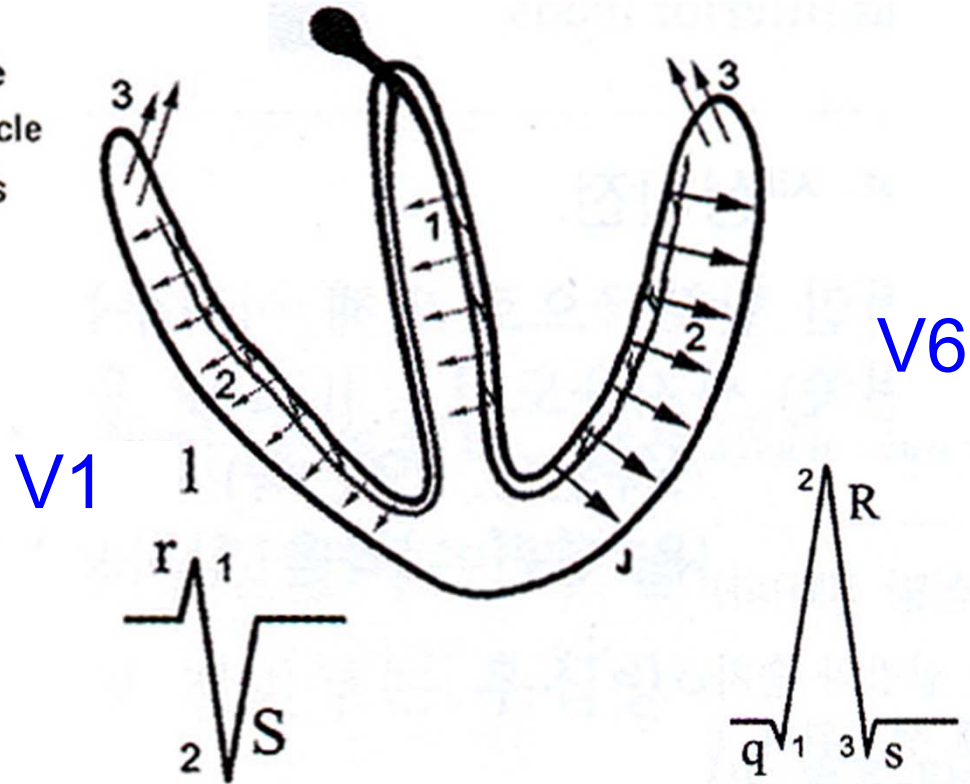
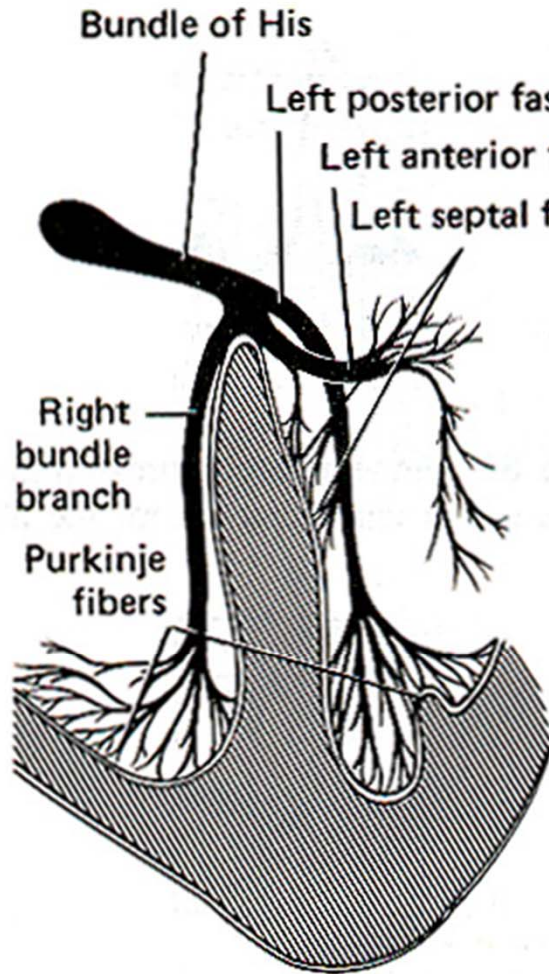


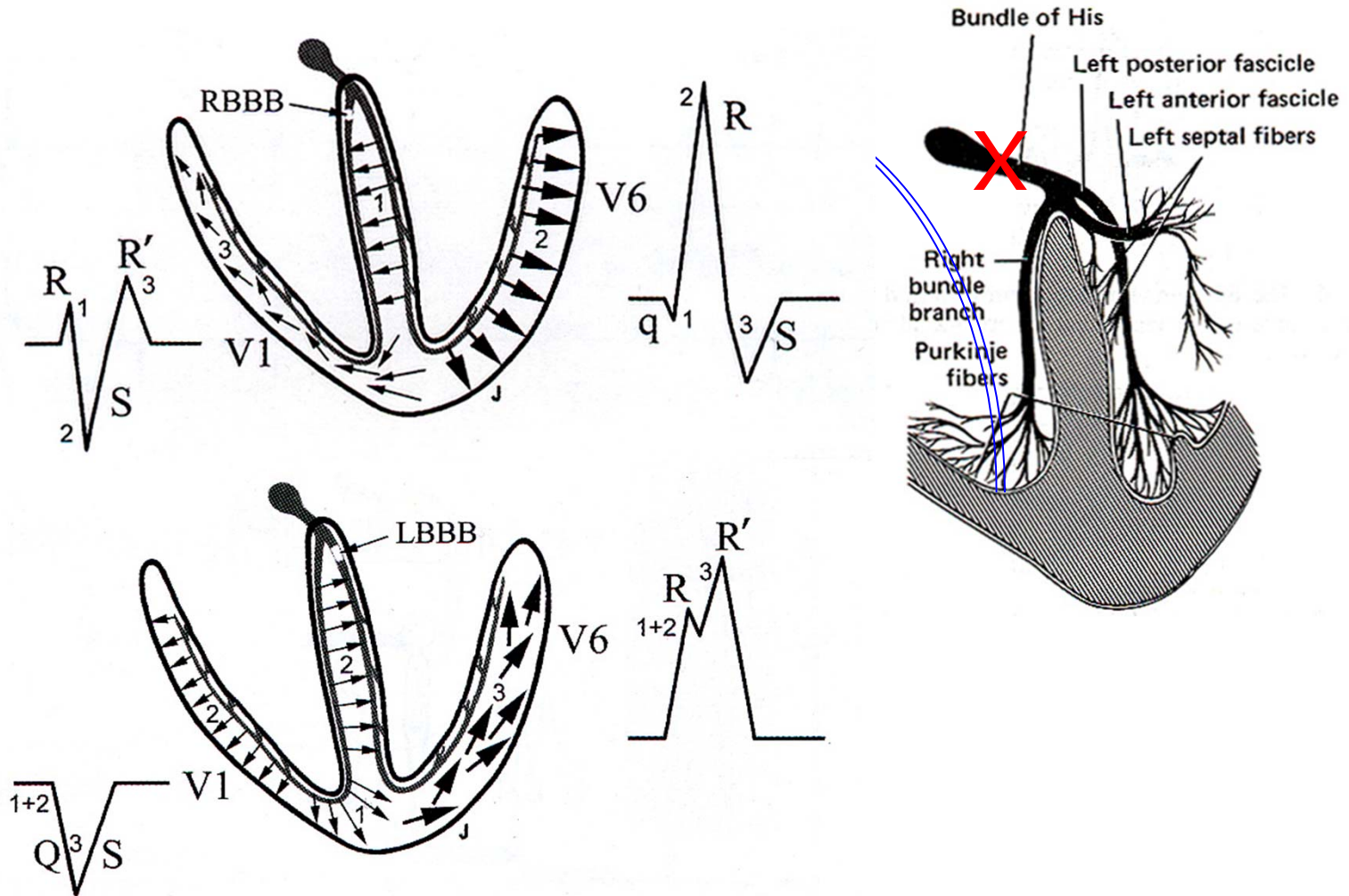
# Management of conduction disturbances in CHD- Resynchronization

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# Normal conduction



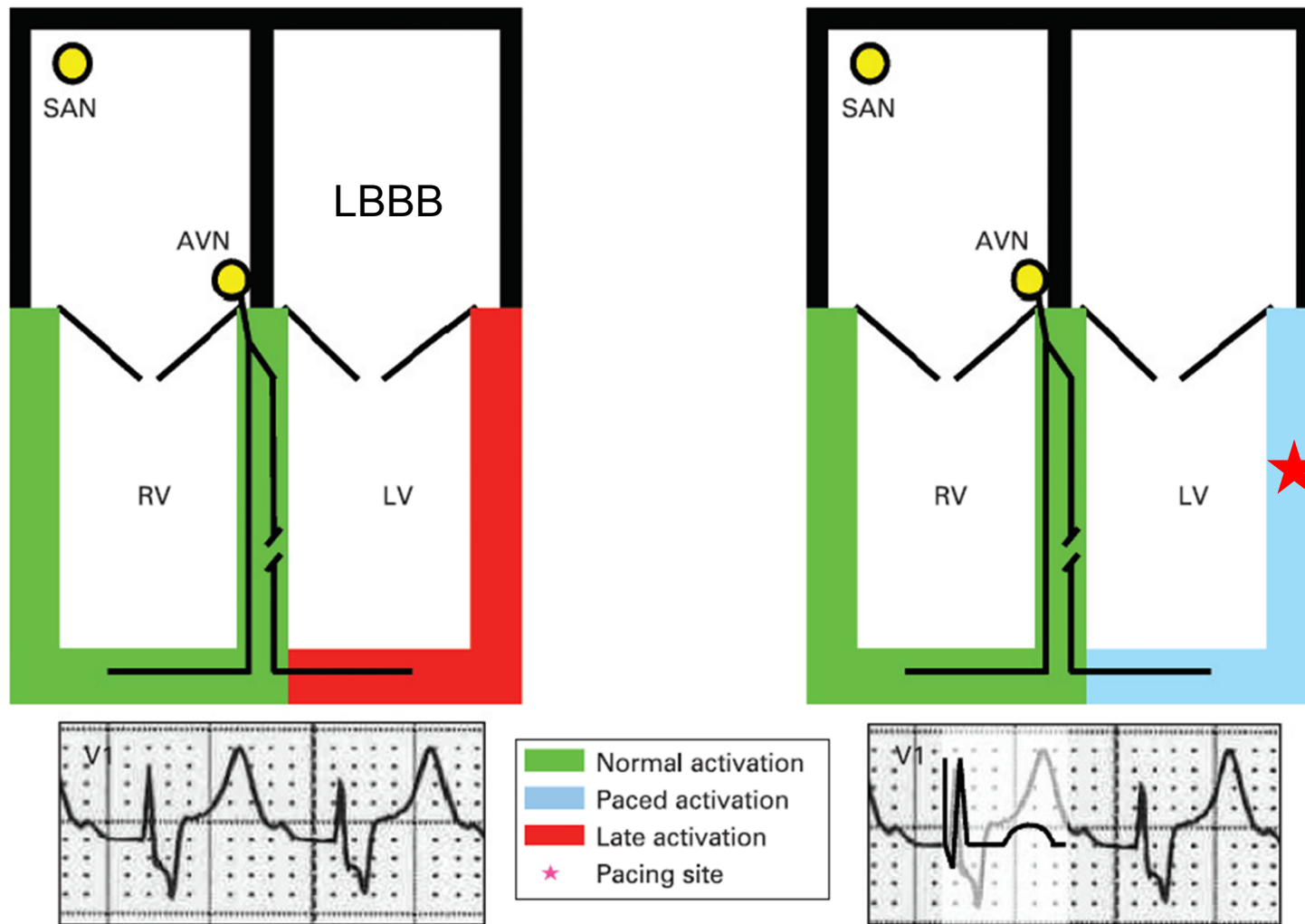
# Conduction disturbances



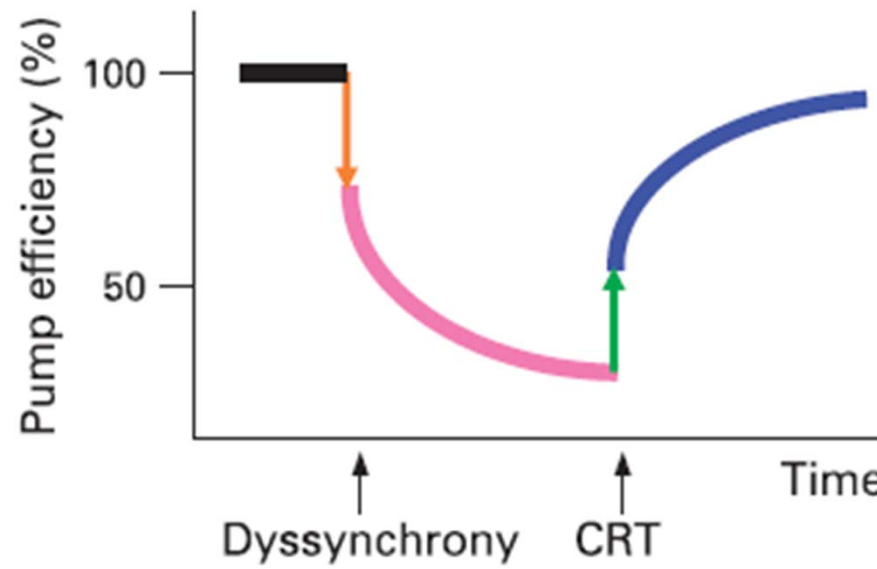
# Dyssynchronization

- Dyssynchronous ventricular contraction
  - Late contracting segments are stretched by the early contracting regions and perform a higher local myocardial work (wasted because late contraction appears after semilunar valve closure and end of the ventricular ejection phase)
  - Inefficient ventricular contraction and pathologic remodelling results

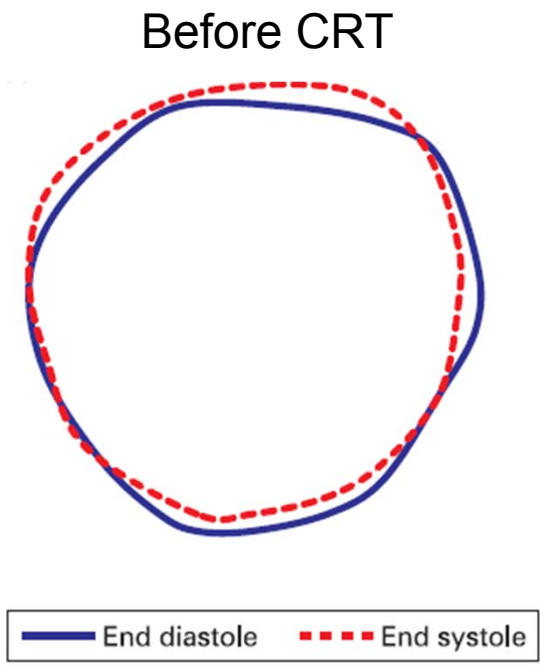
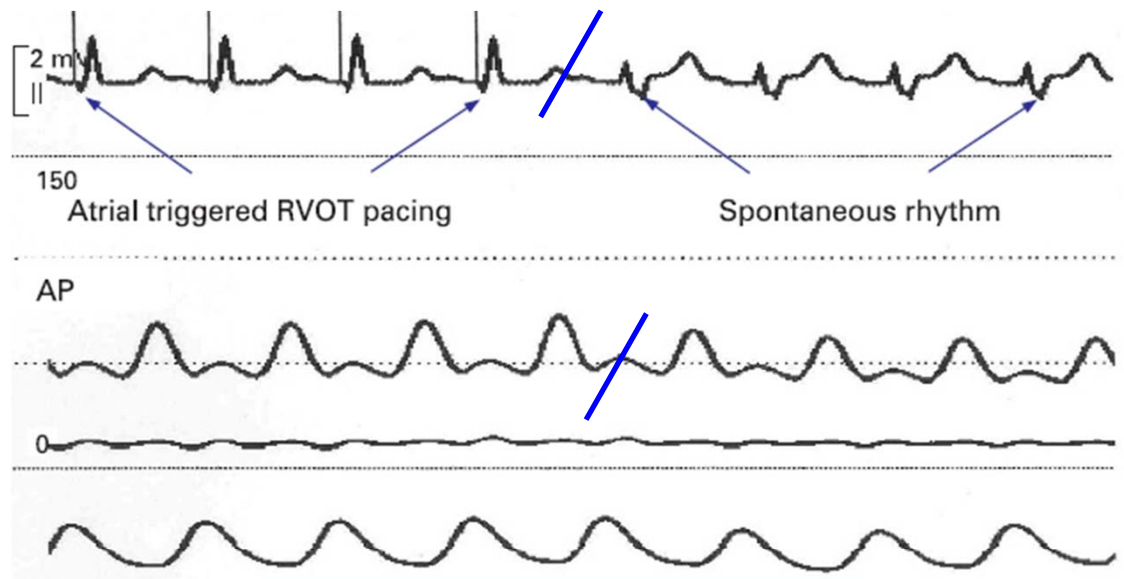
# Simple scheme of cardiac resynchronization therapy



# Pathophysiology

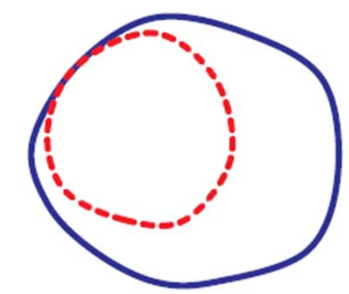
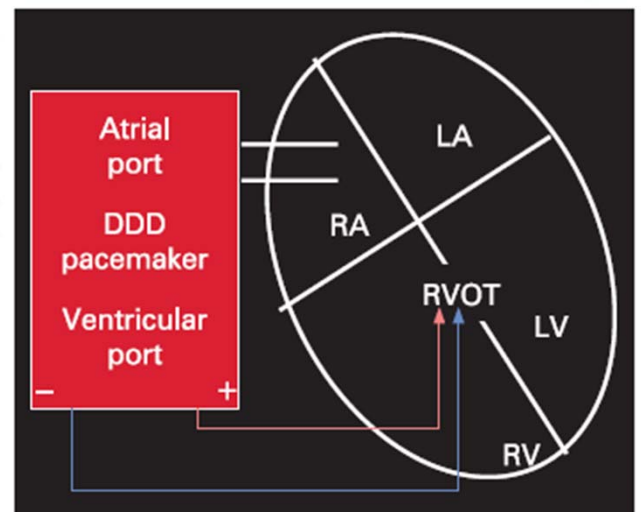


- Restoration of normal conduction  
→ increase contractile efficiency



— End diastole    - - - End systole

**RBBB**



After CRT

# Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy

- Effective for **adults** with heart failure and ventricular dyssynchrony
- Improves - Symptom of heart failure  
NYHA functional class  
exercise tolerance  
hemodynamics  
quality of life  
mortality



# Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy

- Treatment guidelines (Level A)<sup>1,2</sup>

NYHA III~IV with medical Tx & sinus rhythm

QRS duration  $\geq 120\text{ms}$

LVEF  $\leq 35\%$

1. Task Force for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Heart Failure of the European Society of Cardiology. Guidelines for the Diagnosis and treatment of chronic heart failure: *Eur Heart J* 2005;26.

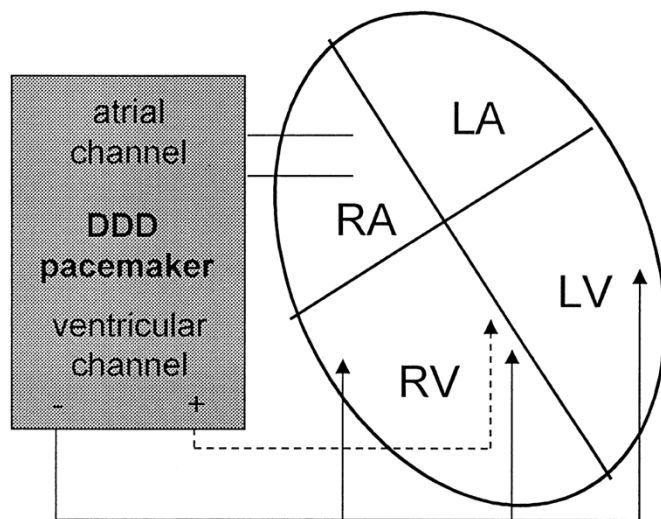
2. American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association. ACC/AHA 2005 guideline update for the diagnosis and management of chronic heart failure in the adult *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2005;46.

# CRT in children

- Limited data
  - A few case reports
  - Few large multicenter study
  - No prospective randomized control study
- Intrinsic conduction delay after surgery - CAVB
- Ventricular dyssynchrony induced by conventional pacemaker therapy – RV pacing

# Resynchronization Pacing Is a Useful Adjunct to the Management of Acute Heart Failure After Surgery for Congenital Heart Defects

20 children (aged 3.4mo to 14.0yrs), post op 36hrs (median)



**AV resynchronization** 13/20 (1° AVB 10, CAB3)

atrial synchronous univent pacing 10

atriouniventricular sequential pacing 3

**AV delay** – optimized to achieve highest increase in syst and mean pressure

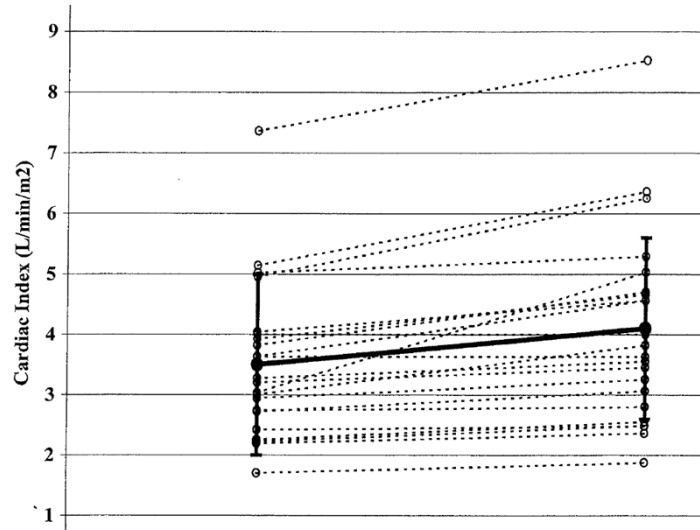
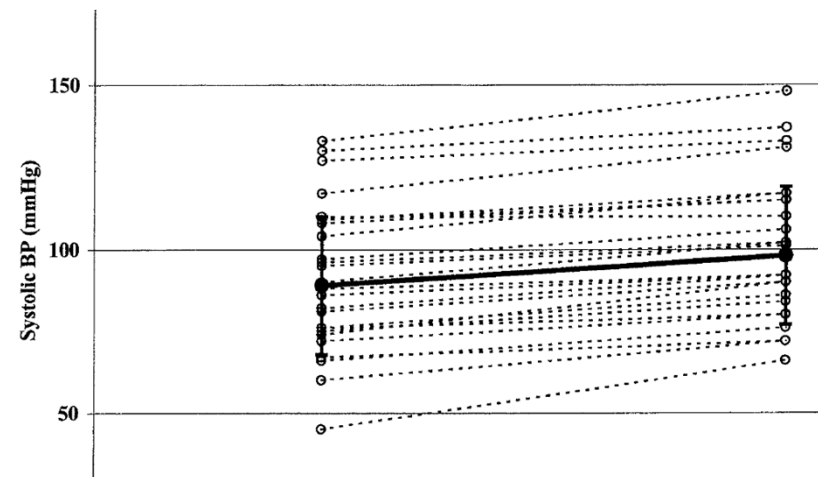
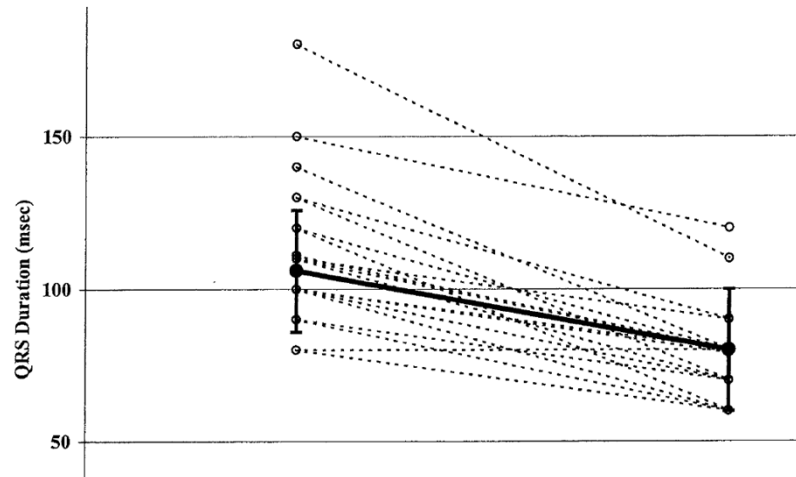
**IV resynchronization** 14/20

7RBBB - Rt lat vent , RVOT

7AV resynchro (LBBB) - multisite pacing  
max decrease in **QRS duration**

→ **QRS duration ↓, blood pressure ↑, cardiac index ↑**

# Acute Hemodynamic Benefit of Multisite Ventricular Pacing After Congenital Heart Surgery



29 pts (aged 1 wk ~ 17 yrs)  
 single ventricle 14 (midant RV free wall,  
 lat RV, distal RVOT)  
 two ventricle 15

*Zimmerman et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2003;75*

26 single-ventricle pts  
 (mean 28 mo; 7 days ~ 11 years)

*Bacha et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2004;78*

# Impact of Conventional Versus Biventricular Pacing on Hemodynamics and Tissue Doppler Imaging Indexes of Resynchronization Postoperatively in Children With Congenital Heart Disease

19 children (median 5.5 mo)

Pacing Mode	QRS (ms)	p Value Compared With CDOO	Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg)	p Value Compared With CDOO	Cardiac Index (l/min/m <sup>2</sup> )	p Value Compared With CDOO
AOO	96 ± 18	0.025	84 ± 18	NS	3.5 ± 1.2	NS
CDOO	105 ± 15		82 ± 14		3.7 ± 1.4	
BDOO	94 ± 13	0.025	83 ± 12	NS	4.7 ± 2.8	0.0032

## TDI-derived strain rate

Pacing Mode	RV-IVT (ms)	LV-IVT (ms)	ΔIVT (ms)	p Value Compared With CDOO	RV-PSC (ms)	LV-PSC (ms)	ΔPSC (ms)	p Value Compared With CDOO
AOO	56 ± 17	60 ± 16	4 ± 8	0.0005	147 ± 39	143 ± 33	4 ± 24	<0.0001
CDOO	69 ± 28	100 ± 32	31 ± 26		147 ± 23	200 ± 34	53 ± 36	
BDOO	61 ± 32	73 ± 31	12 ± 16	0.0005	152 ± 28	158 ± 26	7 ± 18	<0.0001

AOO;atrial pacing

CDOO;conventional AV pacing

BDOO;biventricular pacing

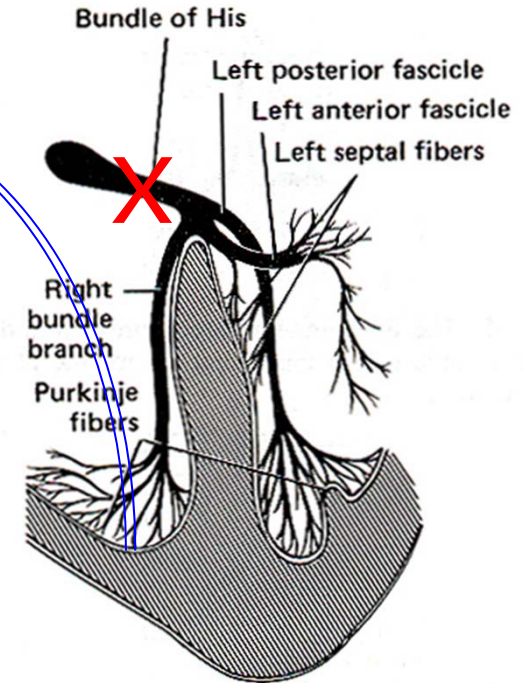
IVT;isovolumic tensing

PSC;peak systolic contraction

# Prerequisites of successful use of temporary CRT

- Identification of the failing dyssynchronous ventricle
- Placement of temporary ventricular pacing wires close to segments with late contraction
- Appropriate external pulse generator programming and hemodynamic optimization of the AV delay
- Use temporary CRT in the operating room if there are problems with weaning from cardiopulmonary bypass (cooperation between surgeon, EP)

# RV pacing



Traditional RV apex pacing

easily accessible

allows a stable position

low pacing thresholds

→ differs from normal activation

→ asynchronous RV, LV contraction and relaxation

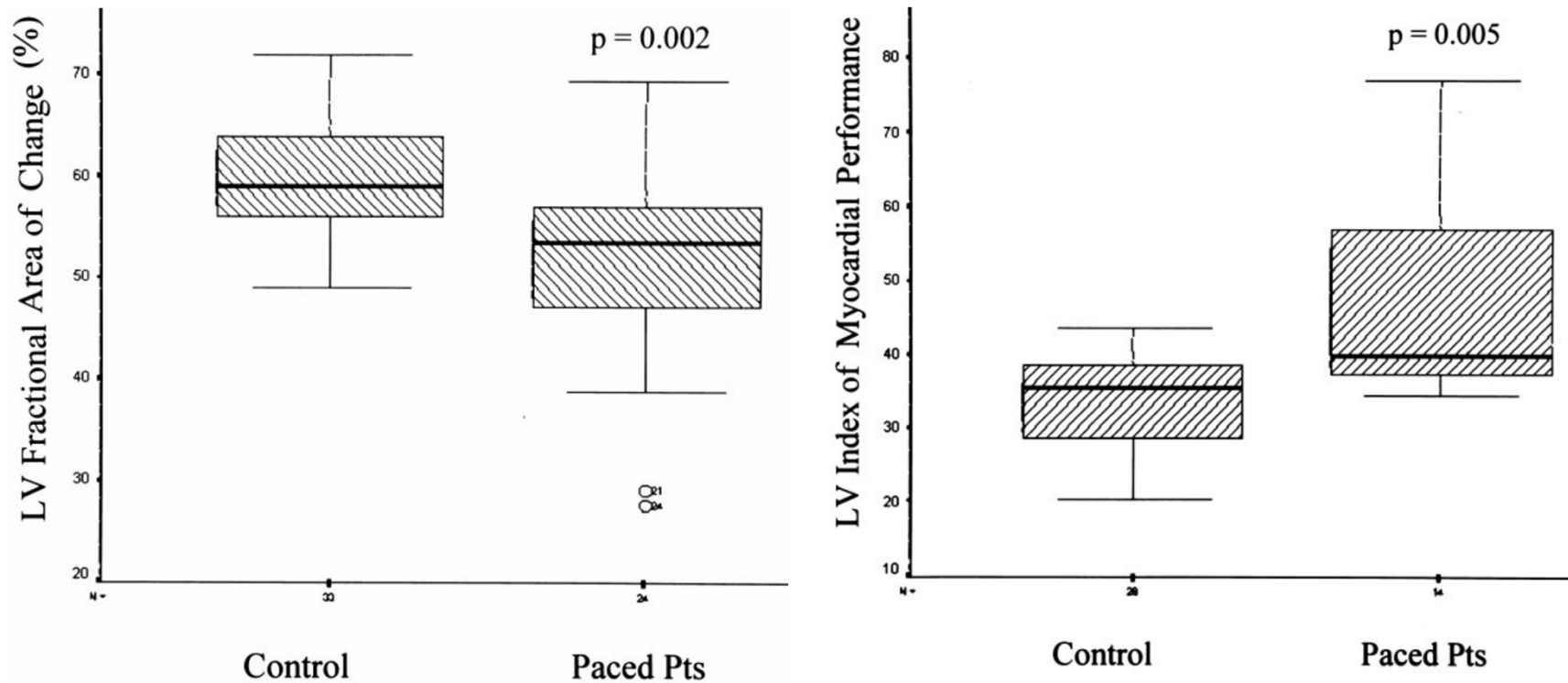
activation of apical IV septum

basal septum-lat LV wall

→ long-term RV apical pacing can result in LV failure

# Left Ventricular Dysfunction After Long-Term Right Ventricular Apical Pacing in the Young

24 RV apex pacing (mean f/u 9.5 years) pts Vs 33 controls



MPI↑ = combined sys/dia vent function



# Detrimental Ventricular Remodeling in Patients With Congenital Complete Heart Block and Chronic Right Ventricular Apical Pacing

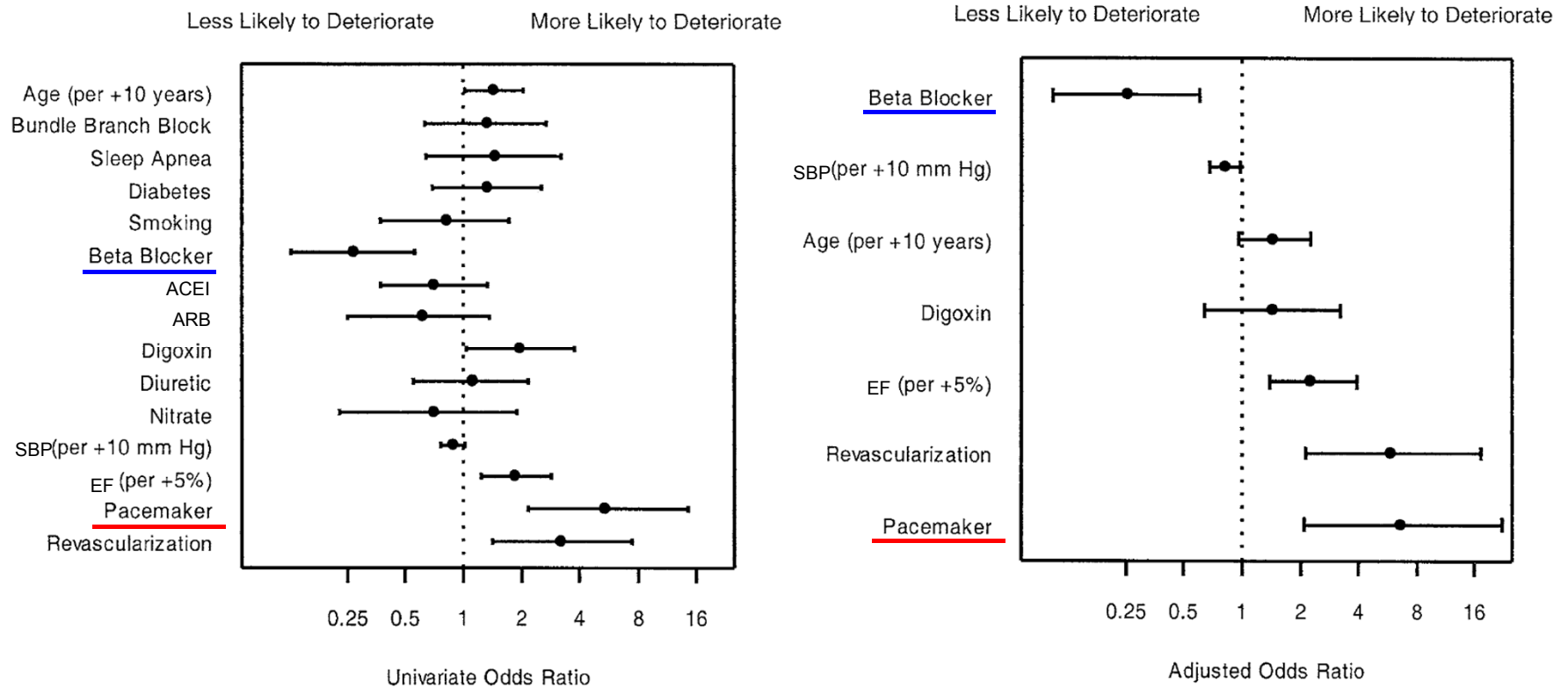
23 CAVB Vs 30 controls, f/u 10±3yrs

	Long-Term RV Pacing	Controls
Cardiac output, L/min	3.8±0.6*	4.9±0.8
Mean LV EDD, mm	55±7*	46±6
Pathological LV EDD, %	52†	0
Ratio posterior/septal wall	1.3±0.2†	1±0.1
Ratio mitral regurgitation/left atrium	16±8*	5±2
LV filling time, ms	415±39*	477±51
Interventricular dyssynchrony, ms	55±18†	18±11
Intra-LV delay, ms	59±18†	19±9
Septal/posterior wall delay, ms	84±26†	18±9
DLC, %(delayed longitudinal contraction)	39±15†	10±7
Exercise, W	123±24†	185±39

→ deleterious LV remodeling, LV dilatation  
 LV asymmetrical hypertrophy , low exercise capacity

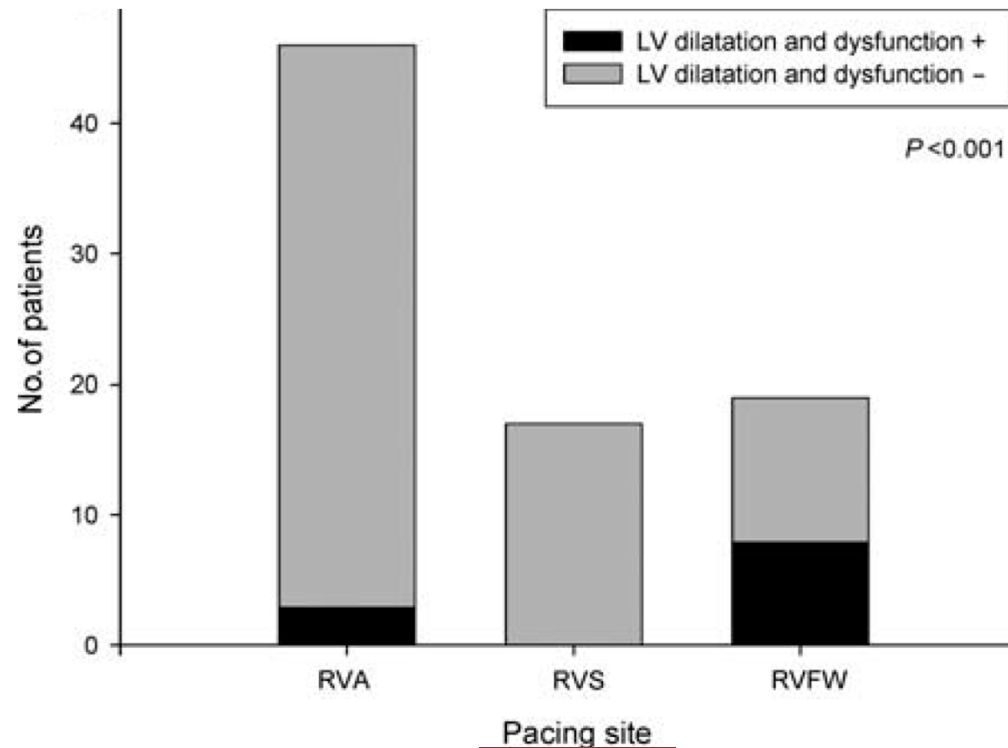
# Effect of Chronic Right Ventricular Apical Pacing on Left Ventricular Function

1128pts, SPECT LVEF 25~40% initial Vs 18mo later  
 148 EF increase Vs 59 EF decrease



# Predictors of left ventricular remodelling and failure in right ventricular pacing in the young

82 AVB, RVP mean 7.4yrs, 13% LV dilatation & dysfunction



- LV function – decreased  
FS 39→32
- RVFW-high risk of dysfunction
- RVA-not a significant risk factor
- RVS-protective

# Dilated Cardiomyopathy Following Right Ventricular Pacing for AV Block in Young Patients: Resolution After Upgrading to Biventricular Pacing Systems

DCMP, RVP 7.6±2.4 yrs

Patient Number	Age at First PM Implant Years/Gender/Race	Age at CRT Upgrade (Years)	Length of Pacing Pre-CRT (Years)	Length of Follow-Up Post CRT (Months)	Cardiac Disease	Electrical Diagnosis
1	NB/M/C	0.5	0.5	1	None	CCHB
2	3/M/AA	5	2	28	TOF	SCHB
3	0.2/F/H	6	5.7	5	None	CCHB
4	3/M/C	15.5	12.5	13	None	CCHB
5	5.5/M/C	17	11	27	None	2° AVB and VT
6	2/F/H	23.7	14.5	7	TOF	SCHB

Patient Number	Ejection Fraction (%)			Septal to LVFW Contraction Delay Time (msec)	
	Pre < 1 month	1 month Post	Most Recent (months)	Pre-CRT	Post-CRT
1	44	53 ↑	—	170	90 ↑
2	50	60 ↑	61 (20)	140	80
3	30	53 ↑	59 (3)	340	40
4	20	34	60 (13)	300	110
5	12	52	66 (15)	350	70
6	47	48	59 (4)	320	60

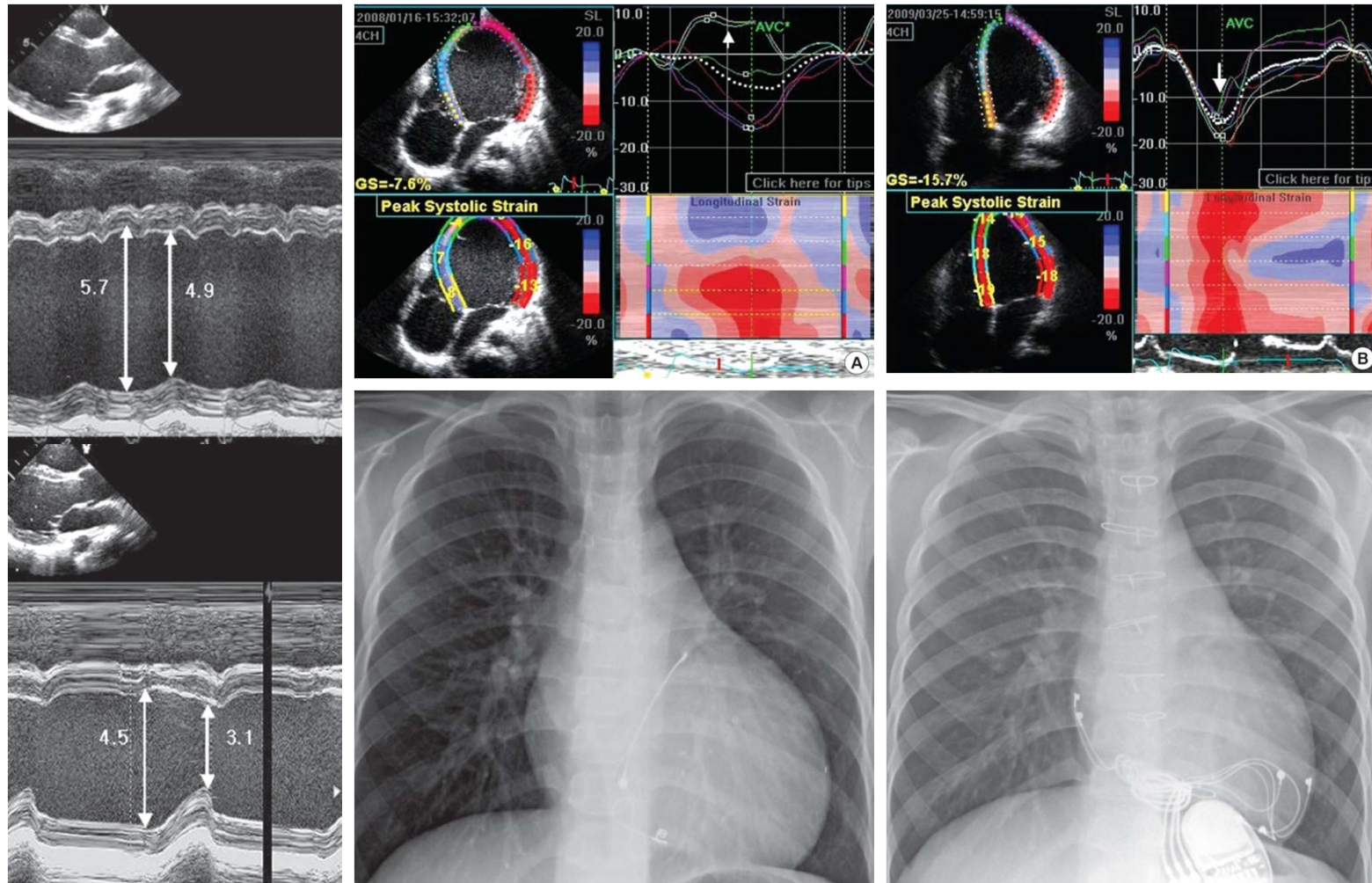
Patient Number	LVIDd cm (Z-score)			LVIDs cm (Z-score)		
	Pre < 1 month	1 month Post	Most Recent	Pre < 1 month	1 month Post	Most Recent
1	3.2 (3.1)	2.5 (0.5) ↓	—	3.1 (7.0)	1.9 (1.9) ↓	—
2	3.7 (1.1)	3.3 (-0.6) ↓	3.3 (-1.4)	2.7 (2.6)	2.0 (-0.5) ↓	2.0 (-1.0)
3	4.5 (3.4)	4.3 (2.6) ↓	4.1 (1.7)	3.8 (6.9)	2.9 (3.1) ↓	2.9 (2.7)
4	7.2 (NA)	6.5 (2.6) ↓	4.7 (-1.5)	6.2 (NA)	4.5 (2.8) ↓	3.1 (-0.7)
5	7.7 (6.4)	5.9 (2.4) ↓	5.4 (0.95)	7.1 (10.0)	4.3 (3.1) ↓	3.4 (0.6)
6	6.4 (5.1)	6.0 (4.0) ↓	5.5 (2.3)	5.2 (8.0)	4.1 (4.2) ↓	3.9 (3.5)

Moak et al. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 2006;17<sup>20</sup>



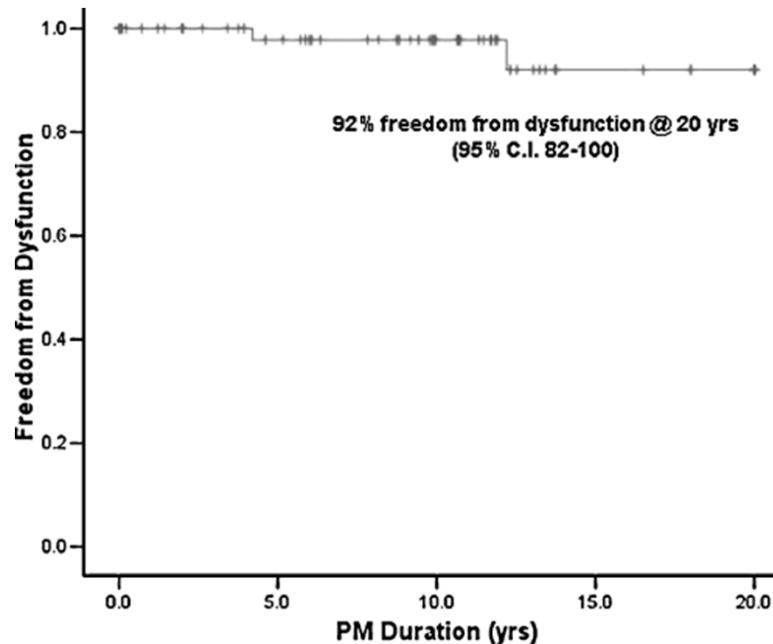


# Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy for Left Ventricular Dysfunction Induced by Chronic Right Ventricular Pacing in a Child 9yrs old RVP for CAVB



# Ventricular Function and Long-Term Pacing in Children with Congenital Complete Atrioventricular Block

63 pts RVP mean f/u 9.9yrs  
6% LV dysfunction 15yrs after RVP



	Mean Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (%)		P-Value
Gender	Male	Female	0.23
	50.3 ± 12.1	54.3 ± 7.0	
Anti-Ro/La	Positive	Negative	0.62
	51.8 ± 12.9	53.9 ± 7.6	
Pacing mode	DDD	VVI	0.26
	54.6 ± 9.5	50.3 ± 10.3	
Pacing location	Apex	Septum	0.04
	<u>49.5 ± 11.6</u>	<u>58.9 ± 5.2</u>	

→ fast, very safe, excellent lead performance  
RVP should still be considered an **acceptable first-line therapy**

# Resynchronization Therapy in Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease Patients

US retrospective multicenter study

103 pts (median 12.8yrs, f/u 4mo)

Too well to benefit?

Type of Disease	n	Age (yrs)	EF Improvement (EF units)	QRS Shortening (ms)
Congenital heart disease	73	12.2 (0.5–55.4)	11.9 ± 12.9%	39.1 ± 31.9
Cardiomyopathy	16	15.8 (0.3–19.6)	12.3 ± 13.6%	31.9 ± 37.9
Heart block	14	12.5 (0.3–24.3)	16.1 ± 12.9%	36.8 ± 13.0
p Value		NS	NS	NS

	Responders (n = 78)	Non-Responders (n = 11)	p Value
Age (yrs)	11.9 (0.4–55.4)	14.8 (3.1–18.4)	NS
Baseline EF (%)	24.3 ± 11.0	32.0 ± 14.2	0.04
Baseline QRS (ms)	166.5 ± 33.2	172.9 ± 21.3	NS
Change in QRS (ms)	36.8 ± 24.7	33.4 ± 18.3	NS
% with CHD	71%	73%	NS
Baseline NYHA functional class 3/4	38%	31%	NS

Heart failure medication ↓, 18 heart Txpl – 3 delisted

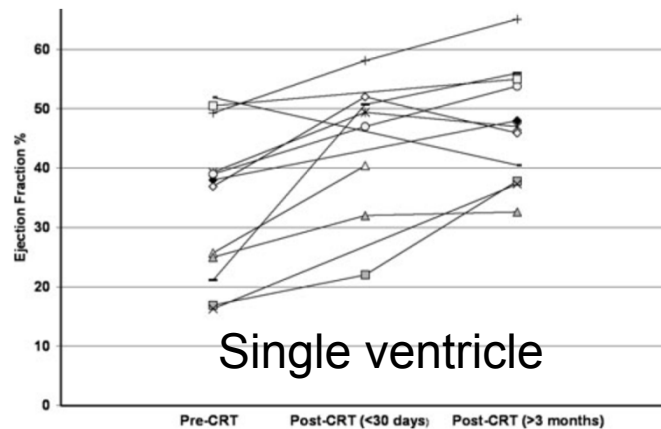
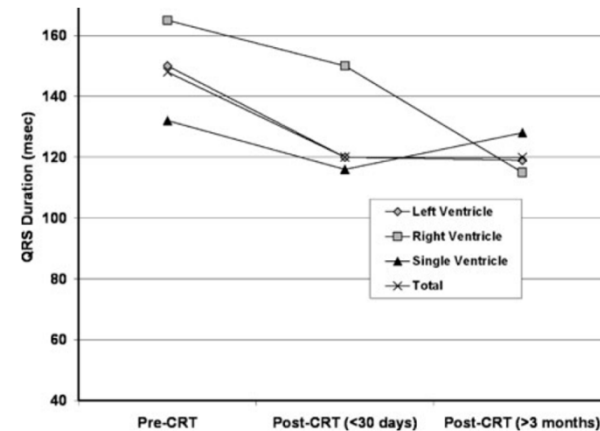
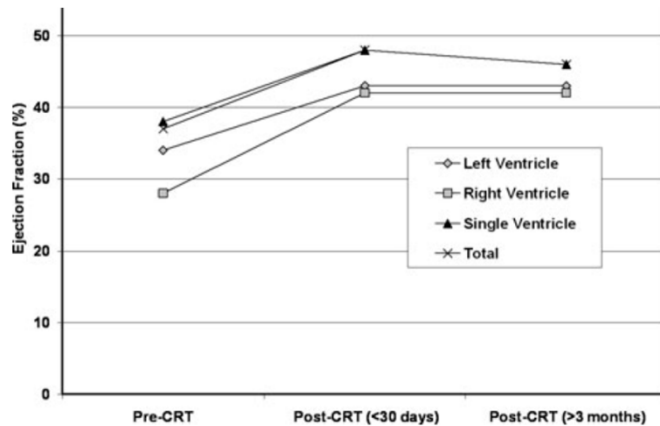


# Cardiac resynchronization therapy in congenital and pediatric heart disease: a retrospective European multicenter study

- 74 pts. Age median 16.9yrs, f/u median 8.1 mo
  - QRS duration ↓
  - Z-score of the systemic ventricular EDD ↓
  - systemic AV valve regurgitation ↓
  - Shortening fraction of the systemic ventricle ↑
  - NYHA class ↓
  - delisted from HTx candidates (3/8)
  - Non responder – 9 (12.2%)

# Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (and Multisite Pacing) in Pediatrics and Congenital Heart Disease: Five Years Experience in a Single Institution

60 pts (46CHD, 14DCMP) median f/u 0.7yrs



# Does Biventricular Pacing Improve Hemodynamics in Children Undergoing Routine Congenital Heart Surgery?

25 pts, prospective study

	Baseline 1	RV pacing*	Baseline 2	BiV pacing*	Baseline 3
Atrial rate (bpm)	140 (107–165)	150 (115–167)	140 (107–165)	150 (115–167)	140 (107–165)
Ventricular rate (bpm)	140 (107–165)	150 (115–167)	140 (107–165)	150 (115–167)	140 (107–165)
PR interval (ms)	100 (80–180)	80 (40–120)	100 (80–180)	80 (40–120)	100 (60–160)
QRS duration (ms)	80 (60–140)	100 (60–160)	80 (60–120)	80 (80–100)	80 (60–100)

	Baseline 1	RV pacing*	Baseline 2	BiV pacing*	Baseline 3
Blood pressure (mm Hg) Systolic	88 (66–120)	85 (51–120)	85 (54–111)	87 (52–109)	87 (59–111)
Diastolic	50 (37–68)	50 (29–64)	48 (33–56)	46 (30–62)	47 (33–71)
Mean	63 (43–89)	62 (38–86)	61 (40–76)	62 (34–76)	62 (43–89)
CVP (mm Hg)	13 (7–18)	11 (6–17)	12 (7–18)	11 (5–19)	11 (6–19)
SVI (ml/m <sup>2</sup> )	23.7 (6.3–58.0)	24.3 (7.4–49.5)	25.0 (8.2–56.0)	21.7 (6.5–52.3)	25.0 (8.4–52.9)
CI (L/min/m <sup>2</sup> )	3.39 (1.28–9.56)	3.23 (1.14–7.36)	3.26 (1.15–6.83)	3.42 (1.03–8.40)	3.28 (1.14–7.45)
Mixed venous sat. (%)	63.0 (36–81)	57.5 (31–75)	54.5 (32–76)	55.0 (33–75)	54.0 (33–74)

	Baseline 1	RV pacing*	Baseline 2	BiV pacing*	Baseline 3
Time to peak PW (ms)	220 (150–285)	257.5 (150–331)	225 (160–294)	237.5 (150–330)	224 (153–300)
Time to peak IVS (ms)	220 (143–458)	255 (208–460)	225 (190–485)	240 (160–434)	220 (200–433)
ΔPW–IVS	–30 (–199 to 80)	–10 (–230 to 170)	0 (–200 to 60)	0 (–157 to 90)	0 (–190 to 70)

→ BVP did not improve C/O when compared to intrinsic sinus rhythm or RVP

# Cardiac resynchronisation therapy in paediatric and congenital heart disease: differential effects in various anatomical and functional substrates

109pts, f/u 7.5mo

Working Group for Cardiac Dysrhythmias and Electrophysiology of the Association for European Paediatric Cardiology

109 pts, age median 16.9yrs, f/u median 7.5 mo

**non-responders** - 16.1%

Predictors of non-response

primary cardiomyopathy

higher NYHA class

greater systemic ventricular end diastolic dimension

# Issues

- Measures of ventricular dyssynchrony
  - QRS duration, M-mode, pulsed Doppler
  - real time 3D echo, TDI, strain rate image
- Implant method
  - transvenous, epicardial
  - pacing site, optimizing lead placement - **sweet spot?**
- Optimization method
  - AV delays, RV Vs LV delays

# Summary(1)

- Although prospective and randomized trials are still lacking, large retrospective series demonstrate that CRT is effective in young patients.
- CRT is a promising option for the treatment of heart failure and evidence of ventricular dyssynchrony in children
- All pacemaker patients require serial echocardiographic evaluation for detection of unfavorable remodelling.
- Heart transplant candidates should specifically be screened for mechanical dyssynchrony as a CRT correctable cause of heart failure.

# Summary(2)

- RVP is acceptable and CRT can be a good therapeutic modality - pacing induced DCM.
- Further work is necessary to delineate, in complex and heterogenous group of patients, who will benefit and who will not.
- Detailed, prospective studies evaluating ventricular dysfunction, dyssynchrony and use of CRT is needed.