
Numerické simulace v diagnostice onemocnění mozku

Computational modeling in epilepsy intervention & diagnosis

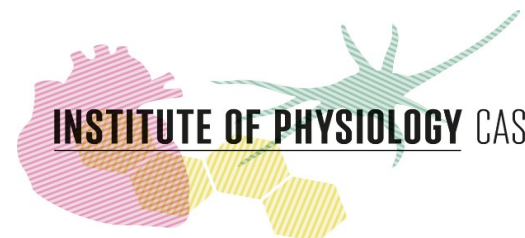
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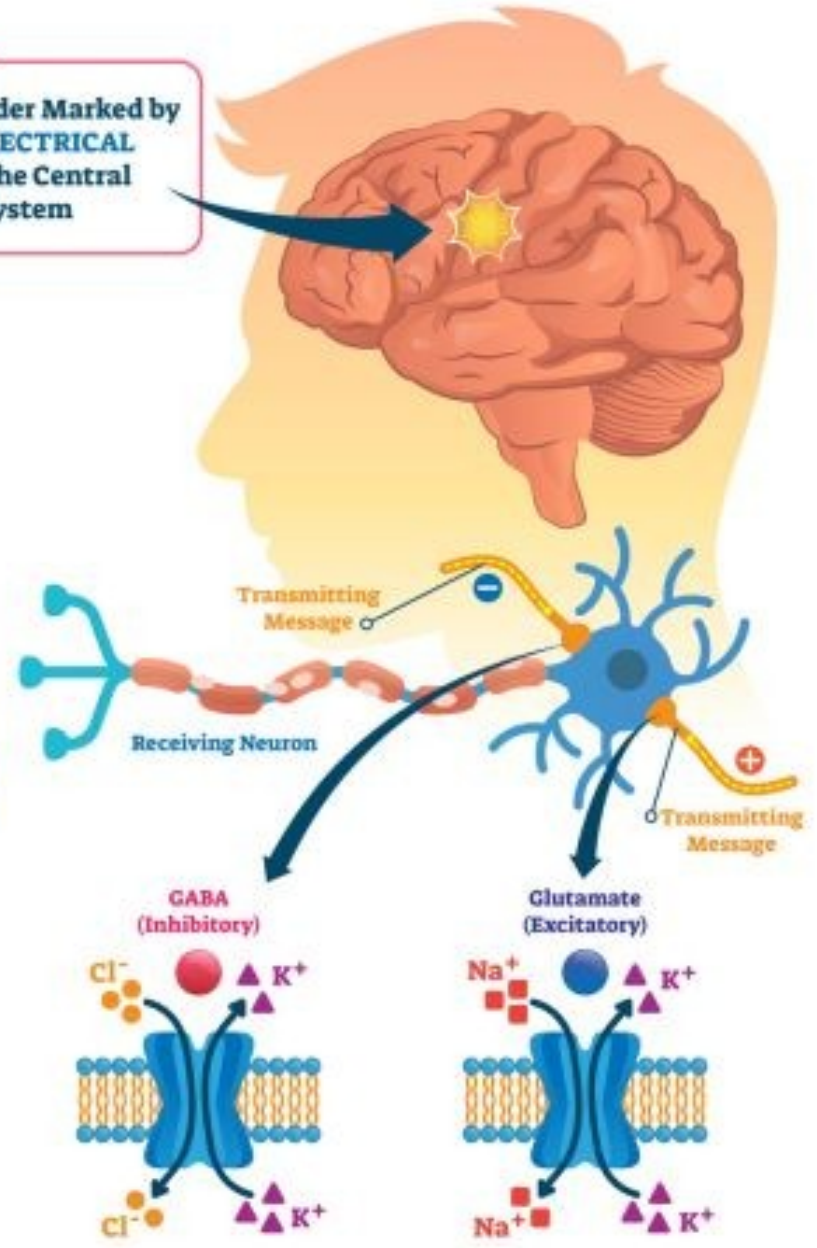
Epilepsy

EPILEPSY

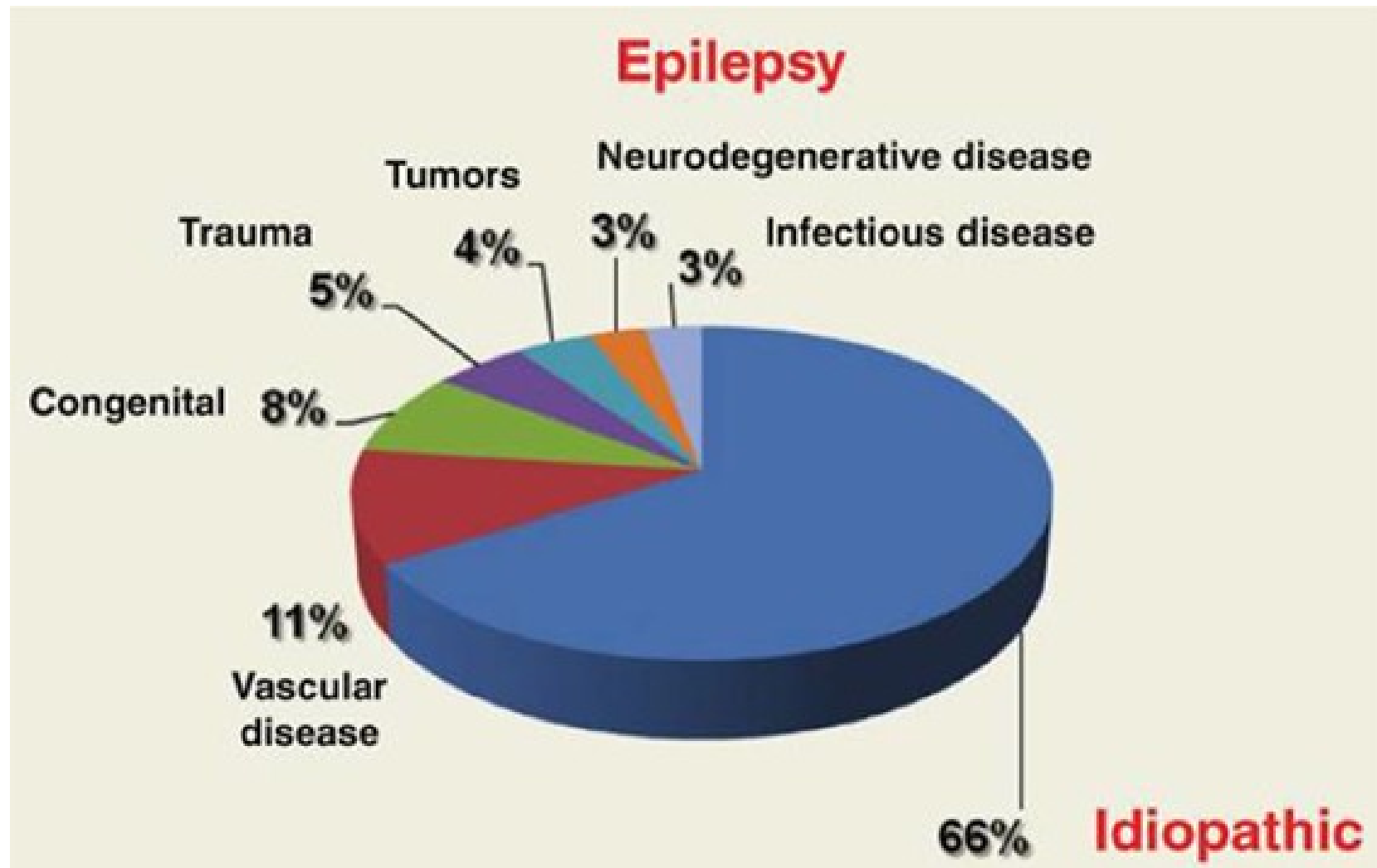
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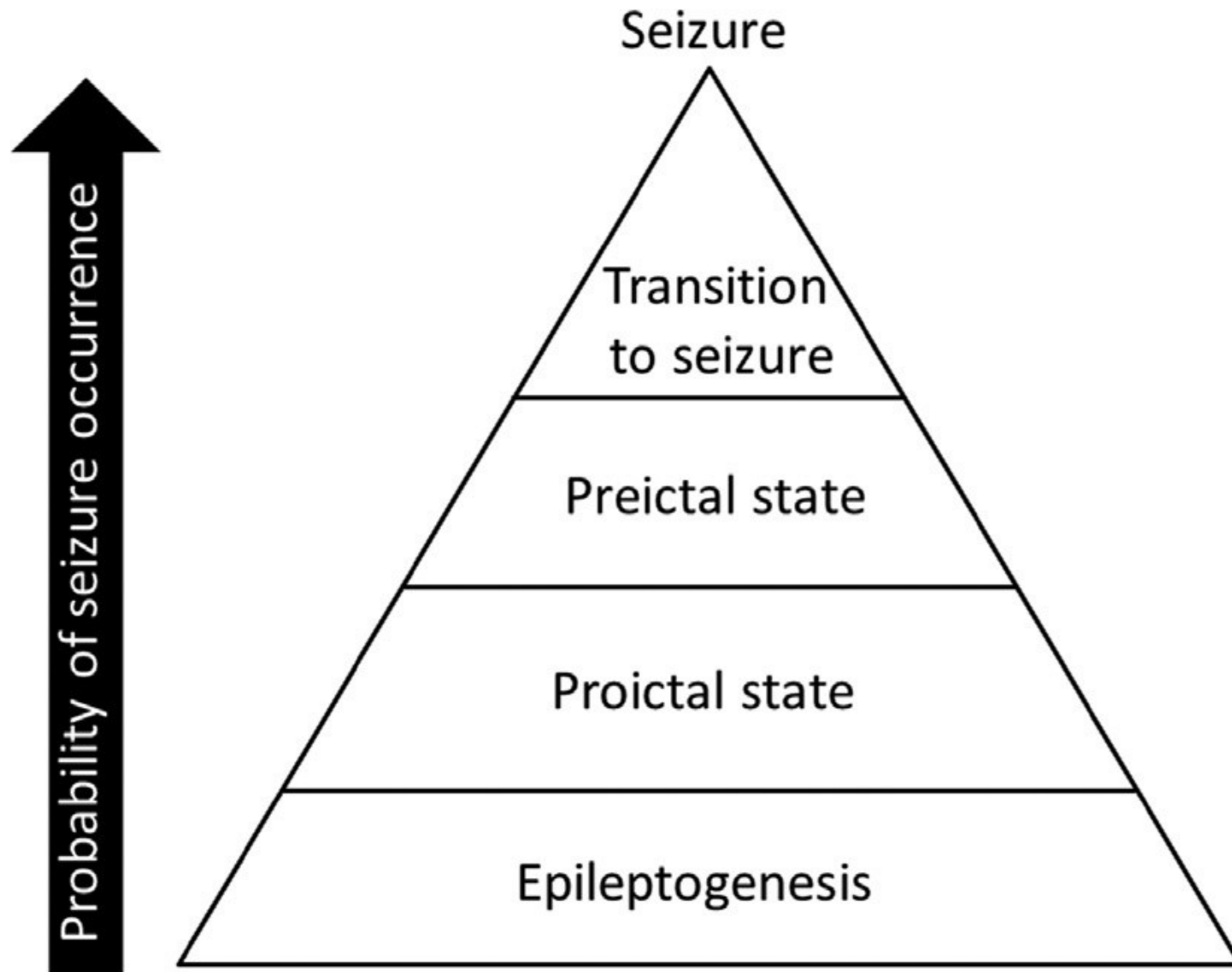
-  Loss of Consciousness
-  Anxiety
-  Staring
-  Weakness
-  Muscle Contraction and Jerking

Epilepsy is a Disorder Marked by **DISTURBED ELECTRICAL RHYTHMS** in the Central Nervous System



Etiology





Etiology ↔ **Epileptogenesis** ↔ **Ictogenesis**

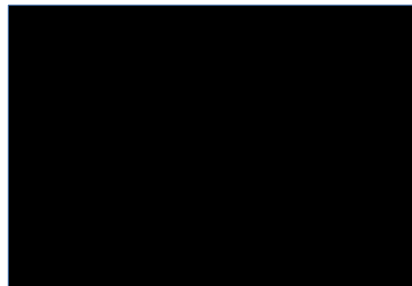
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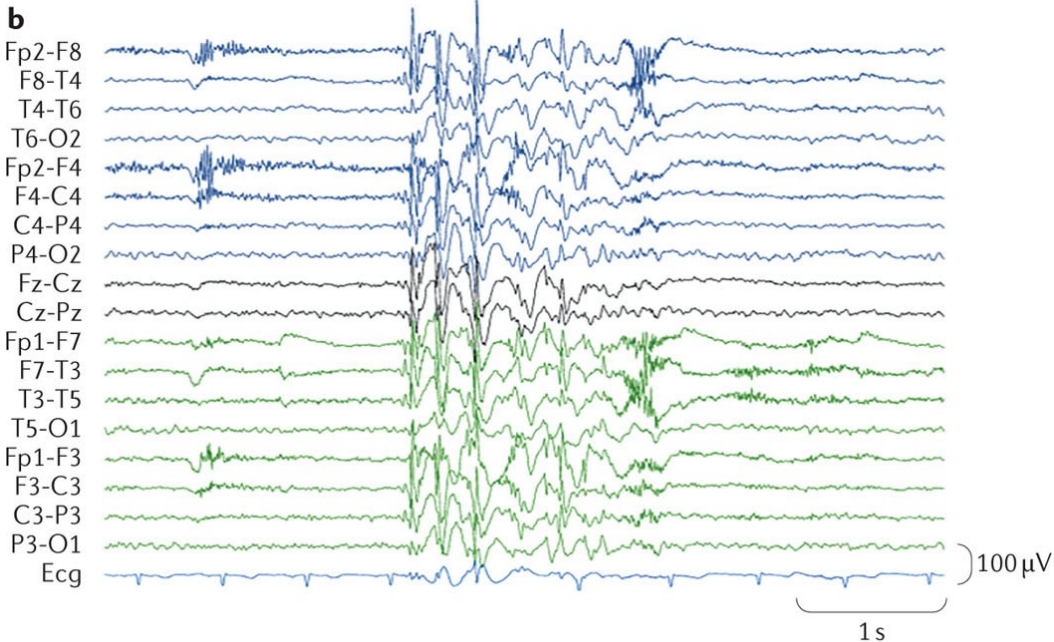
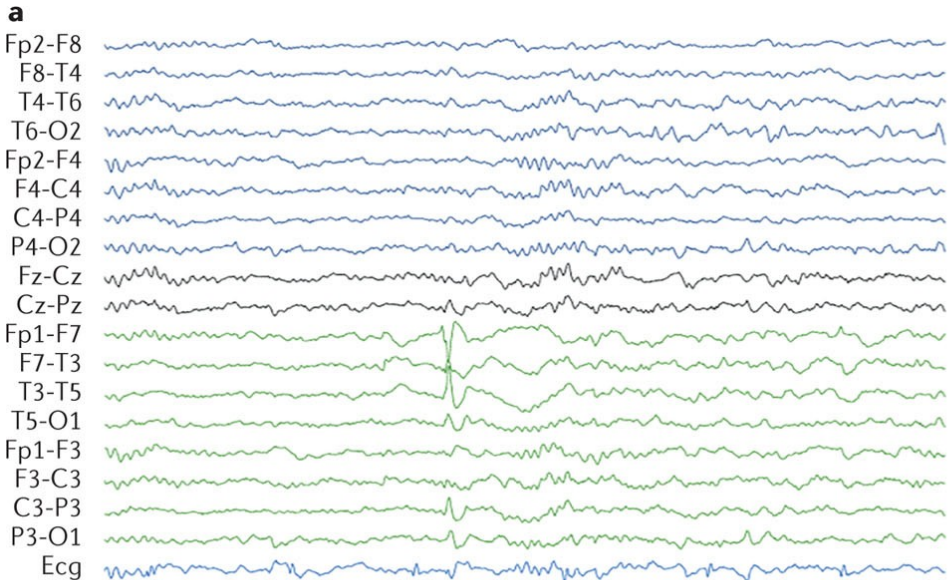
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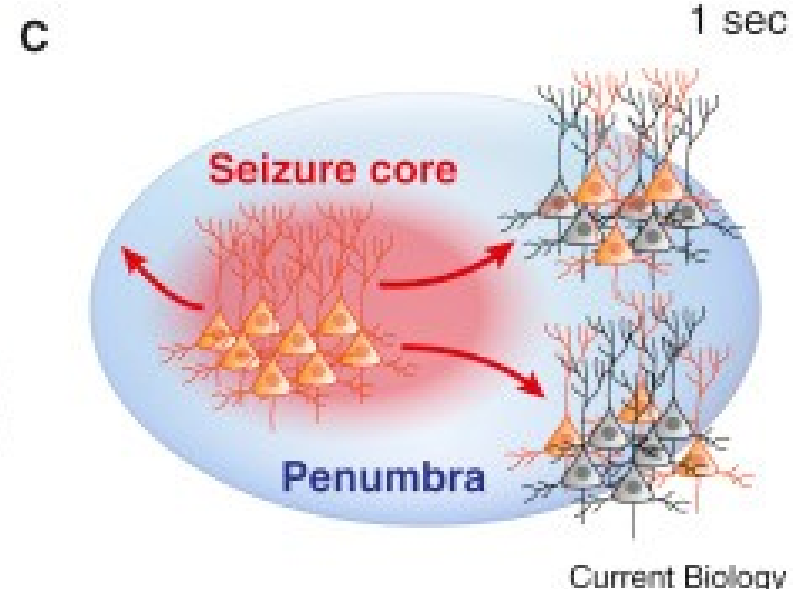
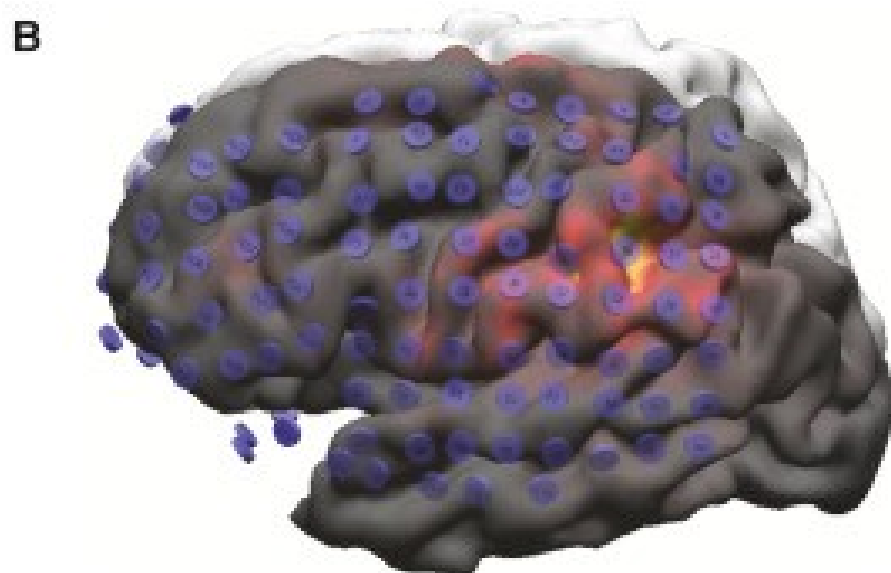
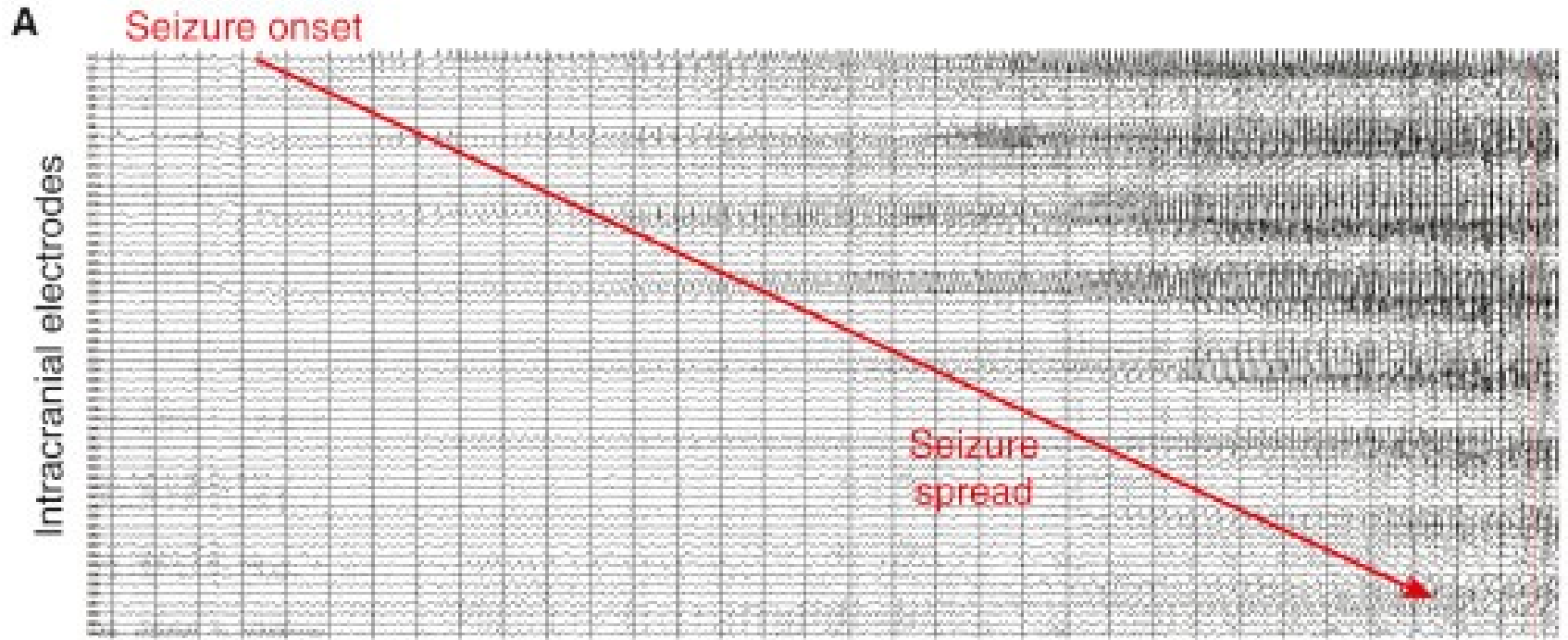
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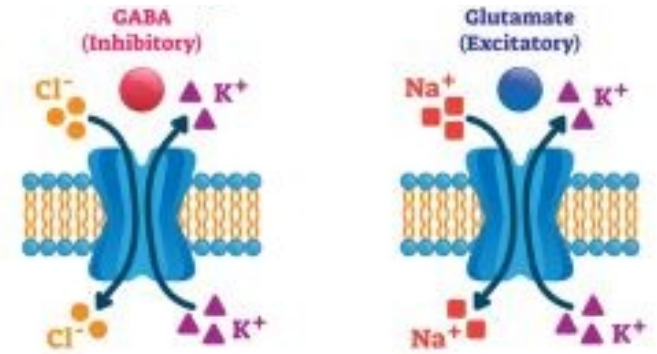
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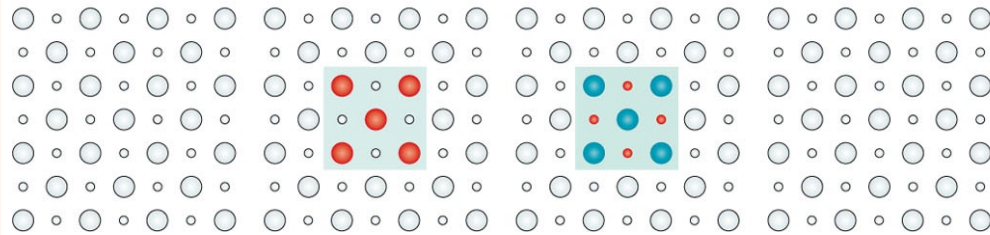
Focal Seizure



Seizure Mechanisms

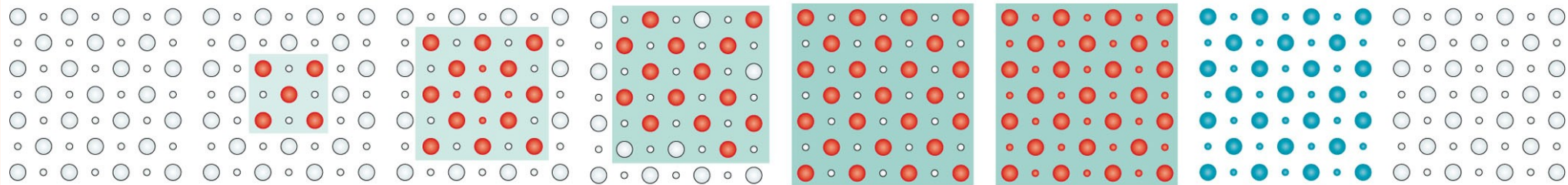


a Interictal epileptiform spike

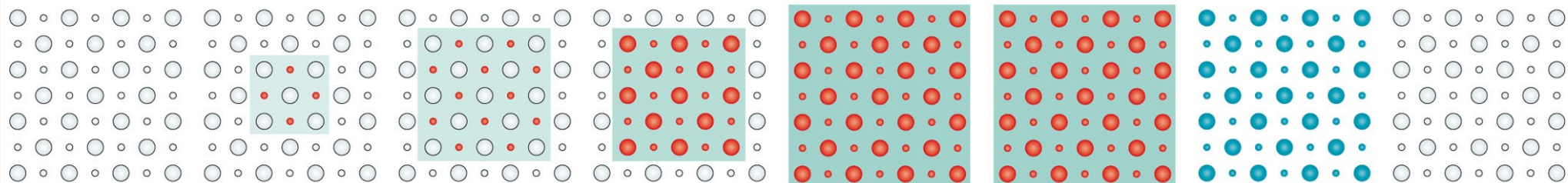


Principal neuron*	○	○	GABA-containing interneuron*
Hyperactive principal neuron	●	●	Hyperactive interneuron
Silenced principal neuron	●	●	Silenced interneuron
■		Extracellular space changes	

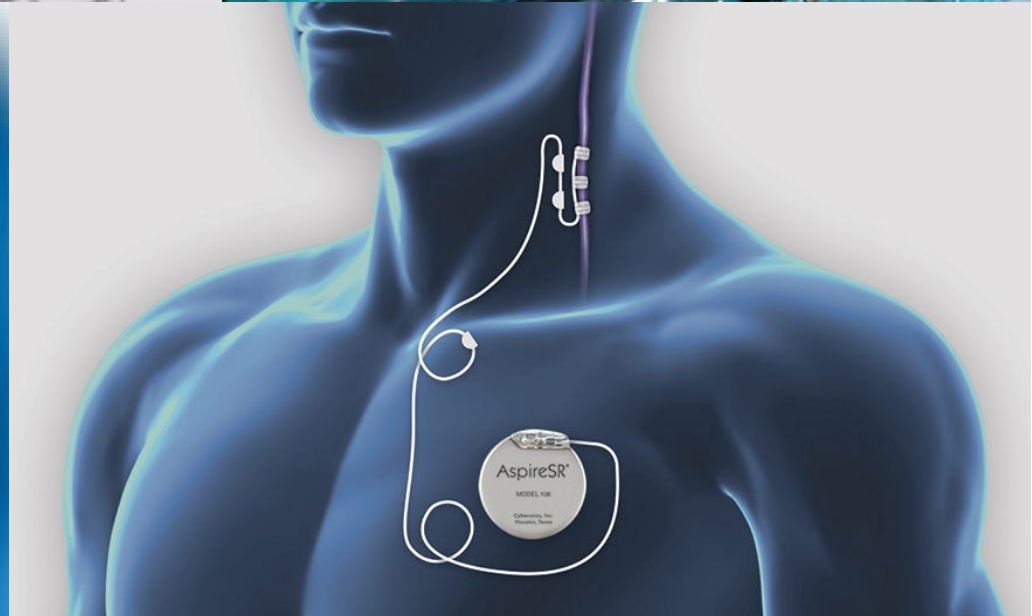
b Ictal discharge (hypersynchronous onset)



c Ictal discharge (low-voltage activity onset)



Treatment



Summary

Symptoms: manifold, dependent on involved brain area

Seizure types: focal, generalized, unknown

Etiology, Epileptogenesis & Ictogenesis: complex mechanisms
acting across different spatial and time scales

Ictogenesis Mechanisms: disrupted inhibition/excitation balance
in neural networks leads to spreading hyper-synchronization

Treatment: 30% of patients pharmacoresistant, surgery
requires markers for the identification of the zone to be
resected (epileptogenic zone), brain stimulation needs
better stimulation parameter adjustment

Computational Modeling

What is a model?

A computational model is a set of equations that describe how a neuron, a network, a cortical area, or clinical behavior changes as a function of some variable, such as time.

- **variables and parameters**
- **retrospective modeling vs. prospective modeling**

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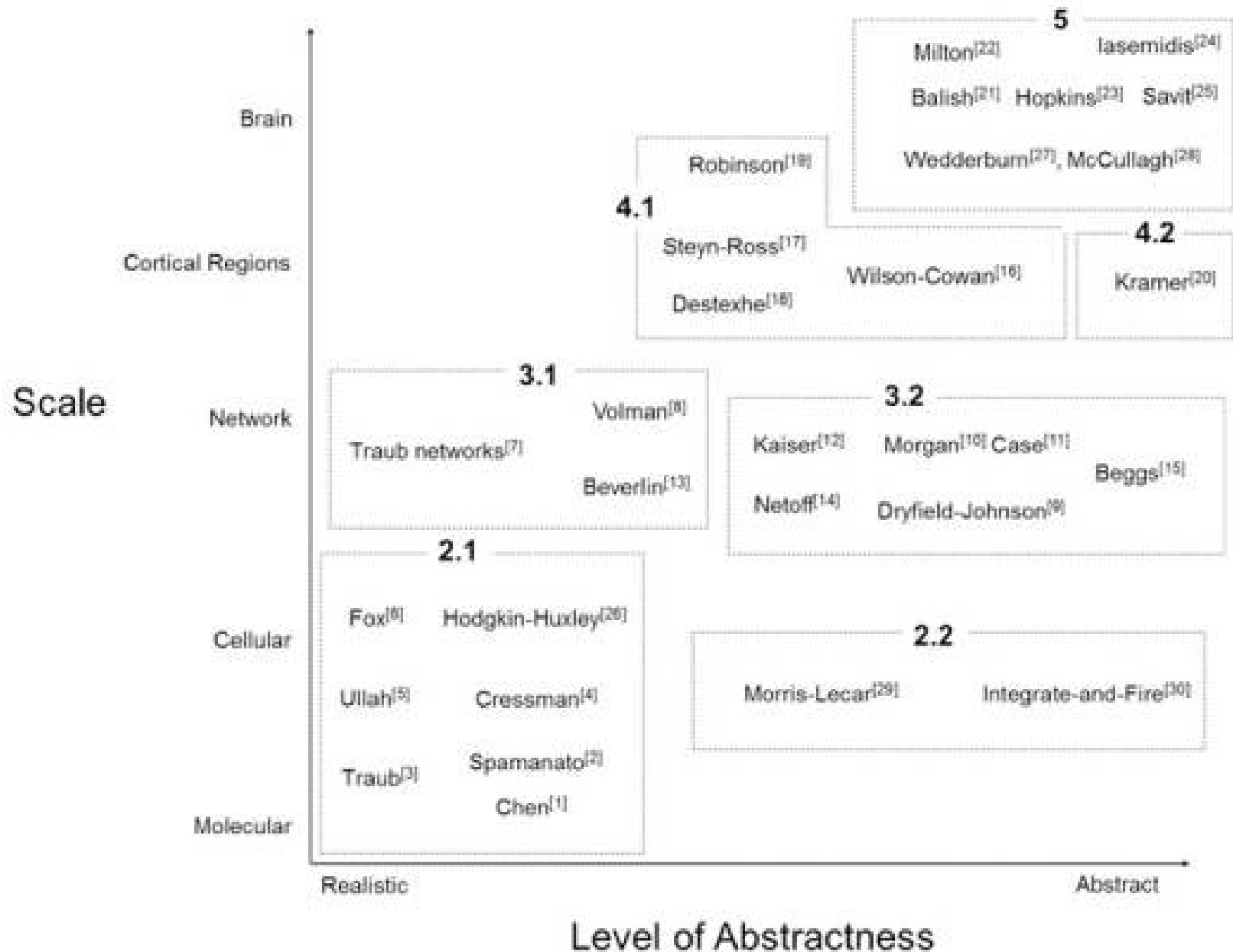
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“The true test of a model is in prospective modeling, where the model is verified by examining whether it correctly predicts the experimental outcome.”

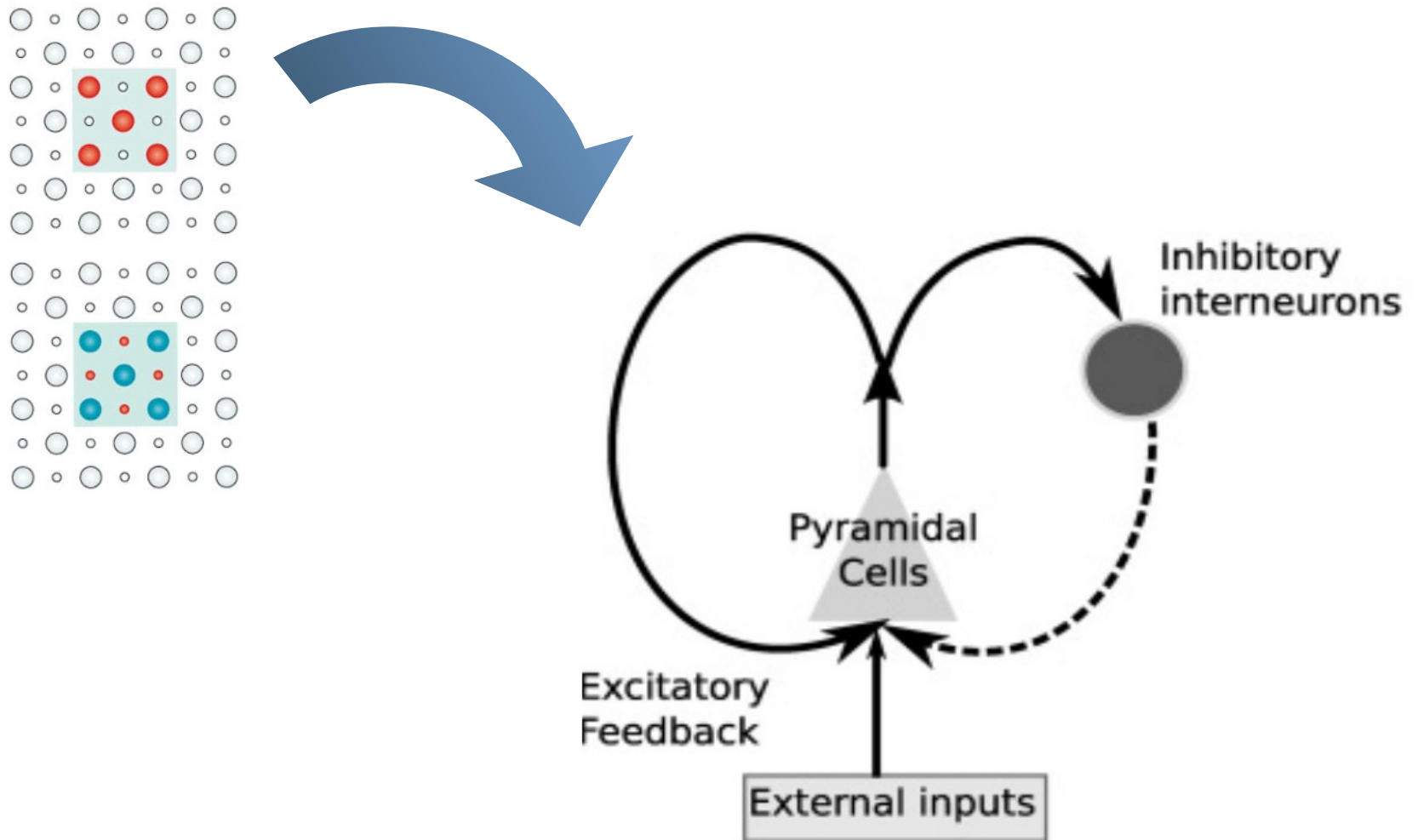
Holt, & Netoff 2013

Different types of models



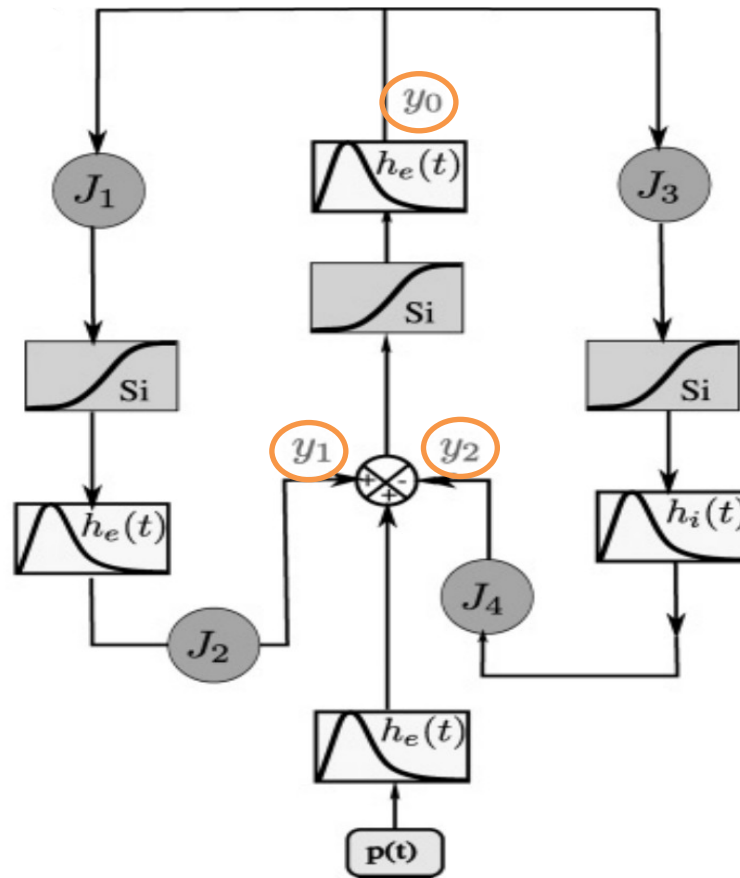
Jansen and Rit model

Realistic temporal dynamics such as those found in EEG



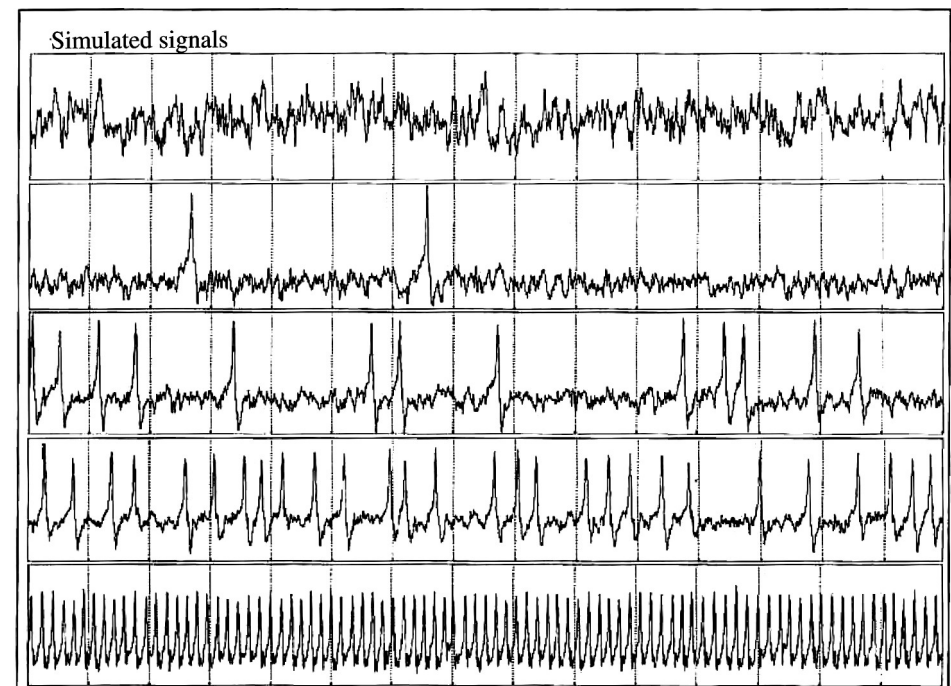
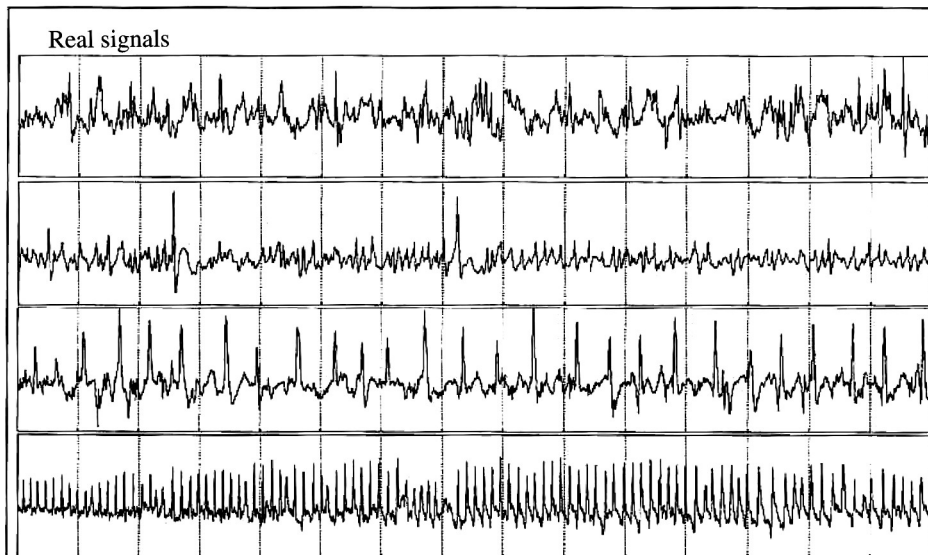
Jansen and Rit model

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{y}_0(t) = A a \text{Si}(y_1(t) - y_2(t)) - 2 a \dot{y}_0(t) - a^2 y_0(t) \\ \ddot{y}_1(t) = A a \{p(t) + J_2 \text{Si}(J_1 y_0(t))\} - 2 a \dot{y}_1(t) - a^2 y_1(t) \\ \ddot{y}_2(t) = B b J_4 \text{Si}(J_3 y_0(t)) - 2 b \dot{y}_2(t) - b^2 y_2(t) \end{cases}$$



Jansen and Rit model

Parameter	Interpretation
A	Average excitatory synaptic gain
B	Average inhibitory synaptic gain
$1/a$	Time constant of excitatory PSP
$1/b$	Time constant of inhibitory PSP
α_1, α_2	Average probability of synaptic contacts in the feedback excitatory loop
α_3, α_4	Average probability of synaptic contacts in the slow feedback inhibitory loop
J	Average number of synapses between populations
v_0	Parameters of the sigmoid (amplitude)
v_{\max}	(threshold)
r	(slope)



Jansen and Rit model

Relationship between bifurcations and excitability properties

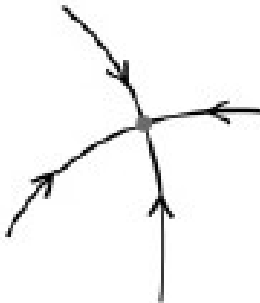
Table 3: EEG-Neural Mass Dictionary.

EEG	Neural Mass
Normal (background)	Stable fixed point
Oscillations	Limit cycle \Leftarrow Hopf bifurcation
Bistable	Two stable fixed points/ limit cycles \Leftarrow Cusp bifurcation
Low-frequency, large-amplitude oscillations (epilepsy?)	Saddle homoclinic \Leftarrow Bogdanov-Taken bifurcation

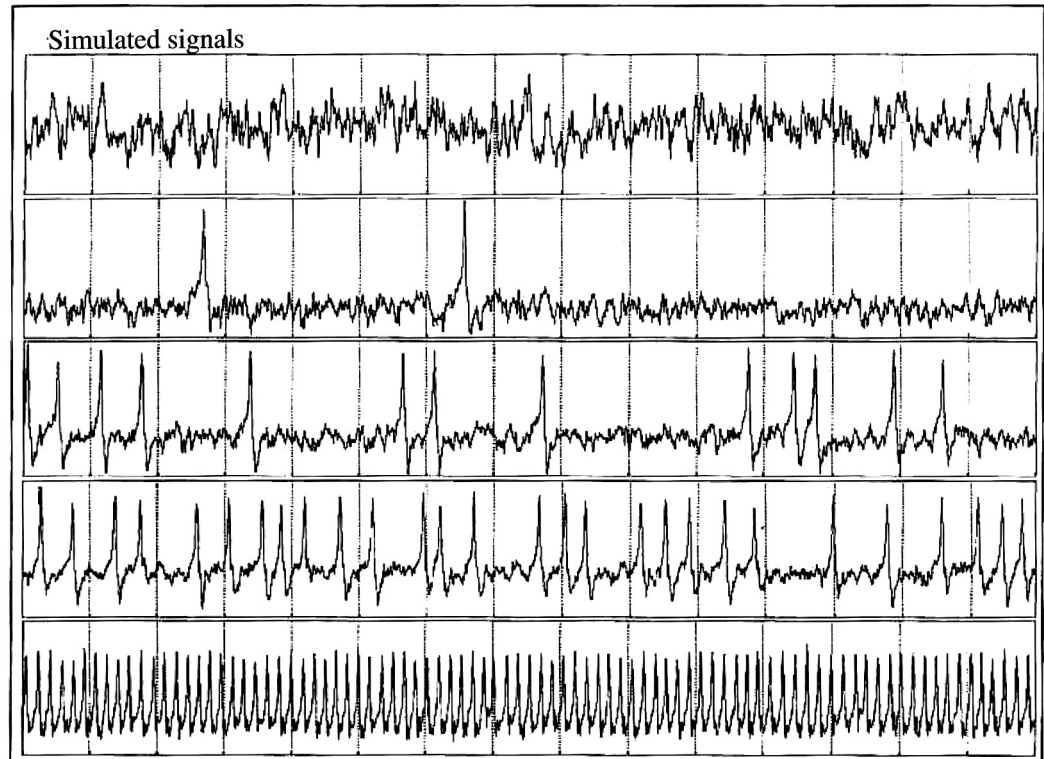
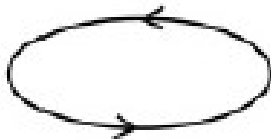
Note: EEG behavior in relation to dynamical systems properties and bifurcations generically related to such properties when relevant.

Attractors in the dynamical system

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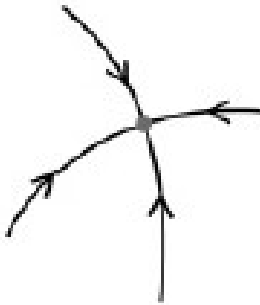


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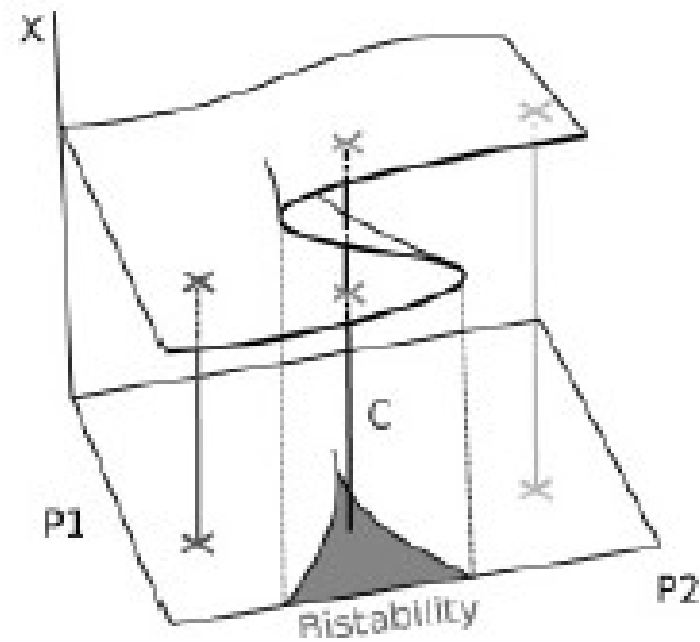
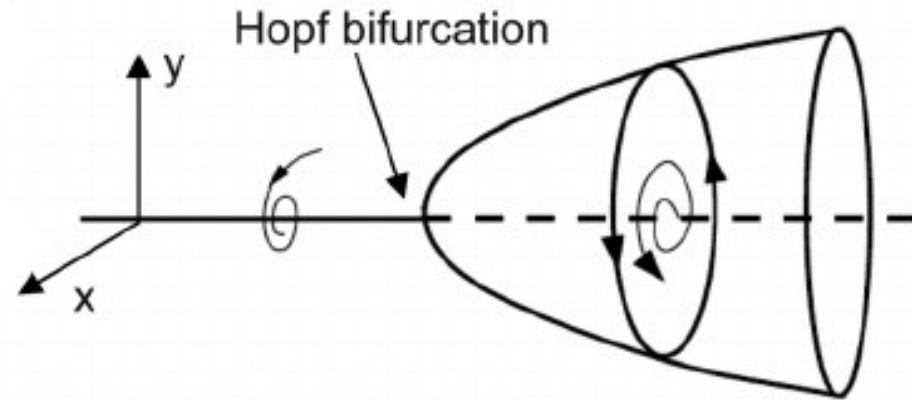
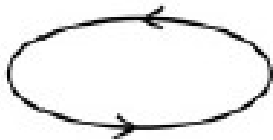


Transitions in the dynamical system

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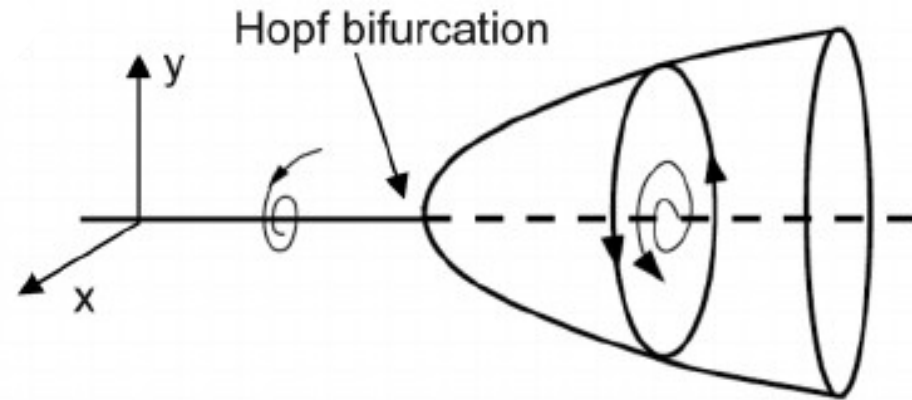
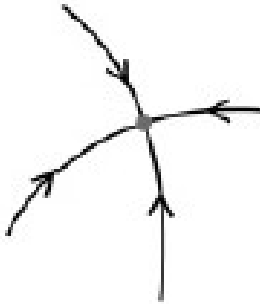


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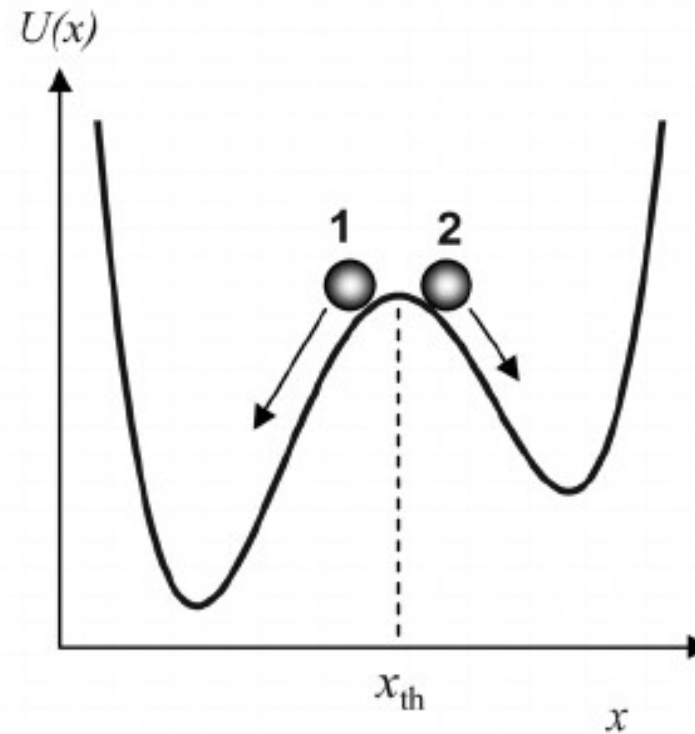


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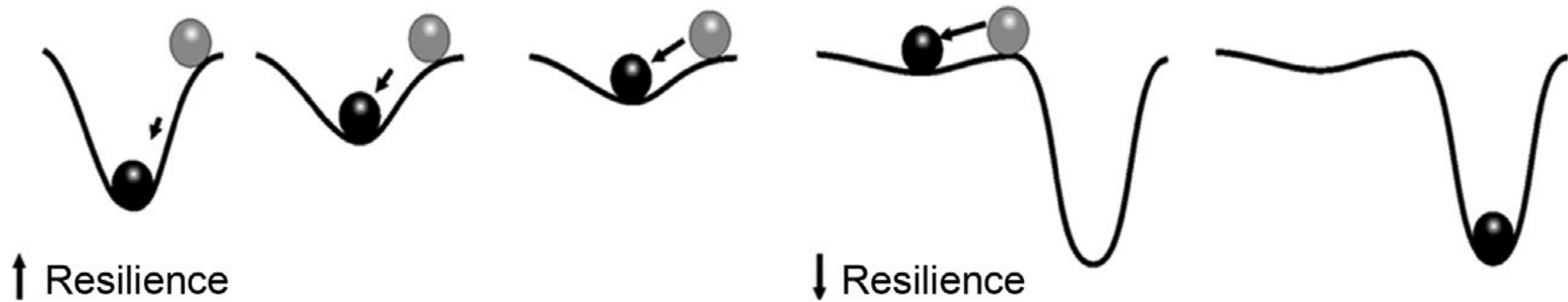


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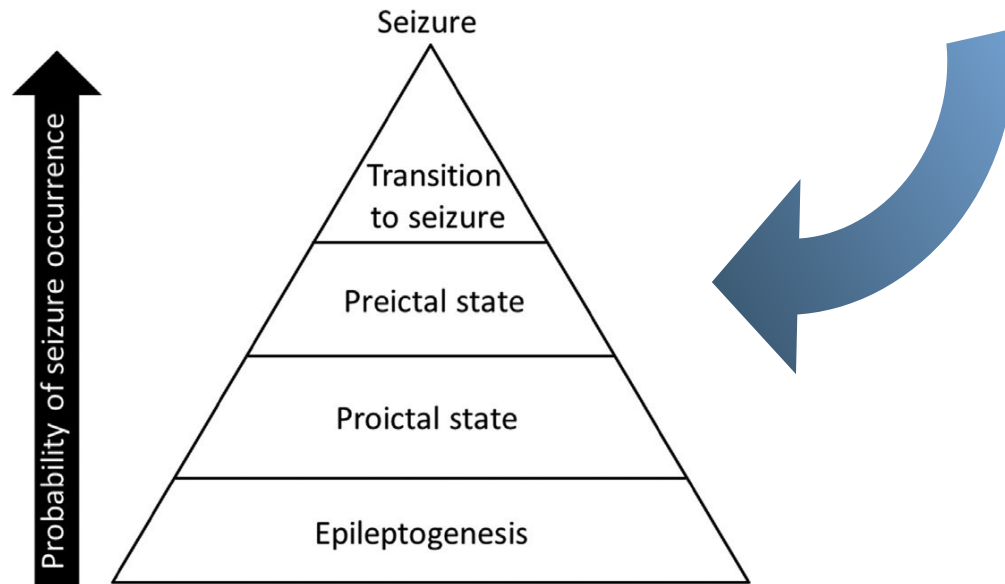
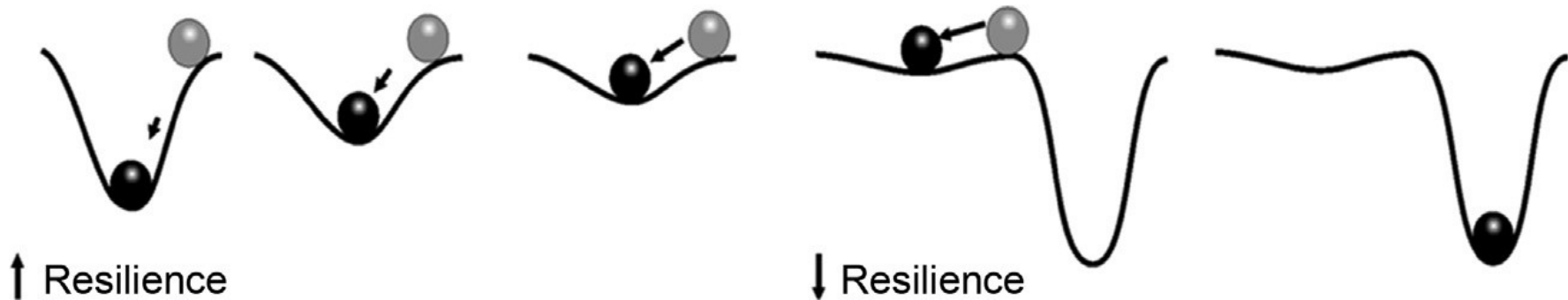
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Summary

What is a model: variables and parameters, retro-/ prospective modeling

Different types of models: abstract/ realistic, micro- to macroscale

Jansen Rit model: lumped neural mass model with interacting pyramidal and interneuron populations, realistic replication of LFP/ EEG data

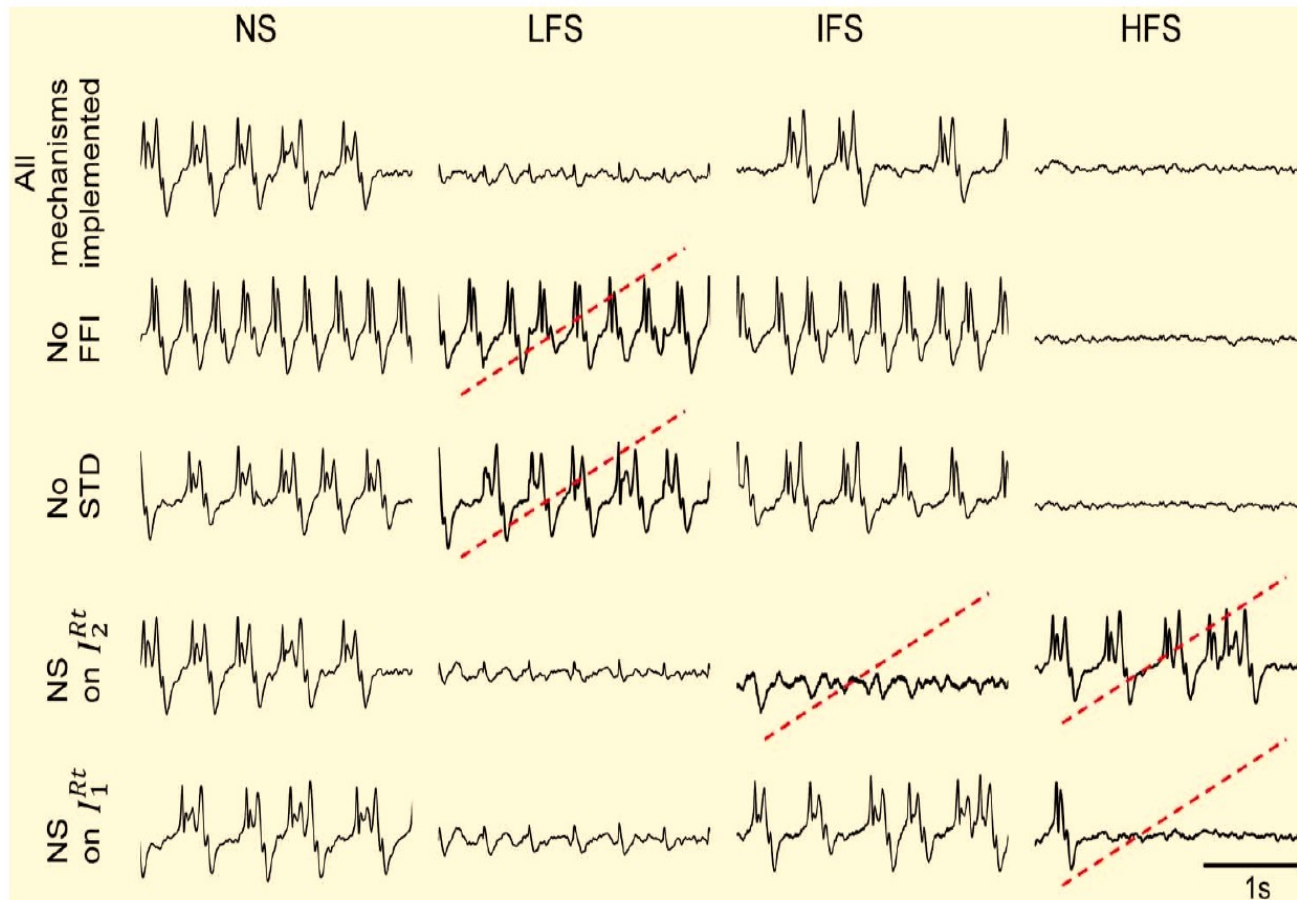
Dynamical systems: attractors, basins of attraction, bifurcations, relationship between bifurcations and excitability properties

Computational Modeling in Epilepsy

Why model?

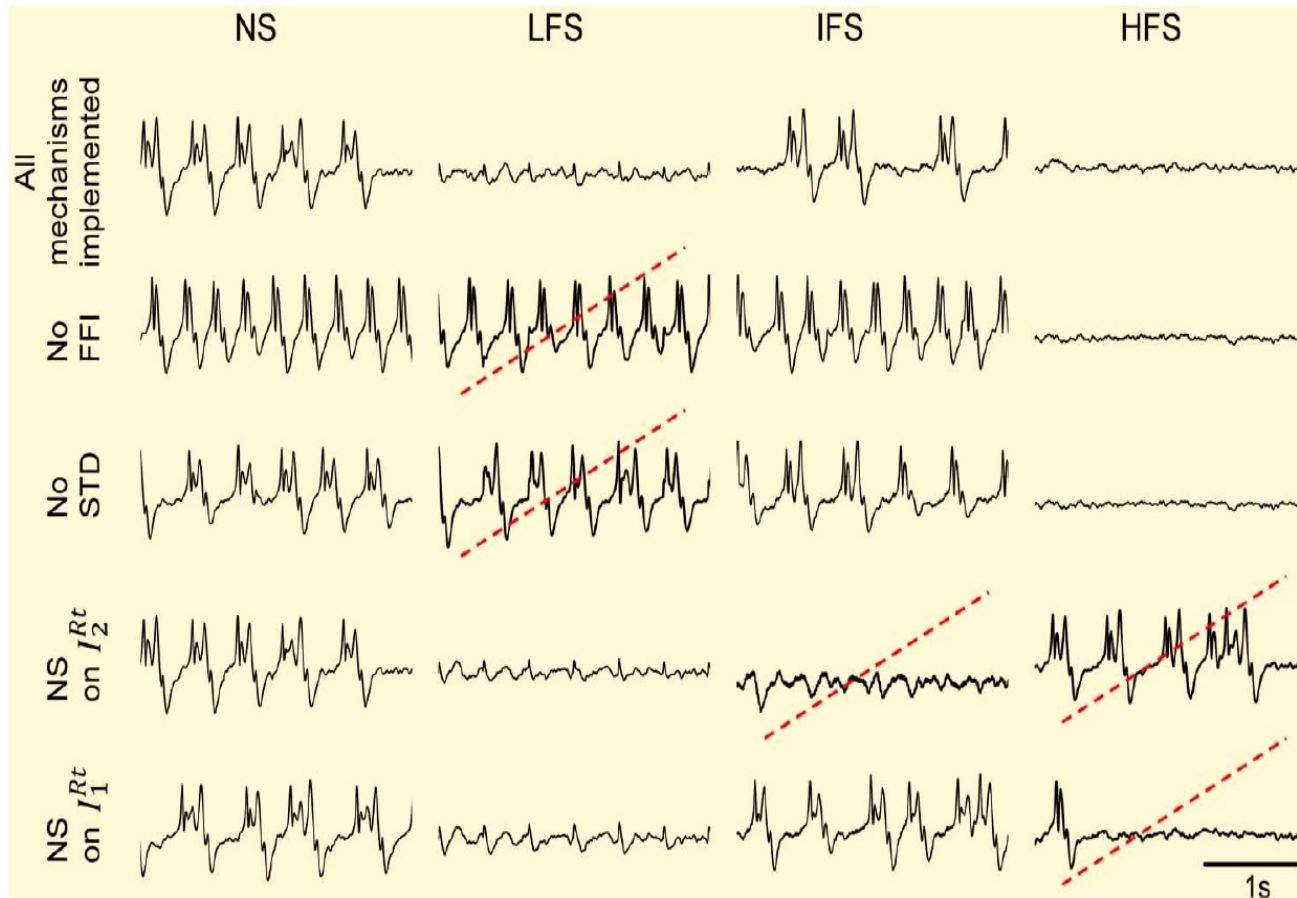
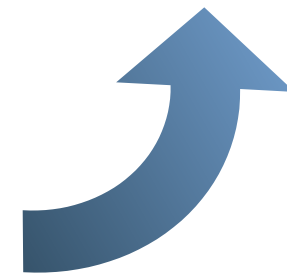
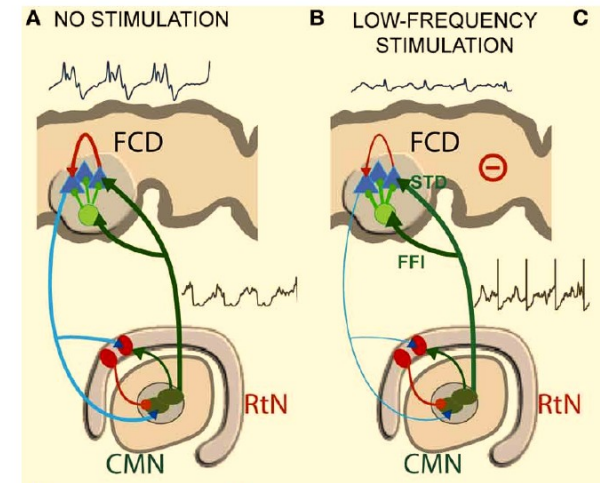
Mechanism study

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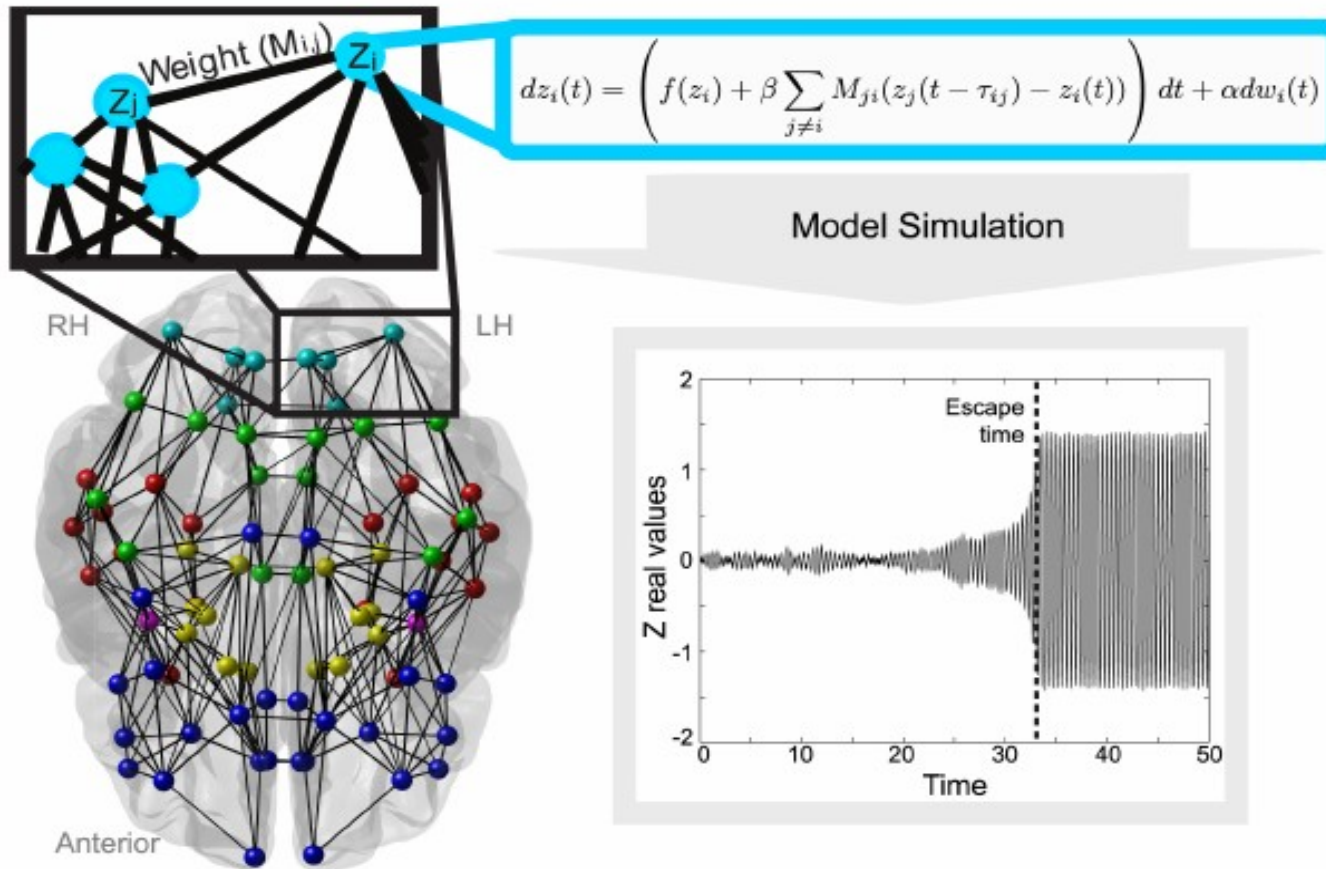
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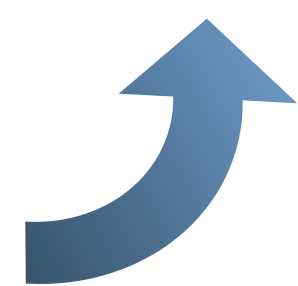
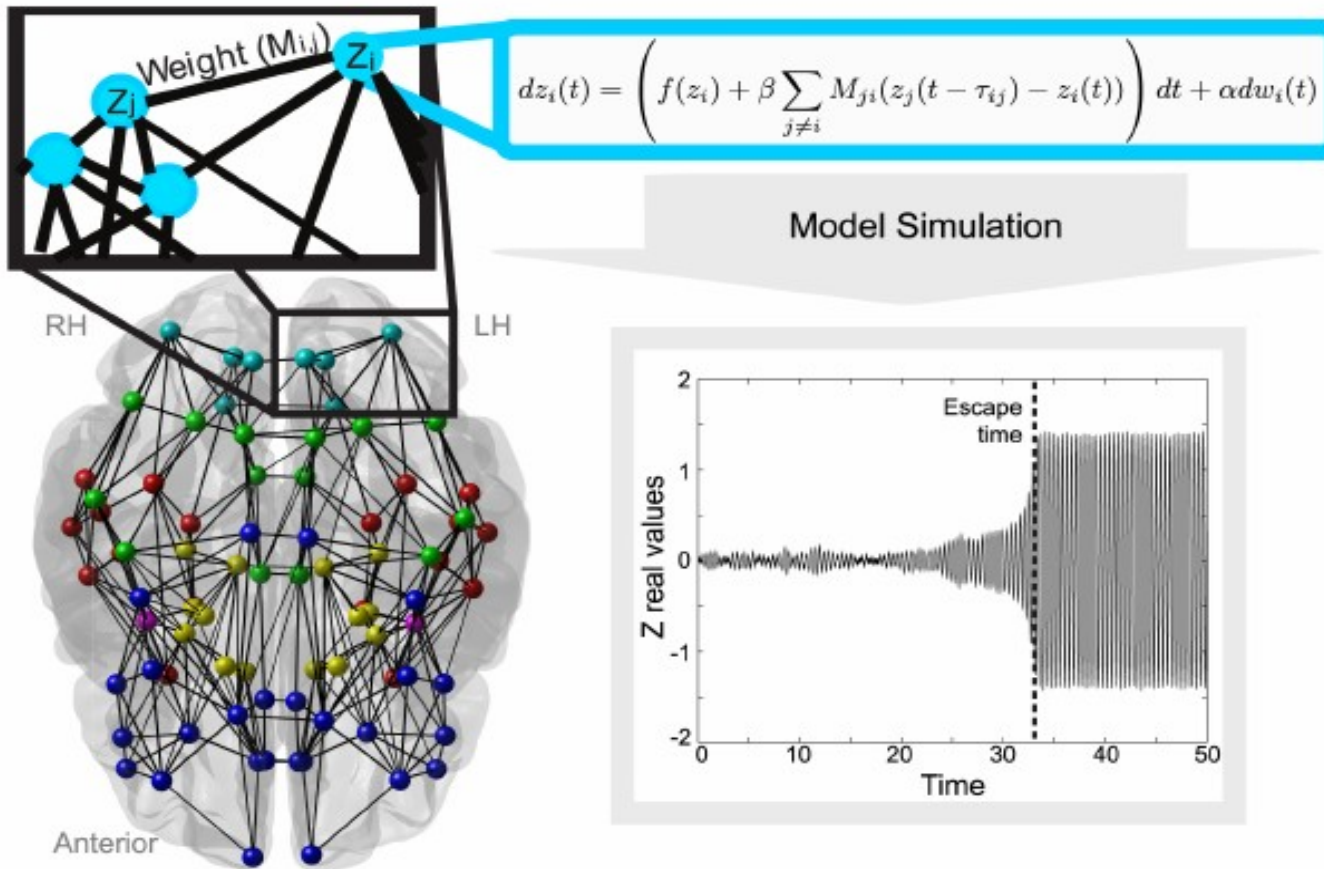
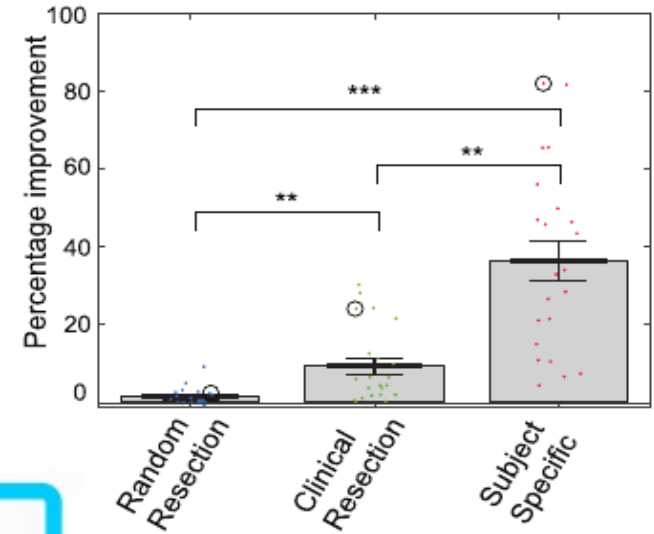
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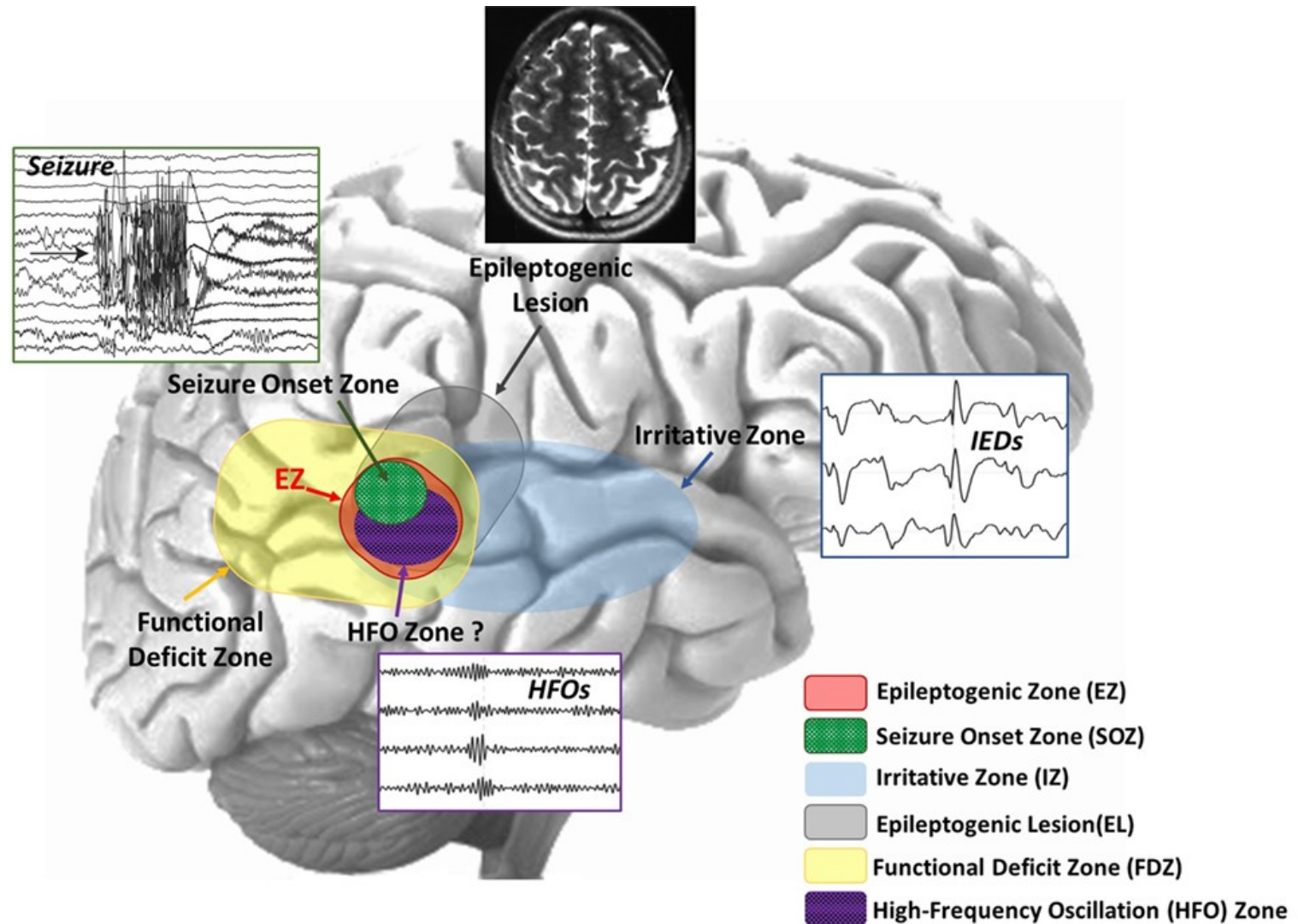


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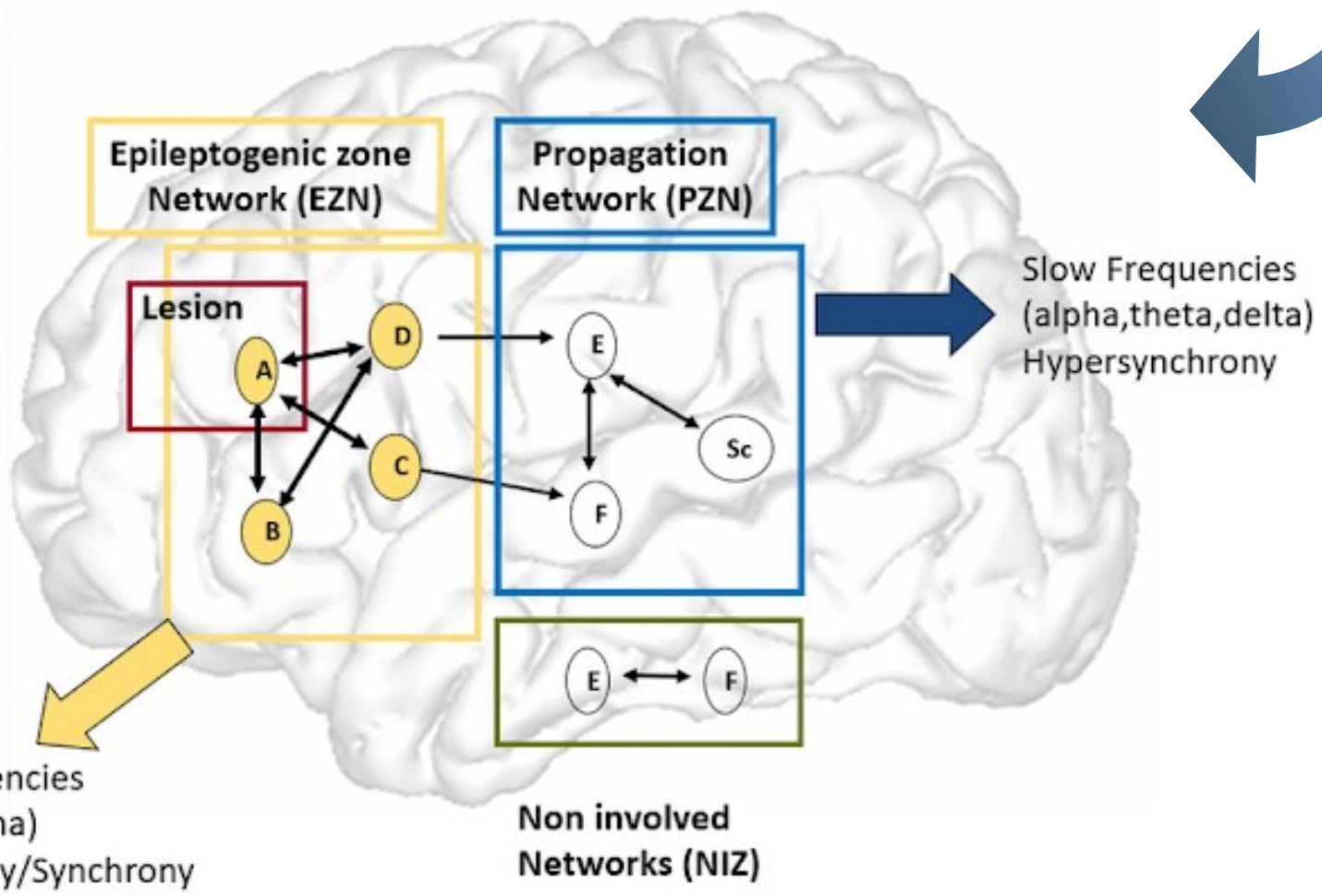
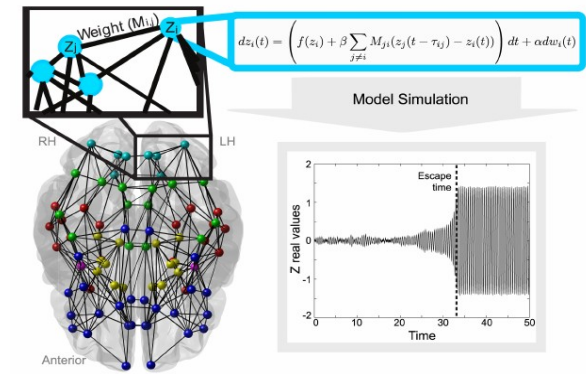
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Network models for brain surgery



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Advantages of brain network modeling

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- ✓ Feasibility, safety, no ethics restrictions, testing of unobservables
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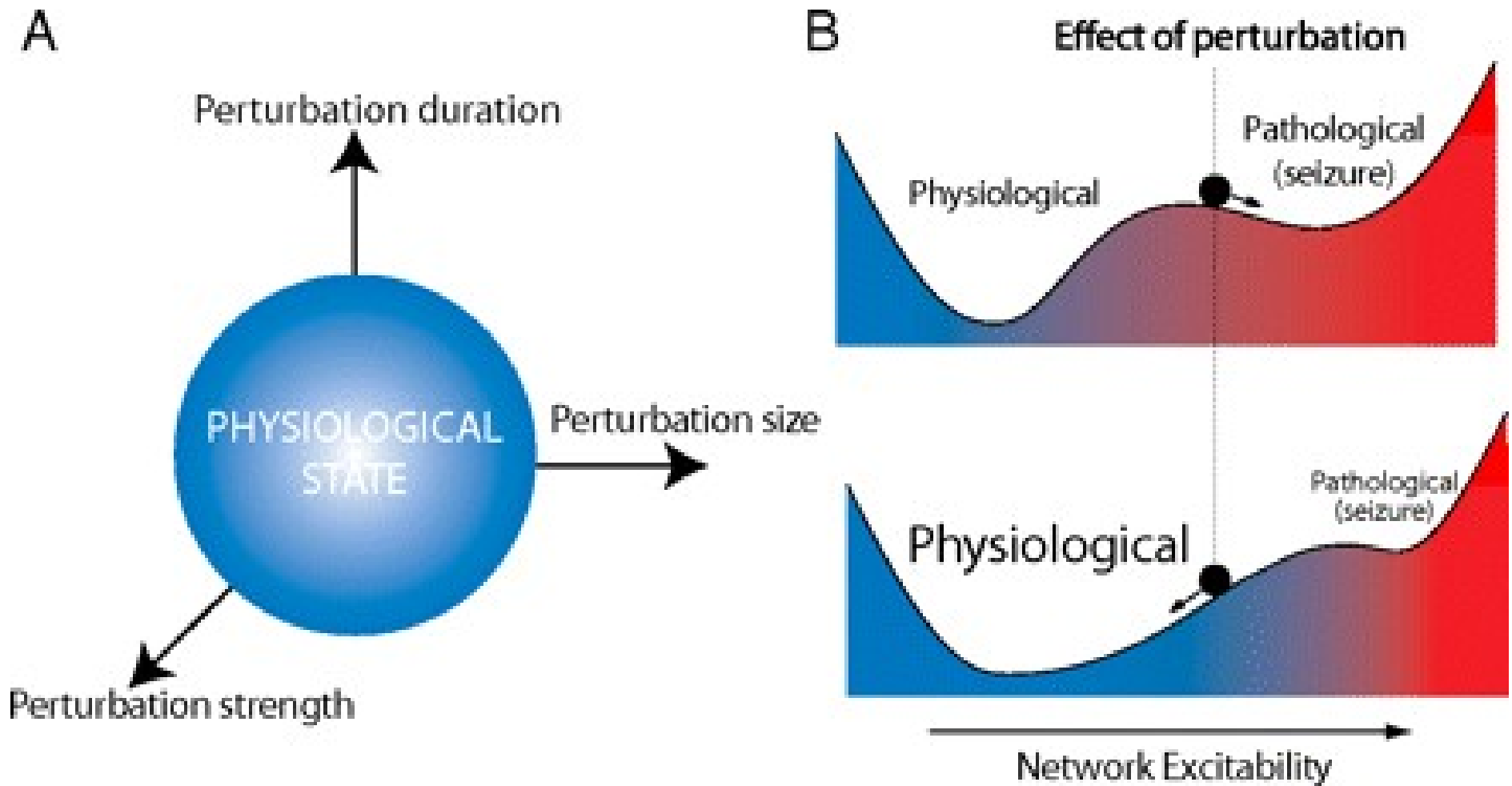
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Network models for brain stimulation

Stimulation timing – a crucial parameter in brain stimulation

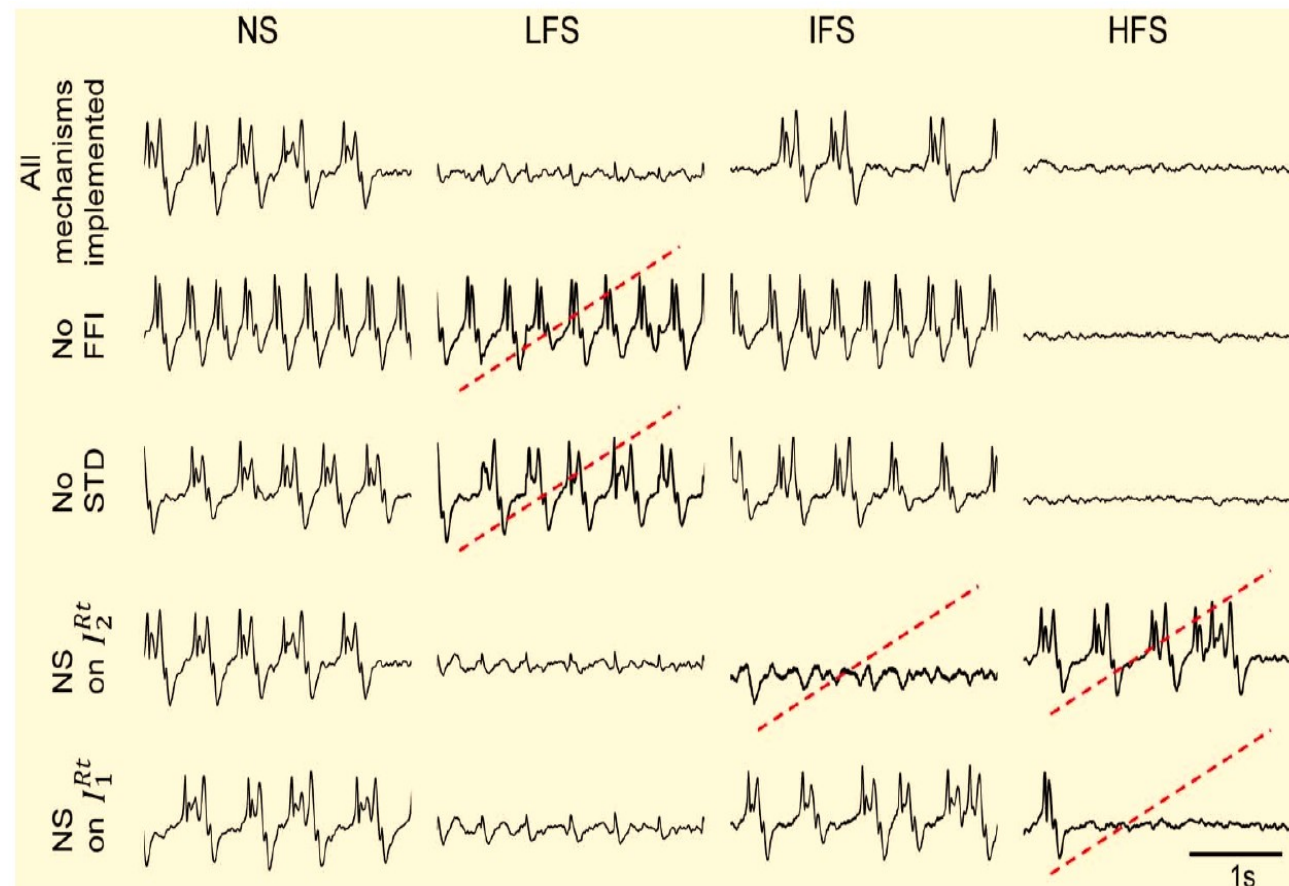


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model tuning to time series



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Summary

Why model: mechanism study (biomarkers, new treatment targets, ...), in silico testing (safe, efficient, unrestricted by ethics and feasibility, ...)

Network models for brain surgery: virtual resection for epileptogenic zone identification, patient-specific predictions of optimal/alternative resection sites

Network models for brain surgery: timing as a critical, additional parameter in brain stimulation, model tuning to individual patient time series

Current State of the Art and Future Outlook

Network models for brain surgery

10 studies, 111 patients, different types of epilepsy, structural/functional connectivity data, model information + prediction validation

- ✓ **New diagnostic markers**
- ✓ **successful prediction of individual surgery outcome**
- ✓ **in silico replication of the established EZ resection**
- ✓ **improvement to conventional diagnosis procedures and surgical approaches: especially reduction of invasiveness**
- ✓ **first clinical trials ongoing**

Network models for brain stimulation

7 studies, 38 patients, different types of epilepsy, structural/functional connectivity and time series data, model information + validation, diverse objectives and methods

- ✓ **in silico optimization of stimulation parameters:** mainly optimal frequency of stimulation, and closed-loop stimulation
- ✓ **study of stimulation induced brain mechanisms:** especially for frequency (low intermediate, high), random noise and timing
- ✓ **next step: comparison of blinded model predicted stimulation efficiency against actual stimulation efficiency**

Summary

review: pubmed, <August 2020, human neuroimaging

Achievements	Future Directions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ New markers for epilepsy✓ Successful prediction✓ Potential improvement✓ Personalization✓ Mechanism insight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Clinical trials+ Retrospective vs. (quasi-) prospective+ “Virtual brain pharmacology”+ Potential for stimulation → <i>in silico</i> testing

The Human Brain Project

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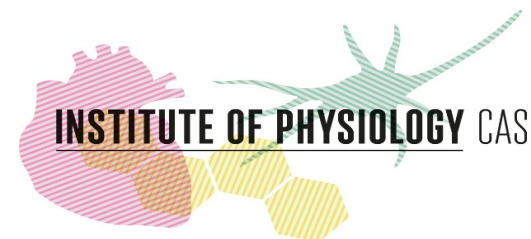
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