



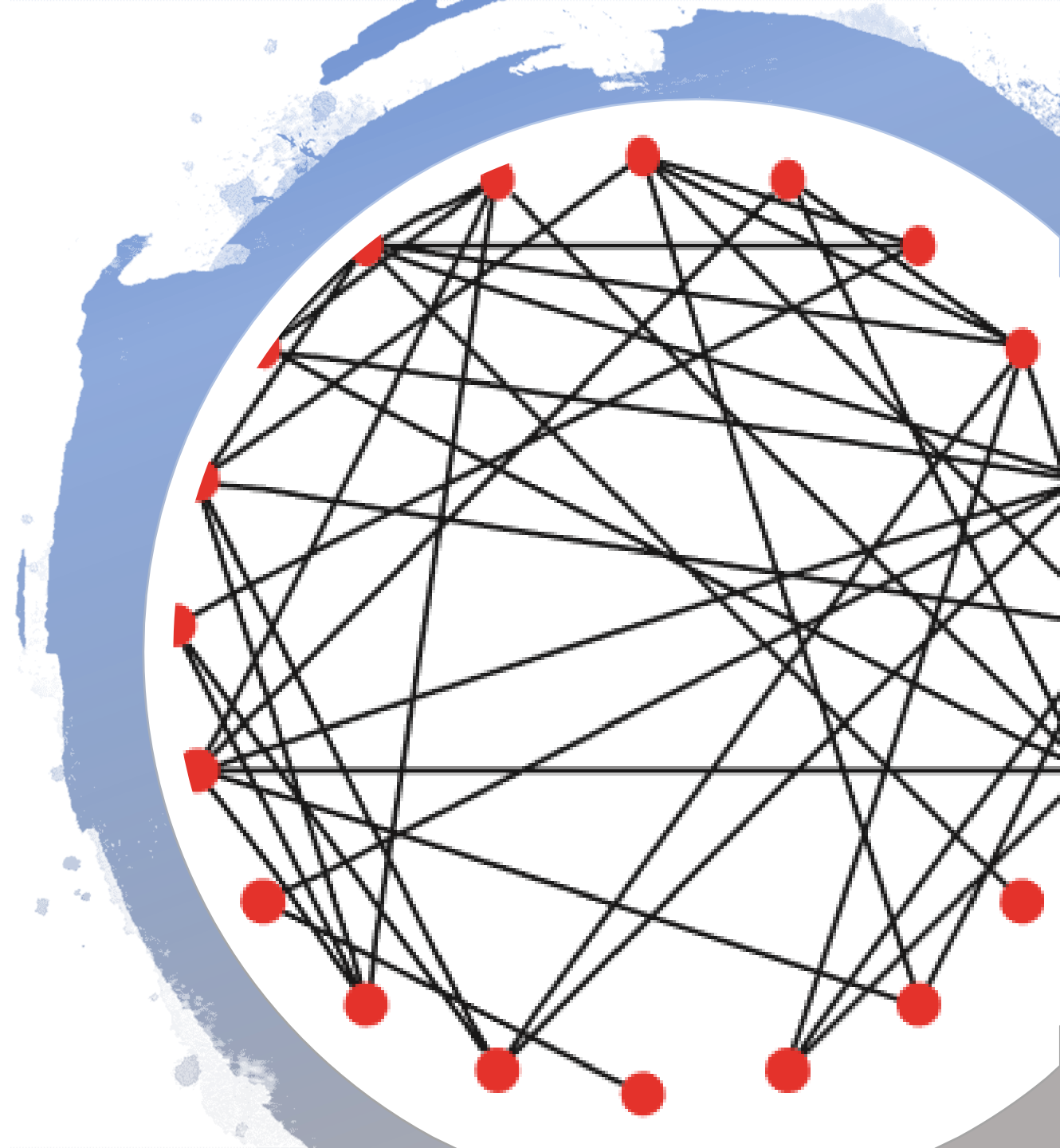
# New Era of Epilepsy Surgery

understanding of the epileptic networks

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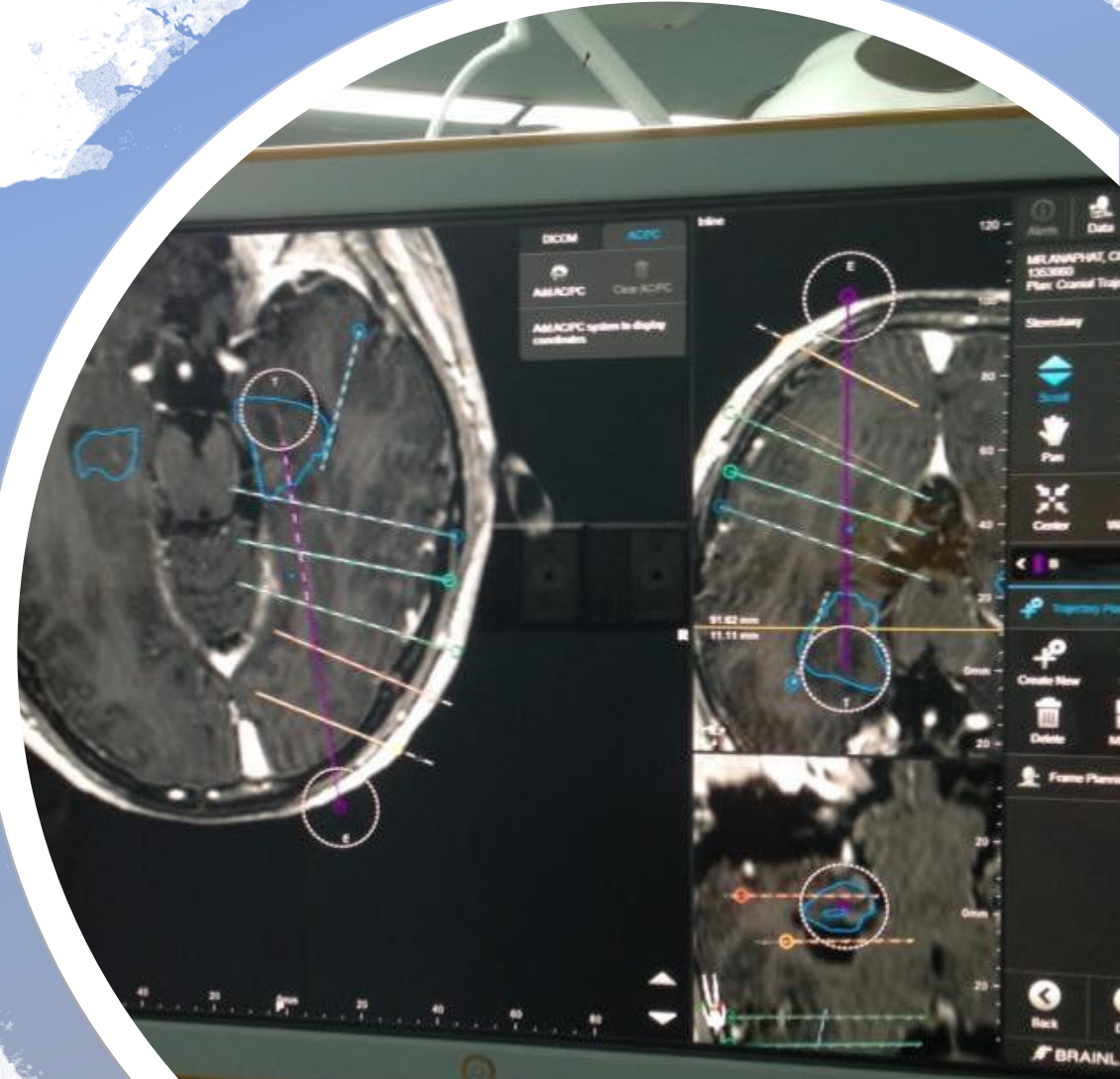
# Outline

- The evolving of the epilepsy surgery and the concept of epileptogenic zone (EZ)
- SEEG and Epileptogenic networks
- Correlating semiology with SEEG signal analysis: connectivity



# Epilepsy surgery

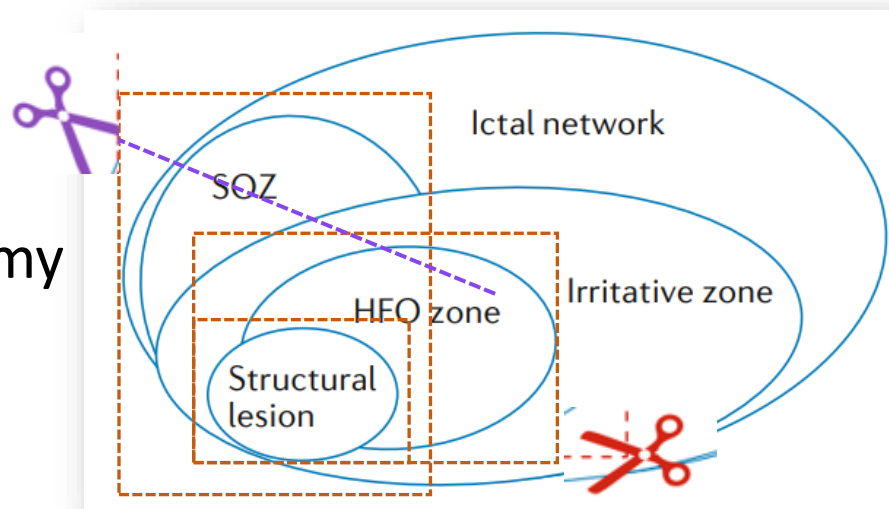
- Treatment option for **medically refractory seizure**
- **Surgically remediable syndrome**
  - Mesial temporal lobe epilepsy
  - Well circumscribed lesional partial epilepsy
  - Hemispheric epilepsy syndrome
  - Epilepsies in infants and young children due to large or diffuse lesions limited to one hemisphere



# Epilepsy surgery

## Resective surgery

- Lesionectomy
- Selective amygdalohippocampectomy
- Corticectomy
- Lobectomy
- Multilobar resection

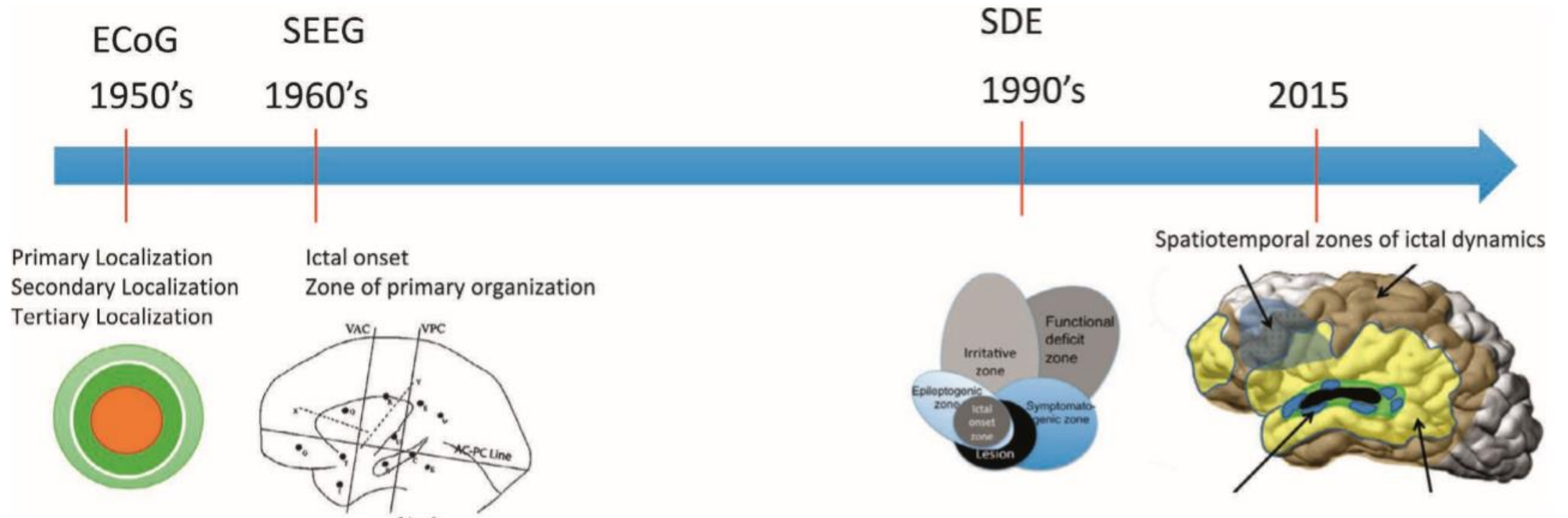


**Epileptogenic Zone**

## Palliative Surgery

- Corpus Callosotomy
- Multiple Subpial Transections
- Vagus Nerve Stimulator

# The evolving representations of the epileptogenic zone (EZ)



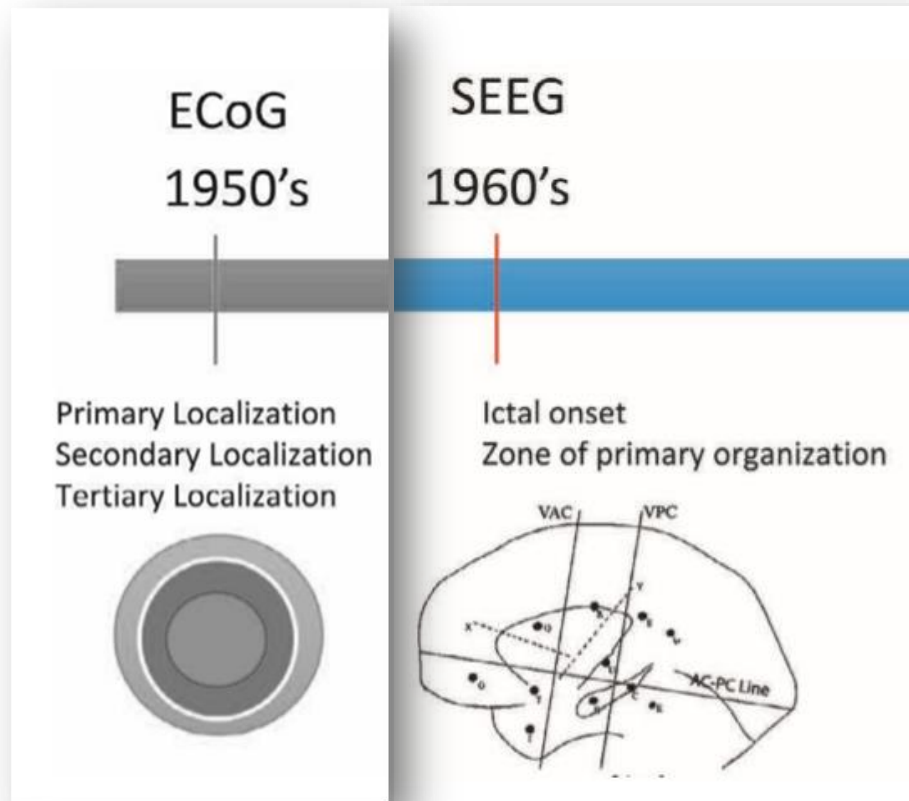
# The evolving representations of the epileptogenic zone (EZ)

## Rasmussen's Localization Concepts



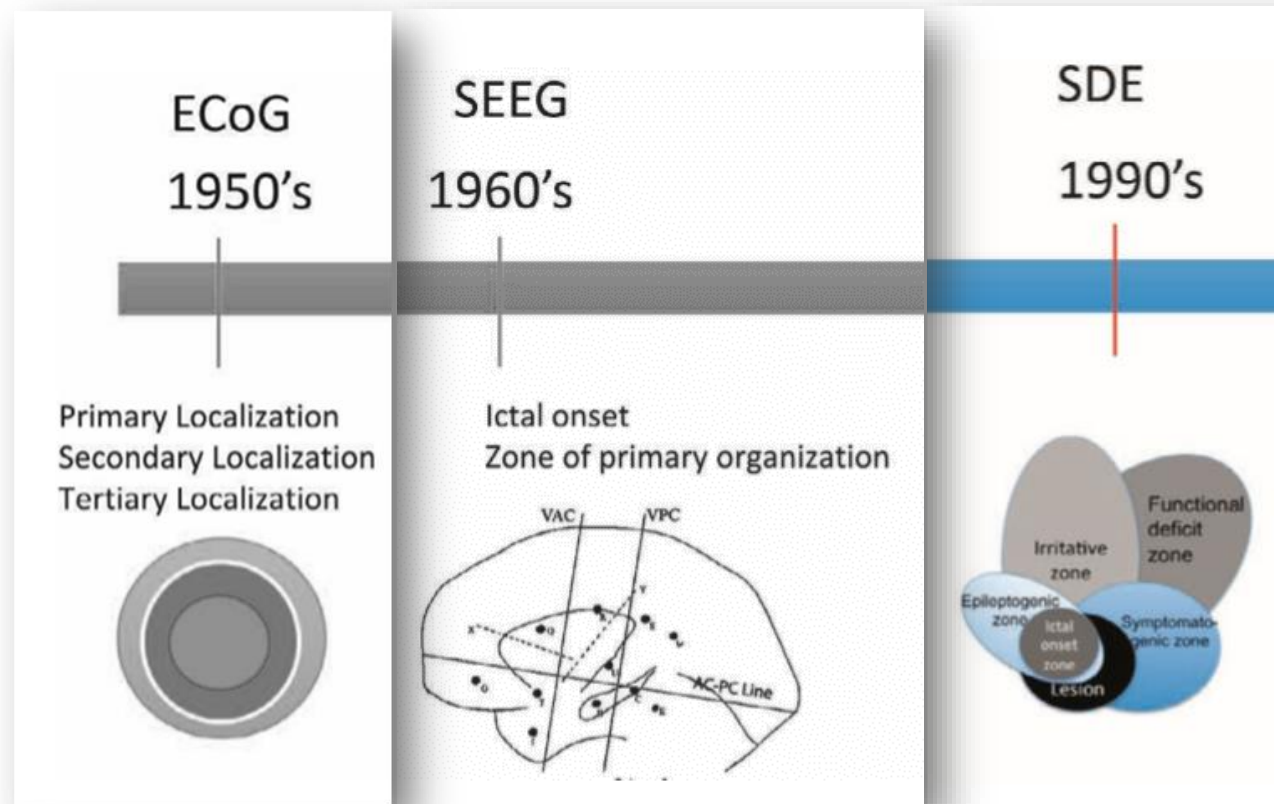
Concept	Definition	Contemporary Tool Used to Define It
Primary localizing diagnosis	Estimate of where in the brain the seizure starts	EEG ictal recordings
Secondary localization	Extent and localization of the cortex that is recruited into abnormal discharging activity in a clinical seizure	Seizure spread in intracranial chronic recording
Tertiary localization	How much of the total potentially epileptogenic area must be excised to produce a satisfactory long-term reduction of the patients' seizure tendency	Limited capability to define

# The evolving representations of the epileptogenic zone (EZ)



- In 1965, Talairach and Bancaud highlighted the inadequacy of the epileptogenic lesion definition given **“a certain number of unsatisfactory surgical results”**
- “Epileptogenic zone” (EZ) to reflect **“the site of the beginning of the epileptic seizures and of their primary organization”**
- Developed SEEG
- “Anatomo-electro-clinical” methodology

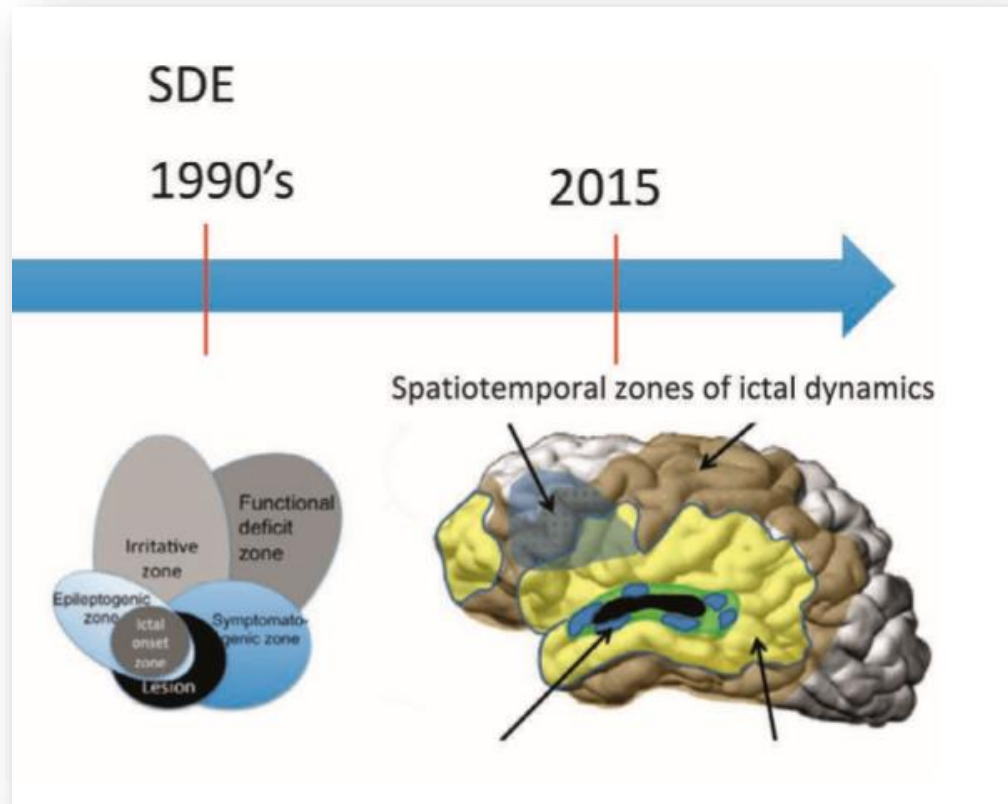
# The evolving representations of the epileptogenic zone (EZ)



- In 1993, Luders et al. defined the EZ as “the area of cortex that is necessary and sufficient for initiating seizures and whose removal (or disconnection) is necessary for complete abolition of seizures”



# The evolving representations of the epileptogenic zone (EZ)



**Network Epilepsy: 2000s to Present  
“SEEG/Depth Recordings”**

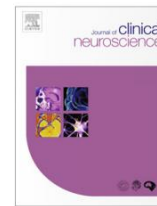


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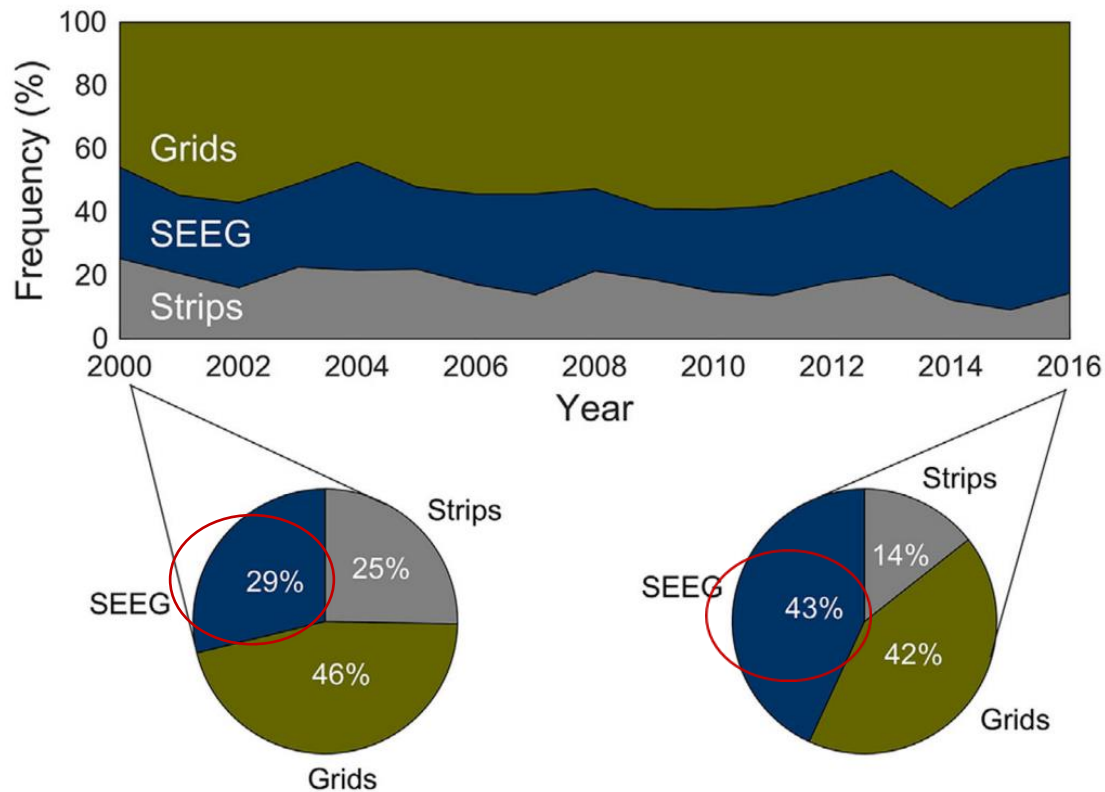
Clinical commentary

## Increased nationwide use of stereoencephalography for intracranial epilepsy electroencephalography recordings

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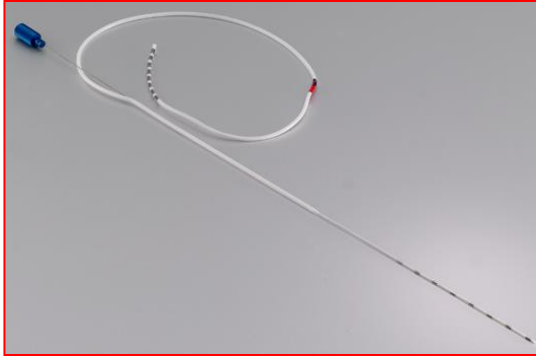
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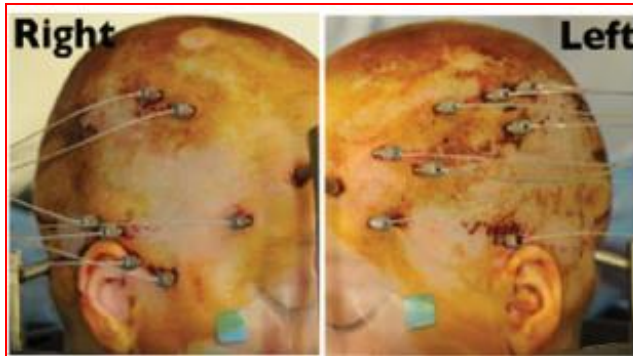


- In 2016, SEEG became the most frequently performed intracranial monitoring procedure in the Medicare population, increasing from **28.8% of total cases in 2000 to 43.1% in 2016 ( $p = 0.02$ )**.
- The factors driving these changes are unknown

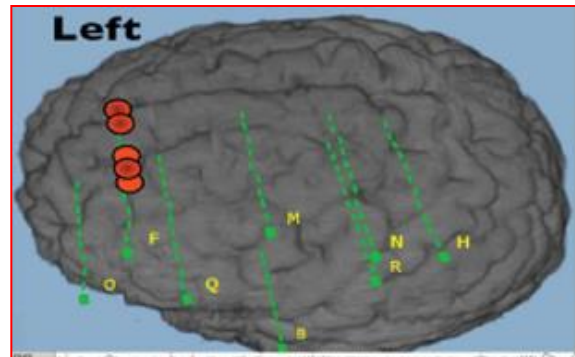
# What is Stereoelectroencephalography (SEEG)?



Three-dimensional exploration of the brain using depth electrodes



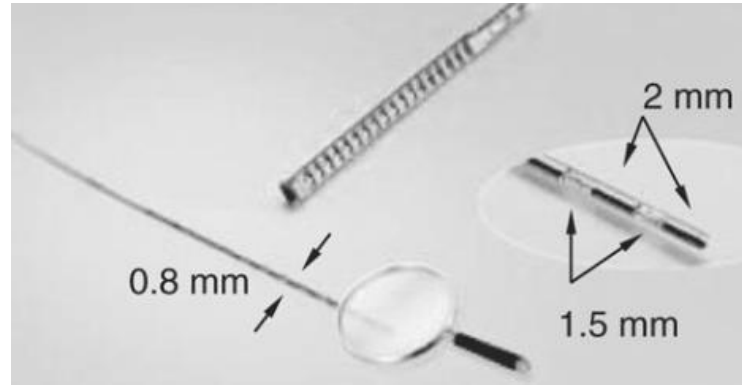
Implant of cerebral structures with the precision of stereotactic methodology



Very precise sampling and easier to reach deep areas of cortex

# SEEG ≠ Depth electrodes

- Size

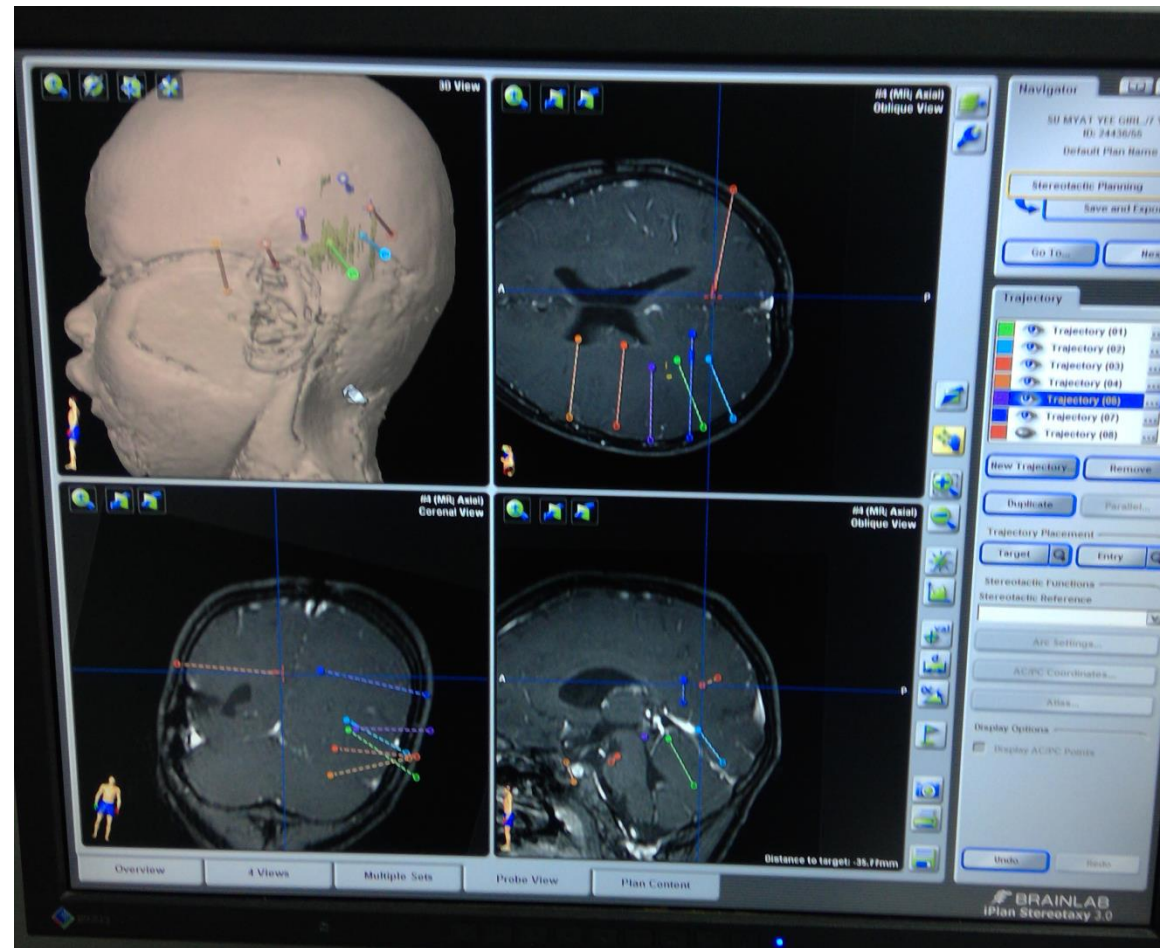
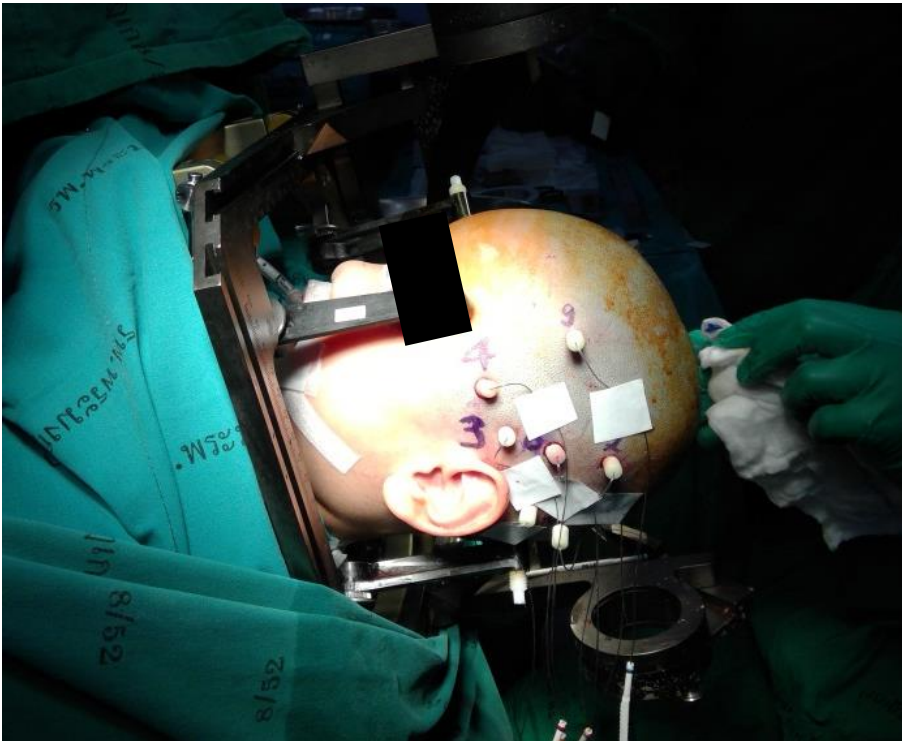


(30% smaller  
than depth)

- Anatomico-Electro-Clinical correlations
- **Brain connectivity/Epileptic network**

# The most important characteristic of SEEG

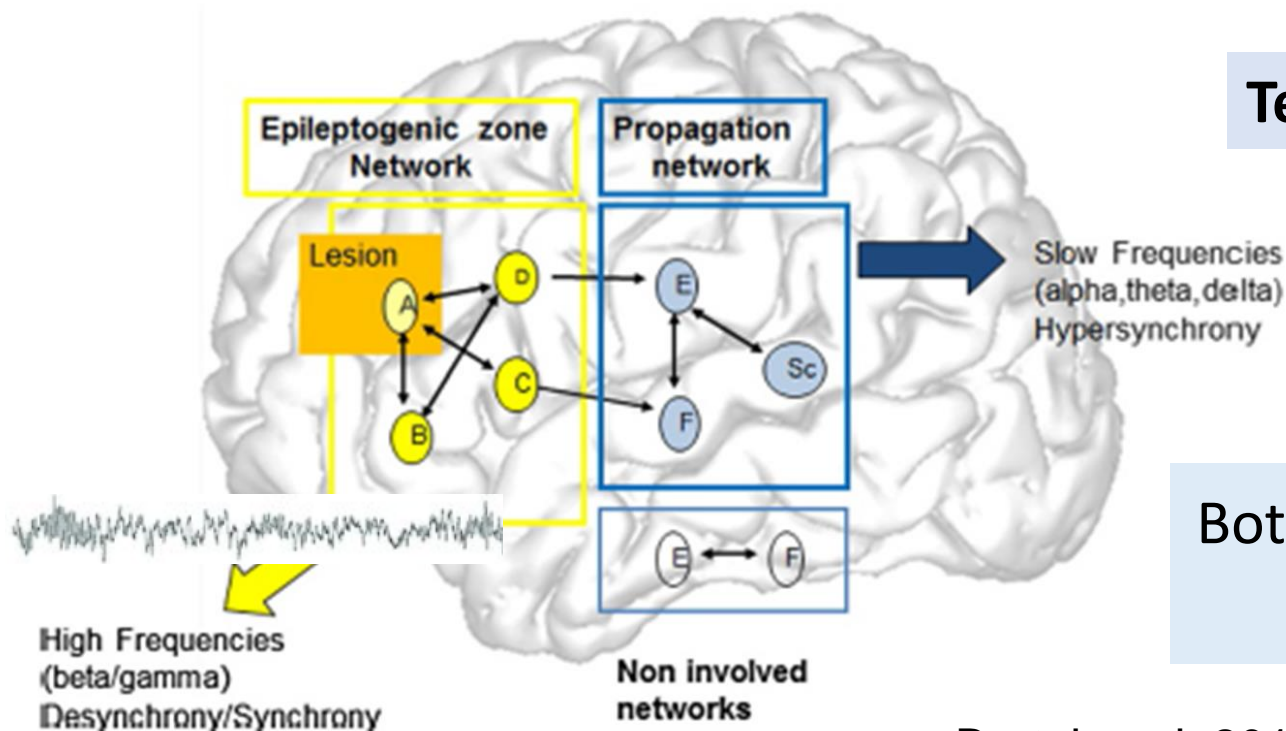
It enables precise recordings from *deep cortical* and subcortical structures, *multiple* noncontiguous lobes, as well as *bilateral* explorations while avoiding the need for large craniotomies



Early observations from SEEG  
Anticipated concept of **Epileptic networks**

Epileptogenic zone (EZ)= region of primary organization of ictal discharge  
(Bancaud 1965)

Dynamic **spatiotemporal** characteristics



**Temporal:** EEG **frequency** and synchronization

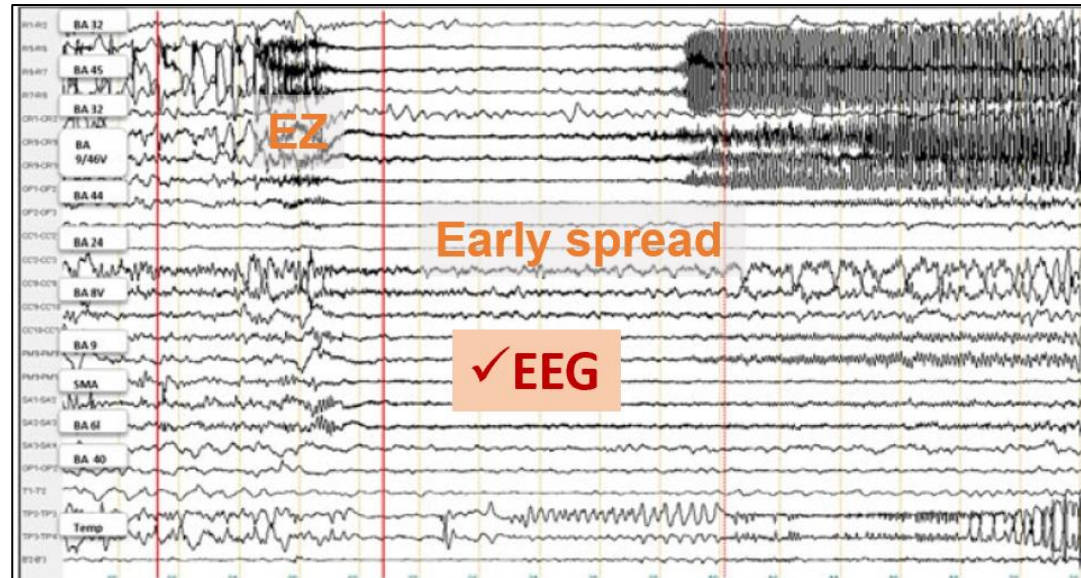
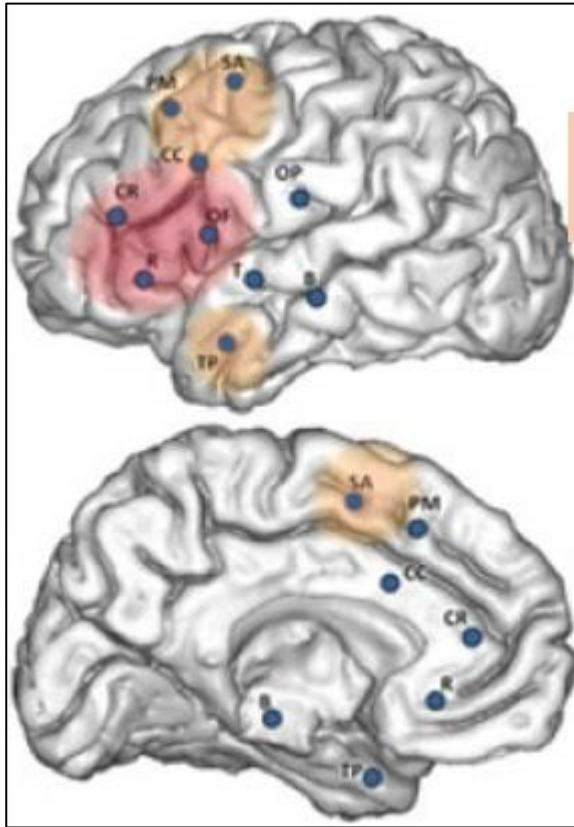
**Spatial:** **localization** of epileptic activity within a set of connected structures

Both **Spatial** and **temporal** features of seizure influence **semiological** output

Anatomical

Electrical

Clinical



## Anatomo-Electro-Clinical (AEC) correlations

# Temporal lobe epilepsy

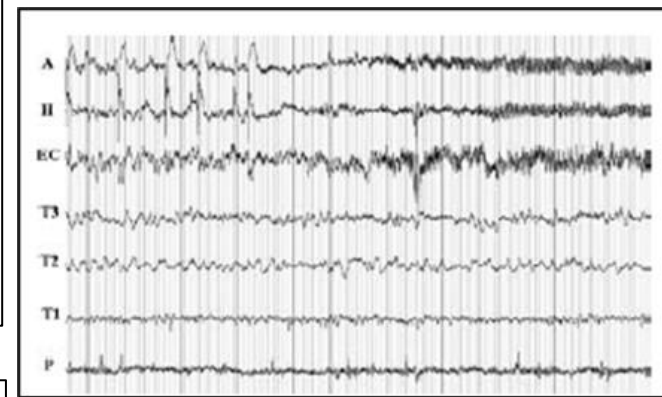
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## Semiologic and Electrophysiologic Correlations in Temporal Lobe Seizure Subtypes

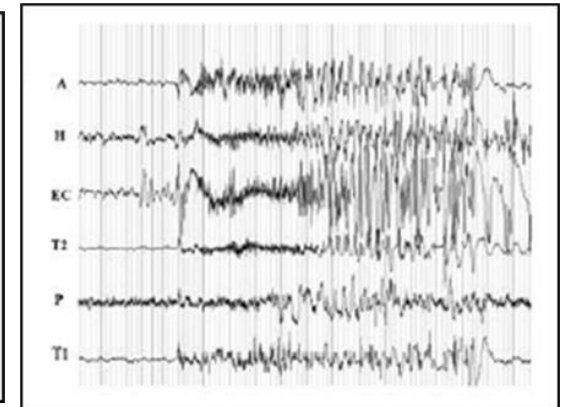
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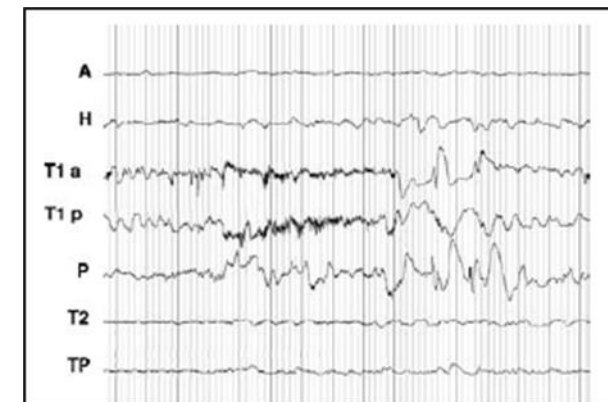
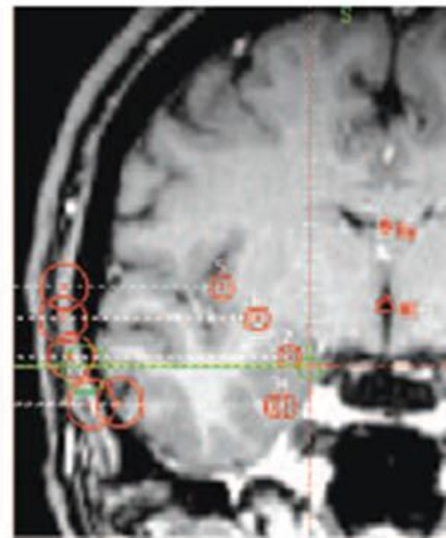
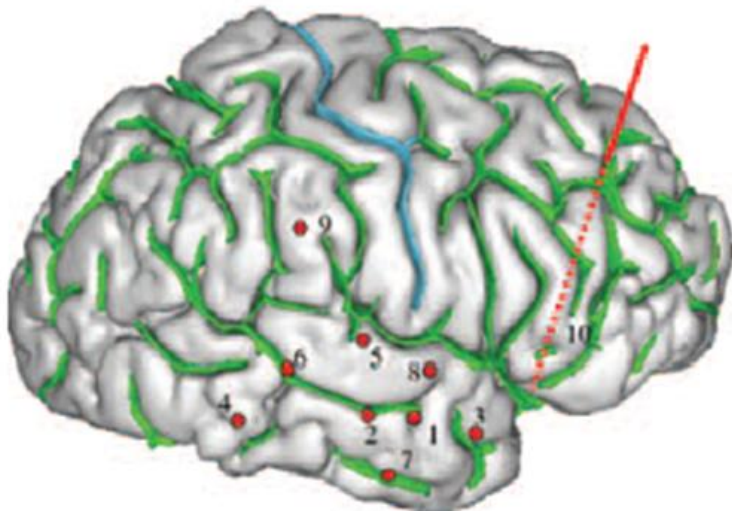
SEEG studies with detailed semiological analysis have  
Allowed characterization of temporal lobe subtypes



1) Medial subtype



2) Medial-Lateral subtype



3) Lateral subtype



**TABLE 4.** *Distribution of the early ictal signs according to the electrophysiologic subtypes*

Early ictal features	Medial 24 (%)	Medial–Lateral 18 (%)	Lateral 13 (%)	Degree of significance
Initial loss of contact	0	7 (38.9)	7 (53.8)	$p < 0.0001^a$
Early oroalimentary automatisms	6 (25)	10 (55.6)	1 (7.7)	$p = 0.015^a$
Early vocalizations (groaning, howling, moaning)	3 (12.5)	7 (38.9)	1 (7.7)	$p = 0.048^a$
Early verbal automatisms	0	5 (27.8)	0	$p = 0.028^a$
Early upper-limb elementary automatisms	8 (33.3)	7 (38.9)	1 (7.7)	$p = 0.13$
Early upper-limb tonic posturing	2 (8.3)	0	1 (7.7)	$p = 0.45$
Early head and/or eyes deviation	3 (12.5)	4 (22.2)	3 (23.1)	$p = 0.67$

<sup>a</sup>Significant.**TABLE 5.** *Distribution of the late ictal signs according to the electrophysiologic subtypes*

Late ictal features	Medial 24 (%)	Medial–Lateral 18 (%)	Lateral 13 (%)	Degree of significance
Late oroalimentary automatisms	14 (58.3)	4 (22.2)	2 (15.4)	$p = 0.012^a$
Late upper-limb elementary automatisms	14 (58.3)	7 (38.9)	2 (15.4)	$p = 0.039^a$
Late vocalization	5 (20.8)	0	2 (15.4)	$p = 0.12$
Late verbal automatisms	3 (12.5)	2 (11.1)	0	$p = 0.40$
Late upper-limb tonic posturing	6 (25)	5 (27.8)	1 (7.7)	$p = 0.41$
Late head and/or eyes deviation	8 (33.3)	6 (33.3)	3 (23.1)	$p = 0.86$
Late dysphasia	6 (25)	3 (16.7)	0	$p = 0.14$

<sup>a</sup>Significant.

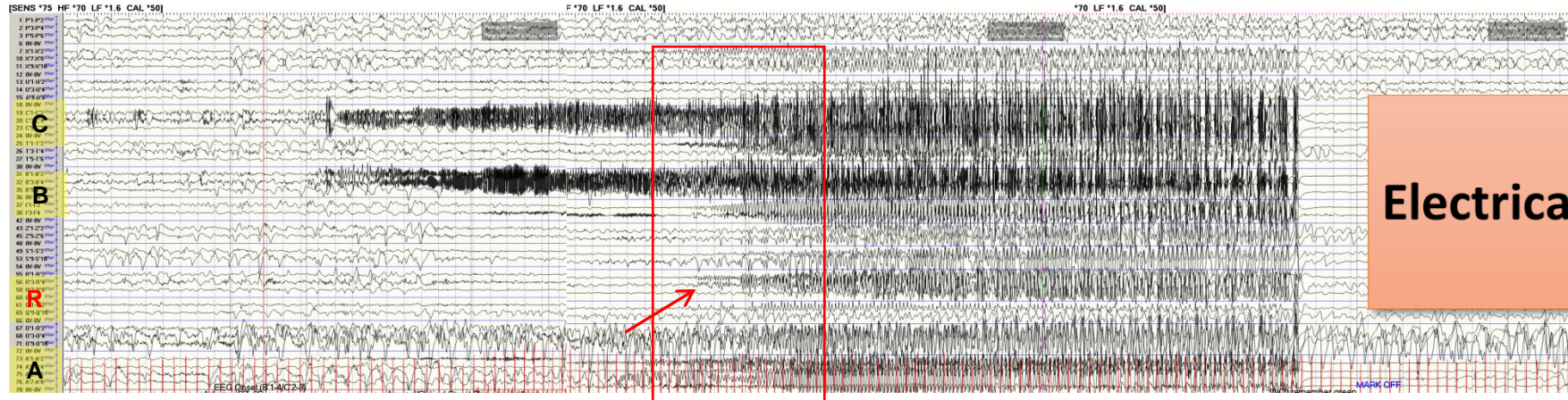
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Segment 1: Motionless

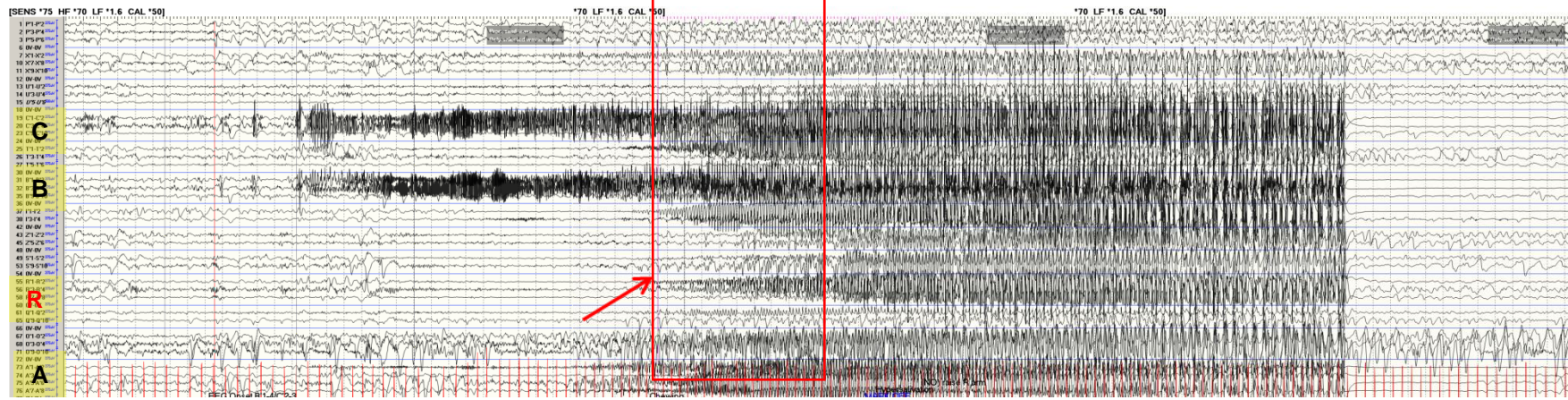
Segment 2: Chewing

Segment 3: Rt. face/arm tonic->clonic

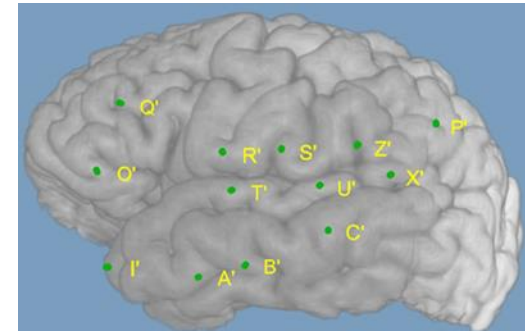
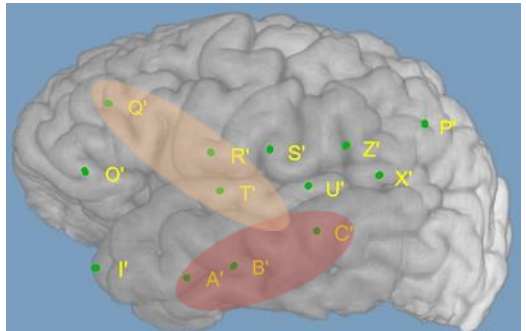
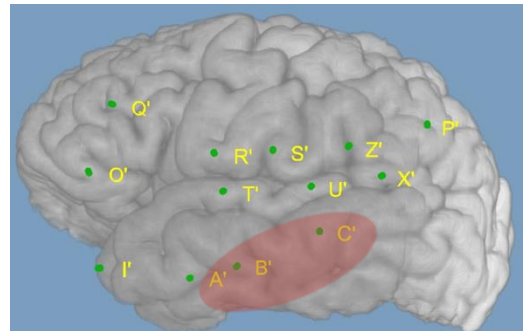


Electrical

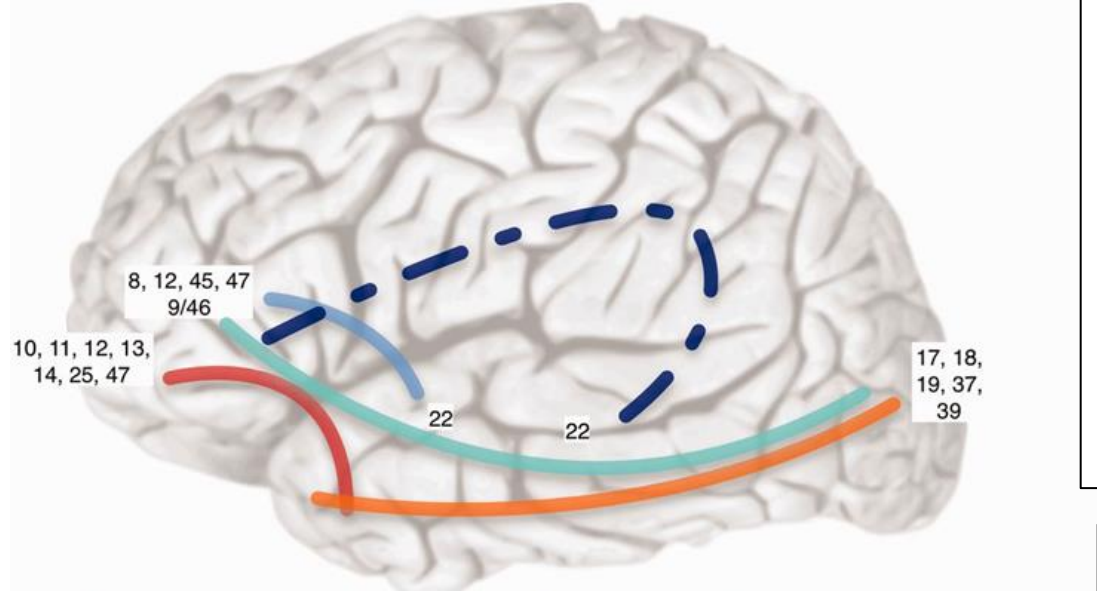
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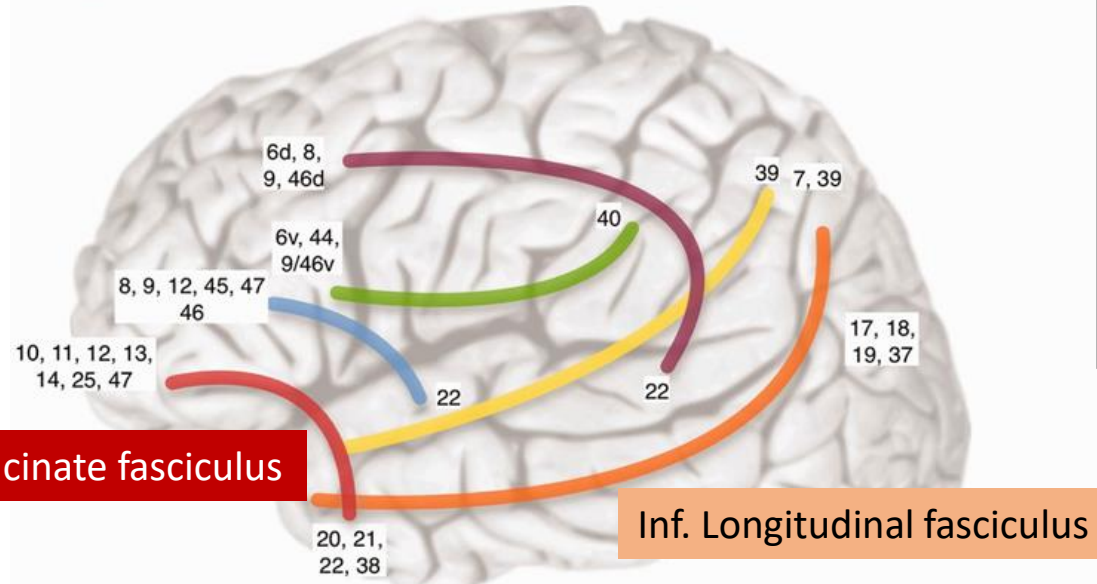
Anatomical



# Temporal lobe connection



- Arcuate fasciculus (based on macaque)
- Extreme capsule
- Inferior longitudinal fasciculus
- Inferior fronto-occipital fasciculus
- Middle longitudinal fasciculus
- Superior longitudinal fasciculus III (based on macaque)
- Uncinate fasciculus
- Superior longitudinal/arcuate fasciculus



Uncinate fasciculus

Inf. Longitudinal fasciculus

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## Ictal clinical and scalp-EEG findings differentiating temporal lobe epilepsies from temporal ‘plus’ epilepsies

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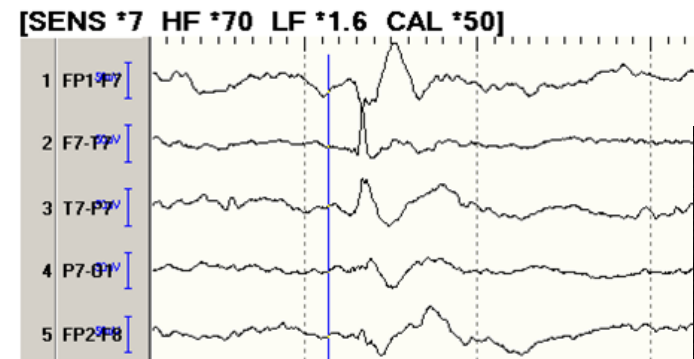
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## Temporal plus epilepsy is a major determinant of temporal lobe surgery failures

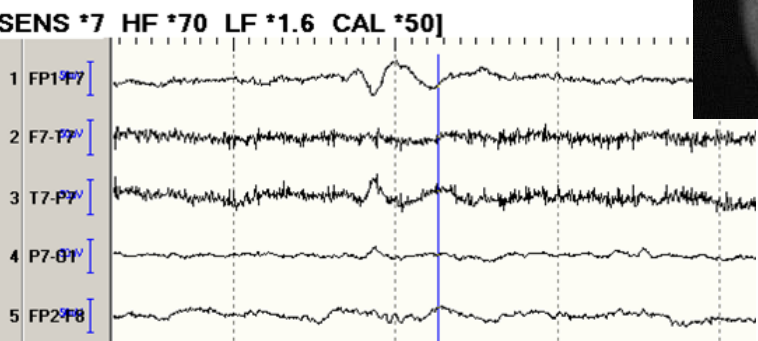
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Recognition of TLE subtypes helps exploration strategy and impact on surgical outcome

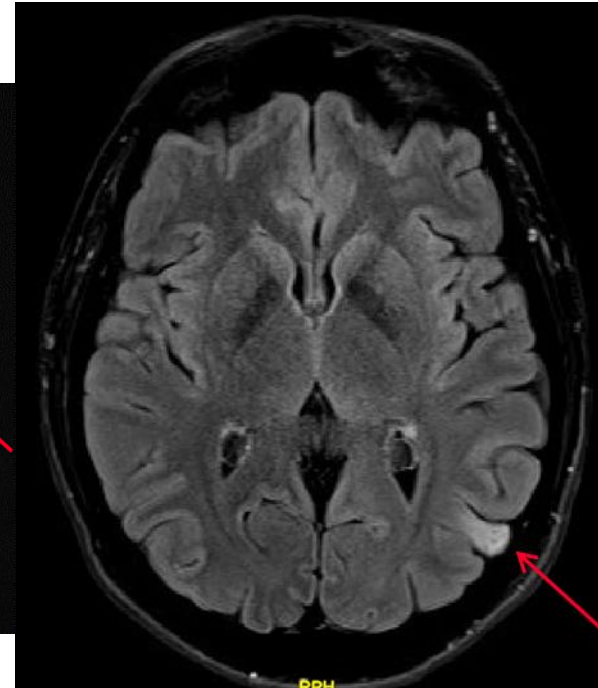
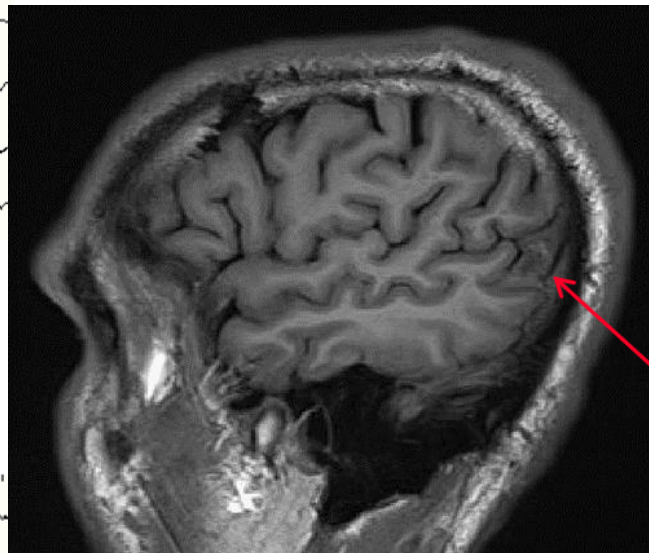
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Seizure onset: 14 years  
Seizure: focal impaired awareness



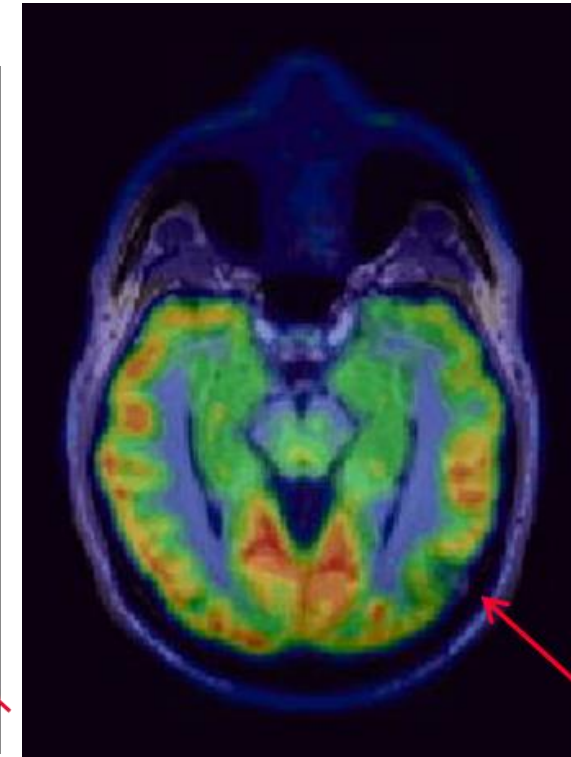
Scalp EEG  
Interictal: F7/T7



Scalp EEG  
Interictal: T7/P7

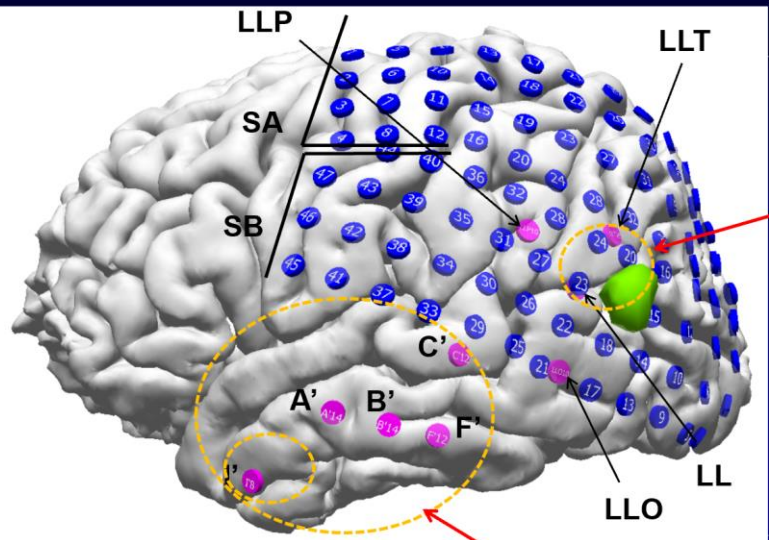


MRI: suspected DNET at  
dorsal left middle temporal gyrus  
at the temporal occipital junction



PET scan  
SEVERE HYPOMETABOLISM IN THE  
LEFT LATERAL T-O JUNCTION

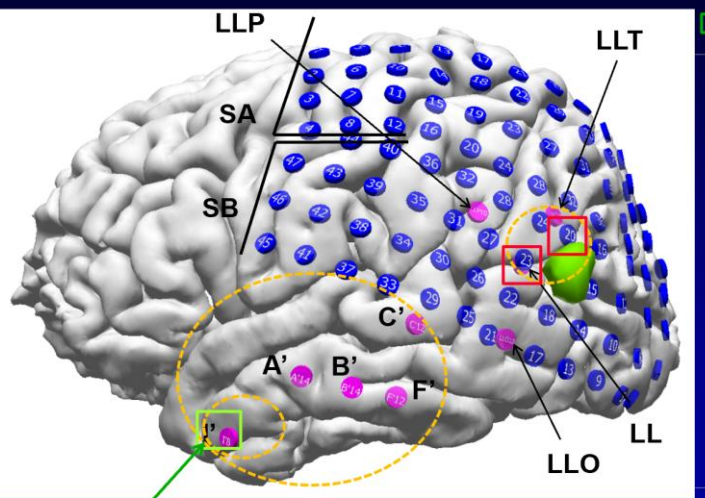
# Interictal map



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40%

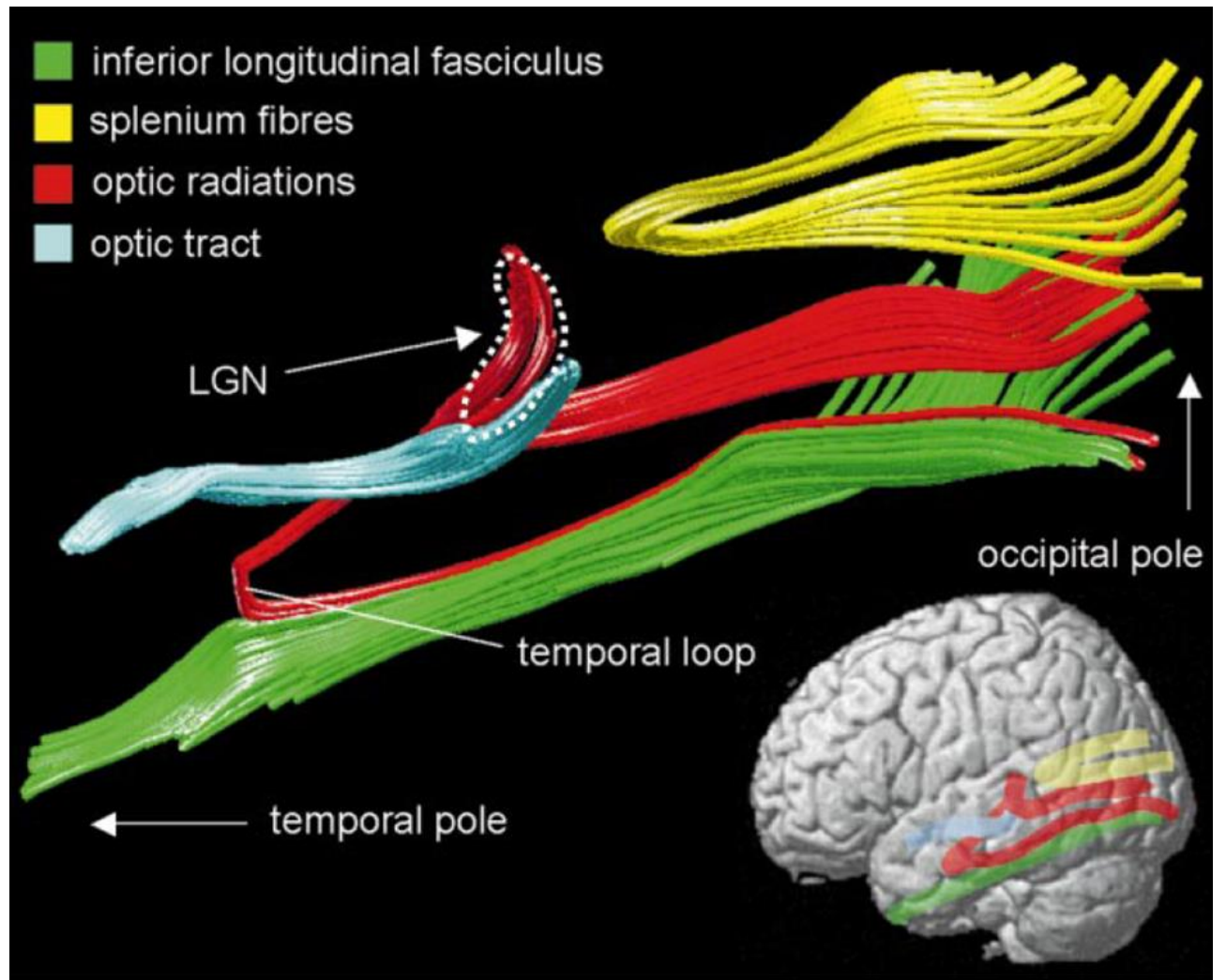
# Ictal+ Interictal map



□ Interictal and Ictal Onset  
 SB 23-SB 20-LL7-9  
□ Interictal and NCS  
 I'1-2/F'1-3

NCS

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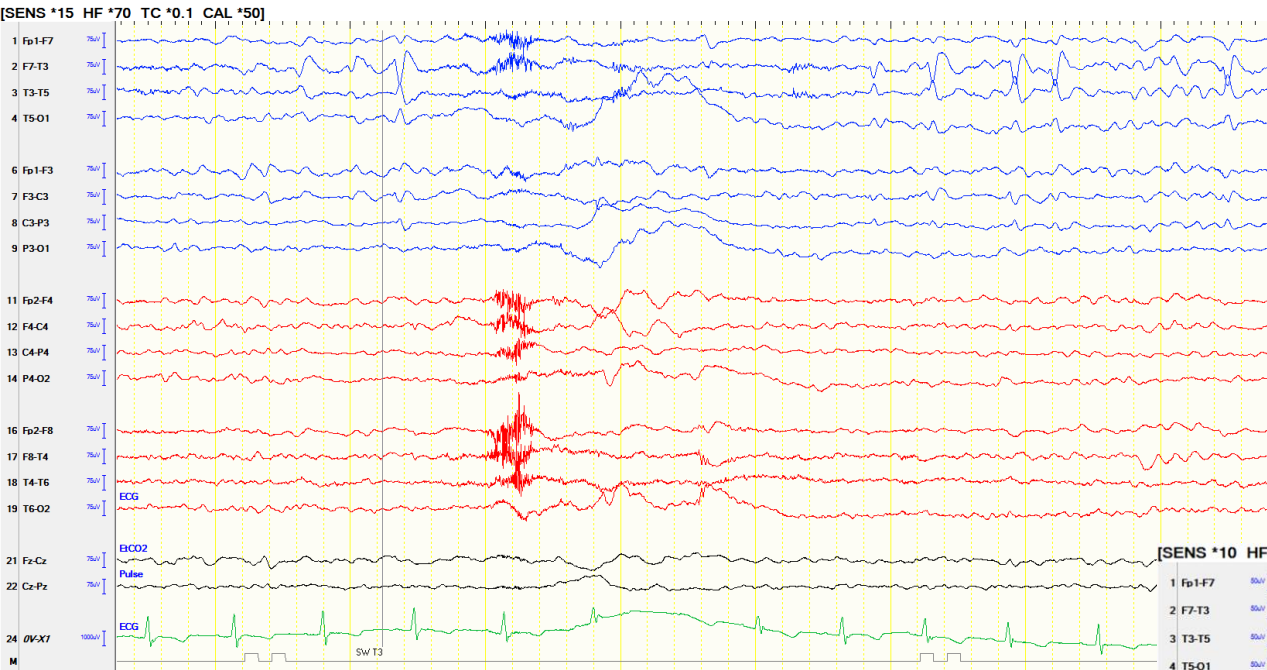


# Case a 9-year-old boy with intractable epilepsy

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- ลักษณะชัก : ผู้ป่วยจะดูสับสน ขยับตัว มือขยับไปมา เรียกไม่รู้สีกตัว เป็นนาน 10-15 นาที
- MRI brain: unremarkable
- EEG:
  - Interictal: T3, F7, Fp1, Fz
  - Ictal: 1. F7, T3  
2. Fp1, F3

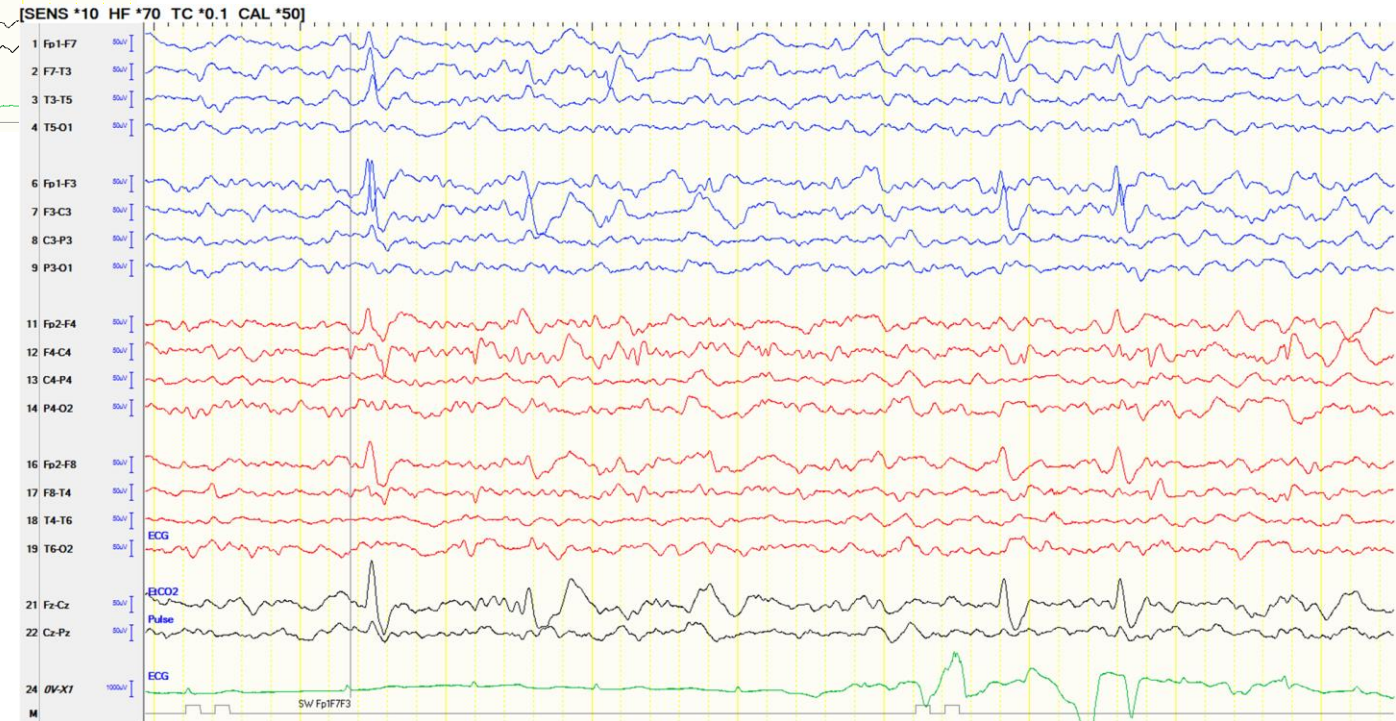
- video

# SW T3

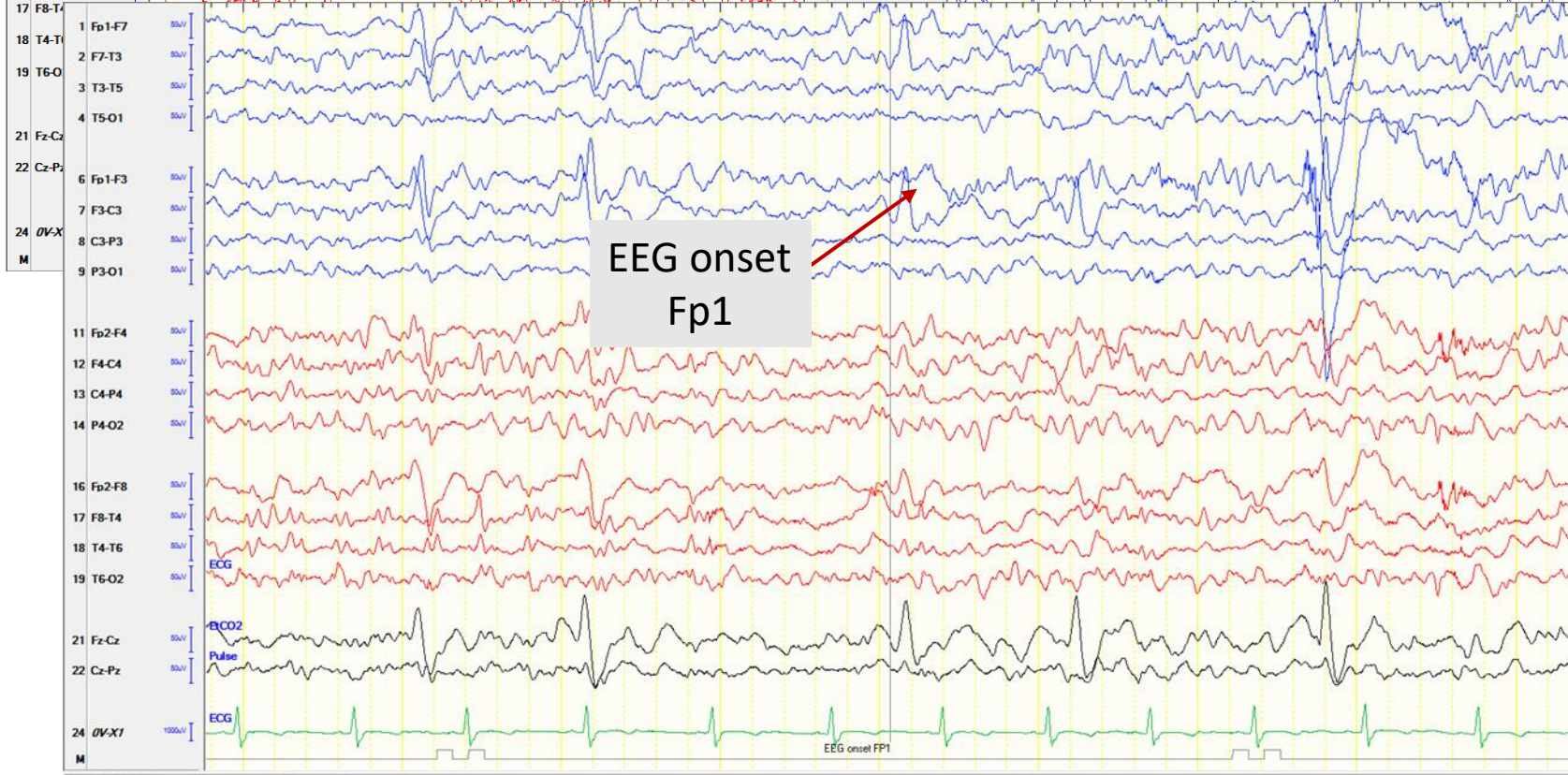
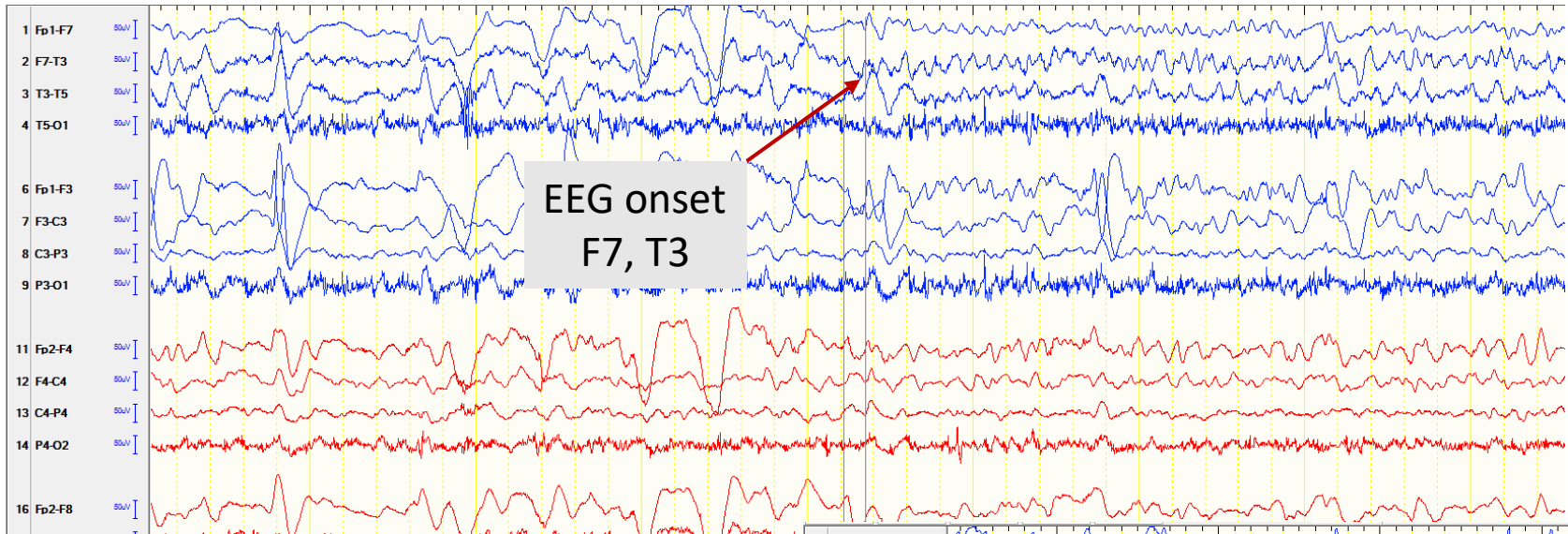


• Interictal EEG

# SW Fp1/ Fz



• Ictal EEG





# Phase I noninvasive evaluation

## **Lesion**

MRI/VBM

PET

Neurological exam

Neuropsychology

## **Ictal data**

Video-EEG

Ictal SPECT

Ictal and post-ictal

Neurologic and  
neuropsychologic  
examination

## **Interictal Data**

Video-EEG

High density EEG

MEG

PET

# Phase I noninvasive evaluation

## Lesion

MRI-nonlesional

Neurological exam-  
normal

Neuropsychology

## Ictal data

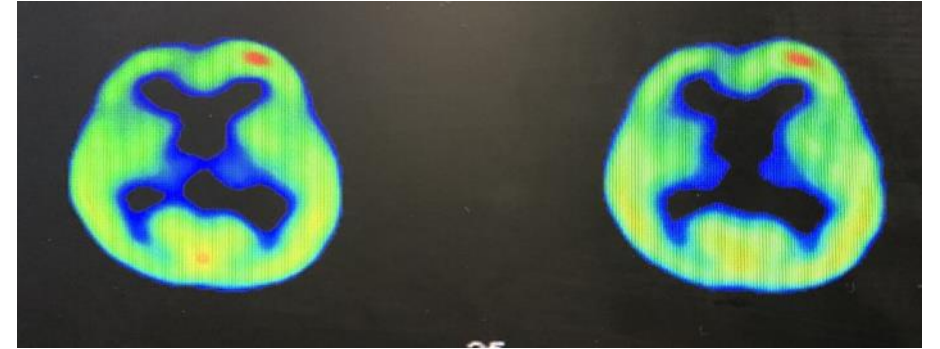
Video-EEG-

2 Ictal onset

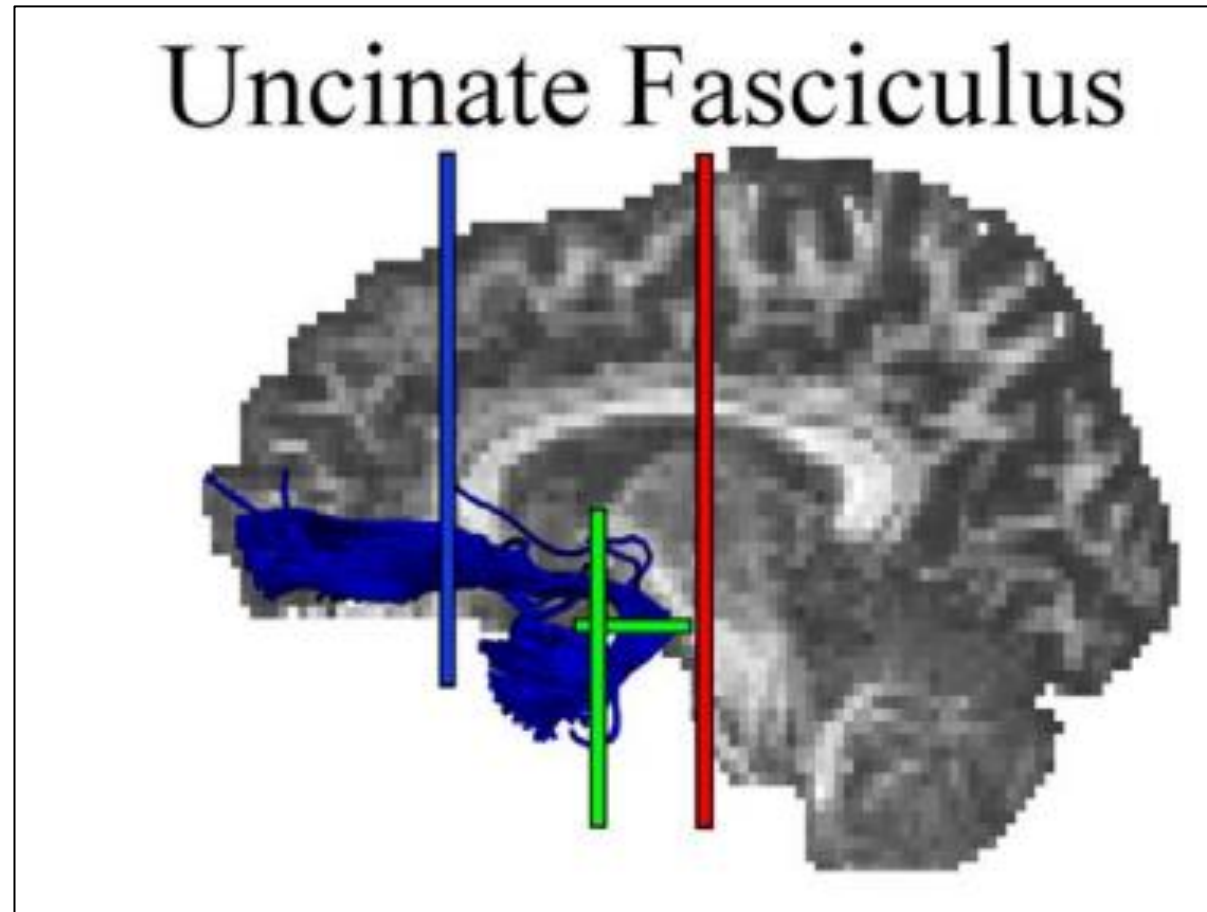
1. F7,T3

2. F3

Ictal SPECT-Left frontal



# Frontotemporal network



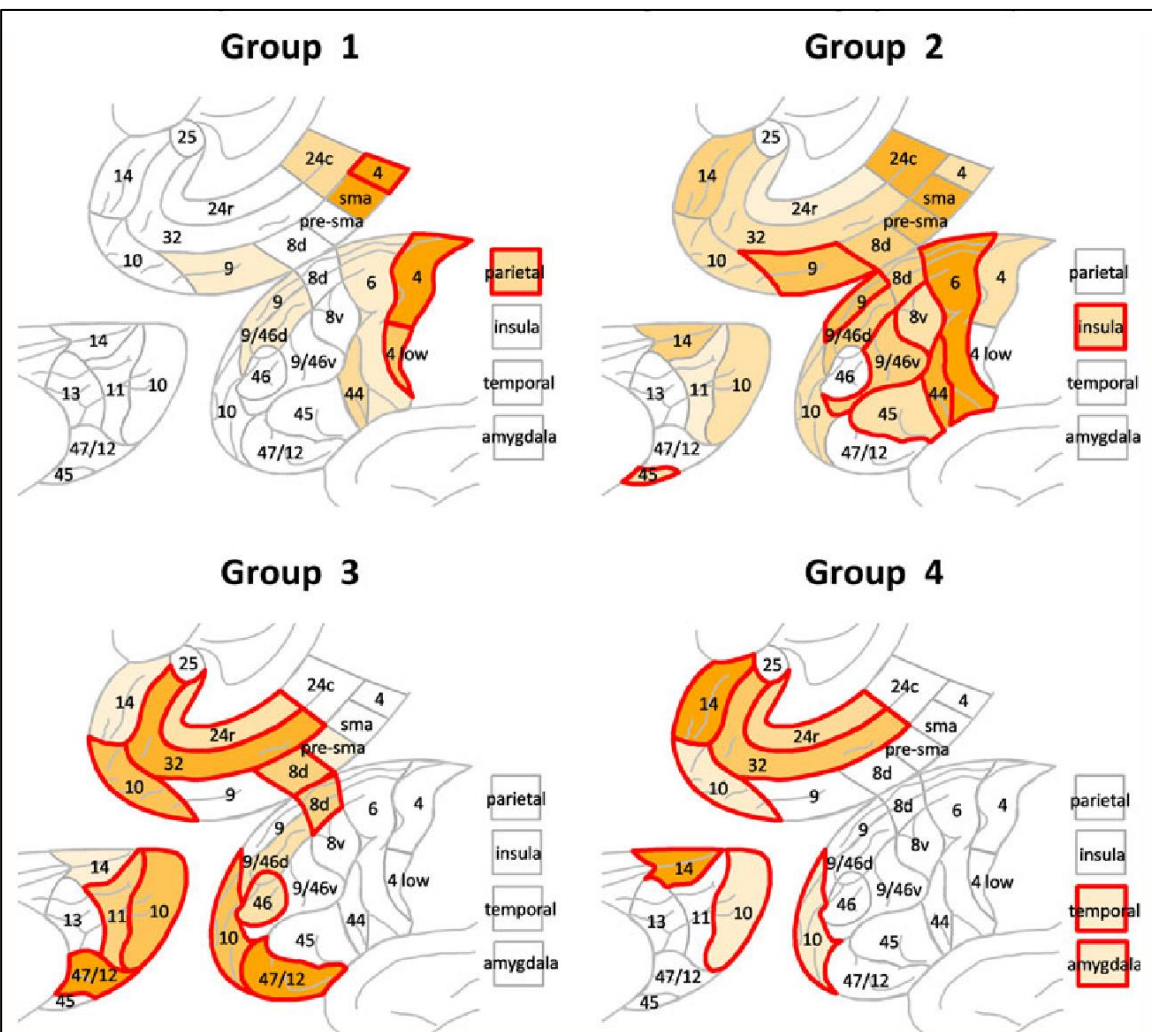
Frontal vs. Temporal?

# Frontal lobe seizures: From clinical semiology to localization

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**Group 1**  
Elementary motor signs  
With no gestural behaviour

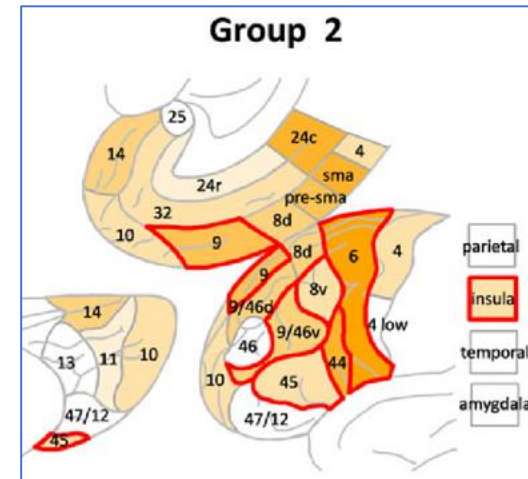


**Group 2**  
Association of elementary motor signs and proximal gestural motor Beh; non-integrated appearance

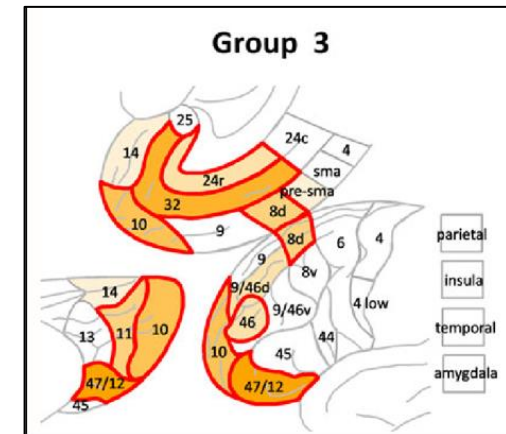
**Group 3**  
Distal stereotypies, Integrated appearance, No elementary signs

**Group 4**  
Fear-related behaviour, no elementary motor signs

# Video



**Group 2**  
Association of elementary motor signs and Proximal gestural motor Beh; non-integrated appearance



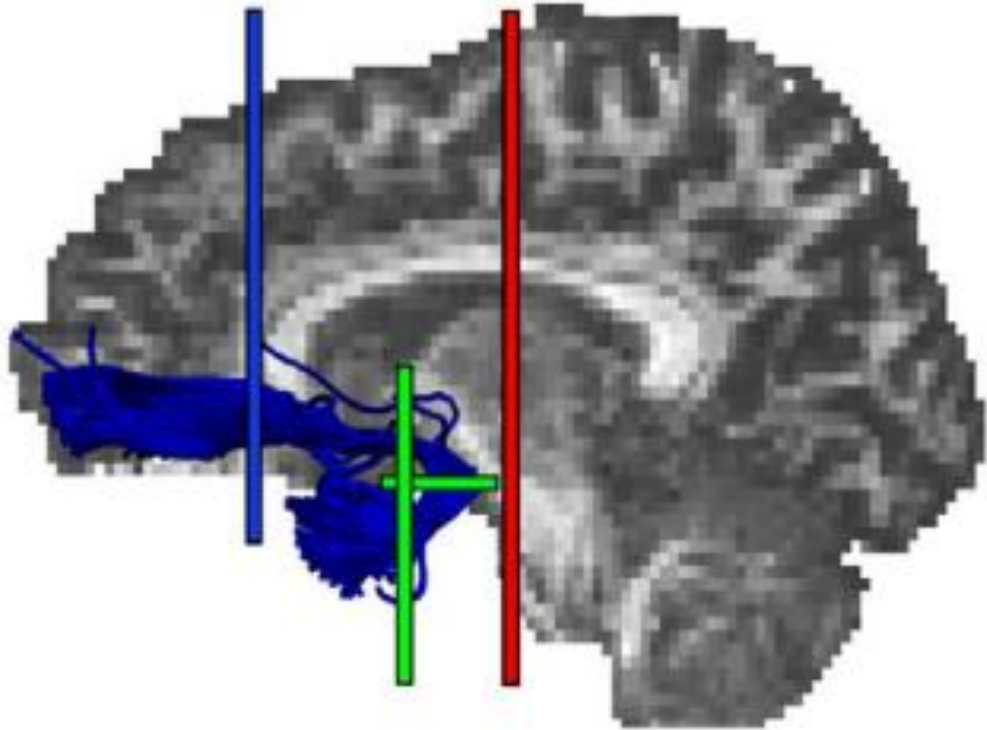
**Group 3**  
Distal stereotypies, Integrated appearance, No elementary signs

Proximal stereotypies    No facial expression    distal stereotypies    R leg stereotypies

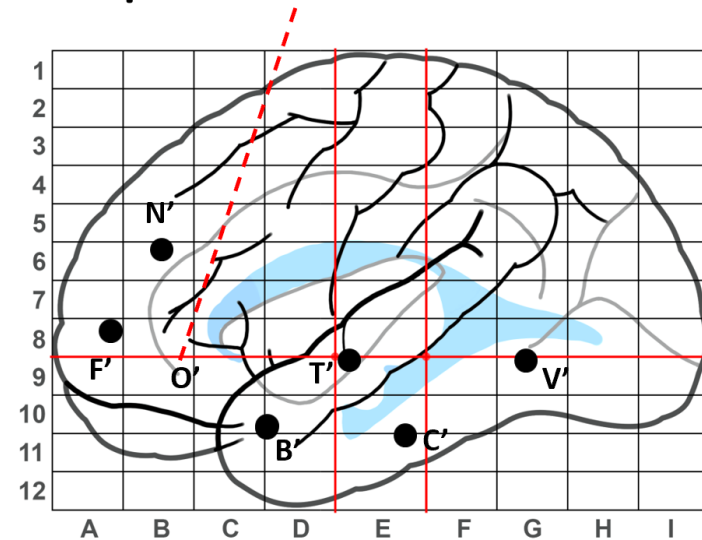
# Frontotemporal network

## Knowing epileptic network helps

### Uncinate Fasciculus



### SEEG map



F' - Frontopolar  
N' - MFG - Ant. Cingulate  
O' - Orbitofrontal  
B' - Head of hippo/temporal pole  
T' - STG-Ant. Insula  
C' - Inferior temporal gyrus- PHG

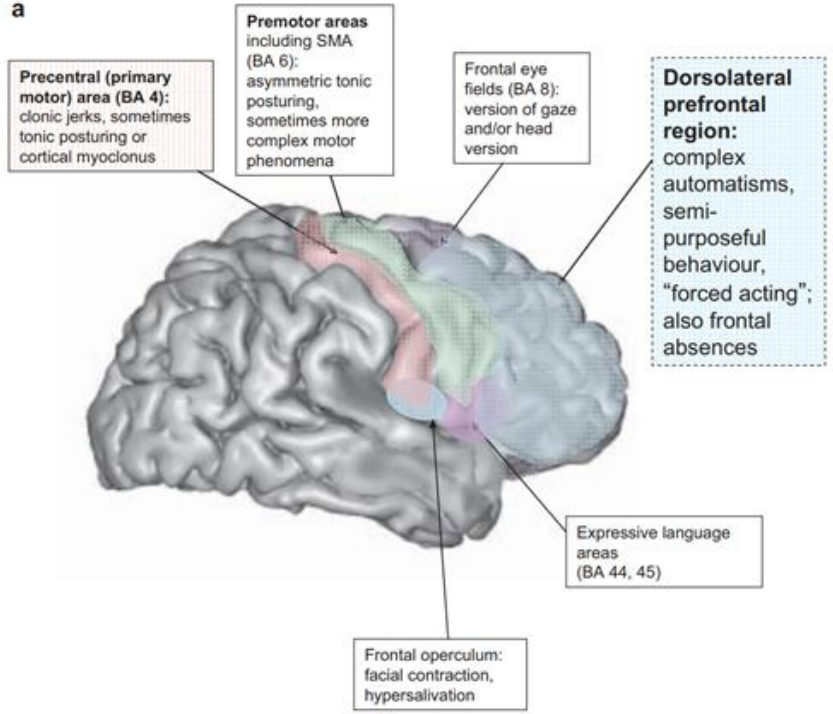
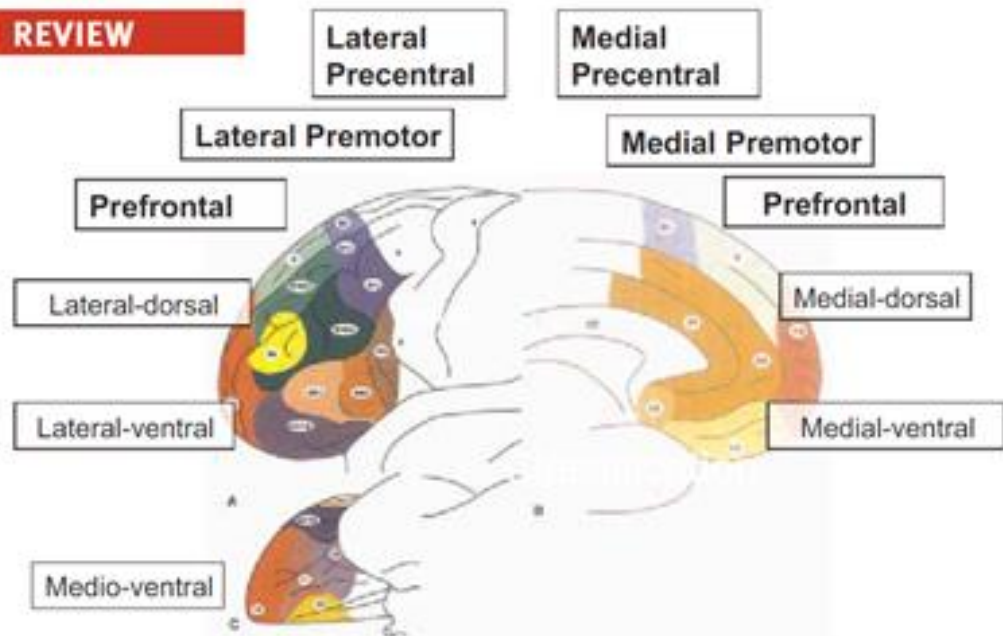
V' - Posterior temporal

Hypothesis: frontotemporal network

# Progression

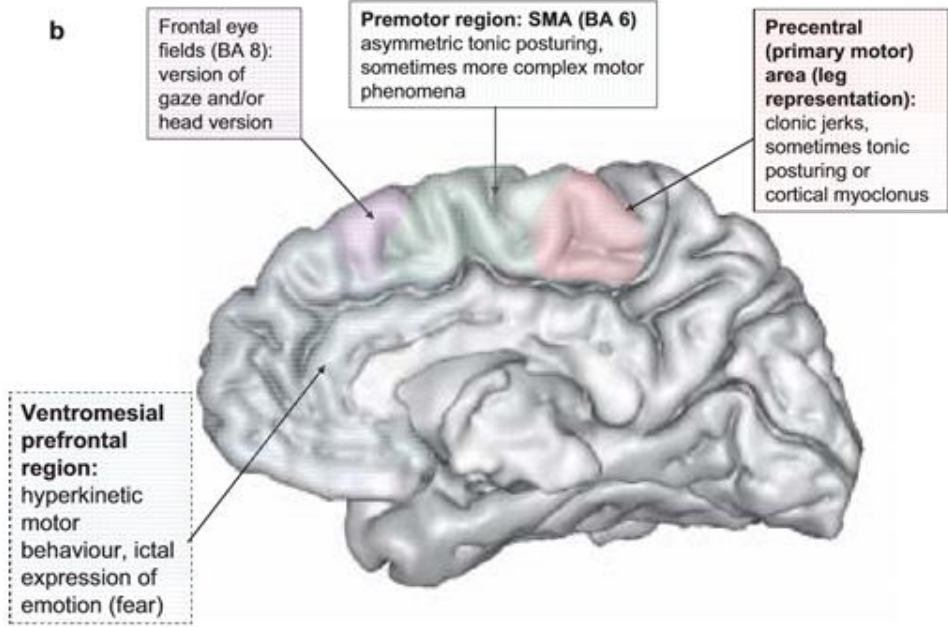
- Surgery: resection of the left frontal pole (involve O')
- Pathology: FCD type IIa
- Seizure outcome: Engel I (seizure free since surgery)
- Improvement of development

**REVIEW**



# Frontal lobe epilepsy: seizure semiology and presurgical evaluation

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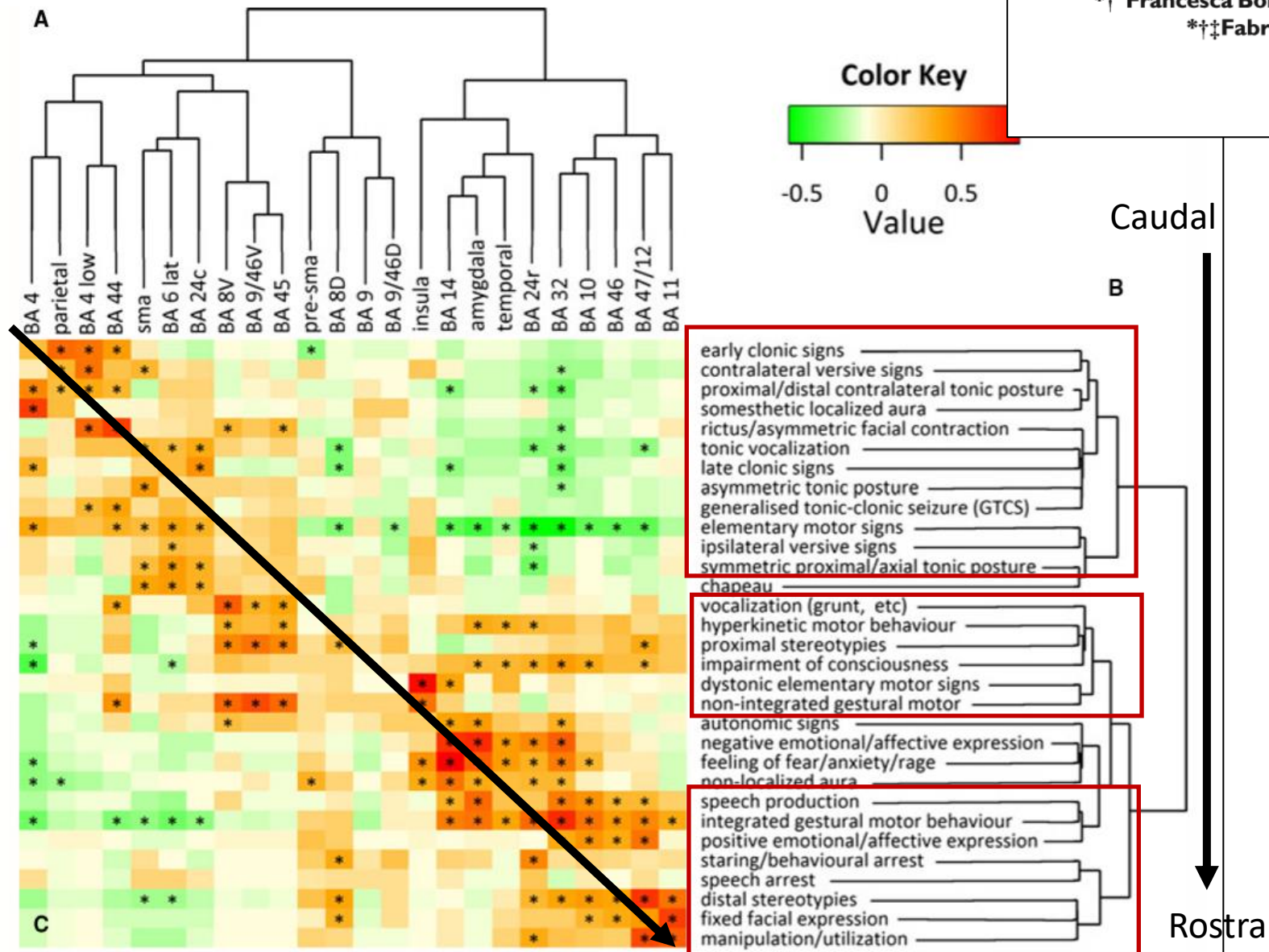




# Frontal lobe seizures: From clinical semiology to localization

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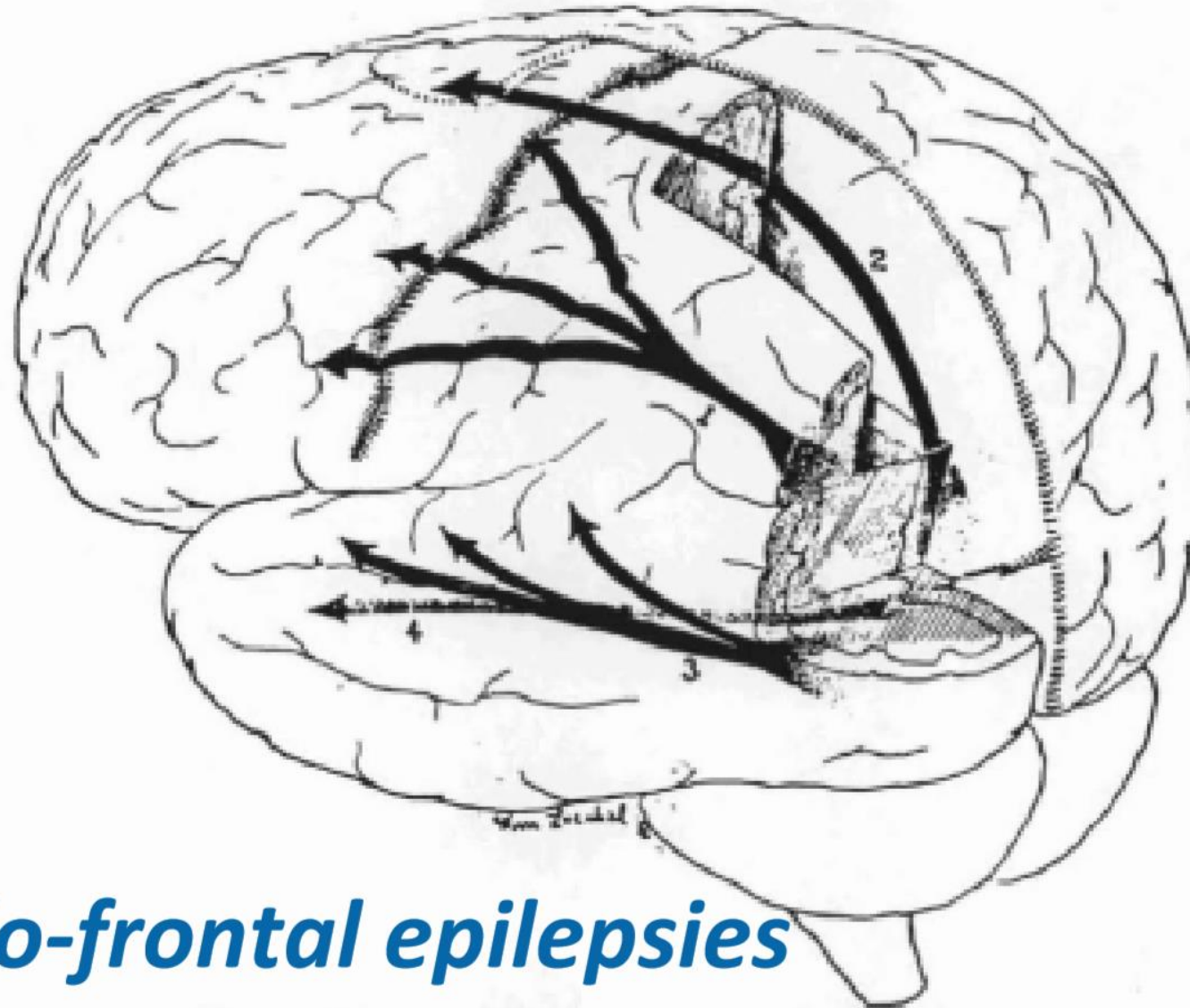
Even complex motor semiologies showed correlation with **cortical organization**

Elementary motor signs

Proximal movements  
“unnaturalistic”  
Pattern +/- tonic signs

Complex “naturalistic” pattern  
Distal movements,  
emotion

# Parietal lobe epilepsy: “*frontal pattern*”



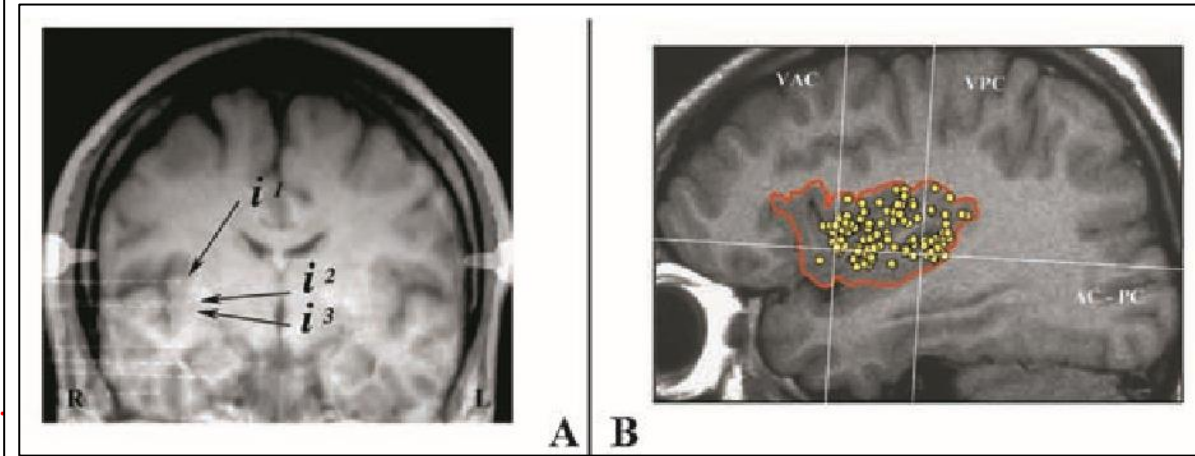
*pseudo-frontal epilepsies*

Patterns of spread from occipital lobe seizure origin. (From Ajmone-Marsan and Ralston, 1957, with permission.)

## Clinical Manifestations of Insular Lobe Seizures: A Stereo-electroencephalographic Study

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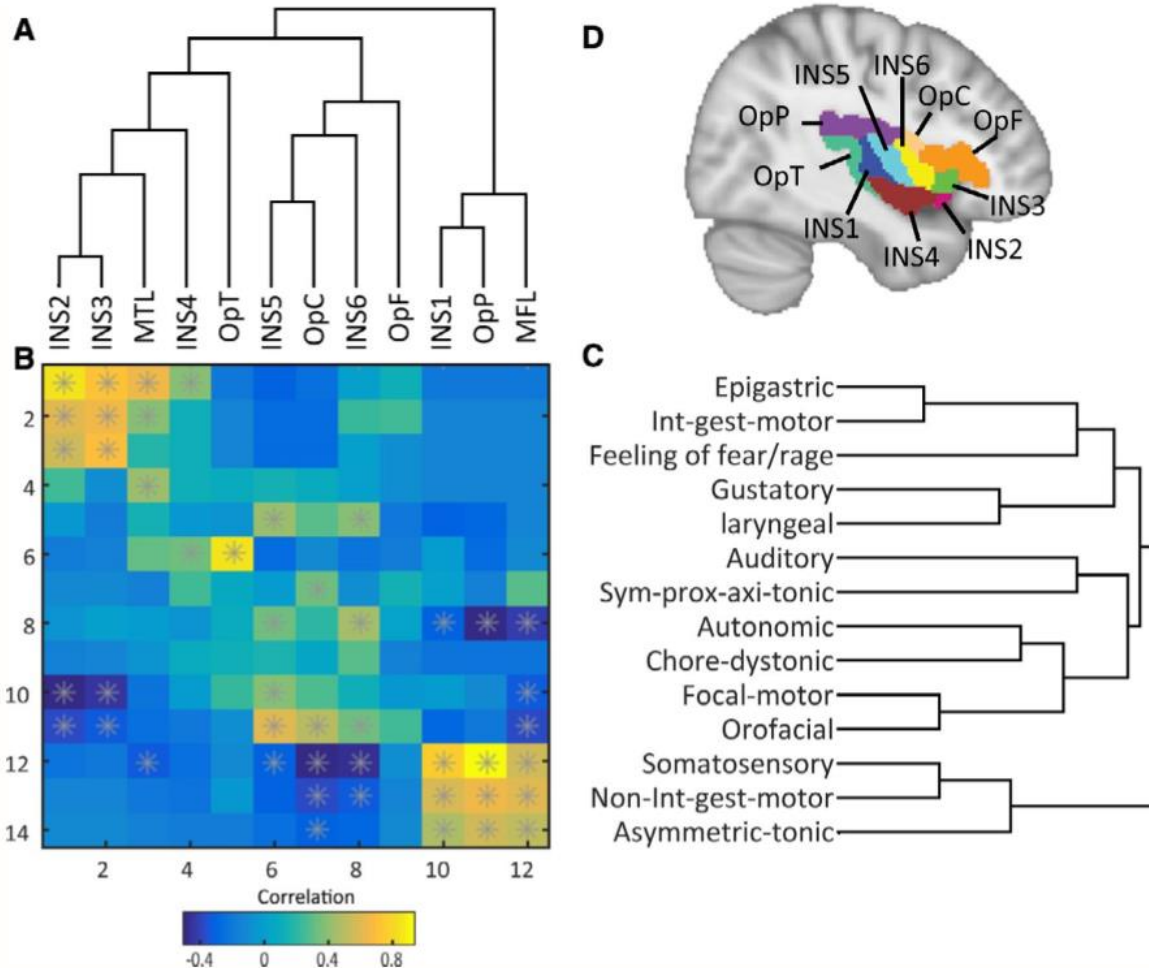


This ictal sequence occurred in full consciousness, beginning with a sensation of **laryngeal constriction** **Laryngeal discomfort** or throat tightening associated with **unpleasant paresthesias** or **sensations of warmth affecting the perioral region** or large somatic territories, followed by **focal somatomotor** manifestations

# Semiologic subgroups based on insular connectional **architecture** rather than gyral anatomy

## Semiologic subgroups of insulo-opercular seizures based on connectional architecture atlas

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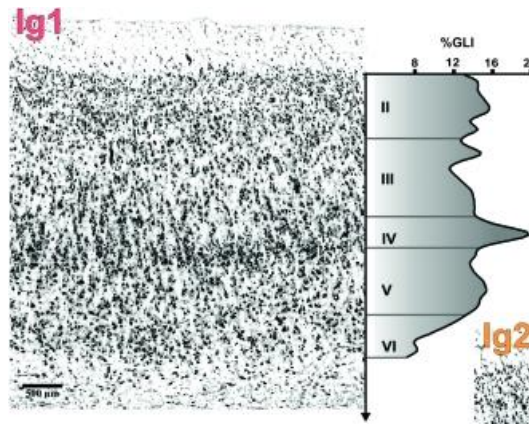


**Methods:** Retrospectively collected a large series of 37 patients with insuloopercular seizures explored by SEEG

### Result:

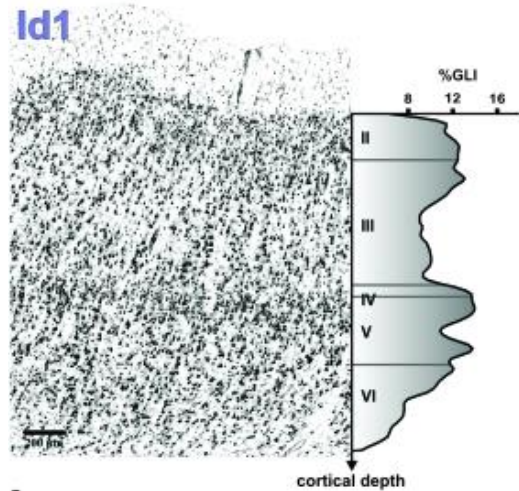
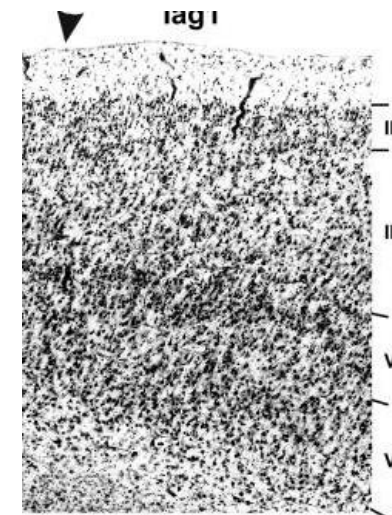
- Group 1 -epigastric sensation and/or integrated gestural motor behaviors with or without feelings of fear or rage
- Group 2 - auditory sensations and symmetric proximal/axial tonic signs
- Group 3 were orofacial and laryngeal signs
- Group 4 were somatosensory signs followed by nonintegrated gestural motor behaviors and/or asymmetric tonic signs

# Insula connections based on probable cytoarchtectural areas

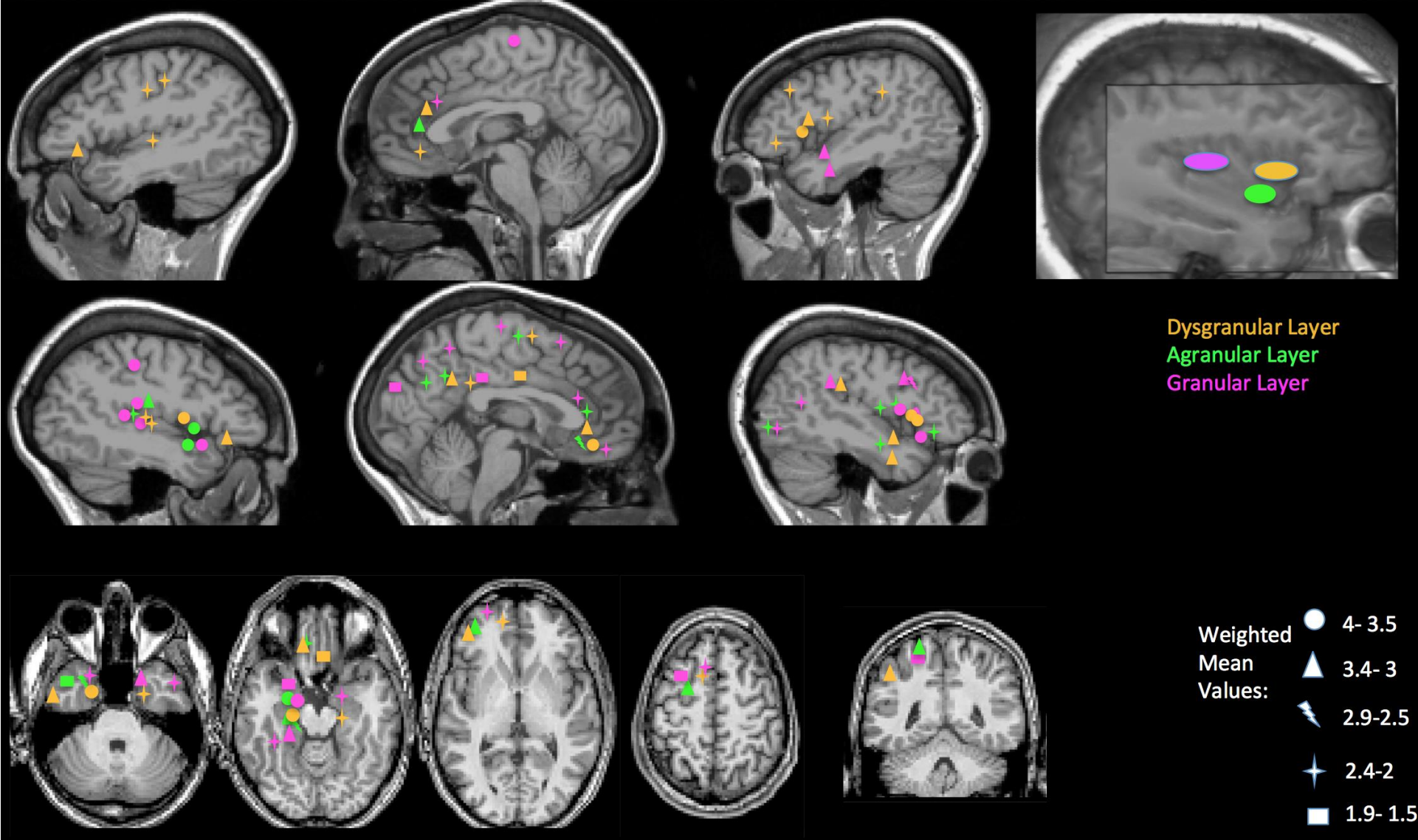


Granular insula, well developed layer IV

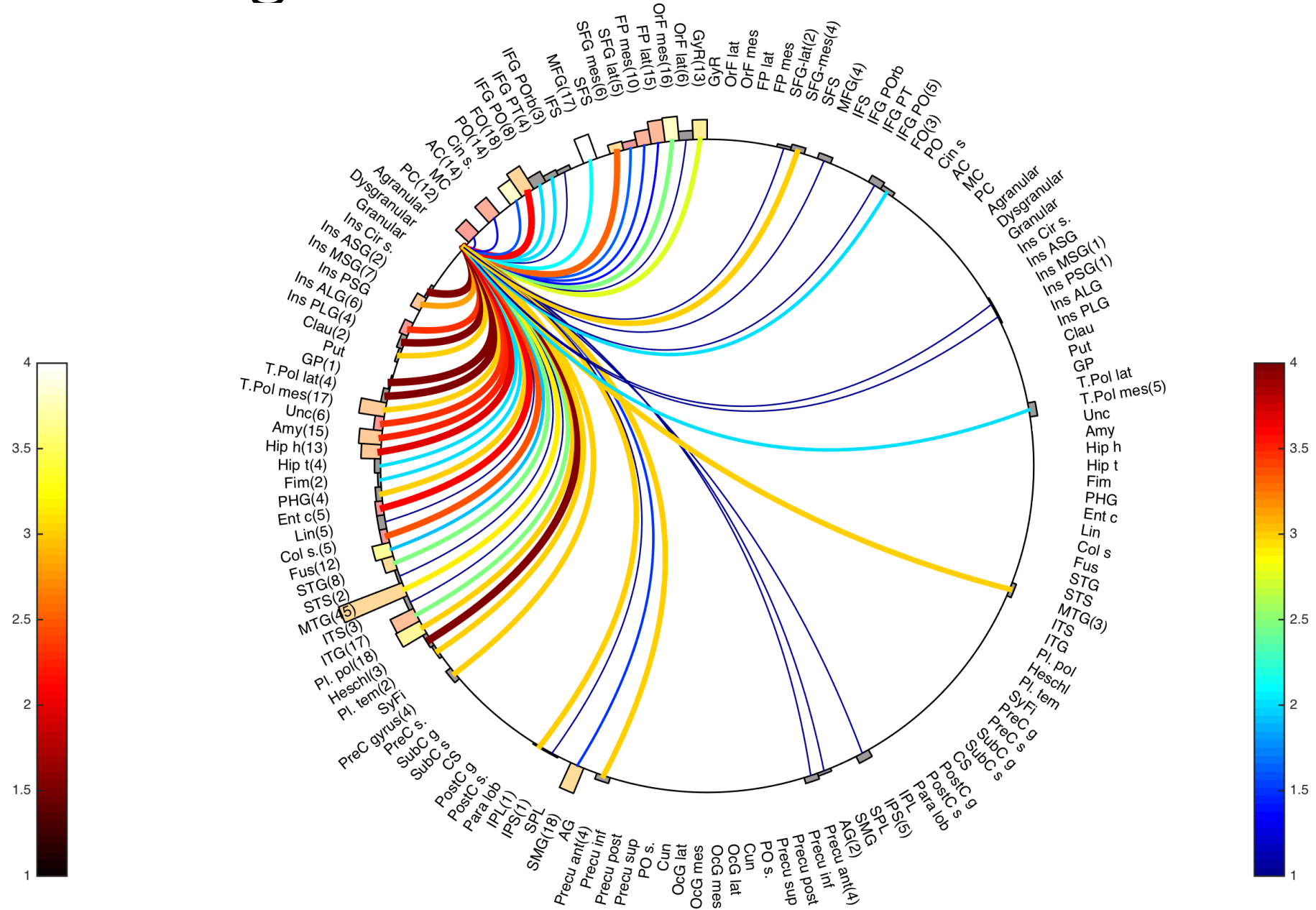
Agranular insula, loss of layer IV



Dysgranular insula, disorganized layer IV



# Left Agranular







# Semiology and Epileptic Networks




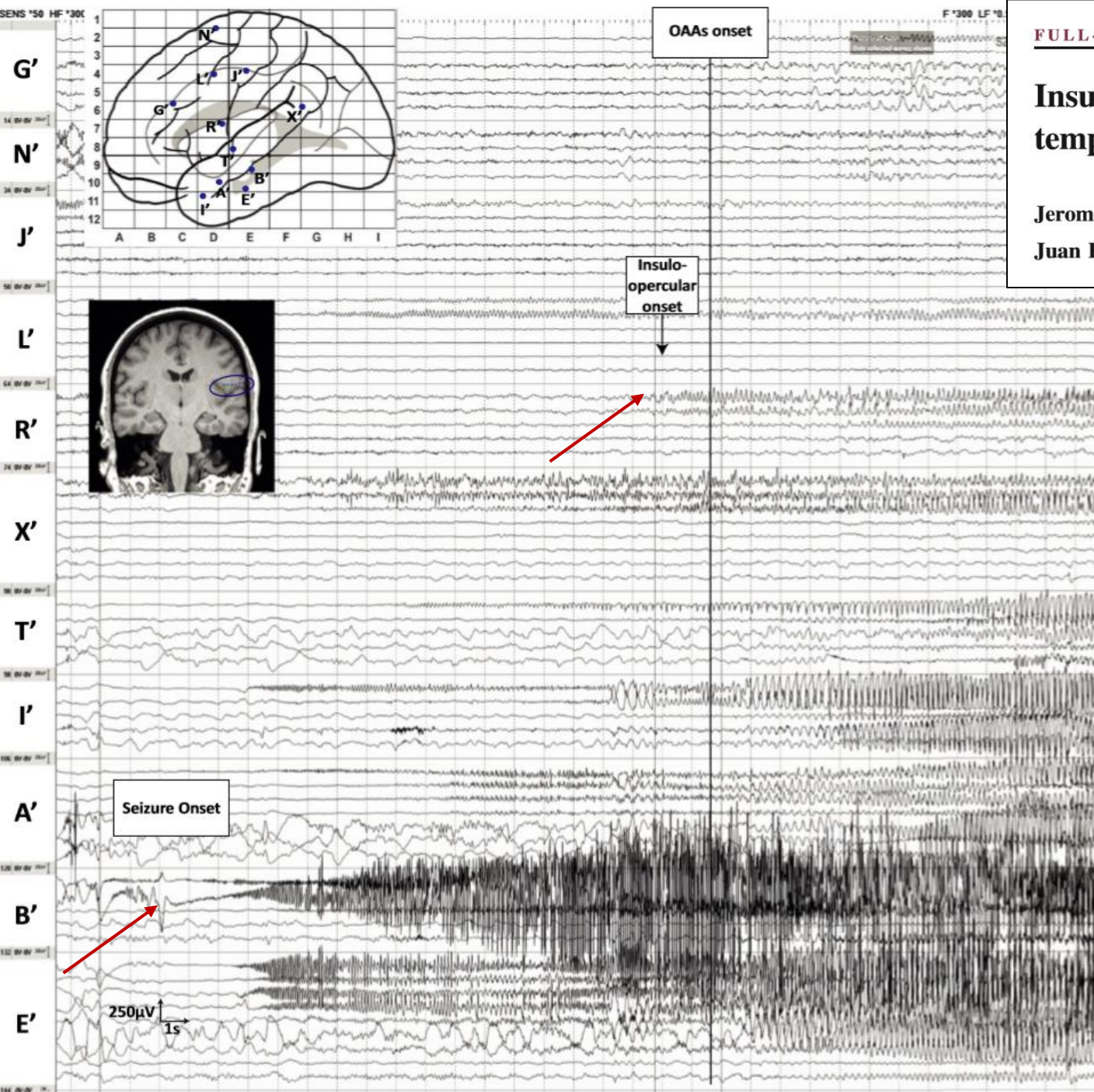
Aileen McGonigal, MD, PhD<sup>a,b</sup>

**Table 2**  
Examples of studies examining semiology in conjunction with signal analysis of stereoelectroencephalography

Investigators, Year	Semiological Pattern	Epilepsy Localization	Main Anatomic Structures	Signal Analysis	Change in Network Synchrony
Bartolomei et al, <sup>51</sup> 2002	Humming	Temporal lobe	STG, prefrontal cortex	Rhythmic discharge over STG (6 or 15 Hz). Increased coherence between STG and prefrontal cortex	Increased
Bartolomei et al, <sup>52</sup> 2005	Fear behavior	Prefrontal cortex	Ventromesial orbitofrontal cortex, anterior cingulate, amygdala (limbic system)	Sudden loss of synchrony between orbitofrontal cortex and amygdala at seizure onset/clinical onset	Decreased
Arthuis et al, <sup>53</sup> 2009	Impaired consciousness	Temporal lobe	Temporal structures, parietal lobe, thalamus	Excessive synchrony; ie, functional coupling, between temporal and extratemporal structures, notably parietal cortex and thalamus	Increased
Bartolomei et al, <sup>54</sup> 2012	Déjà vu	Mesial temporal lobe	Rhinal cortices, hippocampus	Increased high-frequency EEG signal correlation between mesial temporal structures in seizures producing déjà vu	Increased
Lambert et al, <sup>55</sup> 2012	Impaired consciousness	Parietal lobe	Superior and inferior parietal lobules, precuneus, parietal operculum, supplementary motor area	Increased synchrony was associated with progressively greater degrees of altered responsiveness. A statistically significant nonlinear relationship was found between h2 values and degree of alteration of consciousness, suggesting a threshold effect	Increased
Aupy et al, <sup>56</sup> 2018	Oroalimentary automatisms	Temporal lobe	Medial basal temporal lobe, opercular cortex	Increased coherence occurred between mediobasal temporal structures and insulo-opercular cortex before onset of rhythmic chewing movements	Increased

## Insulo-opercular cortex generates oroalimentary automatisms in temporal seizures

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- In seizures with medial temporal onset, oroalimentary automatism occurrence depends on ictal discharge propagation to ***operculo-insular areas***
- Rhythmically synchronized activity at ***theta frequency*** between amygdala-hippocampus and operculo-insular cortex underlies the emergence of oroalimentary automatisms in temporal seizures

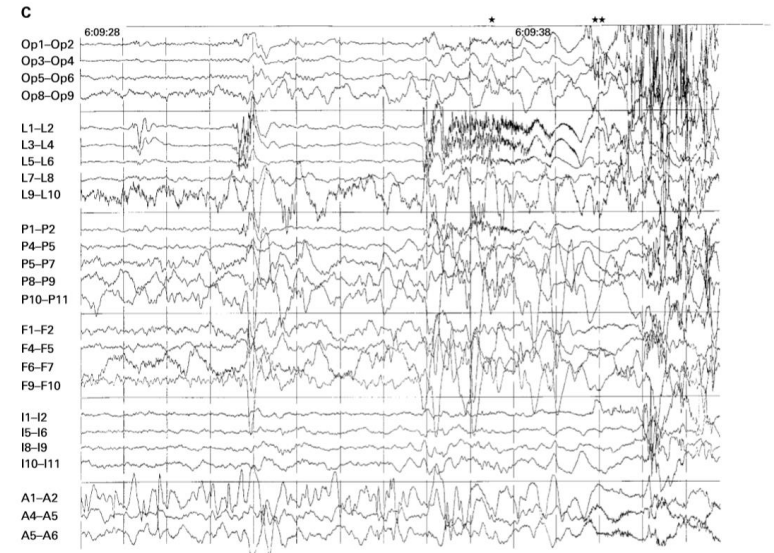
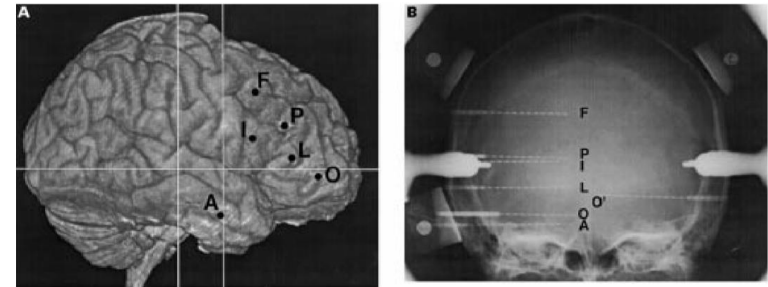
# Analyze semiology in order

## Early signs more reliable

*J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 2001;**70**:186–191

### Fear as the main feature of epileptic seizures

A Biraben, D Taussig, P Thomas, C Even, J P Vignal, J M Scarabin, P Chauvel

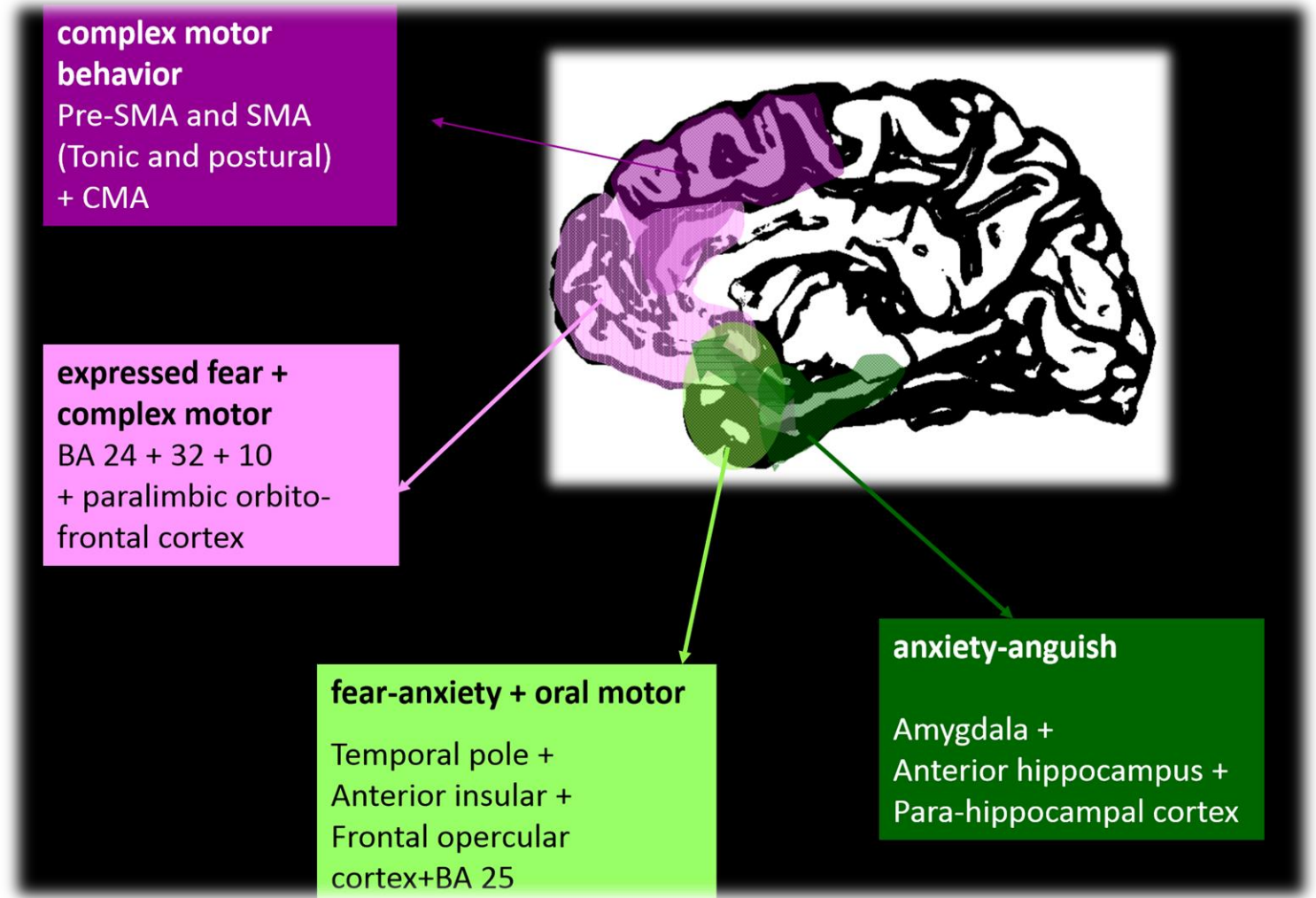


**This limbic network** involve-

- Orbitoprefrontal
- Anterior cingulate
- Temporal limbic cortices

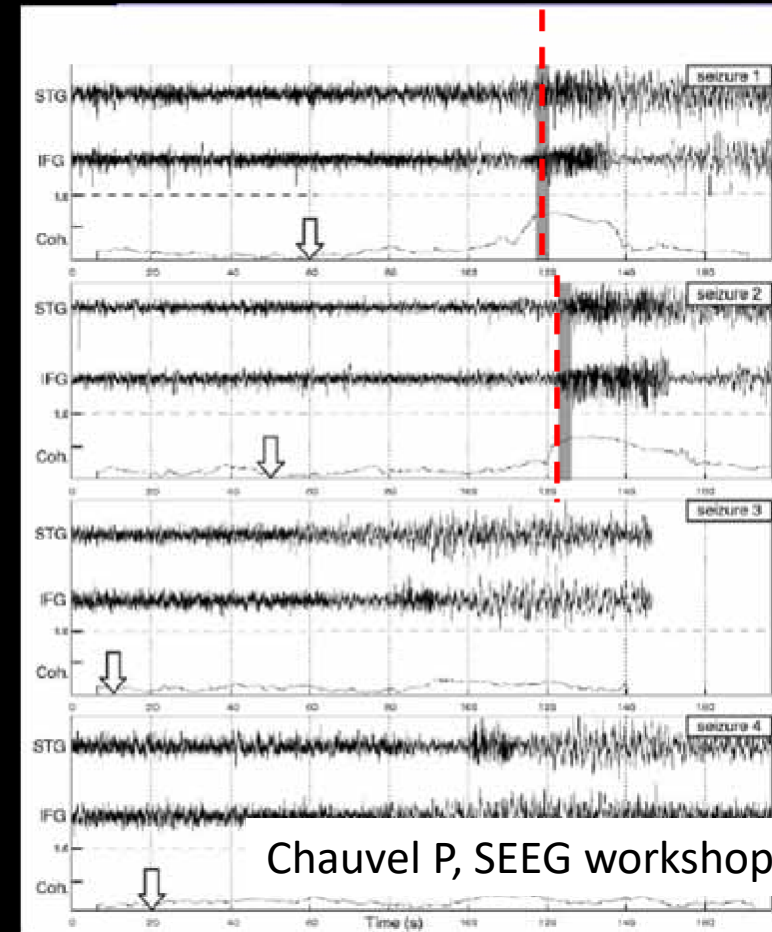
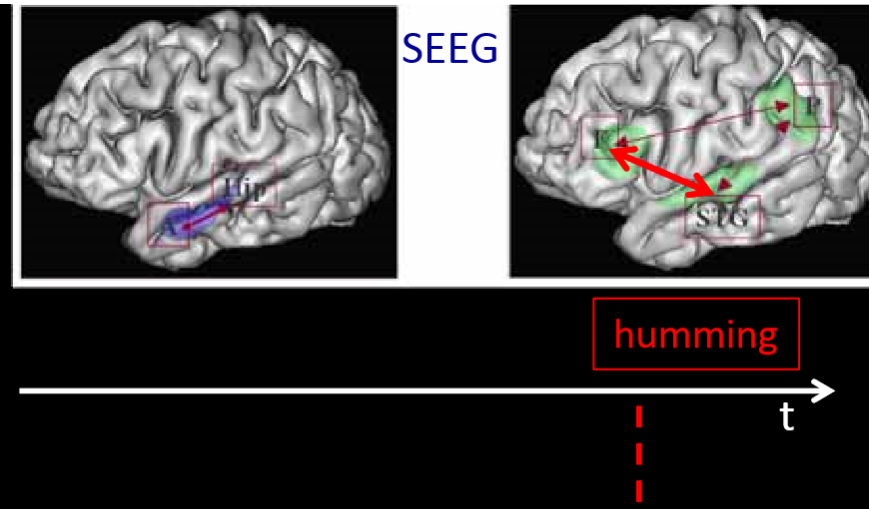
# Look for the clue of exactly localization

- The ictal *motor* behavior appears as an *integrated* feature within an emotional context



# Ictal Humming

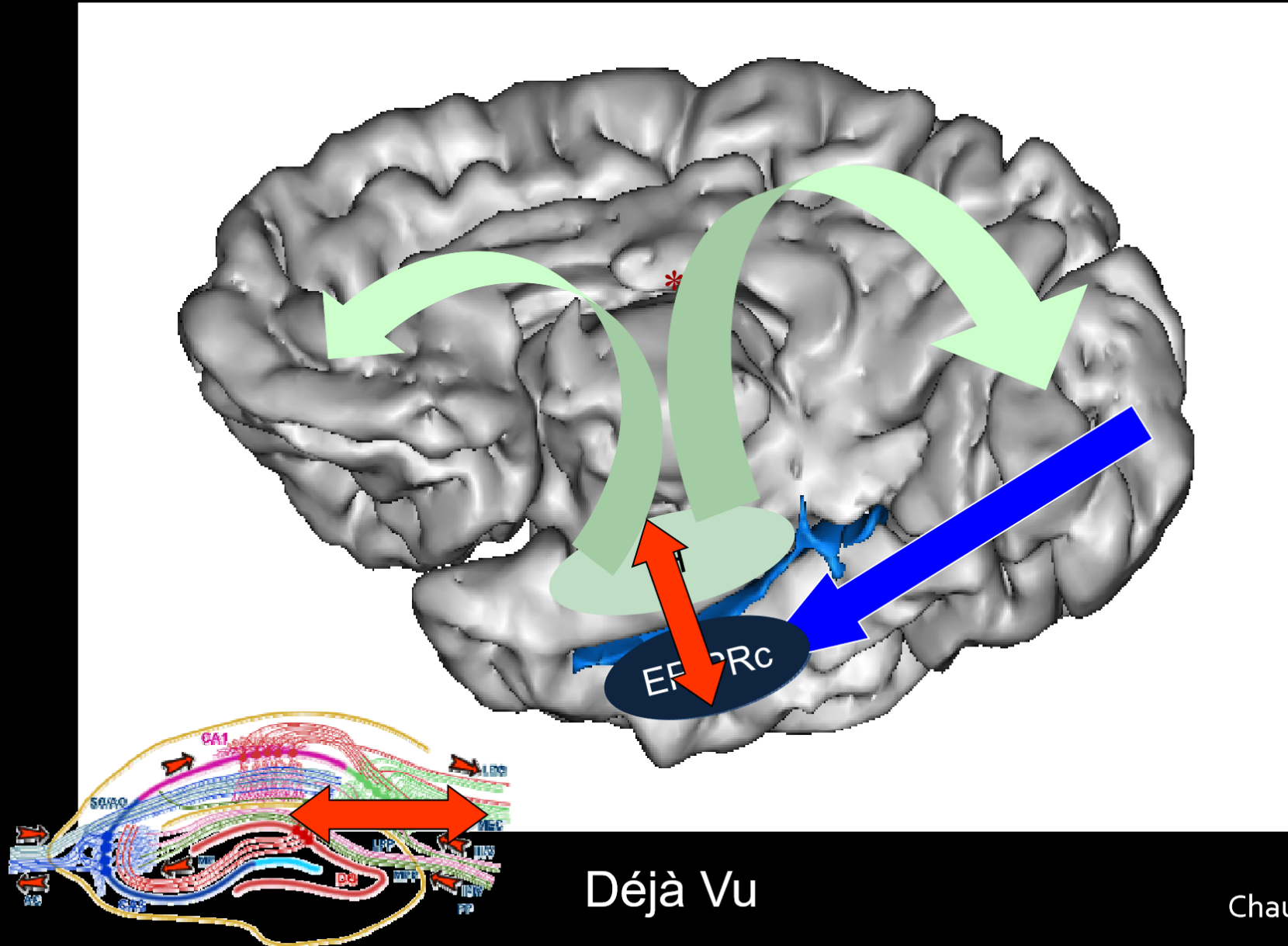
- MTLs onset
- Arising with spread of theta discharge
- Through a STG-IFG network activation



Bartolomei et al., 2002  
Guedj et al., 2006

Chauvel P, SEEG workshop, Cleveland clinic

- 1- Ventral stream synchronizes with hippocampus
- 2- ER *shifts* the mode of cerebral processing from one of identifying external stimuli to one of *retrieving* internal representations



# Future direction of Epilepsy surgery

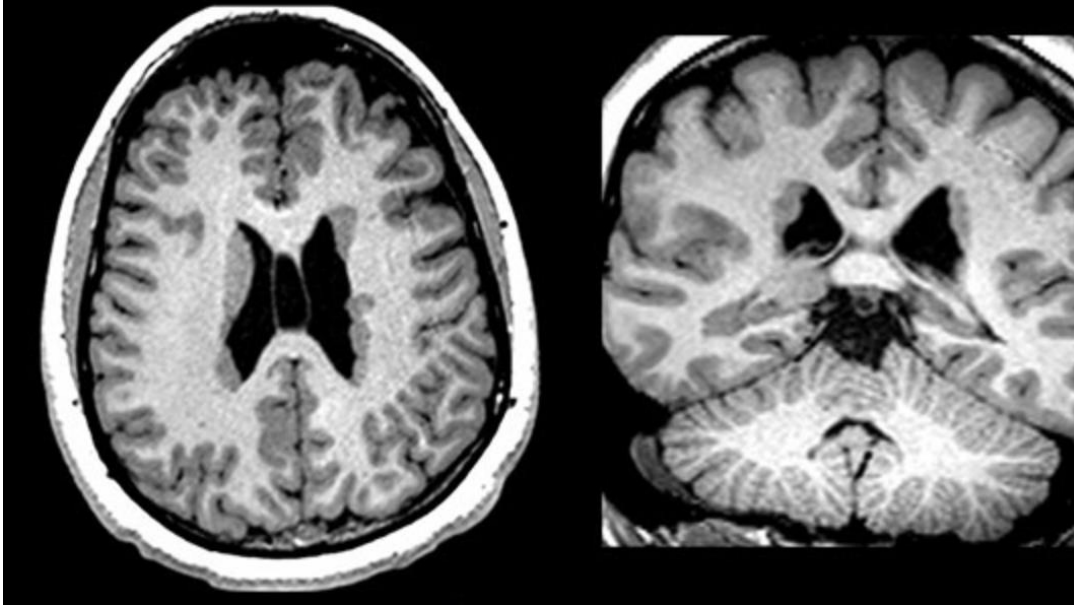
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- Maximize the yield of current methods (Multimodality integration)
- Imaging of “Epileptic lesion”

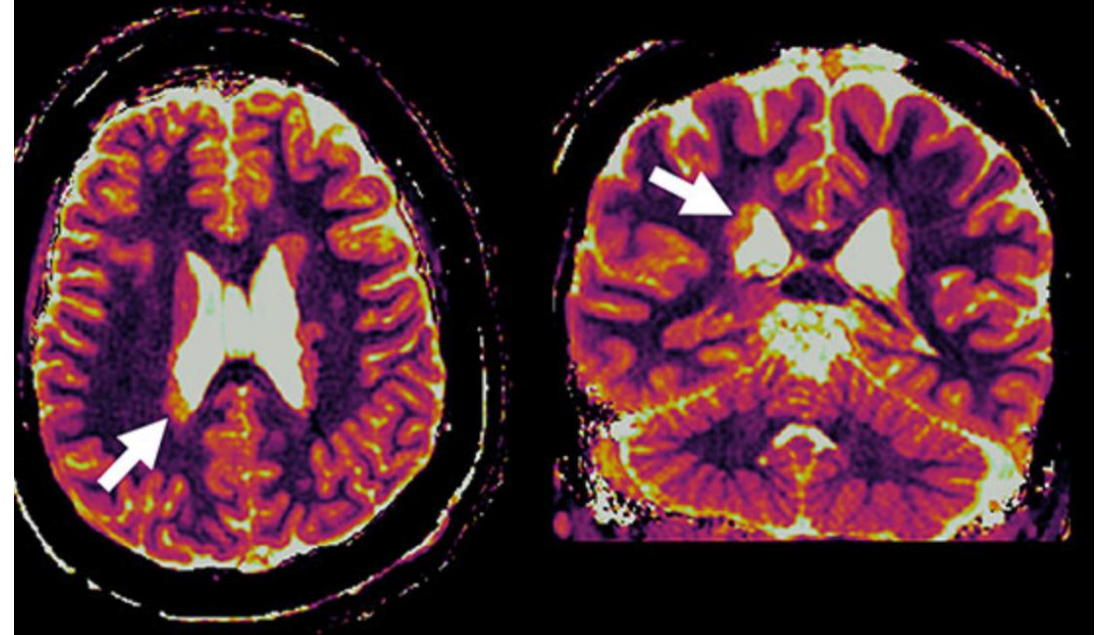
We need to visualize the molecular substrate of the Epileptic Lesion



Conventional MRI



MR fingerprinting



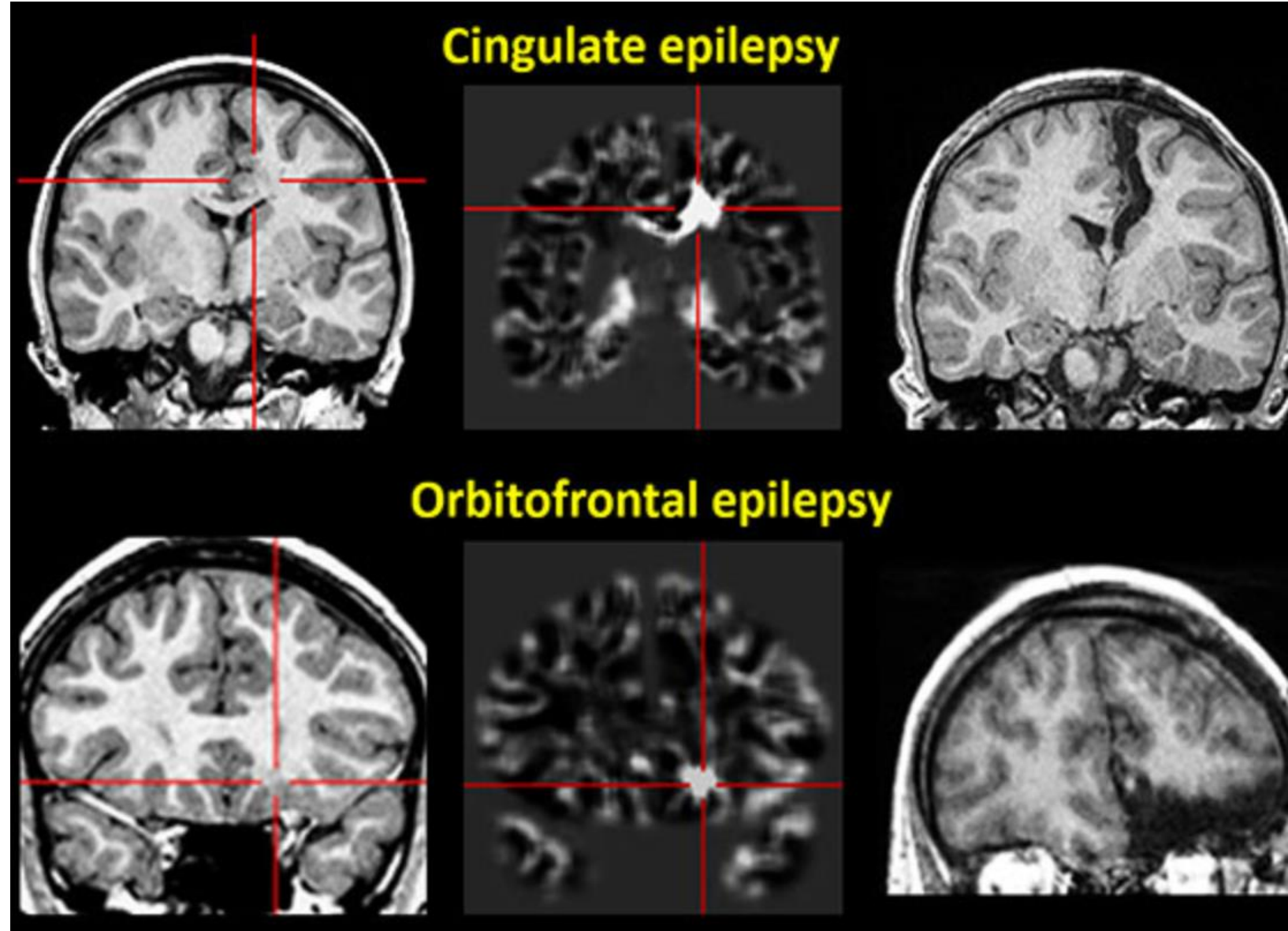
## MR fingerprinting (MRF): New results with novel technique for quantitative MRI

- T1 maps from the 3D MRF scan in axial and coronal views showing the nodules at the occipital horn of the right lateral ventricle (arrows) representing significantly higher T1 values, differentiating themselves from the other nodules.
- **The nodules with the higher T1 values were later confirmed to have caused the epilepsy in this patient, who is now seizure-free after resection.**



# Post-processing Voxel-based morphometry (VBM)

Next frontier:  
MRF + post-processing  
Discover epileptic lesion??



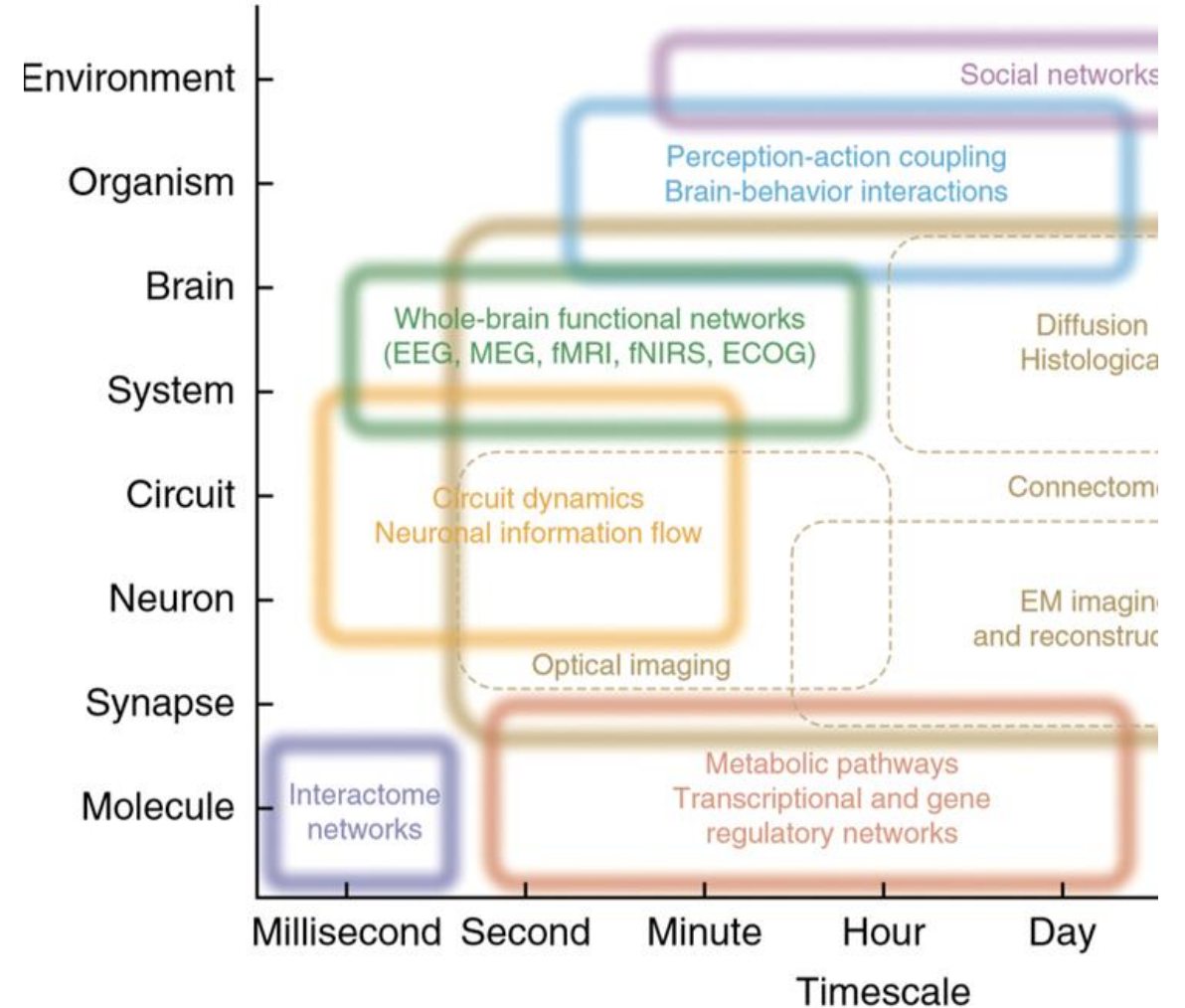
Conventional MRI T1-image

VBM

Post surgery  
Sz-free

# Future direction of Epilepsy surgery

- Surgery of genetic epilepsy
- Post surgical preventive therapies (target based gene therapy)



Thank you

