

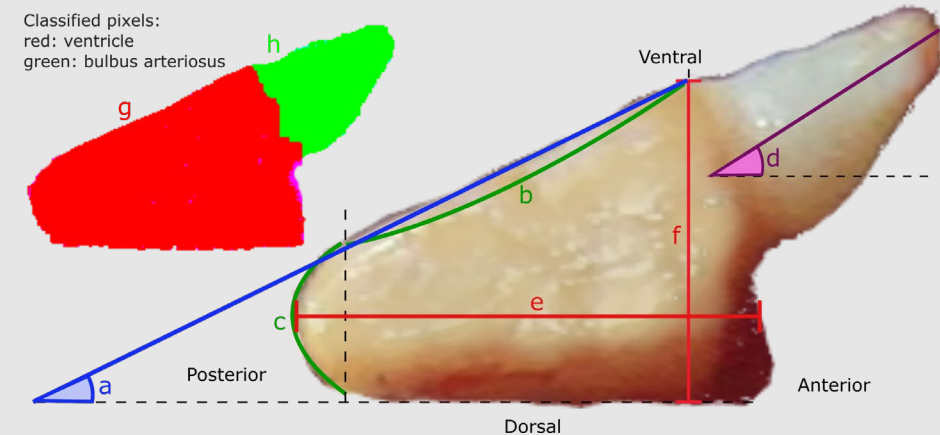
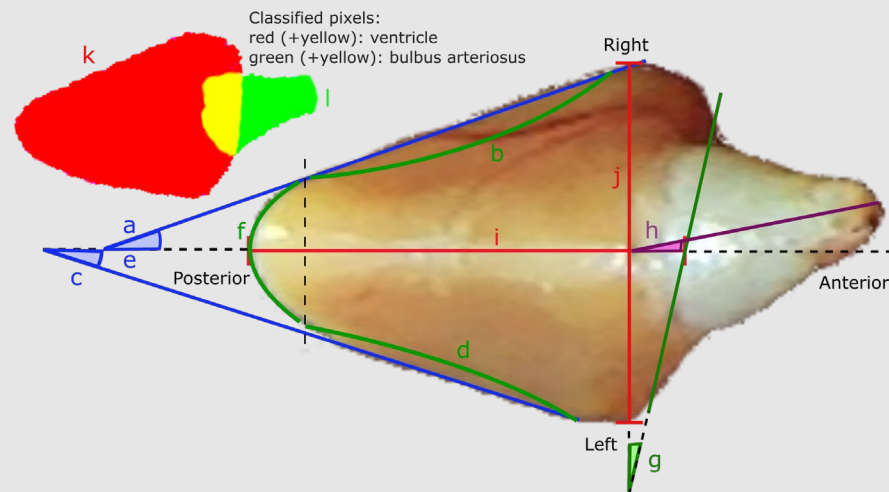
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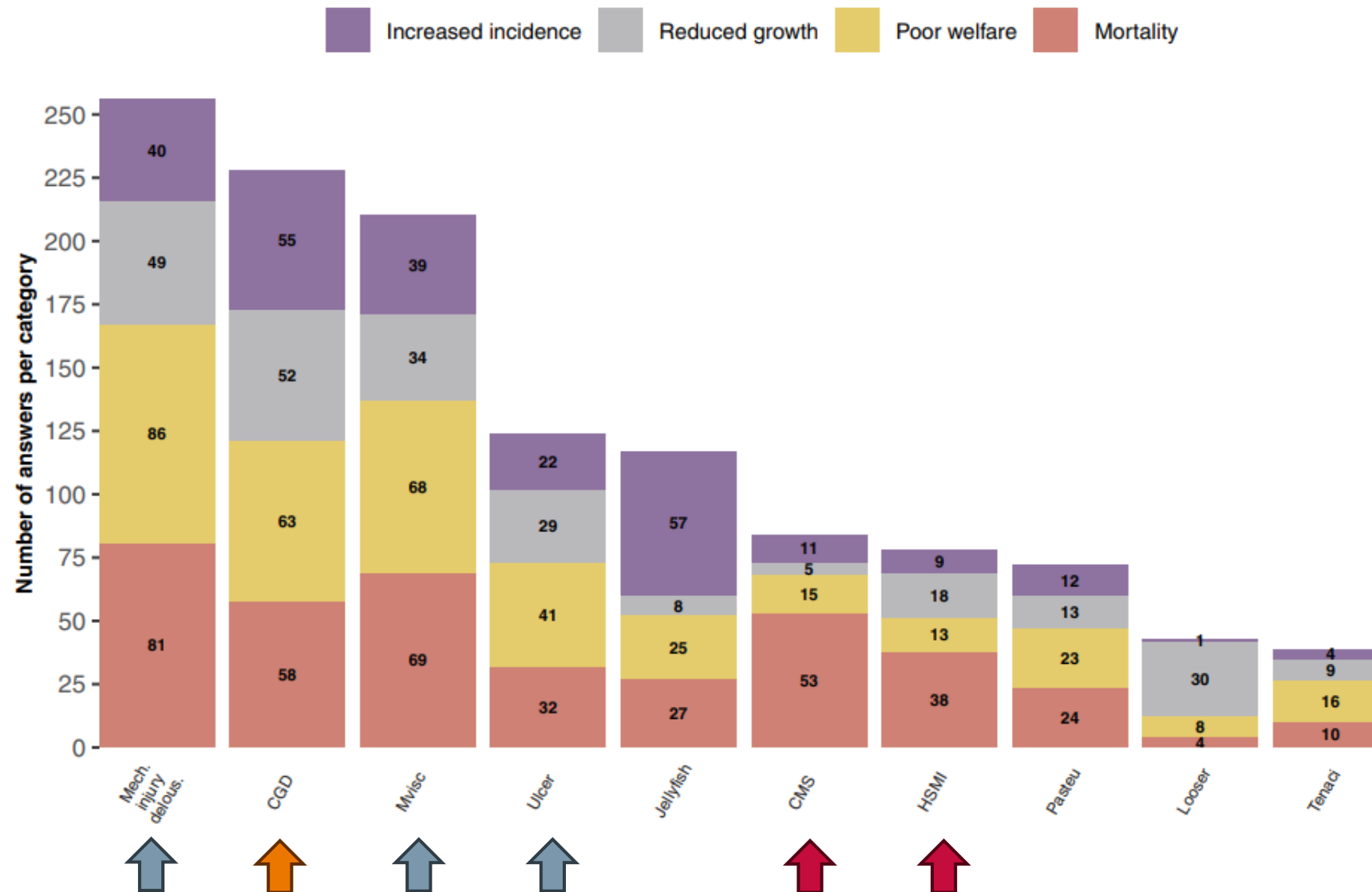
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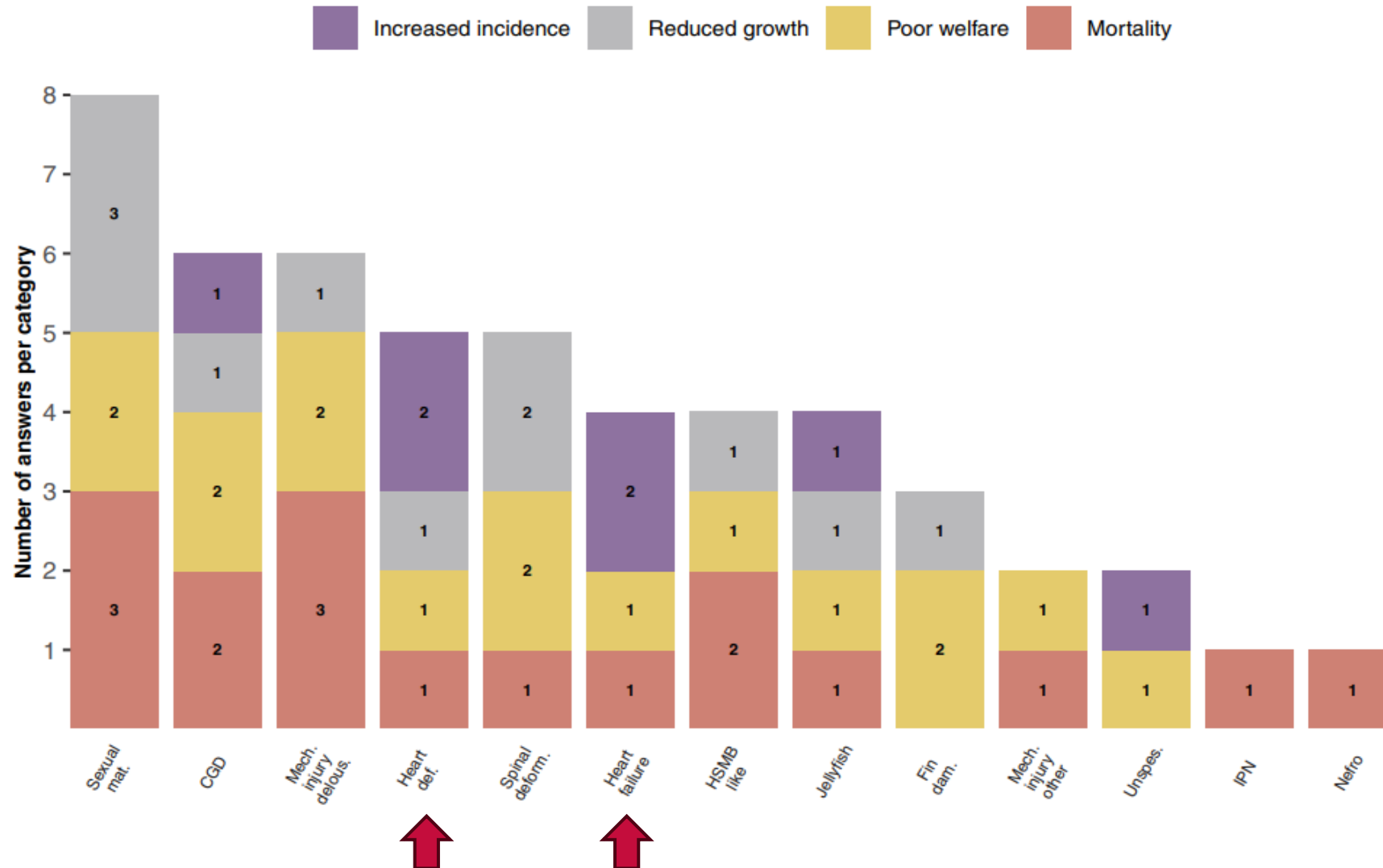


Why heart health matters



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Health problems in broodstock salmon production



How to investigate heart health

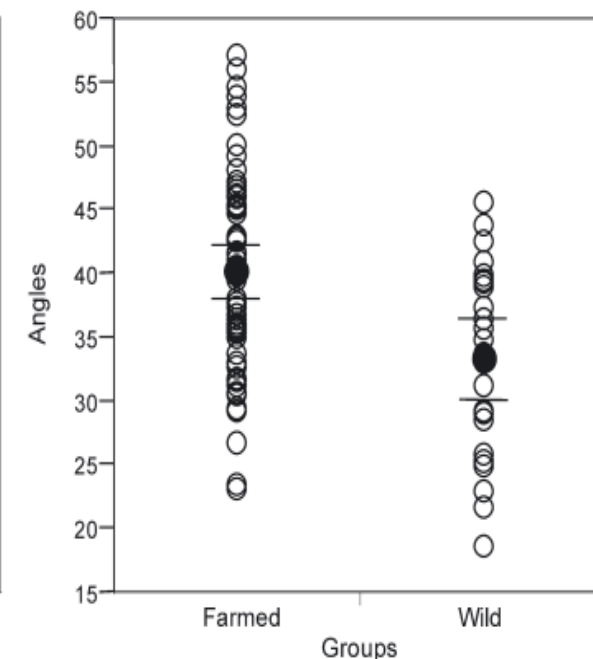
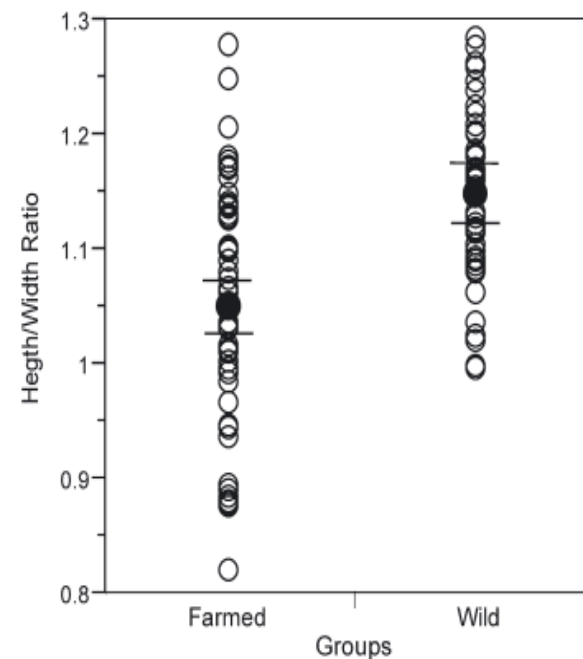
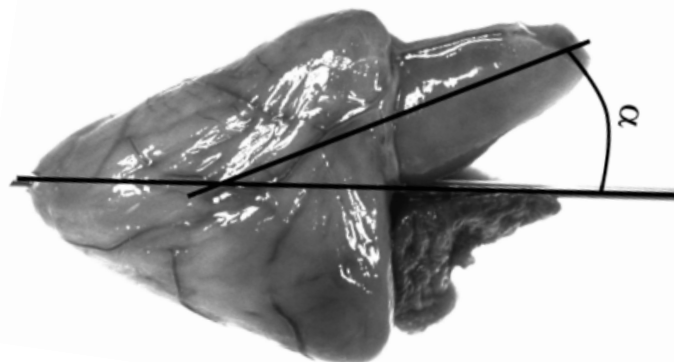
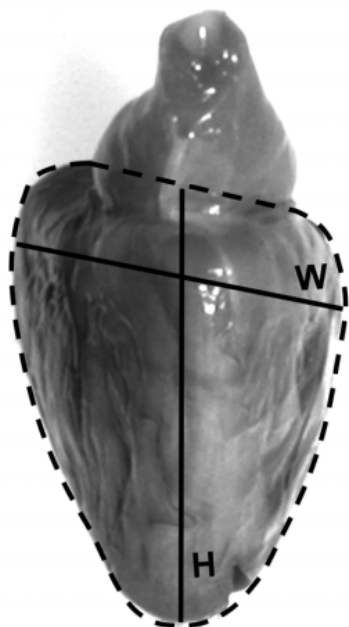
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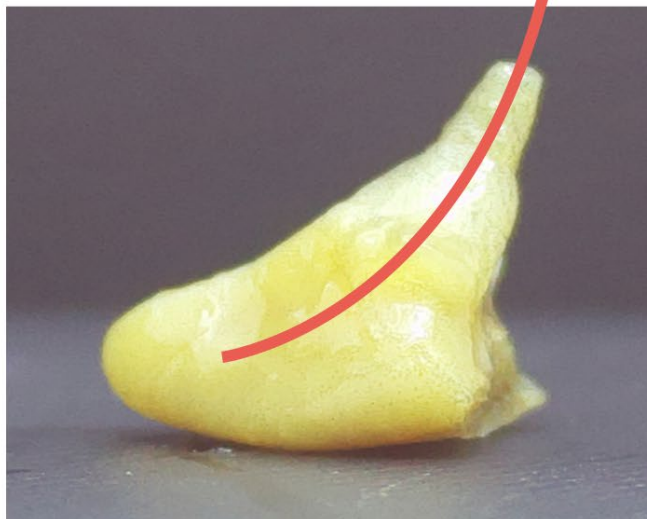
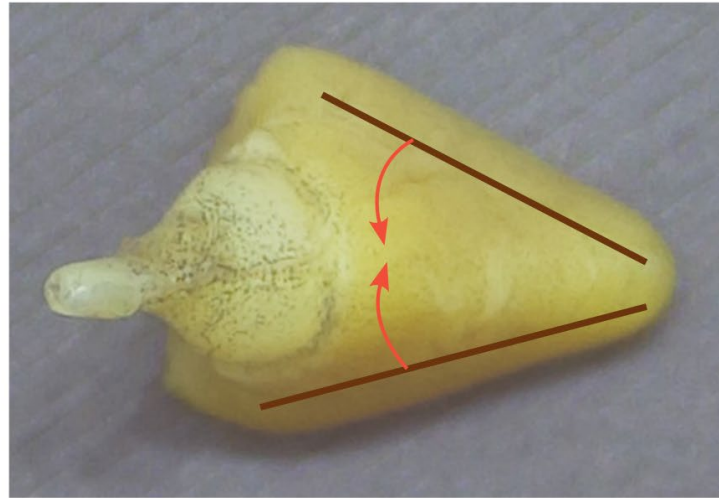
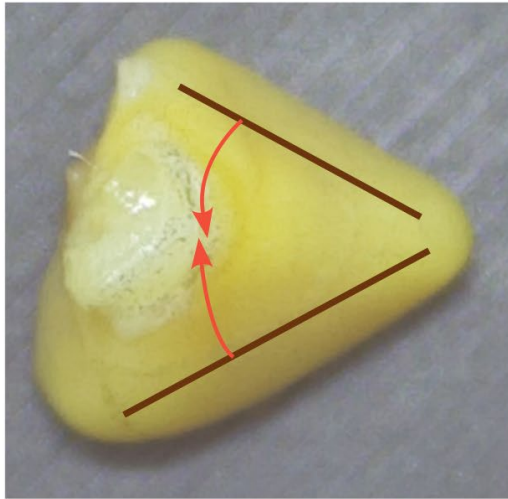
Heart morphology in wild and farmed Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar* and rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

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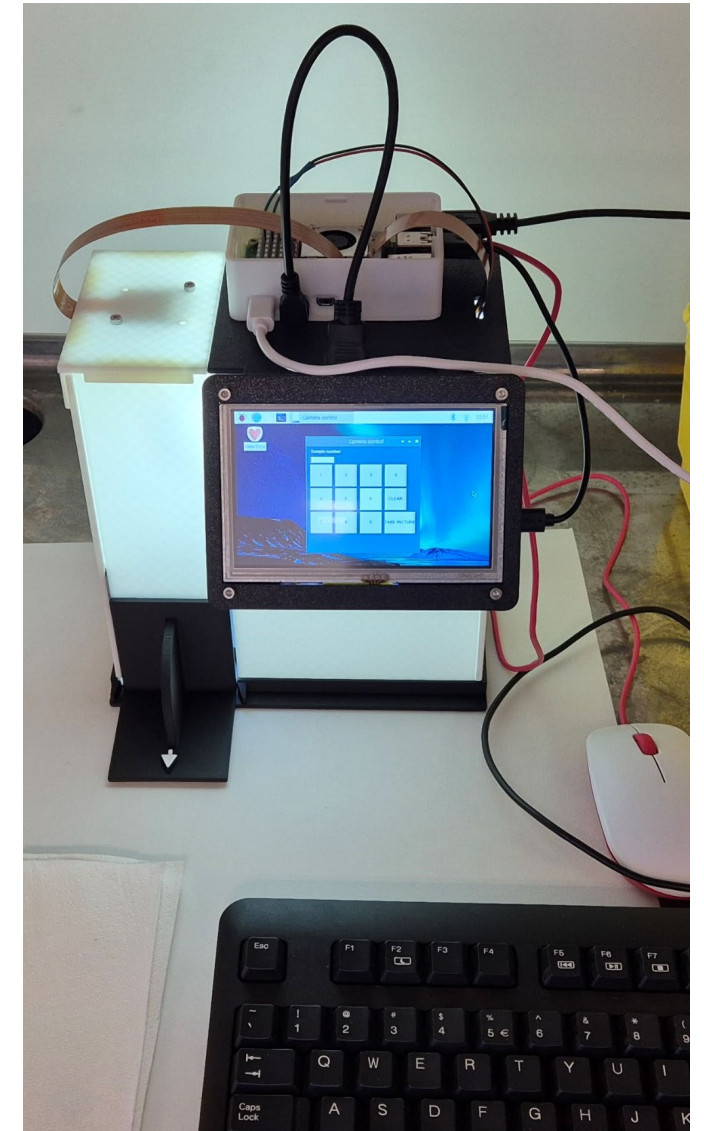
- Hearts from farmed fish (both salmon and trout) are relatively wider and the bulbus angle is steeper

Why morphology matters

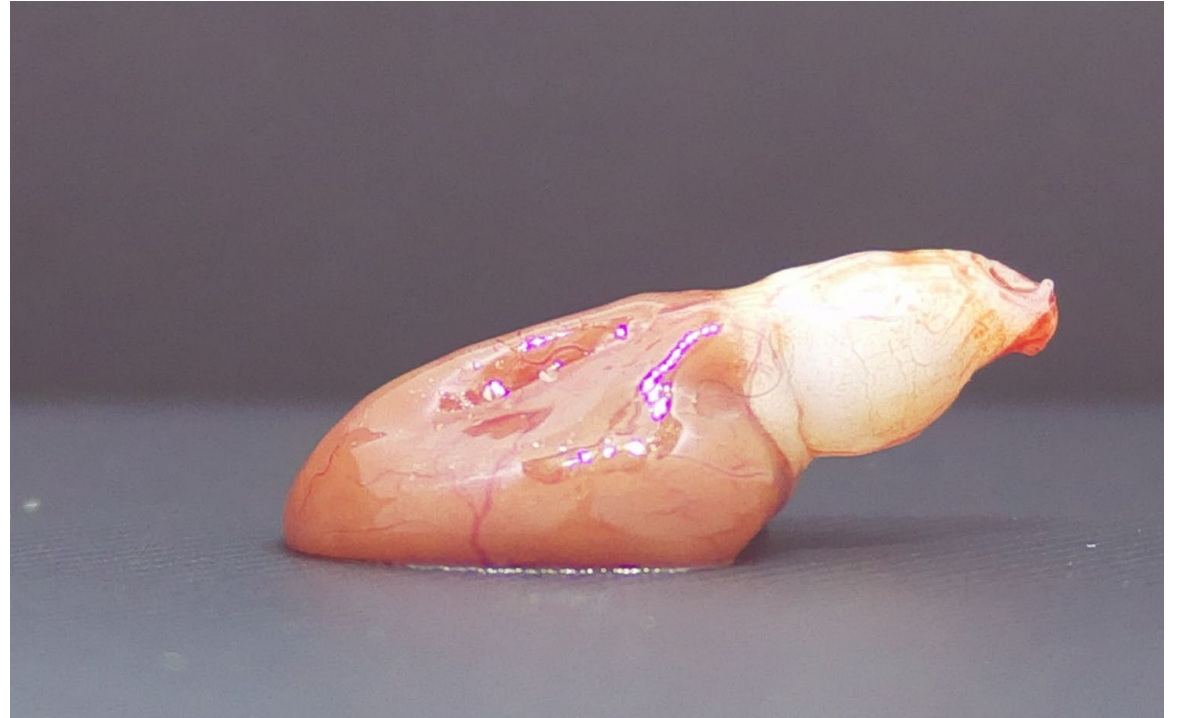


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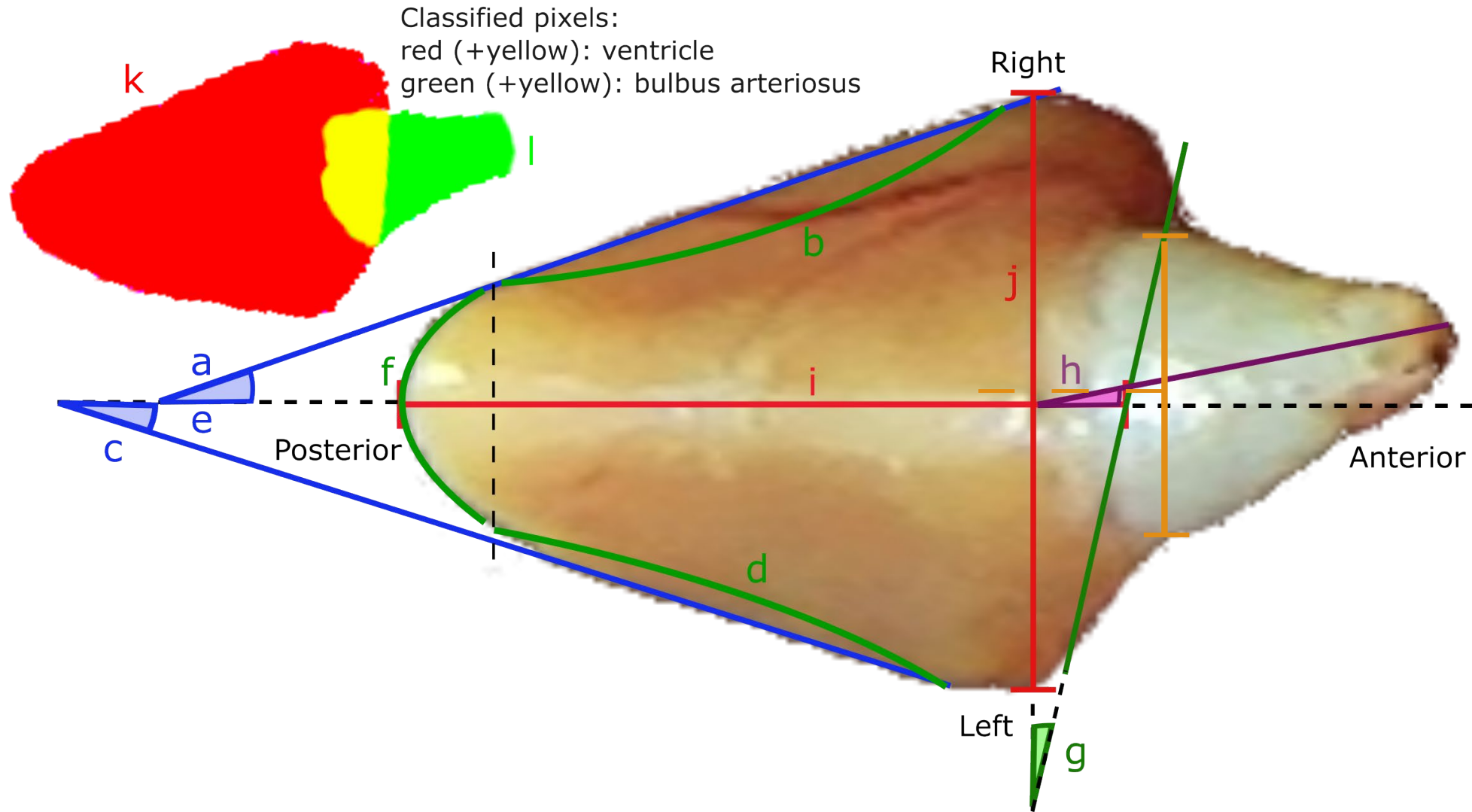
- Problems:
 - Manual measurements are labor-intensive
 - Difficult to standardize
 - Limited number of variables
- Idea: Take standardized images (top and side) of the hearts and let the computer do the work
- In addition:
 - Heart tissue may be used in additional analyses
 - Transportable stand-alone equipment
 - Replace weighing of the heart (CSI)
 - Hearts can be fresh, on PBS or on formalin



How to investigate heart morphology

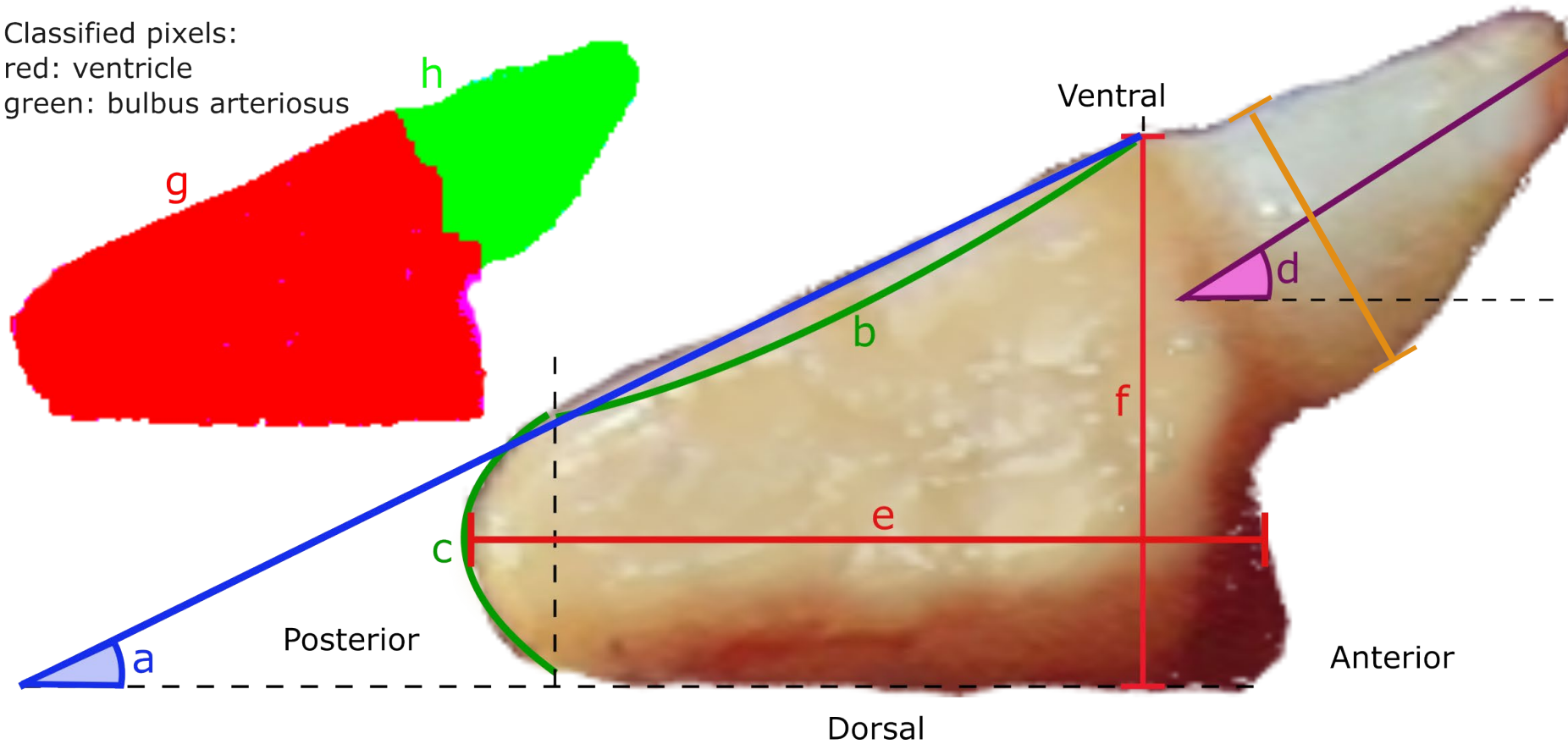


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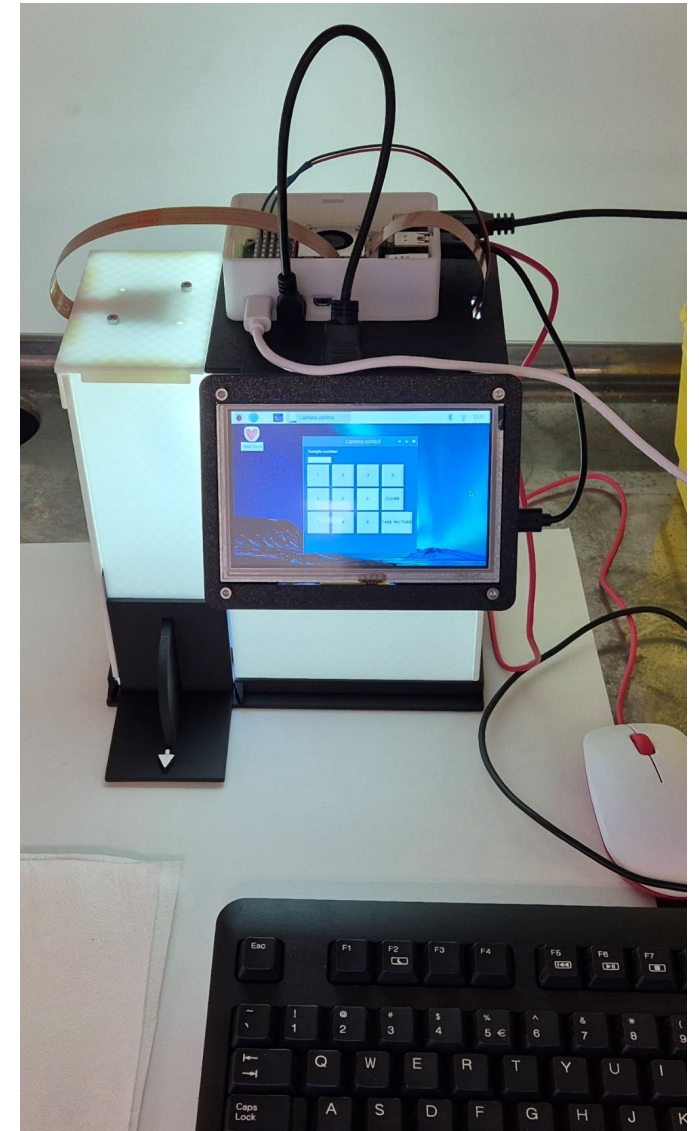
Variables

Classified pixels:
red: ventricle
green: bulbus arteriosus



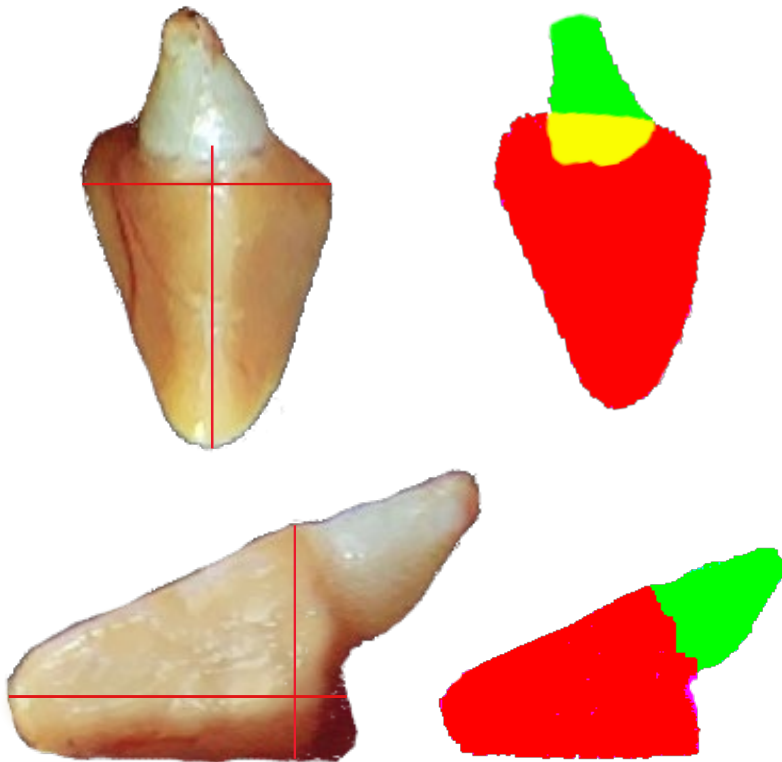
Heart morphology data

- The method was used in several project and more than 5000 hearts were analyzed
- Focus on:
 - Differences due to storage medium
 - Morphological changes by factor:
 - Rearing temperature
 - Training
 - Cross-species comparison (salmon and trout)
 - Genetic background

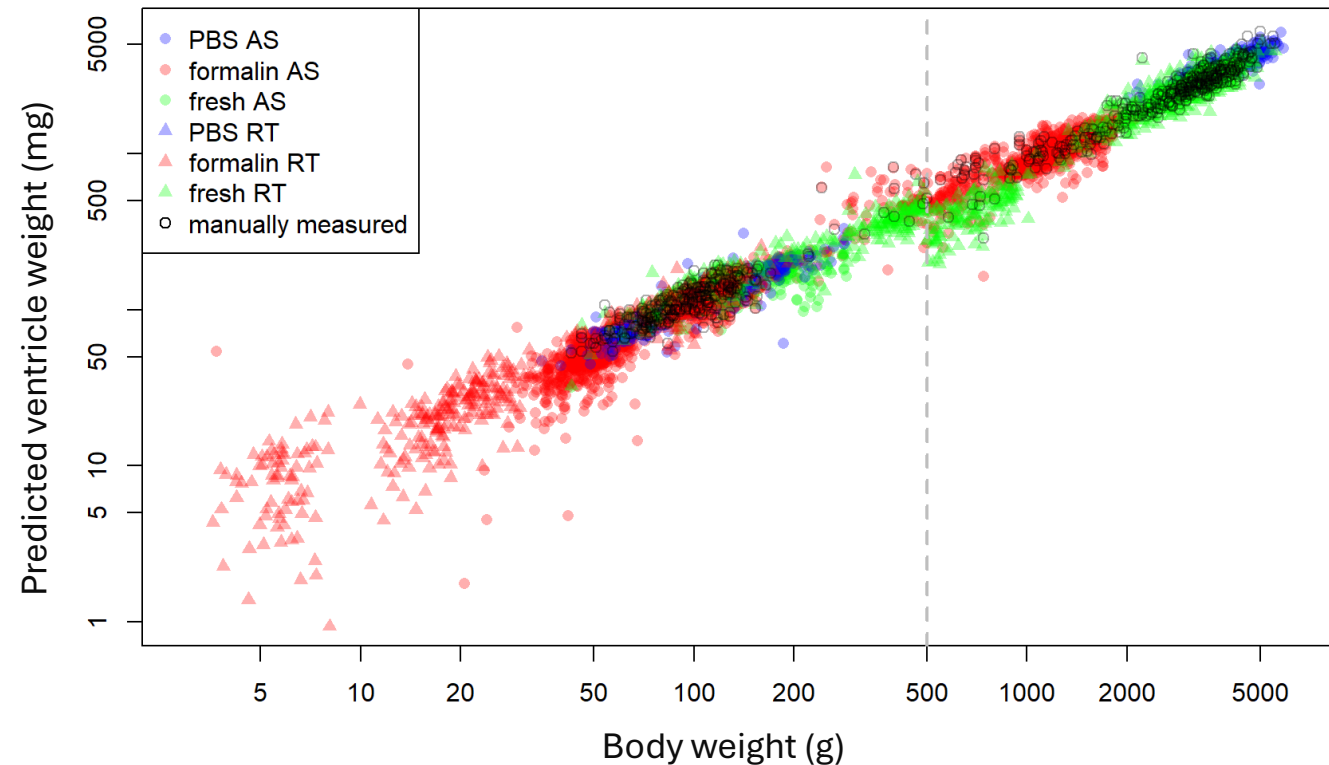


Prediction of ventricle weight

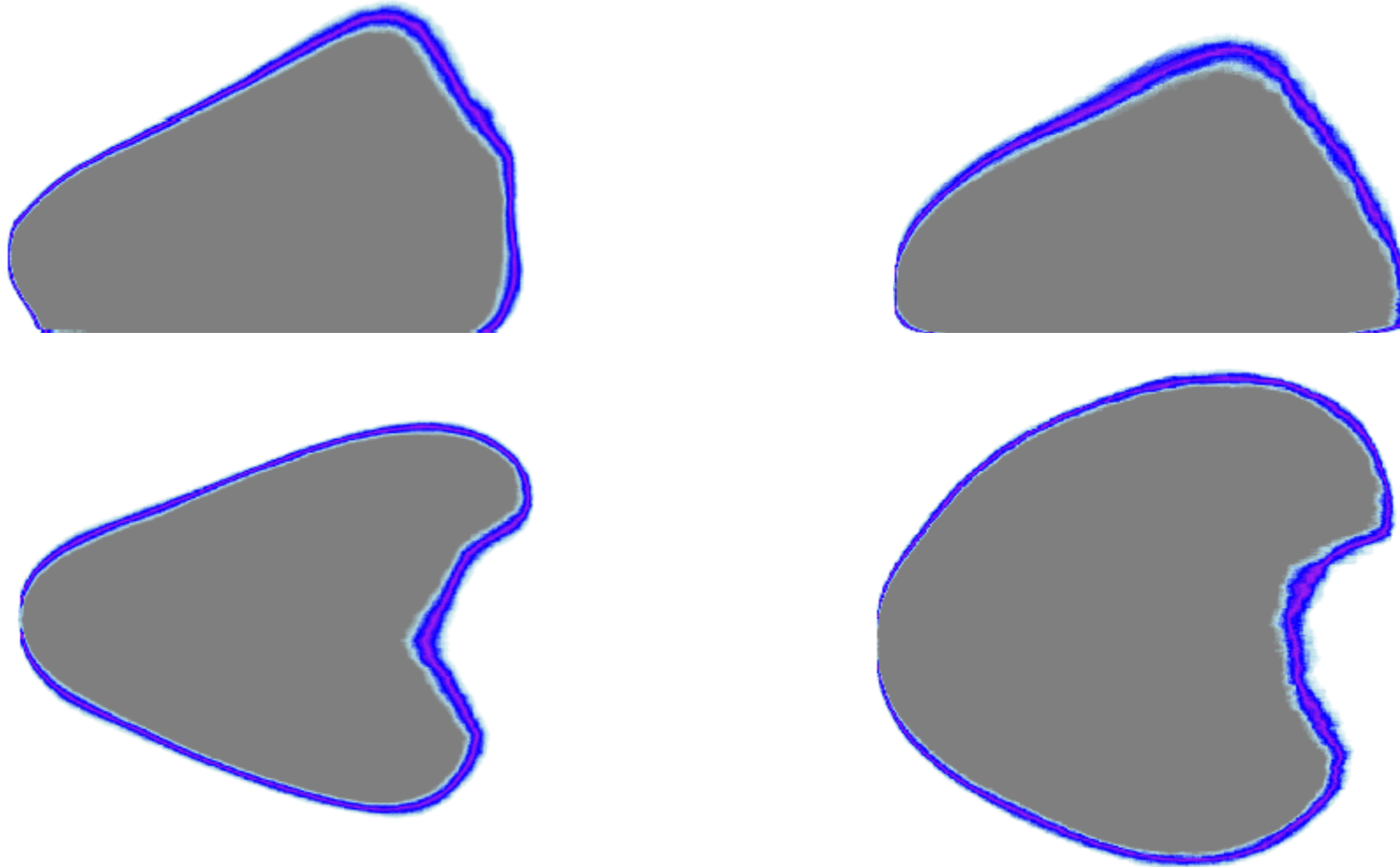
- Replacement of weighing, no removal of the bulbus

$$\text{Ventricle.weight} \sim \text{top.ventricle.mm2} + \text{top.length.mm} + \text{top.width.mm} + \text{top.bulbus.mm2} + \text{side.ventricle.mm2} + \text{side.length.mm} + \text{side.height.mm} + \text{side.bulbus.mm2}$$


Body weight vs. predicted ventricle weights

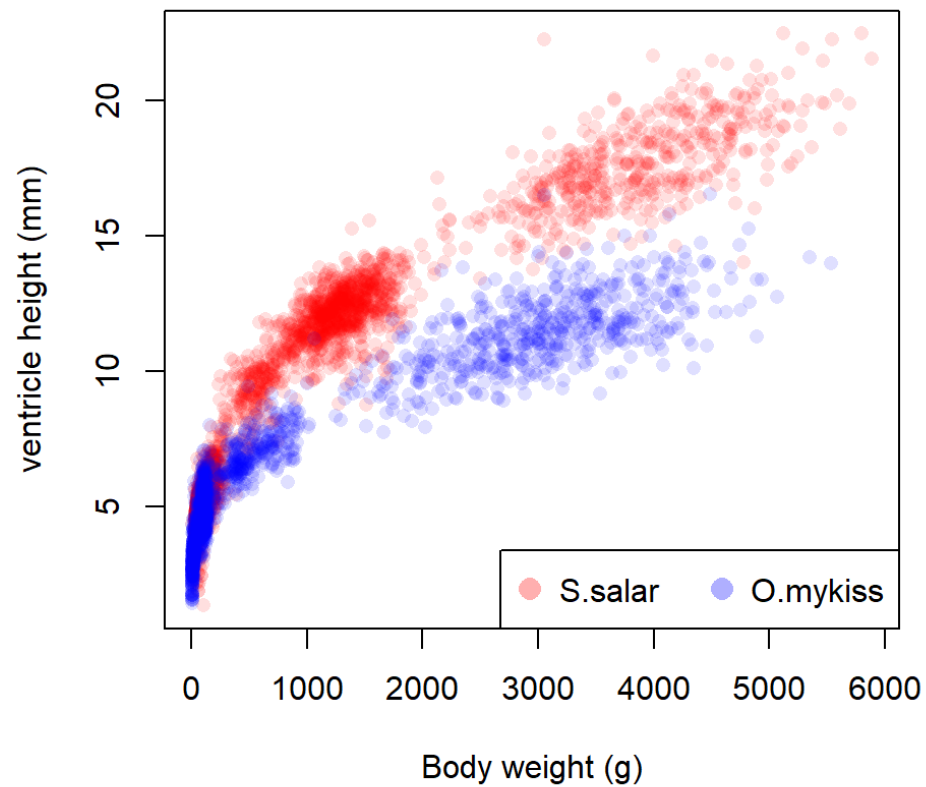


Salmon vs trout hearts

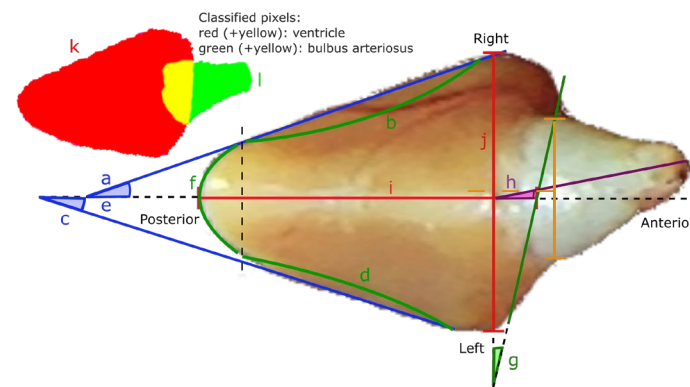
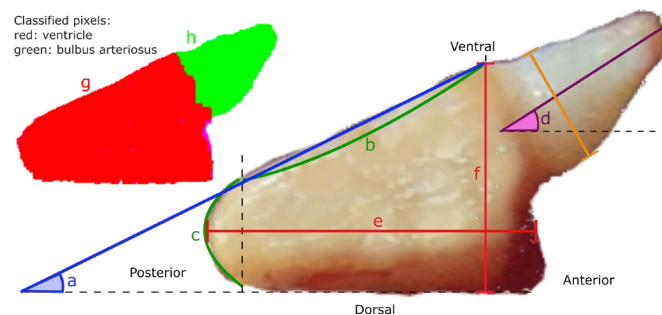
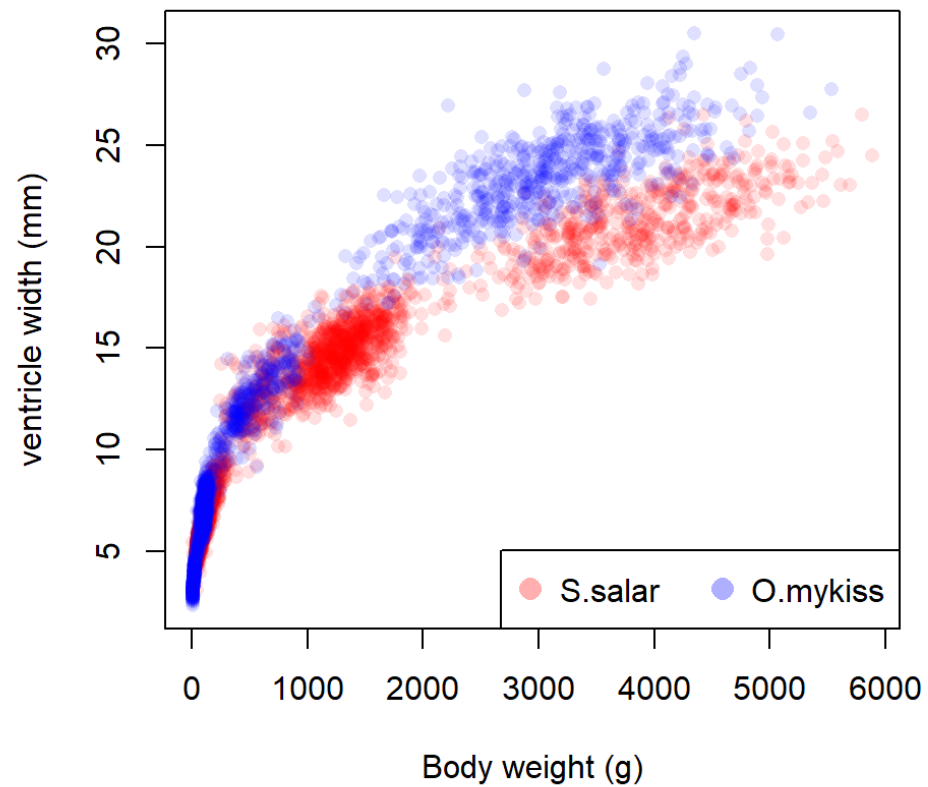


- Average heart shapes of ~400 fish each

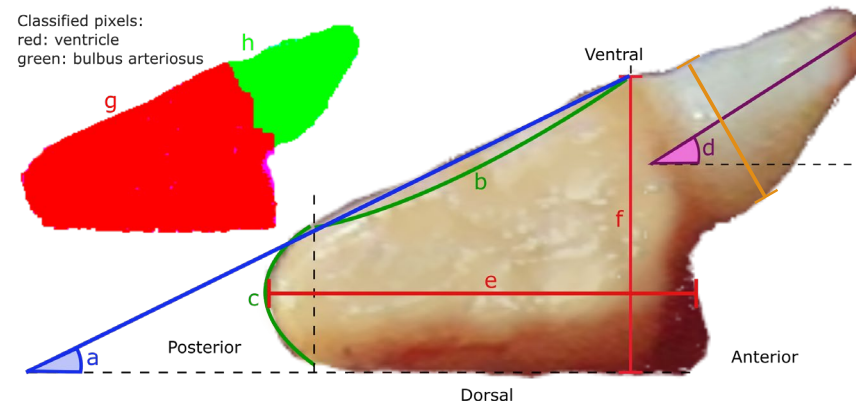
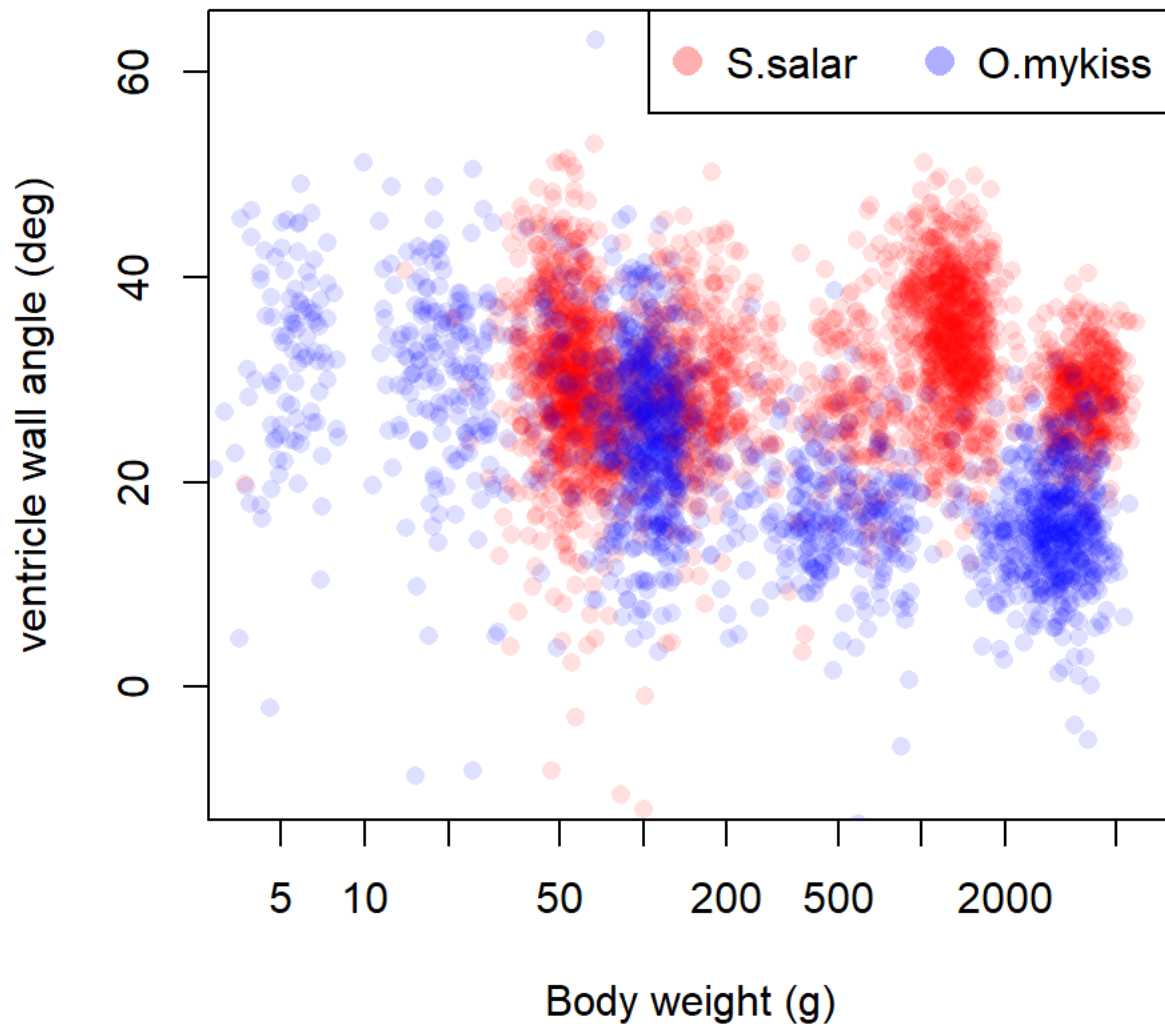
Body weight vs. ventricle height



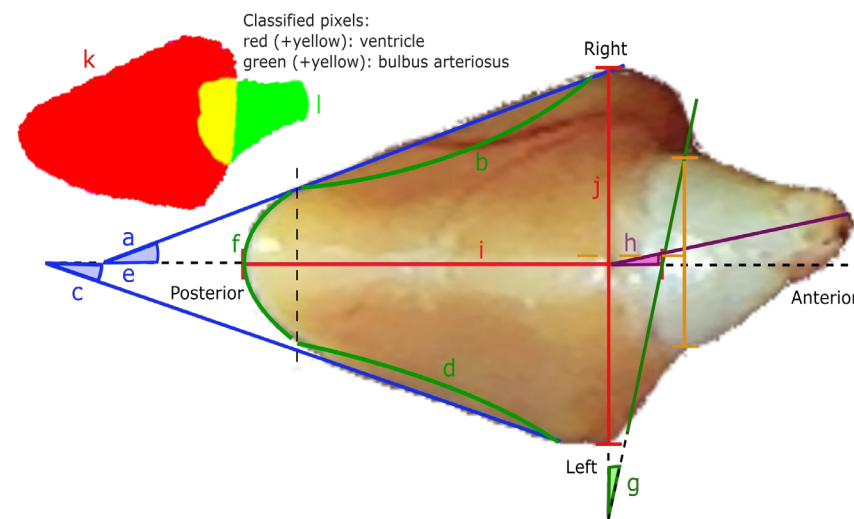
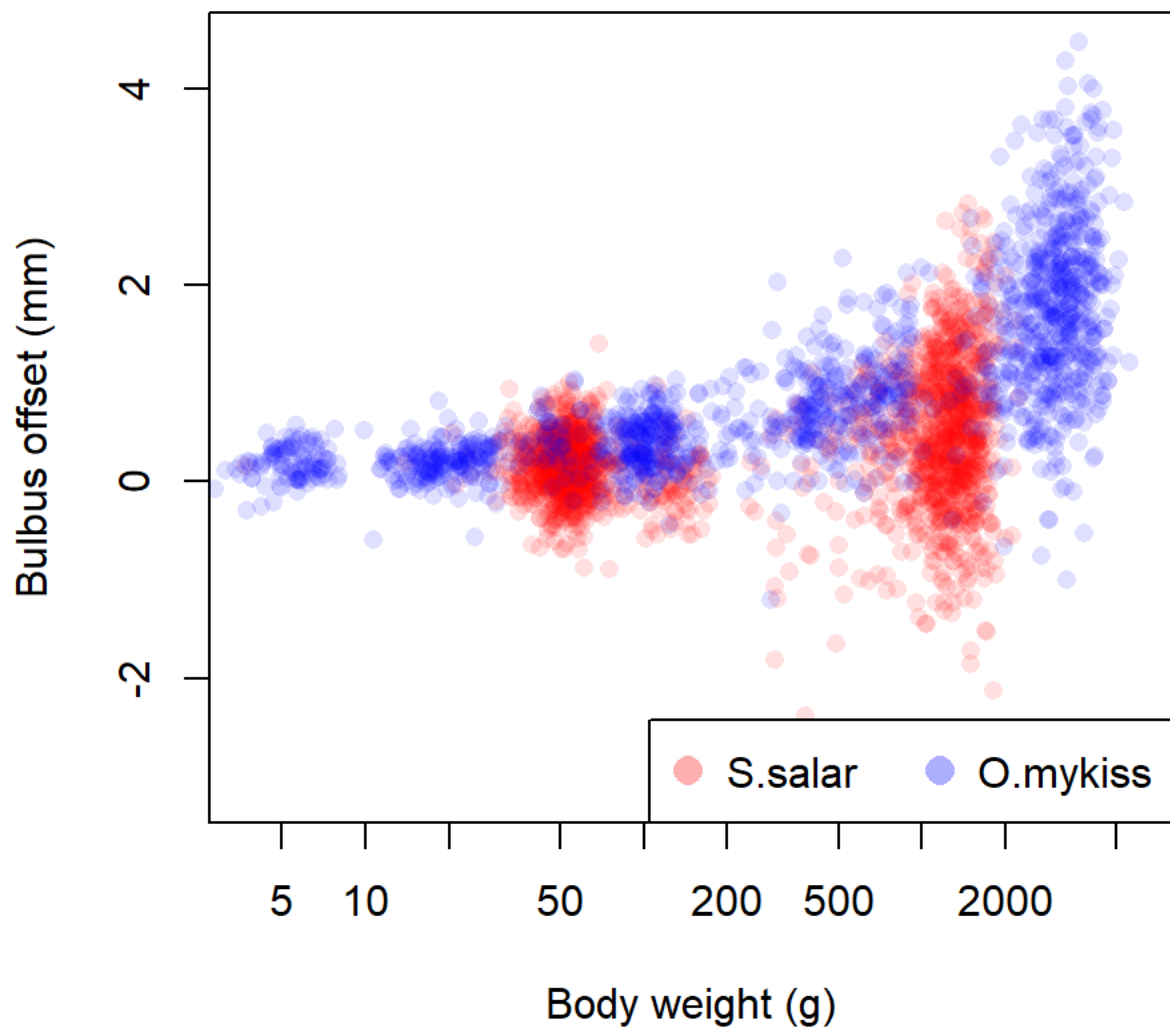
Body weight vs. ventricle width

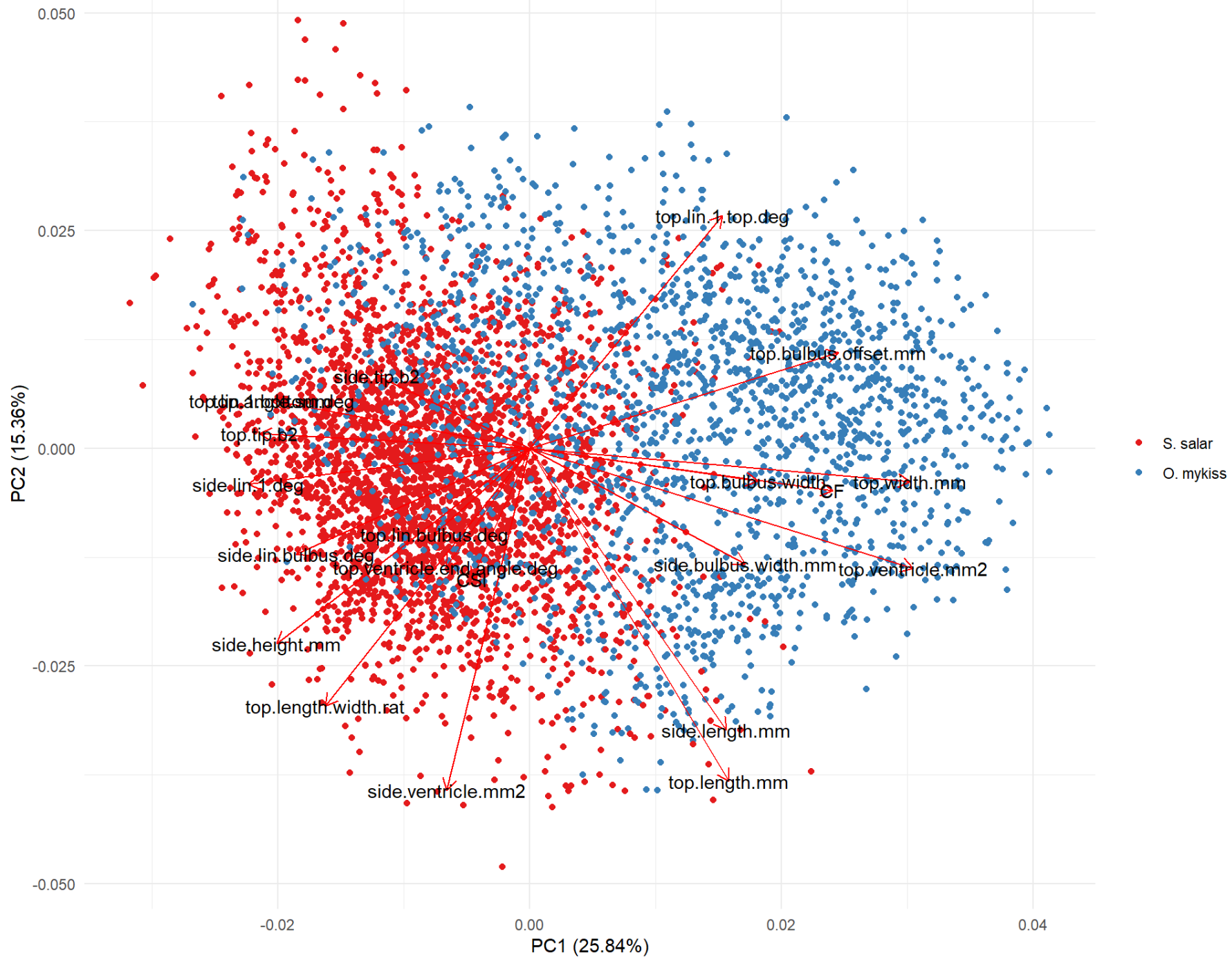


log(body weight) vs. ventricle wall angle



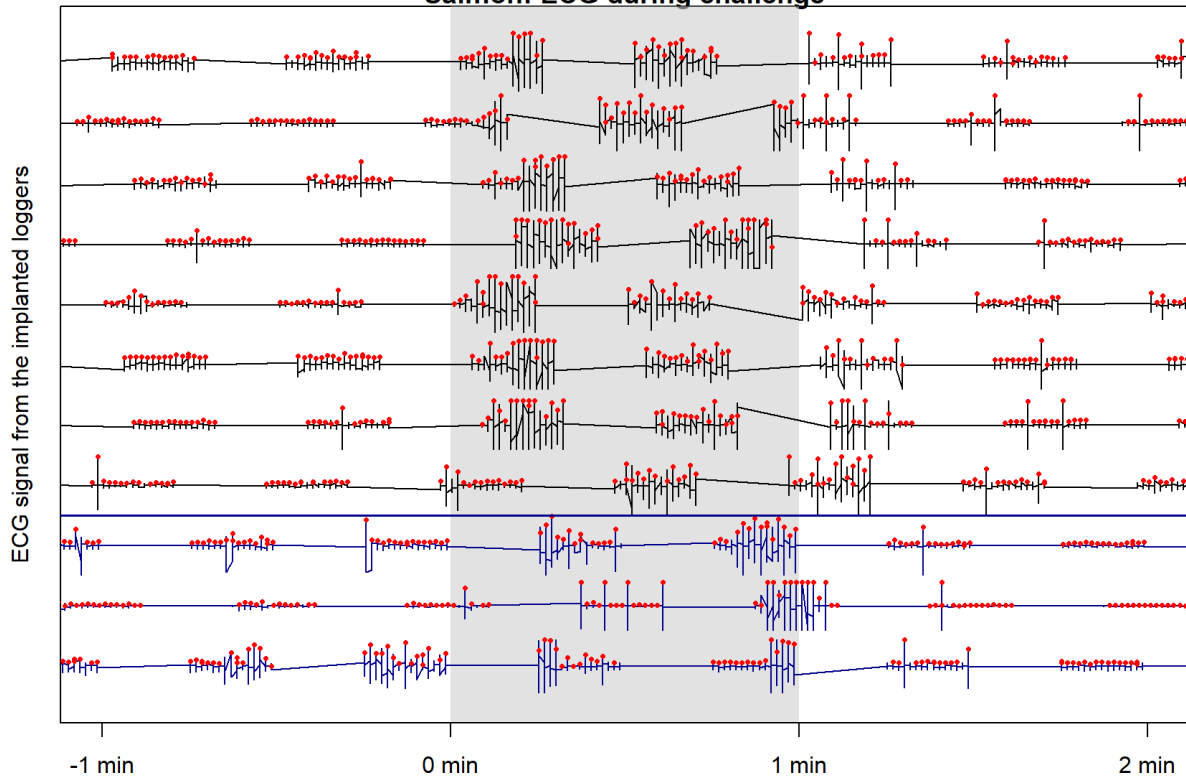
Body weight vs. bulbus offset



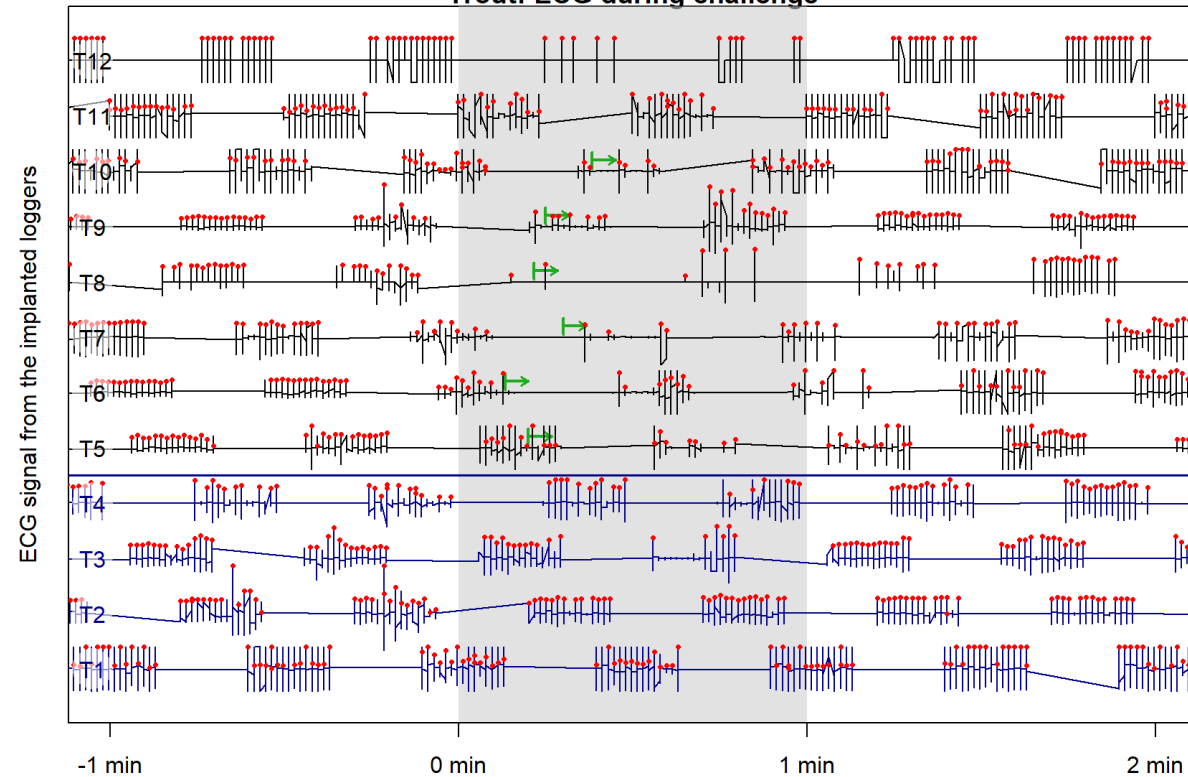


ECG data (implanted) during 32°C heat exposure

Salmon: ECG during challenge



Trout: ECG during challenge



Conclusion

- Heart morphology can now be analyzed without minimal effort
- Novel method that is suited for high sample numbers
 - Can be used in addition to other methods
 - Can replace weighing of the heart
 - The growing database has the potential to
 - Increase our understanding of heart morphology
 - Monitor heart health development
 - Provide risk factor assessment
 - Contribute to better heart health of farmed salmonids

