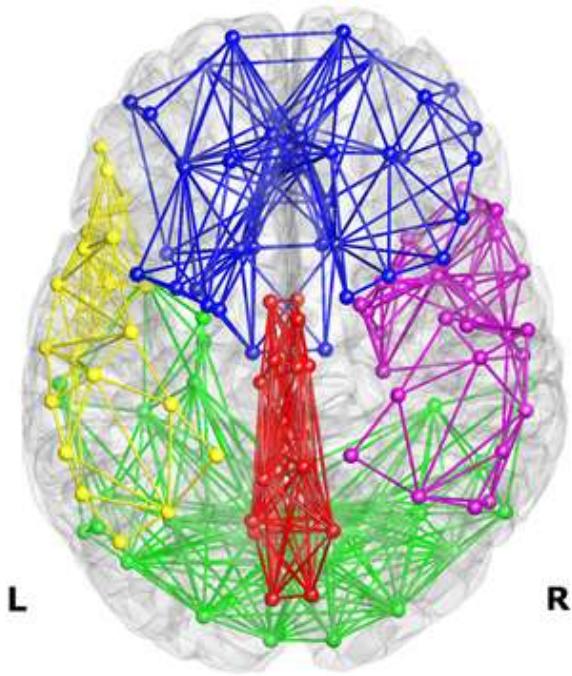




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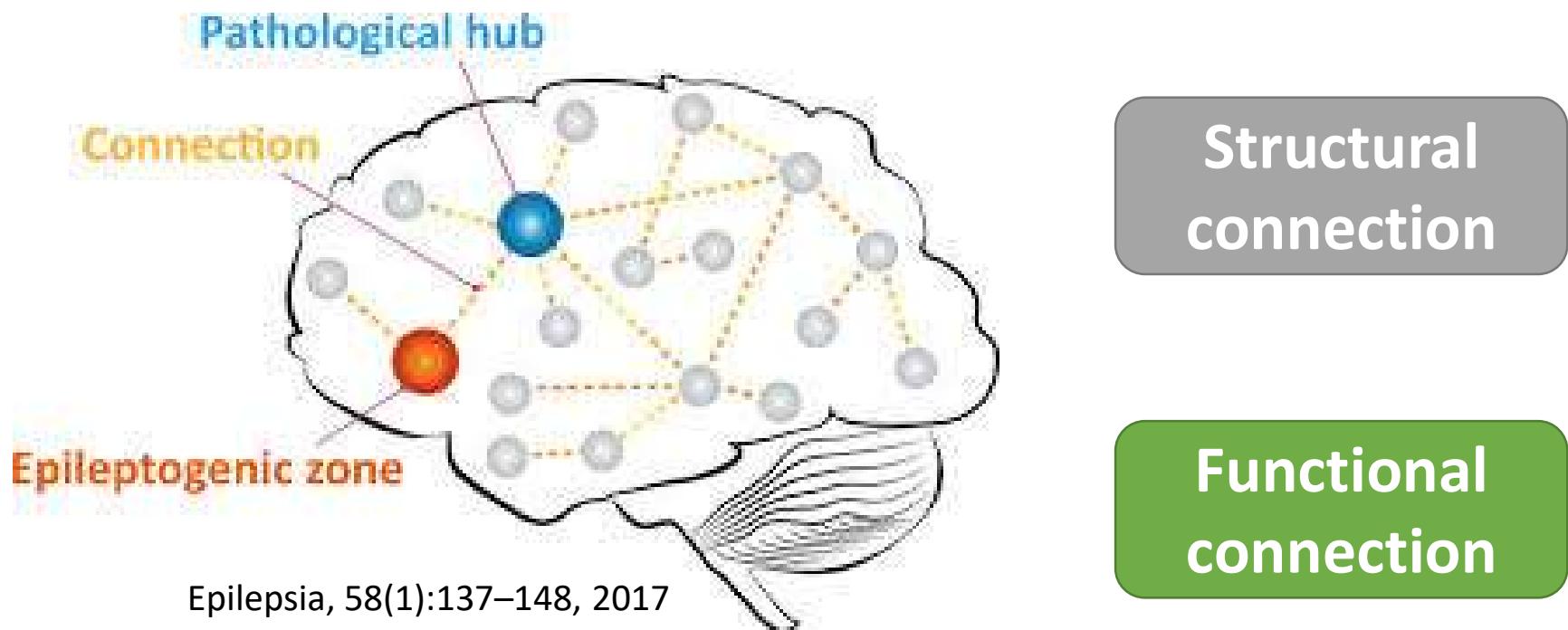


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What is Epileptic Network?

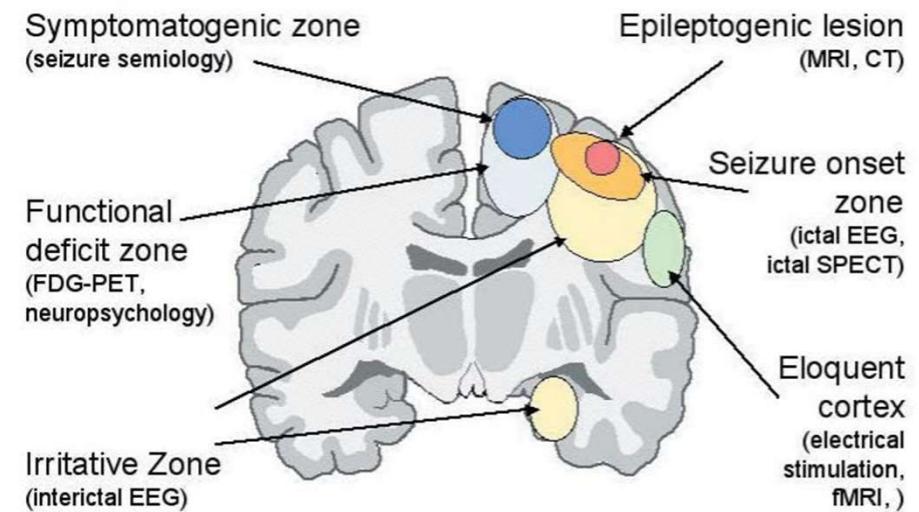
- the brain regions → production and propagation of epileptic activities.

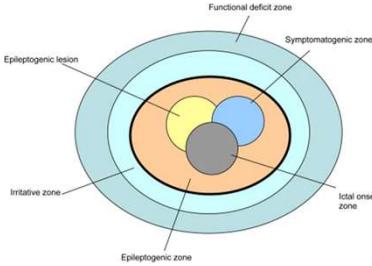


Epileptogenic zone (EZ)

- EZ **cannot** be directly defined by any test but can be estimated by a number of other zones.

1. Symptomatogenic zone
2. Irritative zone
3. Ictal onset zone
4. Epileptogenic lesion
5. Functional deficit zone





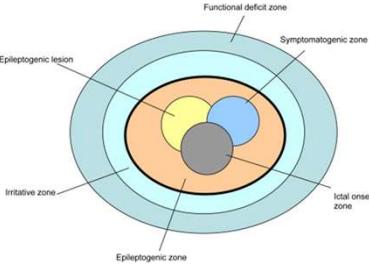
Symptomatogenic zone

- Cortex or regions produce the seizure manifestations.
- Tools: **History taking and Video EEG monitoring**
- Lateralization >> Localization
- **Caveat**
 - Not focus only motor signs, but also focus on AURA
- **Limitation**
 - Not all the cortex leading to ictal semiology
 - The earliest detected sign may consider as spreading



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Irritative zone

- Zone that generates **interictal epileptiform d/c.**
- Tools: **EEG, MEG**
- Usually localized within the epileptogenic zone.

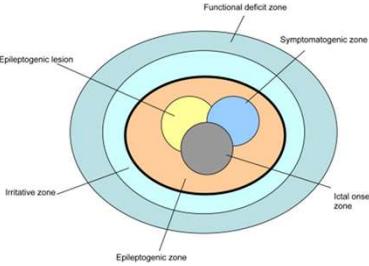
Limitation

- in some cases → multiple irritative zones, but might be only 1 of corresponding to the epileptogenic zone.



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Ictal onset zone

- Area of cortex that is generating seizures.
- Tools: **EEG; noninvasive, invasive, ictal SPECT**
- This zone, if accurately defined, is contained within the epileptogenic zone.

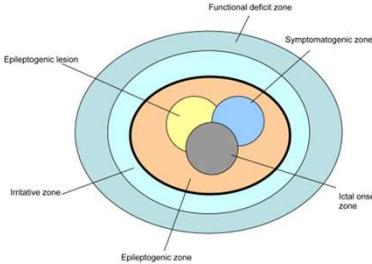
Limitation

- Even the earliest detected ictal activity may be spreading area.
- Even with Intracranial EEG recording, the ictal onset zone may be missed unless the electrodes placed directly over that zone.



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Epileptogenic lesion

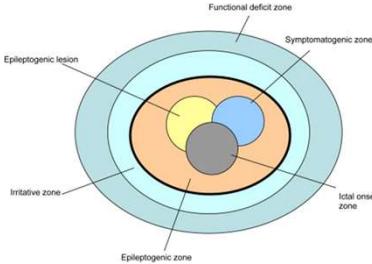
- **Structural lesion on CT or MRI →** (presumed) to be the cause of the epilepsy.
- Epileptogenic lesion vs EZ
- **EZ - within the lesion**
 - cortical dysplasia or hypothalamic hamartoma.
- **EZ - from brain surrounding**
 - cavernous malformations and benign tumors.

Limitation

- Certain lesions may not related to the epilepsy. eg. Arachnoid cysts and venous malformations.
- Multifocal lesions, Huge lesion
- Non-lesional MRI



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Functional Deficit Zone

- Responsible for functional deficits.
- Tools:
 - Neurological examination
 - Neuropsychological testing
 - Interictal EEG focal slow activity
 - Local glucose uptake by PET
 - Local cerebral blood flow by interictal SPECT.
- While the functional deficit zone may include the epileptogenic zone, it is often considerably larger.



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Presurgical Evaluation

- History and Physical Exam
- Video EEG monitoring
 - Noninvasive, invasive
- Imaging
 - MRI
 - Functional MRI: PET , SPECT
- Neuropsychology Evaluation
- Comprehensive Patient Care Conference

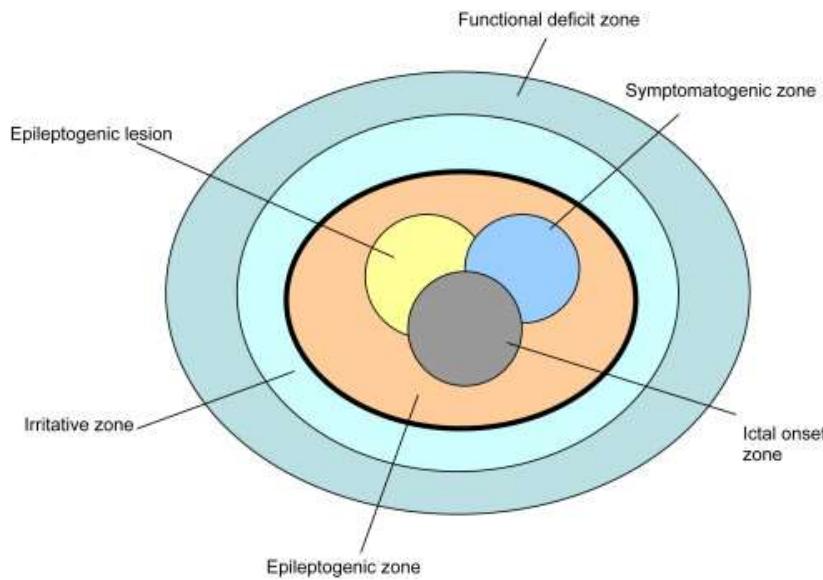
Presurgical work-up is time and labor-intensive and has cost implications.



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EEG & VIDEO-EEG MONITORING



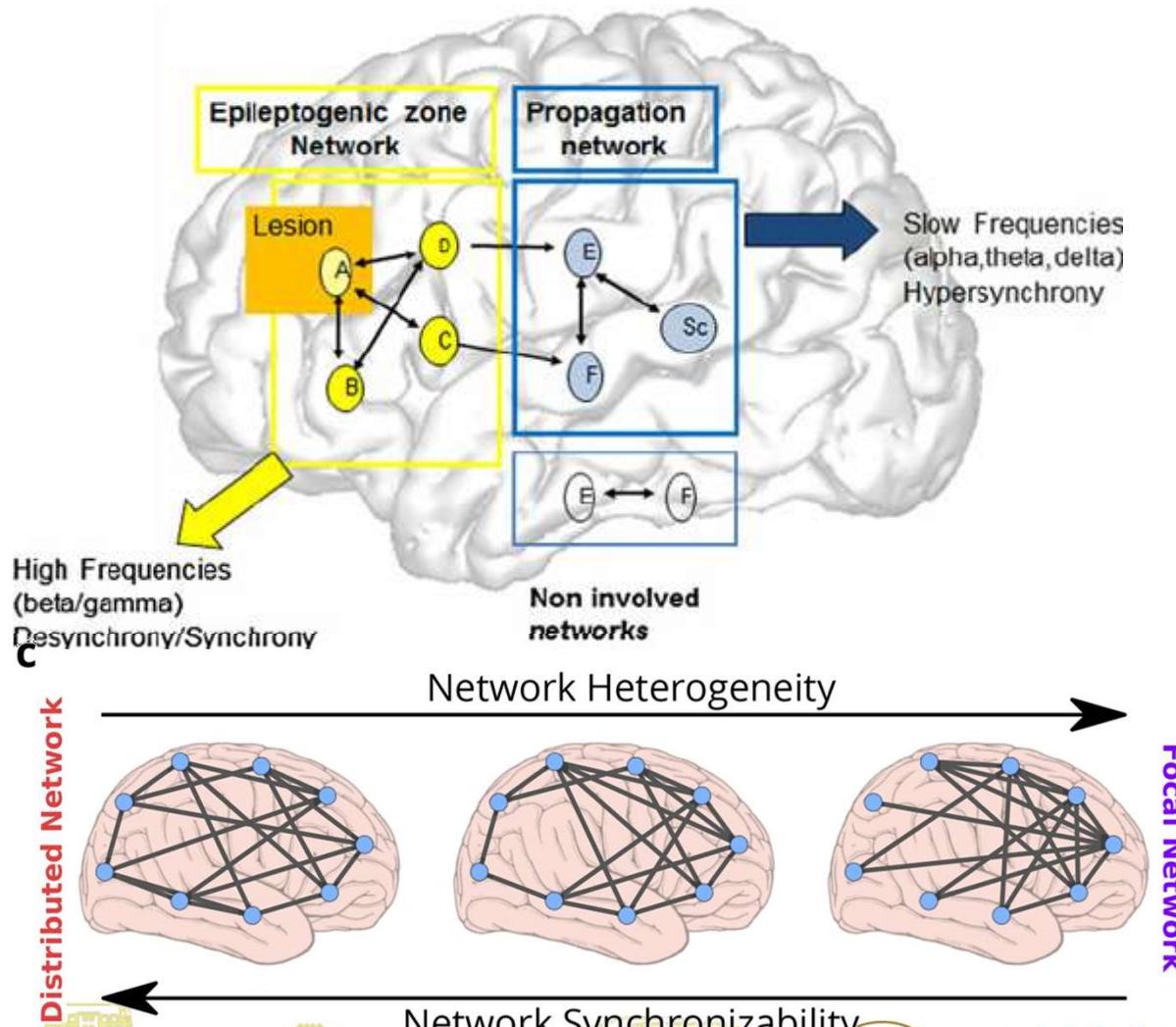
- The interictal focal attenuation and focal slow activity - **Functional deficit zone**
- Interictal epileptiform discharges – **Irritative zones**
- EEG localization of seizure onset - **ictal onset zone**
- Seizure semiology – **symptomatogenic zone**



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Dynamic network changes



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Interictal: Network measuring

Clustering coefficient

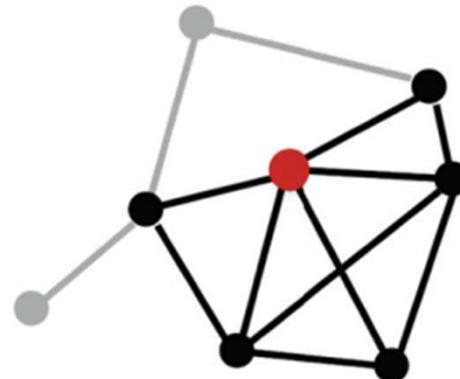
- counts the number of connected triangular nodes in a network

Shortage path length

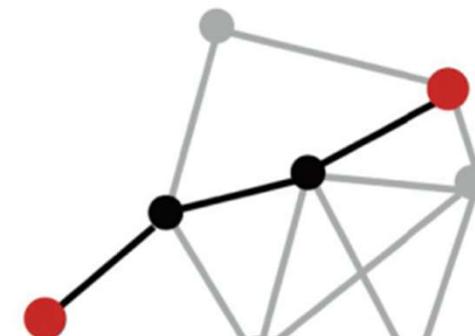
- counts the minimum number of links that connect two nodes

Network analysis

High clustering coefficient



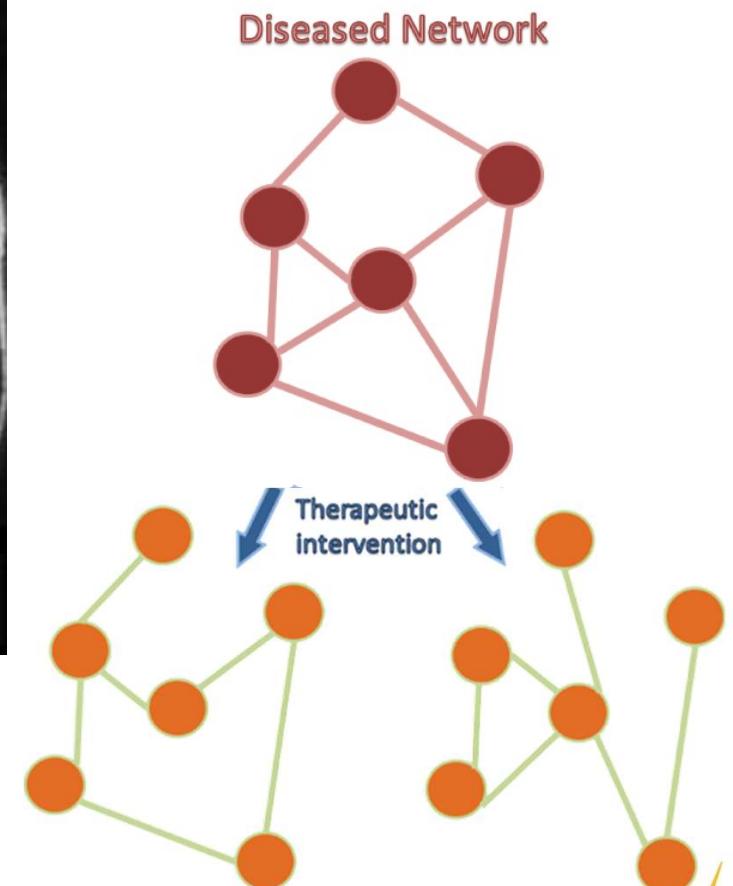
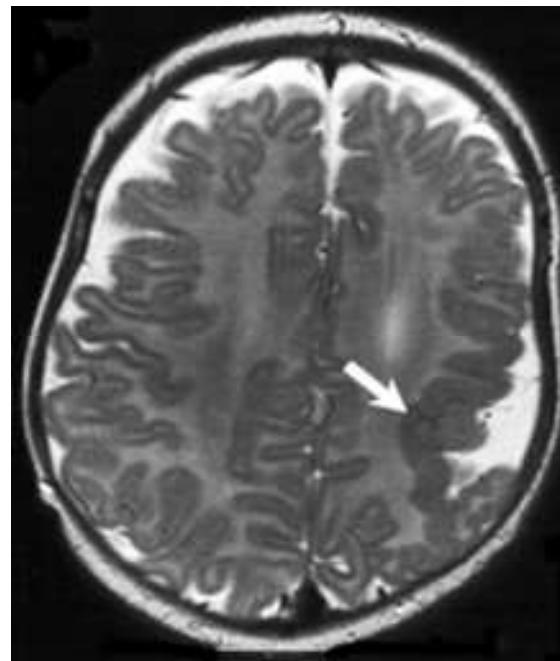
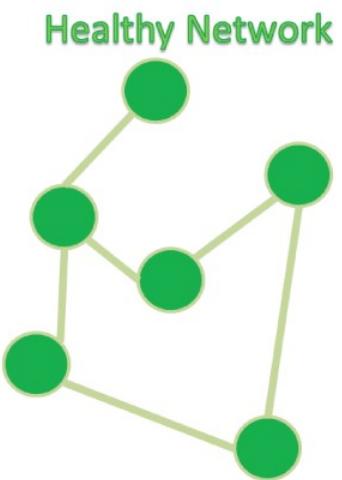
Low shortest path length



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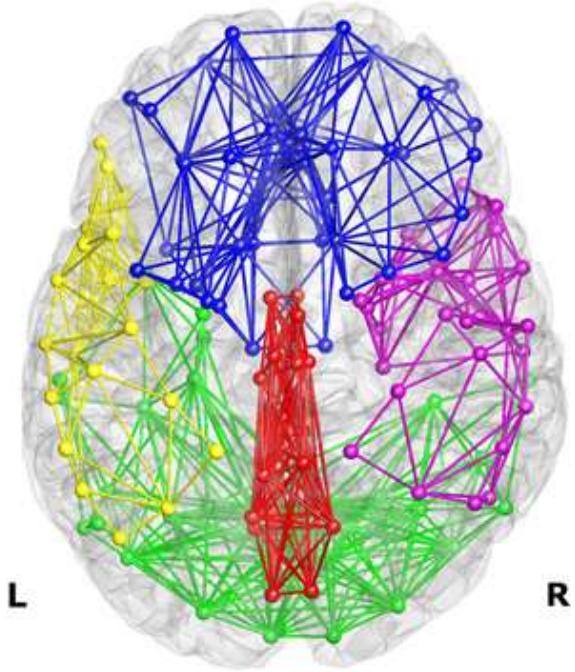
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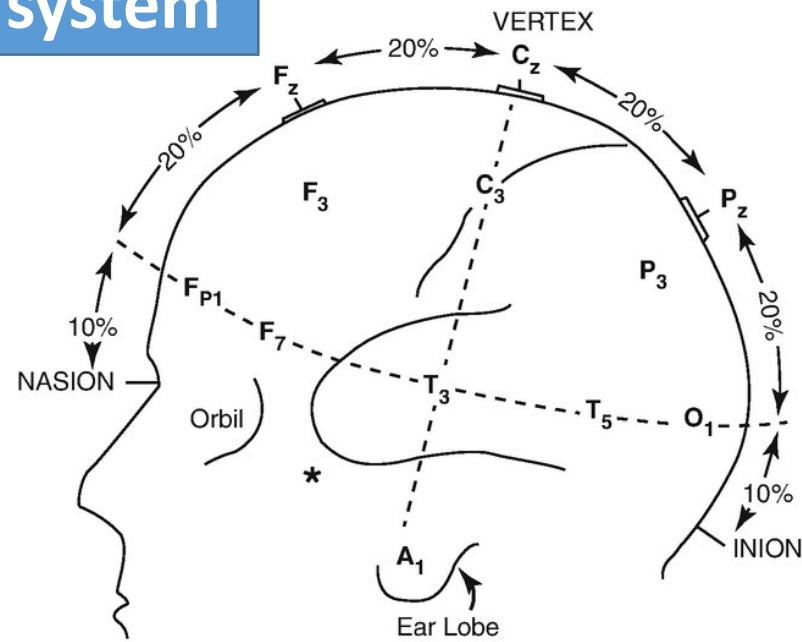
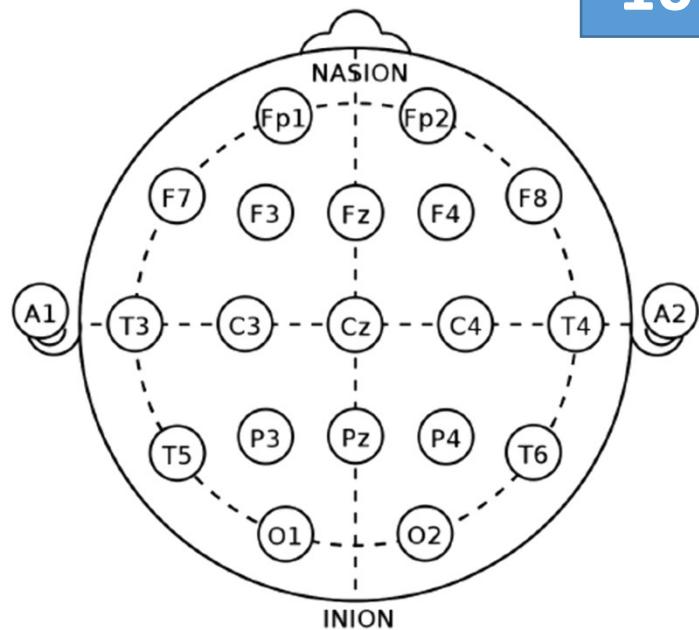


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Video EEG monitoring

10-20 system

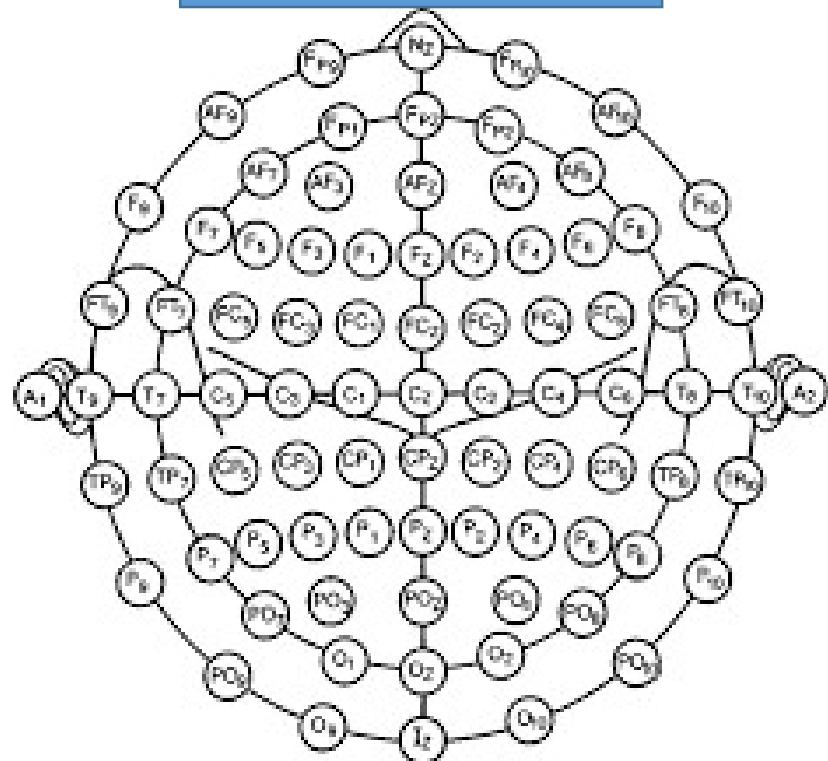


Scalp EEG

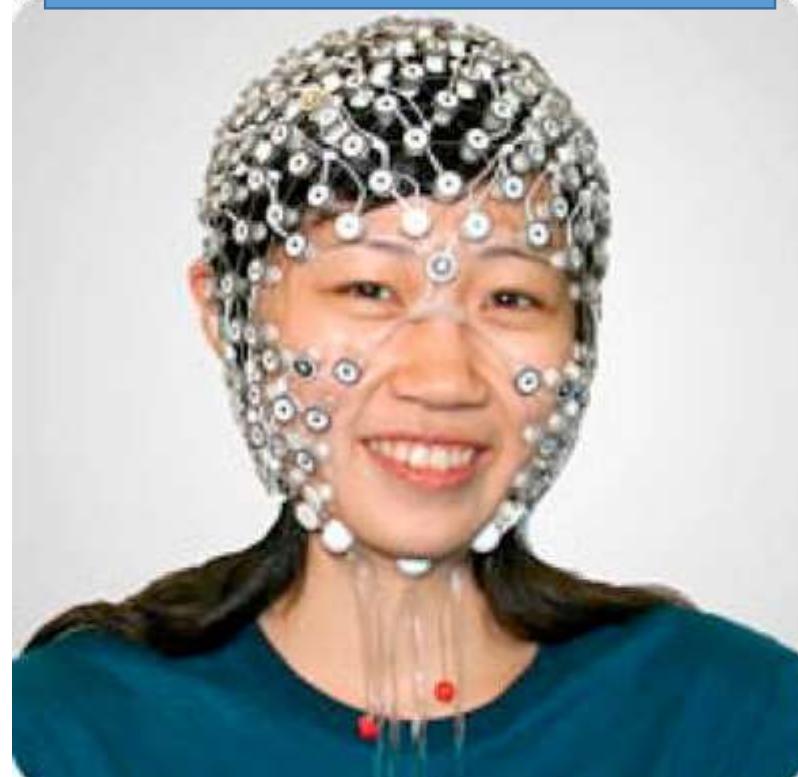


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10-10 system



Dense-array EEG



Scalp EEG



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Invasive EEG



Subdural EEG

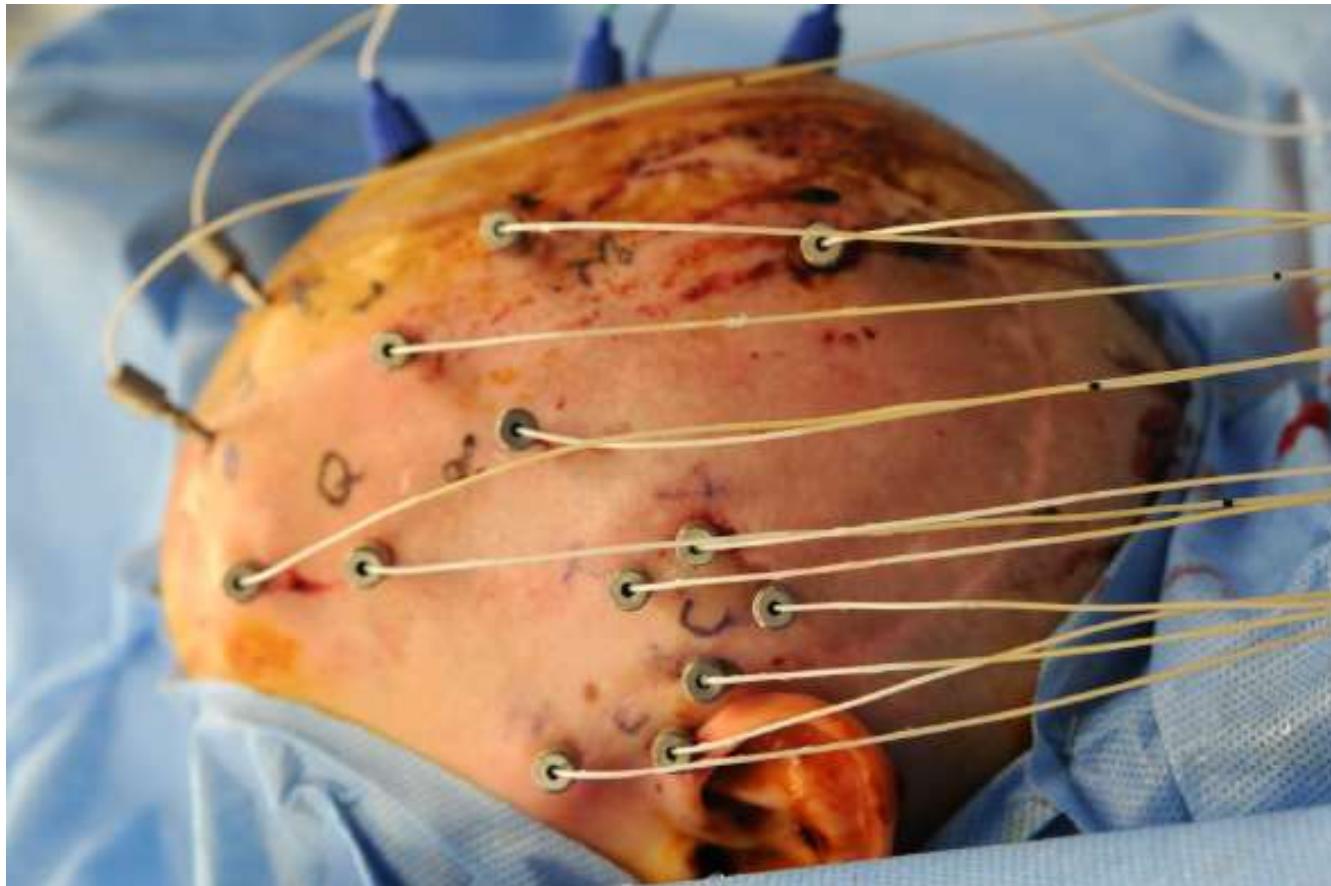
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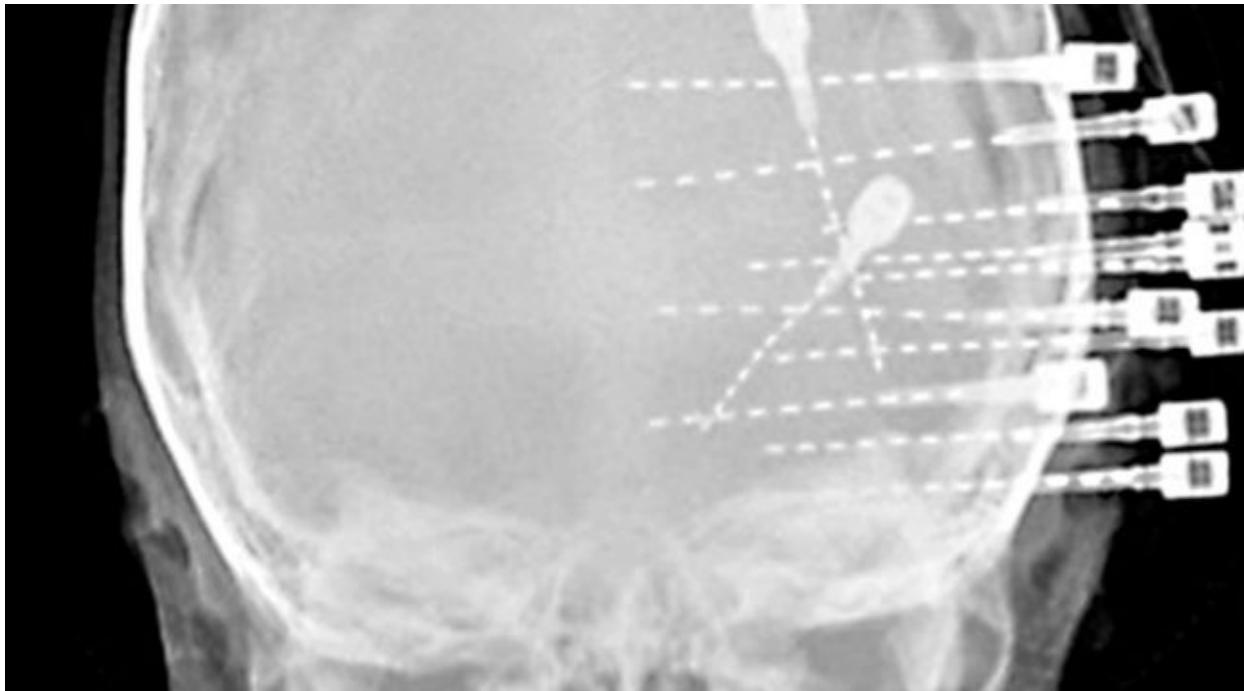
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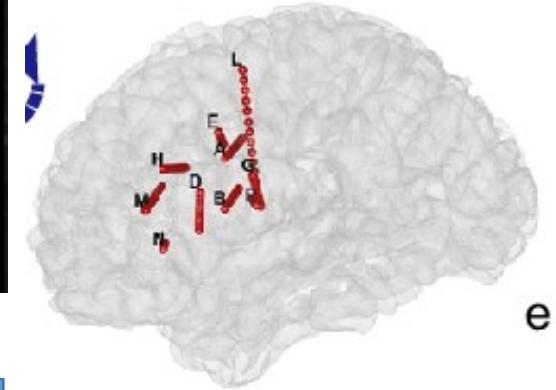
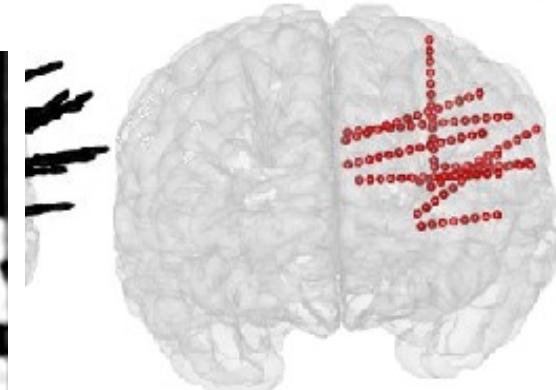
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Invasive EEG



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Stereo EEG



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How is EEG able to define the epileptic networks?

- Interictal epileptiform discharge
- Ictal EEG
 - Seizure semiology
 - Ictal EEG onset and evolutional pattern
- Cortical stimulation
- Cortico-cortical evoke potential (CCEP)



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Case examples

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30-year-old right-handed Thai female

Seizure began at 1 year of age;

First SZ

- ขณะอายุ 1ปี มีอาการชักหลังจากน้ำมันไข้ 39-40°C การชักเป็นแบบ GTC SZs ได้รับการวินิจฉัย febrile seizure มีอาการชักสัมพันธ์กับไข้ทุกครั้ง 1-2 ครั้ง/เดือน ไม่มียา鎮静药 กันชัก
- จนอายุ 7ปี เริ่มชักโดยไม่มีไข้ ลักษณะชักเปลี่ยนไปเป็นลักษณะดังต่อไปนี้



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Seizure description

- Aura (50% of SZs): headache, dizziness , sometimes epigastric pain
- Right hand stiff → staring → whole body tense up + lip smacking for 5 min followed by post ictal confusion for 4-5 min.
- Frequency: >10 times/month

**Cephalic/abdominal aura → right hand tonic?
→ GT SZs?**



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Seizure Risk Factors

- History of febrile seizures
- No family history of epilepsy syndrome
- Normal birth



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Previous Evaluation

- EEG:None
- MRI brain (14/11/60)
 - : increase SI and atrophic change of Lt. hippocampus and medial temporal lobe
- WADA test (14/12/60)
 - ❖ Language dominant on the Lt. side
 - ❖ Memory:
 - Rt. hemisphere injection memory 77%
 - Lt. hemisphere injection memory 0%



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Anti convulsants

- Current AEDs
 - Levetiracetam (500) 3*2pc
 - Na Valproate (500) 1*2pc
 - Phenobarbital (60) 2*1 hs
- Previous tried AEDs and side effects:
 - Carbamazepine (MP rash)



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Physical Exam

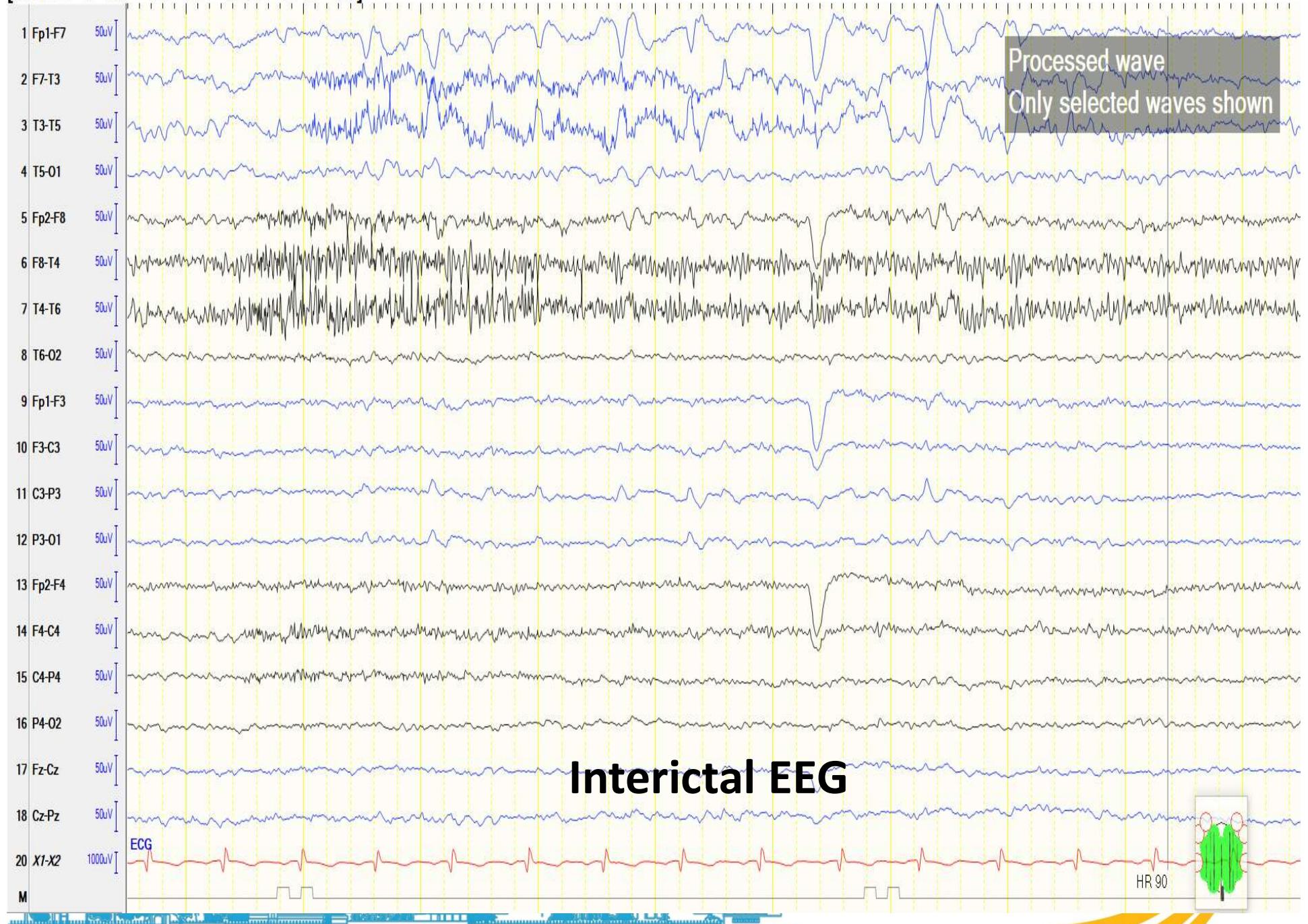
- Slow respond
- Normal language
- No focal neurological deficit



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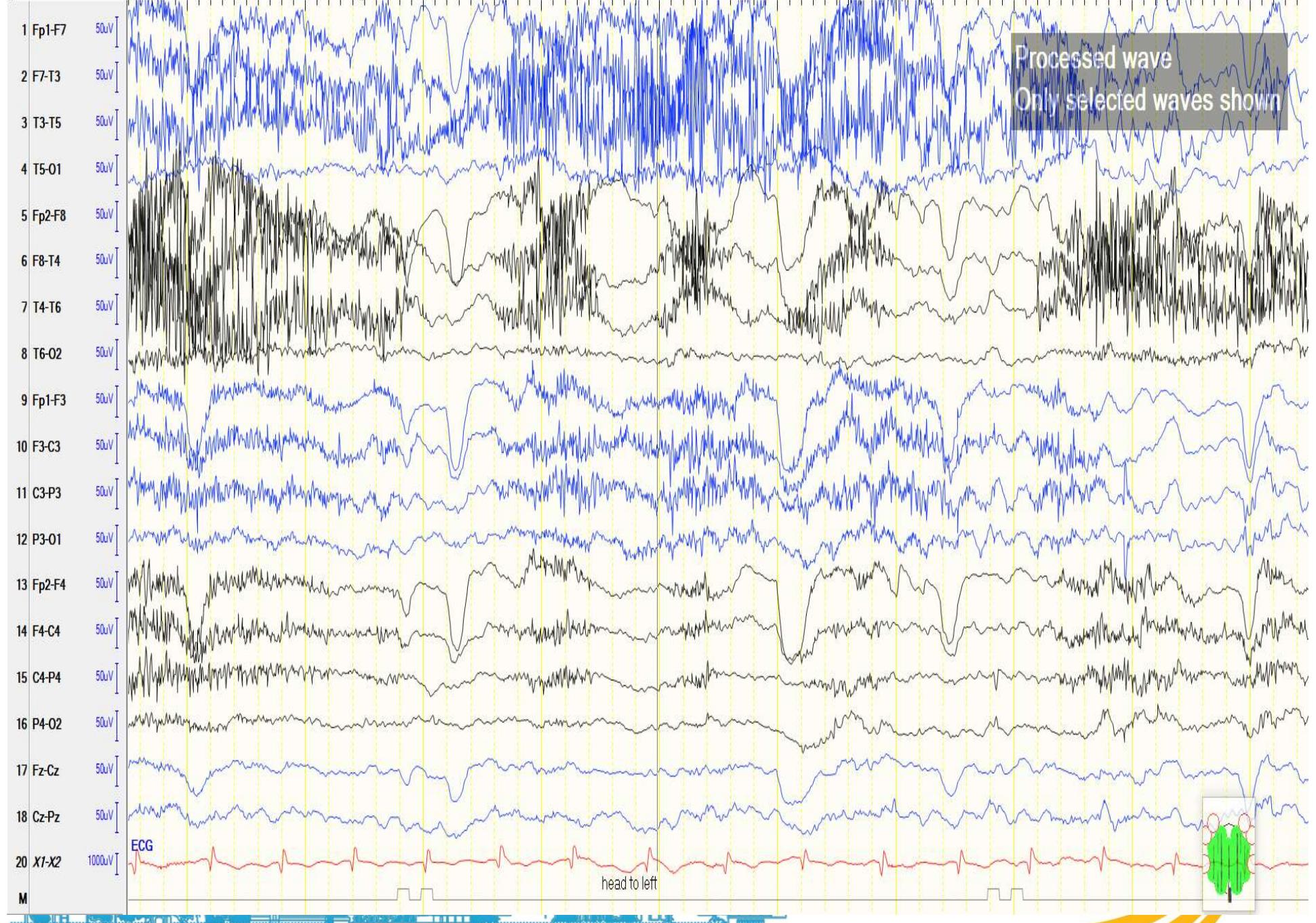
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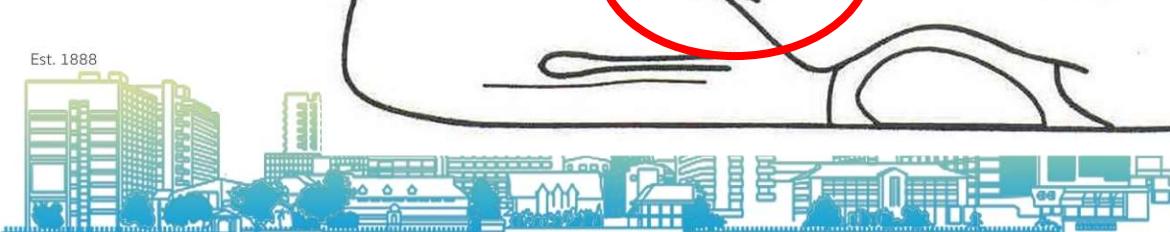


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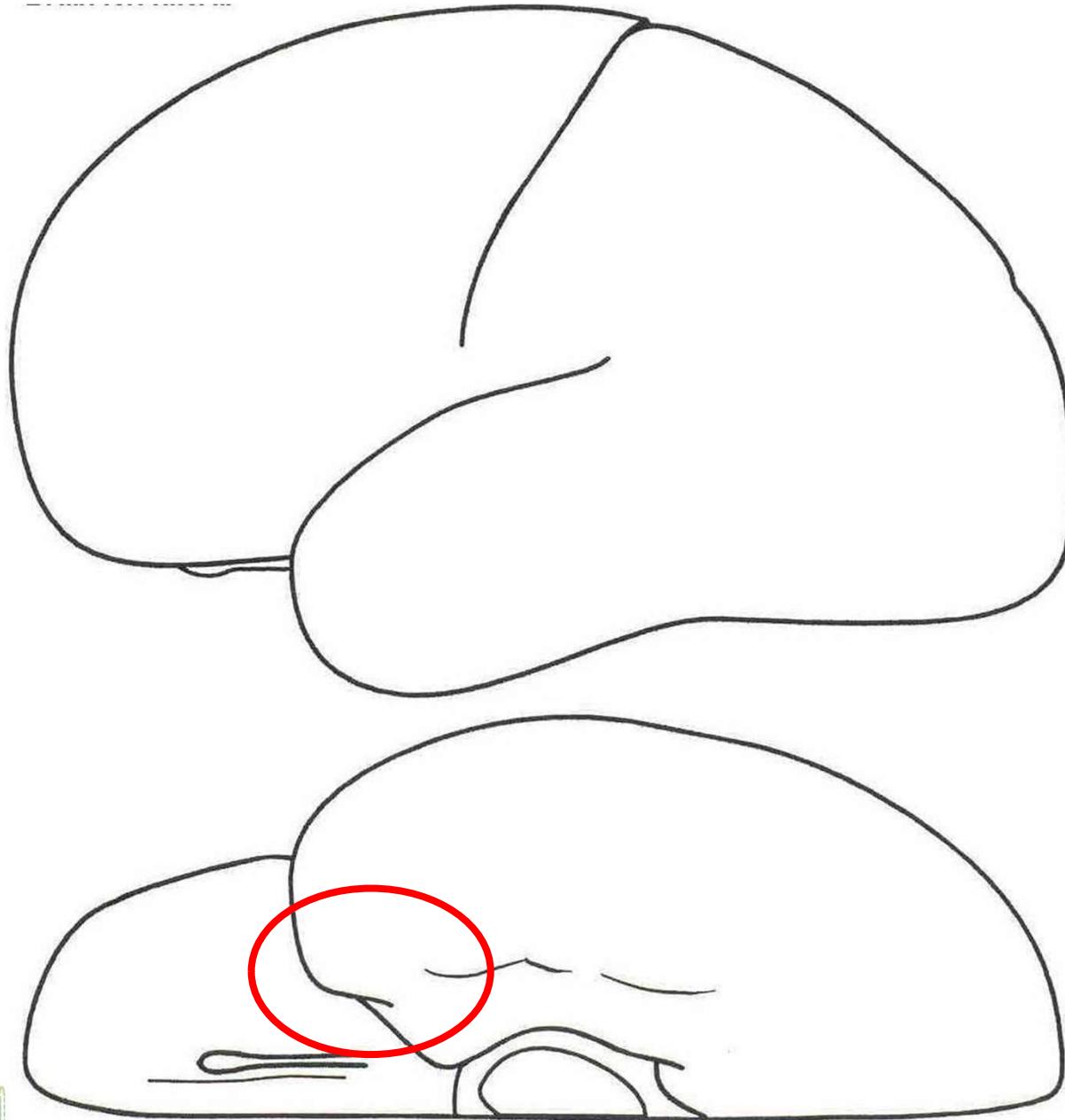


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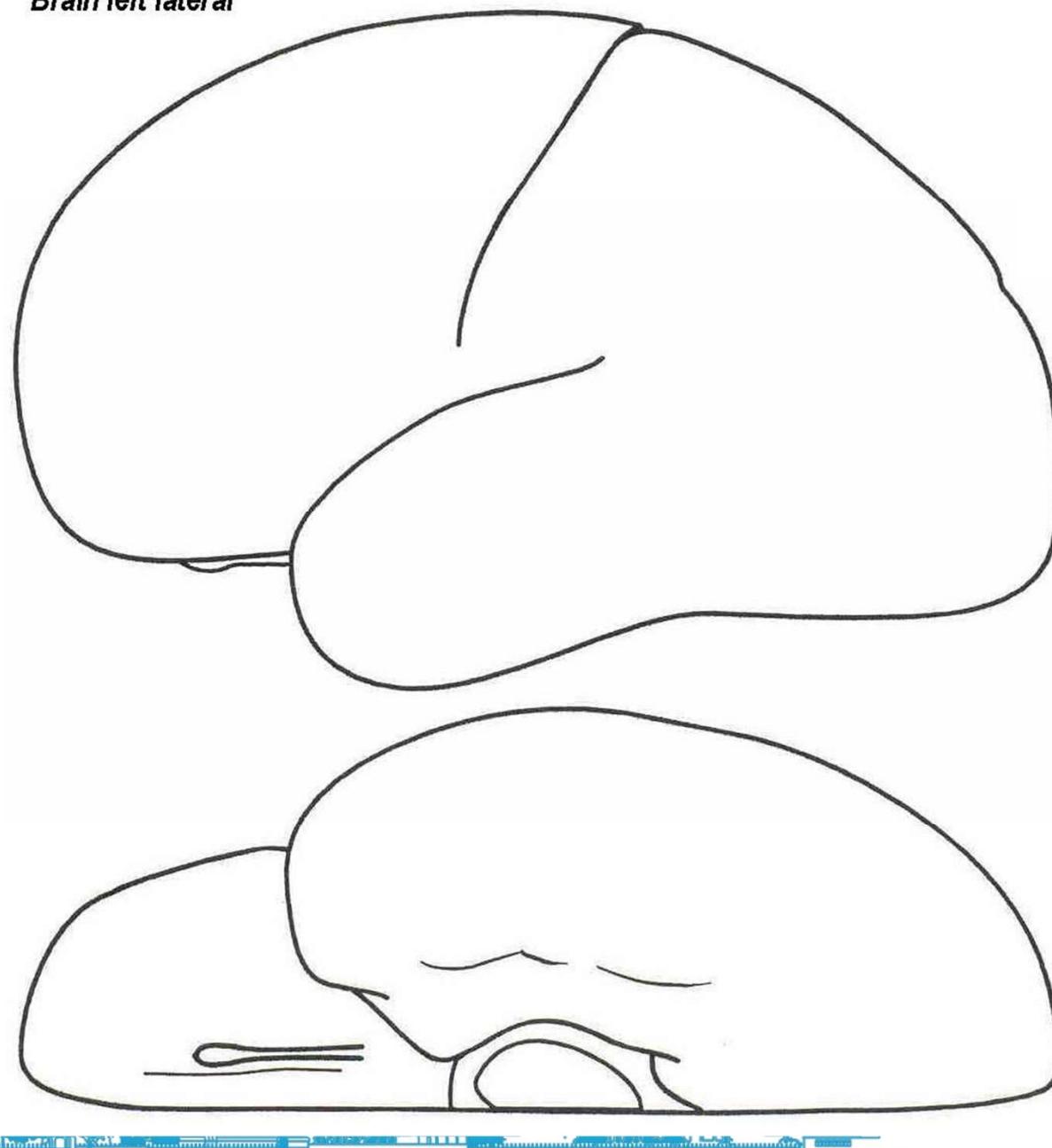




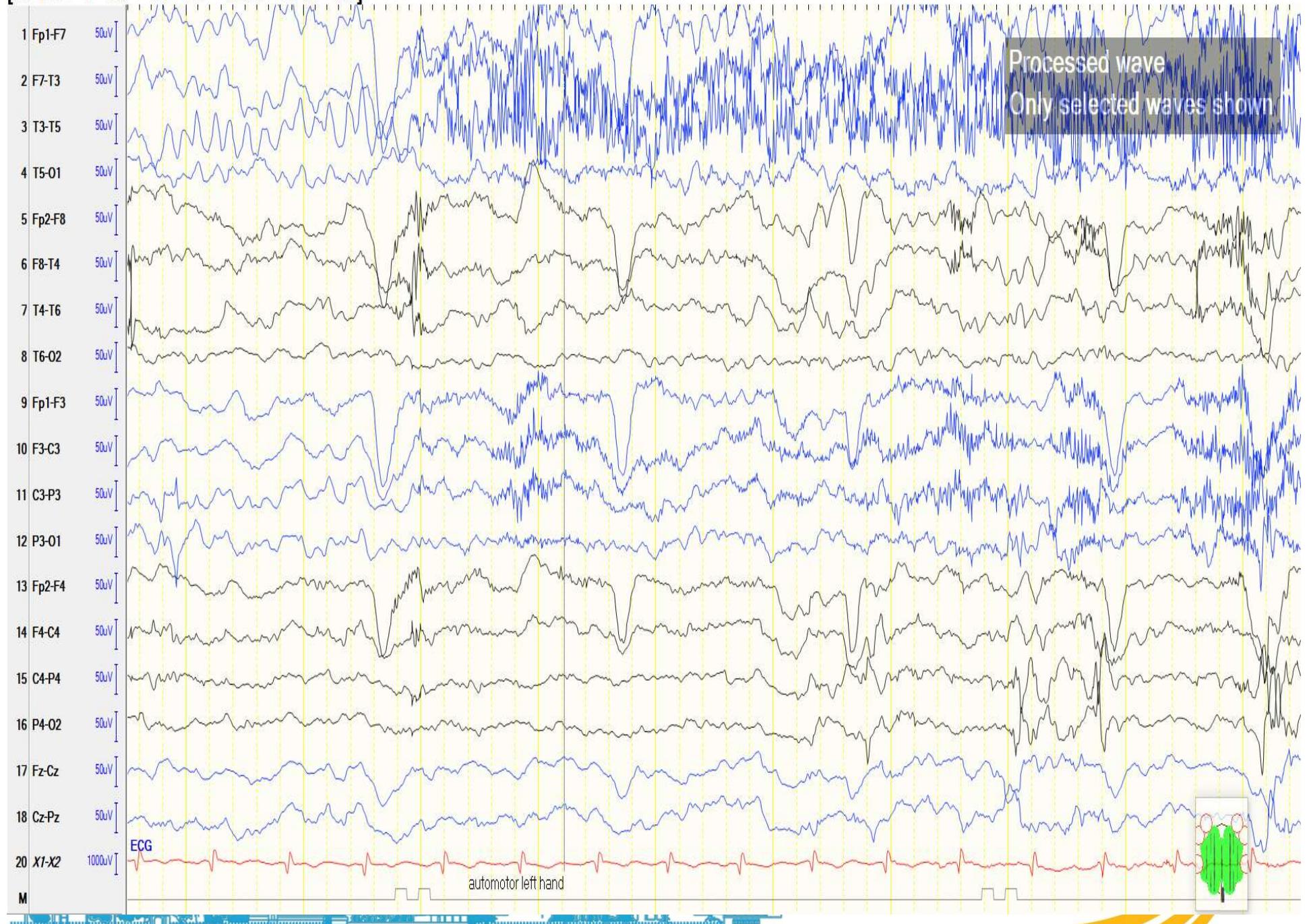
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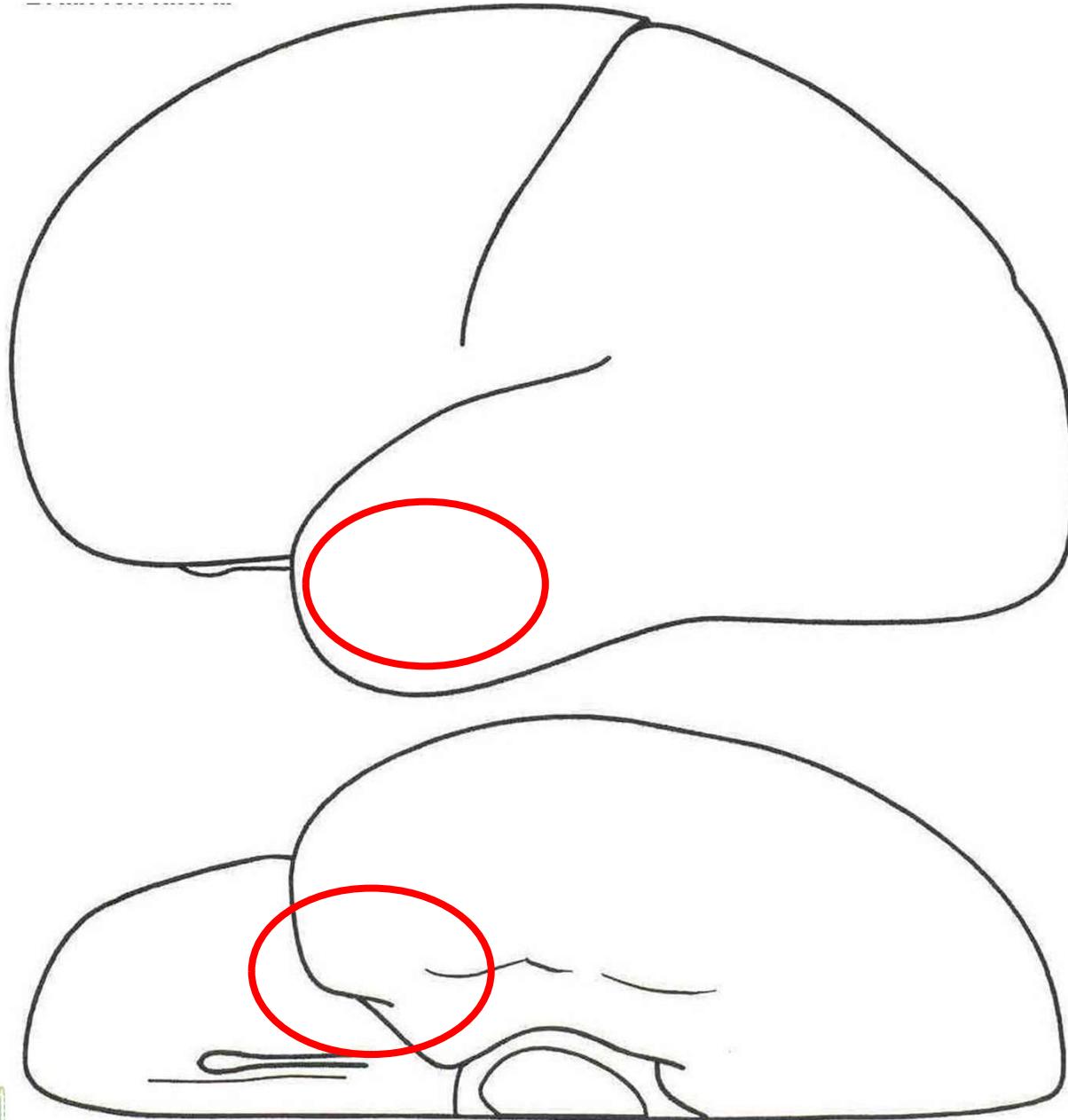
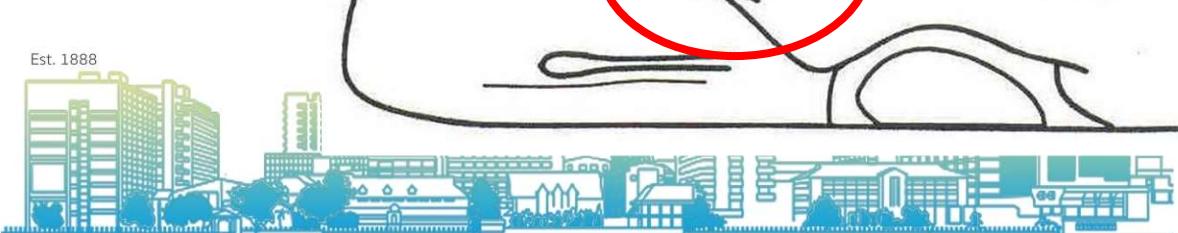


Brain left lateral



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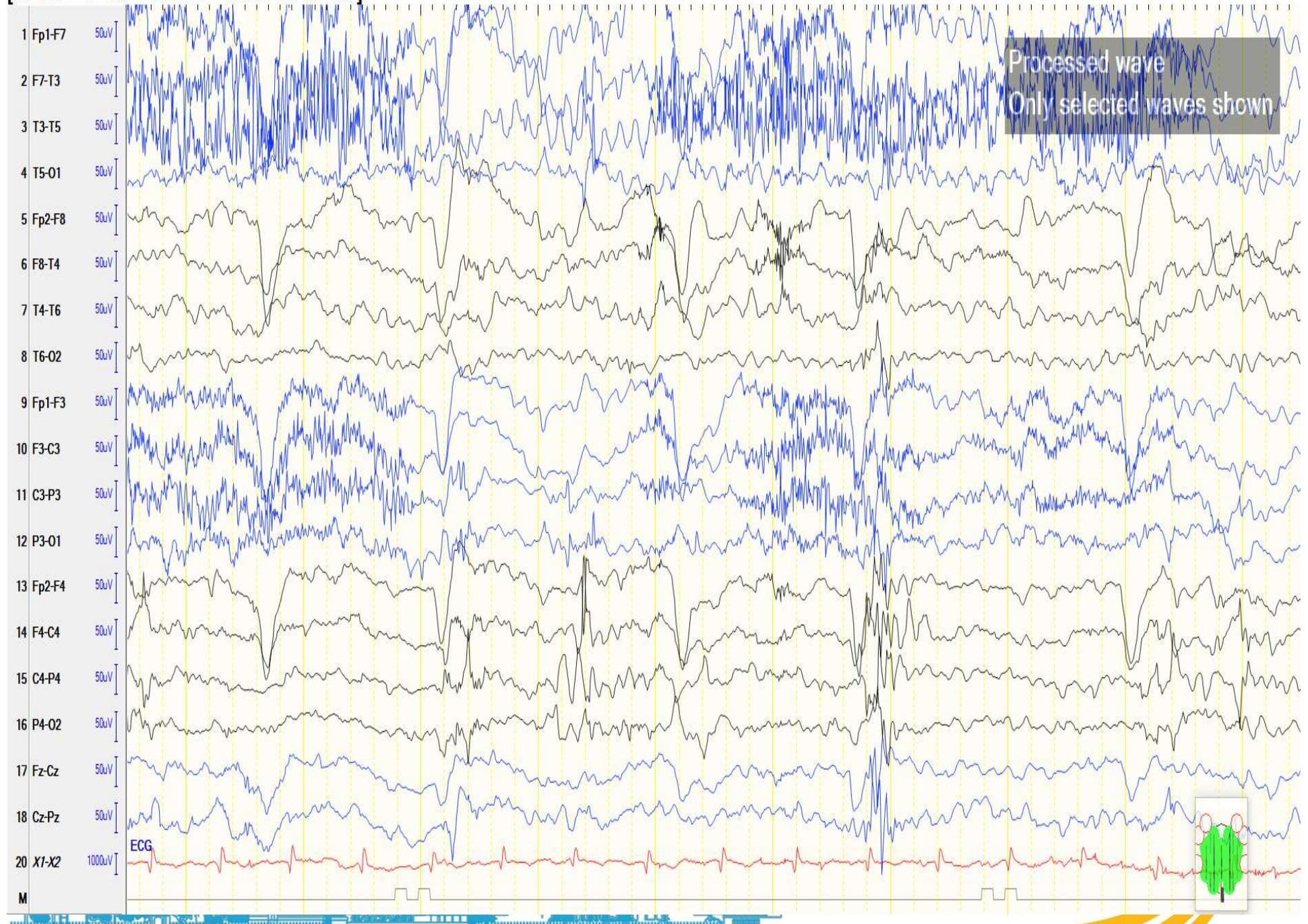




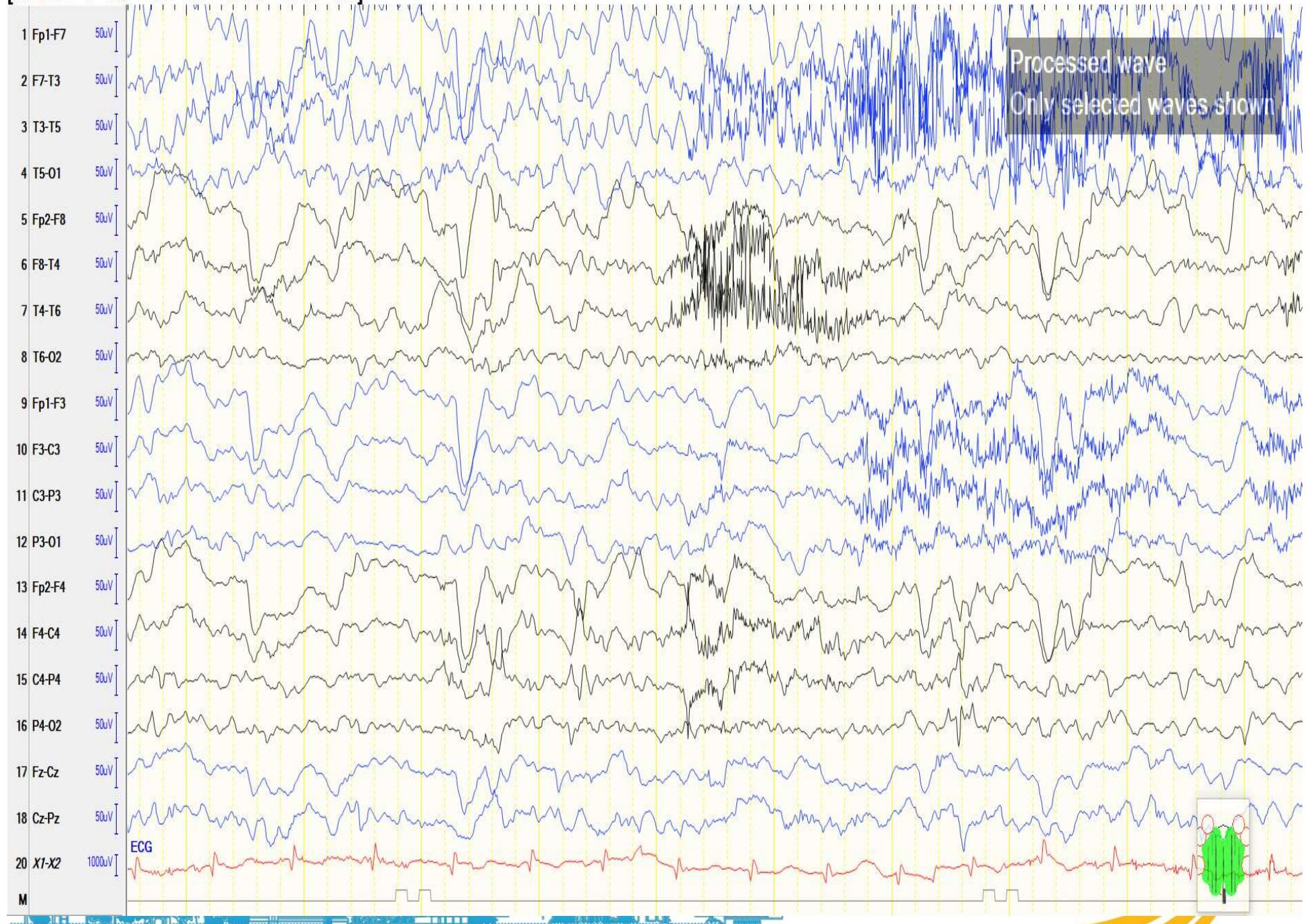
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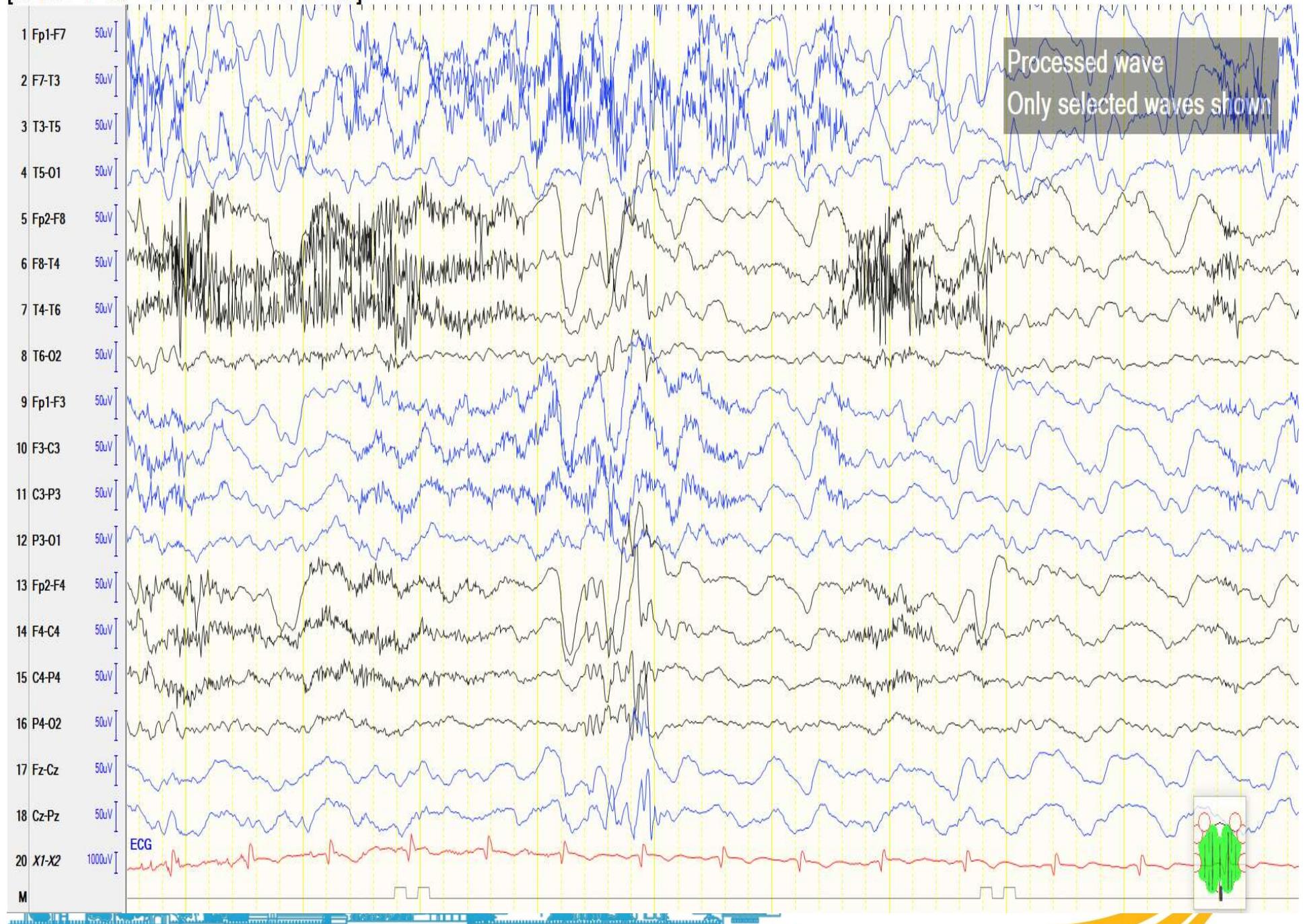
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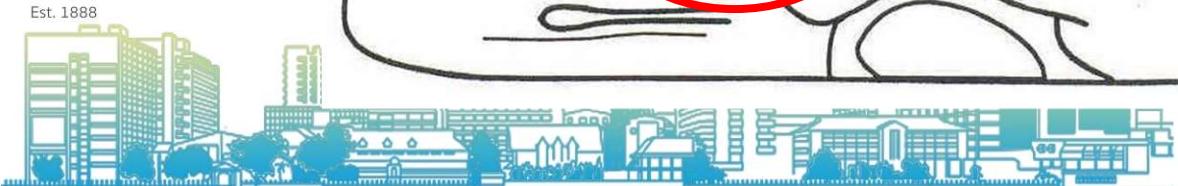


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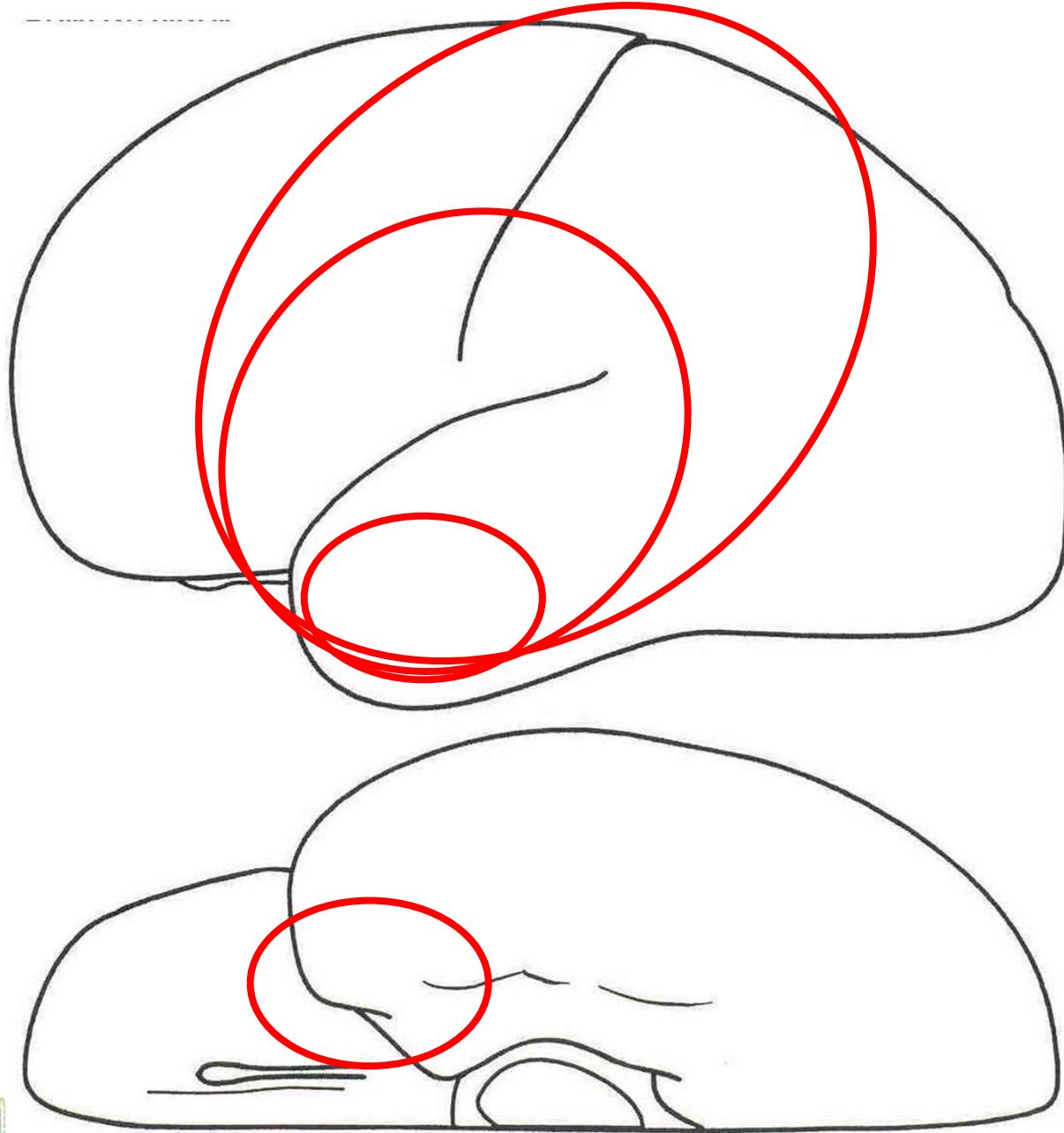


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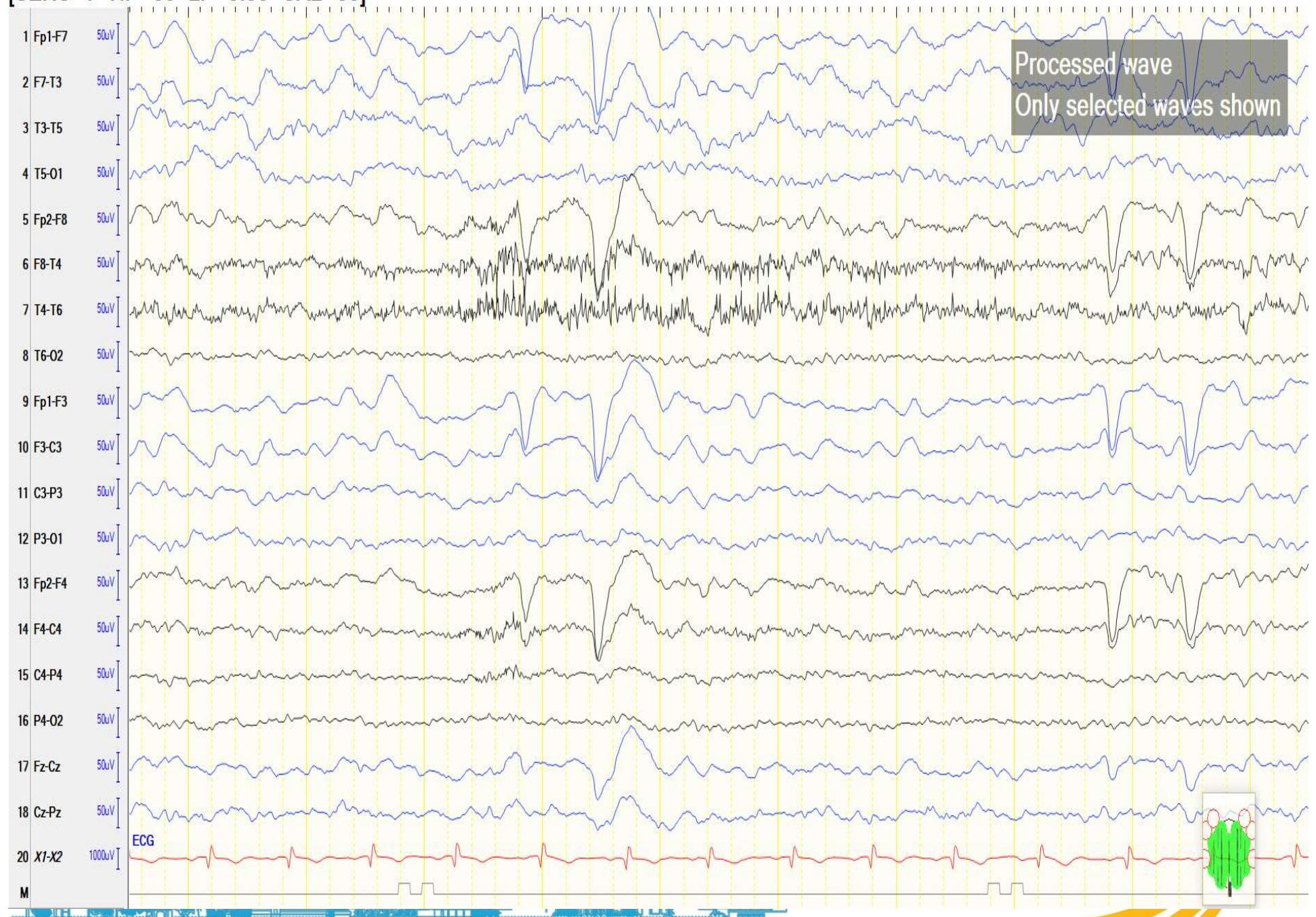
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34-year-old right-handed male, onset: 4 years old

- Seizures prior to surgery:
 - Type A: "Staring spells"
 - Type B: "Left arm clonic seizure -> GTC"
- Invasive evaluation with subdural grids/depths (2007) → Post right superior mesial frontal resection
- Pathology: subacute infarction, nonspecific changes
- Seizures after surgery:
 - Type A: “Dialectic”



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What is the cause of failure of resective epilepsy surgery?

- 1.Inability to remove entirely epileptic cortex, functional?
- 2.Misidentify or mislocalize epileptic focus
- 3.Multiple epileptic foci
- 4.Natural course

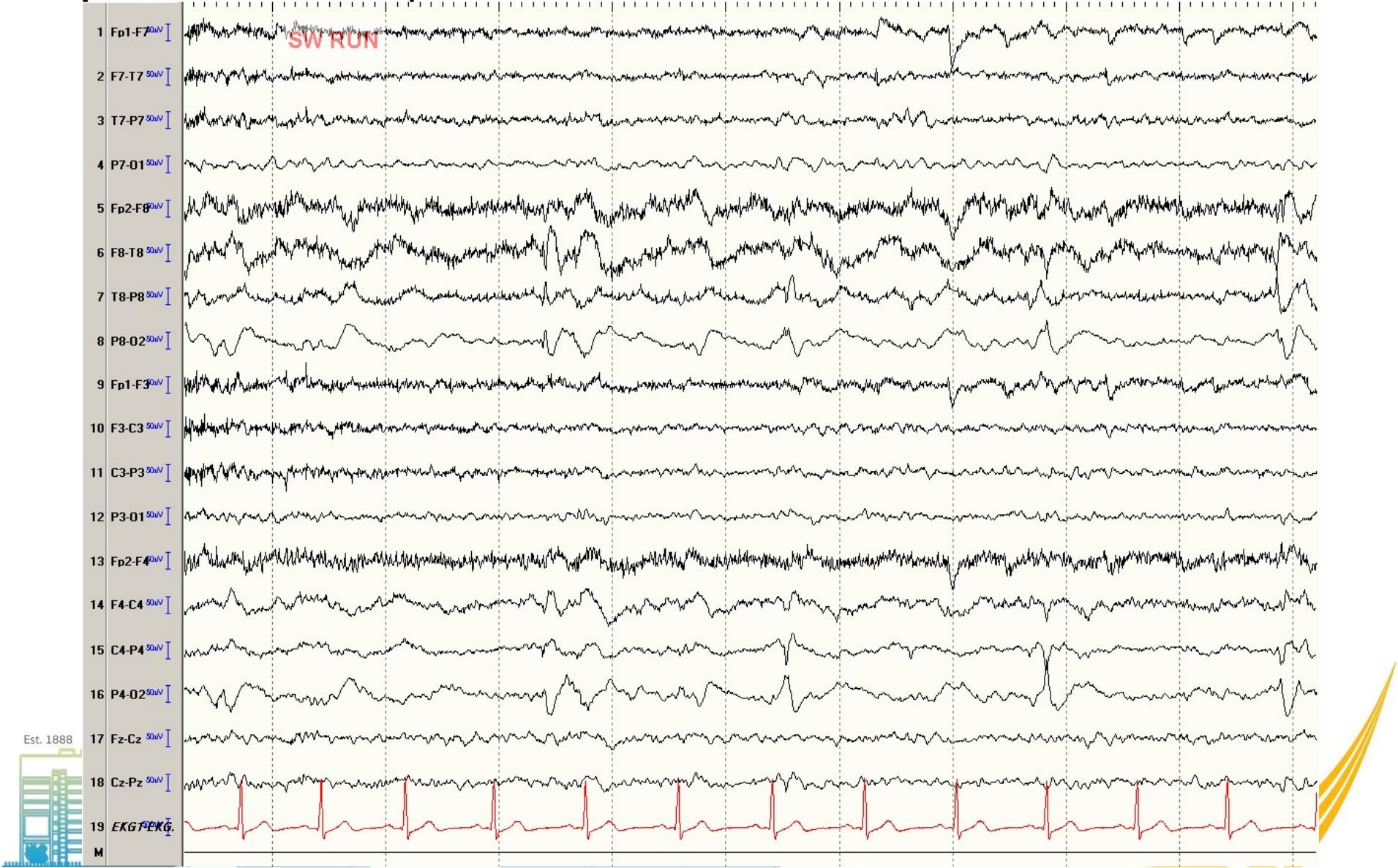


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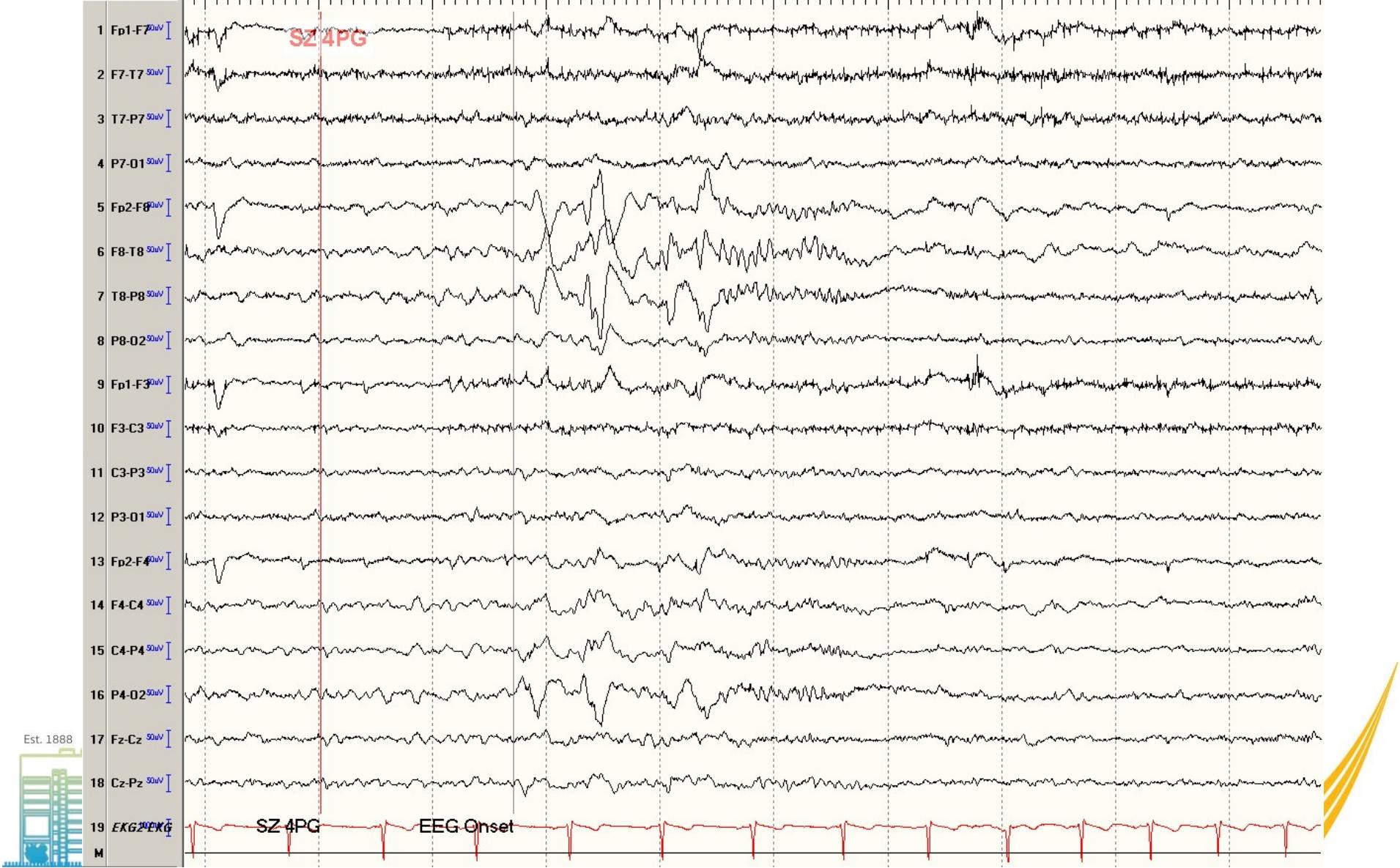
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SZ 4PG onset: Automotor → Left arm Clonic → Left head Versive → GTC seizure

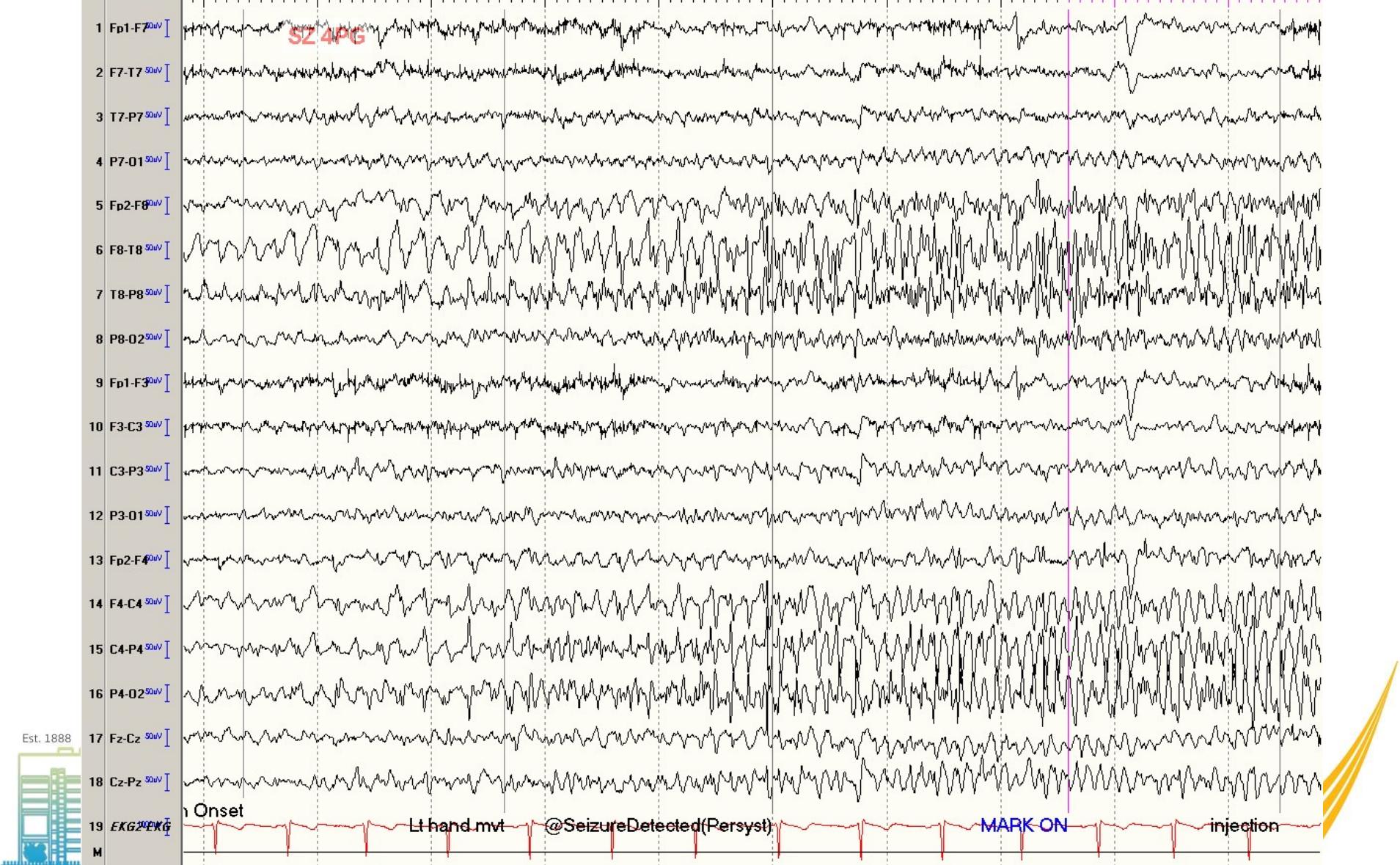
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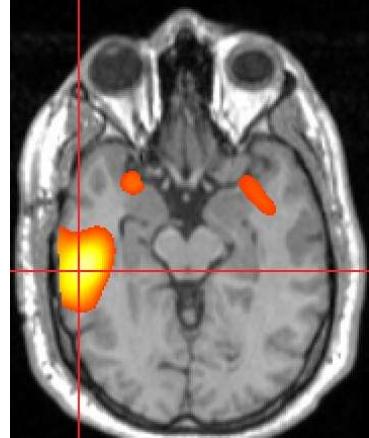
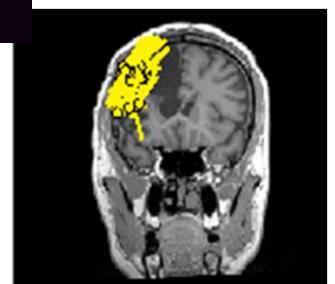
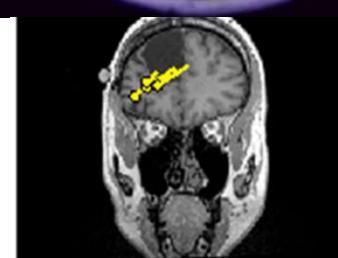
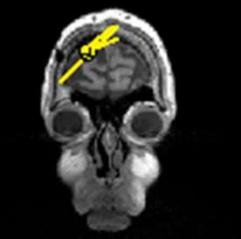
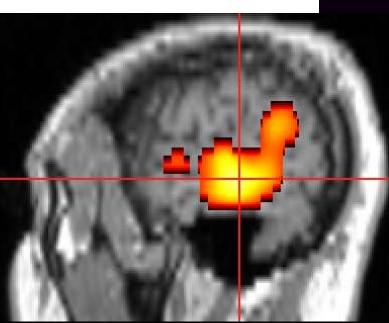
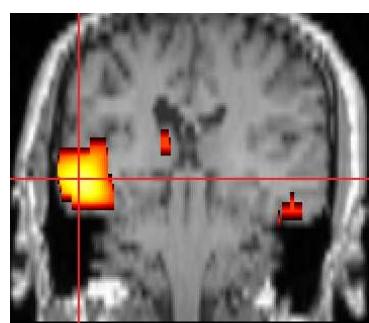
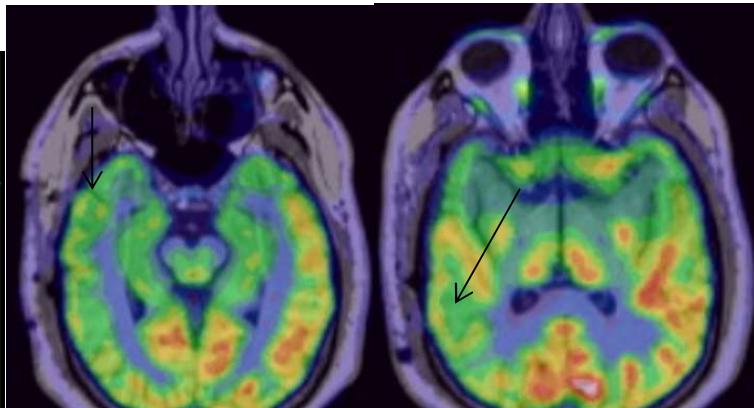
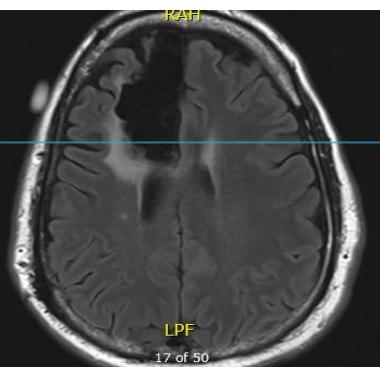
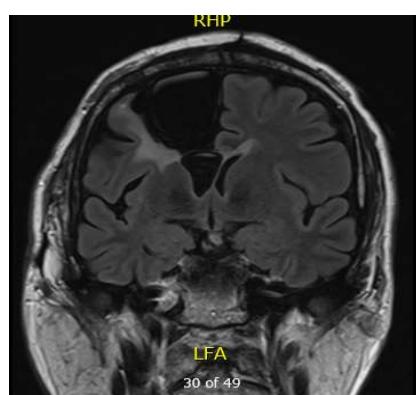


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EEG: Regional right centrotemporoparietal

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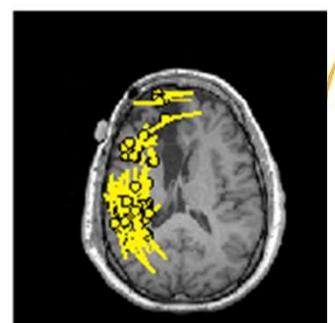
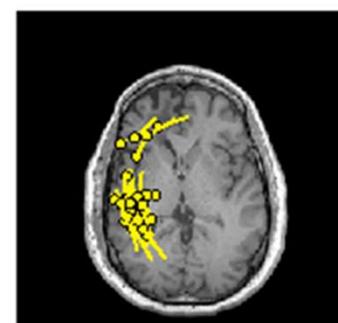
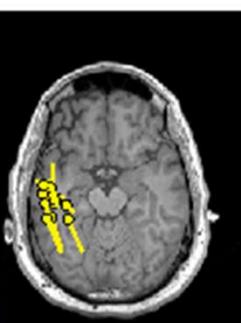
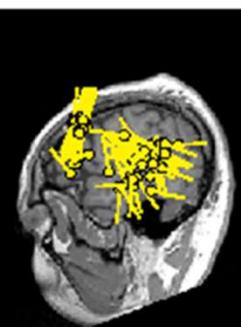


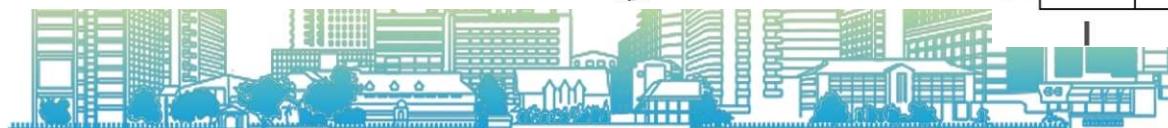
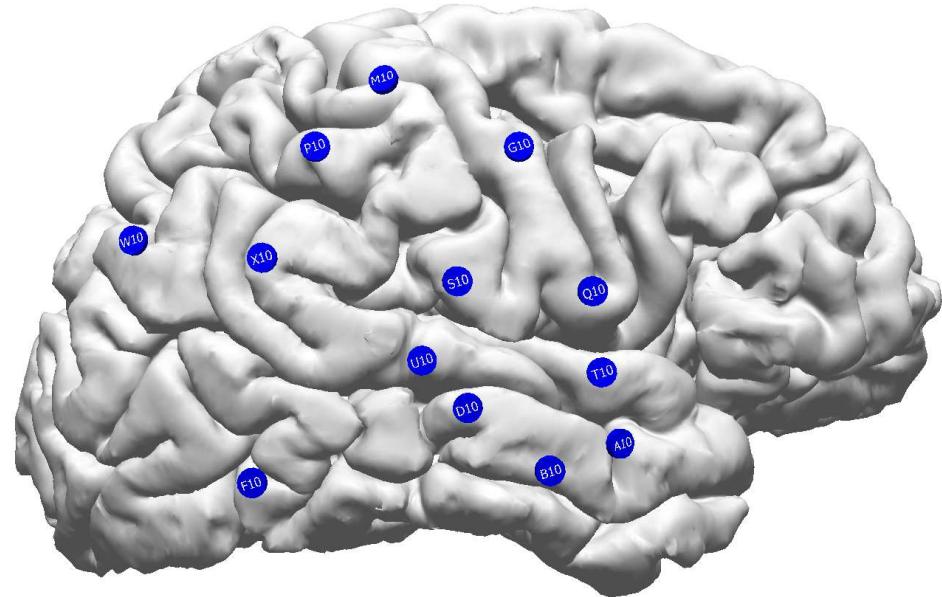


Right mid to posterior
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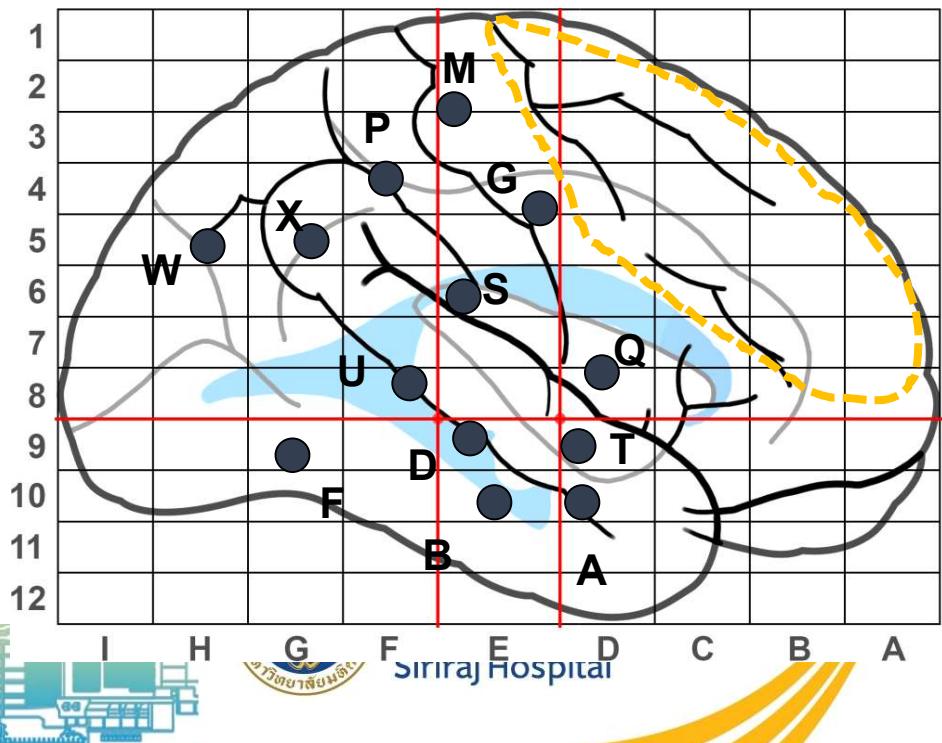


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Right TP junction
Right posterior temporal

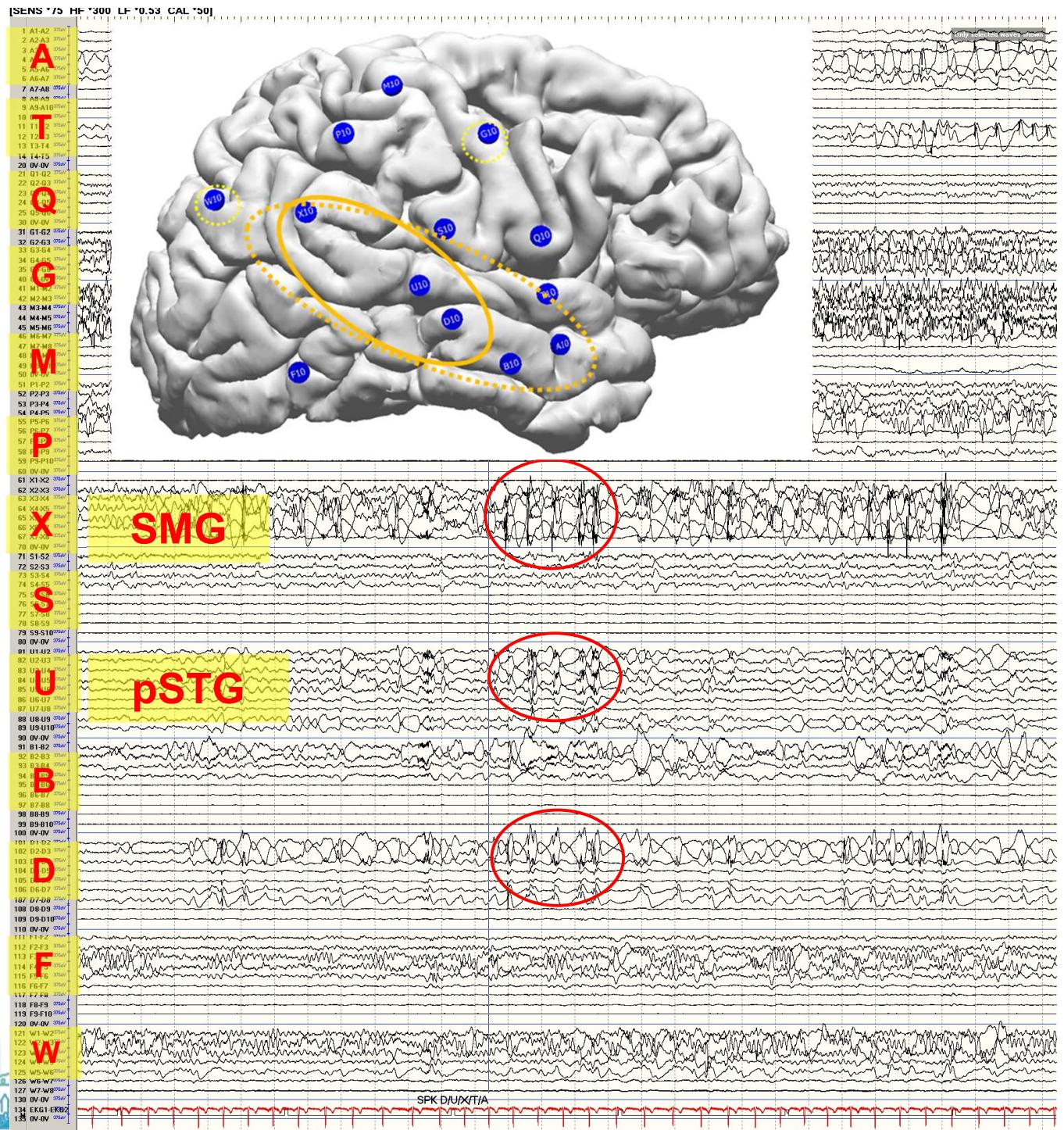
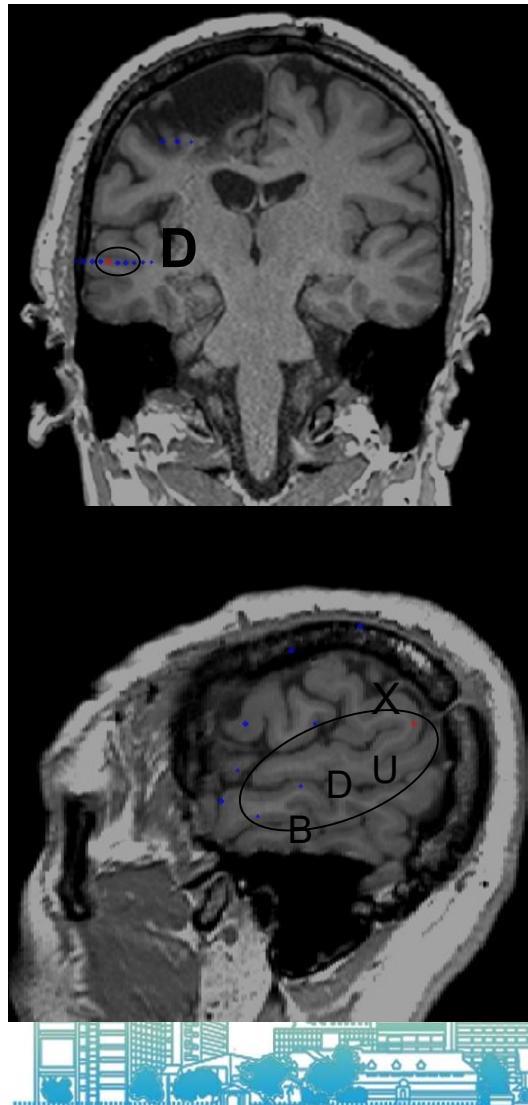


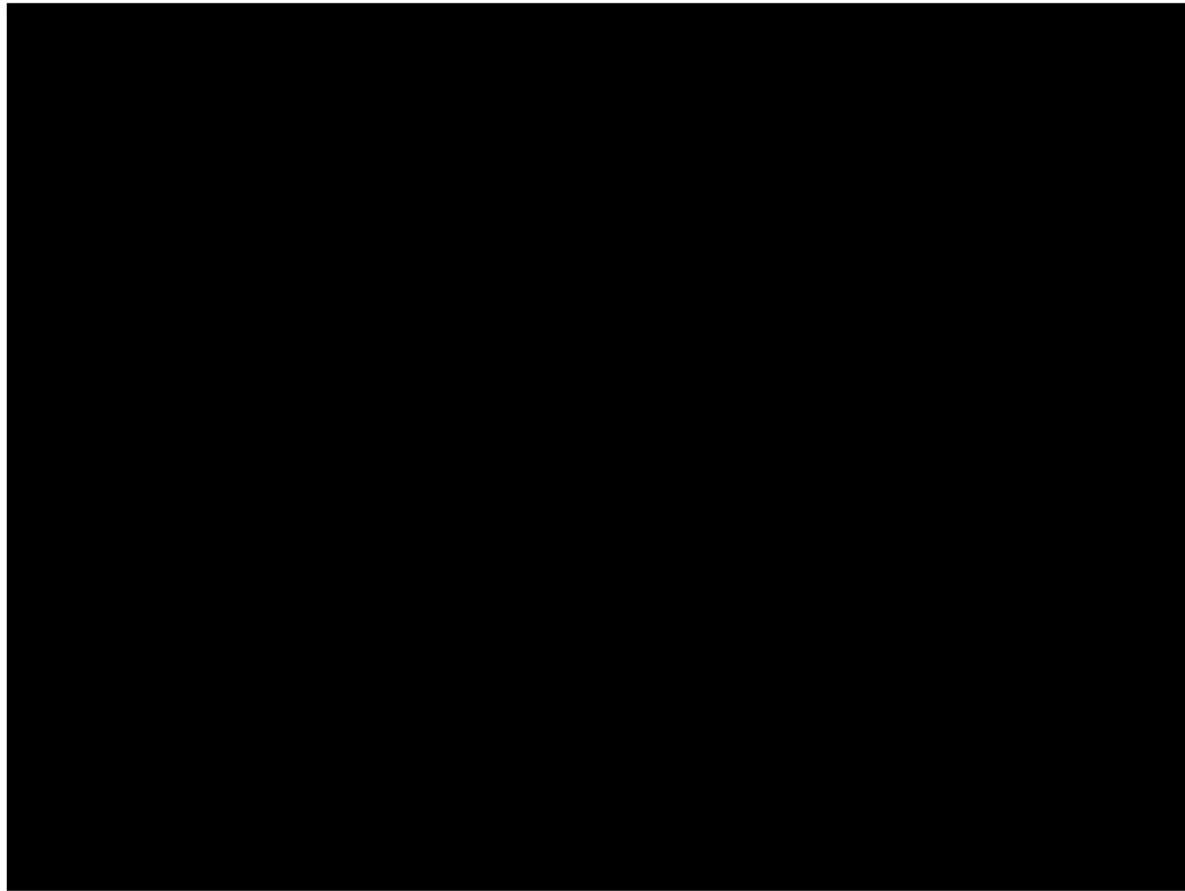


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**SPK B1-5/U2-6/D3-7/X4-7
(SMG/pSTG/MTG)**
In bursts every
10-30 sec



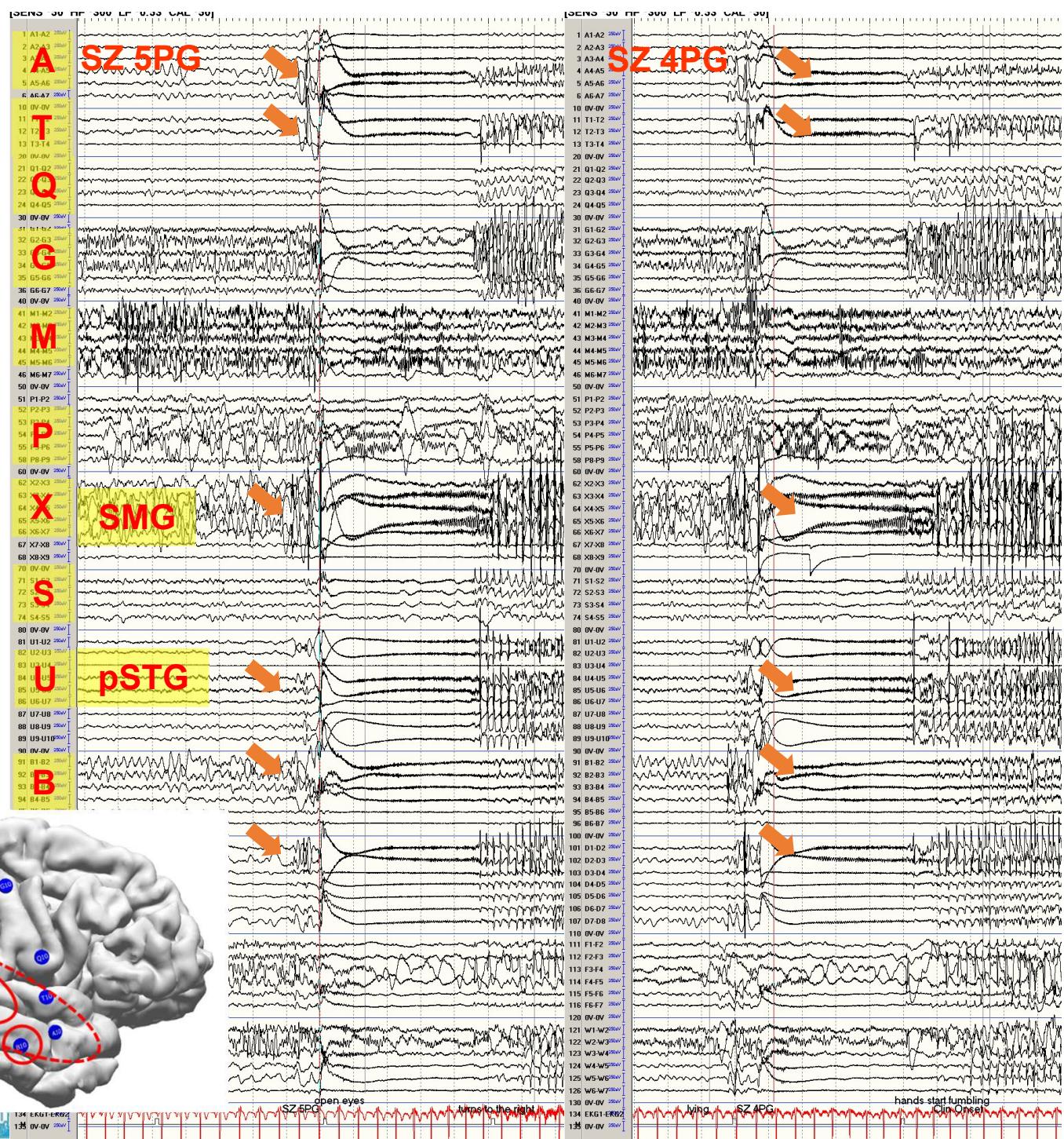
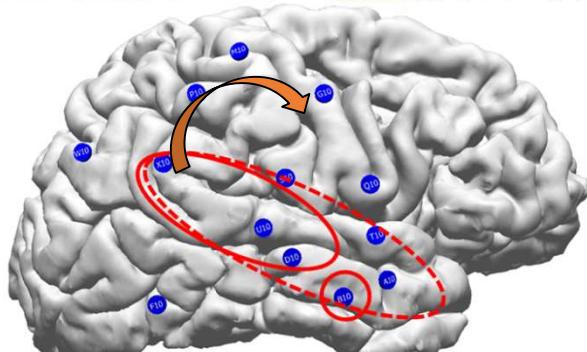
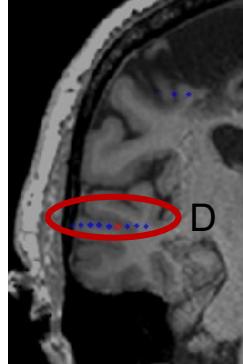
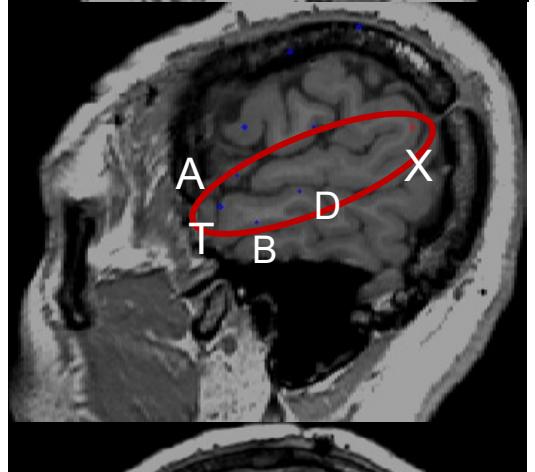
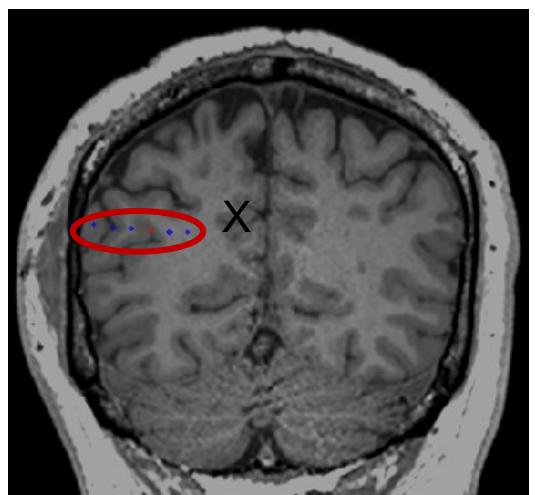


hands grasping movements → eyes / head to the right → left
face clonic → left eyes and head versive → GTC

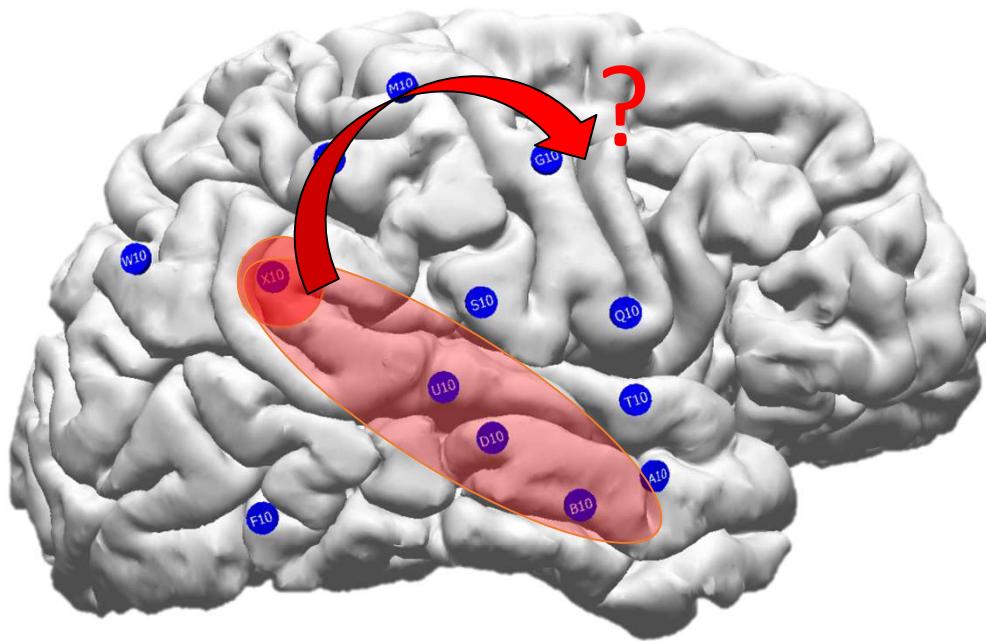


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Spreading: Neural Network ??



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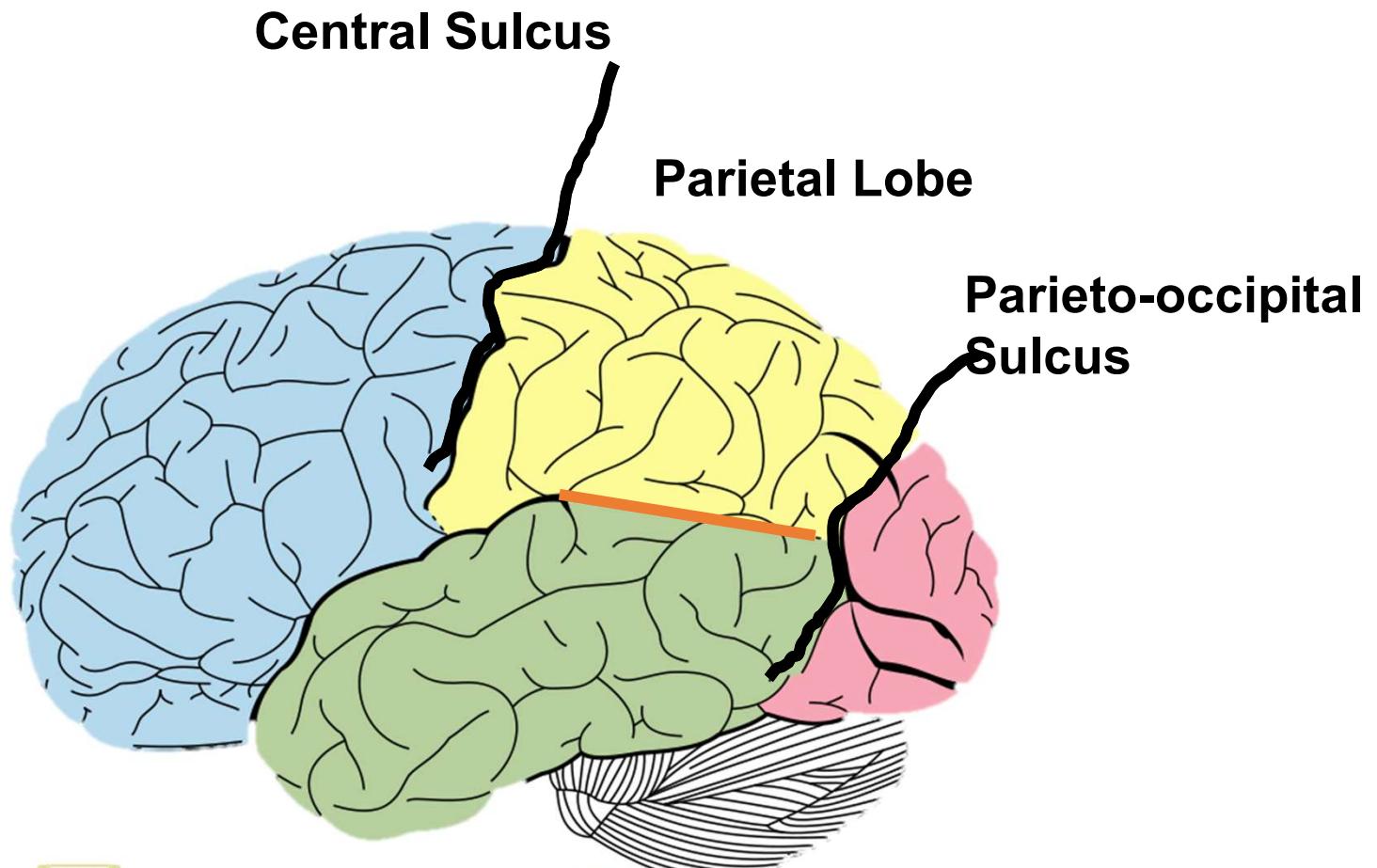
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Anatomy: Dorsal Surface

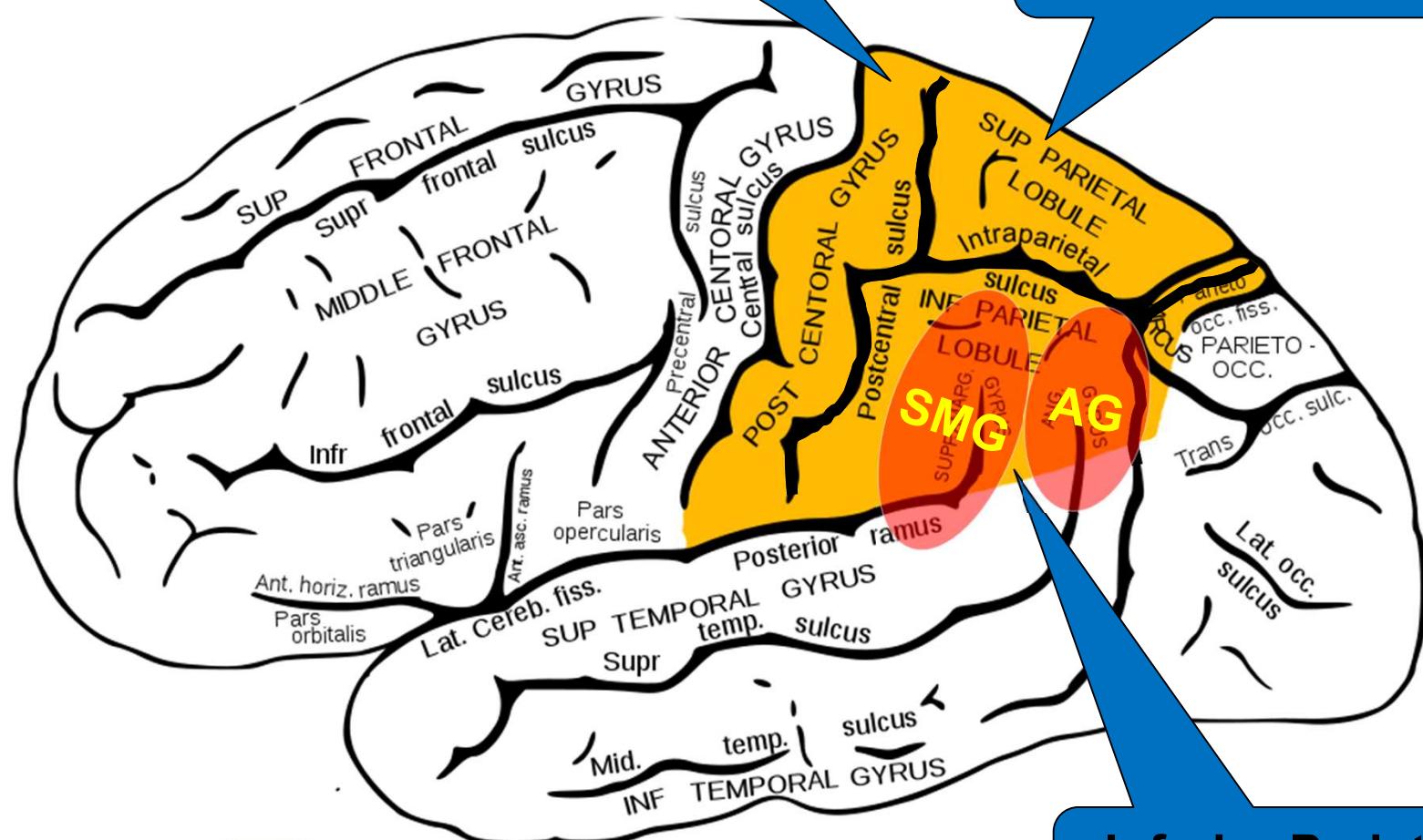


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Post Central Gyrus

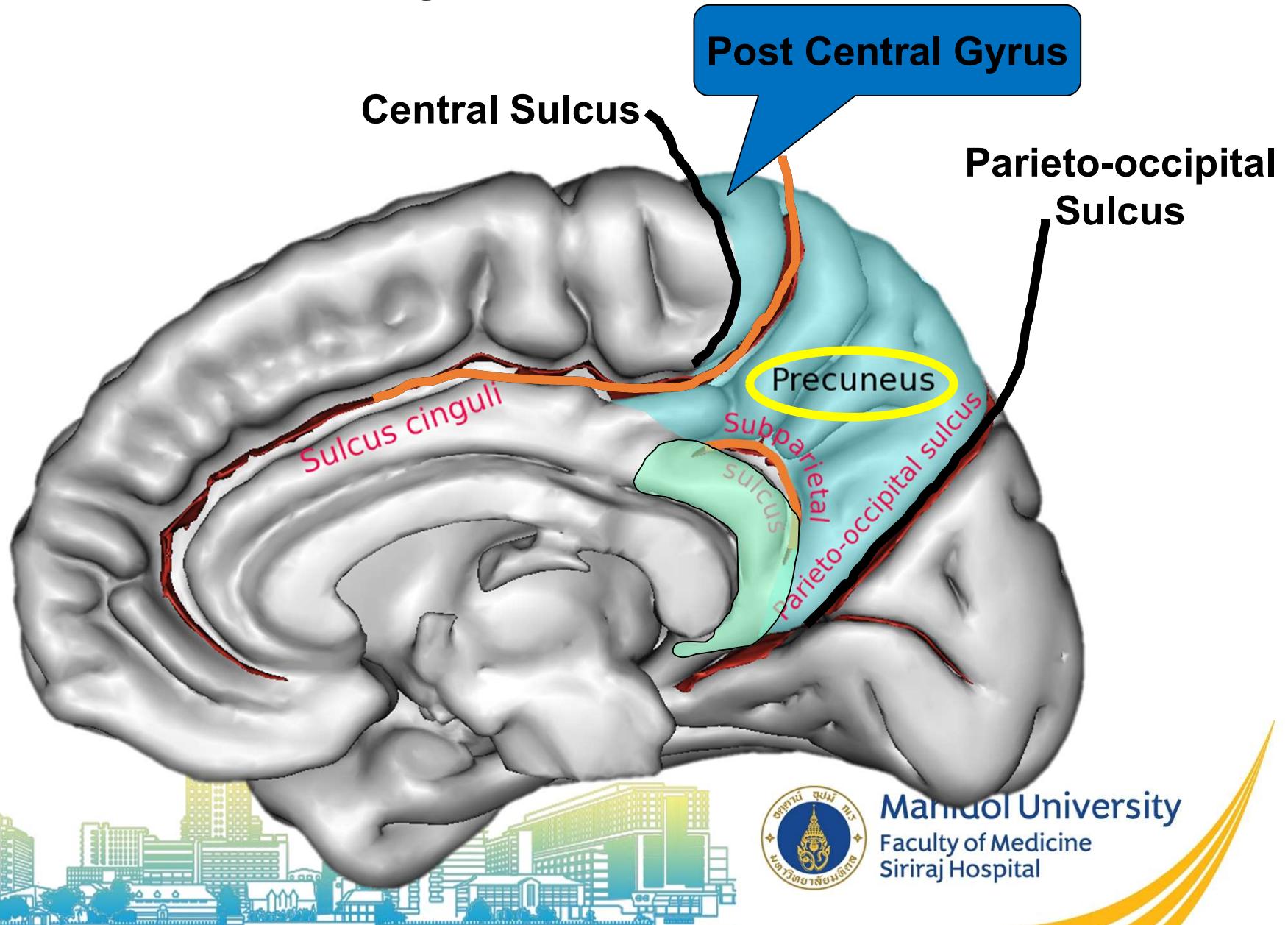
Superior Parietal Lobule



Inferior Parietal Lobule



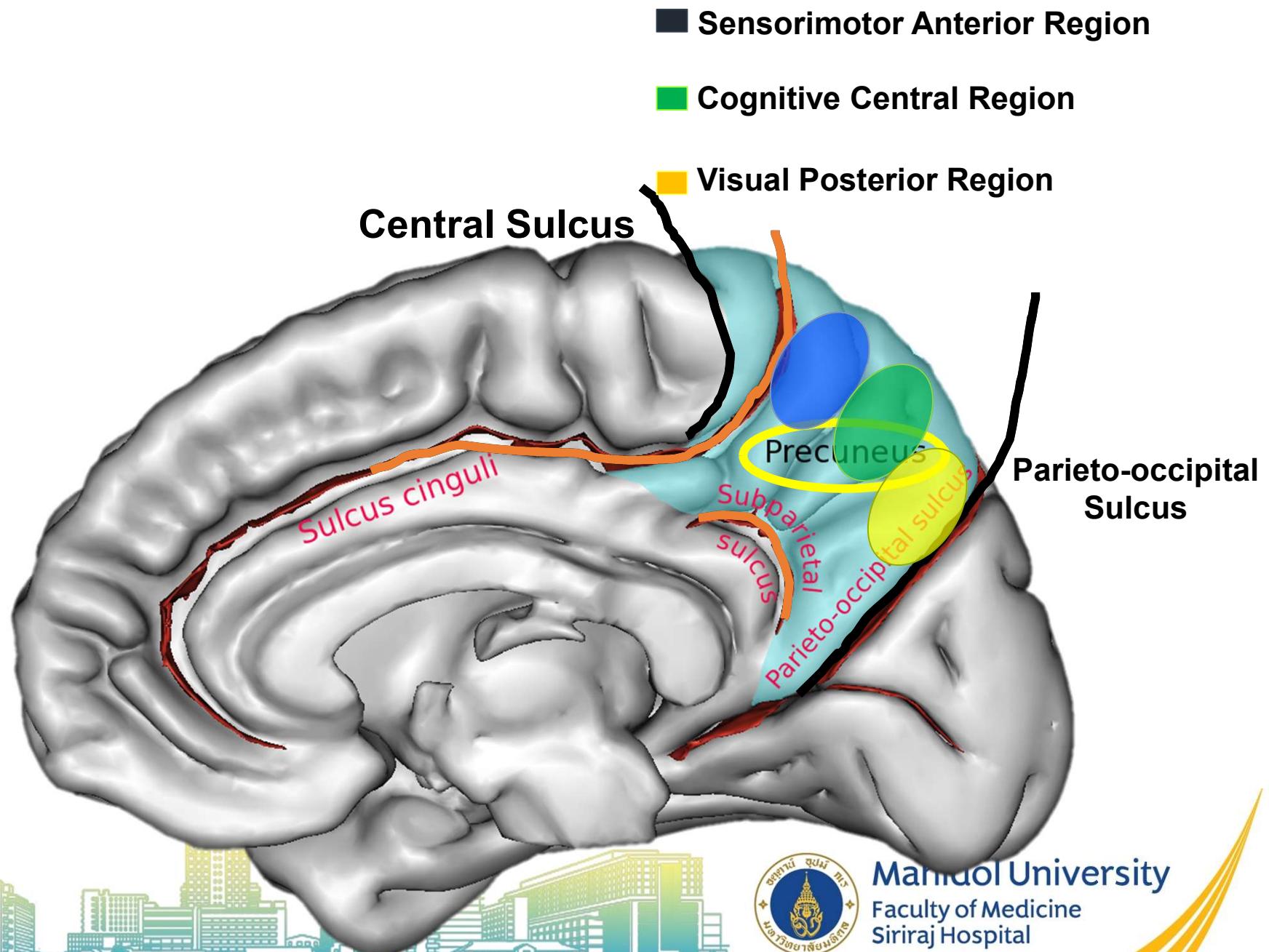
Anatomy: Medial Surface



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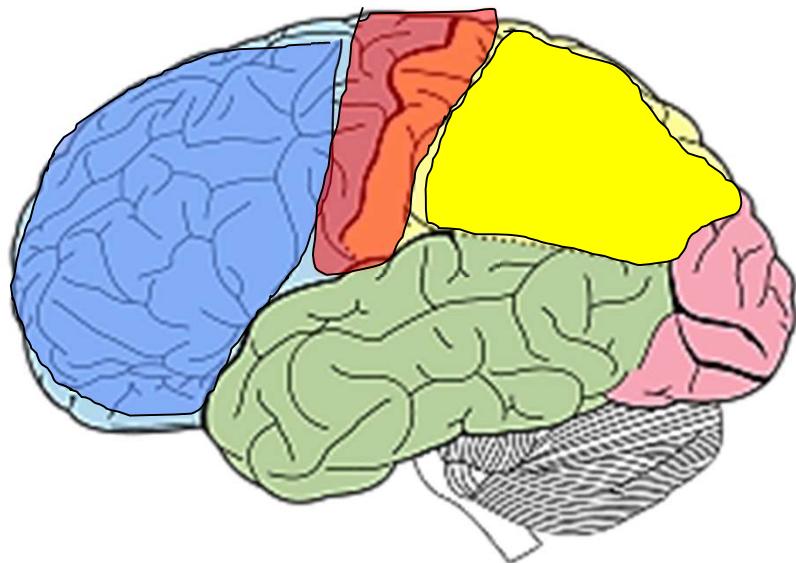


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Epileptogenic areas were divided into



- Frontal
- Central: perioriental (sensorimotor area)
- Parietal
- Temporal
- Occipital regions

Parietal epilepsy:

**“Parietal area lies behind the post central gyrus”
→ “parietal association area”**

Prevalence

- Not common, 6% of operated pt (total 82 pts)¹
- Cleveland Clinic (1996-2009)²
 - 131/1,212 pts underwent posterior quadrant (parietal and/or occipital lobes) resections

Clinical manifestations

Symptomatogenic Zone

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Seizure Onset Zone



1. Sainova V. Brain. 1995;118:607-27
2. Jehi L, et al. Unpublished data



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Clinical manifestations

- Aura:
 - **Somatosensory:** tingling or numbness > painful > thermal
 - **Disturbance of body image:** sensory of movement or absent
 - **Vertigo,** cephalic aura
 - **Visual illusion:** “figures looks larger” or “things on the wall turning”
 - **Complex visual or auditory hallucinations:** ictal spread to temporo-limbic areas.



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Salanova V, Brain 1995;118:607-27.

TABLE 2. Auras in 40 patients with parietal lobe epilepsy

Aura	No. (%)
Somatosensory	13 (32.5)
Contralateral	10 (25)
Bilateral	2 (5)
Ipsilateral	1 (2.5)
Affective	6 (15)
Vertigo	4 (10)
Visual	4 (10)
Autonomic	3 (7.5)
Gustatory	3 (7.5)
Auditory	1 (2.5)
Mnemonic	1 (2.5)

Aura was present in 27 (67.5%) of 40 patients.

Other seizure characteristics

- **Ictal spreading:**
sensorimotor cortex, SMA,
FEF, and temporo-limbic
region.

Tonic posture, focal motor
Todd's paralysis

Head and eyes version

- Many patients had > 1
seizure types reflecting
different spread patterns

Dysphasia

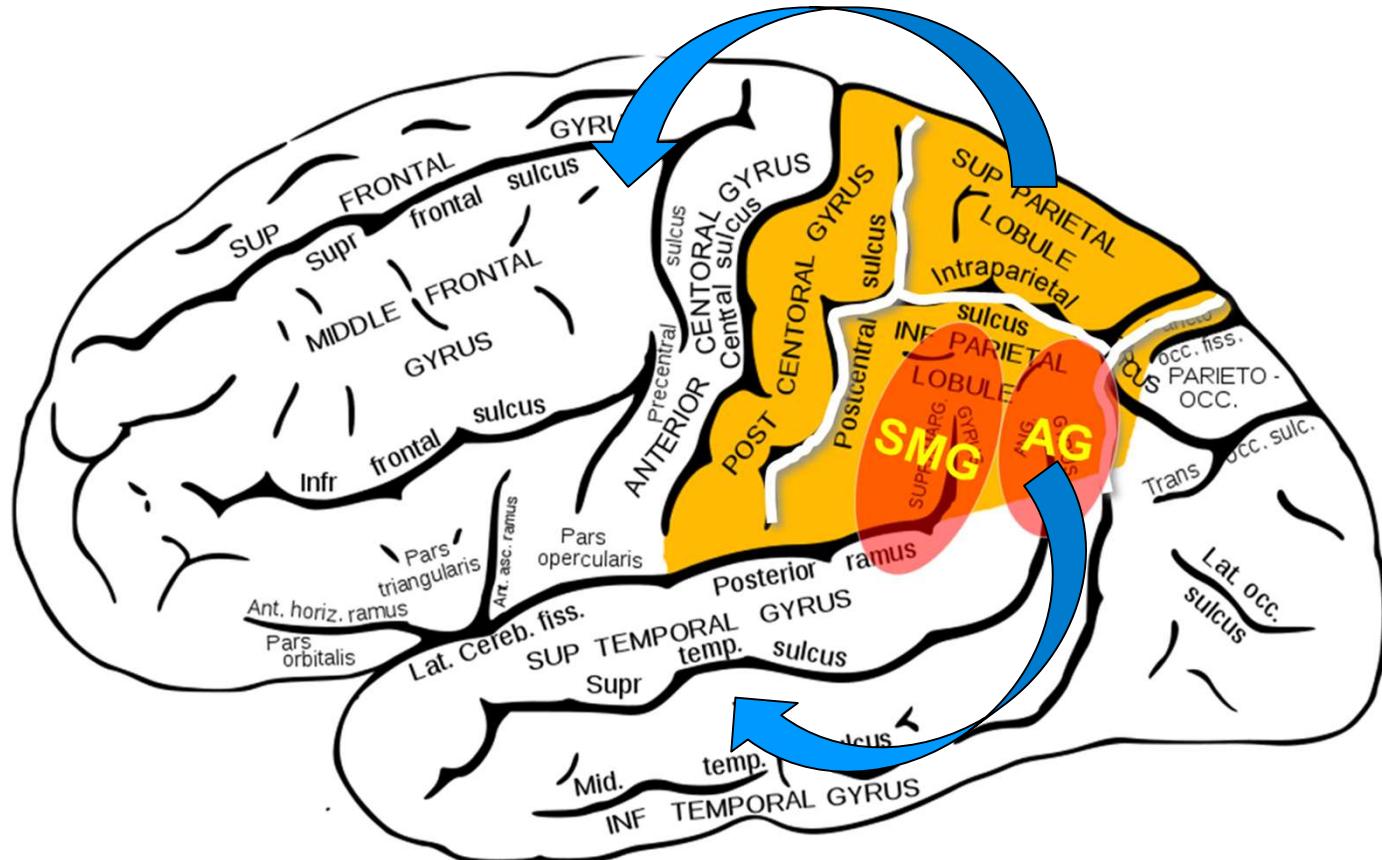
Oral-gestural automatism



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SMA ← tonic / asymmetric tonic posturing ← SPL (61%)



Temporo-limbic areas ← automatisms ← IPL (79%)



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Resnick TJ, et al. Epilepsia 1993;34

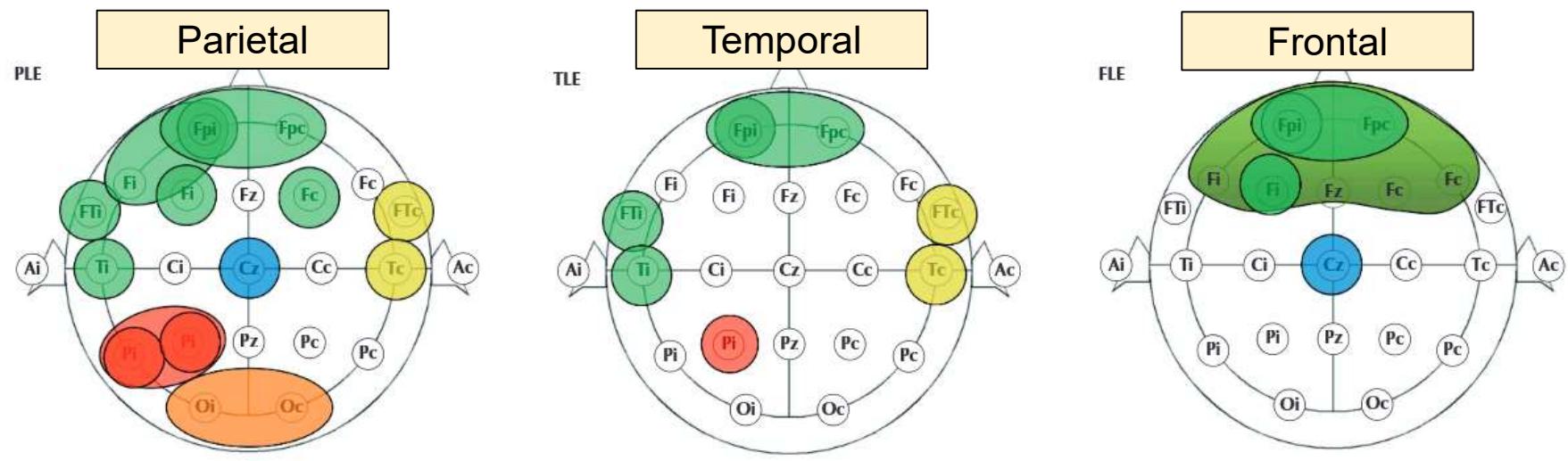
Parietal lobe epilepsy: the great imitator among focal epilepsies

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Interictal discharges

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Ristic AJ, et al. Epileptic disorder 2012;14(1):22-31

The localizing value of ictal EEG in focal epilepsy

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Localization	MTLE, n = 178	NTLE, n = 47	Temporal, n = 225	MFLE, n = 51	LFLE, n = 125	PLE, n = 56	OLE, n = 29	Extratemporal, n = 261	Total, n = 486
Correctly localized*	167 (93)†	35 (74)	202 (90)†	12 (24)	81 (65)	26 (46)	12 (41)	131 (50)	333 (69)
Correctly lateralized	1 (1)	10 (21)‡	11 (5)	1 (1)	8 (6)	—	2 (7)	11 (4)	22 (4)
Total incorrect	5 (3)	2 (4)	7 (3)	—	4 (3)	9 (16)	8 (28)	21 (8)	28 (6)
Mislocalized	5 (3)	—	5	—	—	2	2	4	9
Mislateralized	—	2 (4)	2	—	4 (3)	7	6	17	19
Generalized	5 (3)	—	5 (2)	38 (75)§	32 (26)	21 (38)	7 (24)	98 (38)§	103 (21)

* Includes regional and focal patterns.

† Localized seizures more common in temporal lobe than extratemporal epilepsy, and in MTLE vs LFLE, MFLE, and OLE ($p < 0.001$).

‡ Lateralized seizures more common in NTLE ($p = 0.03$).

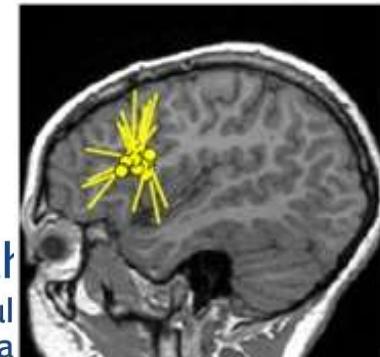
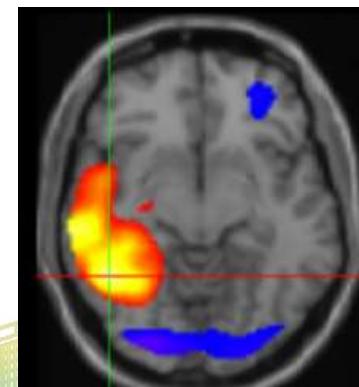
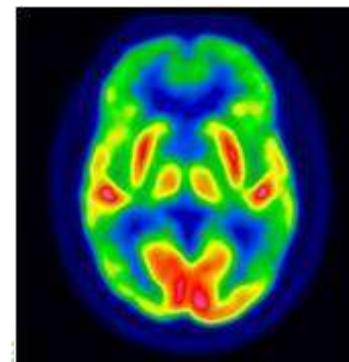
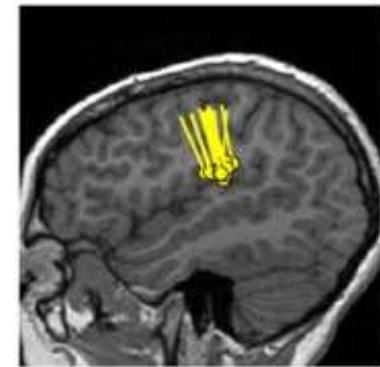
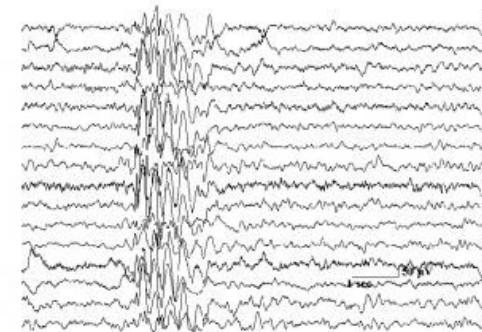
§ Generalized seizures more common in extratemporal epilepsy than temporal lobe epilepsy ($p < 0.001$) and in MFLE than the other subgroups ($p = 0.003$).

MTLE = mesial temporal lobe epilepsy; NTLE = neocortical temporal lobe epilepsy; MFLE = mesial frontal lobe epilepsy; LFLE = lateral frontal lobe epilepsy; PLE = parietal lobe epilepsy; OLE = occipital lobe epilepsy.

- These findings likely reflecting the richly entangled “connectivity” of the parietal lobe.



FP1-F7
F7-T3
T3-T5
T5-O1
FP1-I3
F3-C3
C3-P3
P3-O1
FP2-F4
F4-C4
C4-P4
P4-O2
FP2-I8
F8-T4
T4-T6
T6-O2



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Imaging studies

MRI

No. (n = 26)

Normal		14
Cerebromalacia		4
Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor		1
Cortical dysplasia		1
Sulci widening		1
Calcification		1



Diagnostic modality	No.	Seizure free	Persistent seizure	p Value
Focal Lesion on MRI	26	9/14	3/12	0.062
Hypometabolism on PET	26	7/14	2/12	0.110
Focal hyperperfusion on Ictal SPECT	21	5/11	5/10	1.00
Localized ictal rhythm	26	5/14	5/12	1.00

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Kim DW, et al. Epilepsia 2004;45:641-9

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- Favorable surgical outcome: 22/26 pts
- 14/22 pts were seizure-free
- Favorable outcome:
 - Lesional MRI
 - The concordance rate of the various diagnostic modalities