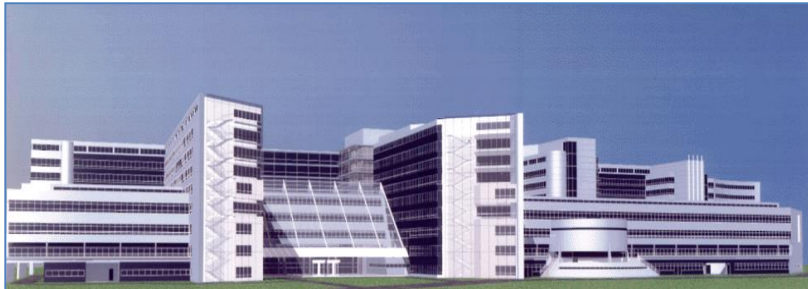
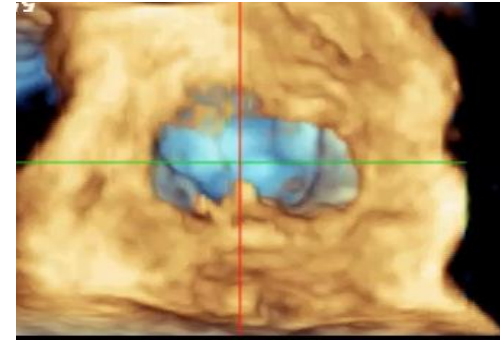


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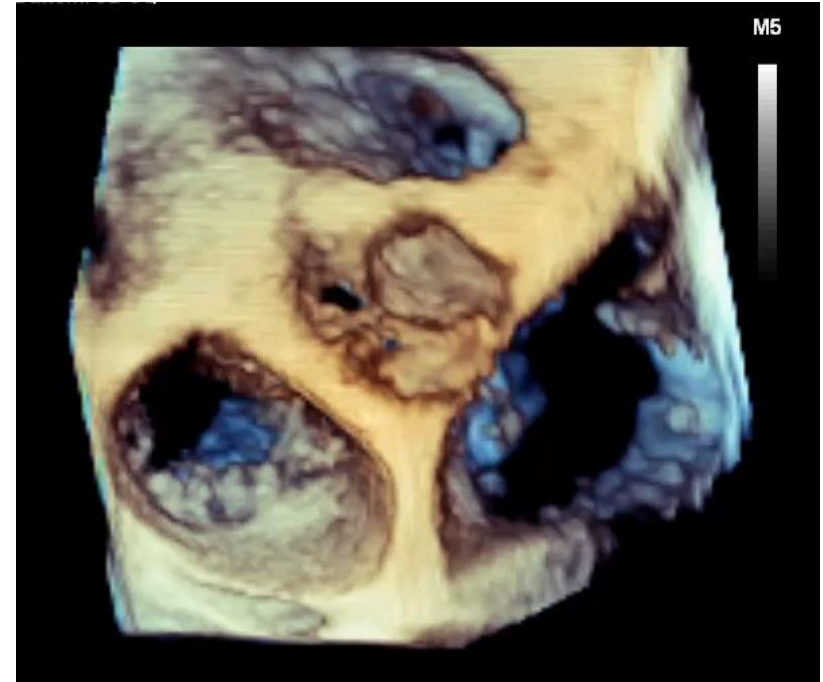
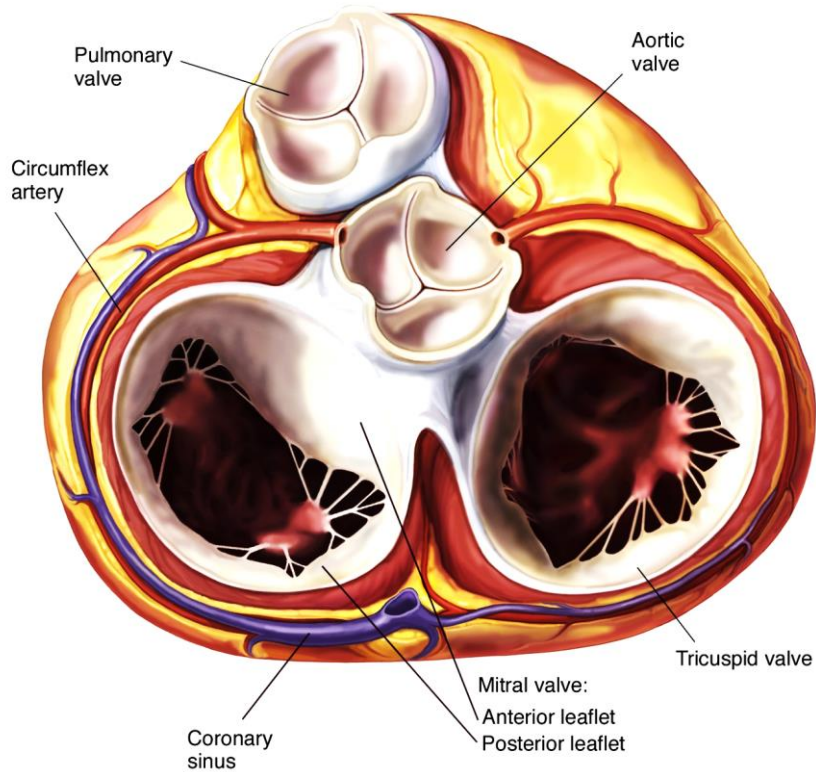


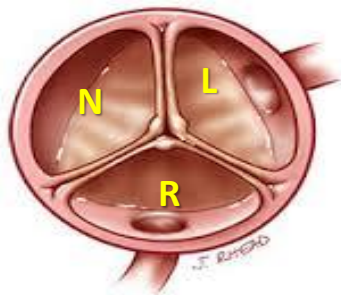
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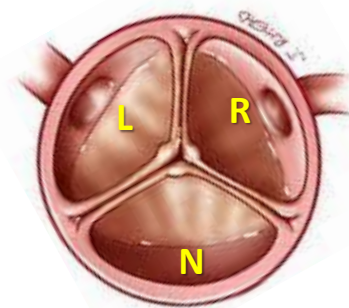


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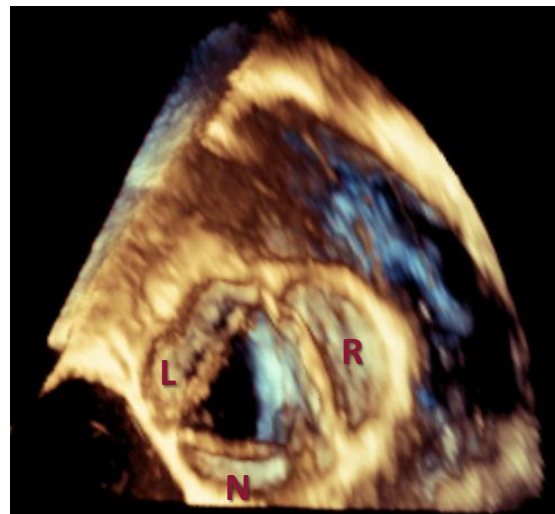


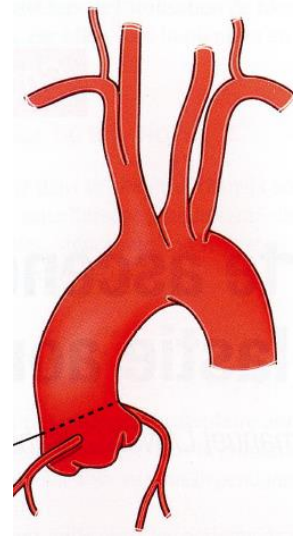


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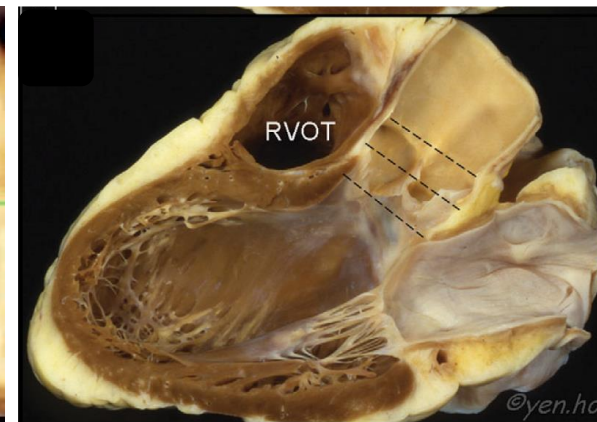
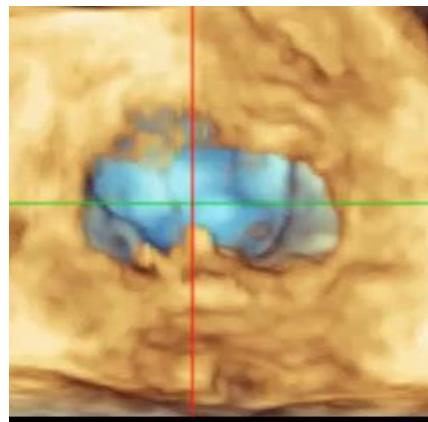


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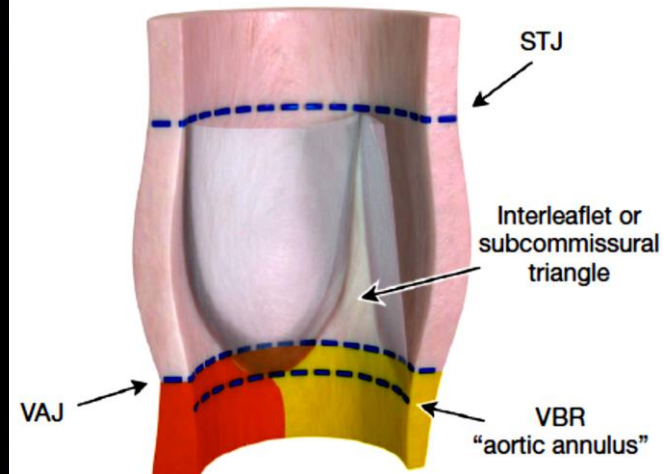




Aortic Root and Aortic Valve



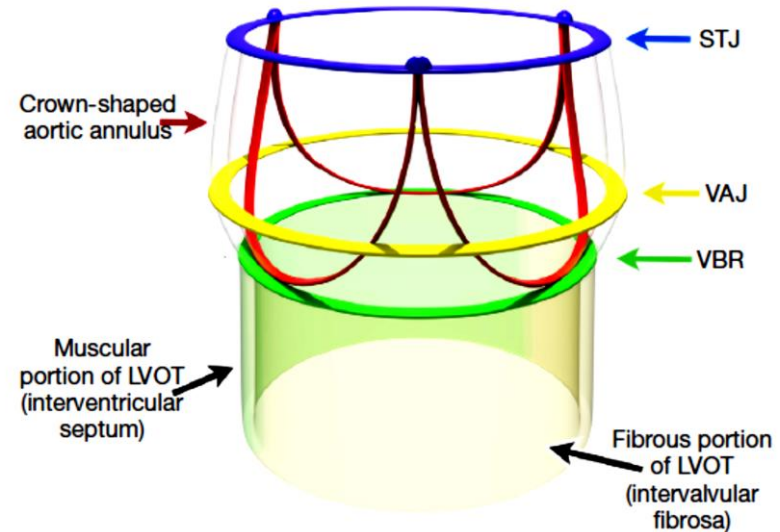
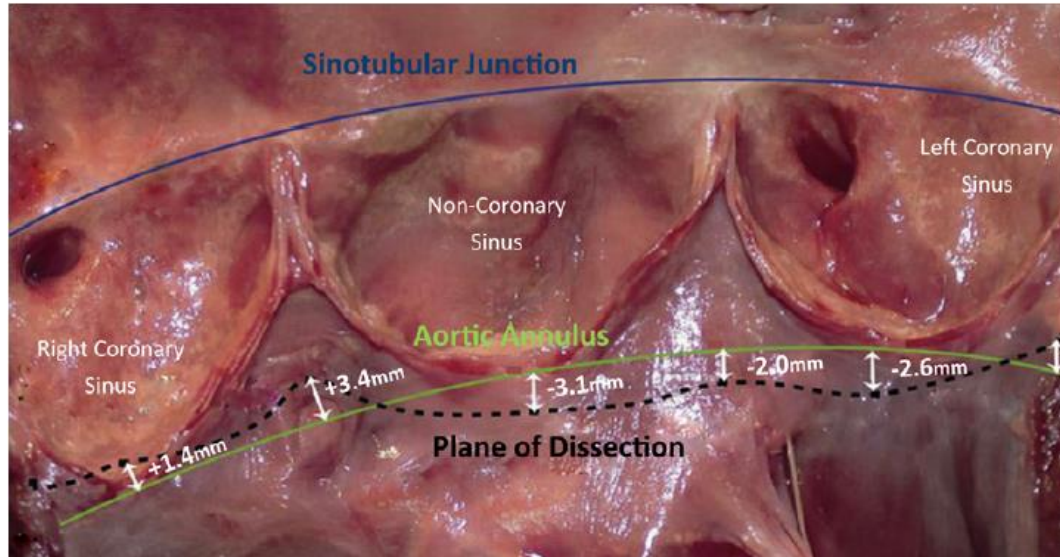
↑
STJ
Sinus
VAJ
VBR « aortic annulus »



Aortic Root Functional Unit

Aortic root opened with cusps removed

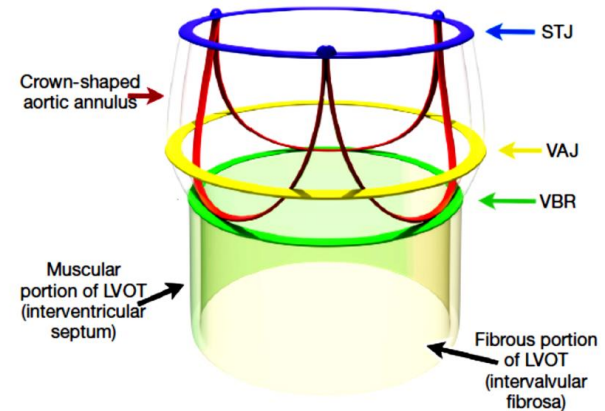
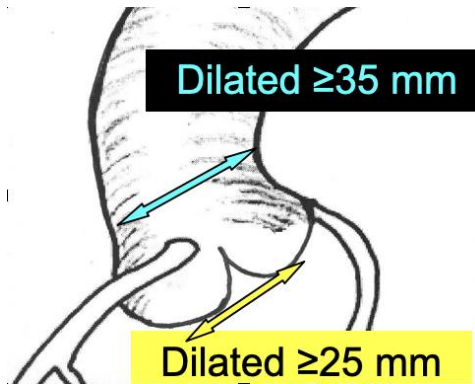
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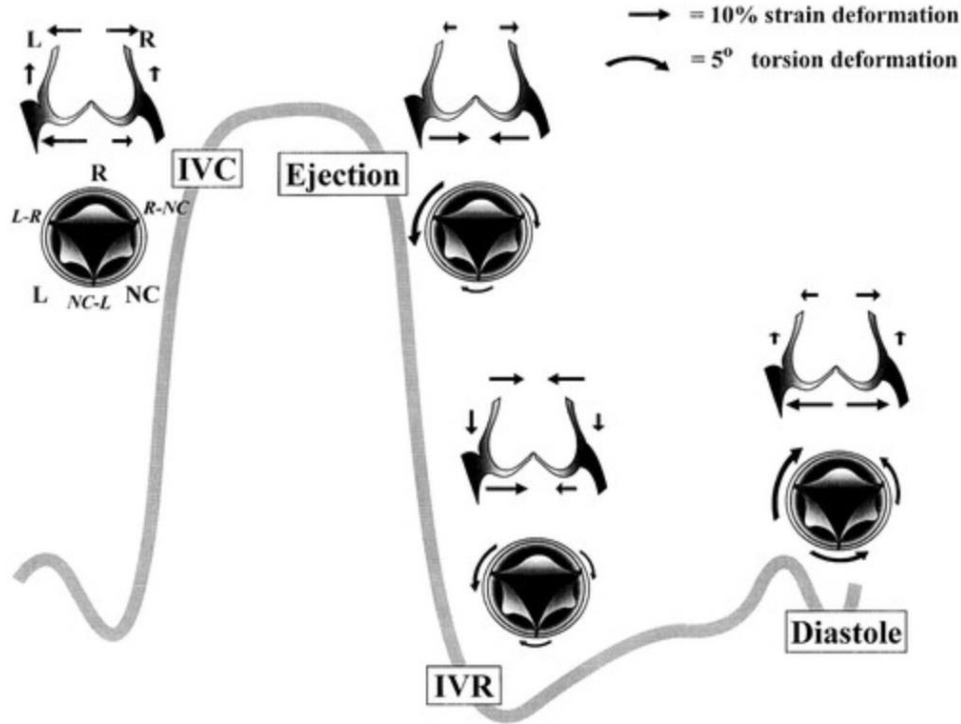
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STJ/annulus: 1.2

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N	1132									
Annular Ø	22.3±1,4 (20.5-32.4)									
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Aortic Root Dynamics: systolic expansion

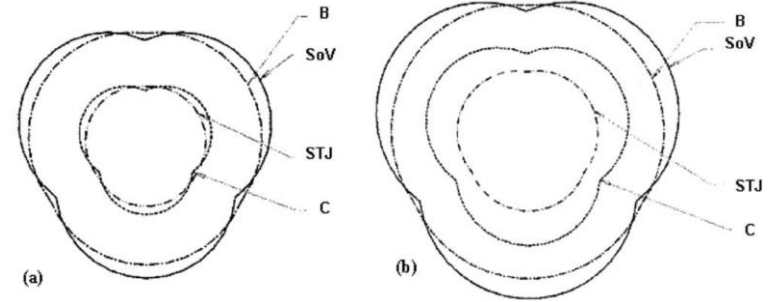


Deformational Dynamics of the Aortic Root

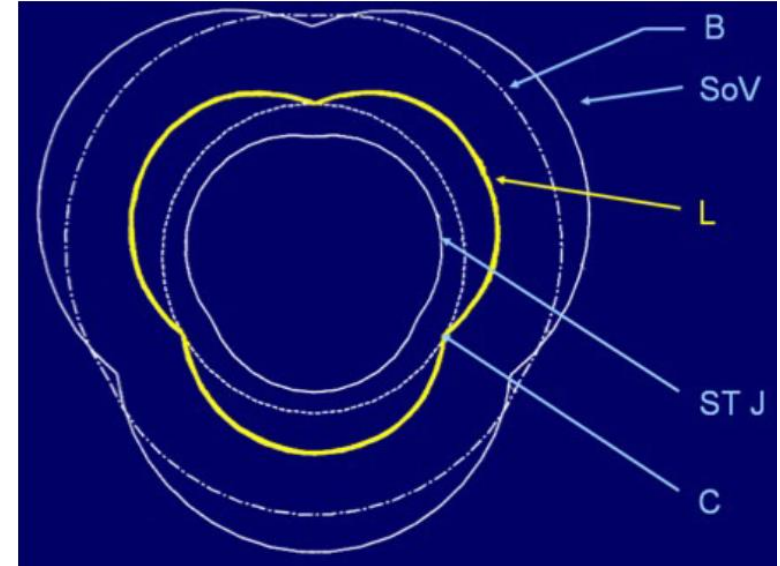
Modes and Physiologic Determinants

Paul Dagum, G. Randall Green, Francisco J. Nistal, George T. Daughters,

Clover shaped orifice of the aortic valve



E. Lansac et al. / European Journal of Cardio-thoracic Surgery 22 (2002) 497–503

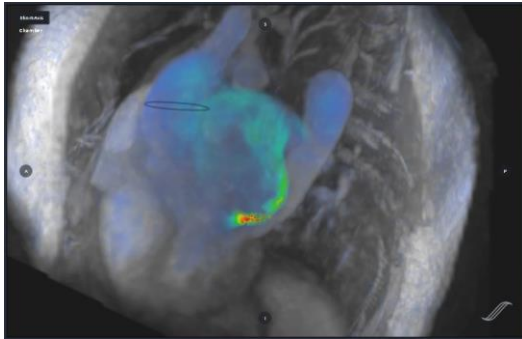
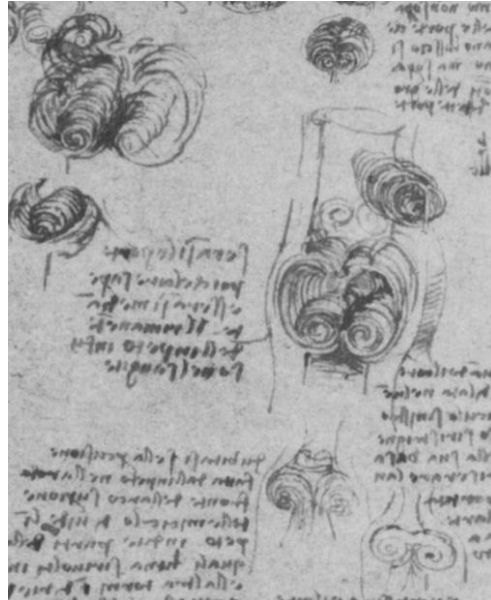
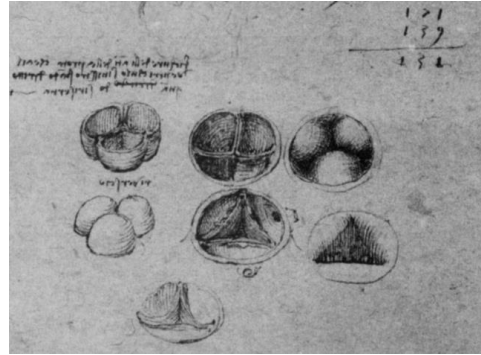


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Leonardo da Vinci and the Sinuses of Valsalva

Francis Robicsek, MD



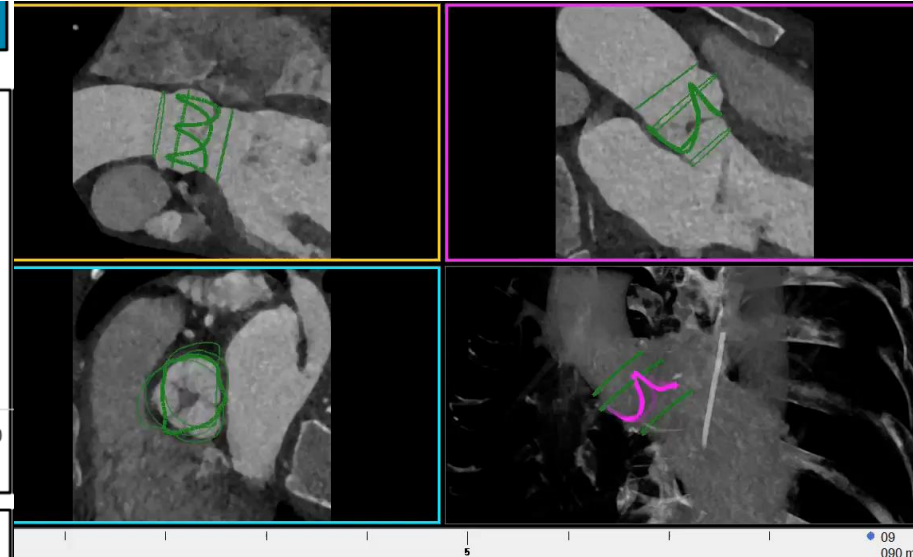
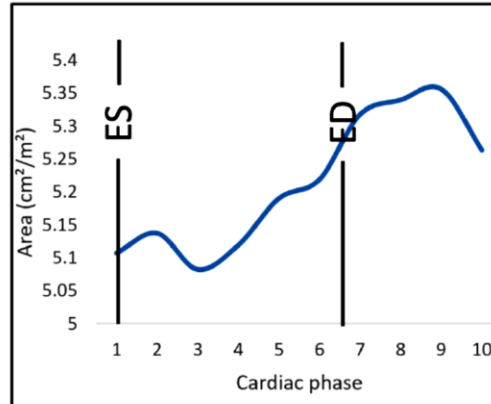
Morphological and dynamic analysis of the normal aortic valve with 4D computed tomography

Amine Fikani ^{a,*}, Damian Craiem ^b, Elie Mousseaux ^c, Gilles Soulat ^c, Aymeric Rouchaud^d,
Cyrille Boulogne^e, Elie Martins^e and Jerome Jouan^a

4D analysis of the normal aortic valve

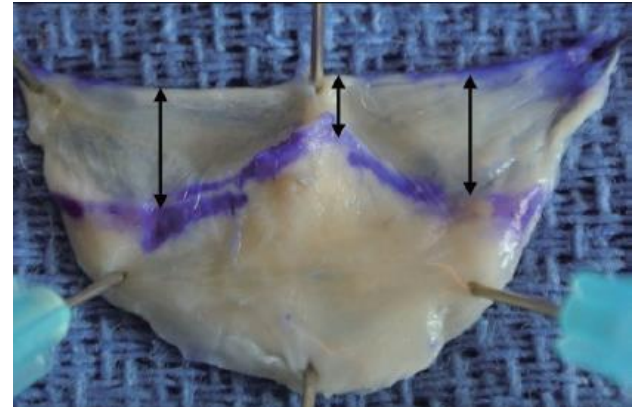
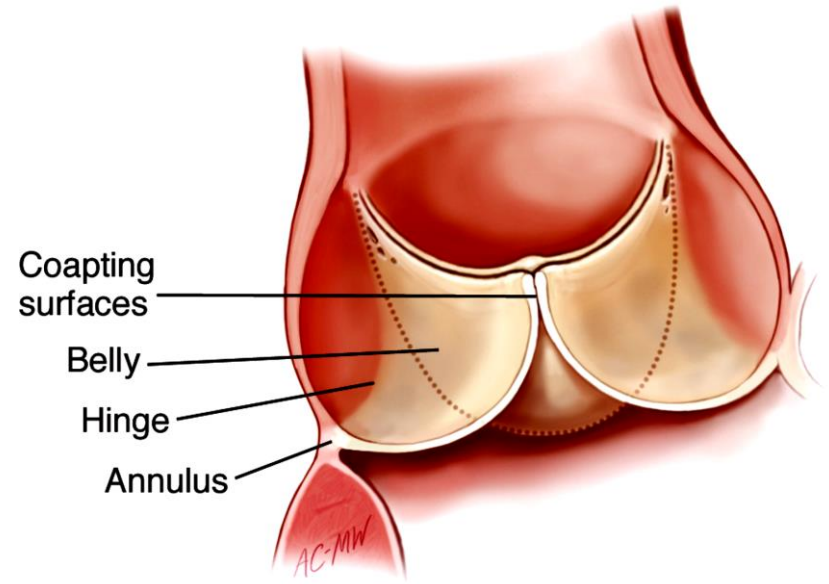
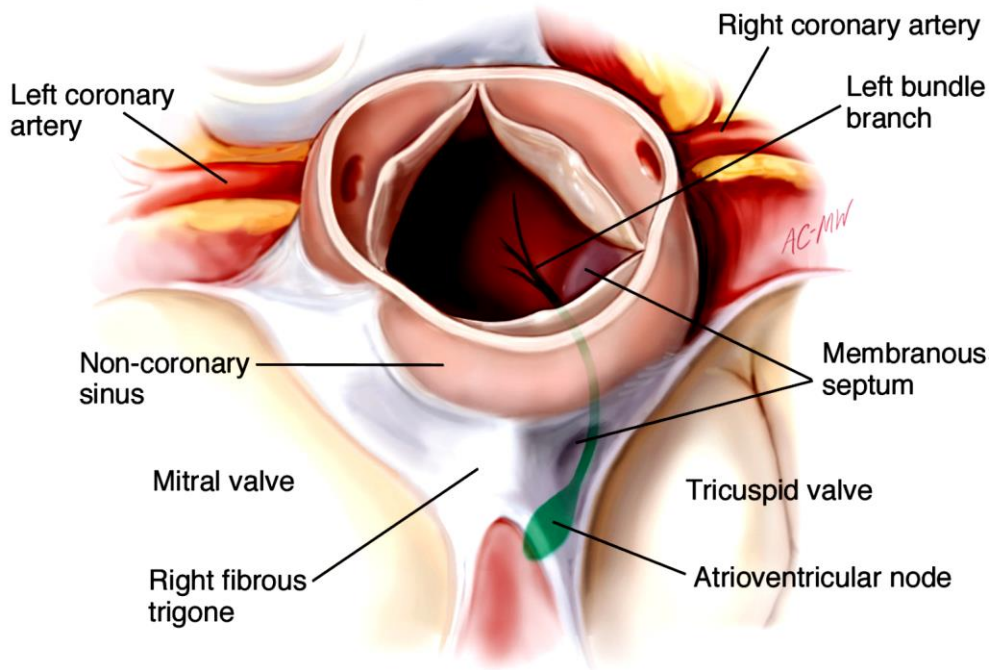
Summary

- Using ECG-gated multiphase computed tomography and dedicated software developments, we retrospectively analyzed 30 patients with a normal functioning aortic valve.
- We demonstrated specific features in dynamics and morphometrics of the aortic root and annulus.
- Virtual basal ring analysis significantly underestimates the dimensions of the true aortic annulus.



Legend: Indexed aortic annulus area change during the cardiac cycle (ES: end-systole, ED: end-diastole)

Aortic Valve Leaflets or « cusps



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Systematic echocardiographic assessment of aortic regurgitation—what should the surgeon know for aortic valve repair?

Alain Berrebi, Jean-Luc Monin, Emmanuel Lansac

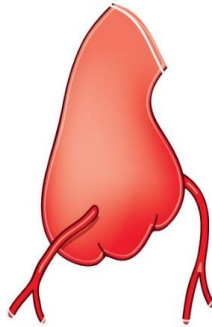
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Aortic valve (AV) repair is the preferred surgical treatment in young patients with aortic regurgitation (AR) and/or proximal aorta aneurysm, as noted in the recent European Society of Cardiology (ESC) guidelines. However, this surgical option is still underused in clinical practice. This emphasizes the need to build a heart team dedicated to AV repair with expert surgeons and echocardiographers. Surgical techniques are now standardized in their approaches to enhance the reproducibility and expansion of AV repair. The objective of this keynote is to also demonstrate the need for a standardized pre-pump intra-operative echocardiography protocol to fulfill surgeon's needs in providing a road map and predicting techniques to be used for an effective and durable repair.

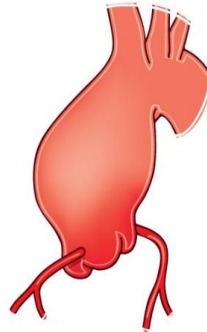
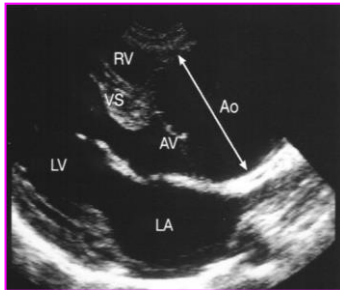
3 Phenotypes of the ascending aorta



Anévrisme
de la racine
aortique

**Aortic root
aneurysm**

Valsalva ≥ 45 mm

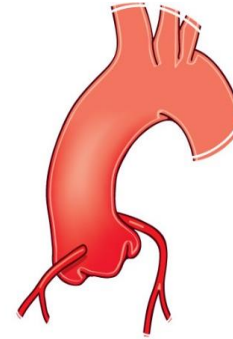
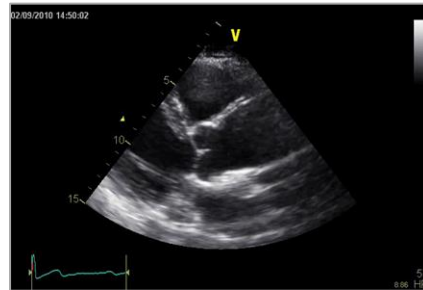


Anévrisme
sus-coronaire

**Supra-coronary
aneurysm**

Valsalva < 40 mm

Supra coronary aorta > 45 mm



IA isolée

Isolated AR

All $\varnothing < 40$ mm

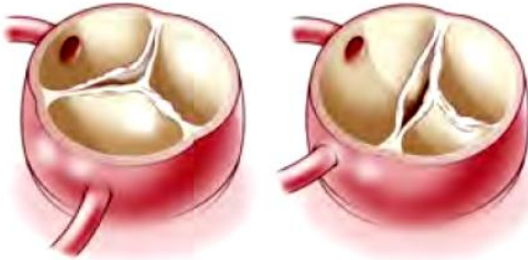


Etiology

Unicuspid



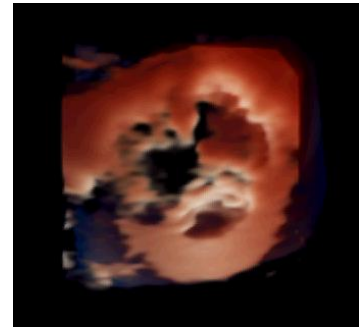
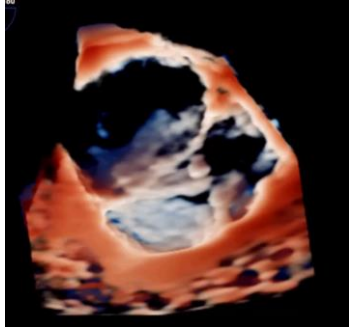
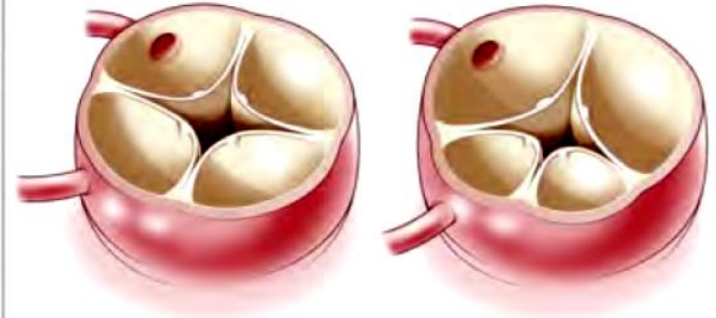
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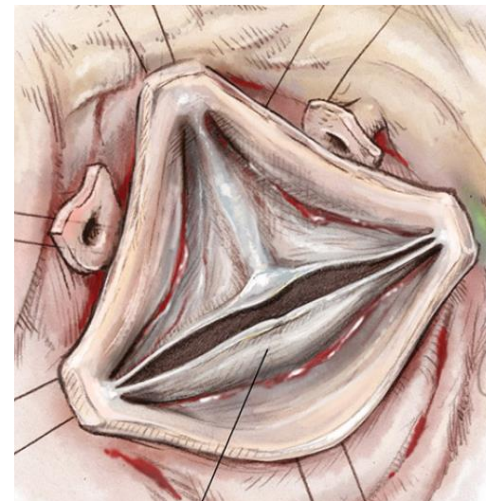
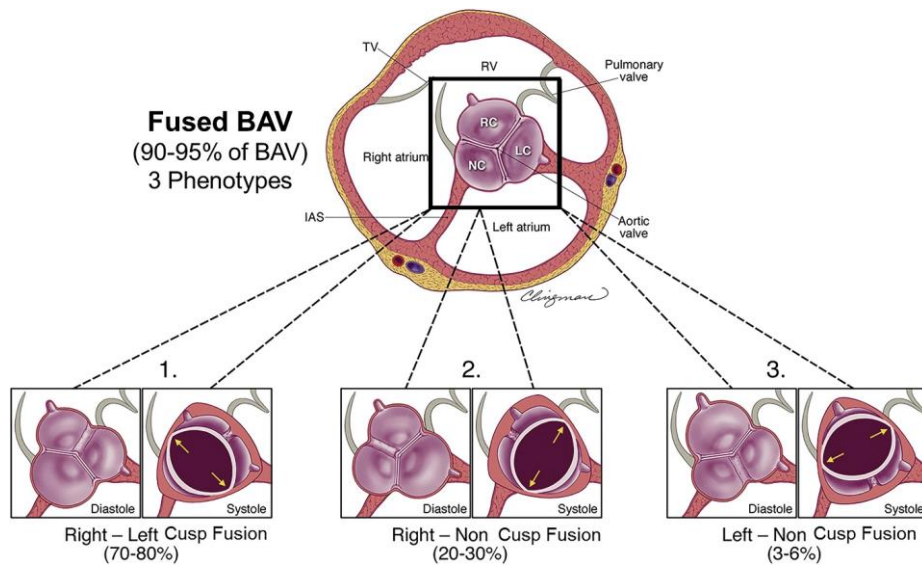
Tricuspid



Quadricuspid



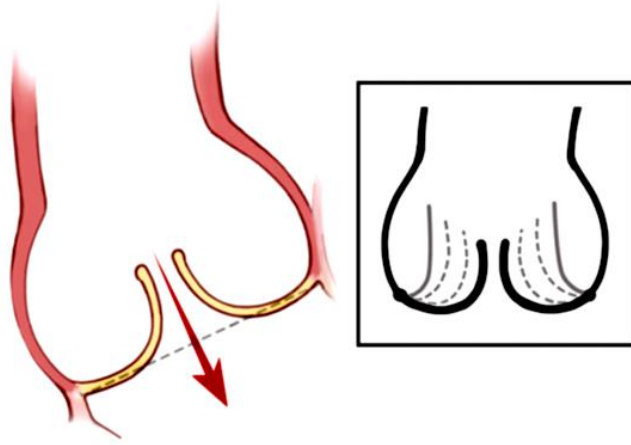
Bicuspid Fused type L/R: 3D TEE Surgical View



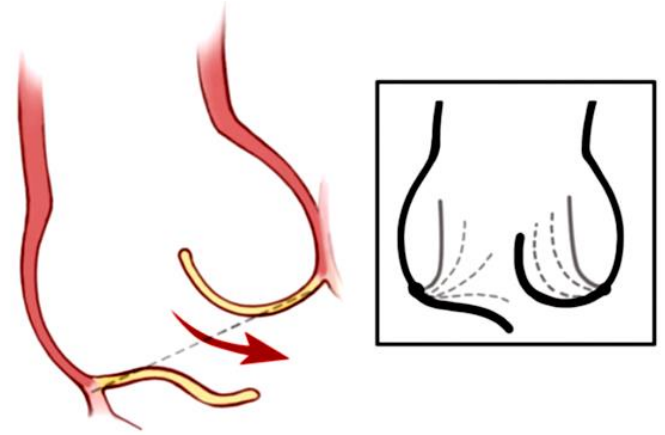
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Dysfunction

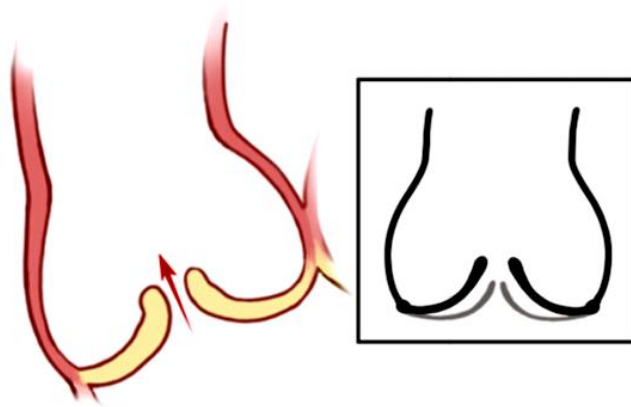
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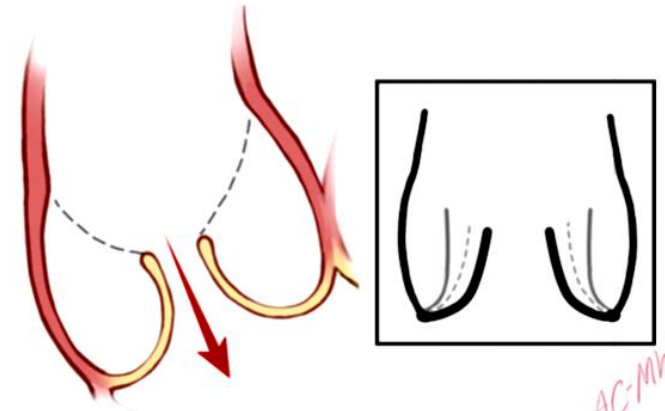
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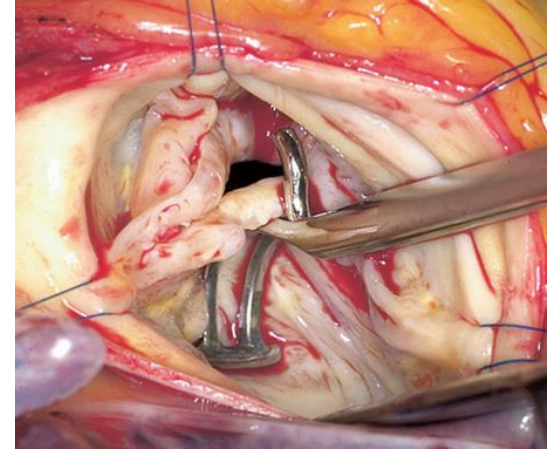
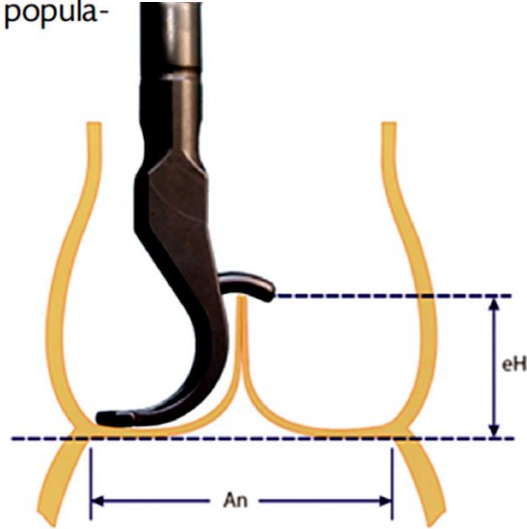
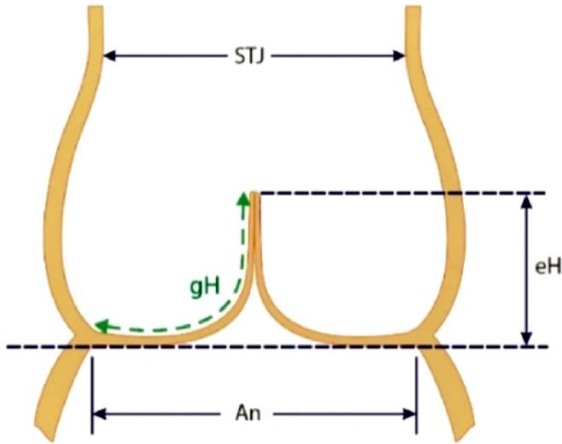


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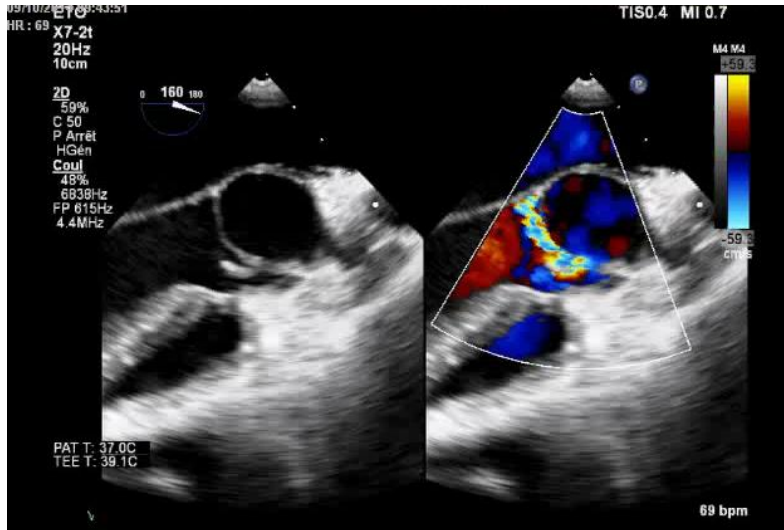
Dysfunction: Effective Height

The effective height (eH) is the orthogonal distance from the annulus to the middle of the free margin of the cusp. The eH can be measured by echocardiography and intraoperatively with a dedicated caliper. The normal eH in the adult population is close to 9 mm (8-10) [7].

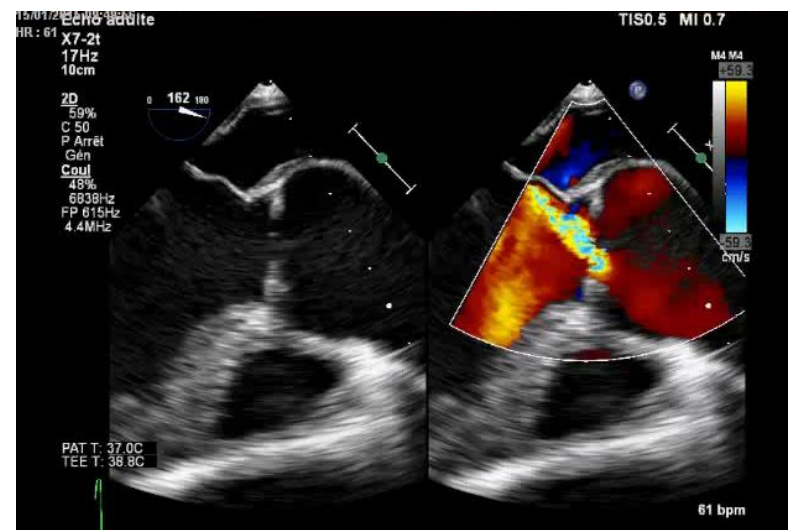


Cusp Prolapse: quantitative assessment with eH

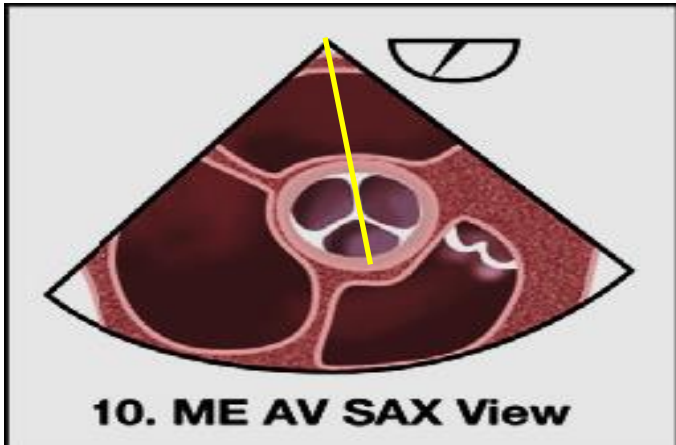
Complete (eH < 0)

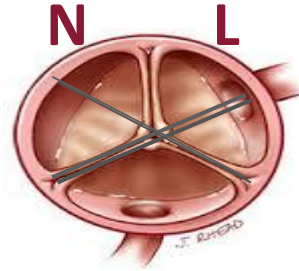
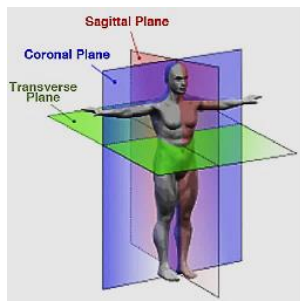


Incomplete (eH < 9 mm)



X Plane: only valid for eH of RCC

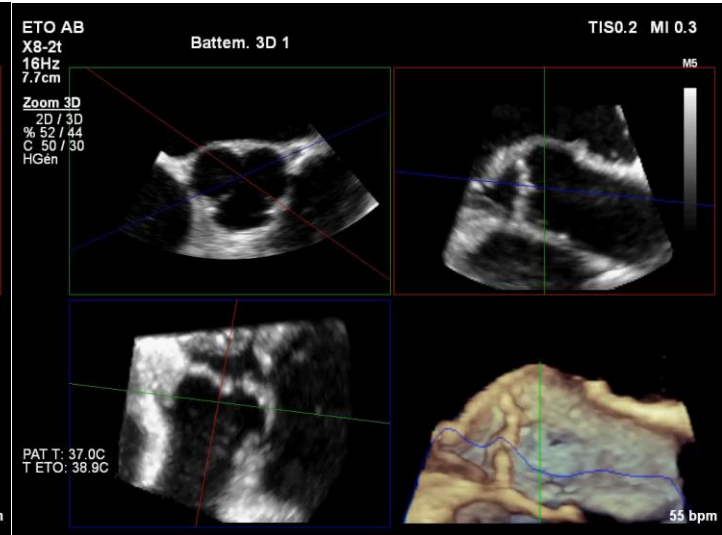
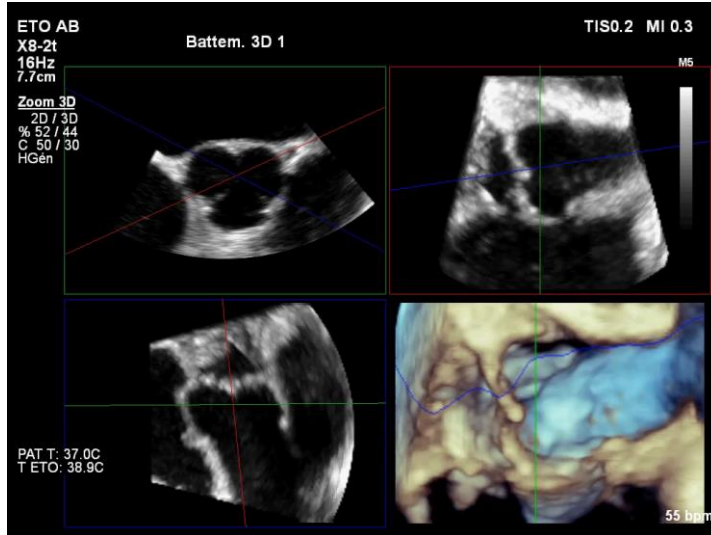




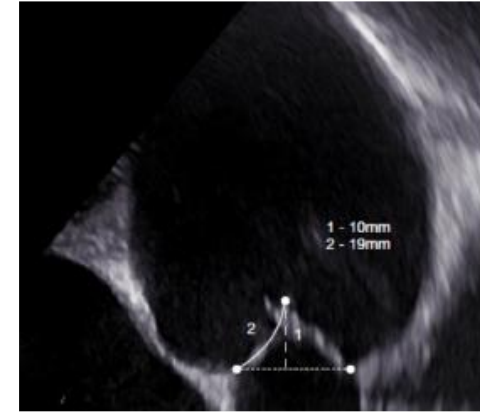
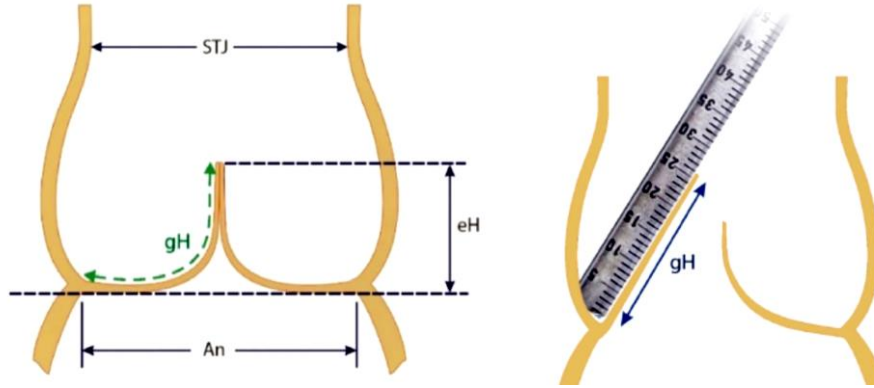
Multi Planar Reconstruction

LCC

NCC



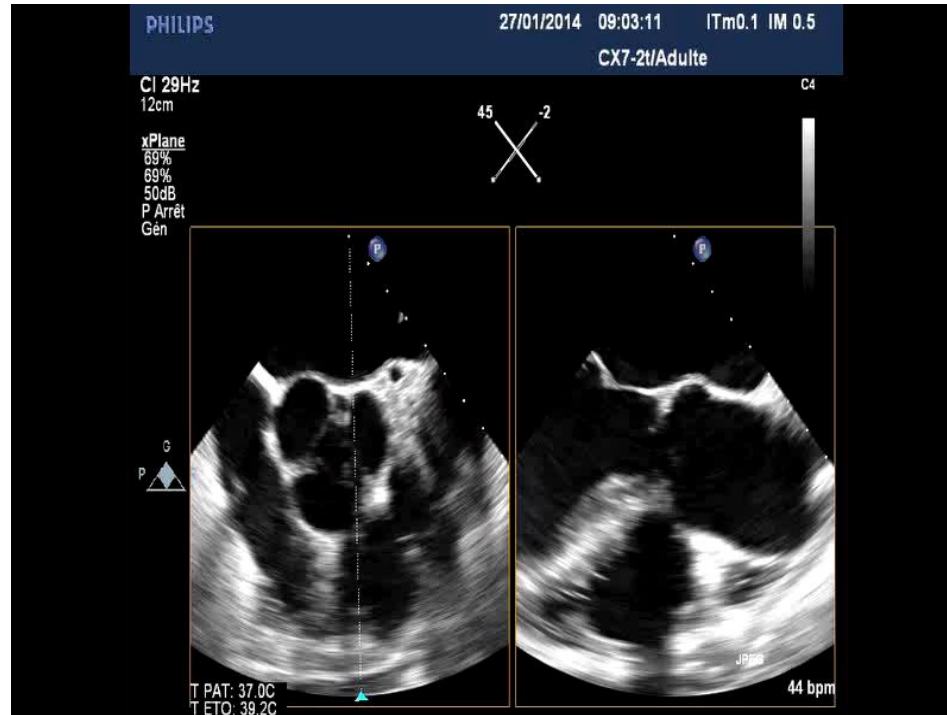
Lesion: Geometric Height (gH)



The geometric height (gH), also called the cusp height, is defined as the distance between the cusp nadir and the middle of the free margin. Intraoperatively, the gH is measured with a straight ruler along the aortic side of the cusp by applying gentle traction on the free margin to straighten the cusp tissue along the ruler. In adults, the cusp is considered retracted when the gH is 16 mm or less in TAVs and 19 mm or less in the bicuspid non-fused aortic cusp [8].

Lesion: amount and quality of tissue available

Restrictive motion with retraction*



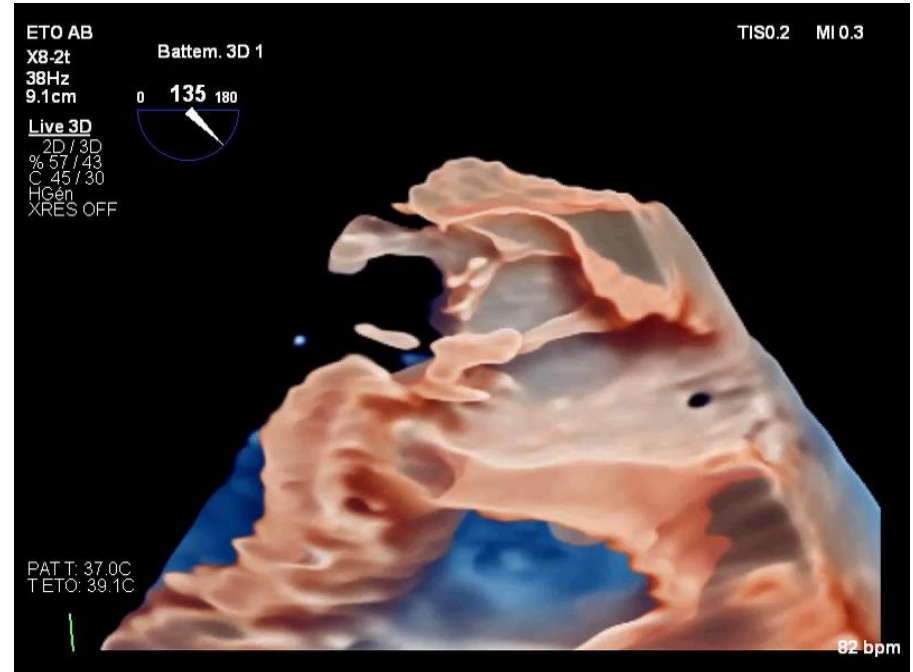
*retraction if geometric height: < 16 mm (tricuspid) or < 19 mm (bicuspid)

Fenestrations

Congenital lesions
Para-commissural
coaptation zone

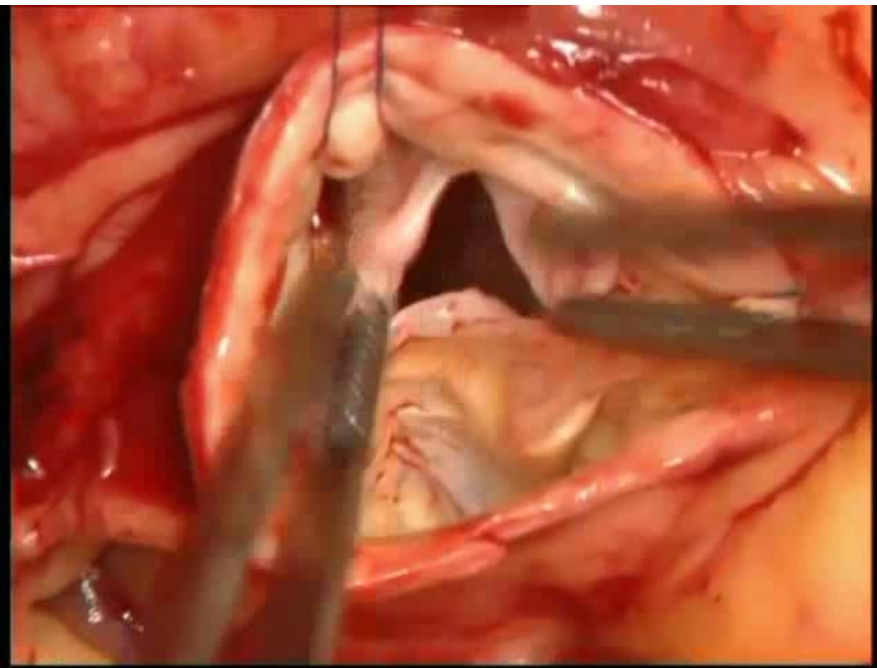


Pericardial patch if
« fragile » or ruptured

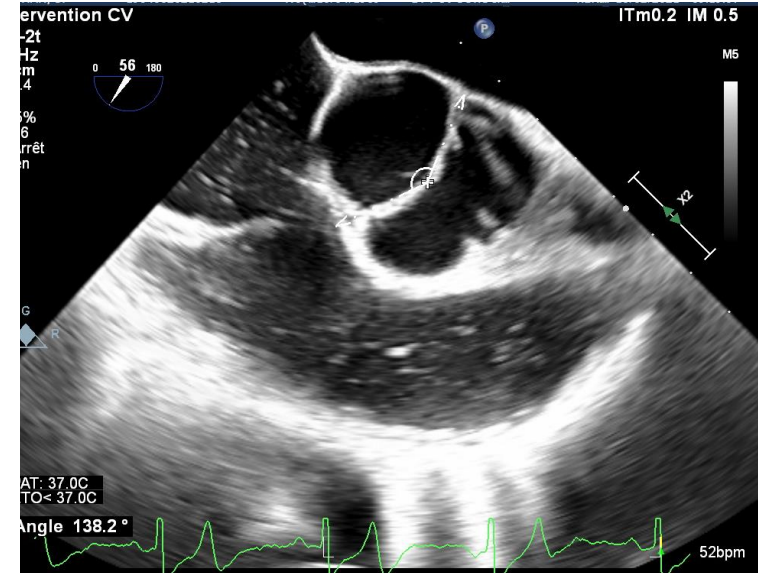
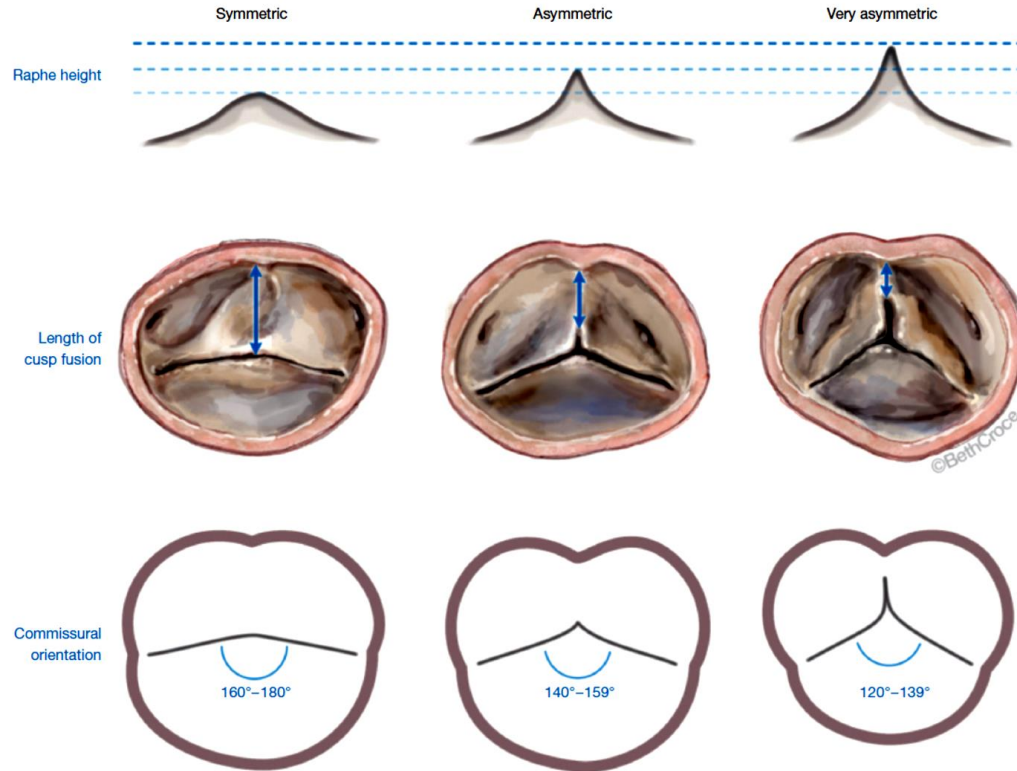


Schäfers et al, JTCVS 2009

Ruptured Fenestrations



Bicuspid Fused type: Commissural orientation (angle between 2 functional commissures)



Conclusion

- **Aortic root is a dynamic functional unit (expansibility)**
- **Aortic cusp configuration determine function**
- **Need for standardization with a systematic echo protocol**

