

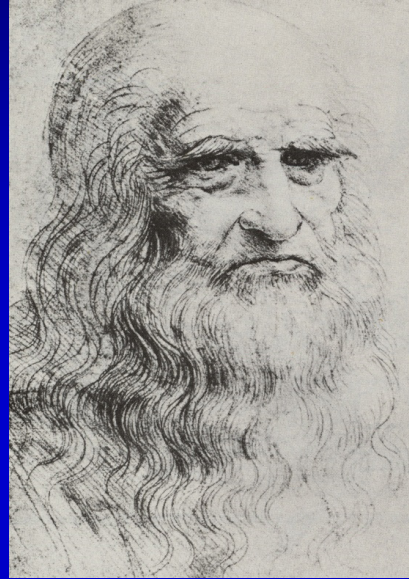
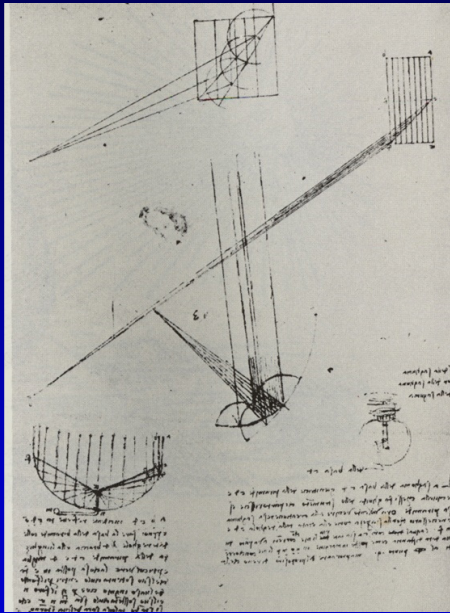
# History of supraventricular arrhythmias ablation

**Prof. Fiorenzo Gaita**

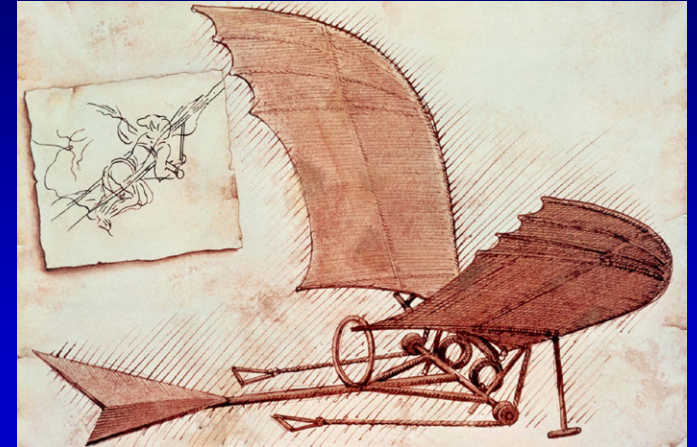
**Director of the School of Cardiology, University of Turin, Italy**



# Knowledge



# Idea



# Serendipity

# Technology

(right tools)



# Serendipity - discovery of a new method

ARCHIVES DES MALADIES DU CŒUR ET DES VAISSEAUX

Tome 72, N° 1, janvier 1979

FAITS CLINIQUES

Arch Mal Coeur Vaiss. 1979 Jan;72(1):107-12.

**Bloc auriculo-ventriculaire intra-hisien définitif induit  
au cours d'une exploration endoventriculaire droite**

par J. VEDEL, R. FRANK, G. FONTAINE, J.F. FOURNIAL et Y. GROSGOGEAT

**Permanent intra-hisian atrioventricular block induced  
during right intraventricular exploration.**

**Vedel J, Frank R, Fontaine G, Fournial JF, Grosogoeat Y.**

# DC shock (Fulguration) 1979-1990

- **AV node ablation:** Vedel, Frank, Fontaine 1979  
Gallagher , Sheinman 1982

# CATHETER TECHNIQUE FOR CLOSED-CHEST ABLATION OF THE ATRIOVENTRICULAR CONDUCTION SYSTEM

## A Therapeutic Alternative for the Treatment of Refractory Supraventricular Tachycardia

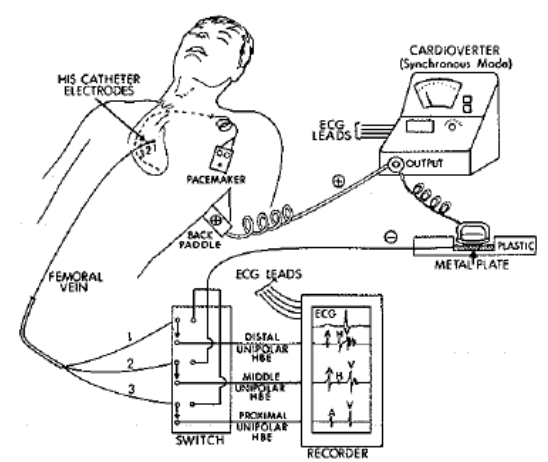
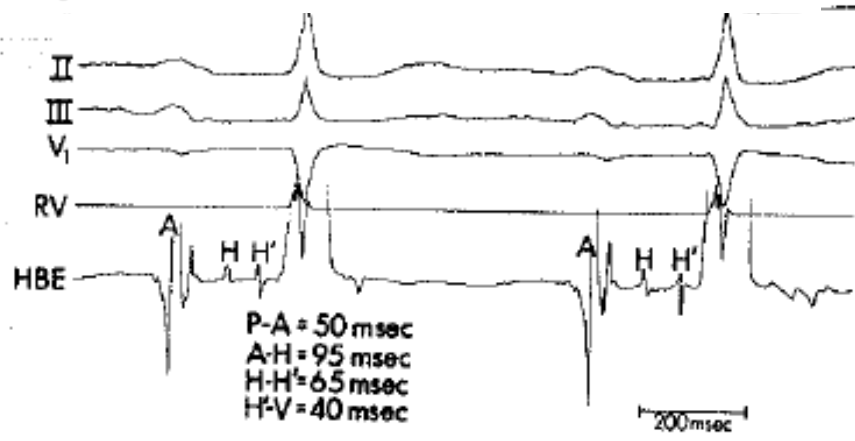
JOHN J. GALLAGHER, M.D., ROBERT H. SVENSON, M.D., JACK H. KASELL, LAWRENCE D. GERMAN, M.D., GUST H. BARDY, M.D., ARCHER BROUGHTON, M.B.B.S., AND GIUSEPPE CRITELLI, M.D.

**Abstract** This report describes a catheter technique for ablating the His bundle and its application in nine

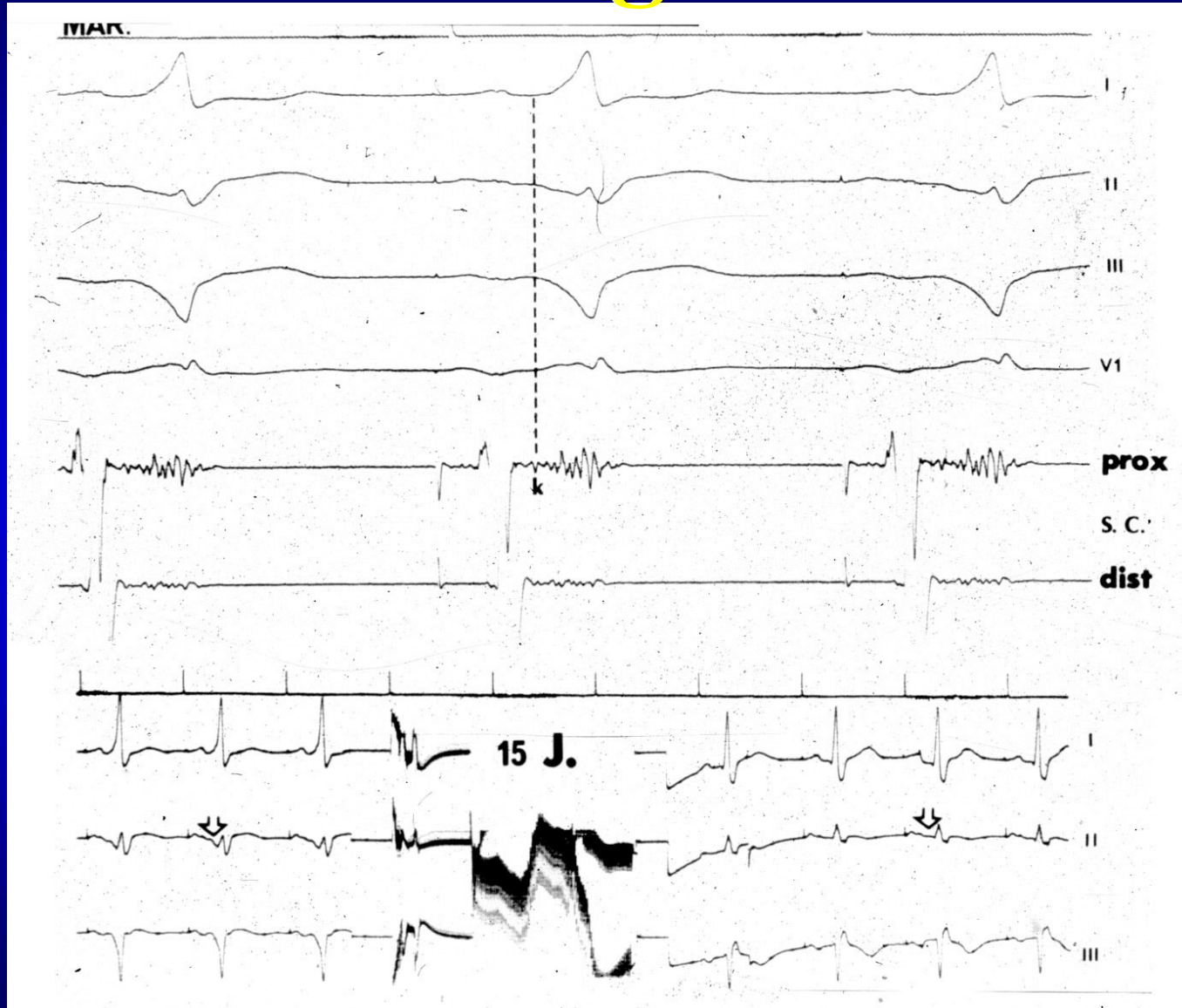
patients. An initial shock of 200 J was used. The His bundle was ablated by this single shock in six of these patients and by an additional shock of 300 J in one. In the remaining patient, conduction in the atrioventricular node was modified, resulting in alternating first and second-degree atrioventricular block. A stable escape rhythm was preserved in all patients. The procedure was well tolerated, without complica-

In 9 patients with recurrent supraventricular tachycardia a tripolar electrode catheter was positioned in the region of the His Bundle and the electrode recording a large unipolar His-bundle potential was identified

Delivery of 300 joule resulted in complete heart block in 8 of 9 pts



# “WPW Fulguration”



Leclercq JF, Cauchemez B, Coumel P, Hopital Lariboisiere, Paris, 1983

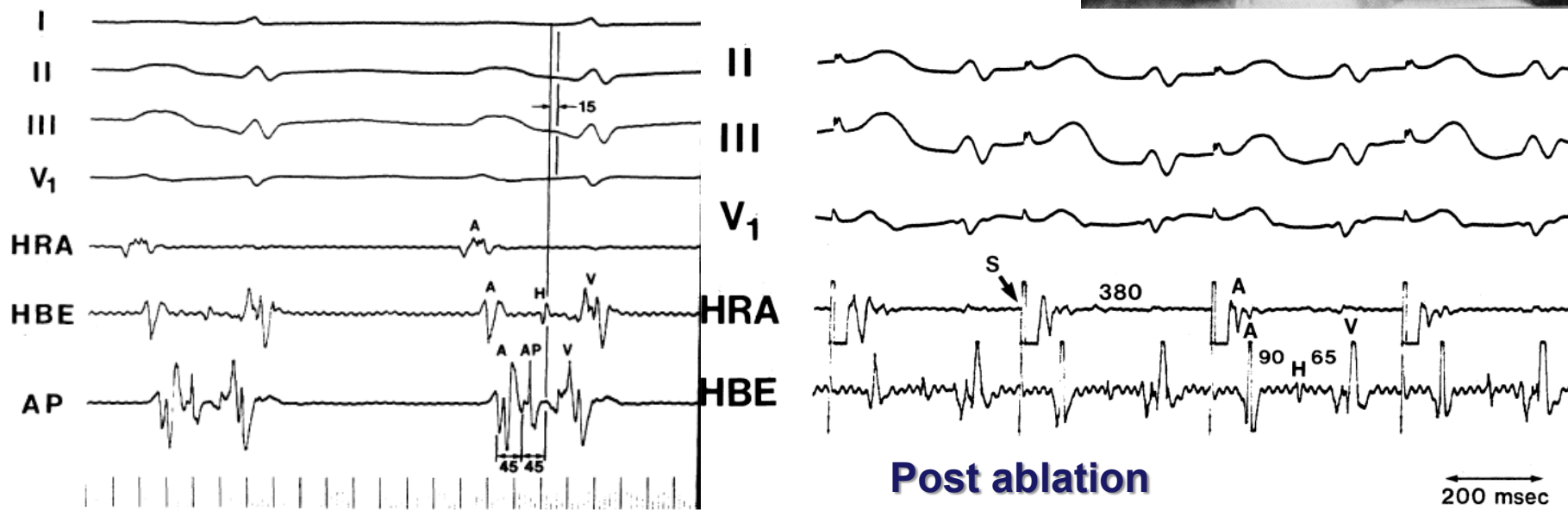
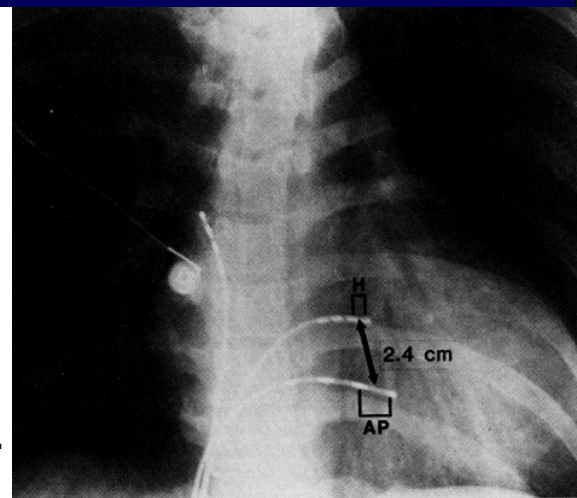
# DC shock (Fulguration) 1979-1990

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Gallagher , Sheinman 1982
- **WPW:** Jackman 1983 (Right)

# Direct endocardial recording from an accessory atrioventricular pathway: localization of the site of block, effect of antiarrhythmic drugs, and attempt at nonsurgical ablation

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MICHAEL M. DEHNING, M.D., ELIOT SCHECHTER, M.D., DWIGHT W. REYNOLDS, M.D.,  
EDWIN G. OLSON, M.D., EDWARD J. BERBARI, PH.D., LURA A. HARRISON, PH.D.,  
AND RALPH LAZZARA, M.D.

Circulation 1983(68) 5: 906-916.



R-wave synchronous shocks of **160 and 320 W-sec**  
delivered between the catheter electrode recording  
the largest AP potential and a skin electrode



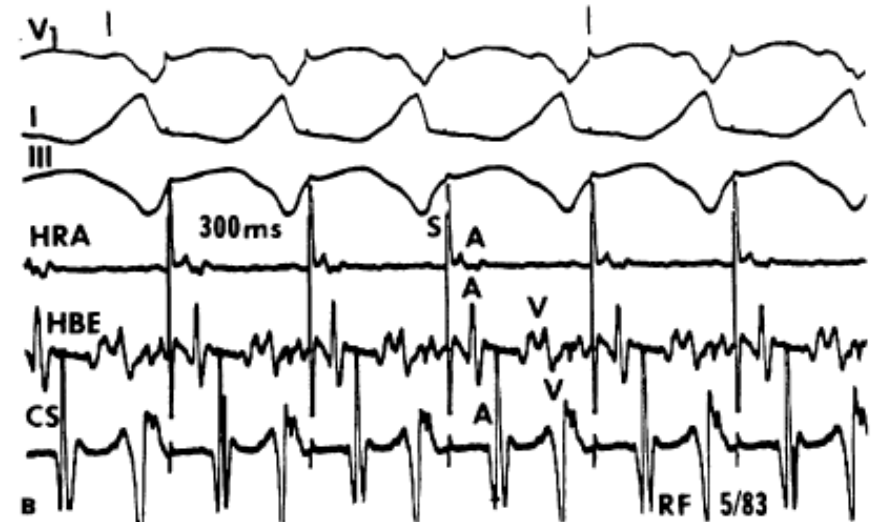
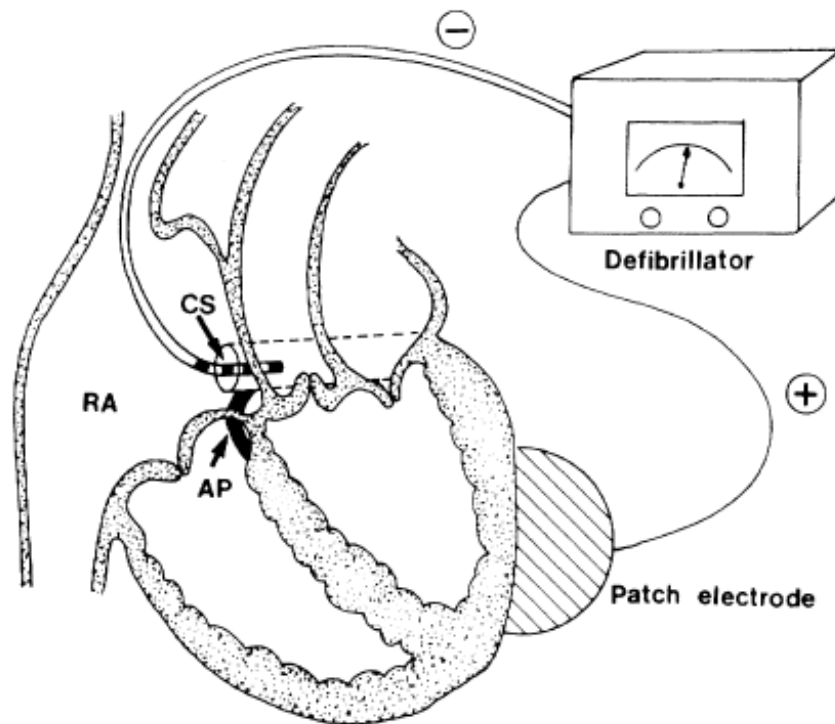
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- **WPW:** Jackman 1983 (Right),  
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# Efficacy and safety of transcatheter ablation of posteroseptal accessory pathways

FRED MORADY, M.D., MELVIN M. SCHEINMAN, M.D., STUART A. WINSTON, M.D.,  
LORENZO A. DICARLO, JR., M.D., JESSIE C. DAVIS, M.D., JERRY C. GRIFFIN, M.D.,  
MICHAEL RUDER, M.D., JOSEPH A. ABBOTT, M.D., AND MICHAEL ELДАР, M.D.

*Circulation 72, No. 1, 170-177, 1985.*



**8 patients** with a right posteroseptal accessory pathway  
**2-3 transcatheter shocks (200-400 J)** delivered at the os of the CS.  
After 4-11 months, 5 of 8 (62%) patients had no residual conduction  
over the AP and no effect on nodal conduction.

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Gallagher , Sheinman 1982
- **WPW:** Jackman 1983 (Right),  
Morady 1985 (Right anatomical),  
Warin 1988 (Right and Left approach)

**First direct access to left sided accessory pathway**

# Catheter Ablation of Accessory Pathways With a Direct Approach

## Results in 35 Patients

Jean-François Warin, MD, Michel Haissaguerre, MD, Philippe Lemetayer, MD,  
Jean-Pierre Guillem, MD, and Pierre Blanchot, MD

Circulation 1988;78:800-815



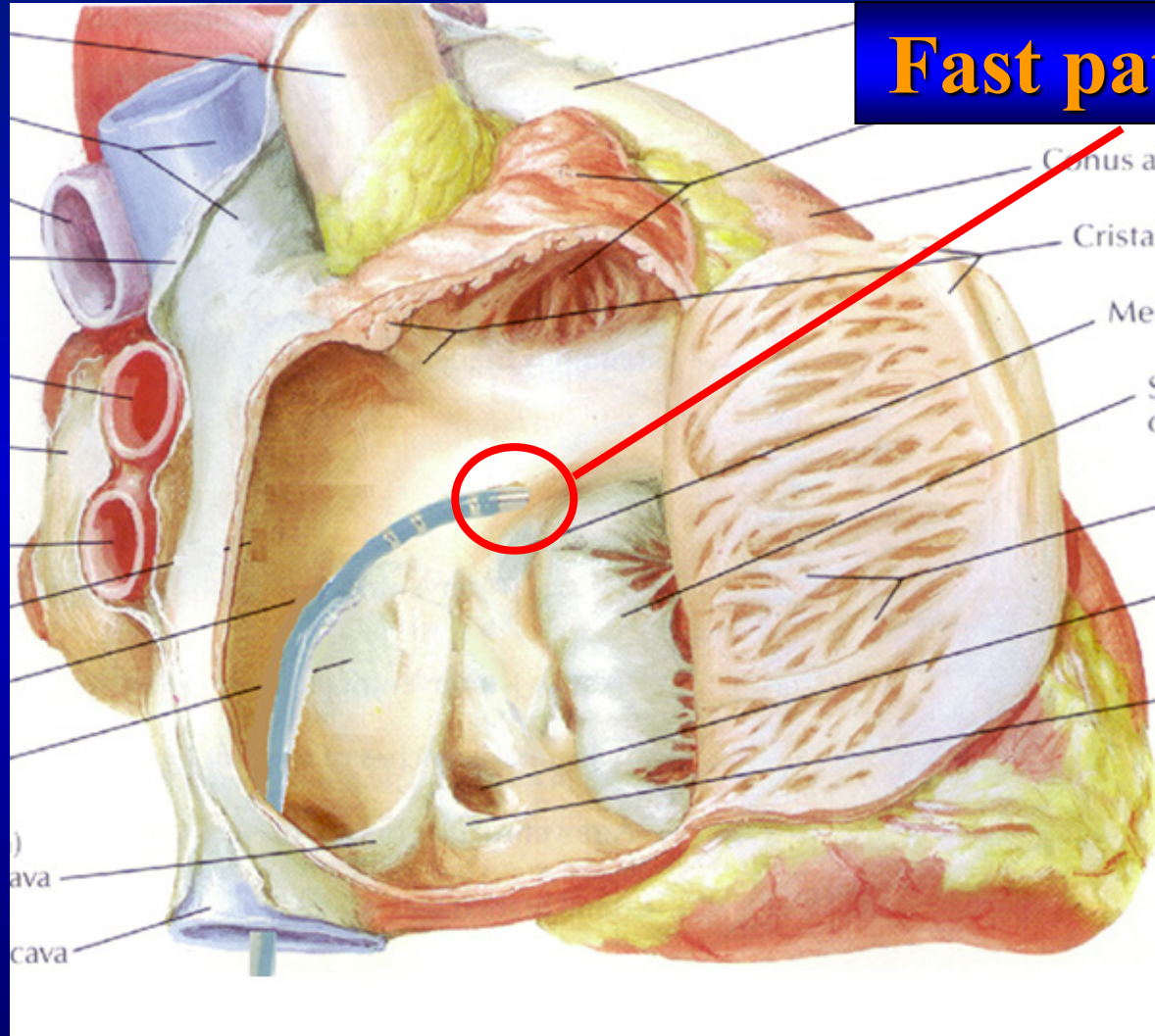
35 patients (6 left sided AP)  
Left atrium was accessed  
through a **transseptal puncture**.  
Ablation efficacy 32 pts (91,4%)



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Gallagher , Sheinman 1982
- **WPW:** Jackman 1983 (Right),  
Morady 1985 (Right anatomical),  
Warin 1988 (Right and Left approach)
- **AVNRT (fast pathway) :** Haissaguerre 1989,  
Epstein 1989

# DC shock ablation technique for AVNRT



**Fast pathway ablation**

Modified from Netter, Atlas of Human Anatomy

# Closed-Chest Ablation of Retrograde Conduction in Patients with Atrioventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia

Michel Haissaguerre, M.D., Jean Francois Warin, M.D., Philippe Lemetayer, M.D., Nadir Saoudi, M.D., Jean Pierre Guillem, M.D., and Pierre Blanchot, M.D.

N Engl J Med 1989; 320:426-433 | February 16, 1989 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJM198902163200704

**21 patients, 76% efficacy**

**“Complete heart block persisted in 2 patients (10%)”**

## Percutaneous Catheter Modification of the Atrioventricular Node

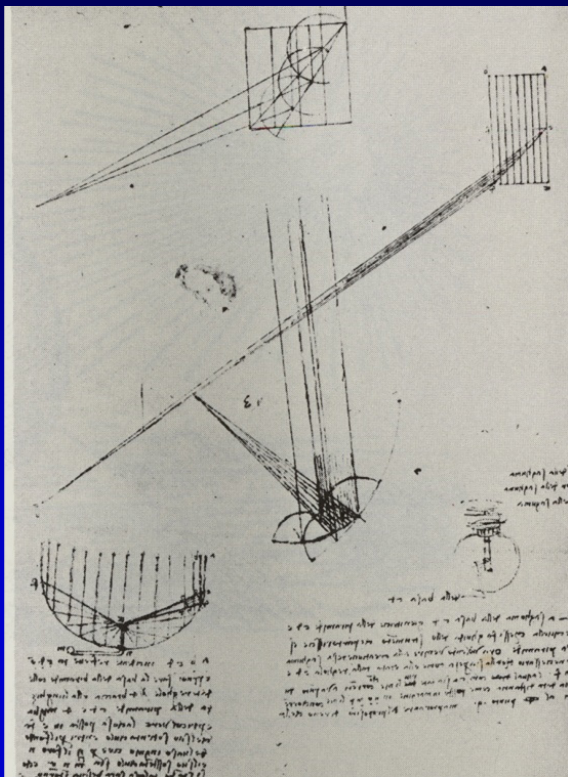
**A Potential Cure for Atrioventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia**

*(Circulation 1989;80:757-768)*

Laurence M. Epstein, MD, Melvin M. Scheinman, MD, Jonathan J. Langberg, MD, Donald Chilson, MD, Harold R. Goldberg, MD, and Jerry C. Griffin, MD

**9 patients, 67% efficacy**

**“Two complete ablation of the AV junction (22%)”**



**10 years of  
DC shock ablation  
increased our  
knowledge on the  
substrate of  
arrhythmia**

**Technology**  
“The right tools”





**Lavergne T, Guize L, Le Heuzey JY, Carcone P, Geslin J,  
Cousin MT.**

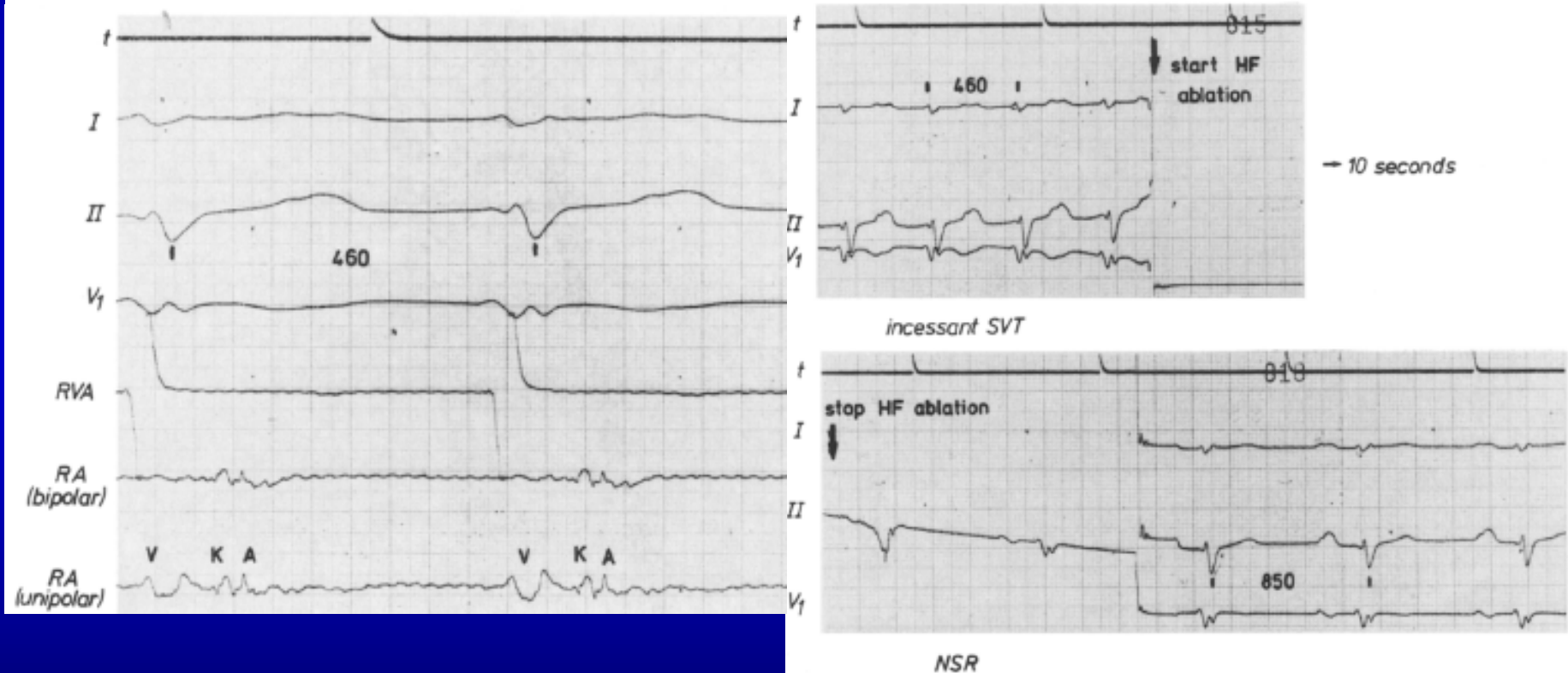
**Closed-chest atrioventricular junction ablation by high-frequency  
energy transcatheter desiccation.**

**Lancet 1986; 2(8511): 858-859**

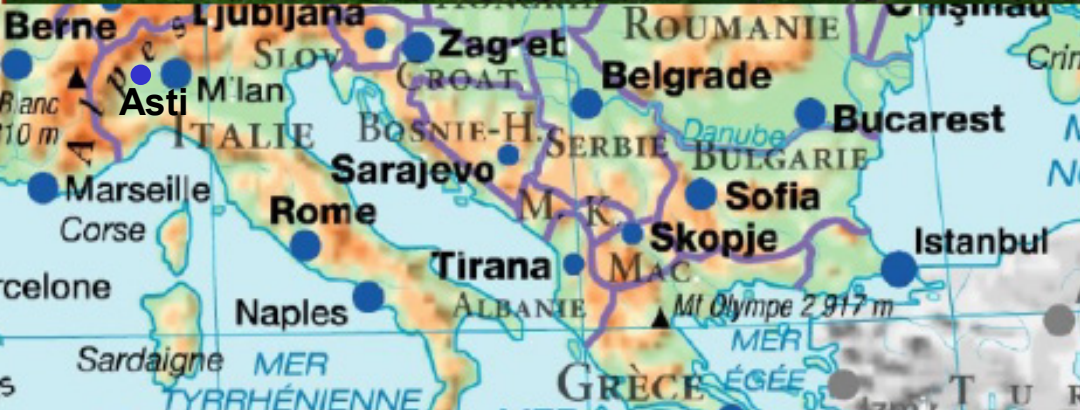
# High Frequency Alternating Current Ablation of an Accessory Pathway in Humans

JACC Vol. 10, No. 3  
September 1987:576-82

MARTIN BORGGREFE, MD, THOMAS BUDDE, MD, ANDREA PODCZECK, MD,  
GÜNTER BREITHARDT, MD

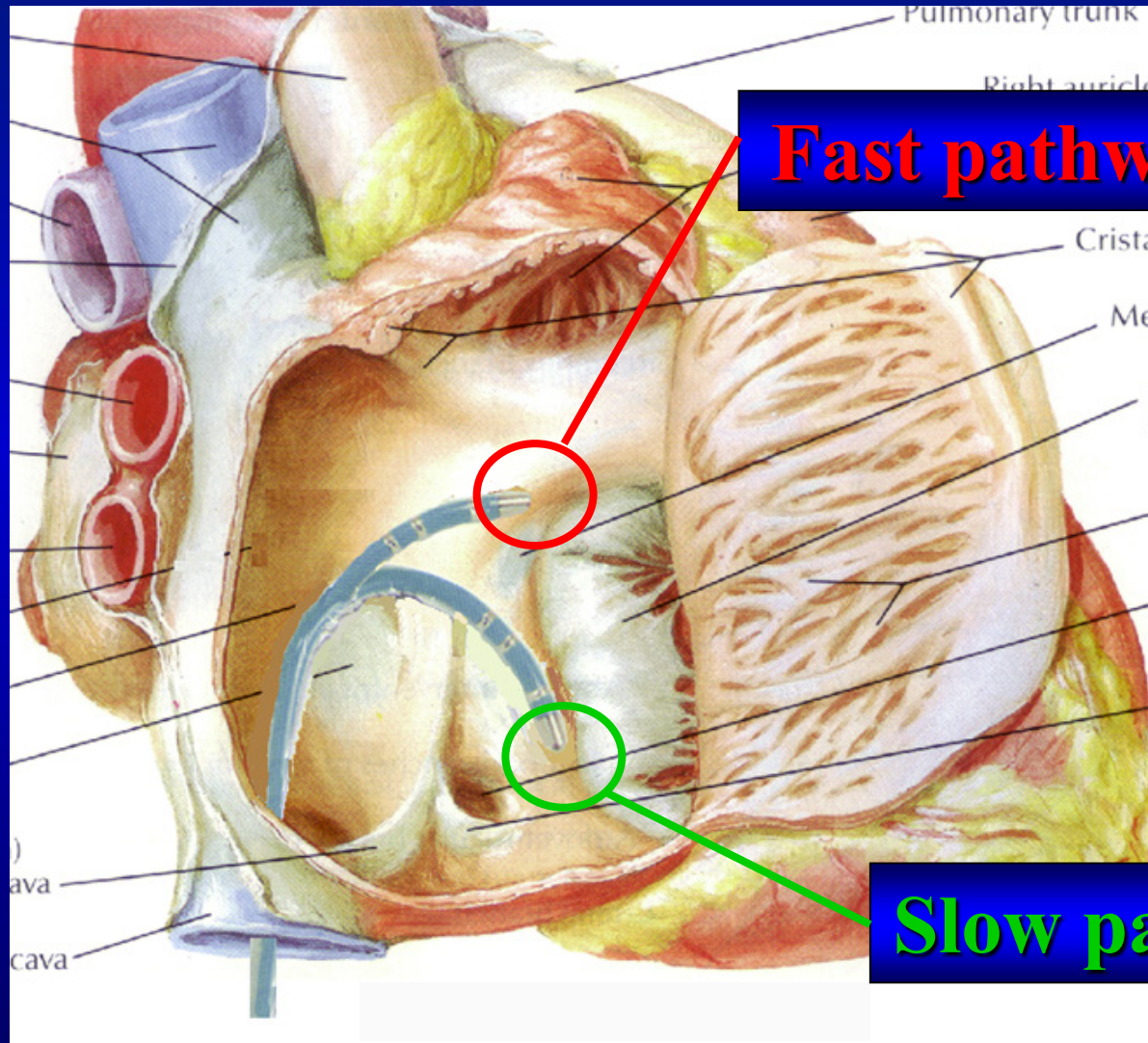


**1<sup>st</sup> pt.** Catheter ablation using direct current shocks was ineffective.  
**2 alternating current high frequency impulses** were delivered with an energy output of **50 W** through the distal tip of the bipolar catheter





# RF ablation technique for AVNRT



**Fast pathway ablation**

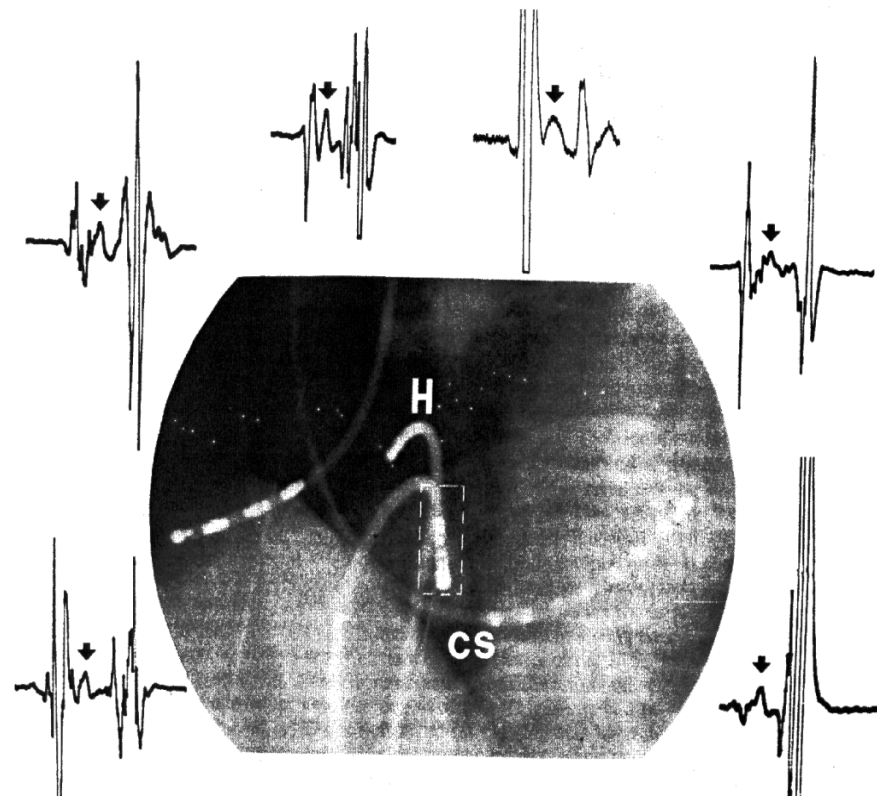
**Slow pathway ablation**

# Elimination of Atrioventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia Using Discrete Slow Potentials to Guide Application of Radiofrequency Energy

Circulation 1992;85:2162

Michel Haissaguerre, MD; Fiorenzo Gaita, MD; Bruno Fischer, MD;  
Daniel Commenges, PhD; Paul Montserrat, MD; Christophe d'Ivernois, MD;  
Philippe Lemetayer, MD; and Jean-François Warin, MD

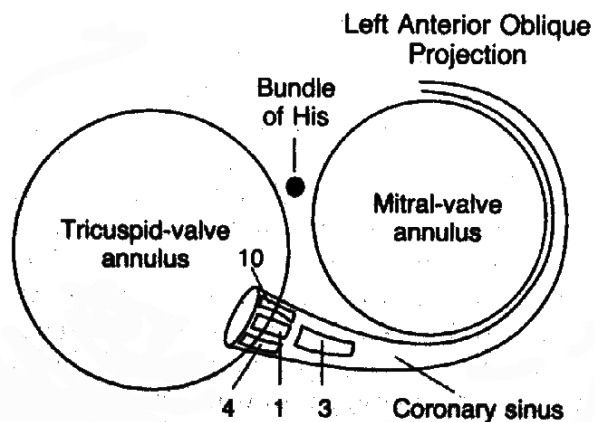
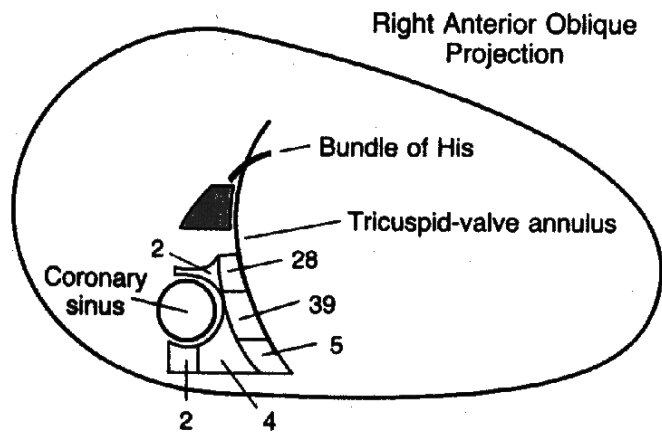
Slow potentials were recorded along a vertical band at the mid or posterior part of the septum near the tricuspid annulus. Radiofrequency energy applied at the slow potential site resulted in interruption of induced tachycardia within a few seconds and rendered tachycardia noninducible in all patients.



# TREATMENT OF SUPRAVENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA DUE TO ATRIOVENTRICULAR NODAL REENTRY BY RADIOFREQUENCY CATHETER ABLATION OF SLOW-PATHWAY CONDUCTION

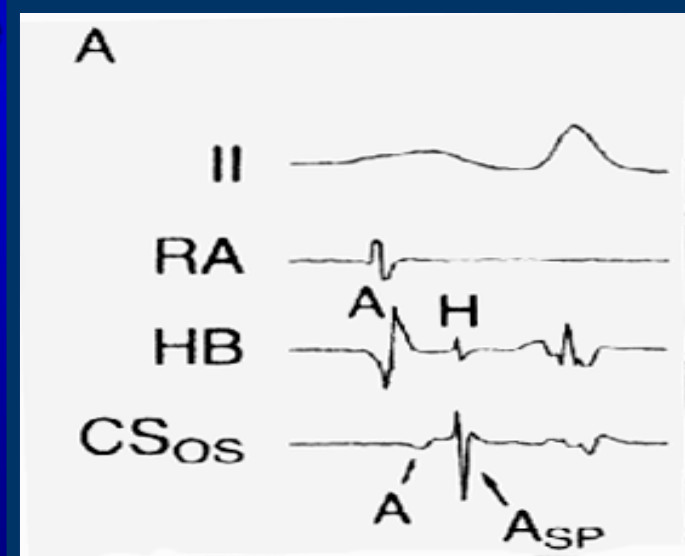
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(N Engl J Med 1992;327:313-8.)



**80** consecutive pts with AVNRT

**RF** delivery at the **sharp potential** resulted in elimination of AVNRT without affect anterograde AV conduction in **78** pts.



AV block occurred in 1 case

# Selective Transcatheter Ablation of the Fast and Slow Pathways Using Radiofrequency Energy in Patients With Atrioventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia

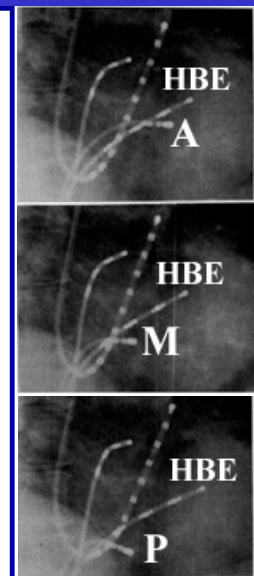
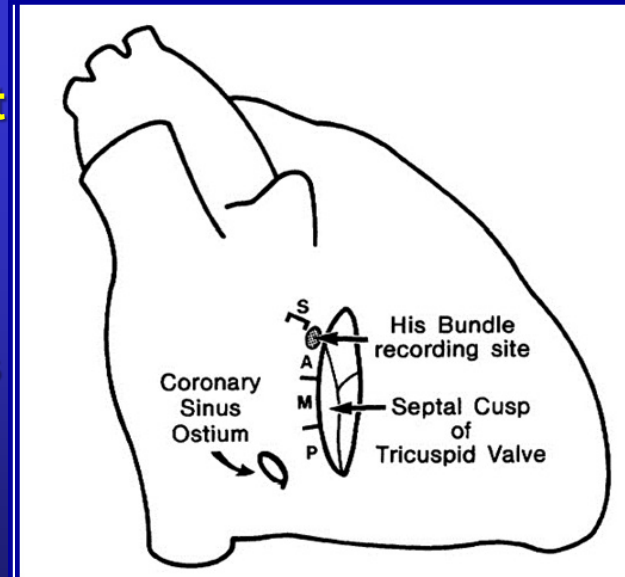
(*Circulation* 1992;85:1318-1328)

Mohammad R. Jazayeri, MD; Sandy L. Hempe, RN; Jasbir S. Sra, MD; Anwer A. Dhala, MD; Zalman Blanck, MD; Sanjay S. Deshpande, MD; Boaz Avitall, MD, PhD; David P. Krum, MS; Carol J. Gilbert, RN; and Masood Akhtar, MD

**49** consecutive pts with AVNRT

The first 16 patients underwent a **fast pathway** ablation with RF (complete AV block in 4 cases)

Among the last 33 patients who underwent a **slow pathway** ablation as the initial attempt and a fast pathway ablation only when the former failed, 32 (97%) had successful AVNRT abolition with intact AV conduction.

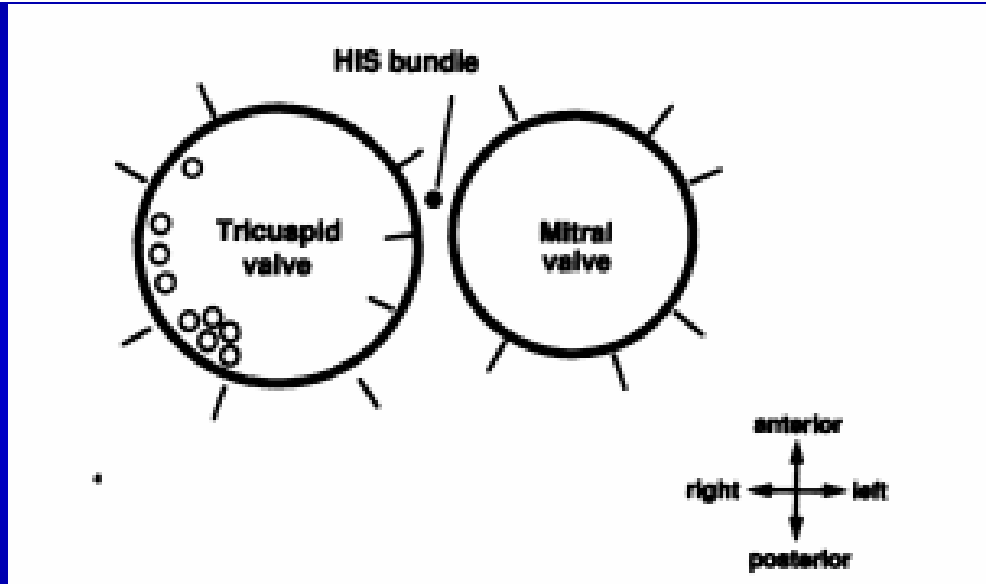
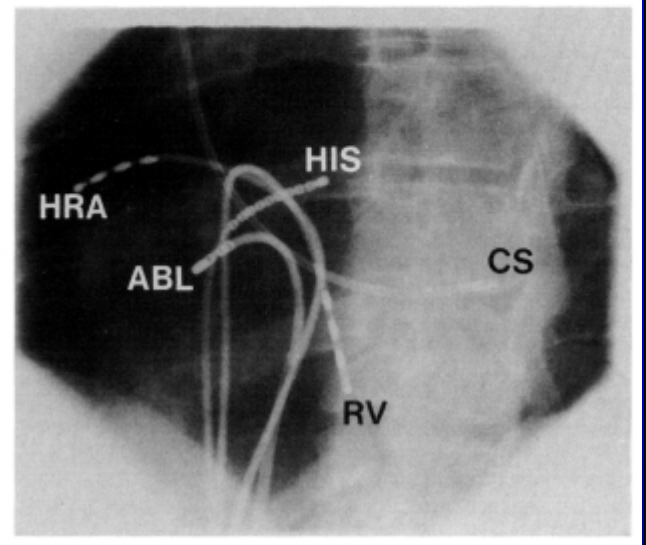
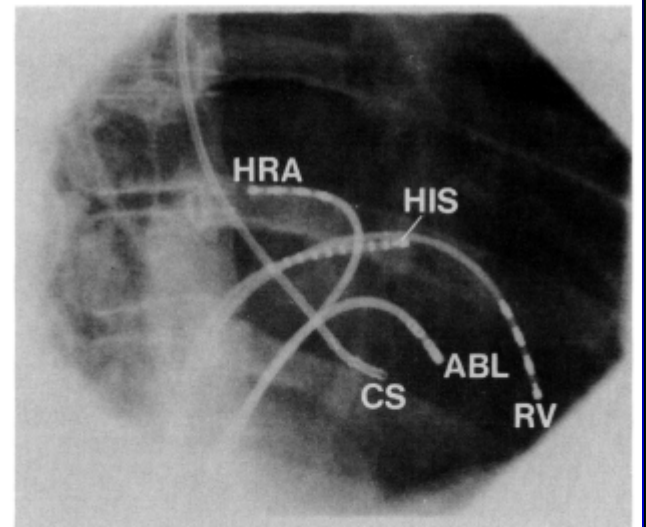




# Catheter-Induced Mechanical Conduction Block of Right-Sided Accessory Fibers With Mahaim-Type Preexcitation to Guide Radiofrequency Ablation

(*Circulation*. 1994;90:282-290.)

Riccardo Cappato, MD; Michael Schlüter, PhD; Christian Weiß, MD; Jürgen Siebels, MD; Joachim Hebe, MD; Wolfgang Duckeck, MD; Ralph U. Mletzko, MD; Karl-Heinz Kuck, MD



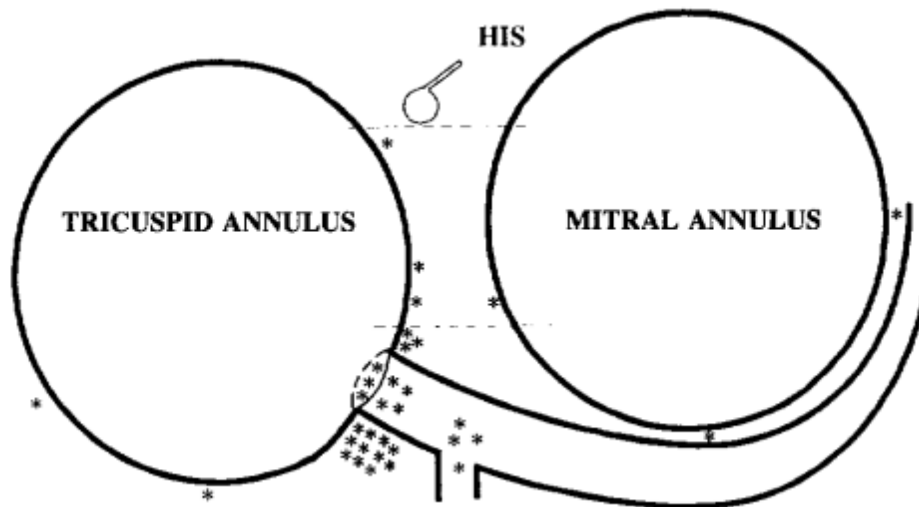
11 patients with preexcited AVRT involving a **decrementally conducting antegrade accessory pathway** underwent complete EP evaluation and subsequent **RF catheter ablation**

# Catheter Ablation of Permanent Junctional Reciprocating Tachycardia With Radiofrequency Current

JACC Vol. 25, No. 3  
March 1, 1995:648-54

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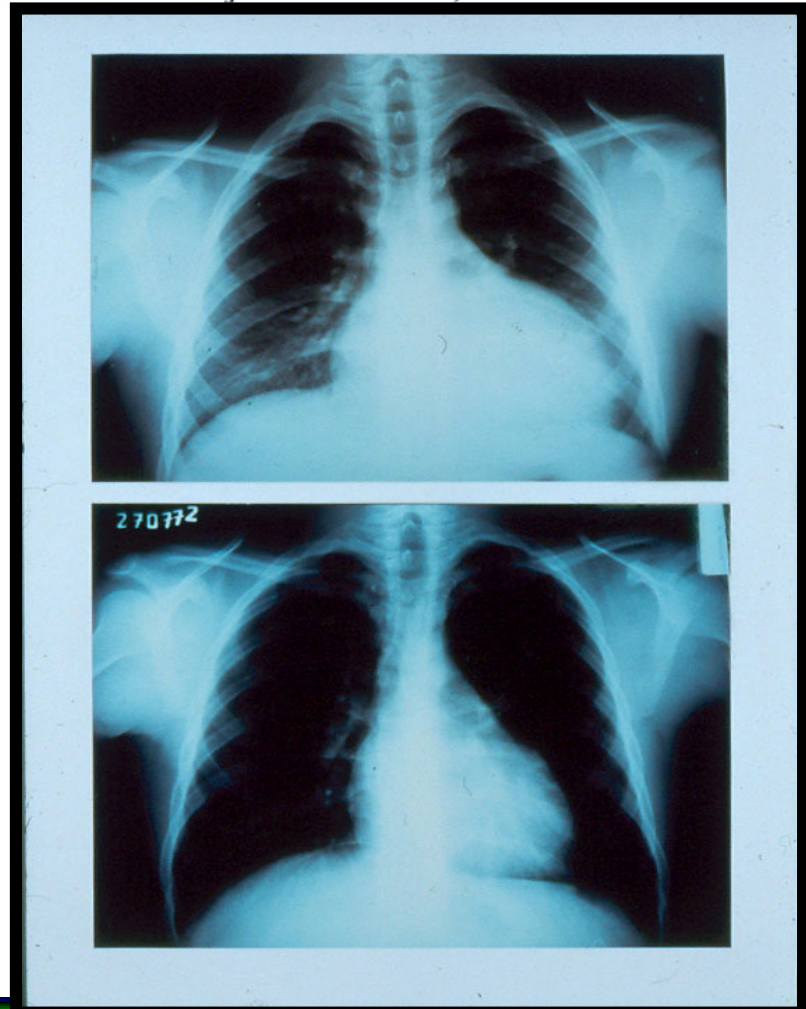
*Asti and Turin, Italy and Bordeaux, France*



**32 patients**

**31 (97%) asymptomatic**

**Patients with depressed LVEF  
showed normalization**

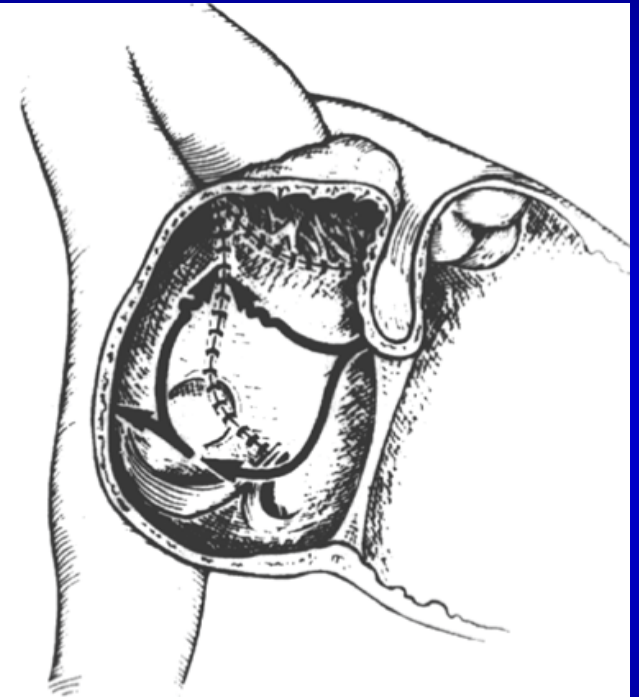
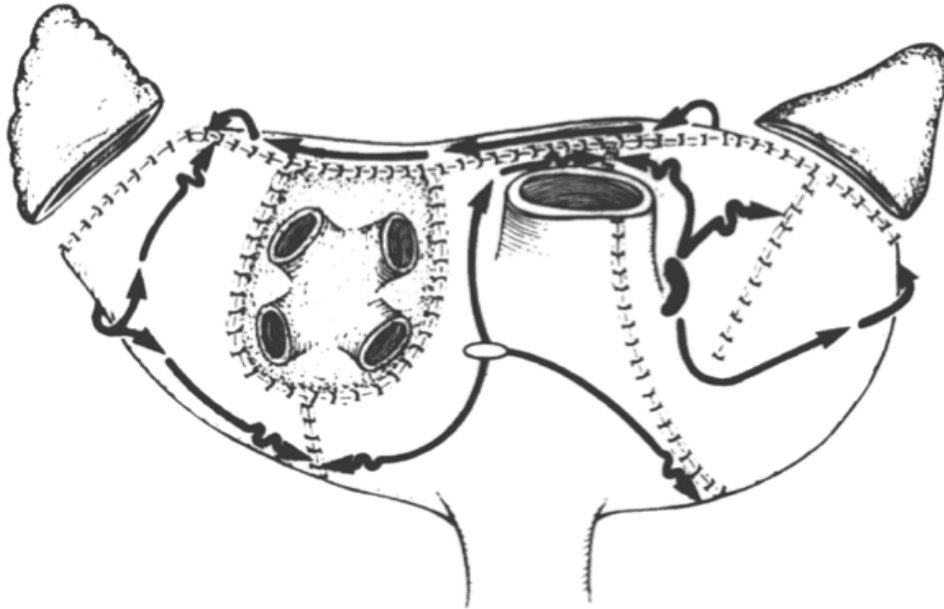


**Late 90s**

**The last frontier of TC ablation**

**Atrial fibrillation**

# Substrate modification: **linear lesions**



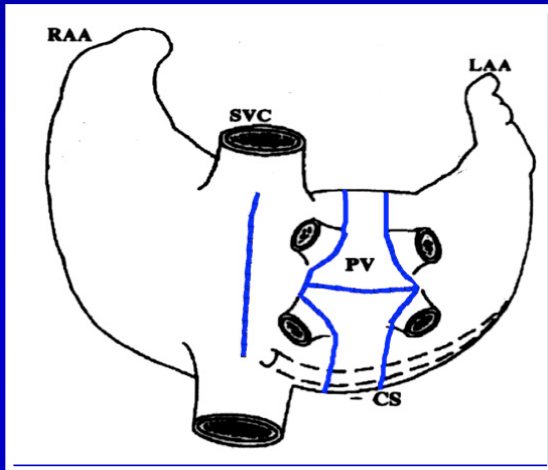
178 pts ( 103 paroxysmal, 75 chronic )

Follow-up : 3 - 102 months

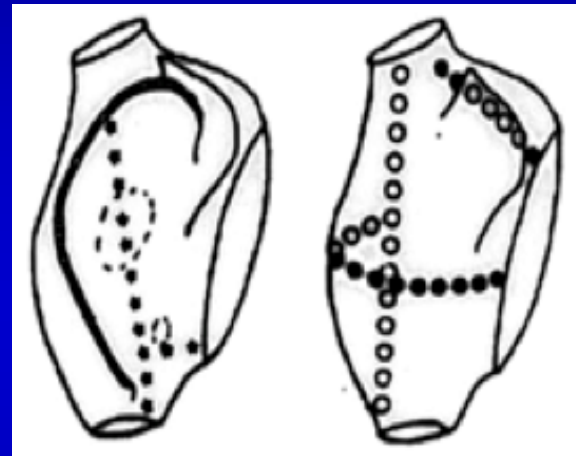
Success rate: **93%**

Complications: PM implant 30 pts, 1 stroke, 2 MI  
4 deaths

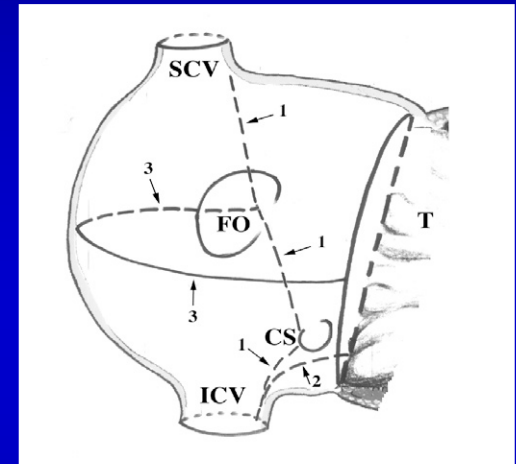
# *Beginning of the era of AF TC ablation*



**Swartz '96**



**Haissaguerre '96-98**



**F. Gaita '96-98**

# Right and left ablation for atrial fibrillation

29 Pts with **Chronic AF**

Success

79%

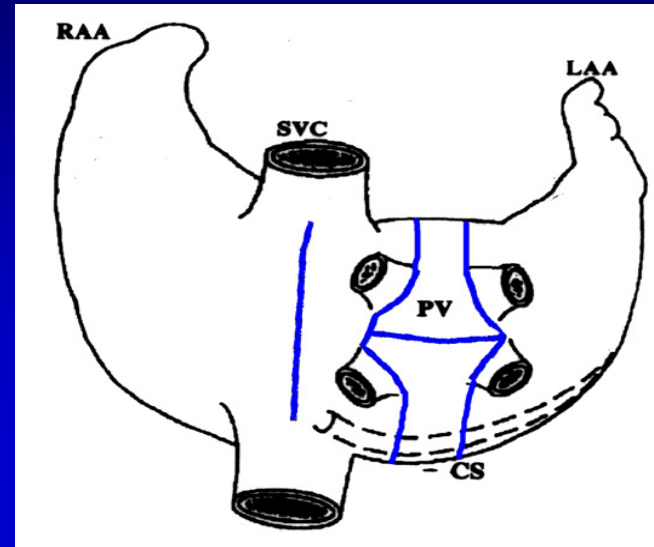
Complication

31%

(2 cerebral vascular accidents,  
1 pericardial effusion,  
1 pericarditis, 1 ARDS)

Procedure duration 10.50 h

X-ray exposure 118 min

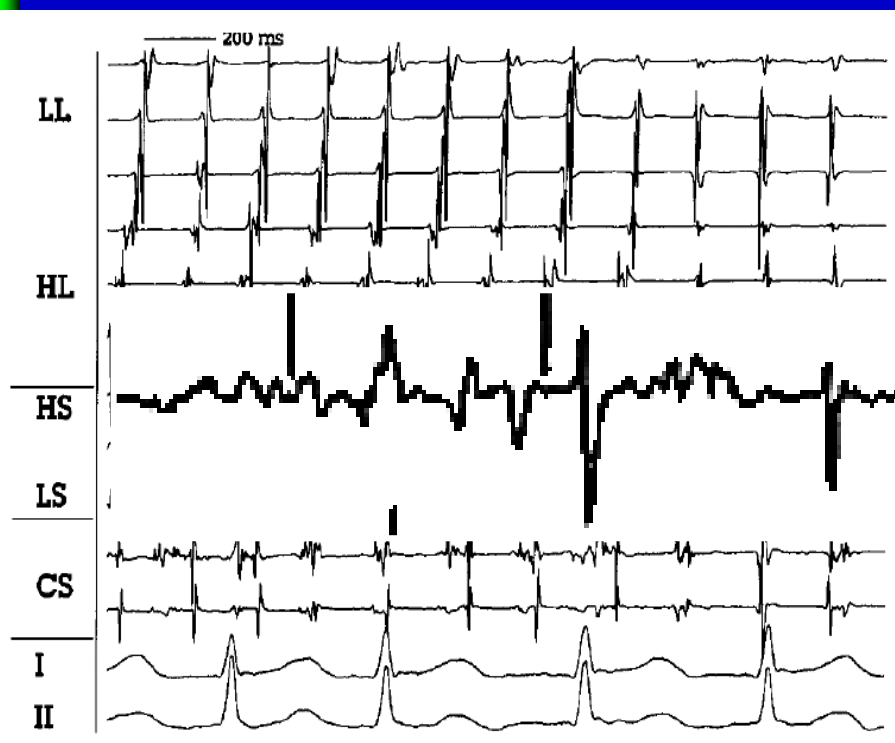
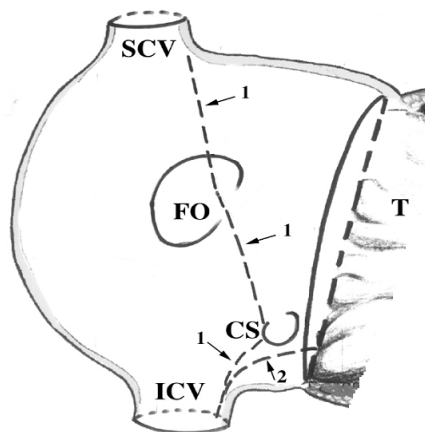


# Atrial Mapping and Radiofrequency Catheter Ablation in Patients With Idiopathic Atrial Fibrillation

## Electrophysiological Findings and Ablation Results

Fiorenzo Gaita, MD; Riccardo Riccardi, MD; Leonardo Calò, MD; Marco Scaglione, MD;  
 Lucia Garberoglio, MD; Renzo Antolini, PhD; Michele Kirchner, PhD;  
 Filippo Lamberti, MD; Elena Richiardi, MD

(*Circulation*. 1998;97:2136-2145.)

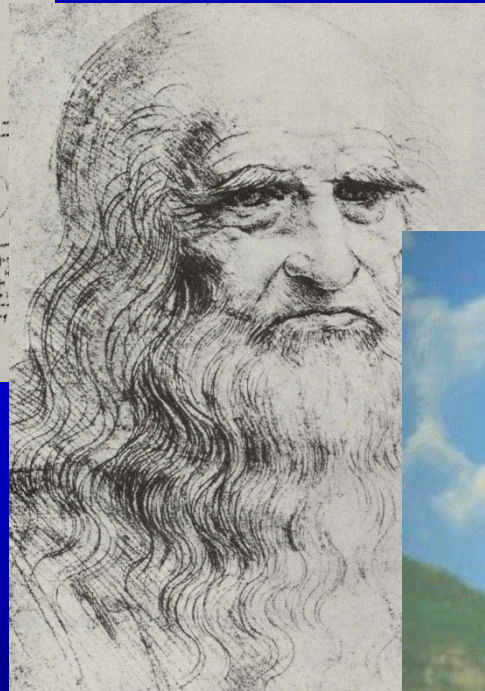
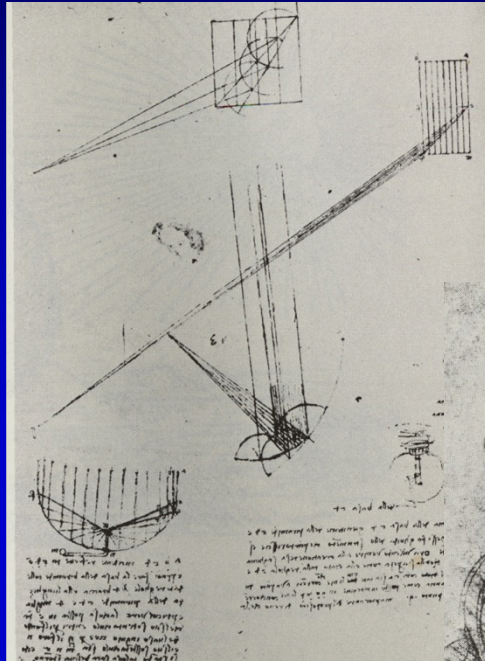


<b>Follow-up (months)</b>	11 ± 4	36 ± 6
<b>Success</b>	56%	39%
<b>Without drugs</b>	25%	11%
<b>With drugs</b>	31%	28%
<b>Complications</b>	none	none

**Predictors of success:**  
 ablation in areas with  
**shortest FF interval,**  
**low vagal tone**  
 demonstrated by heart rate  
 variability

...very often the realization of an idea may take some time....

**Knowledge**



**Idea**

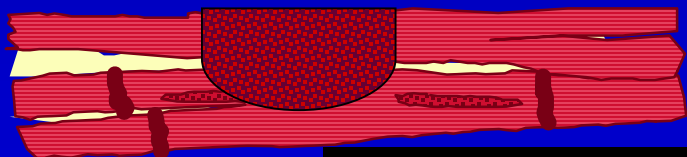
**Technology**  
(right tools)



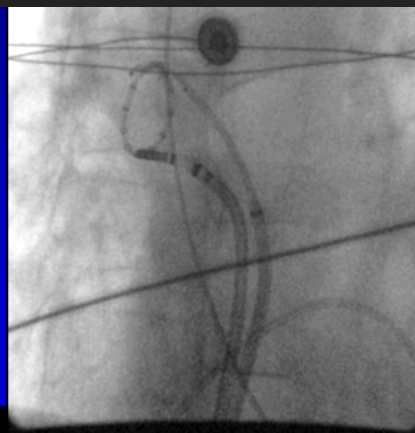


# The right tools for ablation:

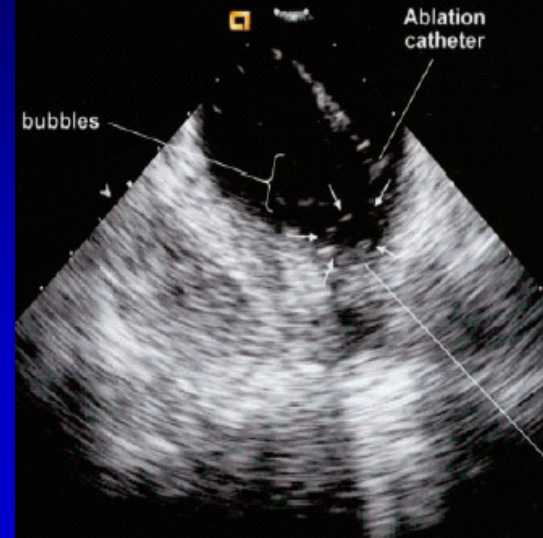
RF ablation catheter



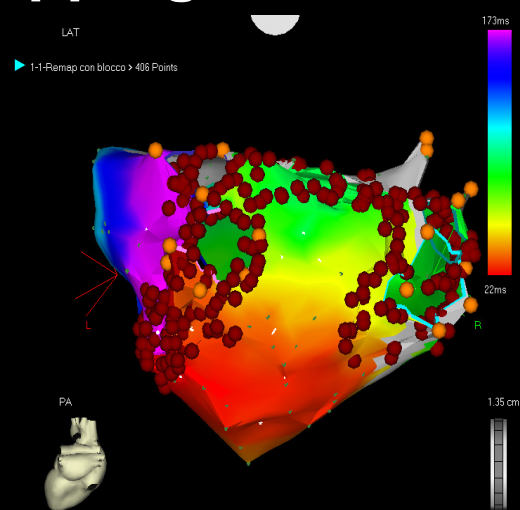
Rx Circular mapping catheter



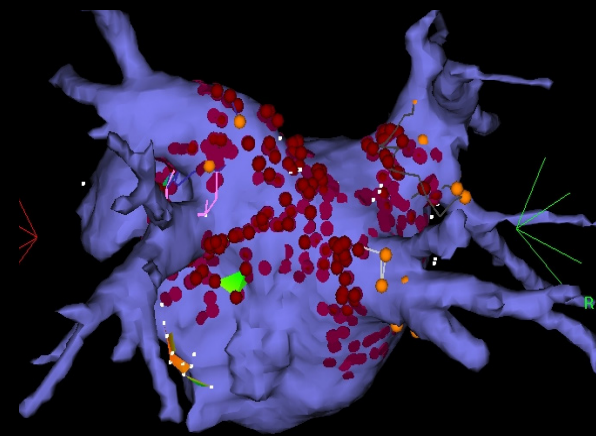
Intracardiac echo



3D electro-anatomical mapping



Integrated imaging with MRI-TC



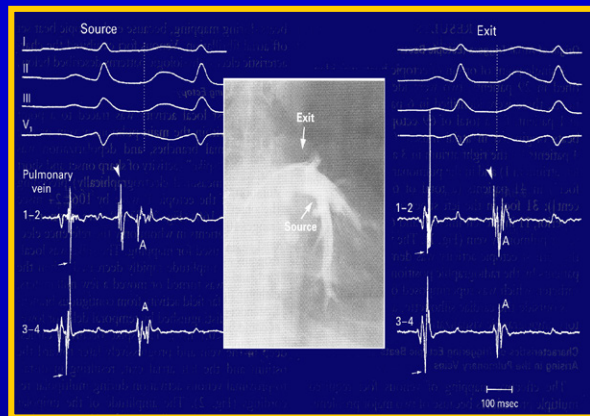
# The right idea: PV ablation

Interest moves from *substrate* to *triggers*

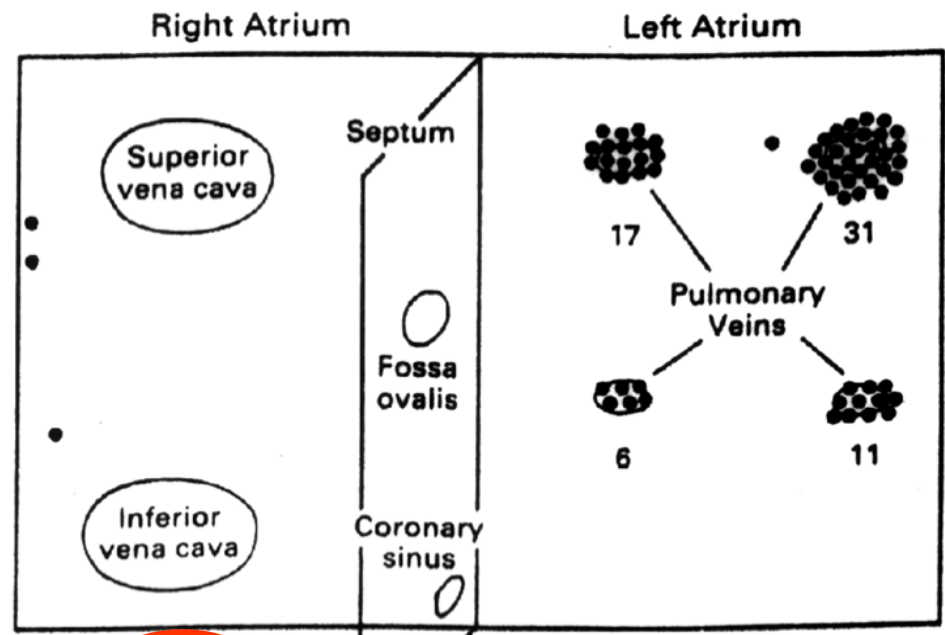
## SPONTANEOUS INITIATION OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION BY ECTOPIC BEATS ORIGINATING IN THE PULMONARY VEINS

MICHEL HAÏSSAGUERRE, M.D., PIERRE JAÏS, M.D., DIPEN C. SHAH, M.D., ATSUSHI TAKAHASHI, M.D., MÉLÈZE HOCINI, M.D., GILLES QUINIOU, M.D., STÉPHANE GARRIGUE, M.D., ALAIN LE MOUROUX, M.D., PHILIPPE LE MÉTAYER, M.D., AND JACQUES CLÉMENTY, M.D.

NEJM 1998;339:659-666



45 pts with  
idiopathic PAF  
Follow-up:  
8±6 months



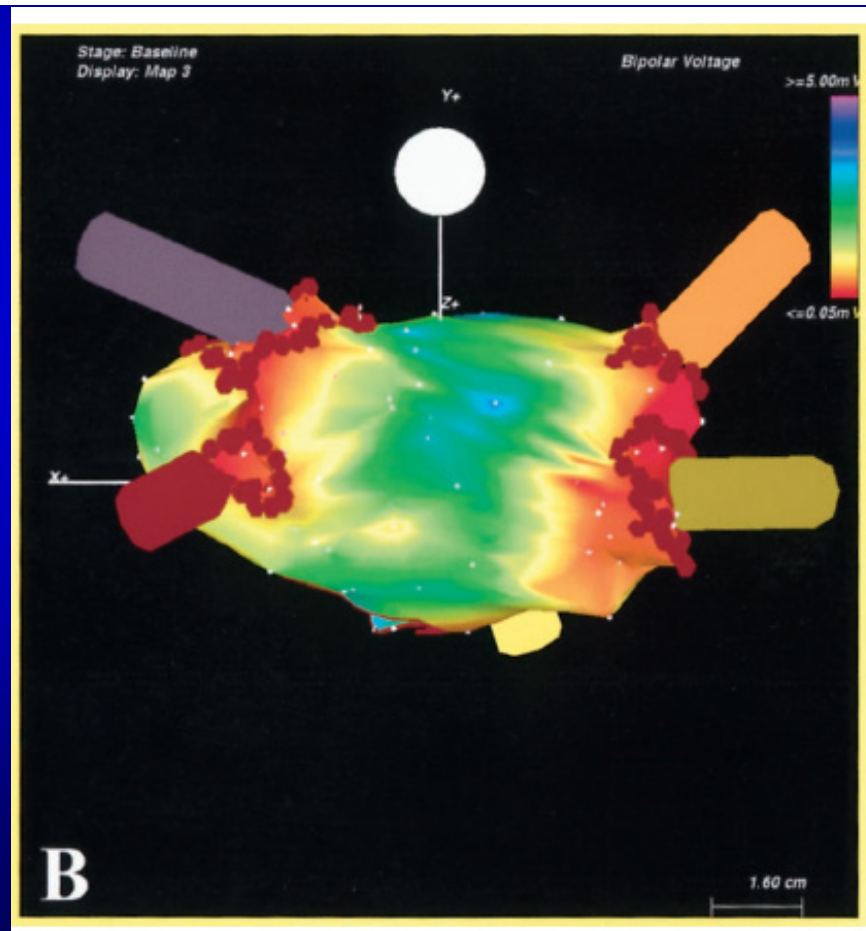
62% success rate w/oAAD

# Circumferential Radiofrequency Ablation of Pulmonary Vein Ostia

## A New Anatomic Approach for Curing Atrial Fibrillation

(*Circulation*. 2000;102:2619-2628.)

Carlo Pappone, MD, PhD; Salvatore Rosanio, MD, PhD; Giuseppe Oreto, MD; Monica Tocchi, MD; Filippo Gugliotta, BS; Gabriele Vicedomini, MD; Adriano Salvati, MD; Cosimo Dicandia, MD; Patrizio Mazzone, MD; Vincenzo Santinelli, MD; Simone Gulletta, MD; Sergio Chierchia, MD



# The question in 2000

Can pulmonary vein isolation  
effectively treat also patients  
with **persistent AF** and  
**structural heart disease?**

# Linear Cryoablation of the Left Atrium Versus Pulmonary Vein Cryoisolation in Patients With Permanent Atrial Fibrillation and Valvular Heart Disease

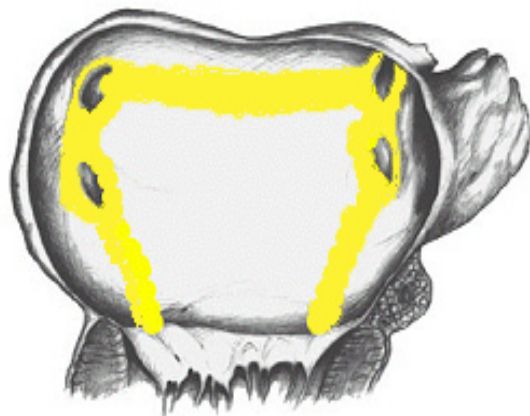
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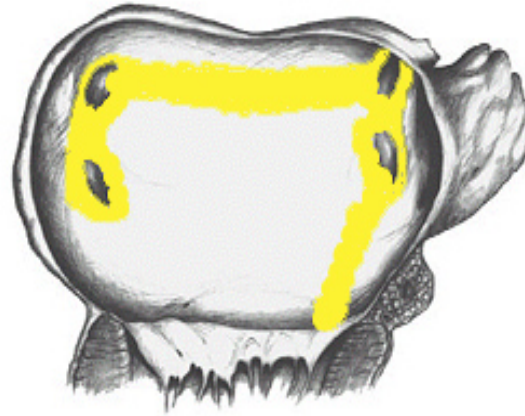
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reversed U

**Lesion**



7

**Lesion**



VP

**Isolation**

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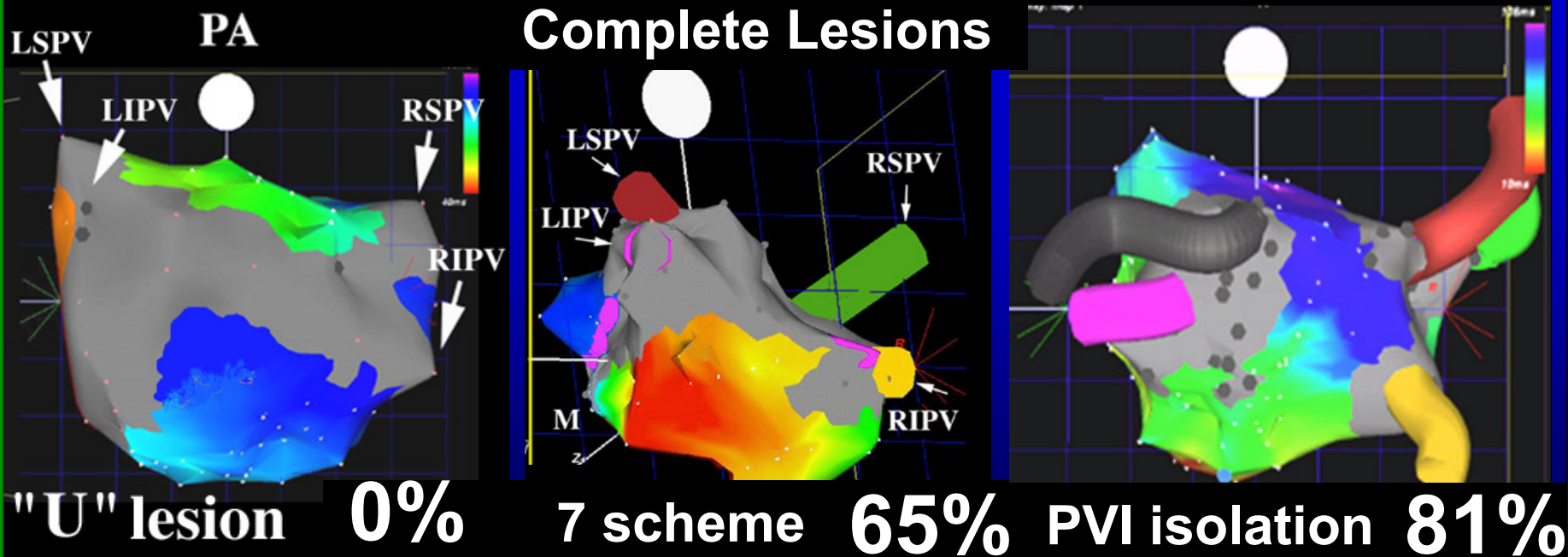
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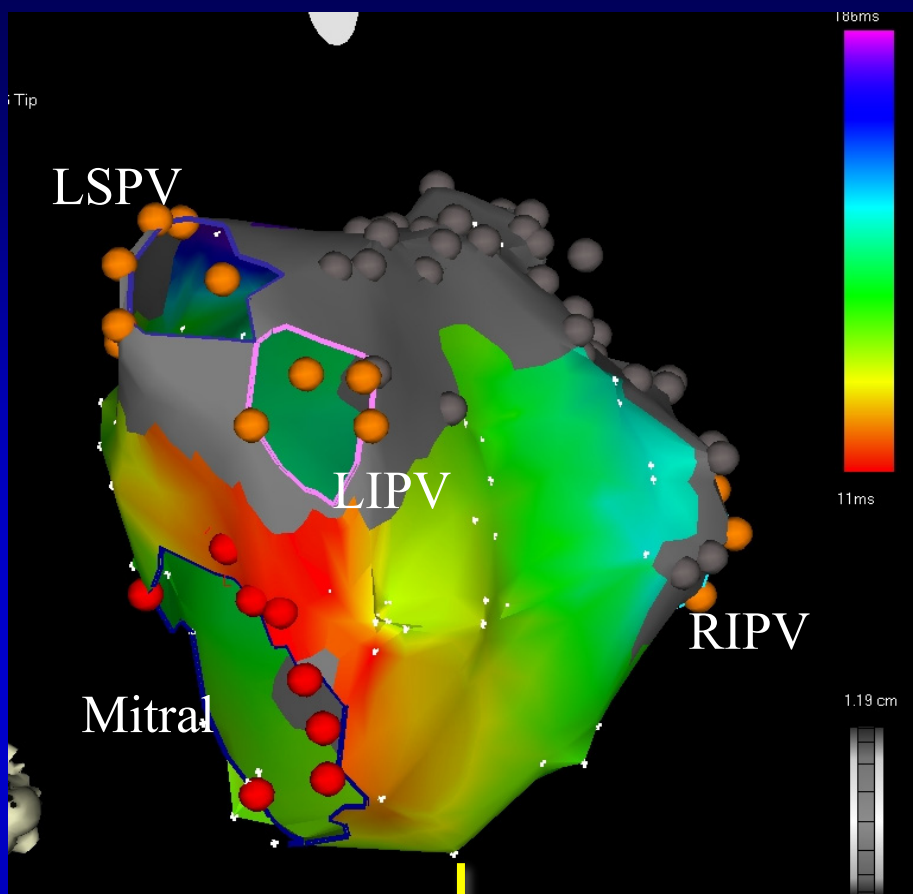
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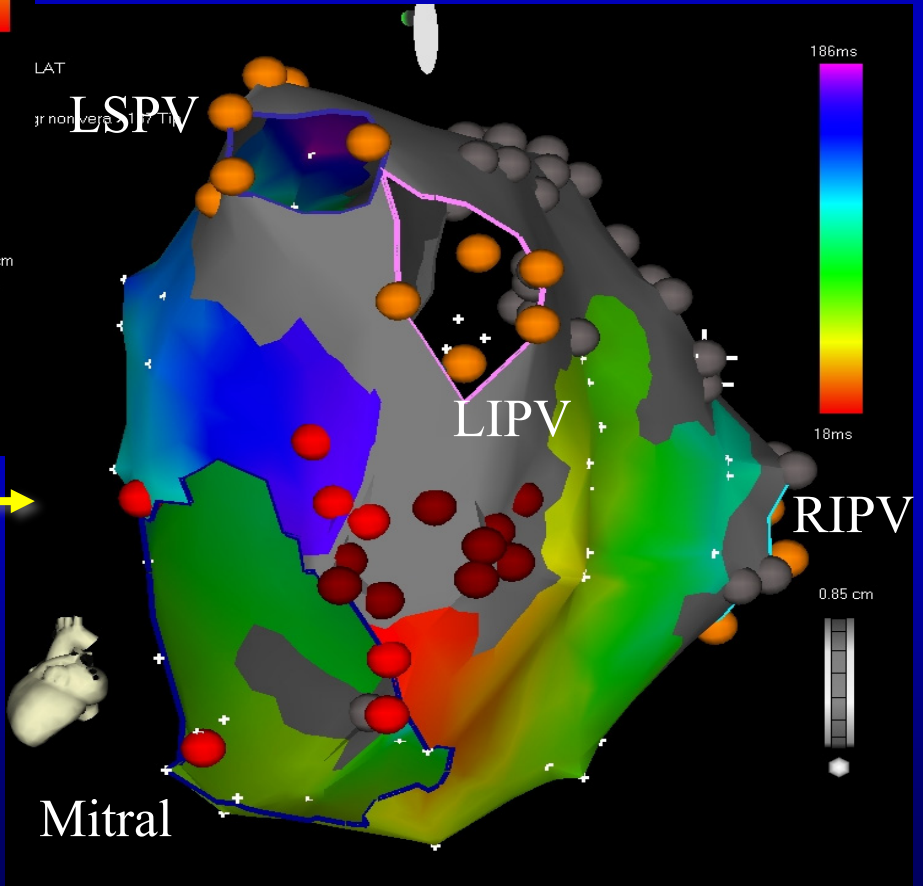
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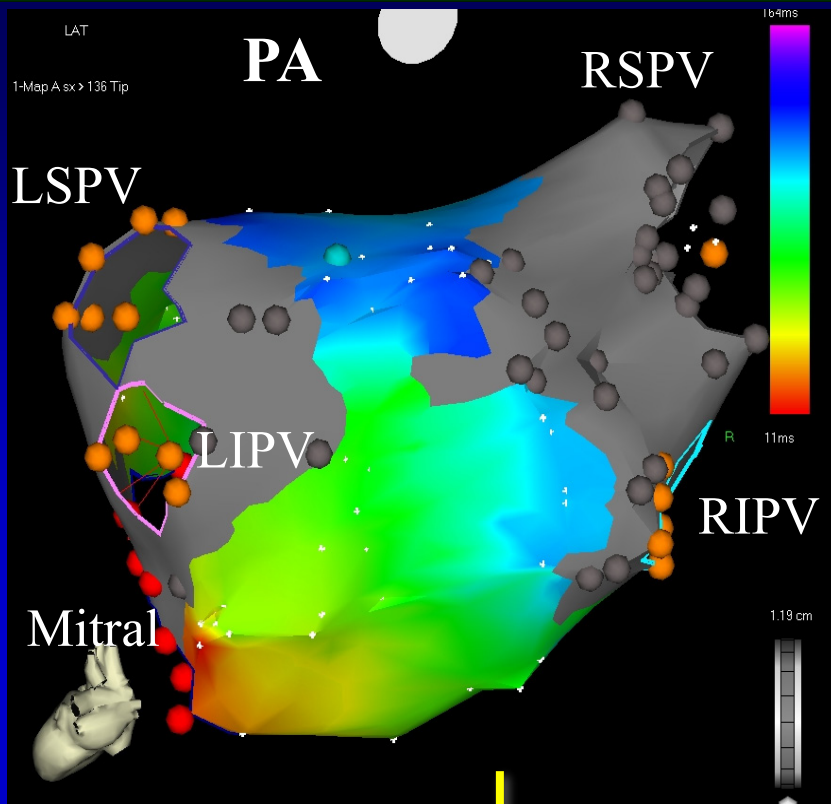


# Incomplete “ 7 “ lesion



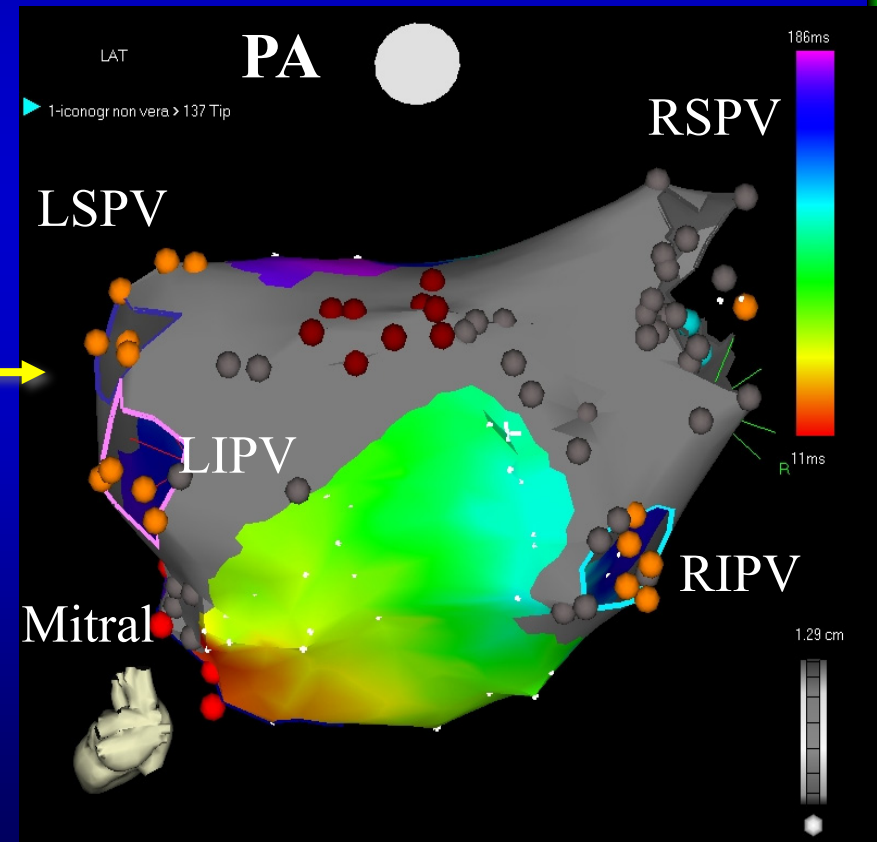
Left isthmus  
ablation and remap





# Incomplete “ 7 “ lesion

**Posterior linear  
ablation and remap**





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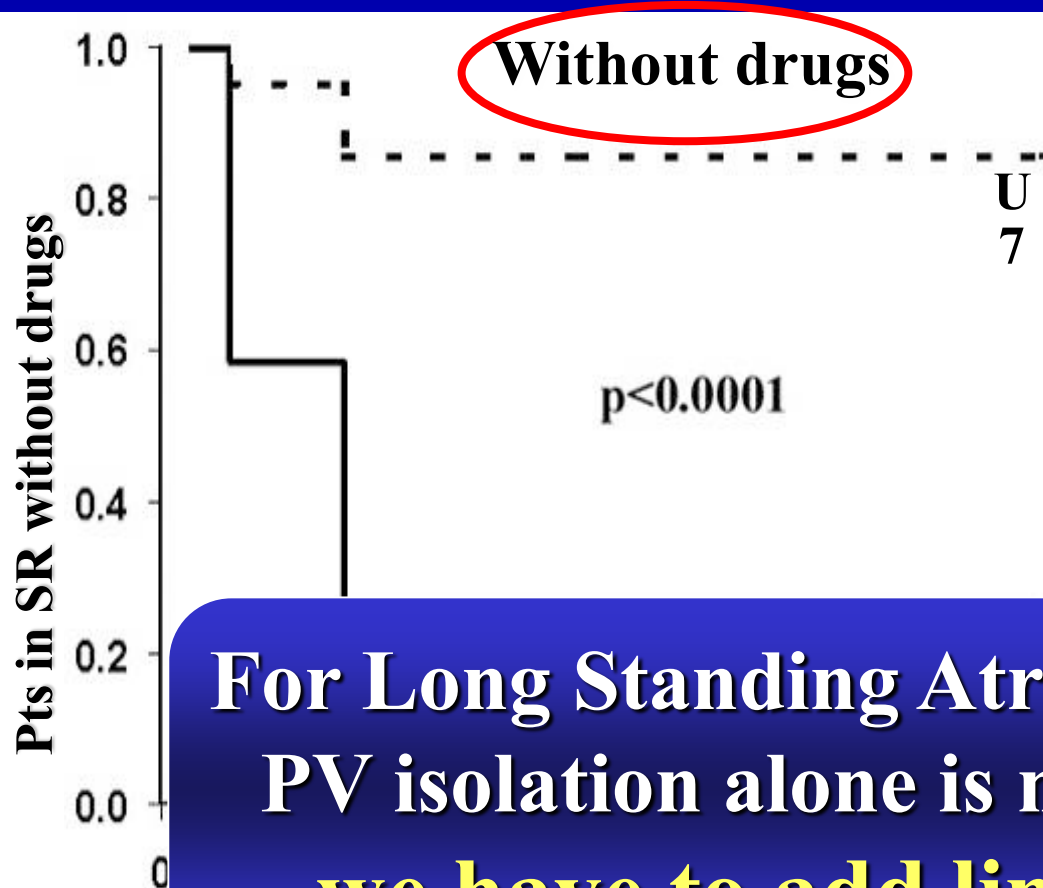
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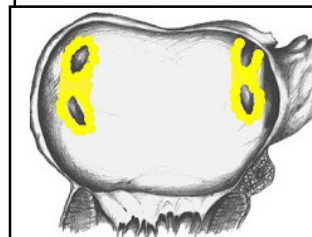
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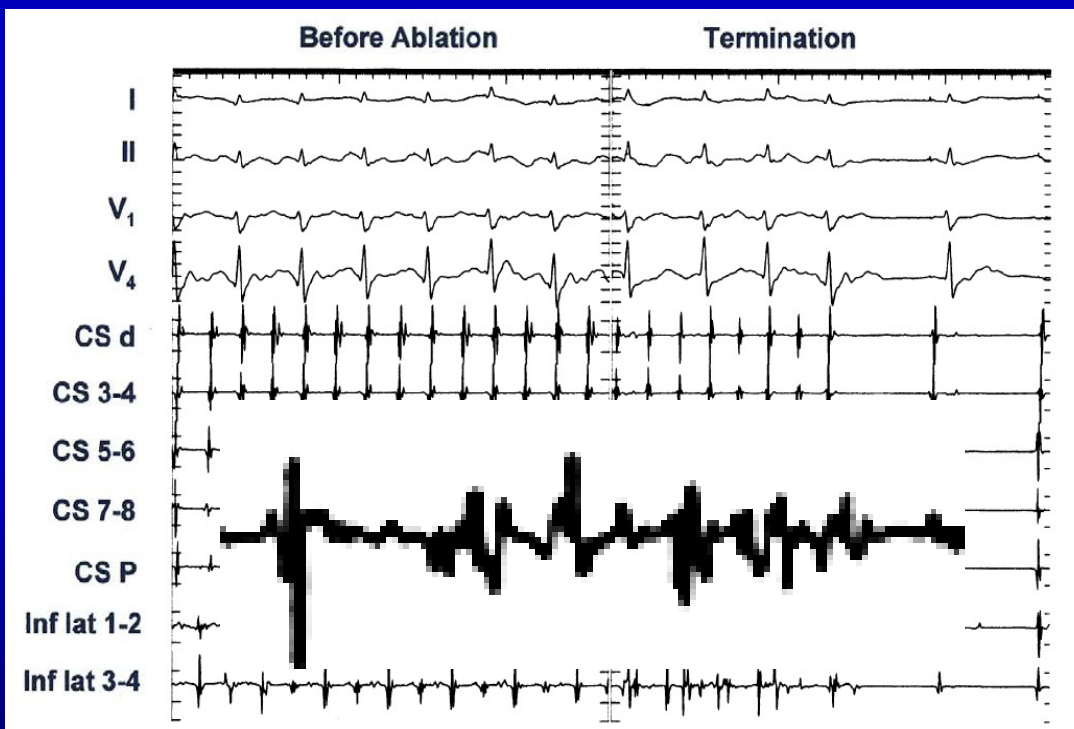
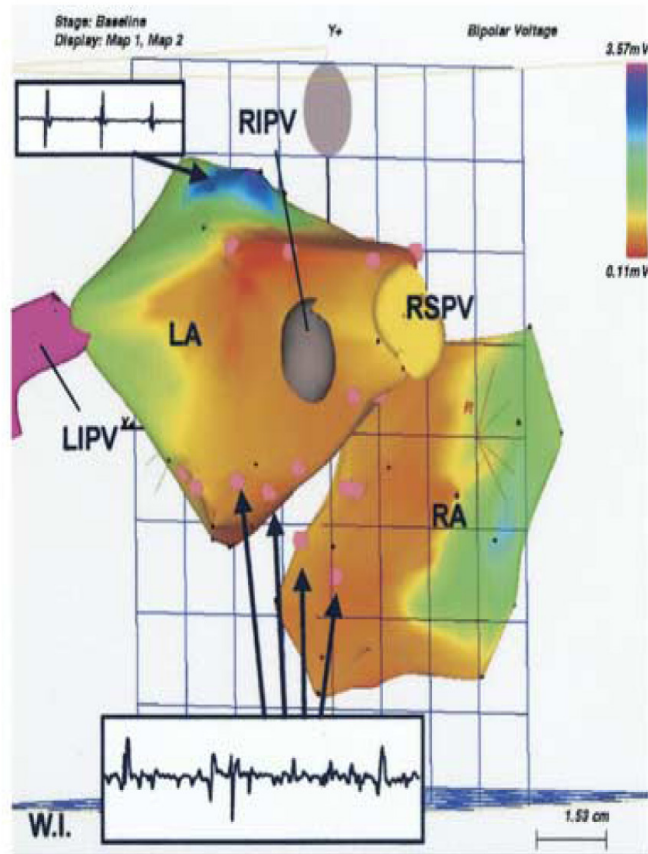


**For Long Standing Atrial Fibrillation  
PV isolation alone is not sufficient:  
we have to add linear lesions**

# A New Approach for Catheter Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Mapping of the Electrophysiologic Substrate

Koonlawee Nademanee, MD, FACC,\* John McKenzie, MD,\* Erol Kosar, MD,\* Mark Schwab, MD,\*  
Buncha Sunsaneewitayakul, MD,† Thaveekiat Vasavakul, MD,\* Chotikorn Khunnawat, MD,\*  
Tachapong Ngarmukos, MD‡ (J Am Coll Cardiol 2004;43:2044-53)

**121 pts with refractory AF (57 PAF, 64 chronic). FU: 1 y**



**84%** success rate w/out AAD (16% redo)

# Stereotaxis

Year 2006



Integrating diagnostic data with the ability to maneuver dedicated catheters and guide wires, the Stereotaxis allows to perform interventional procedures either in the **EP Lab** (ablations, CRT) and in the **Cath Lab** (PTCA, stent).

# Sensei™ system with Artisan™ introducer (Hansen Medical)

Year 2006

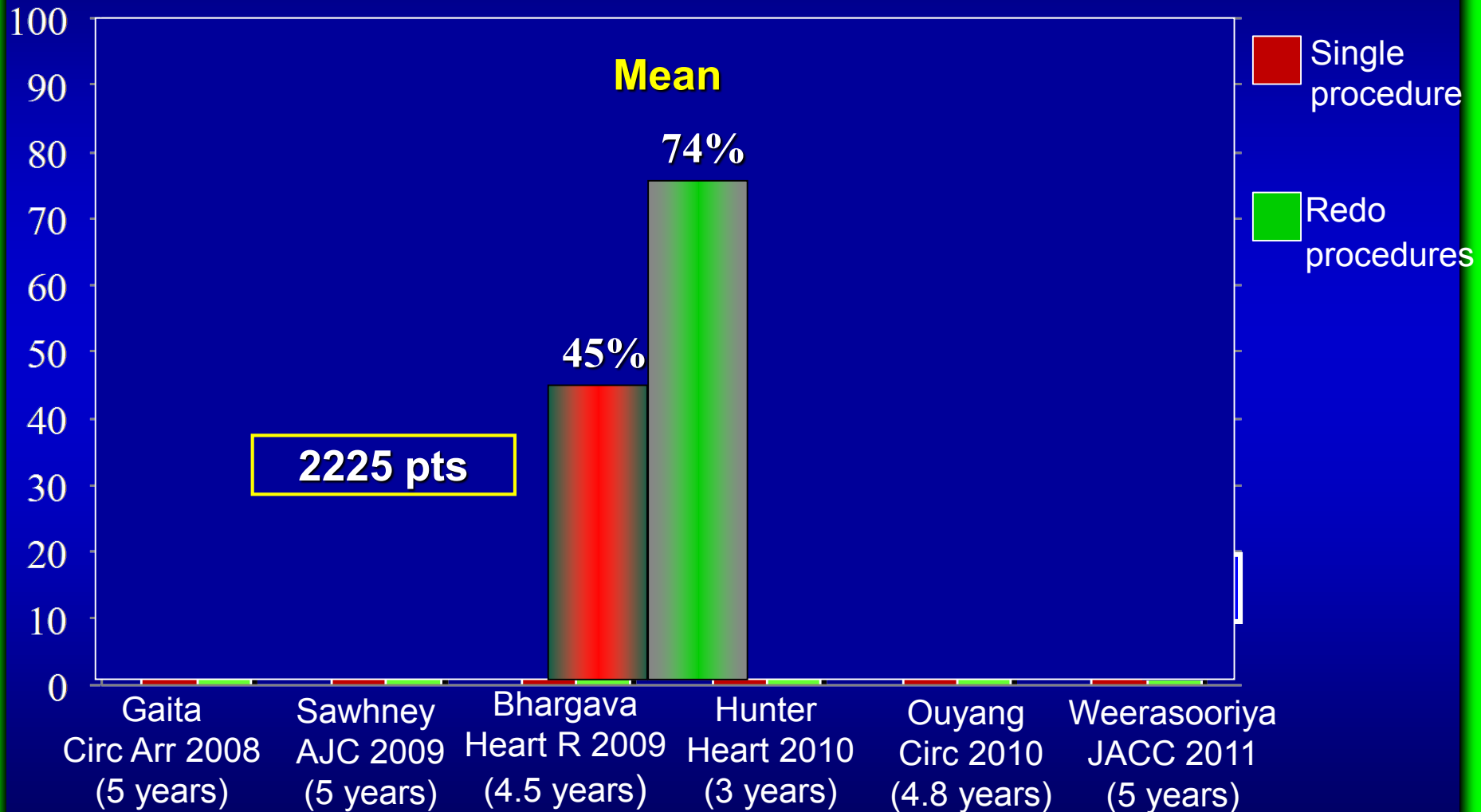


**LONG-TERM EFFICACY**

**5 years**

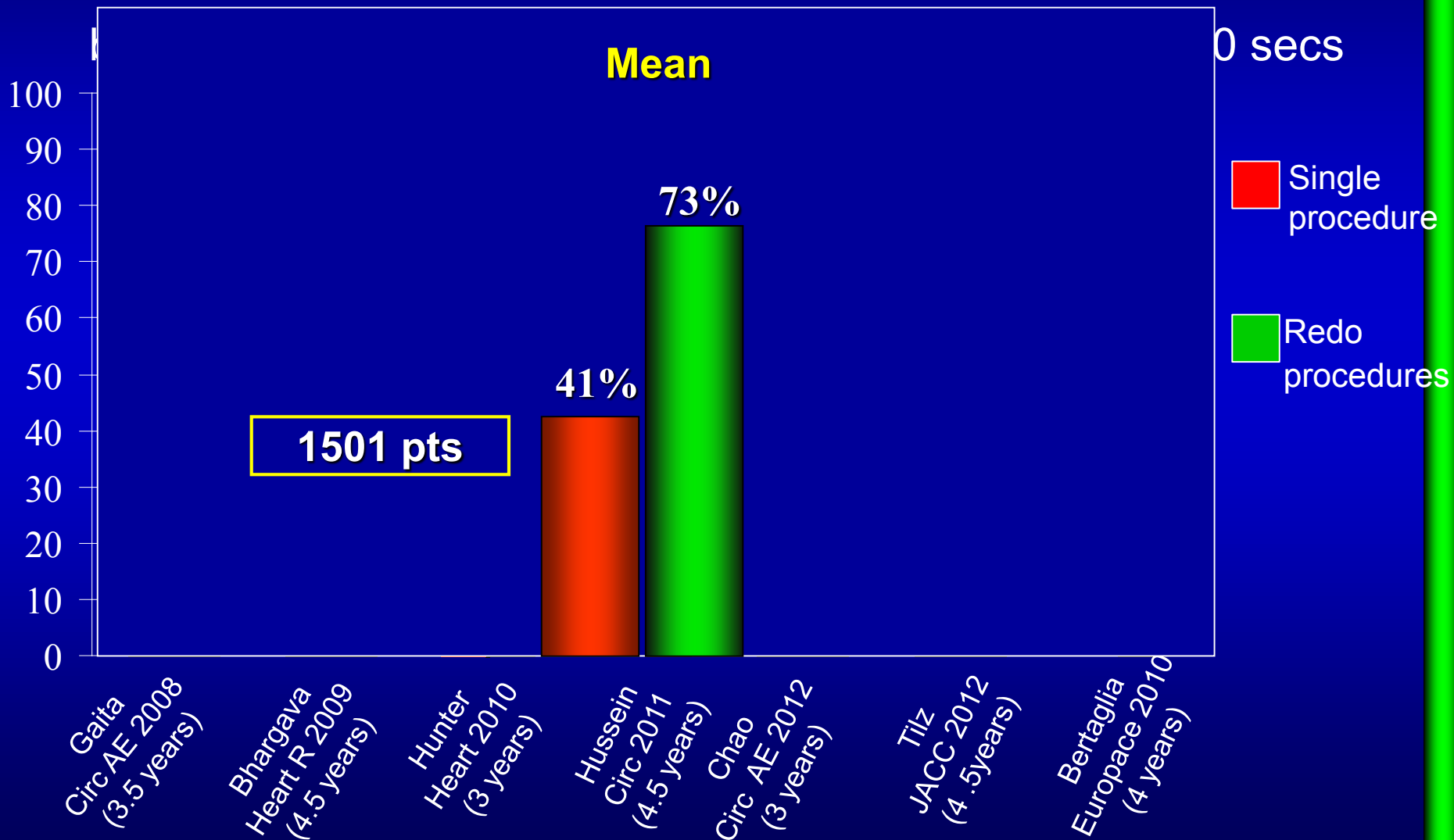
# Paroxysmal AF transcatheter ablation

Long term results (5 years) from studies involving more than 50 pts



# Persistent AF transcatheter ablation

Long term results (3 years) from studies involving more than 50 pts



# Complications of **radiofrequency** AF ablation

**1033 pts**

**2049 pts**

**16309 pts**

**Experienced centers**

**Our experience**

**Worldwide survey**

<b>Complications</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>1.6%</b>		<b>Pts</b>	<b>1.1%</b>		<b>Pts</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Stroke</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0.2</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<b>TIA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.4</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0.4</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>0.71</b>
<b>Severe PV stenosis</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.3</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0.1</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>Tamponade/Perf</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>0.3</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>Vascular complic</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.3</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0.1</b>		<b>152</b>	<b>0.93</b>

Verma Circulation 2005

Gaita 2010

Cappato Circ Arr 2010



# AF ablation per year today



25.000

93% RF

6% cryo

1% other



213.000

91% RF

7% cryo

2% other



250.000

92% RF

6% cryo

2% other



800.000

92% RF

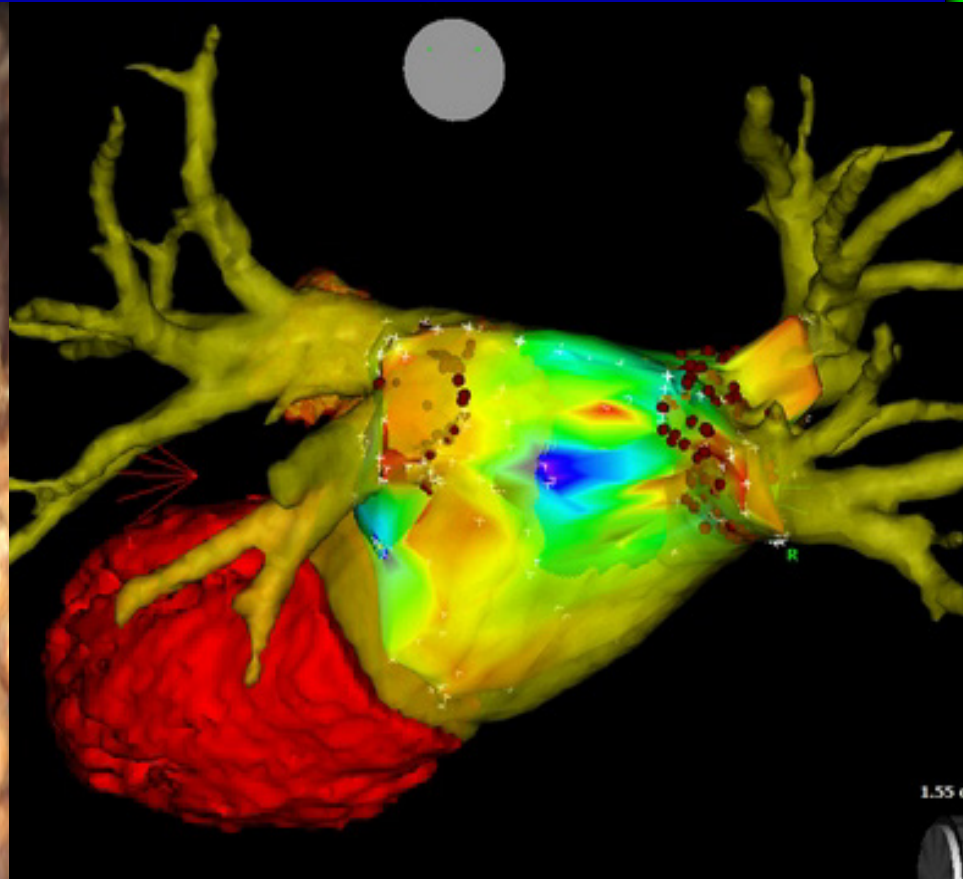
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2% other

**So what is the  
state of the art of  
Atrial Fibrillation Ablation  
in 2016?**

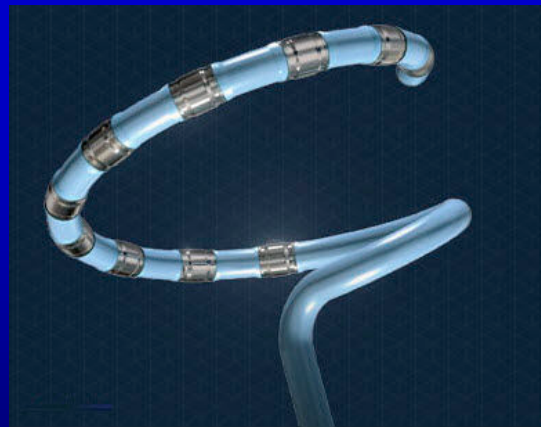
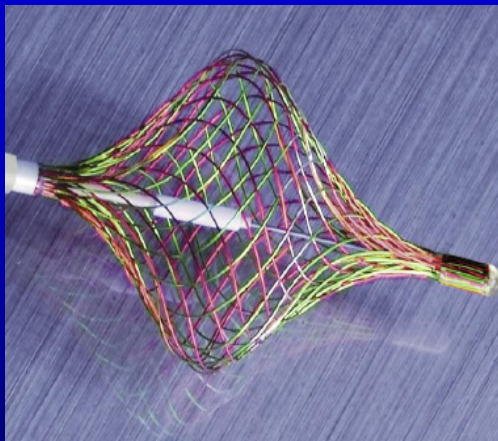
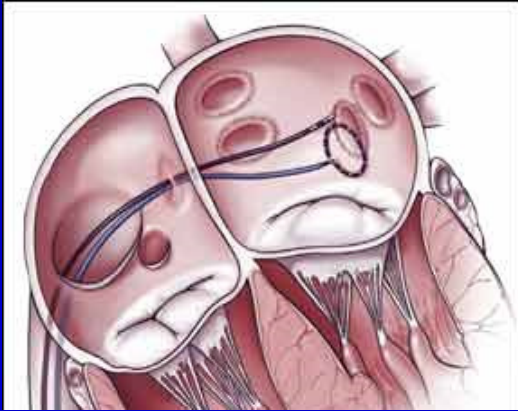
# Target for Paroxysmal AF

## Pulmonary vein isolation



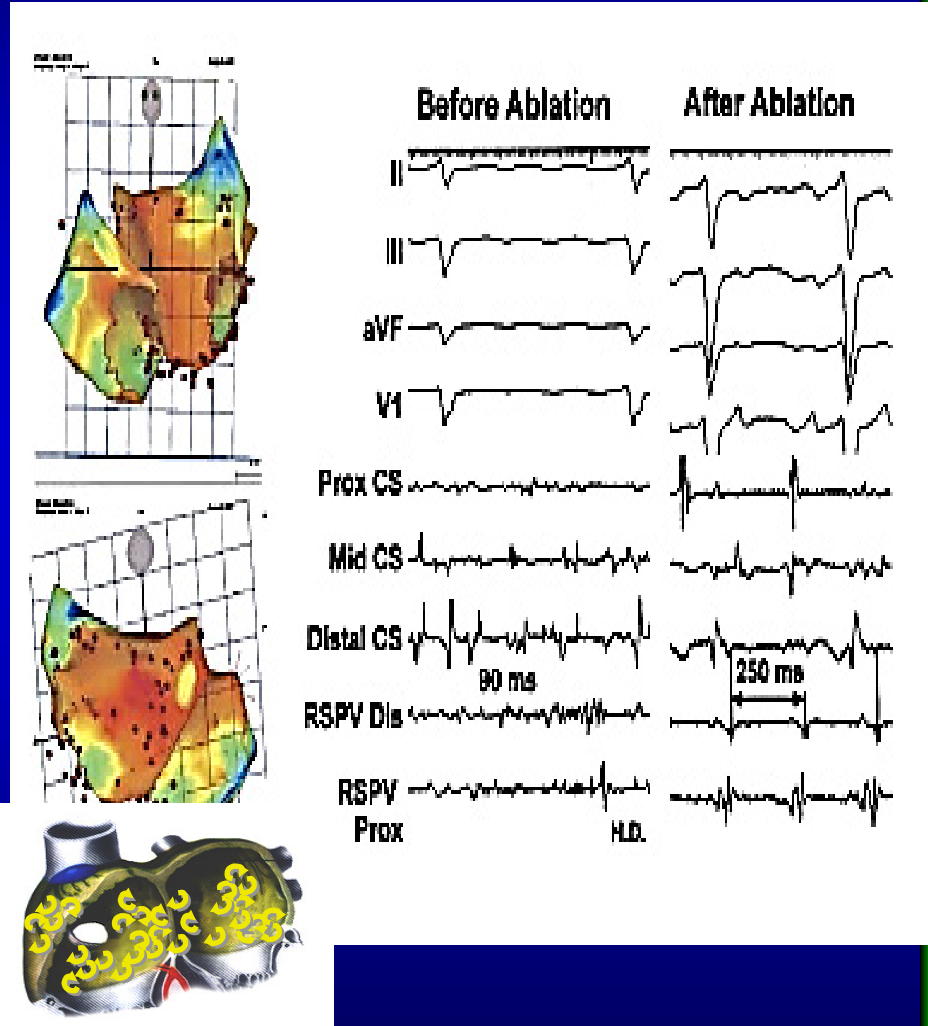
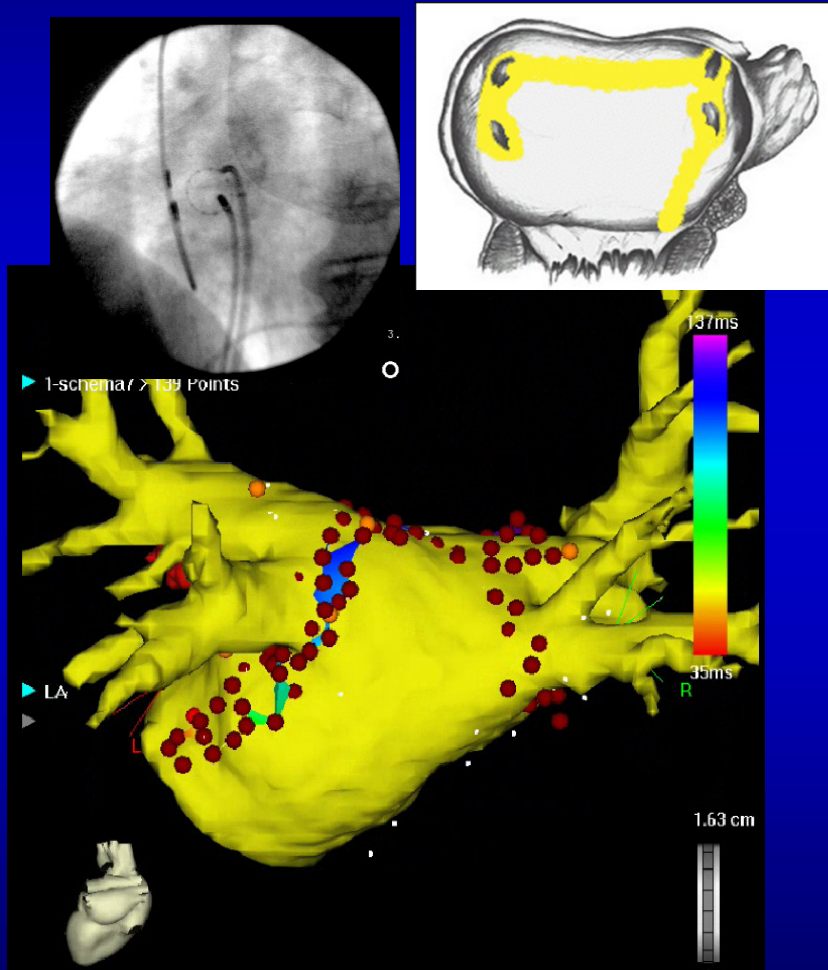
Courtesy of Dr. D Sanchez-Quintana

# Ablation of paroxysmal AF, no doubt: PVI...but which tool?



# Target for Persistent AF

PVI + Linear Lesions (7 scheme) + Complex fractionated electrogram



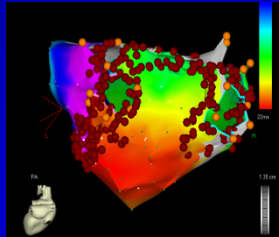
# AF Ablation, single center experience

(1999 - 2014) = 3192 pts

FU:  
1 year

1999-2001

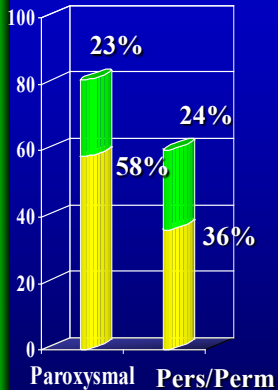
Pts 245



Proc. Durat.  
4 h.

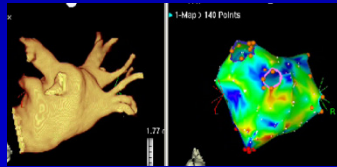
X-Ray:62'

Success w/o drugs  
Success with drugs



2002-2005

Pts 746

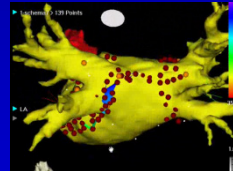


Proc. Durat  
2,30 h.

X-Ray:44'

2006-07

Pts = 500

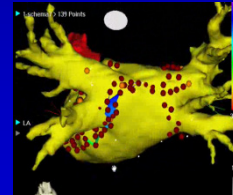


Proc. Durat.  
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X-Ray:22'

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Pts = 501

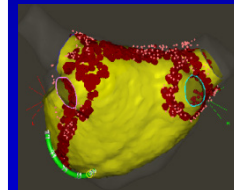


Dur. Proced.  
2 h.

X-Ray:9'

2010-11

Pts =450

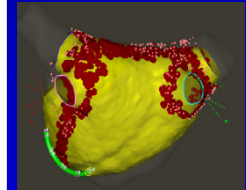


Dur. Proced  
1.30 h.

X-Ray:5'

2012-14

Pts = 810

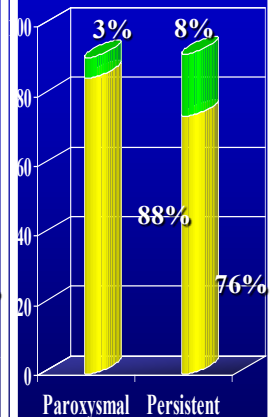


Dur. Proced.  
1.20 h

X-Ray:2,5'

2016

Mean X-ray time: <1 min

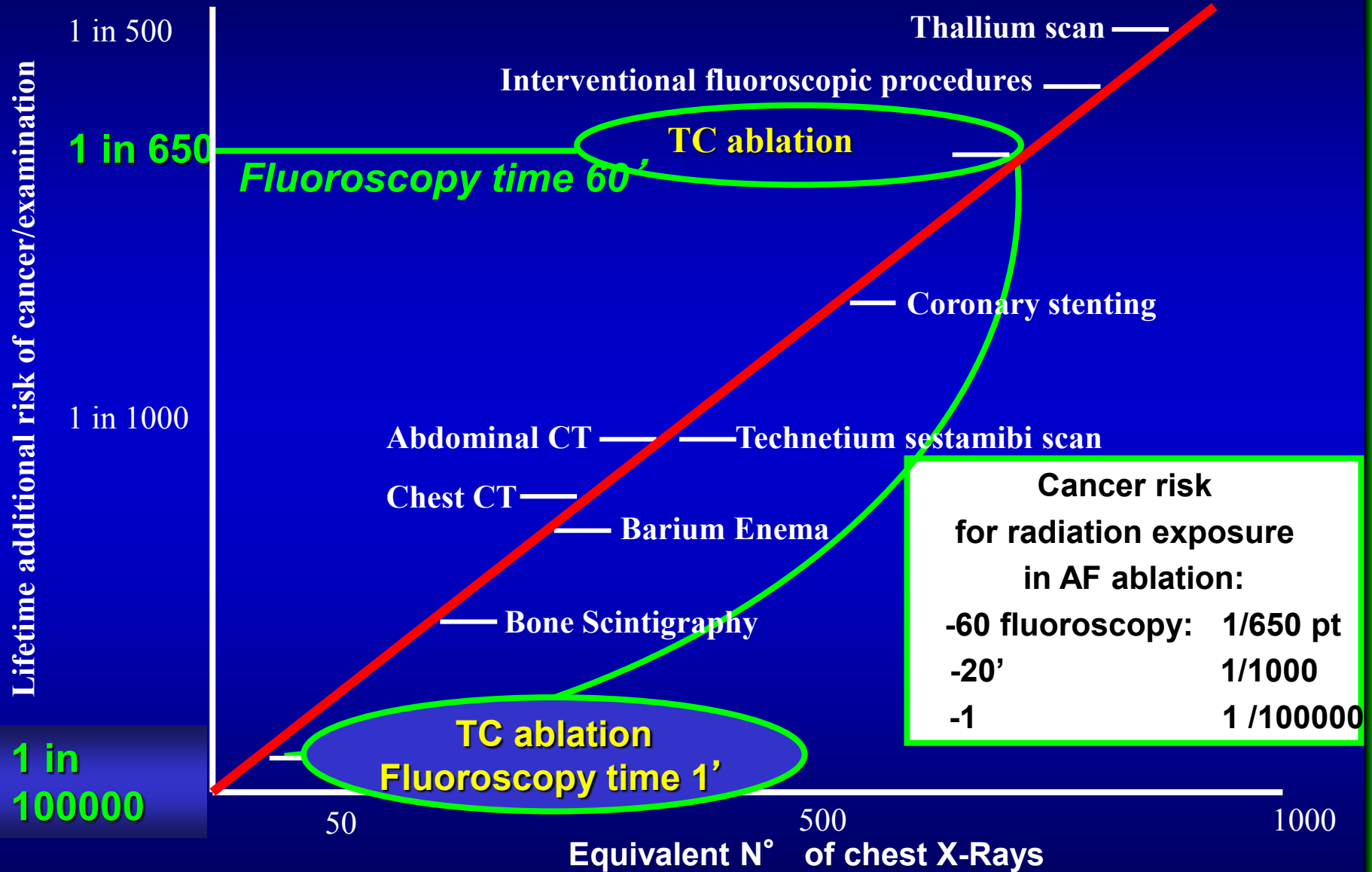


# AF transcatheter ablation

Città della Salute e della Scienza – Prof. Gaita



# Radiation exposure: additional cancer risk for patients





# Cryoballoon or Radiofrequency Ablation for Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

Karl-Heinz Kuck, M.D., Josep Brugada, M.D., Alexander Fürnkranz, M.D., Andreas Metzner, M.D., Feifan Ouyang, M.D., K.R. Julian Chun, M.D., Arif Elvan, M.D., Ph.D, Thomas Arentz, M.D., Kurt Bestehorn, M.D., Stuart J. Pocock, Ph.D., Jean-Paul Albenque, M.D., Ph.D., and Claudio Tondo, M.D., Ph.D., for the FIRE AND ICE Investigators\*

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762 patients, **9 European Centers**

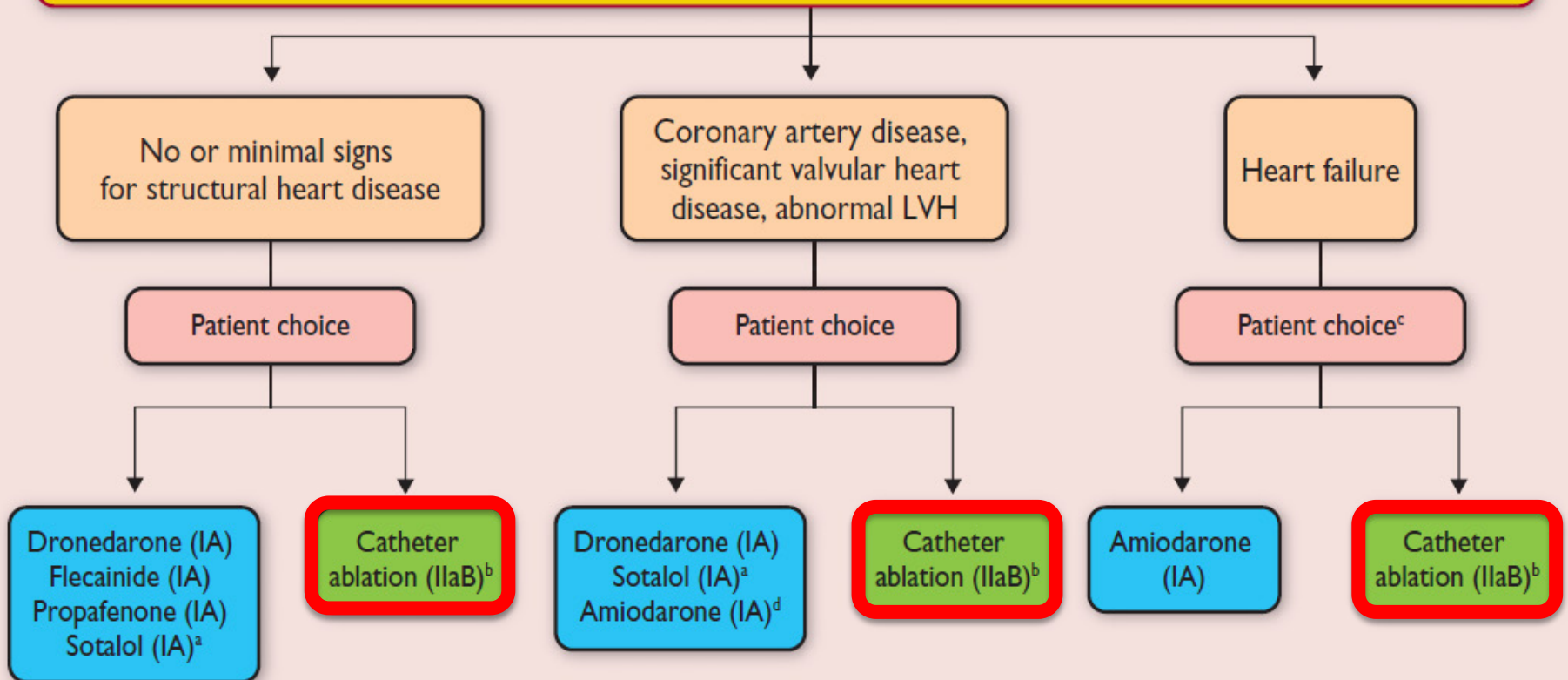
(4 Germany, 1 Spain, 1 Netherland, 1 France, 1 UK, 1 Italy)

End Point	Radiofrequency Group (N=376)	Cryoballoon Group (N=374)
Secondary efficacy end points		
Death from any cause — no. of patients	0	2
Death from arrhythmia — no. of patients	0	0
<b>Total fluoroscopy time — min§§</b>	<b>16.6±17.8</b>	<b>21.7±13.9</b>
Total fluoroscopy time — min§§	16.6±17.8	21.7±13.9

2016

# AF guidelines ESC

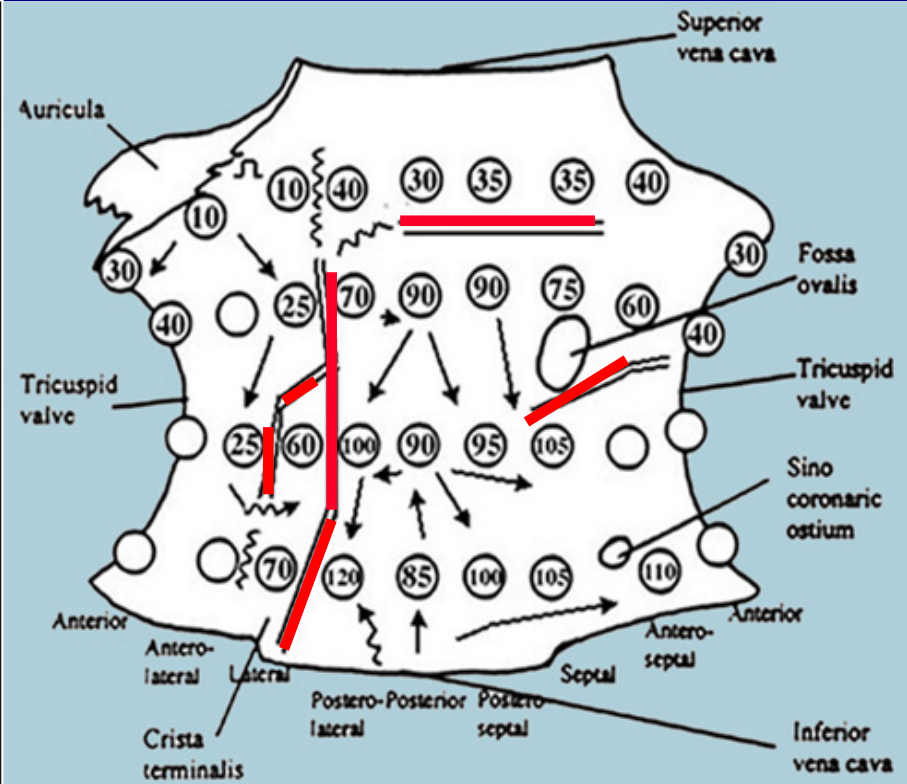
## Initiation of long term rhythm control therapy to improve symptoms in AF



**The future perspectives...**



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Gaita, JACC 2001

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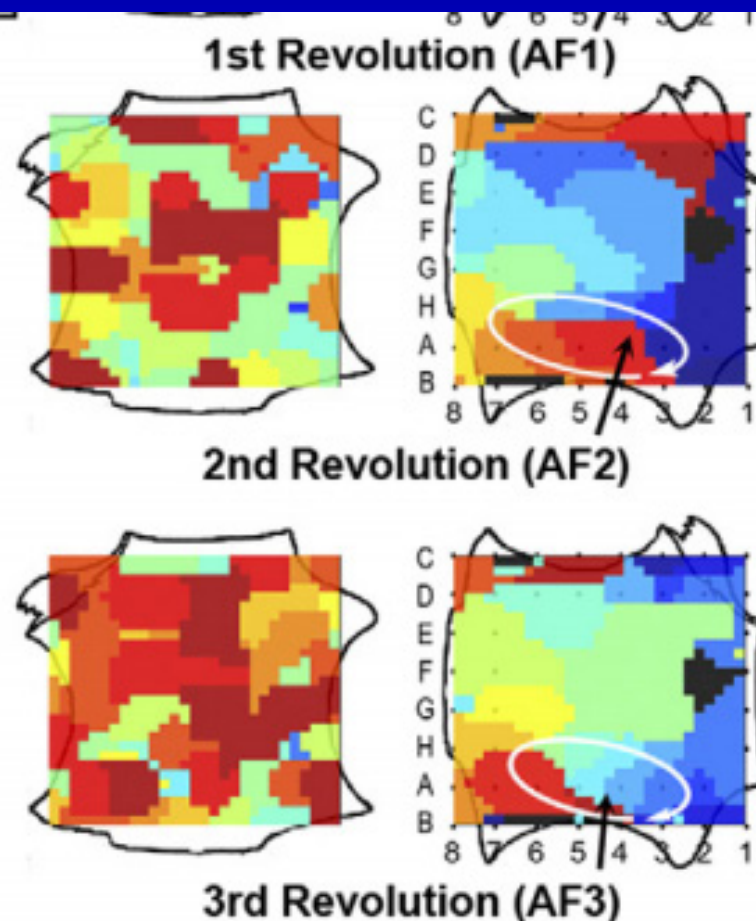
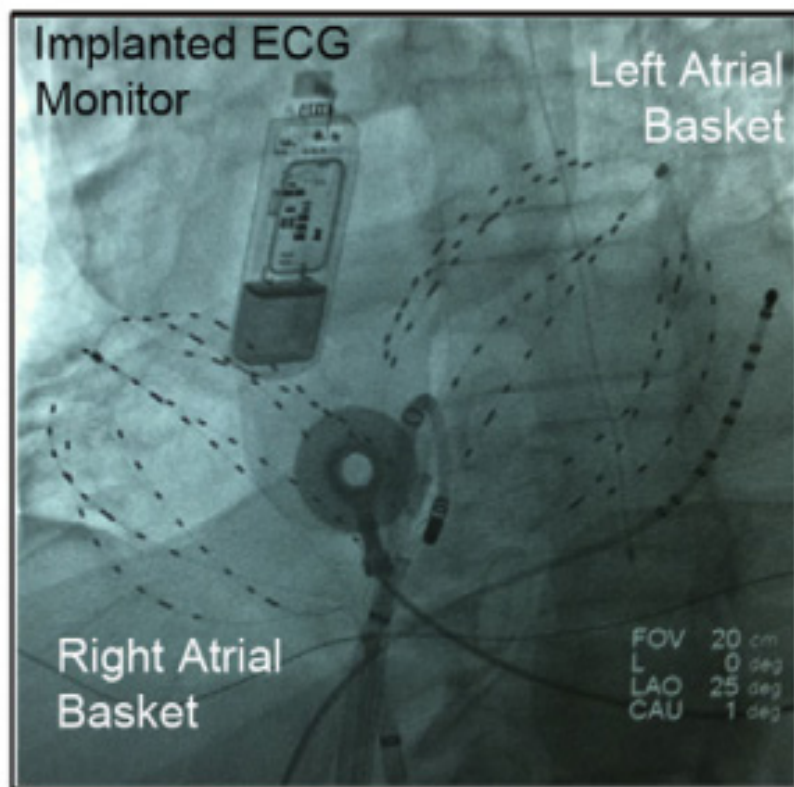
# Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation by the Ablation of Localized Sources

CONFIRM (Conventional Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation  
With or Without Focal Impulse and Rotor Modulation) Trial

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Paul Clopton, MS,† Wouter-Jan Rappel, PHD,§ John M. Miller, MD||

*San Diego and Los Angeles, California; and Indianapolis, Indiana*

## B Basket Catheters in Both Atria



# High resolution non invasive mapping

252 ELECTRODE VEST



HEART-TORSO  
GEOMETRY (CT)



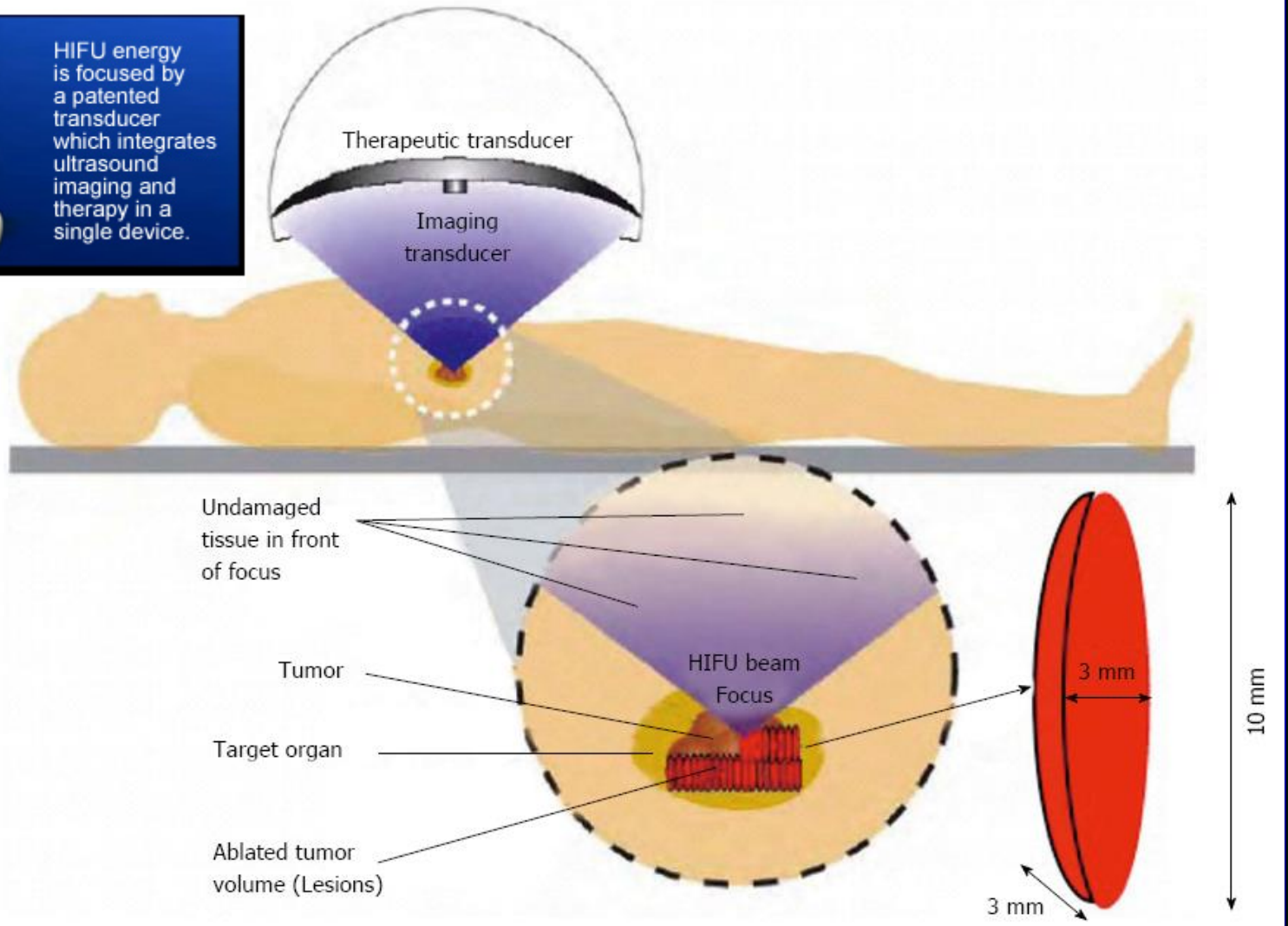
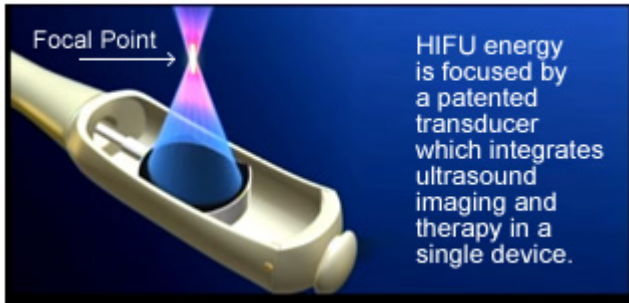
ECM\* ALGORITHMS SOLVES  
"INVERSE PROBLEM"



ECM MAPS



# Focused ultrasound therapy for AF?





**Thank you for your attention**

