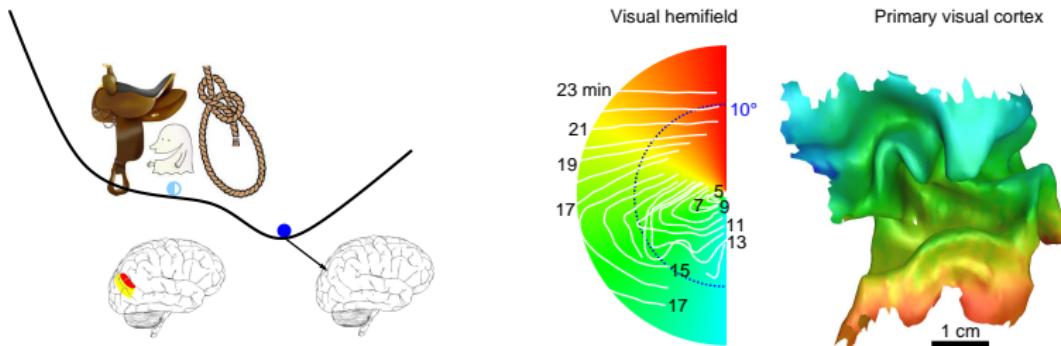


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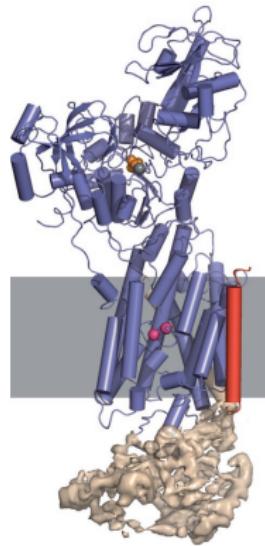
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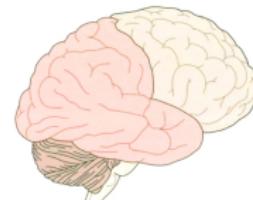
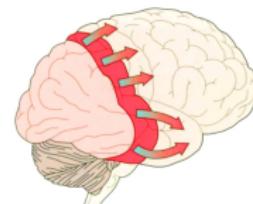
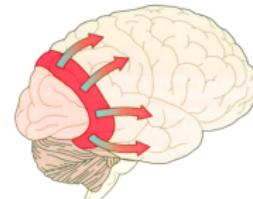
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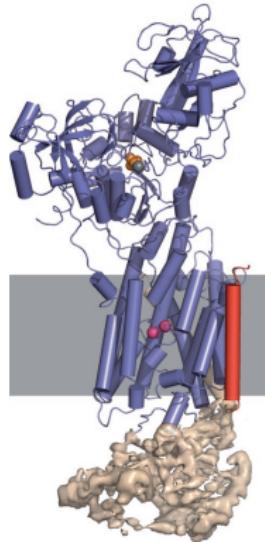


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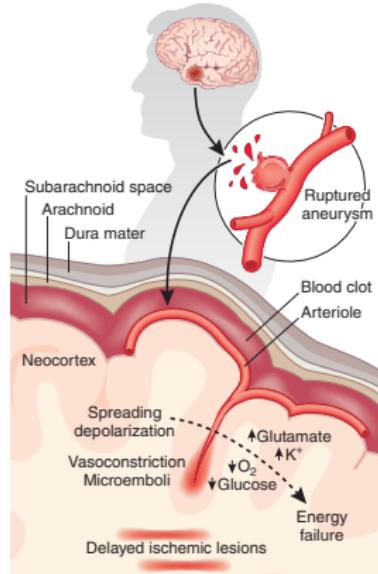
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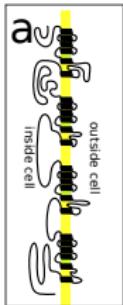
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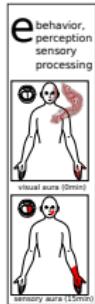
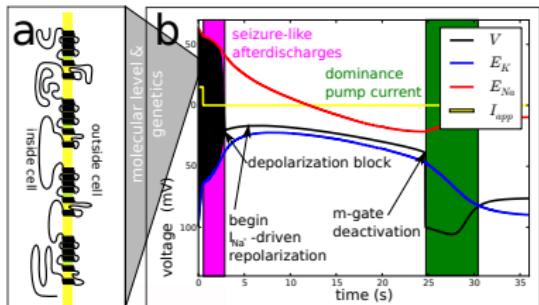
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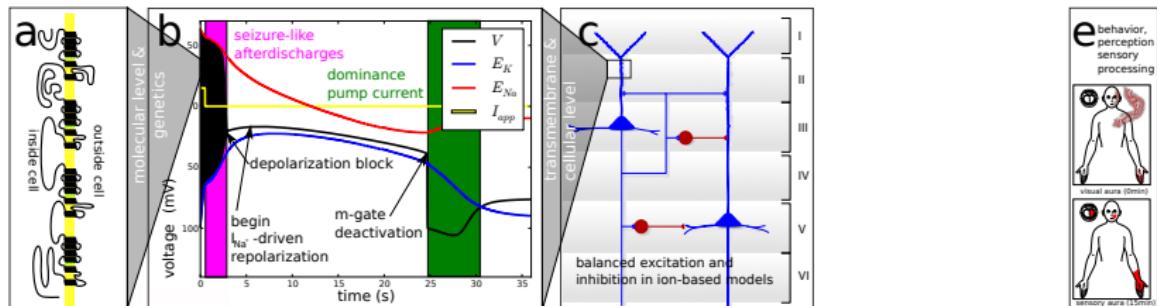
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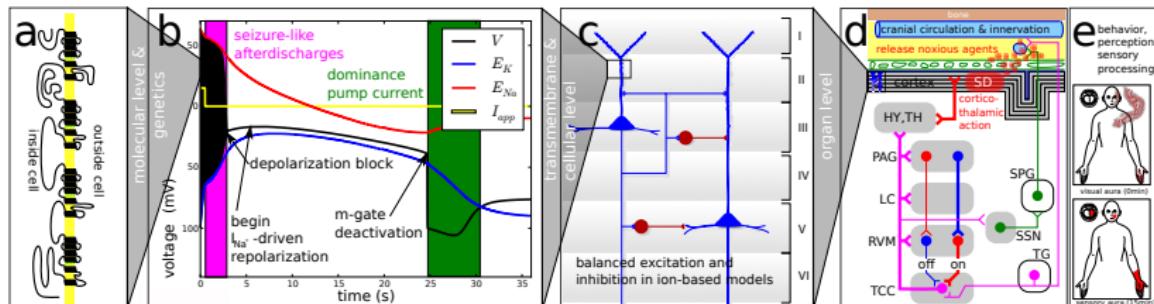
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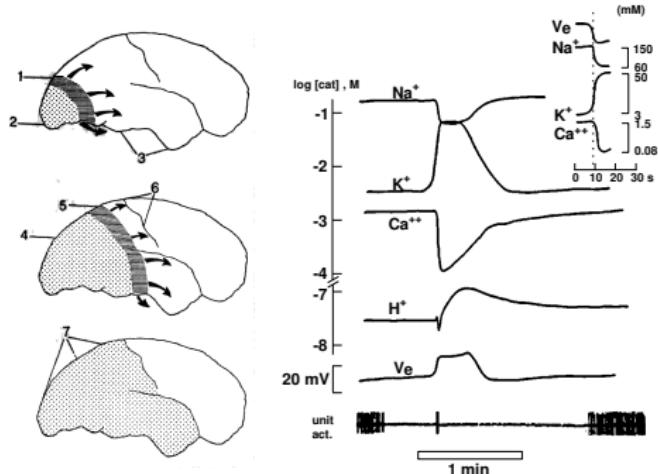
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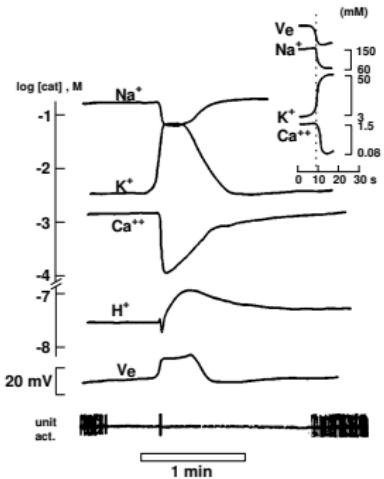
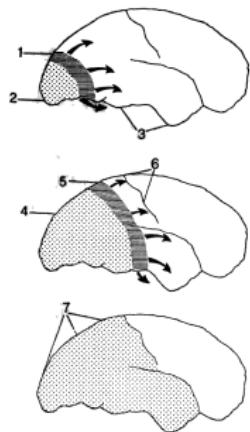
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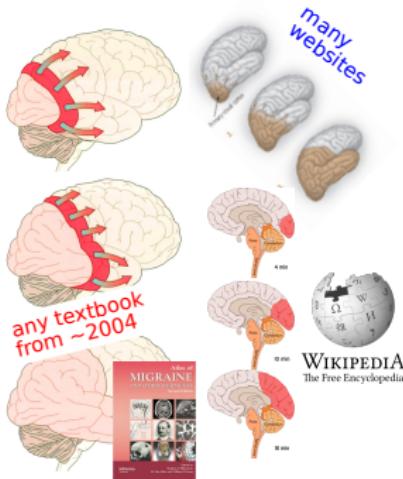
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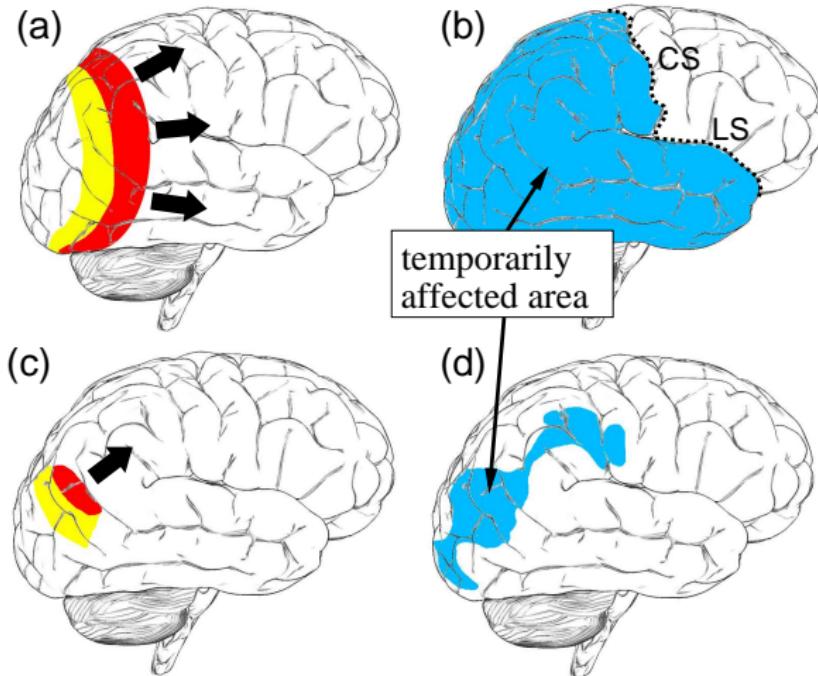
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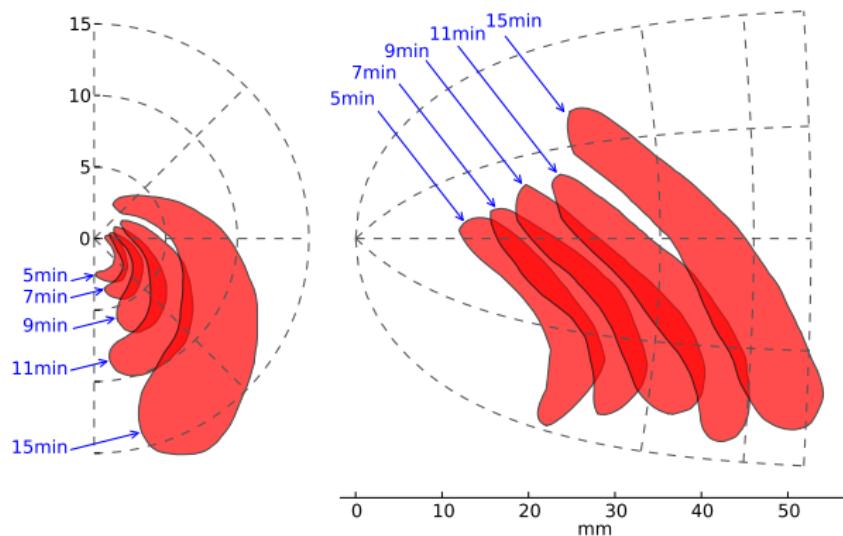
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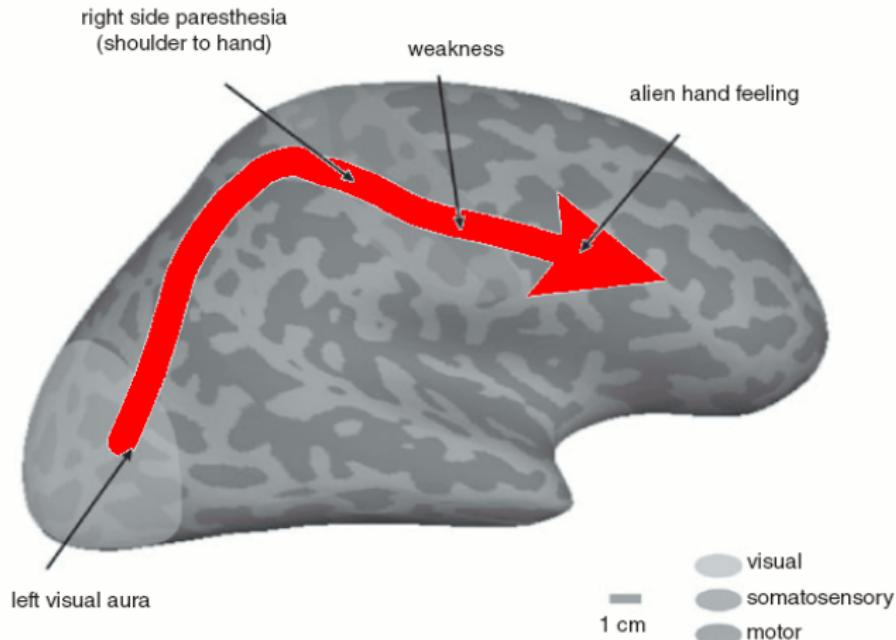
visual field defect      pattern on primary visual cortex



Only about 2-10% but not 50% cortical surface area is affected!

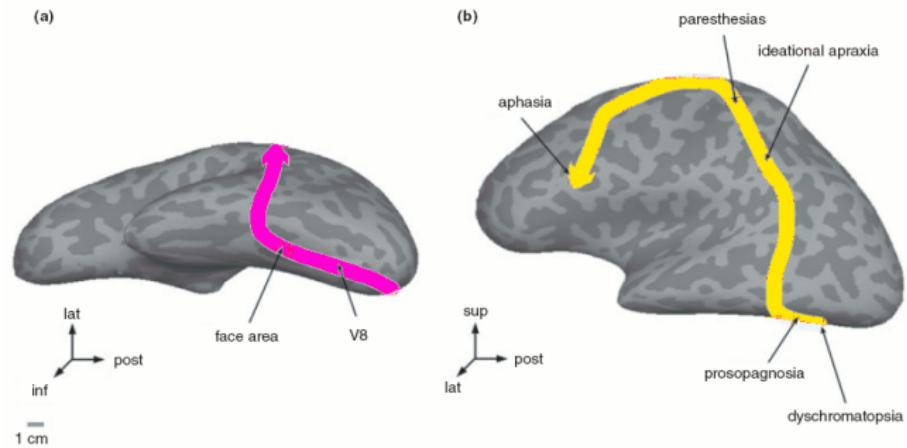
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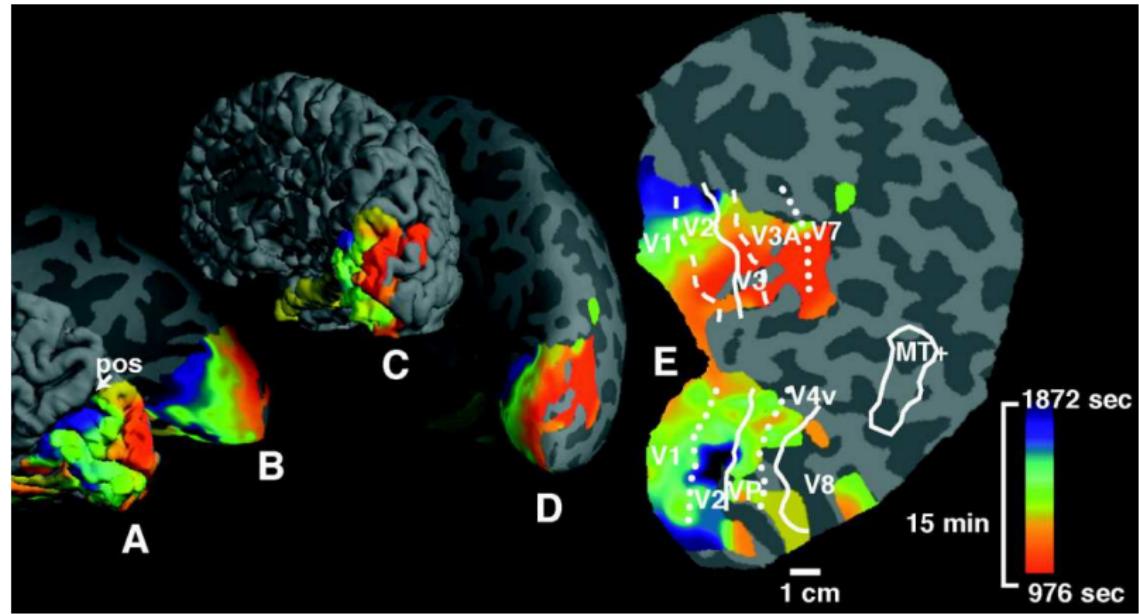
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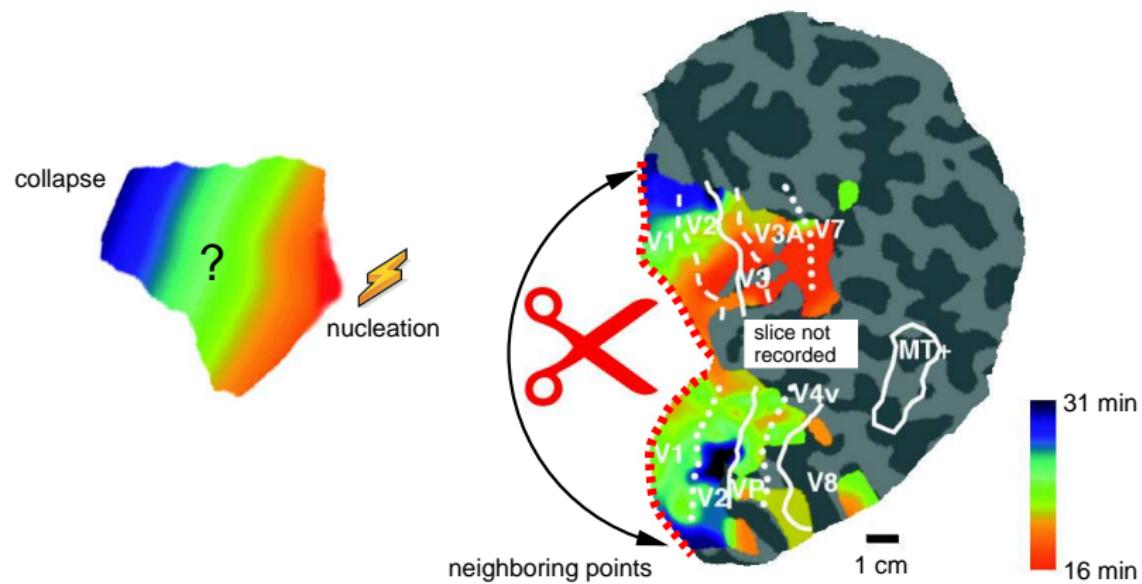
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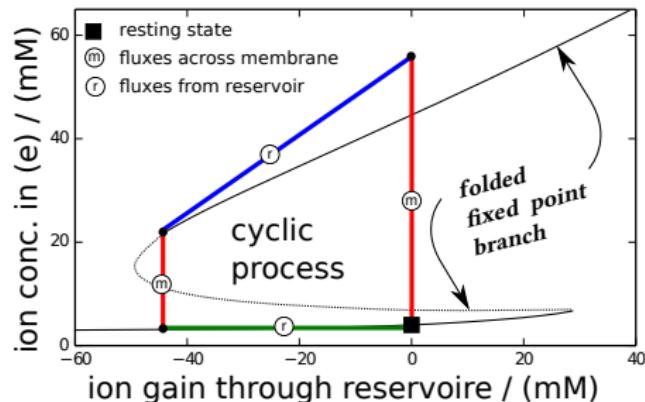
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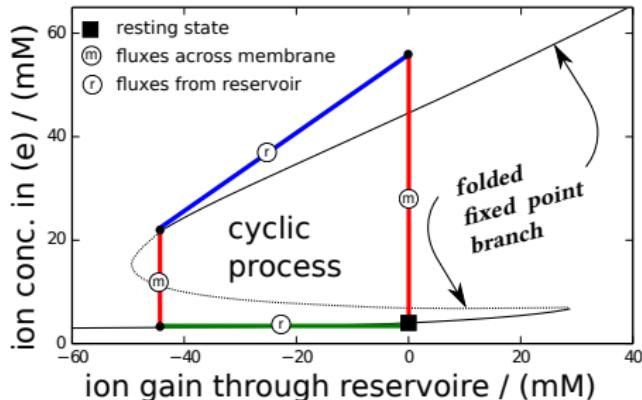
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'Obvious' (off-the-shelf) extensions:  
add inhibitors ...

$$\dot{u} = u - \frac{u^3}{3} - v + D_u \nabla^2 u \quad (1a)$$

$$\dot{v} = \varepsilon(u + \beta - \gamma v) \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{w} = \dots \quad (3)$$

# Three-species reaction–diffusion model

One activator ( $u$ ), two inhibitors ( $v$  and  $w$ )

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u - u^3 - k_3 w - k_2 v - k_1 + \nabla^2 u \quad (1)$$

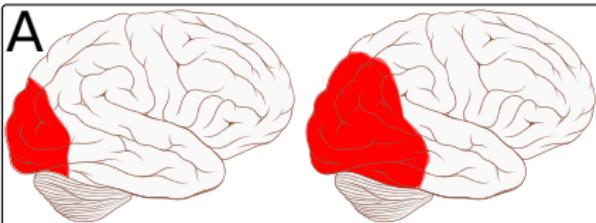
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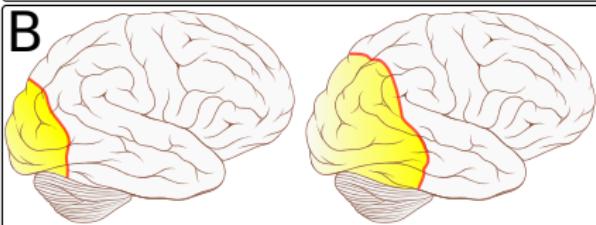
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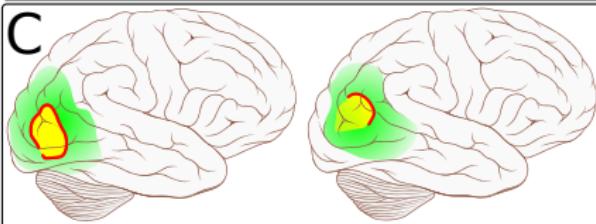
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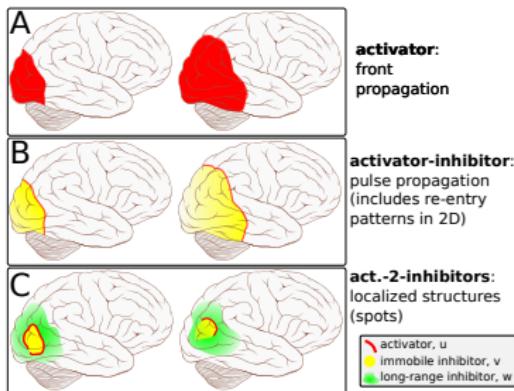
**activator-inhibitor:**  
pulse propagation  
(includes re-entry  
patterns in 2D)



**act.-2-inhibitors:**  
localized structures  
(spots)

- activator, u
- immobile inhibitor, v
- long-range inhibitor, w

# Dissipative solitons: model variants



Generic off-the-shelf RD model to study principal effects.

fast diffusing second inhibitor

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mean field inhibition

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see also e.g.

N. Akhmediev, & A. Ankiewicz (eds), *Dissipative solitons: from optics to biology and medicine*, Springer, 2008

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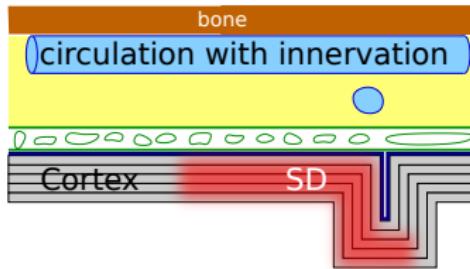
We know the spatio-temporal pattern and have designed a generic reaction-diffusion model accordingly.

What is the physiological basis  
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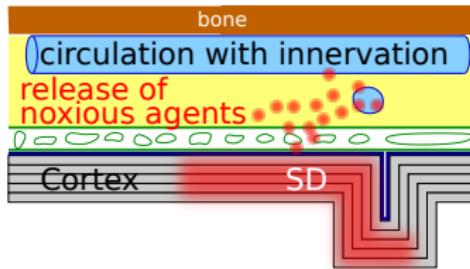
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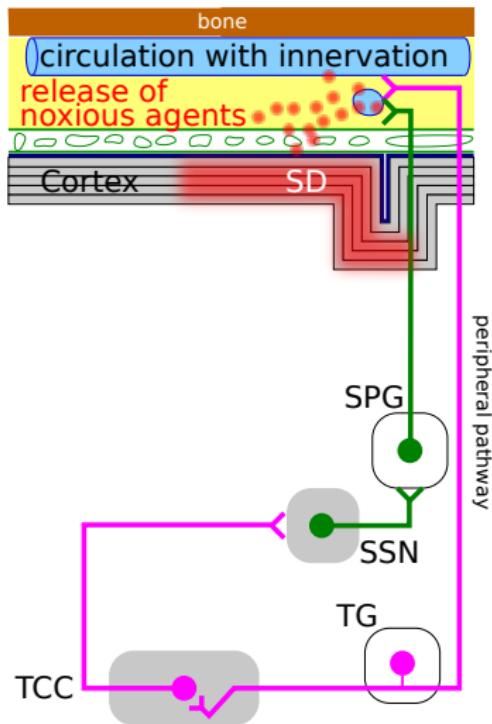
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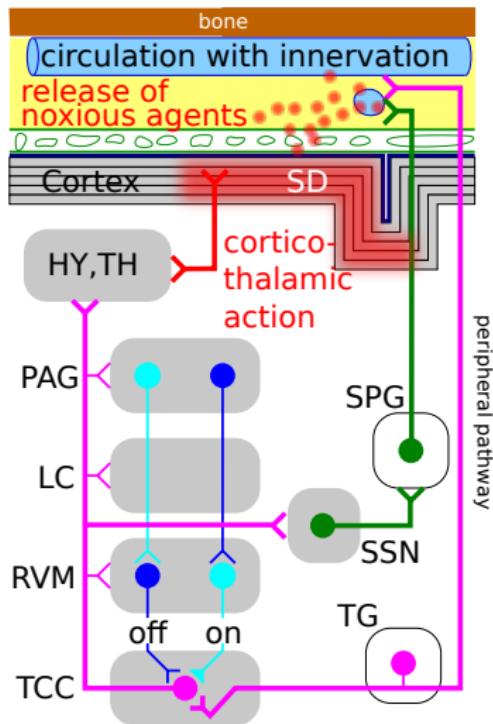
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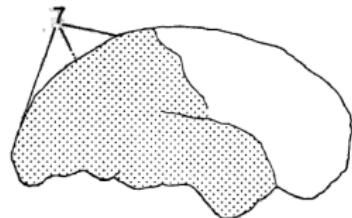
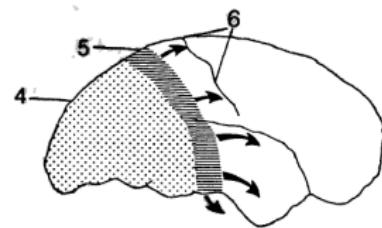
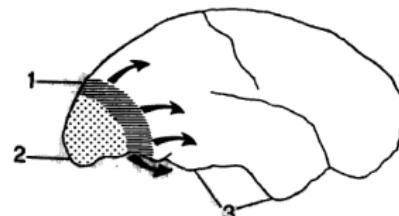
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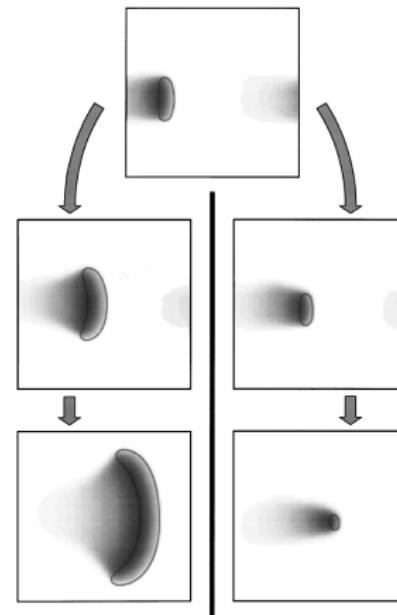
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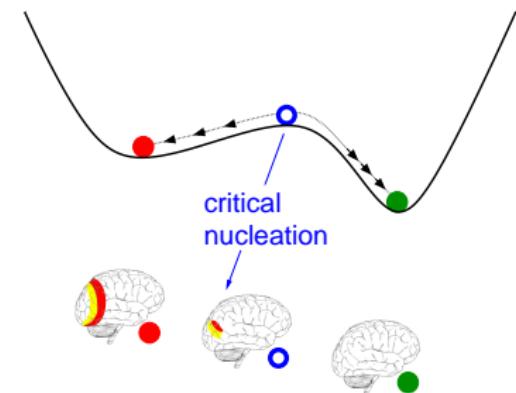
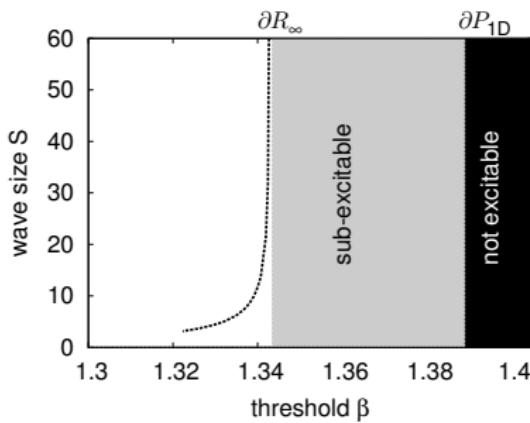
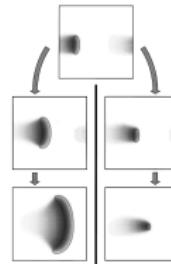
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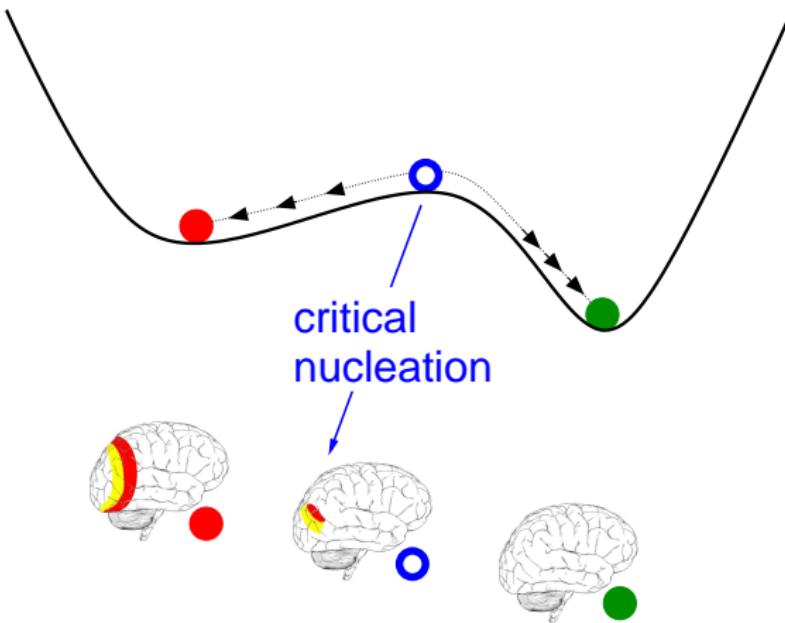
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# SD in migraine looks like a unstable nucleation process



# What are we missing?



We already know are what we missing to explain localized wave forms: inhibitory long-range/mean field coupling.

If we fill in this missing piece, what are the predictions?

Prediction with regard to cortex gyrification (see talk tomorrow by Frederike Kneer!)

Predictions with regard to migraine subform, i.e., with and w/o aura / headache.

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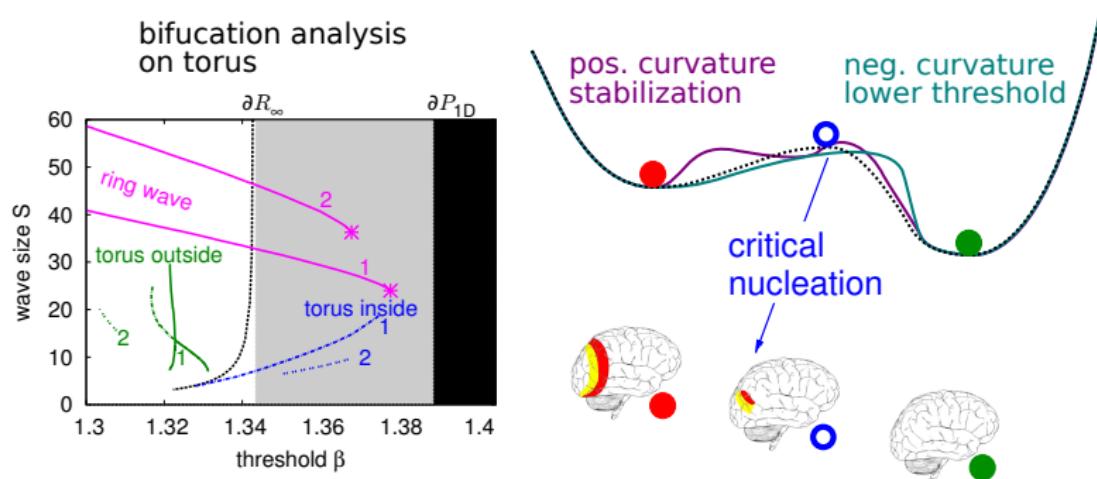
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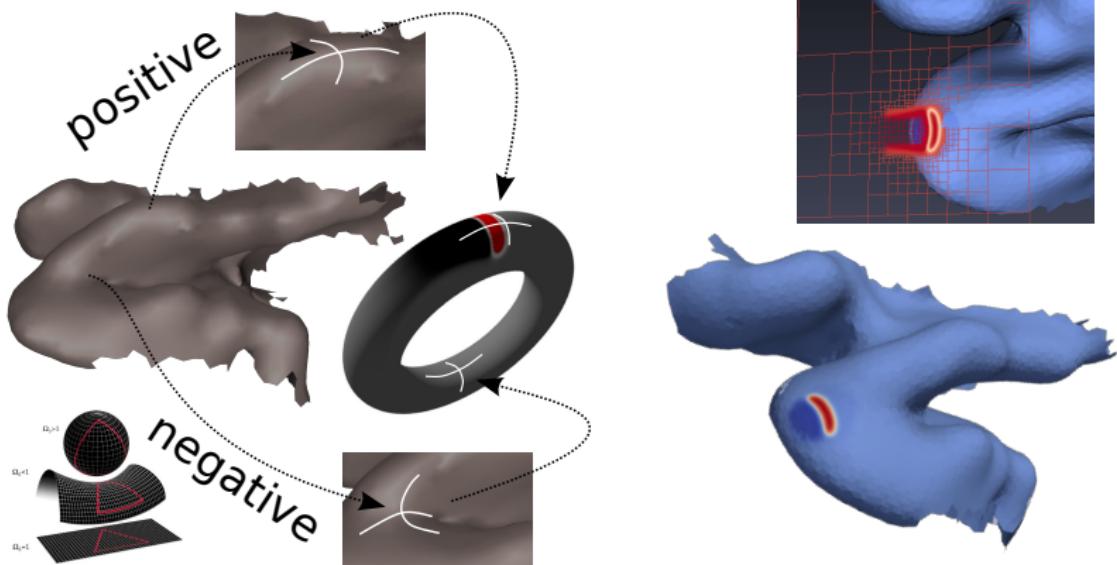
# Effect of intrinsic curvature of the medium

1. Lower threshold for SD if cortex is (intrinsically) negatively curved.
2. Stable wave segments: center being at positive curvature while the open ends extend into negative curvature.



- F. Kneer, E. Schöll & M. A. Dahlem, *New J Phys*, **16** 053010 (2014)

# Individual 'hot spots' and 'labyrinths' determine attack



## Principles

- simulations on simpler shapes
- analytical results with isothermal coordinates (toroidal coordinates)

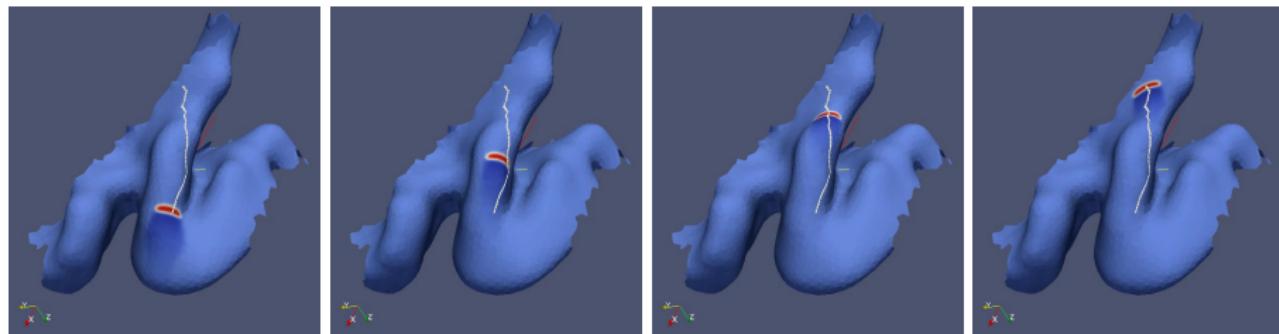
## Validate

- uploading patient's MRI scanner readings
- finite element analysis
- polygon mesh processing

# Excitation waves on curved surfaces

Paradigmatic SD model on gyrified cortex.

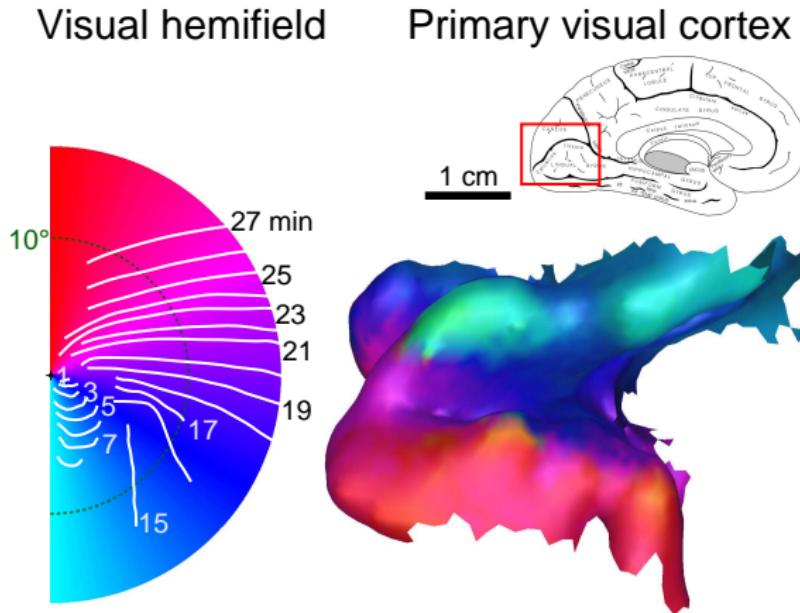
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SD in **weakly excitable** cortex posses **critical properties**.

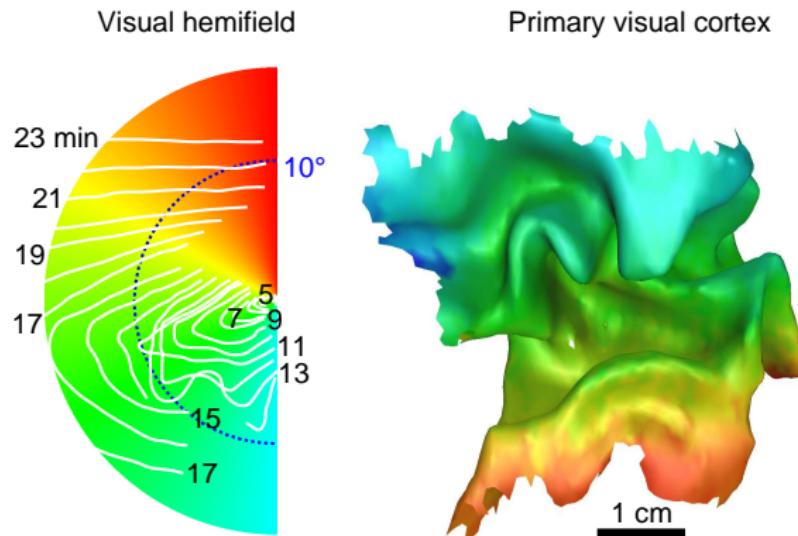
First approximation: localized SD follows shortest path.

# Mapped visual symptoms on cortex via fMRI retinotopy



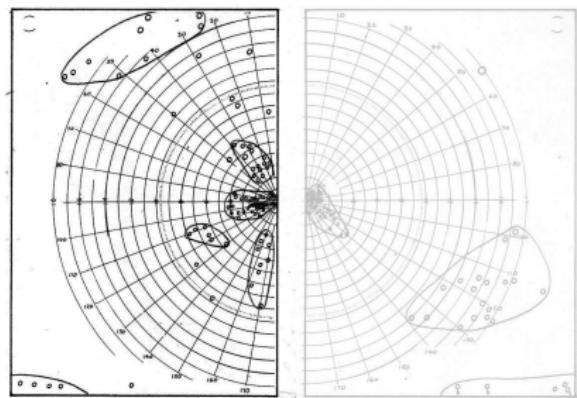
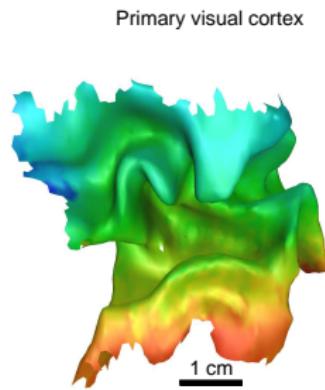
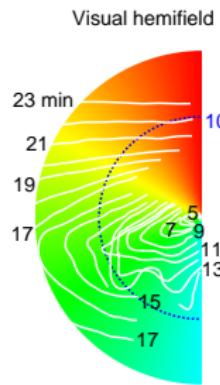
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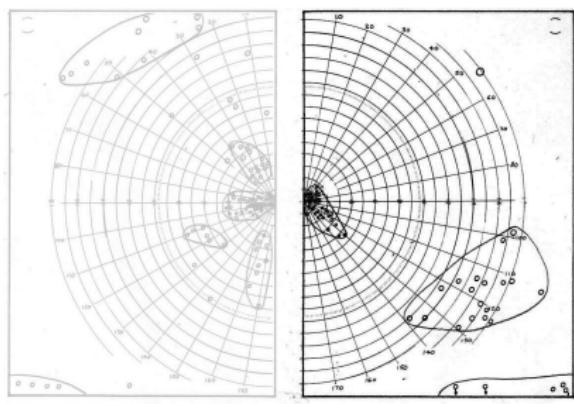
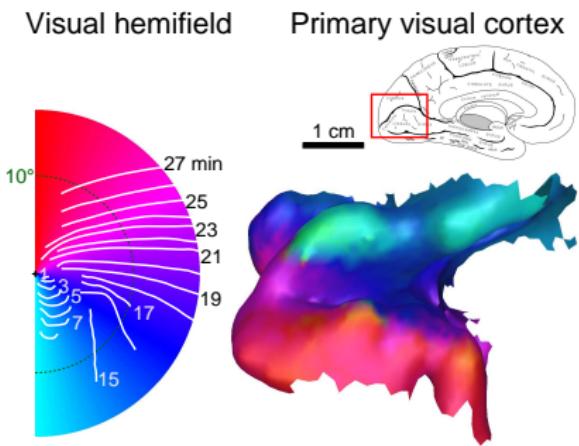
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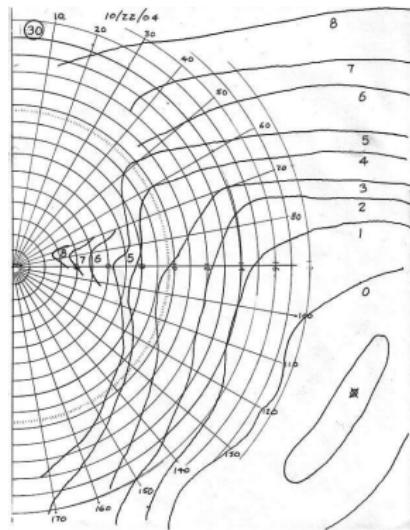
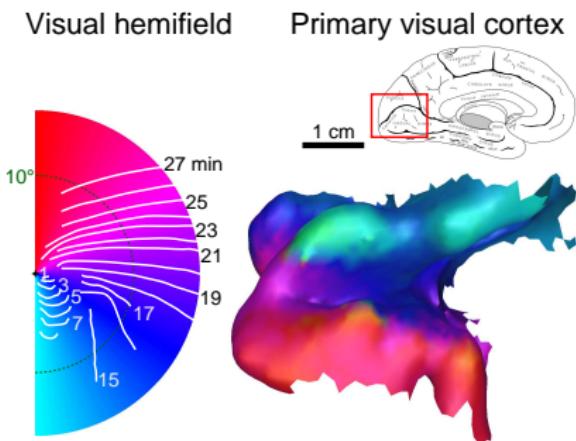


Cooperation with Andrew Charles, UCLA.

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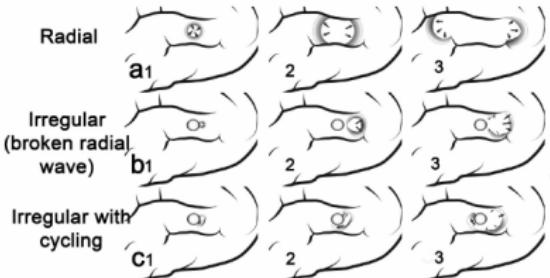


# Oberserved wave forms of SD in the gyrencephalic brain

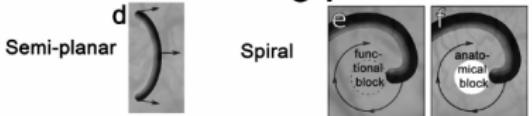


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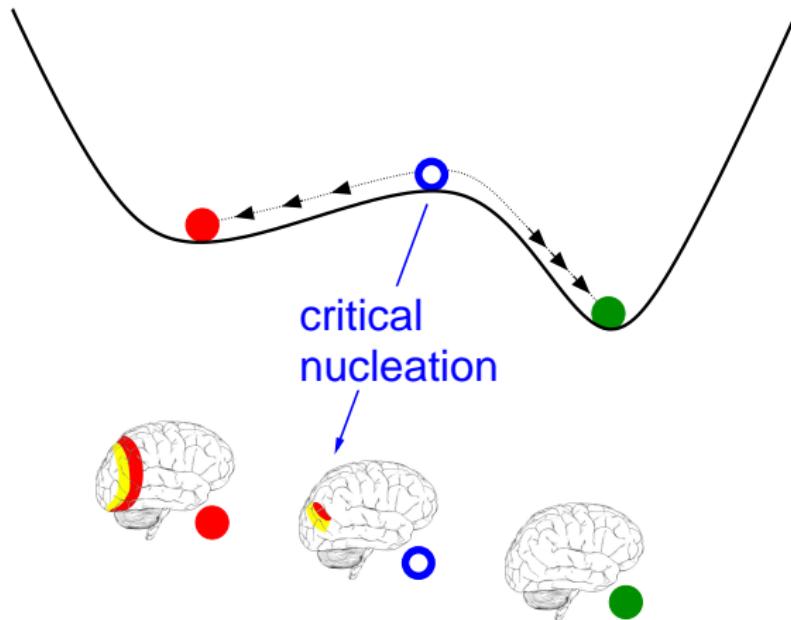
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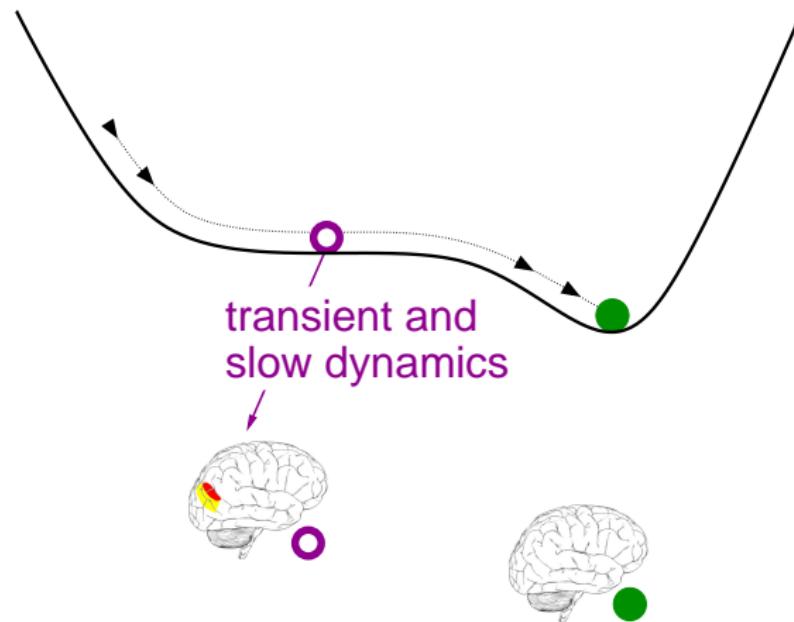
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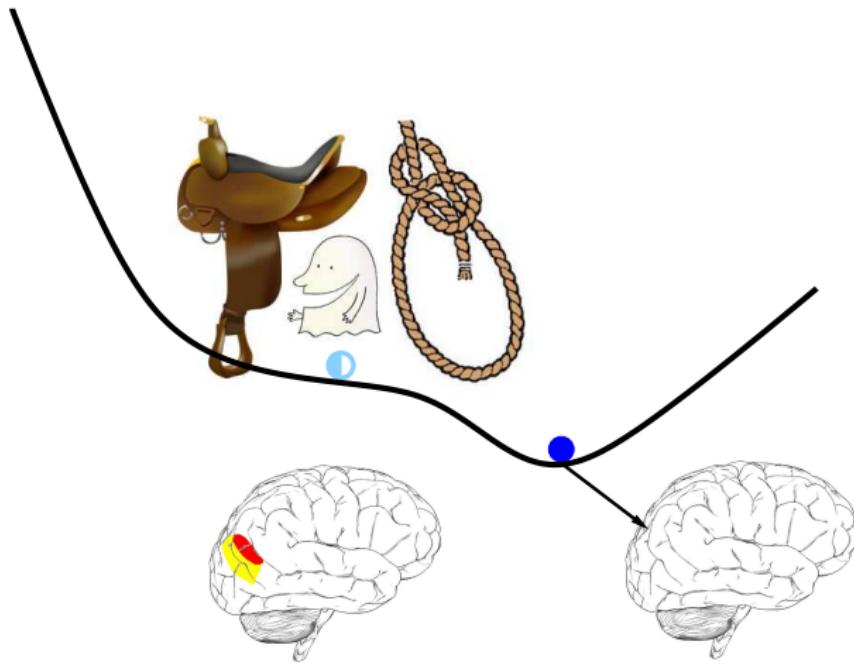
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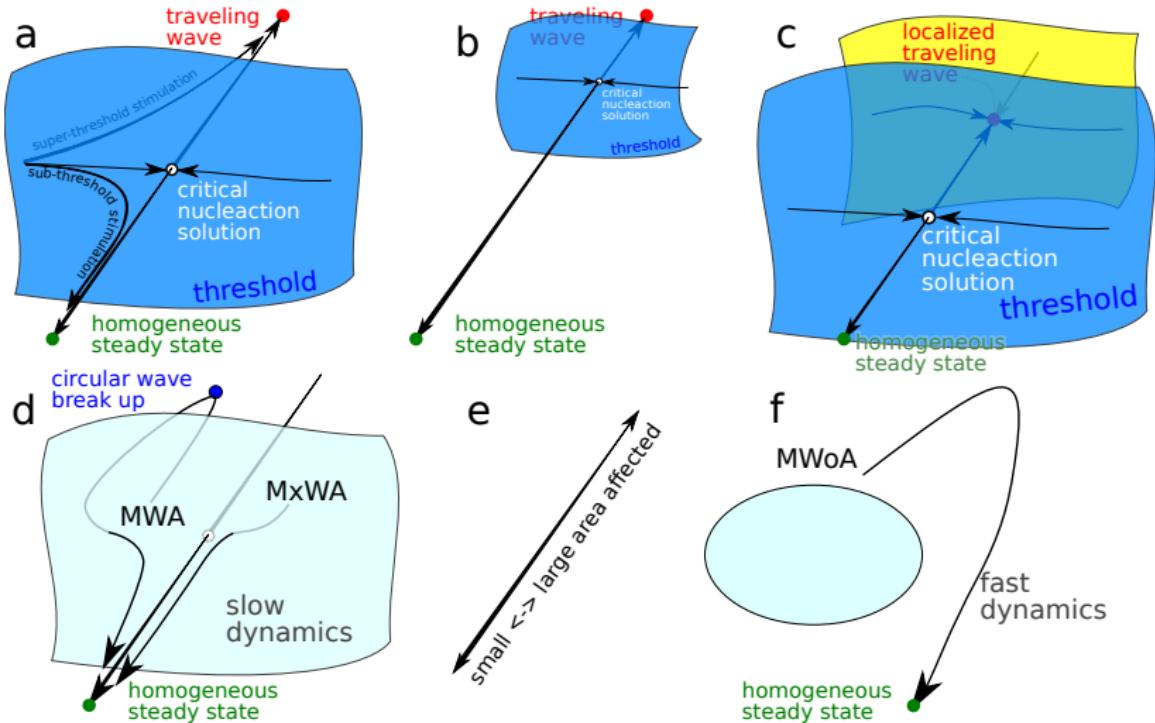


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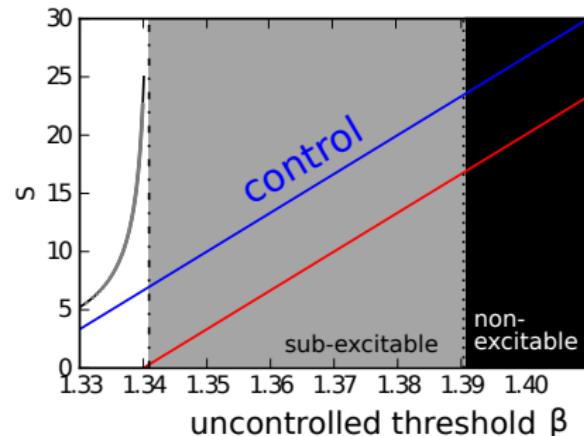
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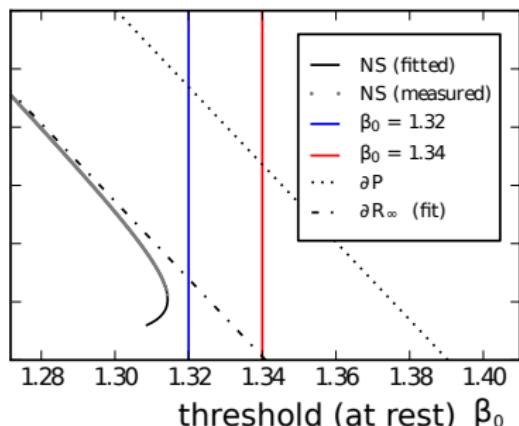
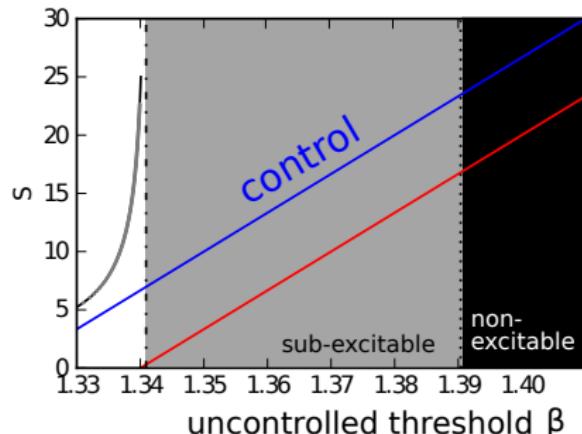
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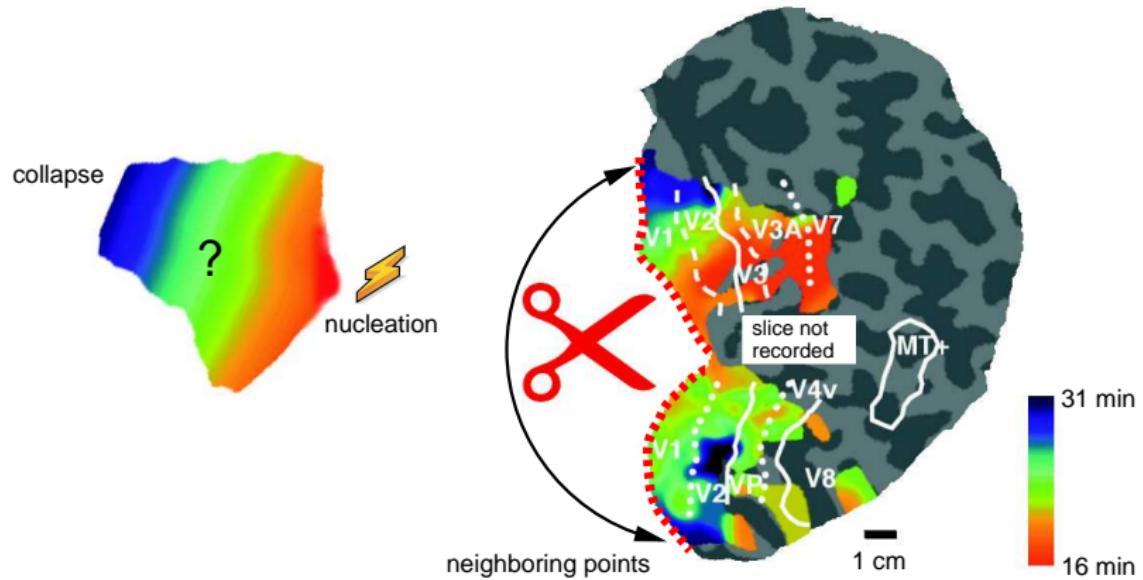
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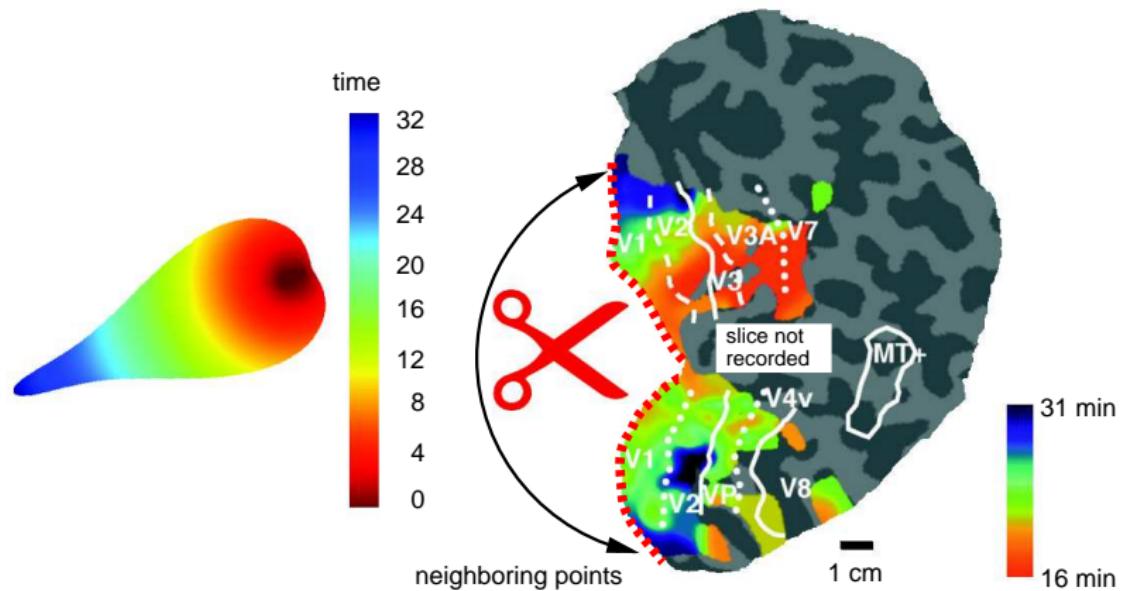
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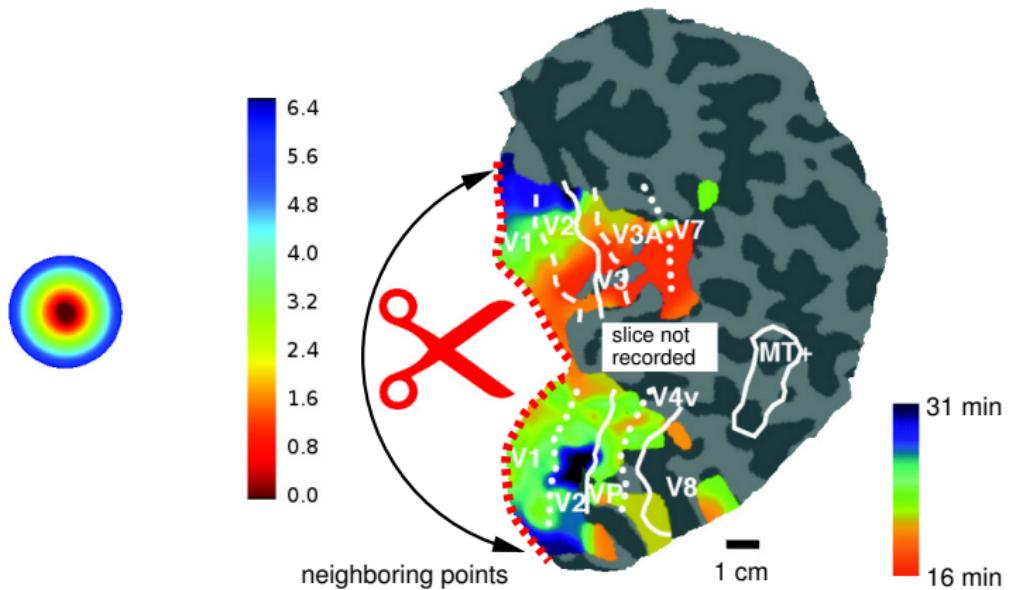
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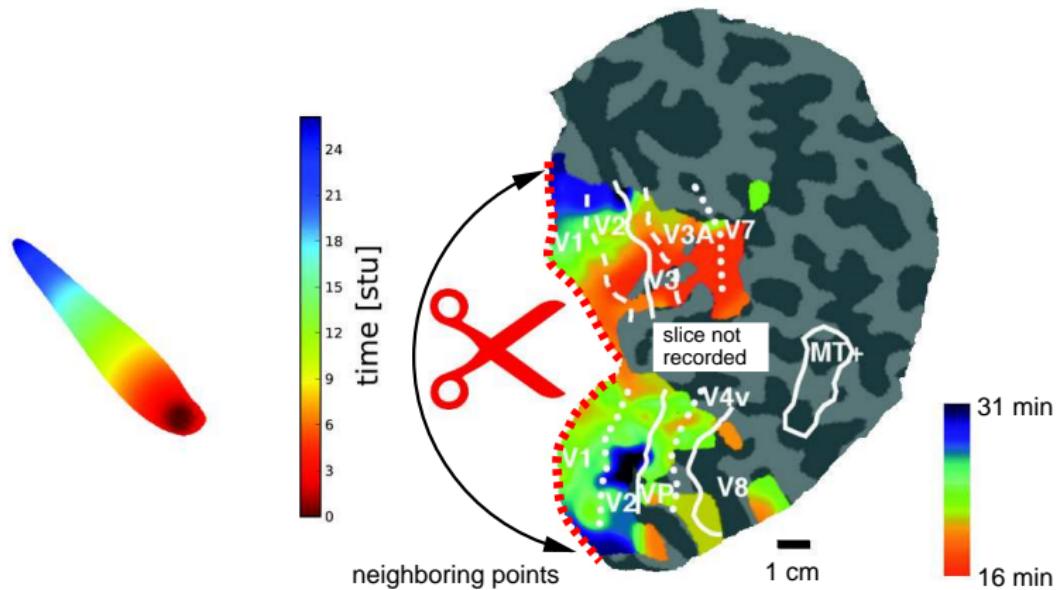
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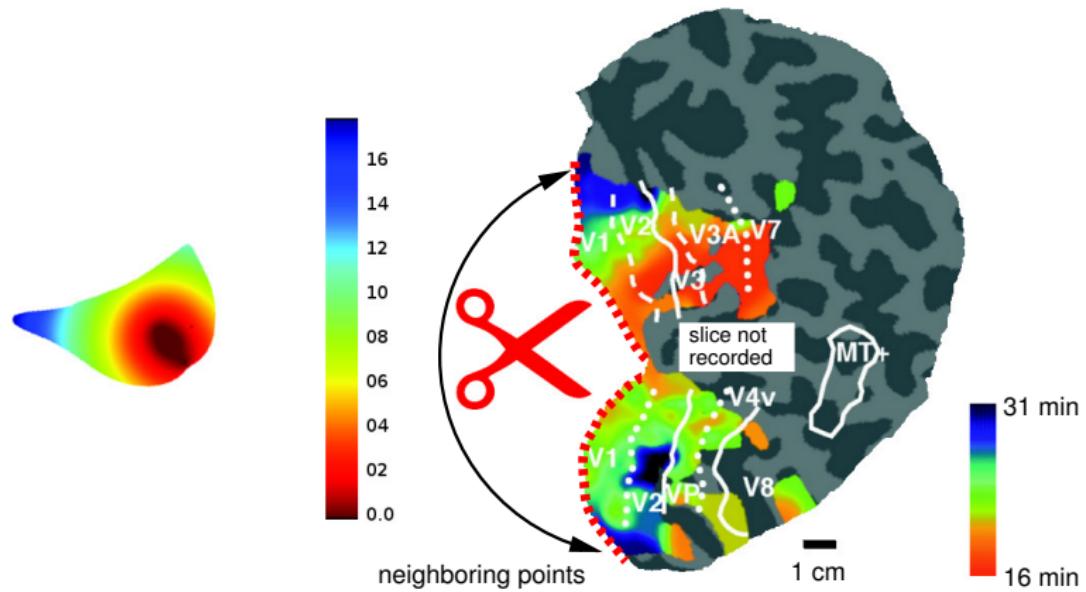
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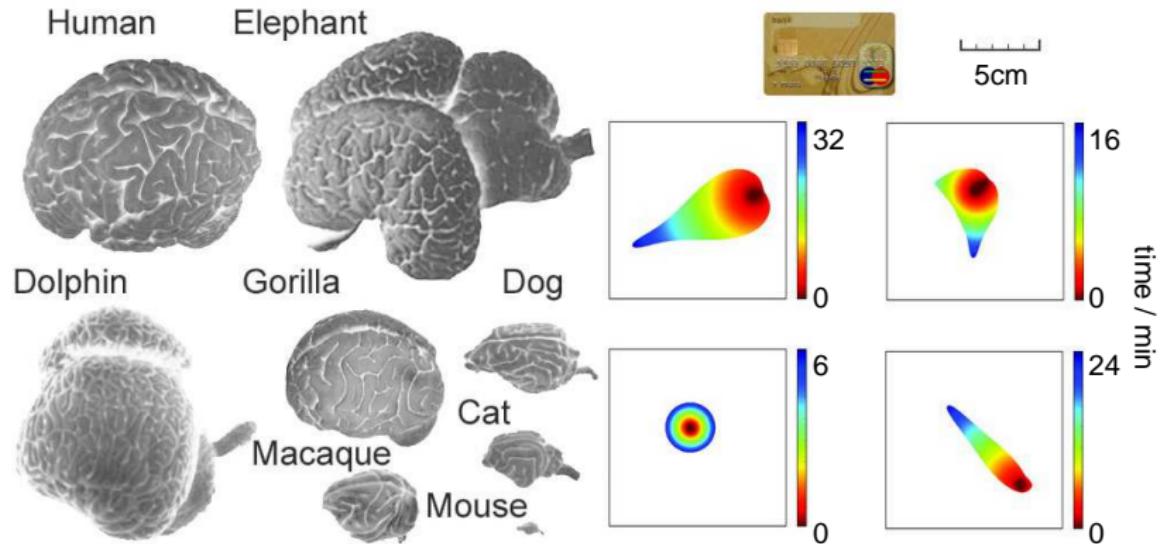
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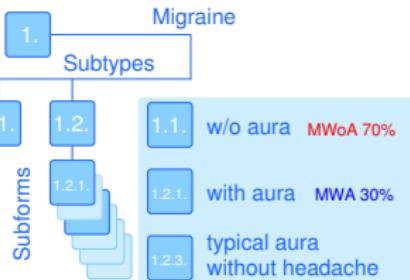
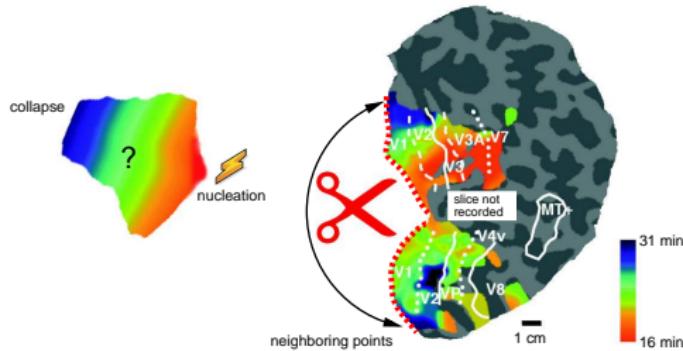
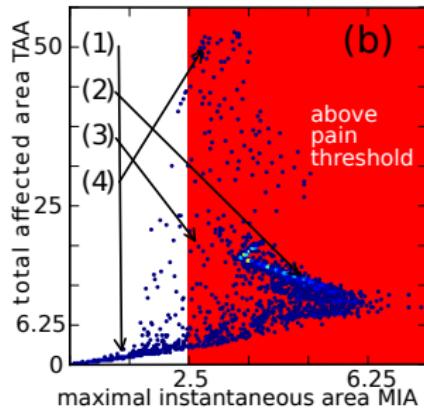
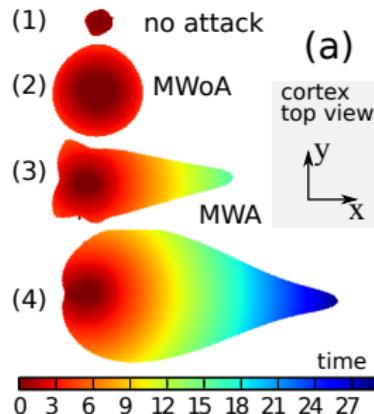
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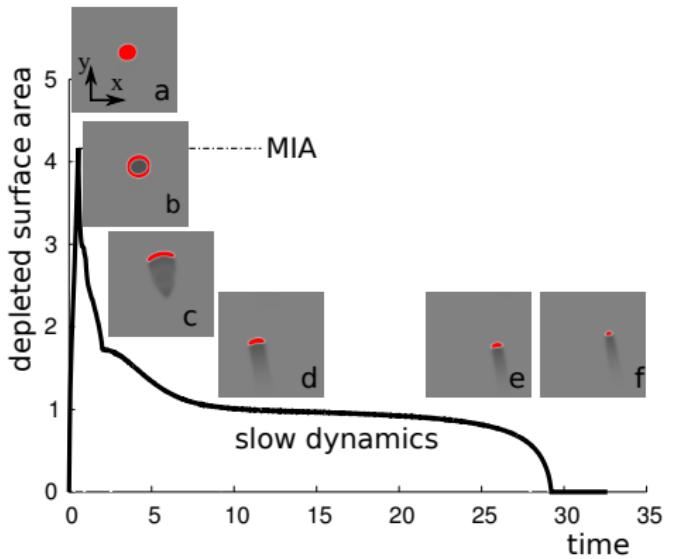


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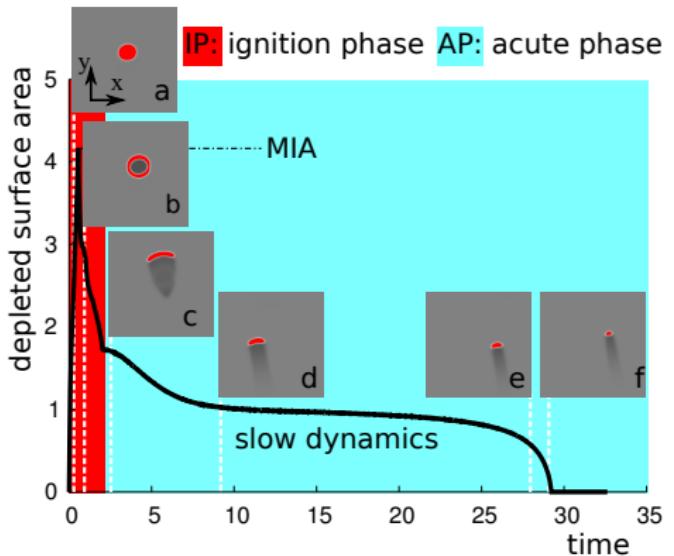


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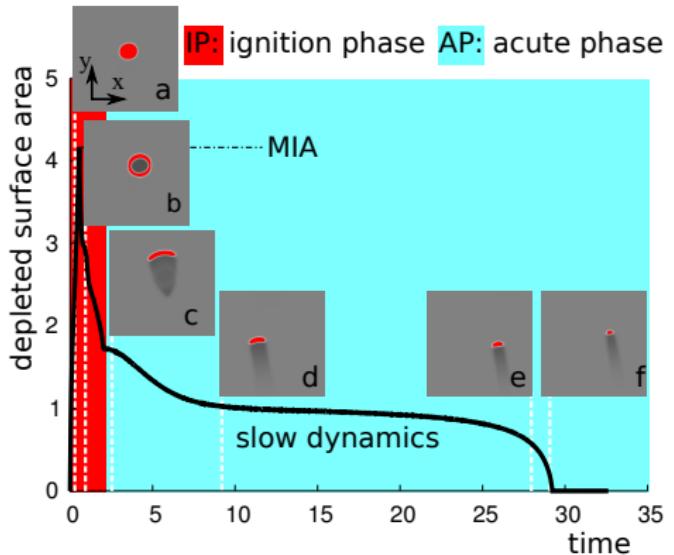
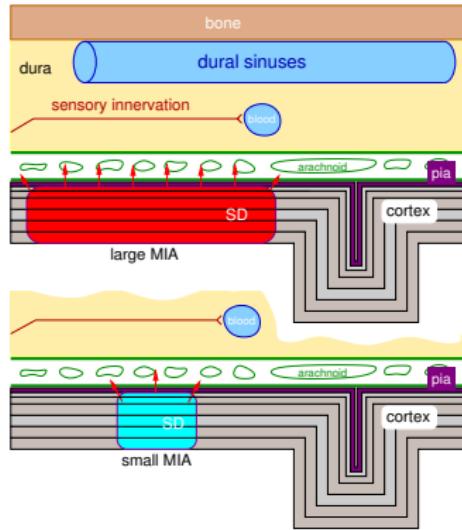
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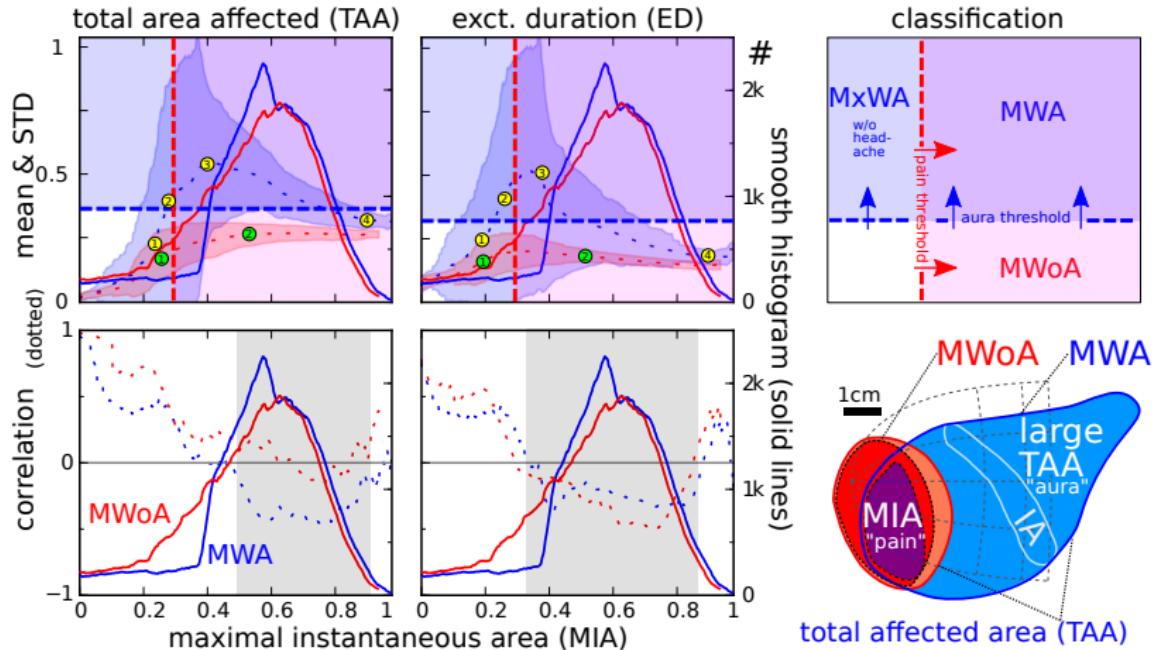


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For example, can a sulcal pial siphoning of  $K^+$  lead to focally raised concentration in the meninges?

Hypoth.: pain  $\sim$  instantaneous area, aura  $\sim$  long duration



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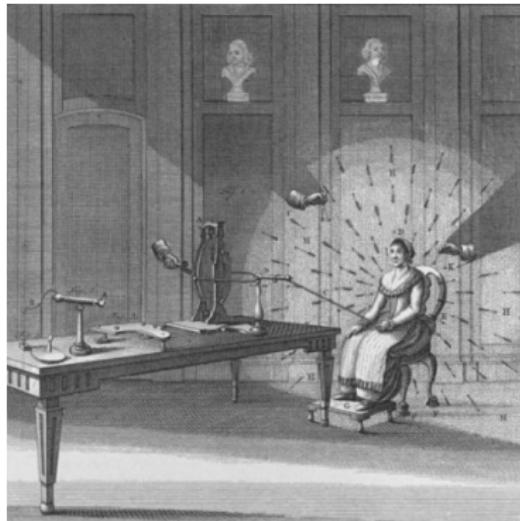
Non-drug treatment for headaches (AD 47)



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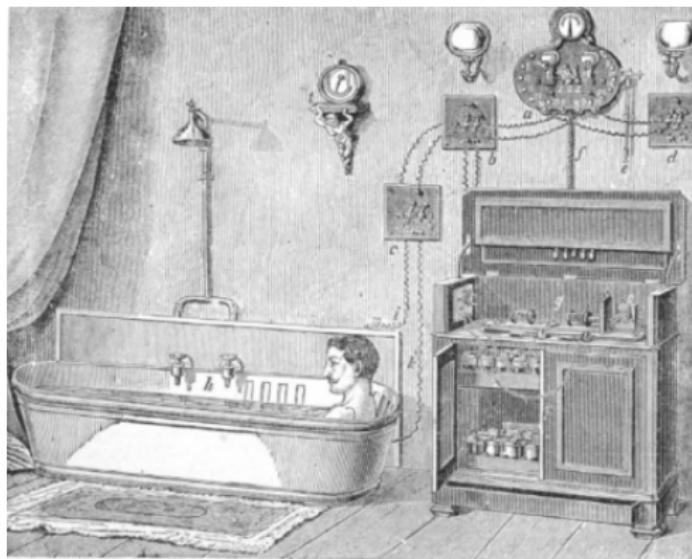
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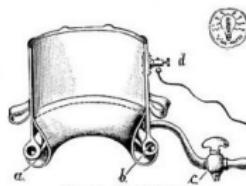
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First steps in miniaturization

I. Abteilung: Galvanisation. Hydro-elektrische Bade-Einrichtungen.



No. 170. Ansicht. M. 50,-.

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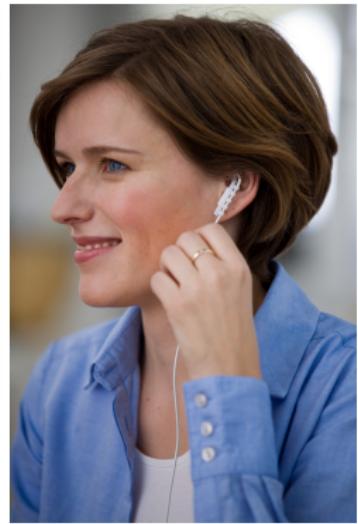
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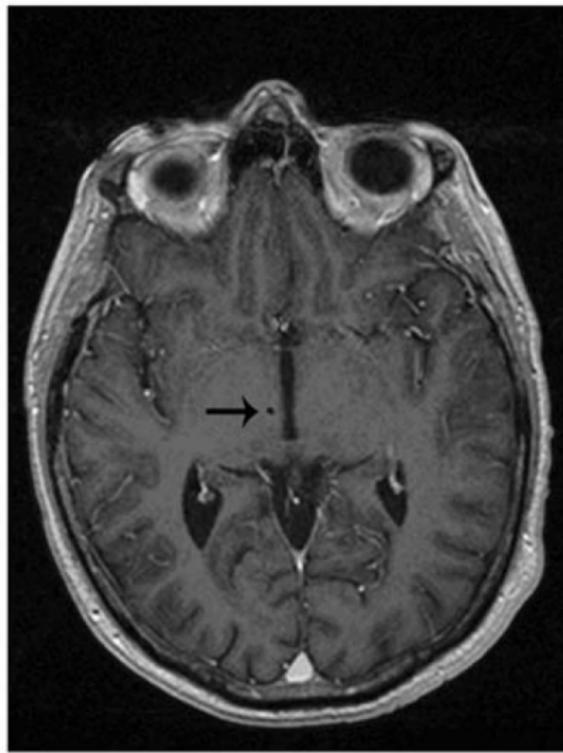
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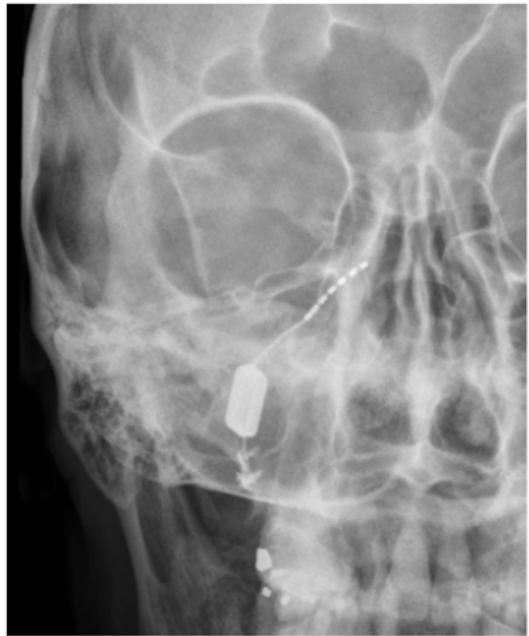


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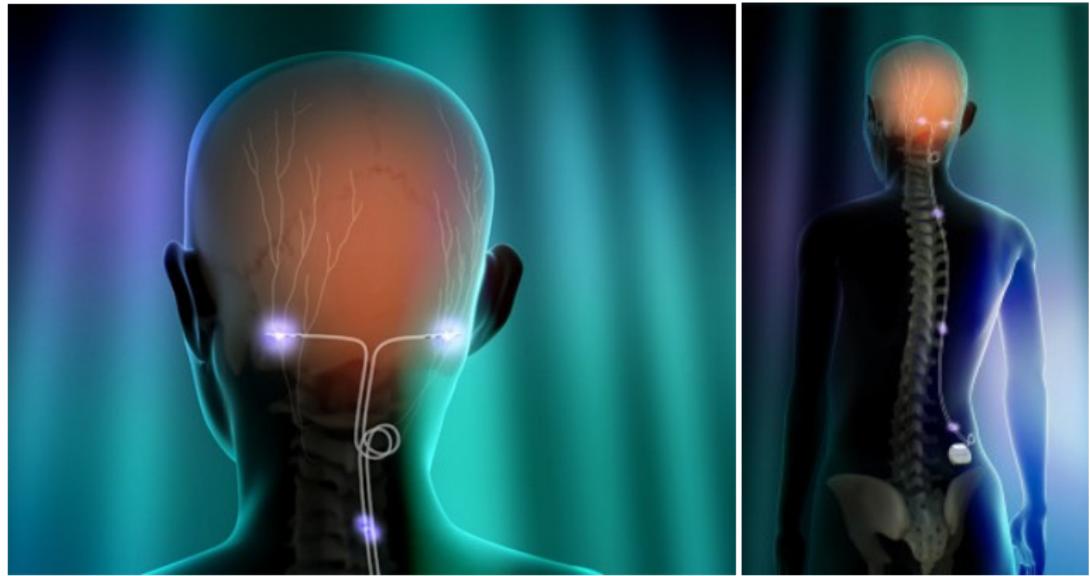
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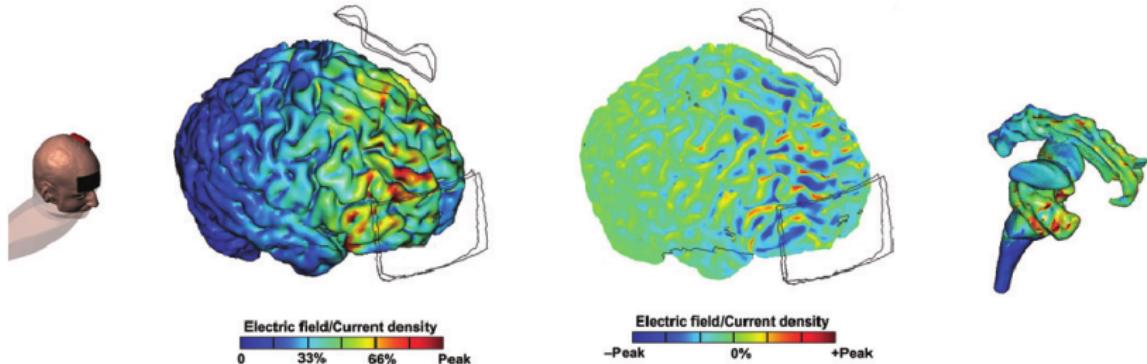
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# Neuromodulation in migraine



- ▶ hypothalamic deep brain stimulation (hDBS),
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- ▶ vagus nerve stimulation (VNS),
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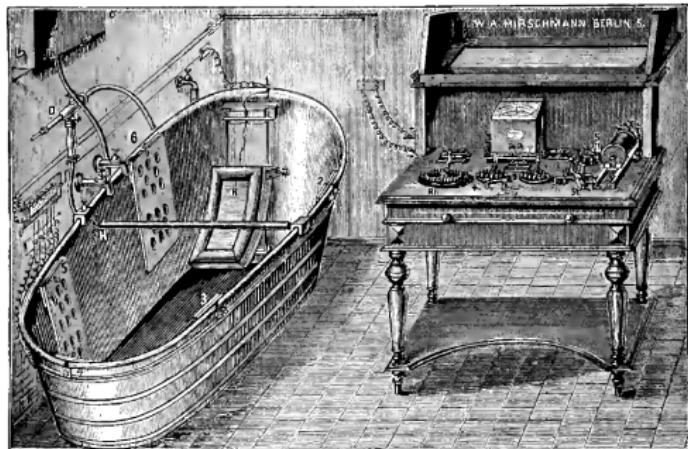


Fig. 21. Einrichtung eines elektrischen Bades nach EULENBURG.

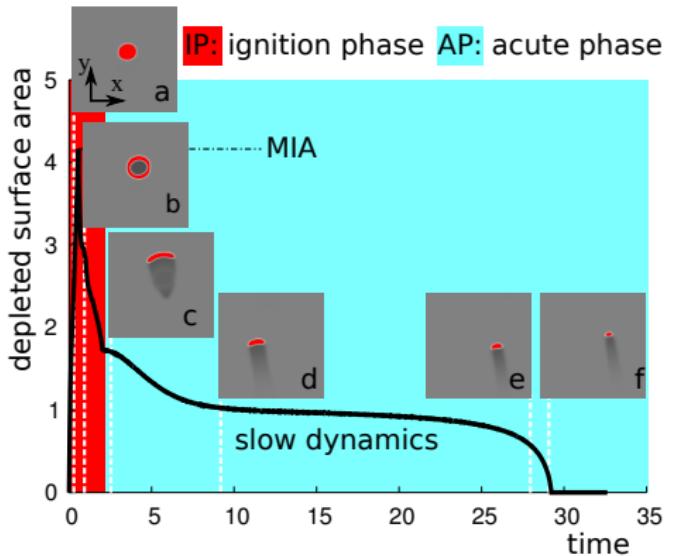
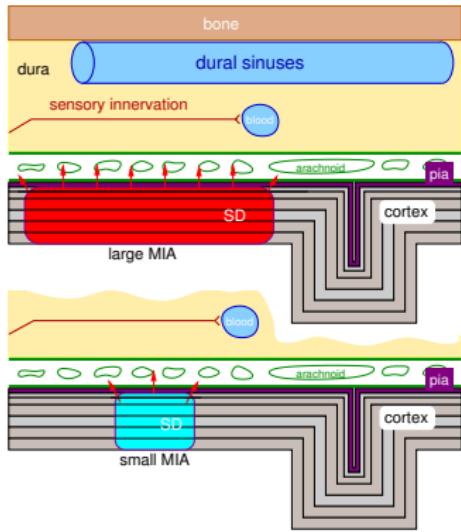
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[...]

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(Lehrbuch der klinischen Hydrotherapie, Max Matthes)

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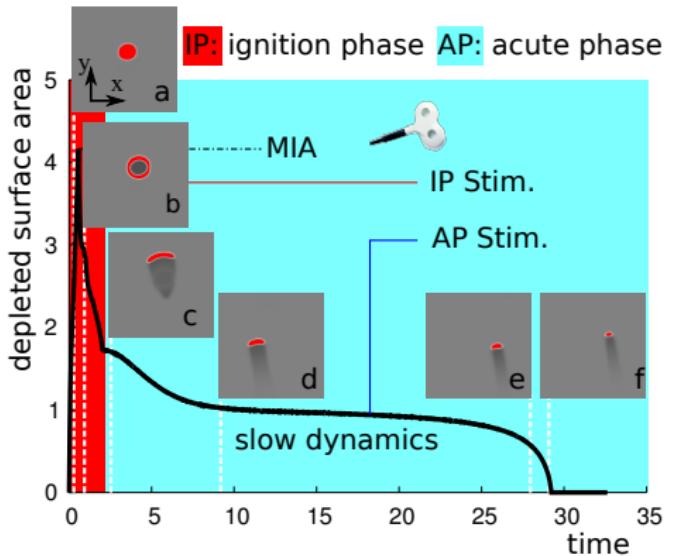
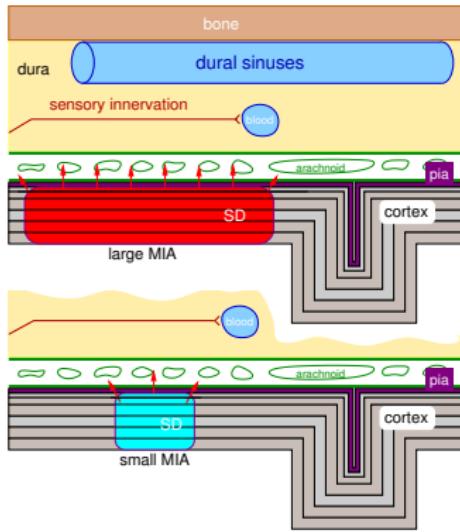


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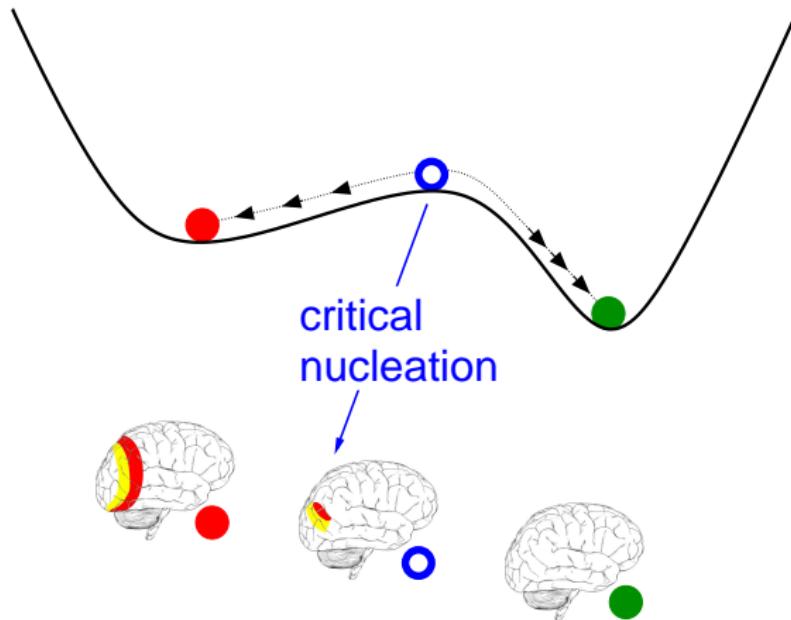


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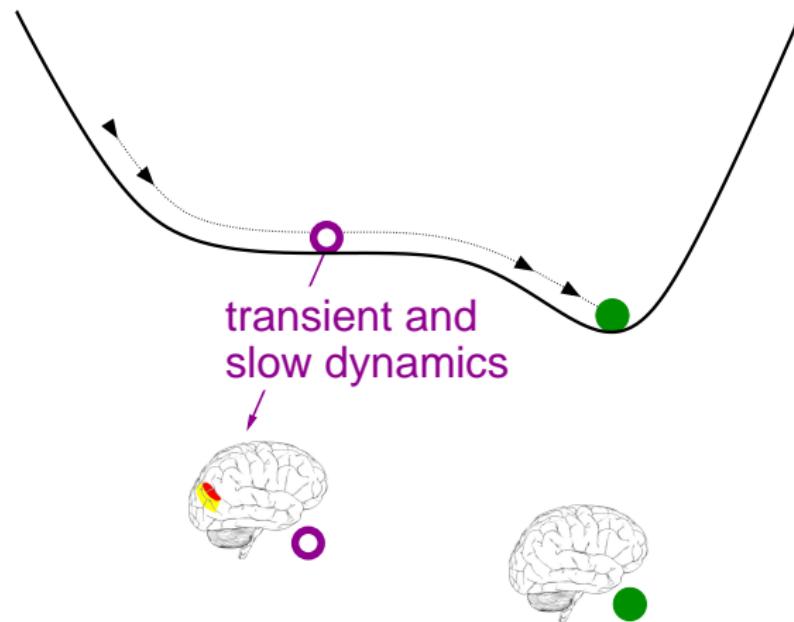
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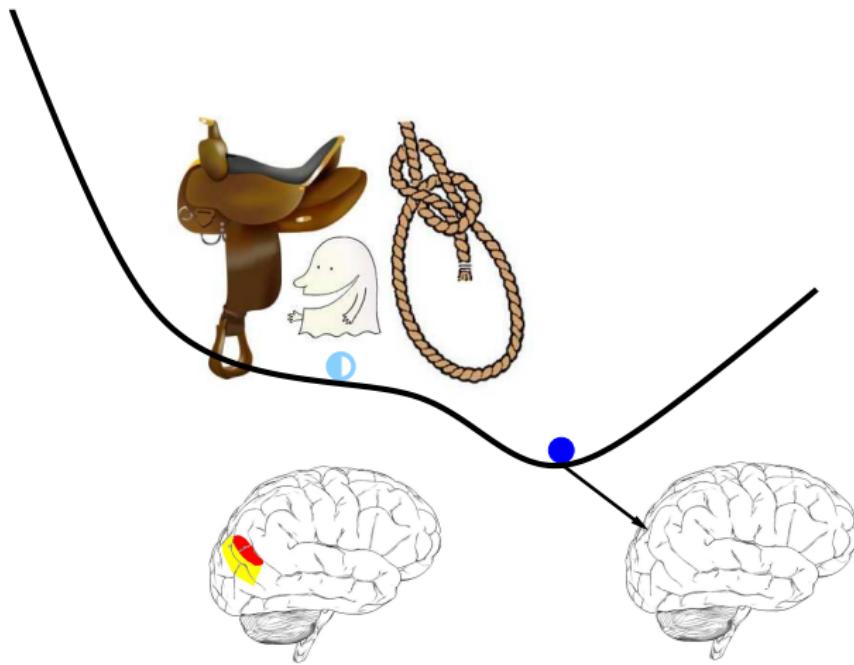
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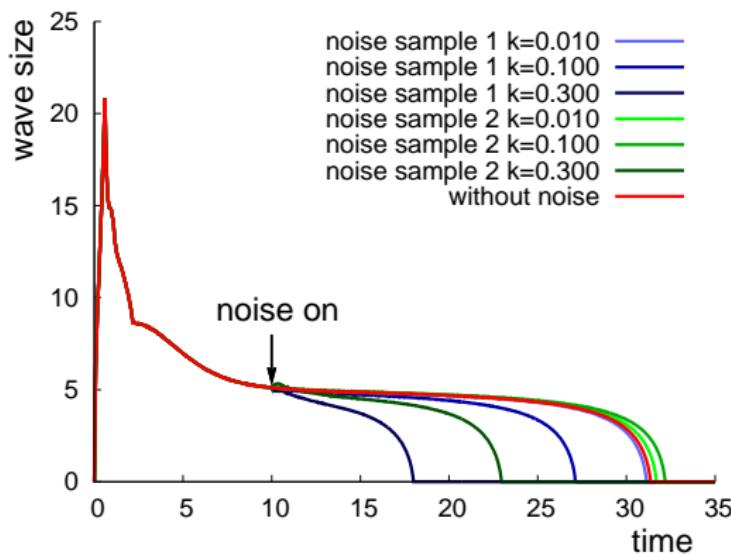


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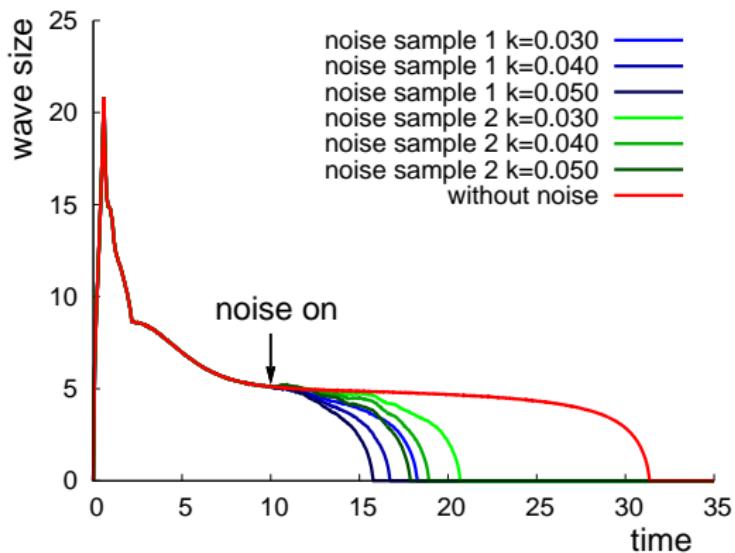
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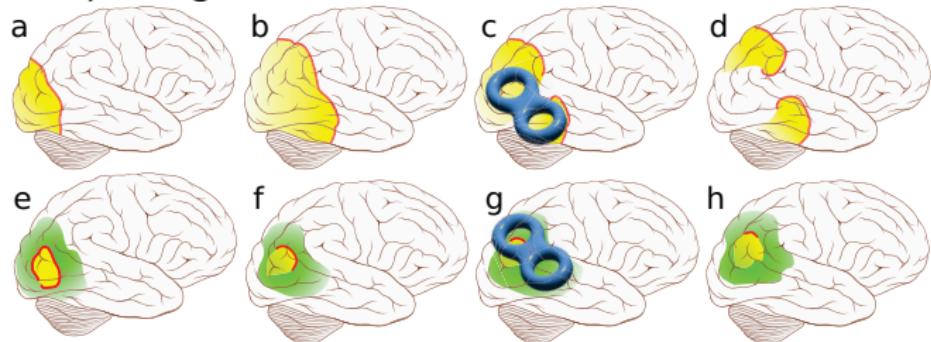


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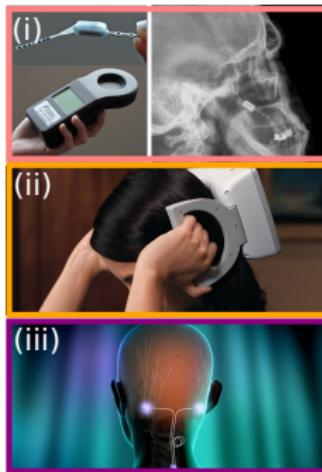
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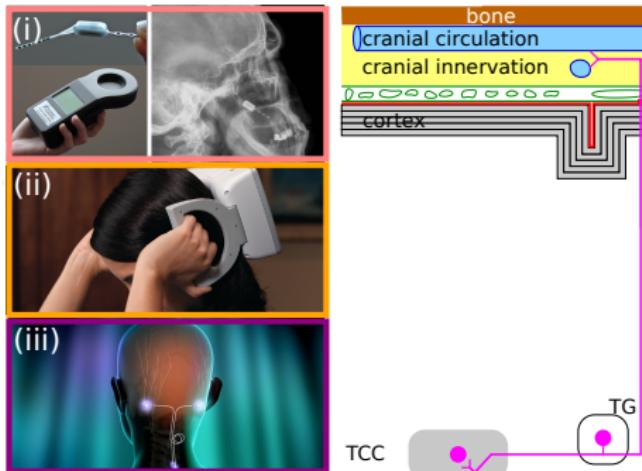
New paradigm: opens up new strategies, eg, transcranial random noise stimulation (tRNS) at special locations

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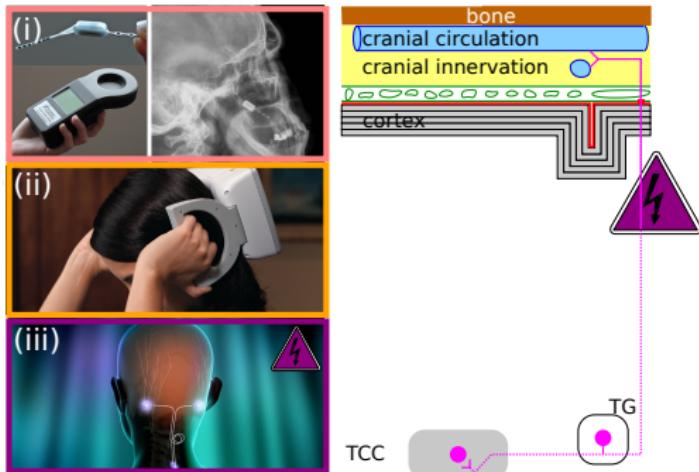
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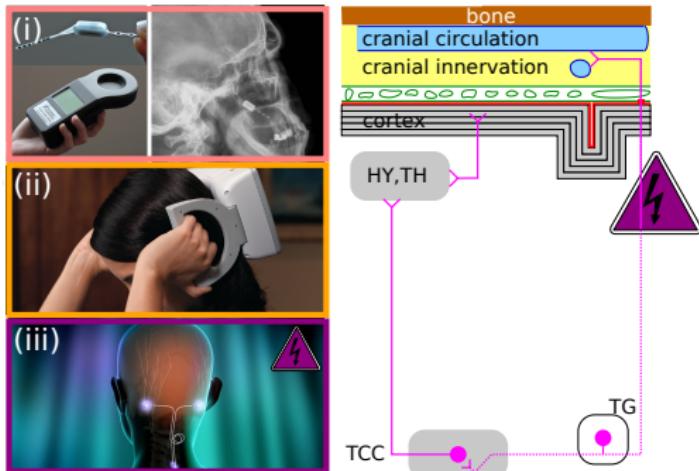
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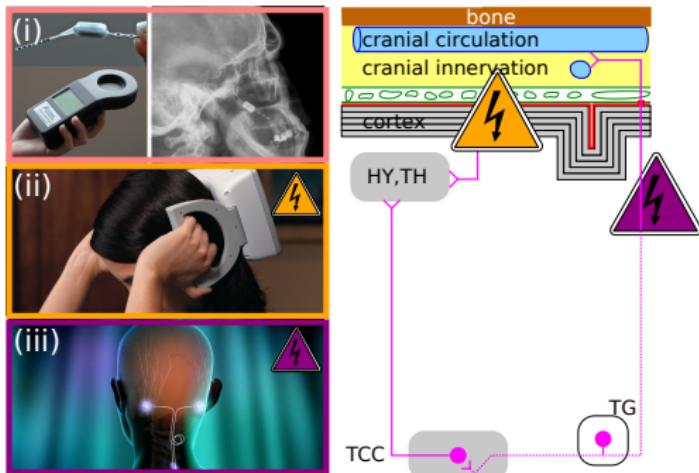
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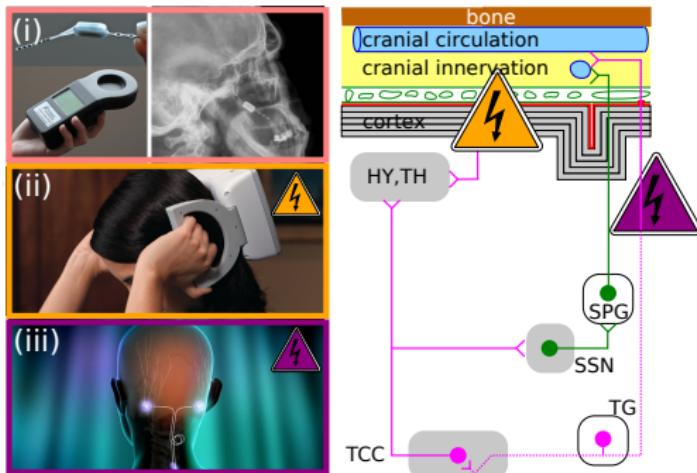
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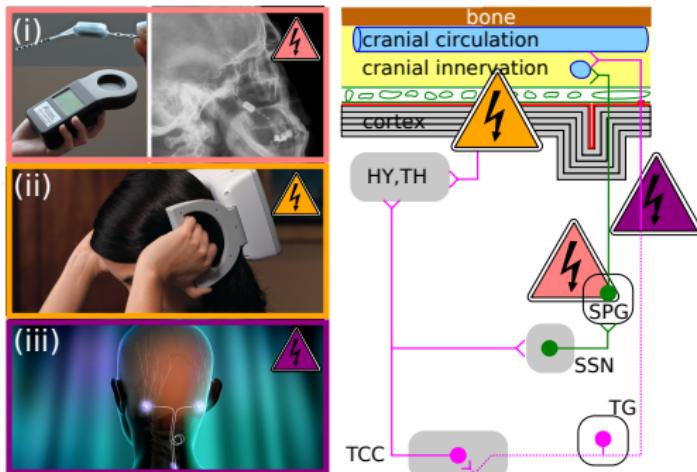
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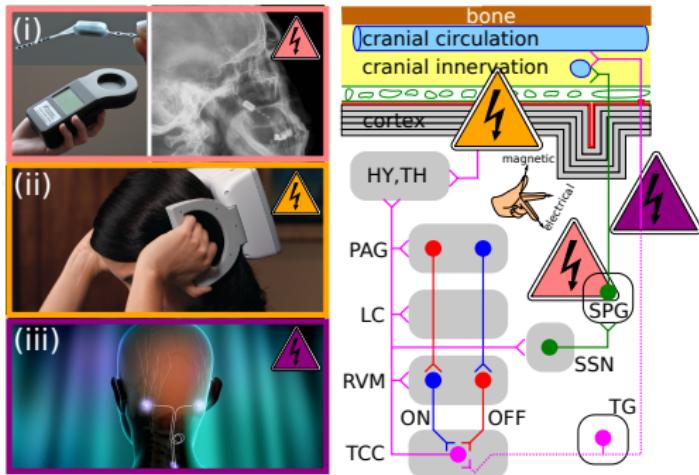
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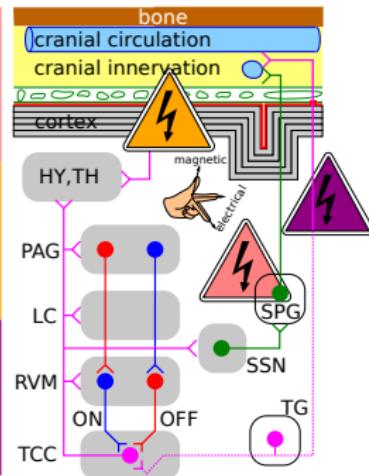
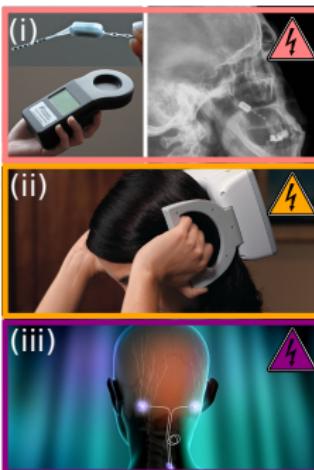
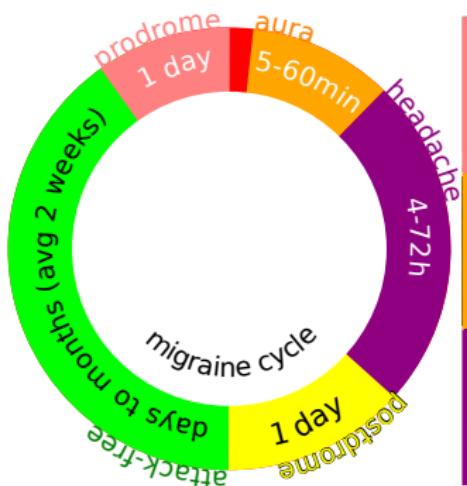
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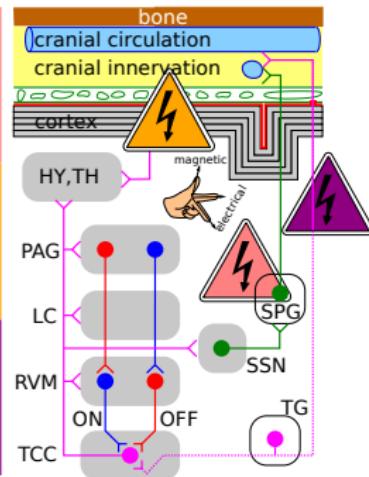
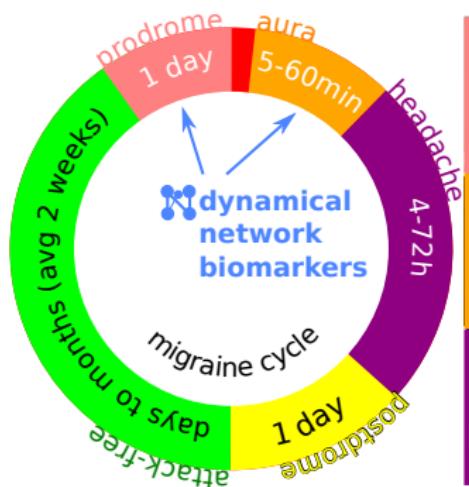
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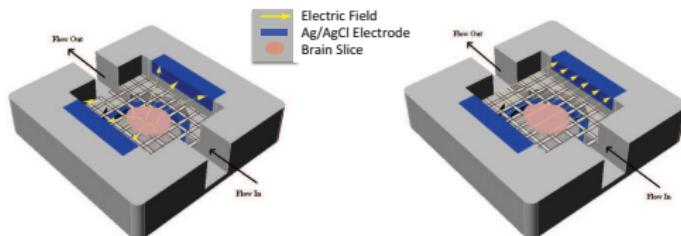
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# Feedback control of spreading depression

From bench



Cooperation with Stephen Schiff & Bruce Gluckman

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Feedback control with Kalman filter

to bedside



Courtesy Neuralieve

TMS (external forcing)

# “Dynamical disease”

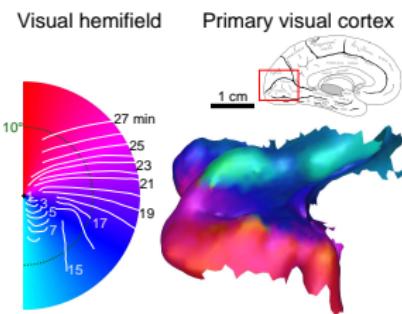
Leon Glass and Michael Mackey coined the term **dynamical disease** to identify diseases that occur due to an **abrupt change in the natural rhythms** of the body and rhythms become abnormal. In particular, chronic disorders with **episodic manifestations**.

*“The significance of identifying a dynamical disease is that it should be possible to **develop therapeutic strategies based on our understanding** of dynamics combined with manipulations of the physiological parameters back into the normal ranges.”*

(Bélair, Glass, an der Heiden, & Milton, *Chaos*, 5, 1995)

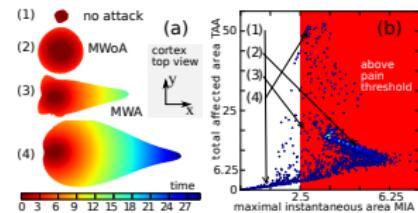
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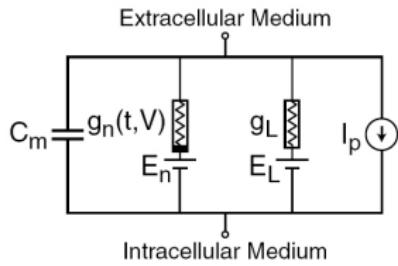


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## Additional slides

## HH-type conductance-based



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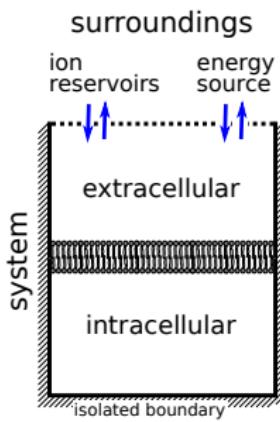
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# From HH-type conductance-based to conductance- & ion-based models (2<sup>nd</sup> generation model)



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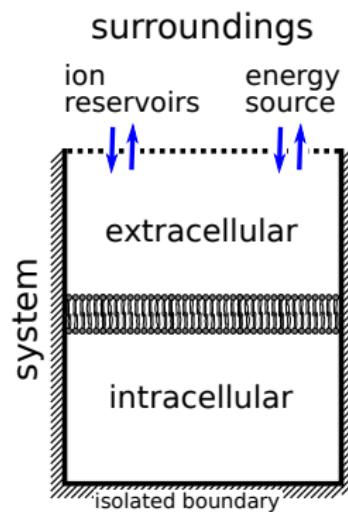
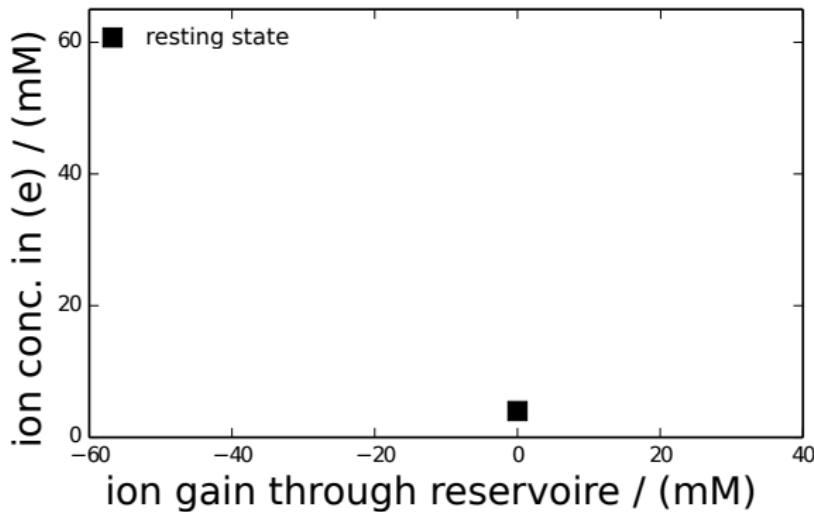
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HH: Hodgkin-Huxley

# The neuron in analogy to a heat engine

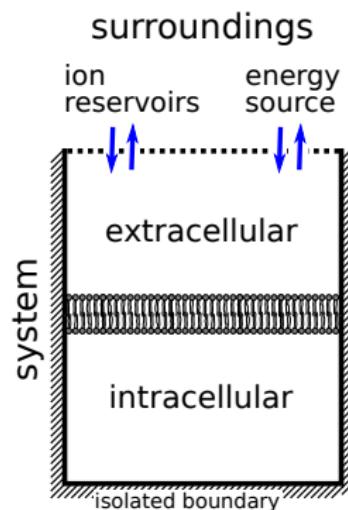
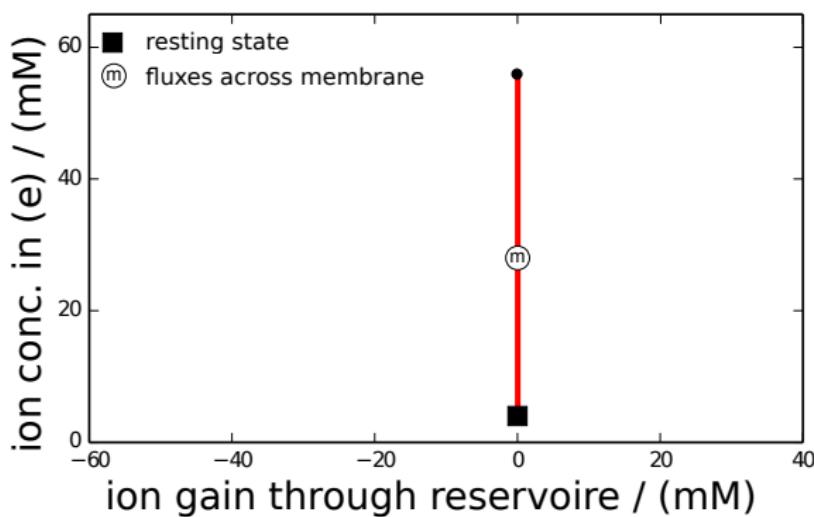
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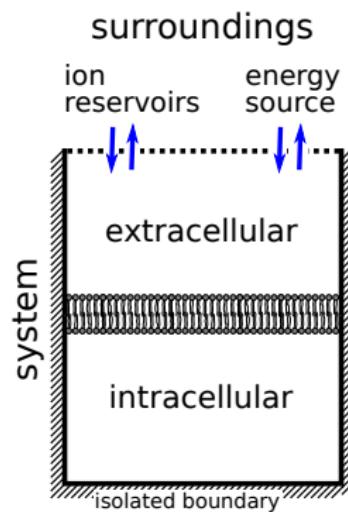
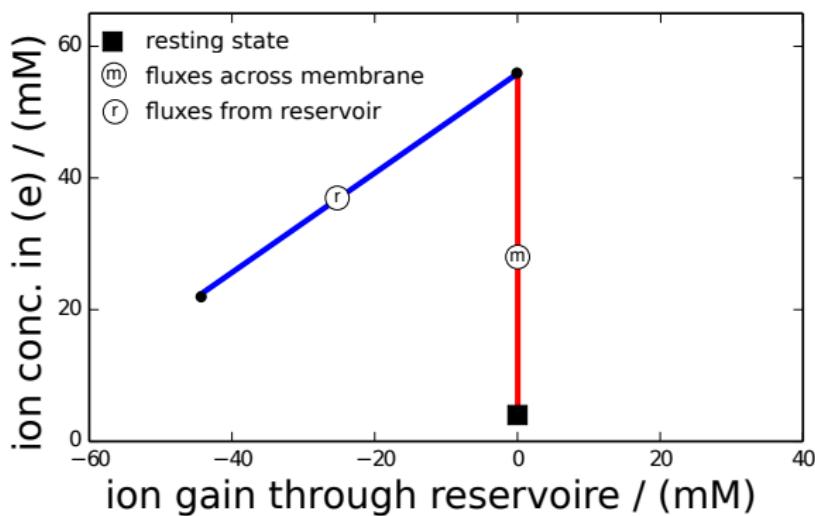
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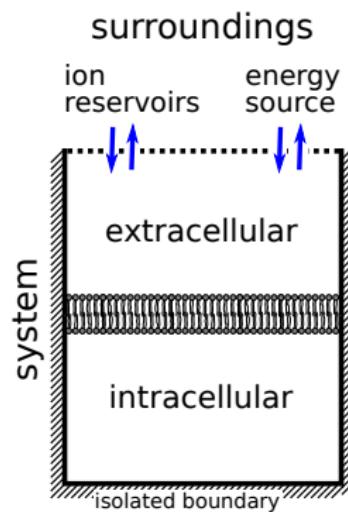
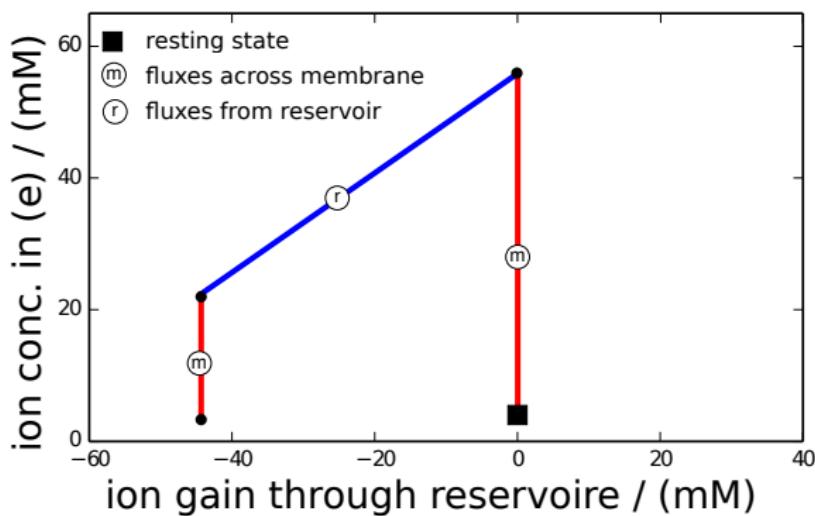
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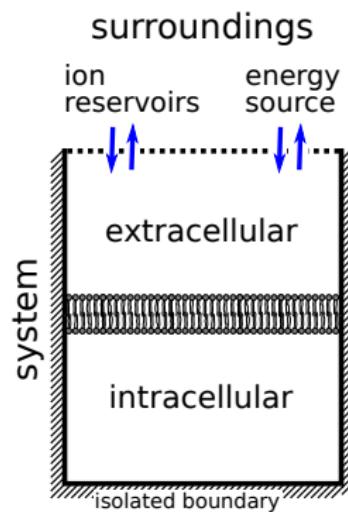
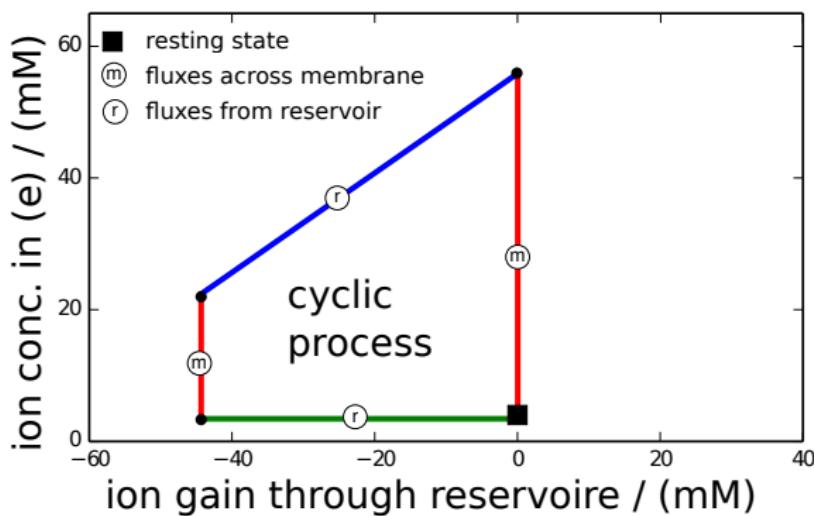
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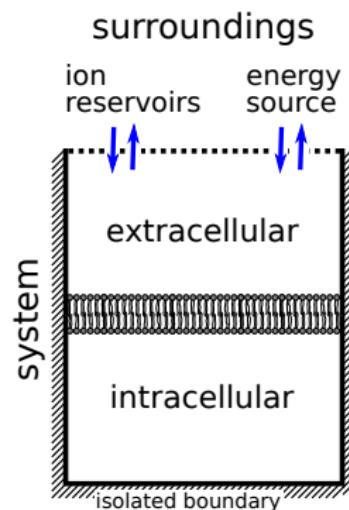
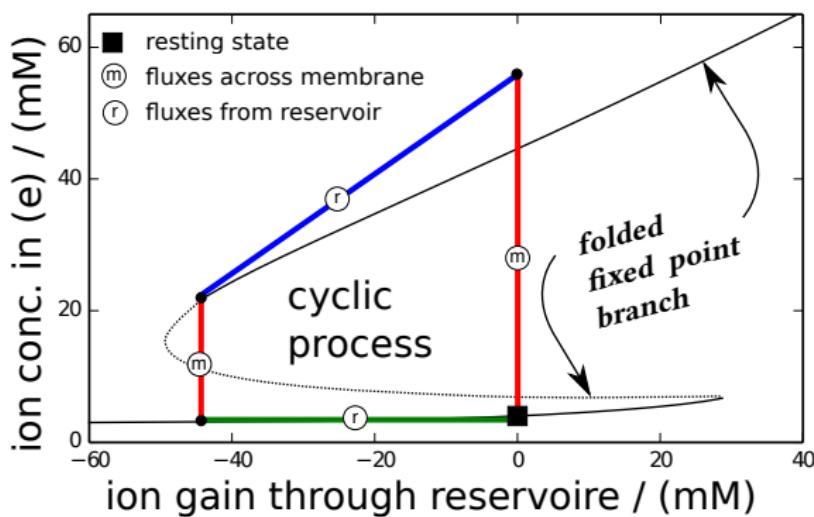
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# Many, many, parameters, but most fixed by experiments

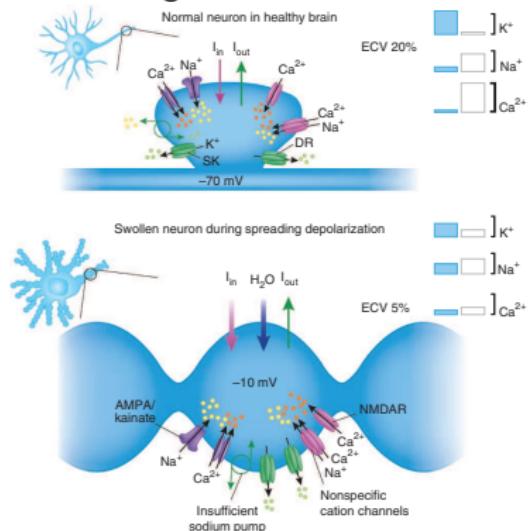
Table : Parameters for ion-based model – Part 2

Name	Value & unit	Description
$C_m$	$1 \mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$	membrane capacitance
$\phi$	$3/\text{msec}$	gating time scale parameter
$g_{Na}^l$	$0.0175 \text{ mS}/\text{cm}^2$	sodium leak conductance
$g_{Na}^g$	$100 \text{ mS}/\text{cm}^2$	max. gated sodium conductance
$g_K^l$	$0.05 \text{ mS}/\text{cm}^2$	potassium leak conductance
$g_K^g$	$40 \text{ mS}/\text{cm}^2$	max. gated potassium conductance
$g_{Cl}^l$	$0.02 \text{ mS}/\text{cm}^2$	chloride leak conductance
$Na_i^0$	$25.23 \text{ mM}/l$	intracell. sodium conc.
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# Including cell swelling

## Electrophysiology

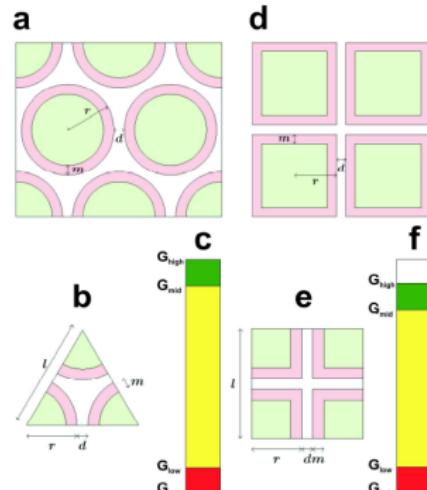
break down of ion gradients  
cell swelling



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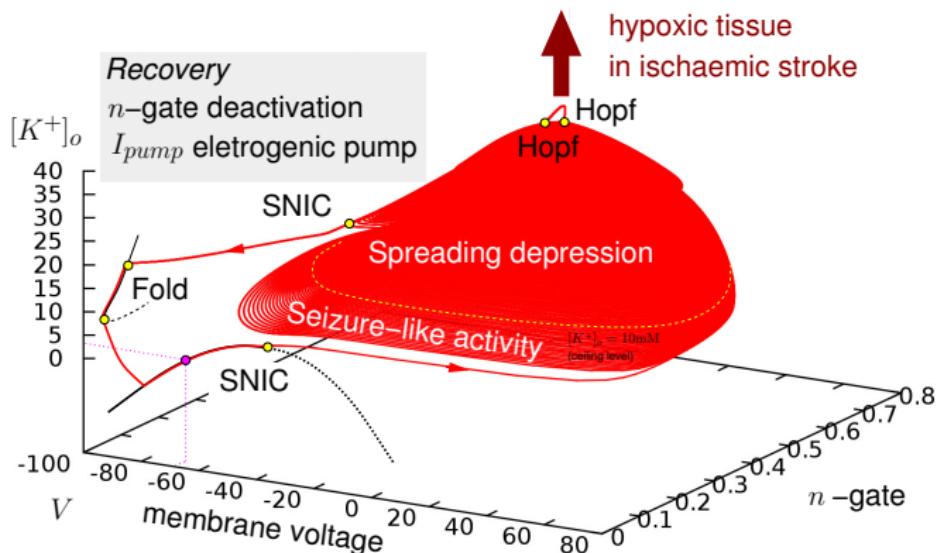
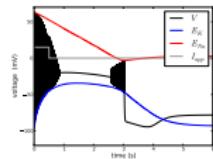
## Thermodynamics

massive release of Gibbs free energy



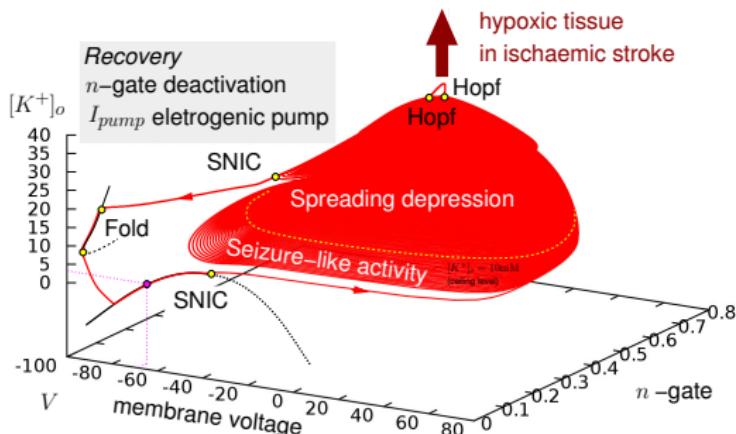
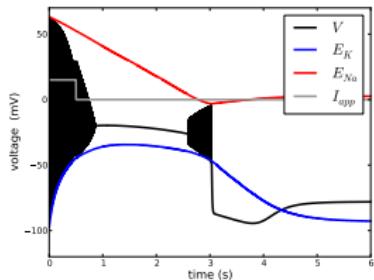
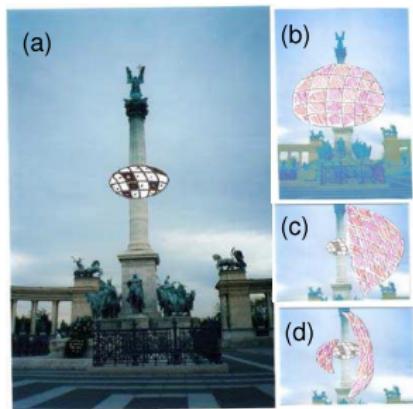
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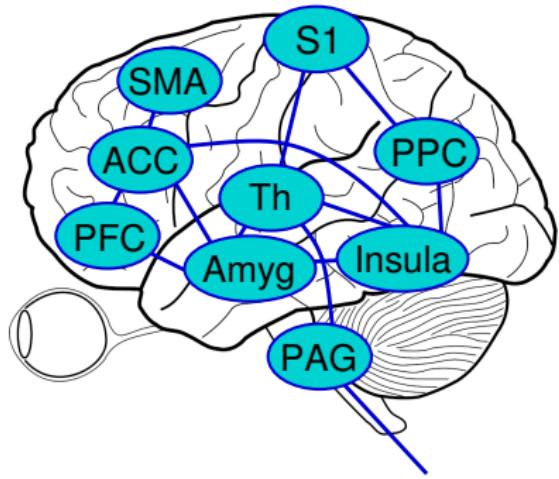
- ▶ Ischemia-induced migraine,
- ▶ Migrainous infarction,
- ▶ Persistent migraine w/o infarction (see below).



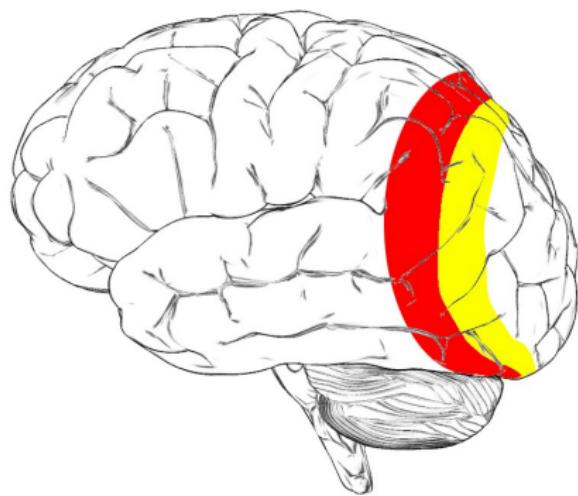
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# Mainly two neural theories of migraine

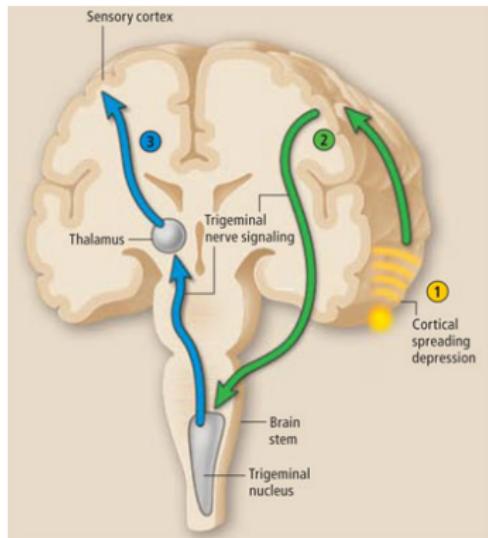
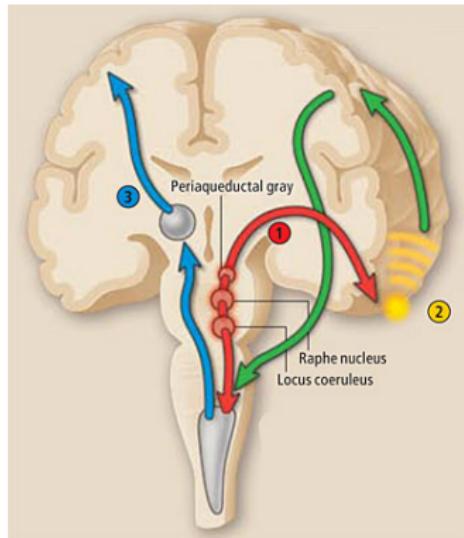
"Migraine generator"-theory



"Spreading depression"-theory



# SD triggers trigeminal meningeal afferents, ie, headache

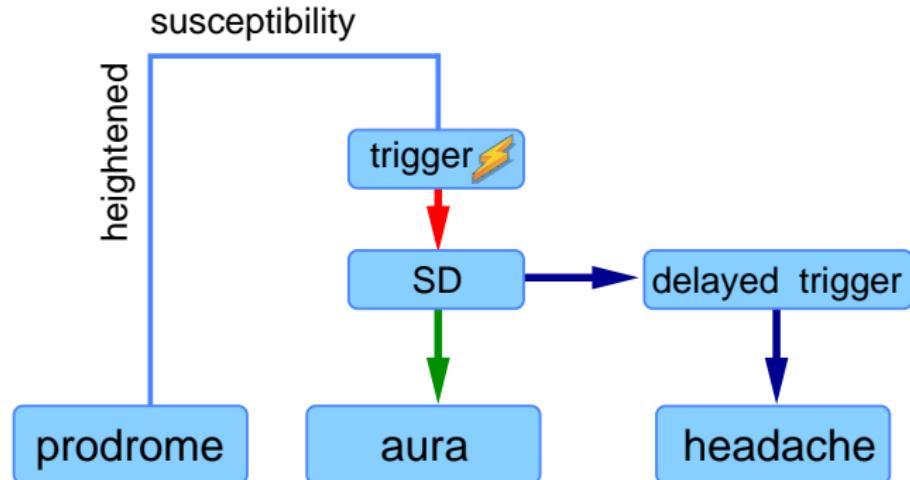


see e.g.: Bolay et al. *Nature Medicine* **8**, 2002

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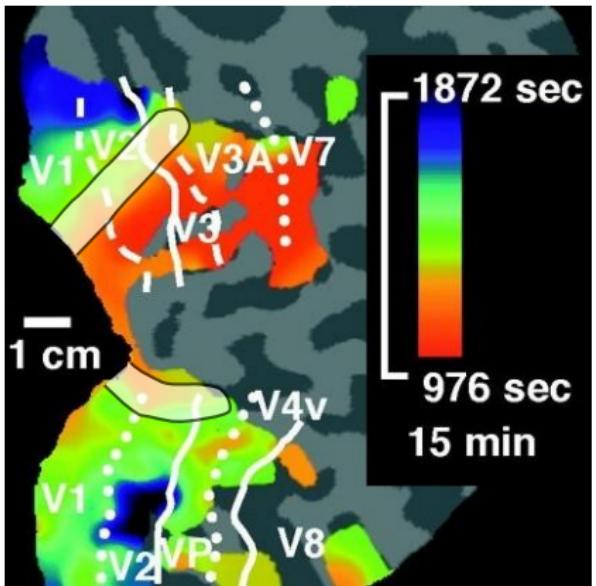
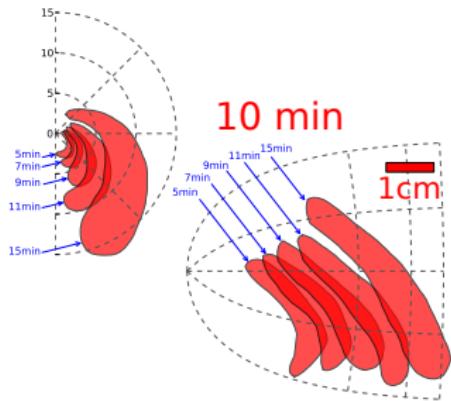
# Common etiology or 2 mechanisms in MWoA and MWA?



1. Only one upstream trigger?
2. MWoA & MWA share same pain phase? 3. Silent aura? 4. Even prevalent?
5. Delayed headache link? 6. Missing the pain phase?

SD: Spreading Depression, see next slide

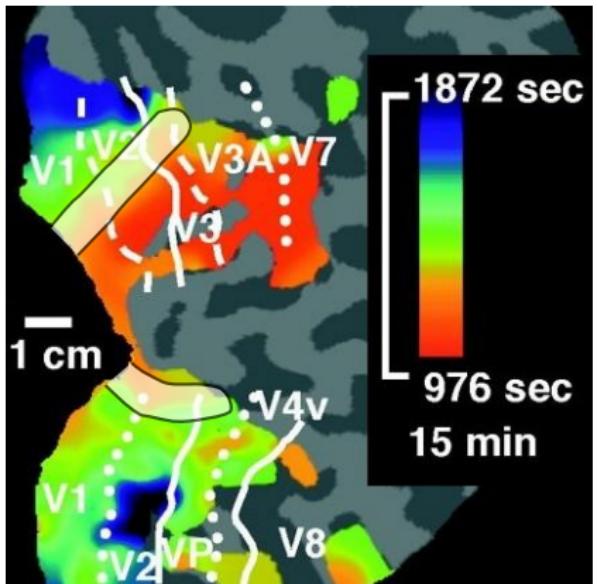
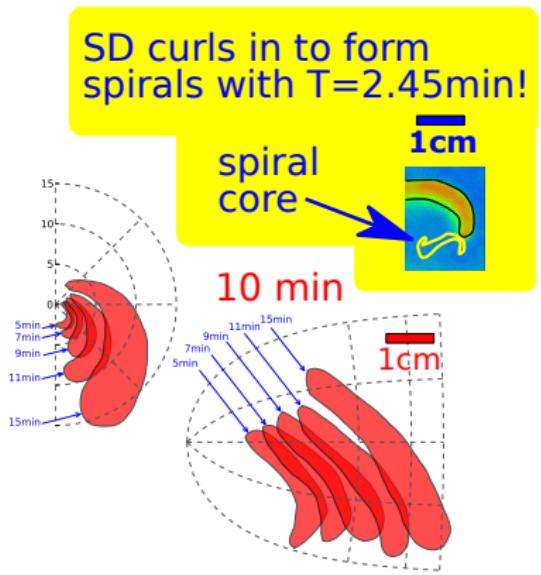
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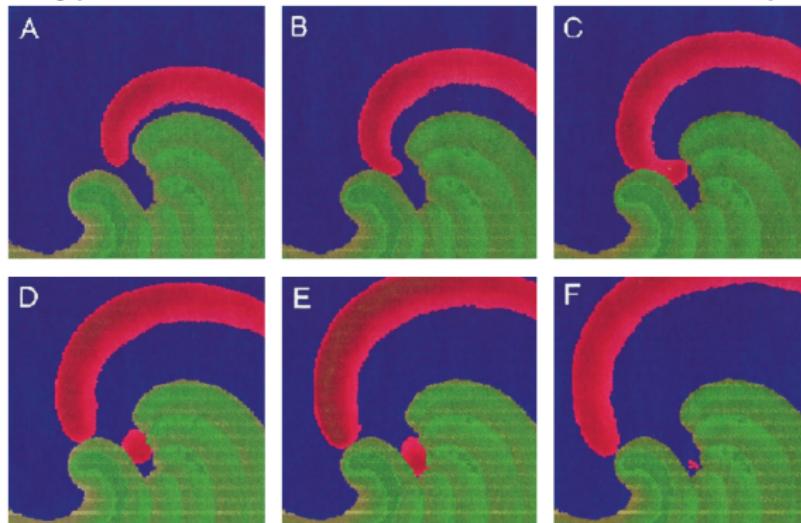


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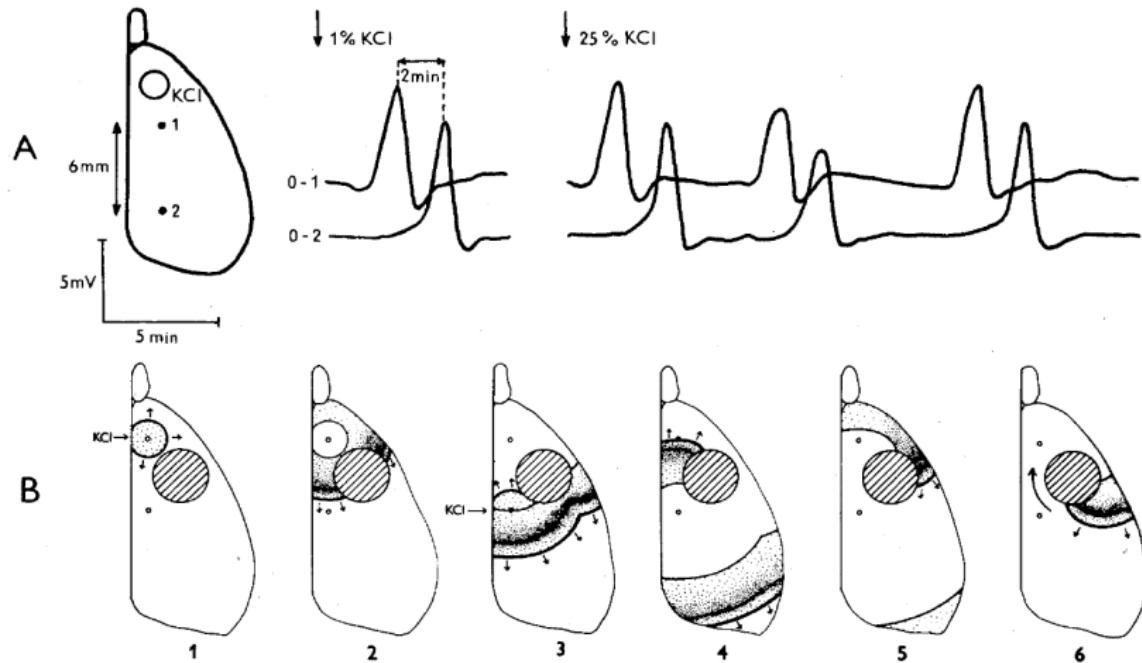
# Re-entrant SD waves with functional block

Z-type rotation causes a wave break in the spiral core.



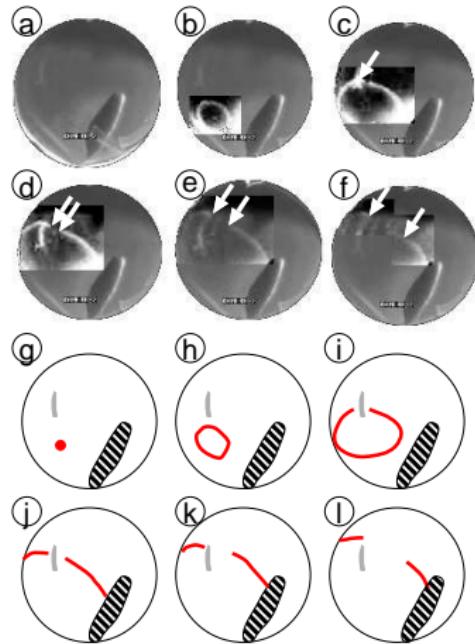
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# Re-entrant SD waves with anatomical block



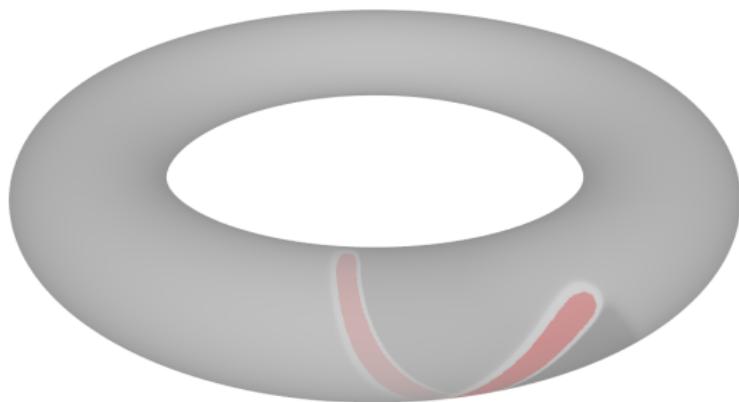
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# Drugs adjust excitability:retracting & collapsing waves

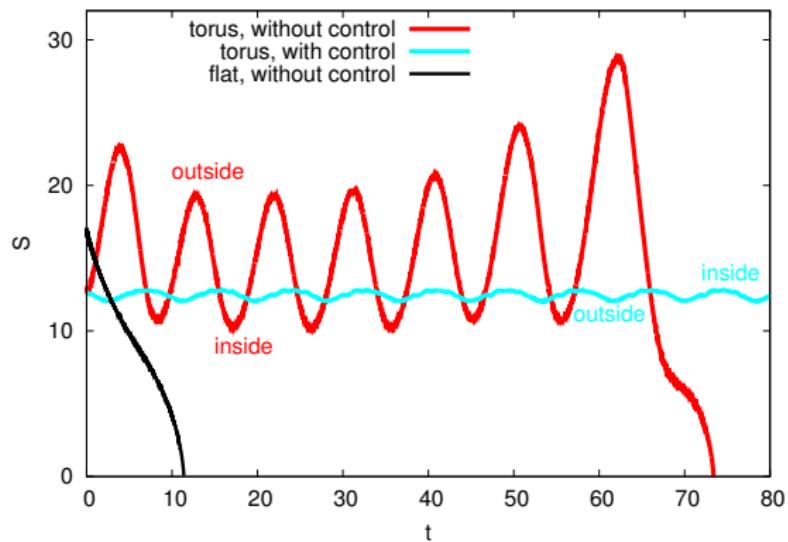
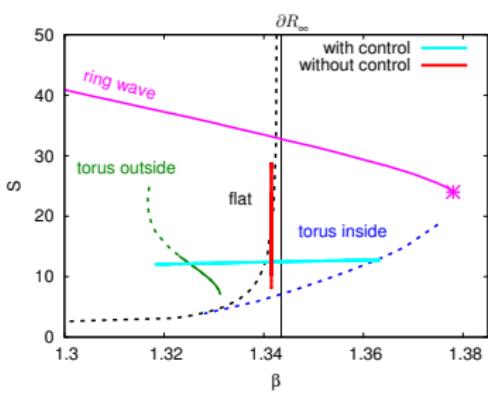


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## Nucleation failure on torus

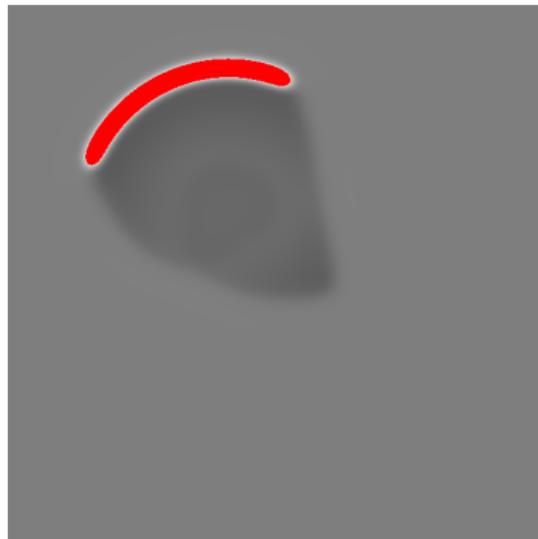


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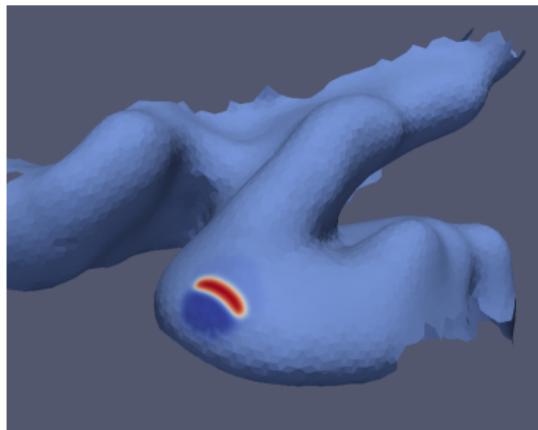


# Simulation of transient SD wave segment

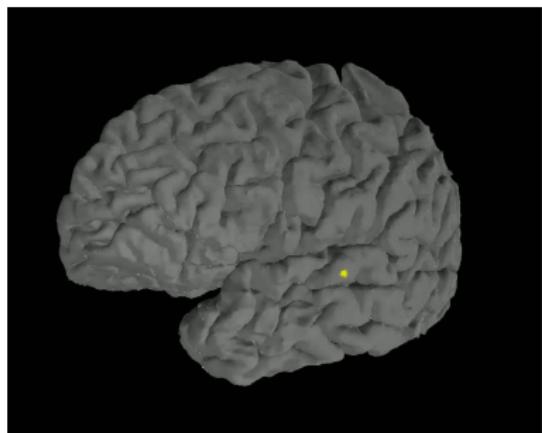
gray = cortical surface; red = SD wave



# Simulation of an engulfing SD wave

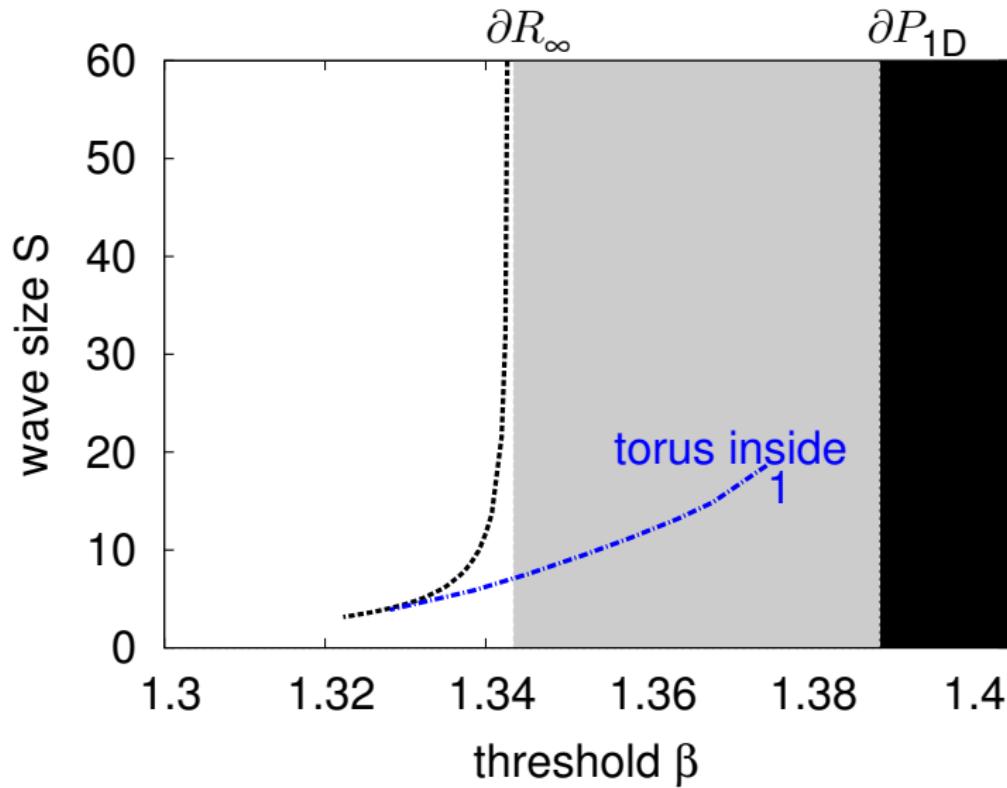


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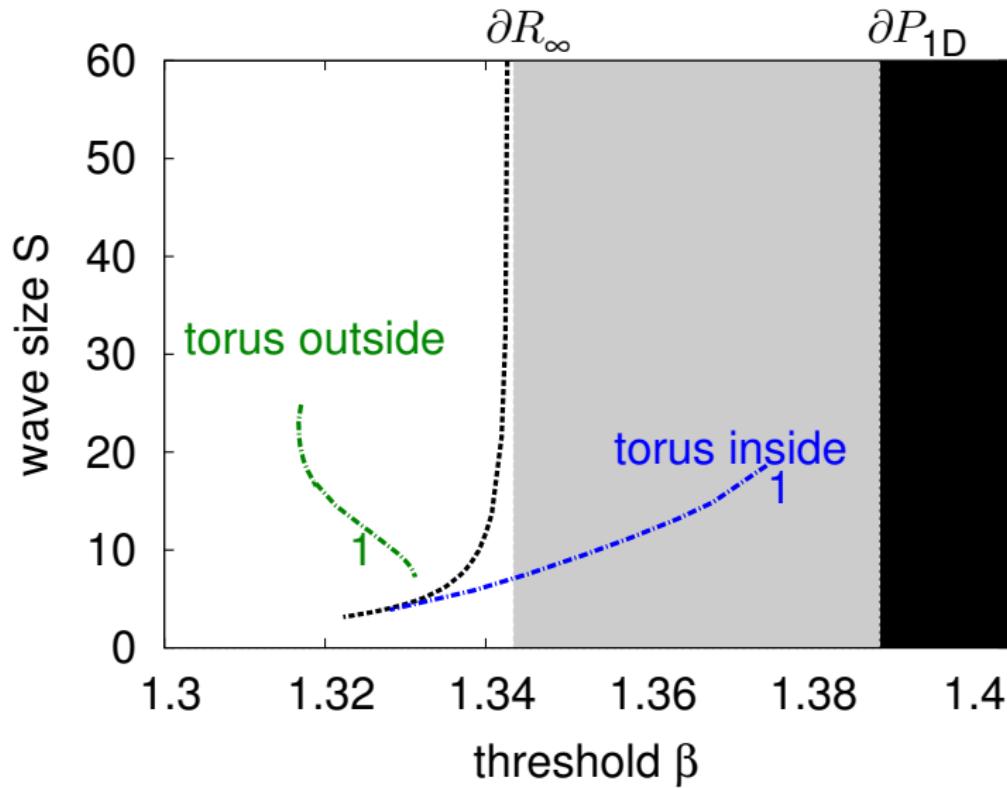


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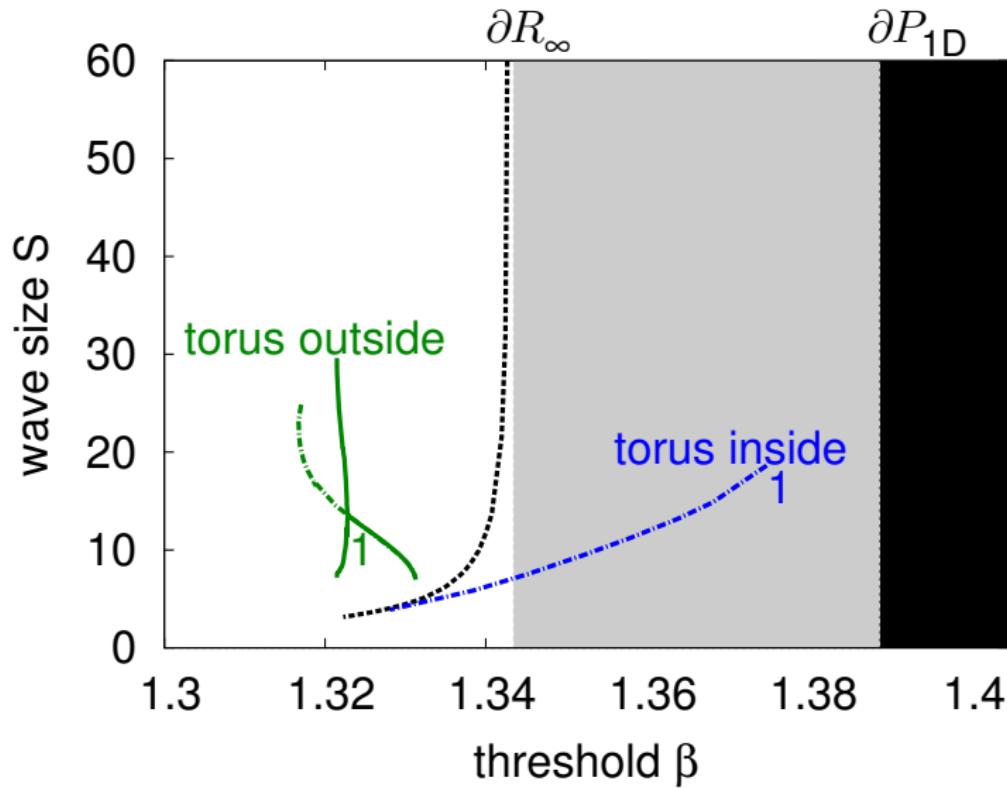
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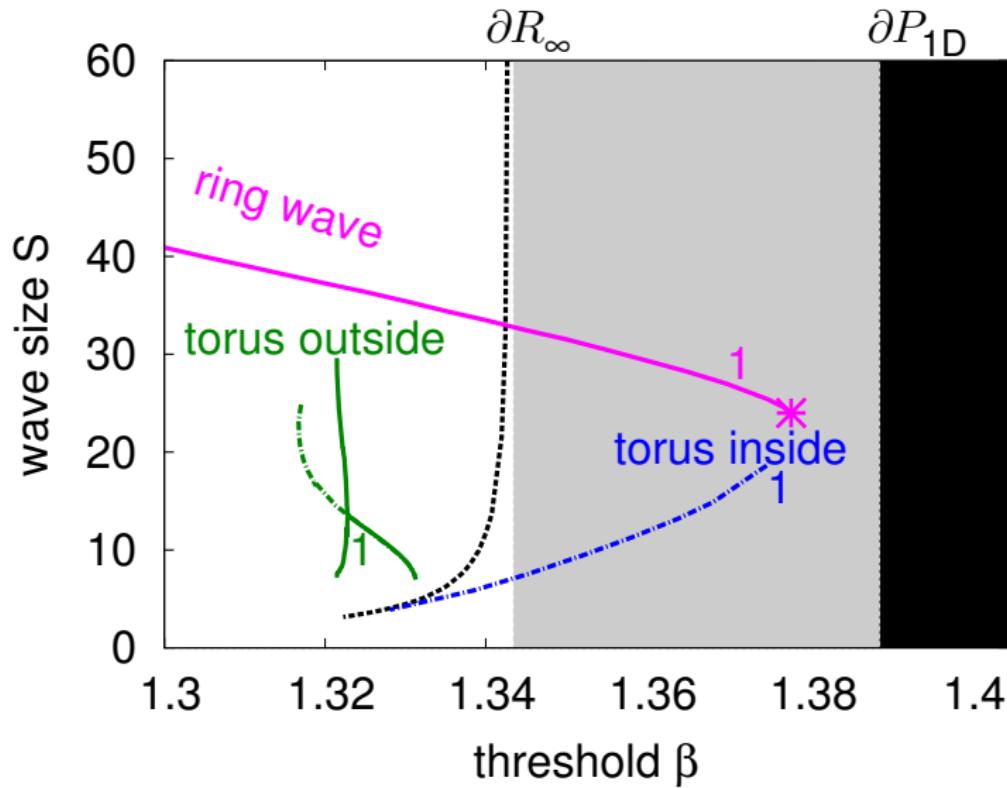
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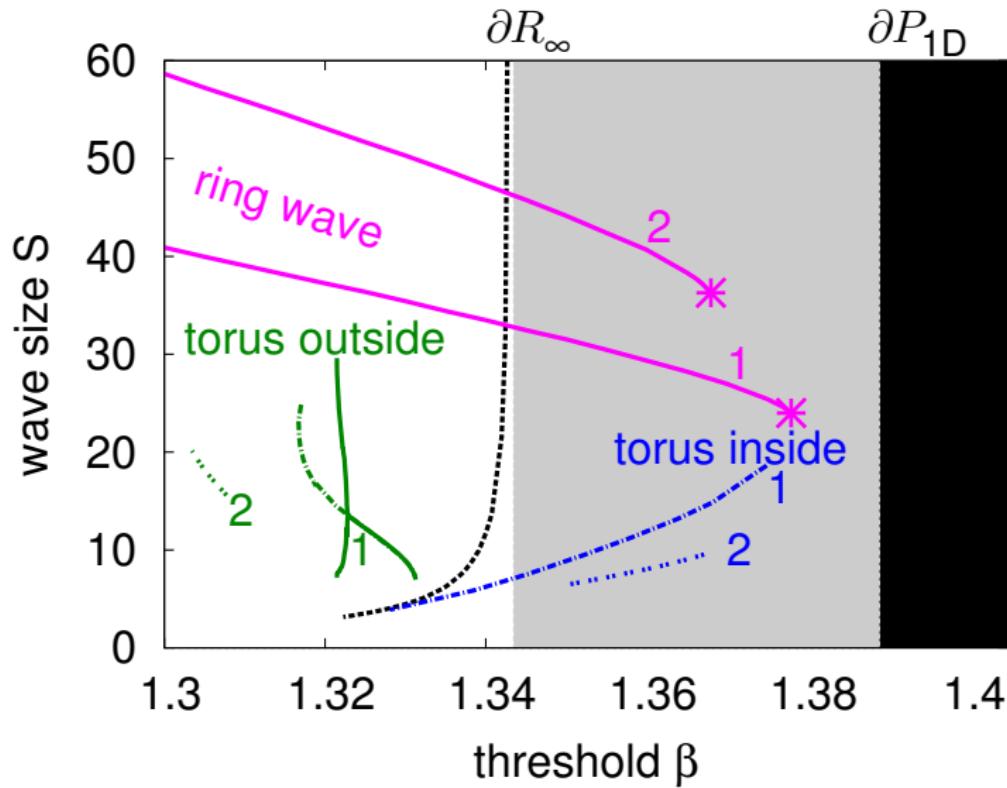
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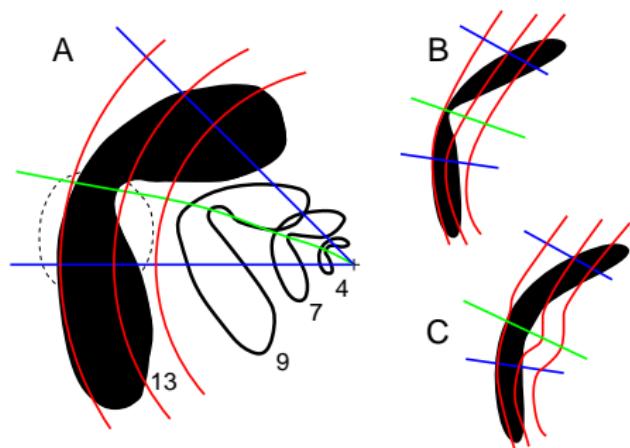


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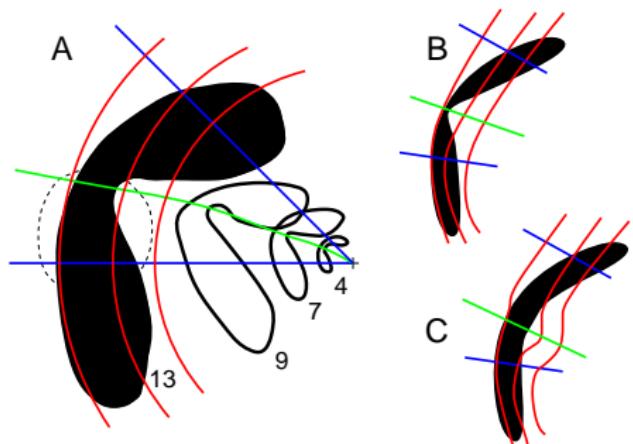
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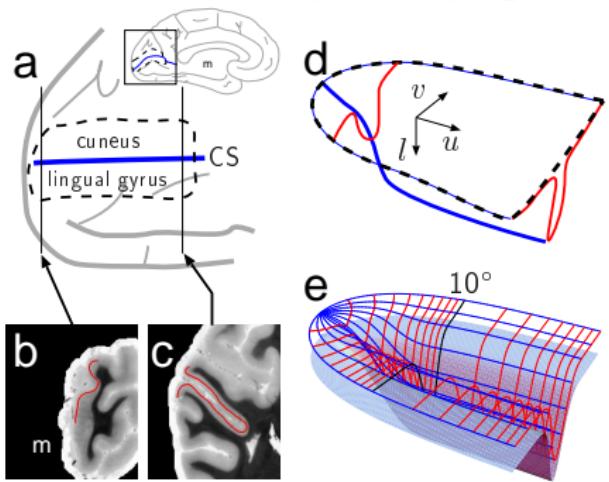
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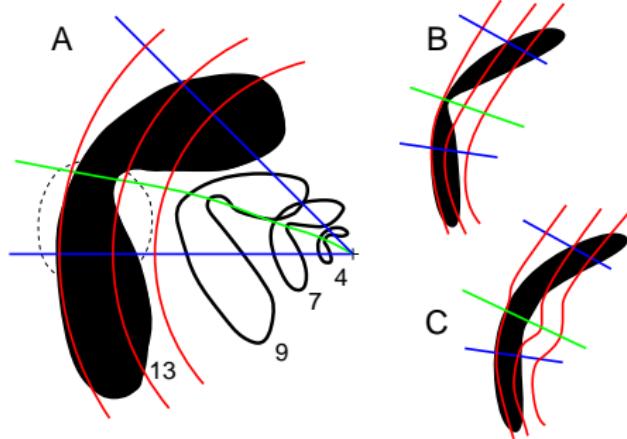
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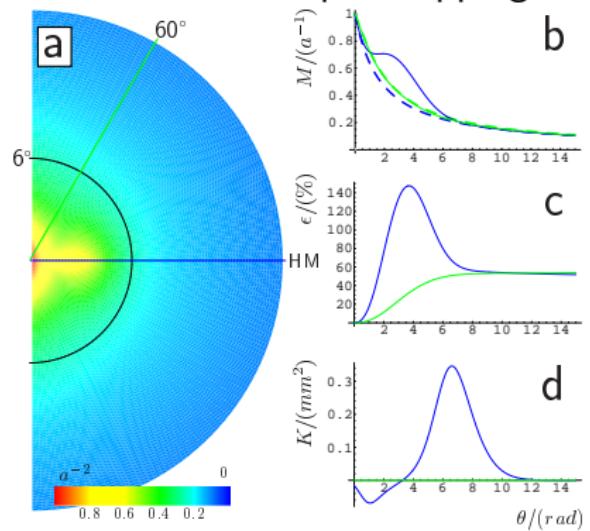
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