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# INTRODUCTION TO ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY

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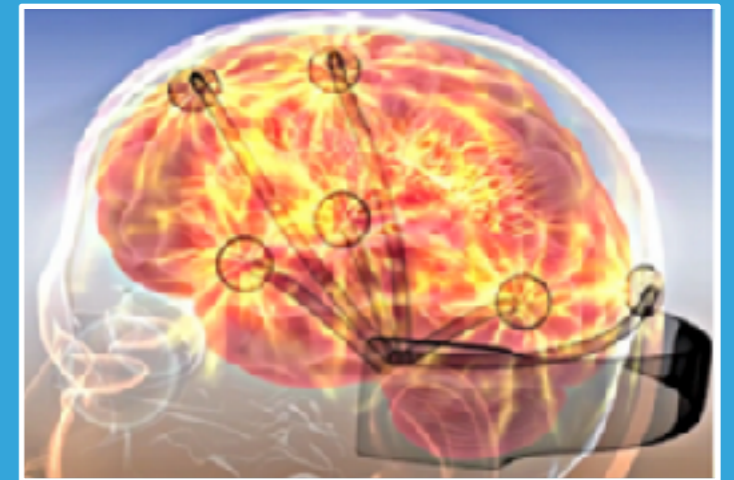
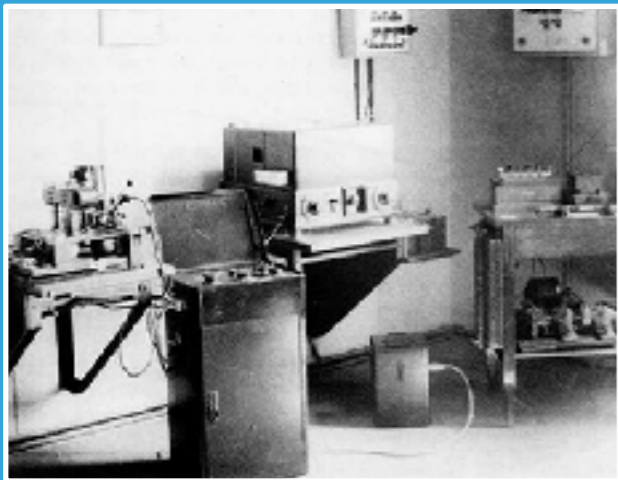
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# OUTLINE

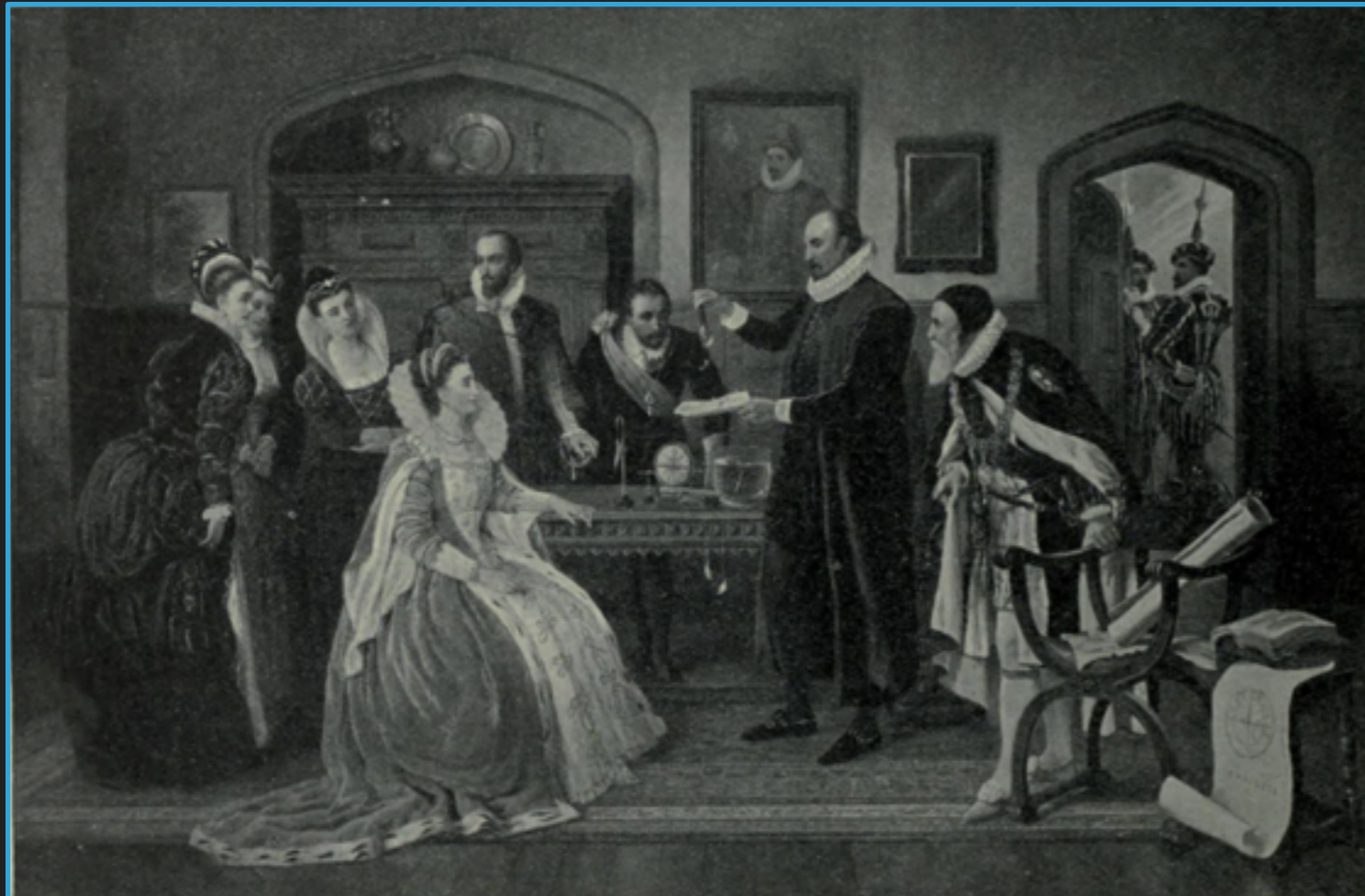
- ▶ History
- ▶ Electrical fields of the brain
- ▶ Techniques of recording (EEG)
- ▶ What we try to record and why ?
- ▶ Examples of usefulness in clinical practice

# HISTORY



Because it matters...

# The history starts with the demystification



William Gilbert (1554-1603)

"DE MAGNETES", 1600

THE GREAT MAGNET OF THE EARTH AND A NEW PHYSIOLOGY  
DEMONSTRATED BY MANY ARGUMENTS AND EXPERIMENTS



- ▶ He was the private physician of Queen Elisabeth and provided scientific explanations of phenomena which until then were considered mystical and supernatural

and continues scientifically...



Luigi Galvani (1737-1798)

Proves the existence of internal electricity in animals



Richard Caton (1842-1926)

Records electricity in animals



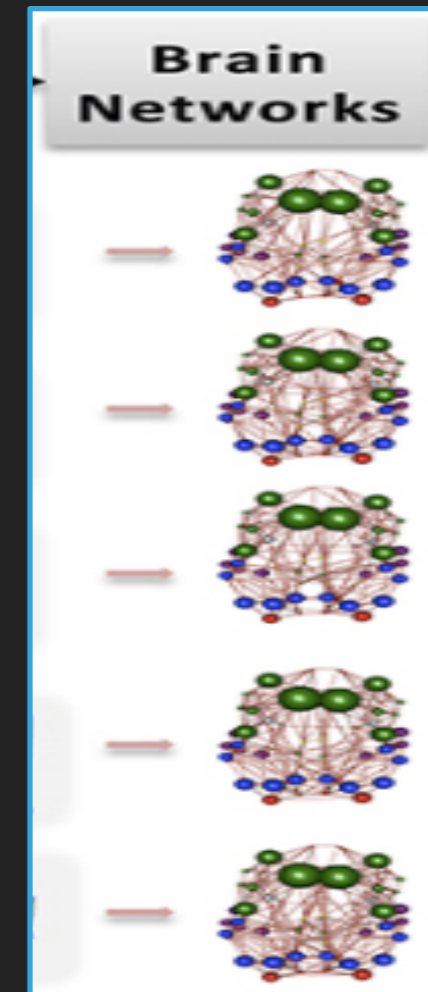
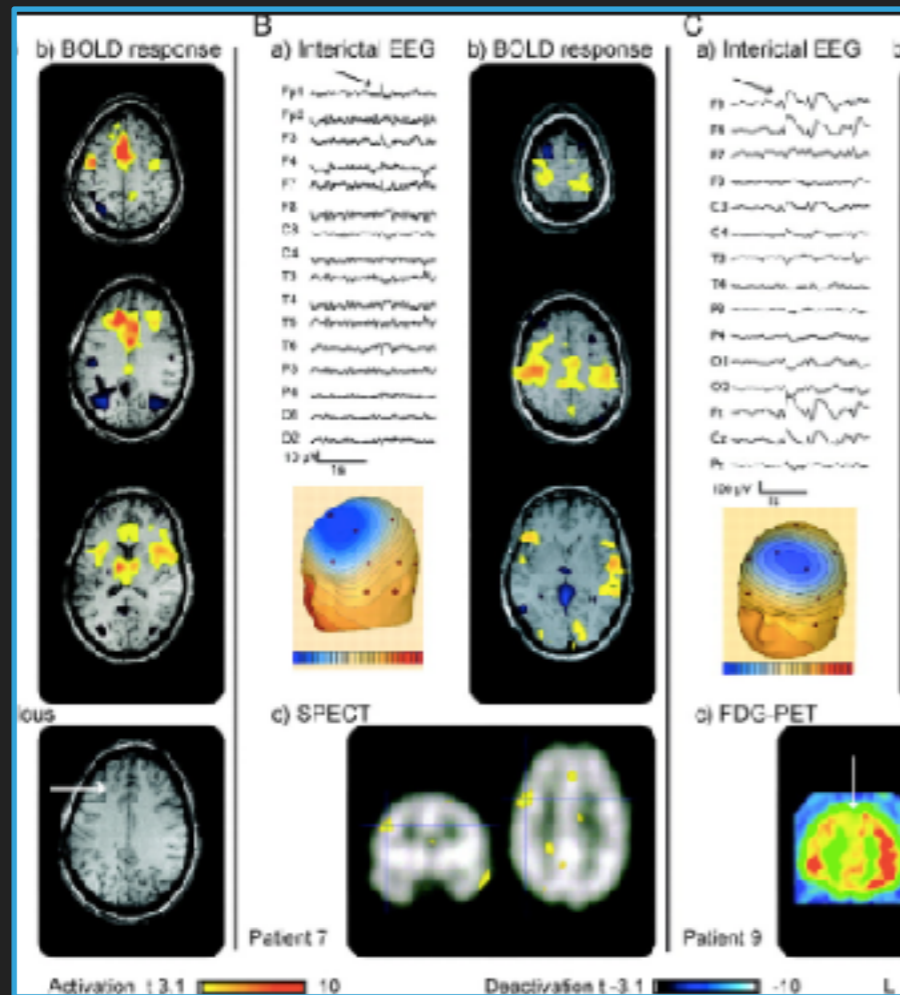
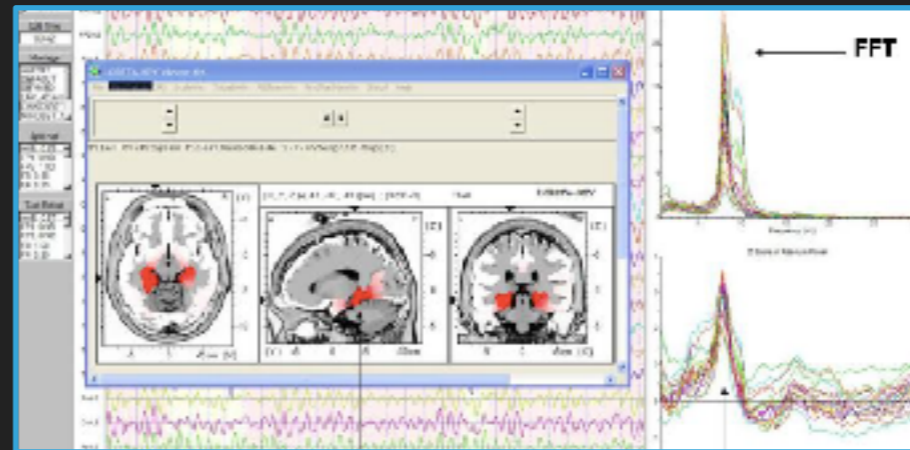
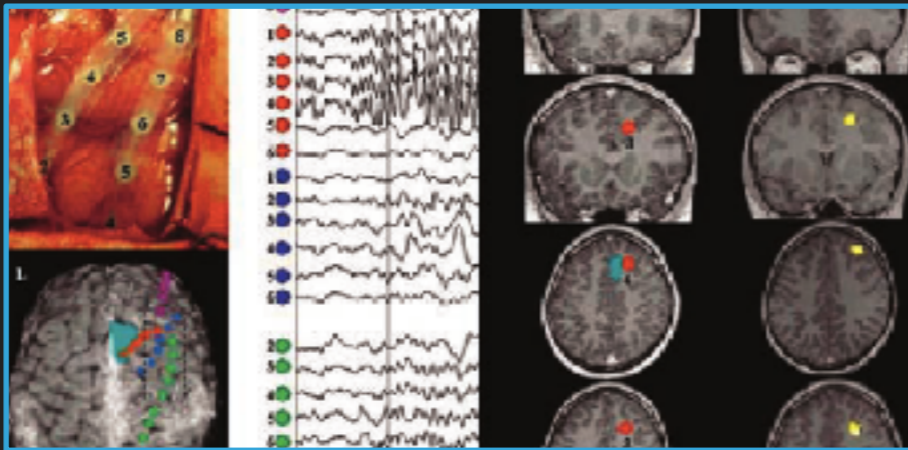
Hans Berger (1873-1941)

Records electricity in humans

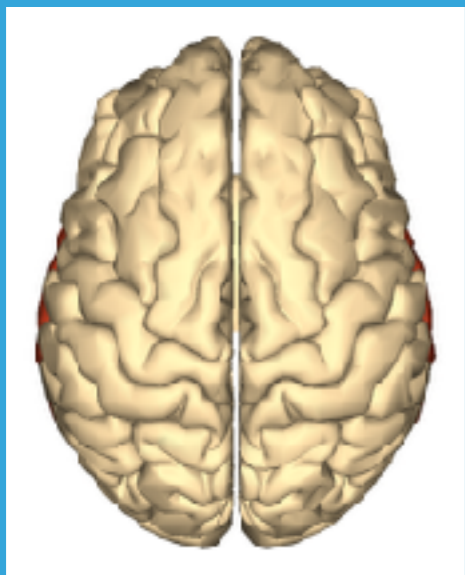
The first human EEG trace



to come up today with more sophisticated techniques



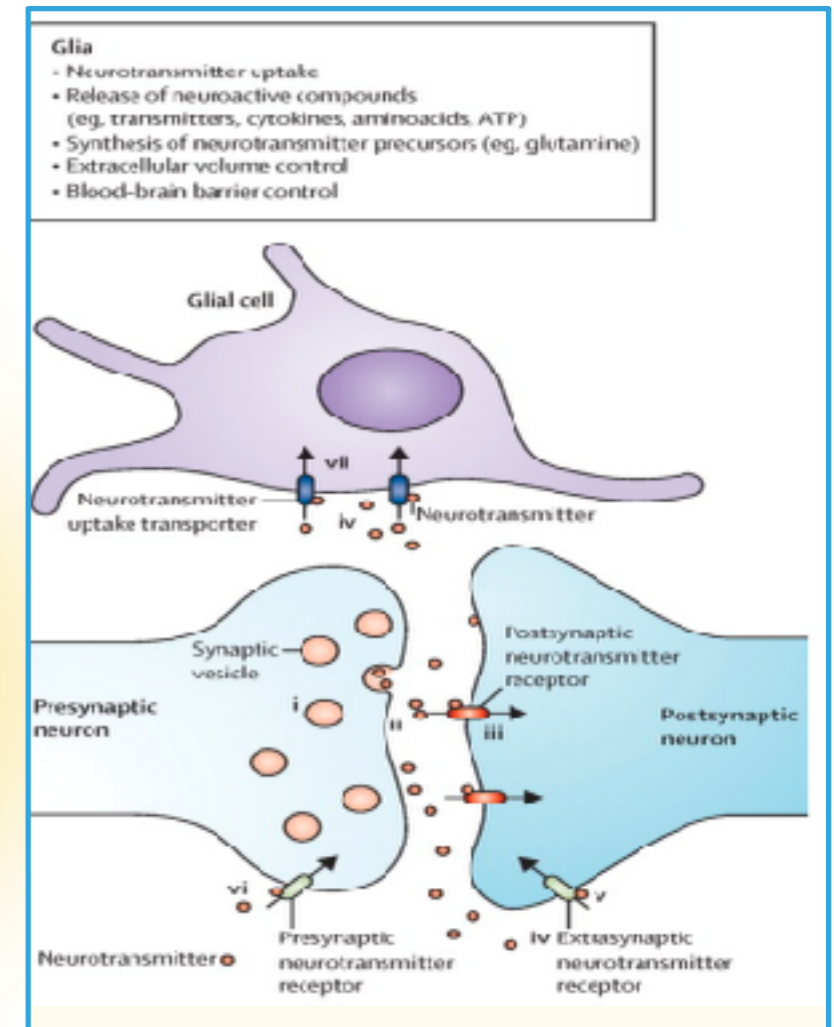
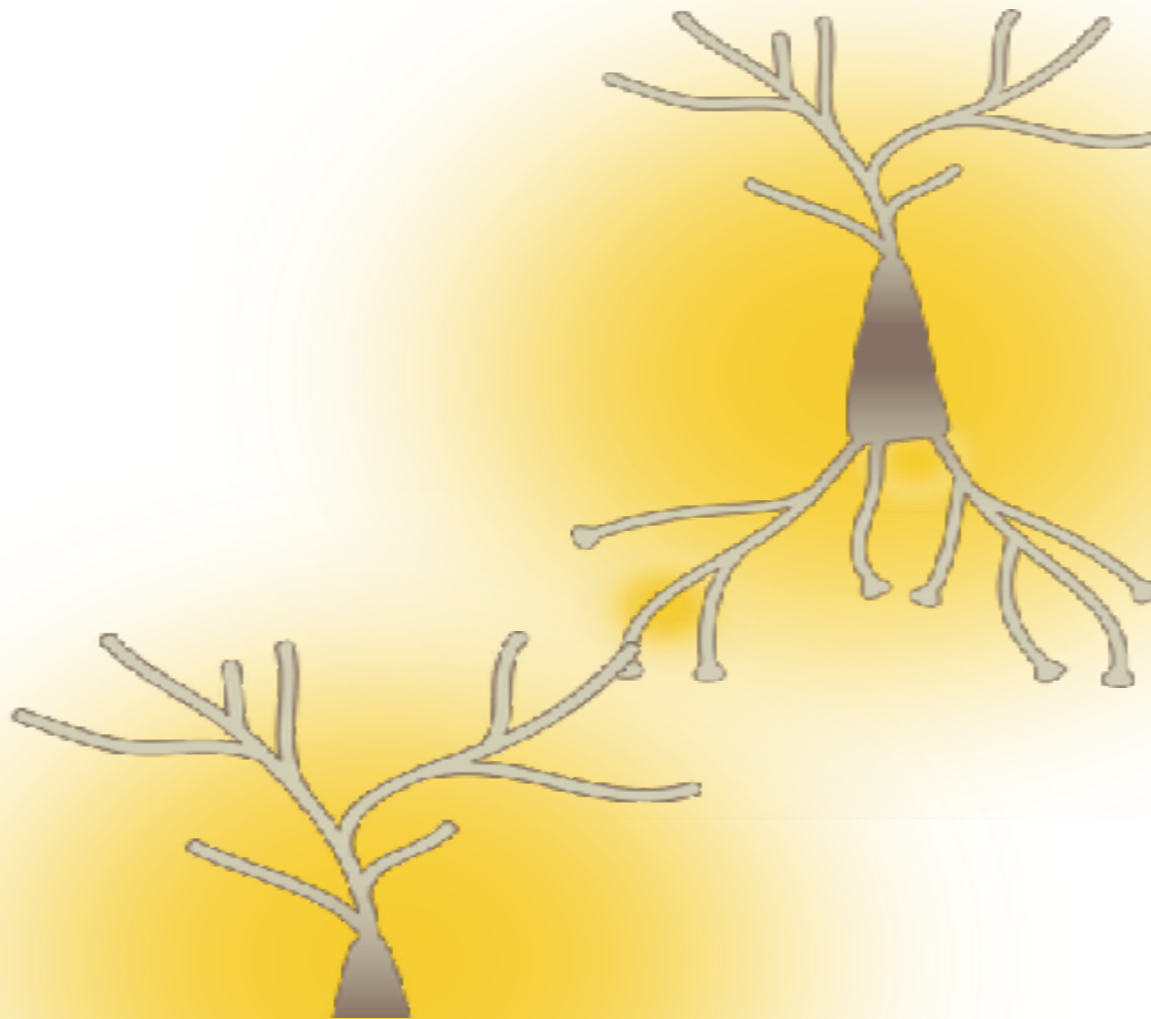
# GOING DEEP INTO HUMAN BRAIN



- Billions of neurons need to communicate
- The electrical currents play the main role

To move, to sense, to feel, to think...

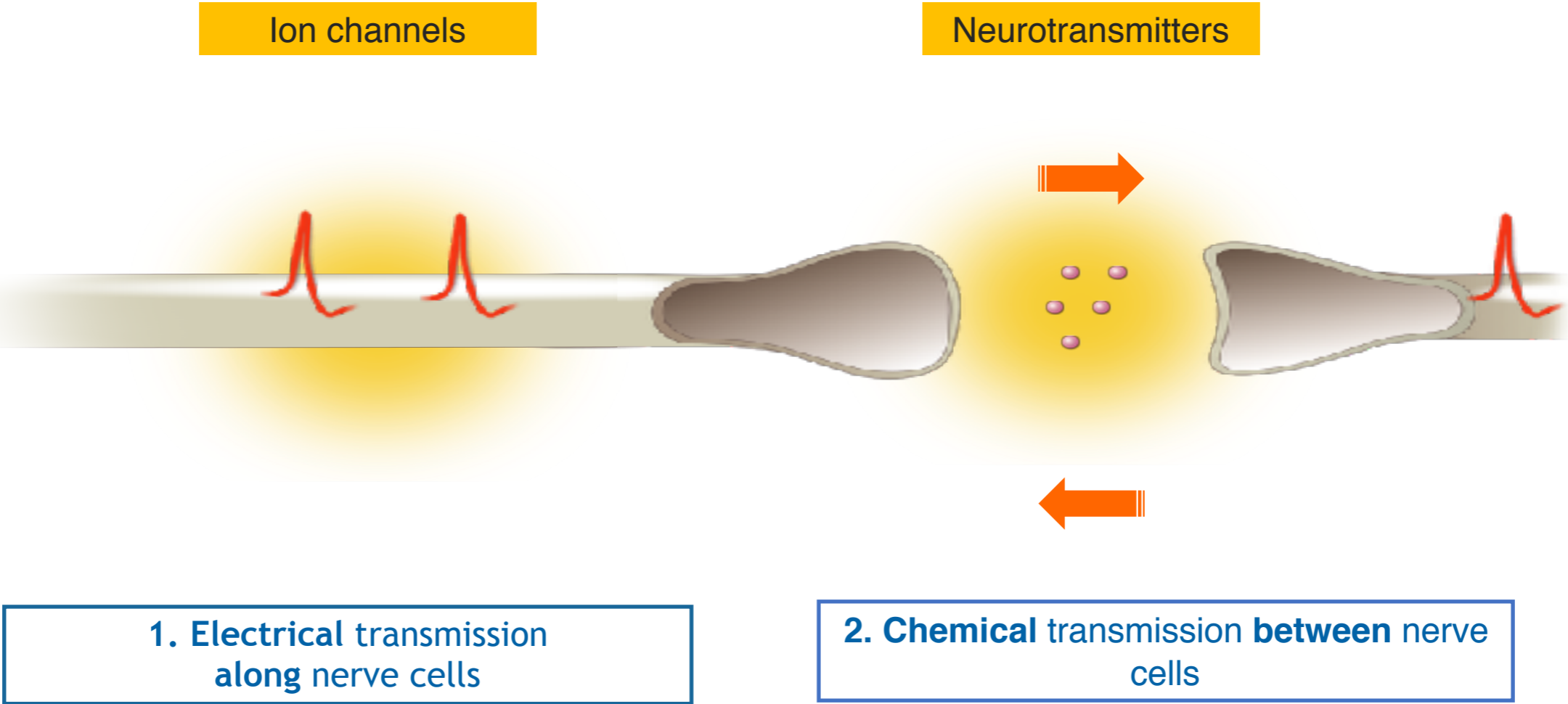
# THE SIGNAL TRAVELS WITH ELECTRICAL CURRENTS (IN GENERAL)





# NEURO TRANSMISSION (IN SPECIFIC)

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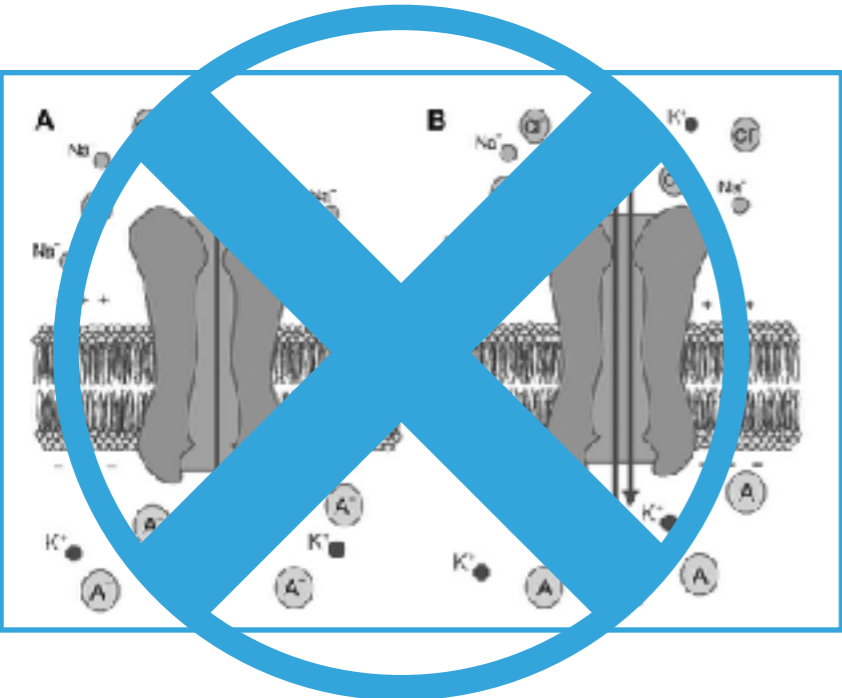
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# NEUROTRANSMISSION



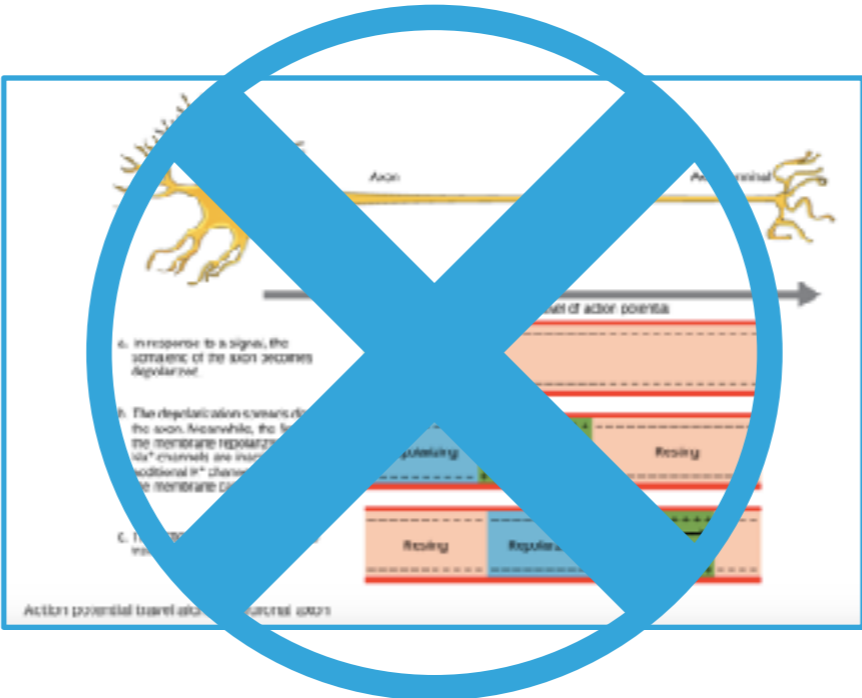
# ABILITY TO RECORD IN CELLULAR LEVEL

## RESTING POTENTIALS,



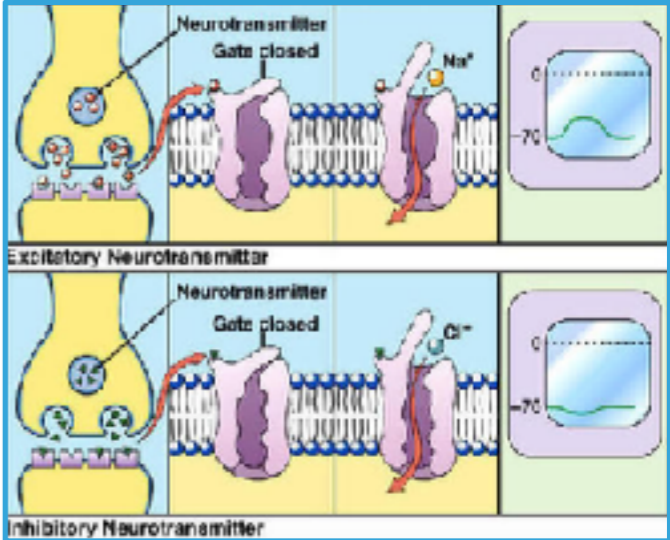
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## ACTION POTENTIALS,



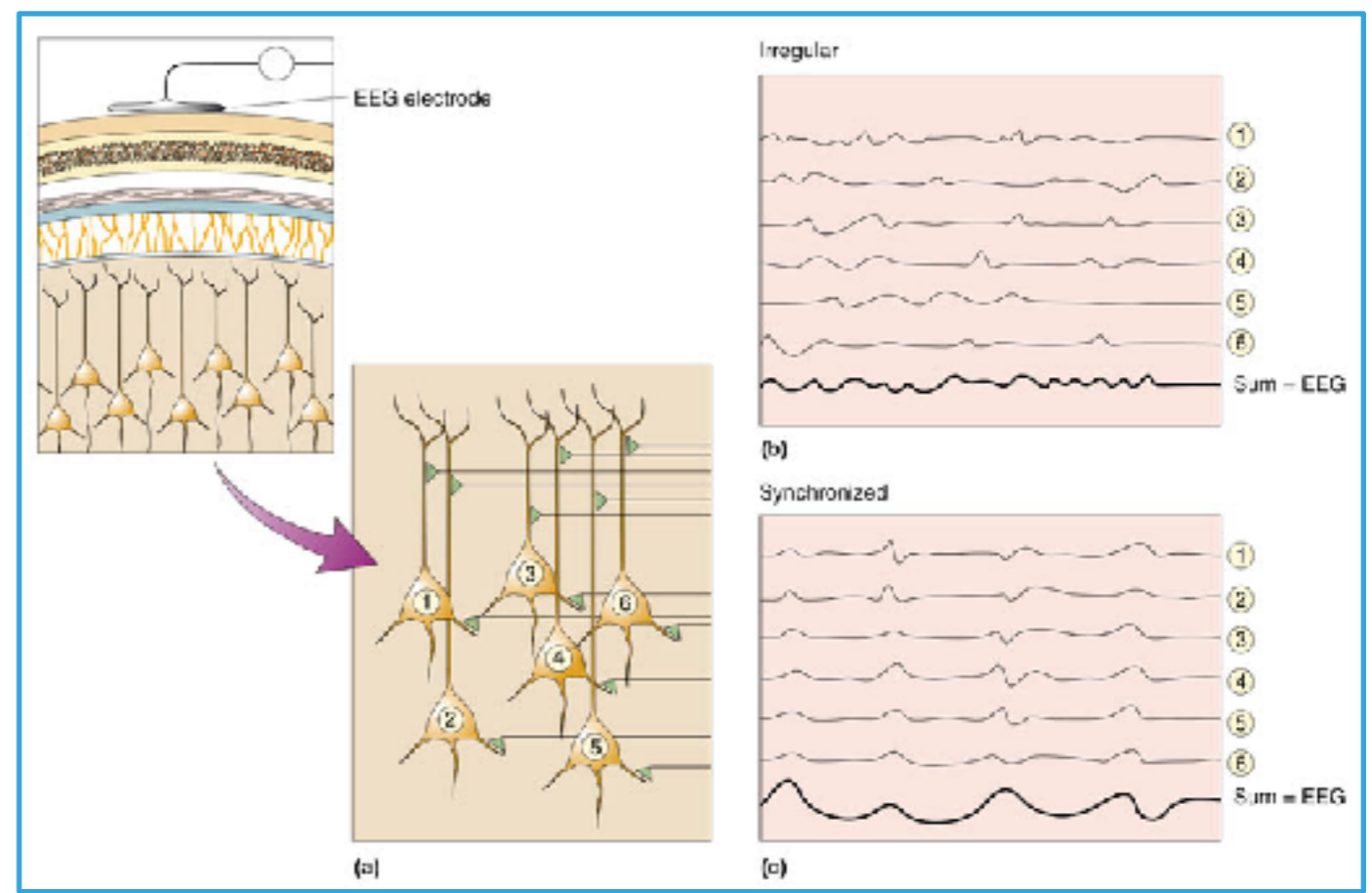
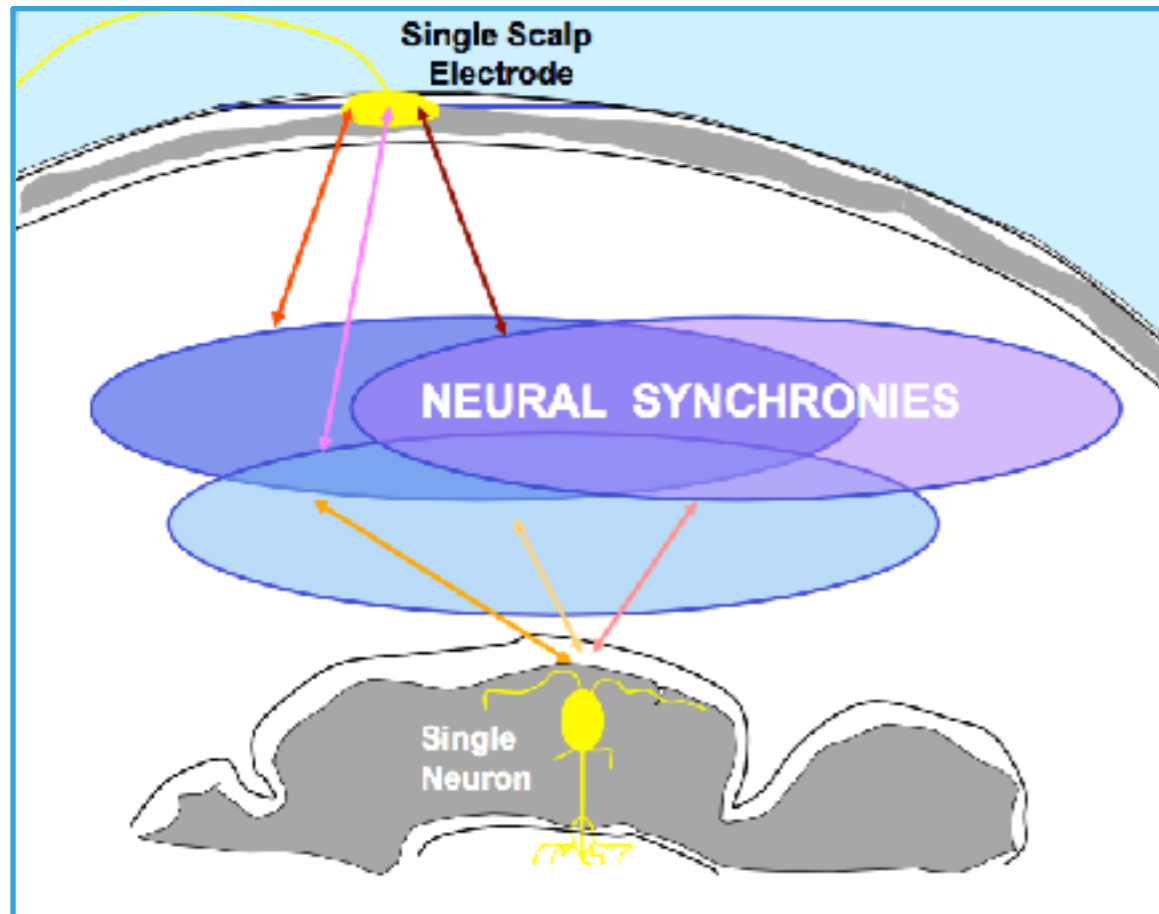
Very short

## POSTSYNAPTIC POTENTIALS

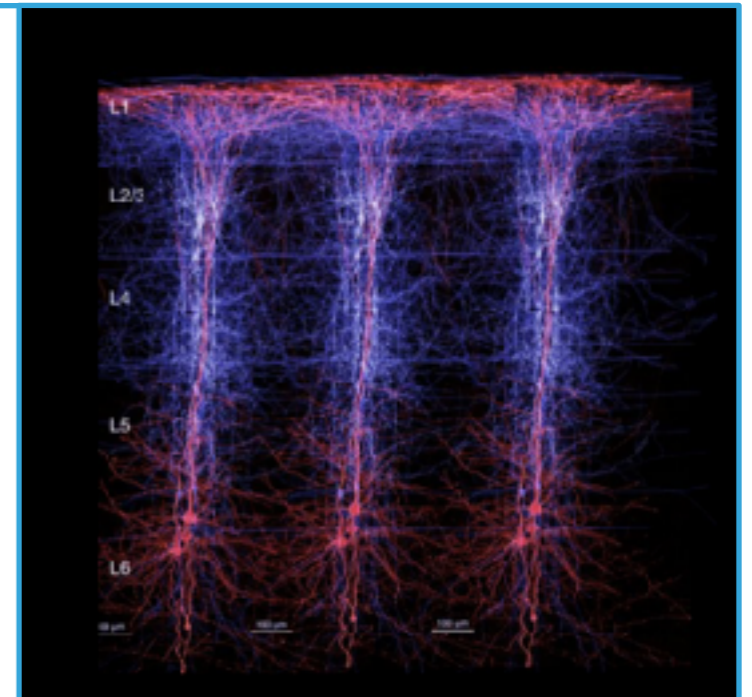
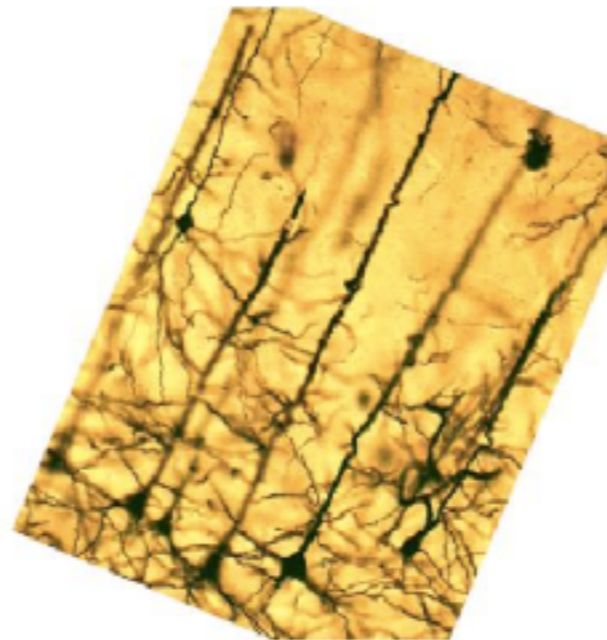
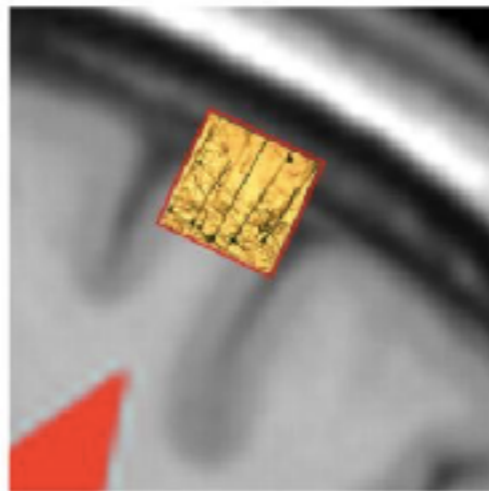
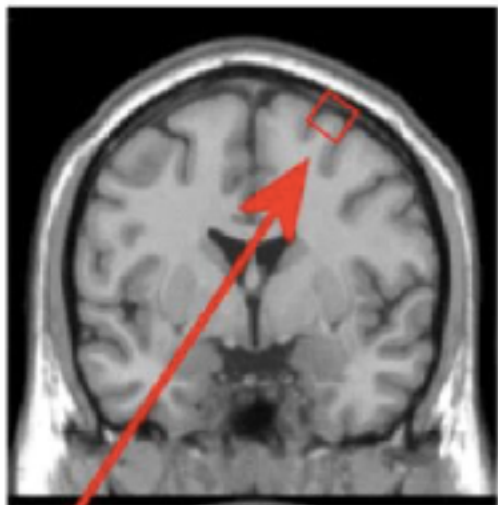
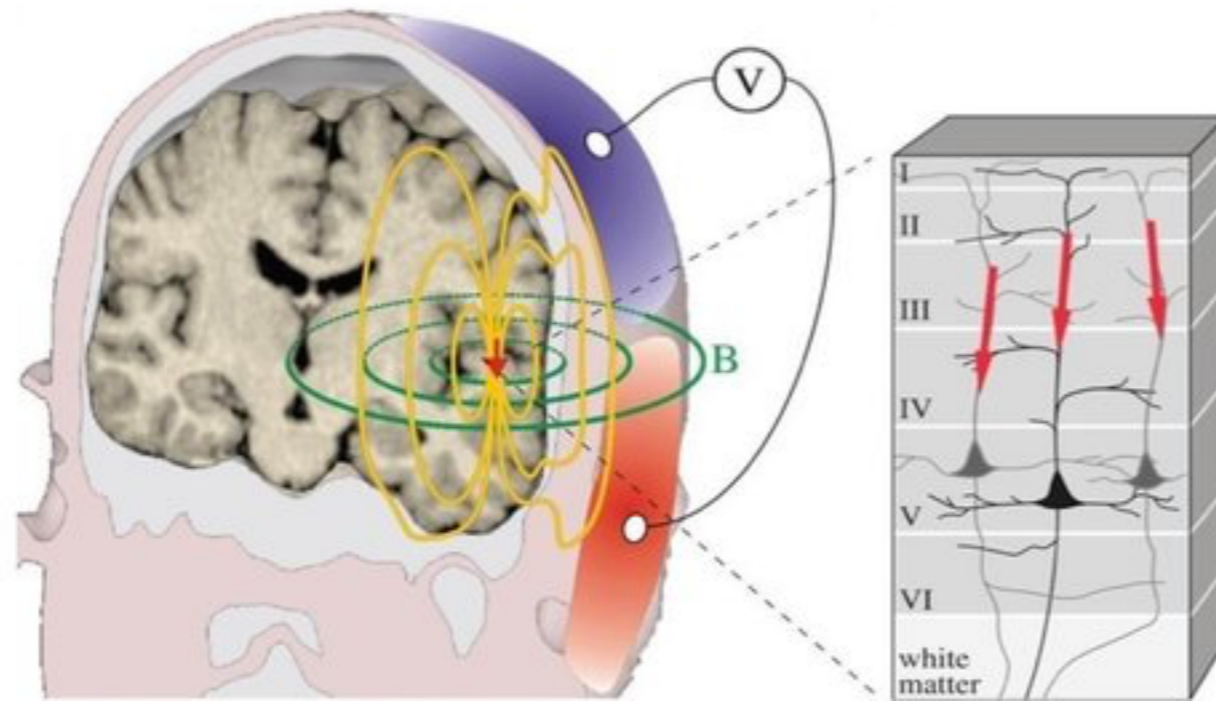


Large and lasting enough

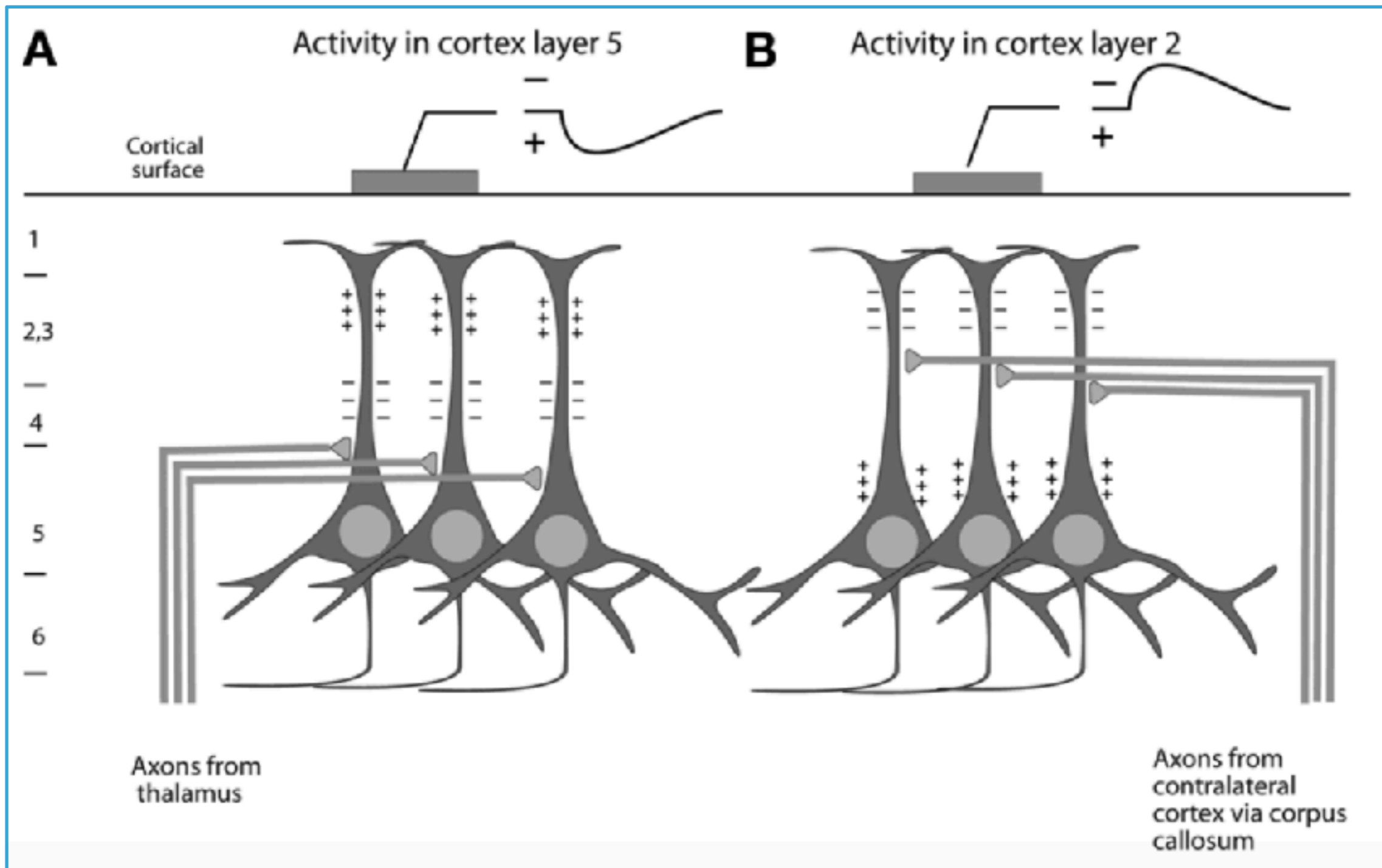
# IN ORDER TO BE RECORDED...NEED TO BE MASSIVE AND SYNCHRONIZED



# LARGE PYRAMIDAL NEURONS OF CORTEX



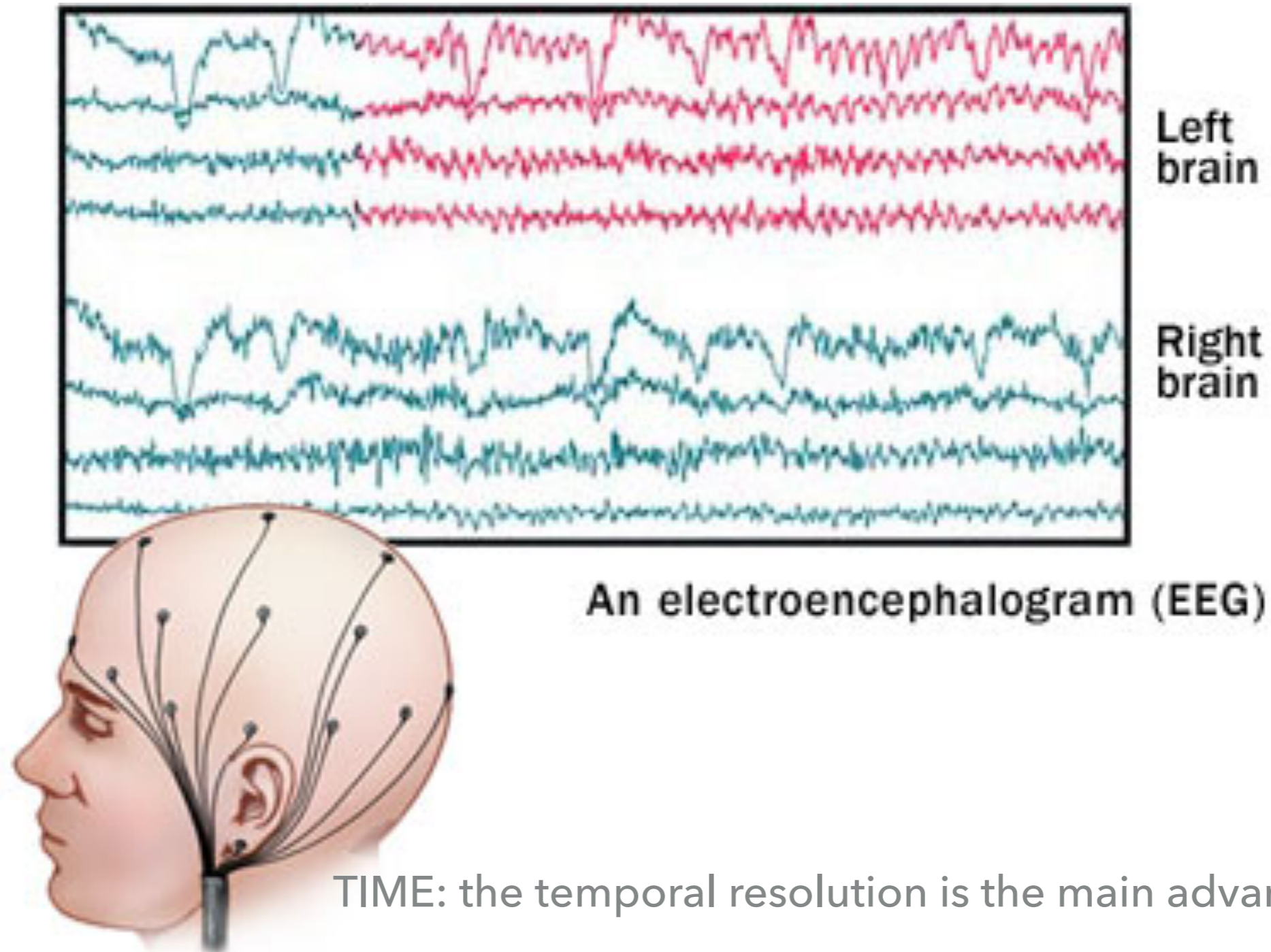
# EXCITATORY AND INHIBITORY EFFECTS



# **ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY (EEG)**

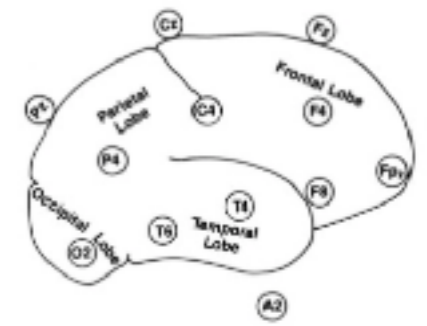
**Basic principles and limitations**

## A LIVE GLANCE AT A BRAIN WORKING

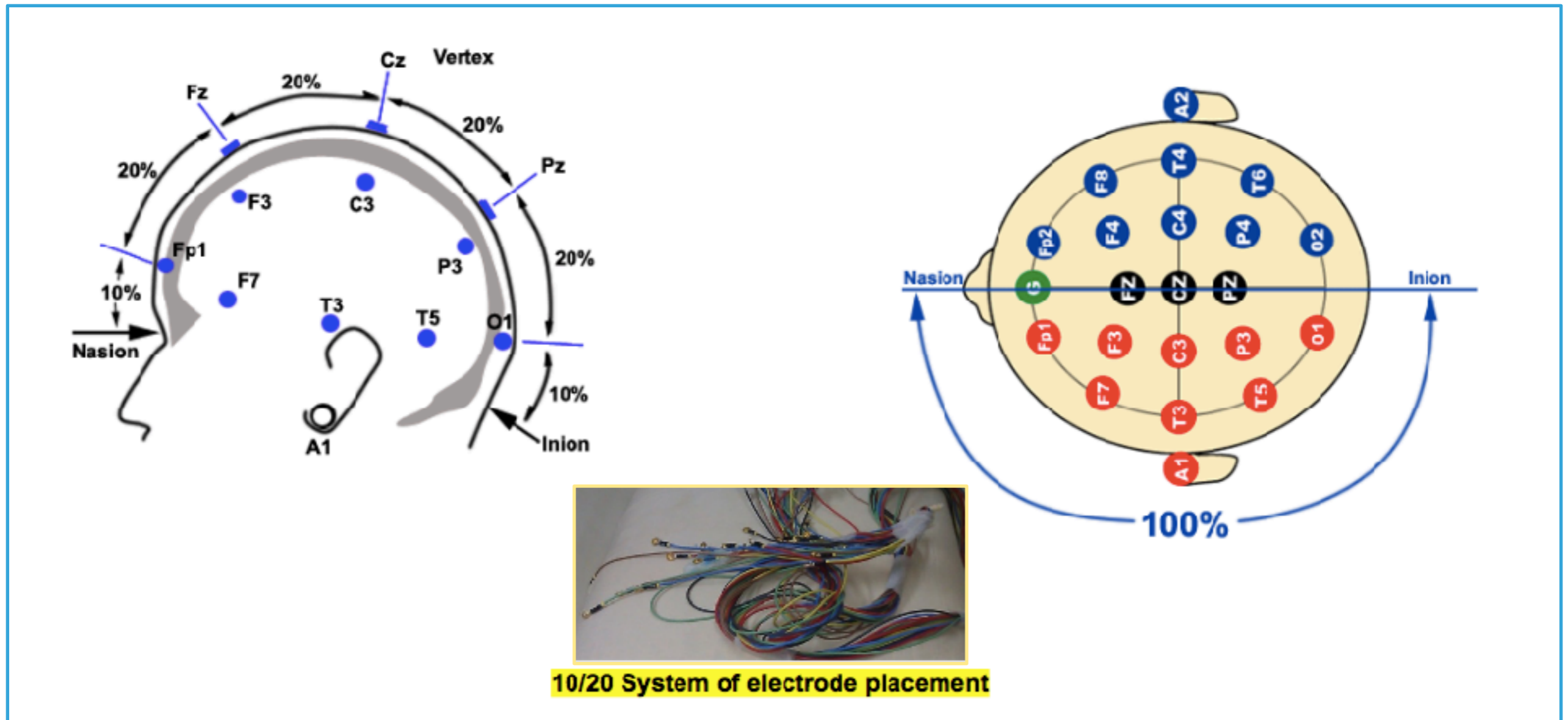




# TECHNIQUE



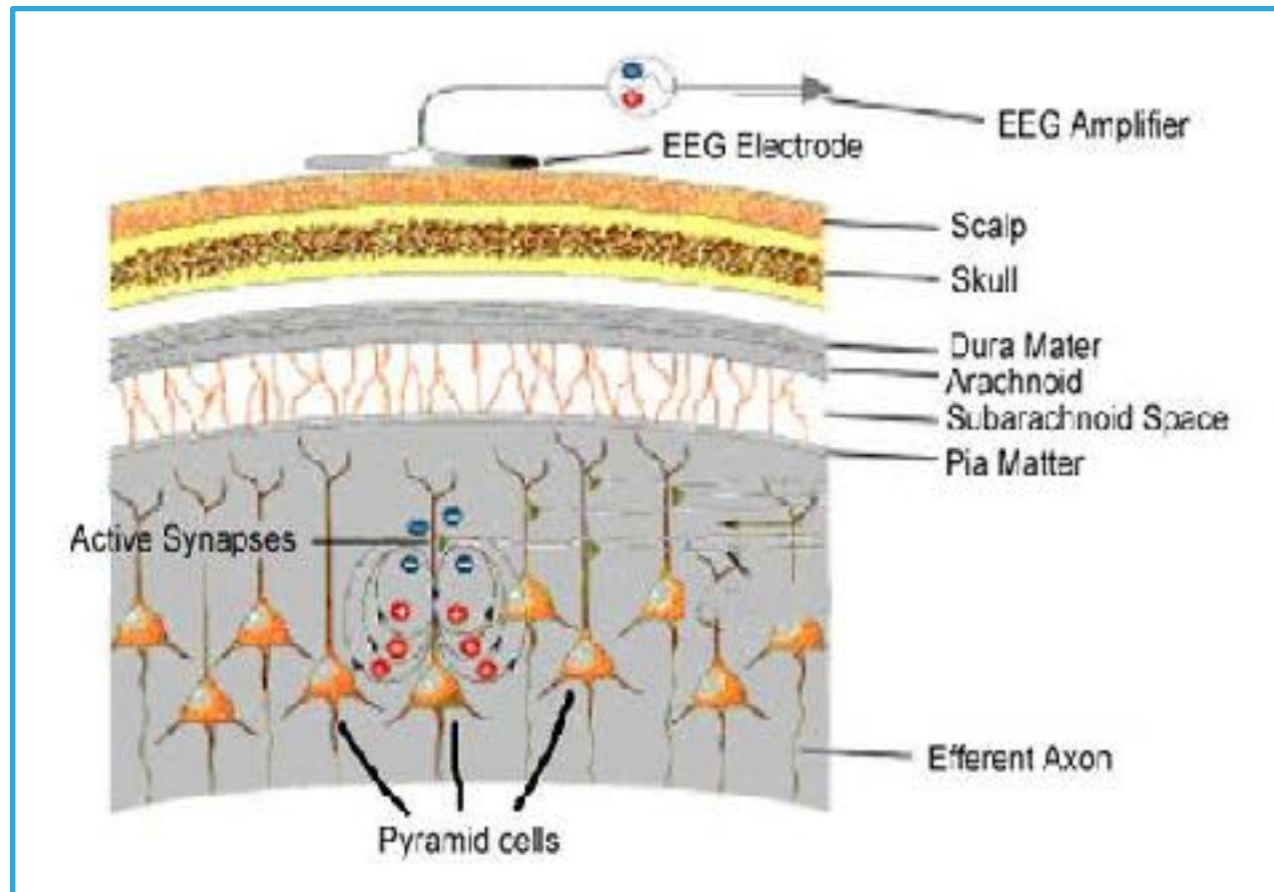
We put sensors (electrodes) in the scalp to collect the electrical field of the brain



It is not possible to cover the whole brain... called **spatial limitation** of EEG



## RECORDING FROM AWAY



## “THE DROP PARADIGM”



Imagine..

Suppose I drop a pebble (**neuron**) into the middle of a still pond (**brain surface**).

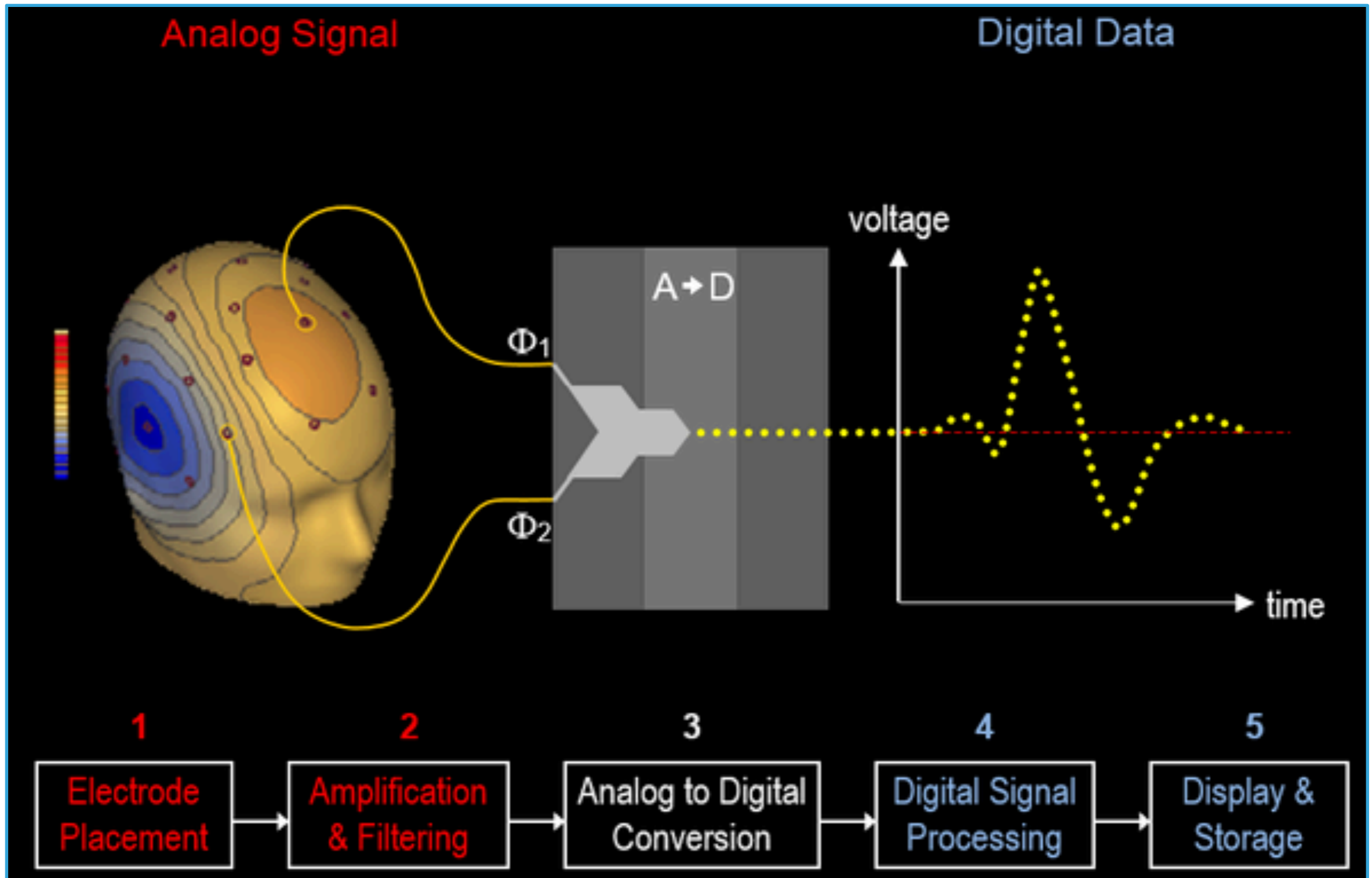
That action creates a pure wave (**brainwave**).

Meanwhile, as my official wave collector, you are eagerly waiting for that wave to arrive to you on the shore so you can measure it (**electrode**).

On its way, your wave encounters a few disturbances such as a floating log, swimming fish, and a motor boat (**artifacts**).

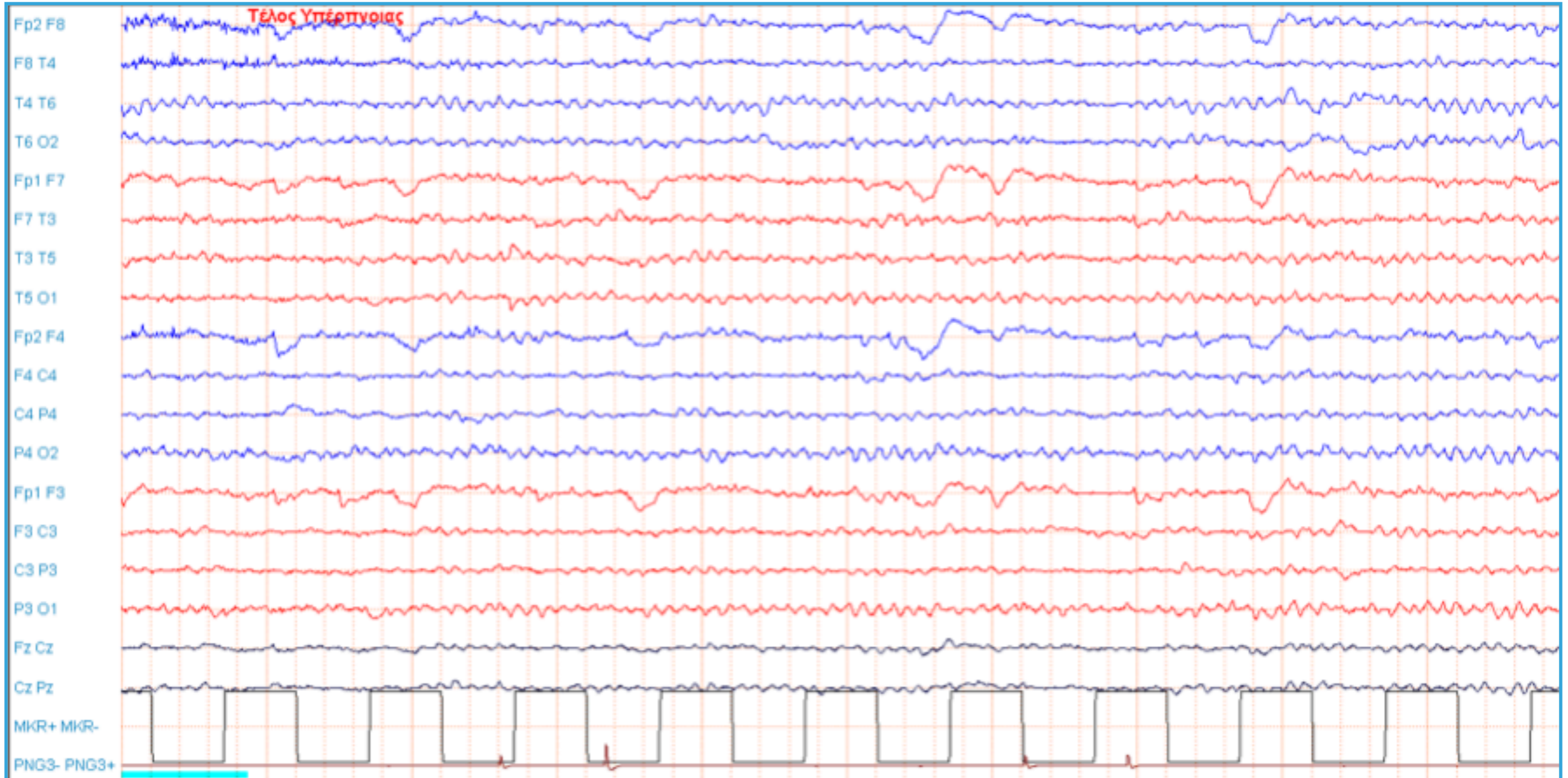
These encounters disrupt and transform the wave such that, by the time it arrives, it's no longer in its original shape.

# SIGNAL PROCESSING



COMING UP

# EEG TRACE



## “THE DROP PARADIGM” NO 2



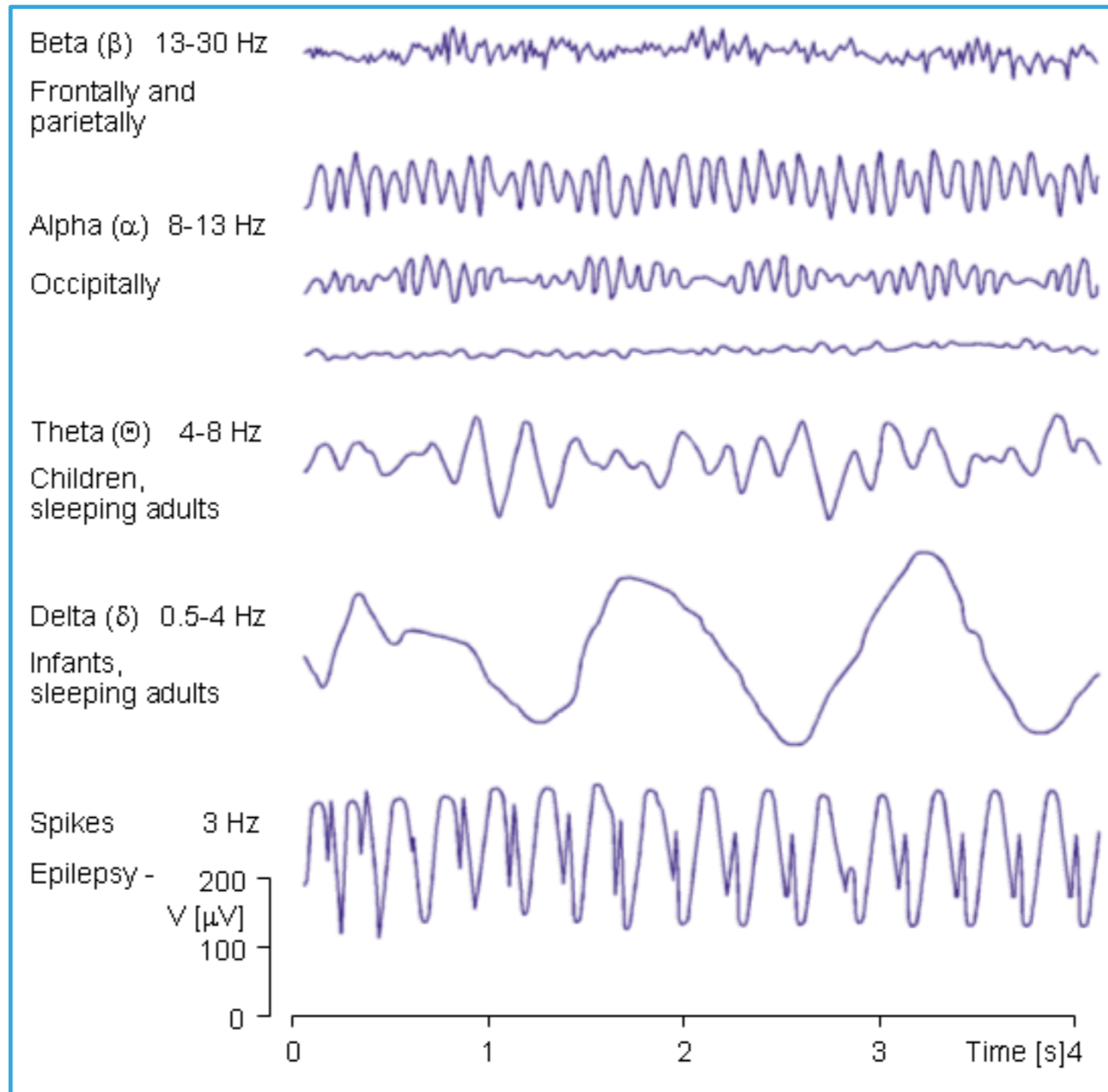
Imagine ...

Assume that instead of one pebble, many different-sized pebbles (**multiple neurons**) are dropped at random times into the pond, creating a multitude of overlapping waves.

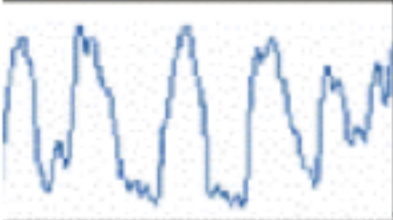
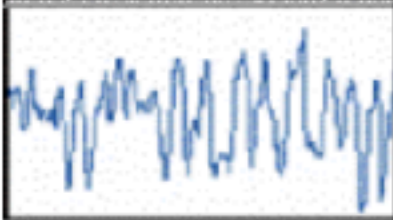
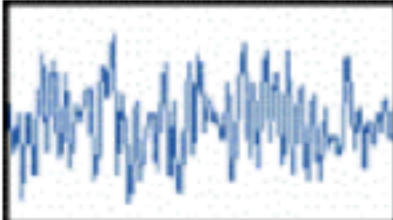
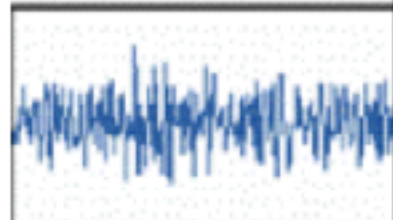
Thus, the wave you see at the shore (**electrode**) is made up of a composition of many other waves having different heights (**amplitudes**) and speeds (**frequencies**), all sort of running into each other.

Your job, as the wave collector, is to separate out and classify these individual waves (**band frequencies**)

## DIFFERENT RHYTHMS (FREQUENCIES)



# THEORIES AND CORRELATIONS

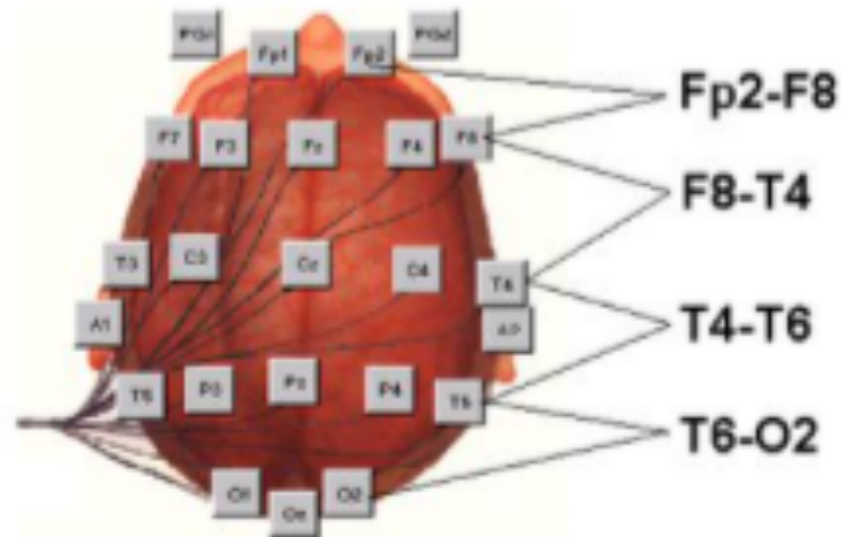
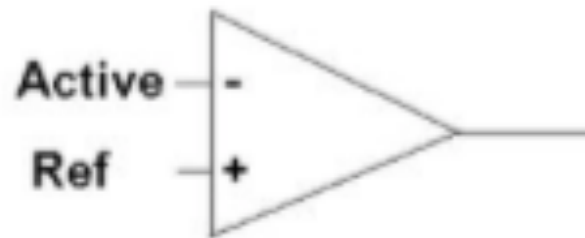
	<b>EEG Bands (Hz)</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Subjective feeling</b>	<b>Associated tasks &amp; behaviors</b>	<b>Physiological correlates</b>
	<b>Delta</b> <b>0.1-3</b>	Distribution: generally broad or diffused	deep, dreamless sleep, non-REM sleep, unconscious	lethargic, not moving, not attentive	not moving, low-level of arousal
	<b>Theta</b> <b>4-8</b>	usually regional, may involve many lobes	intuitive, creative, recall, fantasy, imagery, creative, dreamlike, drowsy	creative, intuitive; distracted, unfocused	healing, integration of mind/body
	<b>Alpha</b> <b>8-12</b>	regional, usually involves entire lobe	relaxed, not agitated, but not drowsy	meditation, no action	relaxed, healing
	<b>Beta</b> <b>12-30</b>	localized	alertness, agitation	mental activity, e.g. math	alert, active
	<b>Gamma</b> <b>&gt;30</b>	very localized	Focused arousal	high-level information processing, "binding"	information-rich task processing



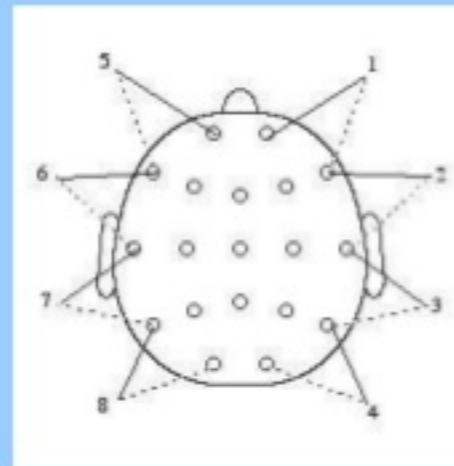
# WE RECORD "DIFFERENCES"

1 channel is composed by 2 electrodes

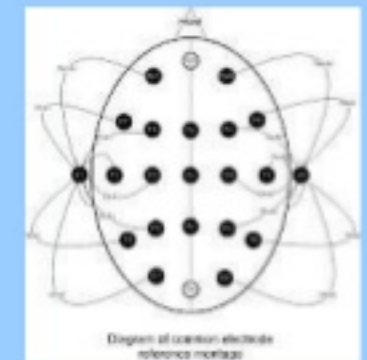
Montages

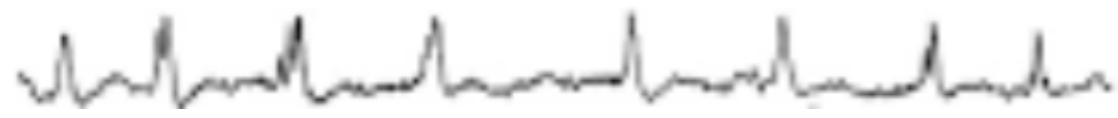


**Bipolar:** the potential difference between 2 active electrodes

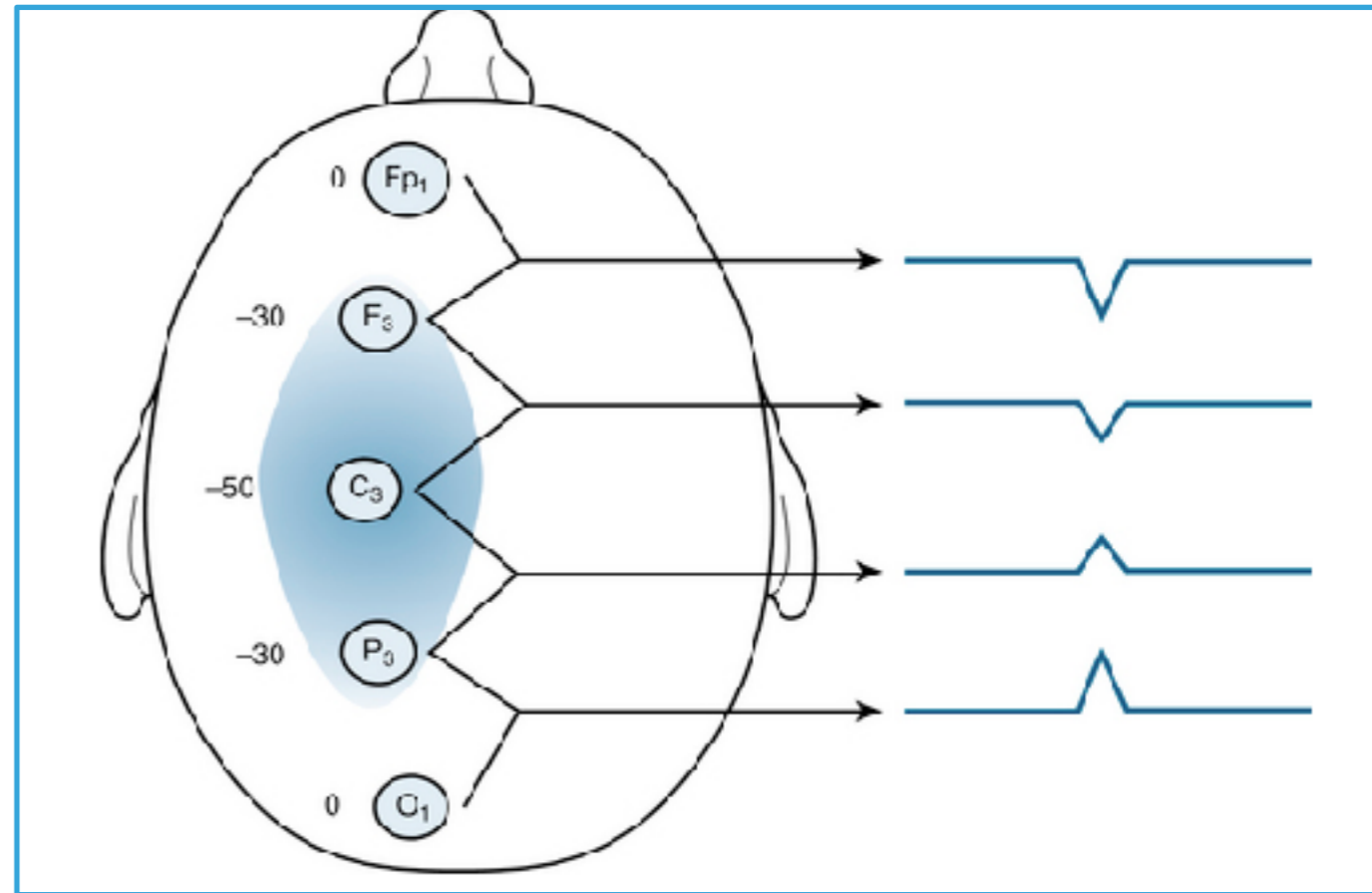
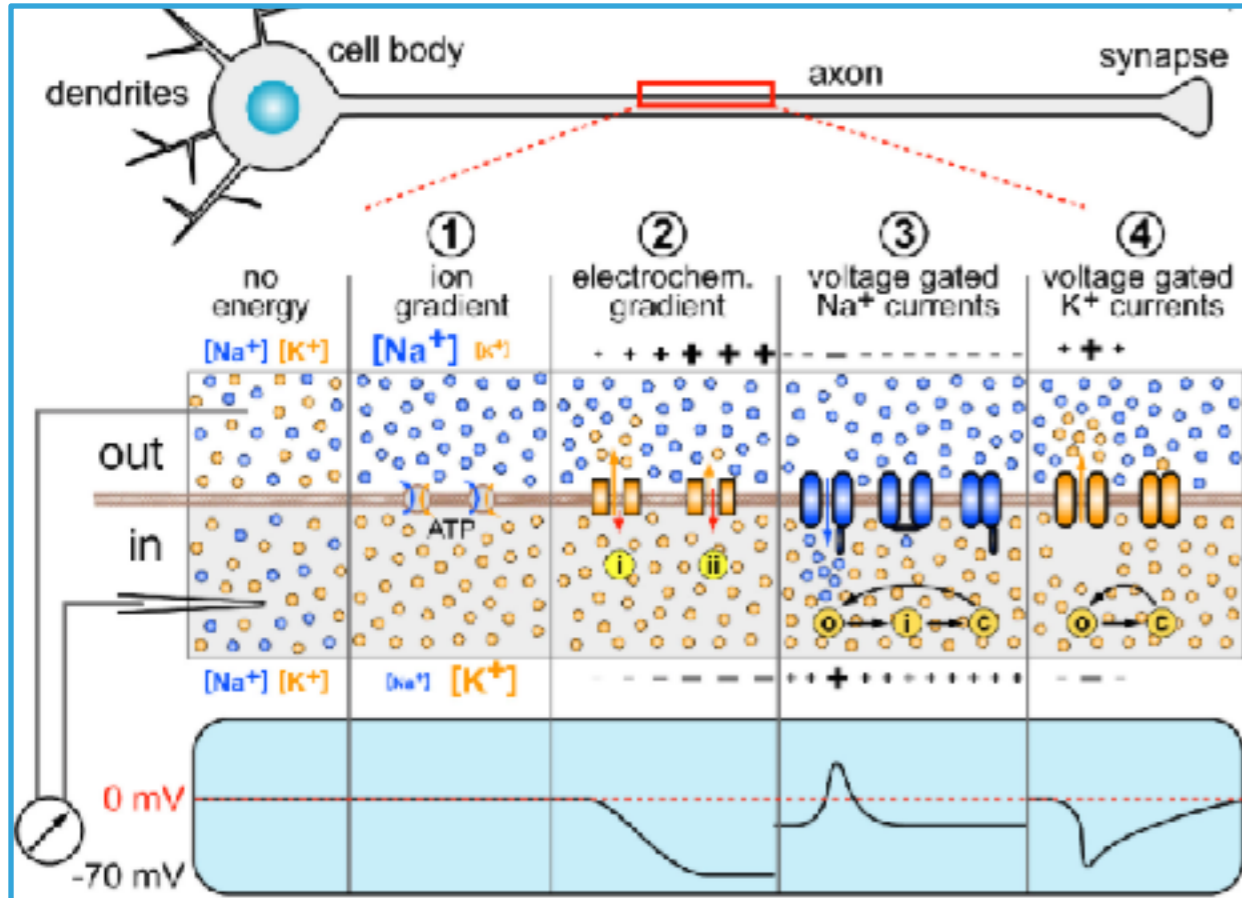


**Referential:** potential difference between 1 active and 1 inactive electrode





# THE NEGATIVITY (DEPOLARIZATION) GOES UP



	Up rules	Down rules	
Input 1 (G1)	Negative ↑	Positive ↓	Input 1 rules
Input 2 (G2)	Positive ↑	Negative ↓	Input 2 rules

Polarity Convention		
G1	G2	Result
-	+	
+	-	

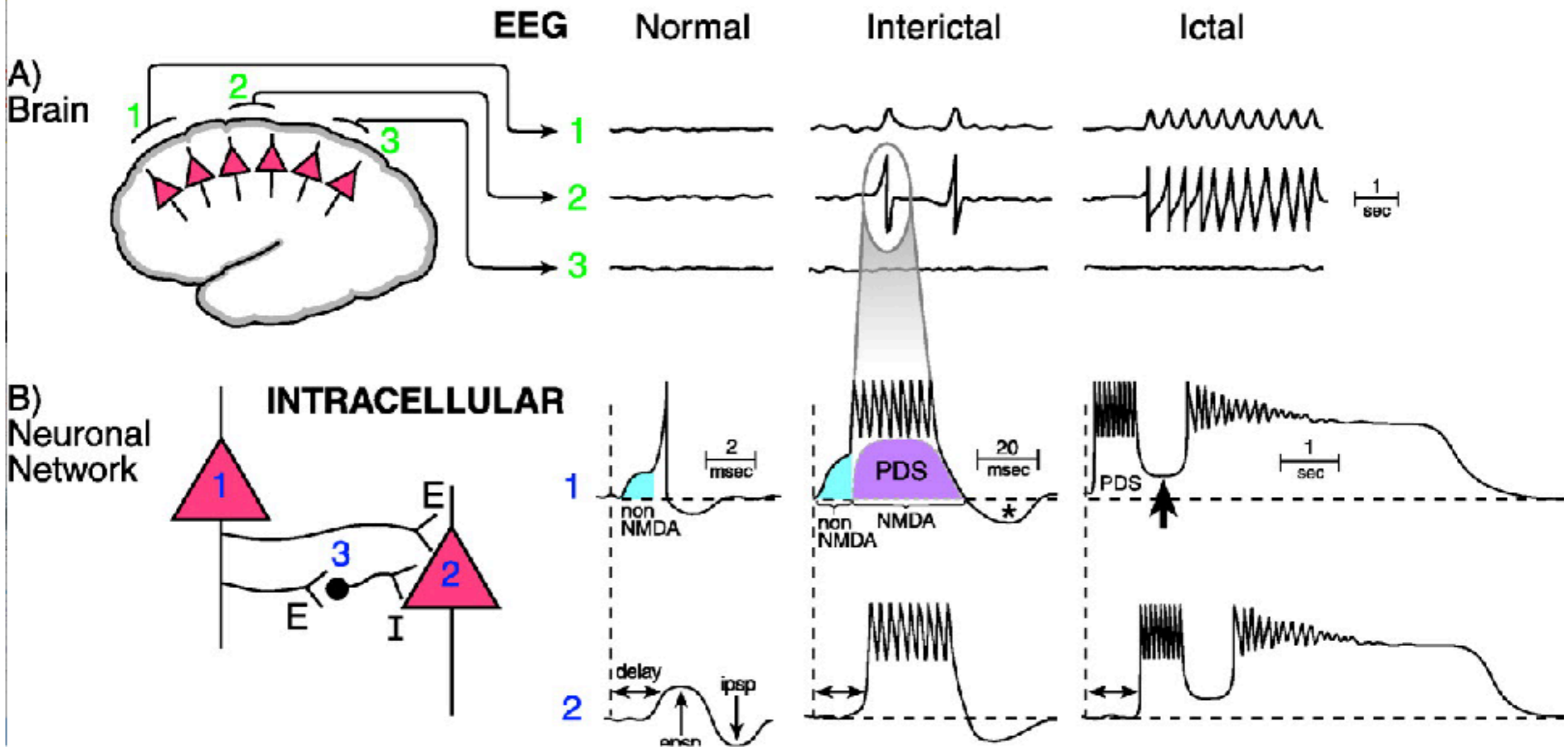
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**WHAT WE TRY TO RECORD ?**

and why ?

# WHAT ?

## Abnormal Neuronal Firing

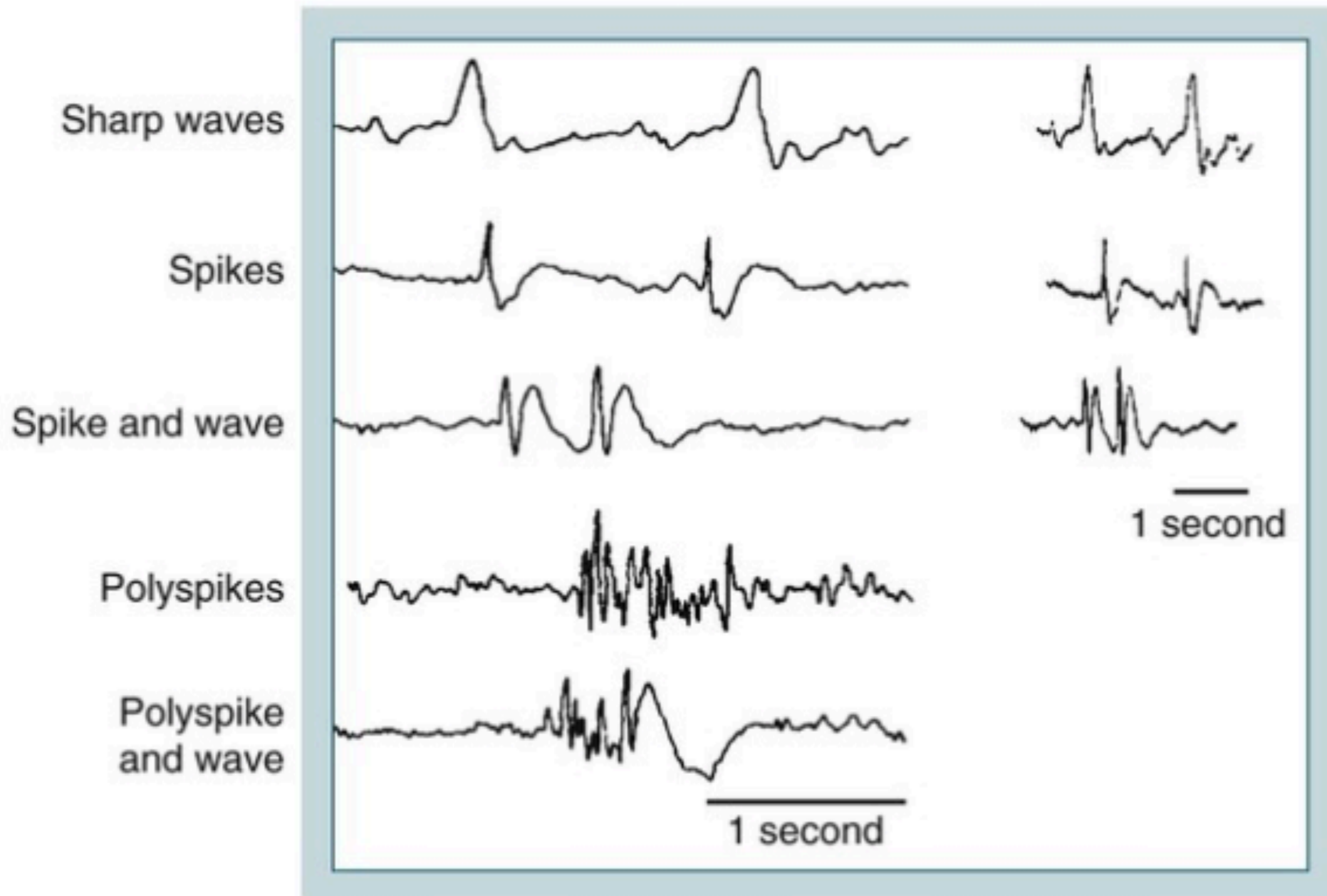


## SEIZURES AND EPILEPSY

- ▶ An epileptic seizure is a transient occurrence of signs and/or symptoms due to abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain.
- ▶ Epilepsy is a disease characterized by an enduring predisposition to generate epileptic seizures and by the neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social consequences of this condition.
- ▶ Translation: a seizure is an event and epilepsy is the disease involving recurrent unprovoked seizures.

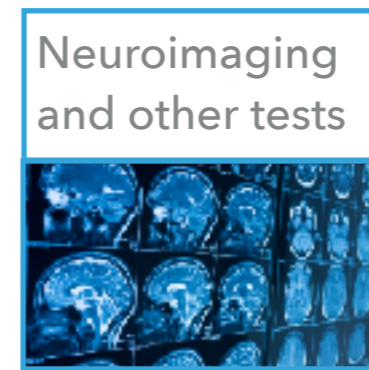
# EPILEPTIFORM DISCHARGES

"distinctive waves or complexes, distinguished from background activity, and resembling those recorded in a proportion of human subjects suffering from epileptic disorders...."



# USEFULNESS

- ▶ EPILEPSY
- ▶ Coma
- ▶ Degenerative diseases of CNS
- ▶ Stroke, tumours and other structural lesions
- ▶ CNS infections
- ▶ Psychiatric disorders
- ▶ Autism



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# EXAMPLES OF USEFULNESS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE



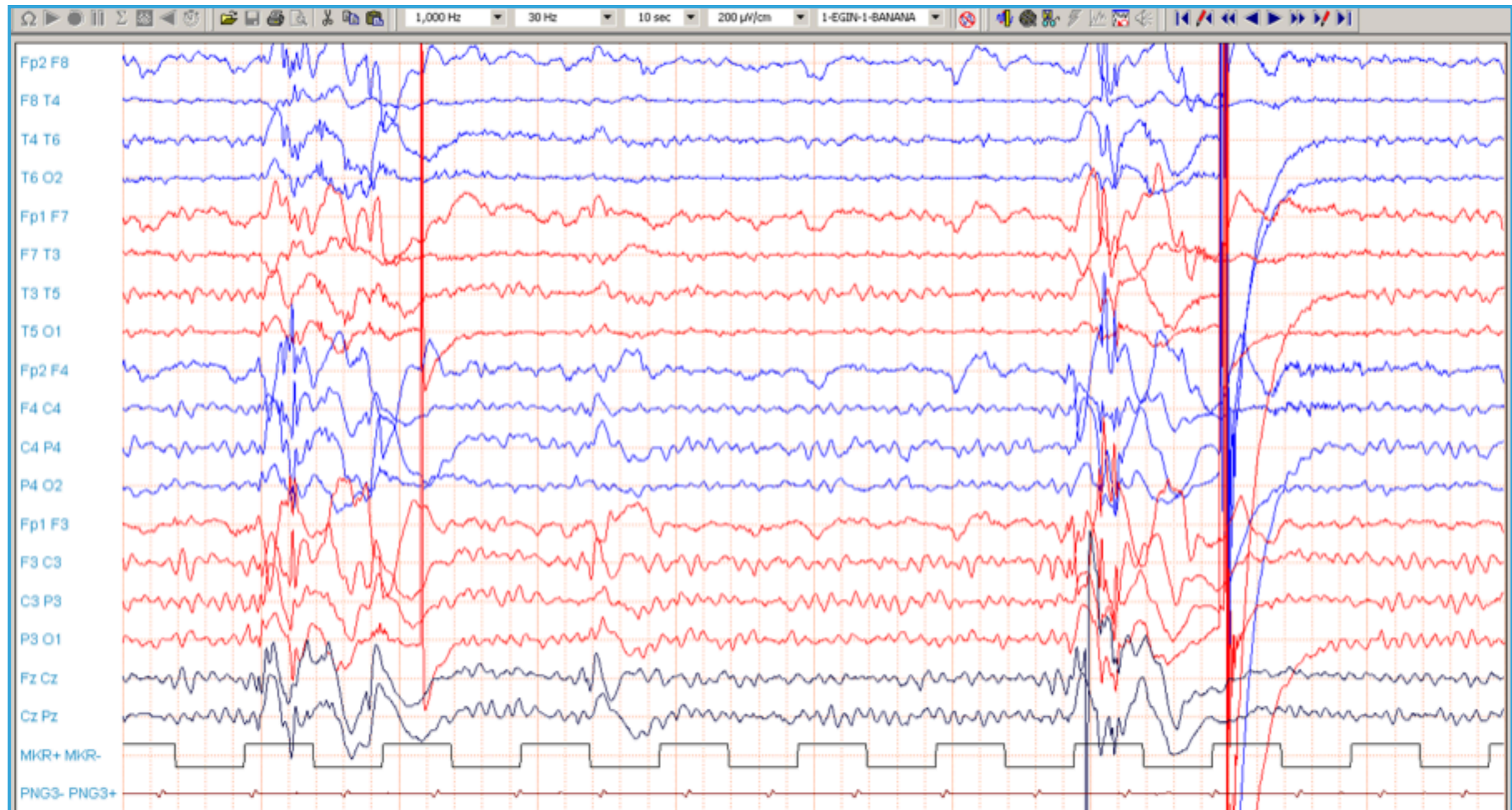


# ROUTINE EEG

Performed in 20–30 min duration

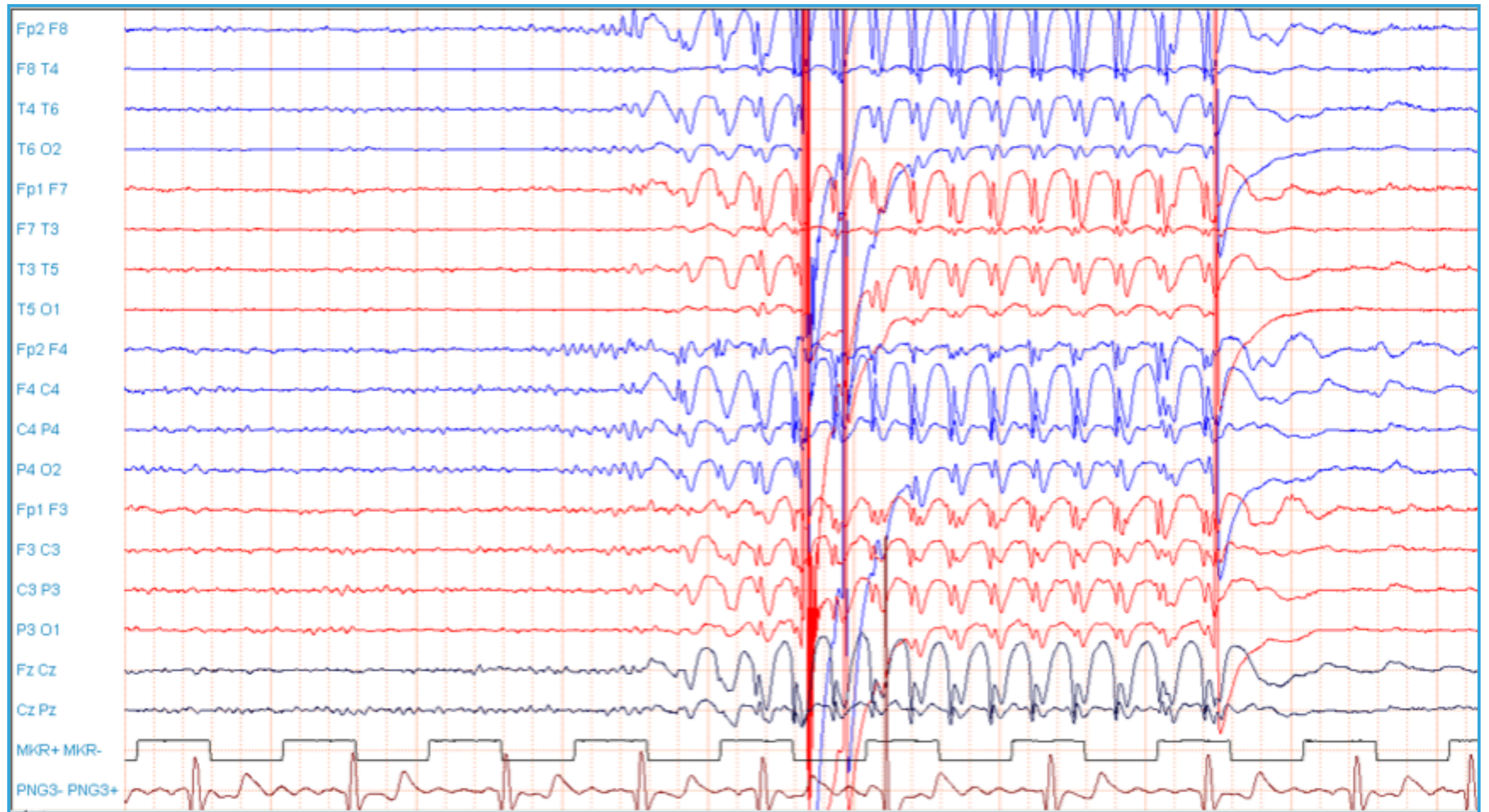
1. Cheap,
2. non invasive,
3. minimum cooperation

15 years old student with a recent history of brief morning jerks



**POLYSPIKES/WAVES COMPLEXES: HALLMARK OF JUVENILE MYOCLONIC EPILEPSY**

## Young man with episodes of "lapses"



**3HZ SPIKE/WAVES COMPLEXES: HALLMARK OF JUVENILE ABSENCE EPILEPSY**

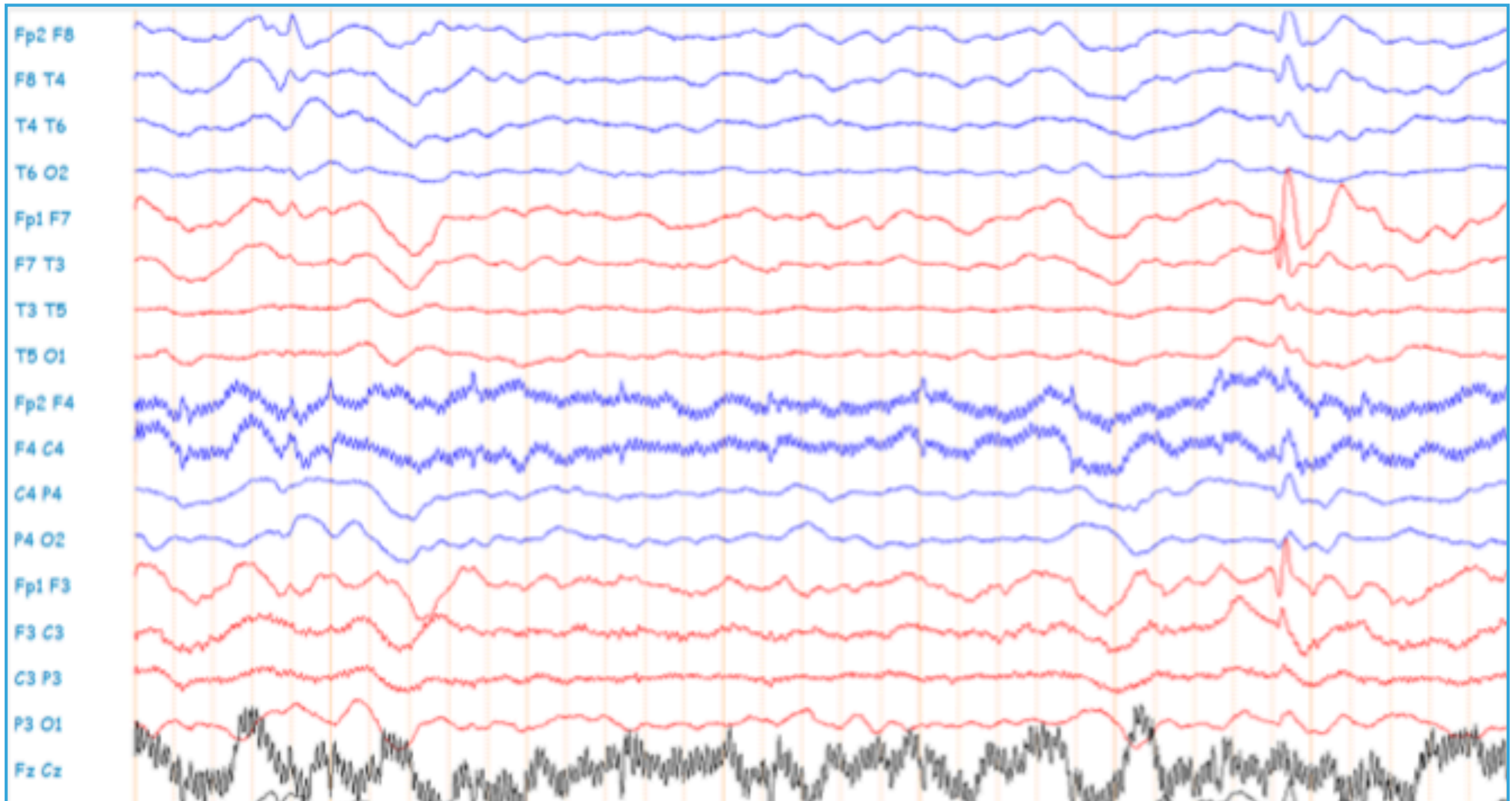
25 years old woman with episodes of staring and loss of consciousness

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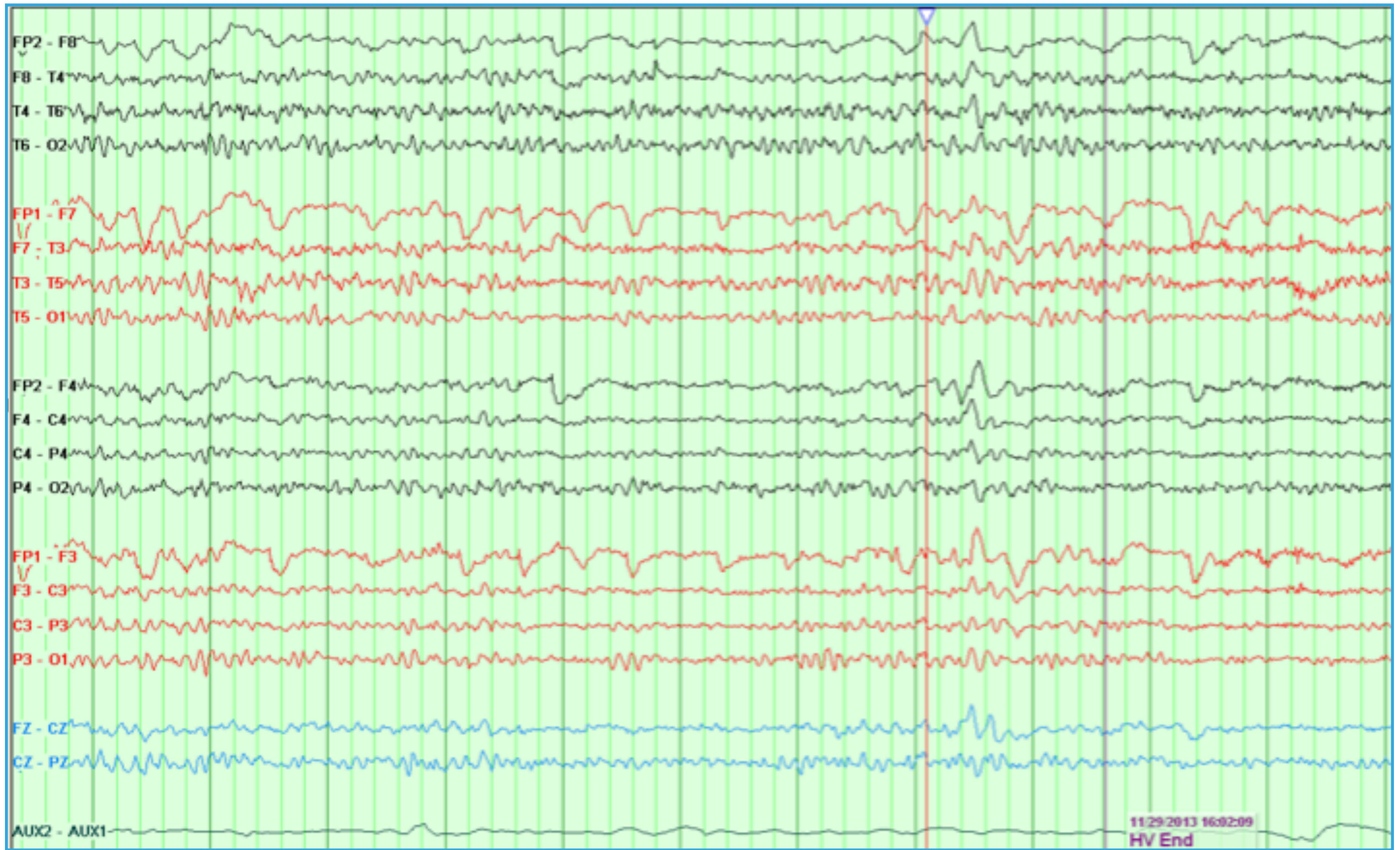
**FOCAL SPIKES AND SHARP WAVES: FOCAL TEMPORAL LOBE EPILEPSY**

## 25 years old man with episodes of nocturnal hyperkinetic movements



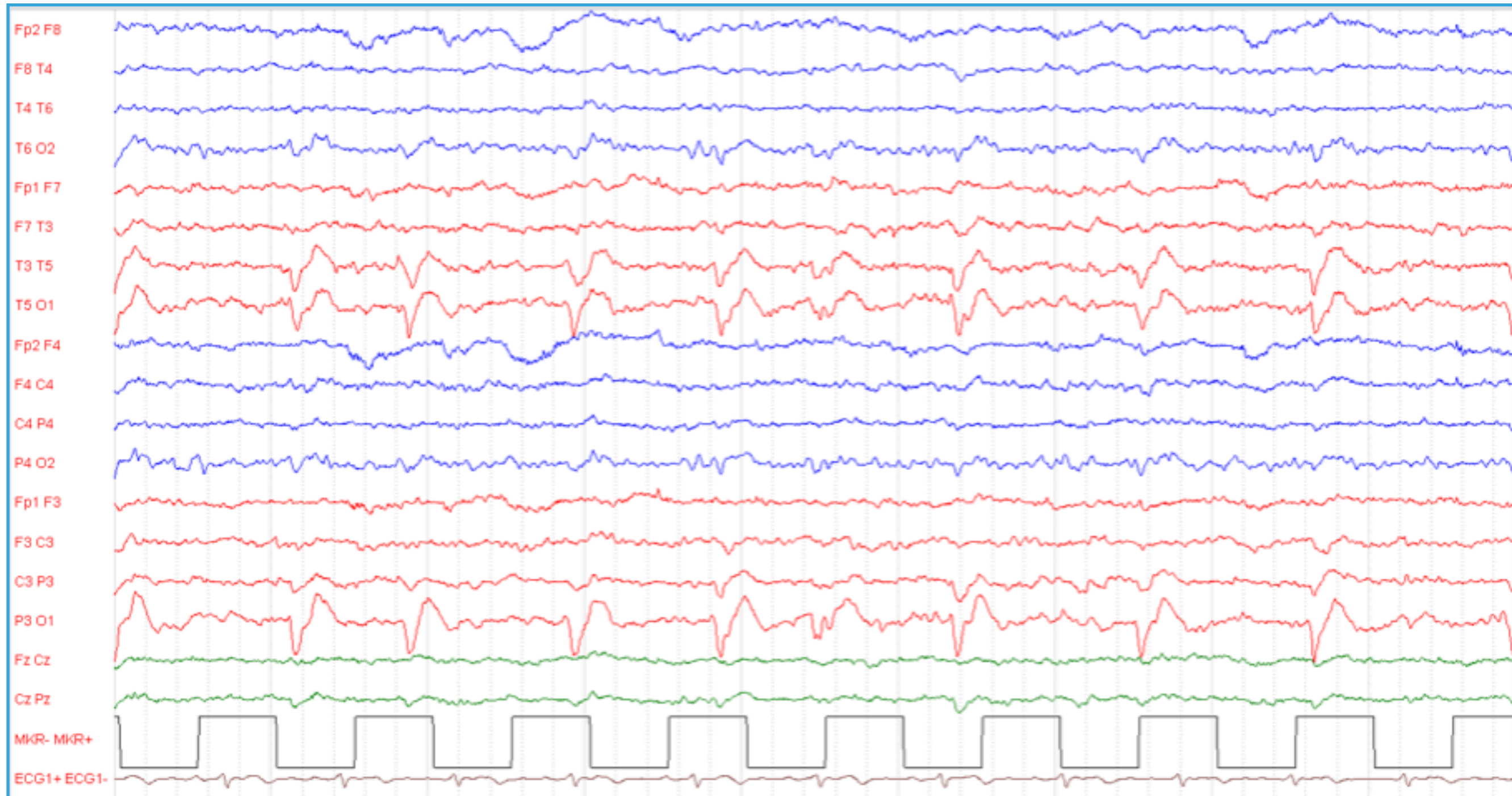
**FOCAL INDEPENDENT SPIKES : FOCAL FRONTAL LOBE EPILEPSY**

23 years old woman with a history of mild traumatic brain injury, episodes of semi numbness and a first generalised tonic clonic seizure during sleep



**NON SPECIFIC NON WELL LOCALIZED SHARP WAVES: FOCAL PARIETAL EPILEPSY**

# Young woman with episodes of visual hallucinations



**FOCAL PERIODIC OCCIPITAL SHARP WAVES: FOCAL OCCIPITAL EPILEPSY**

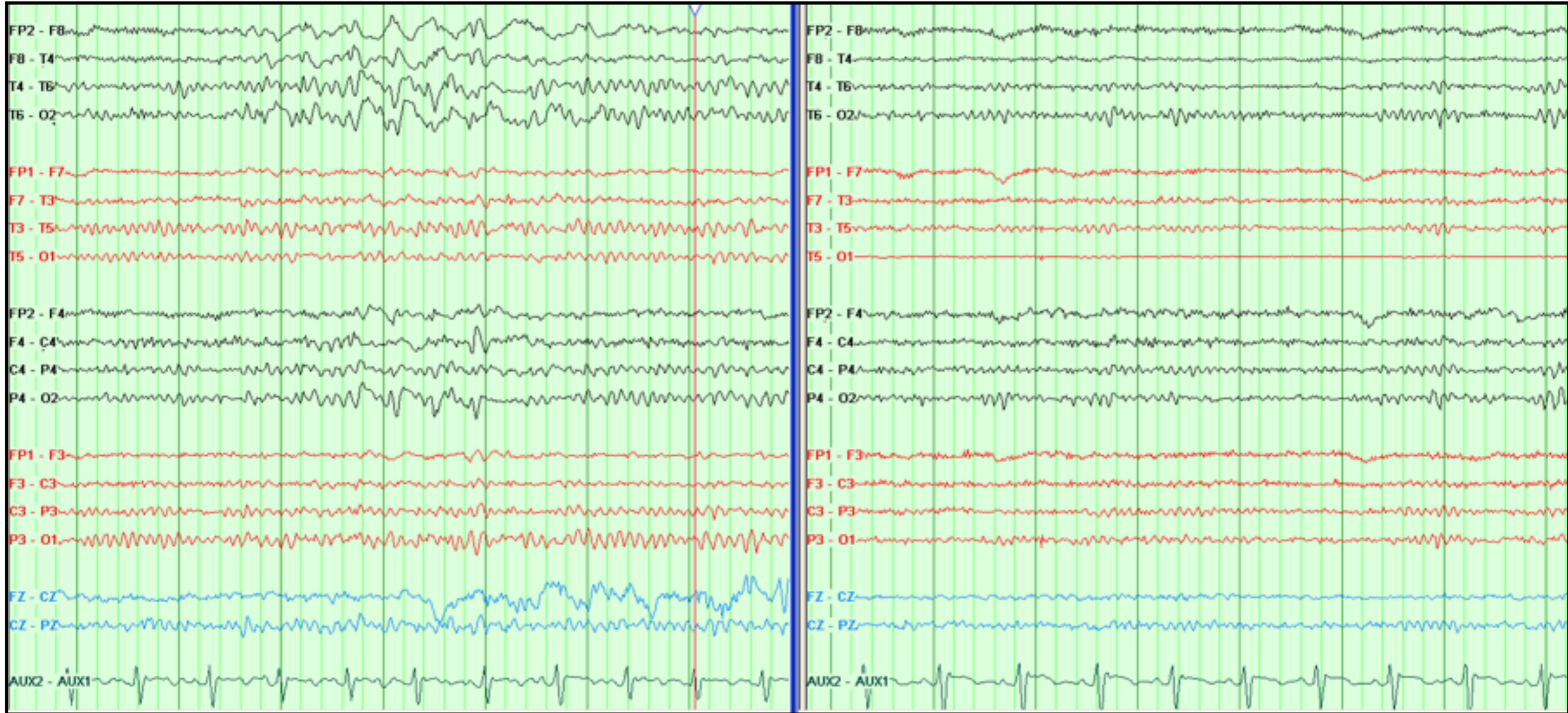
# 17 years old man with generalized epilepsy (after and before treatment)



**DRUGS EFFECT**

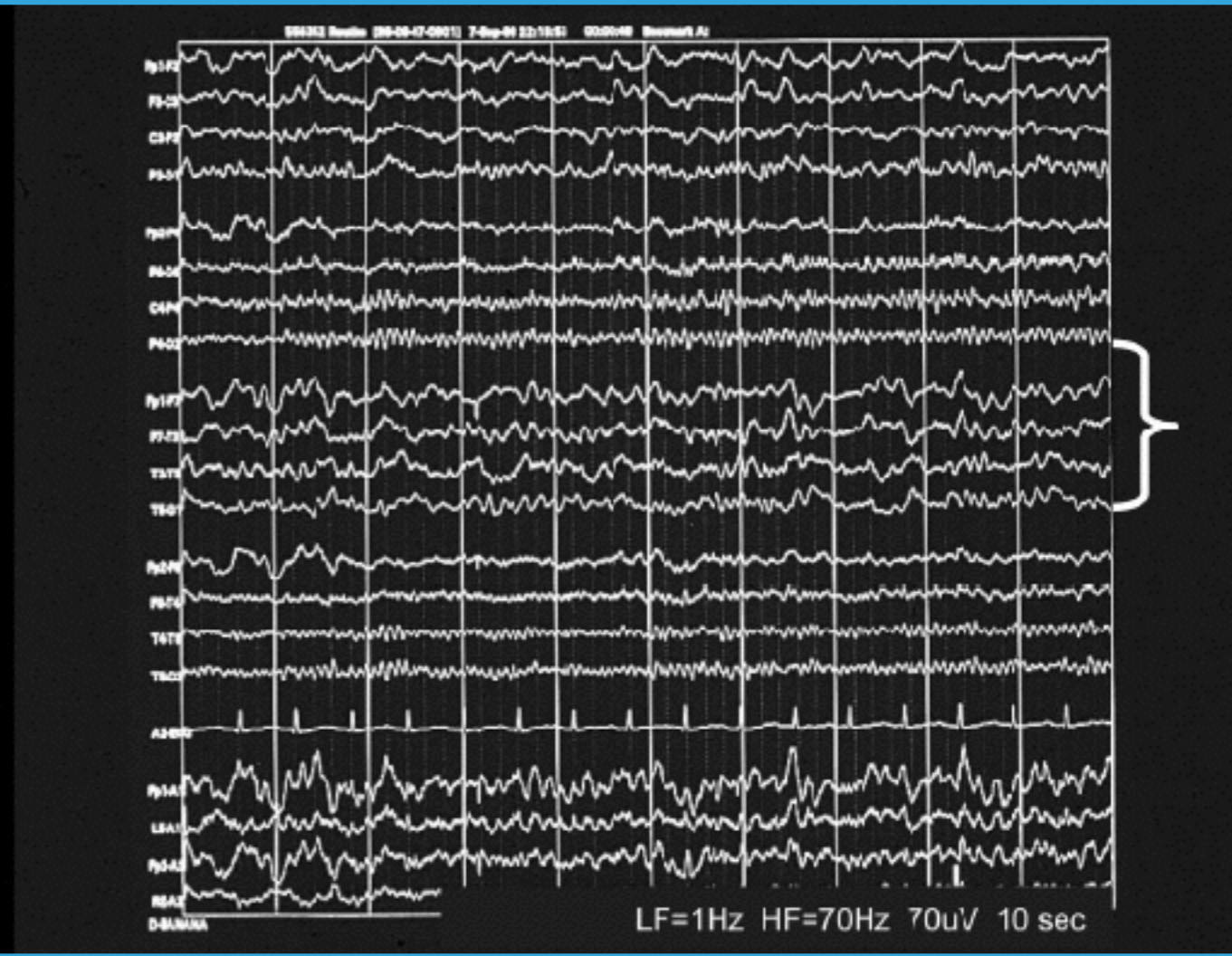


# 20 years old woman with focal epilepsy (after and before stopping treatment)

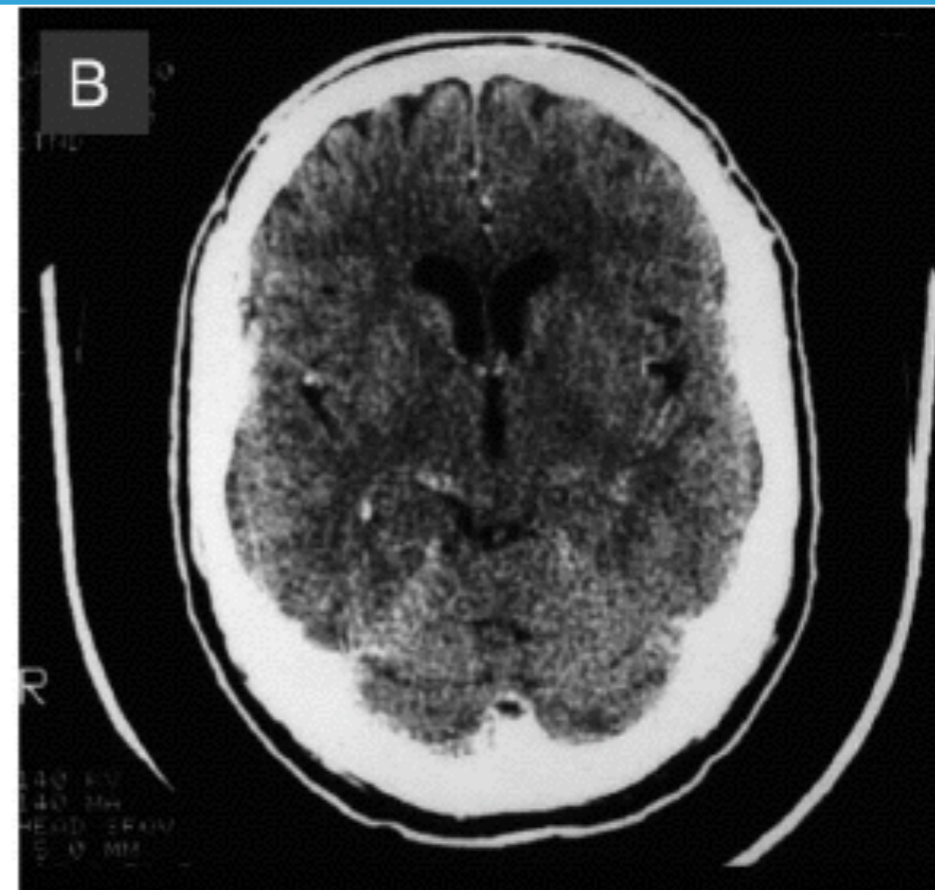
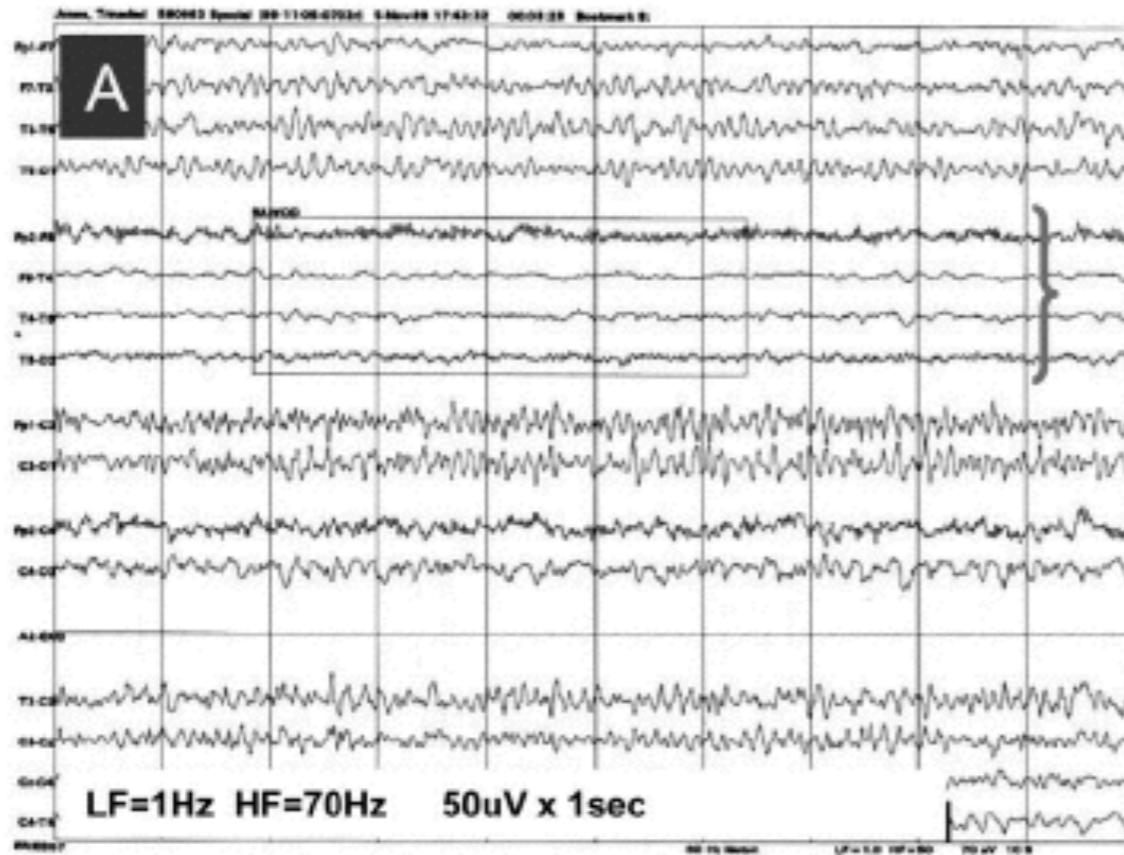


**DRUGS EFFECT**

# Stroke



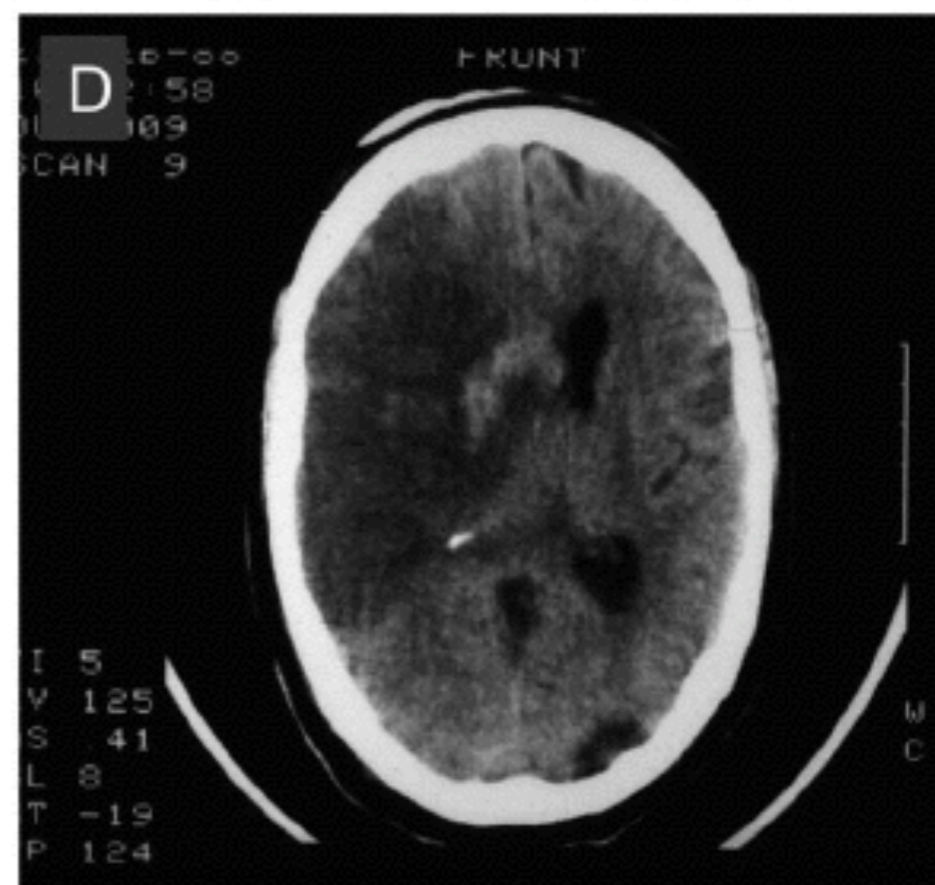
# Stroke (early EEG findings)



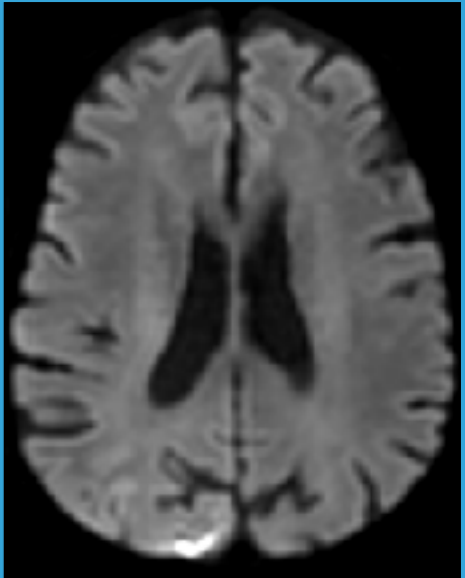
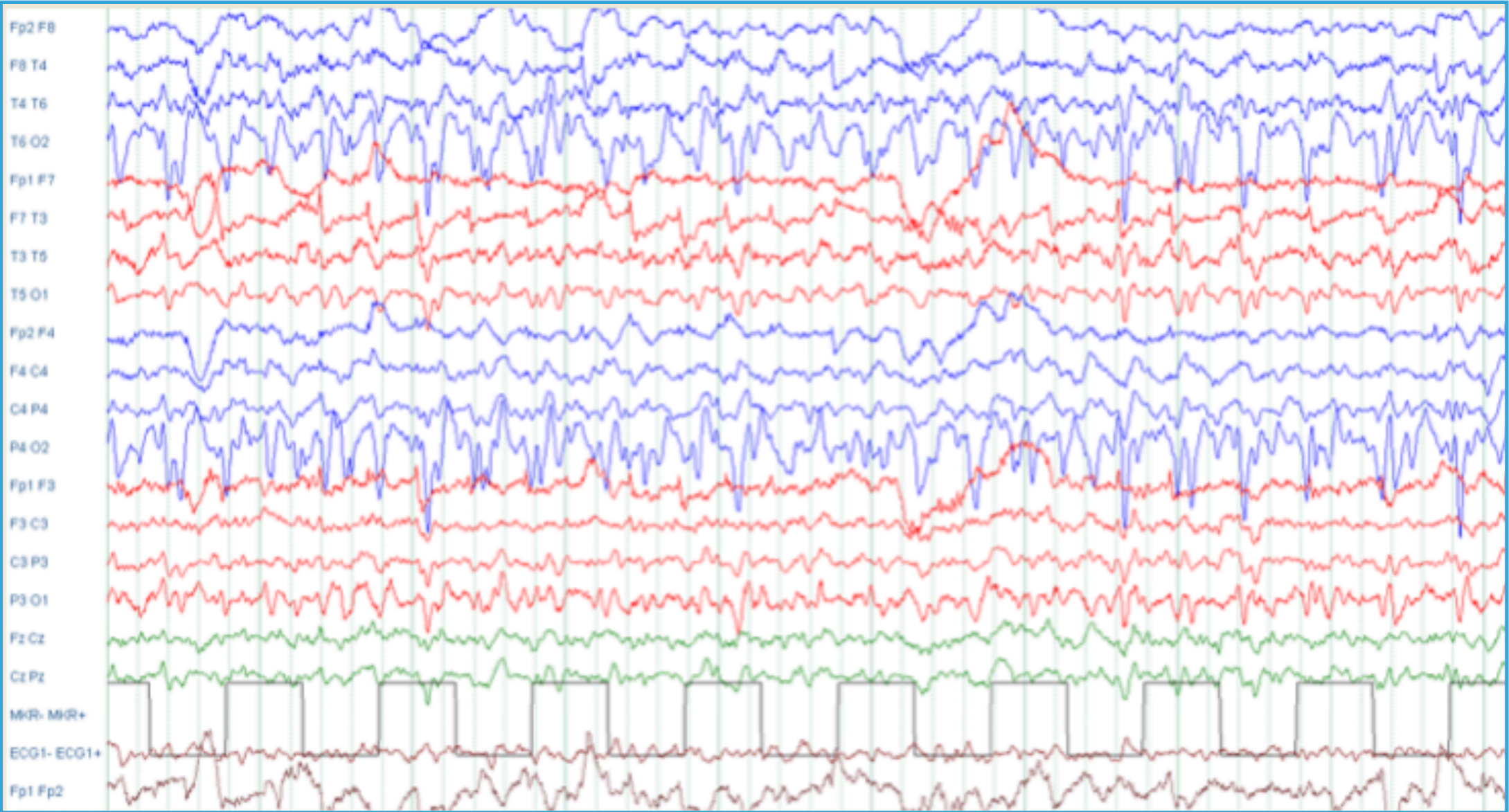
**C EARLY XenonCTCBF STUDIES IN RAWOD PATIENTS**

PATIENT	MINHSS (NIHSS) <sup>d</sup>	V <sub>i</sub> (%) <sup>c</sup>	mCBF <sub>i</sub> (cc/100gm/min) <sup>d</sup>	INFARCT ON INITIAL CT
1	10 (35)	52.9	10.5	+
2	10 (35)	47	6.8	+
3	8 (28)	60.6	10.1	-
4	8 (28)	43.4	10.0	+
5	10 (35)	53.9	5.7	-
6	10 (35)	49.8	8.3	-
<b>MEAN RESULTS</b>	<b>9.3 (33)</b>	<b>51.2 ± 6.6</b>	<b>8.6 ± 2.2</b>	

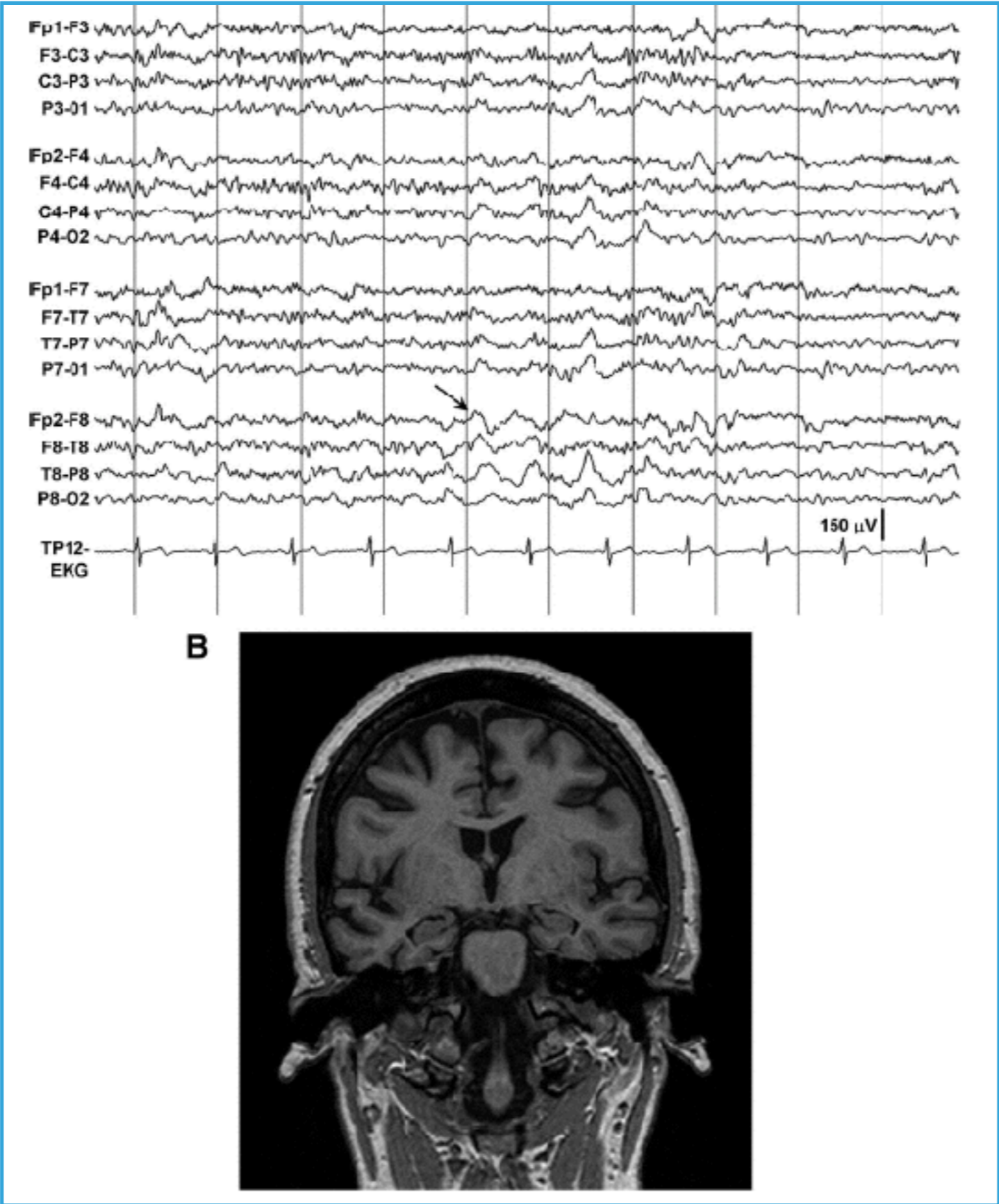
*c) V<sub>i</sub> = percent volume of ischemic tissue in the affected hemisphere  
d) mCBF<sub>i</sub> = the weighted mean cerebral blood flow in the ischemic region  
See handout for formulas calculating these values*



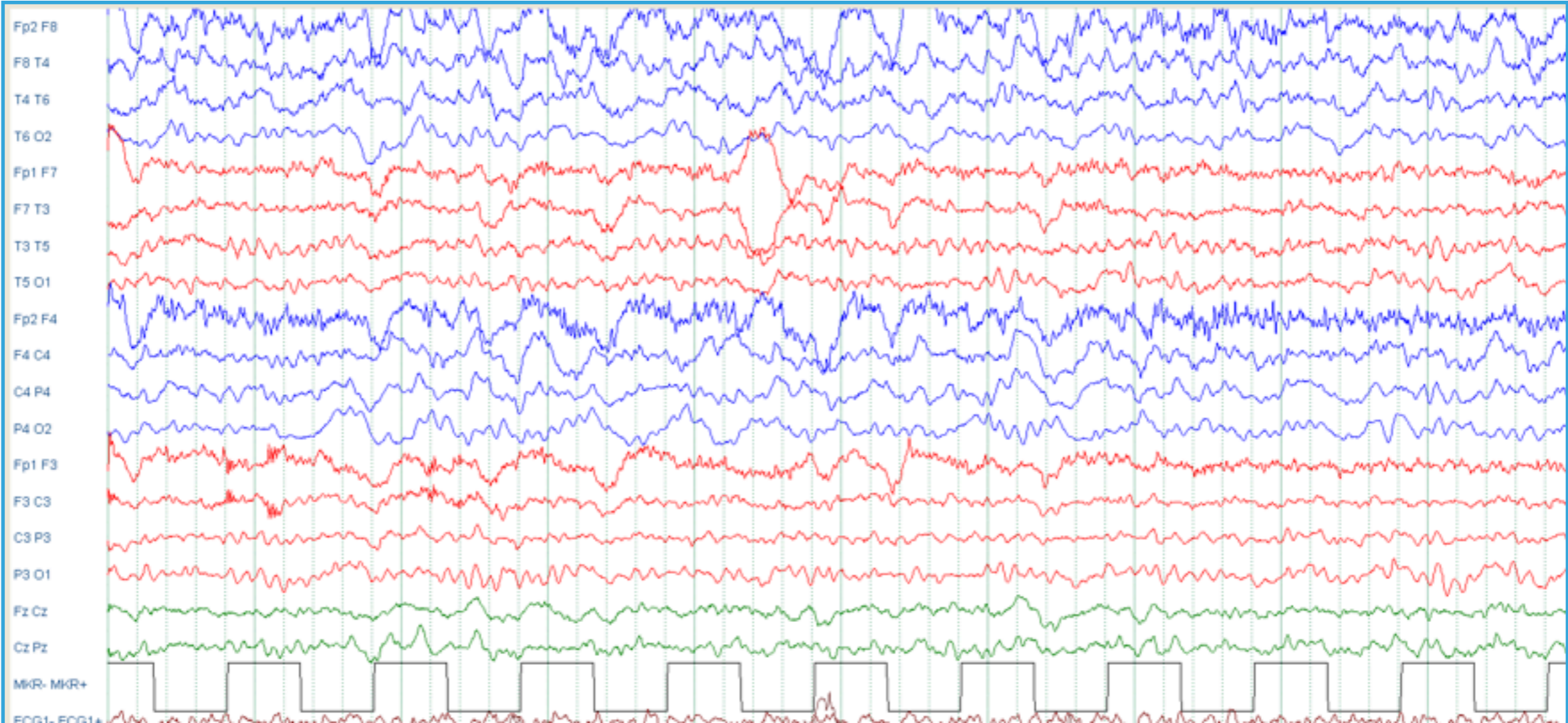
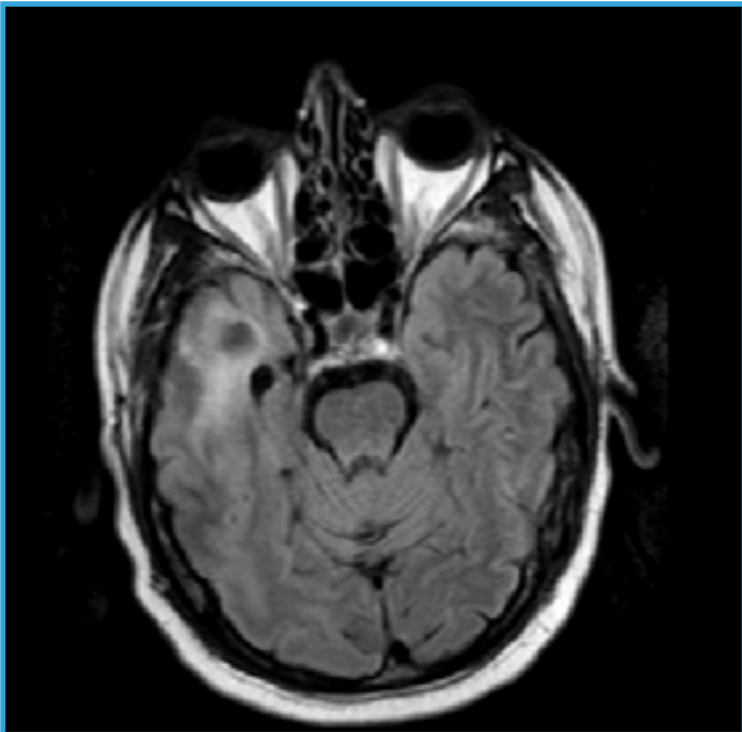
# Stroke and epilepsy (confirmed by EEG findings)



# Alzheimer disease



# Tumor





# 24H VIDEO EEG

**Continuous recording**

- 1. Needs special equipment**
- 2. Qualified staff**
- 3. More informative**

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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LIBRARY

# Βιβλιογραφικές “προτροπές”

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The neurophysiological bases of EEG and EEG measurement: A review for the rest of us. AF Jackson & DJ Bolger, Psychophysiology, 2014

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