

# Clinical Benefits of Advanced Signal Morphology - Impedance Cardiography (SM-ICG)

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# Clinical Benefit 1: Early Detection of Hemodynamic/Cardiovascular Abnormalities

- ✓ Earlier detection means better outcomes
- ✓ Standard of care technology has limited screening capacities, because:
  - invasive (catheters)
  - operator- and/or patient- dependent (echo/stress echo)
  - uses surrogate imprecise measures (VO<sub>2</sub>)
  - lack of sensitivity (stress ECG)
  - expensive (PET Scan)

\* Eur J Intern Med 2008 Oct;19(6):399-405. doi: 10.1016/j.ejim.2007.07.007. Epub 2008 Feb 11.

## **Impedance cardiography: a rapid and cost-effective screening tool for cardiac disease**

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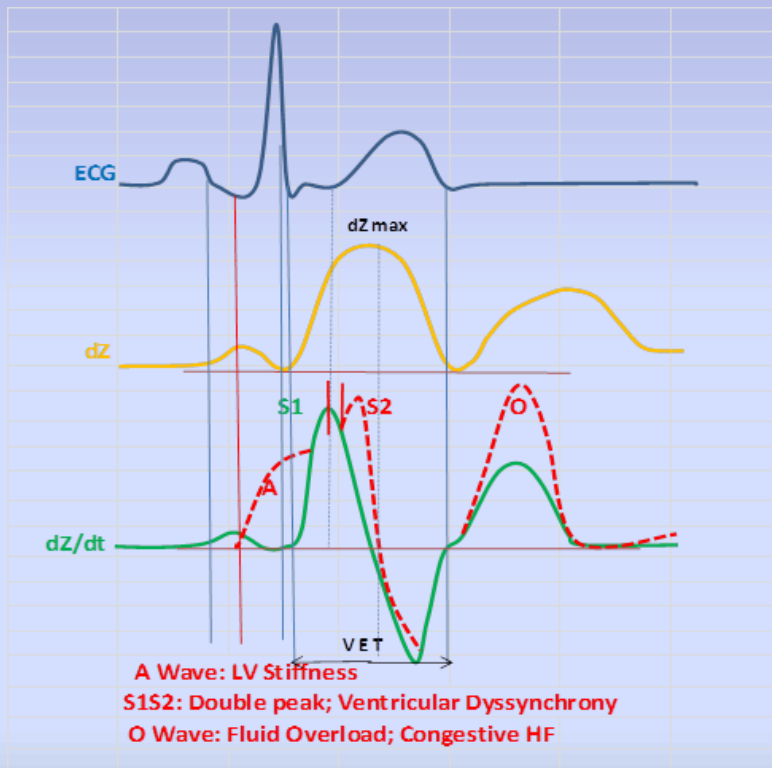
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## **Cardiac output response to exercise in chronic cardiac failure patients**

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# A new modality for screening : Signal Waveform Abnormalities Analysis



➤ **Double S peak:**  
Ventricular dyssynchrony (consider BIV pacing)

➤ **Elevated O wave:**  
Fluid overload as a consequence of Congestive Heart Failure (consider diuretics)

➤ **Elevated A wave:**  
Ventricular stiffness, frequent in case of hypertrophic heart (diastolic dysfunction)



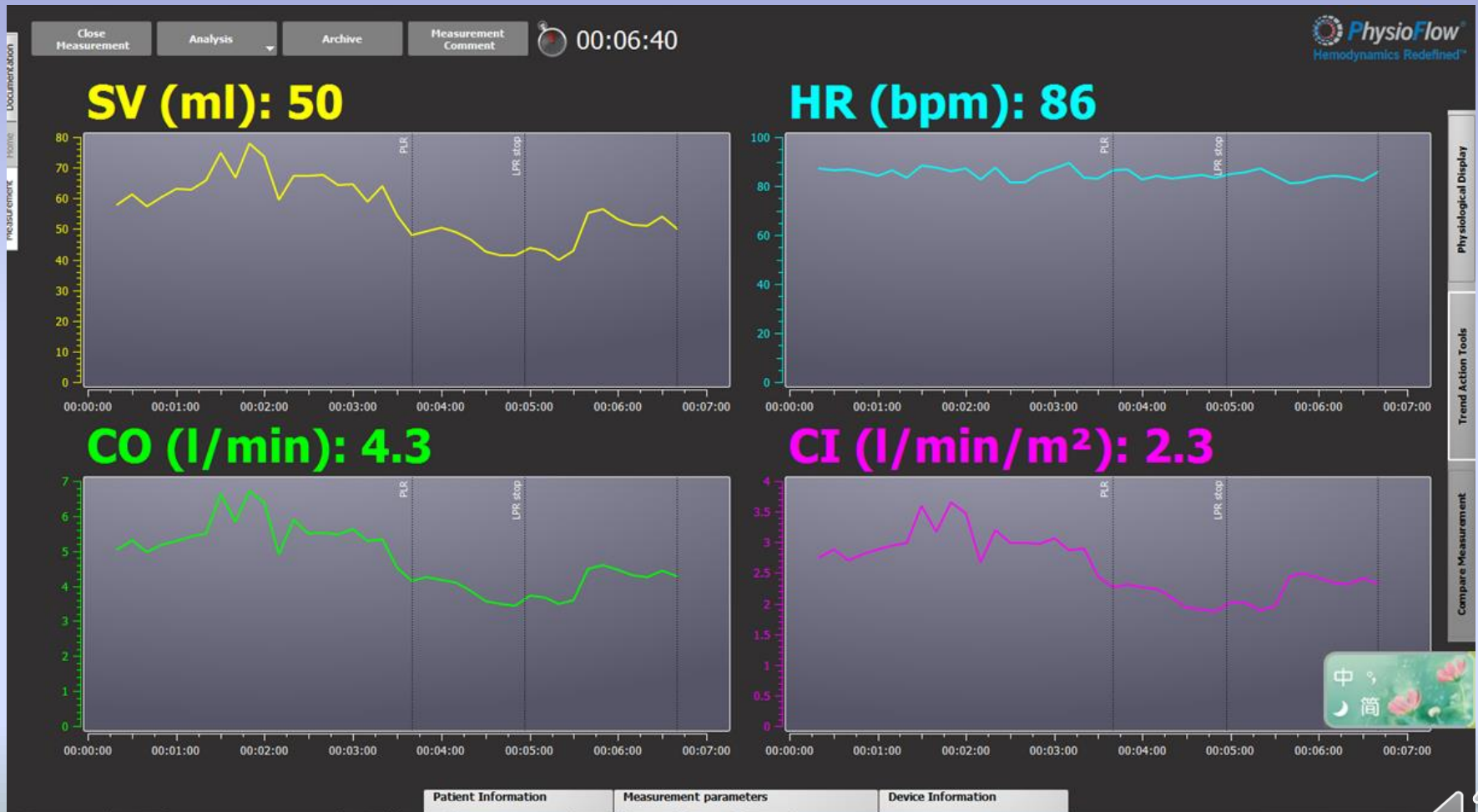
# Case Study 1 – Diastolic Dysfunction

- 54yo Female, with history of poorly controlled hypertension
- BP: 128/88 mmHg

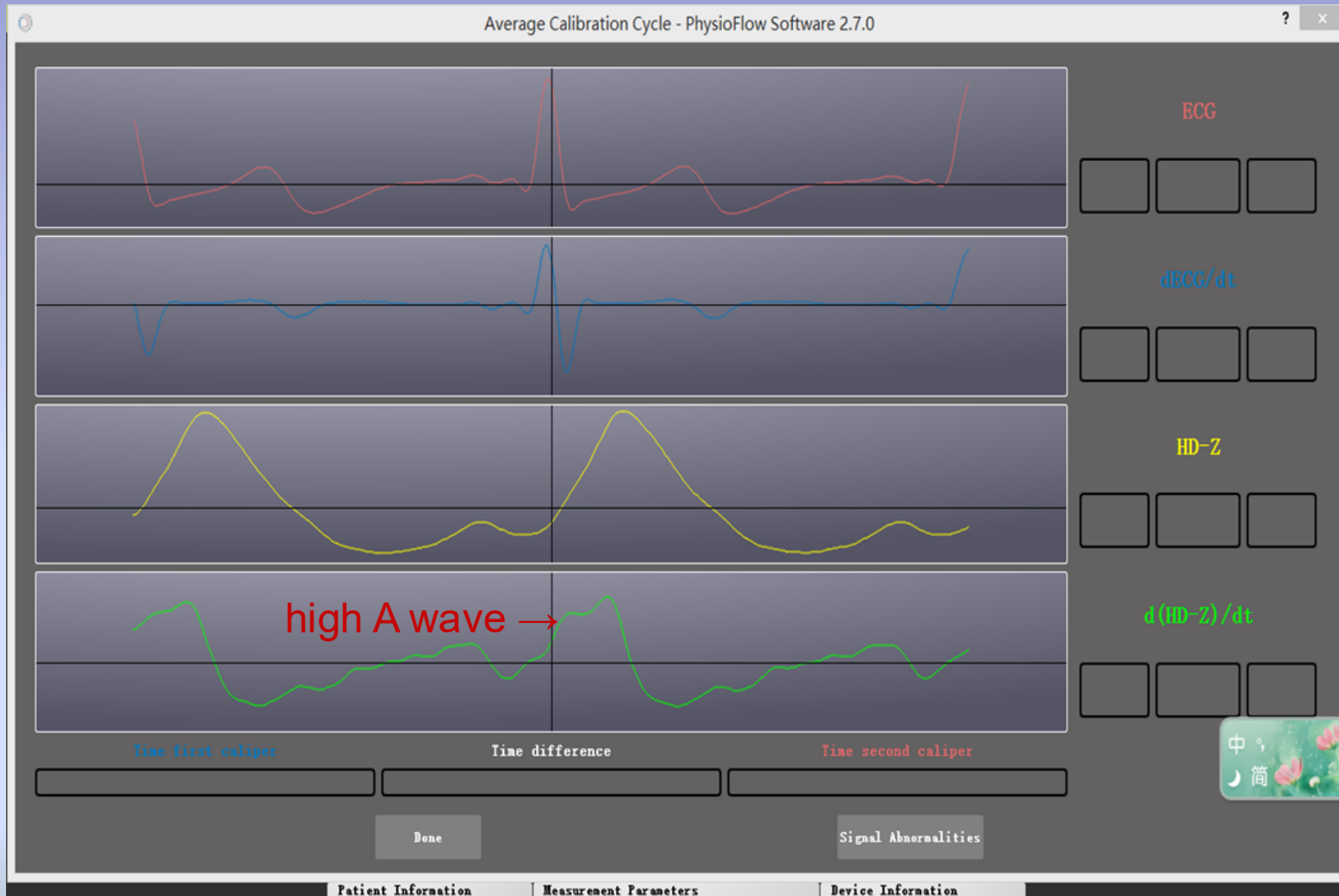


# Passive Leg Raising test

SV decreases when preload increases : fluid overload (Frank-Starling) or diastolic dysfunction?

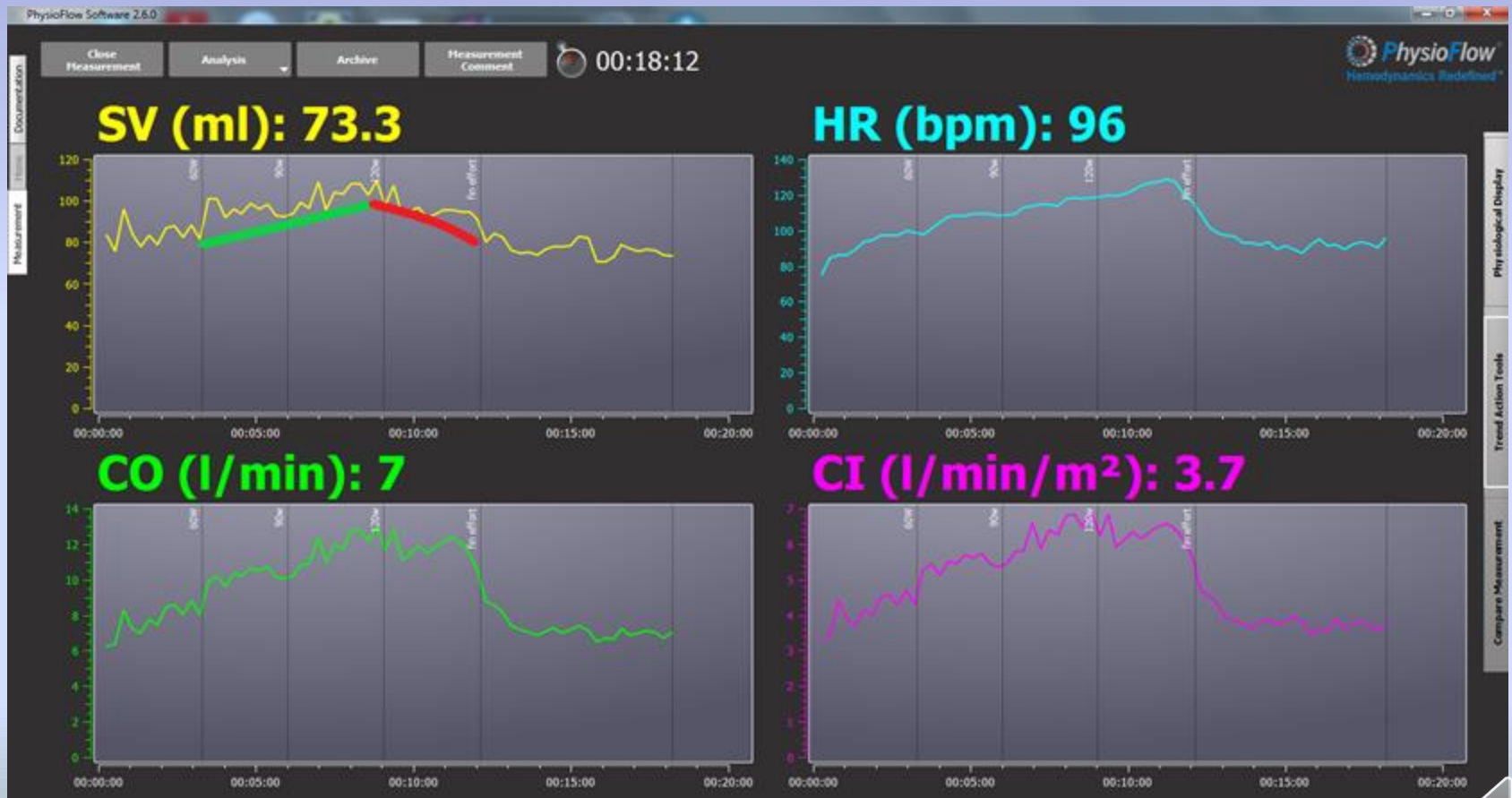


# The underlying issue: a late diastolic A Wave, sign of diastolic dysfunction



# Case Study 2 – Sensitive detection of CAD

- 56 yo Male, risk factors for CAD, LBBB (no ST segment)
- SV decreases at 120 watts after having increased normally = ischemia
- No false negatives



## Clinical Benefit 2 : Optimized treatment interventions

- ✓ Better understanding of the nature and status of the hemodynamic/cardiovascular abnormality (in hypertension, heart failure...), at rest and DURING EXERCISE

→ More precise and personalized treatment interventions (drug, rehabilitation, pacing...).

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**Changes in exercise capacity of frailest patients with heart failure treated with standard exercise recommendations versus stroke volume response to exercise: a pilot study**

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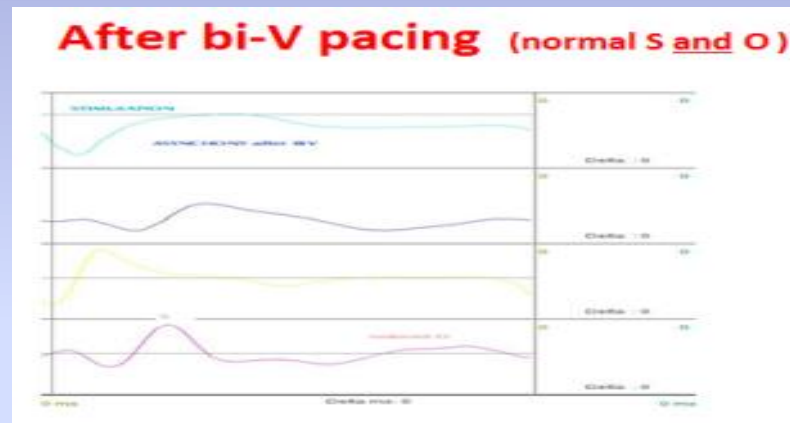
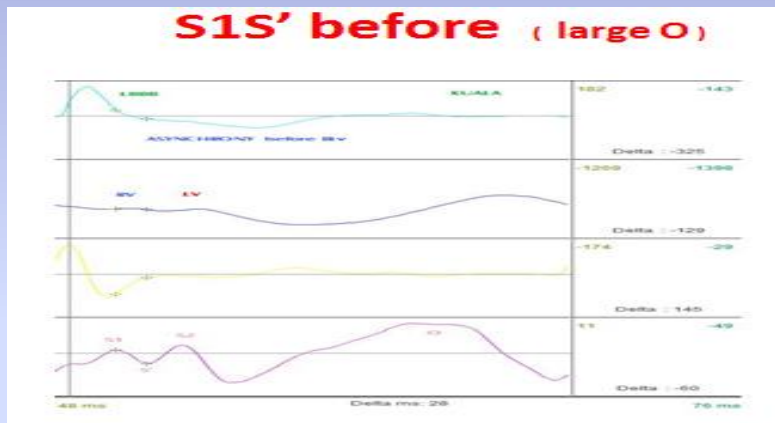
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# Case study 1: Collecting Info for Therapeutic Intervention

1. PhysioFlow does help in collecting useful data to optimize and monitor therapeutic interventions
2. This information is much easier to obtain, repeat and handle than Echo and VO2 test

Example, ventricular dyssynchrony (CRT pacing)



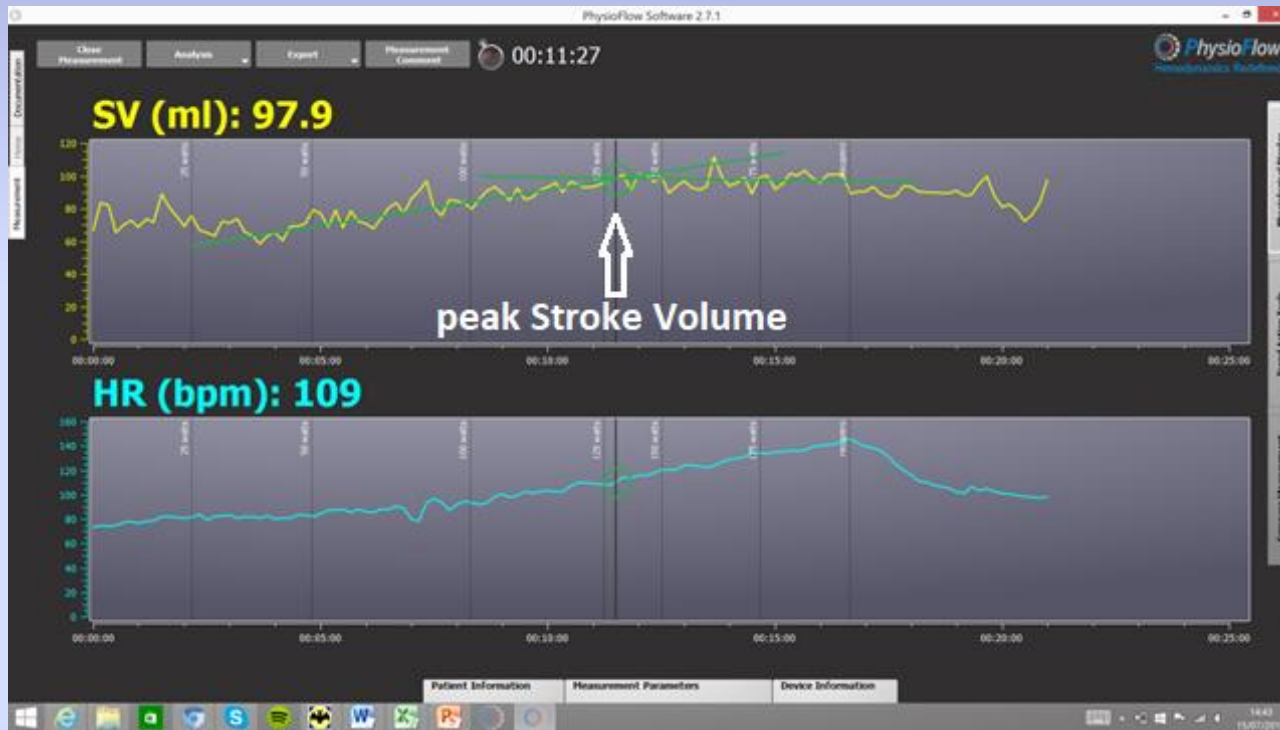
# Case study2: Determination of the peakSV

Protocol: ramp test on a cyclo-ergometer.

Initial test warmup no load, 60 rpm, 3 mins

Increment 15 w/min max for women, 20 w/min max for men

The peakSV level is the heart rate level (or workload) at which the rapid ascend in SV turns into a slow increase or even a plateau. In this example it was HR=109 bpm



- This peakSV level can then be used to “calibrate” individual training protocols in cardiac rehabilitation



## Clinical Benefit 3 : Predictive value

- ✓ Advanced Signal Morphology ICG enables a significantly better prediction of potential worsening of heart failure after a cardiopulmonary exercise test as compared with the same test performed without PhysioFlow (ECG alone or even ECG combined with VO<sub>2</sub>).

→ Cut-off value at Max exercise : CI < 7.5 l.min<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-2</sup>

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**Cardiopulmonary exercise testing and impedance cardiography in the assessment of exercise capacity of patients with coronary artery disease early after myocardial revascularization**

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Jonathan Myers 1 , Myo Wong, Chandana Adhikarla, Madhavi Boga, Sridevi Challa, Joshua Abella, Euan A Ashley

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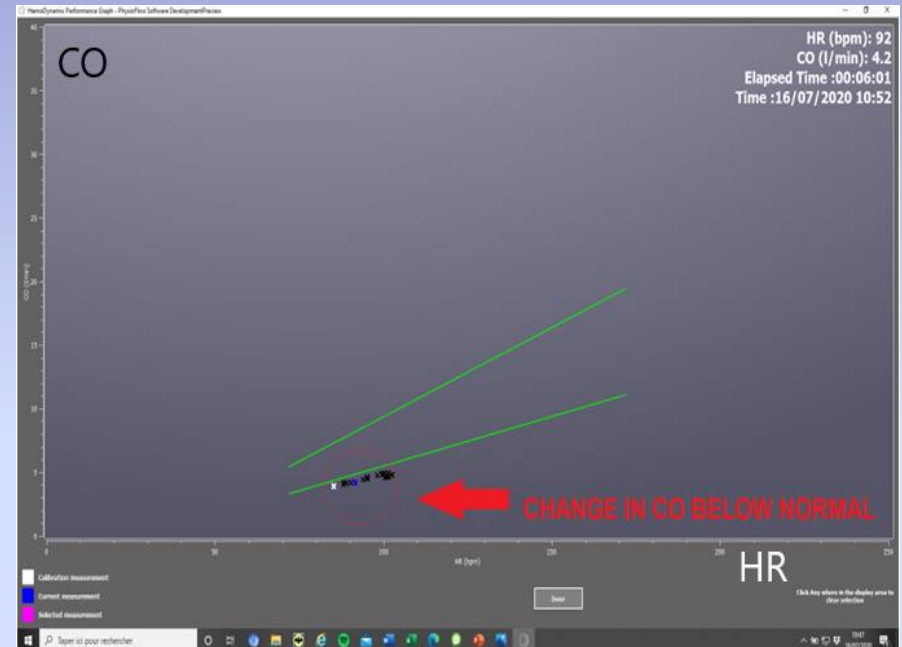
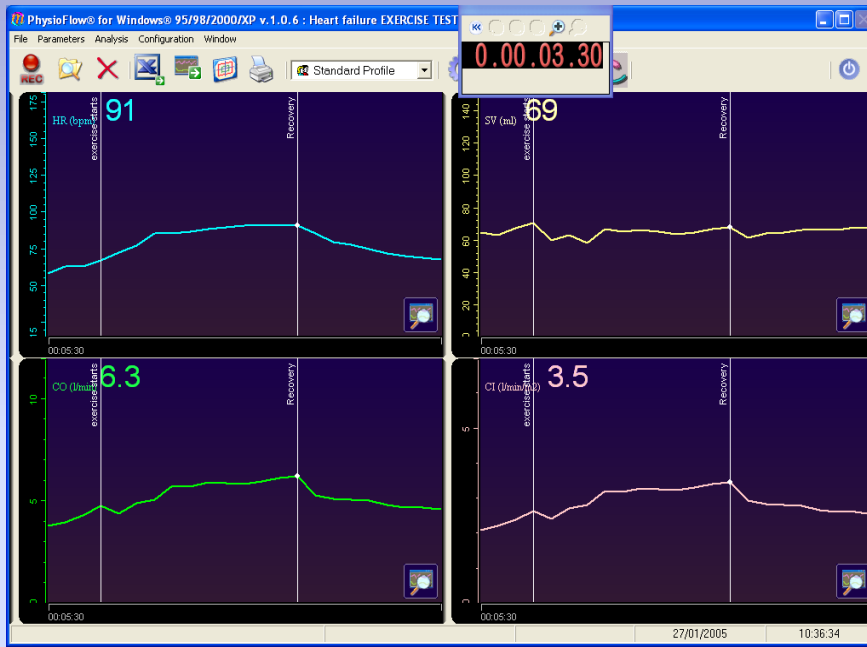
**Cardiopulmonary responses and prognosis in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: a potential role for comprehensive noninvasive hemodynamic assessment**

Gherardo Finocchiaro 1 , Francois Haddad 2 , Joshua W Knowles 2 , Colleen Caleshu 3 , Aleksandra Pavlovic 3 , Julian Homburger 3 , Yael Shmargad 3 , Gianfranco Sinagra 4 , Emma Magavern 3 , Myo Wong 5 , Marco Perez 3 , Ingela Schnittger 2 , Jonathan Myers 5 , Victor Froelicher 5 , Euan A Ashley 6



# Exercise Test in HF Patient

No increase in SV = severely depressed cardiac function



PhysioFlow can double the predictive value of an exercise test in HF



## Clinical Benefit 4 : Differential diagnosis

- ✓ The fourth benefit of PhysioFlow is to enable differential diagnosis when the cause of certain exercise restrictions or clinical condition remains unclear (for instance checking the heart function in dyspnoeic and/or Covid patient, non-responders to cardiac rehabilitation etc.).

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**Thoracic electrical bioimpedance: a tool to determine cardiac versus non-cardiac causes of acute dyspnoea in the emergency department**

Christiane Vorwerk 1 , Hanusha Jeyanithi, Timothy J Coats



# Clinical Benefit 5 : Measuring Outcomes

- ✓ The individual and patient group treatment outcomes are monitored efficiently with PhysioFlow (which is a reproducible and sensitive technology).
- There is an increased demand by health insurances to document outcomes (accountable care)

- \* Int J Cardiol 2021 May 1;330:120-127.doi: 10.1016/j.ijcard.2021.02.004. Epub 2021 Feb 9.

## **Responses to exercise training in patients with heart failure. Analysis by oxygen transport steps**

Antoine Legendre 1 , Ferial Moatemri 2 , Oksana Kovalska 2 , Maria Balice-Pasquinelli 2 , Jean-Christophe Blanchard 2 , Aurelia Lamar-Tanguy 2 , François Ledru 2 , Pascal Cristofini 2 , Marie-Christine Iliou 2



# Case study: Therapy Evaluation

Example of Cardiac Rehab Evaluation:

Test/re-test before after rehab program (all hemodynamic parameters improve)



## Clinical Benefit 6 : Reducing the use of invasive technologies

- ✓ The sixth benefit of PhysioFlow is to limit the use of invasive diagnosis in cases where they are normally prescribed, while offering a noninvasive alternative, as a first step in routine evaluations (for instance partially replacing the use of Swan-Ganz catheter in pulmonary hypertension patients).

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### **Determination of Cardiac Output in Pulmonary Hypertension Using Impedance Cardiography**

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### **Cardiac output measurement during exercise in COPD: A comparison of dye dilution and impedance cardiography**

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## Clinical Benefit 7 : Avoiding Mistakes

- ✓ The seventh benefit of PhysioFlow is to point to potentially misleading information provided by other technologies (for instance VO2 testing), in order for practitioners to think twice before they make a clinical decision.

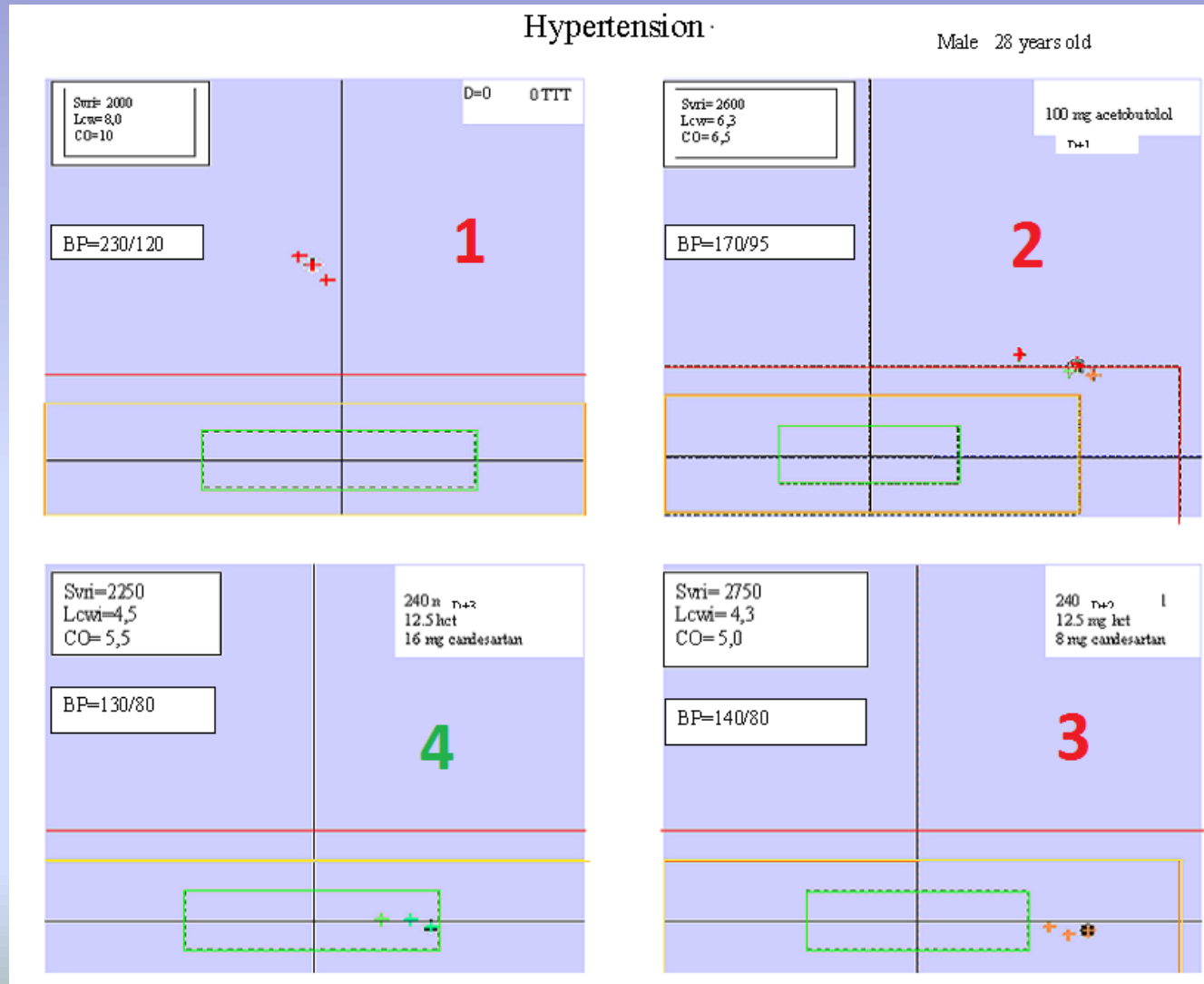
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**Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing, Impedance Cardiography, and Reclassification of Risk in Patients Referred for Heart Failure Evaluation**

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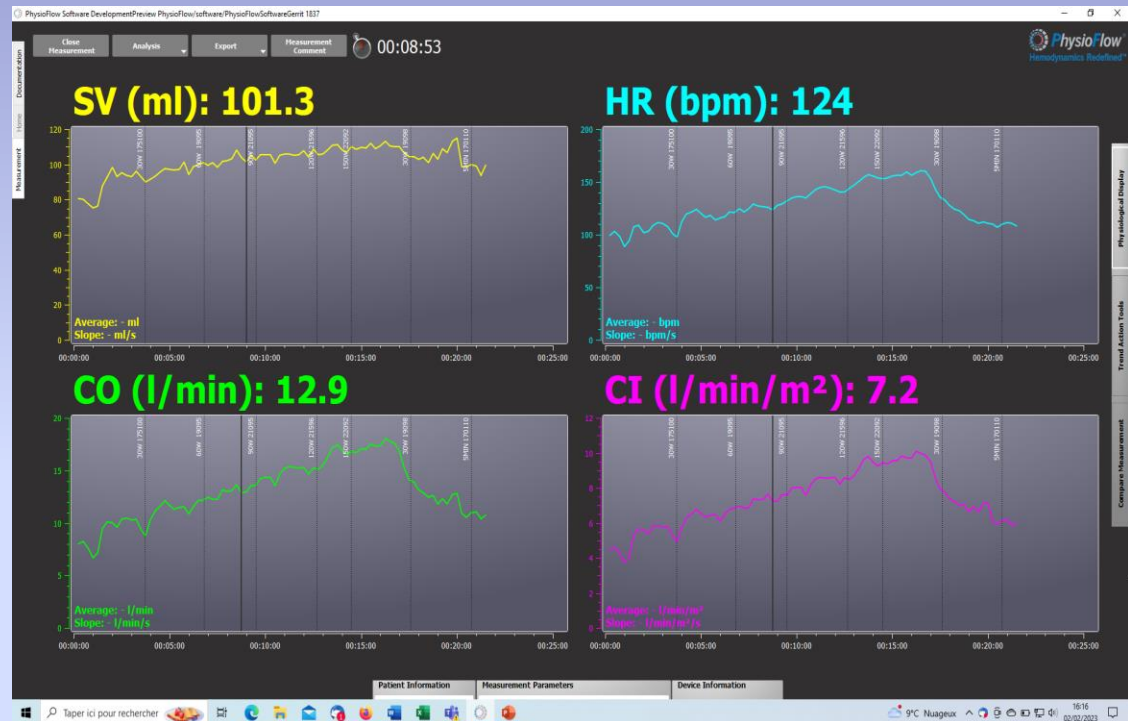
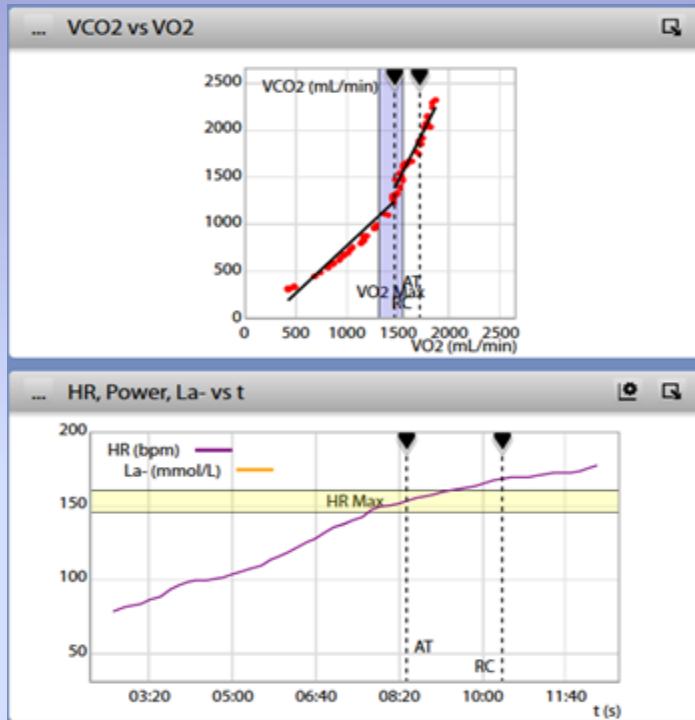


# Case study :Drug Therapy Follow Up in Hypertension. The Hemodynamic Cross in Use



# Case study: Correcting Miscalibration of Training Protocols

Cardiac rehab. patient, male 42 yo, post stenting



- VT1 (AT) detected by VO<sub>2</sub> testing at a HR = 152 bpm and used for training level
  - Patient complained of it being too hard leading of rapid exhaustion
- PhysioFlow showed a peakSV threshold at HR = 124 bpm.
  - Training was readjusted accordingly, and well tolerated by the patient



# Take Home Message:

- The PhysioFlow technology can benefit virtually all patients with known or suspected cardiovascular diseases or dysfunction, in many ways:

- ✓ Noninvasive
- ✓ Sensitive
- ✓ Predictive
- ✓ Easy to use and cost effective
- ✓ Clinically recommended

