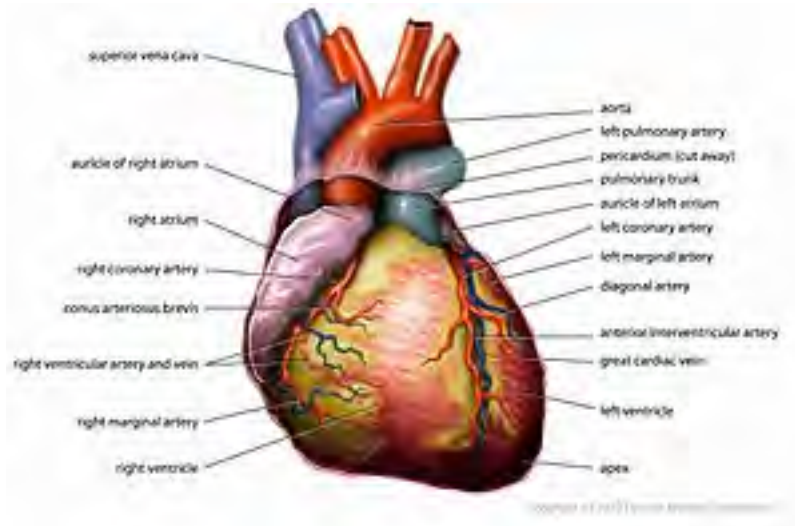


# How to measure striated muscle function

## Heart

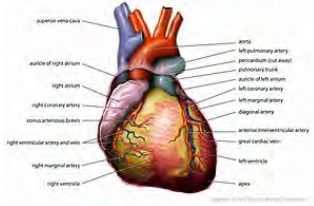


## Skeletal Muscle



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# How to measure cardiac muscle function



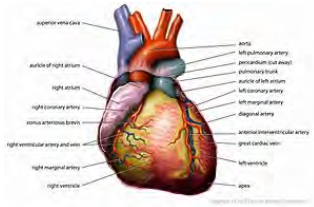
## Level

- Society
- Subject
- Organ
- Sub-organ
- Cell
- Sub-cell
- Molecule

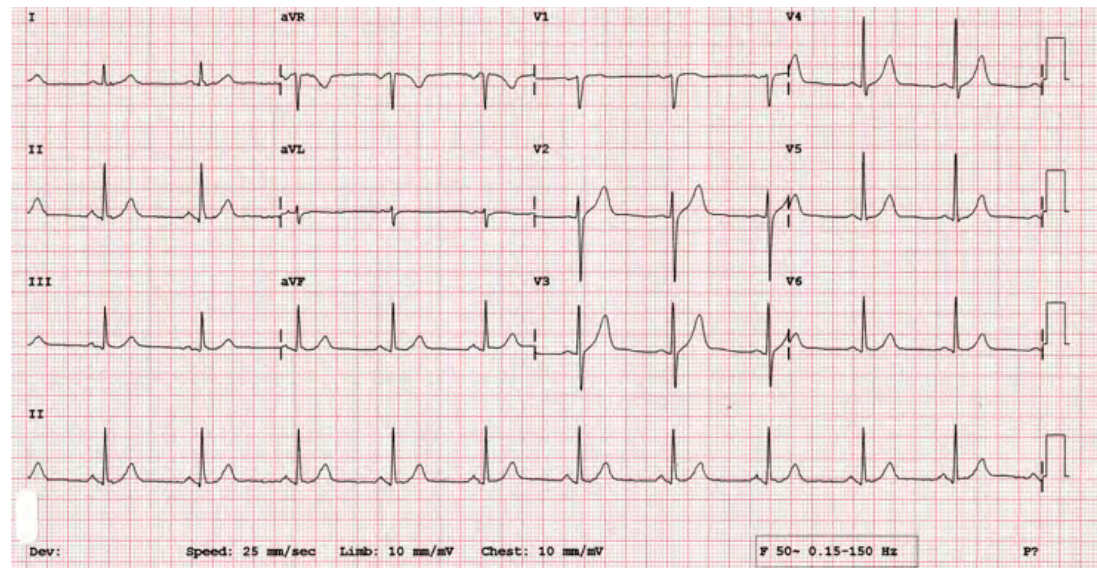
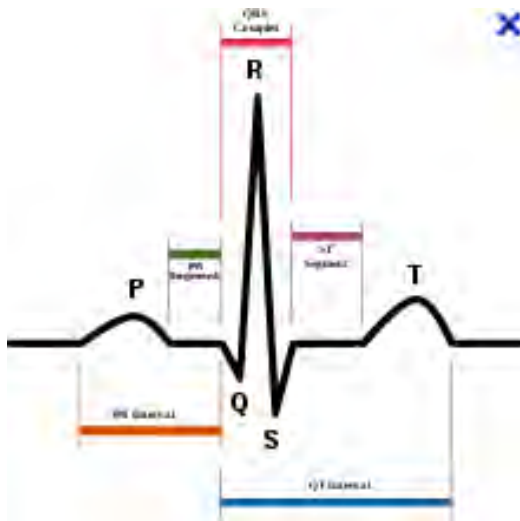
## Function

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Secretion/Uptake
- Chemical
- Anatomical/Histological

# How to measure cardiac muscle function



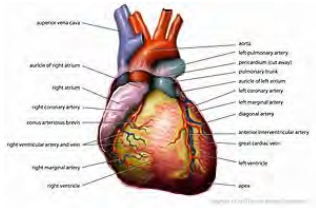
## Whole subject: ElectroCardioGram



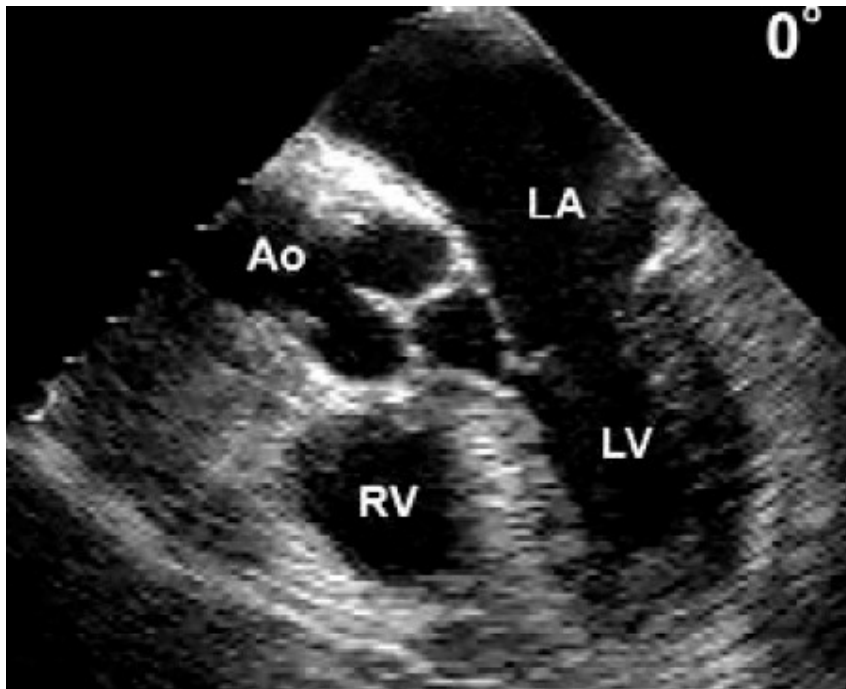
Mainly assesses electrical processes, can however indicate histological parameters

Most common parameters: RR-interval (HR), HRV, QT-duration

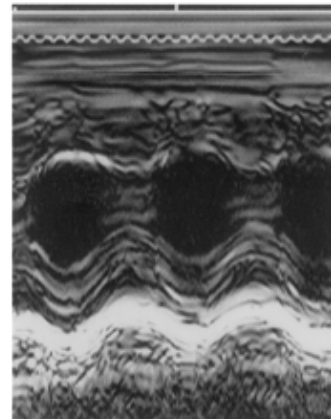
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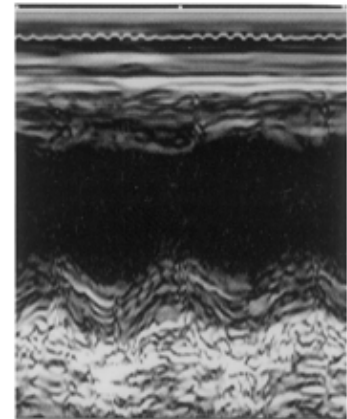
## Whole subject: Echocardiography



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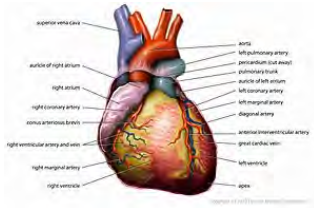


Most common parameters:  
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Shortening, EDV, ESV, SV

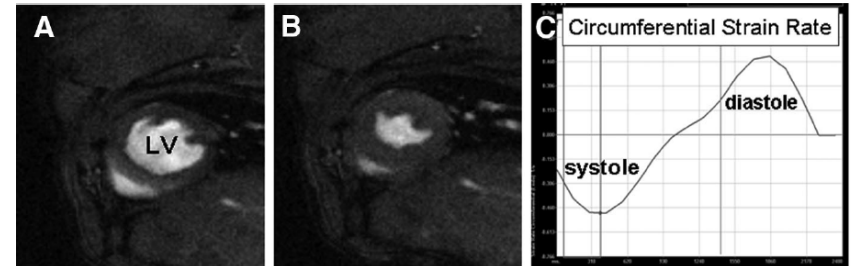
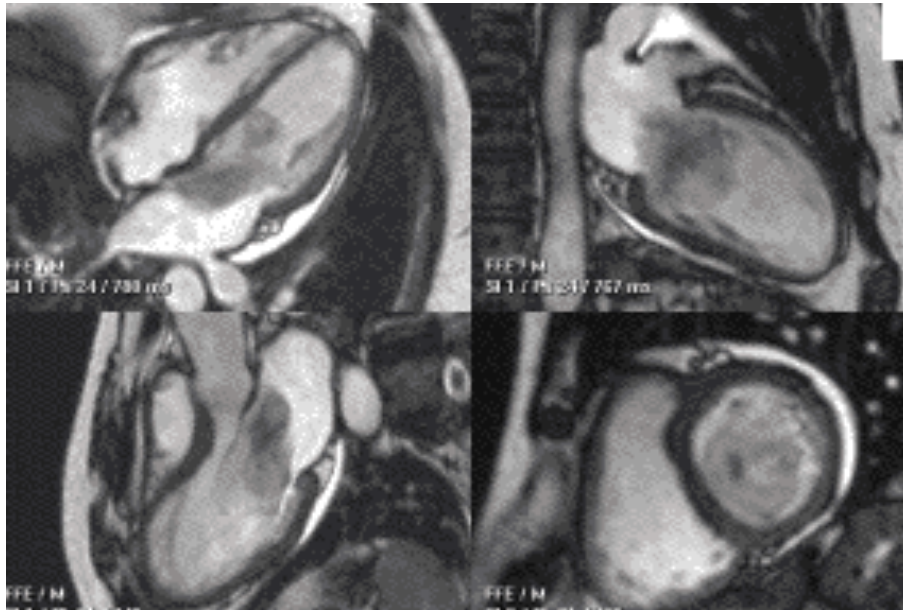
Mainly mechanical processes, different modes



# How to measure cardiac muscle function



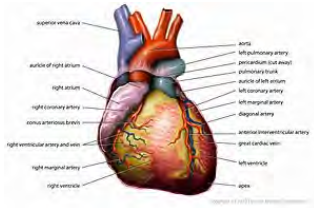
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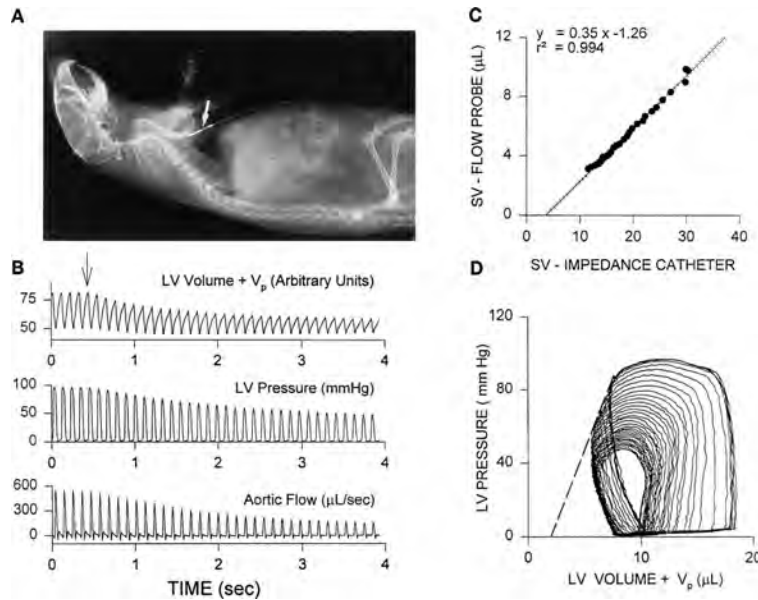
Most common parameters:  
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Shortening, EDV, ESV, SV, Myocardial  
strain

Mainly mechanical processes, different modes

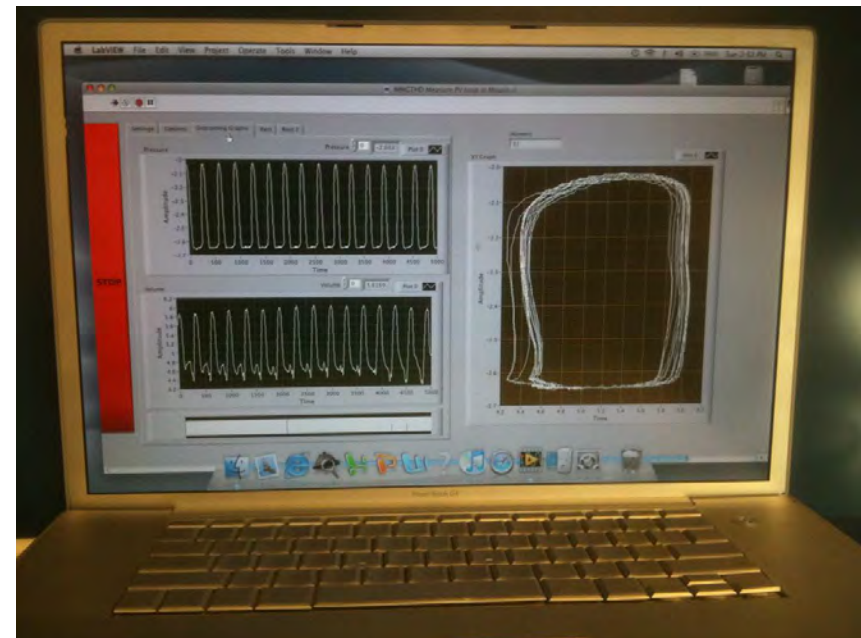
# How to measure cardiac muscle function



## Whole organ: Pressure Volume Assessment

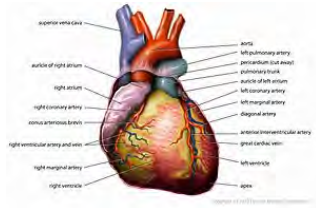


Most common parameters:  
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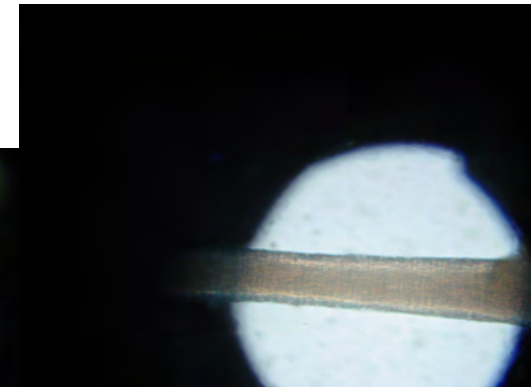
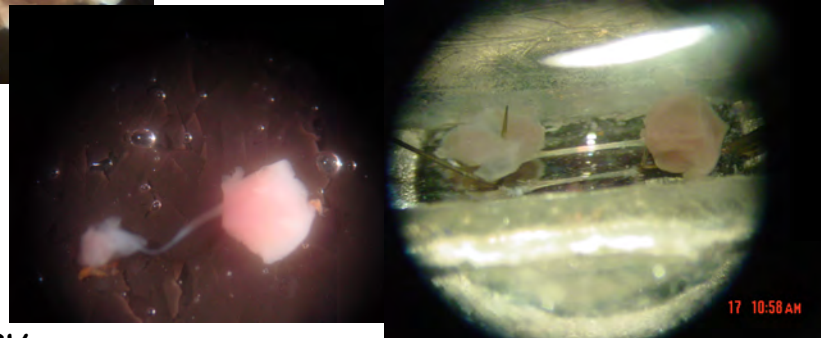
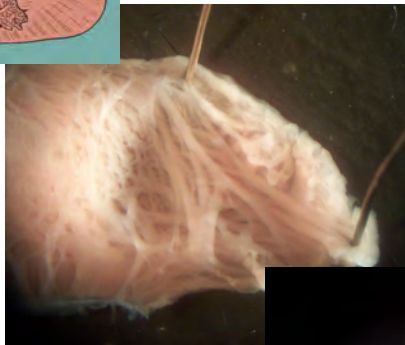
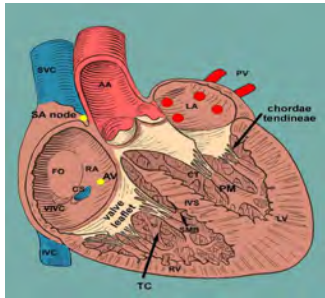
Mainly mechanical processes

# How to measure cardiac muscle function



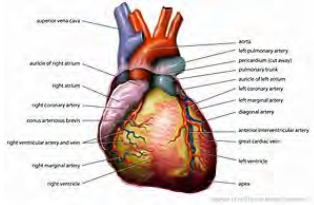
## Sub-Organ: Isolated Trabeculae

Most common parameters:  
Specific Force  
Intracellular Calcium

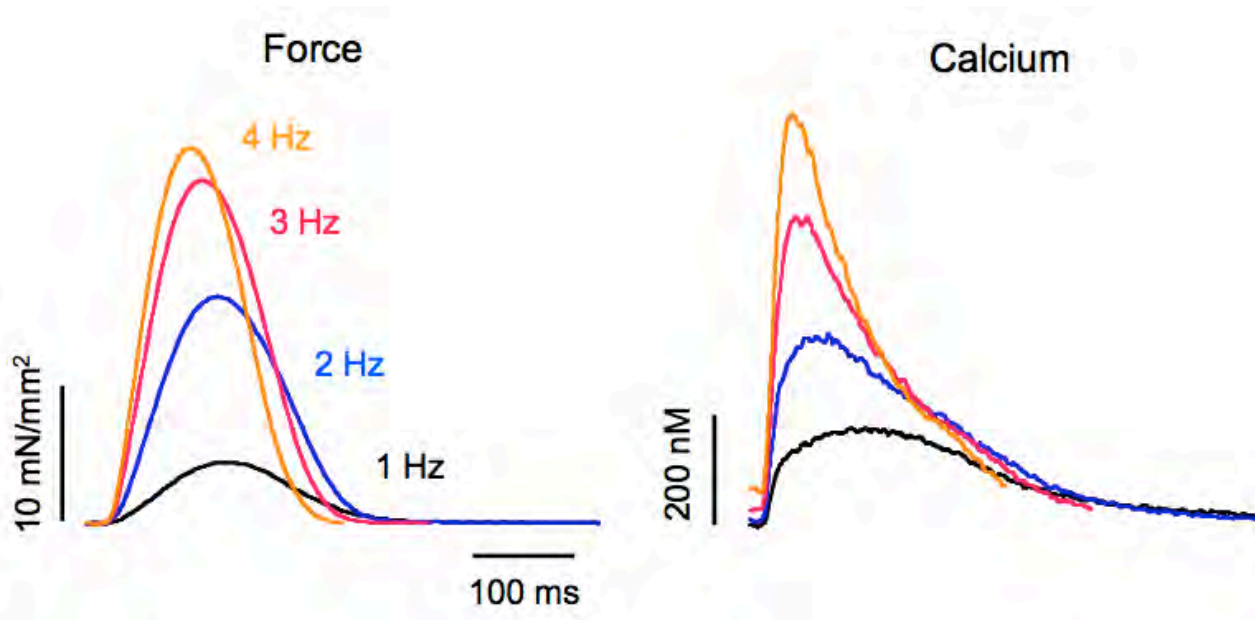


- Loaded Contractions
- Physiological Frequency
- Body temperature

# How to measure cardiac muscle function



## Sub-Organ: Isolated Trabeculae



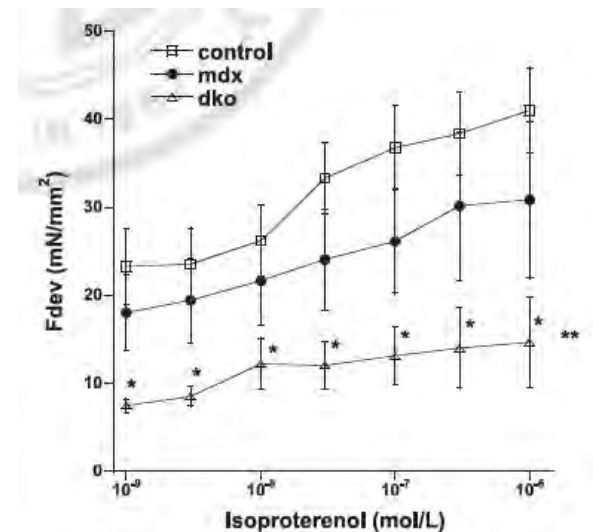
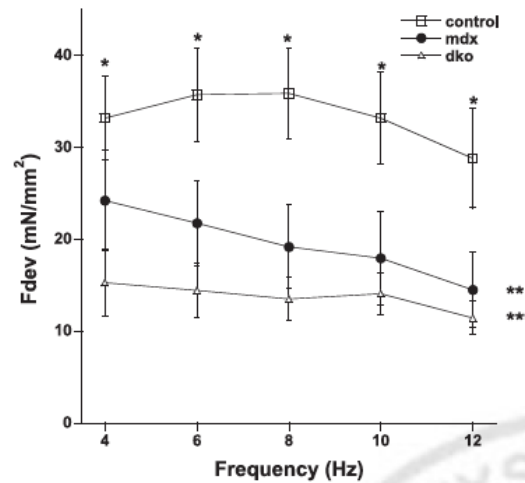
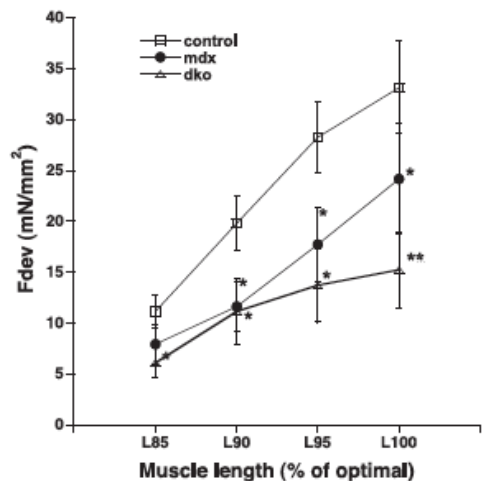
- Muscle force typically declines before whole heart function declines
- Whole heart function compensated on many levels



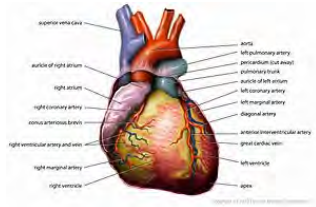
This anatomical diagram illustrates the heart's structure and its associated blood vessels. The following labels identify the key components:

- aortic valve cusp**
- aortic of right atrium**
- right atrium**
- right coronary artery**
- coronary sinus orifice**
- right ventricular artery and vein**
- right marginal artery**
- right ventricle**
- apex**
- aorta**
- left pulmonary artery**
- pericardium (not seen)**
- epicardial fat**
- aortic left atrium**
- left coronary artery**
- left marginal artery**
- degenerate artery**
- anterior interventricular artery**
- great cardiac vein**
- left ventricle**

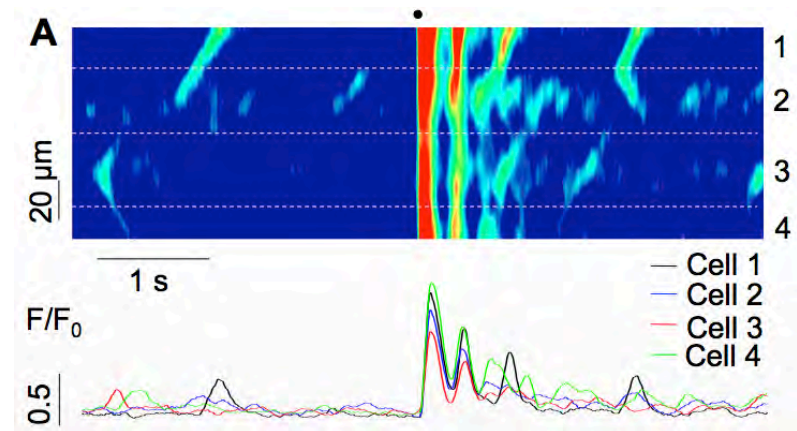
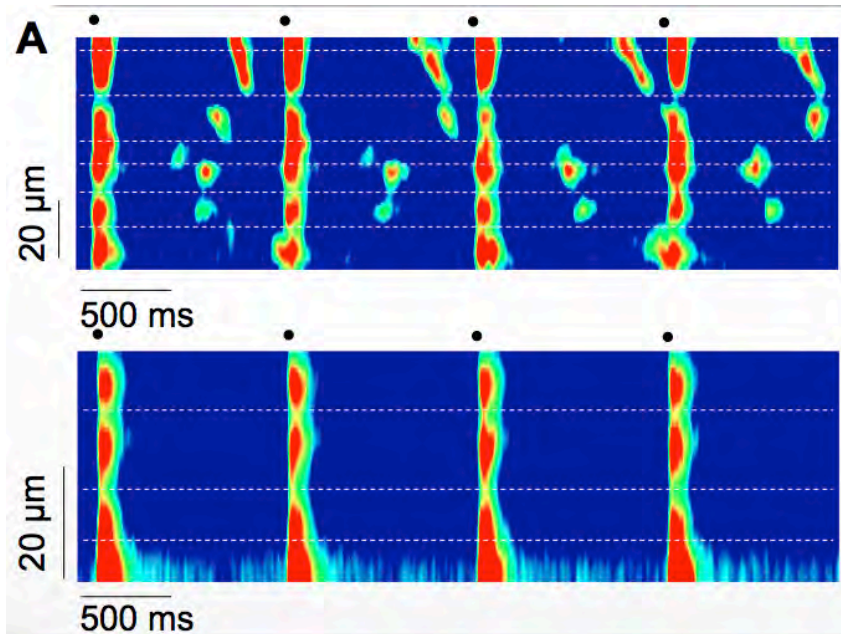
•Frank-Starling (volume/length)  
•Bowditch (heart rate)  
•FFR ( $\beta$ -stimulation)



# How to measure cardiac muscle function

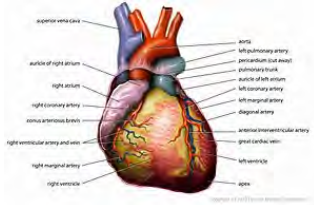


## Sub-Organ: Isolated Trabeculae



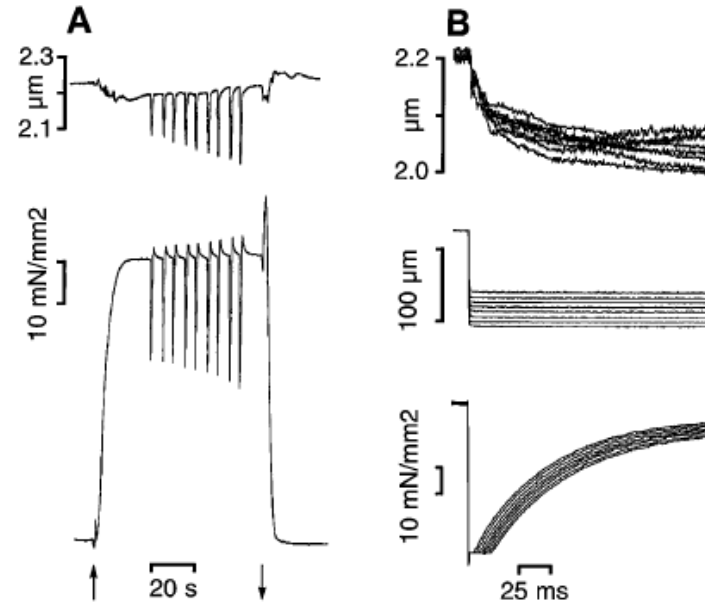
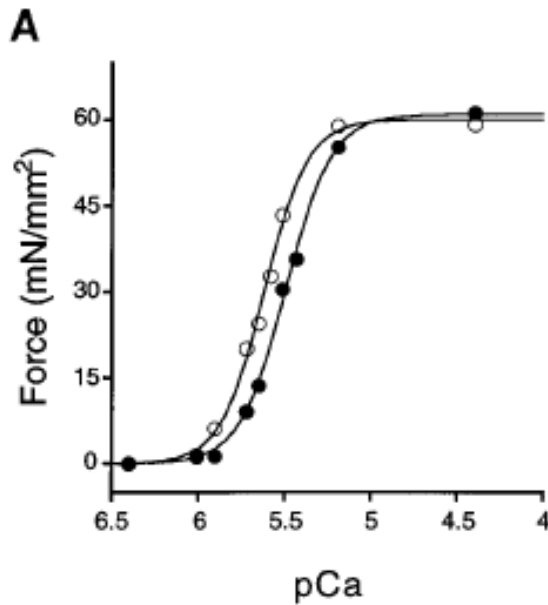
- Imaging of Calcium in multiple cells
- Study contractile and electrical effects

# How to measure cardiac muscle function



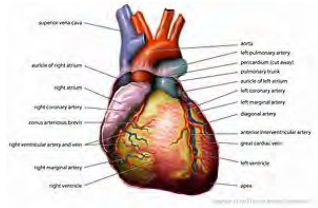
## Sub-Organ: Isolated Trabeculae

### Permeabilized muscles

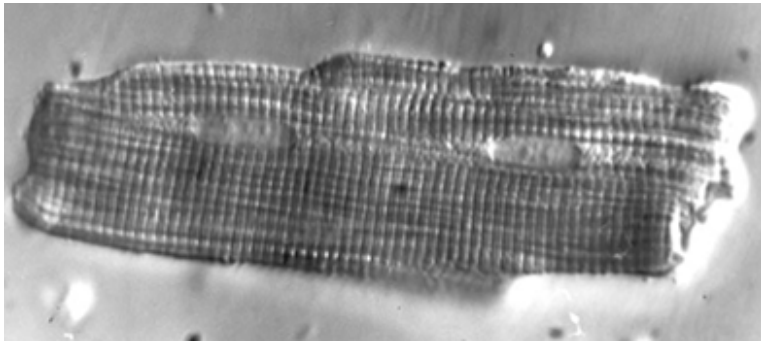


- Myofilament function, calcium is dictated by the investigator
- Measure speed of contraction, sensitivity for calcium

# How to measure cardiac muscle function



## Cell: Isolated myocyte



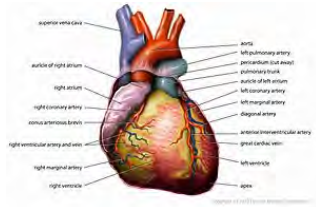
- Measure unloaded cell shortening
- Measure calcium transients



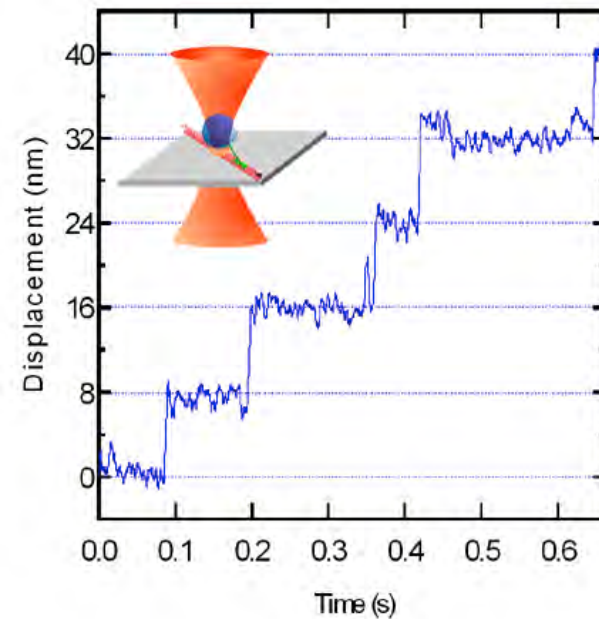
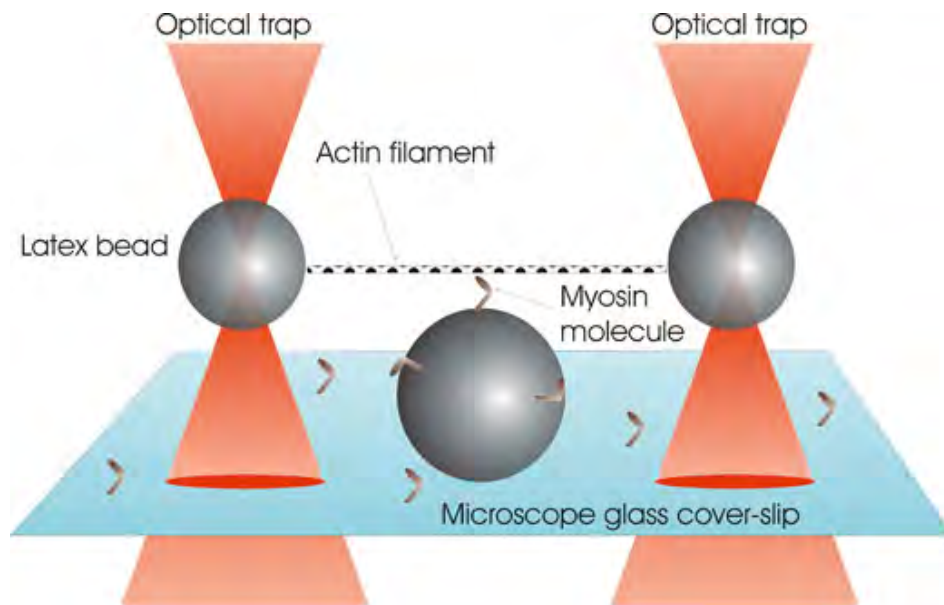
- Measure loaded cells
- Incompletely developed



# How to measure cardiac muscle function



Molecule: Single protein



- Measure single molecule force and kinetics

# How to measure skeletal muscle function



## Whole subject: Muscle strength test

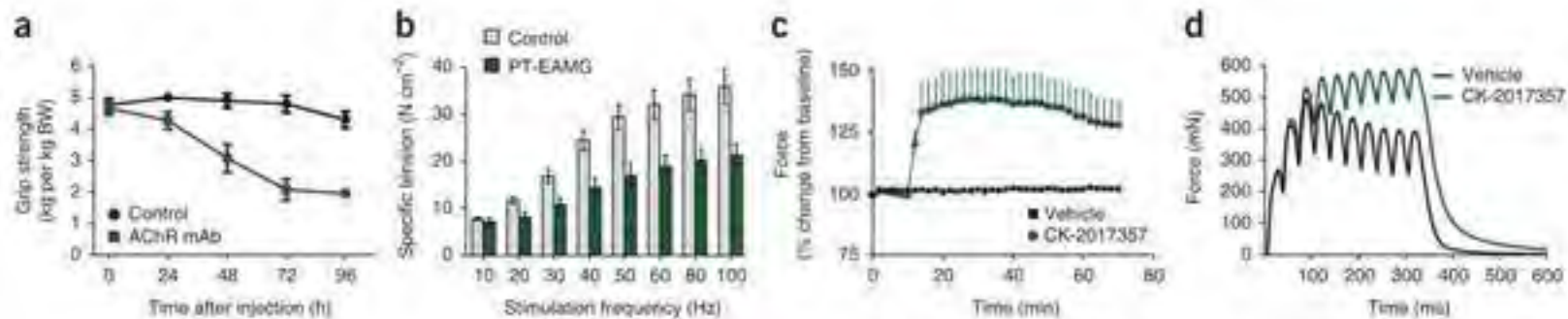


- Measures overall force, often measures quantity
- Under cognitive control, motivation

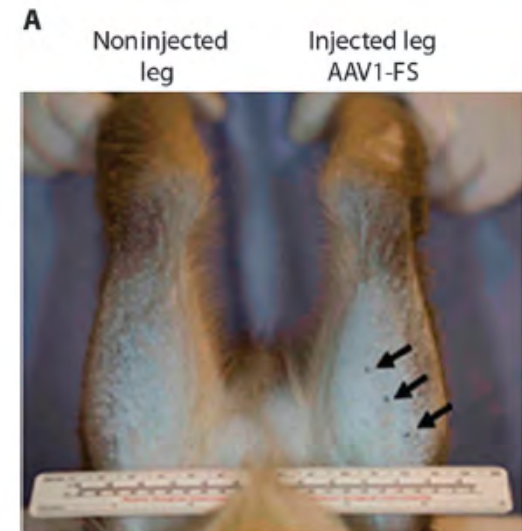
# How to measure skeletal muscle function



## Organ: In Situ Blood-perfused Whole Muscle



- Measures overall force, electrical
- override of neuronal control

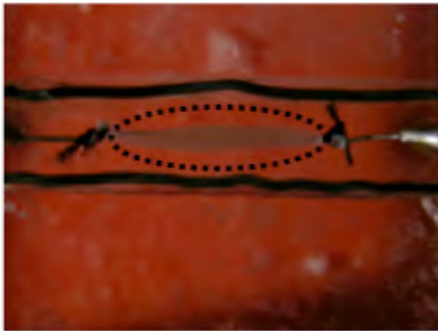


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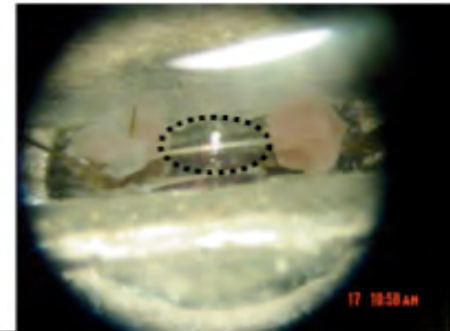


Organ: In vitro muscle contractions

EDL



Diaphragm

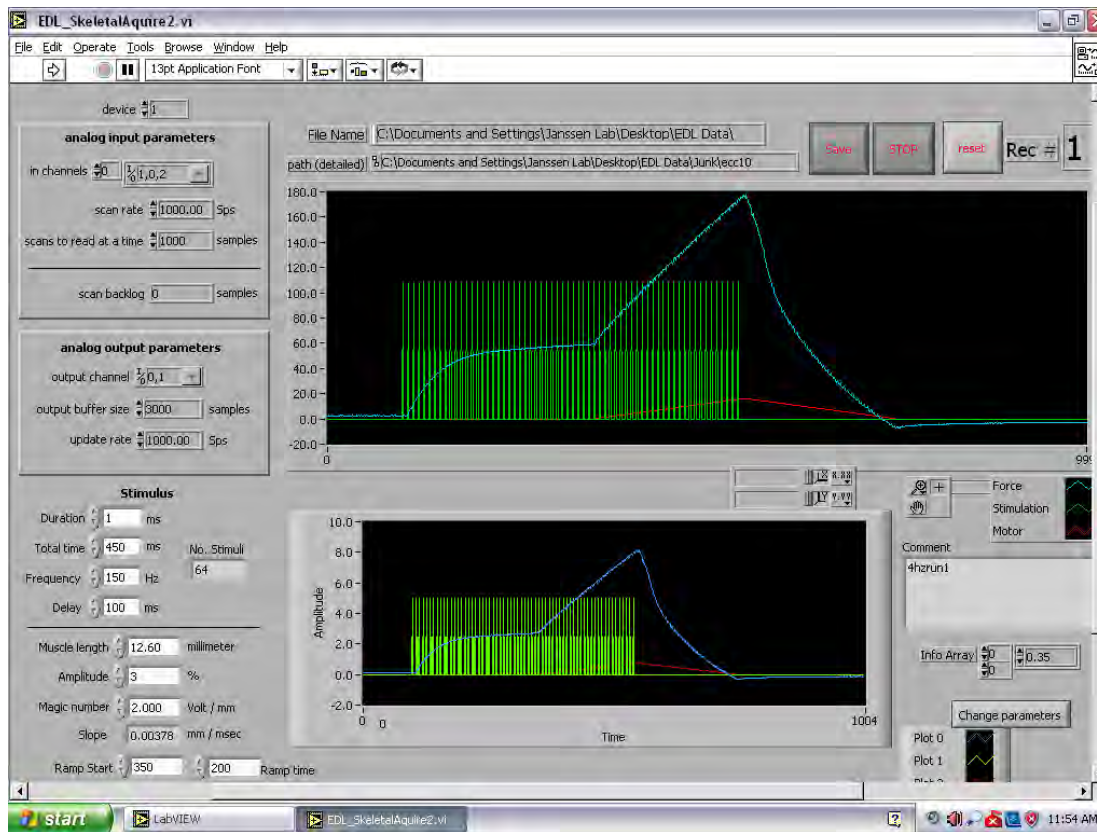




# How to measure skeletal muscle function



## Organ: In vitro muscle contractions in EDL

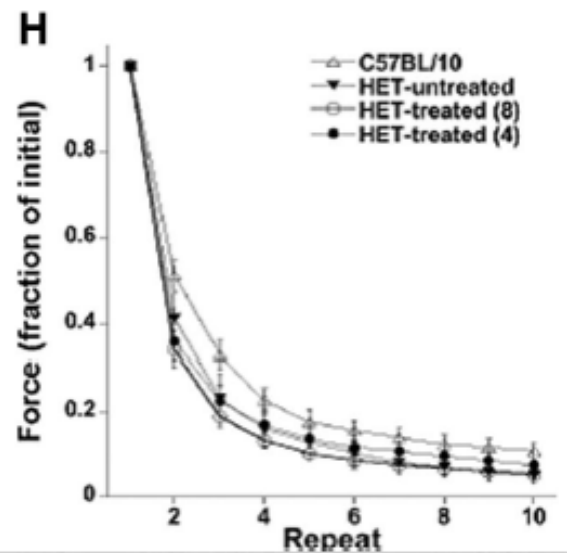
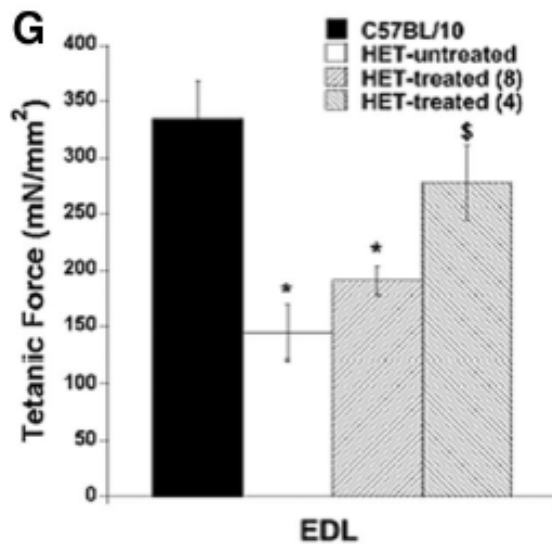


- Measures total force (N)
- Measures specific force ( $\text{mN}/\text{mm}^2$ )
- Twitch contraction or tetanus
- Can measure mechanical perturbation

# How to measure skeletal muscle function



## Organ: Eccentric Contractions in EDL

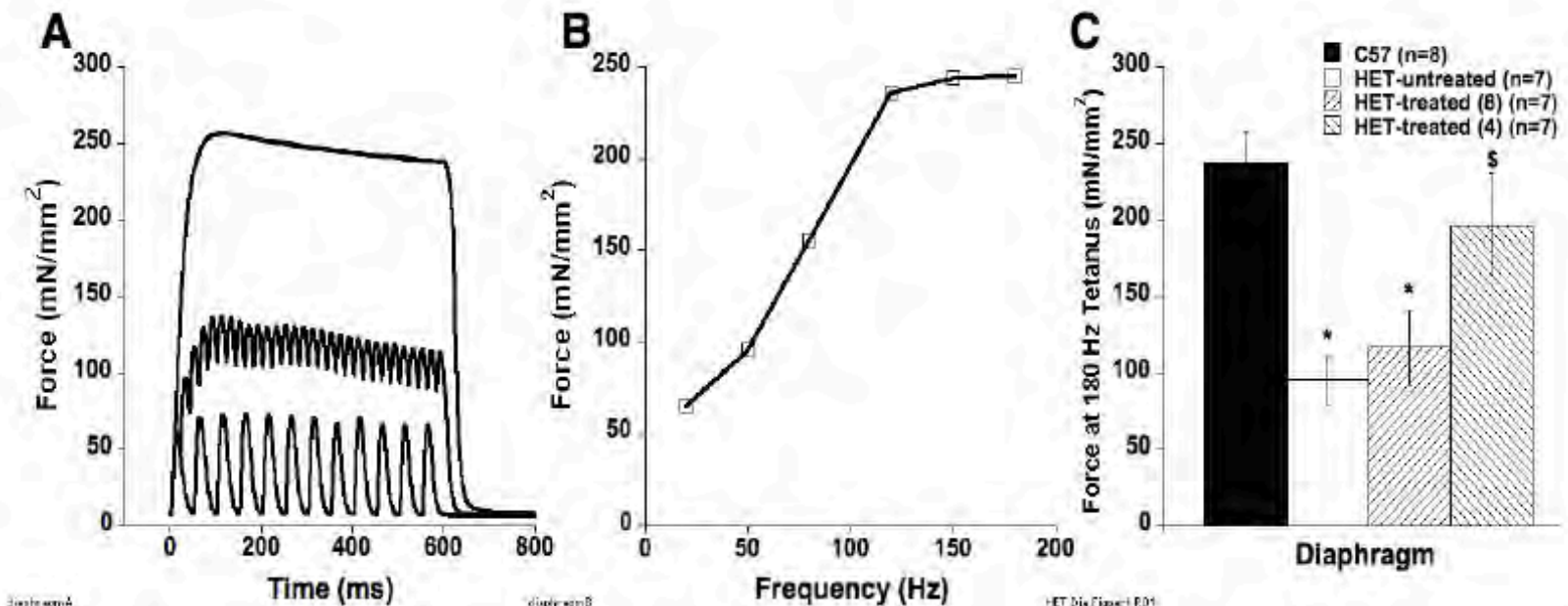


- Measured resistance to mechanical stress
- Typ. 5-10 contractions

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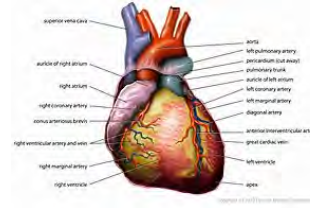


## Sub-Organ: Diaphragm contractions



- Measures Twitch and Tetanic Specific Force, frequency-dependency
- Can measure fatigue and decay

# What to measure?



- Various factors figure into design:

- What is the question?

- Cost
- Resolution
- Throughput