

# Real time network modulation for intractable epilepsy

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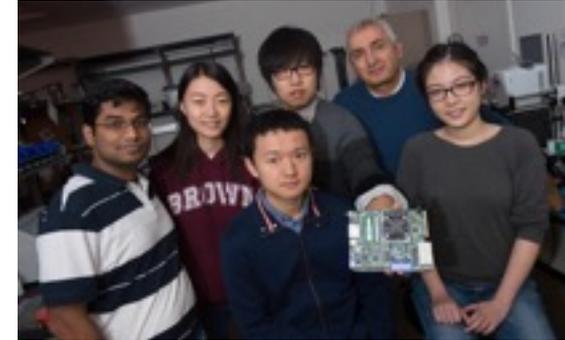
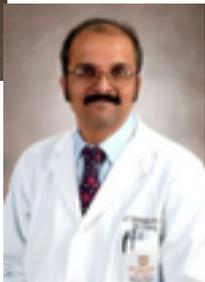
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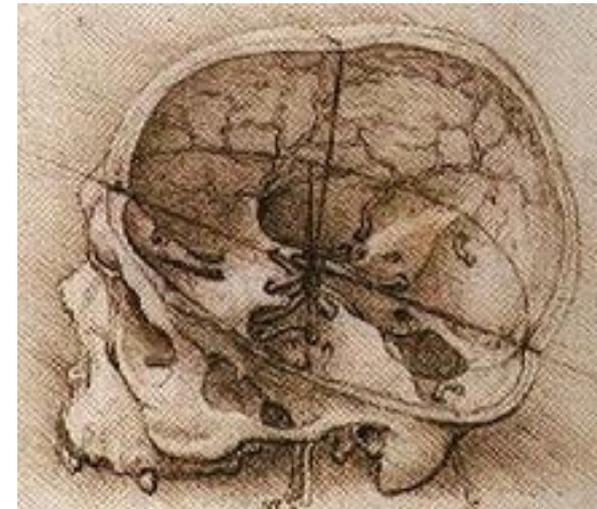


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# a scientific curiosity

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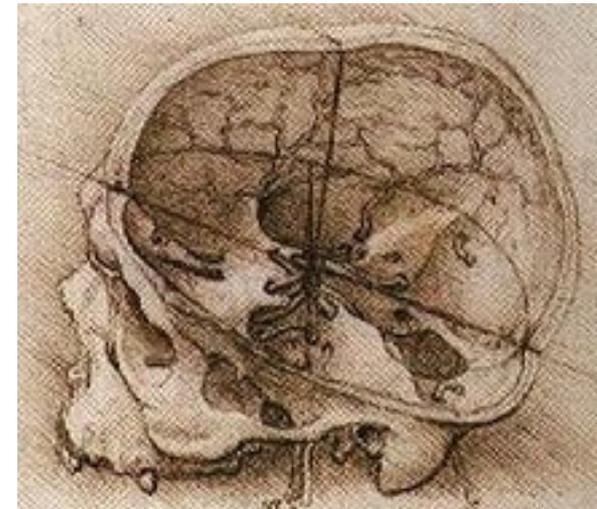
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# a scientific curiosity

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- How does human brain work?
  - Ancient Egypt and Greece
  - Roman empire
  - 19th century
  - USA
    - 90s the “decade of the brain”
    - 2013 “the brain initiative”



# grand challenges

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- ...
- relation
  - neuronal circuit connectivity and behavior

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- ...
- relation
  - neuronal circuit connectivity and behavior
    - transition of neuronal circuits
      - disease state to healthy state
      - learning
- ...

# our research focus

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  - epilepsy, parkinson, alzheimers
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    - tools
    - a network view

# this talk

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# epilepsy

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- unprovoked and recurring seizures
- seizure
  - no standard definition
  - abnormally synchronized hyper-excited neuronal activities
  - variations
    - sub-clinical seizure burst — — — full blown seizure
    - single focal seizure — — — — — multifocal seizure

# epilepsy

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- strong theories on the cause of seizures
  - imbalance between excitatory and inhibitory activities
- open questions on how seizures end!!

# epilepsy

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- effects 3 million patients in the USA
  - medication
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  - stimulation (modulation)
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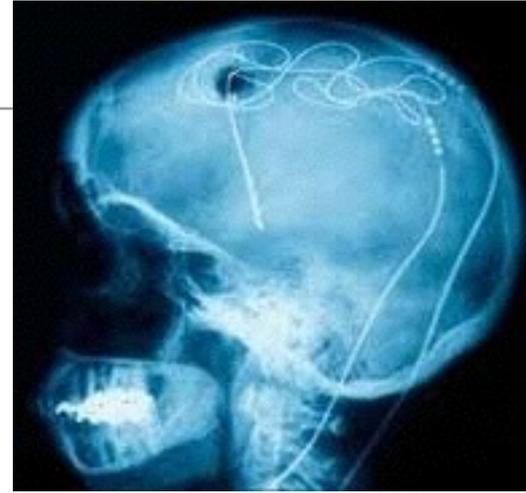
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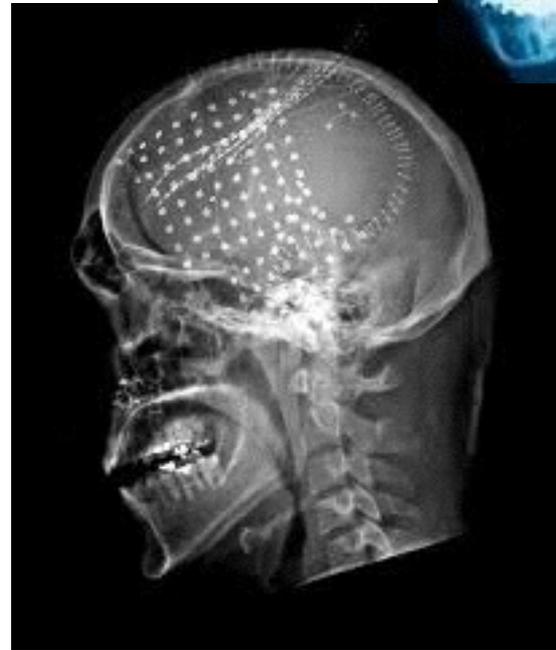
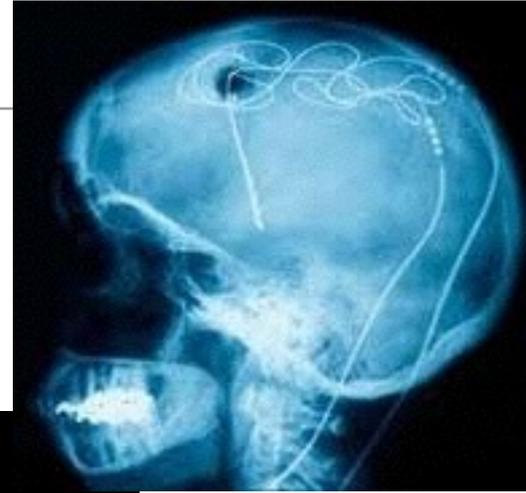
- deep brain



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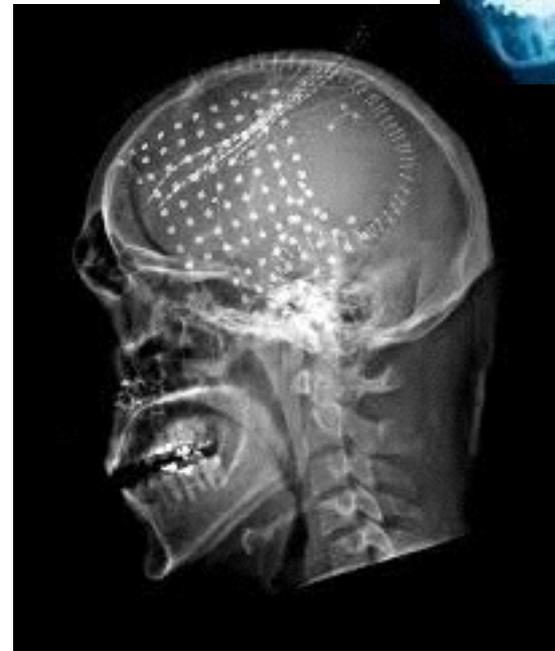
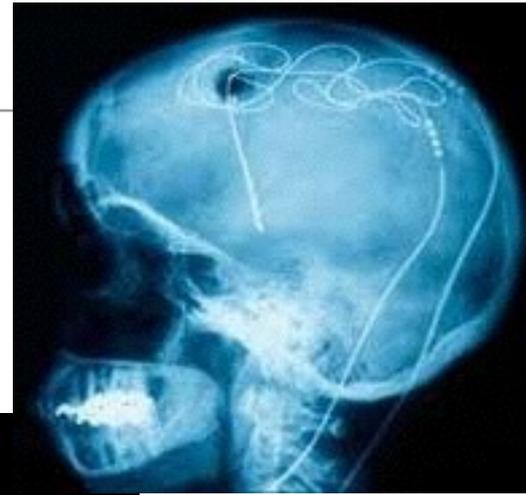
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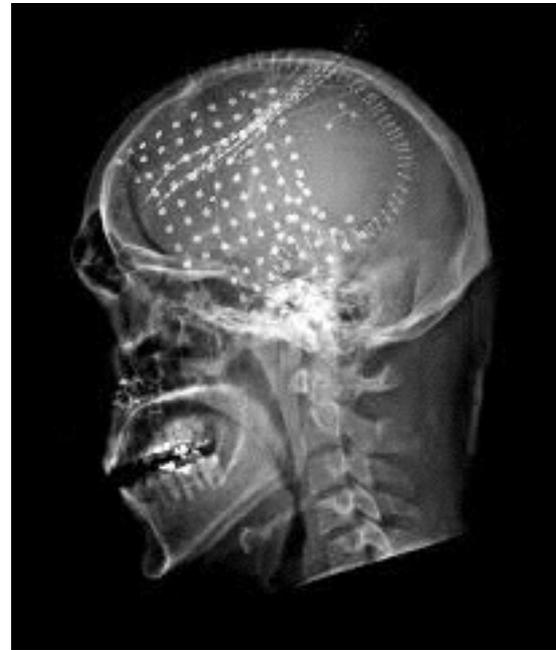
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tradeoff: invasive versus effective  
micro versus macro

# our methodology

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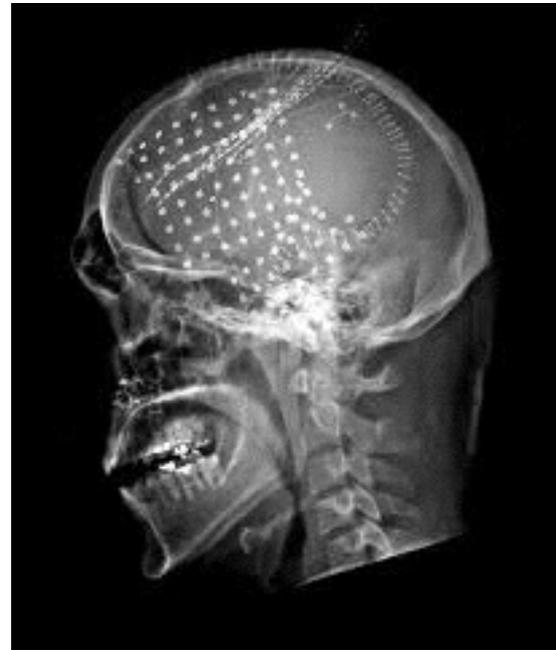
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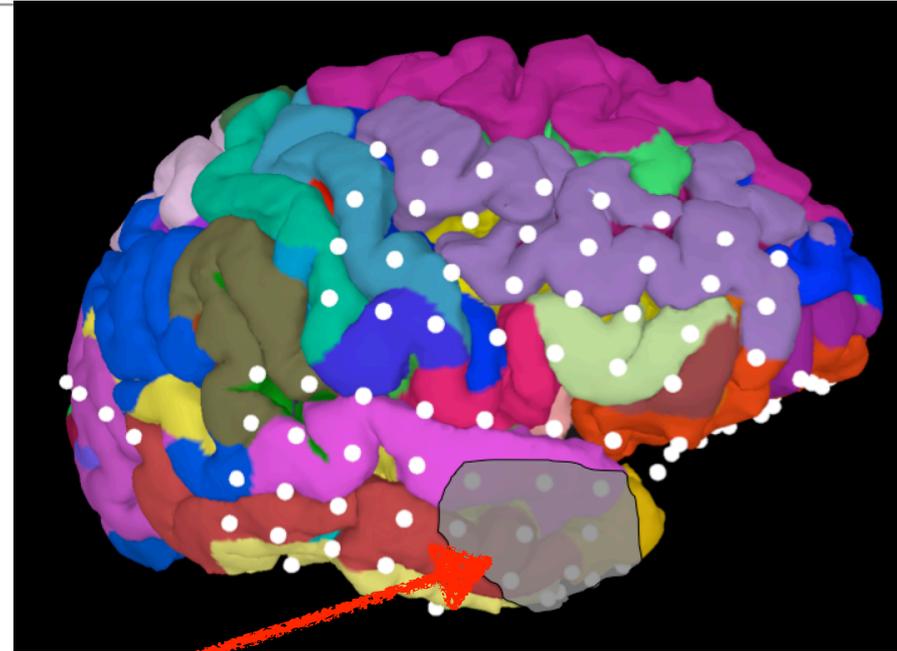
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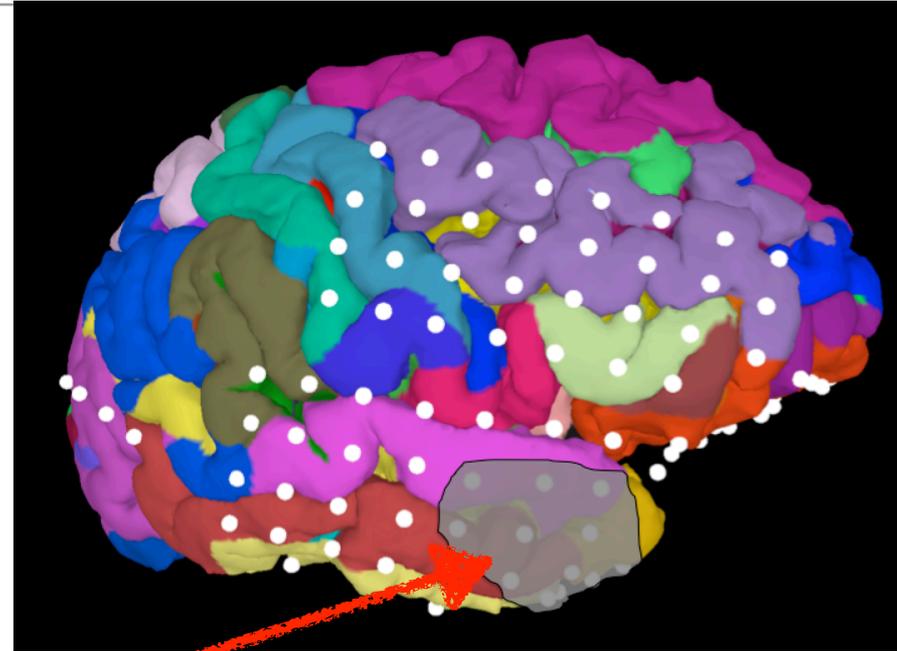


**epileptic zone**

# potential application

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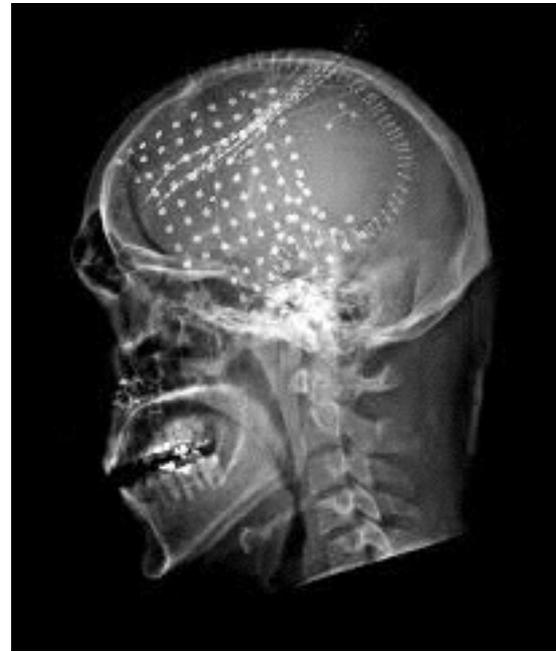


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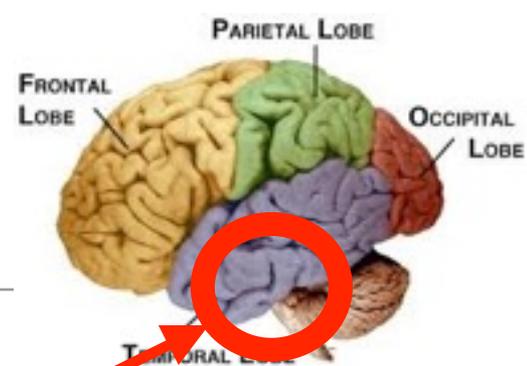
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  - 154 channels (electrodes)

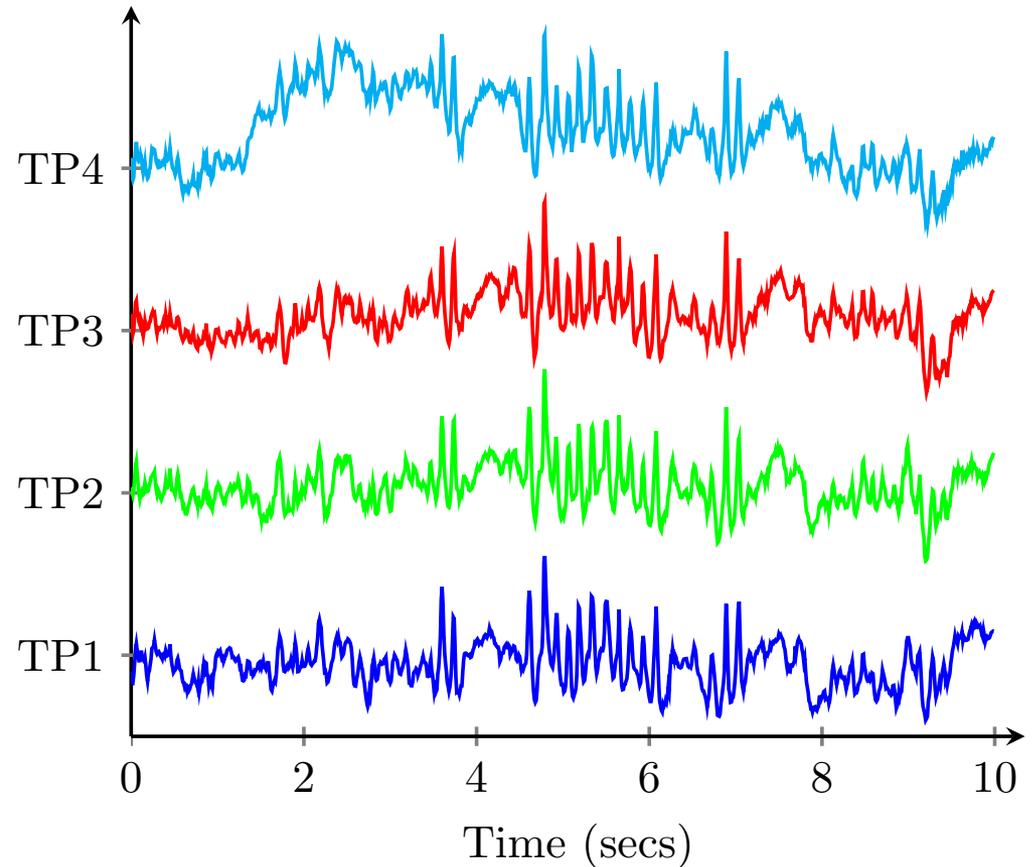


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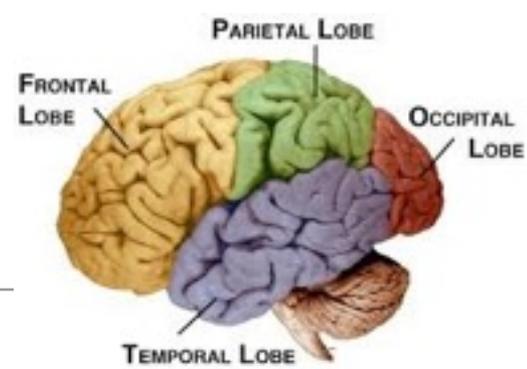


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**temporopolar**

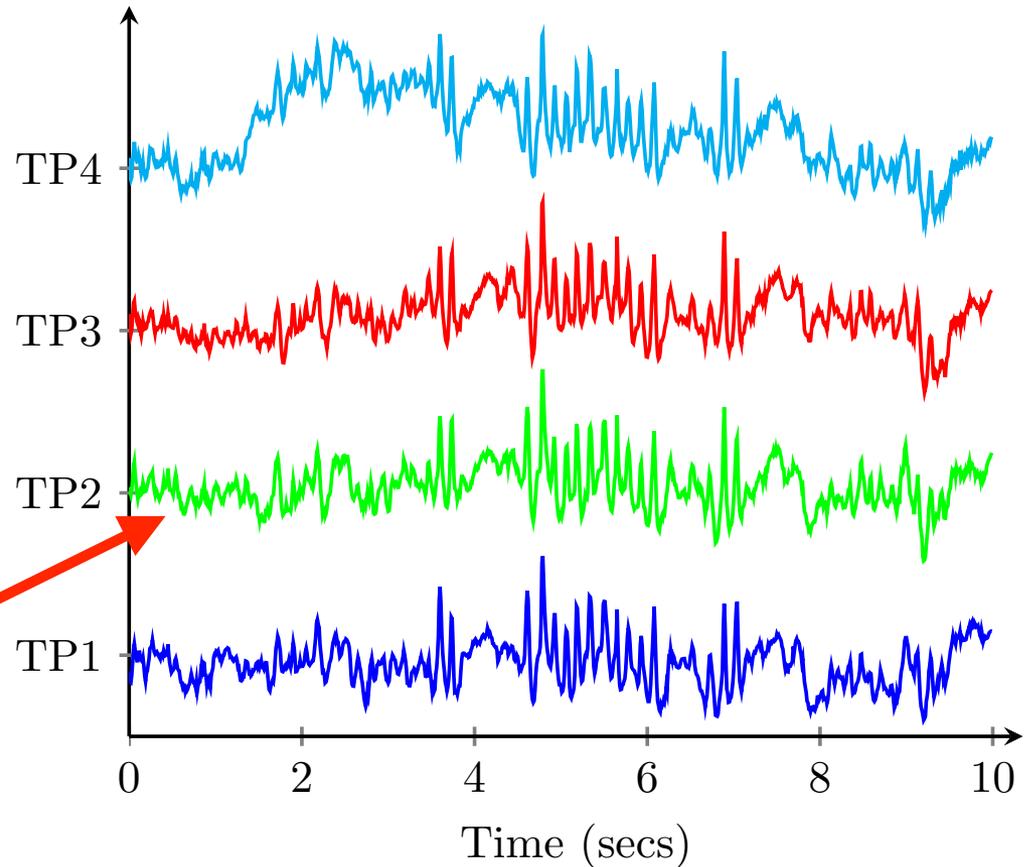


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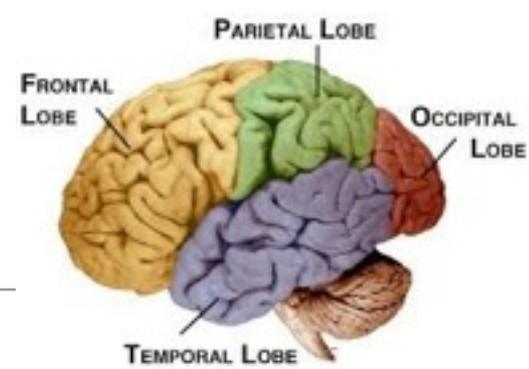


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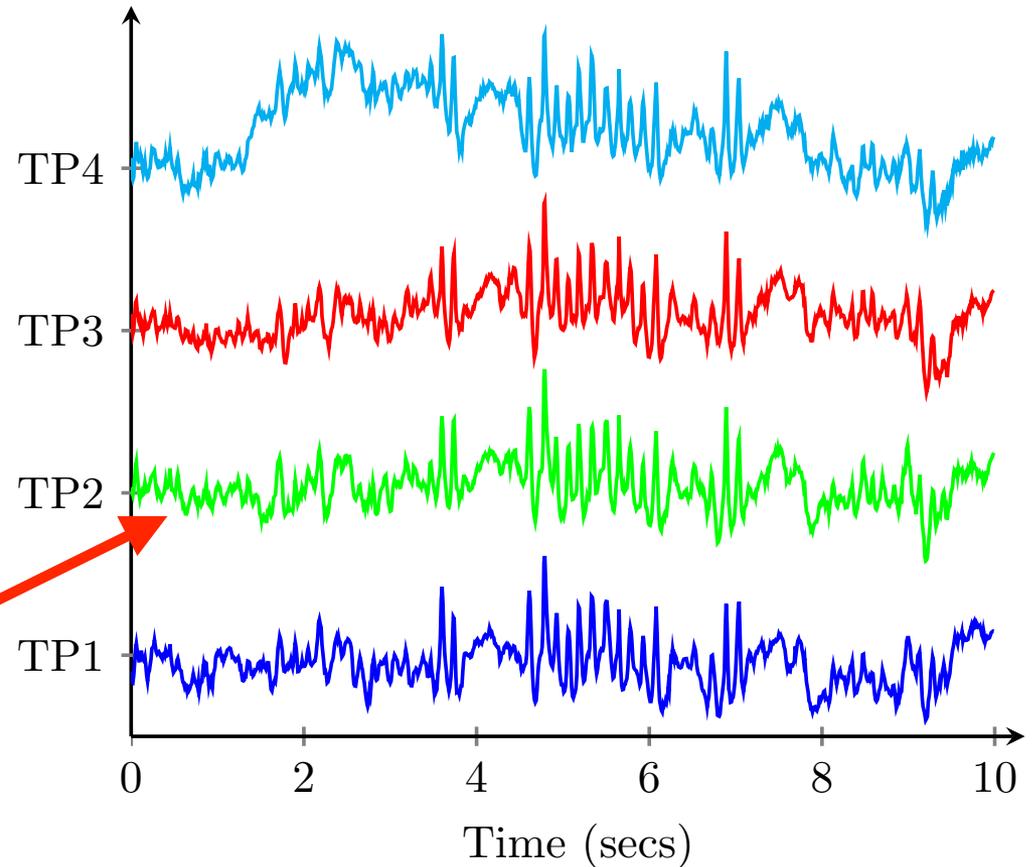


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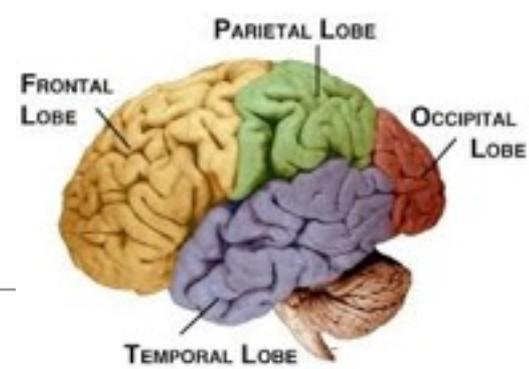
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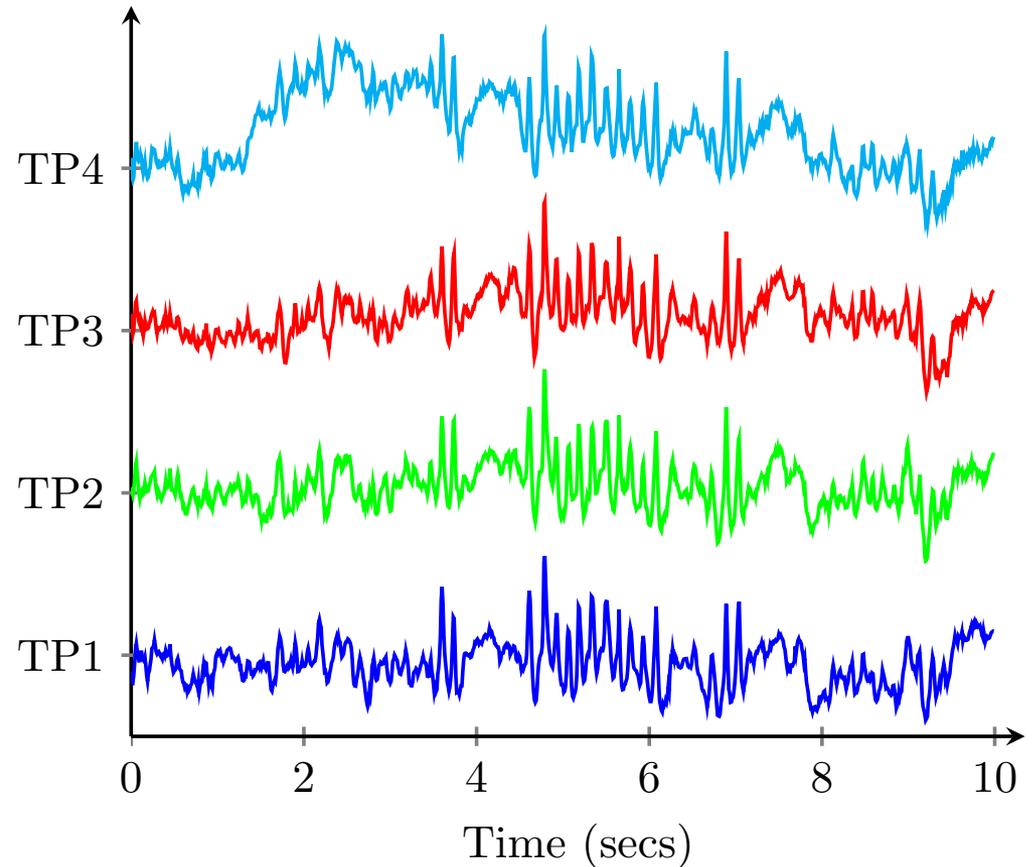


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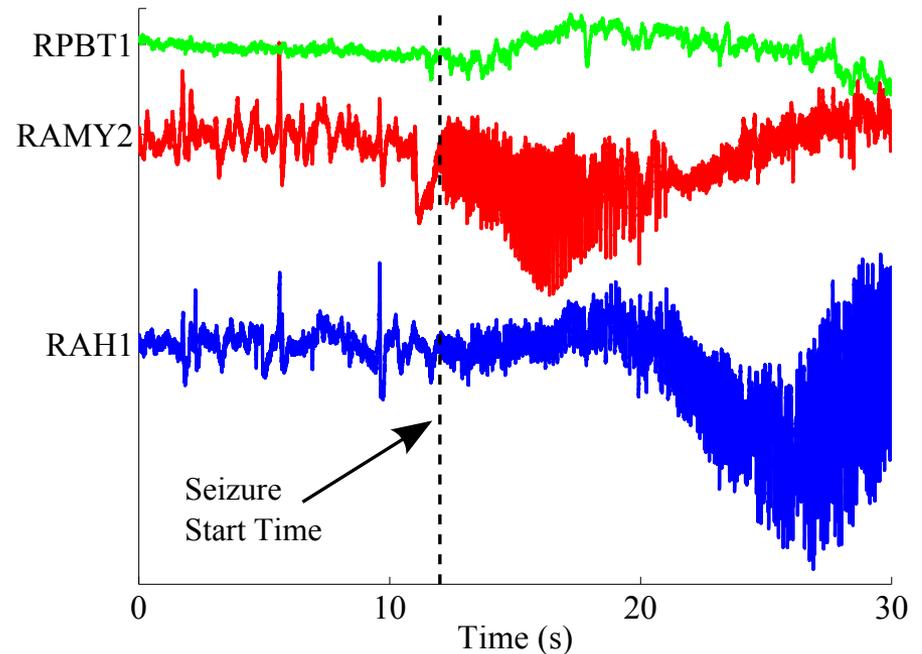


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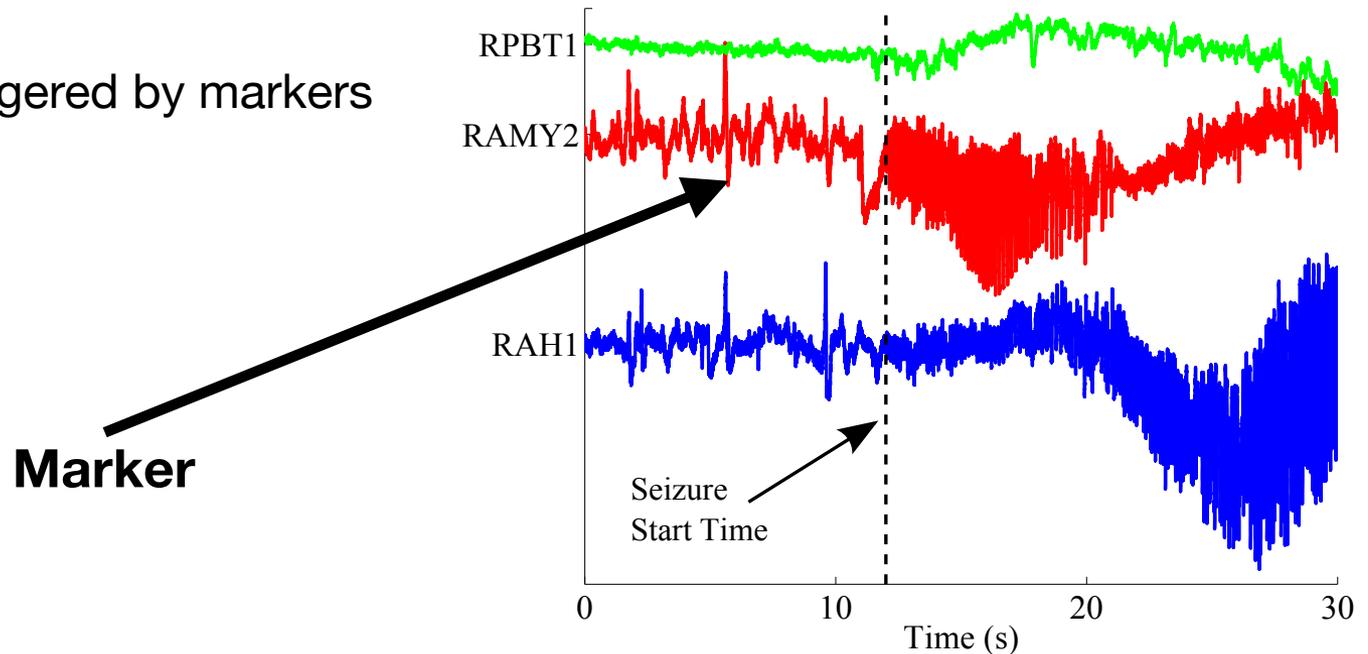


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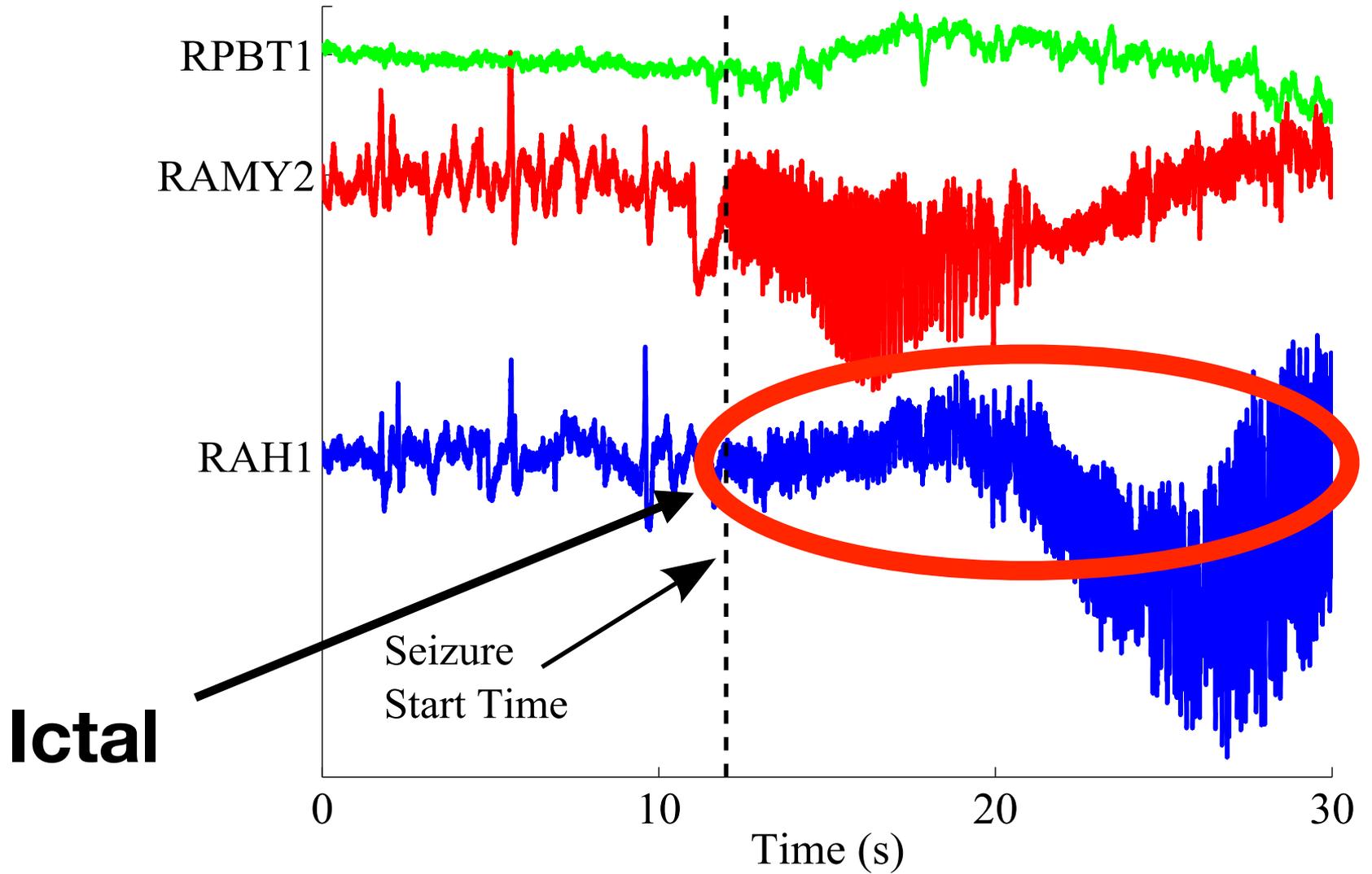
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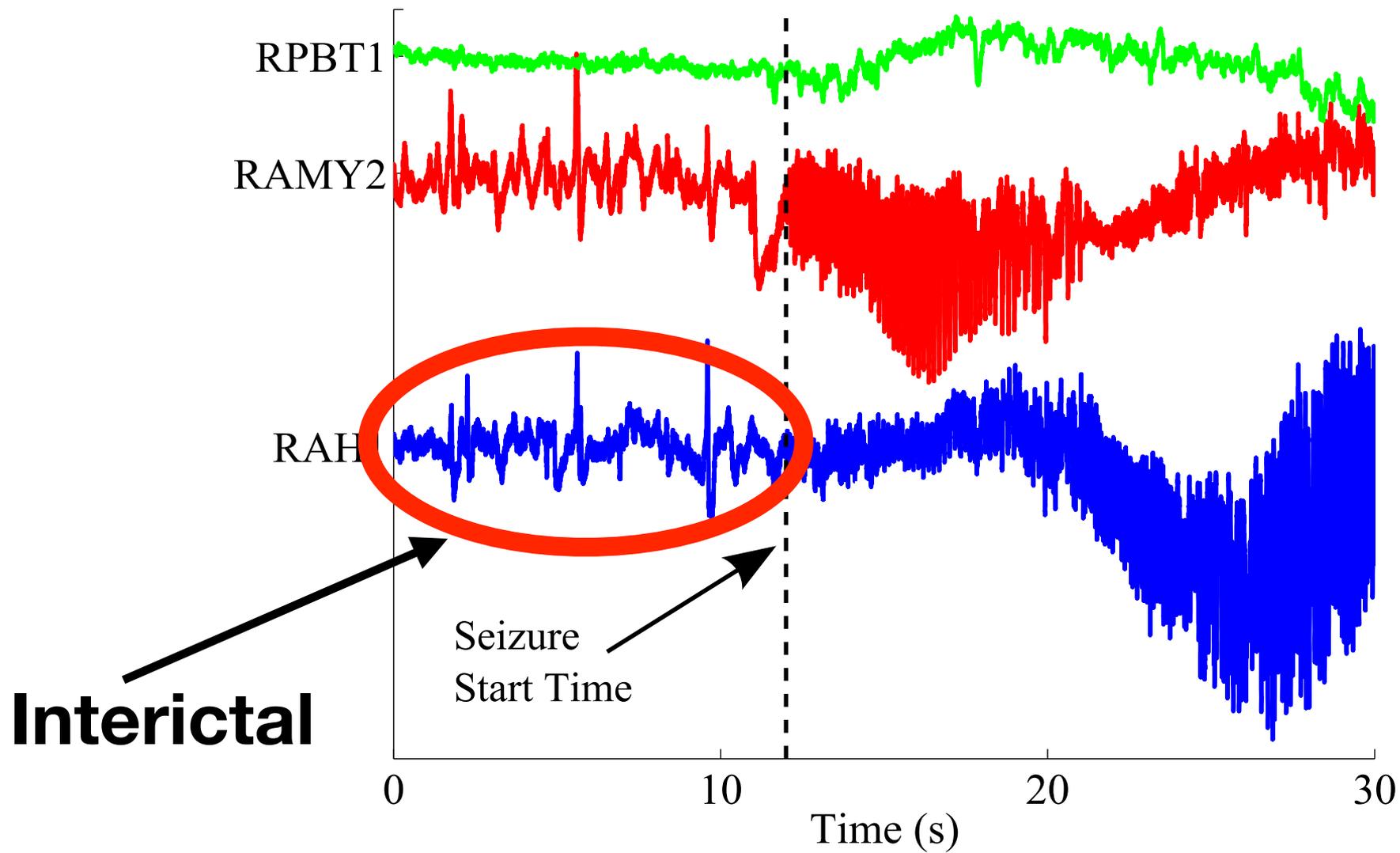
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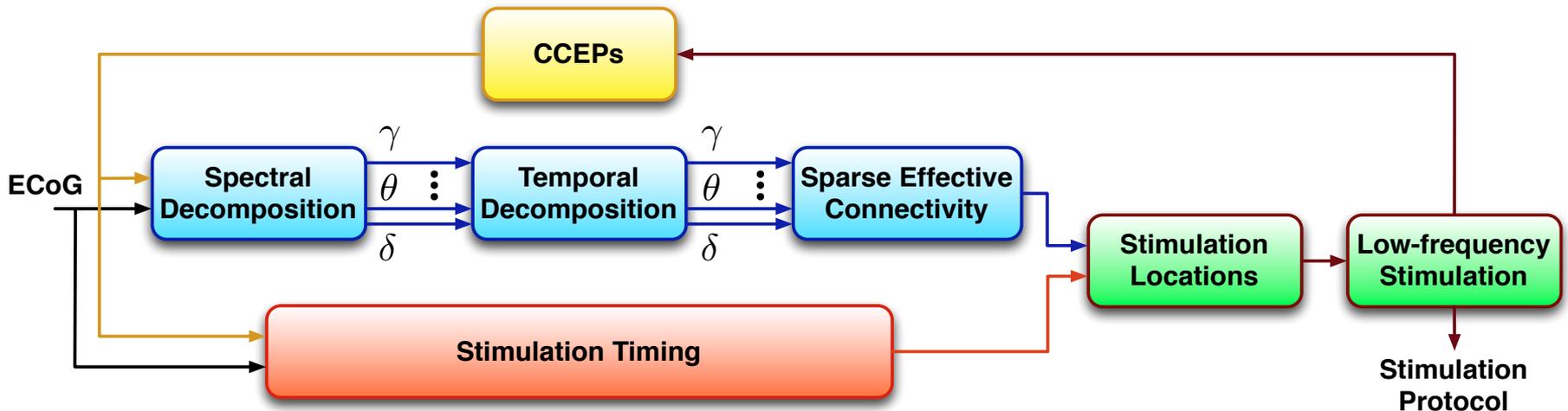
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- performance metric
  - reduction in the number of interictal spikes

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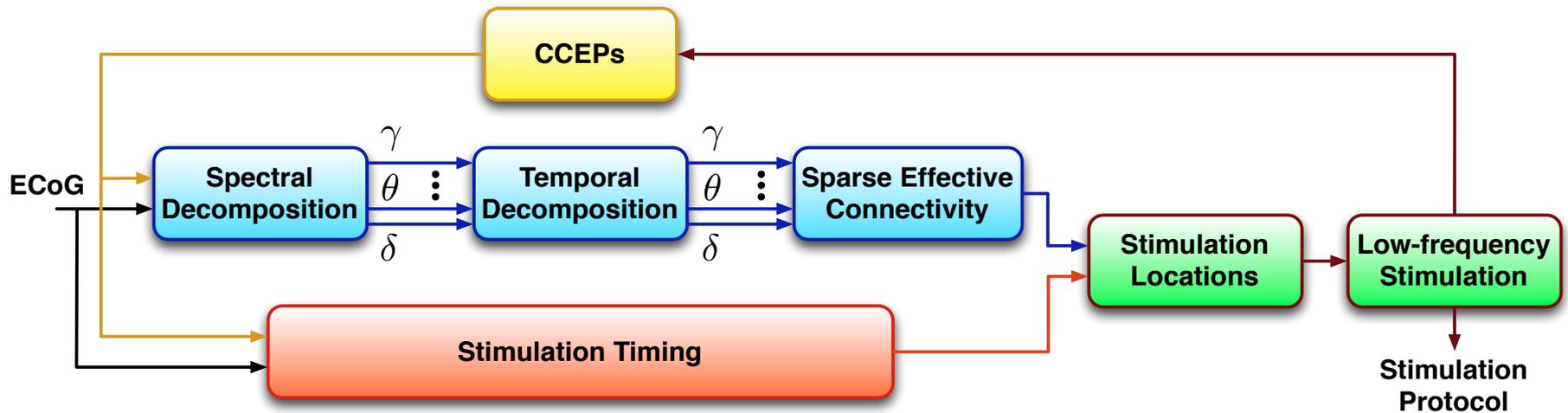
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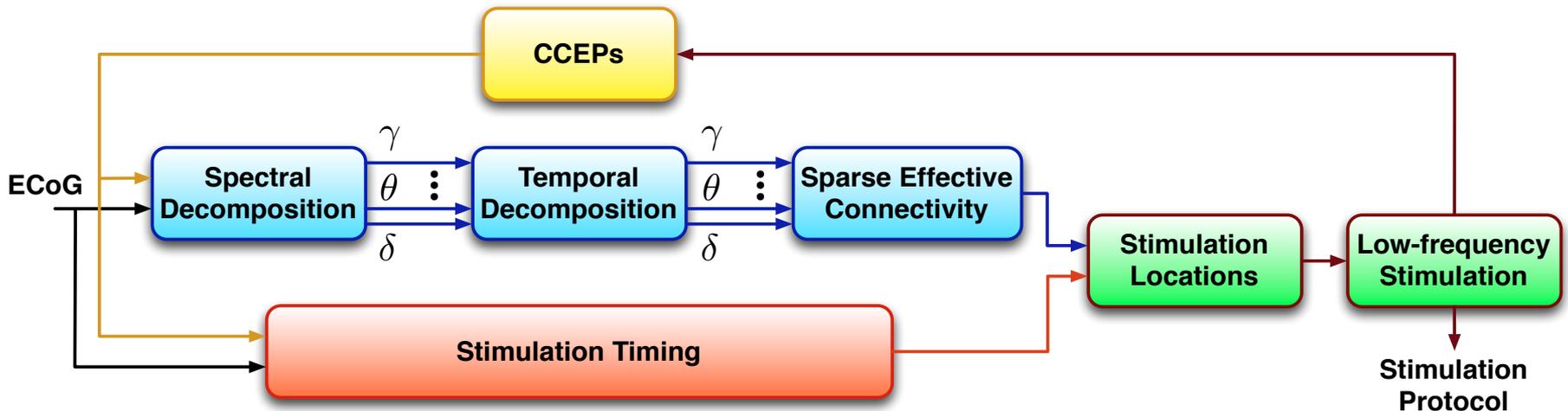
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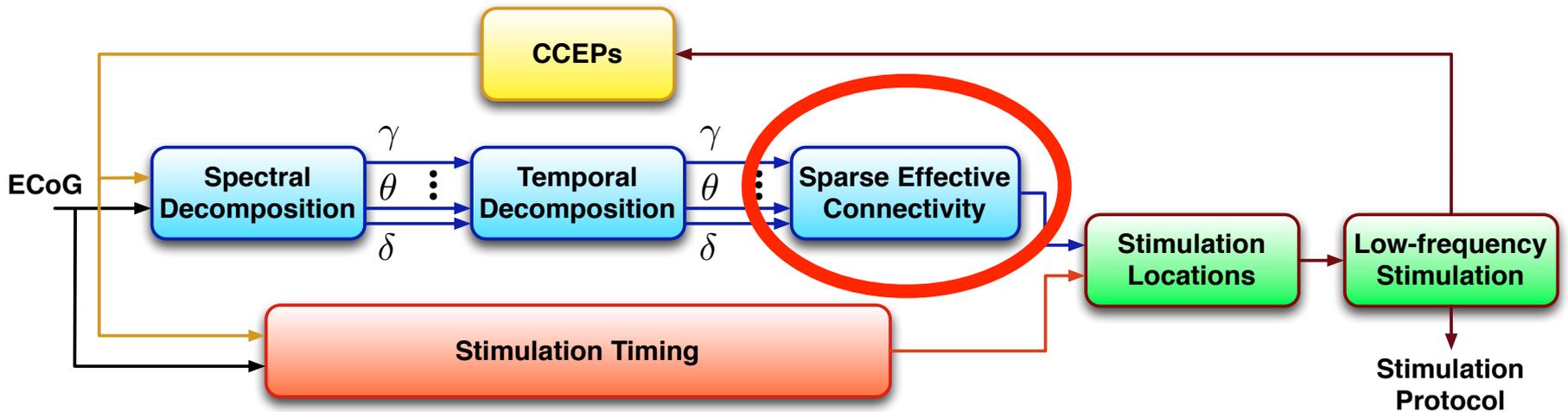
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- develop a model and protocols
- build the system
- clinical trial



# today's talk

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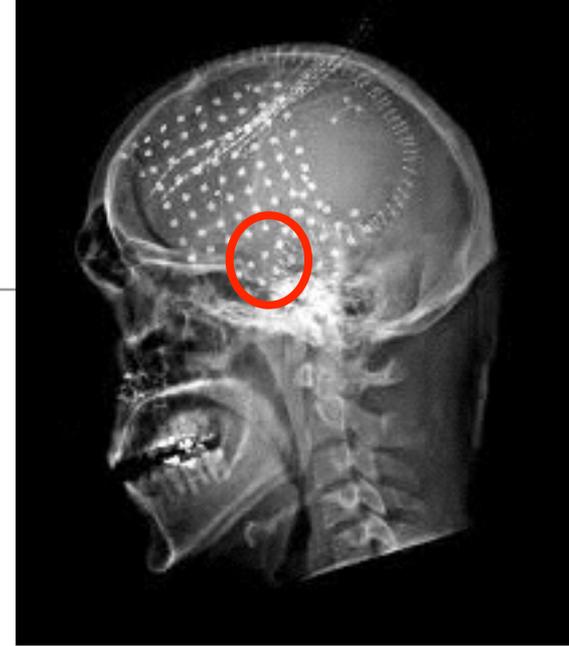
- develop
  - sparse effective connectivity graph



# modeling of the recordings

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- $d$  channels



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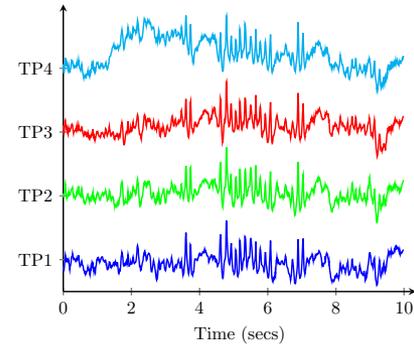
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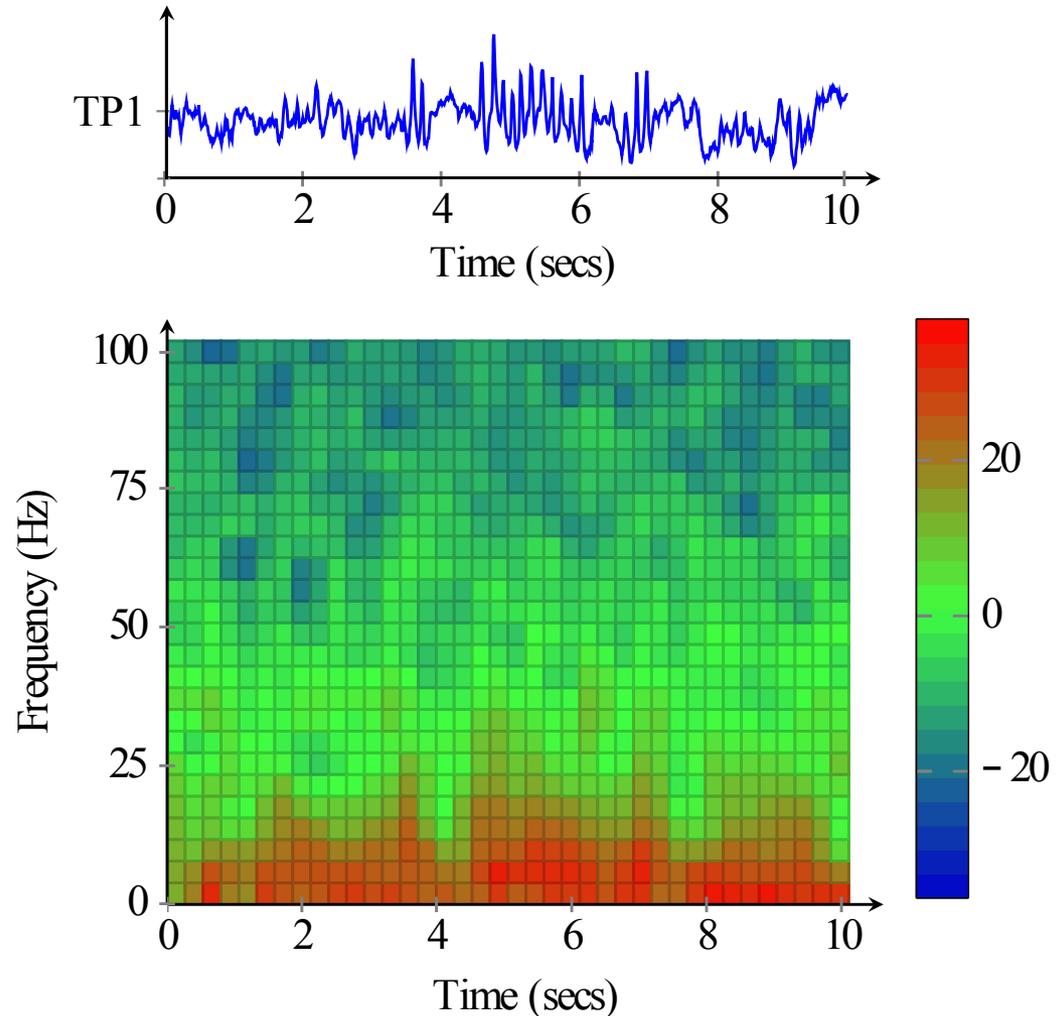
**spectral? temporal? spatial?**

# spectral decomposition

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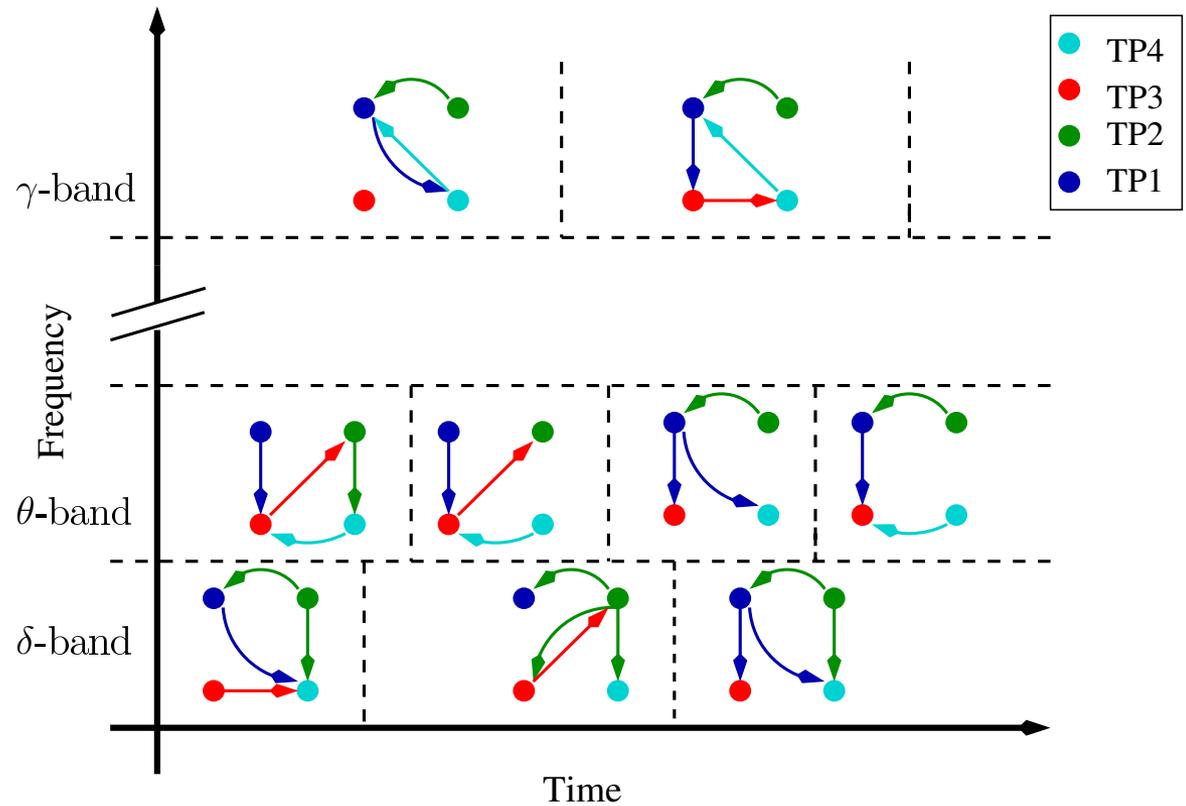
- time-frequency analysis

- 0.1-4 Hz  $\delta$  band
- 4-8 Hz  $\theta$  band
- 8-14  $\alpha$  band
- 14-30  $\beta$  band
- > 30  $\gamma$  band



# spatial connectivity

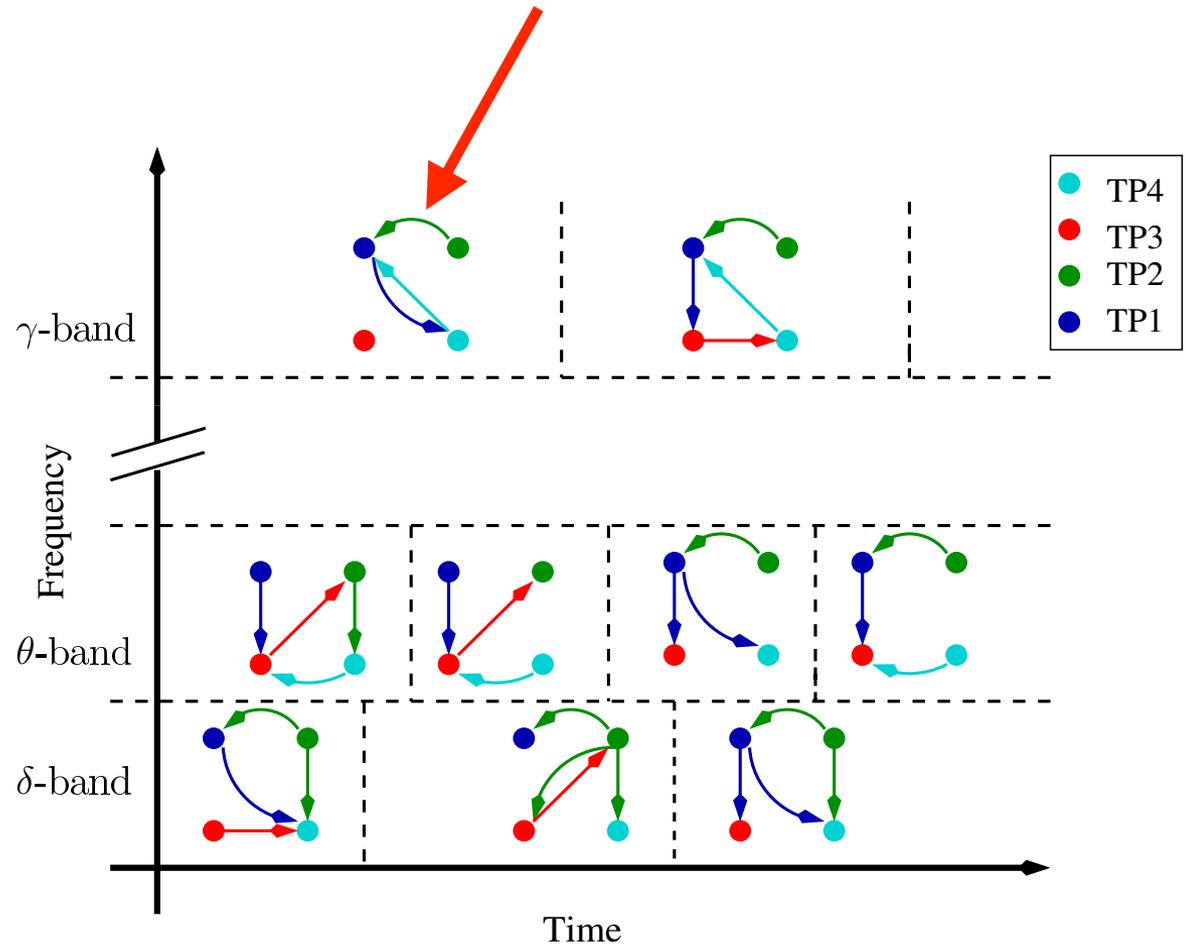
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TP2 causally connected to TP1???



# causality

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  - ...
    - Norbert Wiener (1956)
    - Clive Granger (1969)
    - Hans Marko (1973)
    - James Massey (1990)
    - Kramer (1998)

a little background

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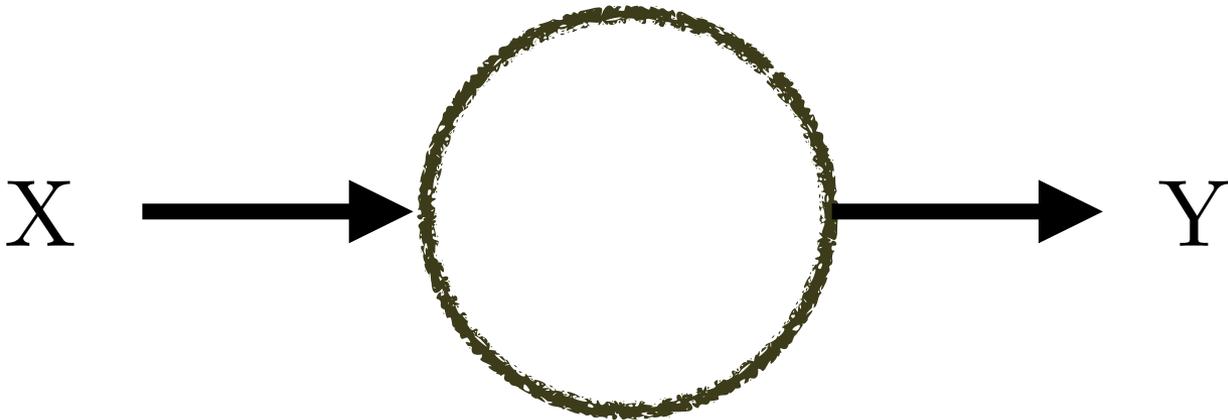
## a little background

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- mutual information

$$I(X; Y) = \int f_{XY} \log \frac{f_{XY}}{f_X f_Y}$$

- average information about **X** provided by **Y**



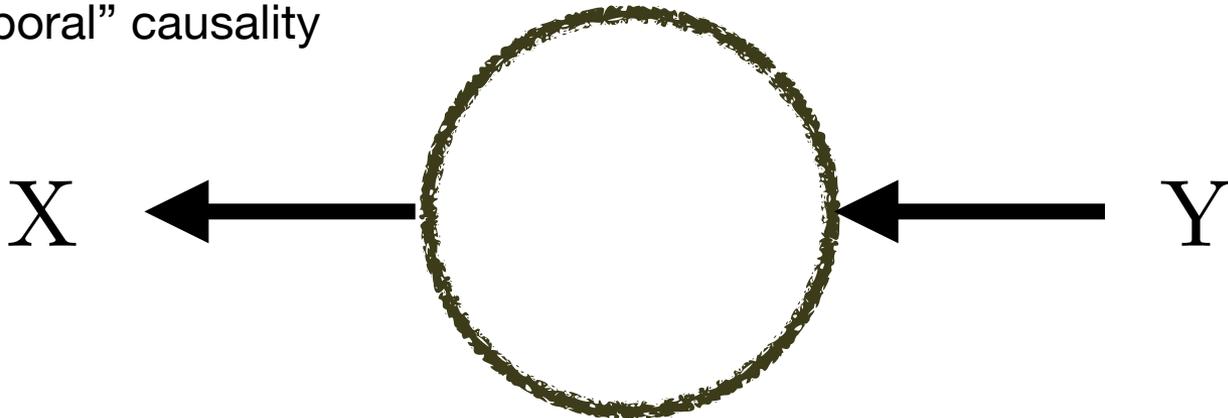
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- not directional
- no “temporal” causality



# a little background

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- directed information and causality

$$I(X_1^N \rightarrow Y_1^N) = \sum_{n=1}^N I(X_1^n; Y_n | Y_1^{n-1})$$

- directional

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causal conditional entropy



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4 examples

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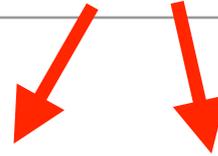
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## example 2

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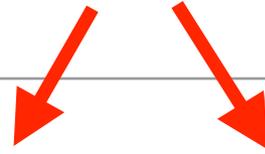
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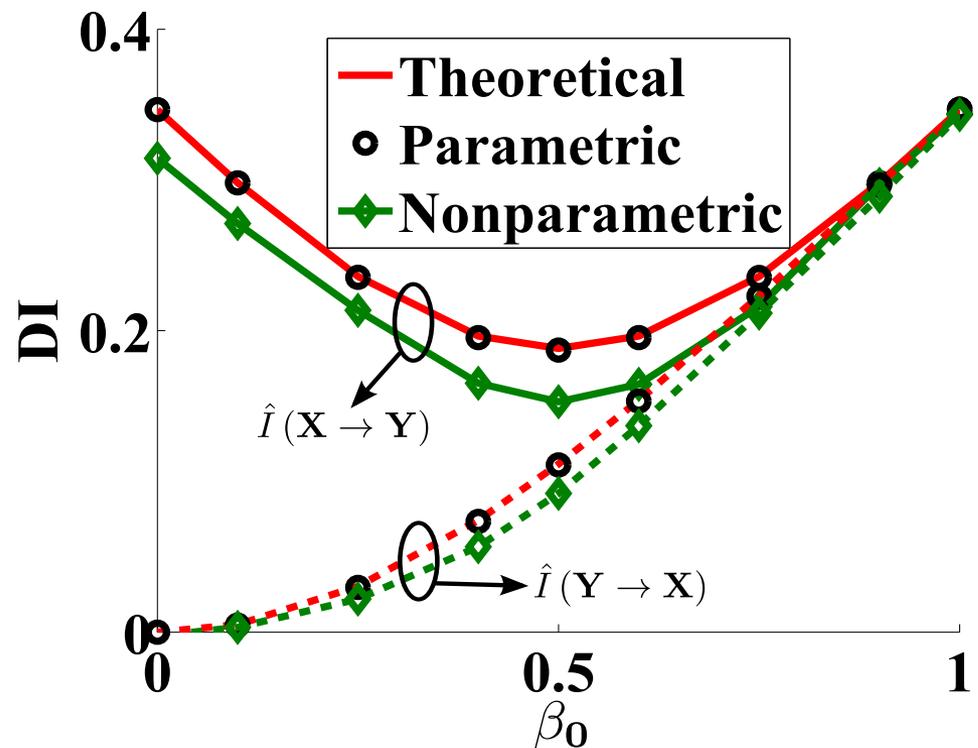
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example 3= 1+2

- linear autoregressive

$$Y_n = \beta_0 X_n + (1 - \beta_0) X_{n-1} + z_n$$



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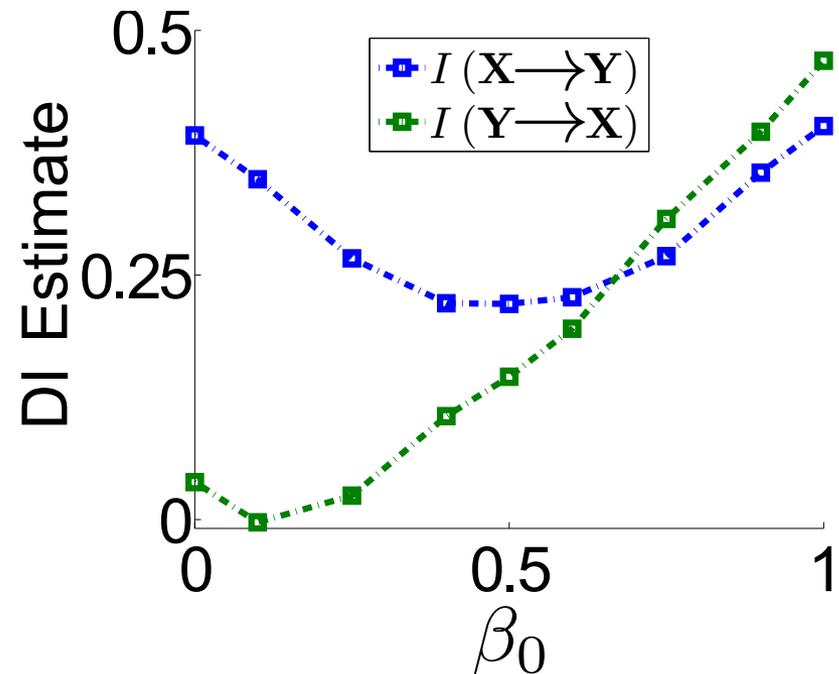
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- nonlinear

$$Y_n = \beta_0 X_n^2 + (1 - \beta_0) X_{n-1}^2 + z_n$$

- estimates

- non parametric
- data driven

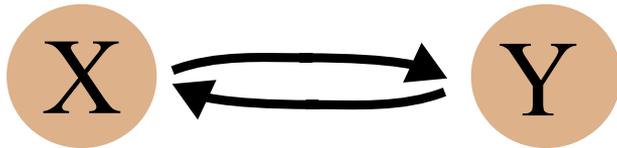


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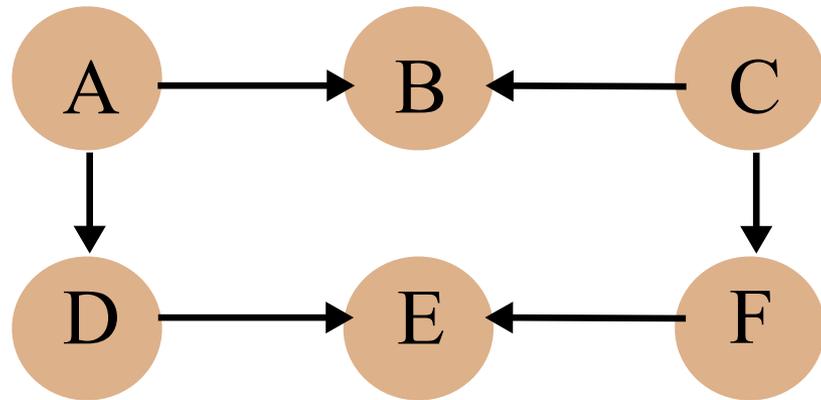
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- example

$$I(B \rightarrow D|A) = 0$$



(a) Two Node Causal Network

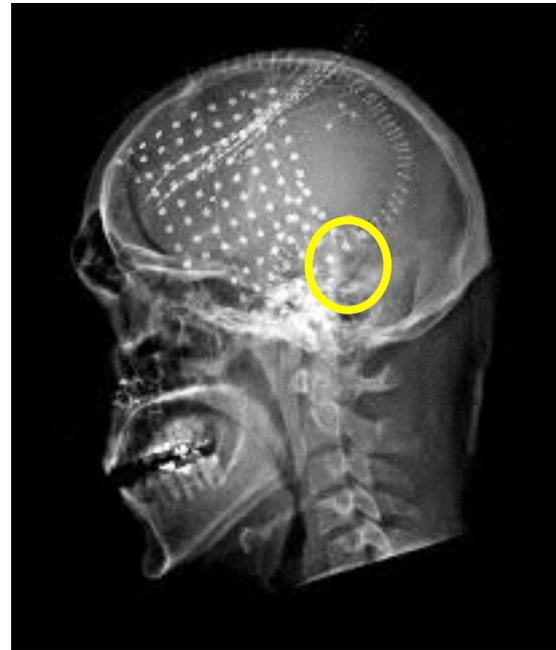


(b) Six Node Causal Network

# back to real data!

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- subdural recording from epileptic patients
  - 151 channels
  - sampling rate 1KHz



# back to real data!

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- subdural recording from epileptic patient P1

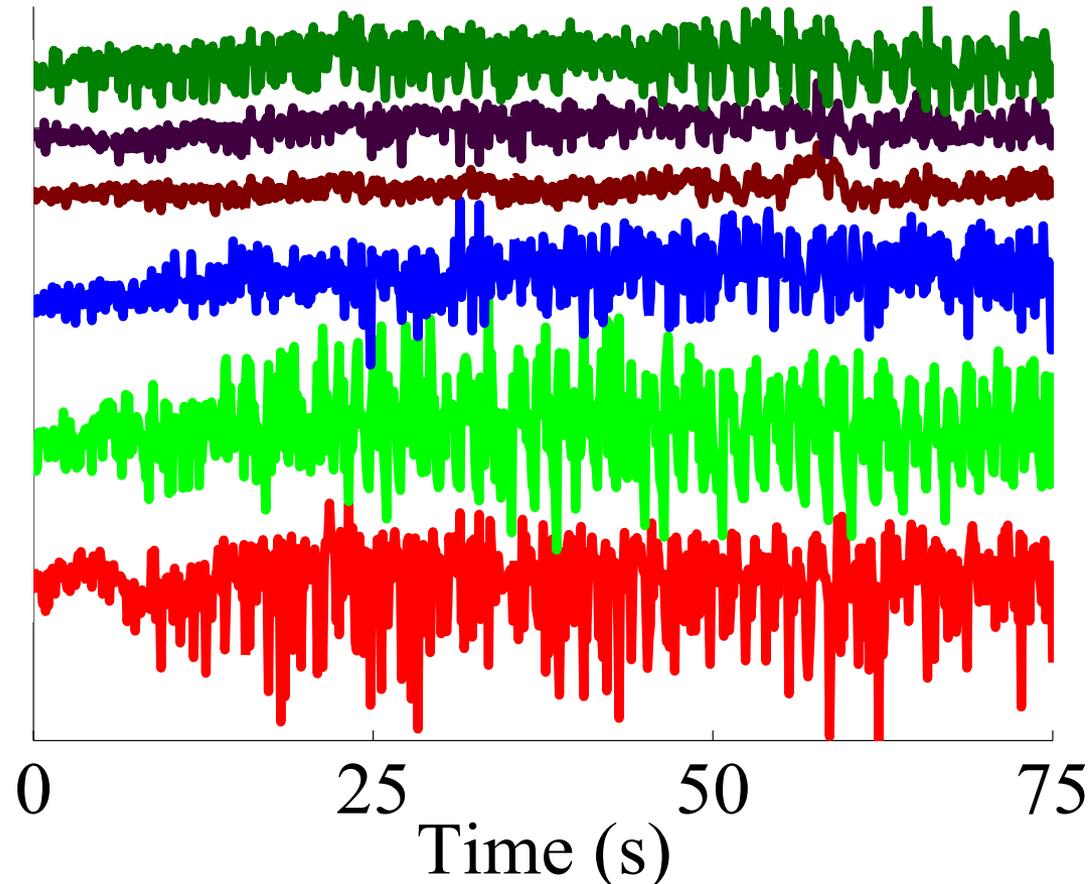
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- approach

- model based

- data driven



# model based

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- nonlinear
- linear
  - moving average autoregressive
- Gaussian

# data driven

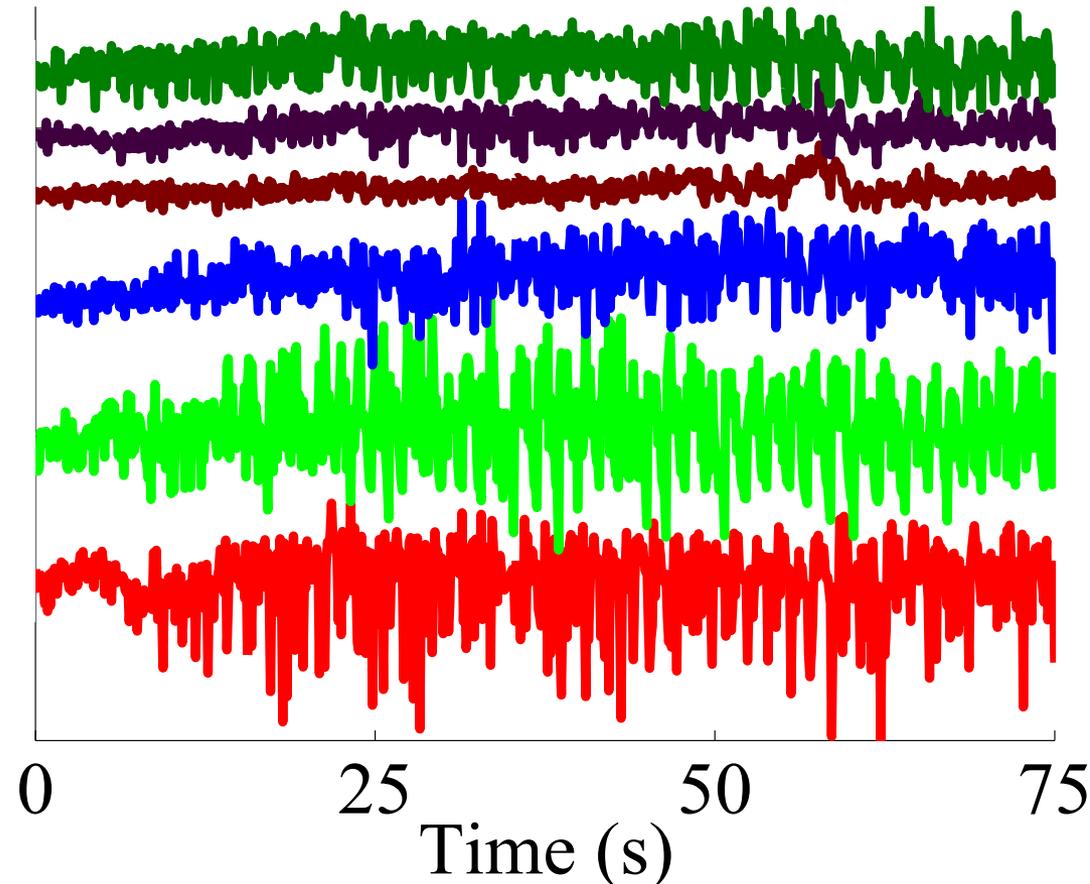
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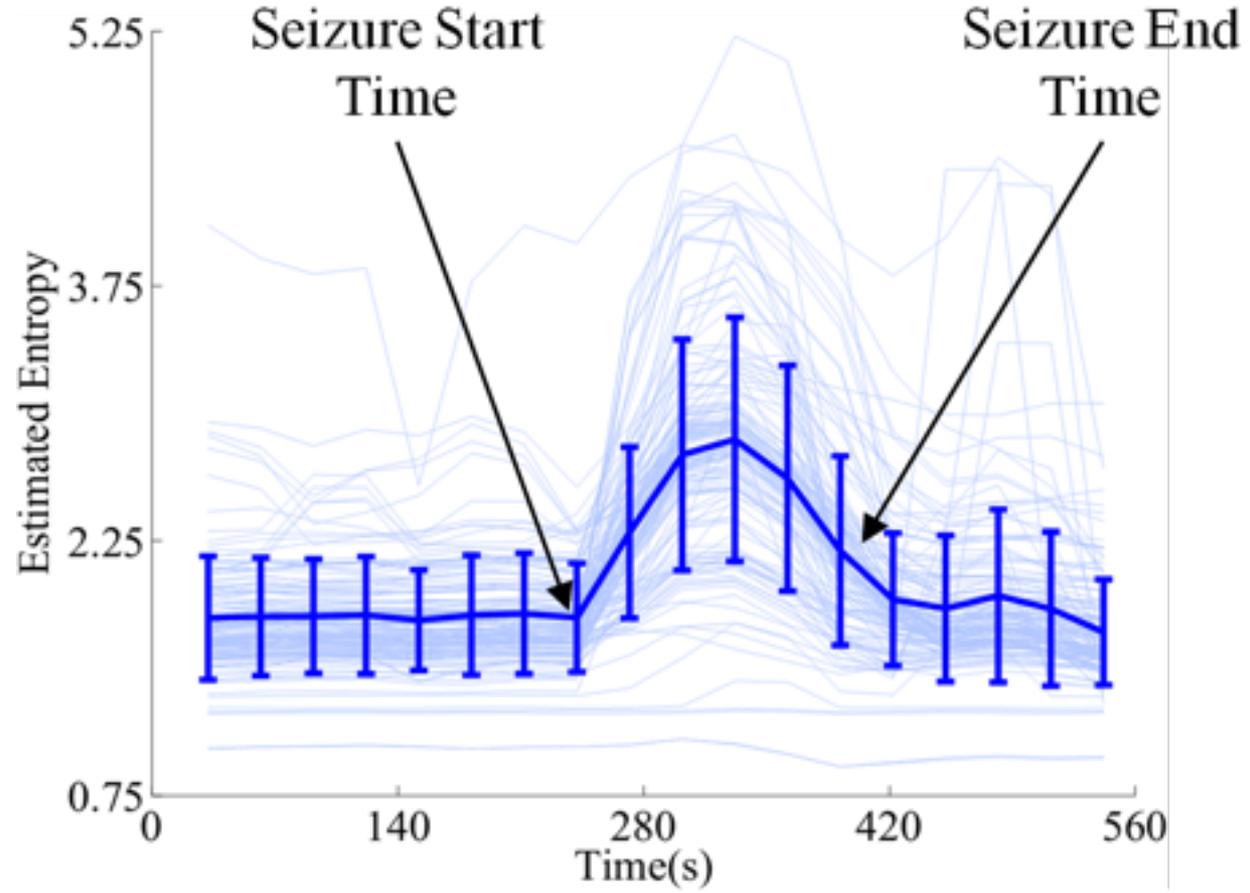
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- seizure onset zone
- seizure



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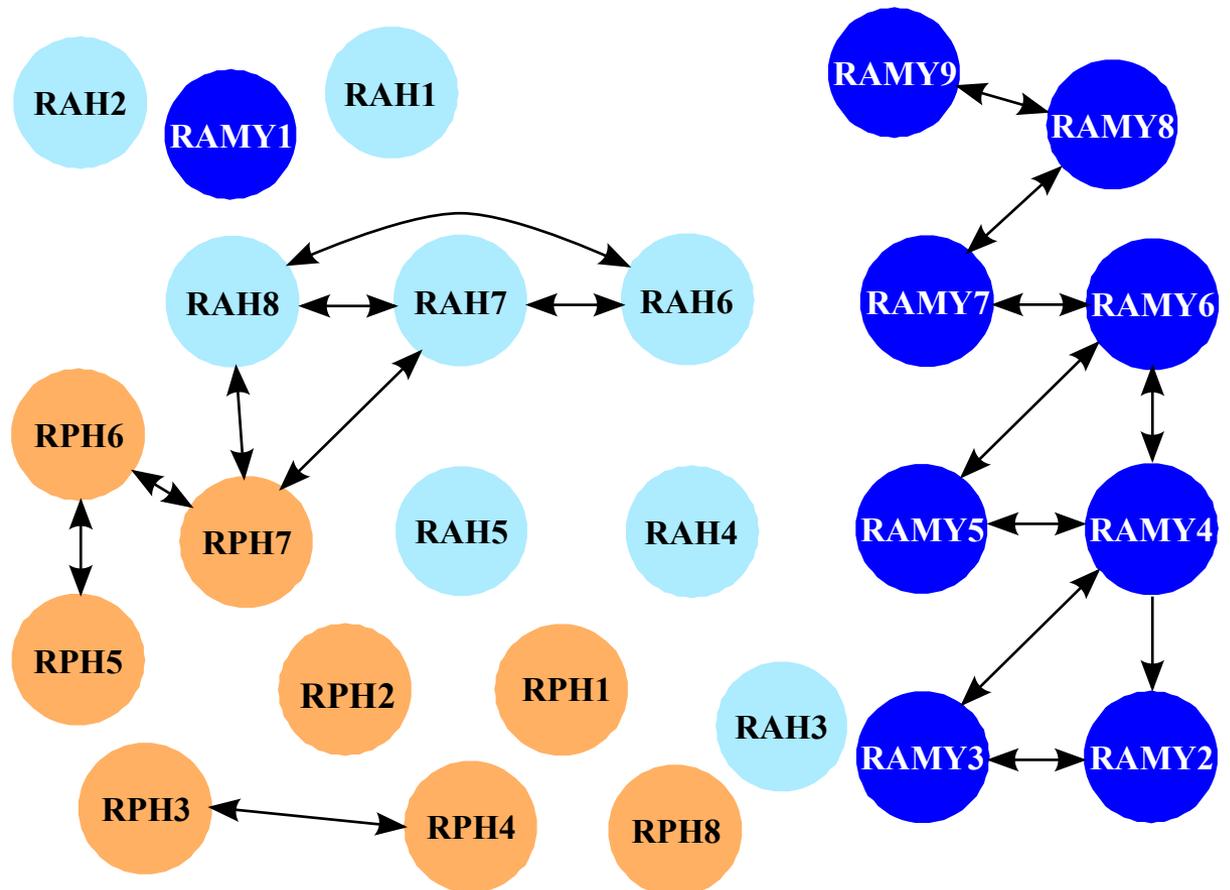
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  - temporal focus



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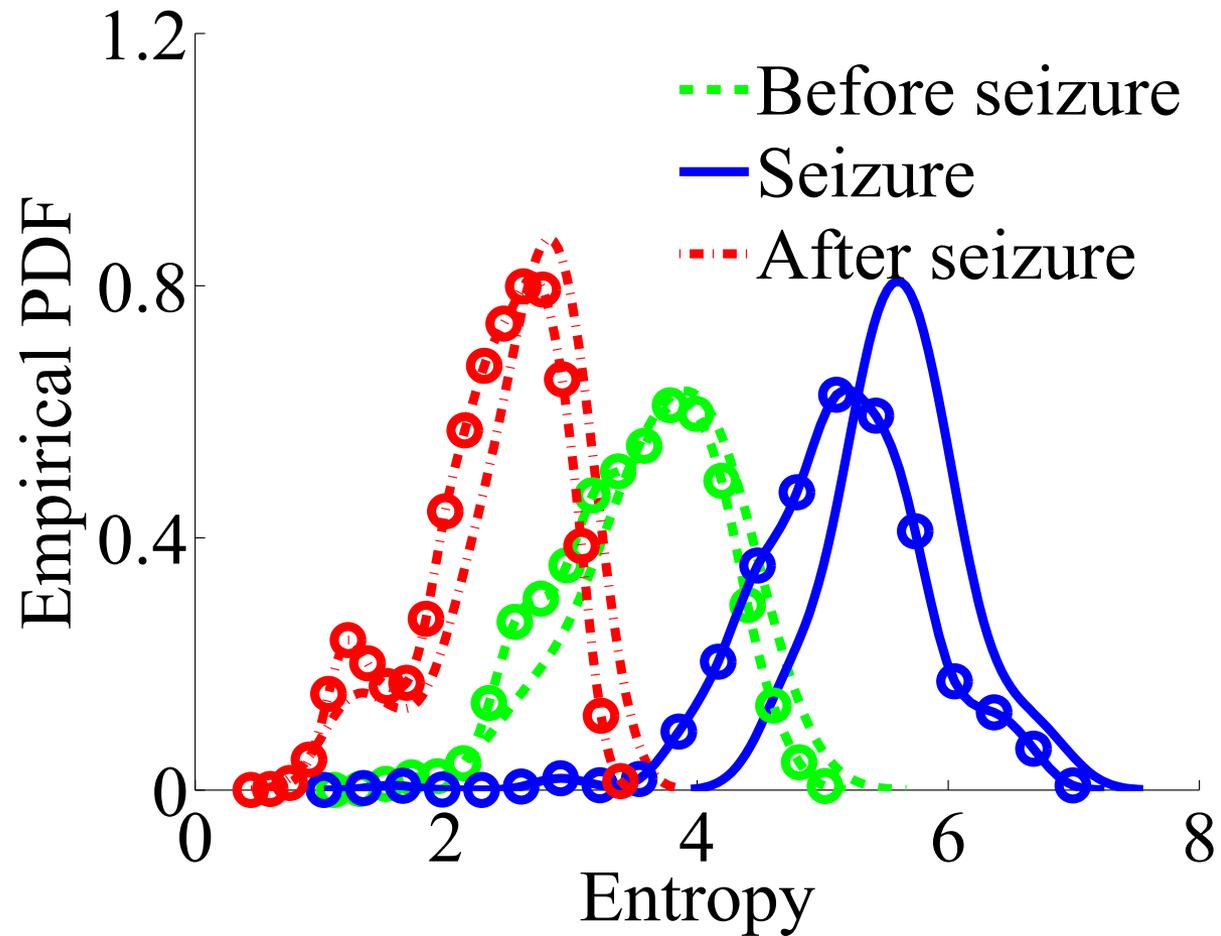
- directed information
- spatial focus

- prior
- during
- post seizure



# back to real data!

- epileptic zone
  - 25 channels
  - coarse temporal focus



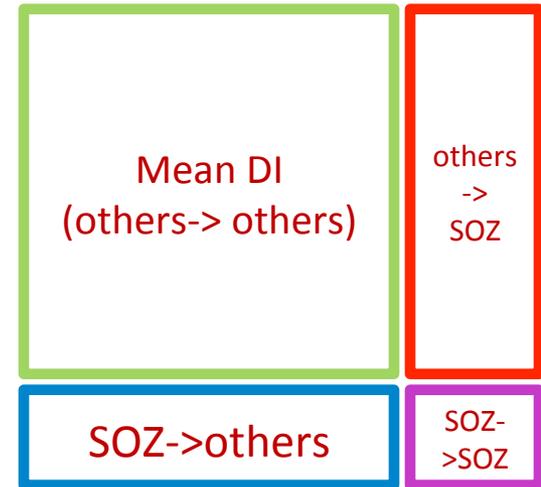
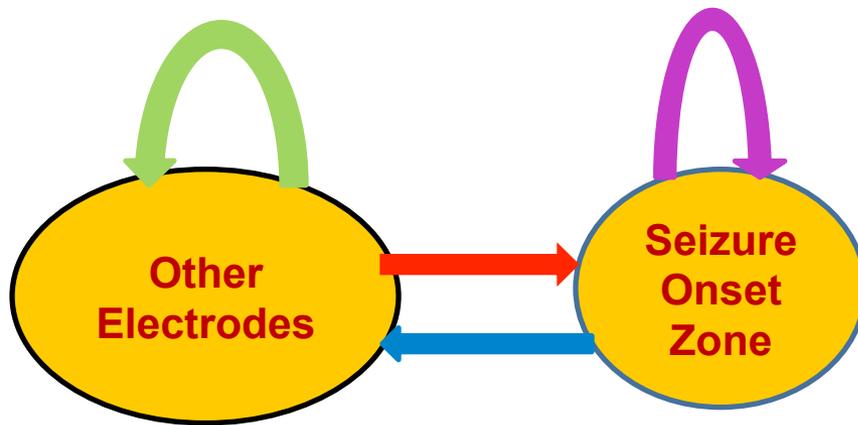
# epileptic zone

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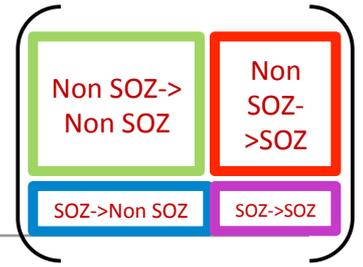
- focused on the epileptic zone
- temporally (coarse) focused on seizure
- causality!

# seizure onset zone

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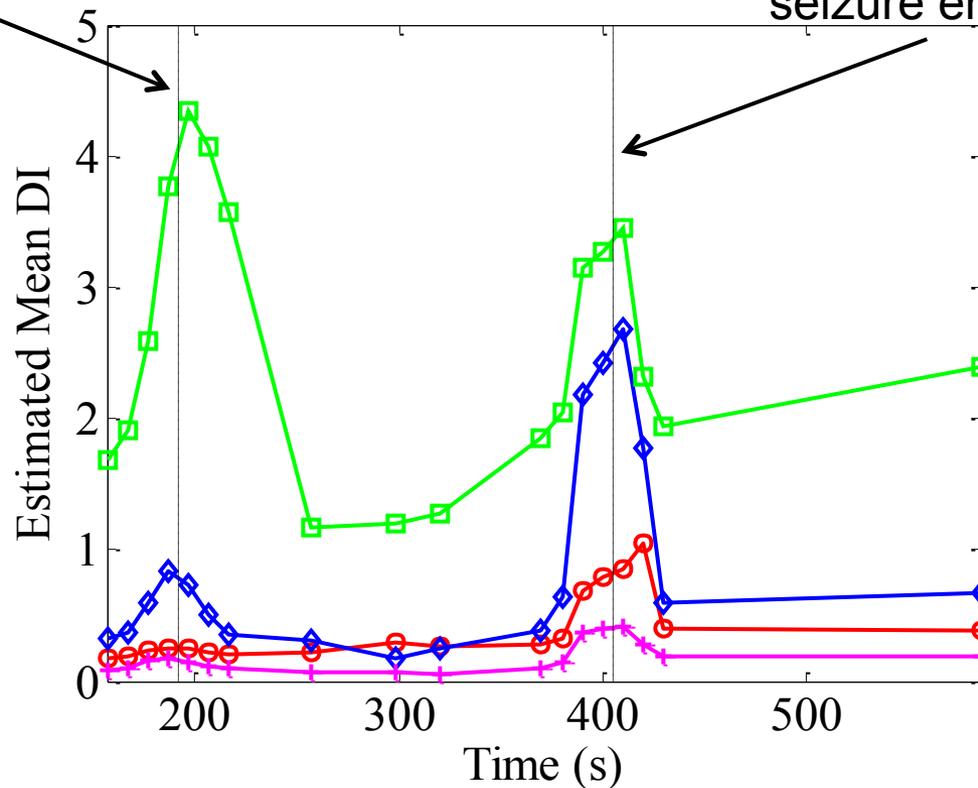


# dynamic causal connectivity



seizure start time

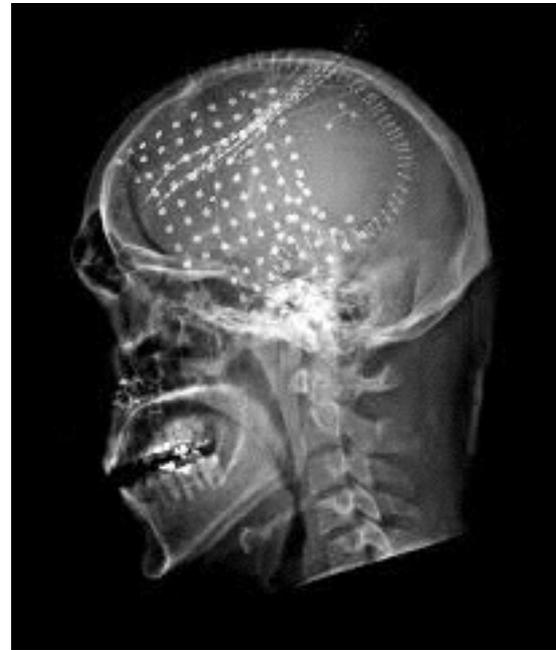
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# a few thoughts

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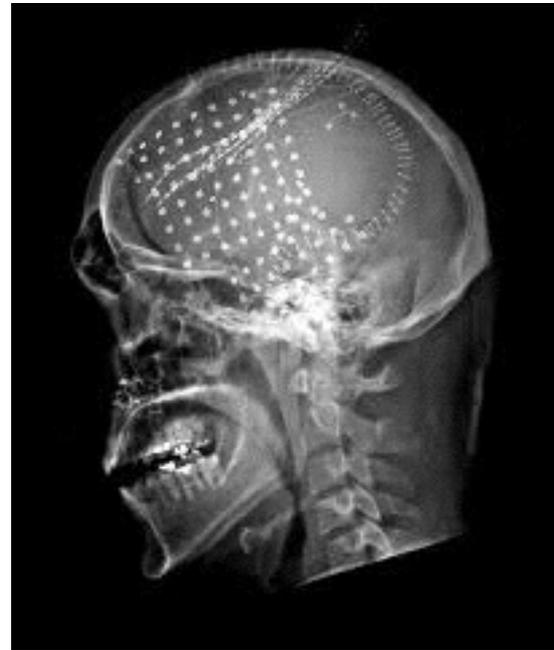
- clear goals
- numerous open questions
- tremendous amount of data
- great tools



# final thoughts

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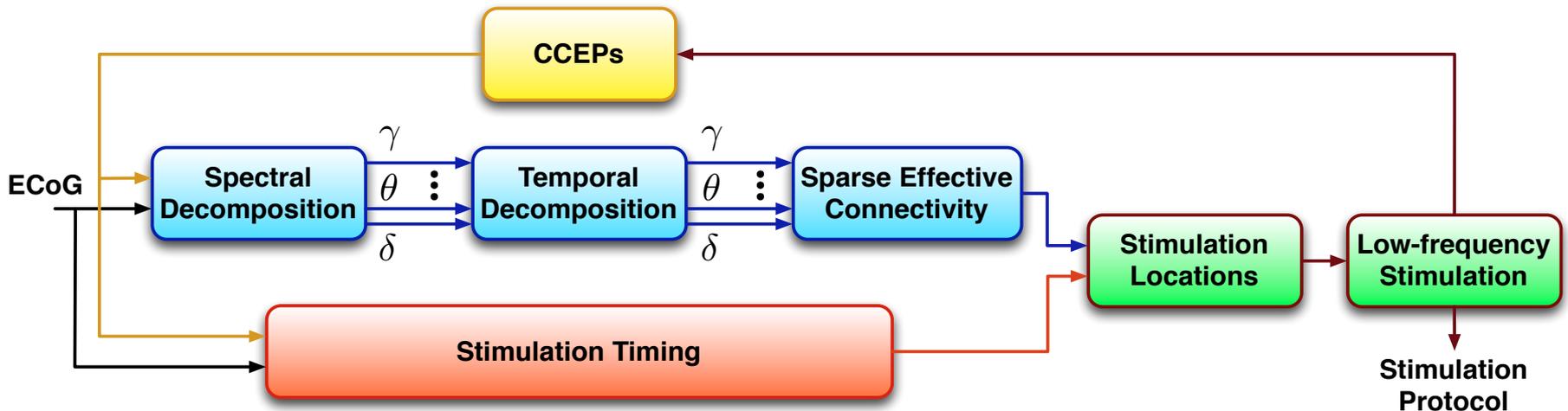
- closed loop stimulation
  - markers
    - spectral
    - temporal
      - prediction
      - fine
    - spatial



# final thoughts

- closed loop stimulation
  - markers
  - real time

**low frequency stimulation  
to depress the excitable state**



# final thoughts

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- develop protocols
  - temporal markers
  - directed connectivity
- build the system
- clinical trial !!!!!

