Defibrillators in Pediatric Patients

ICD leads



Gasparini, JCE, 2005

Stephenson, JCE, 2006

Children's Hospital Boston



Place electrode leads Build hexahedral mesh

Solve potentials using FEM Evaluate electric field strength





Clinical Viability

Interactive

Accurate

Patient Specific

Clinical Viability



Validation Studies

Model Complexities Parameter & Process Optimization



~ 40 hr

Automatic Segmentation

Smarter Filters

Better Scans

Complexities



Anisotropy













bottlenecks/problems:





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Model generation





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Fiber data

Fiber Mapping



Geometry Morphing Vector/Tensor Morphing and Interpolation



Active cardiac model

CARP CHASTE

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Model generation

Visualization

Isolated heart models

Capacitance?



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Potentials in the frequency domain

$$\nabla \cdot \left[(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon_r \nabla \varphi \right] = 0$$

Potentials in the time domain

$$\nabla \cdot \left[\left(\sigma + \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \right) \nabla \varphi \right] = 0$$

Stoykov etal. IEEE Trans in Biomed, Vol. 4 No. 8 p.763 2002

Support for complex data

Modification of solvers

Activation Simulations





Help develop ablation strategies

Identify areas for potential reentry

Activation Simulations

Activation Map of Left Atrium





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Activation Map of Transmembrane Potentials of infarcted heart



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Not there yet

Highly technical patient specific modeling pipeline



Prohibitive time to run models

Days to weeks

Models lack realism and validation

Solutions

Speed up simulations

Simplifications Technical improvements

Cell Model Geometry Fiber Direction Conductivity

Improve accuracy

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Increase accuracy without increasing computational costs

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Technical Challenges
Memory limits large models
Avoid gathering and scattering
Elliptical solvers for GPUs
Support for unstructured grid

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MPI -Message passing interfaceMore efficient parallel algorithms

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Very large computers as servers
More practical for clinical settings
Give practitioners client software

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How do we handle very large data setsNewer file formats

• Streaming an blocking techniques

Other Ideas

How do more efficiently solve patient specific models?