

# The risk of AF itself...

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# What is **NOT** a risk of AF?

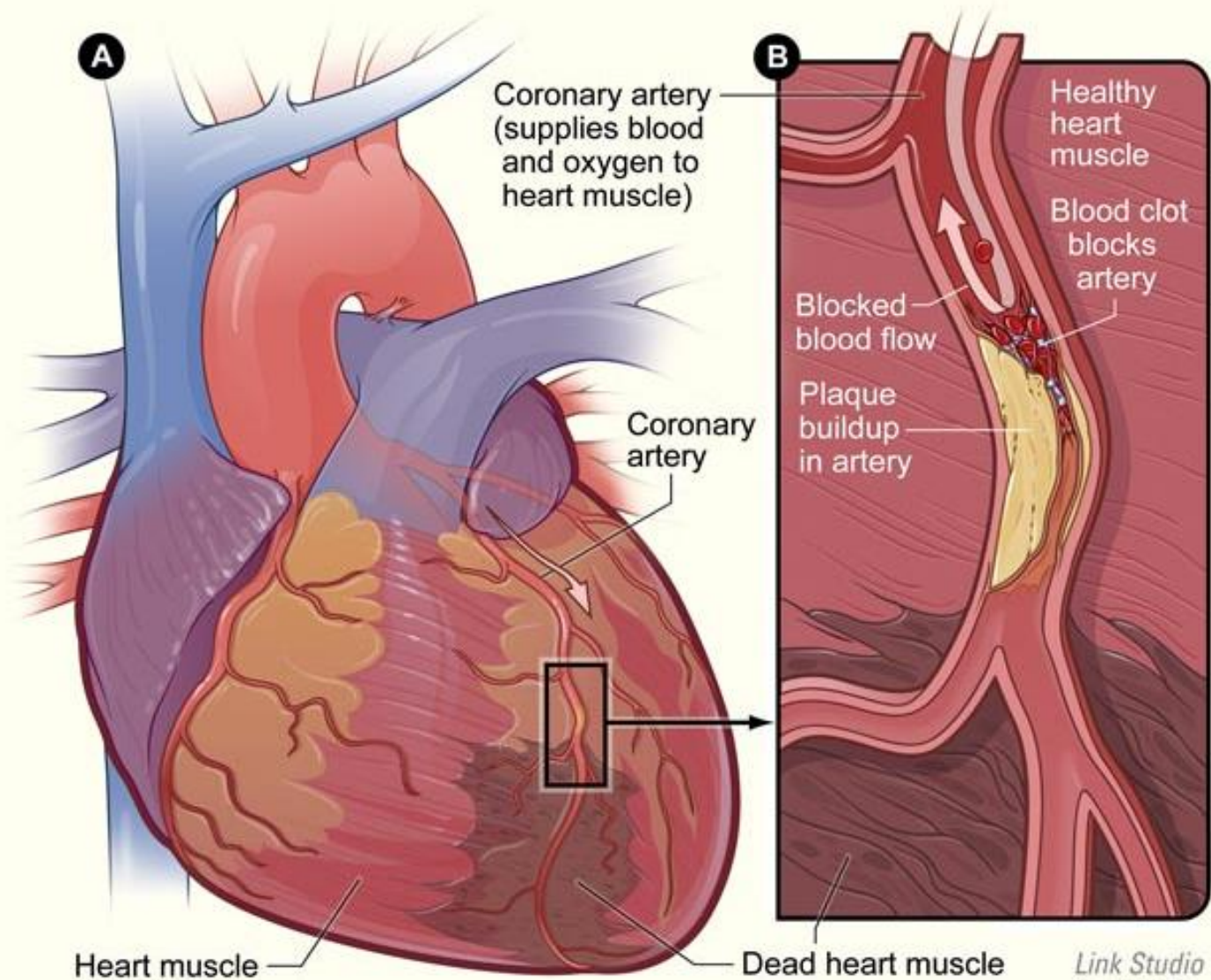


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# NOT a risk of AF



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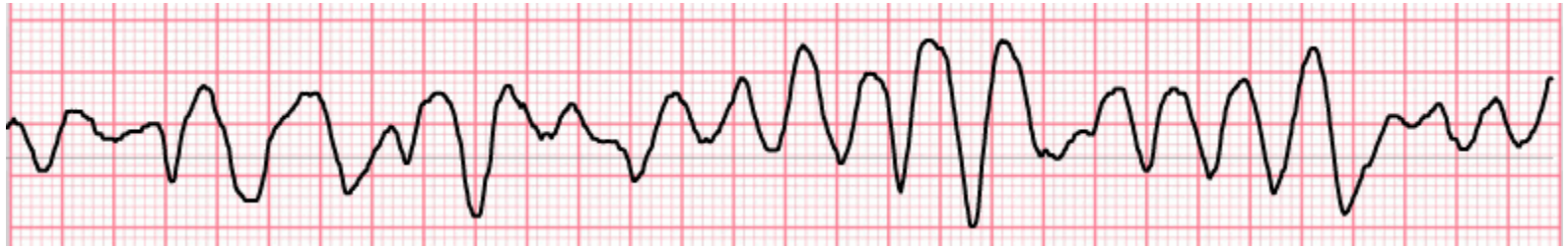




# NOT a risk of AF



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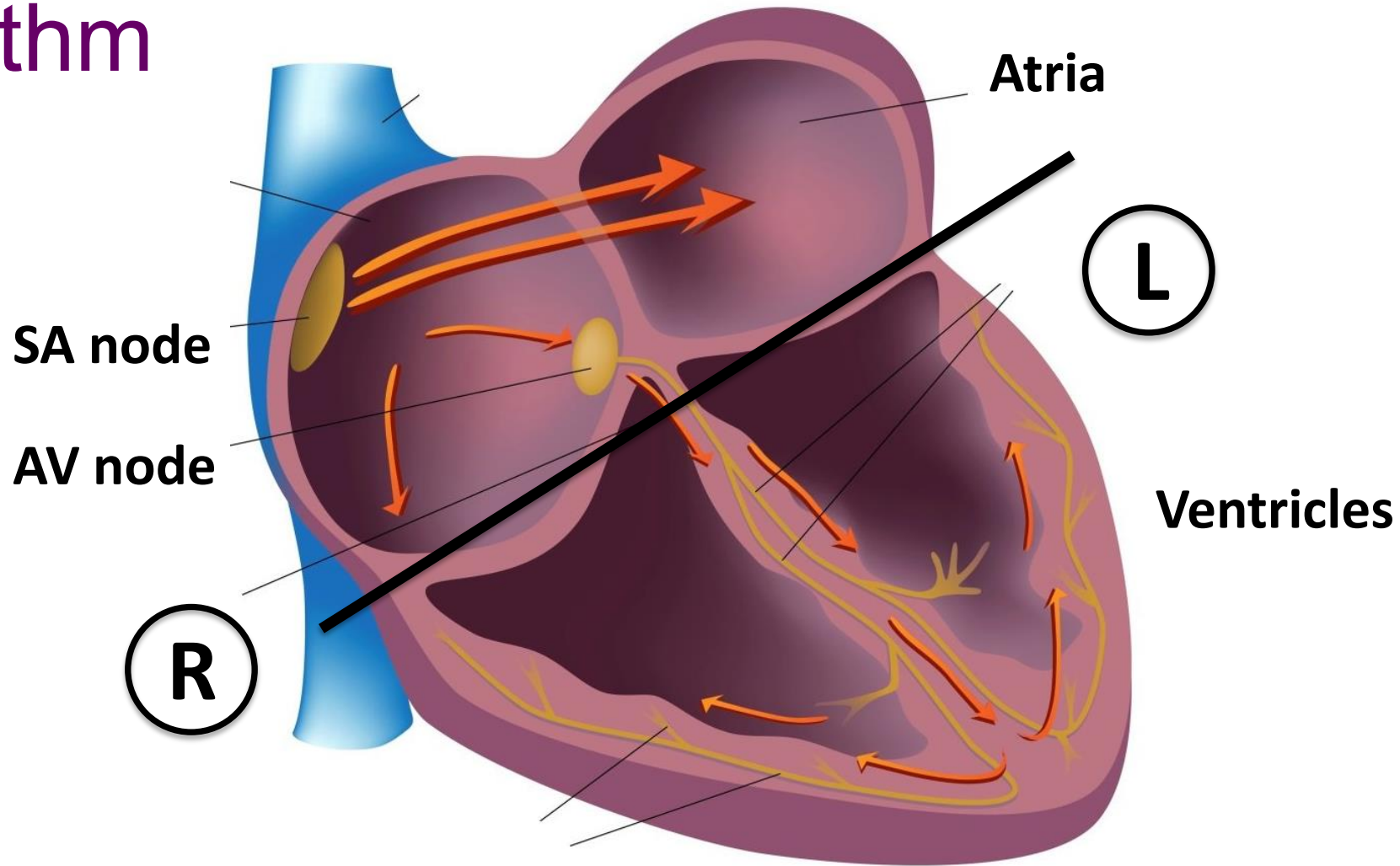
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# What is AF?



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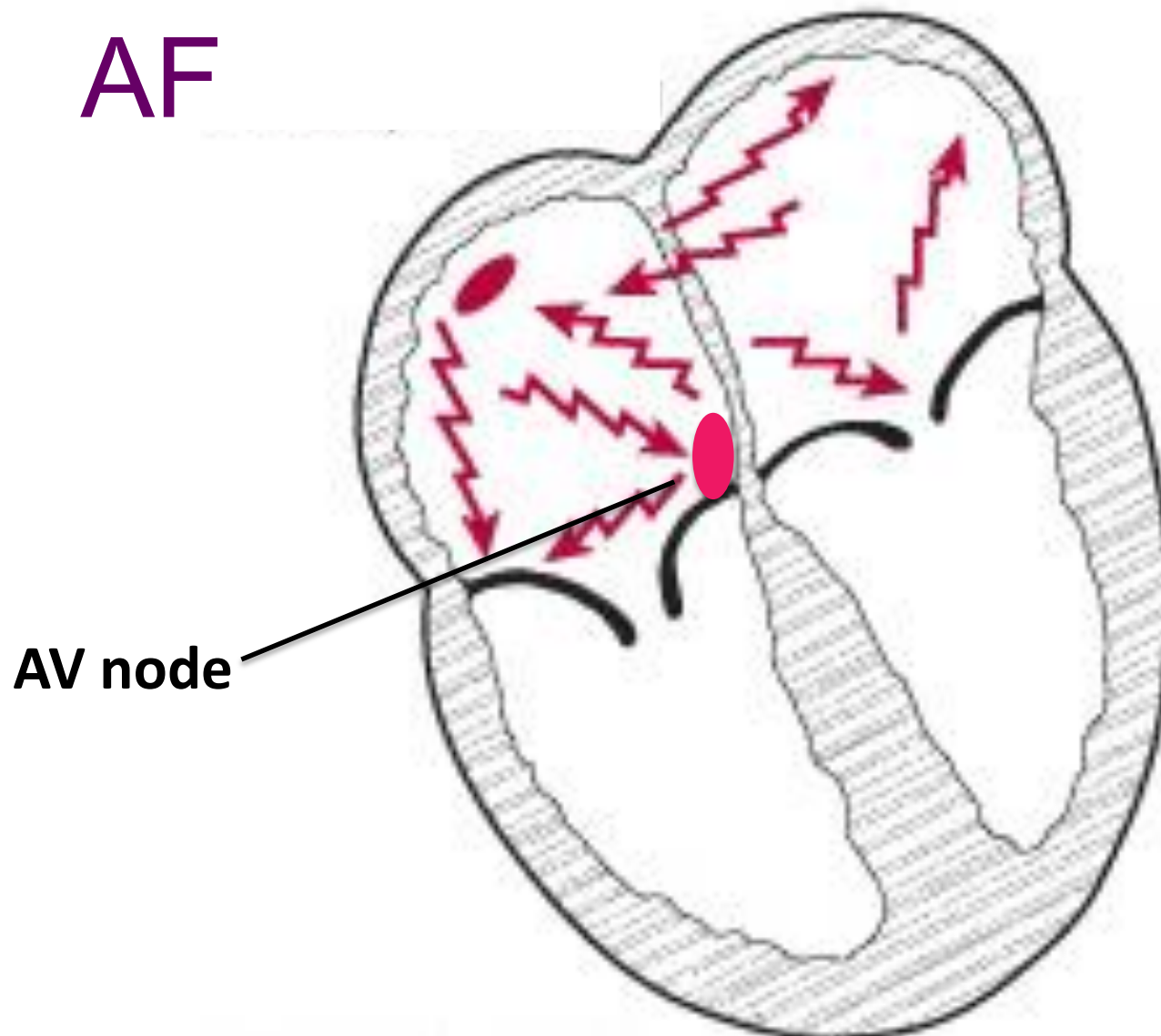
# Normal heart rhythm



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AF



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AF



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# Atrial tachycardia

Includes:

Atrial fibrillation

Atrial flutter

Other atrial tachycardia



**Symptoms  $\neq$  risk!**

**AF affects different  
people very differently**





# Am I going to die because of AF?



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# Stroke

Risk factor	Score
<b>C</b> - Congestive heart failure	1
<b>H</b> - Hypertension	1
<b>A</b> - Age $\geq$ 75 years	2
<b>D</b> - Diabetes mellitus	1
<b>S<sub>2</sub></b> - Prior stroke or TIA	2
<b>V</b> - Vascular disease	1
<b>A</b> - Age 65-74 years	1
<b>Sc</b> - Sex category (female)	1

Score	Risk of stroke each year
0	Close to zero
1	1.3% (1 in 77)
2	2.2% (1 in 45)
3	3.2% (1 in 31)
4	4.0% (1 in 25)
5	6.7% (1 in 15)
6	9.8% (1 in 10)
7	9.6% (1 in 10)
8	6.7% (1 in 15)
9	15.2% (1 in 6)

1. Refining clinical risk stratification for predicting stroke and thromboembolism in atrial fibrillation using a novel risk factor-based approach: the euro heart survey on atrial fibrillation. *Lip et al* [Chest](#). 2010 Feb;137(2):263-72
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# What are the other risks?



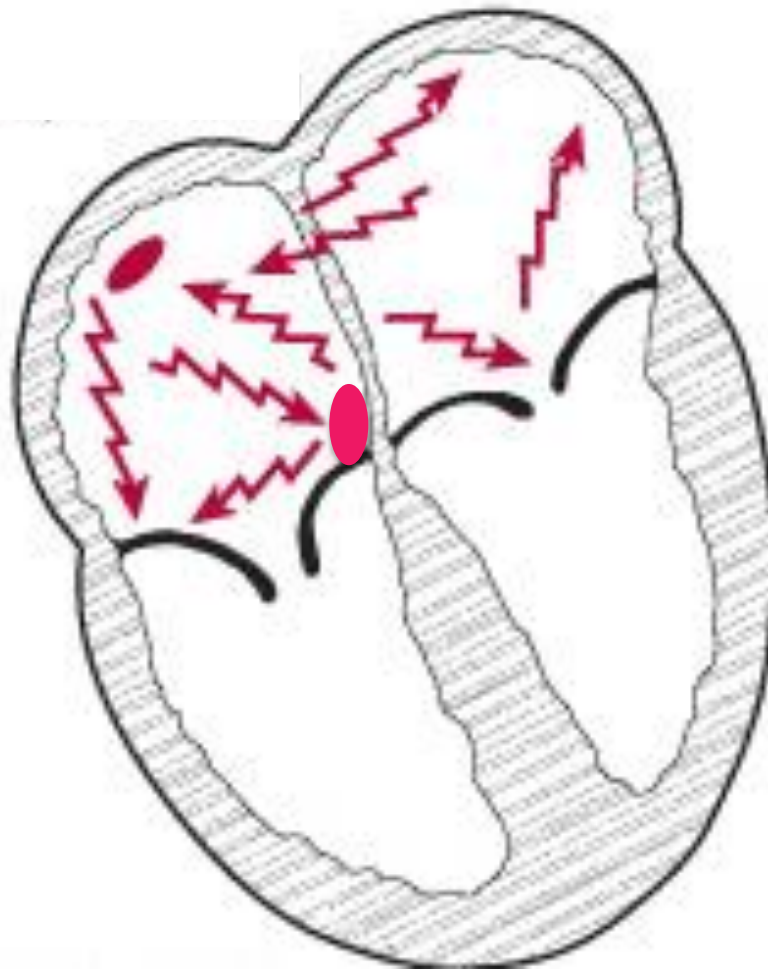
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# What are the other risks?

- Tachycardia-induced problems with the heart or worsening of pre-existing conditions of the heart because of tachycardia





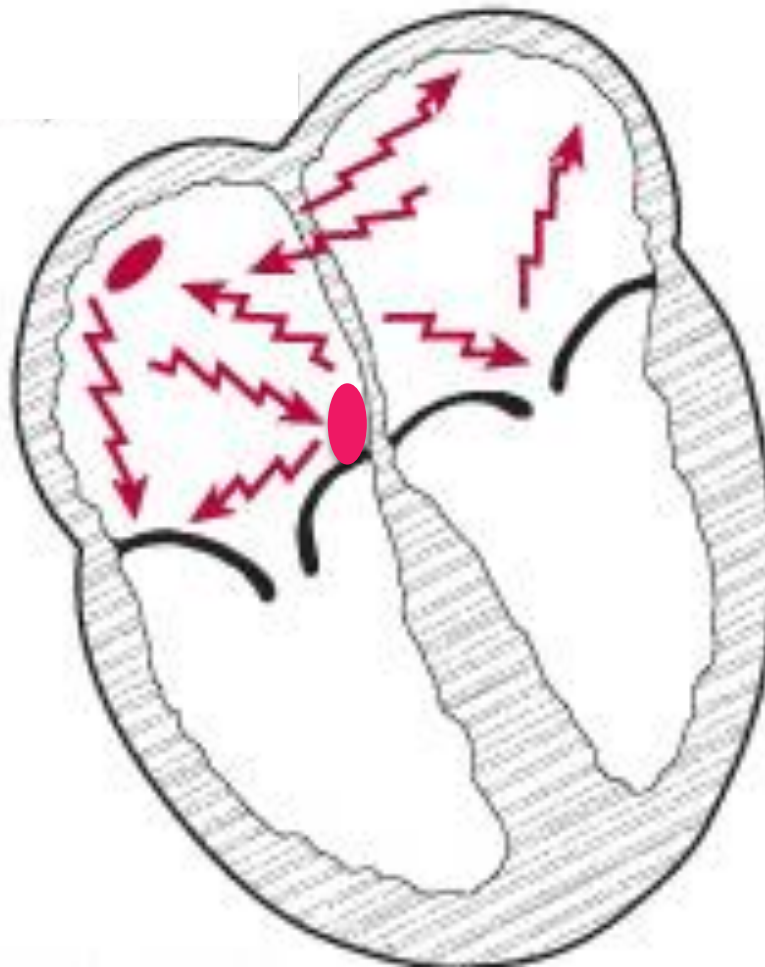


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# What are the other risks?

- Problems/symptoms caused or worsened by impairment of heart filling





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# What are the other risks?

- Psychological and social risks...





# Risk of 'doing things'



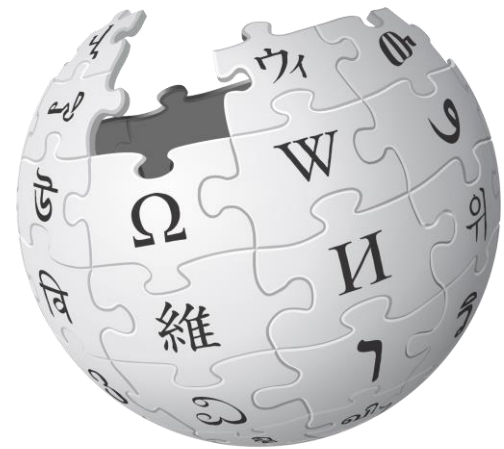
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# Risk to offspring



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# The internet...



**WIKIPEDIA**  
The Free Encyclopedia



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# Questions?

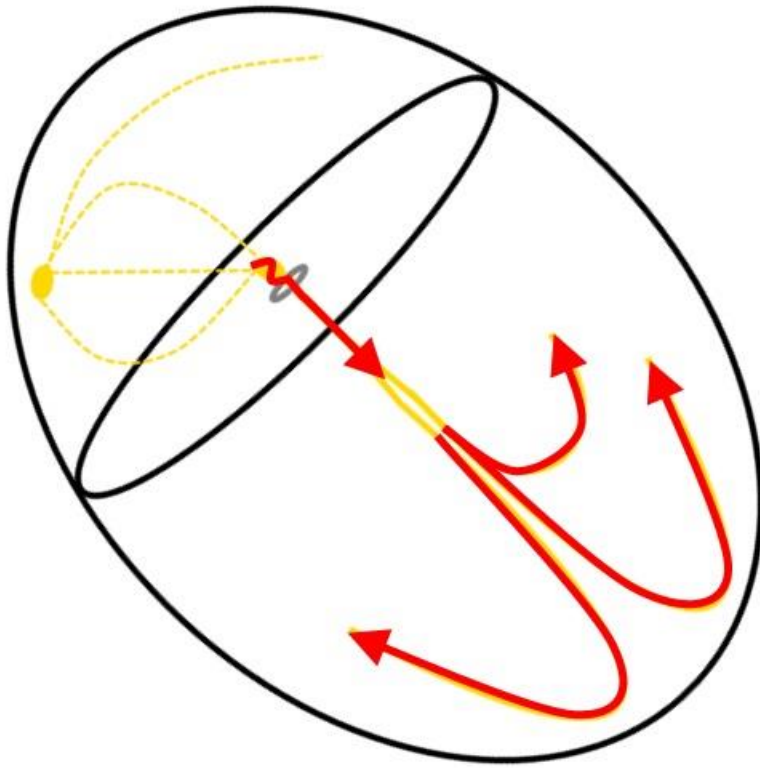


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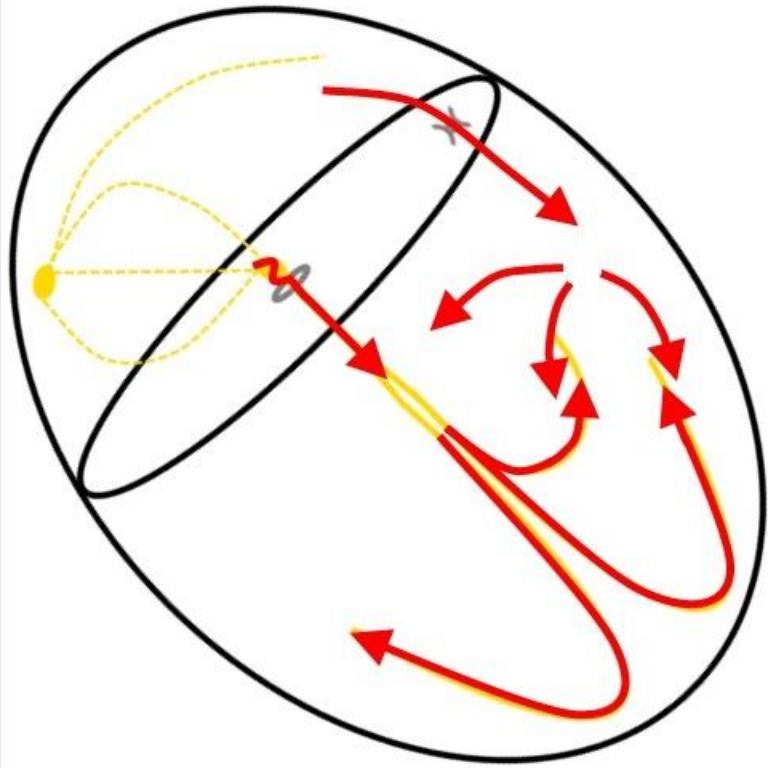




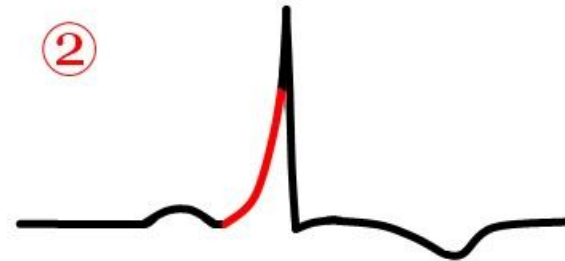
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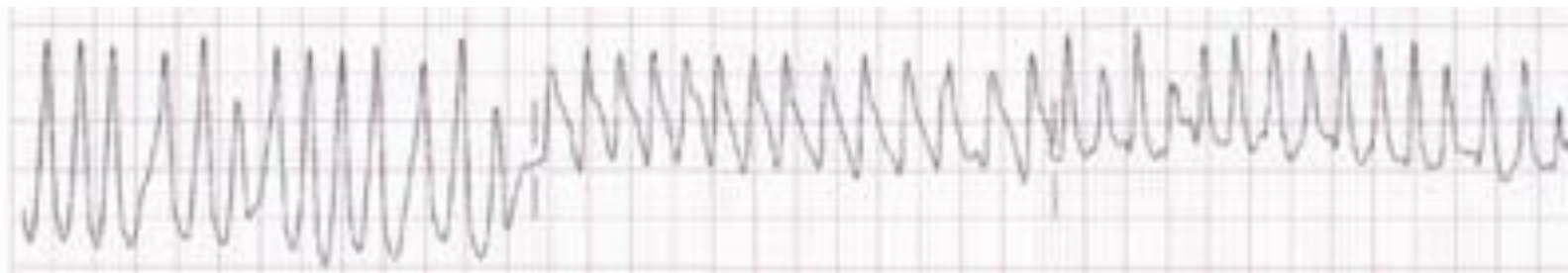
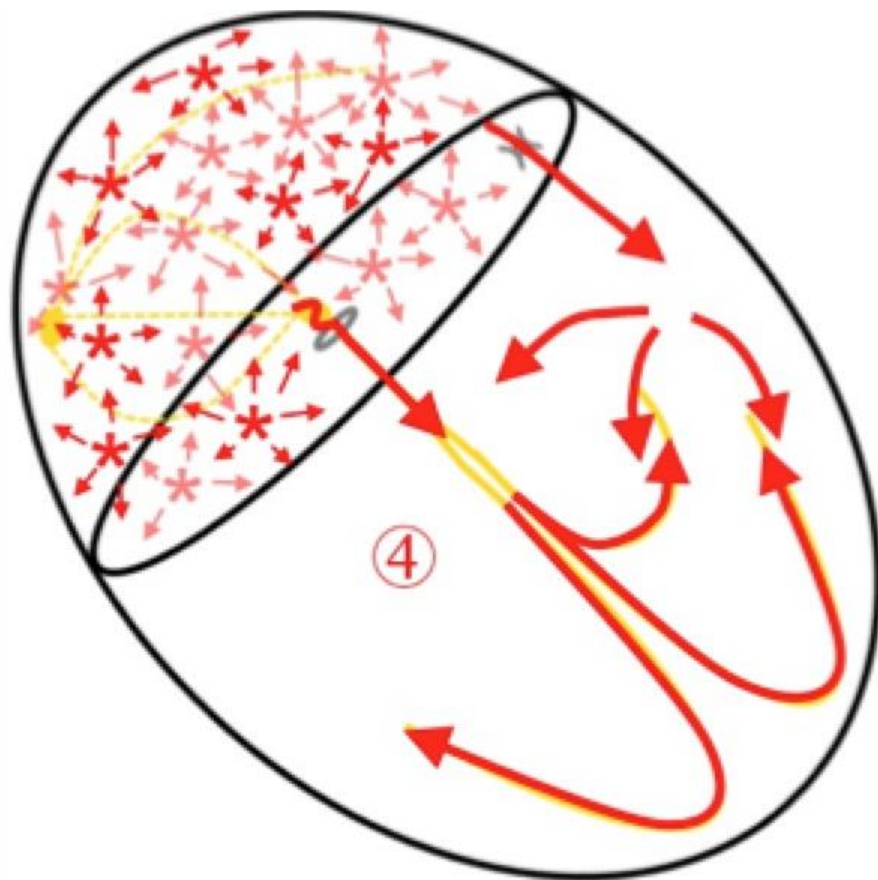
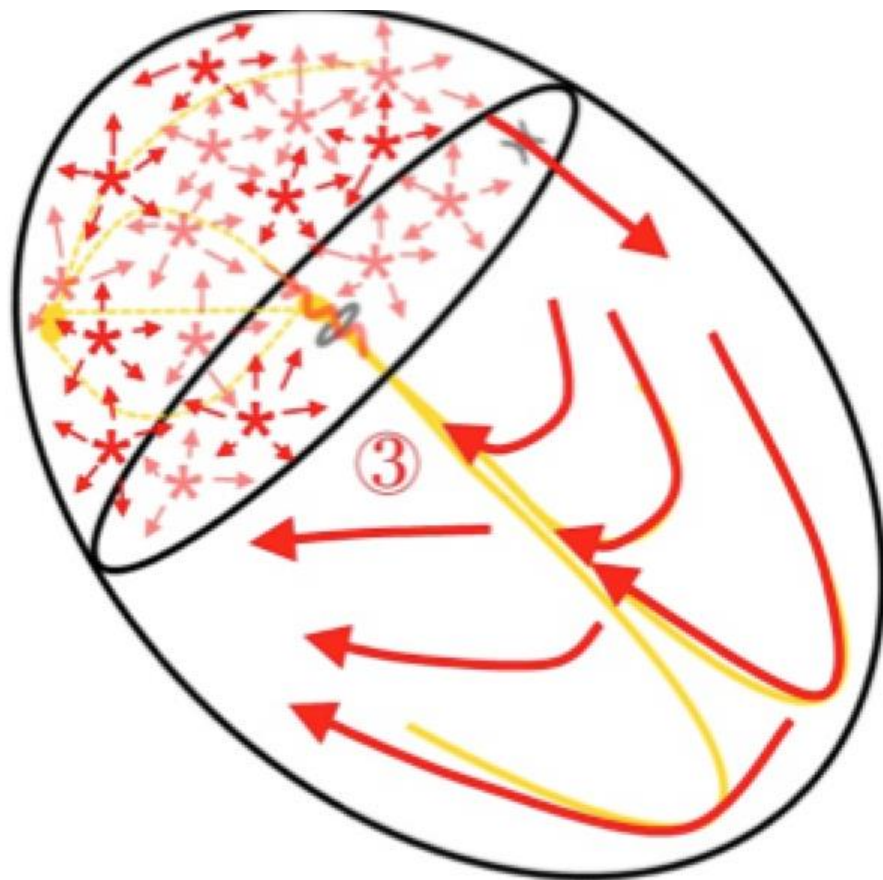
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