

# The Physics of Neuromodulation

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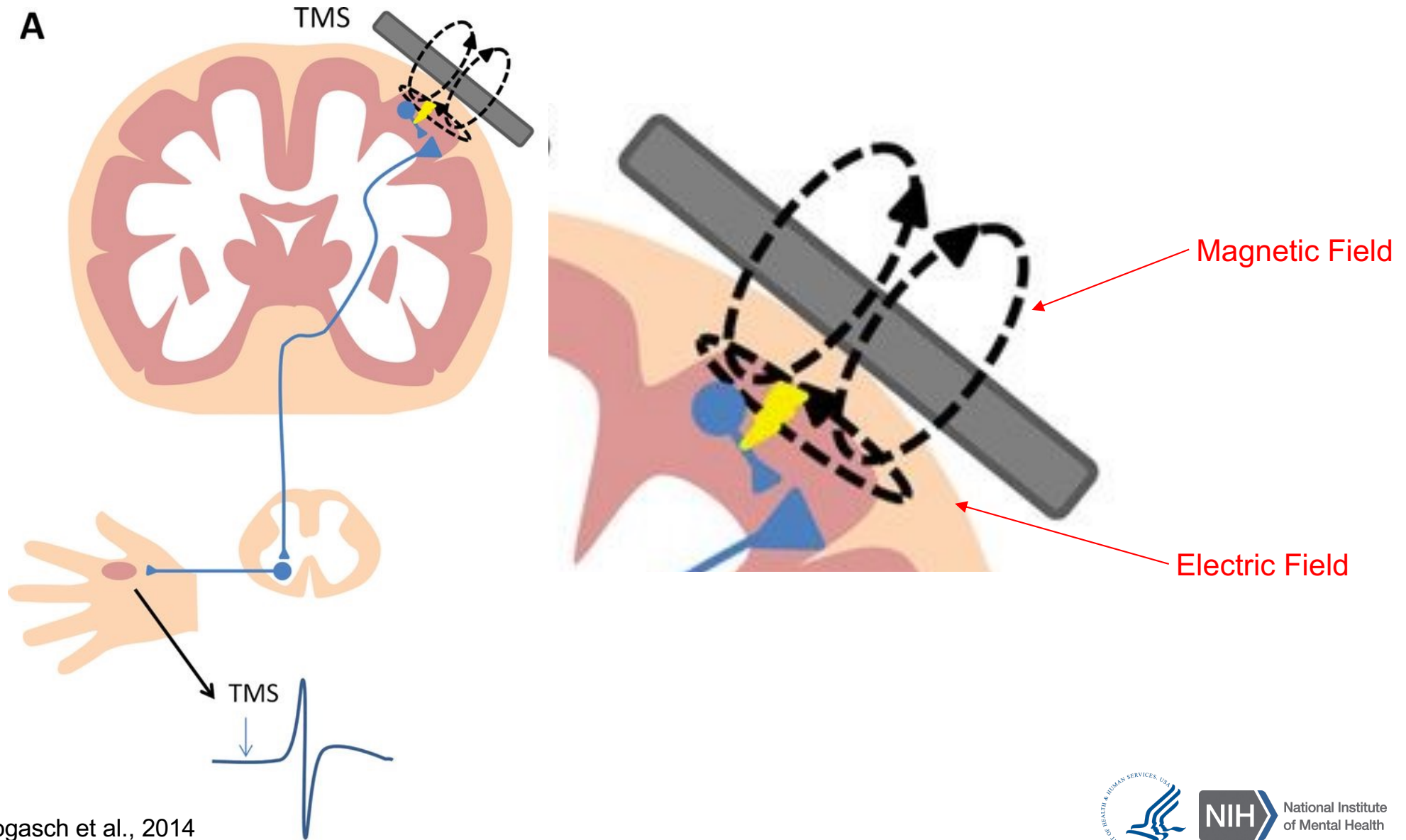
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# A framework for understanding neuromodulation

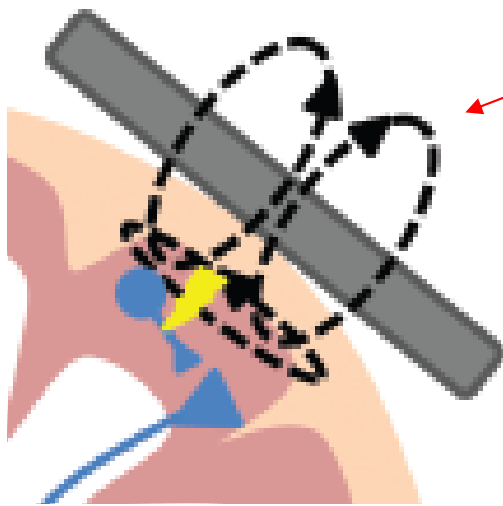
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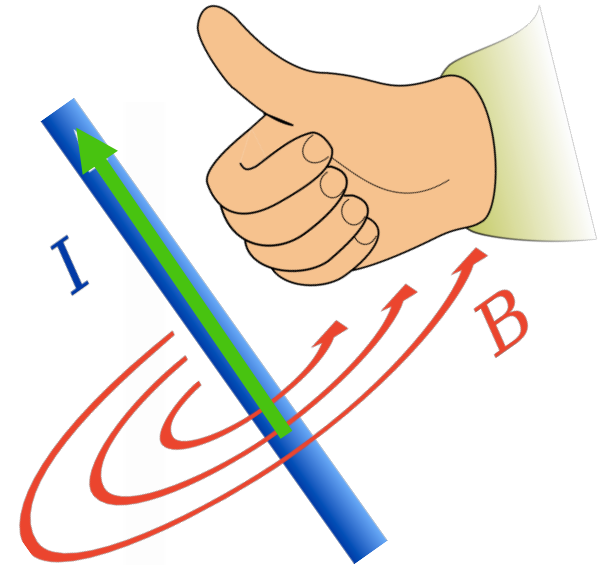
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# How is the magnetic field generated?



Magnetic Field



1.5 to 2T

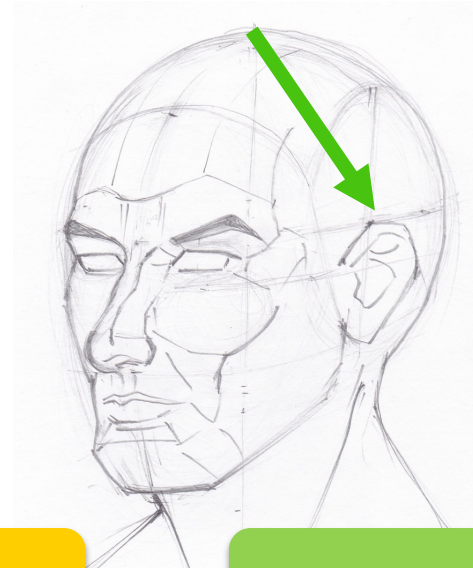
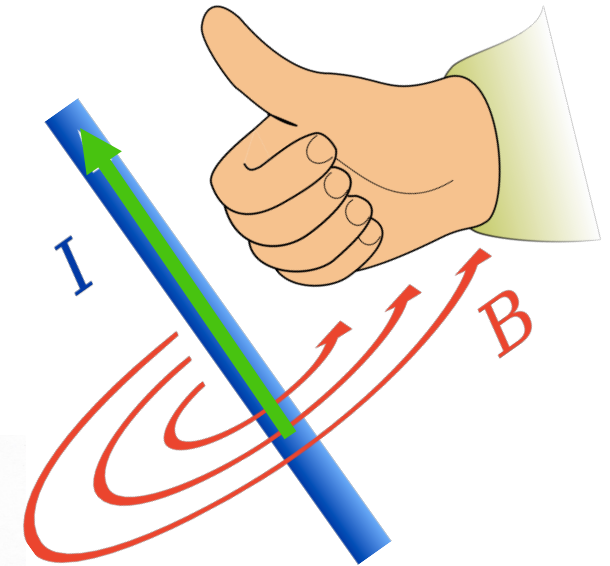
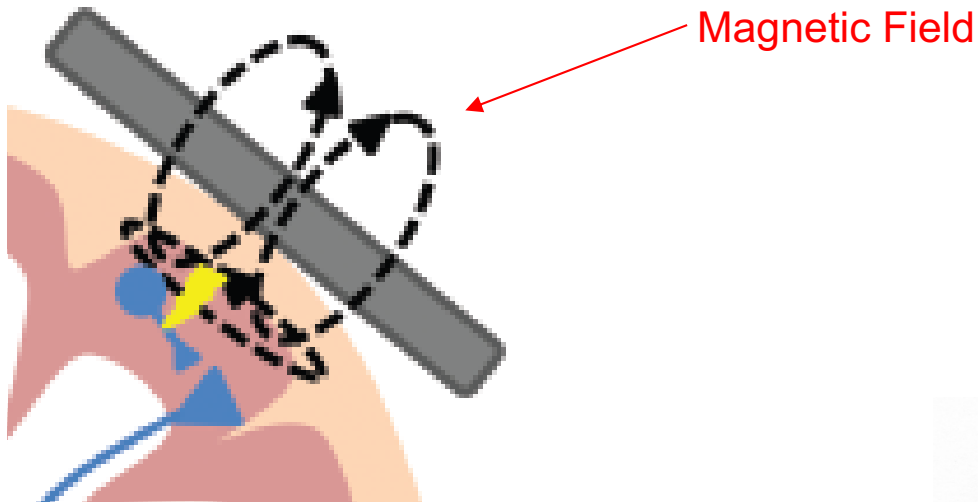


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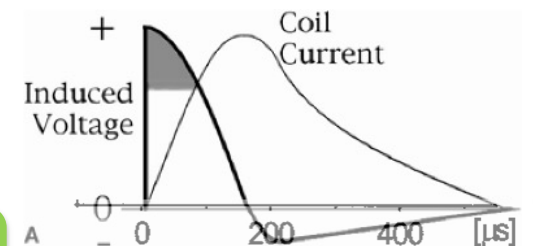


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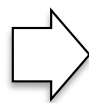
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$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt},$$



Current in the coil



Magnetic Field



Electric Field in the Brain



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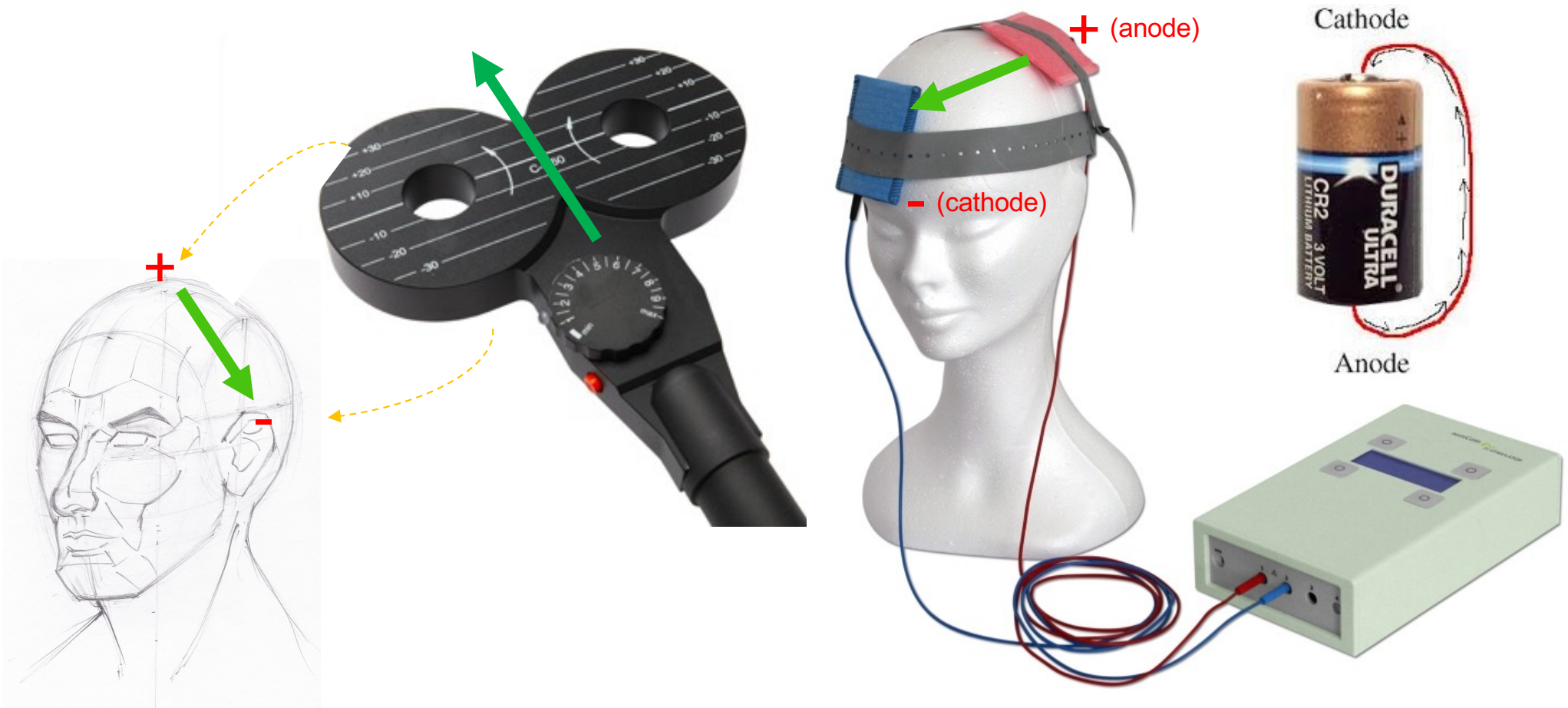
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Field



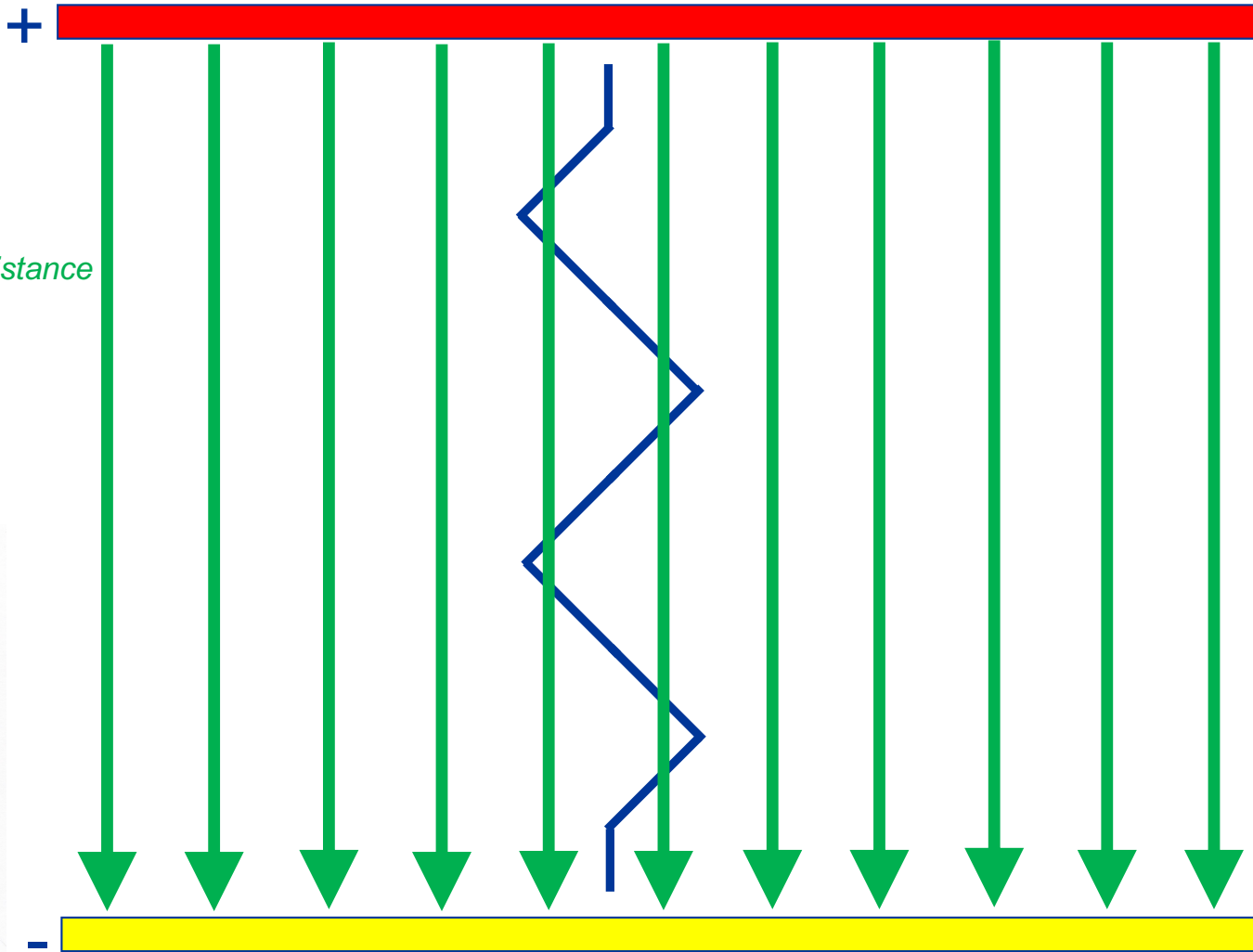
Electric Field  
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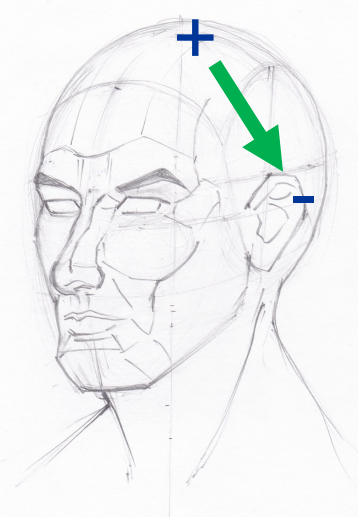
# tDCS applies current directly to the scalp



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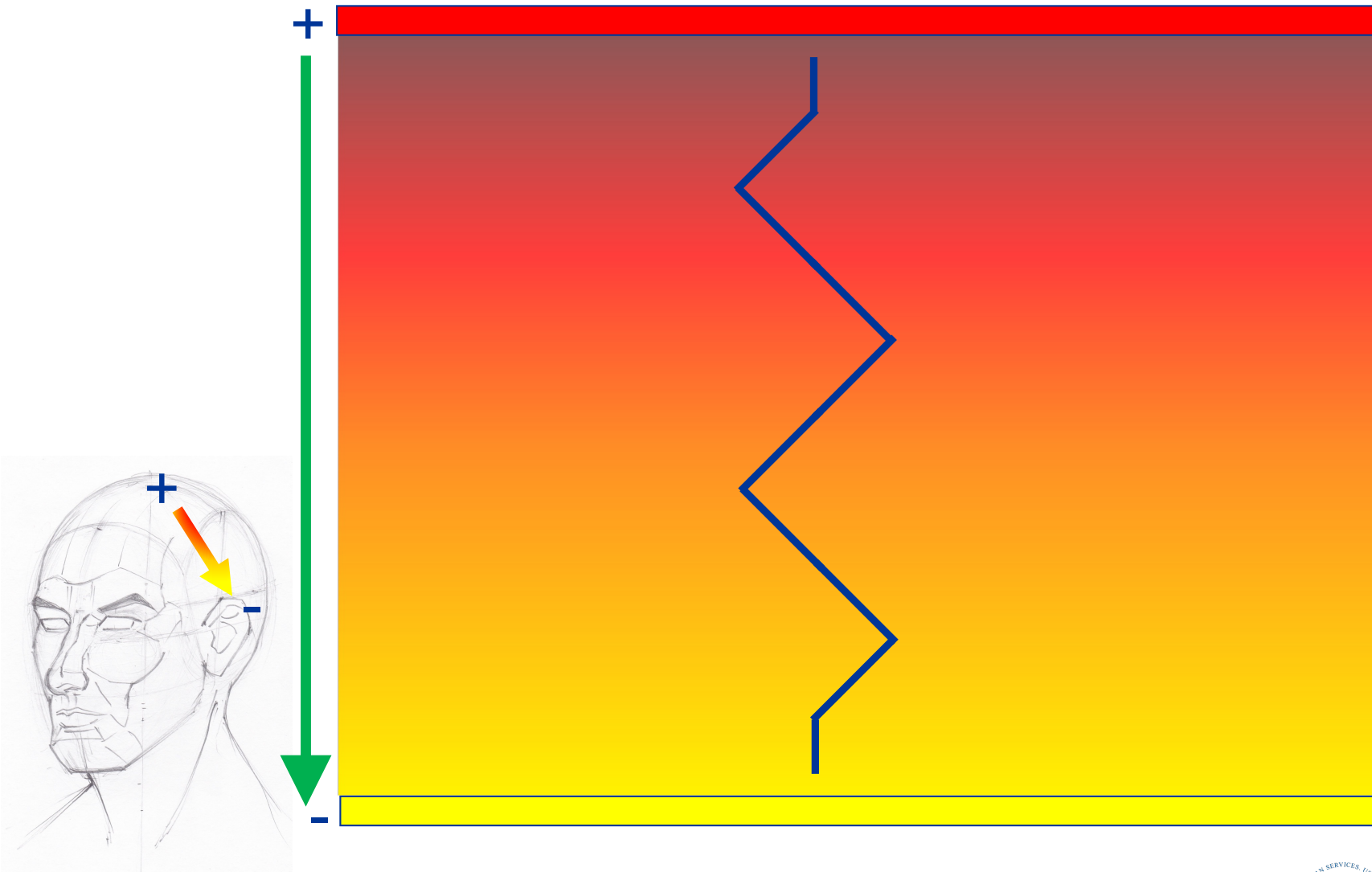


$v=ir$   
voltage = current \* resistance

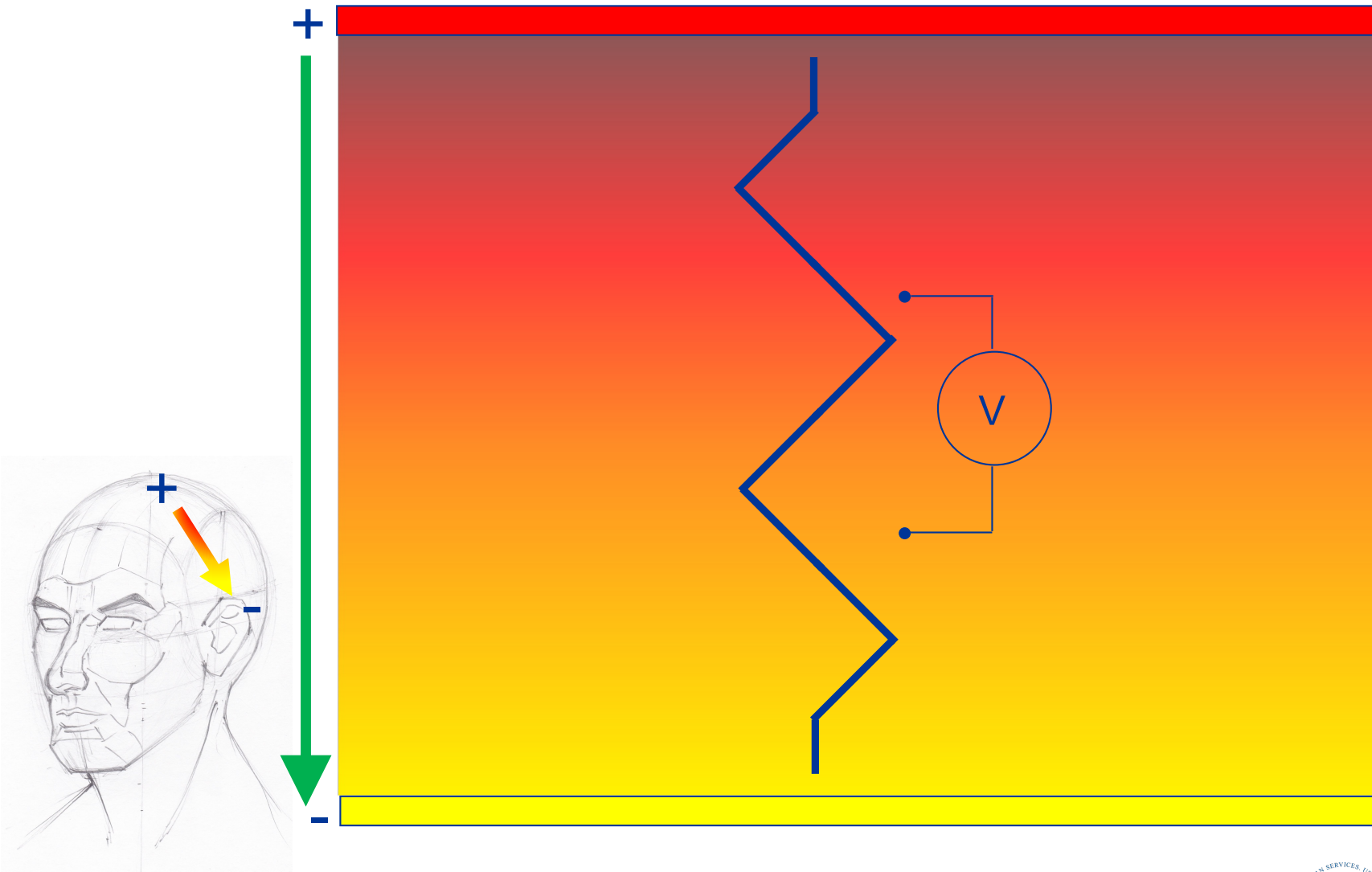




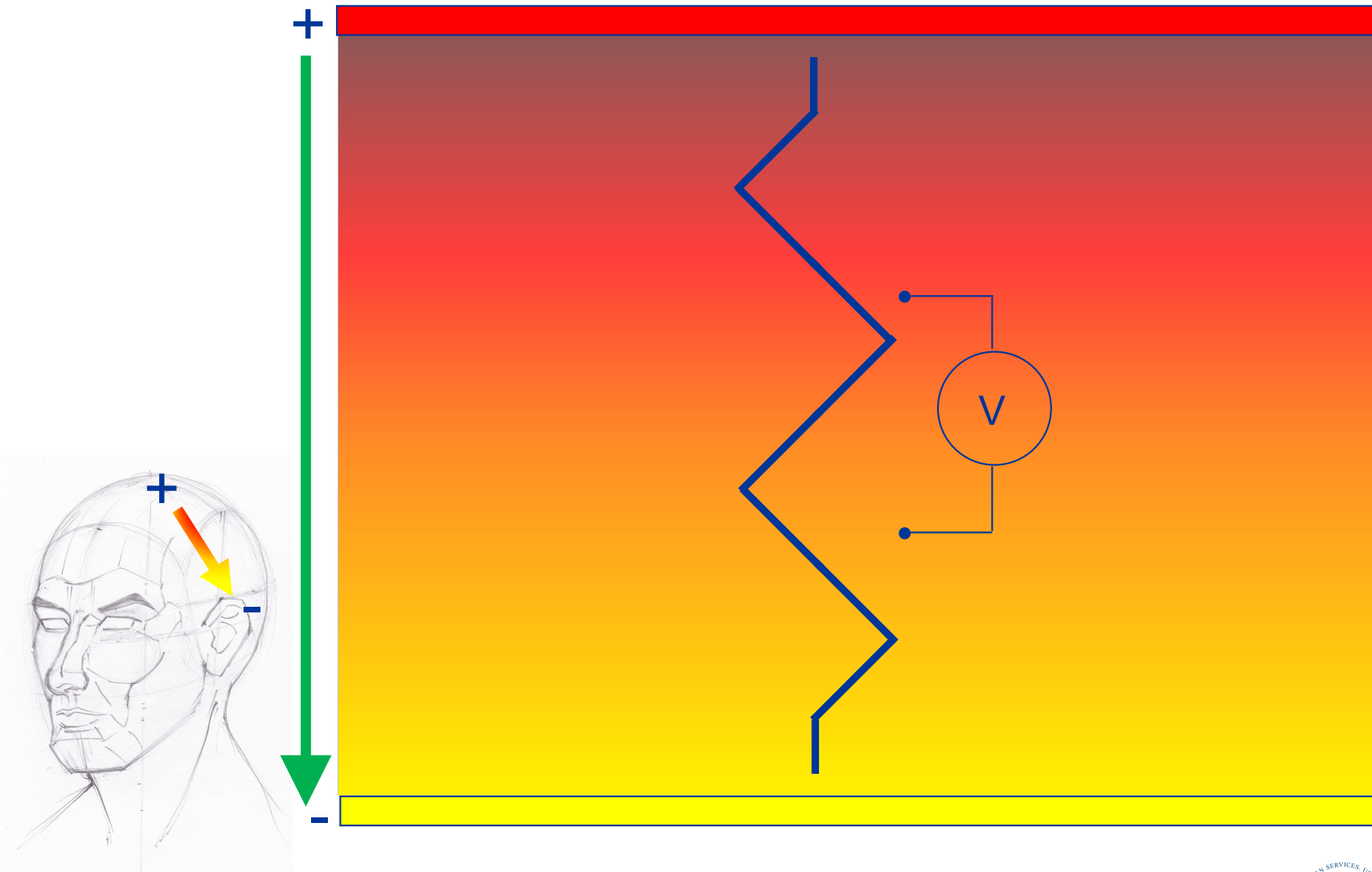
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Electric Field = Volts per meter (1<sup>st</sup> spatial derivative of V)

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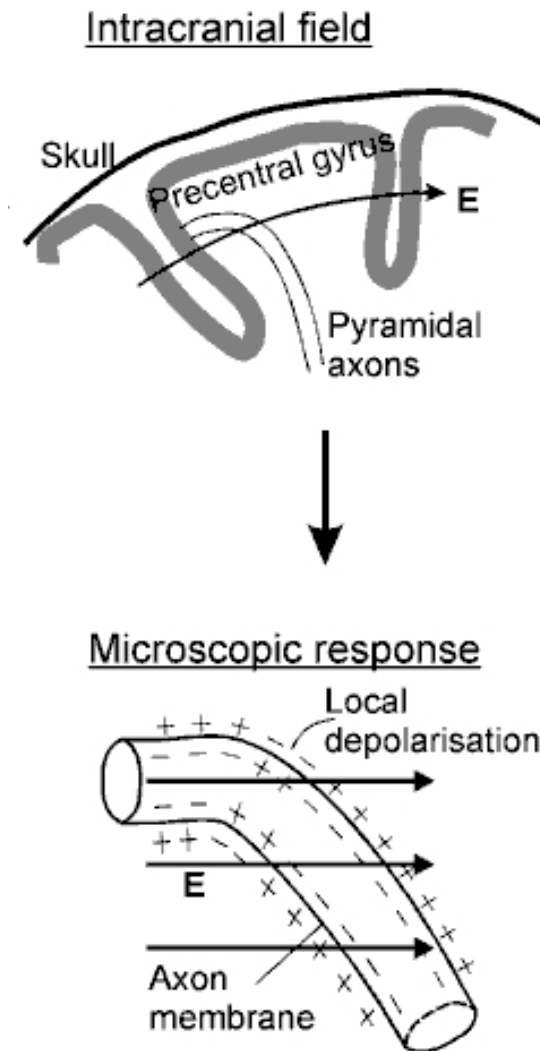
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Electric Field = 1<sup>st</sup> spatial derivative of Voltage  
in units of V/m

Activating Function = 2<sup>nd</sup> spatial derivative of Voltage  
1<sup>st</sup> spatial derivative of Electric Field  
in units of V/m<sup>2</sup>

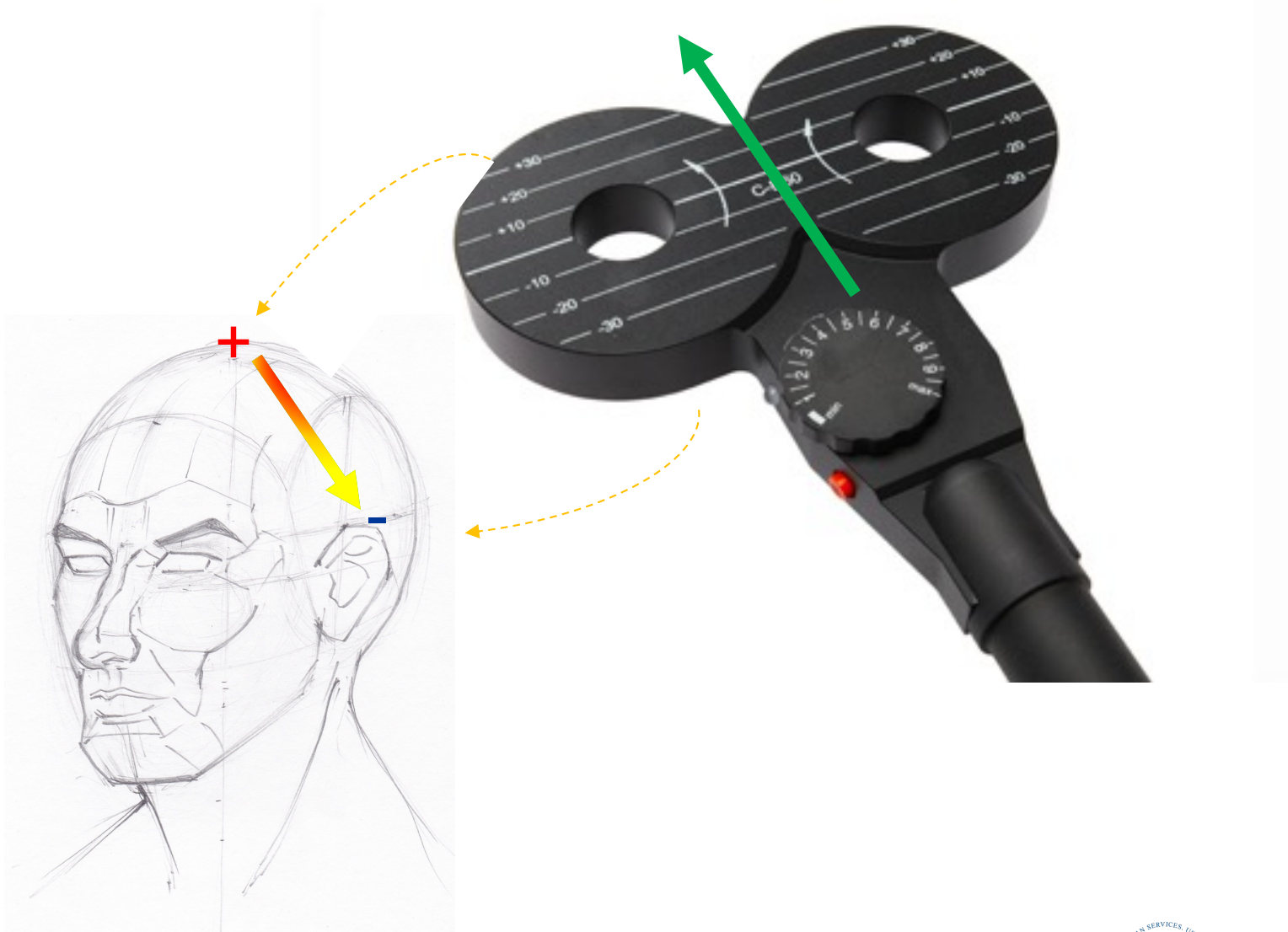


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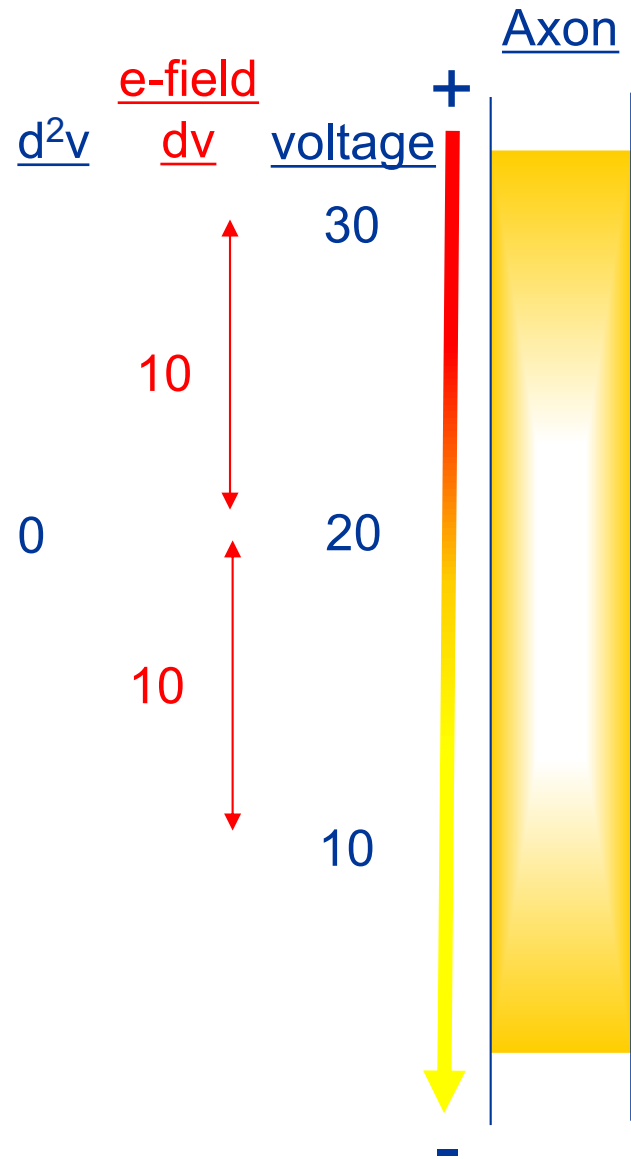
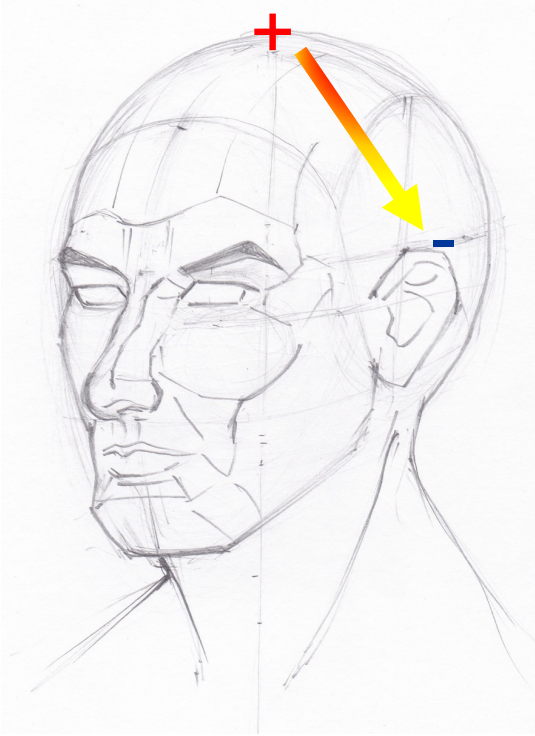


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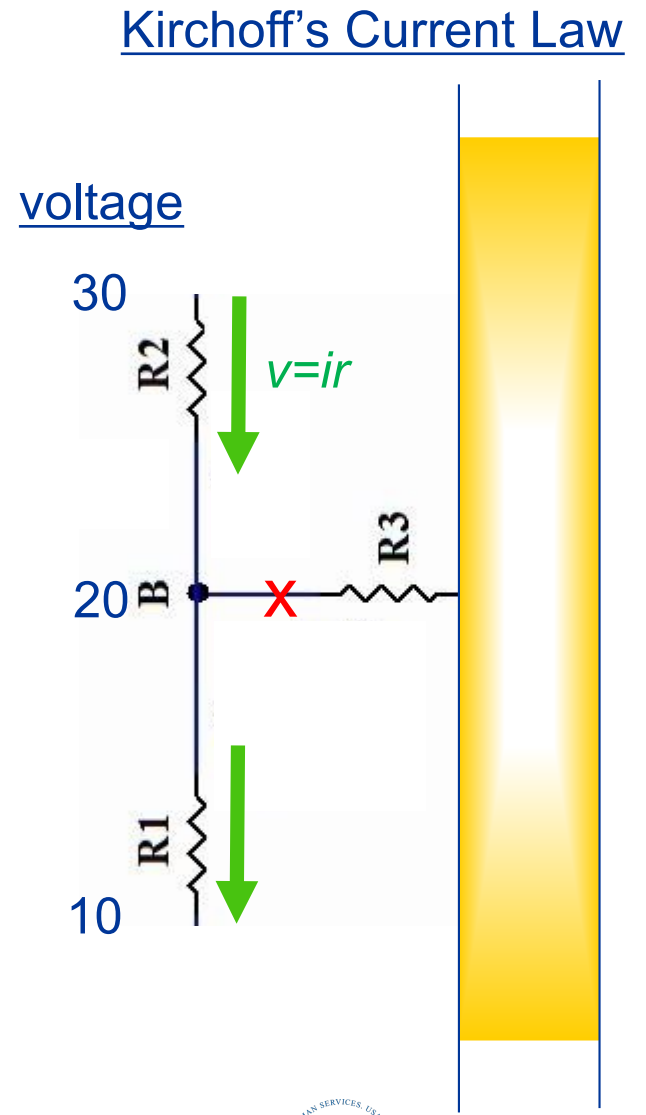
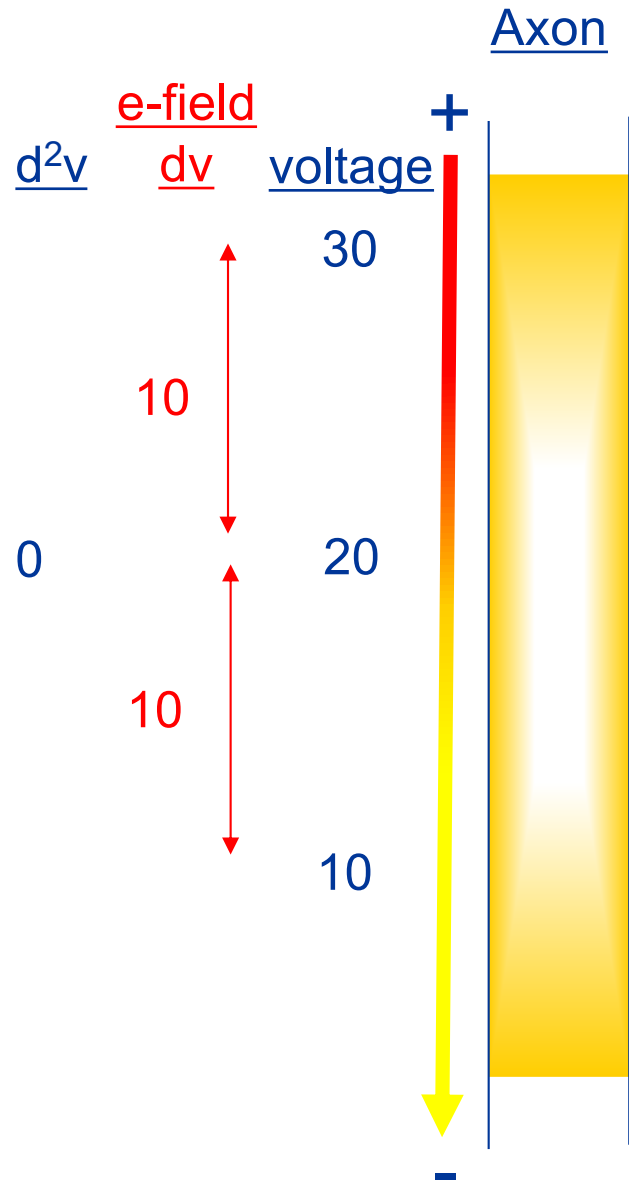
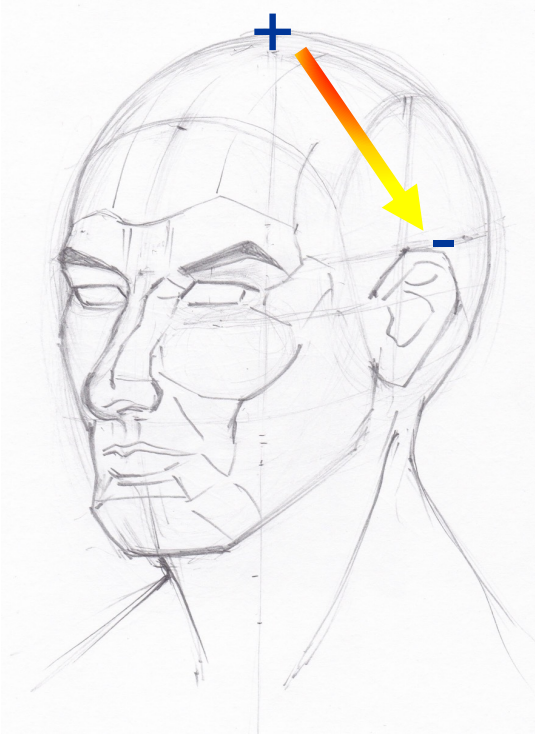
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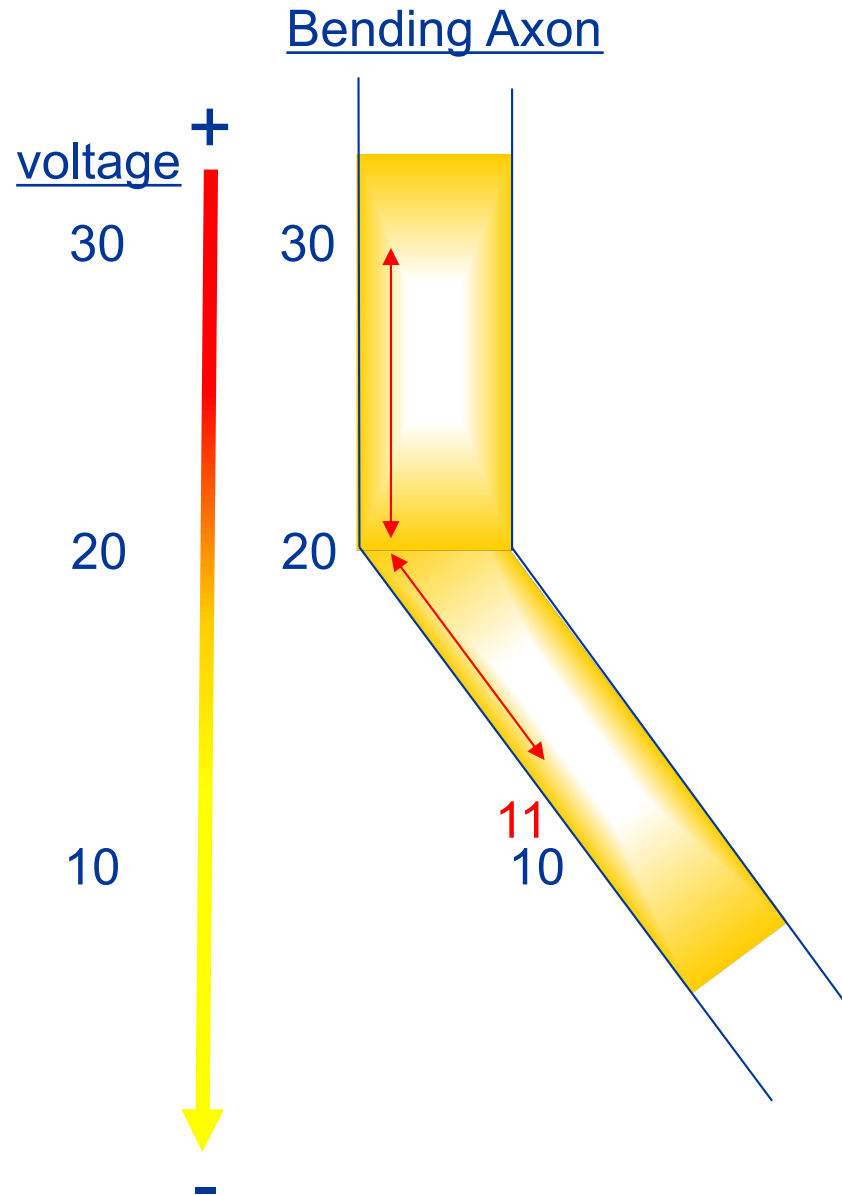


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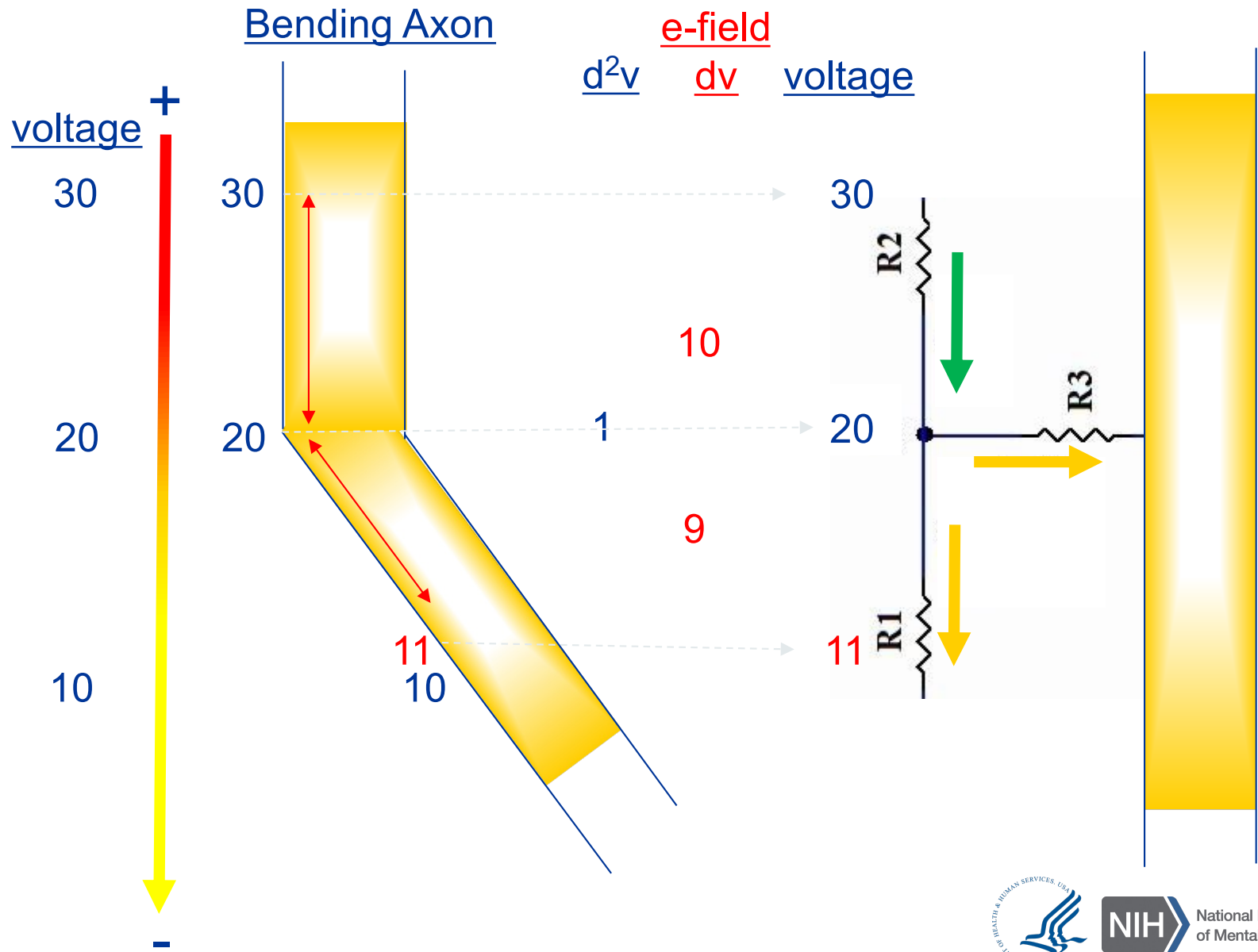




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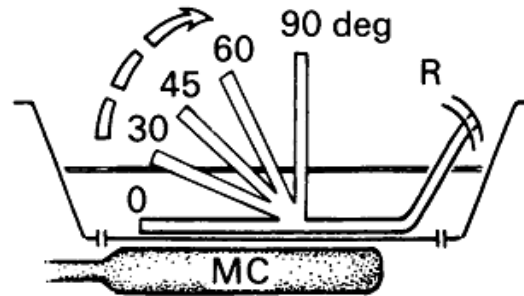


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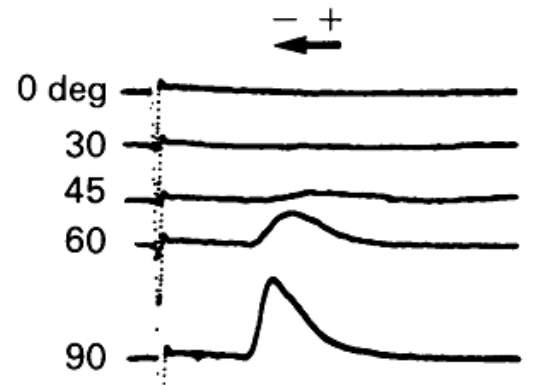


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A Cat phrenic  
CV = 44.9 m s<sup>-1</sup>  
22–24 °C



B Monophasic MC 12.5%



0.5 ms | 1 mV

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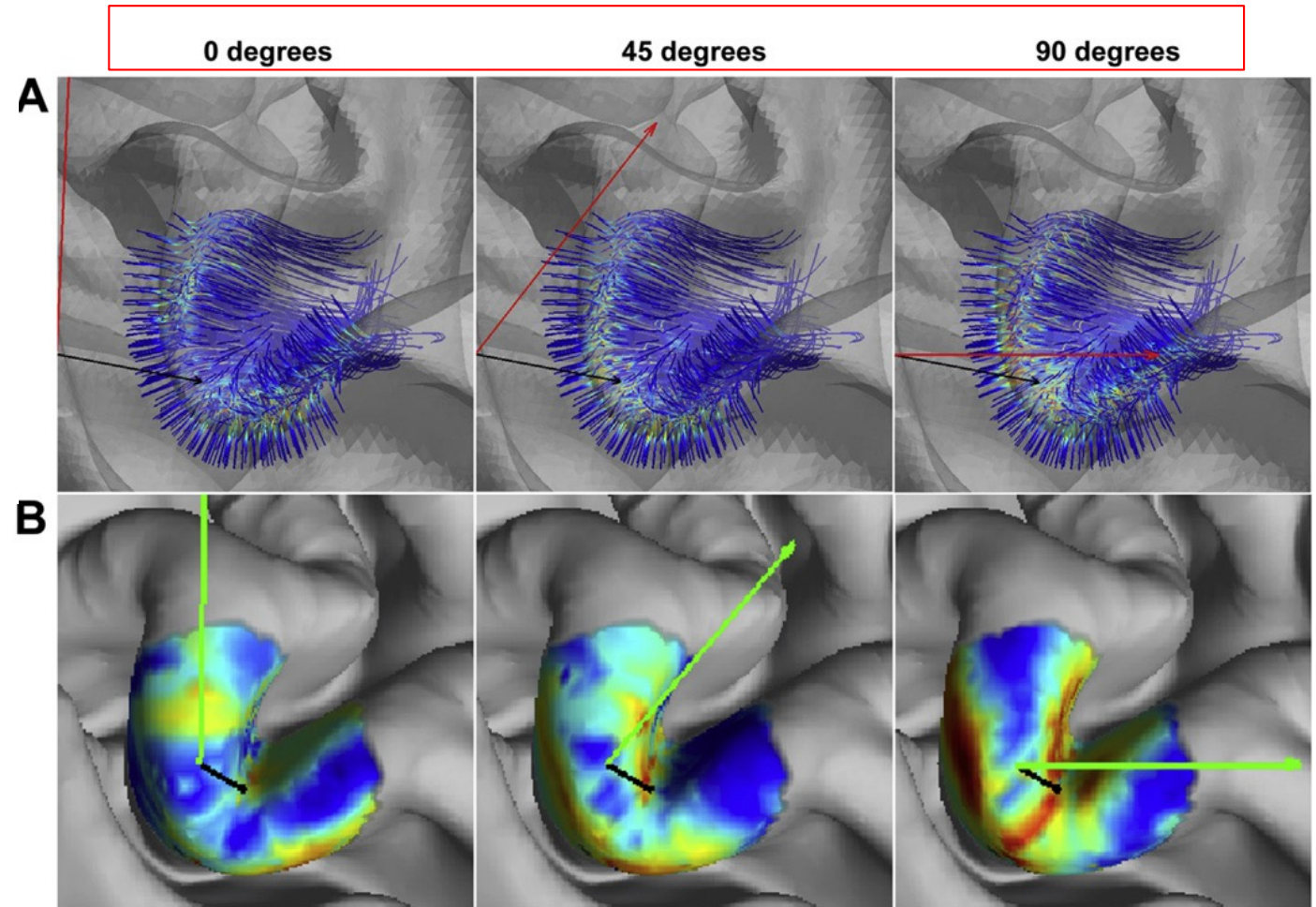
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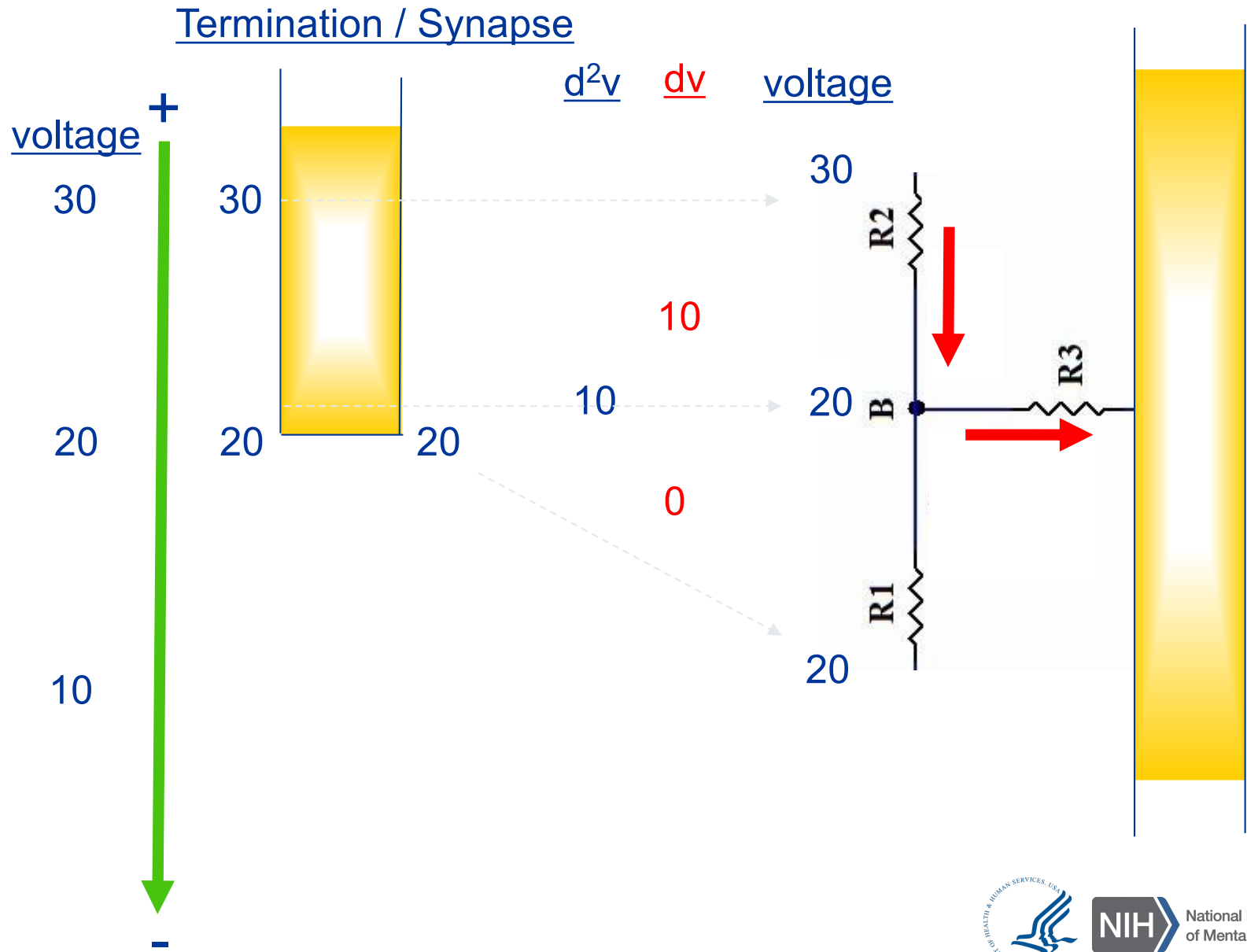
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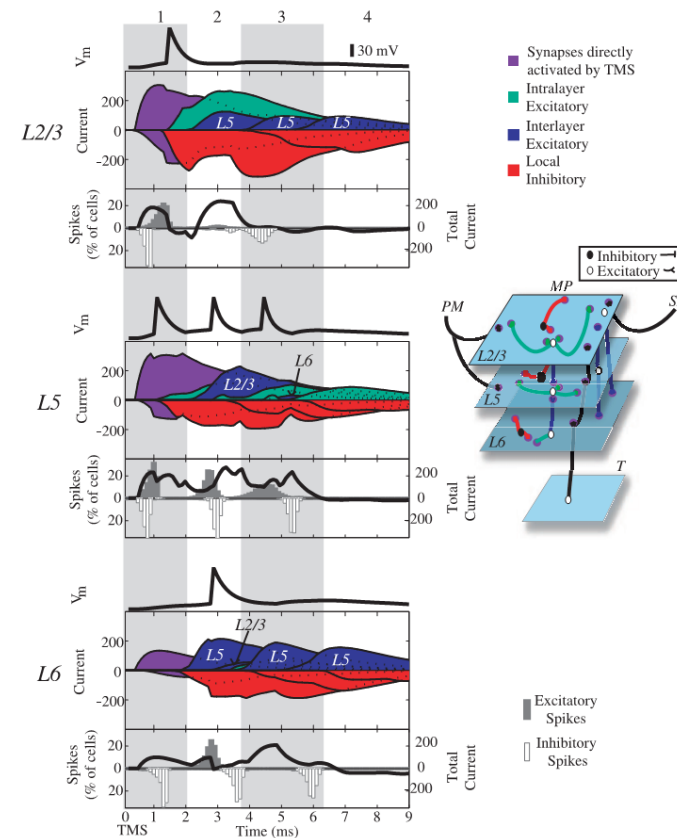
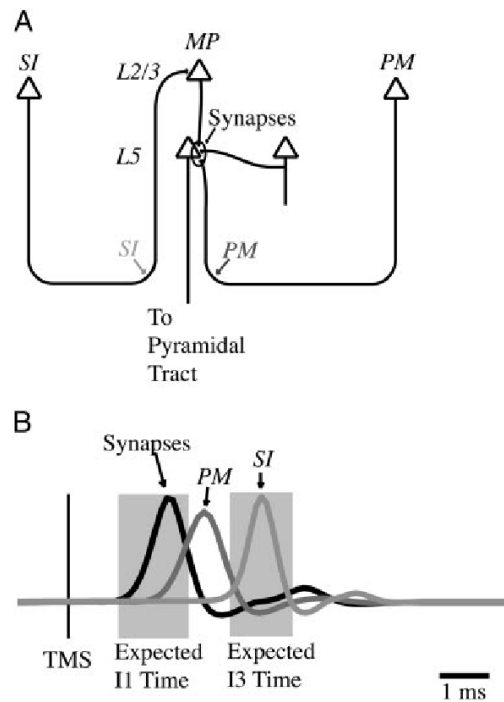
Nummenmaa et al., 2014



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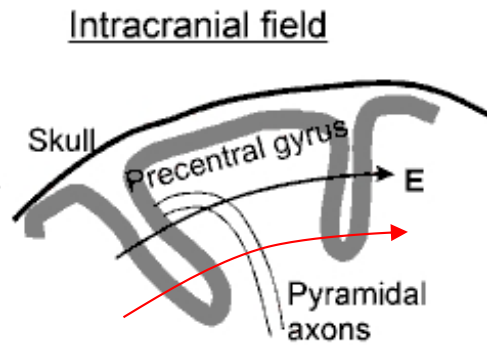
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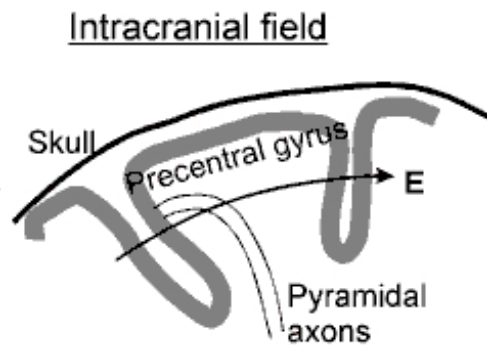


# Increasing stimulator output increases magnetic field depth and breadth

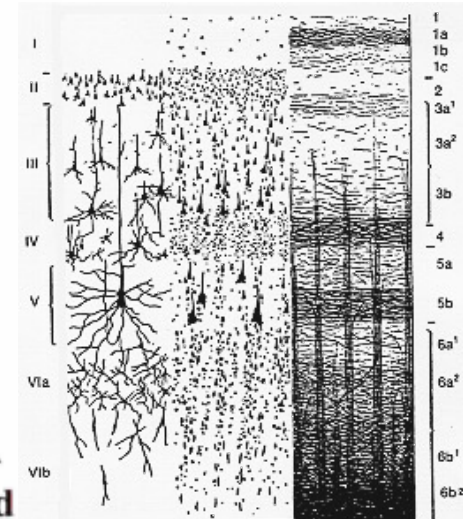
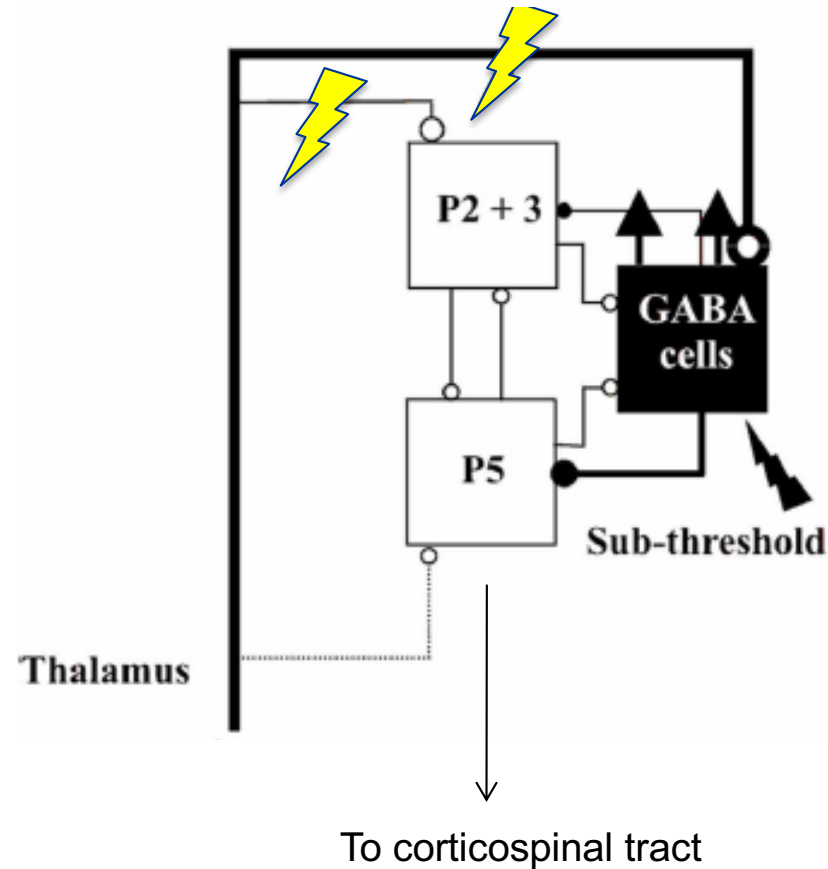




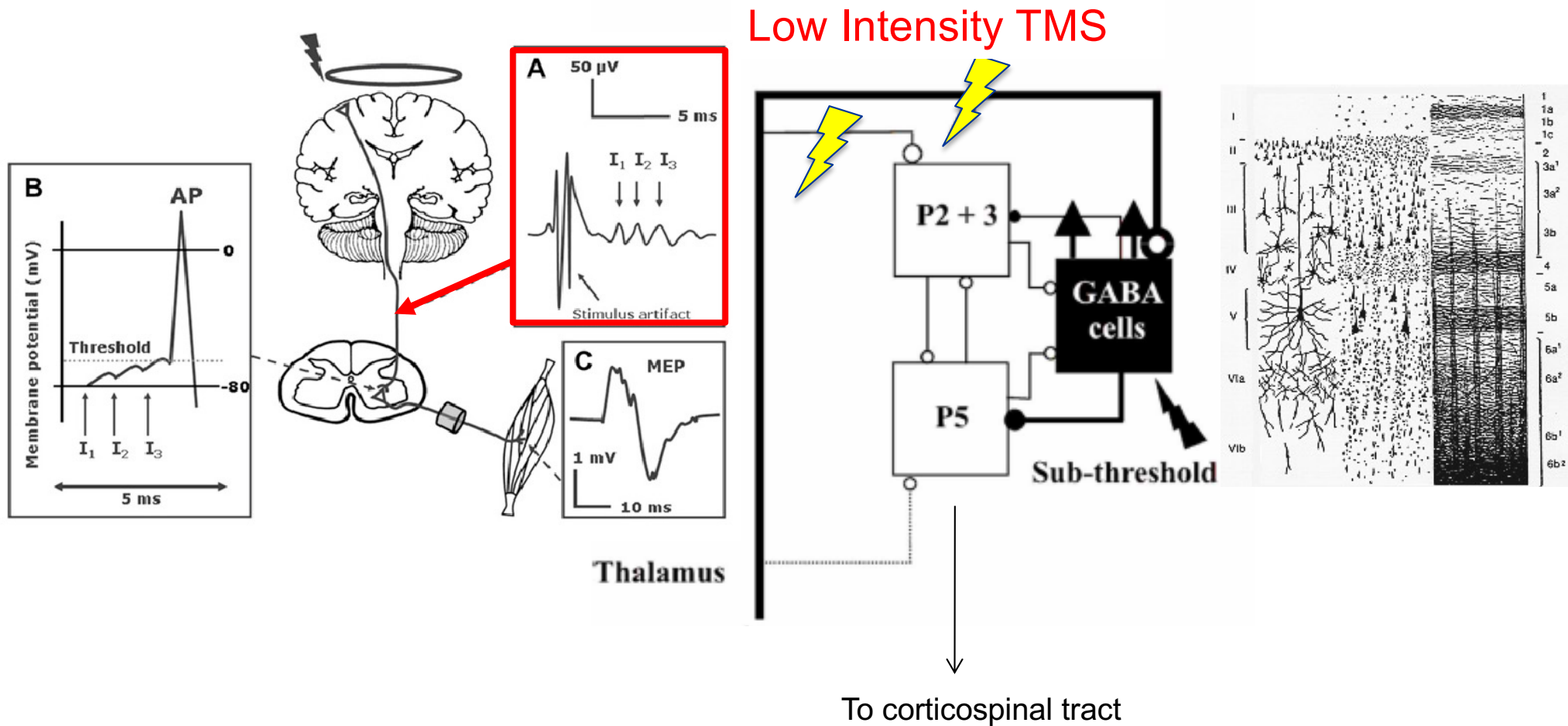
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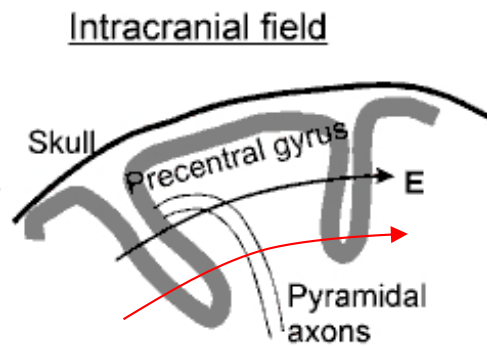
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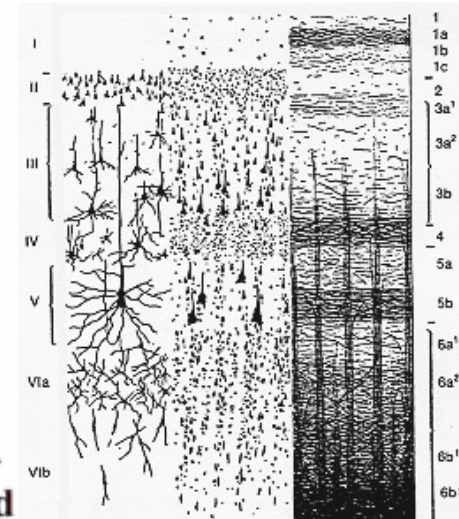
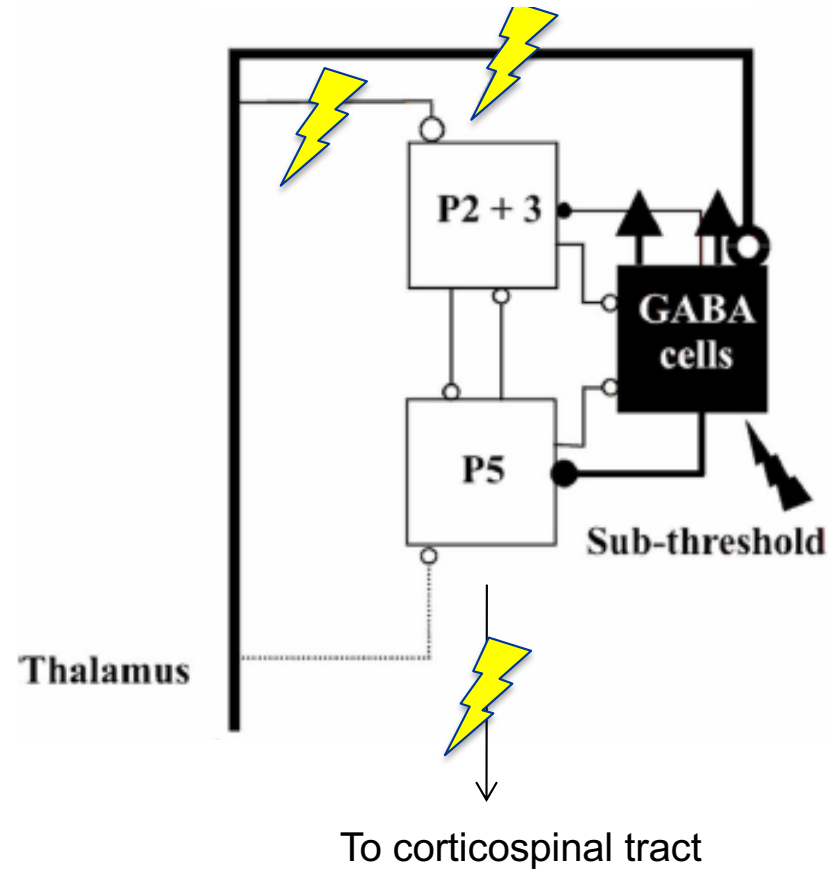
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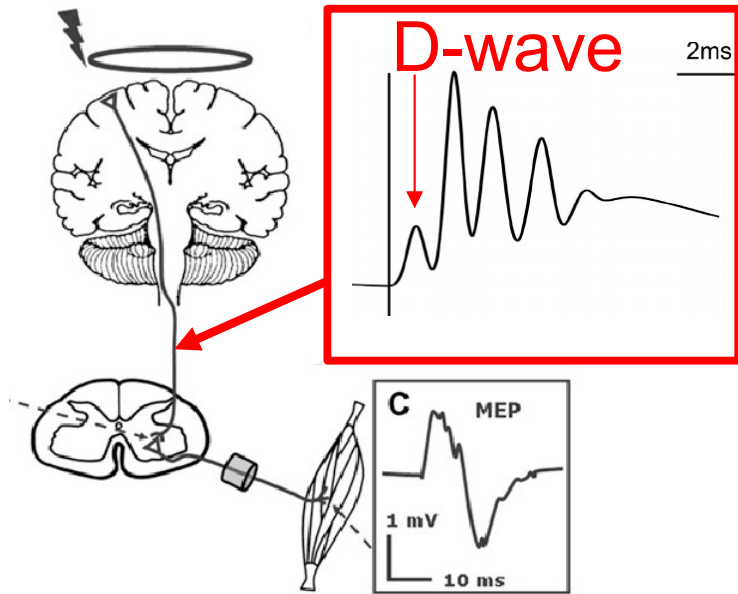
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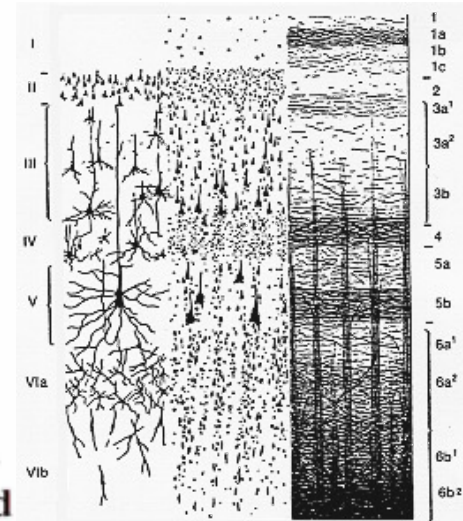
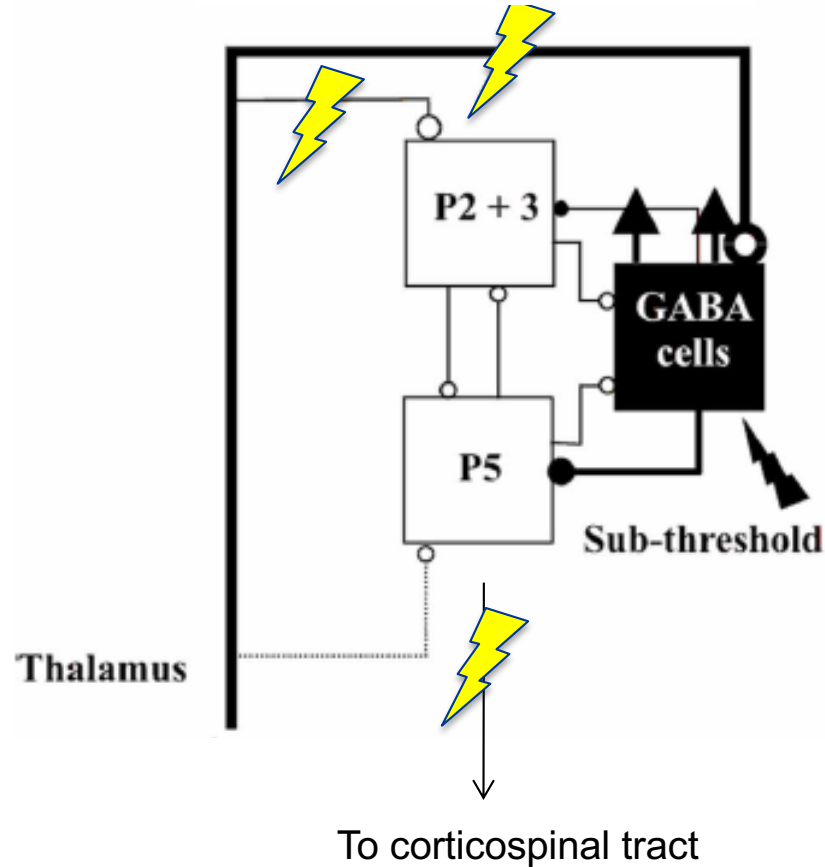
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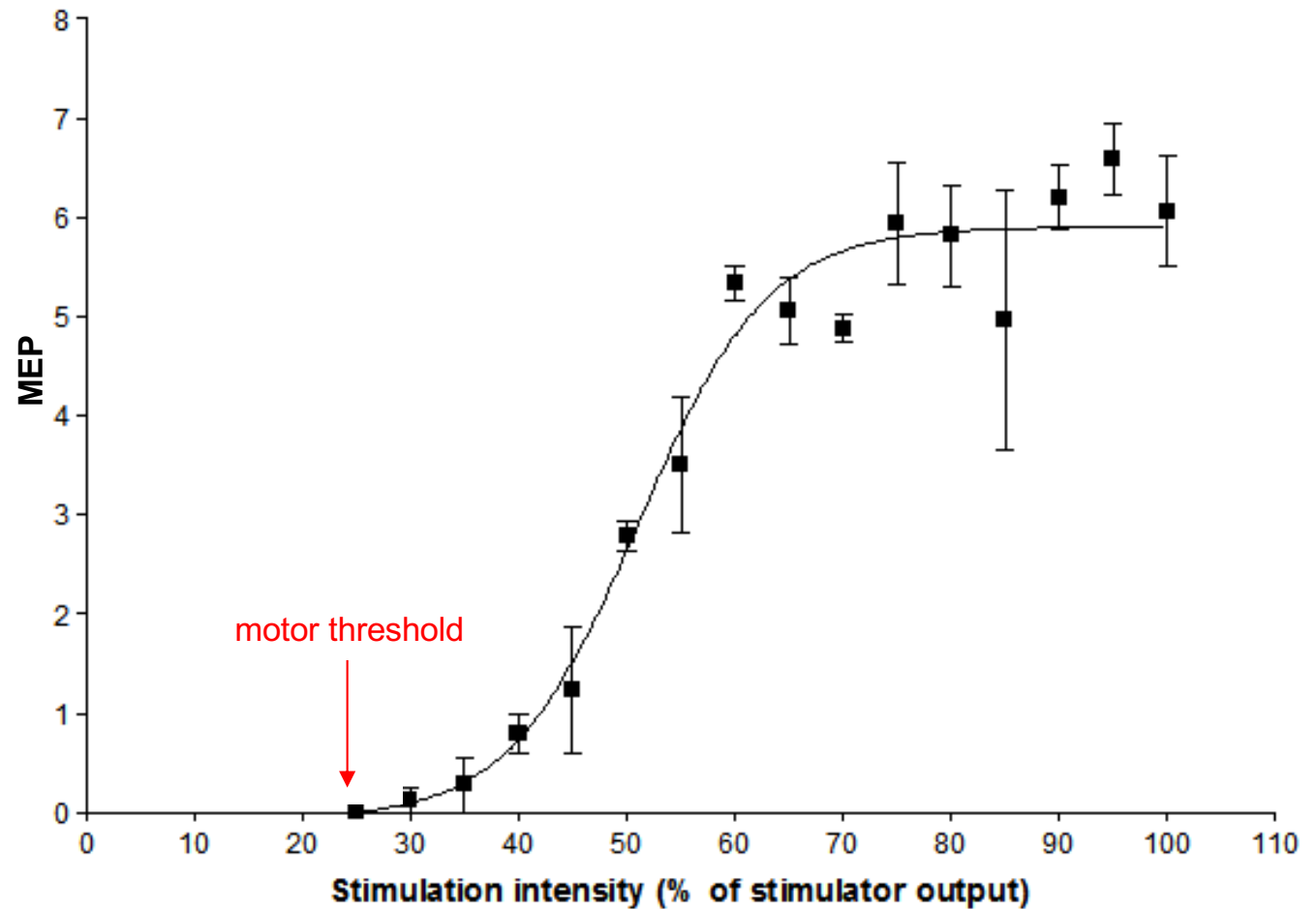
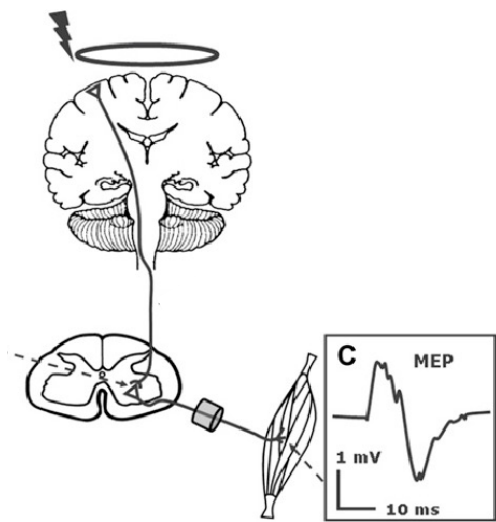
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# TMS Input-Output Recruitment Curves

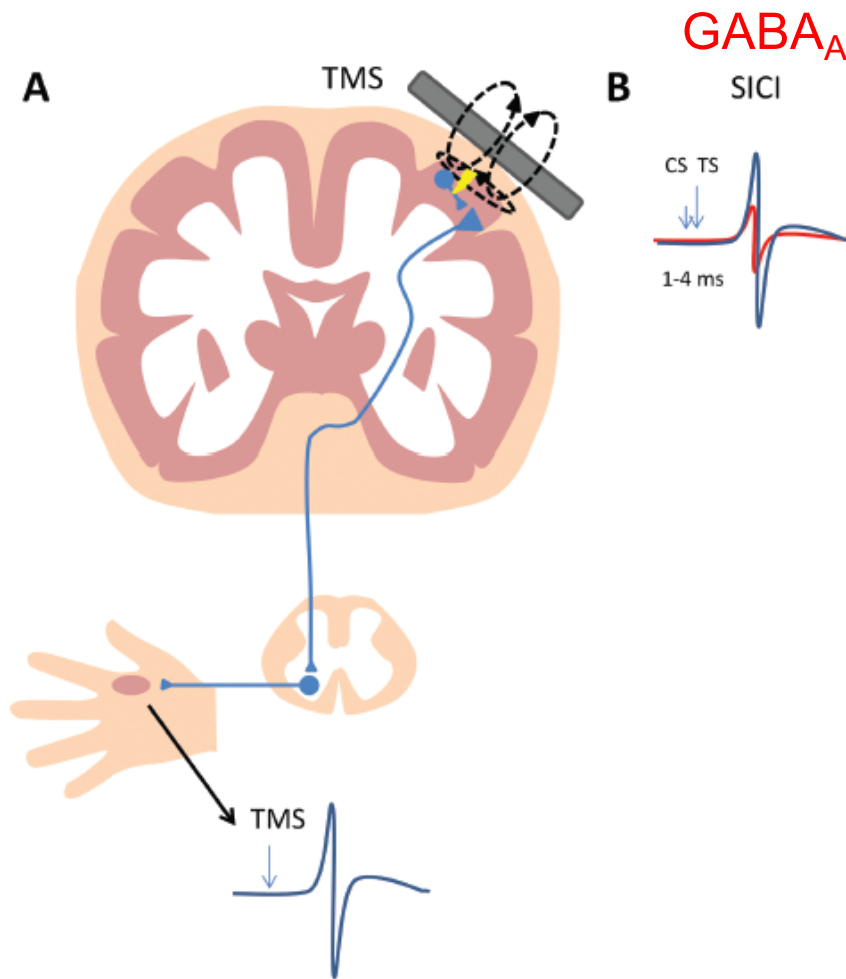


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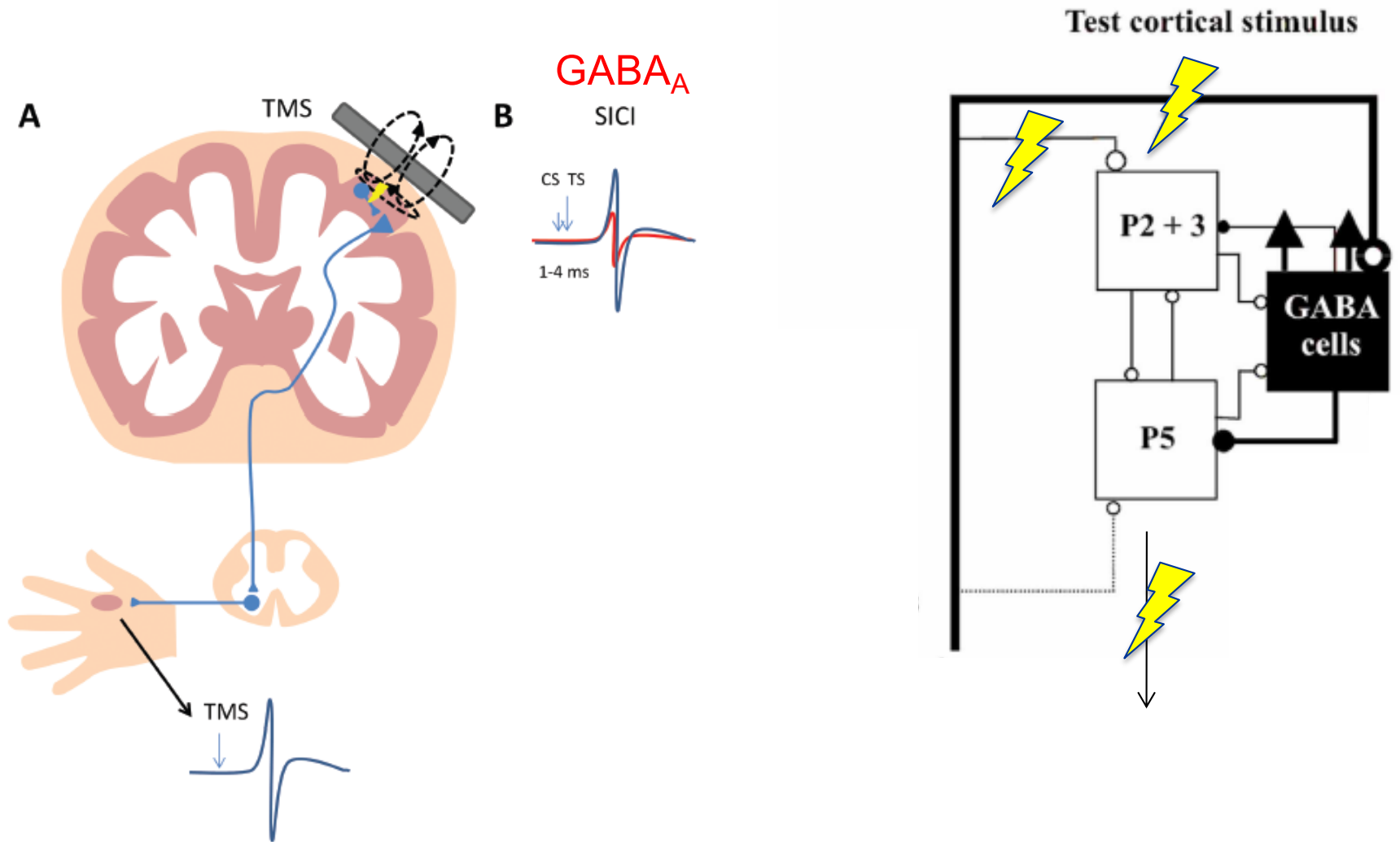
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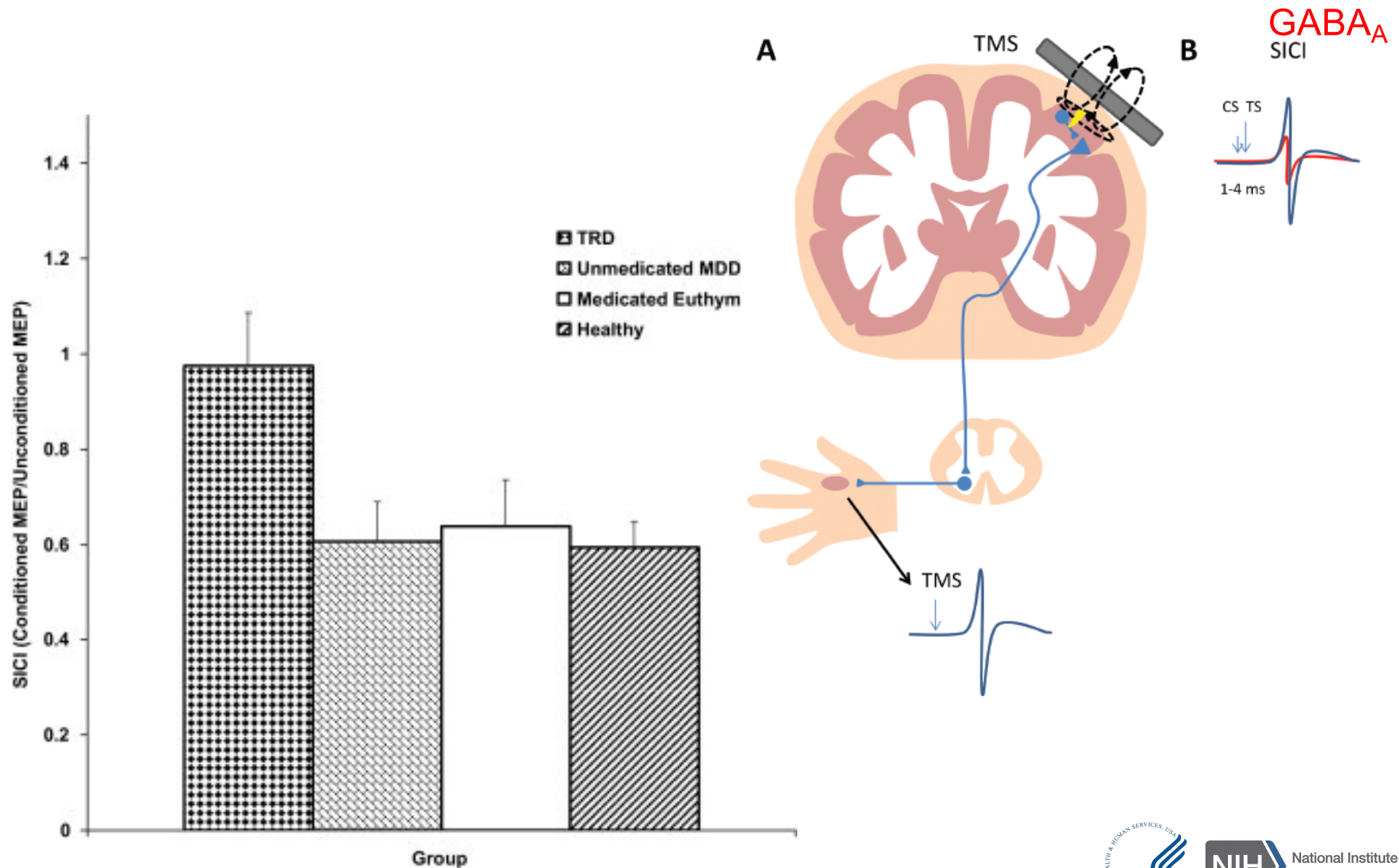


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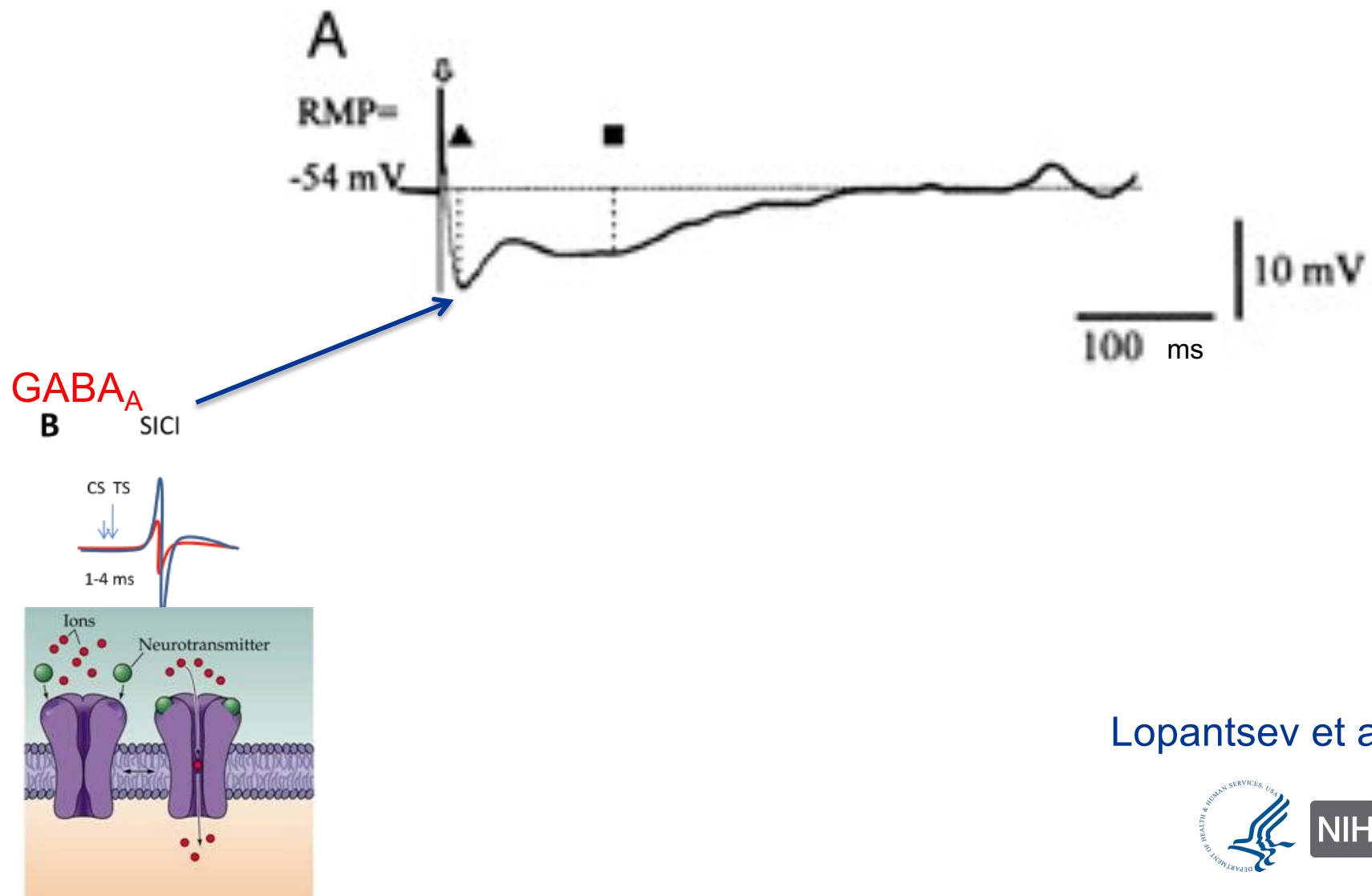
# Short-interval cortical inhibition (SICI) deficits in treatment-resistant depression



Levinson et al., 2010



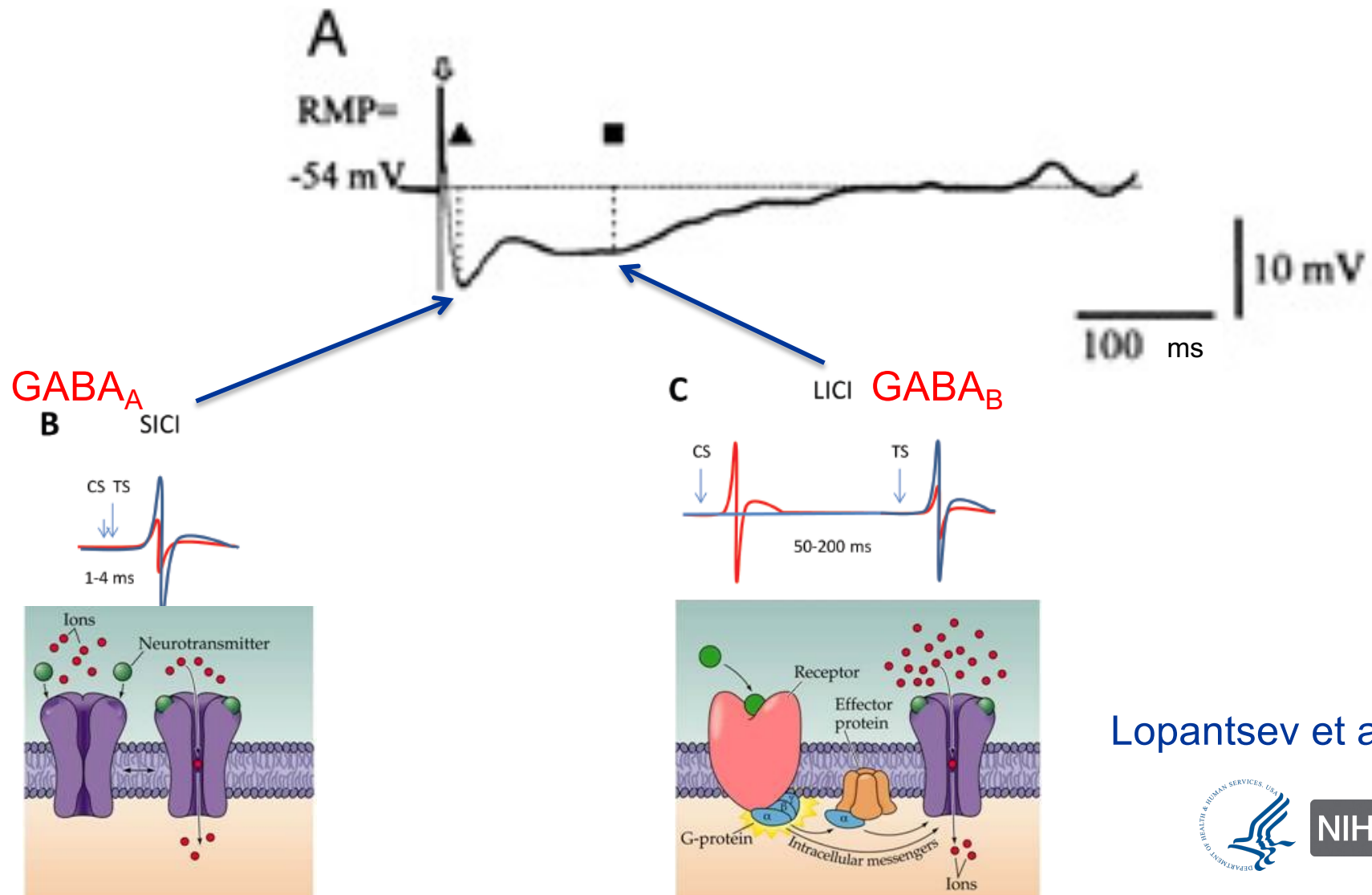
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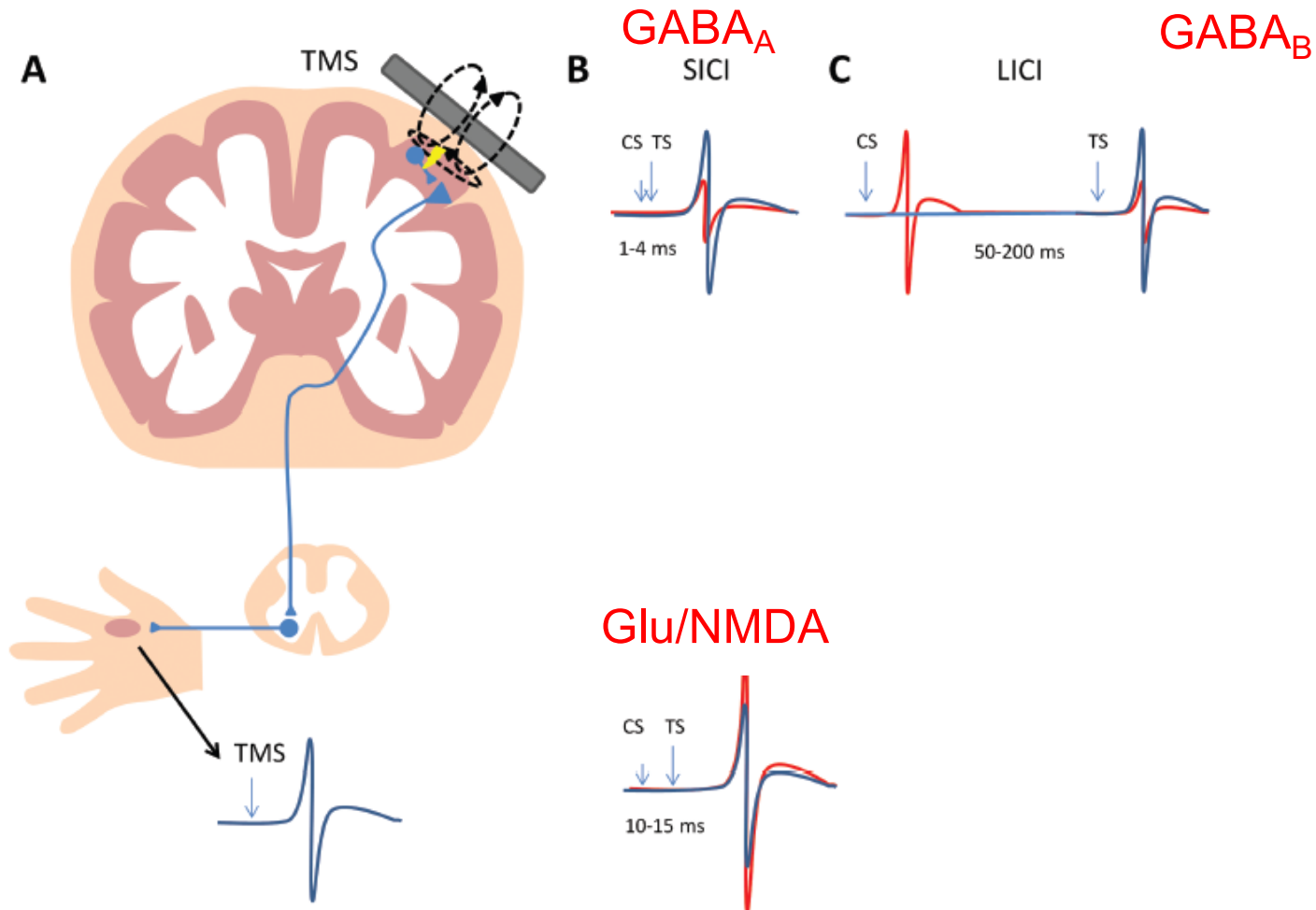
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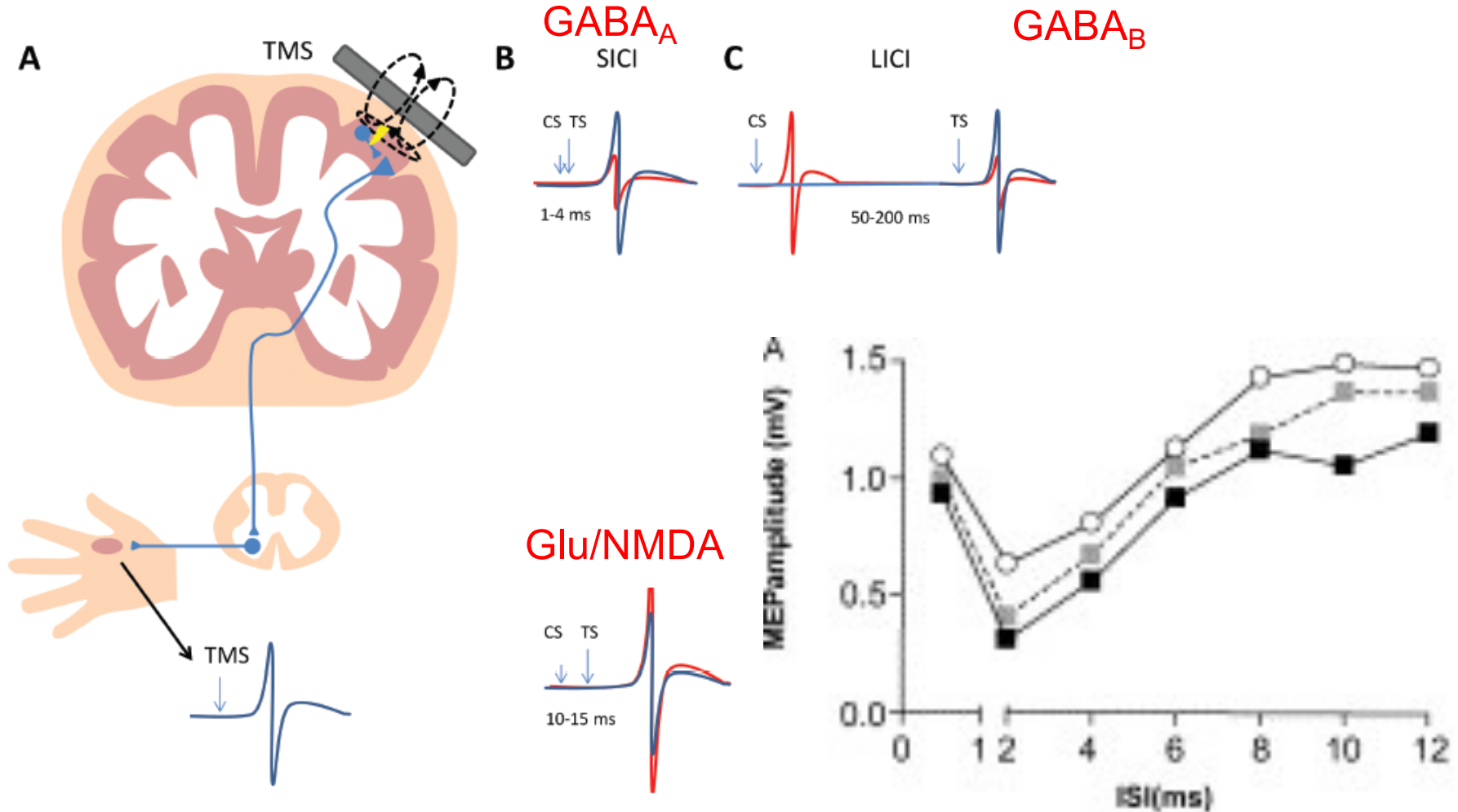
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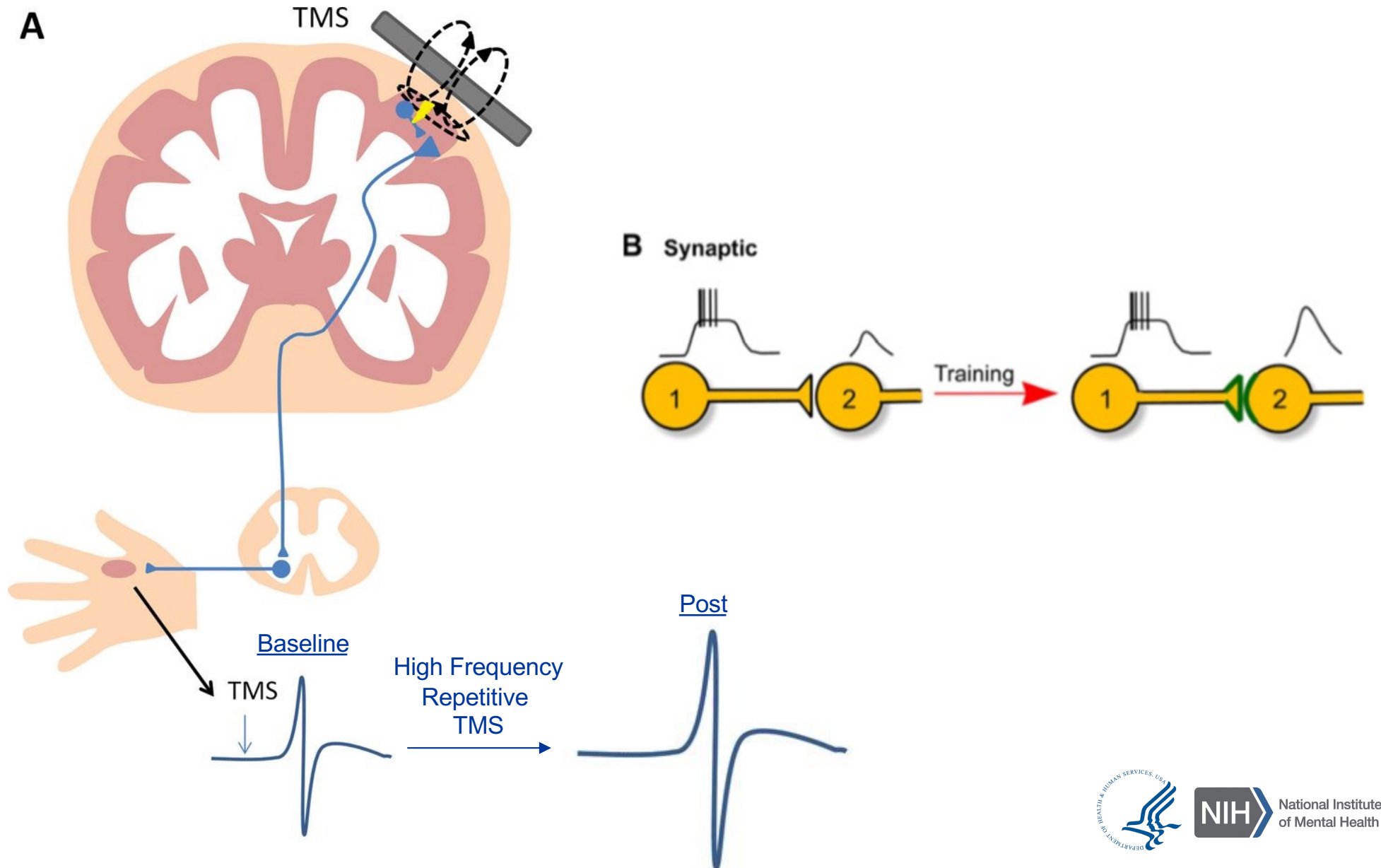


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5. 1 more slide: repetitive TMS



# Repetitive TMS is FDA cleared for depression









Some contributions of *in vitro* /  
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understanding of electric fields

Electric field induced  
polarization

Electric fields induce hyperpolarization closest to the anode, and depolarization closest to the cathode

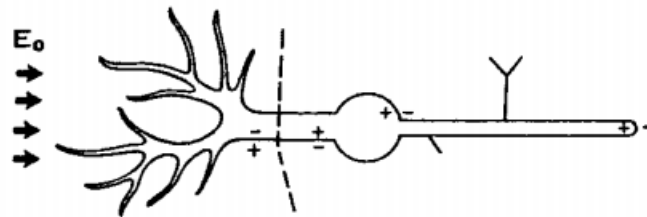


Fig. 1. Neuron structural model; dendrites to the left of the broken line. The arrows indicate the direction of the applied electric field  $\vec{E}$ , which gives the transmembrane potential polarities shown.

## A Mathematical Model for Transmembrane Potentials Secondary to Extracellular Fields\*

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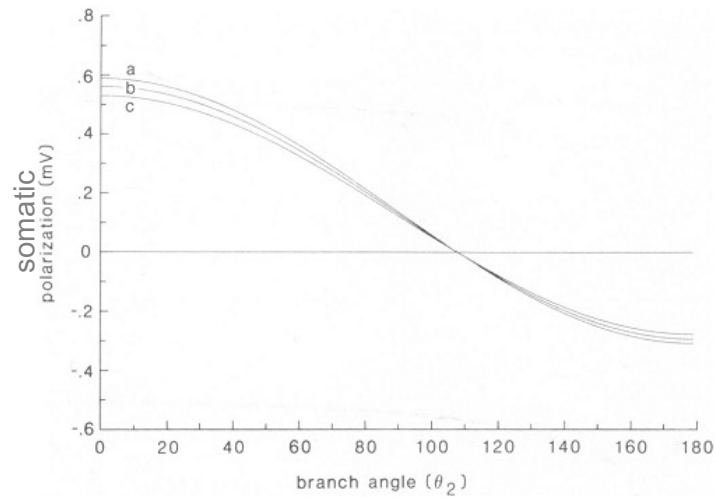
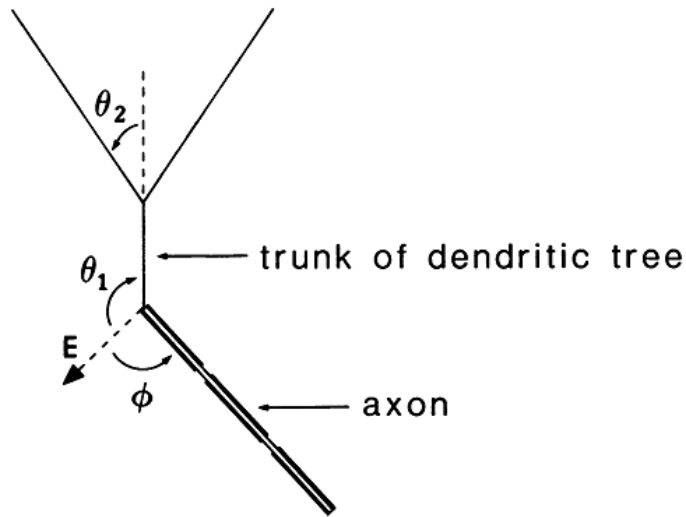
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 modeling studies towards understanding of electric fields induced polarization and space  
 Electric fields induce polarization at neuronal branch bends, terminations, and points of  
 understanding of electric fields intracellular distribution of  
 polarization



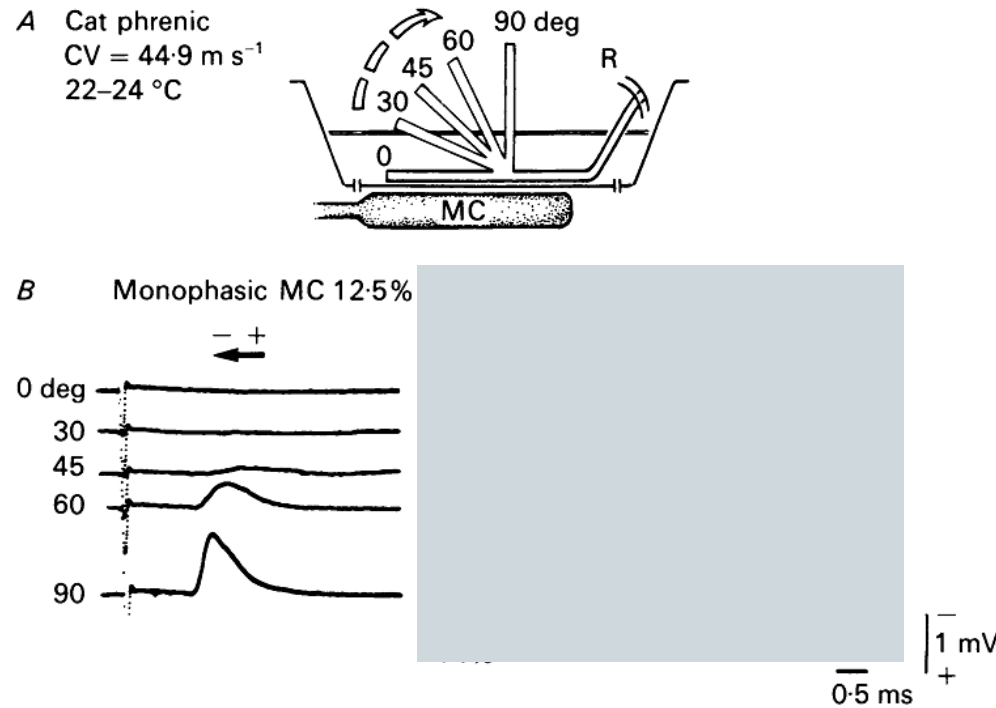
**A MODEL FOR THE POLARIZATION OF NEURONS BY  
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Some contributions of *in vitro* modelling studies towards understanding the effects of changing electric polarization along the membrane resulting in activating function and induced voltage, dictates points of greatest excitation (activating function)



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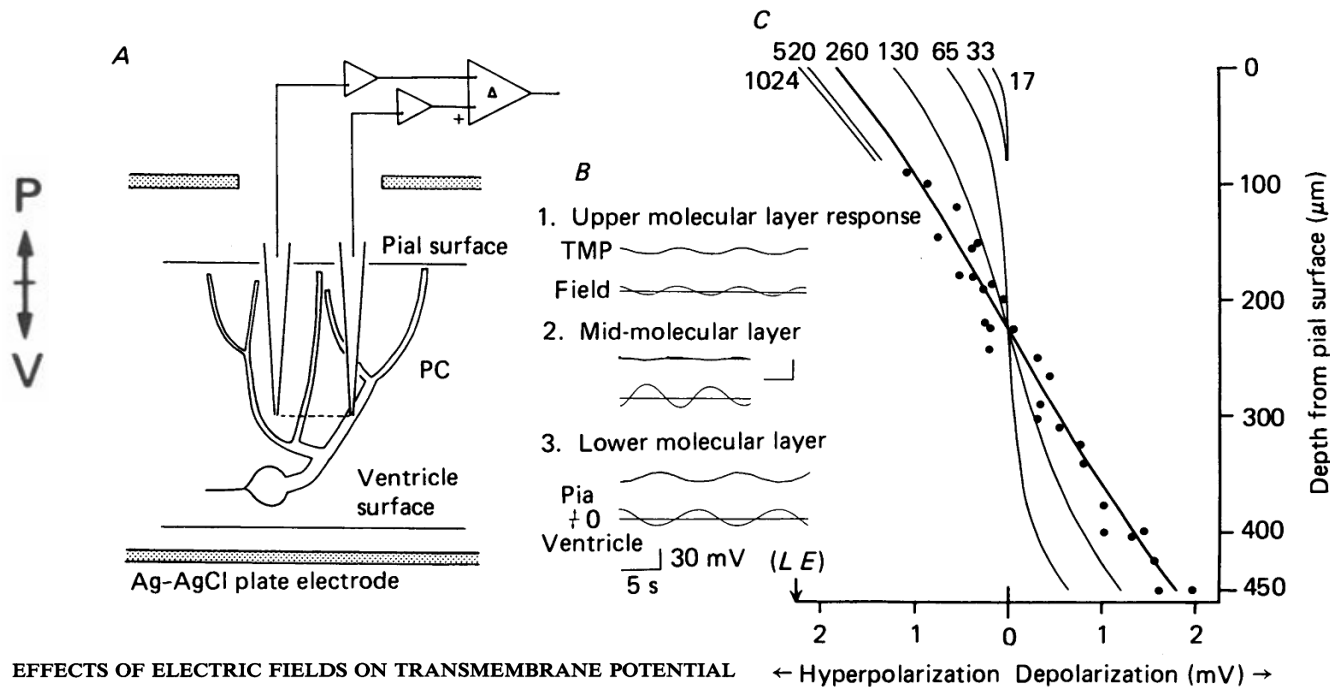
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modeling studies towards Purkinje cell polarization  
 High quality recorded Purkinje stellate cells  
 Electric fields, in a polarized arrangement, provide a maximum of  
 under electric field stimulation, show the effects of neuronal  
 polarization of a simple cable segment termination  
 morphology on induced polarization



EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC FIELDS ON TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL AND EXCITABILITY OF TURTLE CEREBELLAR PURKINJE CELLS  
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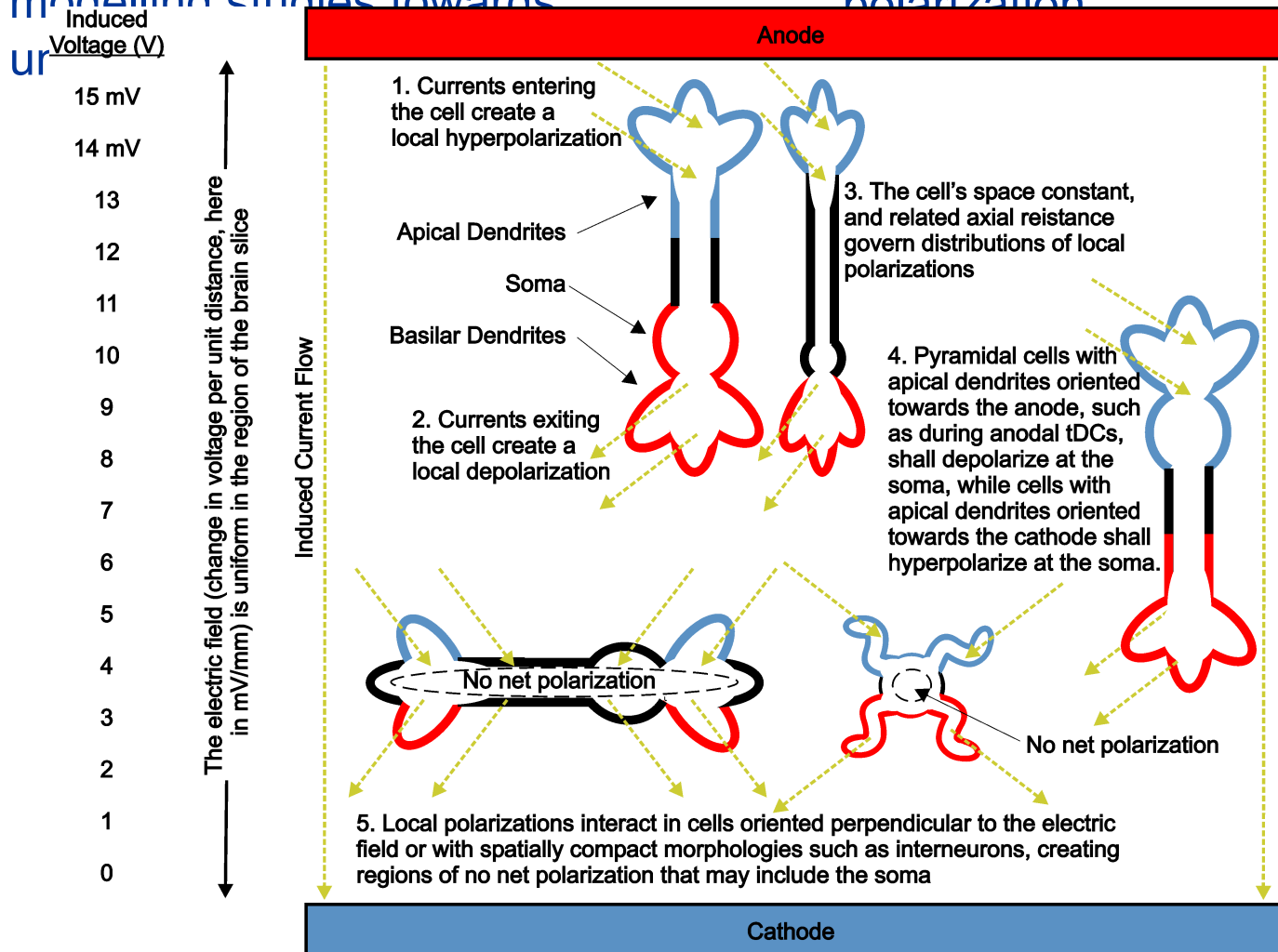
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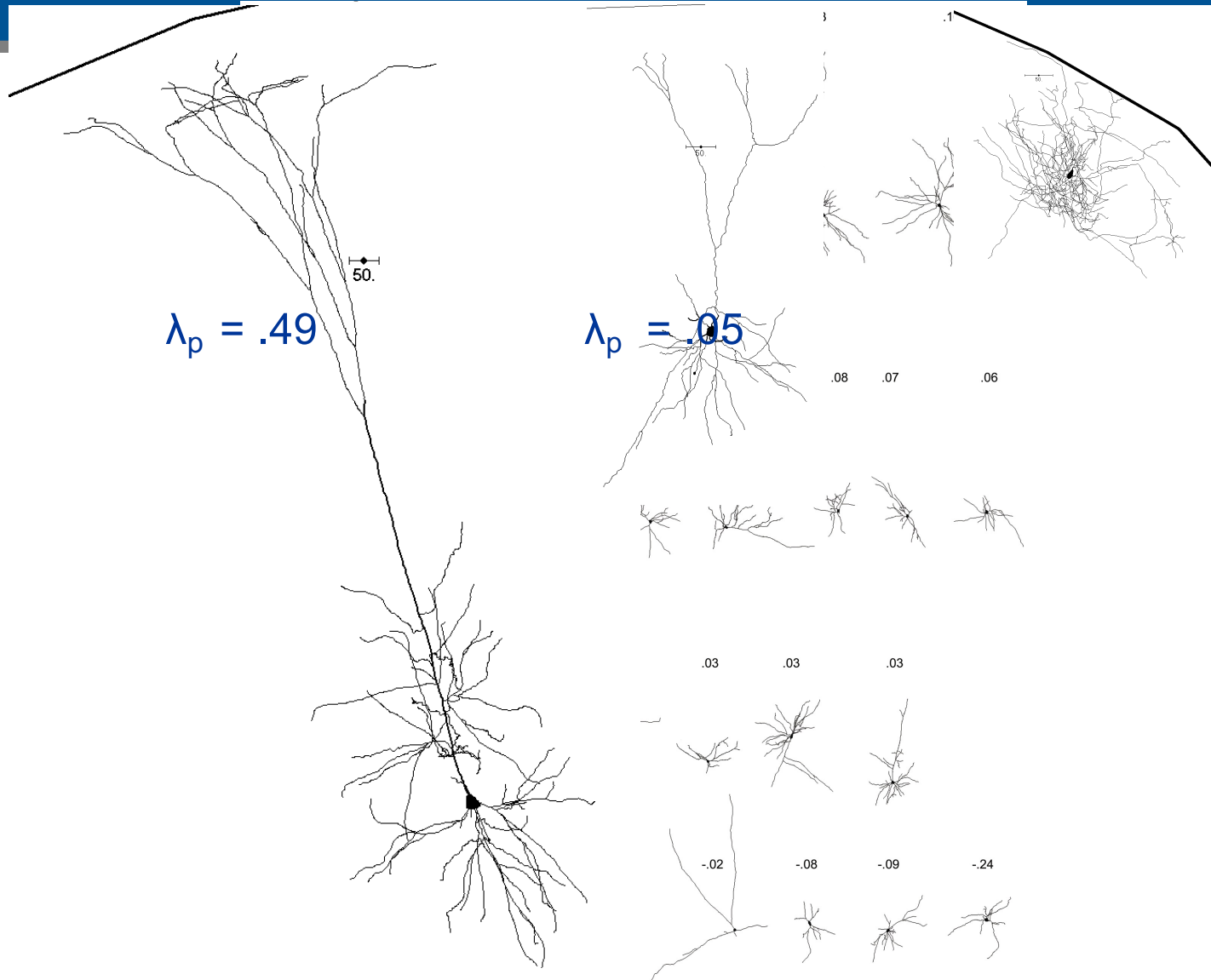
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# Some contributions of *in vitro* / modelling studies towards

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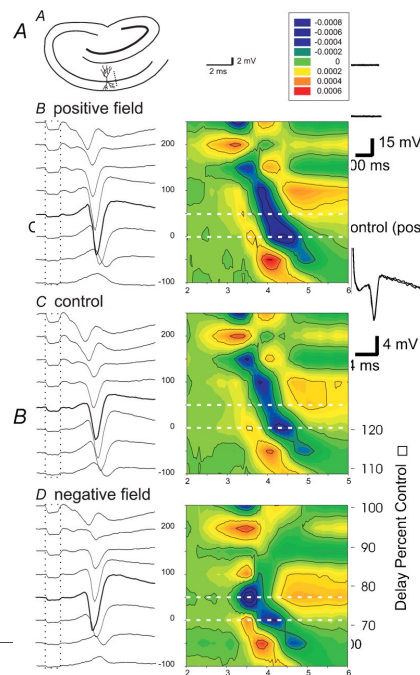
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Some contributions of *in vitro* / modelling studies towards understanding the effects of uniform fields on the amplitude of population spikes in a (quasi) linear manner



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**Effects of uniform extracellular DC electric fields on excitability in rat hippocampal slices *in vitro***

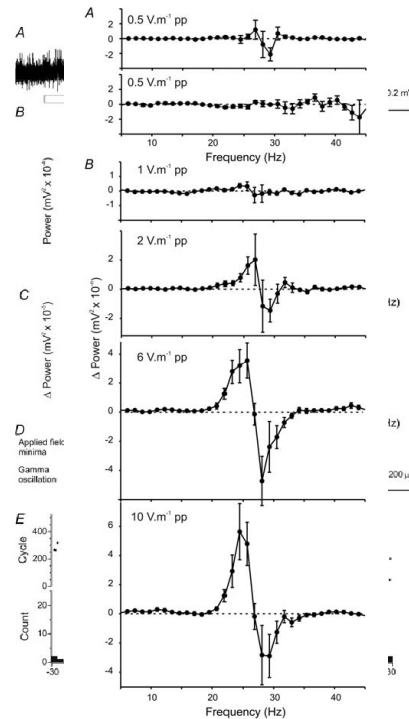
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Some contributions of *in vitro* / modelling studies towards understanding of electric fields  
 Effects of Small/Endogenous Electric Fields  
 A low amplitude oscillating electric field has been shown to entrain ongoing oscillations.



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### Sensitivity of coherent oscillations in rat hippocampus to AC electric fields

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