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Mechanism of Transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation (tACS)

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Conflicts of Interest

- UNC owns IP related with FF as the lead inventor.
- UNC has determined the absence of a conflict of interest (COI) for the majority of work presented here and has determined a “COI with administrative considerations” for the clinical trials in the Frohlich Lab.
- FF is the founder, chief scientific officer, and majority owner of Pulvinar Neuro LLC. We provide solutions for transcranial current stimulation research.
- I speak with many companies and have received industry funding from Tal Medical (travel + research).
- I frequently travel and give presentations. I typically receive reimbursement and a stipend.

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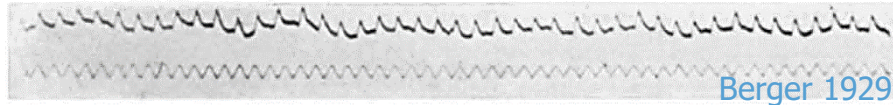
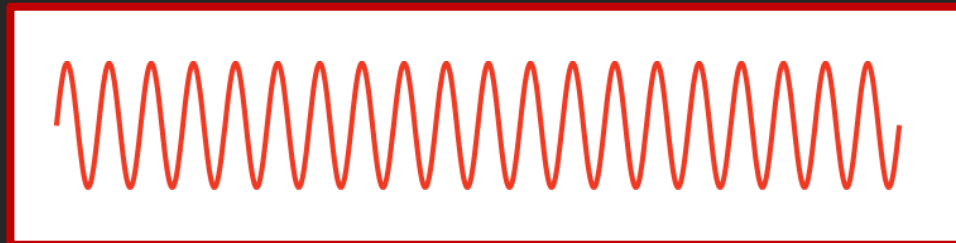


Abb. 4. 40jähriger Mann. Große linksseitige, von der Stirn bis in die Parietalgegend reichende Knochenlücke. Doppelspulengalvanometer. Kondensation. Nadelelektroden subcutan im Bereich der Knochenlücke, 4,5 cm voneinander entfernt. Oben Schwankungen der epidural abgeleiteten Kurve, unten Zeit in $\frac{1}{10}$ Sekunden.



Transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation

VERTICAL INTEGRATION

Patients

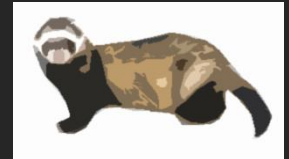
Clinical Trials



Brain Stimulation,
Human Neurophysiology



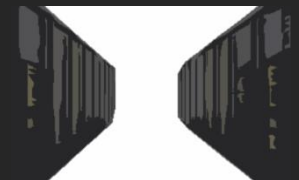
In vivo (Animal)
Electrophysiology



In vitro (Animal)
Electrophysiology



Computer Simulations



COMPLEXITY



TRACTABILITY

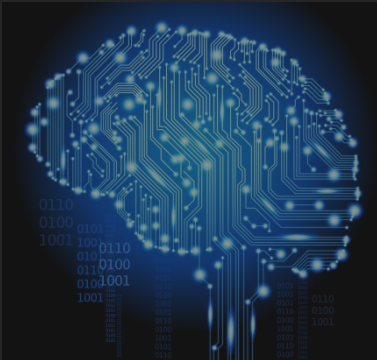
Model Systems

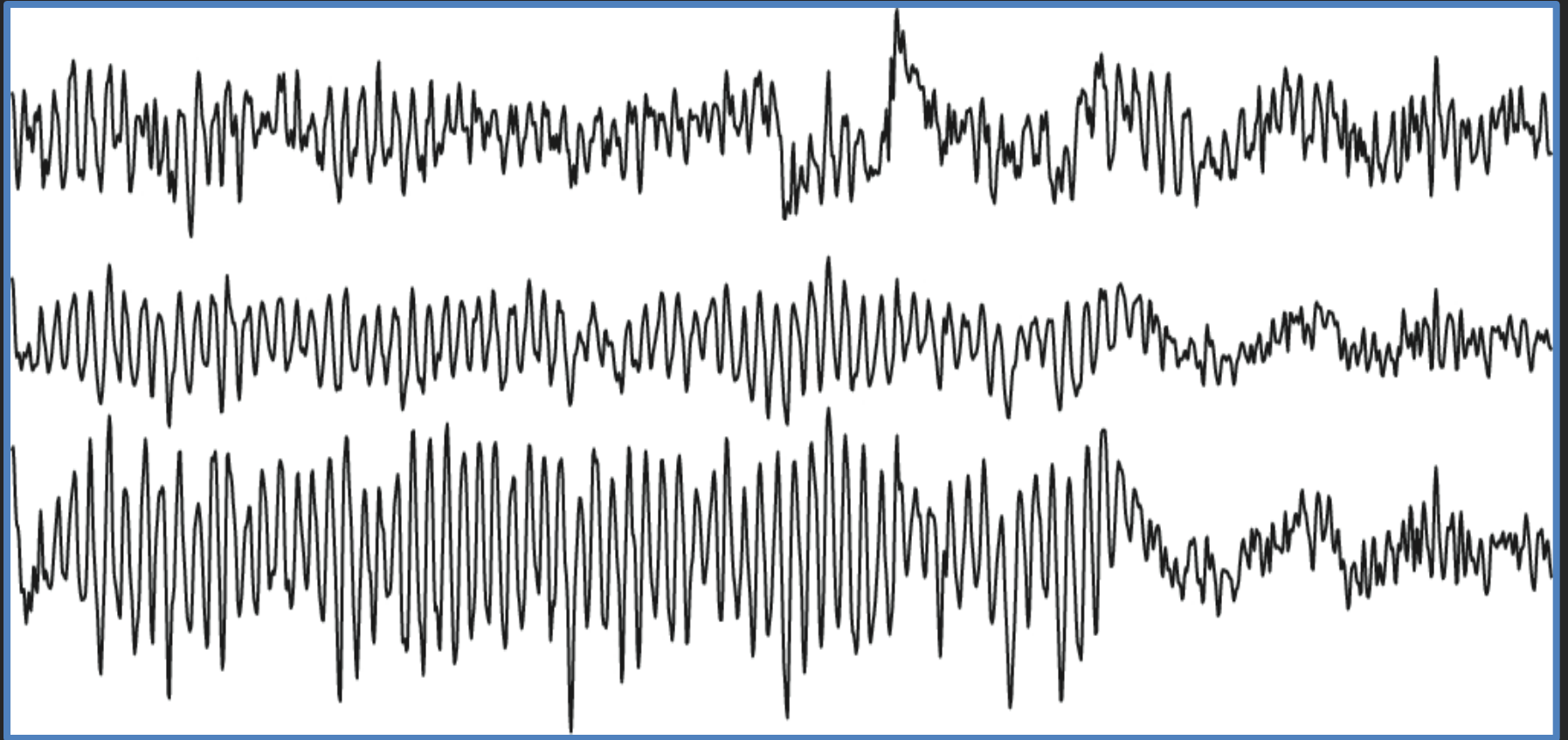
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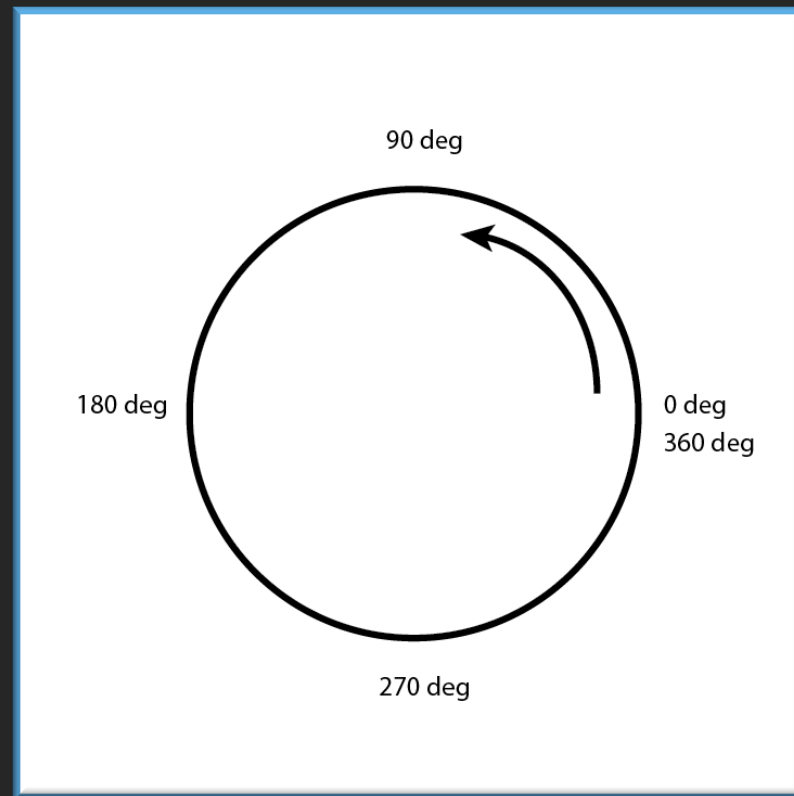
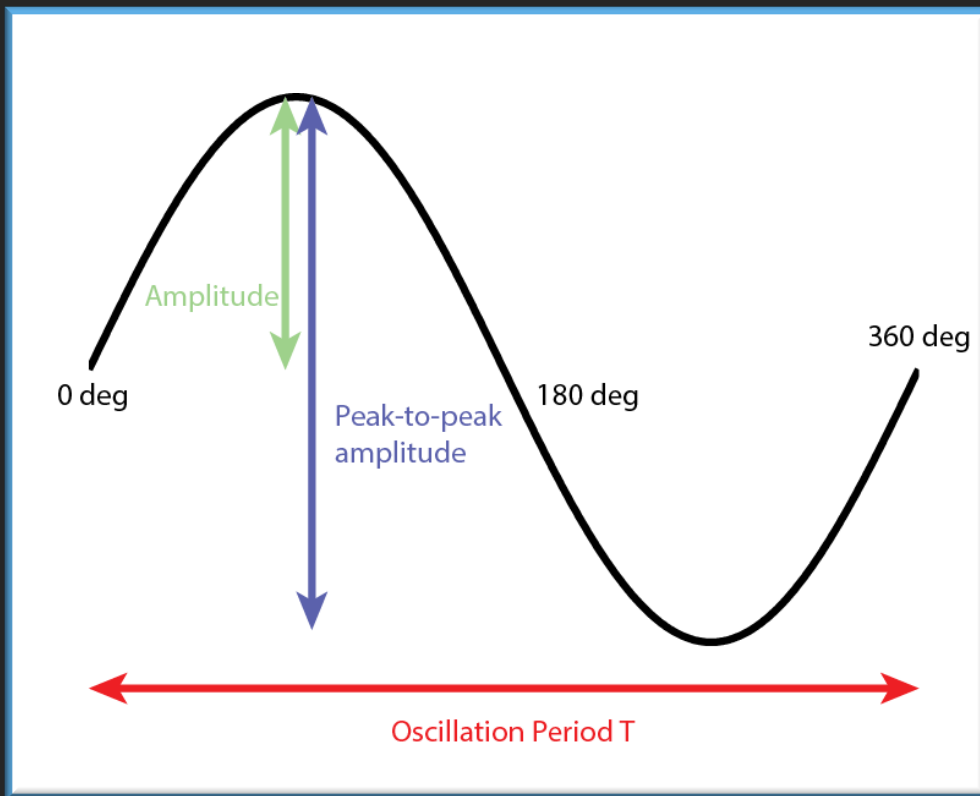
Target
Identification

Target
Engagement

Target
Validation

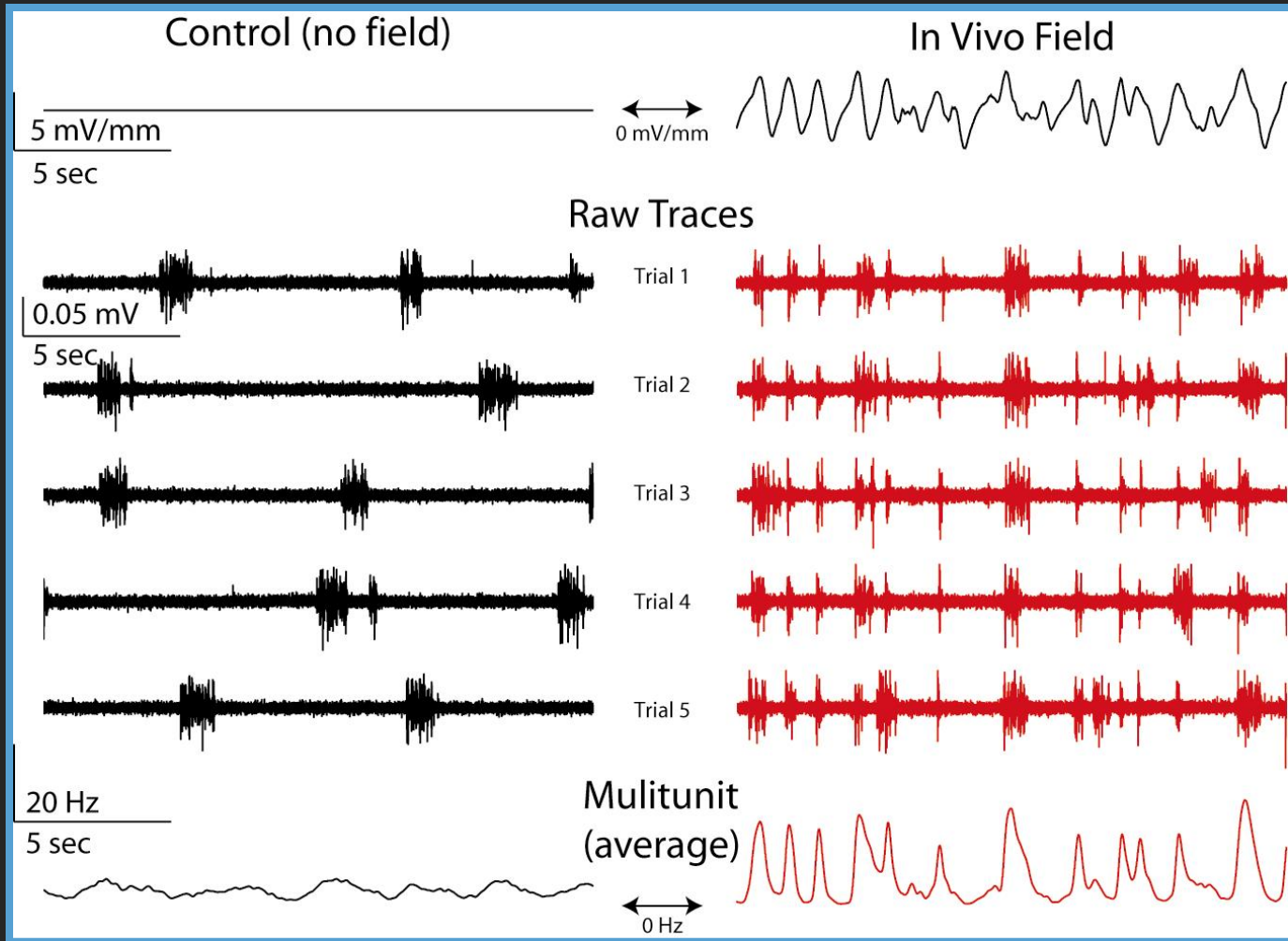


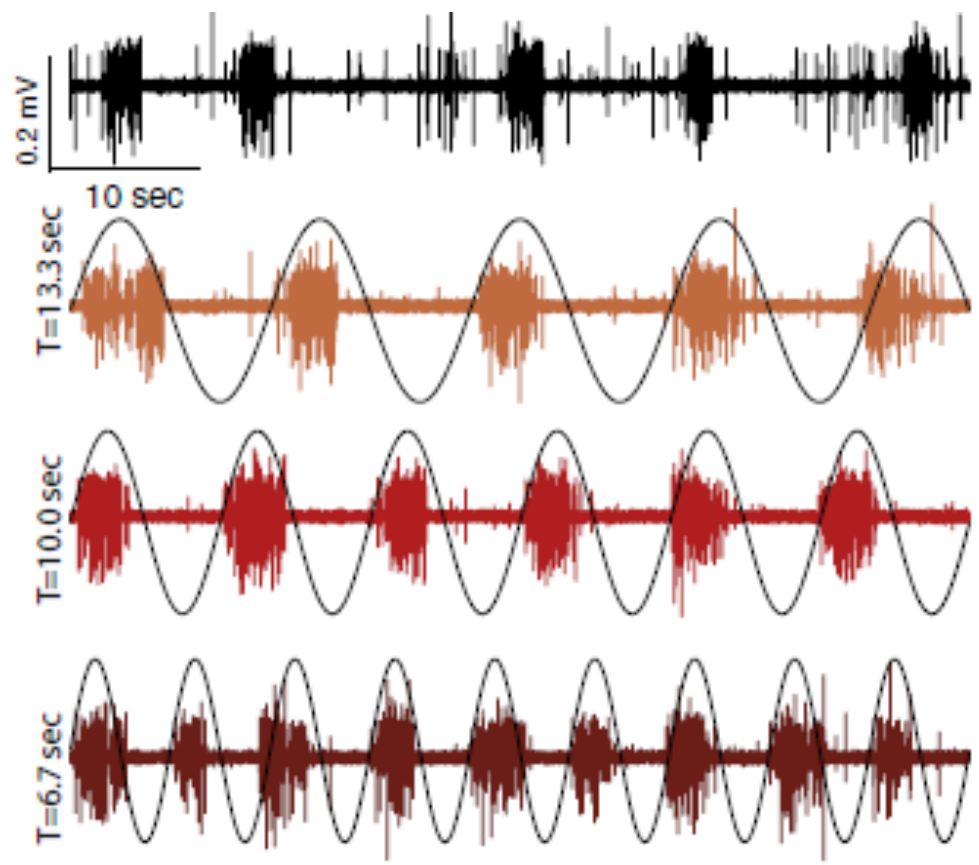




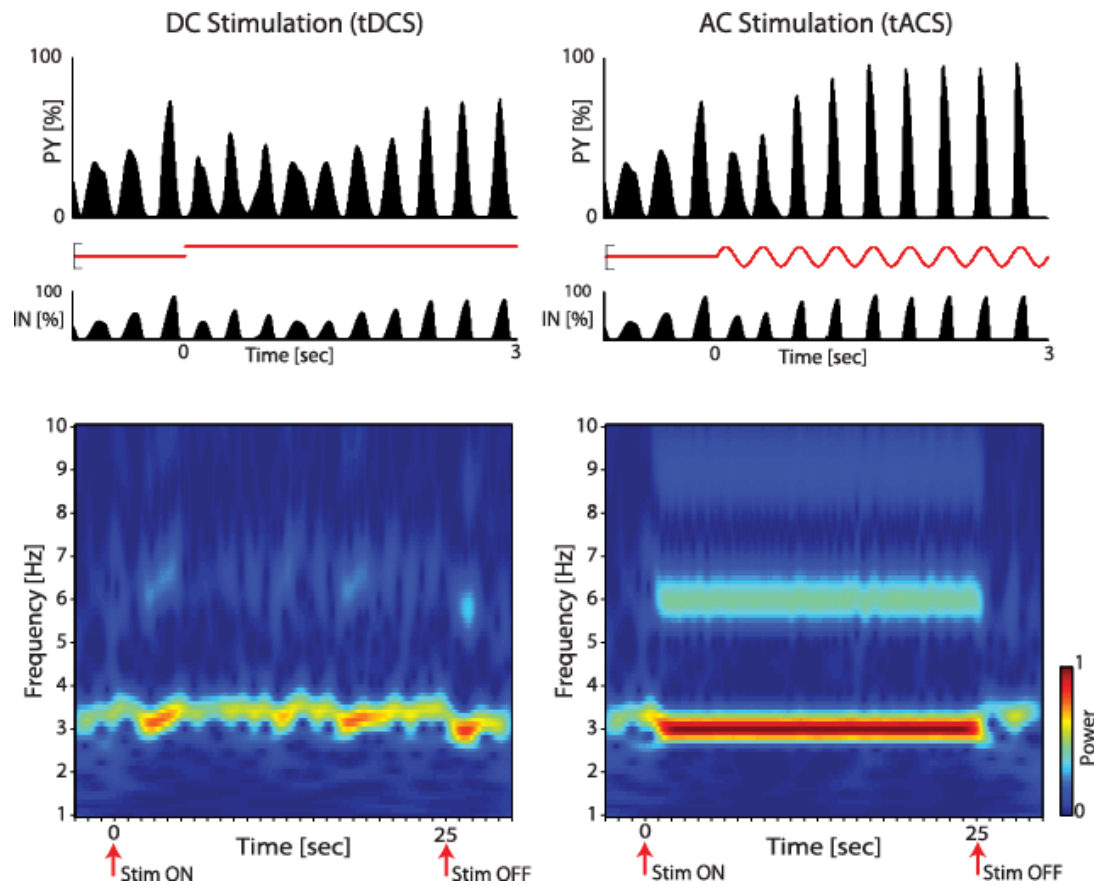
Caution: Most tACS literature refers to the peak-to-peak amplitude as amplitude.

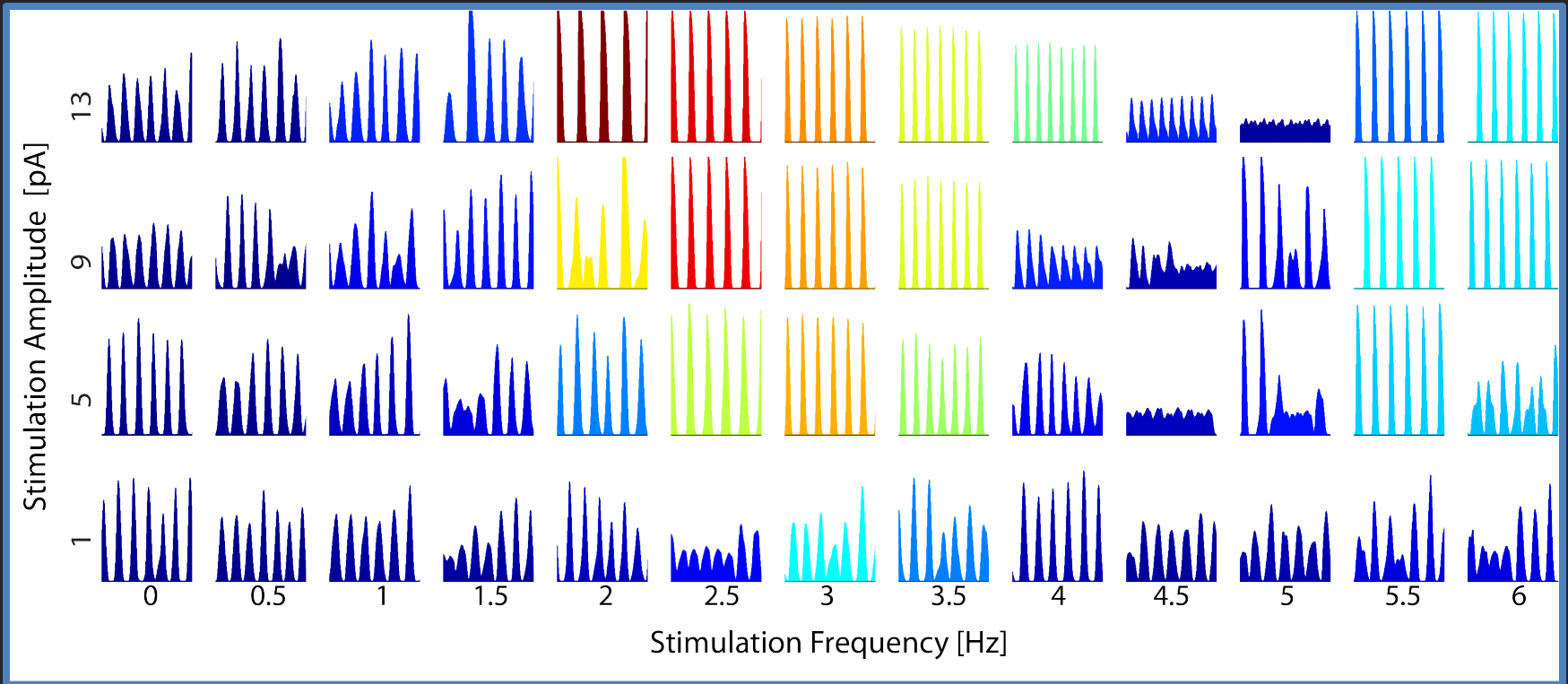
Today's Theory



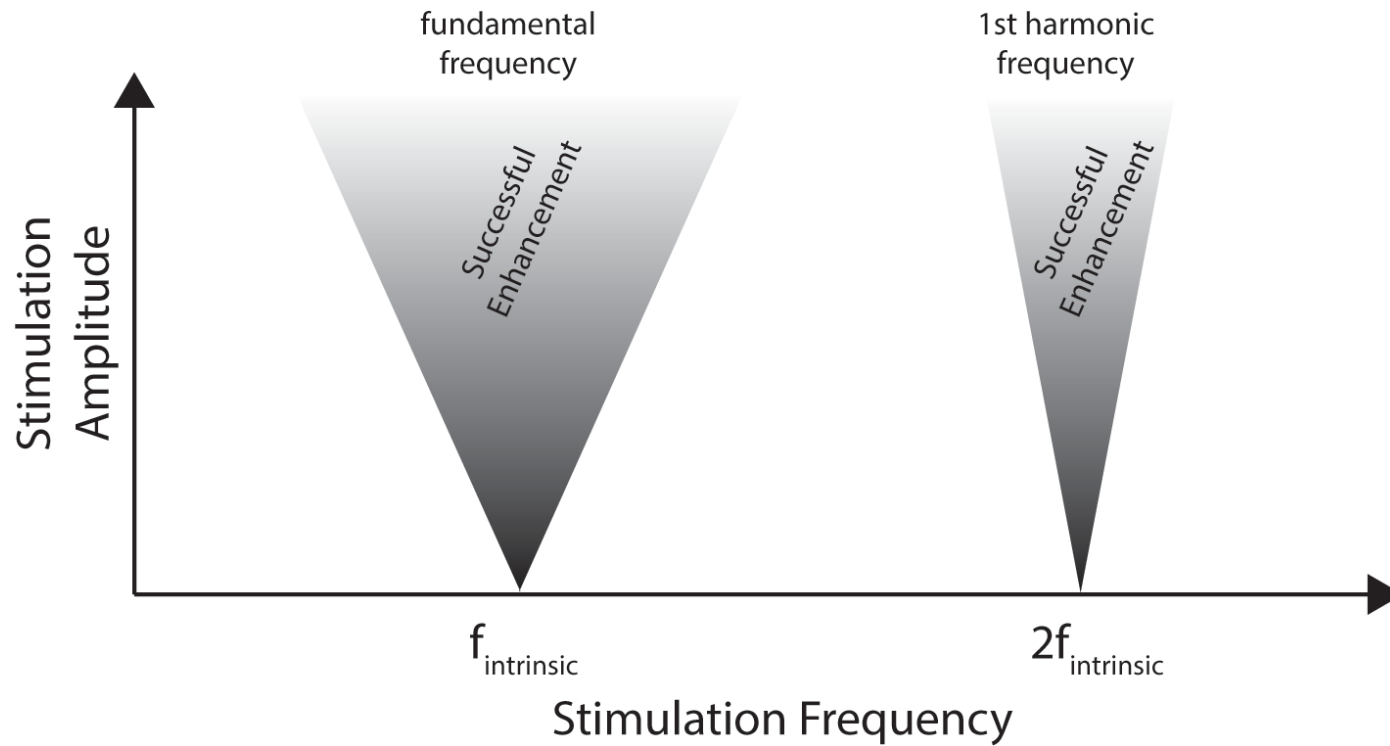


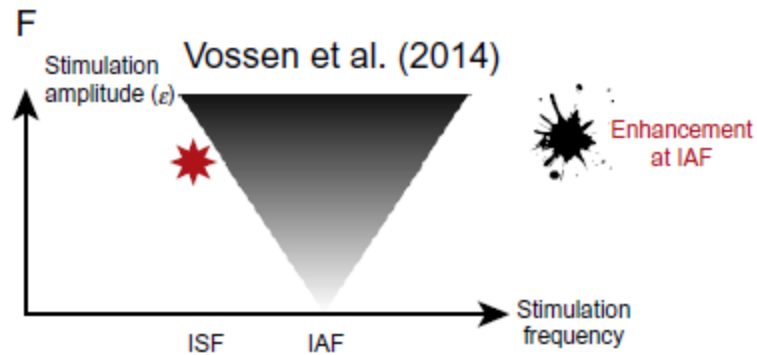
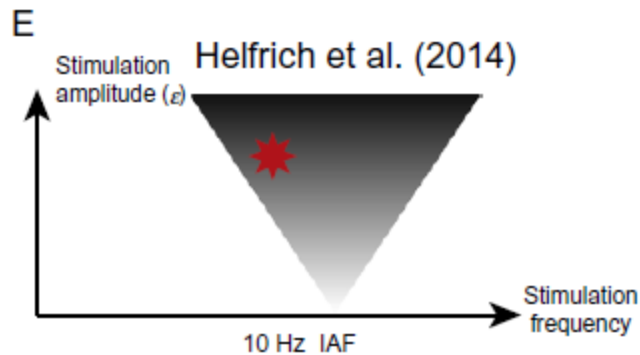
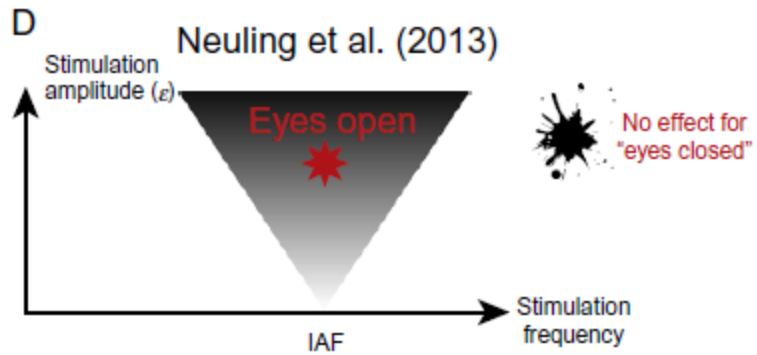
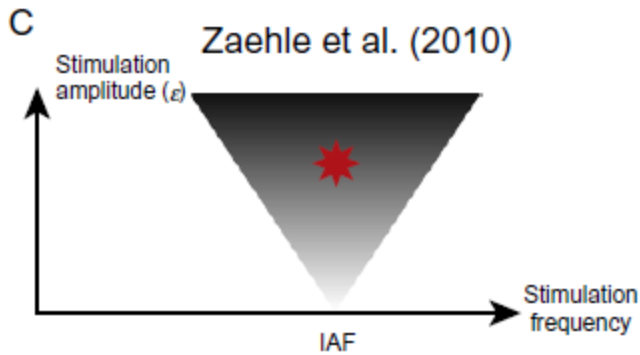
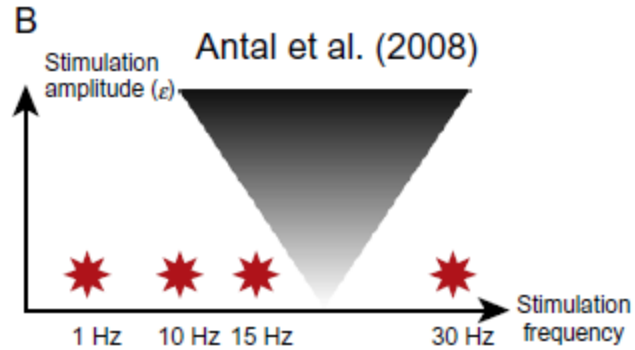
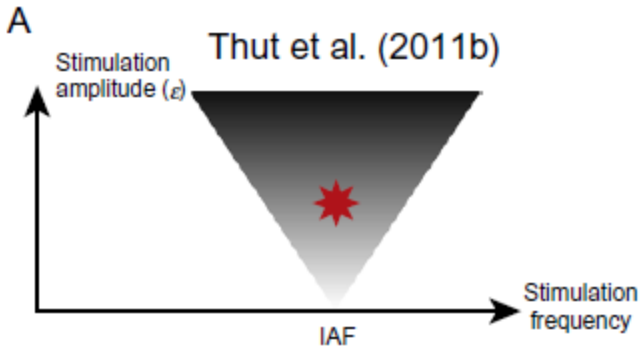
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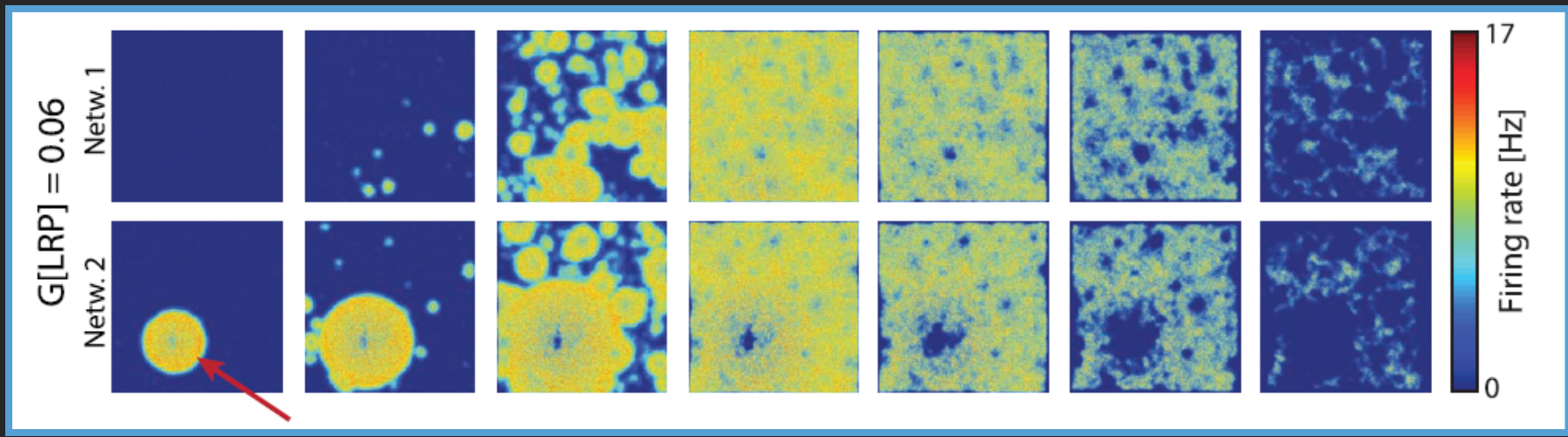
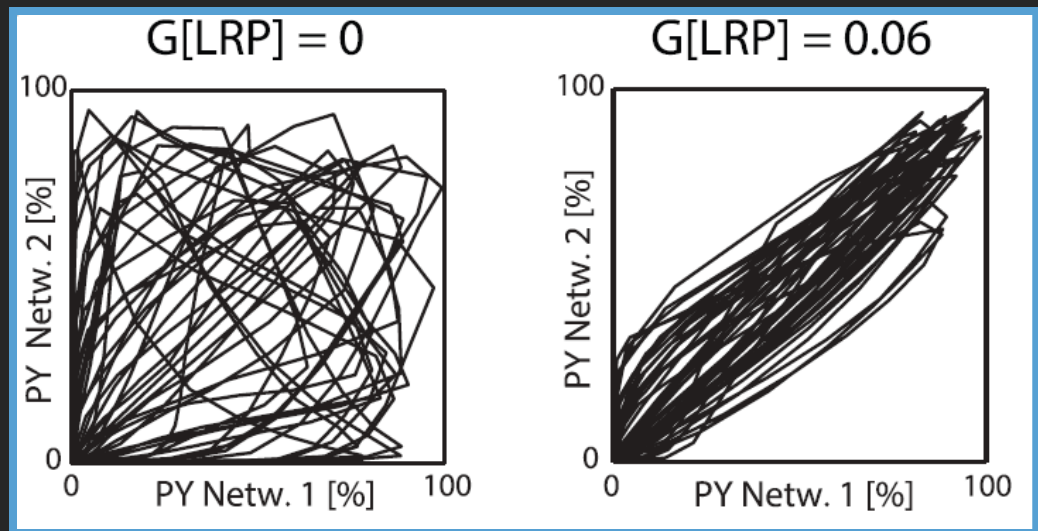
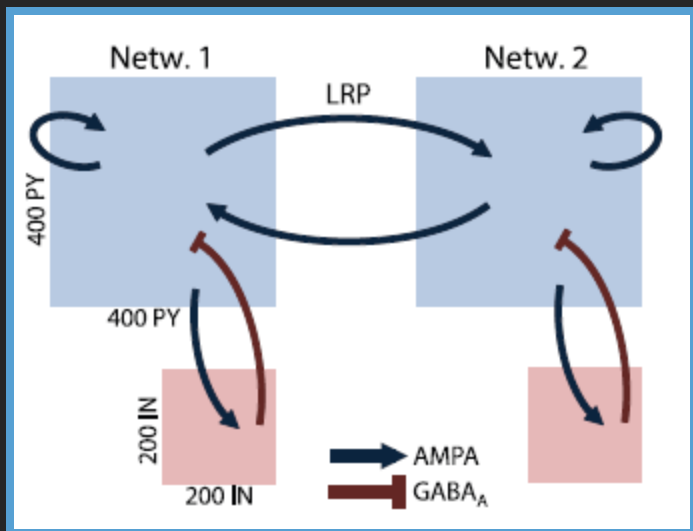




ARNOLD TONGUE

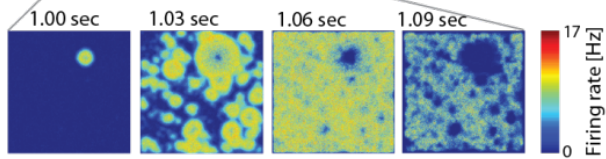
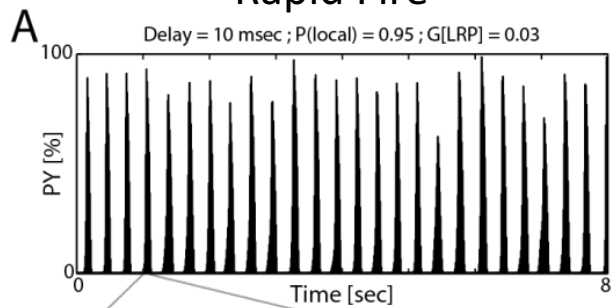




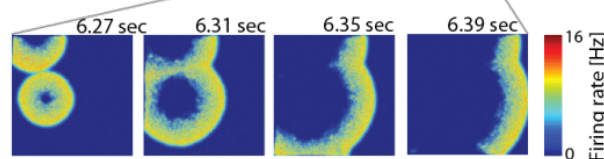
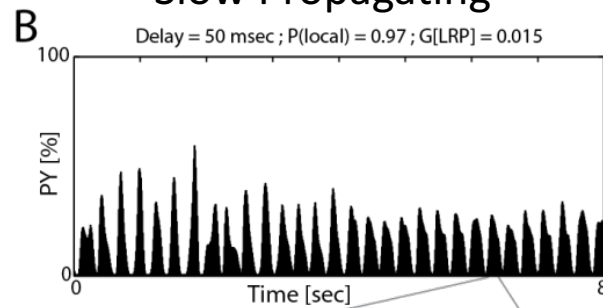




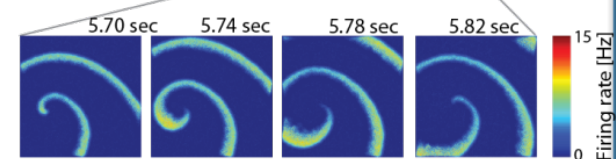
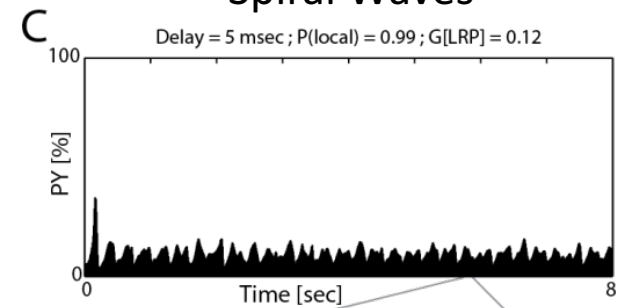
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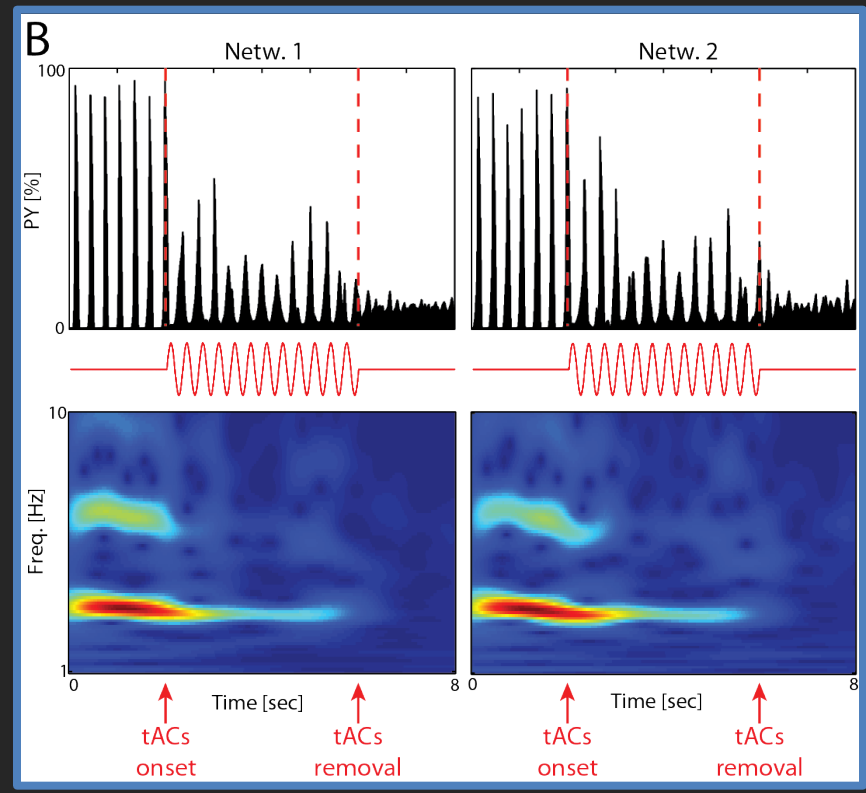
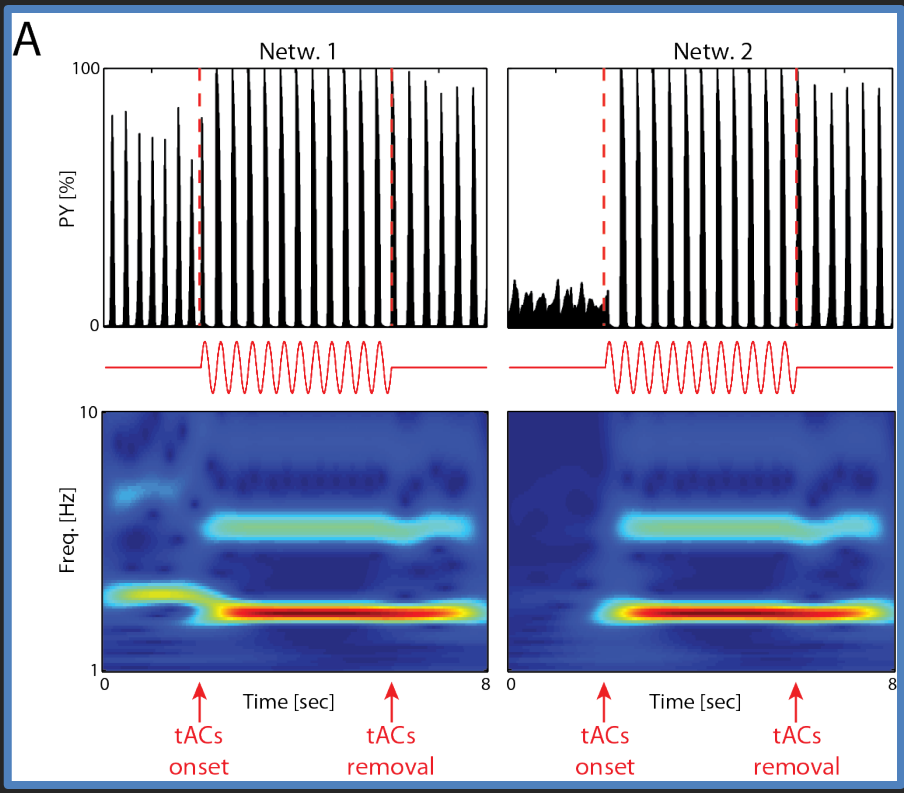


“Slow Propagating”

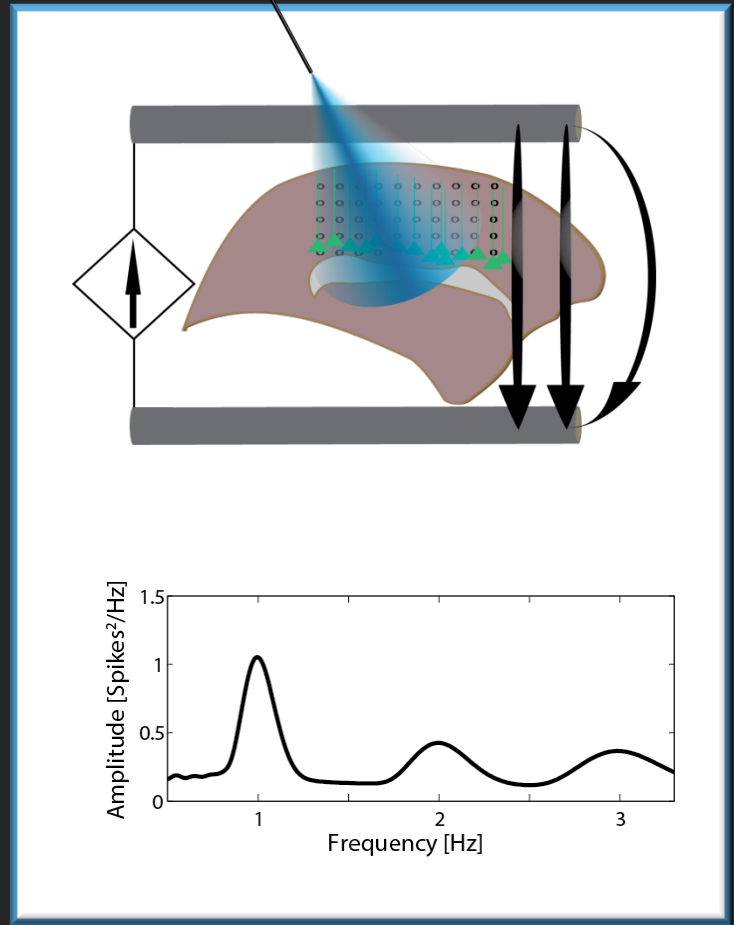
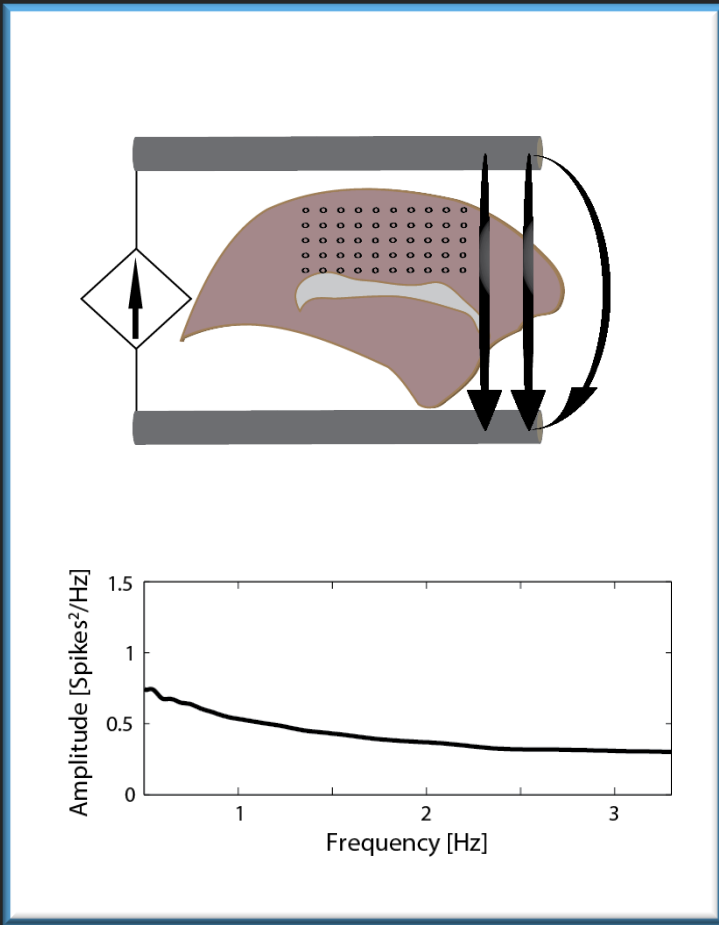


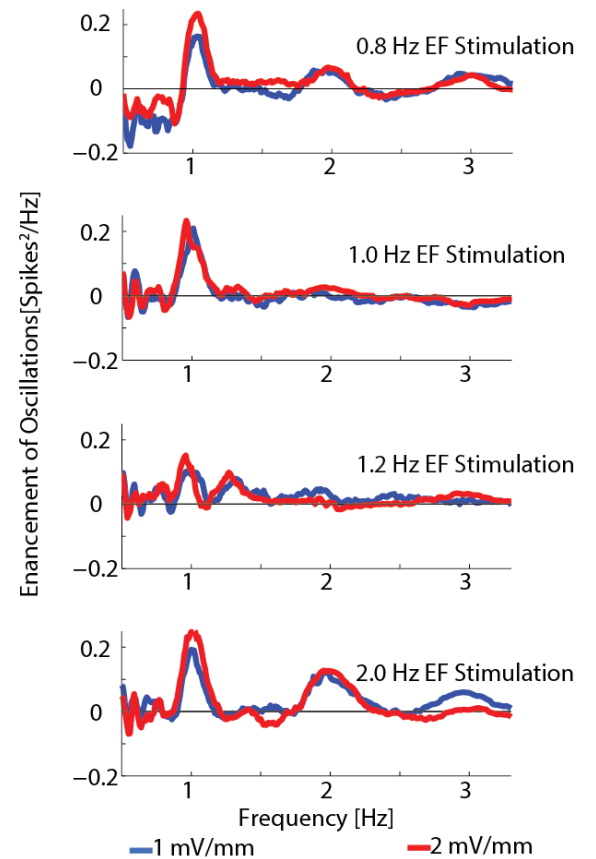
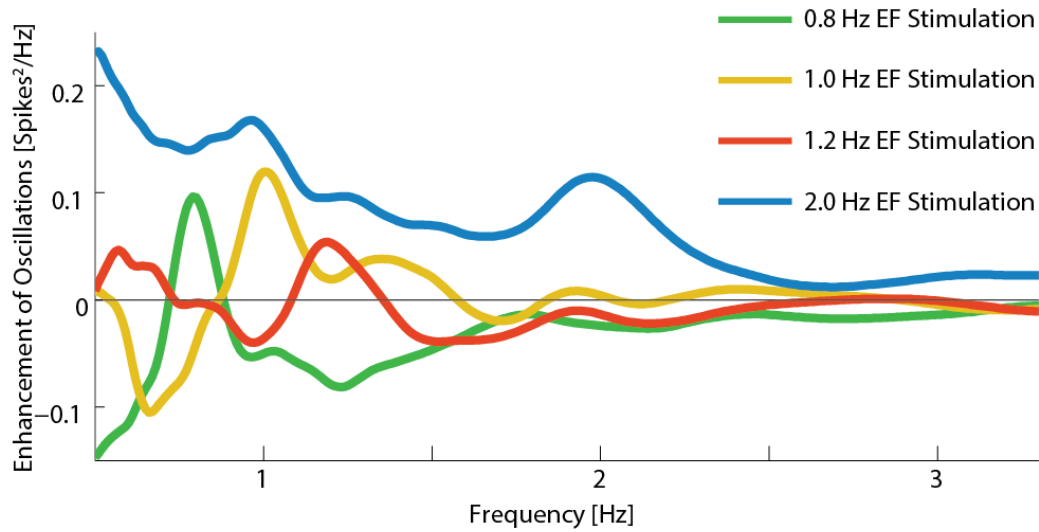
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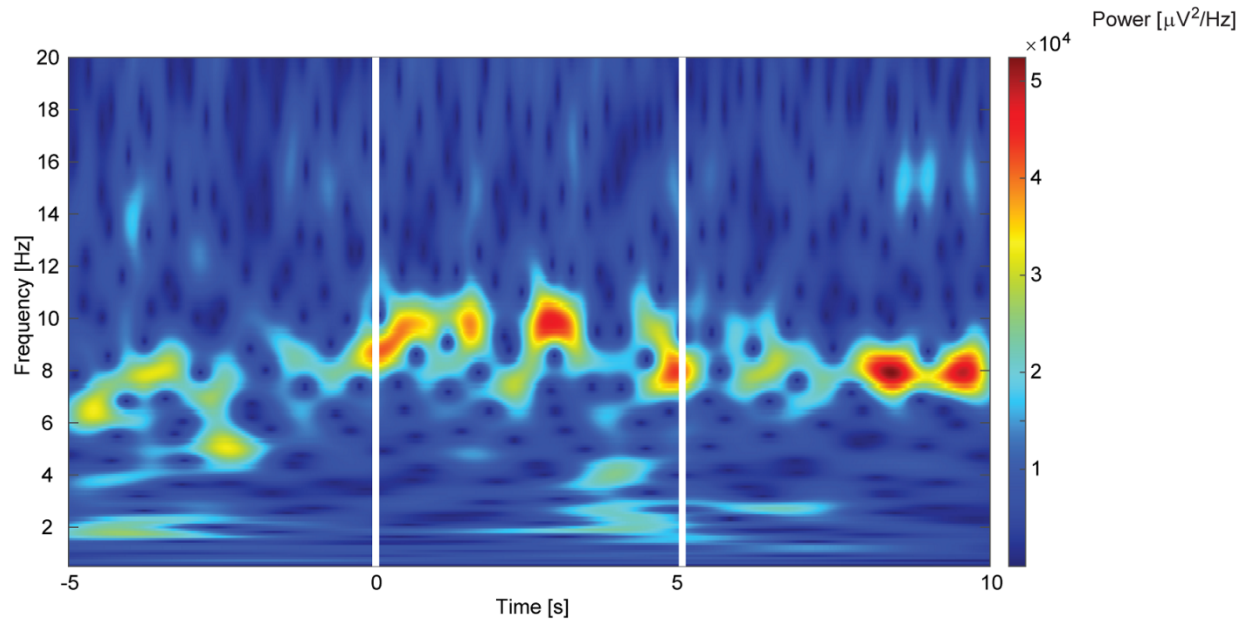


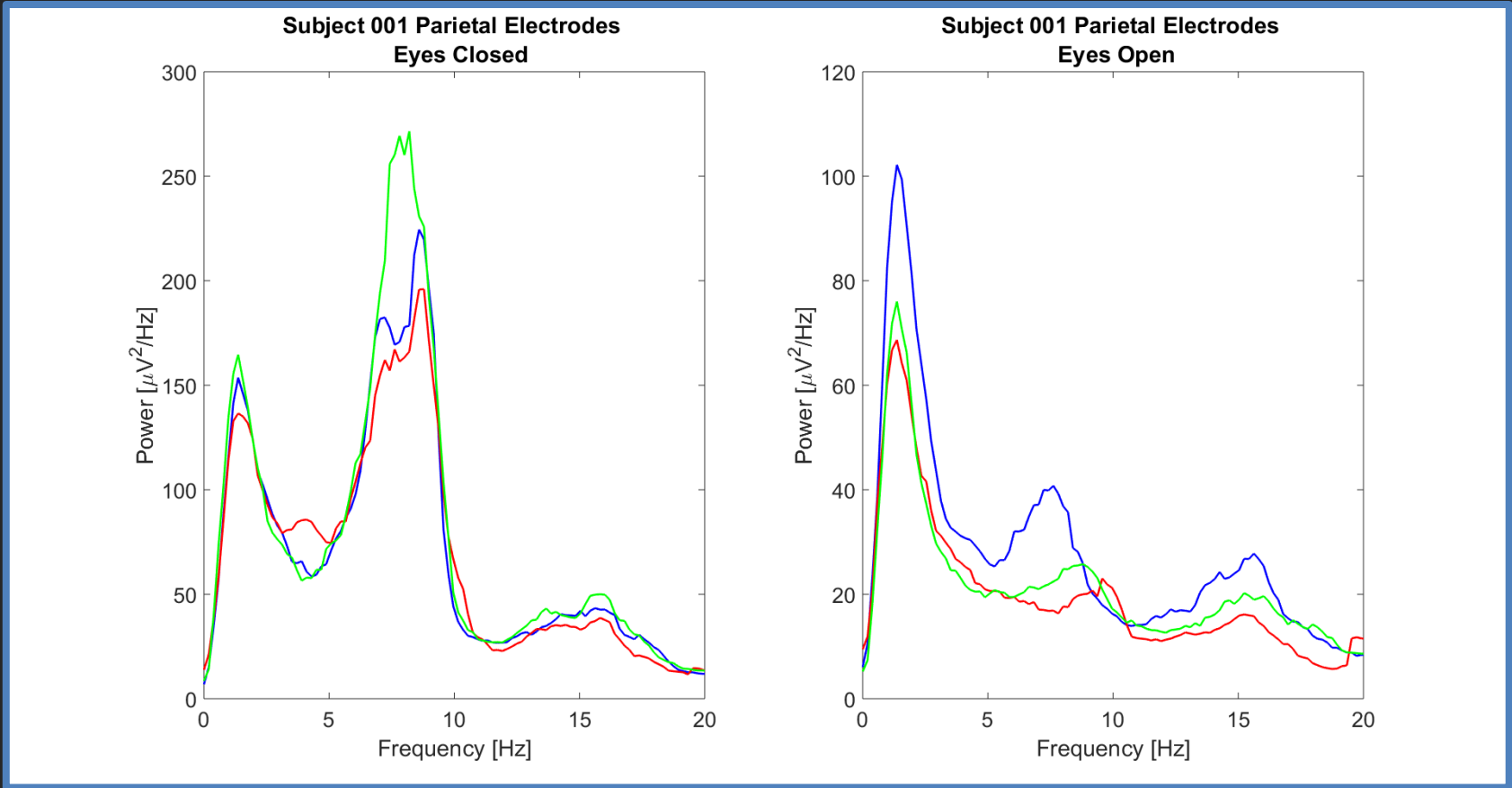


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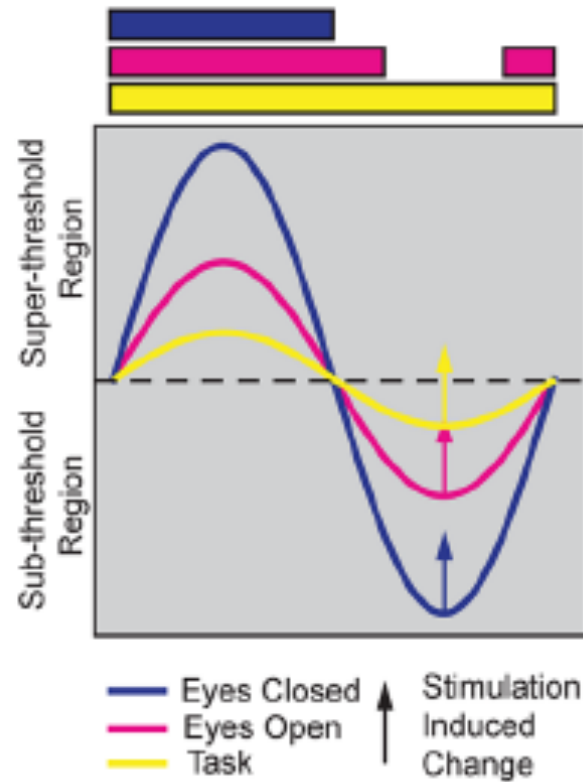


“Eyes Closed”

Visual Working Memory Task



Excitability at Different Phases of Oscillation



1. Outlasting effects
2. Arnold tongue beyond model
3. Interacting oscillators
4. State-dependence
5. Waveform modifiers

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