

Surface Electrocardiographic Findings of Atrio-Ventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia (AVNRT)

Saravi Mehrdad
Assistant professor of Cardiology
Interventional electrophysiologist



Definition

Mechanism

Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?



Definition

Mechanism

Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?

- A type of supraventricular arrhythmia
(above the bundle of His)

- Paroxysmal : With abrupt
onset-offset

- In Common form is narrow
and regular



Definition

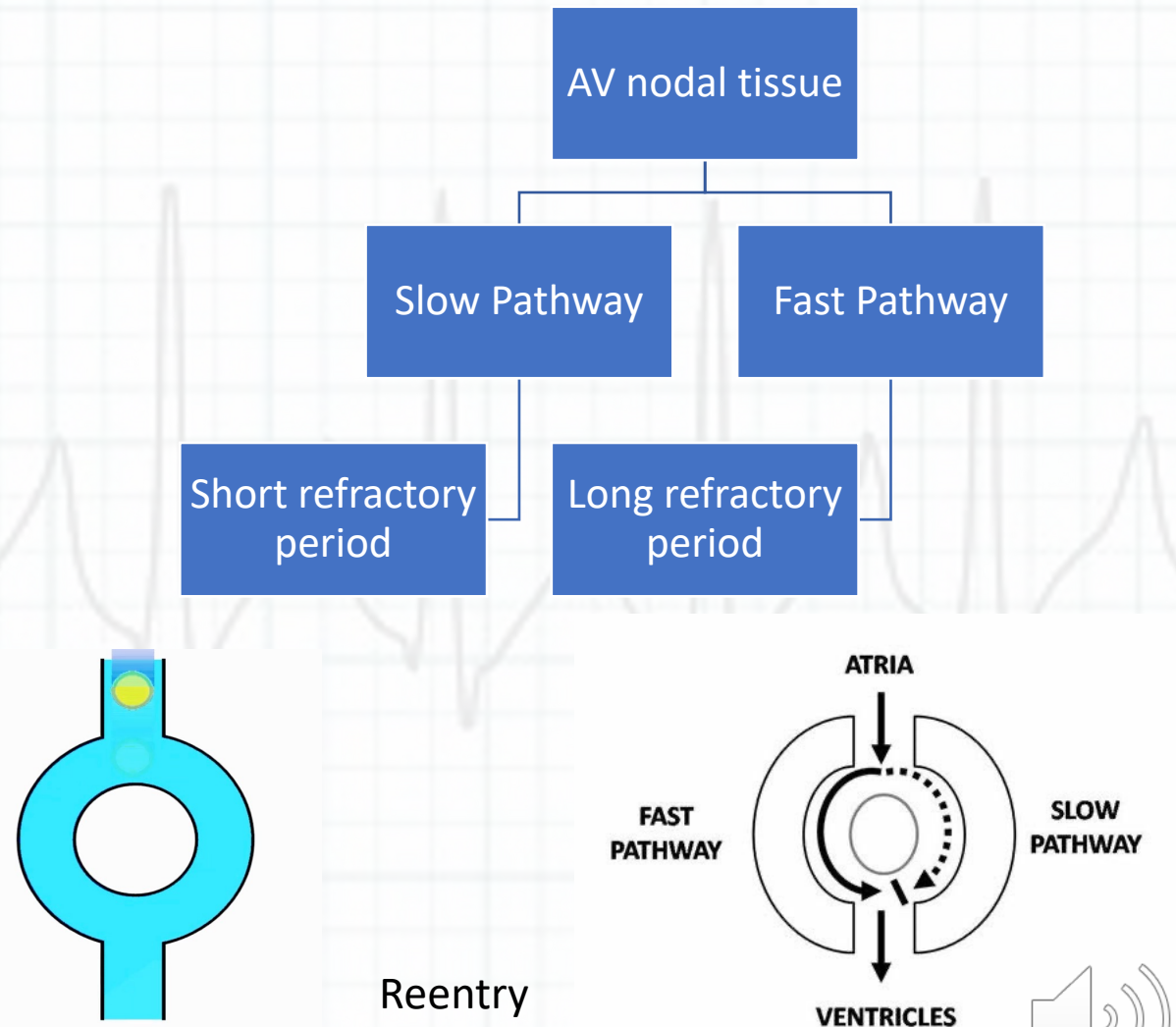
Mechanism

Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?

Longitudinal or functional dissociation of AV nodal tissue



Definition

Mechanism

Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

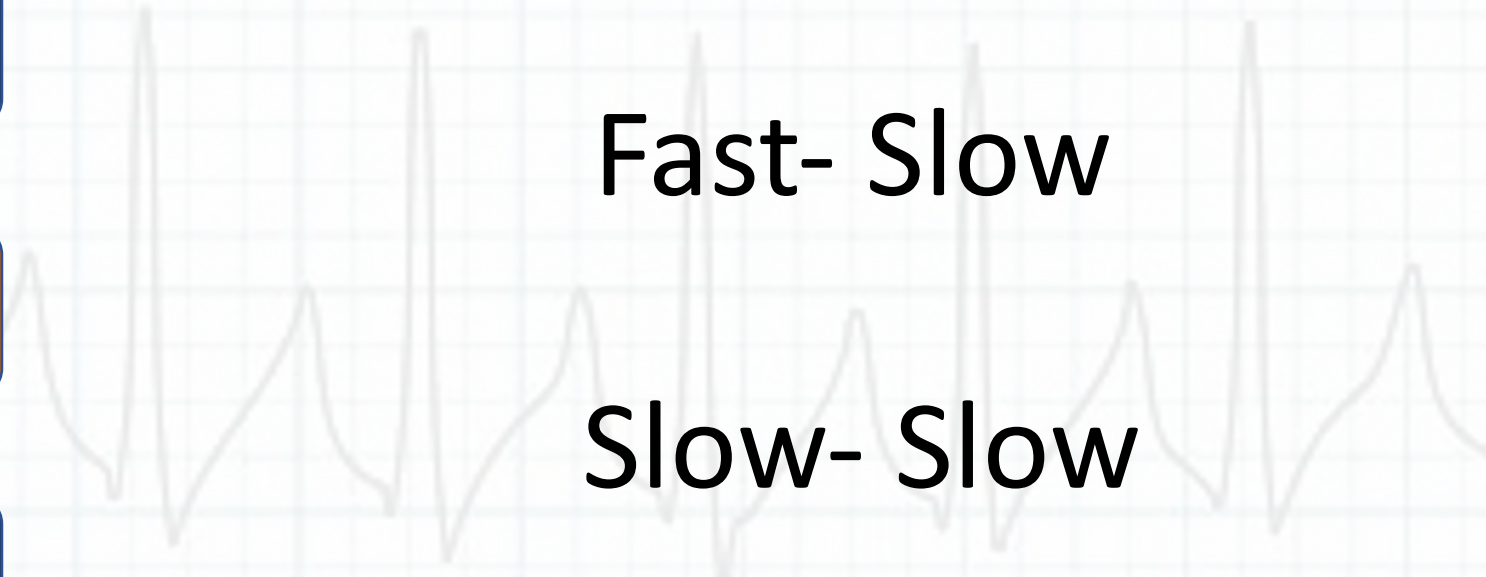
Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?

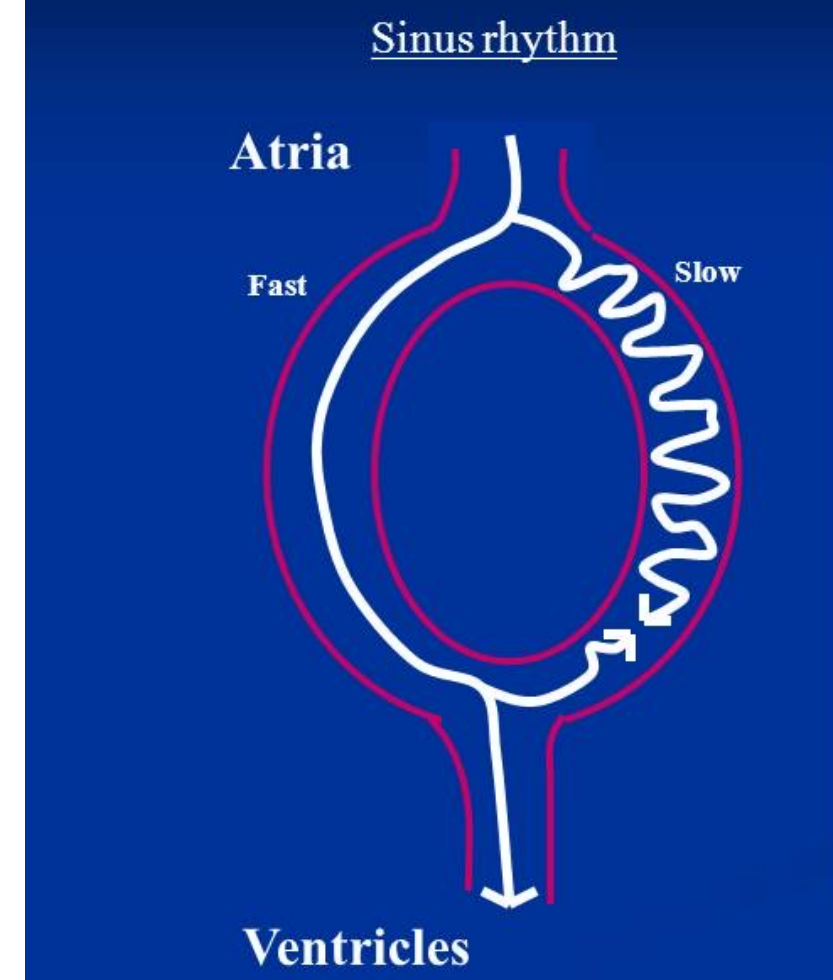
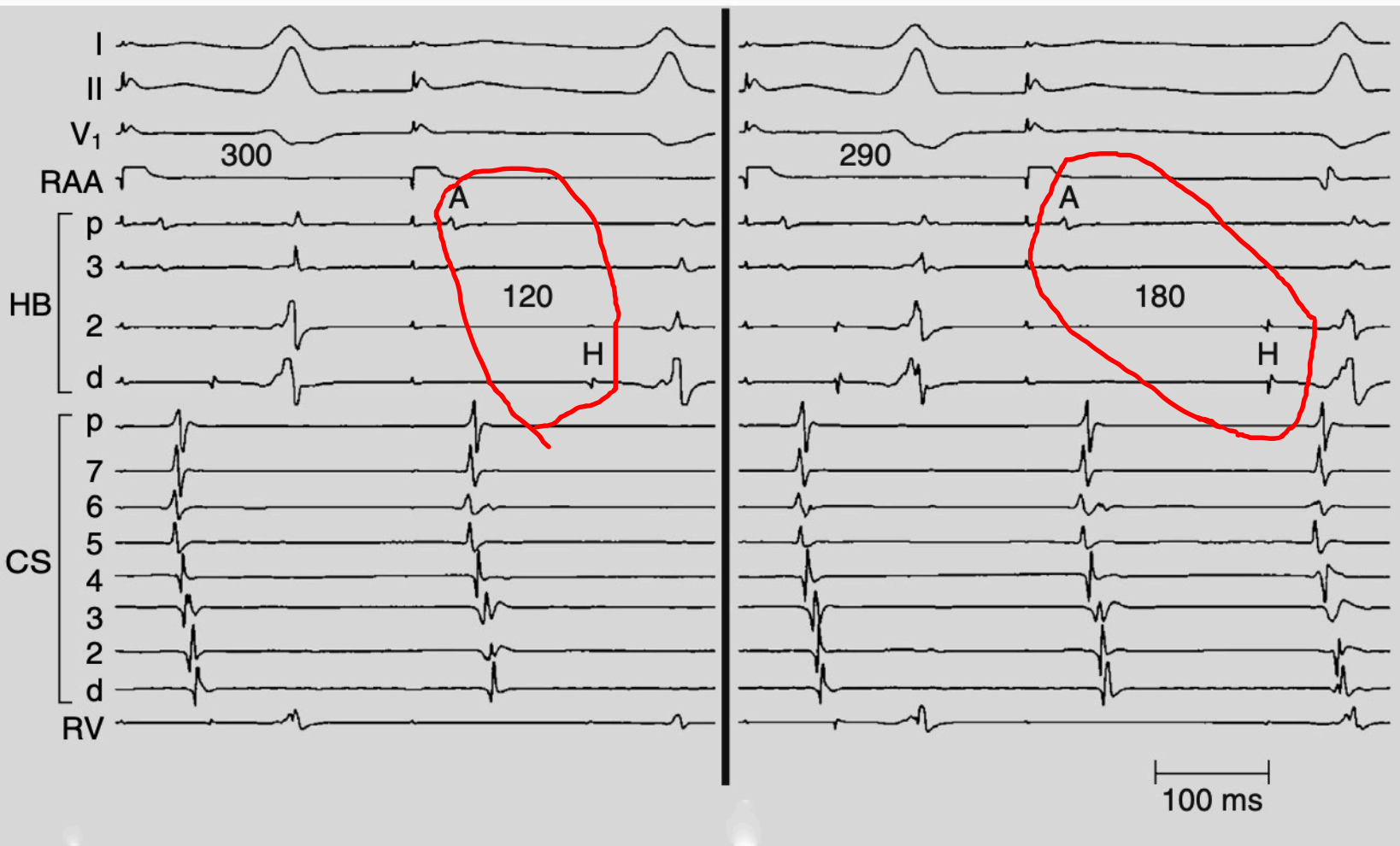
Slow- Fast

Fast- Slow

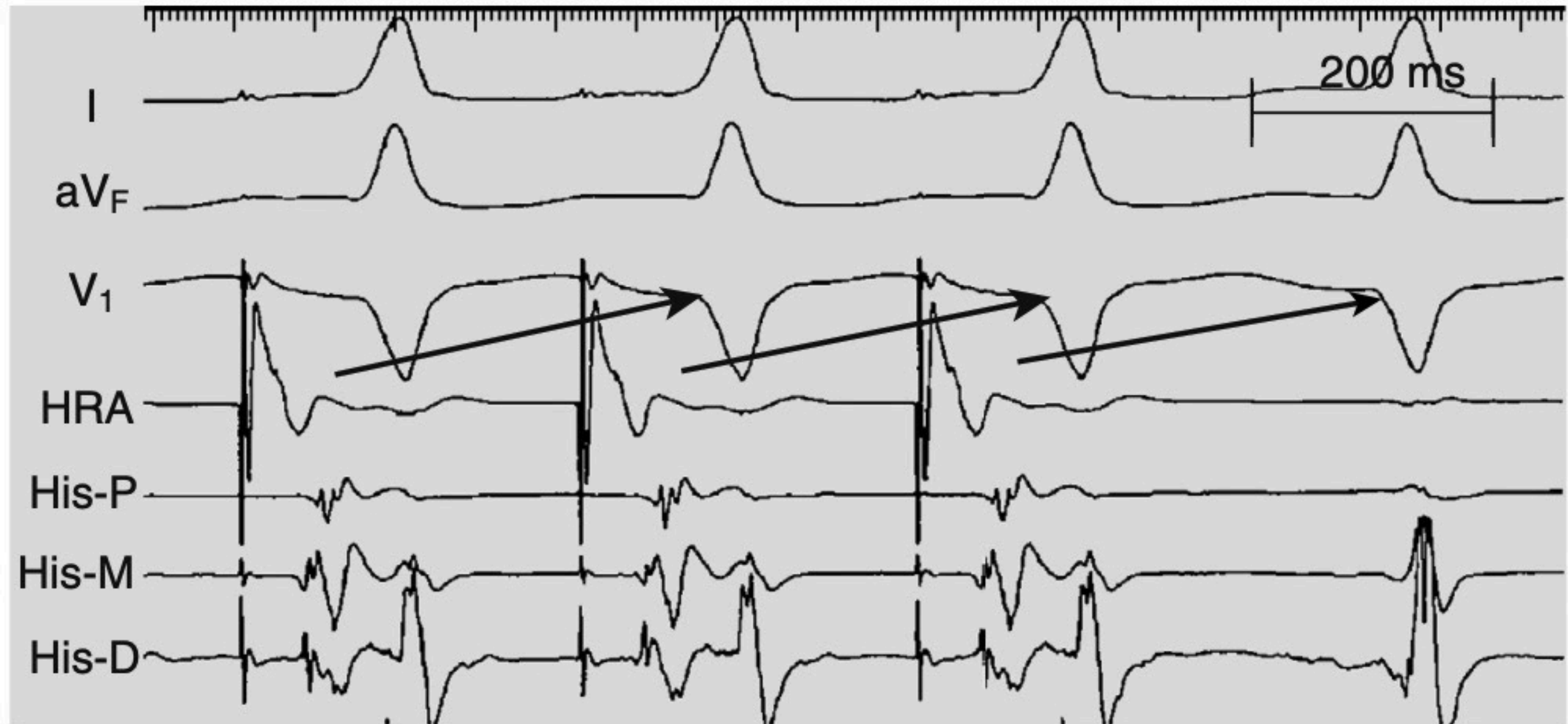
Slow- Slow

Left Sided





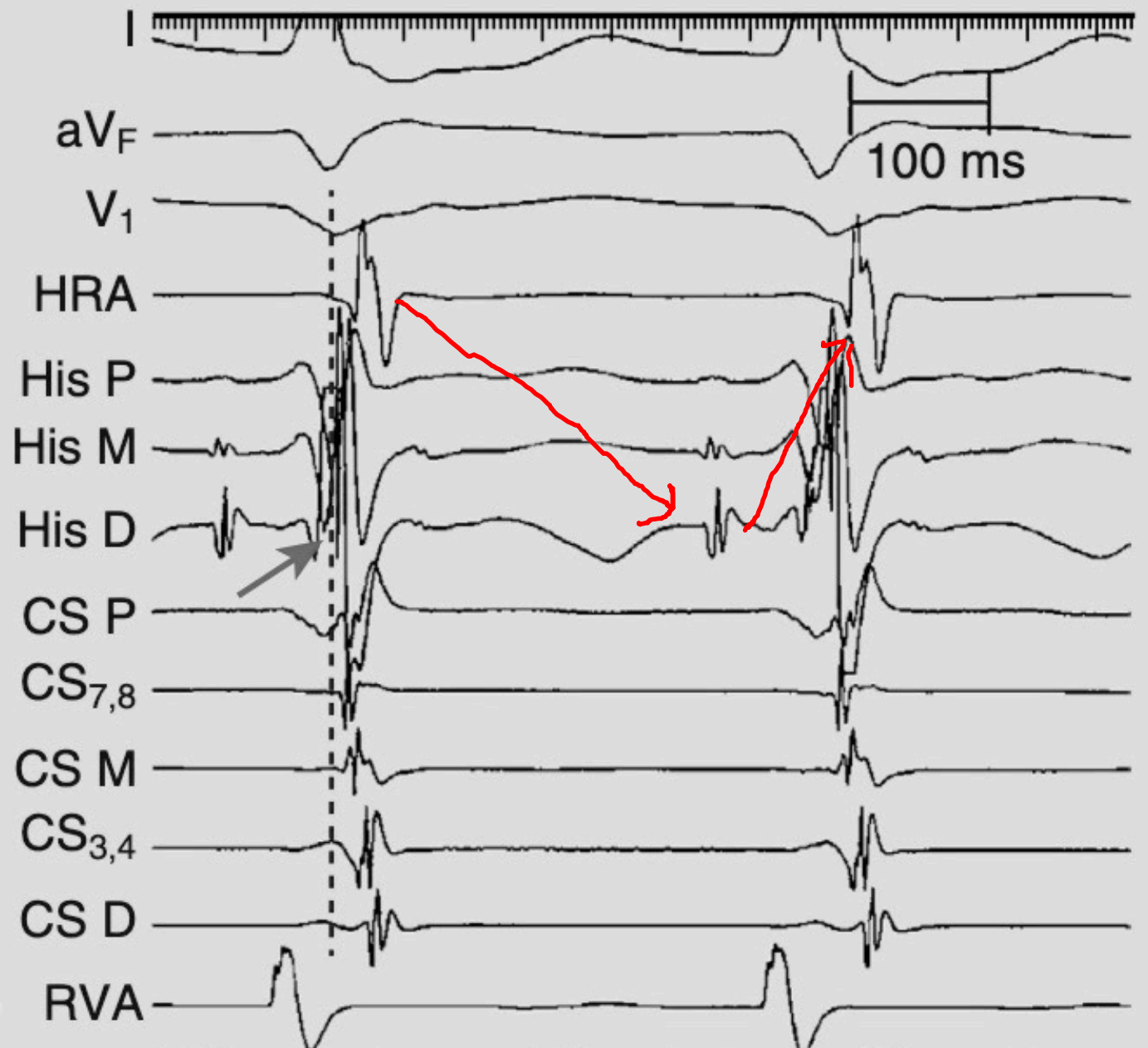
Dual AV nodal Pathway



Atrial pacing (280 ms): Antegrade Slow pathway conduction. PR interval 340 ms > PP interval .

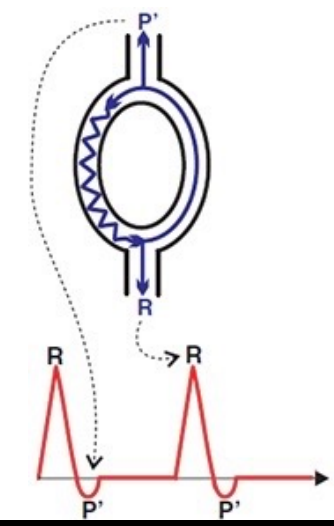


Slow-Fast AVNRT

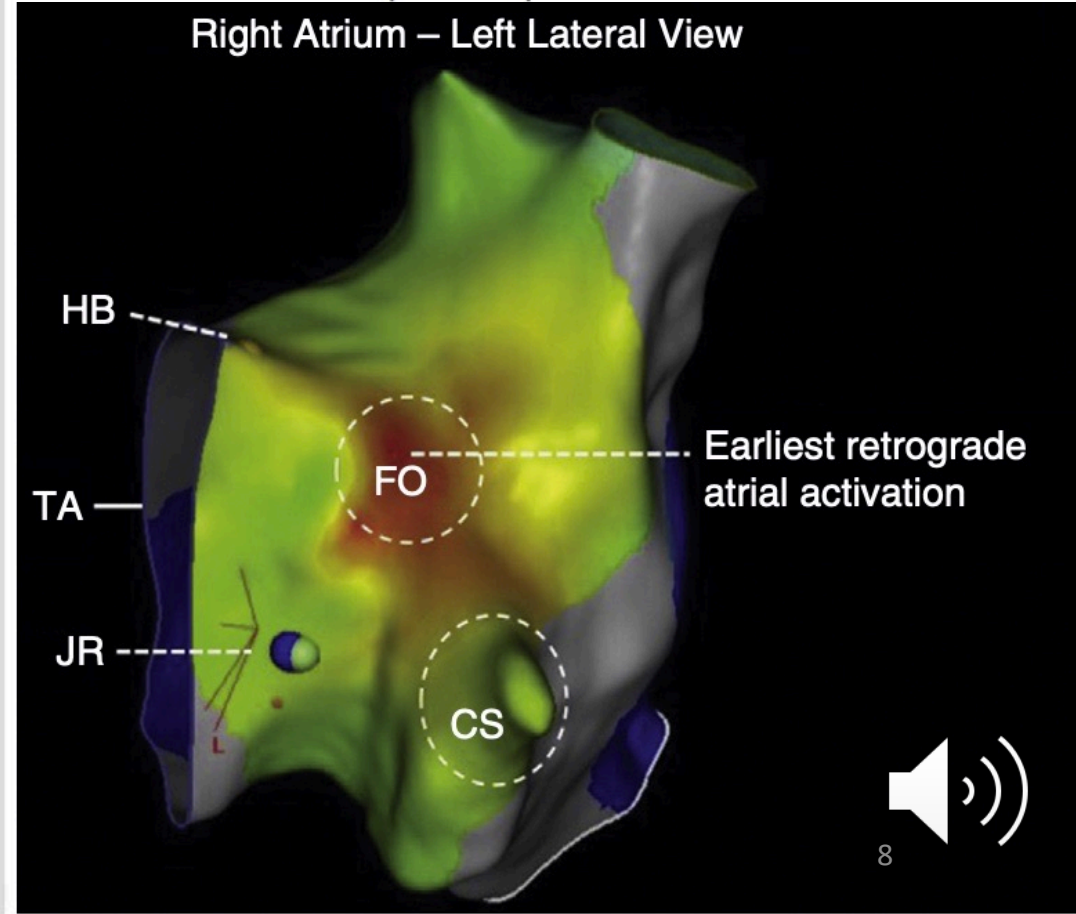


TCL = 350 ms AH = 270 ms HA = 80 ms

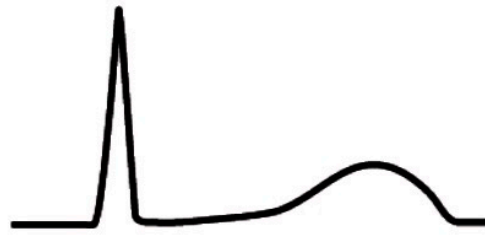
4/1/23



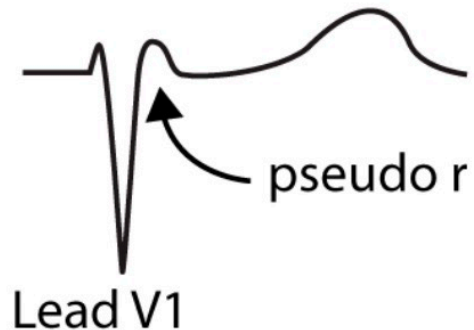
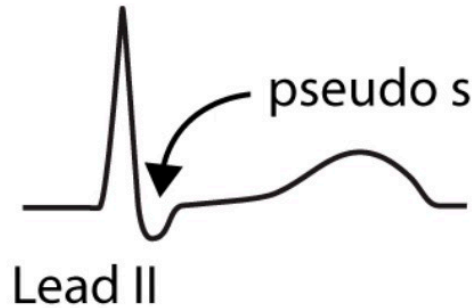
Right Atrium – Left Lateral View



Slow – Fast (Typical) AVNRT

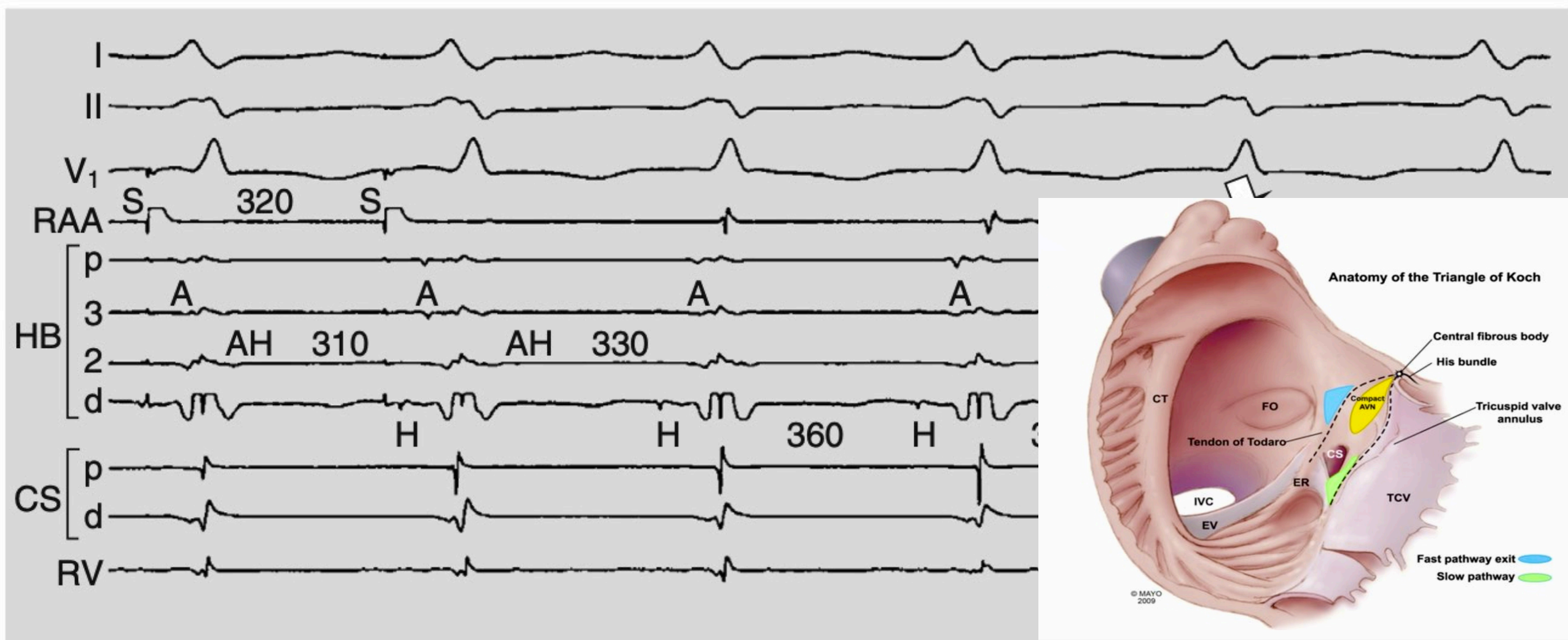


In most cases the P-wave is hidden in the QRS complex.



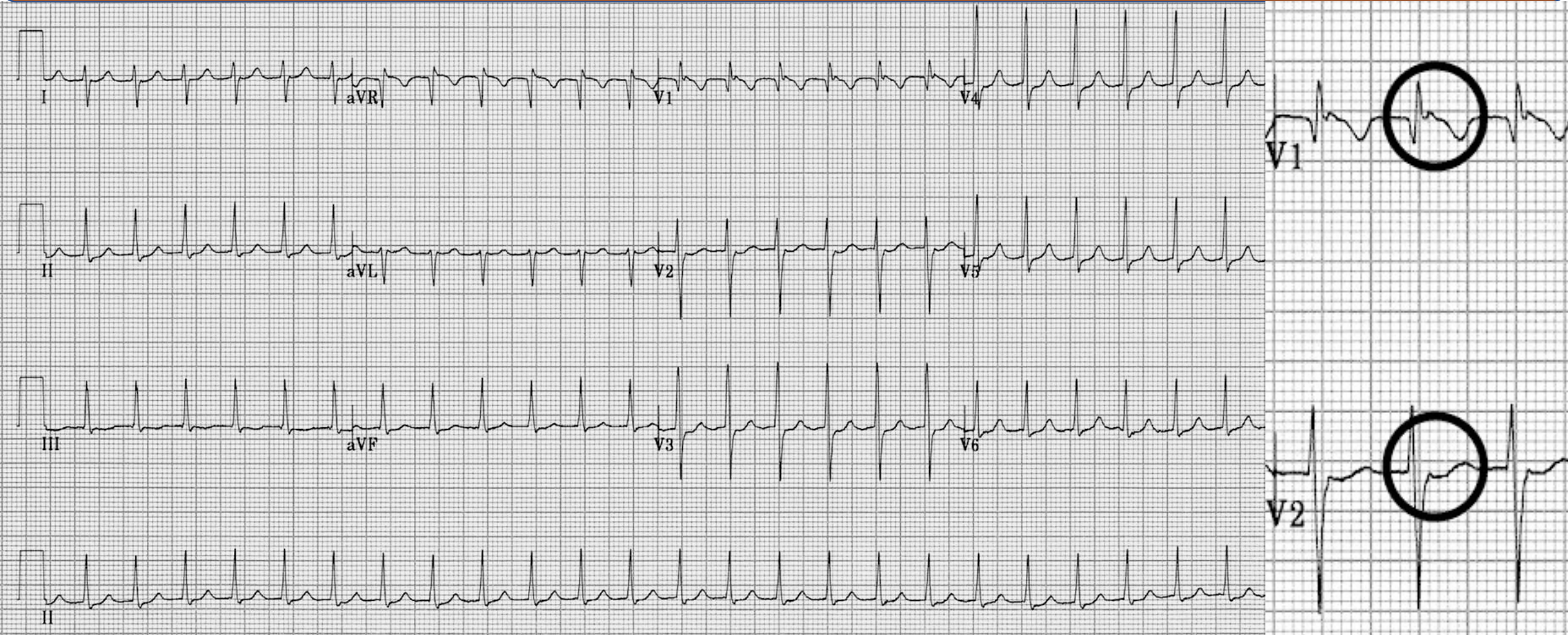
The P-wave is sometimes seen after the QRS complex. It will present itself as "pseudo s" in lead II and "pseudo r" in lead V1.





Slow-Fast (typical) AVNRT

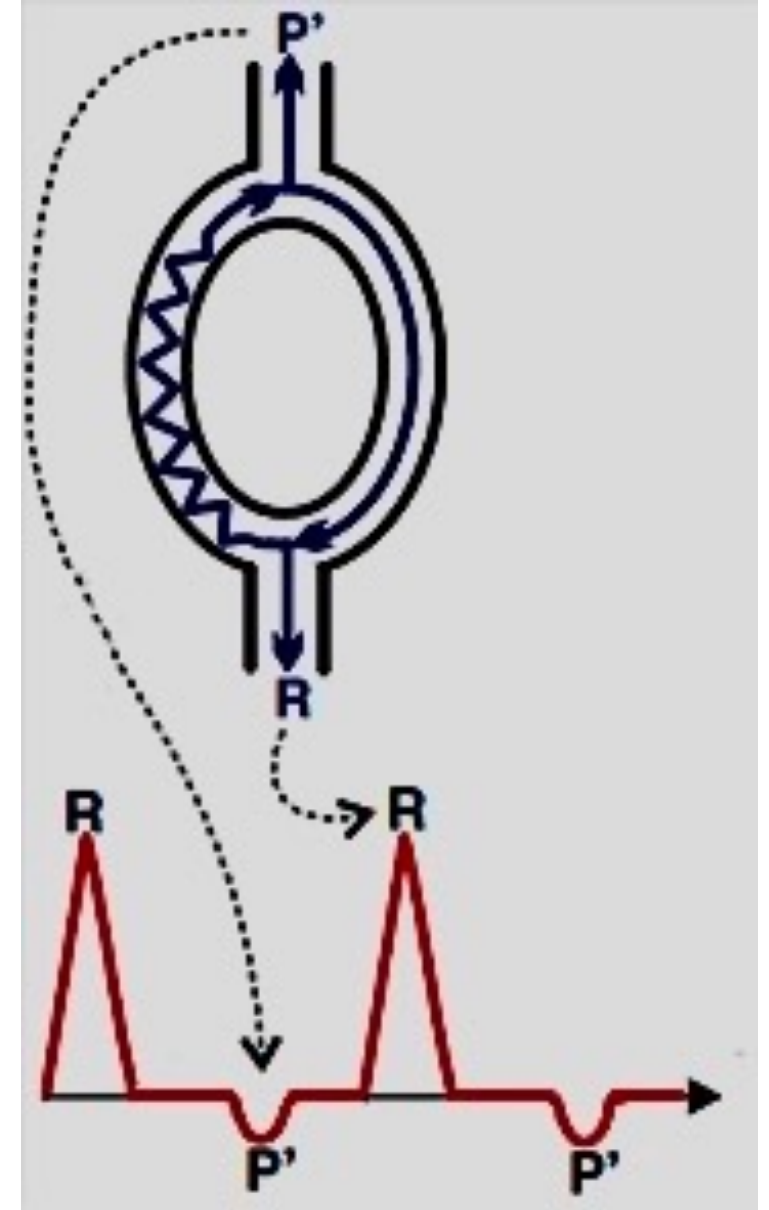
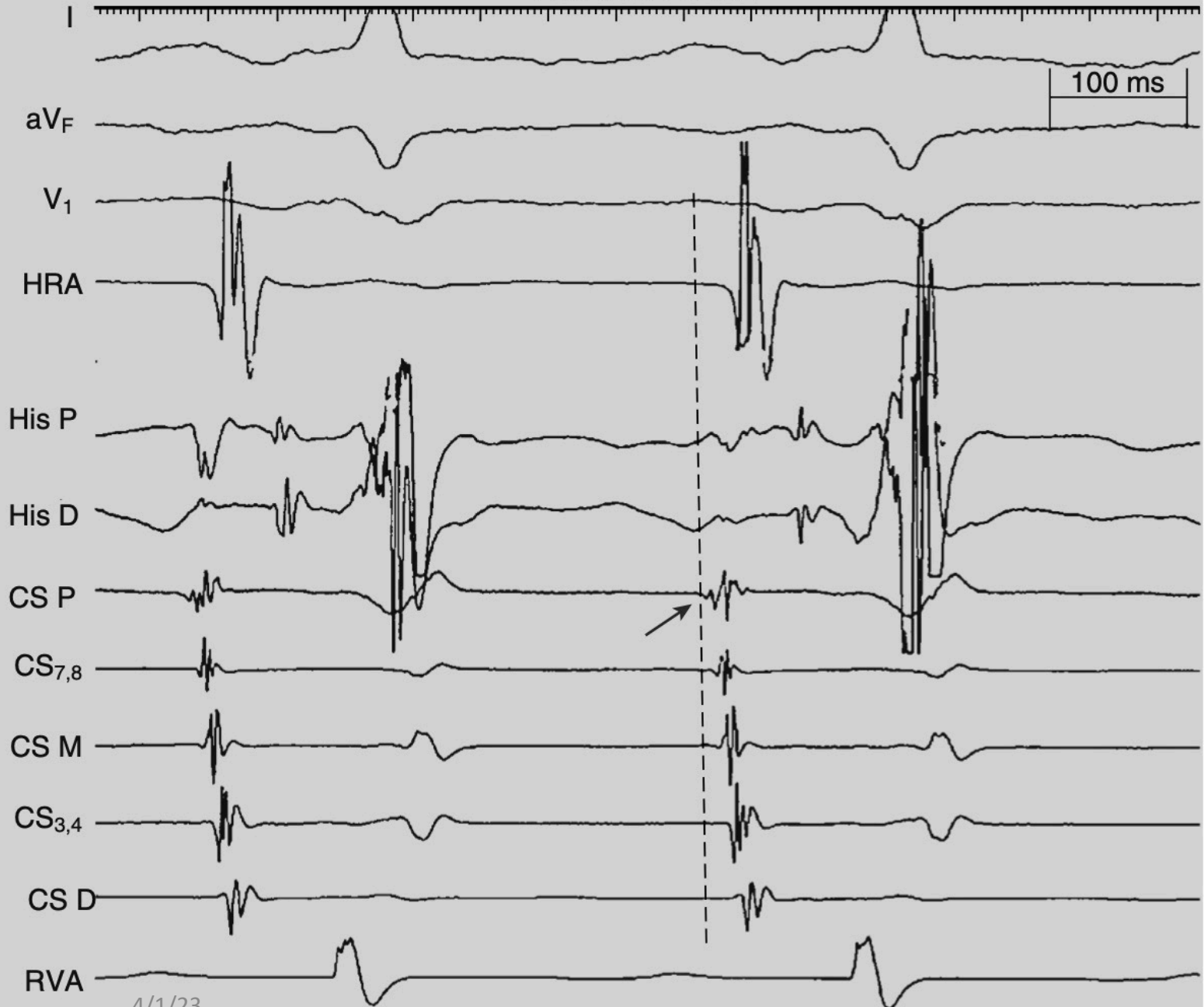
Slow – Fast AVNRT




Narrow Complex Tachyarrhythmia
No visible P waves

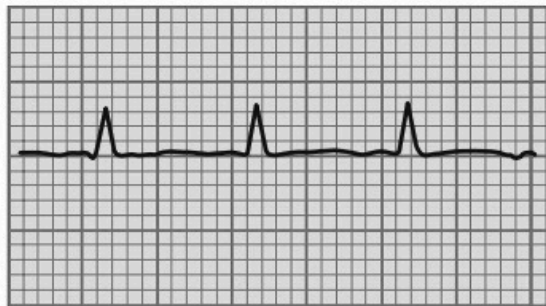
Pseudo R' in V1, V2 

Fast-slow AVNRT

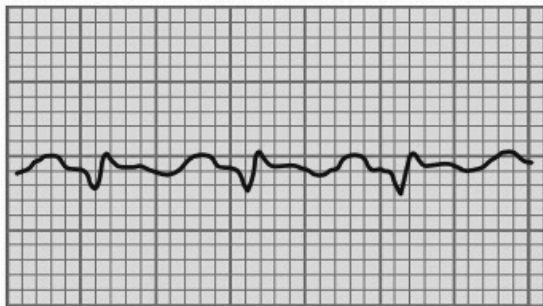


P-wave before QRS complex 

I



aV_R



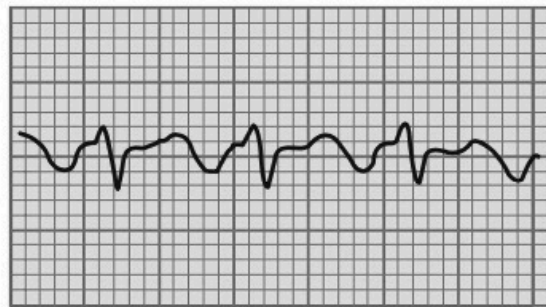
V₁



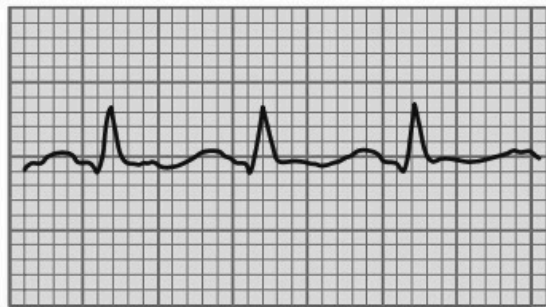
V₄



II



aV_L



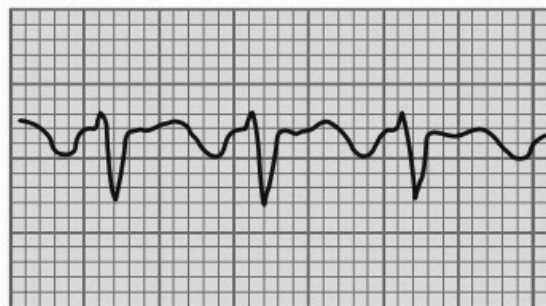
V₂



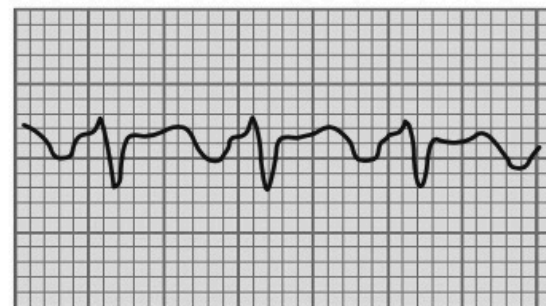
V₅



III



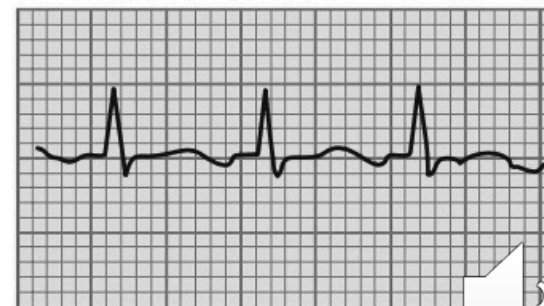
aV_F



V₃



V₆



Slow-Slow AVNRT

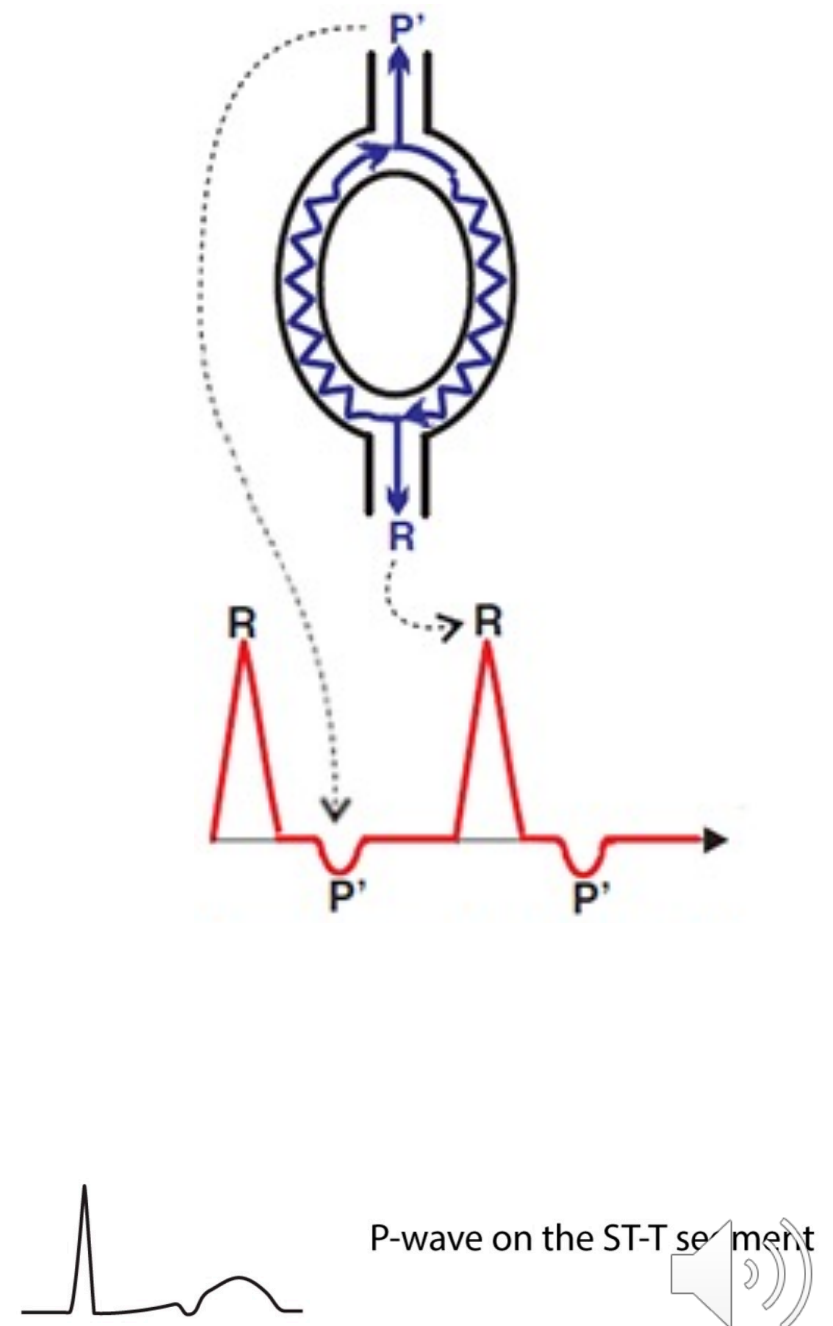


4/1/23

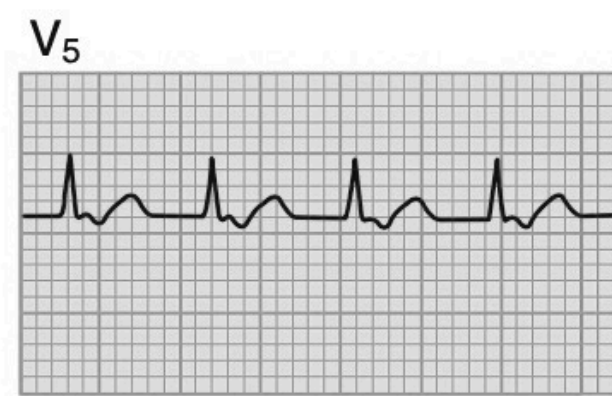
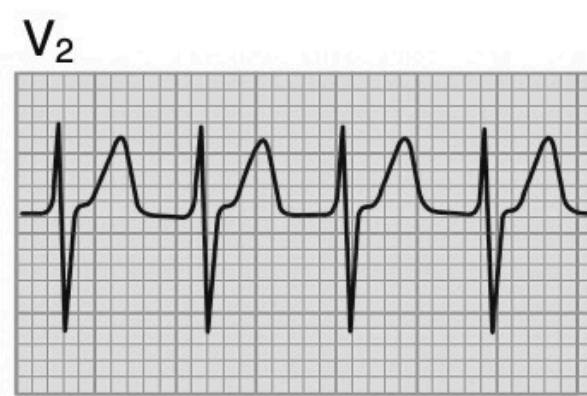
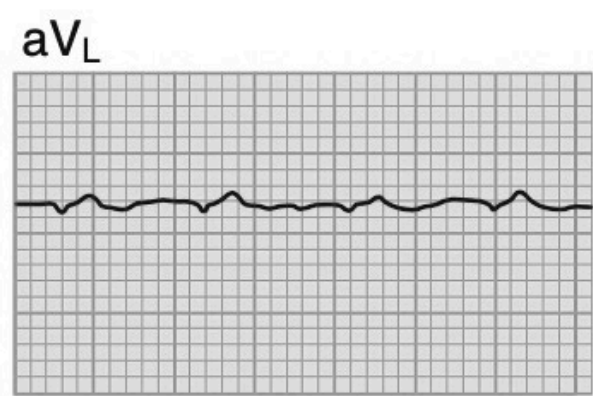
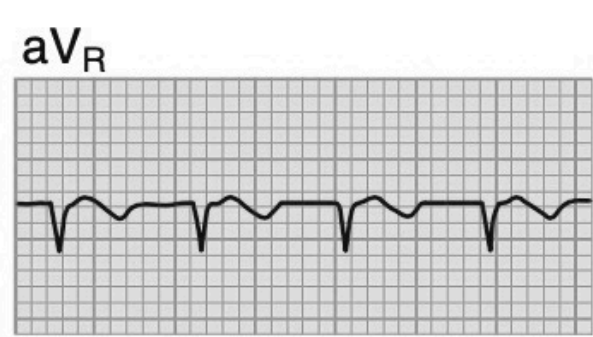
TCL = 480 ms

AH = 290 ms

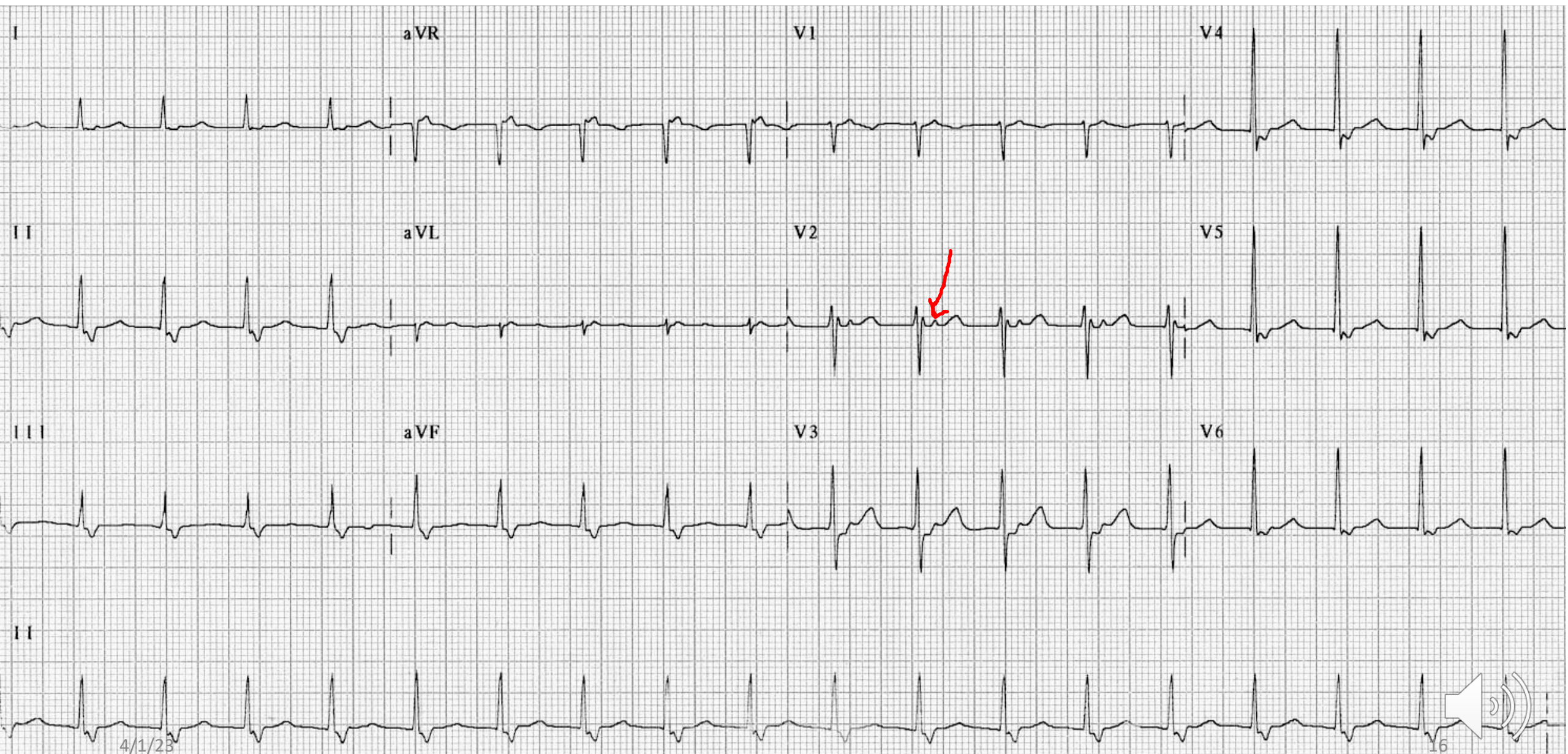
HA = 190 ms



P-wave on the ST-T segment



Slow -slow AVNRT



Definition

Mechanism

Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?

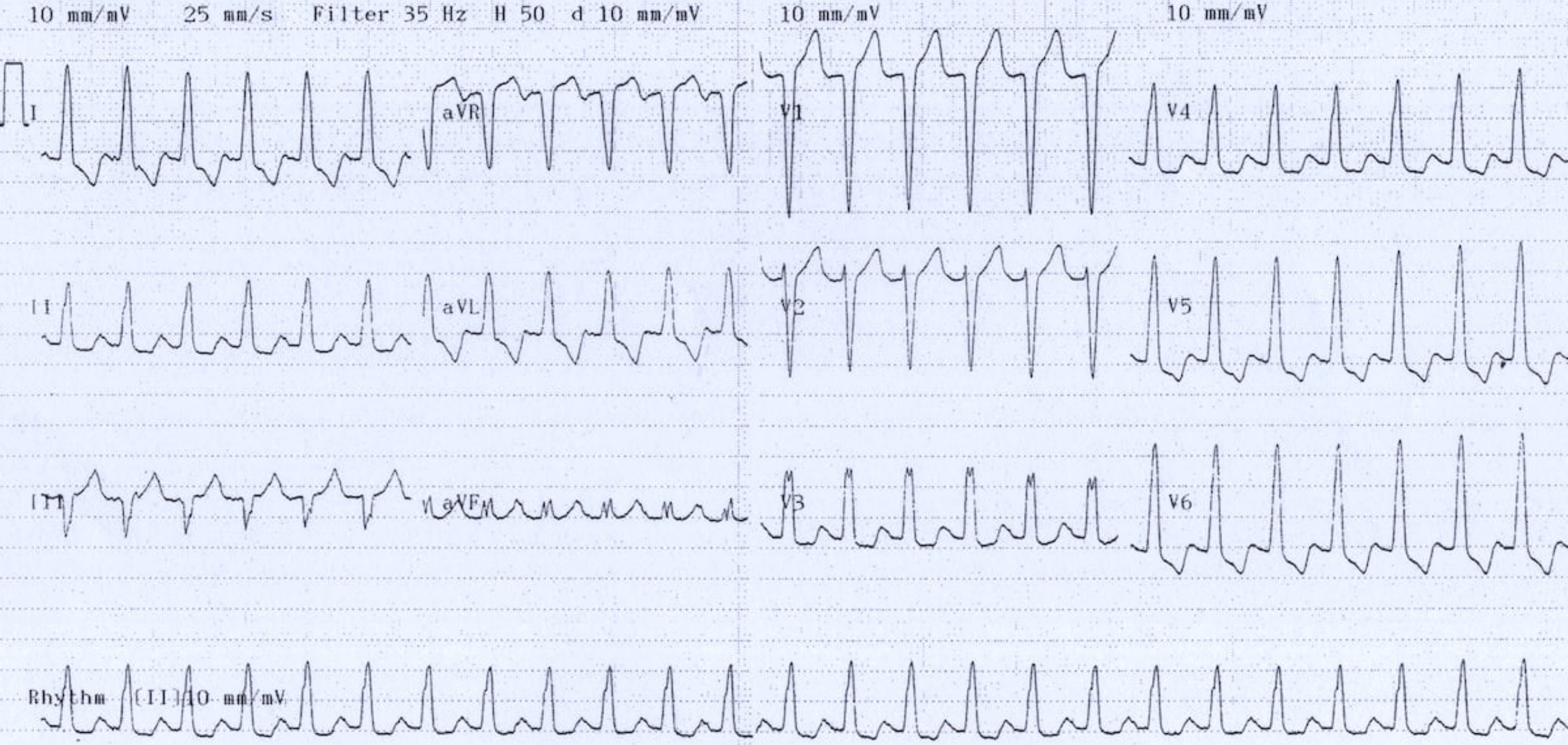
The QRS width is narrow , except:

Preexisting bundle branch block

Functional (rate-dependent) bundle branch block

Associated Arrhythmias like accessory pathways





Slow-Fast AVNRT
Pre-existing LBBB

Definition

Mechanism

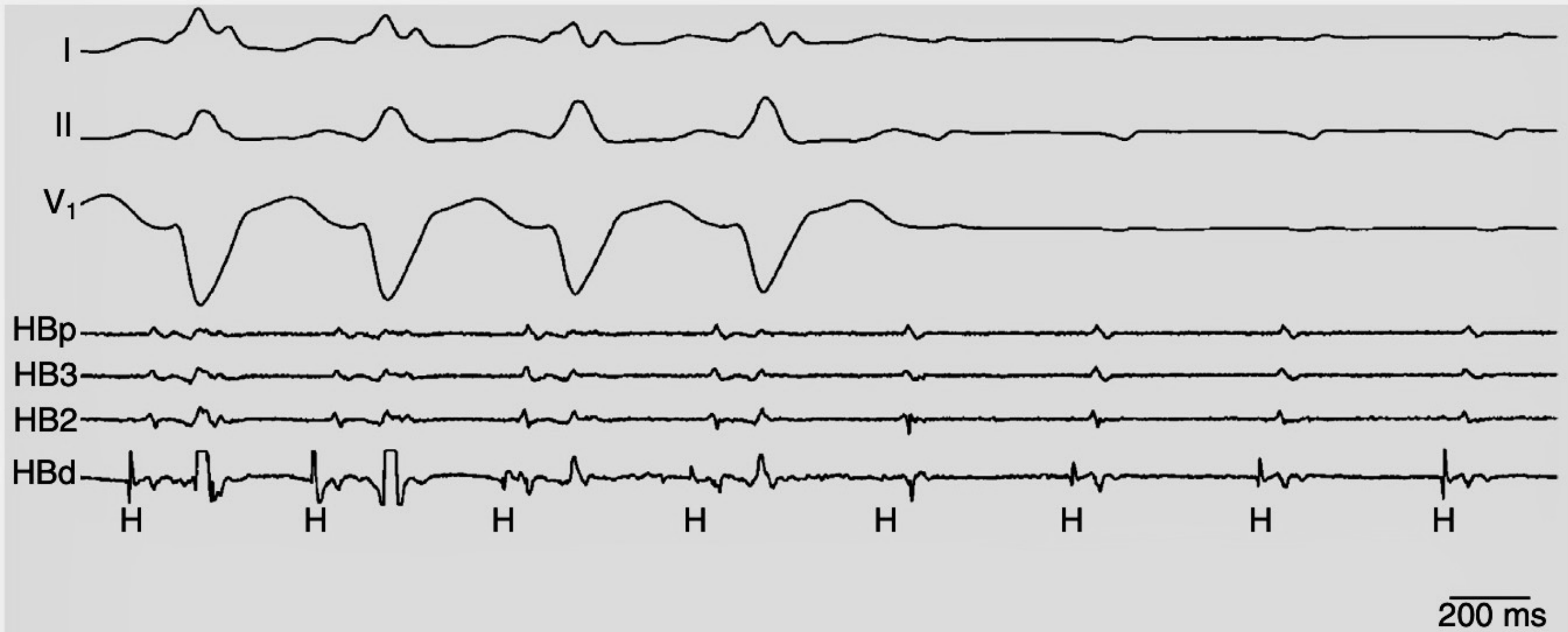
Subtypes ?

Narrow or wide Complex?

Atrio-Ventricular Blocks?

Functional distal Infra-His Block

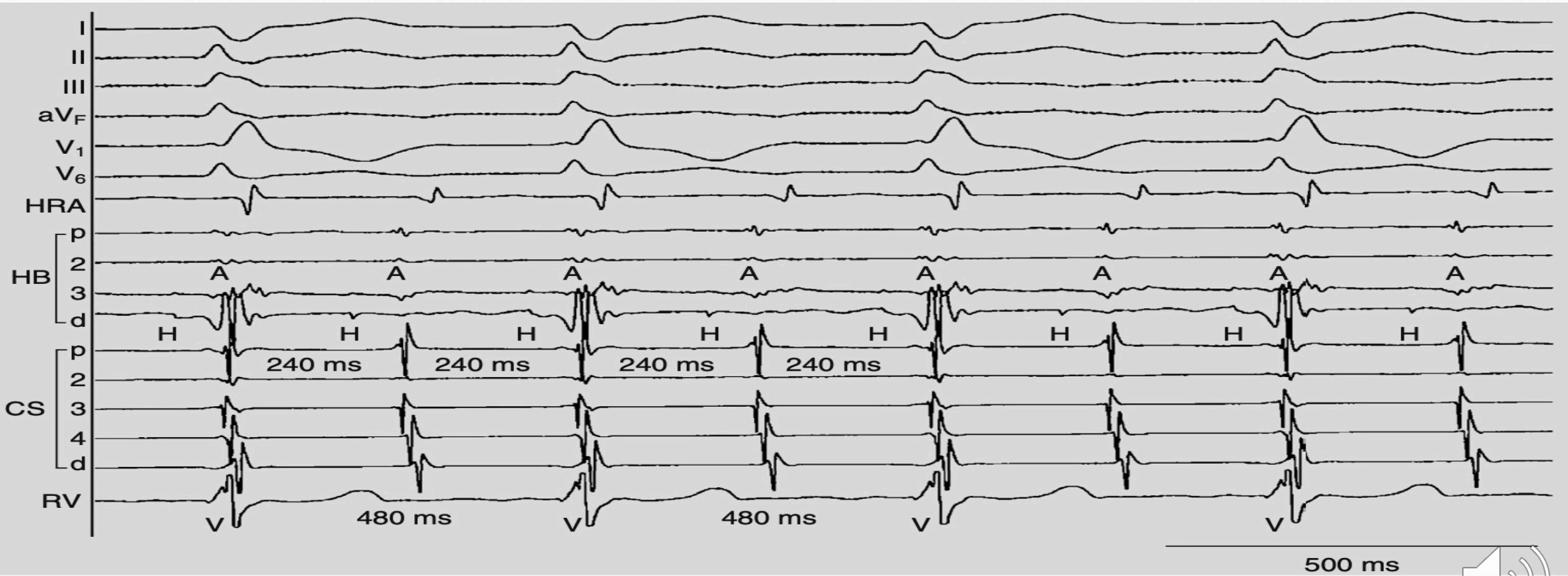




Recurrent Syncope, LBBB and Slow- Fast AVNRT

Phase 3 or acceleration dependent paroxysmal AV Block





Slow-Fast AVNRT with 2:1 AV Block ; Functional Block distal to His Bundle activation