





Many Experiments Can be Performed Separately!
E.g., Sensory Processing is more or less time-invariant
Reduced Study Time
Spatiotemporal Resolution Sharing
Registration
Shape distortions, poor alignment boundaries, soft tissue
Transient or Uncontrolled Events
Interictal spikes, Response Errors
Better Detection Power







#### Shape Distortions



**Recovery of Change in Brain Tissue due to Post Mortem Effects and Histologic Processing.** Warping algorithms based on continuum-mechanical models can recover and compensate for patterns of tissue change which occur in post mortem histologic experiments. A brain section (left), gridded to produce tissue elements for biochemical assays. is reconfigured (middle) into its original position in the cryosection blockface (Mega *et al.*, 1997; algorithm from Thompson and Toga, 1996, 1998). The complexity of the required deformation vector field in a small tissue region (magnified vector map, right) demonstrates that very flexible, high-dimensional transformations are essential (Thompson and Toga, 1996; Schormann *et al.*, 1996). As well as measuring local patterns of mechanical tissue deformations, recovery of deformation fields allows projection of histologic and biochemical data back into the volumetric reference space of the cryosection image. In some cases, these data can also be projected, using additional warping algorithms, onto in vivo MRI and co-registered PET data from the same subject for digital correlation and analysis (Mega *et al.*, 1997).

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#### SPECT MRI by Image Fusion





#### PET MRI by Fusion



#### THYROID Volume 18, Number 2, 2008

TRAINING

#### Utility of PET/Neck MRI Digital Fusion Images in the Management of Recurrent or Persistent Thyroid Cancer

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#### Before you start



Projectiles account for 10% of reported safety incidents.

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10% are from Implanted Devices

#### 71% are burns!

M Mitka, "Safety improvements urged for MRI facilities." JAMA, 294: 2145. 2005

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# Heating - Experimental Set-up



# **Safety Results**





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# Blobs are not the whole story



"...the classical concept of cerebral localization is of limited value, because of its static character and its failure to provide any answer to the question of how specialized parts of the cortex interact to produce the integration evident in thought or behavior.

The problem here is one of the dynamic relations of the diverse parts of the cortex, whether they be cells or cortical fields."

--Karl Lashley, 1931





 $\mathbf{x}_{j}(\mathbf{r}_{i},\mathbf{q}_{i},t) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} G(\mathbf{r}_{i}(t),\mathbf{p}_{j}) \cdot \mathbf{q}_{i}(t) + \varepsilon$ Position of Sensor *j*The Lead Field is interpreted as the signal detected by the given electrode from a Unit Dipole at the given location

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Error model  $\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{q}) &= \sum_{i}^{K} \sum_{t=t_{1}}^{t_{2}} \sum_{j}^{M} (\mathbf{x}_{j}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j}(\mathbf{r}_{i},\mathbf{q}_{i},t))^{2} + \lambda f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{q}) \\ f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{q}) &> 0 \quad \text{is used to regularize the solution} \\ \lambda &> 0 \quad \text{trades fit against regularization} \end{aligned}$ 

#### General Limitations in EEG Localization

Deeper Sources Show Weaker Signals

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- Magnitude Depends on Dipole Orientation
- Magnitude Depends on Temporal Synchrony
- Magnitude Depends on Spatial Coherence
- Conductivity of Body Tissues (CSF, scalp) Blur the Scalp Potentials
- Accuracy is Limited by Knowledge of Electrode Locations Relative to Brain Structures











### Electrodes Can be Made Visible to MRI



# Combining EEG and MRI

Project Goals

- Unaltered MR Image Quality
- Diagnostic Quality EEG During functional MRI:
- Artifact Free
- Dense Array of Channels
- □ Tomographic Correlation of Scalp Electrical Activity
- □ [Amplifiers Suitable for Single Units]
- Subject Safety





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Corrected EEG



## Example: Epilepsy

Affects 0.5-1% of population (e.g., 1.5 million Americans) Source: Merck, AAFP & NINDS, others
Up to 50% cannot be treated with medication Source: AAFP, others
Surgical Treatment is probably the best first line treatment Source: Wiebe, et al., NEJM, Engel (UCLA), others
Determination of Resectable Region is the Major Challenge!

Warach, et al. (1996)



## Spike-Triggered fMRI



- Complex partial seizures, rare generalization
- EEG: generalized interictal discharges, some with left temporal onset
- MRI: normal



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- Complex partial seizures, occasional generalization
- EEG: multifocal and generalized interictal discharges
- MRI: symmetric subependymal heterotopias

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### Interictal Discharge

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#### States of Attention

• How are the EEG traces of attending and ignoring affected by activity in critical neural networks such as fronto-parietal (FPN) & default mode (DMN), and their interactions?



# **Application**



 Temporal-Lobe Epilepsy Depth Electrode and Microwire Array

Strick, et al., Society for Neuroscience, 2007

# **Objectives**

- Design pick-up coil to integrate with depth electrode
  - Potential:
    - Microscopic imaging
    - Small-volume spectroscopy -1 mL→1/1000 mL
- Investigate depth electrodes
  - Established heating experiments
  - Rare resonant-frequency characterization



# **Novel Implantable Design**

- Small diameter < 2 mm
- Prioritize homogeneity magnetic flux density
- Orthogonal to static magnetic field
- $f_{\text{coil}} > 3 \cdot f_{\text{operating}}$

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Transform NMR microcoil into implantable design NOVEL: INTRACRANIAL MRI MICROCOIL

Strick, et al., Society for Neuroscience, 2007

 $Q = \frac{(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_{\text{operating}}) \cdot L}{R}$ 

f = frequency, L = inductance,

R = resistance



# Imaging Set-up



UCLA Strick, et al., Society for Neuroscience, 2007



## **Experimental Results**

Gradient Echo,TR/TE 123/48 ms, FOV  $22 \times 14$  mm,  $640 \times 1024,$  slice thickness 0.14 mm, NEX 4

3-Tesla Magnetom Allegra (Siemens, Erglangen, Germany) Butcher-grade *Ovis aries* 



Strick, et al., Society for Neuroscience, 2007

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