

Rhythm is sound in motion.

It is related to the pulse, the heartbeat, the way we breathe.

It rises and falls.
It takes us into ourselves; it takes us out of ourselves.

Edward Hirsch





The Rhythm of Life

the beat and dance of the heart

Martin Elliott: Gresham Professor of Physic



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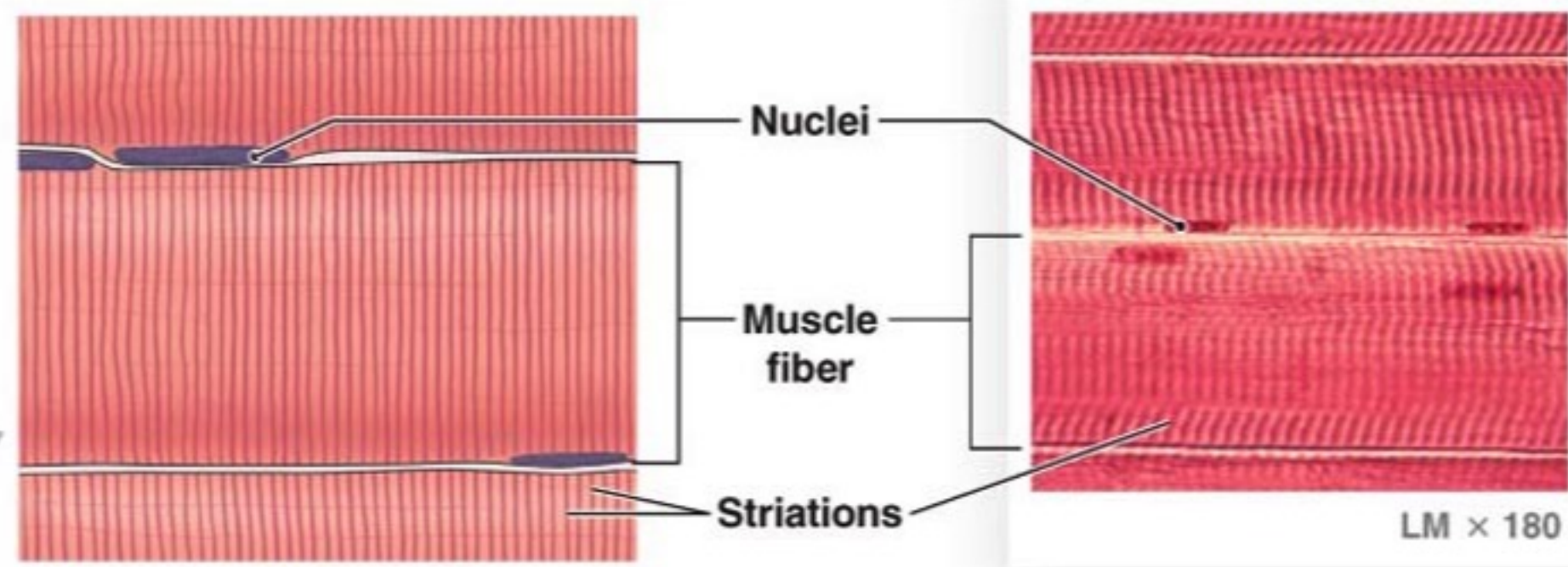
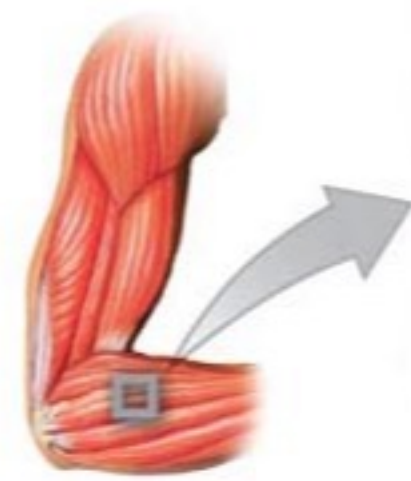
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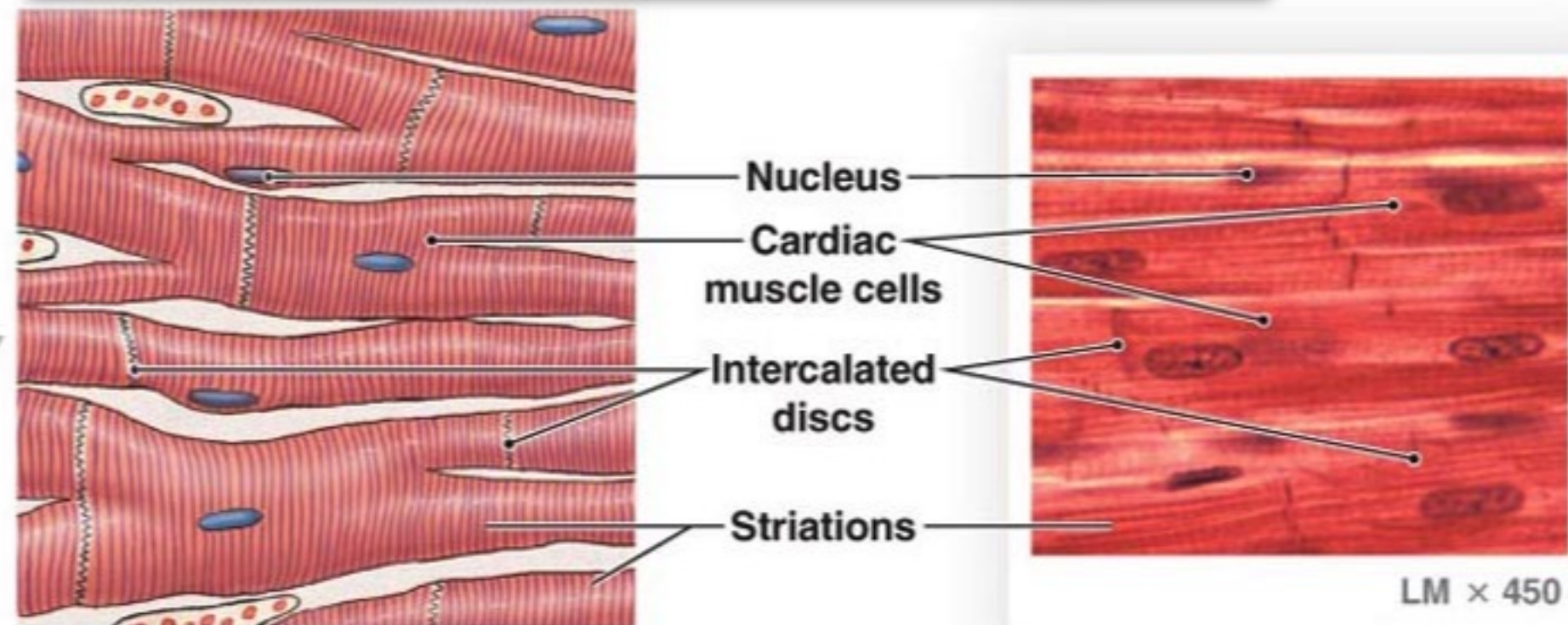
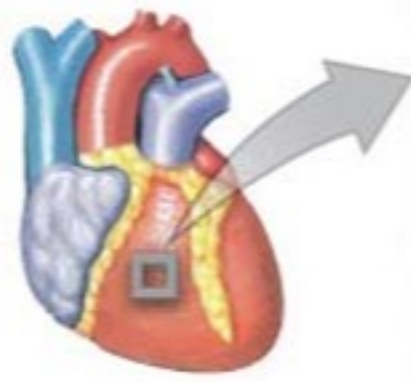
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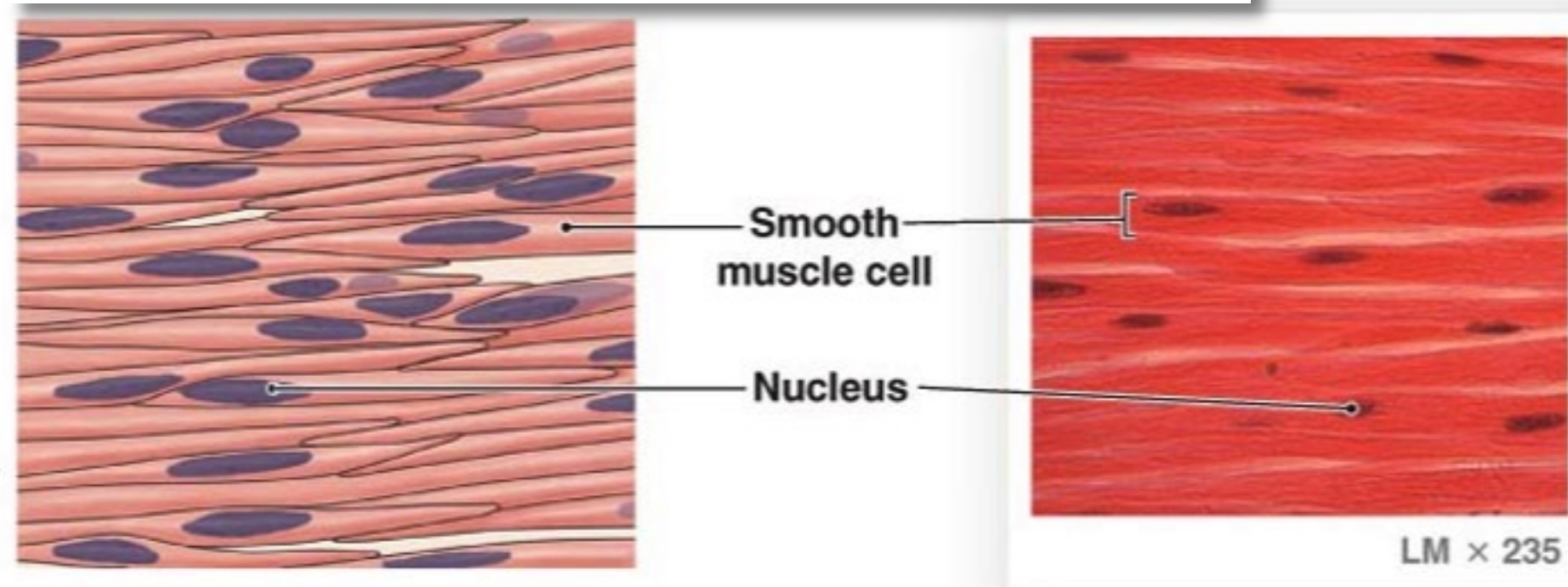
3 types of muscle in the human



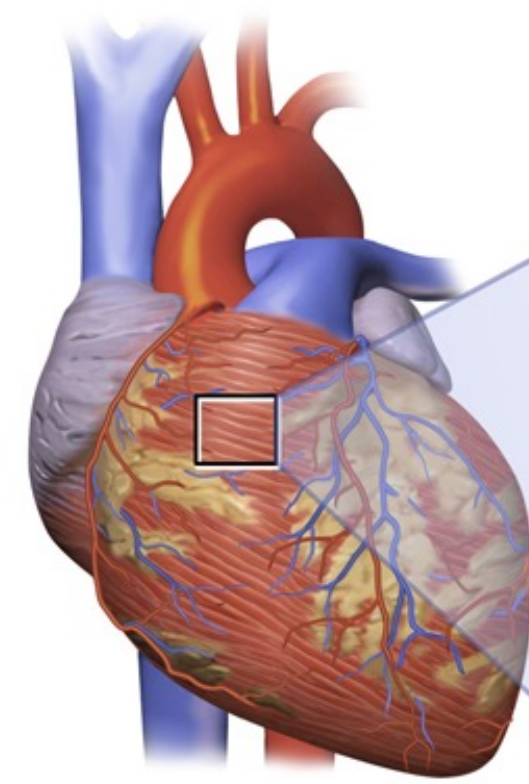
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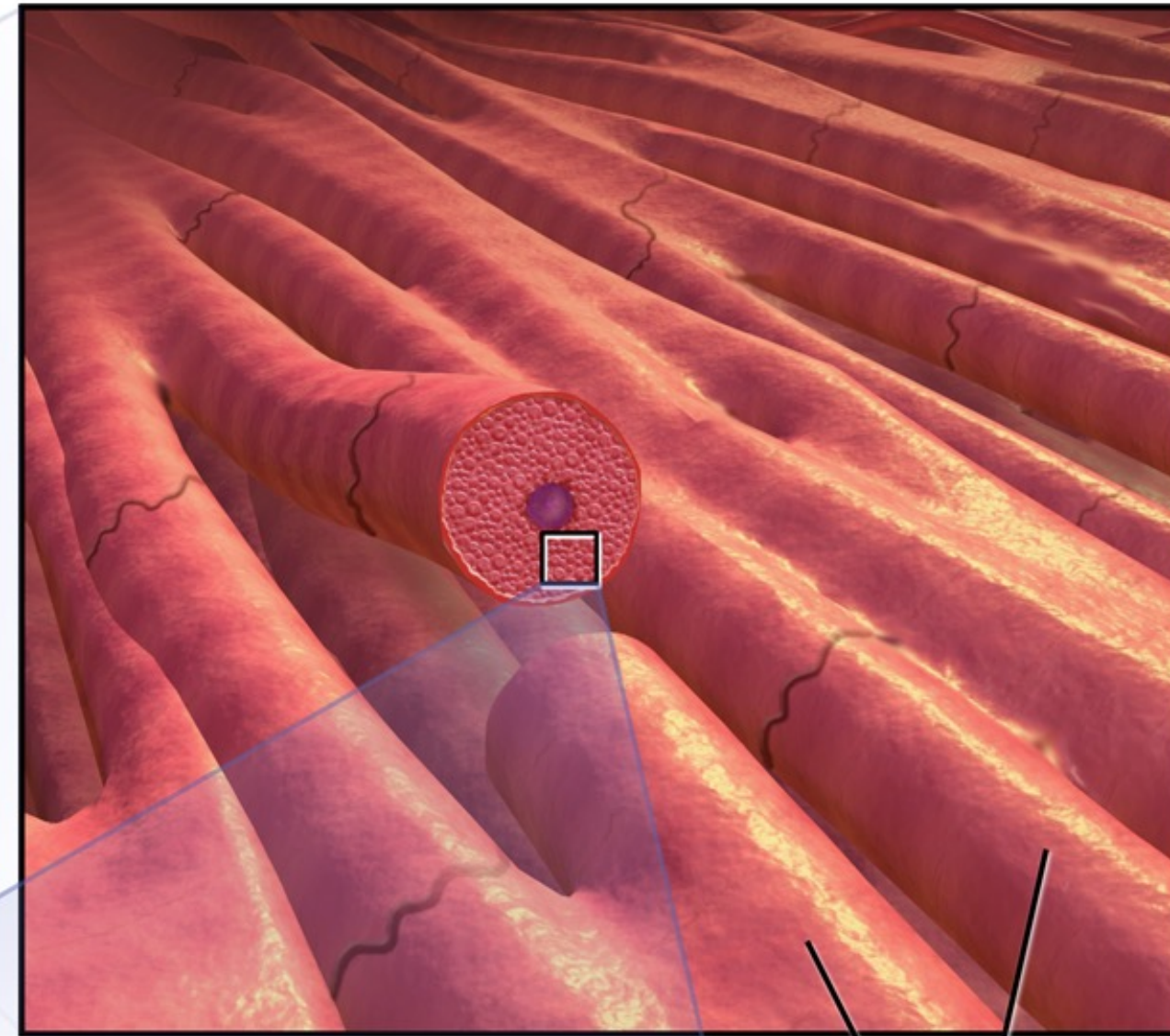
Cardiac



Smooth



Cardiac Muscle

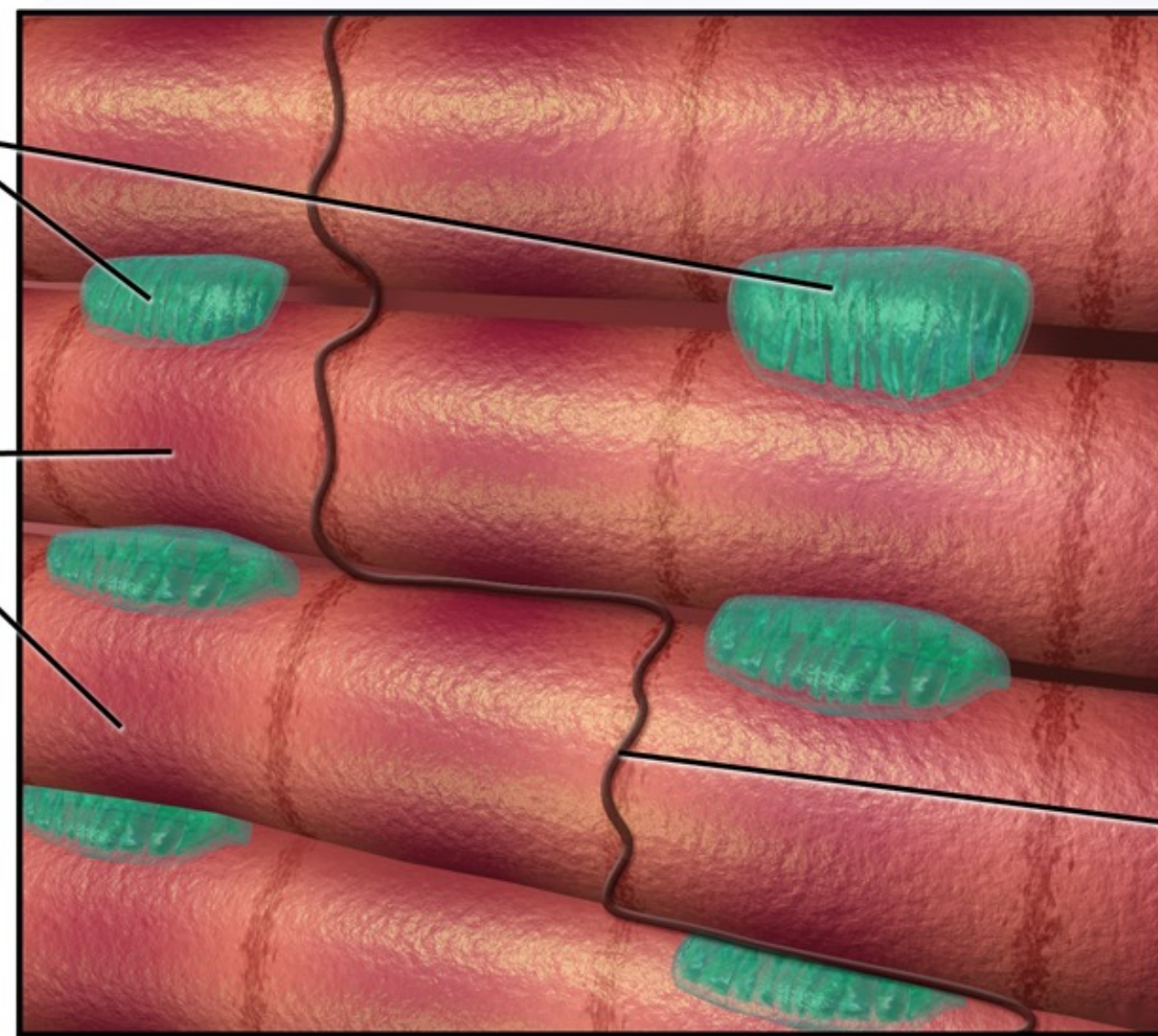


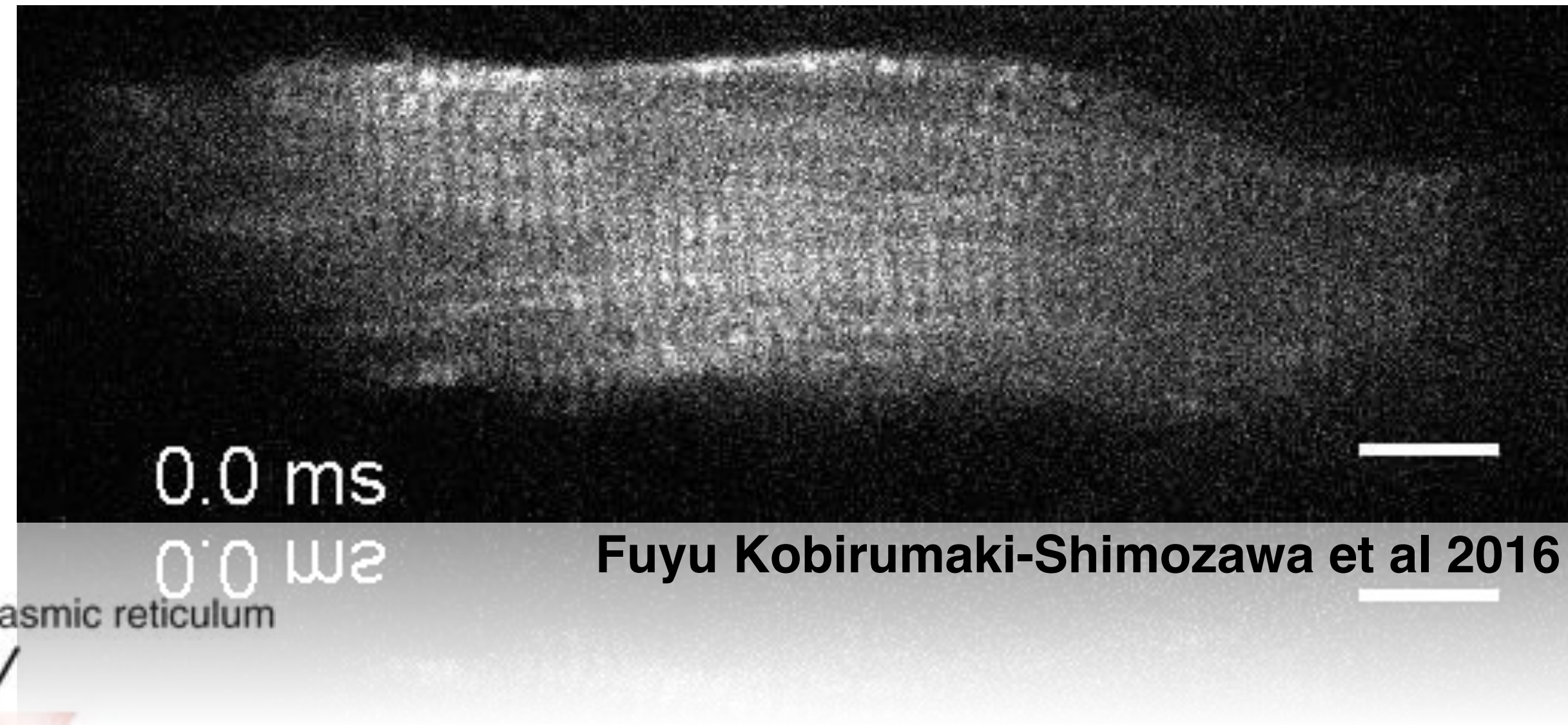
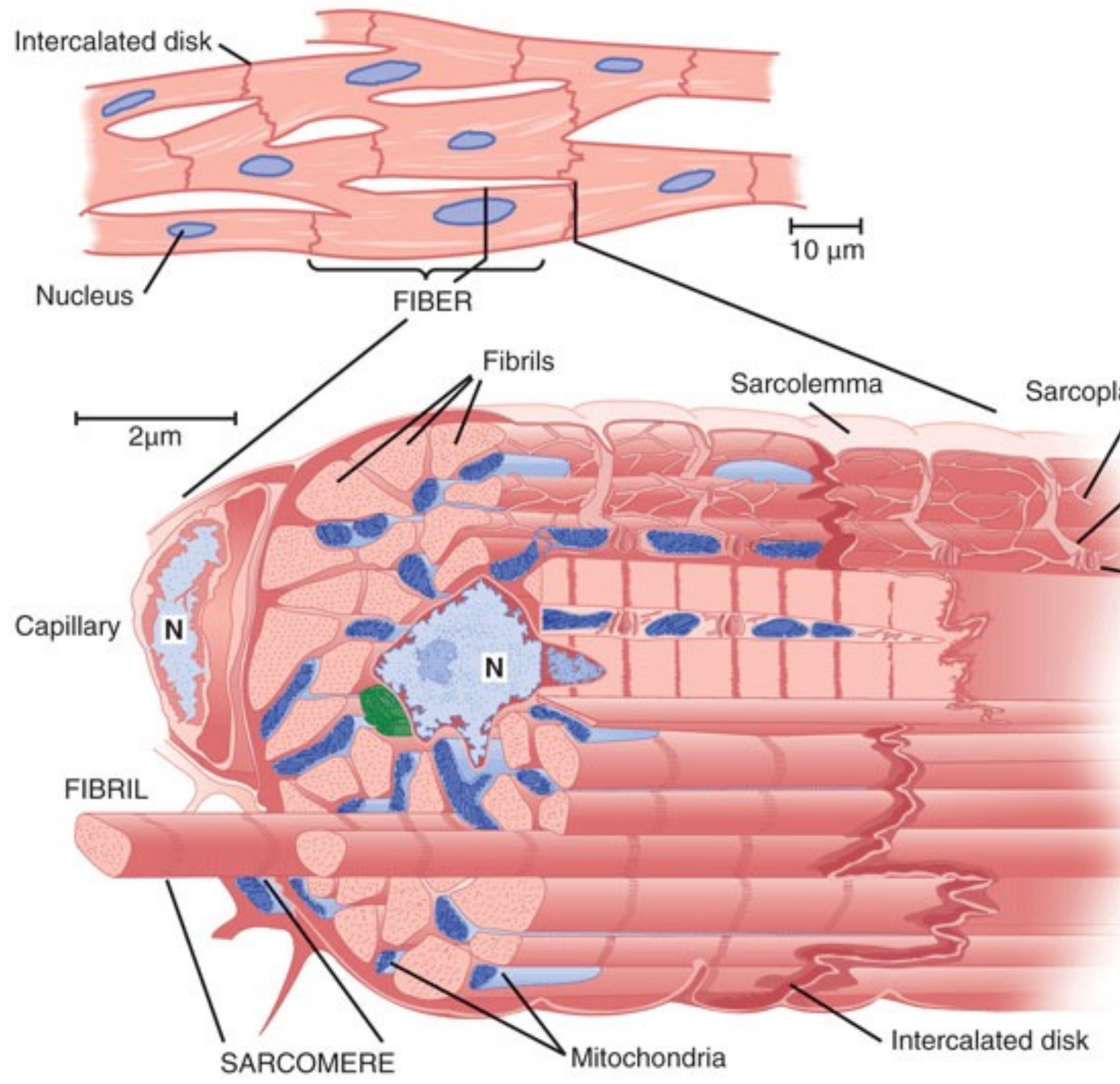
Mitochondria

Myofibrils

Cardiac muscle cells

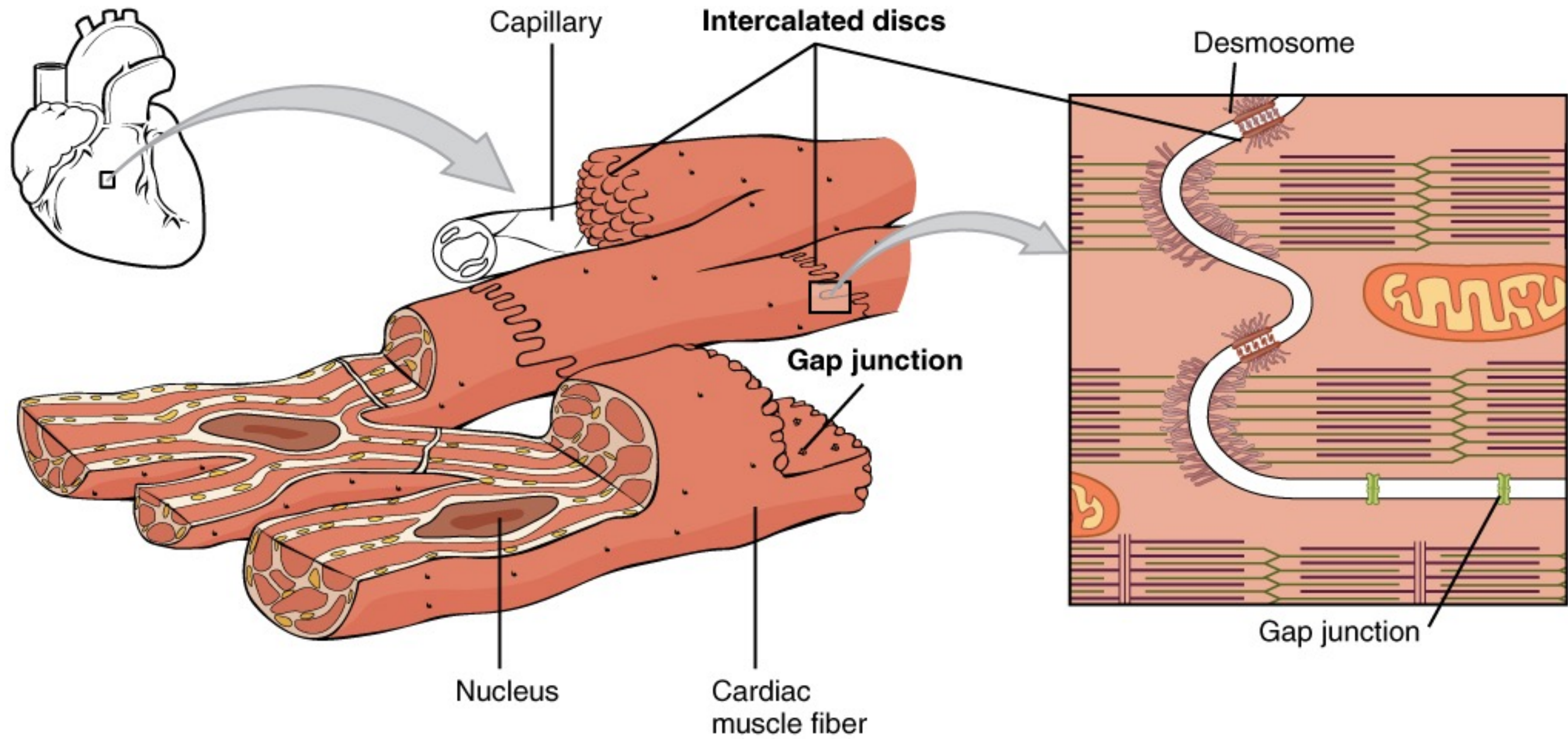
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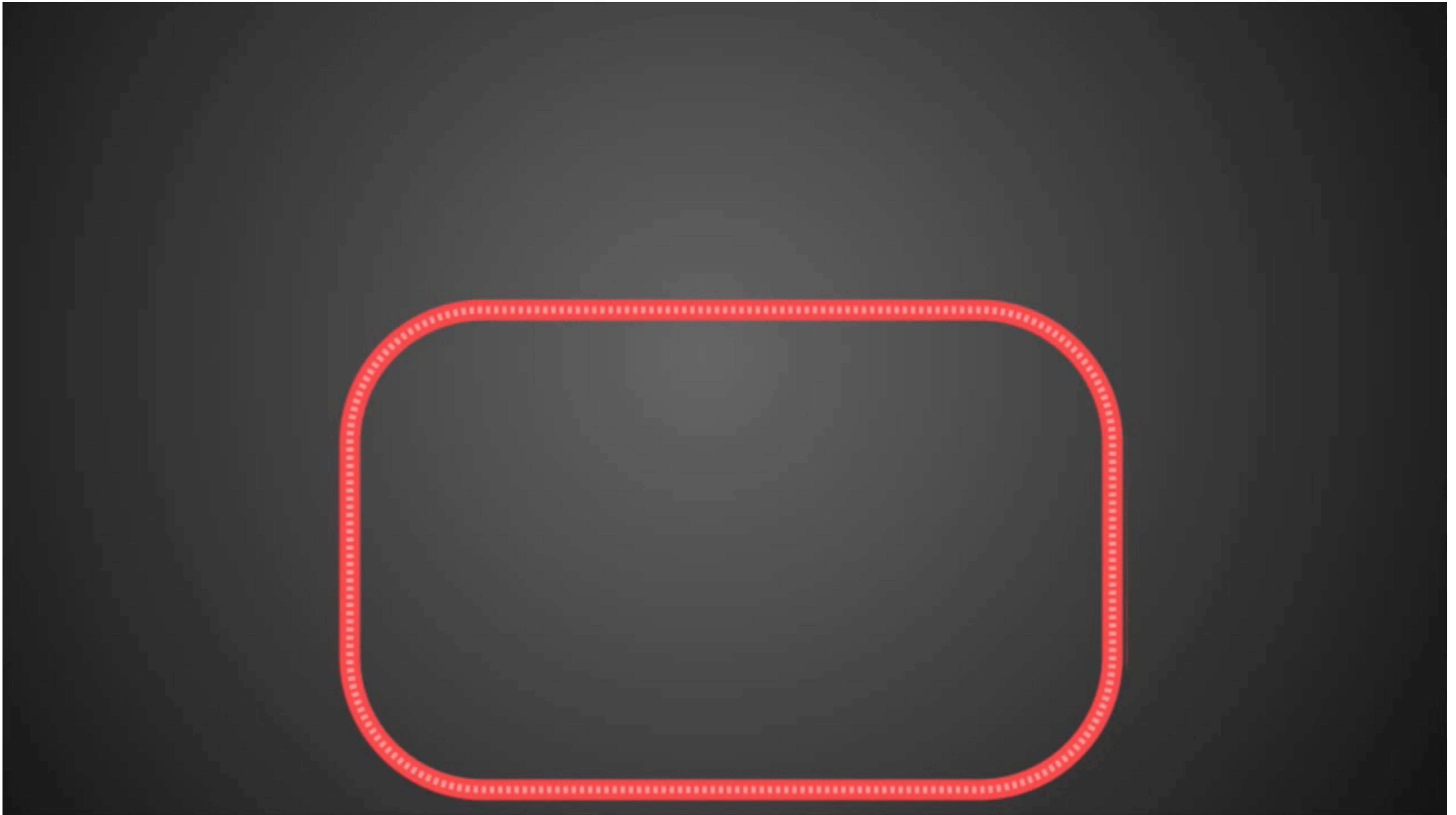




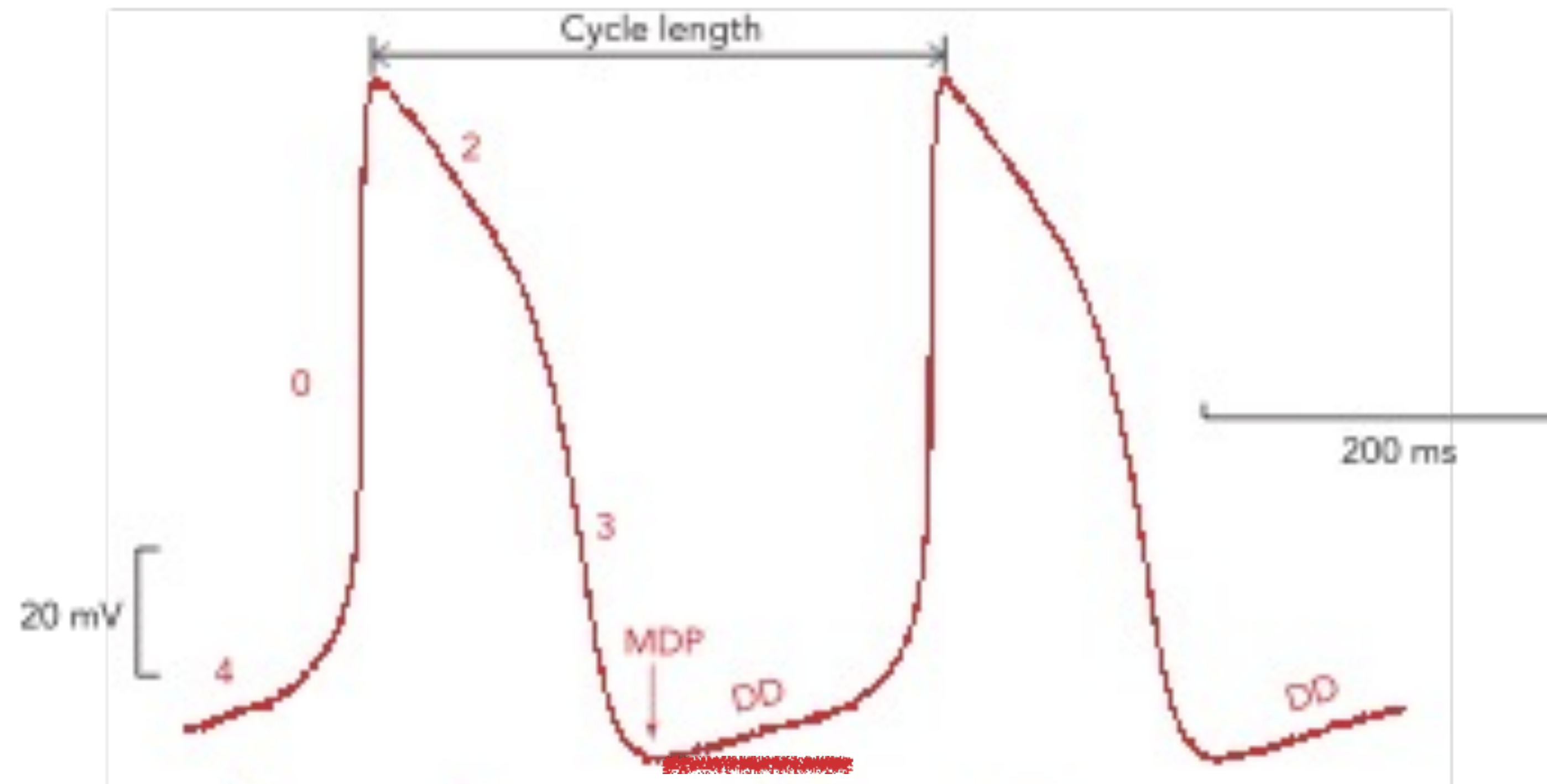
Fuyu Kobirumaki-Shimozawa et al 2016

the cardiomyocyte





Membrane
potential



DD = Diastolic Depolarisation

pacemaker cells

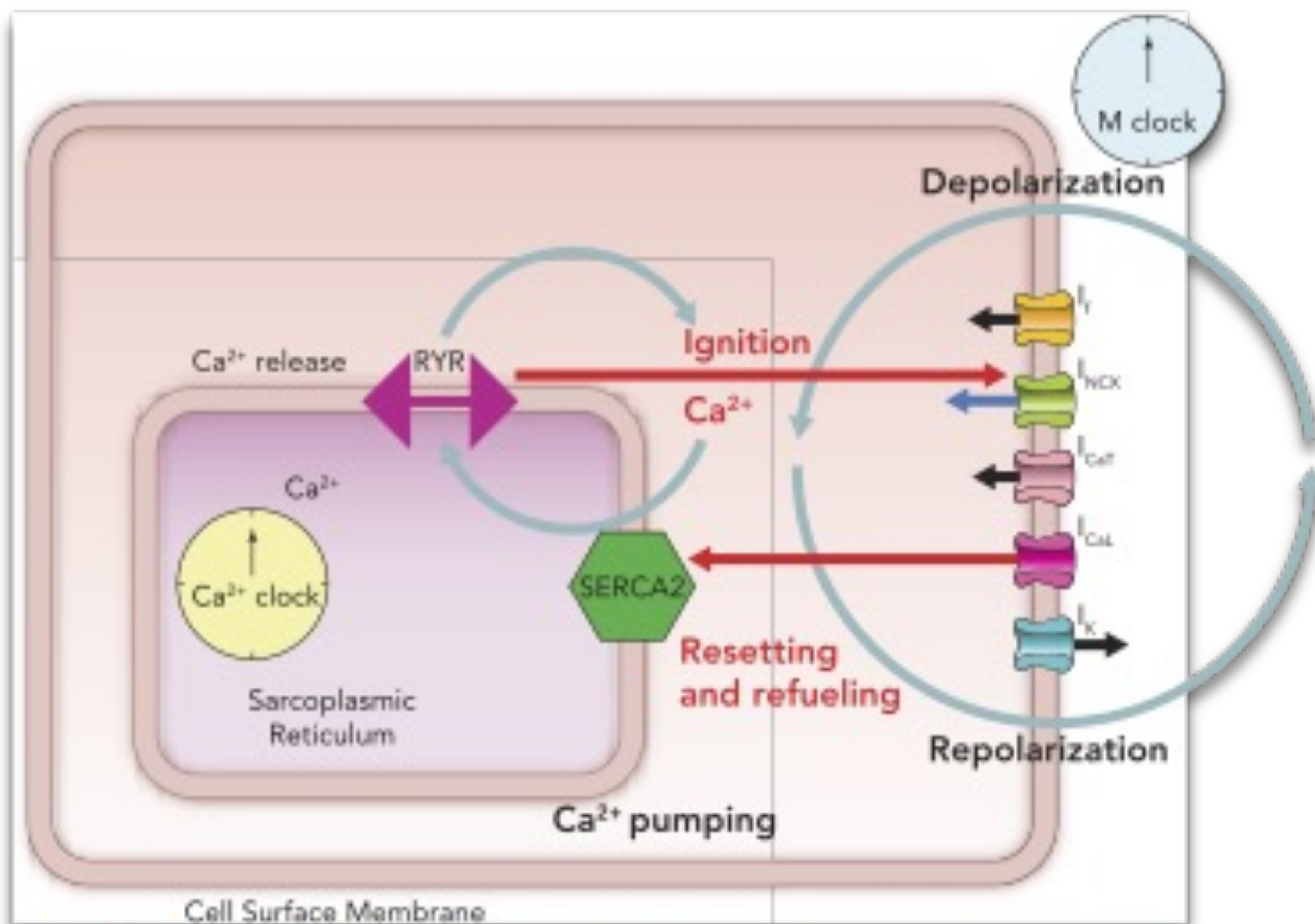
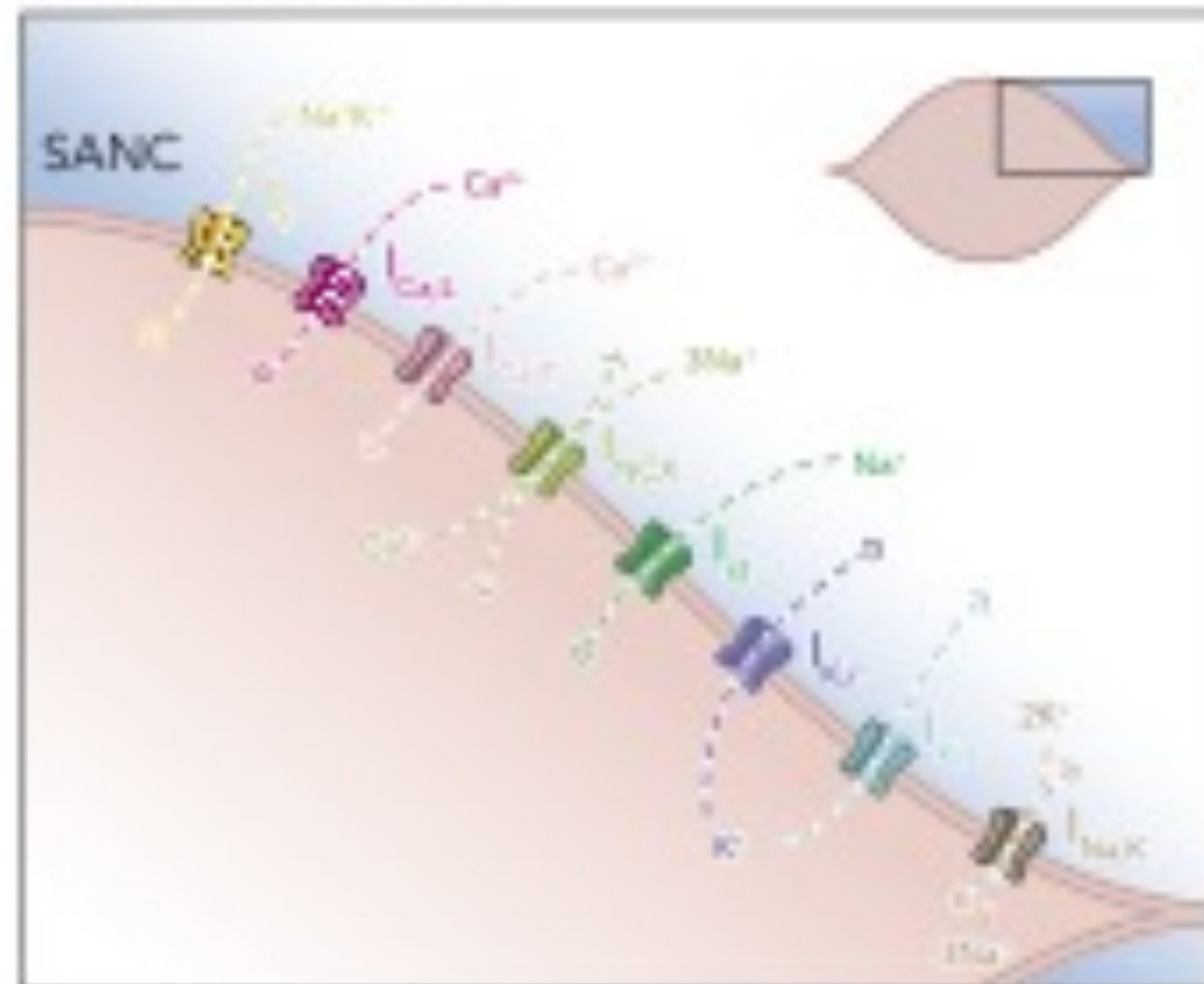


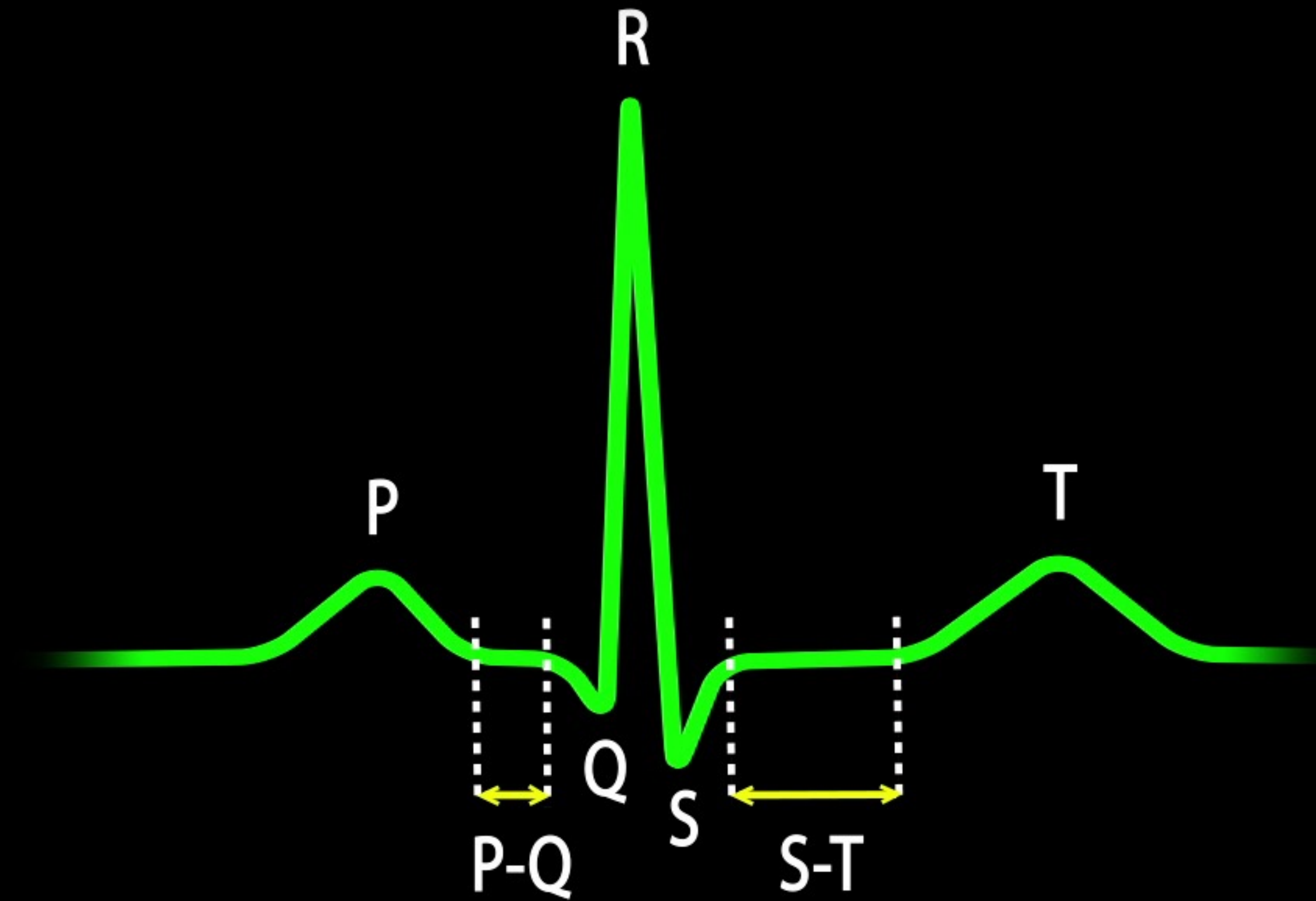
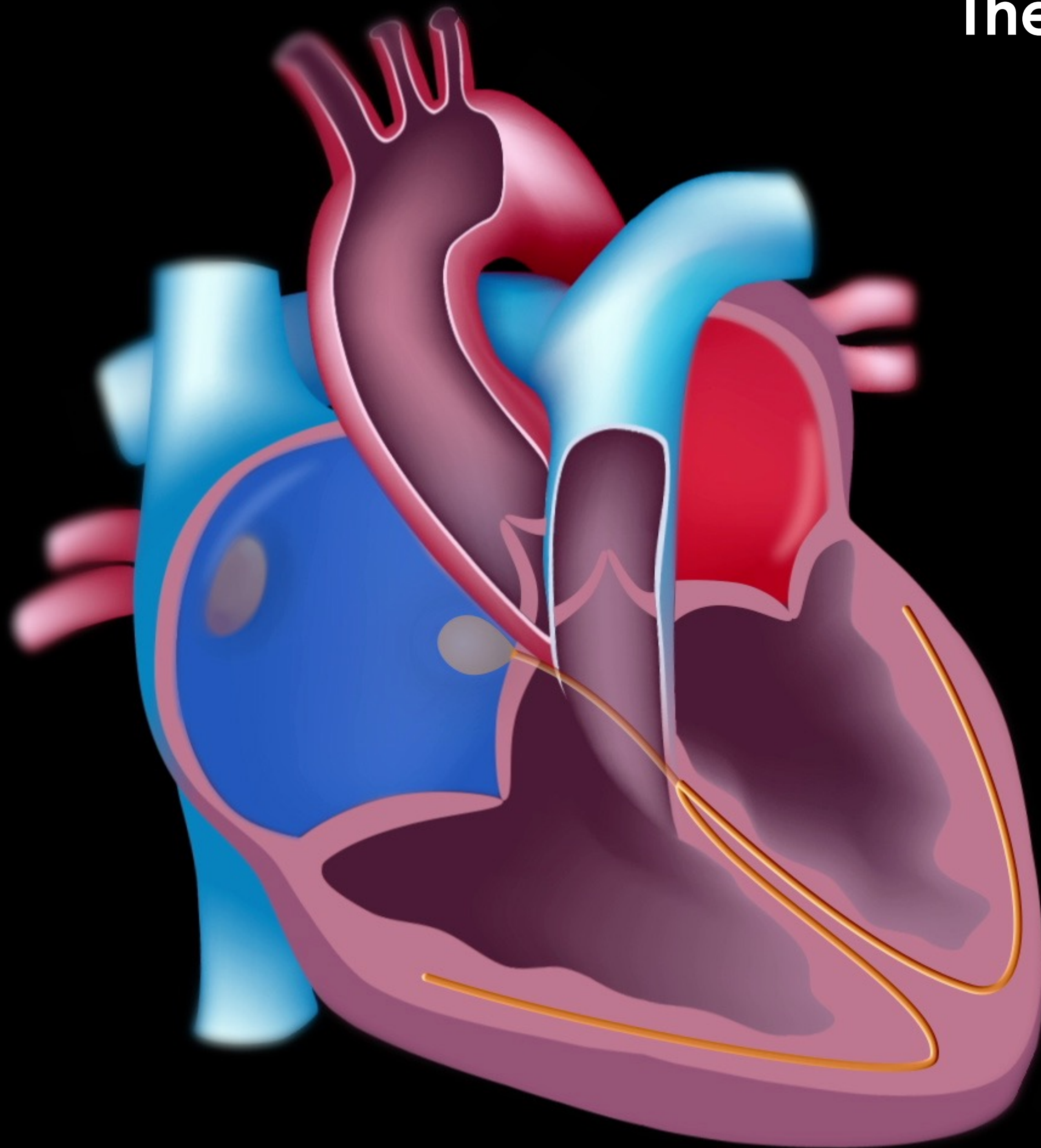
FIGURE 2. Schematic figure illustrating the cross talk between the membrane clock (right side of schematic SANC) and the Ca^{2+} clock (lying in the center of the schematic SANC)

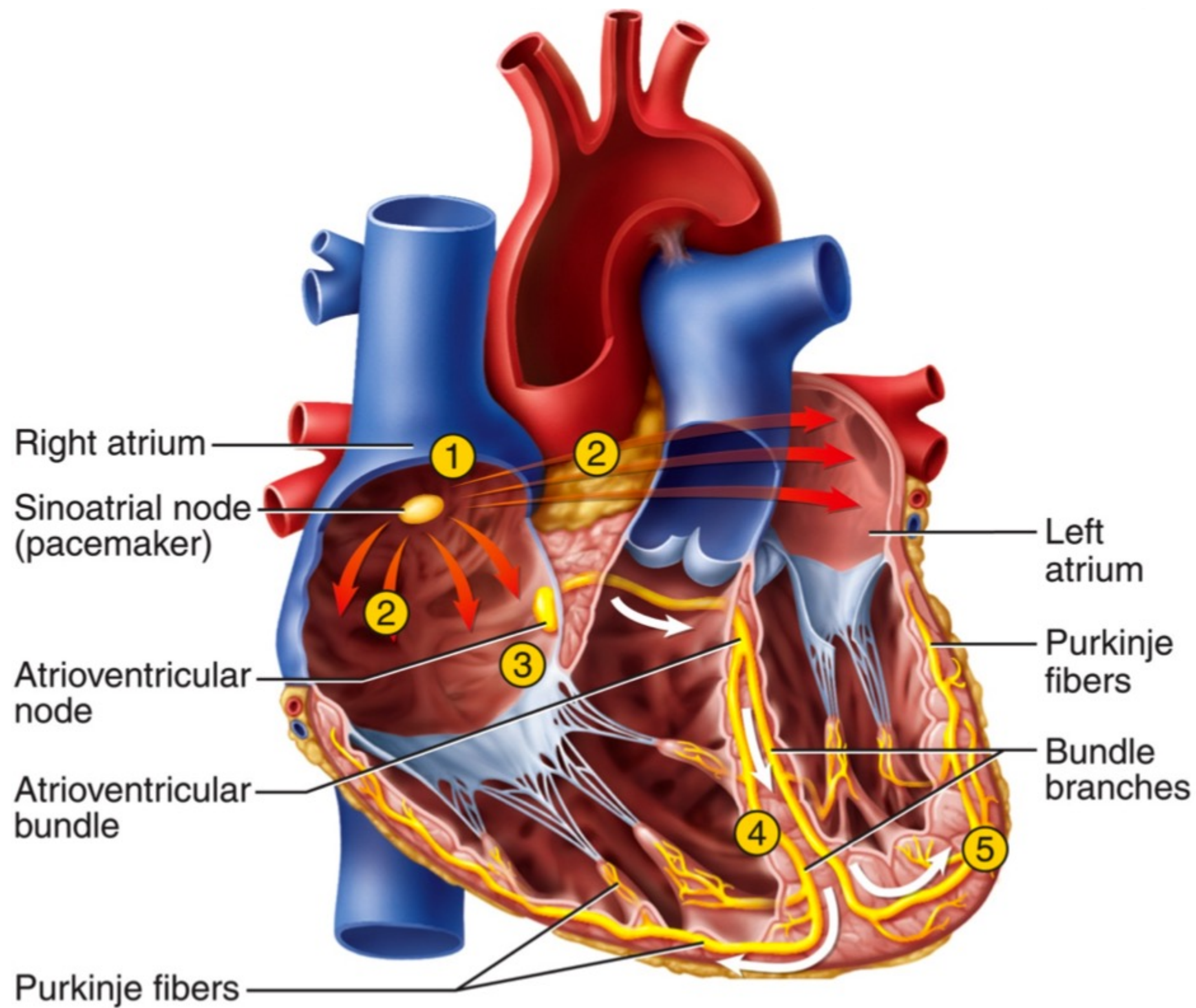
The Coupled Clock System

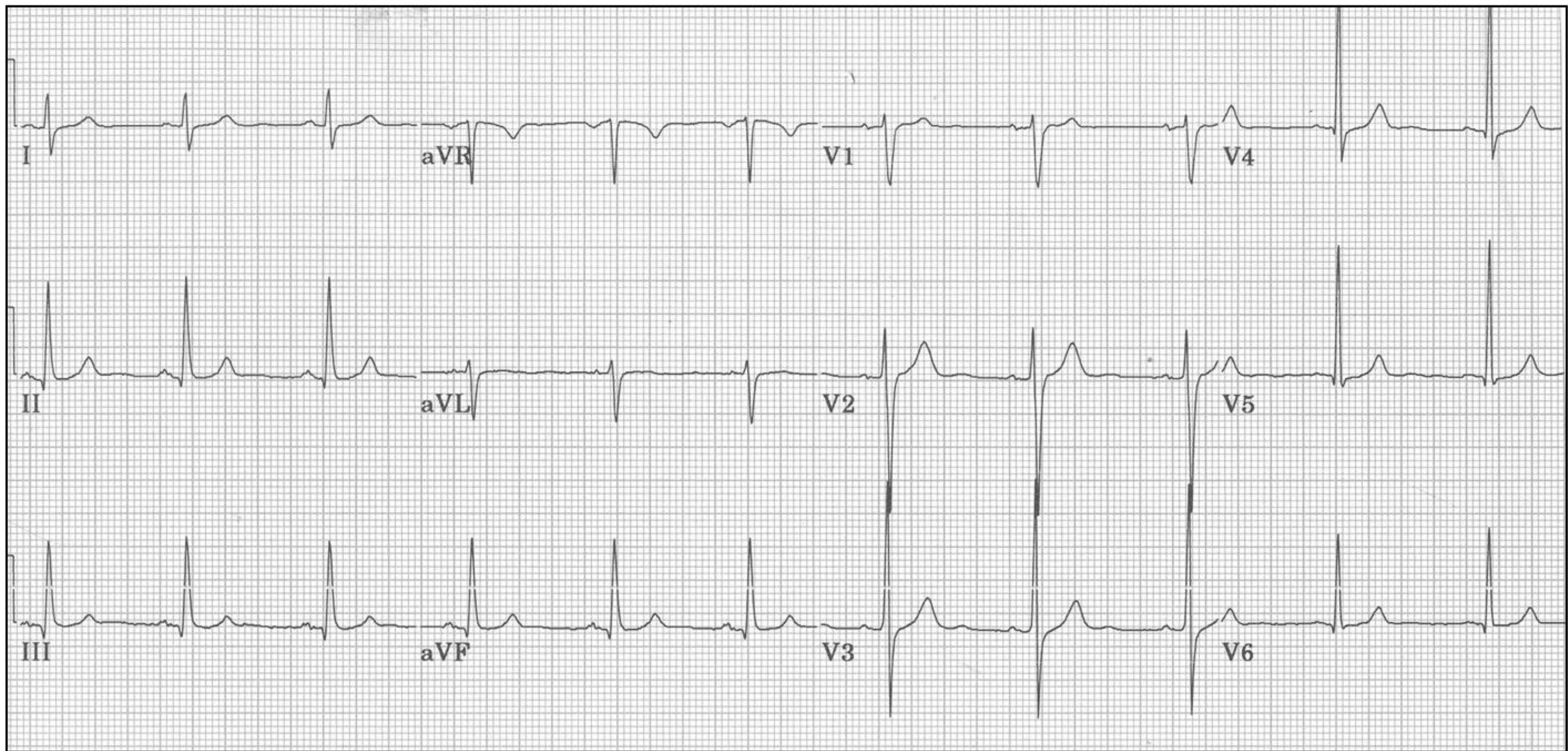
The membrane clock



The Conduction System, and the ECG







normal ecg

normal sinus rhythm

60 - 100 bpm

sinus **bradycardia**

< 60 bpm

sinus **tachycardia**

> 100 bpm

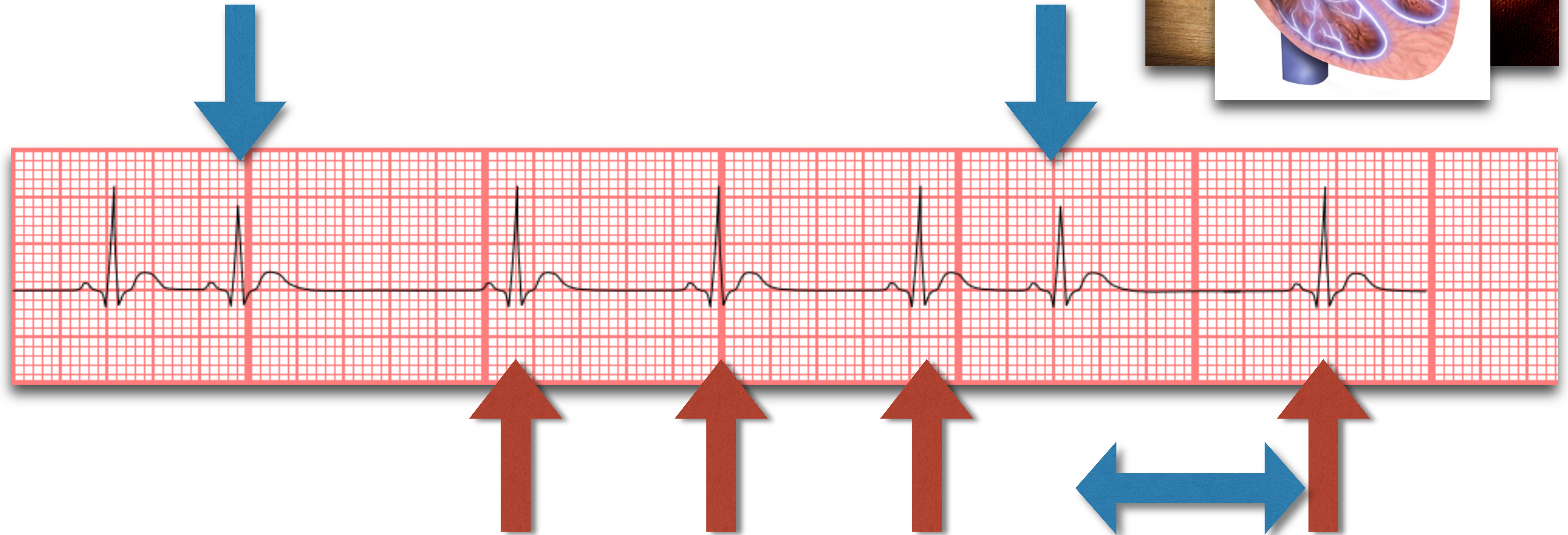
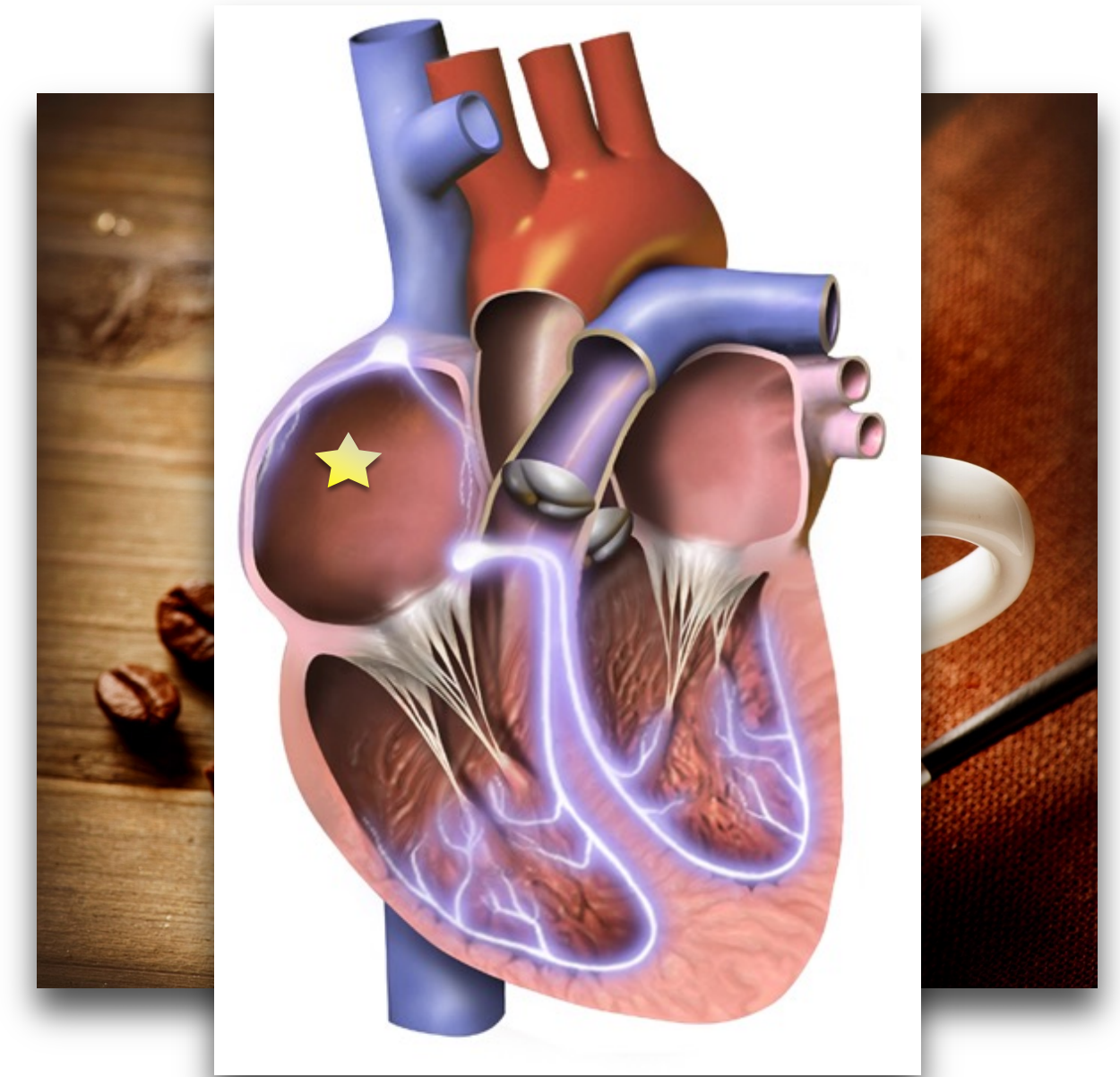
when it all goes **pear shaped**

4 main types of abnormal rhythm

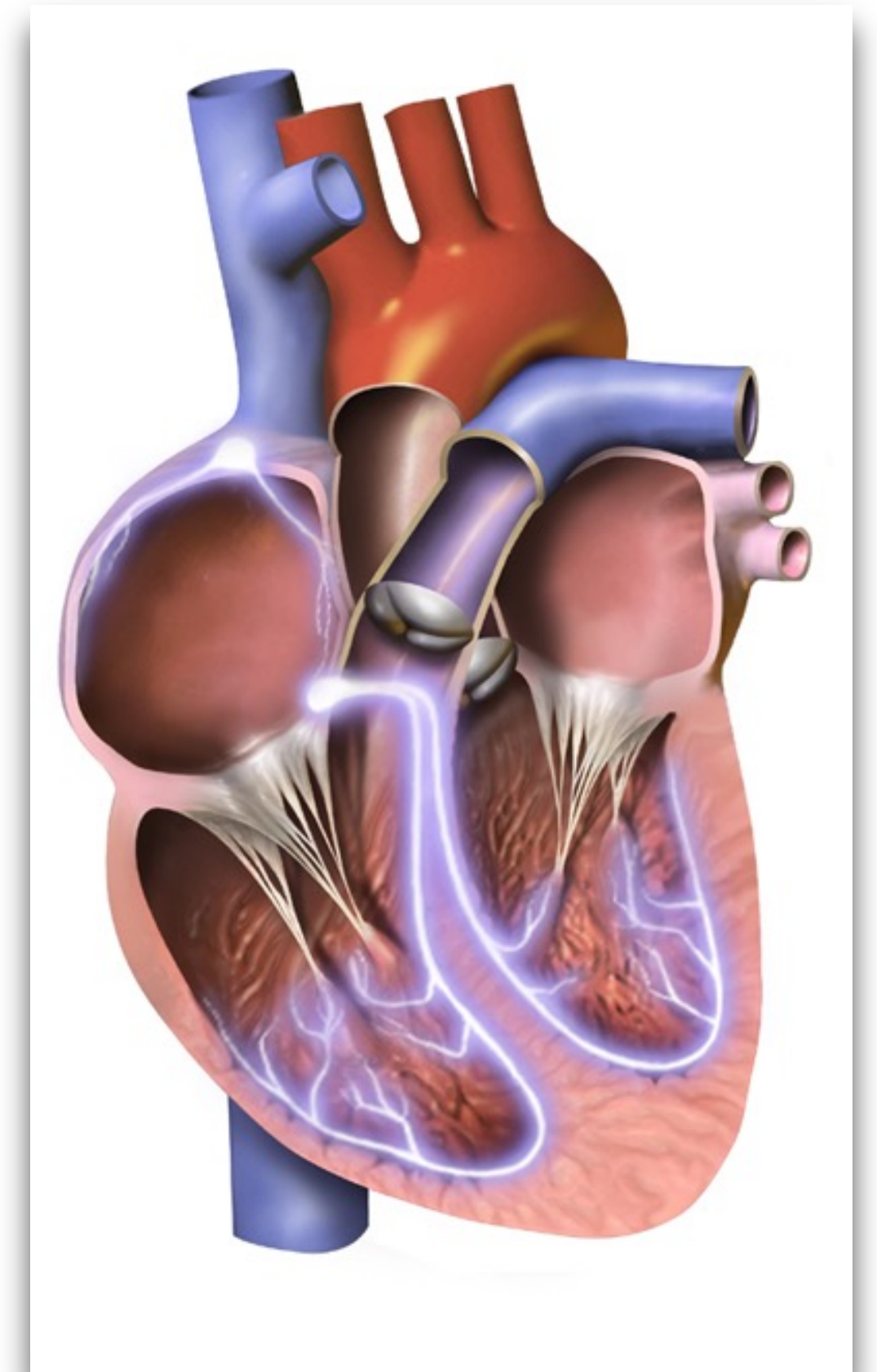
- **extra, or premature, beats**
- **supra-ventricular tachycardias [fast]**
- **ventricular arrhythmias**
- **brady [slow] arrhythmias**

extra or premature beats

Premature Atrial Contractions



Premature Ventricular Contractions

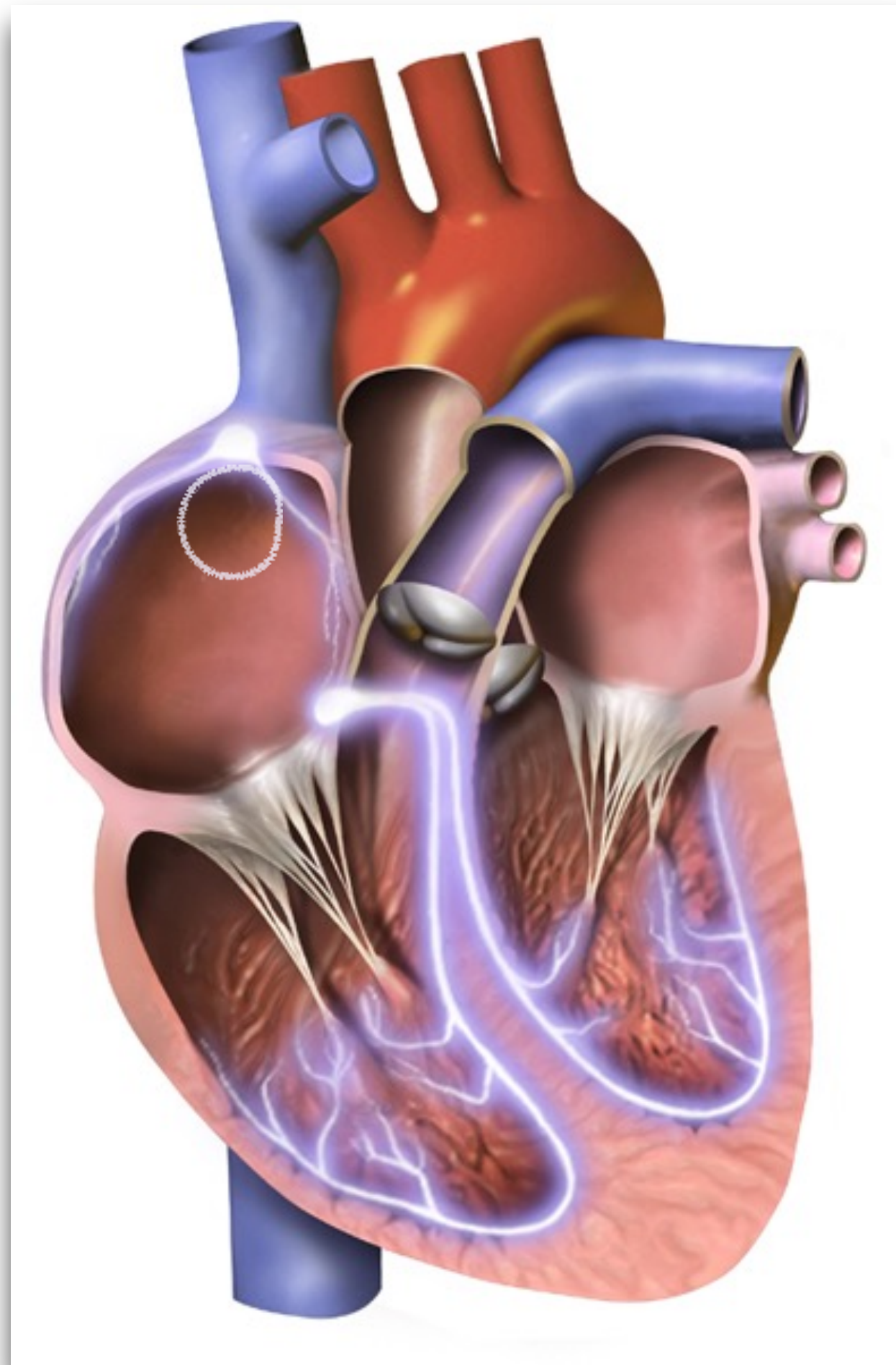


enhanced automaticity, re-entry signalling and toxicity

**supra-ventricular
tachycardias**

Re-entry usually almost immediate increase in heart rate

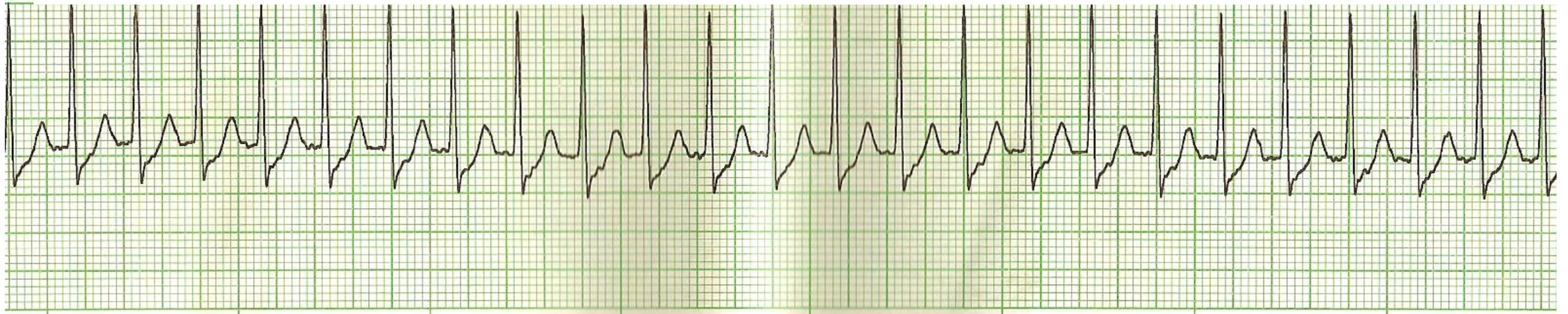
Automaticity more gradual increase in heart rate



Supra-ventricular tachycardia (SVT)



Supra-ventricular tachycardia (SVT)



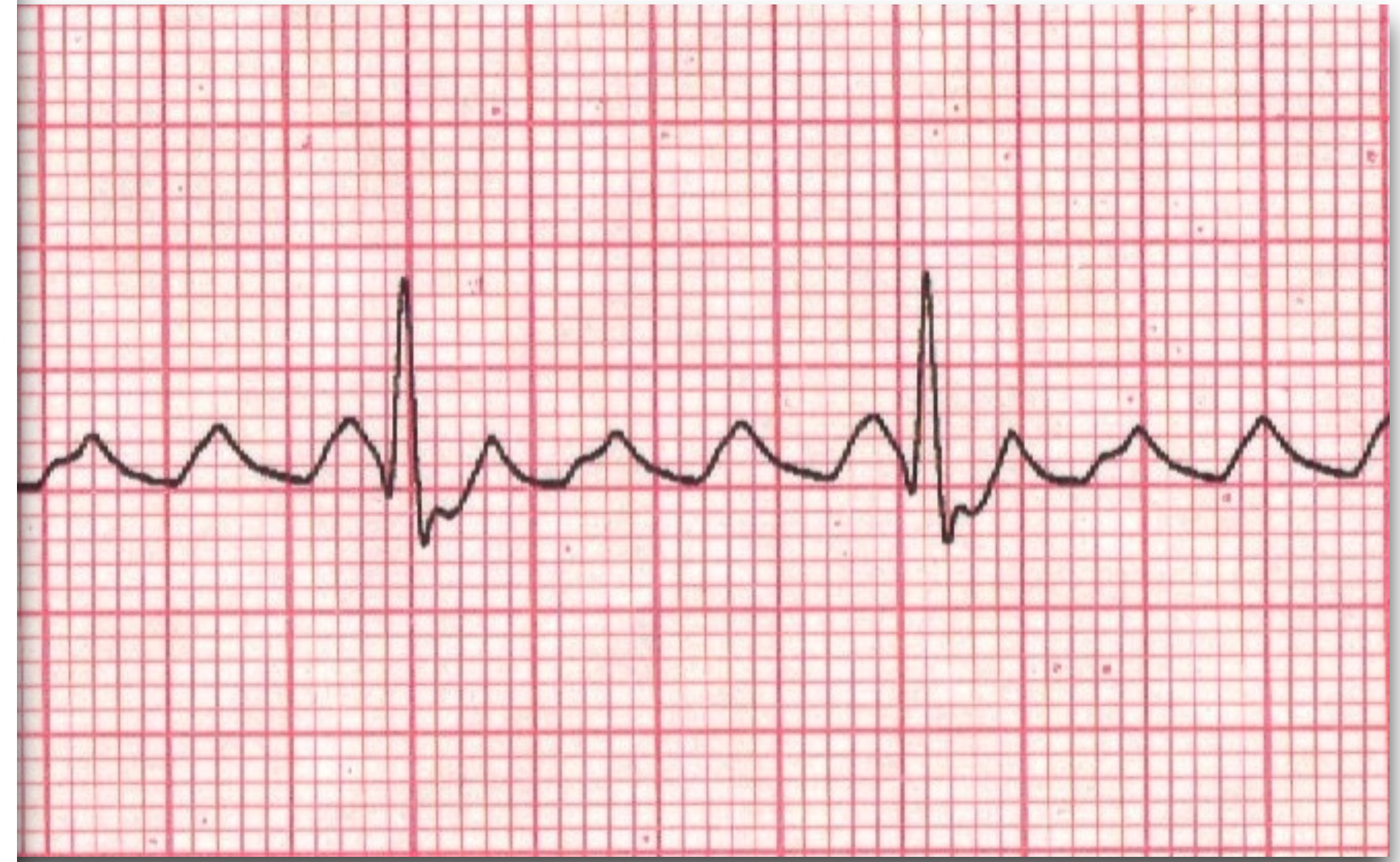
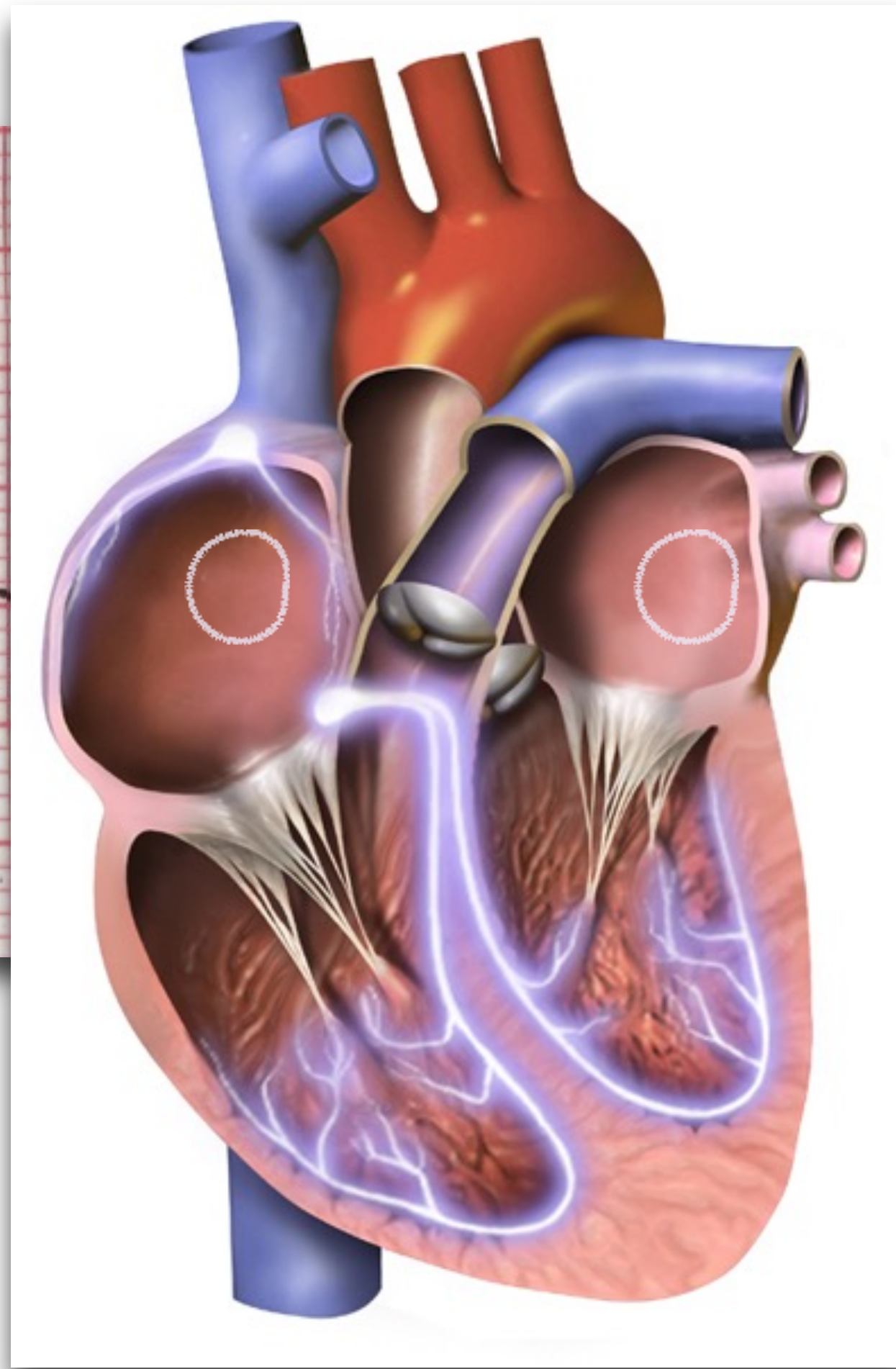
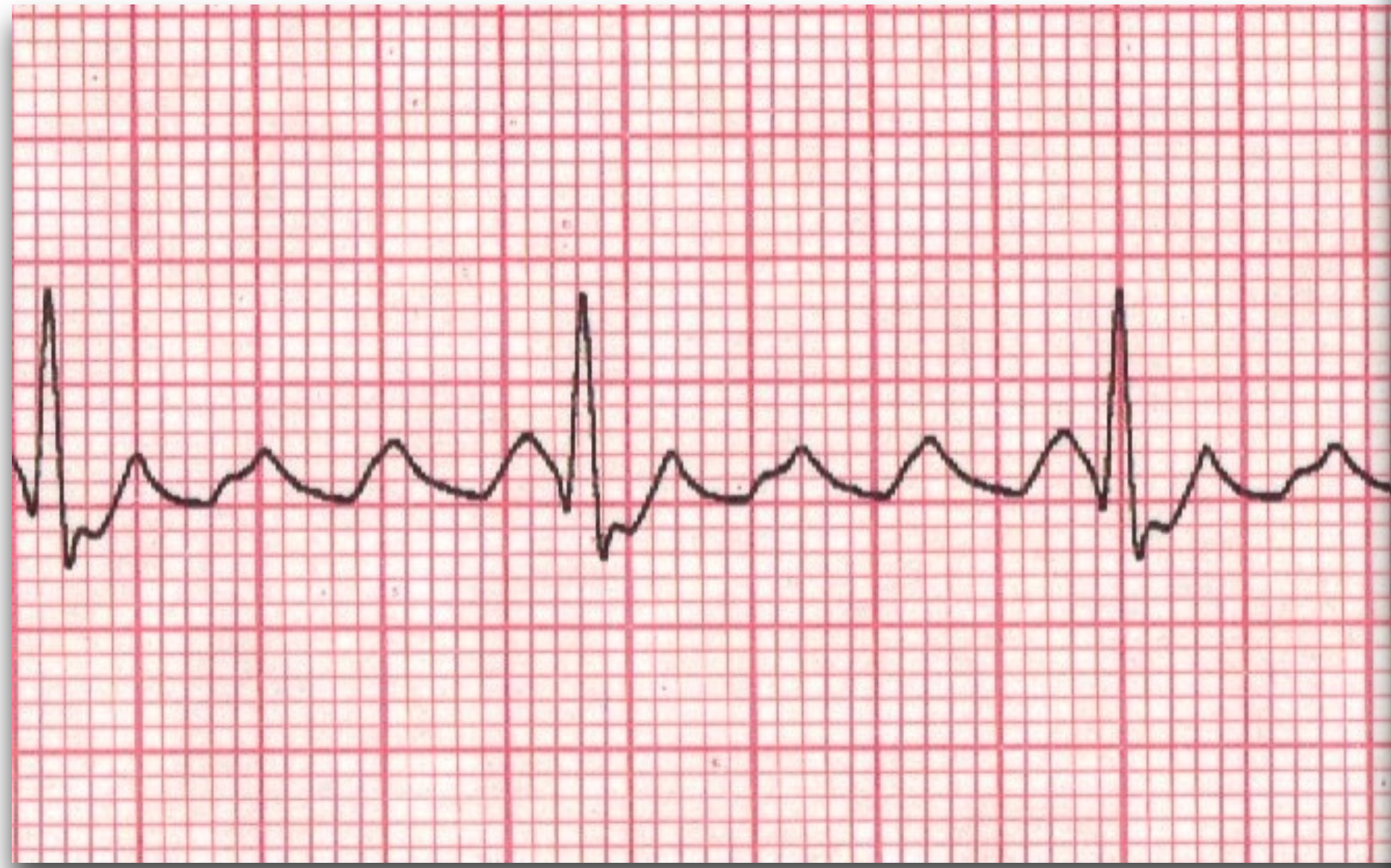
heart rate 180 bpm

the faster the rate (150 - 270 bpm), the worse the symptoms

no time to fill

Atrial Flutter

regular, very fast atrial signal (p-wave) **300-440 bpm**

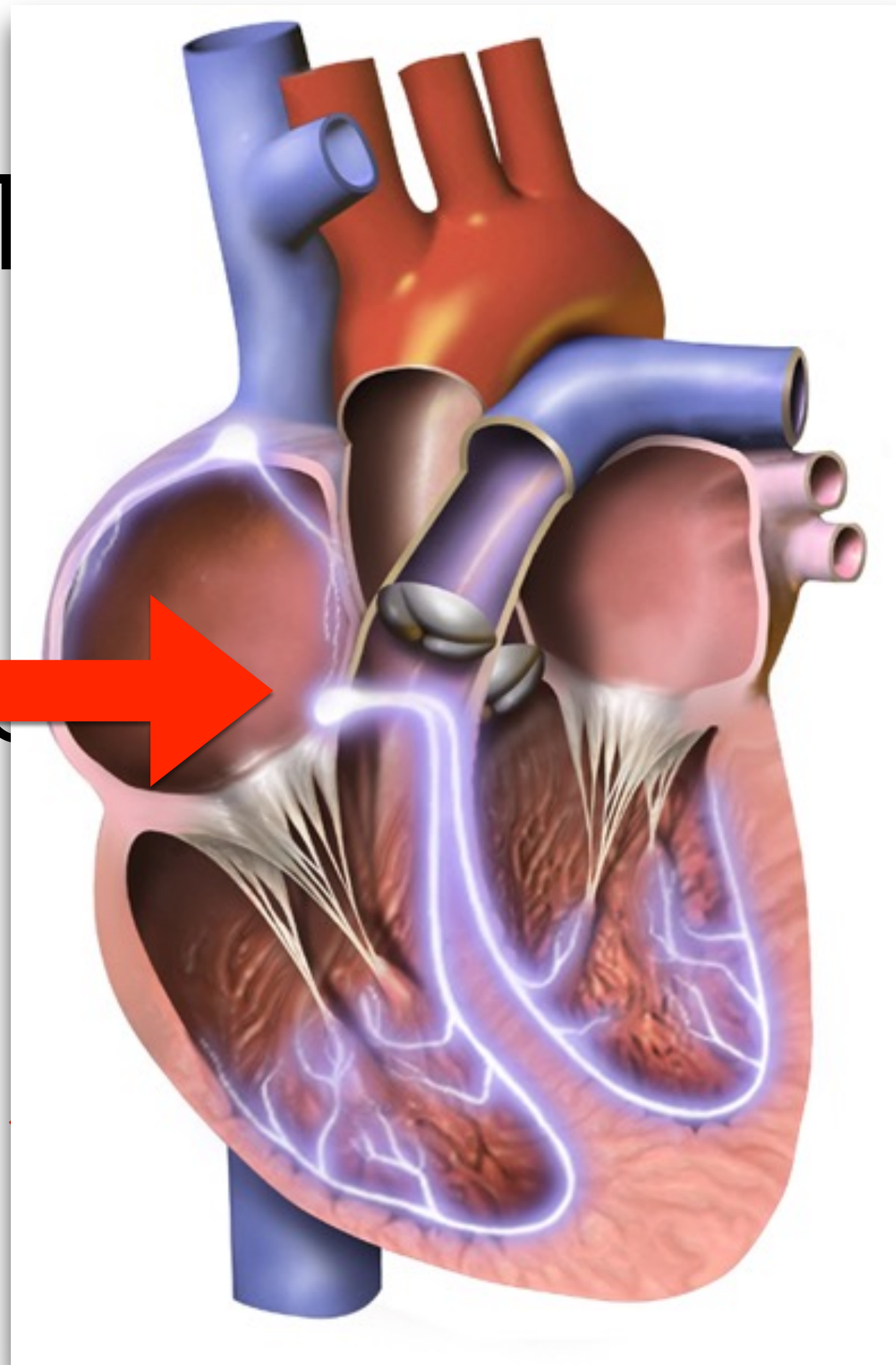


the **refractory period** of the AV-node is **330ms**

thus the fastest 1:1 conduction rate is **300 bpm**

if atrial rate is >300 , conduction is **2:1, 4:1** or (rarely) **3:1**

The Pulse is Irregular



the risks and treatment

- inefficient heart rate (too fast)

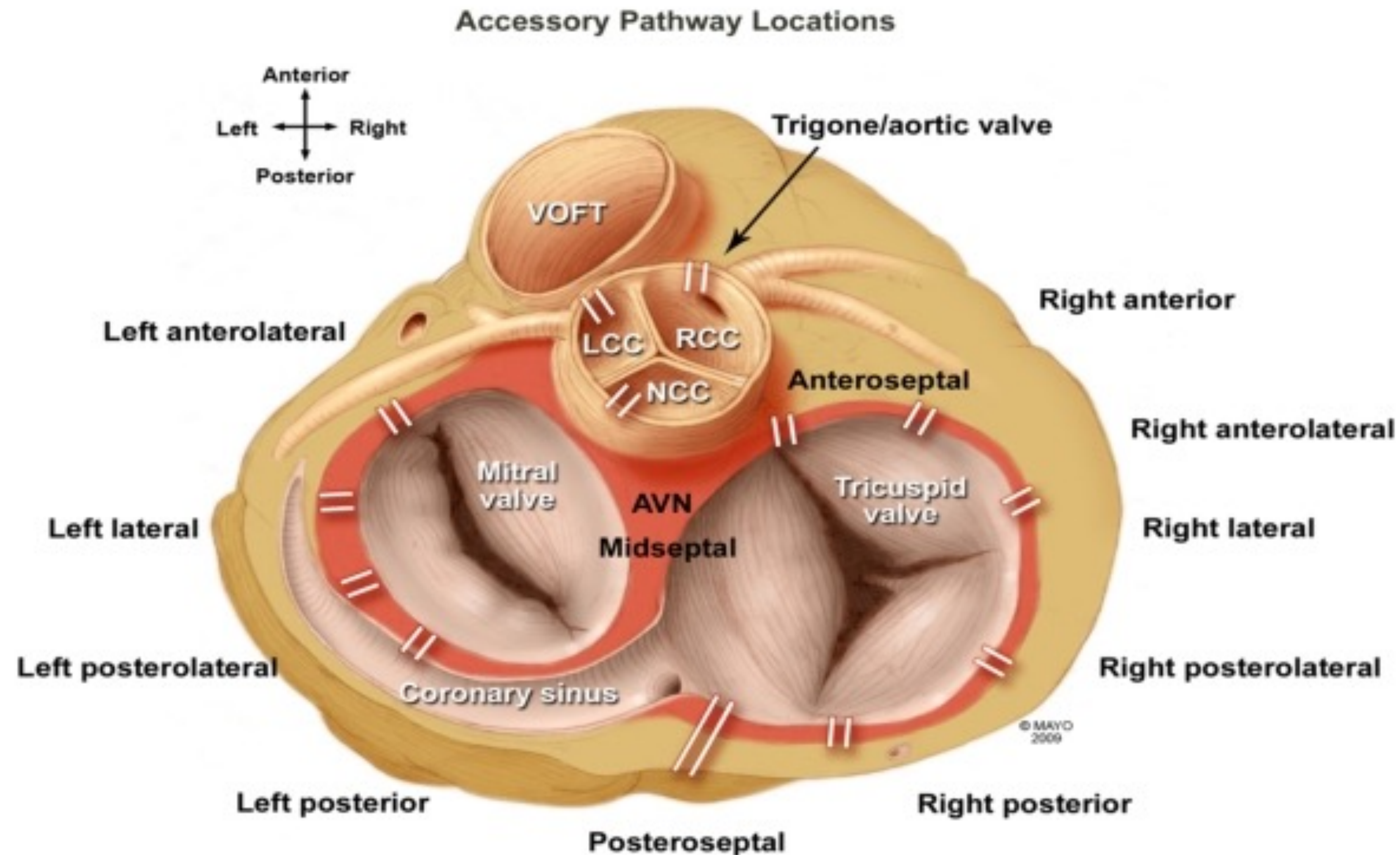
β -blockers, Ca^{++} channel blockers, DC Shock, ablation

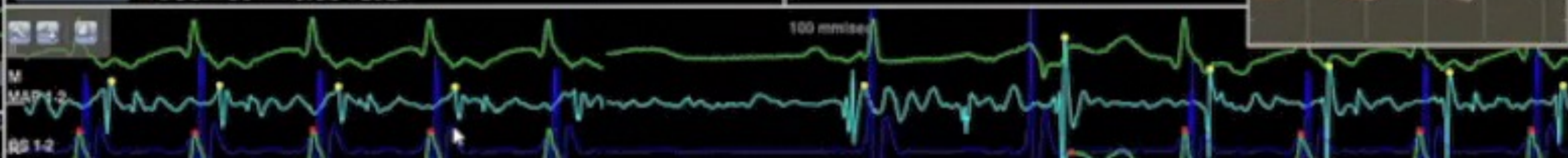
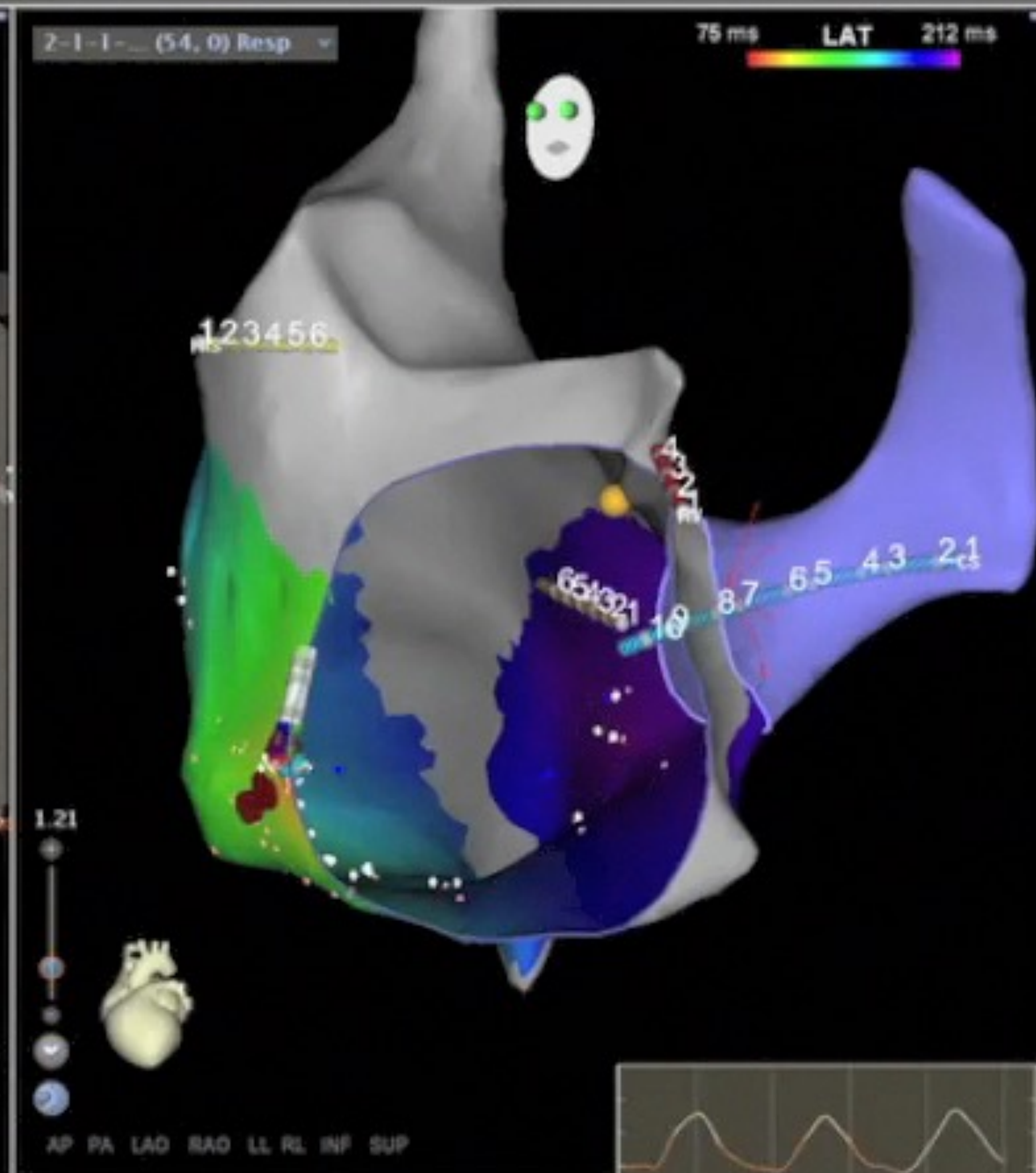
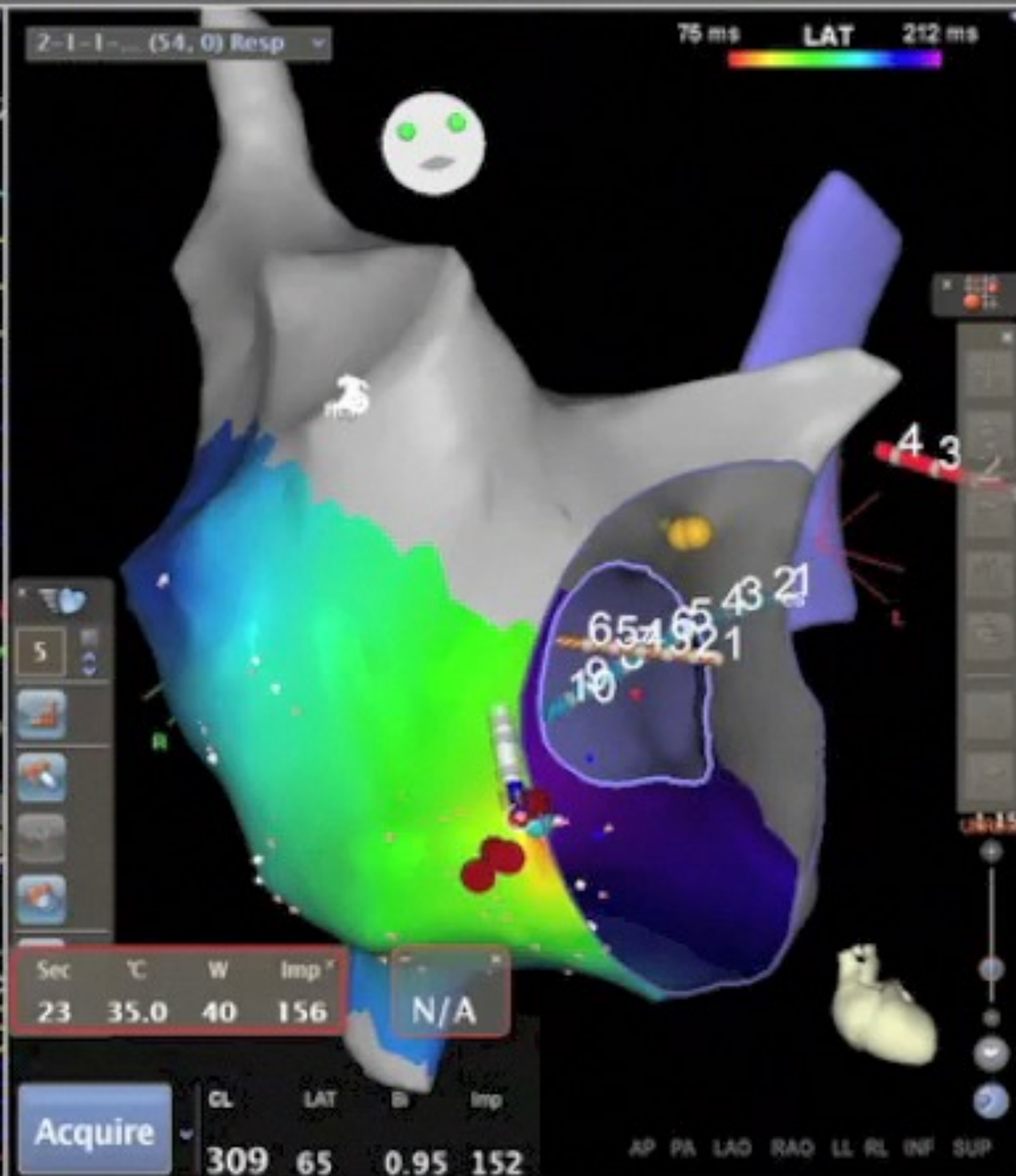
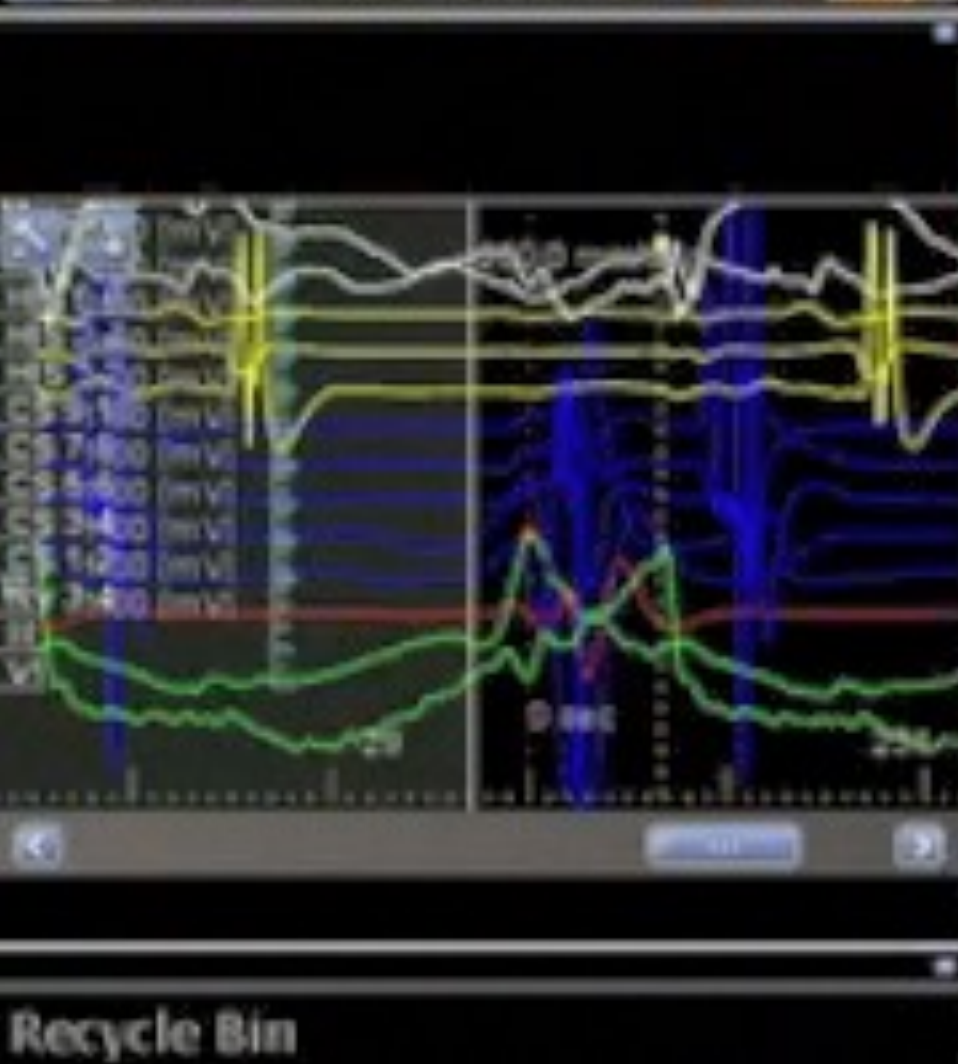
- stasis resulting in clot formation

anticoagulation

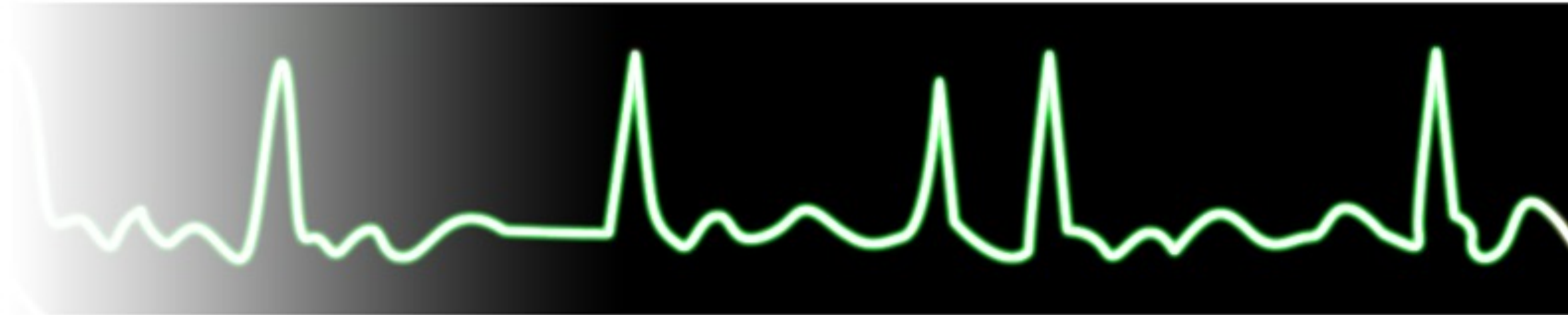
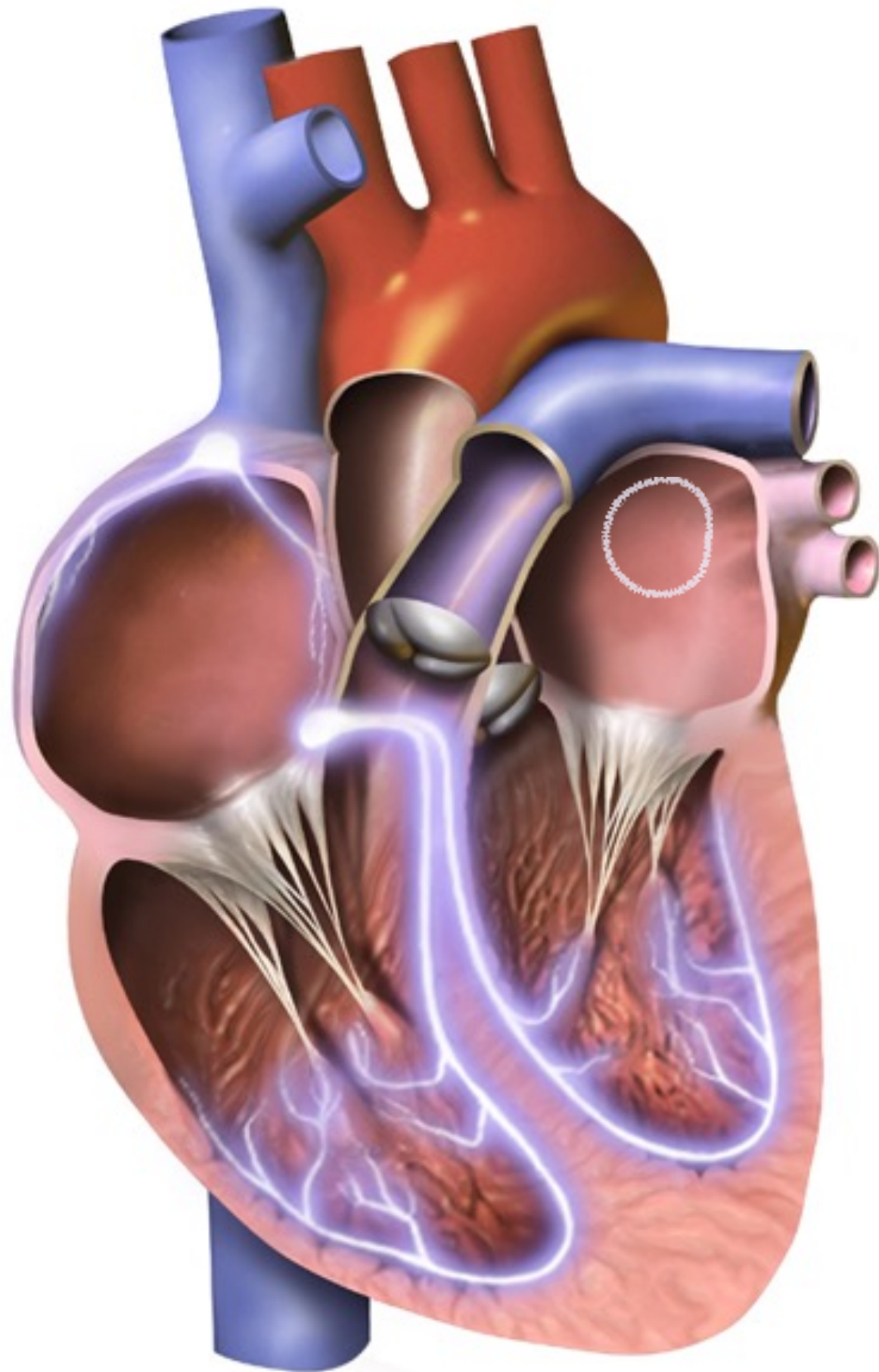
Accessory Pathways

- Additional muscular connection between atria and ventricle, multiple connections in 10-15%





Atrial Fibrillation



100- 170 bpm, irregular

Atrial Fibrillation

Normal



AF



the risks and treatment

- any underlying cause
- inefficient heart rate (too fast)

β -blockers, Ca^{++} channel blockers, DC Shock, ablation

- stasis resulting in clot formation

anticoagulation

Brad

1ms

each
from AV N

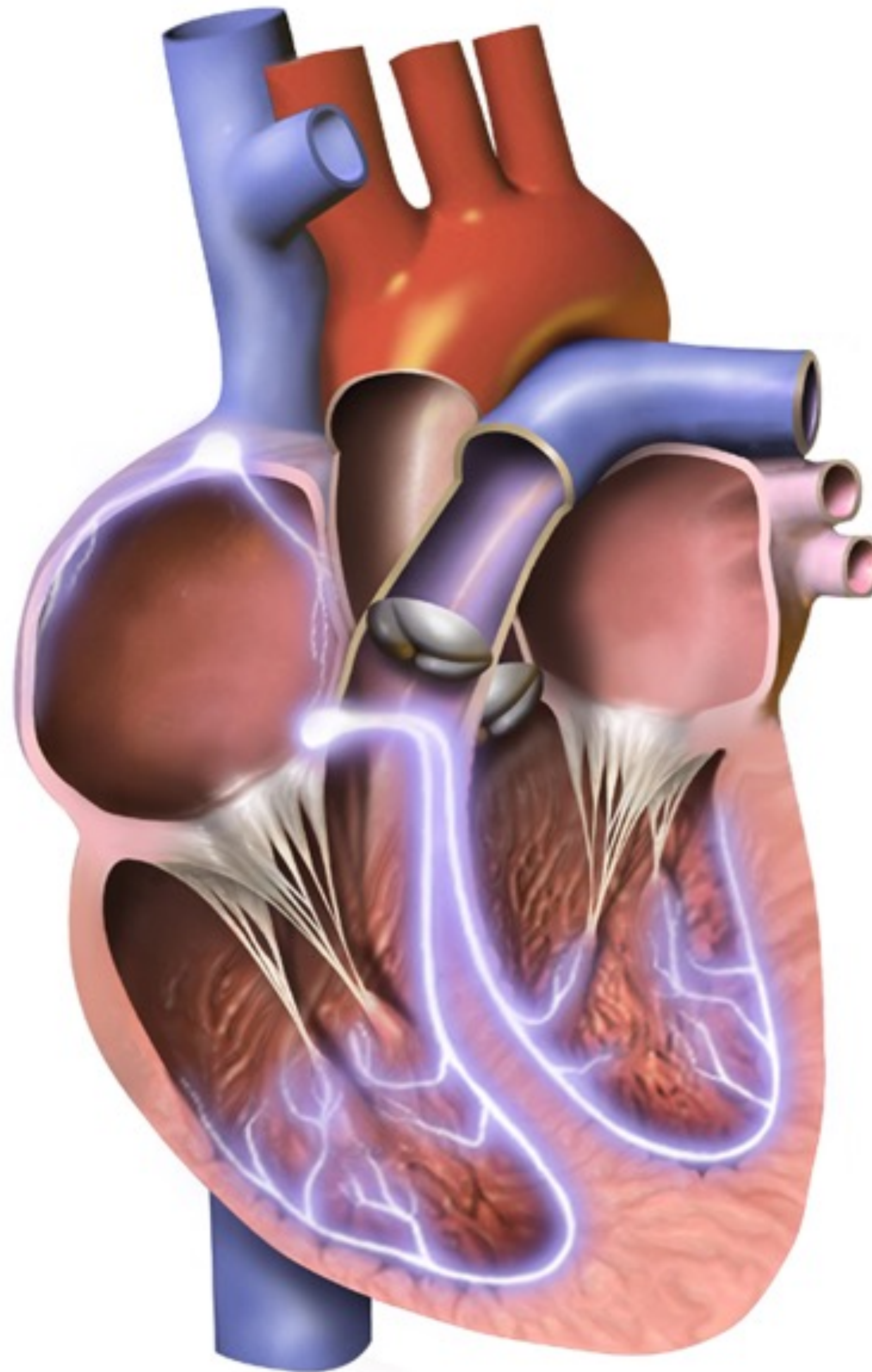
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atic rate

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0 bpm

ventricular n

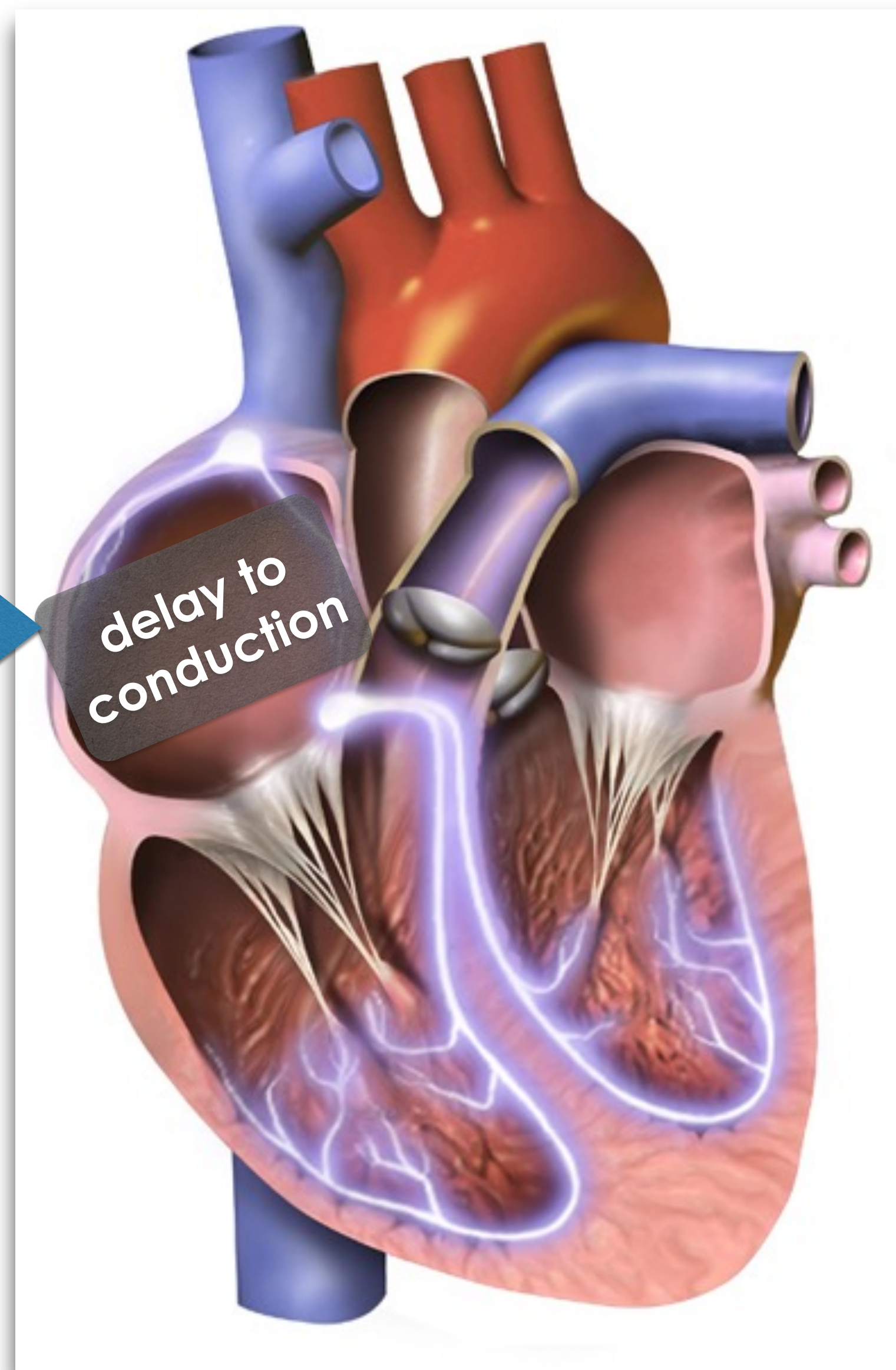
0 - 40 bpm



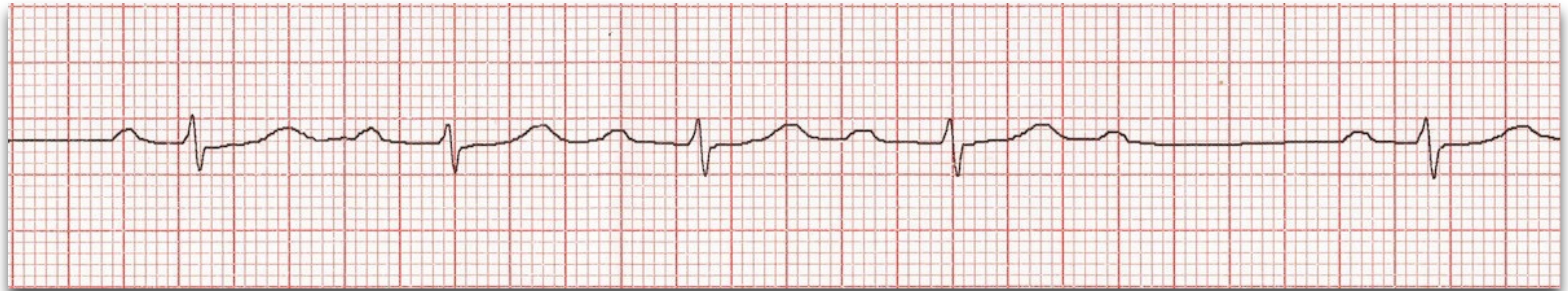
Heart Block



Normal



2nd Degree Heart Block (Mobius Type I), Wenckebach



Progressive prolongation of the PR interval culminating in a non-conducted P wave

Malfunctioning AV node cells tend progressively to fatigue until they fail to conduct an impulse.

2nd Degree Heart Block (Mobius Type II)

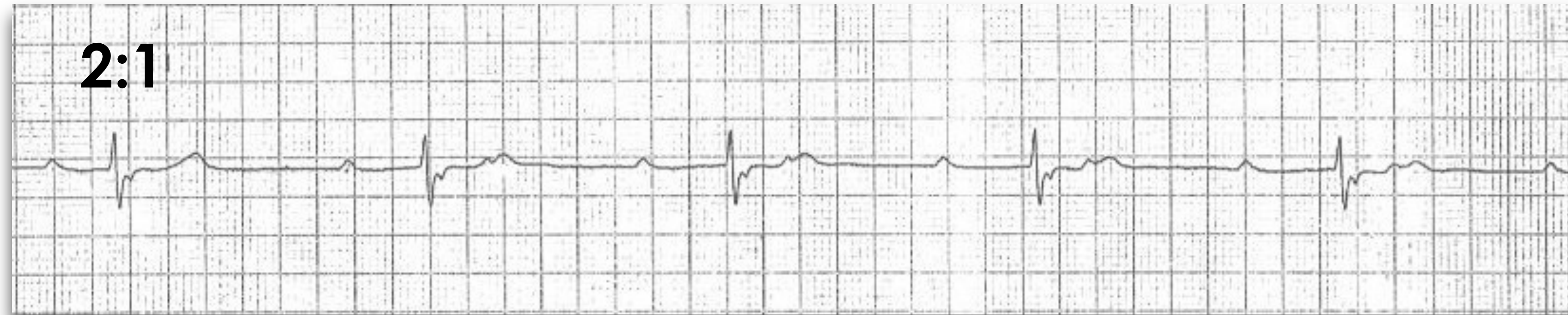


Intermittent non-conducted P waves without progressive prolongation of the PR interval
P-waves have constant rate

usually due to failure of conduction at the level of the His-Purkinje system (i.e. below the AV node)

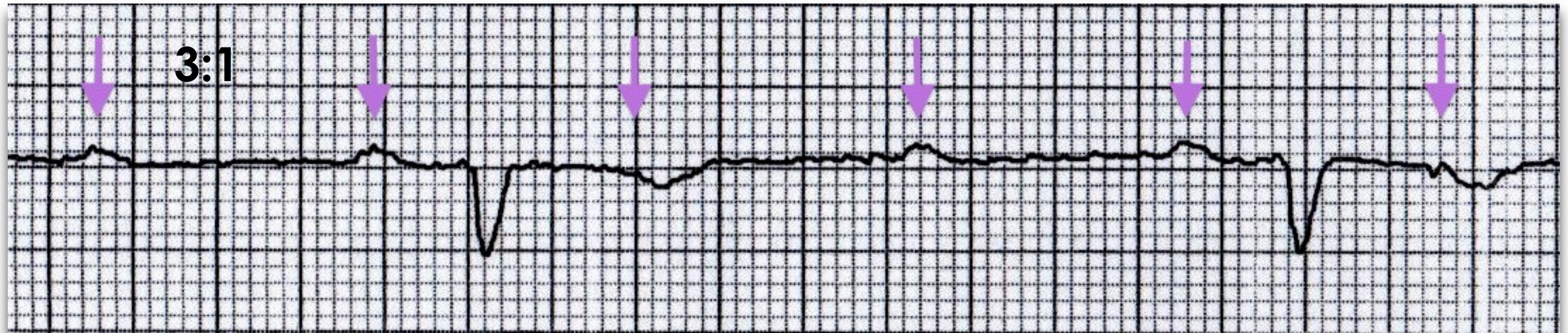
may progress to complete heart block, usually needs pacing

2nd Degree Heart Block; Fixed ratio



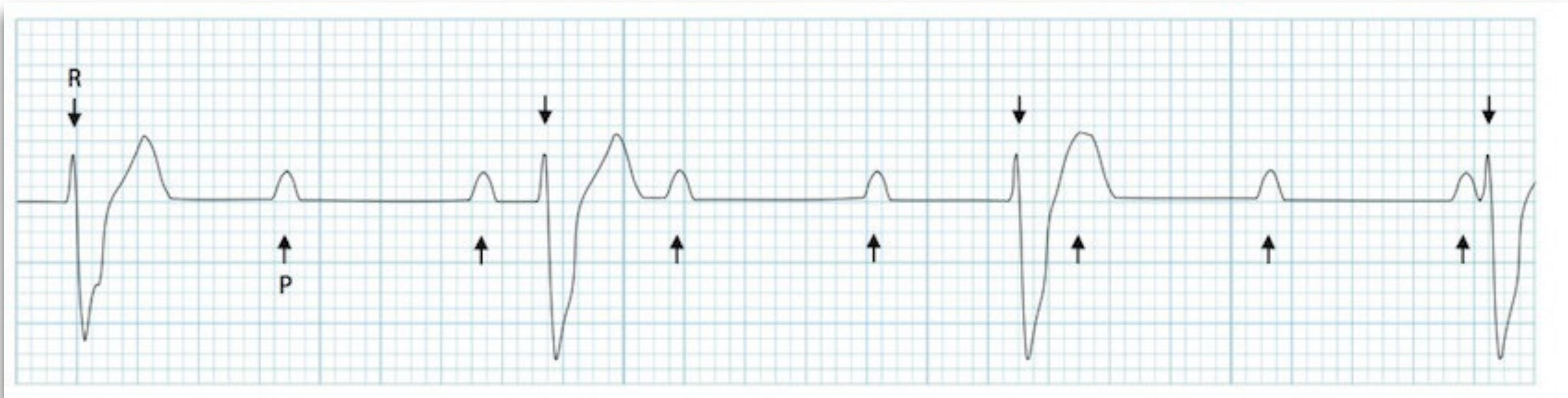
- The atrial rate is approximately 75 bpm.
- The ventricular rate is approximately 38 bpm.
- Non-conducted P waves are superimposed on the end of each T wave

2nd Degree Heart Block; Fixed ratio



- The atrial rate is approximately 90 bpm.
- The ventricular rate is approximately 30 bpm.
- every 3rd P wave is concealed in the T wave

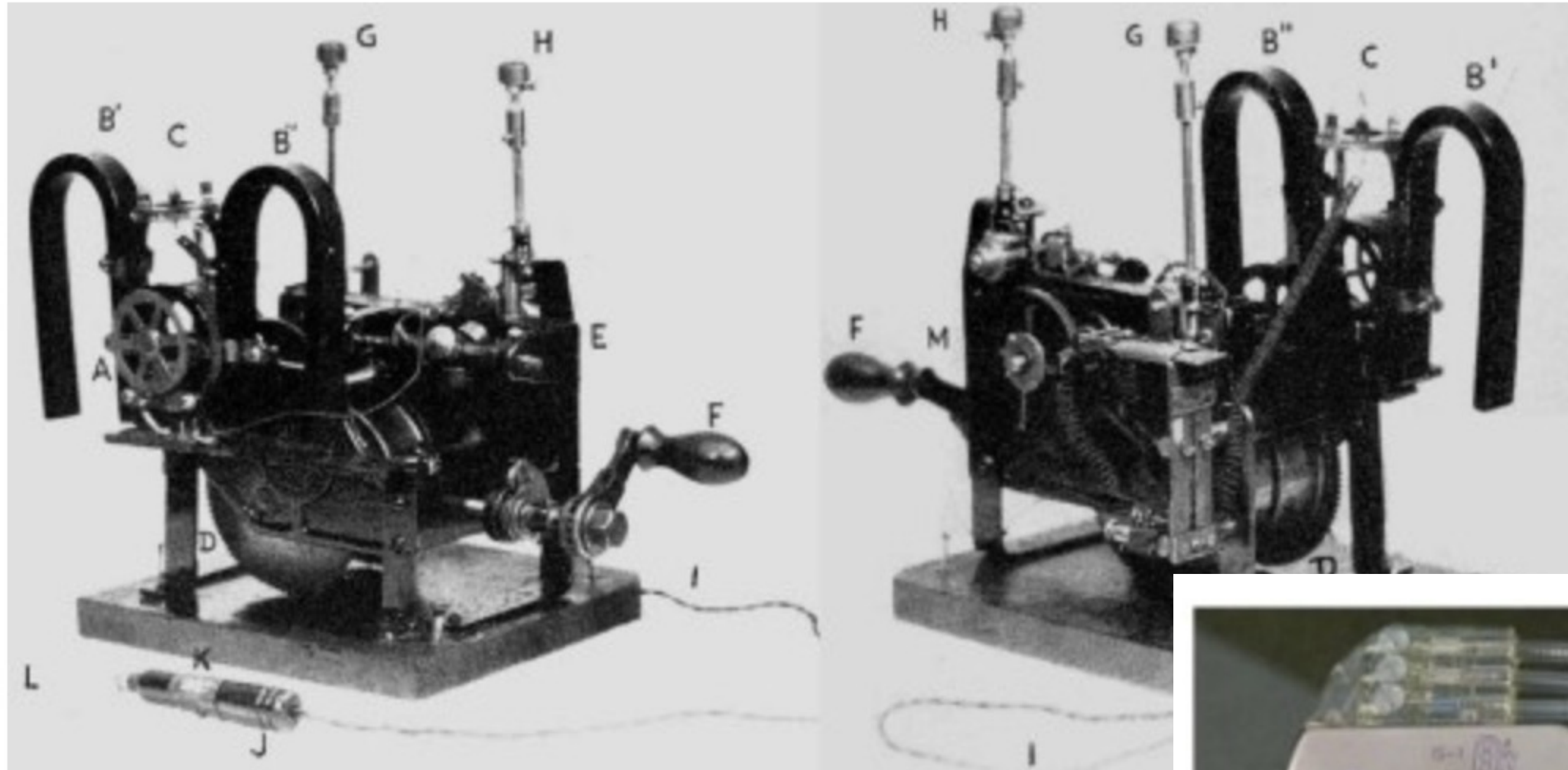
3rd Degree (complete) Heart Block



- The atrial rate is approximately 100 bpm.
- The ventricular rate is approximately 40 bpm.
- The two rates are independent; there is no evidence that any of the atrial impulses are conducted to the ventricles.

the ventricular rate may be very low and drugs or pacing urgent

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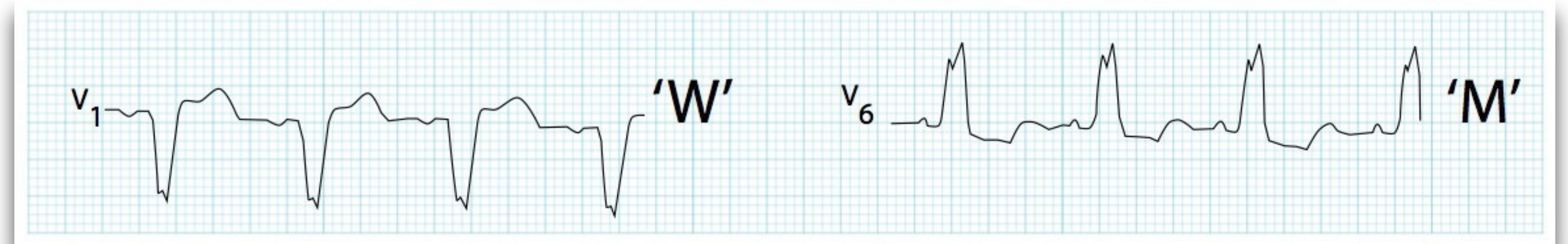
Albert Hyman's “artificial pacemaker”: the two photos



2000's

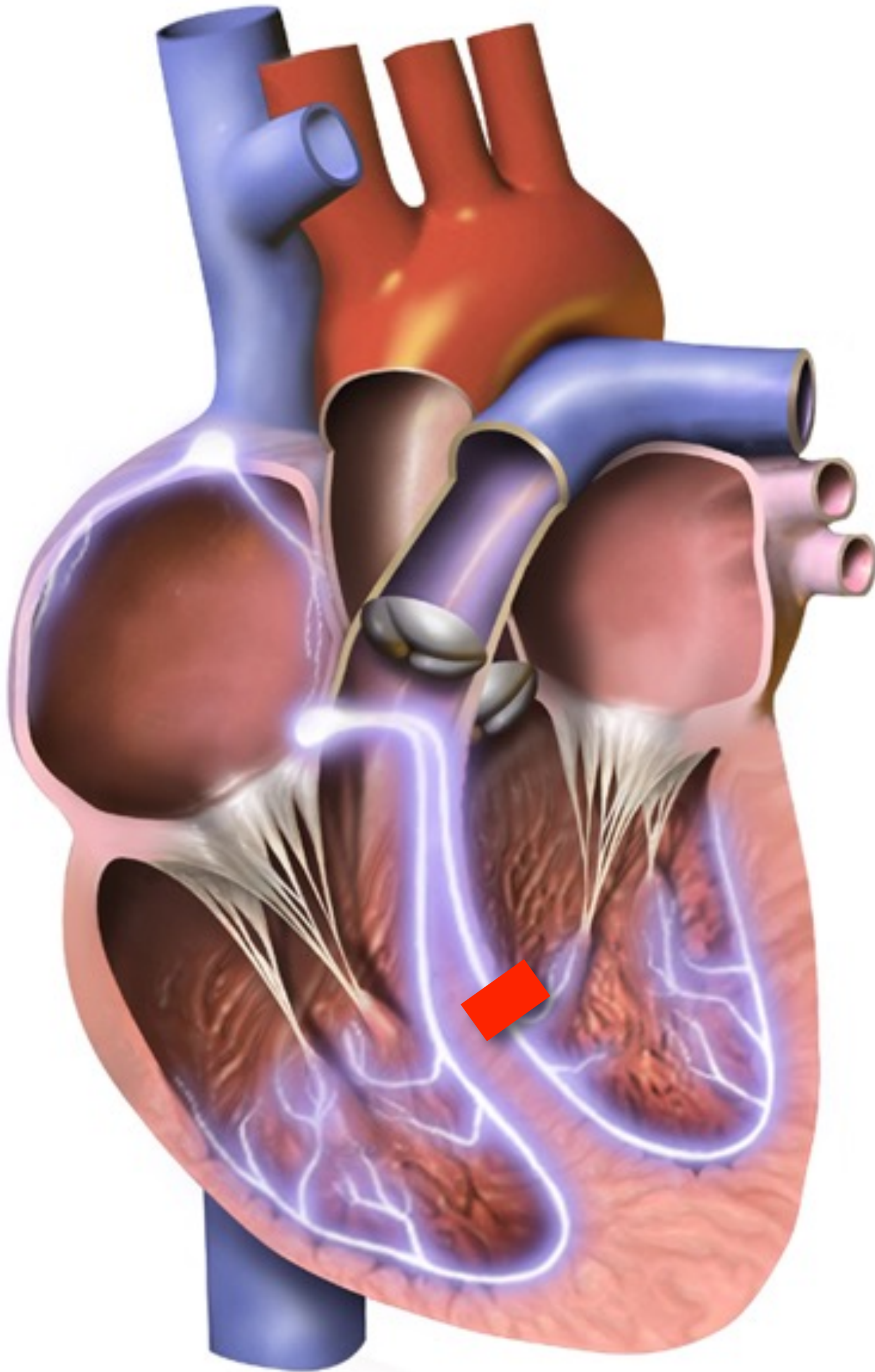


Left Bundle Branch Block

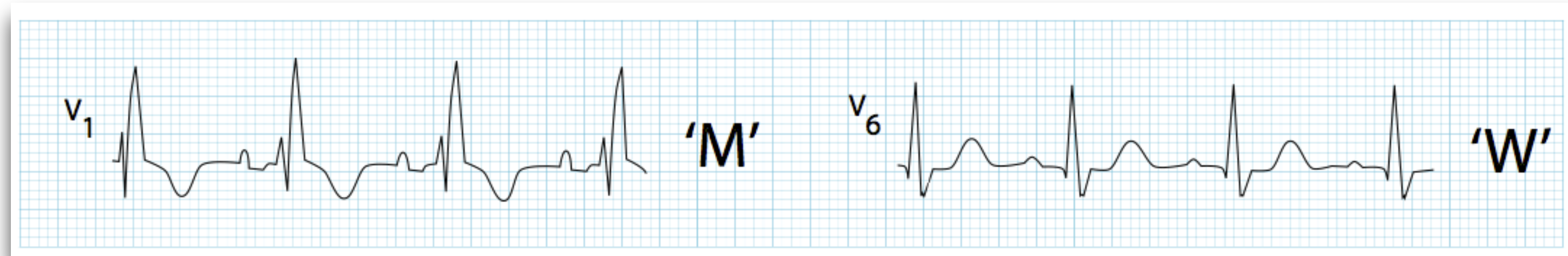


conduction must go R to L

Left Ventricular contraction is delayed

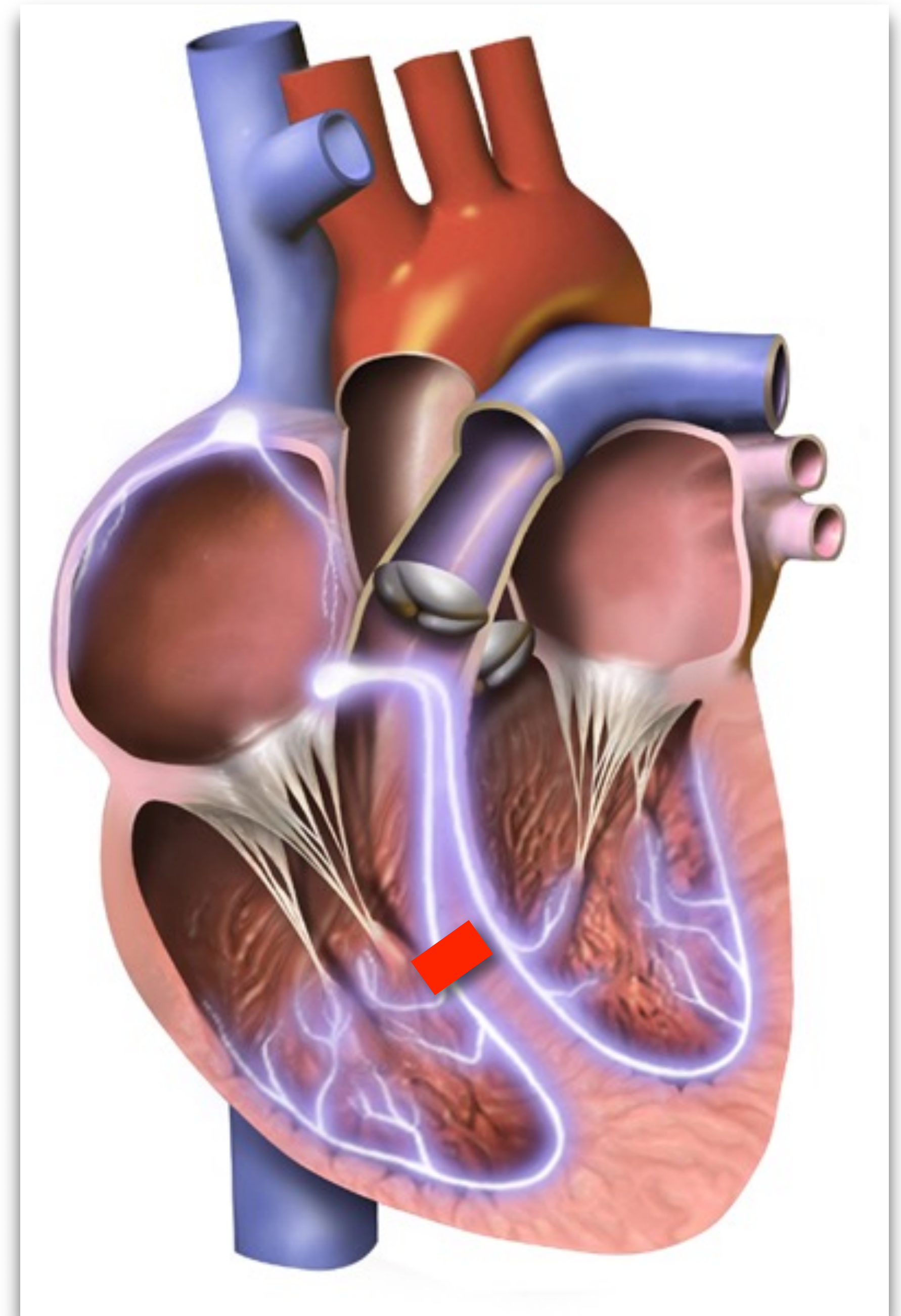


Right Bundle Branch Block



conduction must go L to R

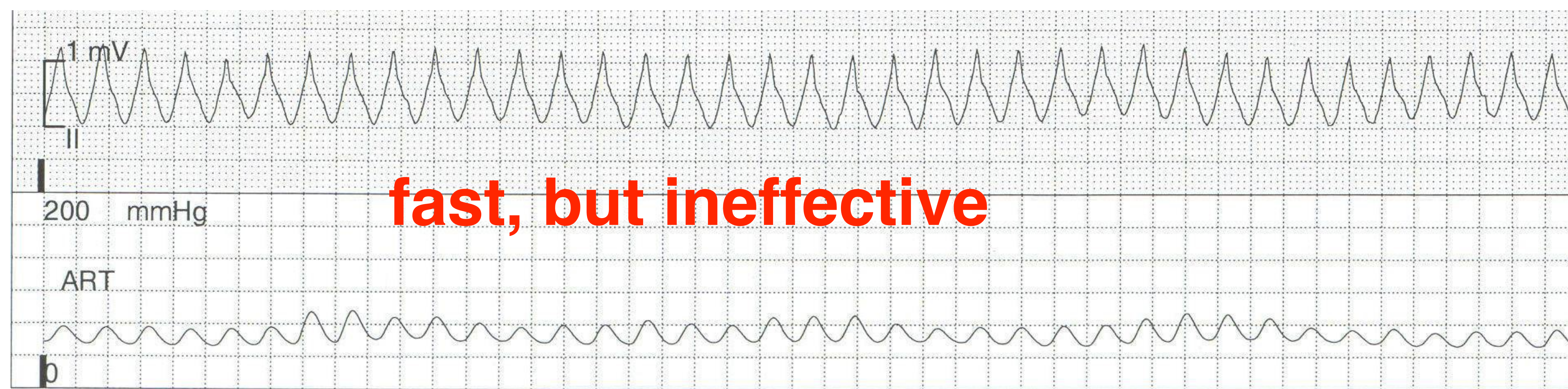
Right Ventricular contraction is delayed



Fast Ventricular Rhythms

Ventricular Tachycardia

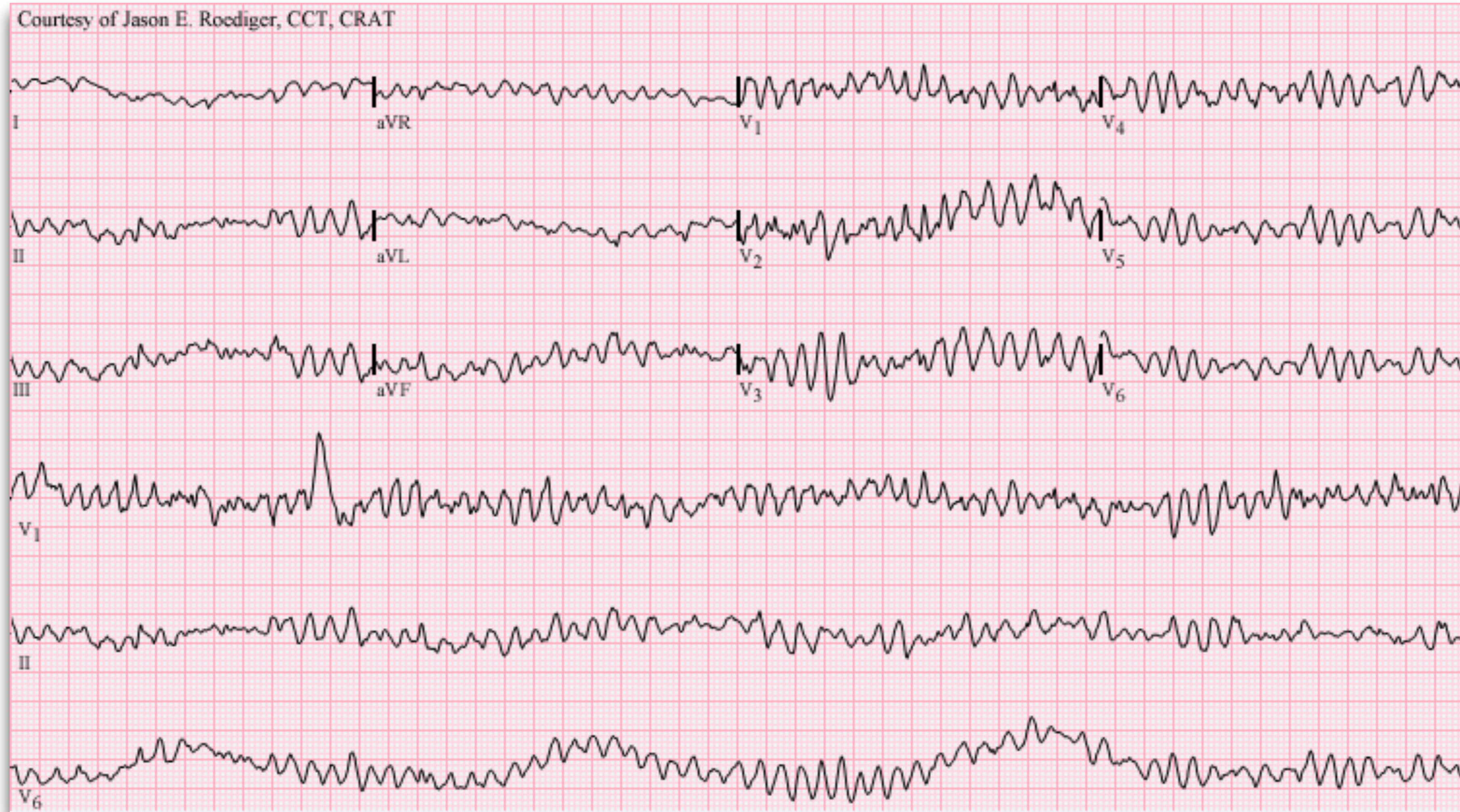
Monomorphic



Polymorphic



ventricular fibrillation



PHYSIO-CONTROL

LIFEPAK 9B CARDIAC MONITOR

HR
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LEAD II
X1.0

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SELECTED

BATT CHRG

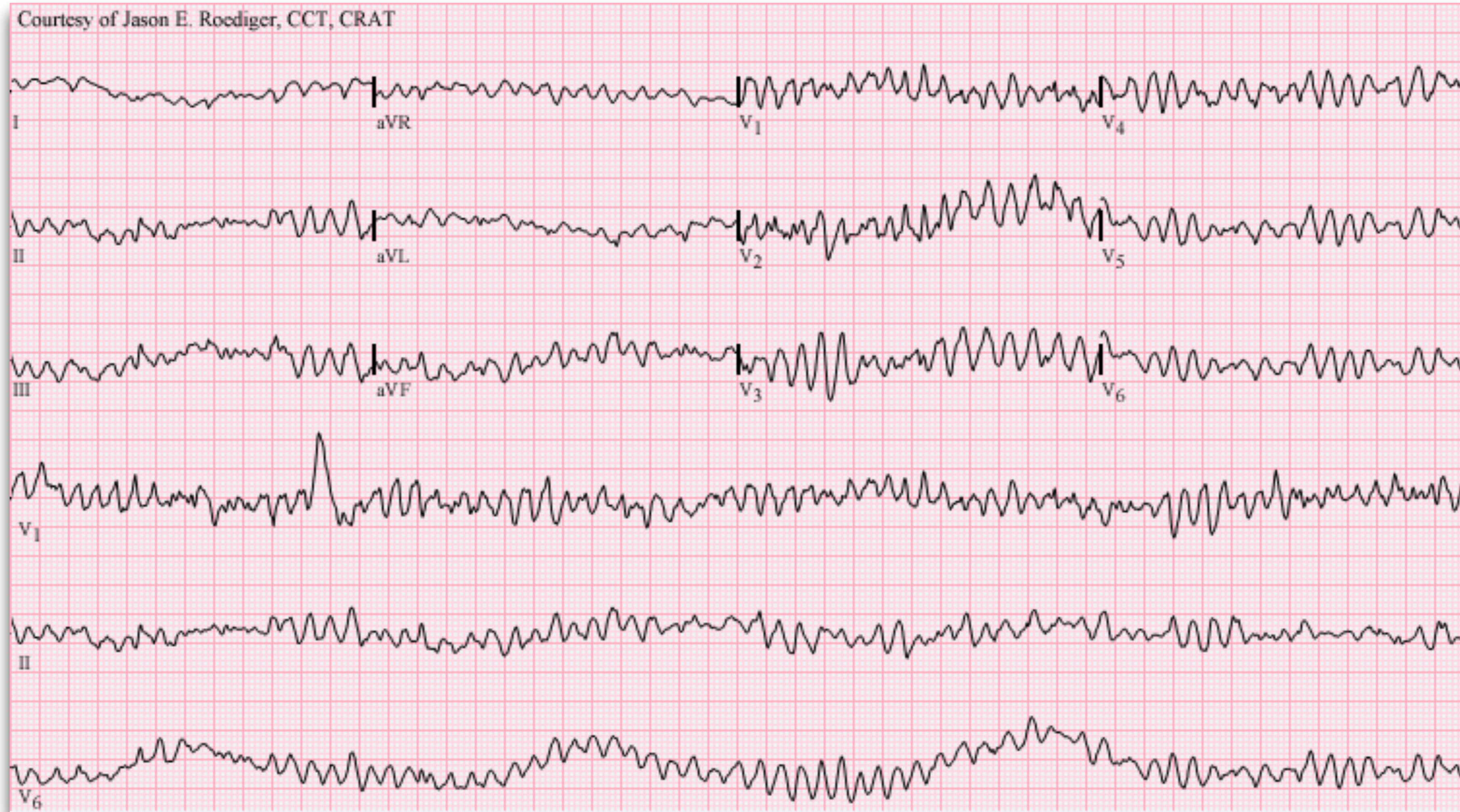
LEAD SELECT

ECG
SIZE

HR ALARM

RECORD

ventricular fibrillation





“Rhythm comes from the body, and timing from the heartbeat. I try to teach this to kids – some get the idea and some don’t”.

Ringo Starr

**CPR ISN'T TAUGHT
IN ALL SCHOOLS.**

IT SHOULD BE.

Thank You

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