

# Closing the Loop: Towards Smart Integrated Medical Systems & Assistive Technologies

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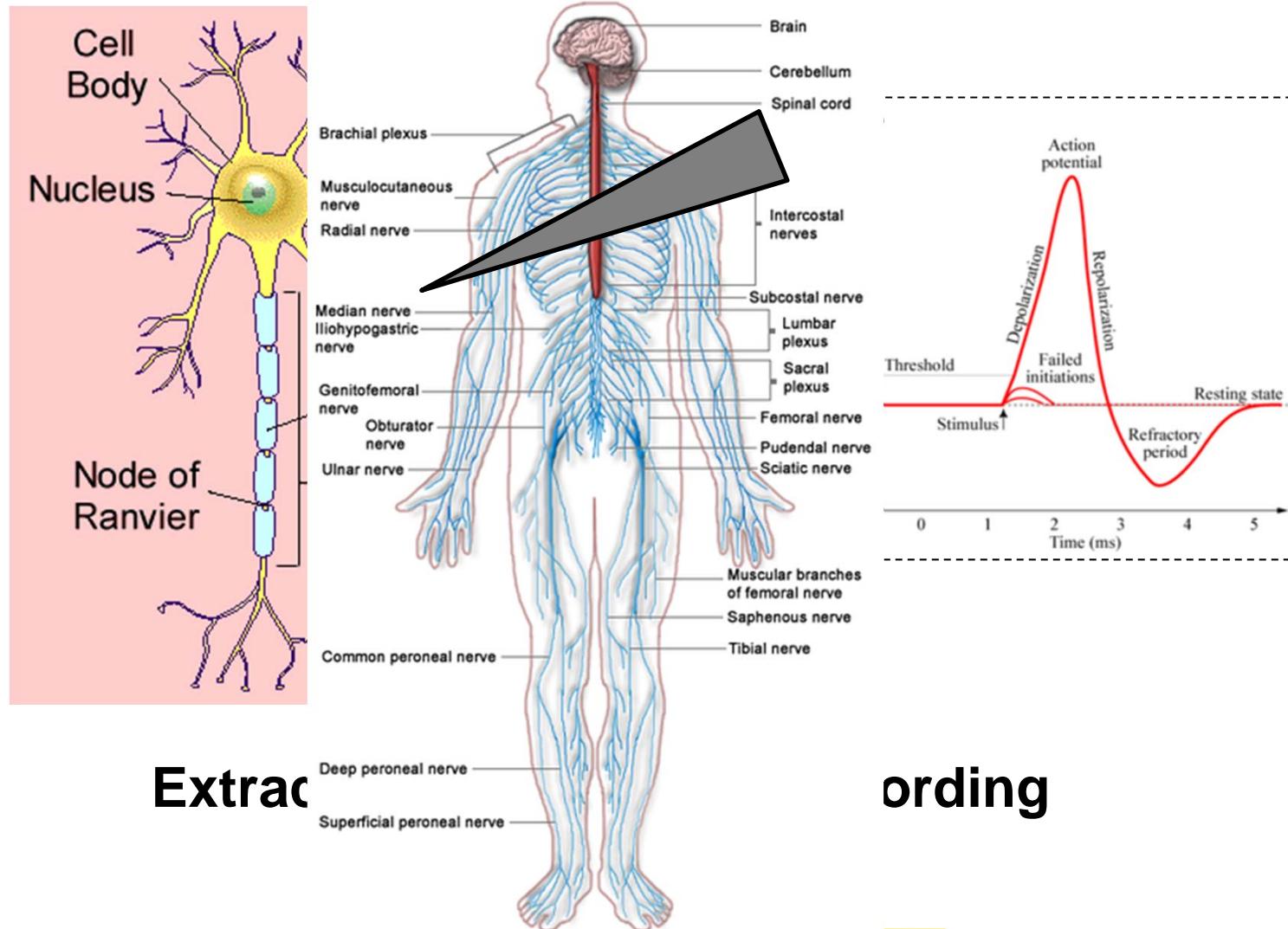
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# Outline



- Integrated Solution for Pain Management
  - Recording from Spinal Cord
  - Recording from Thalamus
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- Integrated Solution for Relieving Gastroparesis
  - Gastric Electrical Activity
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  - Tongue Tracking System
- Integrated Solution for Medication Adherence
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- Conclusion

# Basic Neuroscience



Extrac  
ording

[http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Human\\_Physiology/The\\_Nervous\\_System](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Human_Physiology/The_Nervous_System)

# Background on EEG/ECoG



Delta (up to 4 Hz)



Sleeping

Drowsy

Relaxed

Alert

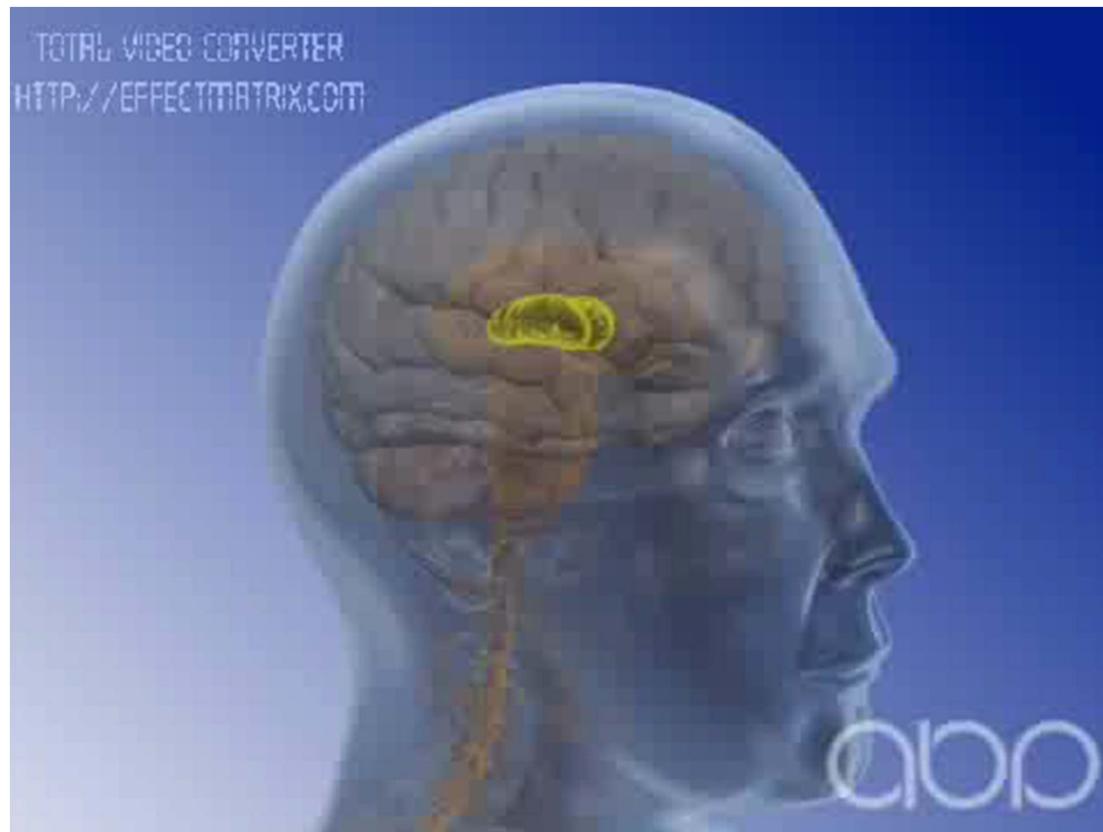
Complicated  
Sensory Proc.

# Brain Machine Interface (BMI)



- ❖ A brain machine interface (BMI) is a system that provides a communication link between the brain and a computer or other electronic device.
- ❖ BMIs can be used to control prosthetic limbs, provide assistive technologies for people with disabilities, and enable direct communication from the brain.

# Neurostimulation: Deep Brain Stimulation



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izKL1mVXF7c&feature=related>

## DBS mechanism

# Problems of Current Neurostimulators



- ❖ Tuning (trial and error)
- ❖ Feedback from nervous system
- ❖ The battery life

# Closed-loop Integrated Solution

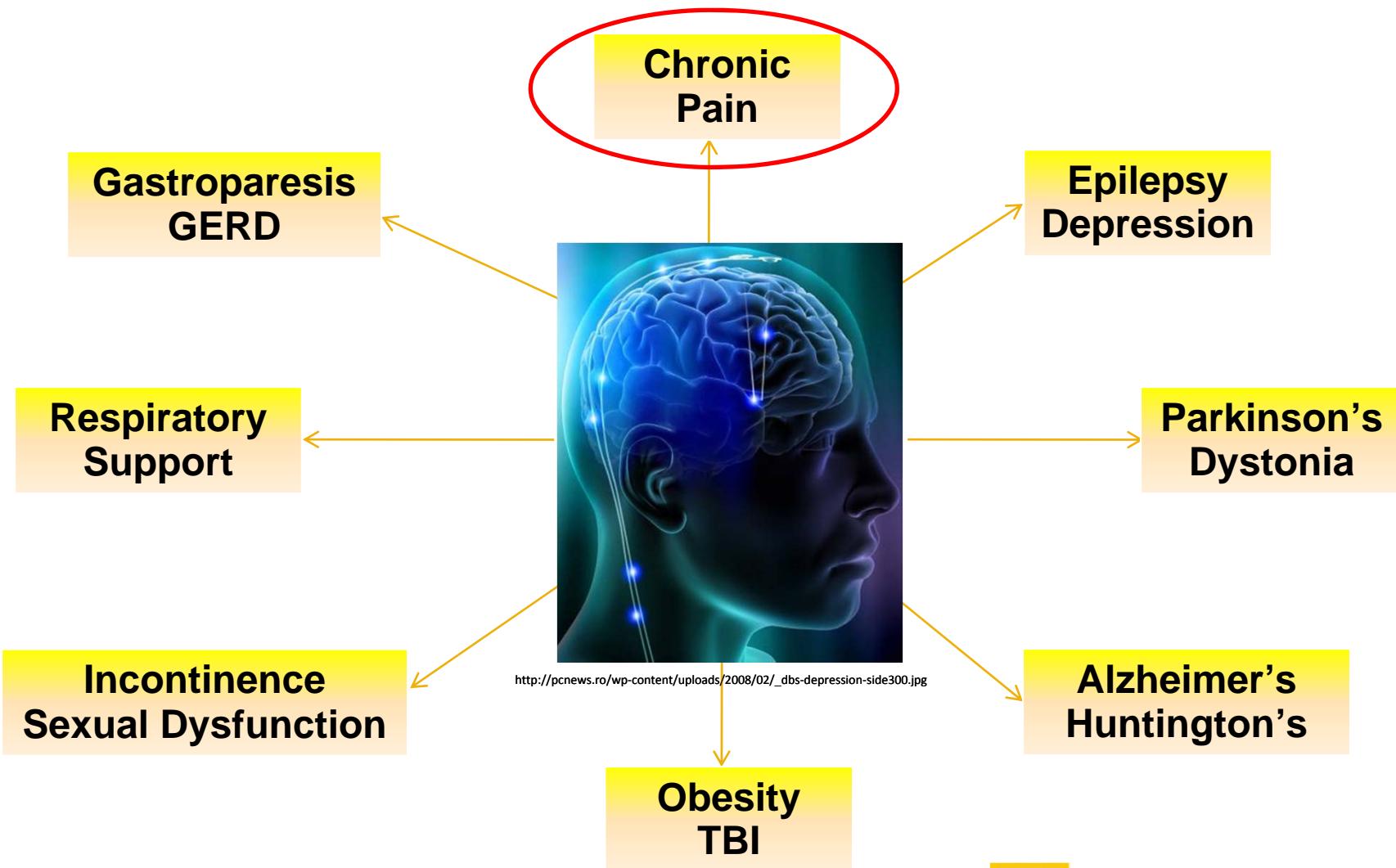


Develop an **integrated** system, to acquire information about the state of nervous system, and **stimulate** the brain when **necessary** in order to normalize the state.



<http://s3819378.files.wordpress.com/2009/05/mathepg>

# Treating Neural Disorders: Neurostimulation



# Chronic Pain

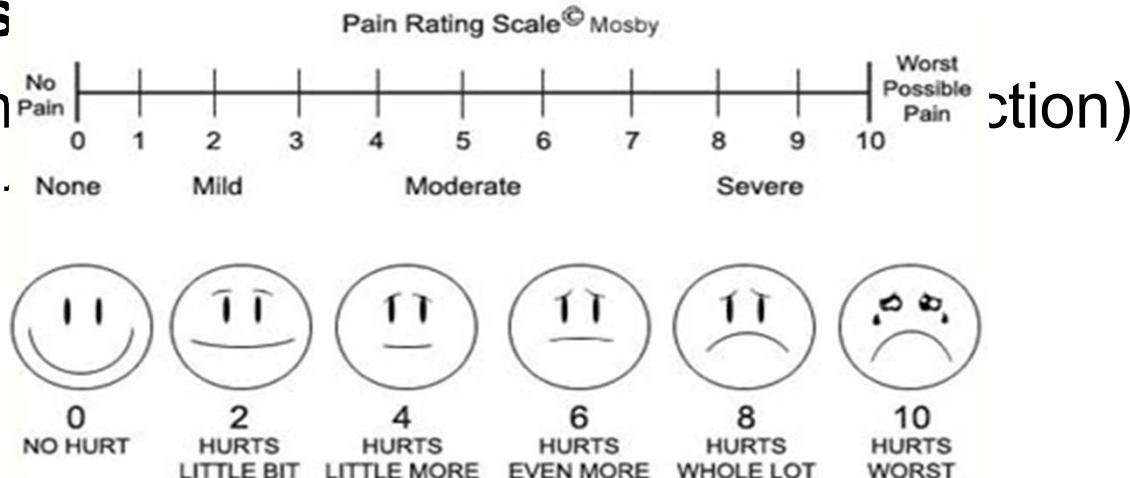


## ❖ Statistics

- 40 million medical visits annually
- \$100 billion costs annually

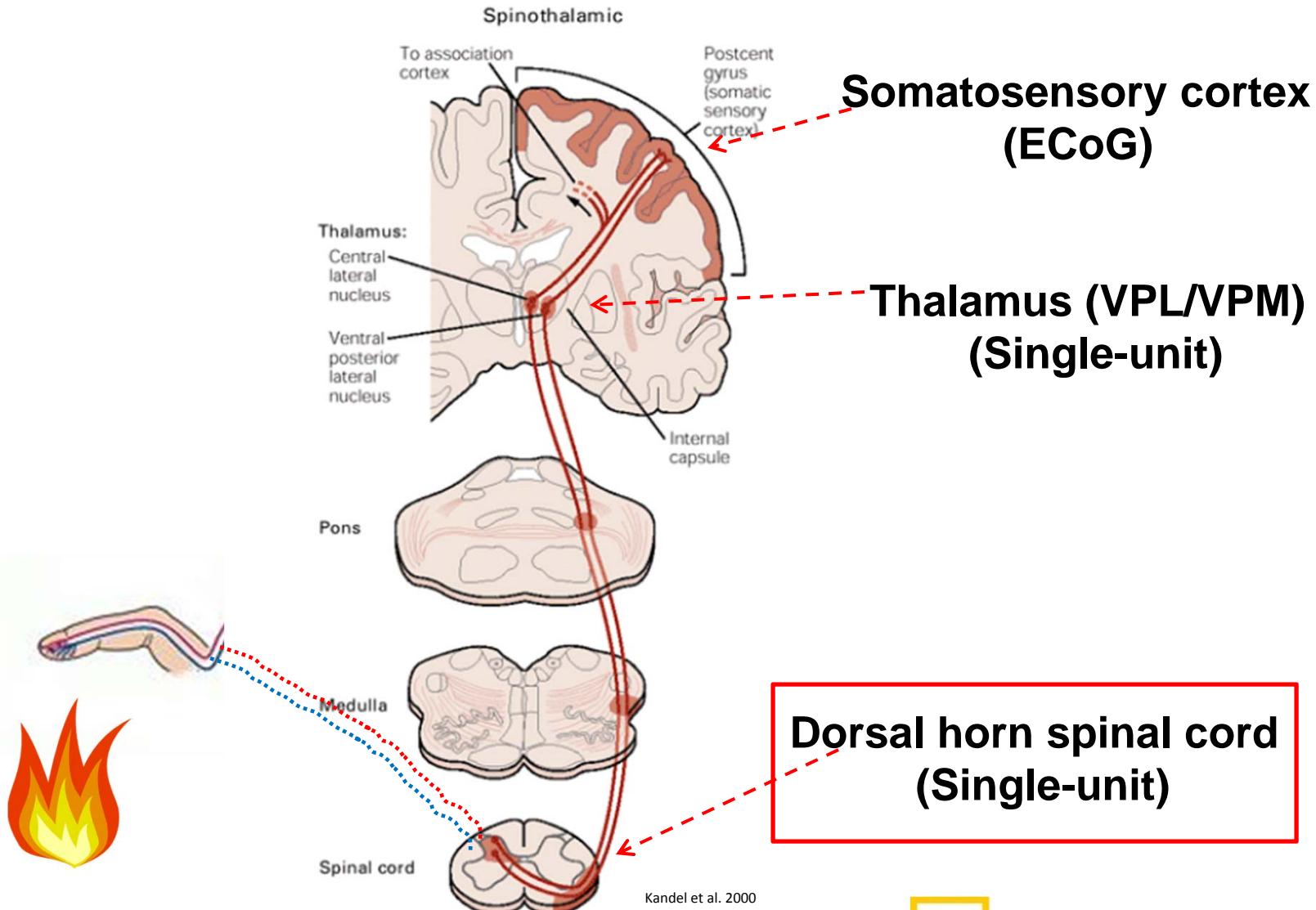
## ❖ Little has

- Treatment
- Quantification

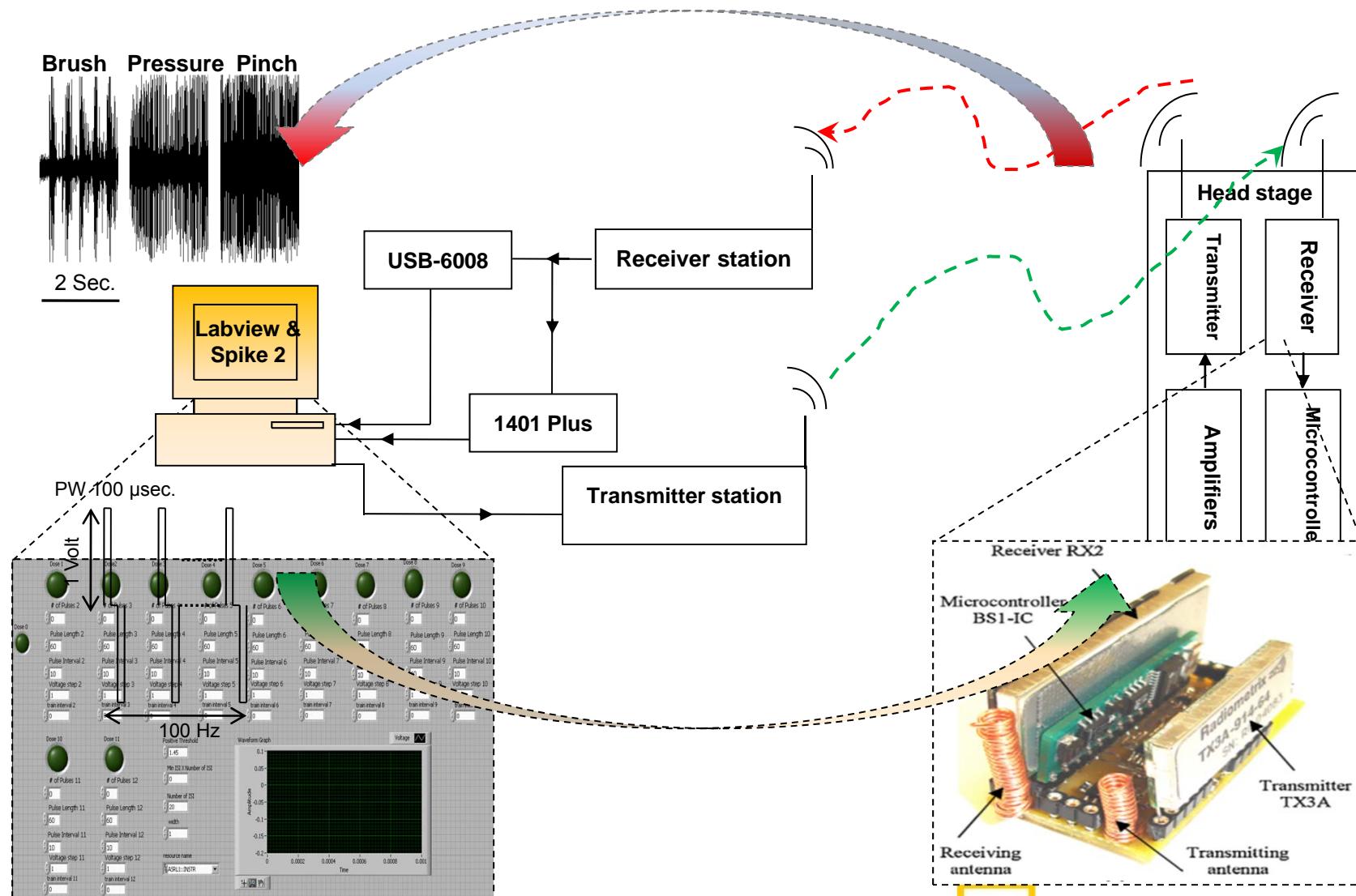


# Pain Pathways (Spinothalamic)

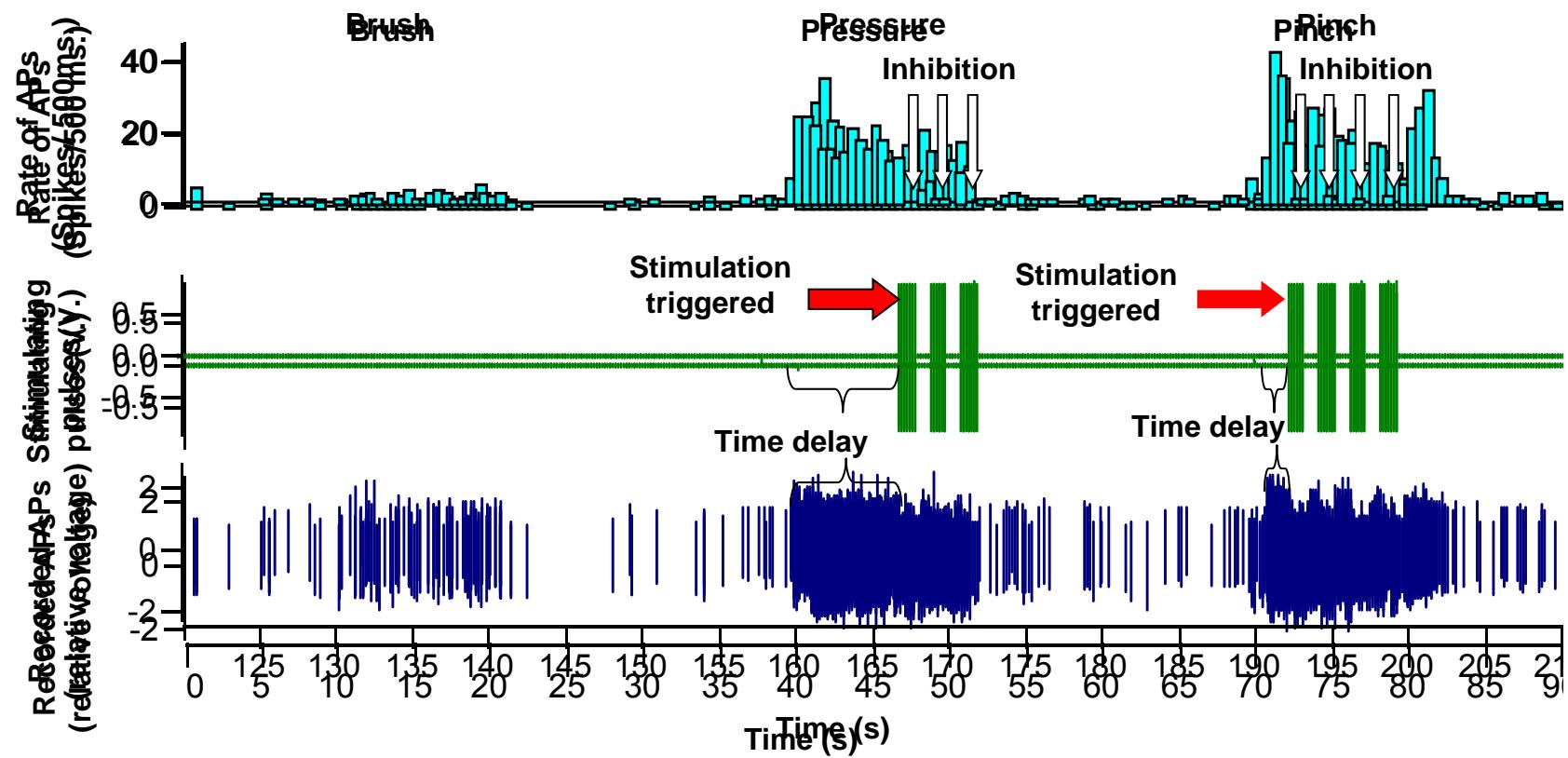
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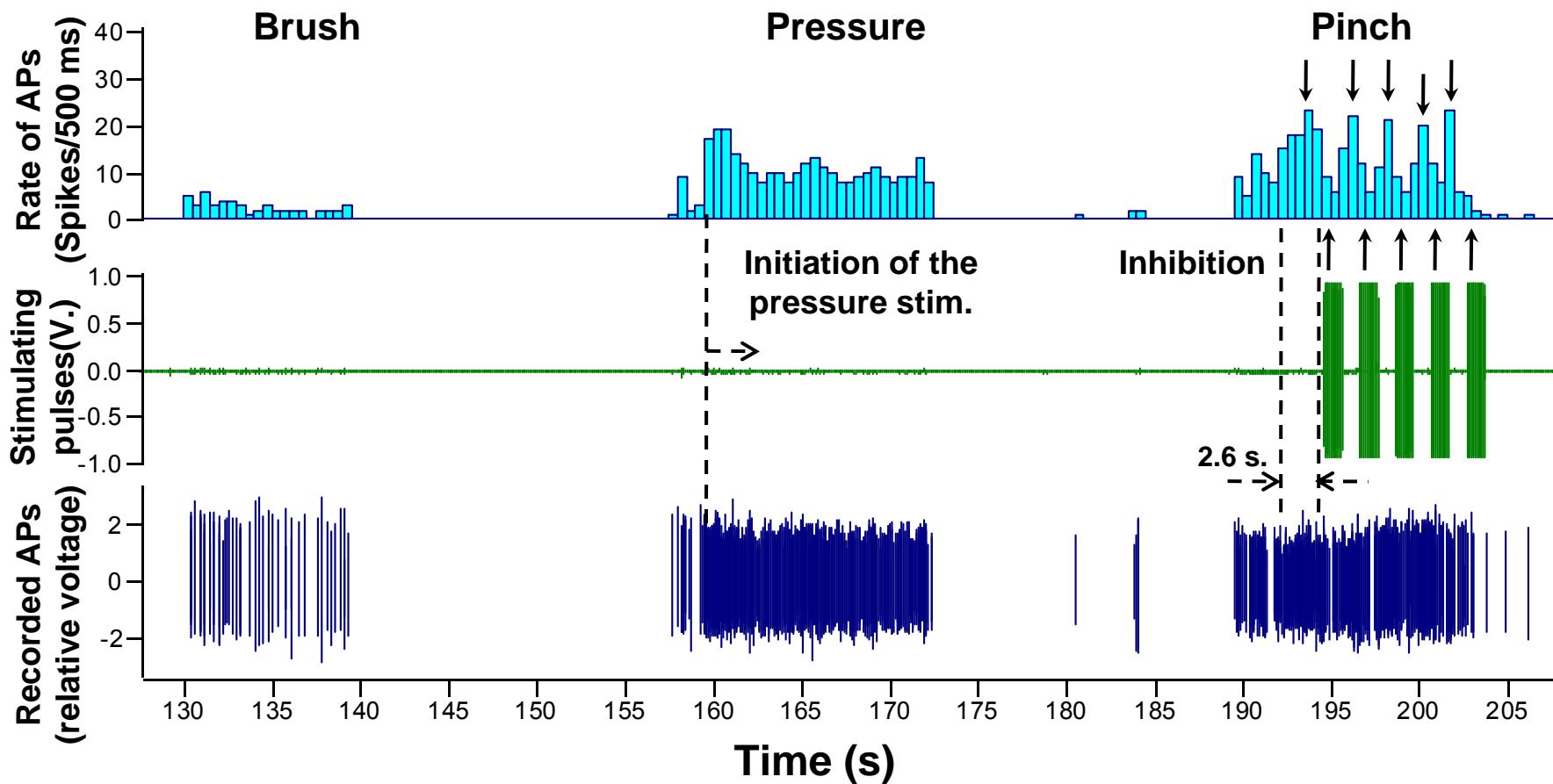
# Extracellular Recording from SC Stimulating PAG



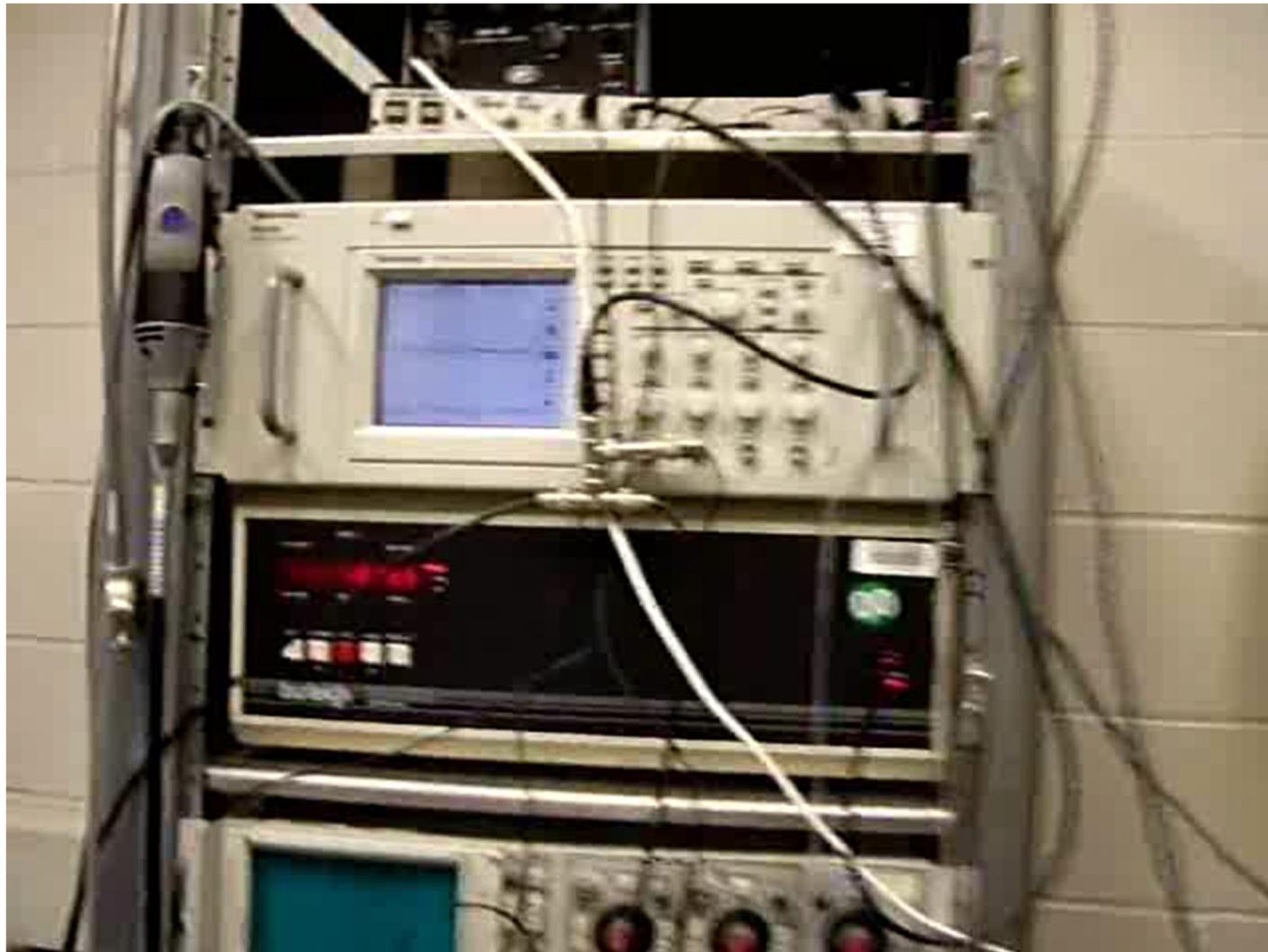
# Real-time Experiments



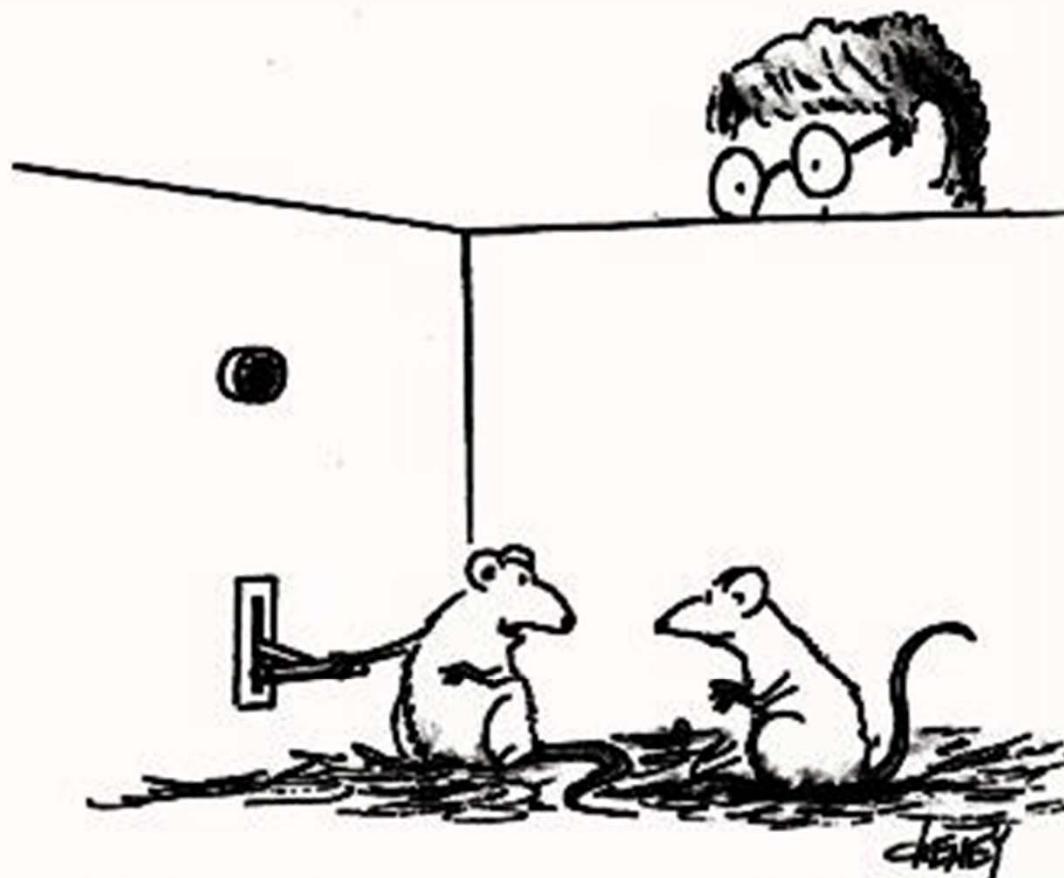
# Real-time Experiments



# Experiment Video



# Importance of Statistical Results



**It is rather interesting phenomenon. Every time I press this lever, that post-graduate student breathes a sigh of relief.**

<http://www.cyc-net.org/humour/070801laugh.html>

# Performance of the System



**Mean number of stimulation triggered ± SEM**

brush	pressure	pinch
0	$1.85 \pm 0.23$	$3.62 \pm 0.16$

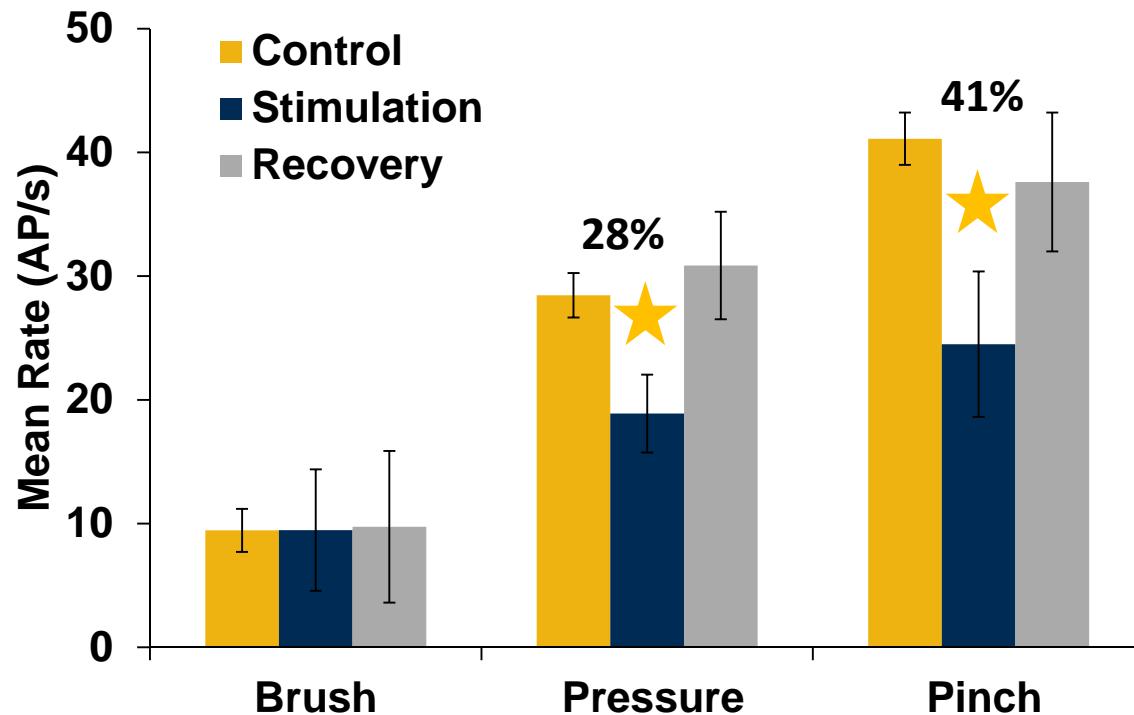
System found pinch stimulus twice as painful as pressure (n=29).

**Mean time delay in ± SEM**

brush	pressure	pinch
--	$4.46 \pm 0.49$ (s)	$0.91 \pm 0.16$ (s)

System detected pinch stimulus five times faster than pressure (n=29).

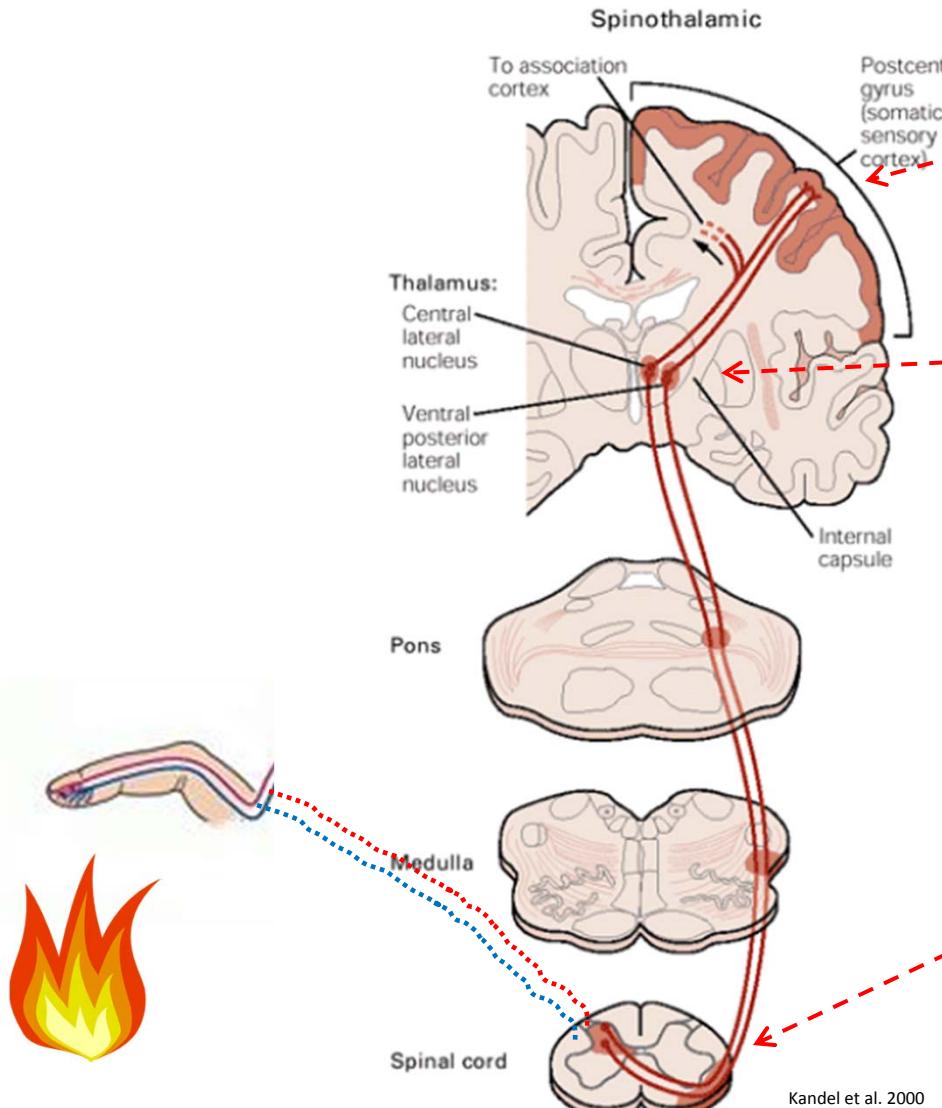
# Statistical Results



The mean rate of Action potentials (APs)/sec.  $\pm$  SEM (standard error of mean), n=29 (number of recorded neurons)

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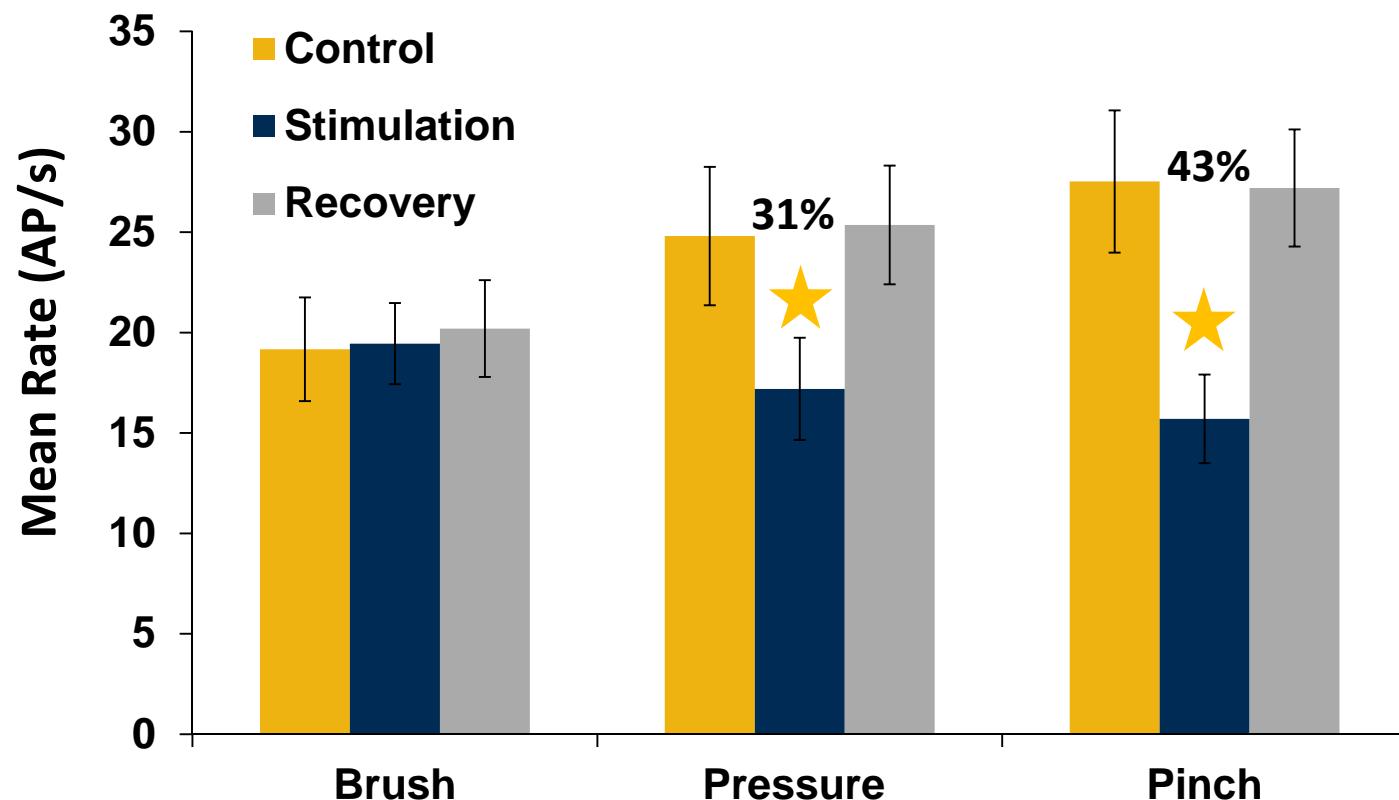


Somatosensory cortex  
(ECoG)

Thalamus (VPL/VPM)  
(Single-unit)

Dorsal horn spinal cord  
(Single-unit)

# Statistical Results



The mean rate of Action potentials (APs)/s.  $\pm$  SEM (standard error of mean), n=40 (number of recorded neurons)

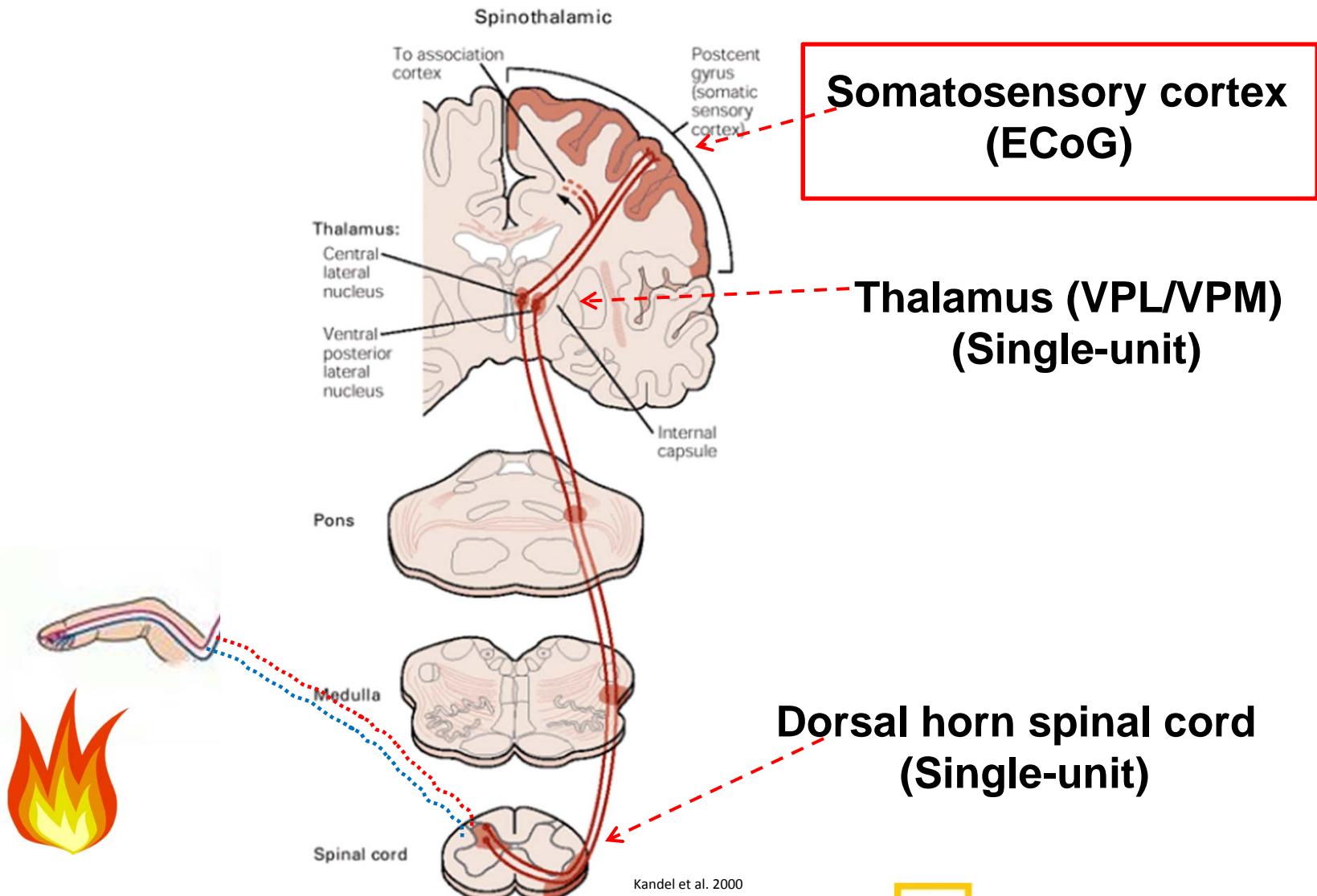
# Problems and Issues with Single-Unit APs



- ❖ Long-term recording of single-unit action potential has not been demonstrated in clinical practice.
- ❖ Adds extra surgical procedures to the implantation of DBS.

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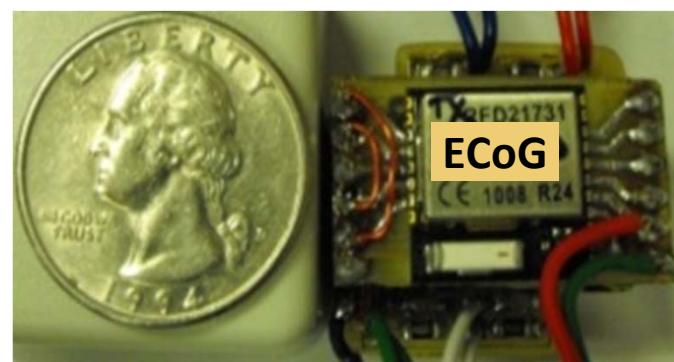
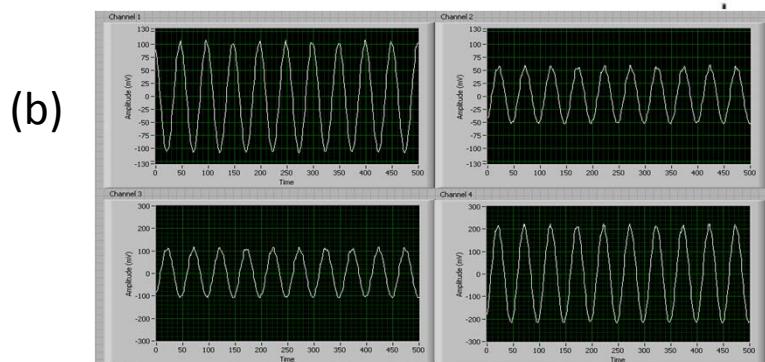
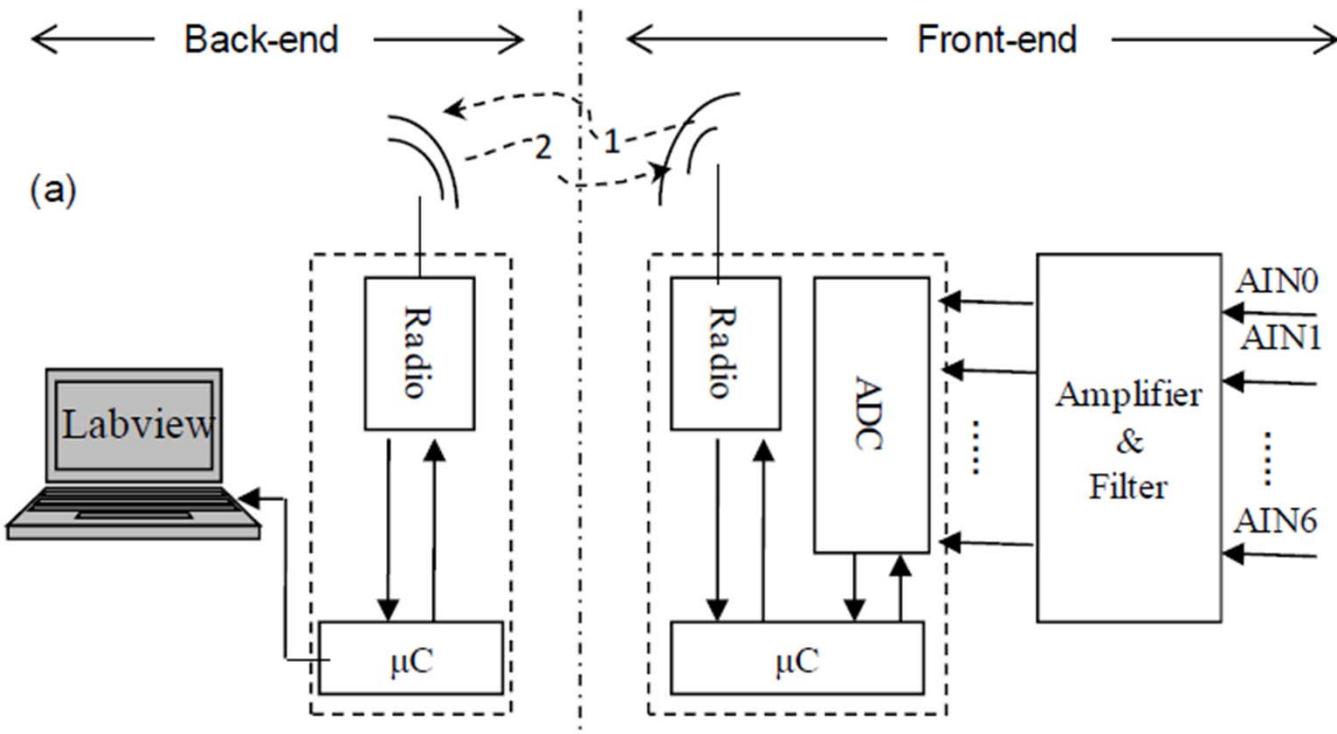


# Hardware Characteristics to Acquire EEG/ECoG

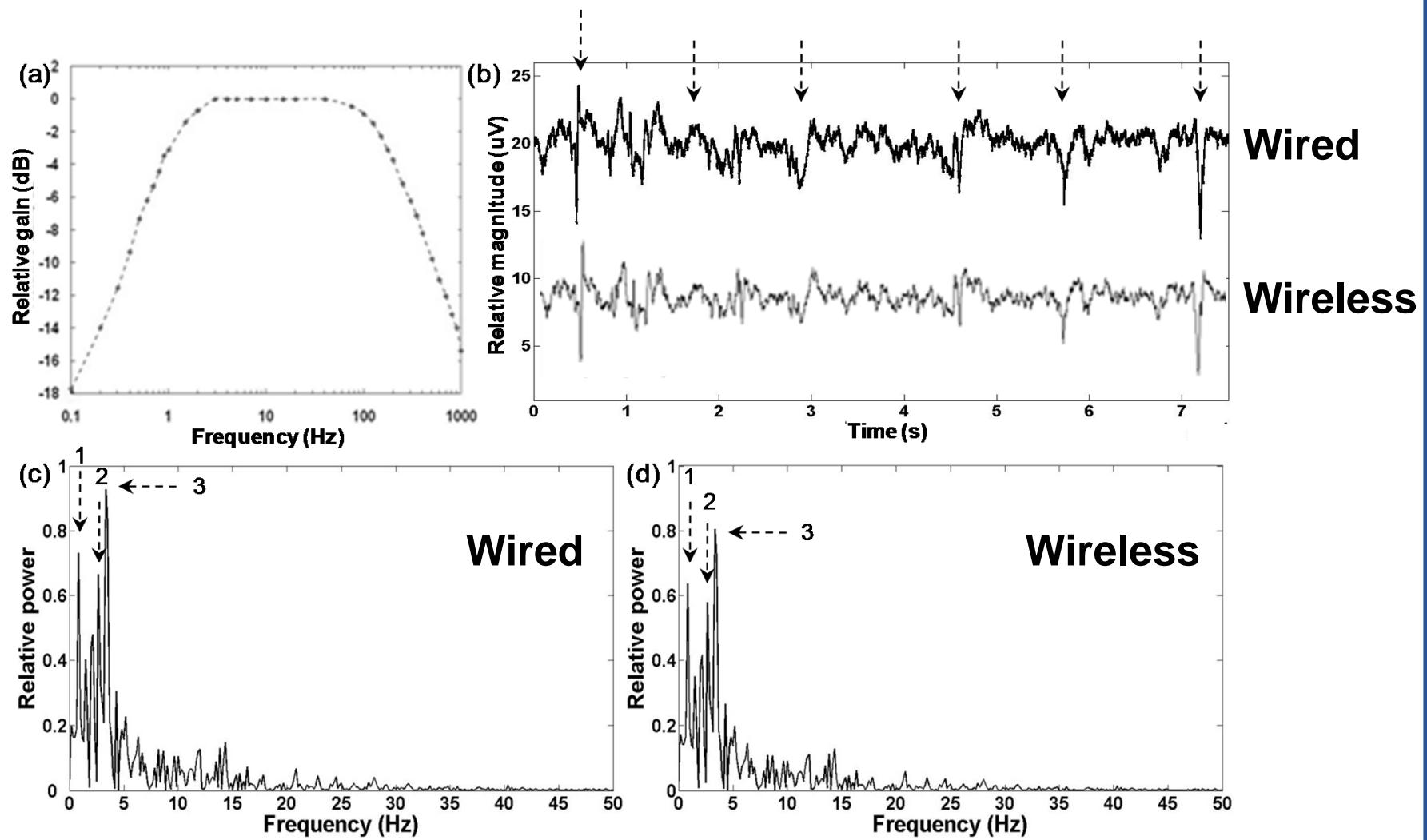


- (1) Size and weight**
- (2) Wireless transmission**
- (3) Multichannel recording**
- (4) Energy consumption**
- (5) Cost efficient**

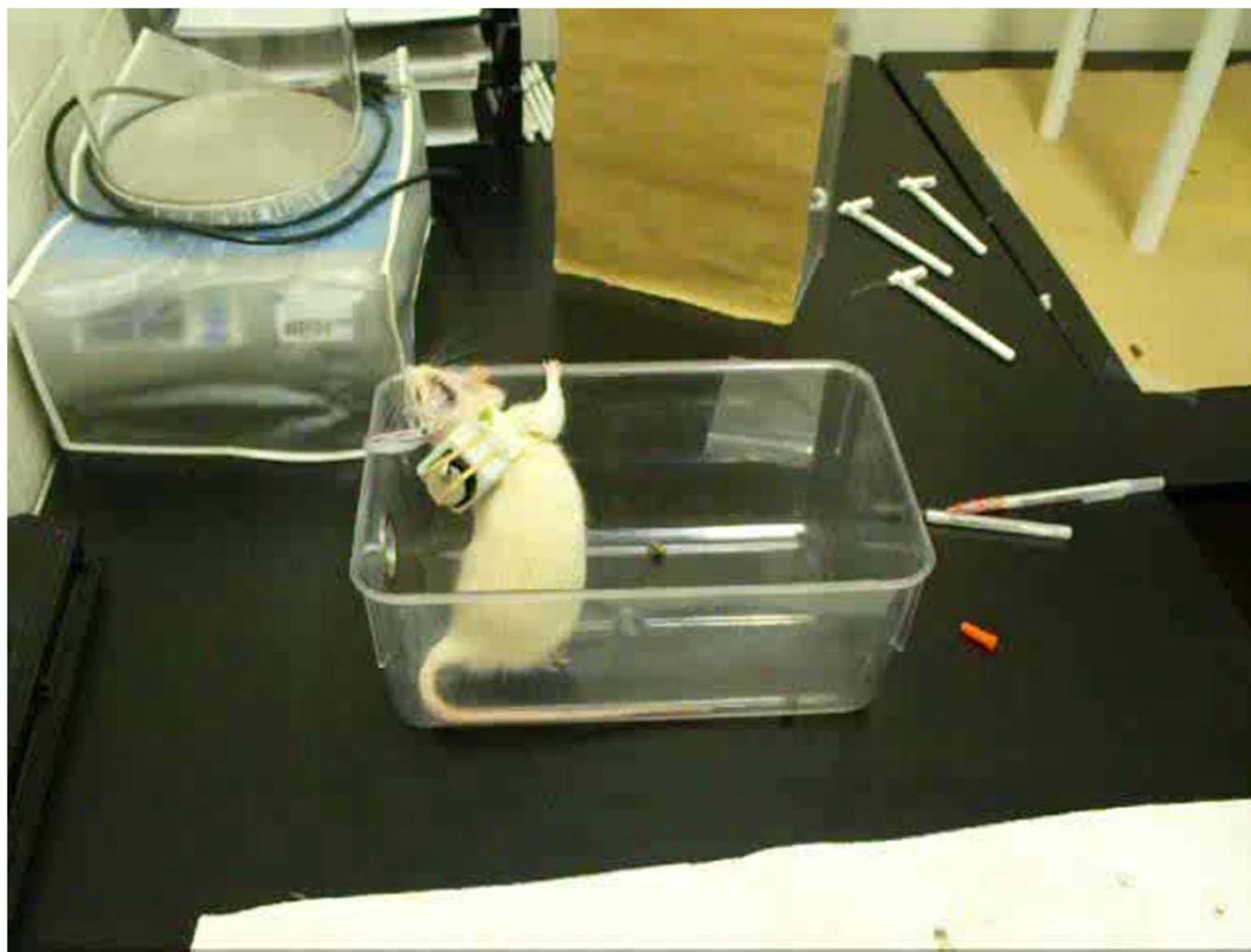
# Multichannel Wireless System to Acquire EEG/ECoG



# Comparing Wired and Wireless Systems



# Video of a Rat with the ECoG Front-end



# Experimental Procedures



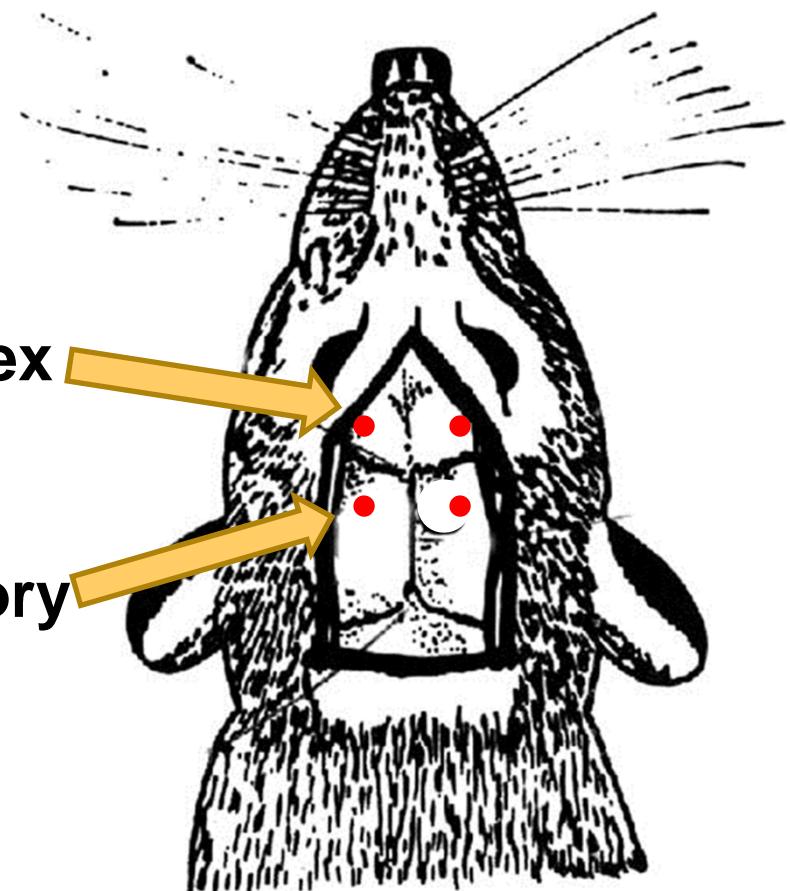
1. Thermal stimulation

2. Chemical stimulation

Motor Cortex

3. Mechanical stimulation

Somatosensory

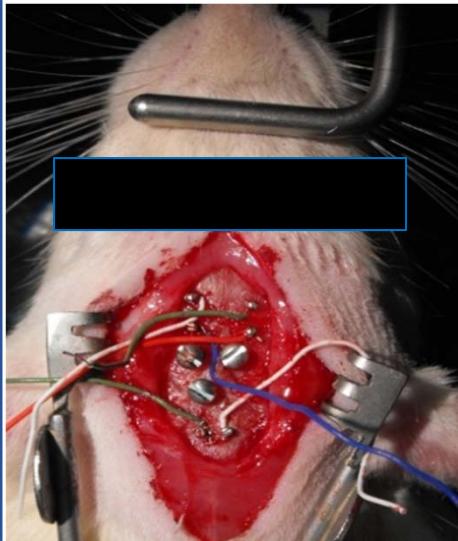


Ling et al. 2004

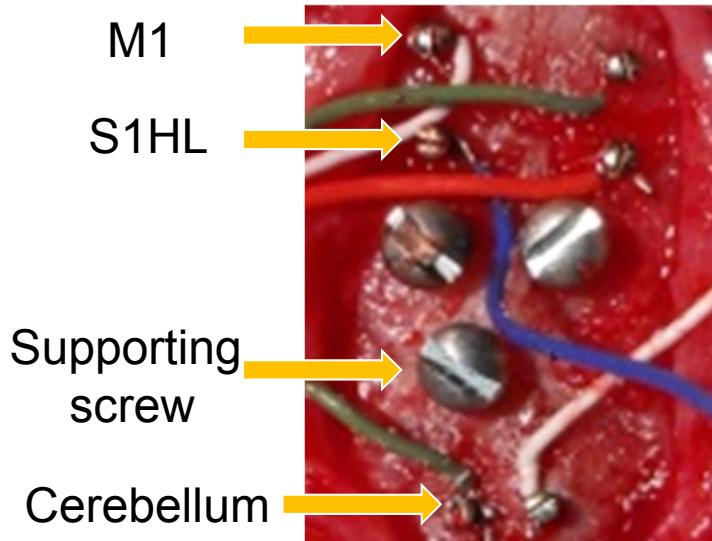
# Implantation Methodology



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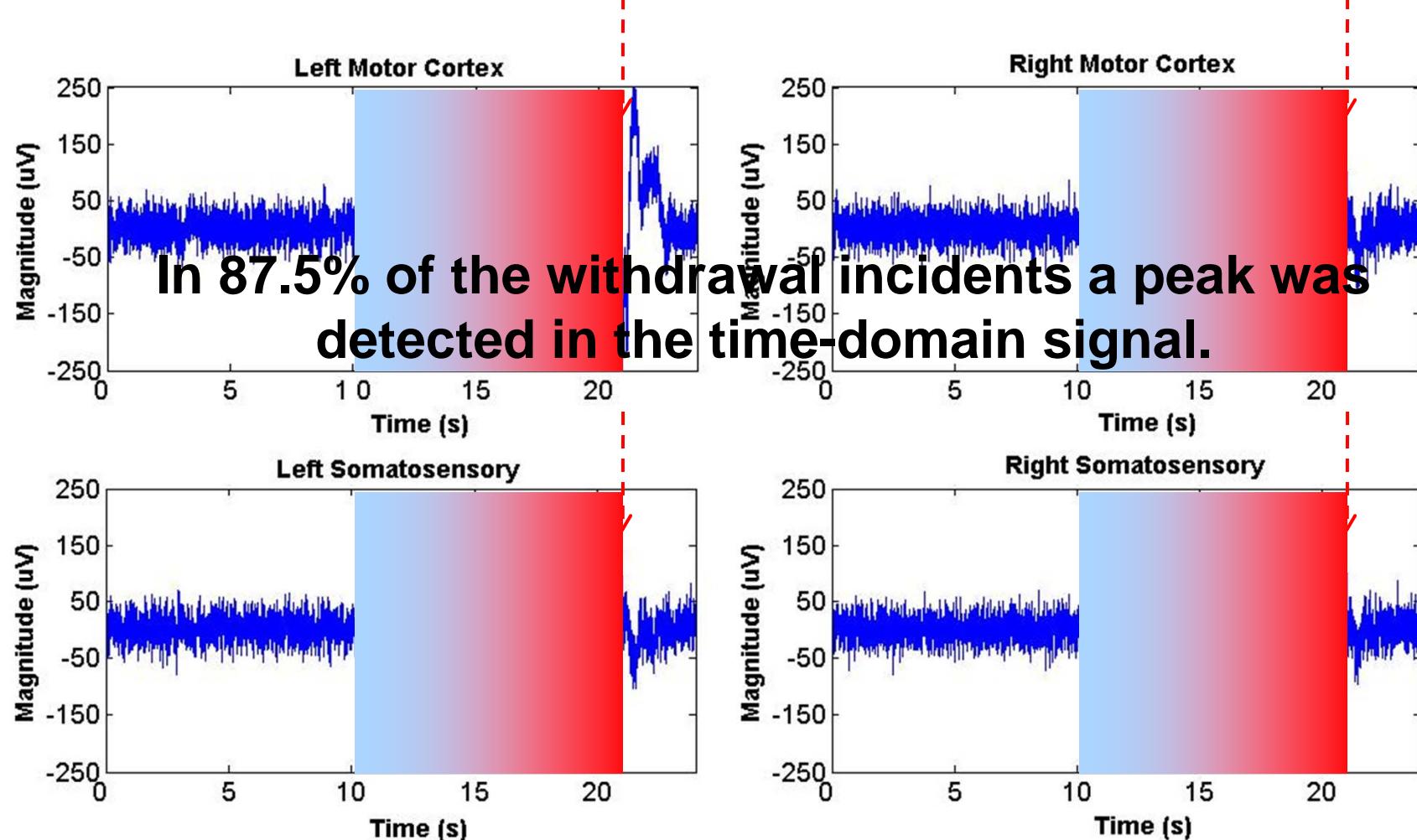
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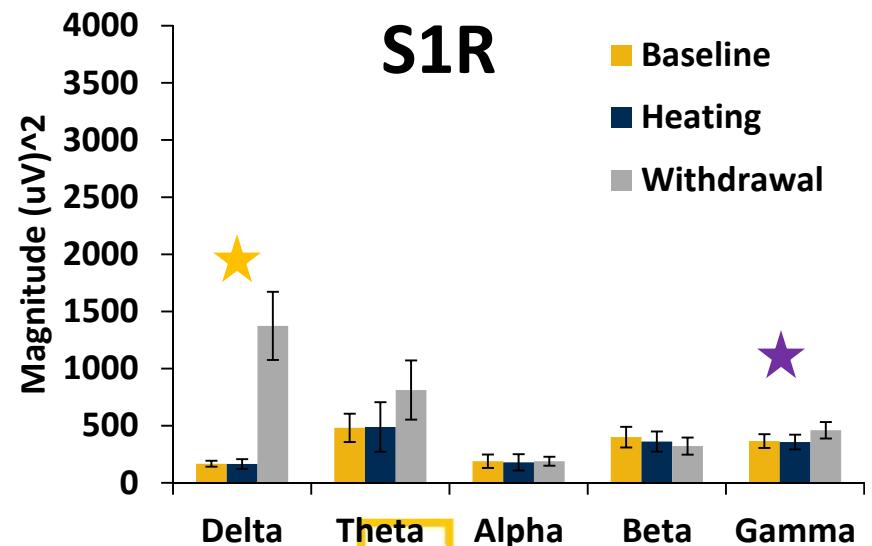
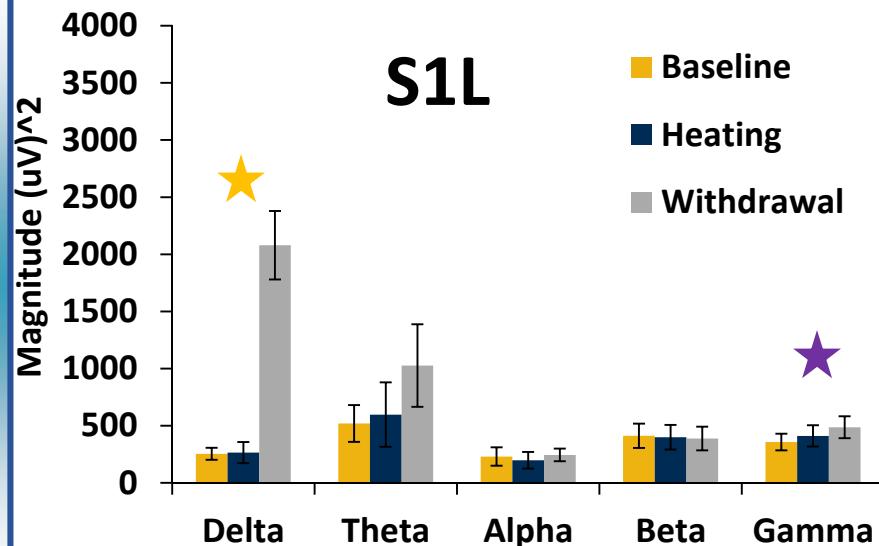
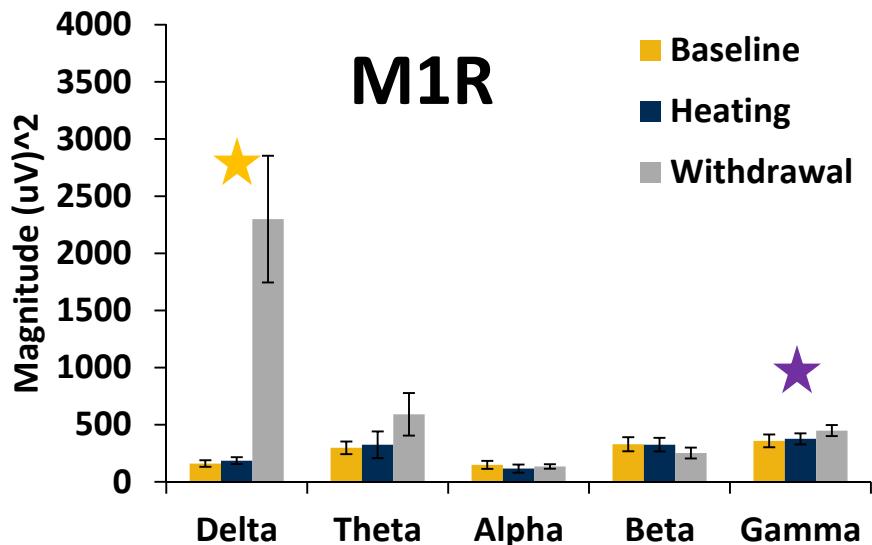
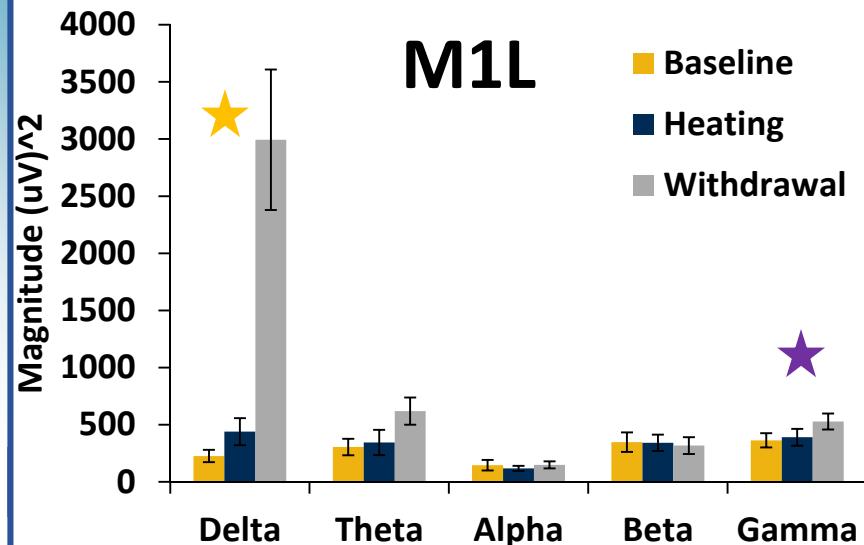
(c)



# Thermal Stimulation in Right Paw



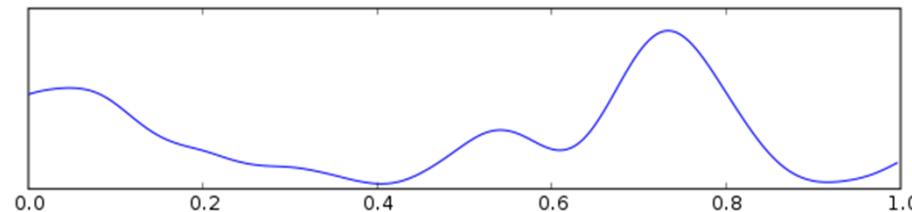
# Power Spectrum in Various Frequency Bands for Thermal Stimulation to Right Paw



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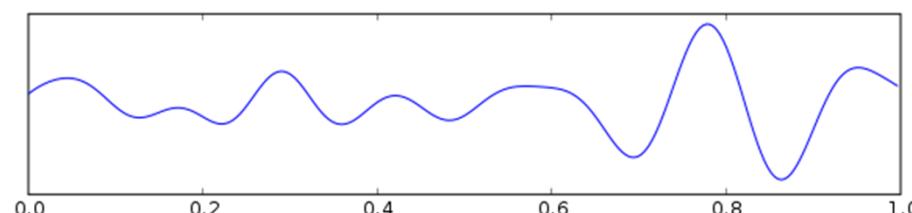


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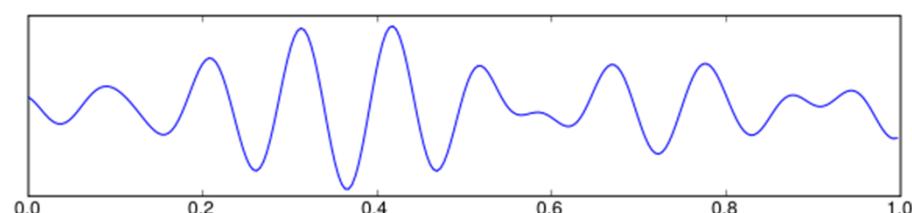
Sleeping

Theta (4 - <8 Hz)



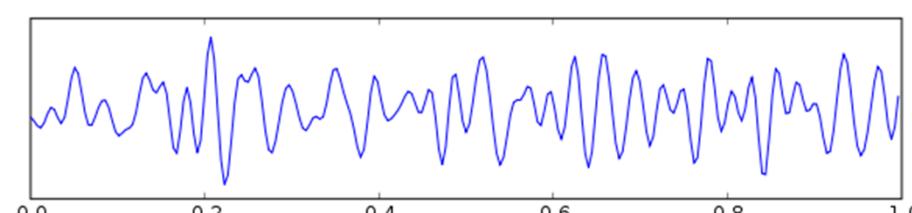
Drowsy

Alpha (8 - <13 Hz)



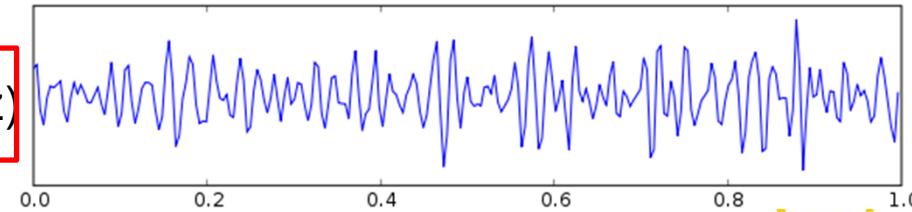
Relaxed

Beta (13 - <30 Hz)



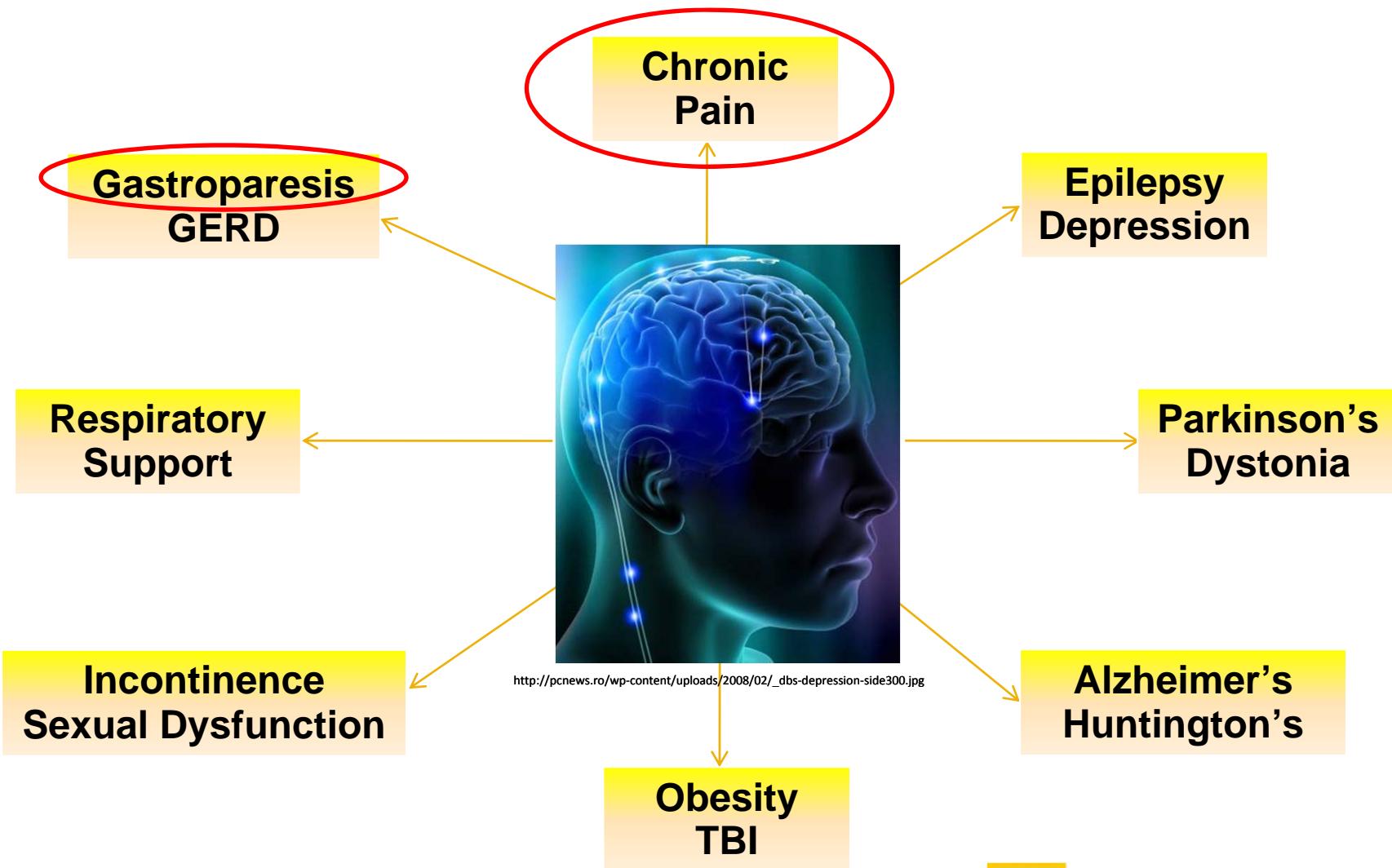
Alert

Gamma (30 - 100 Hz)



Complicated  
Sensory Processing

# Treating Neural Disorders: Neurostimulation



# Gastroparesis



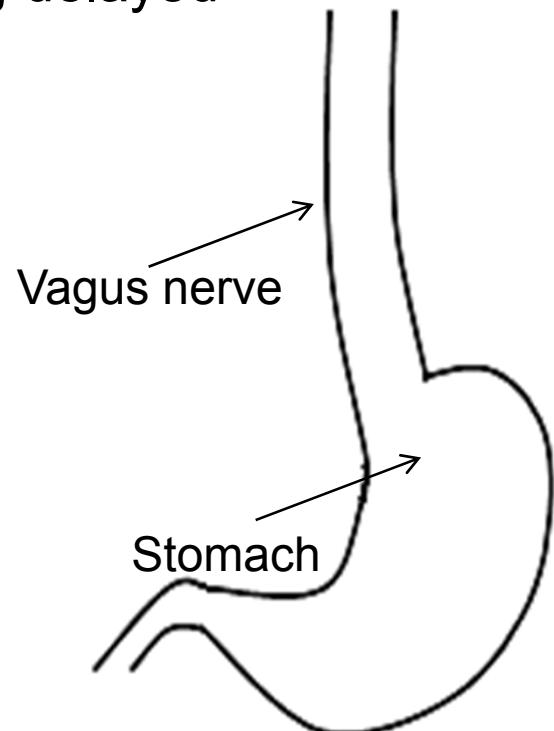
- Vagus nerve is damaged / Gastric emptying delayed
- Stomach does not move

## Symptoms

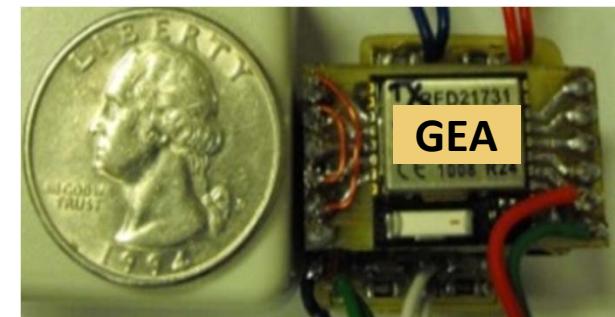
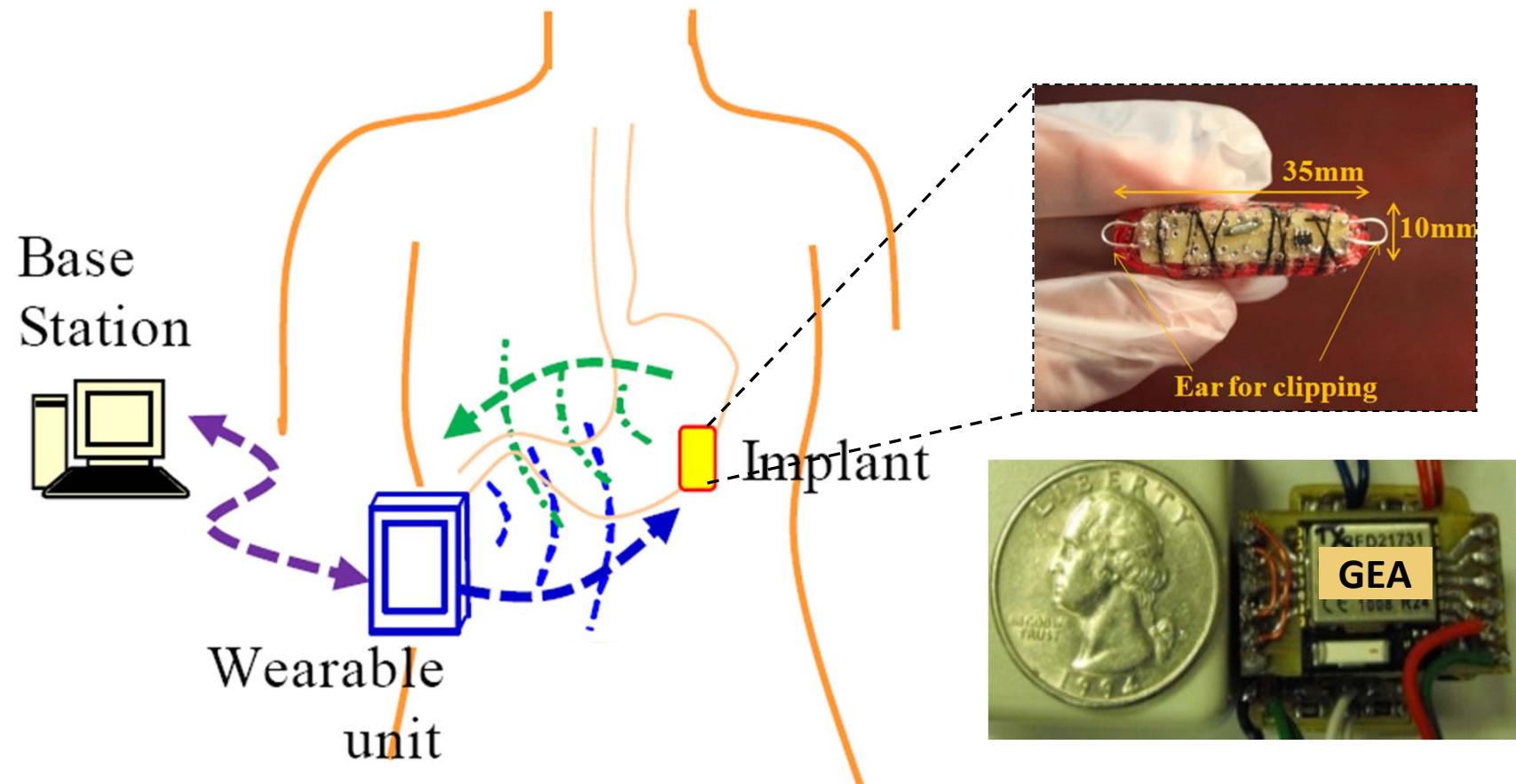
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- High / low blood glucose levels

## Statistics

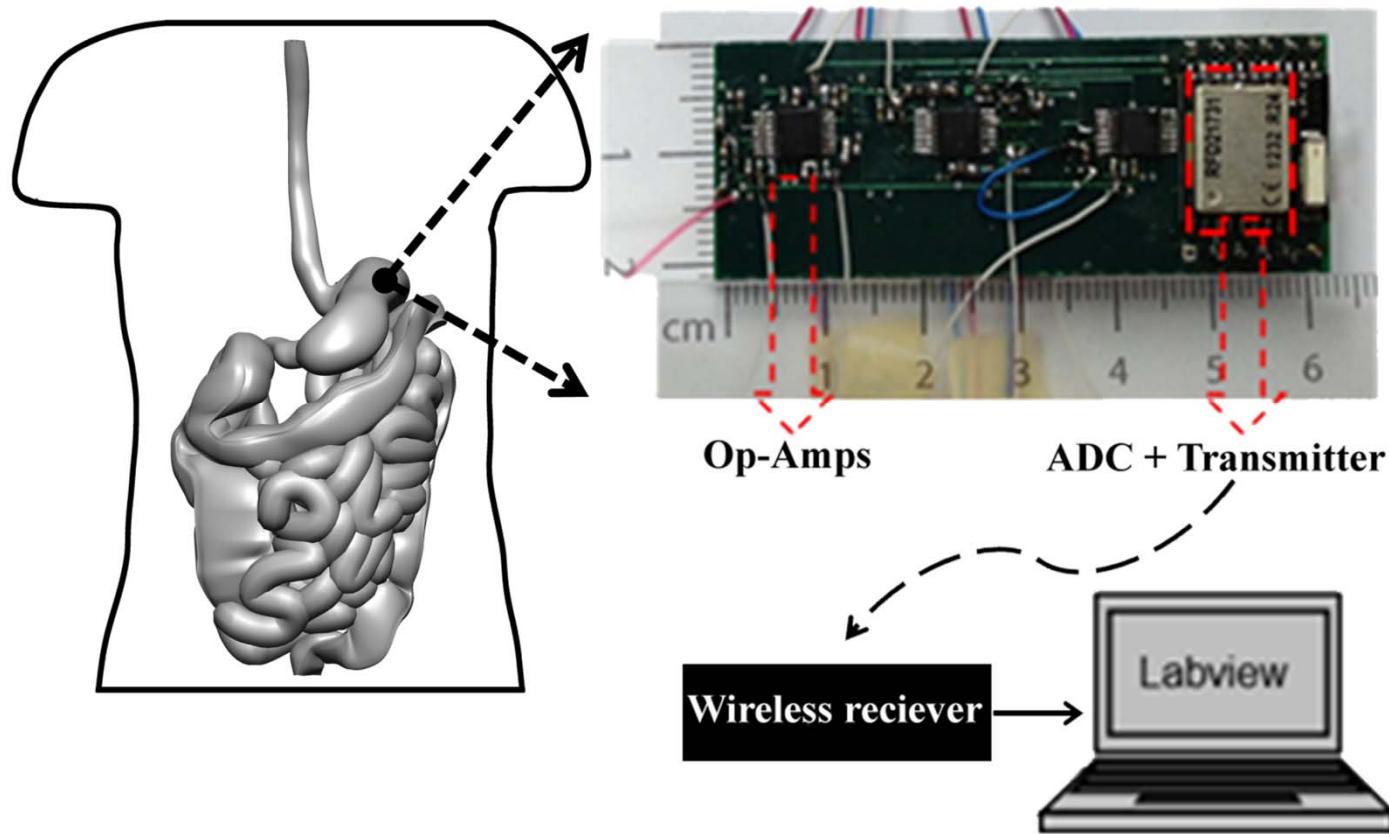
- 40-50% of diabetic population suffers from Gastroparesis
- 25 million people in the US suffering from Diabetes in 2010



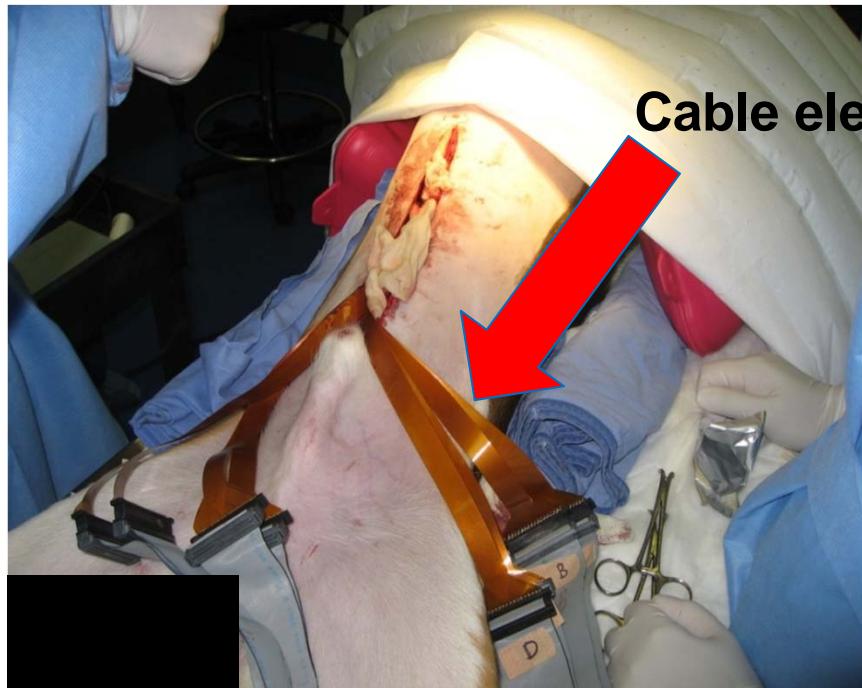
# Integrated Solution for Relieving Gastroparesis



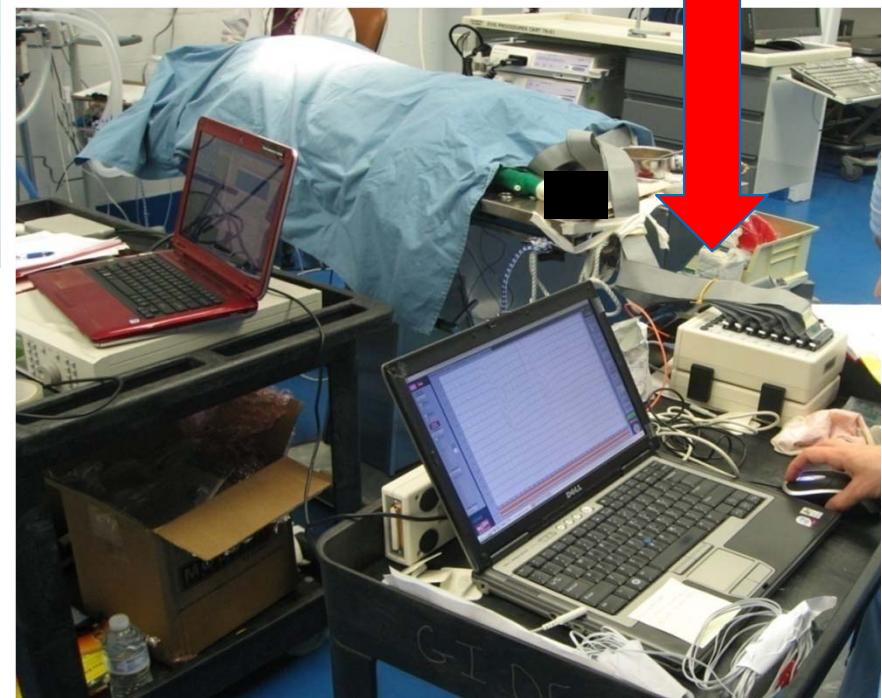
# Acquiring Gastric Electrical Activity (GEA)



# In-vivo Experiment for Recording GEA



Recording system

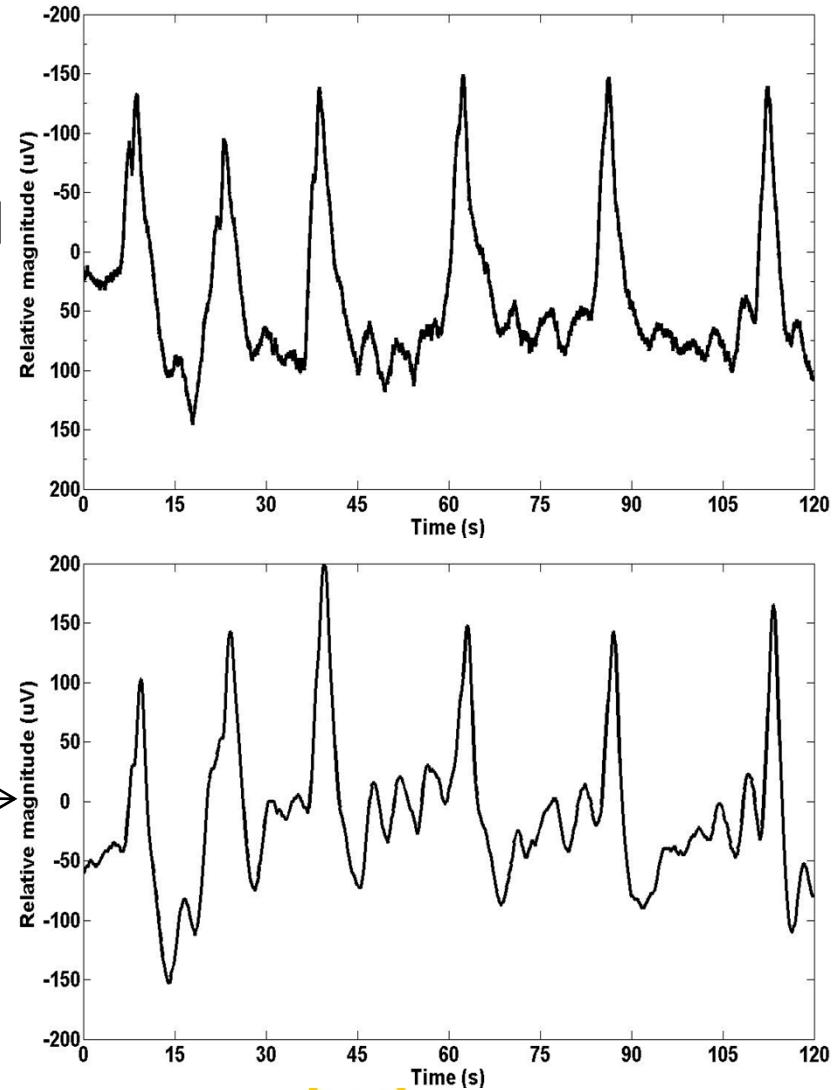


# Results for GEA



Wired

Wireless

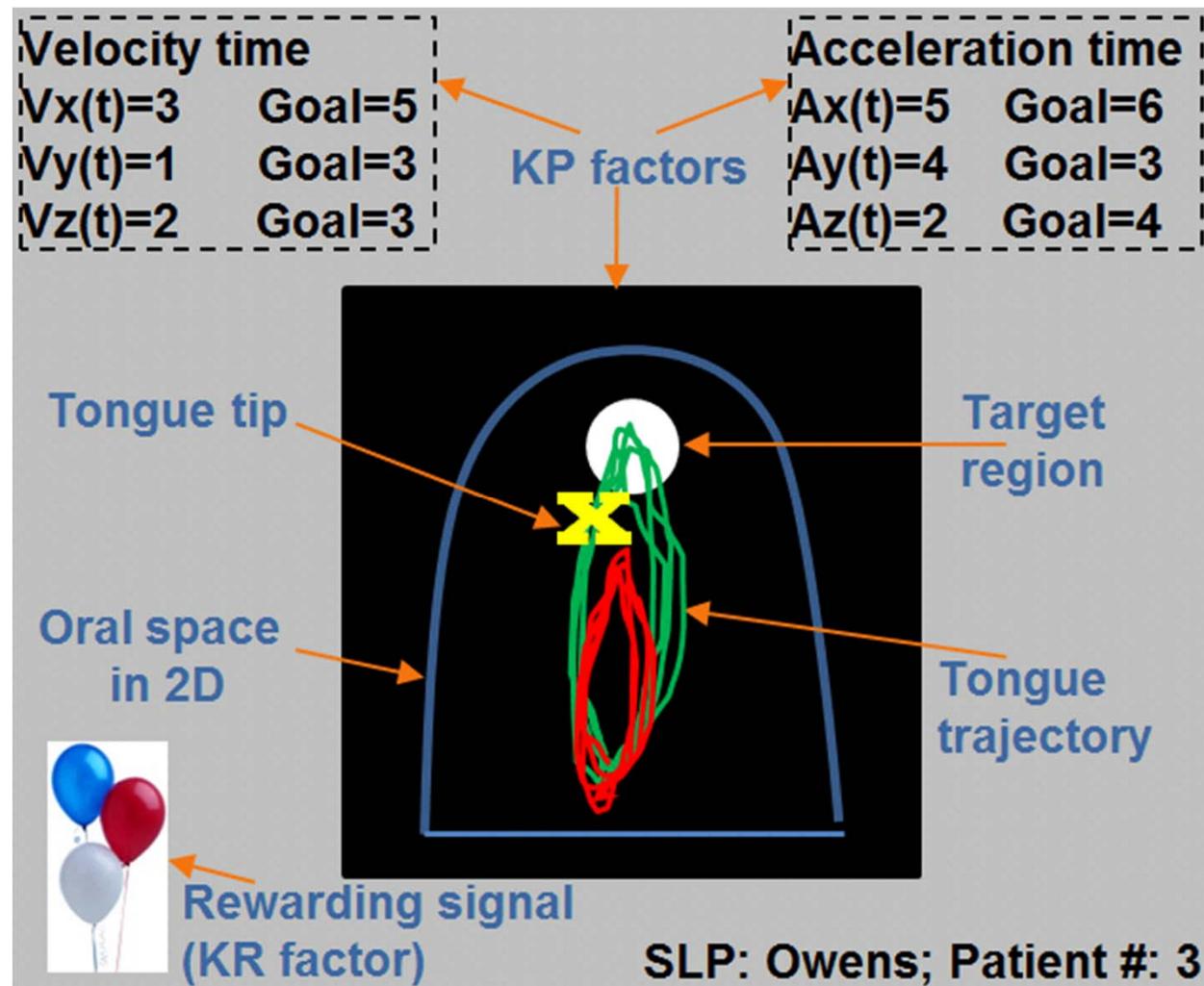


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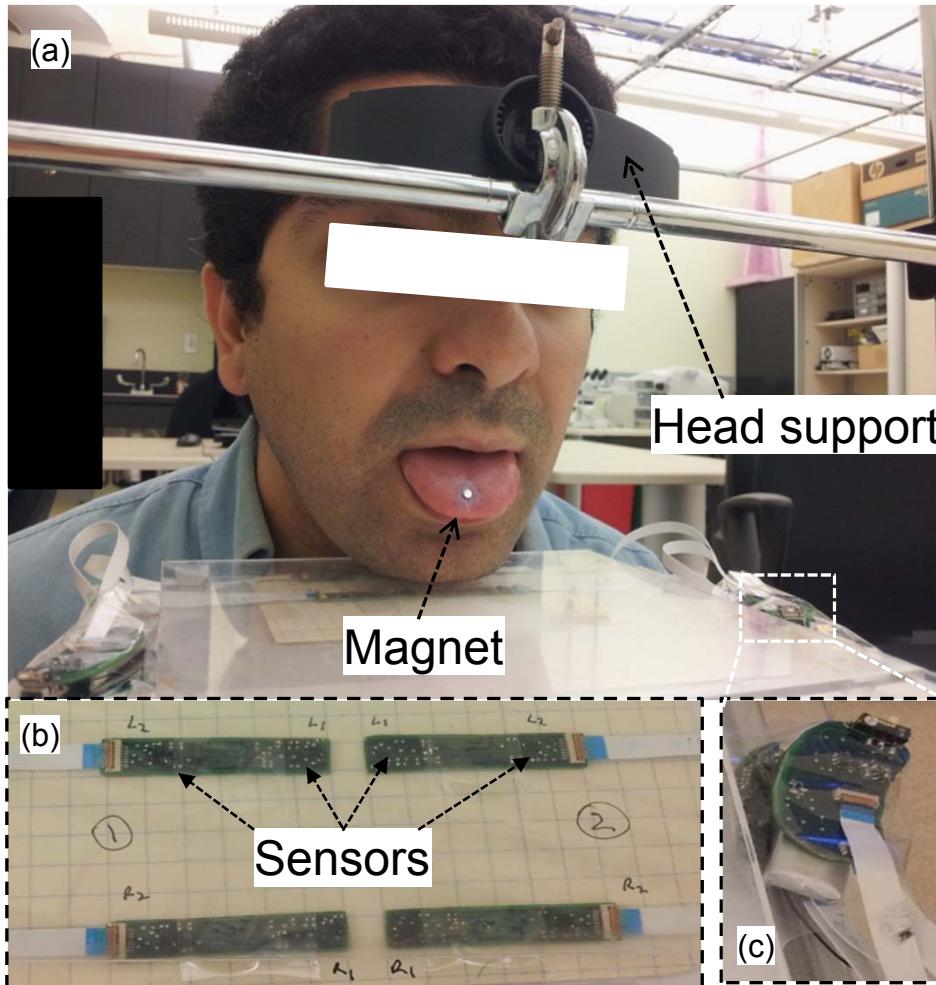


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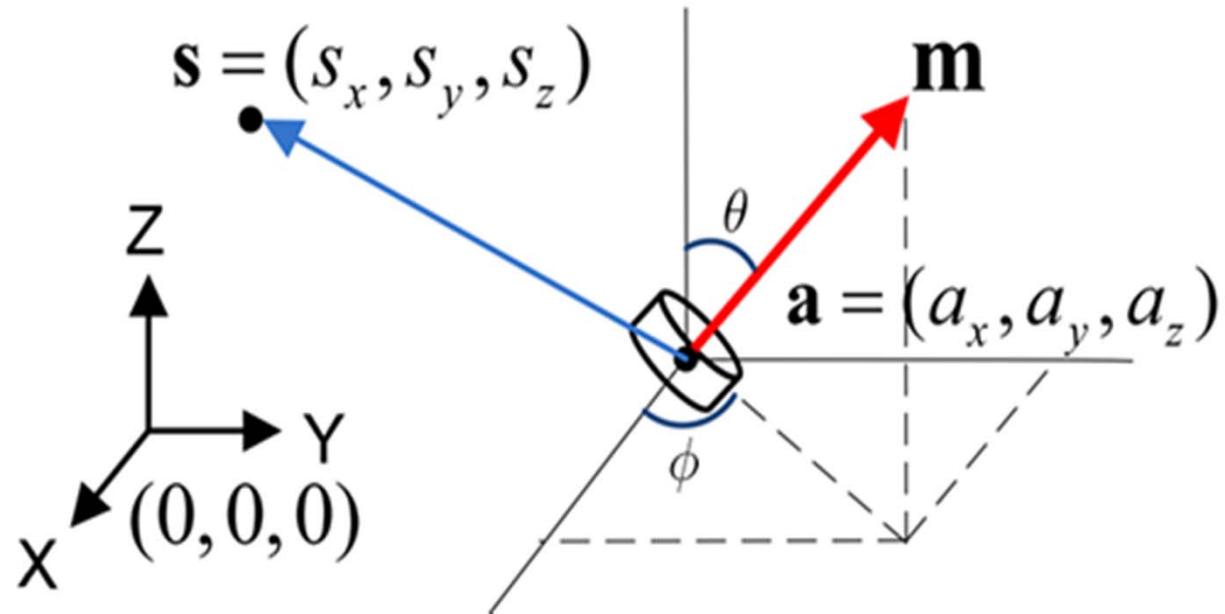
# Visual Biofeedback for Speech Impairment



# Tongue Tracking Systems (TTS)



# Mathematical Model for A Magnetic Dipole

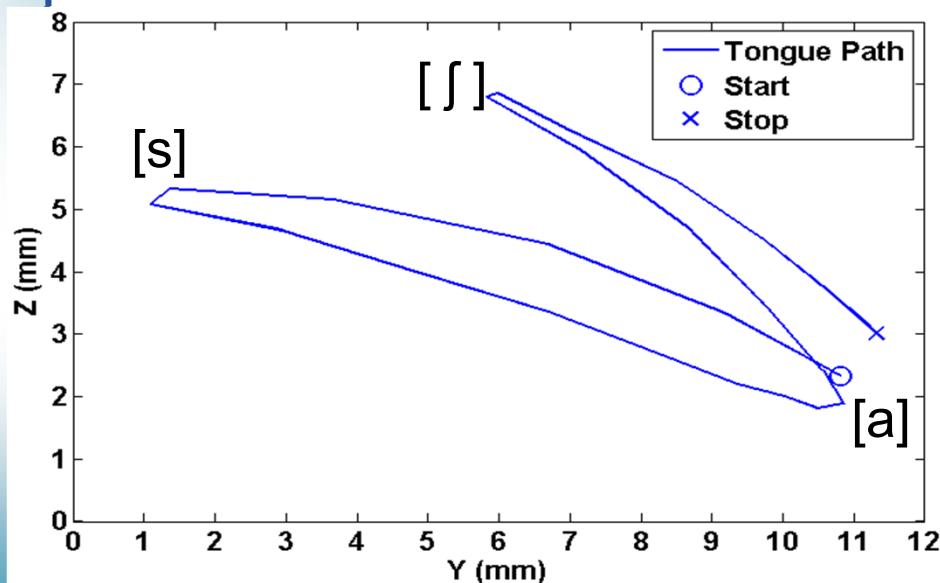


$$B(s, a, m) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{3[m \cdot (s - a)](s - a) - \|s - a\|^2 m}{\|s - a\|^5},$$

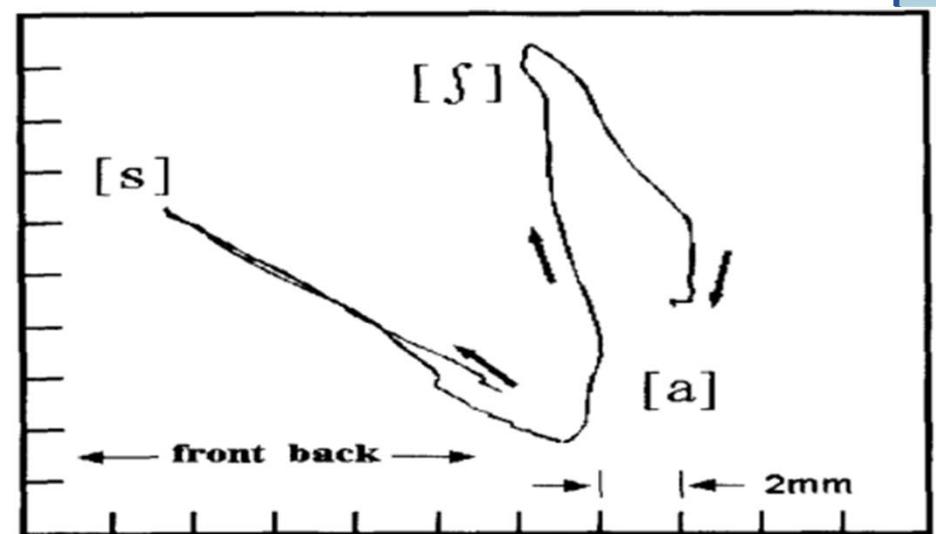
# Tongue Tracking Systems (TTS)



# Human Subject Experimental Results



Recorded by our TTS System



Recorded by Carstens (Katz et al.)

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**Integrated Closed-loop systems are the game-changers of future wearable / implantable medical systems and assistive technologies since they can improve the quality of human life more efficiently, help patients live independently, and significantly reduce clinical costs.**

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# Questions?

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**Implantable/Wearable Medical Devices**

- Wireless, Low-Power
- Intraoperative Monitoring
- Neural Recording/Stimulation
- Biological Signals
- Body Area Network

**Assistive Technology**

- Patient Centered
- Speech Impairment
- Home- and Mobile-Health
- Elderly, Chronic Diseases
- Obese People
- AAC

**Modeling/Simulation**

- ANNs, Biologically Inspired Models
- Biological Phenomena
- Pain Network
- Cognitive Modeling
- Brain Storming

**Signal Processing**

- Real-time, Off-line
- Biological Signals
- Action Potentials
- EEG/ECoG
- Intraoperative Signals
- Speech Processing

**IMS Lab.**

$$\frac{dU(t)}{dt} = -\frac{U(t) + U_1 - (1 - U(t)) \cdot \delta(t - t_{\text{rec}}^{(f)})}{\tau_{\text{rec}}}$$

$$I(t) = A \cdot w(t) \cdot R(t) + U(t) \cdot \delta(t - t_{\text{rec}}^{(f)})$$

**Transcranial Motor Evoked Potentials**

$$\frac{dU(t)}{dt} = a_0 + S_{\text{pre}}(t) \left[ a_1^{\text{pre}} + \int_0^{\infty} a_2^{\text{pre}, \text{post}}(s) S_{\text{post}}(t-s) ds \right] + S_{\text{post}}(t) \left[ a_1^{\text{post}} + \int_0^{\infty} a_2^{\text{post}, \text{pre}}(s) S_{\text{pre}}(t-s) ds \right]$$

$$\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = \frac{1 - R(t)}{\tau_{\text{rec}}} - U(t) \cdot R(t) \cdot \delta(t - t_{\text{rec}}^{(f)})$$

**Gastric Electrical Activity**

Signal amplitude: 10 mV, 1 mV, 100 μV, 10 μV, 1 μV

Signal frequency: 1 Hz, 10 Hz, 100 Hz, 1 kHz