

# HIGH DENSITY CARTOGRAPHY MAPPING WITH CONFIDENCE (Carto3 – Biosense)

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# Multi Electrode Mapping (MEM)

- This simultaneous point acquisition from multiple electrodes appears a step forward in the mapping process
- but manual annotation of all of the points can be challenging
- Physicians often feel that mapping with just a single mapping channel is easier.
- The **CONFIDENSE module** is a new process of collecting points, with the ability to automatically annotate the points and review the map

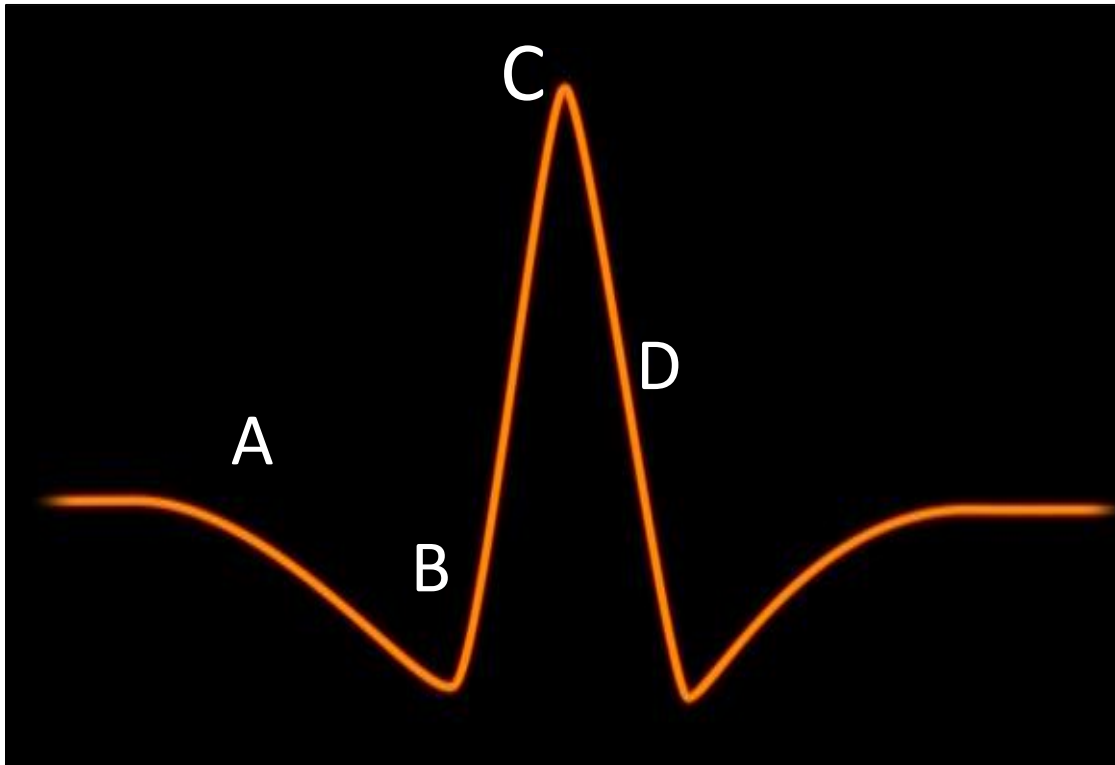
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- Get a consistent and accurate annotation
- Easy to interpret the map

# Signal annotation

- When creating an Activation map, where would you annotate this signal?
- What is accurate ?



A – Onset

B – First negative deflection

C – Maximum amplitude

D – Most negative  $dV/dT$

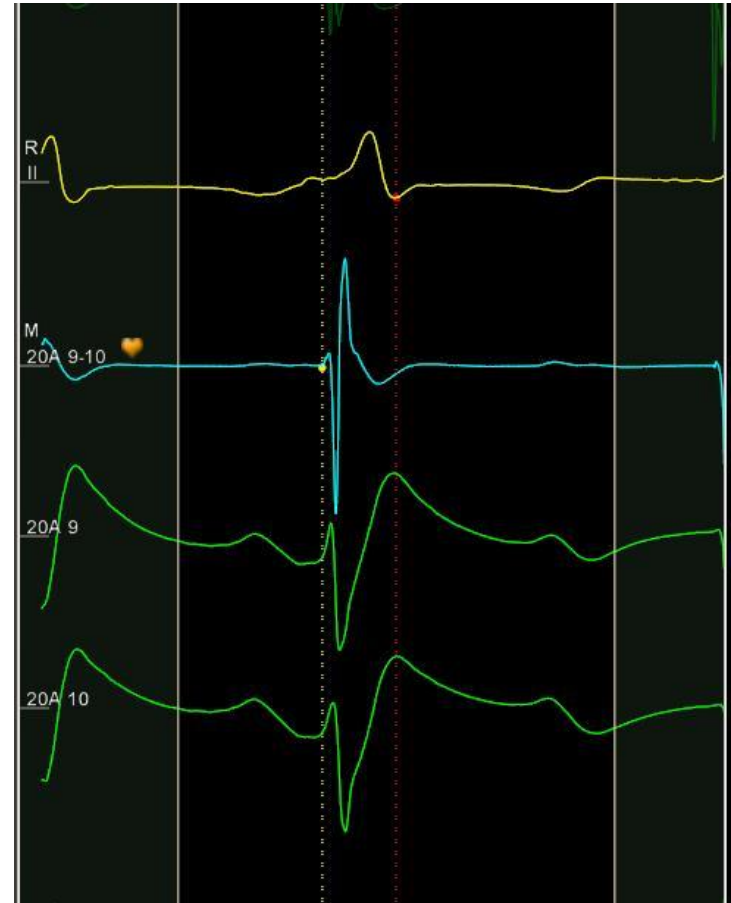
# Bipolar Signal : Onset Annotation



- Intuitive.
- Proved useful for Focal Tachycardia



- Requires manual editing for each and every point
- Doesn't necessarily reflect the true moment of activation
- **Annotation varies based on catheter orientation**
- Far field residuals effect



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Algorithmic detection of the beginning and end of bipolar [electrograms](#):  
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# Bipolar Signal - Max Amplitude



- Intuitive and unambiguous.
- Easy to identify by the user.



- Signal of interest can be beneath either the distal or proximal electrodes.
- Doesn't necessarily reflect the true moment of activation
- Difficult for double potentials



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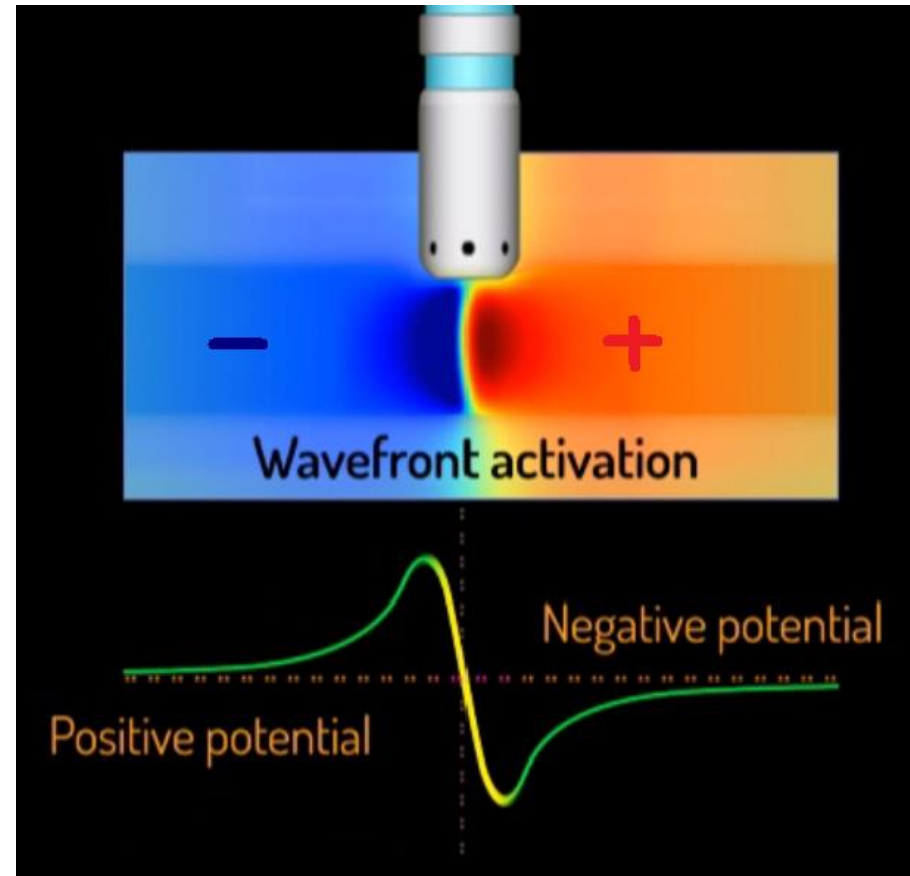
# Unipolar Signal: Maximum negative slope



In uniformly conducting tissue, **maximum negative slope** coincides with the arrival of the **depolarization wavefront** beneath the electrode.

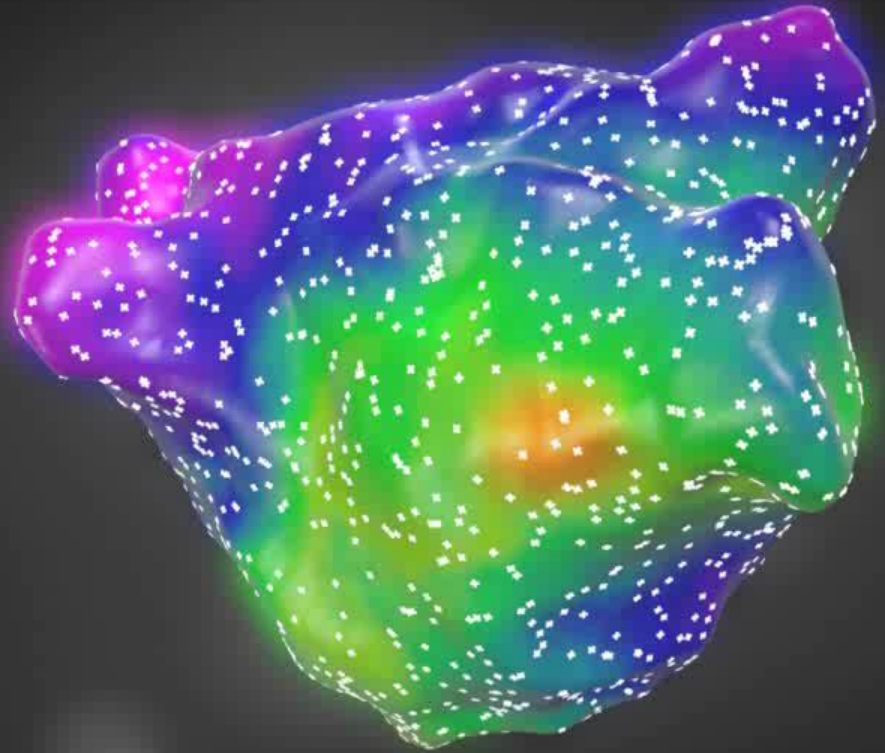


**Far Field potentials** make unipolar algorithm detection alone impossible



# CONFIDENSE<sup>™</sup>

## Module

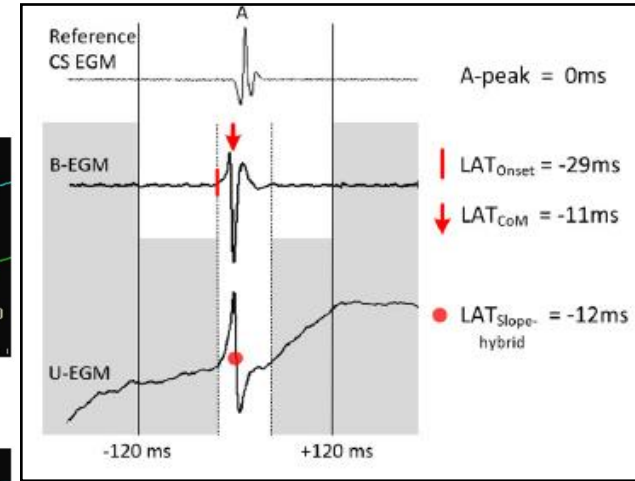
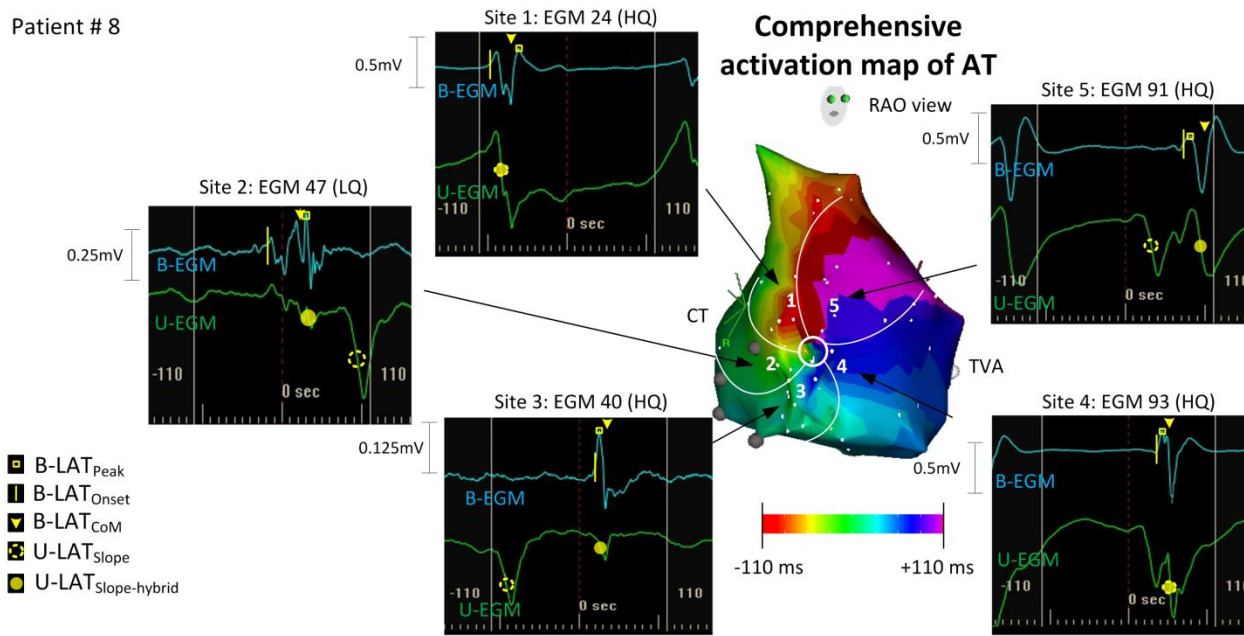




# WaveFront Annotation

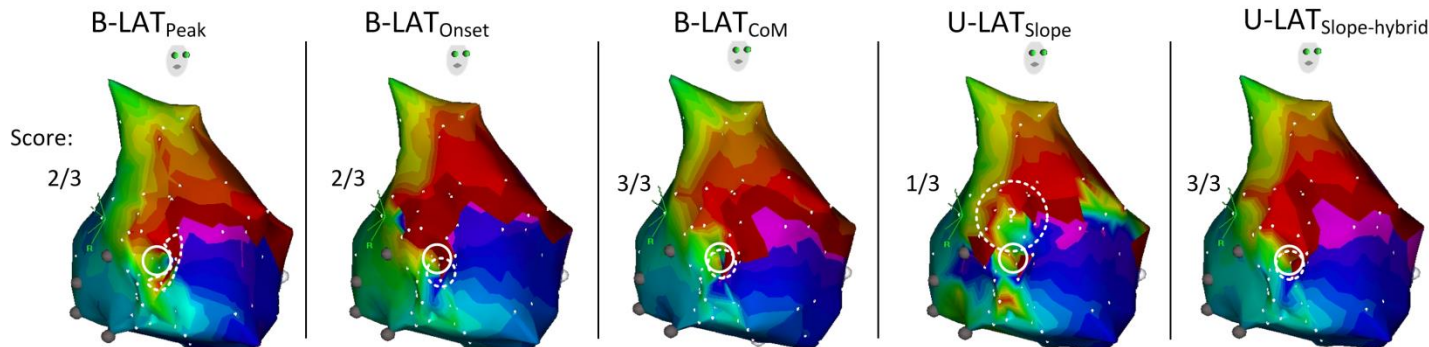
- Need for an accurate automatic annotation
- Comparison of available methods

Patient # 8

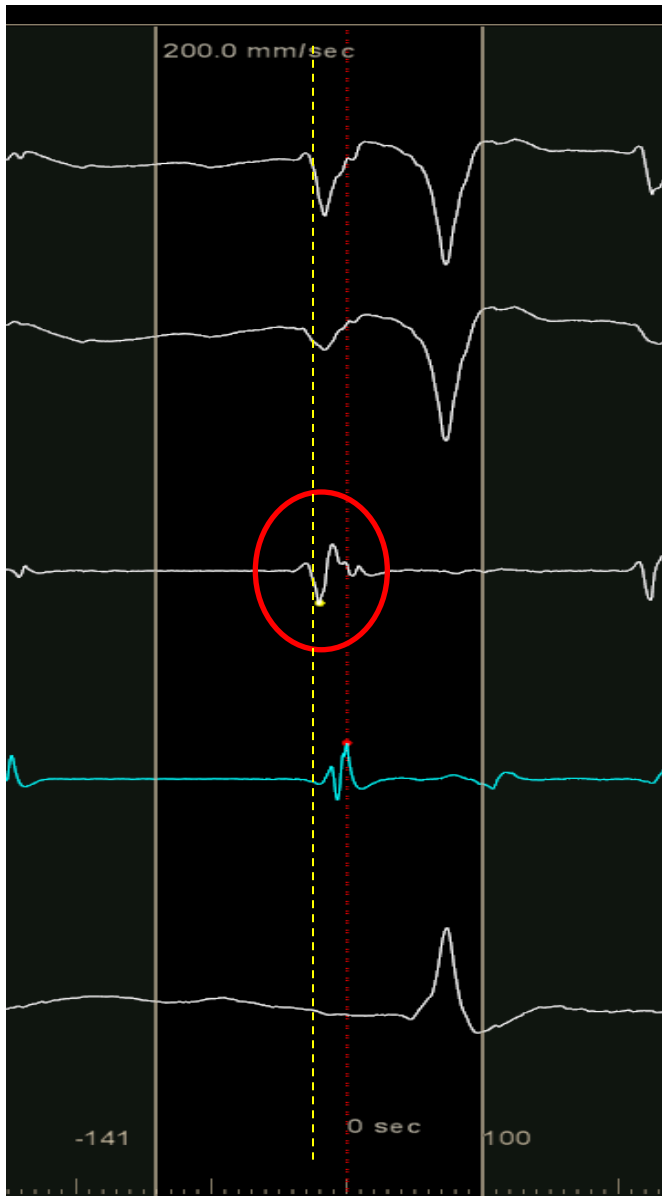


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Algorithmic activation maps of AT (unedited)

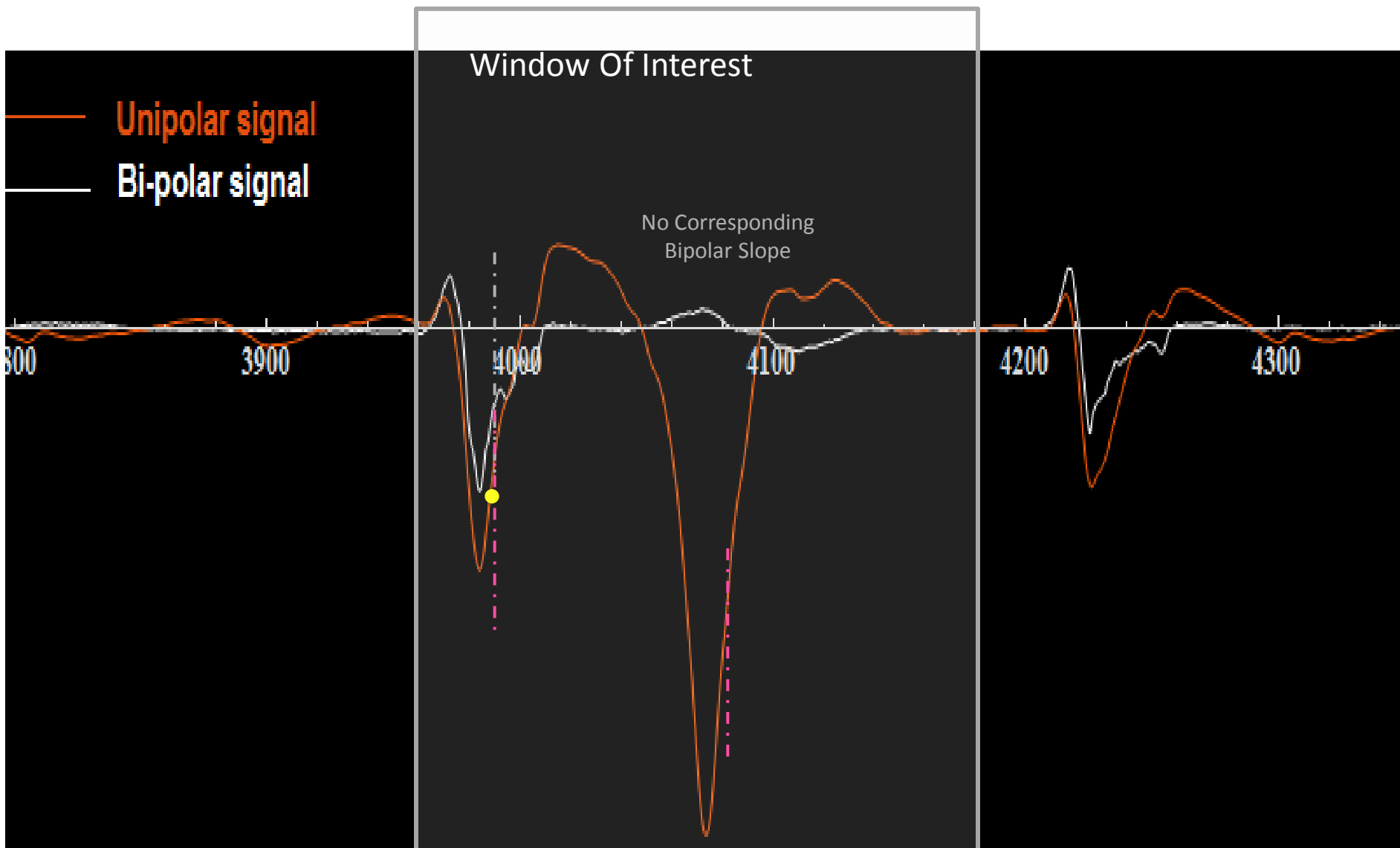


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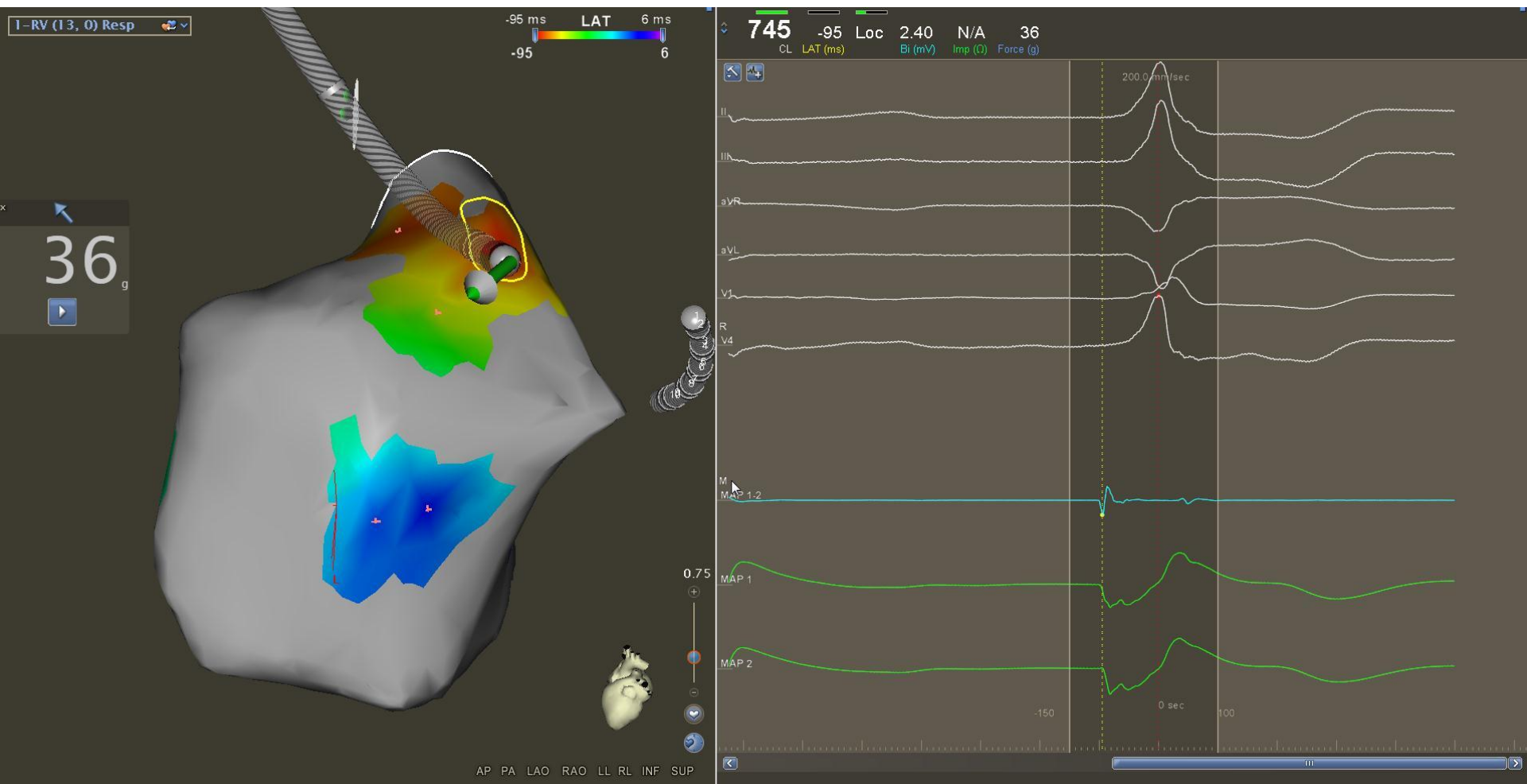


- The system uses the **maximum negative slope** of the **unipolar distal signal** to set the **timing** of the Mapping annotation.
- Map **annotation** is displayed on the corresponding **bipolar signal**

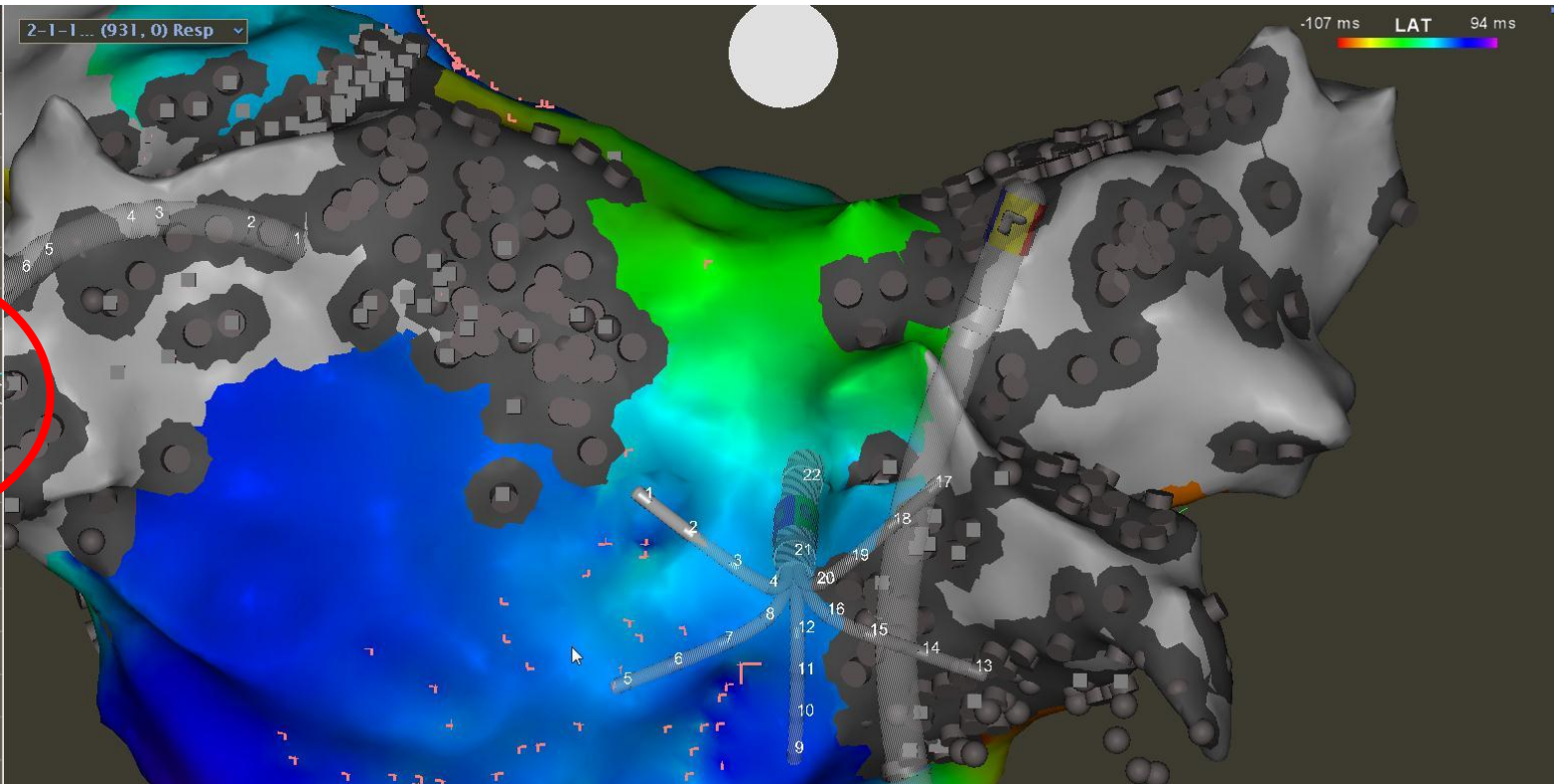
# Wavefront Annotation: Analysing both Unipolar and Bipolar Signals



# WaveFront Annotation



# WaveFront Annotation



**Visualization of Unipolar electrograms by double-clicking on the Bipolar Electrogram For any signal at any moment**

# Continuous Mapping

## Set window of interest

## Activate continuous mapping

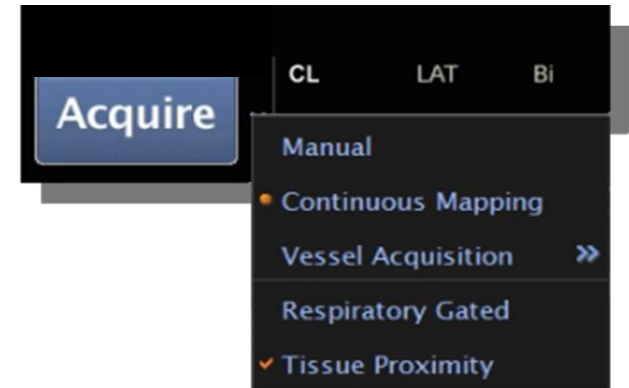
1. Set the mapping filters
2. Start automatic points acquisition

## Continuous Mapping can collect:

- Up to **6000 points per map**
- Up to **13 000 points per study**

## Not Available

- During ablation
- *During* CFAE mapping





# Continuous Mapping: Filters

**Cycle Length** -> Only acquiring points with a consistent cycle length

**Force** -> Ensuring the catheter is in contact at the time of point collection

**Catheter stability** -> Acquiring points when the catheter location is stable

- LAT stability
- Position stability

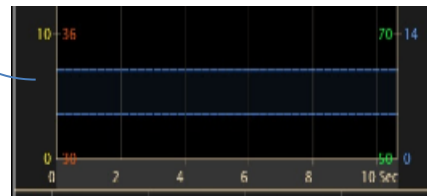
**Density** -> Minimises acquisition of points when the catheter is not being moved

**Tissue proximity indicator (TPI)**

**Continuous Mapping Settings**  
1-Map

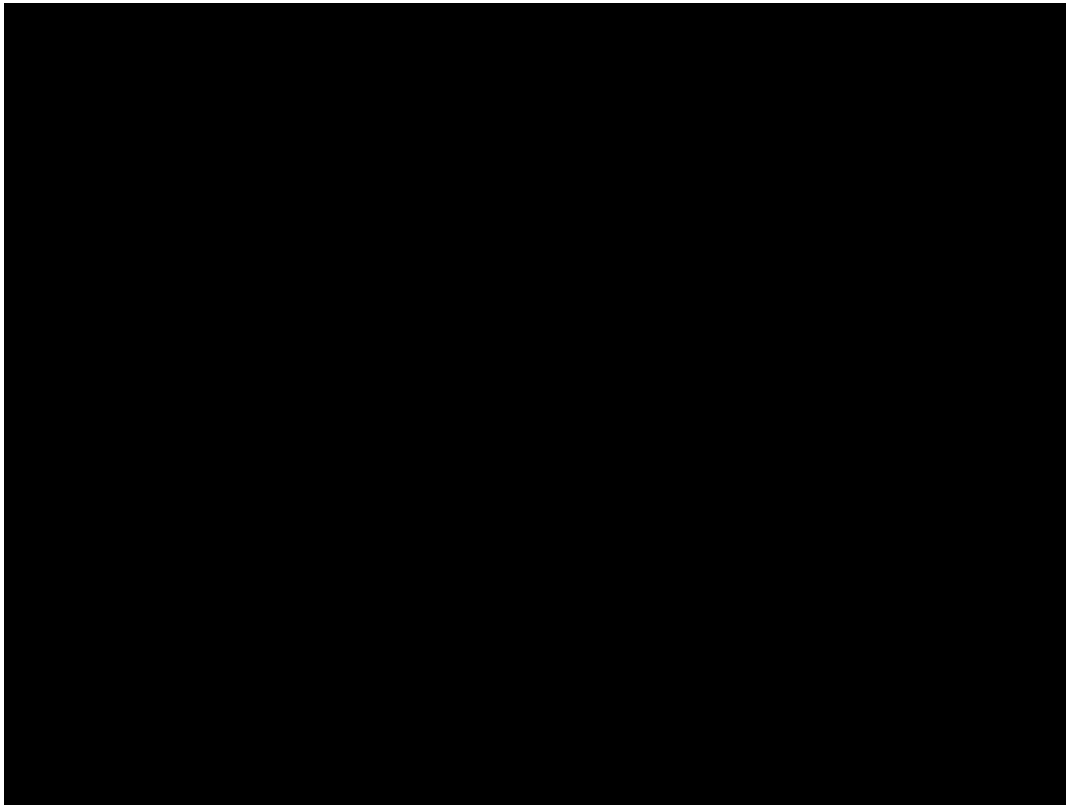
- CL Filtering (Median N/A)
  - CL Stability N/A 5% N/A
  - CL Range 100 150 2000ms
  - Force  Above Min Threshold  Within Thresholds
  - Do not acquire while pacing
- LAT Stability 0 3 10ms
- Position Stability 1 2 12mm
- Density 1 mm

Filters Status... Apply OK Cancel



Click here for more details on Continuous Mapping filters

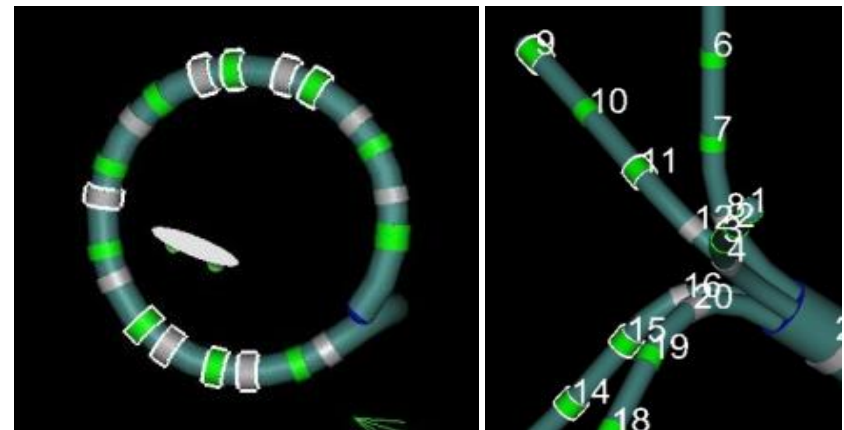
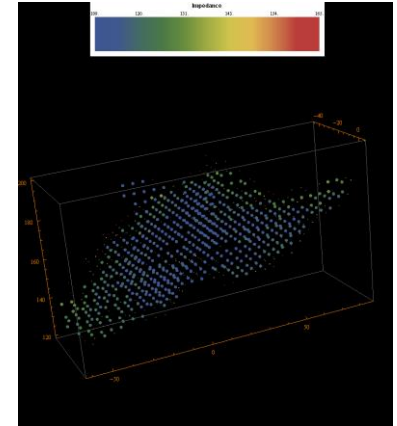
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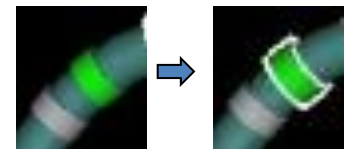


# Tissue Proximity Indicator (TPI)

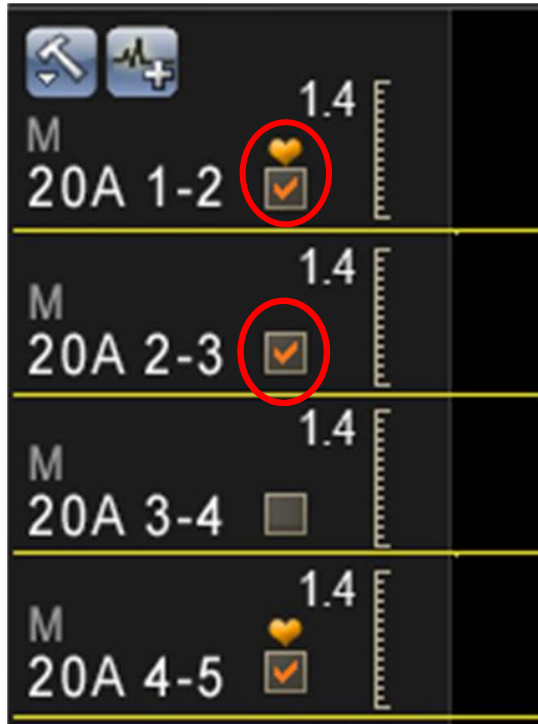
- Impedance measurements to determine the electrode proximity to cardiac tissue
- Contact Indication, non-contact, Unknown
- Compatible
  - Lasso<sup>®</sup> NAV (10/20 poles)
  - Pentaray<sup>®</sup> NAV
- Non available During Ablation



**Proximity is indicated:** white frame around the individual electrodes



# Tissue proximity filter for MEM

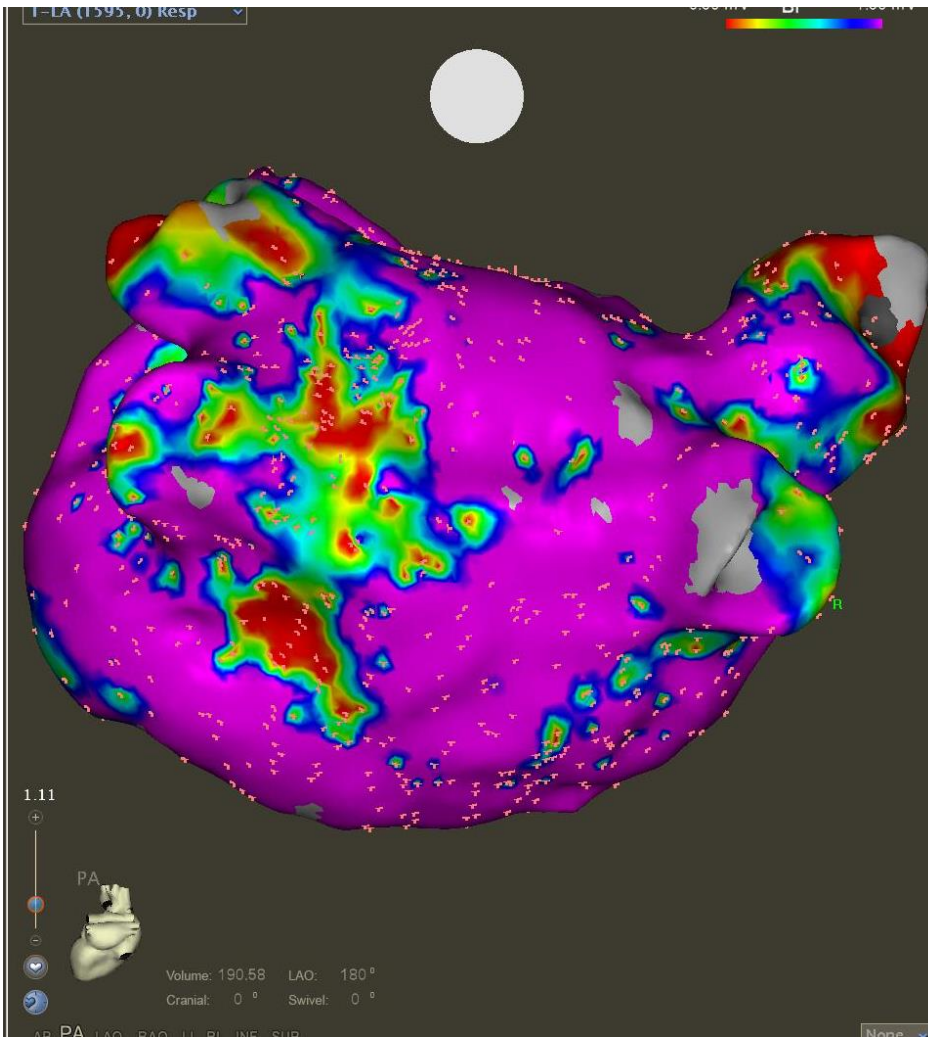


Selected Point Viewer

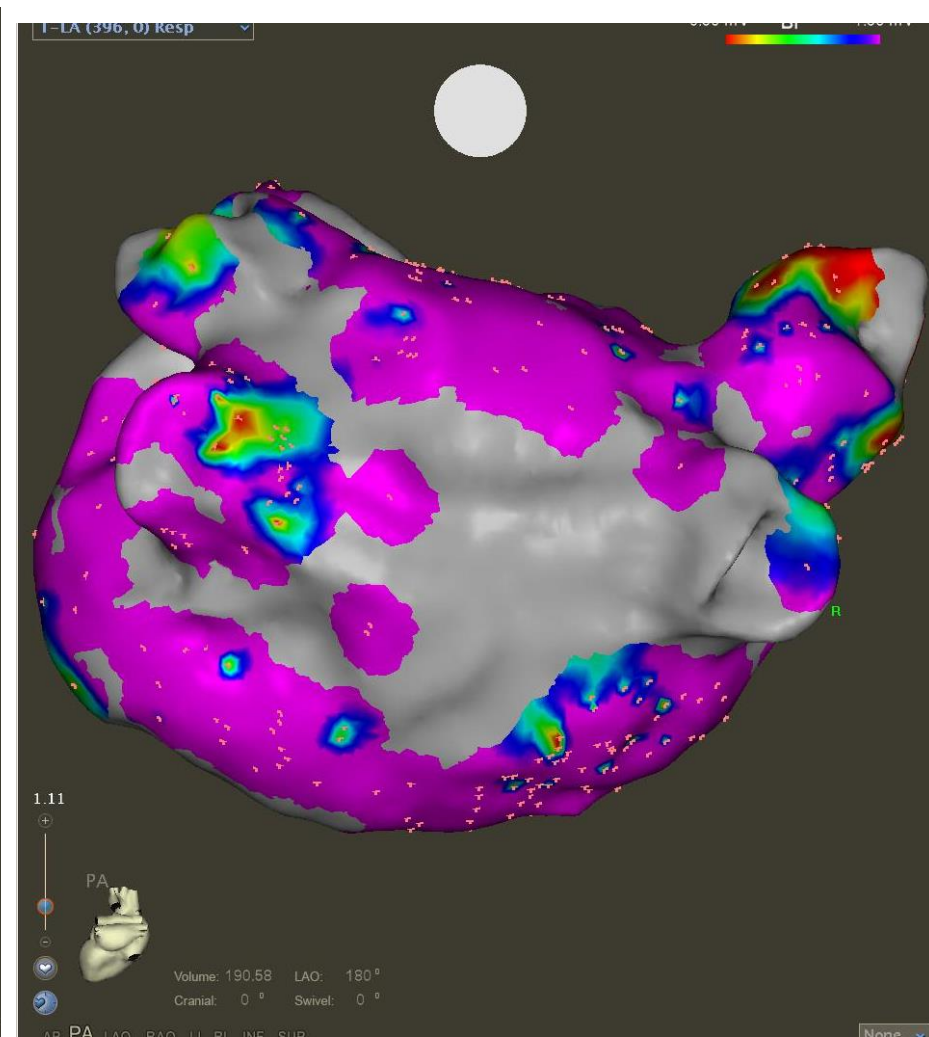
With proximity filter **ON** :  
the system will:

- **Automatically accept** points found to be in close proximity to the tissue
- **Automatically reject** points not found to be in close proximity to the tissue

# Voltage maps performed with Lasso (using TPI function or not)



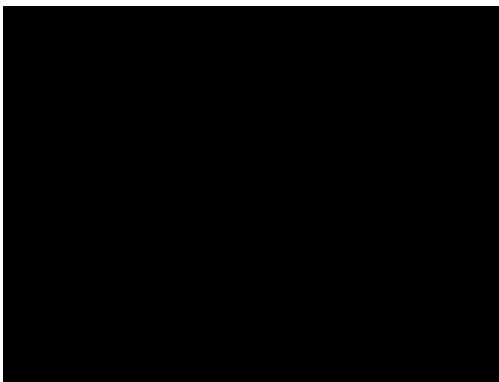
TPI -



TPI +

# Continuous Mapping

- Available with all NAV Catheters
  - Lasso<sup>®</sup> 10 and 20 poles
  - Pentaray<sup>®</sup>
  - Ablation Catheters



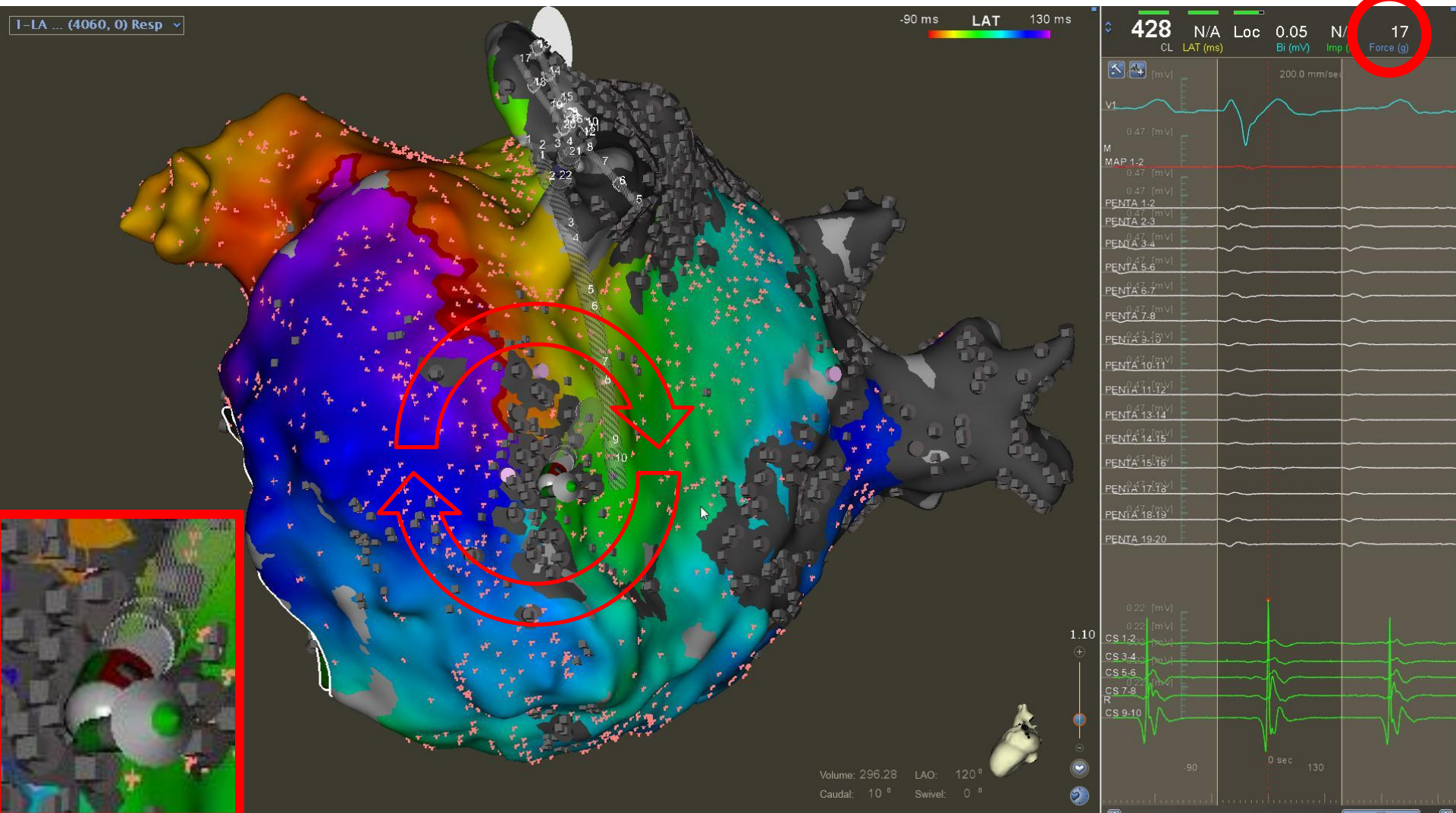
Pentaray



SmartTouch SF

# Continuous Mapping

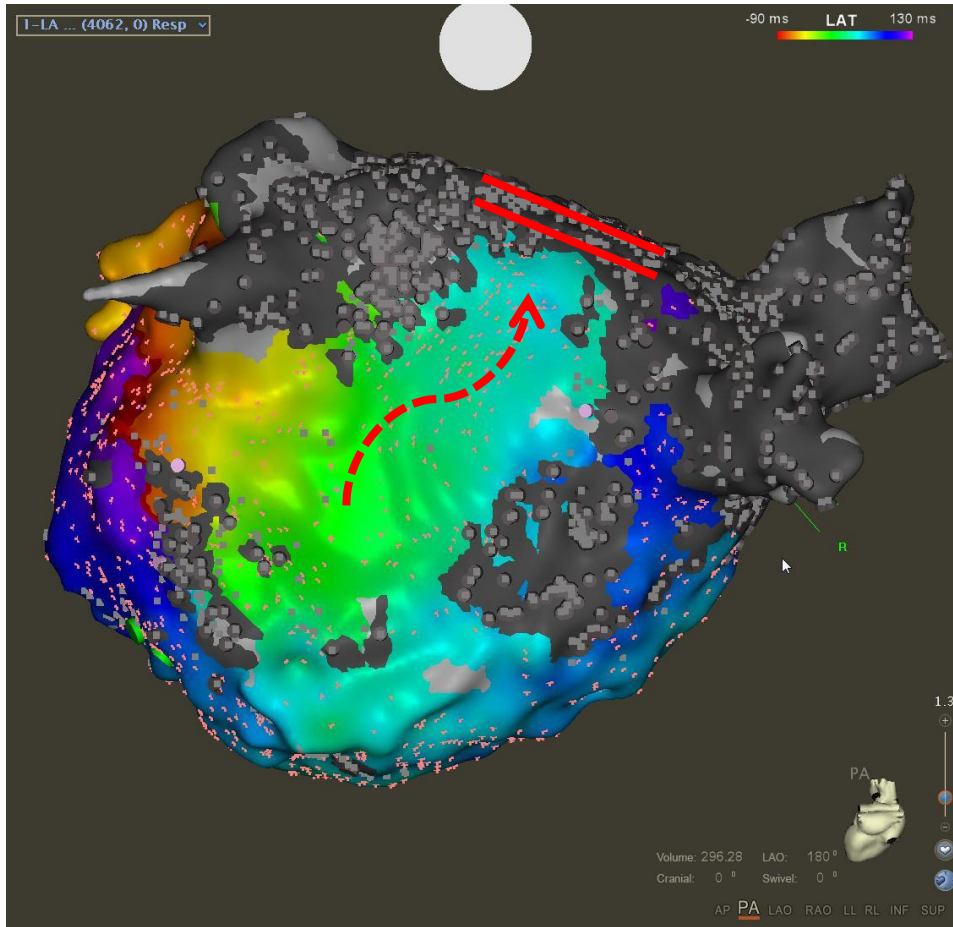
- Contact force integration - SmartTouch



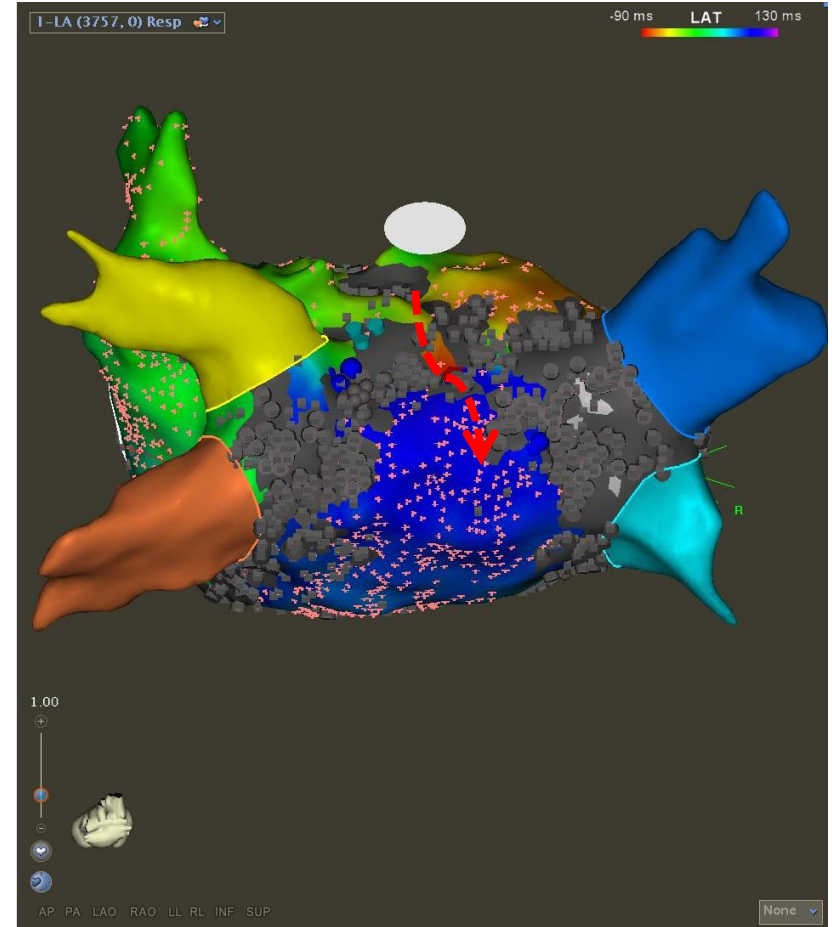


# Continuous Mapping

- Better identification of scar



Blocked roof line



Non-Blocked roof line

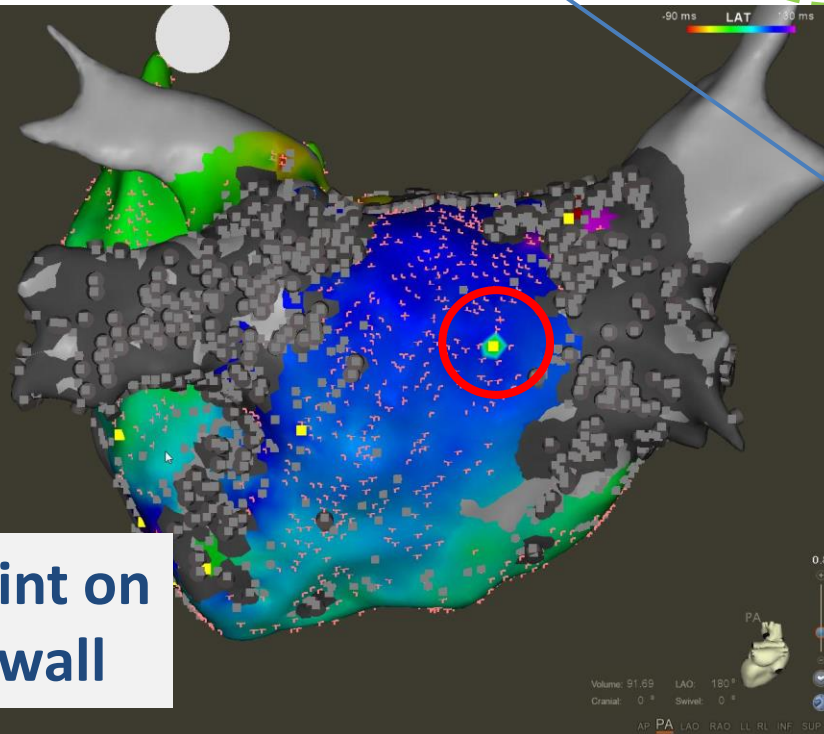
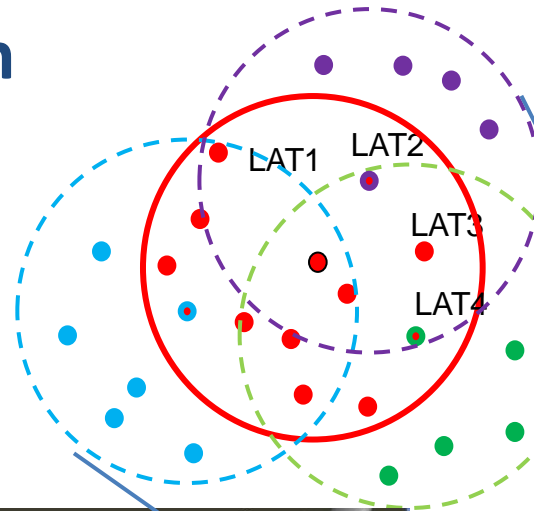
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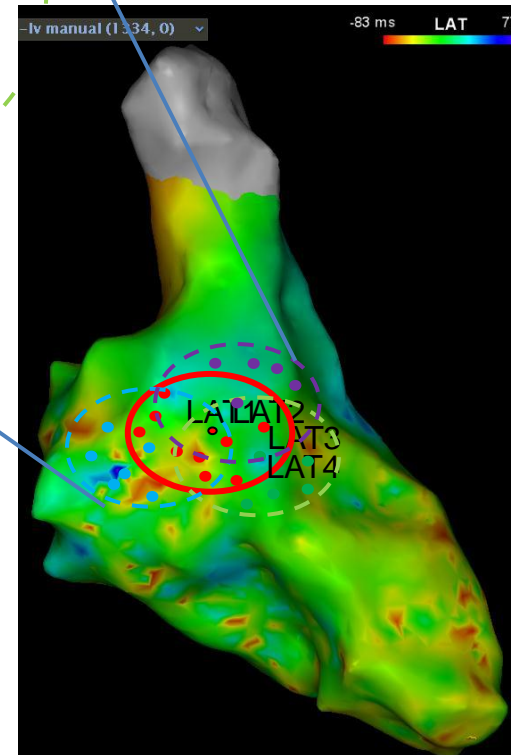
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# Map Consistency

- Automatic identification of inconsistent points
  - Isolated points
  - Surrounding activations



Inconsistent point on the posterior wall





# Indications

- **Left Flutters +++**
- **Atrial Tachycardias ++**
- **Line validations +++**
- **Ventricular Tachycardias**
  - **Substrate mapping +**
  - **VT mapping ++**

# Clinical EP Case

# Patient

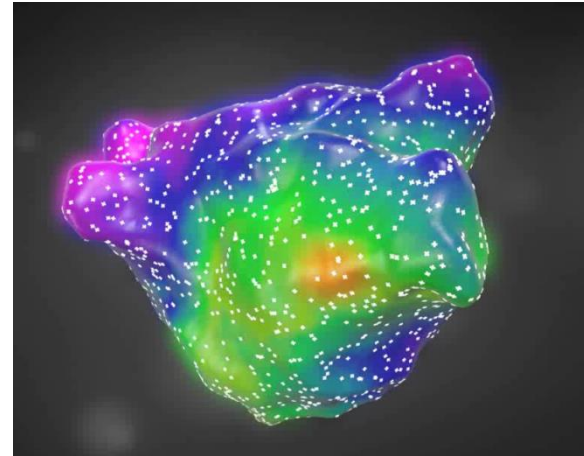
- **Woman 58 yo**
- **2001 Late surgery ASD**
- **2012 Paroxysmal AF**
- **06/2014 Persistent Atypical Flutter**
  - **EPS in 07/2014 – Left Atypical Flutter**
  - **Ablation in 12/2014 (Hansen Robotic)**
    - **PVs isolation**
    - **Roof line for Roof dependent flutter**
    - **Unstable septal Flutter - Difficult mapping**
- **03/2015 redux ablation for A Flutter recurrence**

# Admission EKG



# Continuous mapping - filters

- 😊 CL Stability 5%
- 😊 LAT Stability 5ms
- 😊 Position Stability 2 mm
- 😊 Density 1mm
- 😊 Scar 0,05mV



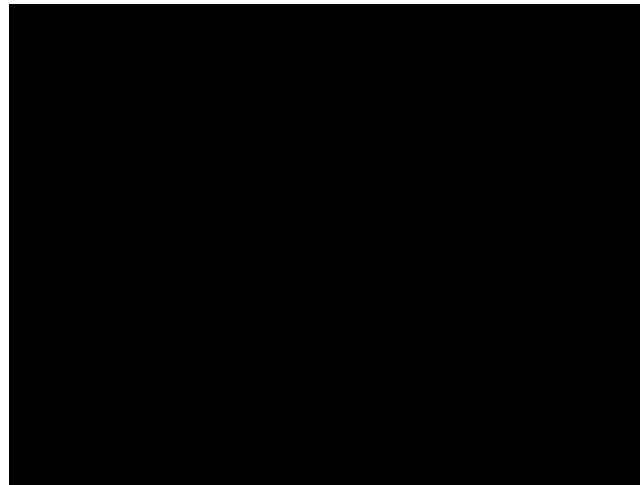
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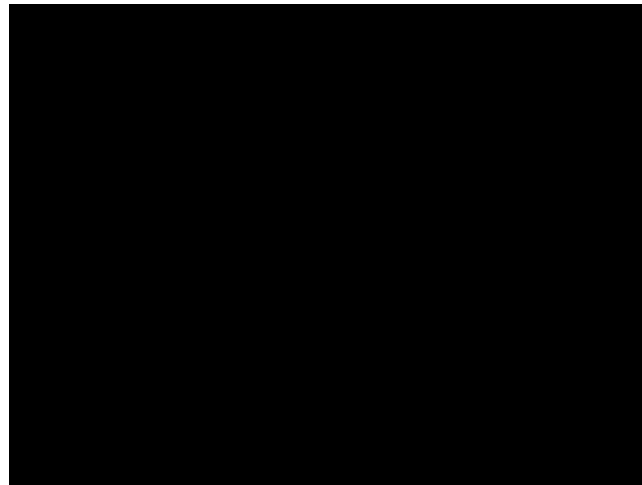
# Continuous mapping – Pentaray

 **18min 3975pts**

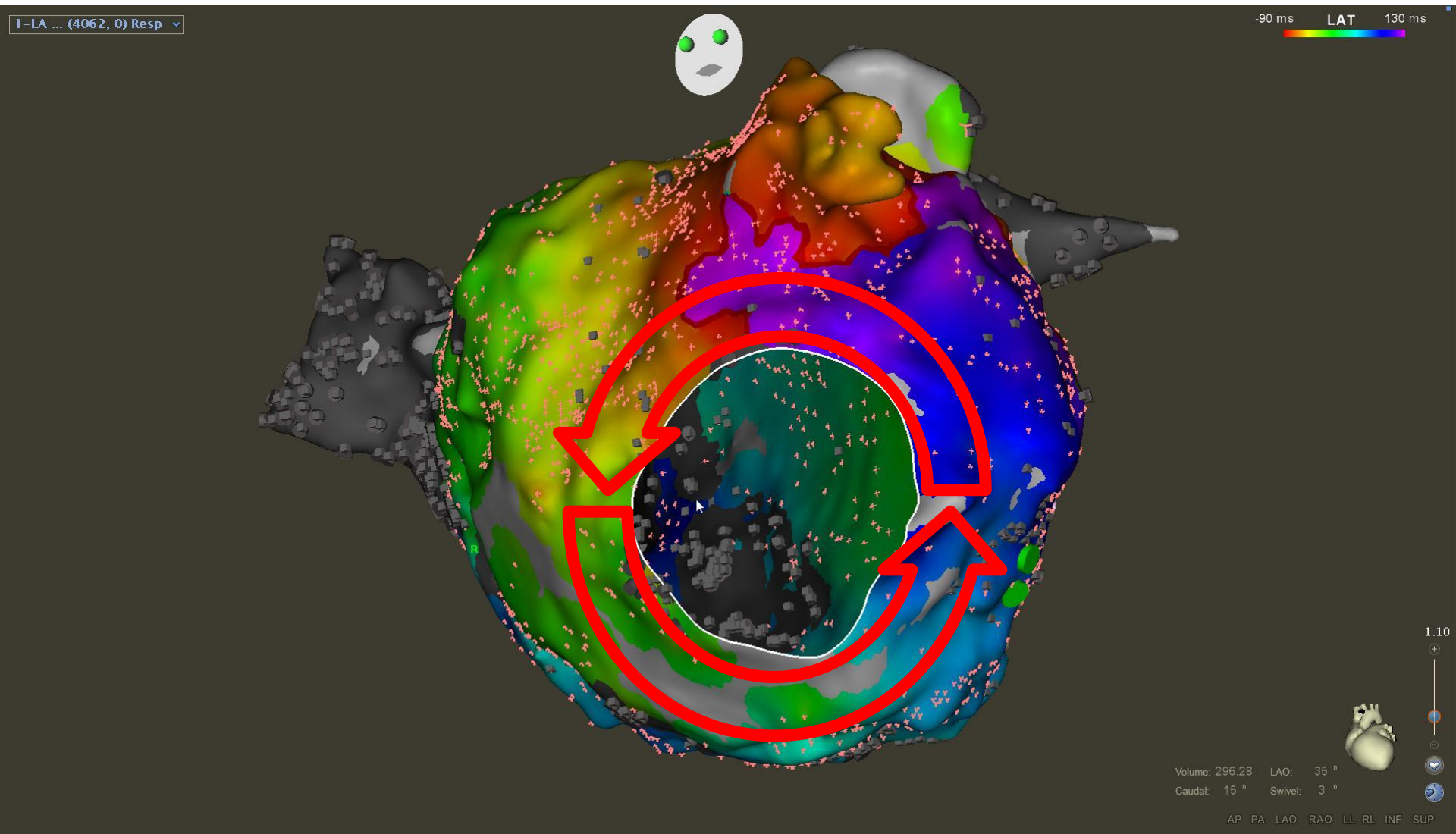


 **LA volume = 300 ml**

# Scar identification – SmartTouch SF

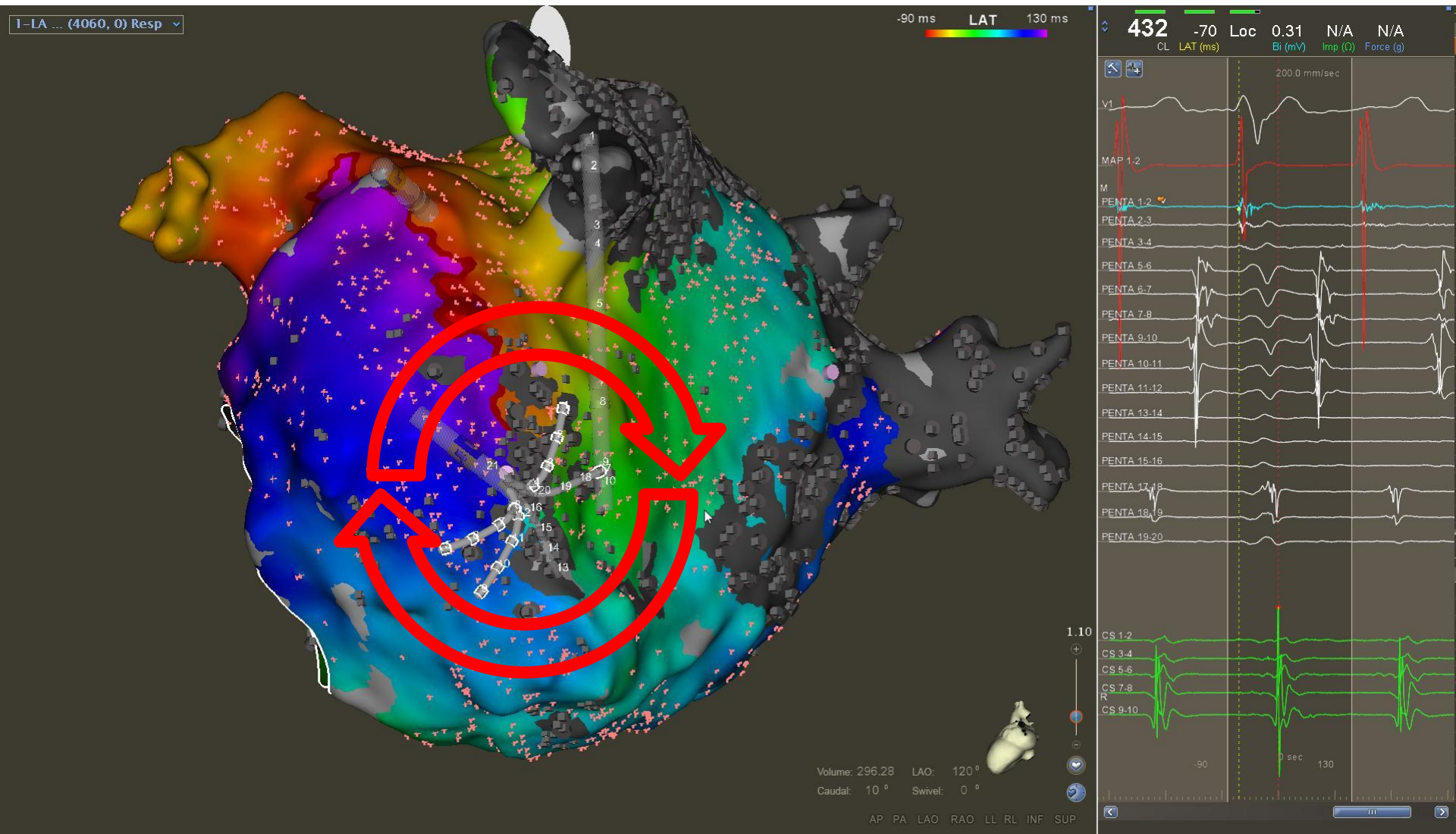


# LAT map – Counter-Clockwise Perimitral loop

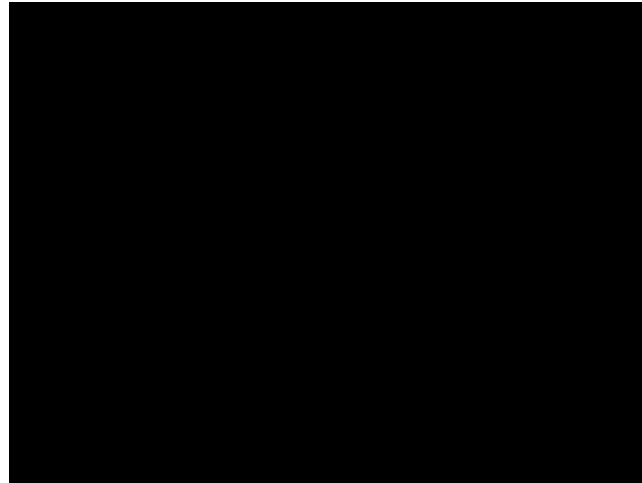




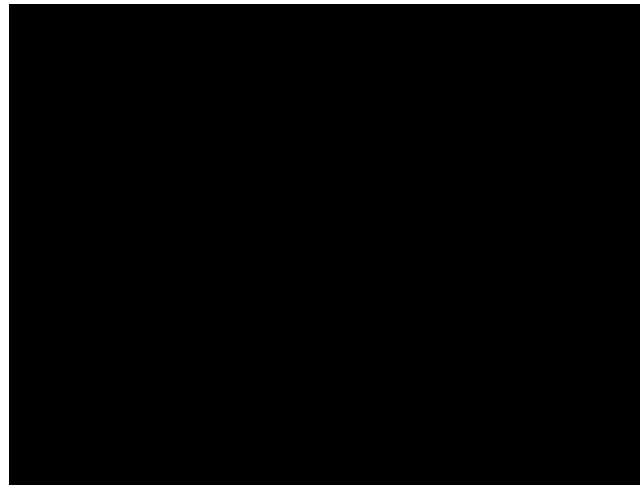
# LAT map – Clockwise Periscar loop



# Propagation map – Figure 8 dual loop flutter



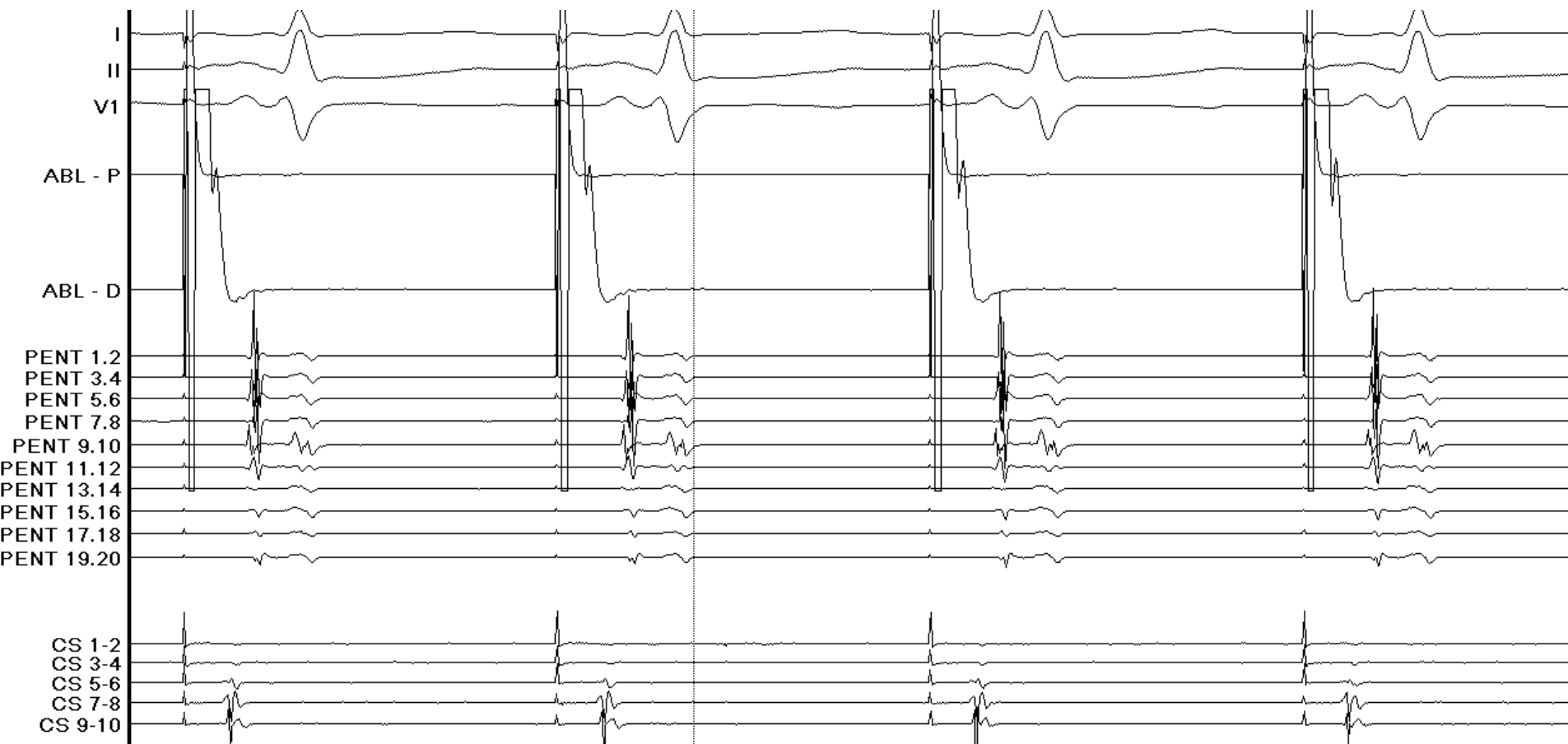
# Ablation line - Mitral valve / Mitral scar



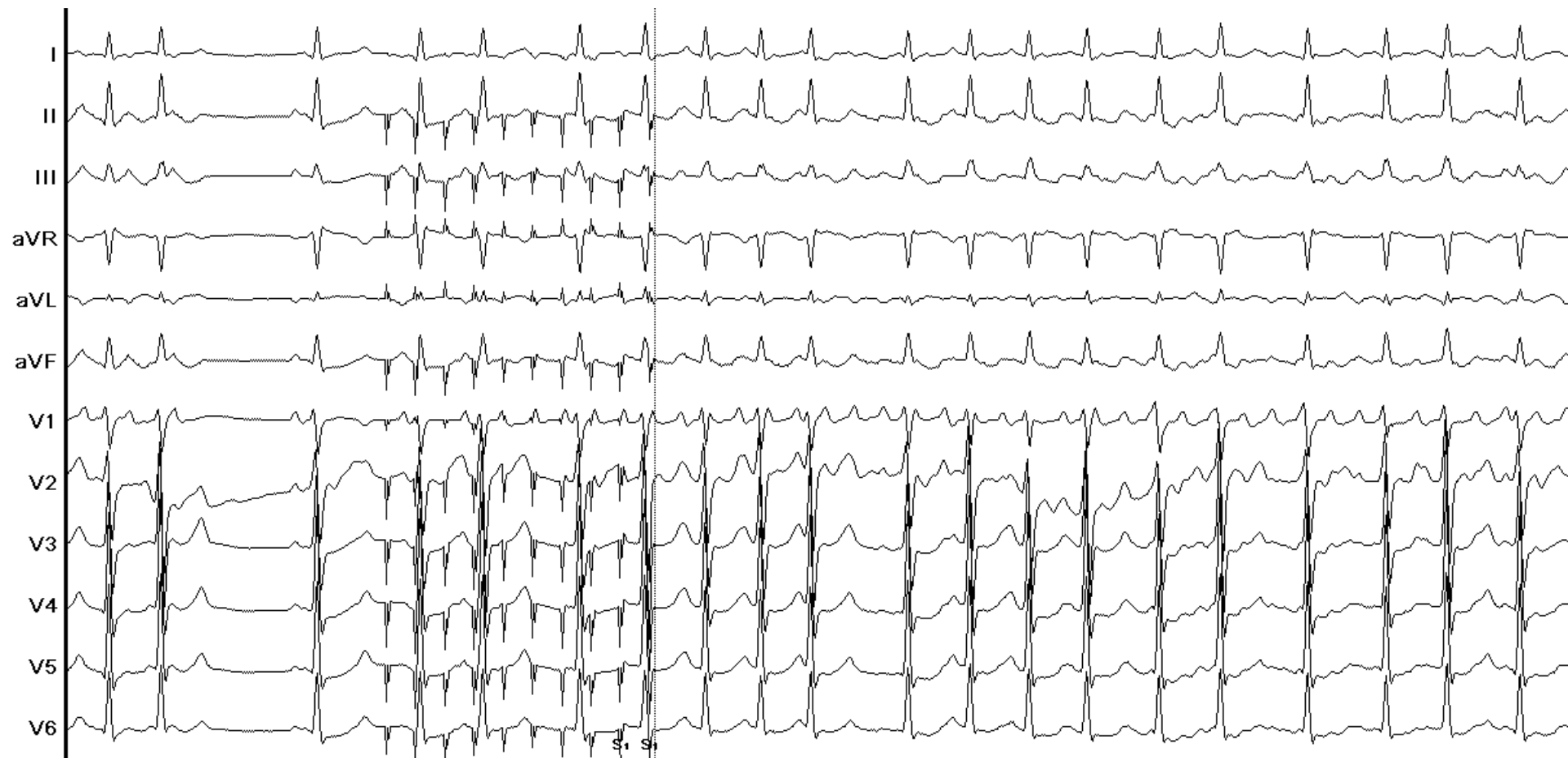
# Return to Sinus



# Mitral Isthmus Block



# Burst – Fast Atrial Flutter



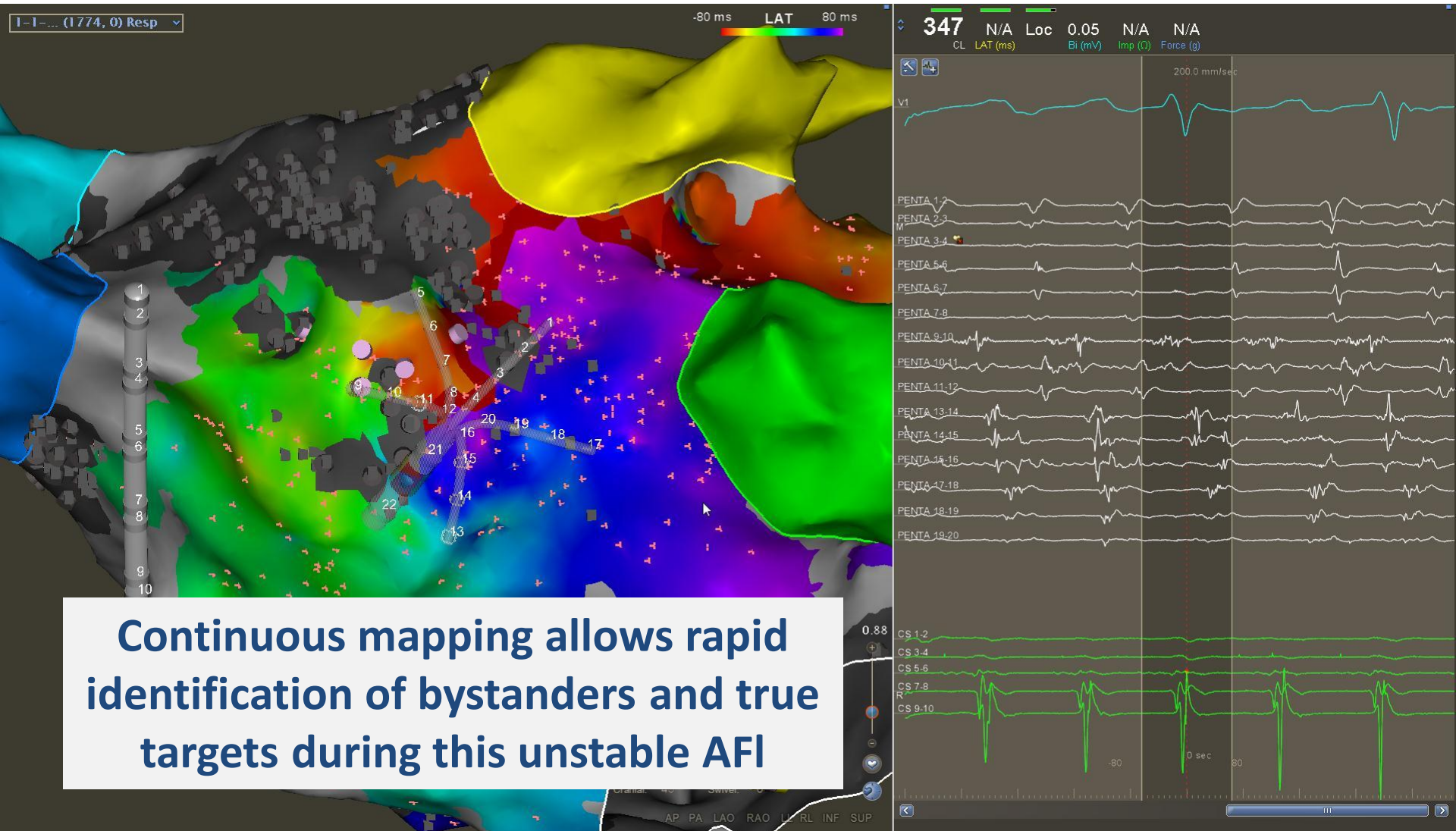




# Continuous mapping – Micro-reentry

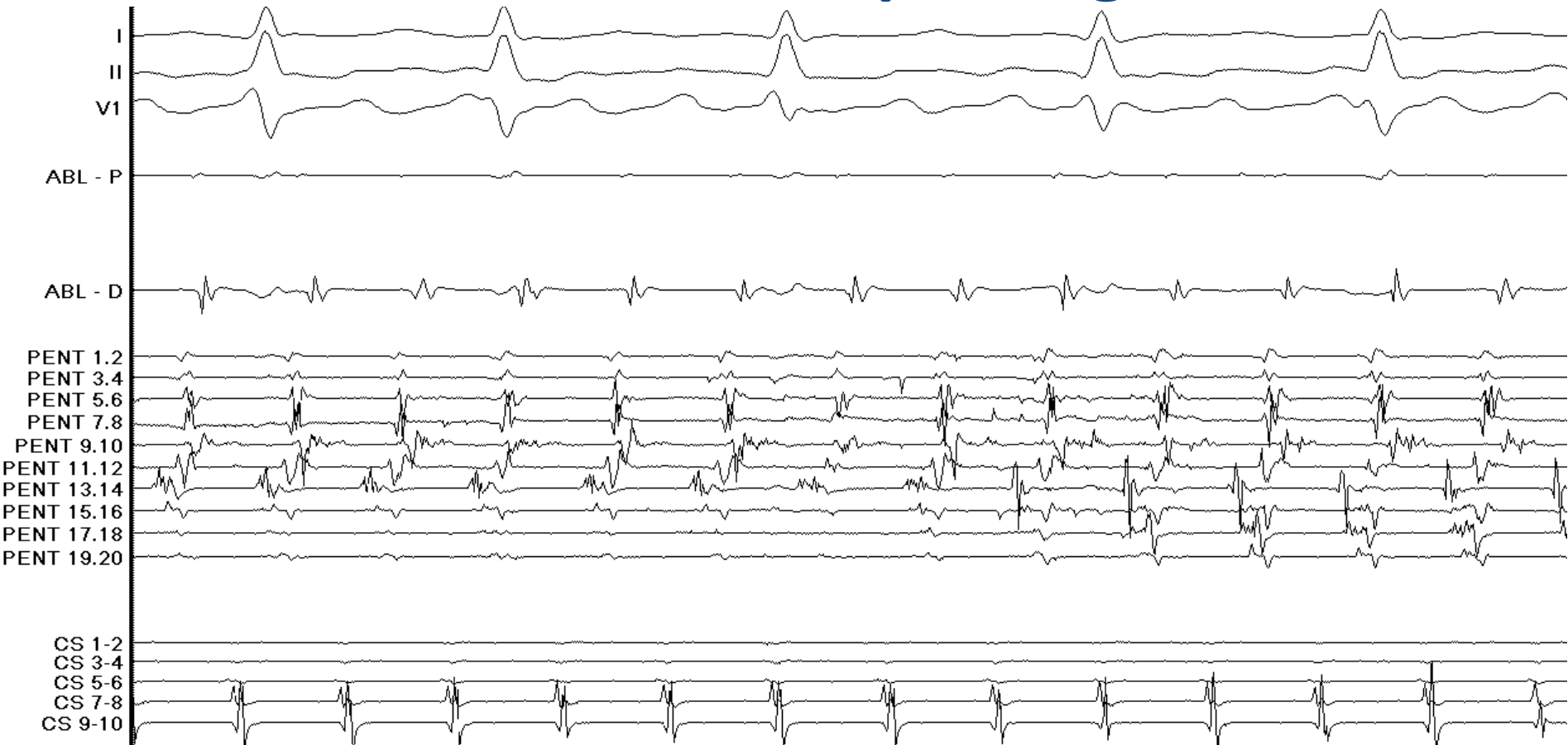


## 9min 1787pts – Stops Spontaneously



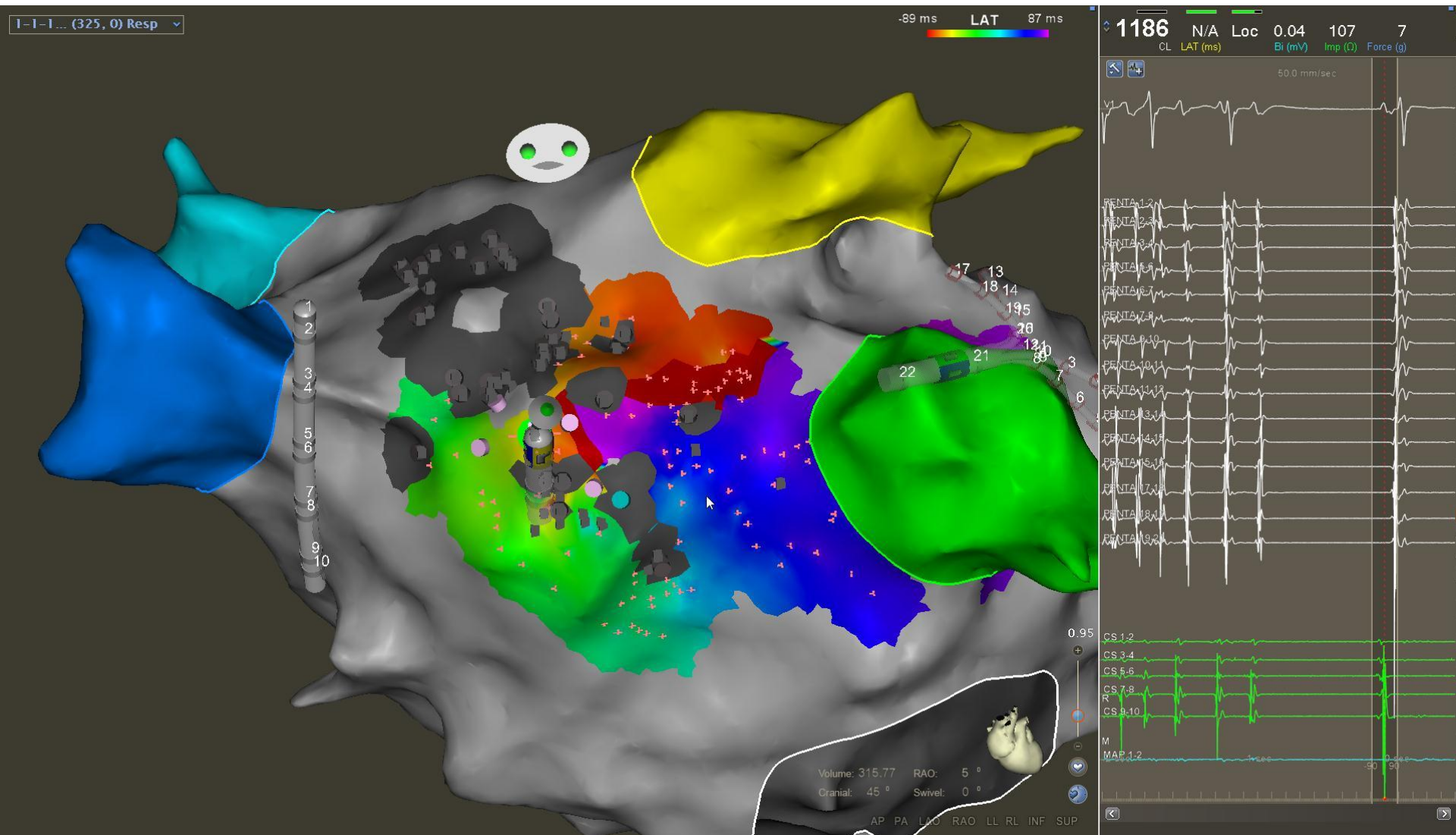


# Fast AFI 180ms – Fragmented electrograms in the Antero Septal region

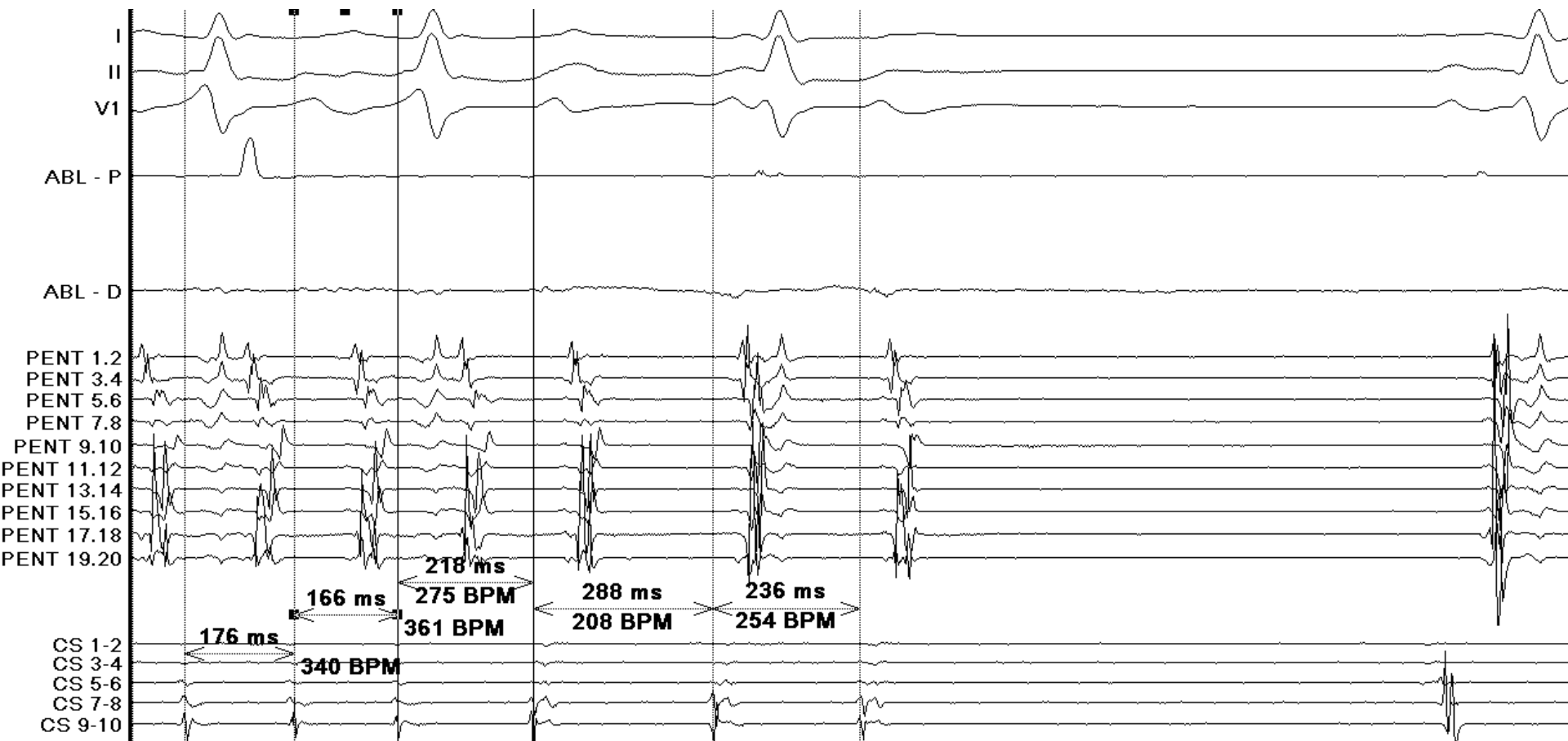


# Burst - Fast AFI 180ms retriggered - remap

## Same reentry – RF Application #1 – Sinus



# Fast AFI 180ms – Return to Sinus Cycle length prolongation



# End EKG

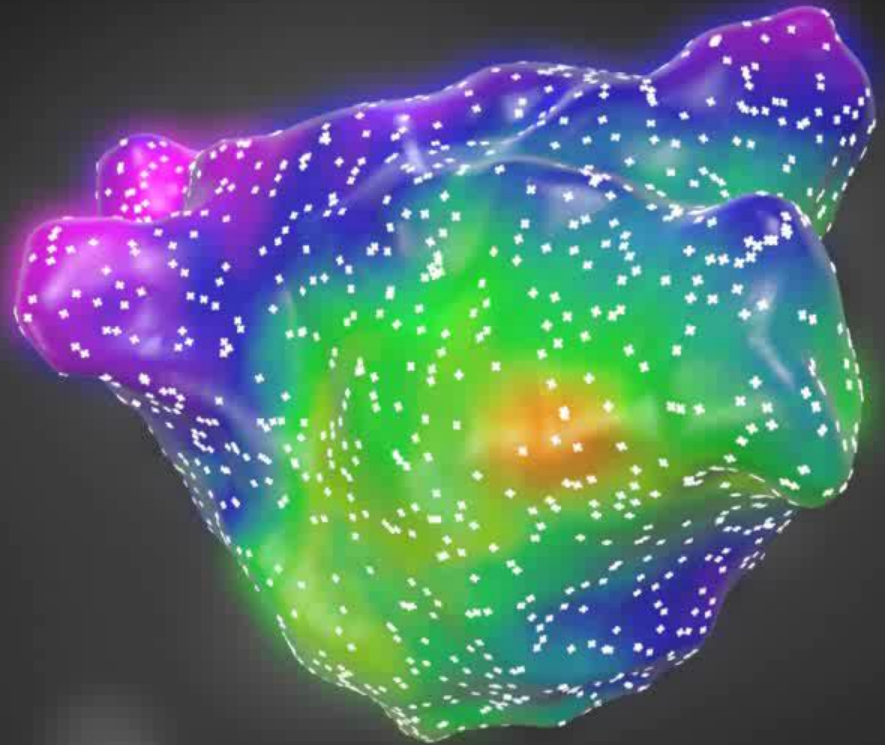


# Conclusions

- Confidence is a useful tool to perform high density activation mapping
- Wavefront annotation (combined or not, with Tissue proximity indicator) provides a quick and easy assessement of one tachycardia circuit especially when using multi-electrode catheters.

# CARTO<sup>®</sup> 3 System Version 4

**Thank you**





# Carto 3 - CONFIDENSE™ Mapping



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# Wavefront Annotation of Abnormal Signals

## Scar

No steep negative slope on either unipolar distal or bipolar → the point is “no LAT” point.



## Double Potential

The algorithm annotates the distal signal steepest negative slope in the zone of bipolar slope



## Fractionated Signal

The algorithm annotates the steepest negative unipolar distal slope coincides with steep bipolar





# CARTO<sup>®</sup> System Maps

Maps of the heart can be:

## ❖ Anatomical

3D reconstruction of the mapped chamber and structures  
e.g LA for PVI ablation

## ❖ Electro-Anatomical (EA)

Correlation of location information to electrical information

### Activation –

Atrial tachycardia, Ventricular tachycardia, SVT's, ectopics and pacing

### Voltage –

Ischaemic VT, Redo ablations

