



Basic EEG for neurology residents "Normal Awake EEG"

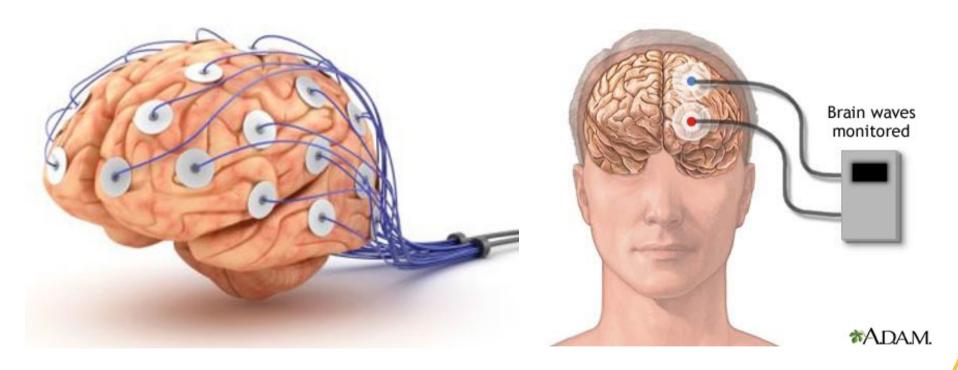






What is EEG?

 Electrical activity of the brain that is recorded from electrodes placed on the scalp









Origin of EEG

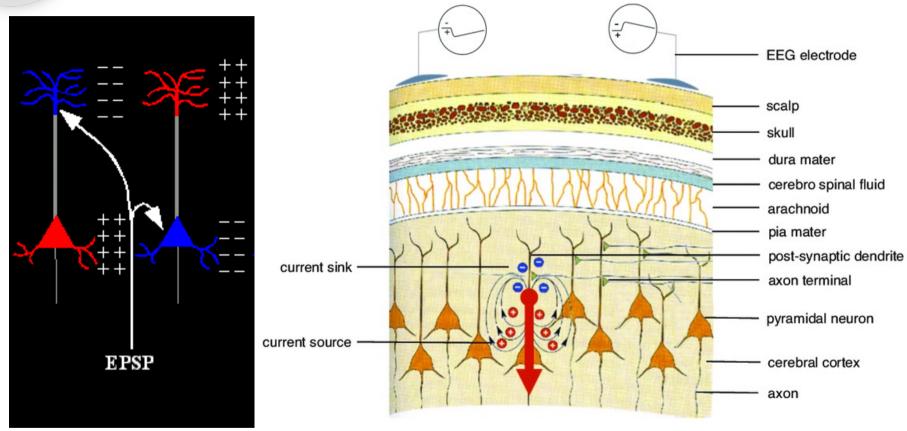
- Summation of inhibitory postsynaptic potentials (IPSPs) and excitatory postsynaptic potentials (EPSPs) from pyramidal neurons
- More than 100,000 neurons
- Not action potential







Recording EEG

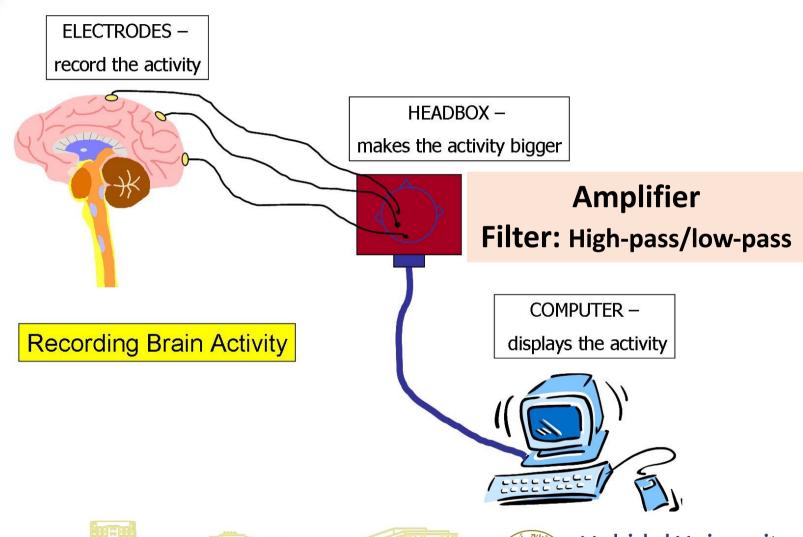








Recording EEG





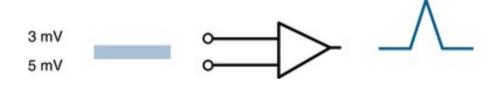


Recording EEG NASION (Fp2) Pos (F8) (F3) (F4) (T3) (T4) LEFT **RIGHT** (P3) (T6) (02) INION Mahidol University Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital Est. 1888

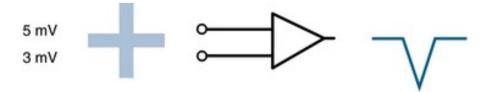


Output from amplifier

- Difference between input1 and input 2
- If input 1 is more negative than input 2 → the pen will deflect up

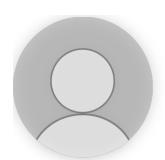


 If input 1 is more positive than input 2 → the pen will deflect down





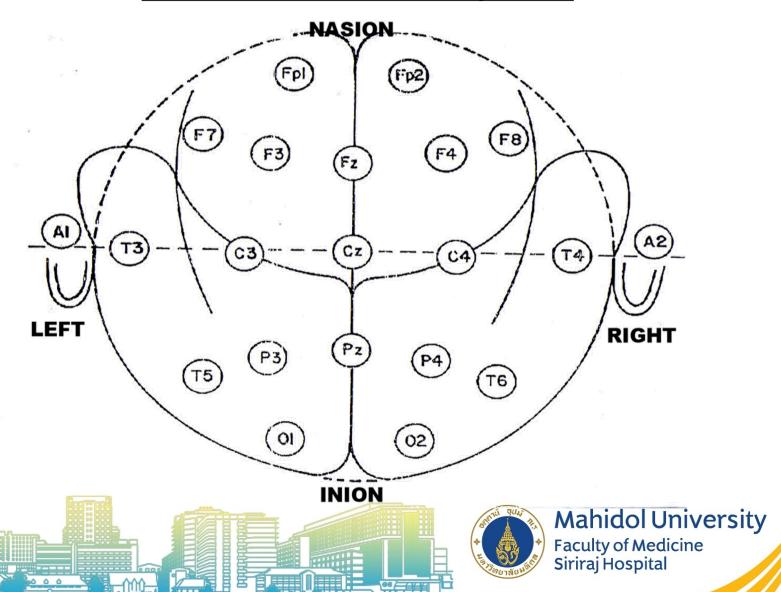




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Electrode placement

International 10-20 system

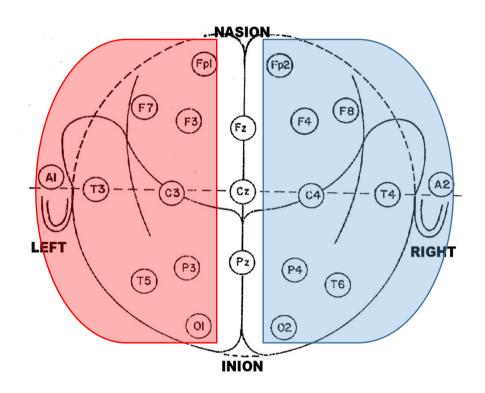




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International 10-20 system

Minimum 21 electrodes



Odd-numbered: LEFT side

Even-numbered: RIGHT side

 Specific letters designate the anatomical area; for example "F" means frontal

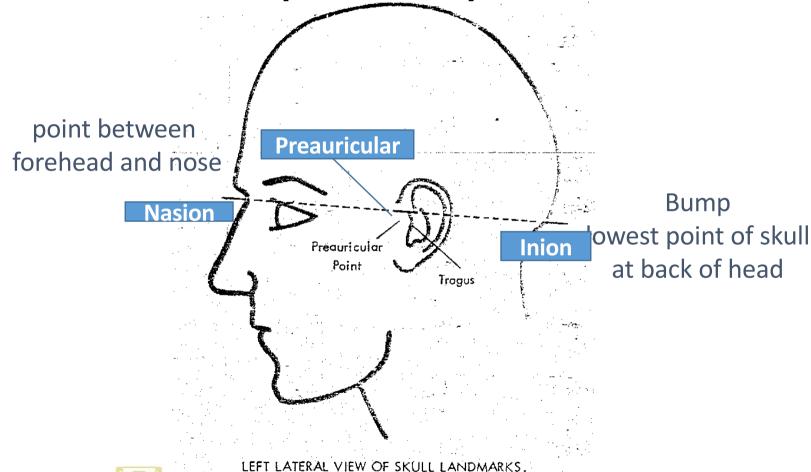






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4 landmarks are used nasion & inion & 2 pre auricular points

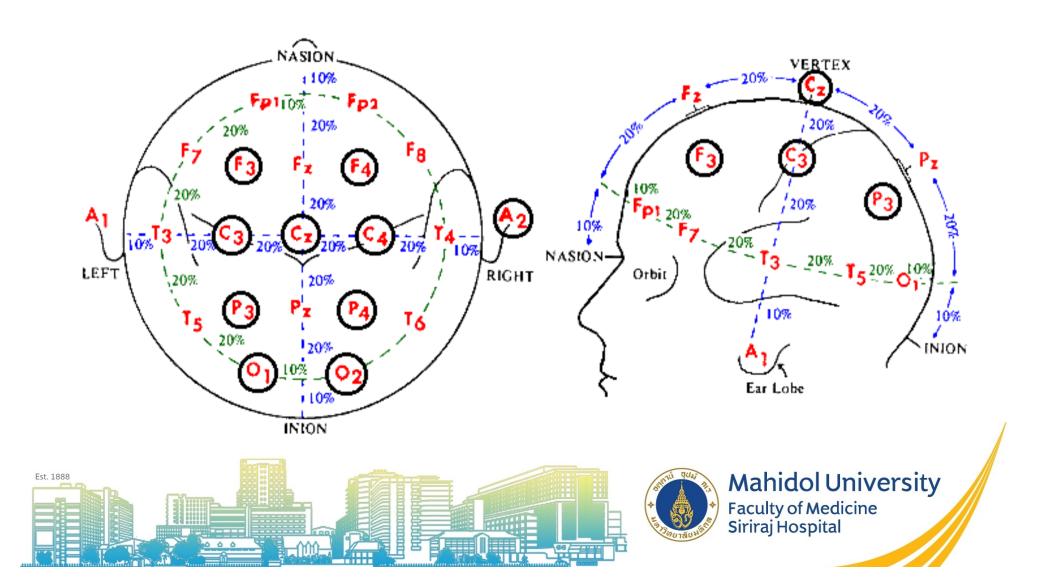






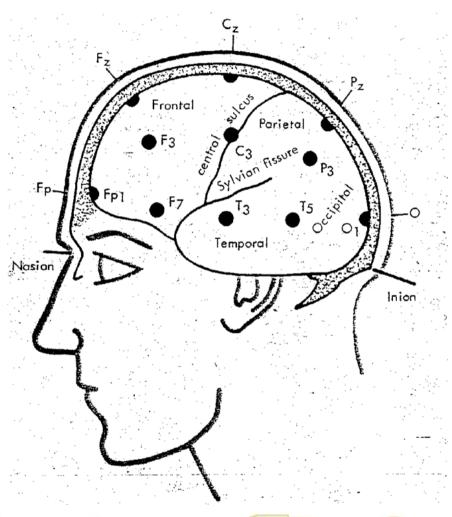


International 10-20 system





Anatomical regions represented by EEG letters

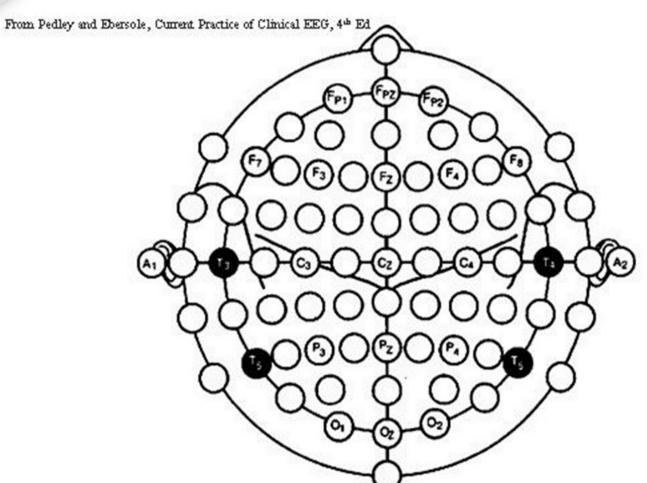








Electrode placement: 10-20 system









Montage

- Referential montages
- Bipolar (Differential) montages

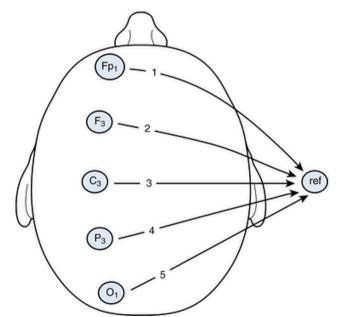






Referential montages

- Common reference electrode connected to input2
- Reference electrode need to be carefully chosen

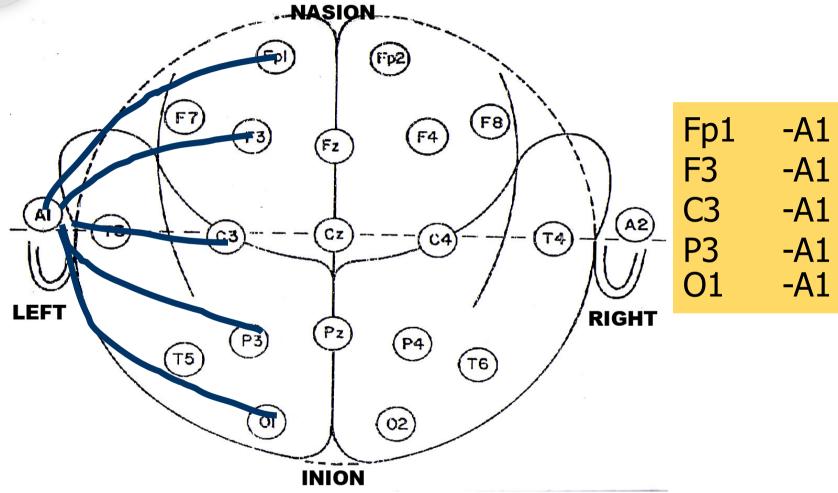








Referential montages









Bipolar montages

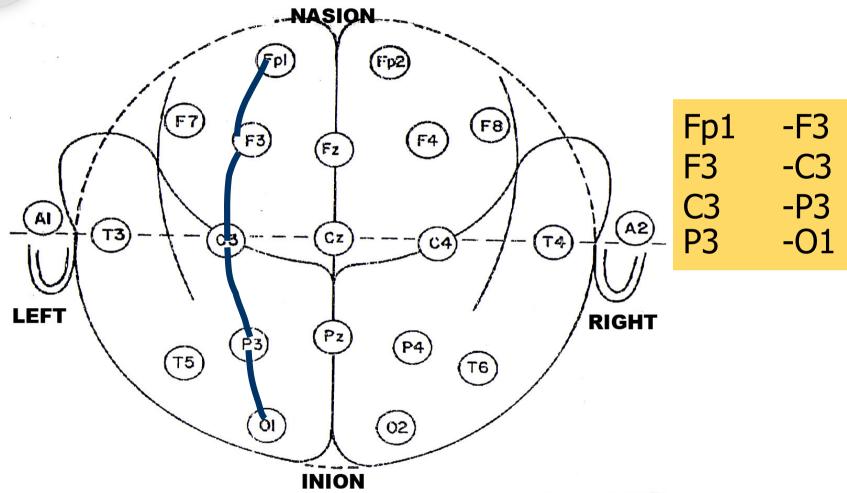
- Input 1 and 2 both connect to active electrodes
- Links serial pairs of electrodes in straight longitudinal or coronal lines





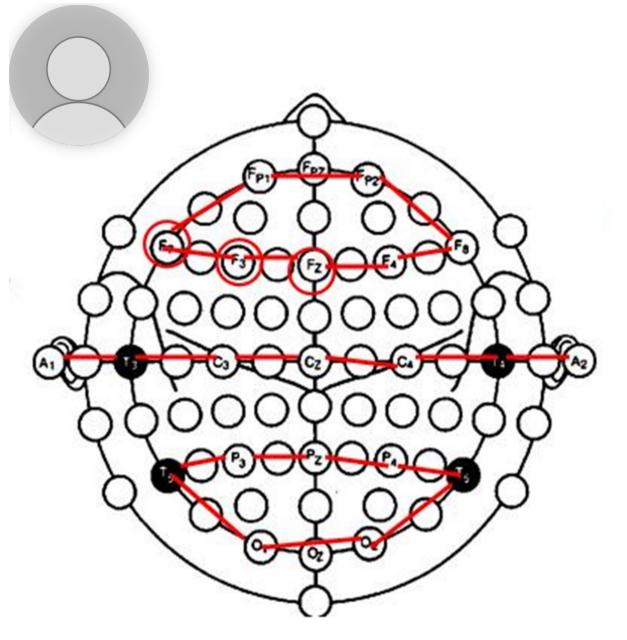


Bipolar montages









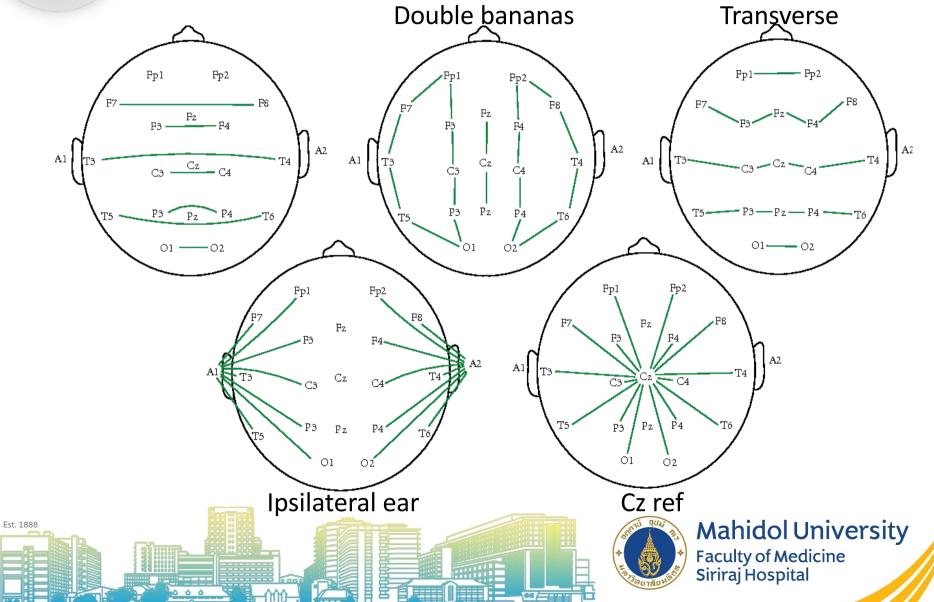
Coronal / transverse bipolar montage:







Common EEG montages





Bipolar montages

Advantage

- Eliminating the problem from contaminated reference
- Less artifacts

Disadvantage

Possibility of signal cancellation







Routine EEG

- Note state of consciousness
- Mental activation
- Photic stimulation
- Hyperventilation
- Other stimulation: Tactile, pain, noise, etc. if indicated





Information needed for EEG interpretation

- Age
- State of consciousness







Description & terminology of EEG activities







What are on EEG records?

Normal physiologic rhythm

Abnormal physiologic rhythm

- Epileptiform discharges (ED)
- Nonepileptiform discharges

Artifacts

- Physiologic artifacts
- Nonphysiologic artifacts







Description & terminology

- Wave form
- Interhemispheric coherence: symmetry, synchrony
- Repetition
- Frequency
- Amplitude
- Symmetry
- Distribution/location
- Occurrence
- Reactivity

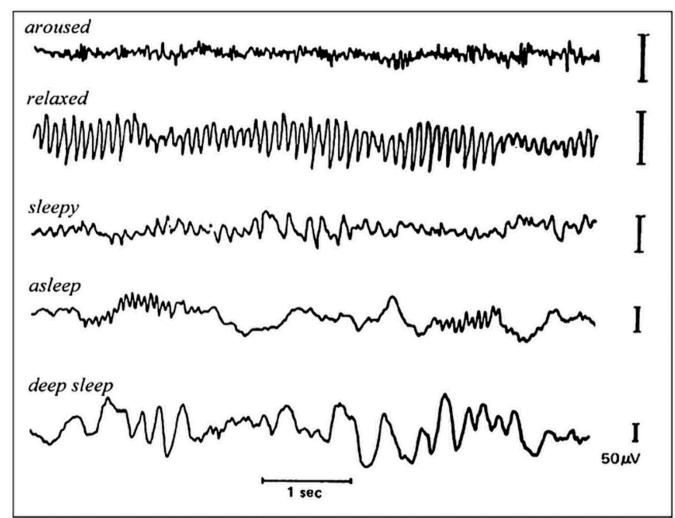






Wave form

- Non-ED
 - Regular
 - Sinusoidal



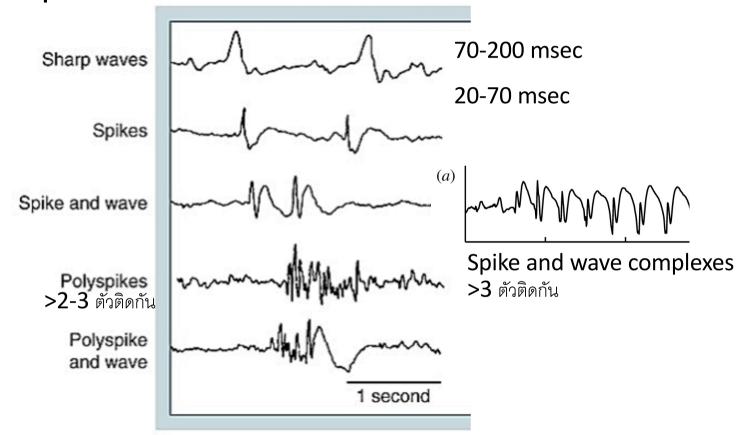






Wave form

Epileptiform









Repetition

- Rhythmic (regular): sinusoidal
- Non-rhythmic (irregular): polymorphic



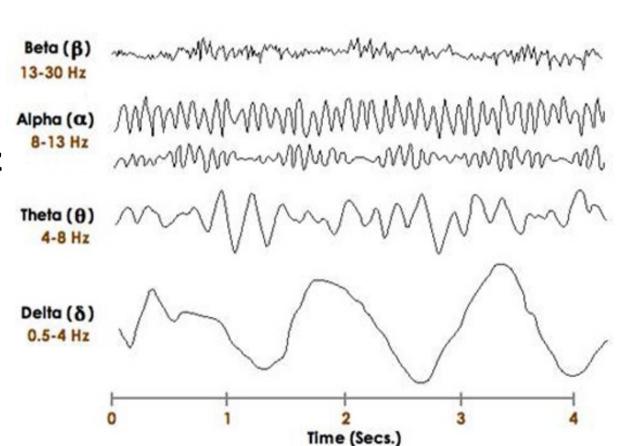




Frequency

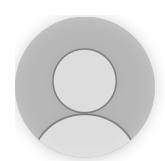
- Delta: <4 Hz
- Theta: 4-<8 Hz
- Alpha: 8-<13 Hz
- Beta: >13 Hz

- Slow → <8Hz
- Fast \rightarrow >13 Hz









Amplitude

• Low: <20 uV

• Medium or moderate: 20-50 uV

• High: >50 uV







Distribution

- Widespread, diffuse or generalized
- Lateralized (hemisphere)
- Focal (lobe)







Occurrence

- Intermittent or occasionally
 - <70-80%
- Continuous or persistence
 - >80%







Normal awake EEG







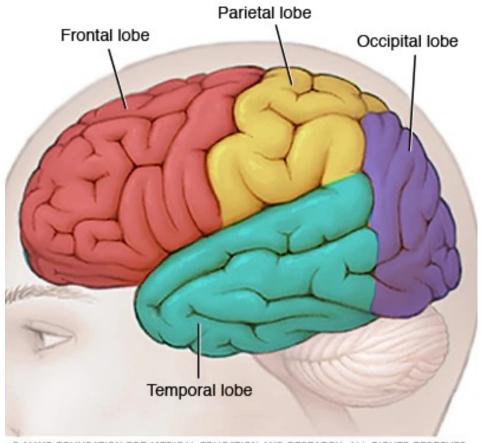
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State of consciousness

- Awake EEG
- Sleep EEG

Location

Different rhythm



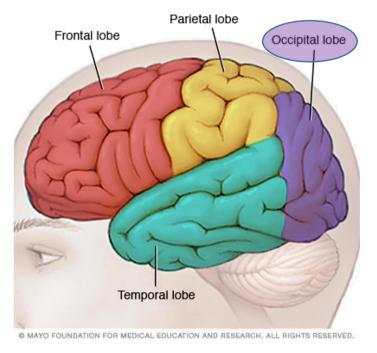
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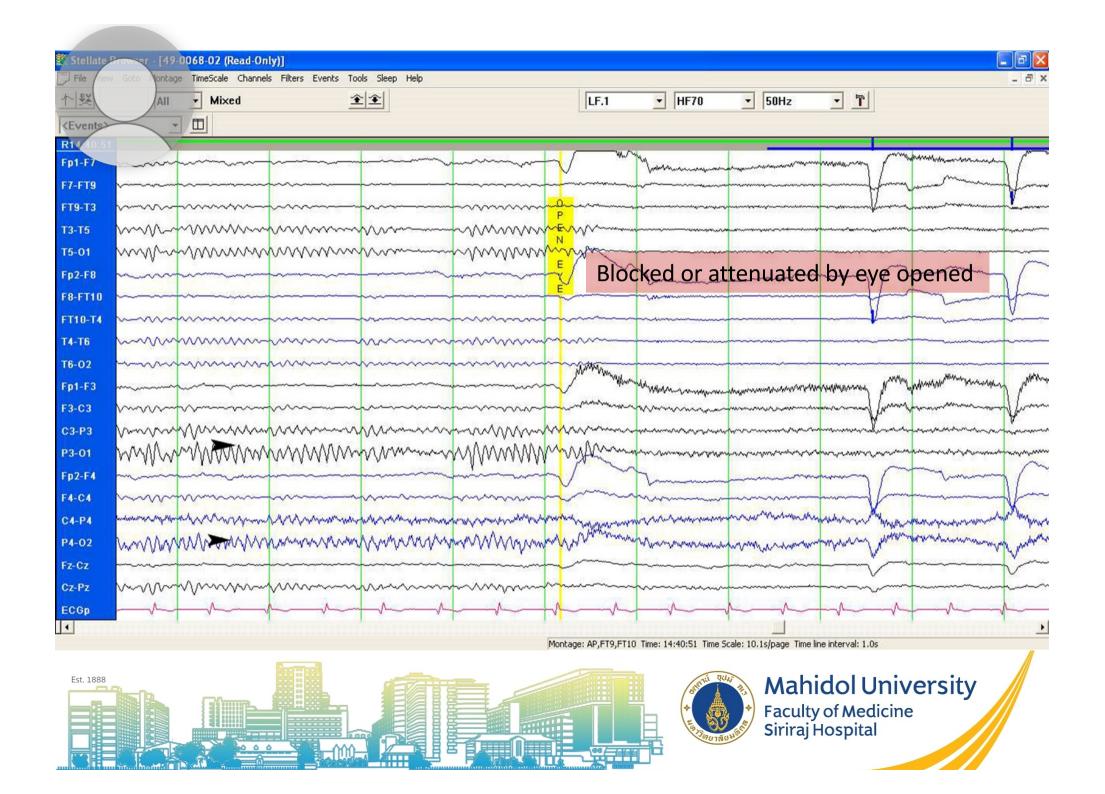
Posterior dominant background (alpha rhythm)



- Frequency: 8-13 Hz,
 - 3-4 Hz in newborn, up to 8 Hz by 3-6 yo
- Voltage: depends on age, higher voltage in children
- Waveform: regular, waxing and waning in amplitude
- Occurrence: continuous during awake
- Location: occipital, parietal, posterior temporal, symmetric
- Reactivity: reduced with eye opening









Posterior dominant rhythm: Age dependent

• 4 months 4 Hz

• 5 months to 1 year 5-6 Hz

• 3 years 8 Hz (>80% of age group)

• 9 years 9 Hz

• 15 years 10 Hz

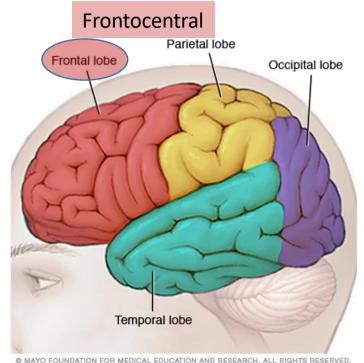
- about 1 Hz different between Rt./Lt. hemisphere
- ¼ of normal, alpha rhythm is poorly visualized
- Amplitude: Rt > Lt







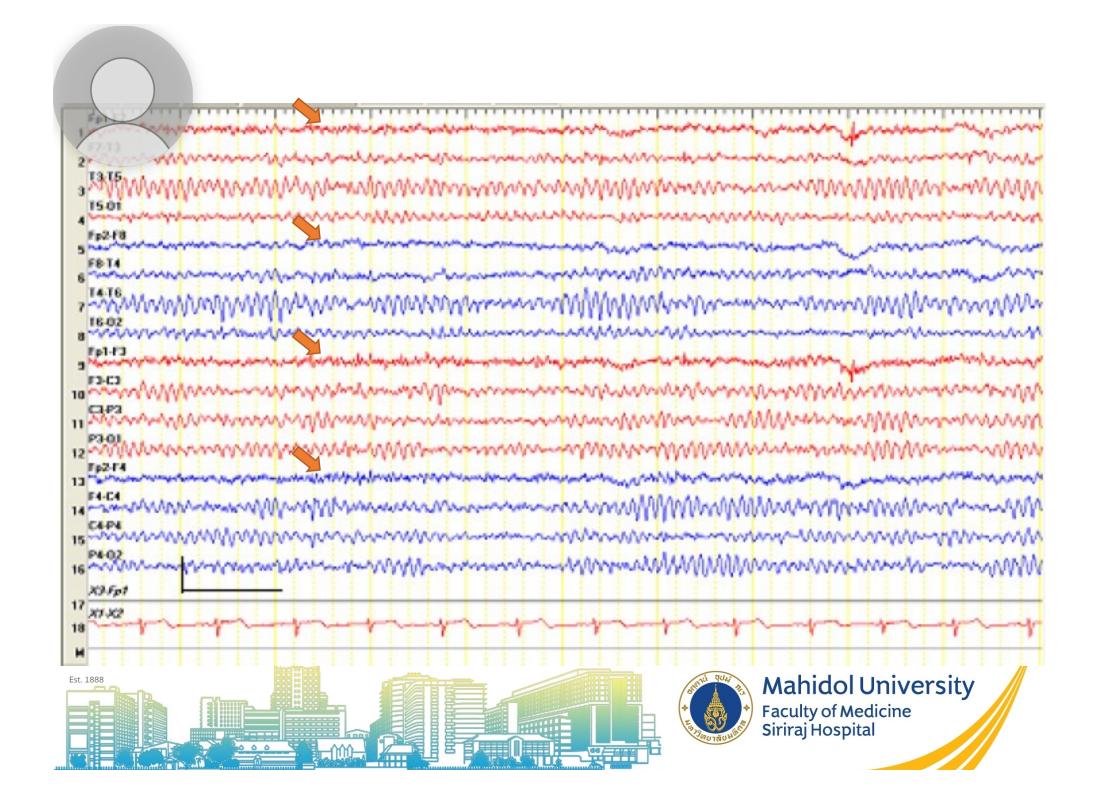
Frontal Beta rhythm



- Frequency: >13 Hz (common 18-25 Hz)
- Voltage: low voltage, usually < 20 uV
- Occurrence: irregular but continuous during awake, may be more prominent with drowsiness
- Location: Frontocentral region, symmetric

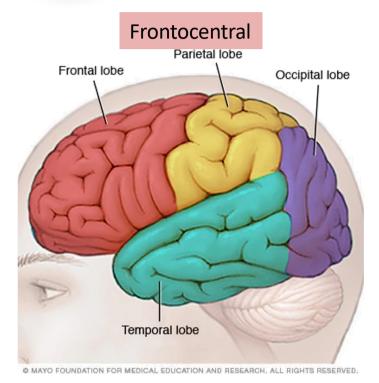








Mu rhythm



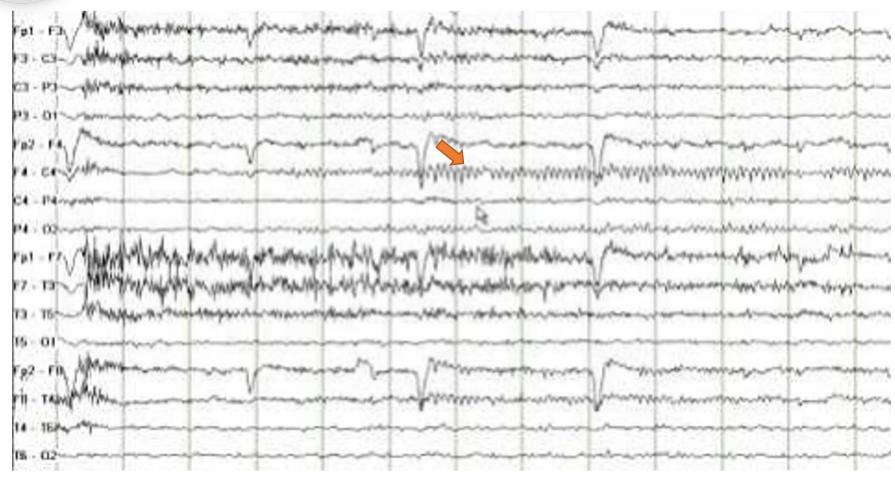
- Resting state of motor neuron
- Frequency: 8-10 Hz
- Voltage: similar to alpha rhythm
- Waveform: arch like
- Occurrence: intermittent, 17-19% in young adult, less in elderly or children
- Location: central region
- Reactivity: blocks with movement of contralateral extremity
- Can be unilateral/ asymmetric







Mu rhythm

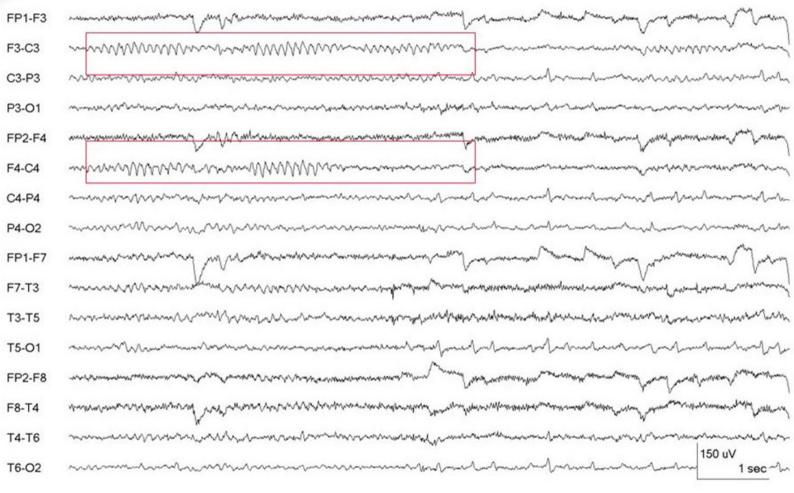








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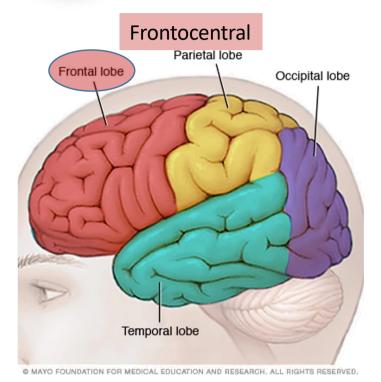








Theta rhythm



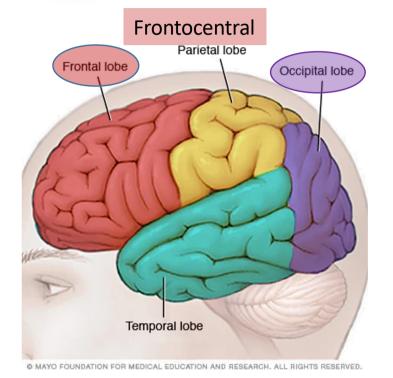
- Frequency: 4-7 Hz (most commonly 6-7 Hz)
- Voltage: similar to alpha rhythm
- Occurrence: irregular
- Enhance with drowsiness/ light sleep
- Location: Frontal, frontocentral region, symmetric

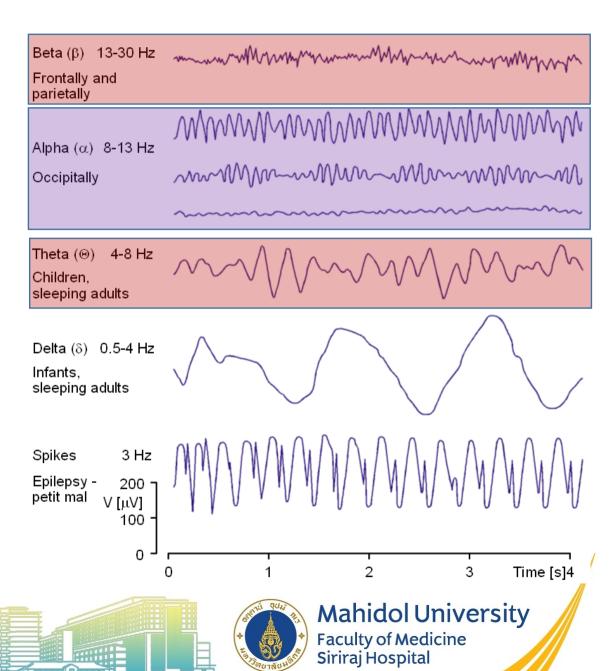


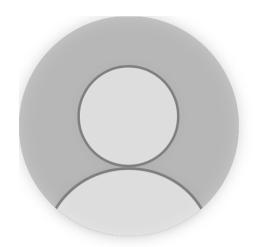




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