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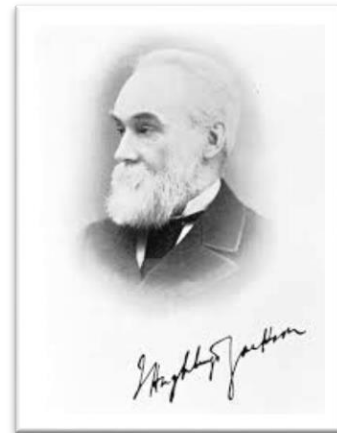
Storia dell'epilessia del lobo frontale

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assenza di conflitti di interesse

Prima dell'EEG..



Concetto pre-jacksoniano dell'epilettogenesi: i generatori delle crisi focali motorie sono a livello dei gangli della base

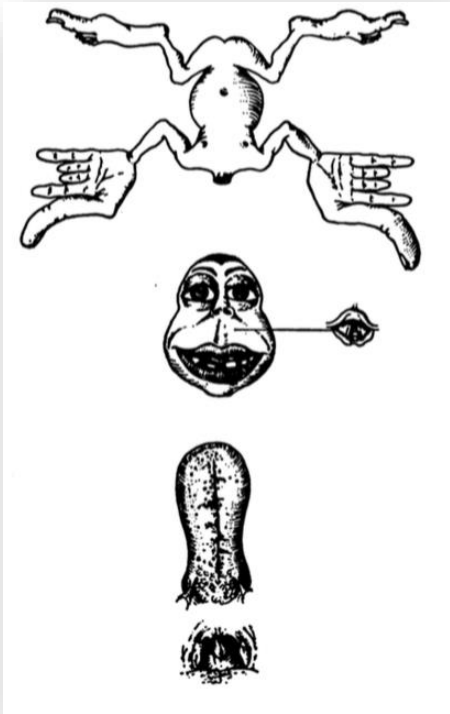
Jackson, J. H. (1863). Convulsive spasms of the right hand and arm preceding epileptic seizures. *Medical Times and Gazette*, Vol. 1, pp 110-111.

L'autopsia rivelò una lesione nella parte controlaterale del cervello, "sulla superficie dell'emisfero"

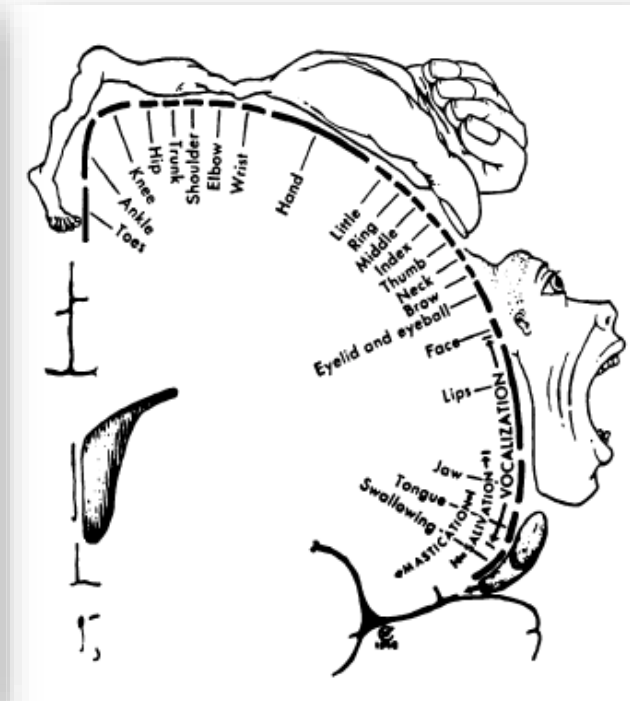
→ È la corteccia motoria a controllare i movimenti controlaterali del corpo e a causare le crisi epilettiche

1879: pubblicato uno dei primi casi di chirurgia dell'epilessia: il neurochirurgo scozzese MacEwen aveva resecato un meningioma frontale rendendo il paziente libero da crisi e senza deficit

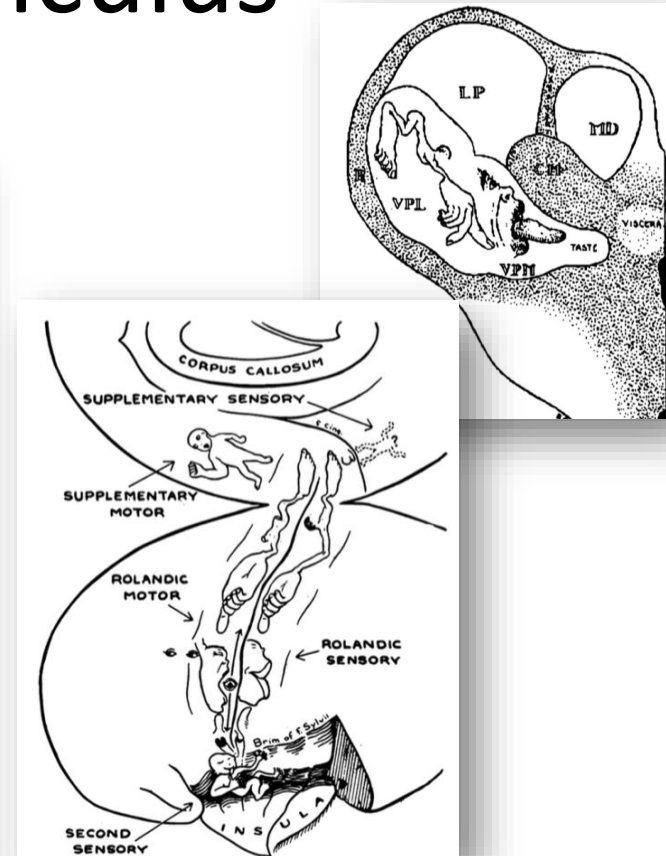
Penfield's homunculus



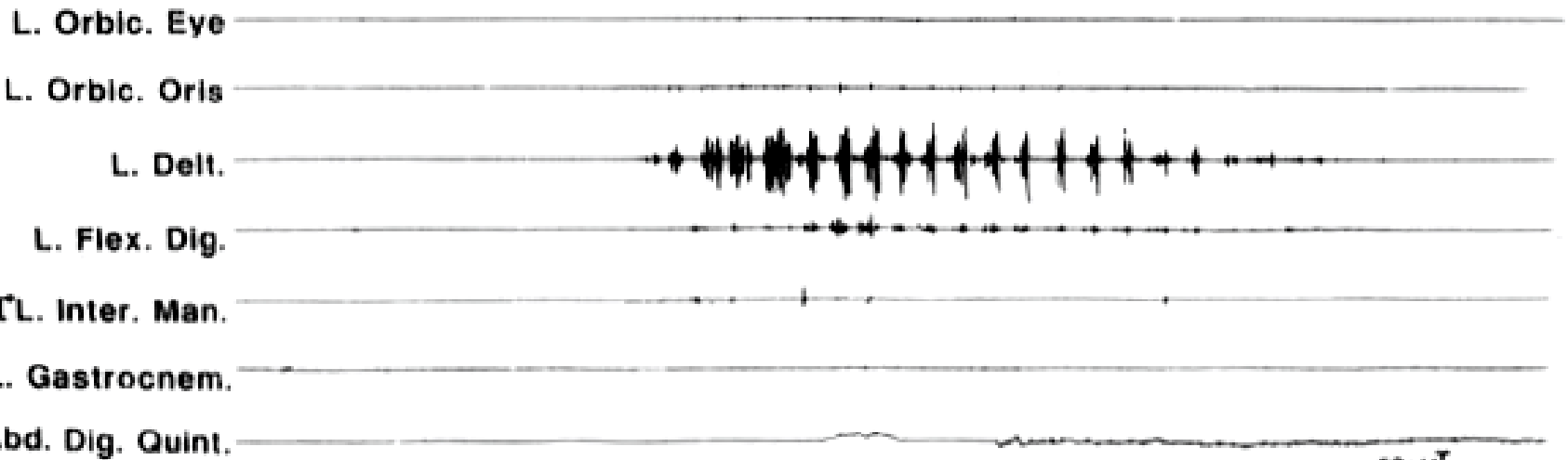
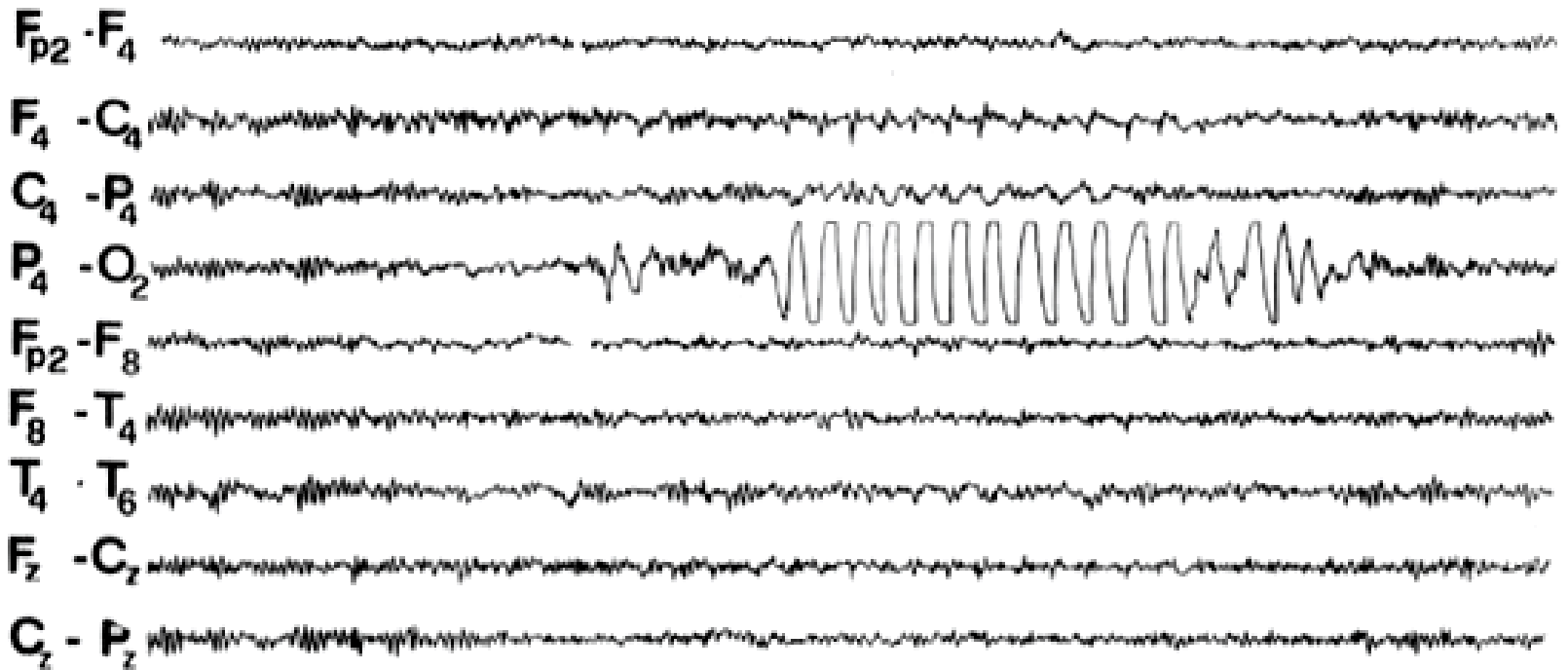
The first homunculus.
Penfield and Boldrey, 1937



Motor homunculus.
Penfield and Rasmussen, 1950



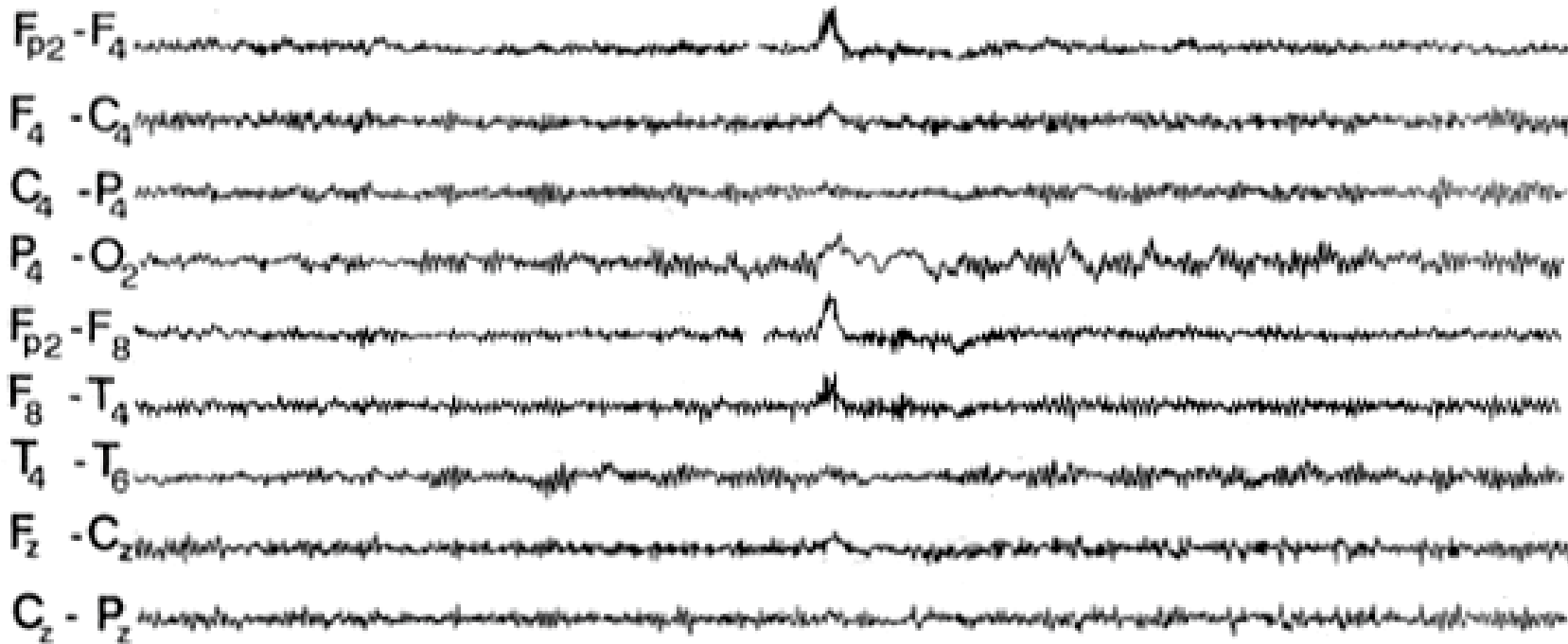
Penfield and Jasper, 1954



Raf. Ste. ♂ 29yrs

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1961

FRONTAL EPILEPTOGENIC FOCI AND THEIR CLINICAL CORRELATIONS

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(Received for publication: December 21, 1959)

(Resubmitted June 5, 1961)

The medical literature in recent years has included many studies on focal epilepsy as well as temporal lobe epilepsy. Despite the fact that human frontal lobes are being injured daily in motor-car accidents, frontal lobe lesions producing epilepsy have received little attention. We have, therefore, undertaken this study on frontal epileptogenic foci.

TABLE II

Types of seizures experienced by the patients

	Maximum of discharge				Total
	Fp	Fs	Fm	Fi	
Unconscious adersive	2		1	1	4
Simple adersive	9			1	10
Somatic-motor	6	3	1		10
Aphasic arrest				1	1
Somatic-sensory	3				3
Rising epigastric aura	3				3
"Generalized" (non-focal) seizure	3	2			5
No epileptic seizure	3	3			6

Circling and rotational automatisms in patients with frontotemporal cortical and subcortical lesions.

Schneider RC, Calhoun HD, Kooi KA.

Brain. 1976 Sep;99(3):447-58.

Automatisms during frontal lobe epileptic seizures.

Geier S, Bancaud J, Talairach J, Bonis A, Enjelvin M, Hossard-Bouchaud H.

Abstract

Three new cases of automatisms occurring during frontal lobe epileptic seizures are reported. If these cases are added to those already published and adequately described in the literature, a total of 12 cases is obtained. An attempt is made to elucidate the clinical

Neurology. 1977 Oct;27(10):951-8.

The seizures of frontal lobe epilepsy. A study of clinical manifestations.

Geier S, Bancaud J, Talairach J, Bonis A, Szikla G, Enjelvin M.

Abstract

We describe ictal clinical manifestations of frontal lobe epileptic seizures in 22 patients. After examination of all ictal clinical data, 14 categories of signs and symptoms were established. The validity of the ictal clinical data used was confirmed on the basis of 99 frontal lobe seizures recorded by tele-electroencephalogram or tele-stereo-electroencephalogram. The main conclusion is that the frontal lobe appears to be partially connected with motor activity.

Ann Neurol. 1985 Oct;18(4):497-504.

Complex partial seizures of frontal lobe origin.

Williamson PD, Spencer DD, Spencer SS, Novelly RA, Mattson RH.

Abstract

Complex partial seizures of medial or orbital frontal origin were documented in 10 of 90 patients with intractable epilepsy who were studied with depth electrodes. The clinical features that, in part, served to distinguish these seizures from complex partial seizures originating elsewhere included brief, frequent attacks, complex motor automatisms with kicking and thrashing, sexual automatisms, vocalization, and frequent development of complex partial status epilepticus. The constellation of clinical characteristics was often bizarre, leading to the erroneous diagnosis of hysteria. Stereotyped attack patterns helped establish the diagnosis of epilepsy. Interictal and ictal scalp electroencephalograms were often not helpful and were sometimes misleading.

Complex partial seizures of frontal lobe origin

“..interictal and ictal scalp electroencephalograms are often not helpful and sometimes misleading.”

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Robert A. Novelly, PhD, and Richard H. Mattson, MD*

Ann Neurol 18:497-504,1985

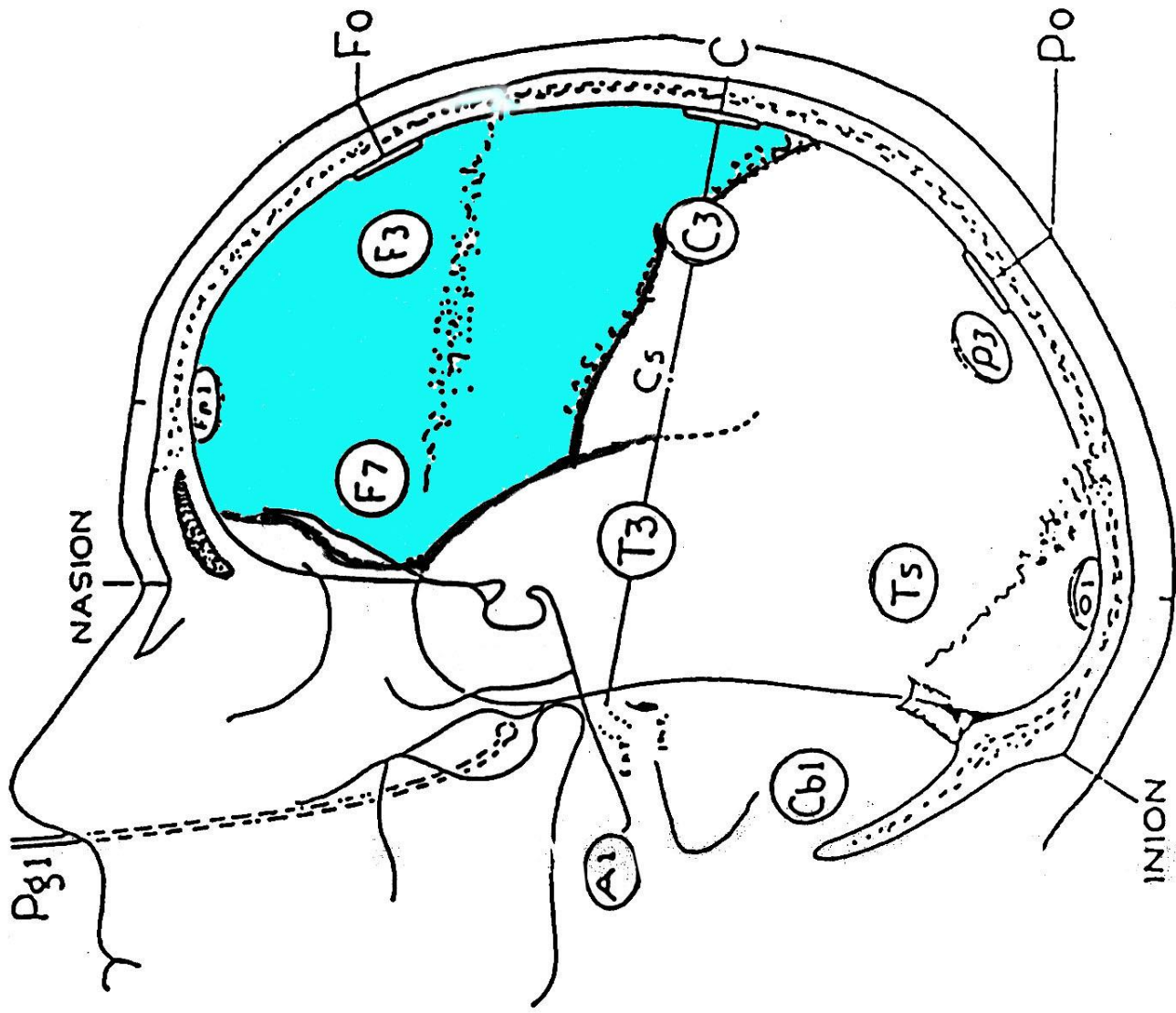
..the electrographic diagnosis of orbital seizures depends exclusively on the findings from chronically implanted electrodes

C. Ajmone - Marsan 1988

Le epilessie del lobo frontale. EEG intercritico e critico

Problemi:

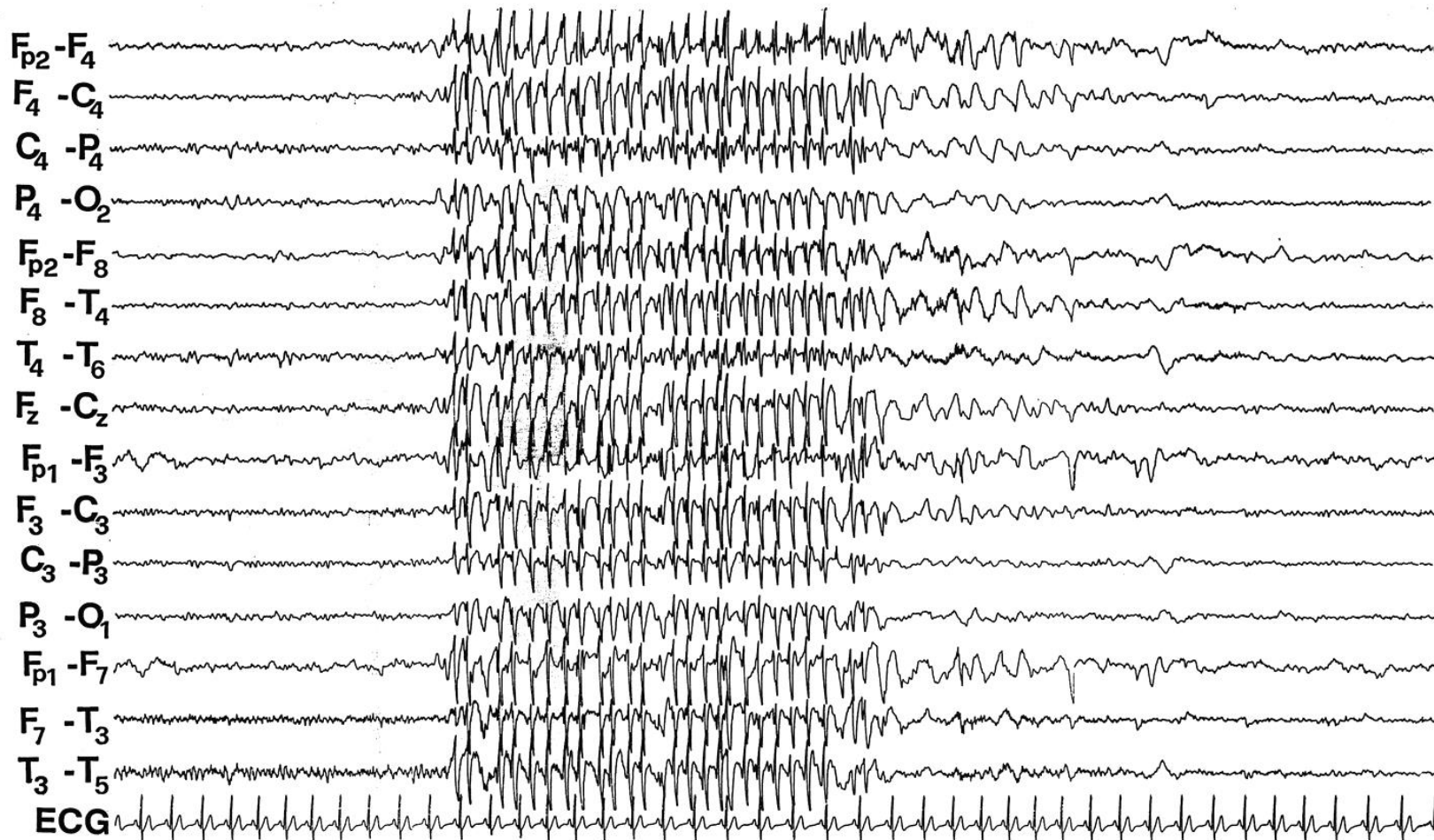
- ✓ Estensione dei lobi frontali e «faccie nascoste». (2/3 della superficie non accessibile a elettrodi EEG)
- ✓ Rapida diffusione alla convessità ipsi e contro-laterale
- ✓ Frequenti artefatti muscolari e da movimento



The Electroencephalogram in parasagittal lesions

K. Tugel and H Jasper. Electroenceph Clin Neurophysiol 1952 . 4:481-494

..these eegs may resemble closely those of petit mal . . .epilepsy”



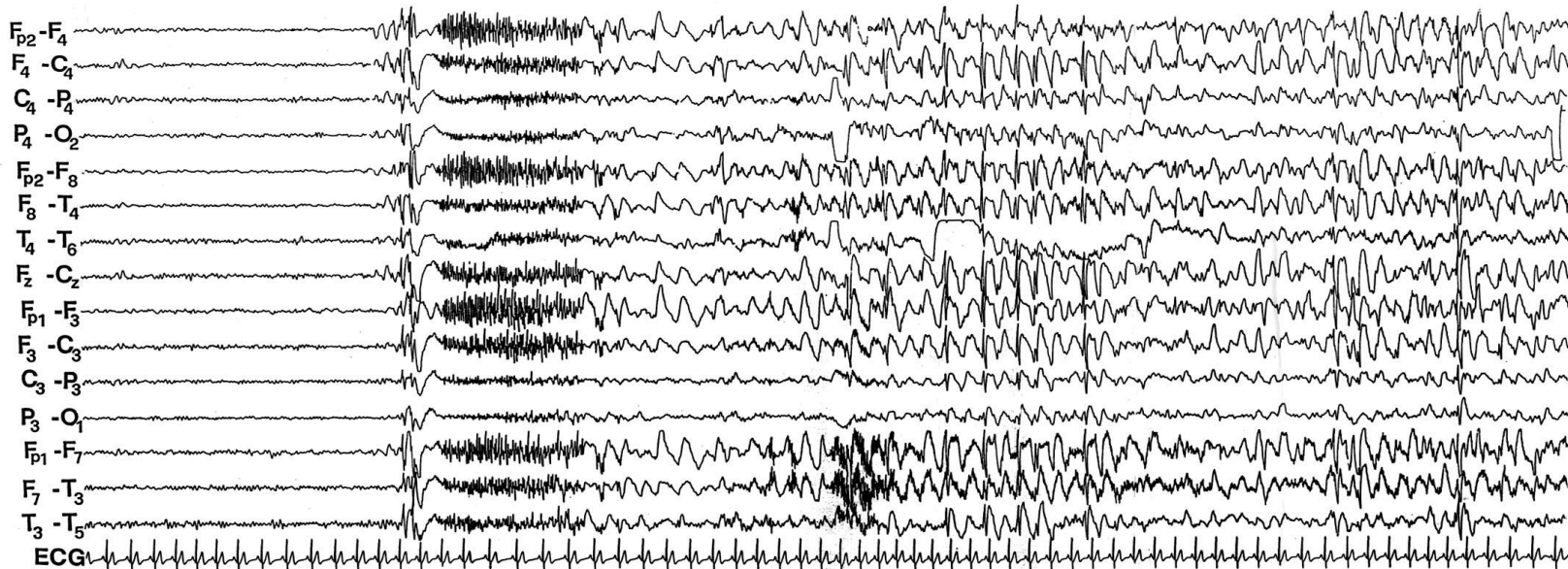
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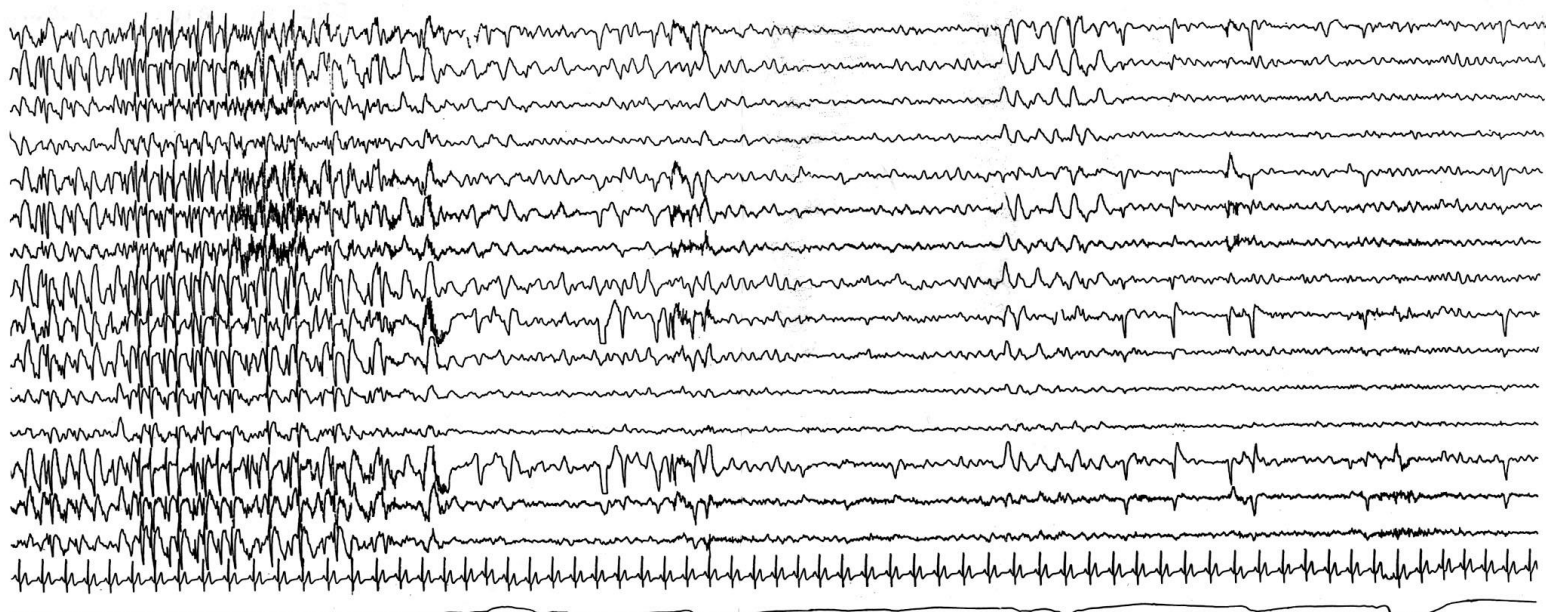




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Clinical and EEG features of partial epilepsy with secondary bilateral synchrony

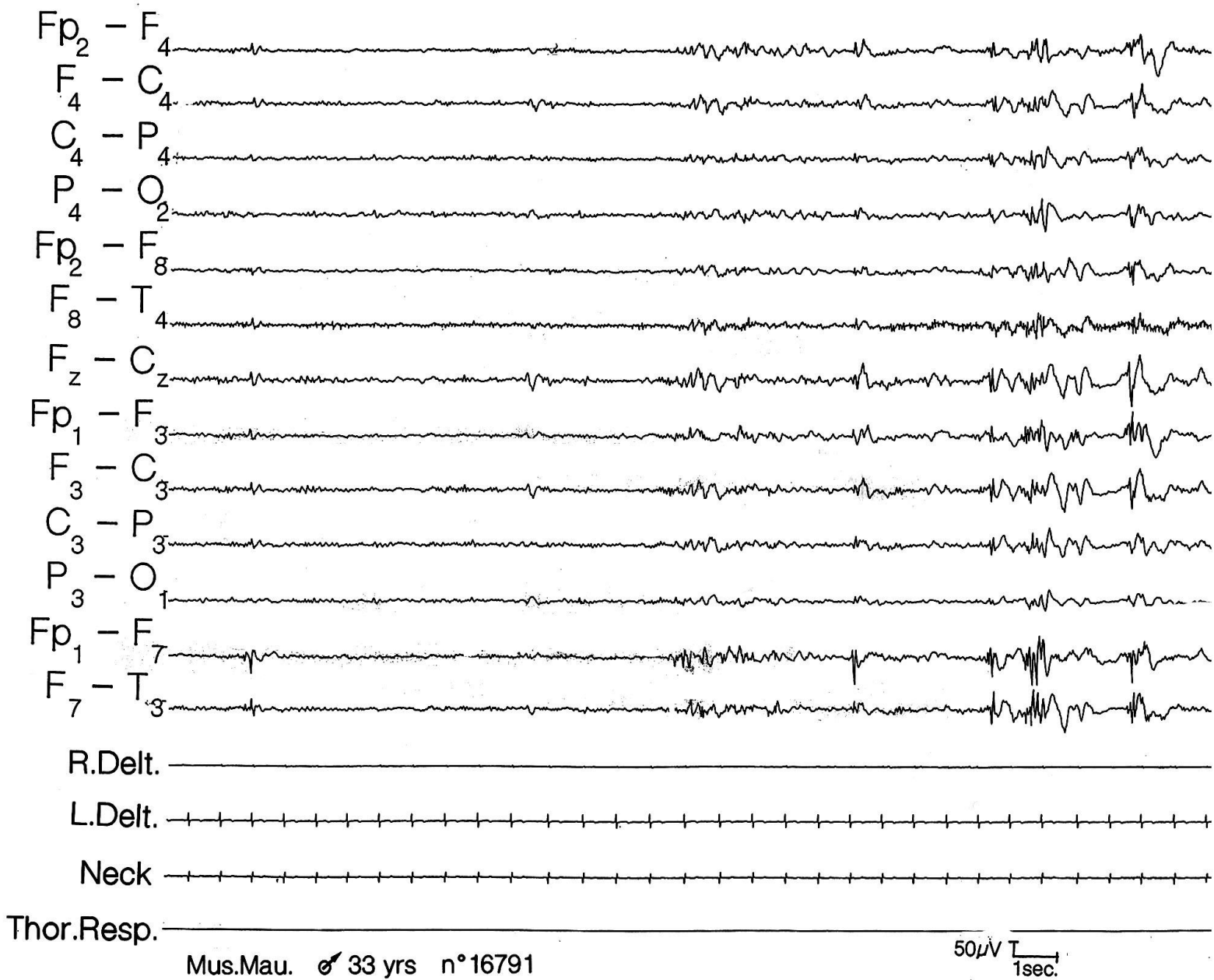
P. Tinuper, A. Cerullo, R. Riva, C. Marini, F. Provini, G. Plazzi, A. Baruzzi, E. Lugaresi. . J. Epilepsy 1995;8:210-214

“.....SBS is an index of a severe outcome in PE “

Epileptic drop attacks in partial epilepsy: clinical features, evolution, and prognosis

P. Tinuper, A. Cerullo, C. Marini, P. Avoni, A. Rosati, R. Riva, A. Baruzzi, E. Lugaresi. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry, 1998;64:231-237

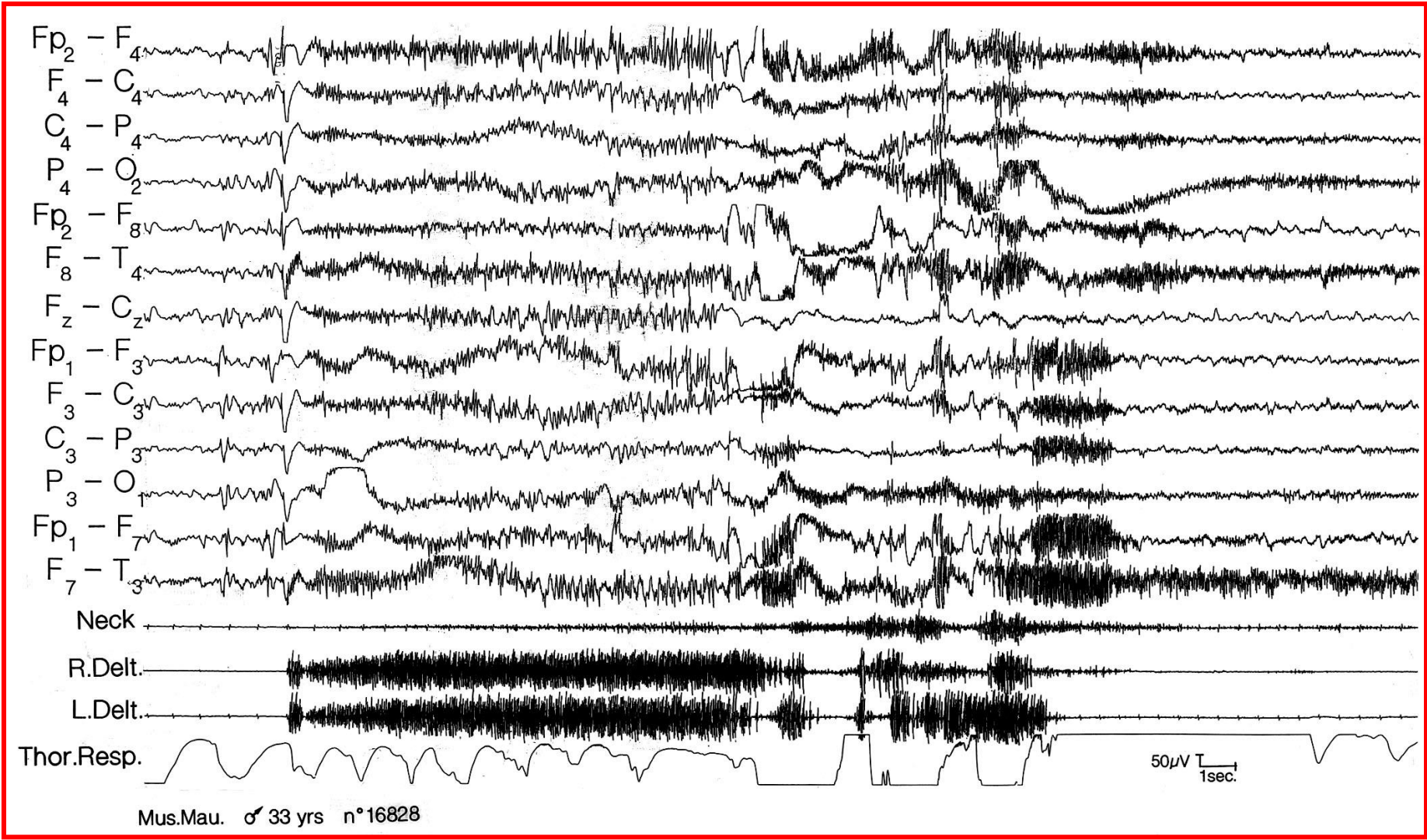
“.....the physiopathogenetic substrate of epileptic drop attacks is a mechanism of secondary bilateral synchrony “

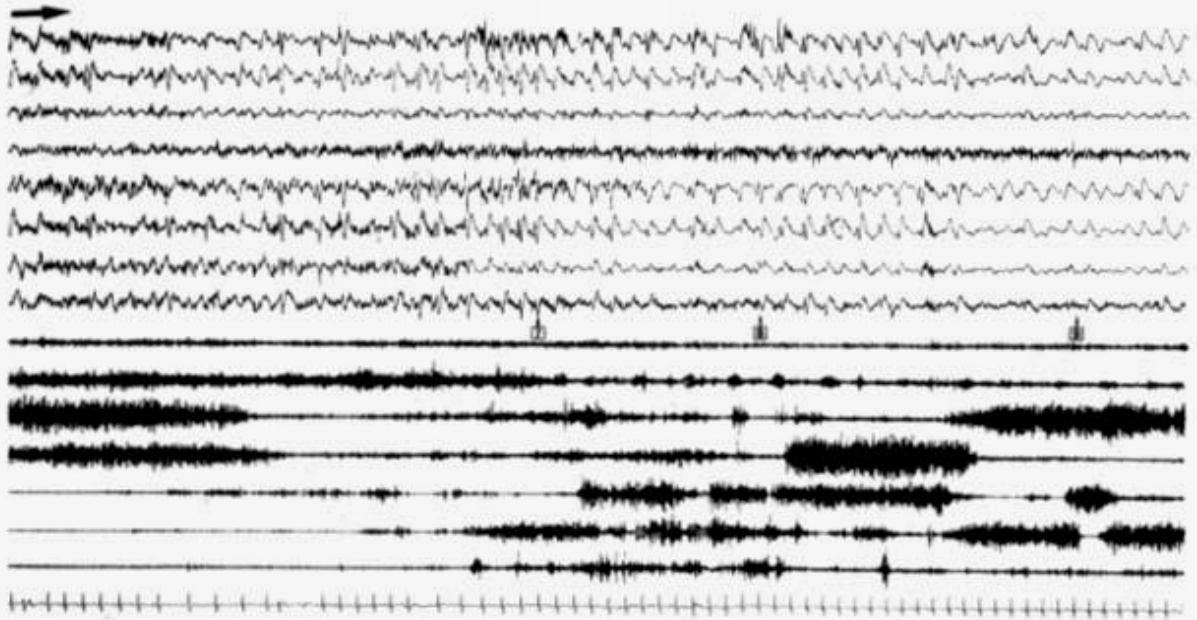
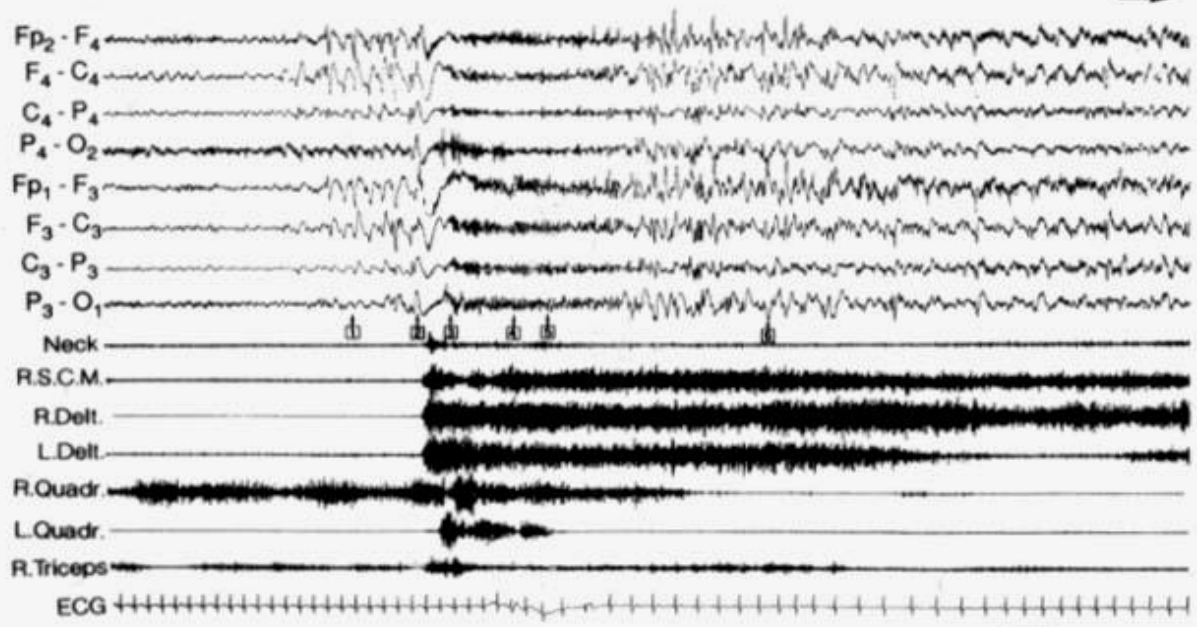


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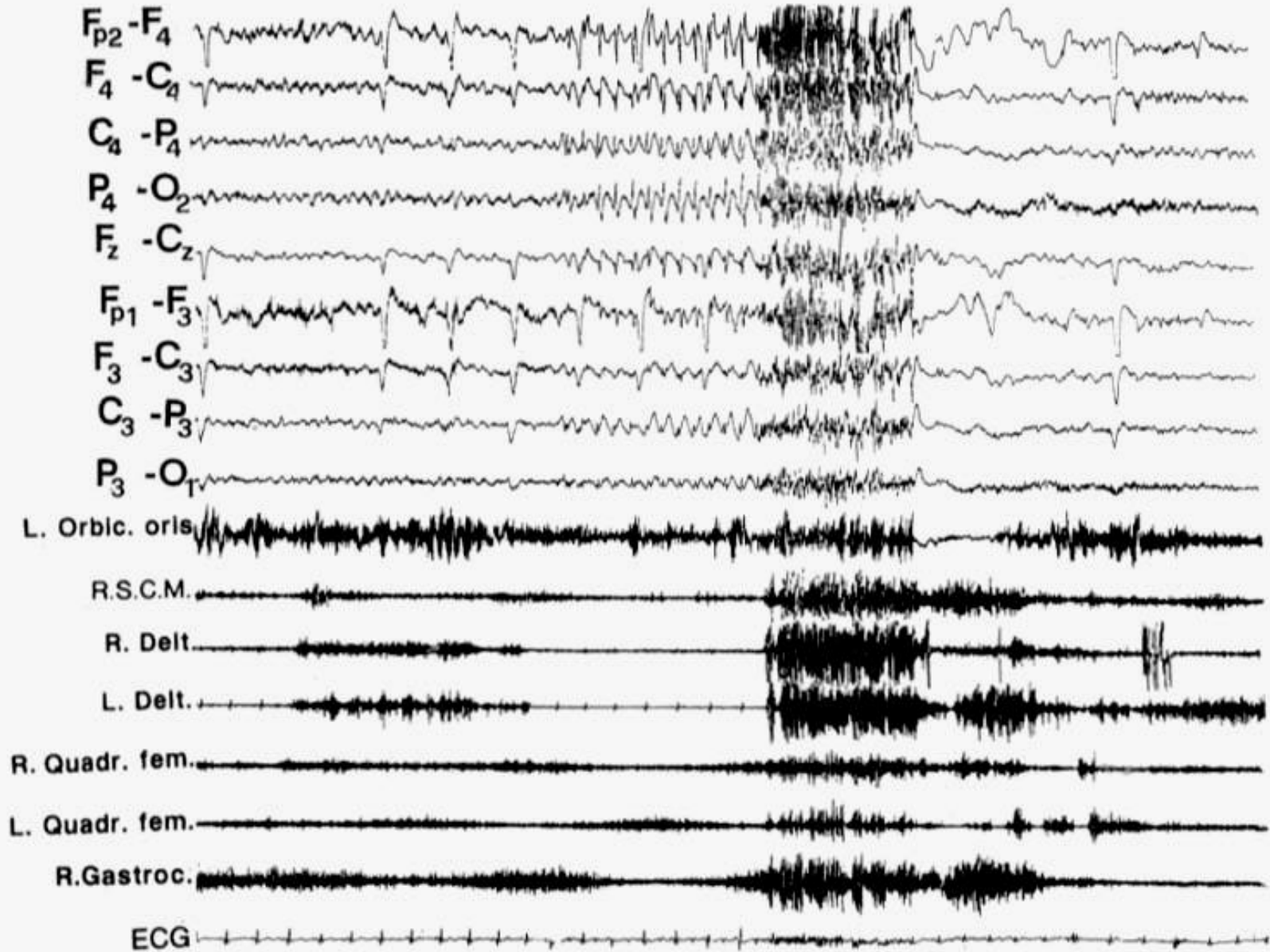






Sba.III. ♂ 35 yrs n*21425





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1972

Orbital Frontal Seizures. An Unique Electroencephalographic and Clinical Syndrome*

BARRY R. THARP.

Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford (Calif.)

(Received April 21, 1972)

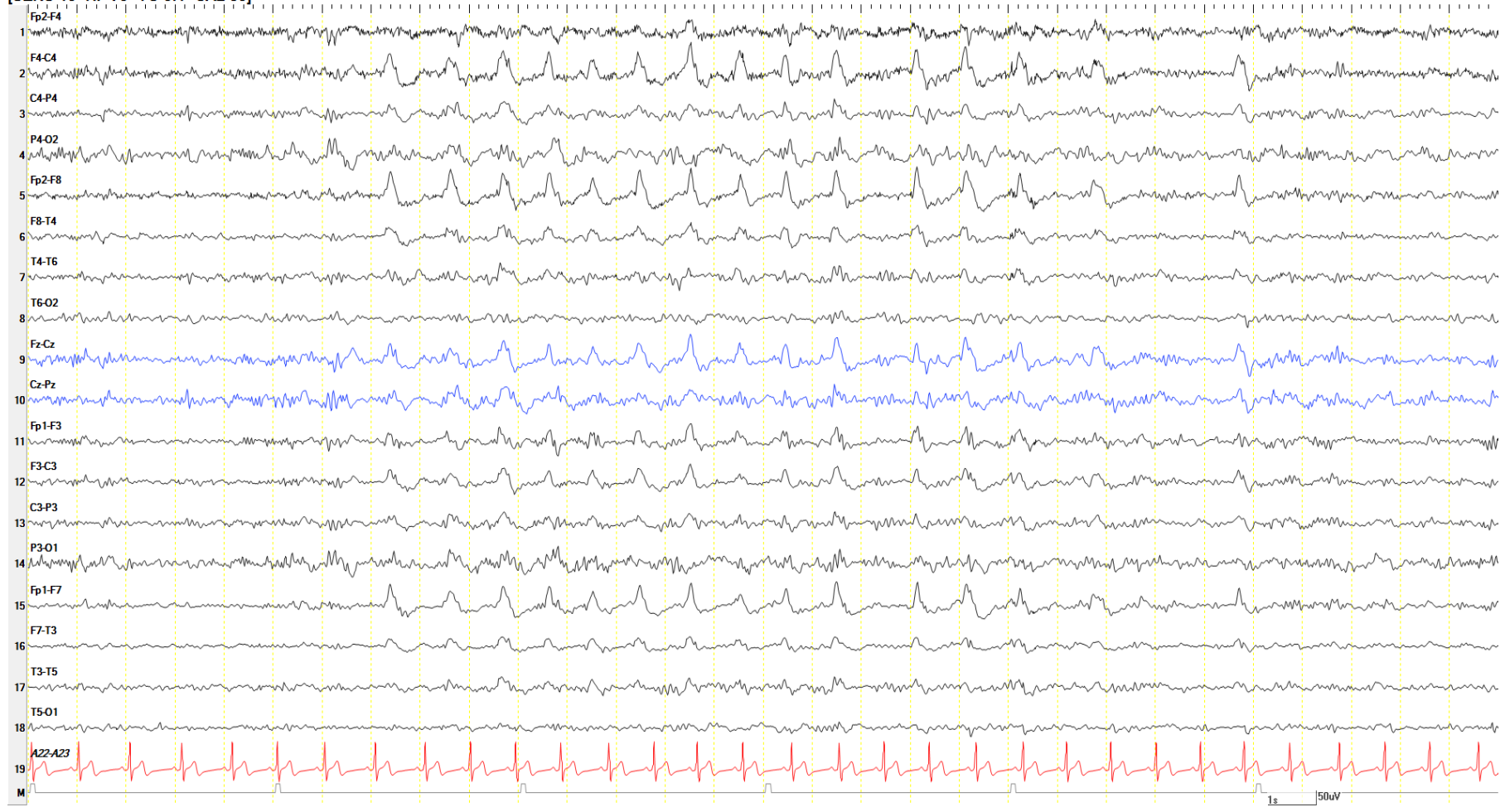
- three children with seizures characterized by bizarre motor attacks recurring during wakefulness
- One of them became seizure free after the surgical resection of a part of the frontal lobe (the orbital region)



High-amplitude periodic mono- and diphasic sharp slow-waves present over the frontal regions bilaterally with the patient drowsy.

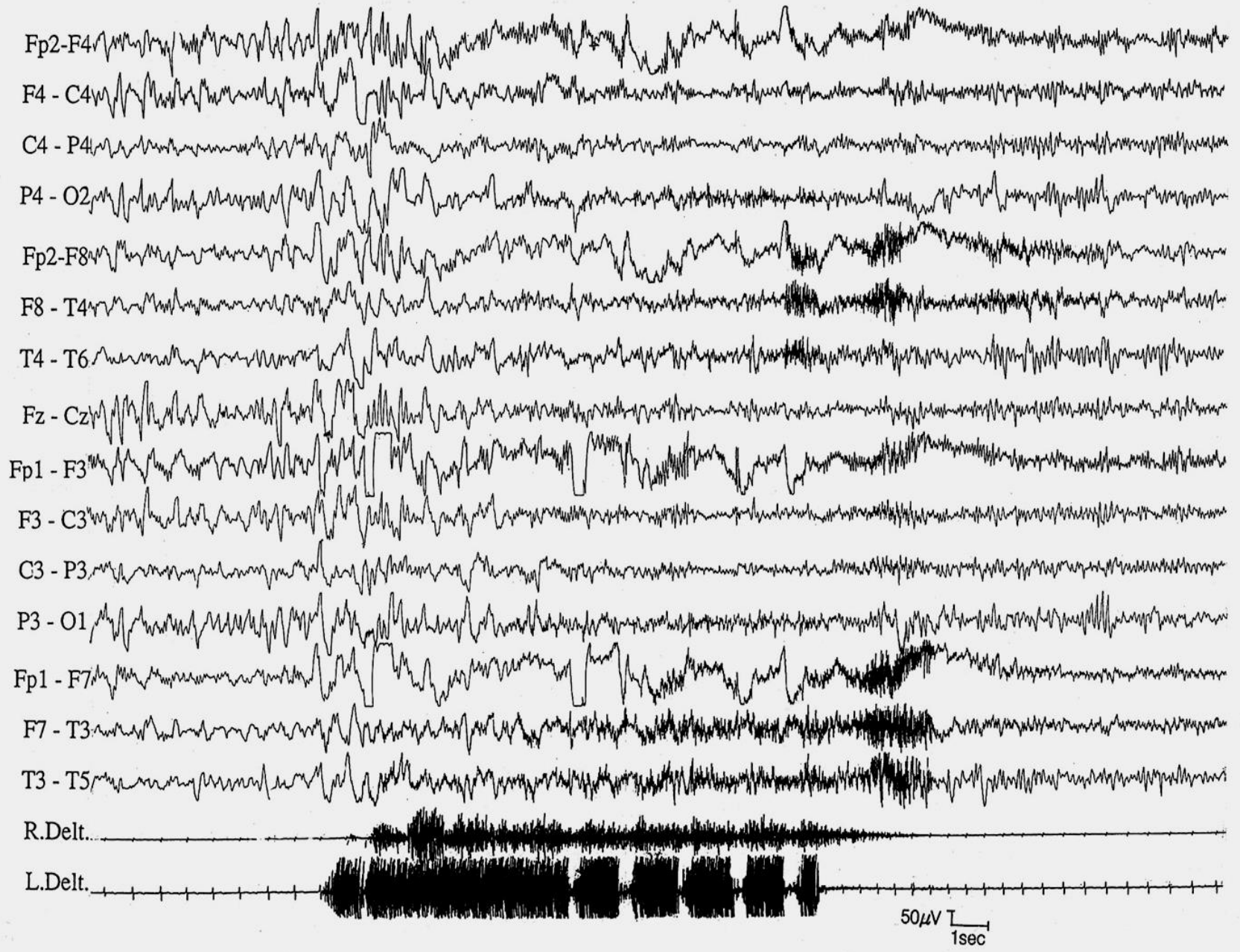
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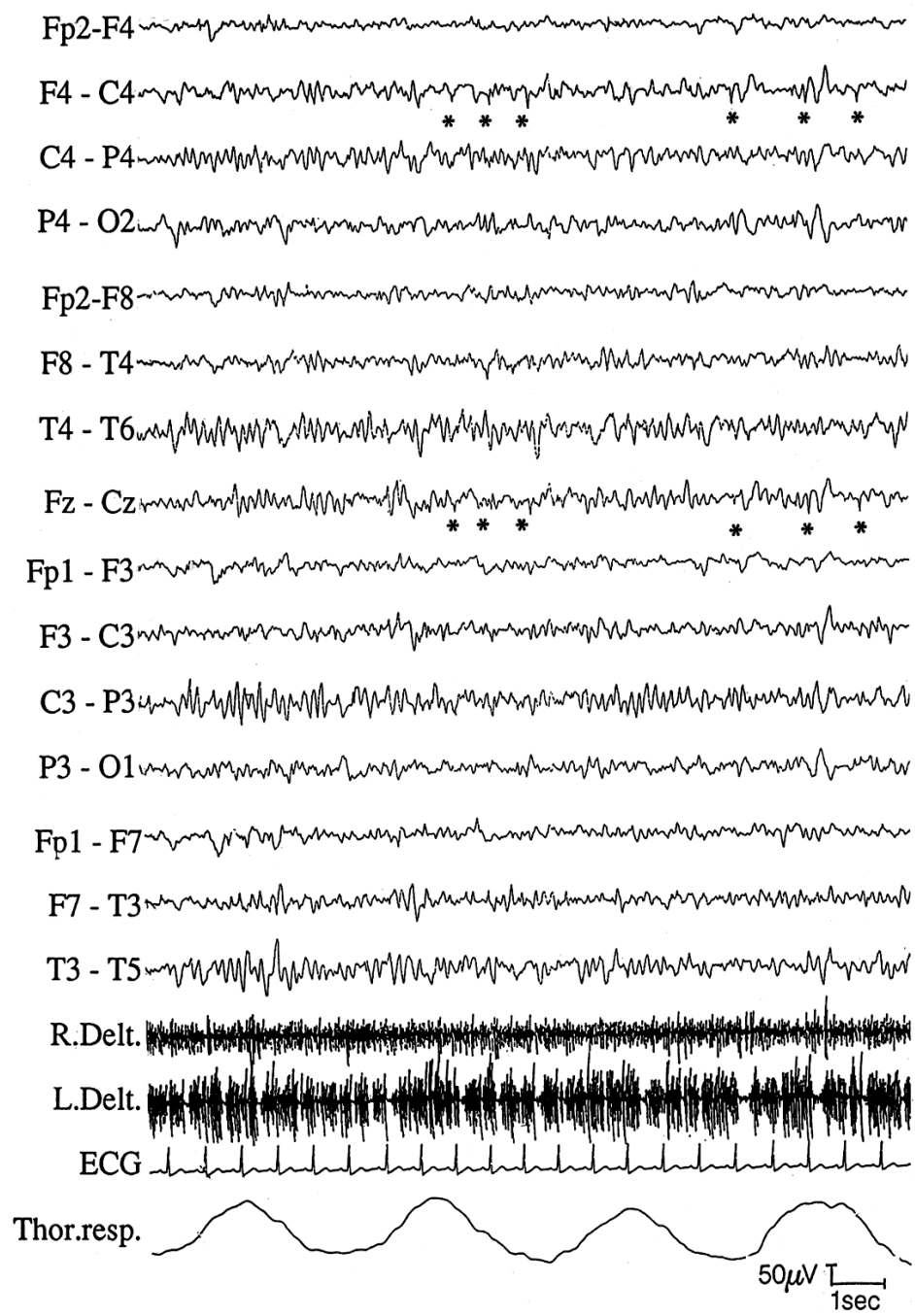
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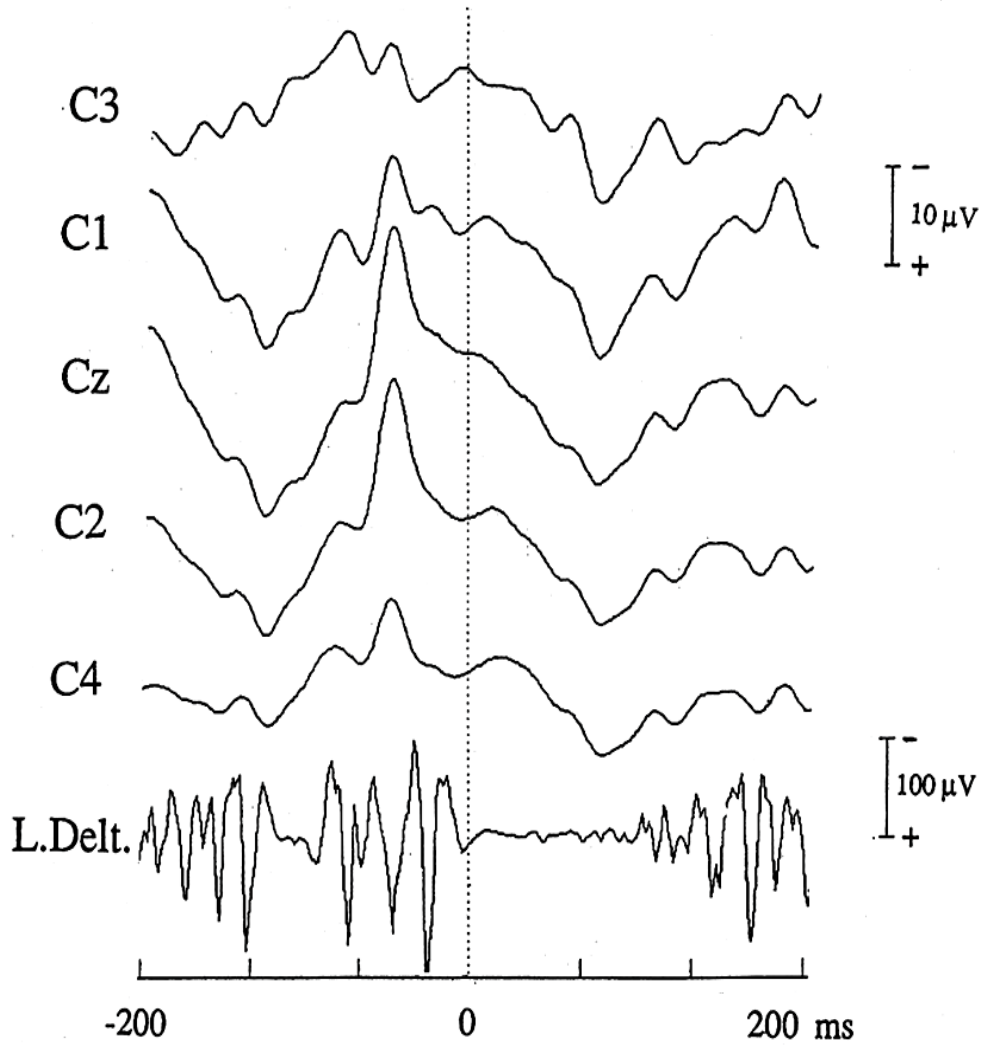
Scalp EEG nelle crisi del lobo frontale

- ✓ Le scariche intercritiche e anche critiche possono essere difficili da identificare
- ✓ I parametri poligrafici possono essere molto utili nel correlare segni clinici con modificazioni EEG
- ✓ Lo studio Video-EEG è essenziale per la descrizione degli eventi critici

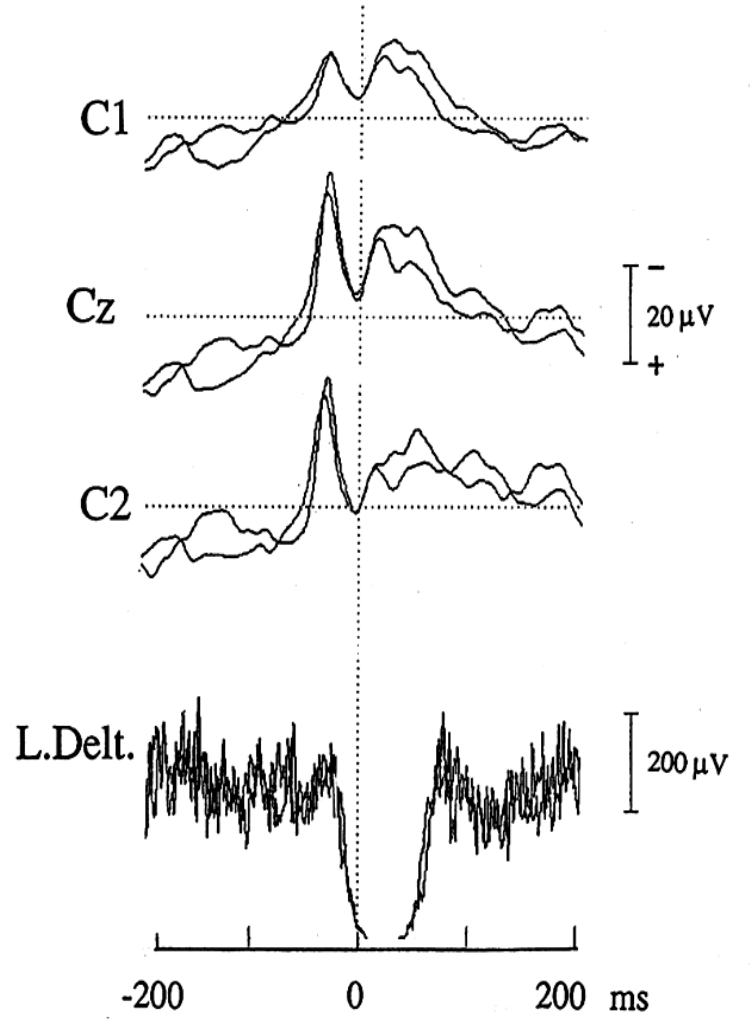


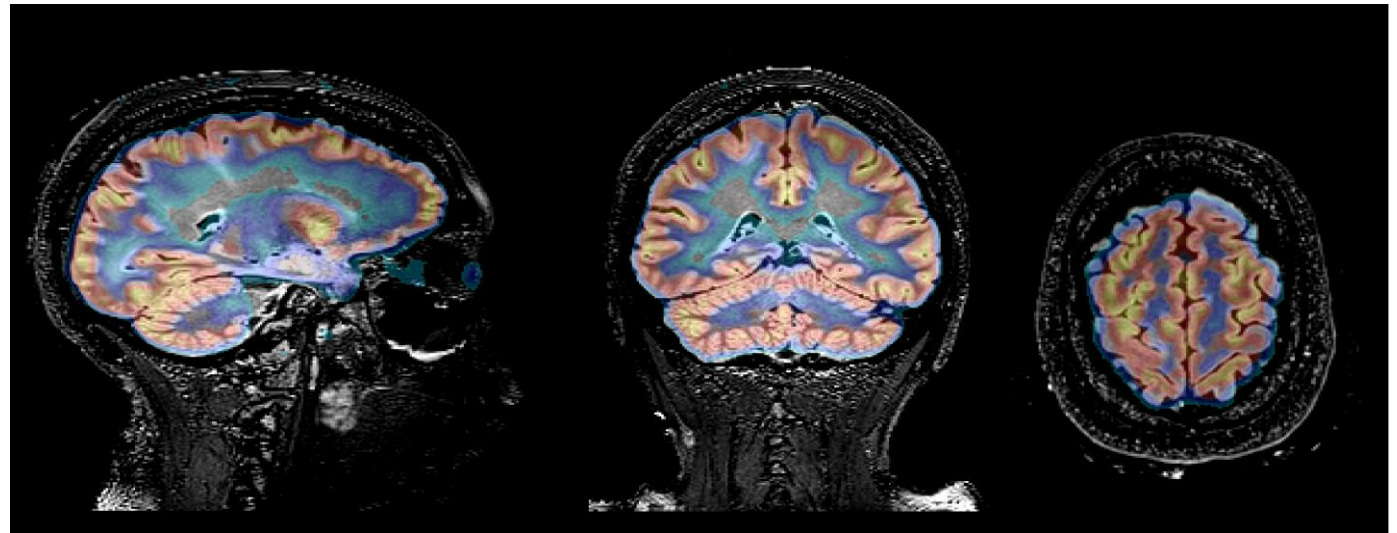
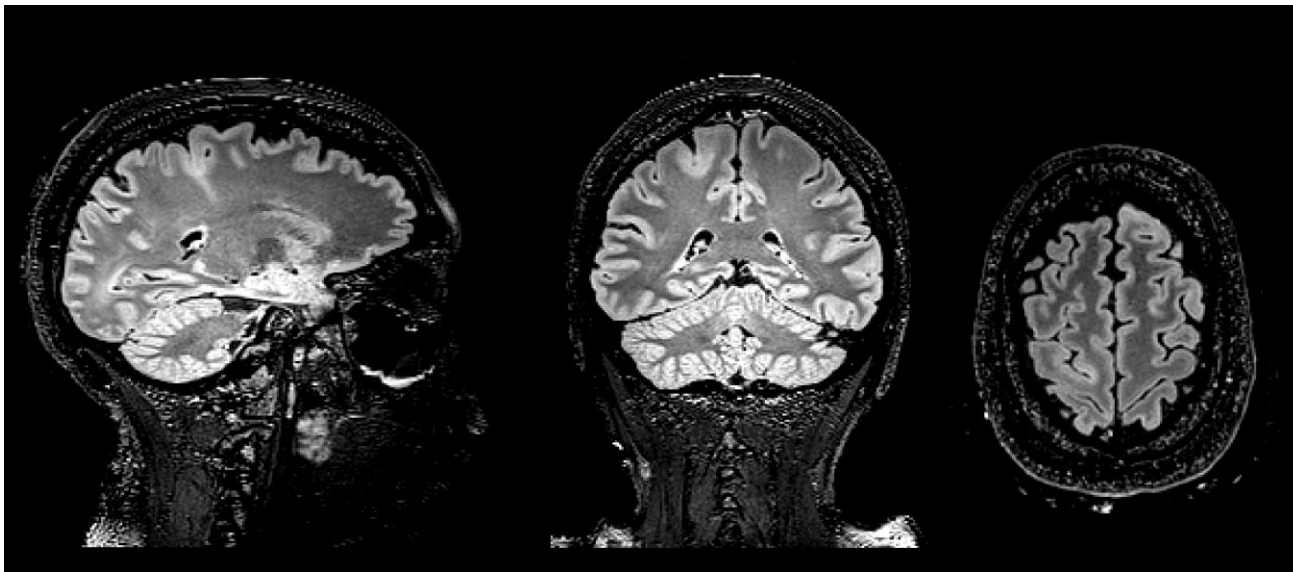


A



B





A livello della profondità del giro precentrale di destra la corteccia appare lievemente ispessita, si associa stria di iperintensità di segnale nelle sequenze pesate in T2, che si prolunga nel contesto della sottostante sostanza bianca ventricolo omolaterale ("transmantle sign").

Frontal lobe seizures: electroclinical features

- typically brief
- often manifest complex motor behavior, sometimes with emotional signs
- may be difficult to accurately observe and describe, in contrast to the relatively well-recognized patterns of temporal lobe seizures (Manford et al., 1996; O'Brien et al., 2008)
- The connectivity of frontal lobe supramodal associative areas supports spread through distant cortico-cortical efferent pathways, typically resulting in rapid, widespread propagation of seizure discharges originating in frontal regions, thus helping to explain both semiologic complexity and difficulties in EEG analysis.
- in the frontal lobe, accurate delineation of seizure onset is challenging given the large surface of buried cortex and peculiarities of craniocerebral anatomy, the ventromedial prefrontal region in particular being far from EEG electrodes placed on the scalp or on the cortical convexity.

Such difficulties in electroclinical localization almost certainly contribute to poorer outcome in surgical treatment of frontal lobe epilepsy compared to other epilepsy types (Tellez-Zenteno et al., 2005).

PARASONNIE E NFLE: l'origine del problema

Sleep, 4(2):129–138
© 1981 Raven Press, New York

Elio Lugaresi and Fabio Cirignotta

Hypnogenic Paroxysmal Dystonia: Epileptic Seizure or a New Syndrome?

Nocturnal paroxysmal dystonia

E LUGARESI, F CIRIGNOTTA, P MONTAGNA

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NPD represents a syndrome of sleep related motor attacks.....Its precise nosological definition still awaits delucidations.

Oral and Bimanual-Bipedal Activity as Ictal Manifestations of Frontal Lobe Epilepsy. J. A. Wada and S. J. Purves (University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada).

Convulsive manifestations of frontal lobe epilepsy are reasonably well known, based primarily on the results of cortical stimulation studies which began over a century ago. In contrast, nonconvulsive manifestations have not been well defined and are the source of real concern when differentiating seizures of temporal or frontal lobe origin for potential surgical candidates.

We present 14 patients whose clinical episodes, often nocturnal, recur repetitively with short intervals, displaying screaming, yelling, coughing, whining, laboured breathing, and bimanual-bipedal activity, in addition to occasional versive movement, laughter, oral automatism, and genital manipulation, while retaining intact awareness, intermittent responsiveness, or becoming totally nonresponsive. Interictal epileptiform abnormality may be completely absent, or bifrontal slow waves, spikes and waves, or additional temporal lobe abnormality may be present. Ictal and postictal EEGs, often with poor demarcation between them, suggest frontal or frontotemporal localization. Three patients markedly benefited from anterior two-thirds callosal bisection, while temporal lobectomy in two patients was without effect. We conclude that nonconvulsive episodes with activity of mouth and both hands and legs as ictal manifestations with a tendency to nocturnal rapid repetition likely represent seizures of frontal lobe origin.

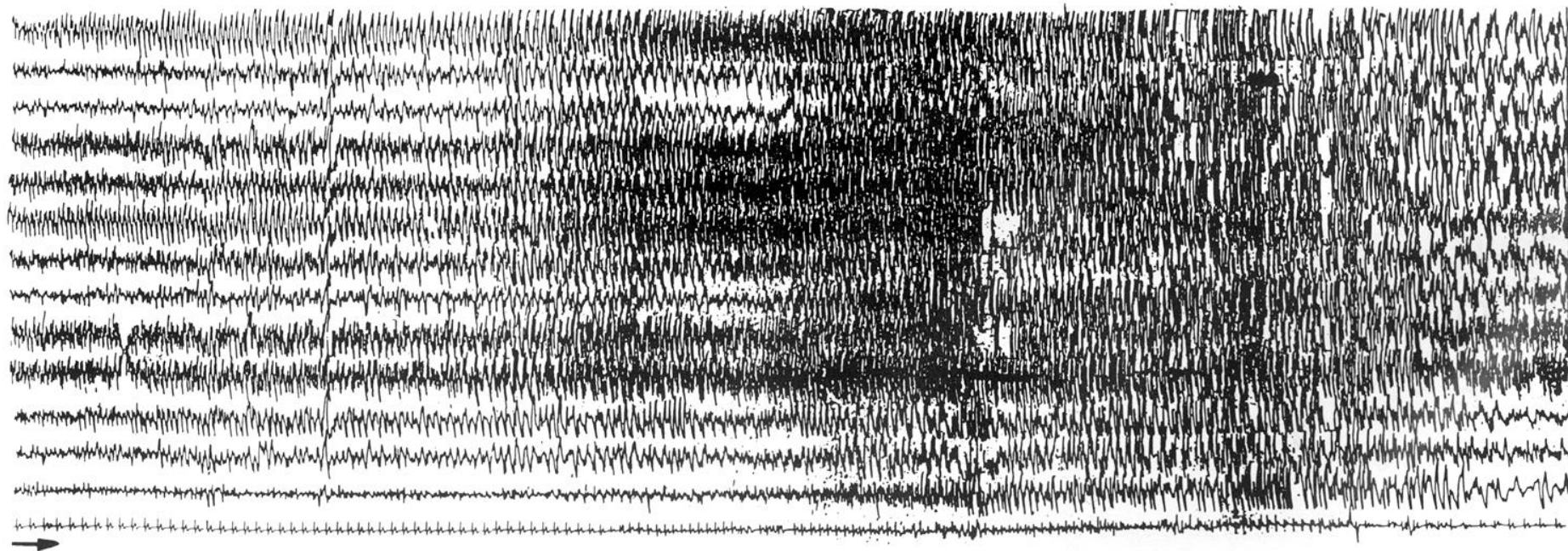
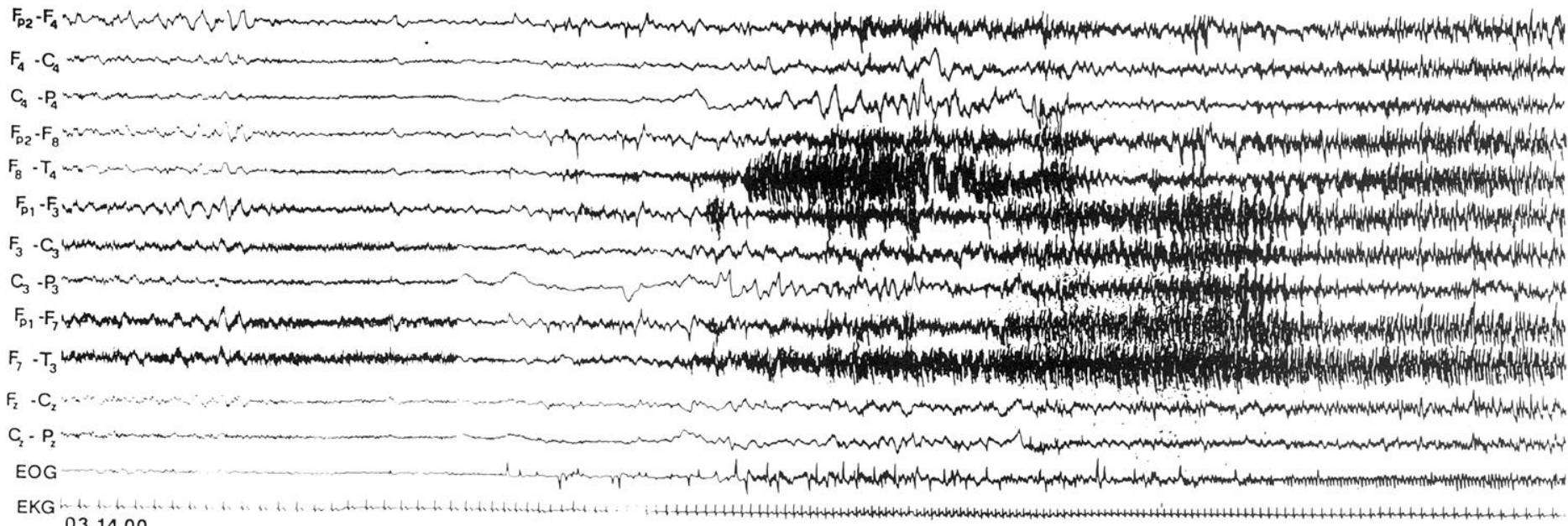
SOMETHING BECOME CLEAR...1990 -2009

Nocturnal Paroxysmal Dystonia with Short-Lasting Attacks: Three Cases with Evidence for an Epileptic Frontal Lobe Origin of Seizures

Paolo Tinuper, Angelina Cerullo, Fabio Cirignotta, Pietro Cortelli, Elio Lugaresi, and
Pasquale Montagna

Epilepsia, 31(5):549-556, 1990
Raven Press, Ltd., New York
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LIGHT SLEEP



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Nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy

A clinical and polygraphic overview of 100 consecutive cases

F.Provini, G.Plazzi, P.Tinuper, S.Vandi, E.Lugaresi and P.Montagna (Brain 1999)

- N. 100 70% males
- Age at onset 1-64 yrs (mean 14 ±10)
- Personal history of parasomnia 34%
- At least one first degree with parasomnia 39%
- Family history of epilepsy 25% (30% NFLS)

- Seizures very frequent (during nonRem sleep 97%)
- Intraindividual stereotypy remarkable
- Ictal autonomic manifestations +++
- Neurological and neuropsychol. exam normal 86%
- Normal interictal EEG 55%
- Non epileptiform ictal EEG 45%
- CBZ inefficacy 32%



International Consensus Conference on Nocturnal Frontal Lobe Epilepsy

Bologna, 30th August – 1st September 2014

Aim

Update and clarify diagnostic criteria for NFLE

Frequent difficulties in diagnosis

Perception of under-diagnosis in many areas

Disagreement on key features of the syndromes

Conference Methodology

Participants included experts in epilepsy, sleep, and epidemiology

Literature review completed before the Conference and working groups were assembled to address specific questions



SLEEP-RELATED HYPERMOTOR EPILEPSY (SHE)

VIEWS & REVIEWS

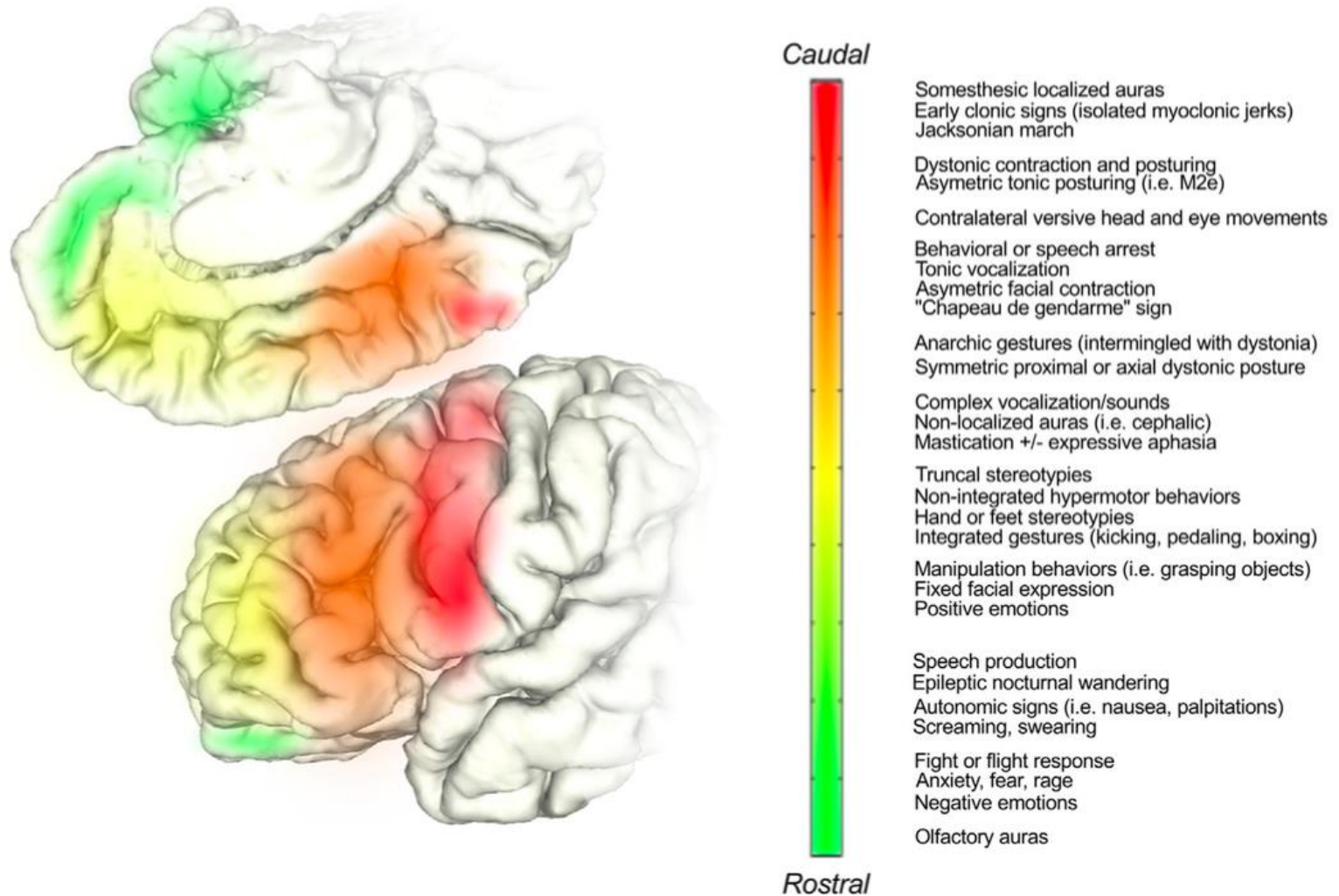
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Definition and diagnostic criteria of sleep-related hypermotor epilepsy

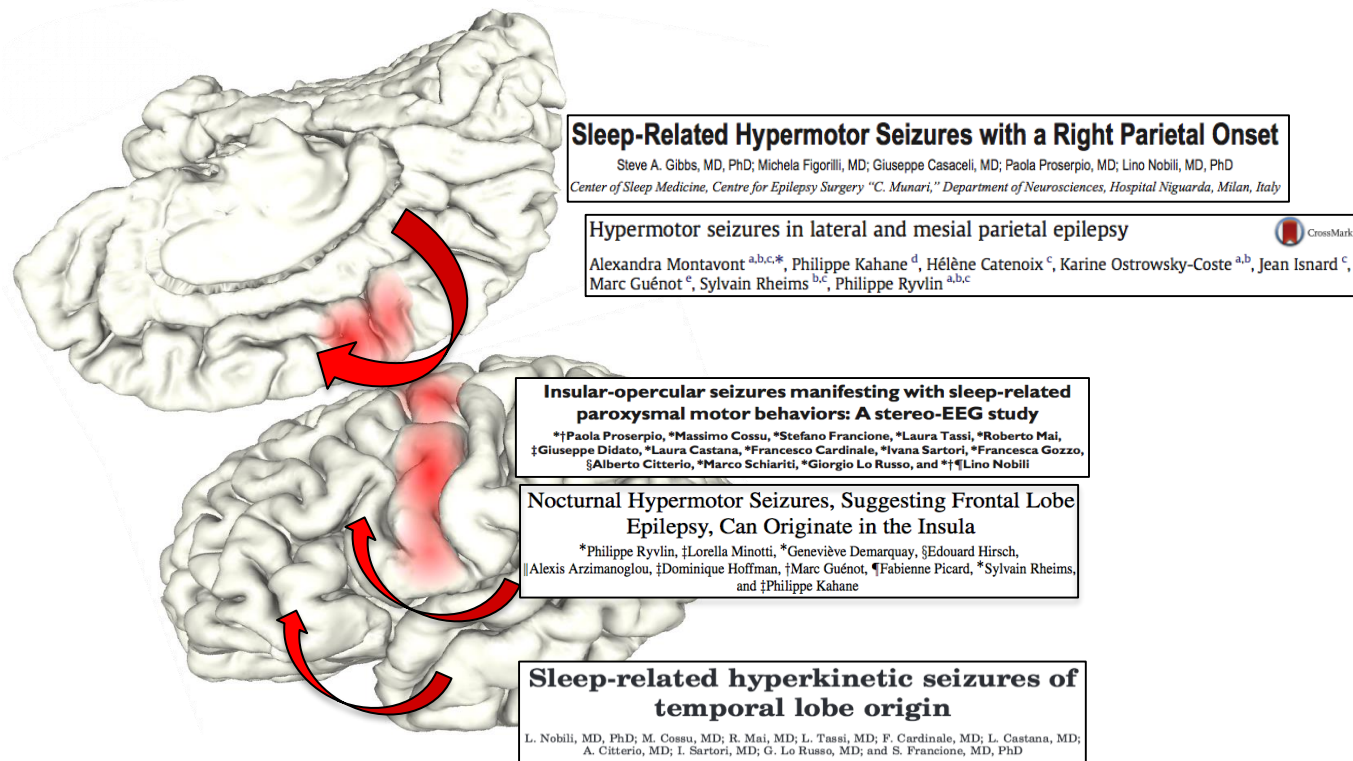
- ✓ Unique syndrome, independently of the aetiology (genetic, lesional or both) and the brain region involved (frontal or extra-frontal)
- ✓ “Hypermotor” seizures semiology: asymmetric tonic or dystonic posturing and/or hyperkinetic manifestations
- ✓ Seizures occur almost exclusively during sleep
- ✓ About one third of patients are drug-resistant
- ✓ Epilepsy surgery provides excellent results in selected SHE cases

Schematic representation of the rostrocaudal continuum of frontal lobe seizure manifestations derived from SEEG recordings

Gibbs *et al.*, 2016







Hypermotor seizures arising outside the frontal lobe



The delay between the SEEG ictal onset and the appearance of complex motor behaviors ranged from 5–40 s (mean 20 s) (Proserpio et al. 2011)

Courtesy of Gibbs and Nobili. Niguarda Hospital. Milano. Italy

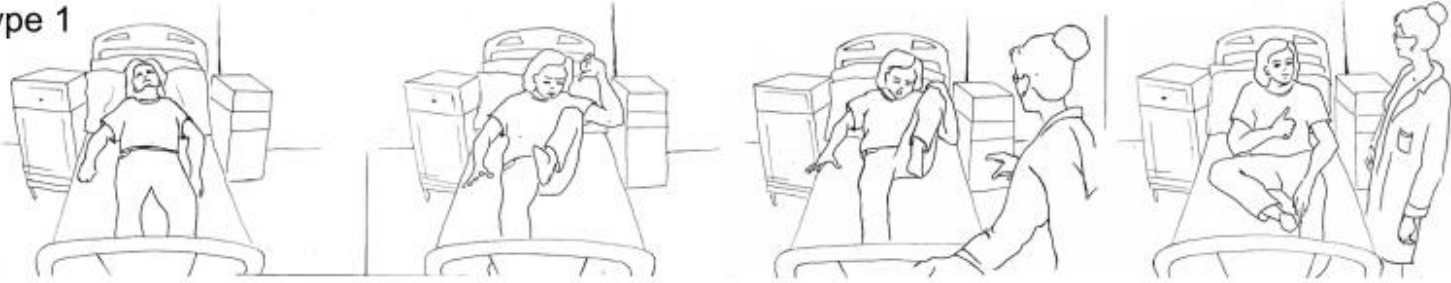
Clinical features of sleep-related hypermotor epilepsy in relation to the seizure-onset zone: A review of 135 surgically treated cases

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TYPE I

early elementary motor signs, which included early clonic signs, asymmetric tonic postures and/or an asymmetric facial contraction.

Type 1



TYPE 2

unnatural hypermotor movements, which included non-integrated or anarchic gestural hypermotor movements with axial tonic postures and/or symmetric facial contractions.

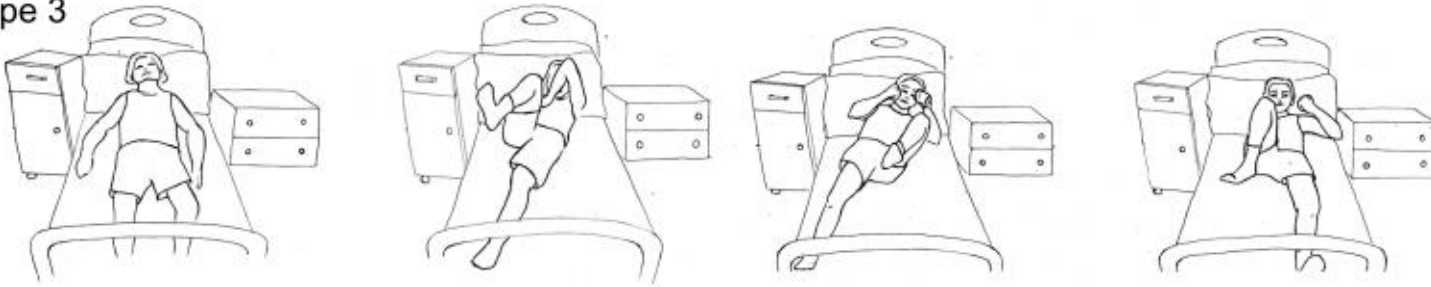
Type 2



TYPE 3

integrated hypermotor movements, which included hyperkinetic behaviours (pedalling, kicking, rocking), distal stereotypies and/or manipulation/utilisation movements in the absence of clear a goal-directed purpose.

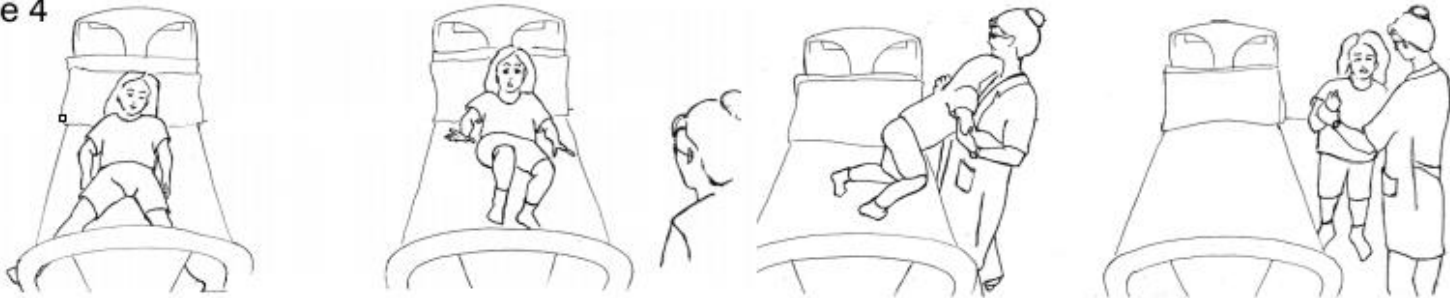
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TYPE 4

gestural behaviours with high emotional content, which included integrated gestural behaviours of fear, fight or flight behaviour, frightened facial expression and/or autonomic signs.

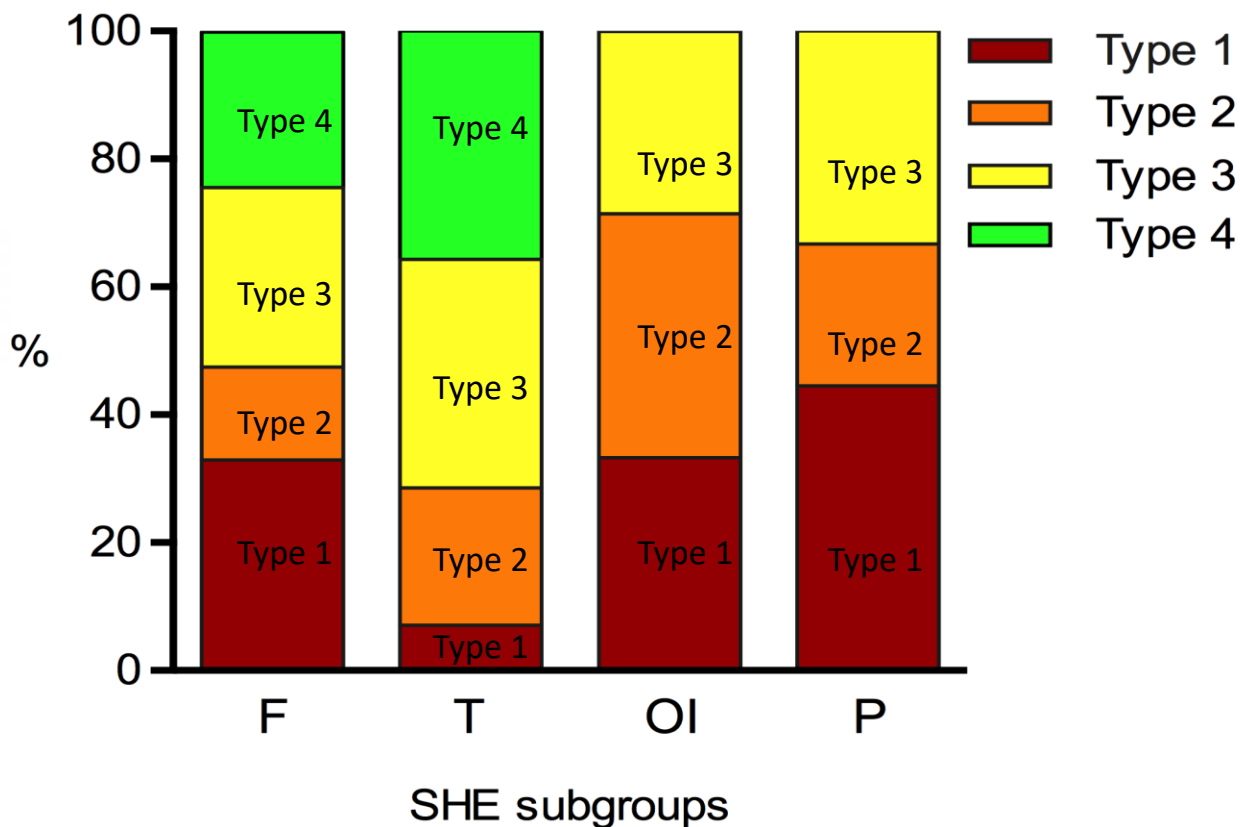
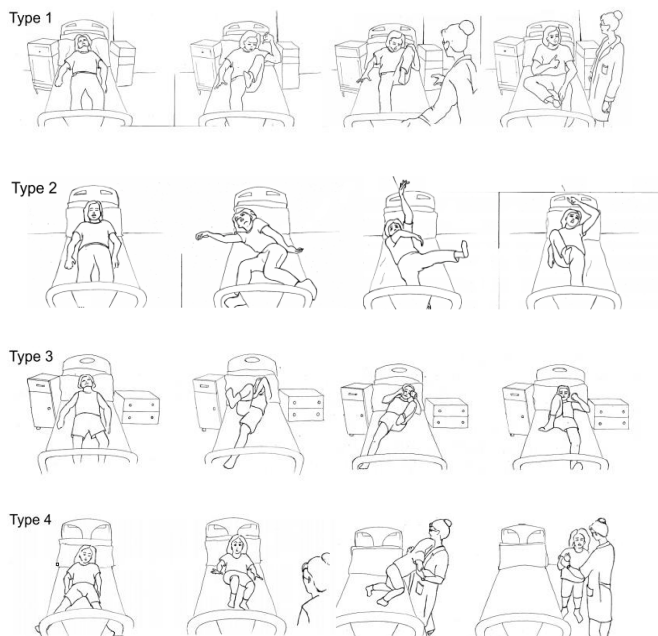
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Extra-frontal SHE
 Early seizure semiology



The Type 1 pattern (simple motor) was never present in temporal Sz; whereas Type 4 pattern (agitated behaviour, emotional content) was never present in posterior or insular Sz

Motor and emotional behaviours elicited by electrical stimulation of the human cingulate cortex

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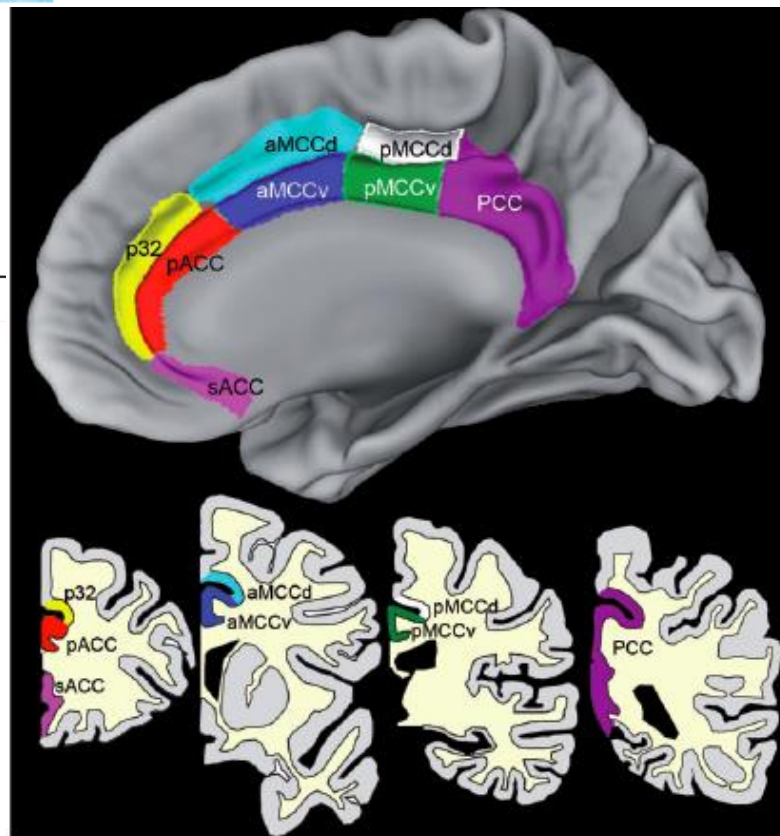


Figure 1 Anatomical boards of the cingulate cortex. The top panel shows eight cingulate sectors in a mesial view of the fs_LR brain template, using Caret software. The bottom panel shows the same subdivision in four representative coronal sections. Anatomical borders of the cingulate cortex were adapted from the following anatomical studies: the subgenual sector of ACC (sACC) includes area 25, s24 and s32 from Palomero-Gallagher et al. (2015). The pregenual ACC (pACC) and pregenual area 32 (p32) are from Palomero-Gallagher et al. (2008). The rostro-caudal subdivision of MCC in anterior and posterior sectors (aMCC and pMCC) was derived from Vogt et al. (2003), Vogt (2005) and Palomero-Gallagher et al. (2009). In addition, following Palomero Gallagher et al. (2009), both aMCC and pMCC were further subdivided in dorsal (aMCCd and pMCCd) and ventral (aMCCv and pMCCv) sectors, corresponding to their areas 24c'd and 24c'v. Finally, PCC was retrieved from Vogt et al. (2003) and Leech and Sharp (2014).

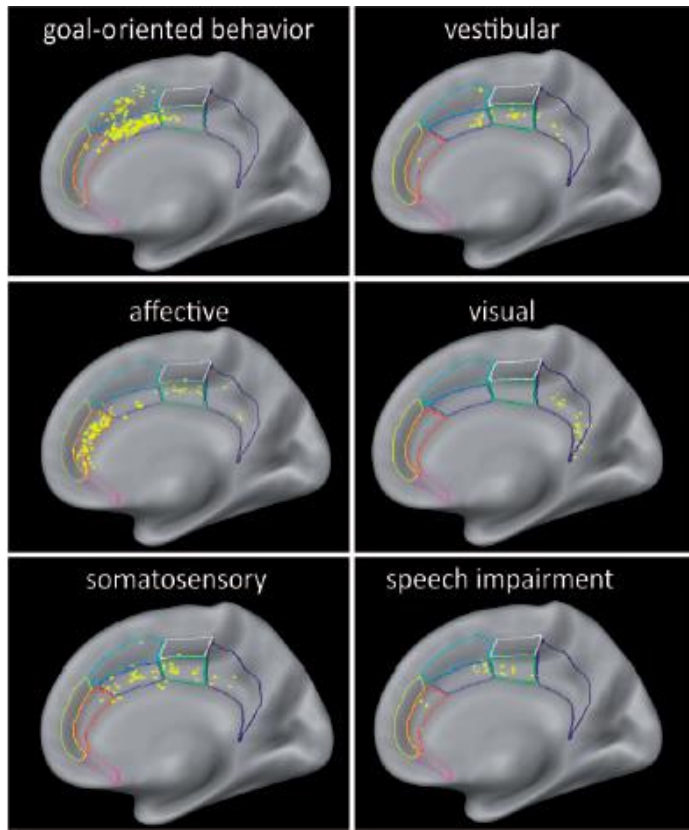
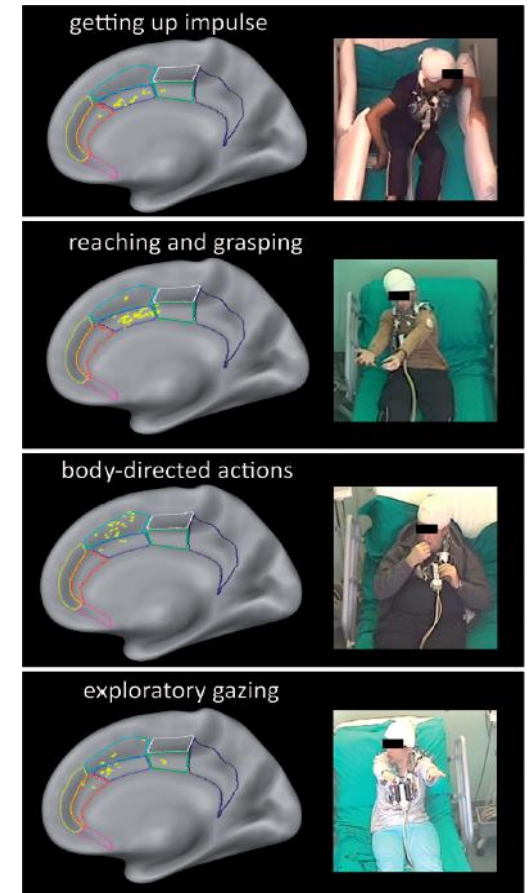


Figure 3 Anatomical distribution of behavioural and subjective responses. Anatomical distribution of the sites whose stimulation elicits behavioural and subjective responses belonging to the main six categories or response. Both left and right sites are plotted on the right hemisphere of the inflated surface of the fs_LR brain template.

Figure 5 Goal-oriented behavioural responses. Anatomical distribution of the four main subcategories of goal-oriented behavioural responses. For each of them, the left panel depicts the anatomical location of sites whose stimulation elicits goal-oriented behaviours. Right: For each subcategory a representative frame recovered from Supplementary Videos 1–4 is shown.



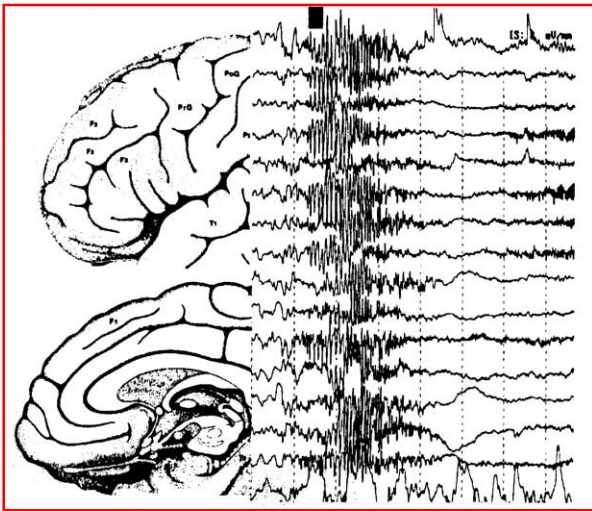
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Electro-clinical semiology and anatomic-functional correlates in frontal lobe seizures

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