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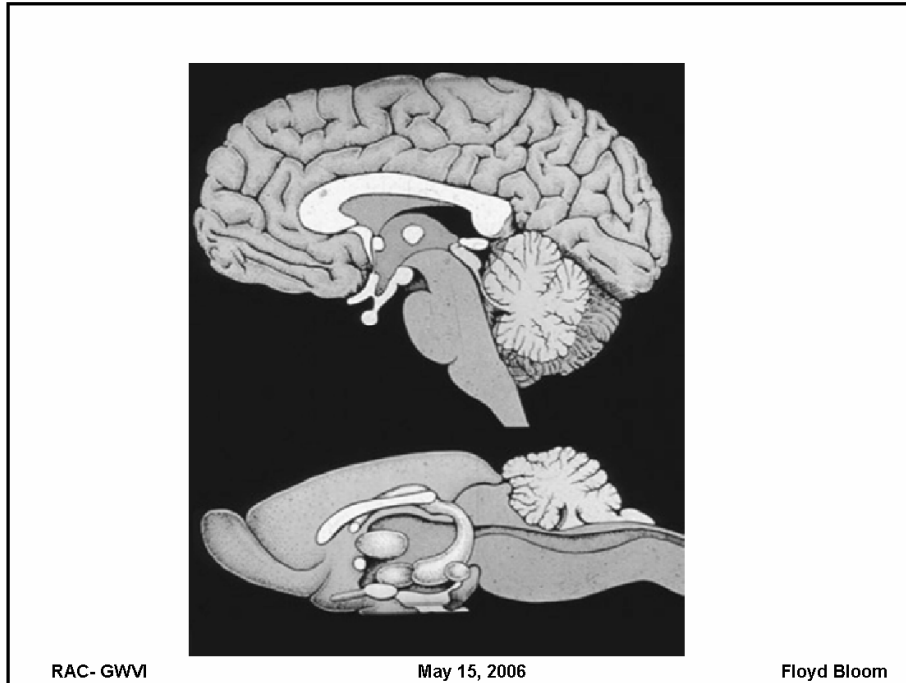
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- Aberrant sprouting may result in long-lasting changes in circuitry.

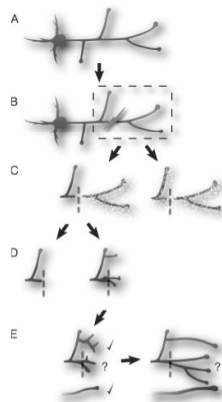
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PROLIFERATION OF NOREPINEPHRINE-CONTAINING AXONS IN
RAT CEREBELLAR CORTEX AFTER PEDUNCLE LESIONS

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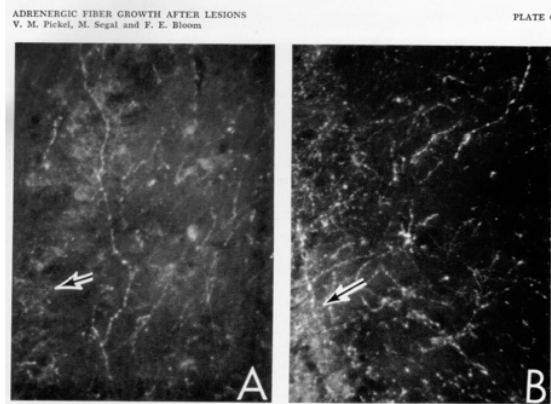
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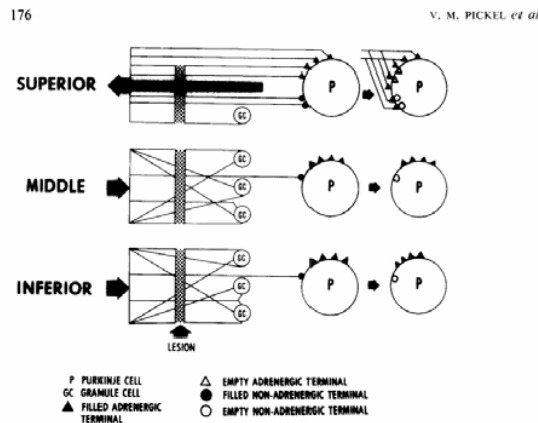


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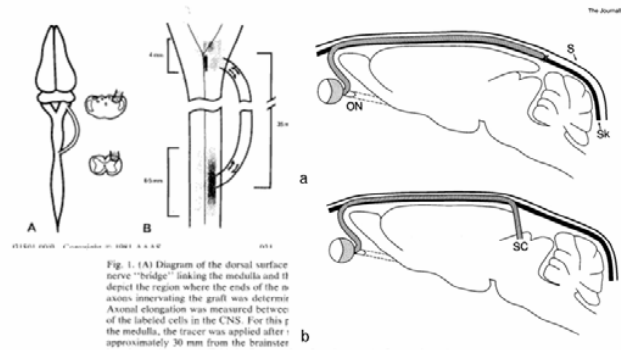
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- Injured peripheral nerves will regrow in periphery, not in CNS.
- Injured central axons can regrow through peripheral nerve bridges.

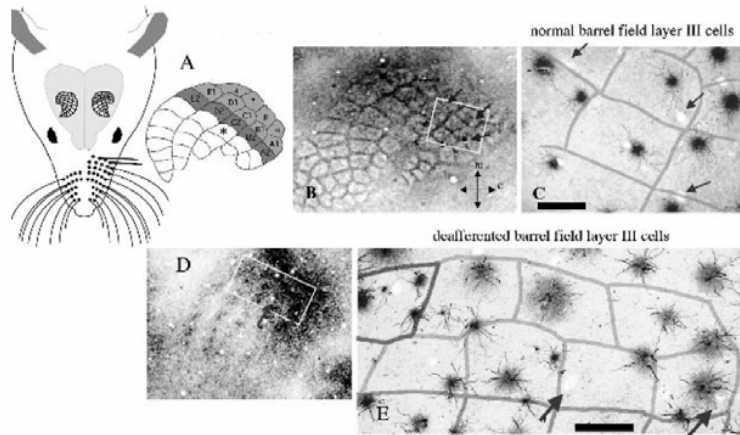
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Axonal Elongation into Peripheral Nervous System "Bridges"
After Central Nervous System Injury in Adult Rats



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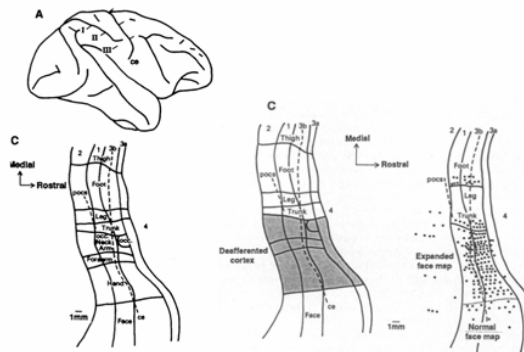
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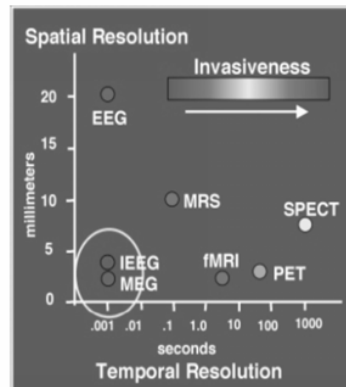
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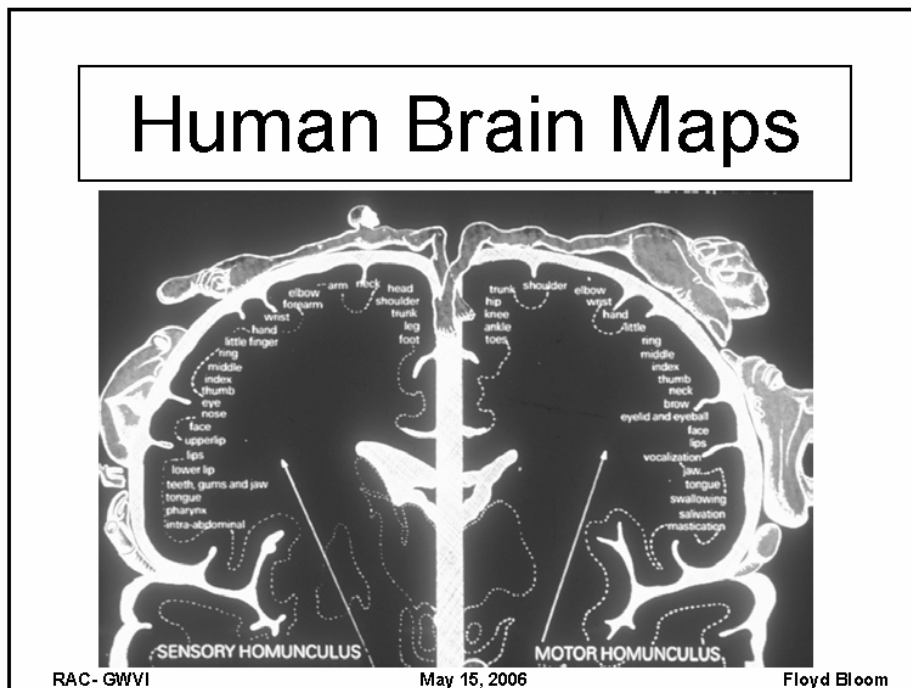
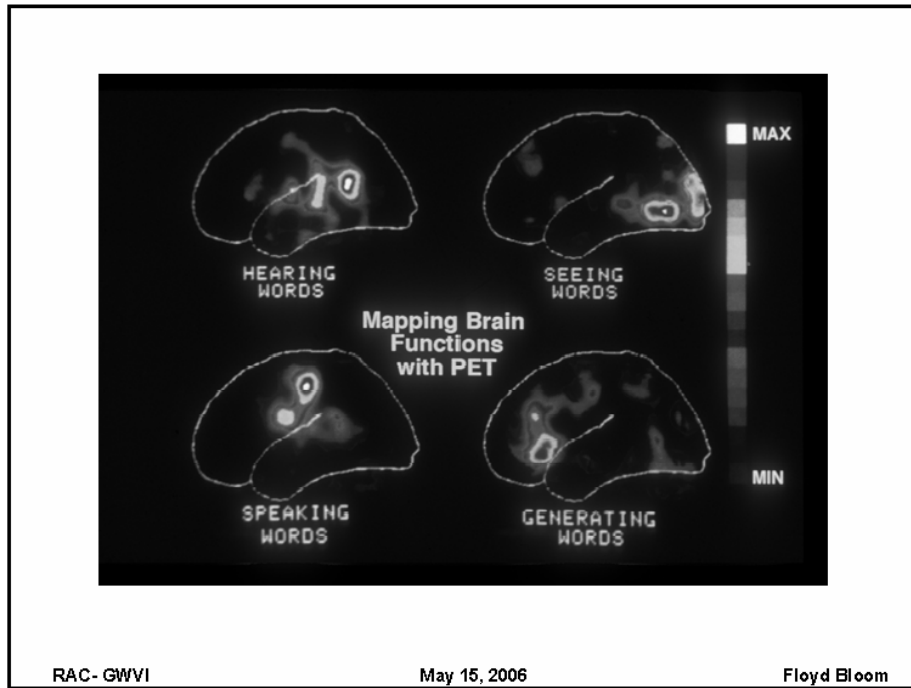
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- To study effects in living subjects new ways to map have been developed: fMRI and NeuroMEG
- These show human brain's plastic ability.




Spatial and Temporal Resolutions for Various Functional Imaging Modalities








MEG



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a non-invasive technique for localizing magnetic fields arising from sources of electrical activity within the human brain.


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MEG: Basic Concepts

- Measures magnetic fields generated by electrophysiological activity
- High temporal resolution (ms)
- High spatial resolution ($<1\text{cm}^3$)
- Magnetic fields can be detected outside the skull and are not affected by intervening tissues
- Spatial distributions of magnetic fields are analyzed to localize their sources within the brain
- Locations of sources are superimposed on an MRI to provide information about structure and function of the brain

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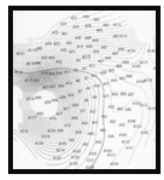
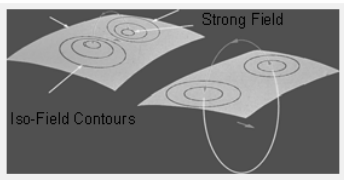
 **MEG: Basic Concepts**

The current dipole generating the measured magnetic field lies midway between the two extrema


- The greater the distance between the extrema, the deeper the dipole

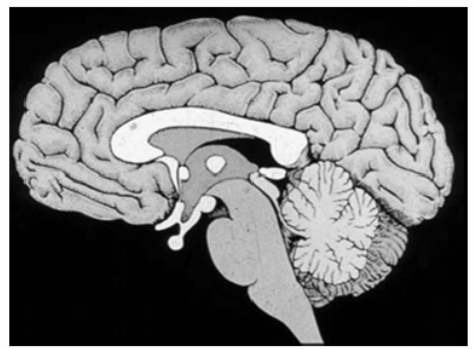
Magnetic Field Pattern

Recording Surface Weak Field Strong Field




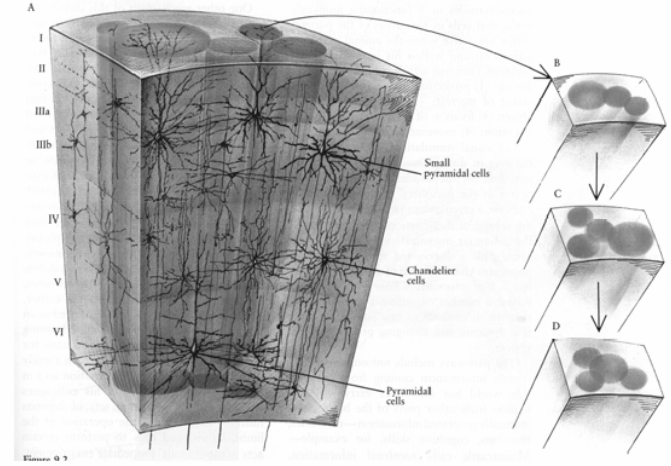
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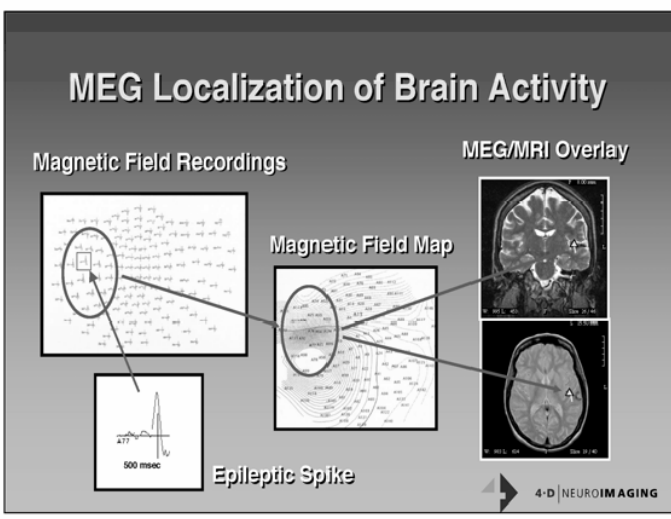
A
I
II
IIIa
IIIb
IV
V
VI

Small pyramidal cells
Chandelier cells
Pyramidal cells

B
C
D

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 **MEG Localization of Brain Activity**



Magnetic Field Recordings

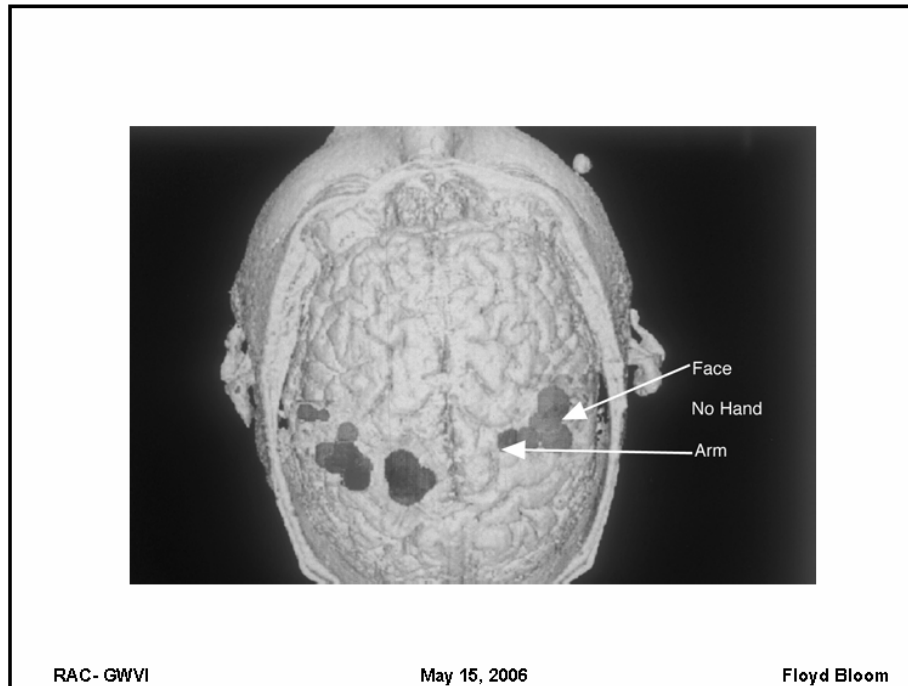
Magnetic Field Map

MEG/MRI Overlay

Epileptic Spike

4-D NEUROIMAGING

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TABLE 1

Radioautographic labeled terminals in control rats and rats with partially lesioned superior cerebellar peduncles; data are expressed as mean number of labeled structures/540 n², ± standard error for 20 samples in each region

Brain regions	Control	Lesioned
Cerebellum	14.25 ± 2.25	39.35 ± 5.78 ¹
Dentate gyrus	7.75 ± 2.17	39.76 ± 6.05 ¹
Hippocampus-CA3	5.24 ± 1.11	23.72 ± 3.96 ¹

¹ p = < 0.001 (t-test).
 n = 25.

Aberrant Responses Can Be Intra-Neuronal

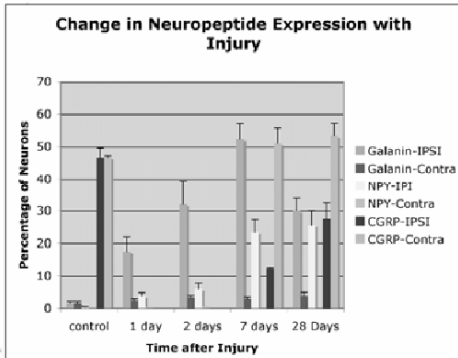


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