

# Scientific Projects: Heart Simulation

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# Graz/Styria: some numbers

- Austria/Styria: 8.7 Mill. / 1.2 Mill. inhabitants
- Graz: 282.000 (+325.000) part. including 50.000 students
- old city - beautiful city center
- south of the alps - north of the balkan



# Graz/Styria: universities

- Karl-Franzens Universität (35)
- University of Technology (14)
- Medical University (5)
- Montan University at Leoben (5)



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+ Supervising 2 Ph.D. at companies + one at CERN



# Cardiovascular Simulations

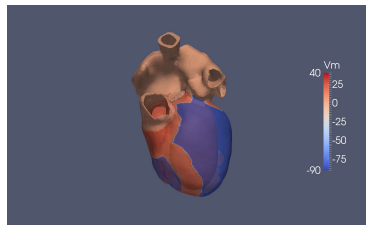
Bidomain equations:

$$-\nabla \cdot (\sigma_i + \sigma_e) \nabla u_e - \nabla \cdot \sigma_i \nabla \mathbf{v} = I_e(t)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma_i \nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot \sigma_i \nabla u_e = C_m \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + I_{ion}(v, \mathbf{w})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} = g(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$$

- $\mathbf{v}$ : transmembran potential
- $I_e$ : extracellular charge
- + nonlinear elasticity + CFD



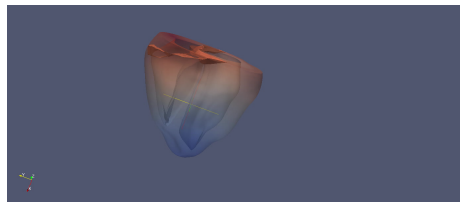
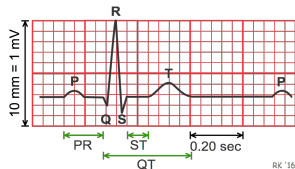
# Patient specific simulations

Tissue properties  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\sigma_e$  in  $-\nabla \cdot (\sigma_i + \sigma_e) \nabla u_e - \nabla \cdot \sigma_i \nabla v = I_e(t)$  :

- a priori known values have a **huge uncertainty**
- in vivo **measurements** for  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\sigma_e$  **not possible** with human
- tensor directions known from physiological maps

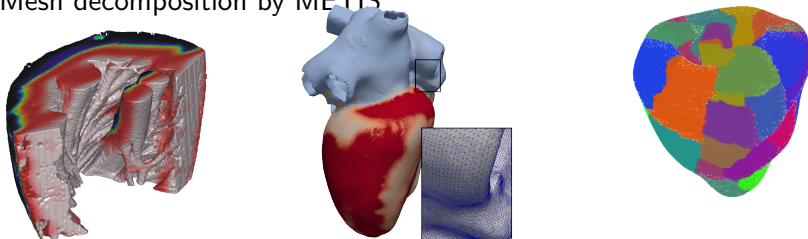
Compare **calculated** ECG with **individually measured** ECG:

- Idea: Change  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{patient}}$  s.t.  $\text{ECG}_{\text{calc}} \rightarrow \text{ECG}_{\text{meas}}$
- By Means of **Eikonal solver** (excitation pattern)
  - ▶ Math. optimization
  - ▶ Deep learning



# Rabbit Heart: Discretization

- Mesh generation by spider/tarantula [F. Kicking]
- **Finite element** mesh with tetrahedral and hexahedral elements
- Mesh decomposition by METIS



- Solve linear system of equations (**That is our part!**)

$$Ku = f$$

in each outer (time/non-linear) iteration.

- System matrix  $K$  is **sparse** but **unstructured**.