

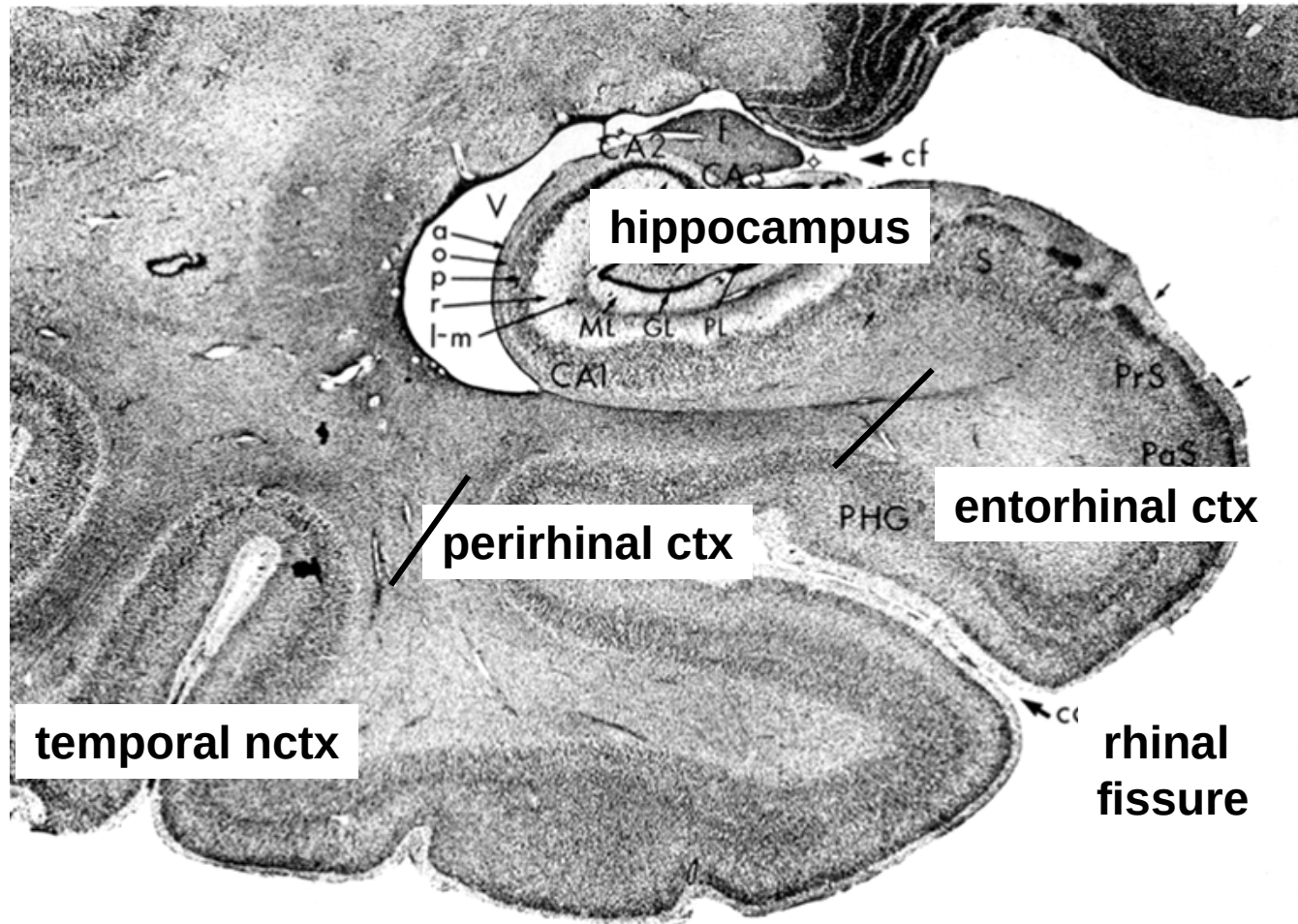
Parahippocampal networks in epileptic ictogenesis

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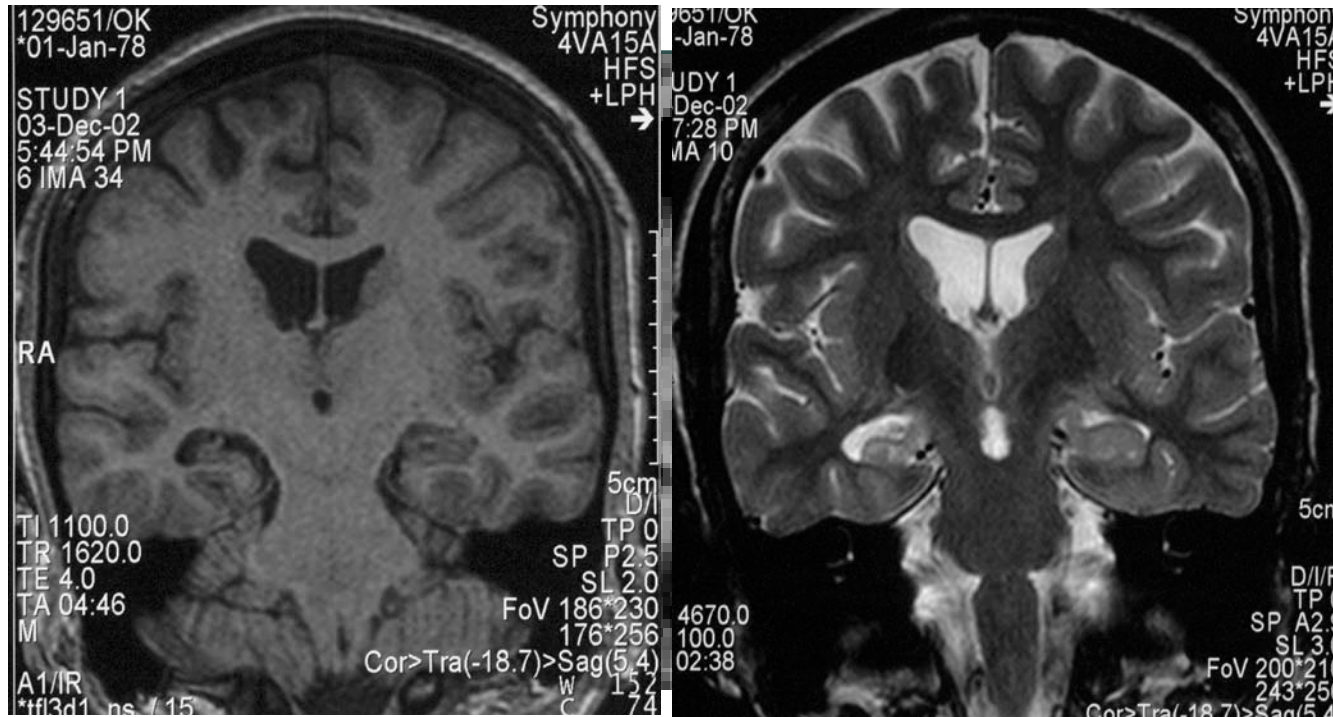
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Temporal lobe epilepsy



- Changes in parahippocampal cortex volume are associated with and may precede hippocampal sclerosis
- Seizure activity originates from both entorhinal cortex and hippocampus
- Ictal onset is characterized by the appearance of fast activity at 20-30 Hz



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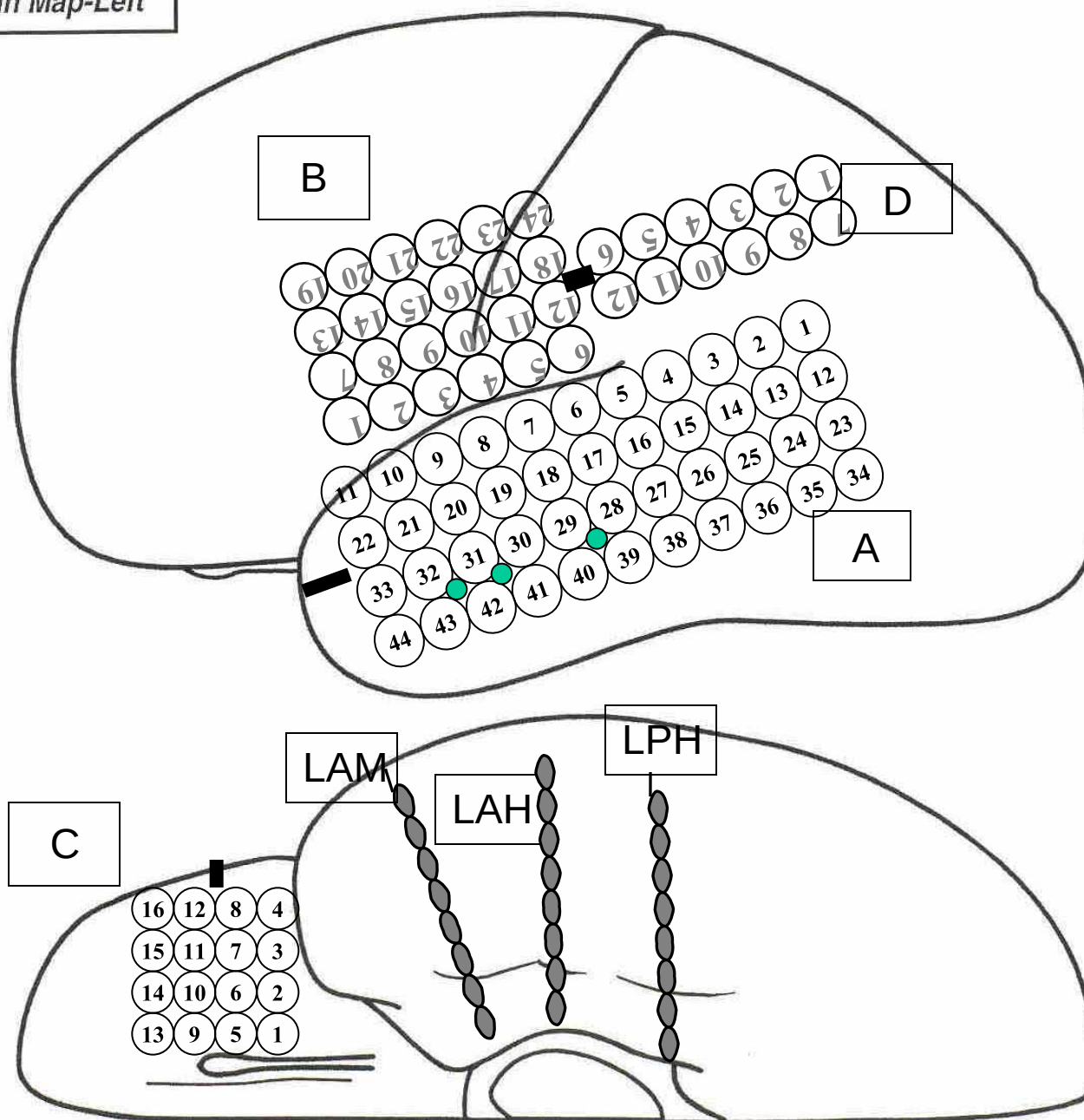
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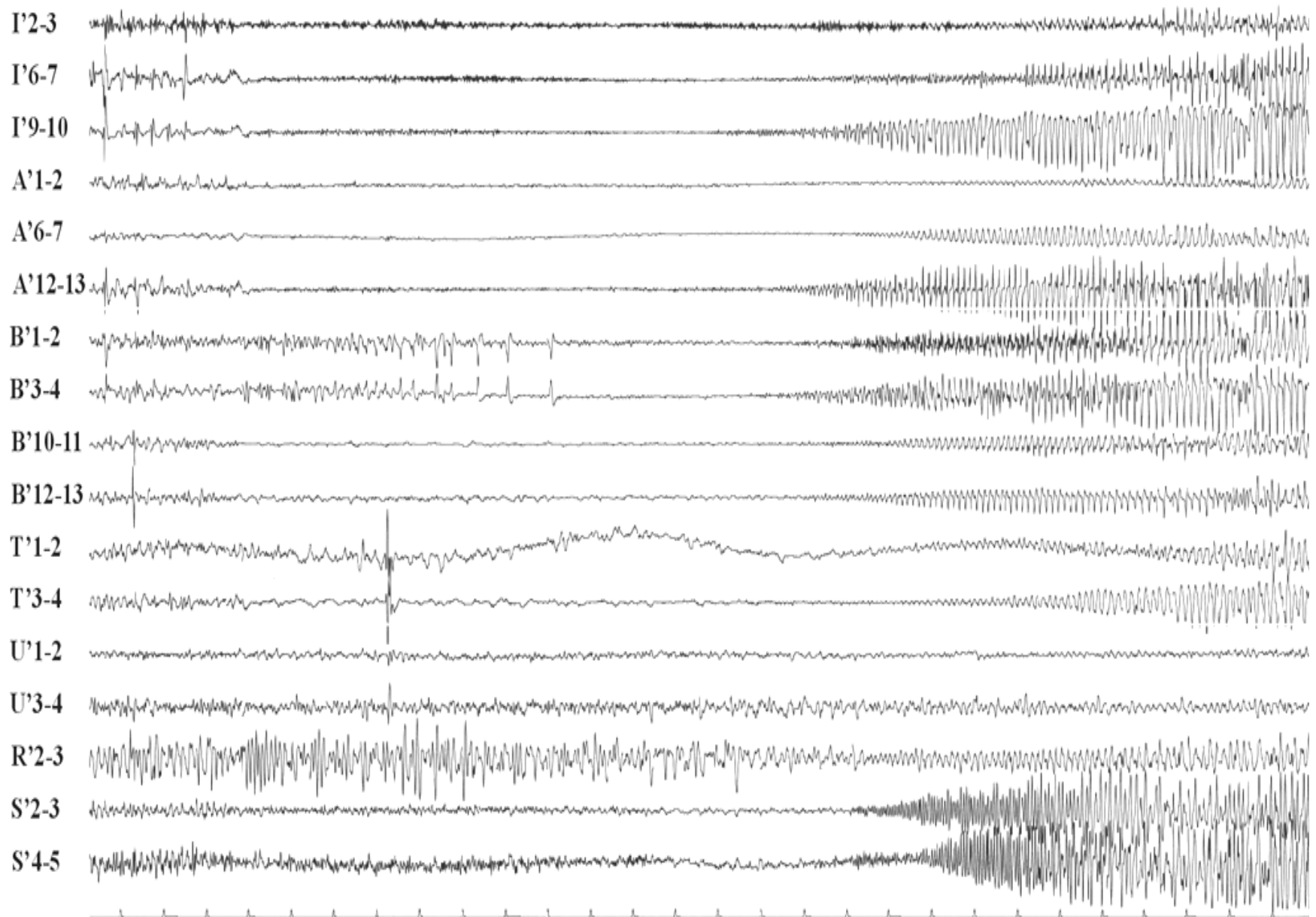
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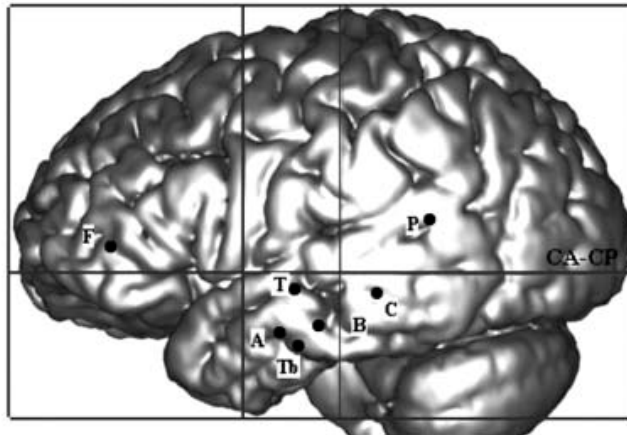
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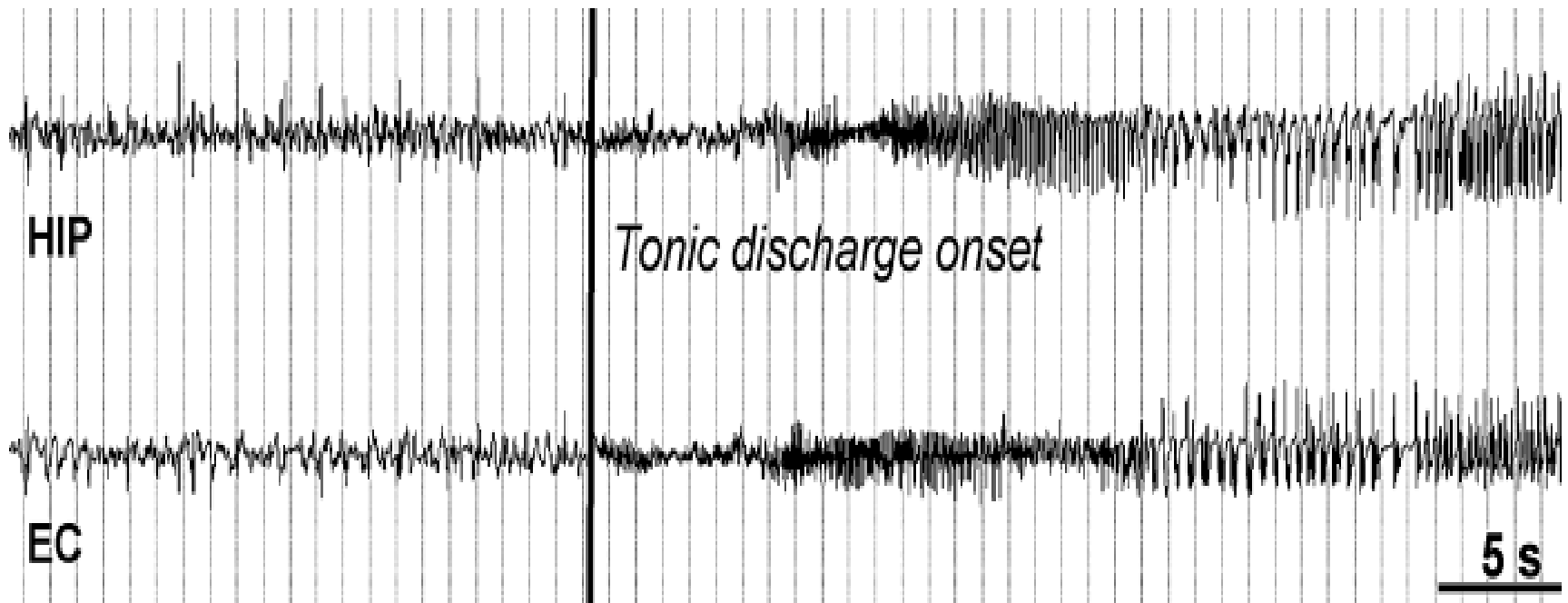
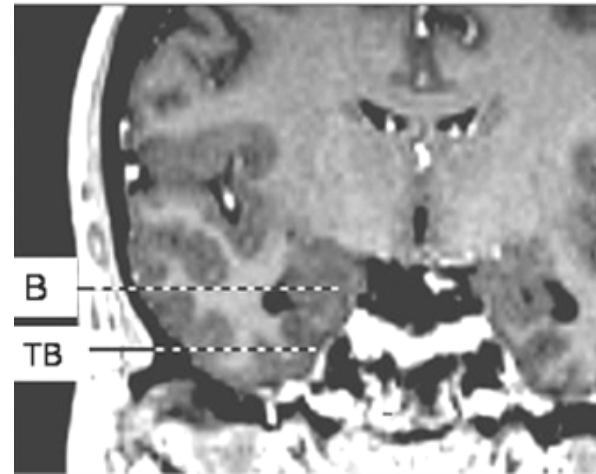


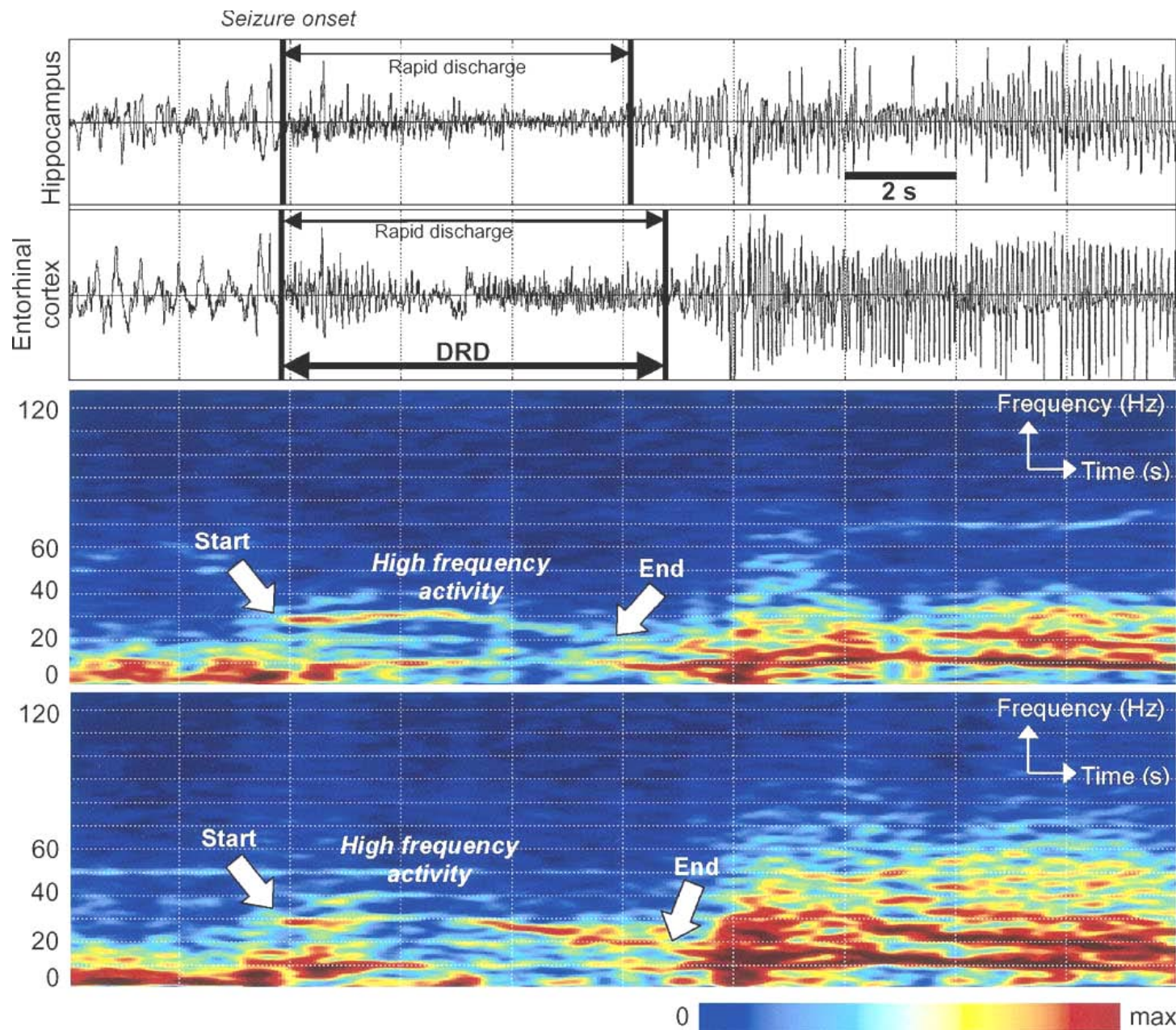


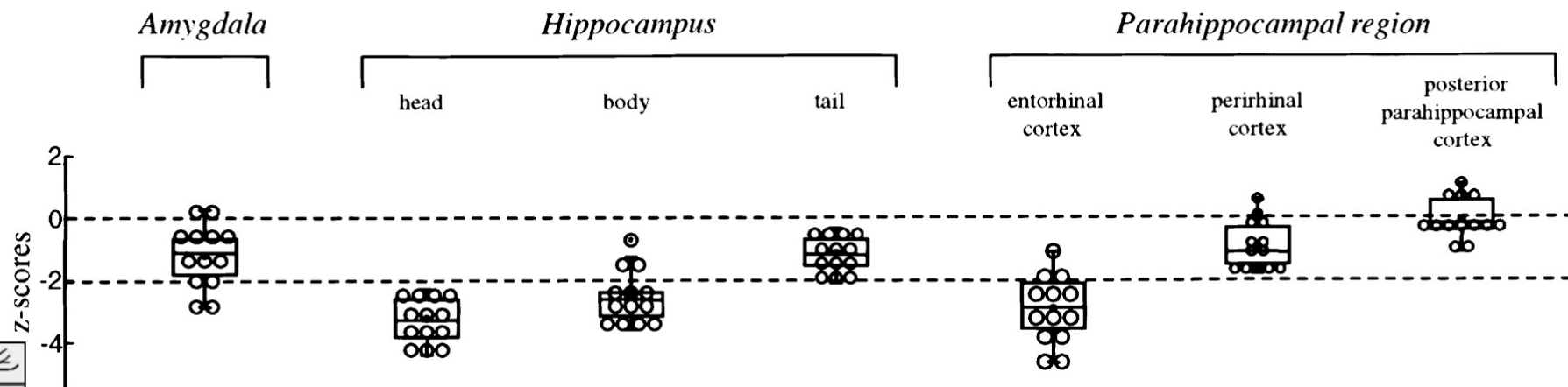
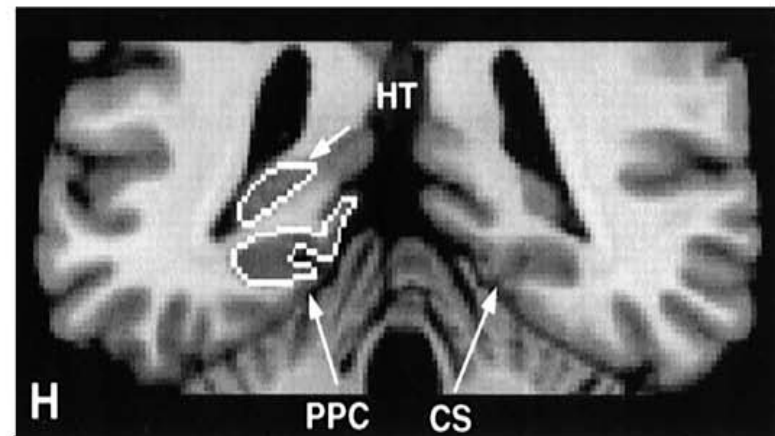
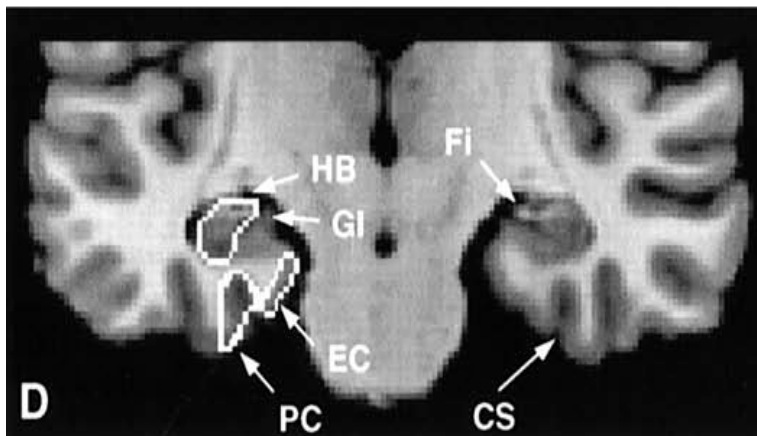
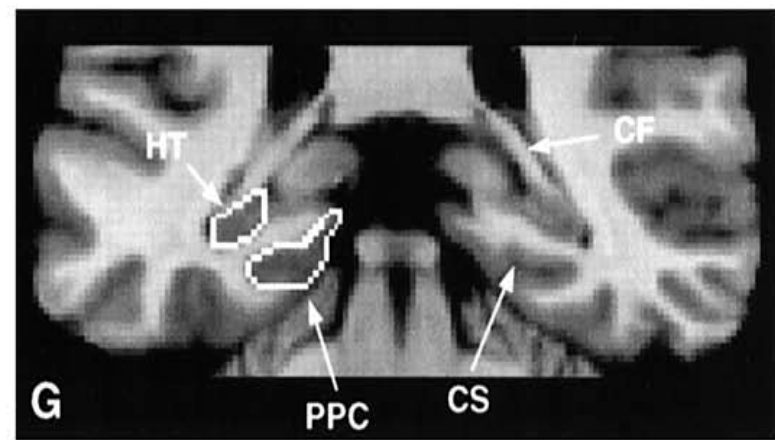
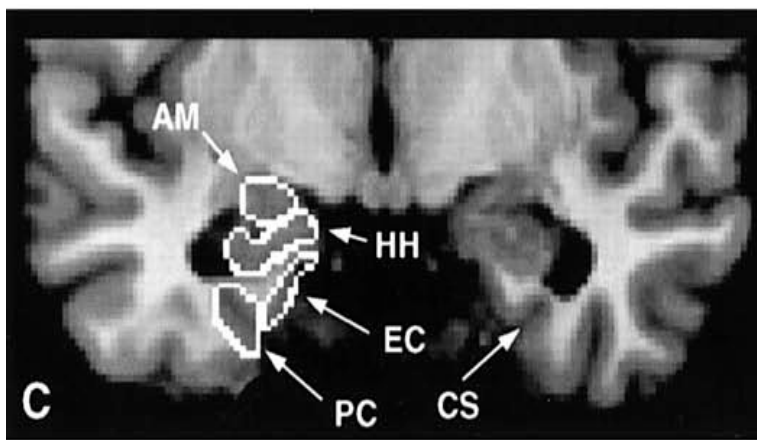
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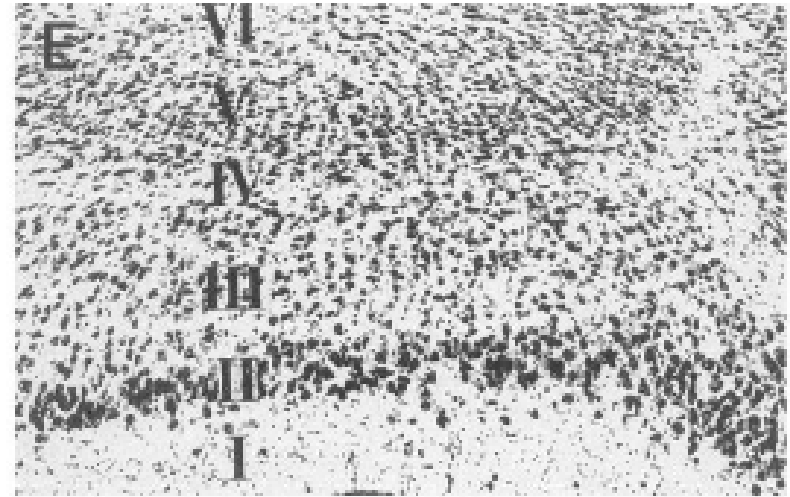
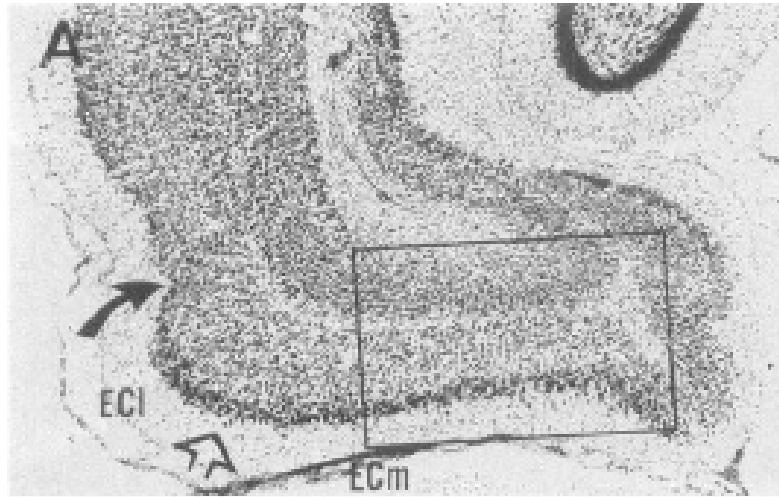
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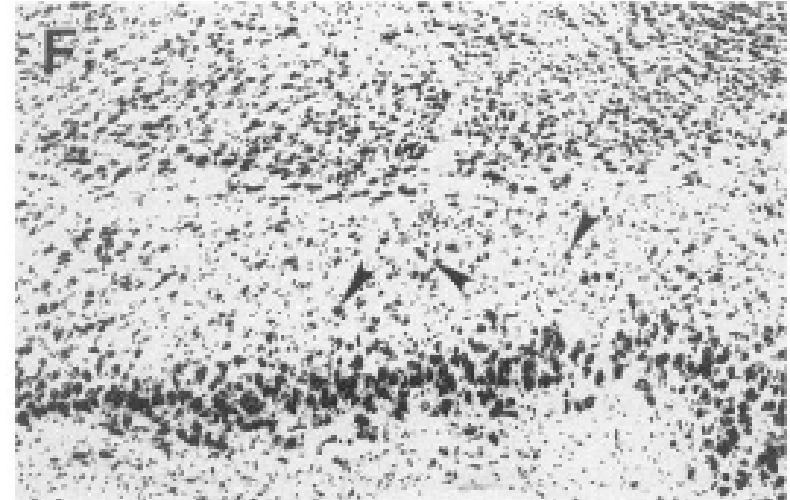
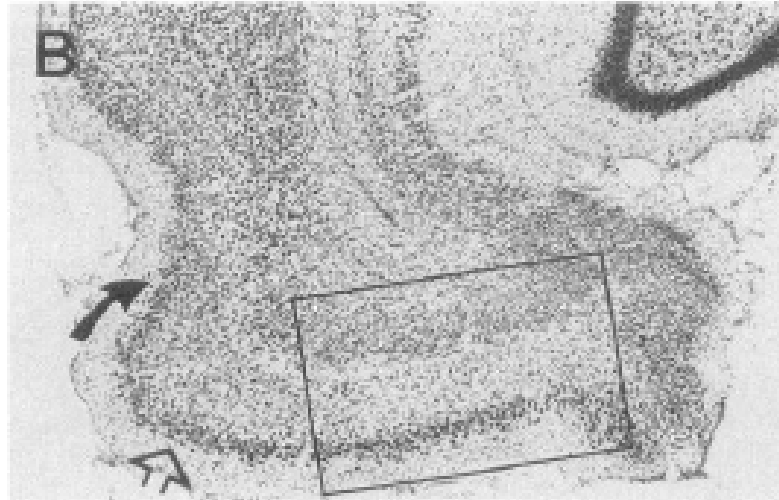


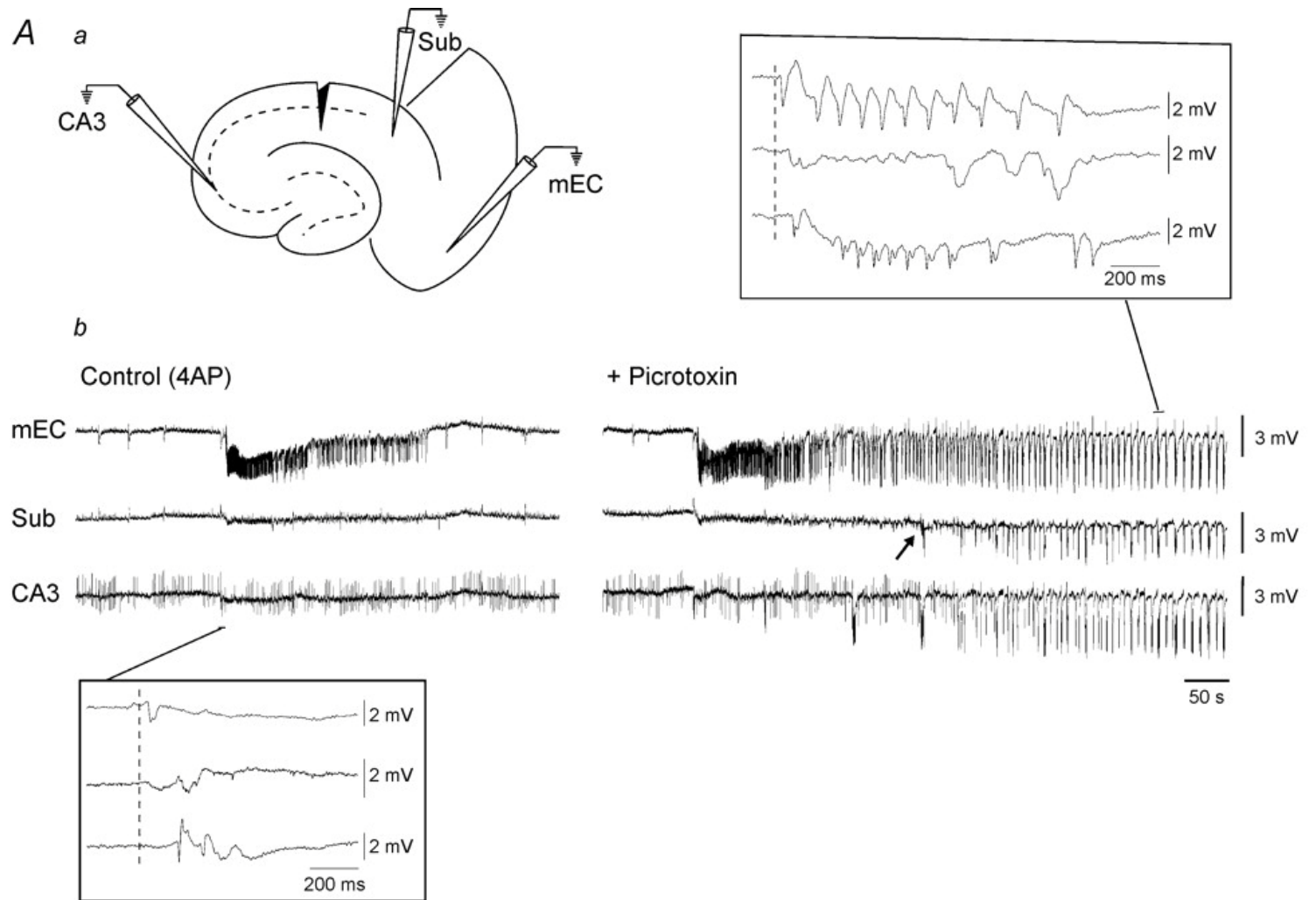


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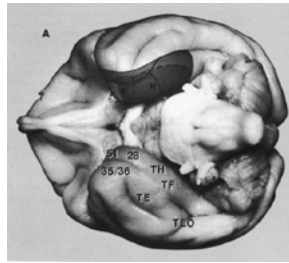


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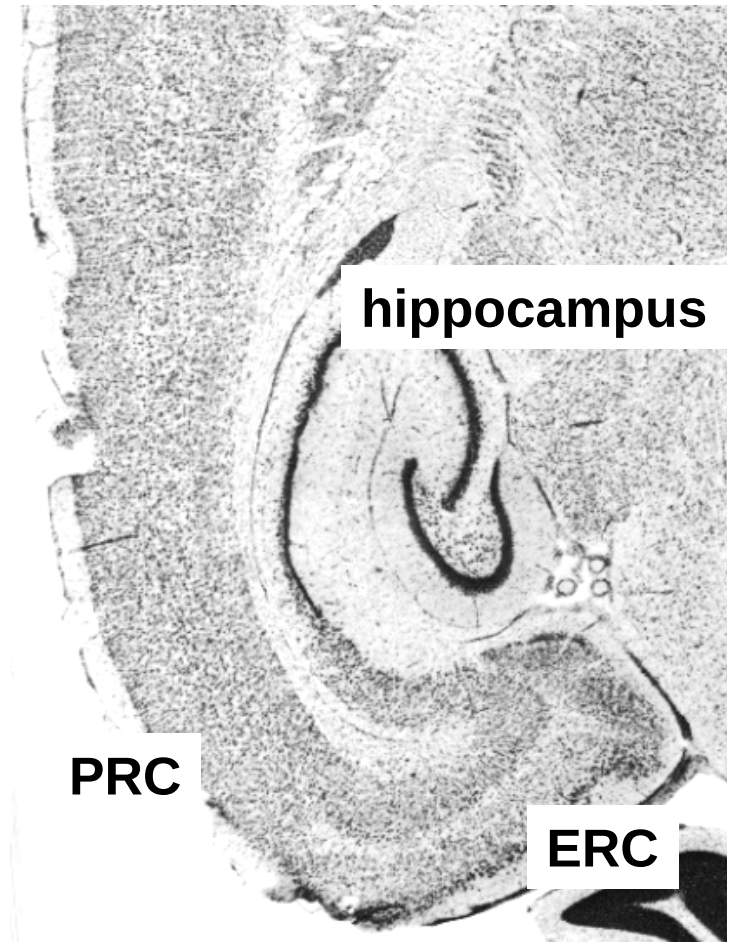
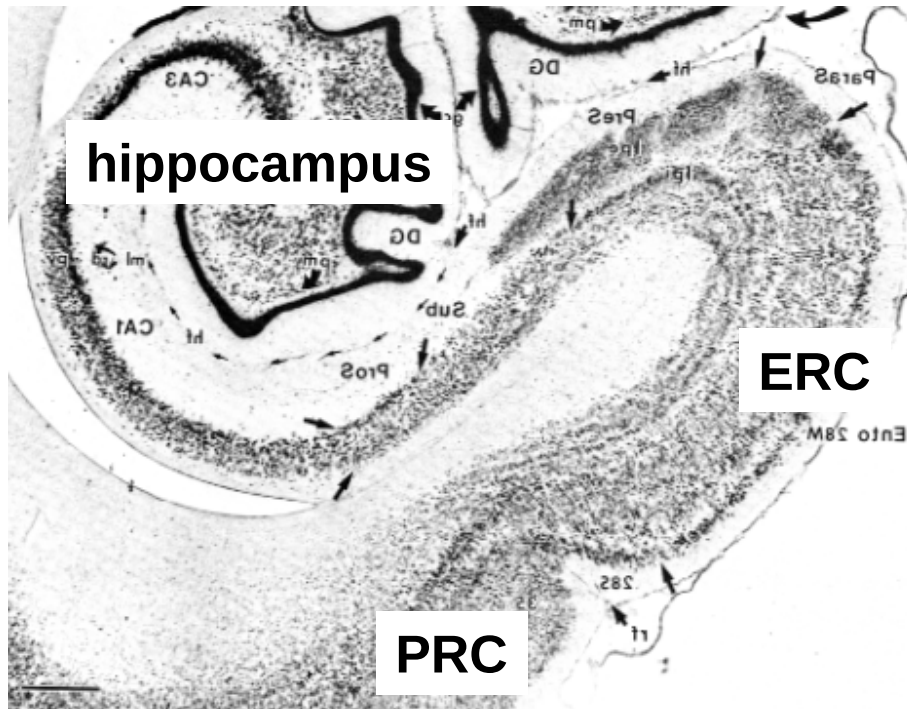
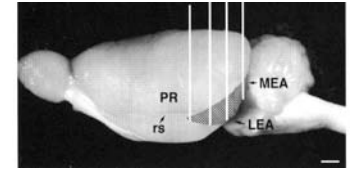




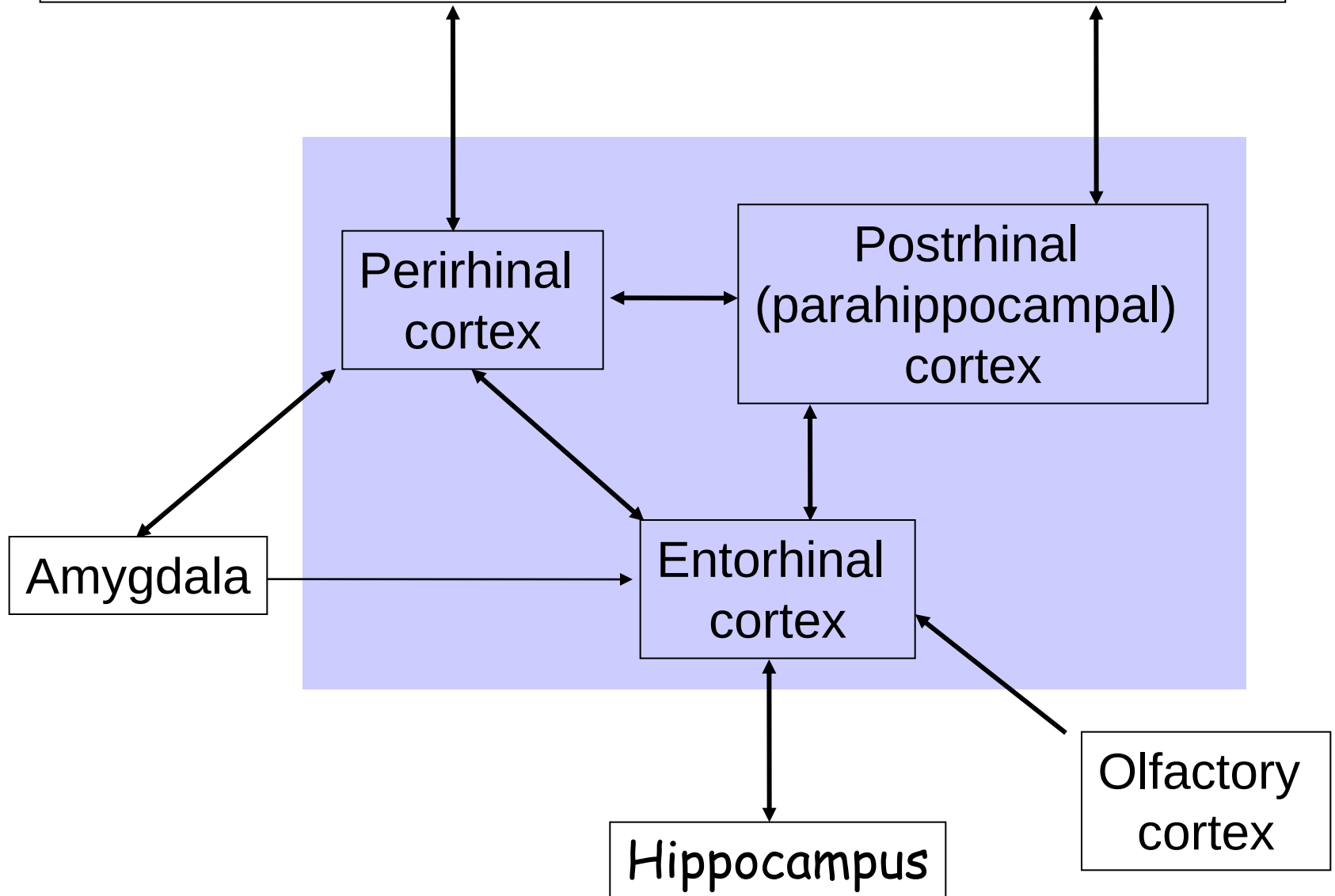
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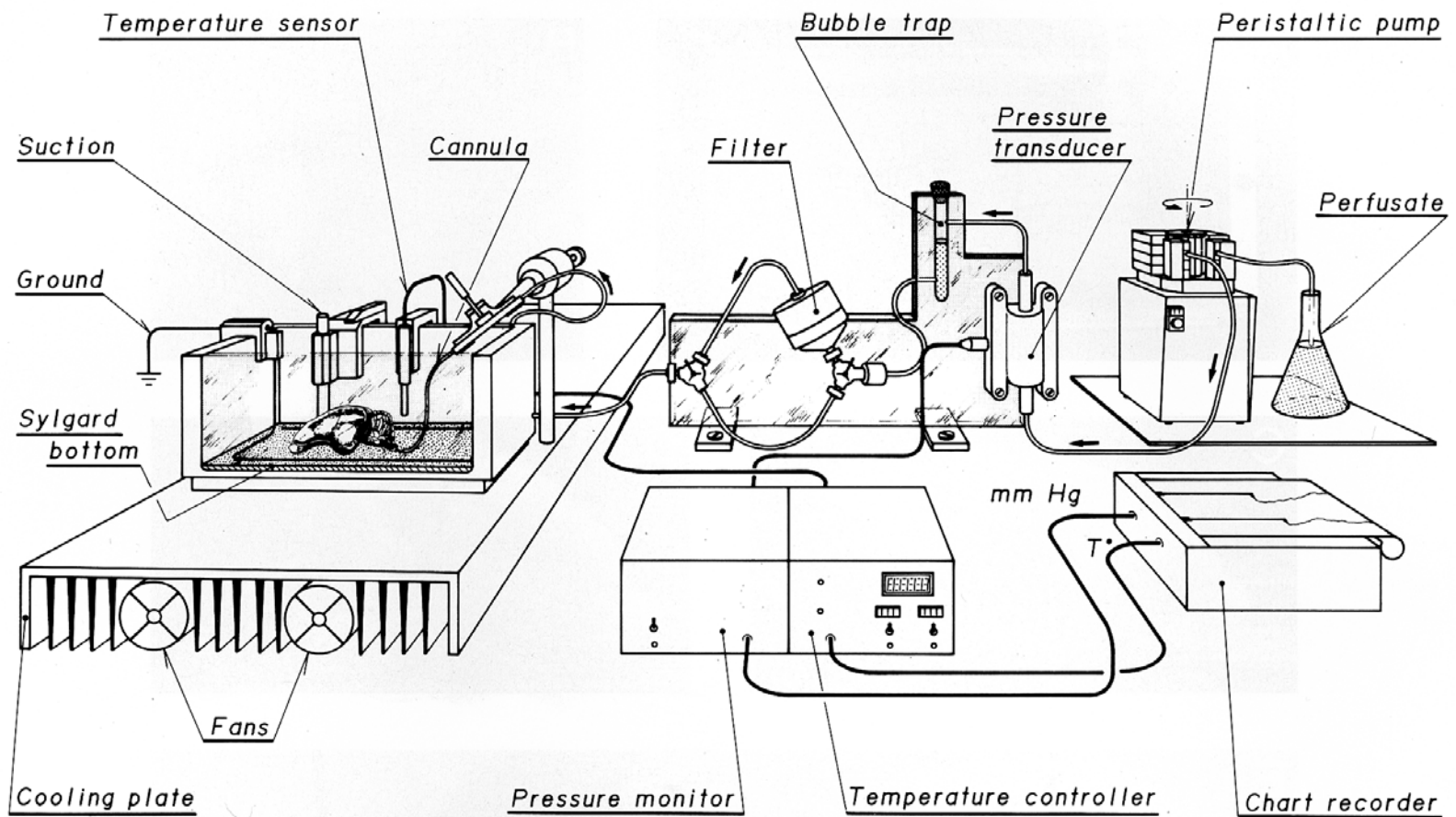
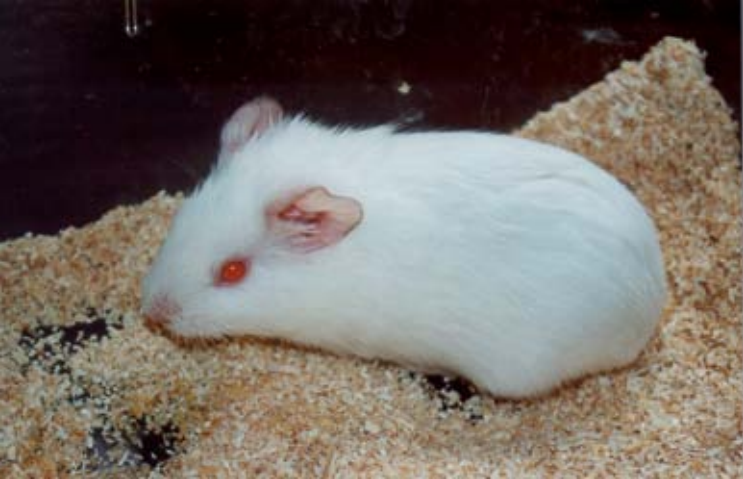


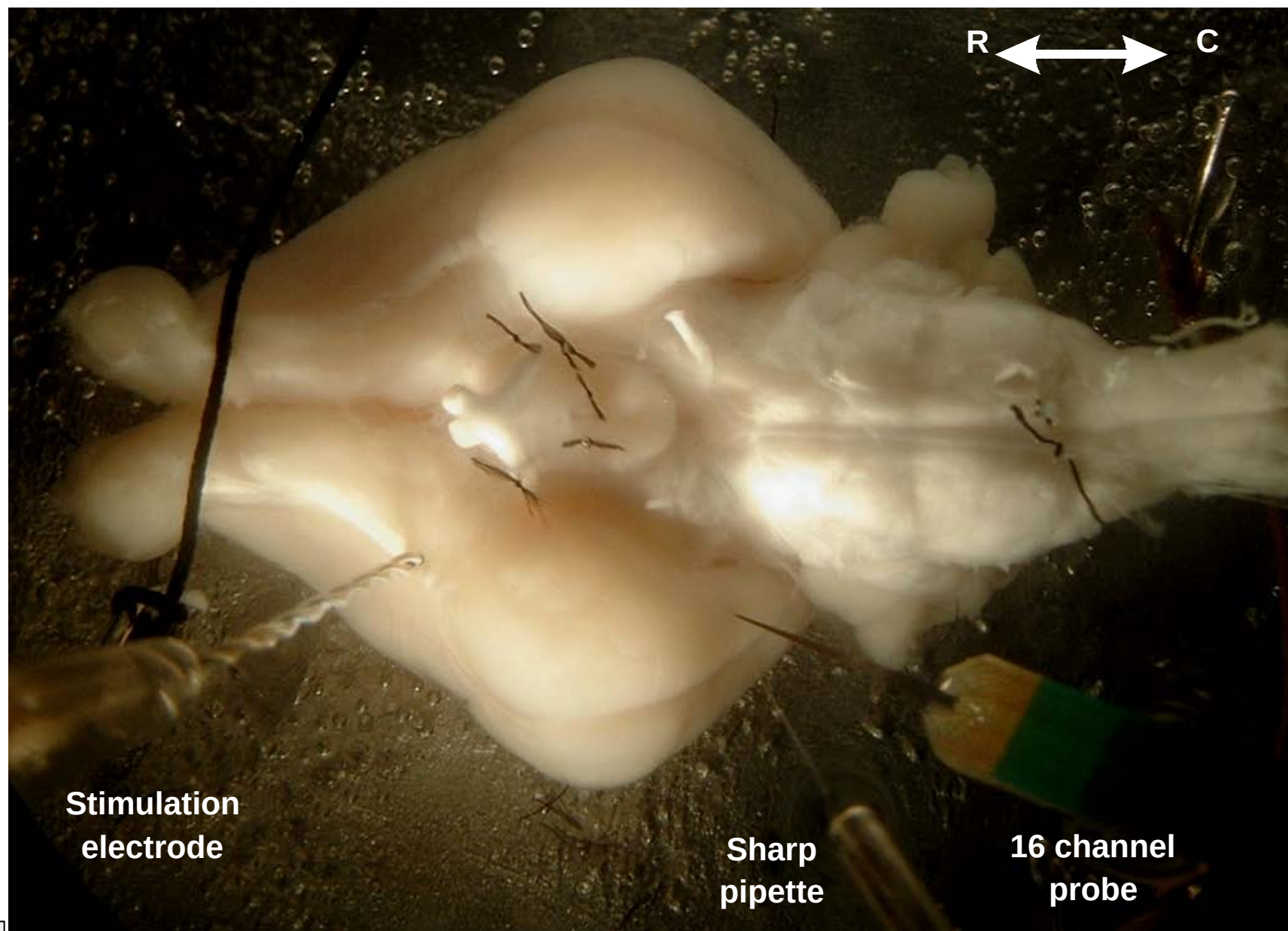
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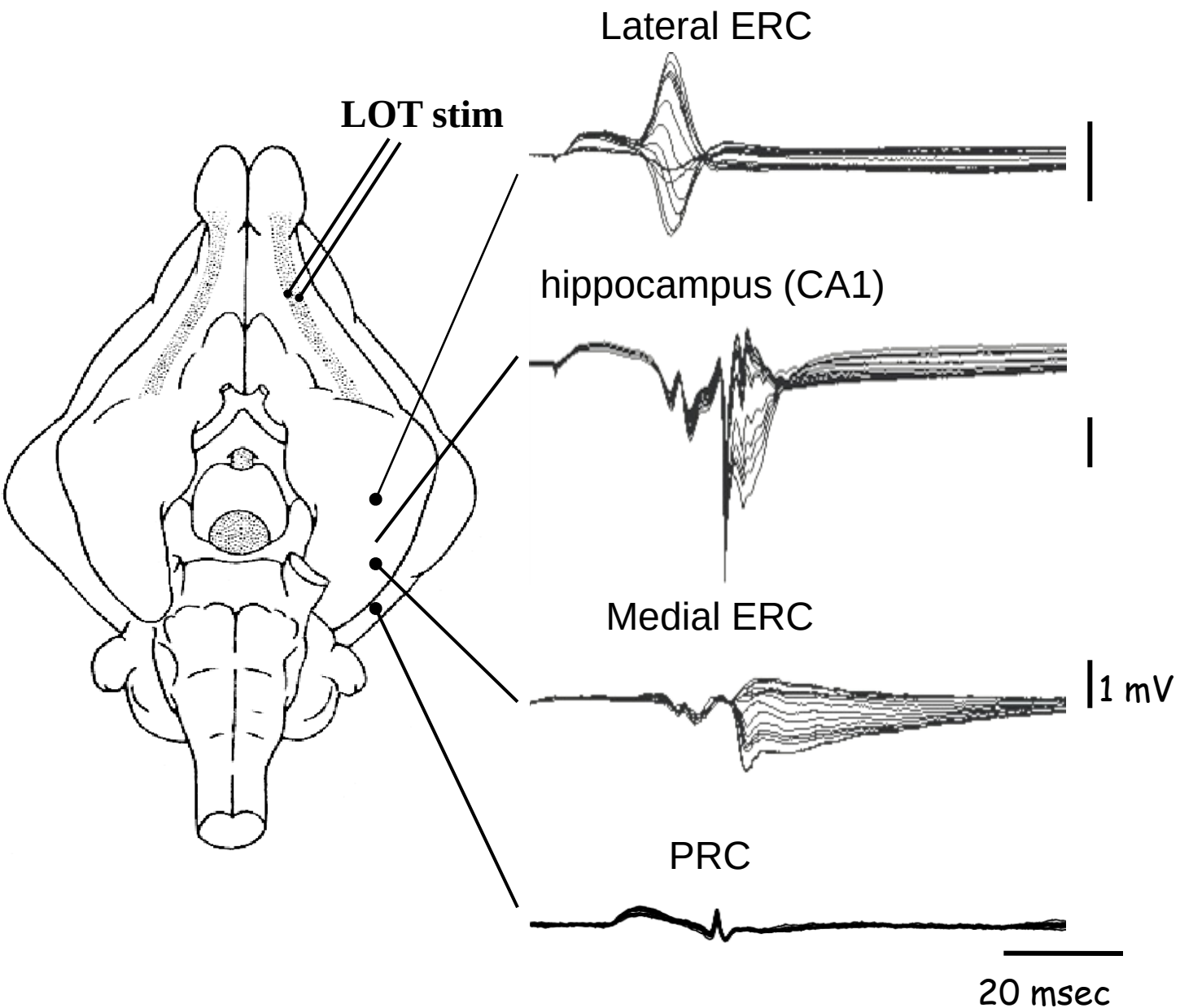


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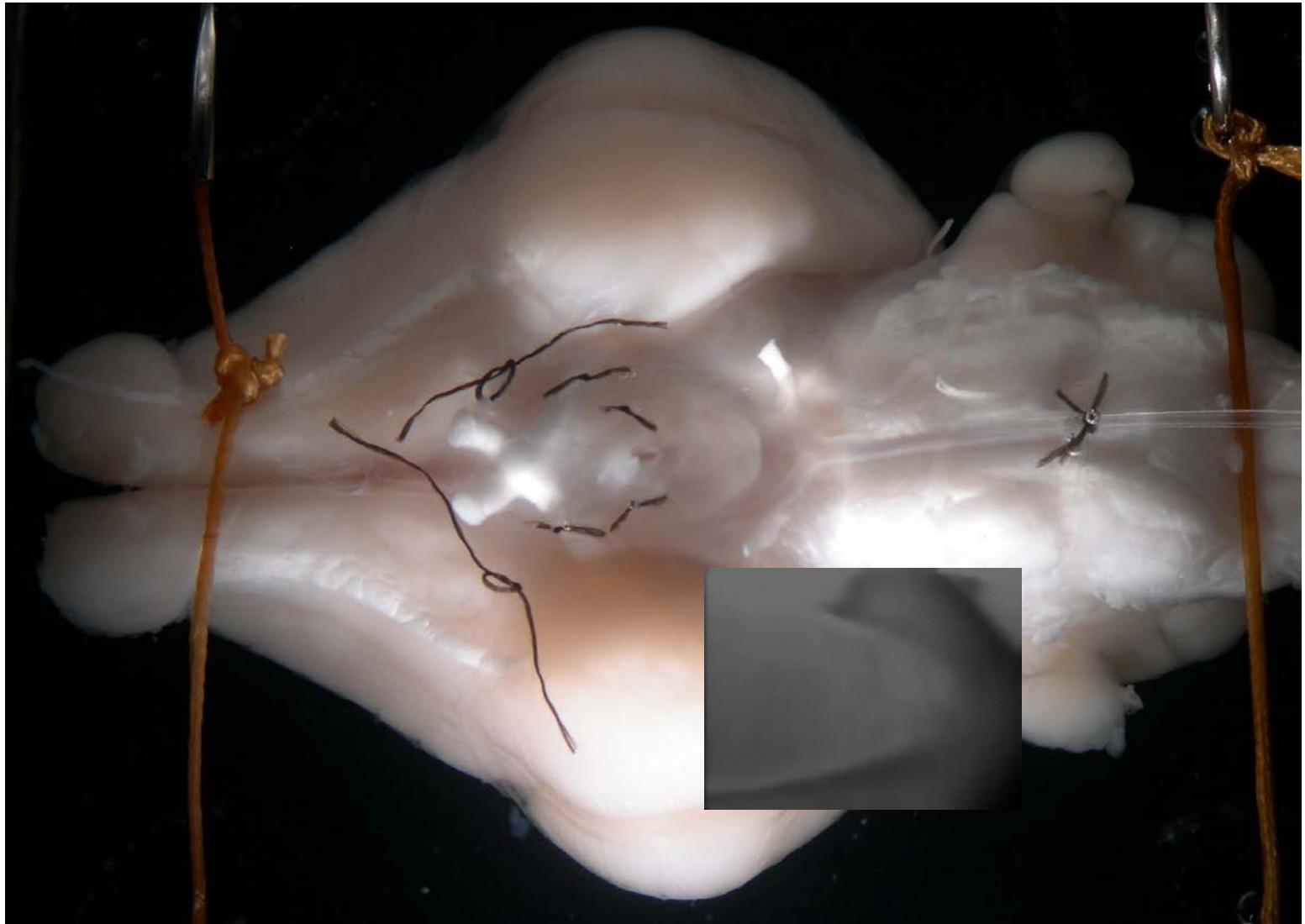


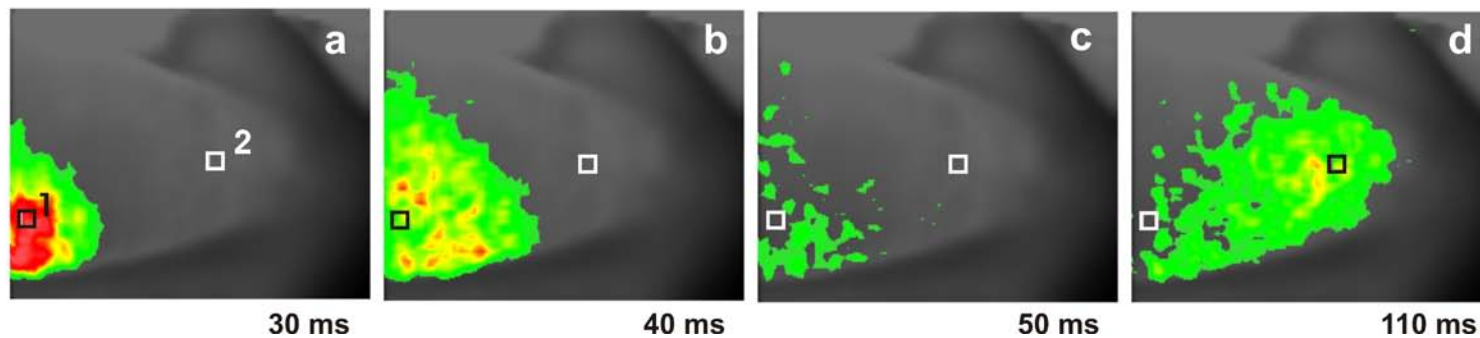
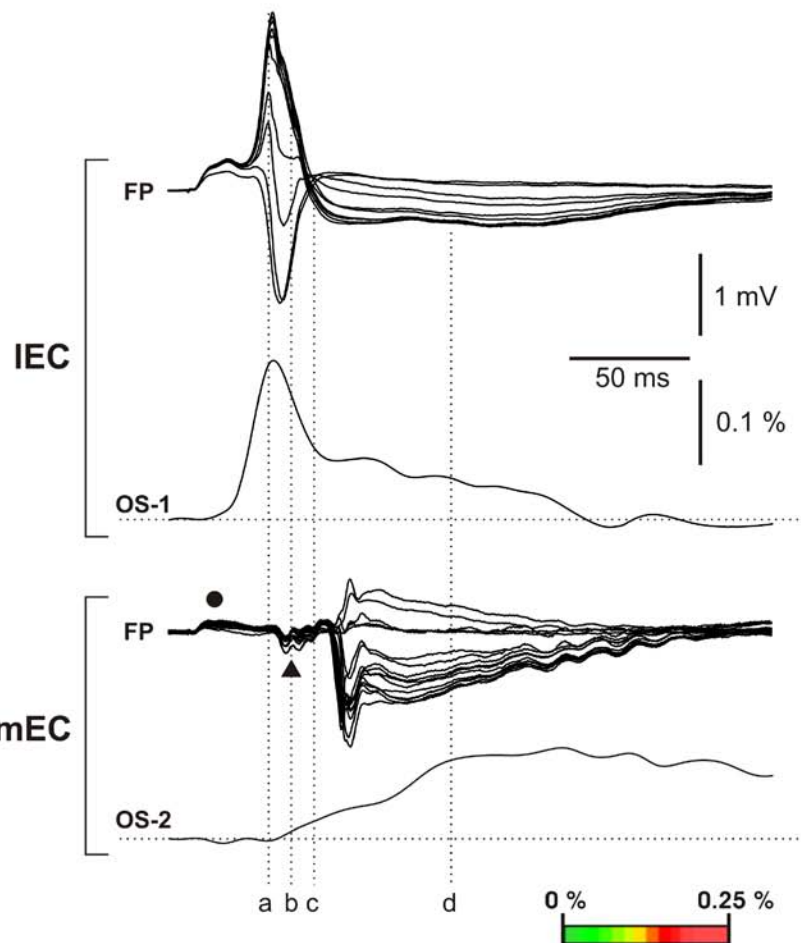
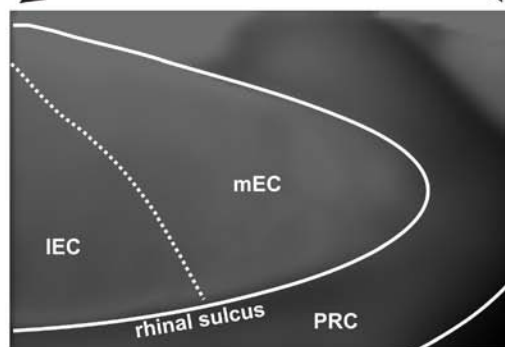
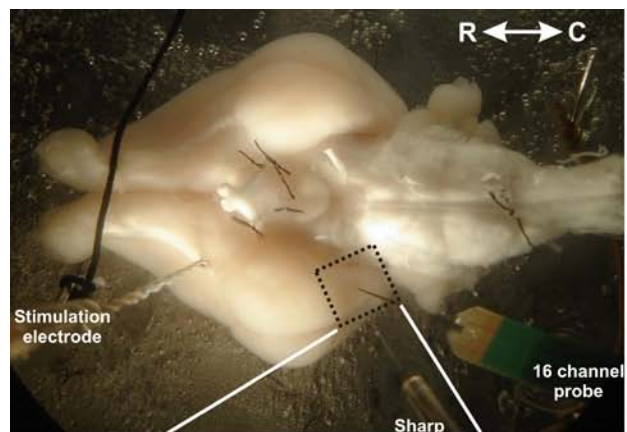


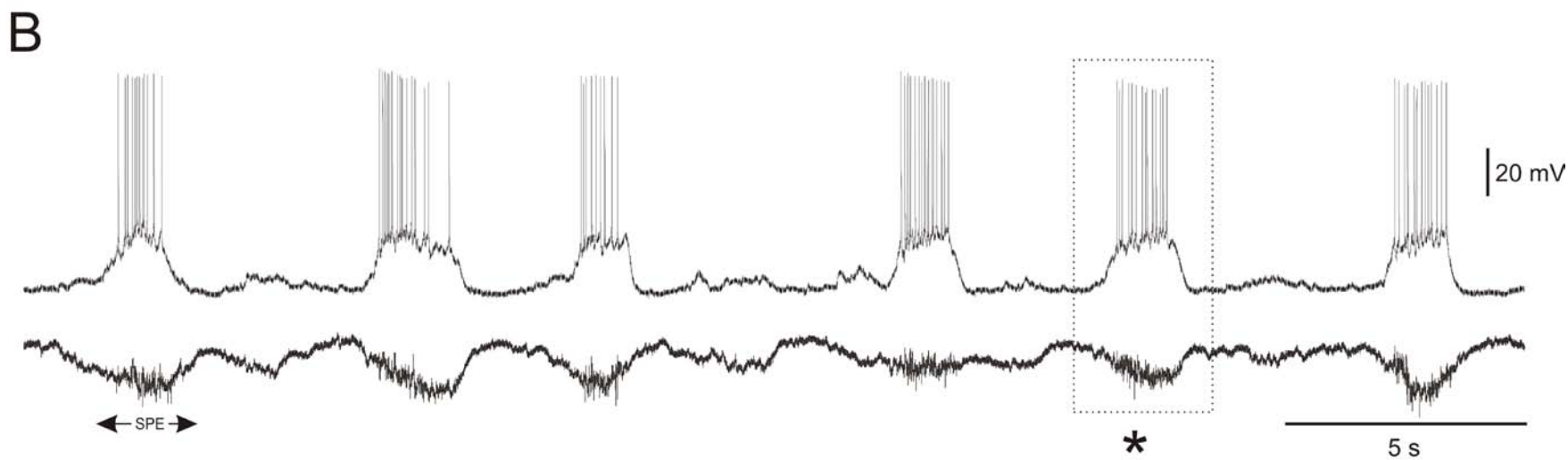
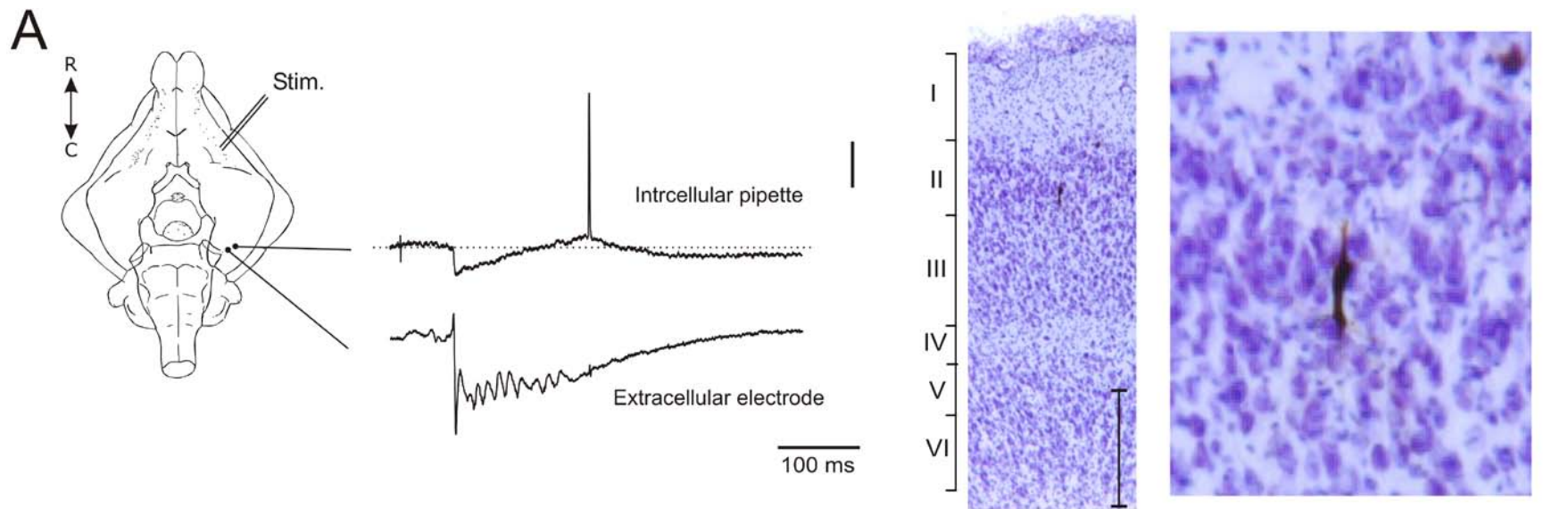


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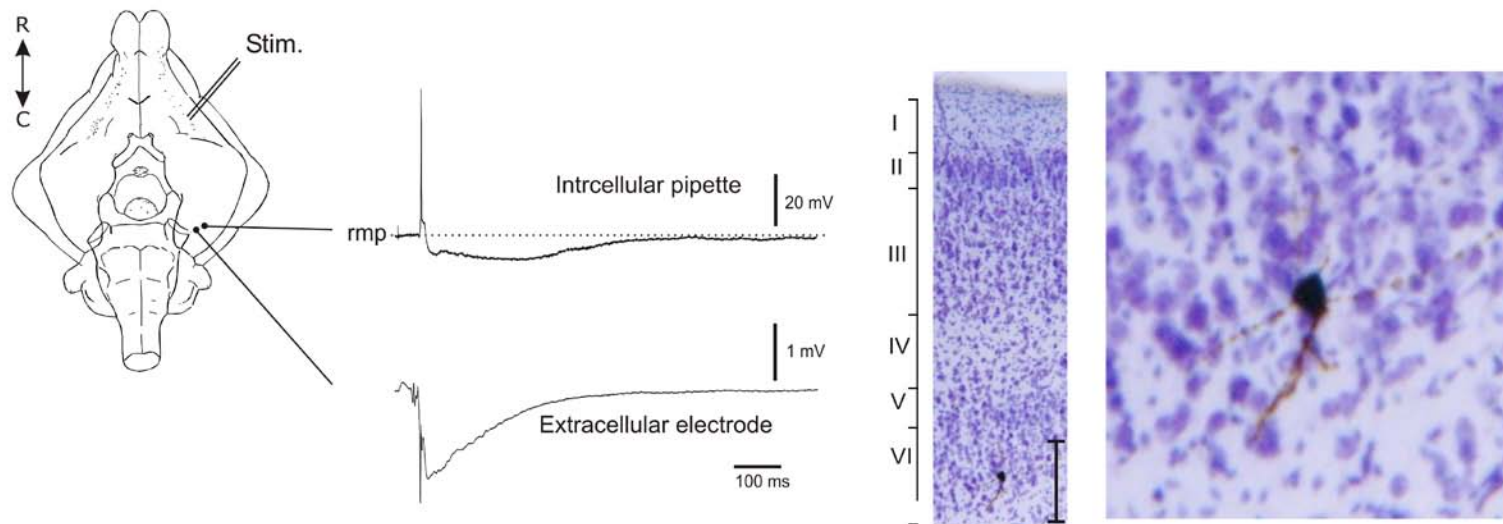




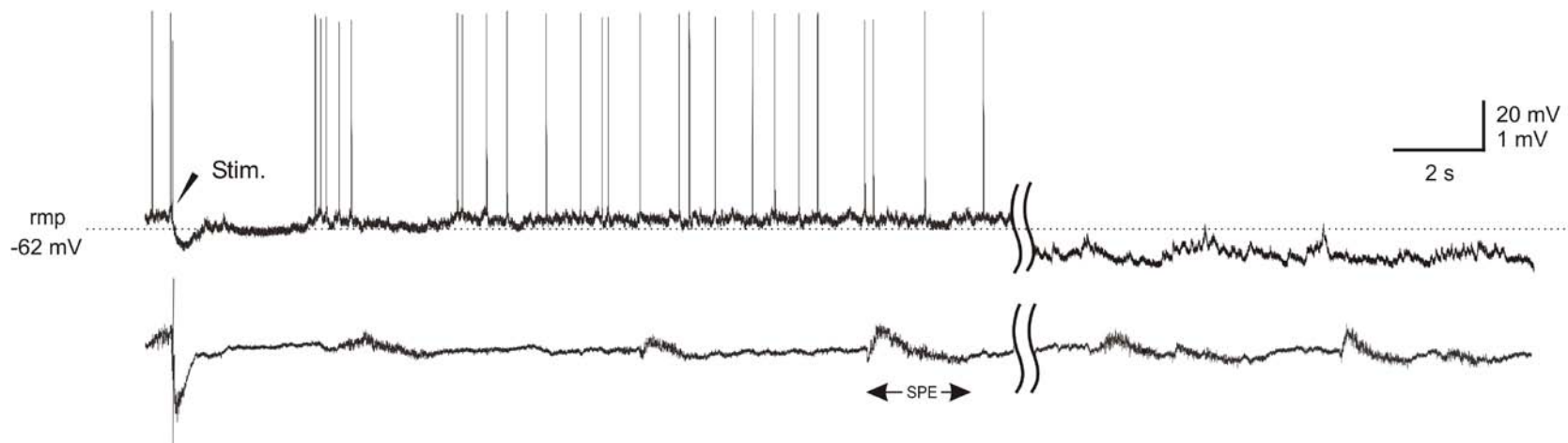


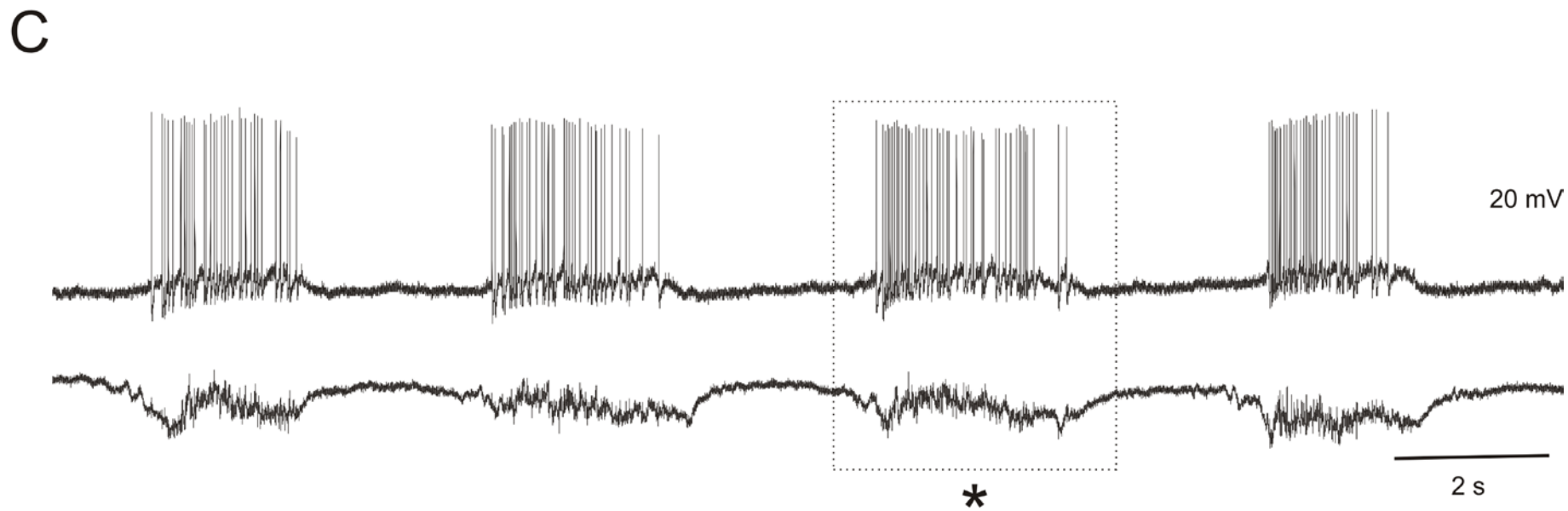
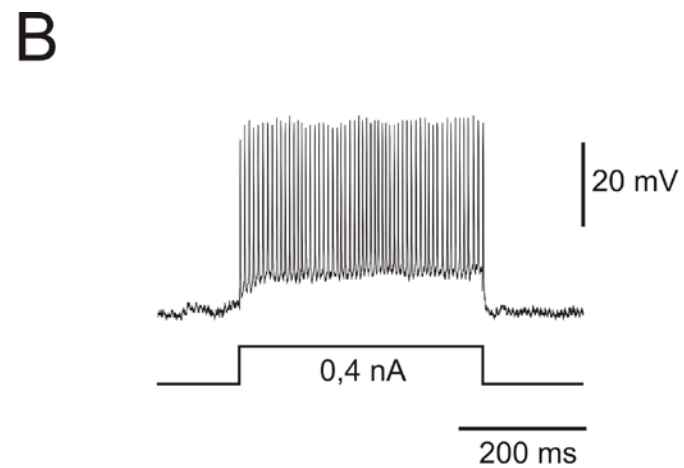
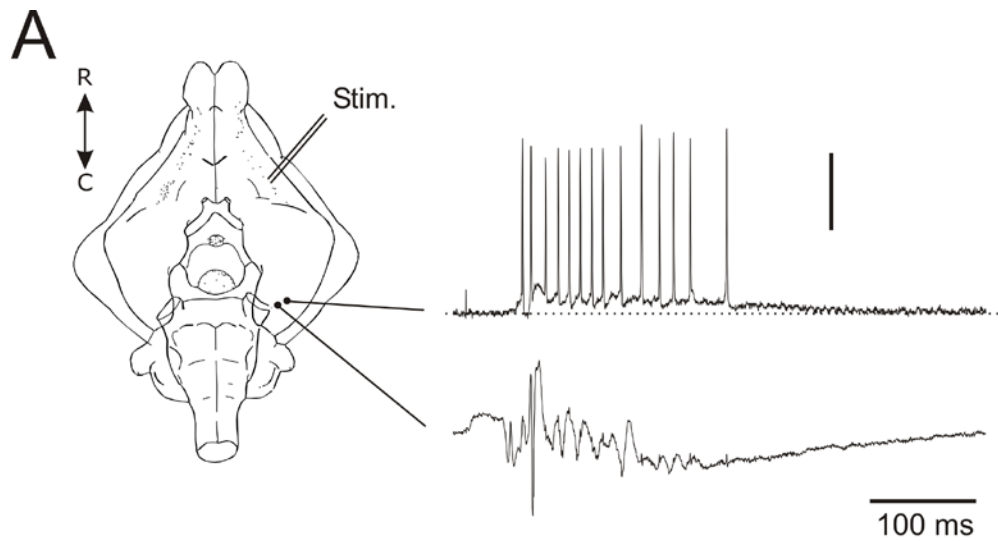


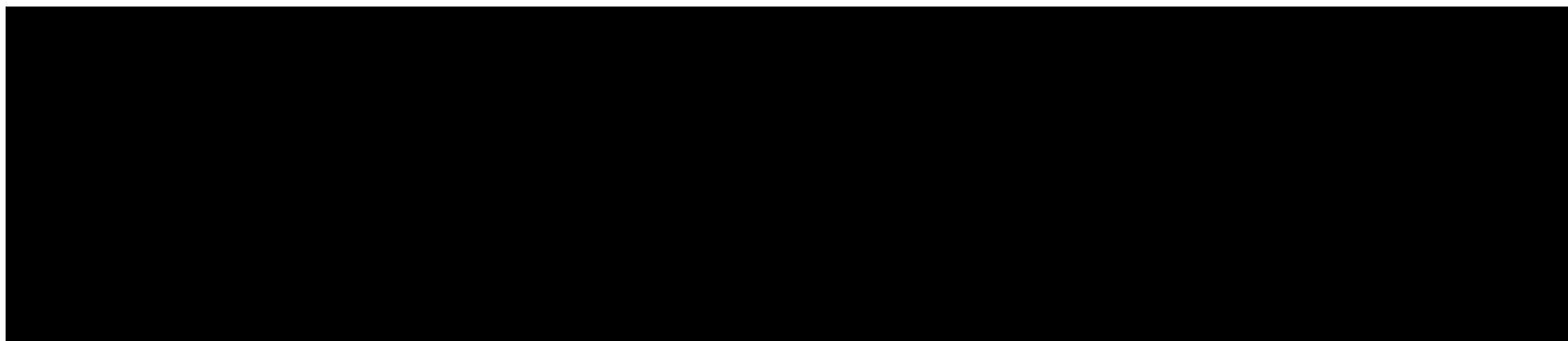
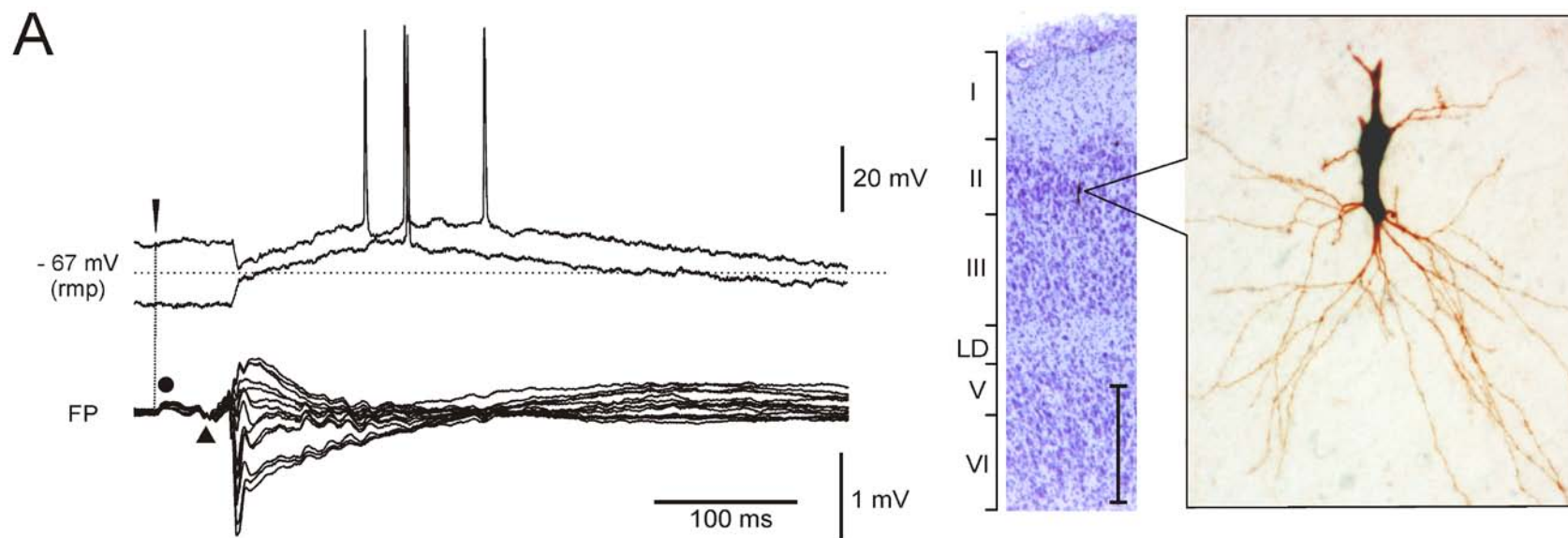
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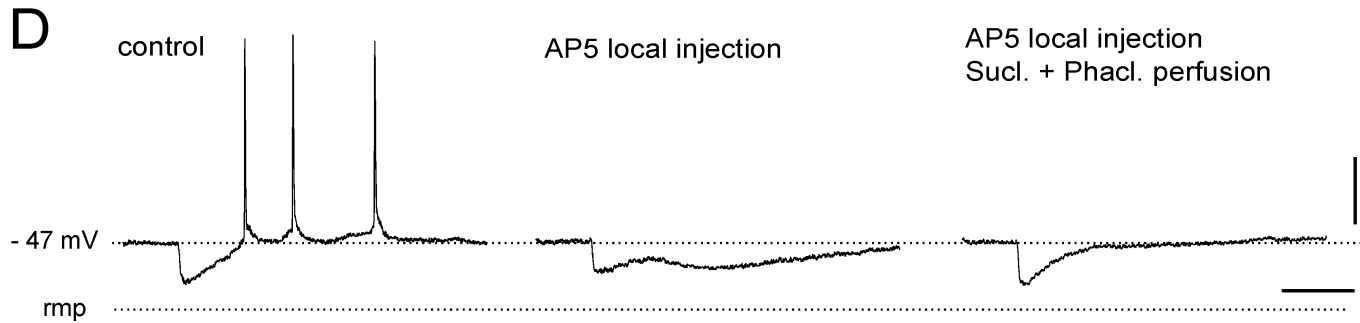
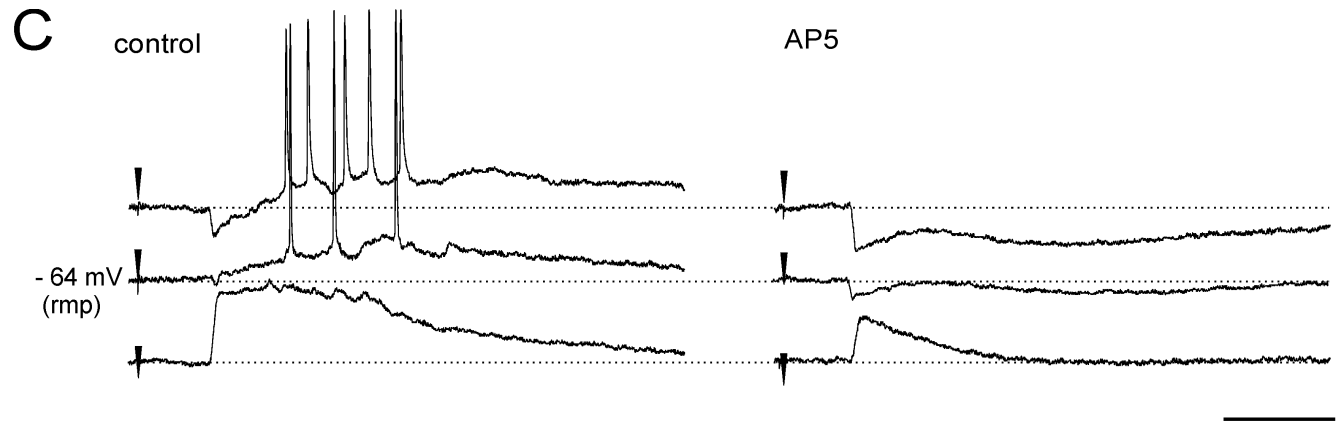
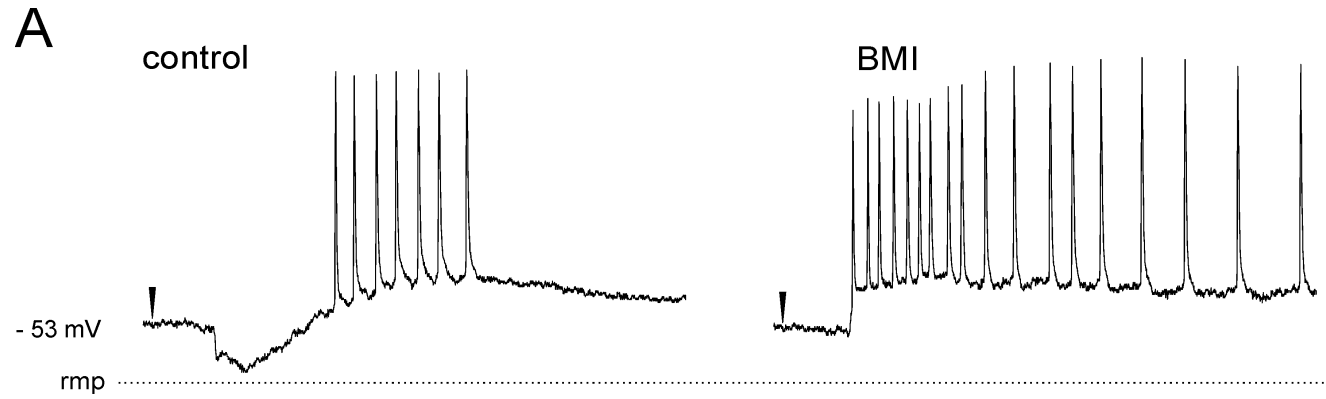
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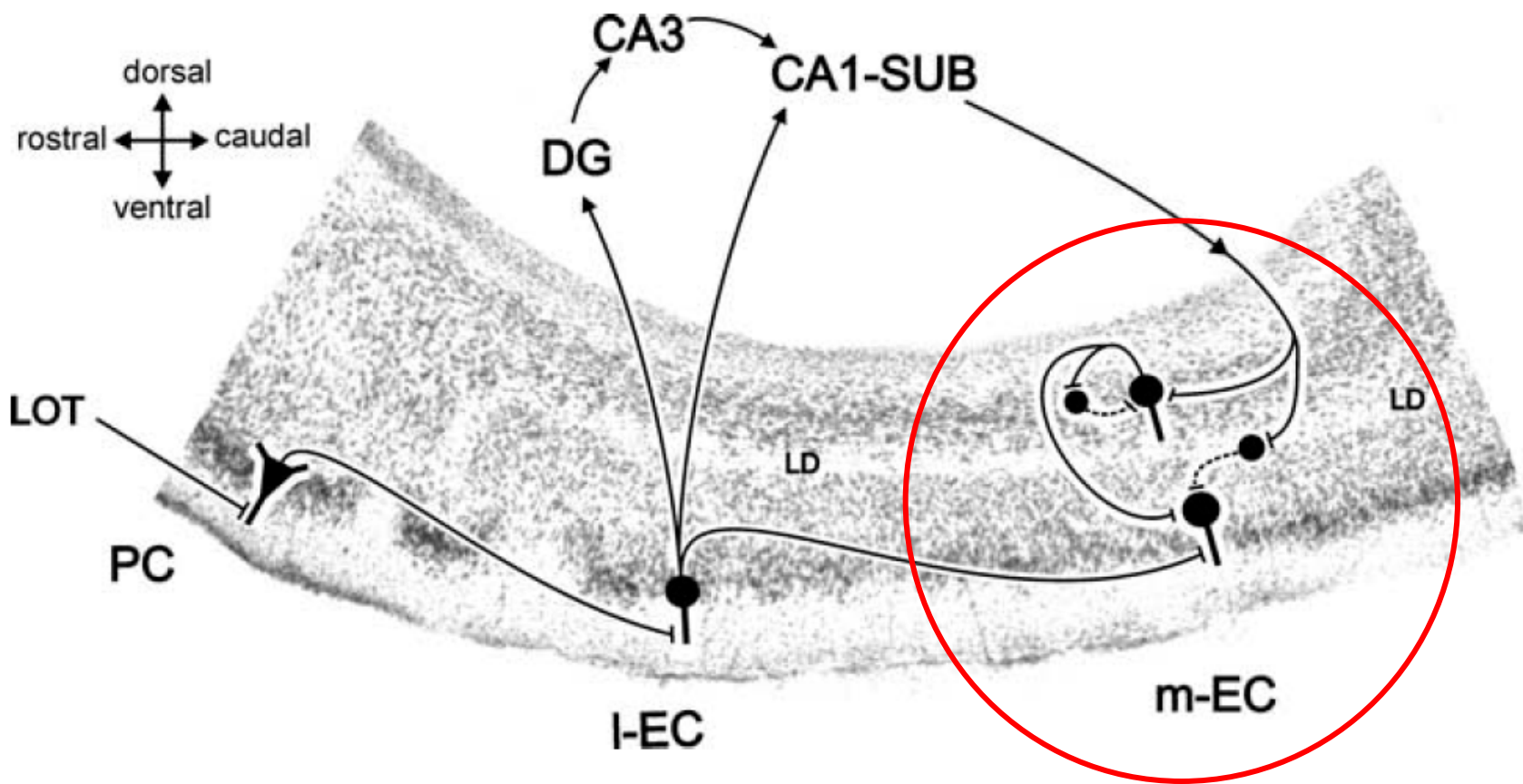


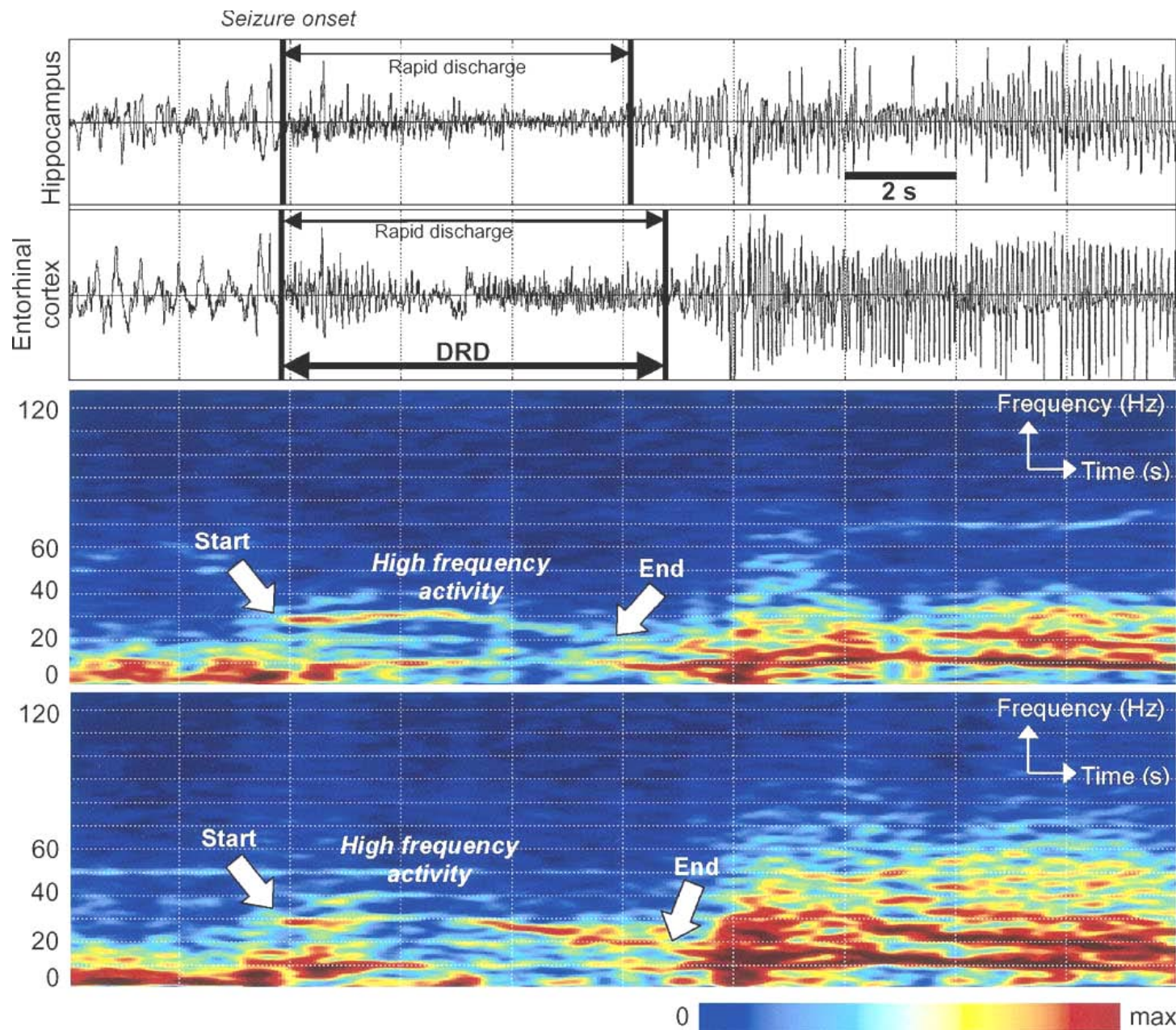


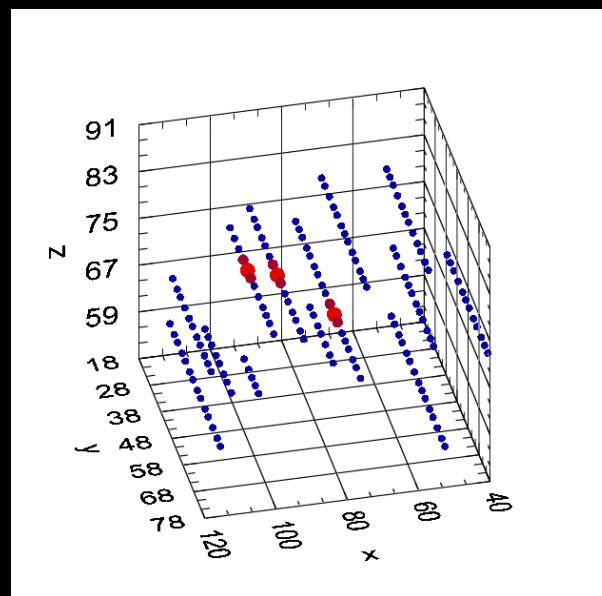
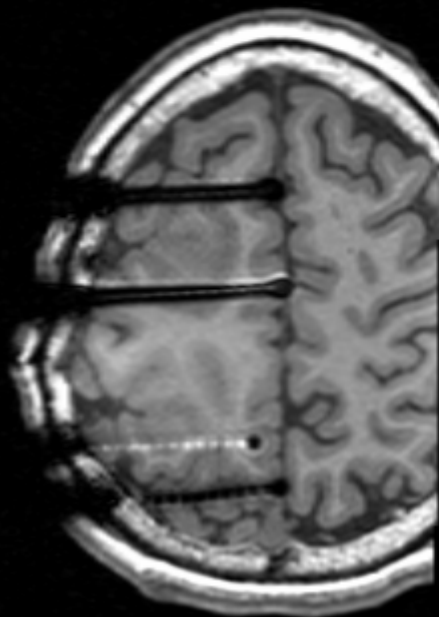
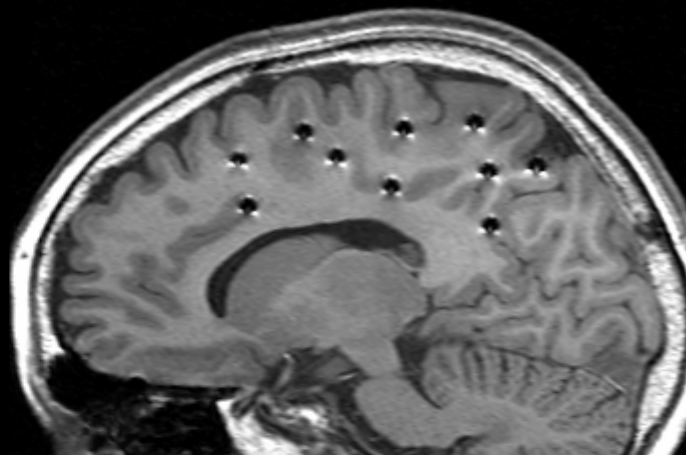
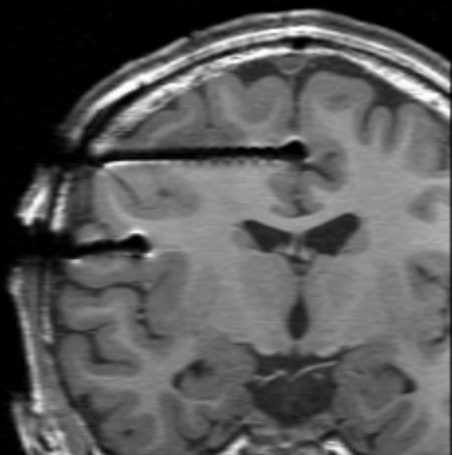


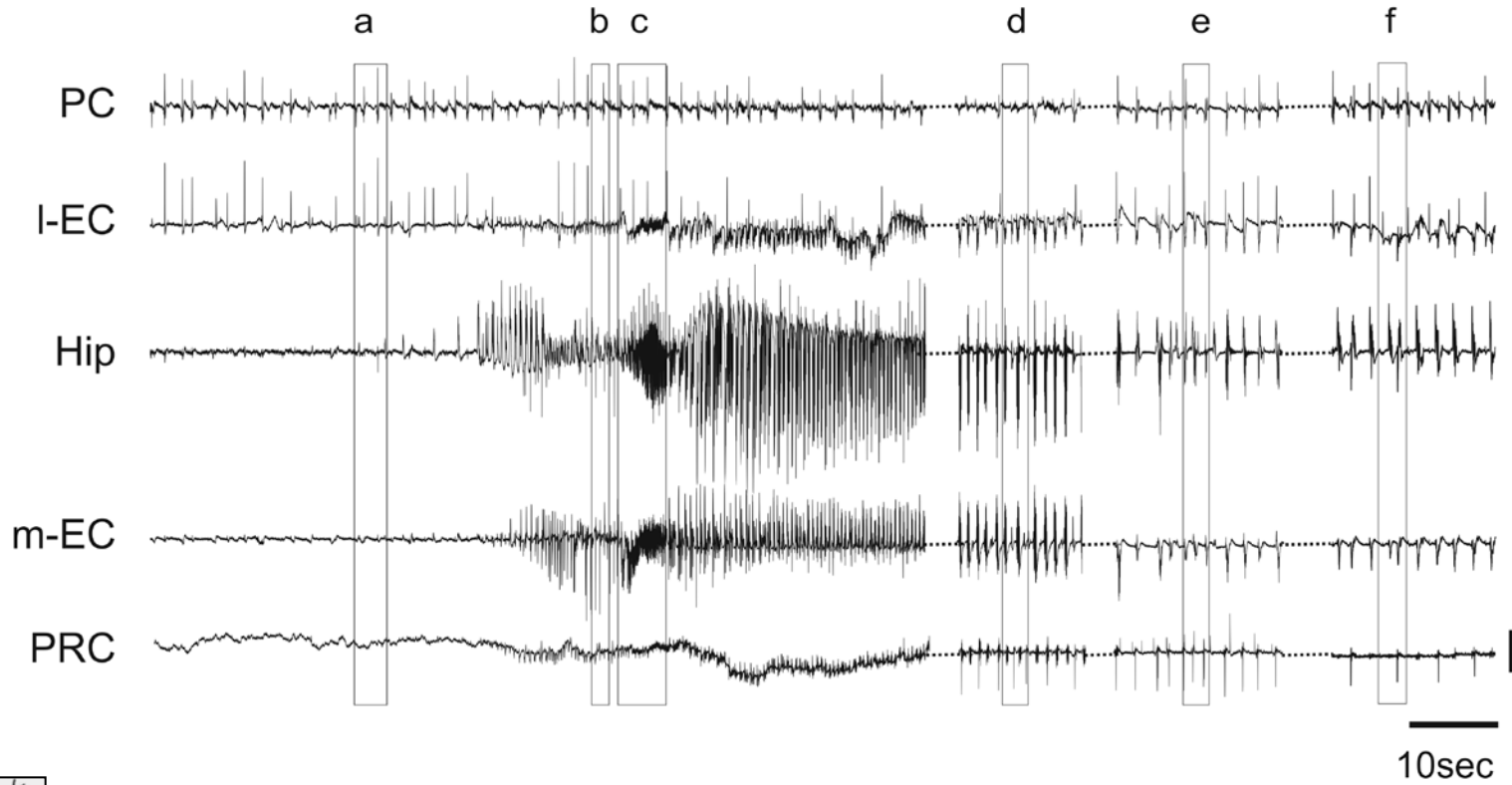
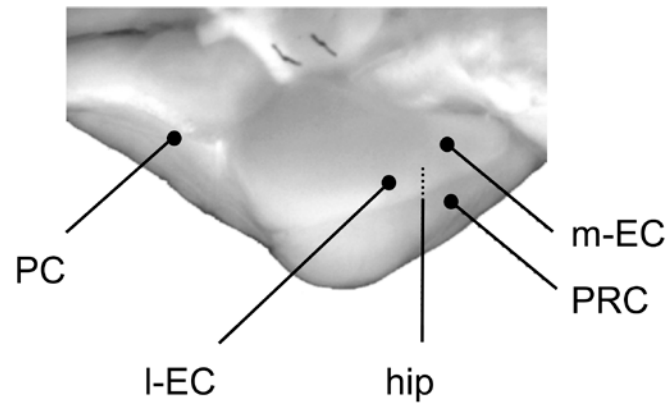
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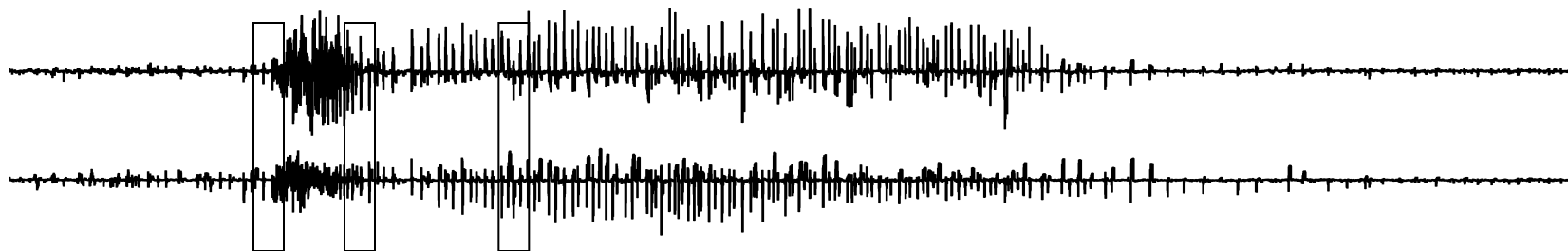




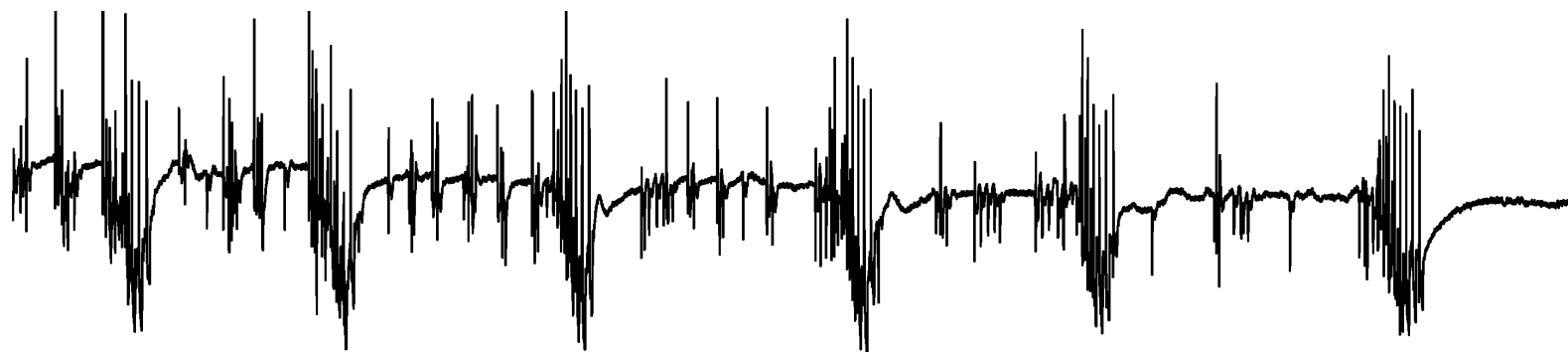




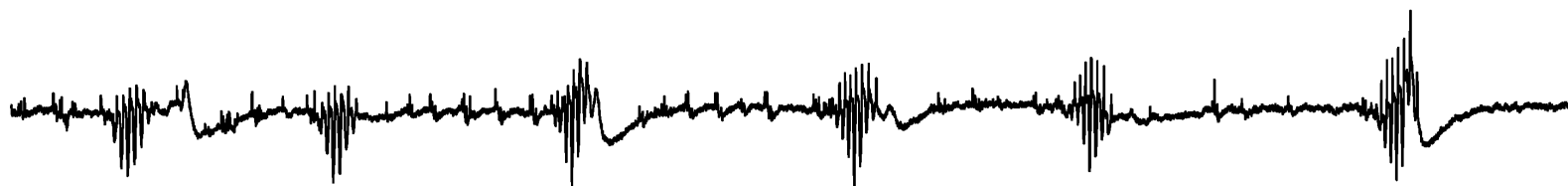




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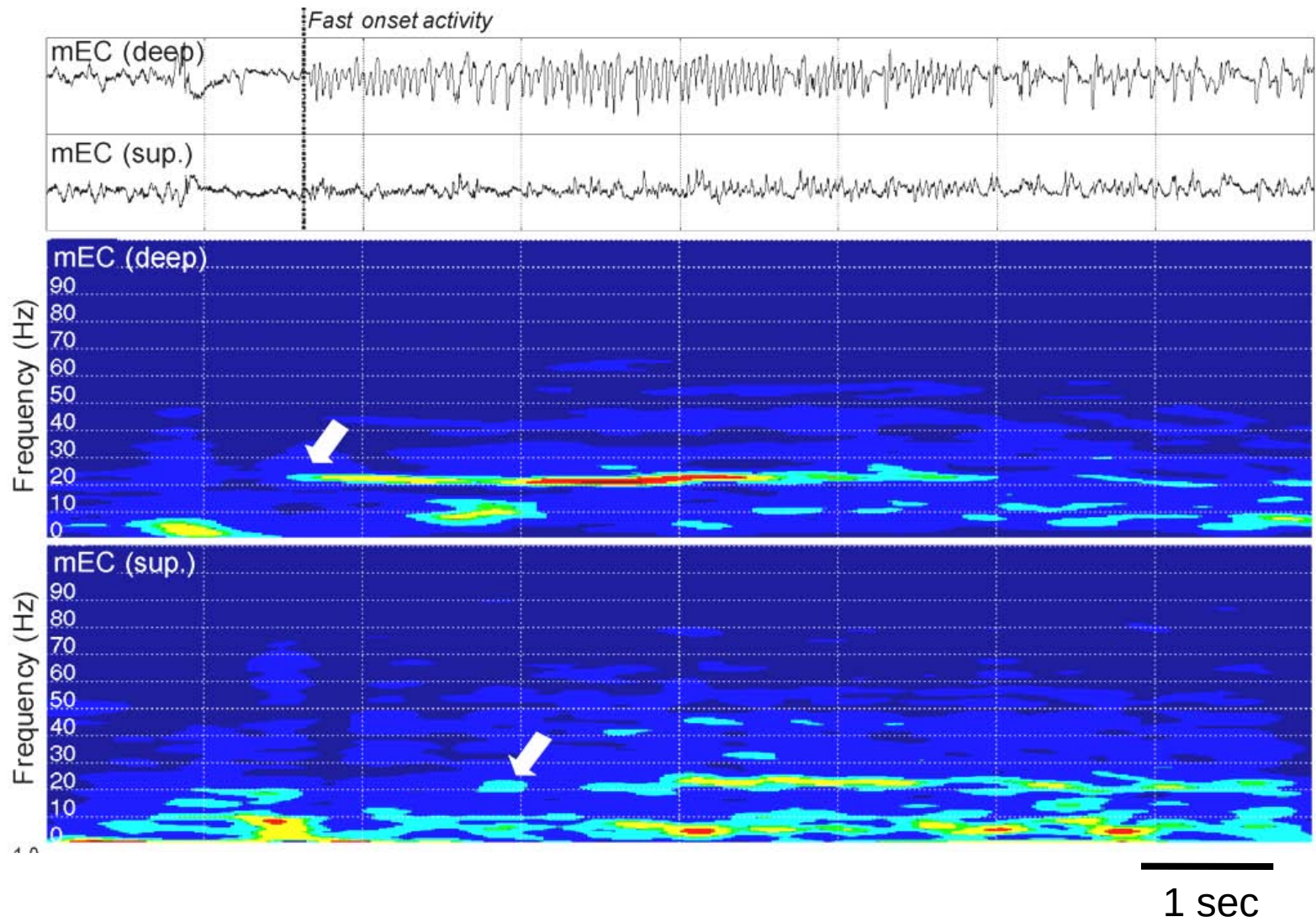


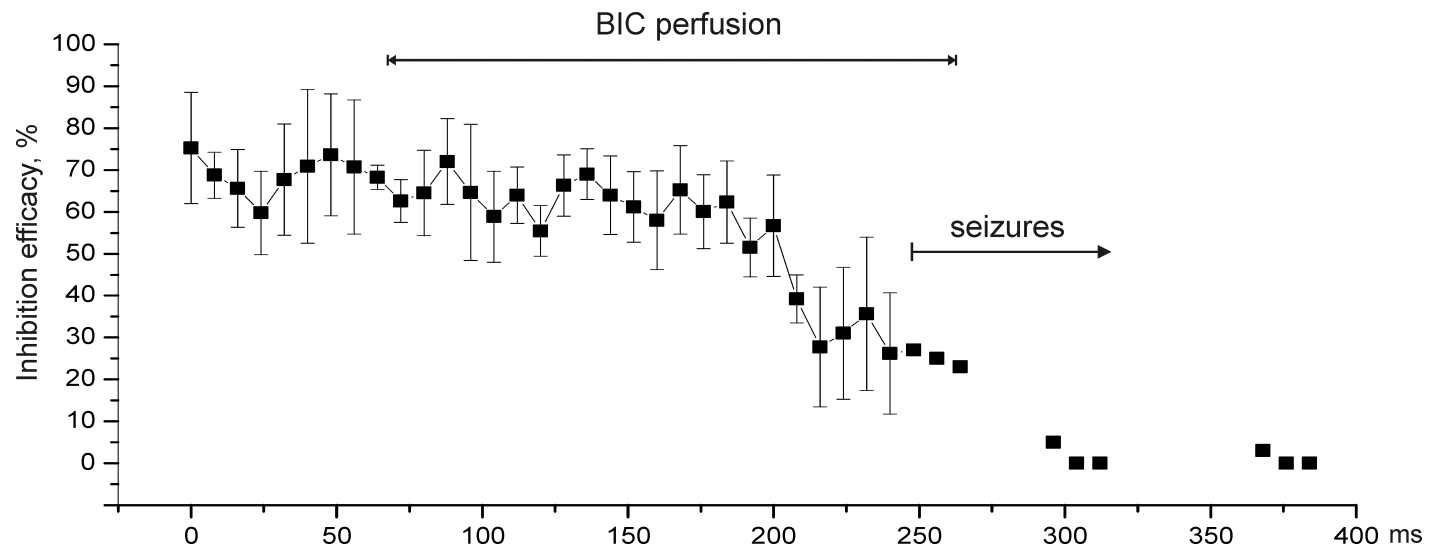
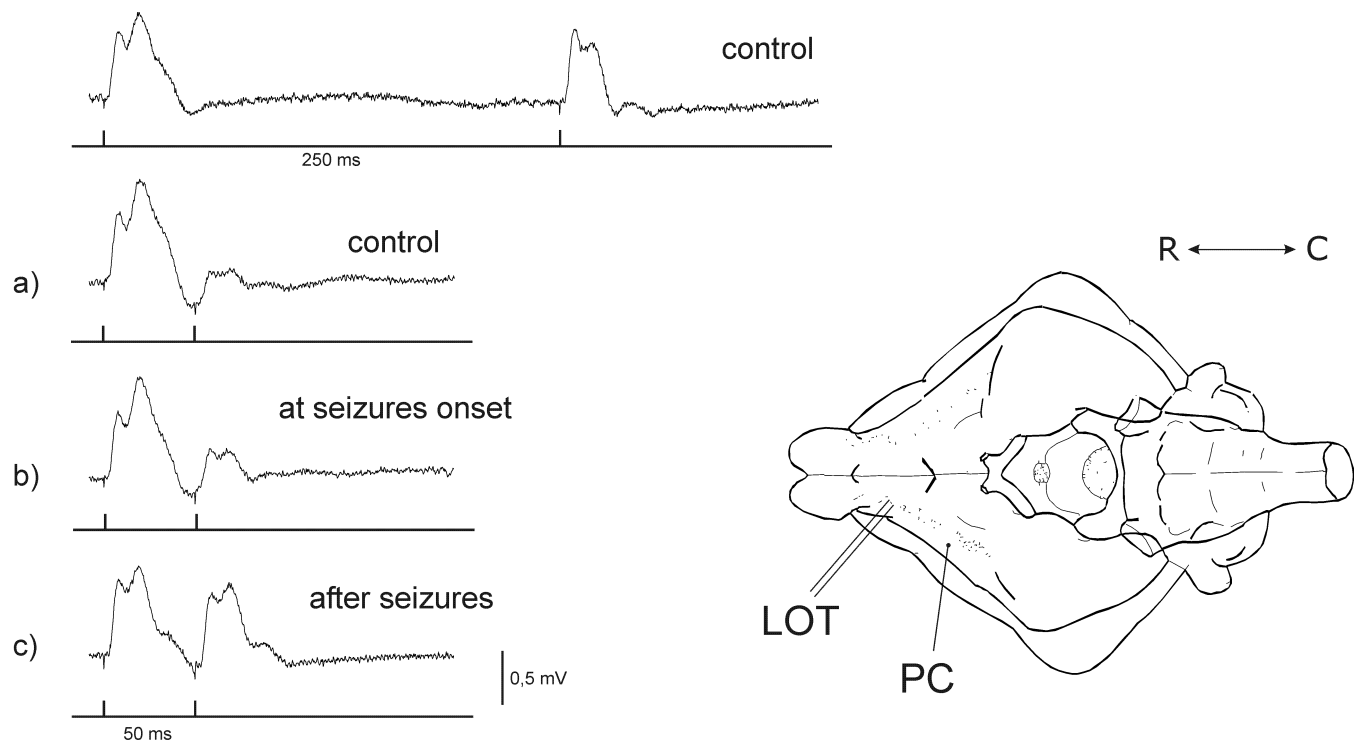
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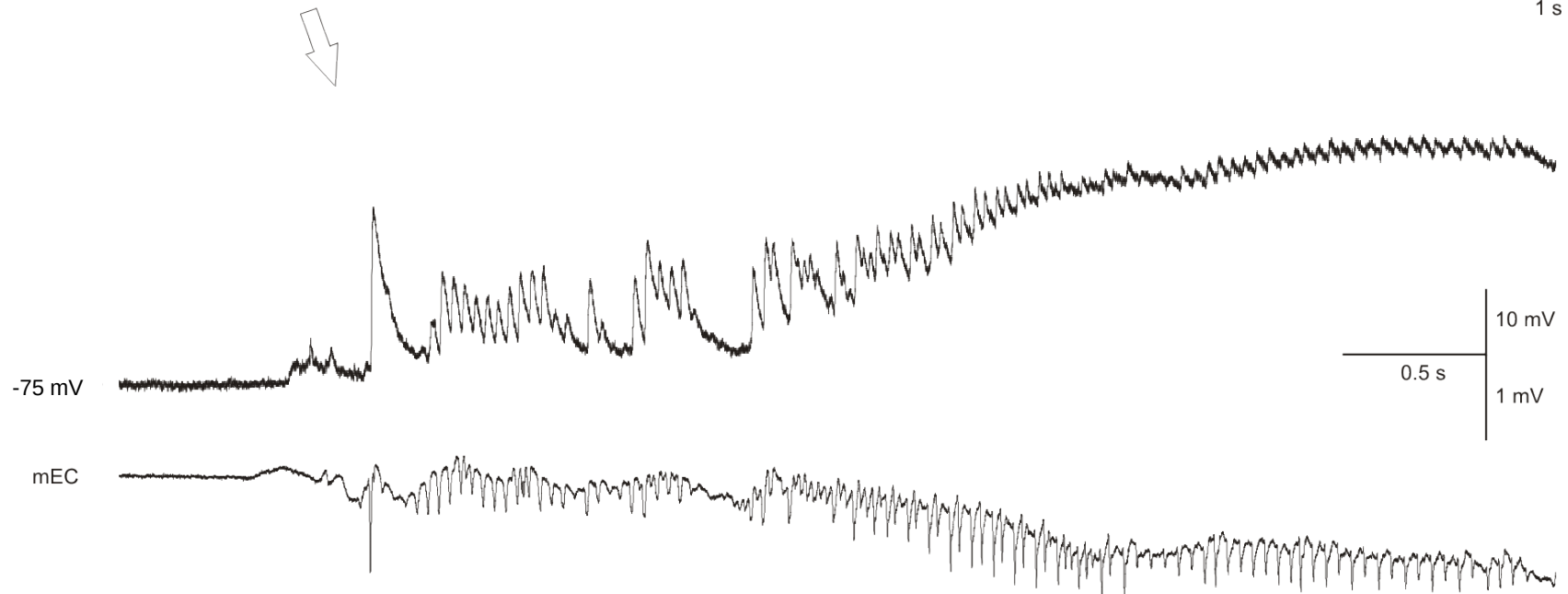
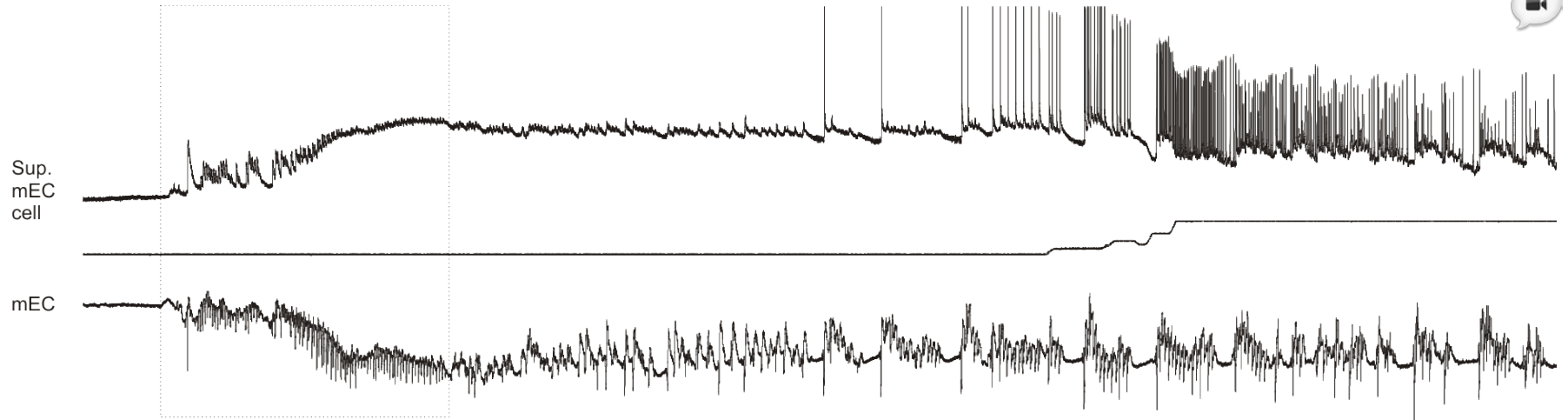
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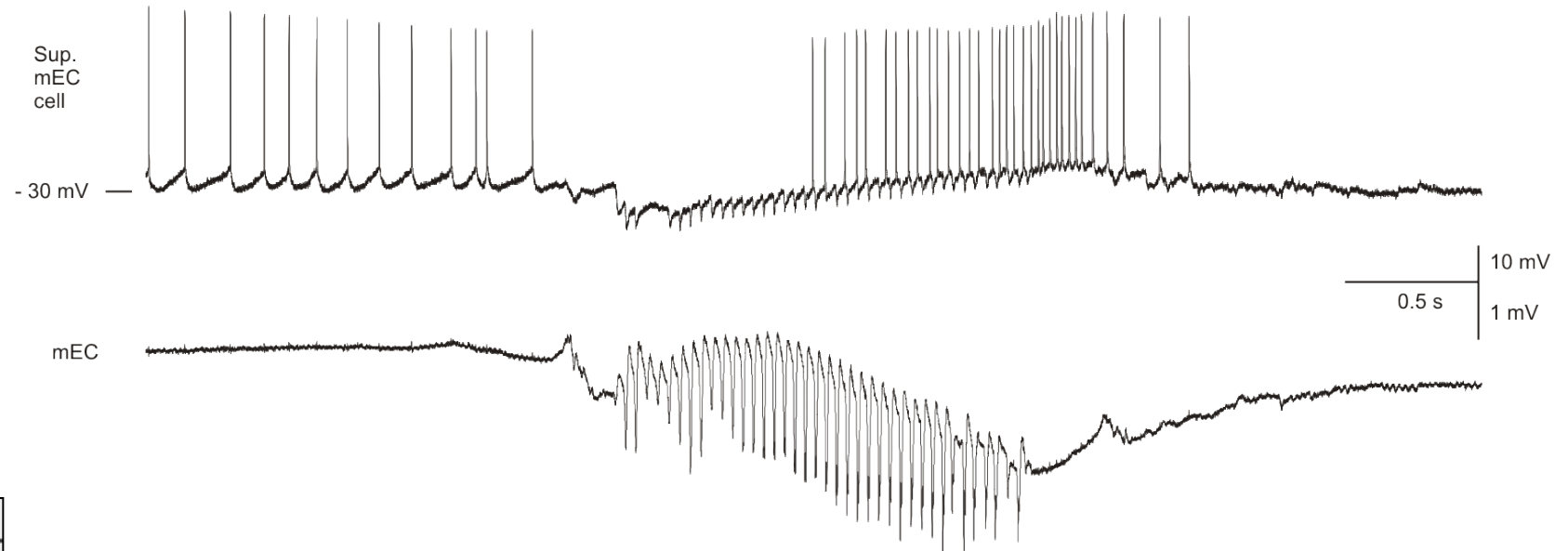
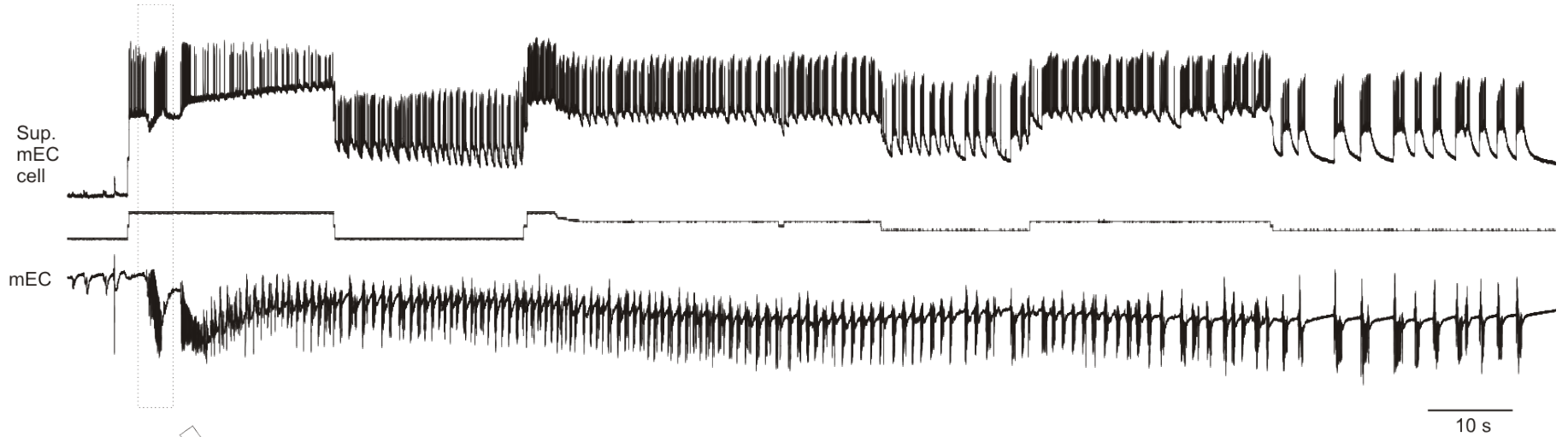




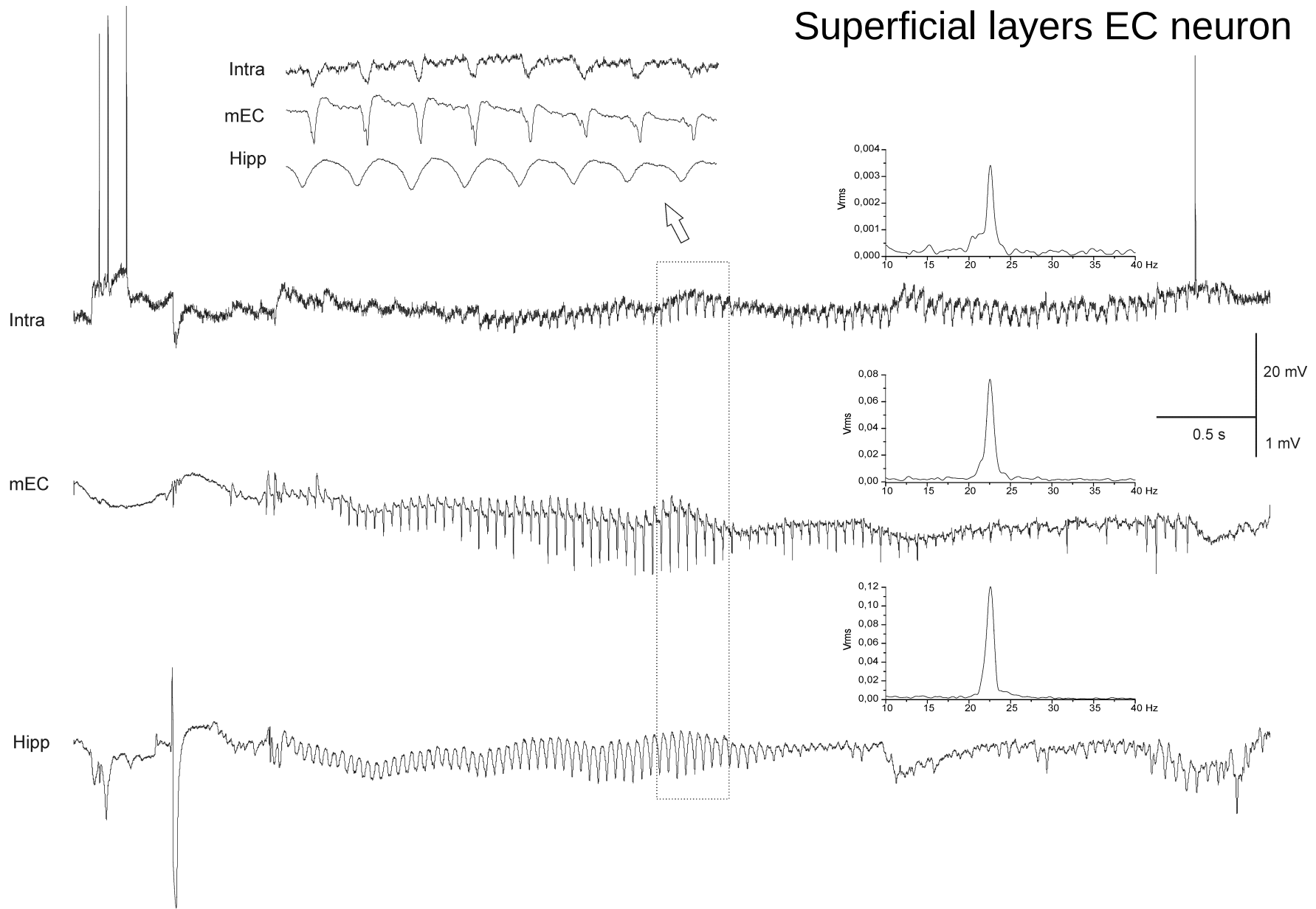
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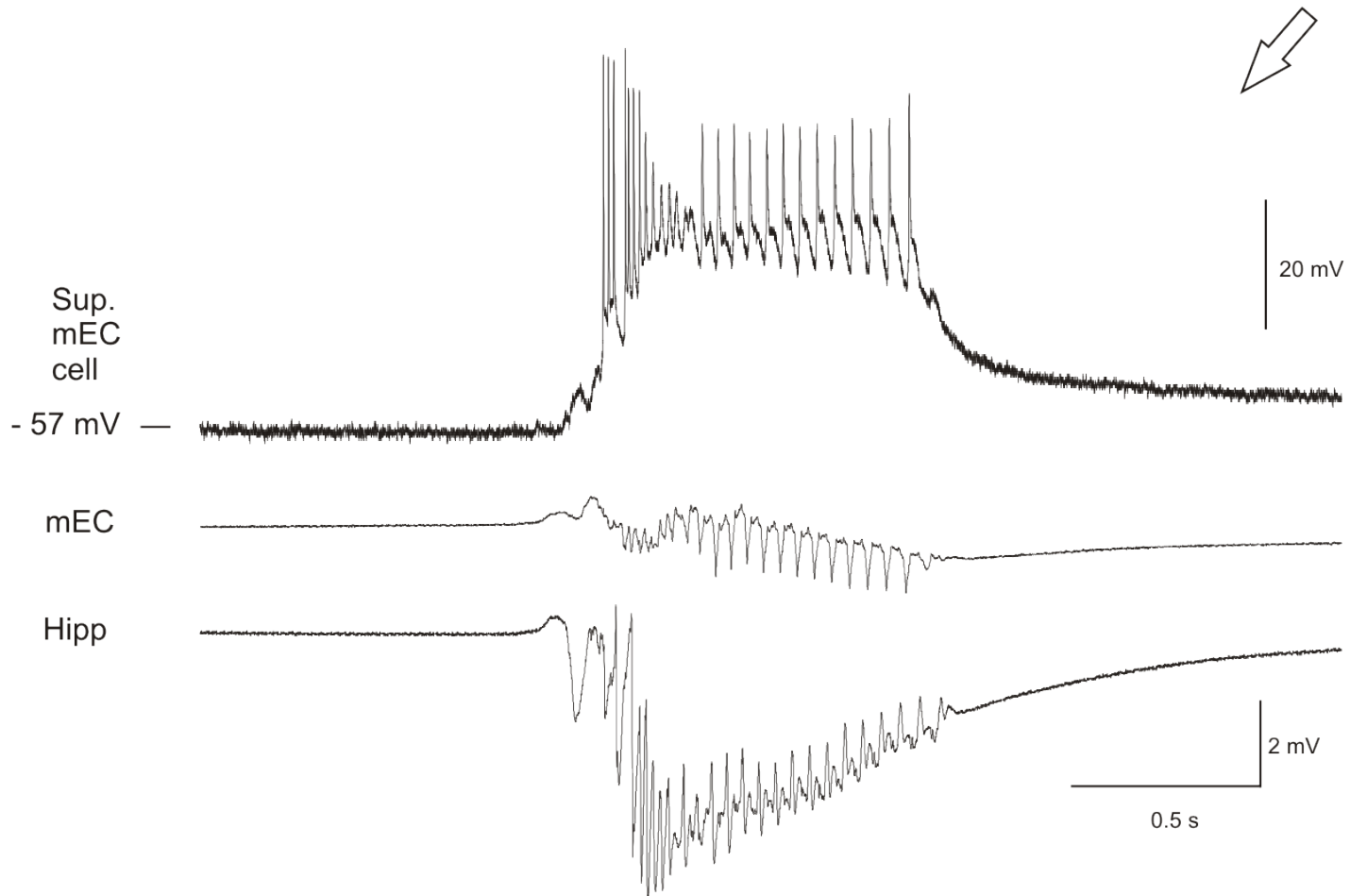
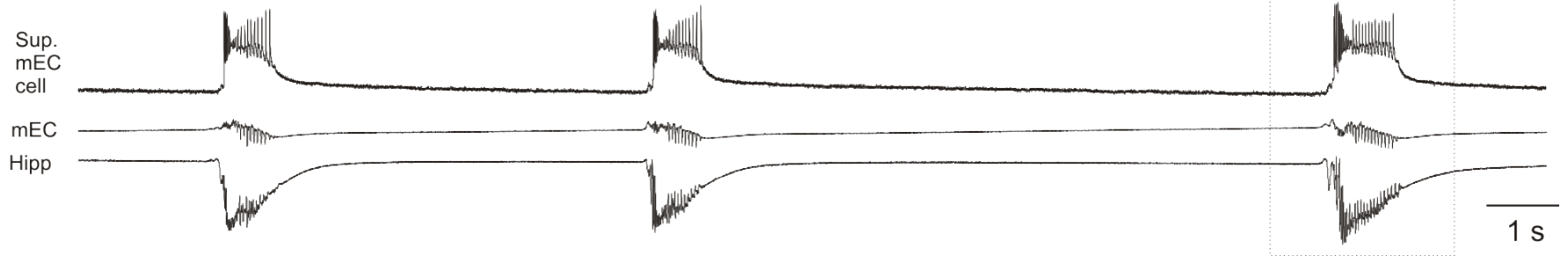
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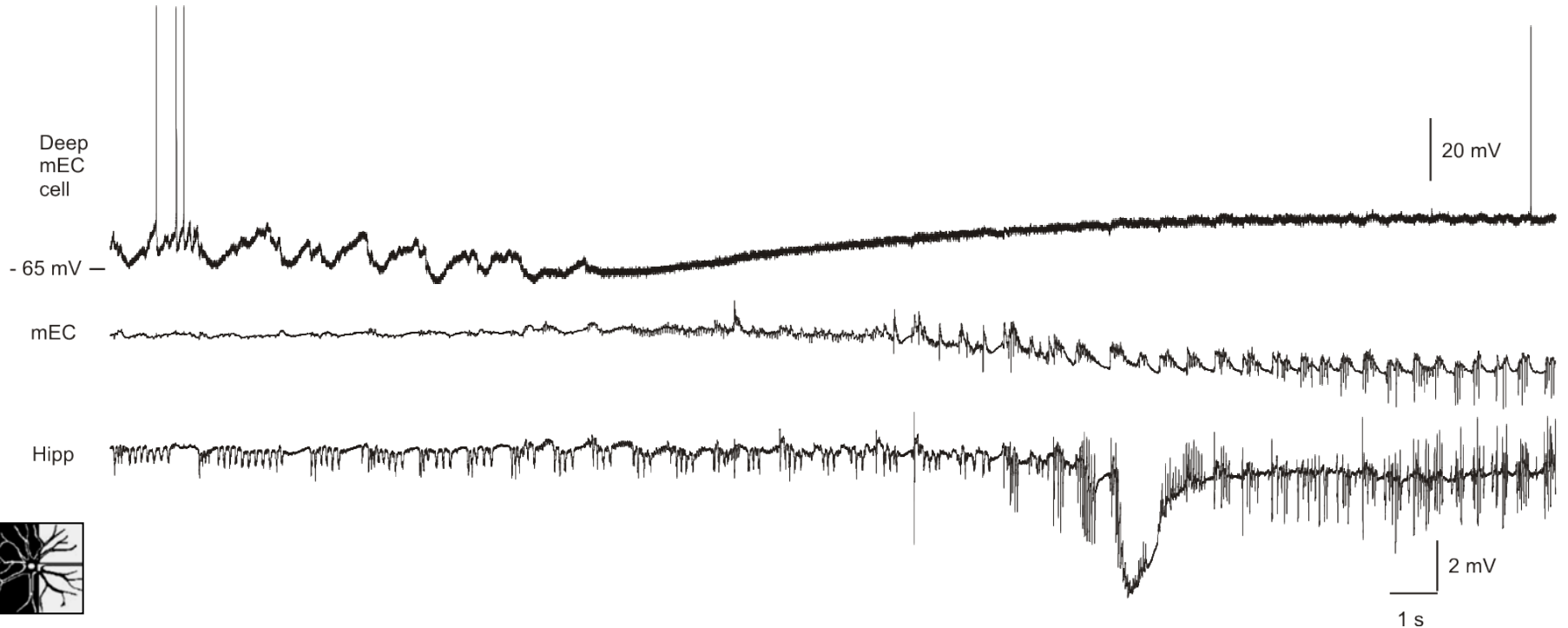
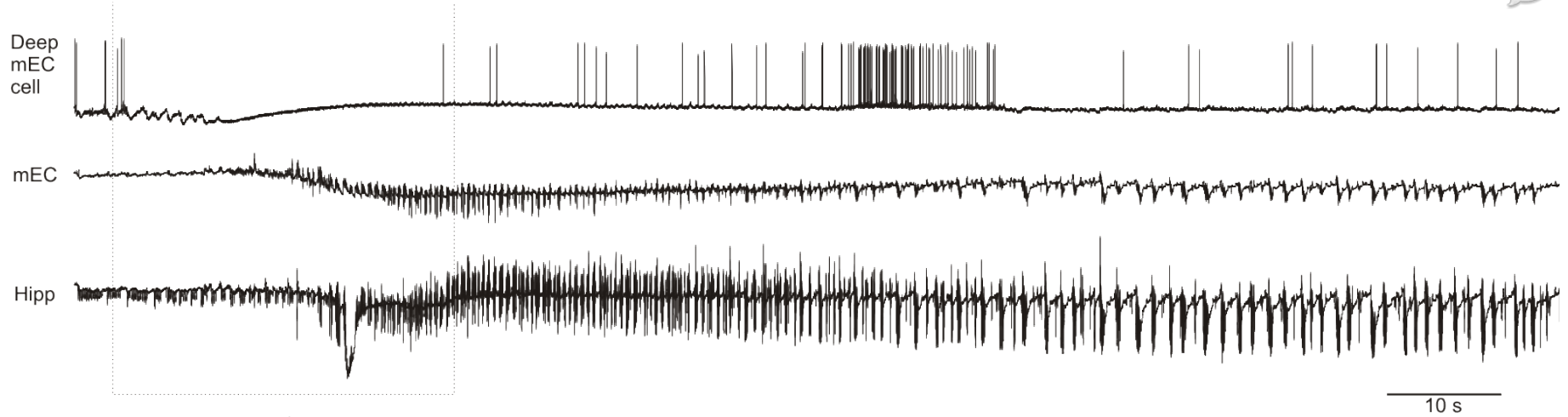
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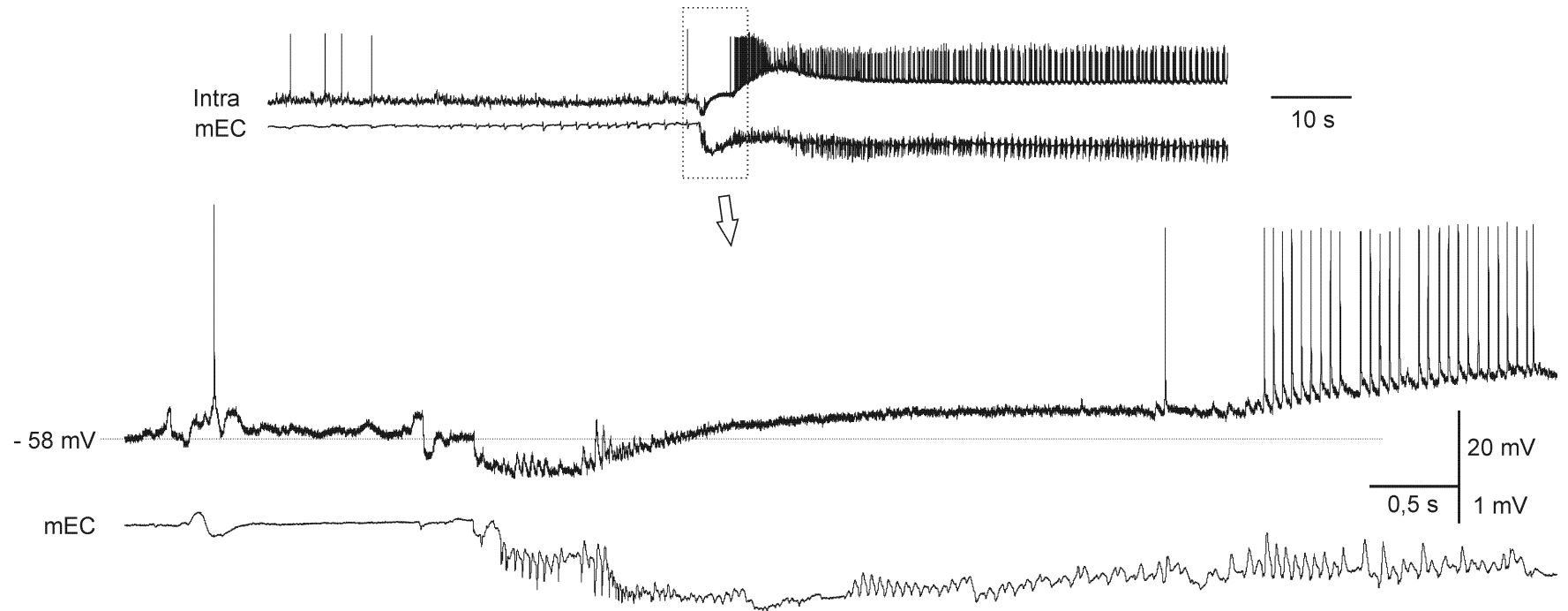
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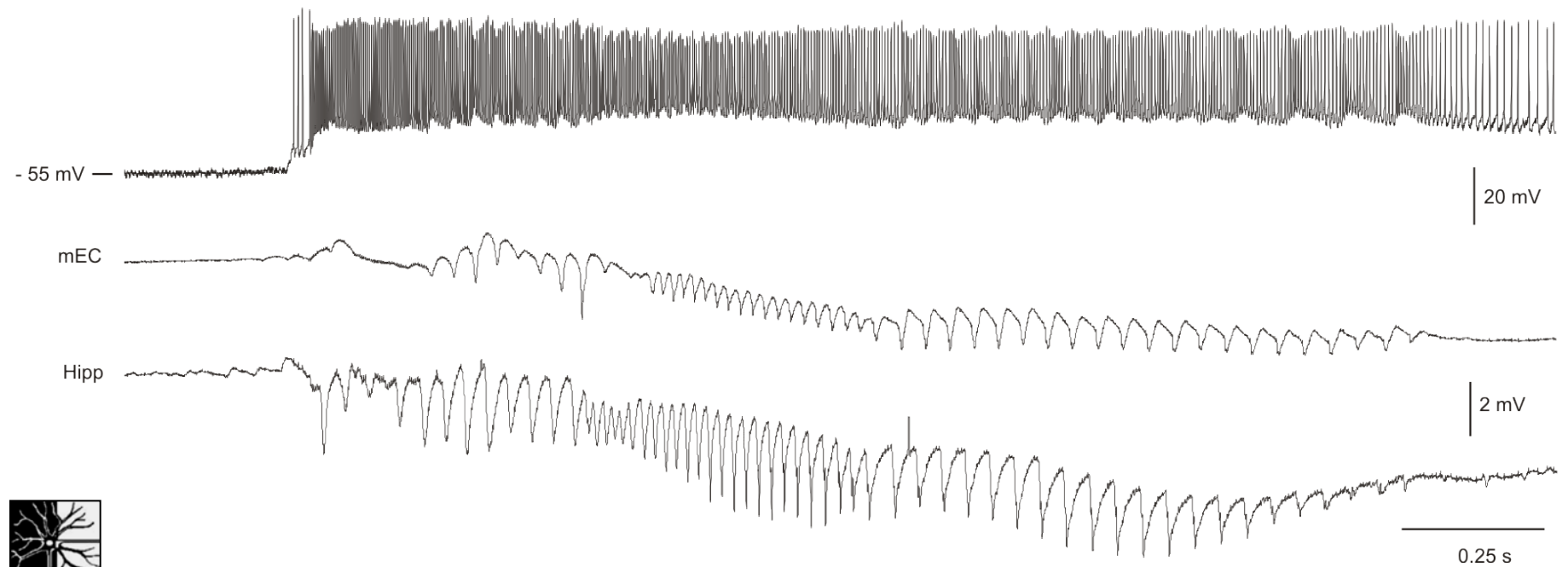
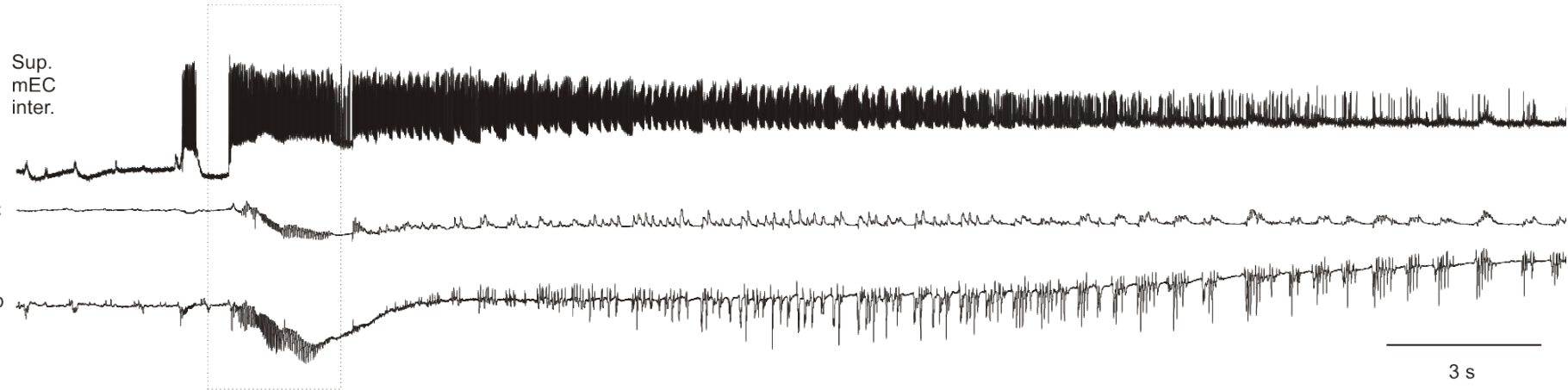
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Putative EC interneuron

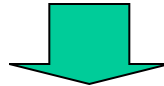


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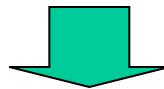
- Transient disinhibition in the limbic region promotes seizure-like events that initiate with fast activity at 20-30 Hz in the EC and in the hippocampus
- This pattern is similar to the ictal discharges observed in human TLE
- Fast activity at seizure onset in the mEC correlates with
 - rhythmic IPSPs in superficial neurons
 - no activity in deep neurons
 - high rate firing in putative interneurons
- The study of fast activity at seizure onset may contribute to understand the mechanisms of interictal-ictal transition in human TLE



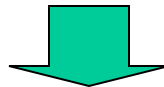
human EEG interictal-ictal EC pattern during TLE seizures
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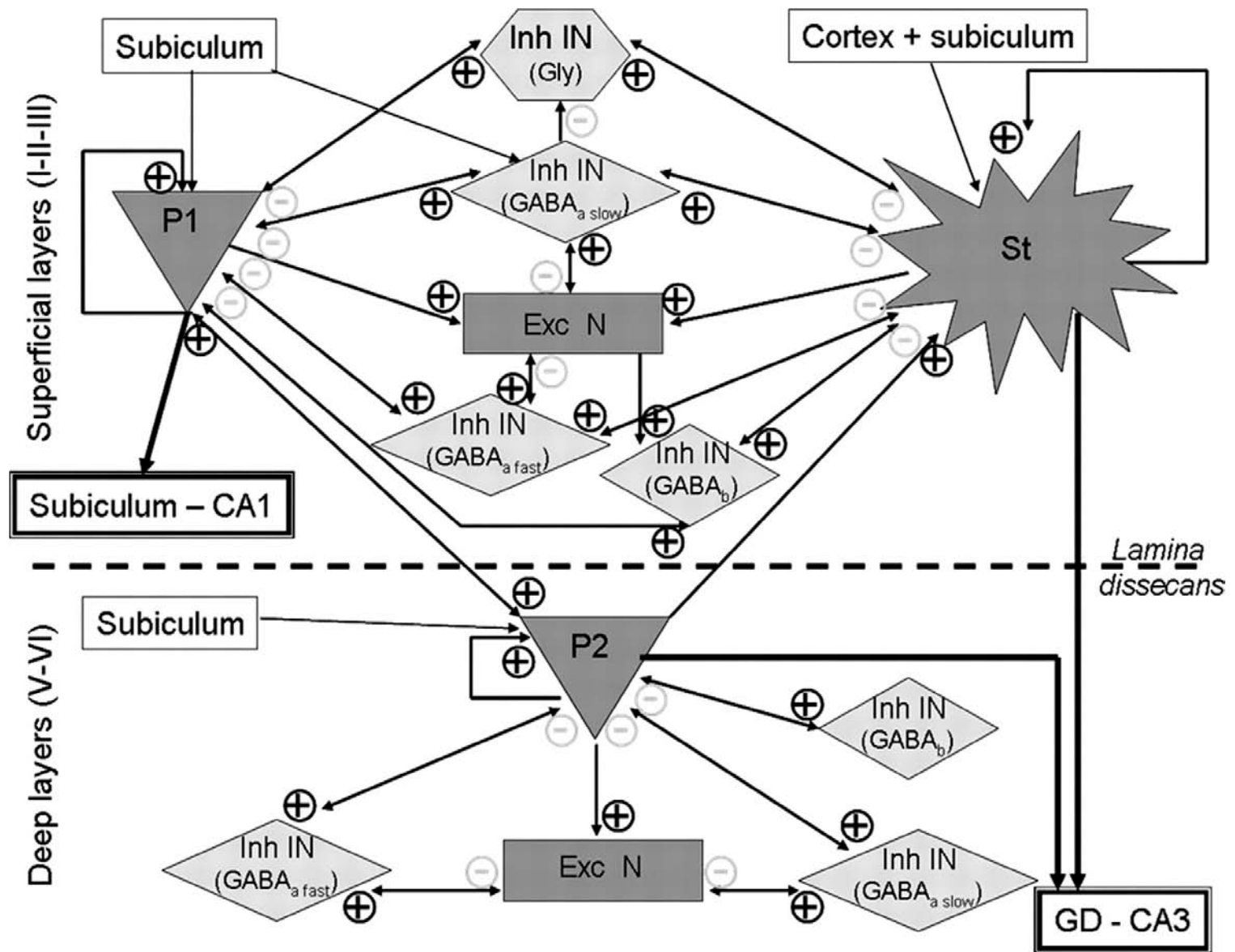
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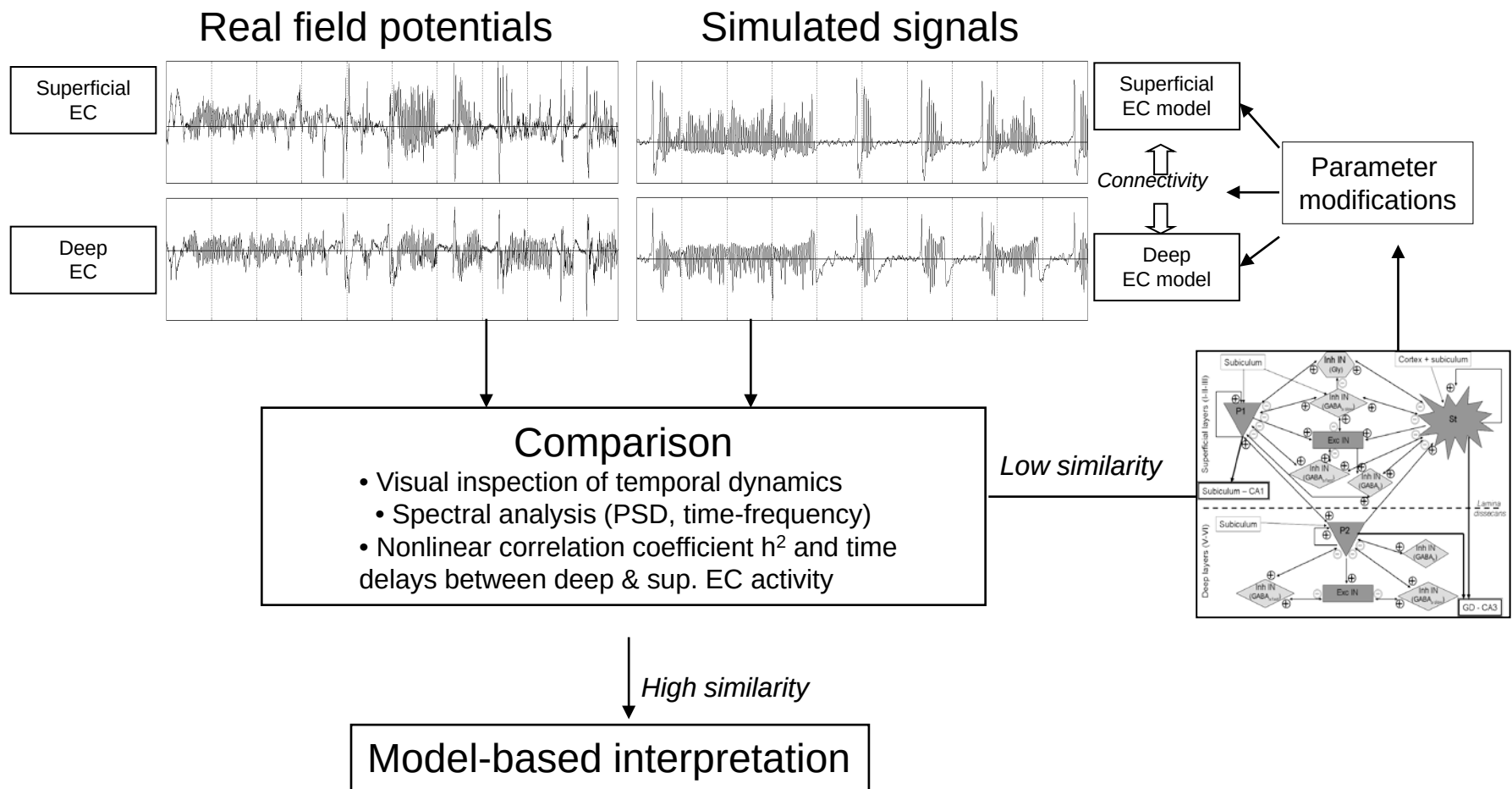


analysis of the network determinants responsible
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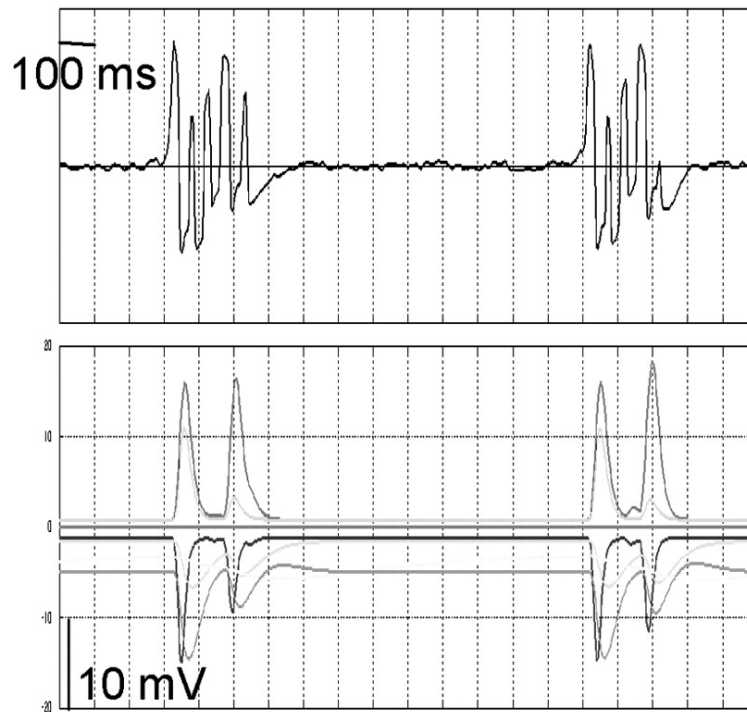


predictions to be tested in the guinea pig isolated brain



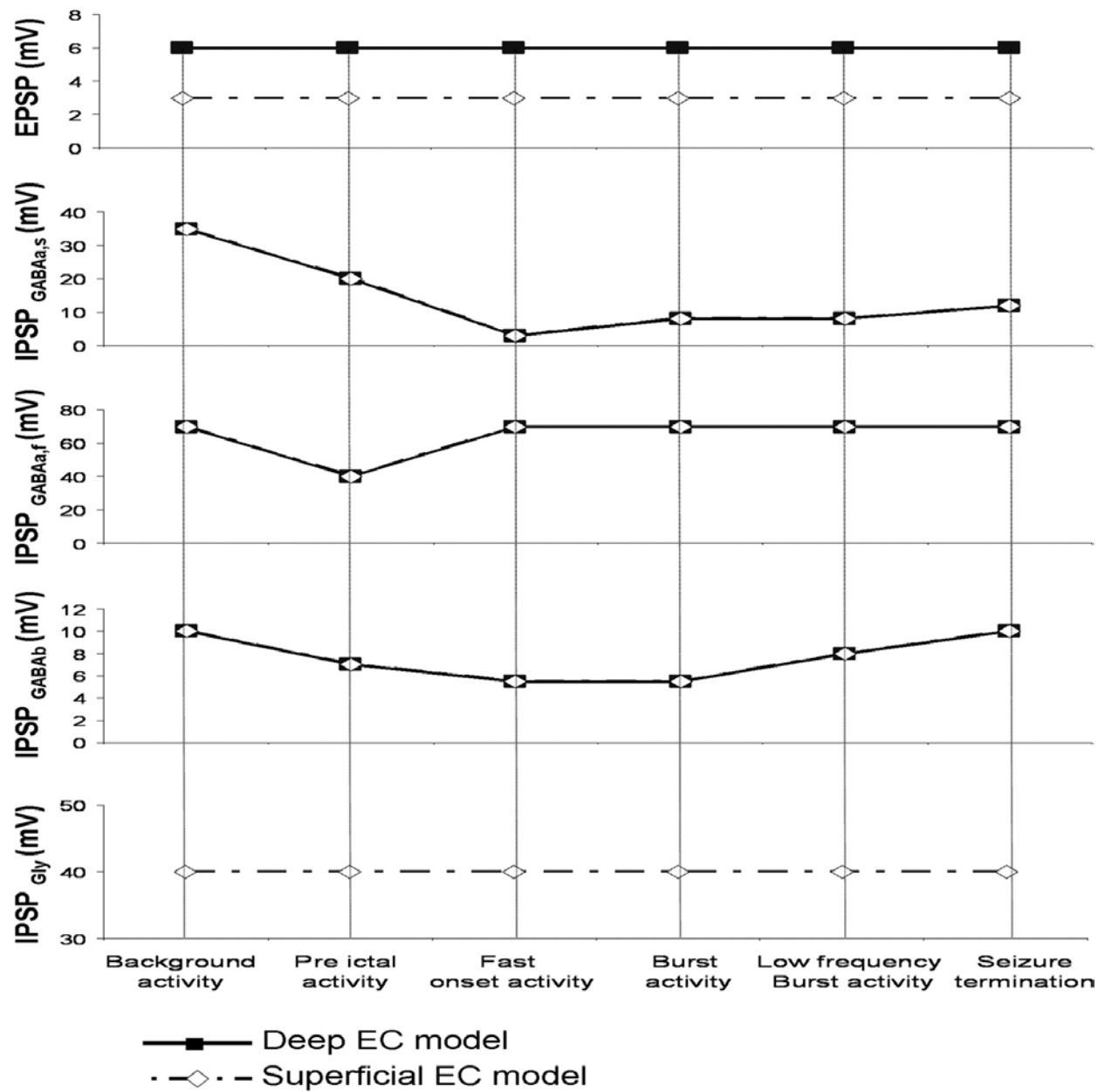


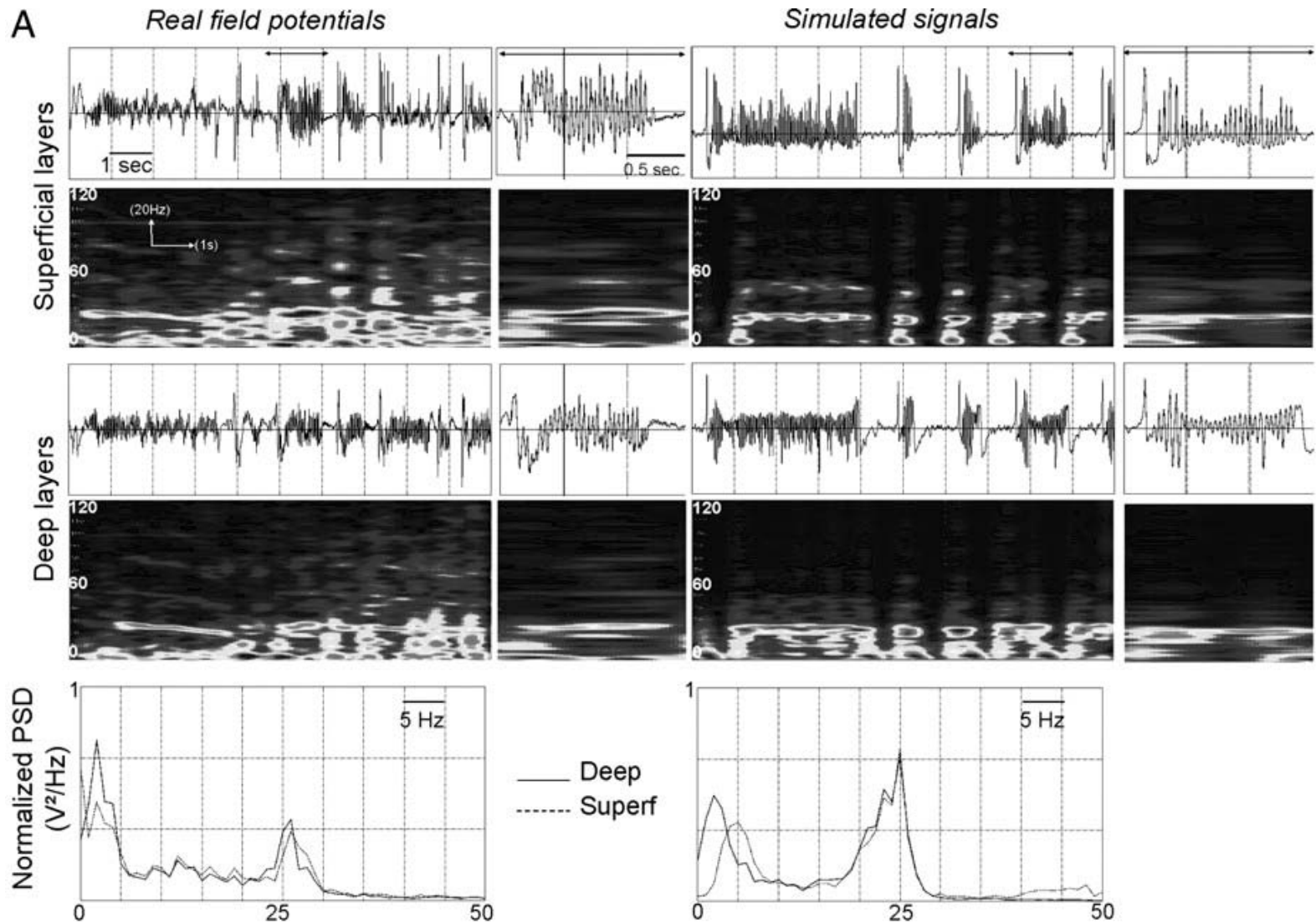
Superficial layers



- Pyramidal N (Glu)
- Stellate N (Glu)
- GABAa fast
- GABAa slow
- GABA_b
- Glycine
- Excitatory IN (Glu)







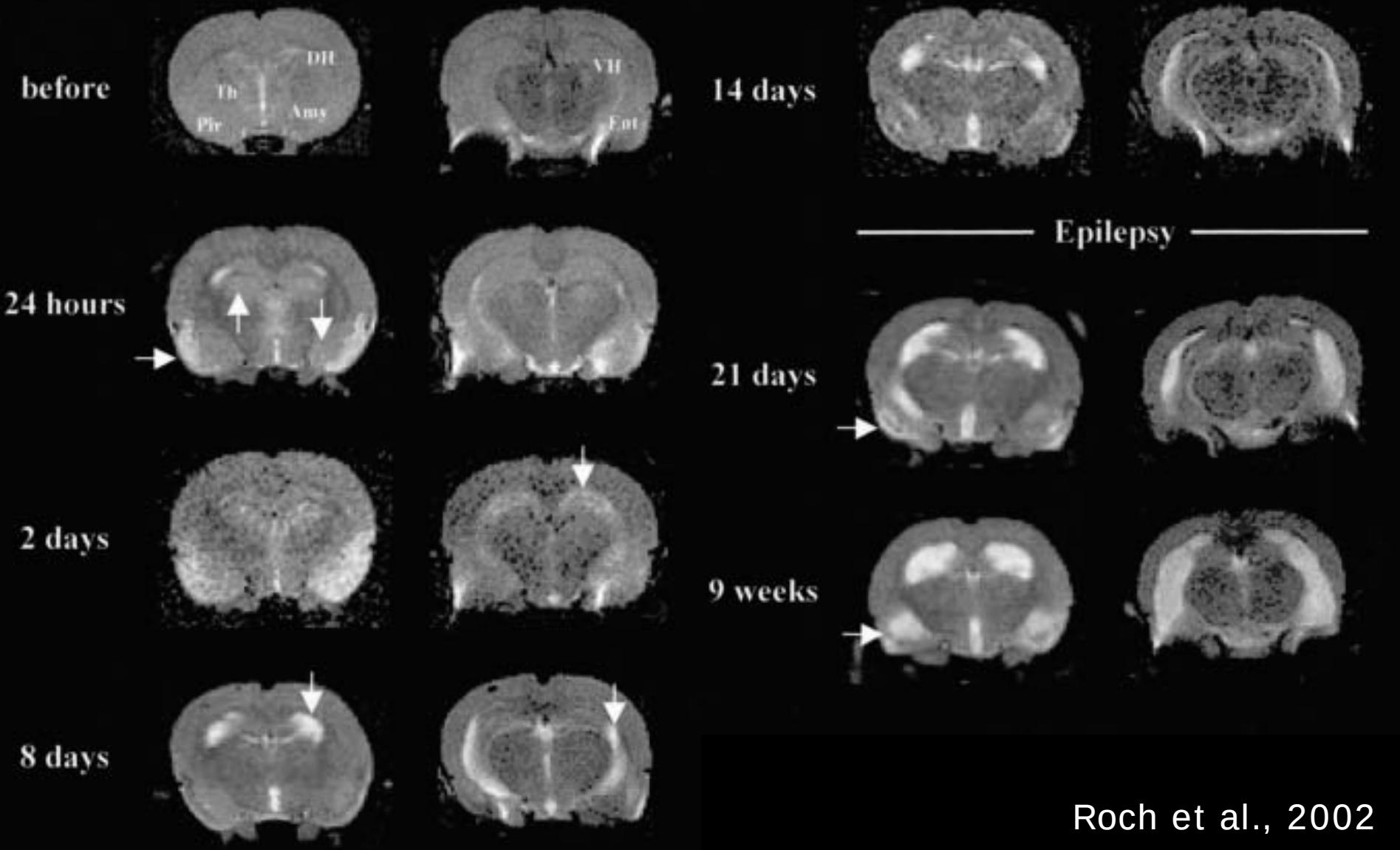
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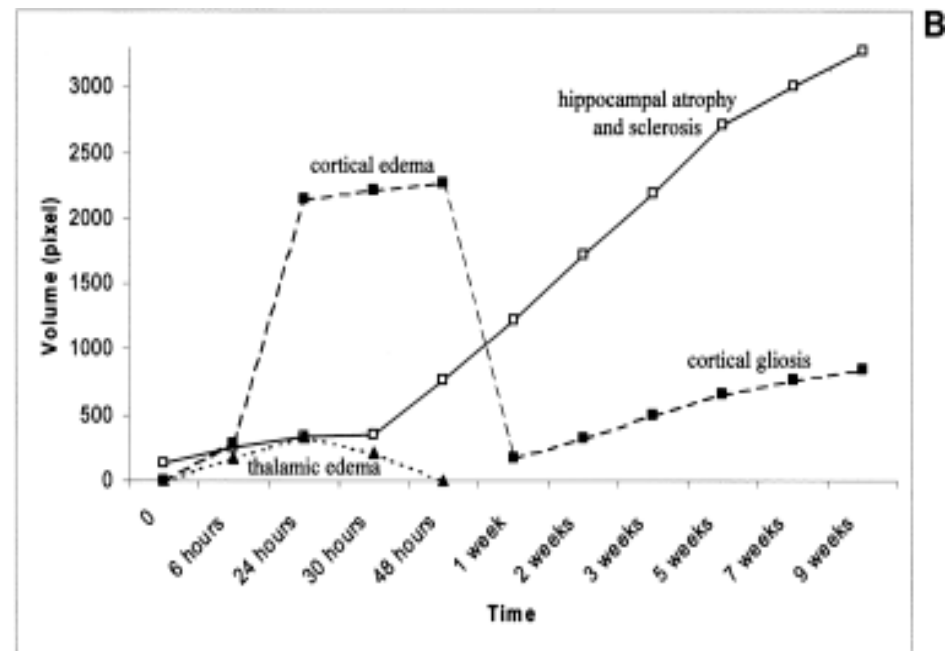
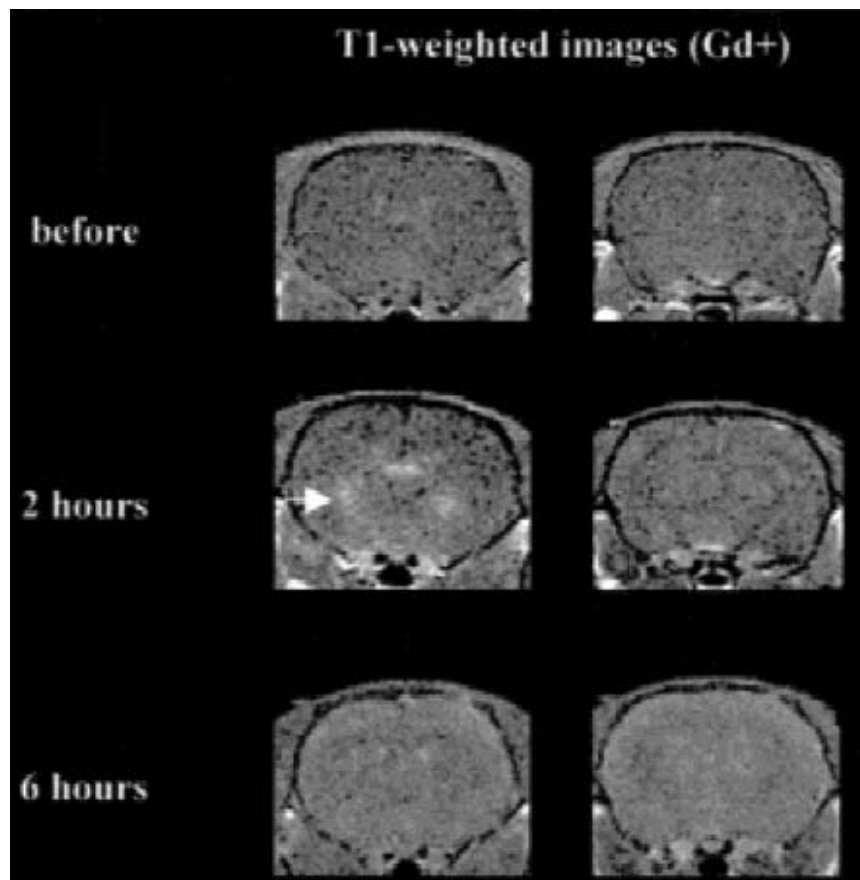
- Seizure-like events that initiate with fast activity at 20-30 Hz can be reproduced in a computer “lumped” model of the EC
- The computer model allows to predict possible mechanisms responsible for the initiation and the termination of ictal discharges
- In the model:
 - the onset of fast activity in the model is generated by a transient reduction of GABA_A-mediated transmission in superficial neurons
 - seizures are terminated by recovery of GABA_B inhibition



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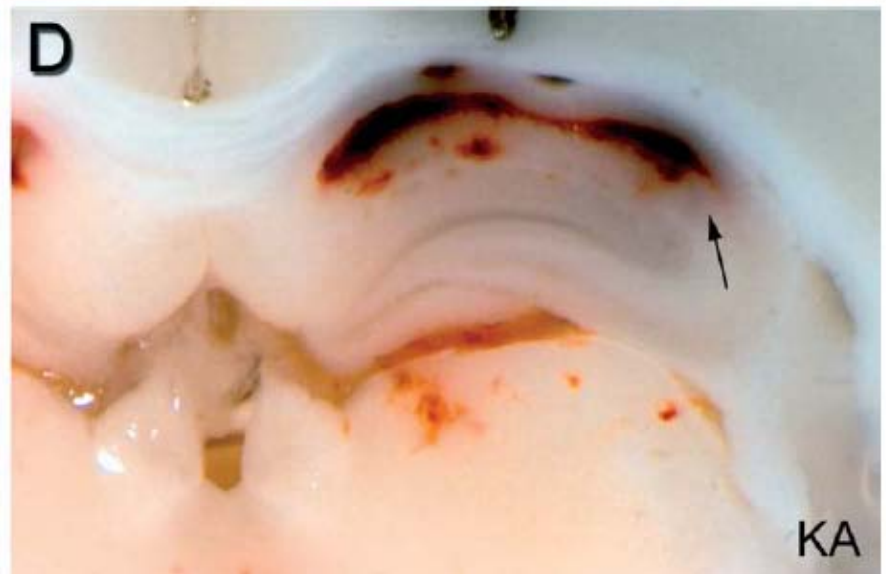
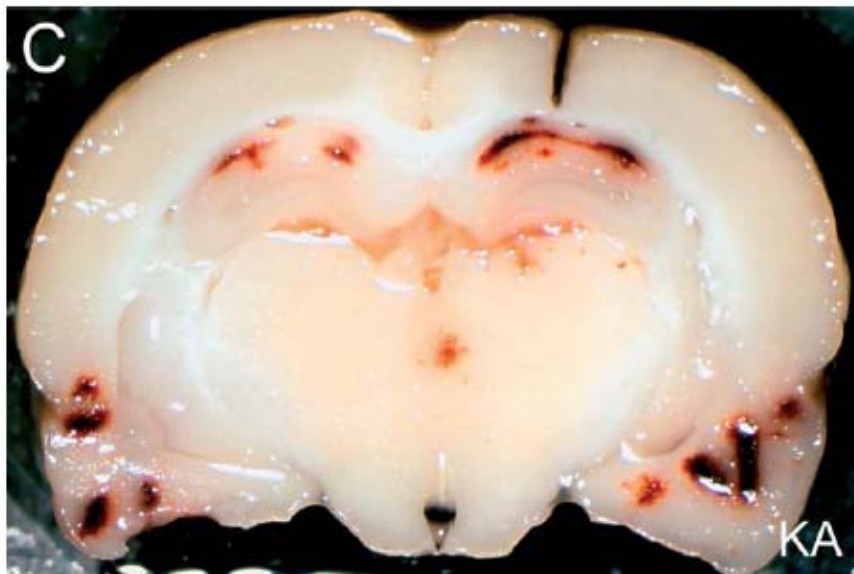
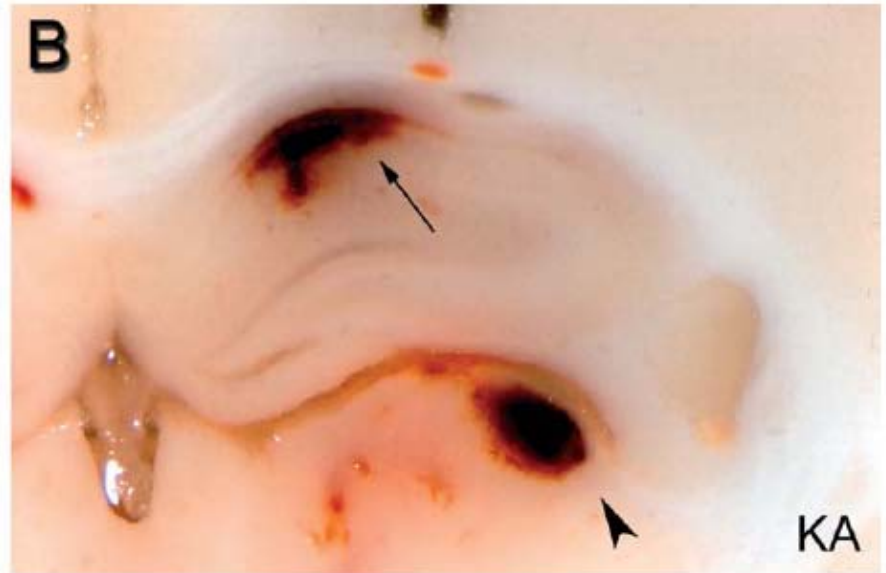
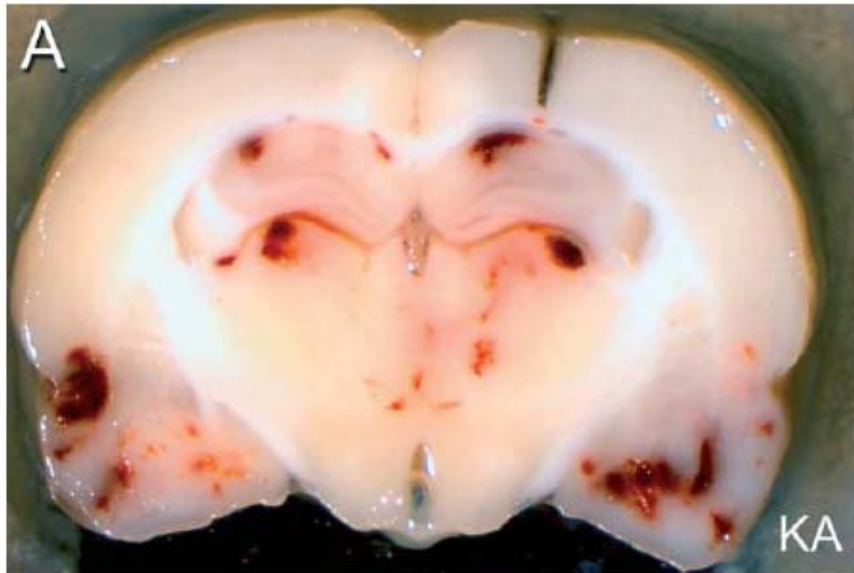
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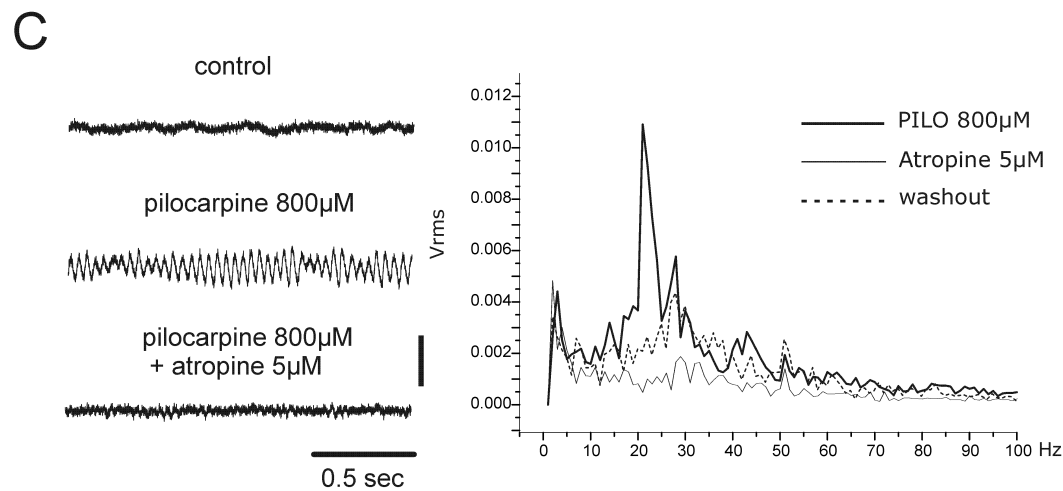
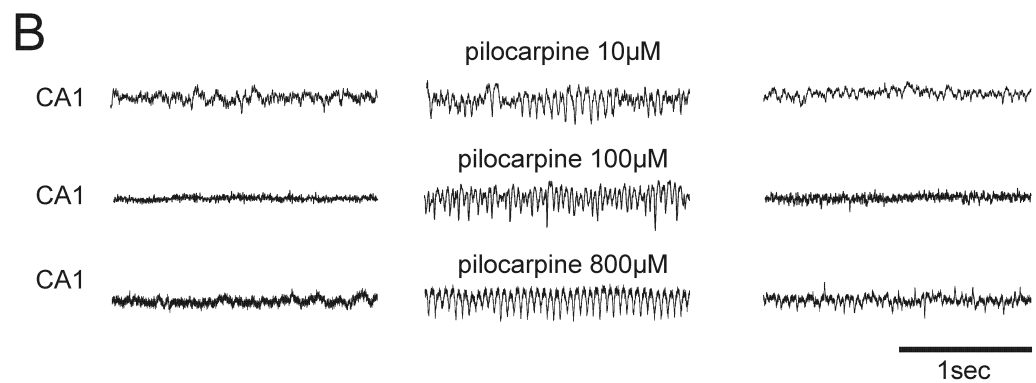
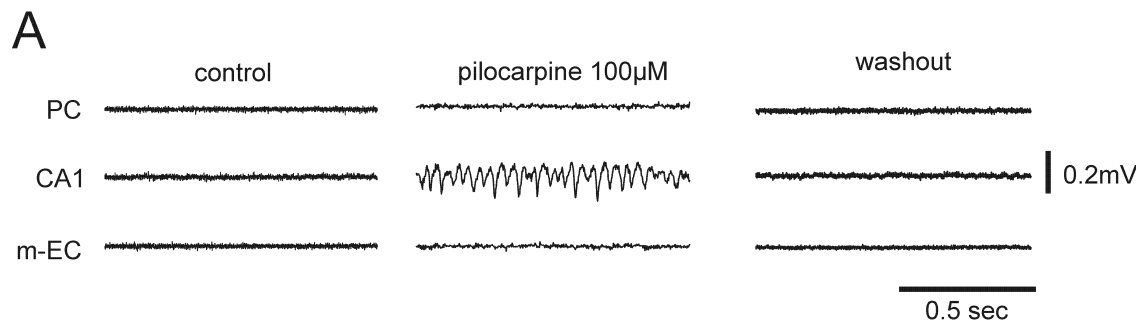
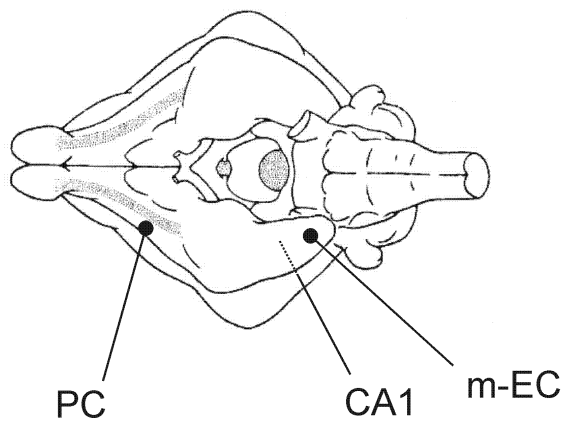


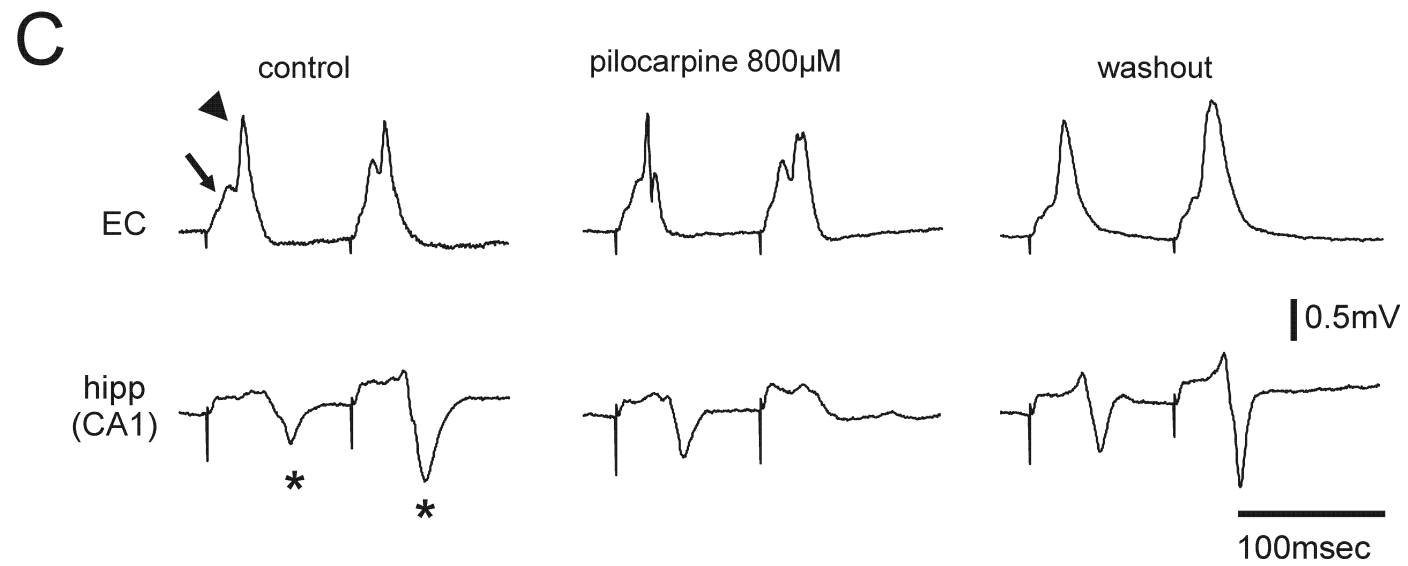
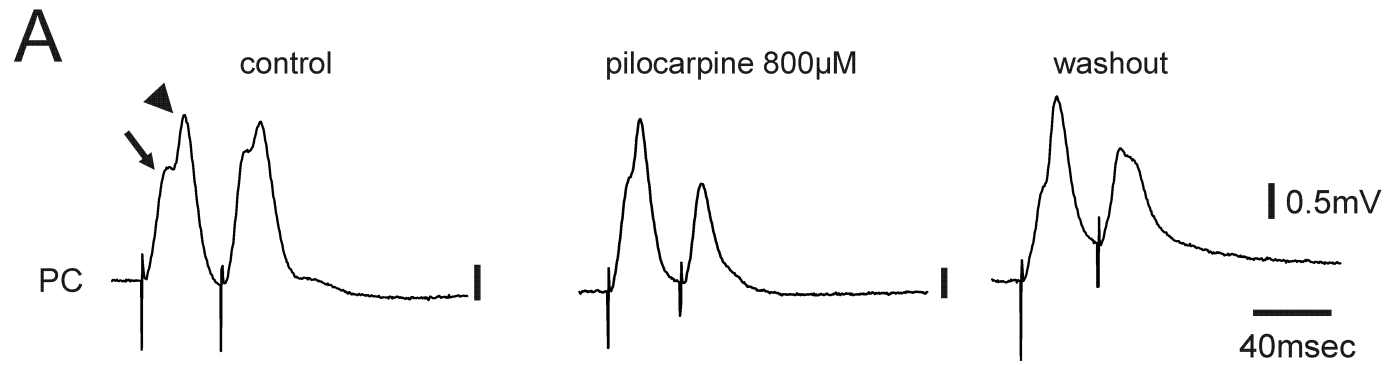


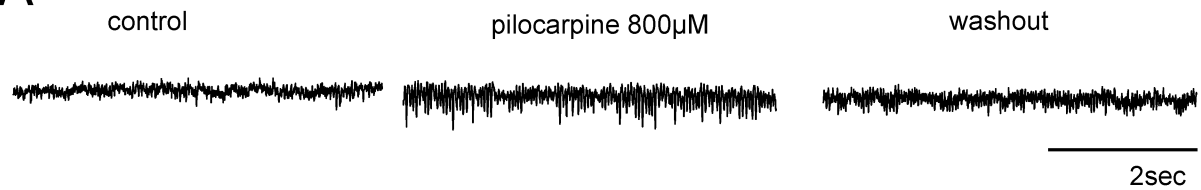
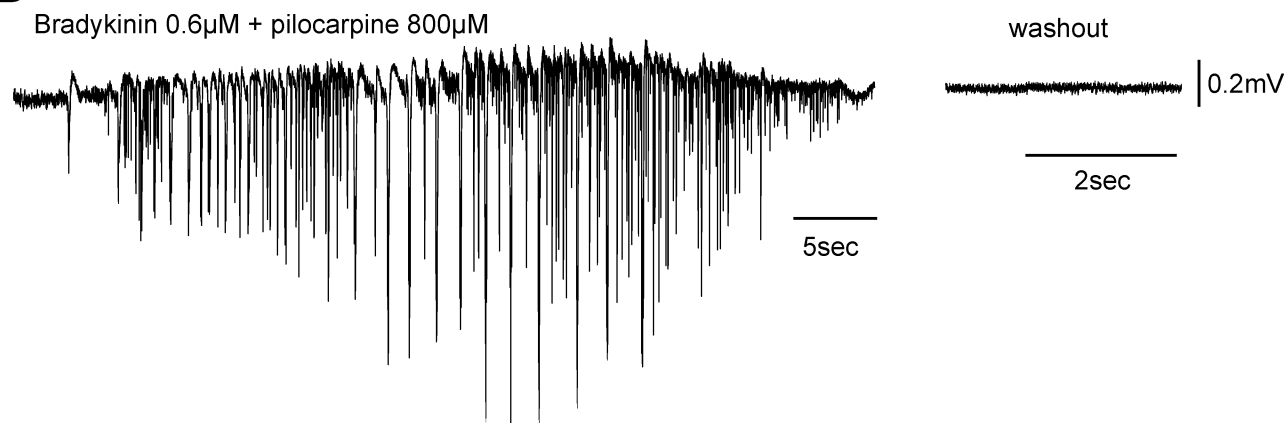
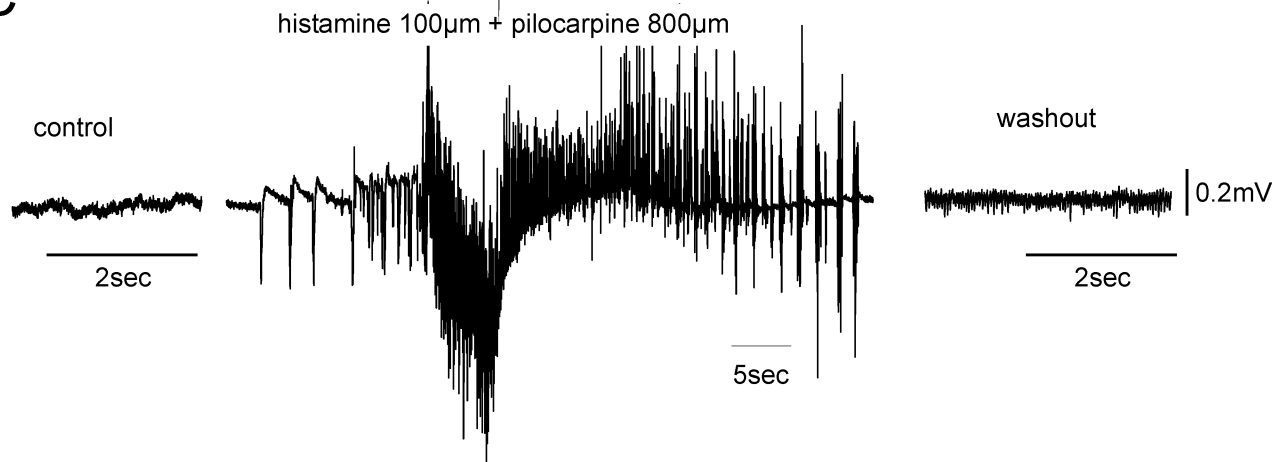
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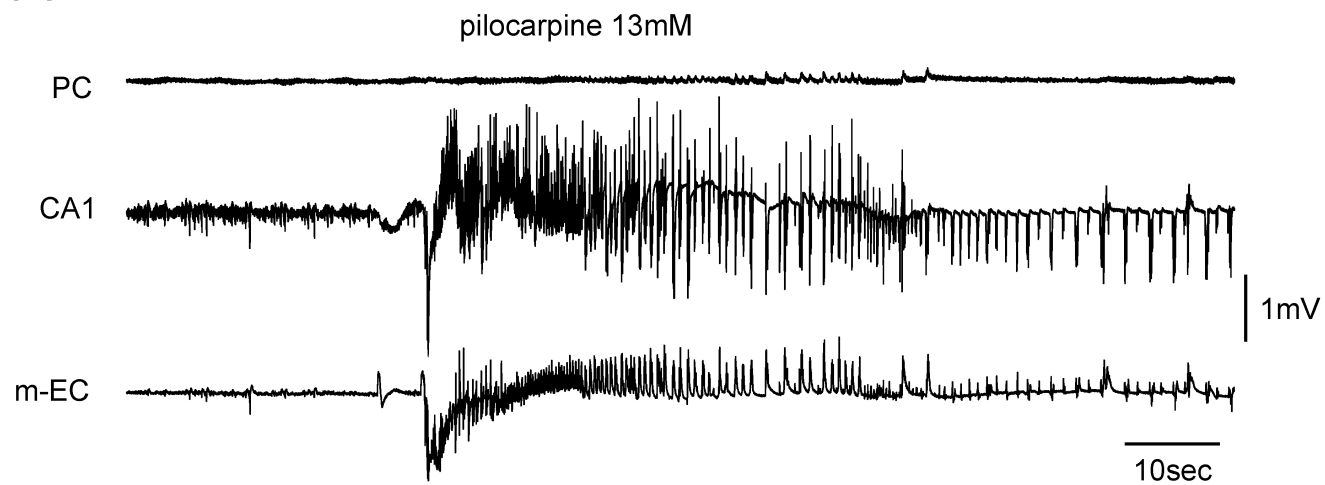




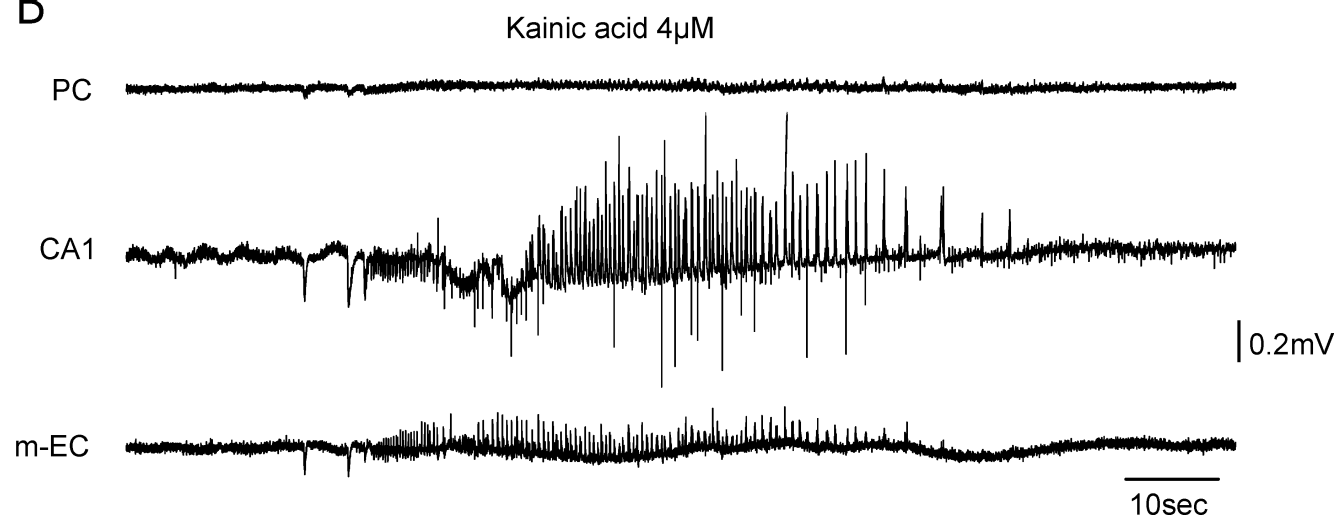


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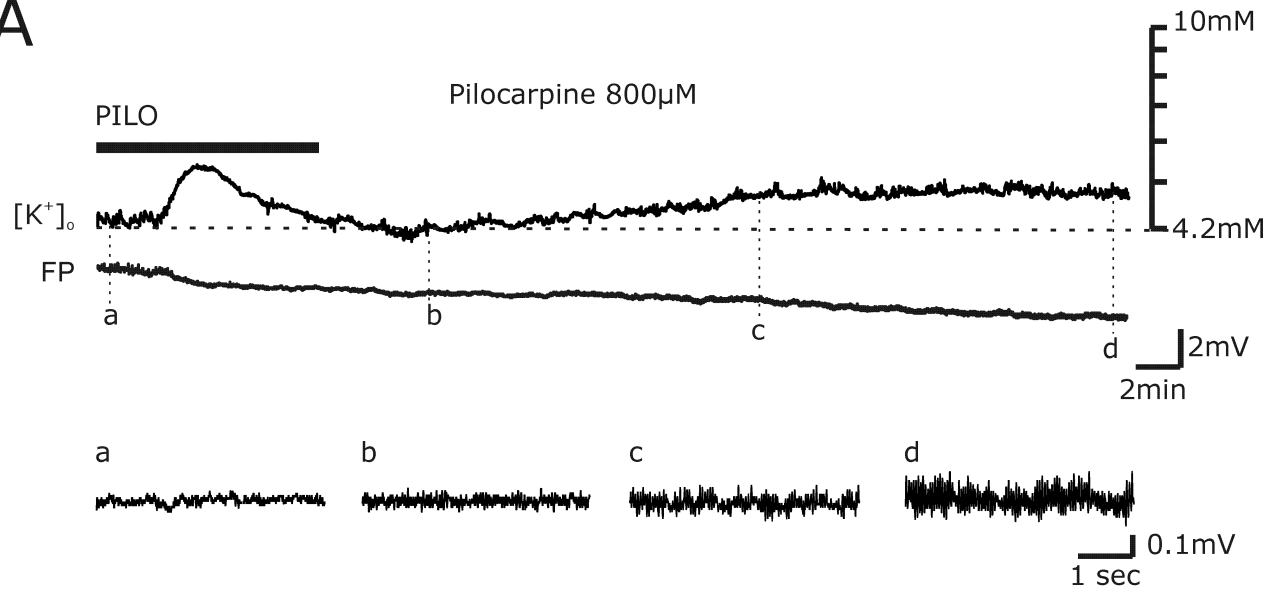
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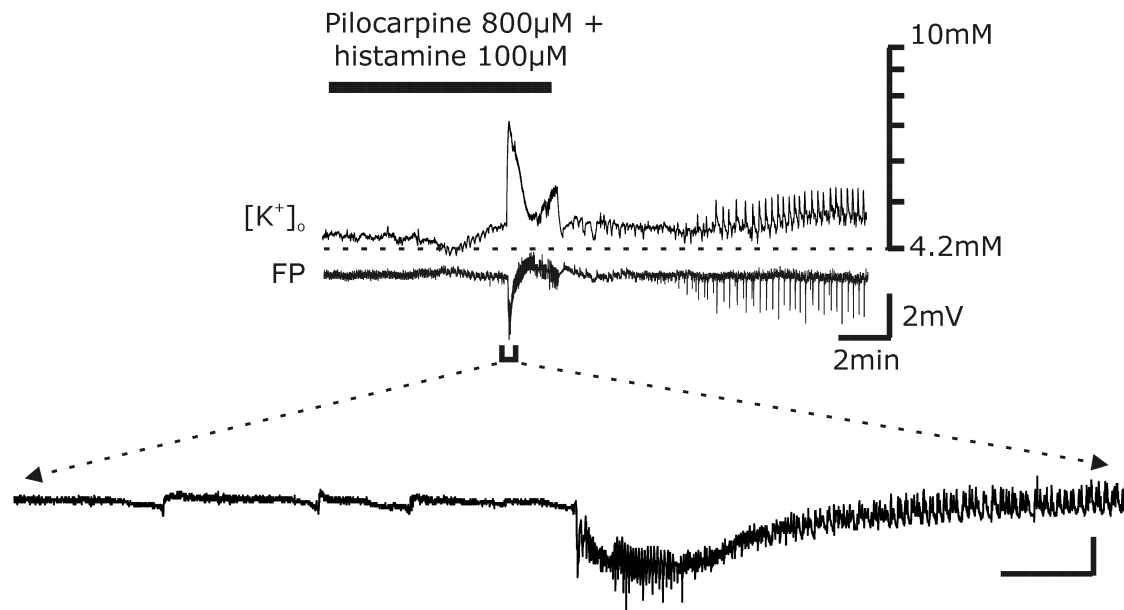
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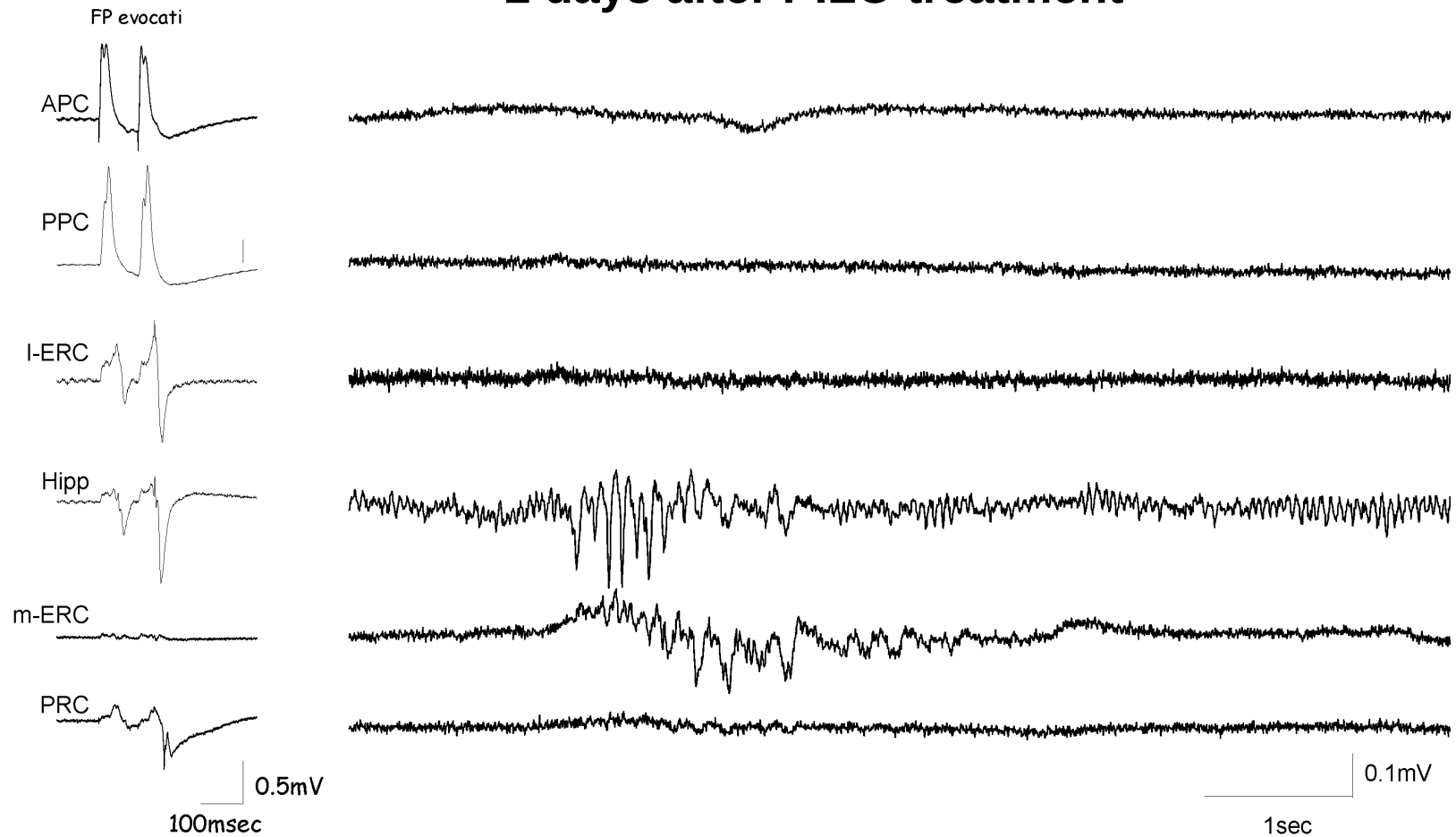


Conclusions (3)

- Perfusion with PILO (10-800 μM) in the guinea pig brain isolated and maintained in vitro does not induce epileptiform activity, but promotes:
 - oscillations in the gamma range,
 - depression of paired pulse stimulation.
- Co-perfusion of PILO and mediators that cause the opening of the blood brain barrier leads to epileptiform activity.
- Our data suggest that:
 - pilocarpine alone is not able to induce epileptiform activity
 - BBB breakdown may contribute to the precipitation of seizures.



Recordings from isolated guinea pig brain in vitro 2 days after PILO treatment



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