

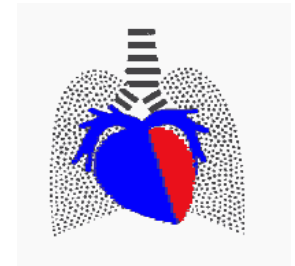
# The Heart II.

(CO, preload, afterload, contractility...)

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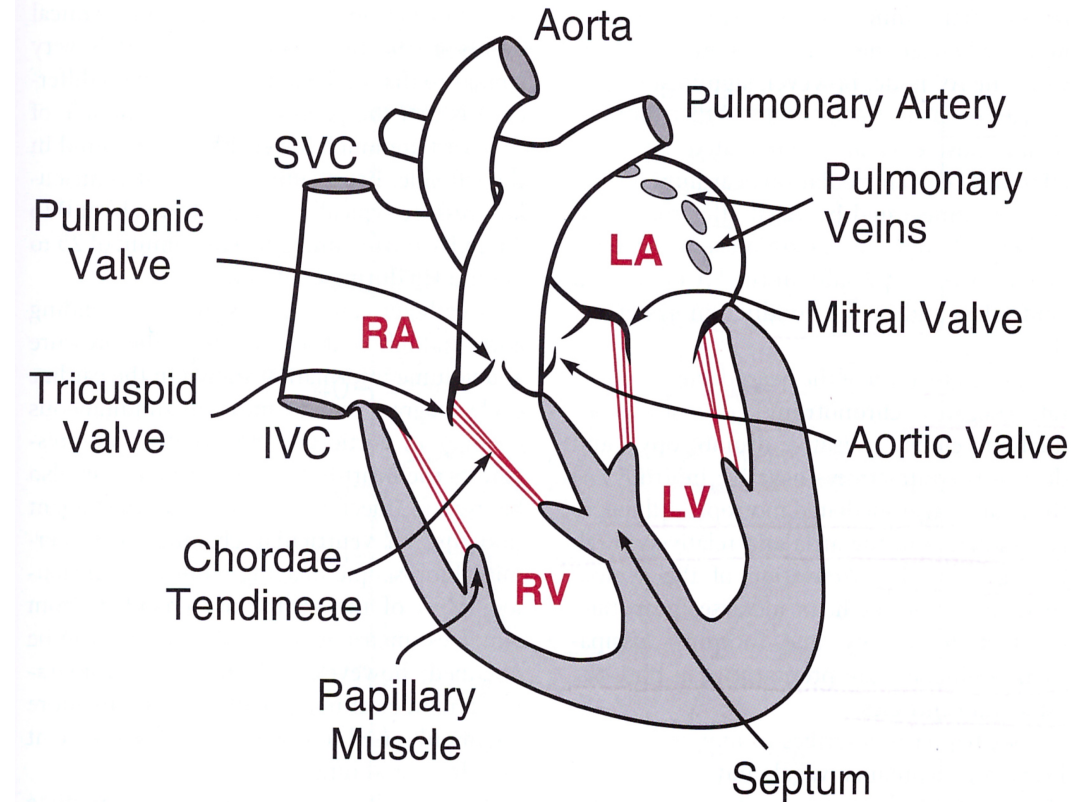
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- Cardiac cycle, cardiac output
- Preload
- Afterload
- Contractility – inotropy
- Relationship between CO, preload, afterload, contractility, venous return...

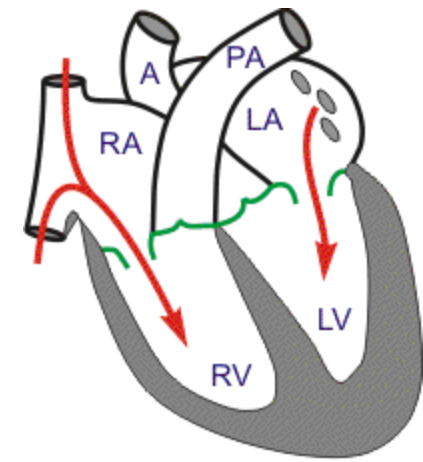
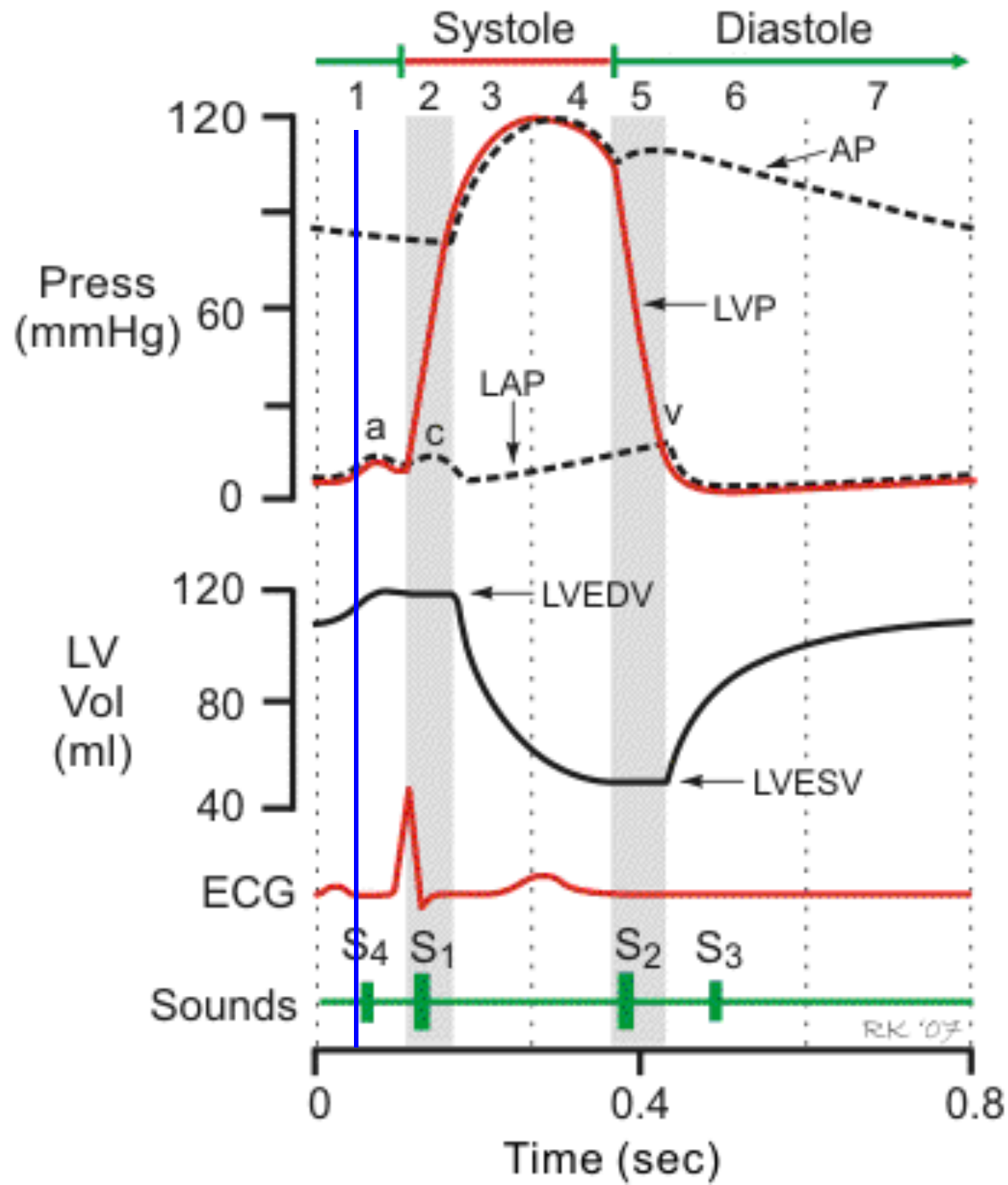
# The Heart = pump

- Device pumping blood in cycles
- Filling (diastole) / ejecting (systole)
- pressure / volume work
- isotonic } contraction
- isometric } relaxation

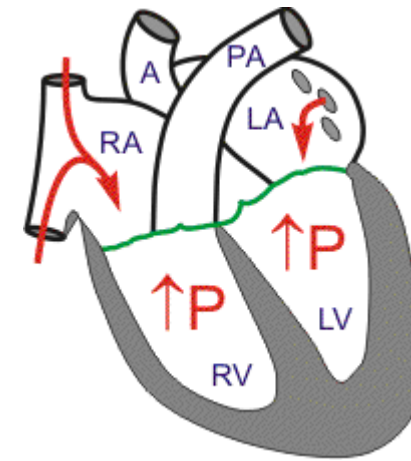
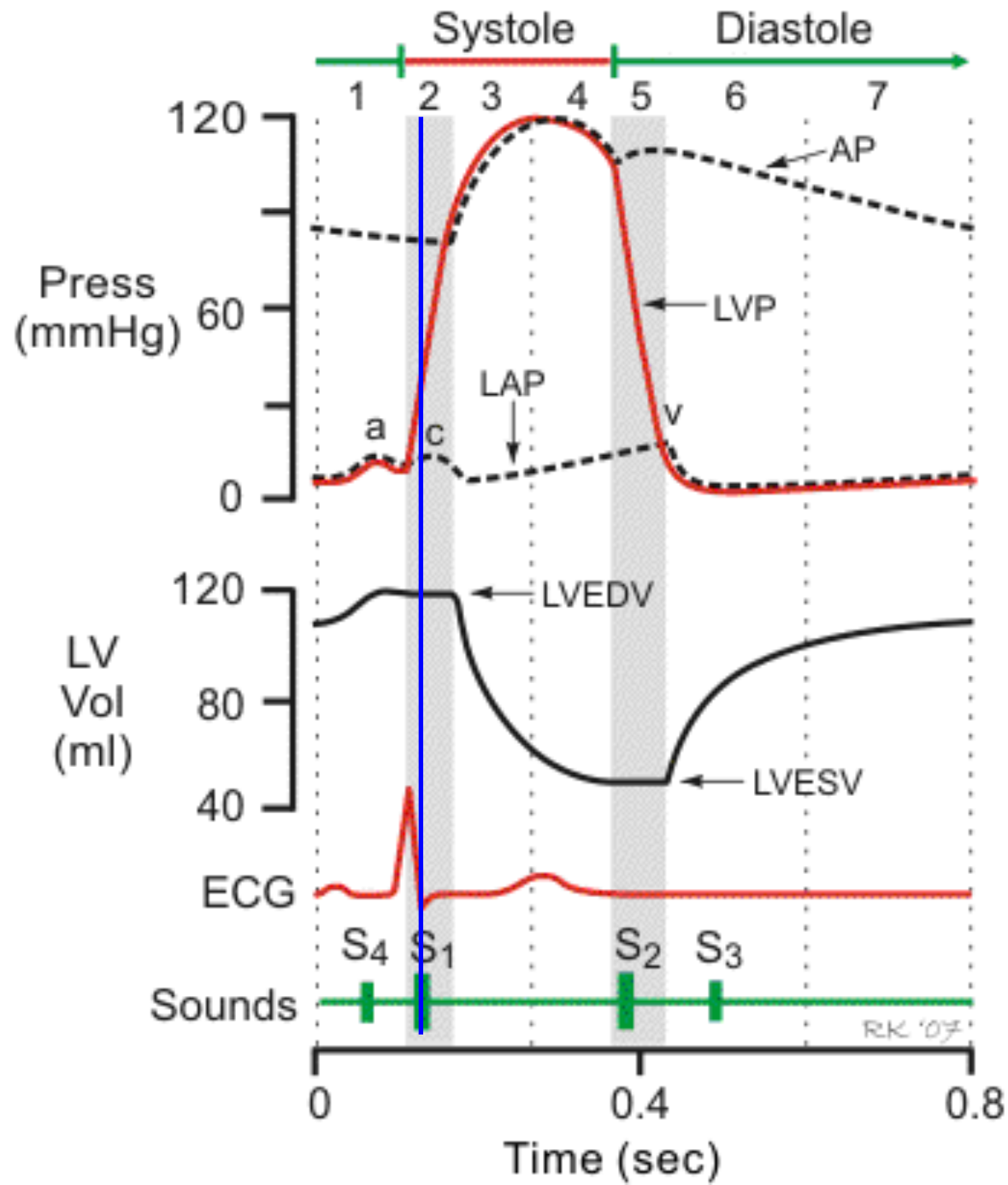


# The Heart Cycle

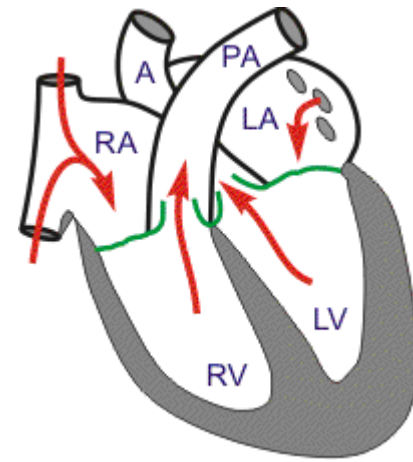
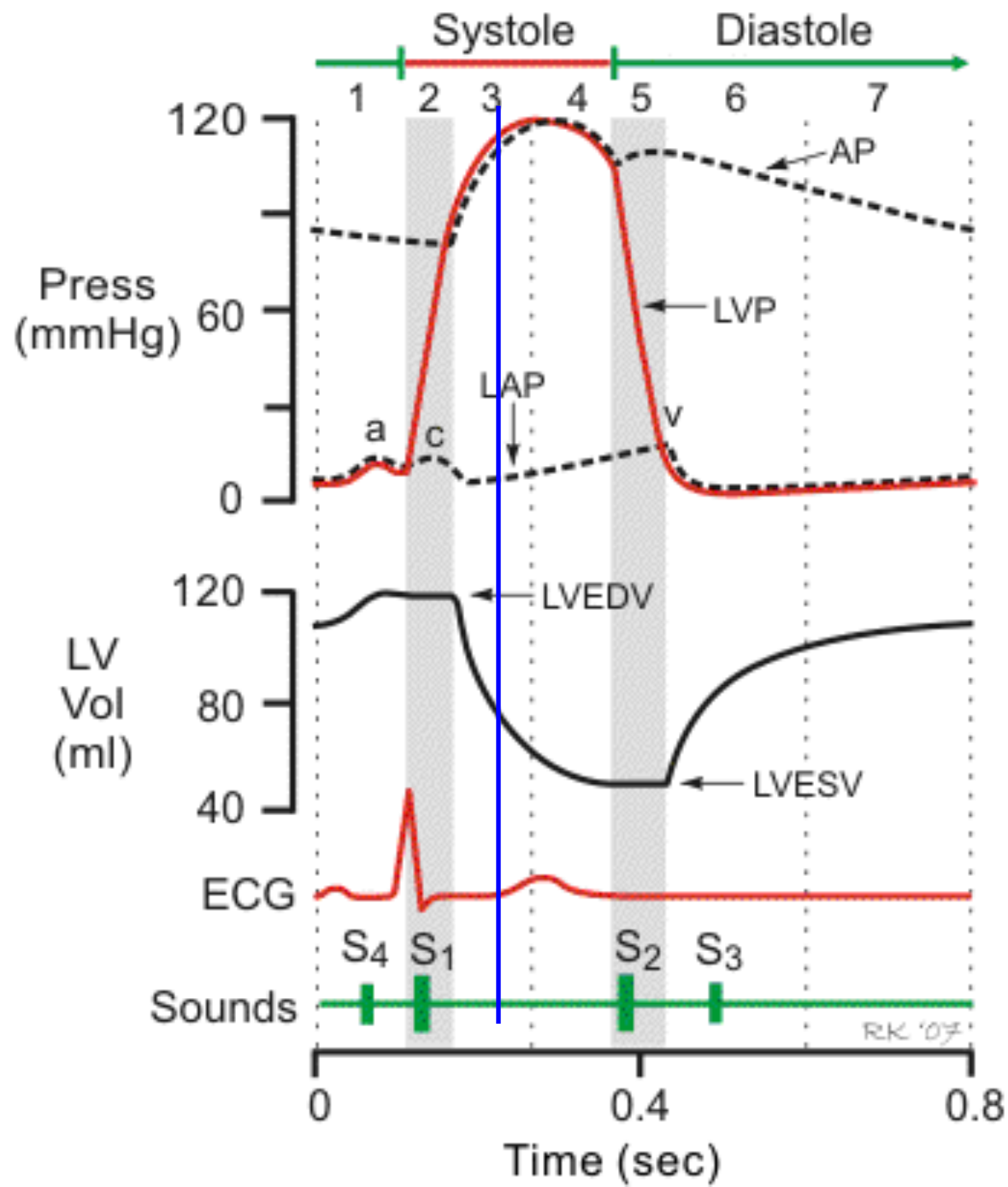
- Atrial contraction
- isovolumetric ventricular contraction
- Ejection
- Isovolumetric ventricular relaxation
- Passive ventricular filling



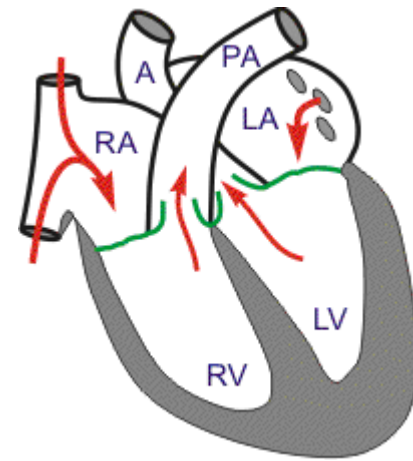
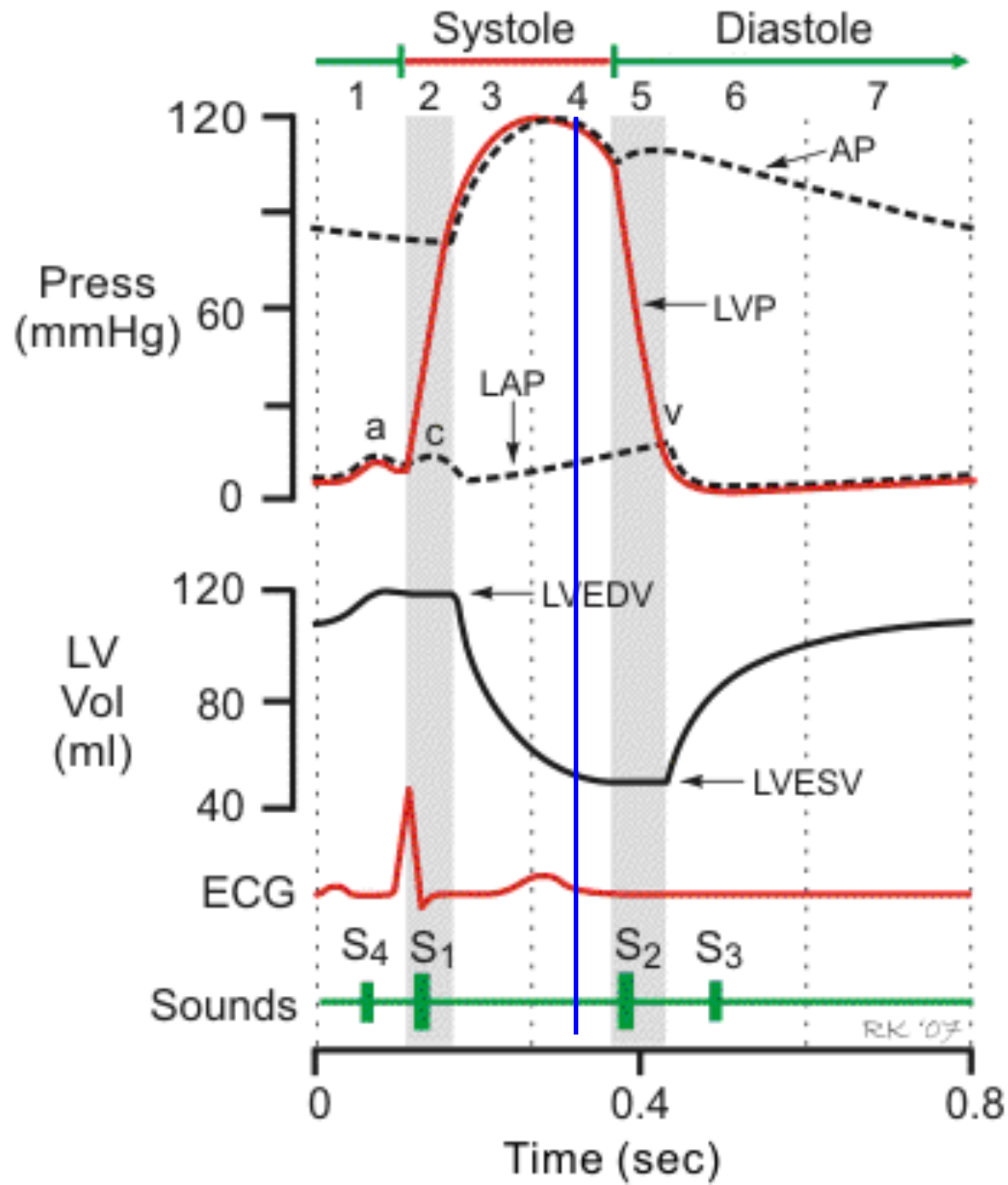
**1. Atrial contraction**



## 2. Isovolumetric contraction

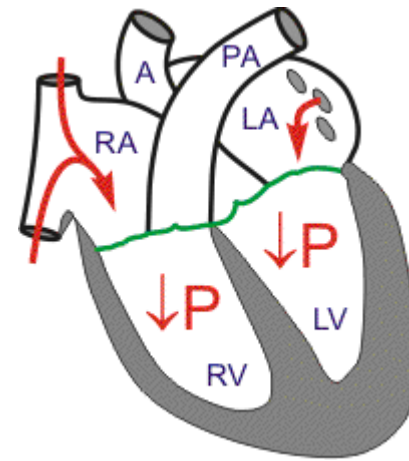
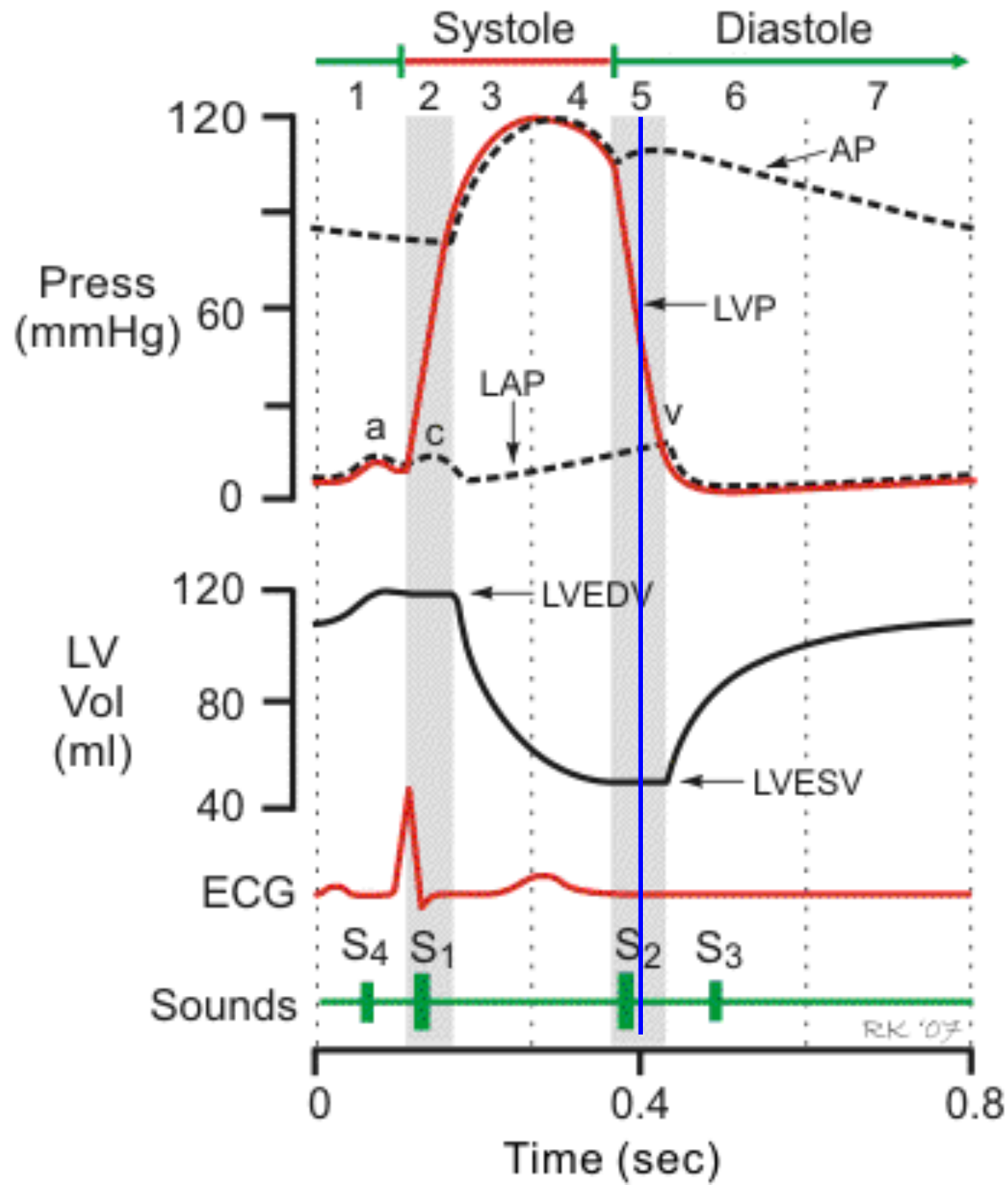


### 3. Fast ejection

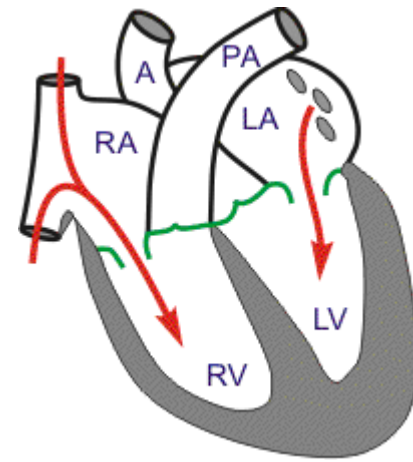
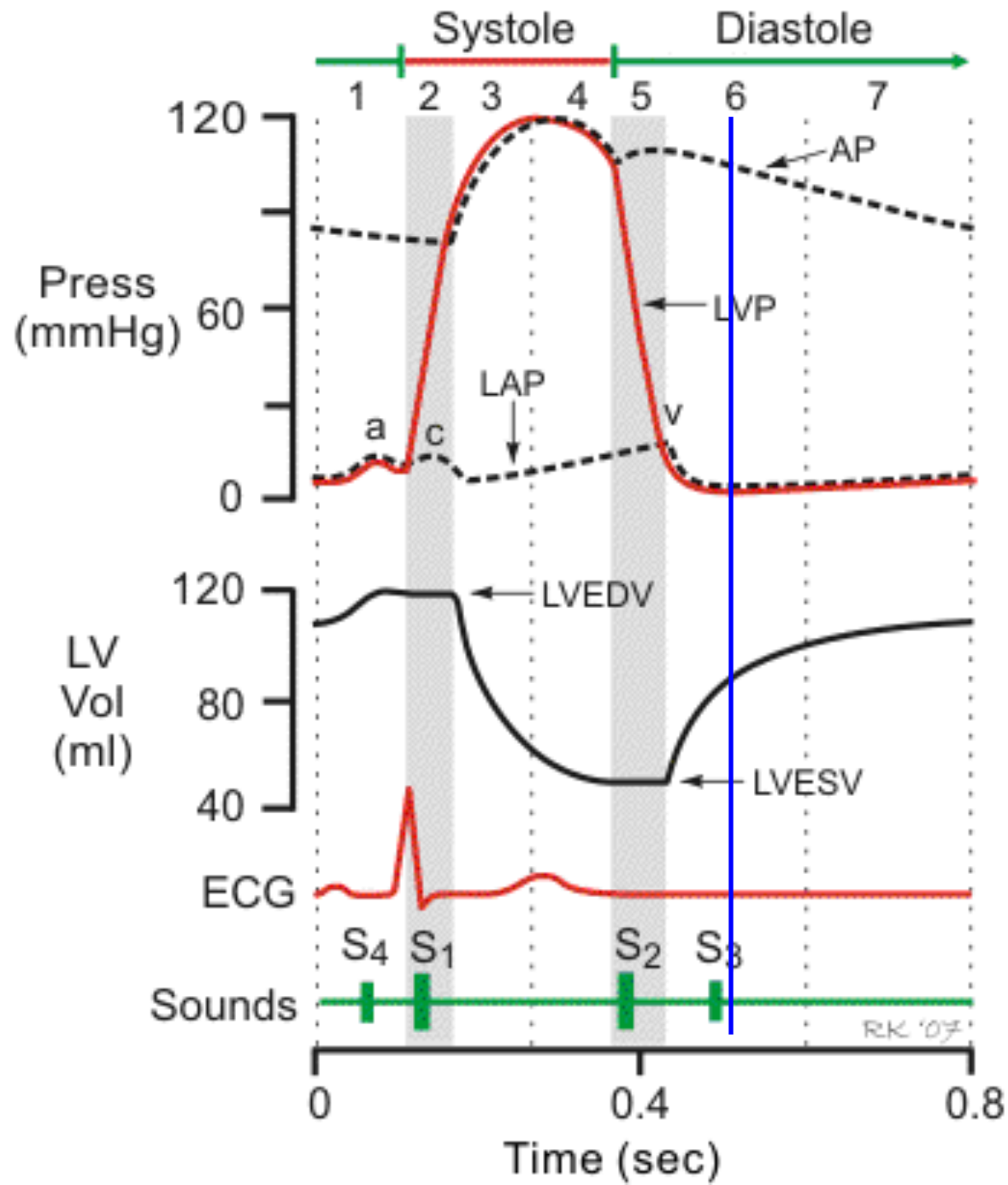


## 4. Slow ejection

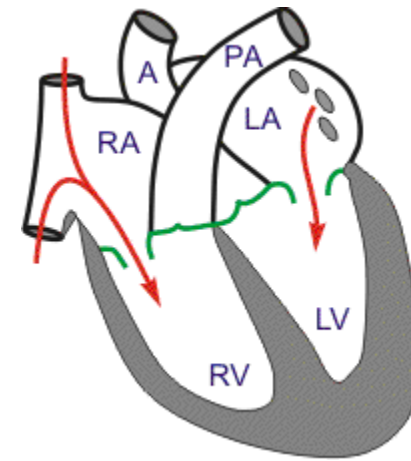
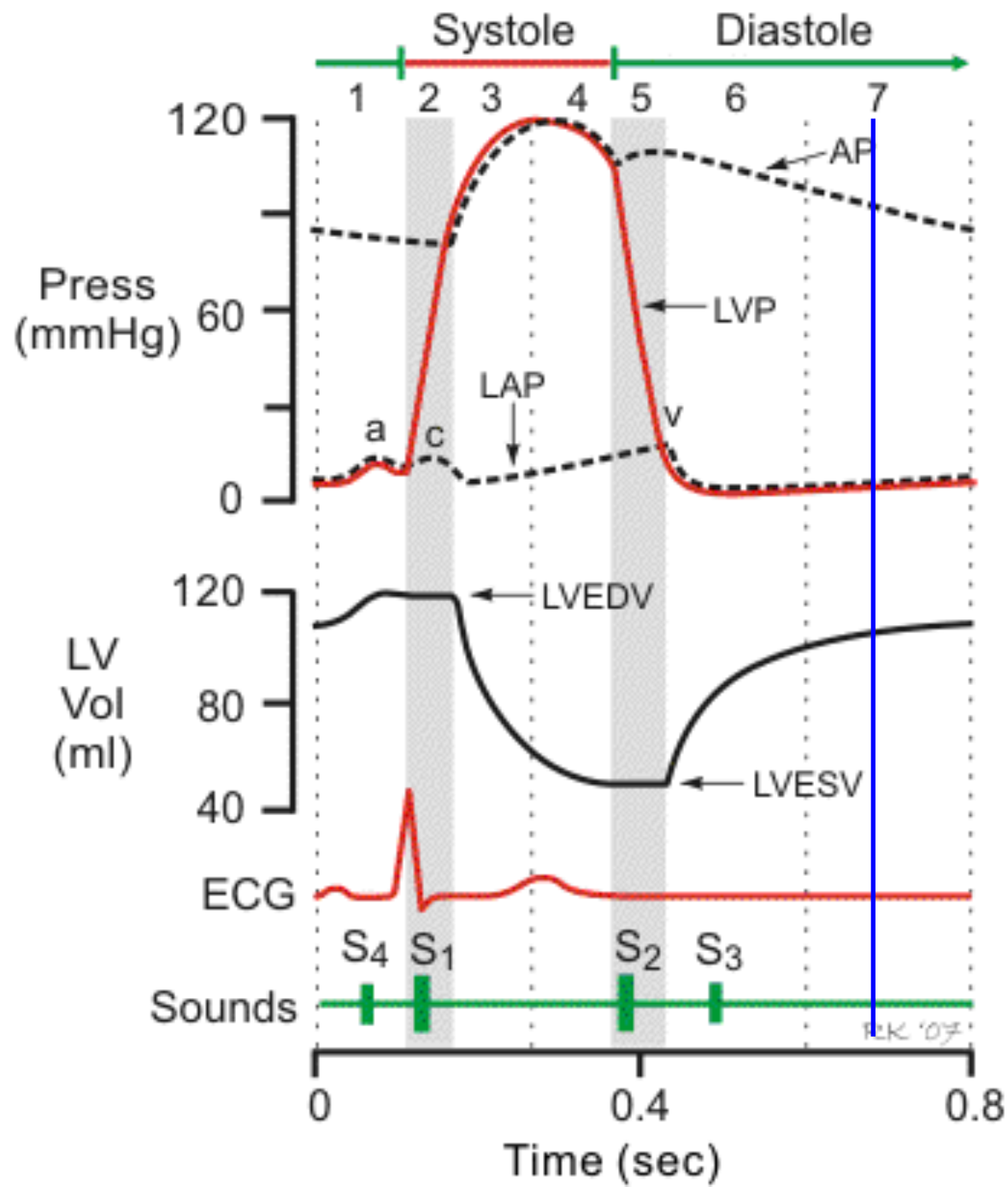




## 5. Isovolumetric relaxation

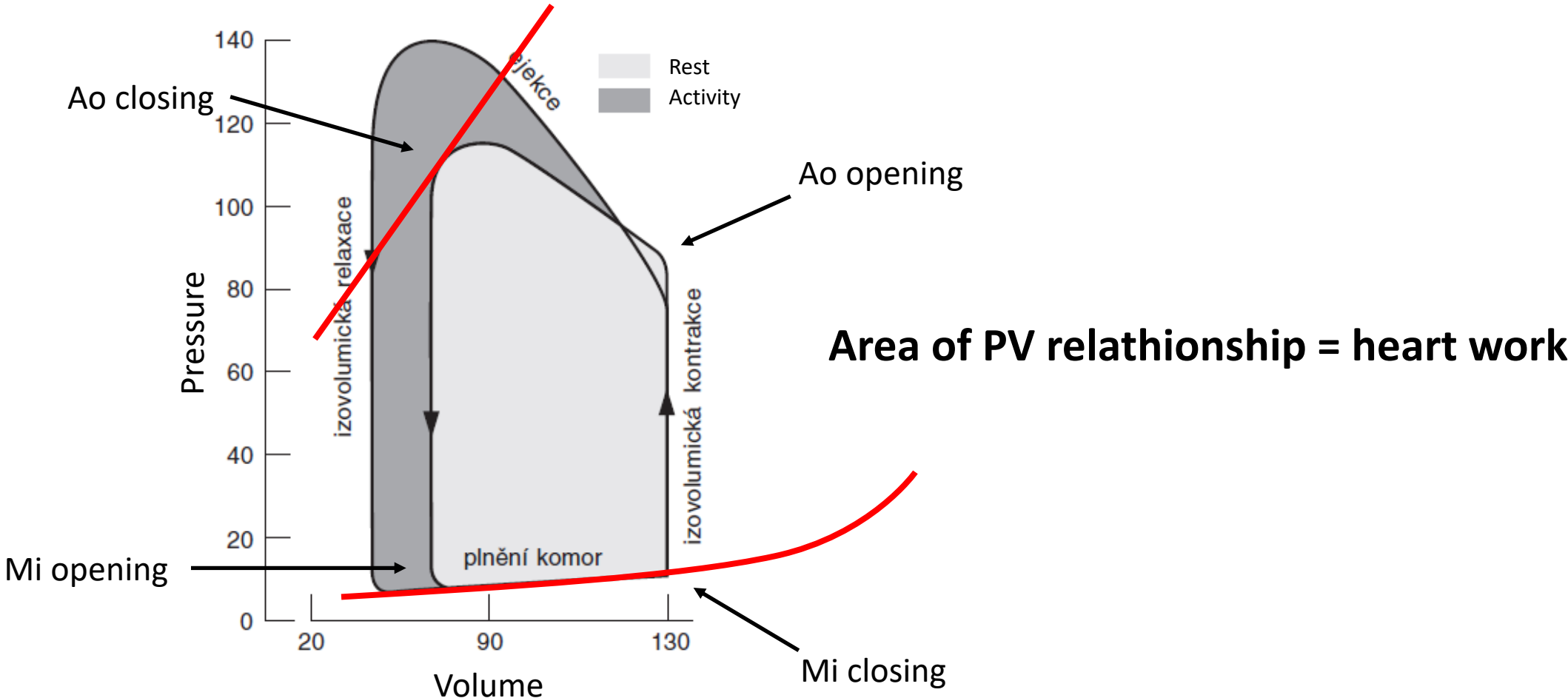


## 6. Fast filling



## 7. Slow filling

# Pressure / Volume Relationship



# Cardiac Output

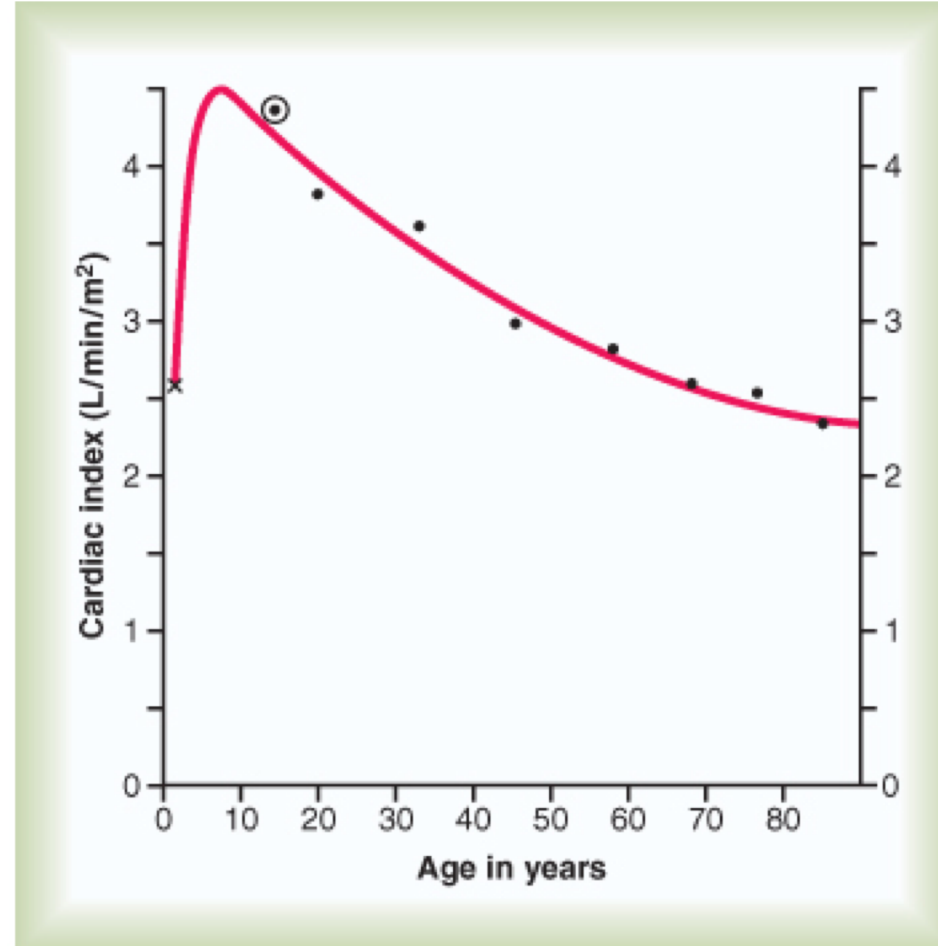
$$CO = SV \cdot HR$$

$$\text{Cardiac Index (CI)} = CO / \text{BSA}$$

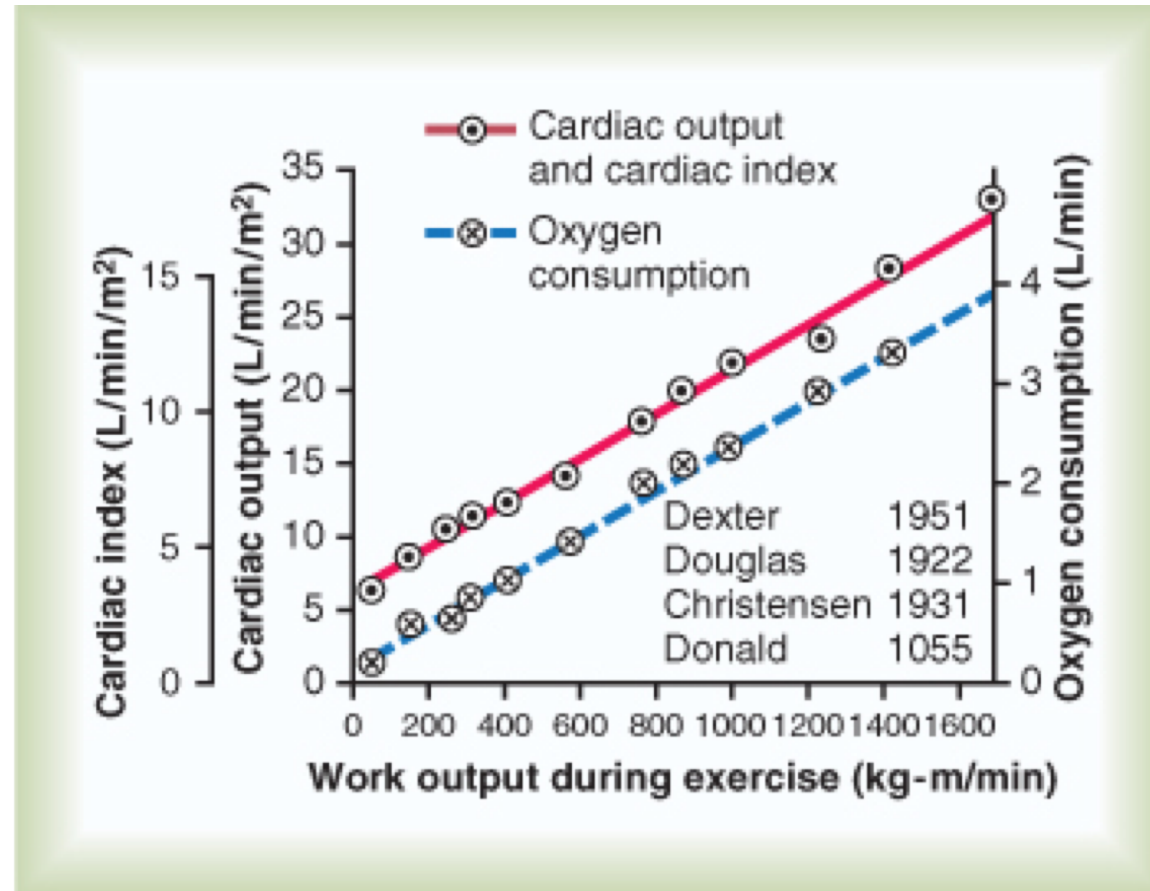
When the heart is unable to pump sufficiently to maintain blood flow to meet the body's needs = the heart failure

Increasing of the heart rate leads to shortening of diastole (filling). Since some the heart rate more increase of HR leads to decreasing of CO!!!

# Relationship between CO and age



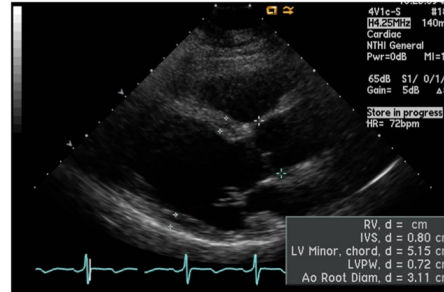
# Relationship between CO and exercise



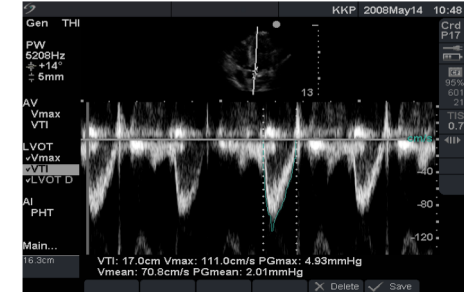
# Measurement of CO

- Echo:

Diameter of LVOT= calc.of area of LVOT

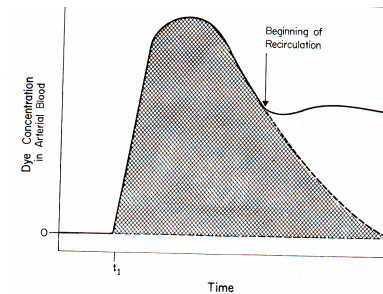


Velocity of flow in LVOT = VTI in LVOT

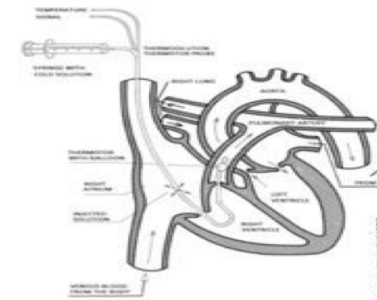


- Diluting methods:

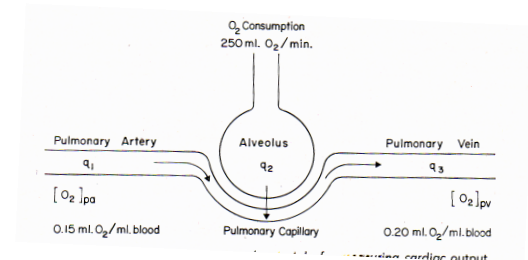
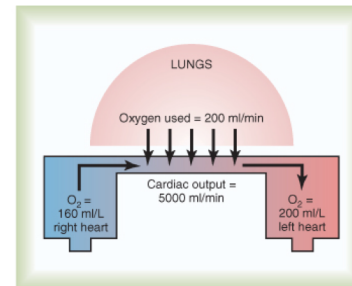
Dye dilution – experiments



Thermodilution – common in critical ill patients



- Fick principle:

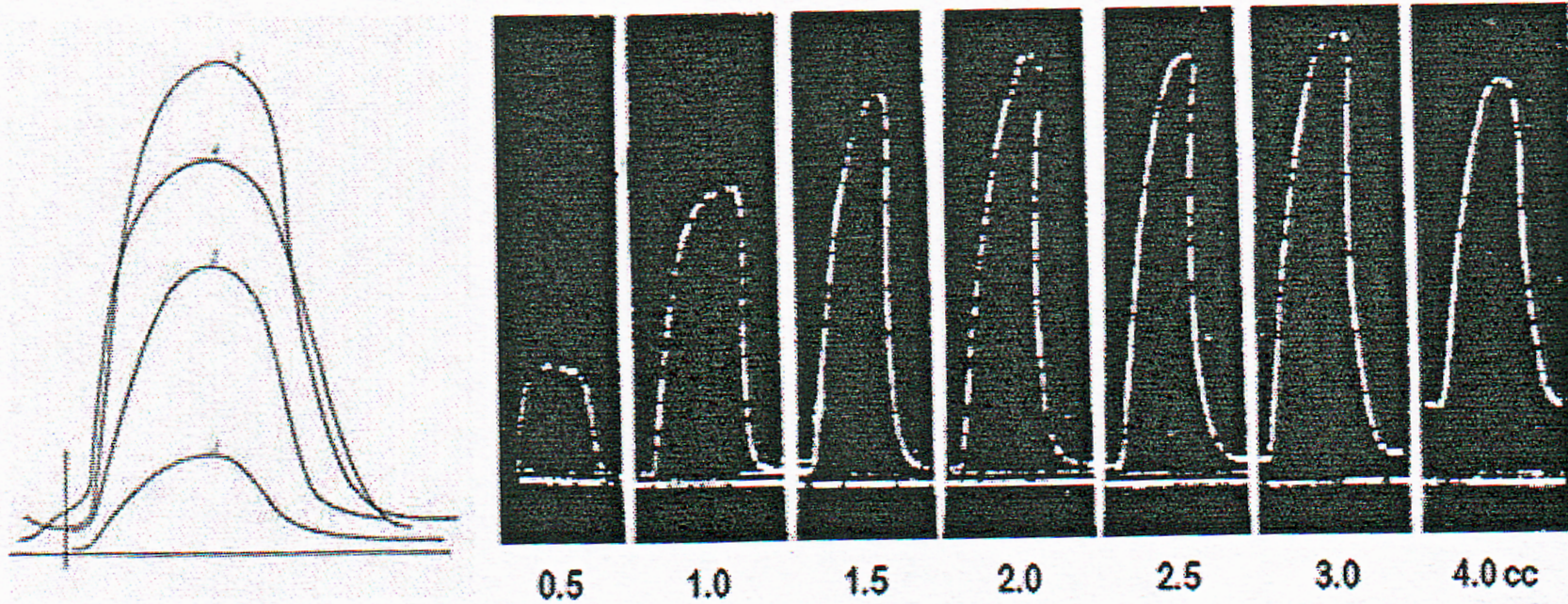




# Preload

- Tension of contraction increases on the length of sarcomere at the end of diastole
- Increased filling leads to faster and stronger contraction
- Venous return, CVP
- HETEROMETRIC REGULATION OF CONTRACTION
- Frank-Starling relationship

## Frank-Starling

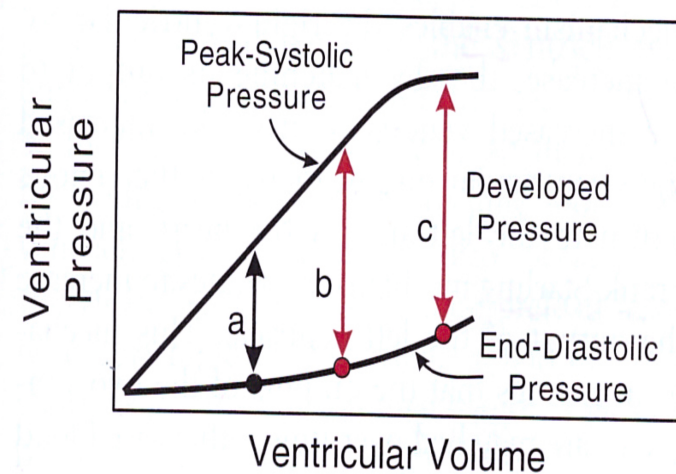
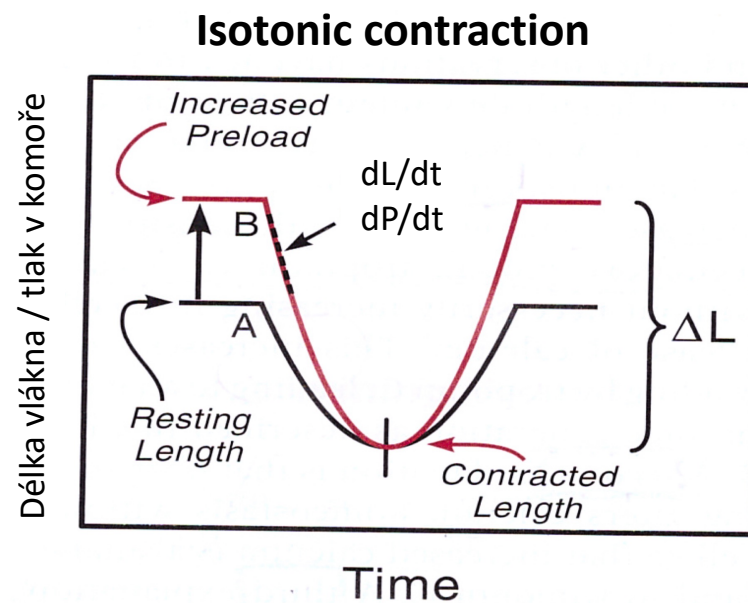
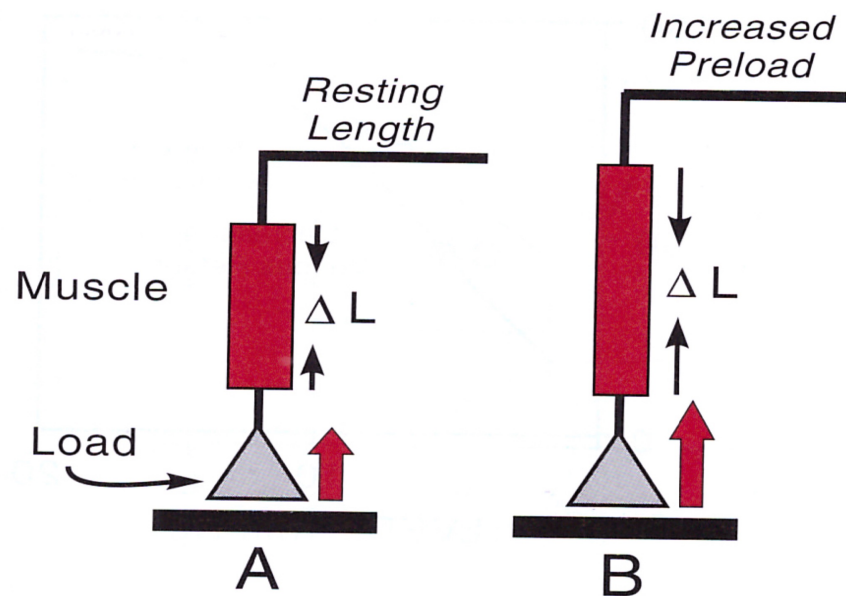
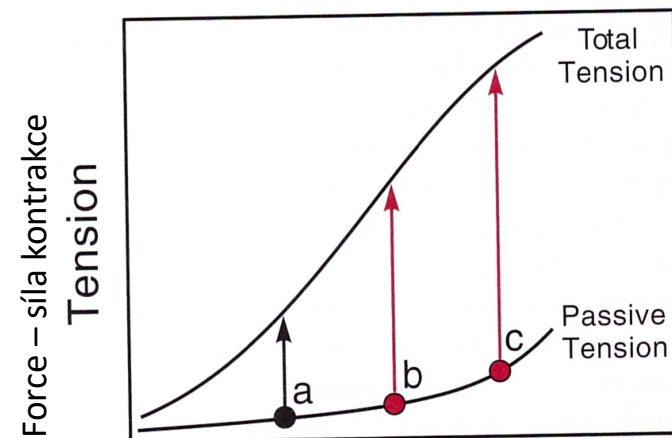
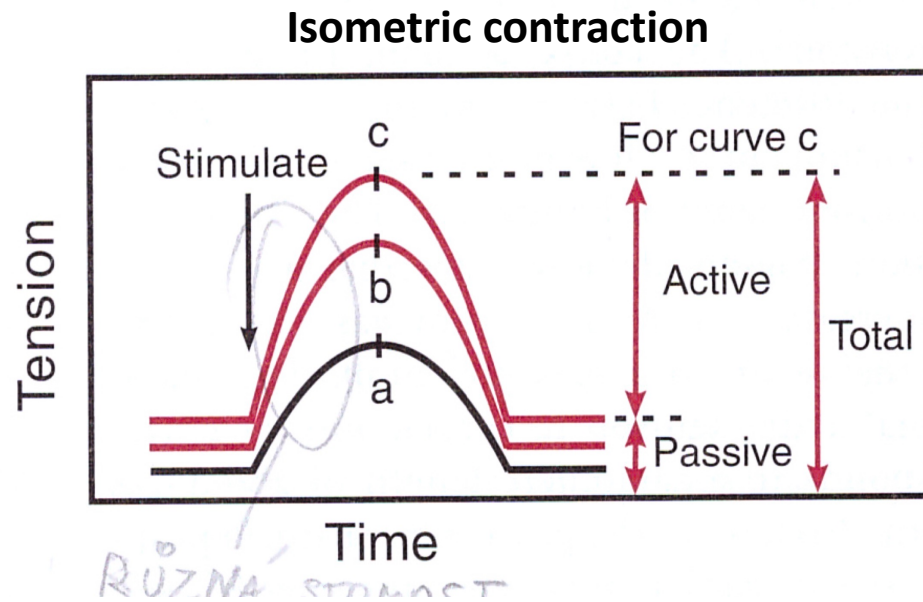
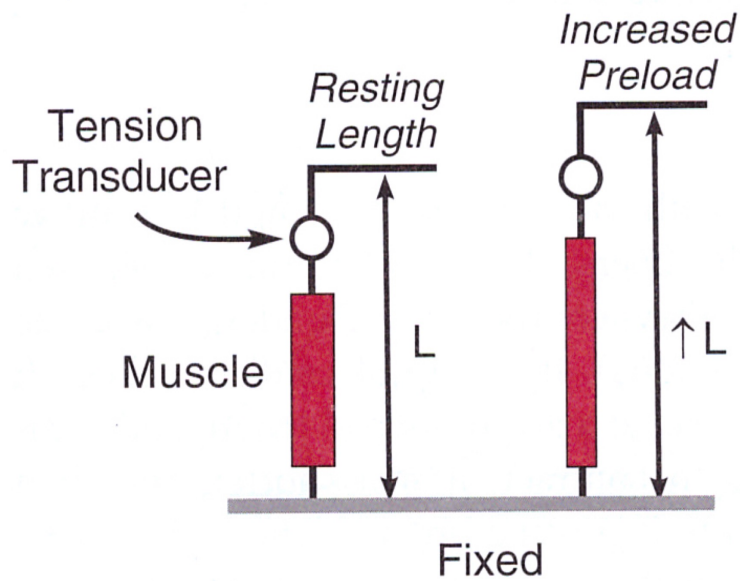


Frank (frog, 1895)

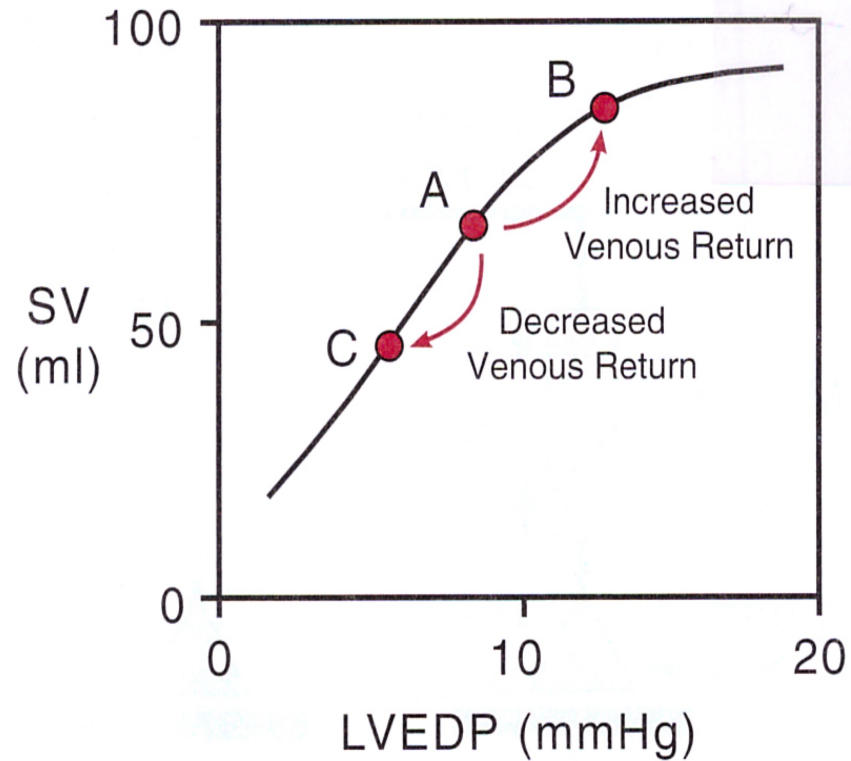
Starling (dog, 1914)

“Experiments carried out in this laboratory have shown that in an isolated heart [...] (within physiological limits) the larger the diastolic volume [...] the greater is the energy of its contraction.”

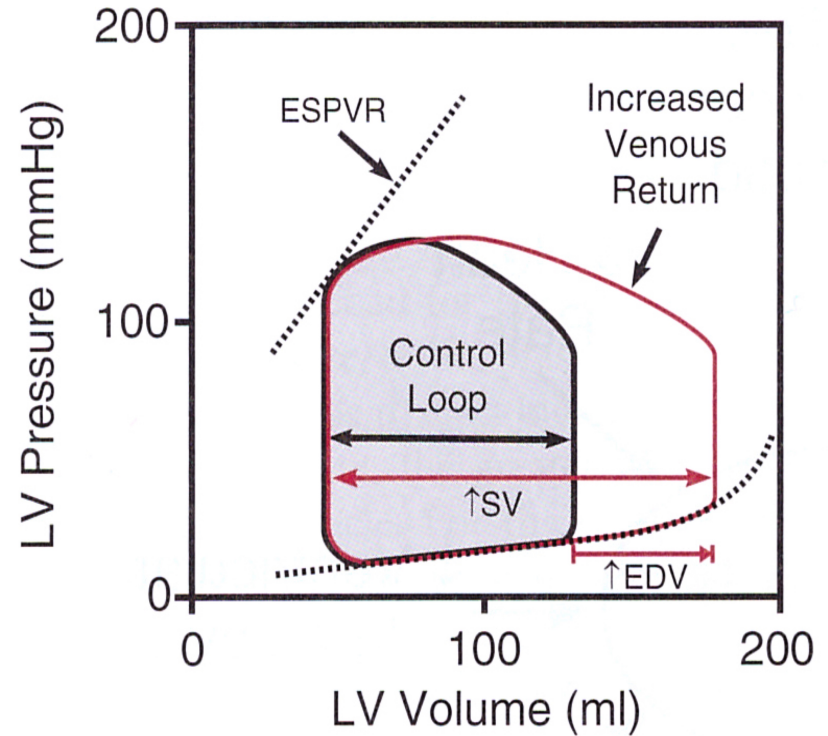
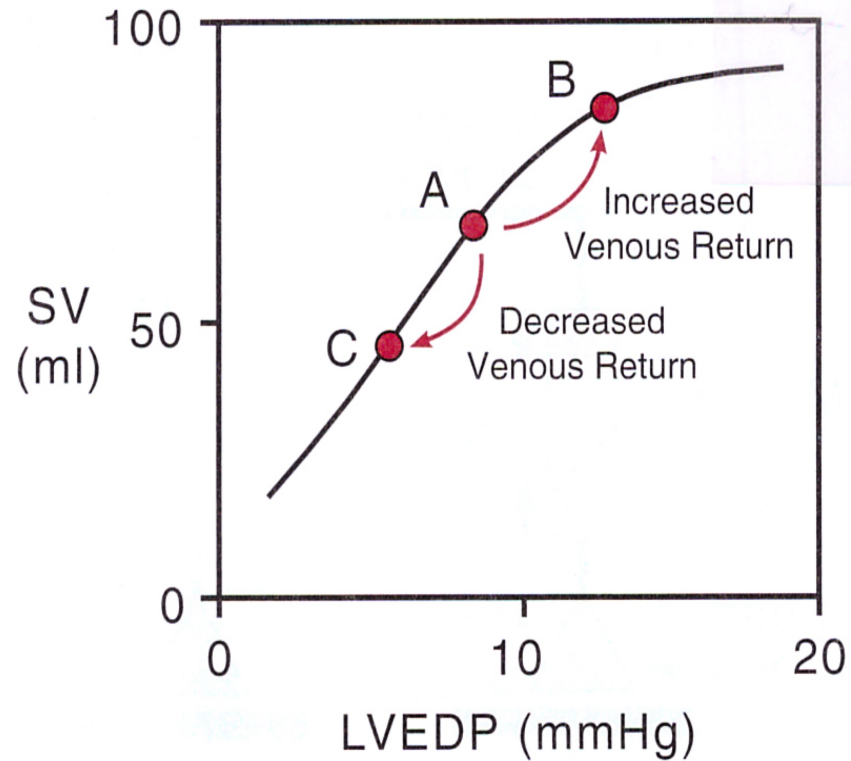
EH Starling & MB Visscher. The regulation of the energy output of the heart. *J Physiol* 1926/62:243-261.



# Frank-Starling mechanism (Heterometric regulation of contraction)



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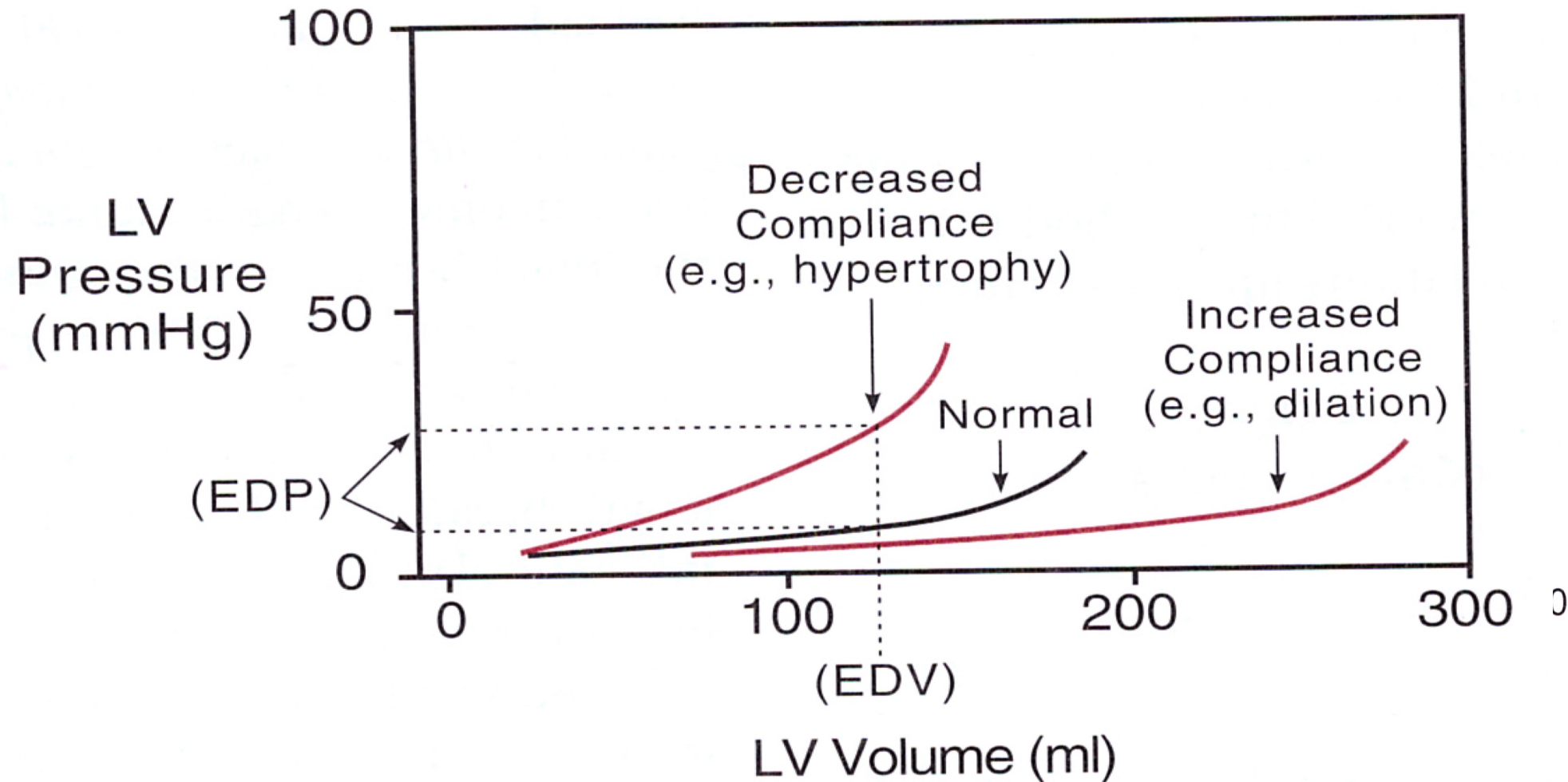
# Frank-Starling mechanism

Increased filling – faster and stronger contraction, why?

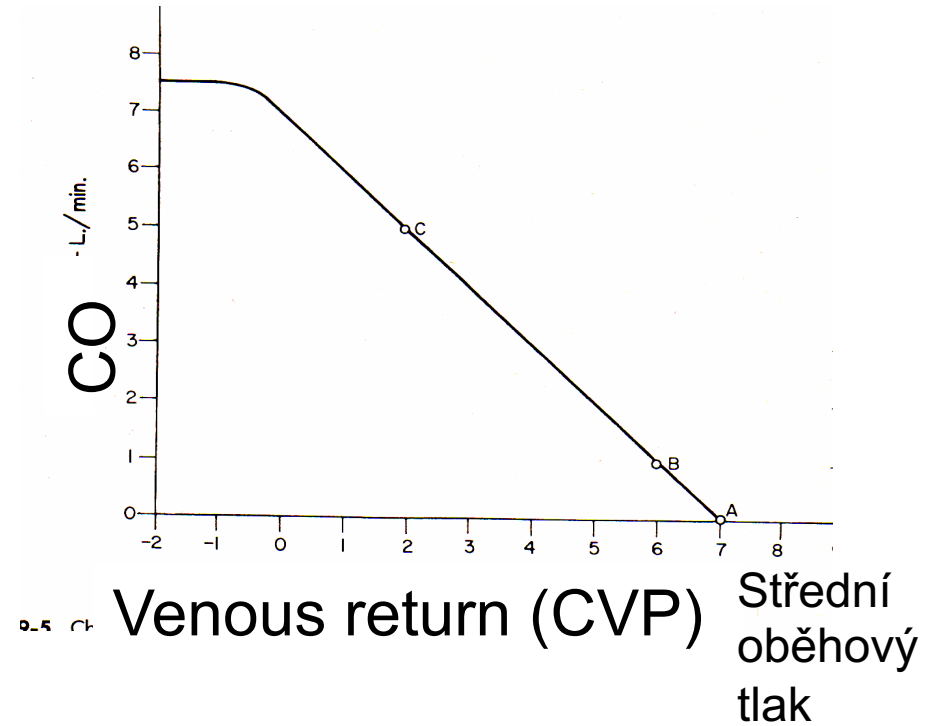
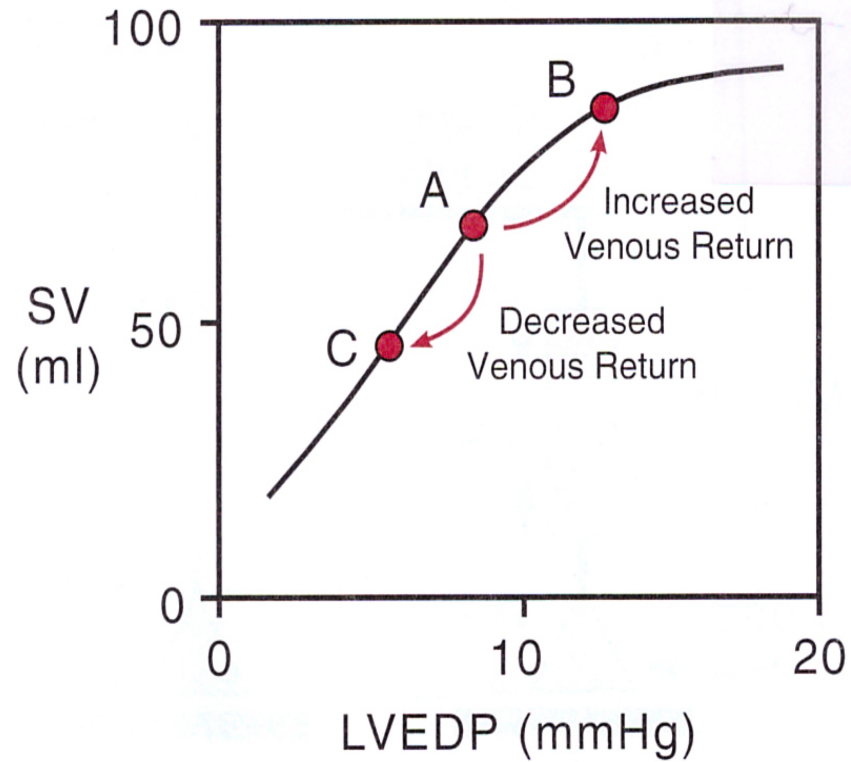
- Prolonged sarcomere:
  - More actin-myosin interactions – more ATP, more energy
  - Increased sensitivity of troponin C to  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
  - Increased intracellular  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$
  - Decreased diameter of muscle fiber – actin+myozin closer together

# Frank-Starling mechanism – ventricular compliance

(Heterometric regulation of contraction)

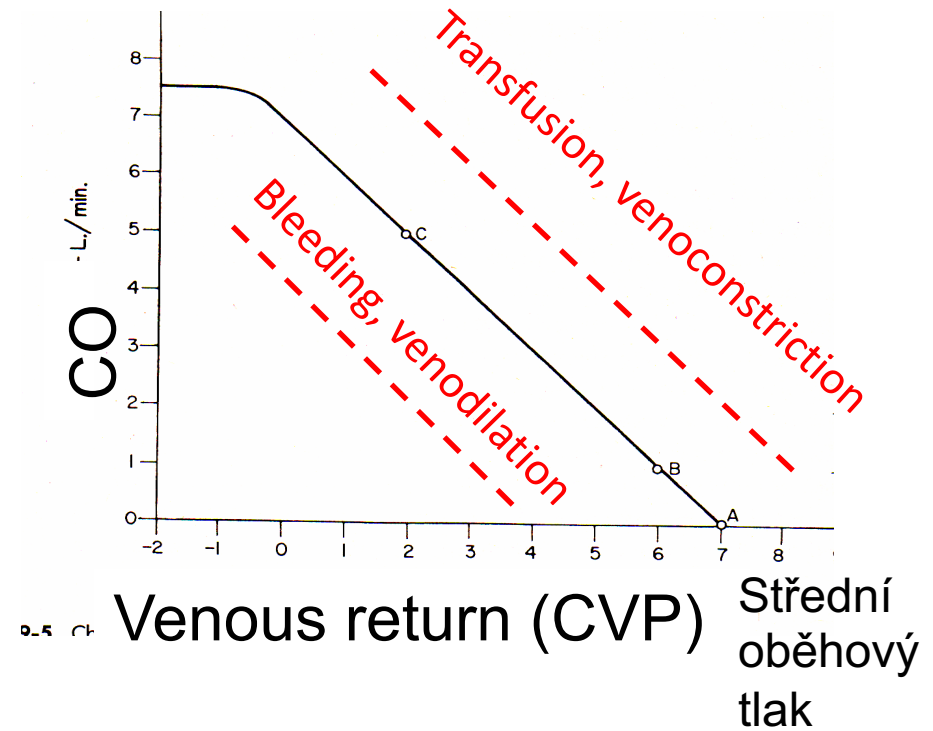
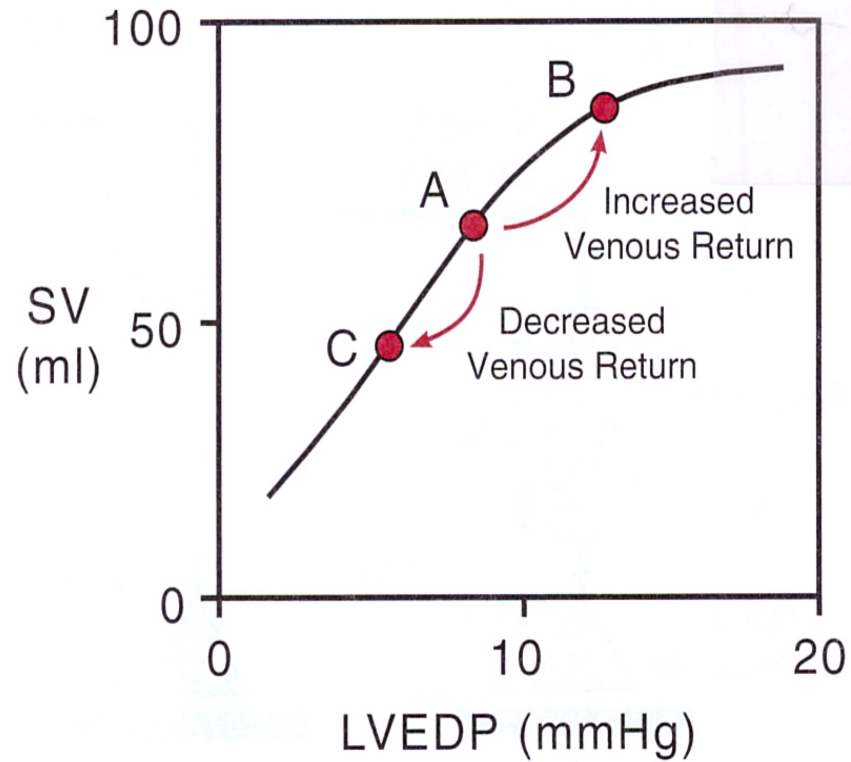


# CO and Venous Return

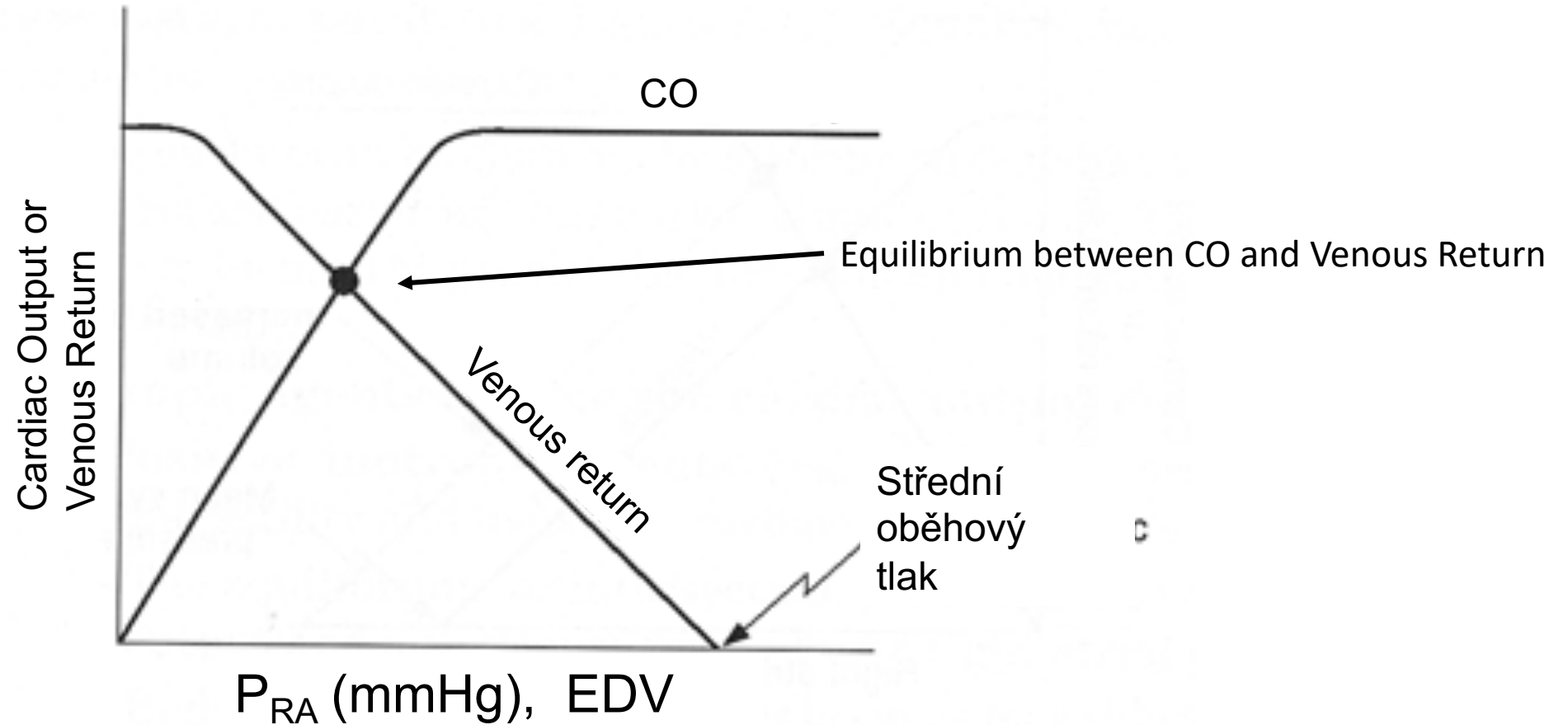




# CO and Venous Return



# Relationship between CO and Venous Return



# Factors Determining Ventricular Preload

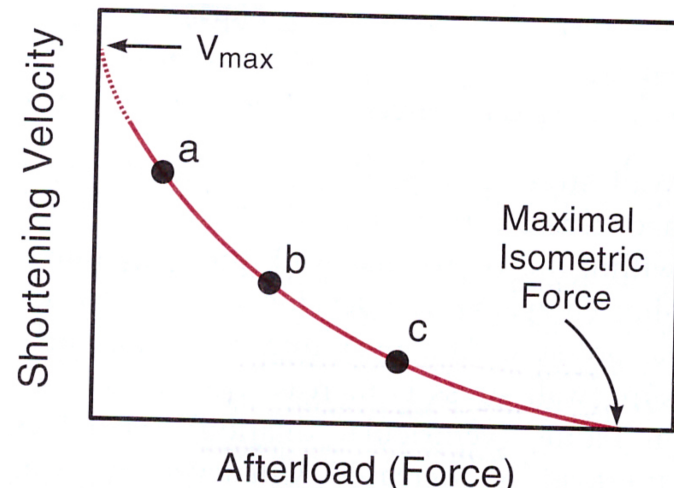
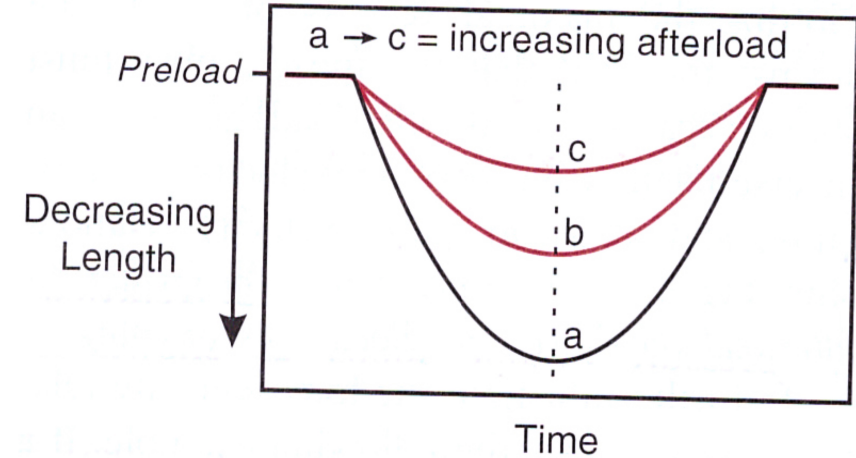
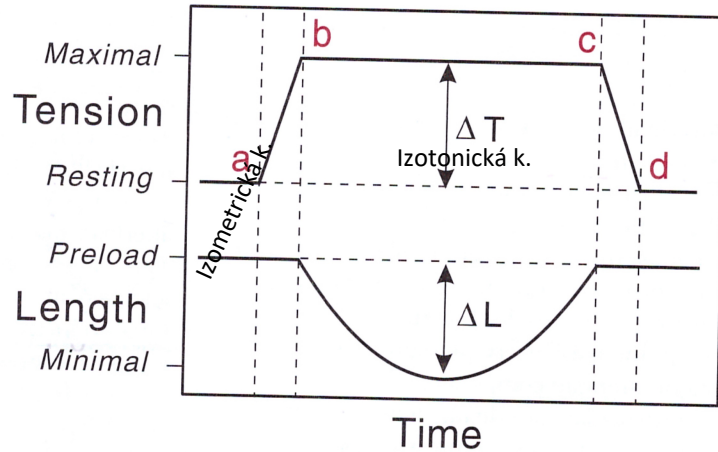
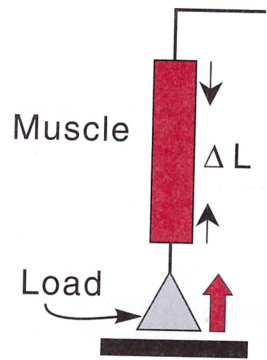
- Venous Pressure, venous return, CVP
- Ventricular compliance
- Heart Rate – filling time, time of diastole
- Atrial contraction – more important in tachycardia, atrial fibrillation
- Inflow resistance – Tri stenosis, Mi stenosis
- Outflow resistance – PAP, Pu stenosis, hypertension, Ao stenosis
- Ventricular contractility – decreased contractility leads to increased preload

# Afterload

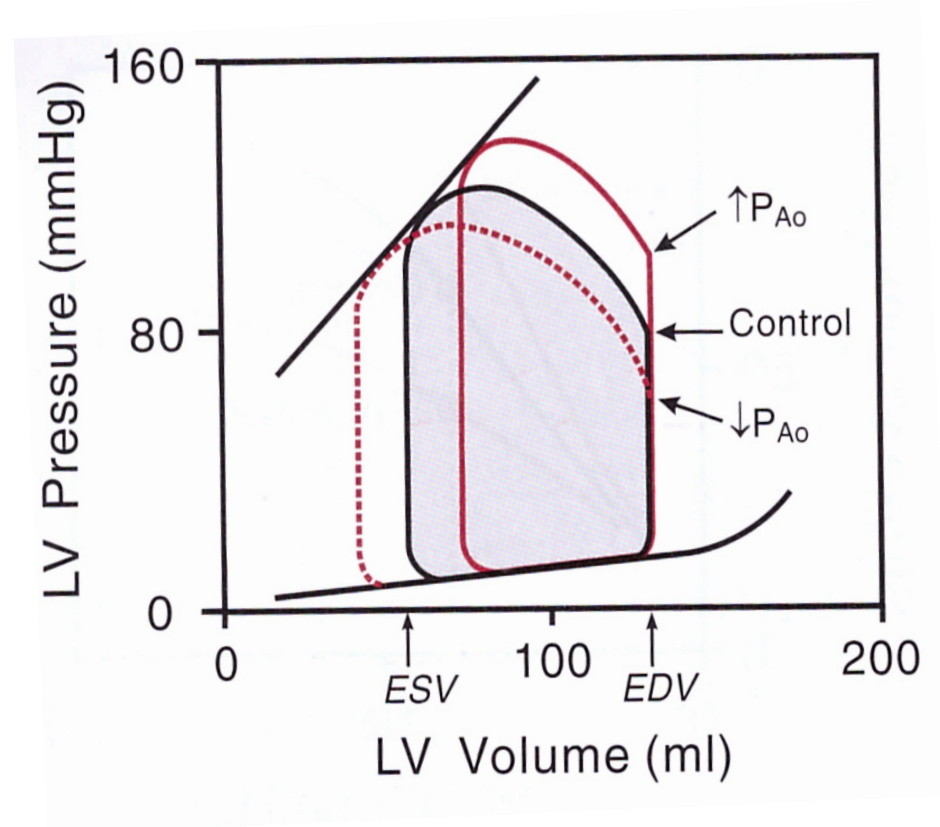
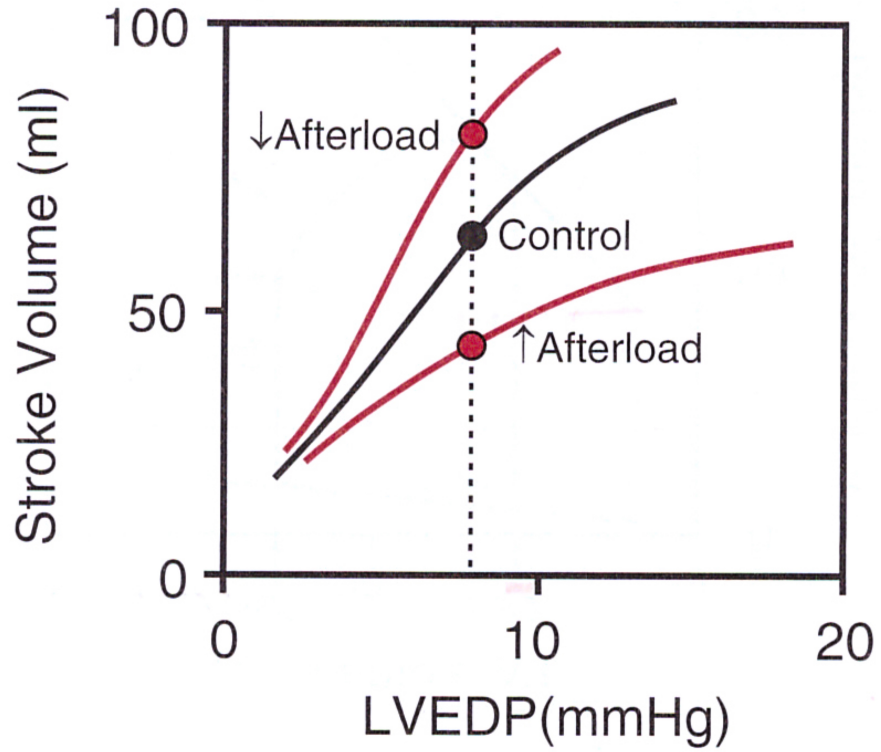
- Load against which the heart must contract to eject blood
- Characterized by SVR (small arteries, arterioles)
- Can be measured like wall stress:

$$\sigma \propto \frac{P \cdot r}{h}$$

# Afterload: force / velocity relationship



# Afterload

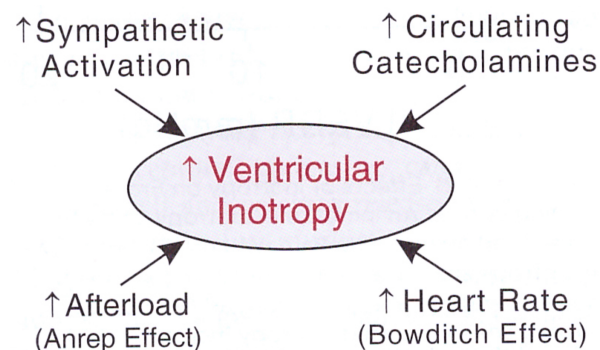


↓ CO  
↑ ESV

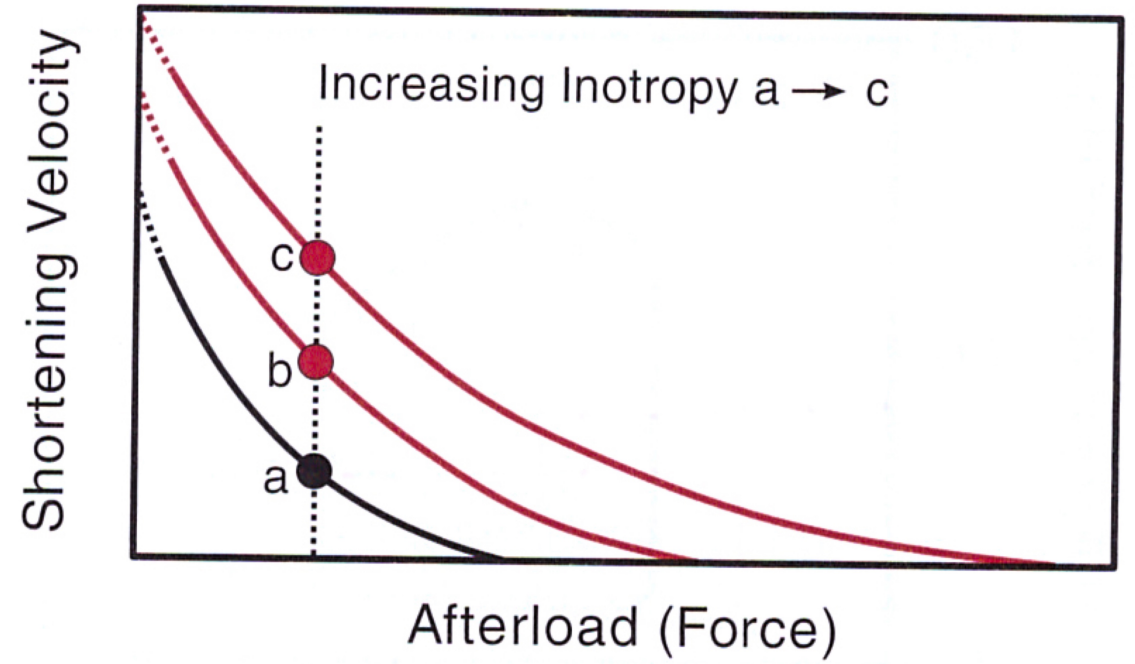
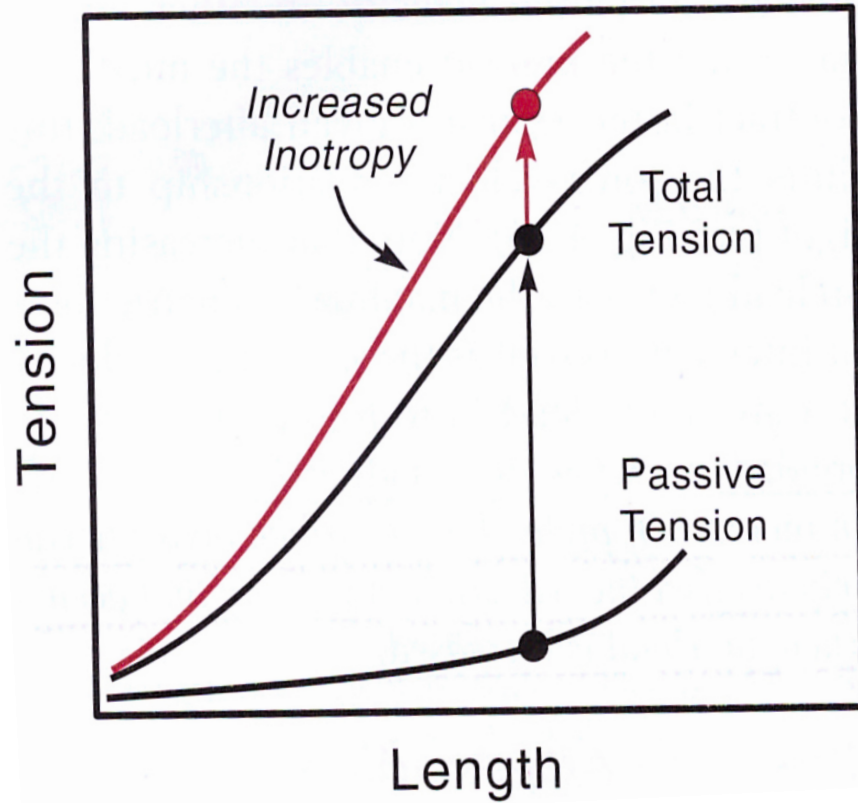
# Contractility - inotropy

- Contractility (inotropy) = the force of contraction
- Sarcomere length is changing by different mechanism than changing of interaction actin-myozin:
  - Increased influx  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
  - Increased release of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from SR
  - Increased sensitivity of troponin C to  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
- Independent on the length of sarcomere = HOMEOMETRIC REGULATION OF CONTRACTION

- Factors influencing inotropy:

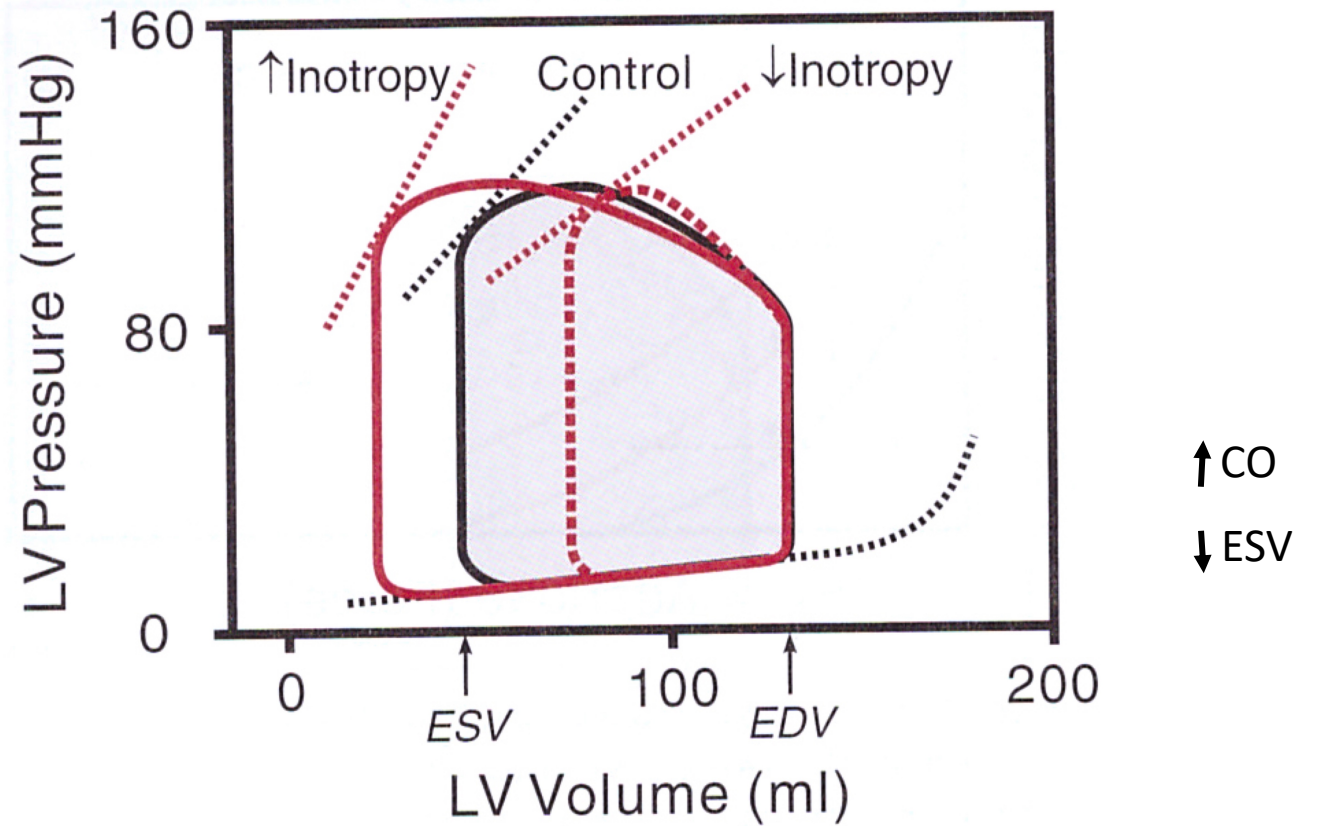
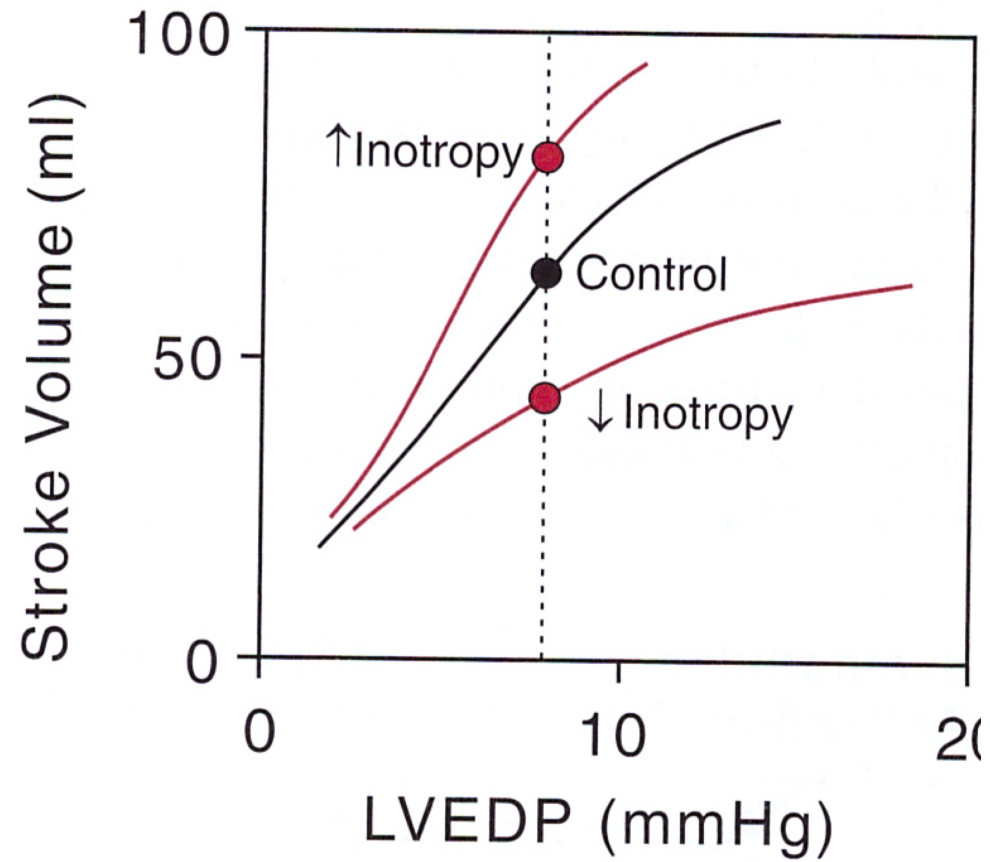


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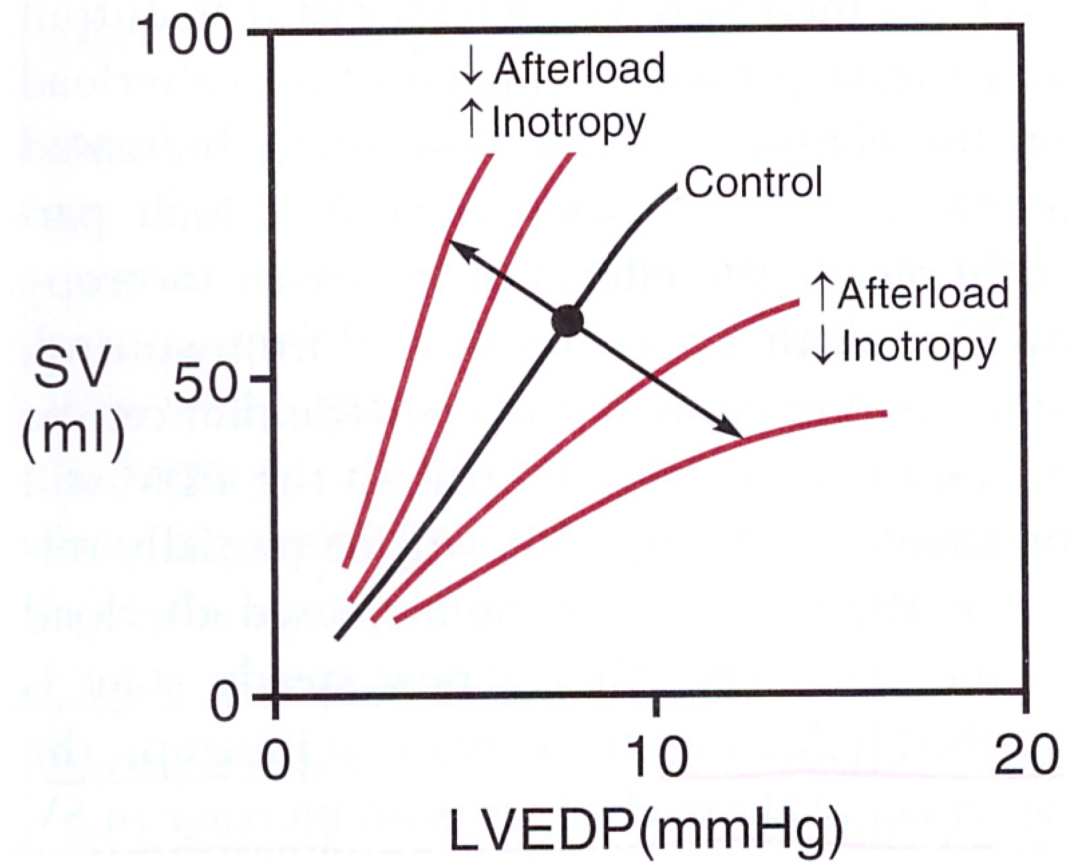




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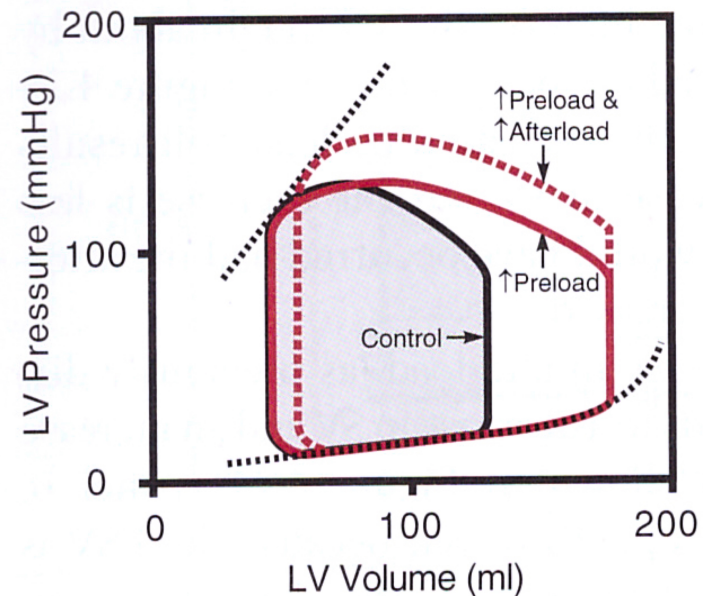
# Inotropy vs. afterload



# Interaction: preload, afterload, inotropy

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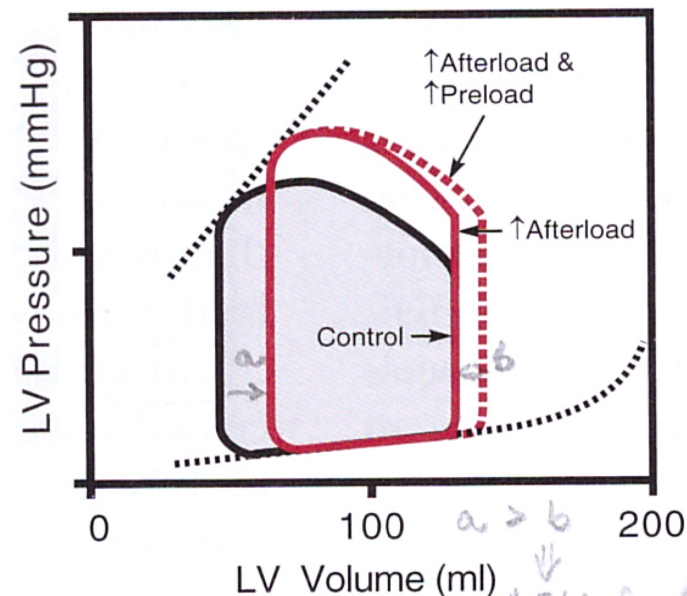
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- SVR not changed
- Primal vascular tone caused to relative increase of afterload:



# Interaction: preload, afterload, inotropy

## Increased afterload:

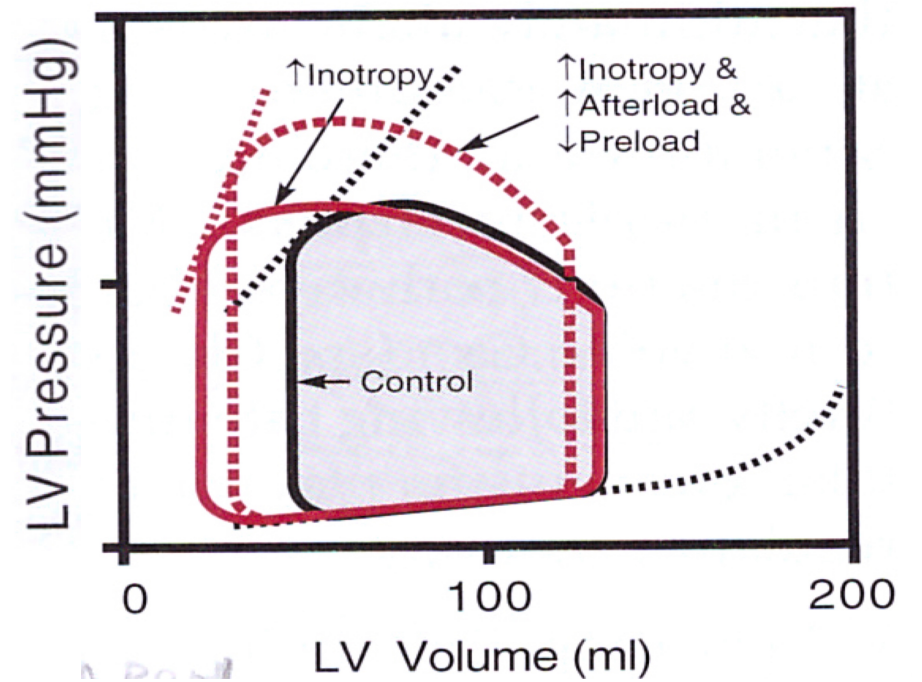
- decreased SV and CO
- decreased CO is not able pumps whole Venous Return
- Increased Venous Return leads to increase preload



# Interaction: preload, afterload, inotropy

## Increased inotropy:

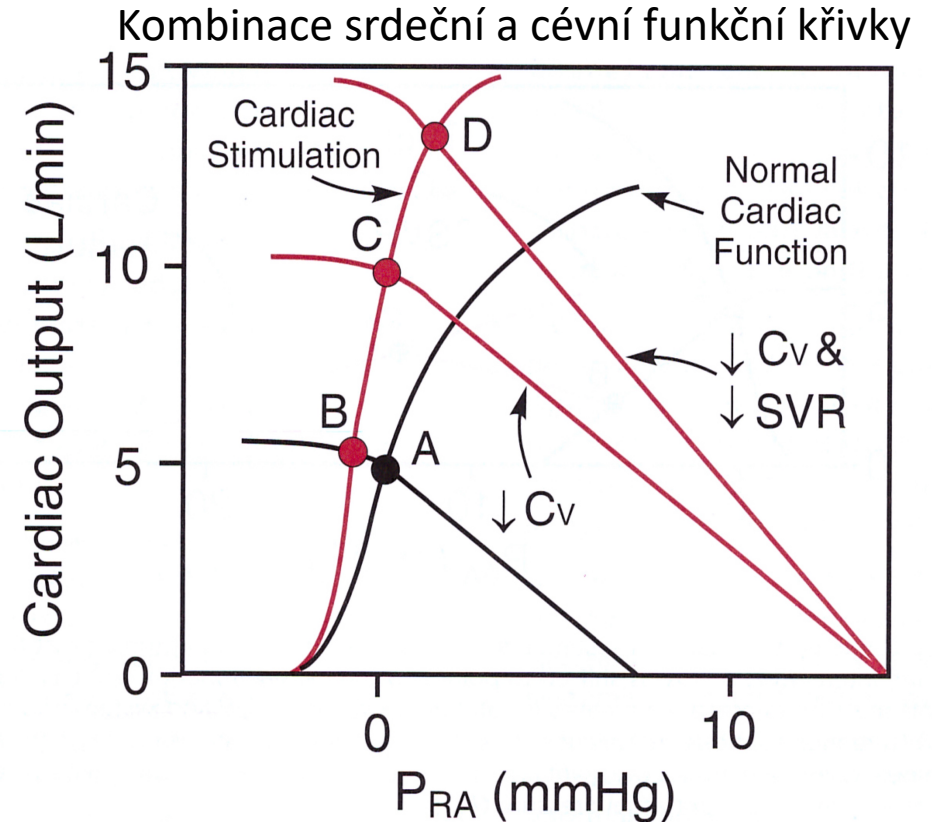
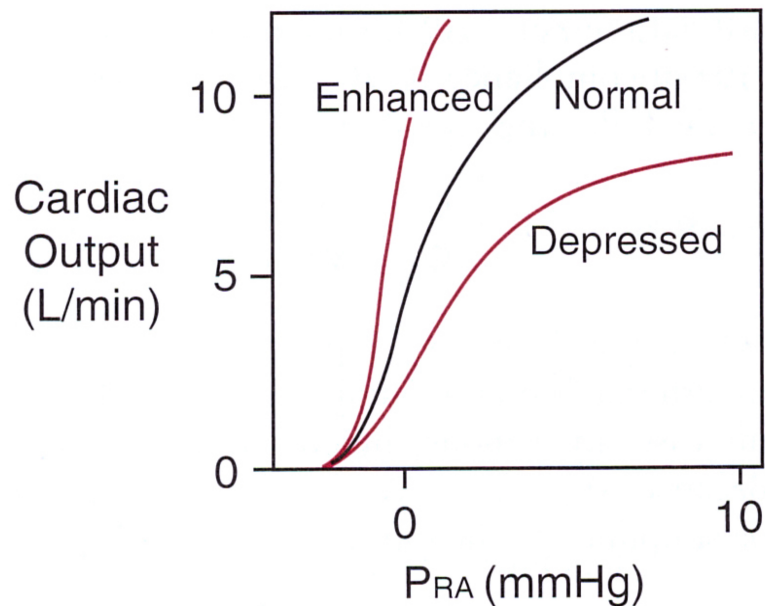
- Increased CO and decreased ESV
- SVR not changed
- Relative increased afterload
- Increased afterload caused decreased contractility
- Decreased contractility caused decreased preload



# Increased sympathetic activation

(increased heart stimulation + venous splanchnic vasoconstriction + arteriolar vasodilation)

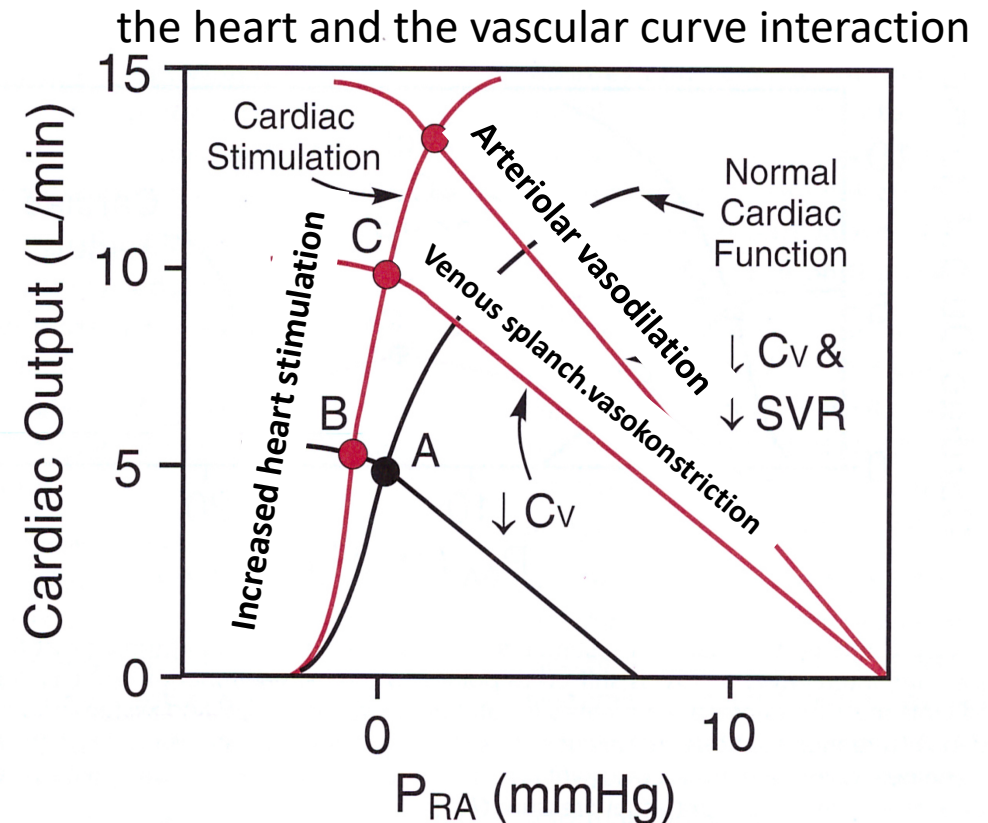
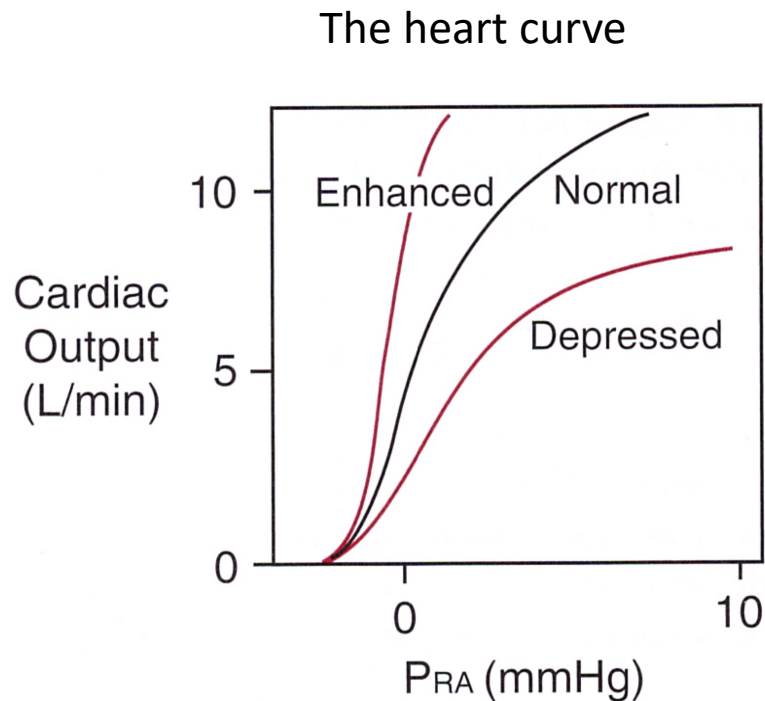
Srdeční funkční křivka



A – equilibrium between CO and Venous Return

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# Heart failure

