

# Computational Modeling of the Cardiovascular System

## Overview

### Introduction to Anatomy

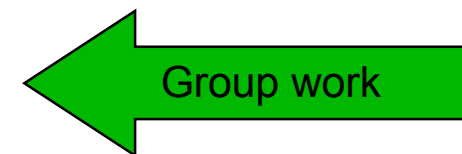
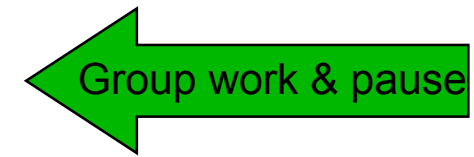
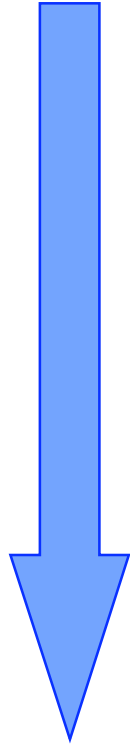


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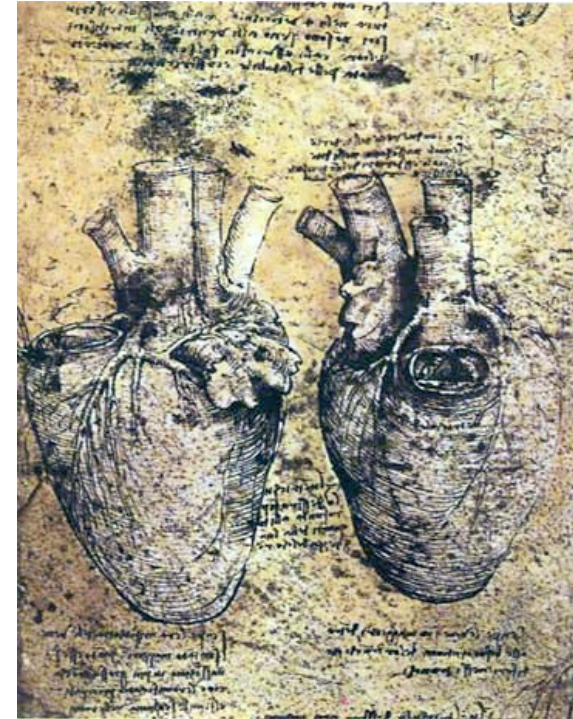
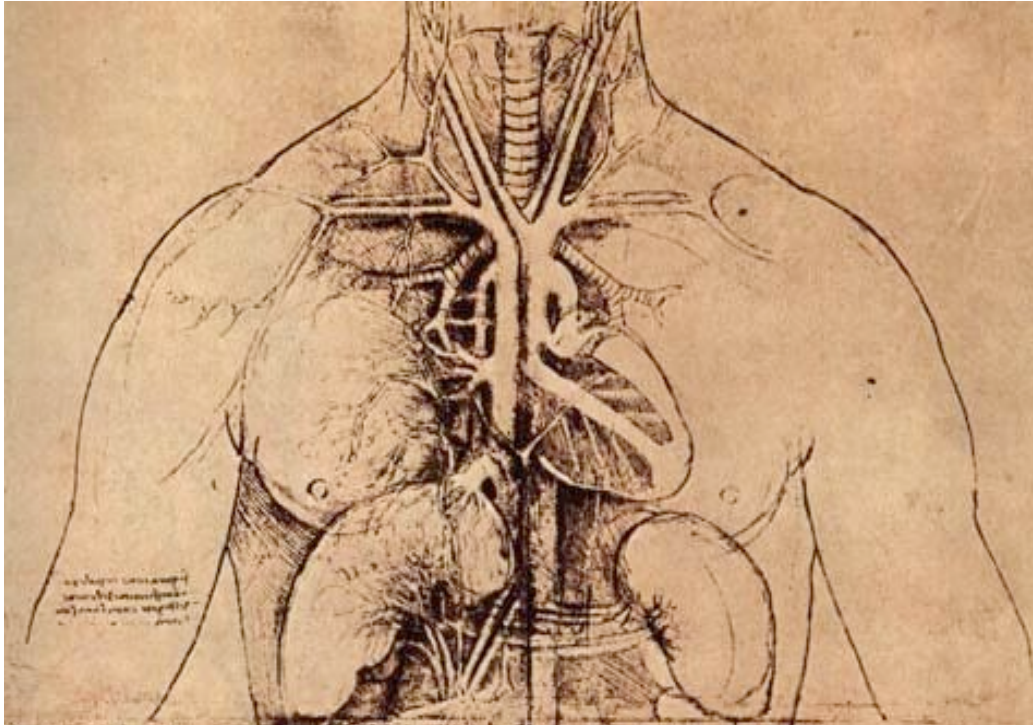
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# Overview

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  - Cellular
  - Molecular
  - Modeling

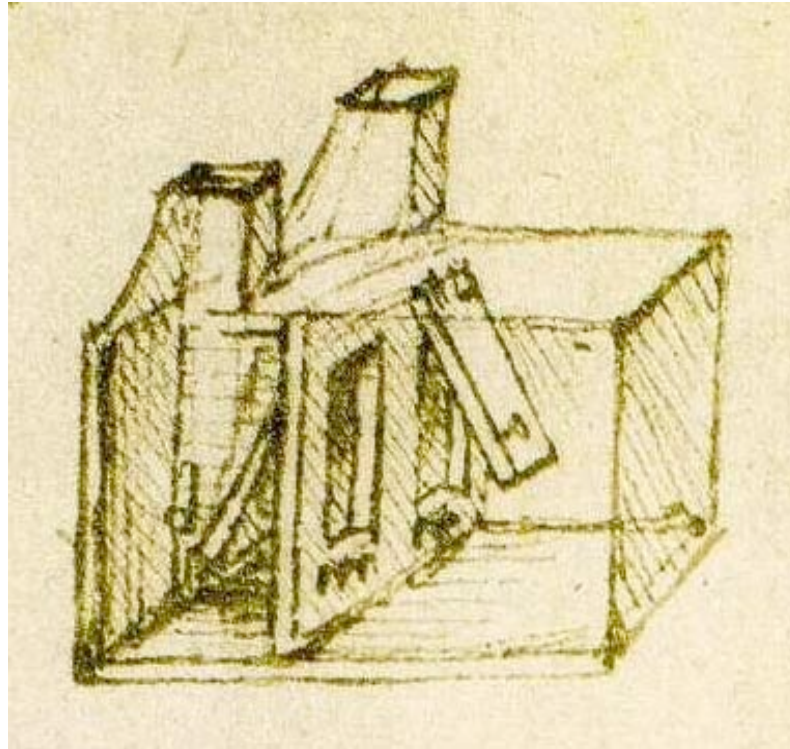


# Anatomical Models of the Heart



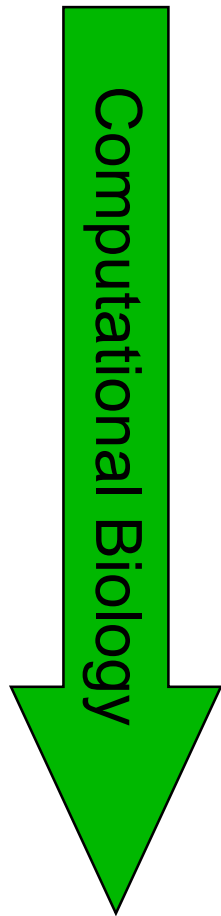
Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Anatomical Handbooks

# Functional Cardiac Model



Leonardo da Vinci, Codex Arundel

## Classification of Lecture



Genome

Proteome

Cell

Tissue

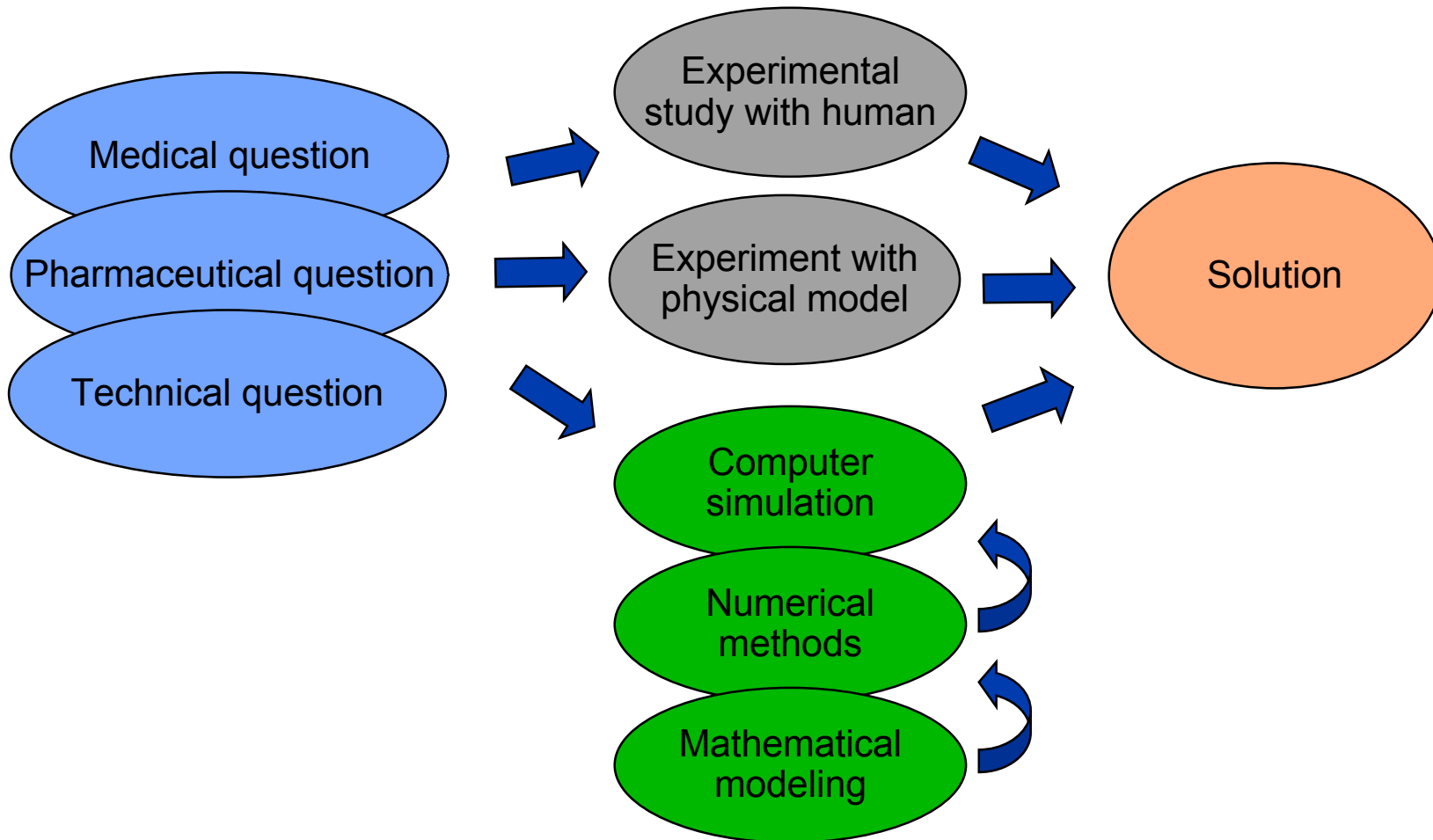
Organ

Body

Lecture covers

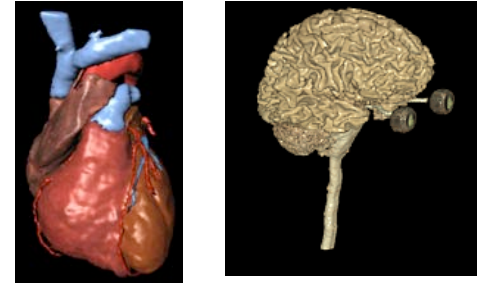
- Anatomy
- Electrophysiology
- Mechanics

# Rationale



# Introduction to Anatomy

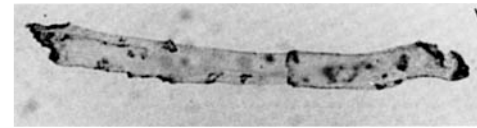
## Macroscopic



## Cellular

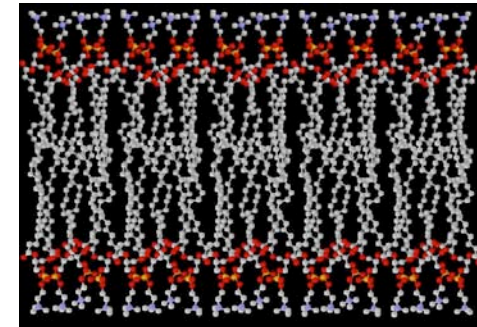
## Molecular

- Membrane
- Ion channels
- Sarcomere proteins



## Modeling

- Analytical
- Imaging and image processing based



# Electrophysiological Modeling of Membranes and Ion Channels

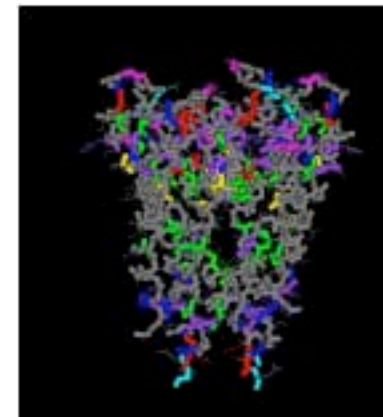
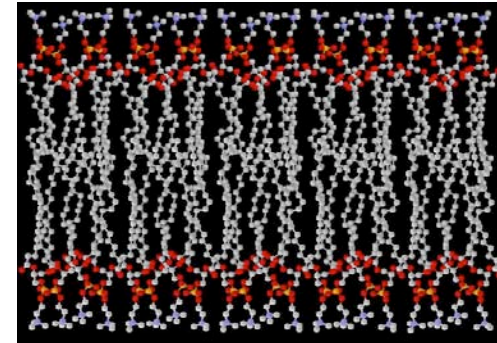
## Membrane models

- Experimental studies
- Molecular structure
- Equivalent circuits

## Ion channel models

- Experimental studies
- Classification
- Molecular structure
- Hodgkin-type models
- Markovian models

## Solving of ordinary differential equations



$$\frac{\partial V_m}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{C_m} (I_m + I_{stim})$$



# Electrophysiological Modeling of Cells

Experimental studies

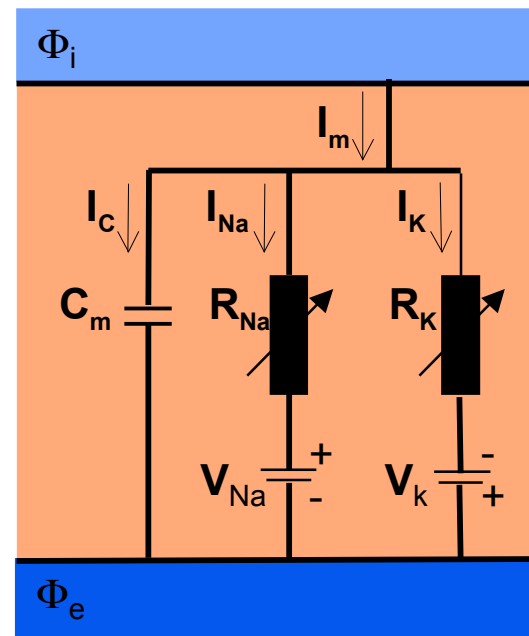
Modeling of membranes

Hodgkin-Huxley membrane model

Modeling of cardiac myocytes

Numerical Methods

- Euler
- Runge-Kutta



# Modeling of Electrical Conduction in Cardiac Tissue

## Experimental studies

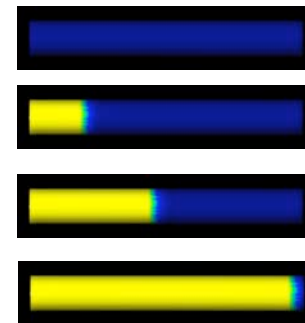
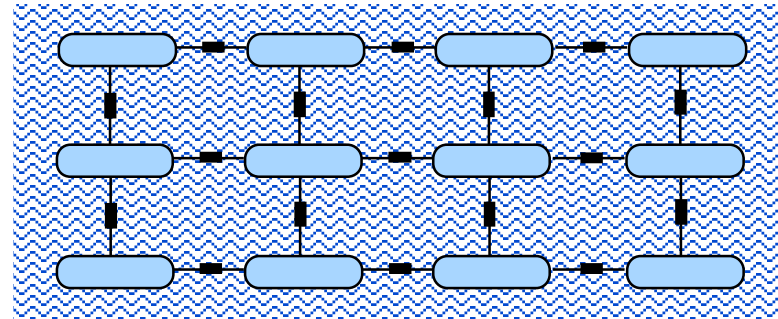
## Gap Junctions

## Modeling Approaches

- Cellular automata
- Reaction diffusion equations

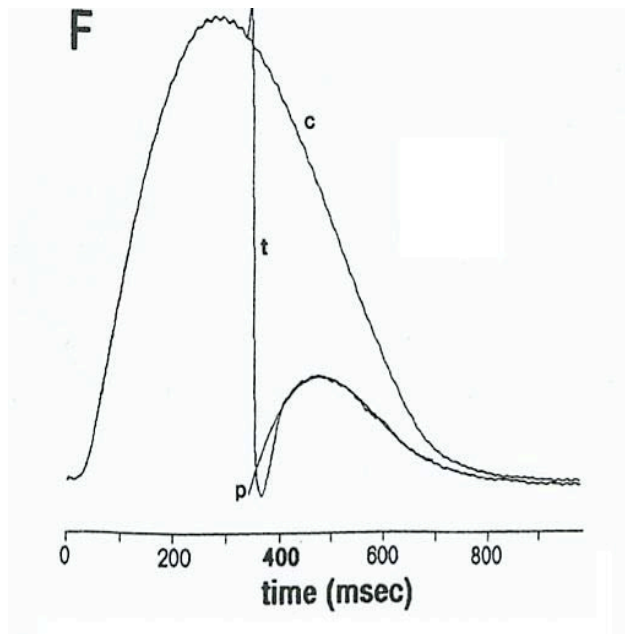
## Numerical Methods

- Finite element methods
- Finite difference methods

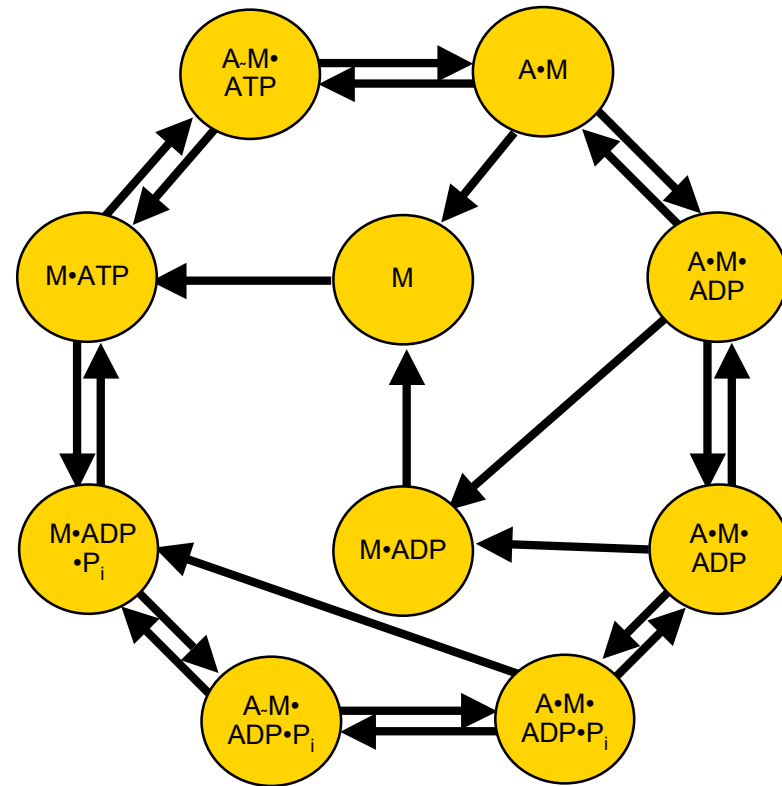


# Modeling of Force in Myocytes

## Experimental studies approaches



## Modeling and numerical



# Mechanical Modeling of Tissue

Experimental studies

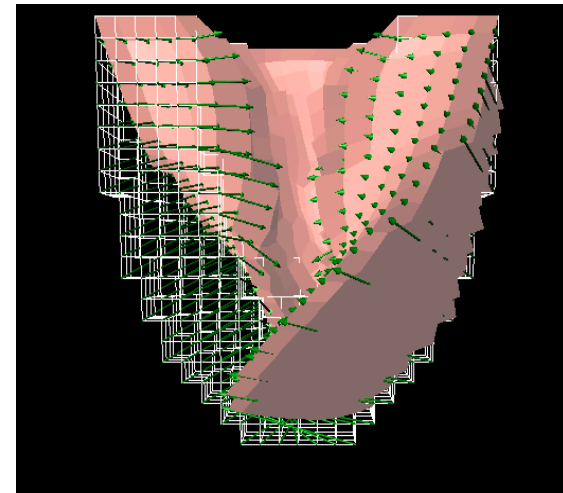
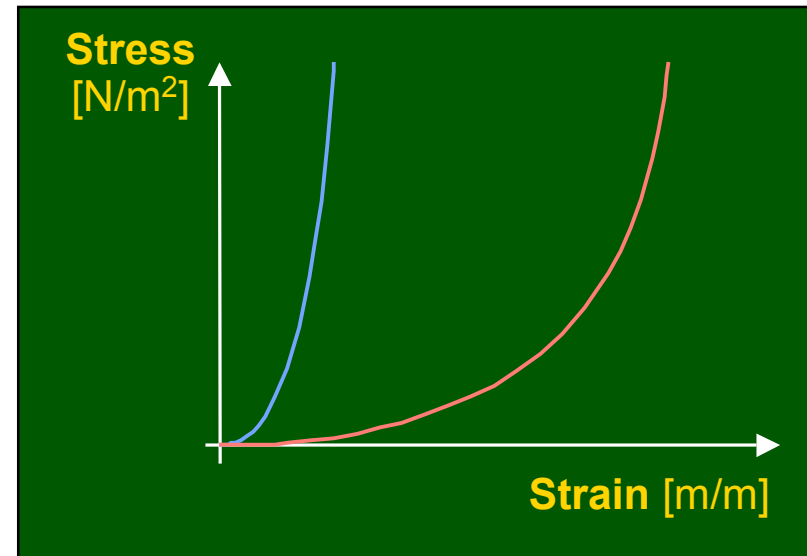
Definitions and physical laws

Strain and stress tensors

Constitutive relationships

**Numerical Methods**

- Finite element methods
- Finite difference methods

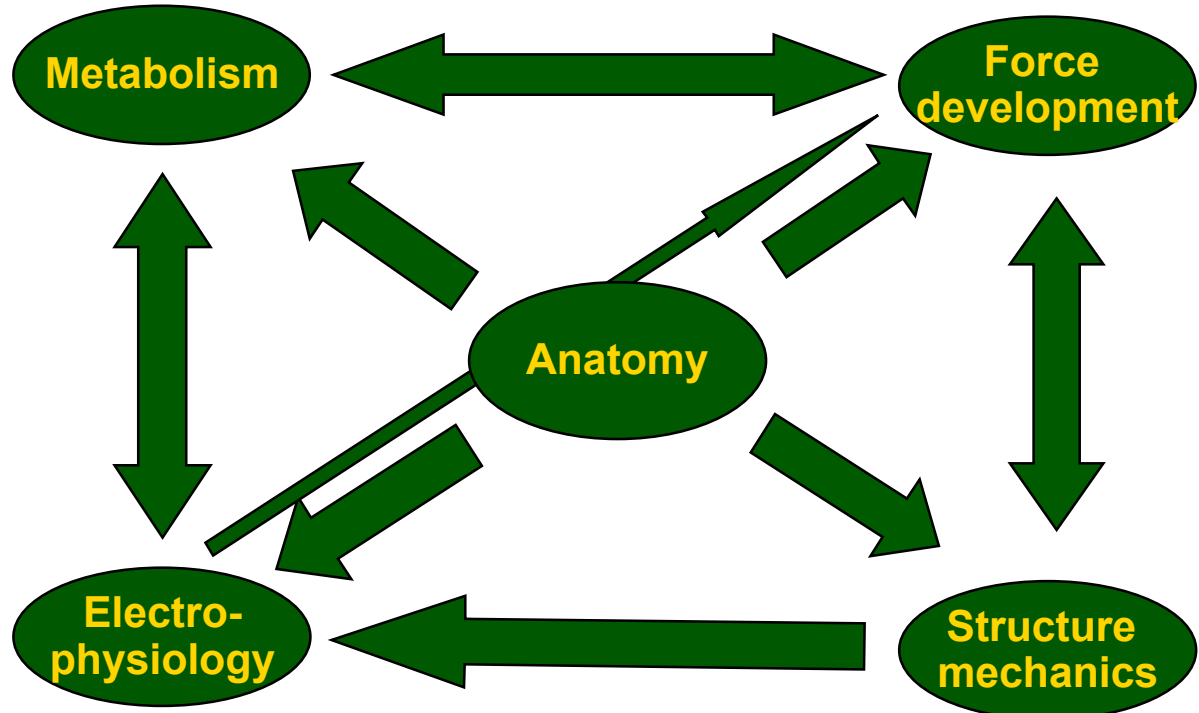


# Integration and Coupling of Models

Experimental studies

Modules

Interfaces



# Material

## Literature

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**Ion Channels of Excitable Membranes**

Sinauer Associates

Lodish et al.

**Cell Biology**

WH Freeman and Company

Sachse

**Computational Cardiology**

LNCS 2966, Springer Press

Malmivuo, Plonsey

**Bioelectromagnetism**

Oxford University Press

<http://butler.cc.tut.fi/~malmivuo/bem/bembook/>

Bathe

**Finite Element Procedures**

Prentice Hall

Buchanan

**Schaum's outlines: Finite Element Analysis**

## Slides

<http://www.cvrti.utah.edu/~fs/lessons/rgj>



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# Grading

## 50% Homework

- 3 assignments
- Work on your project individually
- Ask, if you should get stuck is unclear via email to [fs@cvrti.utah.edu](mailto:fs@cvrti.utah.edu)
- Send reports with results via email before 1. May 2006 to [fs@cvrti.utah.edu](mailto:fs@cvrti.utah.edu)  
Include figures and data tables.  
The material should be sufficient to reconstruct results.

## 50% Written Exam

- Date: 23.5.2007

## Group Work

Discuss the role of computational modeling and simulation in other fields.

Which products are developed with help of modeling and simulation?

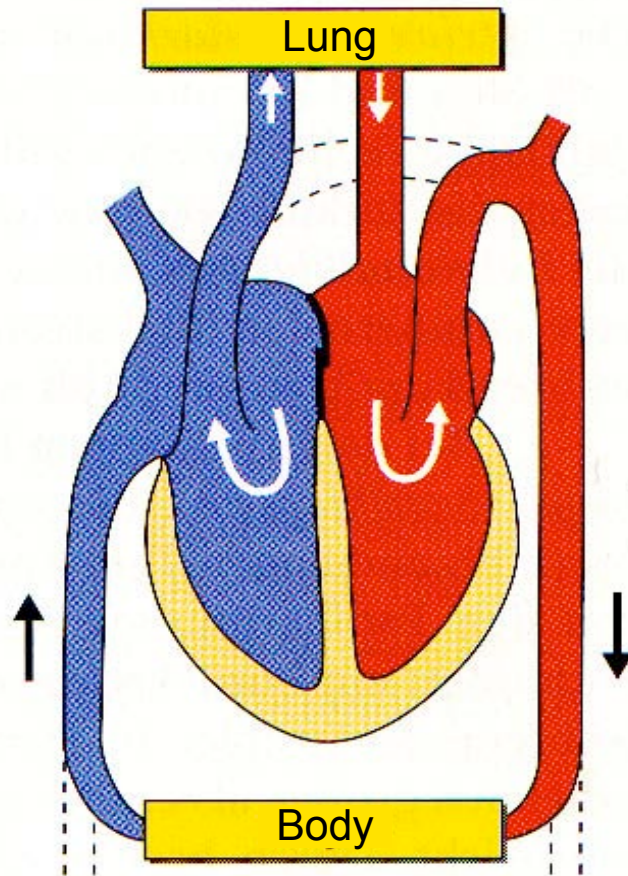
What is necessary to make modeling and simulation useful?

What are alternatives to modeling and simulation in medicine?





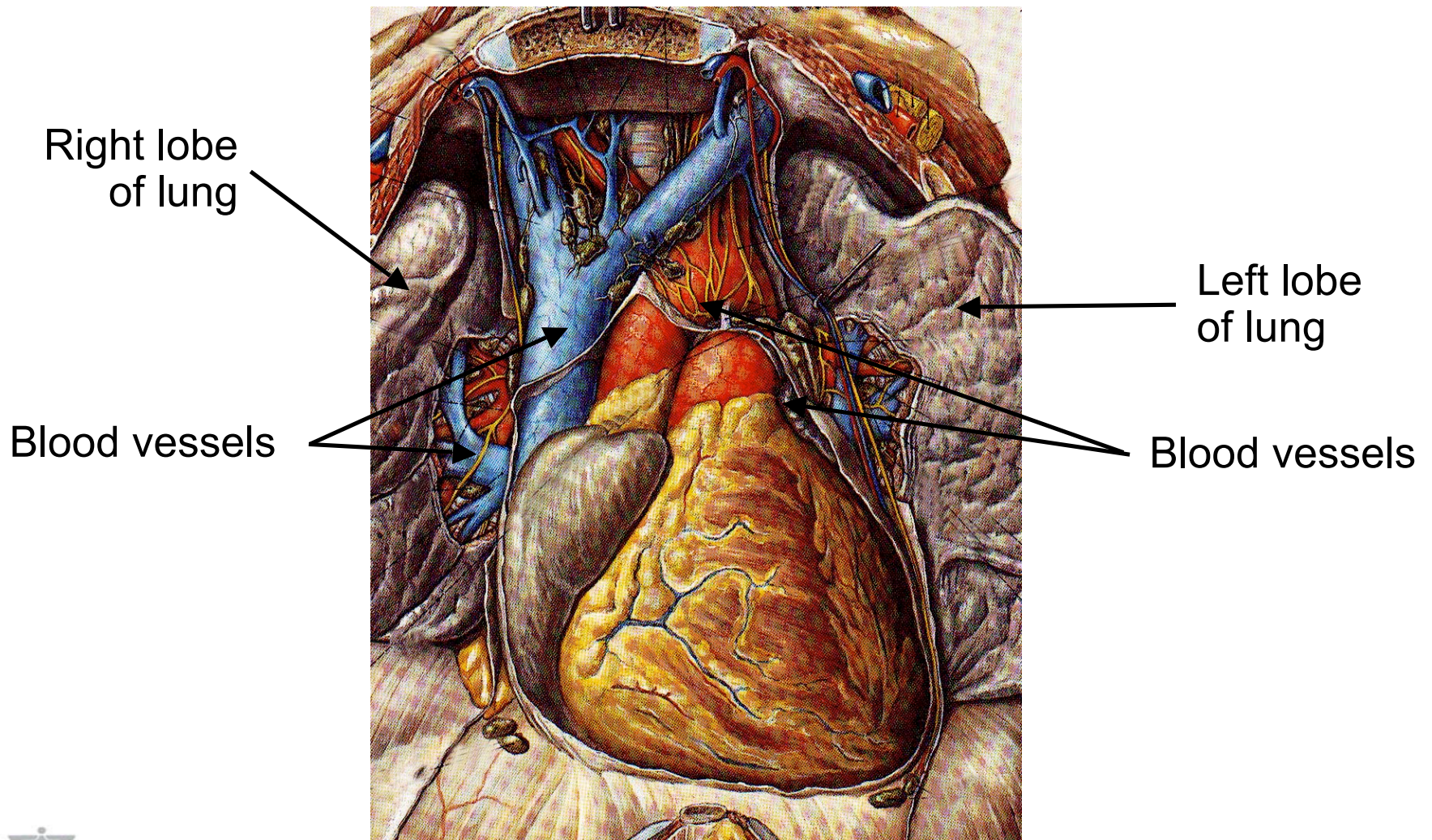
# Cardiovascular System



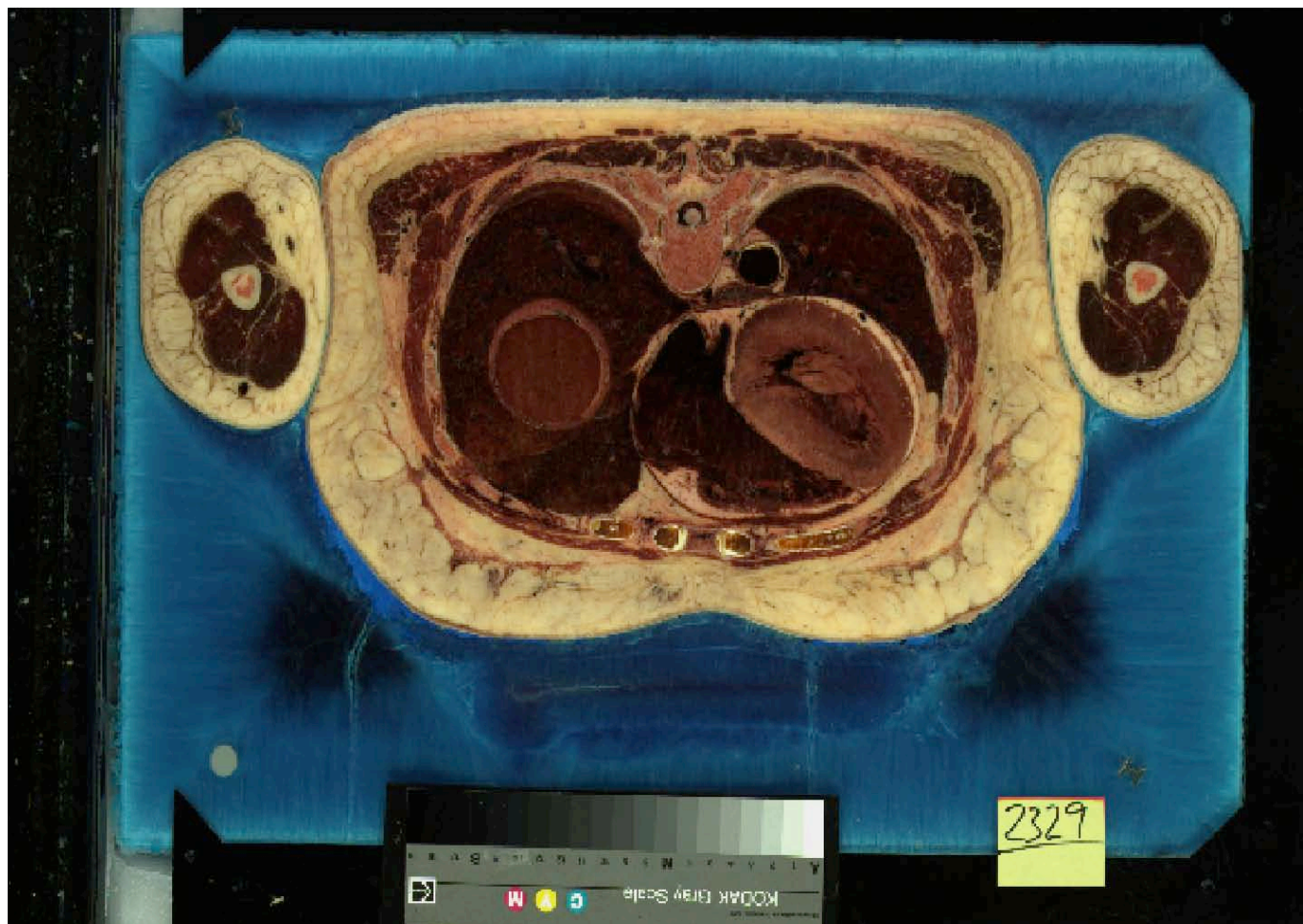
## Mammalian heart

- central component of cardiovascular system
- mostly composed of muscle
- connected to blood vessels
- transports blood to/from body and lung
- autonomous function, but modulated by nervous system
- divided in two subsystems, left and right, each consisting of atrium and ventricle

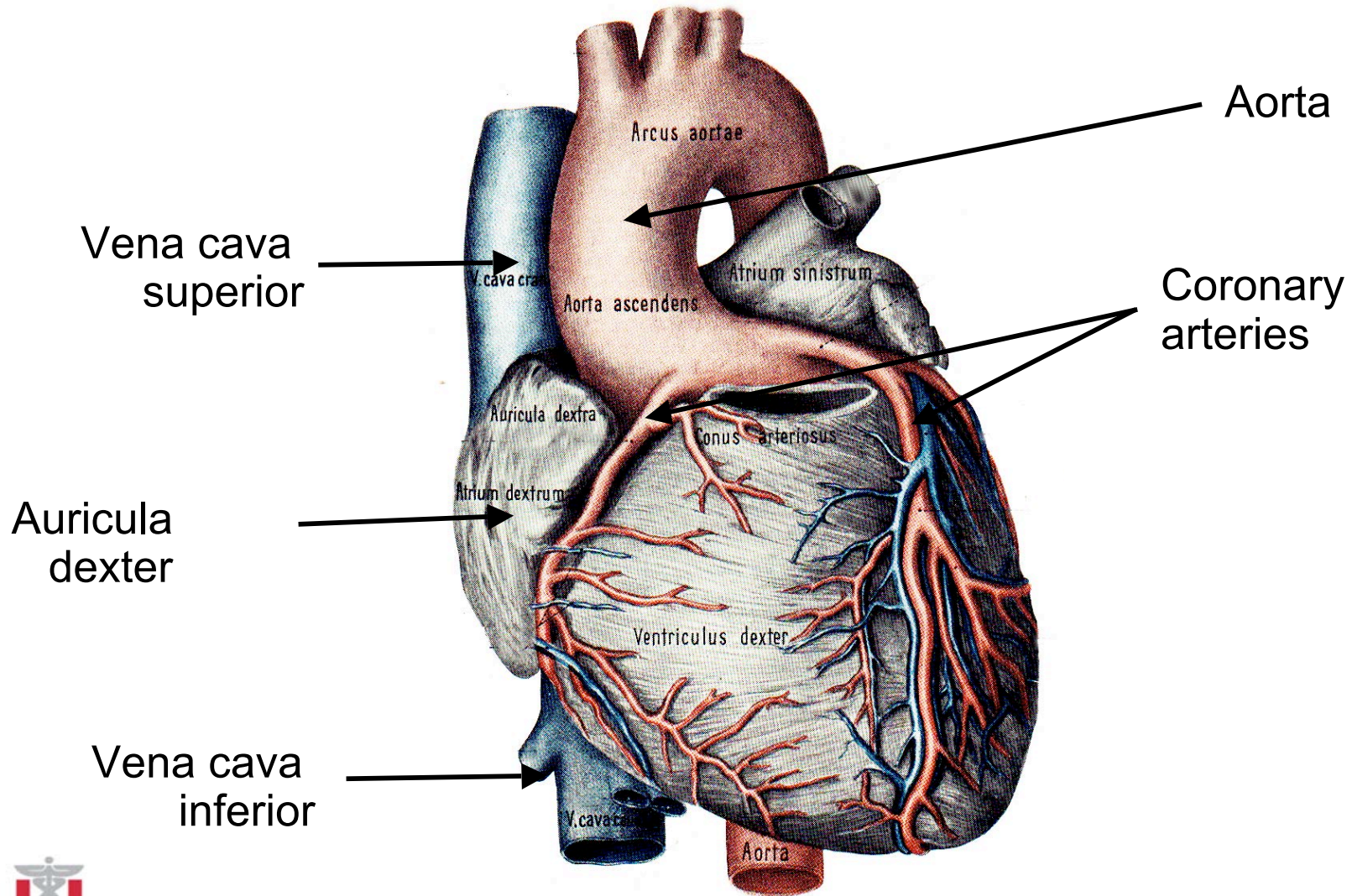
# Heart in Thorax



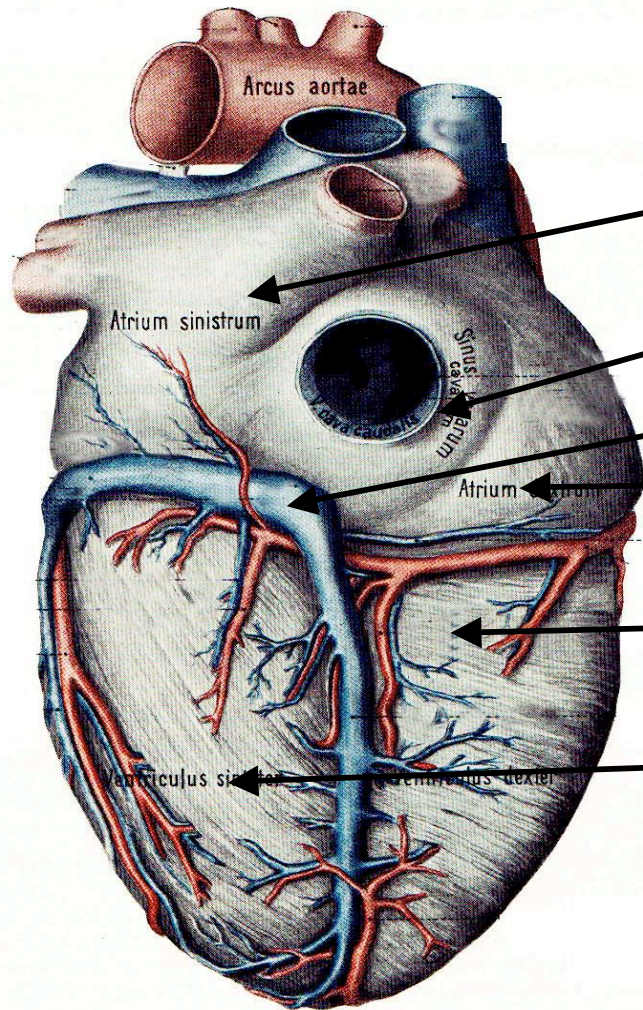
## Horizontal Cut Through Thorax



# Heart From Right Side



# Heart from Dorsal



Left atrium

Vena cava inferior

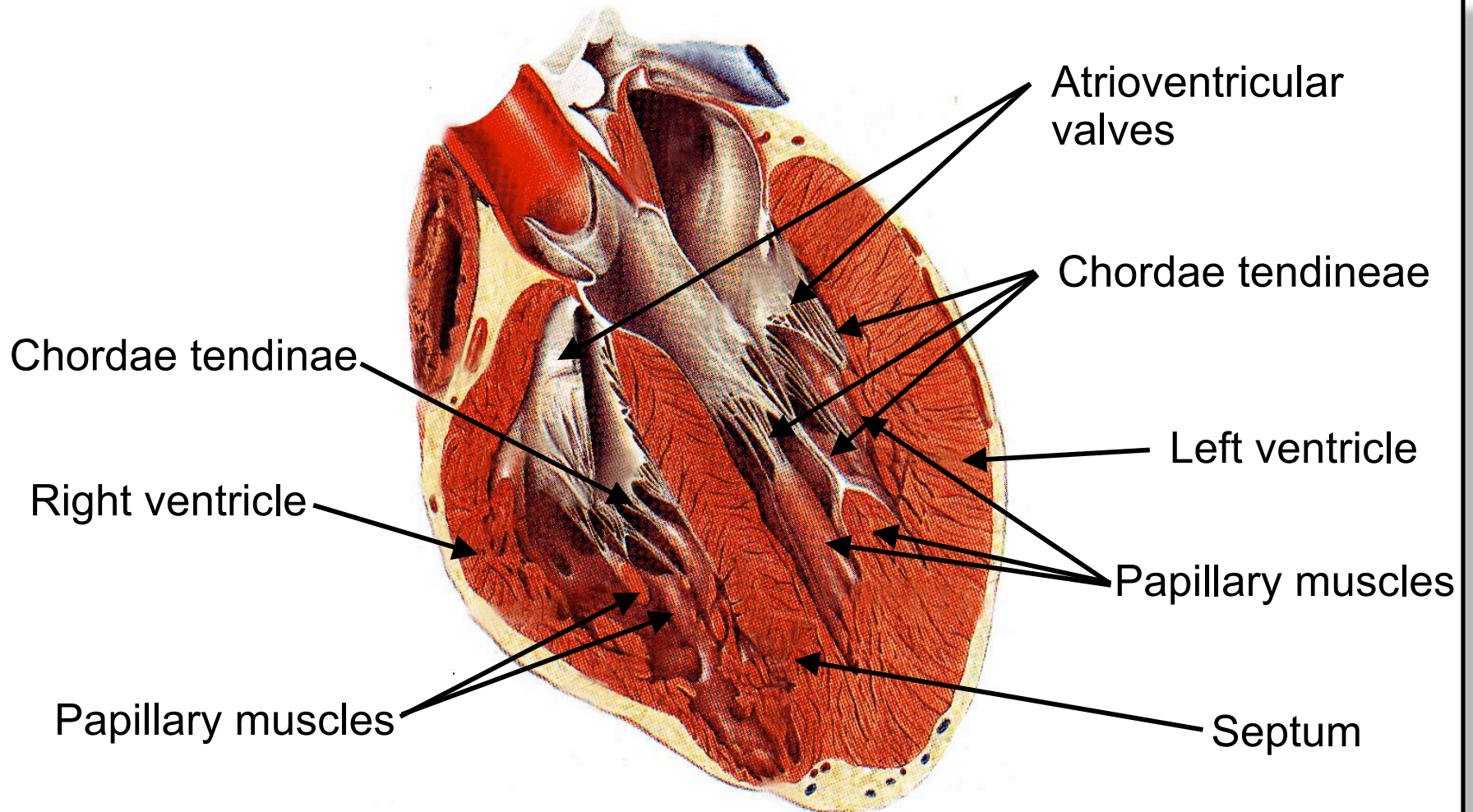
Sinus coronarius

Right atrium

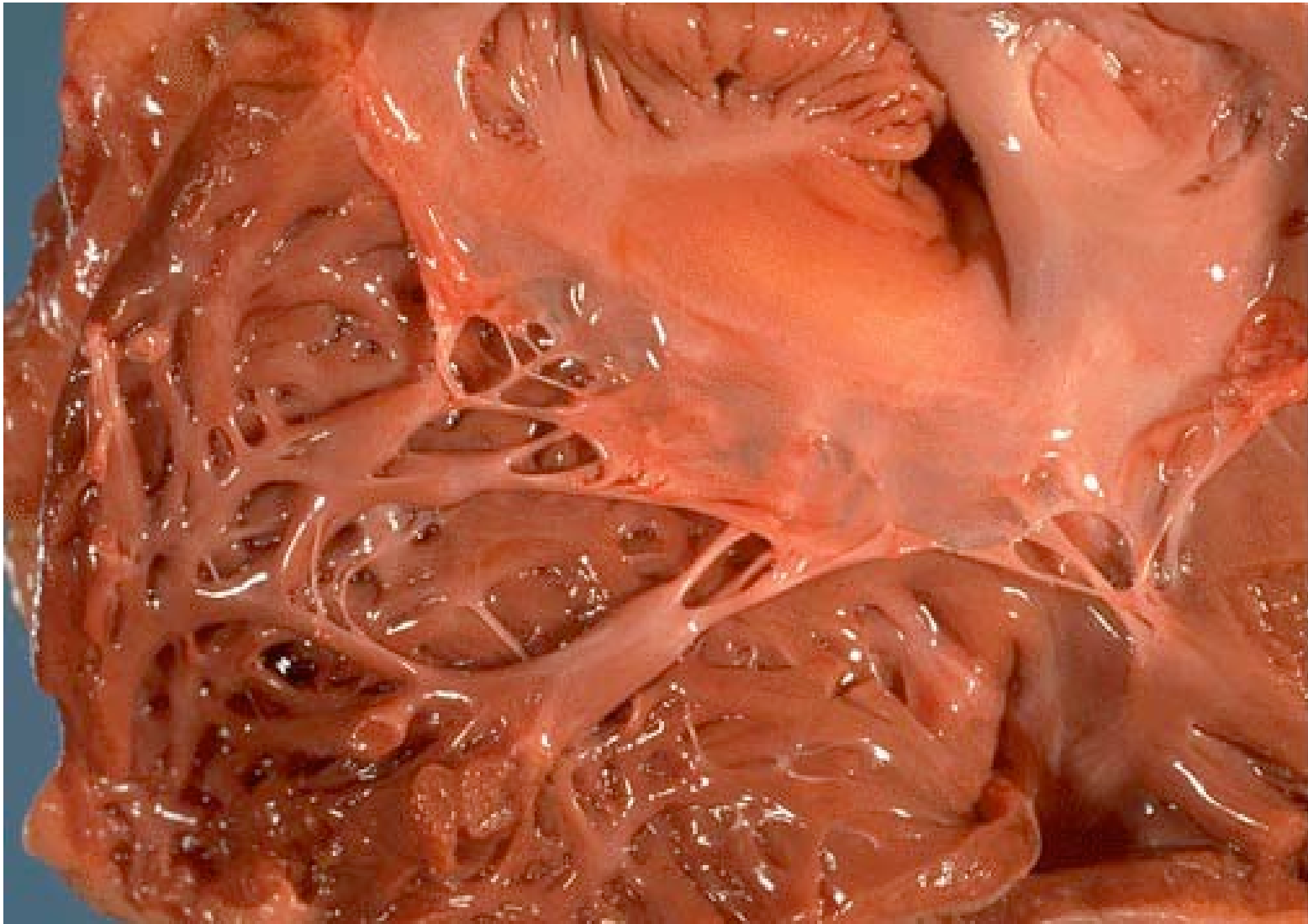
Right ventricle

Left ventricle

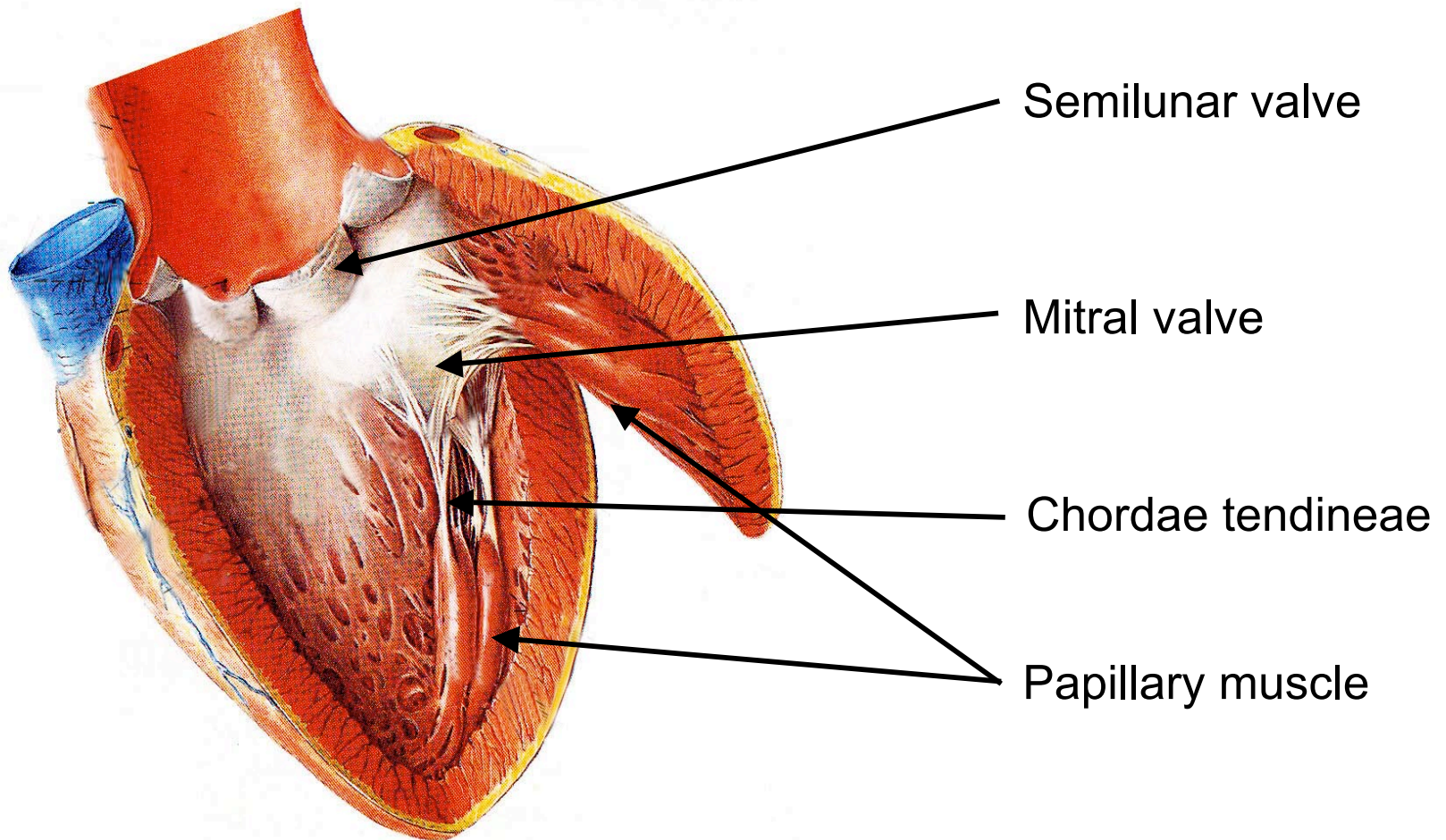
## Left and Right Ventricle



## Opened Right Ventricle with Valve and Papillary Muscles

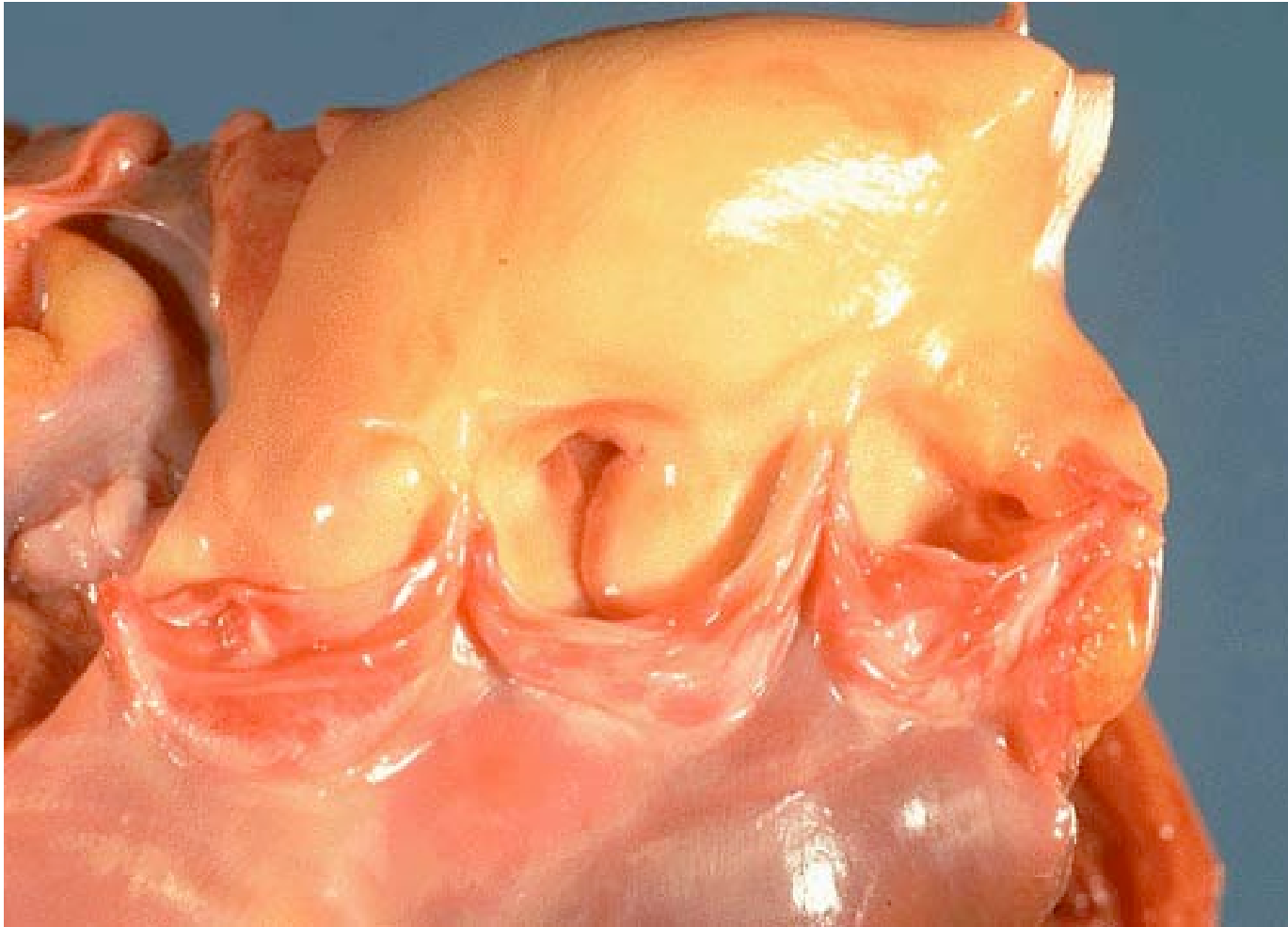


## Opened Left Ventricle





# Semilunar Valve



## Opened Right Atrium and Ventricle

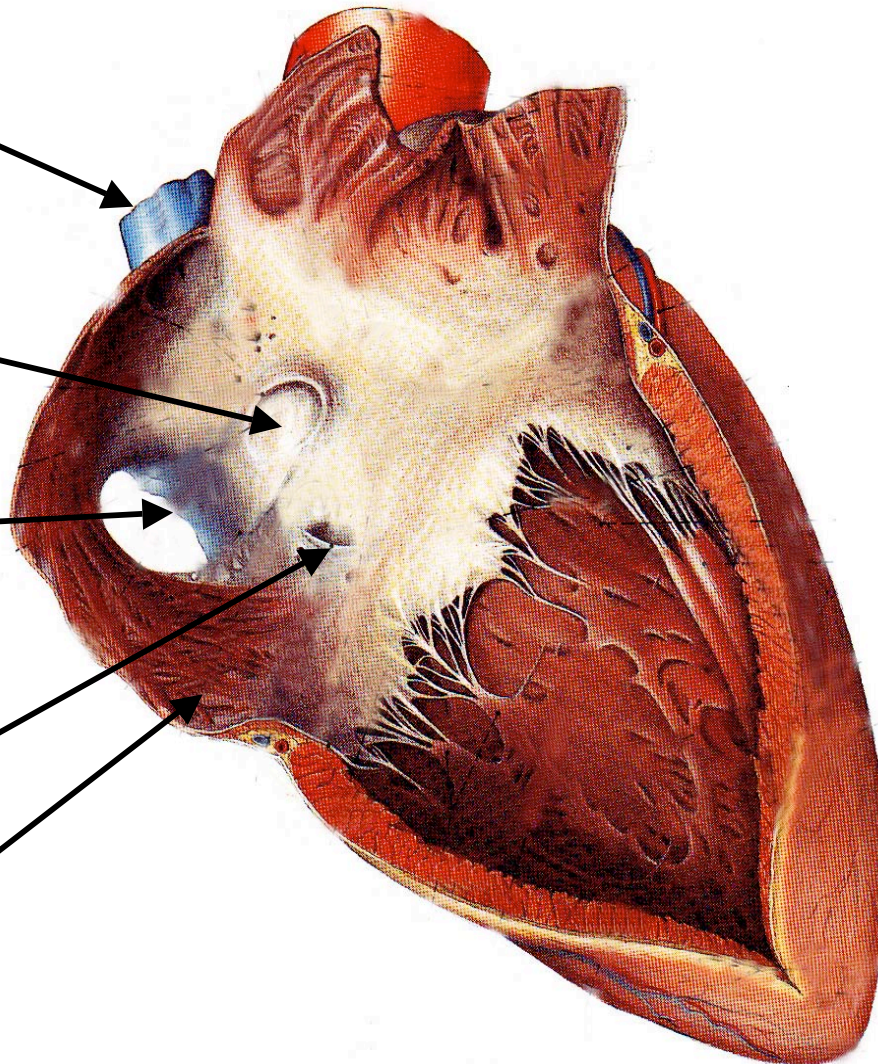
Vena cava superior

Fossa ovalis  
(embryonic remnant  
of foramen ovale)

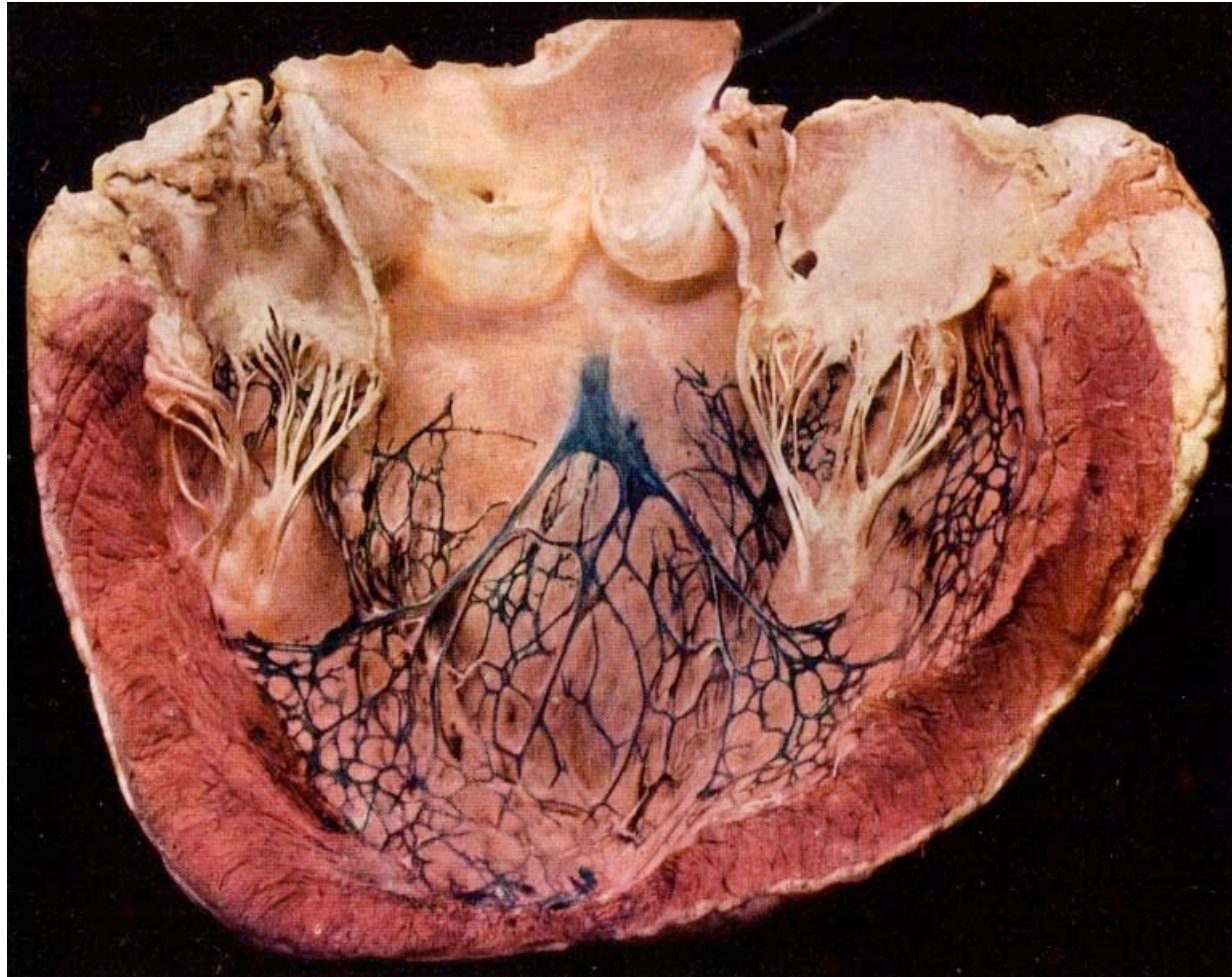
Vena cava inferior

Sinus coronarius

Musculi pectinati



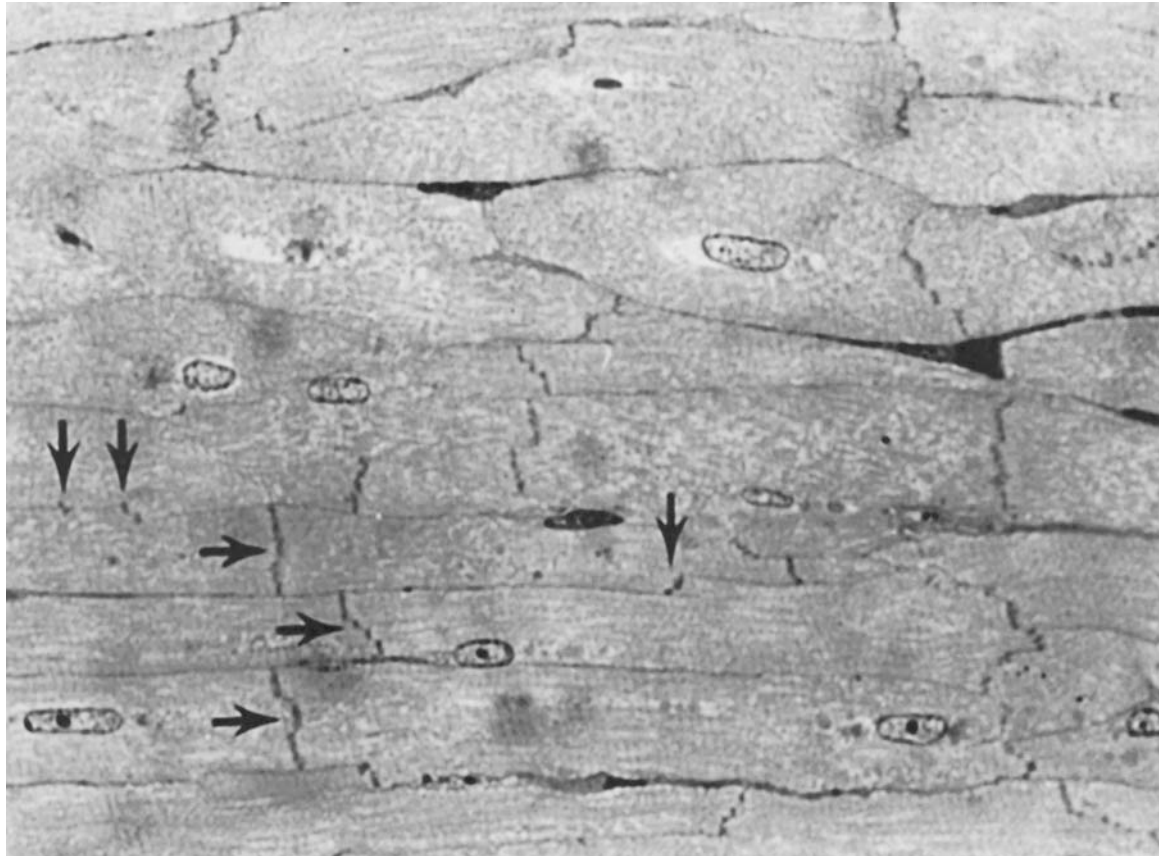
# Conduction System in Cow Heart



(Lewis 1925)

# Microscopic Anatomy of Cardiac Tissue

Myocytes are connected at intercalated discs { intracellular space via gap junctions  
mechanical coupling



(Saffitz et al. 99)

# Microscopic Cellular Anatomy

## Myocyte of ventricular myocardium

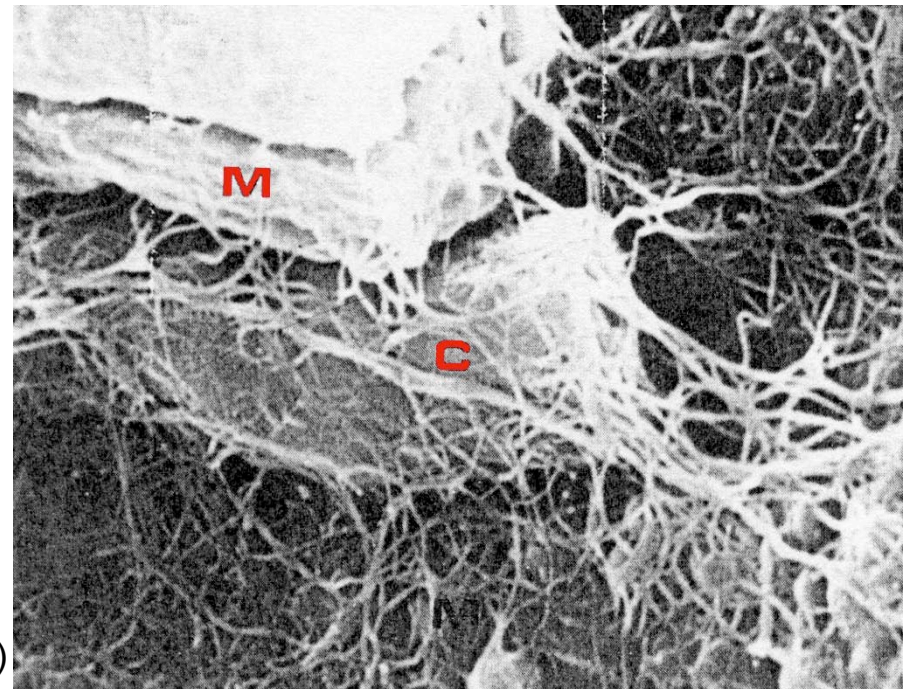
cylinder-shaped  
length: 60-120  $\mu\text{m}$   
diameter: 8-15  $\mu\text{m}$

(Hoyt et al. 89)



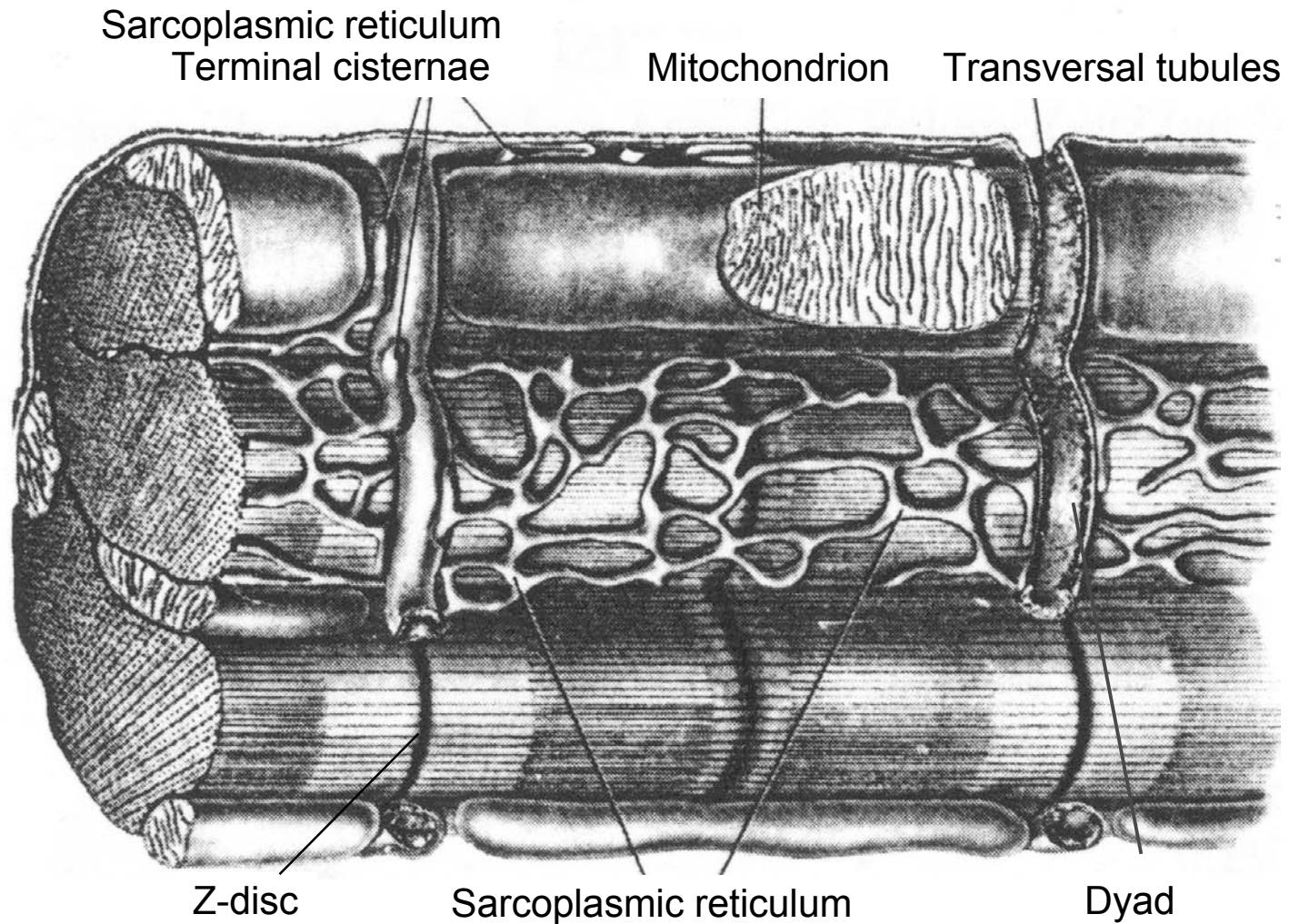
## Myocyte (M) and capillary (C)

mechanically coupled by fibers of  
connective tissue (collagen and elastin)

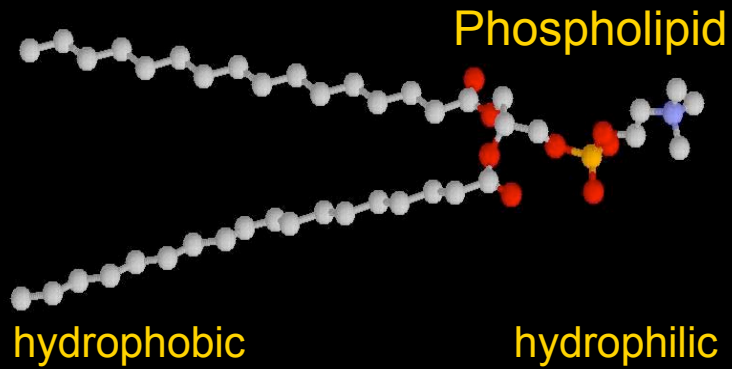


(Caulfield et al. 79)

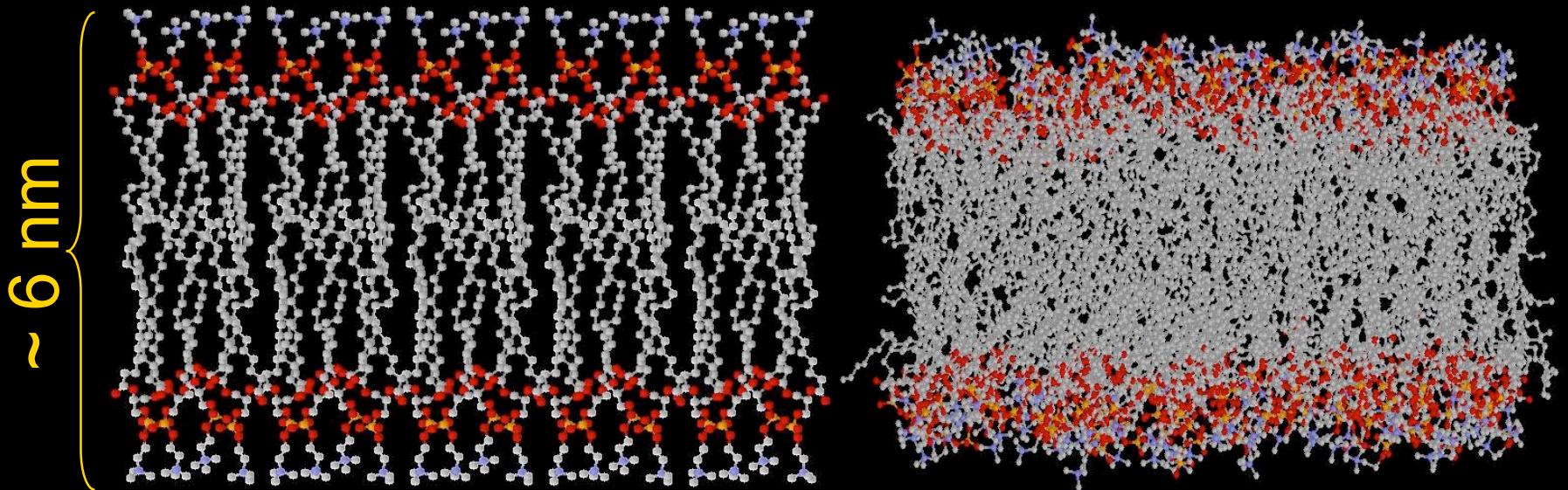
# Intracellular Structures of Myocytes: Sarcomere



# Molecular Structure of Cell Membrane



- Nitrogen
  - Oxygen
  - Phosphor
  - Carbon
- (Hydrogen not represented)



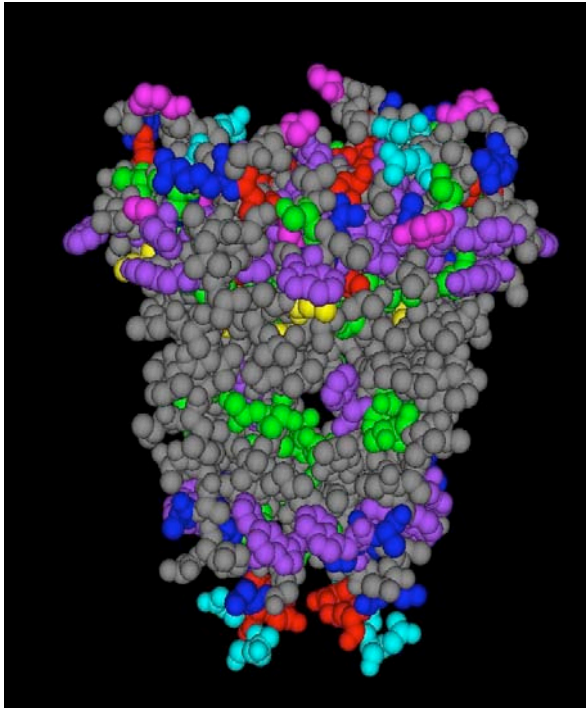
(Structure data from Heller, Schaefer and Schulten, J. Phys. Chem., 1993)

# Molecular Structure of Transmembrane Proteins

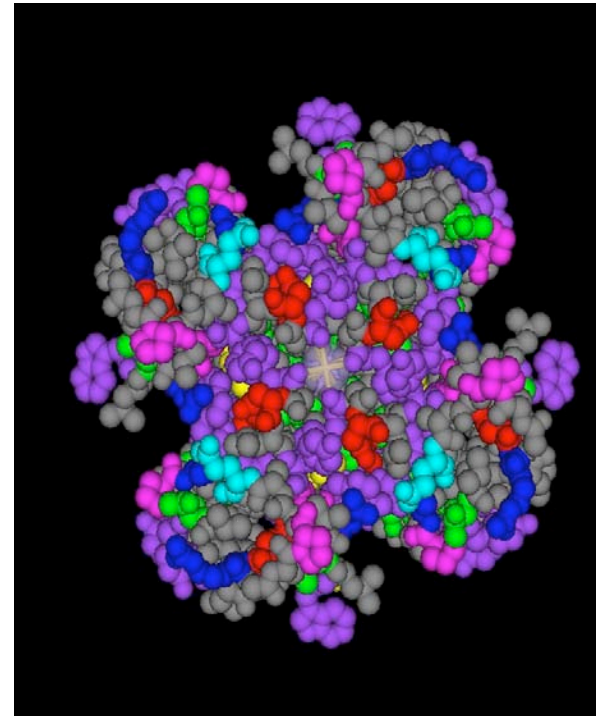
Transmembrane proteins: connexons, ion channels, pumps, and -exchangers

Example: Molecular structure of potassium channel Kcsa of bacterium streptomyces lividans, color-coded amino acids  
Structure data from Molecular Modeling Database, NIH, USA

~ 6 nm



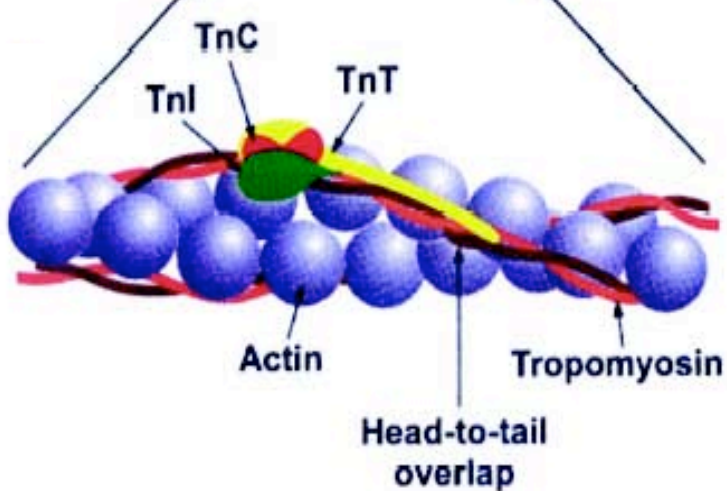
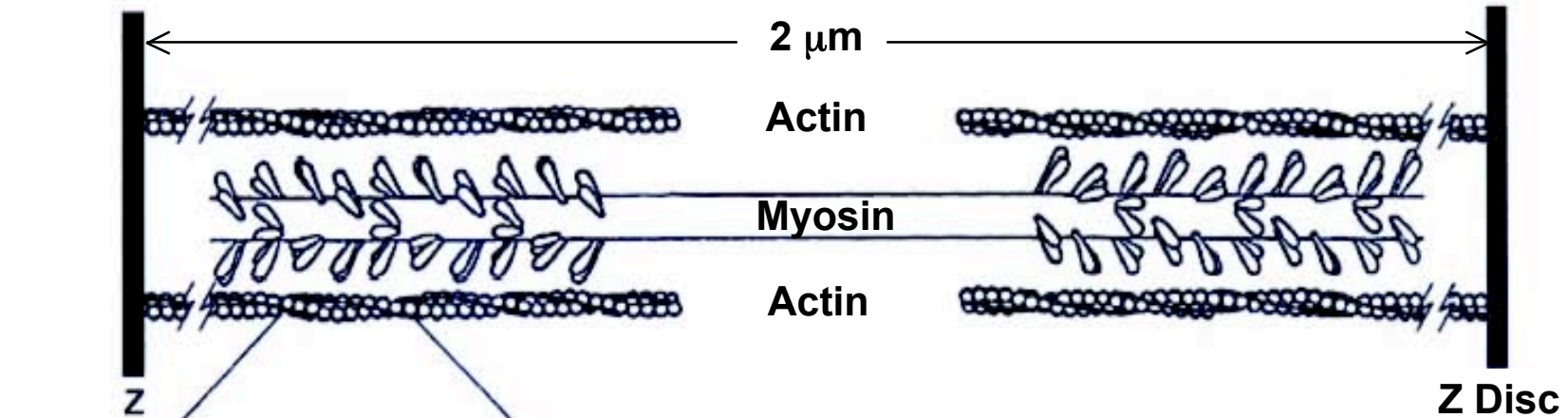
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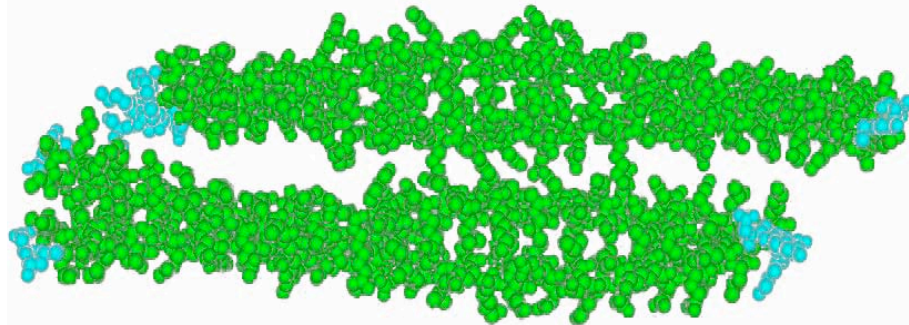
from  
top



# Molecular Structure of Proteins in Sarcomere

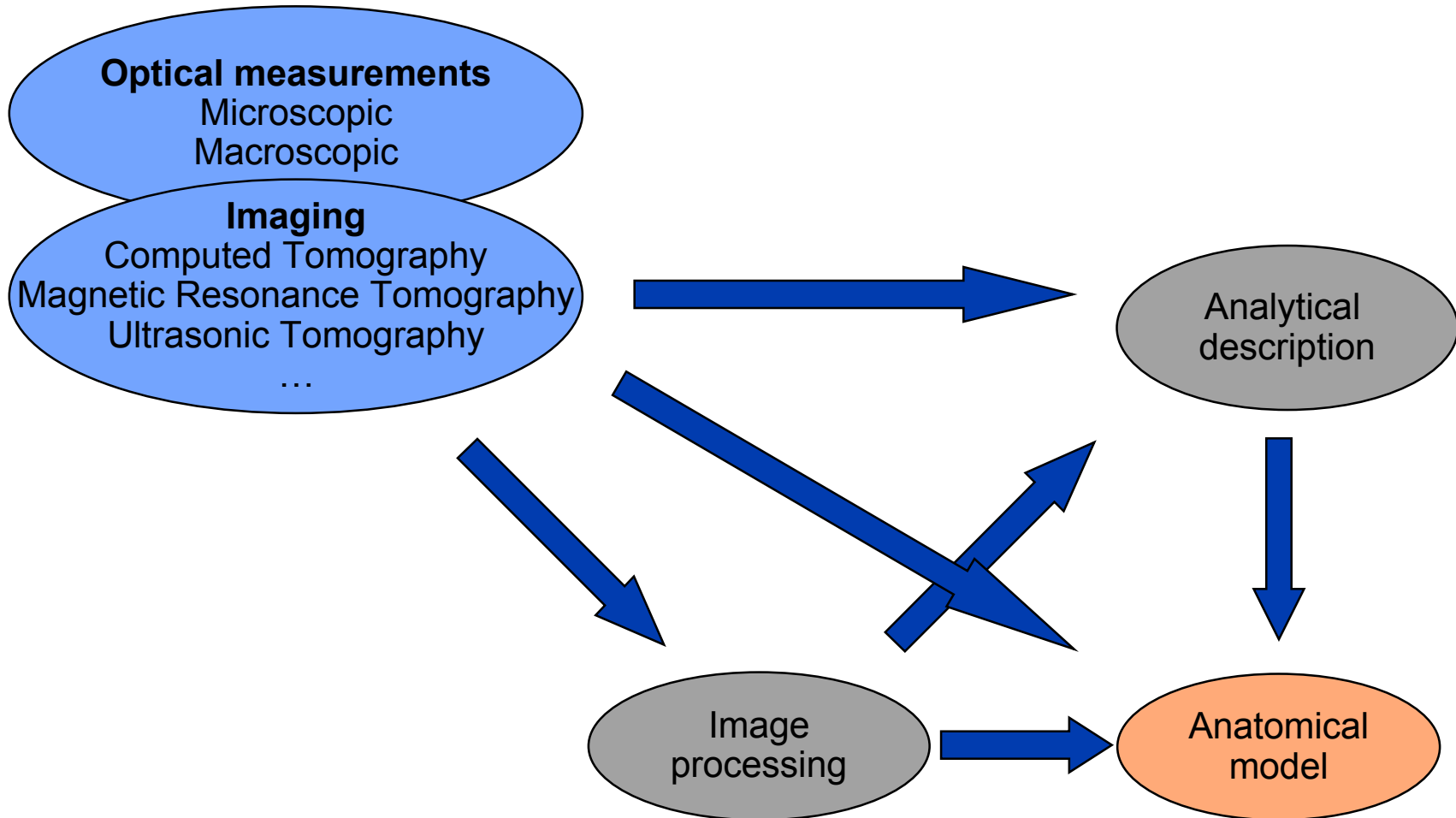


**Molecular Structure of Tropomyosin**  
 Structure data for species gallus gallus  
 from Molecular Modeling Database, NIH, USA

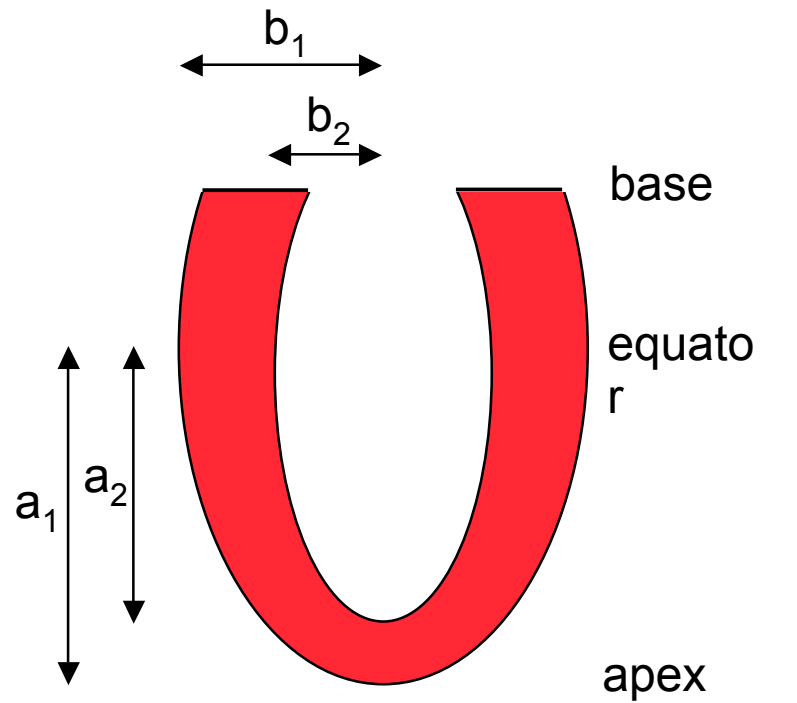


(Gordon, Regnier, and Homsher, News Physiol. Sci., 2001, modified)

# Anatomical Modeling

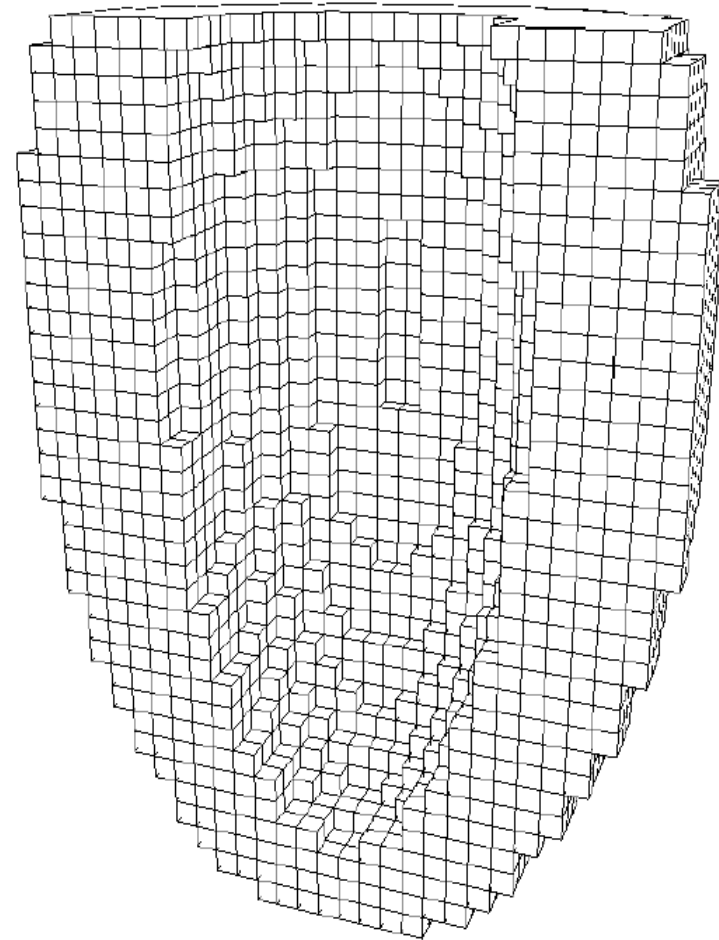
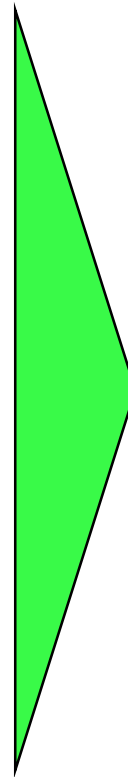


# Anatomical Model: Confocal, Truncated Ellipsoids



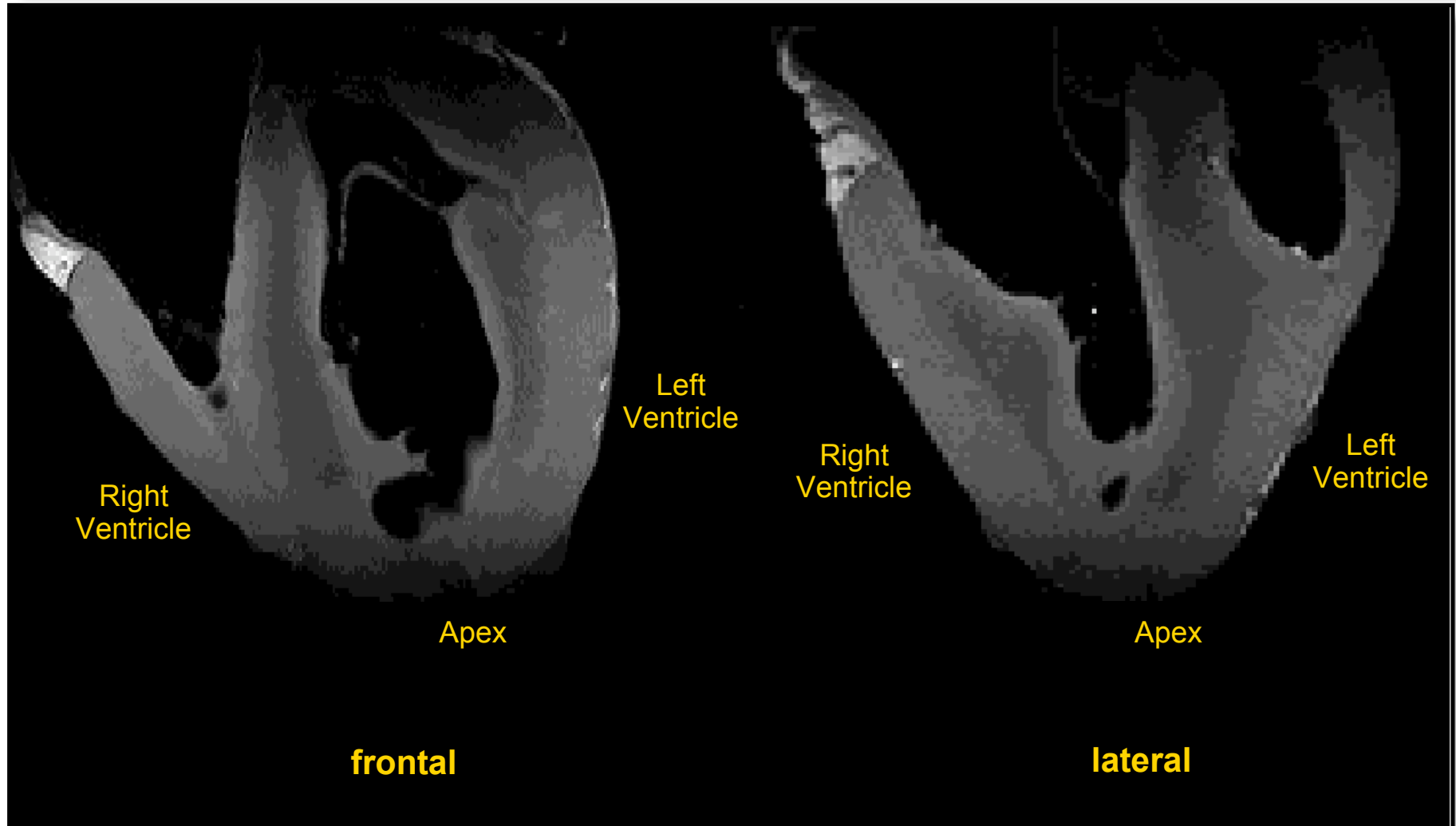
$a_1, a_2$ : Major axis     $b_1, b_2$ : Minor axis

$$\text{Focus length: } f = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$$



$n \times n \times m$  cubic elements

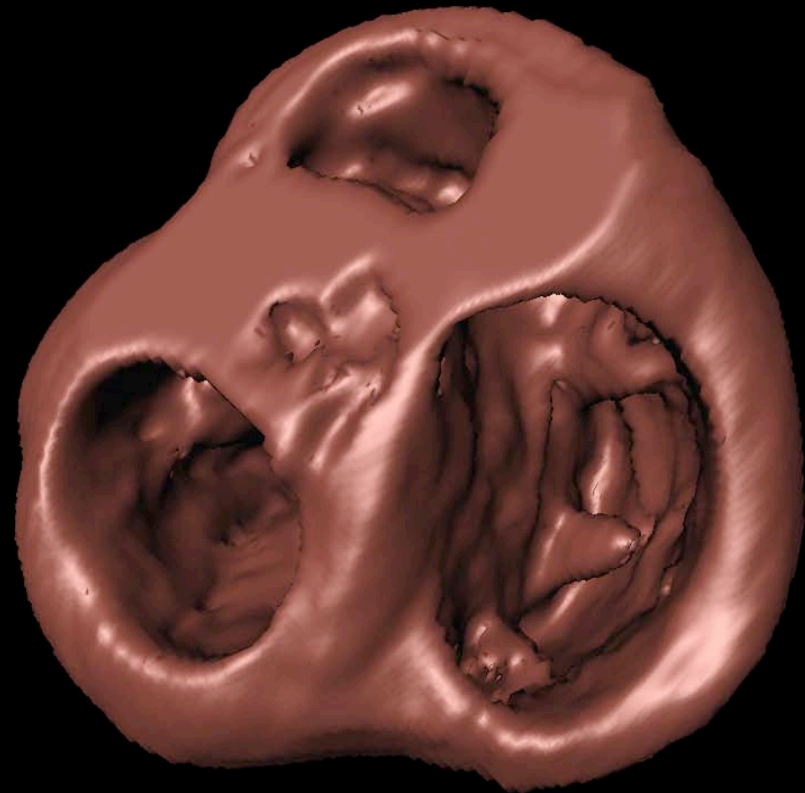
# MR-Imaging of Canine Heart



## Anatomical Model



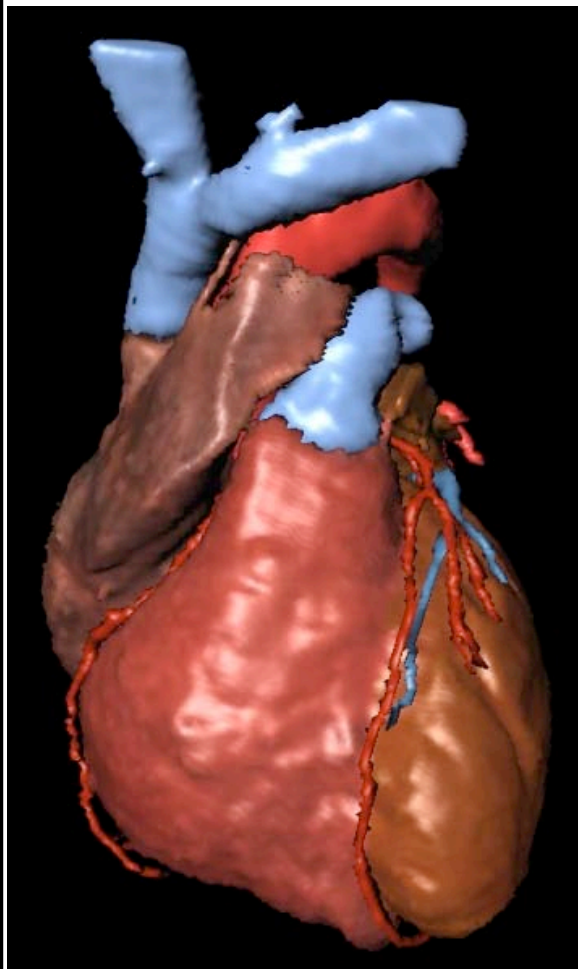
**View into left ventricle**



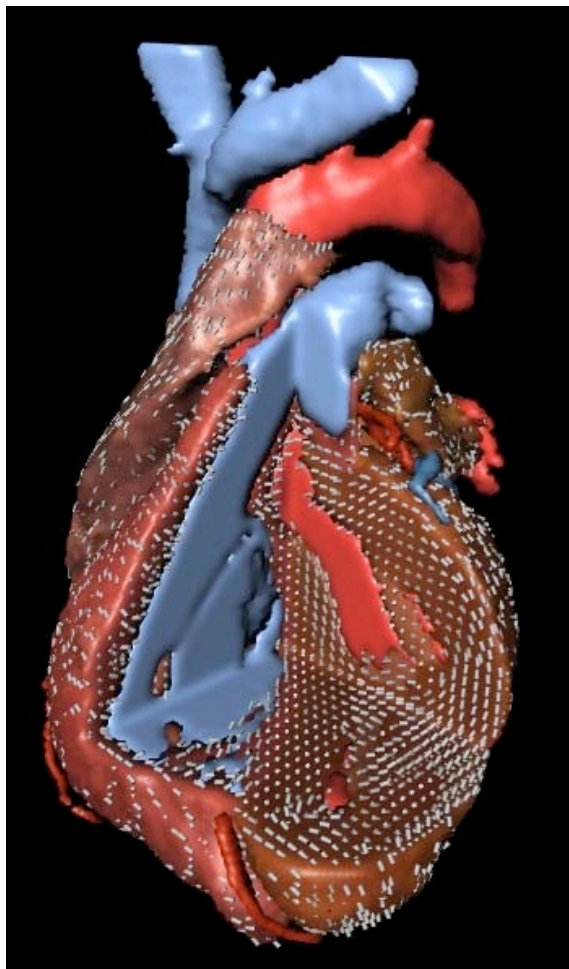
**View into right ventricle**

# Anatomical Model: Visible Man Data Set

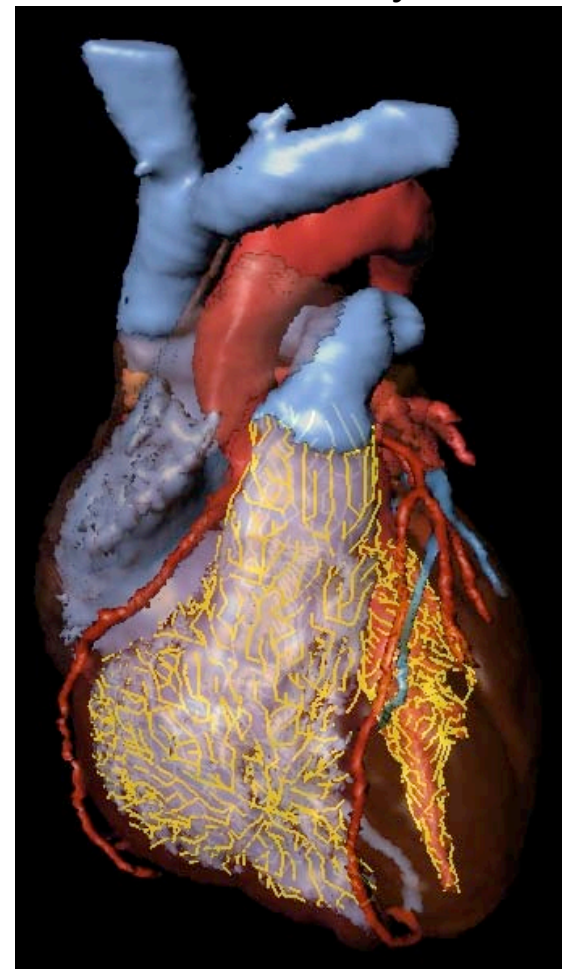
Tissue



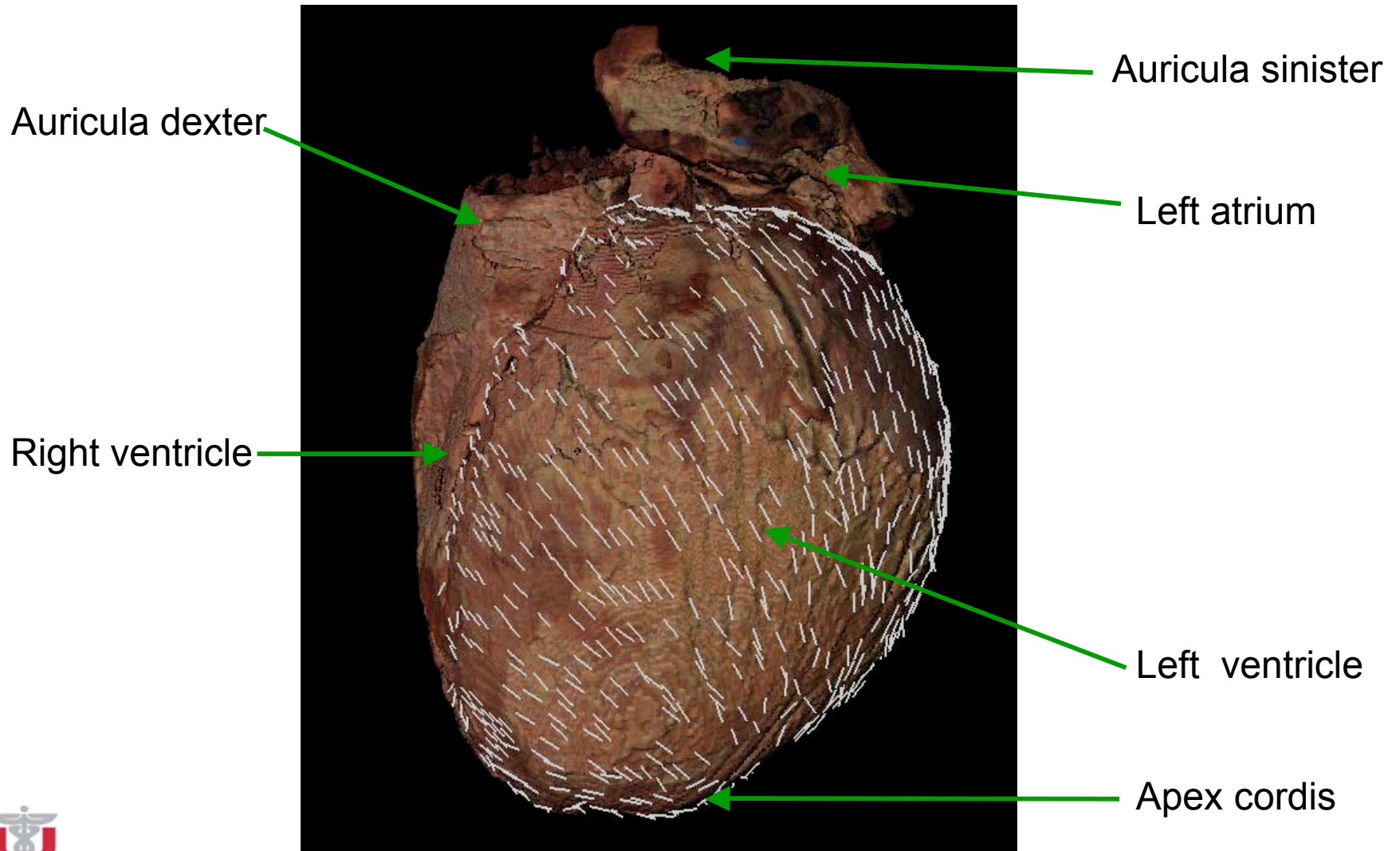
Fiber orientation



Conduction system



# Model of Macroscopic Anatomy with Fiber Orientation



## Group Work

Anatomical models are frequently used to delineate spatial domains of computational simulations and to assign physical and physiological properties to compartments.

Which level of anatomical detail is necessary in simulations of the cardiovascular system?

Choose 3 examples for simulations and motivate how you would describe spatial domains.