

Autonomic Regulation of Cardiac Excitability: Technology Response

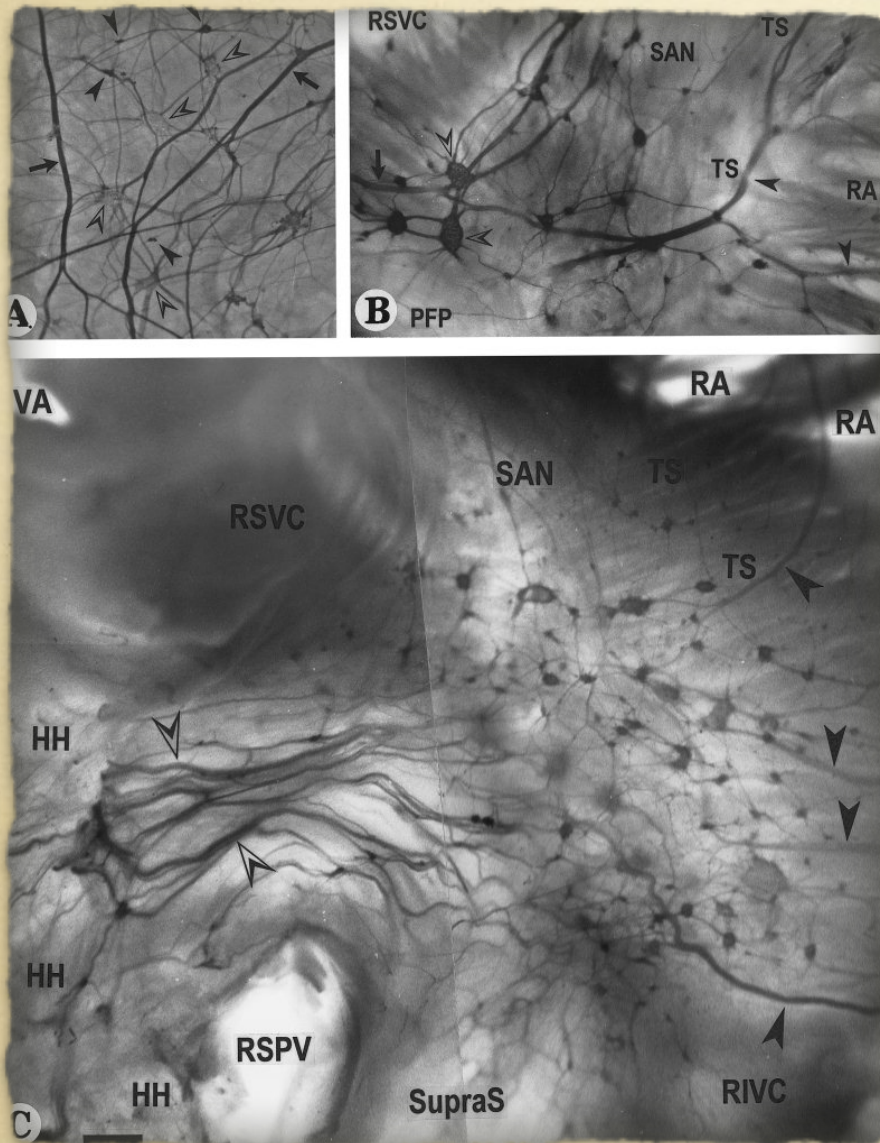
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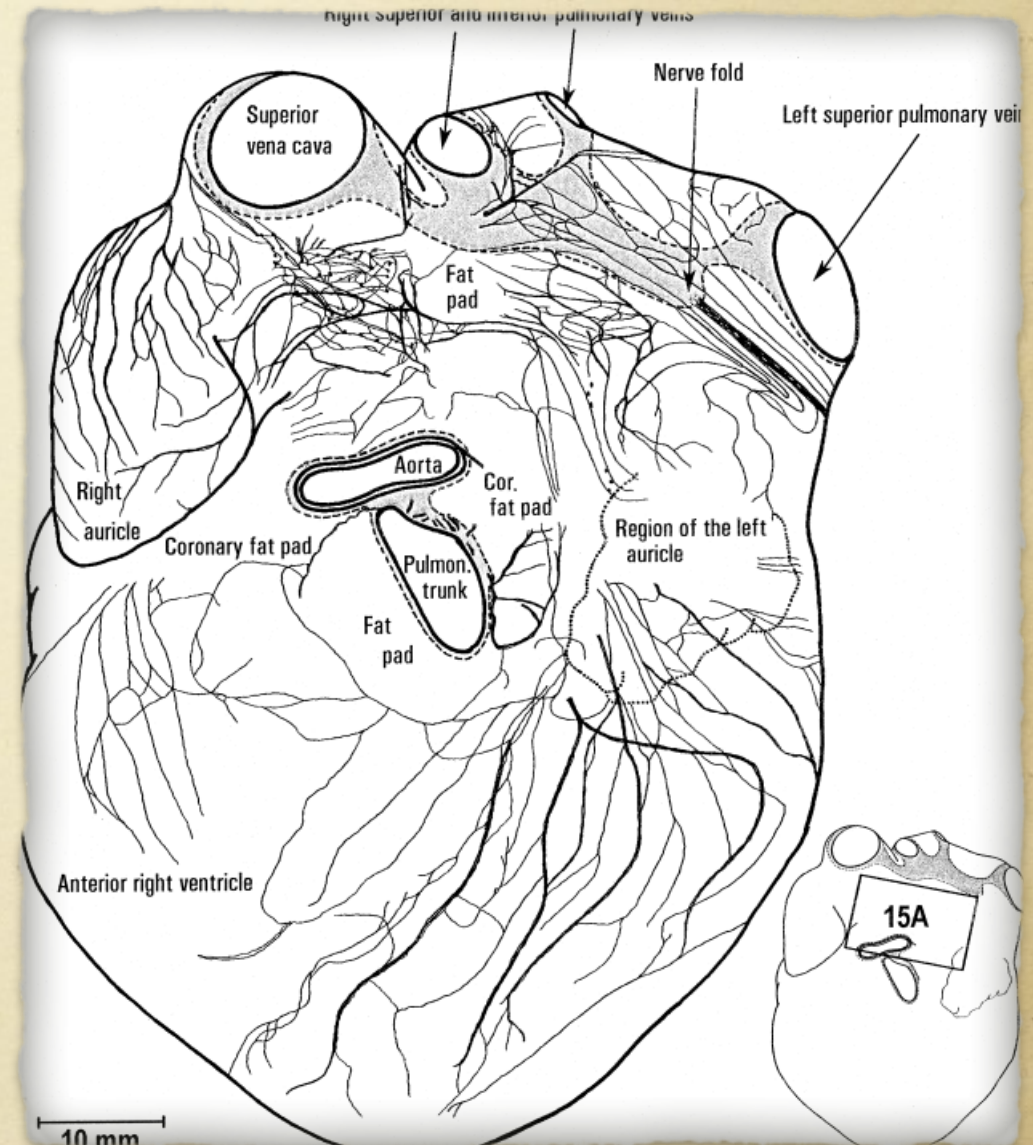
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“Little brain” of the human heart

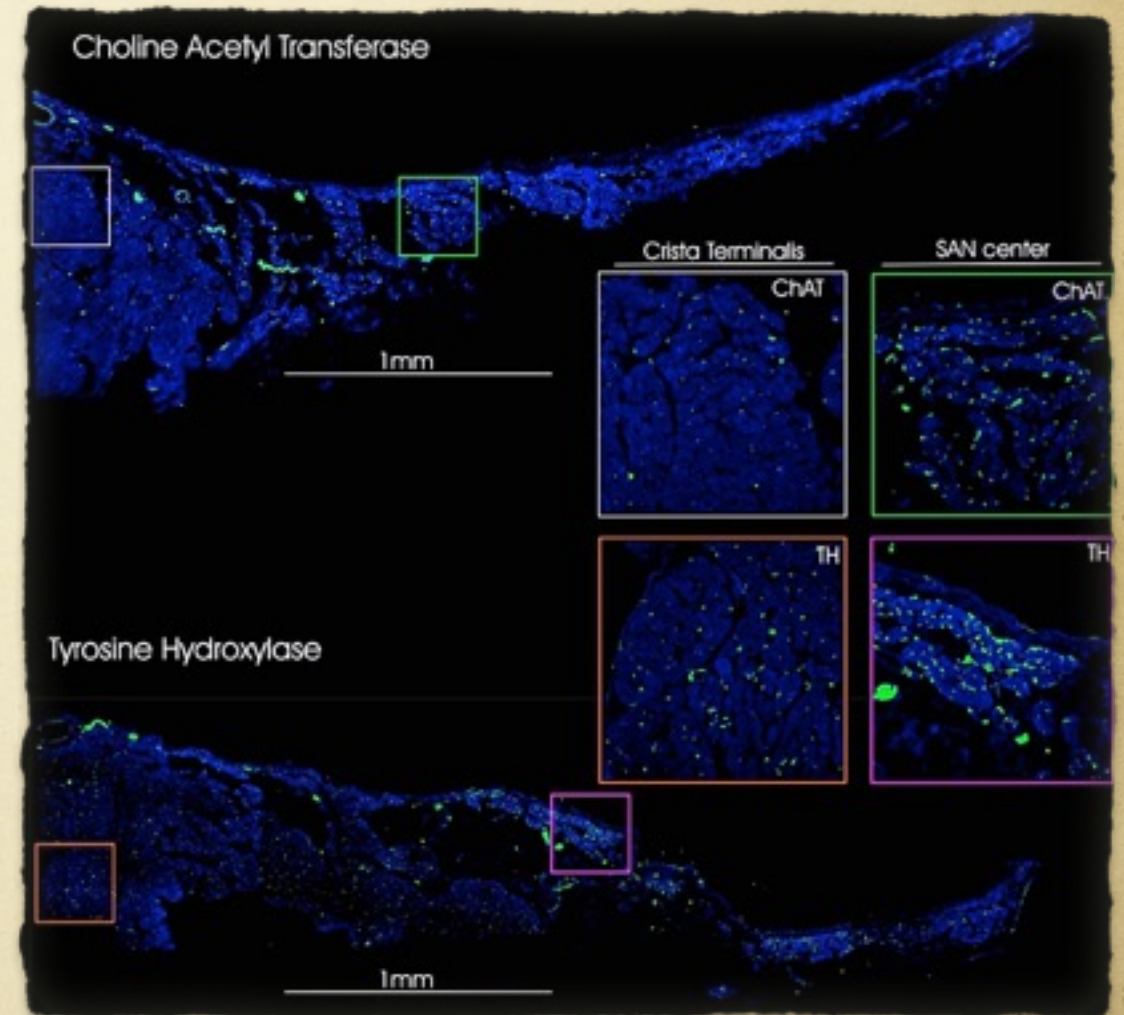
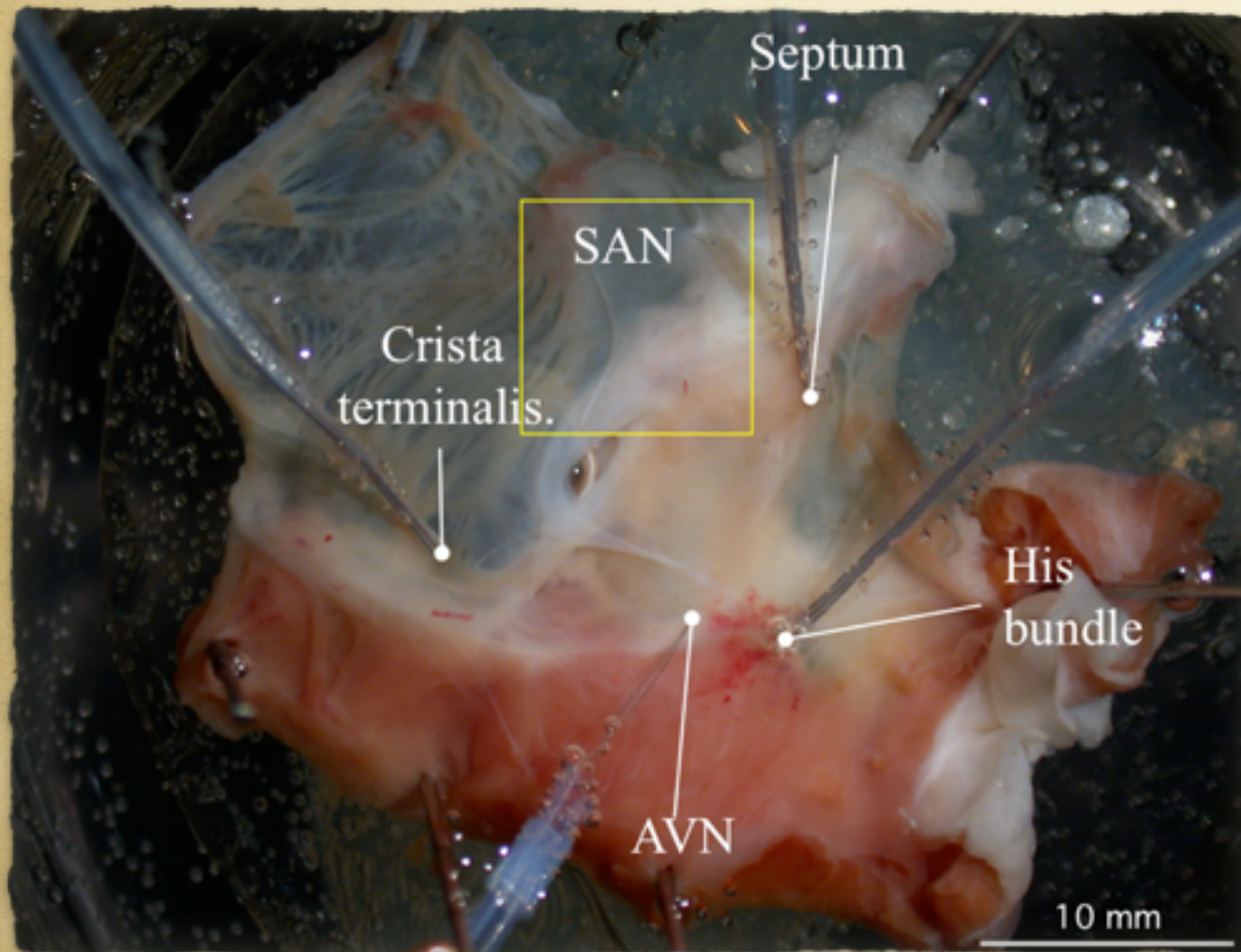


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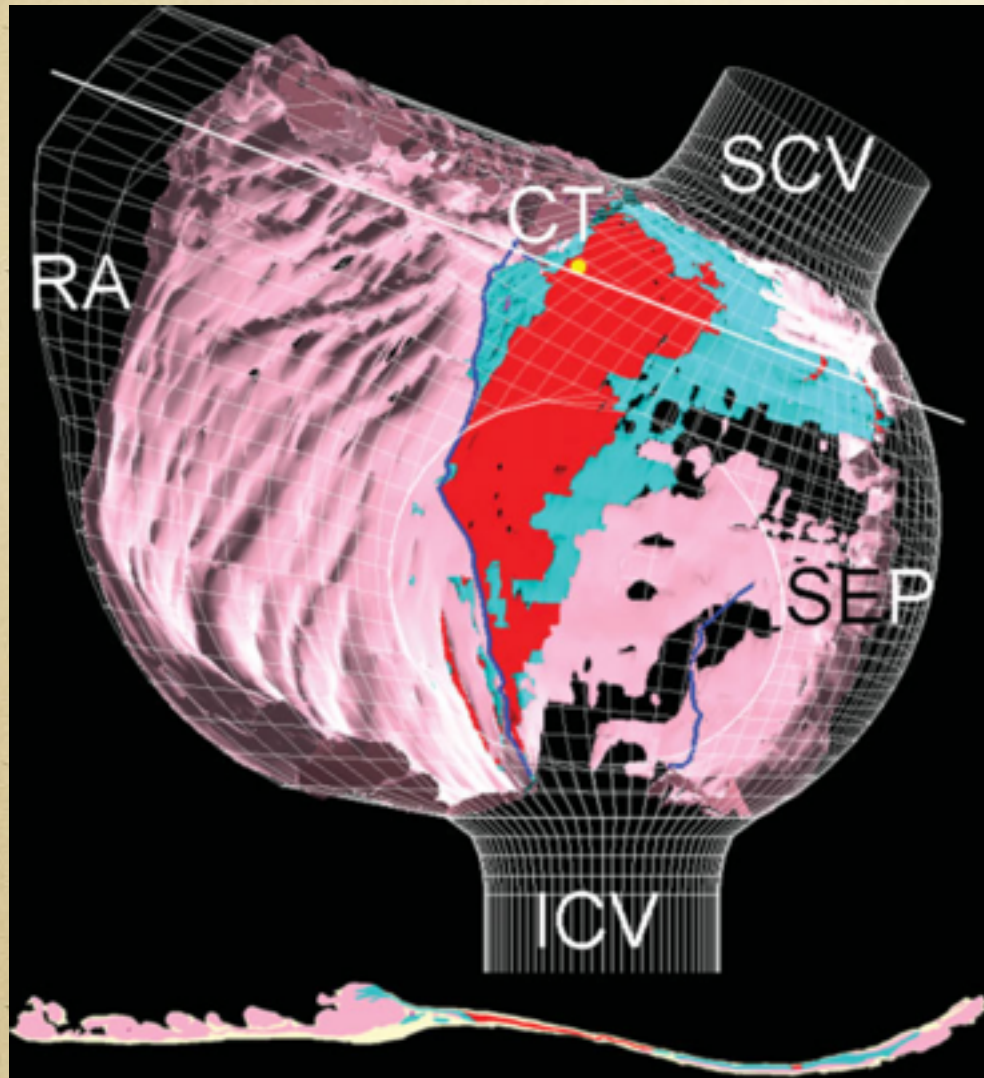
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SA Node: Molecular Mapping

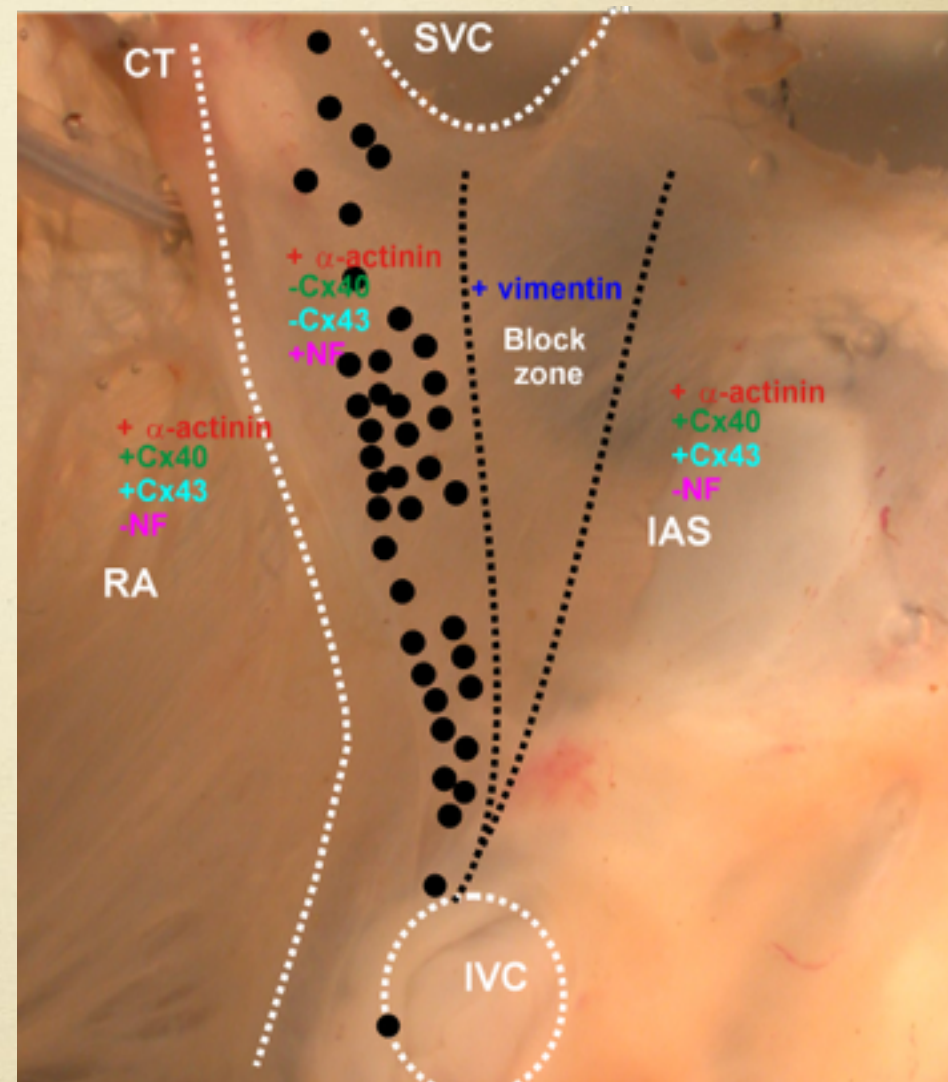


Fedorov, AJP: Heart. 2006

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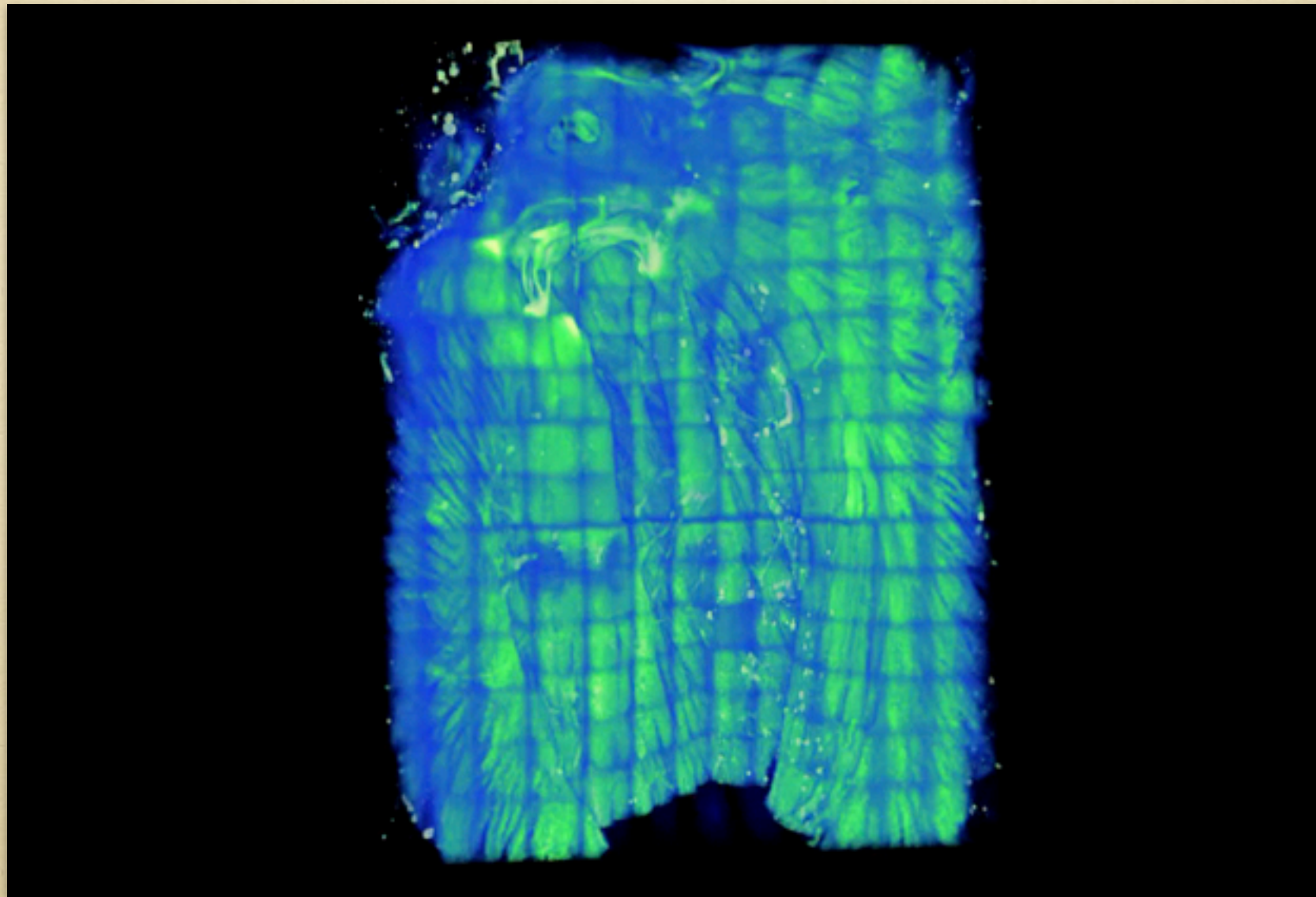


Dobrzynski, 2005.



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Cardiac C.L.A.R.I.T.Y.

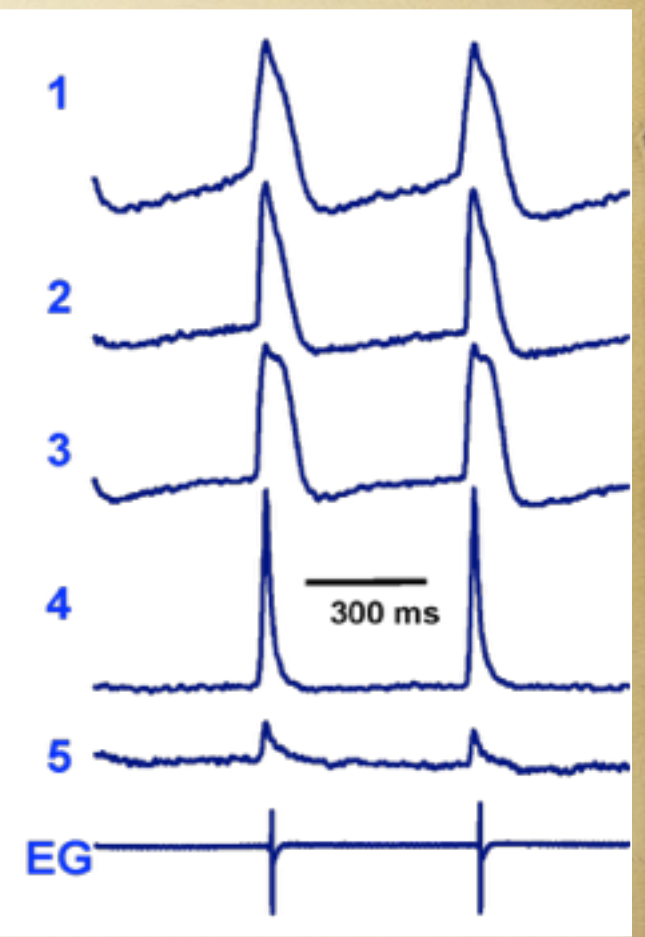
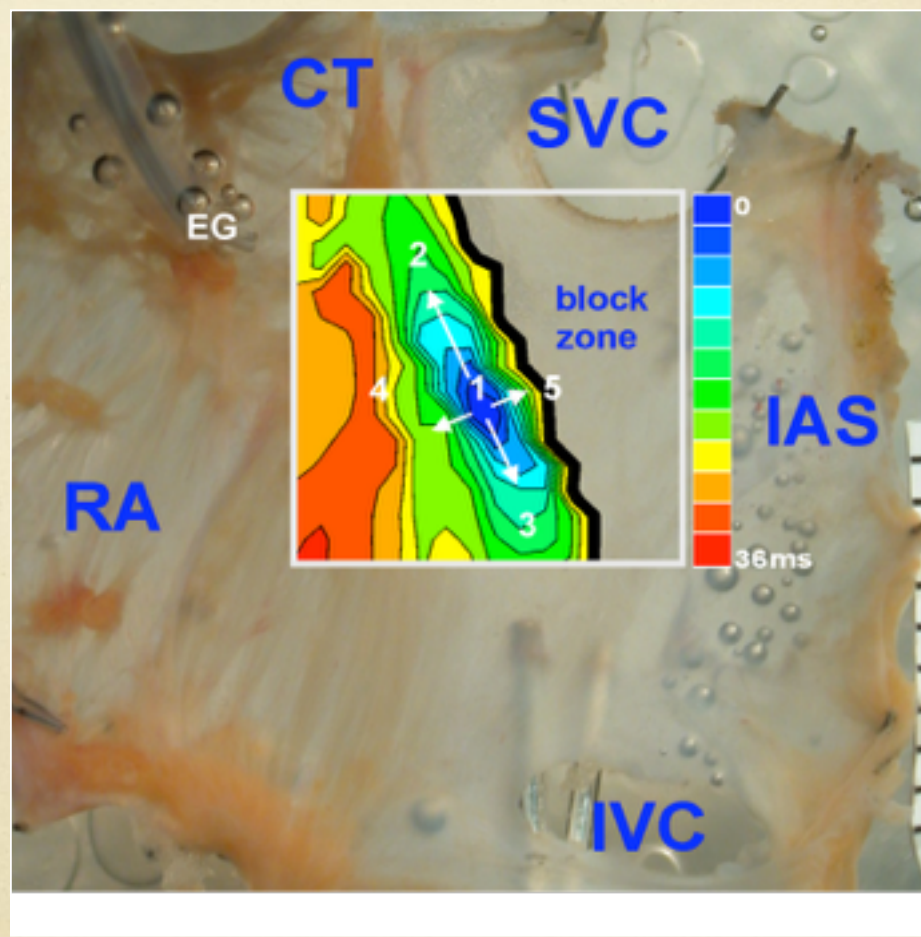
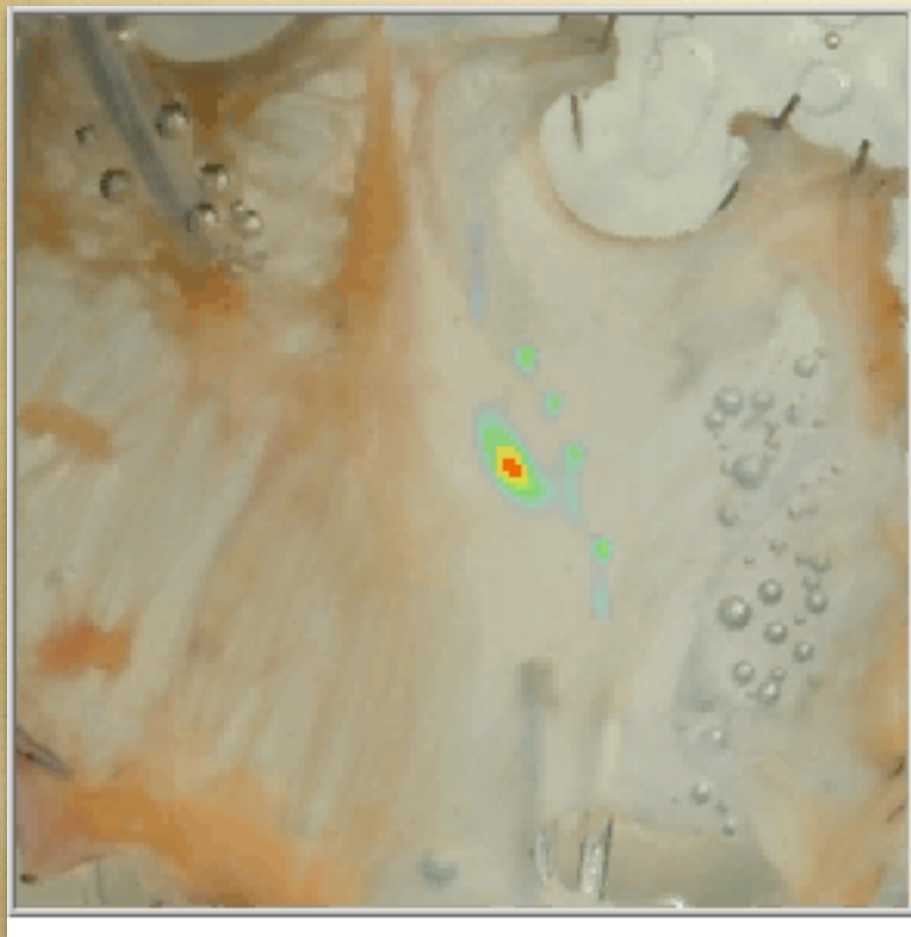


Light sheet microscopy of cleared mouse left ventricle: blue- DAPI, green- Cx43
Holzem, Tomer, et al, unpublished 2015

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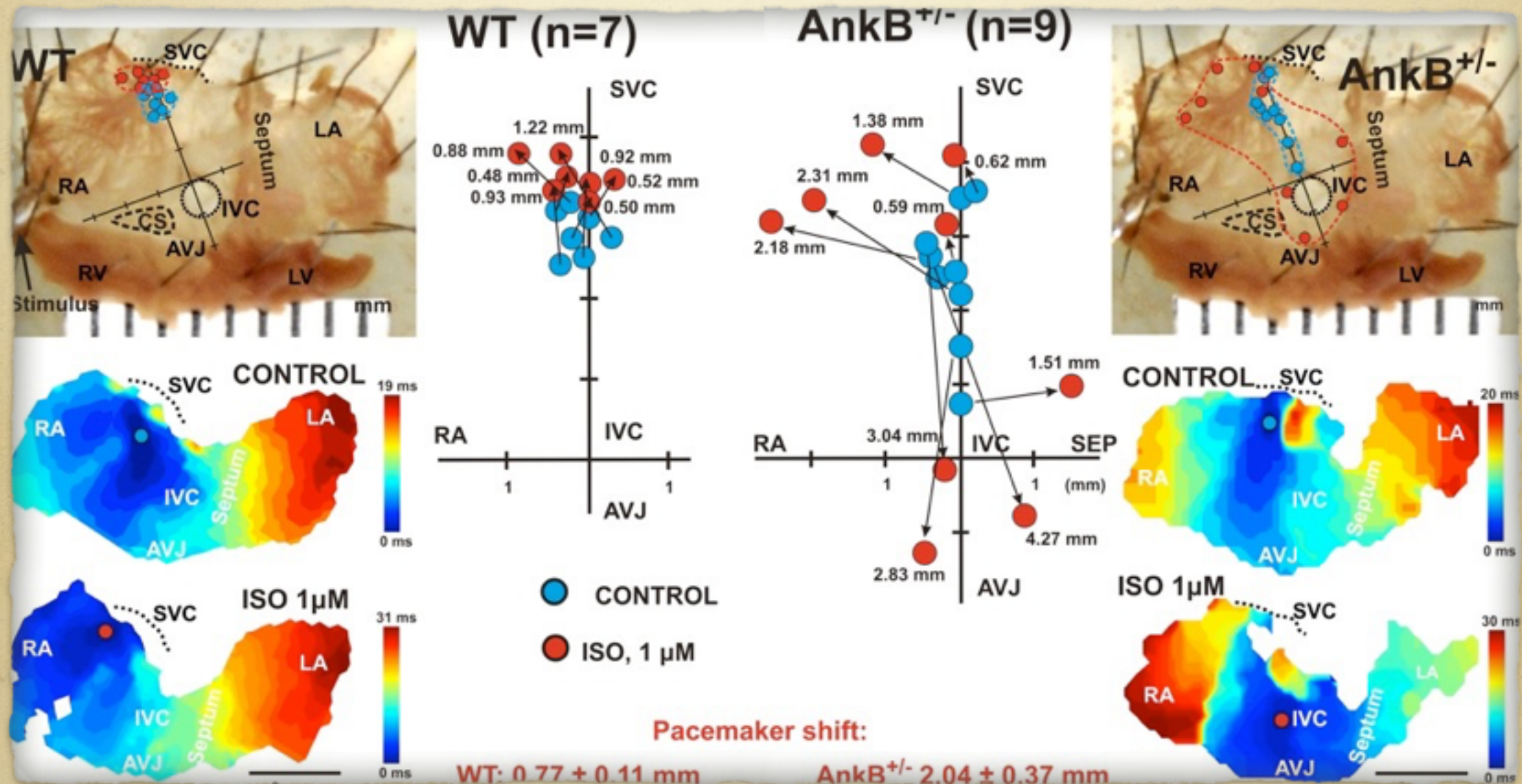
SA Node: Functional Mapping



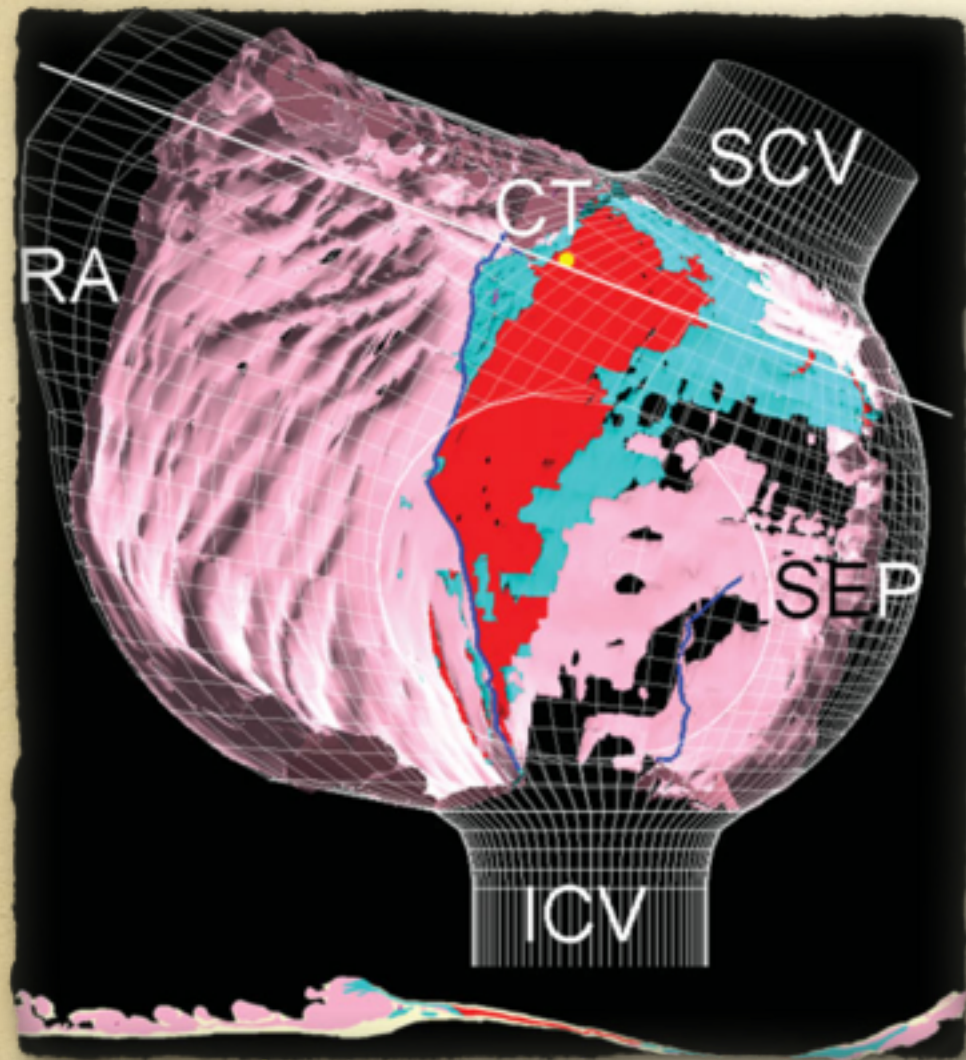
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CT- crista terminalis, RA- right atrium, SVC & IVC- superior and inferior vena cava, IAS- interatrial septum

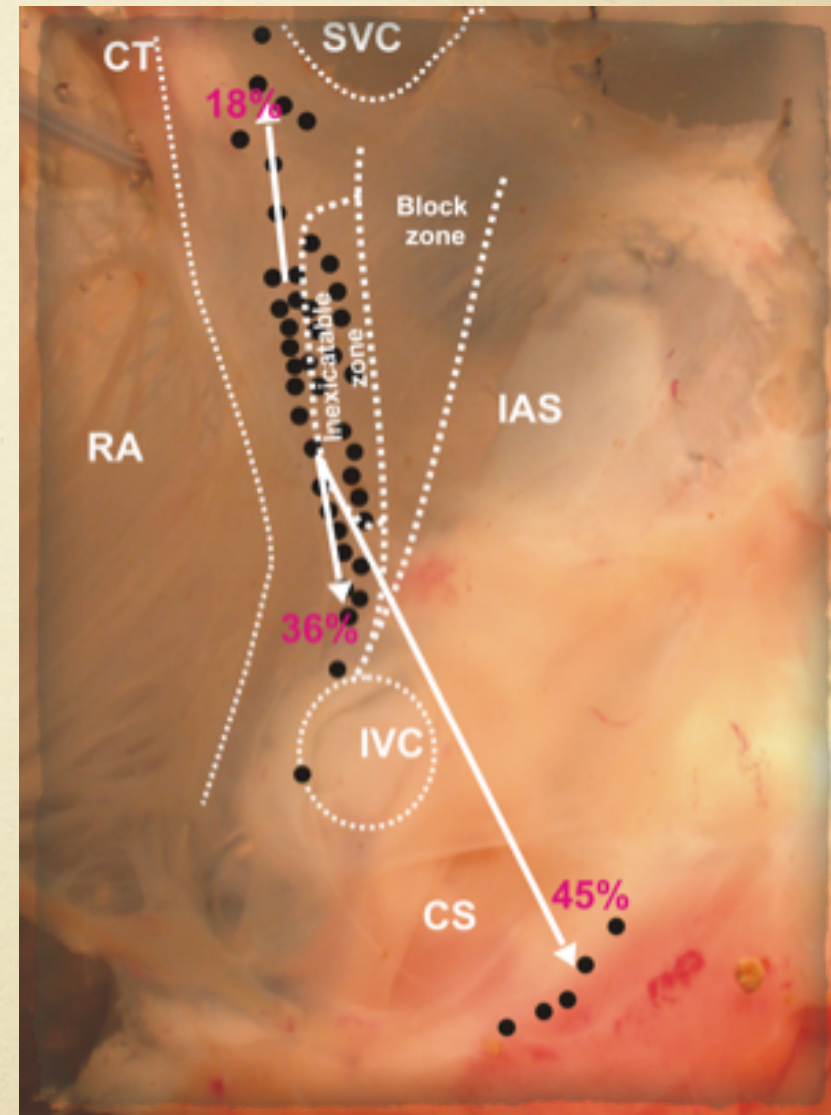
Shift of mouse pacemaker during sympathetic (ISO) stimulation



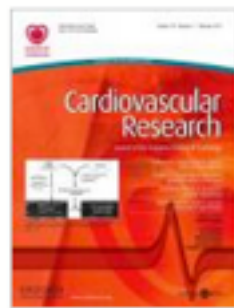
Shift of pacemaker during vagal stimulation (rabbit)



Distributed pacemaker complex. Dobrzynski, 2005.



Shift of pacemaker during vagal stimulation. Fedorov, 2006



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Optogenetic release of norepinephrine from cardiac sympathetic neurons alters mechanical and electrical function

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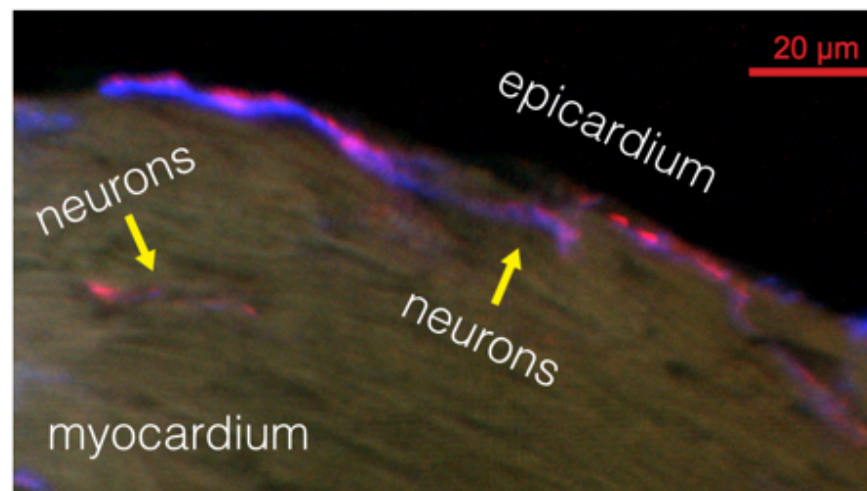
Tyrosine hydroxylase promoter of Cre expression

ChR2 expression dependent upon Cre expression

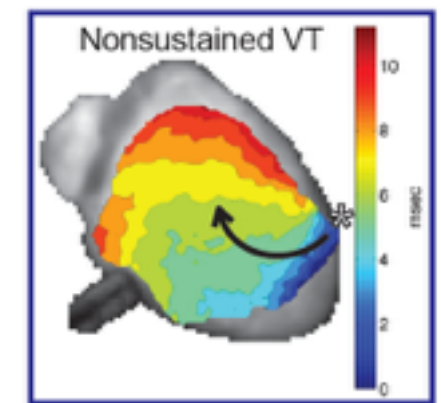


Offspring express ChR2 in cells having tyrosine hydroxylase (NE/E producing neurons).

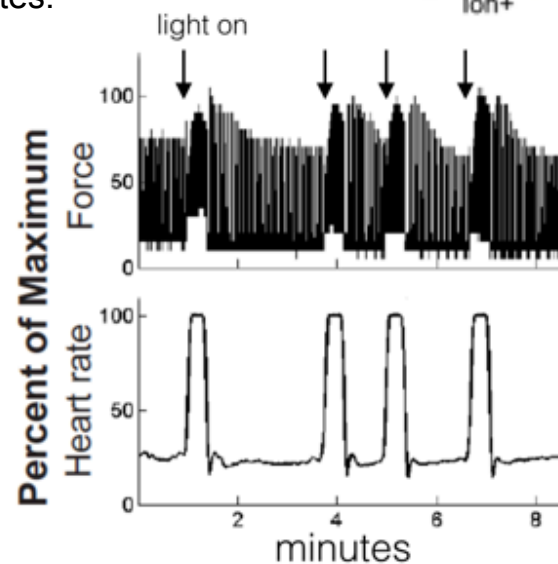
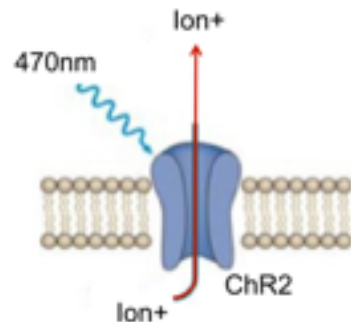
Cardiac sympathetic nerve fibers selectively express EYFP/ChR2. Blue: EYFP/ChR2, Red: tyrosine hydroxylase.



Increased incidence of arrhythmia was observed immediately after optical activation of sympathetic nerve fibers.

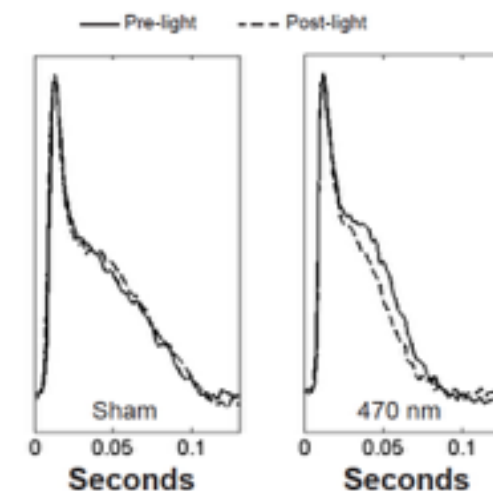
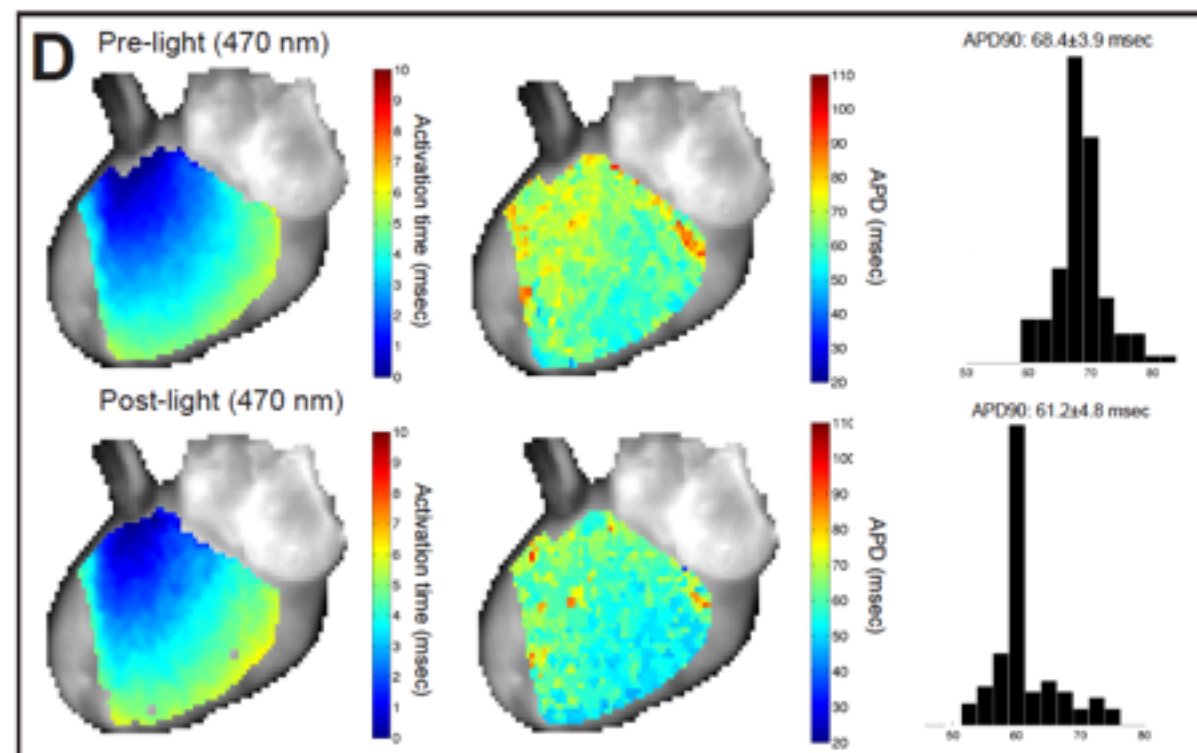


Energize ChR2 with blue light to depolarize sympathetic nerve cardiac axons. The release of NE activates beta-adrenergic pathways in cardiac myocytes.



Optical activation of sympathetic nerve fibers increased HR and contractile force.

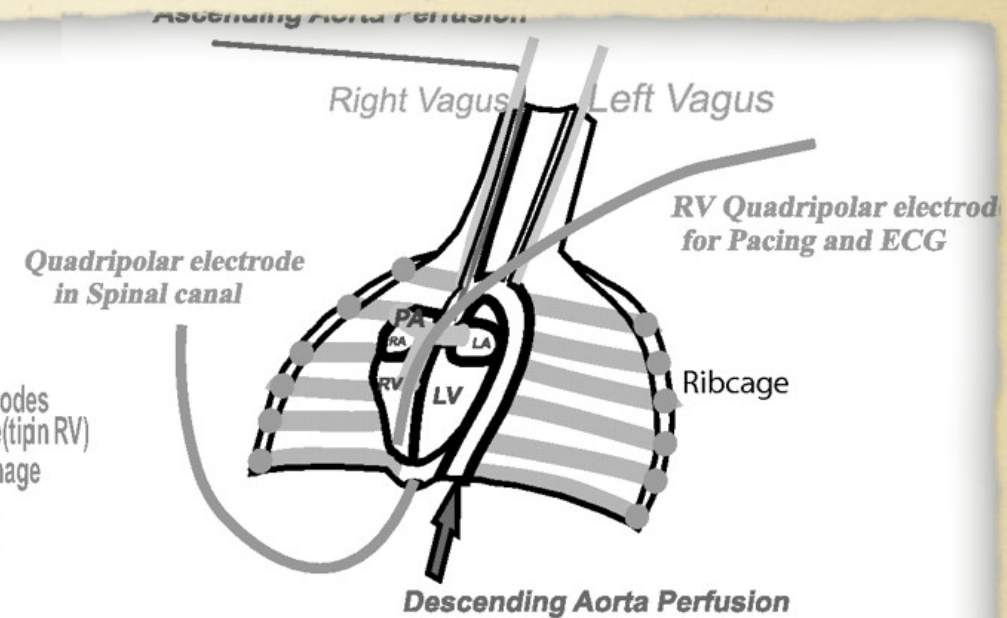
Optical mapping of epicardial membrane potential immediately after optical activation of sympathetic nerve fibers reveals reduced APD.



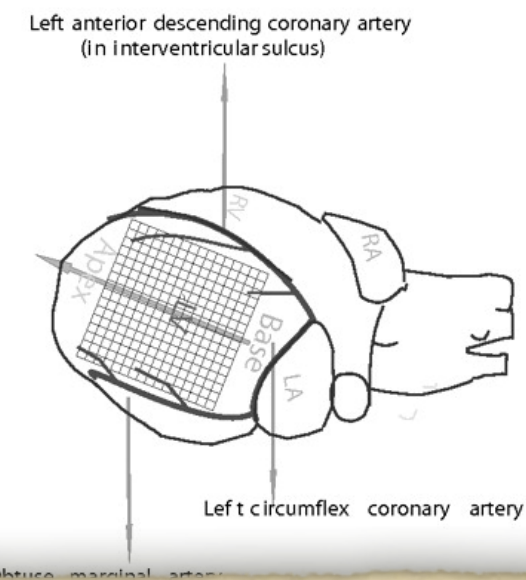
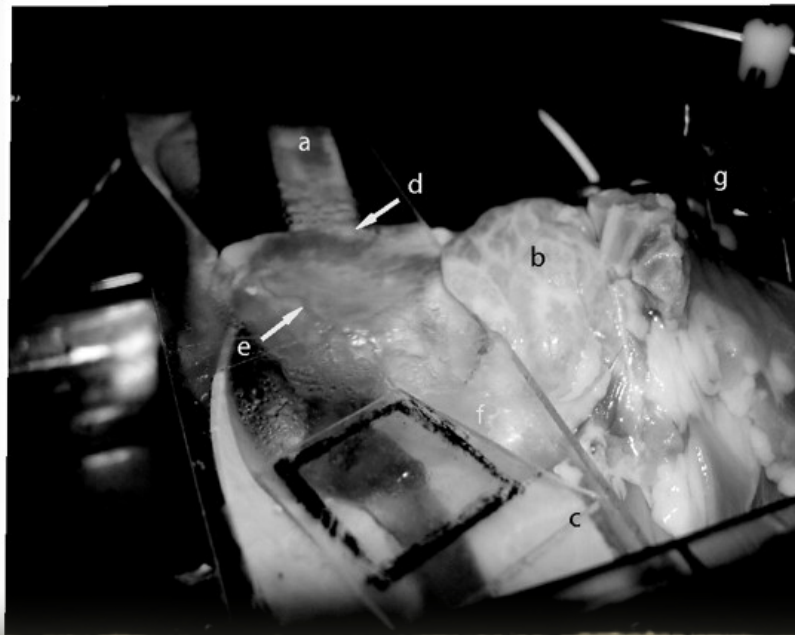
Isolated innervated heart preparation



Lens
Ascending Aorta Catheter
Vagus nerves & electrodes
Quadripolar electrode (tip in RV)
Suction catheter, drainage
Quadripolar electrode in Spinal canal
Descending Aorta catheter



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Transgenic Mouse “Wet Bench” Legacy

- “What have we learned in the past 20 years? Although the pace of data acquisition and subsequent definition of multiple signaling pathways, gene function, and normal and pathogenic mechanisms has been exhilarating, we cannot help but be humbled by the relatively tiny impact of these data on human health in general and cardiovascular disease specifically. Our “wet bench” advances have not, with rare exceptions, been translated to the bedside. Although this failure is due at least in part to our inability to effectively apply what we have learned to drug development, it also reflects remaining, serious deficits in understanding the mechanisms that drive cell and organ function.”
- Jeffrey Robbins, “Twenty Years of Gene Targeting: What We Don’t Know?”, *Circulation Research*, 2011, 109:722-723.

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A Novel Organ Donor Facility: A Decade of Experience With Liver Donors

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Introduction

In the United States, the experience of donor procurement is often time consuming and logistically challenging for organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and organ recipient centers. Typically, transplant surgeons from the recipient center complete staff in require On ave transpl

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National Decline in Donor Heart Utilization With Regional Variability: 1995–2010

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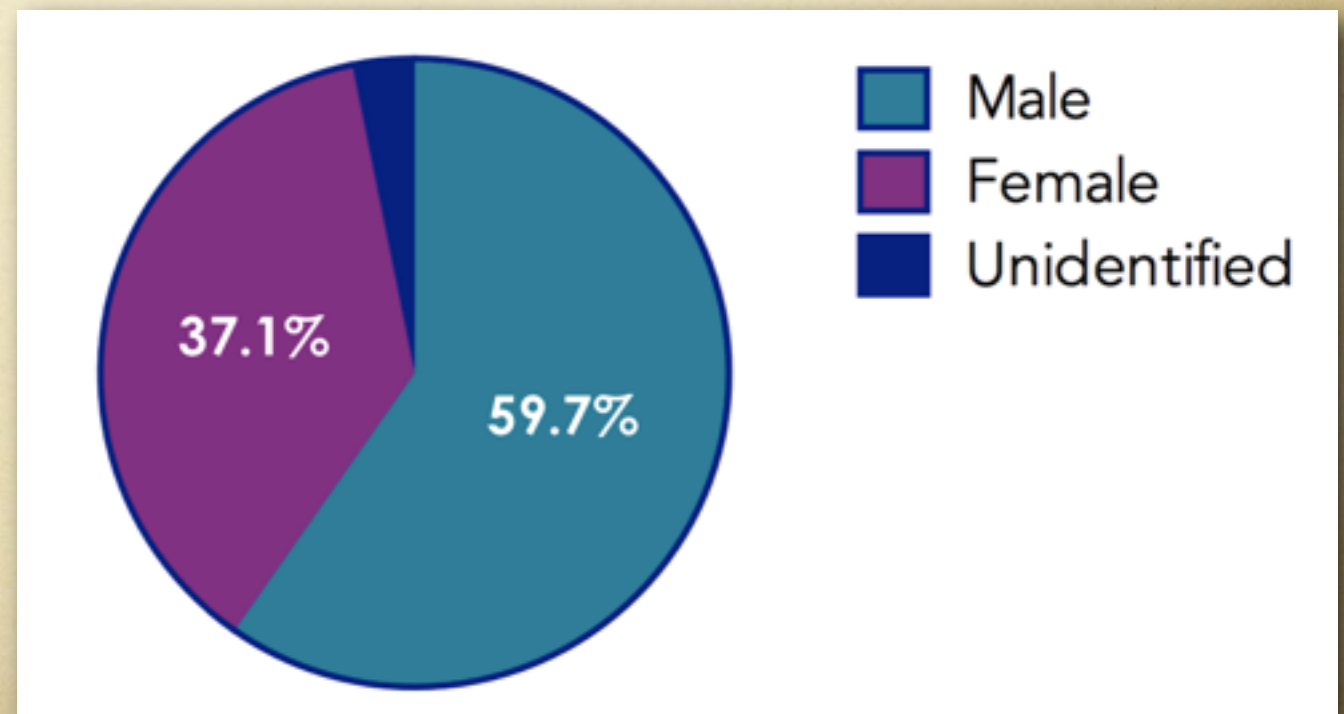
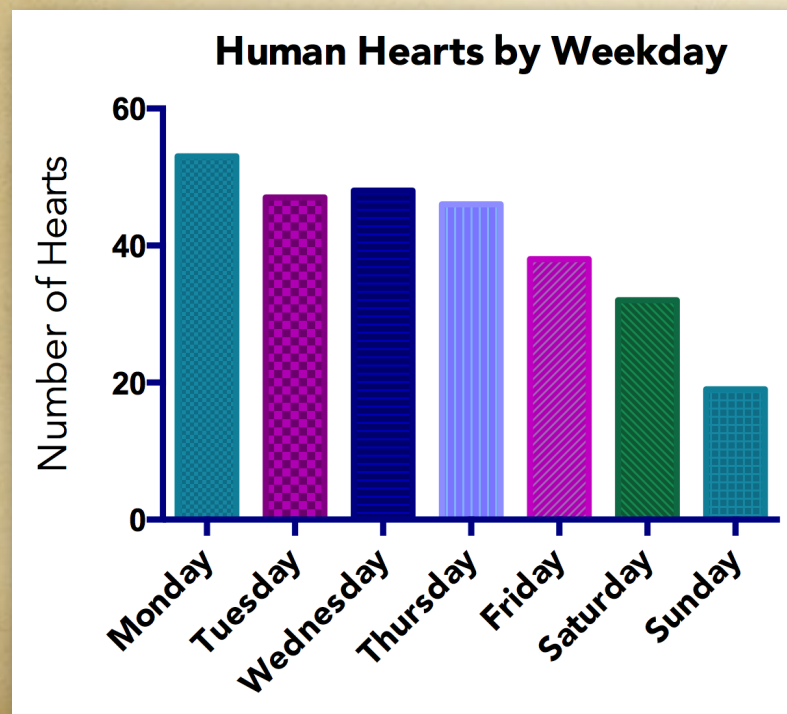
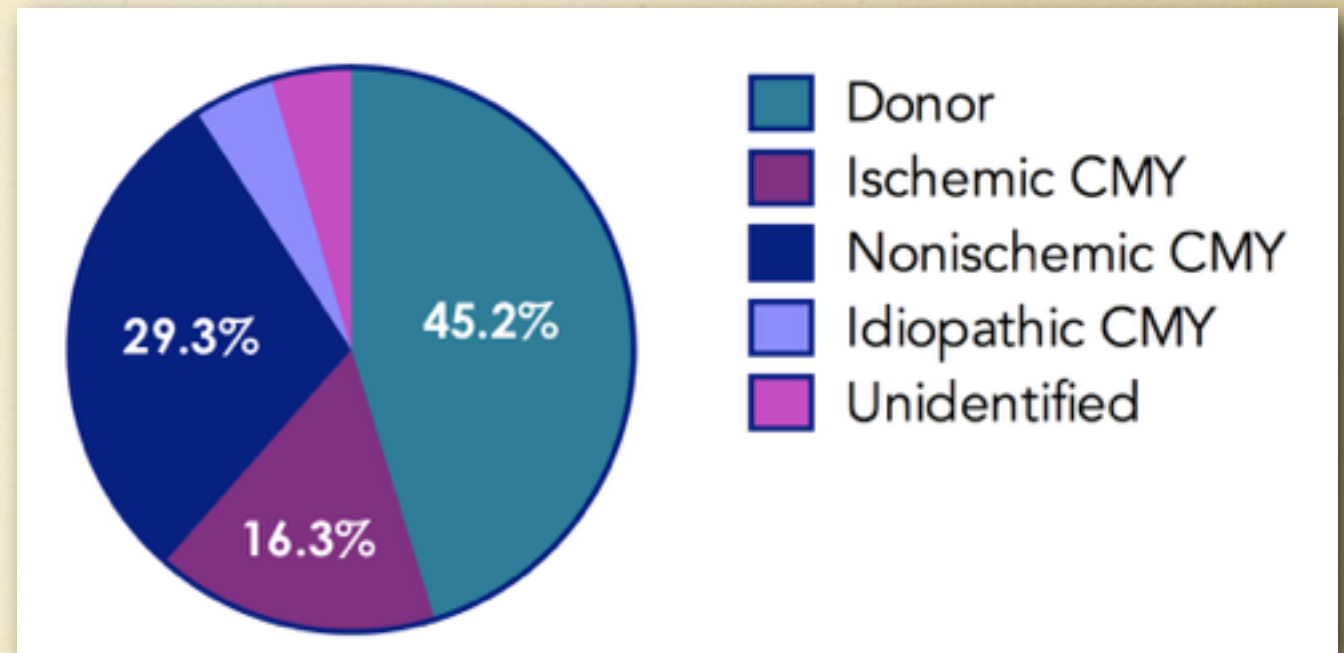
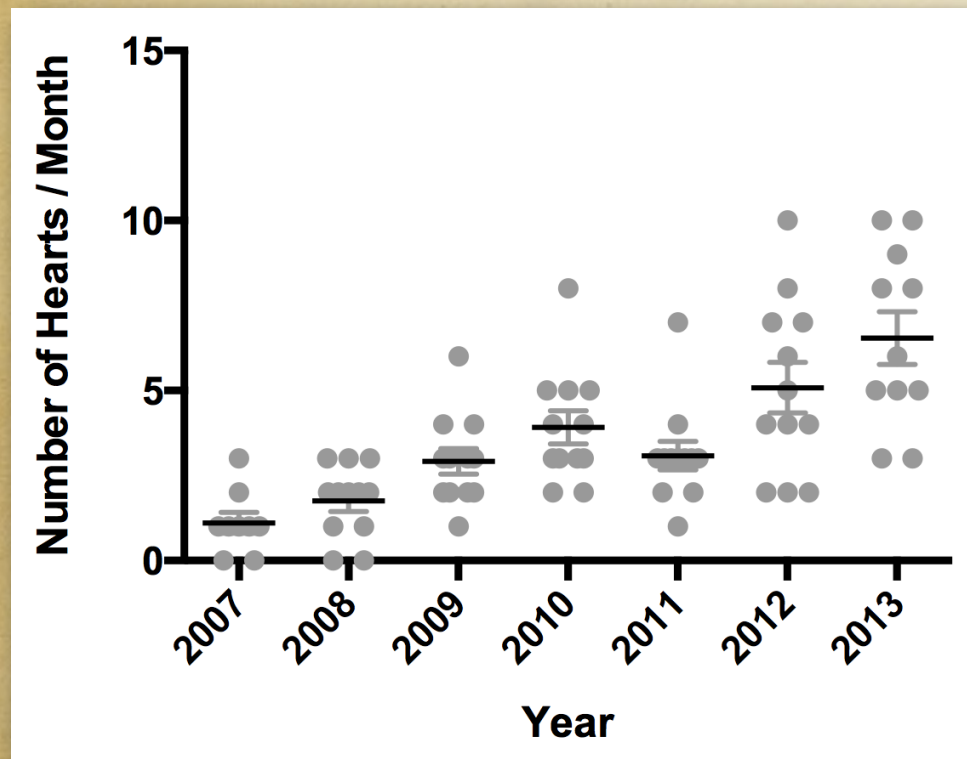
criteria for donor heart evaluation and acceptance for
transplantation.

Abbreviations: INTERMACS, Interagency Registry for
Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support; LVAD, left
ventricular assist device; LVEF, left ventricular ejection
fraction; MPSC, Membership Professional Standards
Committee; OE, observed to expected; OPTN, Organ
Procurement and Transplantation Network; UNOS,
United Network for Organ Sharing

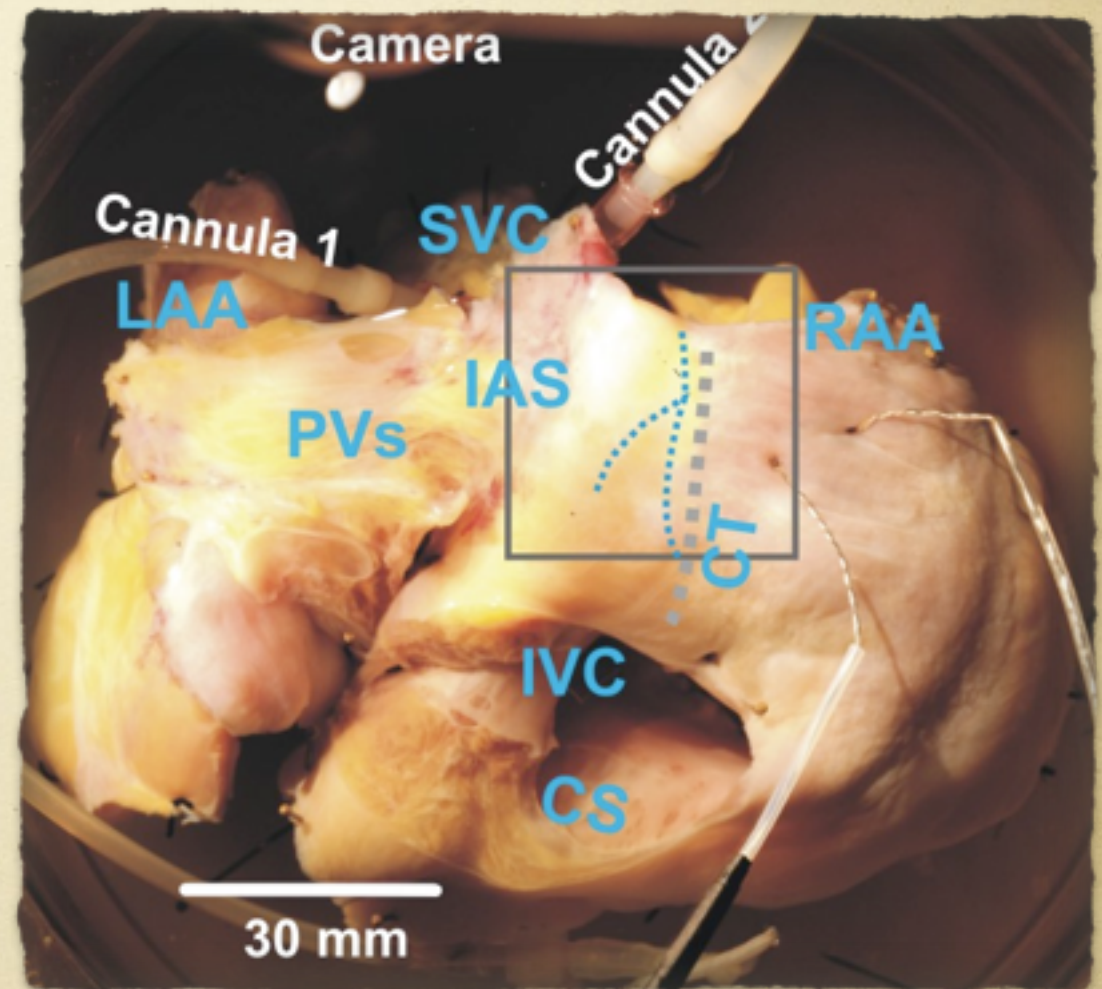
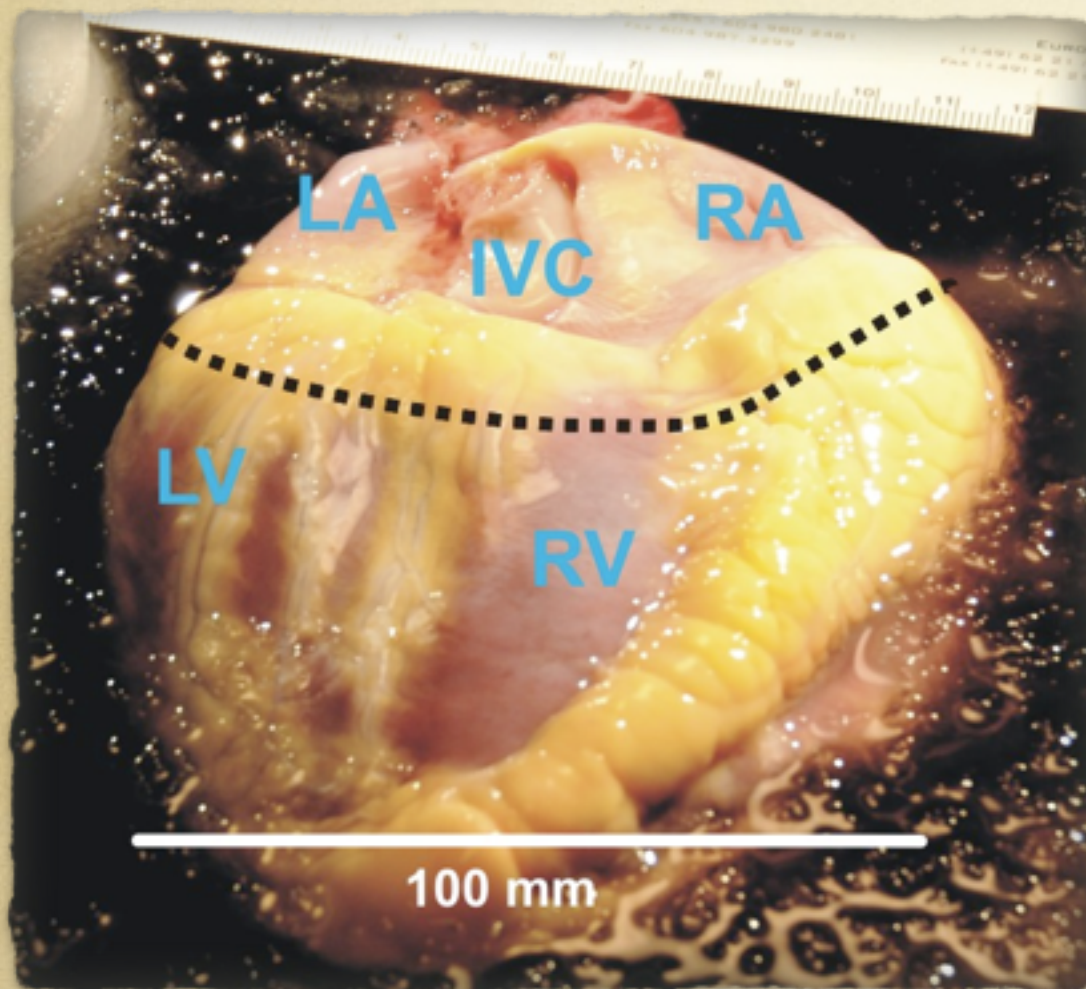
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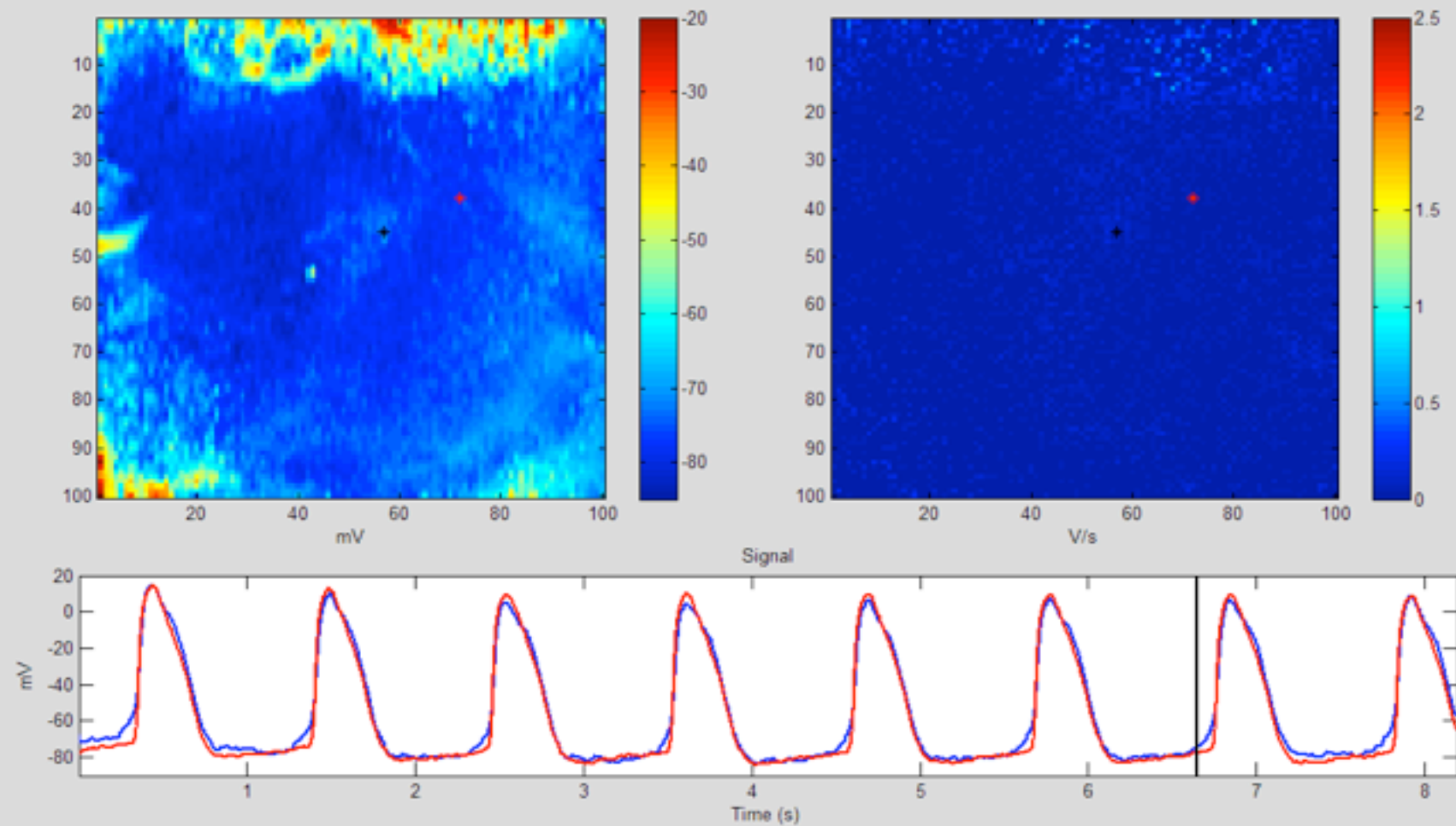
(352 human hearts as of 02/24/15)



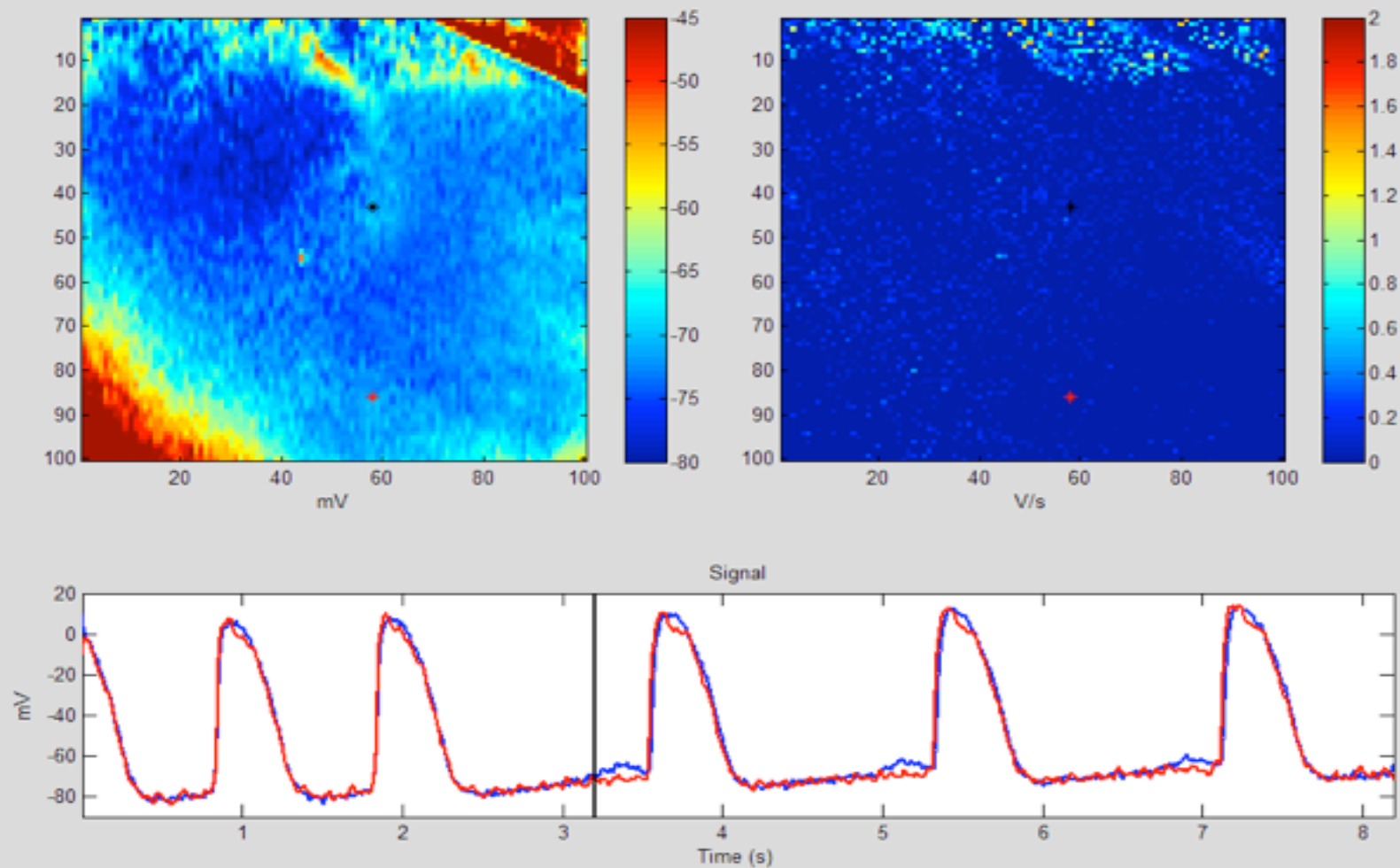
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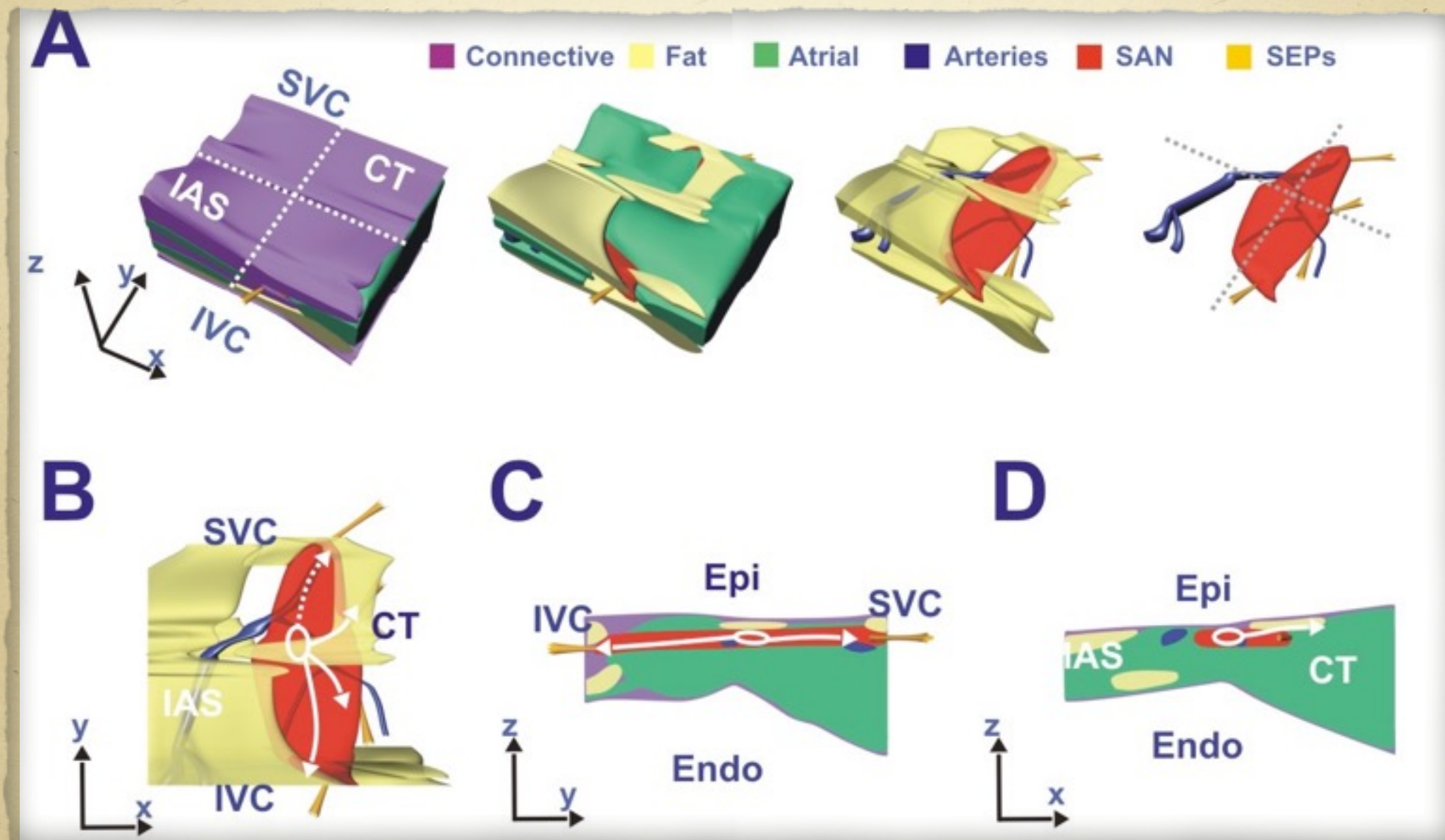
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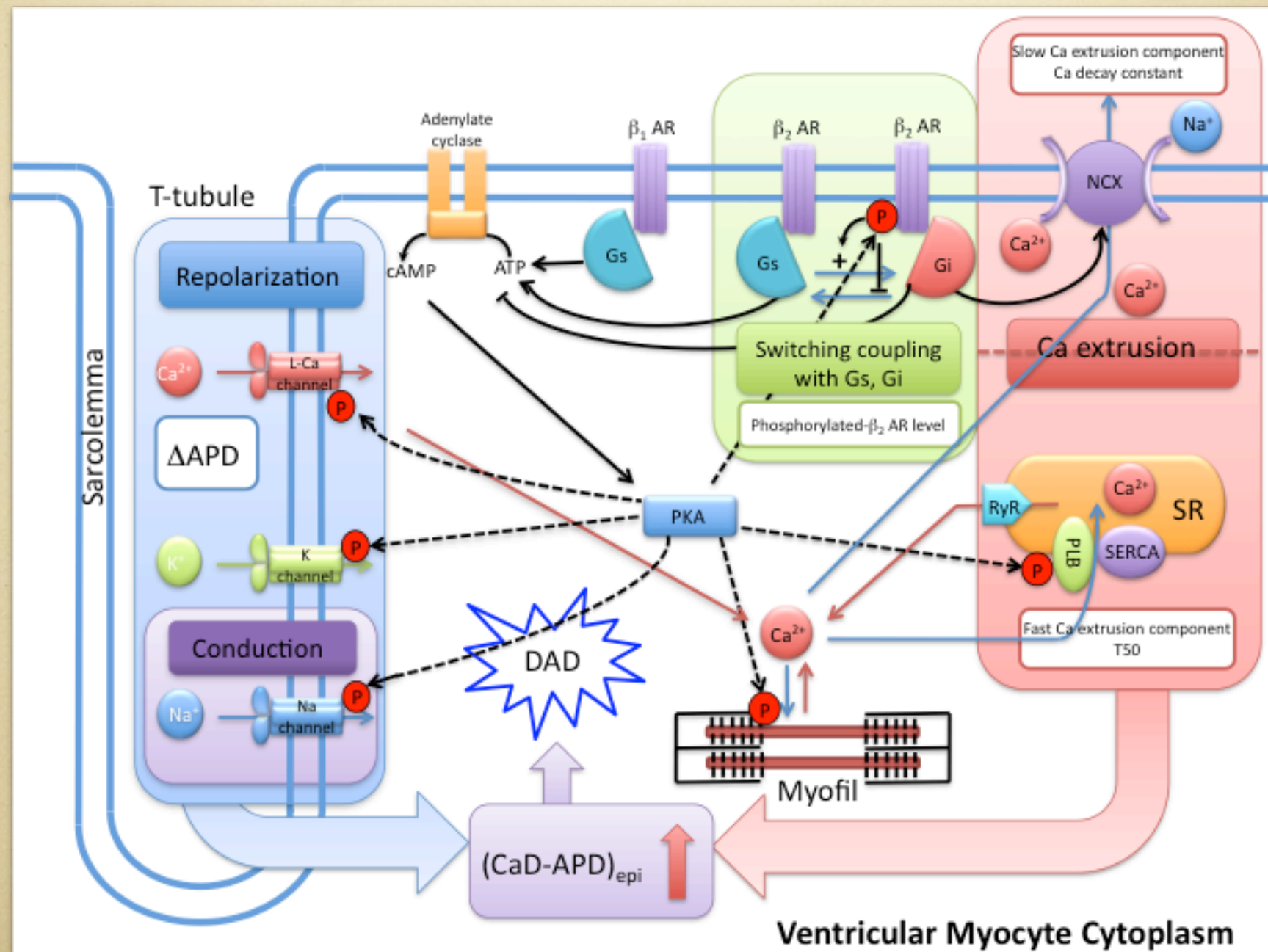
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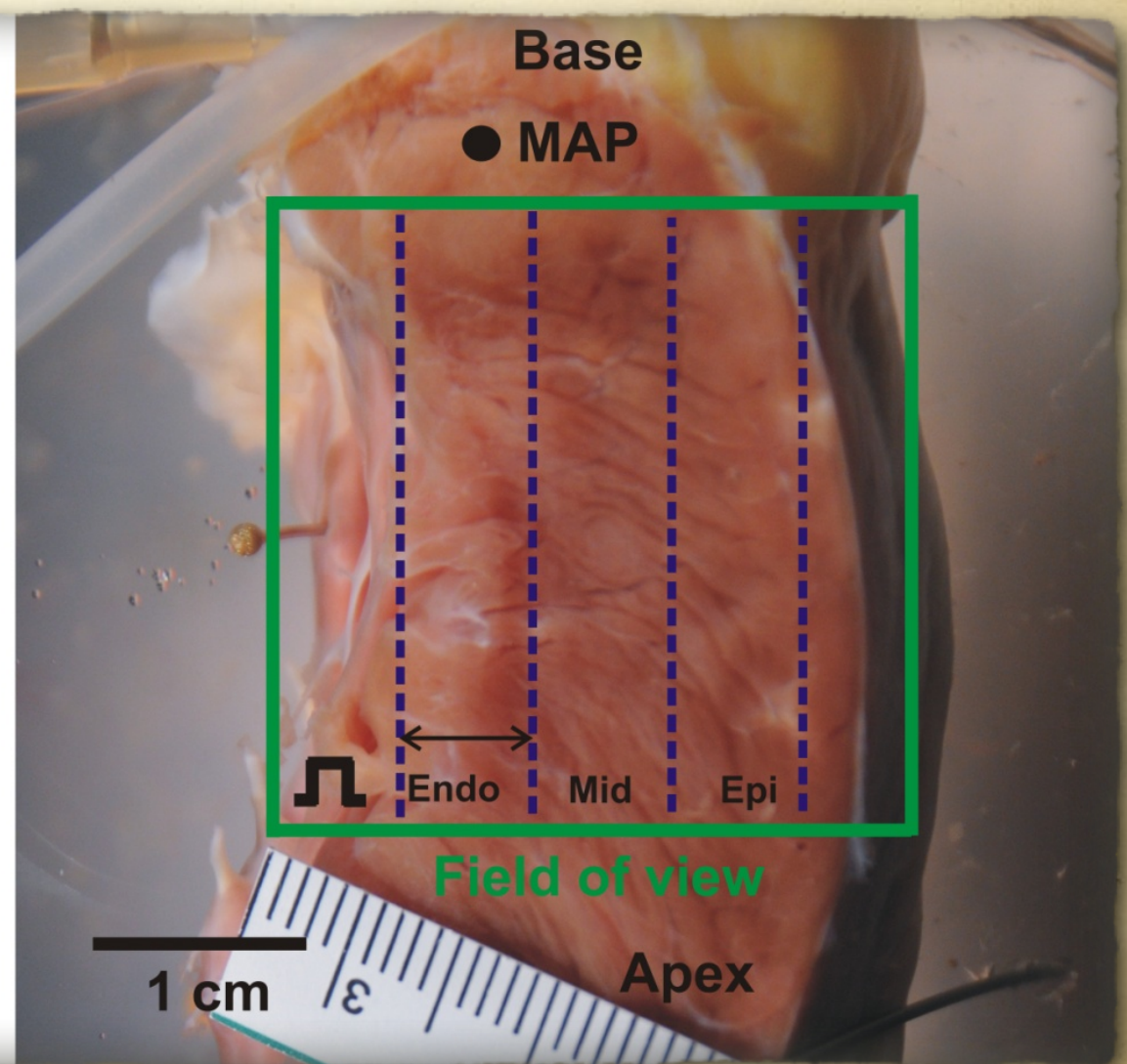
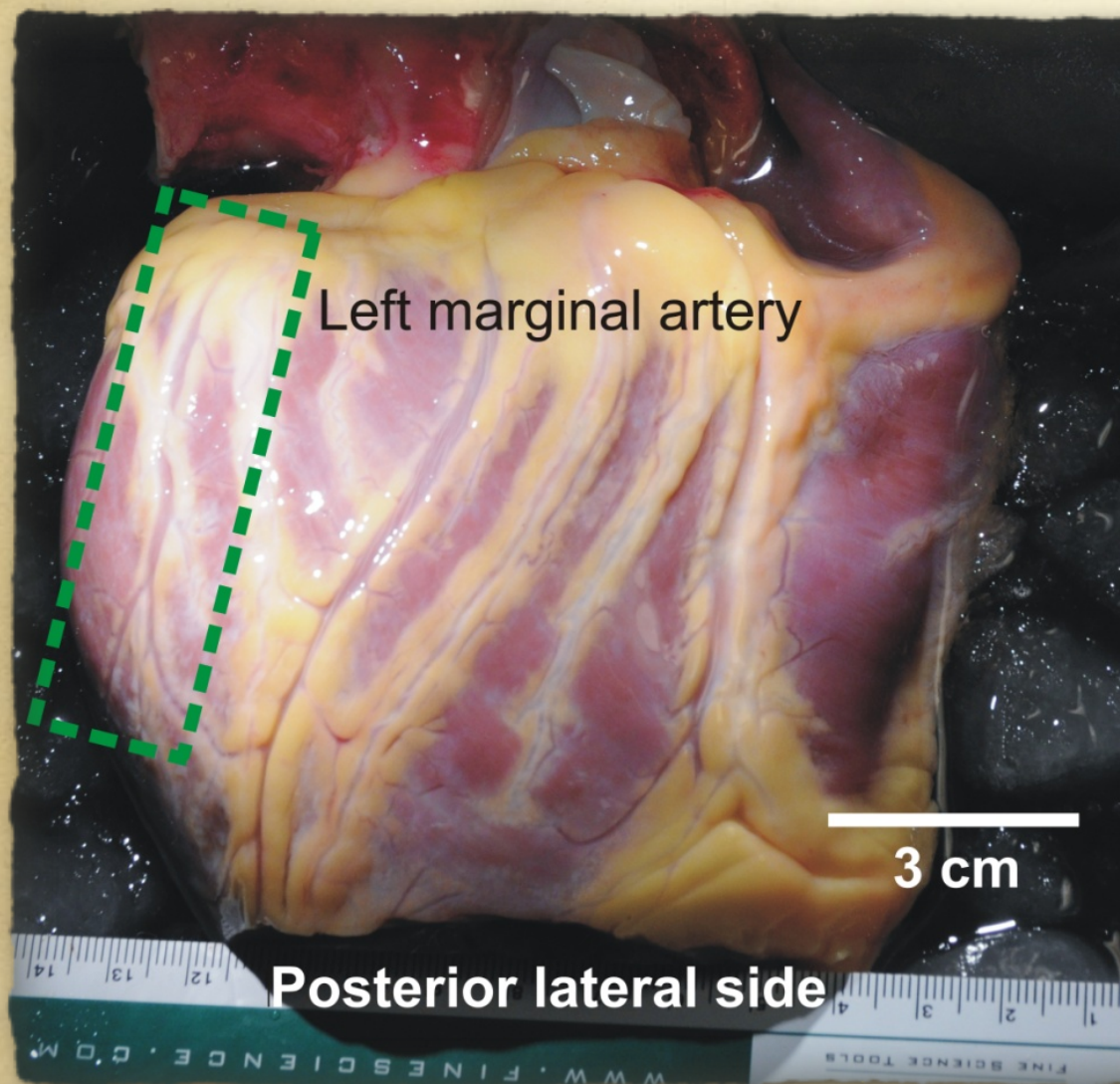
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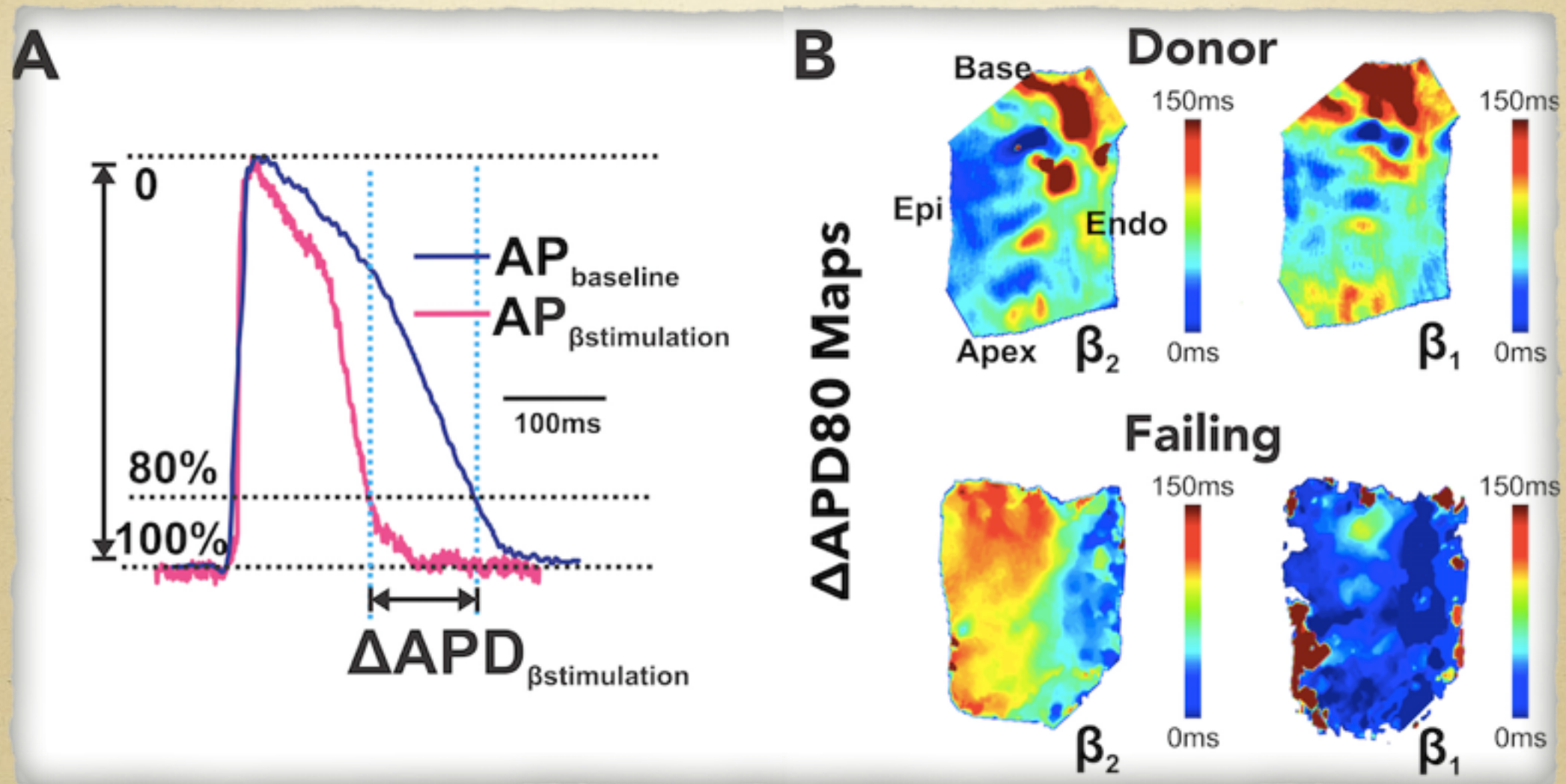
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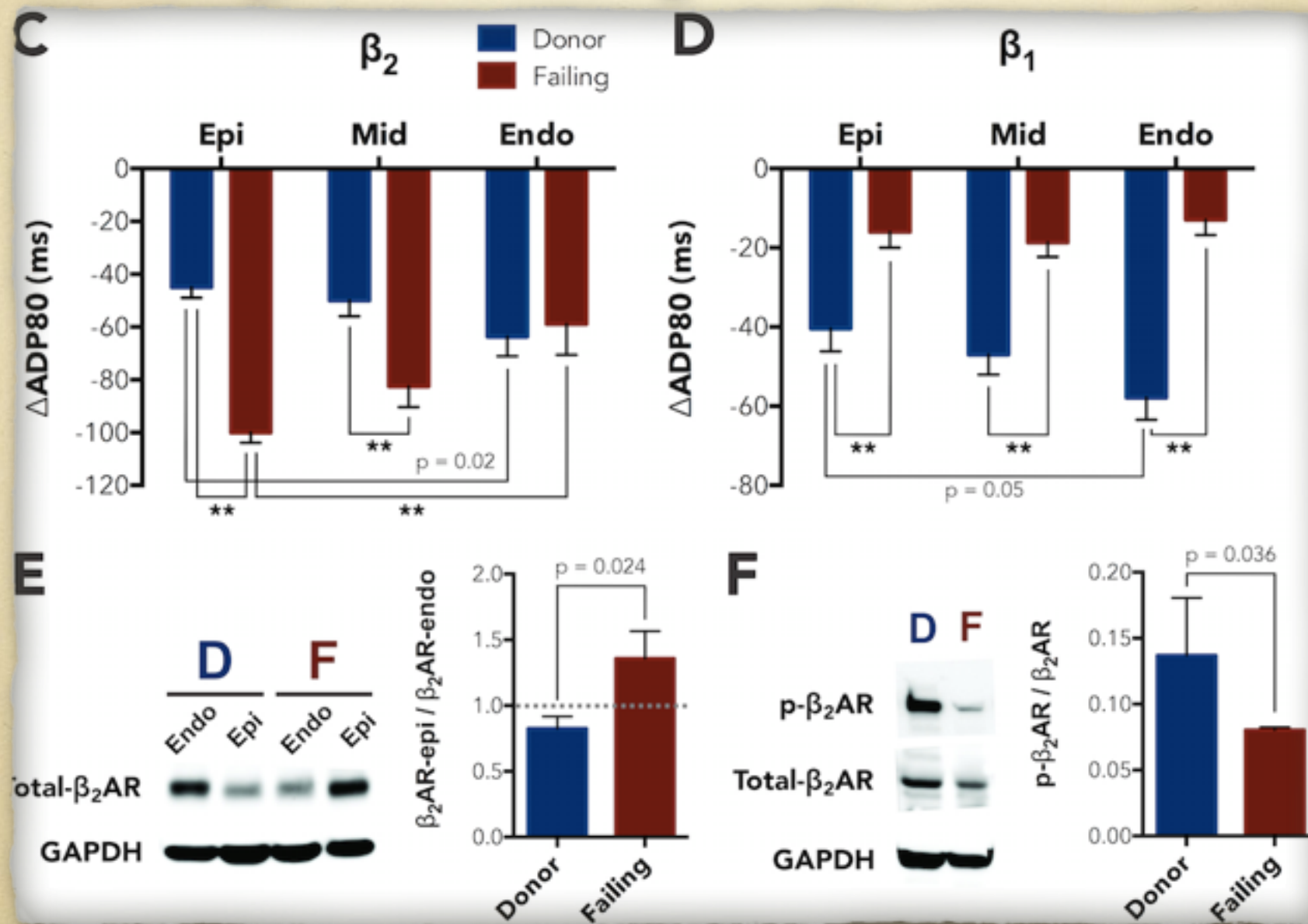
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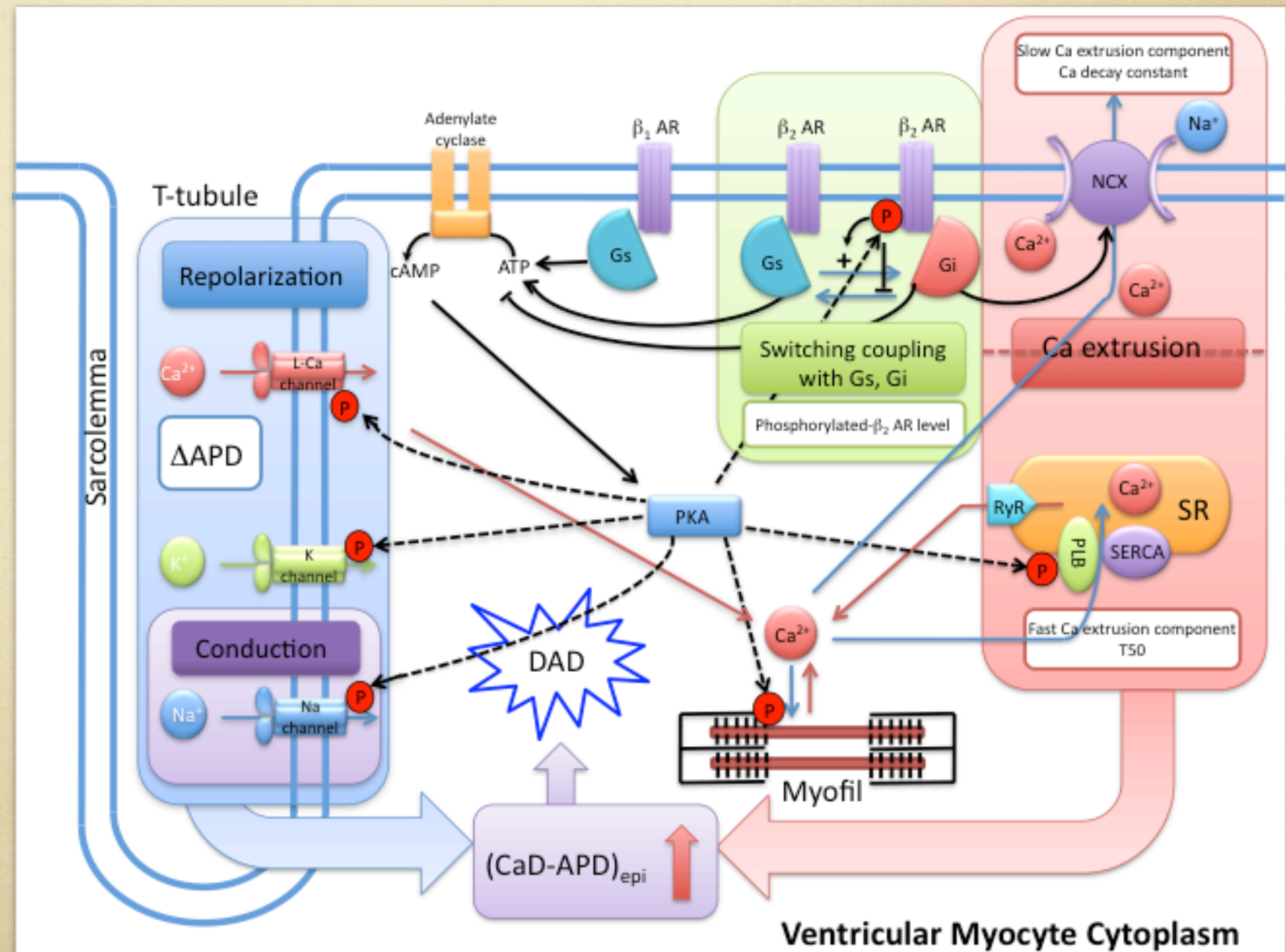
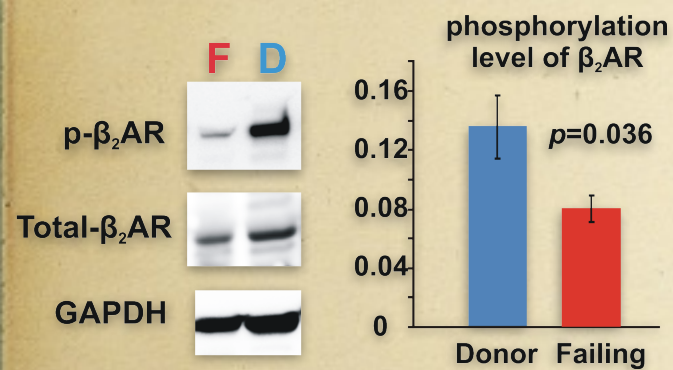
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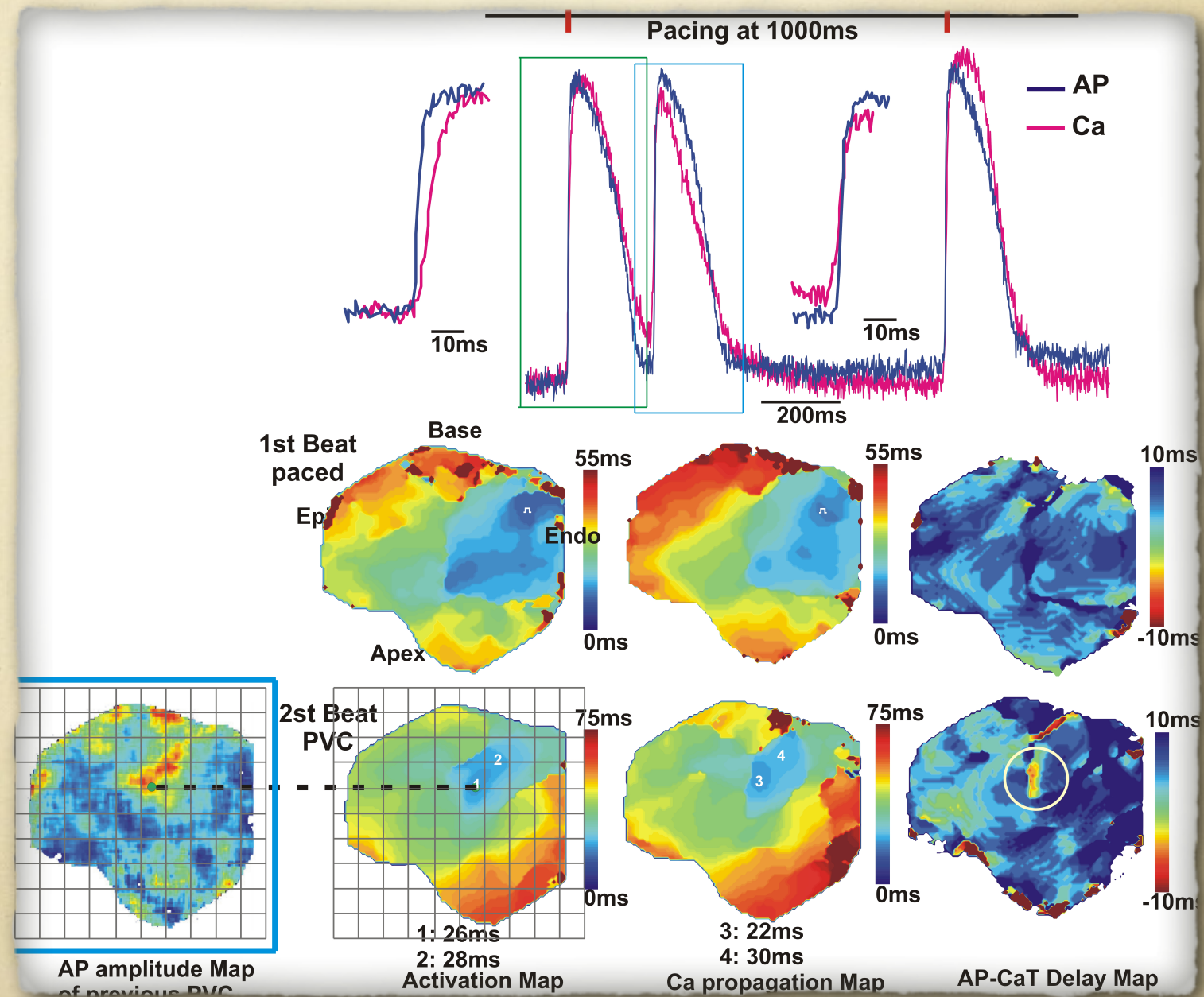
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Switch of β_2 AR from G_i to G_s in human heart failure



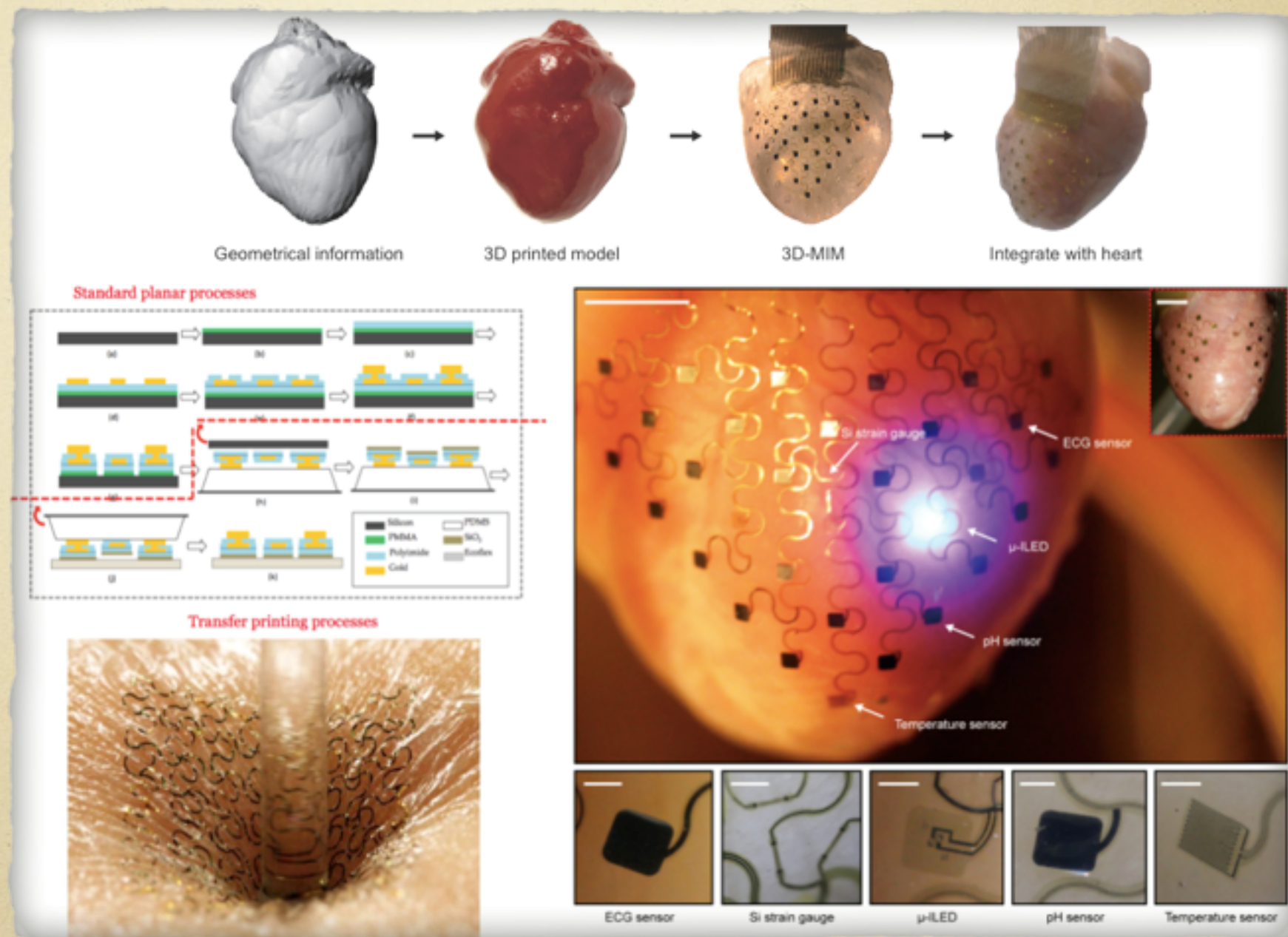
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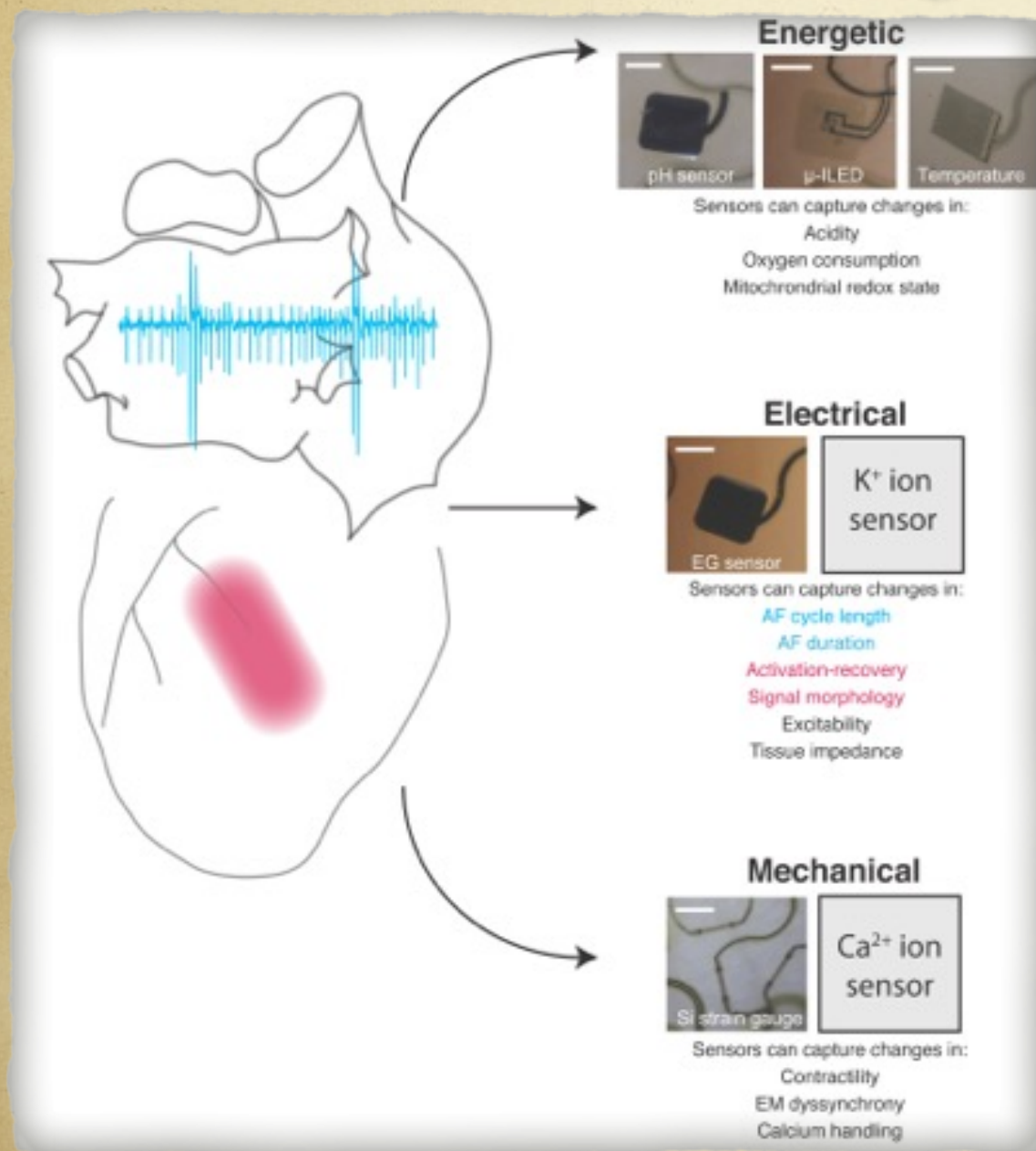
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3D Multifunctional Integumentary Membranes (3D-MIMs) for spatiotemporal cardiac measurements and stimulation across the entire epicardium



Patient-specific Multifunction High-definition Diagnostics and Therapy



- Medical imaging provides high-resolution organ anatomy as an input for 3D printing of device manufacturing
- Stretchable/flexible electronics platform offers numerous sensors and actuators for high definition diagnostics and therapy
- Energy harvesting offers the power
- Transient electronics technology offers biodegradable device approach
- New devices will address metabolic, electrical and mechanical dysfunction

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