

# Wavelet analysis reveals coherence dynamics between triggered and spontaneous $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ oscillations in subepicardial cardiomyocytes

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## ABSTRACT

$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions play a key role in the formation of the electrical and mechanical responses of the heart. Sporadic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves were observed using confocal laser microscopy in the subepicardial layers of the myocardium of an isolated rat heart under hypoxic conditions. Such waves propagate a short distance around their source and interfere with sinus rhythm. The source of these waves are local high-frequency oscillations  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release (LHFOR) regions, associated with hypercontraction-related damage sites. Analysis of the frequency and amplitude characteristics of calcium waves in LHFOR made it possible to characterize them as non stationary damped oscillations with maximum frequency of about 3 Hz with damping rate of about 0.27 Hz/min. LHFOR can interfere with the third and second harmonics of sinus rhythm, leading to the emergence of time intervals with increased coherence between the aberrant and normal rhythm. The findings suggest possible involvement of abnormal  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum in the process of arrhythmogenic activity of the heart in hypoxic condition.

**Key words:** calcium waves, cardiomyocytes, myocardium, ischemia, arrhythmia, wavelet coherence

## INTRODUCTION

Integral  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum following action potentials propagating along the excitable membrane of cardiomyocytes is the main factor initiating a contractile response. Arrhythmias associated with myocardial damage are one of the leading causes of death in the ageing human population ((1), (0)). An intracellular accumulation of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  caused by a failure of the ATP-dependent mechanisms known to be the key events in myocardial damage during ischemia (2–4). In the process of damage progression functional myocardial tissue becomes  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -overloaded and then lost functionality with the properties of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves changing progressively over time (5, 6). Under a number of adverse conditions and/or according to individual heart diseases, abnormal forms of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum are observed, which may cause arrhythmogenesis (7). One form of this abnormal release is spontaneous space-time changes in the level of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in the cytoplasm (sporadic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves), observed both in isolated cardiomyocytes (2, 3) and in situ experiments, including the perfused heart (4, 5). However, the sources of these waves, the conditions for their appearance, as well as their role and influence on the heart muscle, are not well understood. It is known that hypoxia of the heart muscle is often accompanied by tachycardia, group extrasystoles, bouts of paroxysmal rhythm disturbances. The extent to which these violations can be associated with the appearance of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves remains unknown.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics at the border zones between the infarcted and non-infarcted myocardium is considered to be a key element for arrhythmogenesis (8). The aim of the work was to find out whether hypoxia as one of the factors of myocardial damage can trigger sporadic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves, and if so, can these waves affect the oscillatory activity of intact cardiomyocytes in the working heart. We applied the method of confocal microscopy and carried out a frequency analysis of calcium oscillations in cardiomyocytes from border zone between the necrotic and healthy myocardium.

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

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### Animals

Studies were conducted in accordance with regulations of the National Committee on Bioethics of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Sechenov Institute of Physiology and Evolutionary Biochemistry. Experiments were performed in hearts isolated from adult Wistar male rats ( $N = 00$ ; body weight 200–250 g).

### Heart staining

Animals were anesthetized with sodium Nembutal (50 kg - 1 , i.p., 50 mg), and then the hearts were harvested/removed via thoracotomy. The preparation was retrogradely perfused via the aortic cannula through with a Tyrode's solution of the following composition (mM): 140 NaCl, 1.0 MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 4.5 KCl, 10 glucose, 1 CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 10 HEPES. The pH of the solution was maintained at 7.4 by continuously bubbling with 95% O<sub>2</sub>/ 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature maintained at 37 C°. Effluent was drained via a catheter placed in dish so as not to touch the heart. Myosin ATPase inhibitor, blebbistatin (10 μM, Sigma, USA) was added to the Tyrode's solution perfusing the heart to stop heart contraction and prevent associated artifacts (Farman et al., 2008). To prevent motion artifact in optical recordings, muscle contraction was inhibited with 20 μ M/L of (-)-blebbistatin (10). The dyes Fluo-4-AM, Tetramethylrhodamine Methyl Ester Perchlorate, TMRM, and Di-8-ANEPPS, was obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific. Heart perfusion was performed using a modified Langendorff system. Tyrode solution with CaCl<sub>2</sub> (1 mM/L) was used as the perfusion medium. A similar solution with the addition of the fluorescent dyes Fluo-4 (20 μ M/L) and Di-8-ANEPPS (20 μ M/L) was used for visualization of the Ca<sup>2+</sup> waves.

### Confocal microscopy

To investigate spontaneous Ca<sup>2+</sup> waves in myocardium, we positioned isolated perfused heart in organ bath with thin bottom (180 μ m), left ventricle in conjunction with an oil-immersible objective lens on an inverted microscope (Leica). This combination provide sufficient depth discrimination to focus directly onto the epicardial layers and individual cells within the intact functioning organ.

To the simultaneous detection of fluorescence of Fluo-4 and TMRM we used an argon laser with a wavelength 488 nm and a power of 80% and a HeNe laser with a wavelength of 543 nm and a power of 80%. The fluorescence detection was carried out in the spectral range 493 nm – 540 nm for Fluo-4 and 552 nm – 792 nm for TMRM. Since the specific values of the background fluorescence depended on the density of the capillary network, the amount of connective tissue in the field of view, and other factors, the sensitivity of the PMT detector (gain) was selected individually each time, depending on the conditions of the survey, and was usually 600 to 800 units. changes in fluorescence intensity of Fluo-4 over time (xyt mode) were measured, a resonant scanner (8000 Hz) was used, and the diameter of the confocal pinhole was set to 100 μm. A fluorescent signal was registered in the first layer of cardiomyocytes adjacent to the epicardial surface of an isolated heart (Fig. 1). The fluorescent signal was measured in a whole frame or in certain regions of interest (regions of interest, ROI). Spectral analysis of calcium oscillations was carried out using a fast Fourier transform. Studies were carried out on the model of an isolated working rat heart perfused by the method of Langendorff. The subepicardial layers of the myocardium were examined using an inverted Leica TCS SP5 laser scanning confocal microscope equipped with a resonance scanner and x20, x63 lenses with oil immersion. For visualization of cardiomyocytes, vascular network and connective tissue, perfusion of the hearts was performed with a solution with the addition of the fluorescent dye Di-8-ANEPPS. To visualize free Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions, the Fluo-4 dye was used. For dyeing mitochondria, the TMRM dye was used, the fluorescence intensity of which is proportional to the value of the mitochondrial membrane potential ( Δψ ). With the simultaneous detection of fluorescence Fluo-4 and Di-8-ANEPPS, an argon laser with a wavelength of 488 nm and a power of 80% was used to excite the fluorescence. Fluorescence detection was carried out using two photomultiplier tubes (PMT), 491nm - 581nm for Fluo-4 and 611nm - 792nm for Di-8-ANEPPS. With the simultaneous detection of fluorescence Fluo-4 and TMRM, an argon laser with a wavelength of 488 nm and a power of 80% and a HeNe laser with a wavelength of 543 nm and a power of 80% were used to excite the fluorescence. The fluorescence detection was carried out in the spectral range 493 nm-540 nm for Fluo-4 and 552 nm — 792 nm for TMRM. Since the specific values of the background fluorescence depended on the density of the capillary network, the amount of connective tissue in the field

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## Data collection and analysis

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Table 1: An example table

Code	Item	Quantity	MaxFrequency
40 ROI	Cells <sup>a</sup>	40	1
24x24 grid	ROIs	13 <sup>b</sup> 576	2

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Recorded time-series image stack were analyzed in ImageJ v.1.52p software(11). measurement duration= 109.6 s sampling frequency 14.29745 Hz Time series analysis in BAR plugin: raw signal and normalization against F0, multi ROI profiler 16 ROI 10 x 20  $\mu\text{m}$  were manually selected Wavelet analysis Formula from (12) and from (13) ... To cite R in publications use: (14)

To cite package WaveletComp in publications use: (15) Wavelet methodology is a reasonable choice to study periodic phenomena in time series, particularly in the presence of potential frequency changes across time. packages for wavelet analysis in R number of simulations = 100 WaveletComp (version 1.1) analyzes the frequency structure of uni- and bivariate time series using the Morlet wavelet. This wavelet leads to a continuous, complex-valued wavelet transform of the time series with careful selection of time and frequency resolution parameters. The transform provides information on both local amplitude and instantaneous phase of any periodic process across time with subsequent investigation of coherency between two time series.

The “mother” Morlet wavelet is:

$$\psi(t) = \pi^{-1/4} e^{i\omega t - t^2/2} \quad (1)$$

In formula 1 “angular frequency”  $\omega$  is set to 6 since it makes the Morlet wavelet approximately analytic. The Morlet wavelet transform of a time series ( $x_t$ ) is defined as the convolution of the series with a set of “wavelet daughters” generated by the mother wavelet by translation in time by  $\tau$  and scaling by  $s$ :

$$\text{Wave}(\tau, s) = \sum_t x_t \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \psi^* \left( \frac{t - \tau}{s} \right) \quad (2)$$

In formula 2  $\tau$  is the localizing time parameter defines position of the particular daughter wavelet in the time domain, and the set of scales  $s$  determines the wavelet coverage of the series in the frequency domain. WaveletComp uses Fast Fourier Transform algorithms to evaluate formula 2 efficiently. The evolving in time local amplitude of any periodic component of the time series can then be retrieved from the modulus of its wavelet transform with rectification:

$$\text{Ampl}(\tau, s) = \frac{|\text{Wave}(\tau, s)|}{s^{1/2}}. \quad (3)$$

The wavelet power spectrum is the square of the amplitude, understand as time-frequency (or time-period) wavelet energy density:

$$\text{Power}(\tau, s) = \frac{|\text{Wave}(\tau, s)|^2}{s}. \quad (4)$$

Displacements of periodic phenomena relative to the localizing origin  $\tau$ , shifted across the time domain, are given by the instantaneous or local wavelet phase. It can be wrapped to represent an angle in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ :

$$\text{Phase}(\tau, s) = \text{Arg}(\text{Wave}(\tau, s)) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{Im}(\text{Wave}(\tau, s))}{\text{Re}(\text{Wave}(\tau, s))} \right). \quad (5)$$

The concepts of cross-wavelet analysis provide appropriate tools for (i) comparing the frequency contents of two time series, (ii) drawing conclusions about the series' synchronicity at certain periods and across certain ranges of time. The cross-wavelet transform of two time series ( $x(t)$ ) and ( $y(t)$ ), with respective wavelet transforms  $\text{Wave.x}$  and  $\text{Wave.y}$ , decomposes the Fourier co- and quadrature-spectra in the time-frequency (or time-scale) domain. WaveletComp implements the rectified version according to Veleda et al. [16]:

$$\text{Wave.xy}(\tau, s) = \frac{\text{Wave.x}(\tau, s) \cdot \text{Wave.y}^*(\tau, s)}{s} \quad (6)$$

Its modulus can be interpreted as cross-wavelet power; it lends itself, with certain limitations, to an assessment of the similarity of the two series' wavelet power in the time-frequency (or time-scale) domain:

$$\text{Power.xy}(\tau, s) = |\text{Wave.xy}(\tau, s)| \quad (7)$$

Information about the two series' synchronization in terms of the instantaneous or local phase advance of any periodic component of ( $x(t)$ ) with respect to the correspondent component of ( $y(t)$ ), viz. the so-called phase difference of  $x$  over  $y$  at each localizing time origin and scale:

$$\text{Angle.xy}(\tau, s) = \text{Arg}(\text{Wave.xy}(\tau, s)) \quad (8)$$

This equals the difference of individual phases,  $\text{Phase.x} - \text{Phase.y}$ , when converted to an angle in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Phase differences are displayed as arrows in the image plot of cross-wavelet power.

In order to analyze displacements of periodic phenomena in two time series, a comparative plot of wavelet coherency may be helpful. Wavelet coherency measures the cross-correlation between two time series as a function of frequency: the wavelet coherence is given by the formula:

$$\text{Coherence} = \frac{|\text{sWave.xy}|^2}{\text{sPower.x} \cdot \text{sPower.y}} \quad (9)$$

The need for smoothing is indicated by the prefix  $s$ .

Contour lines added to the wavelet power spectrum delineate areas of high significance. Wavelet power spectrum of the series with variable period Horizontal arrows pointing to the right indicate that the two series  $x$  and  $y$  are in phase at the respective period with vanishing phase differences. Likewise, horizontal arrows pointing to the left indicate that the two series are in anti-phase; The arrows are plotted only within white contour lines indicating significance (with respect to the null hypothesis of white noise processes) at the 10% level. Cross-Wavelet power spectrum of the series with interval color key and restricted arrow area Limit the area where arrows are drawn to the region where both individual wavelet transforms of  $x$  and  $y$  show significance (set `which.arrow.sig = "wt"`), and avoid the artifacts of the The significance level of contour lines defined to . The plot of the ridge can be restricted to a high-level region ("high" according to a given level of plotted values). In particular, the area to be filled with arrows can be determined in several ways: to reflect significance (at a given level) with respect to cross-wavelet power, wavelet coherence, or individual wavelet power, and/or to flag a high-value region. Furthermore, there is an option to clear out the area where the p-values of cross-wavelet power (coherence, respectively) exceed a given level.

Calibration with a sine wave signal

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Calcium waves How calcium waves are formed and what the consequences may be. Solitons

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In ischemic myocardium, calcium waves are considered as an arrhythmogenic substrate. The effect of hypoxia on calcium oscillations in the epicardial layer of cardiomyocytes.

In the course of myocardial observations after simultaneous staining of Di-8-ANEPPS and Fluo-4 under conditions where cardiac contractions were inhibited by blebbistatin, normal myocardial regions characterized by passage of a global calcium-ejection wave corresponding to sinus rhythm and small contractions were revealed. Tissue abbreviations were determined by averaging the Di-8-ANEPPS fluorescent signal from ten arbitrarily selected ROIs of  $20 \mu\text{m} \times 20 \mu\text{m}$  size (Figure 5). Also, the areas of the myocardium, located in different stages of ischemic damage, were identified. For the initial stage of damage,

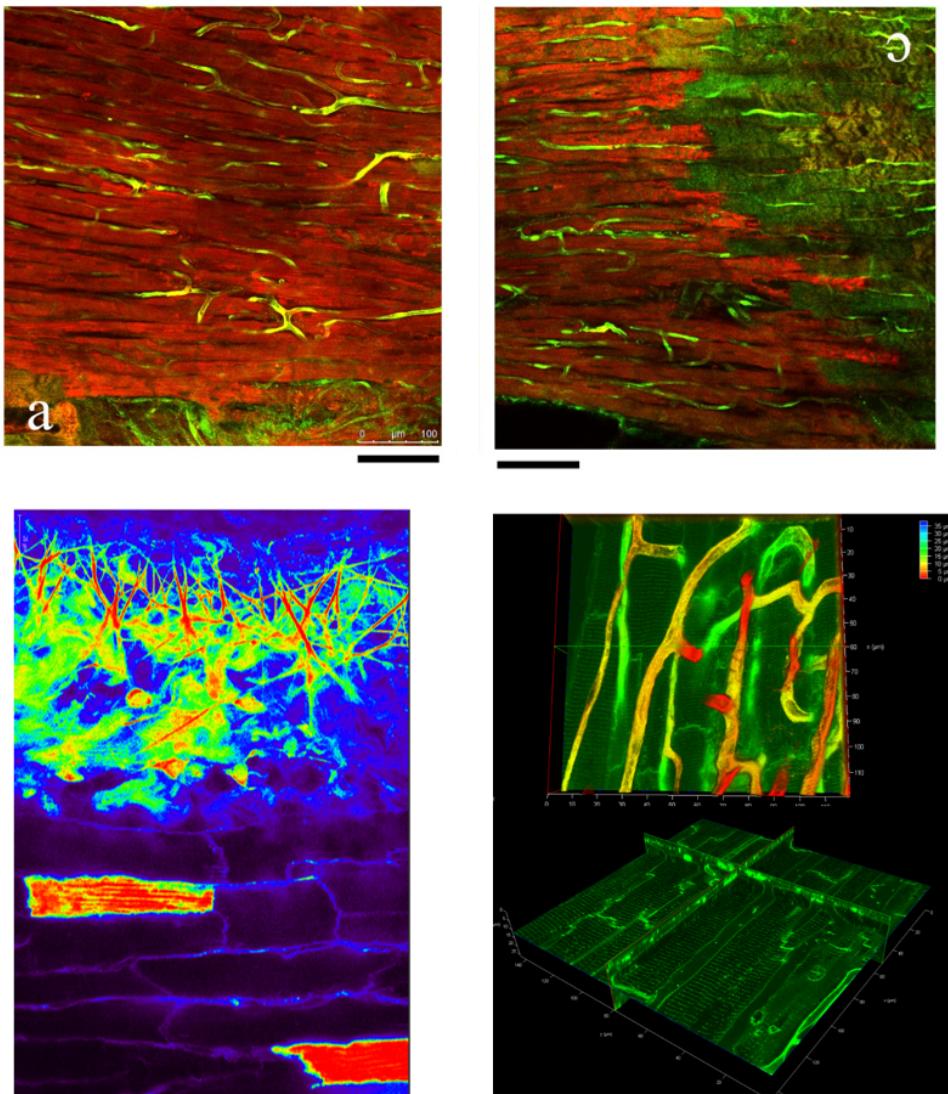


Figure 1: Confocal view and 3D models of epicardial cardiomyocytes, connective tissue and capillaries

groups of cardiomyocytes with an increased value of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , in which high-frequency calcium waves were observed (Fig. 6), are characteristic. Nascent on the edge of the cell or in its middle, these waves can spread to neighboring cells (Figure 7). With a slight increase in the intracellular calcium concentration, such waves are erased by each subsequent global calcium release (Figure 11, B), and with a strong increase in  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in cardiomyocytes relative to the baseline observed in the normal myocardium, the global calcium release does not interfere with the formation of calcium waves (Fig. 11, B, D). The cardiomyocytes adjacent to the necrosis zone were characterized mainly by slow, damped calcium waves with a large amplitude (Fig. 8).

Calcium waves in the subepicardial myocardium in Langendorff-perfused rat heart. We found that cardiomyocytes located in the border zone adjacent to the necrosis zone are characterized by an increased content of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions, a reduced mitochondrial potential and contractile activity.

Simultaneous recordings of AP-induced and spontaneous calcium transients

We decided to apply a wavelet analysis of calcium oscillation frequencies. (16) norm coherence was used as a control in cell 9, an increase in coherence is observed as the frequency decreases to the second harmonic of sinus rhythm 16 with damped low frequency oscillations self-coherence increases in intensity and does not change in phase cell 10 is shrinking, it can be seen on non-normalized video (see appendix)

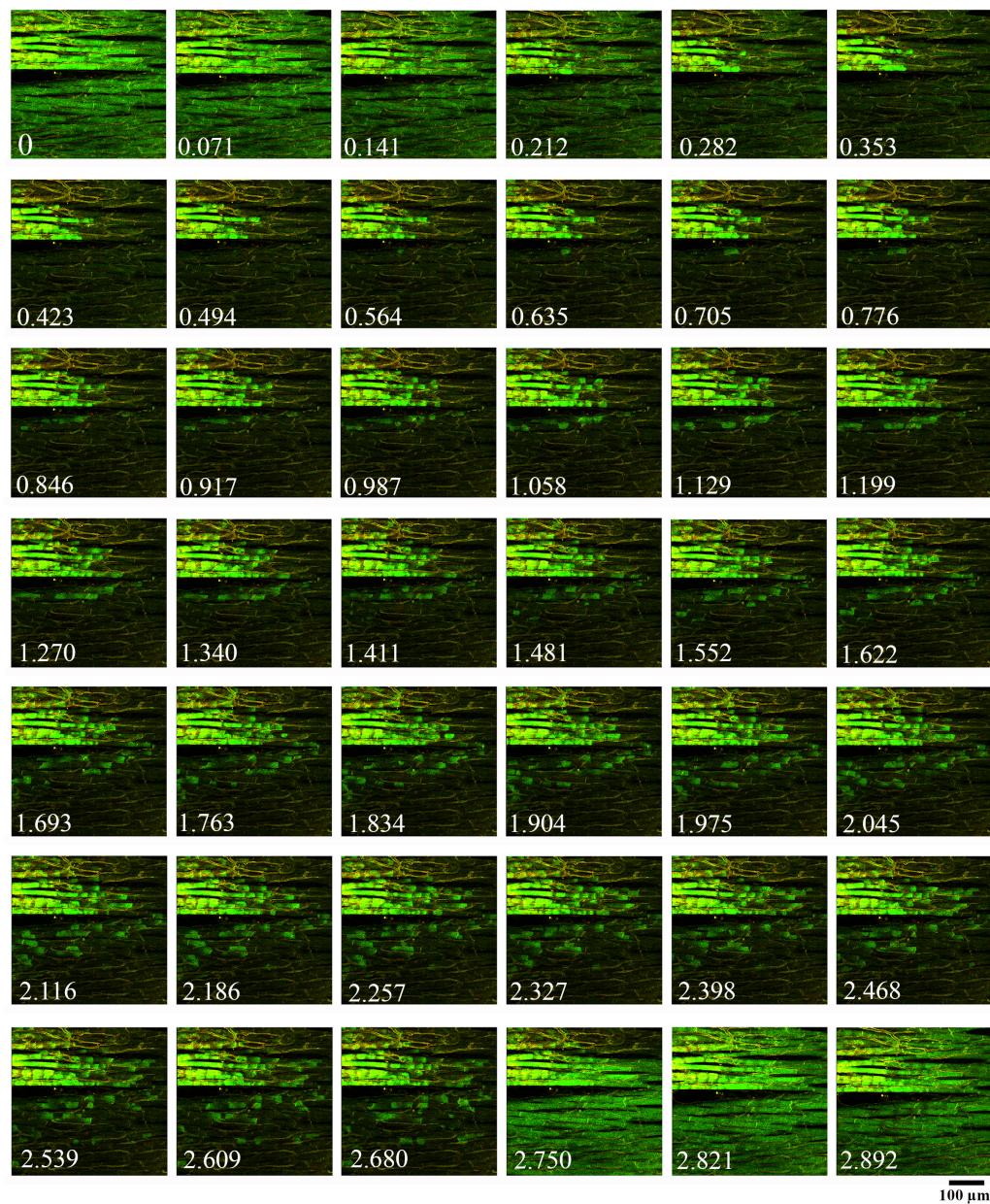


Figure 2: clustering and kinesiogramms, Normalized against F0 (left) and not normalized (right) frames with ROI selection and heat maps of Flou-4 fluorescence intensity signals

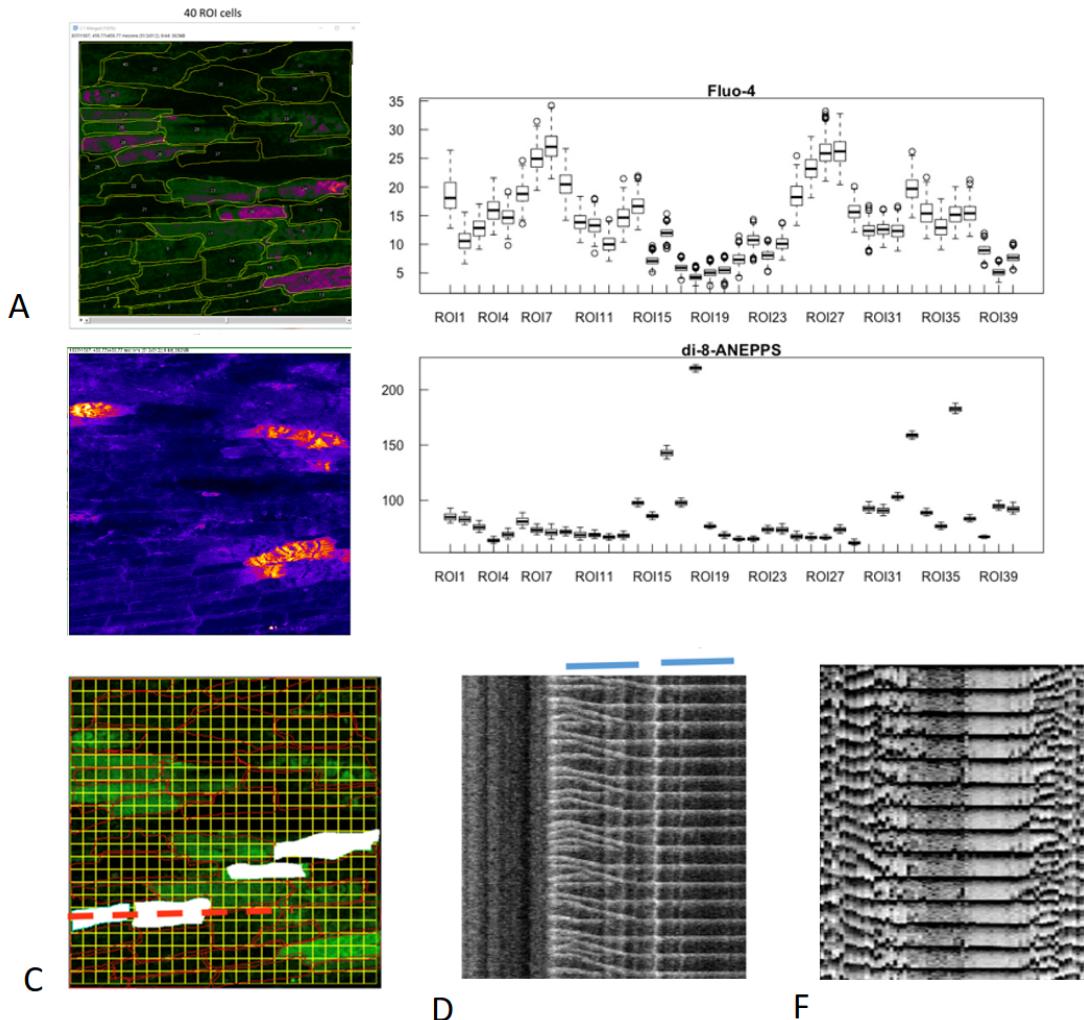


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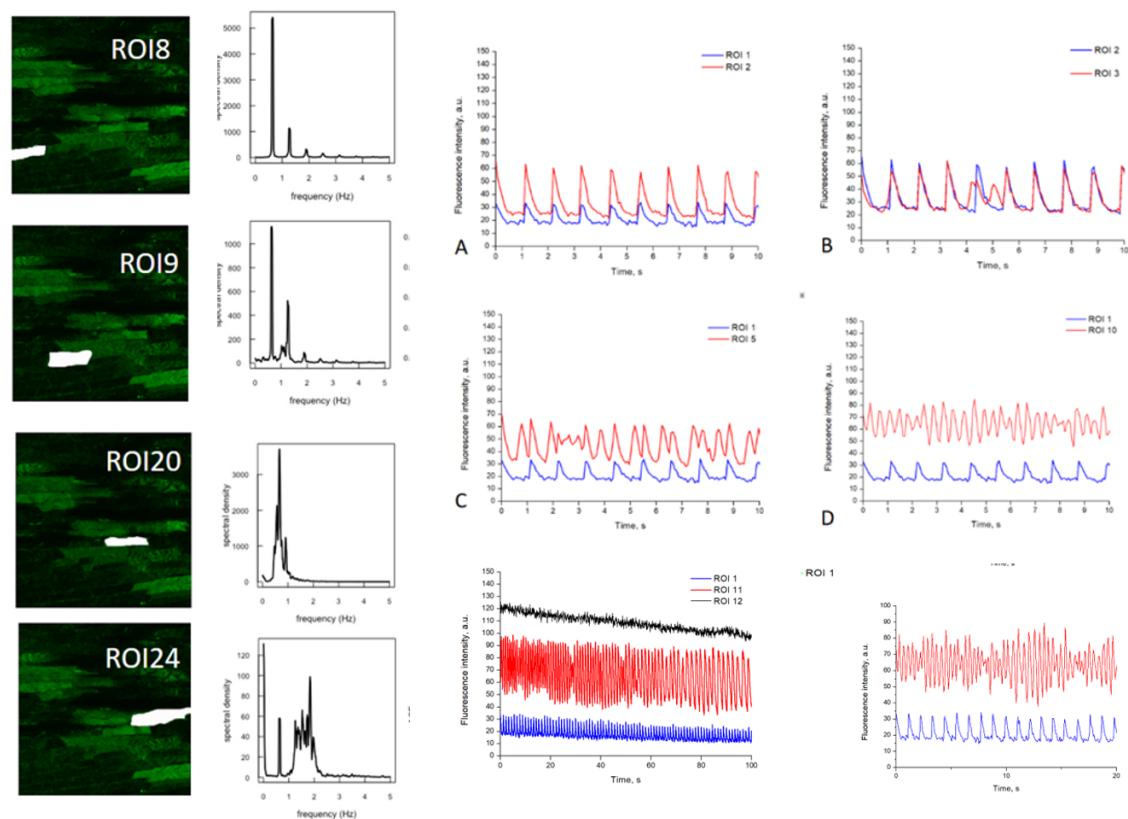


Figure 4: Time series analysis and wavelet coherence

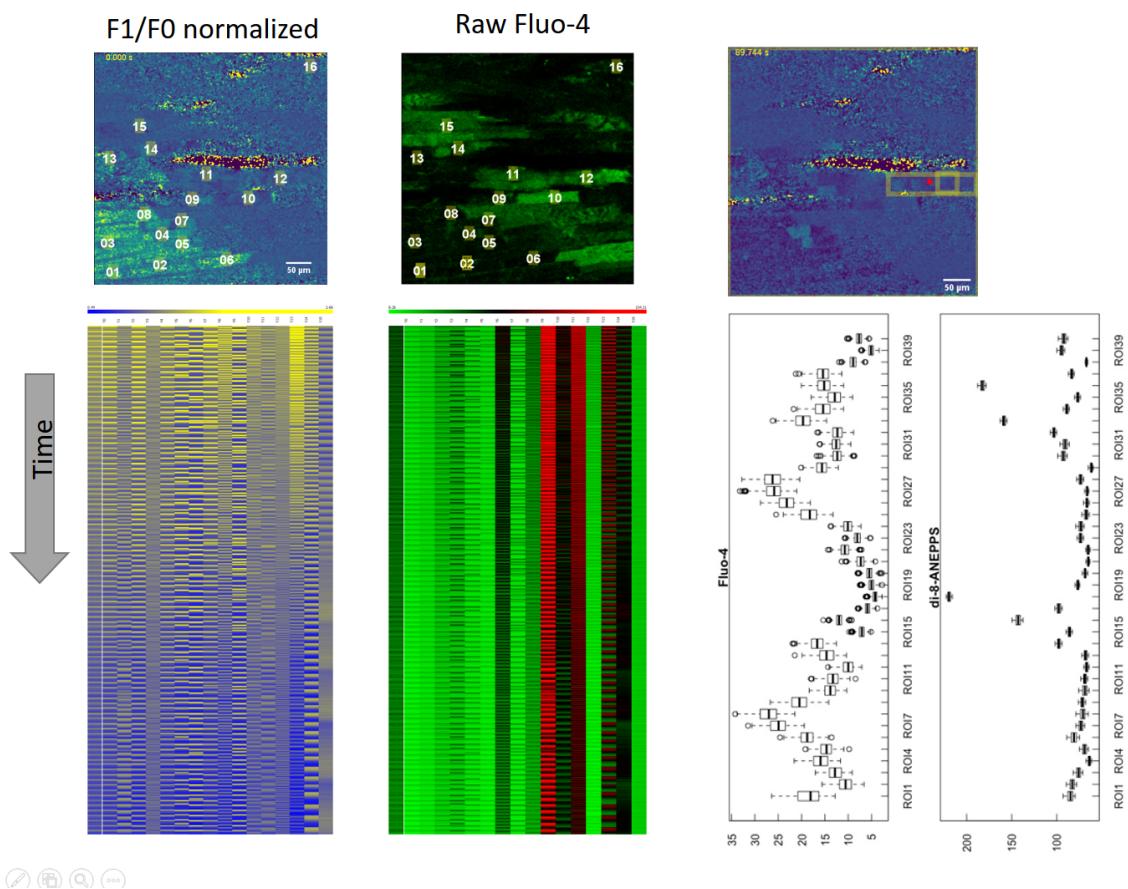


Figure 5: Nested ROI with the appropriate pixel dimensions: 512x512 - whole frame, 180x40 - one cell, 40x40,10x10, 2x2 - cell areas containing HFOLS.

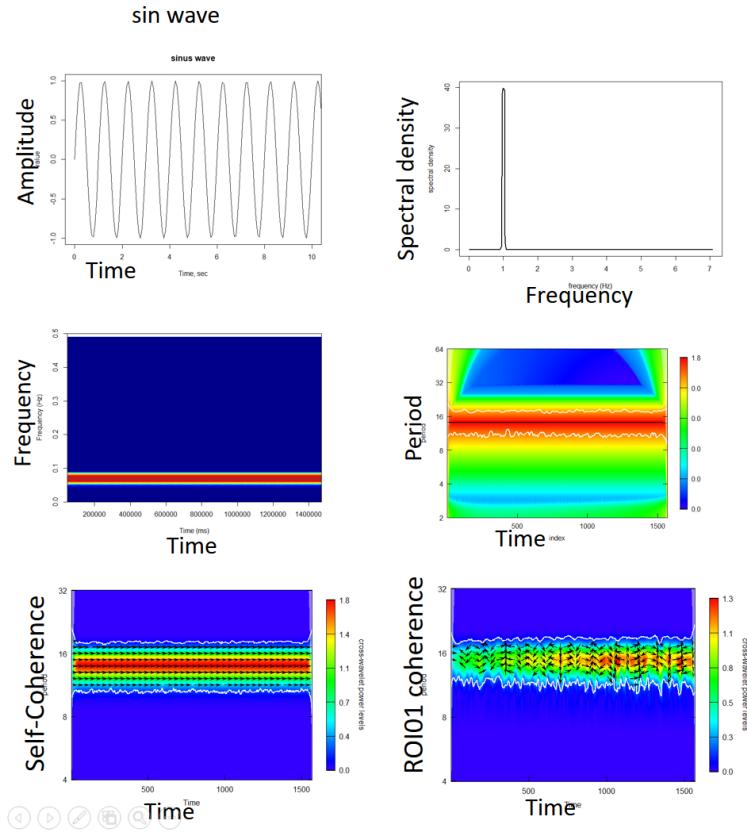


Figure 6: Calibration with 1 Hz sin wave

We performed a calculation of the 8 coherence between the sinus rhythm and cardiomyocytes in various stages of damage. The role of calcium in regulation of contraction. in the occurrence of arrhythmias.

Fig. 1. Cardiomyocytes adjacent to the epicardial surface of the heart. Based on a series of optical sections, a three-dimensional image of a portion of the myocardium of an isolated rat heart stained with a potential dependent Di-8-ANEPPS dye. The epicardial surface of the heart is located on top. Different types of myocardial damage. Different parts of the myocardium of the rat, colored for active mitochondria (red) and free calcium ions (green). a is a normal tissue; b - groups of cells with reduced mitochondrial potential and elevated calcium content; c, d - groups of cells with necrotic striation. Optical sections of subepicardial ventricular layers.

The scale segments are  $100 \mu\text{m}$ . Measurement of fluorescence intensity in the area of the myocardium stained for active mitochondria (red) and free calcium ions (green). The scale segment is  $50 \mu\text{m}$ . For comparison, six ROIs of  $10 \mu\text{m} \times 20 \mu\text{m}$  are selected. Pixel intensity distribution histograms were constructed for each ROI.

In the book (17) about atrial fibrillation ... Arrhythmia

Fig. 11. Pairwise comparison of calcium waves of cardiomyocytes located in the perinekrothic zone of the epicardial region of the ventricular myocardium of an isolated working rat heart. Fluorescence intensity curves of Fluo-4 versus time are presented. A, B - comparison of signals in neighboring cells, C - comparison of signals in cells lying at a distance of  $100 \mu\text{m}$  from each other, D - comparison of signals in cells lying at a distance of  $300 \mu\text{m}$  from each other.

The FFT analysis of calcium oscillations showed that in the cardiomyocytes of the perinecrosis boundary zone, as the concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  increases, the amplitude of normal fluctuations in the concentration of ionized  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  first increases (Figure 11, A), then single calcium waves break the sinus rhythm (Figure 11, B), then autonomous high-frequency calcium oscillations arise that attenuate, reaching a certain threshold, (Figure 11, Figure 13, Figure 13), after which the cardiomyocytes begin to hyper-shrink. Such calcium waves can be a source of arrhythmias and contribute to the development of contractile dysfunction in heart diseases.

Fig. 2. Calcium waves in rat myocardium against a background of global calcium release. Optical section of the epicardial region of the ventricular myocardium of the isolated working heart of the rat, painted Di-8-ANEPPS (red) and Fluo-4 (green),

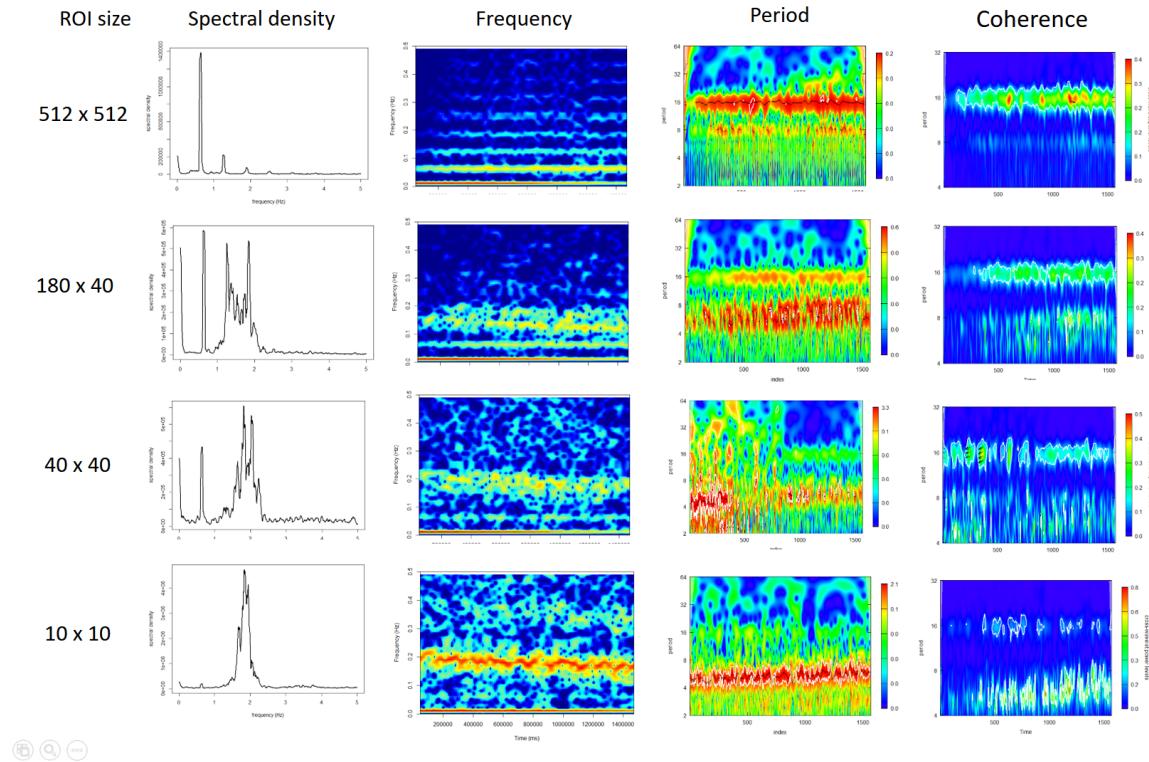


Figure 7: Simultaneous recordings of  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  during spontaneous firing in neighboring epicardial cardiomyocytes.  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  was monitored with the fluorescent probe Fluo-4 (see Experimental Procedures).  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  measurement covers the  $10 \times 20 \text{ m}\mu\text{m}$  ROI. AP occurred spontaneously without any stimulation

combined image. The scale segment is  $100 \mu\text{m}$ . White squares indicate the selected ROI size of  $100 \mu\text{m} \times 100 \mu\text{m}$ . Fluorescent fluorescence intensity plots in selected ROI: red line - ROI 01, green line - ROI 02. Measurement of the fluorescence intensity versus time in the myocardium, stained for active mitochondria (red) and free calcium ions (green). The scale segment is  $20 \mu\text{m}$ . Shooting for 25 min, the frame corresponding to a point of 500 seconds is presented. A plot of the fluorescence intensity measured in the frame is plotted against time.

Pairwise comparison of the frequencies of calcium waves of cardiomyocytes located in the perinekrozie zone of the ventricular myocardial epicardial region of an isolated working rat heart. A - comparison of signals in neighboring cells, B - comparison of signals in cells lying at a distance of  $200 \mu\text{m}$  from each other. Comparison of calcium waves of cardiomyocytes located in the perinekrozie zone of the ventricular myocardial epicardial region of an isolated working rat heart. Plots of fluorescence intensity of Fluo-4 versus time are shown, which are typical for cells located at different stages of damage. The green line is a cell with a normal rhythm; blue line - a cell with a high content of  $Ca^{2+}$  and sinus rhythm disturbances; red line - high-frequency spindle-shaped oscillations; turquoise line - damped oscillations, cell in terminal stage; the black line is a cell in the stage of hypercontraction. Calcium waves in cardiomyocytes lying near the necrosis zone. Optical section of the myocardium stained with Fluo-4 (green) and Di-8-ANEPPS (red). On the combined image, the dotted rectangles indicate the selected ROI. The scale segment is  $100 \mu\text{m}$ . On the fluorescence intensity curves of Fluo-4 in the selected ROI, damped oscillations are seen. Total observation time is 90 sec. Optical recording of sinus rhythm in the myocardium. A - Optical sections of the epicardial region of the ventricular myocardium of the isolated working heart of the rat, painted with Di-8-ANEPPS (red) and Fluo-4 (green). B - Fluorescence intensity curves Fluo-4 (black line) and myocardial contractions (red line) versus time. Presented frames are indicated by black arrows. The scale segment is  $100 \mu\text{m}$ .

Calcium waves in rat myocardium against a background of global calcium release. A - Optical sections of the epicardial region of the ventricular myocardium of the isolated working heart of the rat, painted with Di-8-ANEPPS (red) and Fluo-4 (green). B - Plots of fluorescence intensity of Fluo-4 versus time. Presented frames are indicated by black arrows. The scale segment is  $100 \mu\text{m}$ .

Optical section of the myocardium stained with Fluo-4 (green). For comparison, 12 ROIs with a size of  $10 \mu\text{m} \times 20 \mu\text{m}$  are selected. The asterisk marks areas with necrotic striation. The scale segment is  $10 \mu\text{m}$ . Graphs of fluorescence intensity of

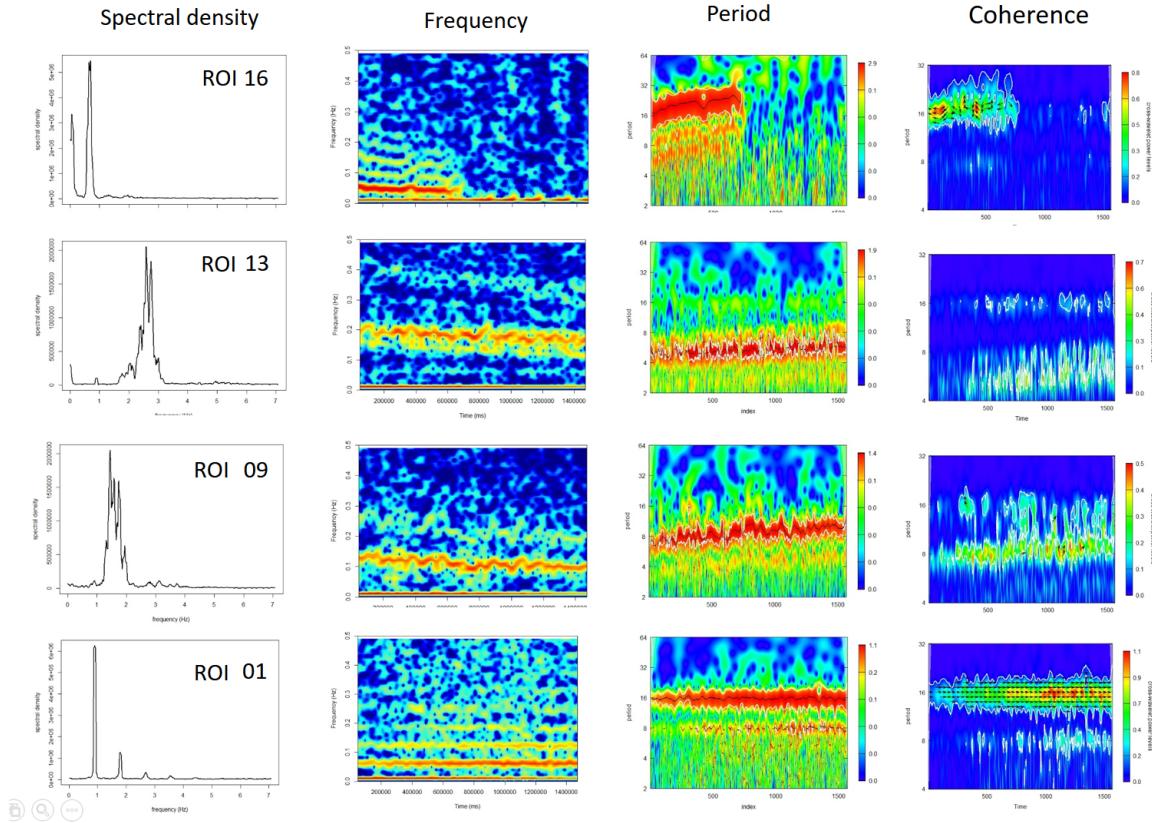


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flu-4 versus time (left column) and the dependence of the frequency of calcium concentration fluctuations on the amplitude (right column) in the selected ROI. Normal vibrations corresponding to sinus rhythm (ROI 1), high-frequency spindle (ROI 10), low-frequency attenuating (ROI 11) oscillations, and a signal characteristic for the cell in the stage of hyper-contraction are presented. Calcium waves in the subepicardial myocardium in Langendorff-perfused rat heart. Fig. 1. Cross-sections through image stacks acquired with laser scanning confocal microscopy of . . . loaded with fluo-4 and ANEPPS.

Spontaneous Ca waves in cardiomyocytes is associated with local damage sites. Fig. 1 A shows a comparison of  $Ca^{2+}$  levels in normal (ROI1) and locally damaged (ROI11) cells along with maximum  $Ca^{2+}$  level registered from totally  $Ca$ -overloaded hypercontracted cell.

Studies were made of the frequency characteristics of calcium waves arising in cardiomyocytes of the border zone. For comparison, 12 cells were selected located next to the necrosis zone (Fig. 9). In each cell, an ROI was determined in which fluorescence fluctuation values of Fluo-4 were measured. The obtained values were processed by the FFT method in the Origin program, some of the frequency characteristics of the calcium waves are shown in Fig. 10 (the data table is presented in the file Fluo-4. When the mitochondria and free  $Ca^{2+}$  ions were stained in the absence of contractile activity and sinus rhythm (inhibition by BDM) in the heart, they were detected as areas of the normal myocardium, characterized by a high  $\Delta \psi$  and a low value of  $Ca^{2+}$  (Fig. 2, a, Fig. 3, ROI 4-6), and areas of the myocardium, which is in different stages of ischemic damage. An area was identified where, in one field of view of the microscope, it was possible to take readings from cells in successive stages of approach to death. A number of characteristics of the cells were built up, with increasing signs of ischemic damage. For the initial stage of the lesion, groups of cardiomyocytes with a reduced and a high value of  $Ca^{2+}$  are characteristic (Fig. 2b, Fig. 3, ROI 2-3). In such cells, oscillations of  $Ca^{2+}$  (calcium waves) were observed. At further stages of damage in the tissue, foci of necrosis appear, which are noticeable by the appearance of necrotic striation (Fig. 2, c, d). When a normal myocardium section was observed for 25 min, a continuous decrease in the fluorescence intensity of TMRM was recorded, fluorescence intensity of Fluo-4 first increased for 15 min, and only then began to decrease (Fig. 4). These data are consistent with the notion that as the decreases, the mitochondria begin to accumulate  $Ca^{2+}$ .

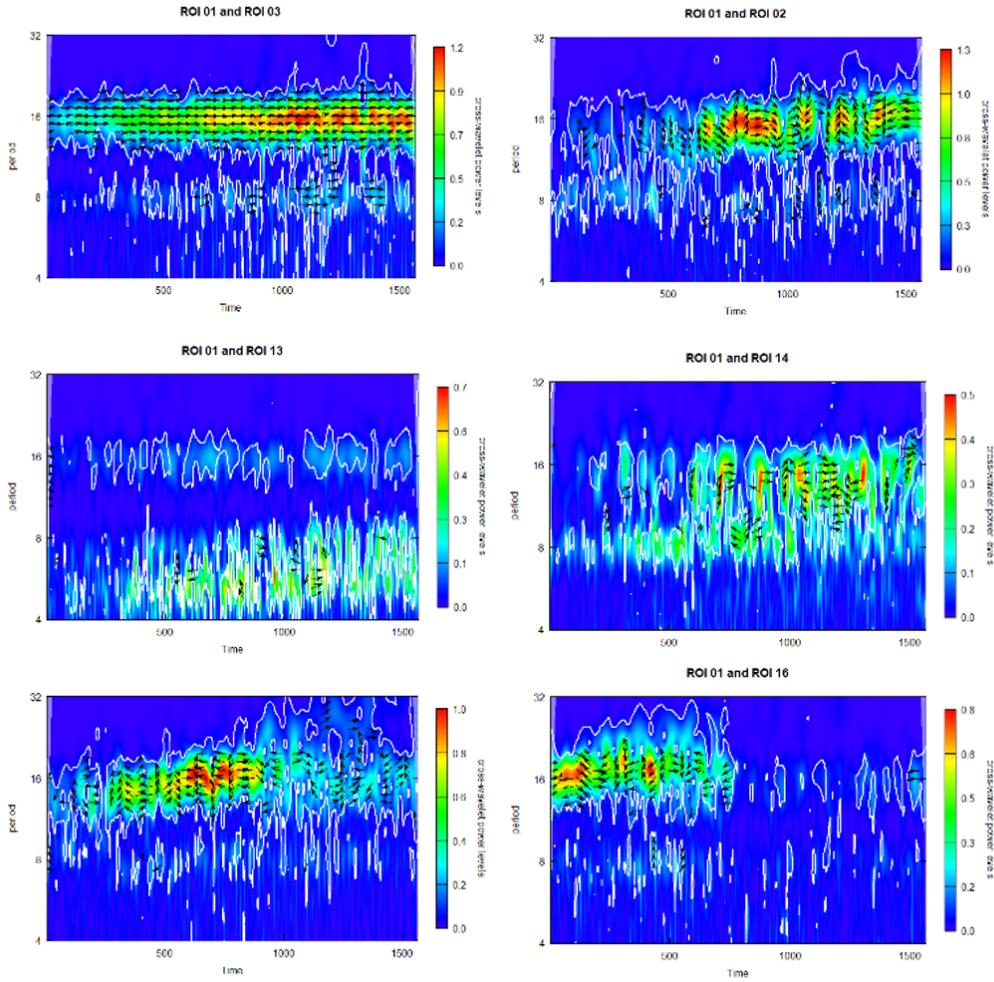


Figure 9: Wavelet coherence images of two time series provided by correspondent ROI fluorescent imaging within subepicardial layer. The vertical axis shows the Fourier periods. The horizontal axis shows time step counts. Further plot design options concern: plot of the cone of influence, plot of contour lines to border areas of significance, plot of the ridge, and plot of arrows to reflect phase differences.

For the initial stage of damage, groups of cardiomyocytes with an elevated value of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , in which high-frequency calcium waves were observed (Fig. 6), are characteristic. Nascent on the edge of the cell or in its middle, these waves can spread to neighboring cells (Figure 7). With a slight increase in the intracellular calcium concentration, such waves are erased by each subsequent global calcium release (Figure 11, B), and with a strong increase in  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in cardiomyocytes relative to the baseline observed in the normal myocardium, the global calcium release does not interfere with the formation of calcium waves (Fig. 11, B, D). Undoubtedly, the prognostic significance can be the detection of the switching point from the state of the cell, in which global waves can crush pathological, contributing to the restoration of a normal rhythm, to a transition through the "point of no return" when recovery is no longer possible. We found that cardiomyocytes located in the border zone adjacent to the necrosis zone are characterized by an increased content of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions, a reduced mitochondrial potential and contractile activity. Studies were made of the frequency characteristics of calcium waves arising in cardiomyocytes of the border zone. For comparison, 12 cells were selected located next to the necrosis zone (Fig. 9). In each cell, an ROI was determined in which fluorescence fluctuation values of Fluo-4 were measured. The obtained values were processed by the FFT method in the Origin program, some frequency characteristics of the calcium waves are shown in Fig. 10 (the data table is presented in the file Fluo-4 ROI 01-12.xlsx). The FFT analysis of calcium oscillations showed that in the cardiomyocytes of the perinecrosis boundary zone, as the concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  increases, the amplitude of normal fluctuations in the concentration of ionized  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  first

increases (Figure 11, A), then single calcium waves break the sinus rhythm (Figure 11, B), then autonomous high-frequency calcium oscillations arise which, attaining a certain threshold, decay (Figure 11 B, D, Figure 12, Figure 13), after which the cardiomyocytes begin to hyper-shrink. Such calcium waves can be a source of arrhythmias and contribute to the development of contractile dysfunction in heart diseases. The cardiomyocytes adjacent to the necrosis zone were characterized mainly by slow, damped calcium waves with a large amplitude (Fig. 8).

#### Word Definition

#### Concept Explanation

#### Idea Text

An example quotation:

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## DISCUSSION

(18) provide the first demonstration of local, transient  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  entry (LoCE) events, which comprise cardiac SOCE. Although infrequent in WT myocytes, LoCEs occurred with greater frequency and amplitude in CpVt myocytes.

As was clearly demonstrated (9), Ischemic myocardial damage manifests itself as a source of calcium waves. We show in this paper, on a model of an isolated rat heart, what the frequency characteristics of calcium oscillations recorded in the border zone near necrosis. Intracellular calcium accumulation caused by weakening of ATP-dependent mechanisms due to lack of oxygen supply causes foci of high-frequency calcium oscillations that go out of control by sino-atrial rhythm.

scale modeling approach that spans from single channel to whole-cell and spatial simulations, we show that both CICR and SOICR gating modes can indeed activate RyR2 channels and modify  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  spark dynamics in a manner consistent with experimental observations. However, detailed comparison of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave generation and CRU-to-CRU  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave propagation shows that CICR alone is a sufficient, and necessary, mechanism to explain  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release in heart under both physiological and pathological conditions (19)

We assume that such high-frequency activity may cause arrhythmias.

In the ischemic myocardium  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves are regarded as arrhythmic substrates. To quantitatively image how  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves interfere with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients from spontaneous sinus rhythm we used a single-photon confocal laser scanning microscopy in Langendorff-perfused rat hearts. This technique has allowed Intravital imaging visualization of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves propagation at the single-cell level in epicardial cardiomyocytes, avoiding the damage induced by isolation of cardiomyocytes. The effects of hypoxia on oscillations in intracellular calcium concentration  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  were determined in isolated rat heart. The aim was to investigate the frequency characteristics of calcium oscillations arising in the epicardium in response to ischemia Spectral analysis of myocardial analysis of calcium oscillations in rat heart using confocal microscopy was carried out. Optical recording of calcium currents in the rat myocardium during the development of ischemic injury. In cells located at the periphery of the lesion focus, the basal level of calcium remains within normal limits, point-like, prismatic wave sources appear that do not extend to the cell as a whole and are extinguished by a wave of normal ejection. A wave of normal ejection is the result of the work of the pacemaker cells and is accompanied by a synchronous muscle contraction. In cells closer to the lesion focus, the calcium concentration rises. Microtraumas, points of damage are sources of waves. As a result of the hyperscrubbing of ischemic cells, there are gaps between the cardiomyocytes that become the sources of individual transverse waves that cover the whole cell and are able to spread to neighboring cells. As a result of interference of several calcium waves, wave packets arise, the amplitude of which increases as the intracellular concentration of free calcium ions increases. An arrhythmia arises, representing a group of partially damaged and contiguous intact myocardial cells characterized by an elevated concentration of free calcium ions that have their own rhythms of calcium release and muscle contractions and are not affected by pacemaker cells. and during the detachment of the cell the frequency increases spasmodically. Intracellular calcium waves were intensively studied in isolated cardioiocytes by the linescan method (Gyorke, Sunil Kapur). The results obtained revealed the large role of calcium sparks in the nucleation of these waves. Spectral analysis of measure the intensiy of Systolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  alternans hypercontracture-indused calcium oscillations interfere with Systolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  alternans SR  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  content changes during alternans (20) We assume that high-frequency calcium oscillations arise at the time of cardiomyocyte damage caused by hypercontraction. Since in the course of hypercontraction initial damage can be localized as two adjacent sarcomeres, Propagation of transverse calcium wave along longitudinal axis Such anisotropic protagation of calcium waves was described in 1994 by Engel et al, and velocity of wave

propagation rise with temperature. Formation of calcium waves of different type in isolated cardiac myocytes (21) that this type of calcium waves initiate from stochastic (22) subdiffusive (23) Chen et al calcium sparks. This propagation pattern was satisfactorily explained by Finite-element simulations of the three-dimensional cell model, conducted for different intracellular locations of triggering calcium sparks (24) we observed for 100 sec Sustained transverse calcium wave patterns in epicard of isolated heart for some time the damaged cardiomyocyte, which has not lost its connection with neighboring cells, can be a source of high-frequency calcium waves, which are transmitted to neighboring cells through gap junctions. Tomoyuki et al using confocal device with simultaneous recording of electrocardiograms demonstrated that  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves in Langendorff-perfused rat hearts were completely abolished by ventricular excitation, and that under highly  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -overloaded conditions  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves may occur more frequently and propagate more prevalently to the surrounding cells. Authors suggested that  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves play little, if any, pathophysiological role (6,7). Later, it was established that myocardial injury induces  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves in the heart (8,9). Baader et al proposed that spatio-temporal summation of changes in membrane potential caused by individual  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves may underlie the generation of triggered electrical ectopic impulses (10). In recent years, it has become apparent that myocardial ischemia can cause ventricular arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death. Time series Analysis of oscillation periodicity reveal Wavelet coherence analysis of calcium oscillation reveal... Wavelet transform coherence (WTC) is a method for analyzing the coherence and phase lag between two time series as a function of both time and frequency ((25)).

Wavelet toolbox is a useful tool to study hyperscanning data. Many recent publications on NIRS hyperscanning use wavelet coherence to quantify the relationship between two interacting brains (e.g. Baker et al 2016, Nozawa et al 2016). You can see more information about wavelet coherence at [site](#).

In the above figure, I plot the wavelet coherence between the two signals in both time and frequency domain. Coherence is kind of correlation. 1 (red) means the two signals are highly correlated and 0 (blue) means no correlation. There are definitely something interesting between the two signals.

First, there is a red band in the period 8 region. As the sampling frequency of the signals is 10Hz, period 8 means 0.8s. This band is originated from heart beating (1Hz) and indicates that the two people's heart beating is highly correlated.

Second, there are some red blobs in the period 64 region. The button pressing is occurring at 6-7s frequency. These blobs indicate that the two people's brain are correlated during button pressing.

So, with wavelet coherence analysis, you can discover something you might not discover with other methods.

In the following examples, I created two time series, x (blue) and y (red) with different properties (phase shift, frequency and amplitude) and run wtc(x,y,'mcc',0) command. Small white noise was added to the time series.

1. Phase shift and angle. A rightward arrow indicates 0 lag; a bottom-right arrow indicates a Small

Dissynchrony Alternans Hypoxia Frequency Cardiac Heart imaging Repolarization Propagation Release Measurements Dynamics Changes Information Arrhythmia Arrhythmogenic Ectopic Myocardial alternans Increase Experimental Motion time Mitochondrial Radiation of aberrant signal Noise Oscillations Stochastic calcium Oscillations Phenomenon This resulted in during the repolarization phase, thus further increasing APD and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  loading. This positive-feedback loop led to EADs and ultimately failure to repolarize. It is possible that the saturating behavior of LCC  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent activation in this model prevents sufficient LCC inhibition required for repolarization in the presence of elevated SR  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . The LCC model also does not incorporate "global"  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  sensing, which would inhibit LCC openings in the presence of sustained elevated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . Future work is needed to understand the contributions of these mechanisms, as they may affect the conditions under which the model exhibits DADs during pacing. The distribution of DADs was controlled by both  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ SR. This was revealed by the apparent change in the threshold SR  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  load for spontaneous  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave formation during pacing (see Fig 3). Elevated diastolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  increased RyR opening rate and thus perpetuated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave formation at lower SR  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  loads. It also caused more rapid loading of the SR to induce overload. Cellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  loading also increased the amplitude of DADs due to the greater number and concurrence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  wave nucleation sites, which is in agreement with A significant contribution of this work is that the emergence of sudden arrhythmias can be causally linked to stochastic molecular events. A computationally efficient method was developed to estimate the probability of extreme DADs. An important assumption of this method is that the spontaneous  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release events in neighboring cells are decoupled. It is known that membrane depolarization increases the frequency of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves by reducing NCX-mediated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  efflux and thus promoting  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves due to increased intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (26). In the present study we visualized precise  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics of atrial myocytes in the perfused rat heart. By using the in situ rapid confocal imaging system we found that in Langendorff-perfused rat heart has to show spatiotemporally  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics especially According to

In principle, individual atrial myocytes in the perfused hearts showed spatiotemporally uniform  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics with frequency-dependent abbreviation of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -transient durations, a confirmation of the atria being a functional syncytium (Fig. 2). However, even under apparently intact Langendorff perfusion, individual myocytes often exhibited spatially non-uniform  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics, e.g., cluster-like rises of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , wave-like propagation of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , and beat-to-beat variability of durations and amplitude alternans of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients, all of which emerged on excitation instead of uniform  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients (Figs. 3 and 4). (27), (28)

Spontaneous  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  waves during diastole are indicative of cellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  overload (29)

Analysis of calcium alternans in ischemic condition calcium overloading cardiac function. spectrum  
Spectral analysis of hypoxia-induced calcium waves in isolated rat heart on the subcellular level Spontaneous calcium oscillations in unstimulated heart muscle Local hypercontracture induces high-frequency calcium oscillations  
And they saw there that over time the frequency of high-frequency waves decreases, and it's in cells that are gradually hyper-reduced, apparently.

The decrease in the frequency of oscillations in time is shown. if it is damaged cells that are in the process of over-contraction are the source of oscillations (30) citation (30).

## CONCLUSION

Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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## R code

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# Analisys of calcium oscillations , 2019

library(WaveletComp)
library(tidyverse)
library(phonTools)

# Load data from ImageJ
# calcium <- read.csv2('094px10.csv' , sep = ',' )
calcium <- read.csv2('094.csv' , sep = ',' )

# Rename columns
colnames(calcium) <- c("frame",
                         'ROI01' , 'ROI02' , 'ROI03' , 'ROI04' , 'ROI05' ,
                         'ROI06' , 'ROI07' , 'ROI08' , 'ROI09' , 'ROI10' ,
                         'ROI11' , 'ROI12' , 'ROI13' , 'ROI14' , 'ROI15' , 'ROI16')

# ROI01 save to z0 for coherence calibration
z0 <- ts(calcium$ROI01, start = calcium$time[1])

# colnames(calcium) <- c("frame" , 'ROI_512x512' , 'ROI_180x40' , 'ROI_40x40' , 'ROI_10x10' )

# Calibrate time: 110.803 sec / 1567 frames
calcium$time <- calcium$frame * 110.803 / 1567
tail(calcium)

# sinus wave calibration
calcium$sin <- c(rep(NA, 1567))
fs <- 14.142211 # samples per second
df <- 1/fs # seconds per second
stoptime <- 110.803 # seconds
t <- seq(0, stoptime , by = df)
fsin <- 1 # Hz sin wave frequency
sinwave <- sin(2*pi*fsin*t)

plot(t, sinwave, type = 'l',
      main = "sinus wave",
      xlab = 'Time, sec' , ylab = 'value' ,
      xlim = c(0, 10), ylim = c(-1, 1))

calcium$sin <- sinwave
tail(calcium)
write.csv(calcium, file = 'calcium.csv')

# Choose ROI for analysis

xcal <- calcium$ROI16

# time series analysis

calcium_ts <- ts(xcal, start = calcium$time[1])
del <- 0.0707103
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x.spec <- spectrum(calcium_ts, log = "no", span = 10, plot = FALSE)
spx <- x.spec$freq/del
spy <- 1*x.spec$spec

plot(spy ~ spx, xlab="frequency (Hz)", ylab="spectral density",
      type="l", lwd = 2)

# Frequency

z <- ts(xcal, start = calcium$time[1])

spectrogram(z, 14.29745, windowlength = 95000, 0.01,
            timestep = 1000,
            maxfreq = 0.5,
            colors = TRUE,
            dynamicrange = 40, nlevels = dynamicrange, maintitle = "",
            show = TRUE, window = 'hamming',
            quality = TRUE)

# period

xcal <- z
x <- ts(xcal, start = calcium$time[1])
my.data <- data.frame(x = x)

my.w <- analyze.wavelet(my.data, "x",
                        loess.span = 0,
                        dt = 1,
                        dj = 1/500,
                        lowerPeriod = 2,
                        upperPeriod = 64,
                        make.pval = TRUE, n.sim = 10)

wt.image(my.w, n.levels = 250)

# wavelet coherency

x <- z
y <- z0
# y <- z

my.data <- data.frame(x = x, y = y, date = calcium$time)

my.wc <- analyze.coherency(my.data, my.pair = c("x", "y"),
                           loess.span = 0,
                           dt = 1,
                           dj = 1/100,
                           lowerPeriod = 4, upperPeriod = 32,
                           make.pval = TRUE, n.sim = 30)

wc.image(my.wc, n.levels = 250, color.key = "interval",
         siglvl.contour = 0.1, siglvl.arrow = 0.05, which.arrow.sig = "wt",
         legend.params = list(lab = "cross-wavelet power levels"),
         timelab = "Time",

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label.time.axis = TRUE,
main = "")

# peaks detection
## Peaks detection, length = 109.6 s

s.rate <- 14.142211

z <- ts(calcium$ROI01, start = calcium$time[1])

fpeaks(spec(z, f=s.rate), nmax = 5,
       threshold = 0.05,
       plot = T,
       title = TRUE,
       xlab = "Frequency (Hz)", ylab = "Amplitude",
       labels = TRUE, legend = TRUE, digits = 2)*1000

z <- ts(calcium$sin, start = calcium$time[1])

spec(z, f=s.rate, wl = 512, wn = "hanning", fftw = FALSE, norm = TRUE,
      scaled = FALSE, PSD = FALSE, PMF = FALSE, correction="none", dB = NULL, dBref = NULL,
      at = NULL, from = NULL, to = NULL,
      identify = FALSE, col = "black", cex = 1,
      plot = 1, flab = "Frequency (kHz)",
      alab = "Amplitude", flim = NULL,
      alim = NULL, type="l")

localpeaks(spec(z), f=s.rate, bands = 10, mel = FALSE, plot = TRUE,
           xlab = NULL, ylab = "Amplitude", labels = TRUE)

# Autocorrelation
acf(xcal, lag.max = 100, main = "Autocorrelation")

# plot results
# par(mfrow=c(2,3))

plot(xcal ~ calcium$time,
      xlab = "time(s)", ylab = "fluorescence intensity(a.u.)", t="1",
      xlim = c(0, 1), ylim = c(0, 1), main = "Total signal")

plot(xcal ~ calcium$time,
      xlab = "time(s)", ylab = "fluorescence intensity(a.u.)", t="1",
      xlim = c(0, 20), ylim = c(0, 1), main = "Signal segment")

boxplot(xcal, ylab = "fluorescence intensity(a.u.)",
        main = "Mean intensity", ylim = c(0, 150))

plot(spy ~ spx, xlab="frequency(Hz)", ylab="spectral density",
      type="l", lwd = 2)

acf(xcal, lag.max = 500, main = "Autocorrelation")

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## Video files

calcium-waves-Fluo-4-ANEPPS-10fps.wmv

094Roi.avi

**Tables in csv format**

calcium.csv

094px.csv