

Lumped-parameter modeling of the cardiovascular system

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Cardiovascular scheme

P: pressure

V: volume

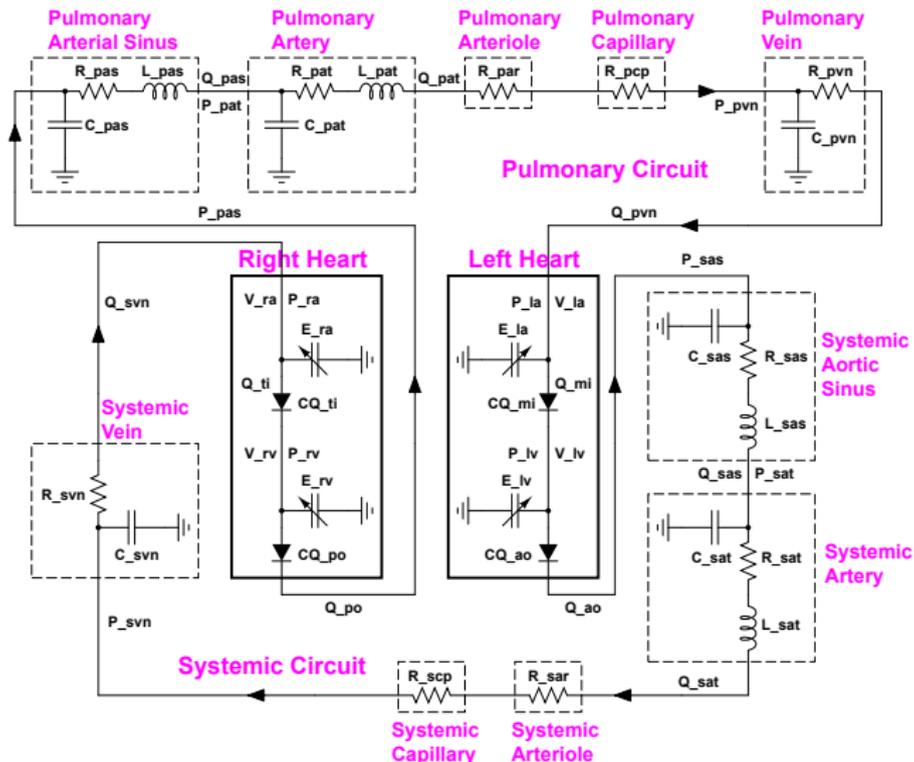
Q: flow rate

C: compliance

E: elastance

L: inductance

R: resistance



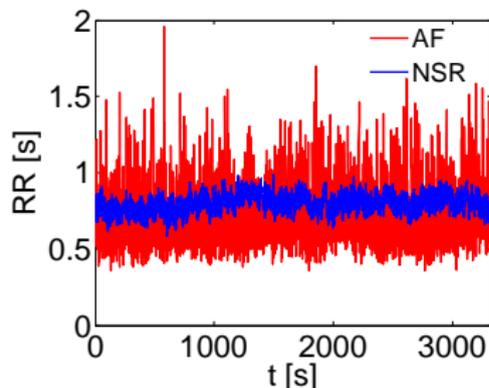
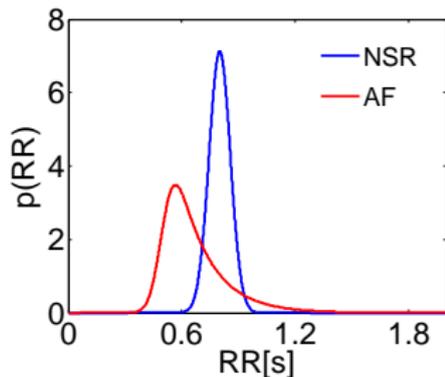
Reconstructed physiologic and fibrillated beating

● Normal Sinus Rhythm (NSR)

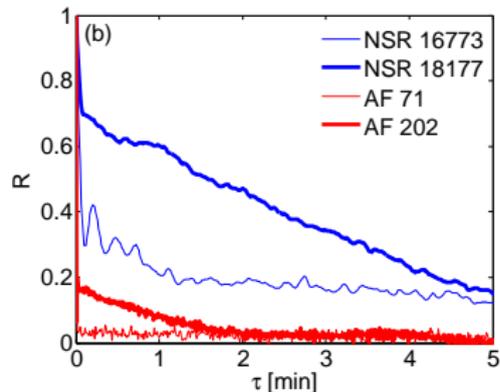
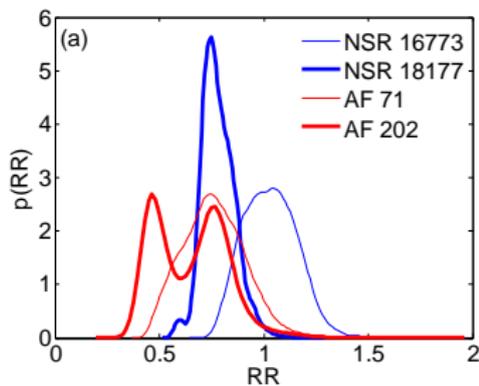
- RR extracted from a correlated pink Gaussian distribution;
- Time varying (right and left) atrial elastance;

● Atrial Fibrillation (AF)

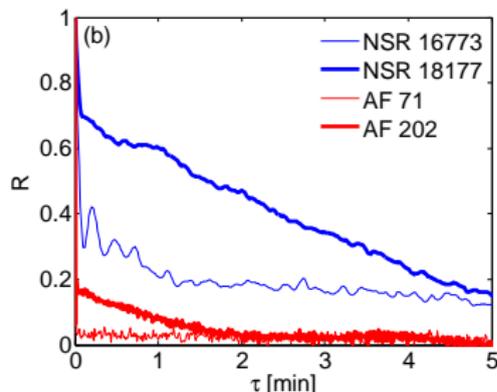
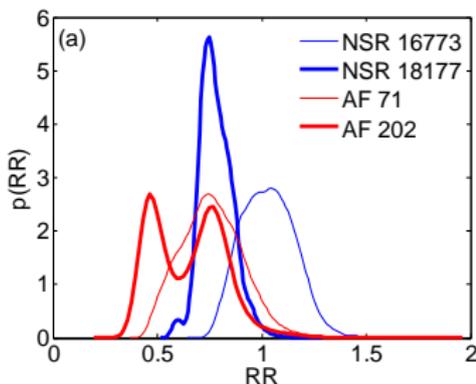
- RR extracted from an exponentially modified Gaussian distribution;
- Constant (right and left) atrial elastance \Rightarrow No atrial kick;



Real RR series (MIT Database)



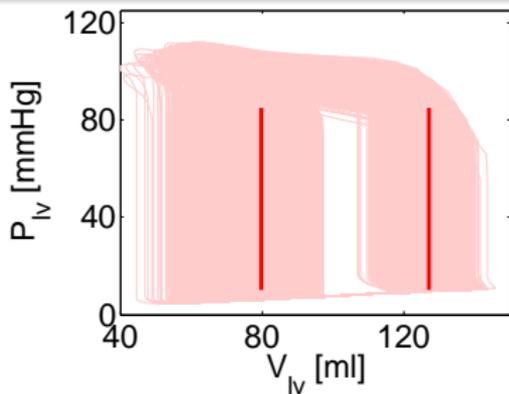
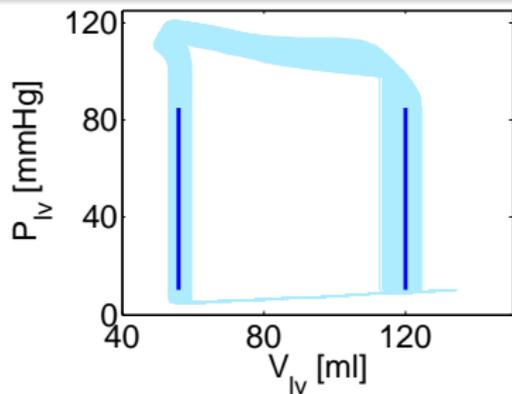
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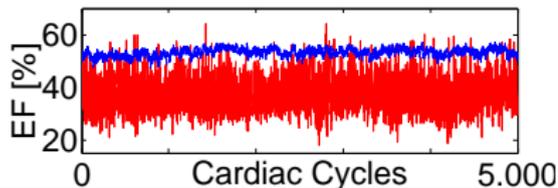
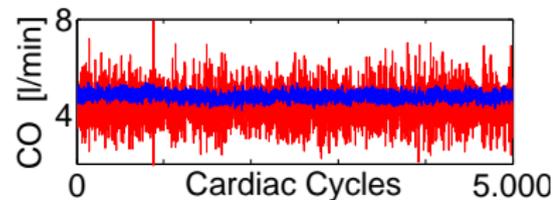
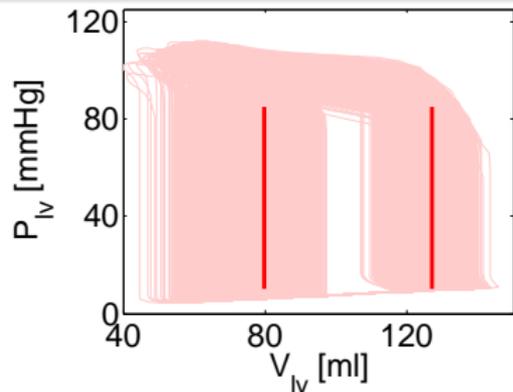
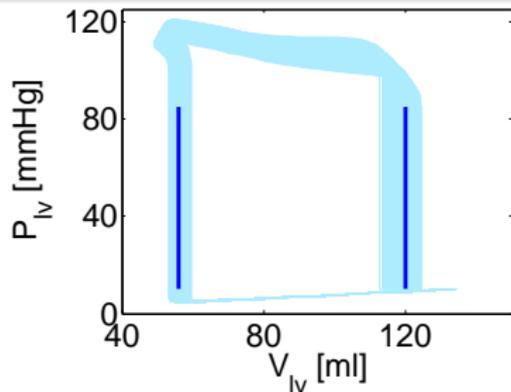
	μ [s]	σ [s]	c_v	Sex	Age
NSR 16773	1.03	0.13	0.12	M	26
NSR 18177	0.78	0.08	0.10	F	26
AF 71	0.76	0.15	0.19	/	/
AF 202	0.65	0.17	0.27	/	/



Left ventricle



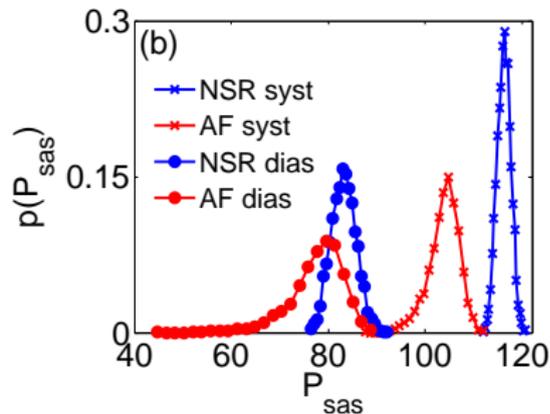
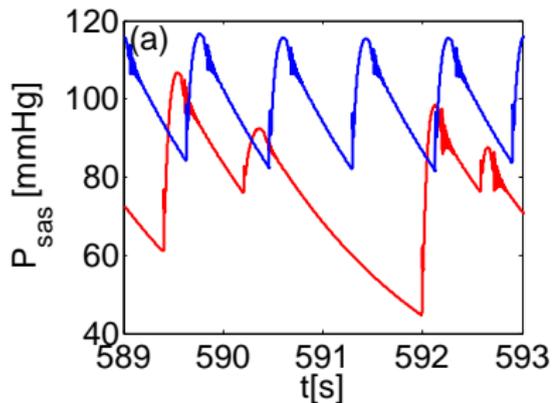
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	NSR	AF
CO [l/min]	4.80	4.38
SV [ml]	63.84	47.21
EF [%]	53.27	37.12
SW [J]	0.87	0.57



Arterial pressure: time series and statistics

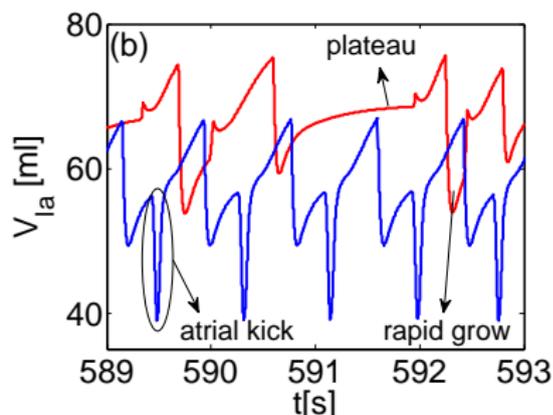
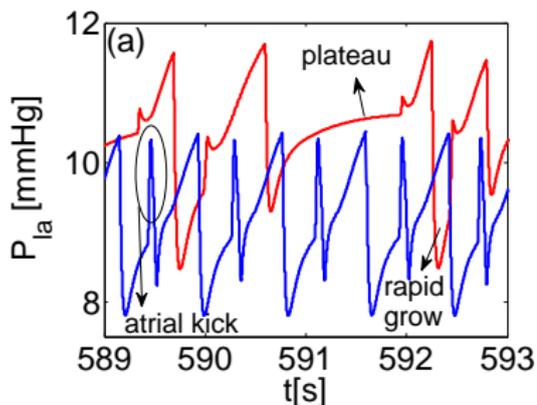


P_{sas} [mmHg]	Mean	Systolic	Diastolic	Pulsatile
NSR	99.52	116.22	83.24	32.99
AF	89.12	103.66	77.24	26.42

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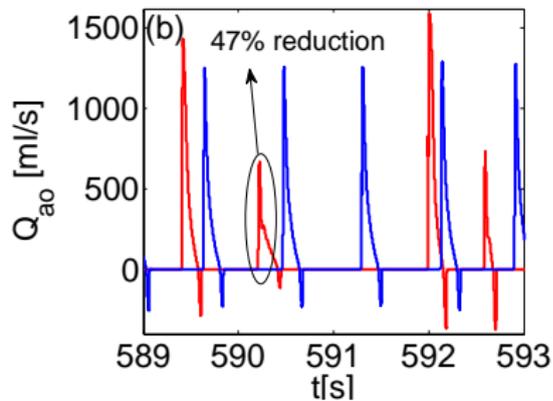
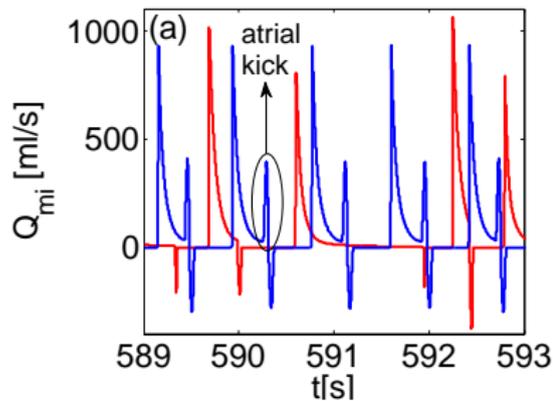
Atrial pressure and volume



V_{la} [ml]	Mean	End-Systolic	End-Diastolic
NSR	56.53	64.41	55.37
AF	65.95	71.41	68.84



Mitral and aortic flow rates



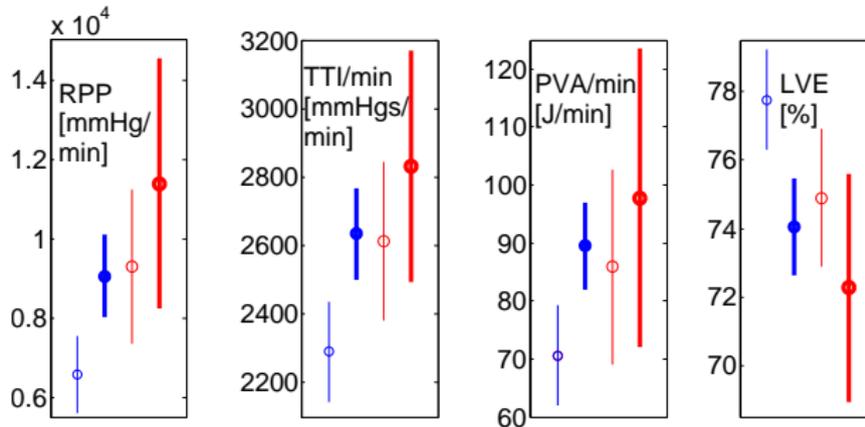
	NSR	AF
Mitral RF [%]	13.59	9.94
Aortic RF [%]	7.62	10.91

- Different backflow valve openings during AF: $M_i \downarrow$, $A_o \uparrow$;
- Peak E wave velocity does not correlate with RF.

Scarsoglio, Camporeale, Guala, Ridolfi, in preparation, 2015.



Oxygen Consumption



- Bigger expense for the oxygen consumption (RPP, TTI/min, PVA/min) and decreased left ventricular efficiency (LVE) during AF;
- The major effects of AF are due to HR acceleration, being rhythm changes less impacting.

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- **New information** on hemodynamic parameters (e.g., flow rates, right ventricle dynamics), difficult to measure and almost never treated in literature.



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