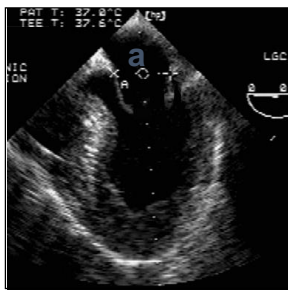
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# Quantification of Stroke Volume

## *2D or 3D Volumetric Assessment*



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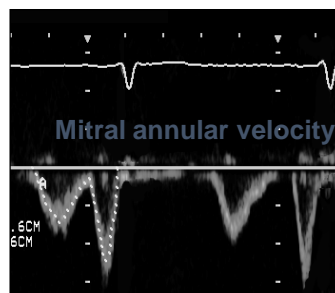
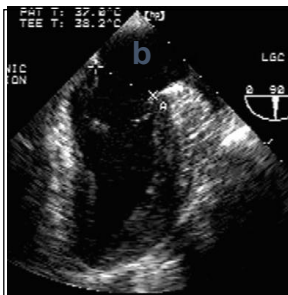


### Calculation of Mitral Inflow By Biplane Transesophageal Echocardiography

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$$\text{Annular area} = \pi ab/4$$

$$\text{Stroke volume} = \text{TVI}_{\text{MA}} \times A_{\text{MA}}$$



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## Why Aren't Volumetric Methods Always Used?

### *Propagation of Errors*

*Subtracting two large numbers with an error that is magnified as the root sum square of the individual errors*

$$SV_{LV} = 100 \pm 10 \text{ mL}$$

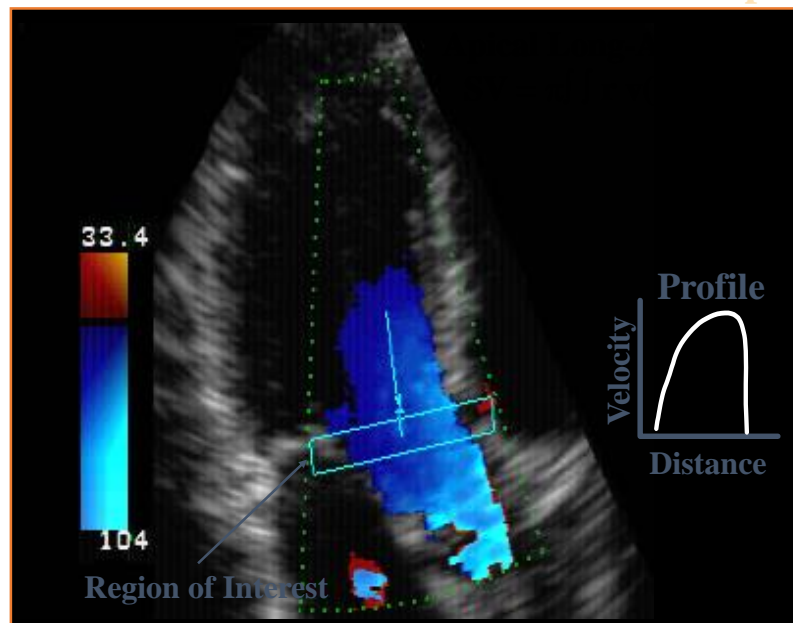
$$SV_{LVOT} = 60 \pm 10 \text{ mL}$$

$$RV_{MV} = 40 \pm 14 \text{ mL}$$

$$95\% \text{ CI for } RV_{MV} = (10, 70) \text{ mL}$$

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### Automated Calculation of Cardiac Output

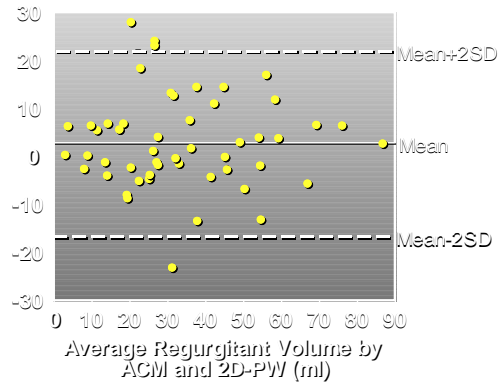
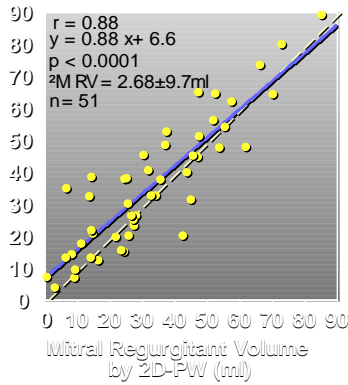


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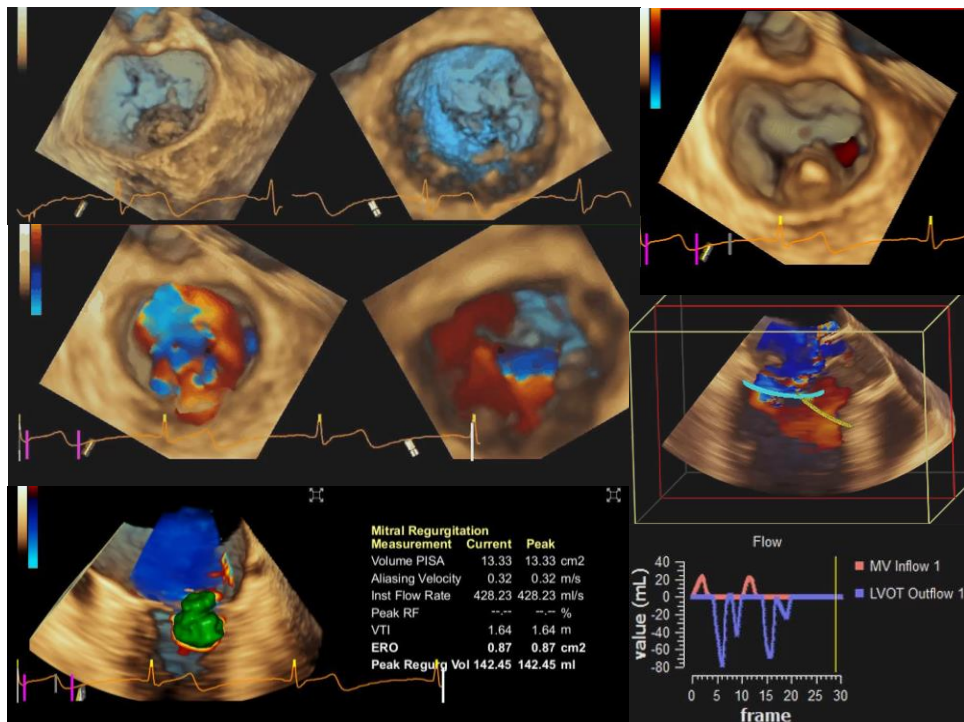
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# Accuracy of ACM

## Quantification of MR

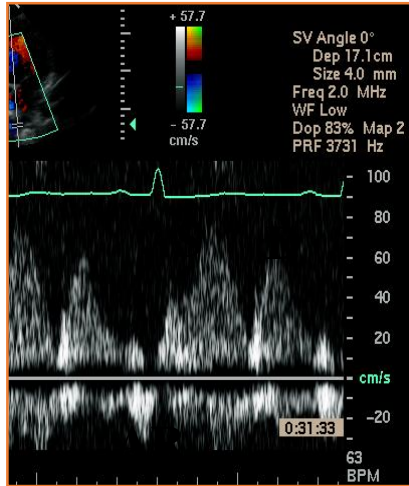


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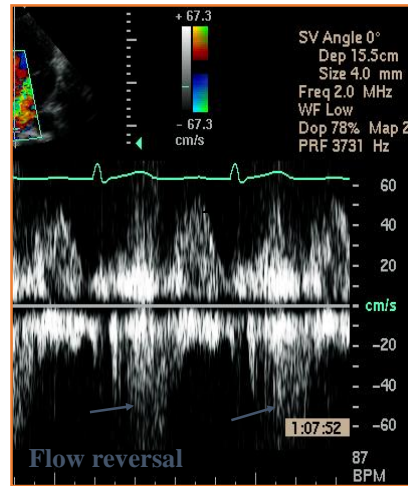


# Assessment of Regurgitation

## *Pulmonary Venous Flow*



Mild MR

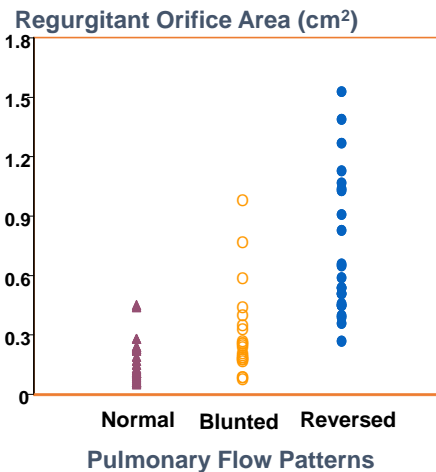


Severe MR

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# Quantification of MR

## *Limitations of Pulmonary Vein Patterns*

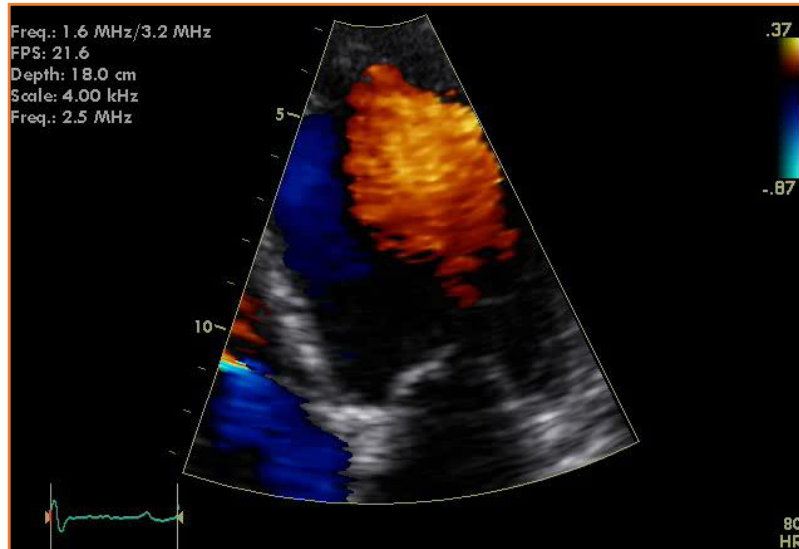


*Normal = mild; reversed = severe; blunted = anything*

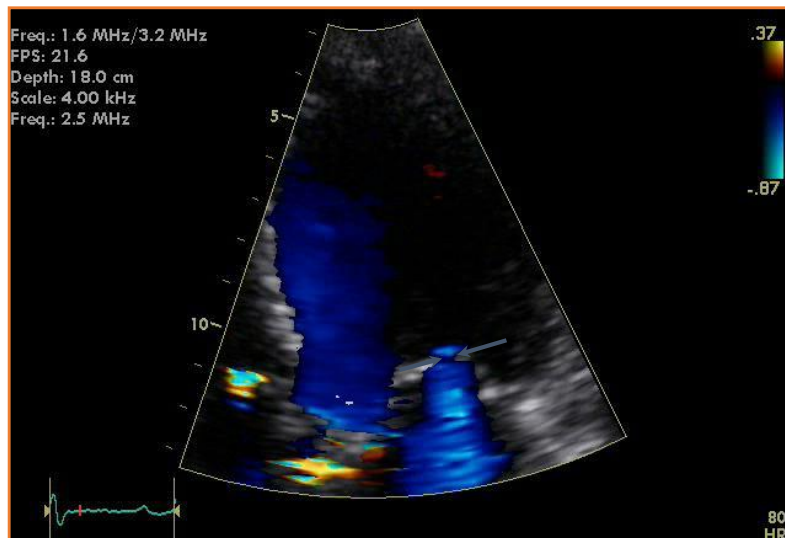
Pu et al. JASE 1999; 12: 736-743

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## Quantification of MR *Vena Contracta Diameter*



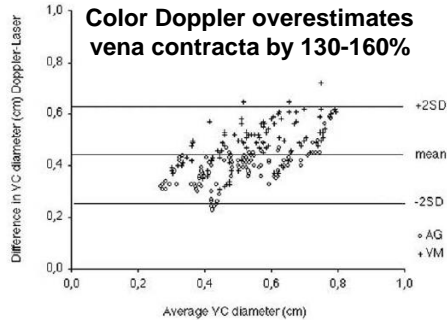
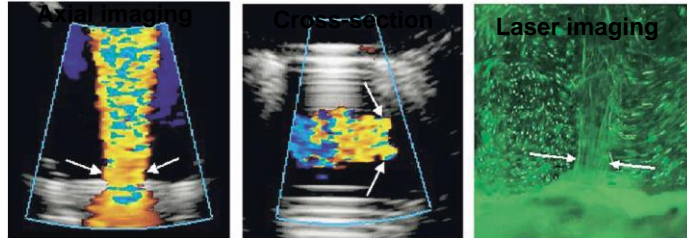
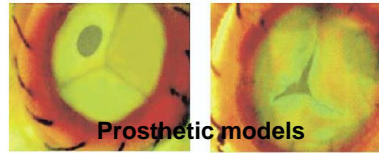
## Quantification of MR *Vena Contracta Diameter*



*Limited by lateral resolution of echo*

Doppler Echocardiographic Assessment of  
Valvular Regurgitation Severity by  
Measurement of the Vena Contracta:  
An In Vitro Validation Study

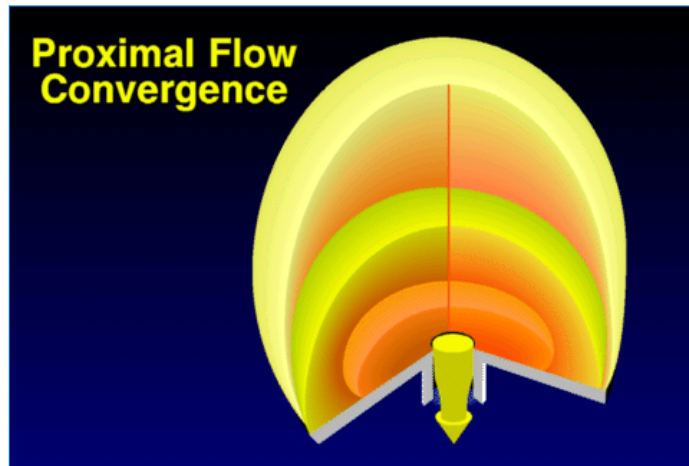
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Paul Simon, MD, Gerald Maurer, MD, Heinrich Schima, PhD,  
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**Proximal Convergence Method**  
*Underlying Principle*



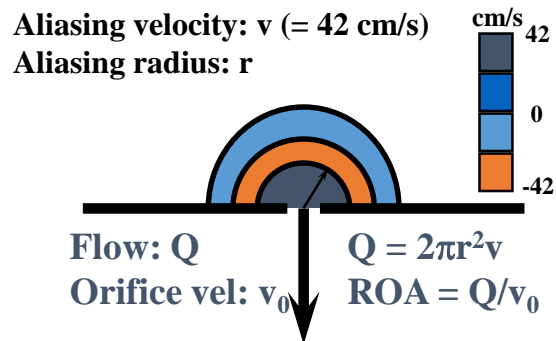
*Flow thru any isovelocity shell  
equal to instantaneous orifice flow*

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## Quantification of Regurgitation

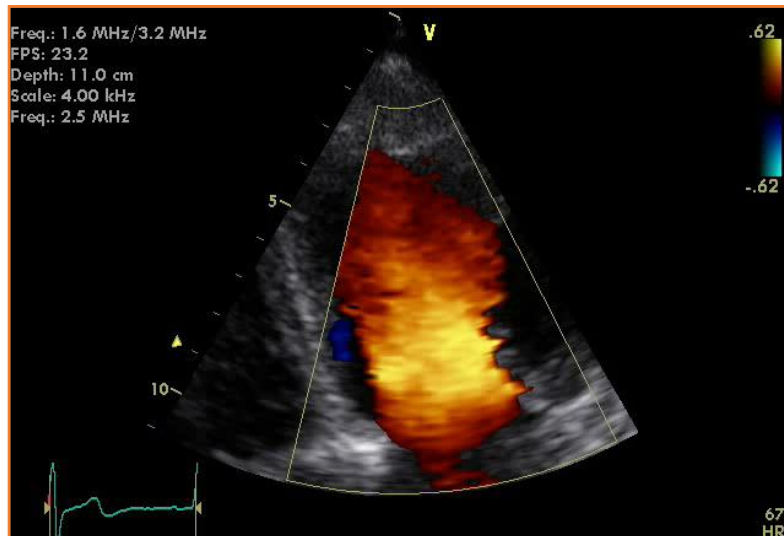
### Proximal Convergence Method

#### Practical Implementation



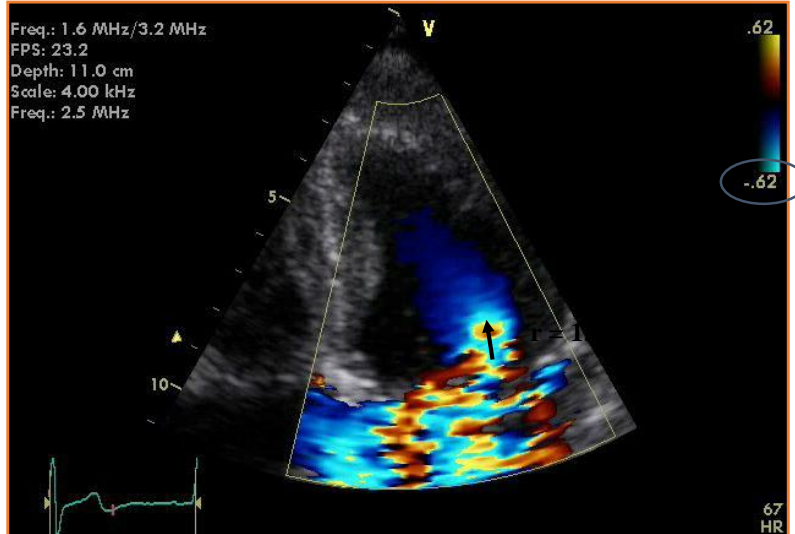
*Comprehensive, but there's an easier way.*

### Assessment of MR by Proximal Convergence





## Assessment of MR by Proximal Convergence



$$Q = 2\pi r^2 v = 6.28 (1.0)^2 62 = 389 \text{ ml/sec}$$

$$ROA = Q/v_0 = 389/550 = 0.7 \text{ cm}^2$$

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**PISA**

for

**Pinheads!**

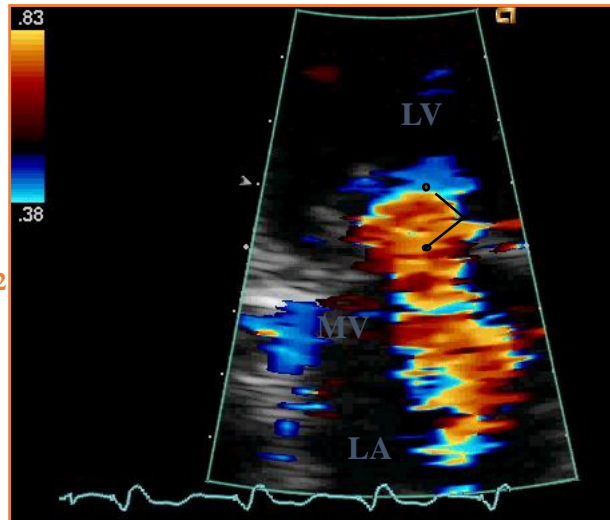


*“Are we having fun, yet??”*

## Measurement of Mitral ROA *Simplified PISA Formula*

- Assume LV-LA  $\Delta p$  is 100 mmHg
- Set aliasing velocity to (near) 40 cm/sec
- Then  $ROA = r^2/2$

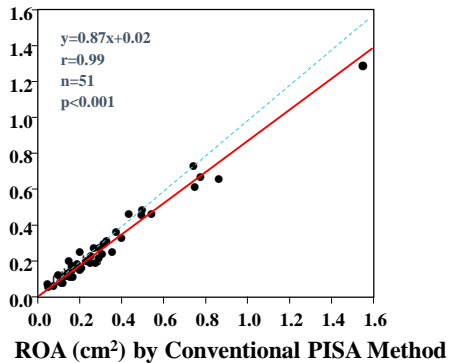
$$ROA = 9^2/2 = 40 \text{ mm}^2$$



Pu et al., JASE 2001;14:180-5

## ROA by Simplified PISA Method: $r^2/2$

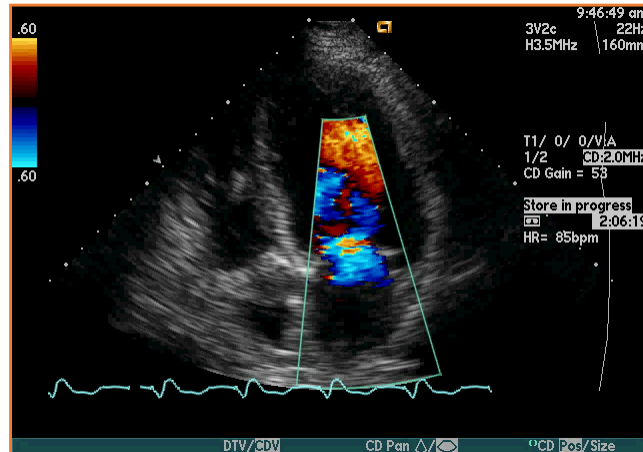
ROA (cm<sup>2</sup>) by Simplified PISA Method



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## 72 yo Man with MR post IPMI

### *How Bad is the MR??*



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## Simplified PISA Method

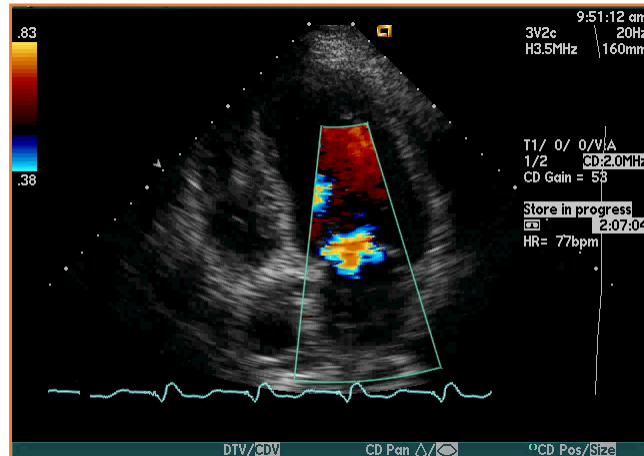
### *5 Easy Steps*

1. Optimize view of proximal convergence zone from apex
2. Baseline shift to ~40 cm/sec
3. Zoom on valve
4. Measure first aliasing radius
5.  $ROA = r^2/2$

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# Simplified PISA Method

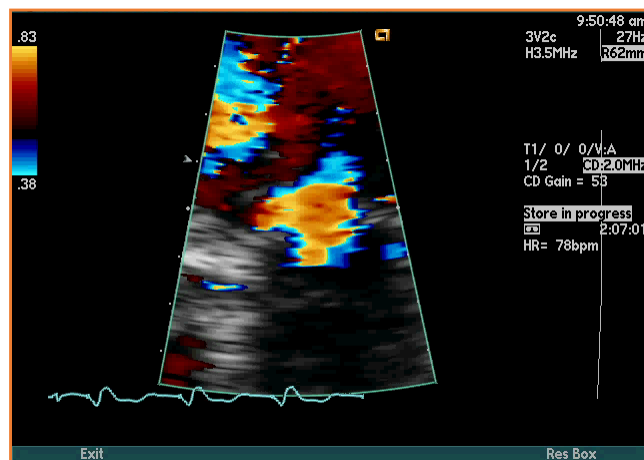
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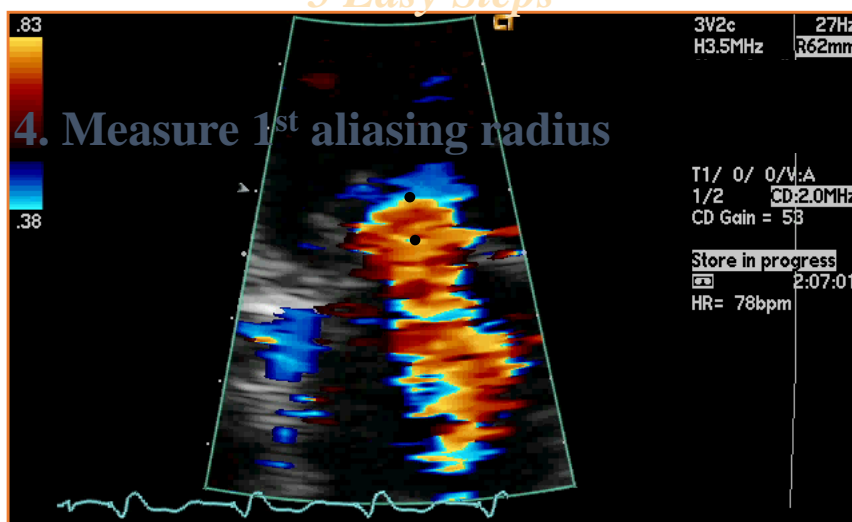
## 5 Easy Steps



3. Zoom on valve

## Simplified PISA Method

### *5 Easy Steps*



5.  $ROA = r^2/2 = 9^2/2 = 40 \text{ mm}^2$

## PISA Adjustments

### *Pitfalls and Refinements to Keep in Mind*

1. Nonholosystolic MR
2. Contour flattening near orifice
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## Dynamics of Mitral Regurgitant Flow and Orifice Area

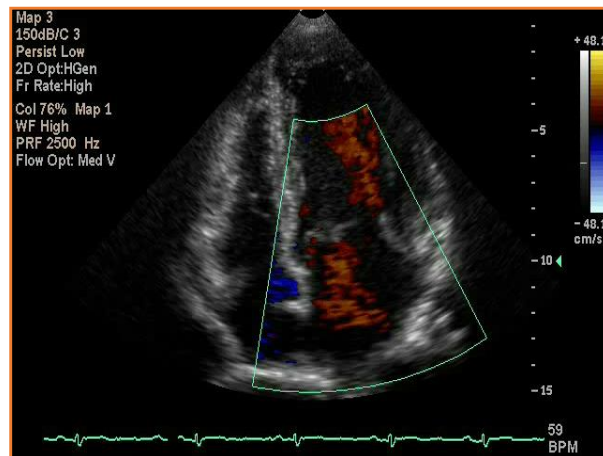
### Physiologic Application of the Proximal Flow Convergence Method: Clinical Data and Experimental Testing

*Circulation* 1994; 90: 307-322

Ehud Schwammenthal, MD; Chunguang Chen, MD; Frank Benning, BS; Michael Block, MD; Günter Breithardt, MD, FESC, FACC; Robert A. Levine, MD, FACC

How Bad is this Regurgitation??

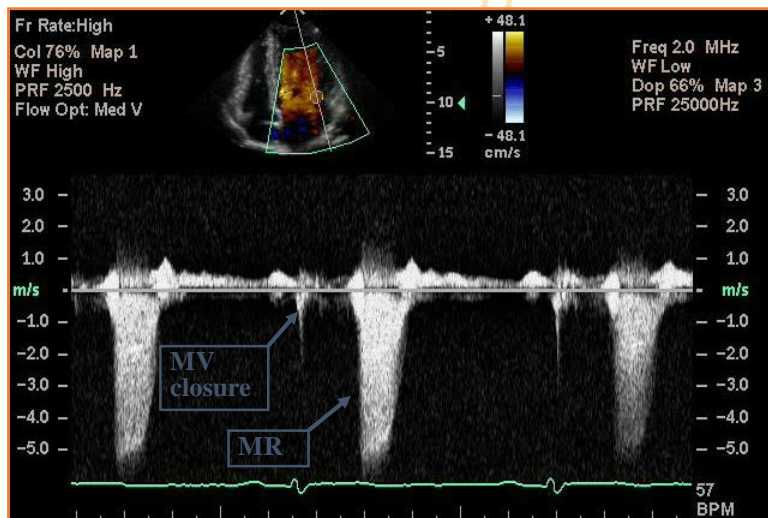
*46 Year Old Woman Referred for Surgery*



*Large jet, large proximal convergence zone  
ROA ~ 0.6 cm<sup>2</sup>*

# But Only Briefly!

## Mitral CW Doppler



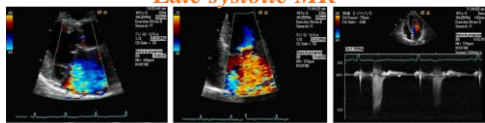
Significant MR only in latter half of systole

### Impact of Duration of Mitral Regurgitation on Outcomes in Asymptomatic Patients With Myxomatous Mitral Valve Undergoing Exercise Stress Echocardiography

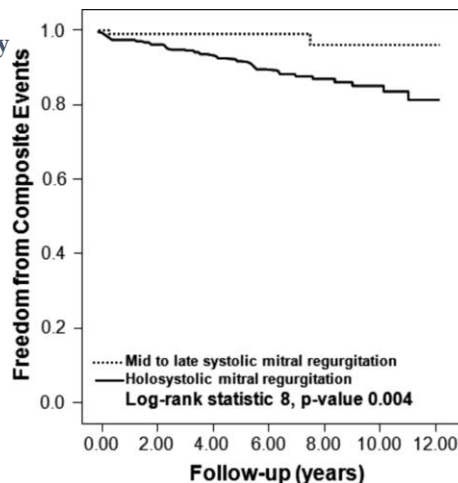
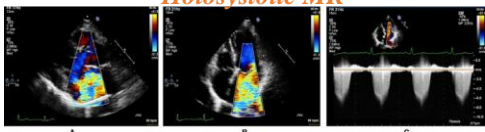
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- 609 pts w/  $\geq 3+$  MR (122 late systolic)
- All underwent stress echocardiography
- Late MR pts were younger and more likely female
- Endpoints: death and CHF
- HS vs LS: 4.99x more likely endpoints

#### Late systolic MR



#### Holosystolic MR



Naji et al., JAMA 2015; 314: e001348

# PISA Adjustments

## *Pitfalls and Refinements to Keep in Mind*

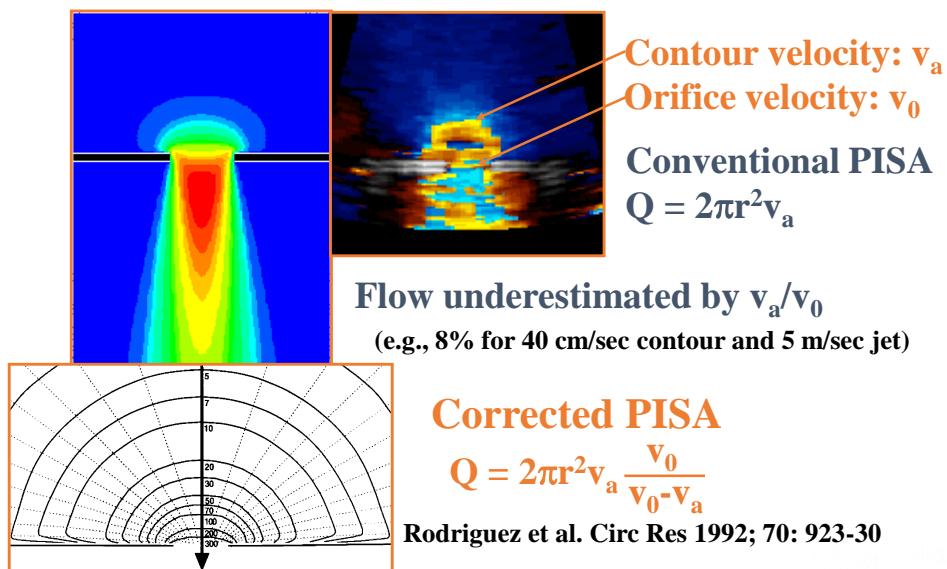
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### **Impact of Finite Orifice Size on Proximal Flow Convergence**

#### **Implications for Doppler Quantification of Valvular Regurgitation**

Leonardo Rodriguez, Joseph Anconina, Frank A. Flachskampf, Arthur E. Weyman, Robert A. Levine, and James D. Thomas  
*Circ Res* 1992; 70: 923-30

## **Computational Fluid Dynamics Aids Analysis** *Contour Flattening Near the Orifice*





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### Validation of the Proximal Flow Convergence Method

#### Calculation of Orifice Area in Patients With Mitral Stenosis

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Licia N. Mueller, RDCS; Robert A. Levine, MD

Rodriguez et al. *Circulation*. 1993;88:1157-65.

#### Quantification of Mitral Regurgitation by the Proximal Convergence Method Using Transesophageal Echocardiography

##### Clinical Validation of a Geometric Correction for Proximal Flow Constraint

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Delos M. Cosgrove III, MD; James D. Thomas, MD

**Pu et al., *Circulation* 1995; 92: 2169-2177.**

#### Impact of Wall Constraint on Velocity Distribution in Proximal Flow Convergence Zone

##### Implications for Color Doppler Quantification of Mitral Regurgitation

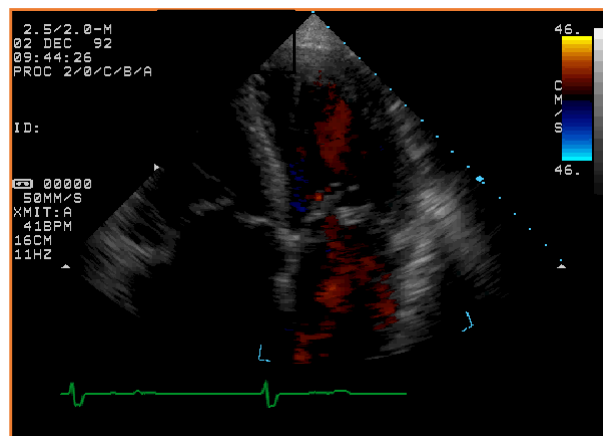
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Cleveland, Ohio

**Pu et al., *JACC* 1996; 27: 706-13.**

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## PISA Pitfalls

### *Constraint by Surrounding Structures*

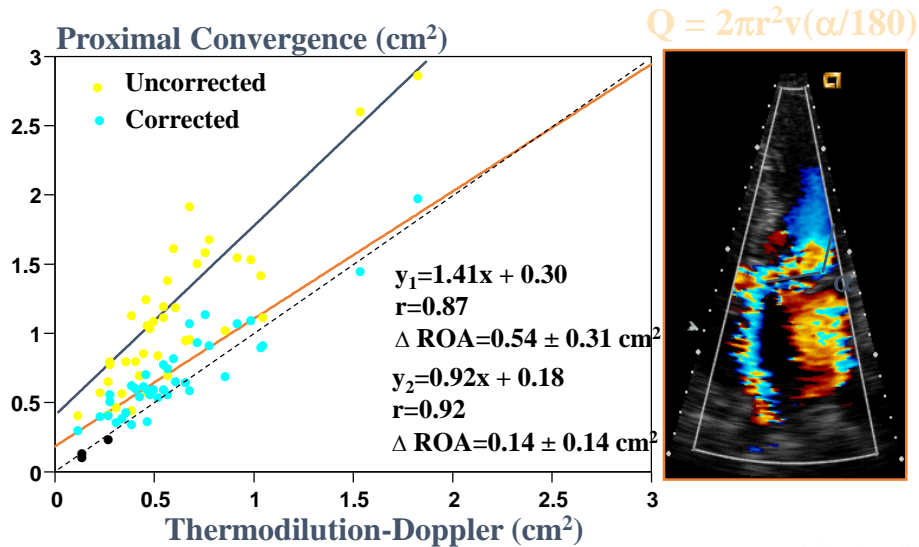


*Flail posterior leaflet leads to constraint by posterolateral wall*

**Pu et al., *Circulation* 1995; 92: 2169-2177.**

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## Angle Correction for Constrained Flow Regurgitant Orifice Area



Pu et al., *Circulation* 1995; 92: 2169-2177.

## PISA Adjustments

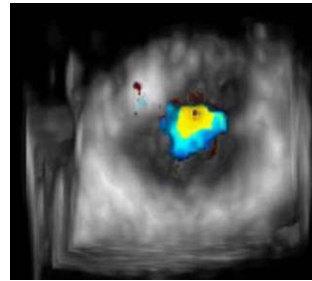
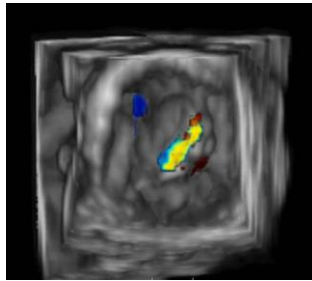
### *Pitfalls and Refinements to Keep in Mind*

1. Nonholosystolic MR
2. Contour flattening near orifice
3. Proximal constraint distorting hemisphere

### **4. Noncircular orifice**

**Geometry of the proximal isovelocity surface area in mitral regurgitation by 3-dimensional color Doppler echocardiography: Difference between functional mitral regurgitation and prolapse regurgitation**

Yoshiki Matsumura, MD, Shota Fukuda, MD, Hung Tran, RDCS, Neil L. Greenberg, PhD, Deborah A. Agler, RDCS, Nozomi Wada, MD, Manatomo Toyono, MD, James D. Thomas, MD, and Takahiro Shiota, MD *Cleveland, OH*



**Functional mitral regurgitation    Prolapse regurgitation**

***ROA highly elongated in FMR, more focal in MVP***

Matsumura Y, et al. *Am Heart J* 2008;155:231-8

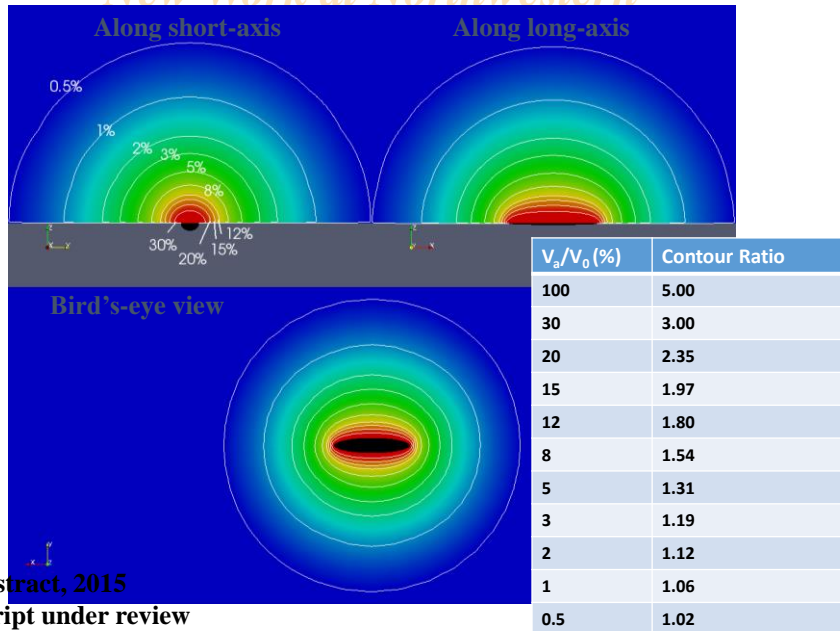
Journal of Intensive Care Medicine 2014

***What is the impact of orifice shape on PISA accuracy?***

Journal of Intensive Care Medicine 2014

# Flow Through 5:1 Ellipse

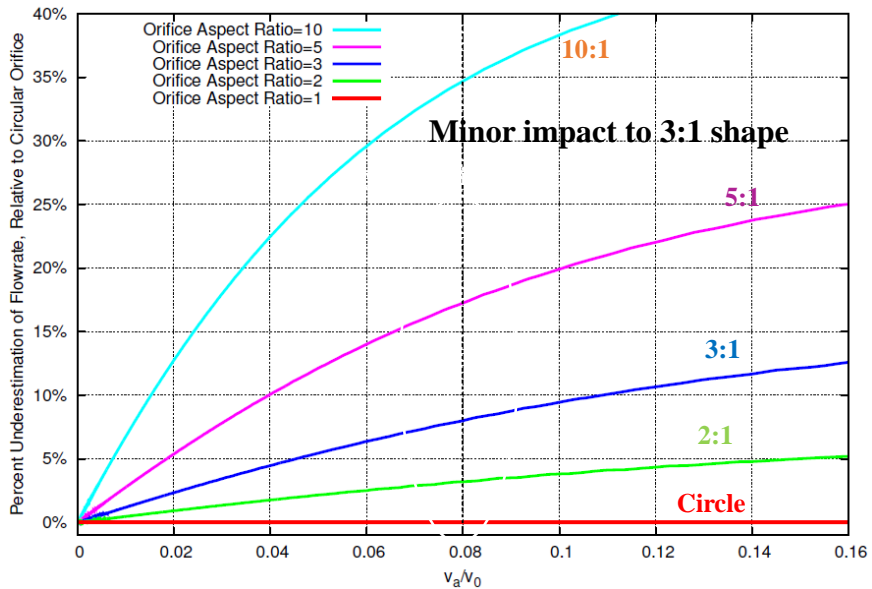
*New Work at Northwestern*



AHA abstract, 2015  
 Manuscript under review

# Impact of Noncircular Orifices

*Underestimation vs Circular Orifice*

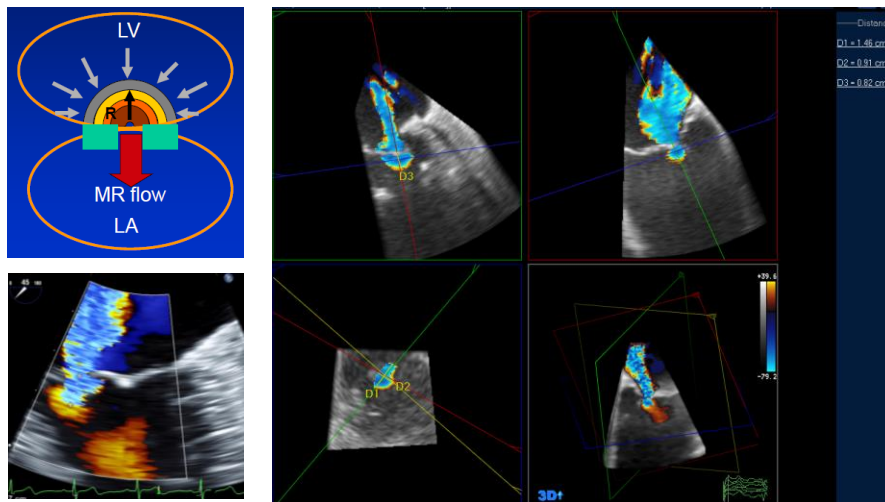


# What's New in MR Quantification?

## 3D PISA Analysis!

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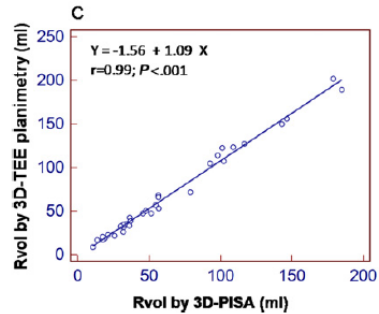
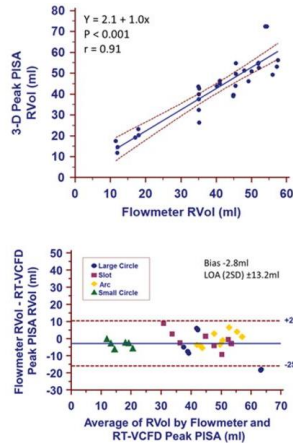
### Proximal Isovelocity Surface Area



Thavendiranathan et al, JACC Cardiovascular Imaging, 2012, 5(11):1161-75.  
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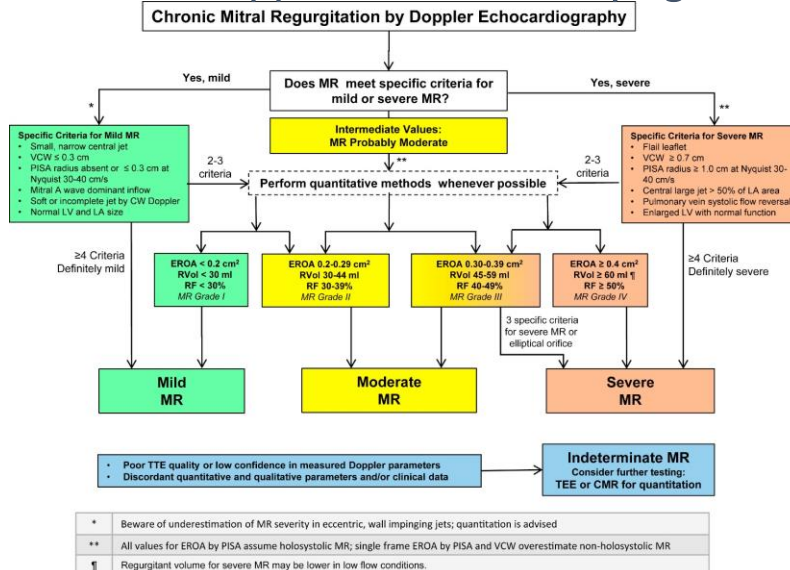


De Augustin JA et al, J Am Soc Echocardiogr. 2012 Aug;25(8):815-23

Thavendiranathan et al. Circulation cardiovascular imaging 2013, 6(1): 125-33

*Biblical degree of accuracy?*

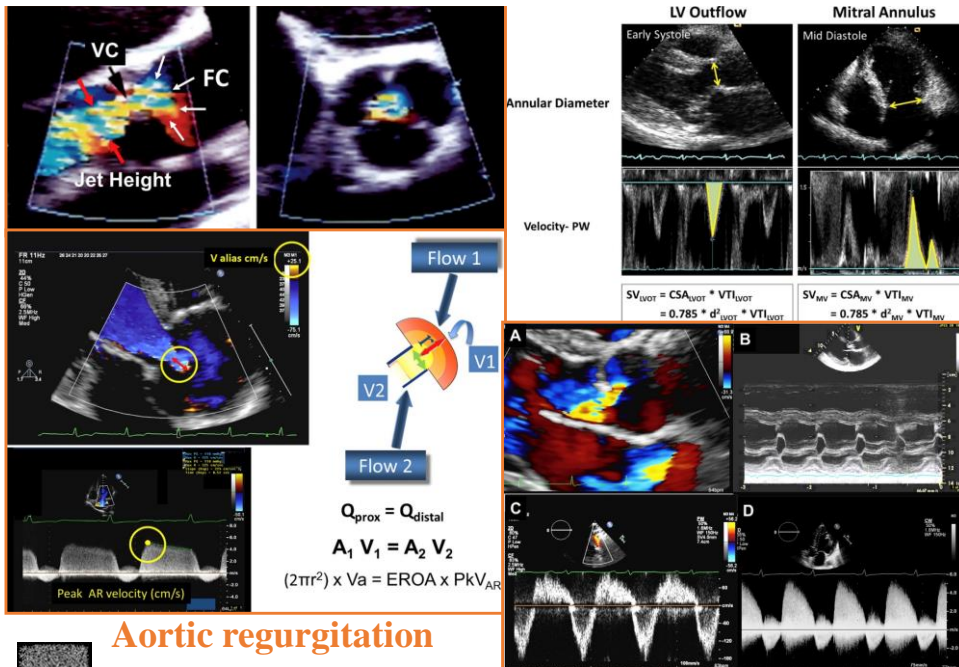
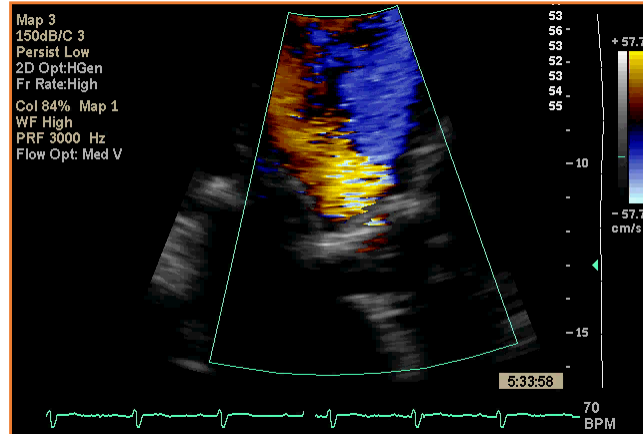
## Practical Approach to Quantifying MR



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# What About AR???



## Aortic regurgitation

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## Quantification of AR

### *What are the Alternatives?*

- • *Color jet area*
- • *Vena contracta*
  - *AR pressure half-time*
  - *Aortic flow reversal*
- • *Pulsed Doppler and 2D difference methods*
- • *ACOM methods*
- • *Proximal convergence method*

*Many parameters similar to MR*

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## Quantification of AR

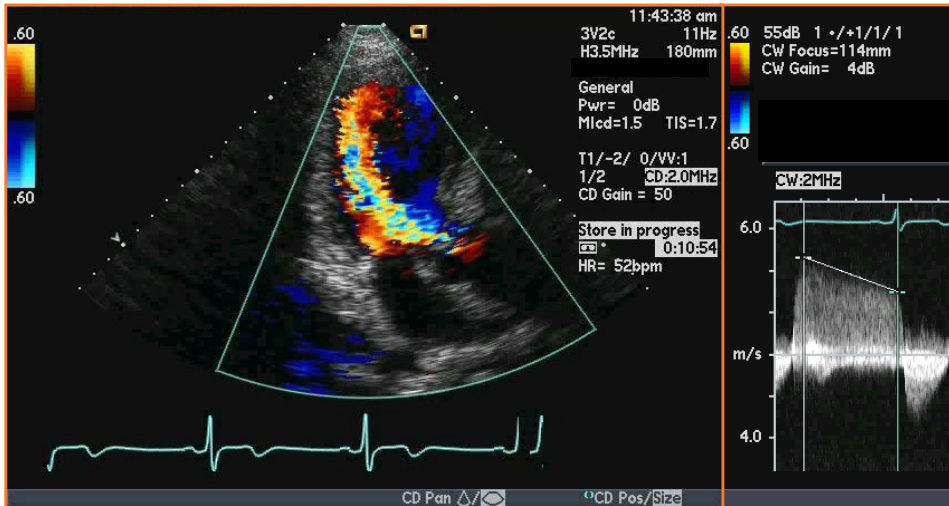
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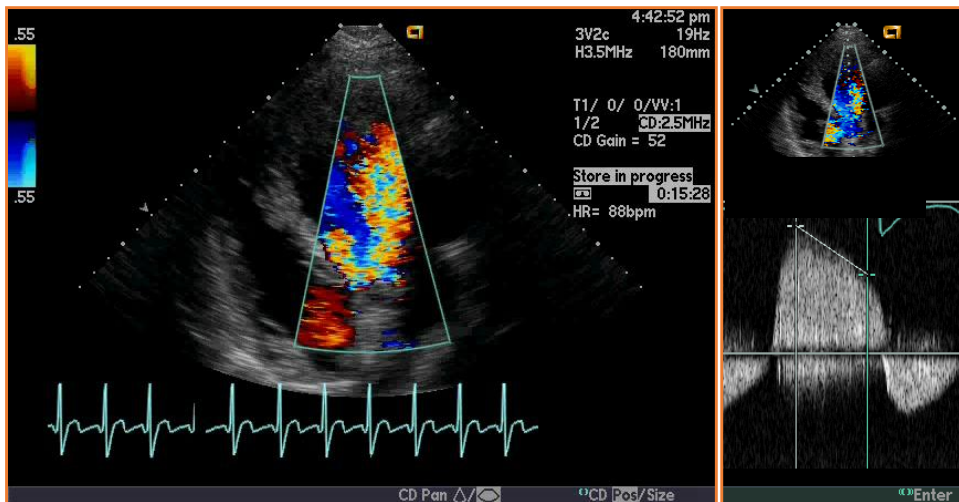


## AR Pressure Half-Time



*Chronic Moderate AR*

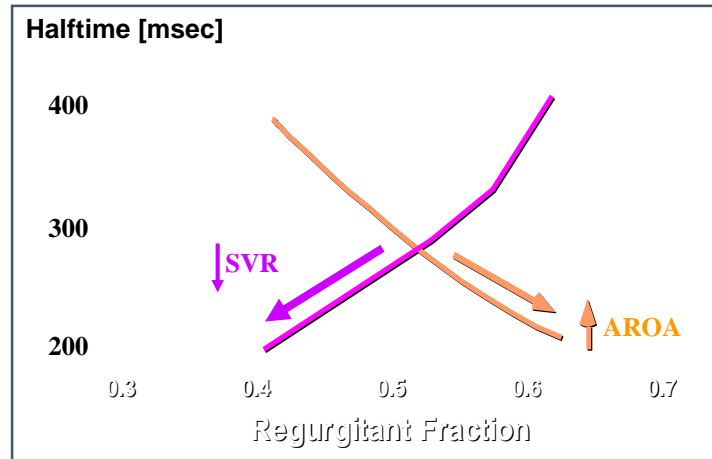
## AR Pressure Half-Time



*Acute Severe AR (endocarditis)*

## AR Halftime vs RF

### *Contrasting Effect of ROA and SVR*



Griffin et al *Am Heart J* 1991;122:1049-1056, *Eur Heart J* 1994; 15: 681-685.

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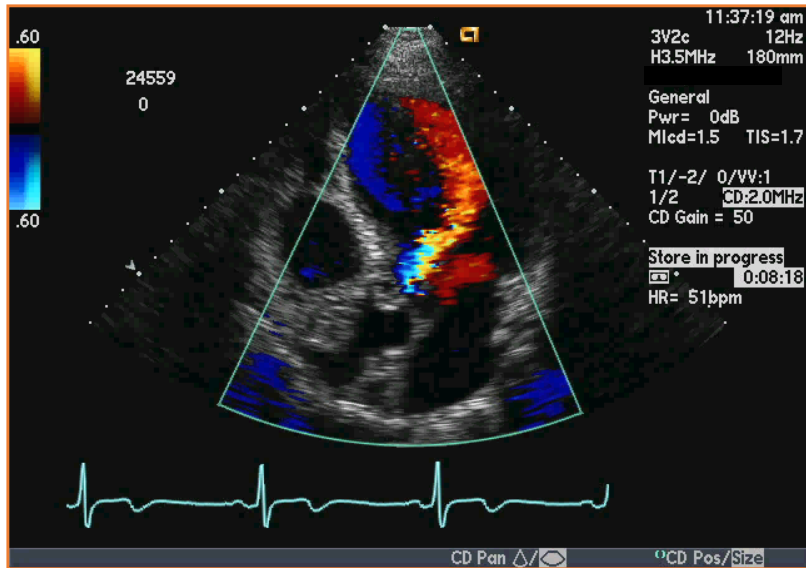
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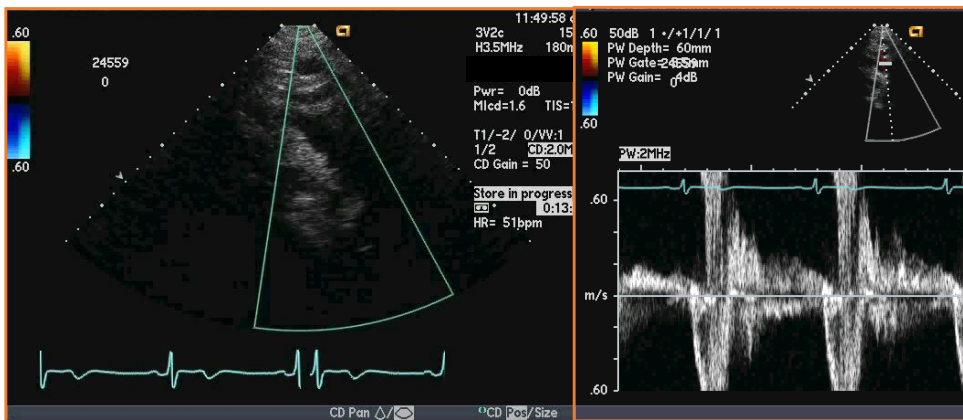
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## Apical Five-Chamber View



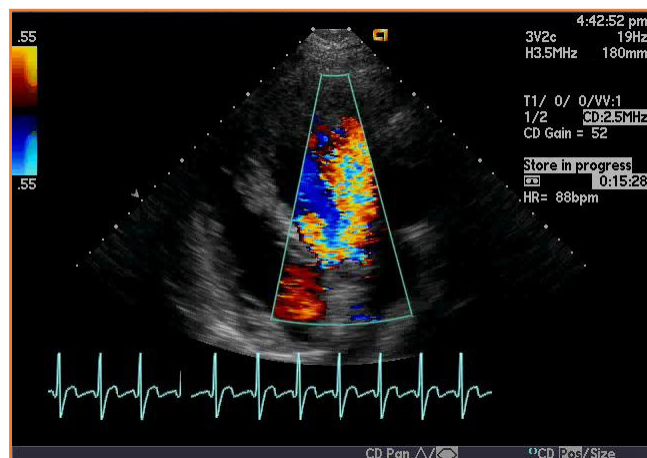
*AR of Unclear Severity*

## Aortic Arch Doppler



*Moderately severe AR*

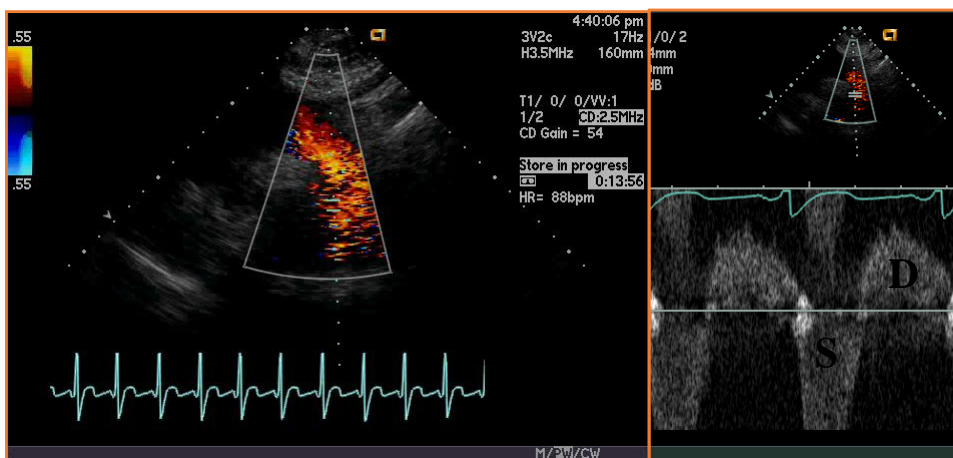
## Apical Five-Chamber View



*AR of Unclear Severity*

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## Aortic Arch Doppler



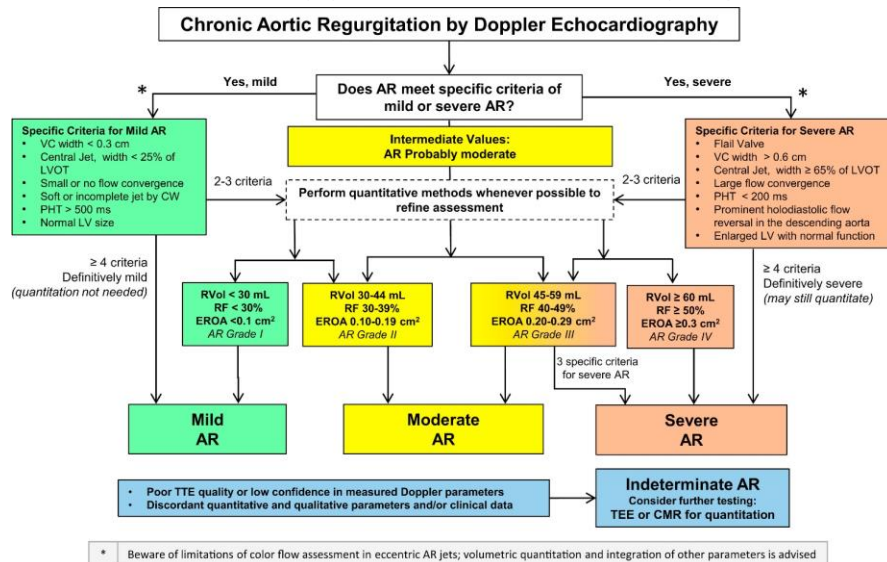
*Severe AR*

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*If I could have only one piece of data regarding AR severity.....*

*.....it would be an aortic arch pulsed Doppler recording.*

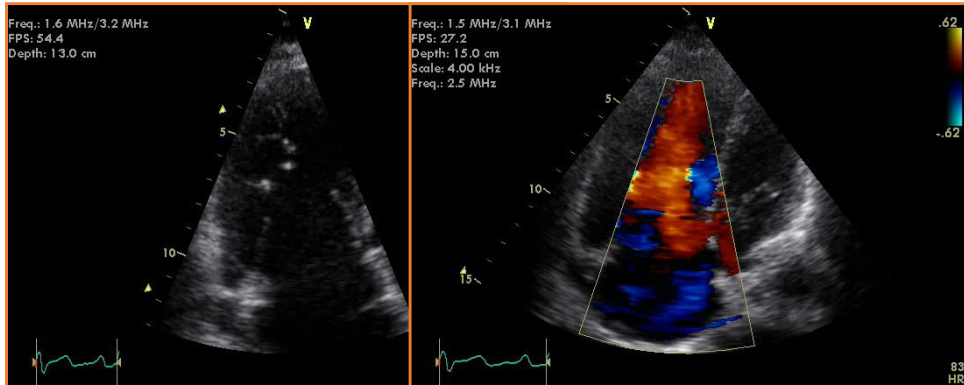
## Practical Approach to Quantifying AR



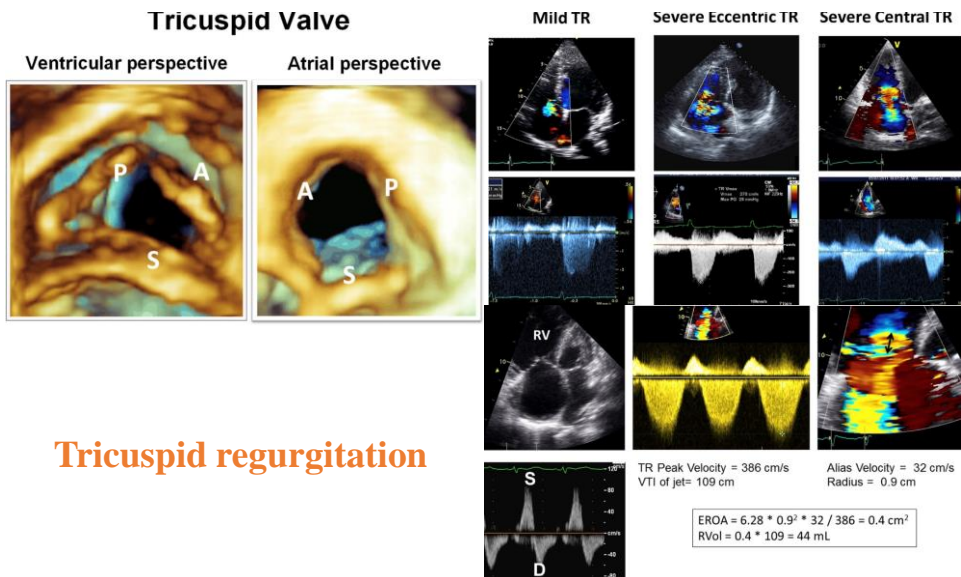
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# How About TR?



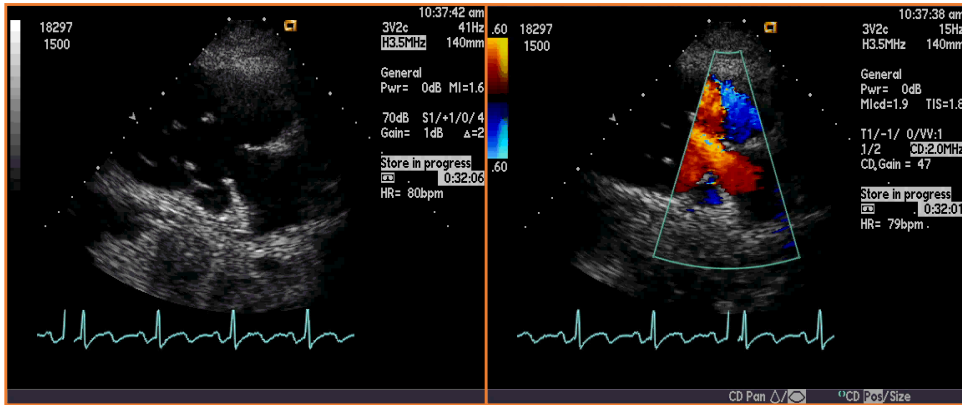
*Incomplete TV closure with severe functional TR*



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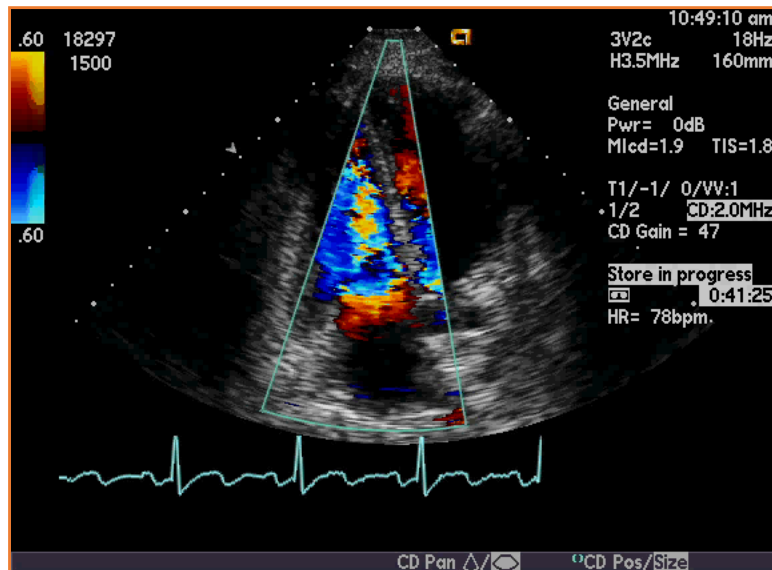
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# Carcinoid

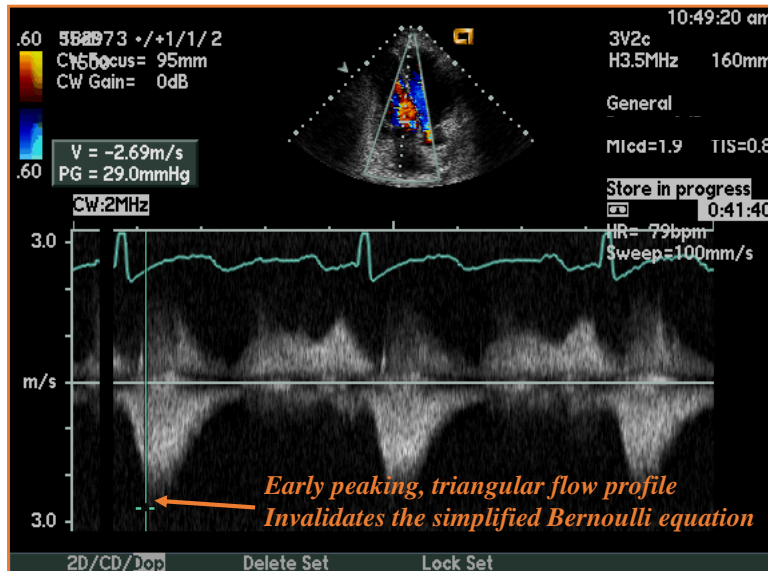


*TV fixed in systole and diastole  
with severe mixed TR/TS*

# Apical 4-Chamber

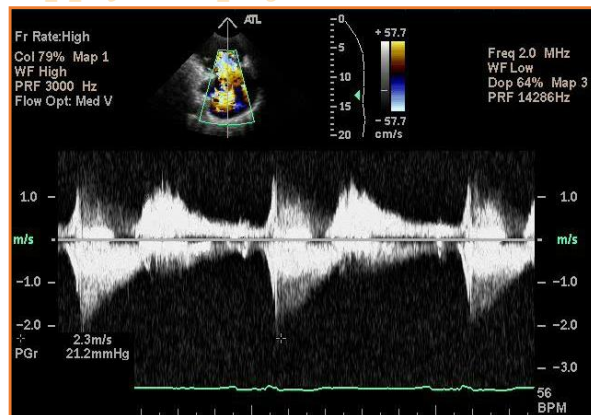


## Tricuspid Valve CW *Severe TR*



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## Severe TR *Cannot Apply Simplified Bernoulli Equation*



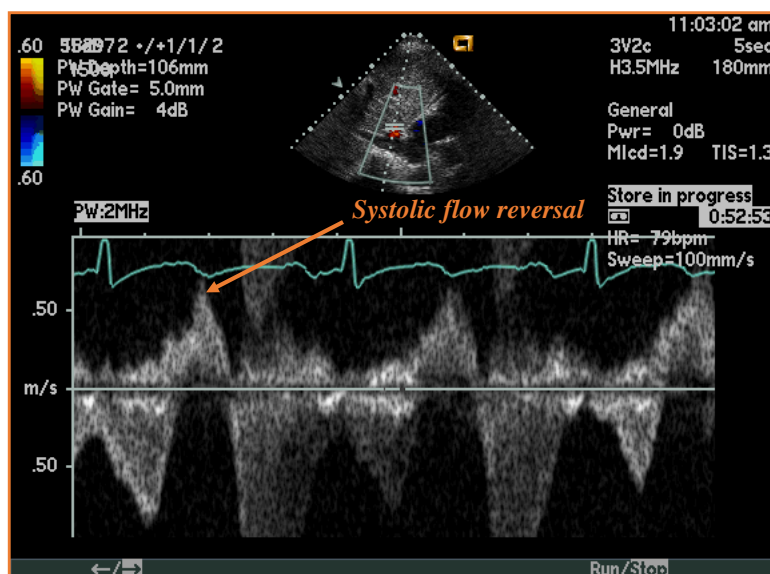
*Conservation of energy: Bernoulli equation*

$$\Delta p = \underbrace{1/2 \rho (v_1^2 - v_2^2)}_{\text{Convective Acceleration}} + \underbrace{M dv/dt}_{\text{Inertial Component}} + \underbrace{R(v)}_{\text{Viscous Dissipation}}$$

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## Hepatic Vein Flow



## Can PISA be used in TR???

*Yes, but...*



American Heart Journal

Volume 127, Issue 5, May 1994, Pages 1354-1362

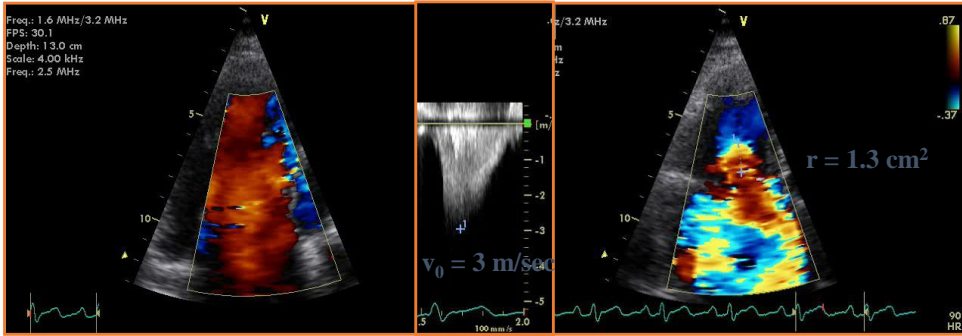


Quantification of tricuspid regurgitation by means of the proximal flow convergence method: A clinical study

J. Miguel Rivera, MD <sup>a, b, c, 1</sup>, Pieter M. Vandervoort, MD <sup>a, b, c</sup>, Donato Mele <sup>a, b, c</sup>, Samuel Siu, MD <sup>a, b, c</sup>, Eleanor Morris <sup>a, b, c</sup>, Arthur E. Weyman, MD <sup>a, b, c</sup>, James D. Thomas, MD <sup>a, b, c, 2</sup>

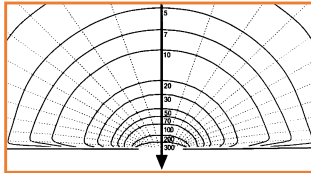
- **Limited validation and experience**
- **Contour flattening a bigger issue**
- **Orifices can be bizarrely shaped**

# PISA in TR



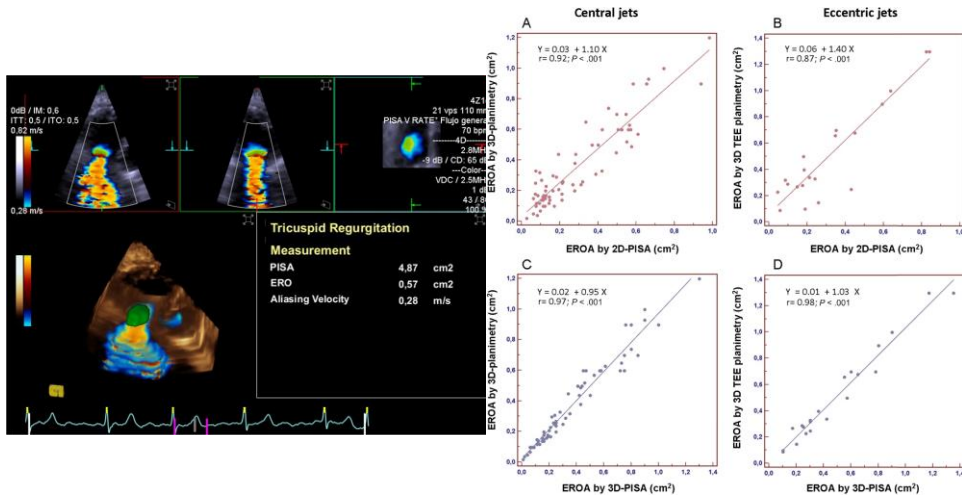
$$Q = 2\pi r^2 v = 6.28 (1.3)^2 37 = 393 \text{ ml/sec}$$

$$ROA = Q/v_0 = 393/300 = 1.3 \text{ cm}^2$$



But 37/300 is 0.12, so we're underestimating by 12%

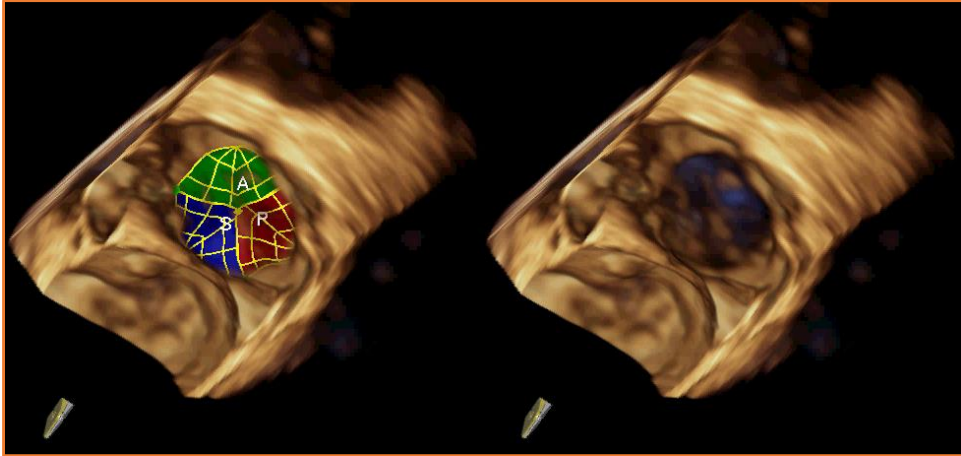
# 3D PISA in TR?



*Again, biblical degree of accuracy?*

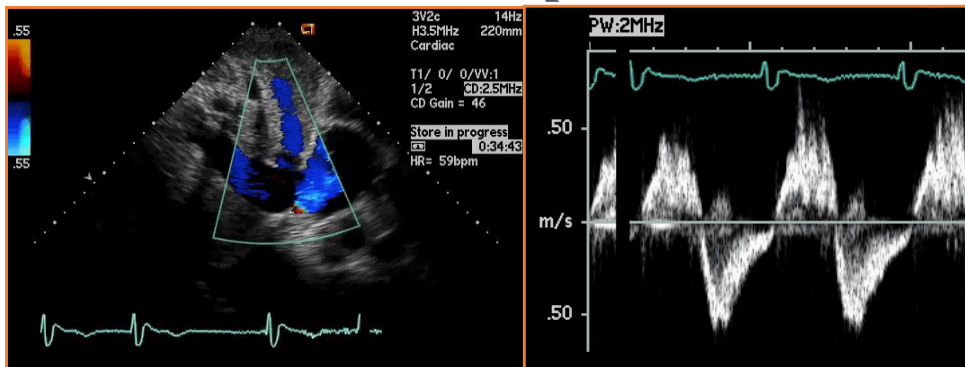
De Augustin et al. JASE 2013; 28: 1063-72

## 3D Tools are Progressing Rapidly



Clip courtesy of Helene Houle, Siemens

## What about systolic flow reversal in the hepatic veins?

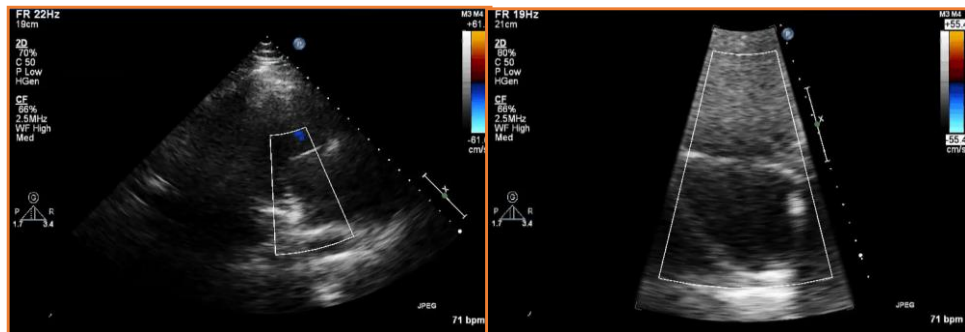


*“Usually” a pretty specific sign of severe TR*

So how bad's the TR here?



Not so bad

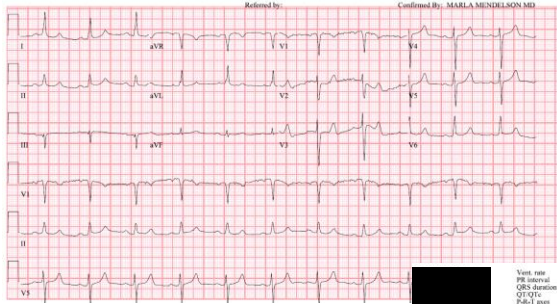


*How come?*

Vent. rate 68 BPM  
 PR interval 176 ms  
 QRS duration 114 ms  
 QT/QTc 442/469 ms  
 P-R-T axes 36 0 43

**SINUS RHYTHM**  
 NONSPECIFIC INTRAVENTRICULAR CONDUCTION DELAY  
 NONSPECIFIC ST ABNORMALITIES  
 WHEN COMPARED WITH ECG OF 1/6/16-2016 22:51,  
 QRS DURATION HAS INCREASED  
 NONSPECIFIC CHANGE IN ST SEGMENT IN INFERIOR LEADS  
 T WAVE AMPLITUDE HAS DECREASED IN LATERAL LEADS

Technician: JINDA VALDIVIA  
 Test no: REPEAT RHYTHM EVAL

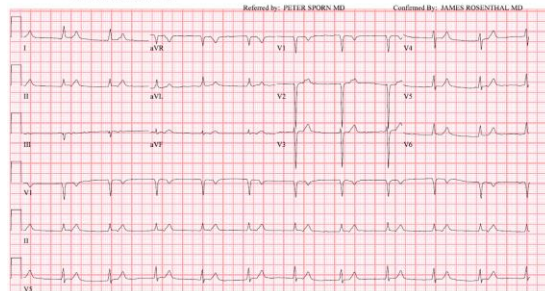


**Baseline EKG: SR**

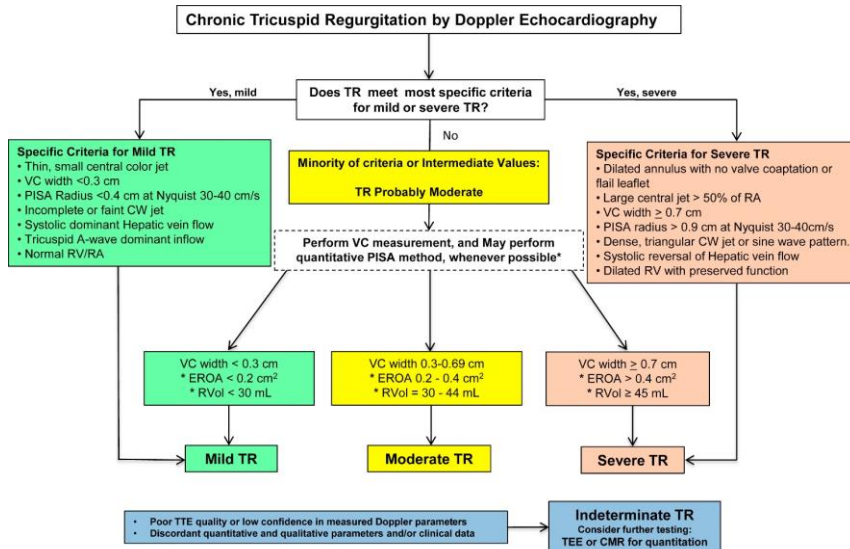
Vent. rate 66 BPM  
 PR interval 176 ms  
 QRS duration 108 ms  
 QT/QTc 392/419 ms  
 P-R-T axes 3 7 28

**ACCELERATED FUNCTIONAL ESCAPE RHYTHM**  
 UNREMARKABLE, EXCEPT AS NOTED  
 WHEN COMPARED WITH ECG OF 1/6/16 02:16  
 IF NO OTHER CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THIS ECG  
 R WAVES AMPLITUDE HAS (SLIGHTLY) DECREASED IN V2 PROBABLY(DU) DUE TO  
 ALTERED PRECORDIAL LEAD PLACEMENT

Physician: JASON GOENES  
 Test no: Other (specify in comments)



**EKG on day of echo: Junctional Retrograde P-waves Cannon A-waves**



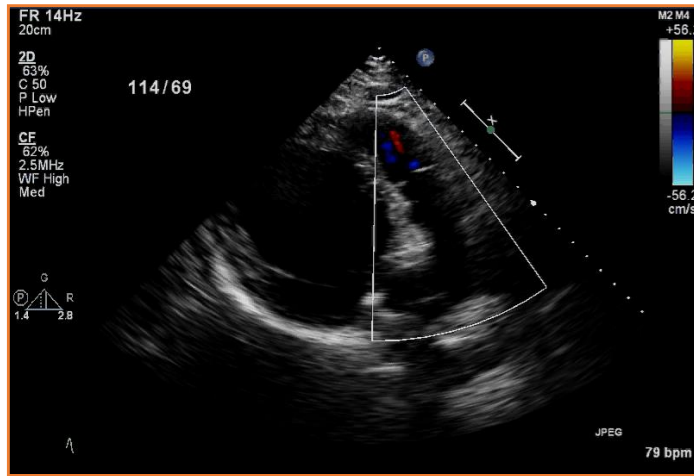
\* Clinical experience in quantitation of TR is much less than that with mitral and aortic regurgitation



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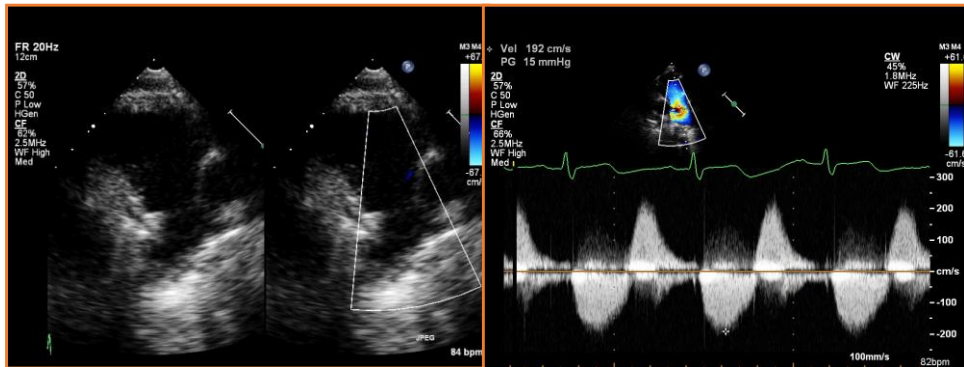
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## And What of PR?



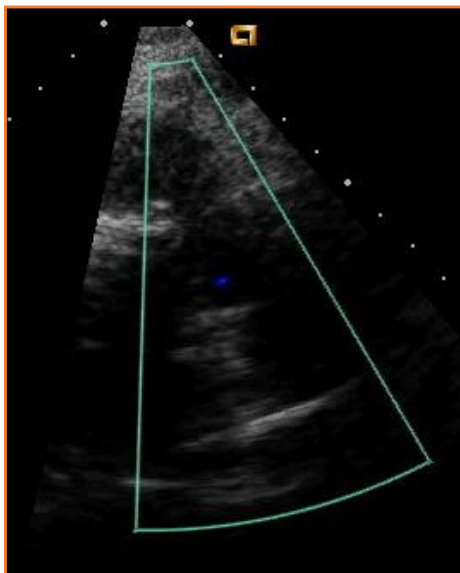
*Actually, no one cares about PR  
With ONE exception*

## Severe PR s/p ToF Repair



*The most severe PR is virtually inapparent by  
color Doppler. Look at the CW Doppler*

## PR So Severe You Can't See It!!



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## PISA

*Is It the Best Way to  
Quantify Regurgitation??*

**Of Course!!**

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