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Starlab Neuroscience

# Starlab Neuroelectronics Home System

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# Starlab – a brief introduction

A private R&D company  
based in Barcelona (since  
2000)

Transforming **Science** into  
**Technologies**

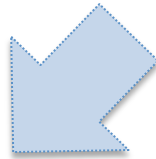
Developing new products  
and services with profound  
and **positive social impact**



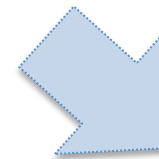
# Starlab<sup>®</sup>

Neuroscience

spin-off



product line



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Neuroscience  
Business Unit

Hardware



Consulting Services  
Funded research

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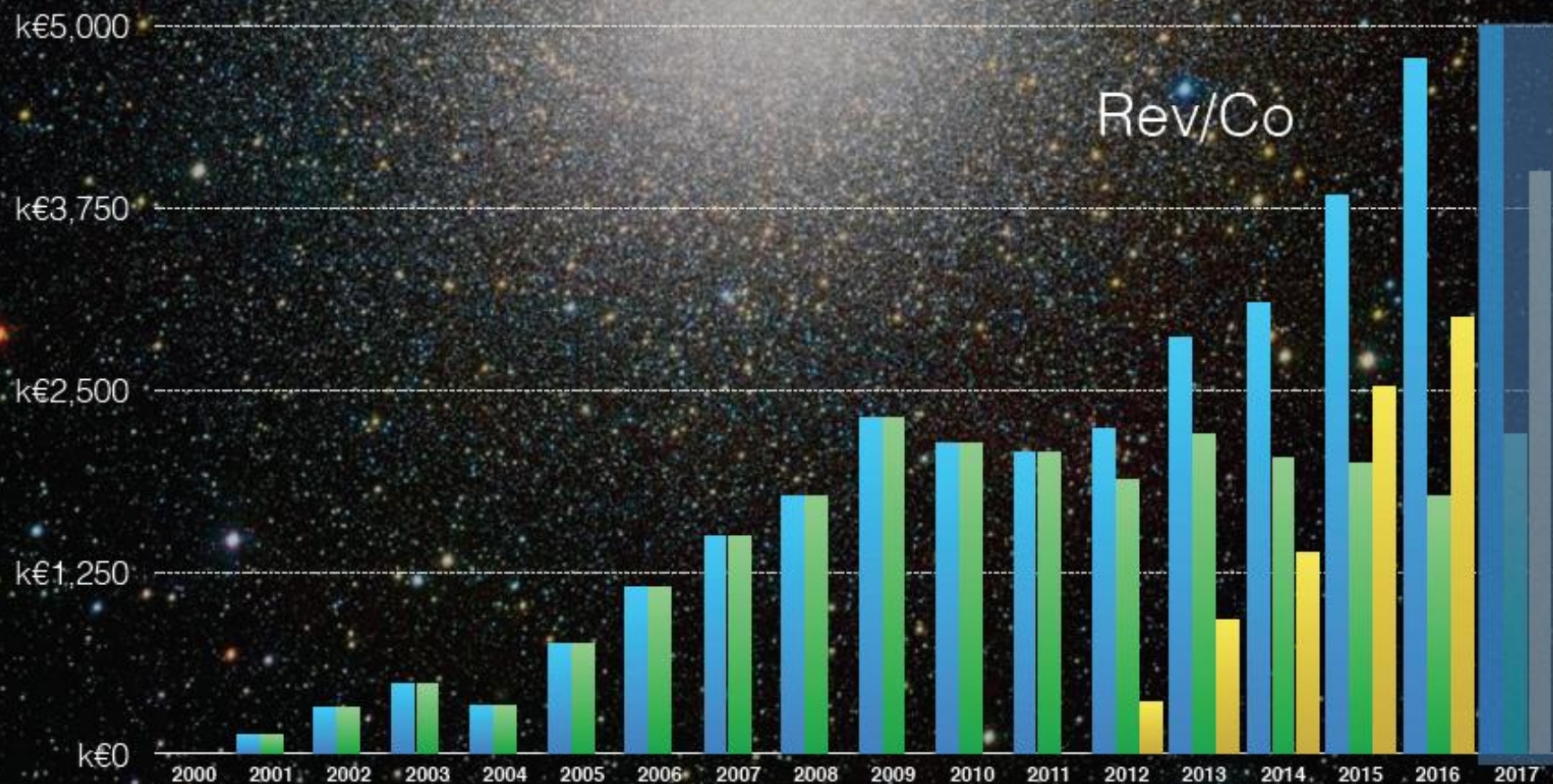
# Mobile brain signal sensing and stimulation systems

Enobio

Starstim



# Revenues





# Digital Brain Health

## DIGITAL HEALTH

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Innovation  
Strategies for  
Smart Specialisation



biomarker discovery



brain  
stimulation

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HYPER  
INTERACTION  
VIABILITY  
EXPERIMENTS

Studying Consciousness  
in the electrical brain

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**The Digital Brain  
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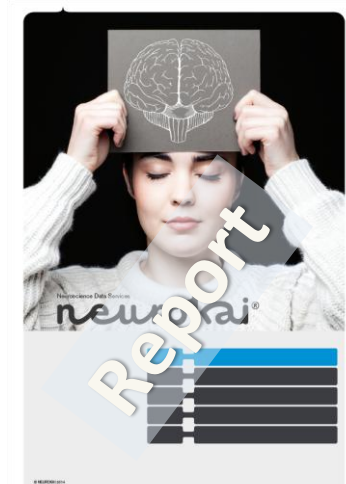
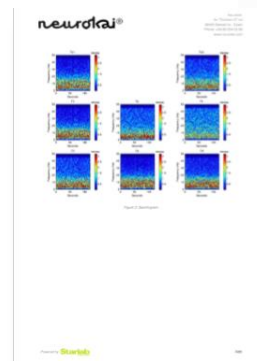
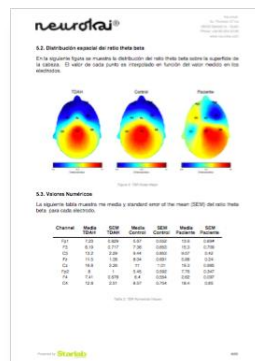
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Turn-key and custom solutions for the development of neurophysiological biomarkers.





# Biomarkers – Parkinson's



	HC vs PD
CR (Acc) N = 41	94 %
CR (Acc) N = 82	93 %
CR (Acc) N = 118*	94 %

N = 41, 82, 118

CR = Classification Rate

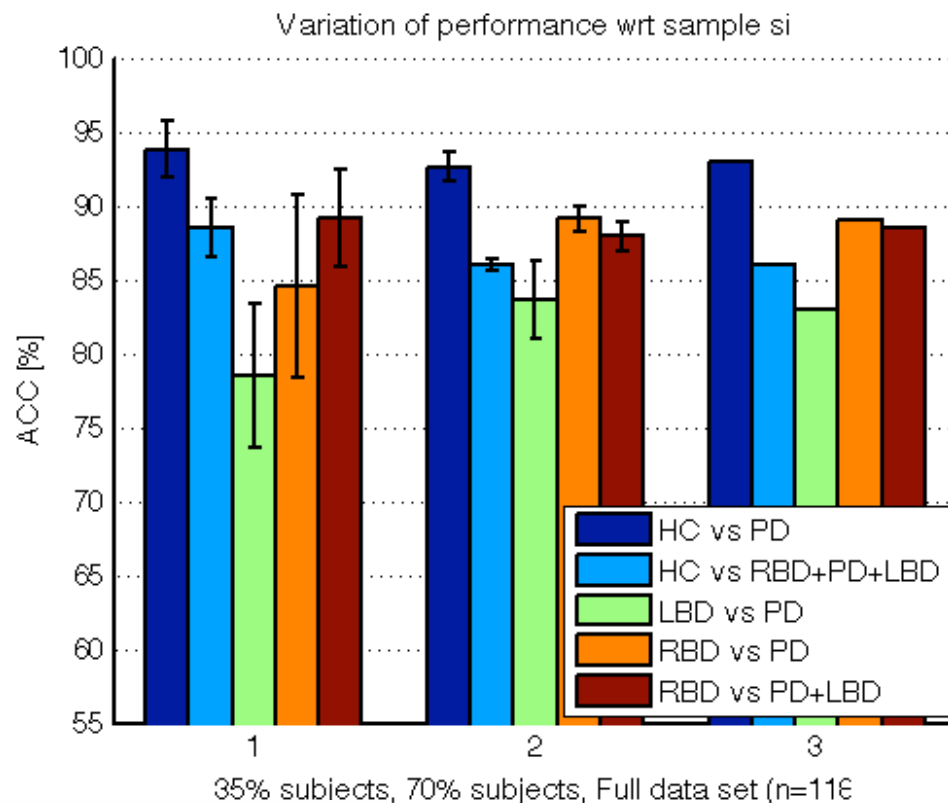
Acc = Accuracy

HC = Healthy Control

PD = Parkinson's Disease

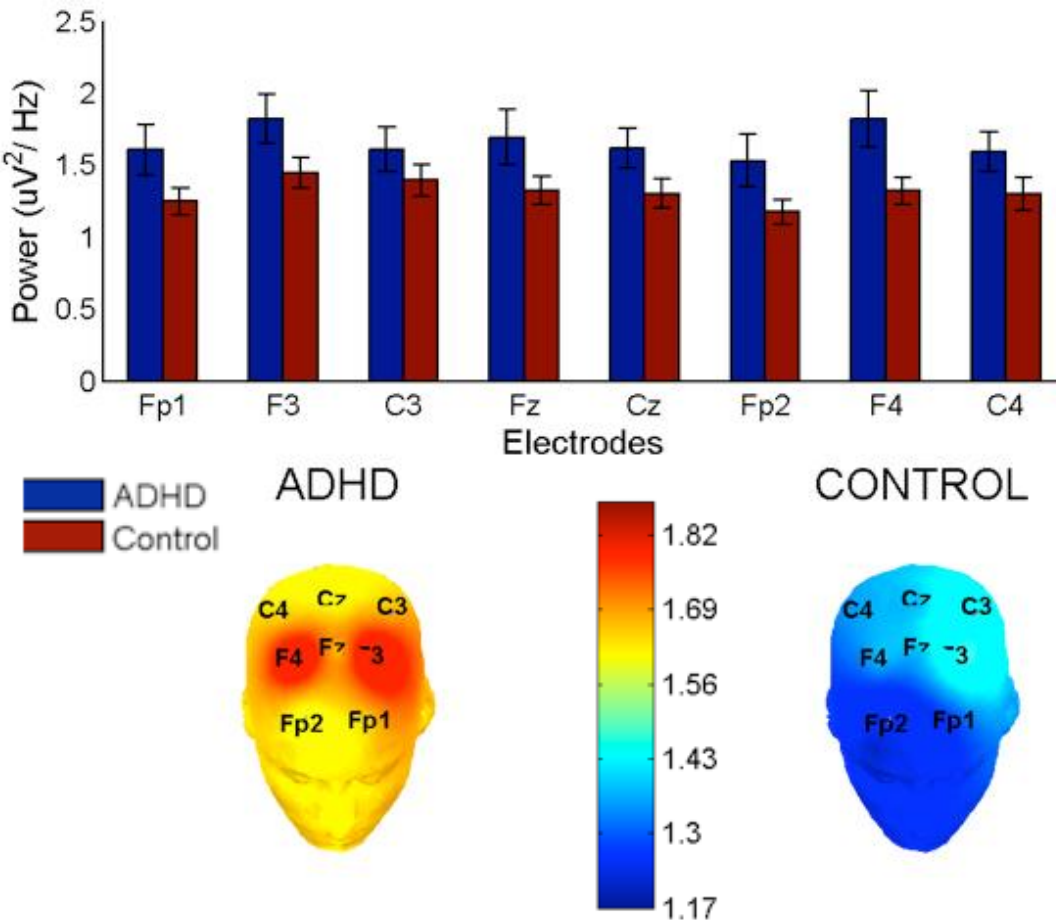
LBD = Dementia with Lewy Bodies

RBD = REM Behaviour Disorder



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# Biomarkers – ADHD

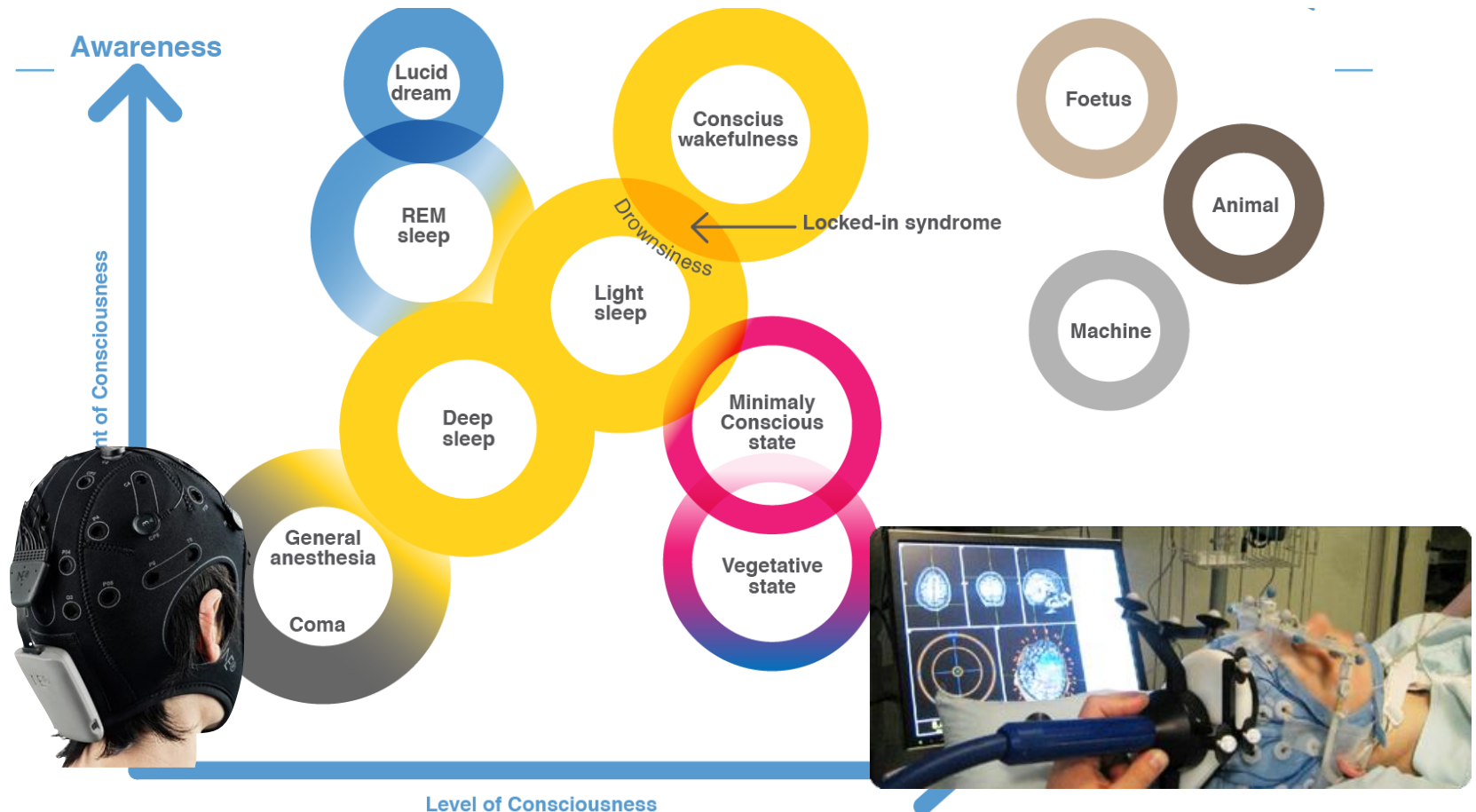


- alpha band is shifted towards the theta band (all channels, EC)
- significant differences  $p < 0.05$  in theta at Fp2, and Cz, and in beta at C3
- significant asymmetries in theta at Cs ( $p < 0.0001$ ), and Fs ( $p < 0.01$ )

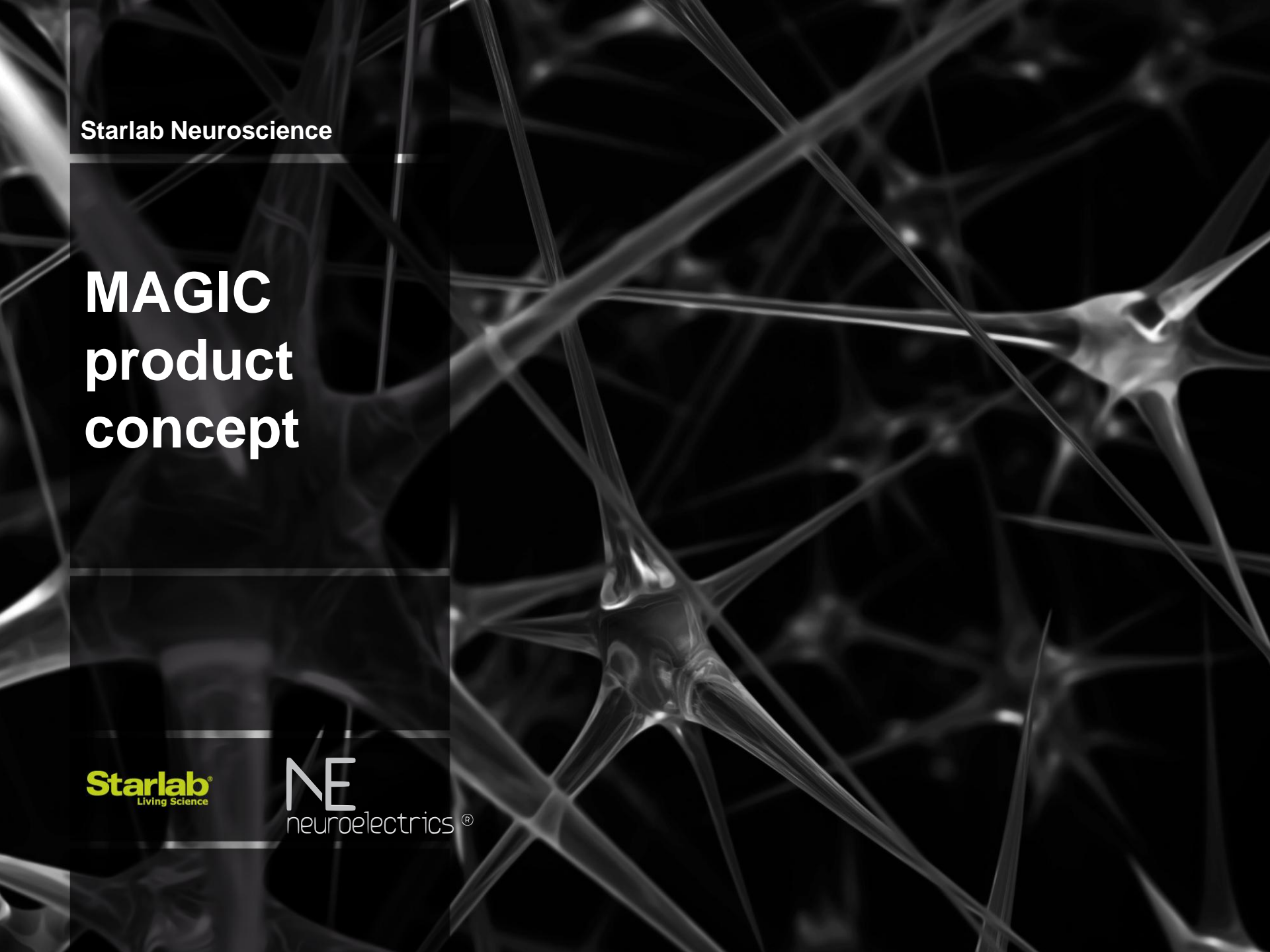
Absolute Power in Beta Band

# Biomarkers – Consciousness

# luminous





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# MAGIC product concept

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# Neuromodulation

Alteration of the brain activity  
through targeted delivery stimulus



Visual as in Neurofeedback or BCI



Electromagnetic as tCS

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Alteration of the brain activity through targeted delivery stimulus



In BCI or Neurofeedback therapies brain-waves are transformed in gaming commands - this has a neuromodulatory effect

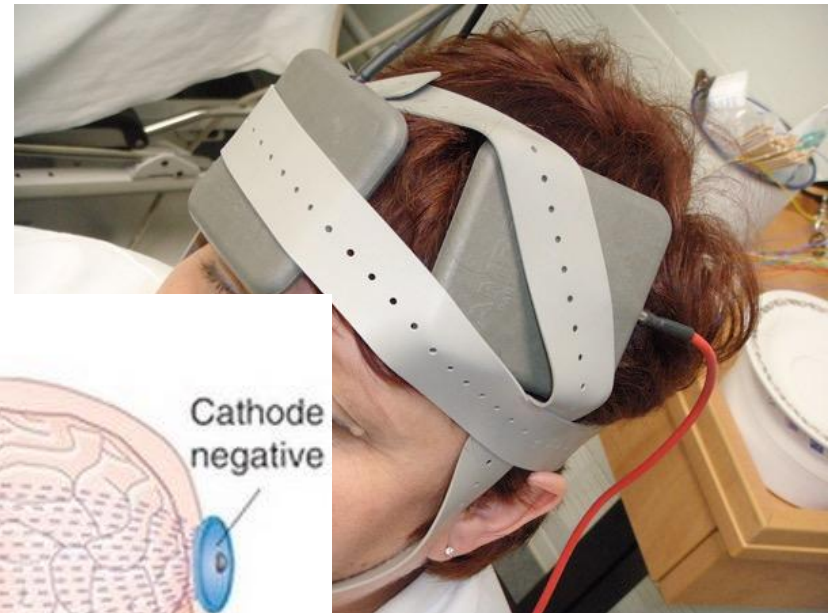
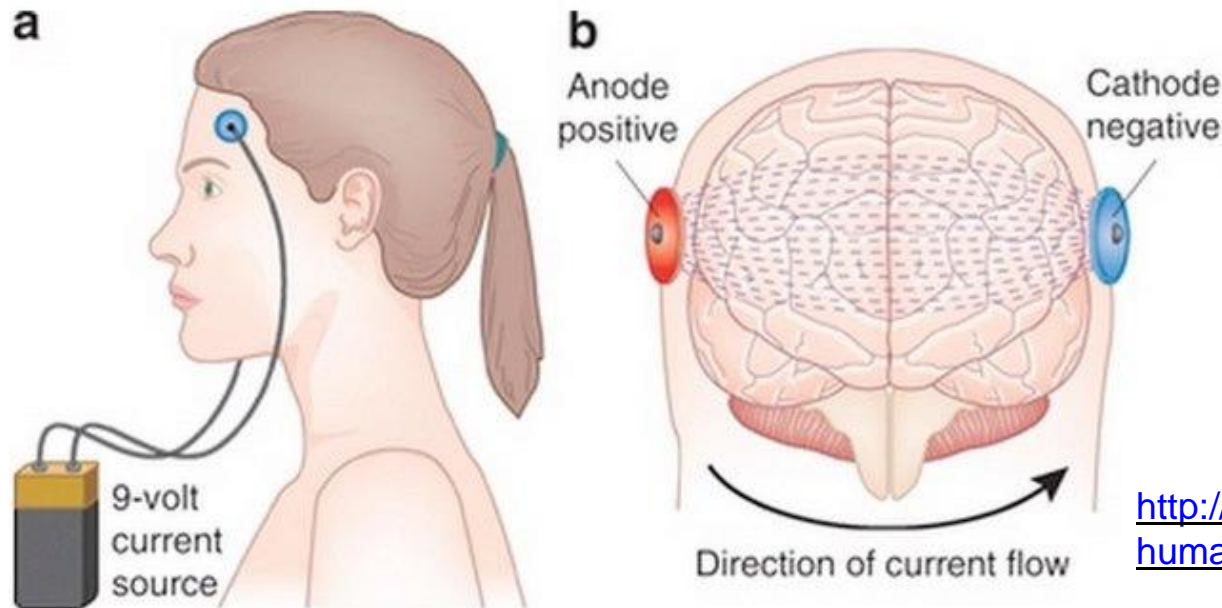
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# Transcranial Current Stimulation

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**Small currents** ( $\sim 1\text{mA}$ ) are passed directly through the scalp to modulate activity. Firing rates of the neurons increase when the current is applied in the direction of the axons and decreases if the current is reversed.

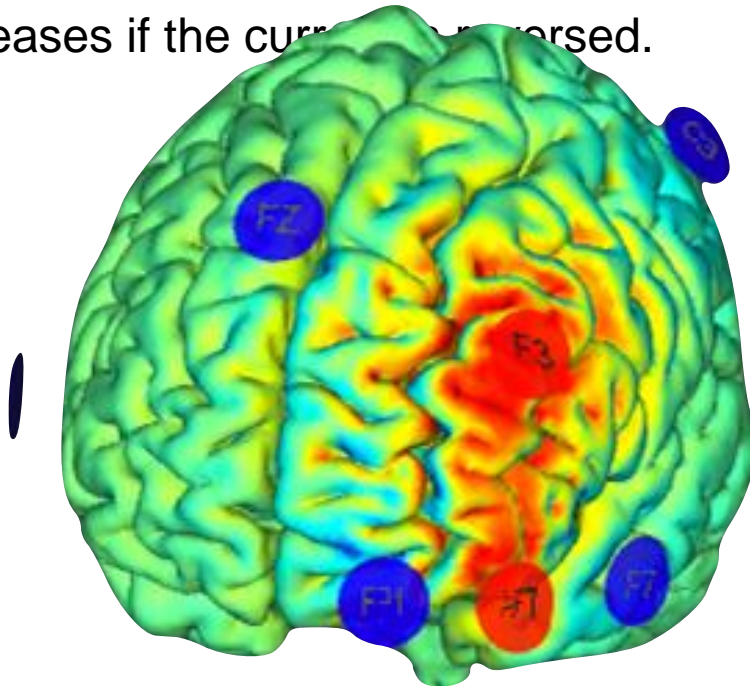


<http://chem11.proboards.com/thread/2332/human-experiment-vi>

# Transcranial Current Stimulation - modern approach

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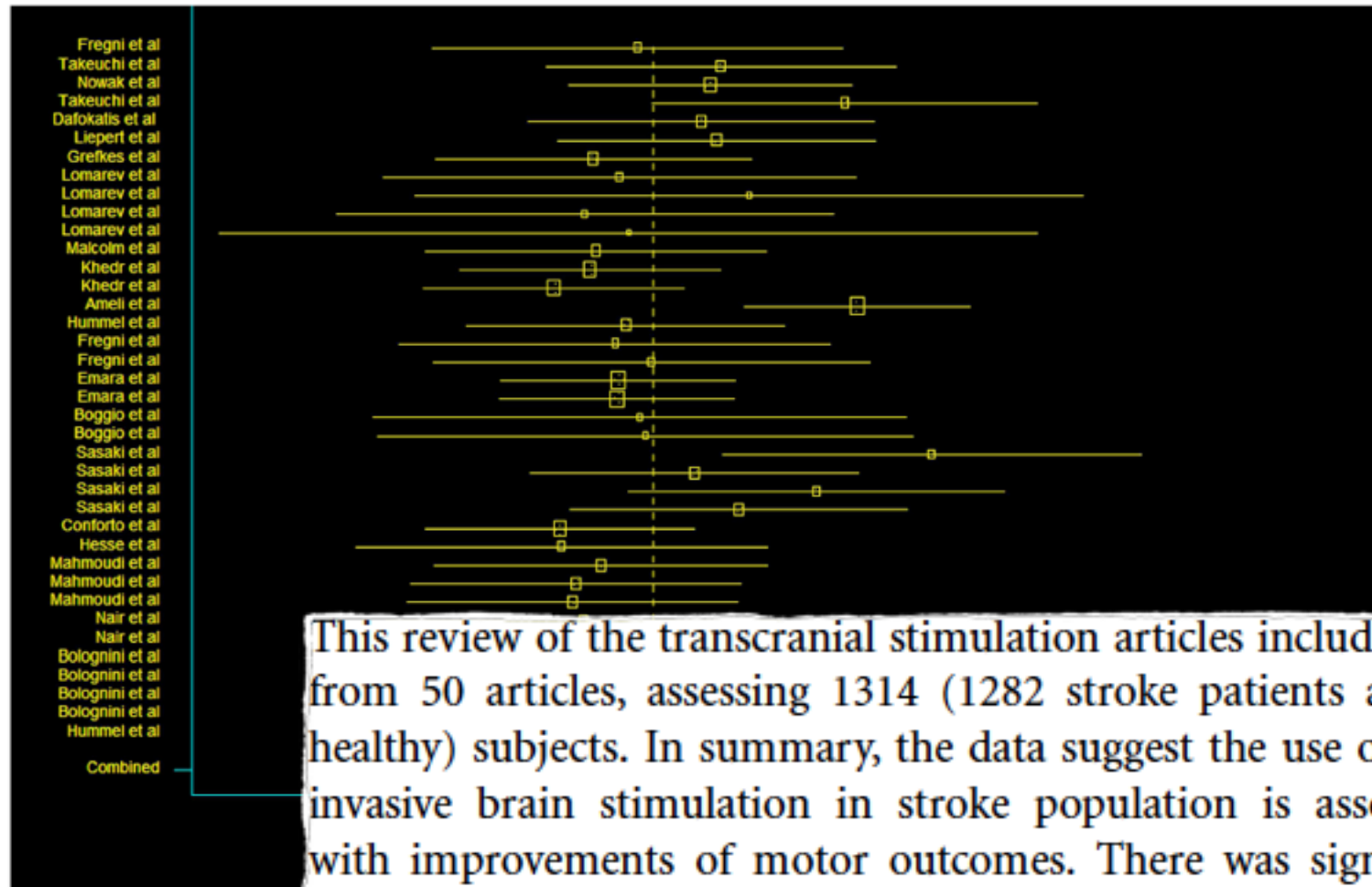


# Transcranial Current Stimulation - indications

- **Stroke rehabilitation**
- **Neuropathic chronic pain**
- Major depression
- Enhancement
- Addiction



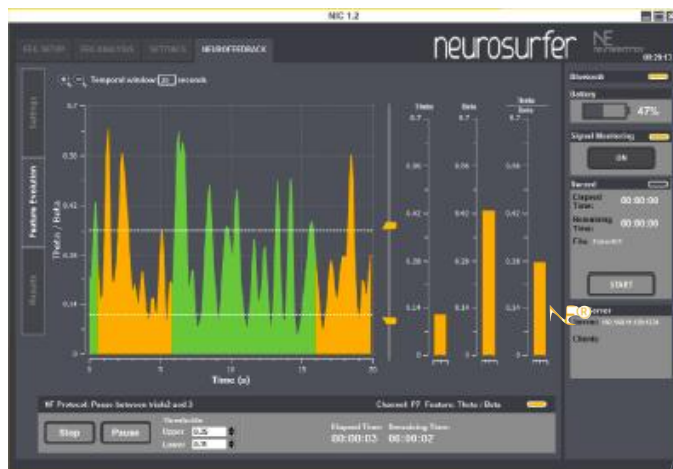




This review of the transcranial stimulation articles includes data from 50 articles, assessing 1314 (1282 stroke patients and 32 healthy) subjects. In summary, the data suggest the use of non-invasive brain stimulation in stroke population is associated with improvements of motor outcomes. There was significant heterogeneity of patient population characteristics, intervention parameters, and selected assessments.

# Neuromodulation

## Neurofeedback/BCI for Therapy, and Brain Health



2D, 3D

# Neuromodulation

Neurofeedback/BCI + tCS

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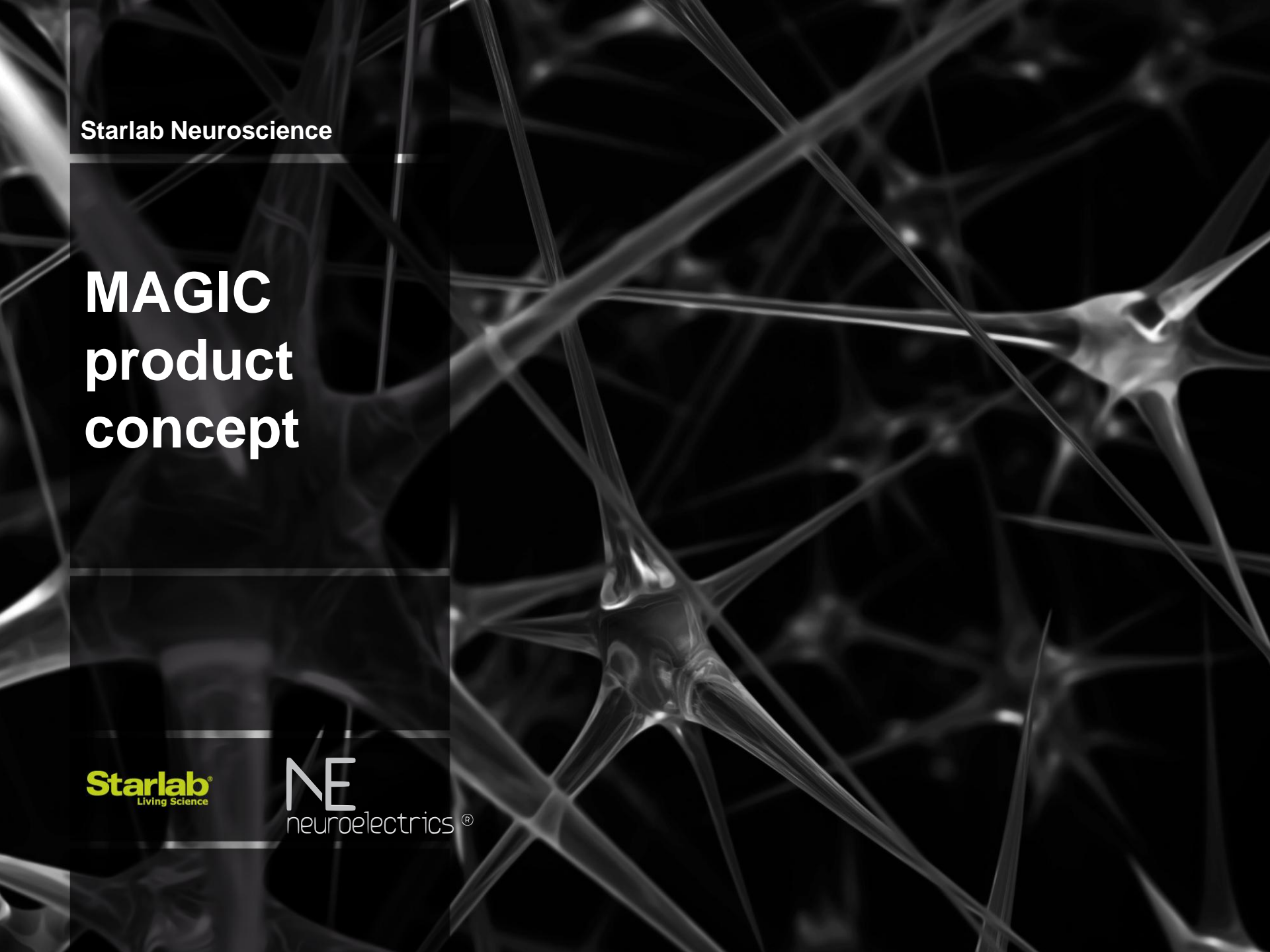
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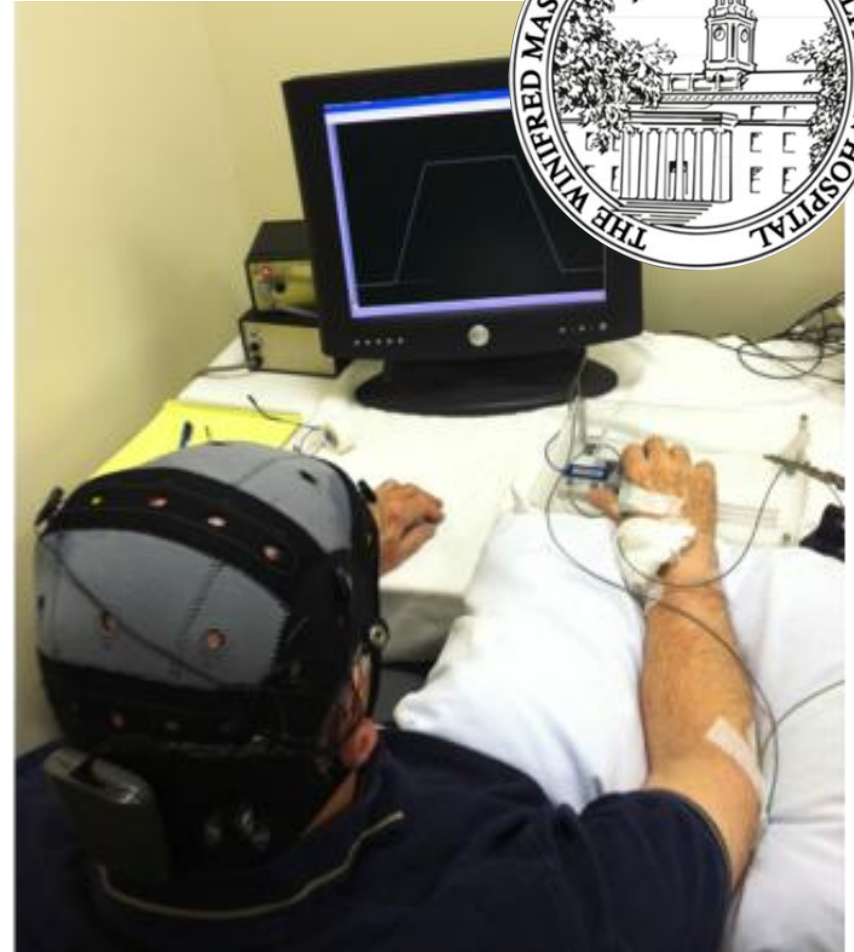
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# Stroke rehabilitation at Burke Rehabilitation Centre

## Brain Stimulation tCS for Therapy, and Brain Health



# Neuropathic Pain treatment tCS + VR/AR





# Brain Training



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# Dyscalculia treatment with tCS



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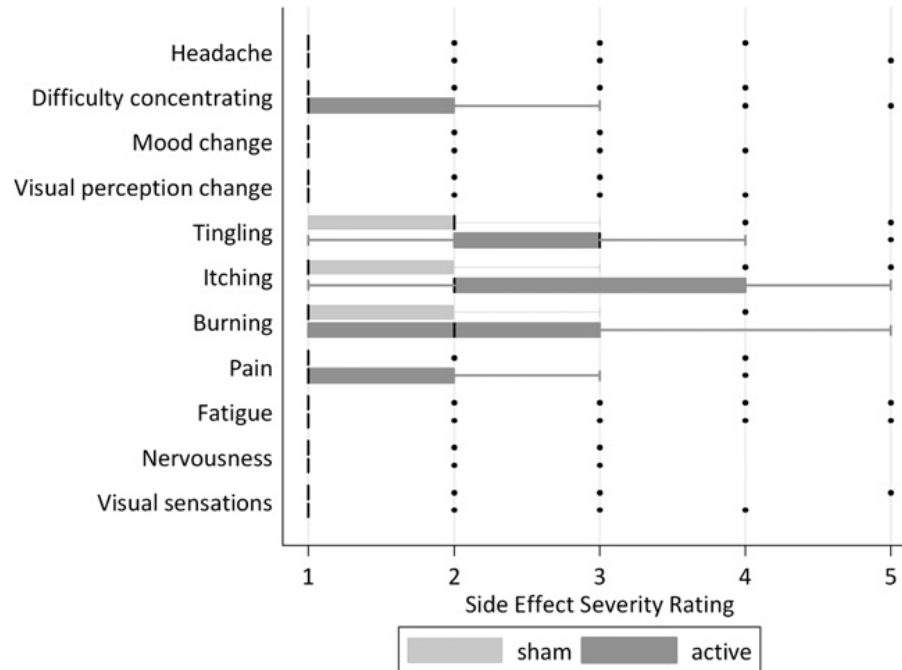
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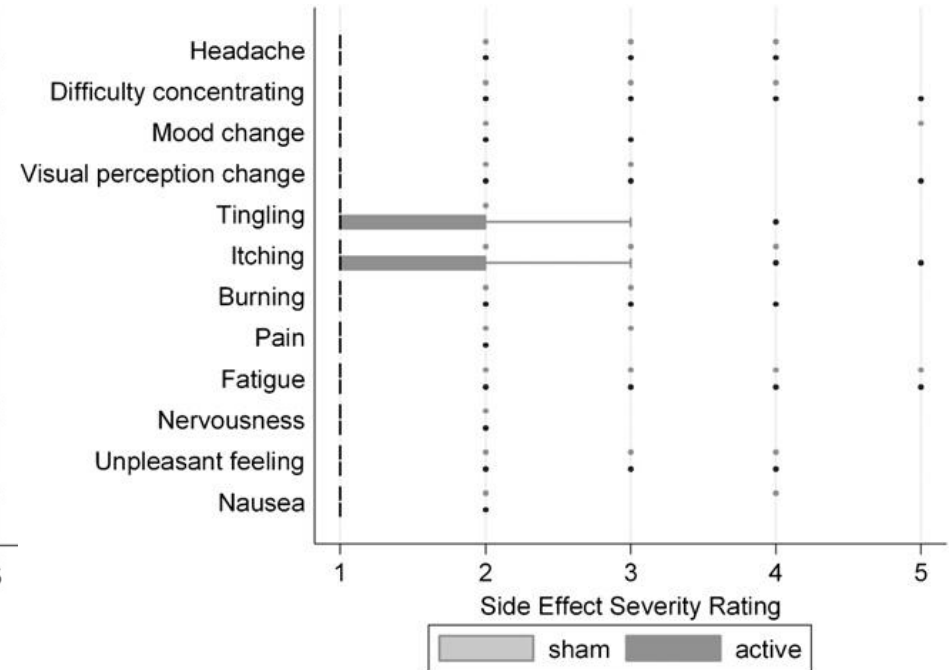
# Safety aspects

Kessler et al 2012 Brain Stimulation

137 subjects



during



after

## Results

No serious adverse effects occurred. Side effects most commonly reported were tingling (76%), itching (68%), burning (54%), and pain (25%). Side effect severity was mild, with fewer than 2% of responses indicating a severity > 3 on all questions except tingling (15%), itching (20%), burning (7%), pain (5%), and fatigue (3%) during stimulation. Rates of sensory side effects were statistically significantly higher in active stimulation sessions compared with sham sessions. No other stimulation parameters had a statistically significant impact on side effect occurrence.

# Safety aspects

**TDCS has been tested in thousands of subjects world- wide with no evidence of toxic effects to date. In addition to the hundreds of studies exploring tDCS effects in diverse contexts, some studies have focused specifically on safety."**

[Clinical research with transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS): Challenges and future directions

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