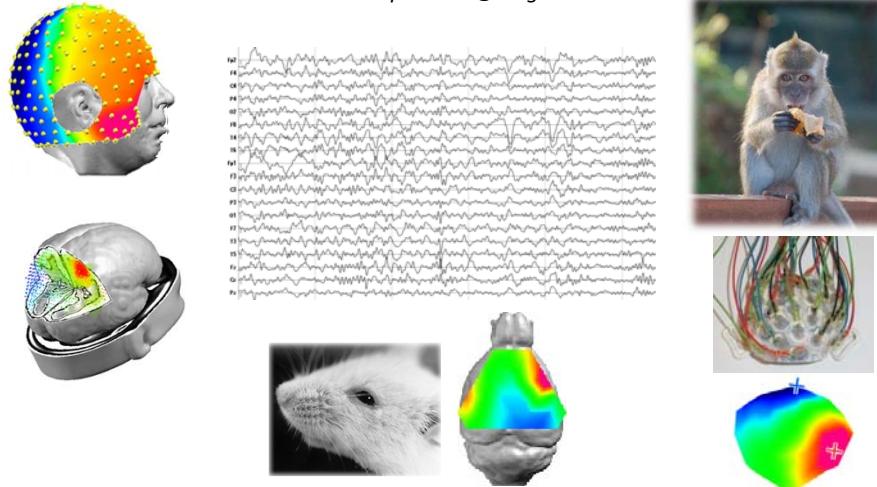


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Cartographie fonctionnelle cérébrale

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Cartographie fonctionnelle cérébrale

1. Cartographie fonctionnelle cérébrale chez l'homme

- Introduction:
Historique, concept de réseaux de neurones
- Méthodes de cartographie fonctionnelle:
 - A. Invasives: enregistrements intracrâniens
 - B. Non invasives: TEP, IRMf, EEG, MEG
 - Bases physiologiques de l'EEG
 - Potentiels évoqués et applications
 - Localisation des sources de l'EEG
 - Localisation: développement technologiques
 - Application: épilepsie

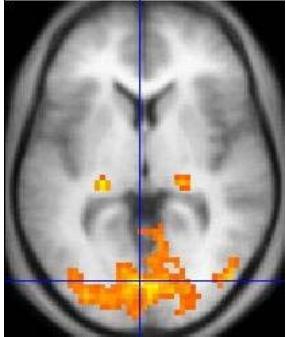
2. Cartographie fonctionnelle chez l'animal

- Pourquoi?
- Un tour au labo

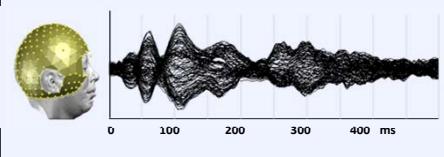
 1. Cartographie fonctionnelle cérébrale chez l'homme 

= localisation (spatiale et dynamique) de l'activité cérébrale durant les processus cognitifs par différentes techniques d'imagerie fonctionnelle

Exemples:



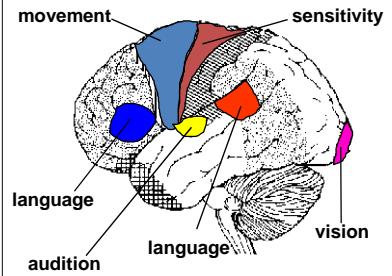
IRMf



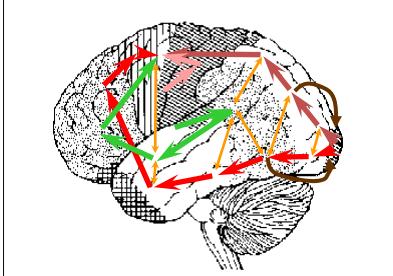
EEG and source localization

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Localisation spatiale



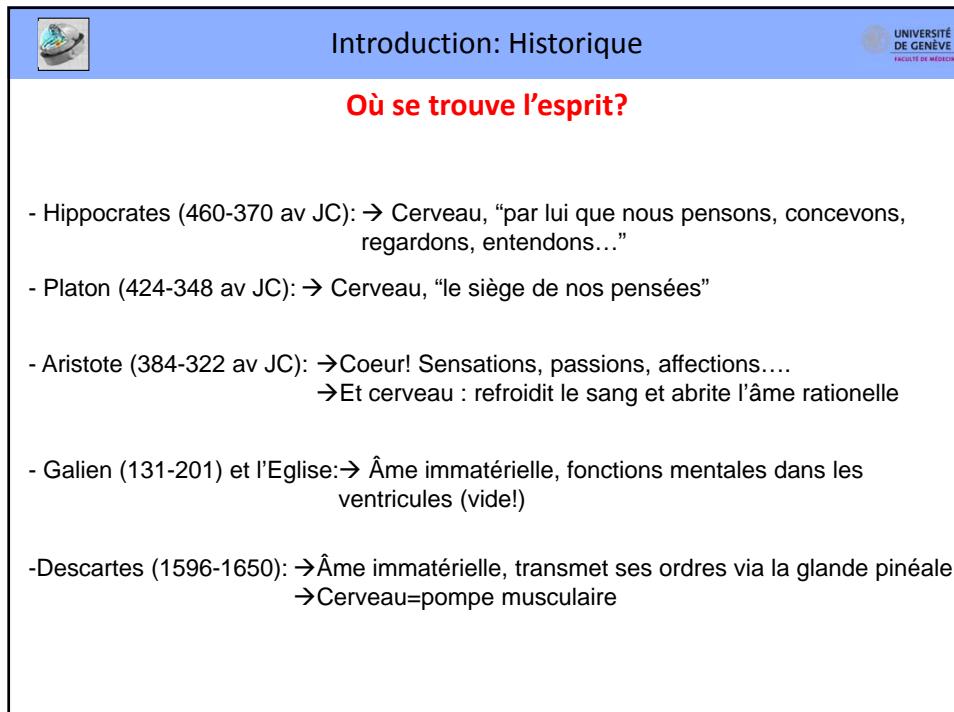
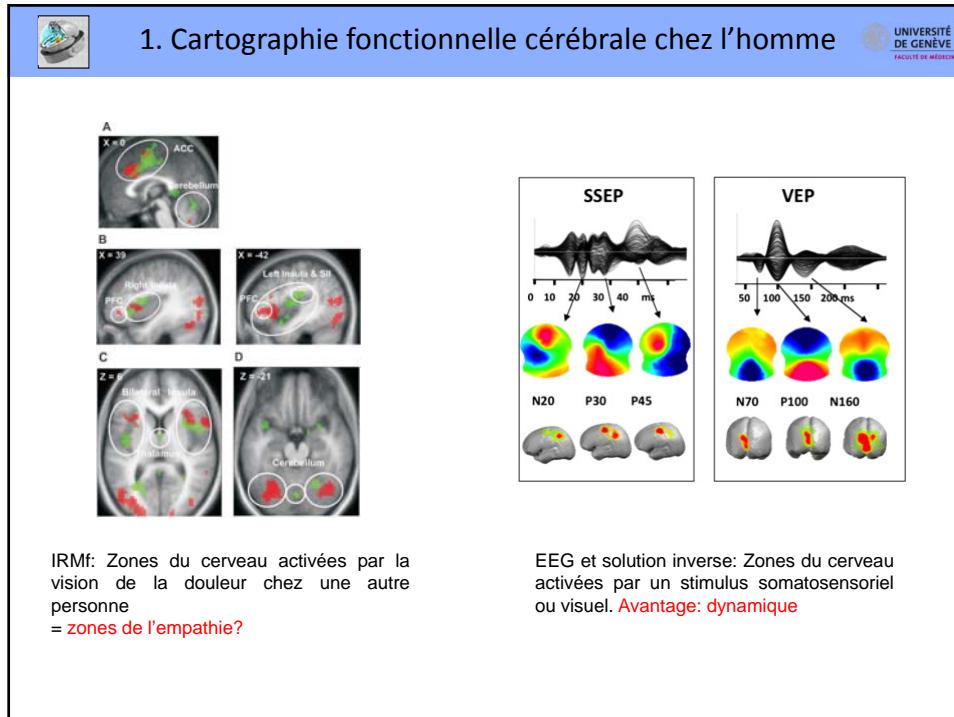
Dynamique



**Régions fonctionnelles
(=réseaux de neurones)**

↔

“large-scale networks”



 Introduction: Historique 

Globalisme:

M. Rolando (1809) and M.J.P. Flourens (1824) made lesions in the CNS of animals and studied the results:

1. Nerves, spinal cord and medulla oblongata: directly excite muscles.
2. Cerebellum: coordination of movements
3. Hemispheres: initiate the voluntary movements

"Le nerf excite; la moelle épinière /ie; le cervelet coordonne; les lobes cérébraux veulent et sentent.
"

However within the hemispheres they found no single region responsible for memory or cognition!

→ Cognitive functions are globally distributed over the entire cortex= Globalism

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LES PROPRIÉTÉS ET LES FONCTIONS
DU SYSTÈME NERVEUX,
DANS LES ANIMAUX VERTÉBRÉS;
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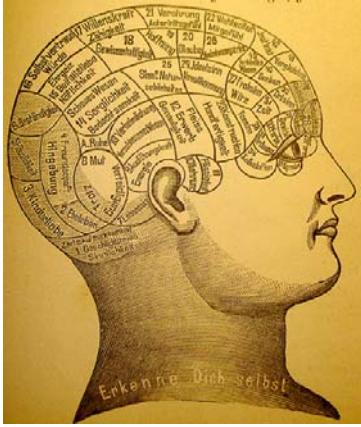
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1824.


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Localisationisme: → Cognitive functions are localized to specific brain centers, cortical areas in particular

-Franz Joseph Gall (1758-1828): la bosse des maths....
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- Paul Pierre Broca (1824-1880): Broca's aphasia: inability to produce speech; understanding not massively impaired

- Carl Wernicke (1848-1905): Wernicke's aphasia: inability to understand speech; speech production is possible but paraphasias, speech may be meaningless

Introduction: Historique

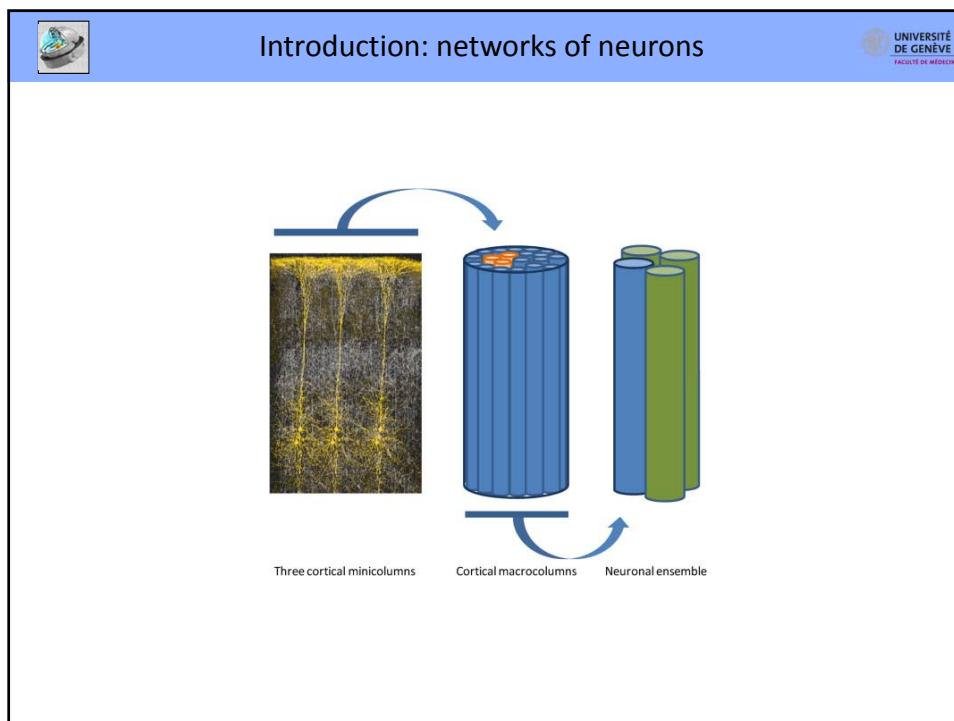
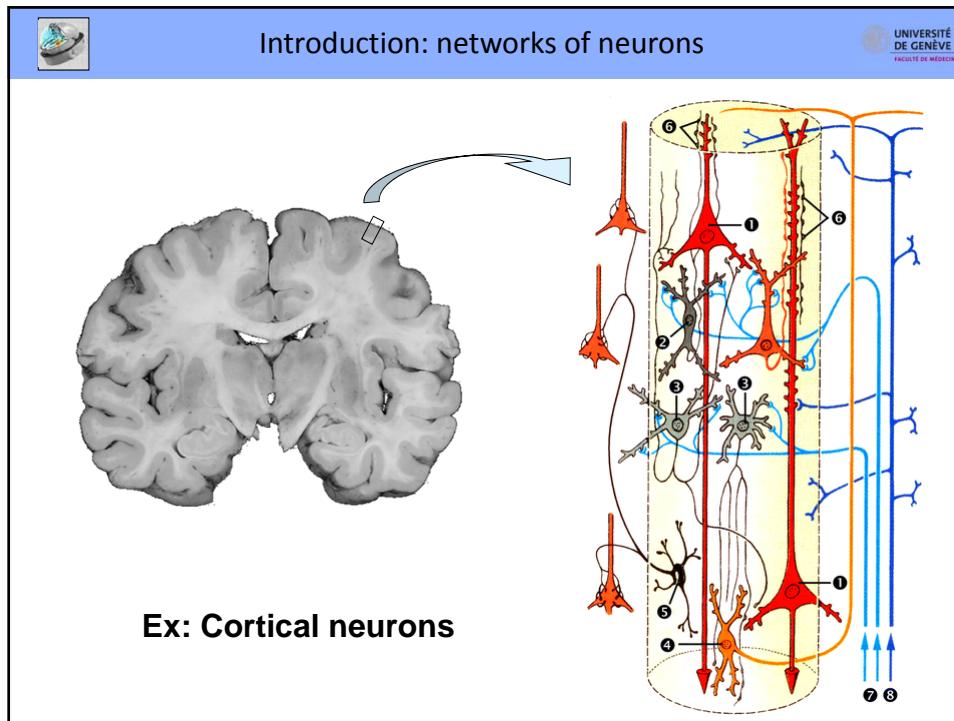
Conduction aphasia= a disconnection syndrome

Not all language deficits are due to lesions in the cerebral cortex

Conduction aphasia: inability to repeat speech directly, understanding unimpaired, production impaired with autocorrections

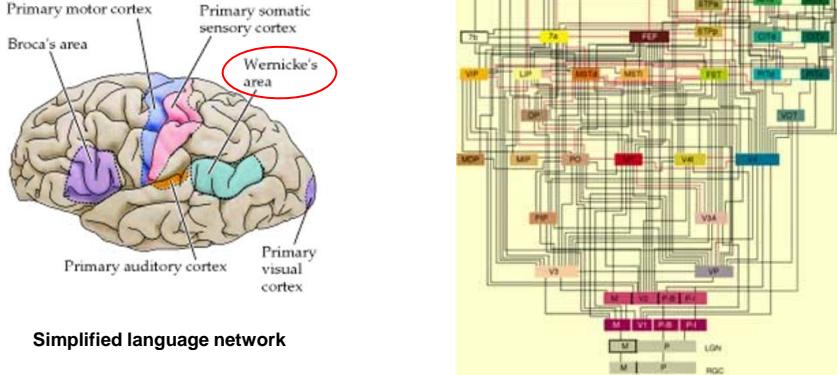
Interruption of fibre pathway: disconnection syndrome

“large-scale networks”



 Introduction: networks of neurons 

Large-scale functional networks



The diagram consists of two parts. On the left, a simplified language network is shown as a brain hemisphere with colored regions: Primary motor cortex (blue), Broca's area (purple), Primary somatic sensory cortex (pink), Wernicke's area (red, circled), Primary auditory cortex (orange), and Primary visual cortex (cyan). On the right, a complex network diagram for the macaque brain shows various cortical areas (V1, V2, V3, MT, LIP, IPS, etc.) interconnected by a dense web of lines representing neural connections.

Simplified language network

**Complete visual networks in the macaque brain
(Felleman and Van Essen, 1990)**

 Introduction: networks of neurons 

Résumé

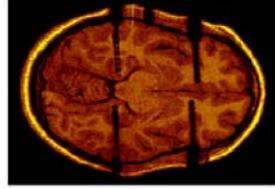
Réseaux corticaux: concepts clés

- Le cortex contient des régions fonctionnelles spécialisées
- Les fonctions peuvent être latéralisées
- Les régions corticales spécialisées sont connectées par des projections cortico-corticales, formant des réseaux corticaux à large échelle.
- Les réseaux corticaux peuvent être interprétés comme des modules contribuant à plusieurs fonctions (multifonctionnalité)
- Les réseaux corticaux sont à la fois stables et « plastiques »
- Dynamique: le traitement de l'information par les réseaux est à la fois séquentiel et parallèle

 Méthodes de cartographie fonctionnelle 

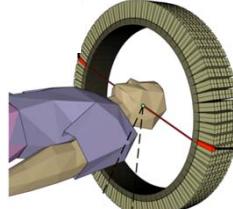
A. Invasive

- Intracranial electrophysiology



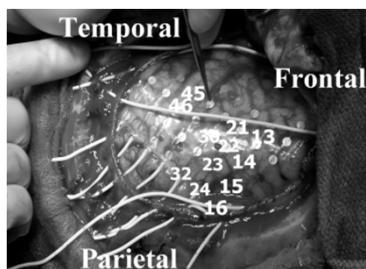
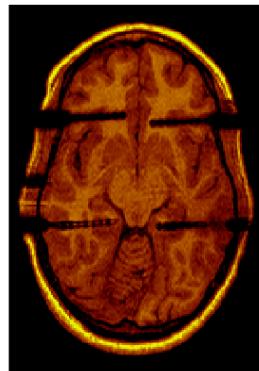
B. Non-invasive= functional brain imaging

- Positron-emission tomography (PET scan; 1952)
- Functional magnetic resonance imaging (~1992)
- Electroencéphalographie (EEG)

 A. Invasive: enregistrements intracrâniens 

Electrical recordings and stimulation at the cortical surface or intracortically
Used in neurosurgical interventions where a mapping of cortical function is required (exeresis of potentially "eloquent", functionally important cortical areas)
W. Penfield (~1950) obtained the first "maps" of the primary somatosensory and motor cortices

B. Non-invasive: Tomographie par émission de positrons

TEP (PET scan; 1952): accumulation de marqueurs radioactif émettant des positrons, rencontre avec un électron émettant un photon, détection des photons

Annihilation

Mots entendus Mots vus
Mots emis Mots pensés

Normal Early Alzheimer's Late Alzheimer's Child

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B. Non-invasive: Imagerie par résonance magnétique

«Imagerie par Résonance Magnétique nucléaire des protons de l'eau » IRM (MRI, 1980)

Physical principle:

- The spin (=magnetic moment of a particle) of protons (especially hydrogen nuclei in water molecules) is aligned along a magnetic field (1 to 14 Tesla)
- The alignment of the proton spin is briefly perturbed by a radiofrequency pulse
- MRI measures parameters reflecting the realignment of proton spin along the main magnetic field: T1(longitudinal relaxation), T2 (transversal relaxation)

The main magnetic field runs down the magnet's centre
 B_0
MR scanner
Protons in the tissues line up with B_0
 $M_z = M_0$
x
y
The sum total of the protons lining up with B_0 generates a net magnetisation M_z aligned with B_0 , along what is by convention the z axis; M_z is what is manipulated to generate MR images

^1H nucleus
Applied magnetic field
Bulk magnetization in small tissue volume elements (voxels)
Human brain magnetic resonance image

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B. Non-invasive: Imagerie par résonance magnétique

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Evolution de l'aimantation des tissus après application d'une radiofréquence (pulse)

T1: mise en évidence des tissus à variation d'aimantation rapide

- Hypersignal graisse (blanc)
- Hyposignal LCR (noir)

Substance grise grise (foncé)
Substance blanche blanche (clair) Donc anatomique!

Sang: noir

T2: mise en évidence des tissus à variation d'aimantation lente

- Hypersignal LCR (blanc)
- Graisse: foncé

Substance grise: clair
Substance blanche: foncé

Sang: noir (sauf oedème)

B. Non-invasive: IRM fonctionnelle

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IRMF (fMRI, 1992)

Activité neuronale → Effet BOLD (Blood Oxygenation Level-Dependant)

→ augmentation de consommation O₂ → apport disproportionné de sang → augmentation de l'oxy-hémoglobine

Le rapport deoxy-Hb/oxy-Hb diminue ce qui augmente le signal IRM!

Hemodynamic Response Function - HRF

% MR Signal Change

Time (seconds)

Peak ("BOLD effect")

~ 5 s

0.5 à 3 %

"dip"

"undershoot"

Zones activées en IRMf par stimulations visuelles

IRMf: applications

Plasticité après lésion dans le cortex moteur

→ activation par “finger-taping”:

20 days after stroke 4 months after stroke

Jaillard et al, Brain 2005

Sciences cognitives: système miroir

(a)

(b)

(c)

Lacobani et al, PLoS Biol 2005

Méthodes de cartographie fonctionnelle

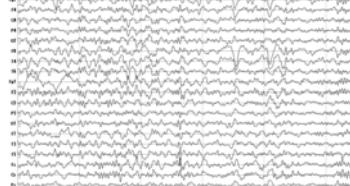
Résumé

- **Enregistrements électrophysiologique intracrâniens**
 - + activité neuronale, résolution temporelle
 - invasif, local
- **PET scan**
 - + étude de différents métabolites (glucoes, dopamine,...), résolution spatiale (250 mm³)
 - indirect, radioactif, résolution temporelle (100 sec!)
- **fMRI**
 - + résolution spatiale (1 mm³)
 - indirect, résolution temporelle (0.5 à 1.5 sec)
- **EEG!!**
 - + activité neuronale, résolution temporelle (microsec), «large-scale»
 - résolution spatiale

 Electroencéphalographie (EEG) 

Applications:

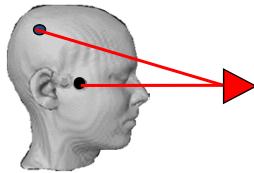
- Monitoring des états de conscience (sommeil, coma)
- Epilepsie
- Pathologie des voies sensorielles
- Cartographie fonctionnelles



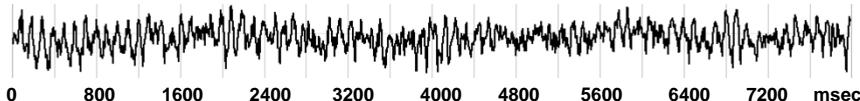
Evolution:
Augmentation des capteurs et imagerie par localisation de source

 Electroencéphalographie (EEG) 





Hans Berger
(1926)

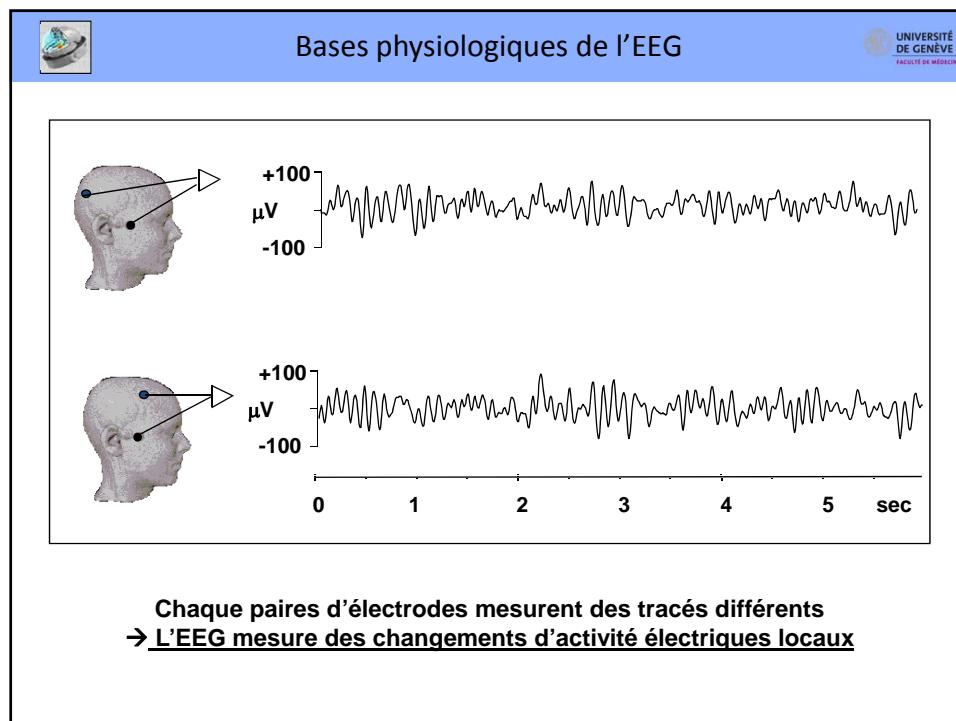


Les différences de potentiels ENTRE DEUX ELECTRODES (microvolts) enregistrés à la surface du scalp varient à haute vitesse (millisecondes)
→ L'EEG mesure des changements d'activité électrique dans le cerveau

Bases physiologiques de l'EEG

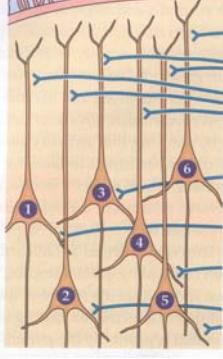
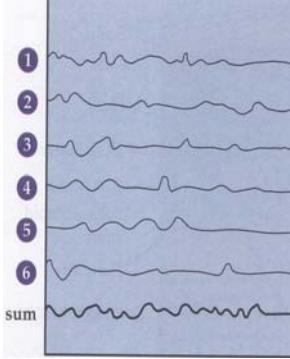
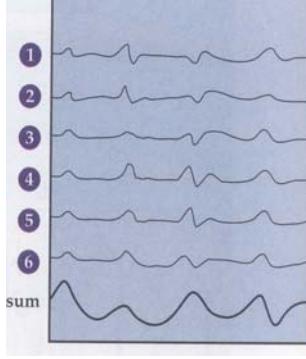
Origine du signal EEG: dipôles créés par les courants synaptiques (et non les PAs)

→ l'activité synaptique de peu de neurones n'est pas visible sur le scalp



 Bases physiologiques de l'EEG 

→ l'activité neuronale doit être synchronisée

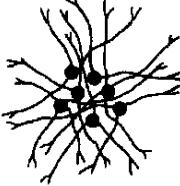
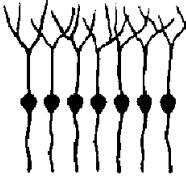
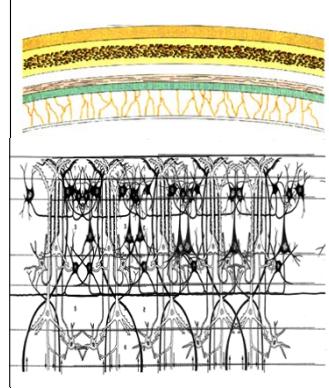
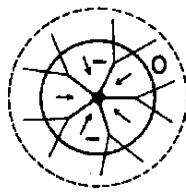
irregular	synchronised
	
	

Weak Synchronisation → irregular signal with small amplitude
 Strong Synchronisation → regular signal with large amplitude

Purves: Neuroscience

 Bases physiologiques de l'EEG 

→ Le signal EEG dépend de l'orientation des neurones

Radial orientation = Closed field	Parallel Orientation = Open (dipolar) field	Columnar organization of pyramidal neurons
		
		

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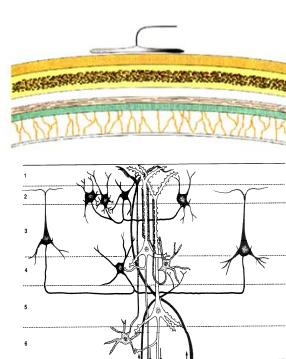
Résumé EEG1

- EEG records *postsynaptic potentials* and not action potentials.
- EEG records the activity of *pyramidal neurons* because of their parallel orientation.
- EEG records the *synchronous activity* of large number of parallel organized neurons that together generate a sufficiently strong dipolar field.

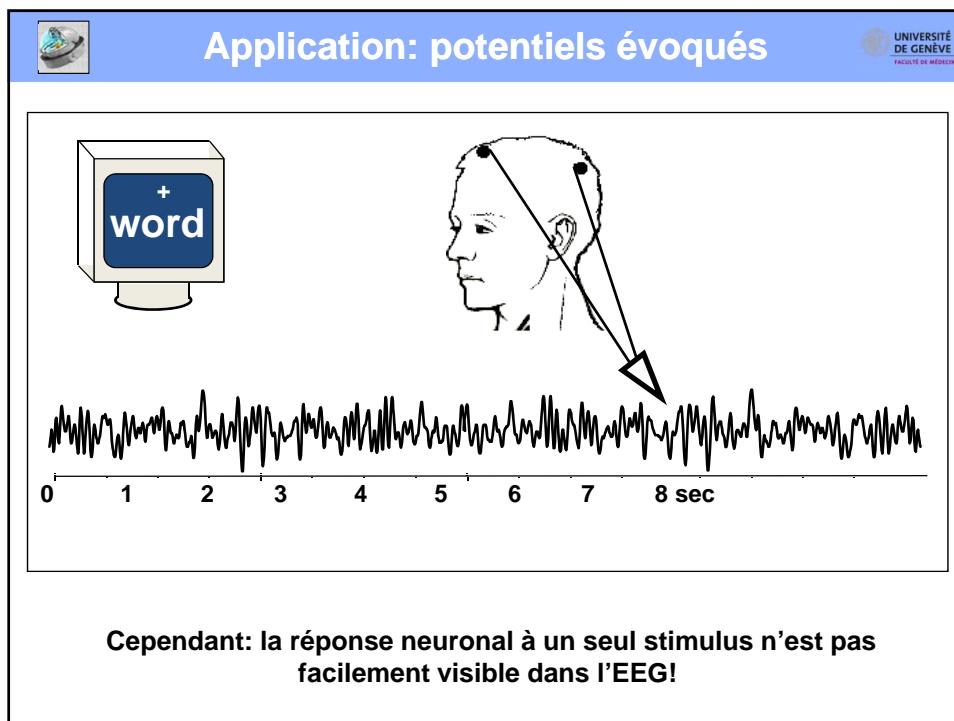
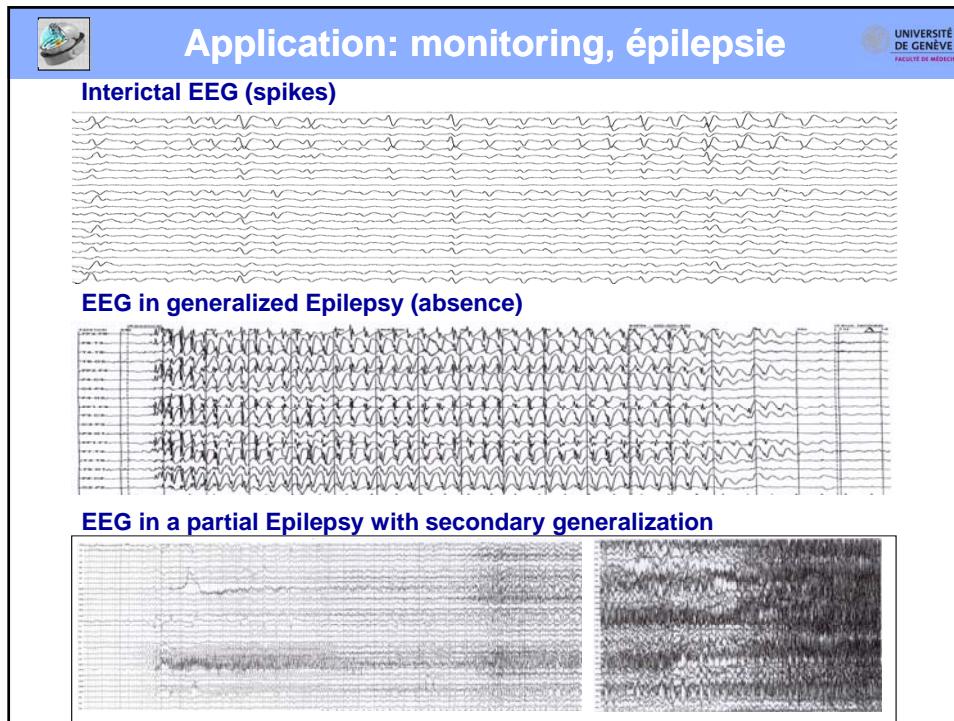
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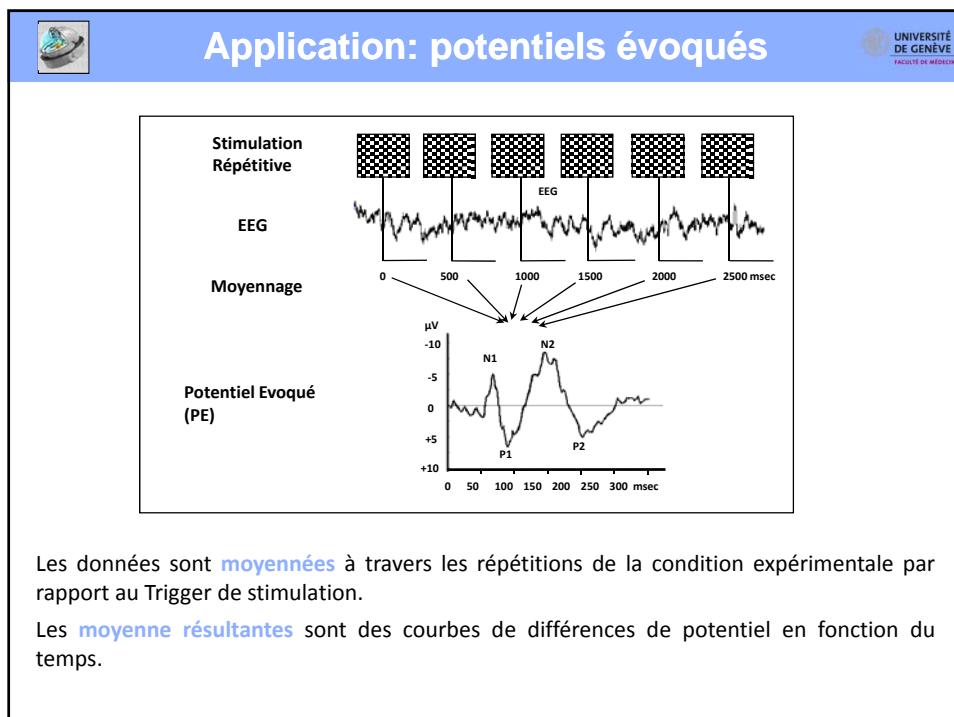
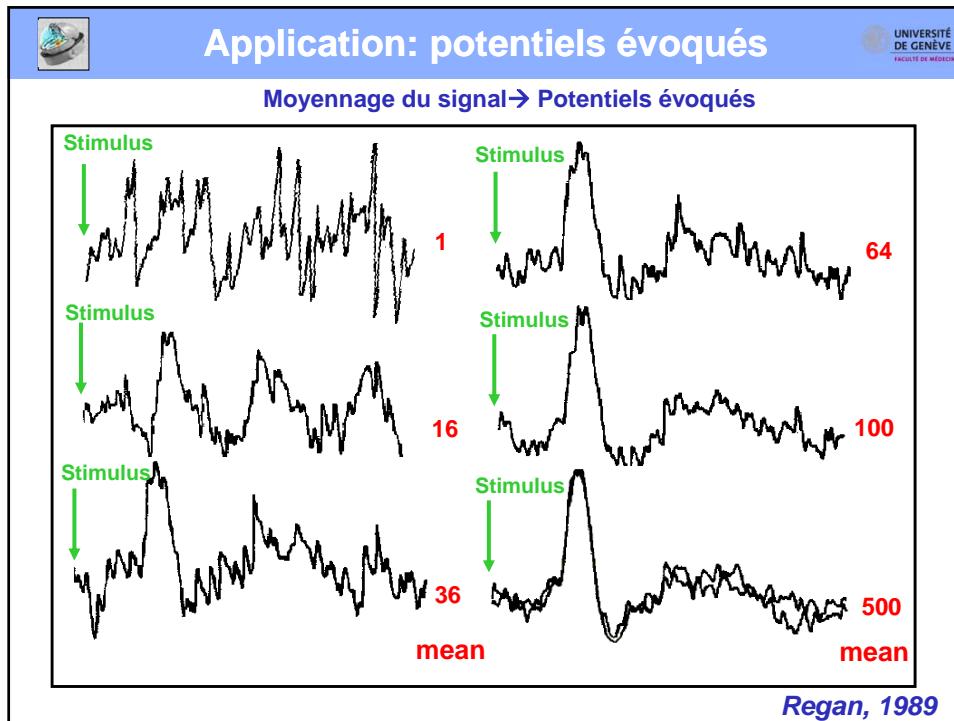
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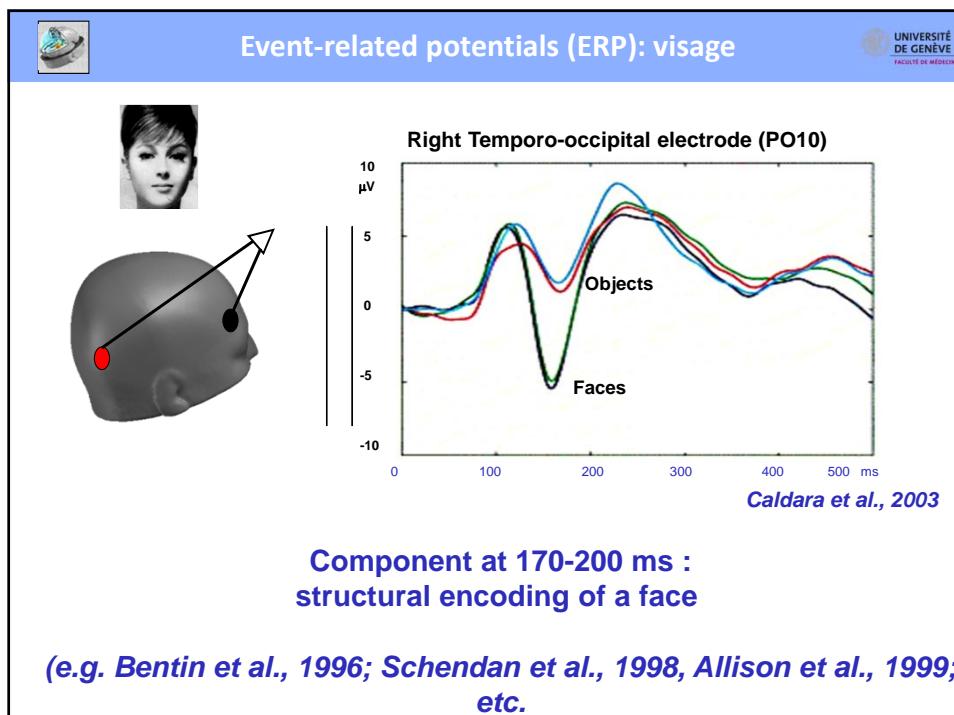
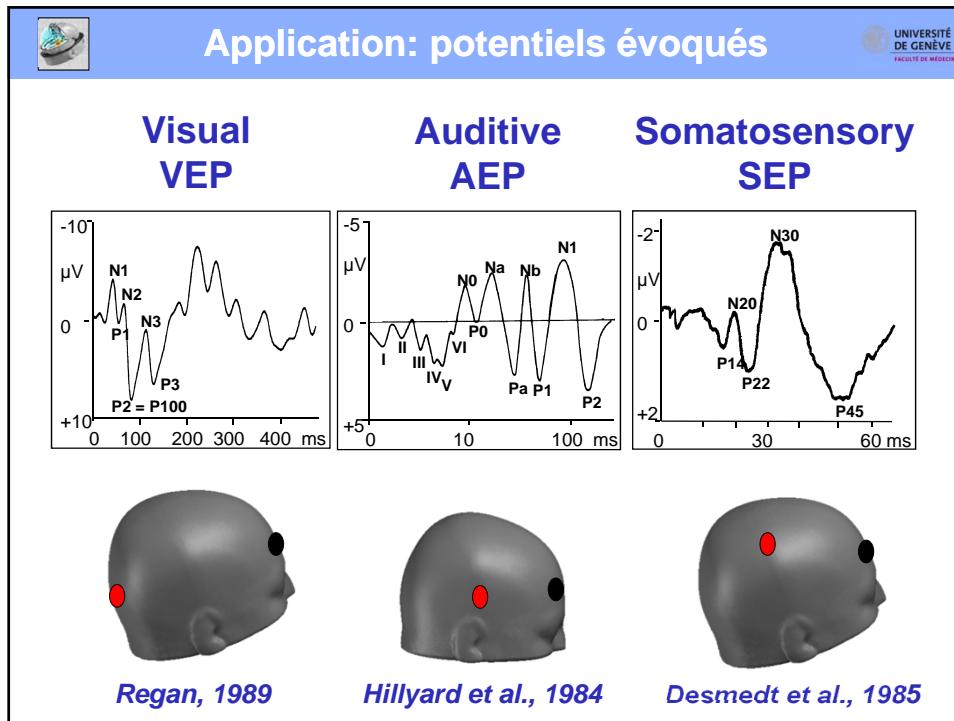
- Synchronous activity in neurons generates an electric and a magnetic field that can be detected using electrodes (EEG) or coils (MEG)
- In contrast to PET or fMRI, EEG and MEG measure direct correlates of neuronal activity
- Advantages: high temporal resolution allows studying synchronization between areas (useful in a large-scale network perspective!)
- Inconvenients: low spatial resolution

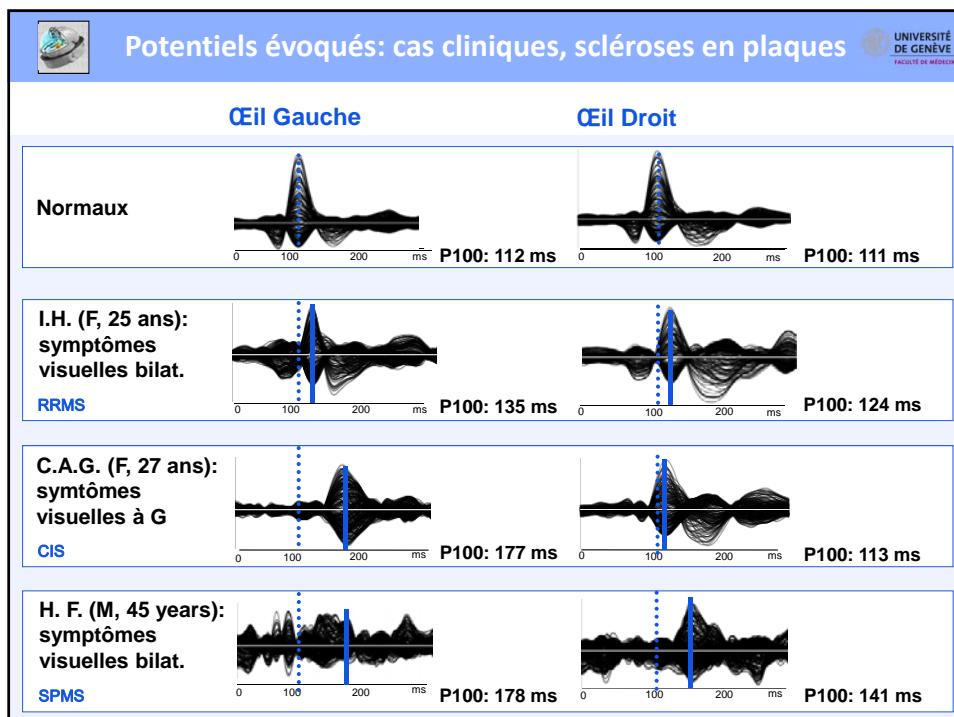
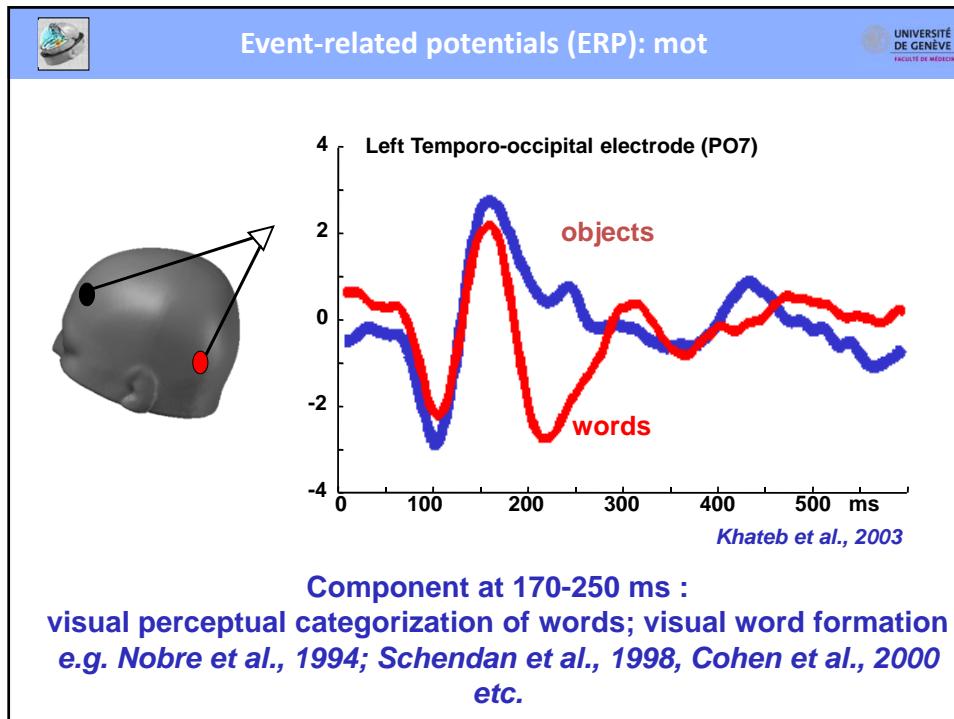


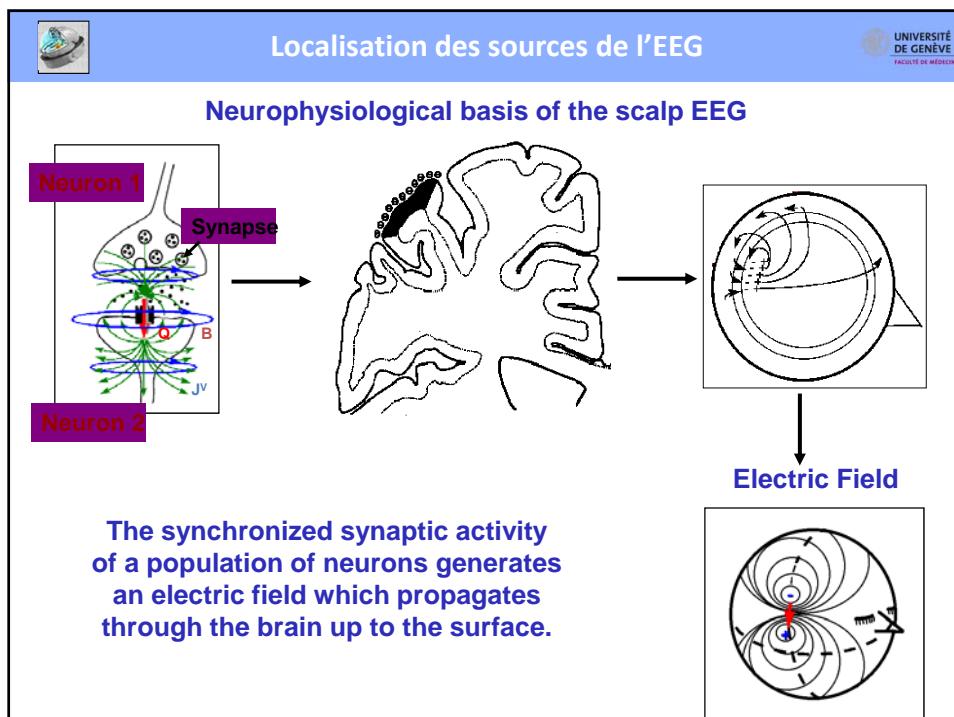
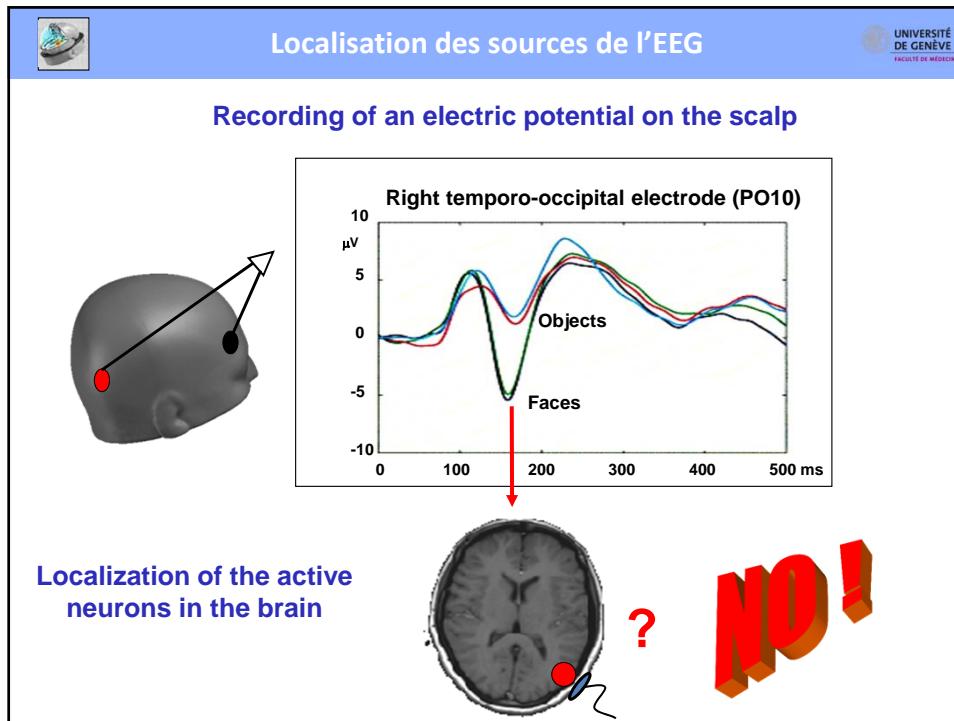
Grande distance entre électrodes et sources du signal
Nombre de sources plus importante que le nombre d'électrodes
→ Mauvaise résolution spatiale











Localisation des sources de l'EEG

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The orientation of the neurons with respect to the surface depends on the circumvolution of the brain

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→ The extracellular current flow depends on the orientation of the neurons

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Vertically oriented dipole

→ The amplitude maximum is located above the electric source.

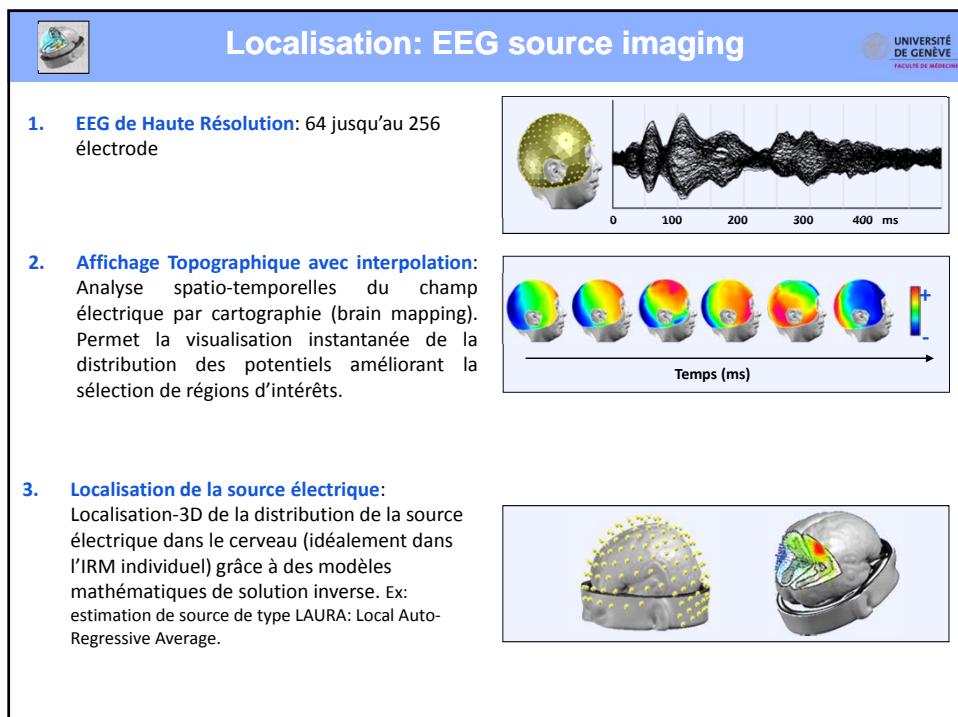
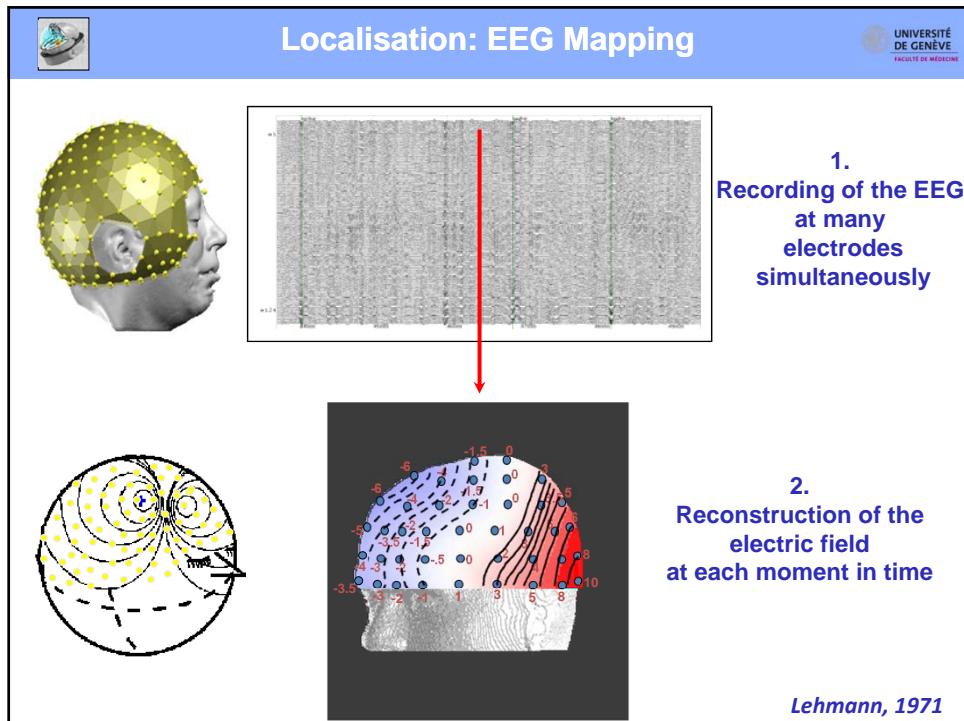
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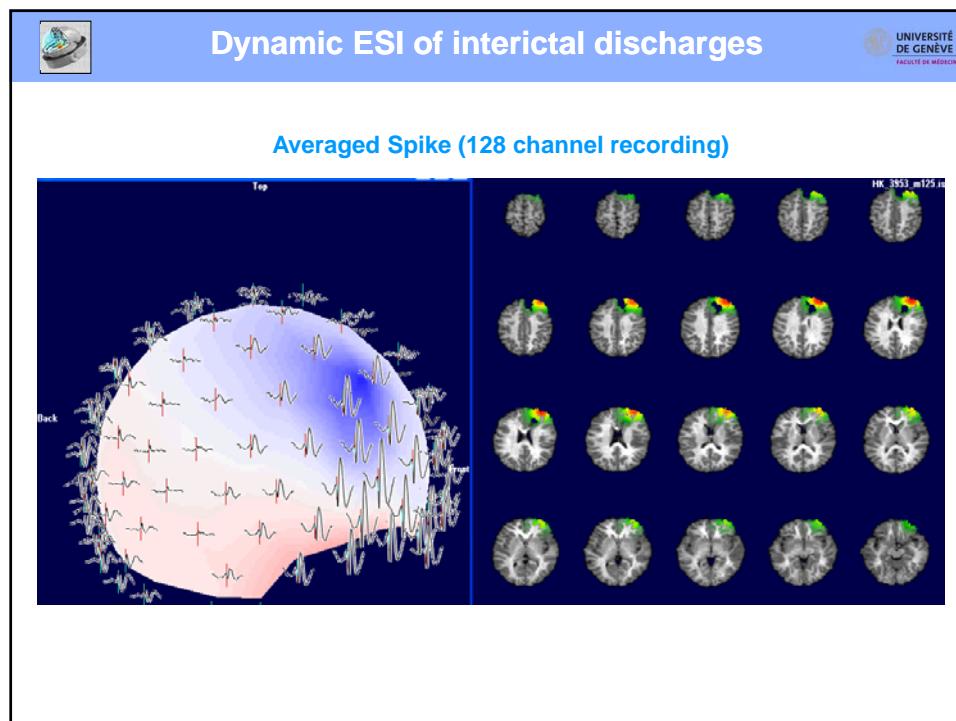
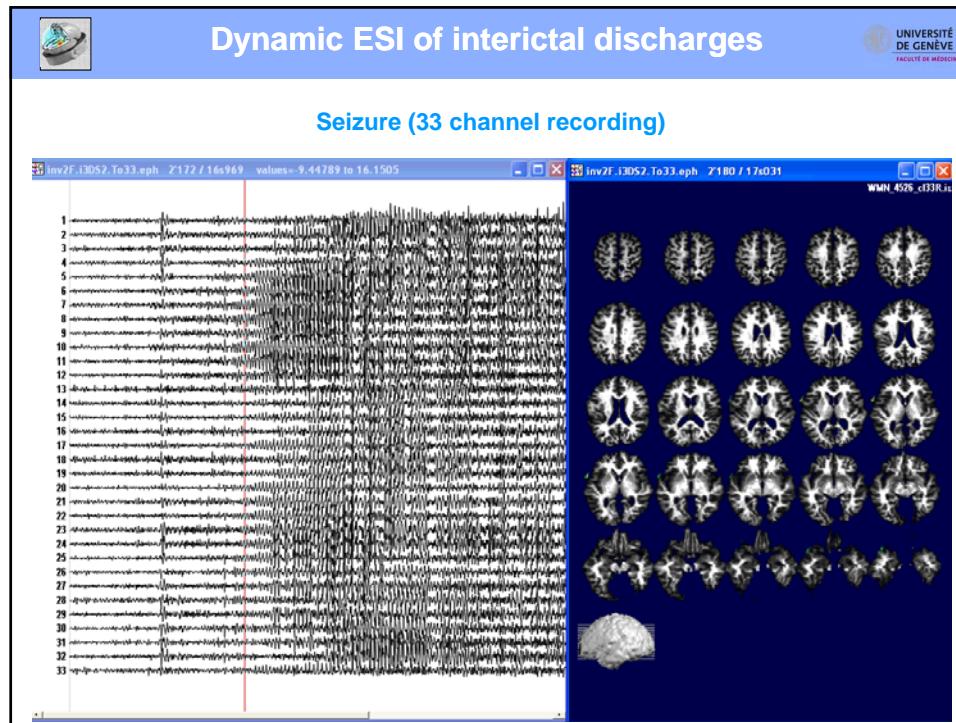
Radially oriented dipole

→ The amplitude maximum localizes the generator not correctly.
It is in reality under the point of polarity inversion,
i.e. under the zero potential.

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Localisation: Développements technologiques





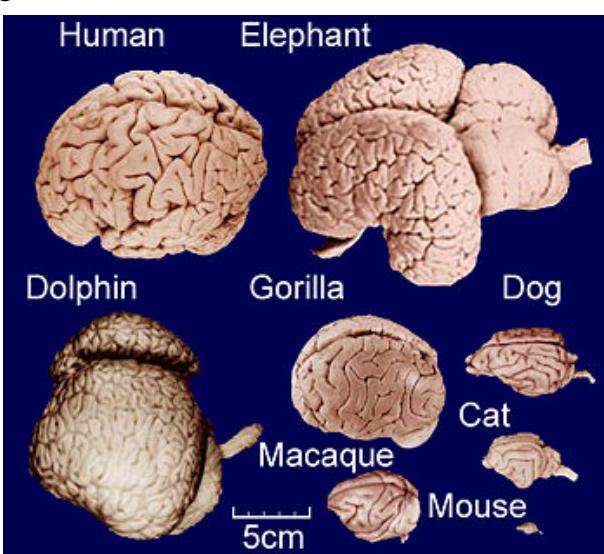
 Electroencéphalographie (EEG) 

Résumé EEG3

- L'enregistrements de potentiels évoqués requiert le moyenage de nombreuse réponses (faible amplitude de signal)
- La localisation des sources de l'EEG n'est pas directe:
 - l'activité électrique des générateurs voyagent jusqu'à la surface
 - la polarité du signal EEG à la surface dépendra de l'orientation des dipôles
- Important de caractériser l'EEG de surface par des enregistrements de haute densité couvrant l'ensemble du crâne
- Localisation des sources par solution inverse

1. Animal model for EEG studies?

In general, is it a good model for neuroscience?



Size?
Cortex?
Circonvolutions?

1. Animal model for EEG studies?

Mammifer vs birds

Detailed description: A phylogenetic tree at the top shows the evolutionary relationship between Reptiles, Birds, and Mammals. Below the tree are three 3D brain models. The top model is a bird brain, the middle is a mammal brain, and the bottom is a reptile brain.

Neuroanatomical comparison:

- (A) PIGEON:** Nissl-stained section of the neocortex. Scale bar: 2mm.
- (B) RAT:** Nissl-stained section of the neocortex and striatal part of the basal ganglia.

Gene expression analysis:

Detailed description: Six panels (A-F) show immunofluorescence images of brain sections. Panels A-C show a bird brain section with layers 1-6 labeled. Panels D-F show a mammal brain section with regions dTh and Bst labeled. Panels B and D show mEgr2 and mEgr3 expression. Panels C and F show mRorb and cEAG2 expression. Panel E shows a low-magnification view of the dTh and Bst regions.

Dugas-Ford et al., PNAS 2012

Schematic diagram:

Detailed description: A schematic diagram showing a pathway from the neocortex through the thalamus (T. cortex) to the basal ganglia (nuclei). The neocortex is shown with green and red dots. The thalamus is shown with green and red dots. The basal ganglia are shown with green and red dots. Labels include 'neocortex', 'T. cortex', 'nuclei', 'dTh', and 'Bst'.

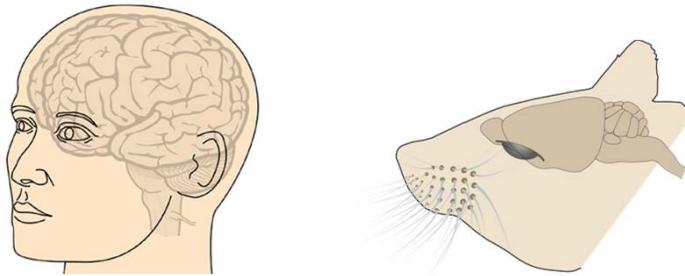
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Humans and rodents brains share fundamental physiological, histological and anatomical characteristics

Fundamental neuroanatomy:

- Same embryological divisions:
- rhombencephalon (medulla, pons, cerebellum), mesencephalon (midbrain), prosencephalon (di+telencephalon)
- Same cortical types: paleocortex, archicortex, neocortex

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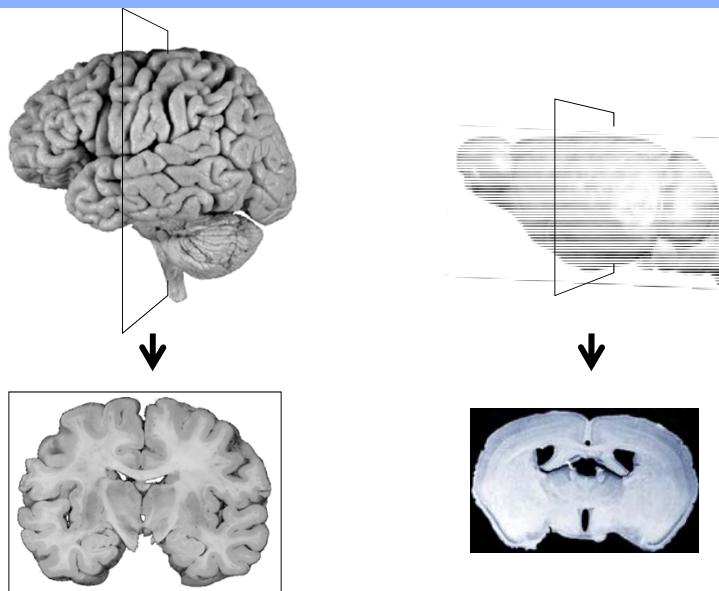
Fundamental units are neurons and astrocytes

Human brain= 100 billion neurons
Human cortex= 12 billion

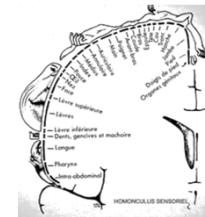
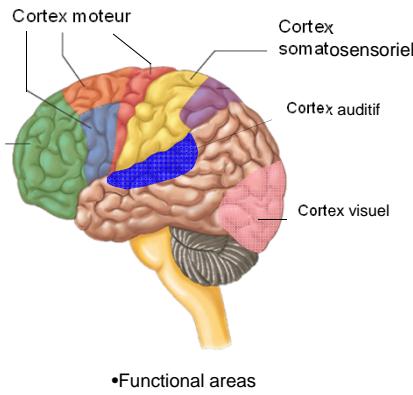
Rat cortex= 15-30 million
Mouse cortex= 4 million

- In both species, neurons make about 10.000 synapses each
- No specific neuronal type in human

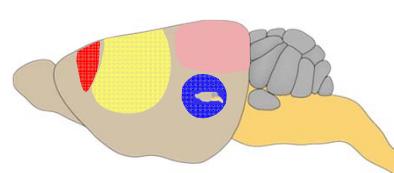
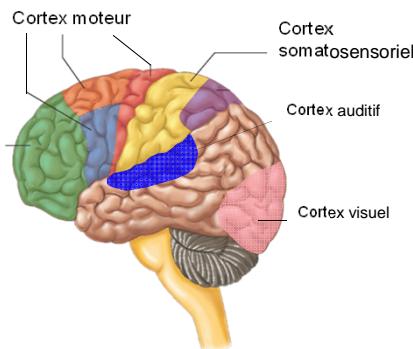
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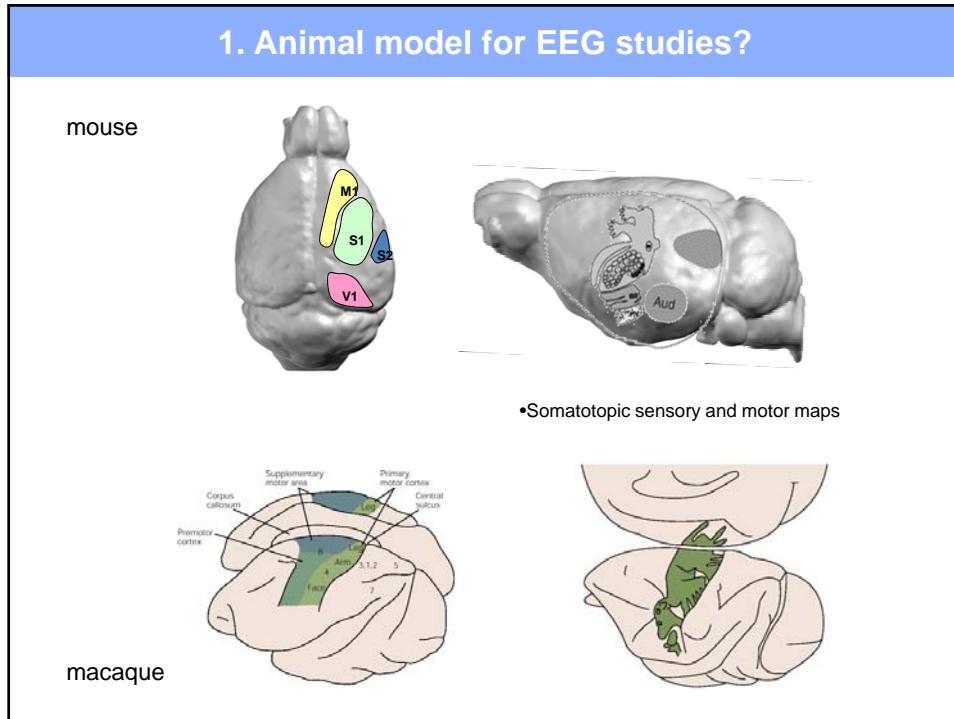


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Summary:

- Very similar to the human one
- Similar fundamental physiological and histological characteristics
- Similar fundamental neuroanatomy: mostly crossed, brainstem and thalamic relays before cortex, cortex
- Cortex divided in similar functional areas
- Similar functional and anatomical organization: retinotopic, tonotopic and somatotopy

→ Behavior? Conscious? Language? ...

What to do with an animal model in neuroscience?

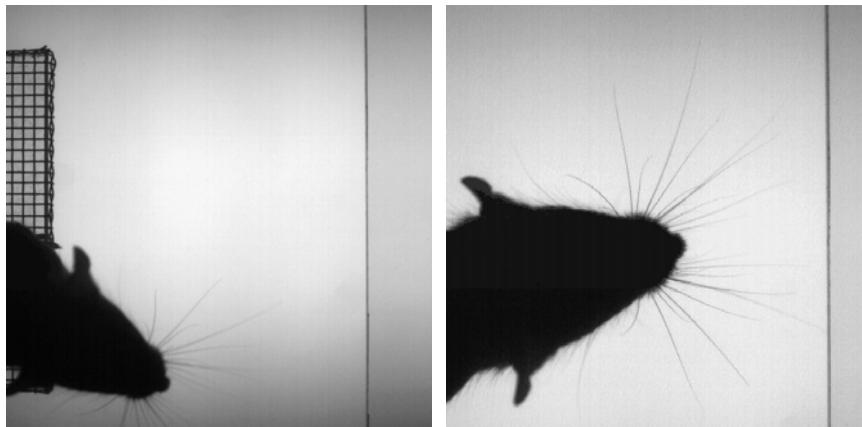
→ To study the cellular and molecular basis for network function

- invasive electrophysiology
- experimental lesions
- environmental manipulations
- pharmacological studies
- genetic manipulations to study molecular basis of networks function and pathologies:
example → Laurent!

→ Questions/caveats:

- Anesthetized, awake head restrained, freely moving?
- Ethical debate: « the benefit to humans does not justify the harm to animals »
- Animal care regulations, alternatives where possible, RRR= replacement-reduction-refinement
- Can we transpose observations made in rodents to human?

A brief introduction to the mouse/rat whisker-to-barrel cortex system

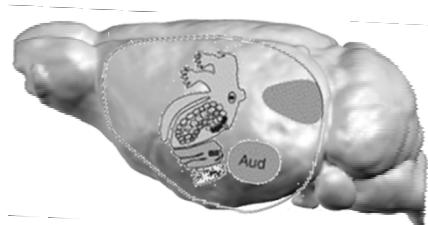


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The somatosensory facial whiskers



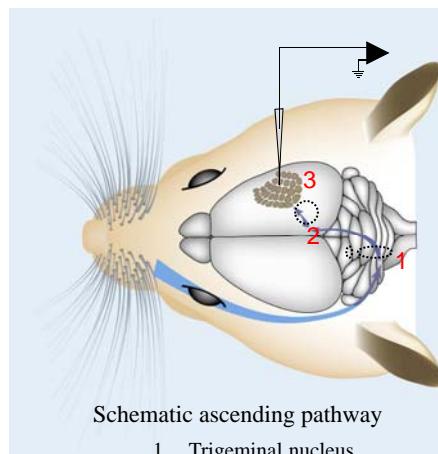
Somatotopic « barrel » maps in S1



Ideal model to study:

- Experience and lesion dependant plasticity,
- development and maturation of neuronal networks,
- physiological bases of sensory processing,
- ...

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Coronal section



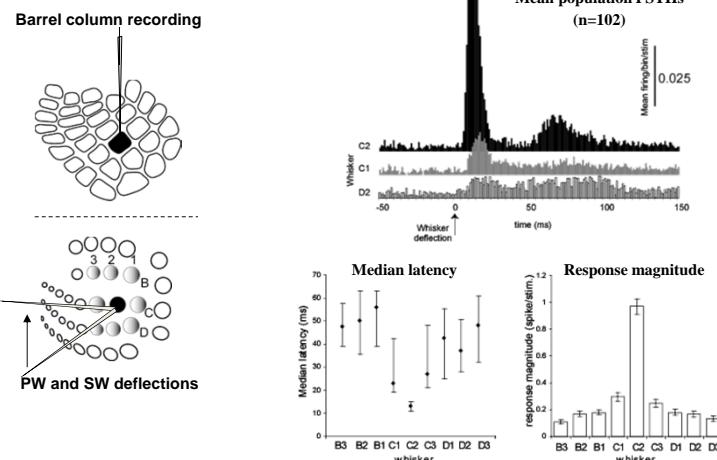
Tangential section



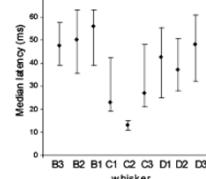
→ Easy to study sensory processing at the neuronal level *in vivo*

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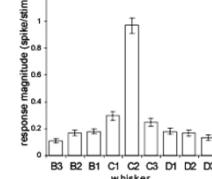
Example: layer IV unit responses



Median latency

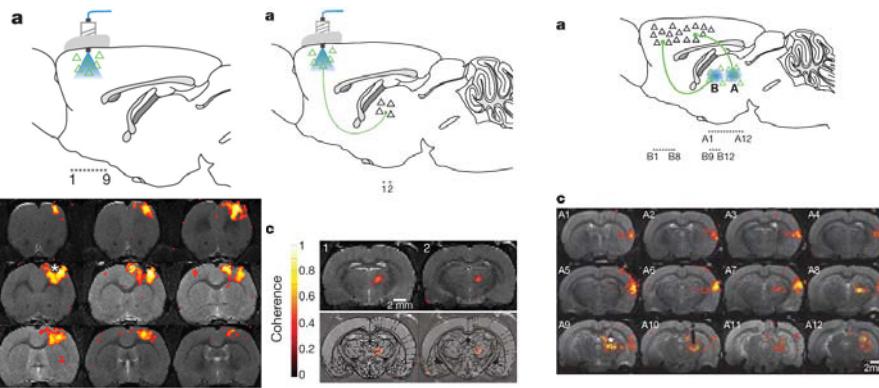


Response magnitude



Tools

Simultaneous fMRI and optogenetics



Lee et al., Nature 2010

Tools

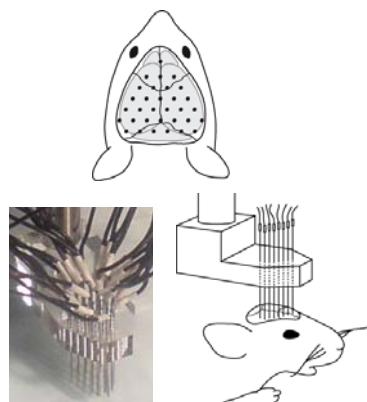
When you want to study large-scale neuronal networks, you especially want:

- Adequate spatial sampling
- High temporal resolution
- Minimal invasiveness: allows leaving the network intact and evaluating its function several times in the same individual animal (development? reversibility of plasticity? dynamic reorganization following brain lesion?)

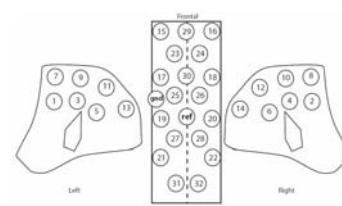
→Why not EEG mapping?

Mapping EEG in animals

32 CHANNEL MOUSE GRID
Epicranial



32 CHANNEL MACAQUE GRID
Scalp



Mapping EEG in animals

- ANESTHETIZED
- AWAKE, HEAD RESTRAINED
- AWAKE, FREELY MOVING



Lab movie

Mapping EEG in animals

Epicranial somatosensory evoked potentials (SEP):

- Response of the brain to mechanical stimulation of the whiskers with 32e grid

