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Unfitted Discontinuous Galerkin in Brain Research and the Topology Preserving Marching Cubes

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EEG forward problem

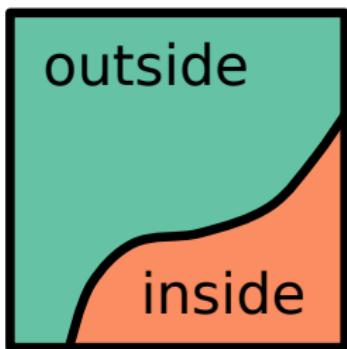
- ▶ inhomogeneous Poisson equation
- ▶ homogeneous Neumann boundary condition
- ▶ strongly irregular right hand side
- ▶ domain of complex shape
- ▶ discontinuous, anisotropic conductivity tensor

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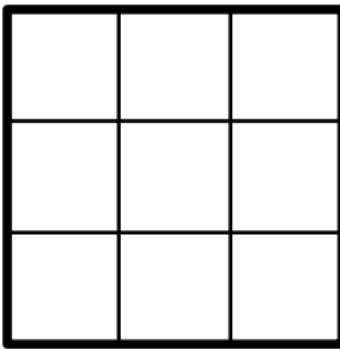
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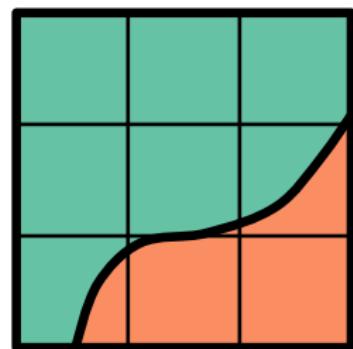
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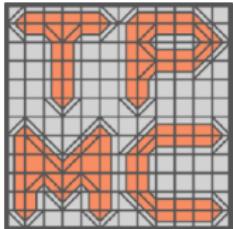
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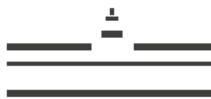
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- ▶ library available on GitHub:
<http://www.github.com/tpmc>
- ▶ DUNE wrapper *dune-mc*

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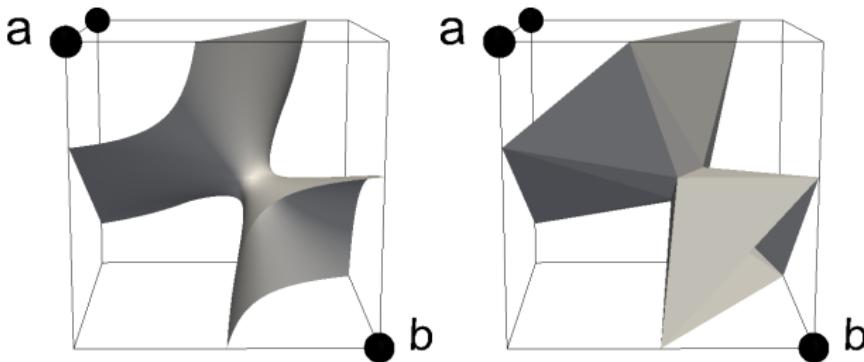


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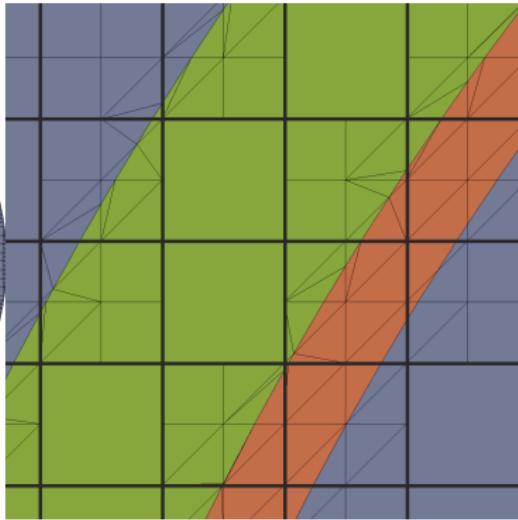
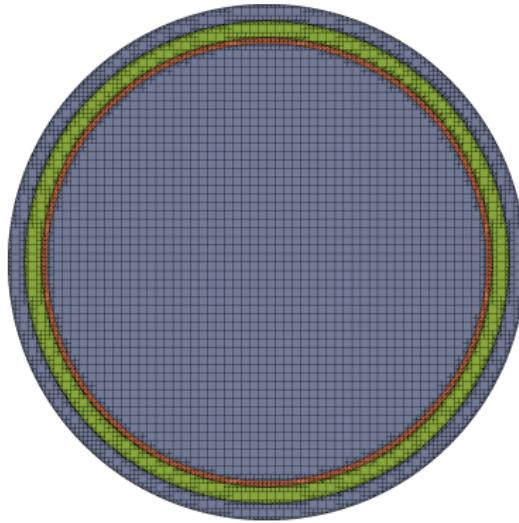
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- ▶ sample over different dipoles
 - ▶ **500** unit dipoles with random direction on each of
 - ▶ **15** eccentricities in the inner compartment

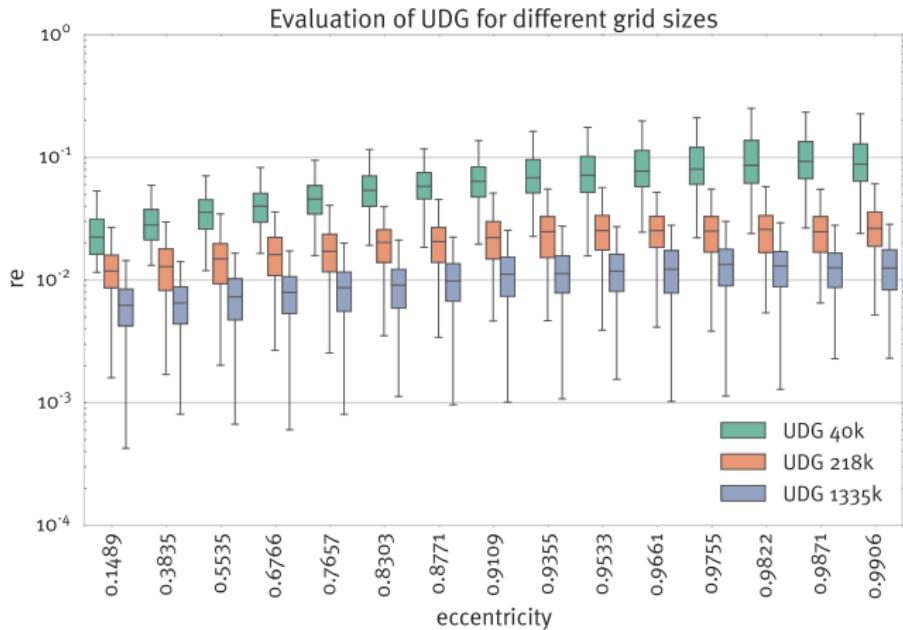
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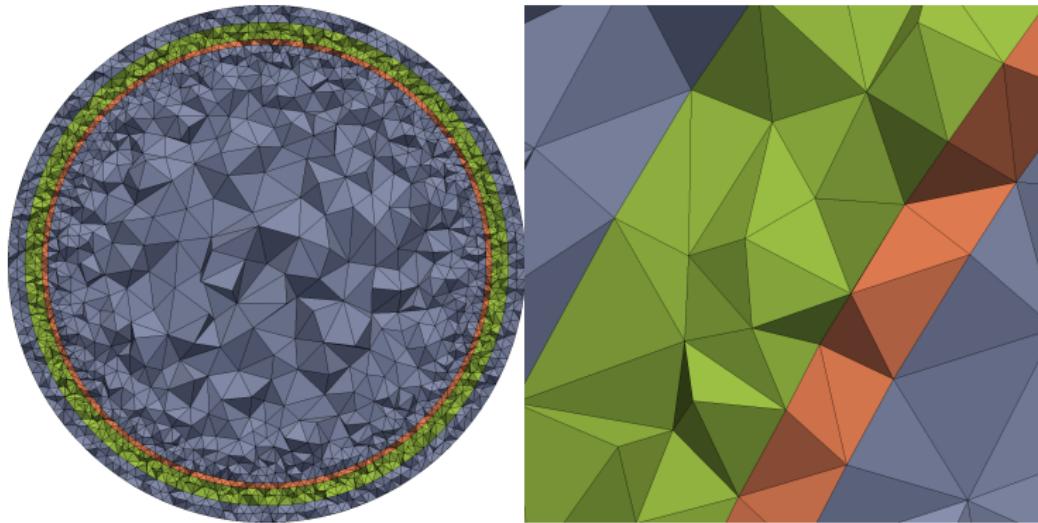
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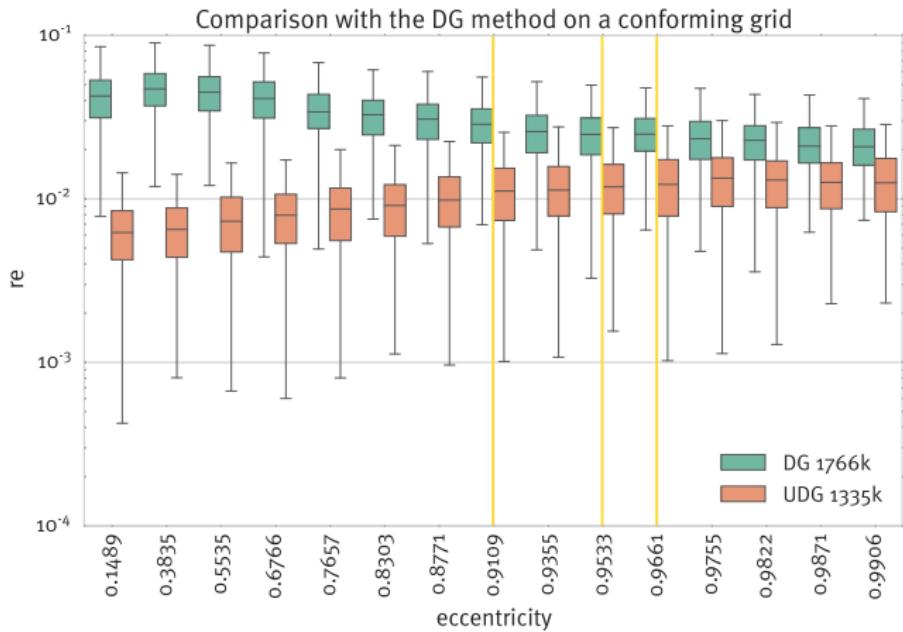
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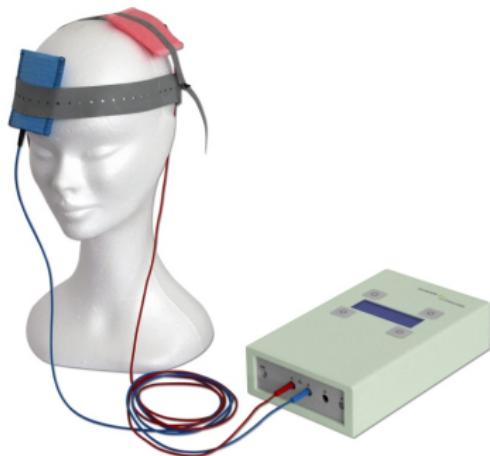
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transcranial direct current stimulation

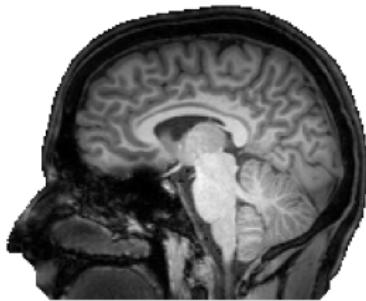


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applications:

- ▶ understanding current flow
- ▶ optimized stimulation protocols

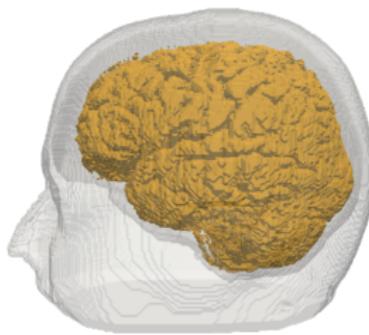
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MRI image

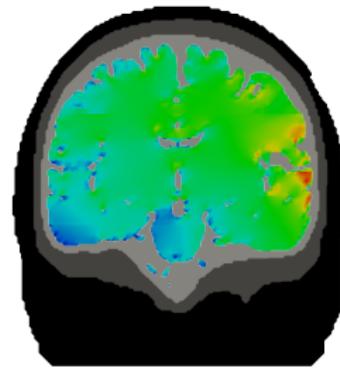
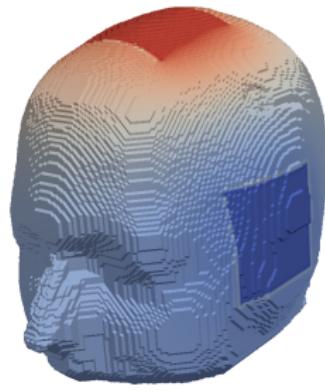


Segmentation



UDG level sets

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