

# **Shamo : A tool for electromagnetic modeling of the head**

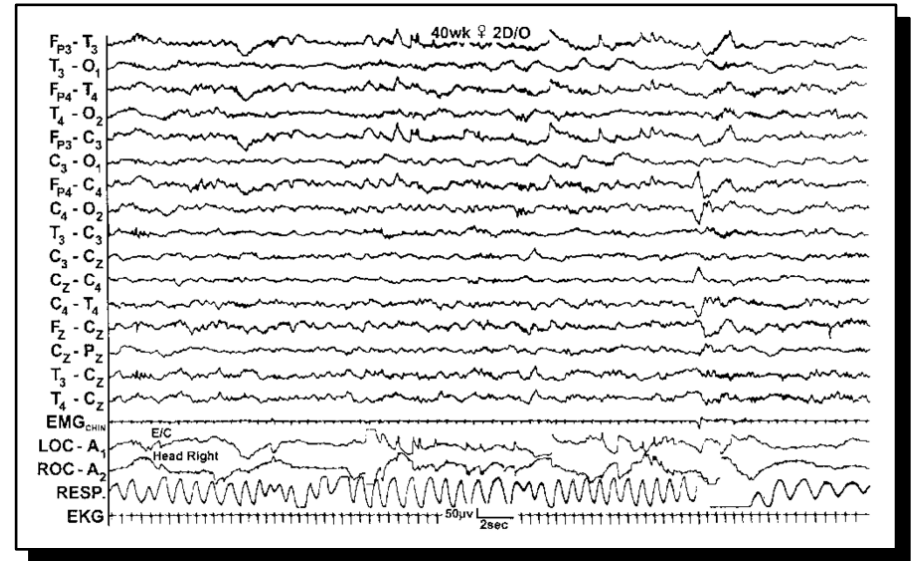
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# Head current modeling in neuroscience

## Electroencephalography (EEG)

- Electroencephalogram = Recorded scalp potential induced by brain activity
- Diagnose epilepsy, sleep disorders...
- Source reconstruction = Inverse problem



**Fig. 1** An example of an electroencephalogram [1].

## We have

Bioelectromagnetic  
effect/measures

Inverse  
problem

## We want

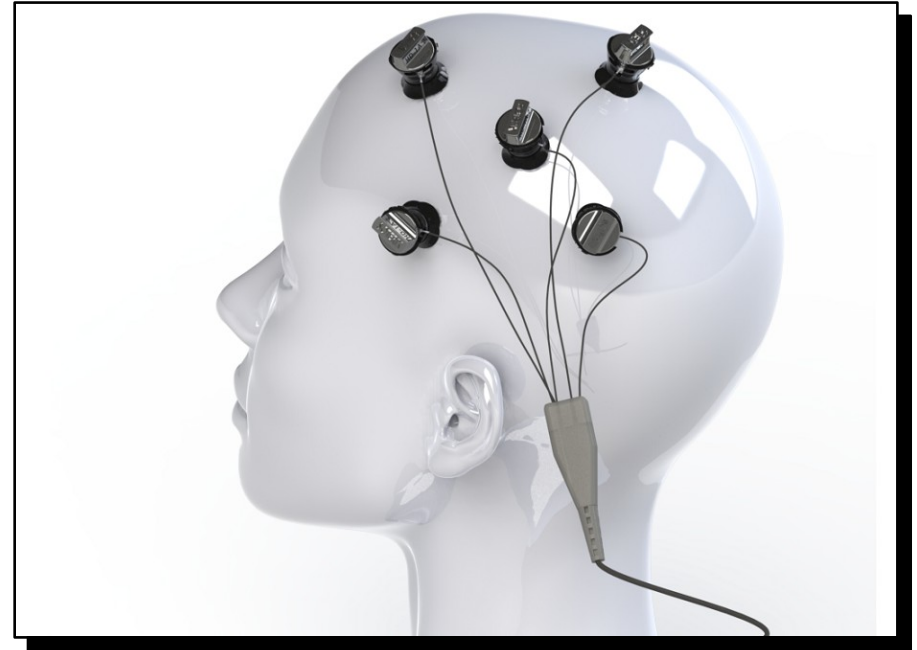
Brain activity  
Current sources

[1] M. Scher, "Ontogeny of EEG sleep from neonatal through infancy periods", Handbook of Clinical Neurology, pp. 111-129, 2011. ☒

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Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS)

- Neuro-modulation = Modification of neuron activation potential
- Used in stroke recovery, memory enhancement...
- Injected current  $< 3$  mA
- Current modeling = Forward problem



**Fig. 2** An example of tDCS electrodes montage [2].

[2] "4x1 - Soterix Medical", Soterixmedical.com, 2022. [\[X\]](#)

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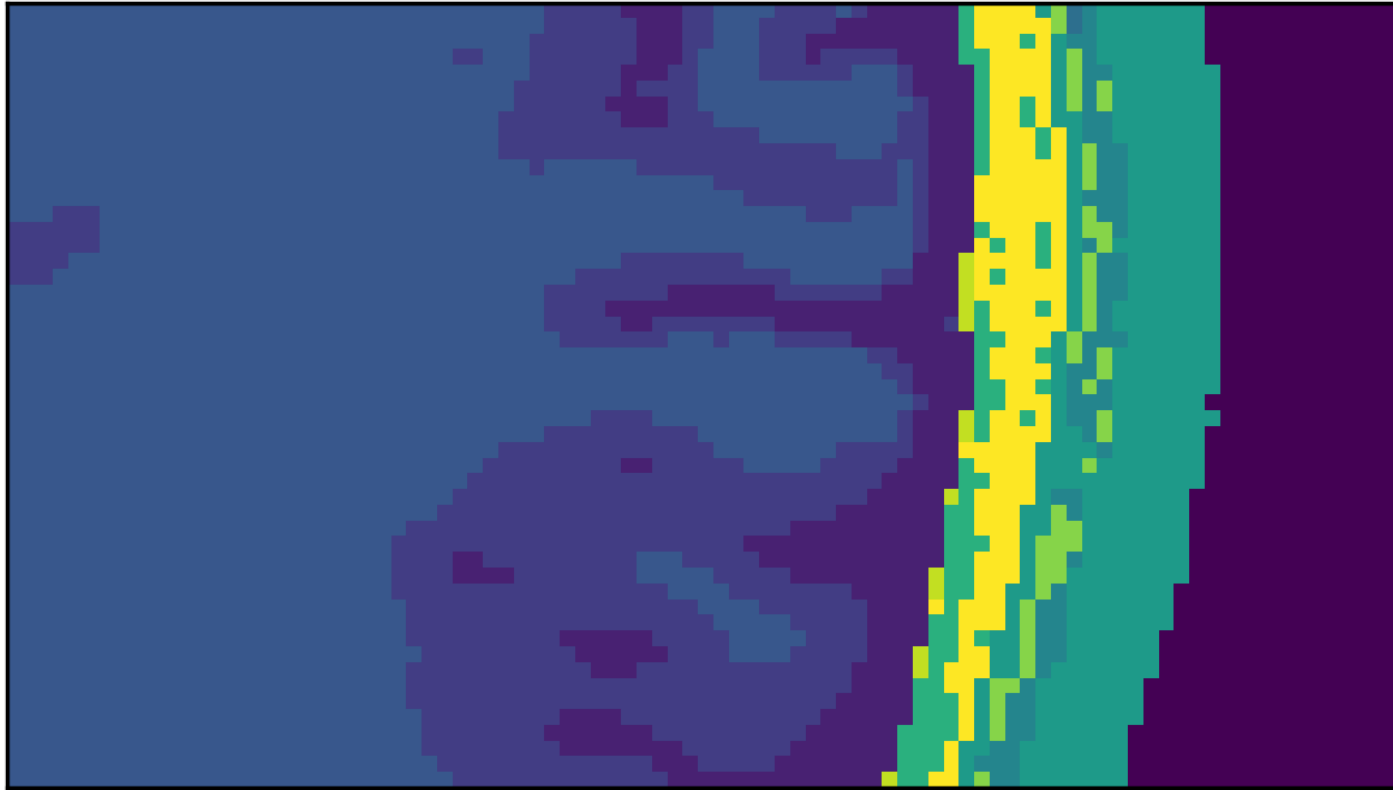
# Finite element modeling in neuroscience



**Fig. 3** A zoomed in view of a raw T1-weighted MRI from the BrainWeb dataset [3].

[3] B. Aubert-Broche, M. Griffin, G. Pike, A. Evans and D. Collins, "Twenty New Digital Brain Phantoms for Creation of Validation Image Data Bases", IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, vol. 25, no. 11, pp. 1410-1416, 2006. [X](#)

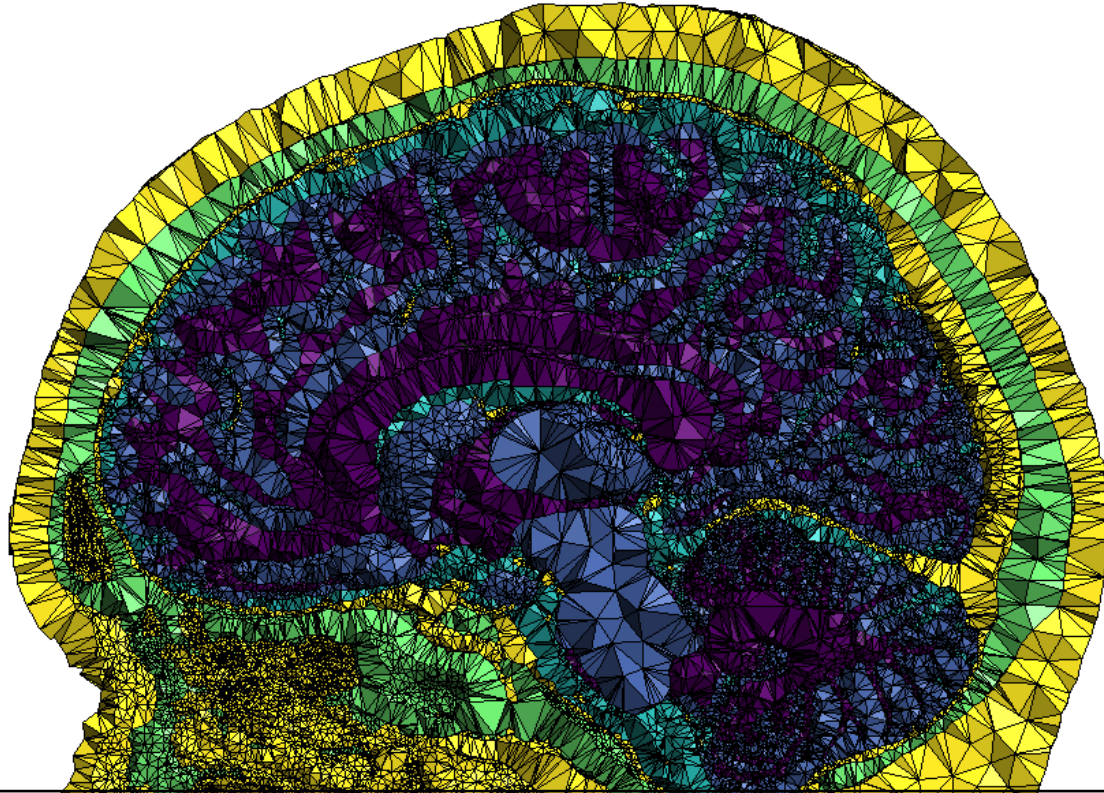
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**Fig. 4** A zoomed in view of the segmented MRI from the BrainWeb dataset [3].

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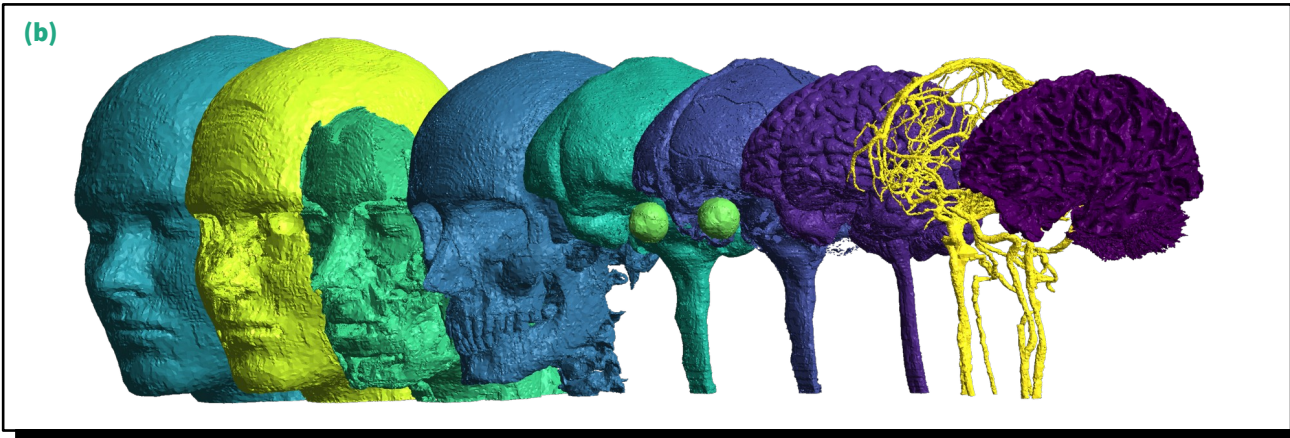
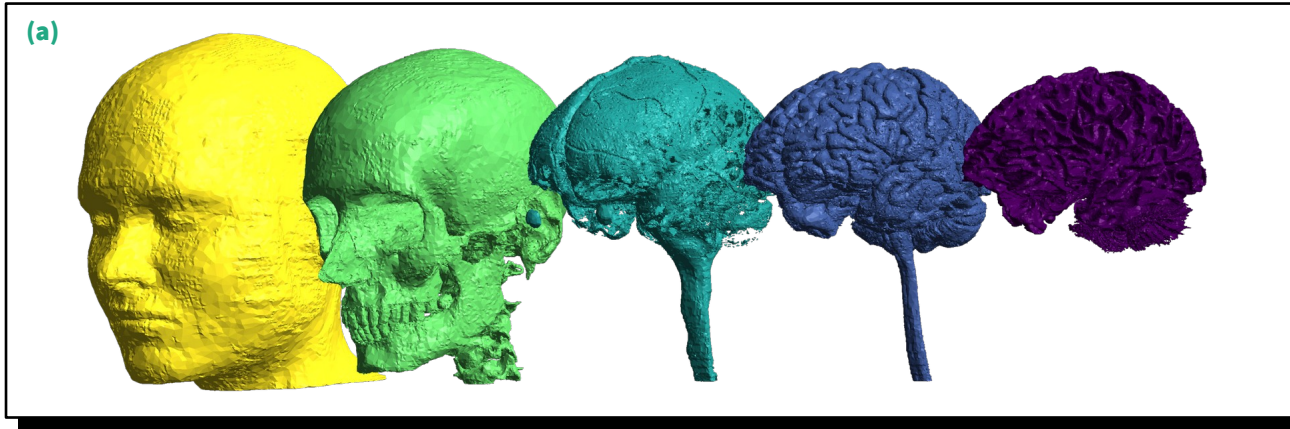
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**Fig. 5** A sagittal cut of the tetrahedral mesh built from the segmented MIDA model with 5 tissues [4].

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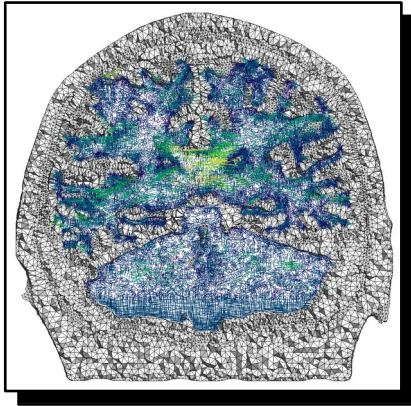
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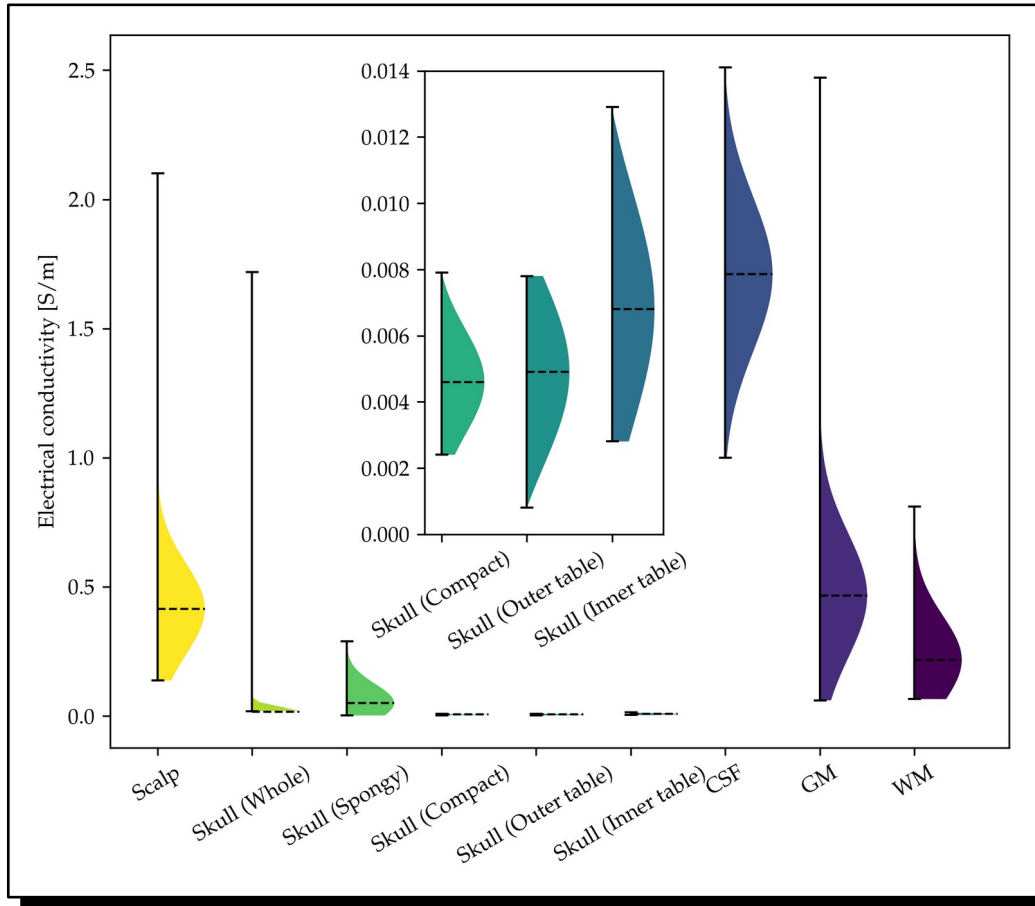
**Fig. 6** (a) A 5 tissue classes mesh and (b) a 10 tissue classes mesh built from the MIDA model [4].

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**Fig. 7** A cut of the anisotropic conductivity tensor of white matter.



**Fig. 8** The distributions of the electric conductivity of the different tissues composing the head as reported by McCann *et al.* [5].

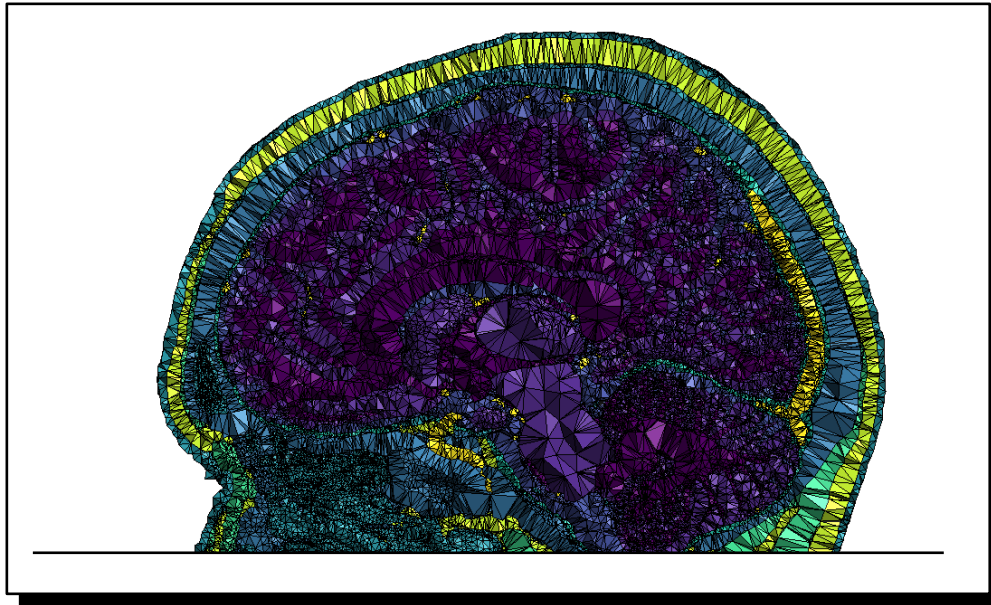
[5] H. McCann, G. Pisano and L. Beltrachini, "Variation in Reported Human Head Tissue Electrical Conductivity Values", *Brain Topography*, vol. 32, no. 5, pp. 825-858, 2019. [X](#)



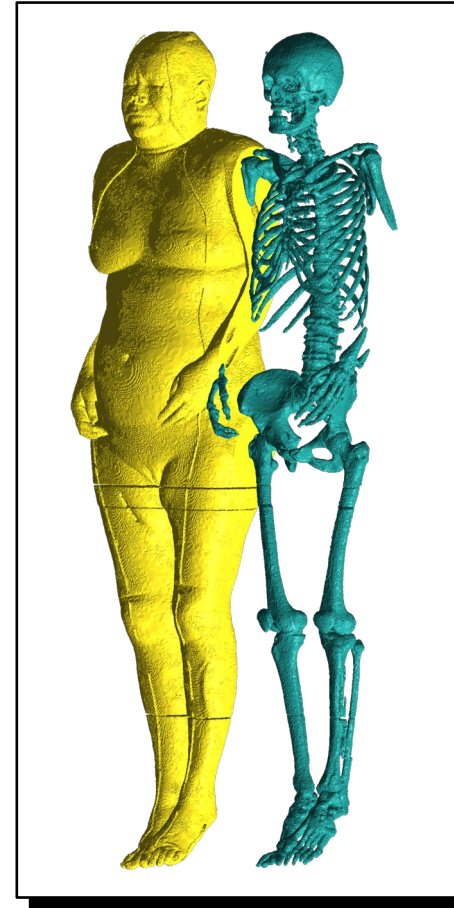
**How to overcome these  
limitations ?**

**Shamo to the rescue !**

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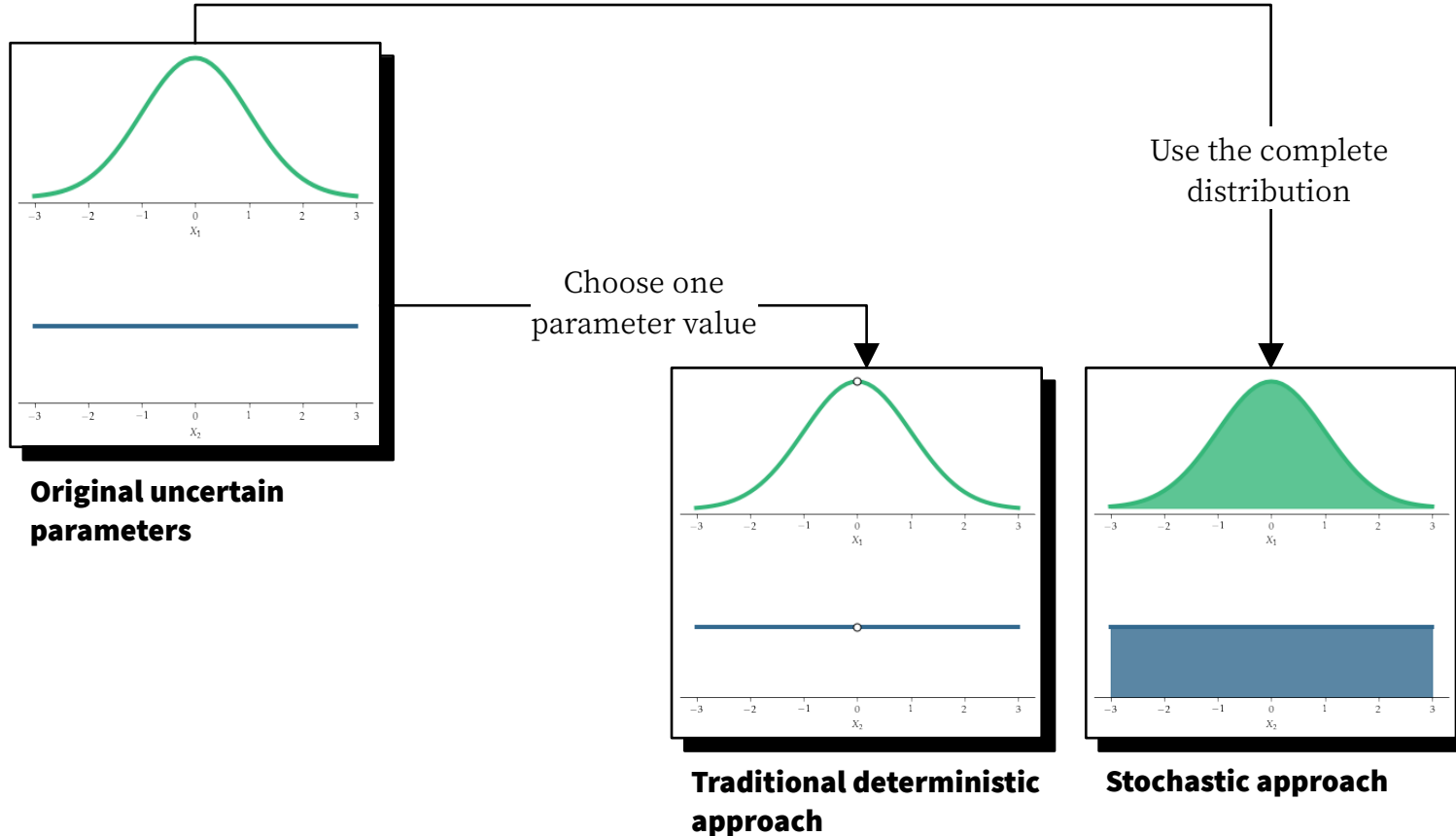
**Fig. 9** A sagittal cut of the tetrahedral mesh built from the segmented MIDA model with 10 tissues [4].



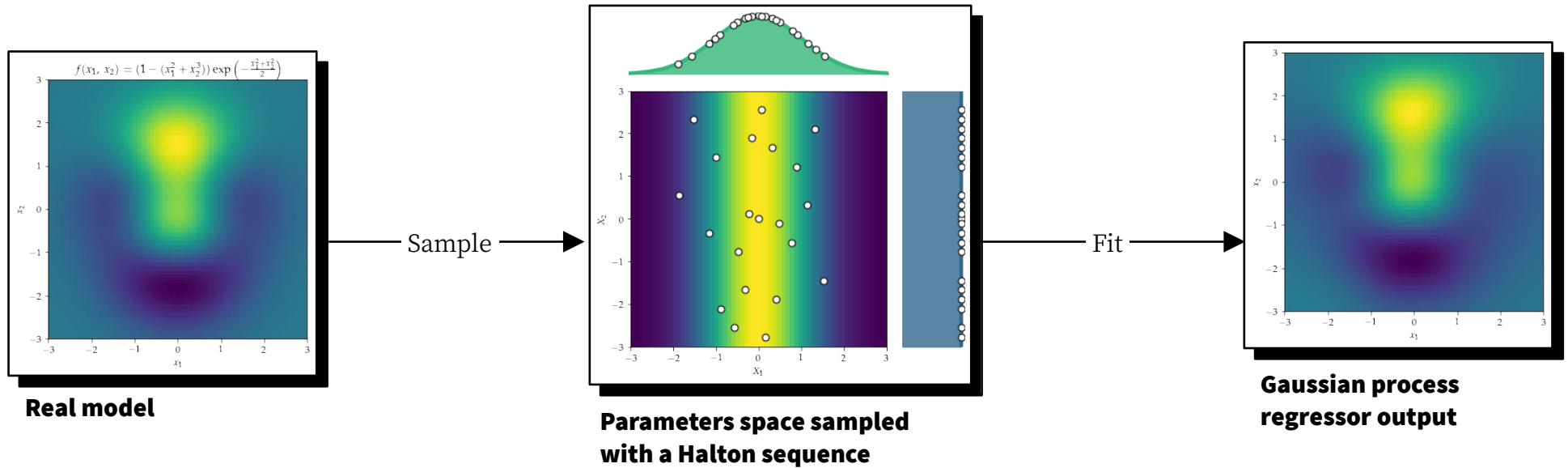
**Fig. 10** A mesh built from a segmented version of the Visual Human Project [6].

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- [6] "The Visible Human Project - Applications", Nlm.nih.gov, 2022. [✕](#)

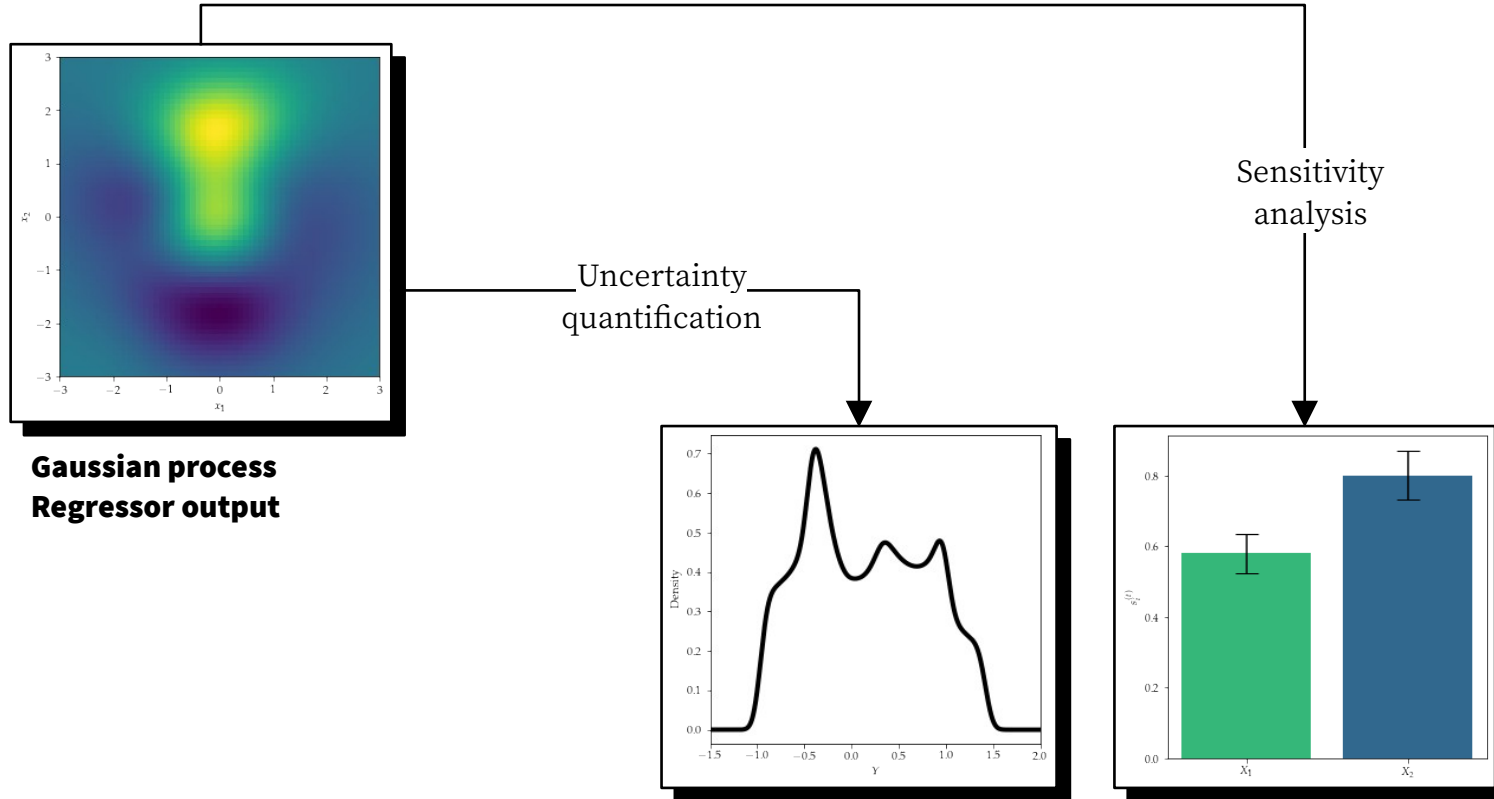
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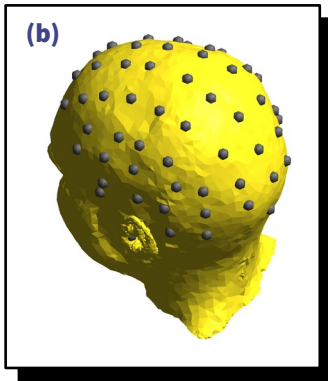
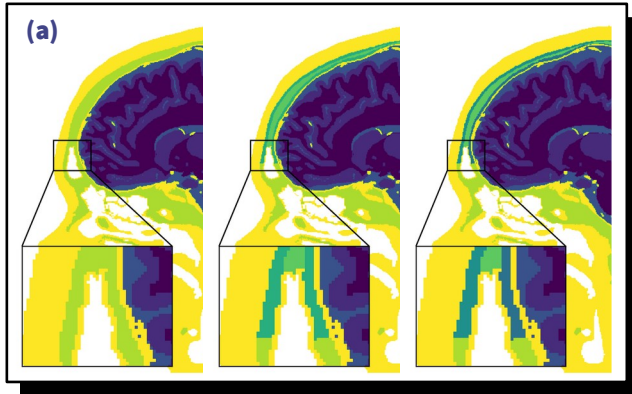
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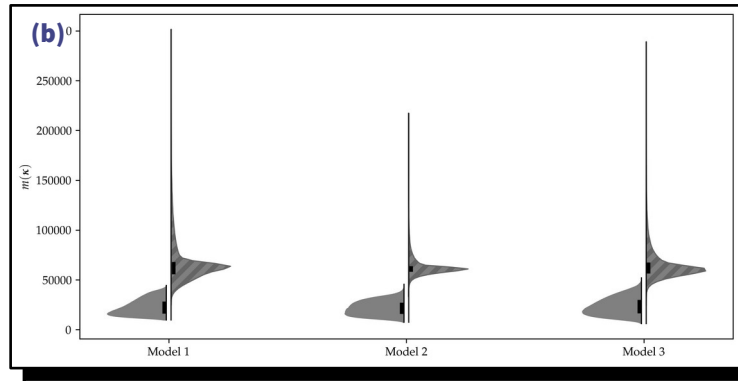
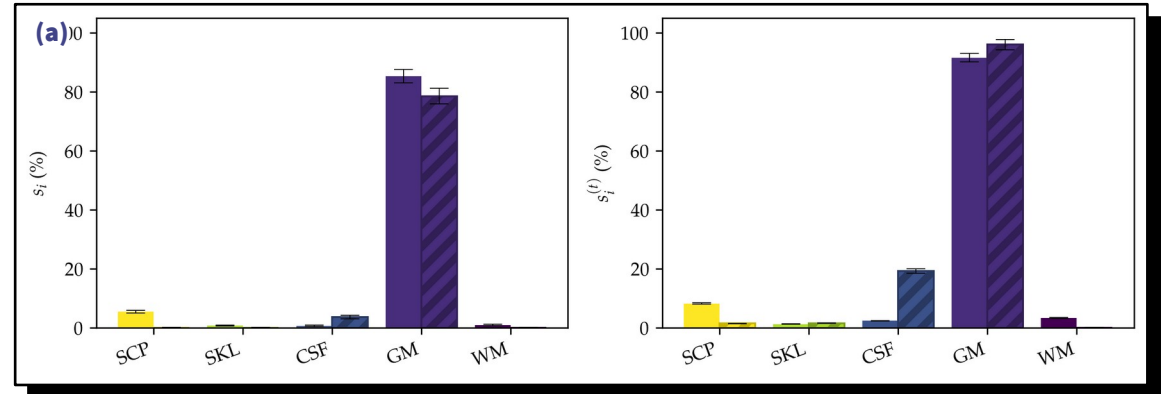
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# Applications : EEG



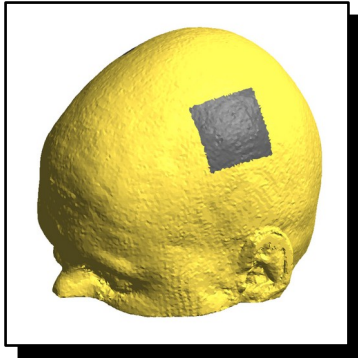
**Fig. 11 (a)** A sagittal cut the 3 segmented skull models [7] and **(b)** the electrodes placed on the scalp.



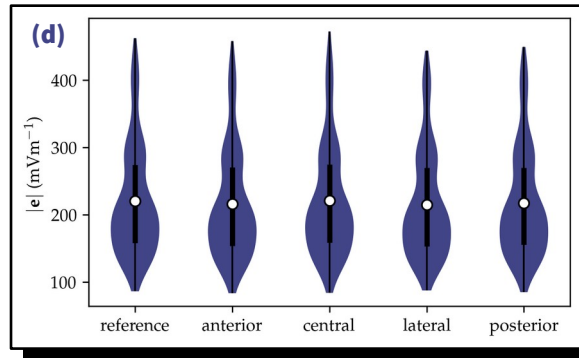
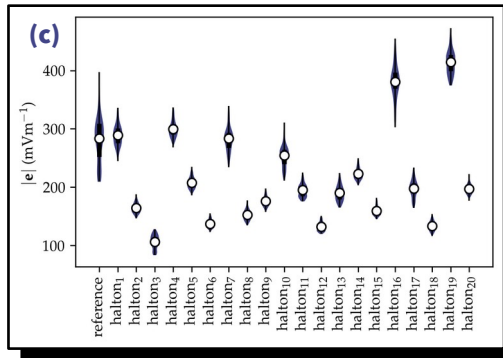
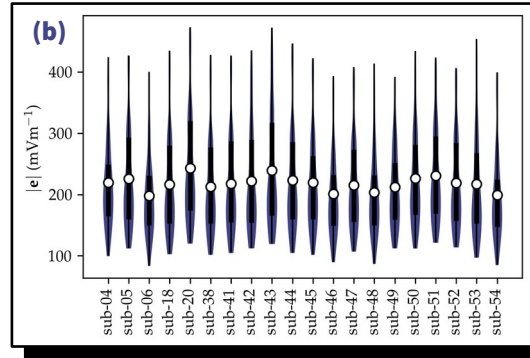
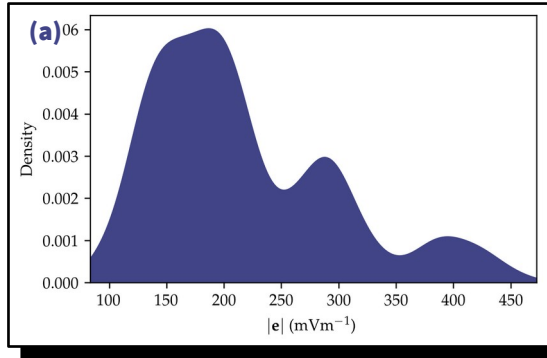
**Fig. 12 (a)** The Sobol indices computed for model 1 and **(b)** the density of the output metric for all the models.

[7] M. Grignard, C. Geuzaine and C. Phillips, "Shamo: A Tool for Electromagnetic Modeling, Simulation and Sensitivity Analysis of the Head", Neuroinformatics, 2022. ☒

# Applications : tDCS (WIP)



**Fig. 13** The C3-C4 electrodes montage targeting the motor cortex for subject 41 from BrainWeb [3].



**Fig. 14** The density of the computed metric (a) overall and grouped by (b) head geometry, (c) conductivity profile and (d) anode displacement for the C3-C4 electrodes montage targeting the motor cortex.

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# Conclusion



- Makes mesh generation independent from segmentation algorithm
- Makes UQ and SA easy for simulation based models
- Built upon industrial grade free open source software
- Works on both single and multi subjects studies
- Works on massively parallel infrastructures

# Check it out on GitHub !

[Source code](#) – [Documentation](#) – [Tutorial notebooks](#)