

# The Effect of Patient-Specific Cardiac Anatomical Models on ECGI Accuracy

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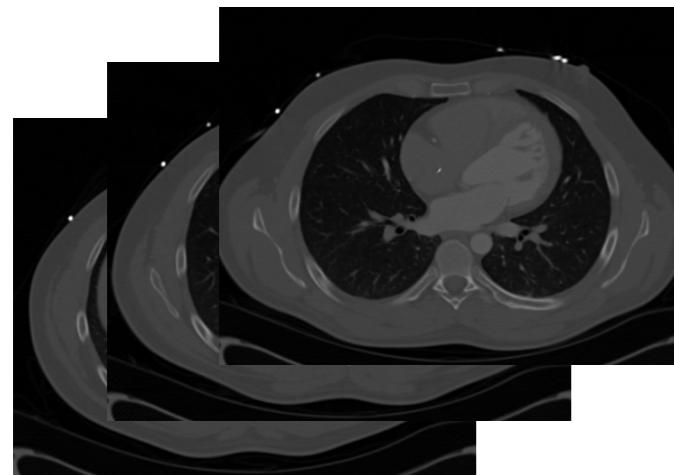


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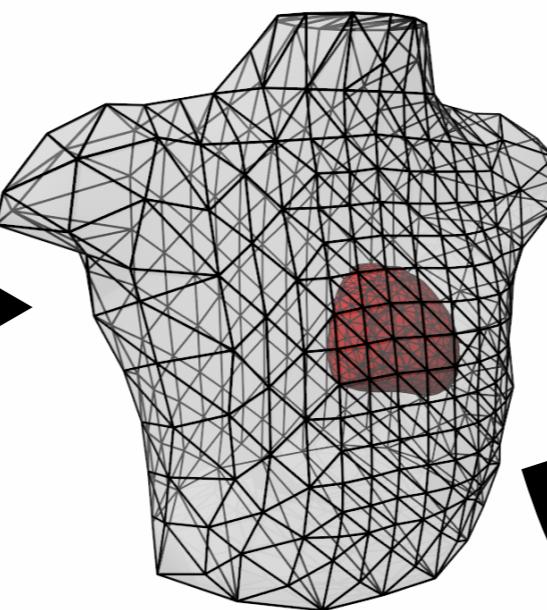


# ECG Imaging

Medical Imaging

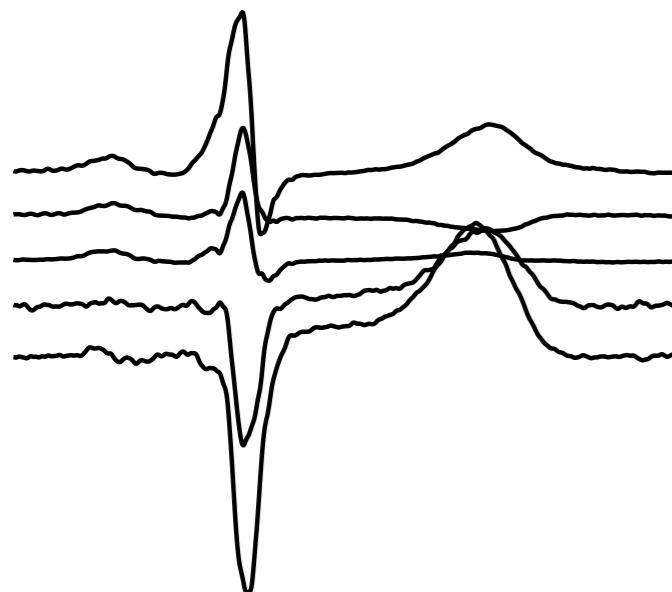


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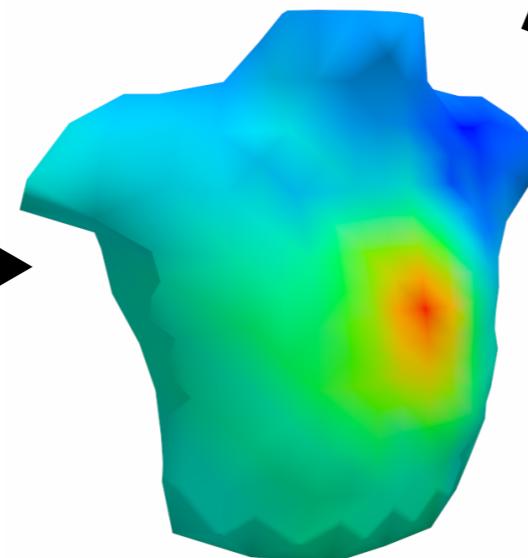


Forward  
Model

ECG Recordings

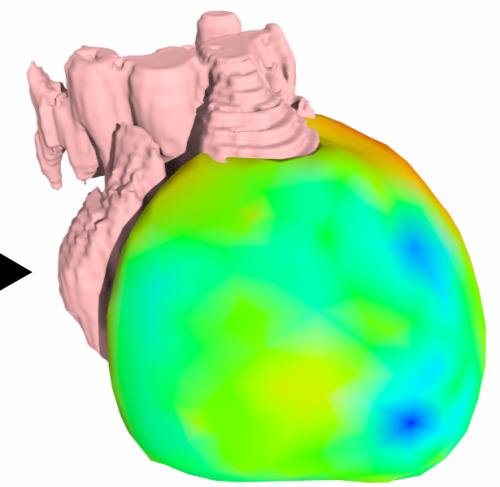


Potential Maps

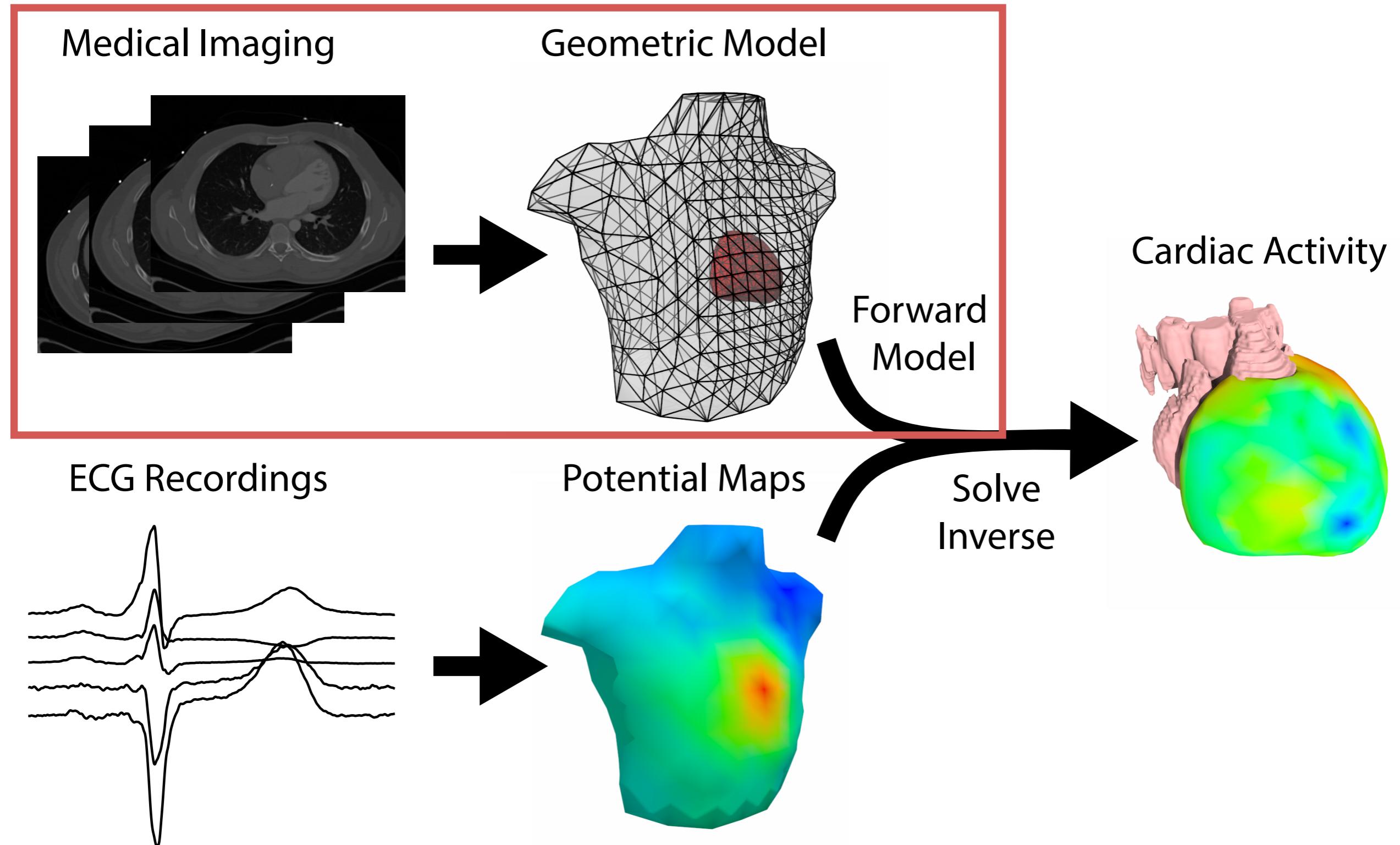


Solve  
Inverse

Cardiac Activity



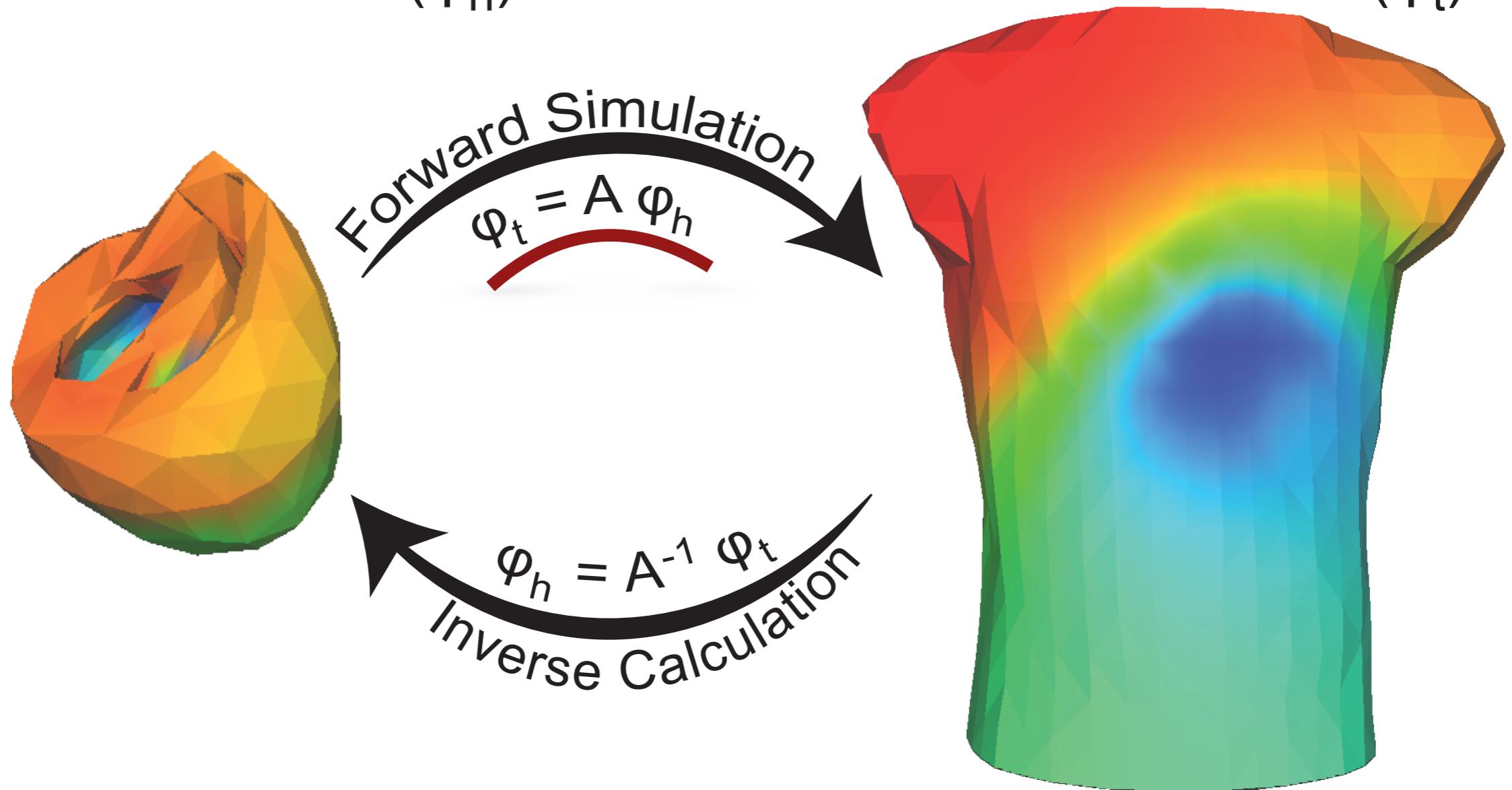
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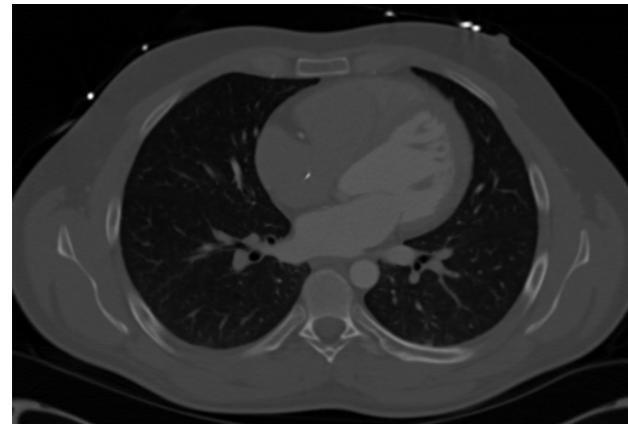
Heart Potentials ( $\phi_h$ )

Torso Potentials ( $\phi_t$ )

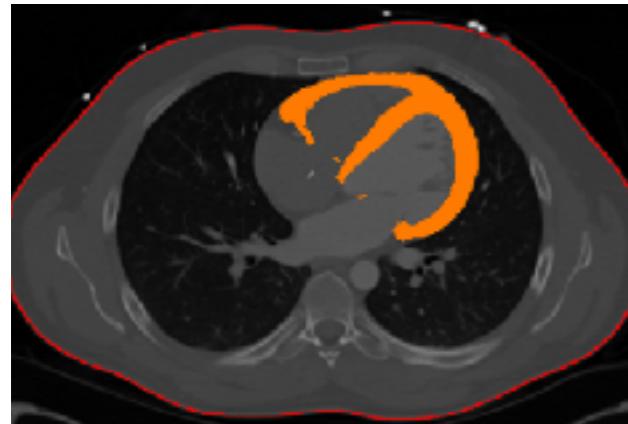


ECG Imaging Relies on Accurate Forward Models

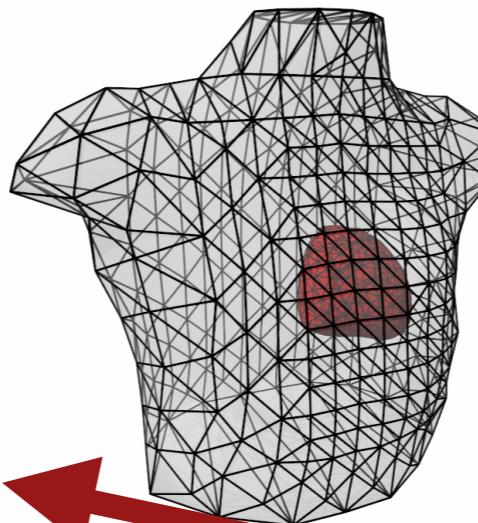
# Modeling Pipeline



Segmentation



Mesh  
Generation



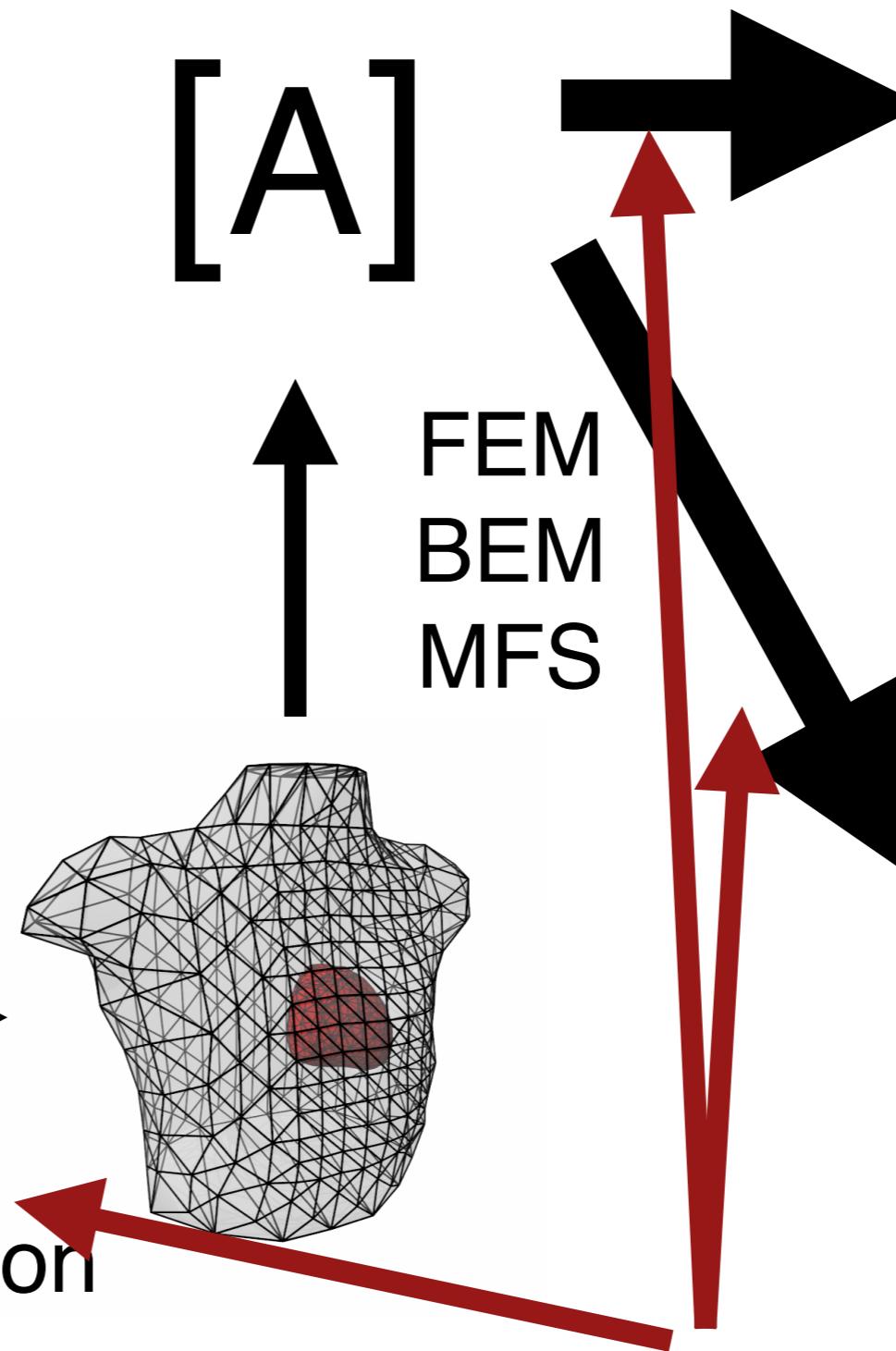
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FEM  
BEM  
MFS

Registration

Forward  
Modeling

ECGI

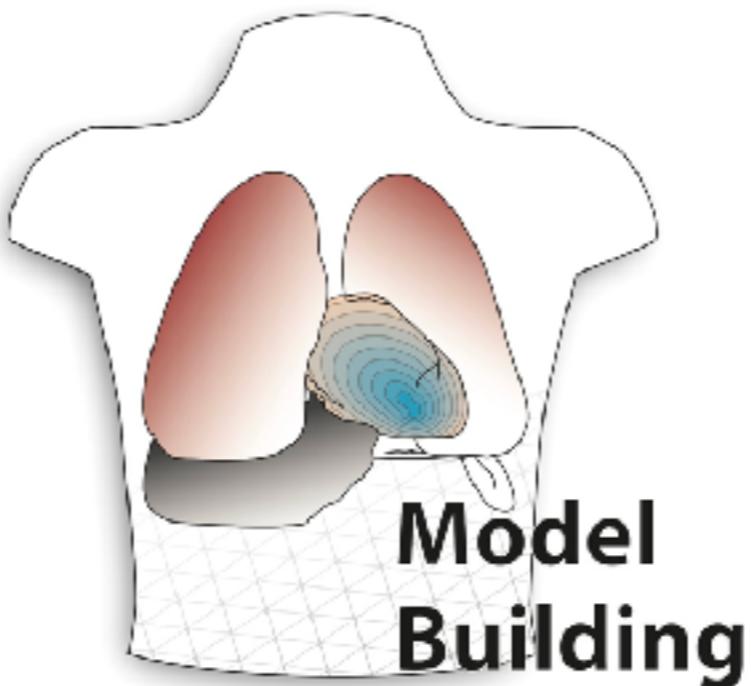


# Improving Model Generation



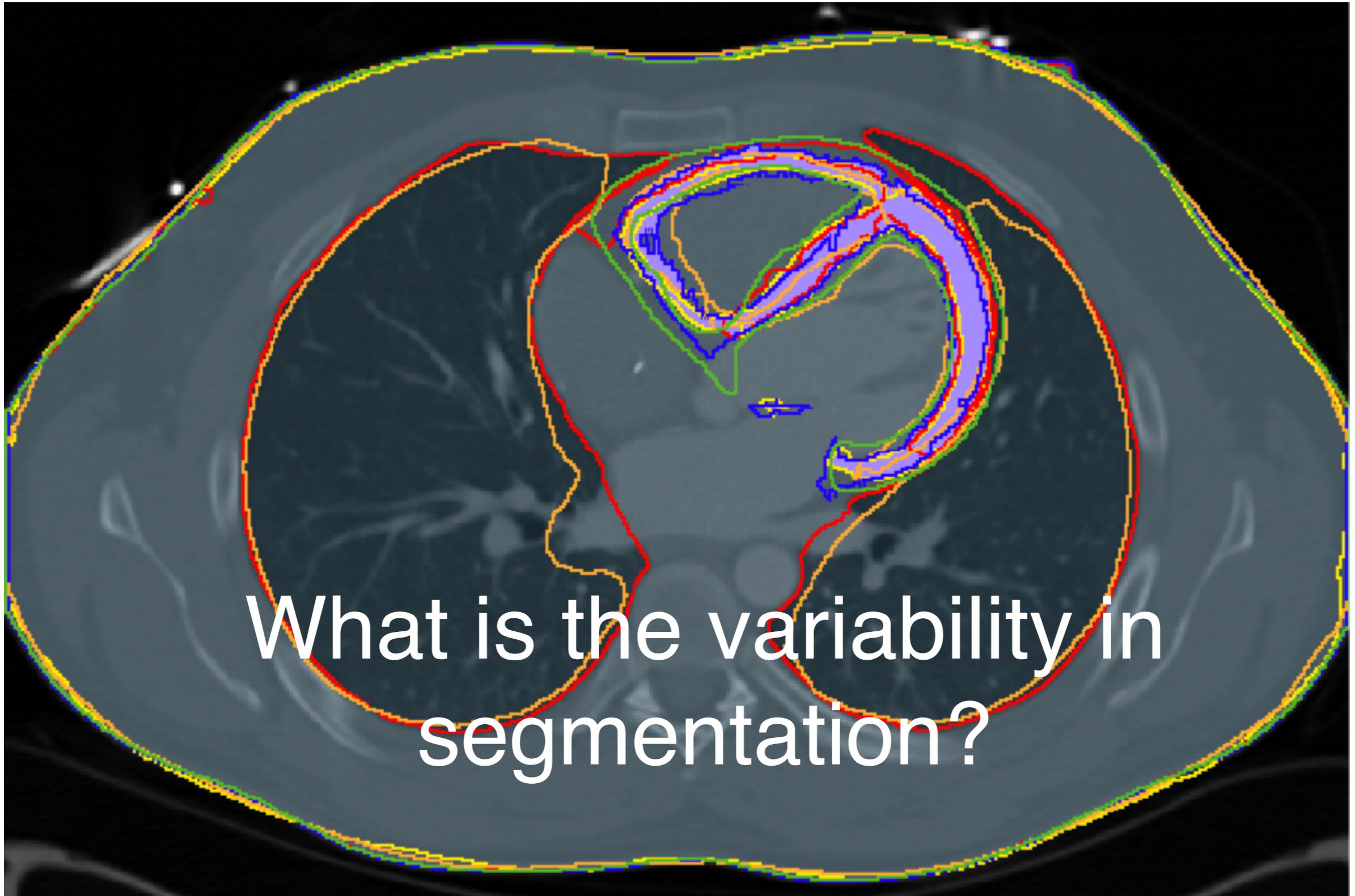
## Segmentation

# CEI: Modeling Error Workgroup (Consortium for ECG Imaging)



Workgroup is to identify/quantify  
errors and uncertainties

# Segmentation Error



What is the variability in segmentation?

# Data Collection

CEI Model Building > Stage 1: Dalhousie Segmentation

OVERVIEW

This phase is to upload the segmentation of torso, ventricles, left lung, and right lung from the Dalhousie CT scan. Four files will need to be submitted simultaneously:

- LLung.nrrd - left lung
- RLung.nrrd - right lung
- Torso.nrrd - Torso surface (everything in the torso should be 1)
- Ventricles.nrrd - Ventricular Myocardium (with endo and epicardial surfaces)

Each file will need to be of the same image size and spacing as the original CT scan (512x512x54, 0.7422x0.7422x3). Select all of the files when in the file finder dialogue. Your submission will be compared to a "Ground Truth" which is just one of the possible segmentations, so do not worry what your scores or metrics are, but if they are not calculated (it may take several minutes), or if there is an error, you will need to resubmit the segmentations. If you wish to, you can create an empty file (nrrd of the same size with all zeros) to skip one of the tissues. Once all the participants submit a segmentation of each of the tissues, we will create a common segmentation to use for the next stage.

Download test dataset

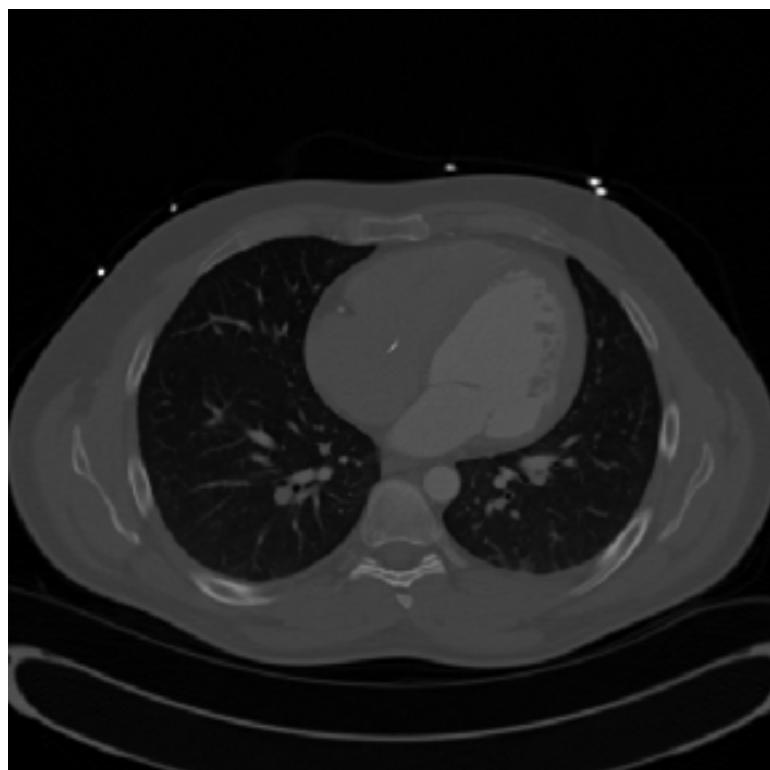
Download ground truth data

Submit your results

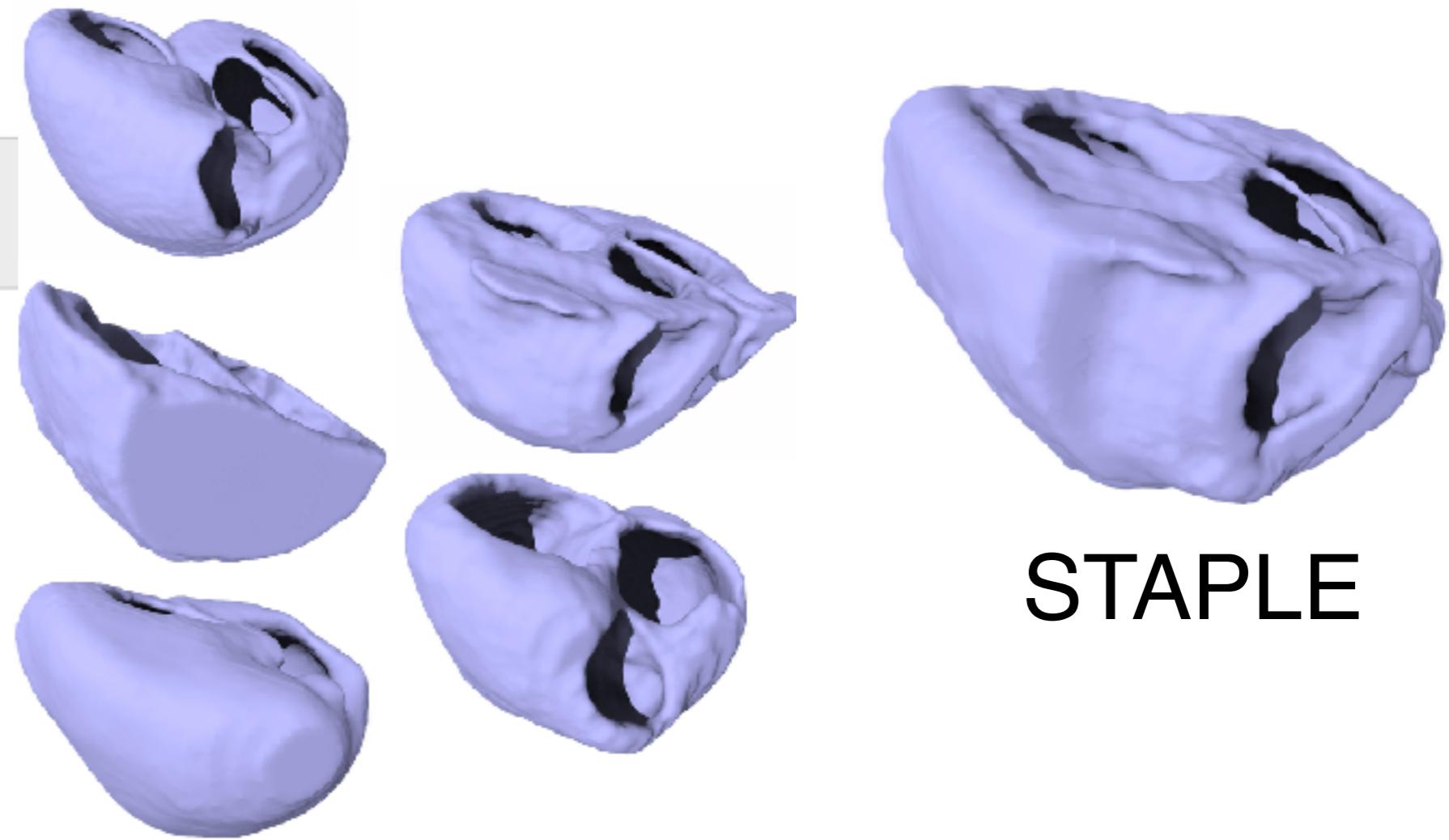
# Segmentations



the EDGAR  
Time Signal Catalog



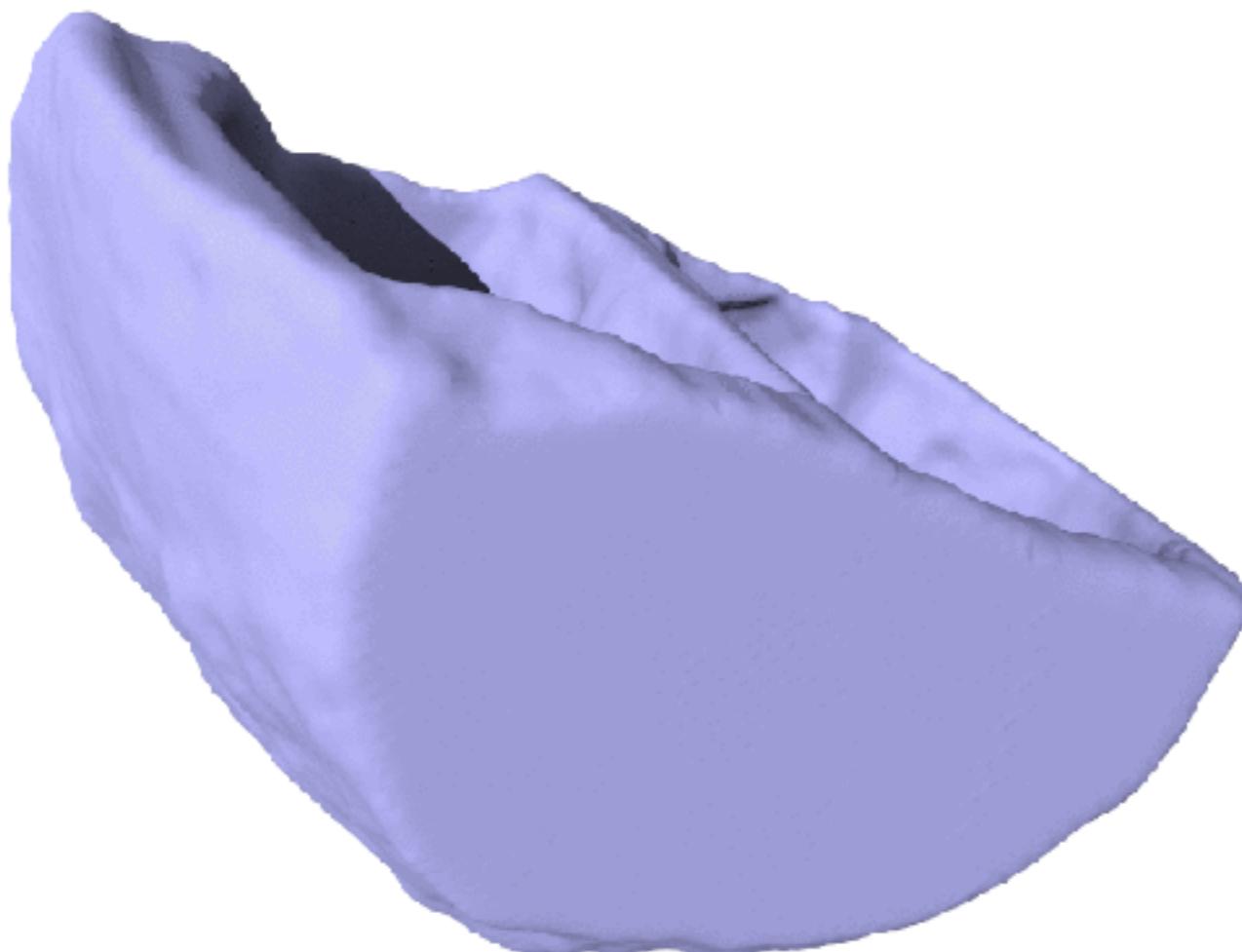
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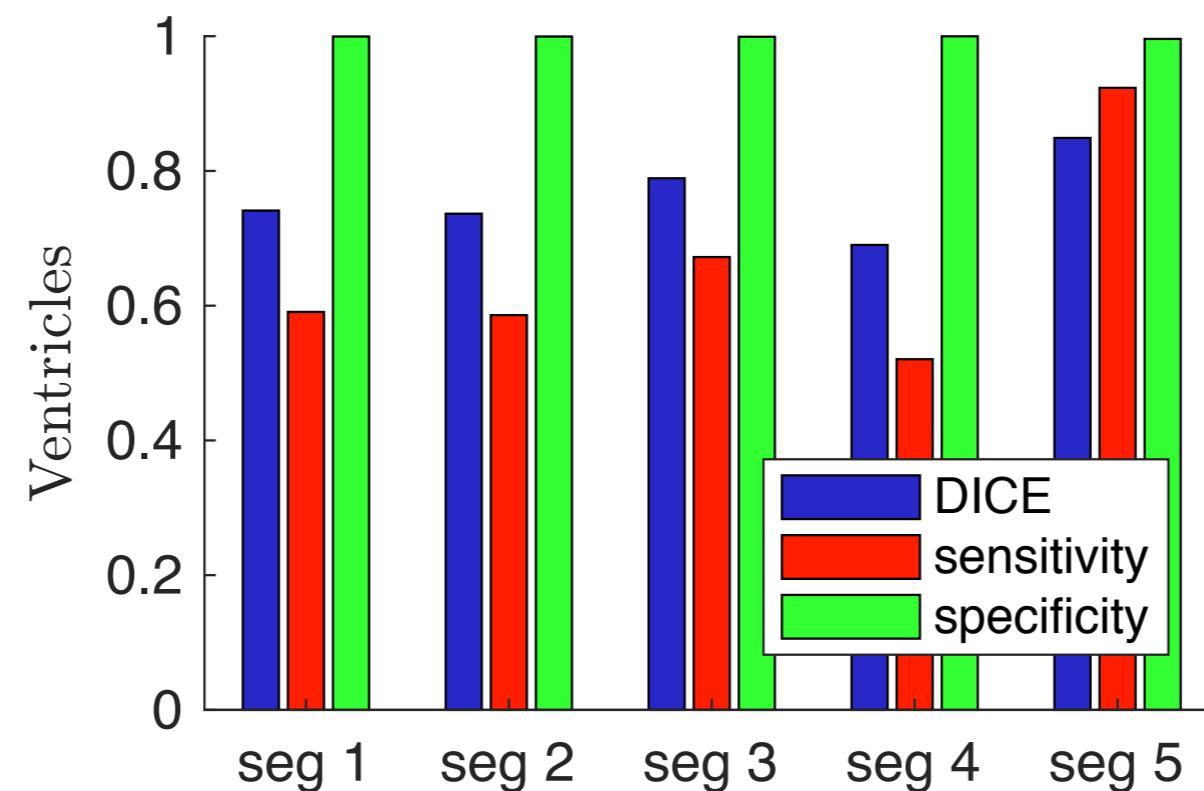
STAPLE

Covalic

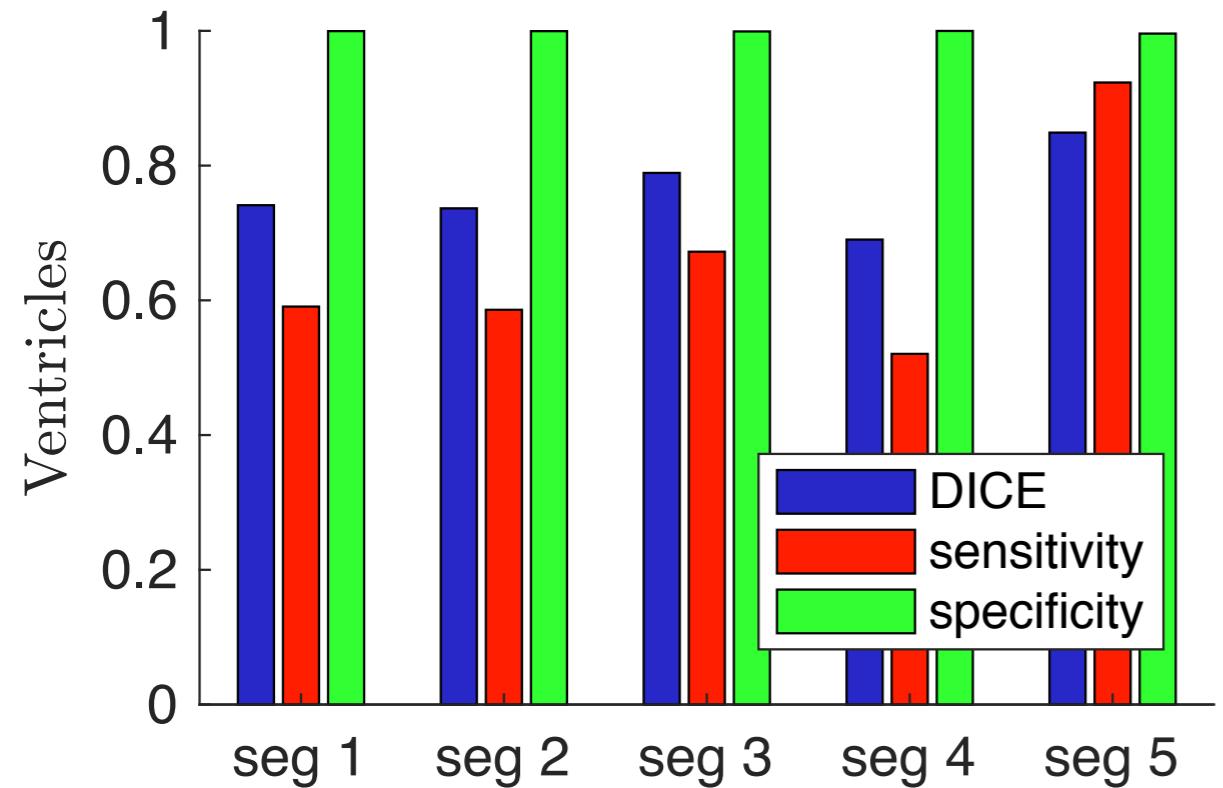
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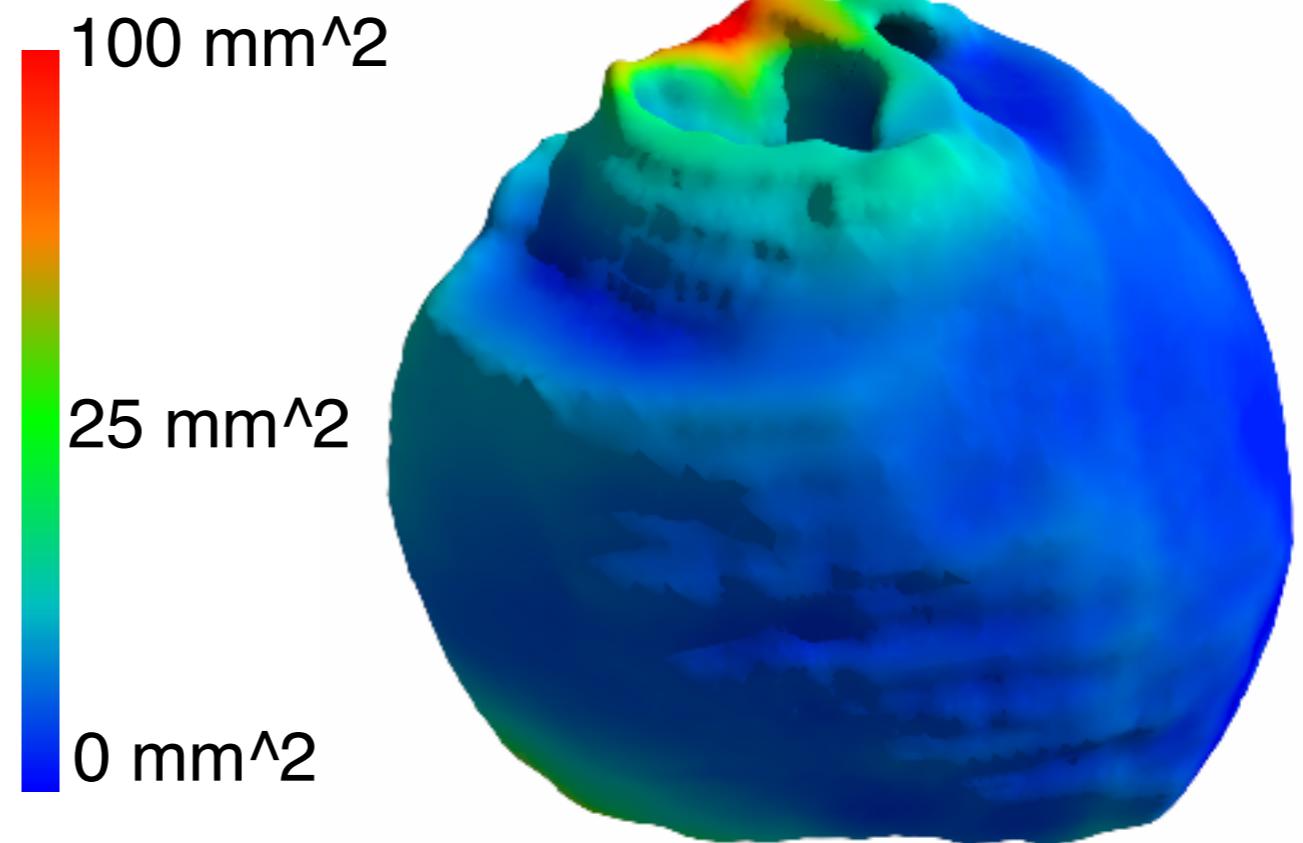
# Segmentation Variation



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Variance of  
min distance



# Quantify the effect of segmentation variation on ECGI solutions

Covalic



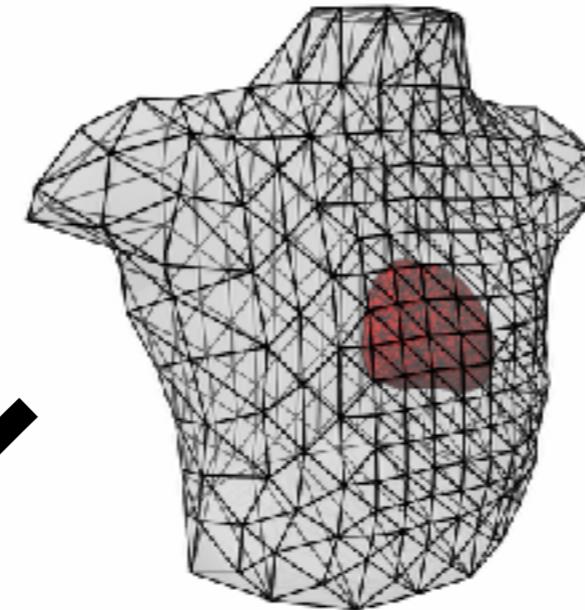
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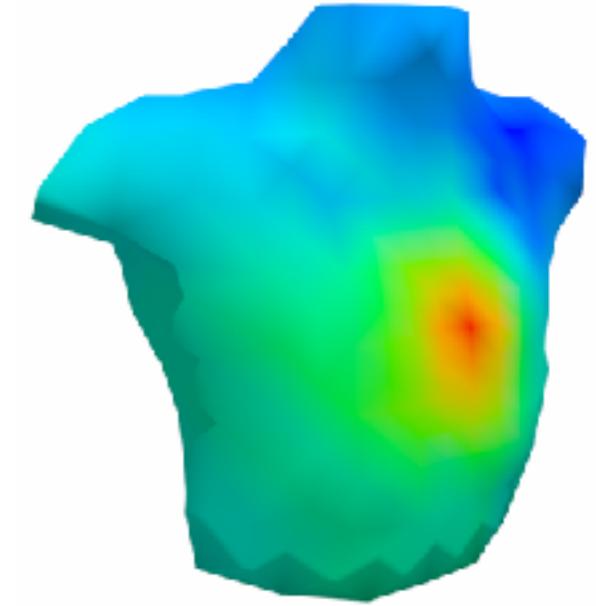
Heart Mesh

# ECGI pipeline

x6

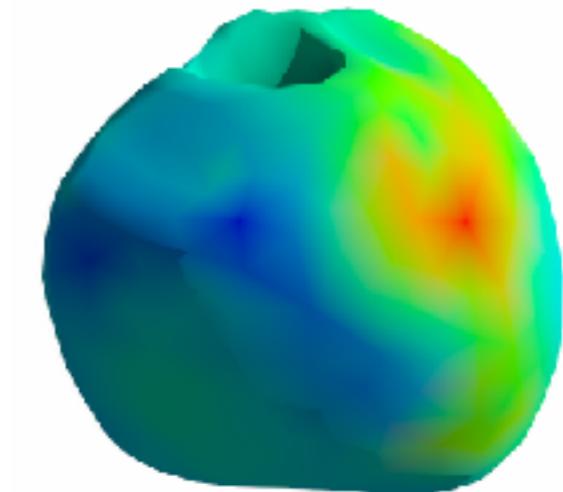


Torso Mesh



BSPM

Forward  
Matrix



ECGI



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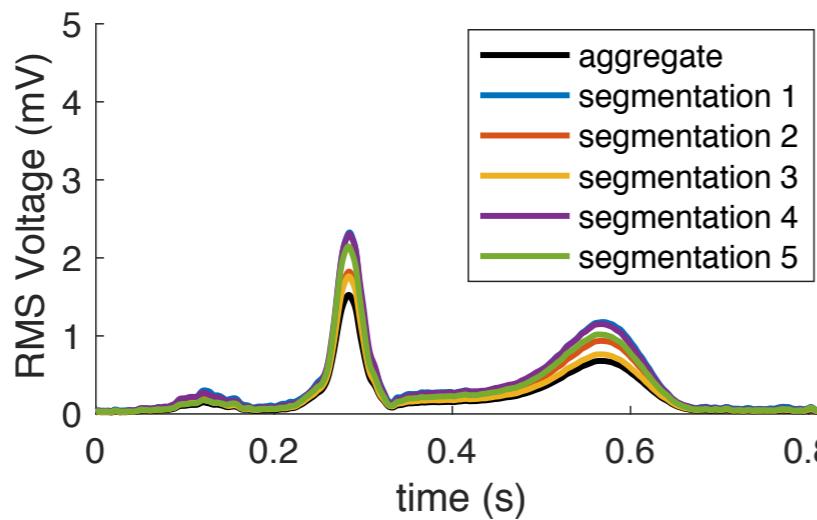


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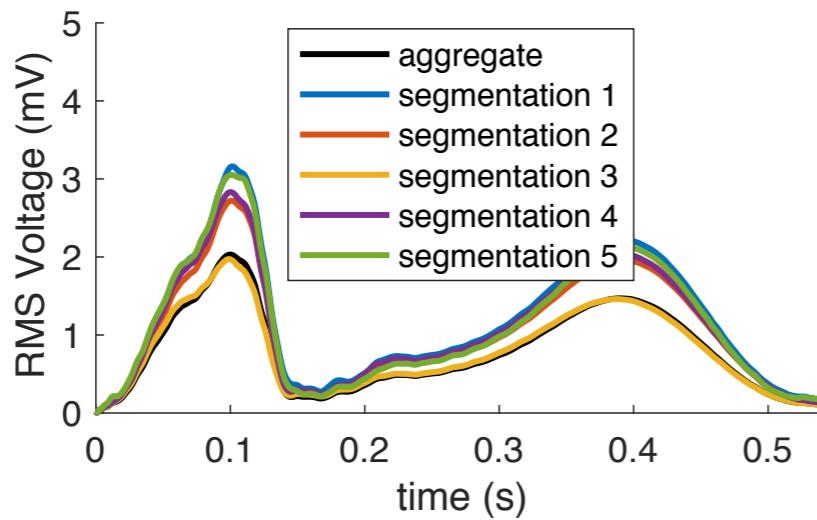


# Variance Over Time

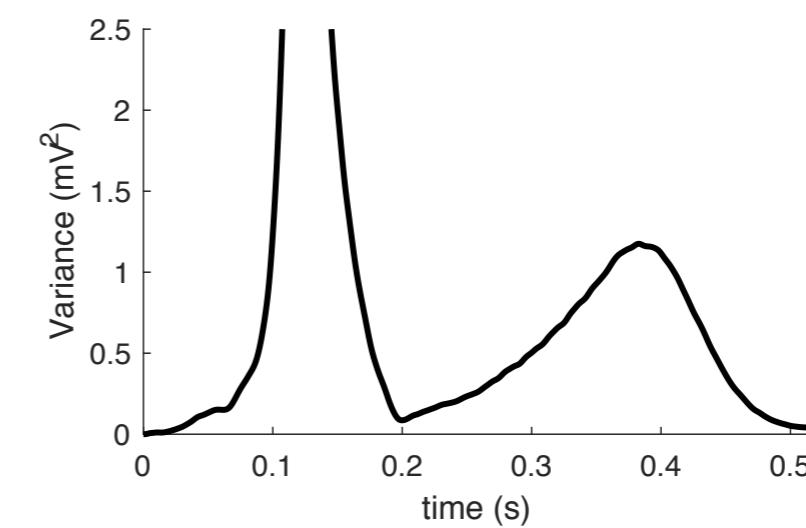
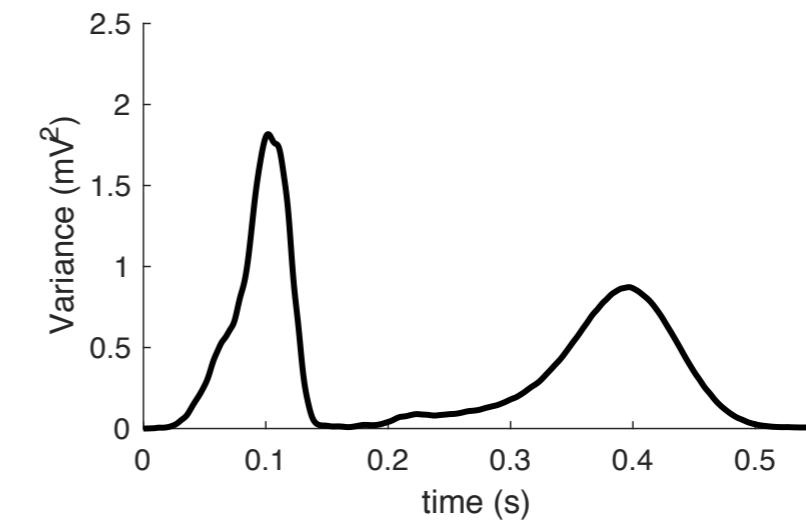
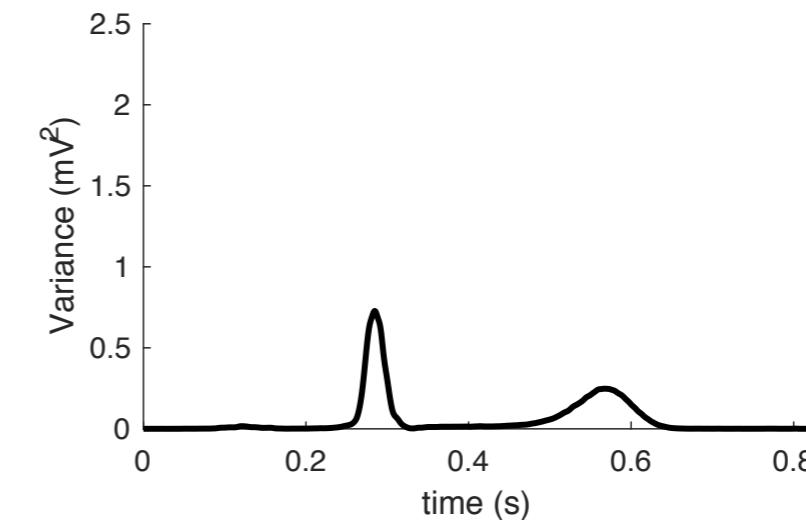
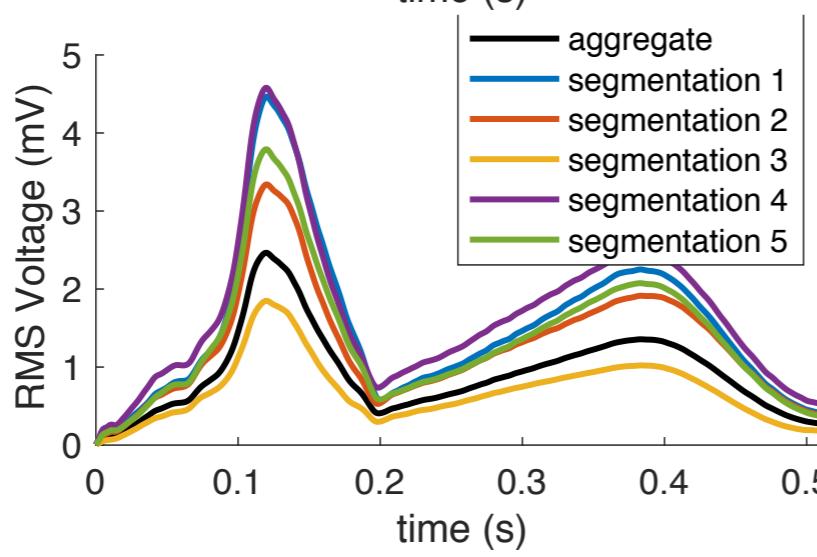
Sinus



LV stim

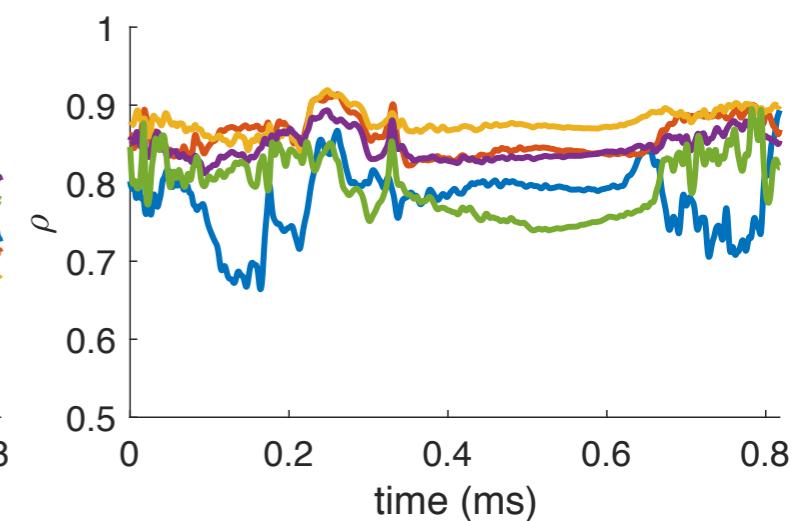
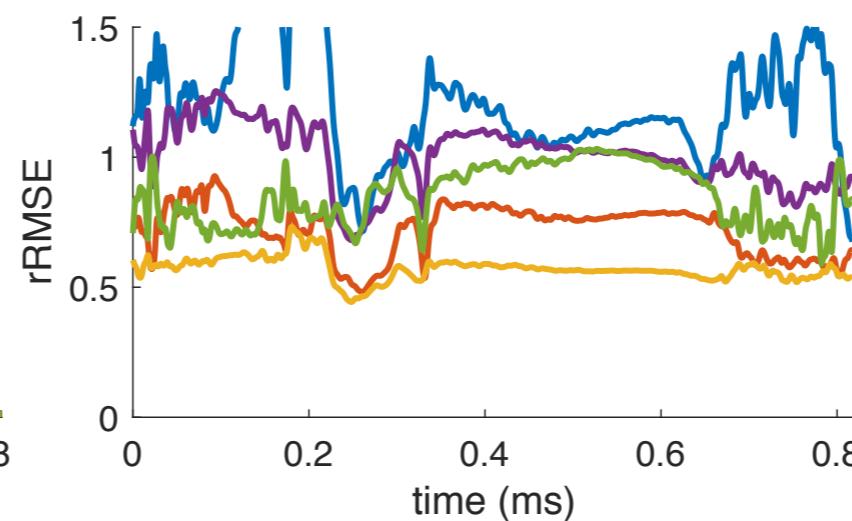
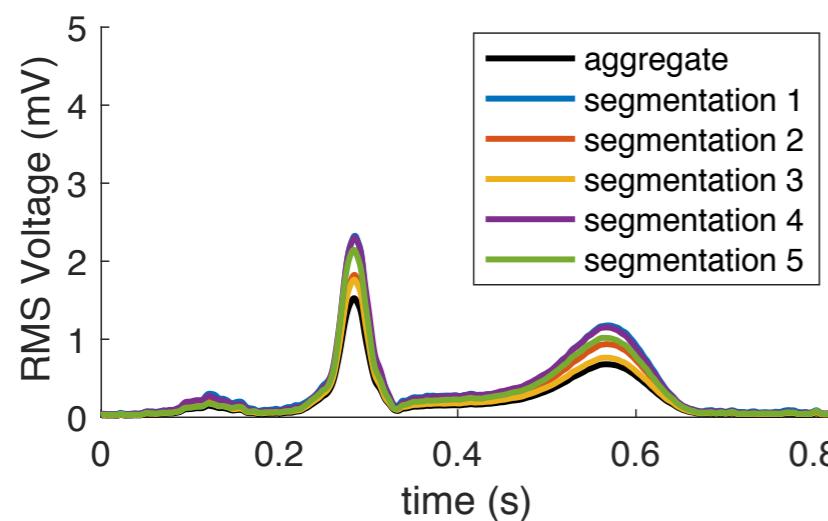


RV stim

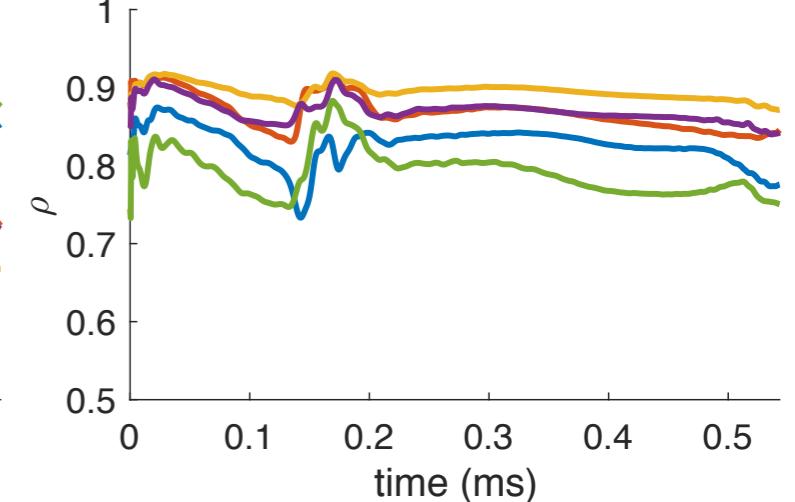
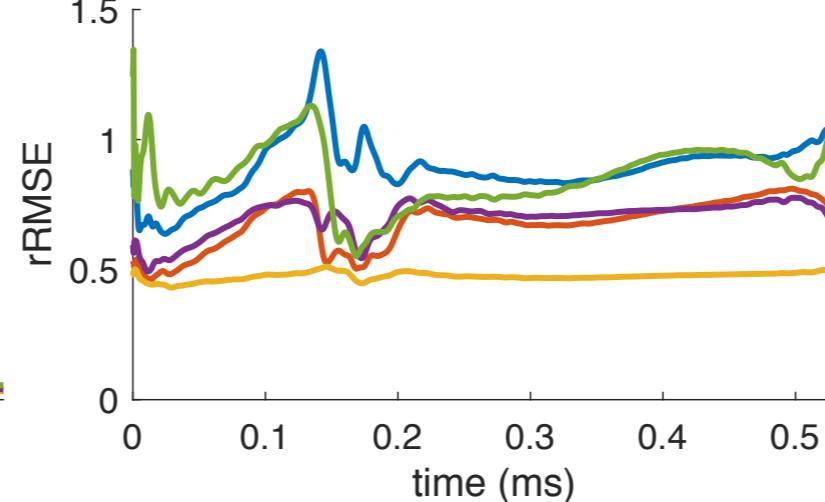
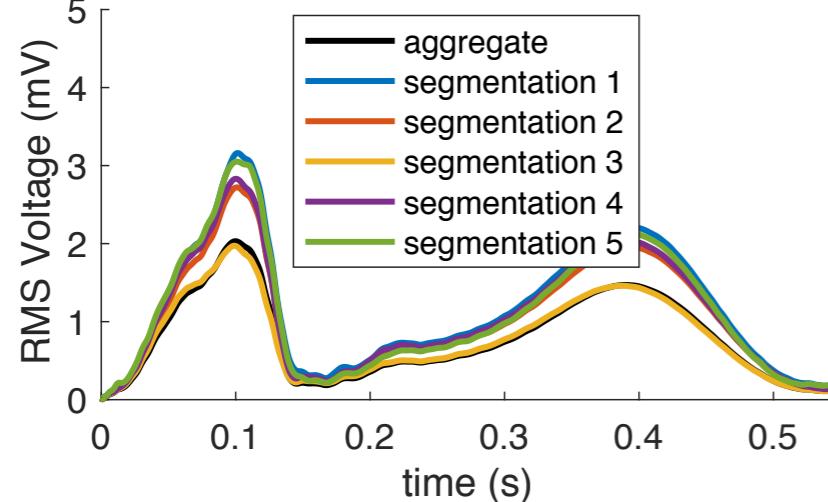


# Variation Over Time

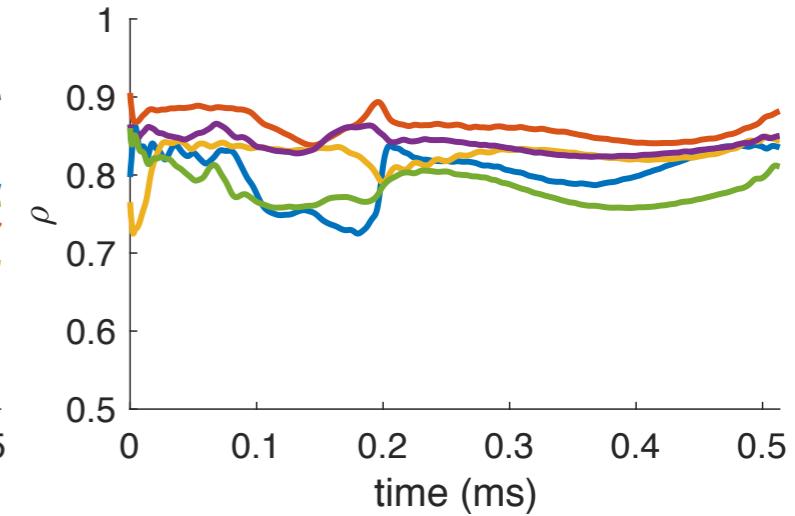
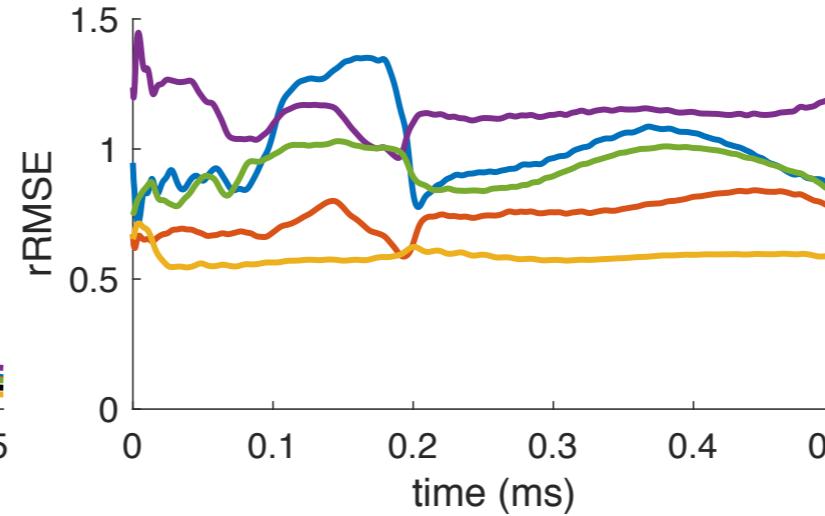
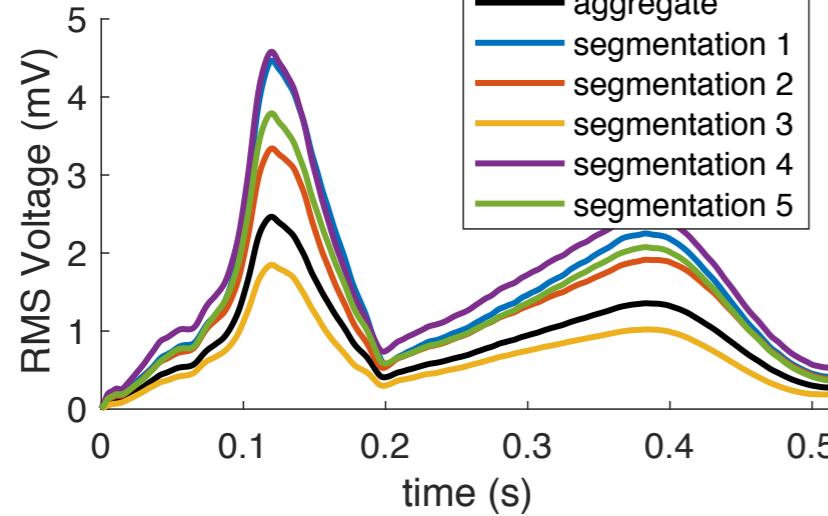
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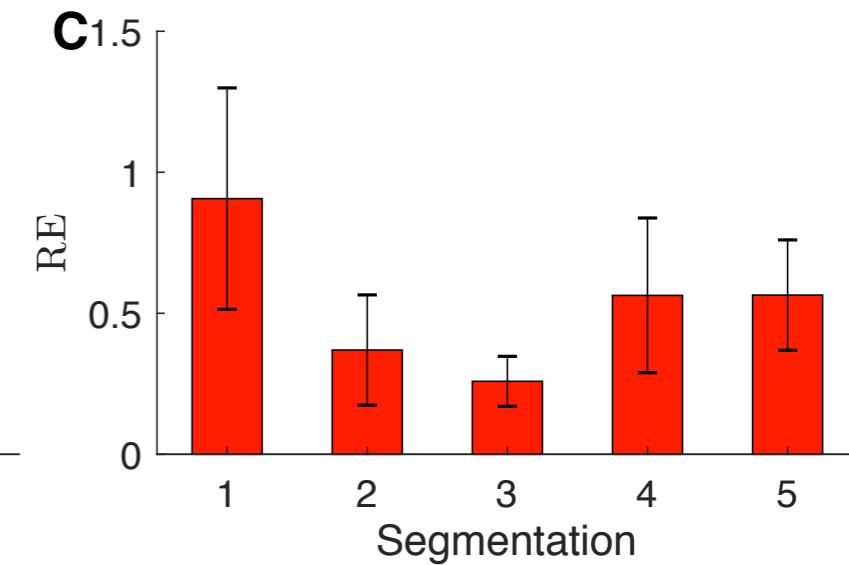
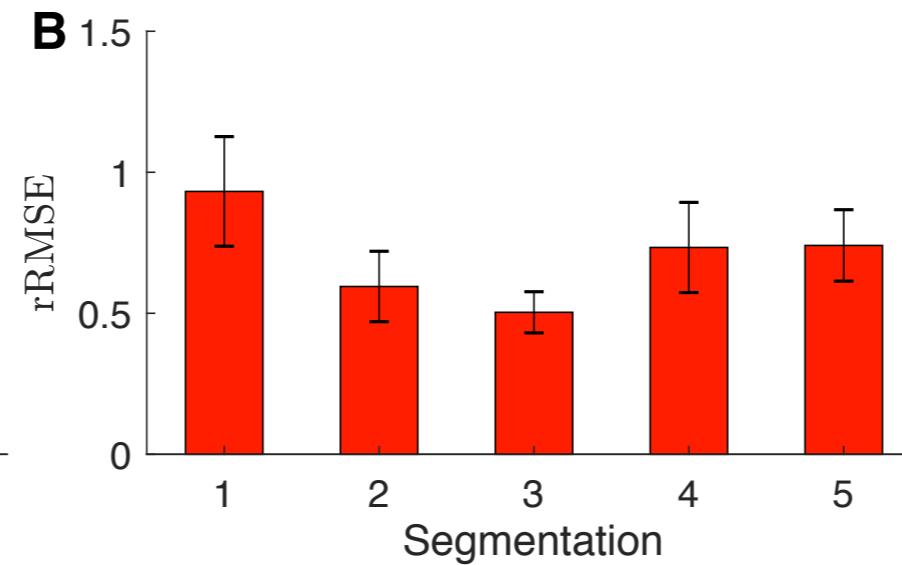
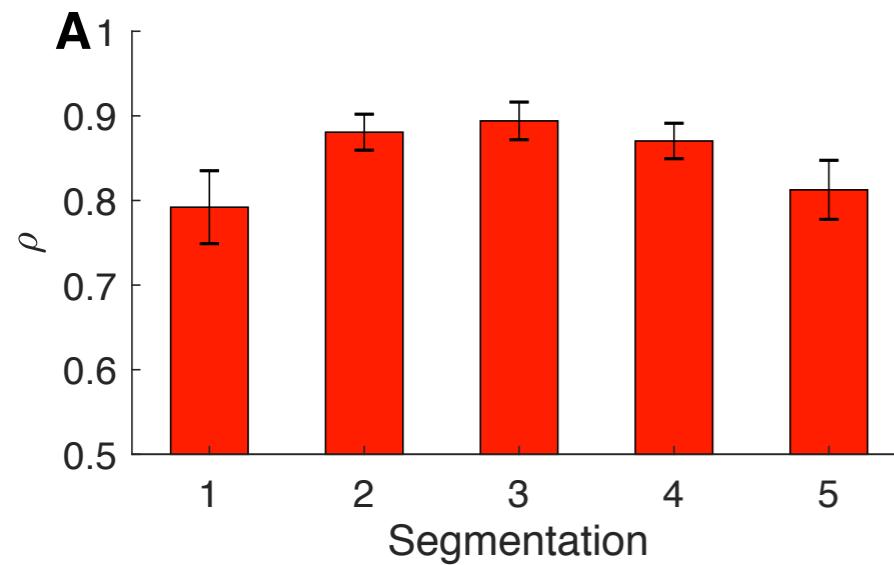
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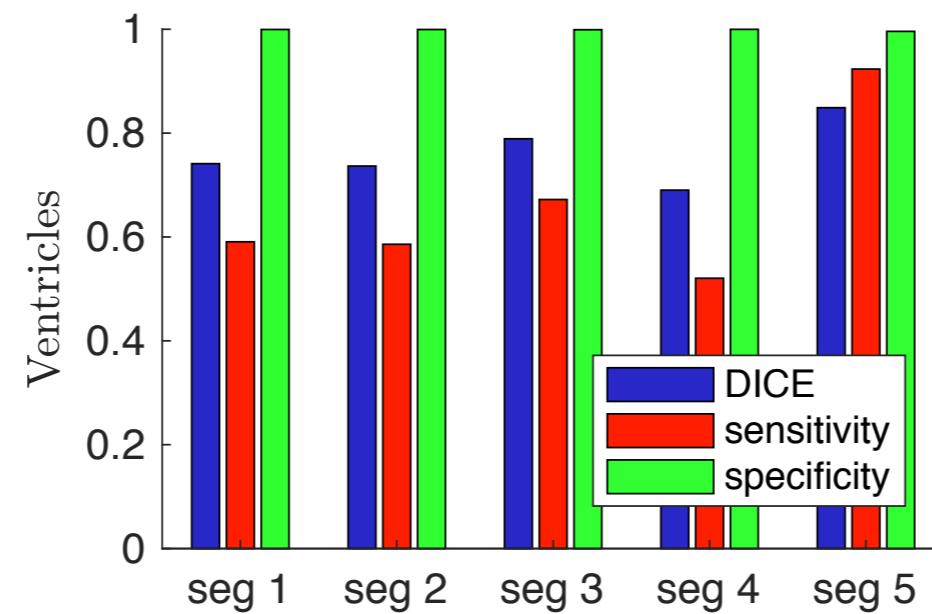
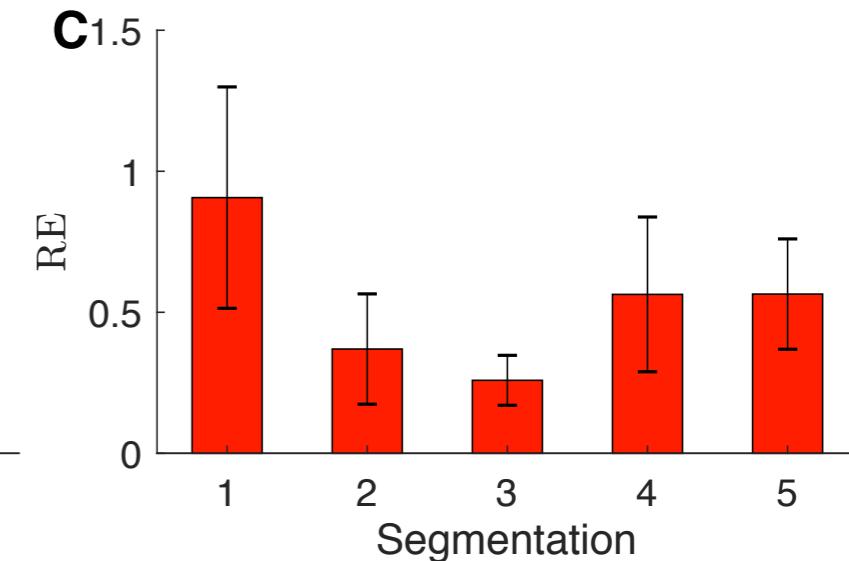
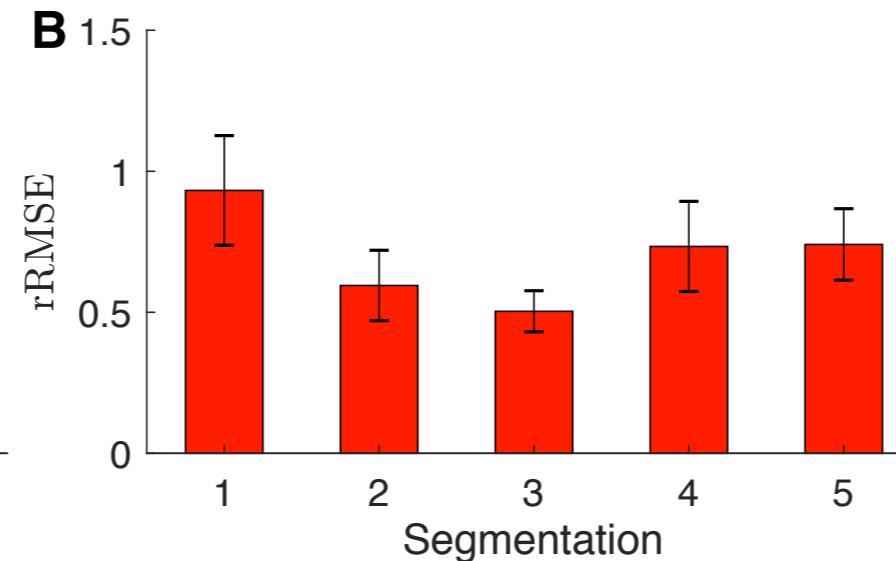
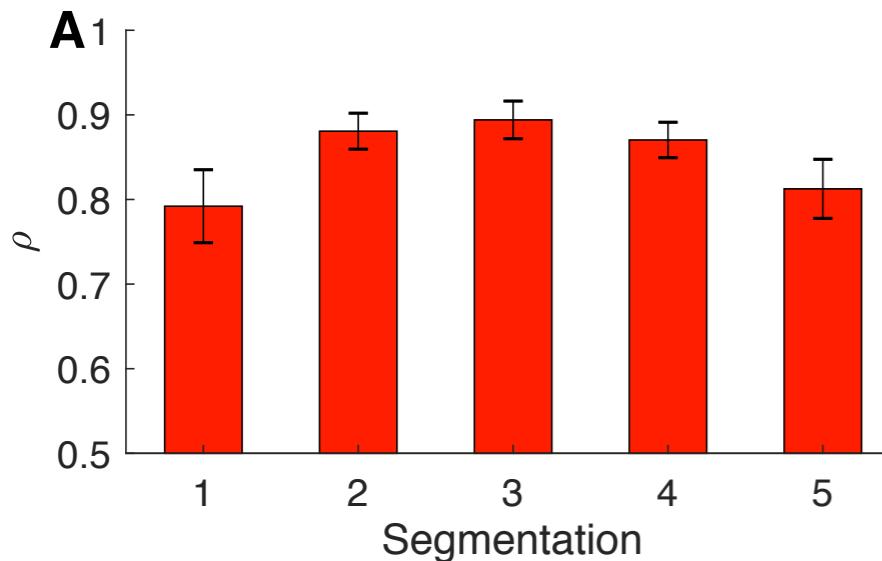
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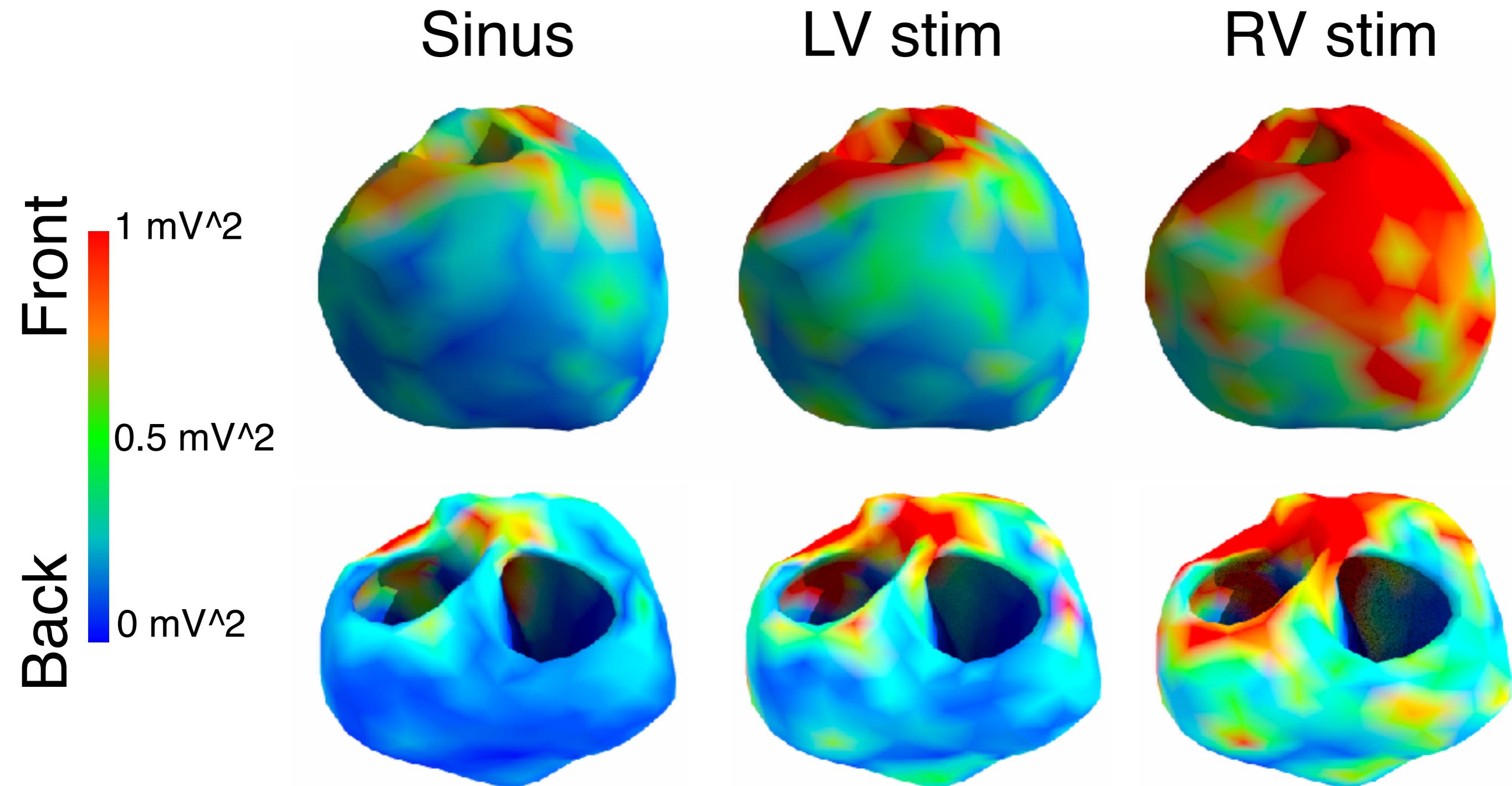
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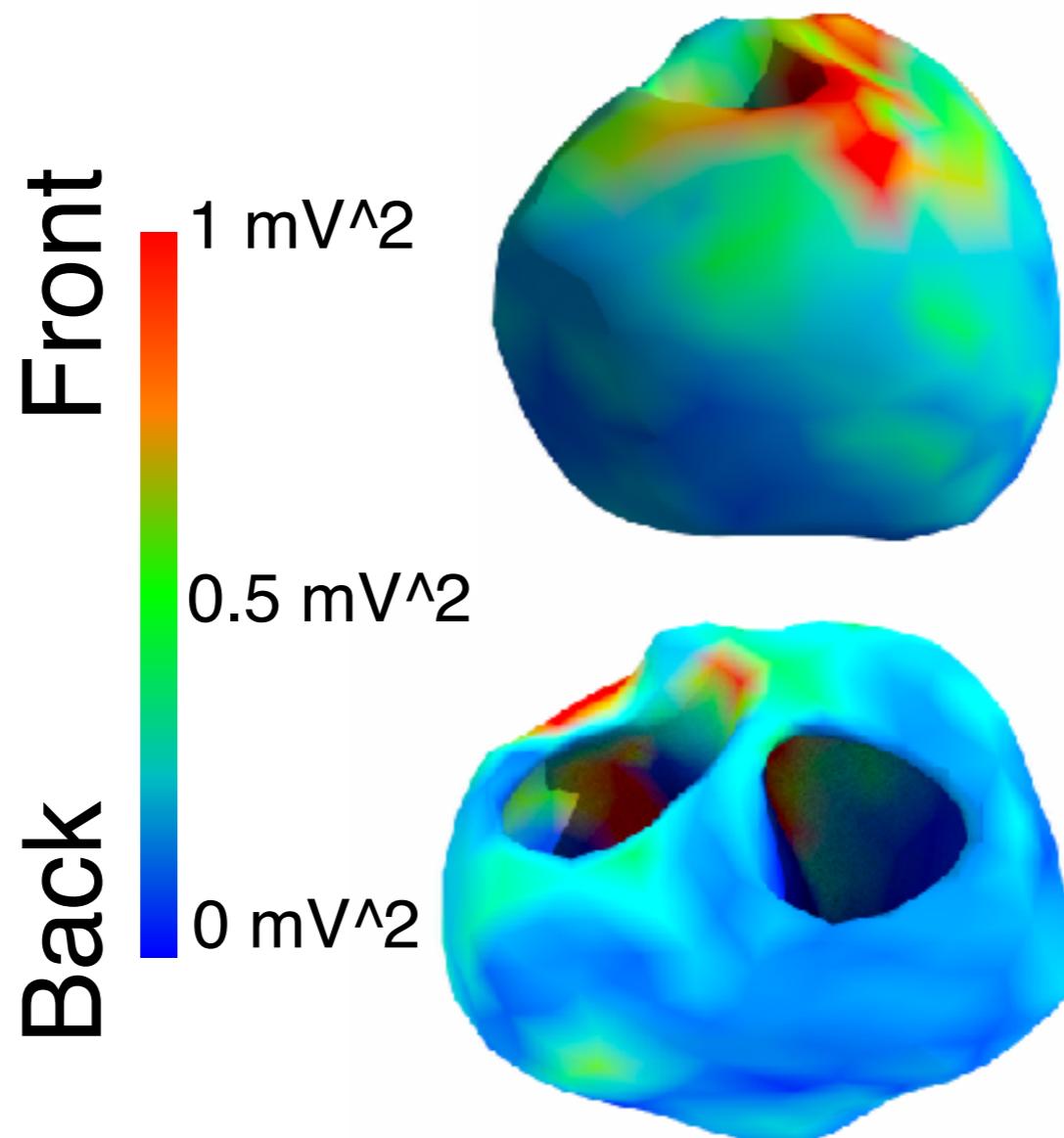
# Total Error



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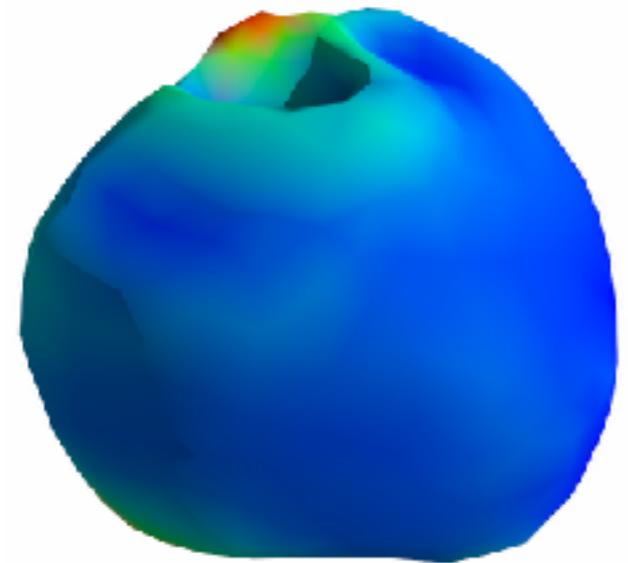
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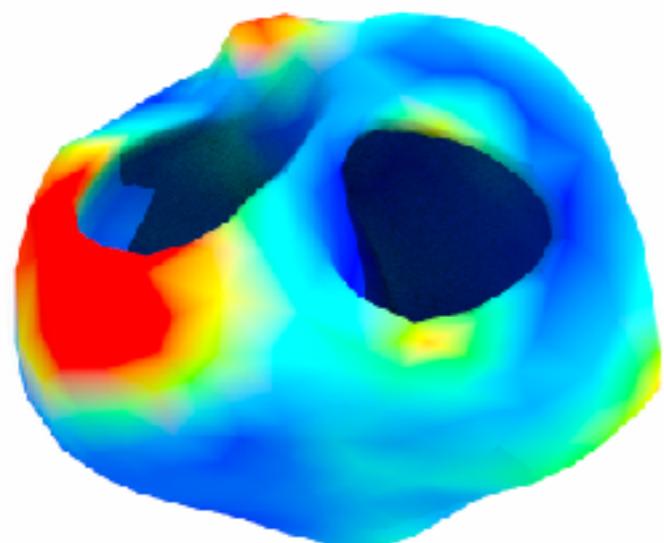
Solution Variance

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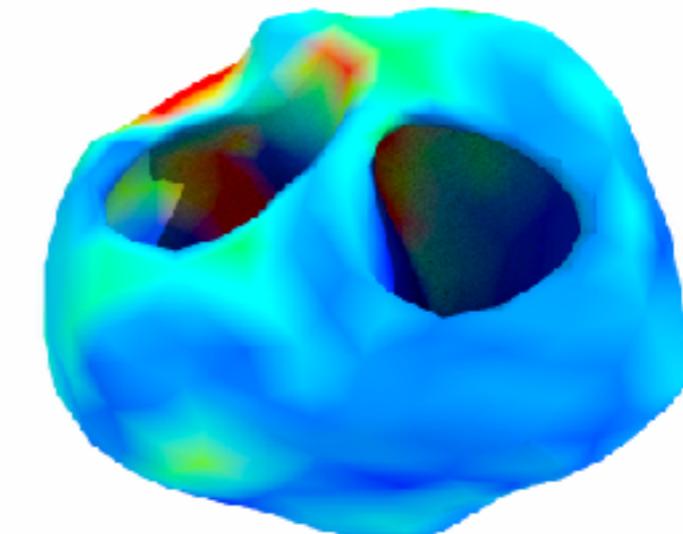
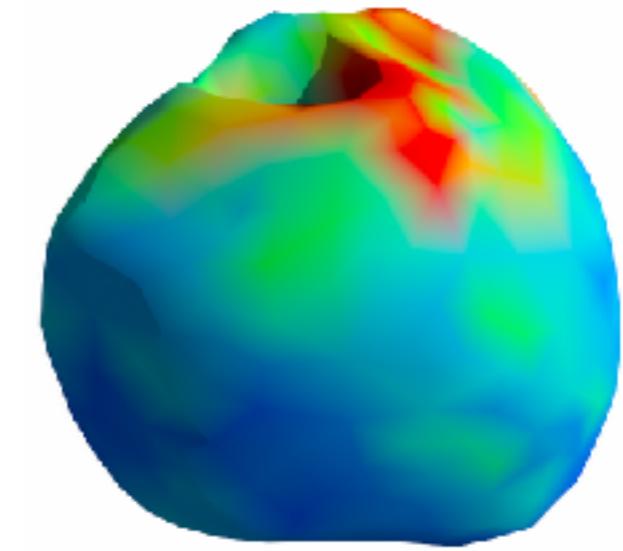
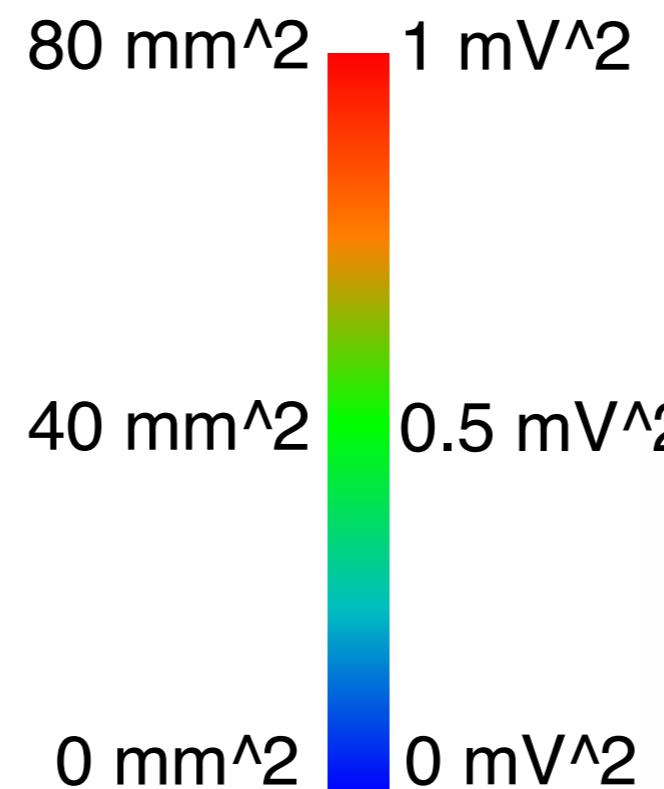
Front



Back



Mesh Variance



Solution Variance

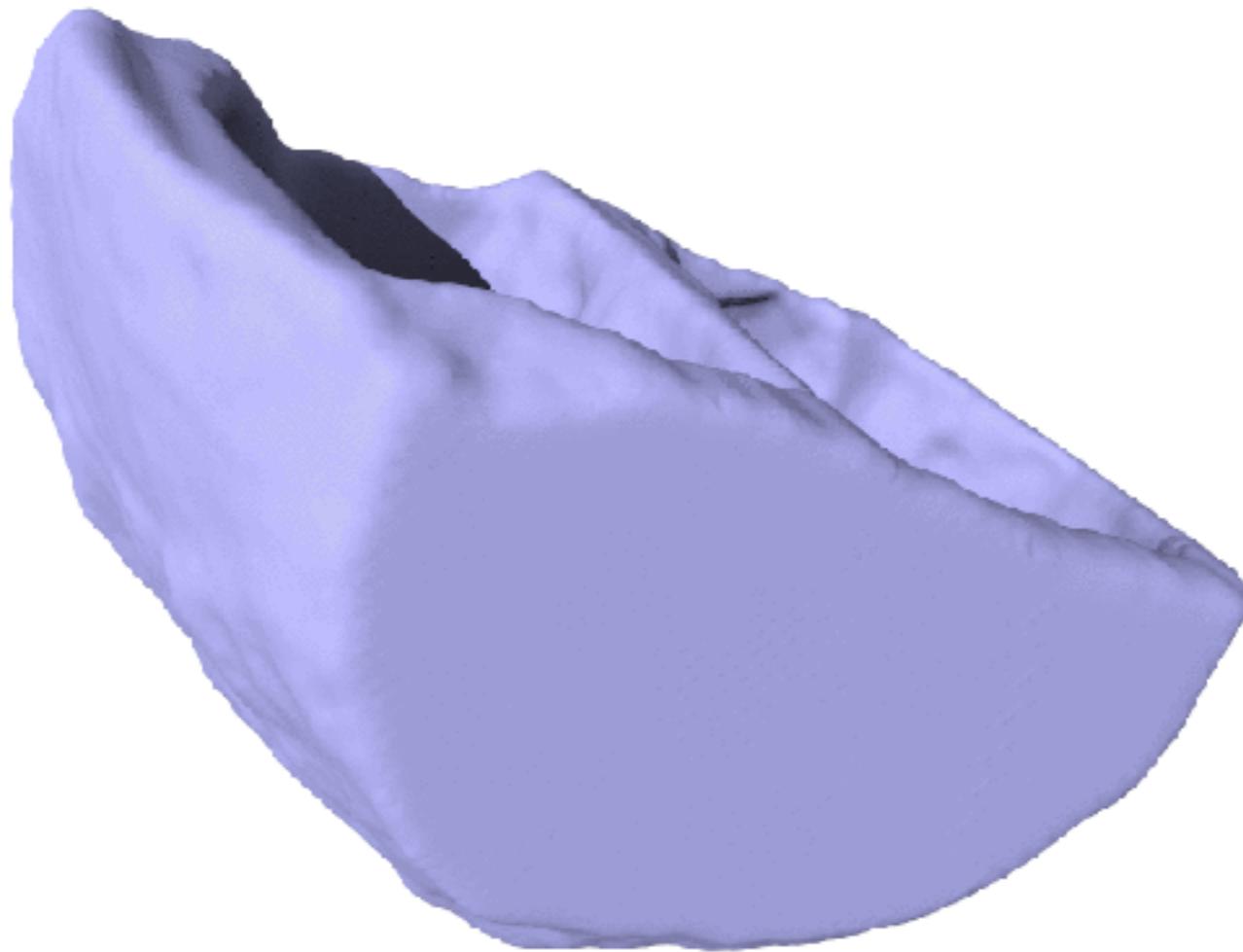
ECGI can be  
sensitive to  
segmentation errors

High variance in ECGI solution  
corresponds to high variance  
in Segmentation

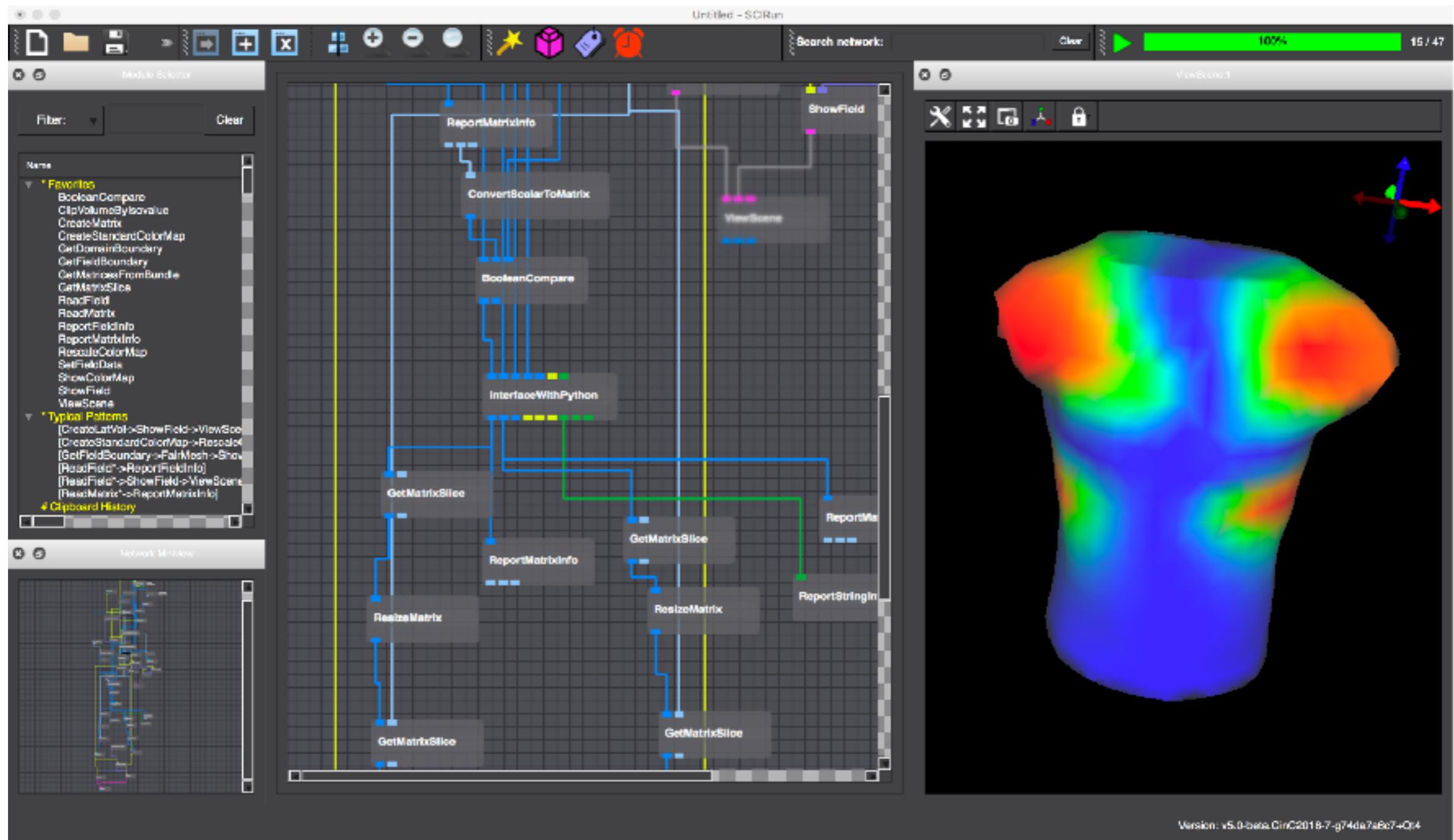
Anterior region is more  
sensitive to segmentation  
variation

# What's Next?

## Shape Analysis

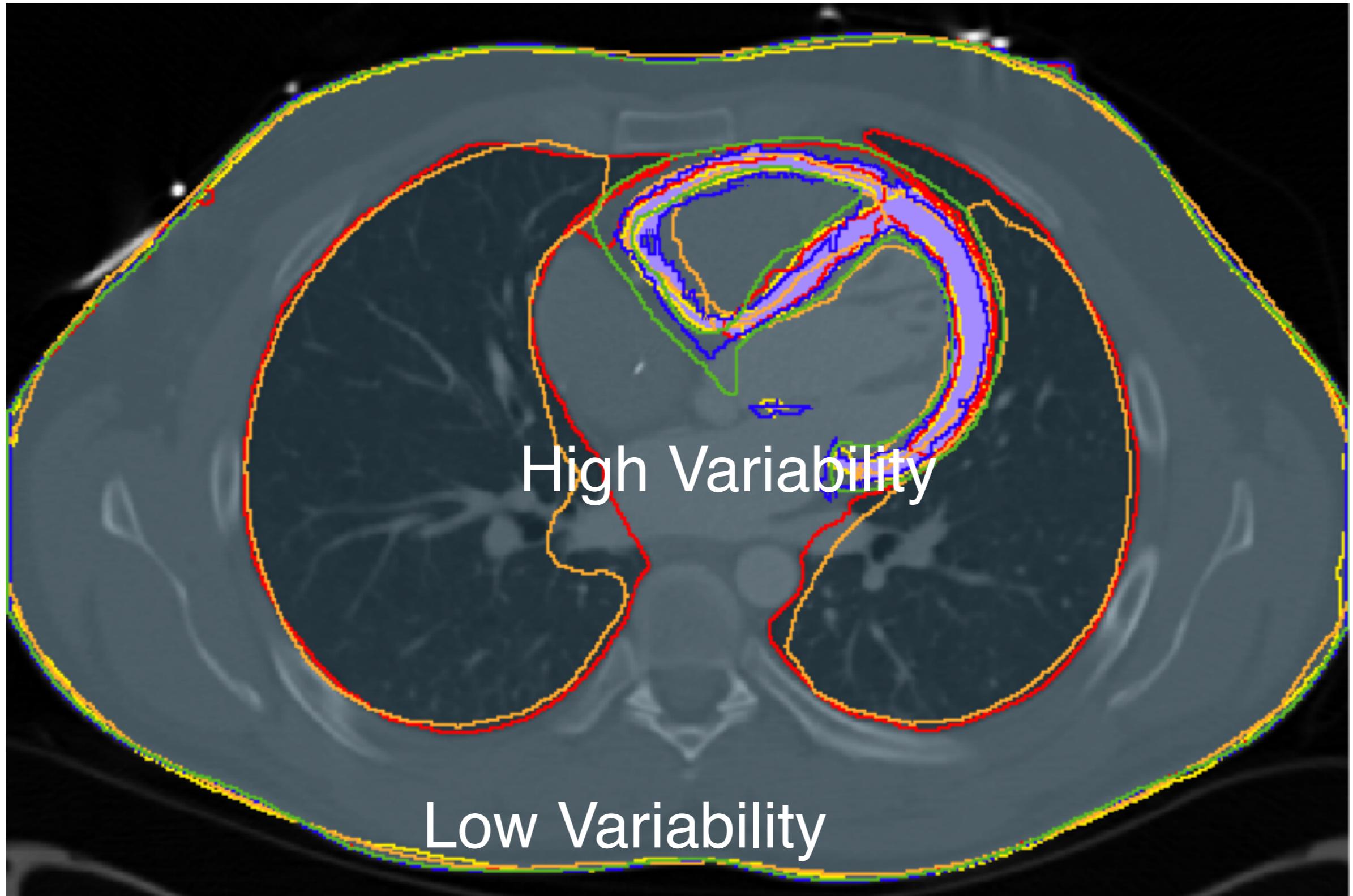


# Uncertainty Quantification



## Communicating accuracy of ECG and ECGI

# Torso Variability?



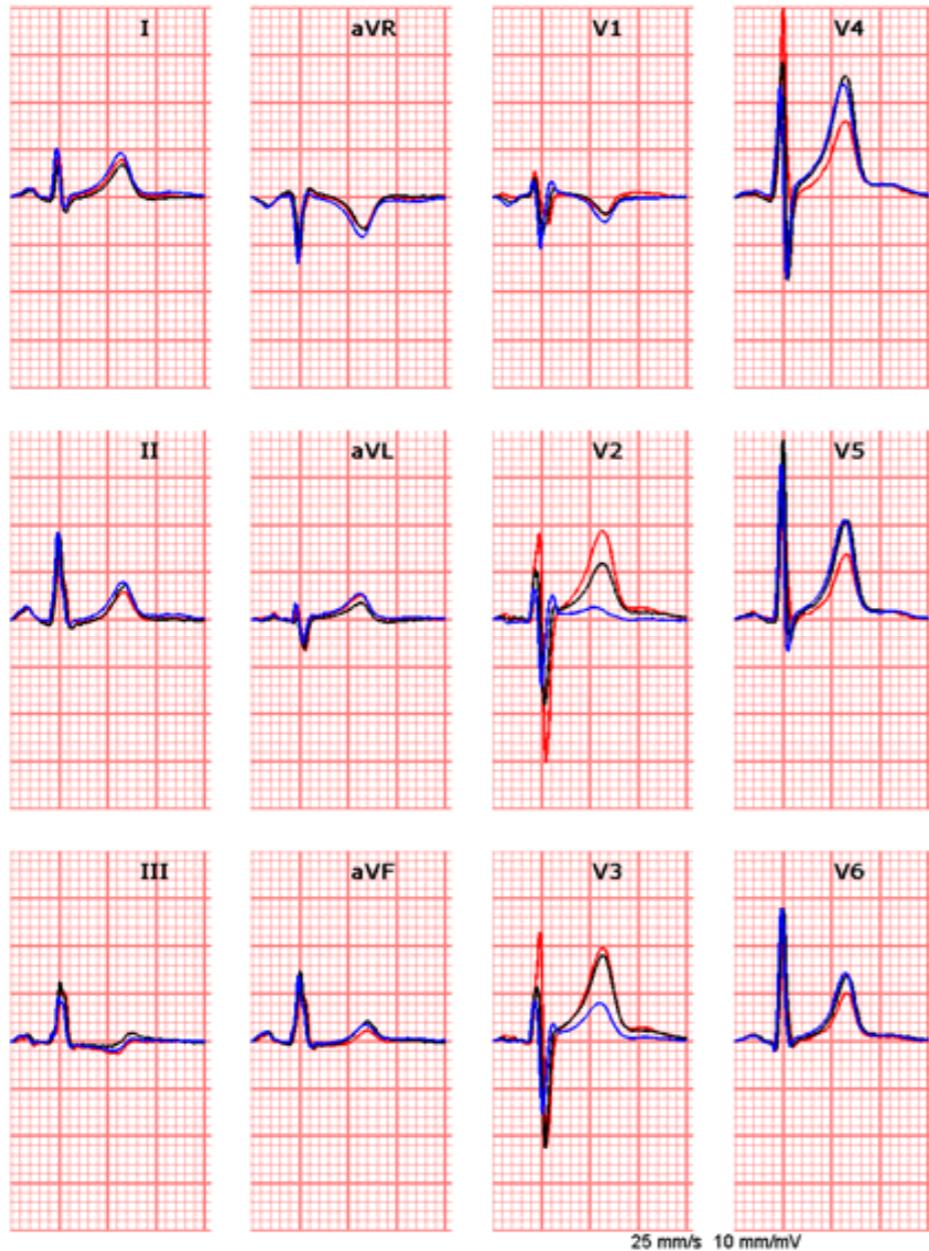
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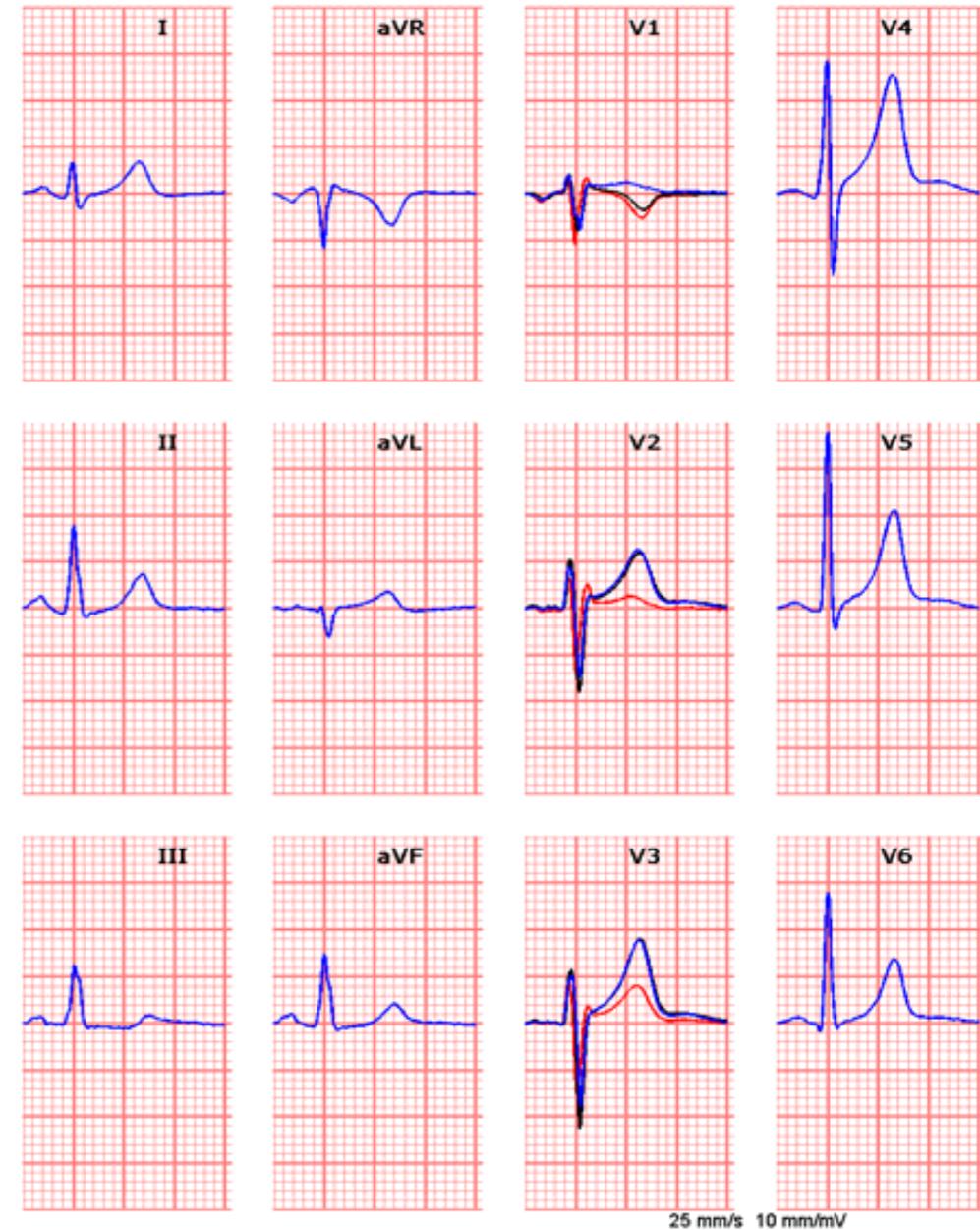
Misplaced Leadsets

van Dam, et al. Computing in Cardiology 2013; 40:1175-1178

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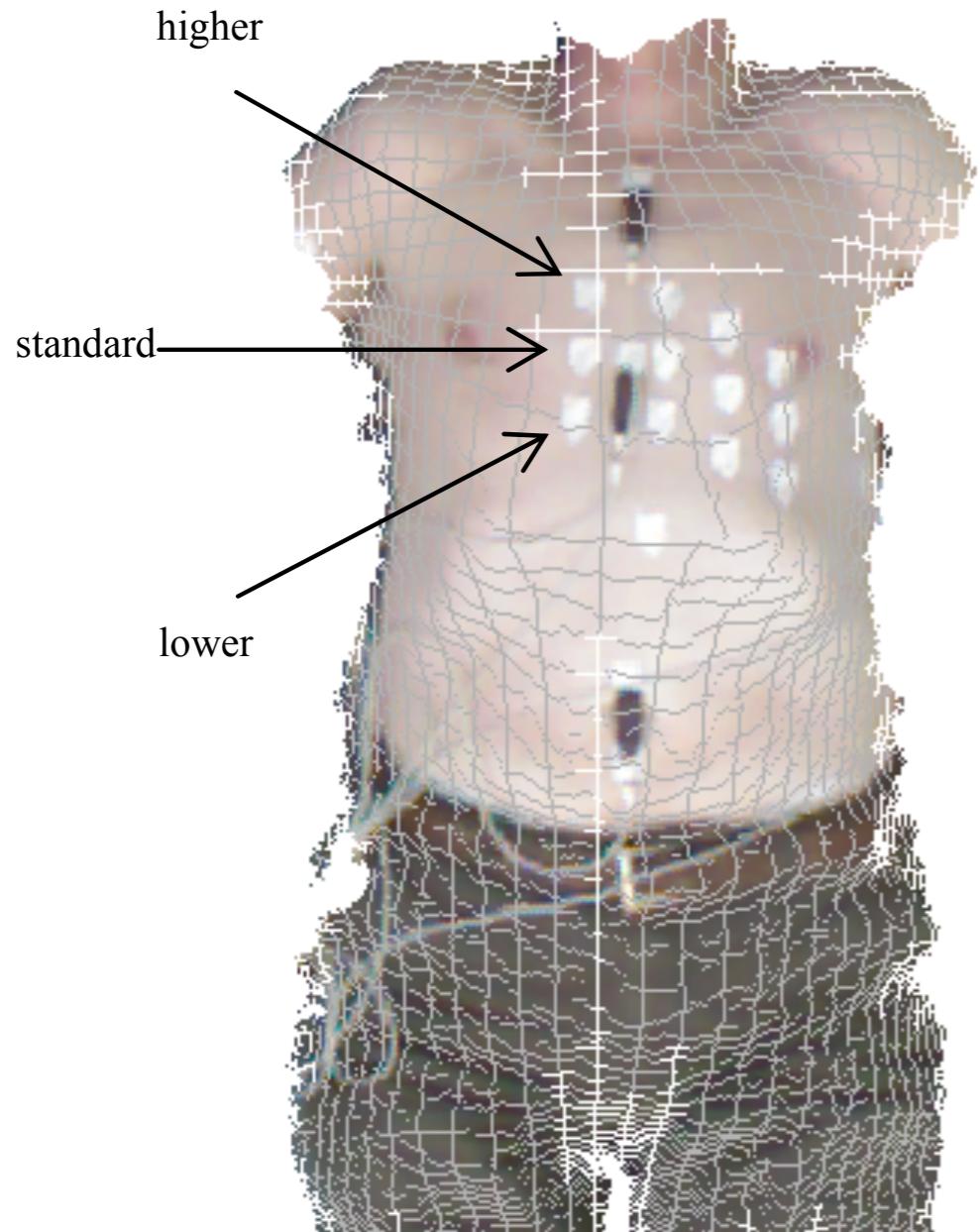
Misplaced Precordial  
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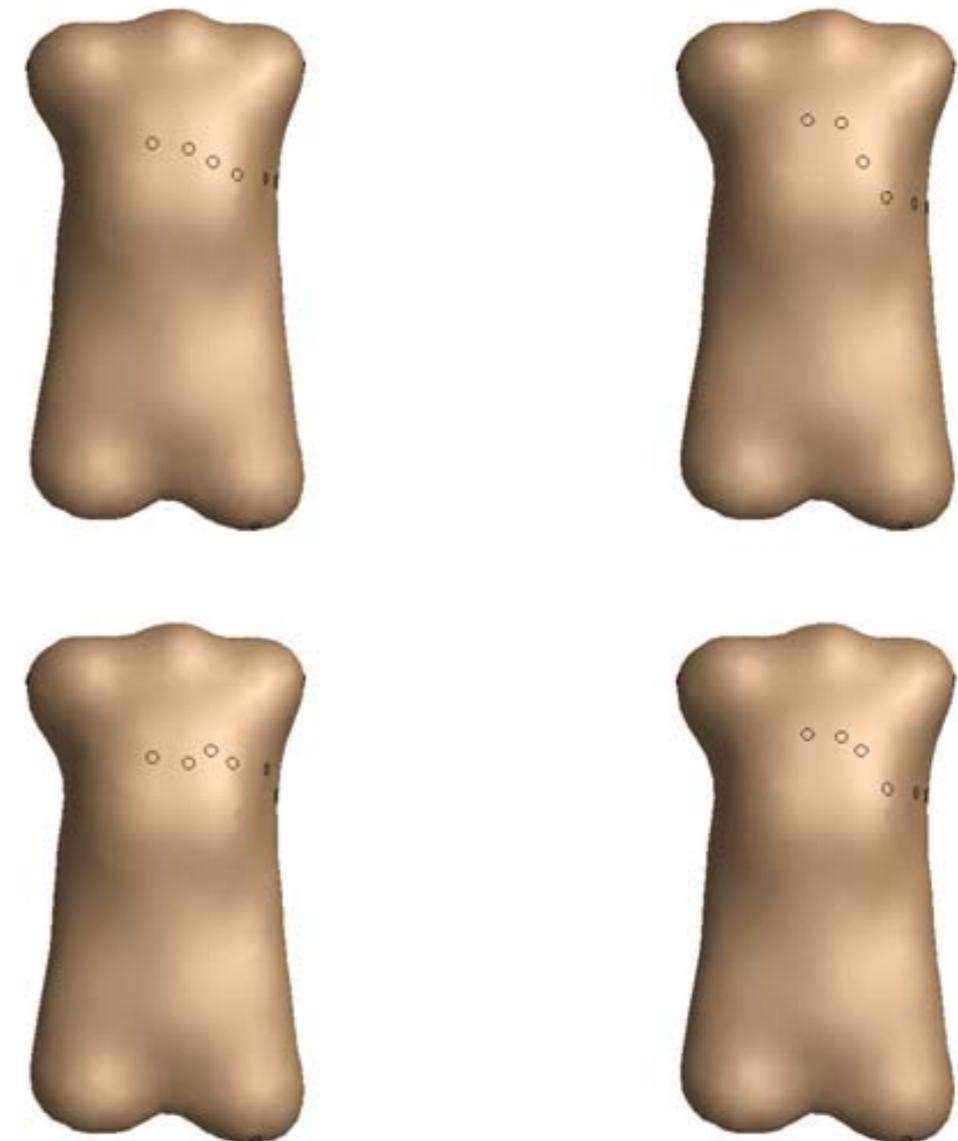
Misplaced Reference  
Electrodes

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# Electrode Variability



Infrared Camera



Patient-Specific Positions

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# Cardiac Source Geometry?

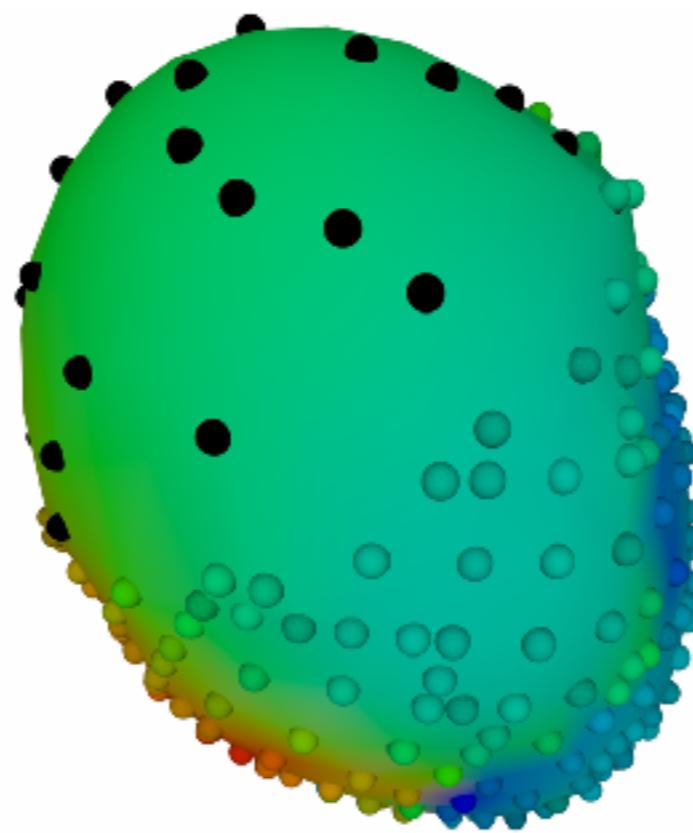


Electrode Location



Cardiac Surface

# Cardiac Source Electrodes?

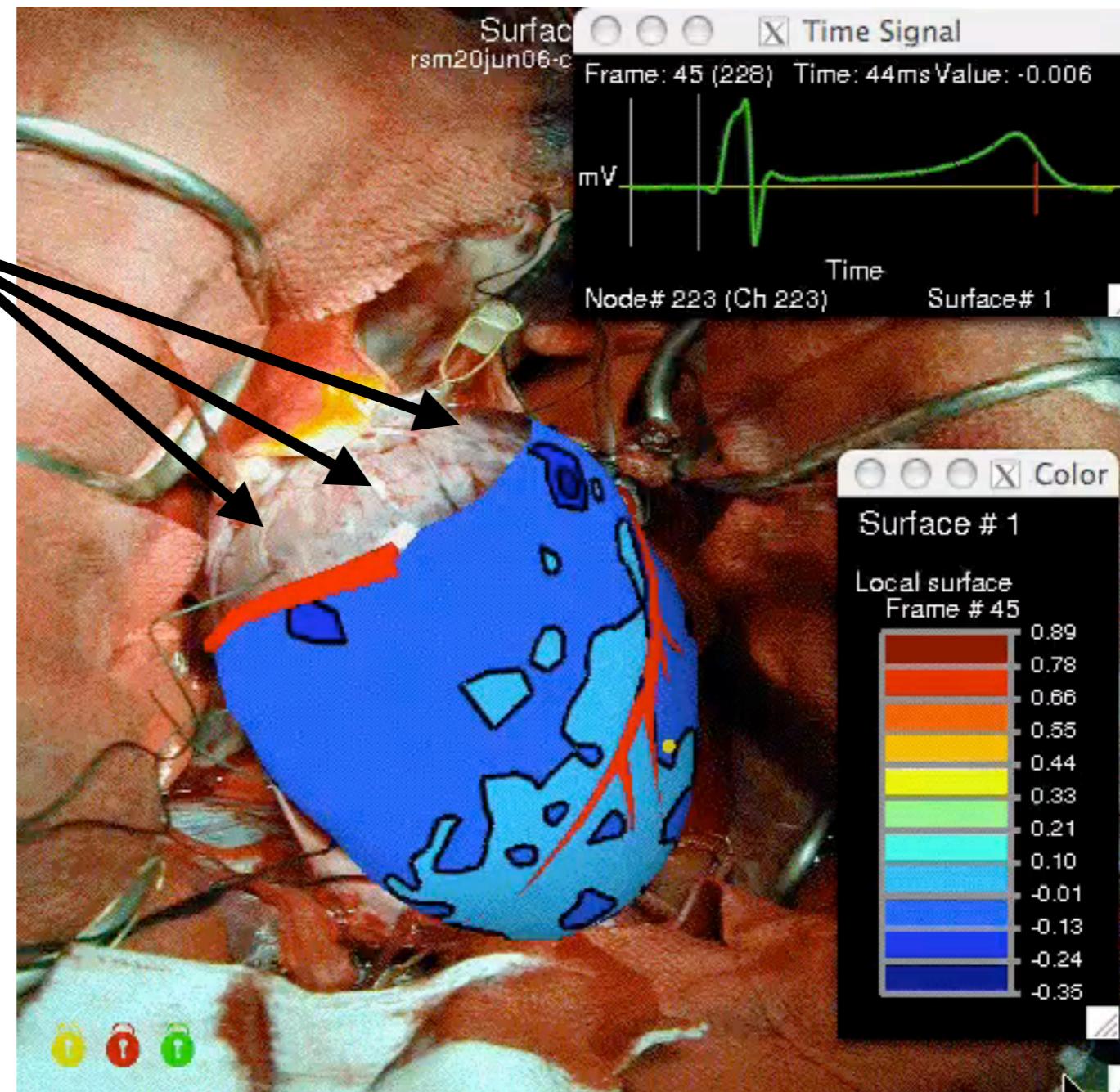


Missing Coverage?  
Undersampled?

# Effect of Missing Source Coverage On ECG Forward Simulation

# Source Recording

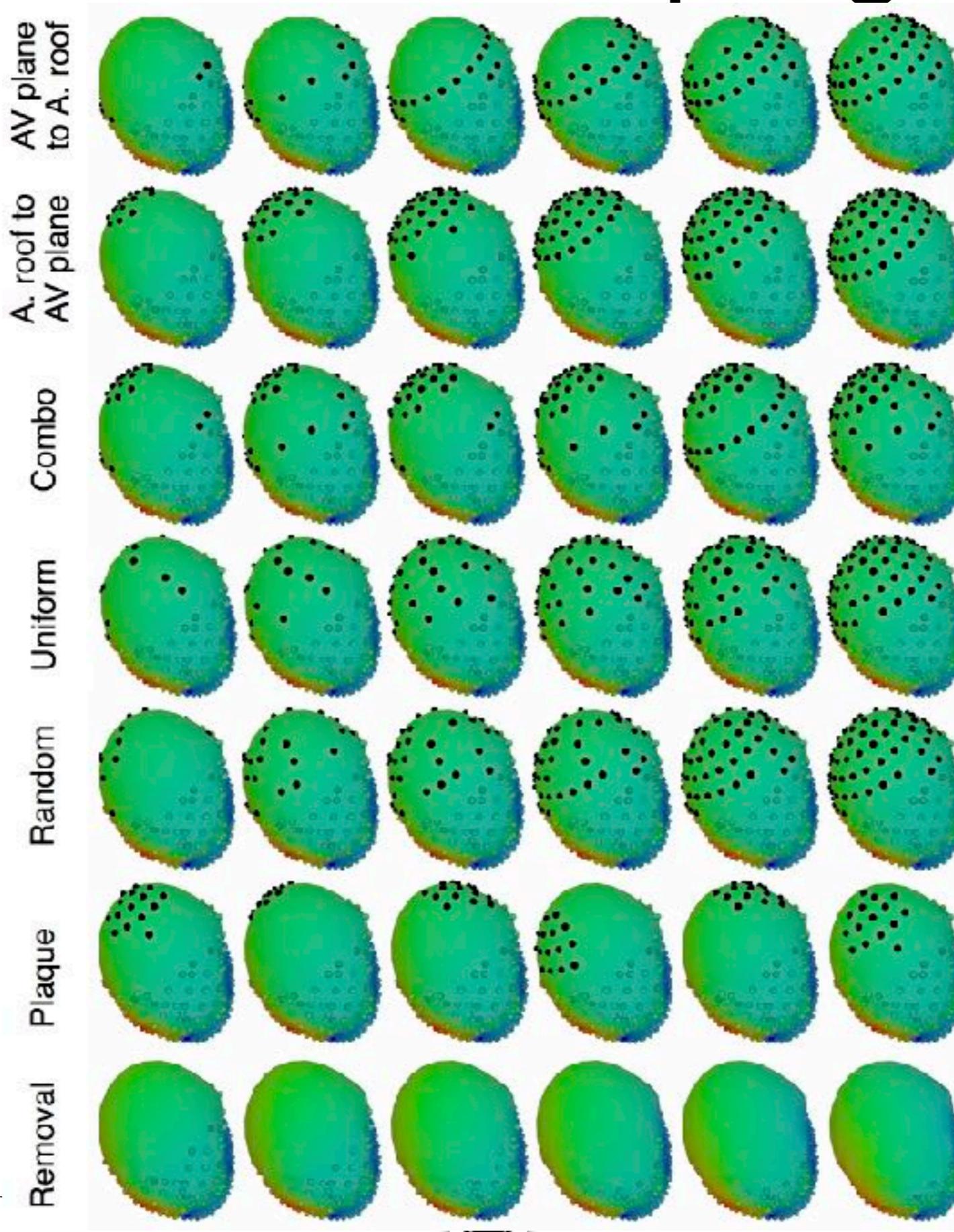
Missing  
Sources?



Epicardial Sock  
(Ventricle Only)

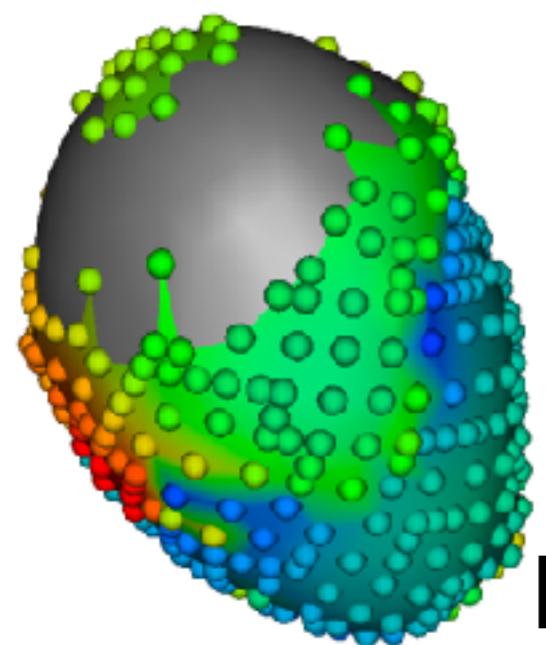
Test sampling strategies of the atrial region to reduce error in forward simulation

# Varied Sampling



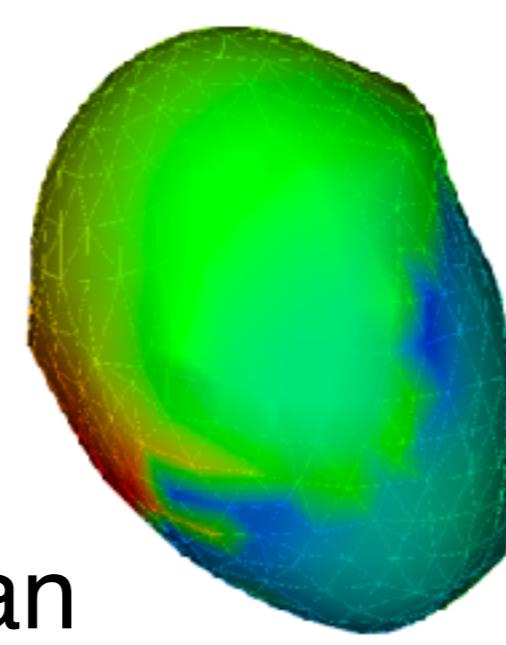
# ECG Forward Simulation

Sampled Sources



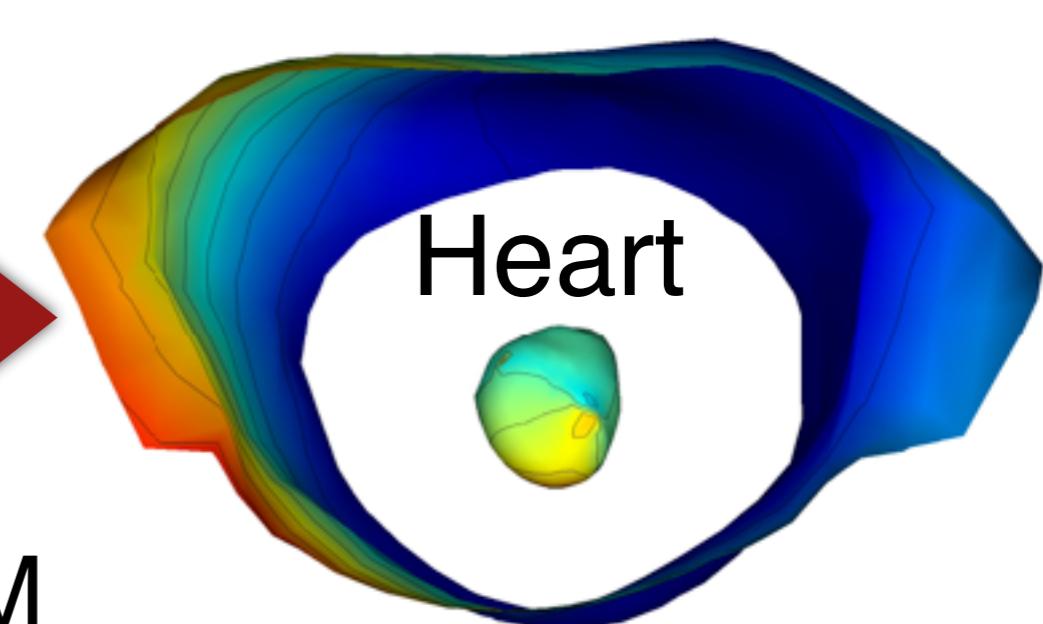
Laplacian  
Interpolation

Interpolated Sources

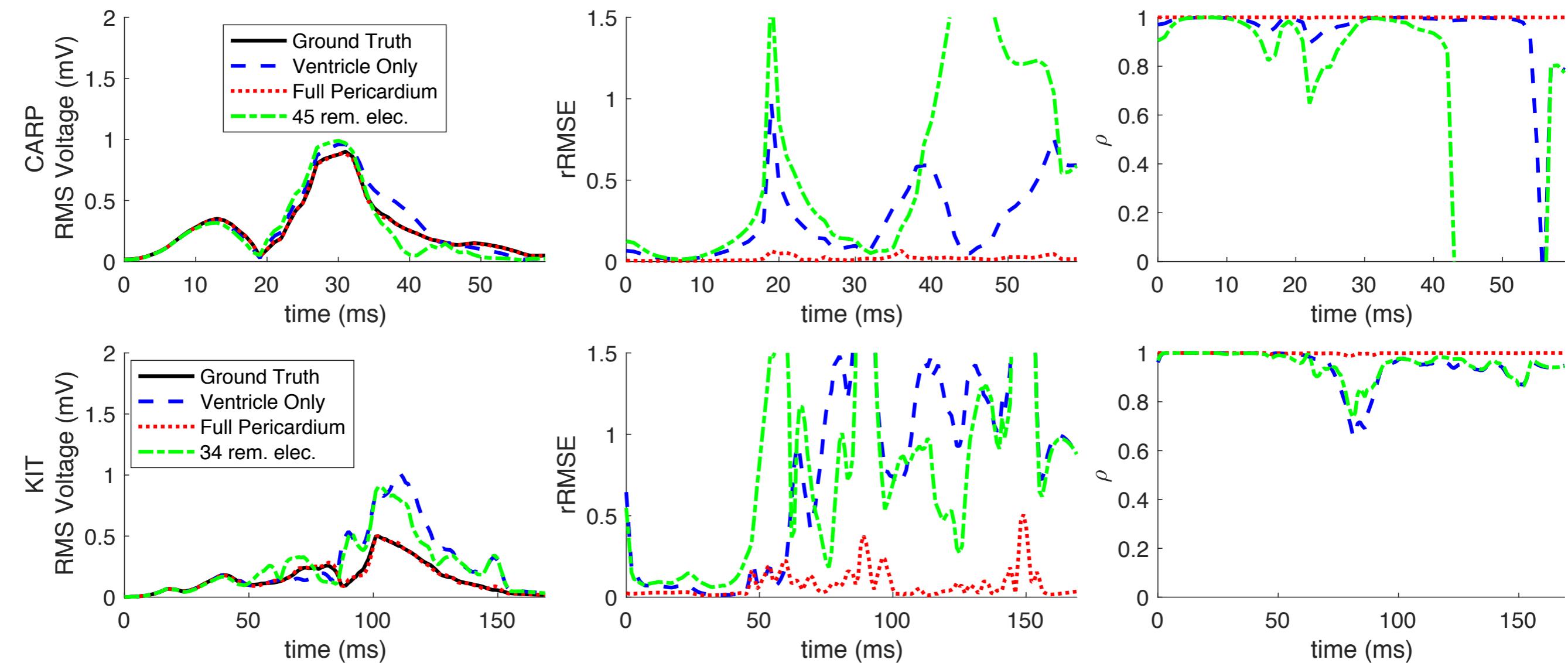


BEM  
Simulation

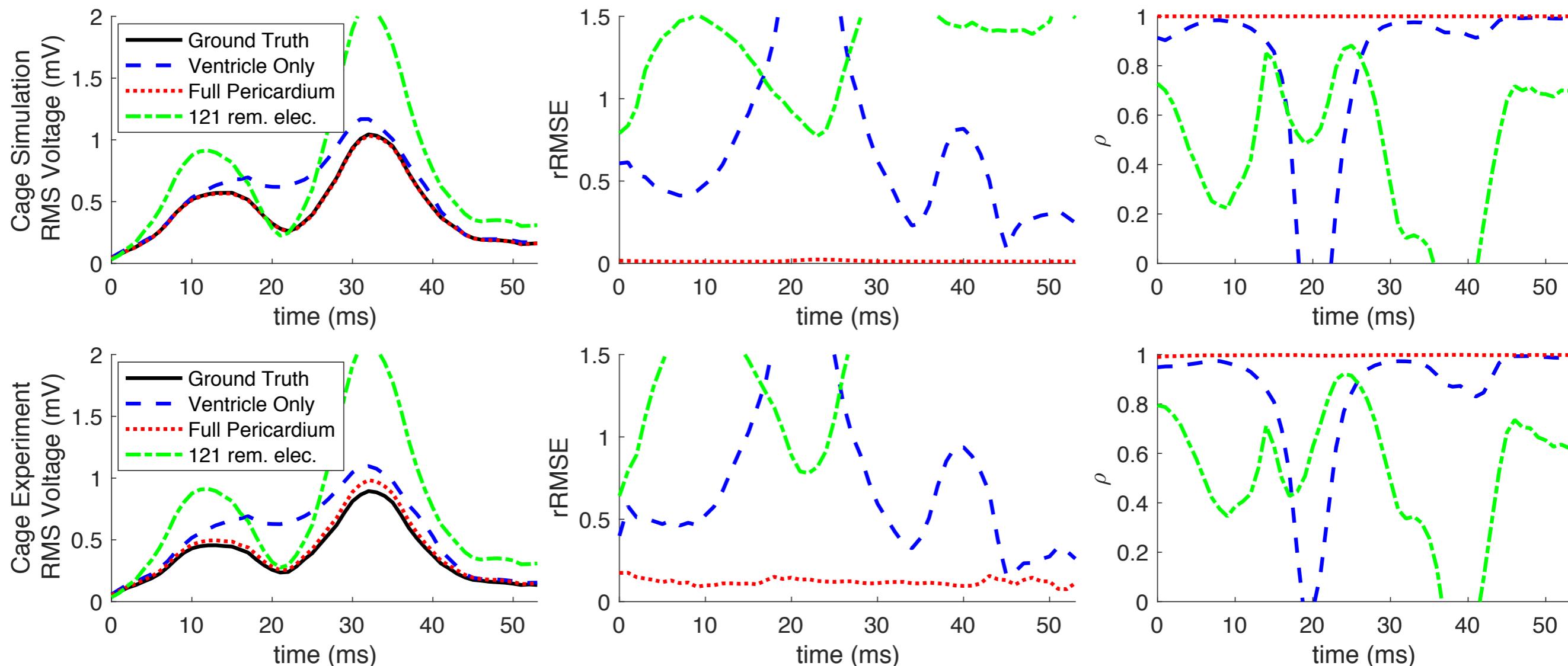
Torso



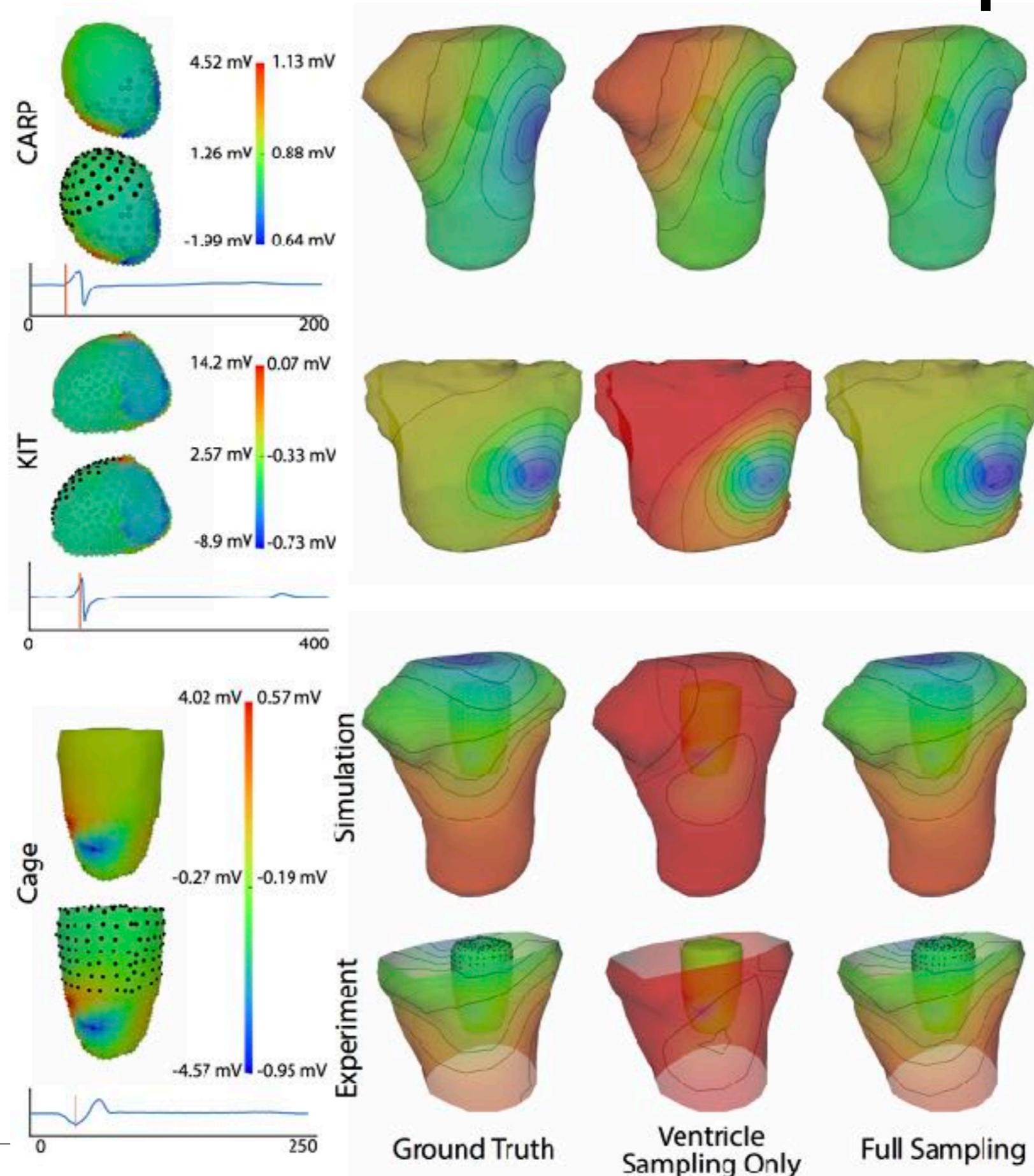
# Effect of No Atrial Sampling



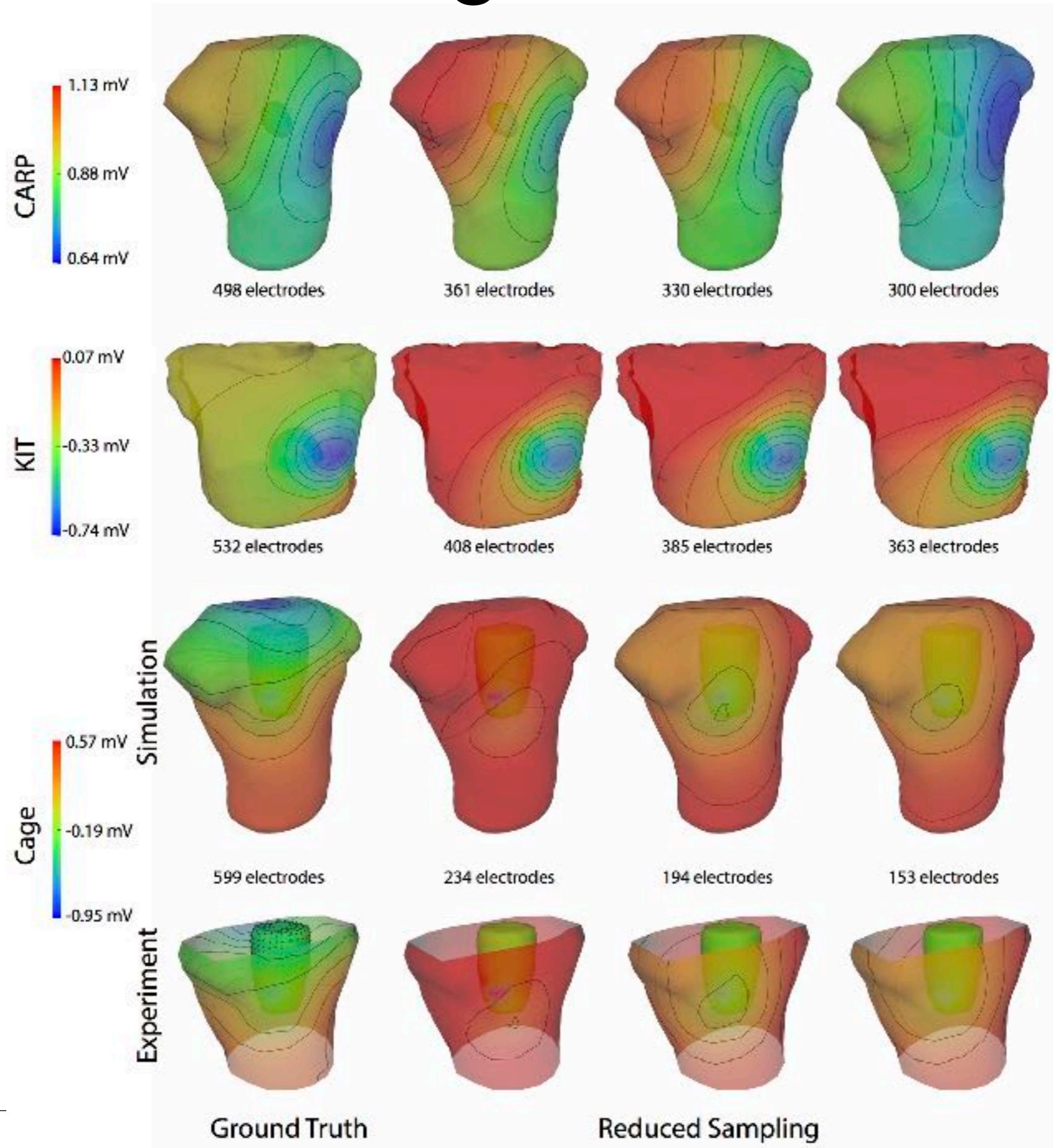
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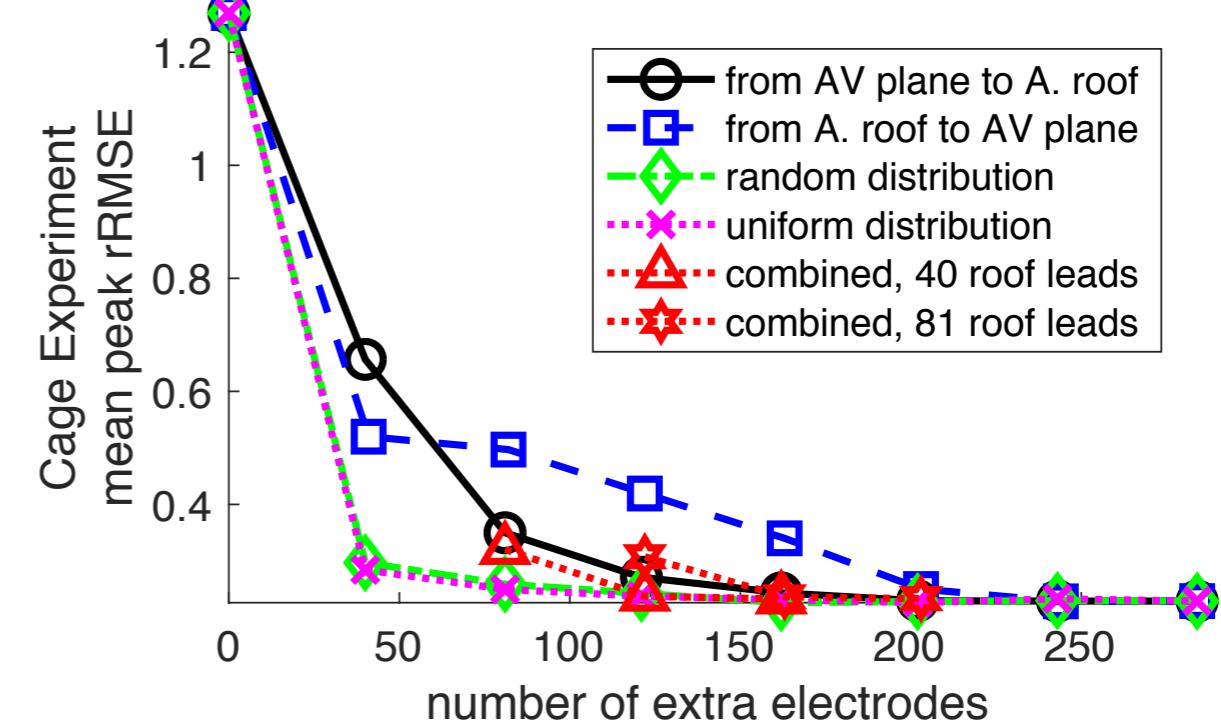
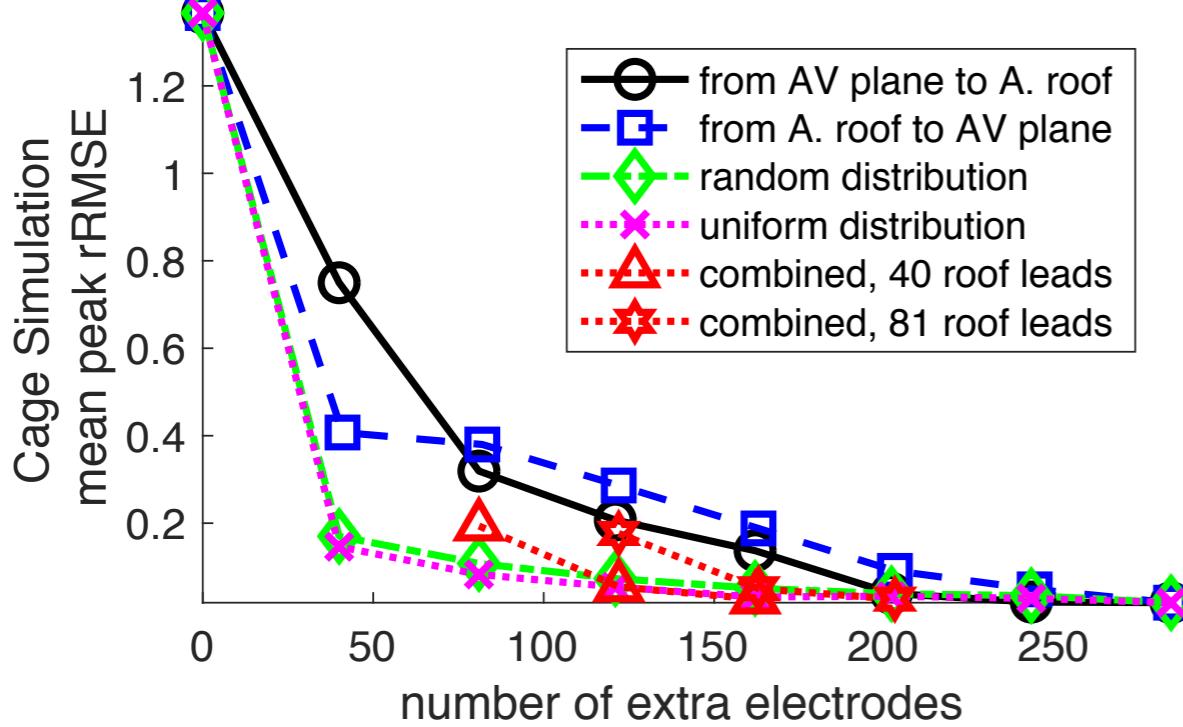
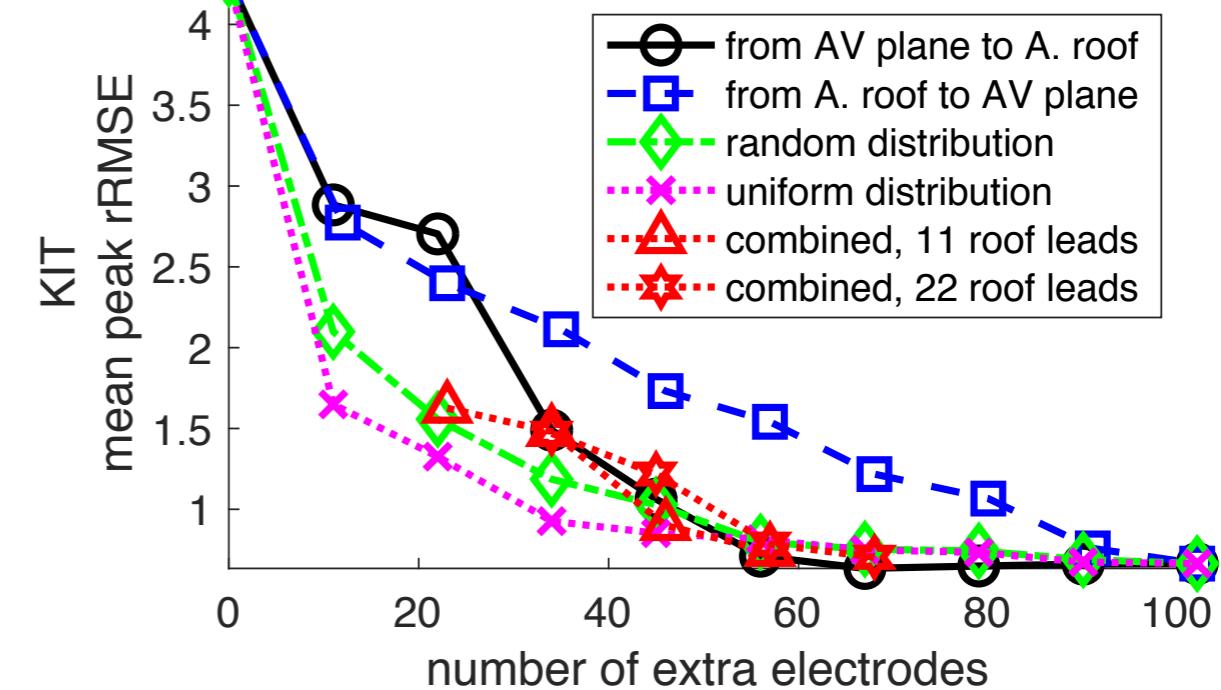
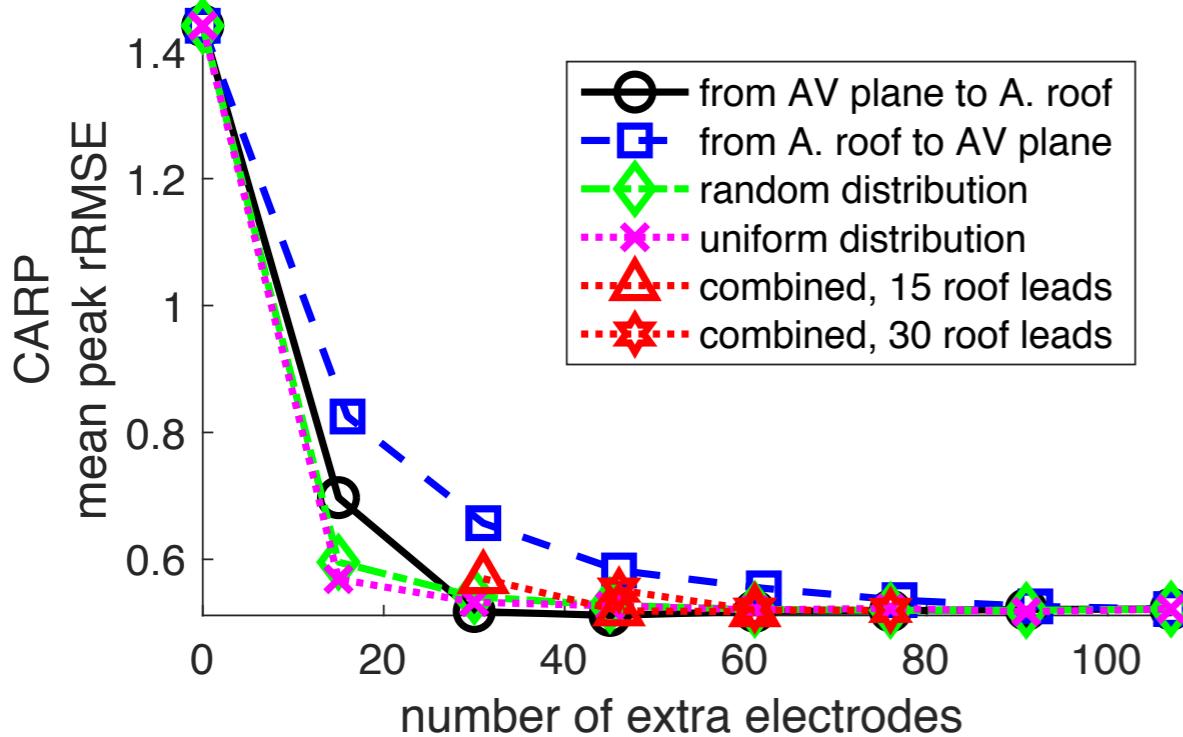
# Effect of No Atrial Sampling



# Effect of Missing Ventricle Sampling



# Progressive Sampling

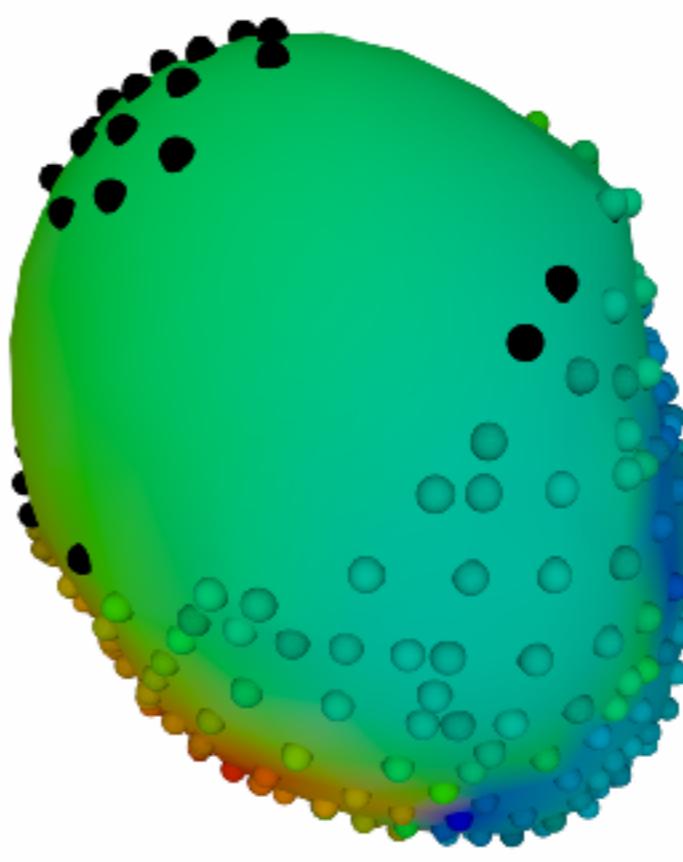
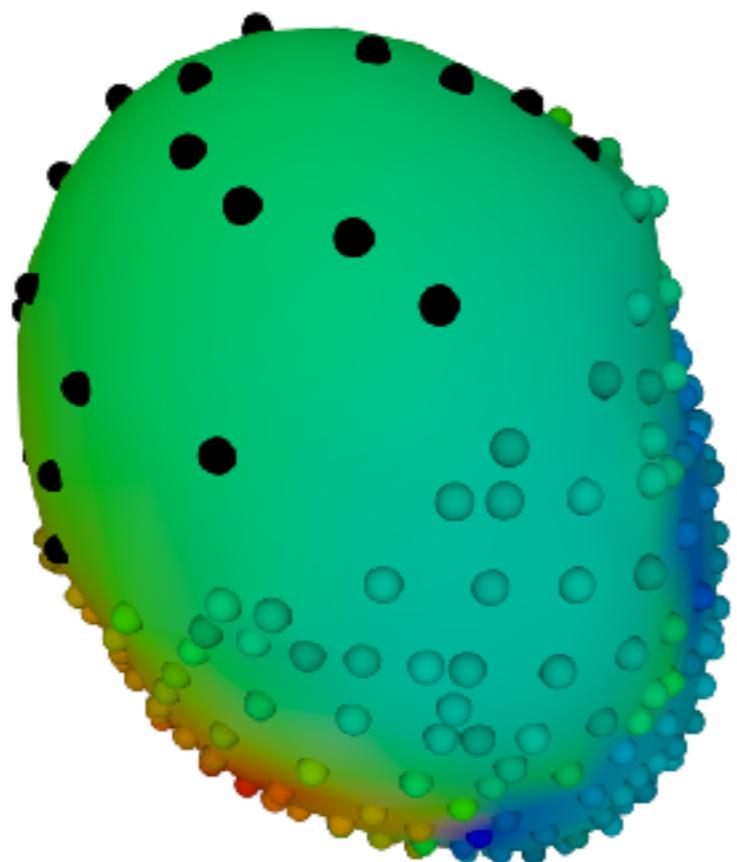


# Possible Sampling

More electrodes are better

Sparse placement can reduce error

Missing ventricular sampling increases error further



# Validation of the ECG Forward Simulation and Subsequent ECGI

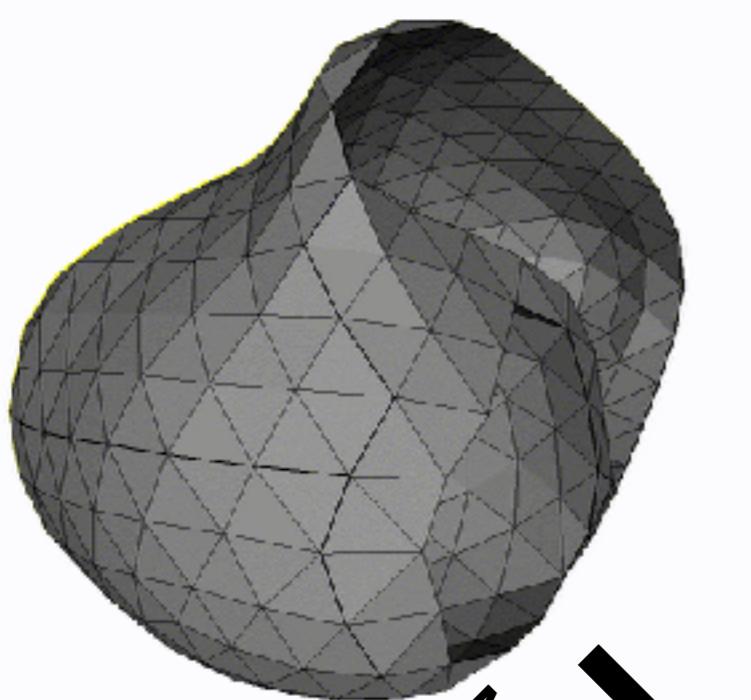
# Questions:

Errors in the cardiac electrode placement?

Undersampling of the heart?

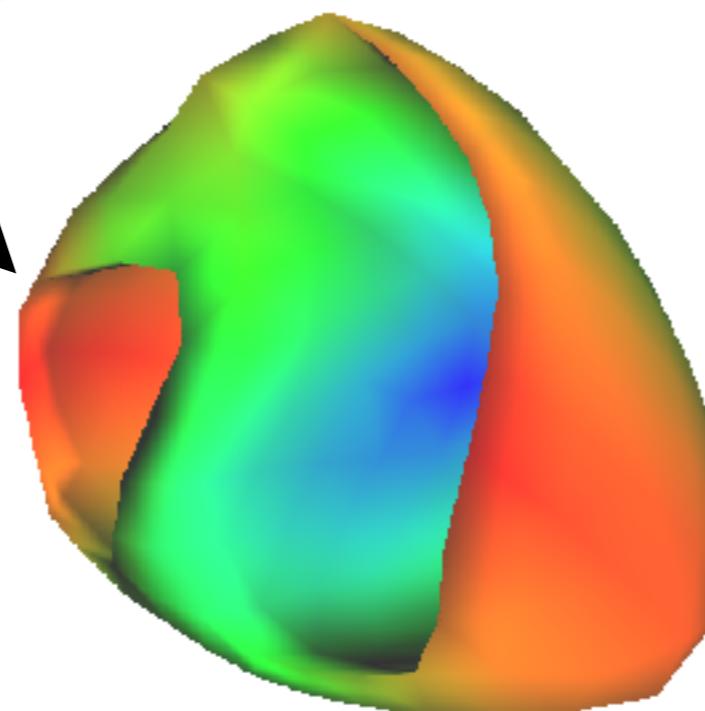
# Source Undersampling

Mesh

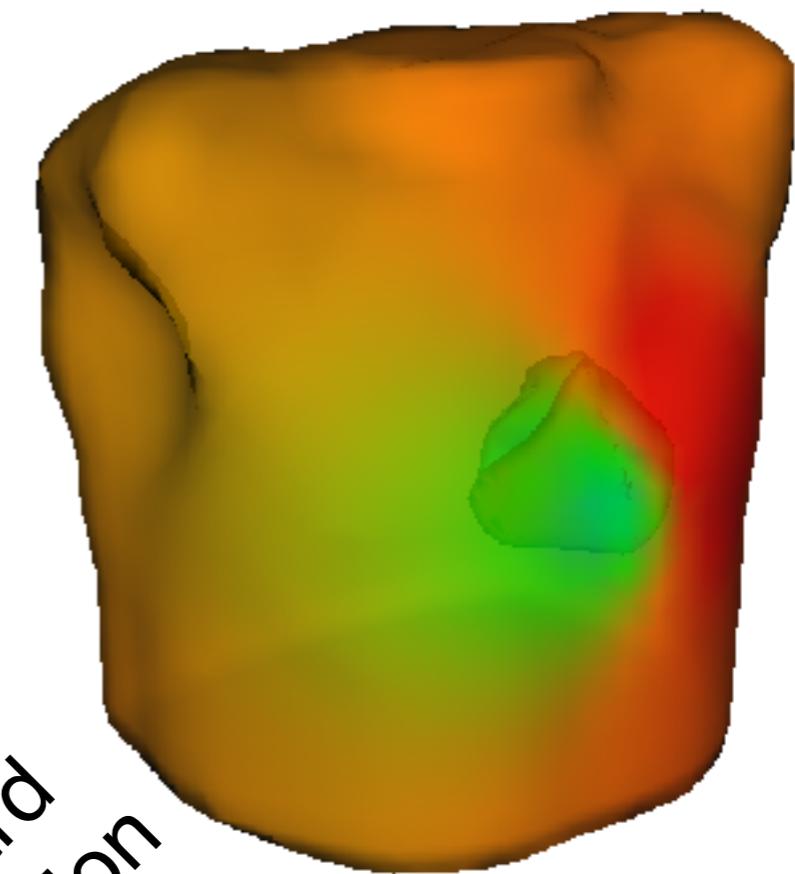


Mapping

Cardiac Sources



BSPM

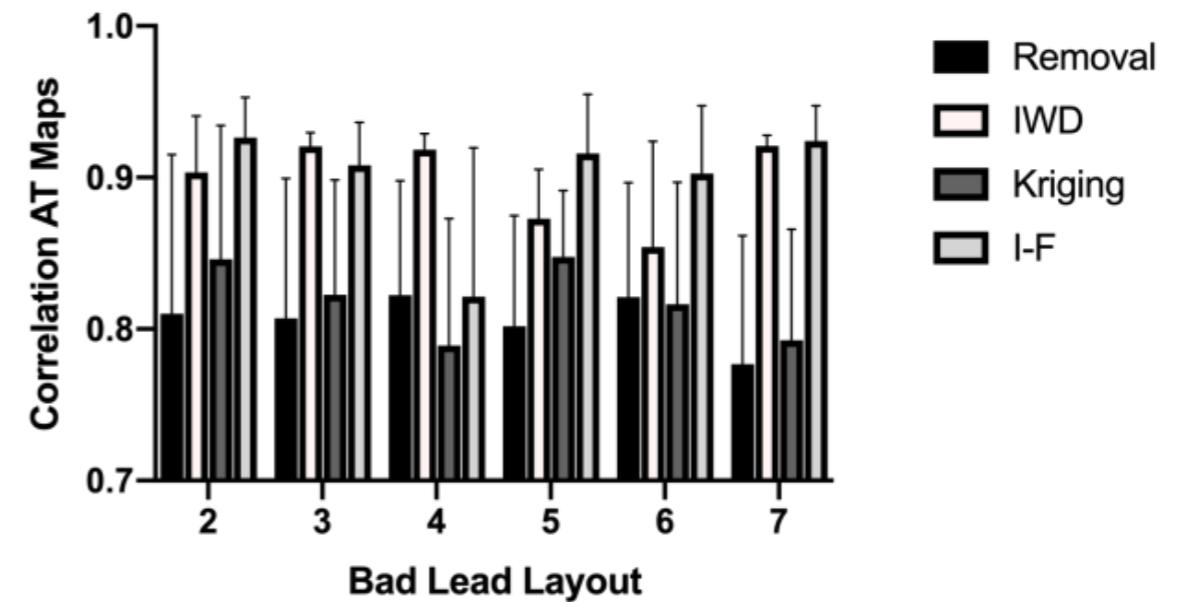
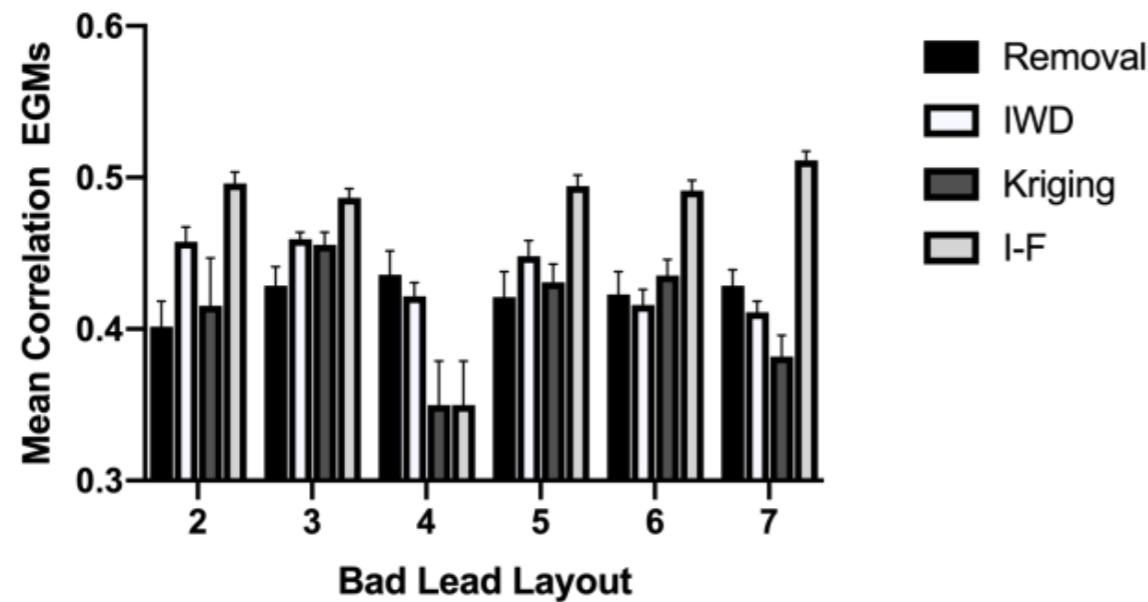


Forward  
Simulation

Schuler, et al., Tate, et al., FIMH Friday, 16:00

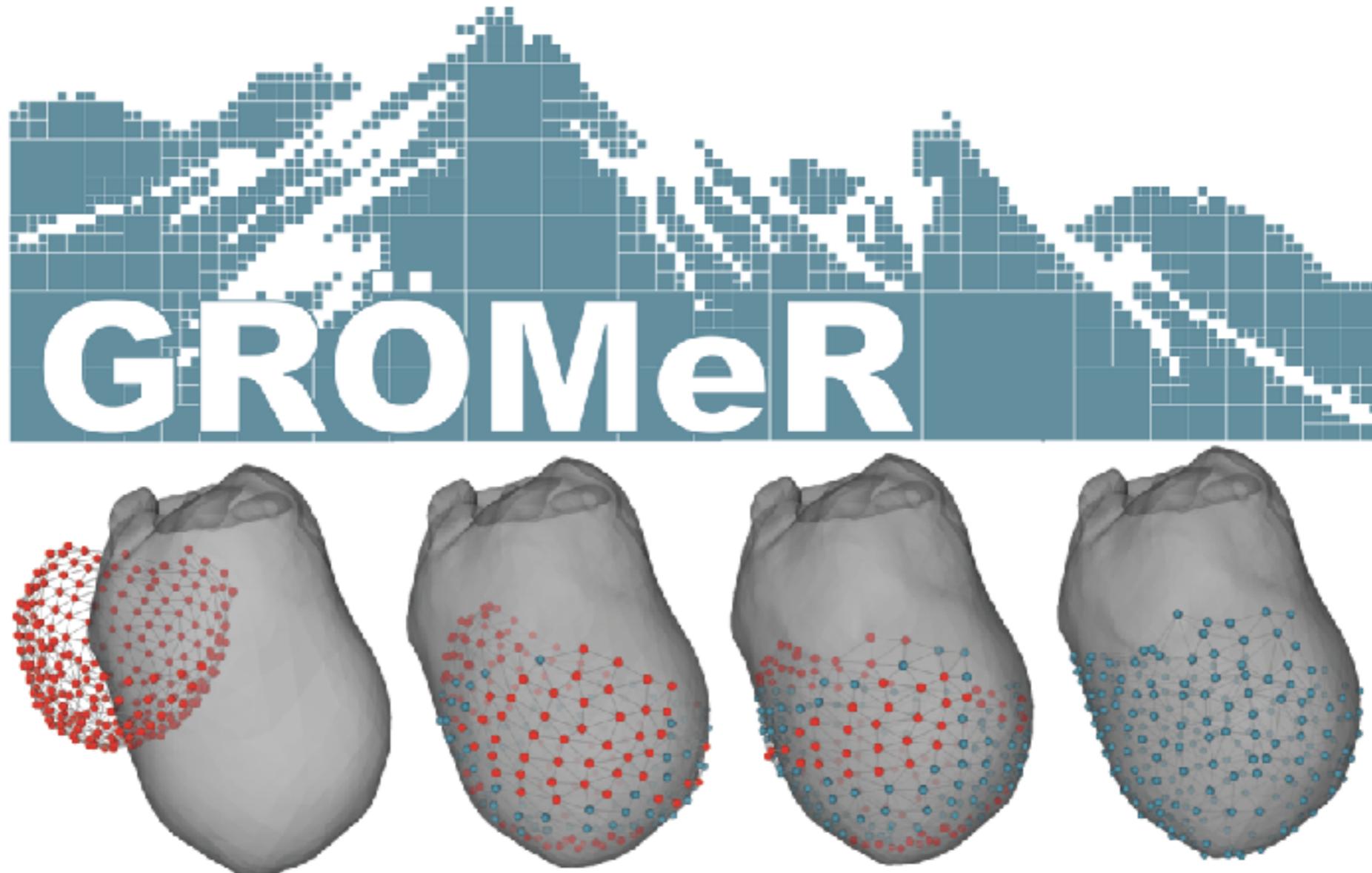
# Interpolation

What to do with bad electrodes?



Dogrusoz, et al., CinC 2019

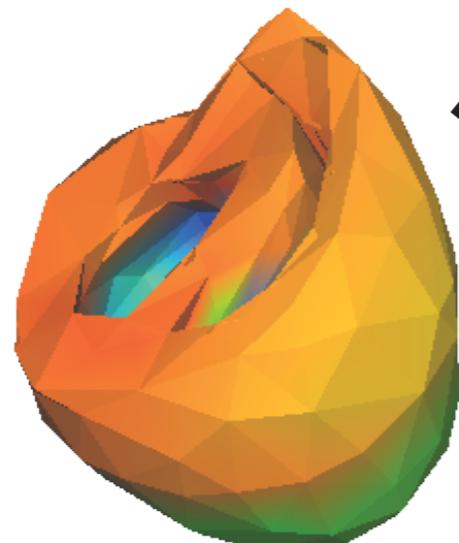
# Registration Pipeline



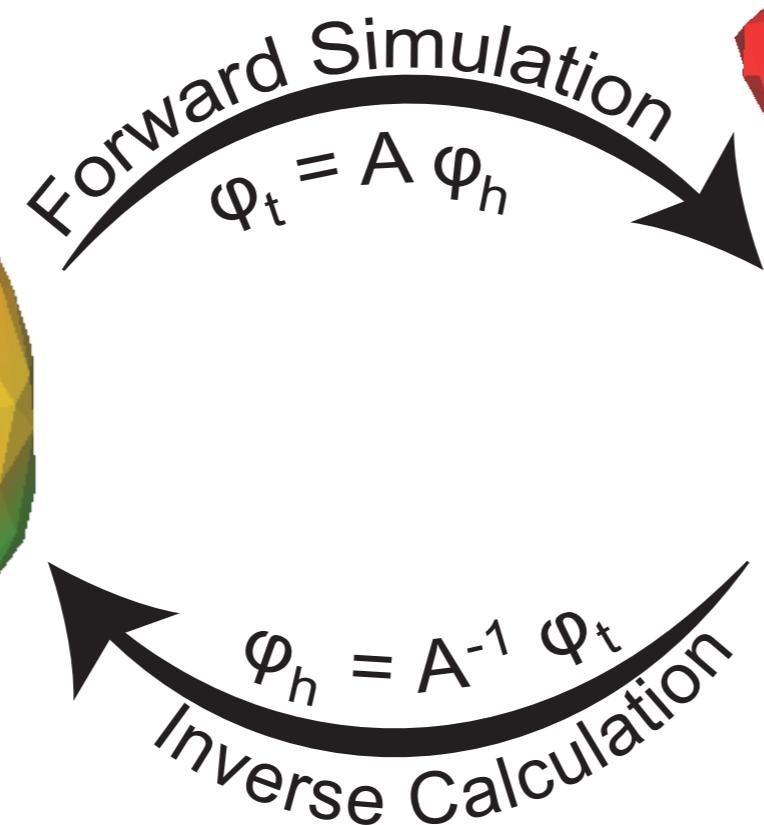
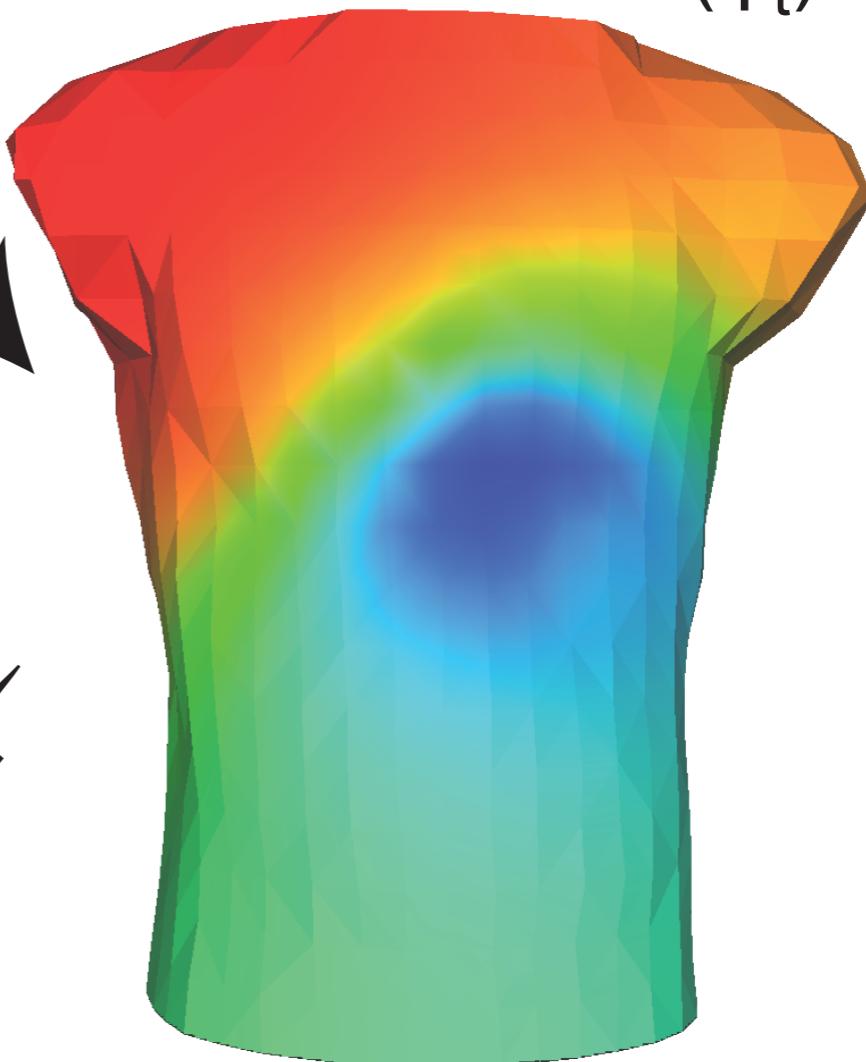
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# Improve ECGI

Heart Potentials ( $\varphi_h$ )



Torso Potentials ( $\varphi_t$ )



## Quantify Uncertainty

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# More Submission Needed

<https://challenge.kitware.com/>

The image data for a nrrd file is a stream of numbers. The order of the data should iterate x first, then y, then z. If the data is a 3D matrix  $M$  of size  $nx$  by  $ny$  by  $nz$ , the data array ( $D$ ) should match to the matrix index ( $M[i, j, k]$ ) as:

$$D[i*nx*ny + j*nx + k] = M[i, j, k]$$

assuming zero based indexing and  $i, j, k$  are the indices for the  $x, y, z$  directions respectively. Make sure that the data type field in the header matches the value that the data will be written in. Now to write the file, write the header string, with a new line at the end, then write the data.

If there are questions, do not hesitate to [ask](#).

## Stage 2: Mesh Generation

With this stage we will quantify differences in meshing techniques used by different groups. We will be making the meshes based of an average of the submissions from Stage 1, therefore, we will have more details on this stage at a later time.

## Stage 3: Forward Transform Matrix

With this stage we will quantify differences in techniques of calculating the forward matrix for ECG used by different groups. Again, we will base this calculation on a common input from the submissions from Stage 2, therefore, we will have more details on this stage at a later time.

### PHASES FOR THIS CHALLENGE +

- ① [Stage 1: Dalhousie Segmentation](#) ≡
- ① [Stage 1: Auckland Segmentation](#) ≡
- ① [Stage 1: Nijmegen Segmentation](#) ≡