

# Non-invasive Electrical Stimulation for the Central and Peripheral Nervous System

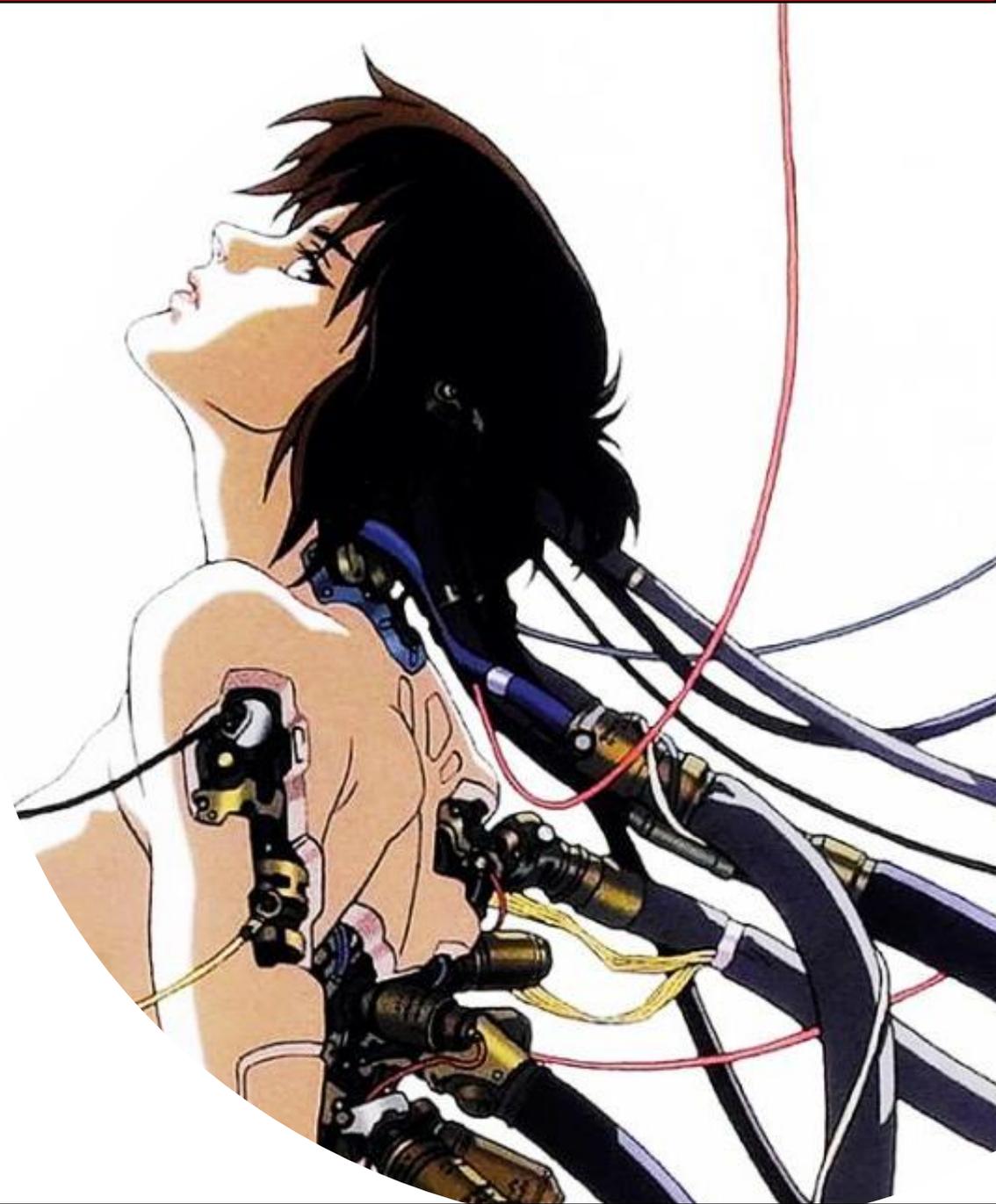
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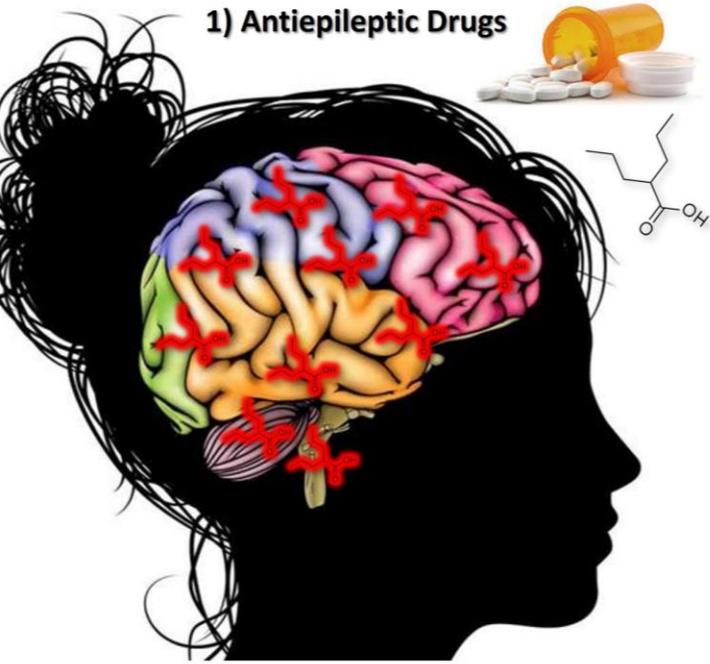


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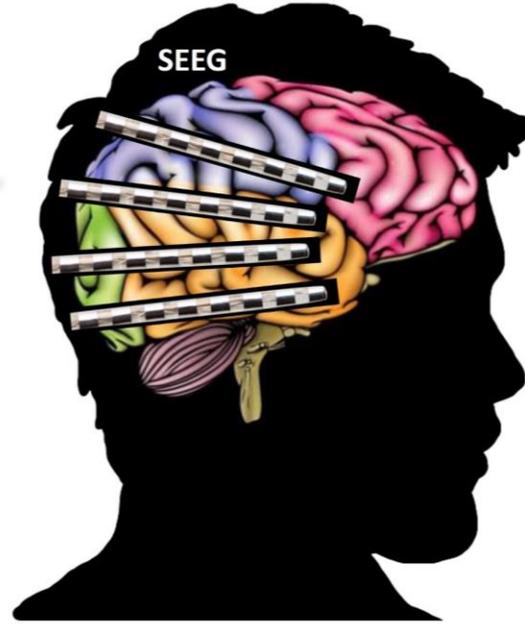
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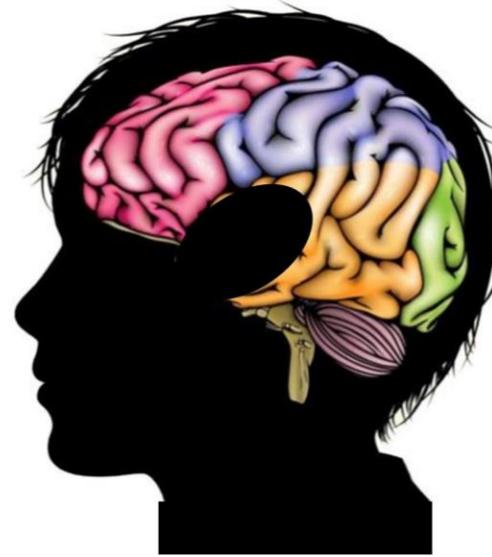
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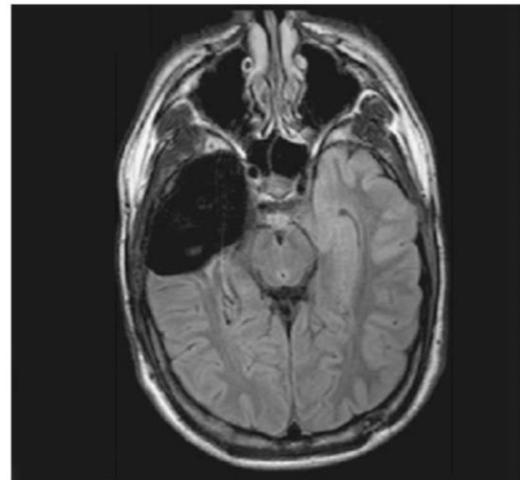
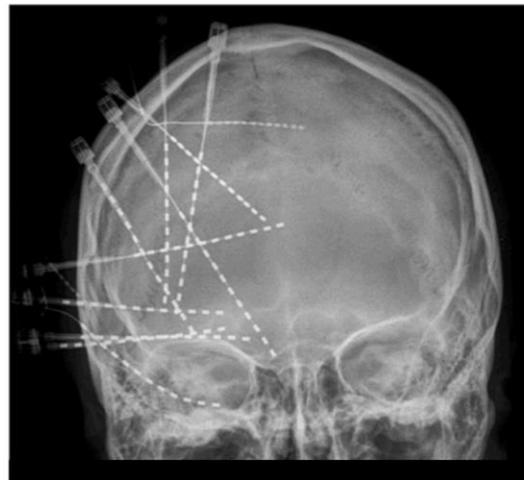
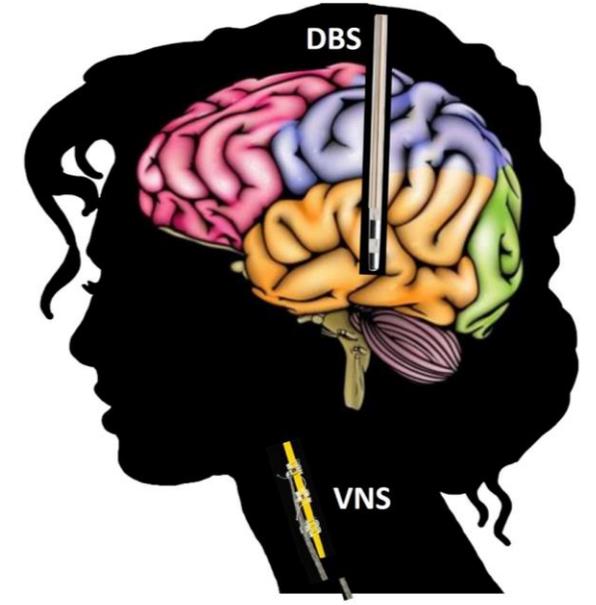
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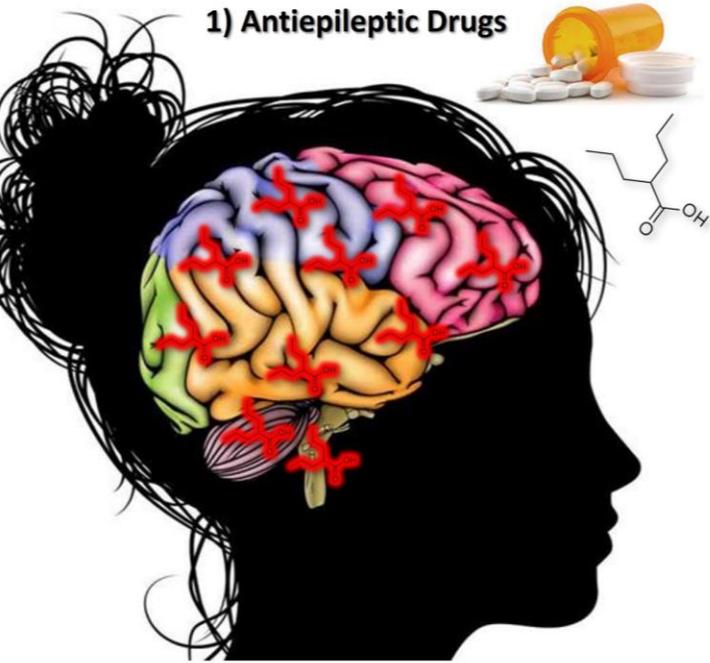


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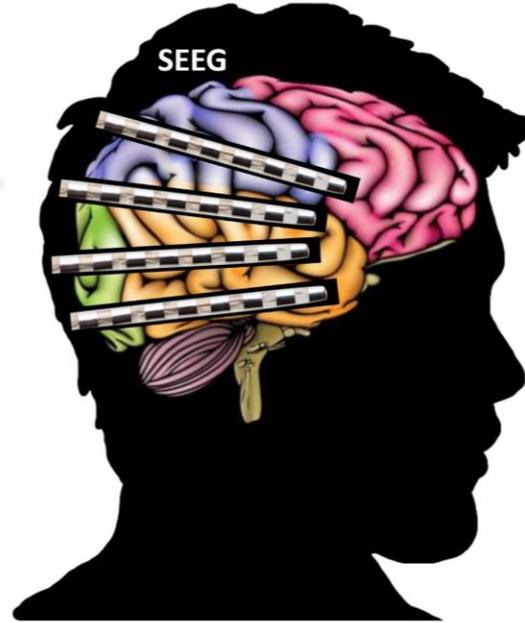


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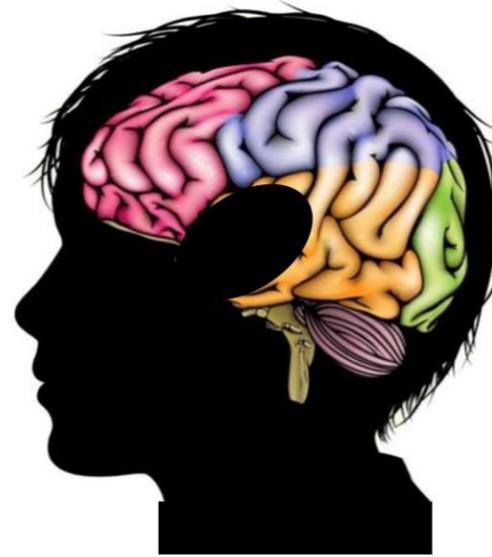
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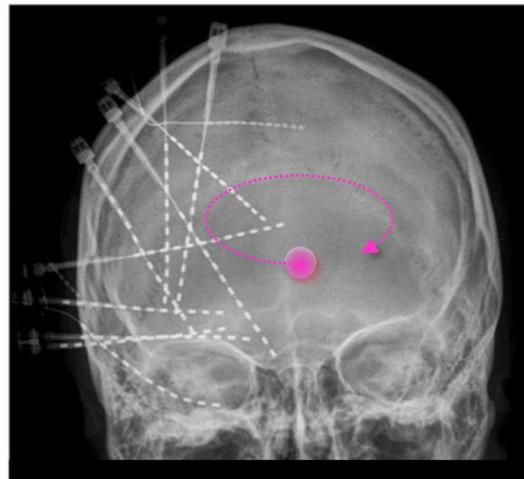
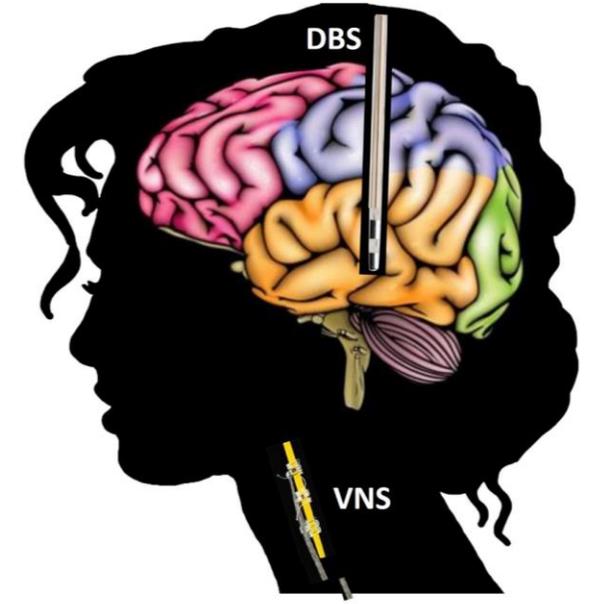
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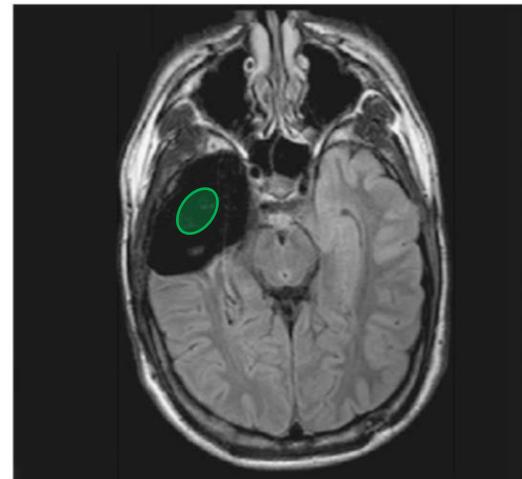
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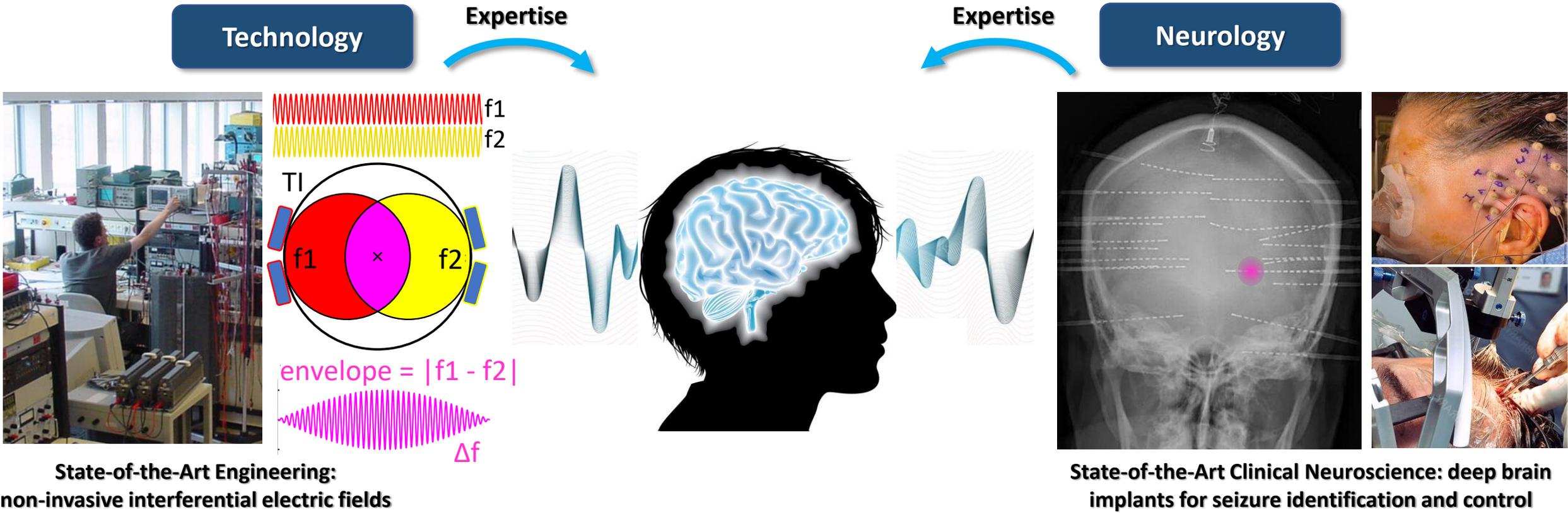
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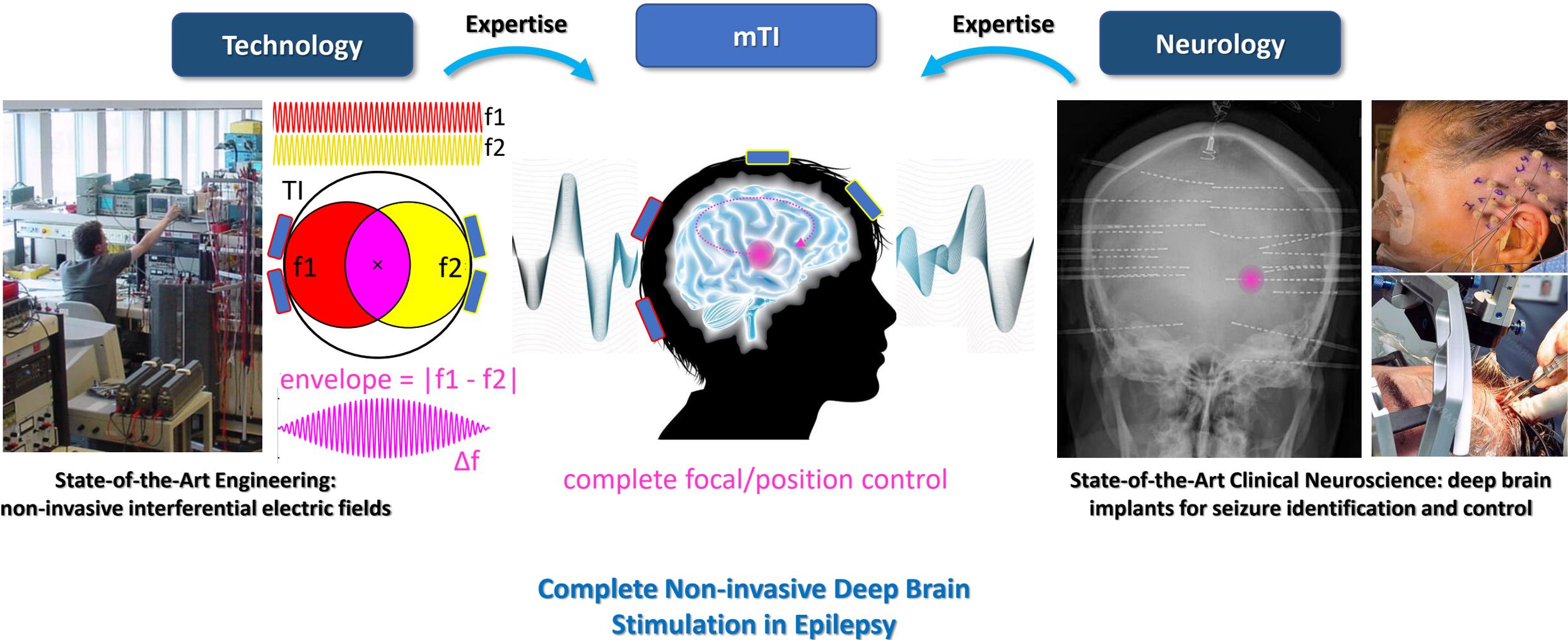
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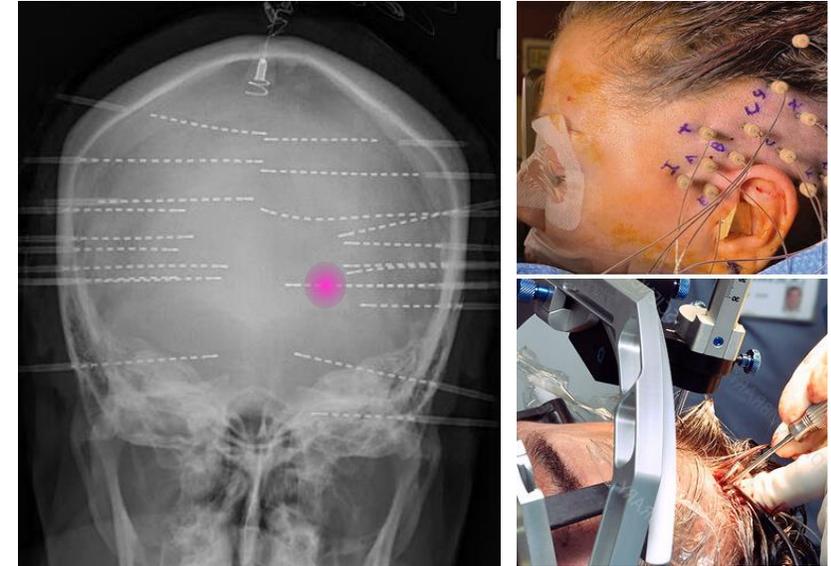
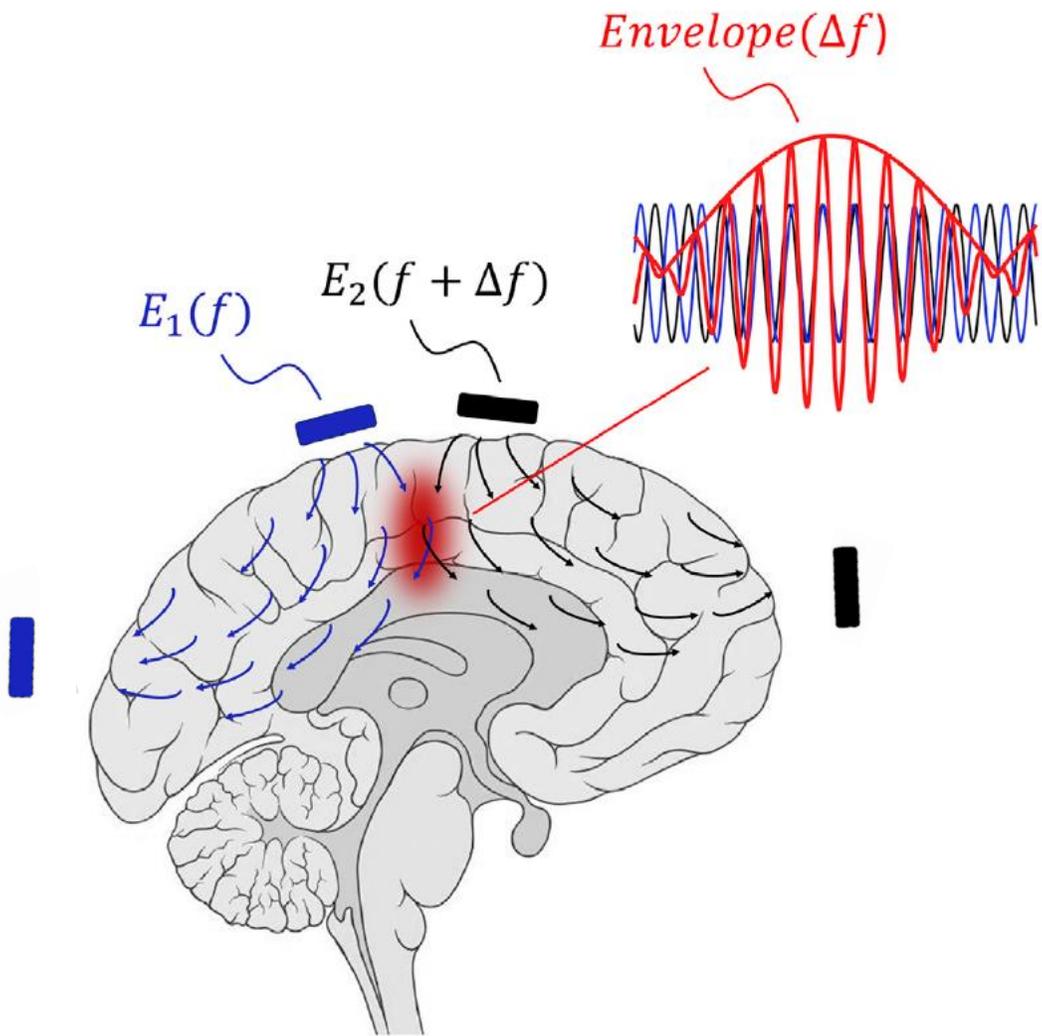


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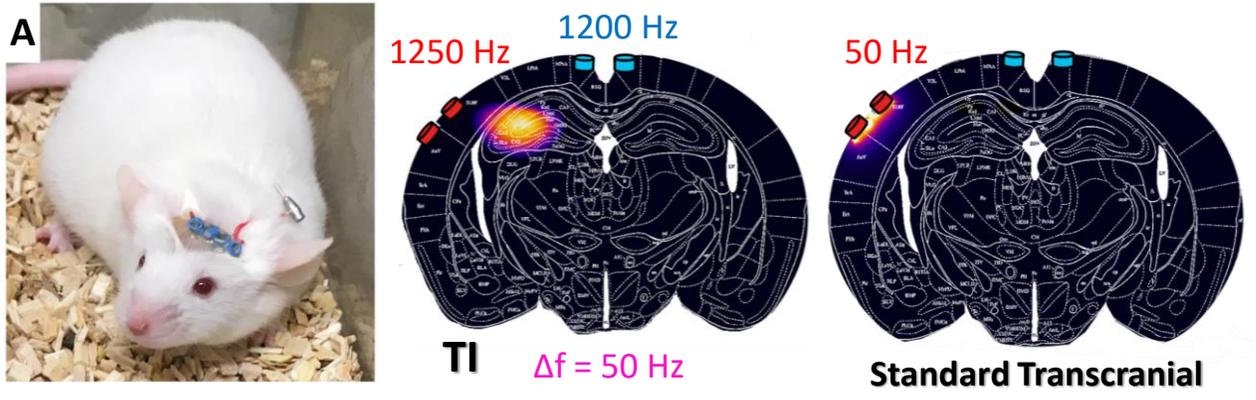
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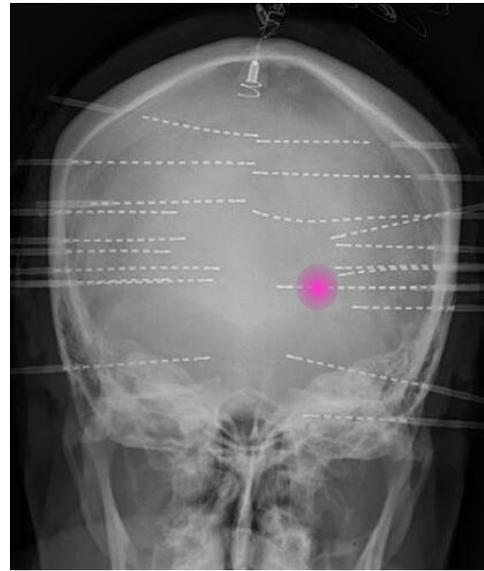


Temporal Interference (TI) Stimulation

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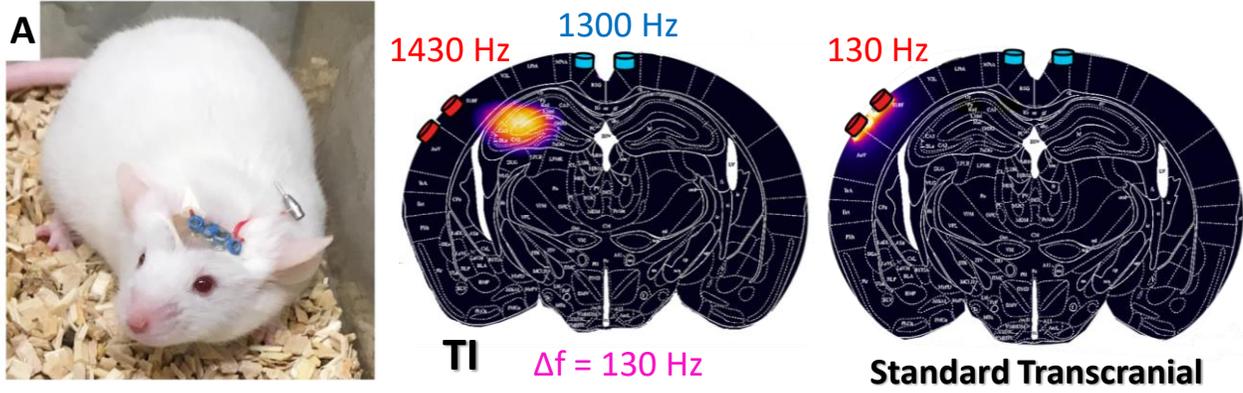
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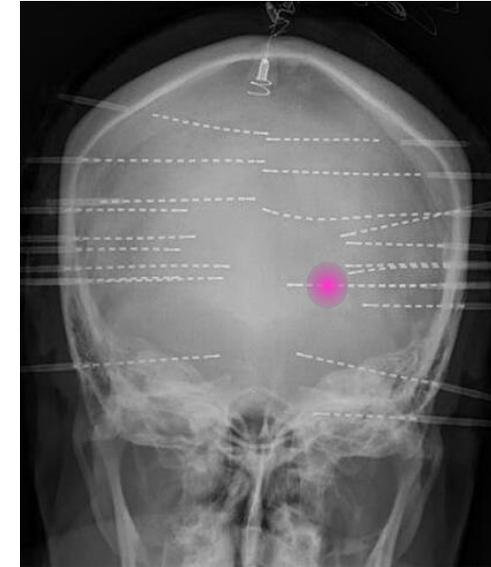
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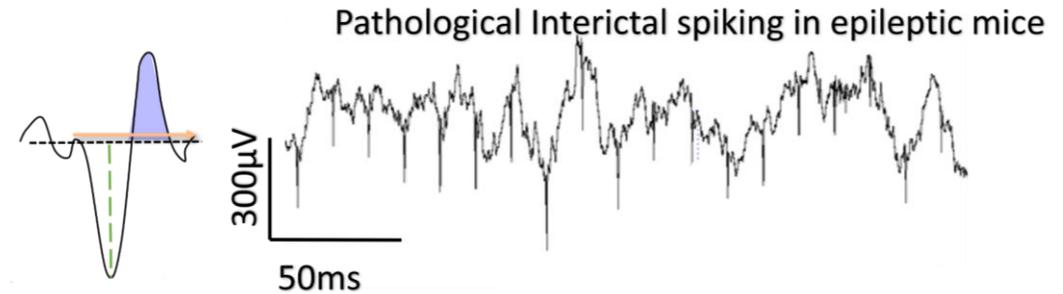
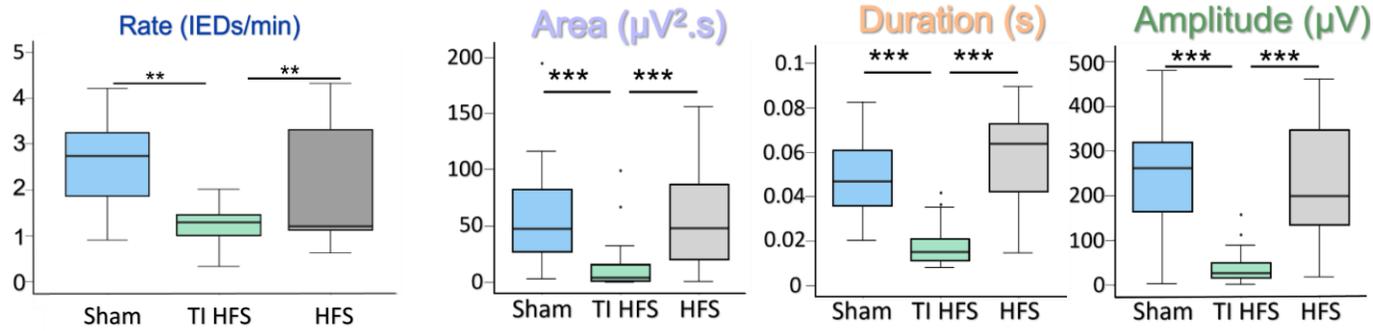
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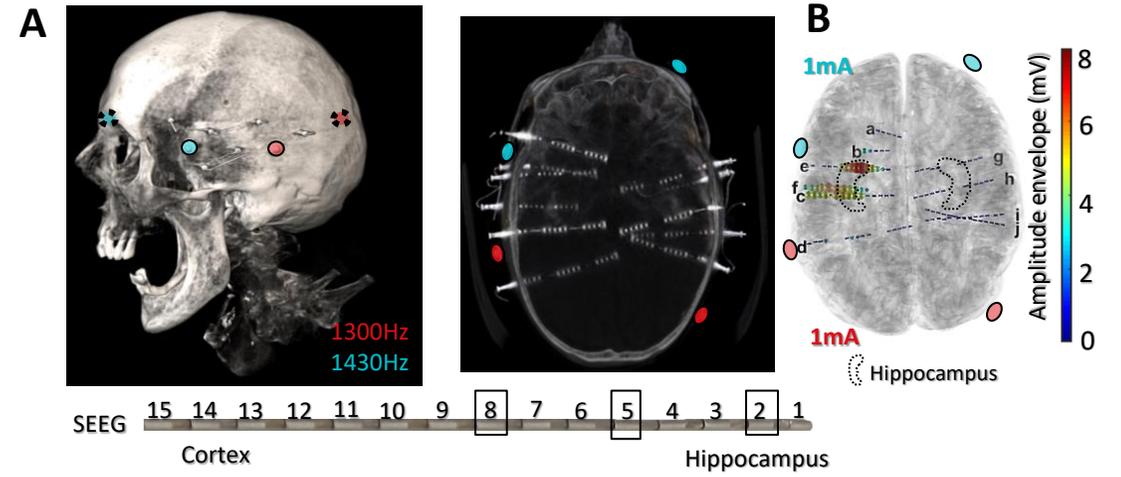
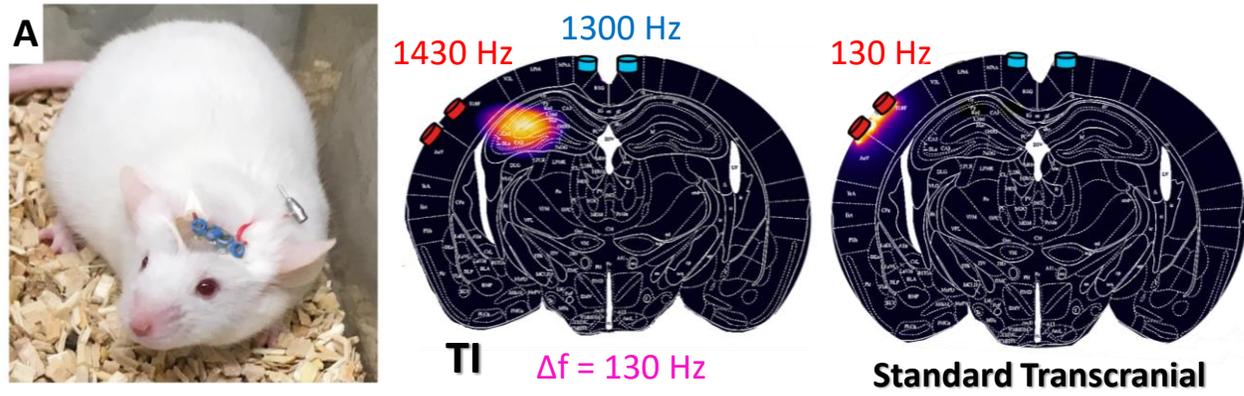
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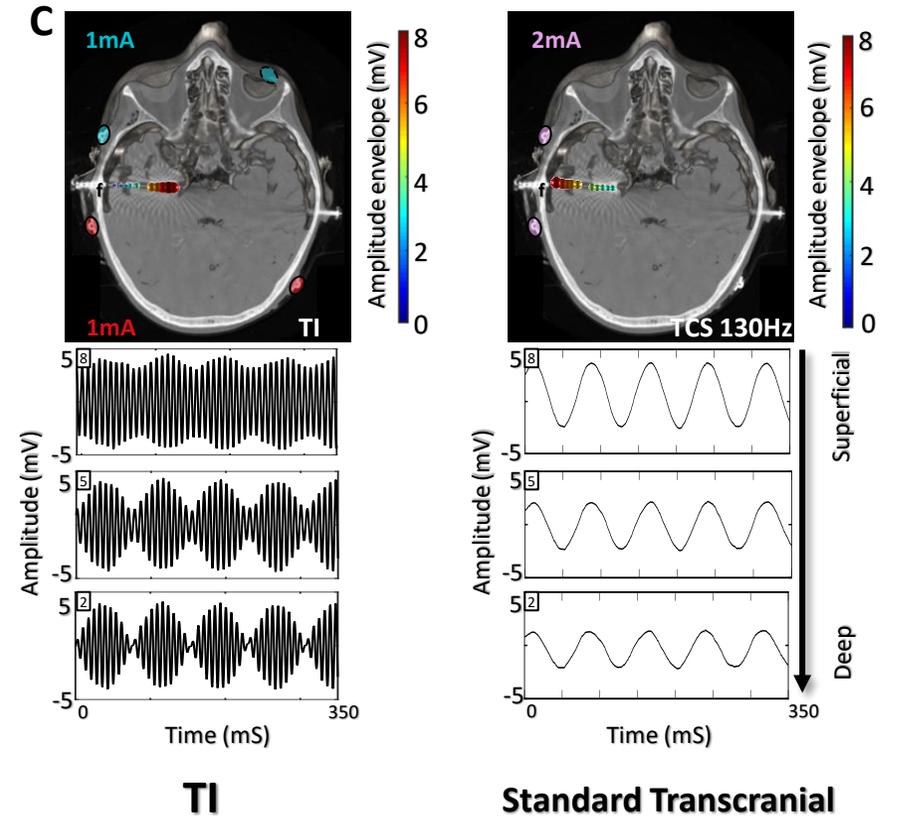
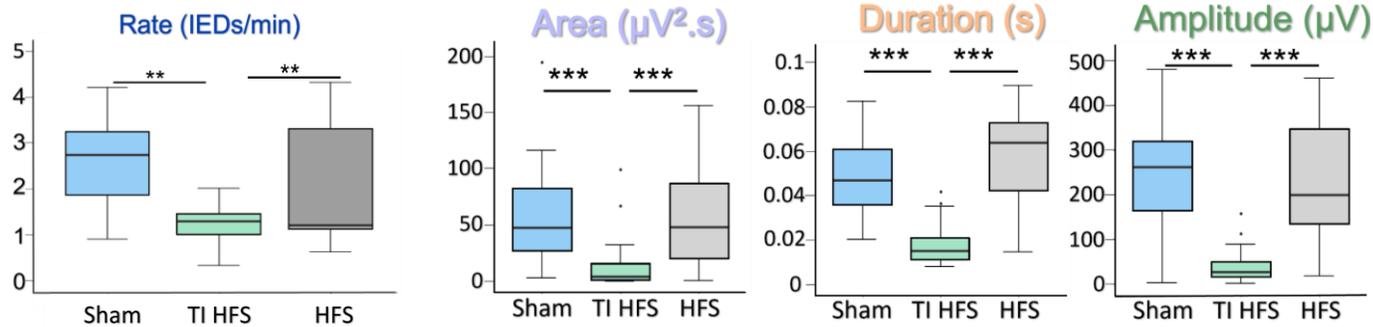
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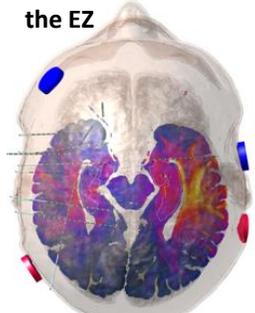
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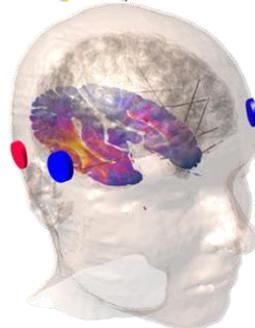
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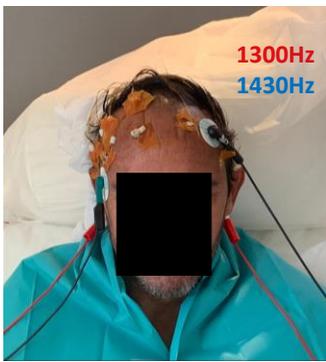
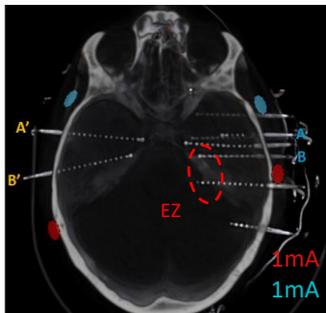
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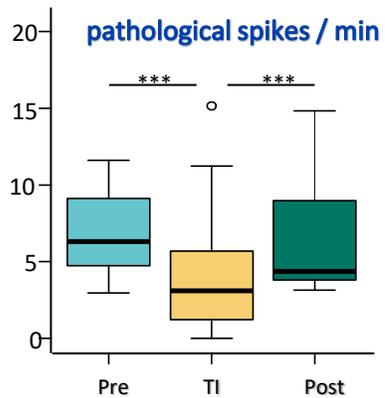
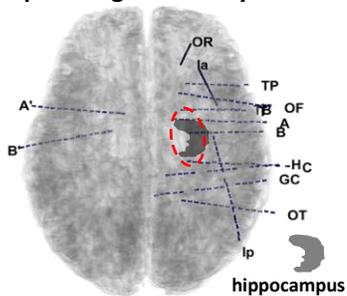
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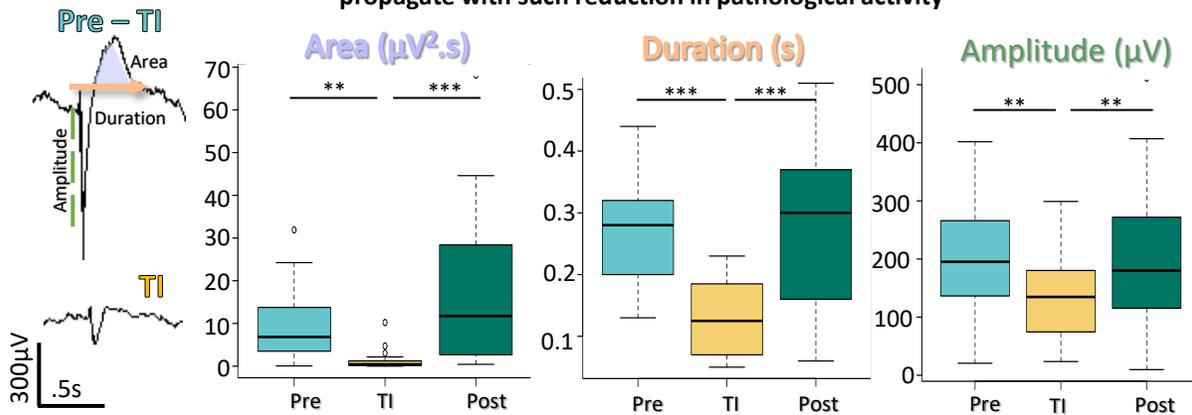
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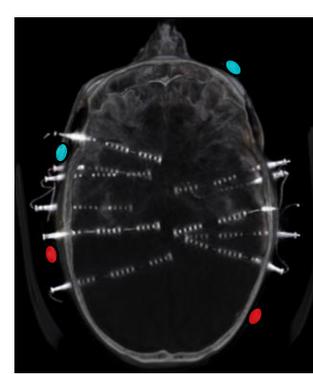
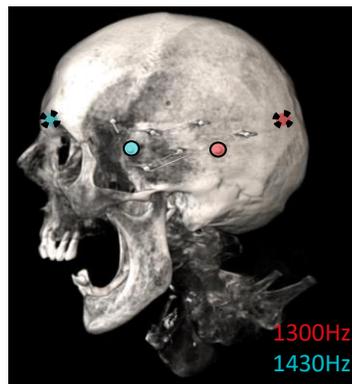
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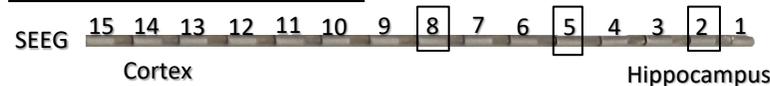
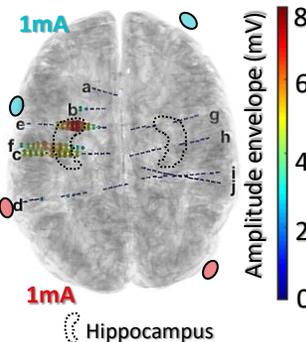
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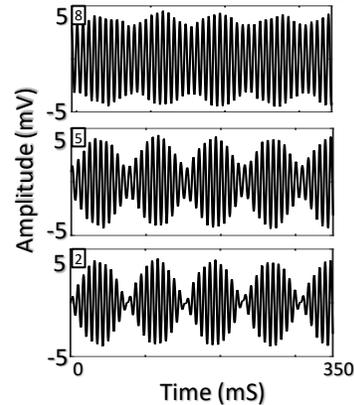
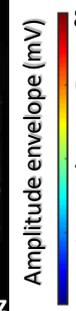
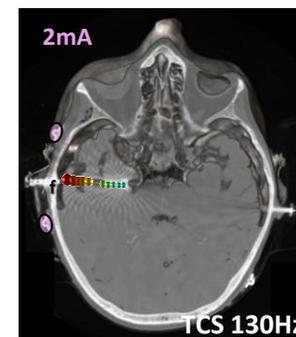
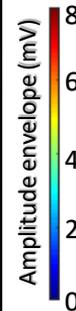
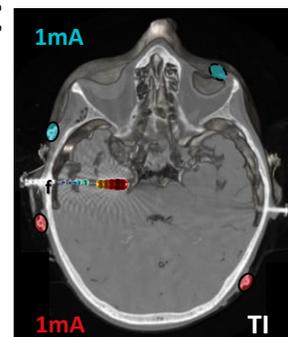
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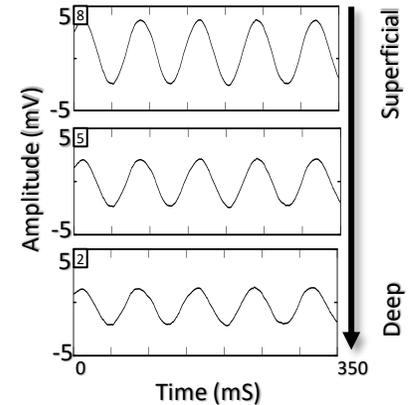
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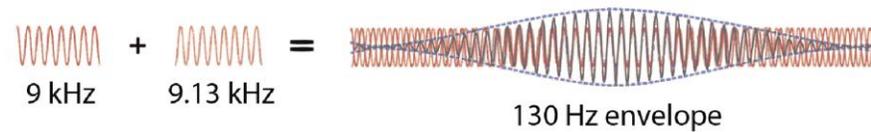
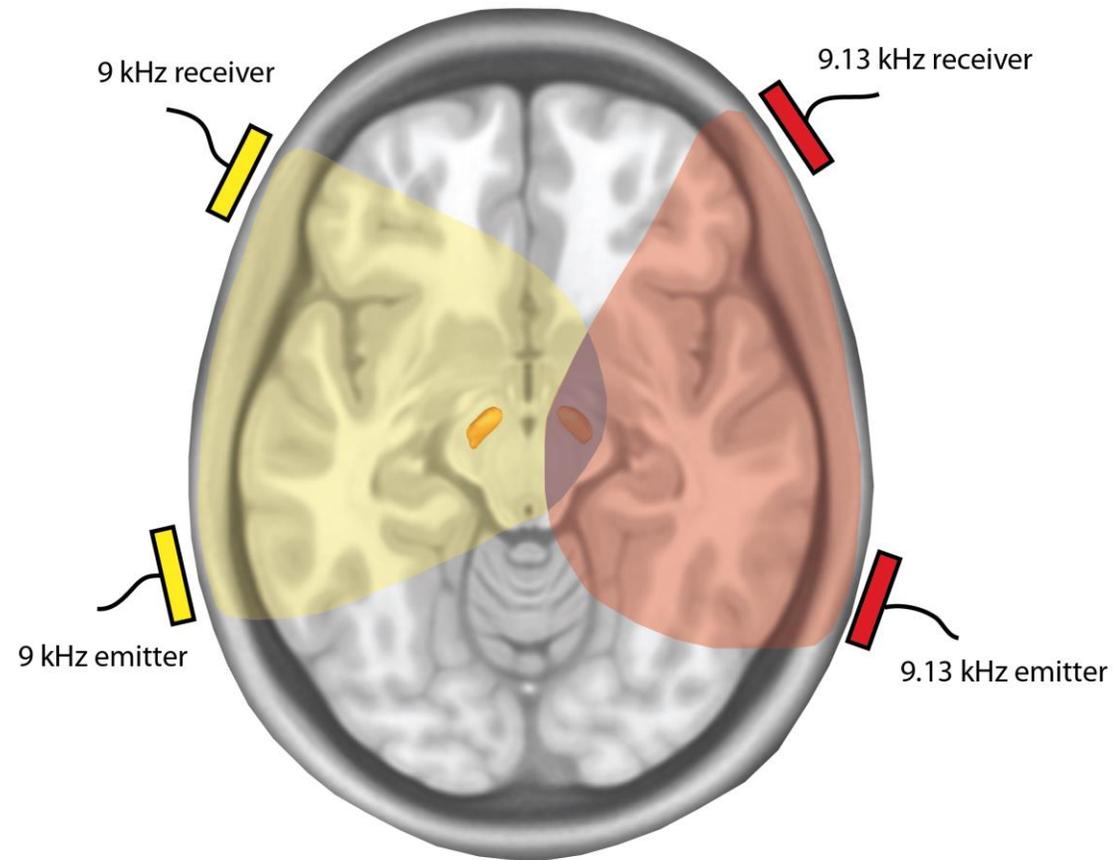
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# Temporal Interference Stimulation (TIS) - principle

- Subject specific modelling of e-fields and electrode positions

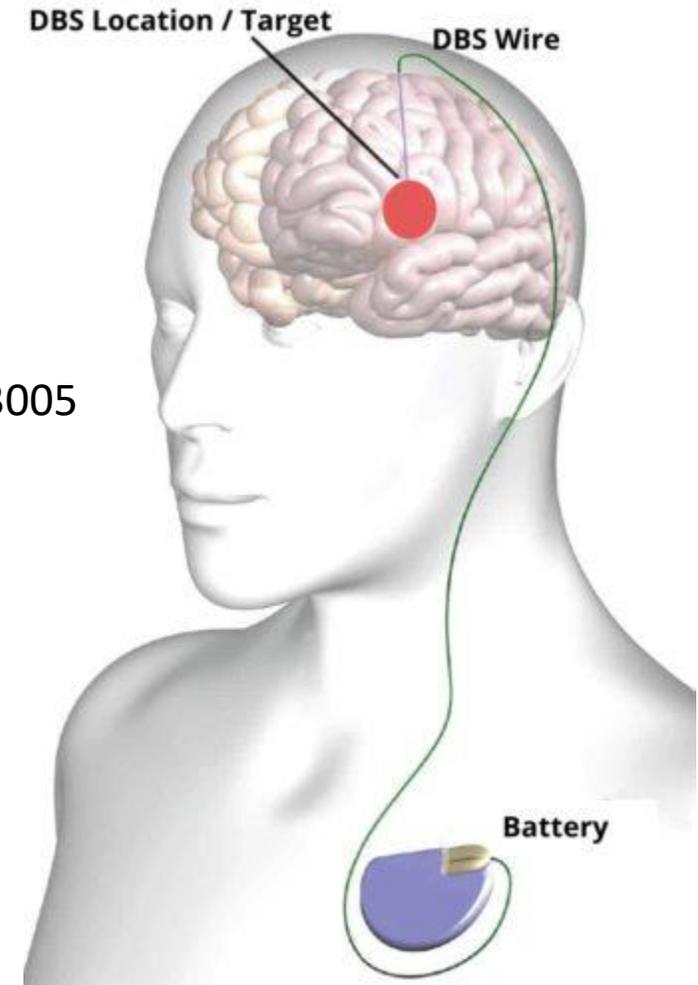


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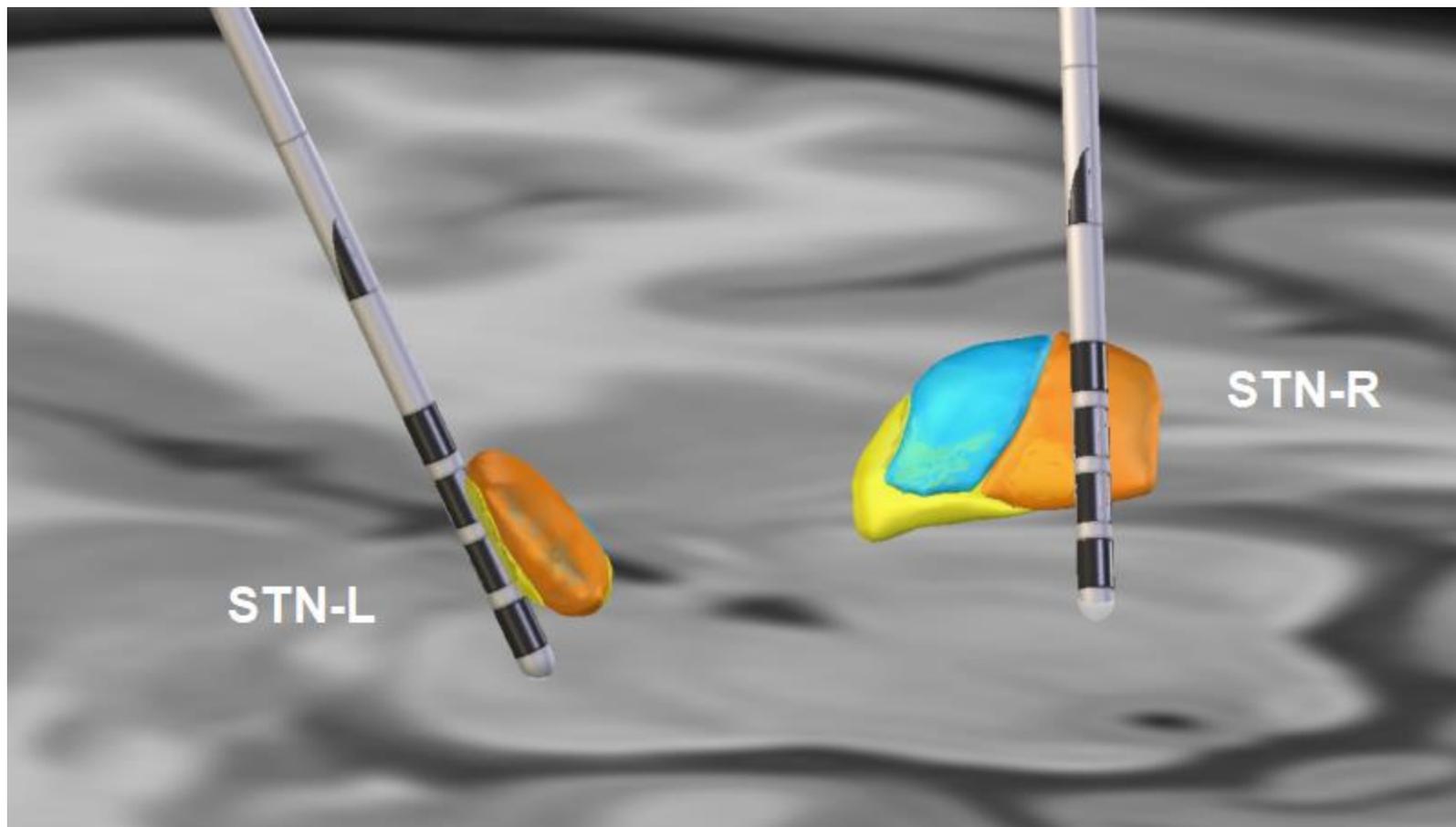
Pilot measurement – 1st patient

Parkinson's disease patient

- male, 64 years, right-handed
- Disease duration 14 years, dominant side - right
- With freezings, LED = 1385, UPDRS = 41
- Indicated to STN-DBS, Medtronic Percept IPG, Directional Leads B33005
- Externalized leads, LFP recording, medication OFF state



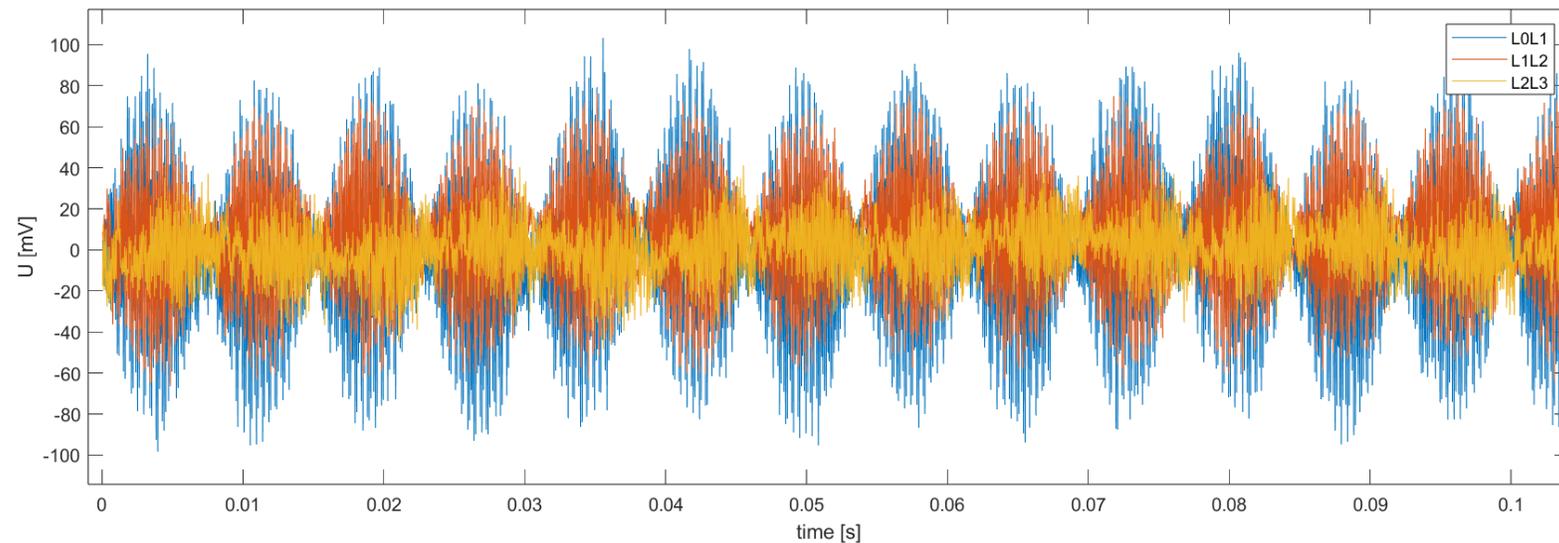
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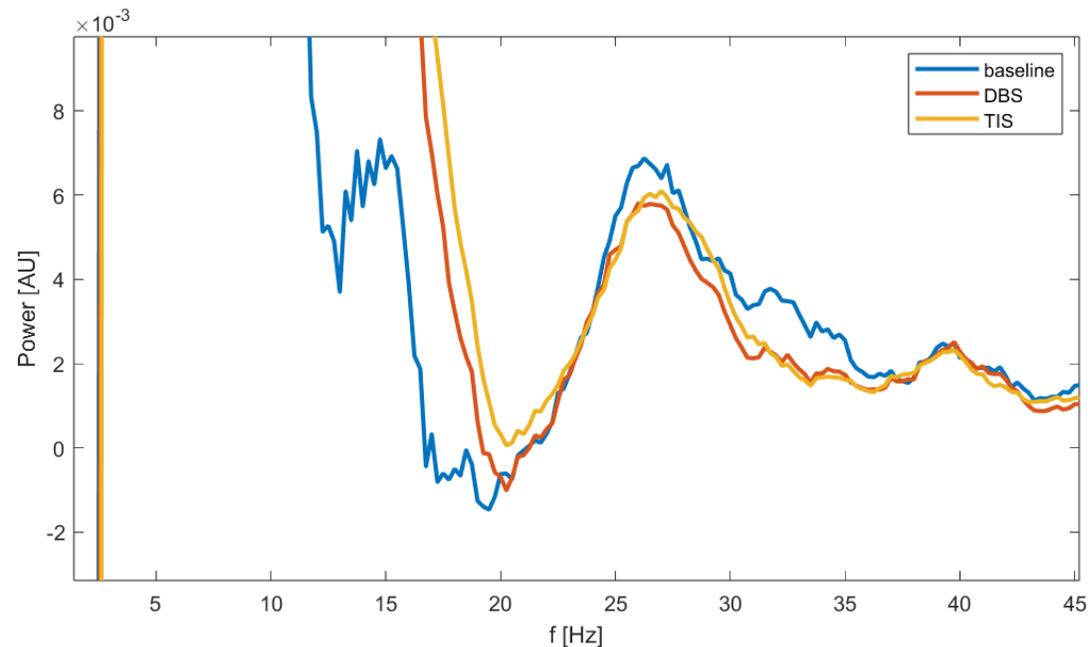
*Note that magnitude of interference artifact differs across bipolar contacts on lead. It means we are able to focus the stimulation also in subcortical regions.*

## LFP recording, beta power analysis

- fs = 25kHz, Cz scalp reference, recalculated to bipolar
- analysis of LOL3 signal with focus on beta peak power

### Comparison of oscillatory components of power spectrum between baseline, conventional DBS stimulation and non-invasive temporal interference stimulation

- Baseline resting state, 2 minutes, OFF medication
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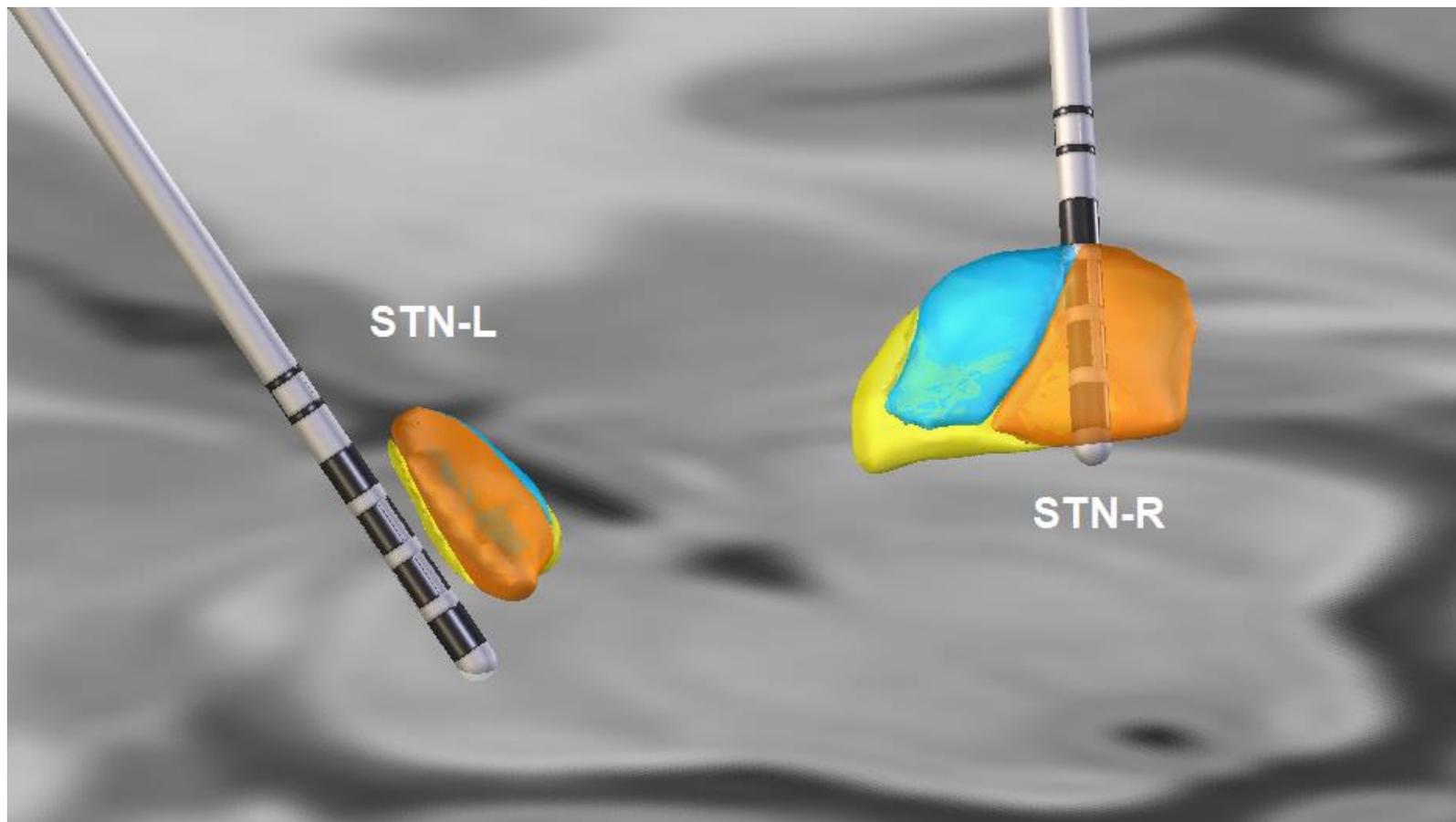
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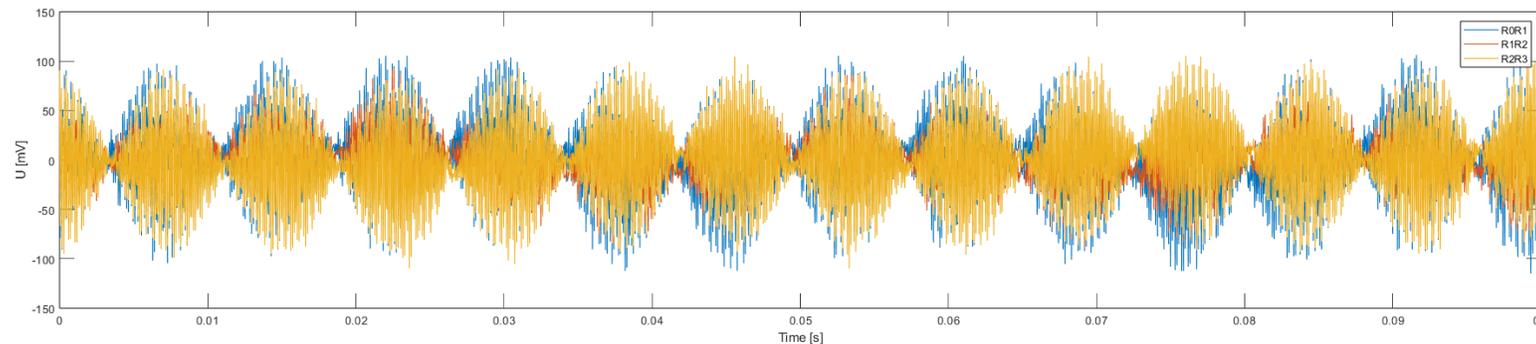
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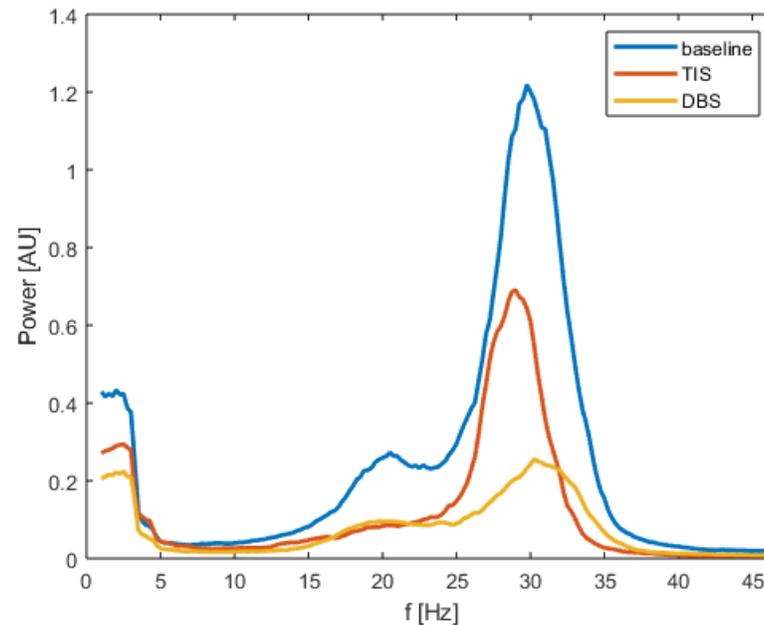
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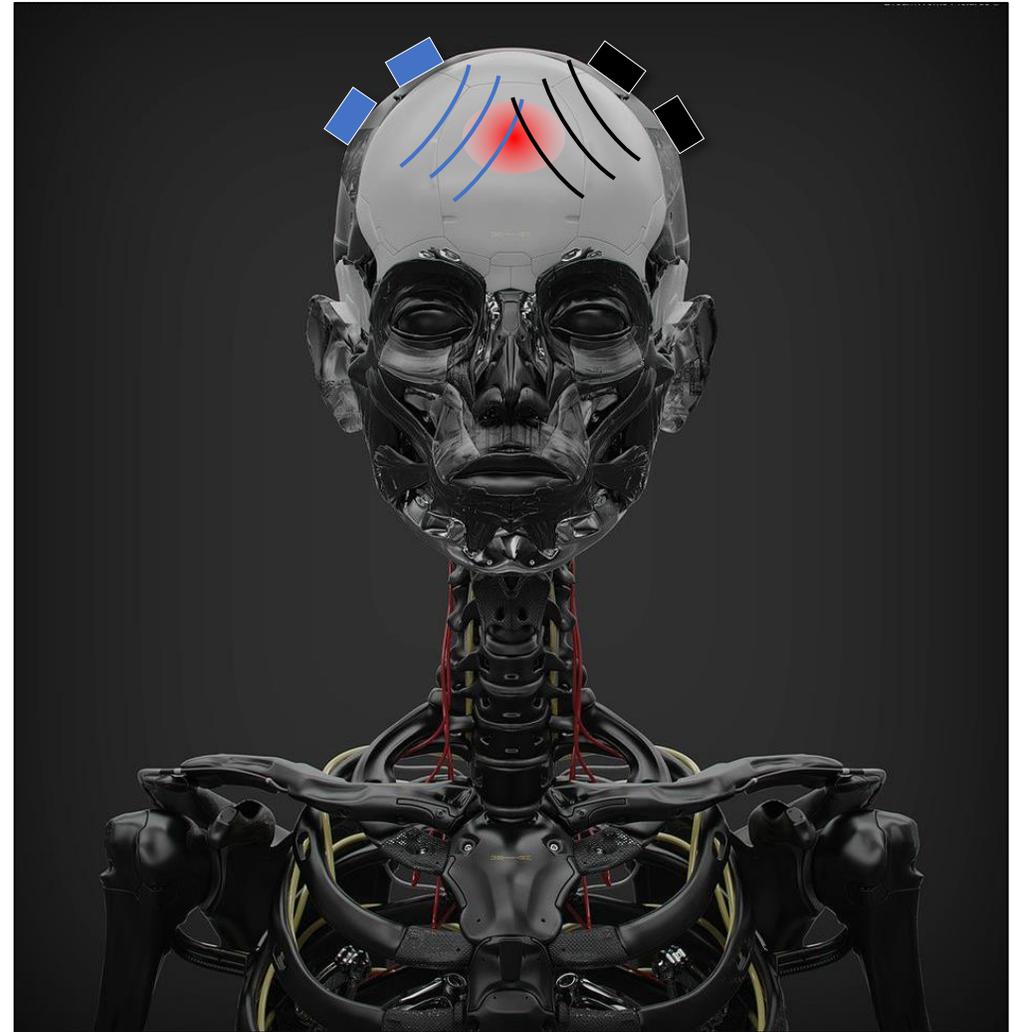
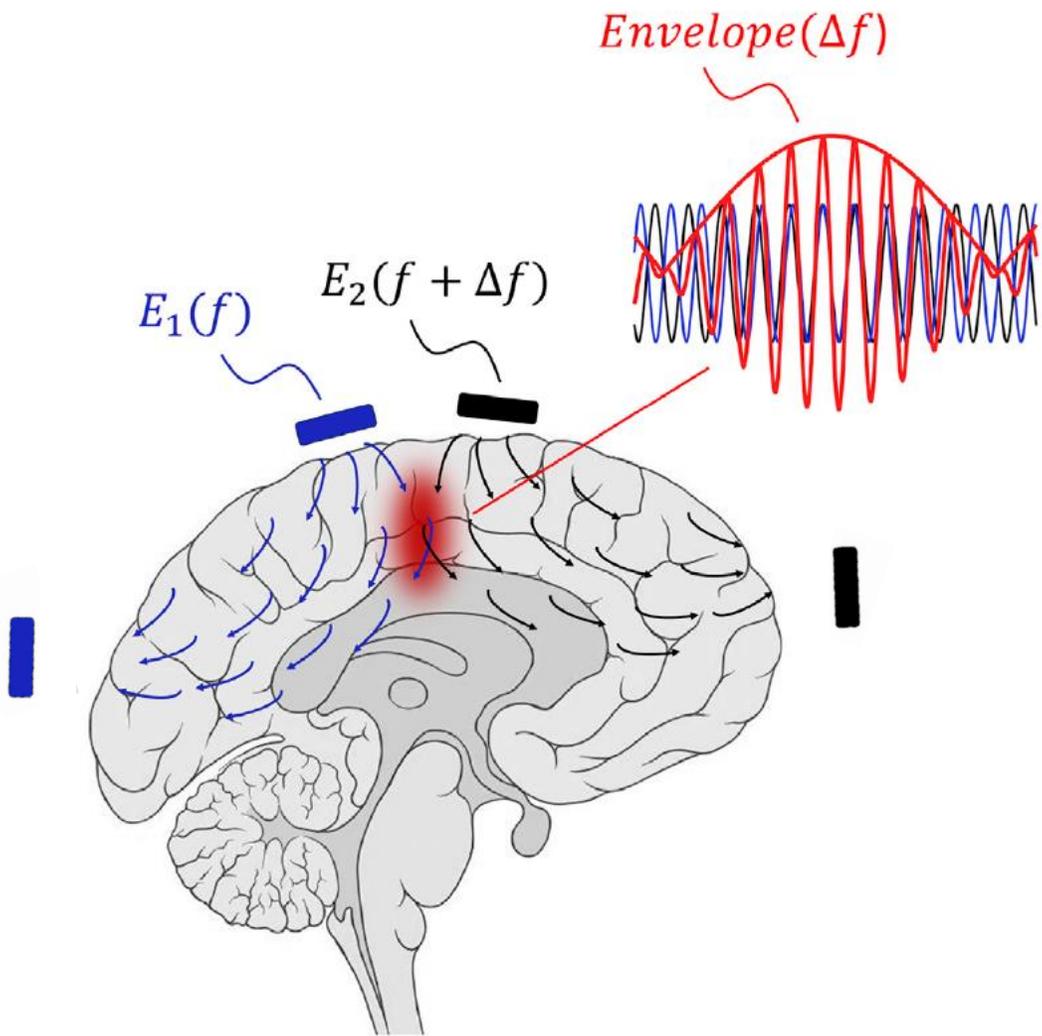
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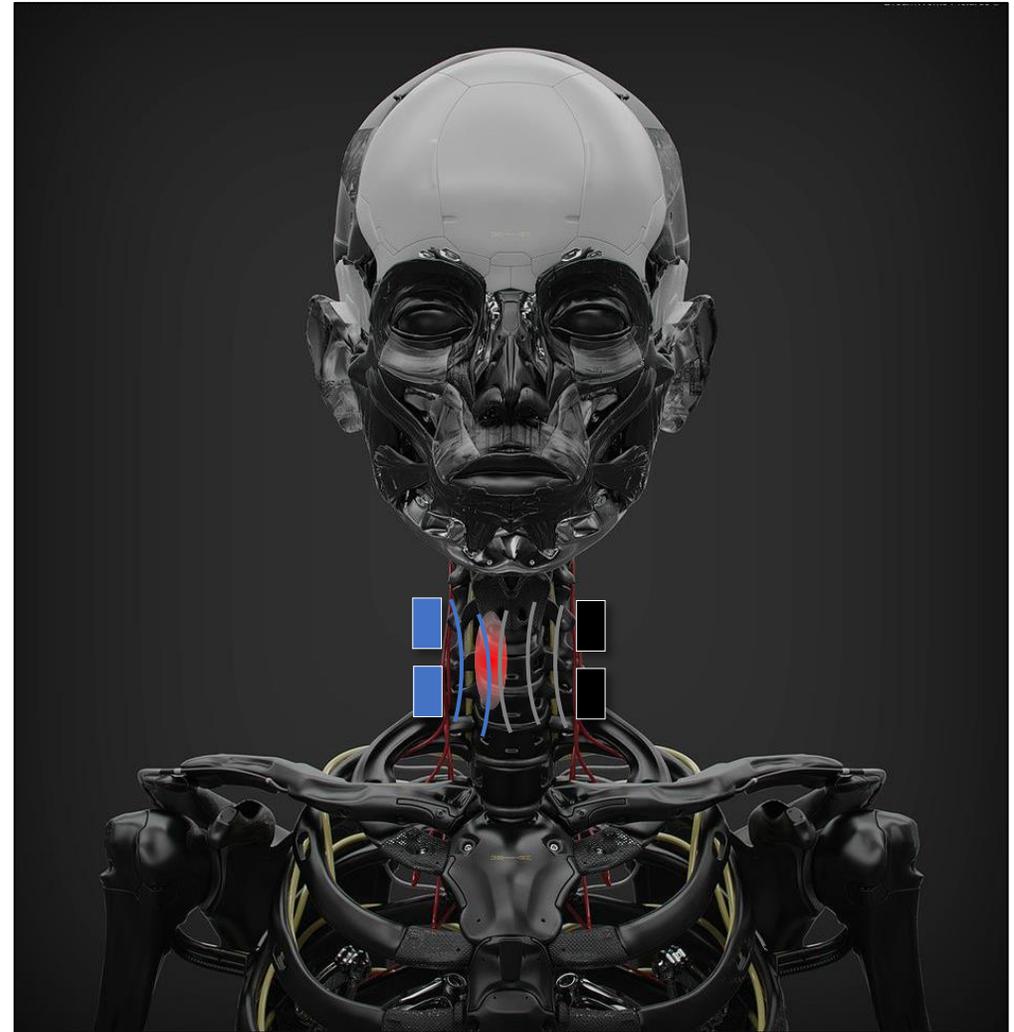
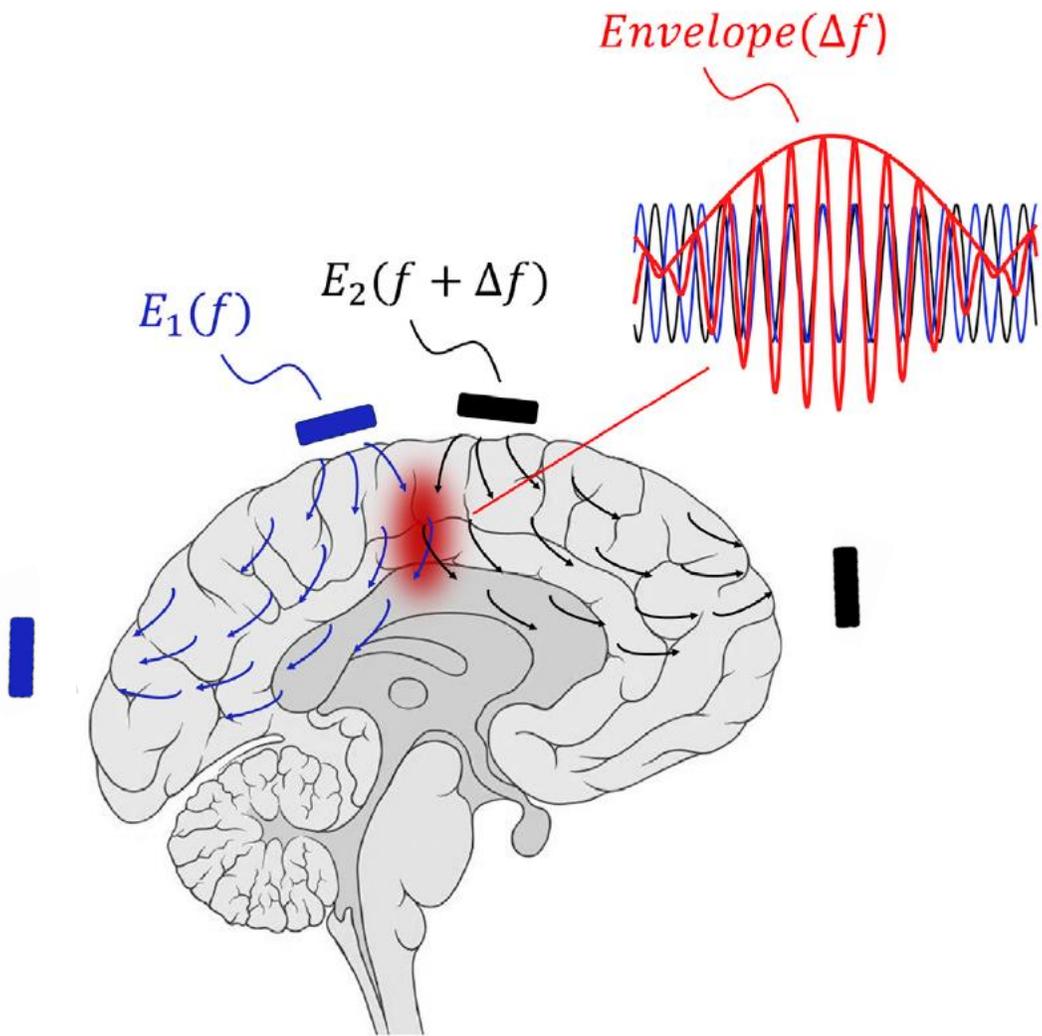
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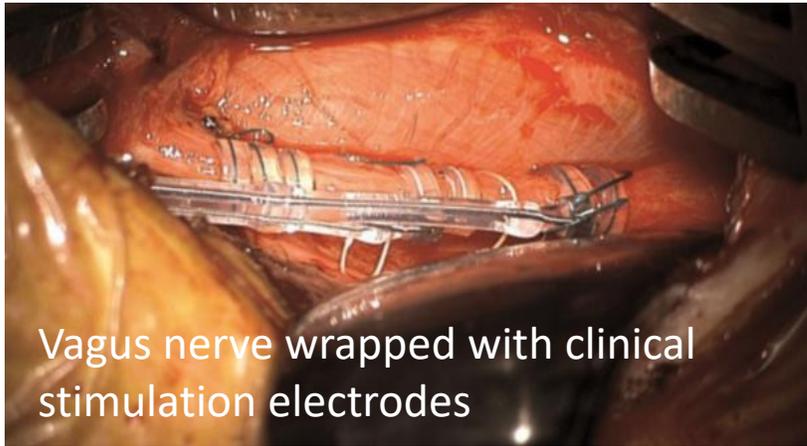




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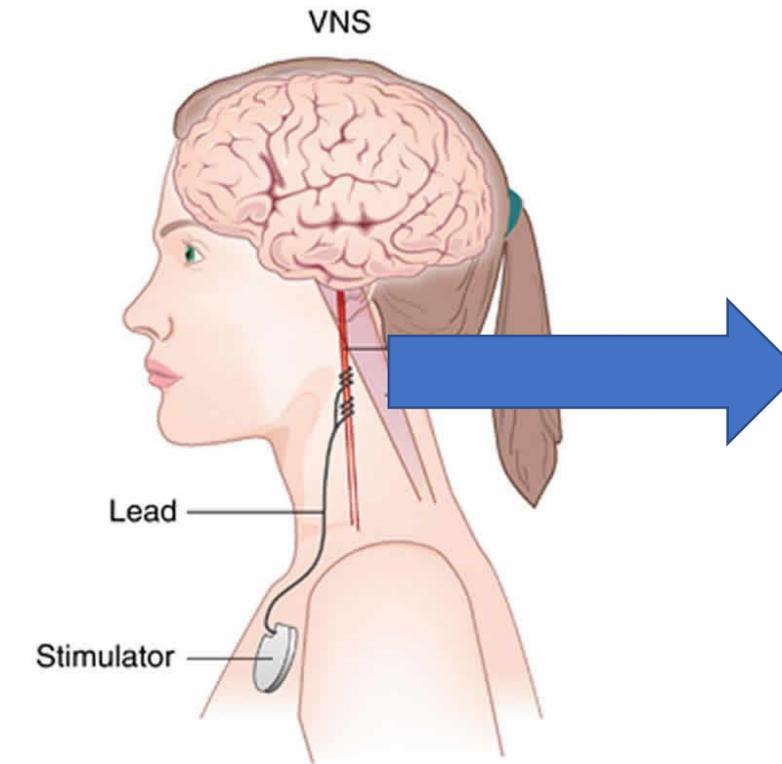
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# Clinical Temporal Interference



Vagus nerve wrapped with clinical stimulation electrodes

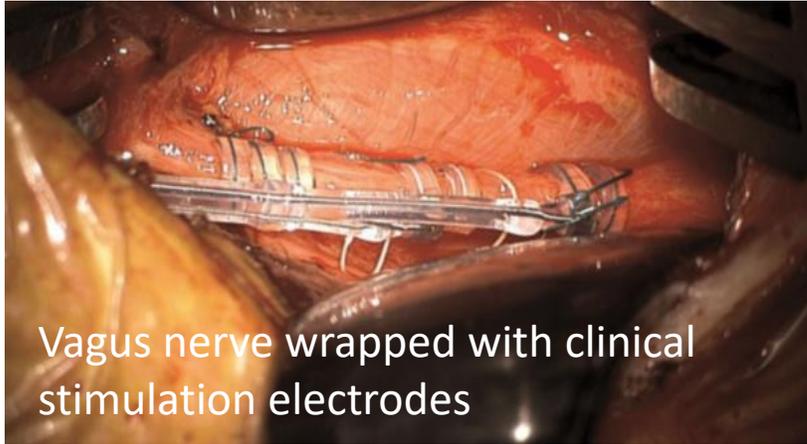
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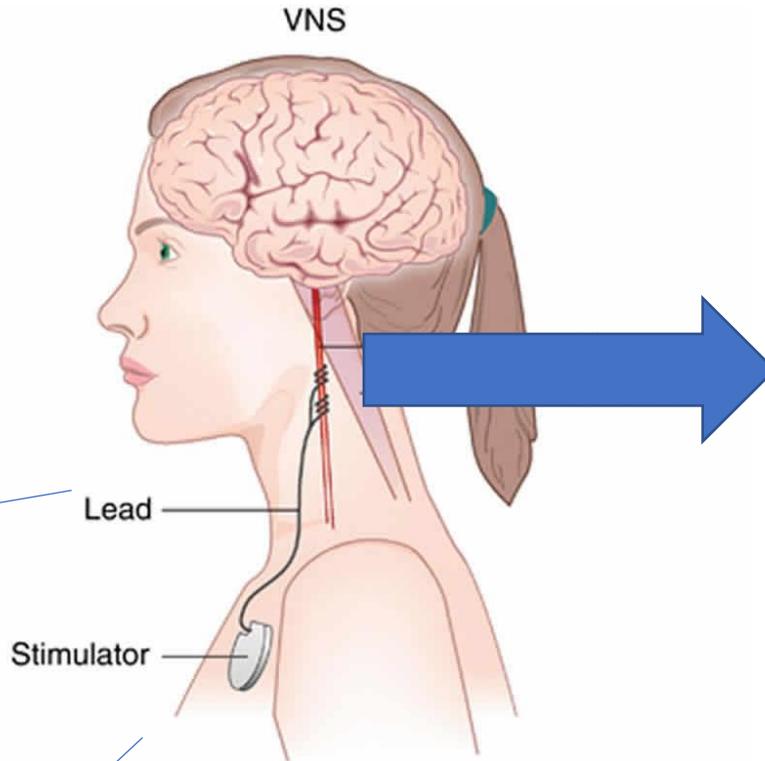
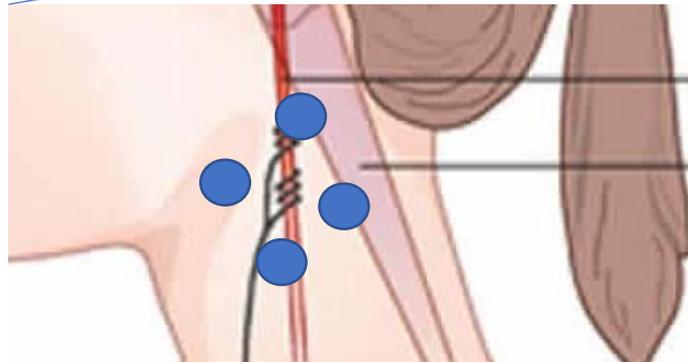
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**implantable stimulator**

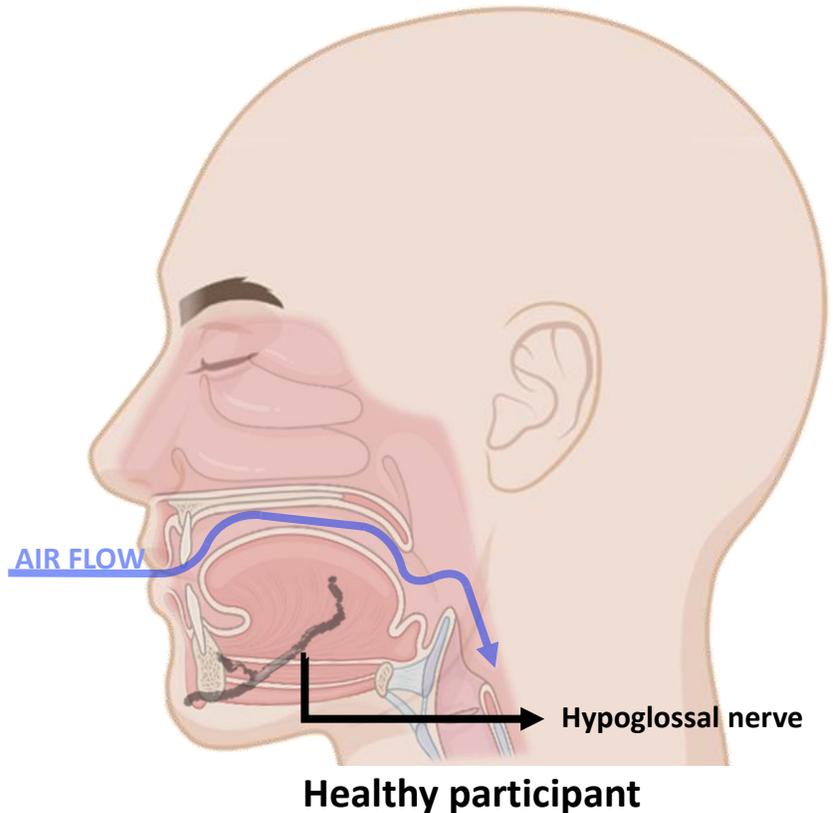
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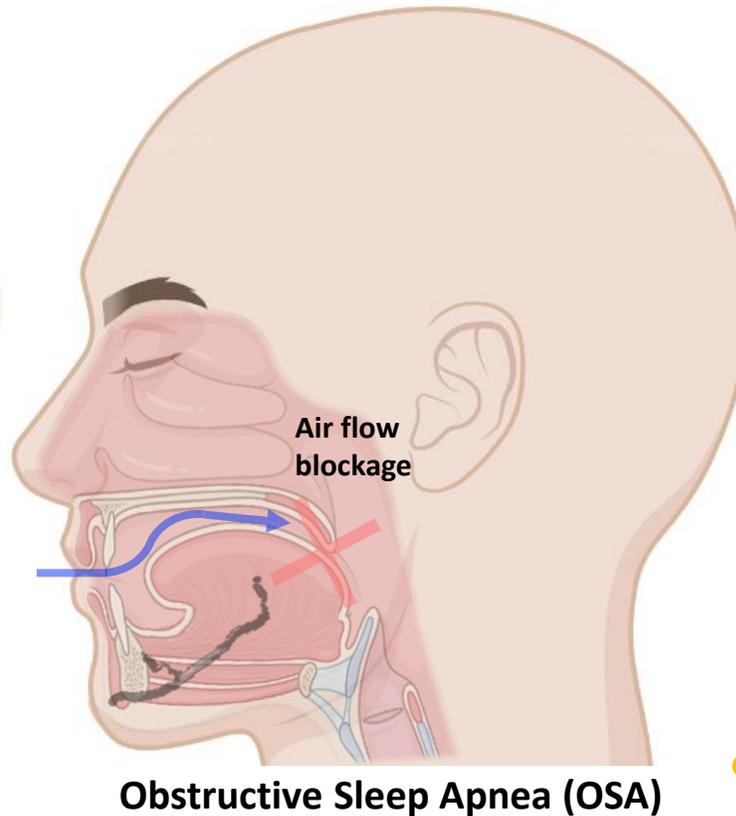
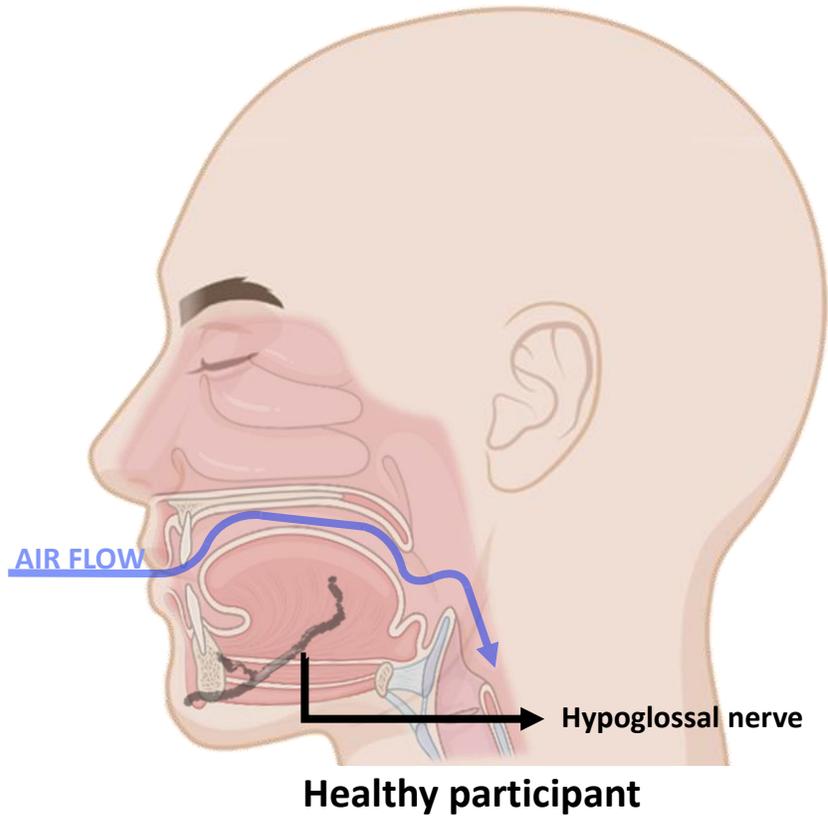
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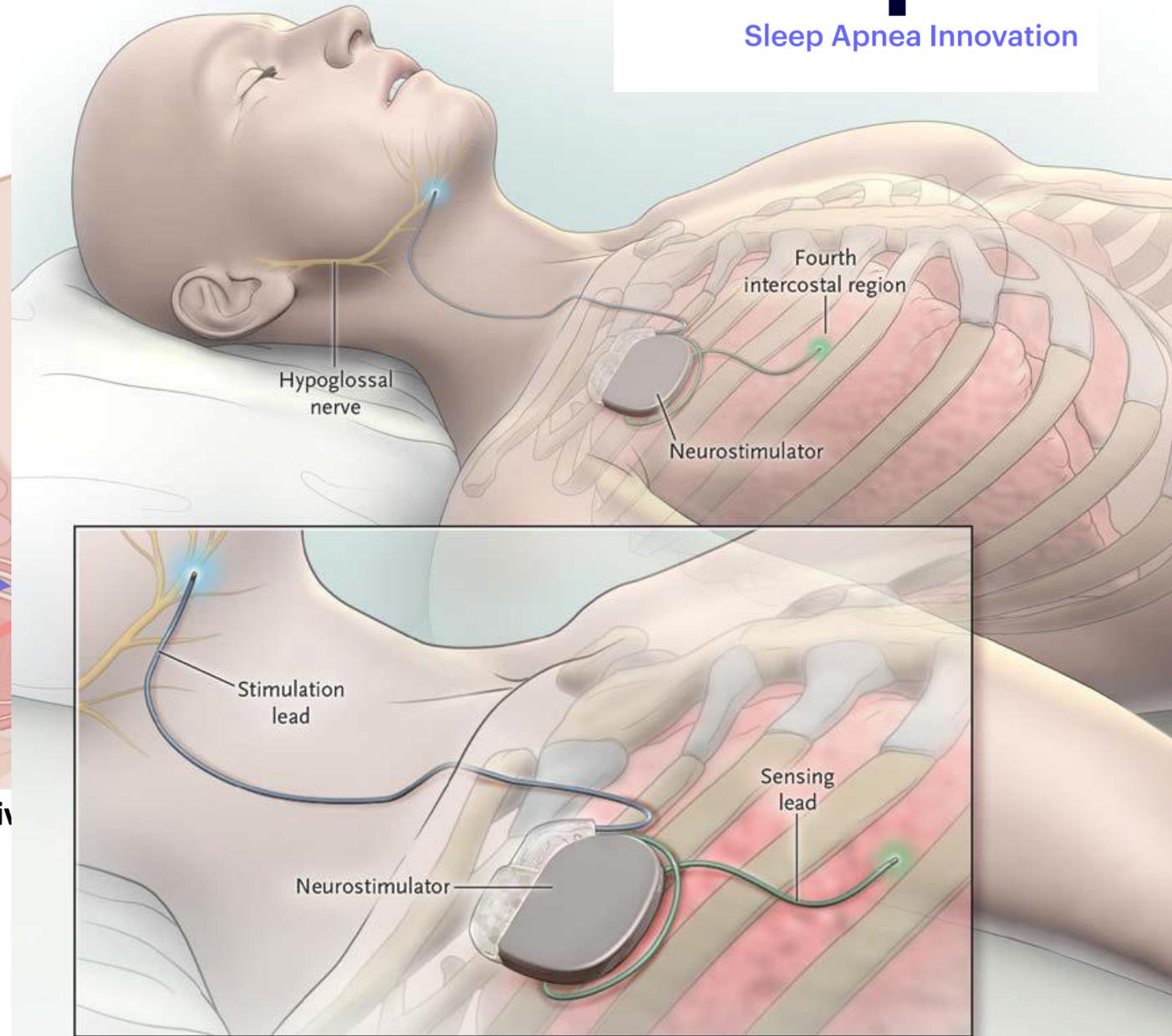
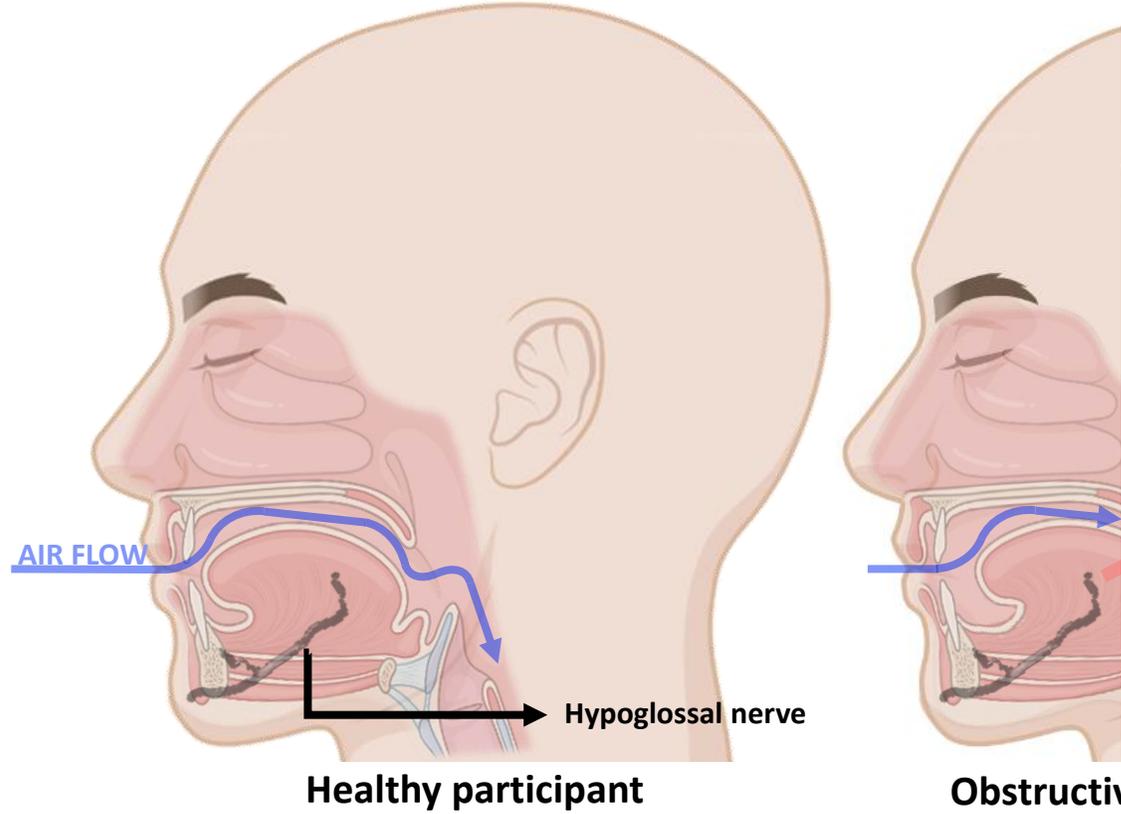
- **Normal airflow** with **no** pathological **obstruction** due to tongue collapse
- Hypoglossal nerve is responsible for tongue tonus



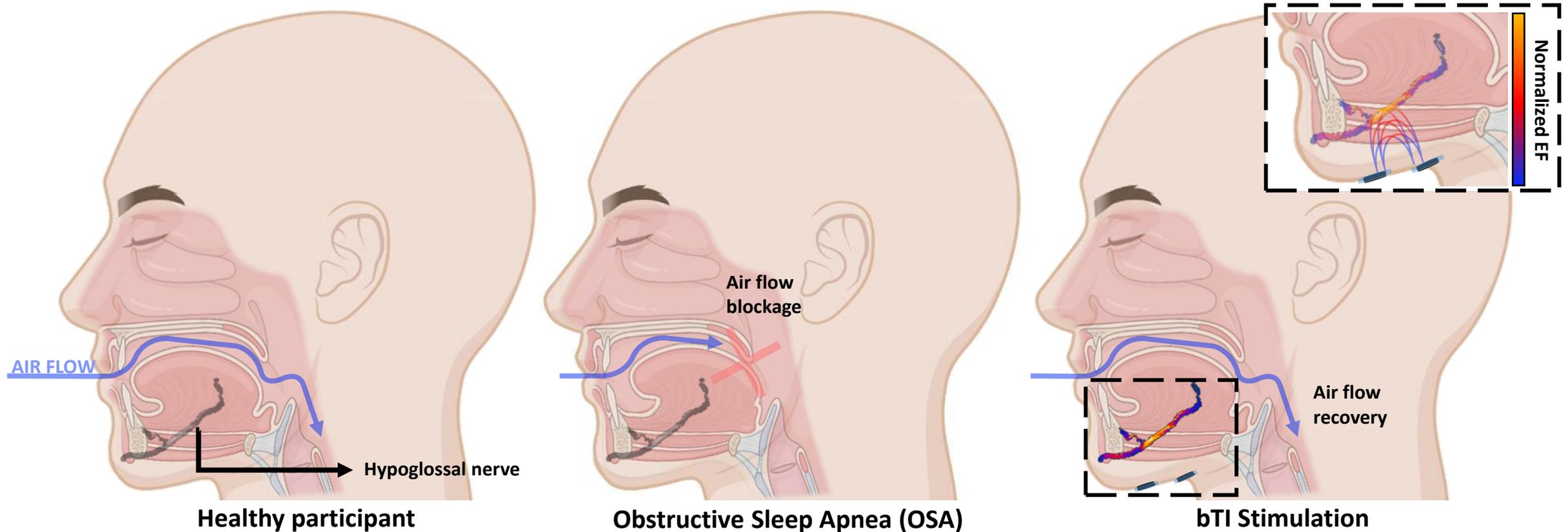
- For the **1 Billion people** with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), CPAP is the standard of care



Loud, Uncomfortable,  
Infection Risk,  
Massive Recalls,  
Poor Compliance

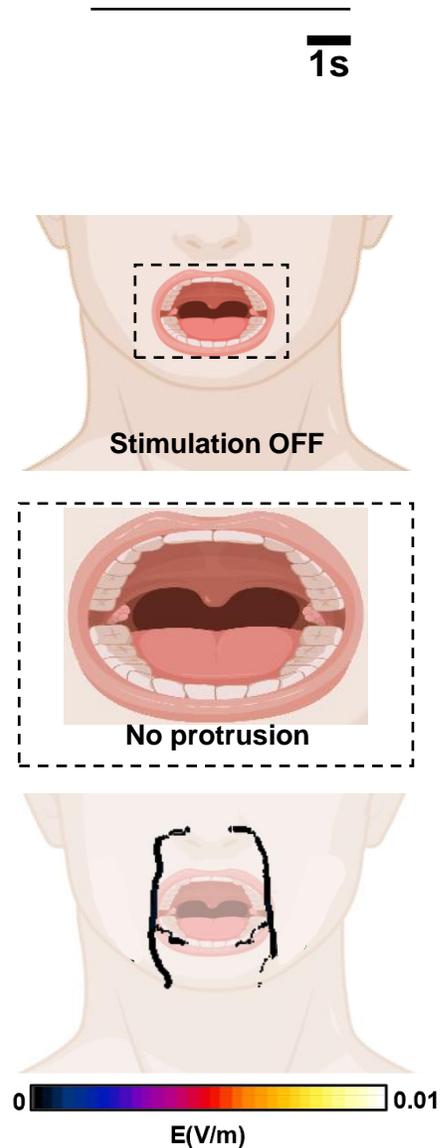


- **Hypoglossal nerve stimulation** is the standard surgical treatment for OSA

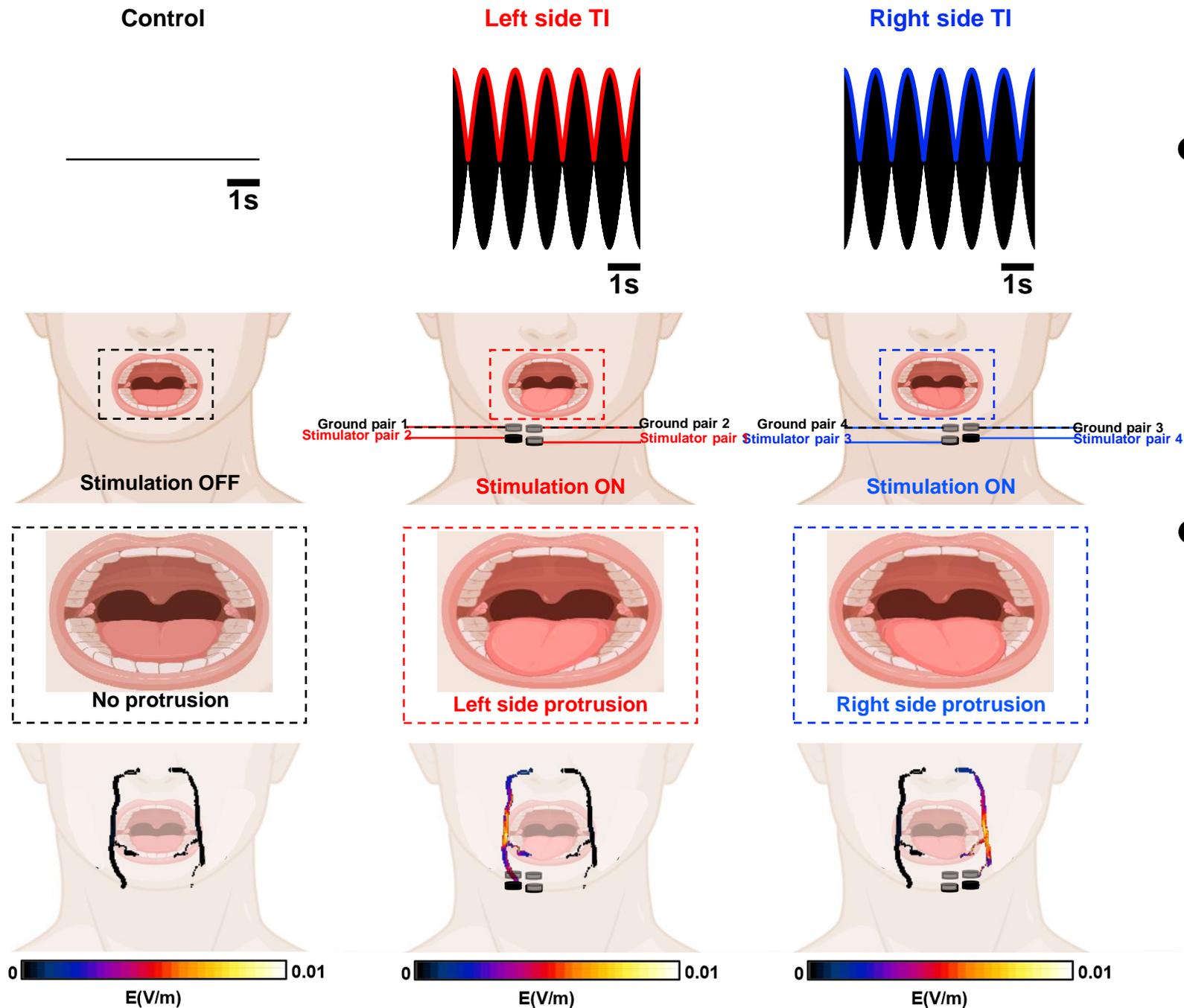


- Non-invasive stimulation is challenging but would avoid surgical procedure and tongue collapse during the night for OSA patients

## Control



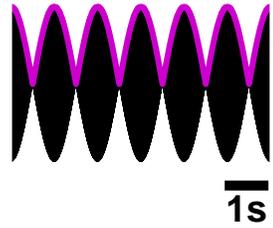
- With **no stimulation**, **no tongue tonus** and protrusion will be induced
- During an OSA event, the direct stimulation of the hypoglossal nerve will prevent tongue collapse



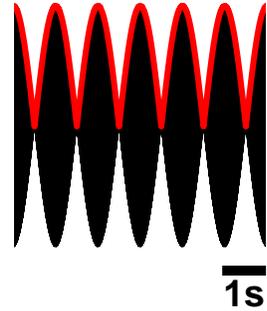
- **Unilateral** nerve stimulation only induces a **partial lateral** tongue protrusion

- The stimulation amplitude needed to induce a tongue tonus with unilateral TI is high and induce tingling on the skin

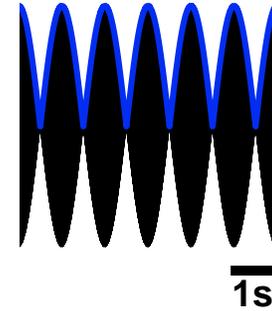
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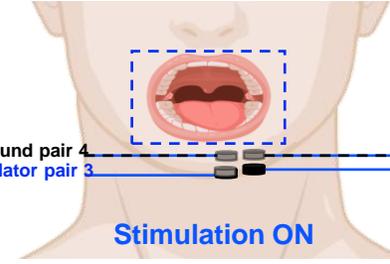
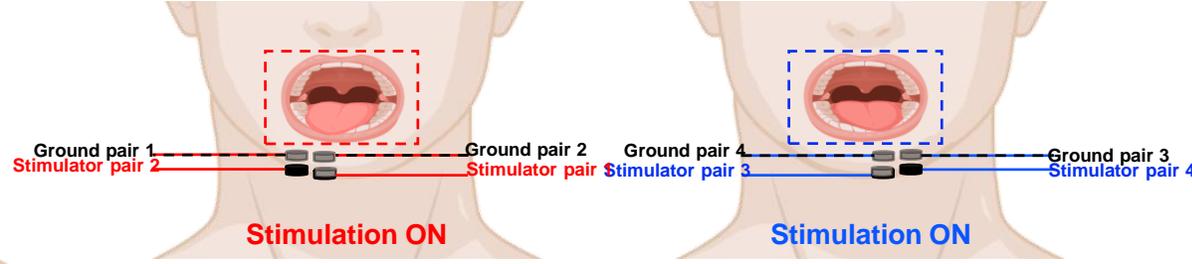
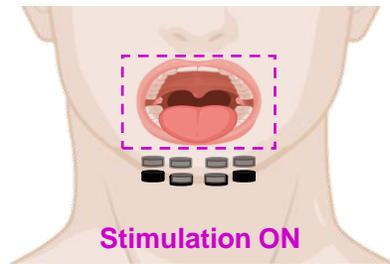
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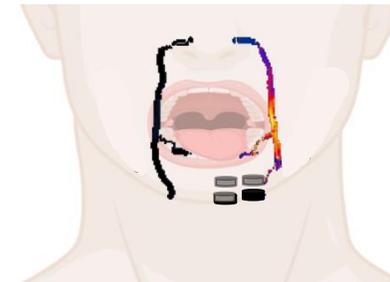
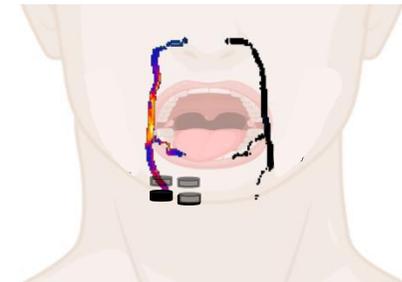
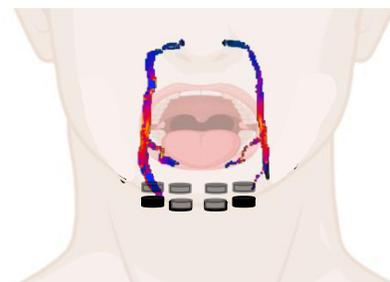
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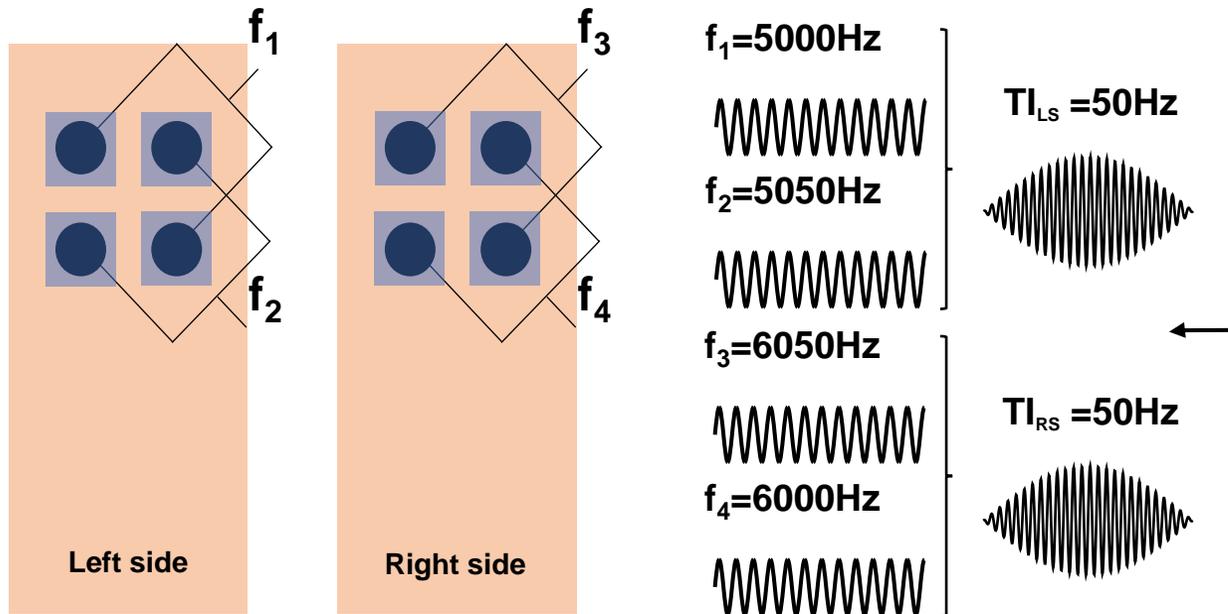
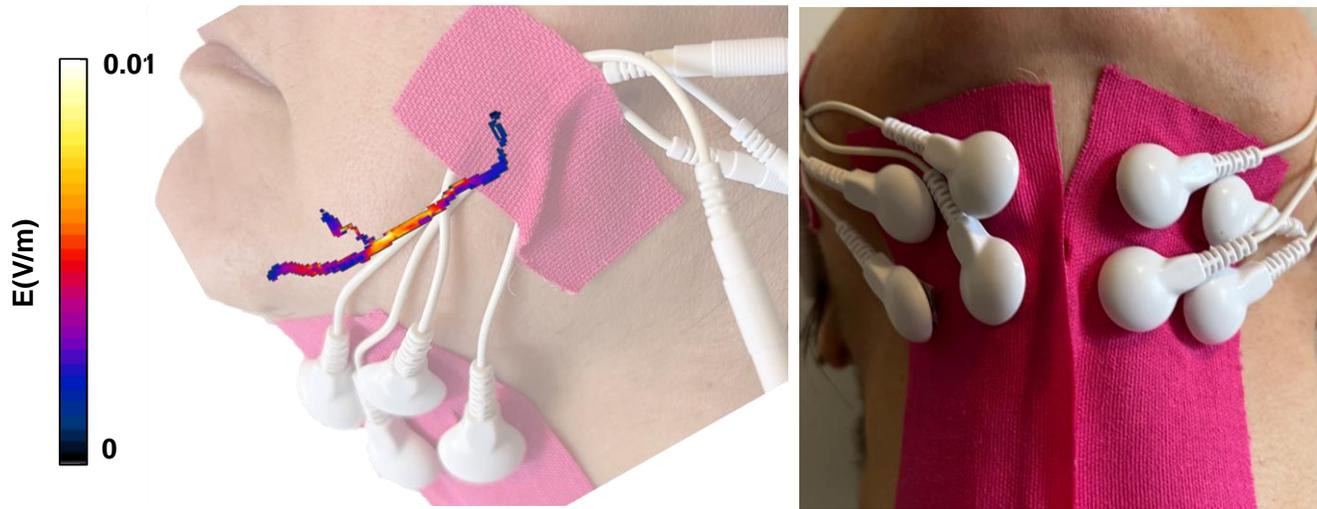


- **Bilateral** nerve stimulation induces a **complete central** tongue protrusion



- **Diminution** of stimulation **amplitude** of about **40%**, reducing tingling sensation for a **same stimulation output**

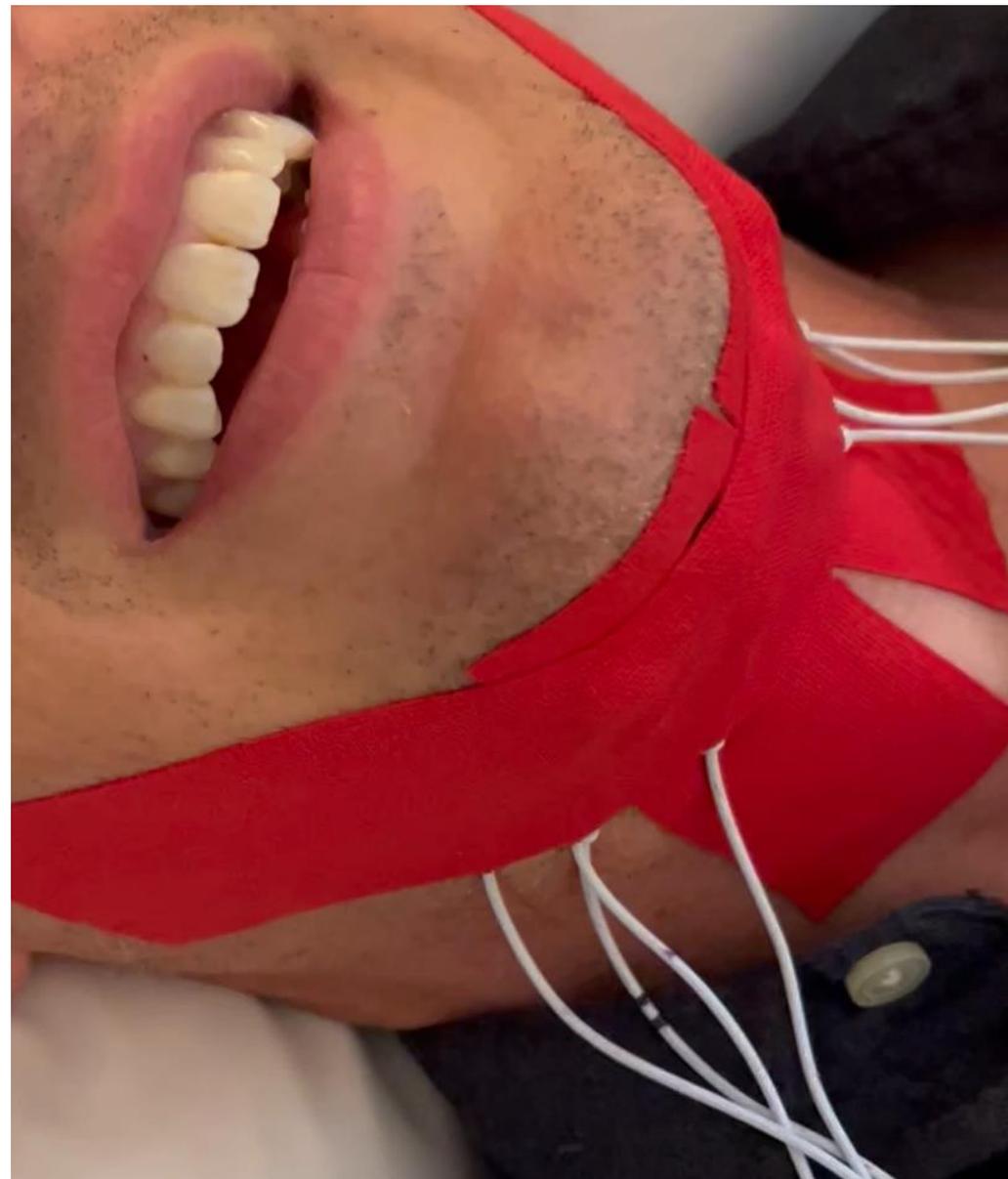
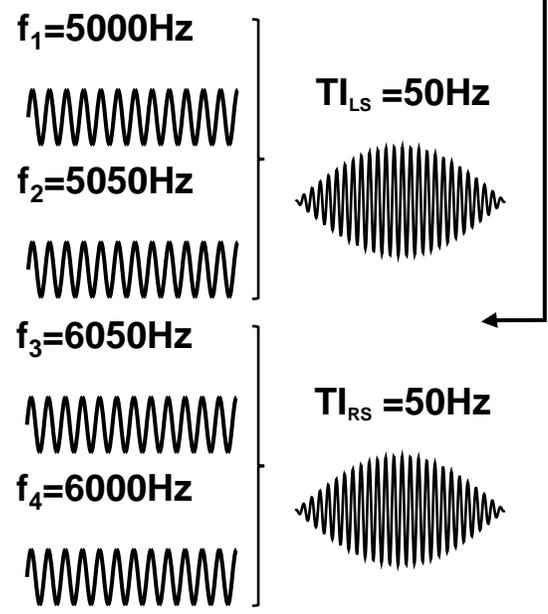
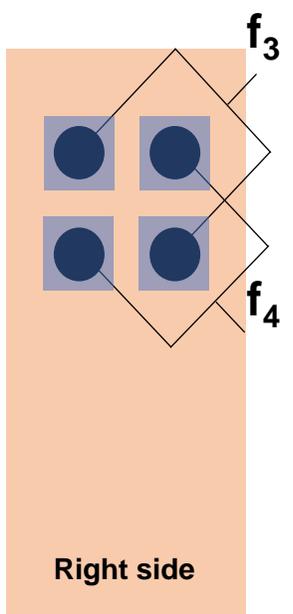
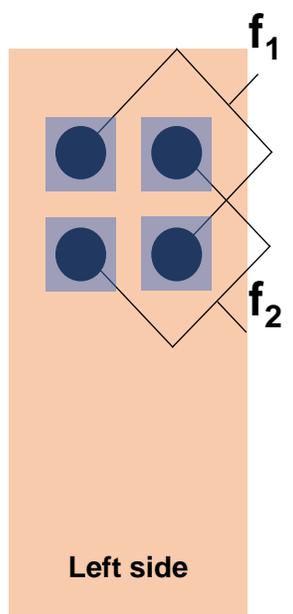
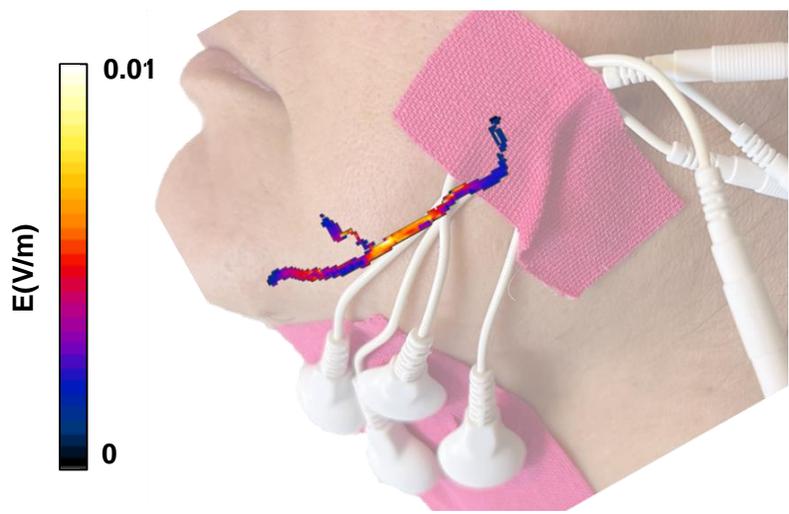




- **Crossed TI design** for optimal hypoglossal nerve targeting

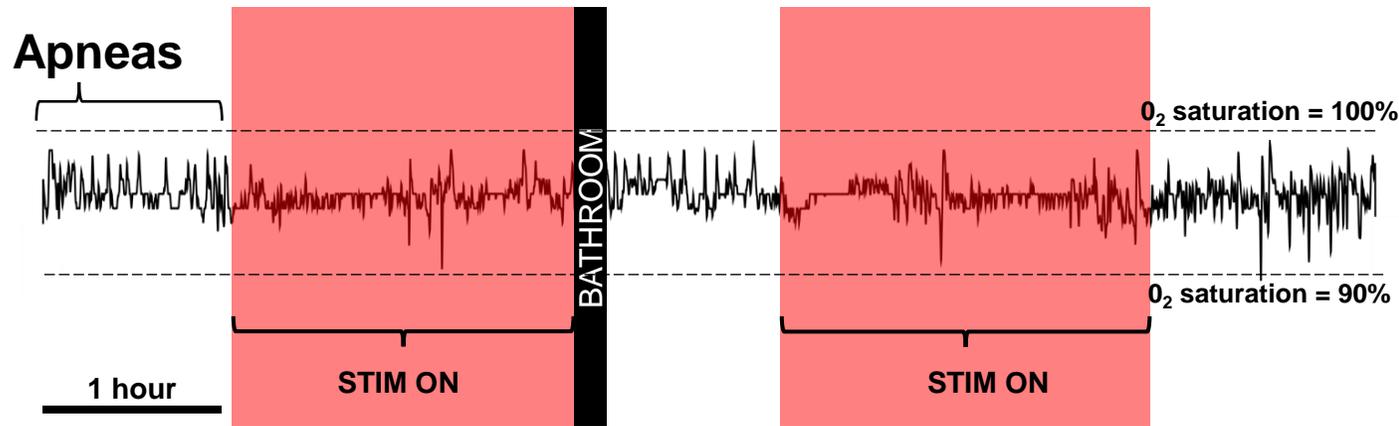
- **High-frequency carriers** to **reduce tingling sensation** on the skin when applying the bTI stimulation

- **Bilateral TI** with both hypoglossal nerve stimulation at  $\Delta f = 50\text{Hz}$

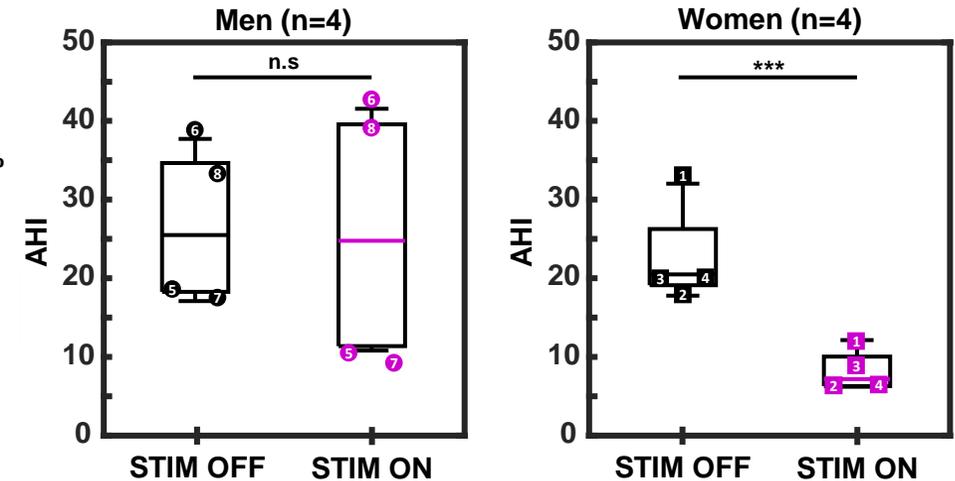


**bTI = 50Hz, 0.5s ON / 2s OFF**

- **O<sub>2</sub> saturation** is a direct readout of apneas and hypopneas
- **Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI)** is calculated overnight and a low AHI is correlated with a good sleep

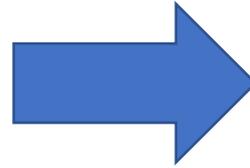


**Overnight polysomnogram**



- **bTI stimulation efficiently decreases** the number of **apneas** during the night and **reduces** overnight **AHI** (~ 60% reduction in women)
- **High sex dependency**, men hypoglossal nerves are more difficult to depolarize using electrical stimulation

- **Device downsizing**



- **FDA designation “Breakthrough Device”**

The Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has received the above submission requesting designation as a Breakthrough Device. The proposed indications for use includes "The treatment of adult patients with a BMI<35 with moderate to severe OSA (AHI 15-50) who fail or do not tolerate PAP/oral appliances.." We are pleased to inform you that your device and proposed indication for use meet the criteria and **have been granted designation as a Breakthrough Device.** Please refer to the FDA guidance document entitled "Breakthrough Devices Program", for more information regarding the program, available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/108135/download>.

We recommend you review the FDA guidance document for the Breakthrough Devices Program referenced above for the available mechanisms for obtaining feedback from the Agency on device development for designated breakthrough devices. When submitting any new requests, please reference Q230334. Any new submission should be provided as an eCopy, it should include the FDA reference number for this submission, and should be submitted to the following address:

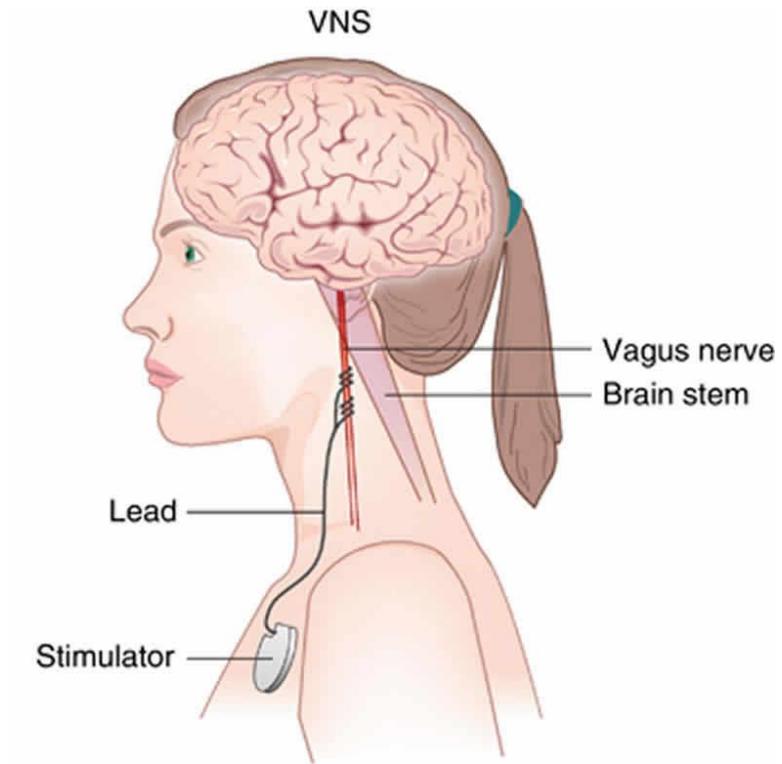
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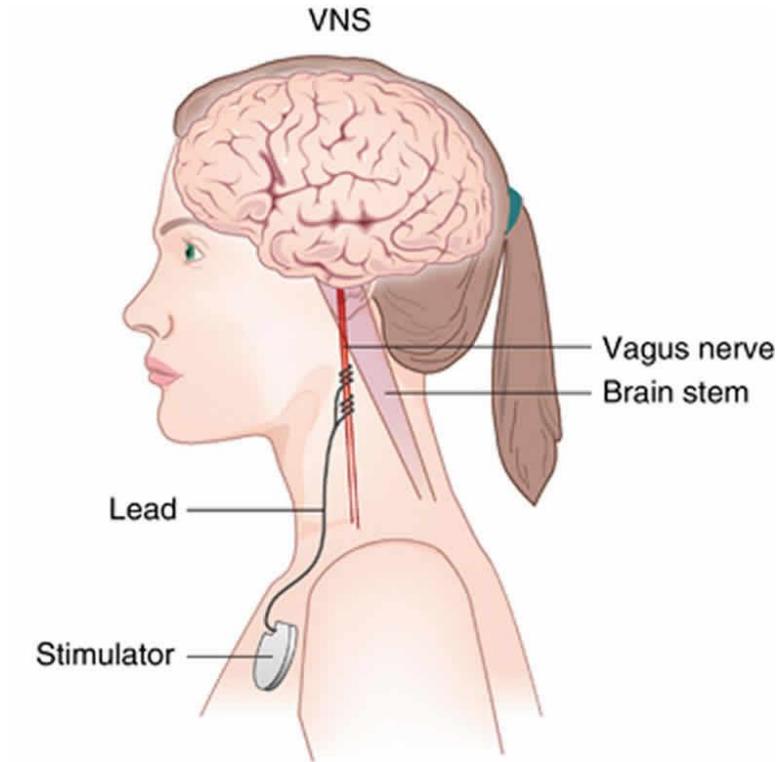
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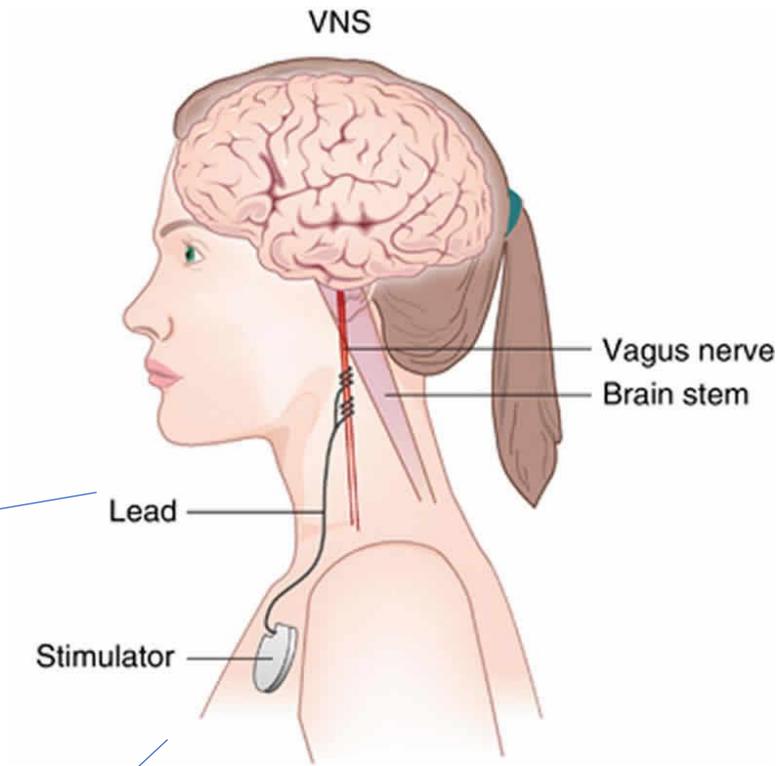
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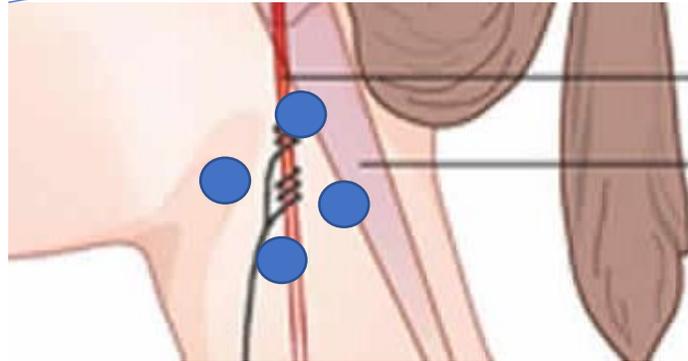
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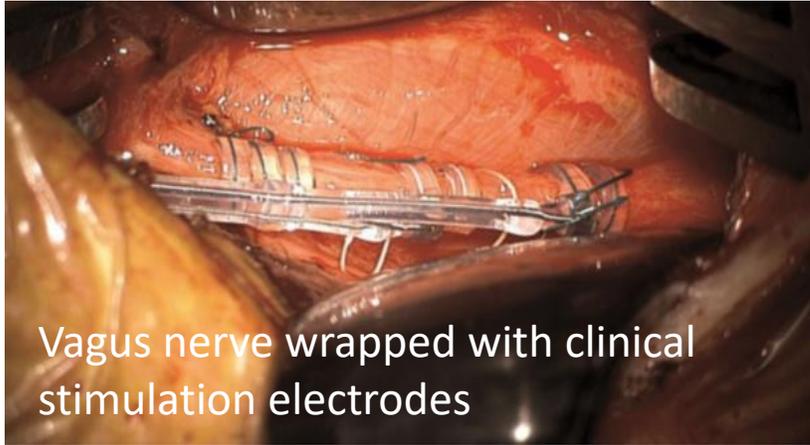
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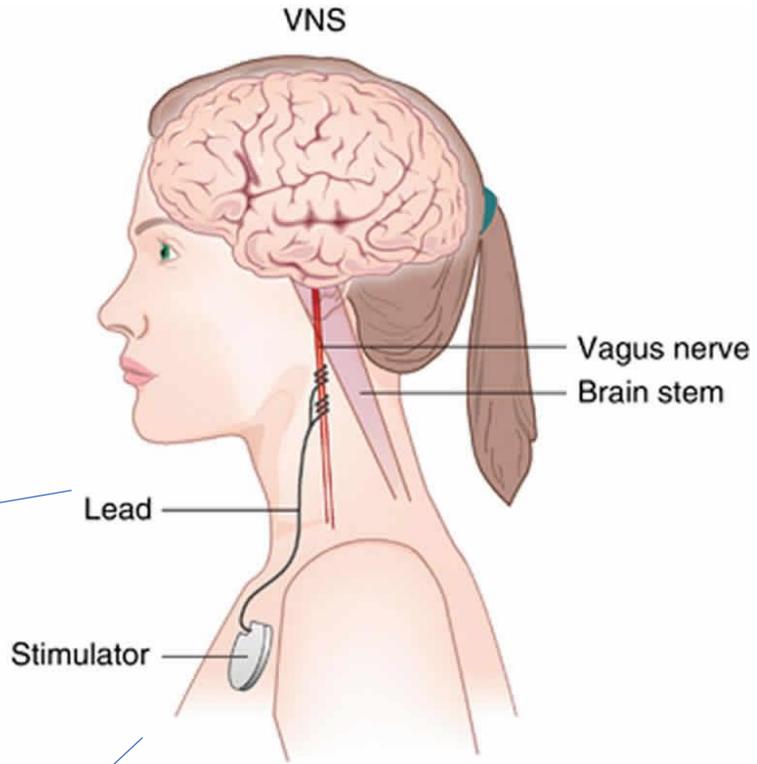
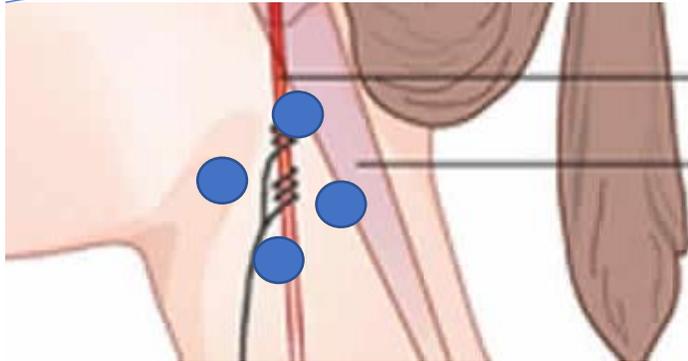
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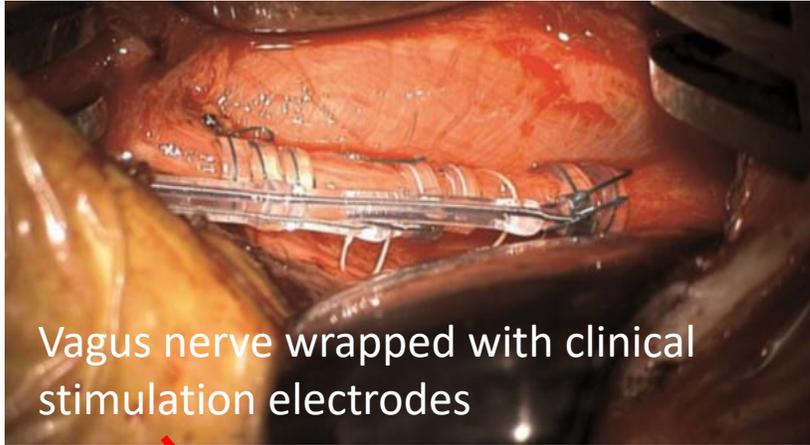
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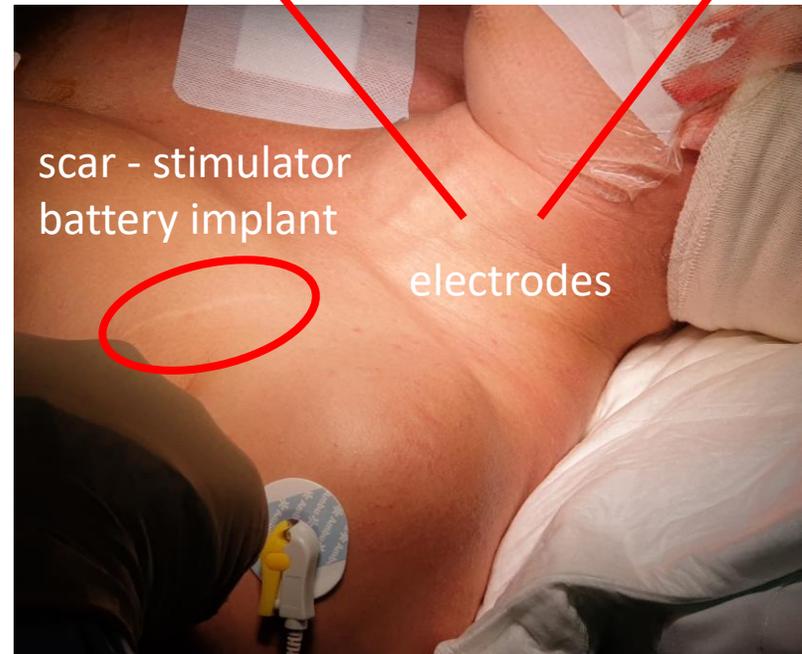


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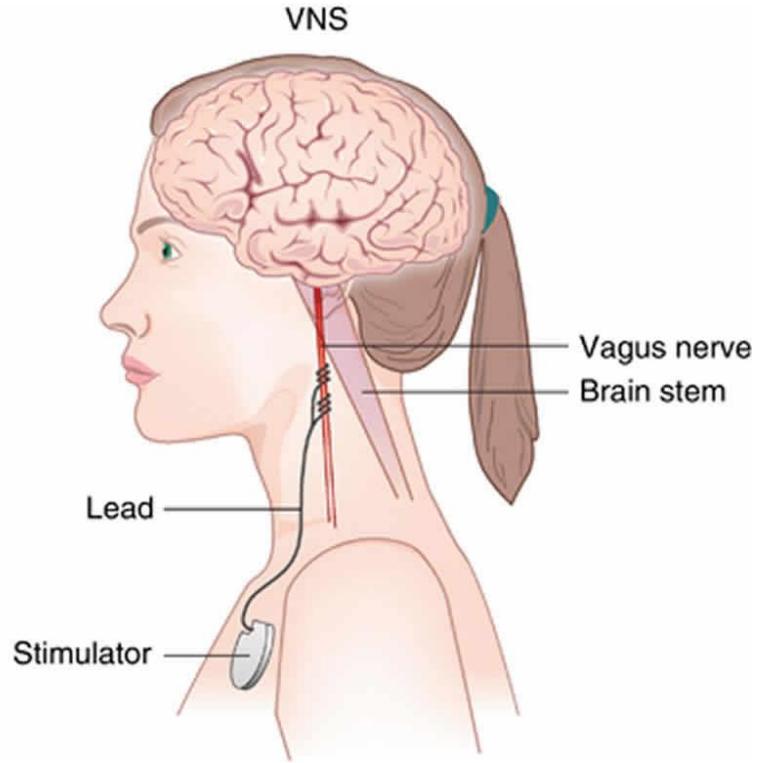
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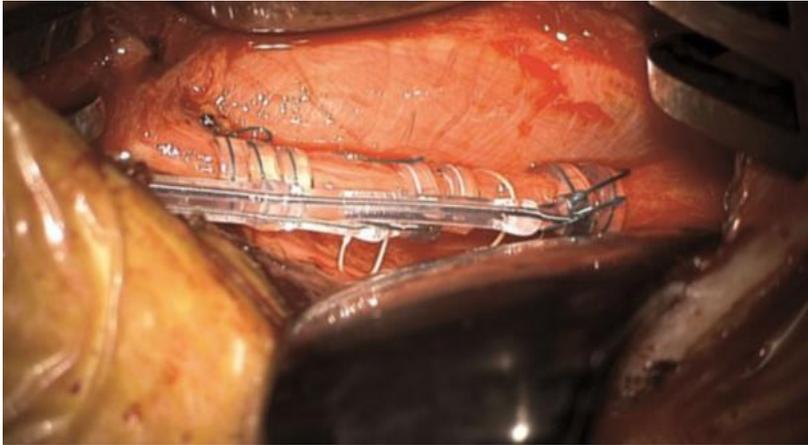


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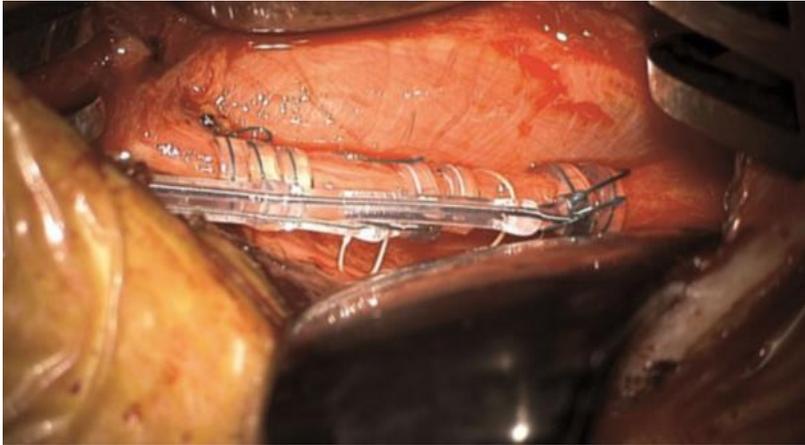


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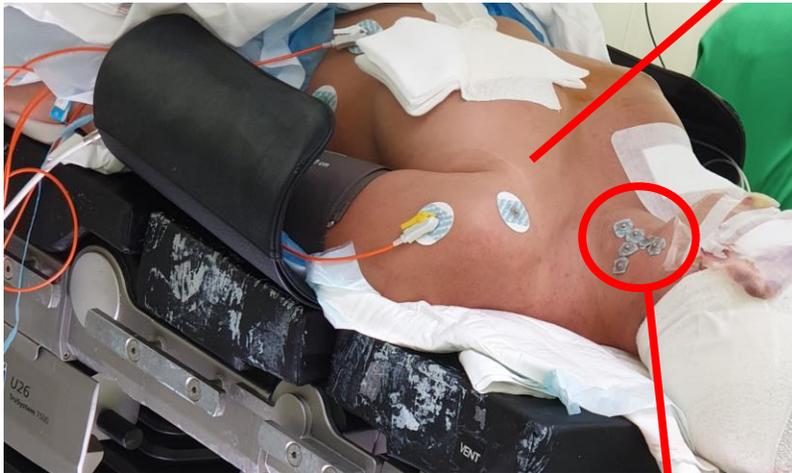
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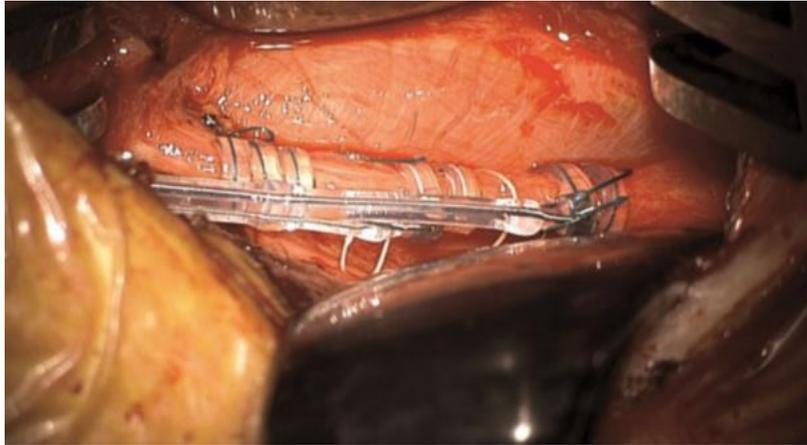
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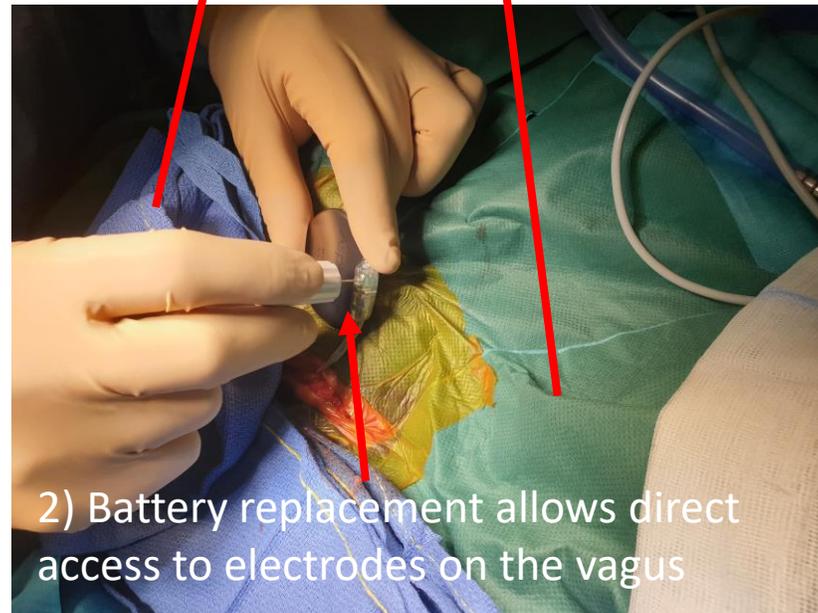


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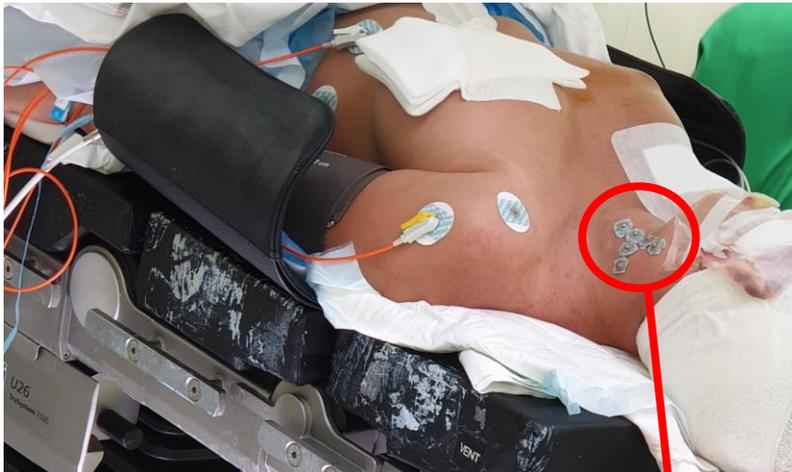
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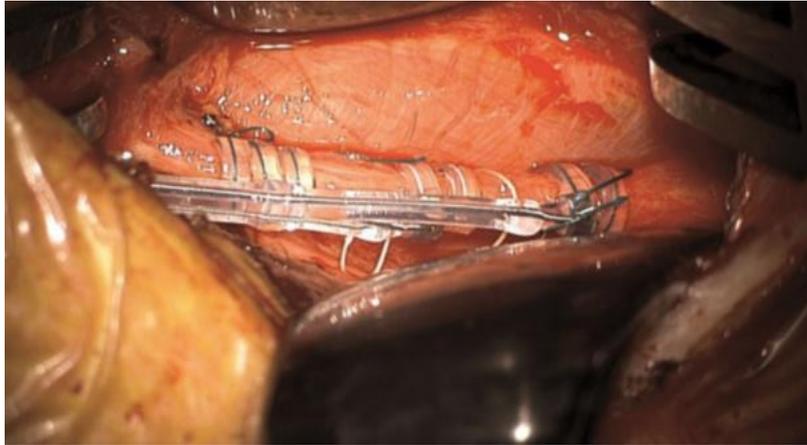
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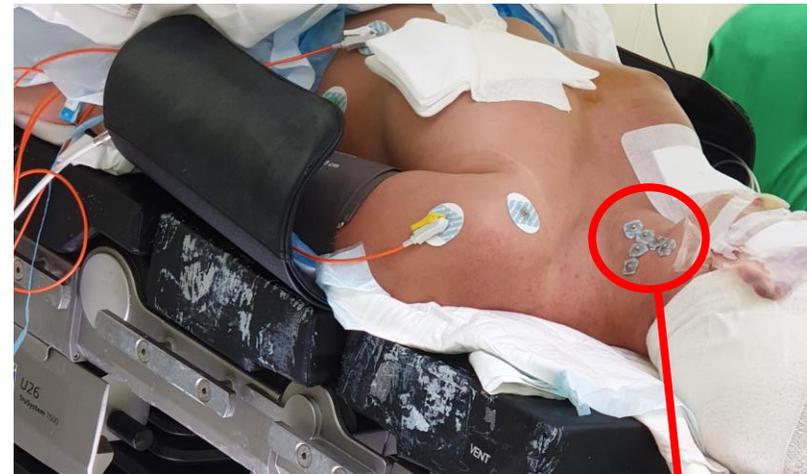
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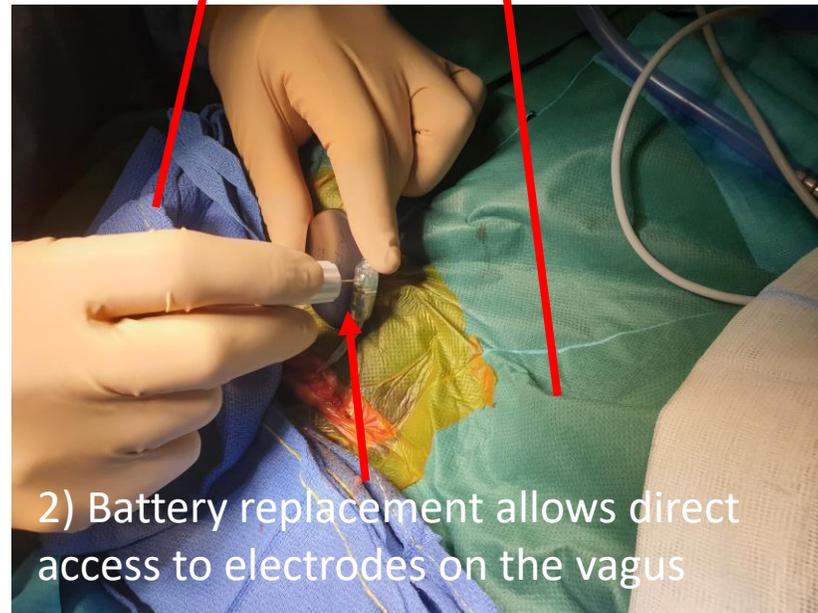


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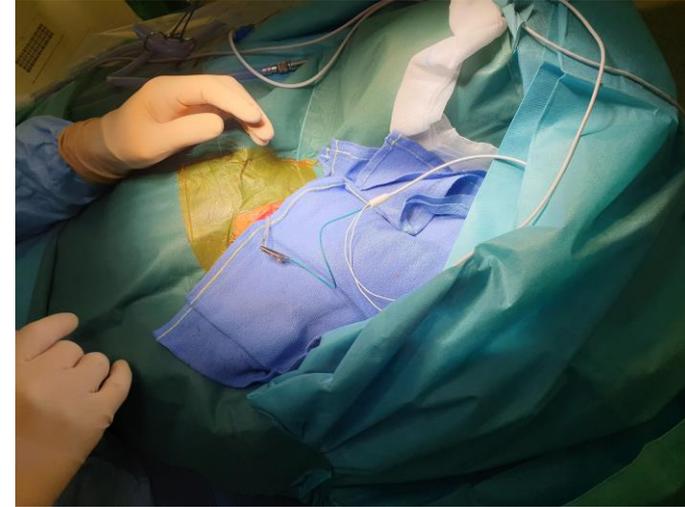


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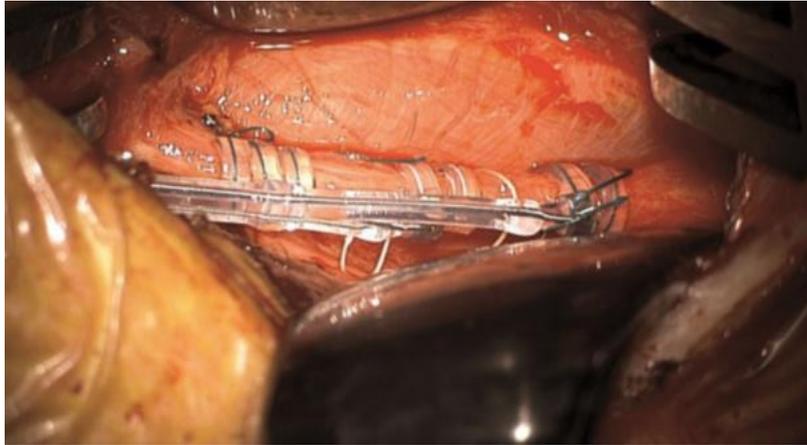


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Connections from electrodes on the skin to our TI and transcutaneous stimulation...

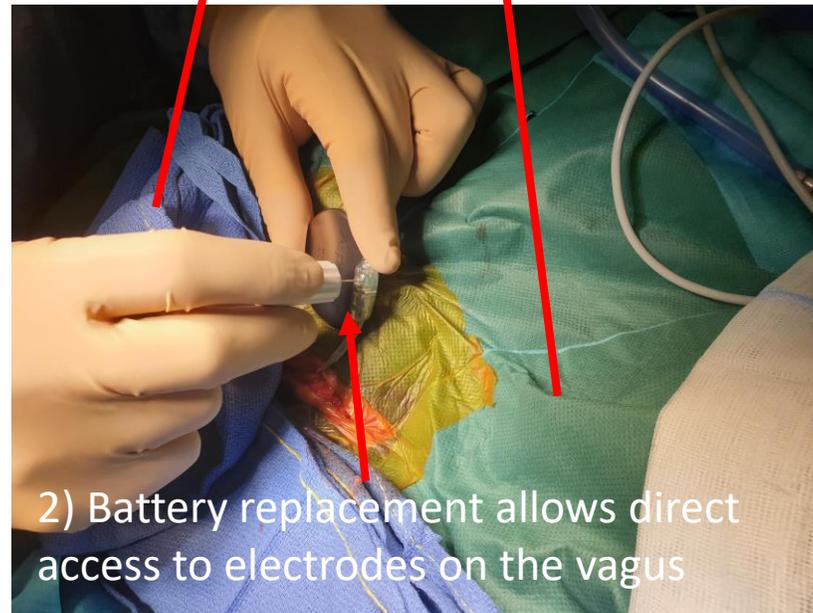


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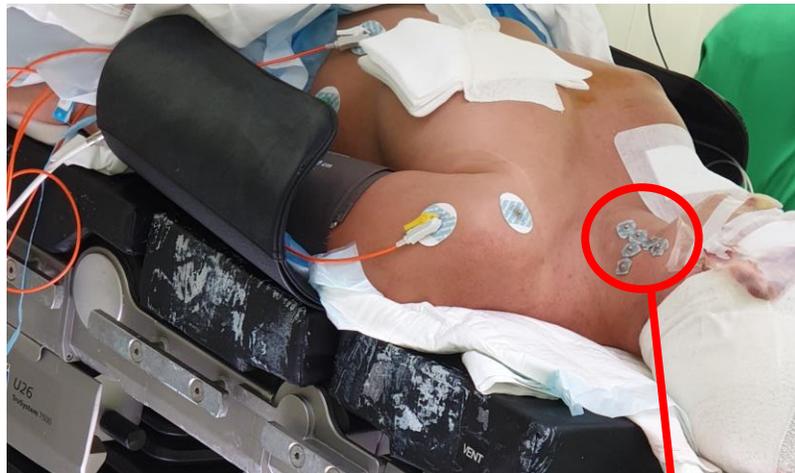
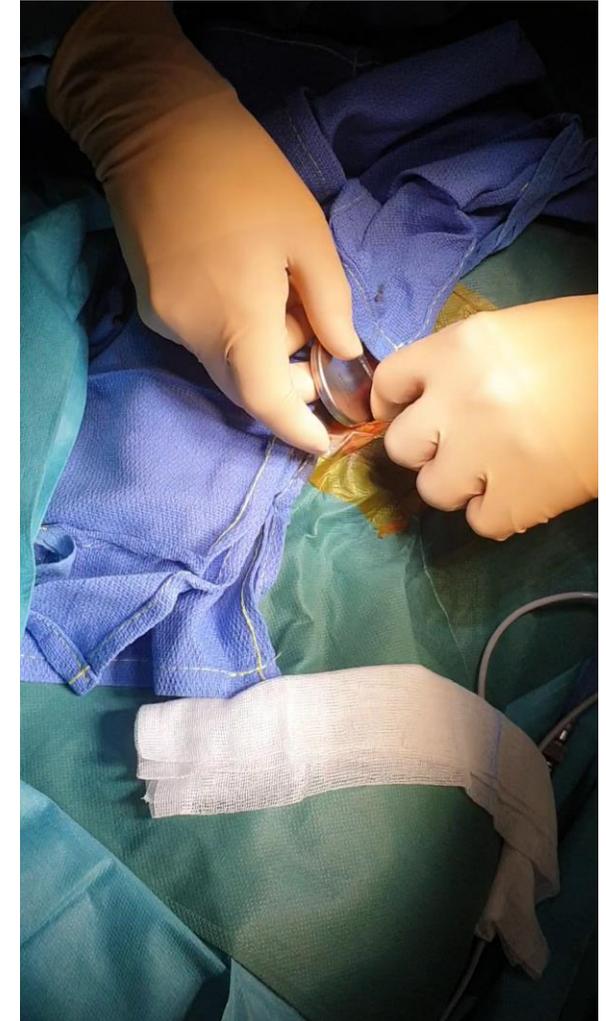


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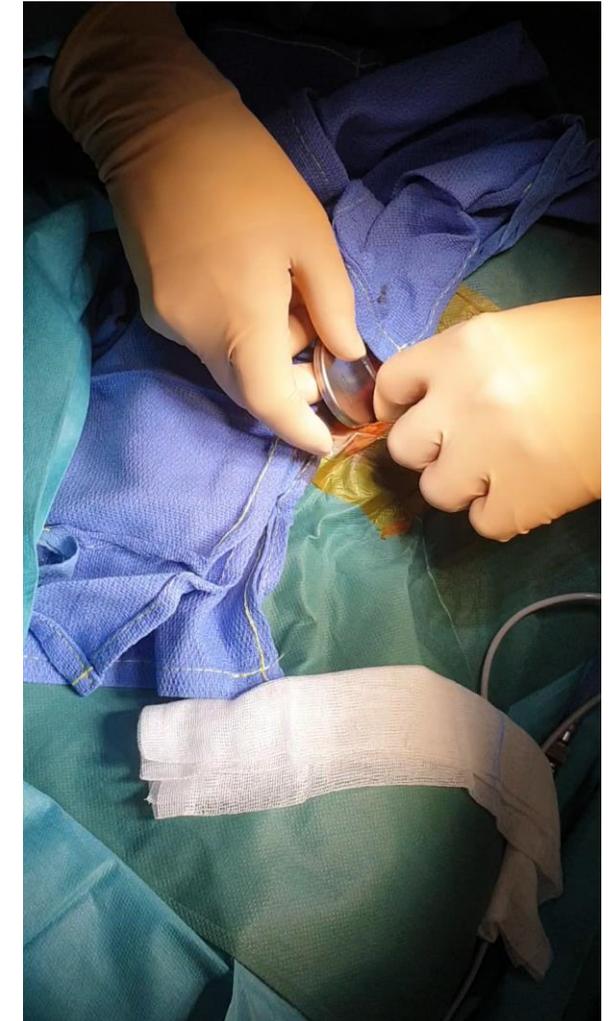
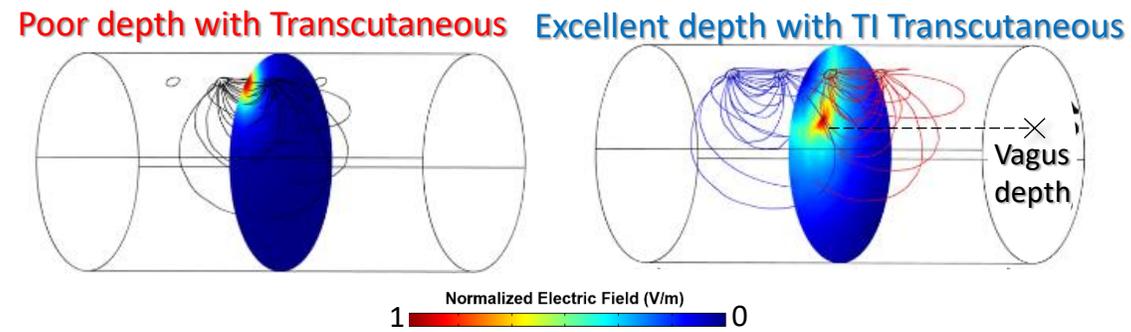
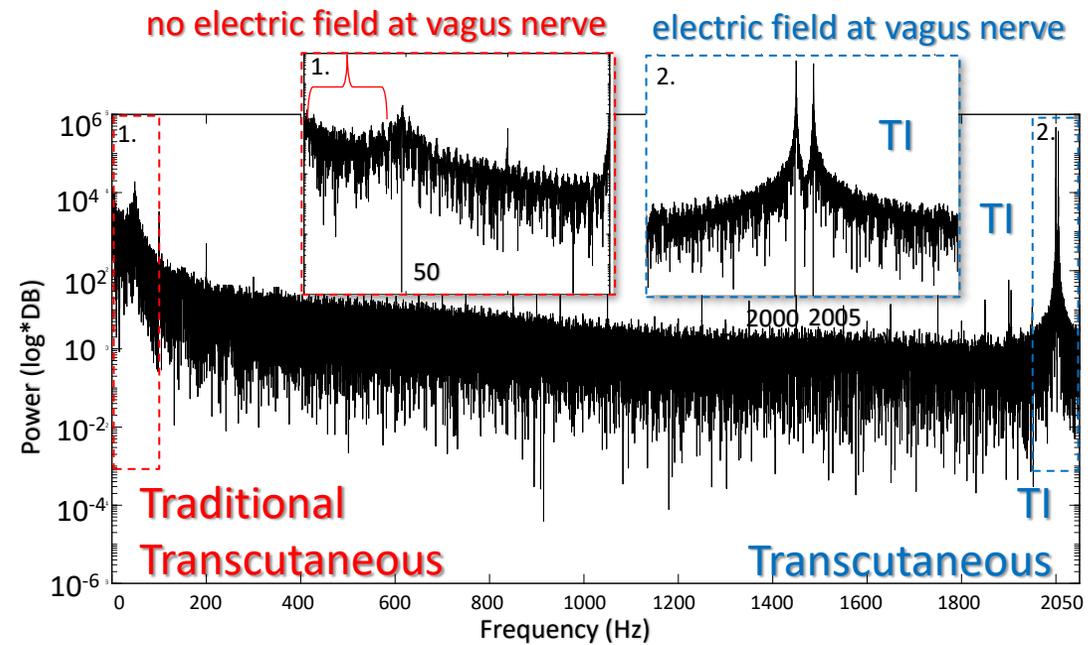
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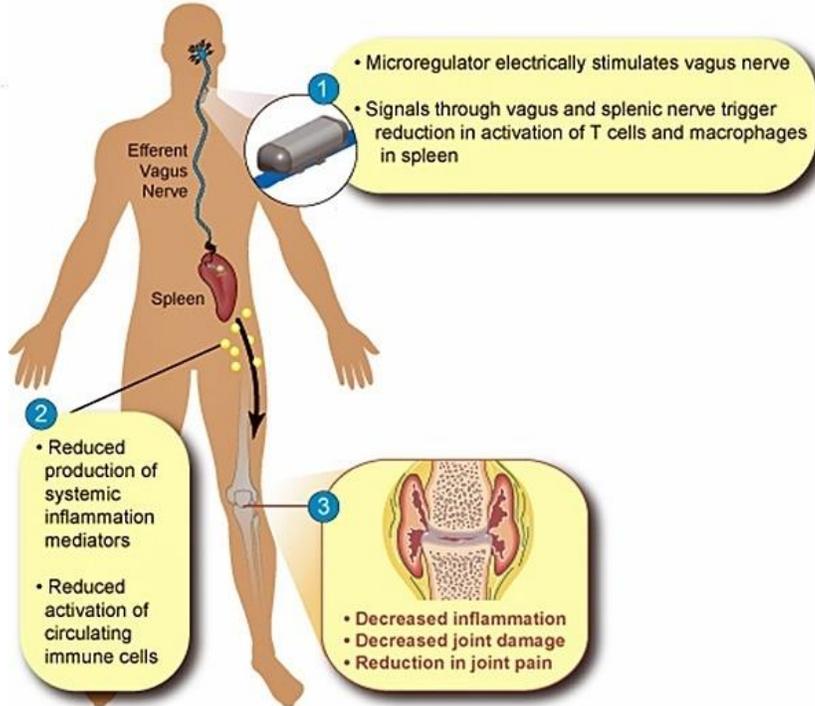
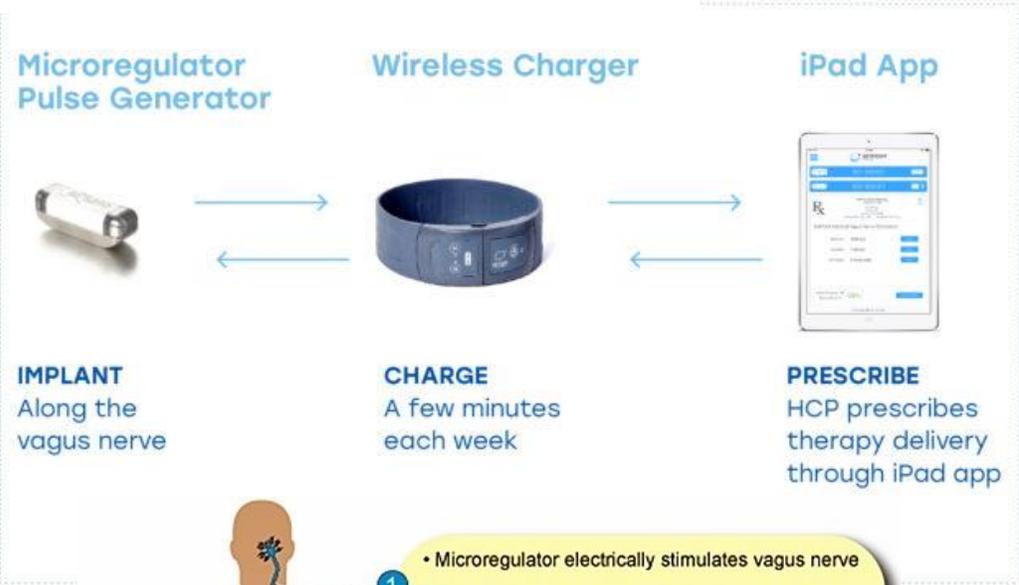
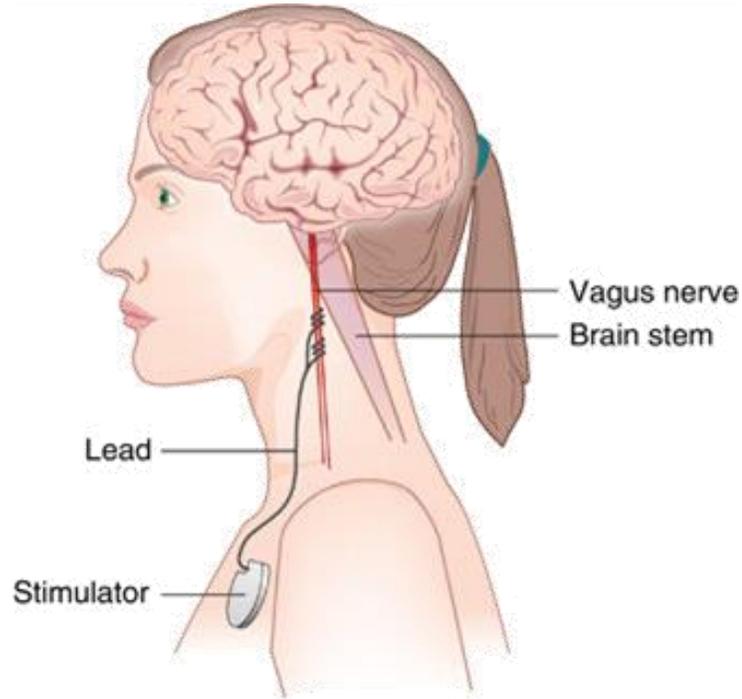


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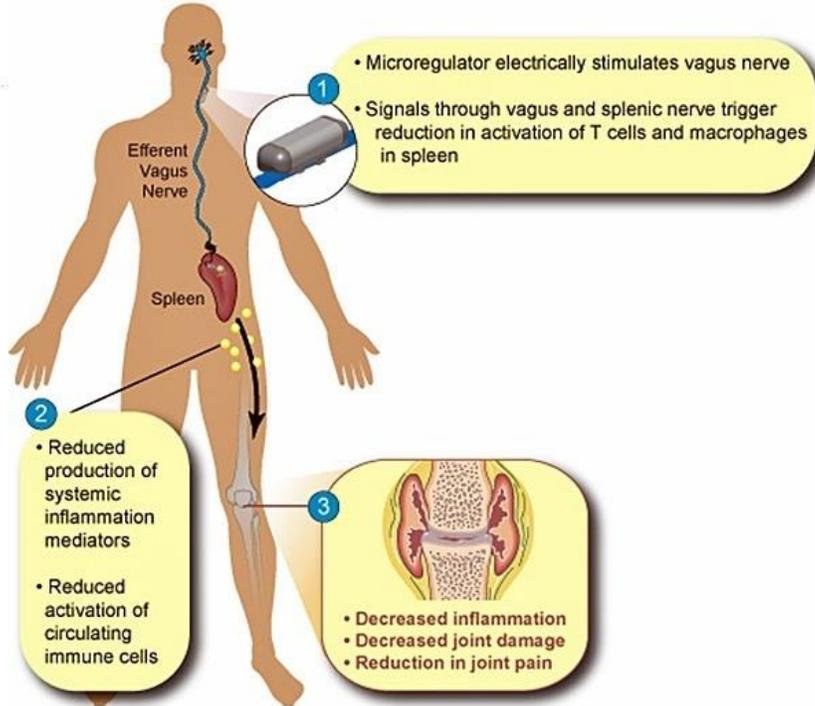
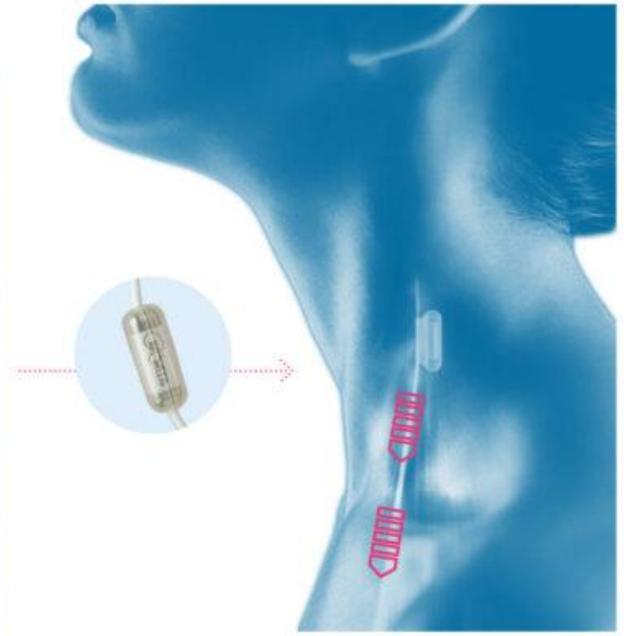
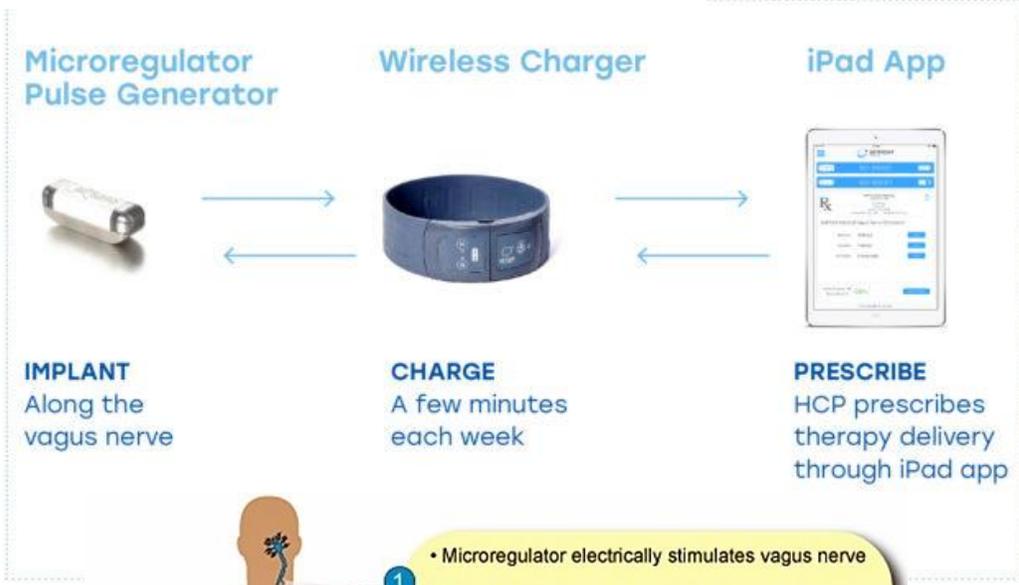
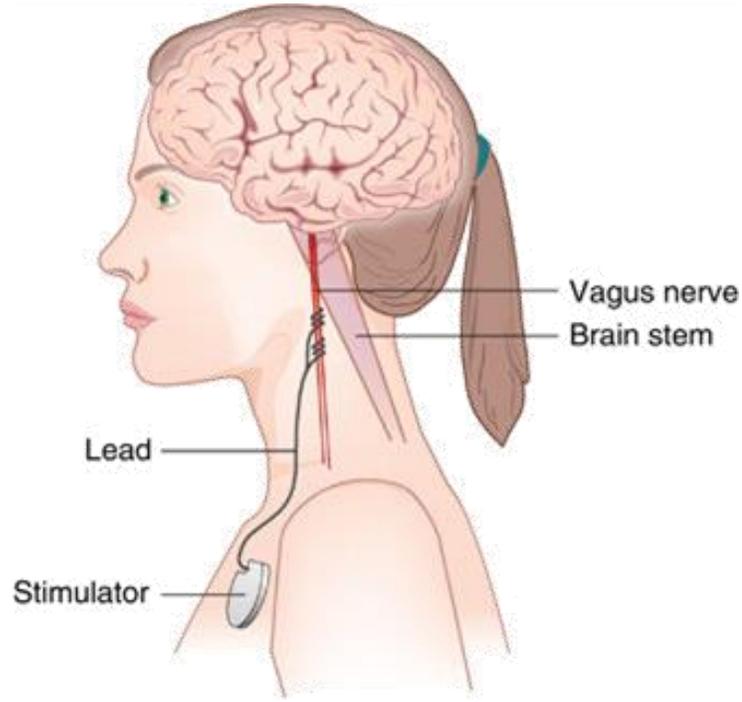
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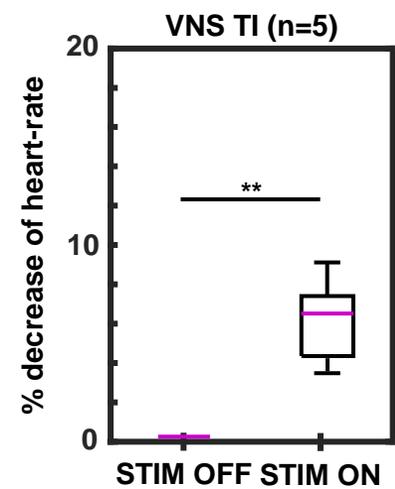
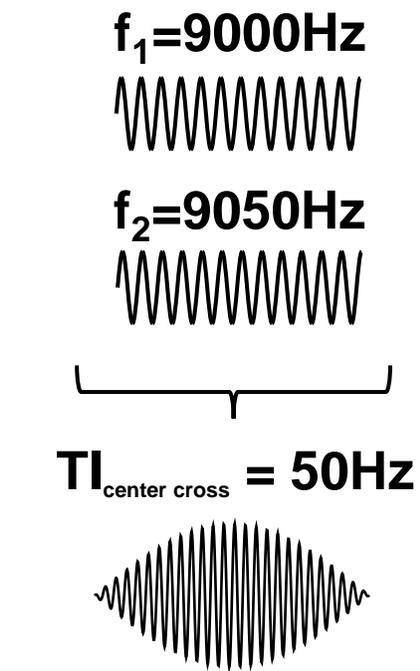
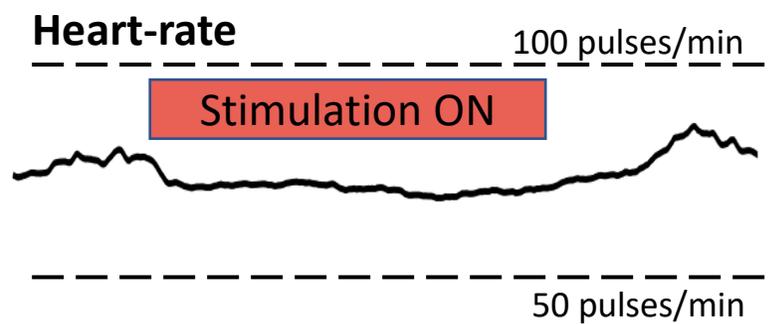
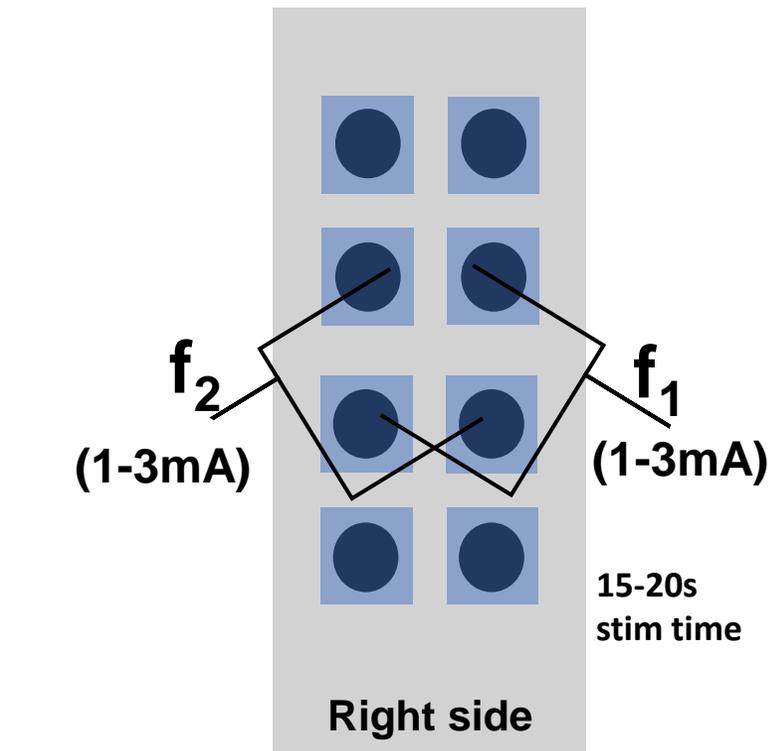
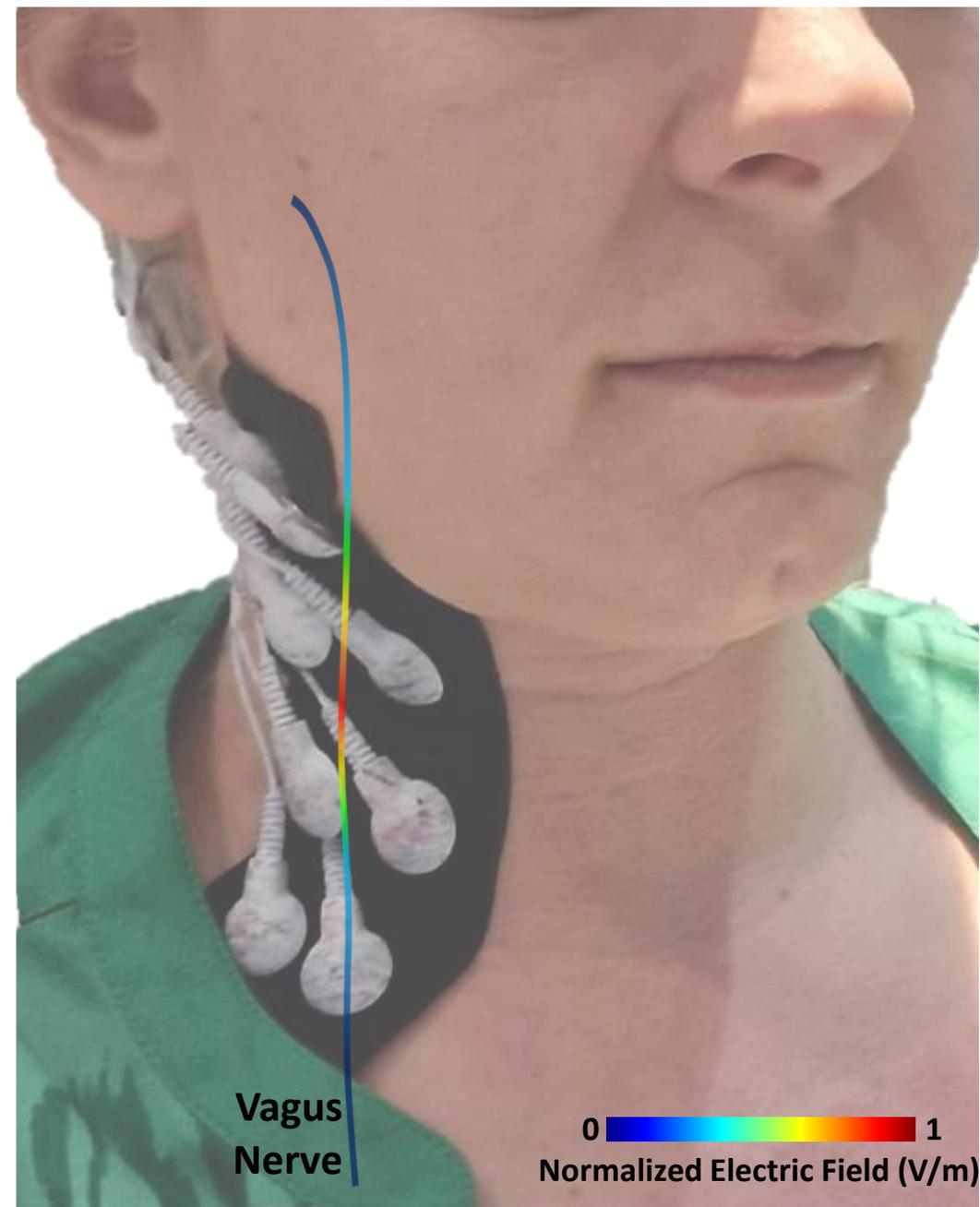
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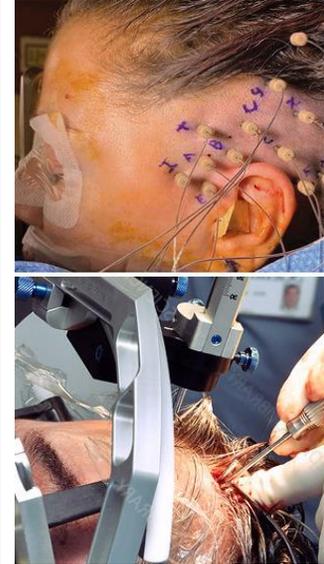
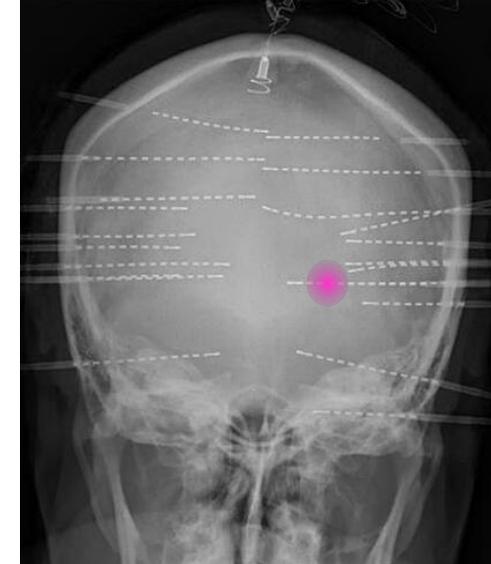
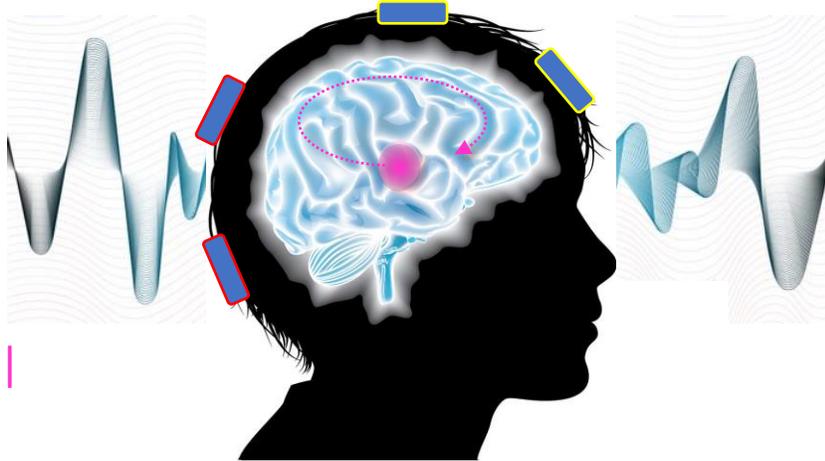
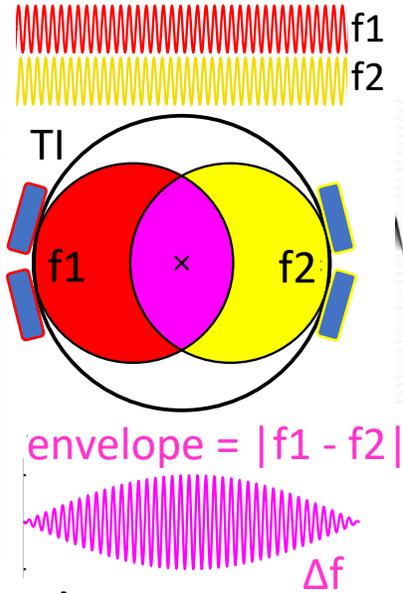
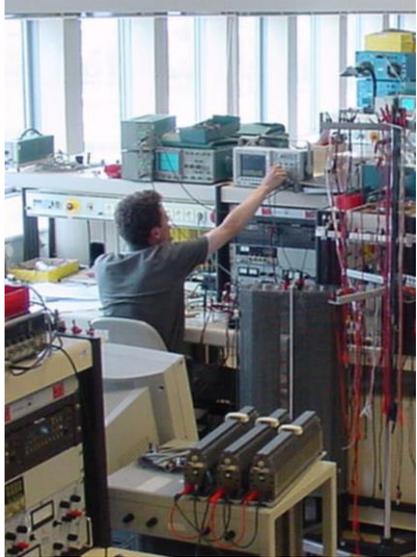
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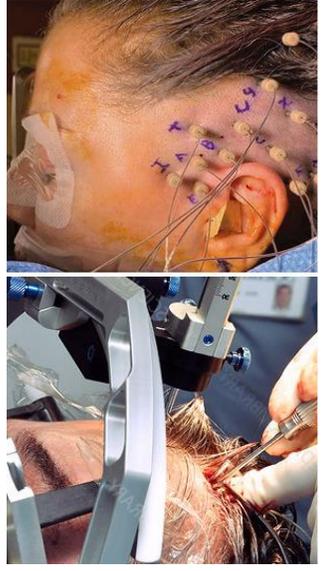
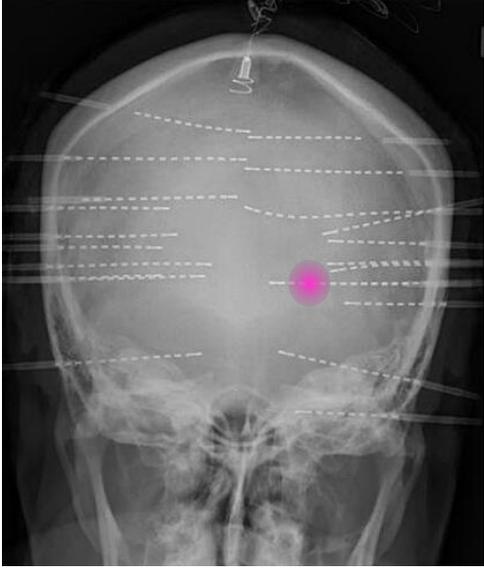
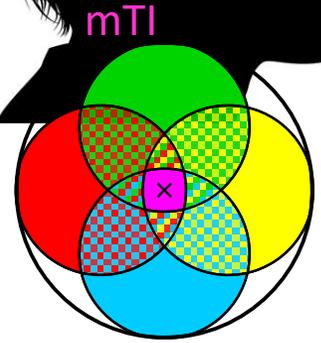
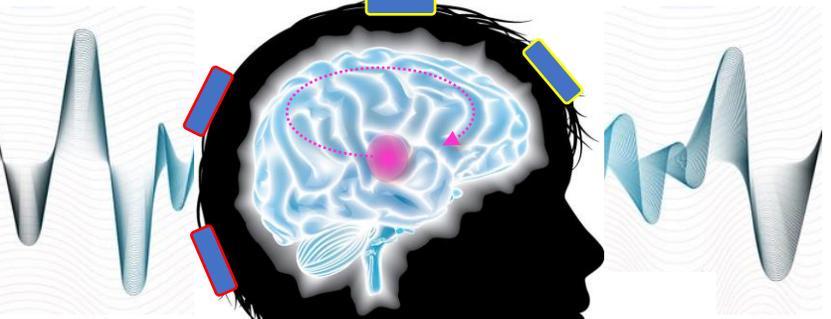
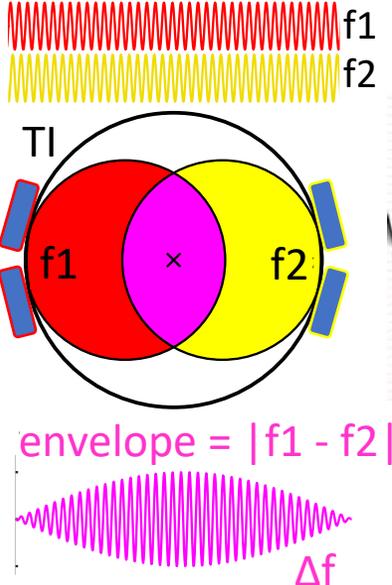
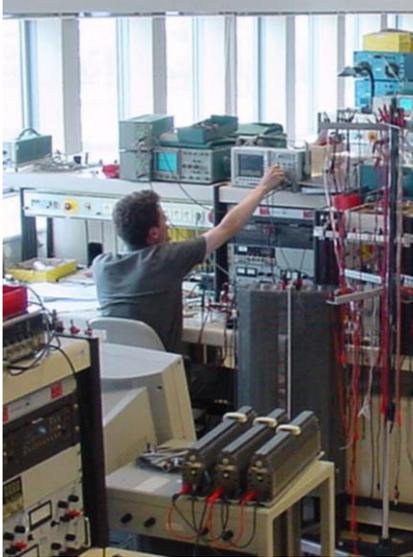
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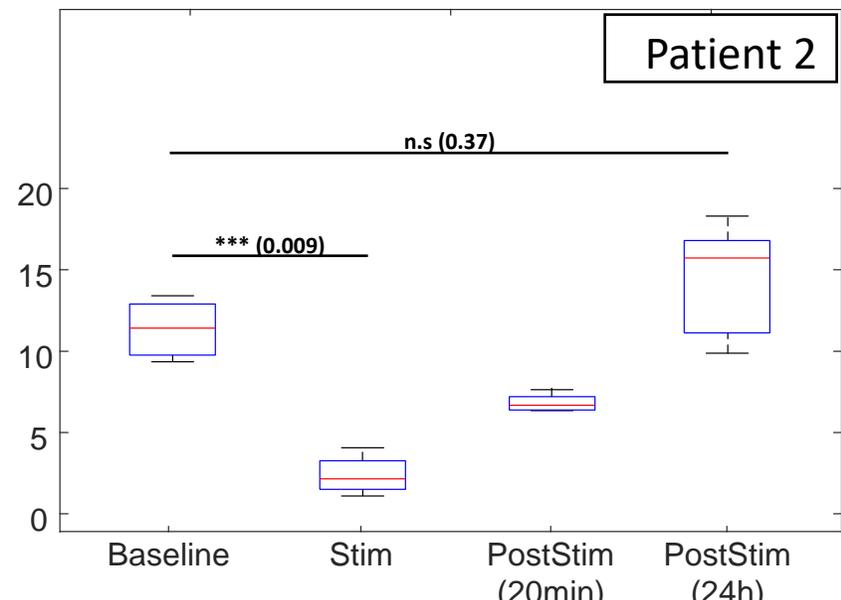
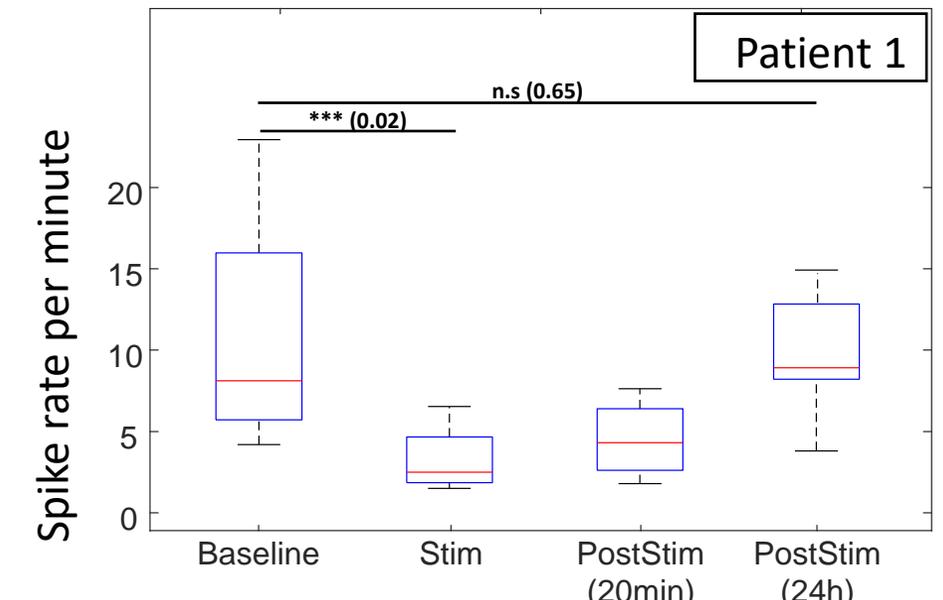
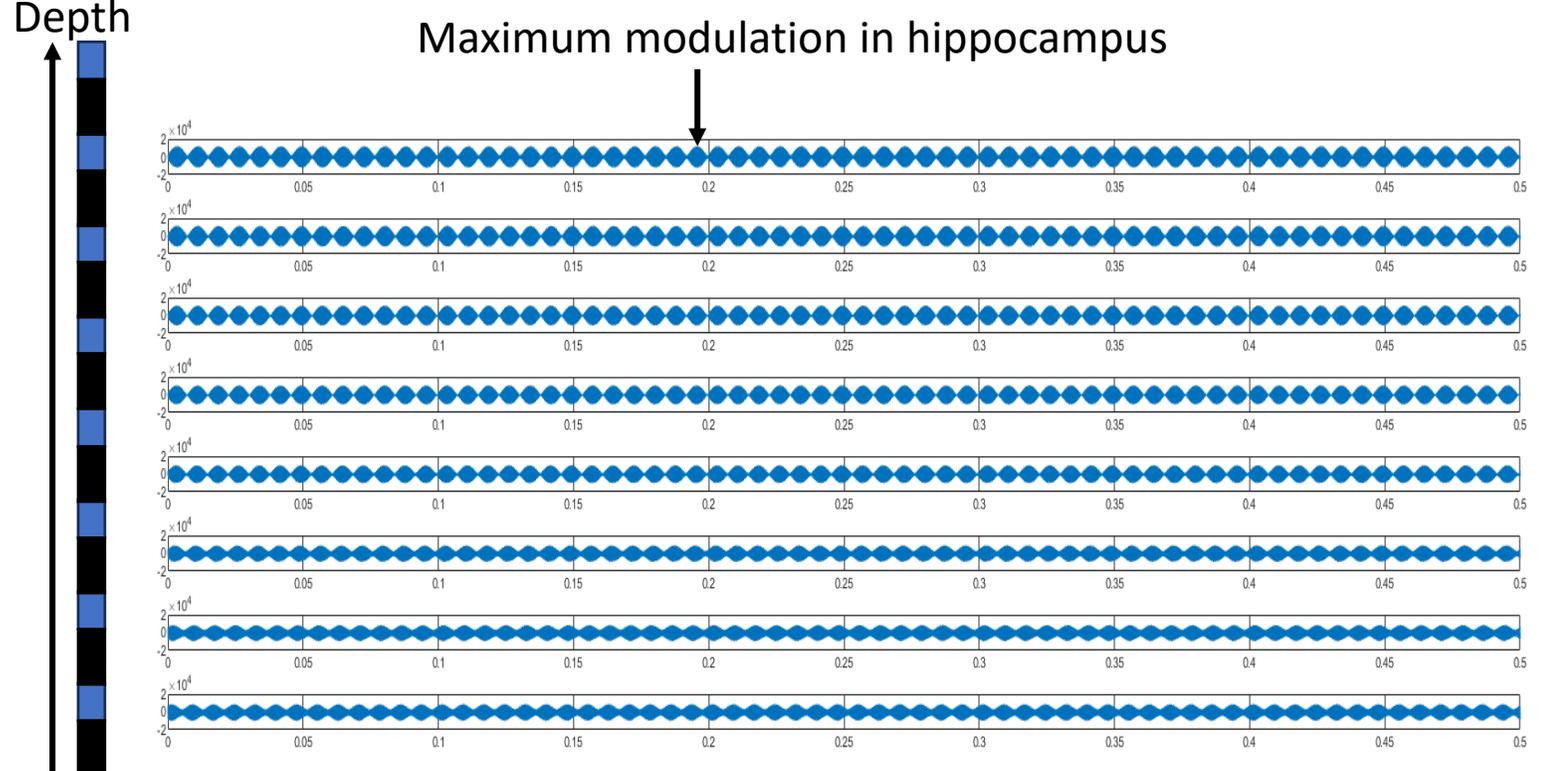
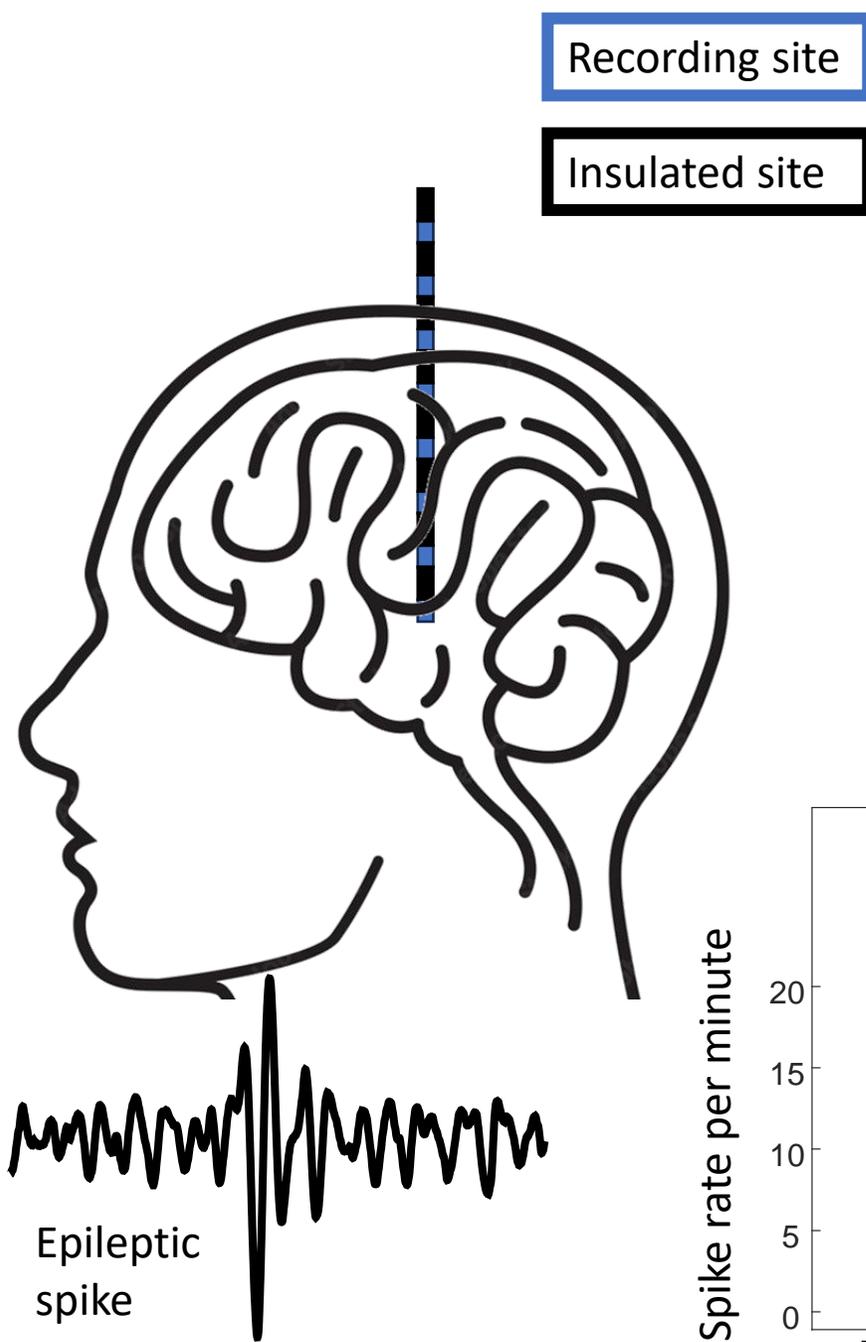


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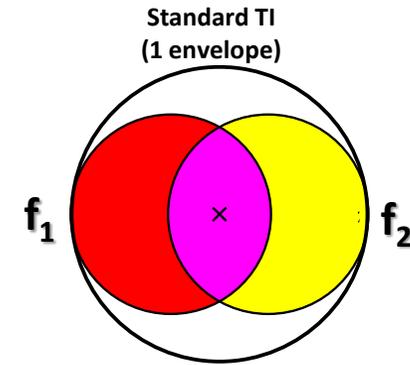
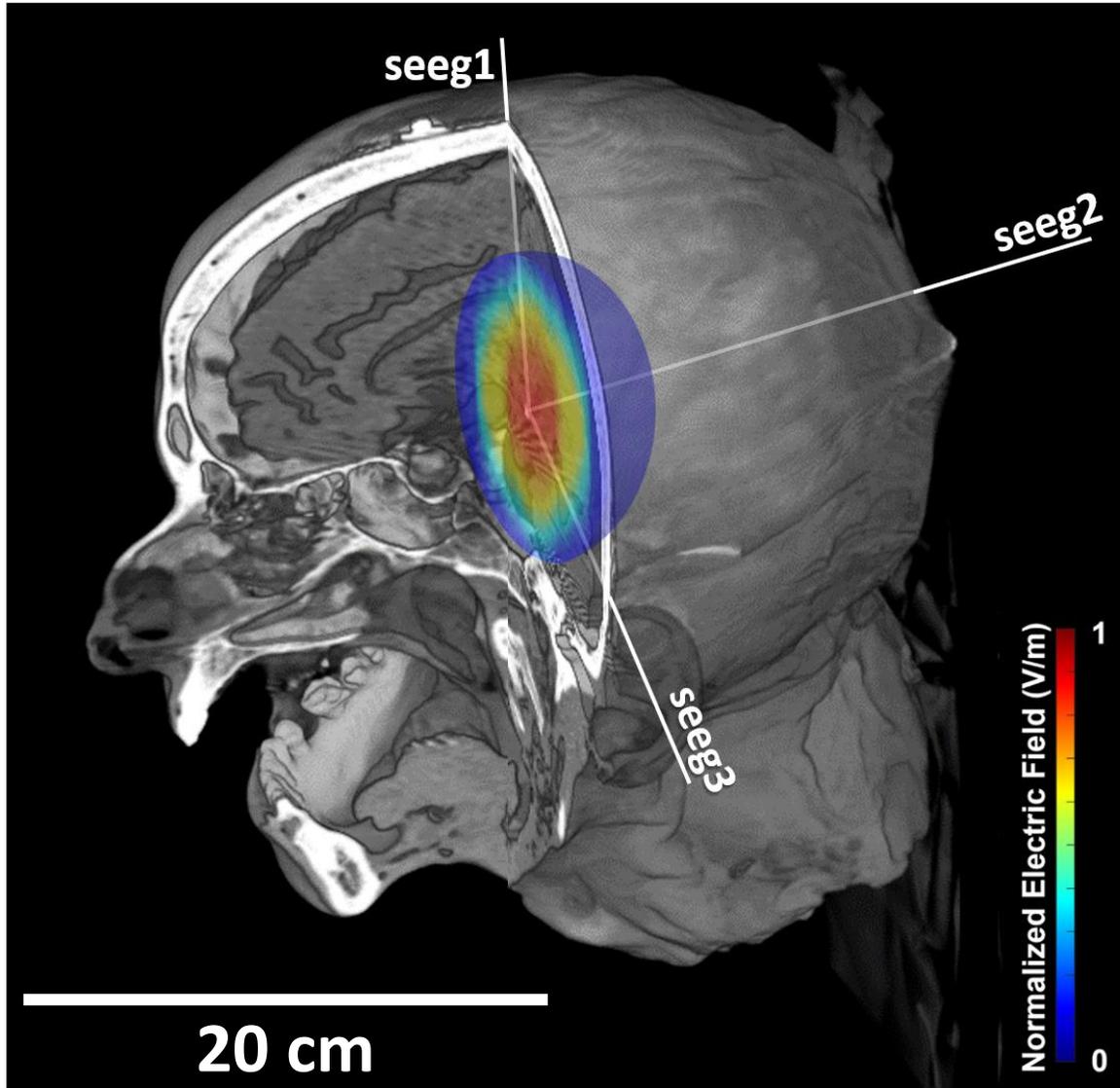
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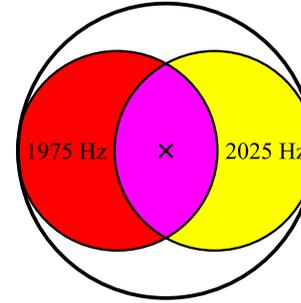
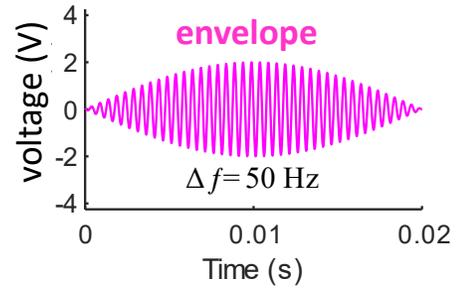
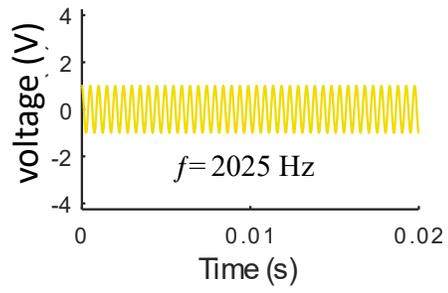
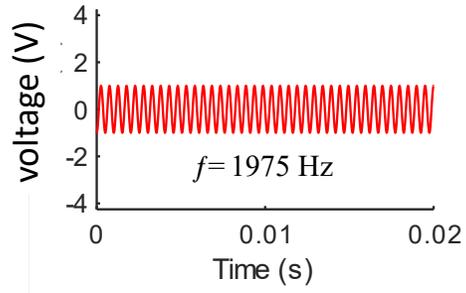


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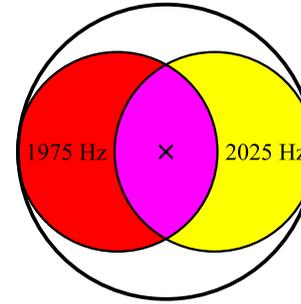
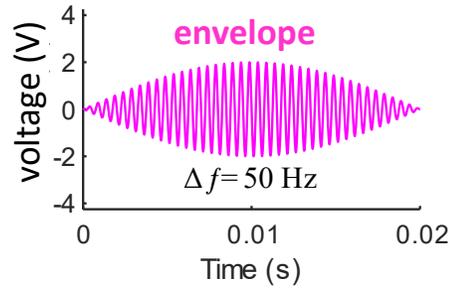
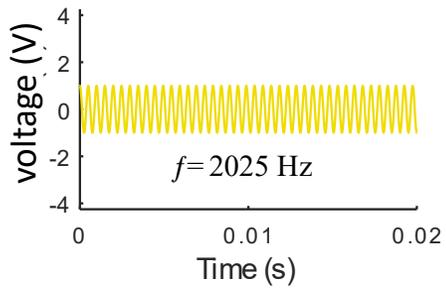
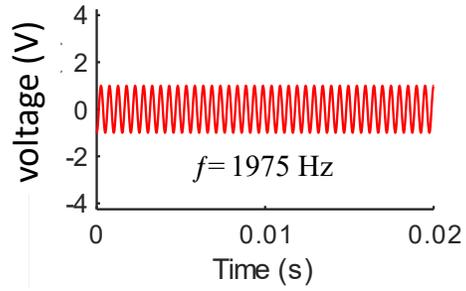


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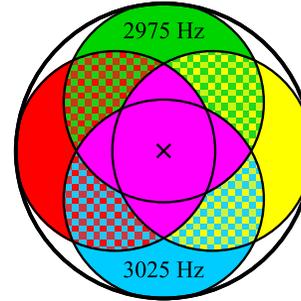
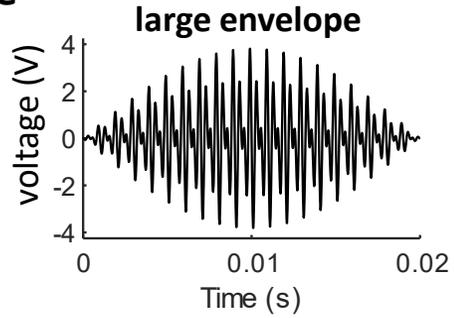
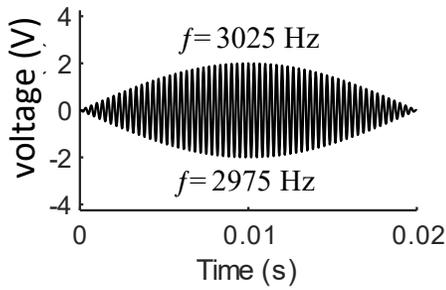
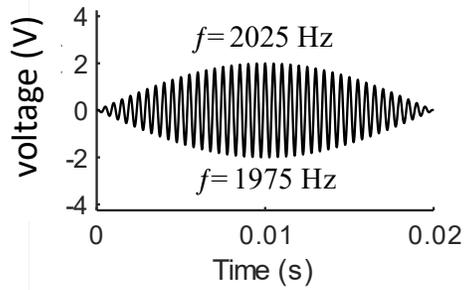
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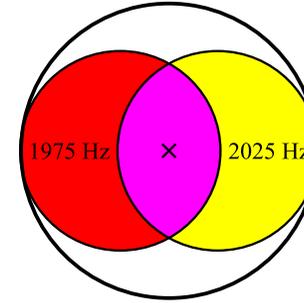
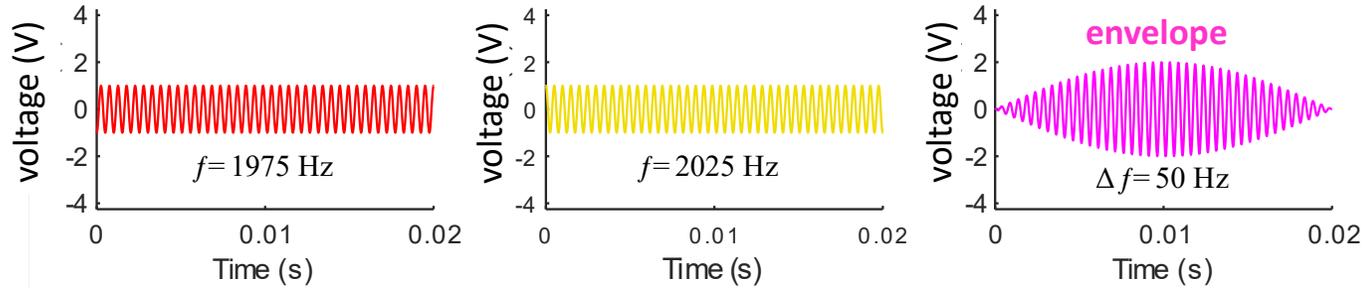
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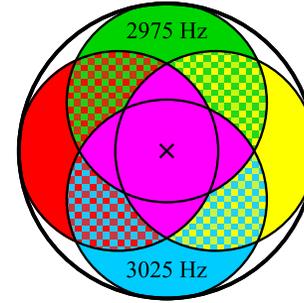
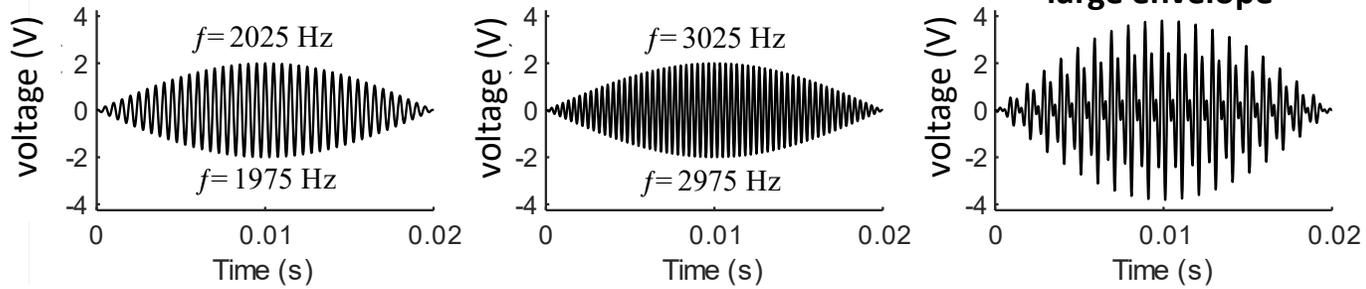
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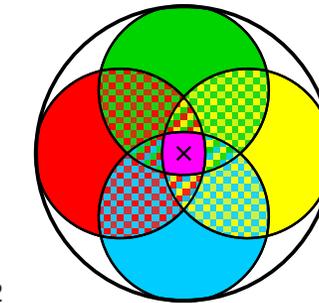
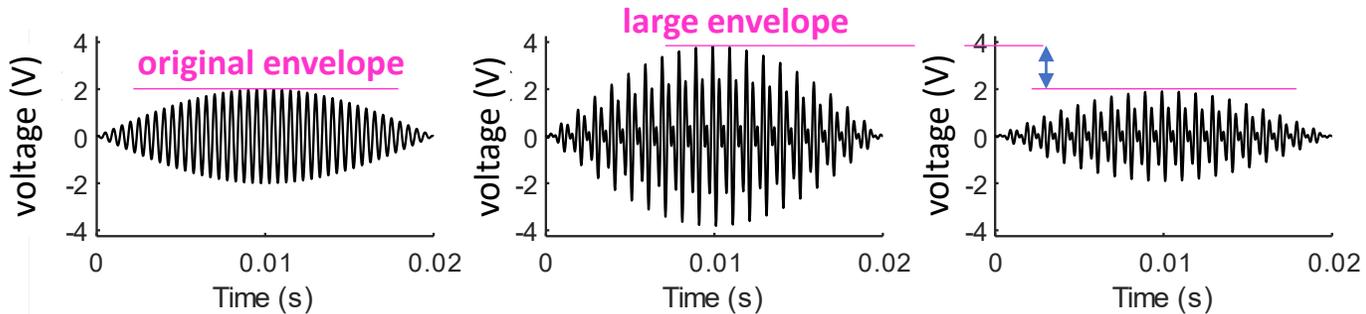
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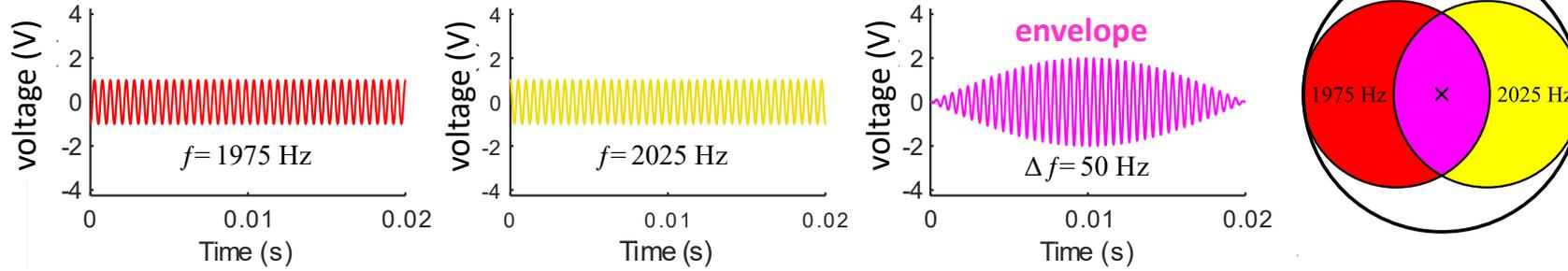


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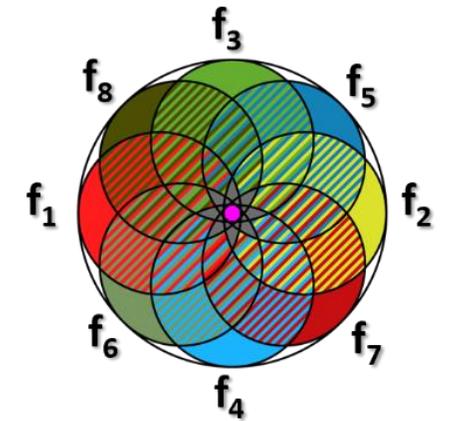
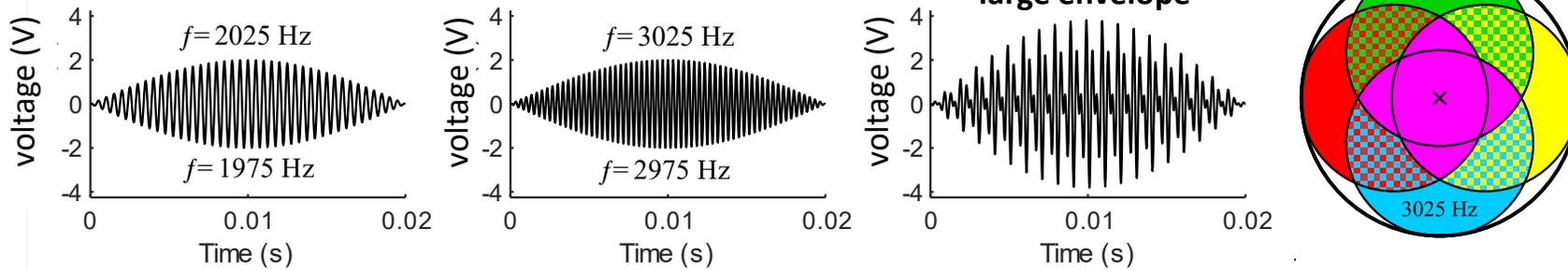


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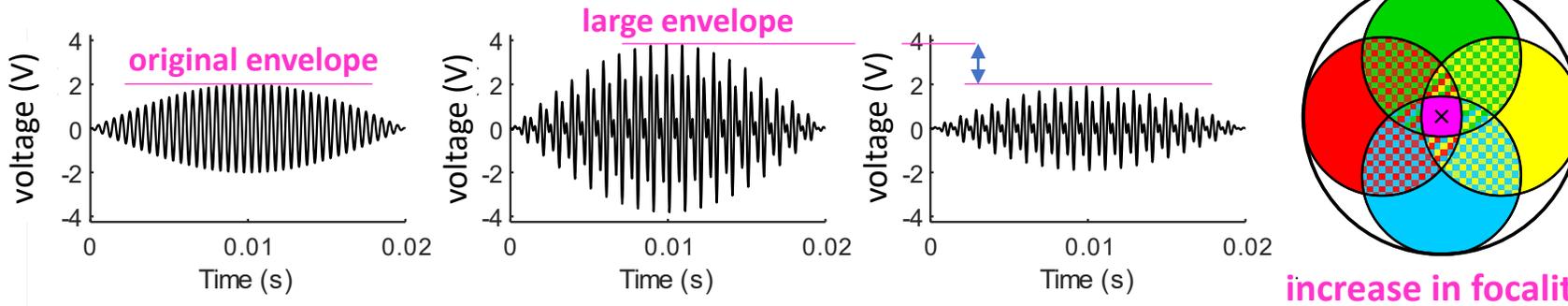
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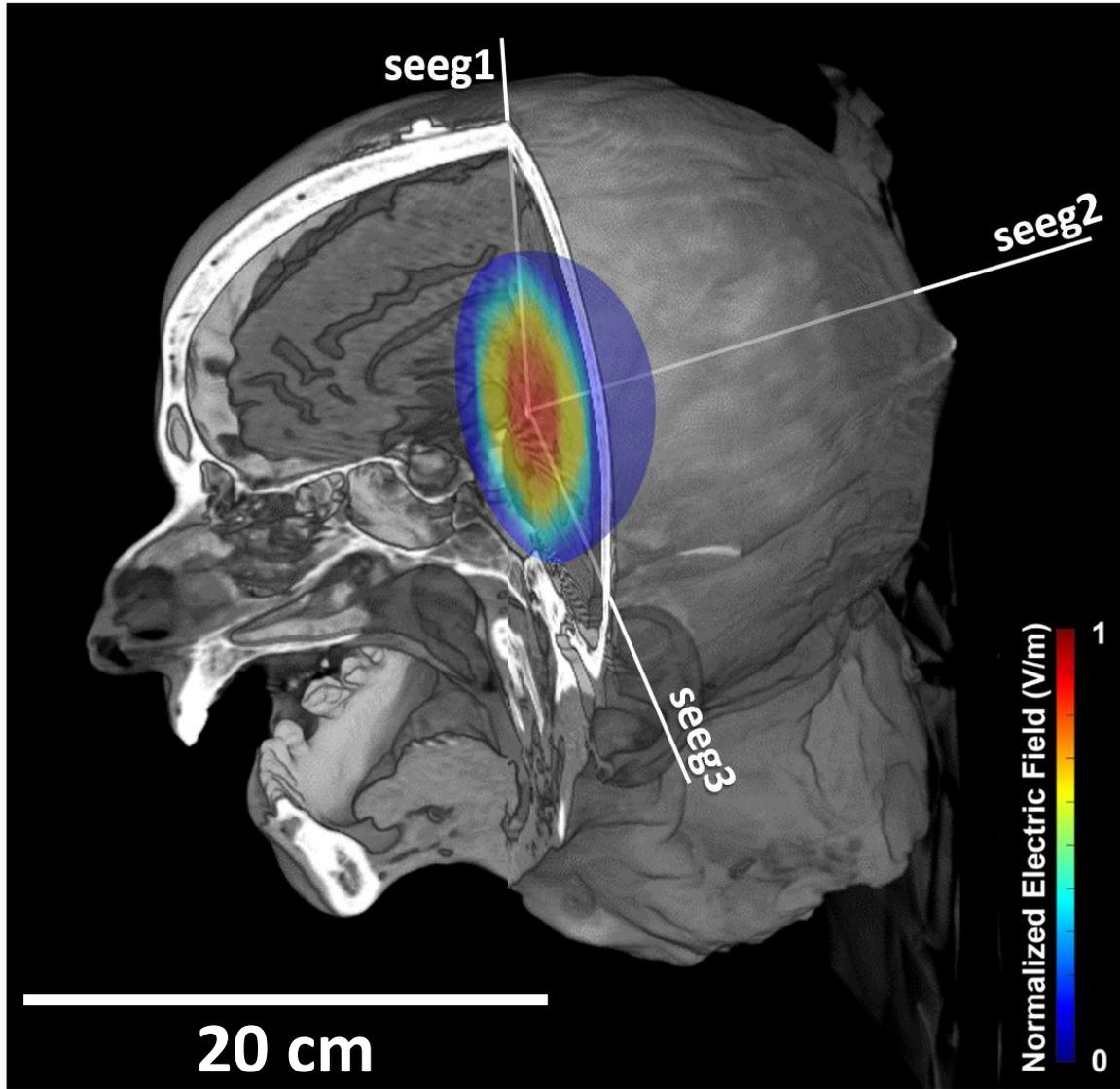
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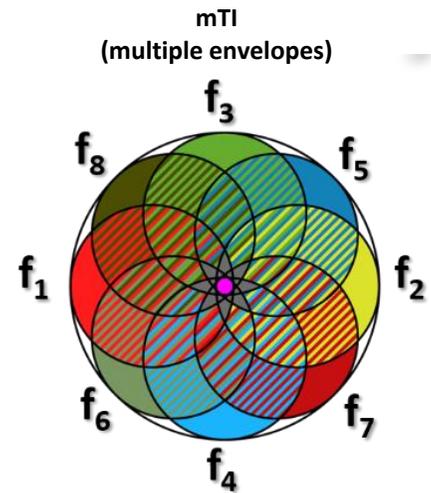
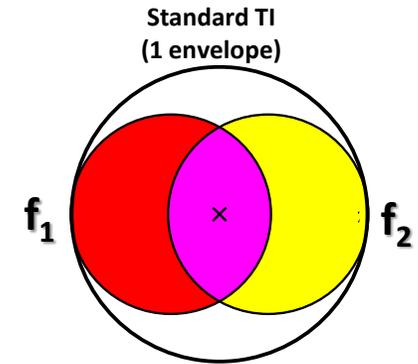
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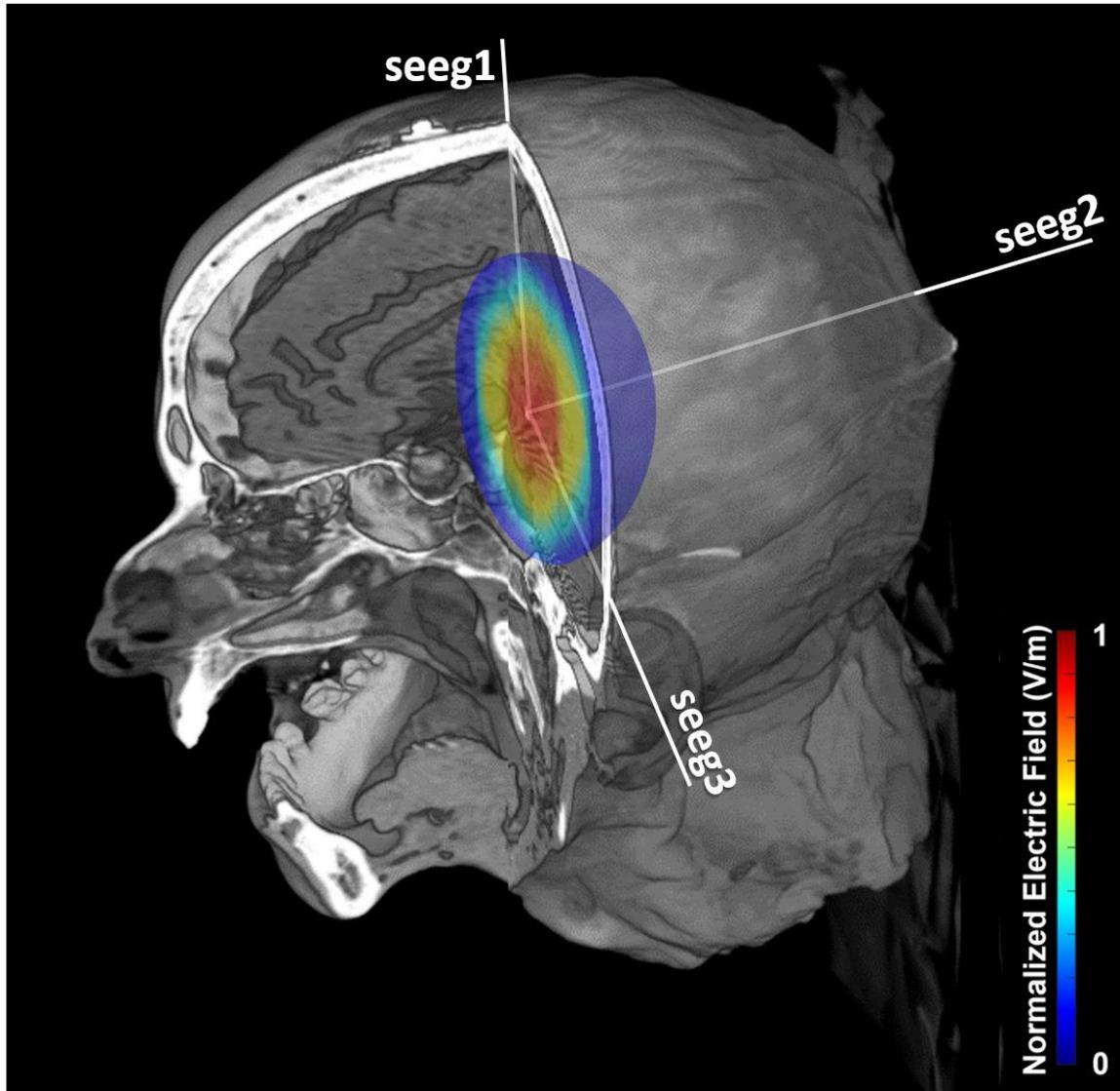
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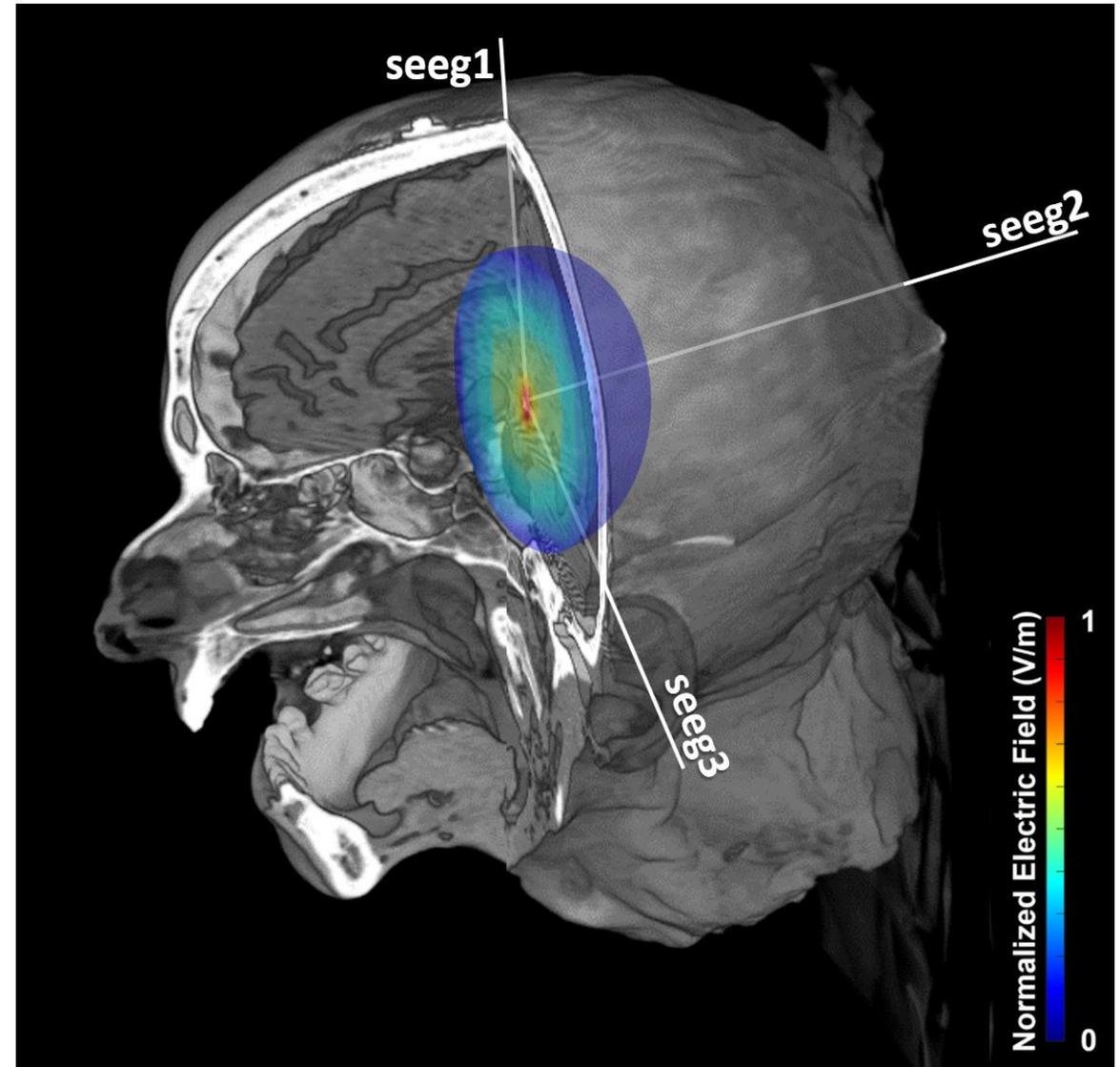
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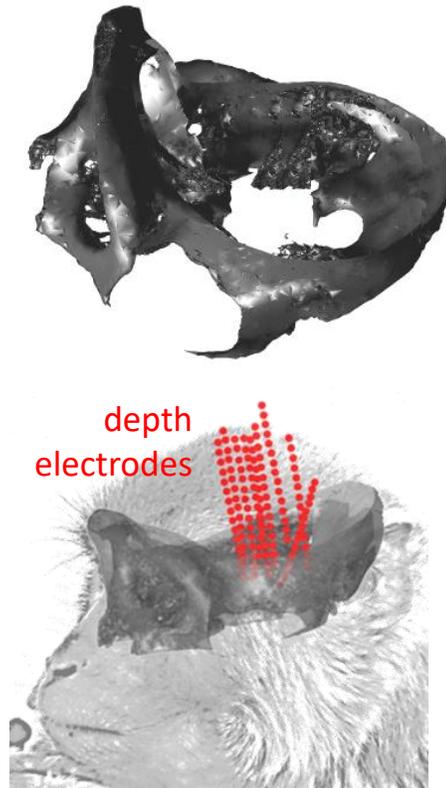
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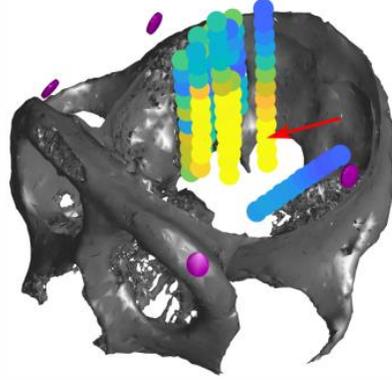
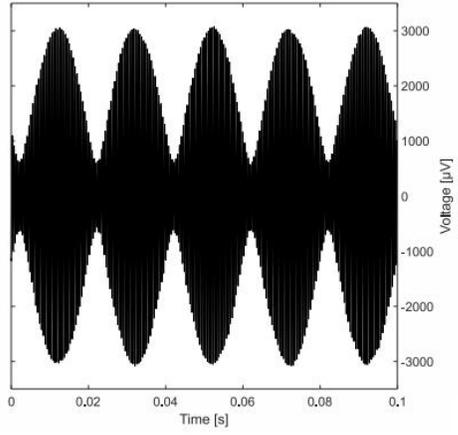
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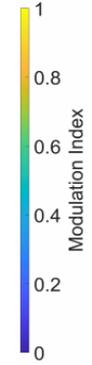
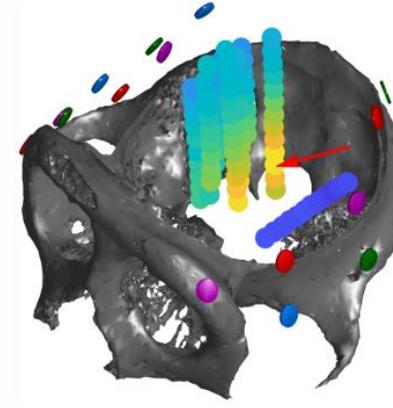
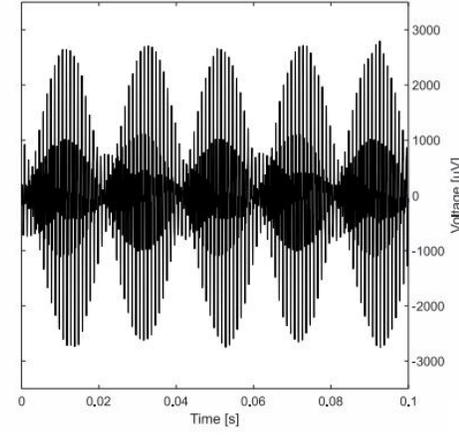
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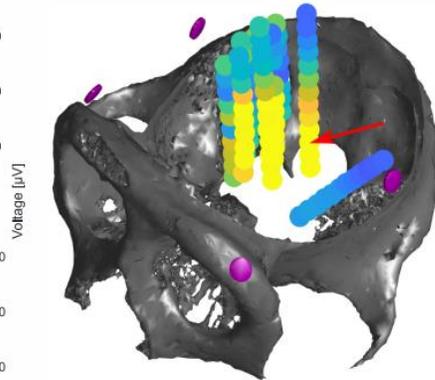
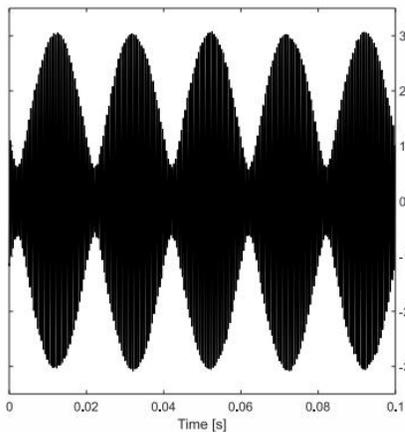


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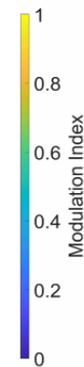
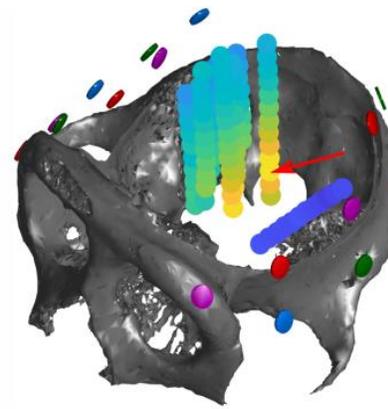
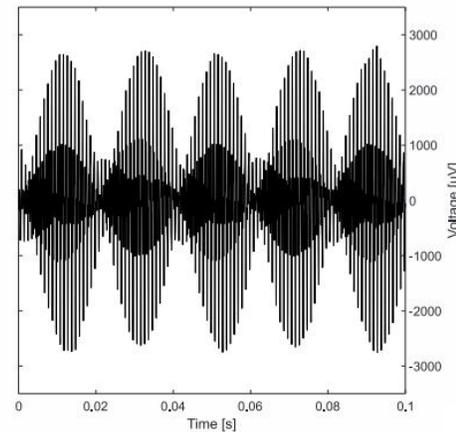


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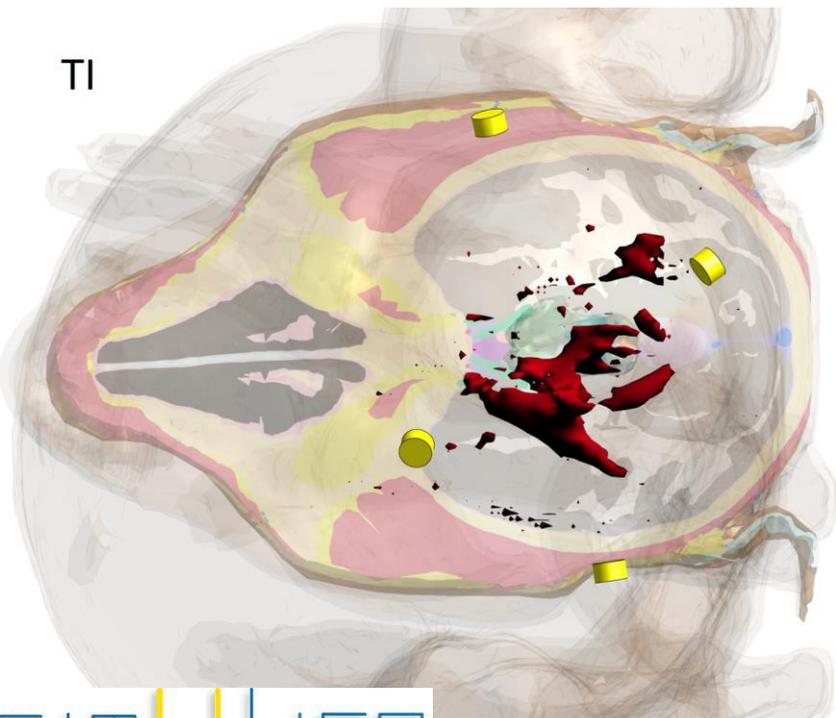


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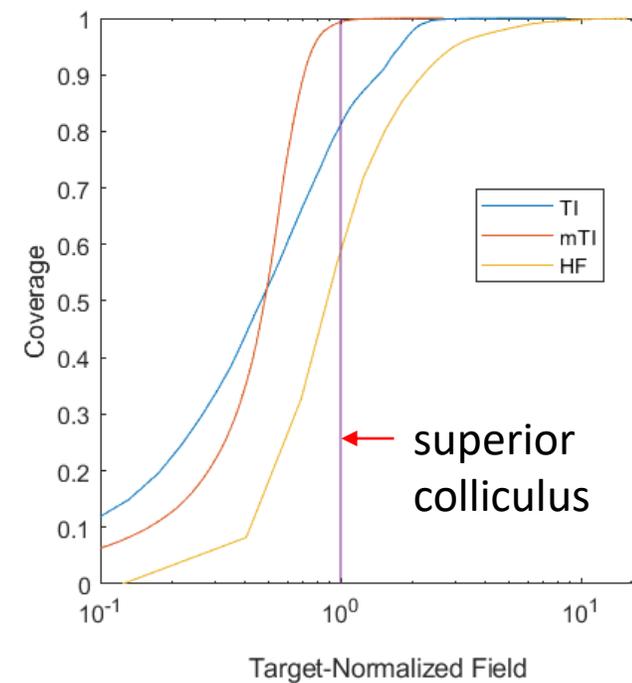
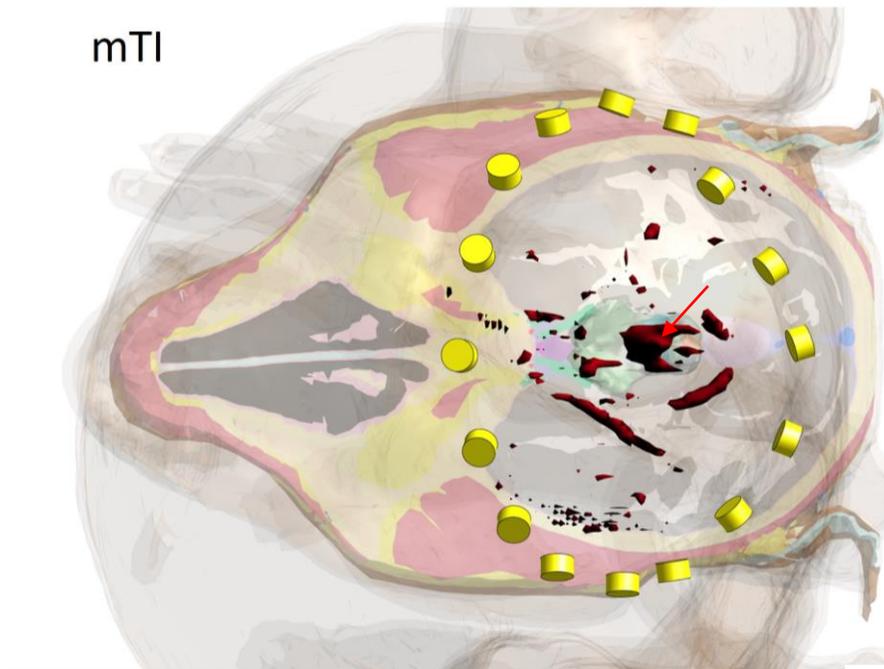


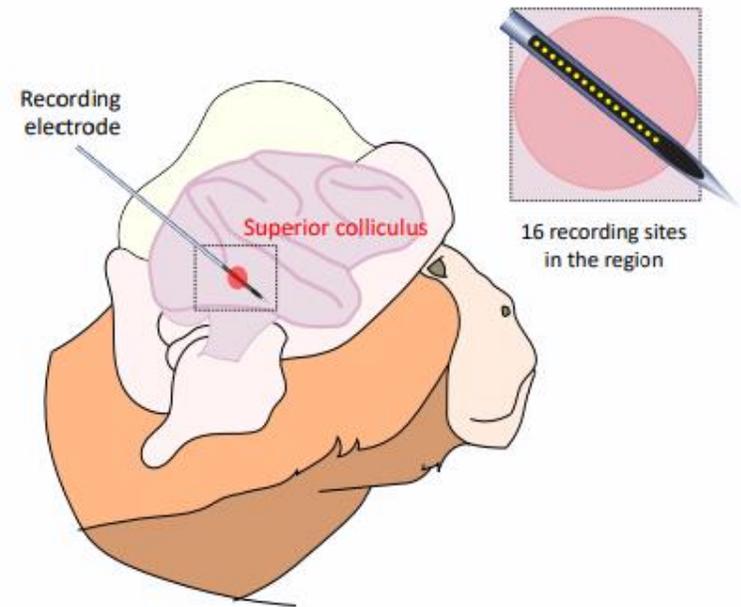
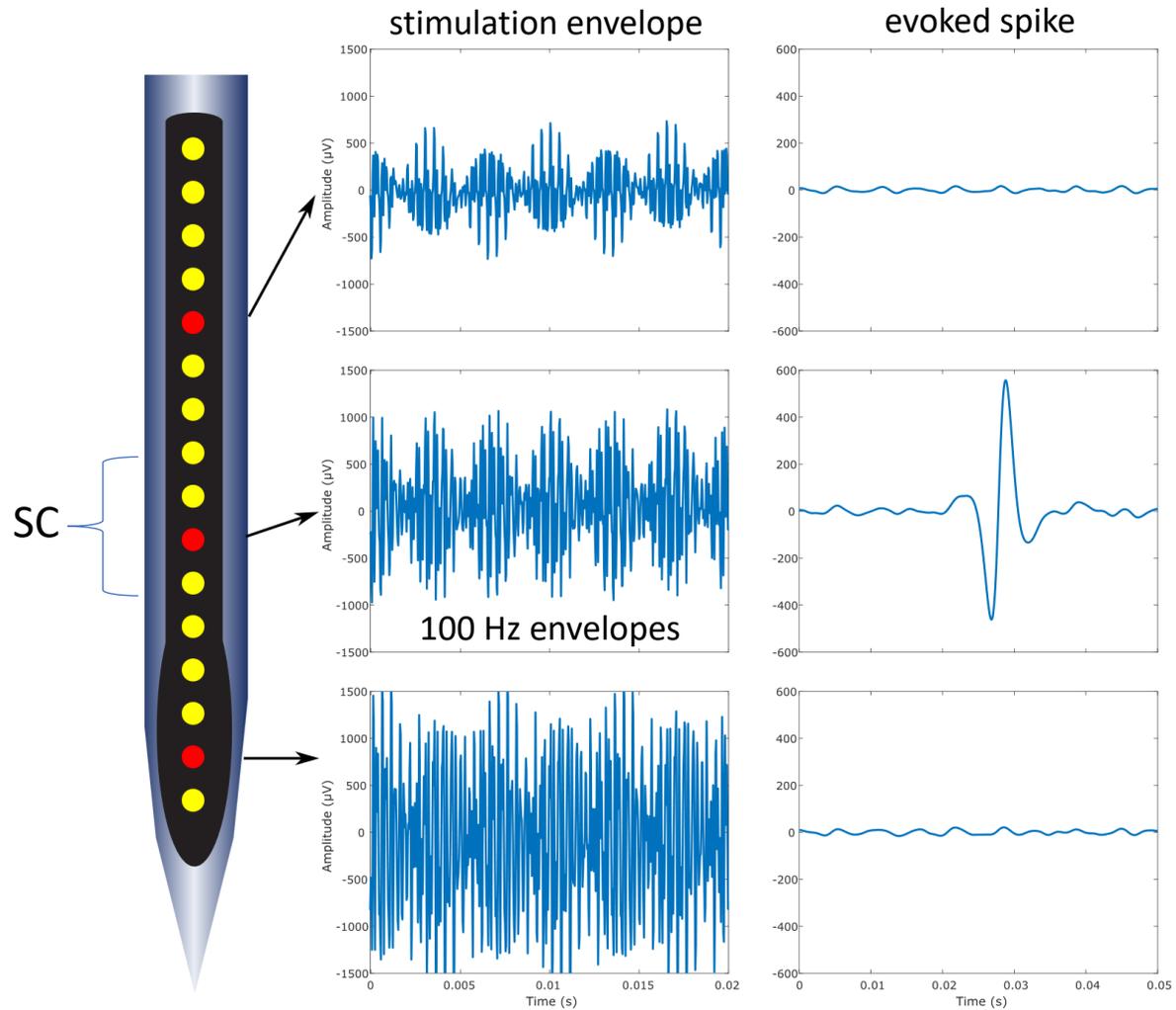
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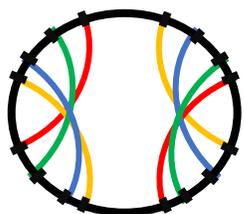
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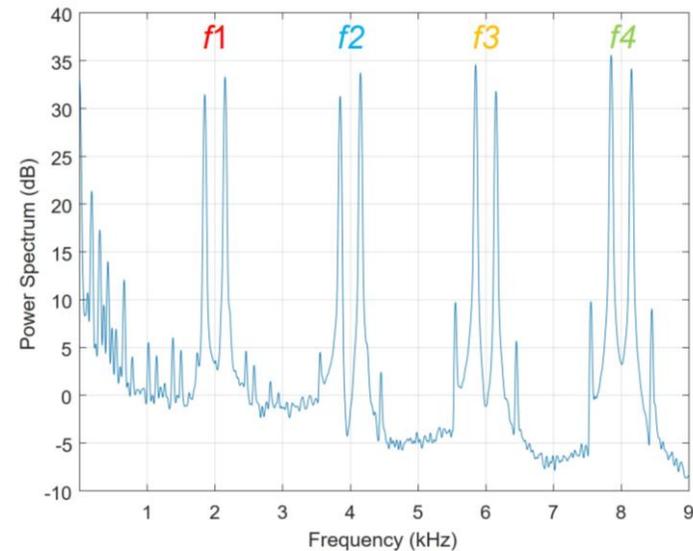
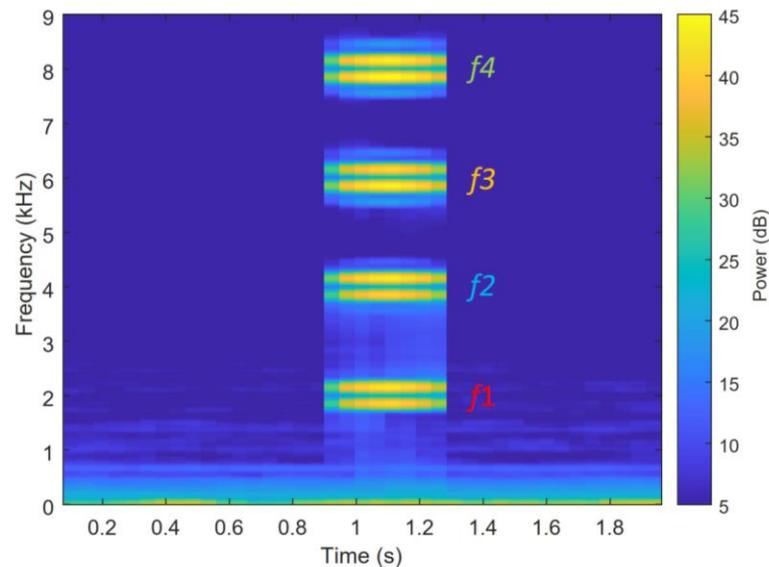
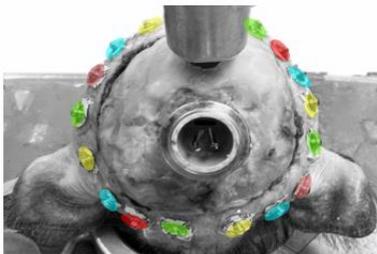
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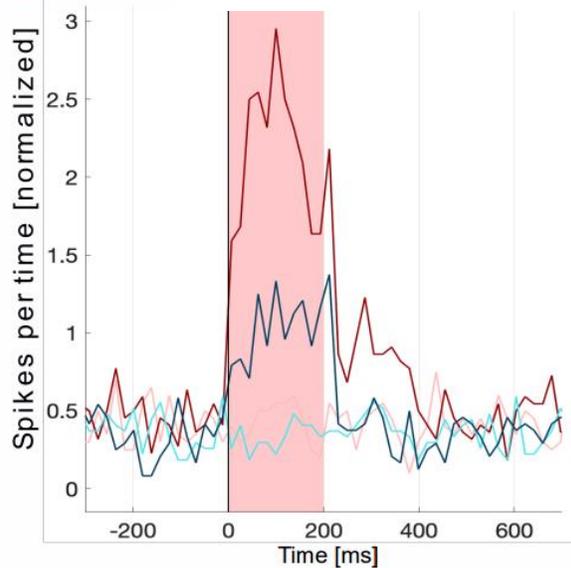
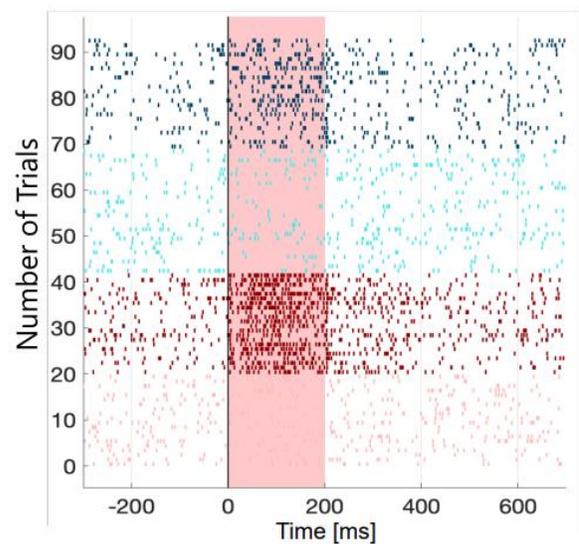




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A "burst of envelopes"



— Sham ON      — Octopole-100 Hz ON      ■ Stimulation train  
 — Sham OFF     — Octopole-100 Hz OFF

