Assessment of a Non-Invasive Approach for Pressure Volume Loop Prediction in Mice

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Supplementary Information

Time-Varying Elastance Model

Time-varying elastance, E(t), is defined as the ratio of the left ventricular pressure to volume [13],

$$E(t) = \frac{P(t)}{V(t) - V_0} \tag{1}$$

Stergiopulos et al. [19] has proposed that time varying elastance can be modeled by the Double Hill function. Following the definition in Mynard et. Al. [28],

$$E(t) = k \left[\frac{g_1}{1 + g_1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + g_2} \right] + E_{min}$$
 (2)

where

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In this equation, the first term in the brackets $\left(\frac{g_1}{1+g_1}\right)$ models the ascending part of the function and the second term in the brackets $\left(\frac{1}{1+g_2}\right)$ models the descending part of the function (refer to Figure 2). In the equation, η_1 and η_2 determine the steepness, τ_1 and τ_2 define the relative appearance time of each curve within the cardiac period T, and E_{max} and E_{min} are the maximum and minimum elastance values, respectively, defined as

$$E_{max} = \max\left(\frac{P(t)}{V(t) - V_0}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$E_{min} = \min\left(\frac{P(t)}{V(t) - V_0}\right) \tag{4}$$

The end diastolic pressure volume relationship (EDPVR) is where the minimum elastance occurs and the end systolic pressure volume relationship (ESPVR) is where elastance reaches its maximum (refer to Figure 1 in the main manuscript). Kass et. al. [2] have defined E_{max} to occur at end systole and E_{min} at end diastole.

Experimental Validation

Stroke Work Theory

The area of a general two-dimensional region D can be found using a double integral

$$A = \int \int_{D} dA \tag{6}$$

which can be written as

$$\oint_c x \ dy = -\oint_c y \ dx \tag{7}$$

by Green's theorem, where C is the boundary of the curve of the region. Therefore, stroke work is calculated as

$$SW = \oint_{c} V \ dP = -\oint_{c} P \ dv \tag{8}$$

where C is the bounding curve of the PV loop.

Fitting Elastance Curve Without Including Emax and Emin

We implemented the approach described in Seemann et al. [3] of fitting only four parameters, $\eta_1, \eta_2, \tau_1, \tau_2$, on the normalized elastance curve and setting the amplitude parameters to

$$E_{max} = \frac{LVP_{systole}}{V(T_{LVPmax}) - V_0}$$
 $E_{min} = \frac{LVP_{diastole}}{V(T_{ED}) - V_0}$

 $LVP_{systole}$ is obtained using peak LV pressure over one cardiac cycle (and $V(T_{LVPmax})$) the LV volume at the time that peak pressure is reached). $LVP_{diastole}$ is determined by estimating first and higher derivatives of LV Pressure data and the value is determined by locating the maximum of the peak of the second derivative. Identifications were verified by visual inspection for each animal data. Using this approach, we consistently obtained an underestimation of peak elastance (Emax). To obtain a better estimator, we allowed Emax and Emin to be fitted directly. Note that Seemann et al. utilized a Newton-Raphson iteration to determine Emax value. Our approach is similar by simultaneously finding parameter values for least square error minimization.

Additional Figures

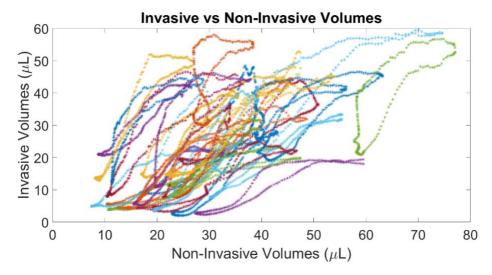


Figure S1 – Comparison of LV volume obtained from invasive procedure and non-invasive 4D echocardiography. Each color shows a different animal and each closed curve traces one cardiac cycle.

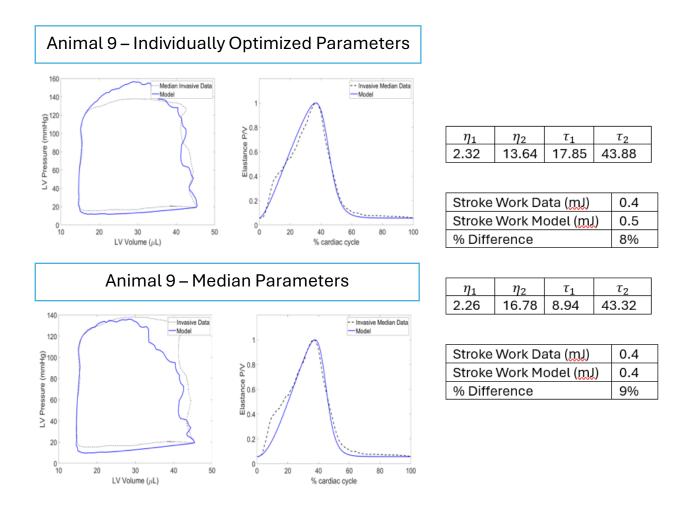


Figure S2 – Comparison between invasively-obtained PV loop data and model projection using individually fitted parameters or median parameters shown for a different animal than in Figure 5.

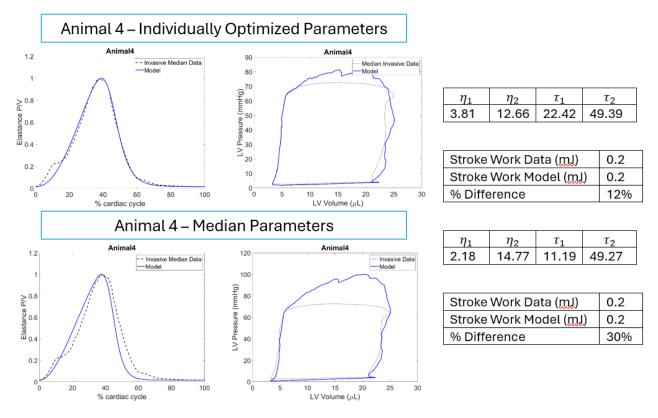


Figure S3 – Additional comparison between invasively-obtained PV loop data and model projection using individually fitted parameters or median parameter shown for a different animal than in Figure 5.