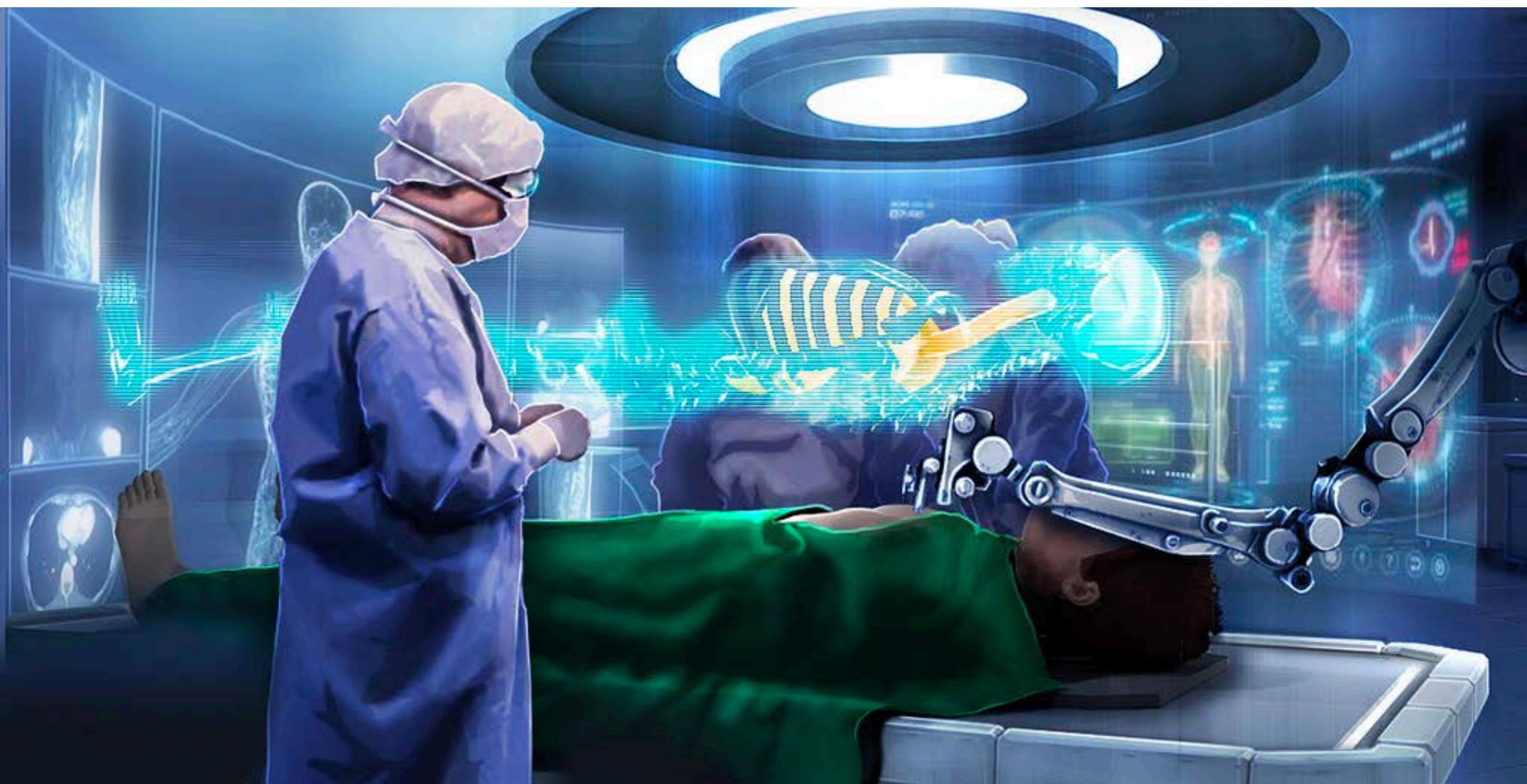


Validating Simulation Pipelines With Potential Recordings

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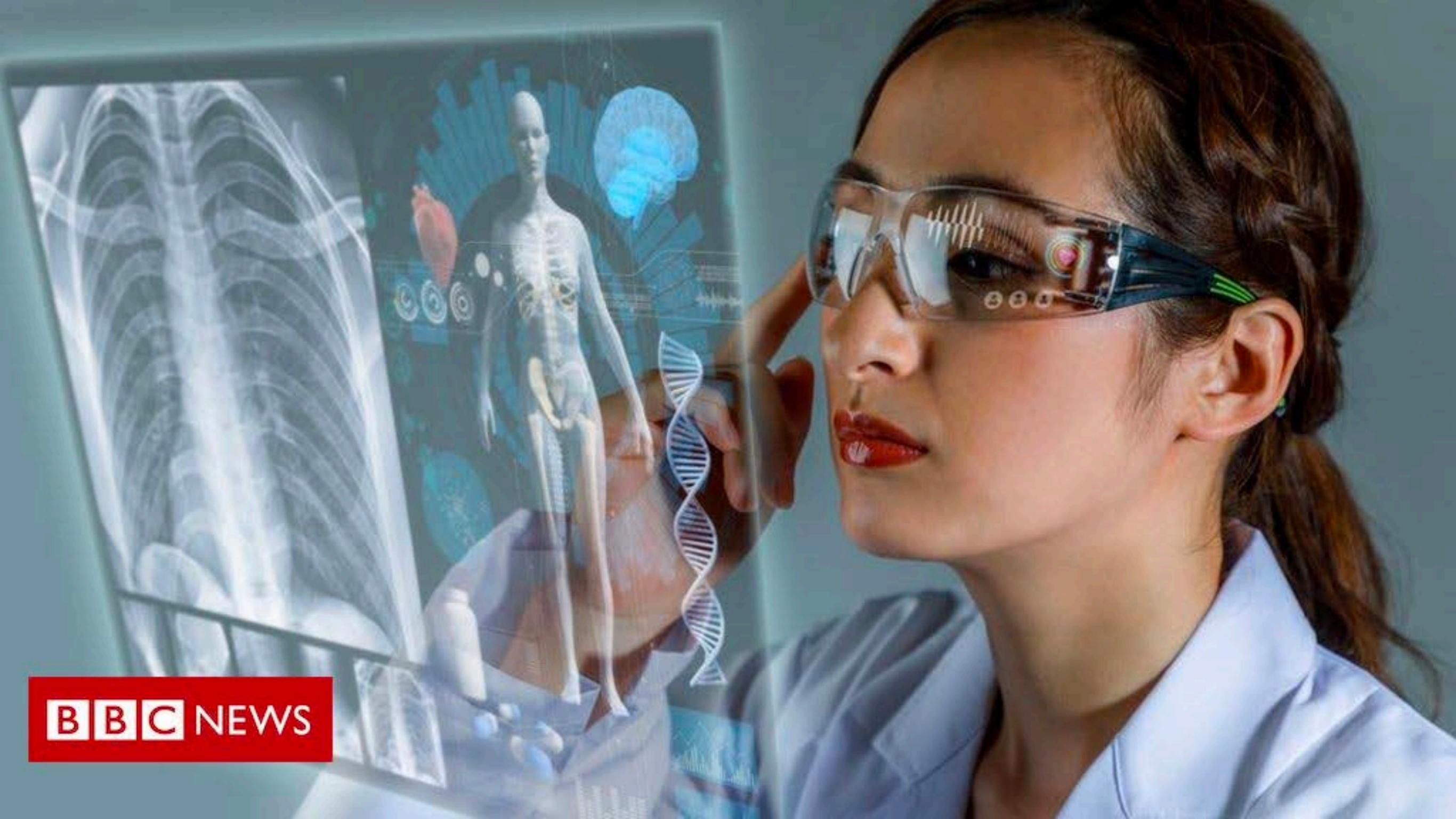
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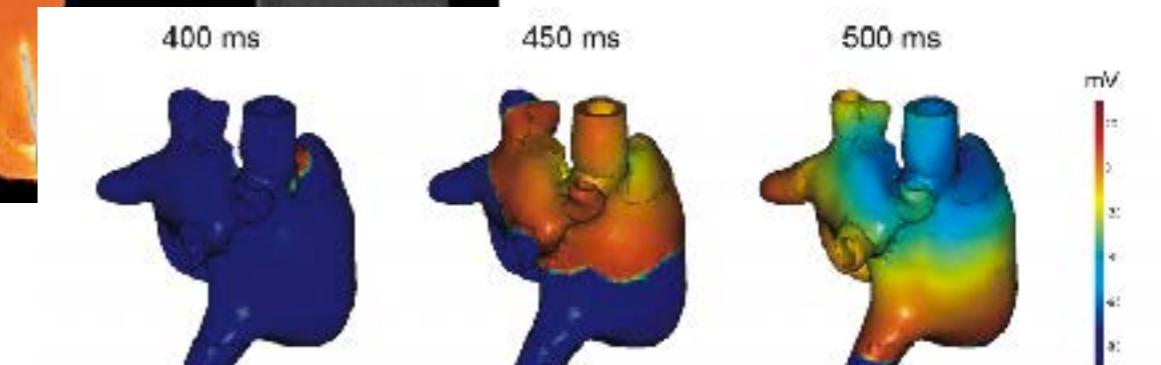
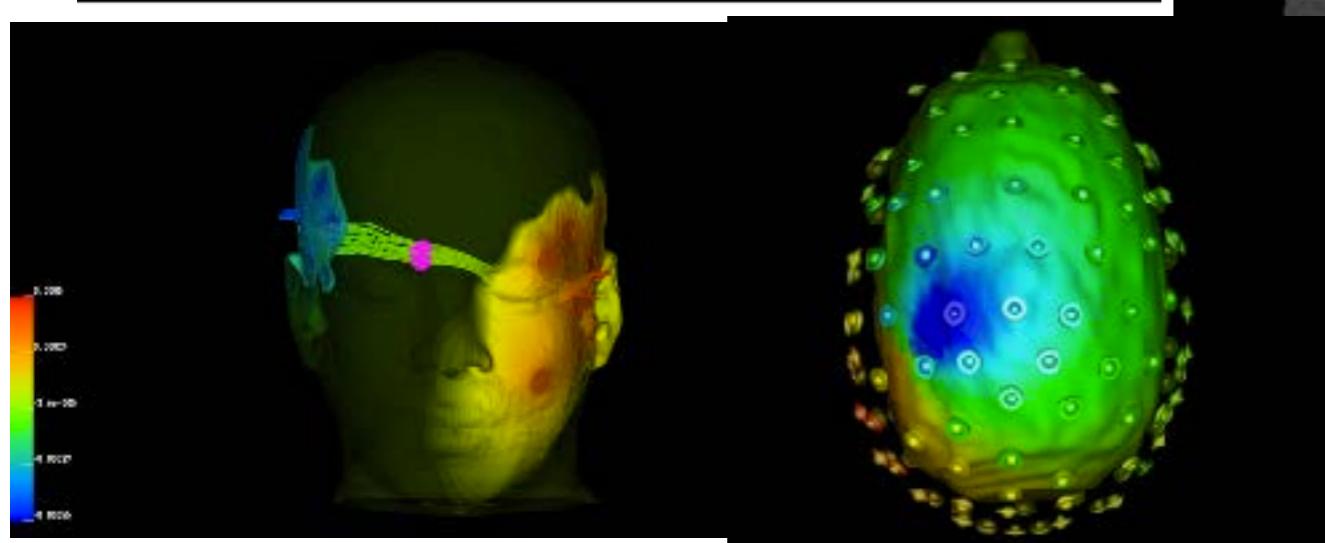
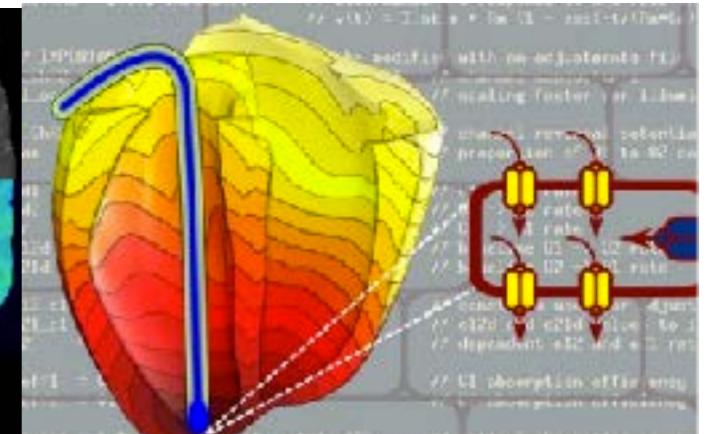
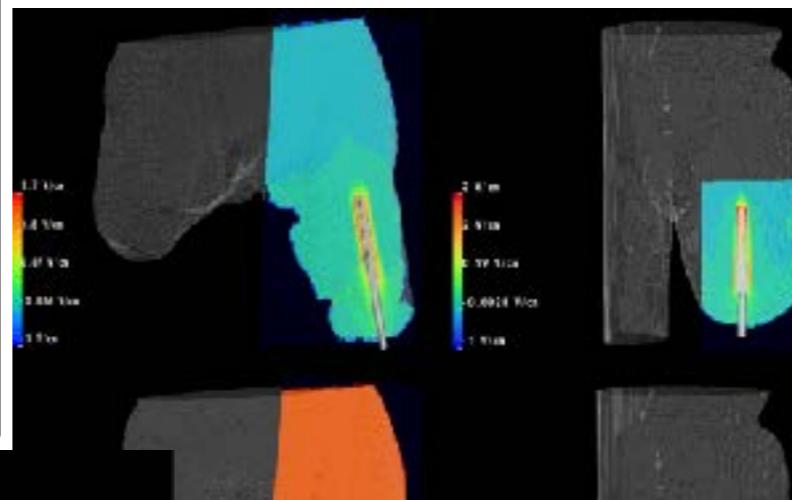
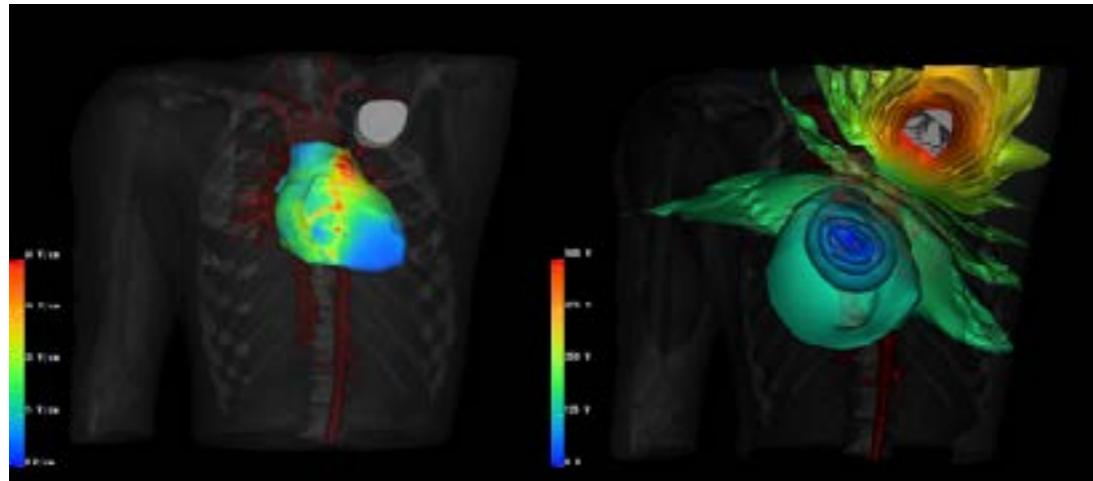
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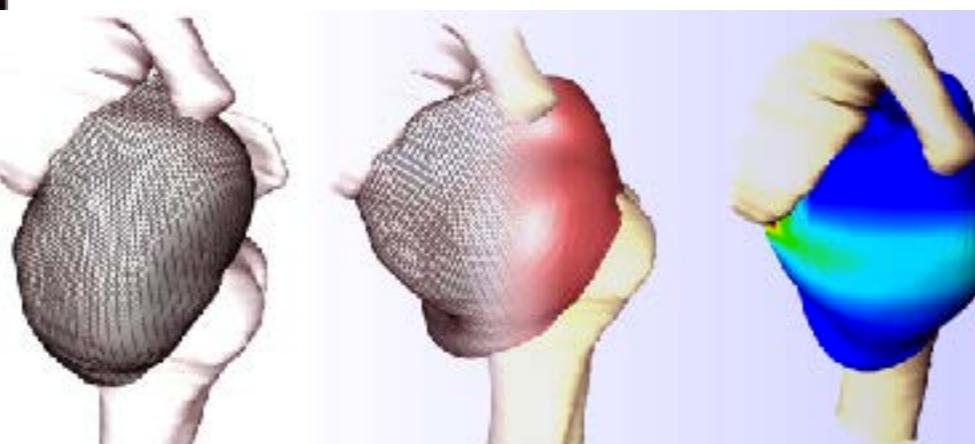
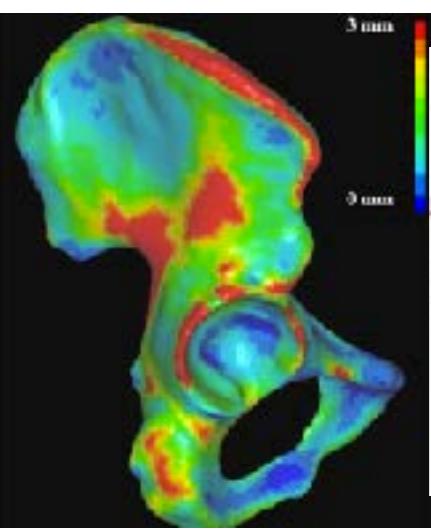


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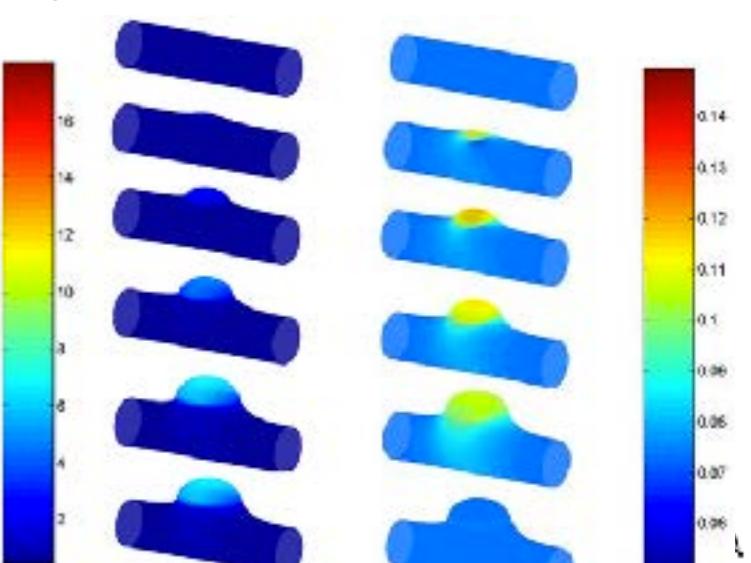
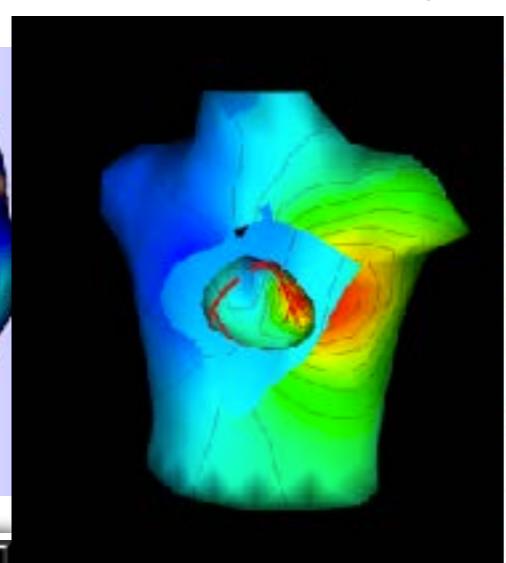
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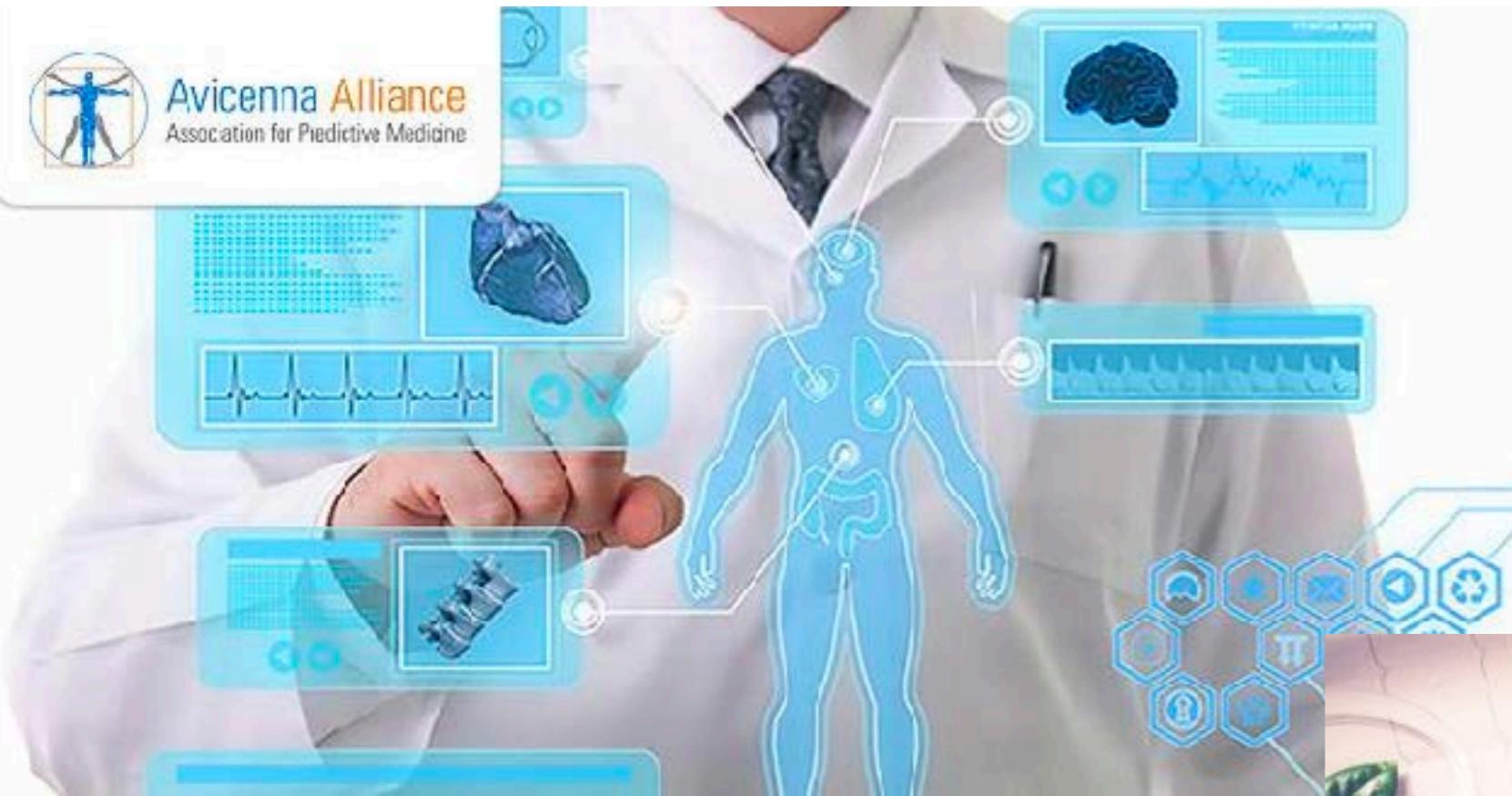


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Virtual Physiological Human



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Why aren't
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Validation

Virtual EP Lab

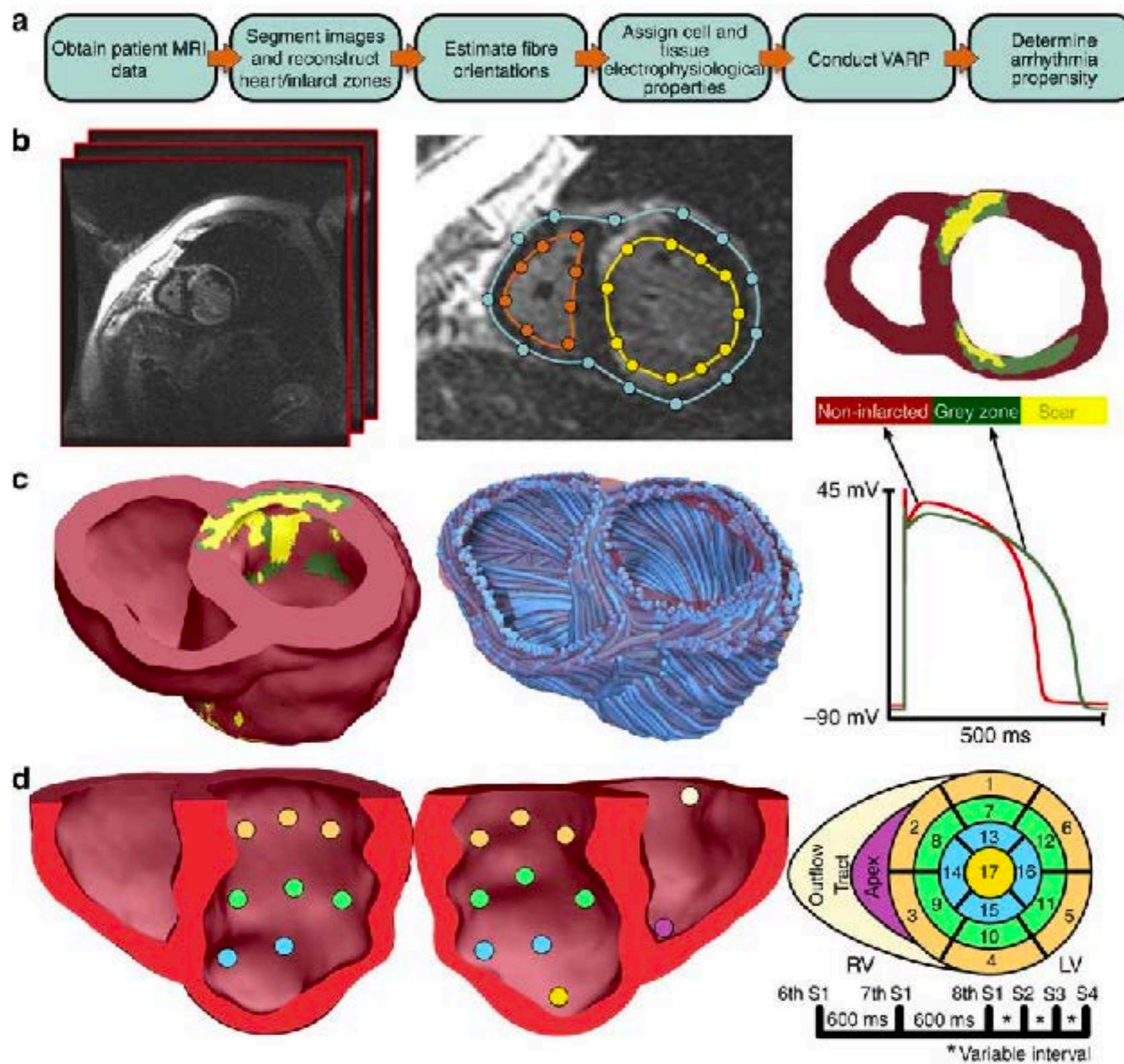
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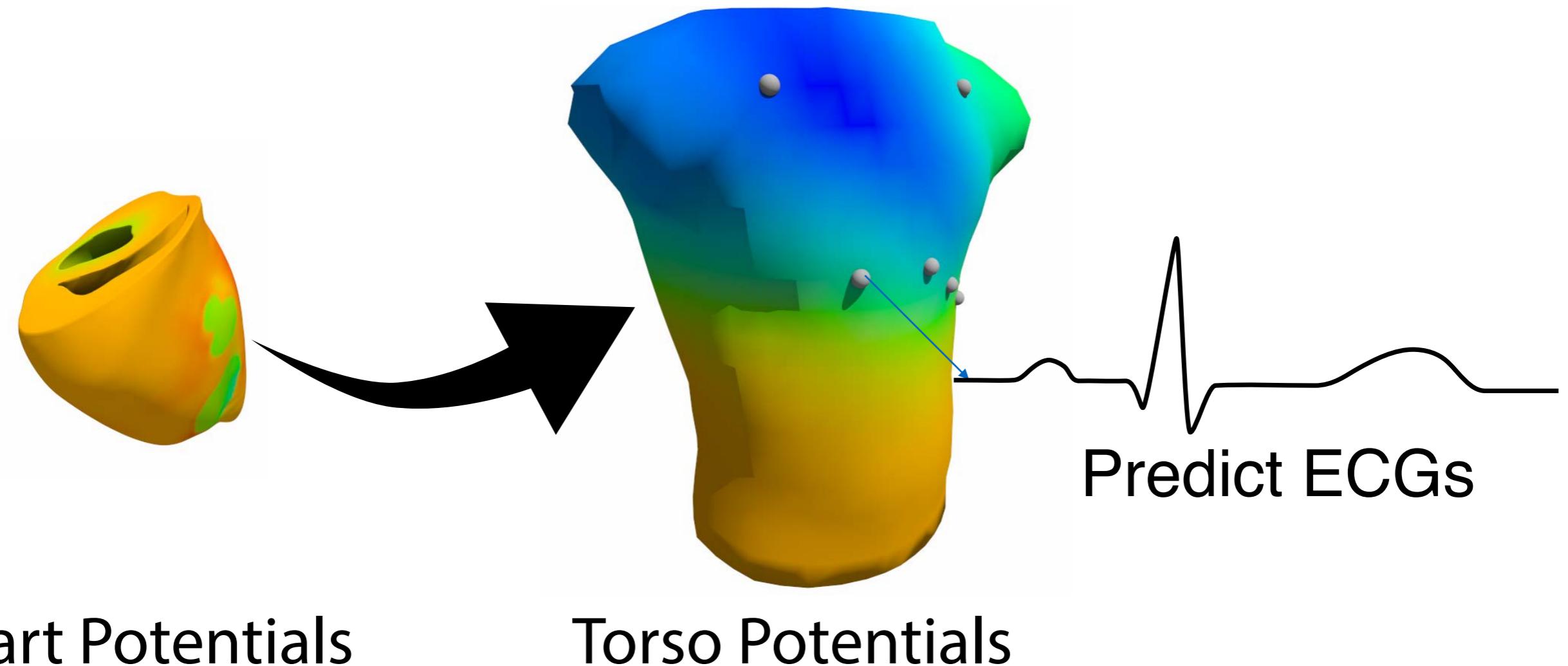
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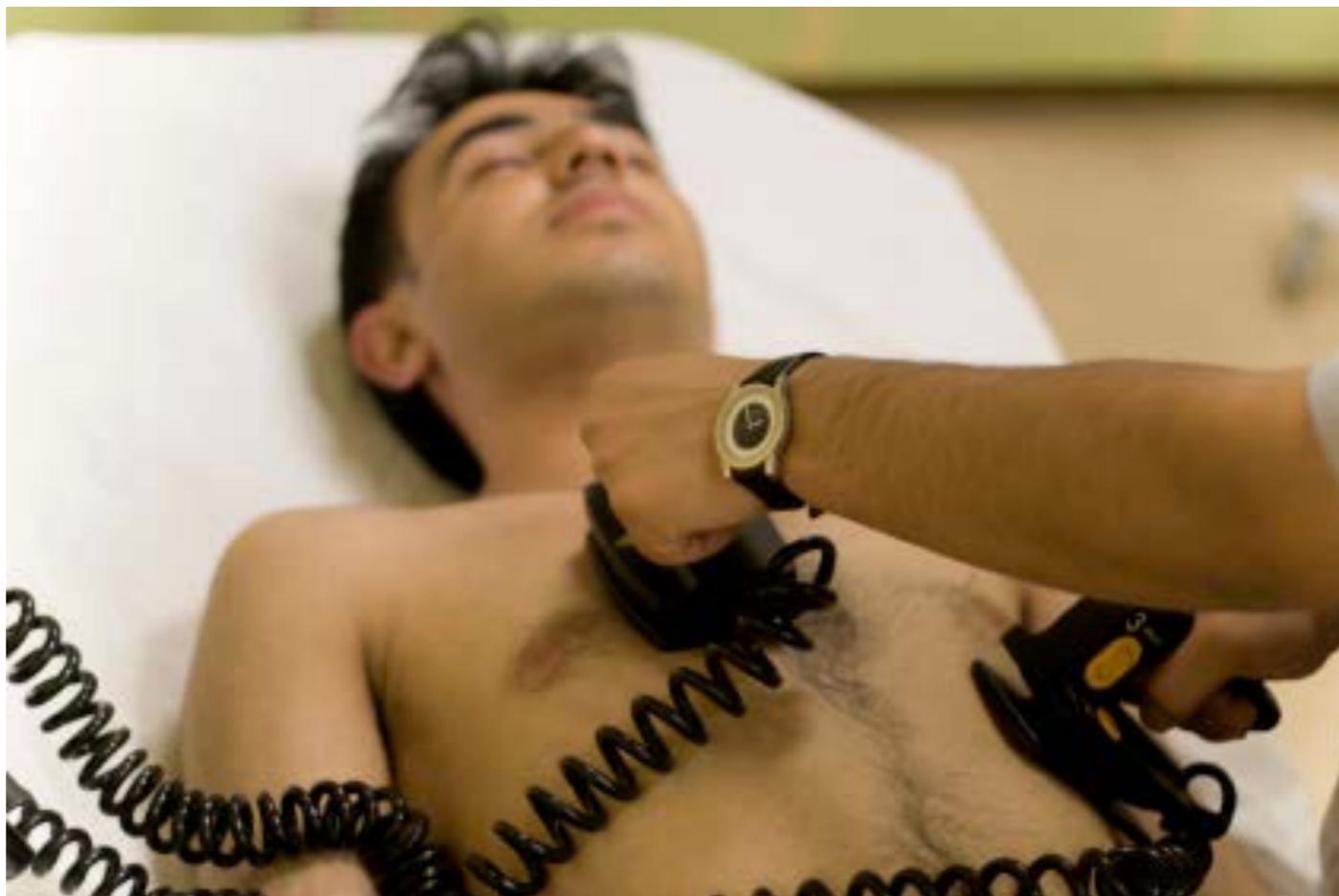
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ECG Forward Simulation



Defibrillation

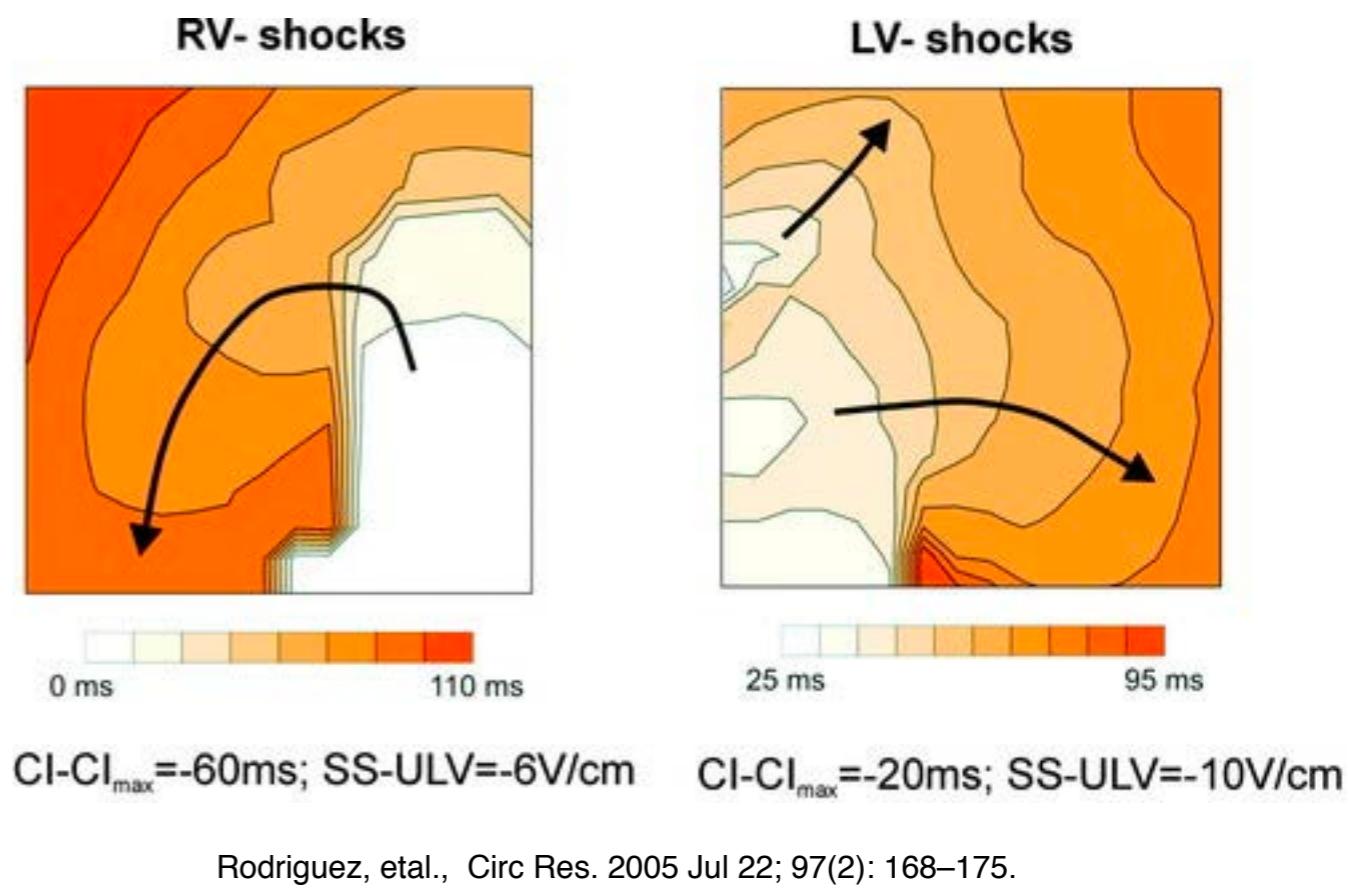
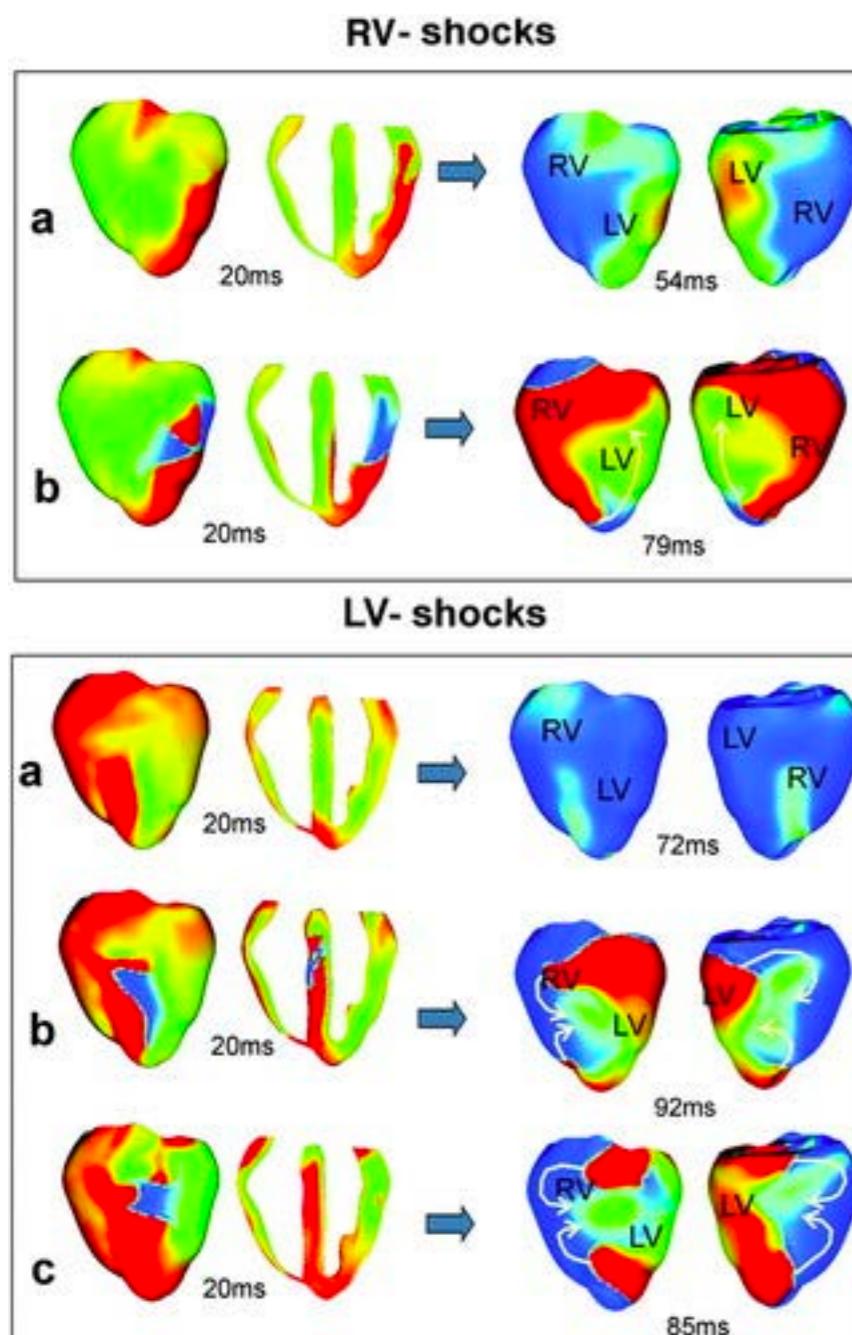


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Mechanisms are not well known

Simulation has been key understanding

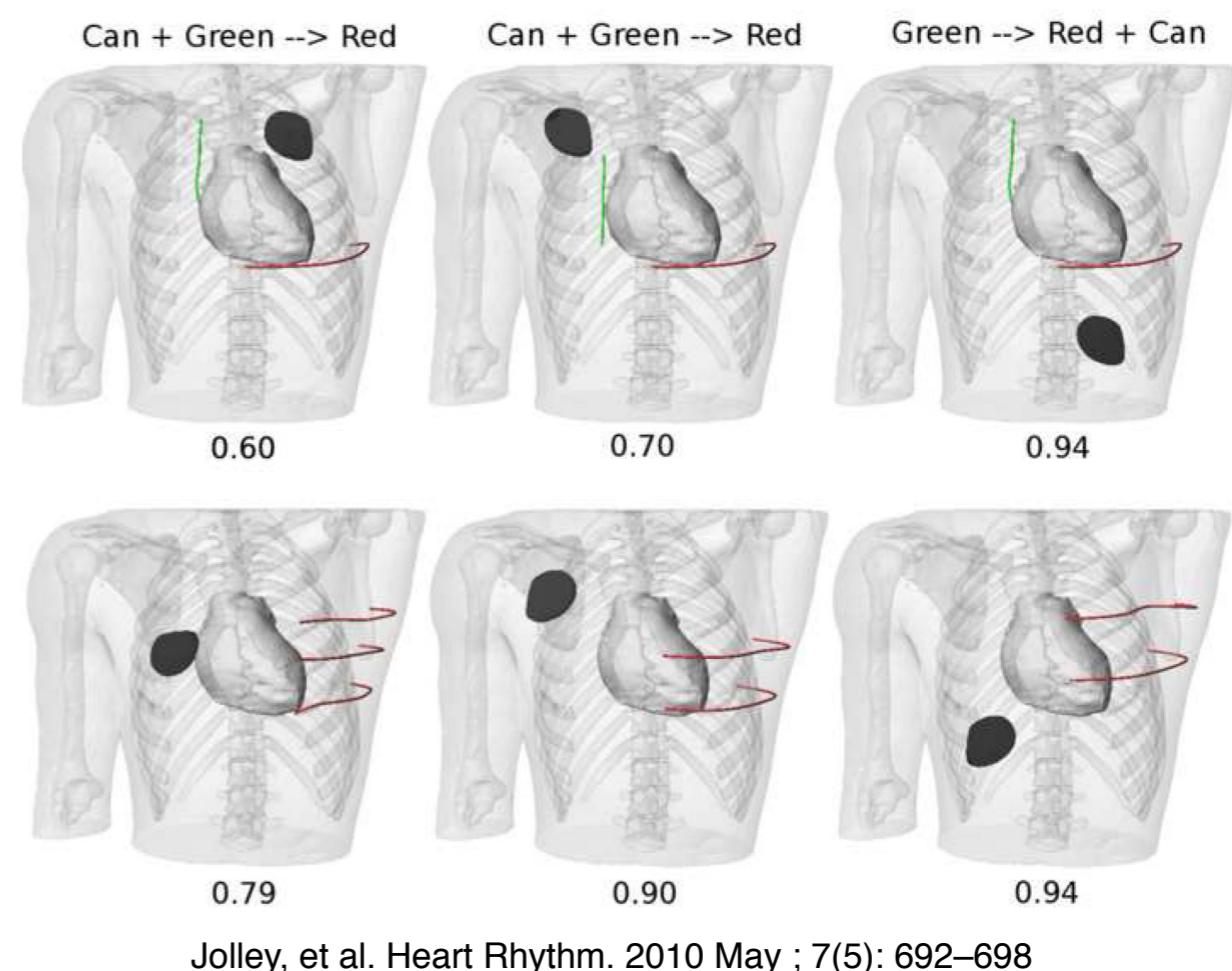
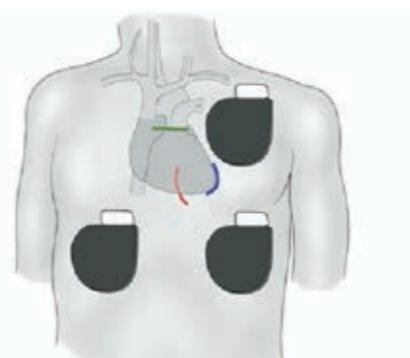
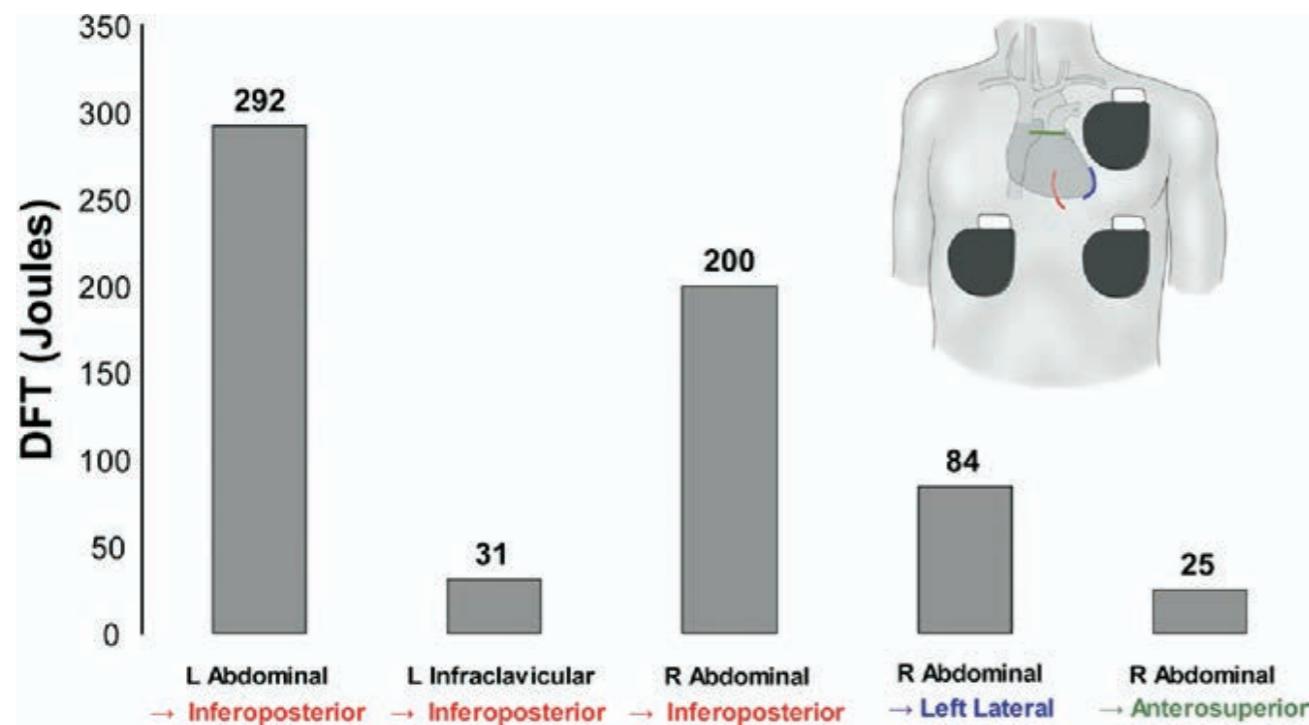
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Simulation with experiments

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Still a Lack of Validation

Validation

Why is Validation Missing?

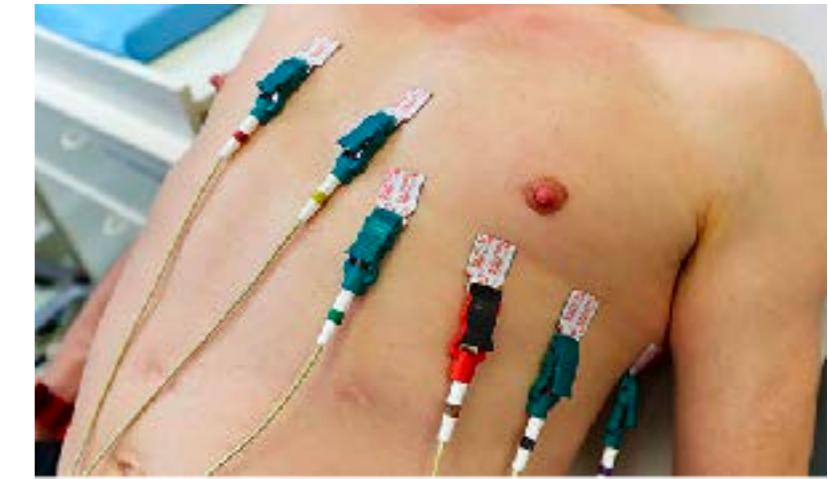
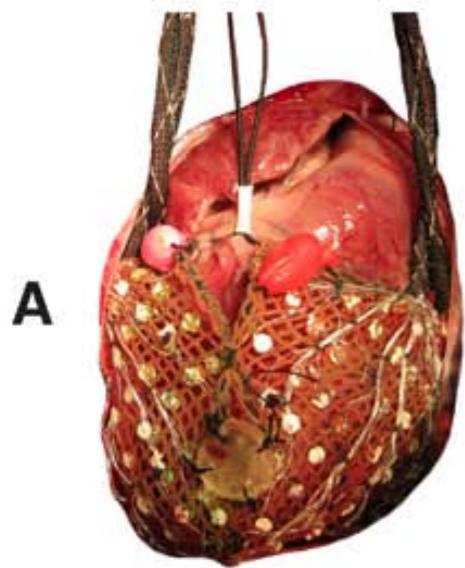


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Challenges of Validation



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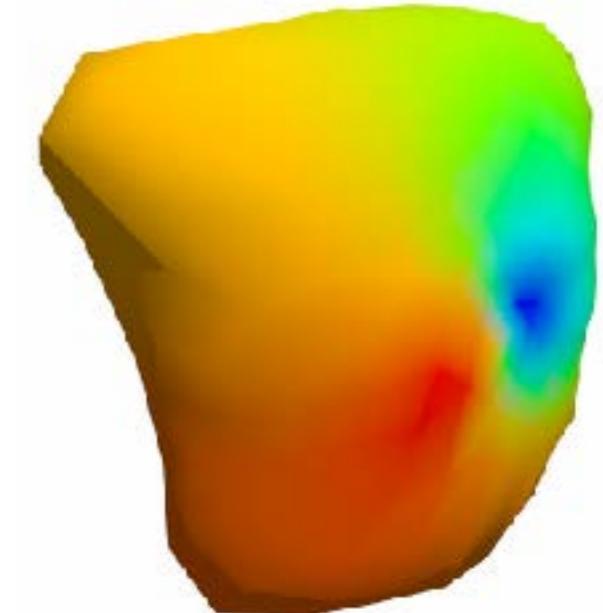
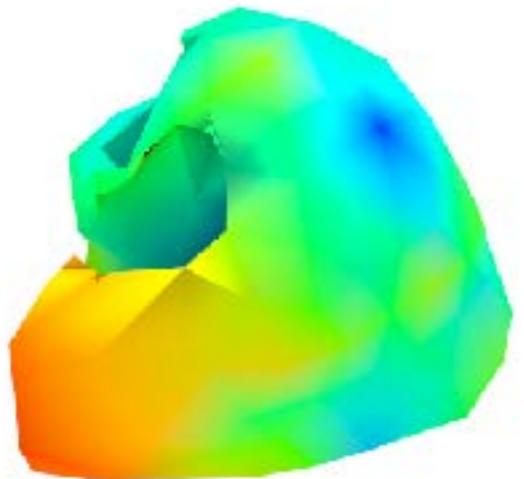
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System Parameters



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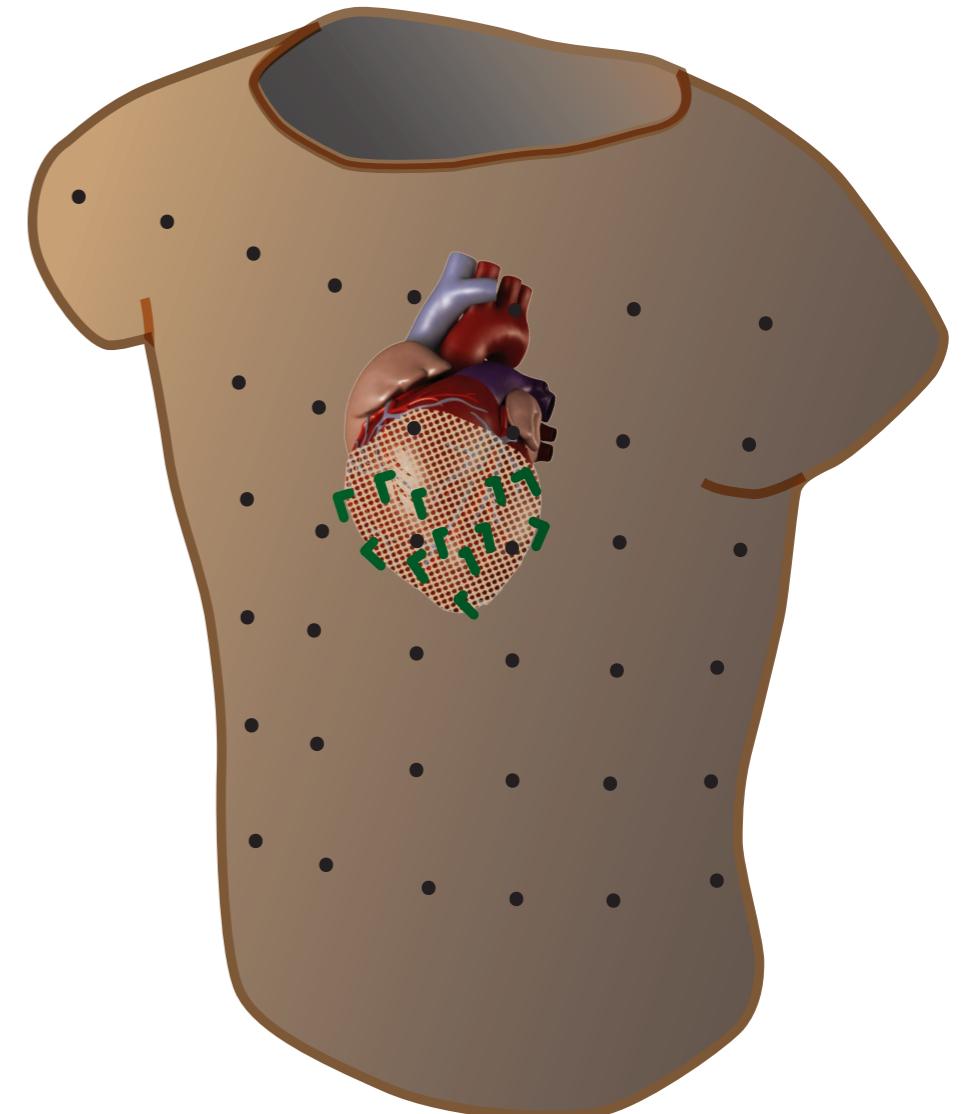


What Makes Validation Hard



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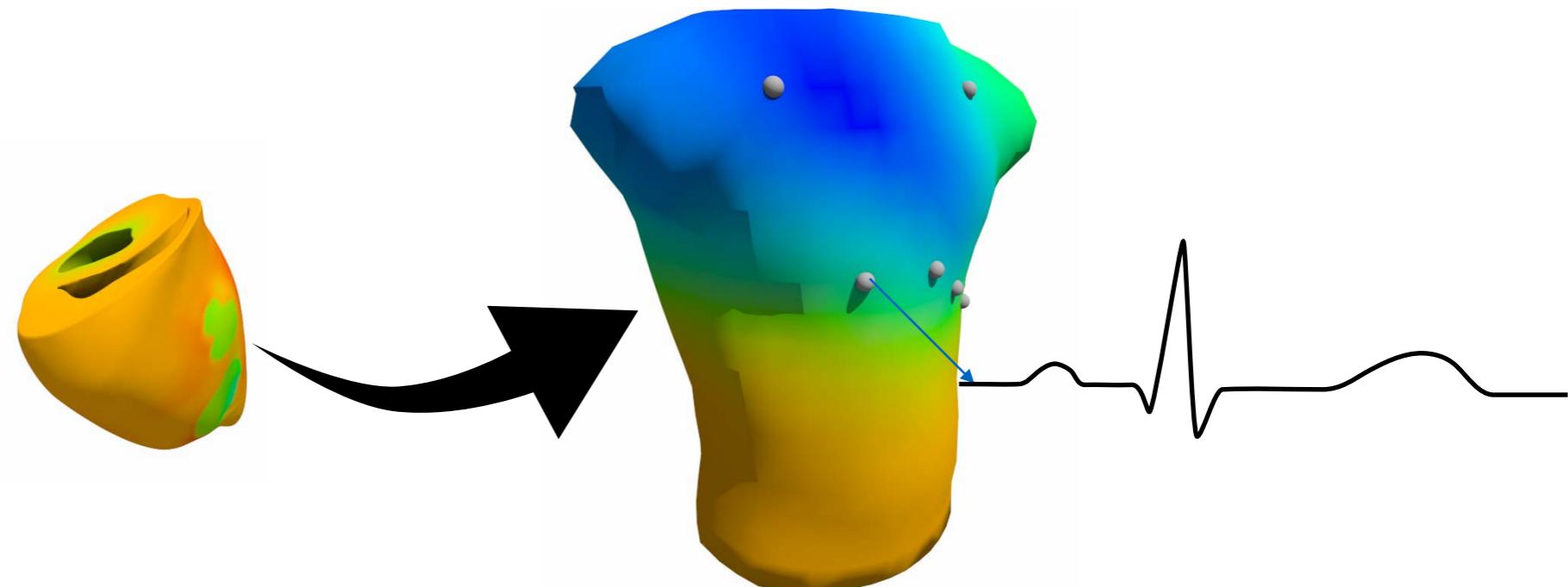


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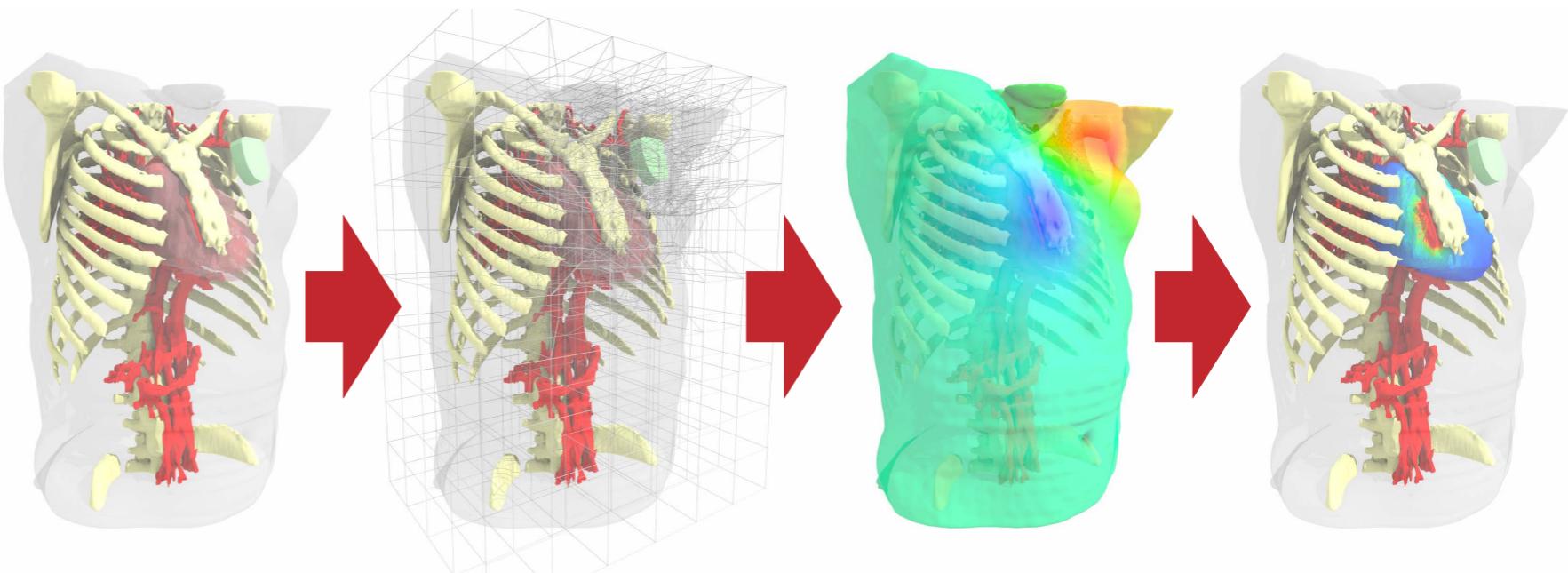
Experimental Complexity

Goal: Validate Two Pipelines

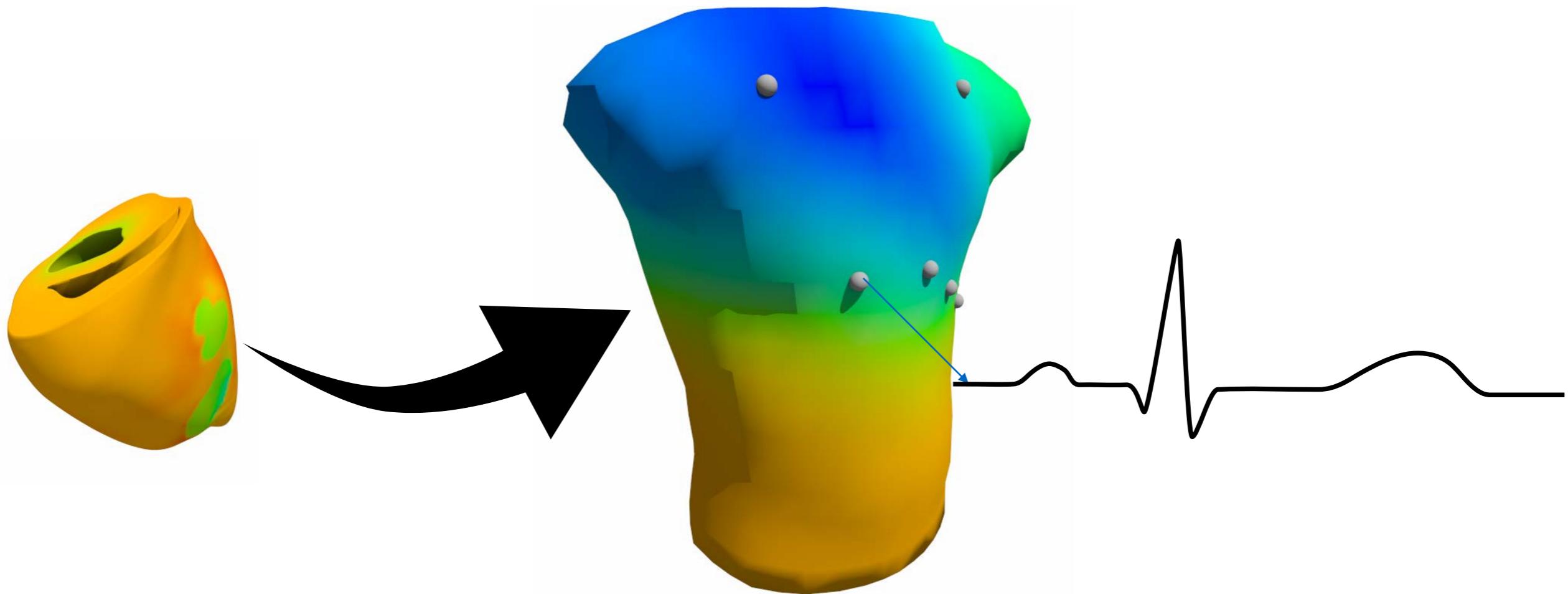
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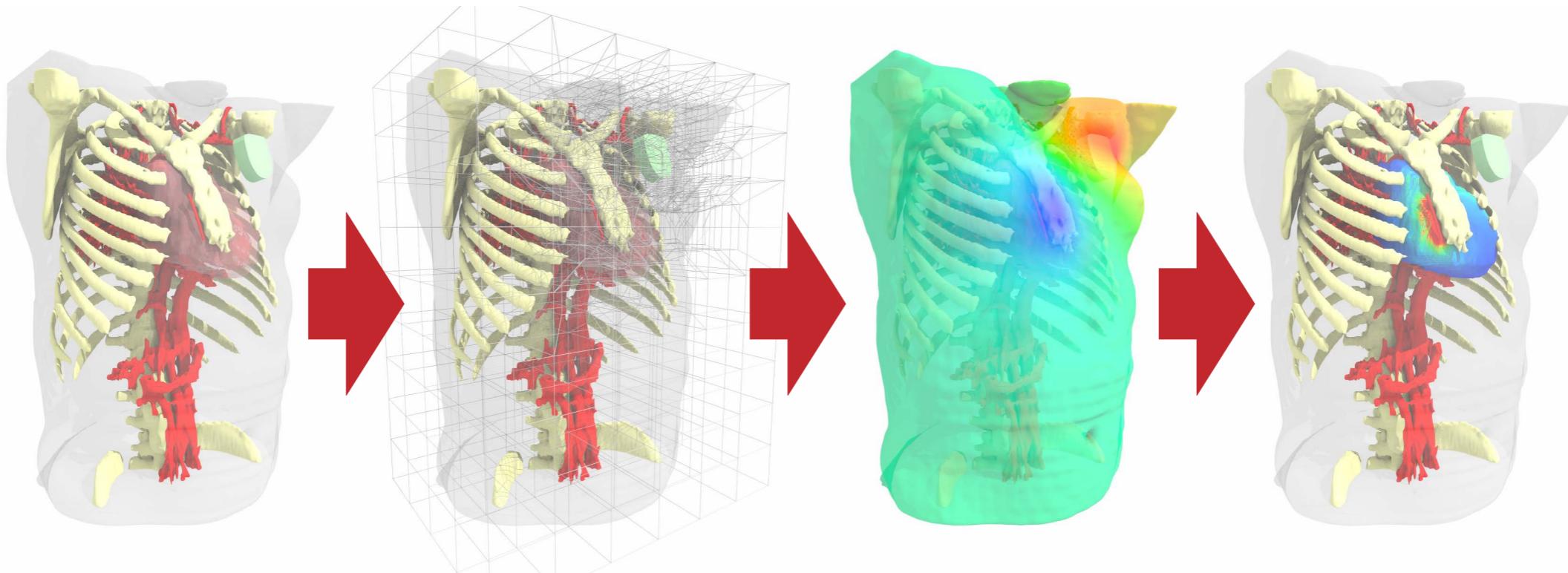


Specific Aims



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Specific Aims

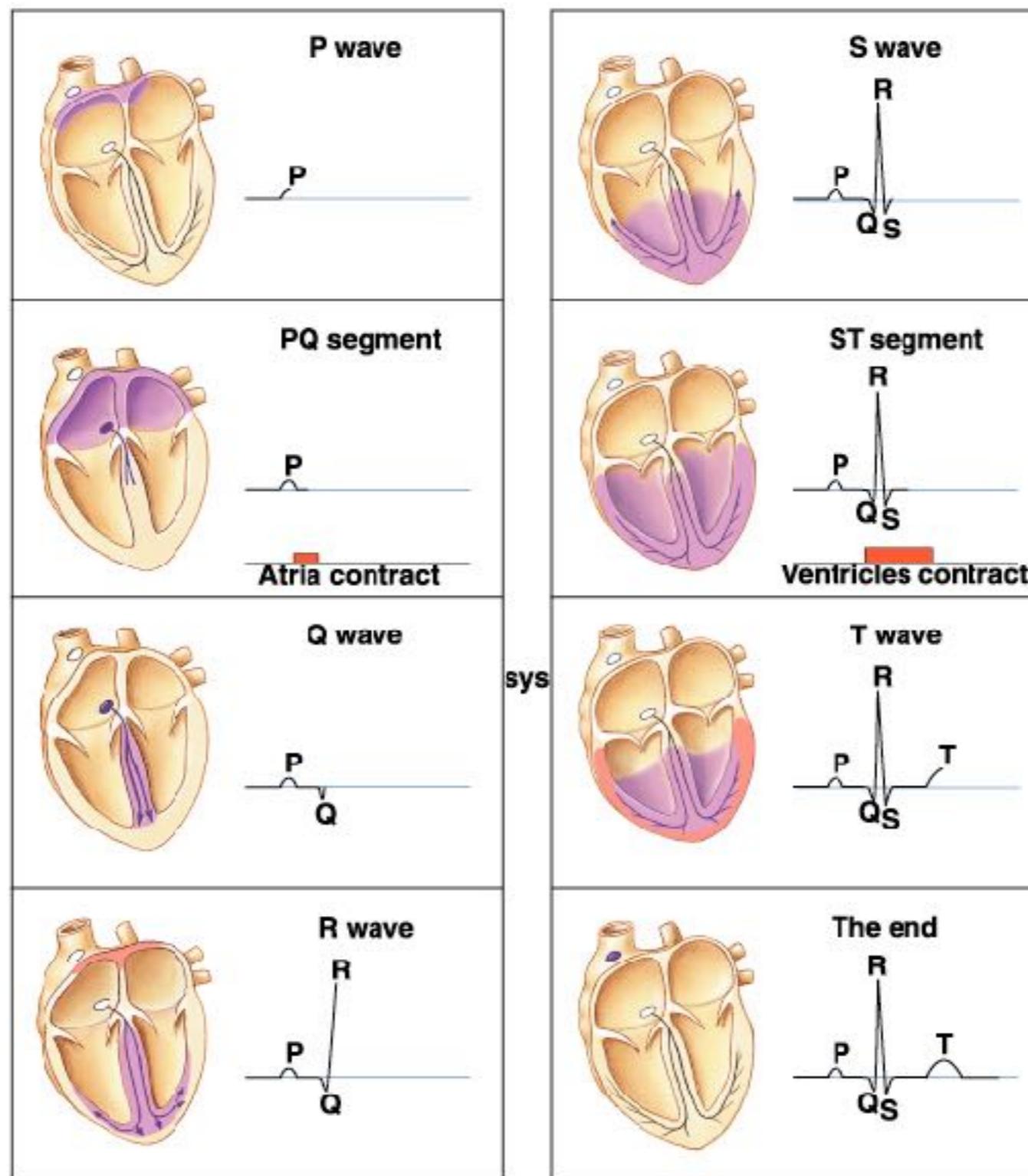


2. Record potentials in a torso-tank preparation to validate the simulation pipeline
3. Record body-surface potentials on patients to validate the simulation pipeline

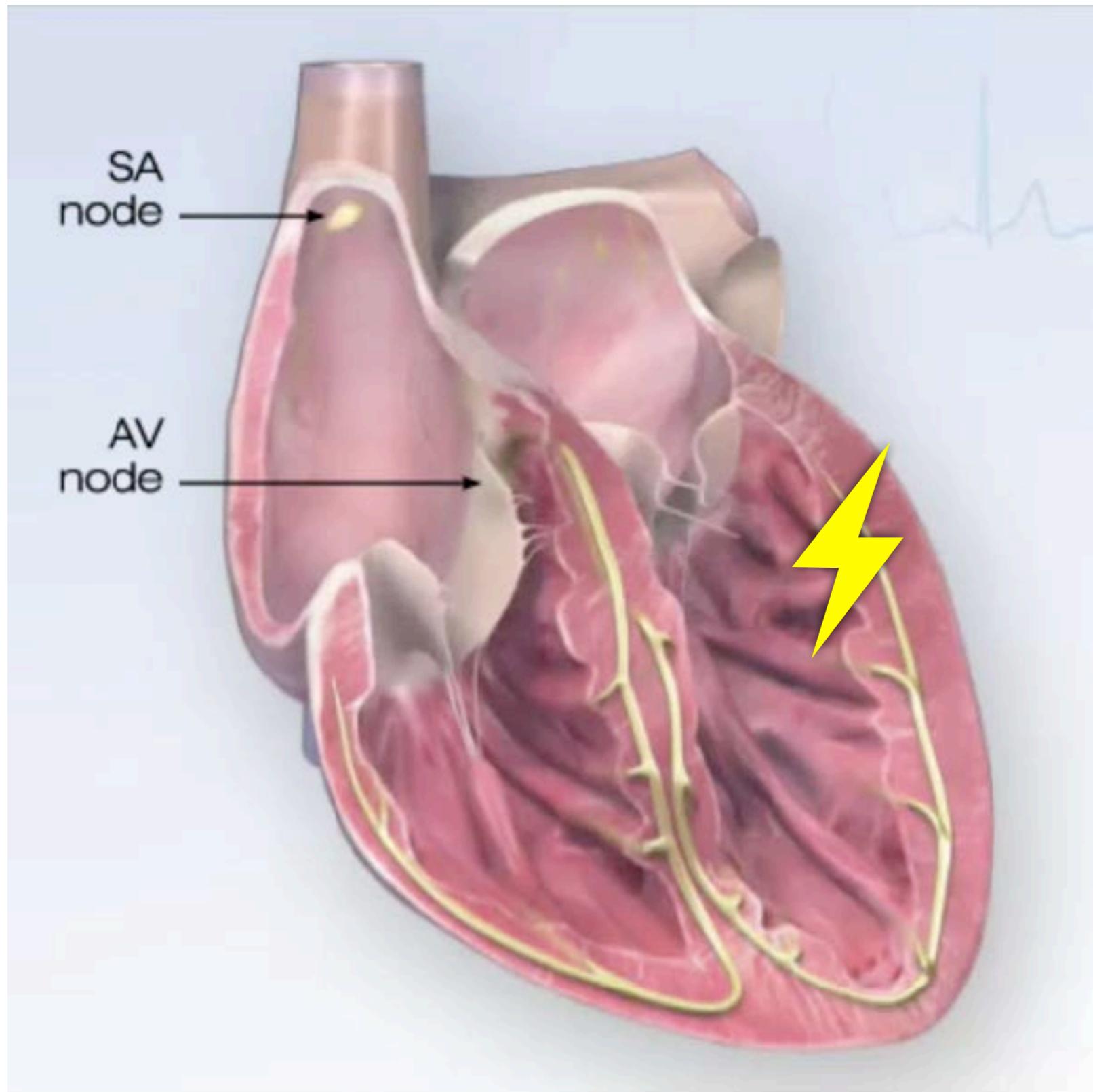
Tools for Clinicians



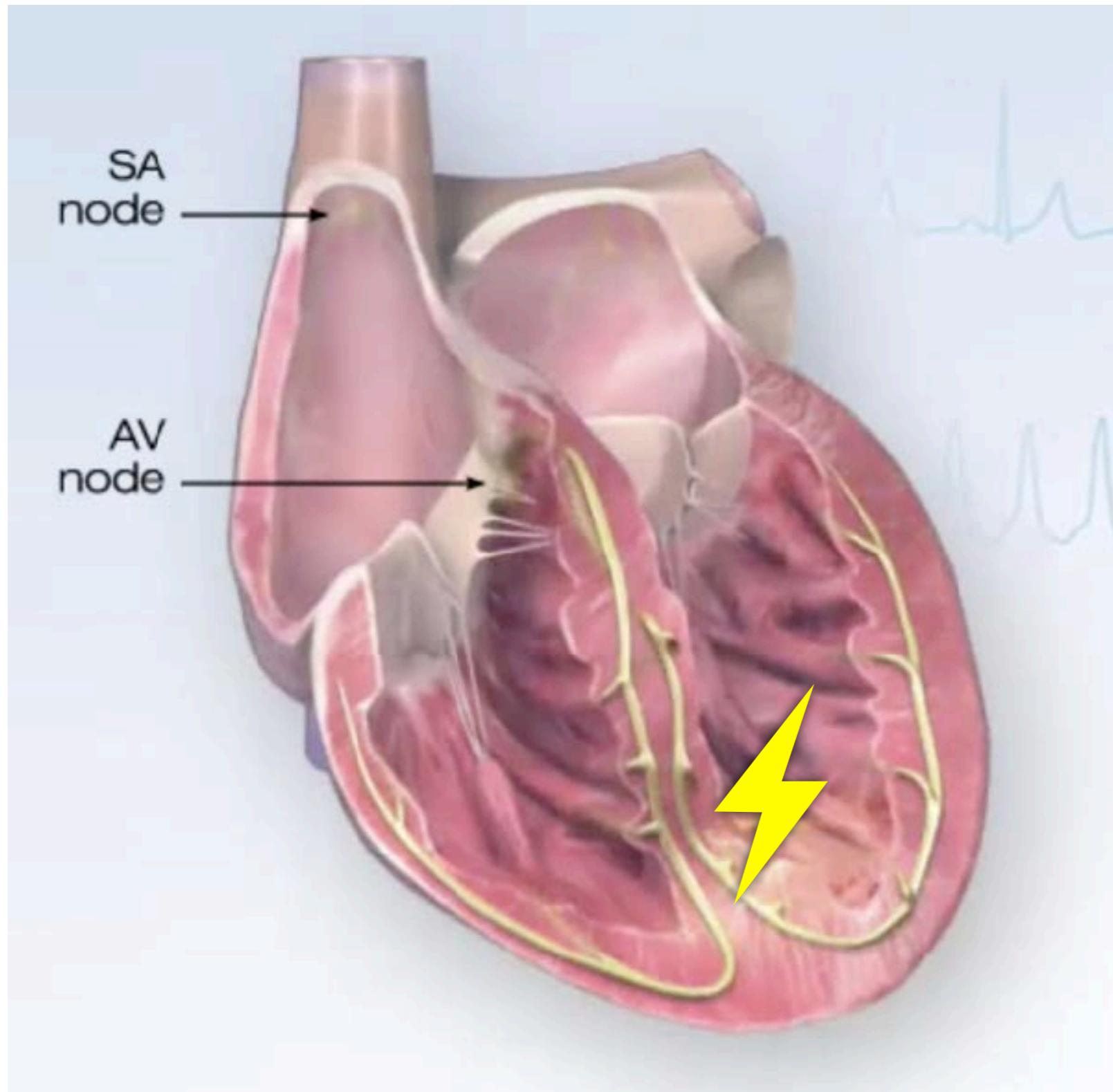
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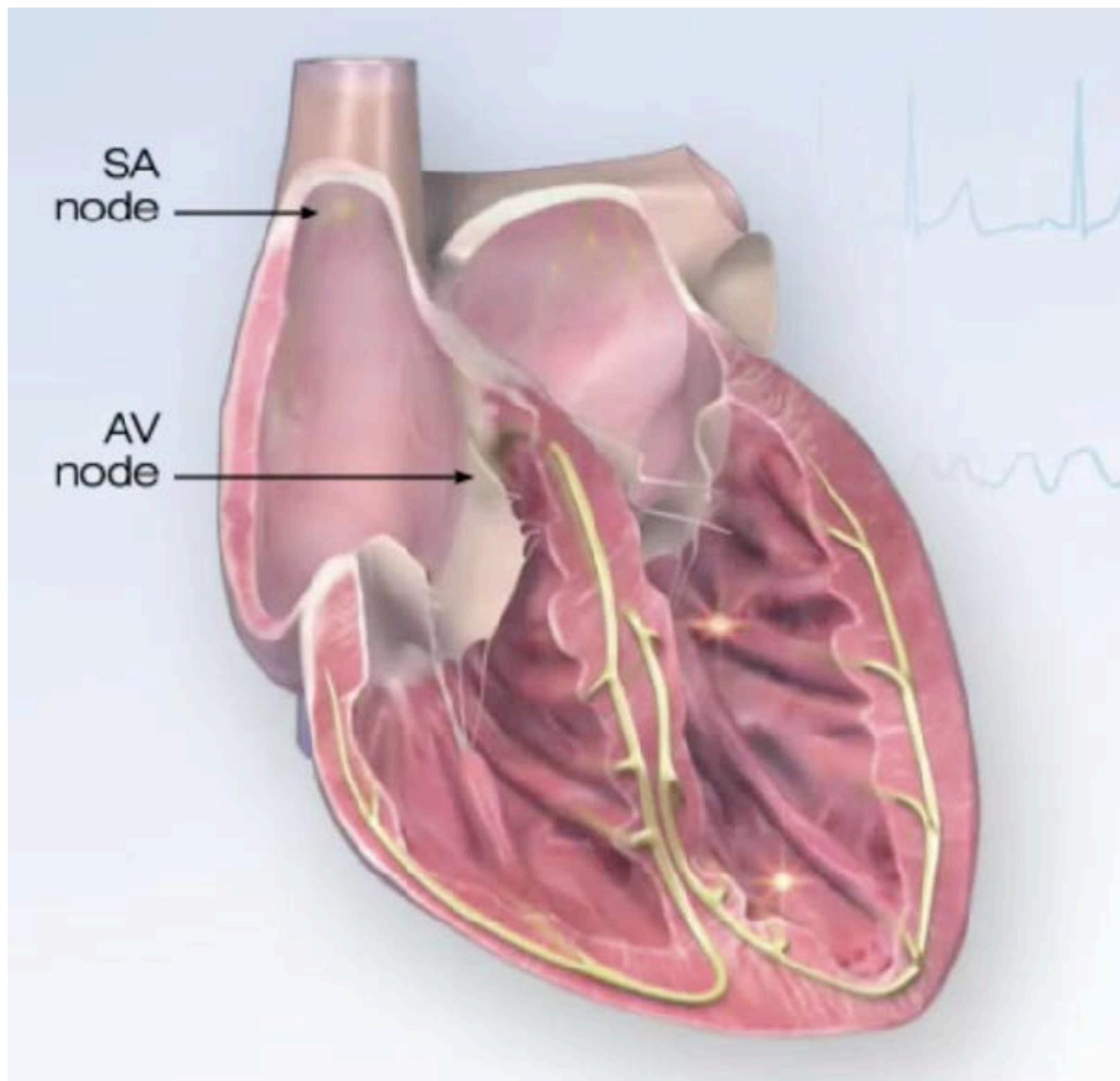
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Ventricular Tachycardia



Ventricular Fibrillation



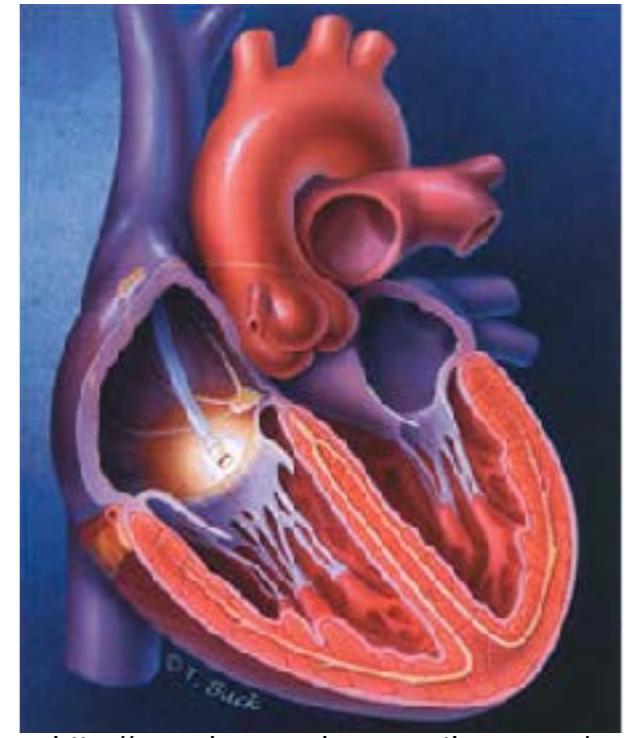
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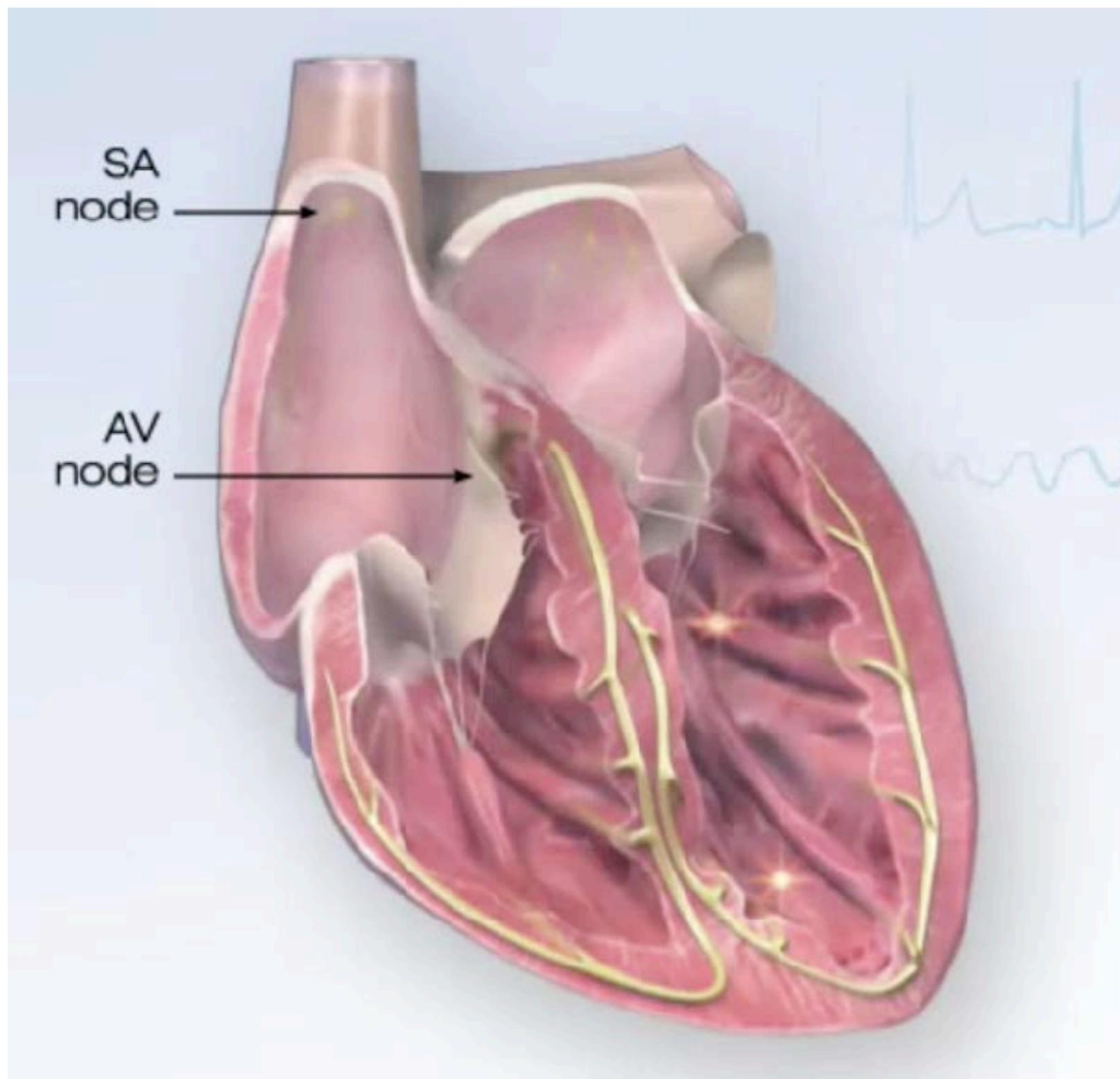
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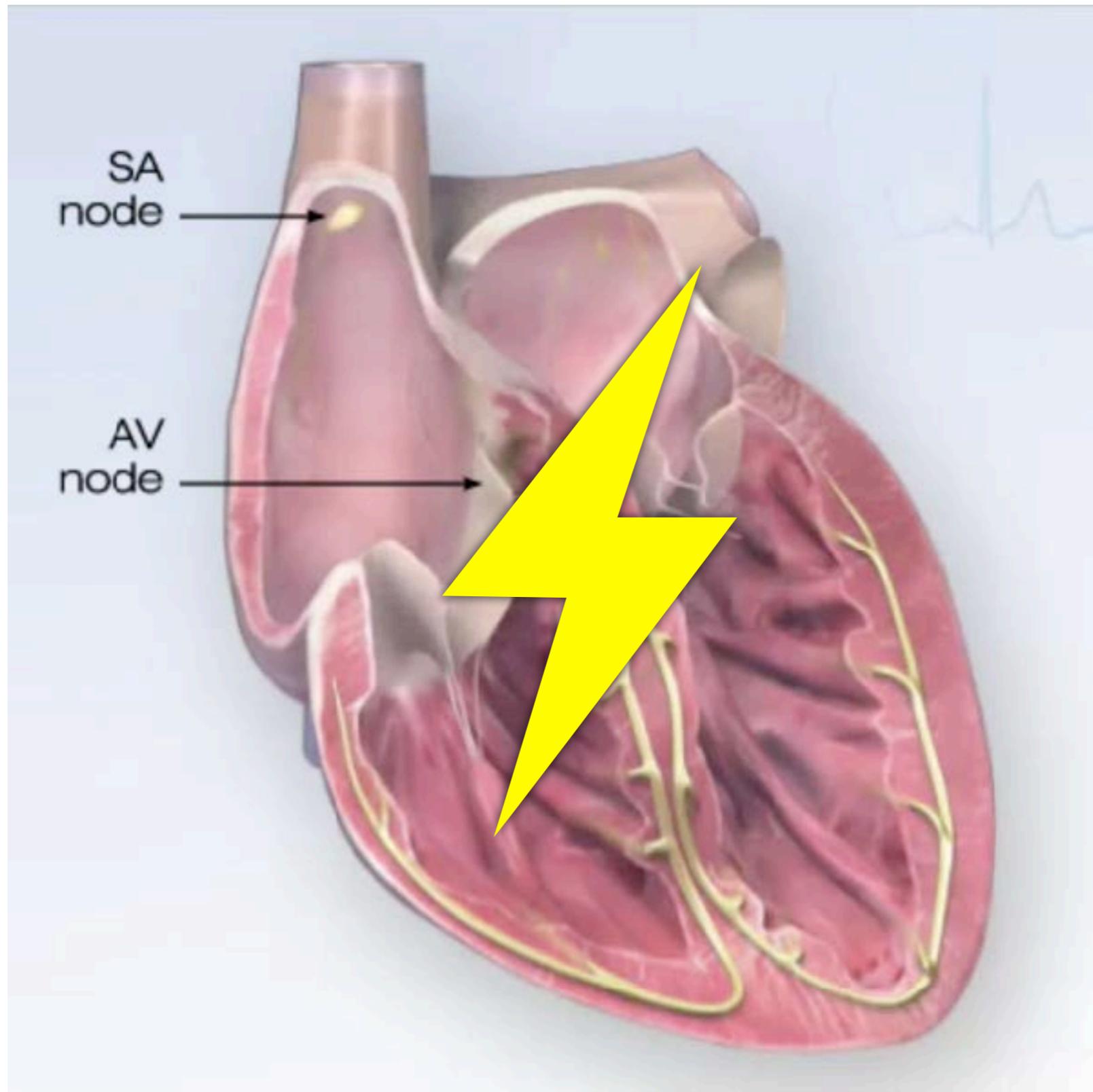


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Ventricular Fibrillation



Cardiac Activity



Defibrillation

Automatic External Defibrillator- AED

Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillator- WCD

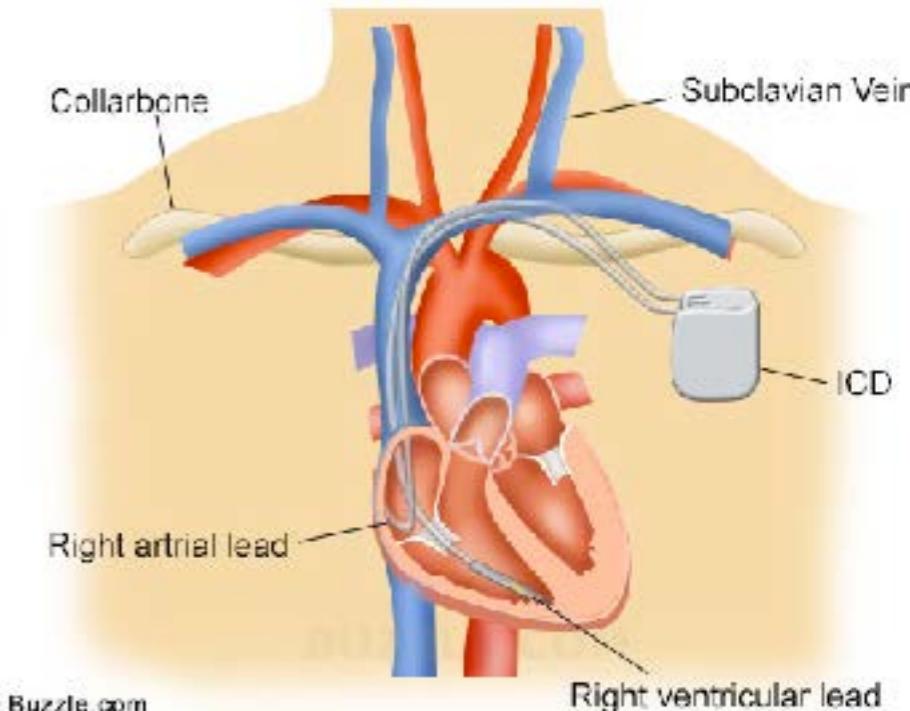
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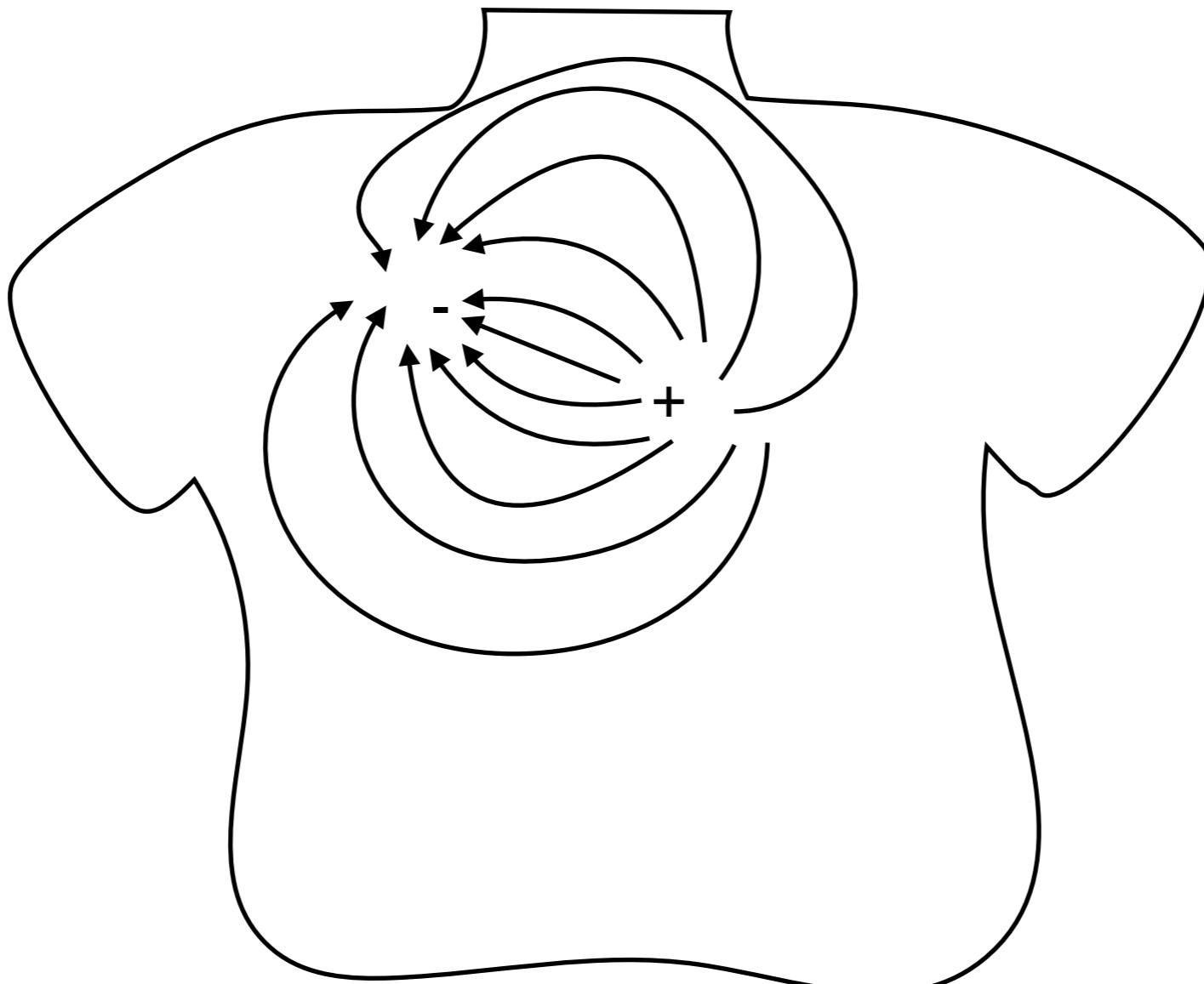
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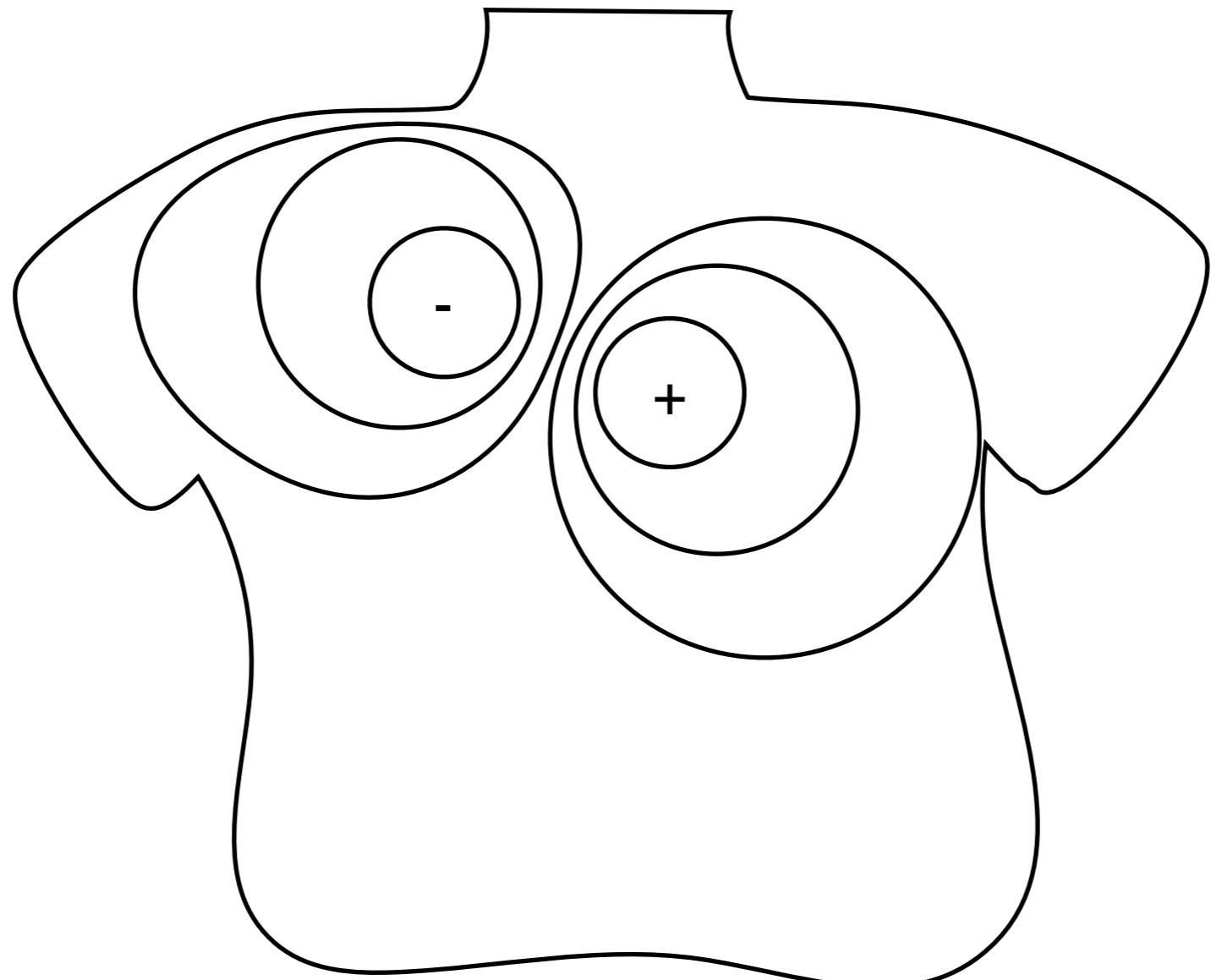
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Bioelectric Fields



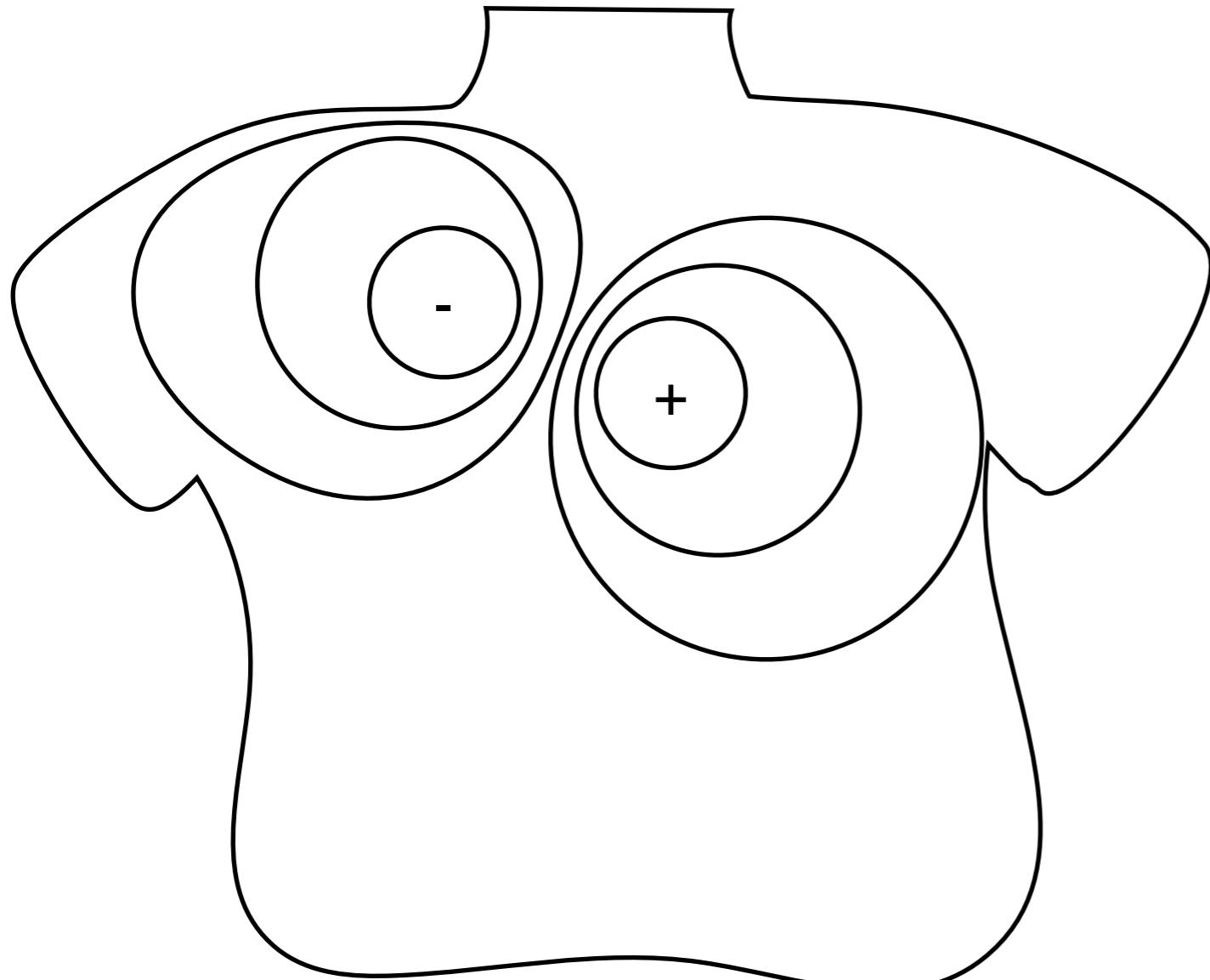
Stem from currents generated within the torso

Bioelectric Fields



Potential Fields

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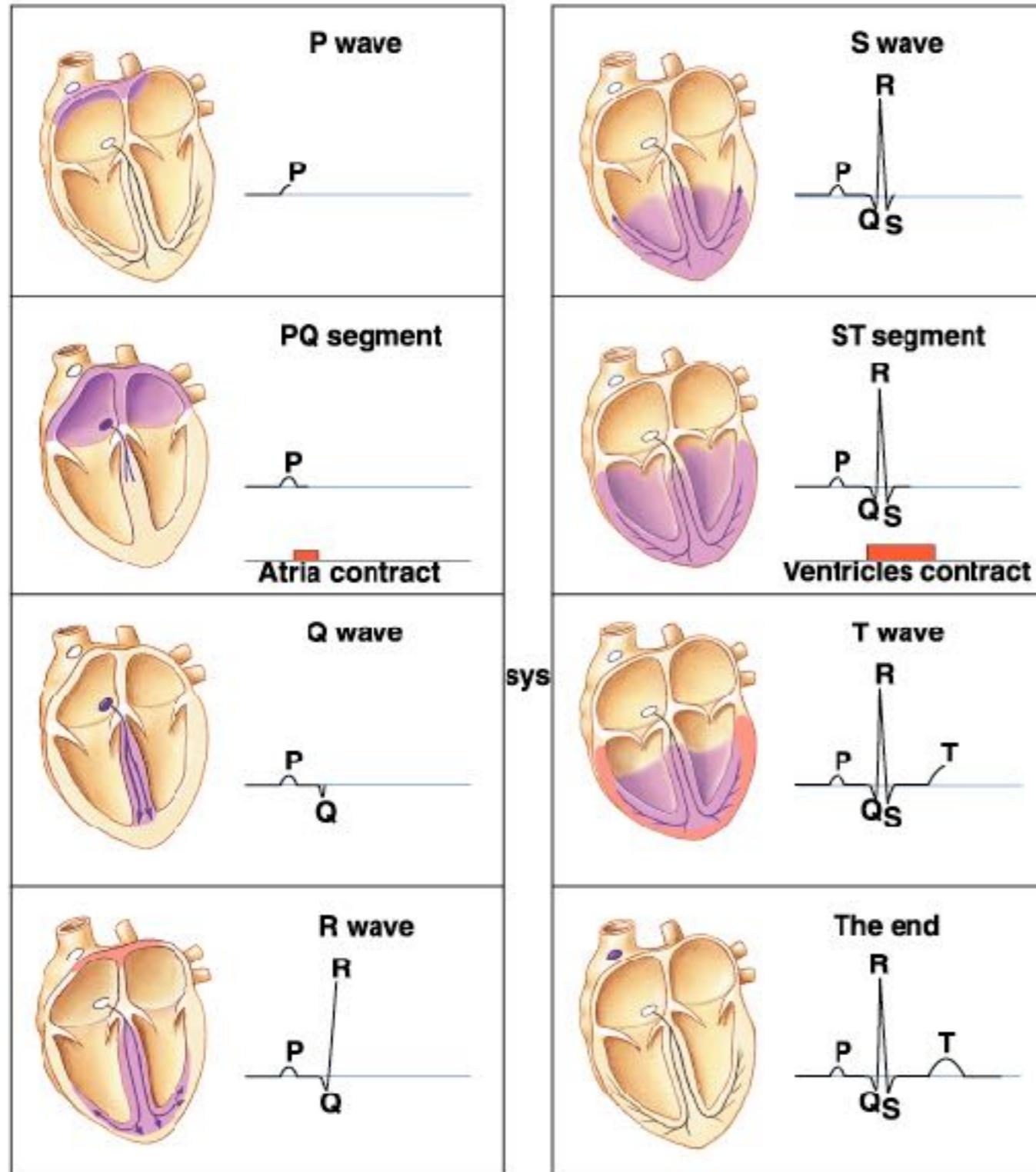
Dissipate with
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Superimpose

Intrinsic or Extrinsic

Heterogeneous
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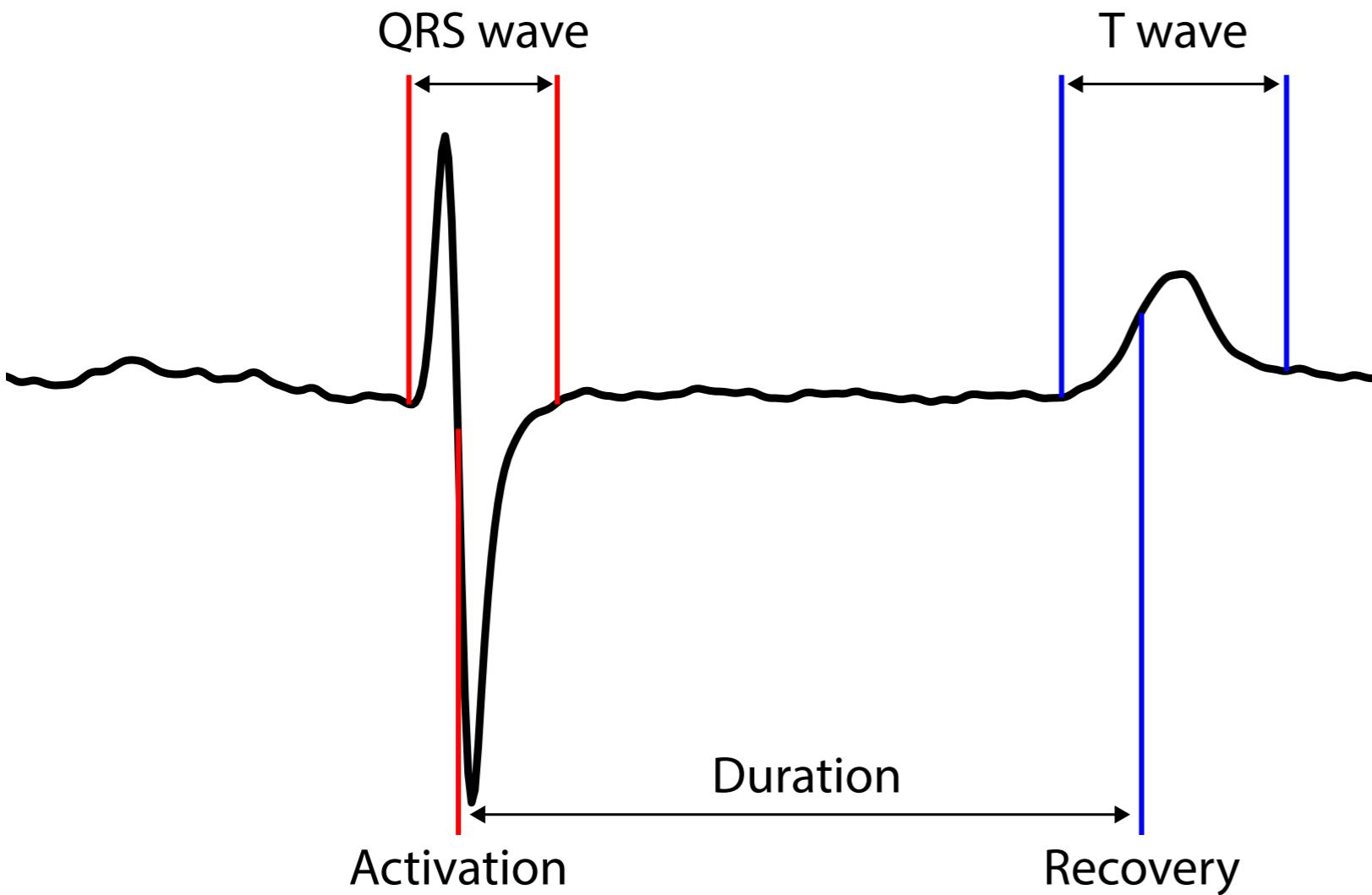
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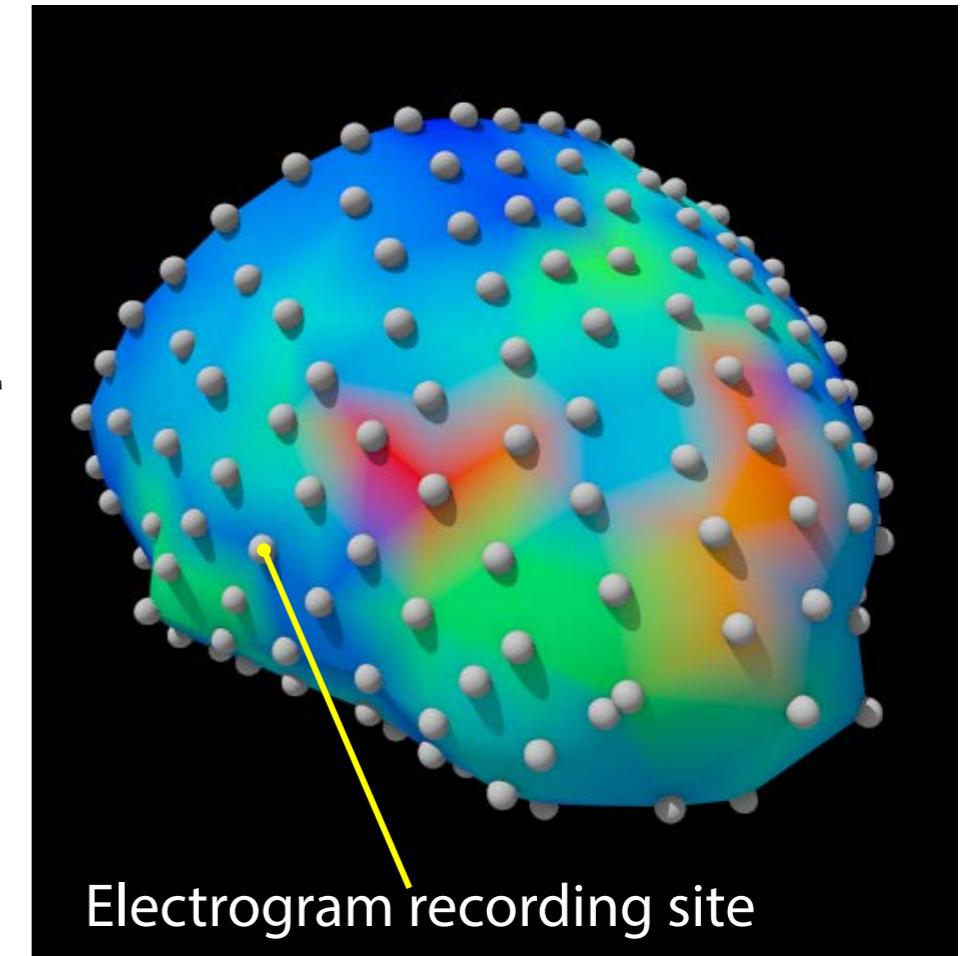
Time Varying

Spatially Varying

Electrogram



Electrogram



Activation Map

Locally Sensitive

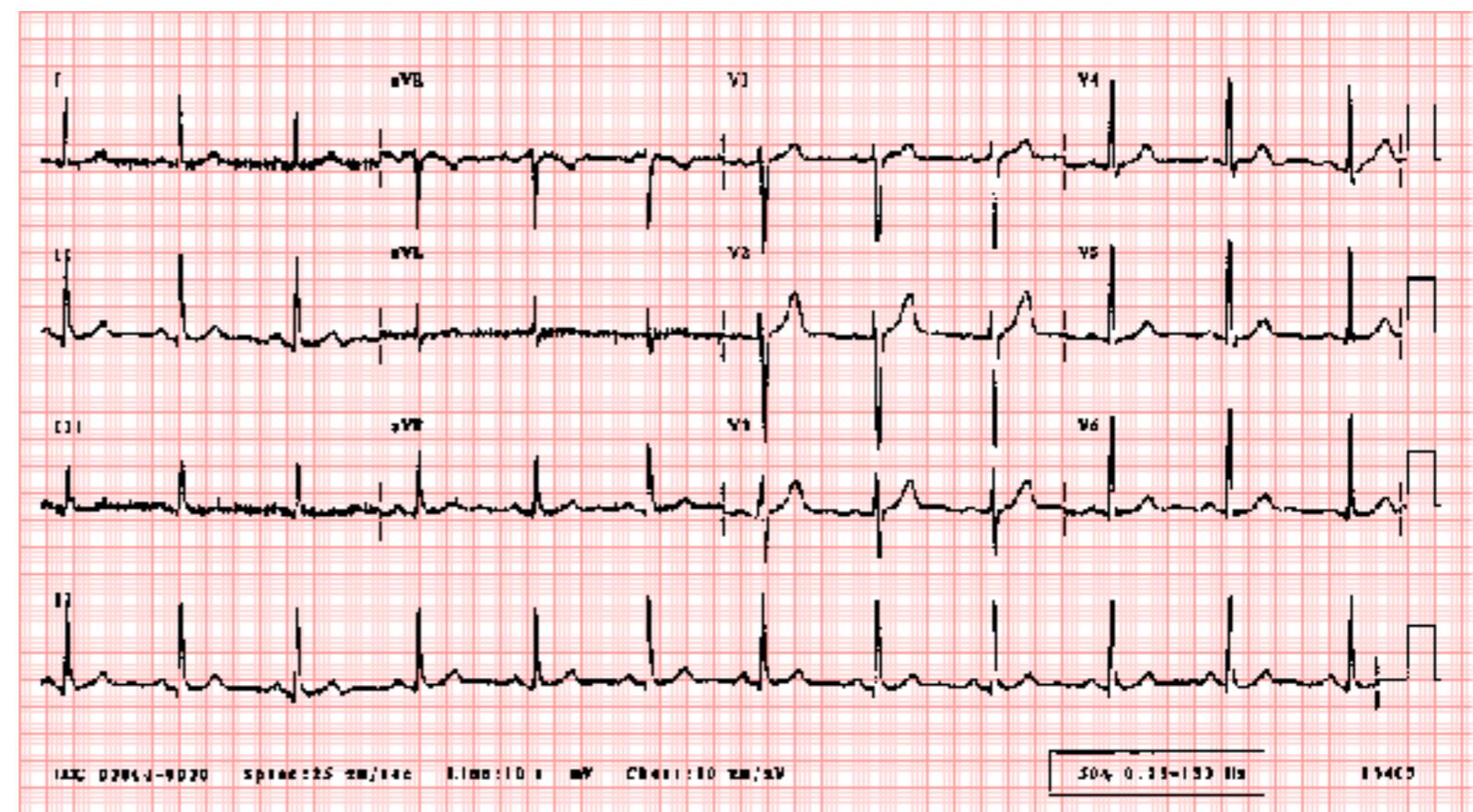
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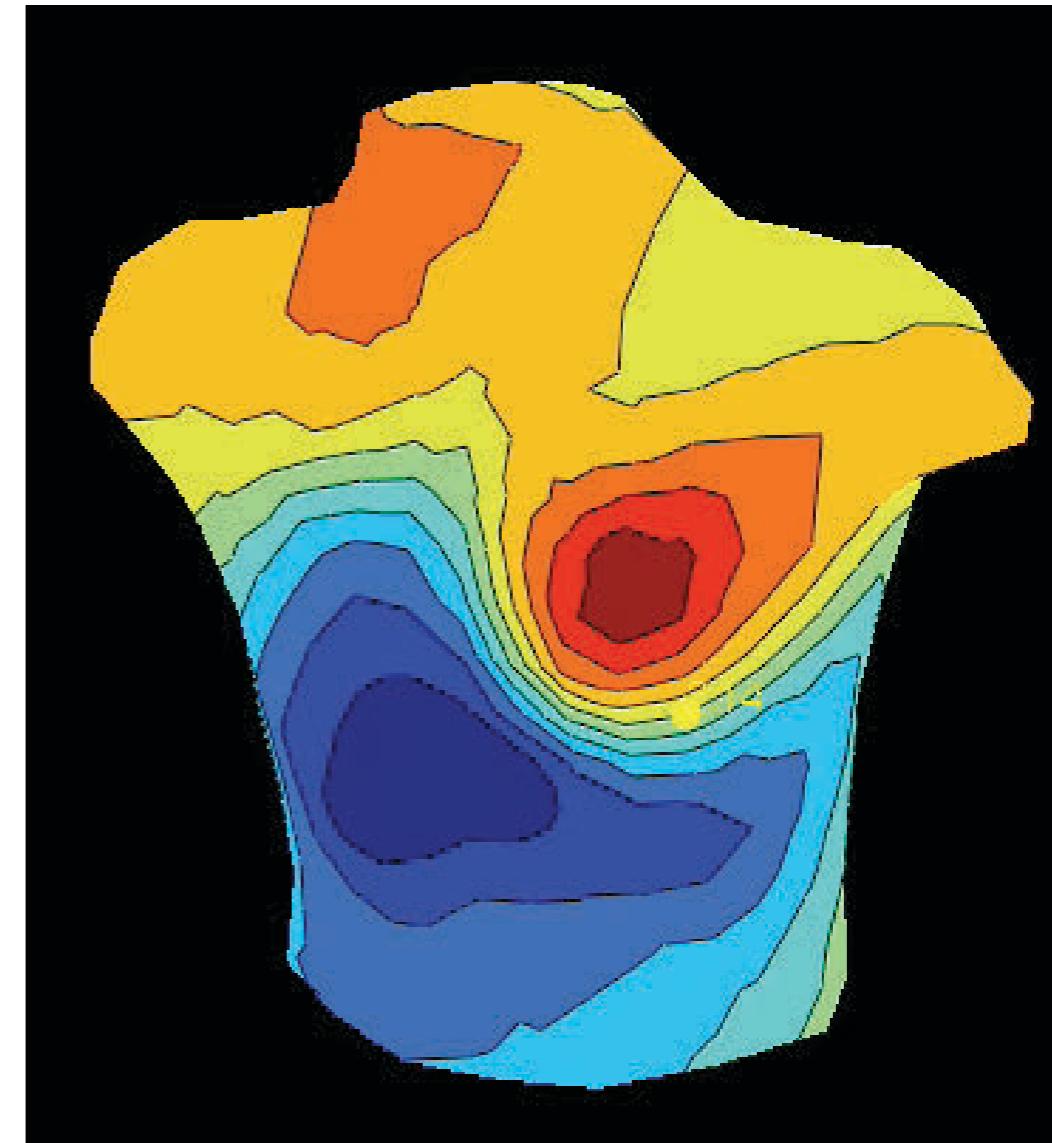
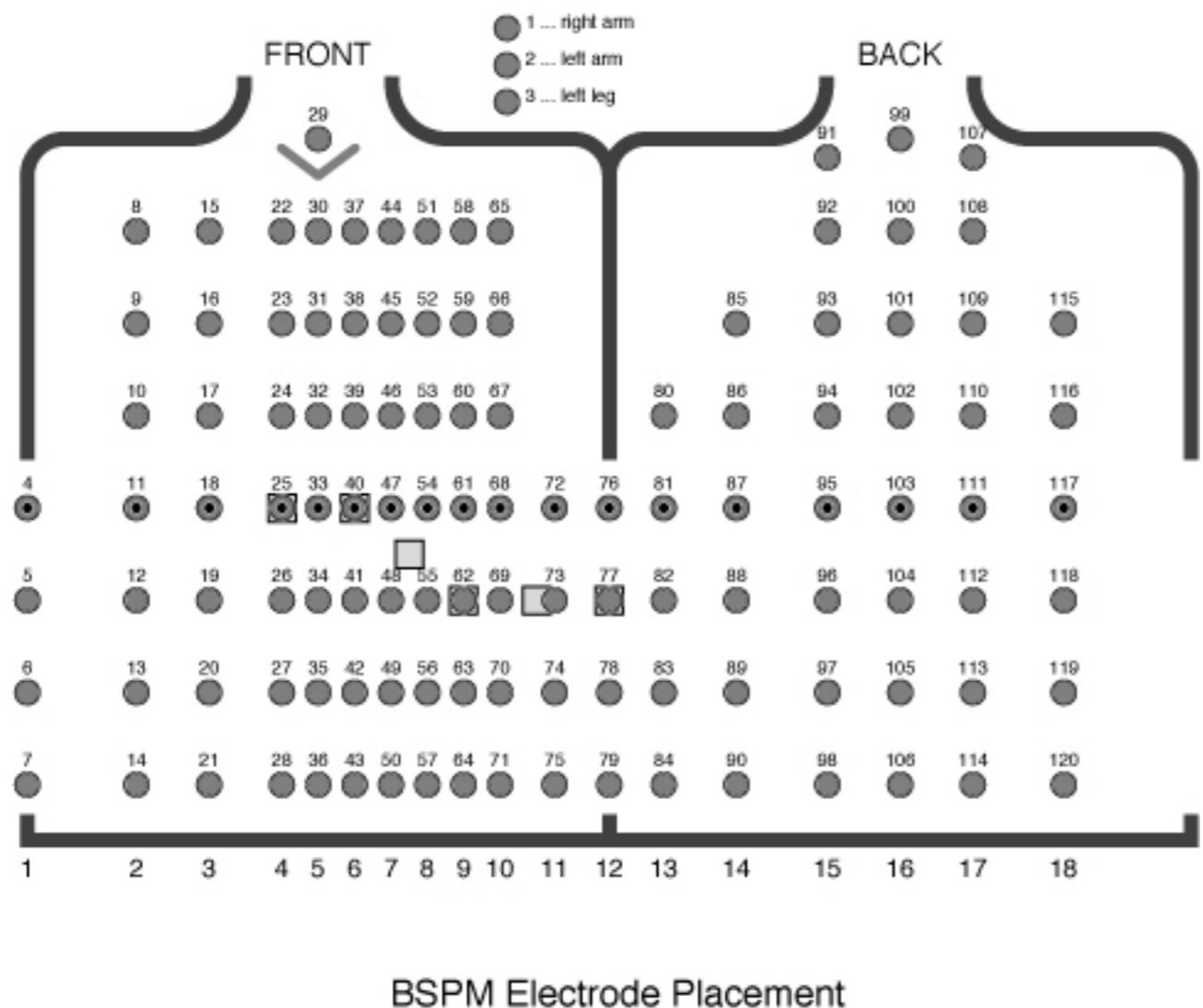


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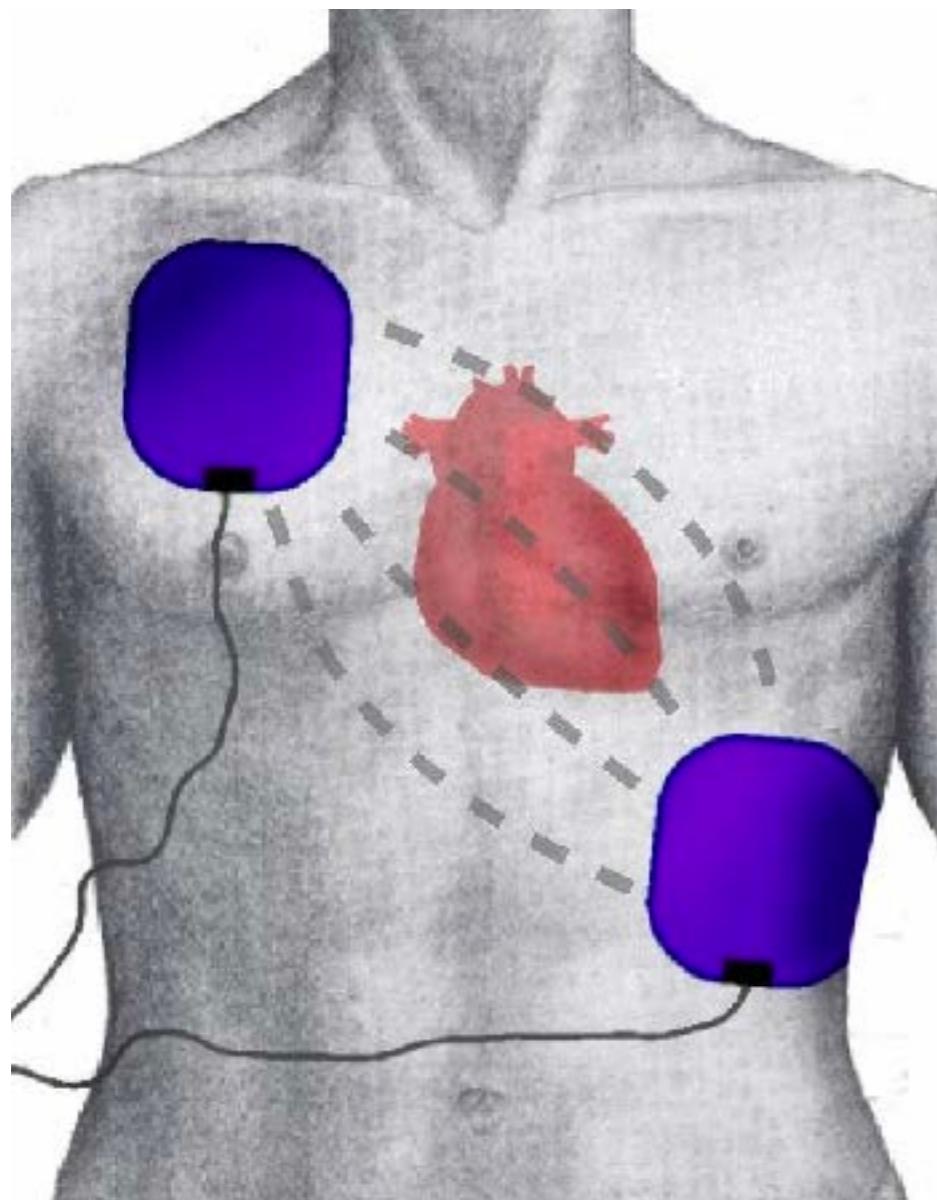
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Body-Surface Potential Mapping (BSPM)

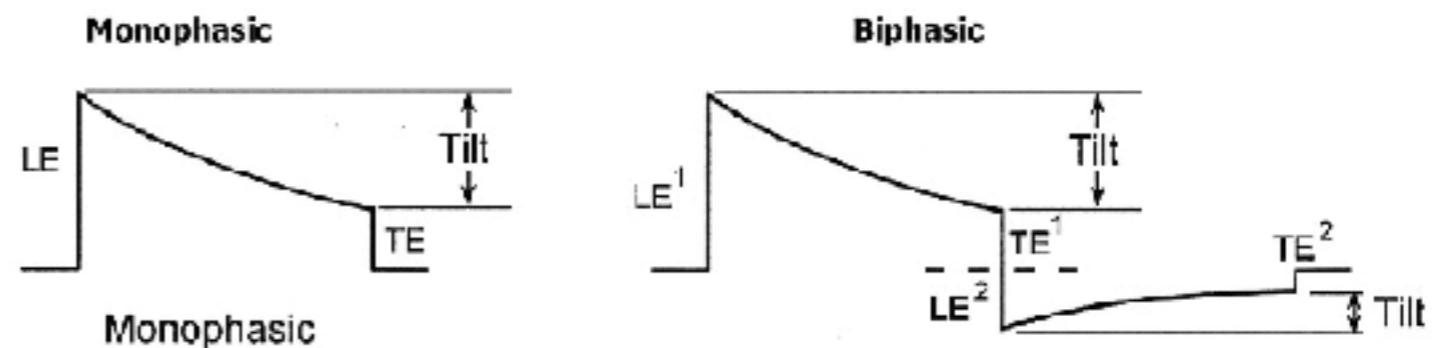


Defibrillator Source



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Waveform



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Mathematical Description

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla \phi = I$$

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla \phi = 0$$

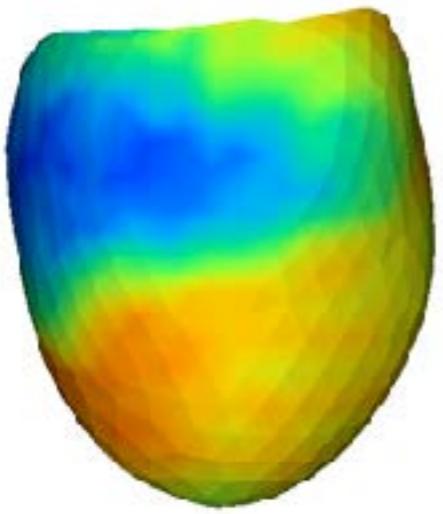
$$\phi(x_h) = \phi_h$$

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Finite Element Method (FEM)

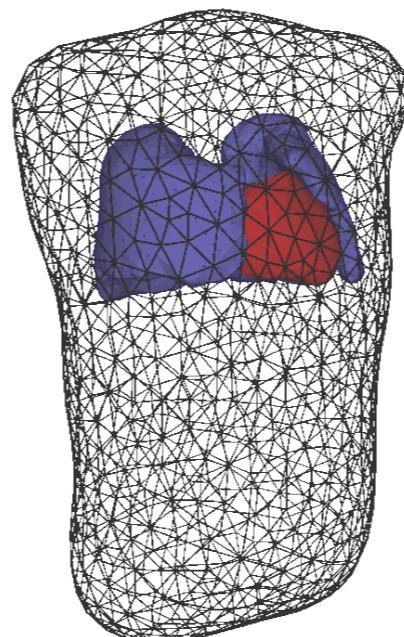
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Modeling Bioelectric Fields



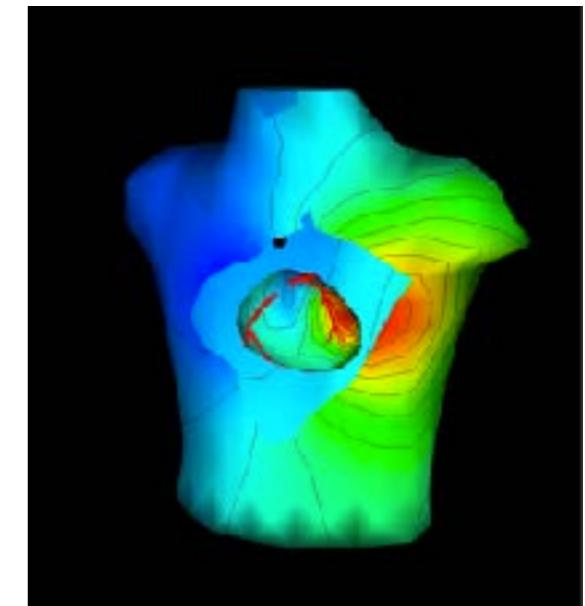
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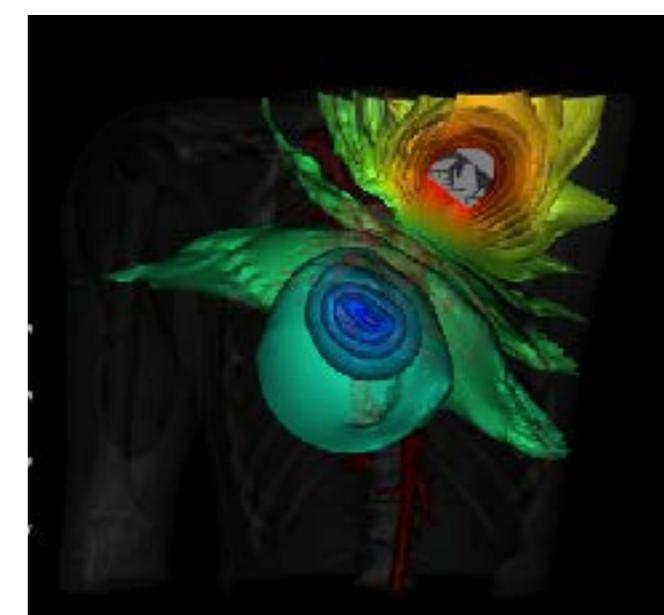
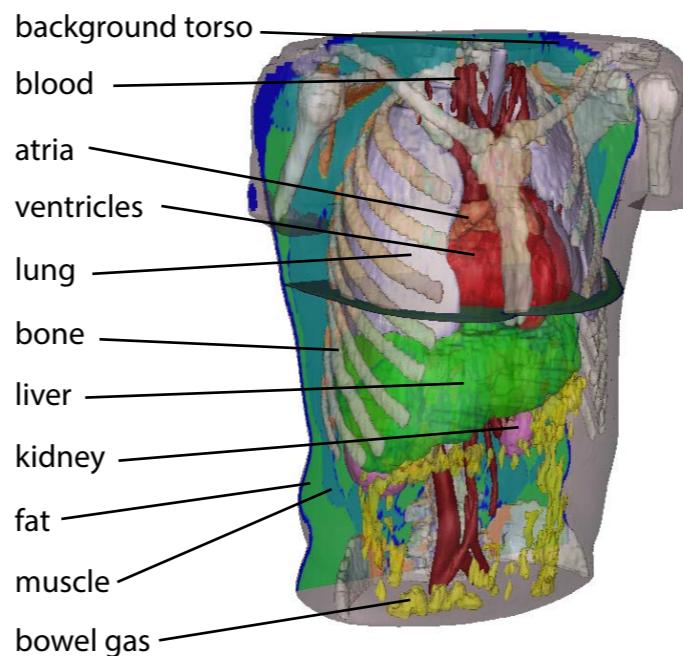


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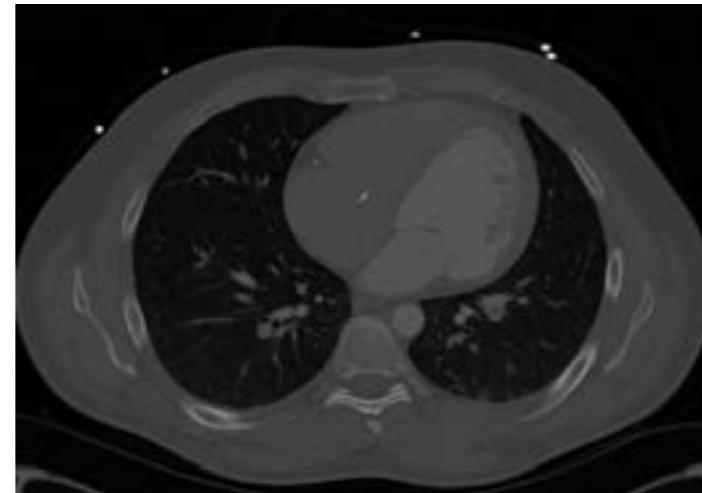
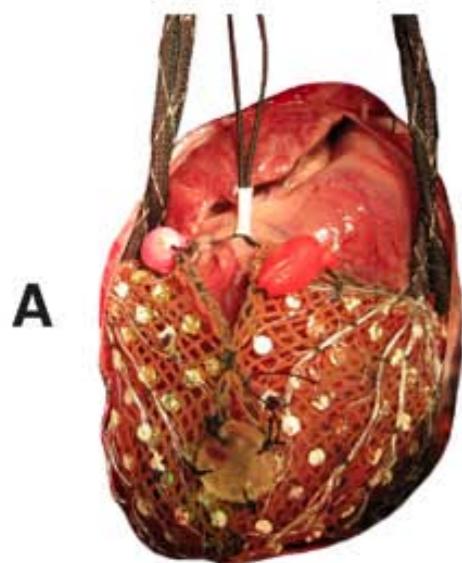
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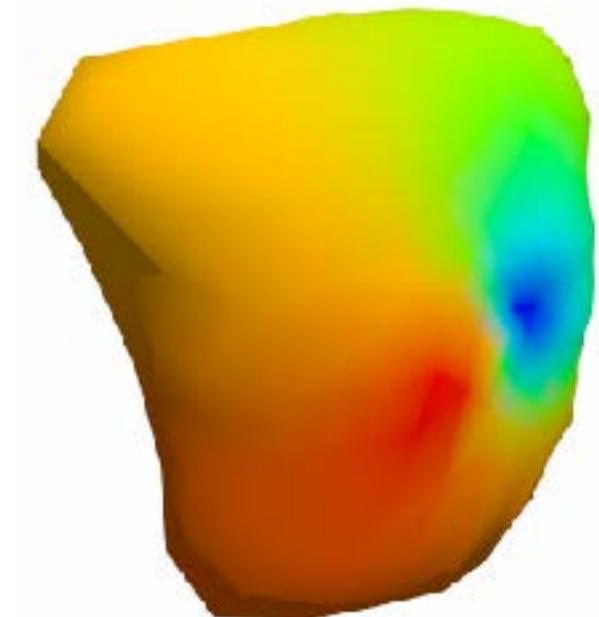
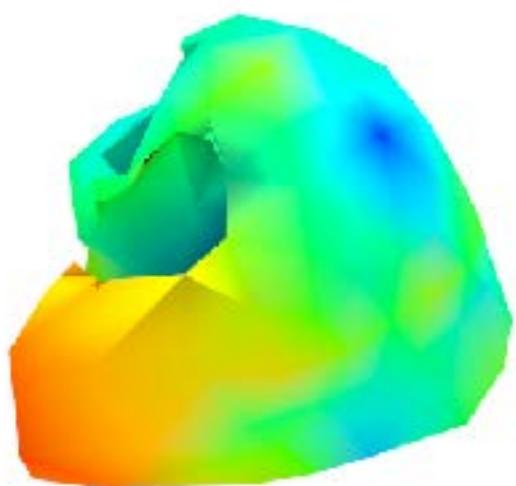
Computed
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Validation

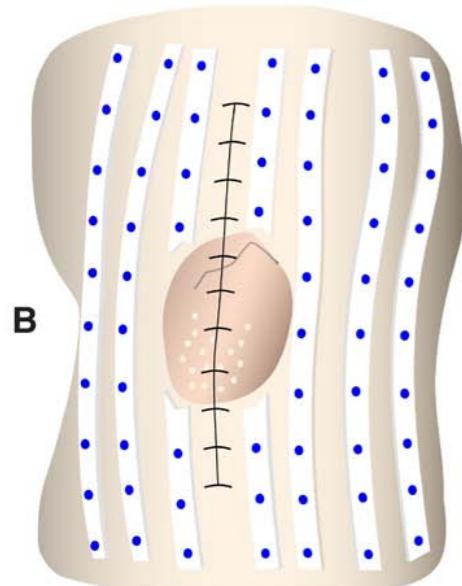


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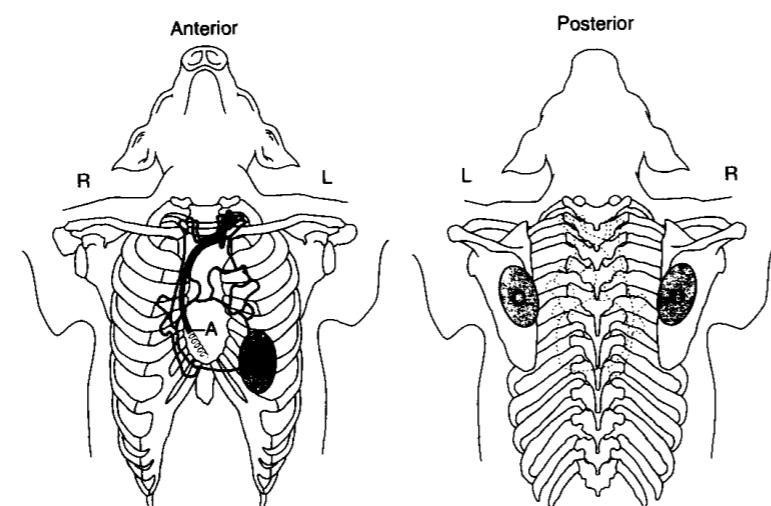


Validation Approaches

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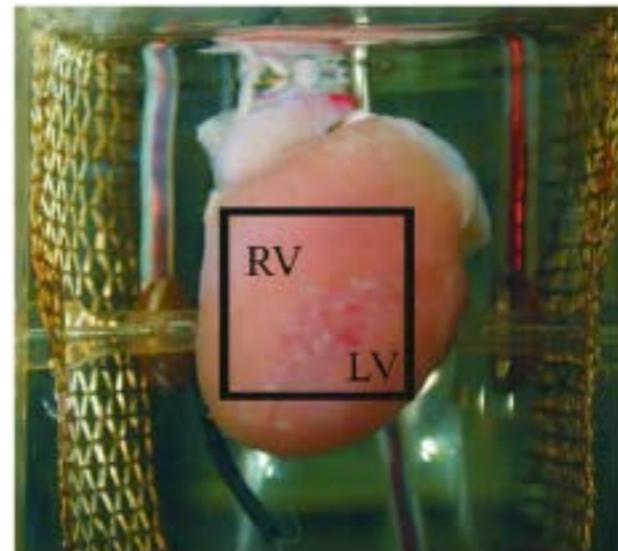


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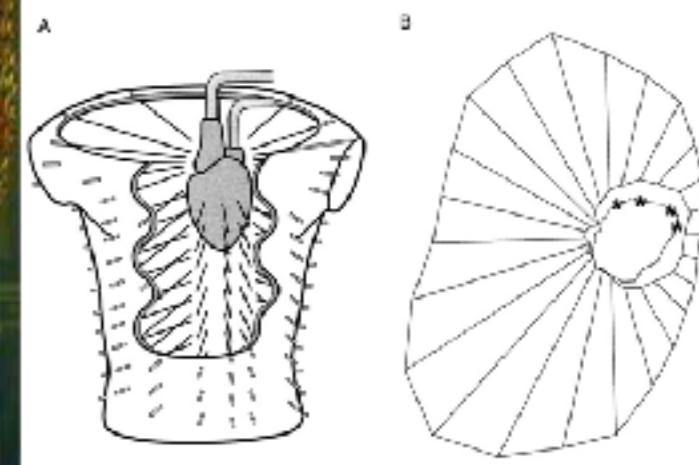


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Torso Tank

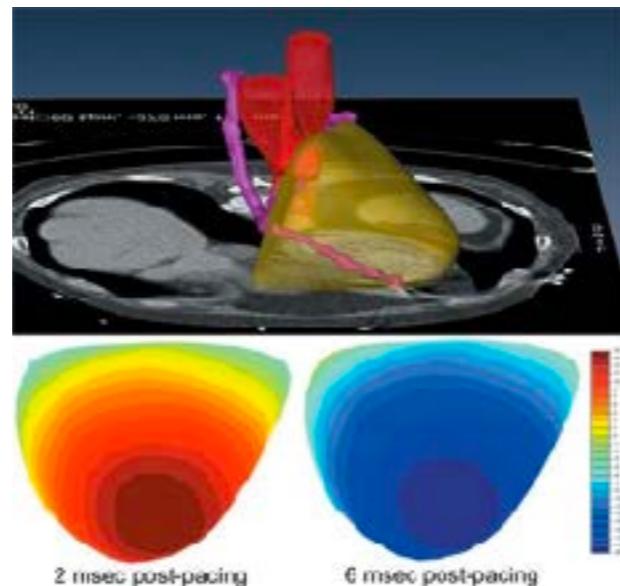


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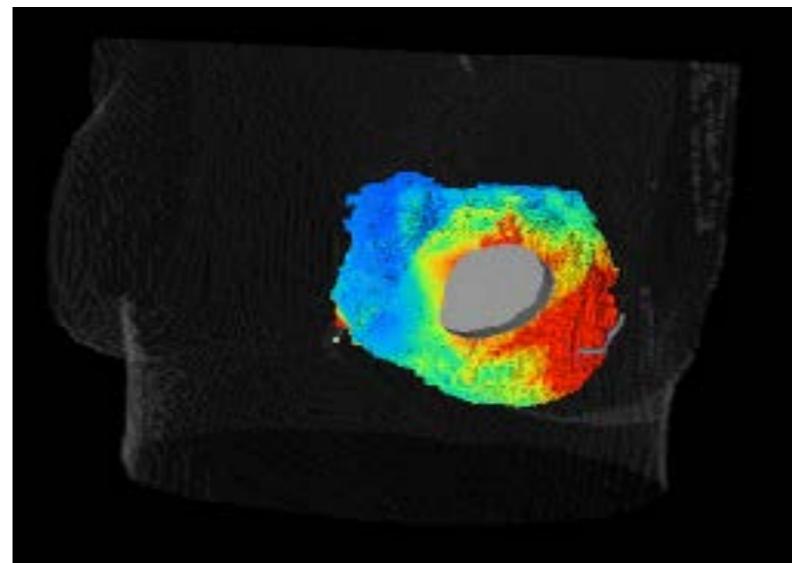


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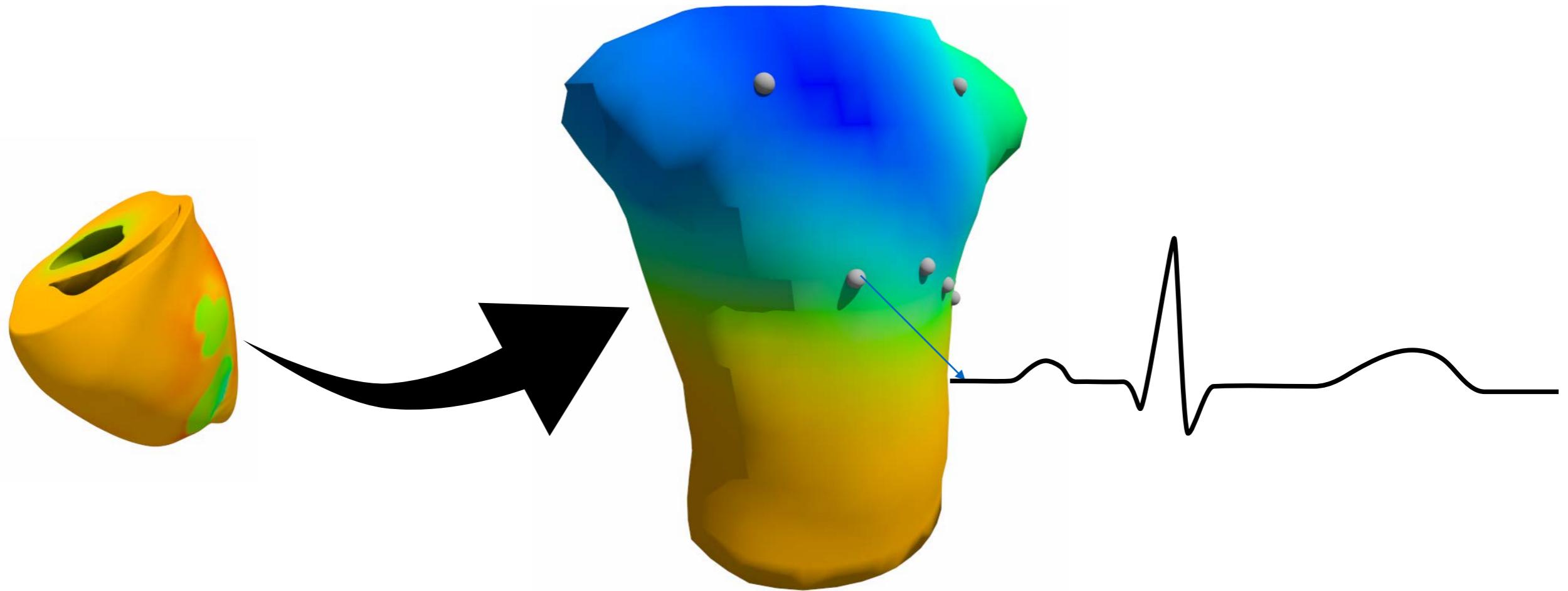


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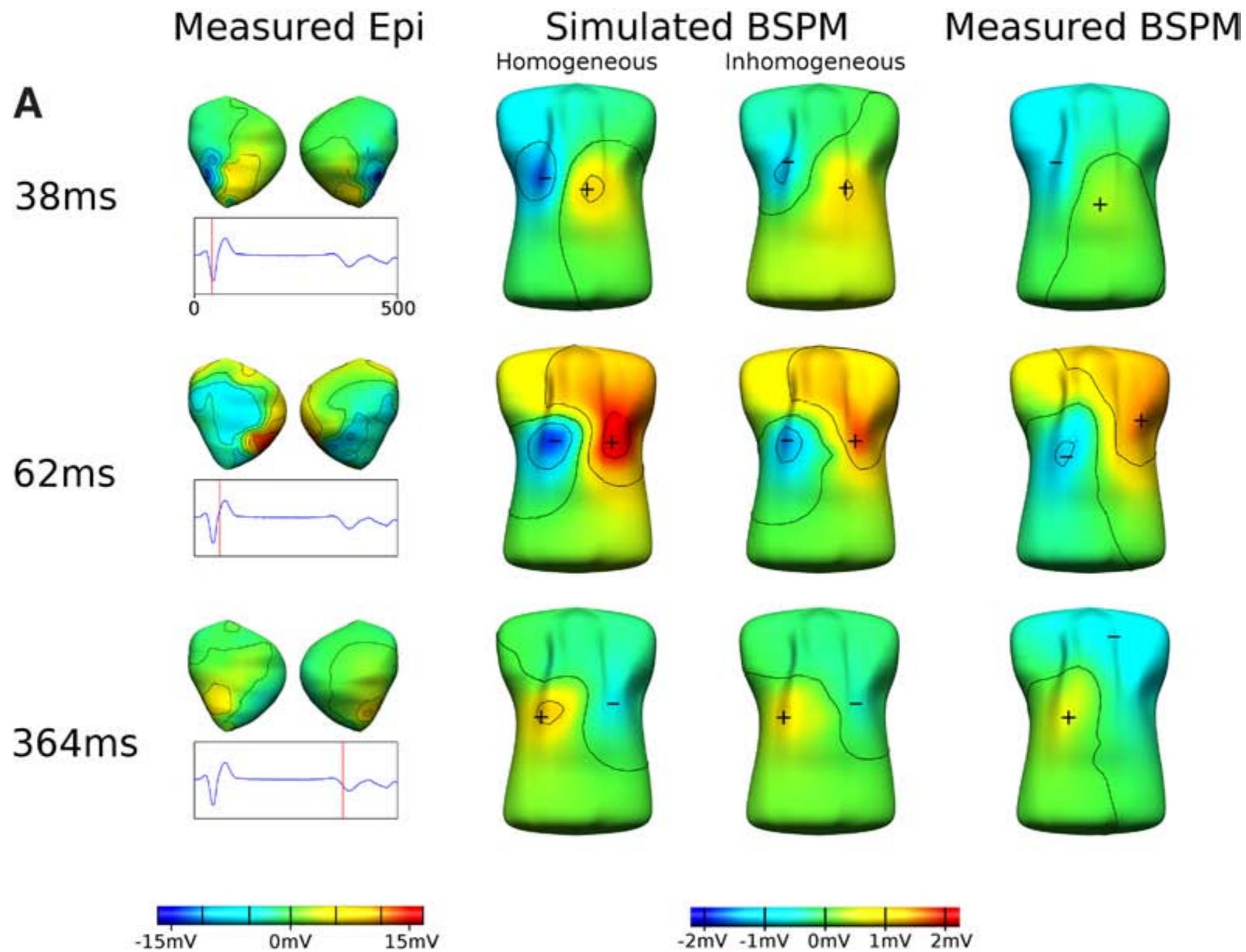
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Specific Aim



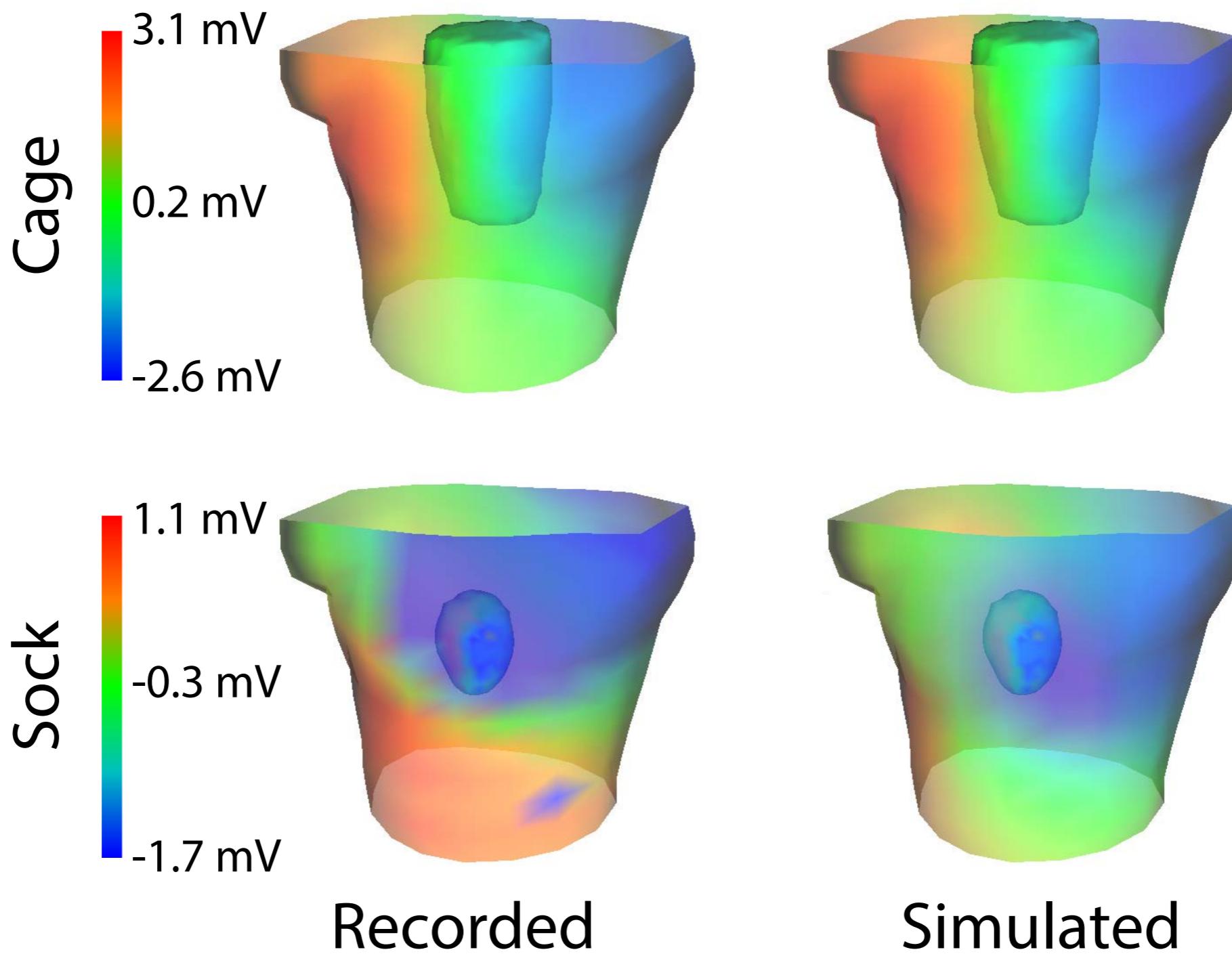
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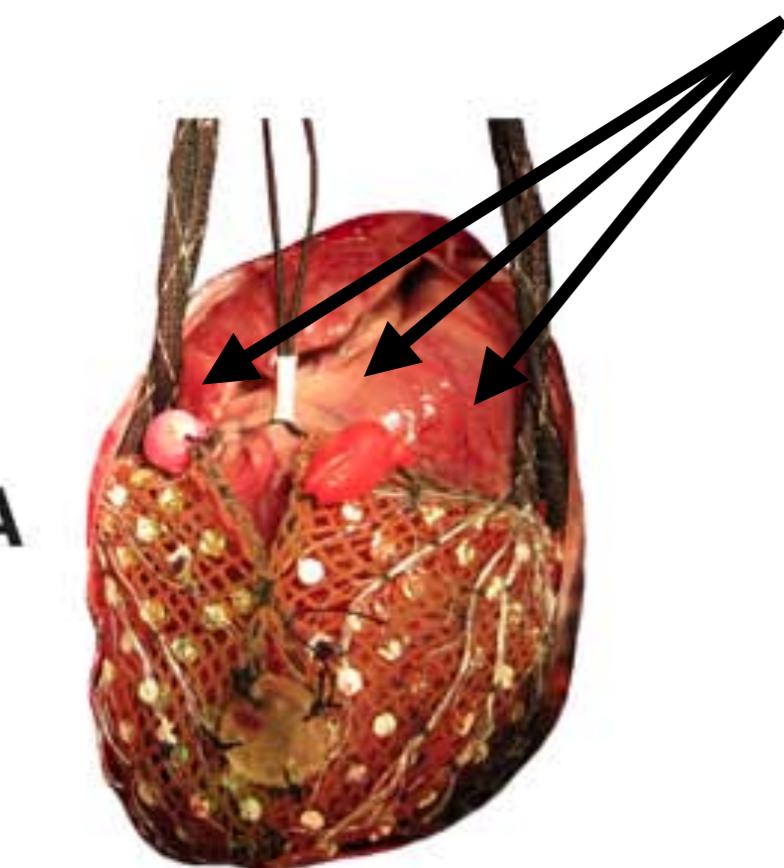
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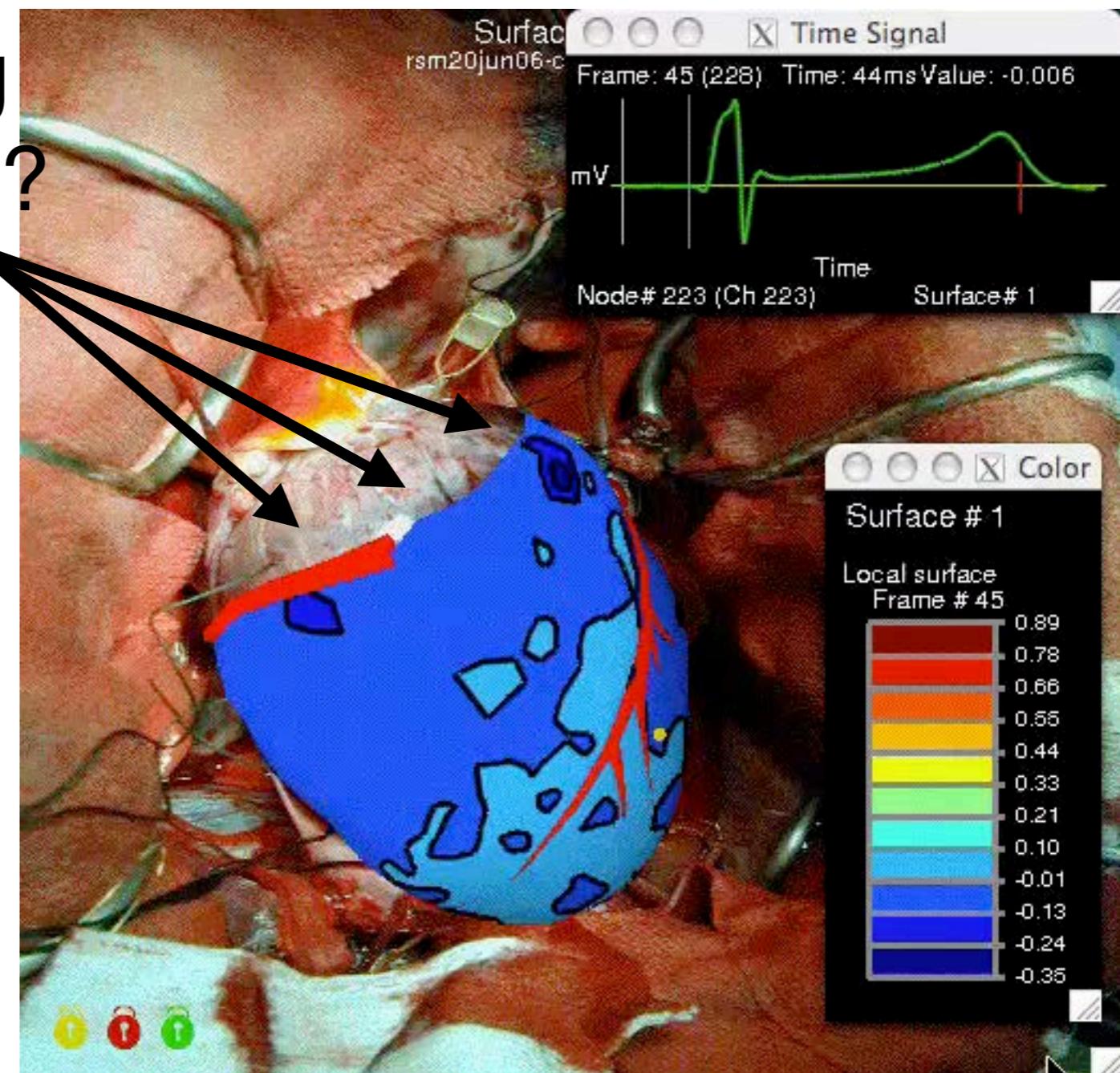
Source Recording

Missing
Sources?



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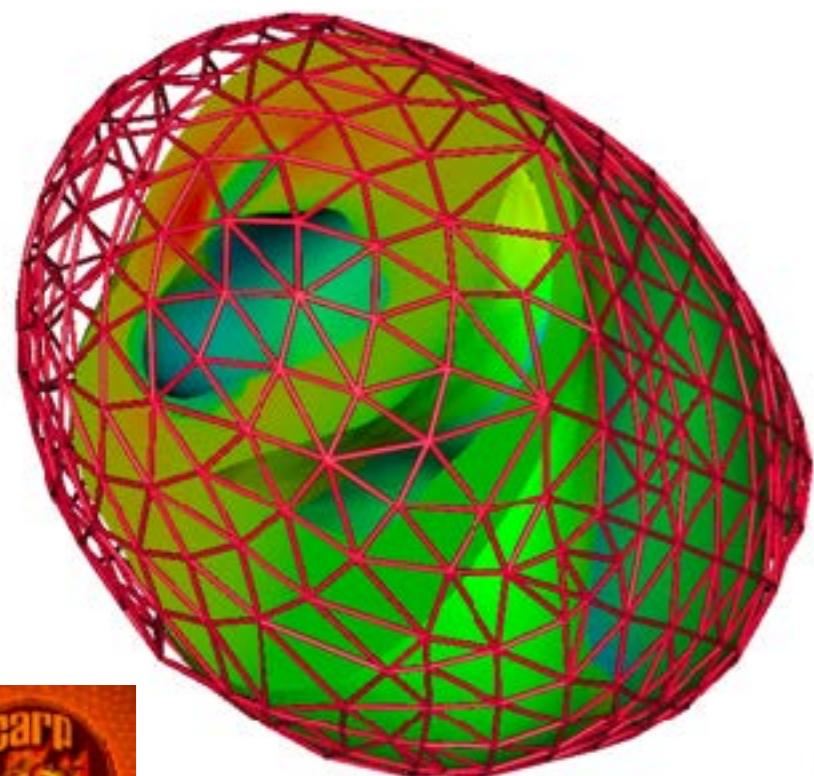
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Epicardial Sock
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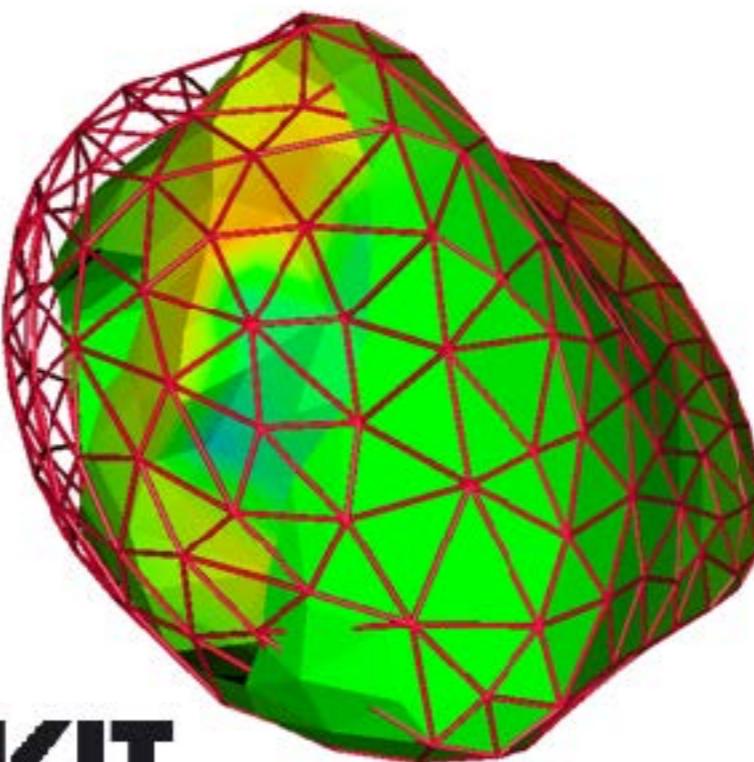
**Test sampling strategies of the atrial region
to reduce error in forward simulation**

Cardiac Sources

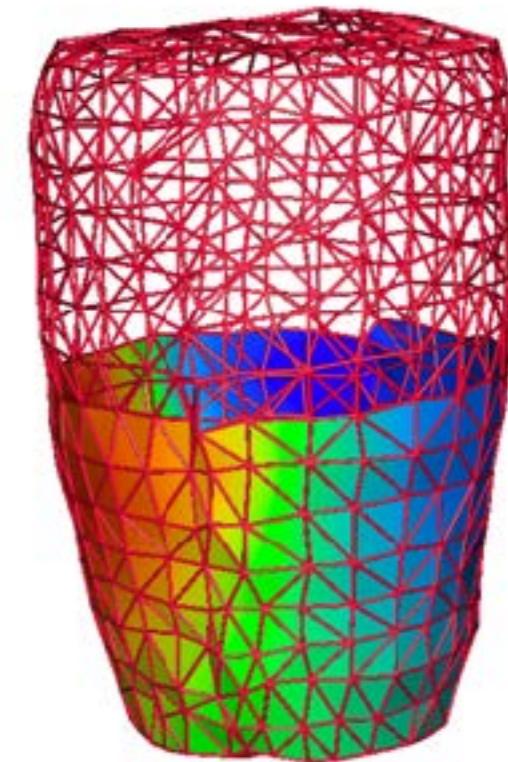


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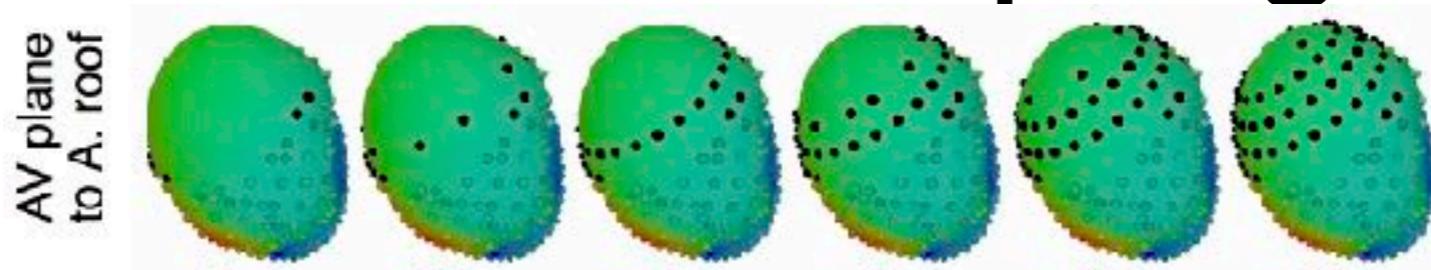


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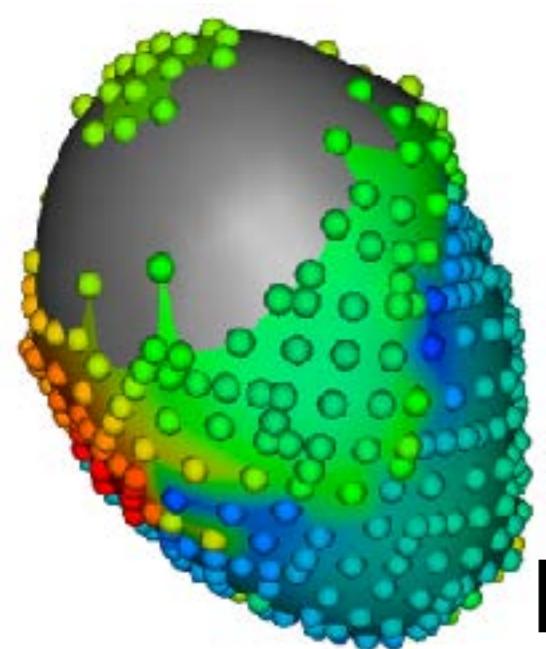
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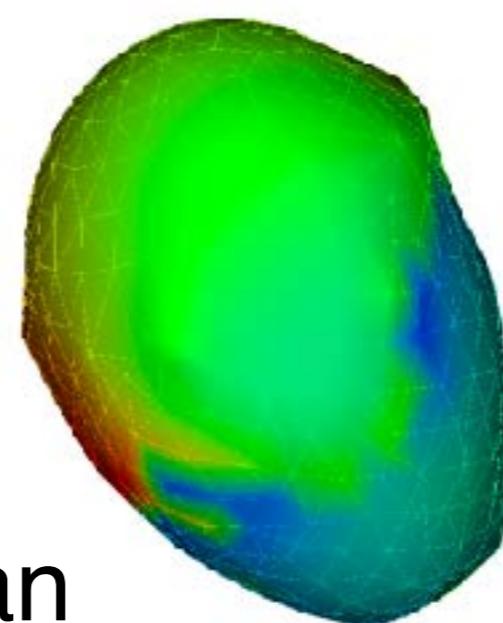
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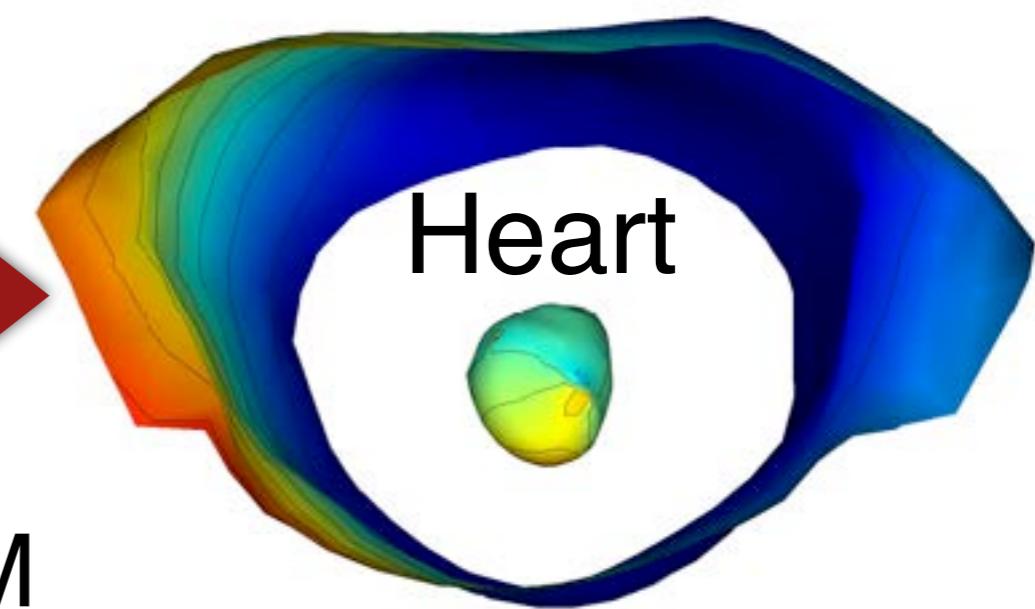
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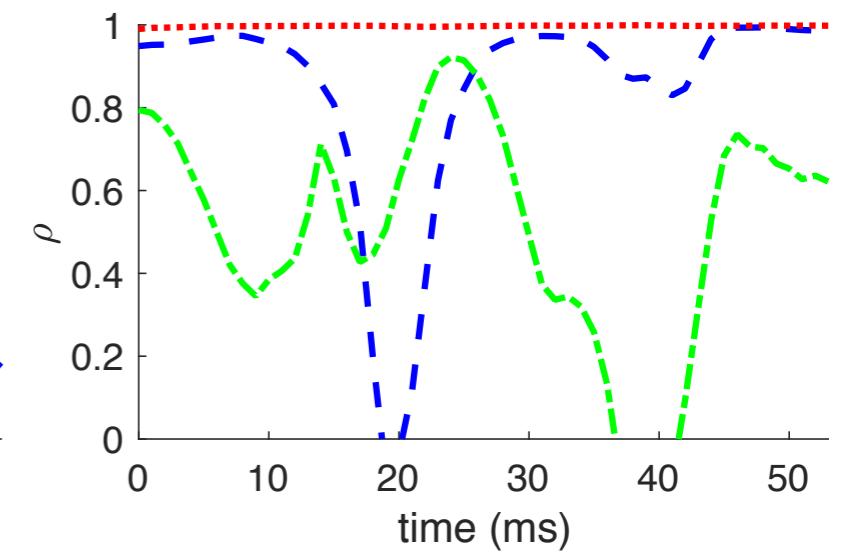
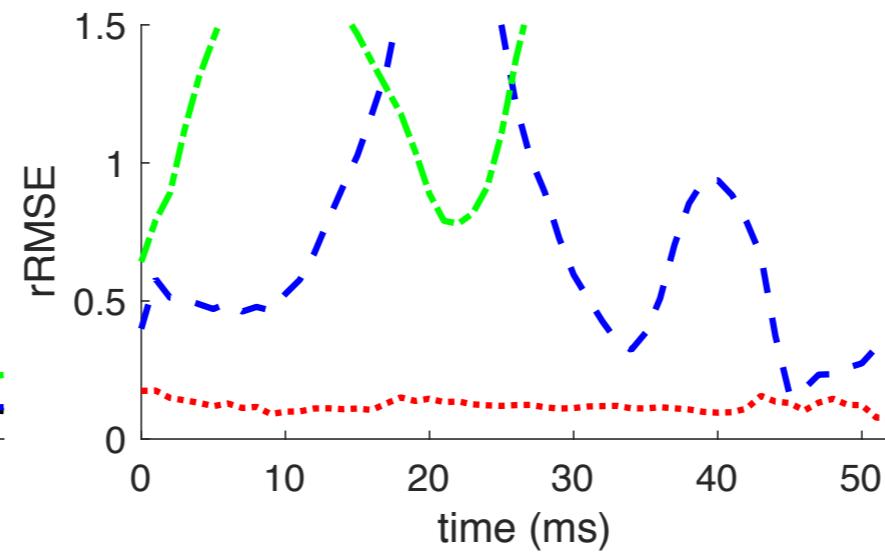
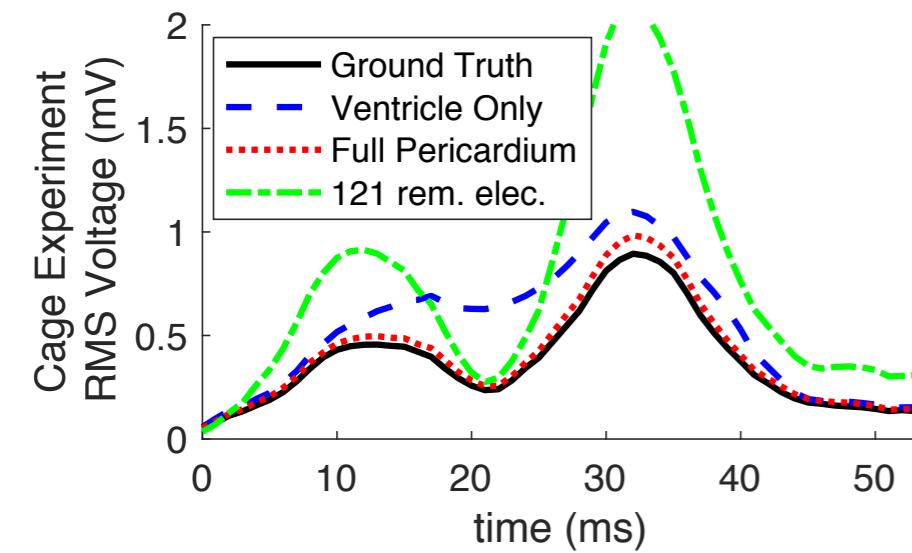
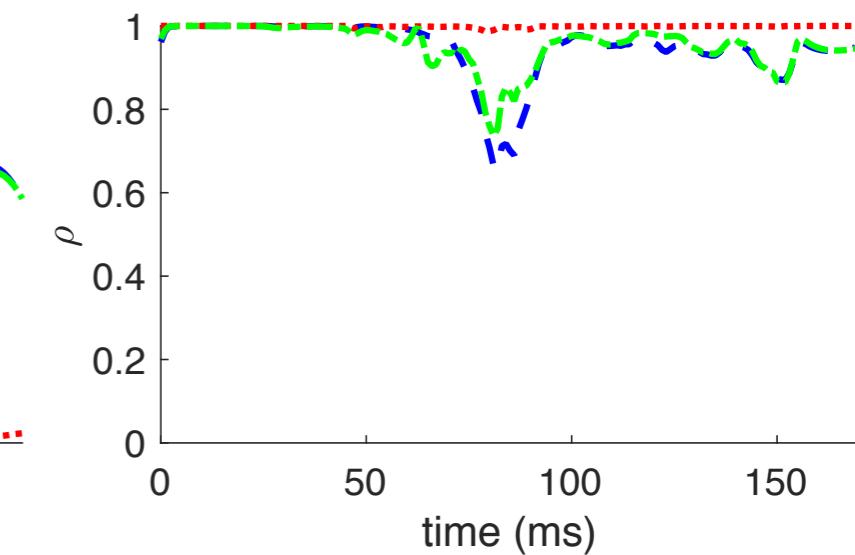
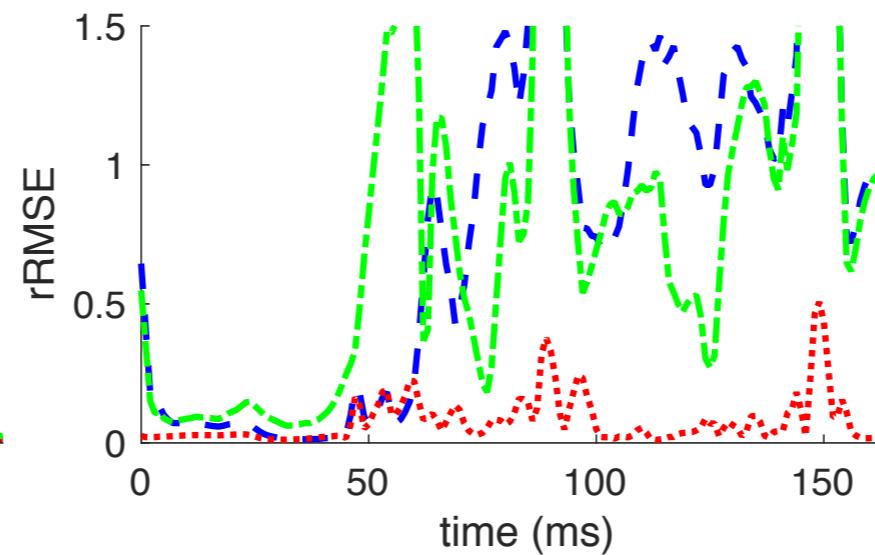
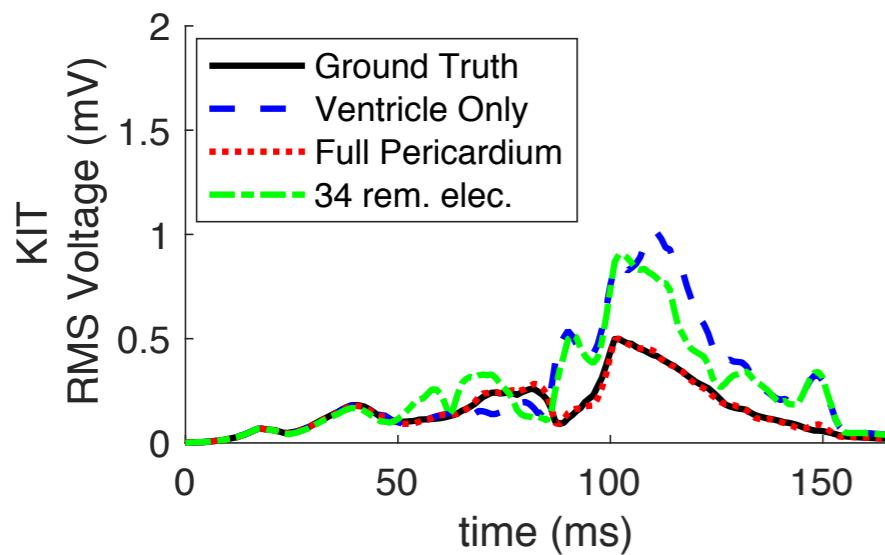


BEM
Simulation

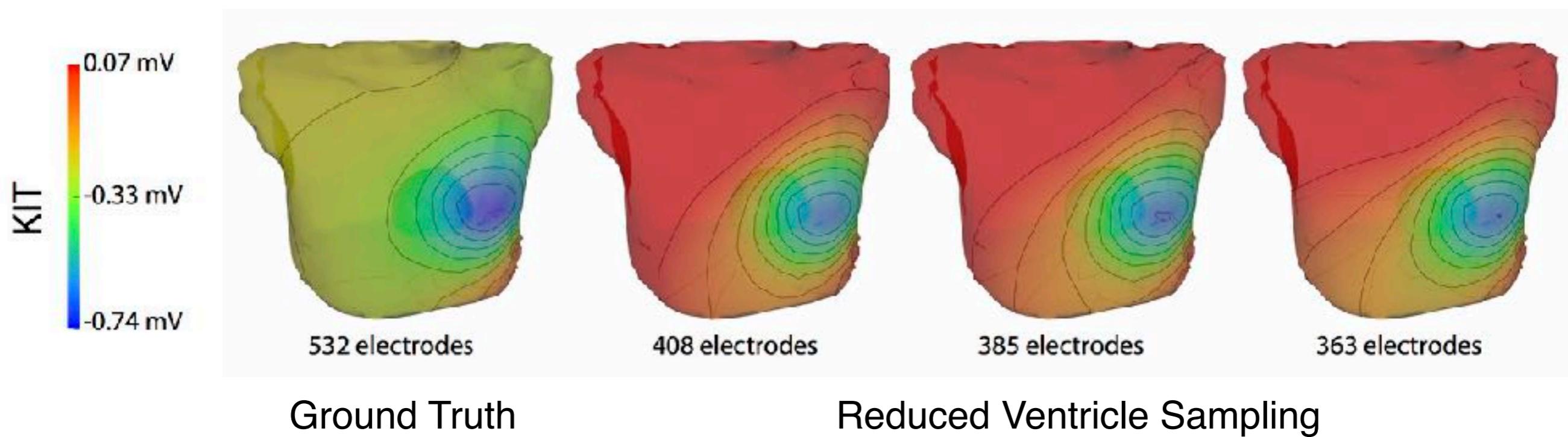
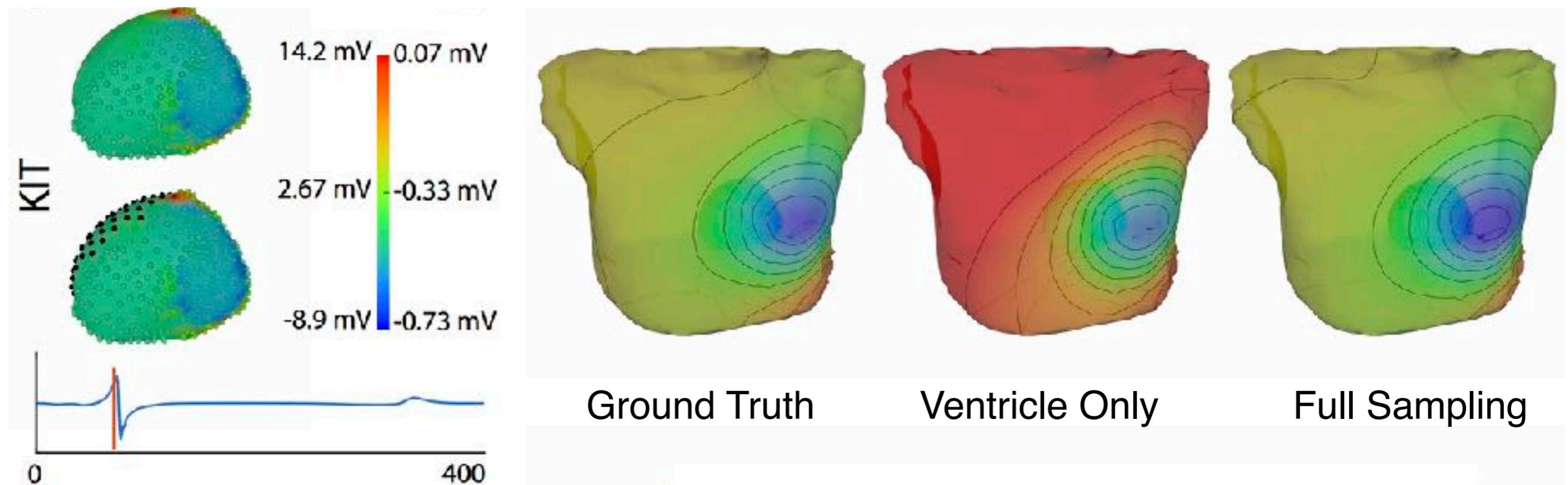
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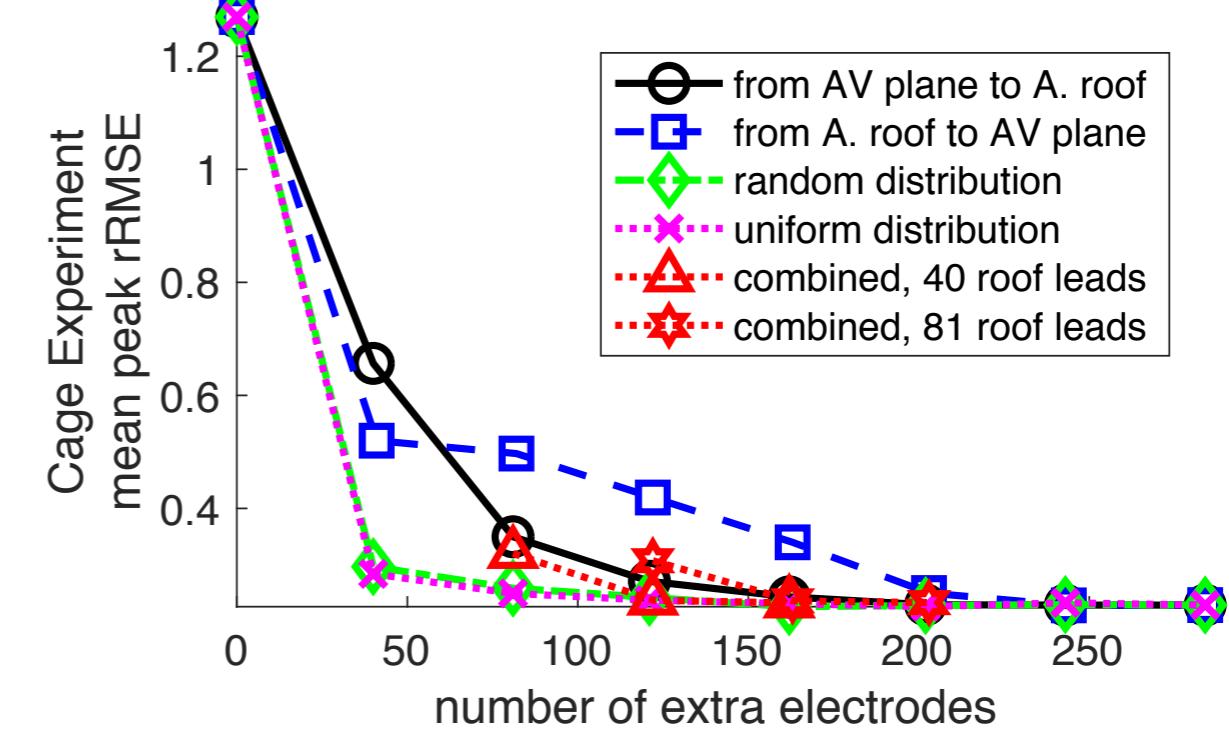
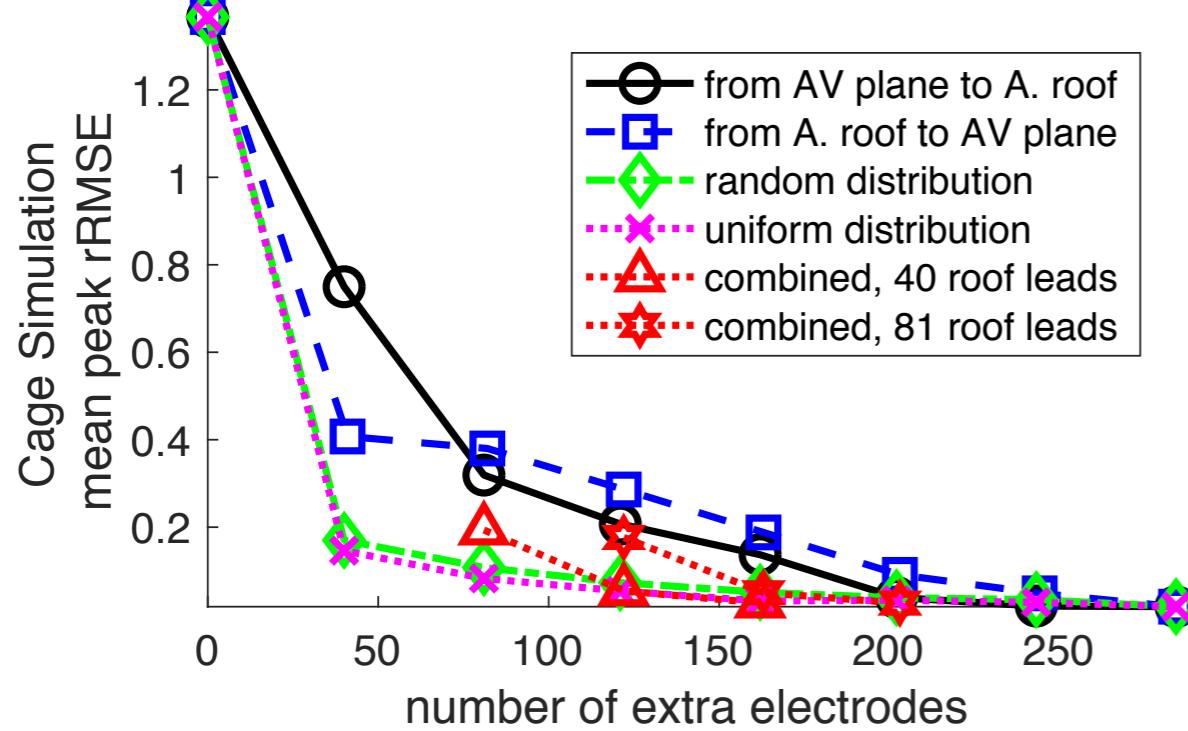
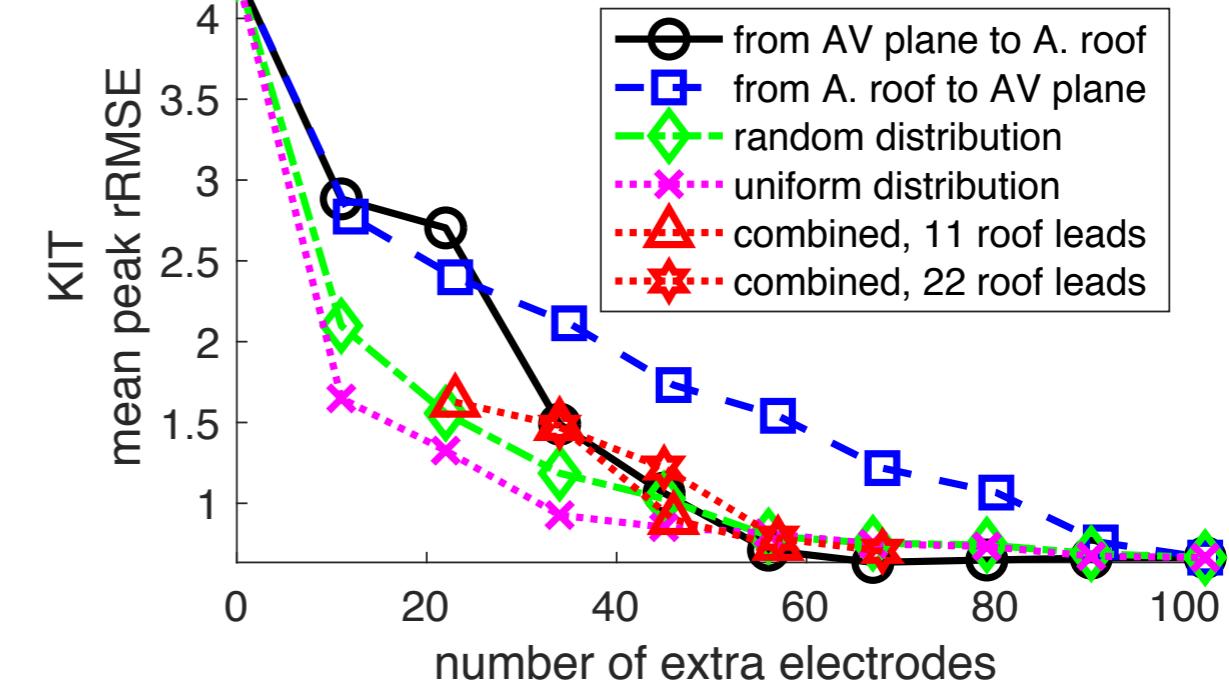
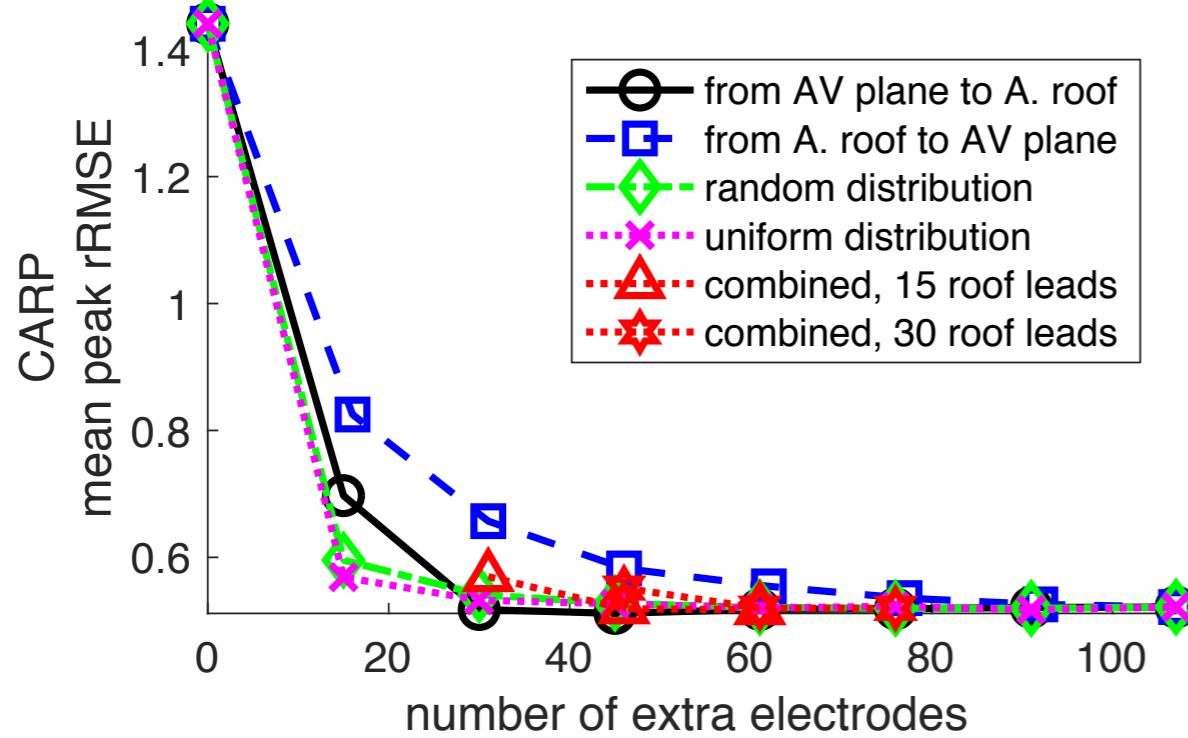
Effect of No Atrial Sampling



Effect of Missing Ventricle Sampling



Progressive Sampling

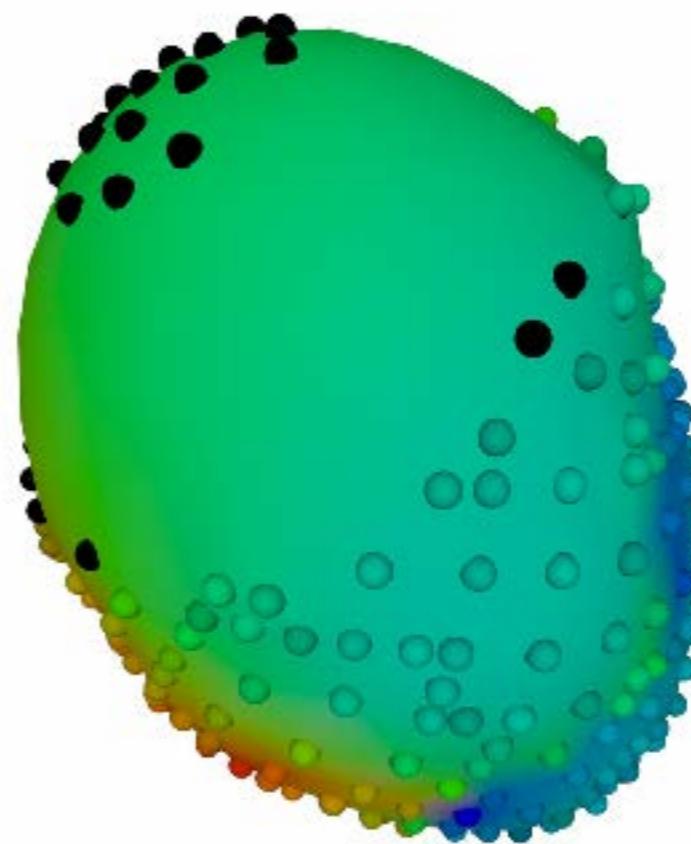
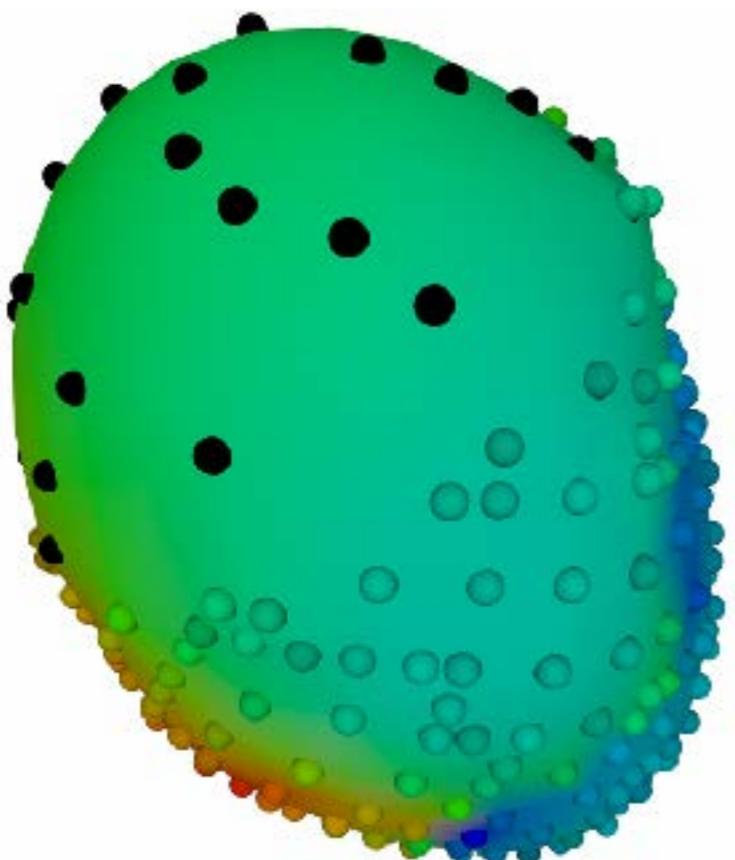


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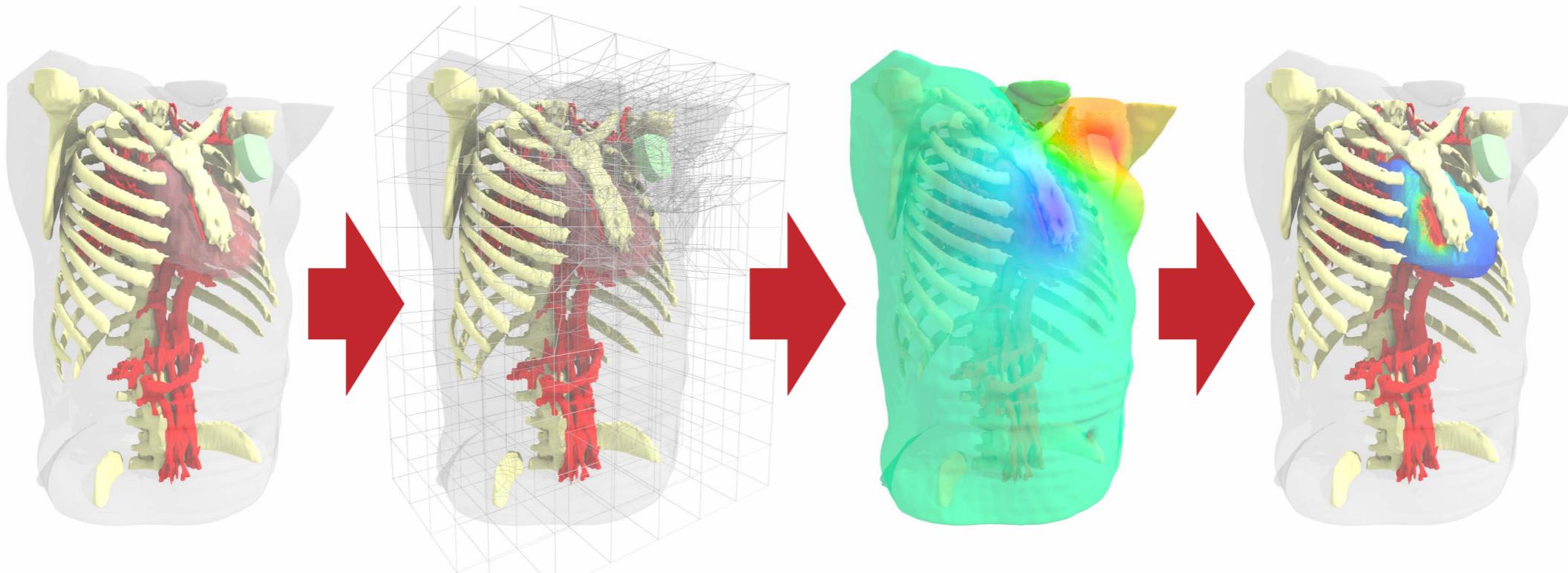
More electrodes are better

Sparse placement can reduce error

Missing ventricular sampling increases error further



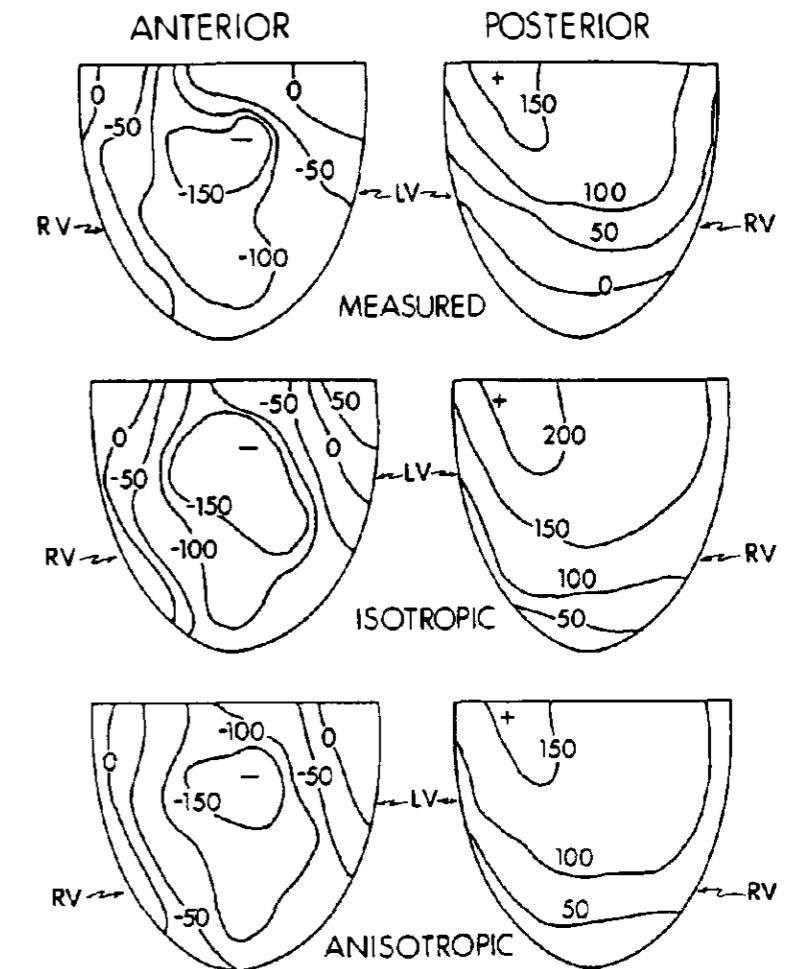
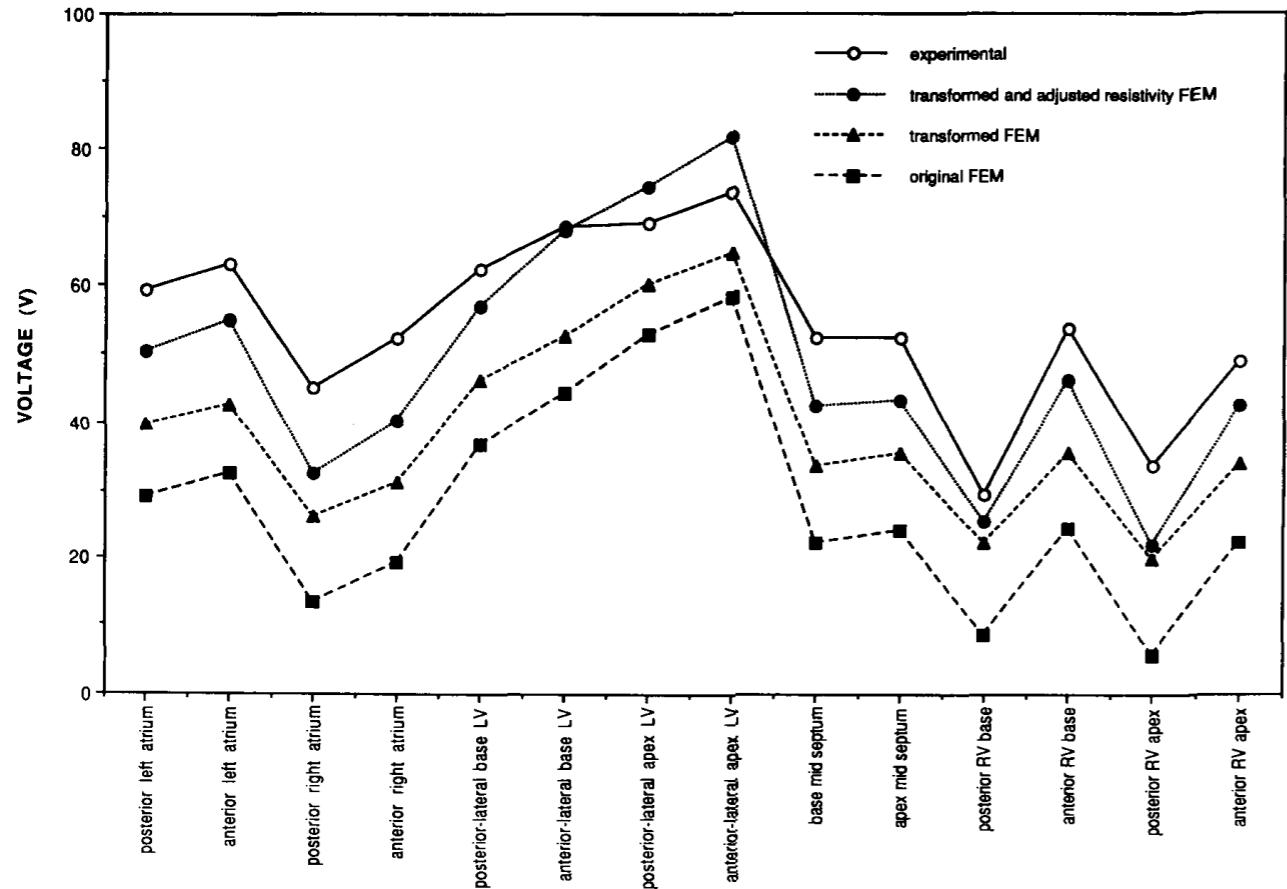
Specific Aims



2. Record potentials in a torso-tank preparation to validate the simulation pipeline
3. Measure body-surface potentials in patients to validate the simulation pipeline

Defibrillation Simulation

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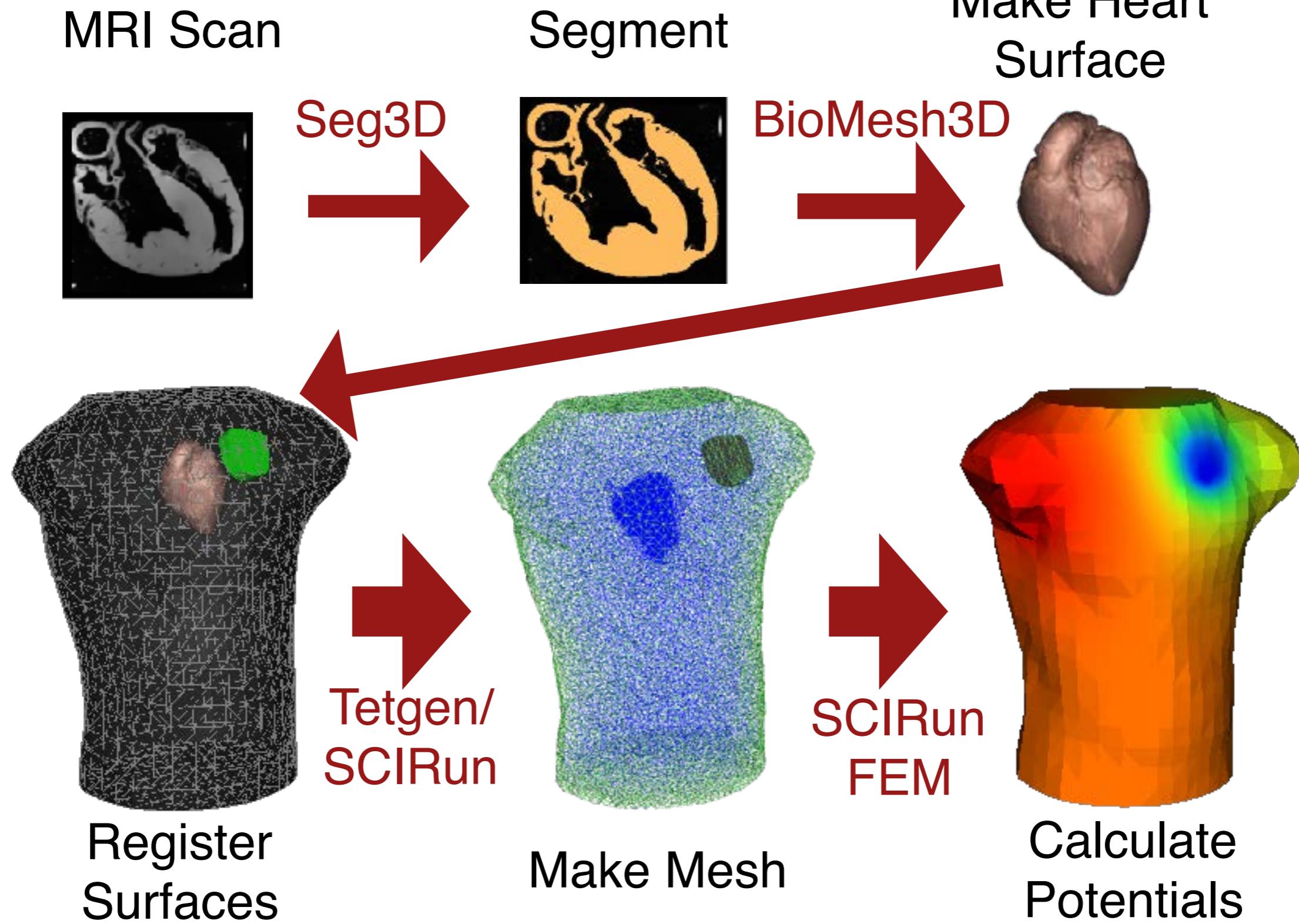
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Sparse or Local Recordings
No Validation in Patients

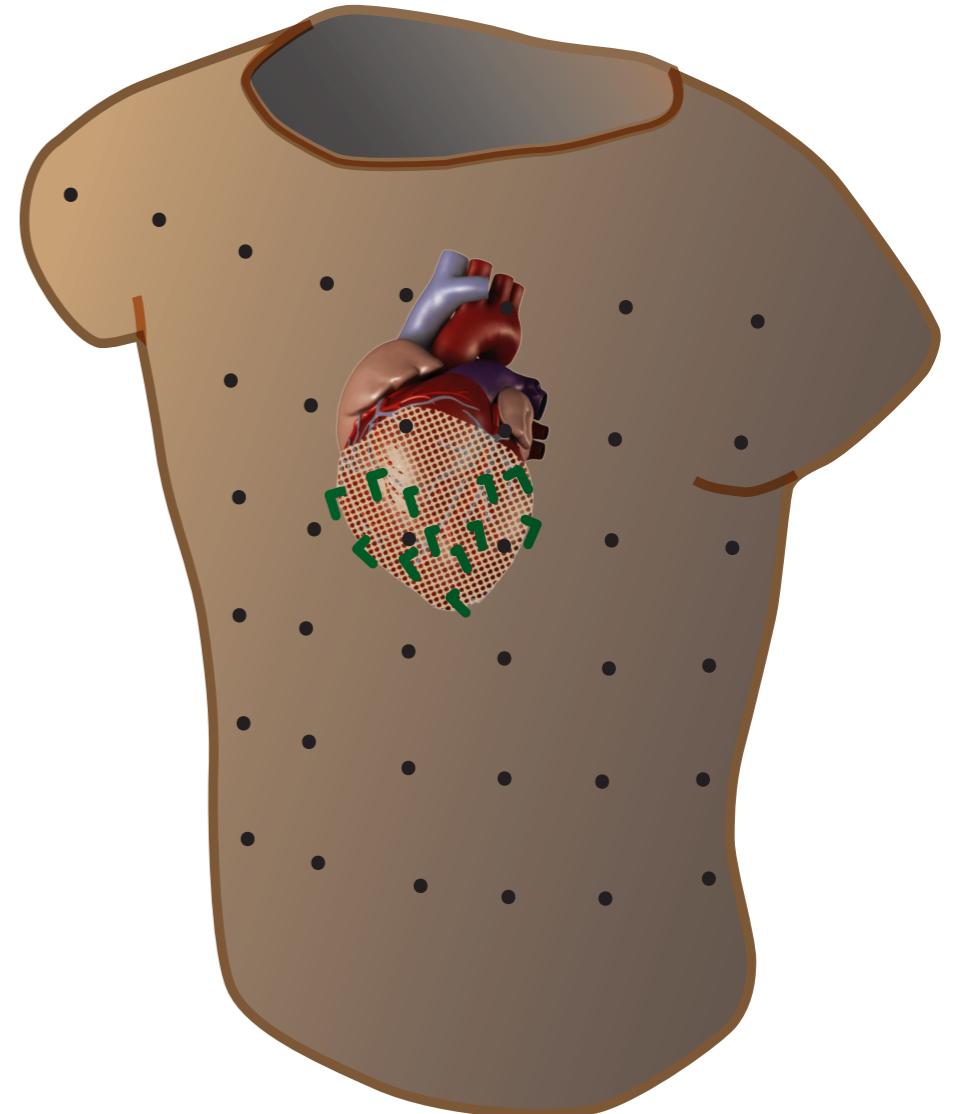
Measure high spatial resolution volumetric potentials within a torso-tank to validate the defibrillation simulation

Measure body-surface potentials during ICD testing for validation purposes

Simulation Pipeline



Two Validation Environments



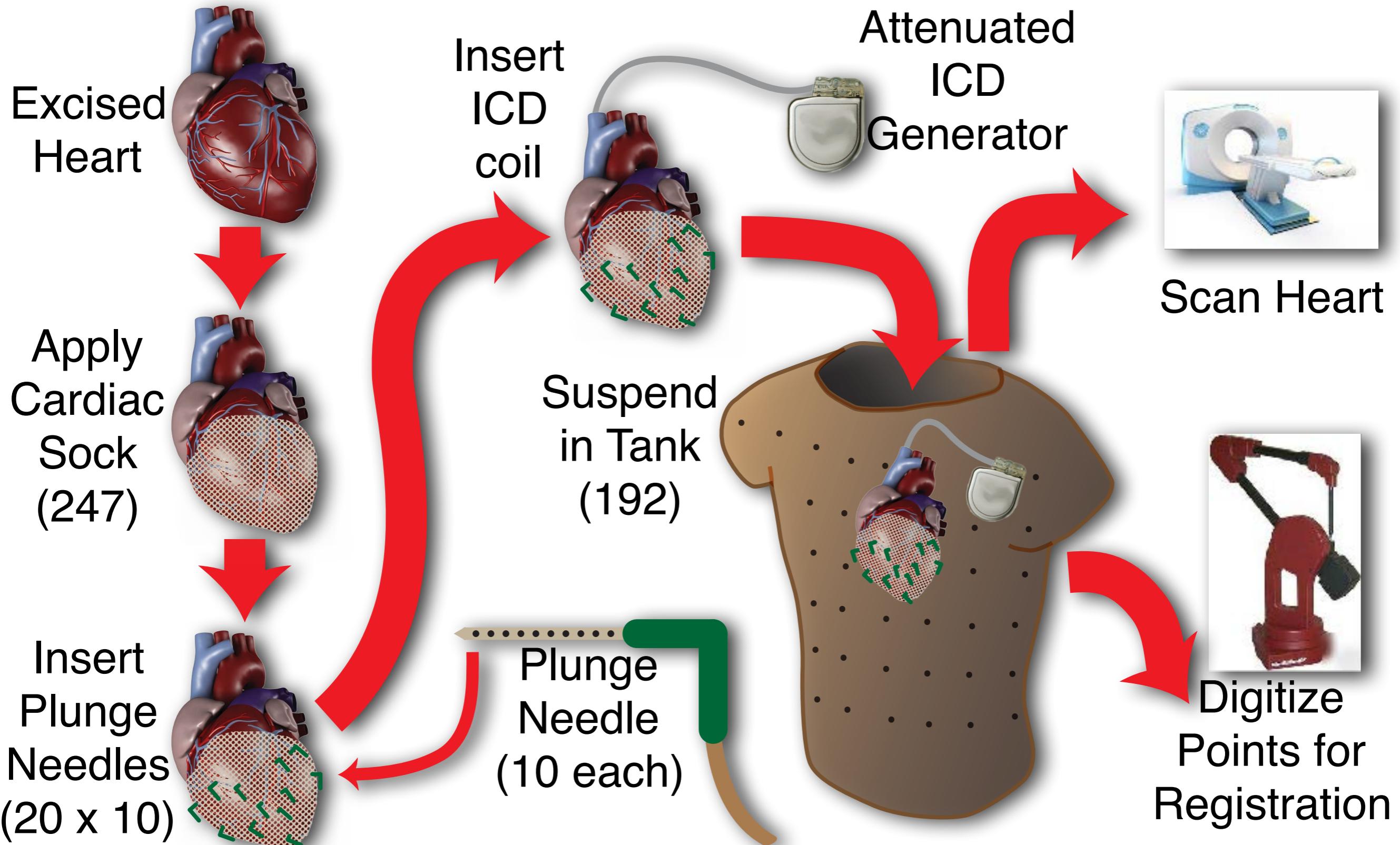
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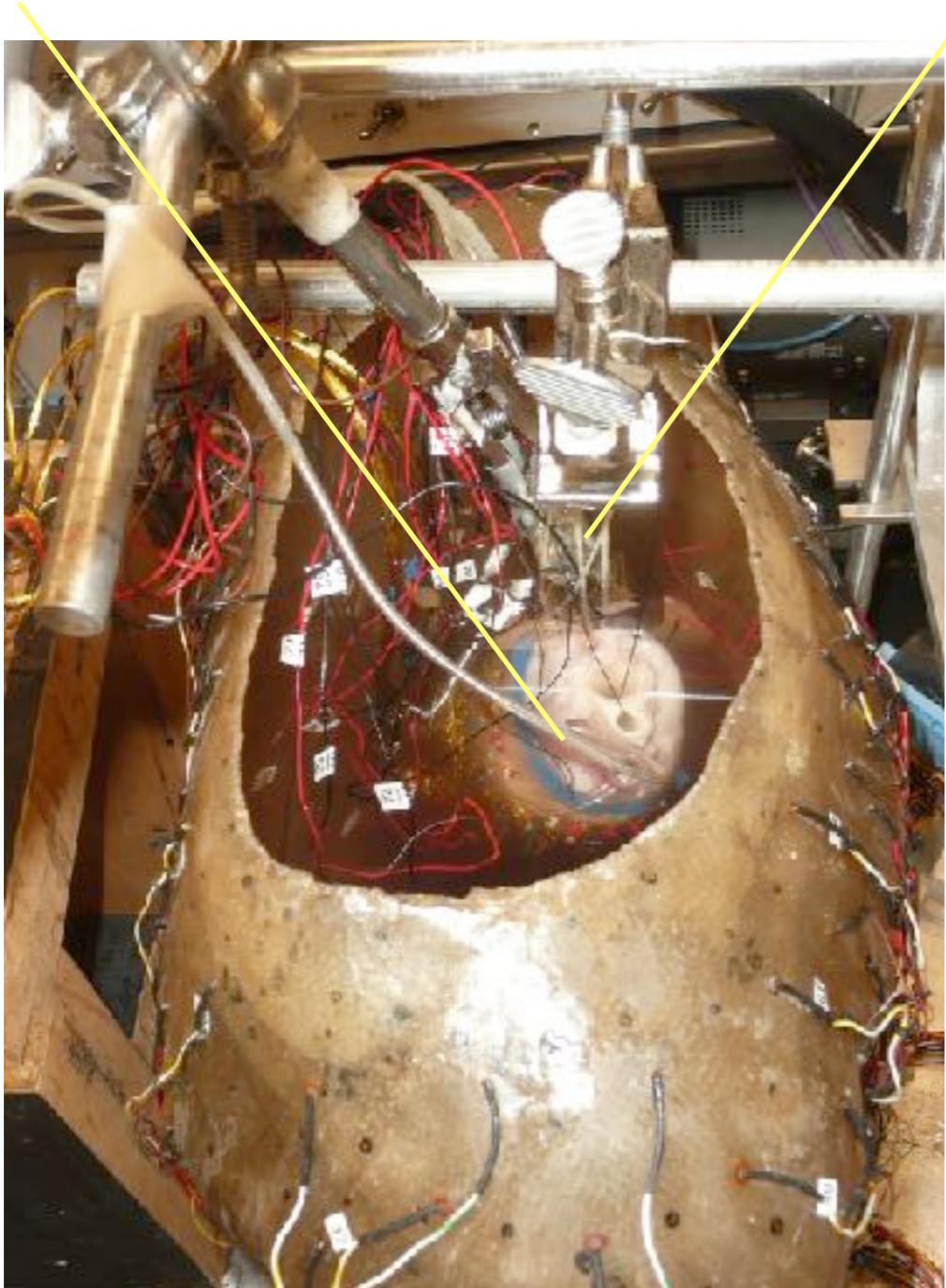
Experimental
Complexity

Tank Experiment



Record ICD potentials within heart and on torso tank surface

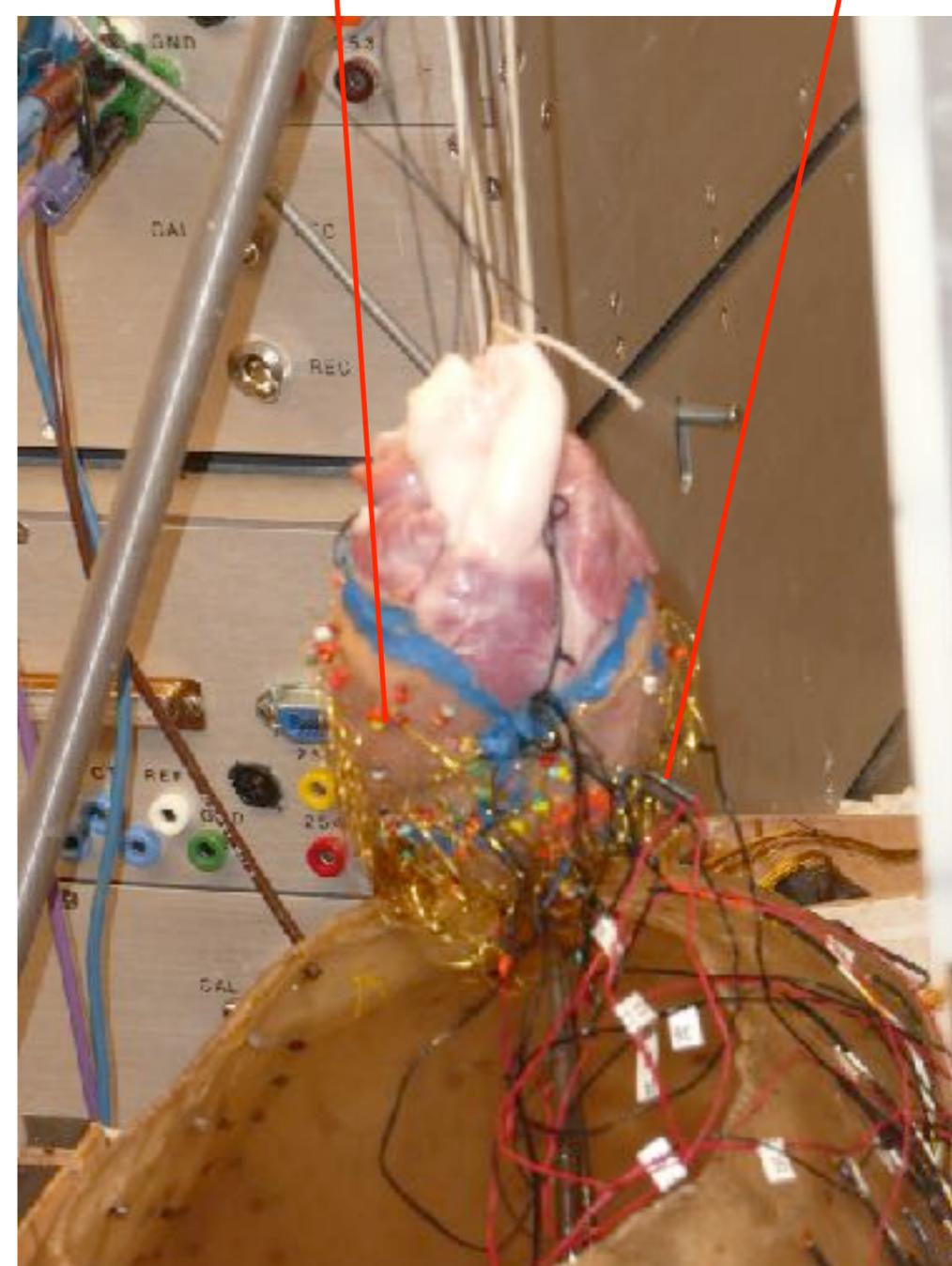
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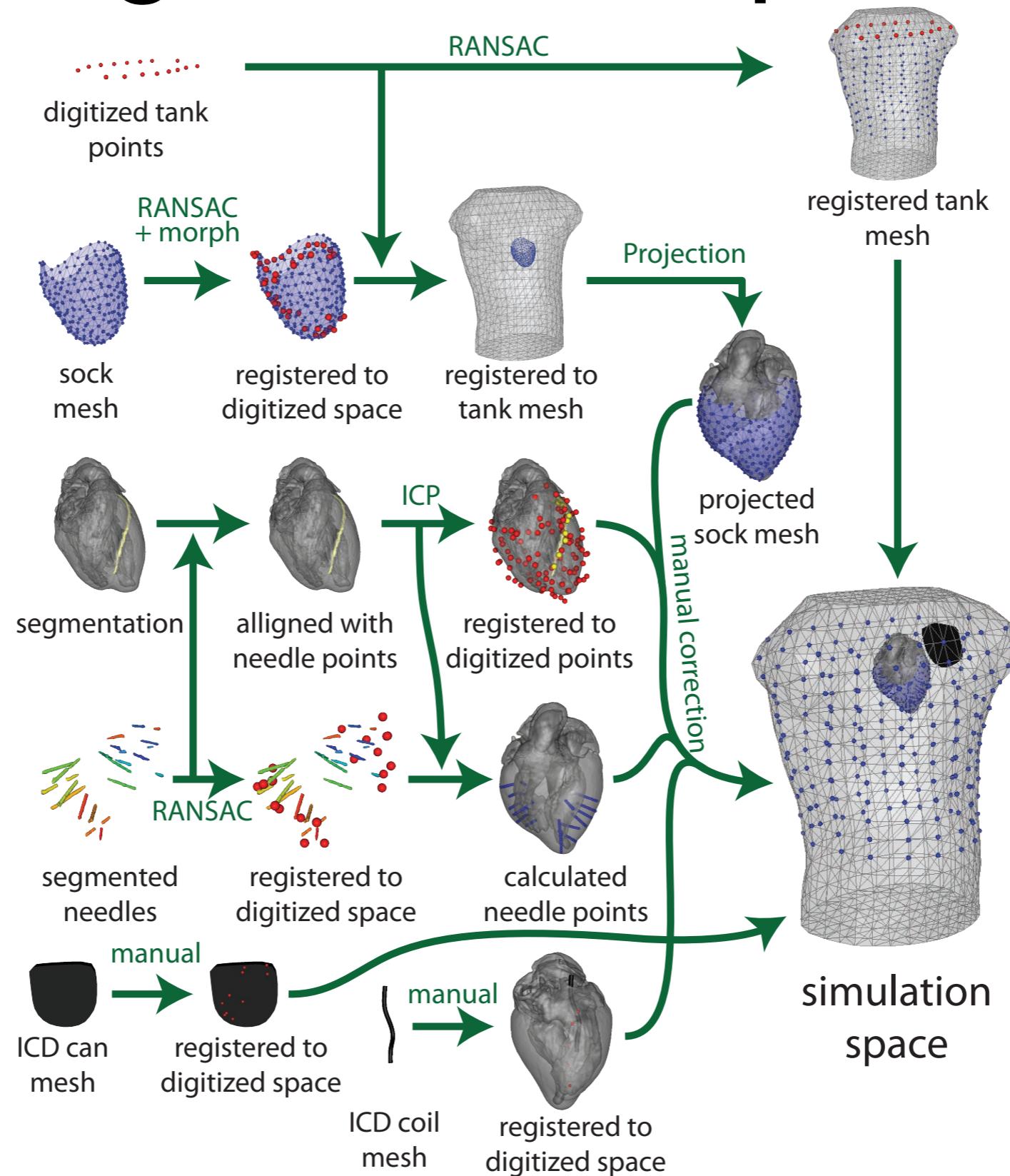
ICD can

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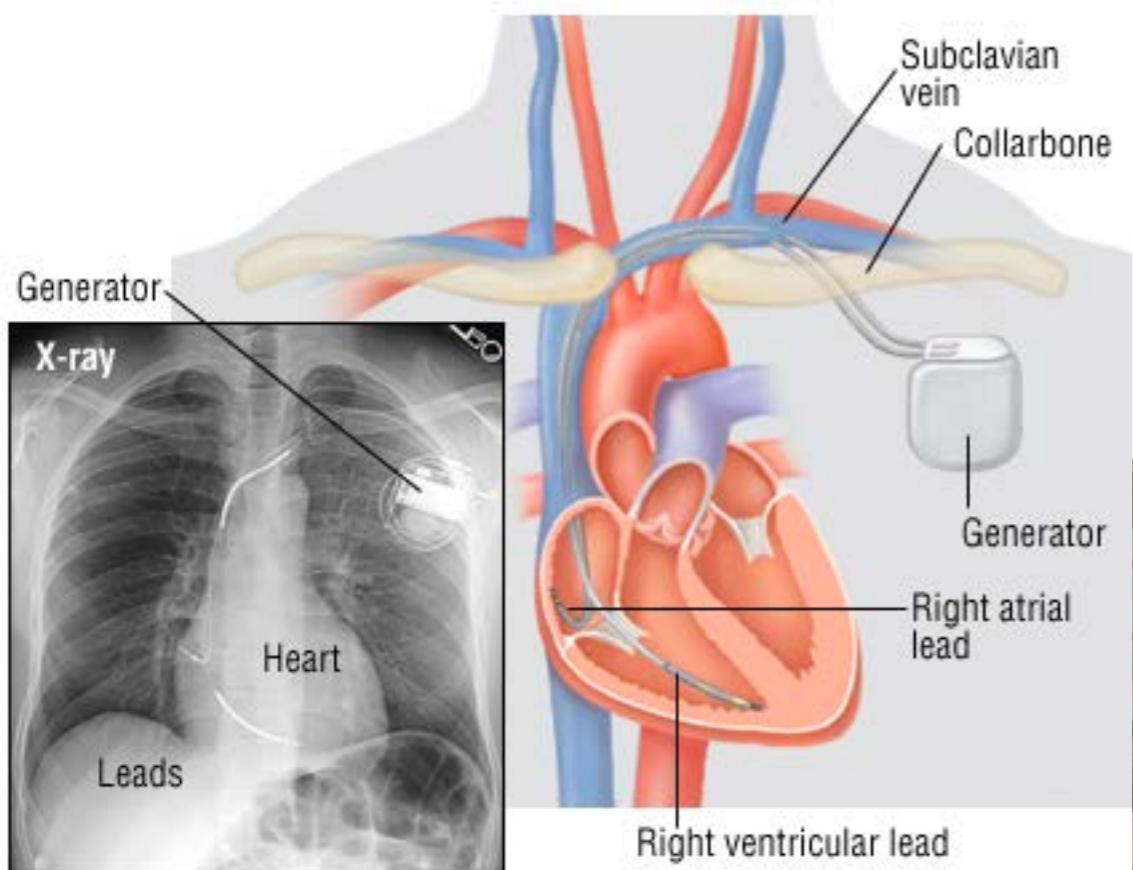
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Registration Pipeline



ICD Testing During Implantation

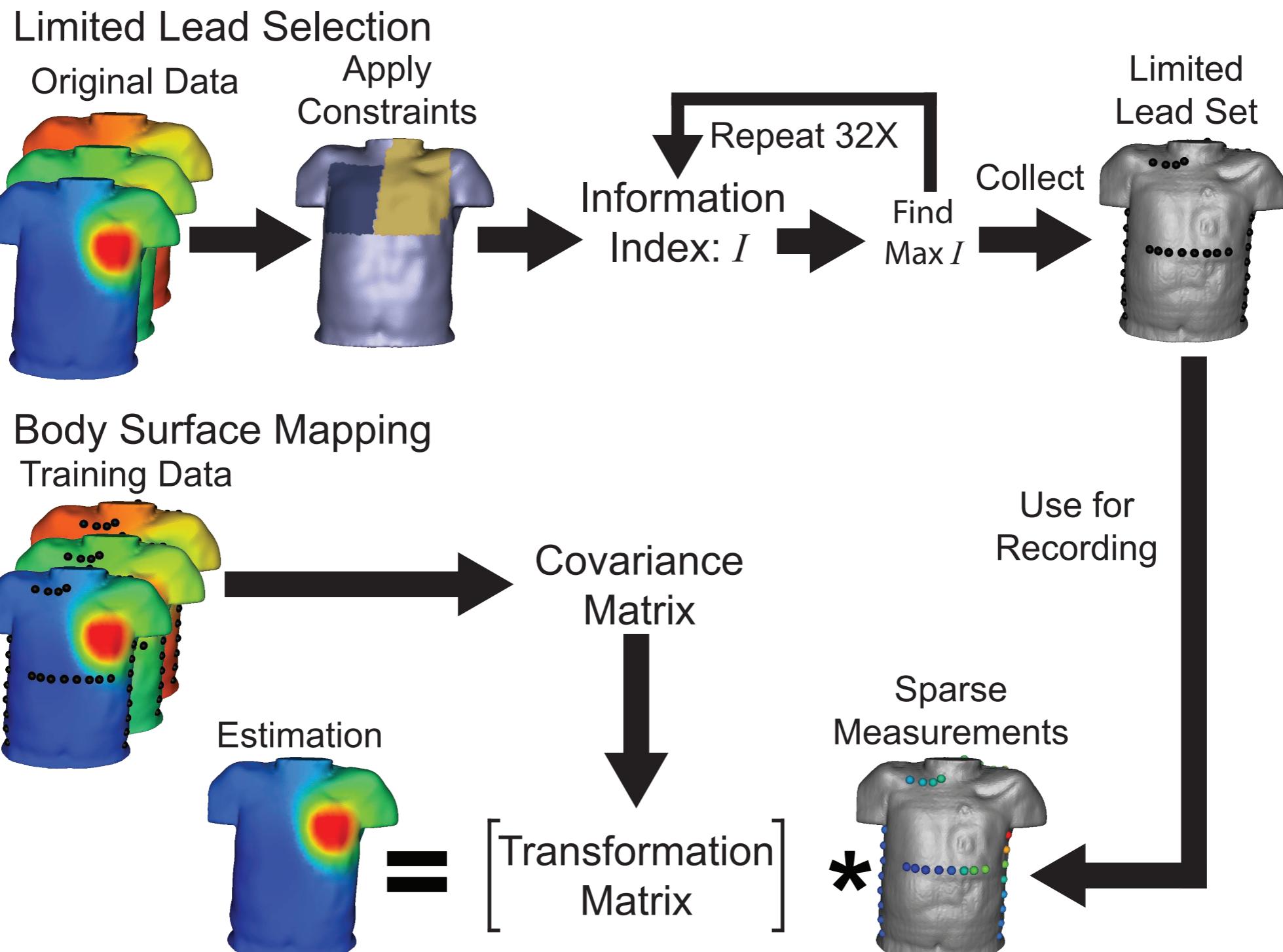


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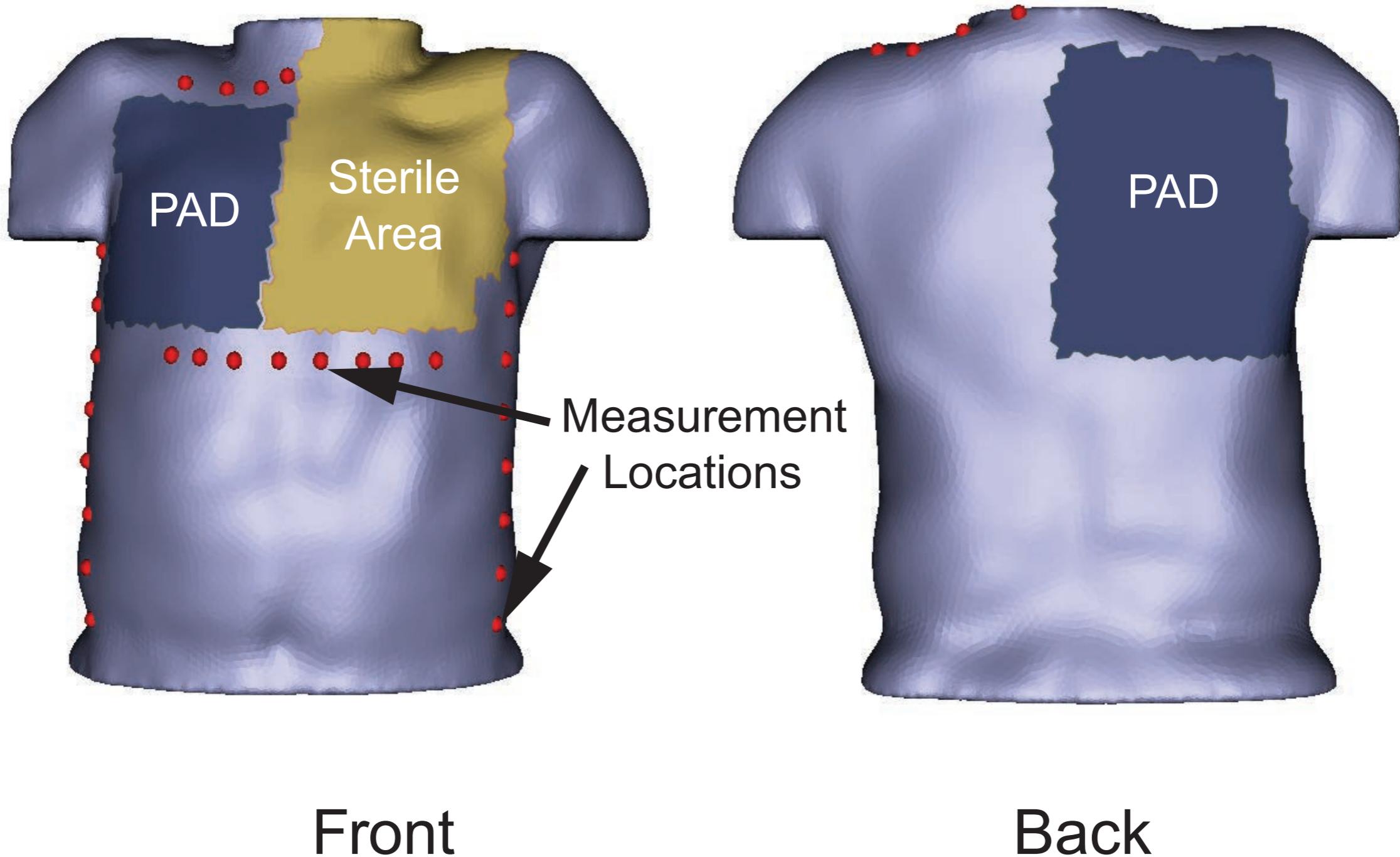


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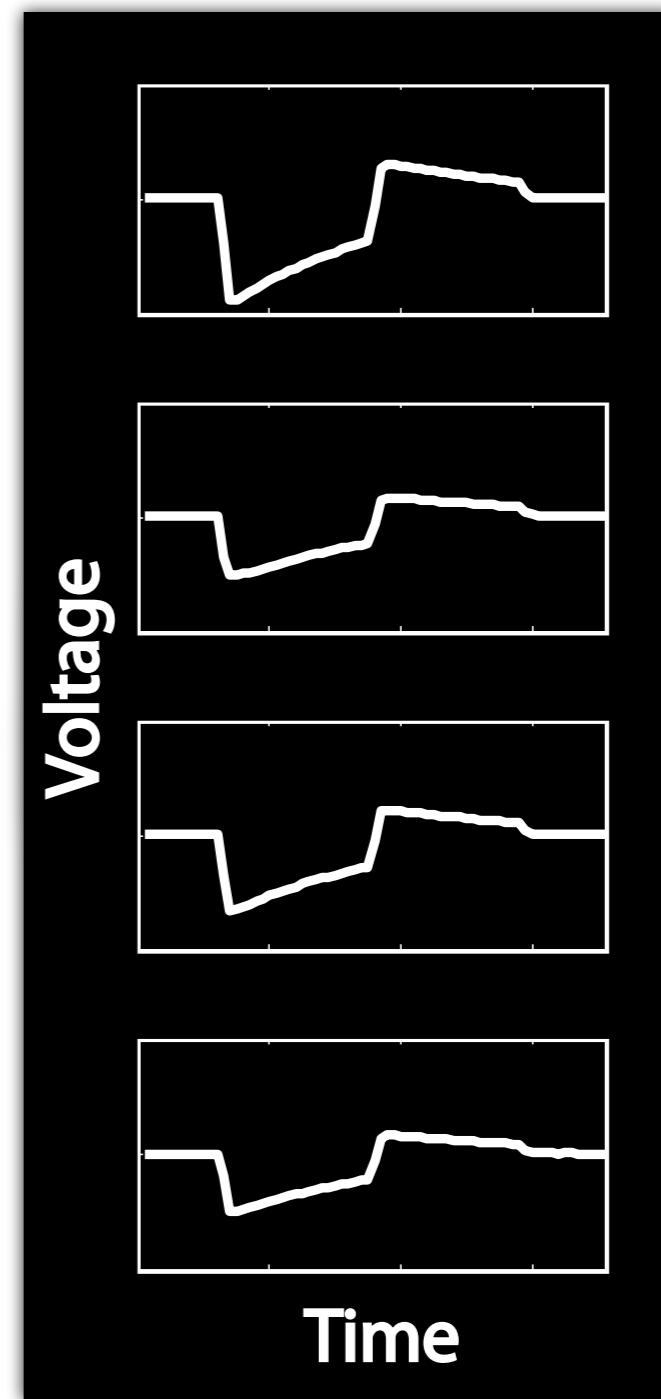
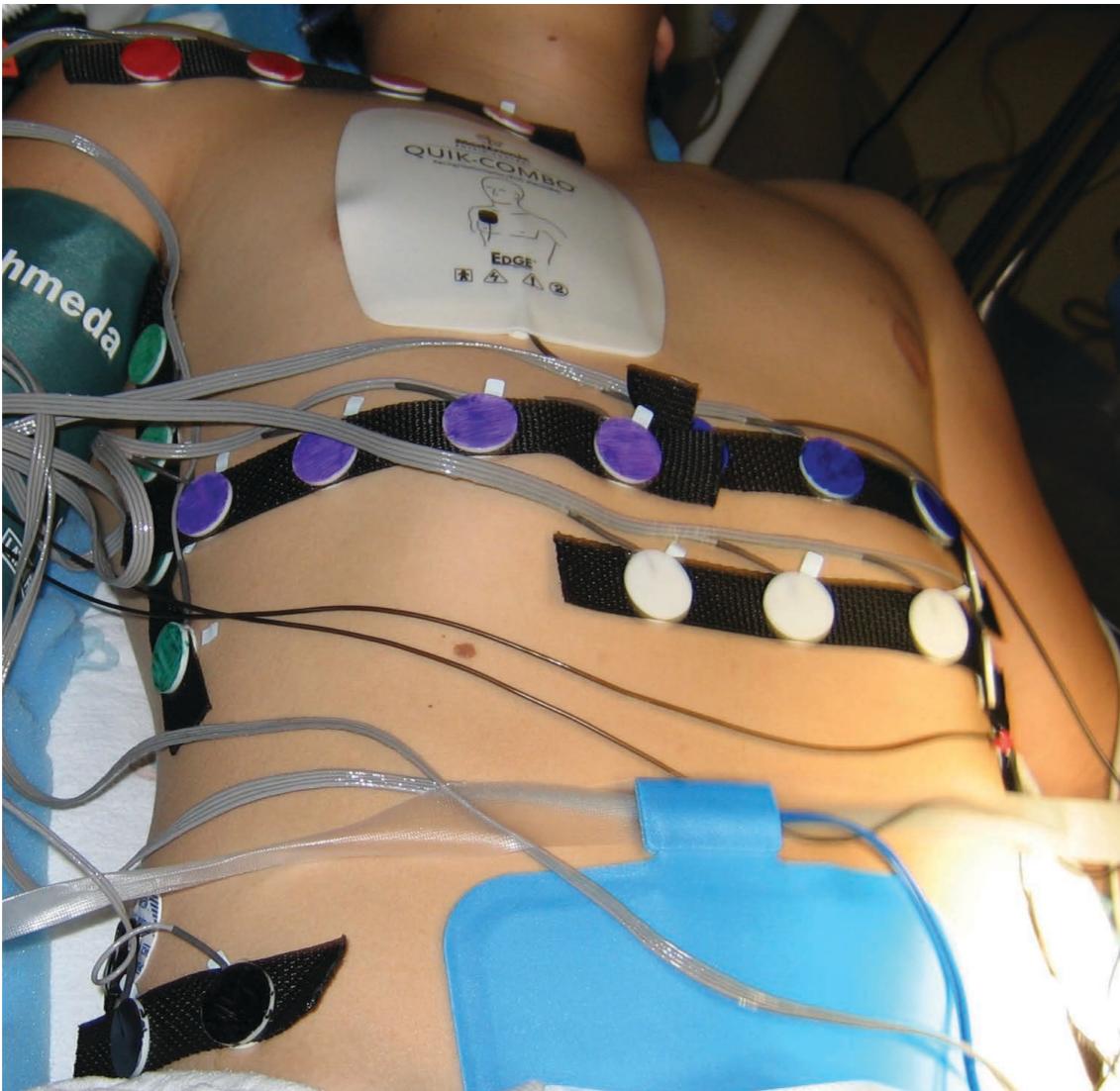
Limited Lead Selection and Body-Surface Estimation



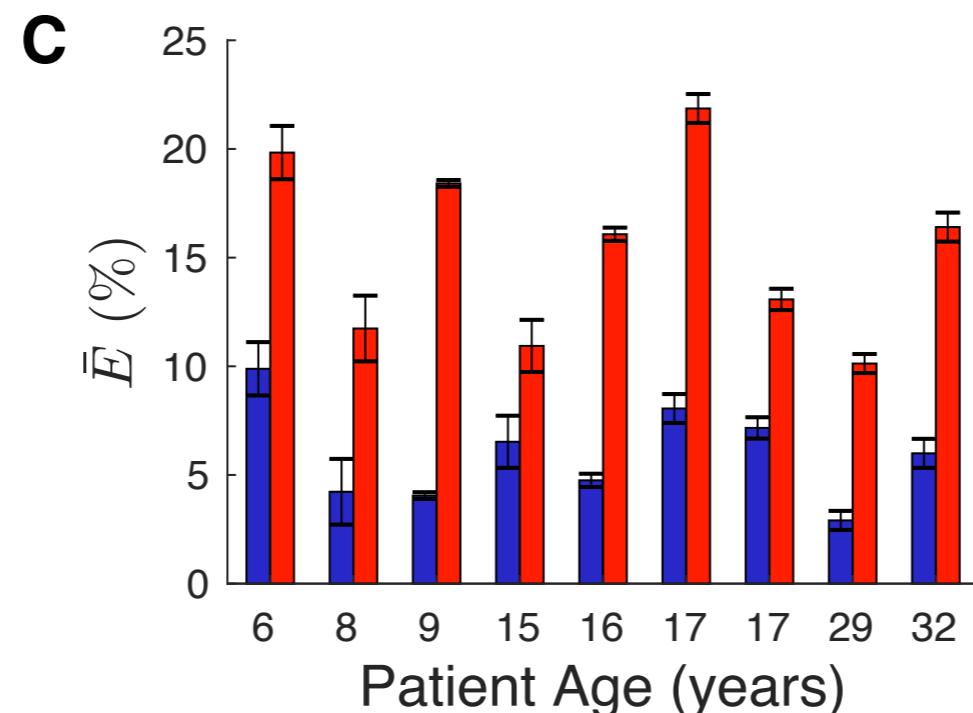
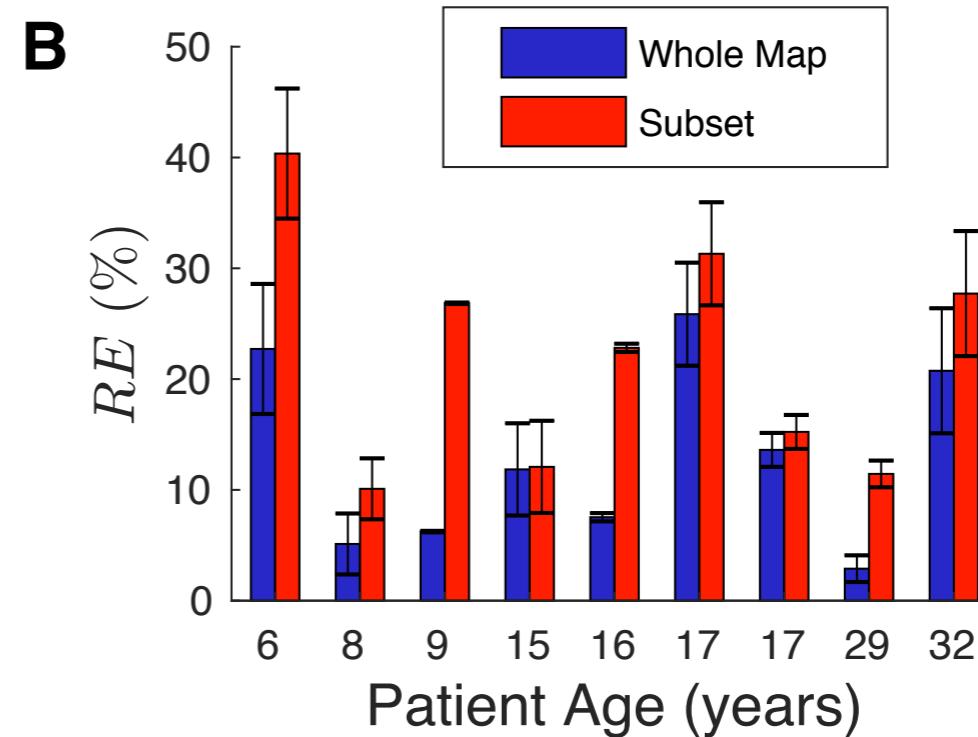
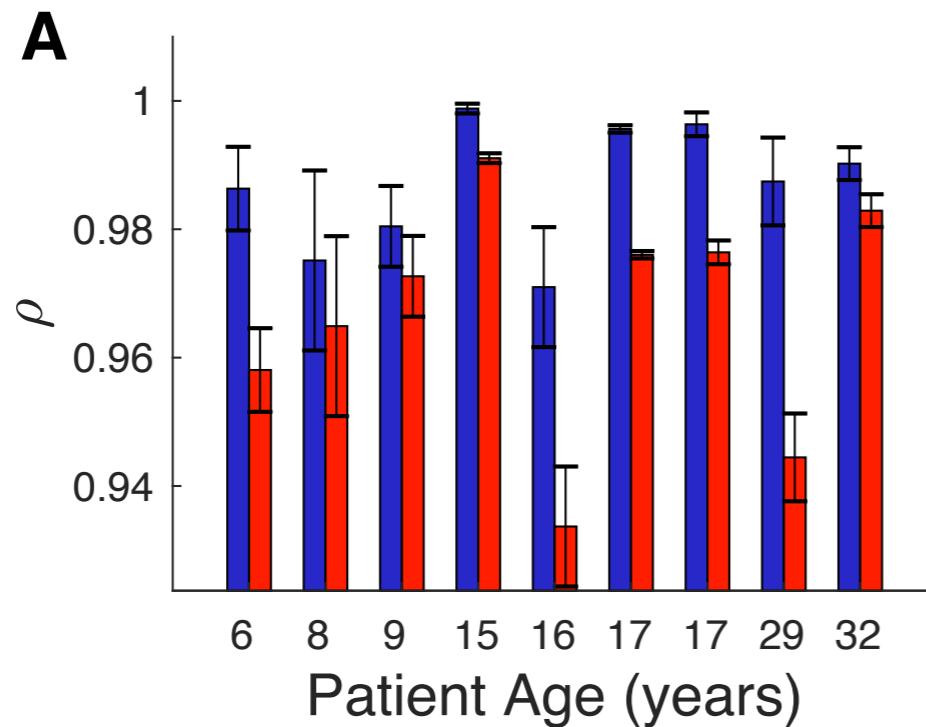
Final Leadset



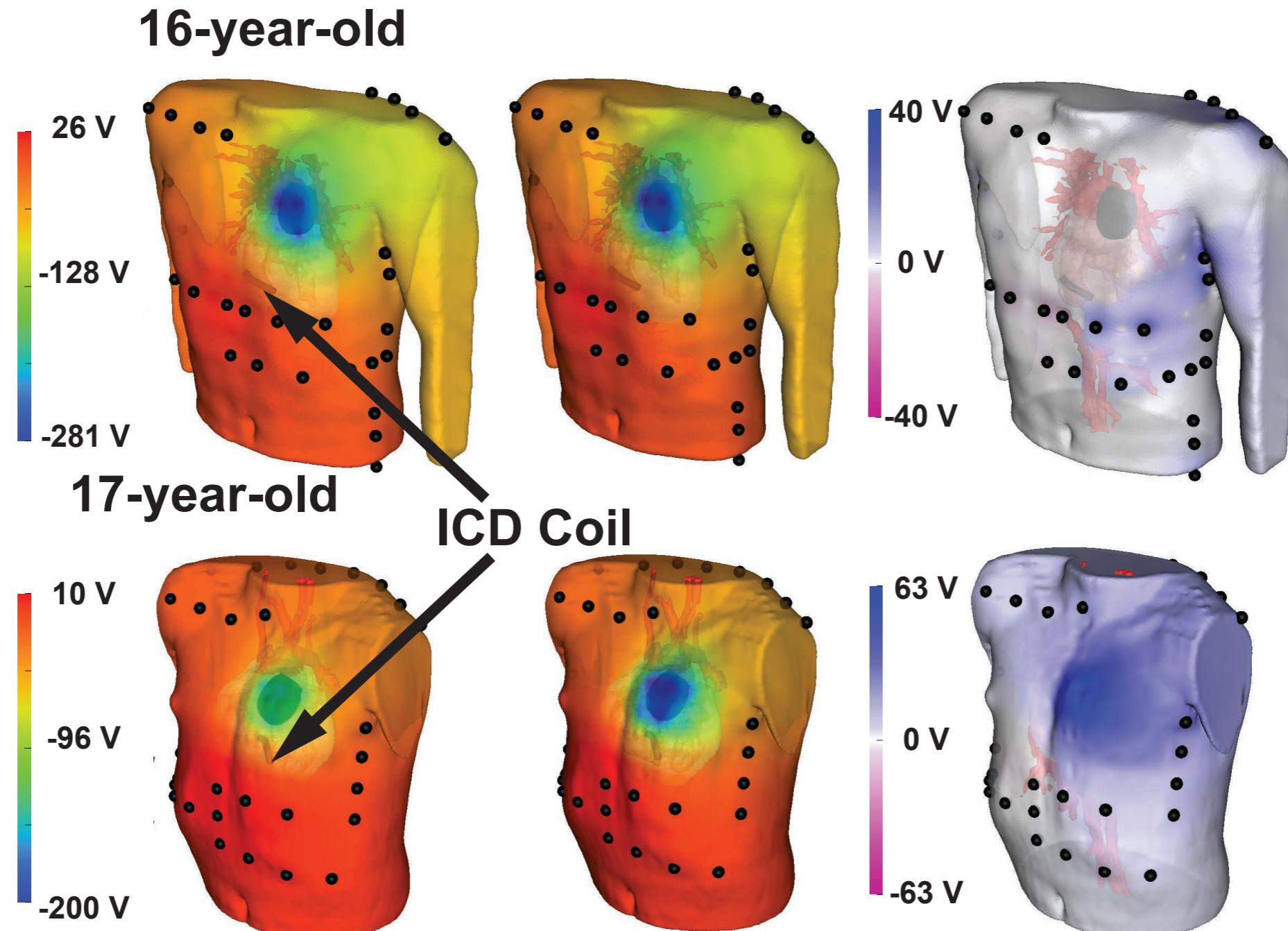
Record ICD Surface Potentials During Device Implantation and Testing



Error Metrics



Potential Field Comparison



Compare DFTs

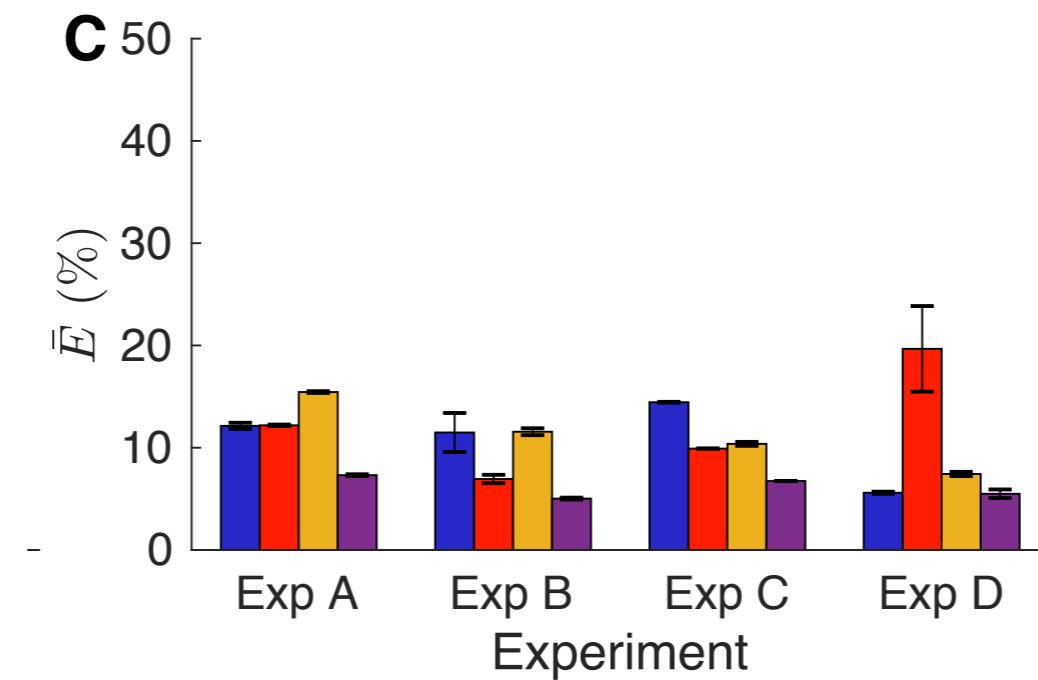
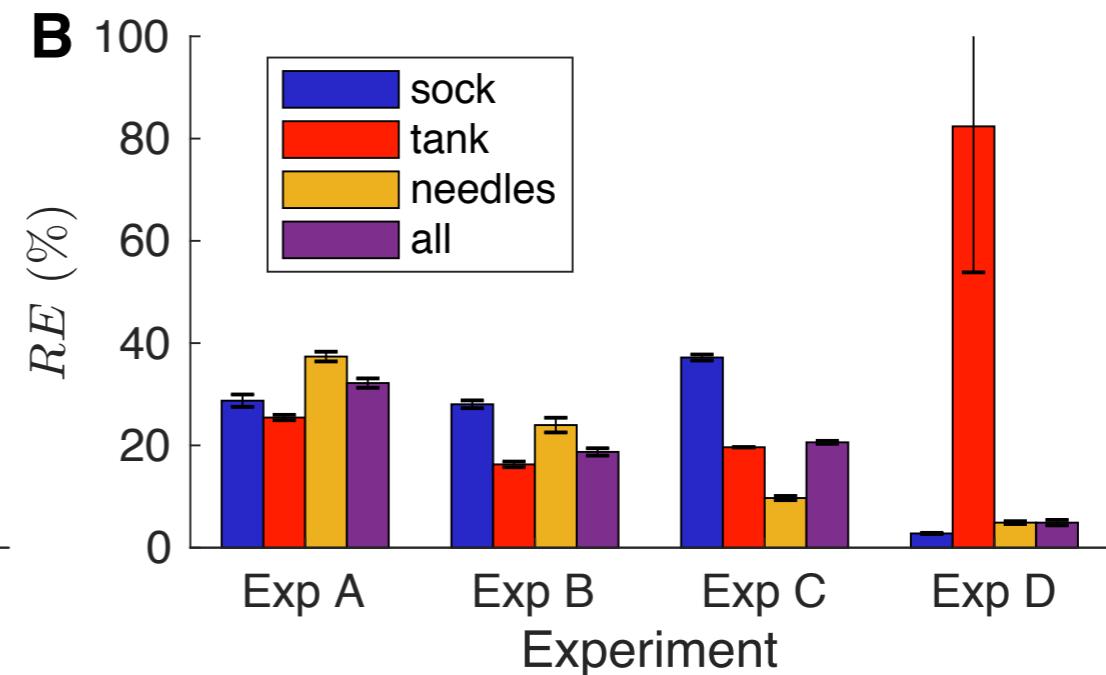
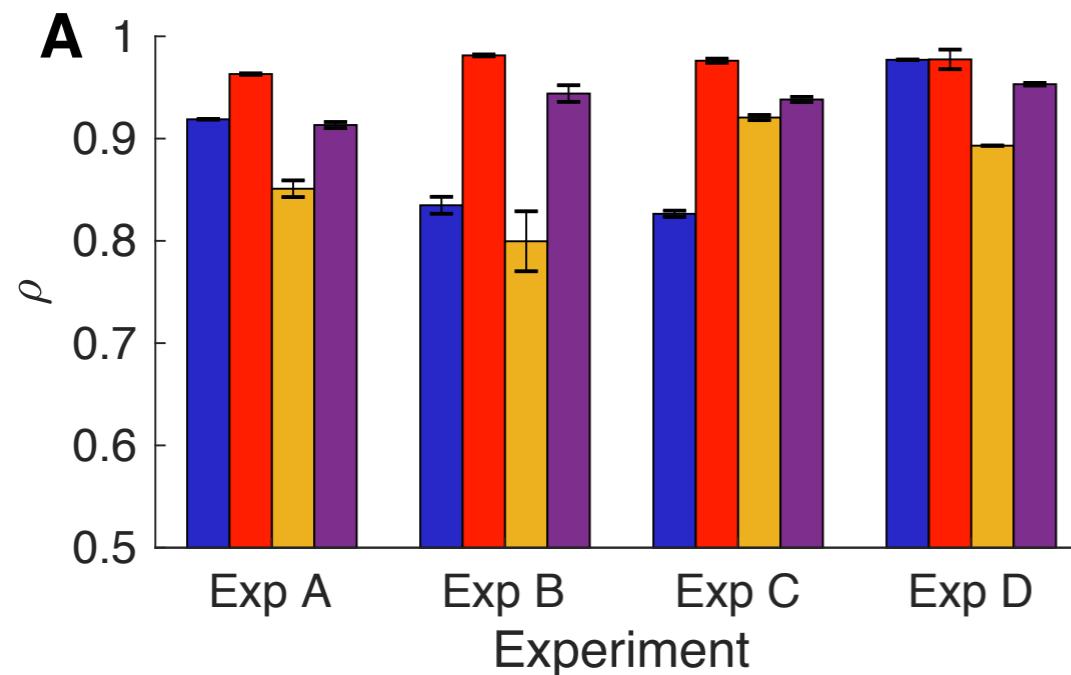
Subject age	Empirical DFT	Predicted DFT
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9 years	10 – 15 J	14.5 J
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16 years	14.6 – 20.7 J	20 J
17 years	5 – 10 J	19.9 J
17 years	20 – 25 J	26.8 J
29 years	15 – 20 J	18 J
32 years	10 – 12 J	12.9 J

LLS and BS Estimation can be effectively applied to defibrillator potentials

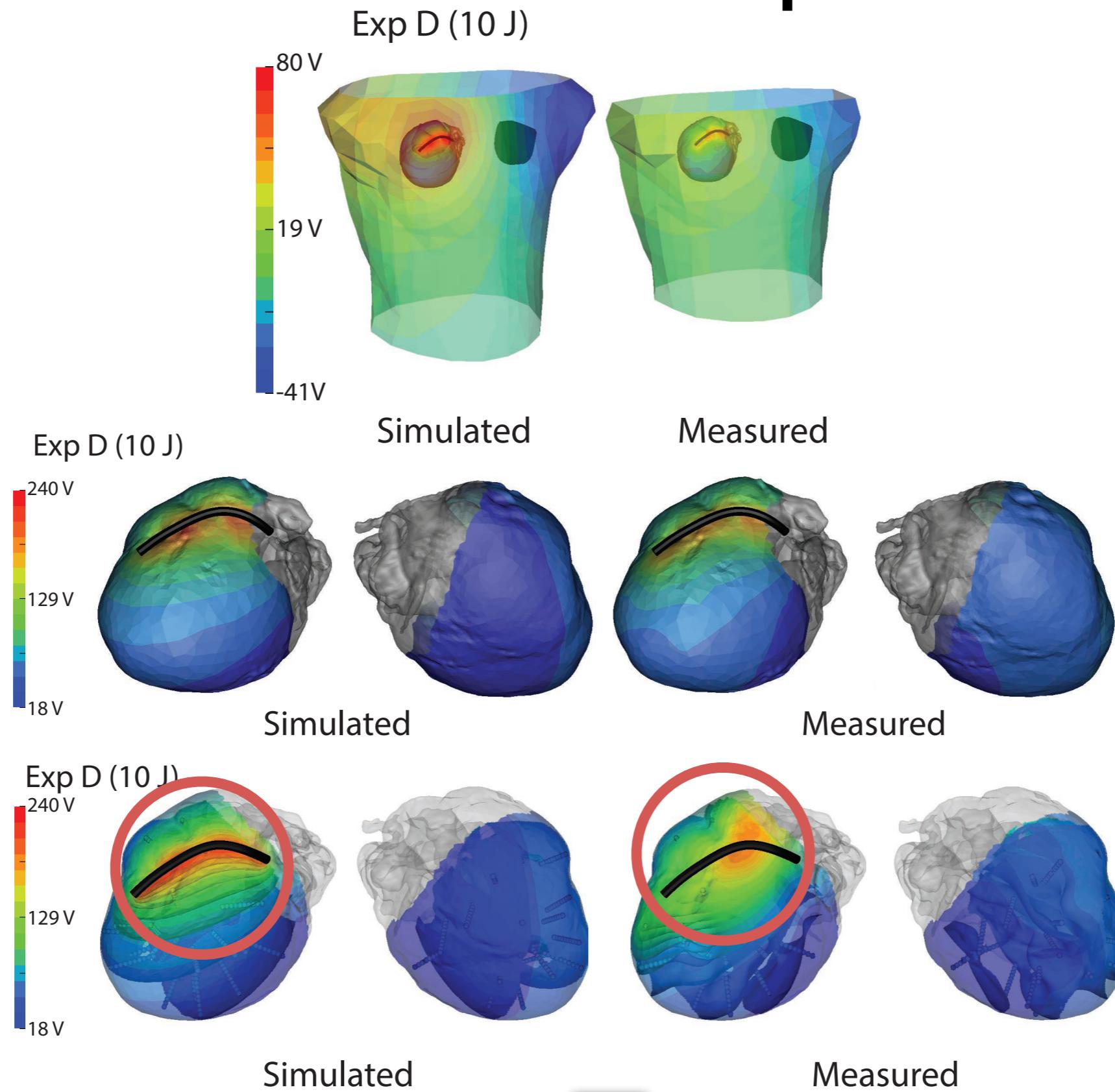
Simulation accurately predicts BSPM

Simulation accurately predicts DFTs in most cases

Error Metrics



Potential Comparison



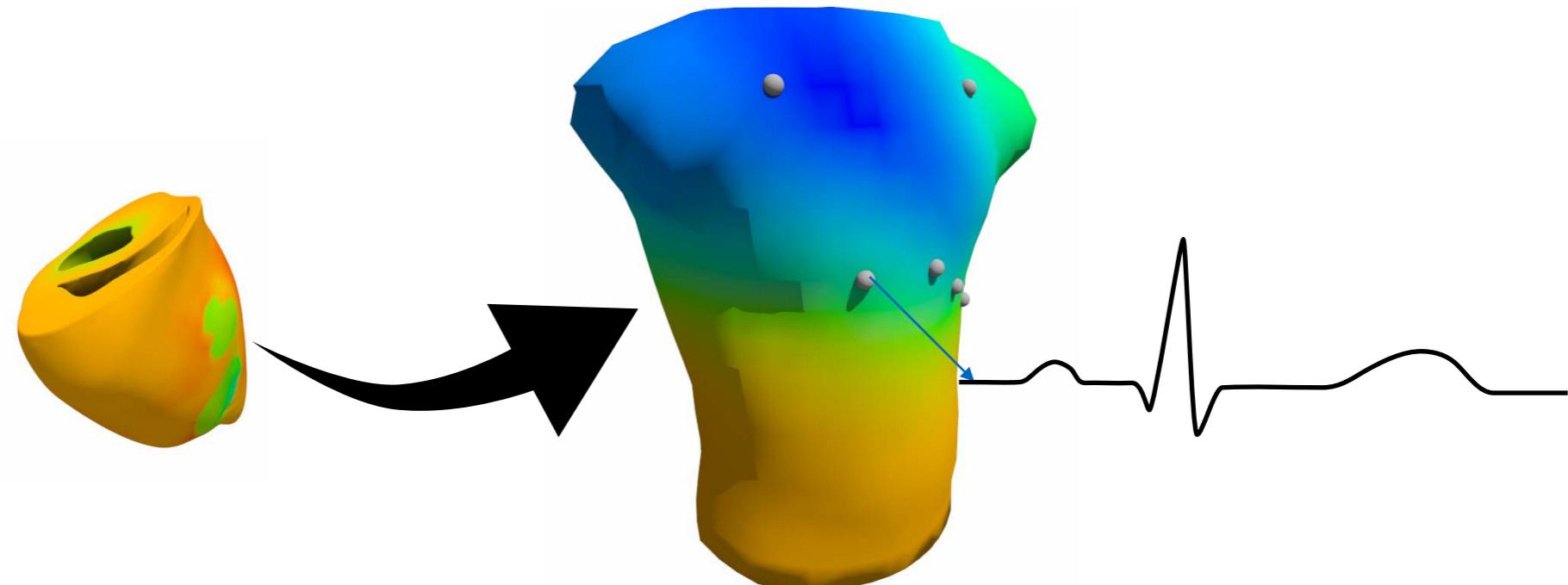
Proof of concept for measuring within myocardium for validation of simulation

Low variation over multiple shocks shows stability of the preparation

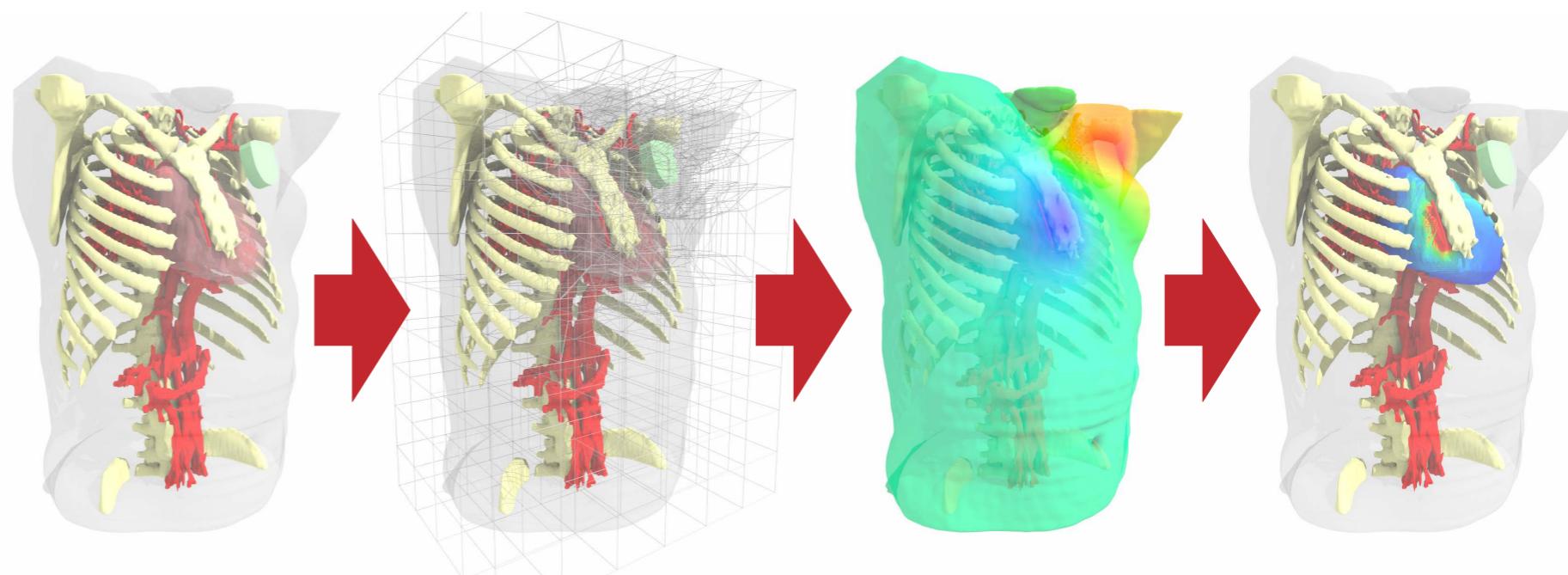
Adequate needle sampling remains a challenge

Improved Validation of Two Pipelines

ECG Forward
Simulation

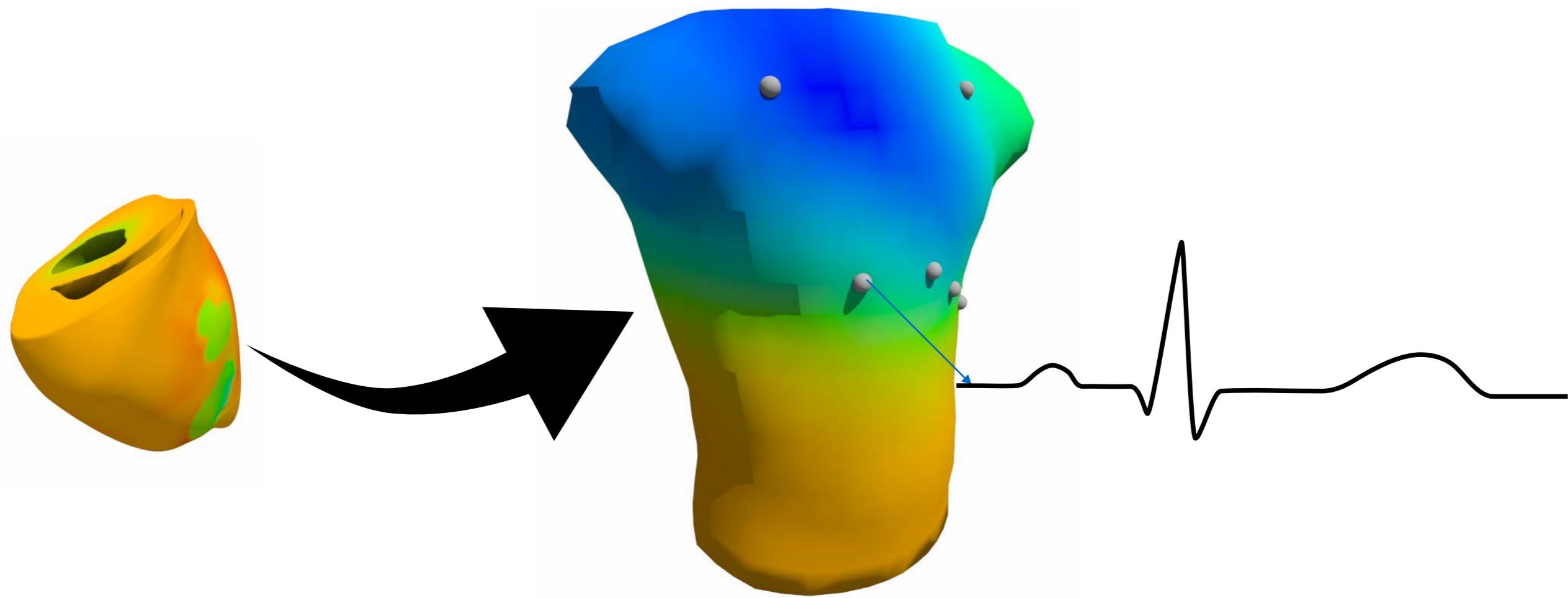


Defibrillation
Simulation



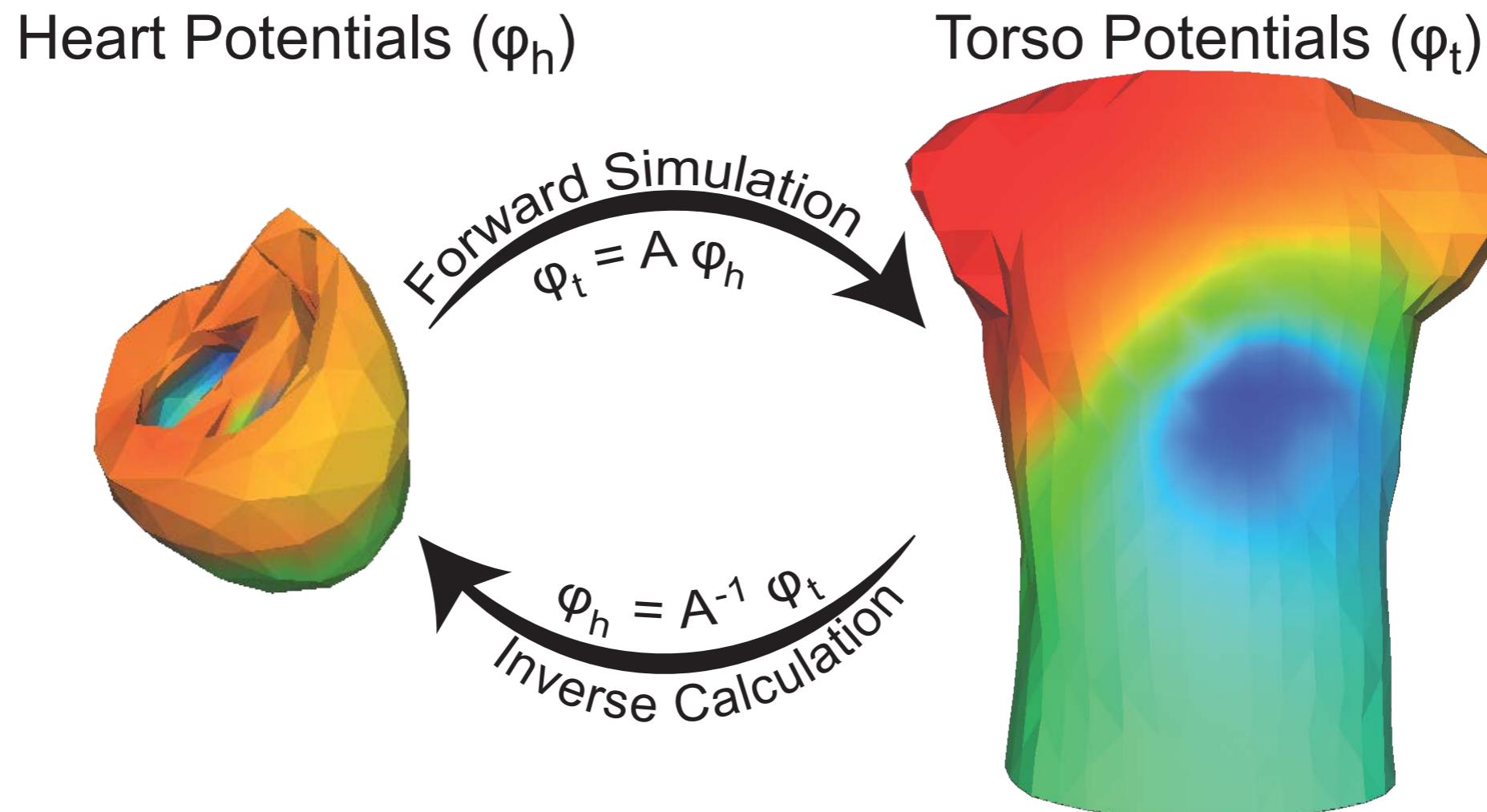
What did we learn?

ECG Forward Simulation

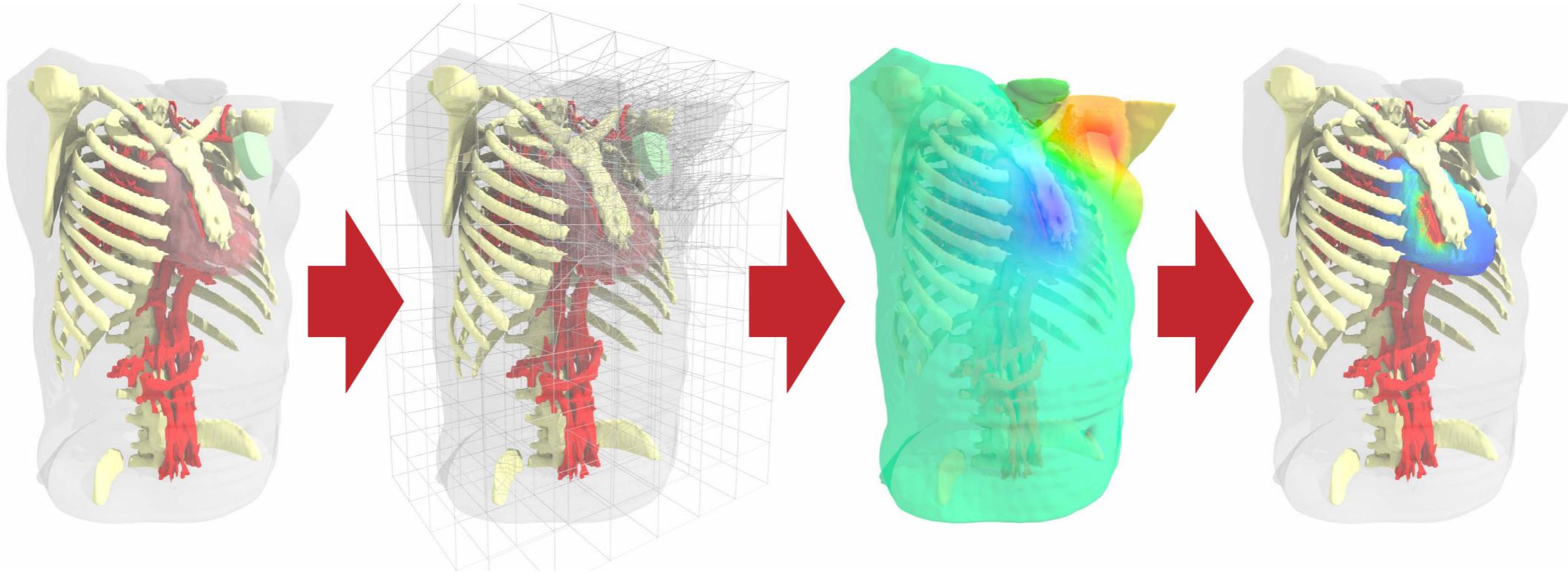


Better Source Representation
More Accurate Predictions

Improve ECG Imaging



Defibrillation



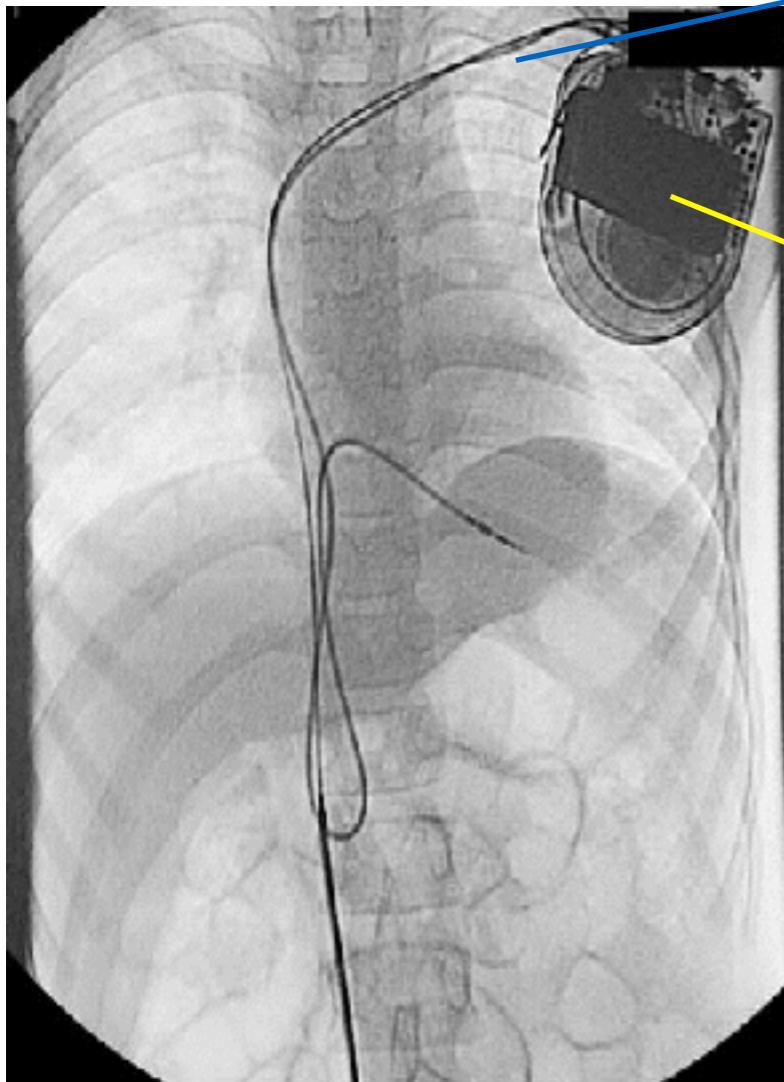
Pioneered new validation approaches

Showed accuracy: potentials and DFTs

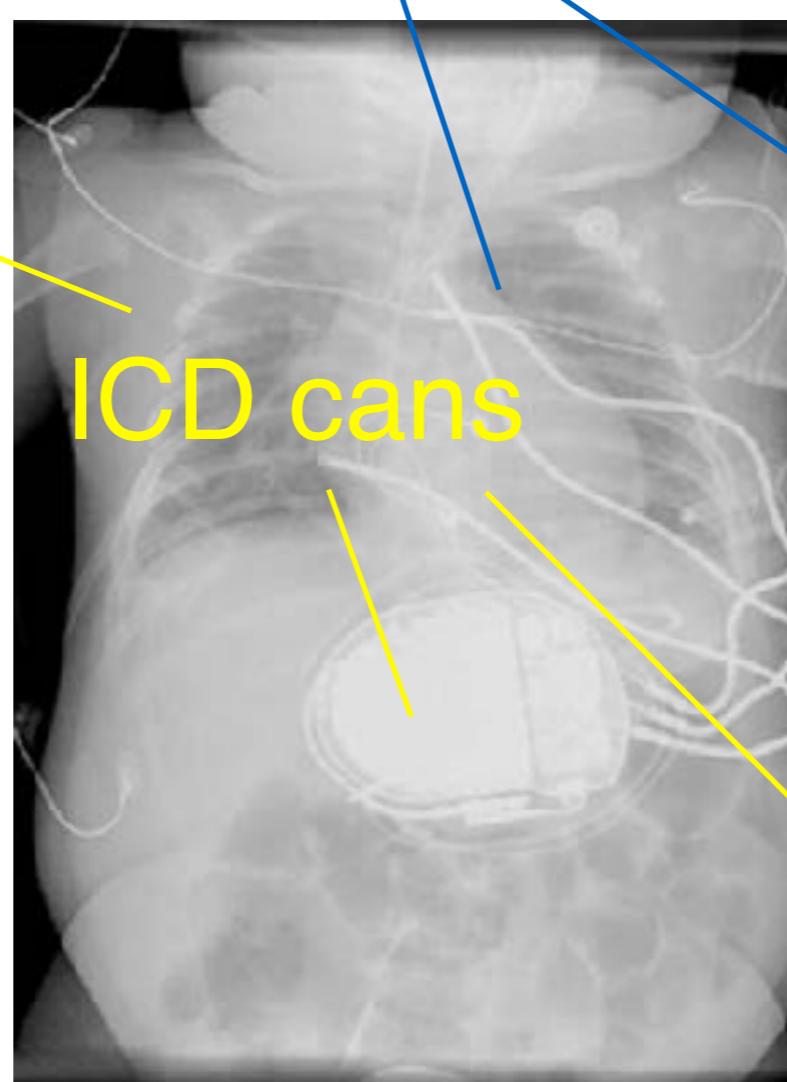
Improved confidence in its use

Pediatric Defibrillation

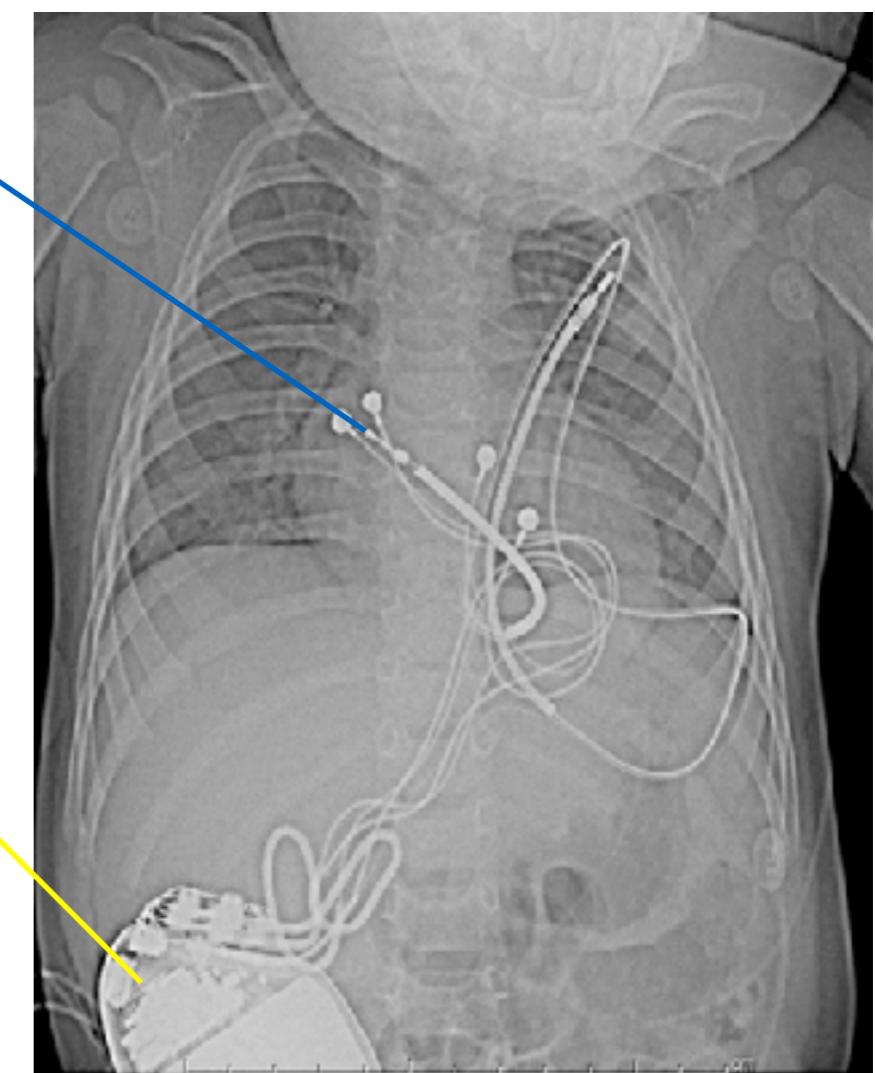
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