

# Recent advances in the analysis and control of spatio-temporal brain oscillations

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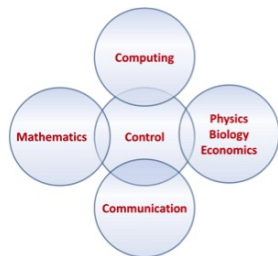
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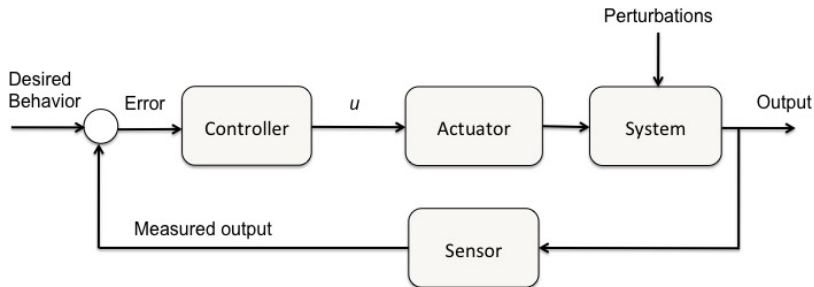
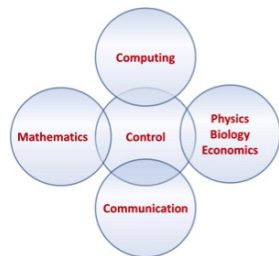
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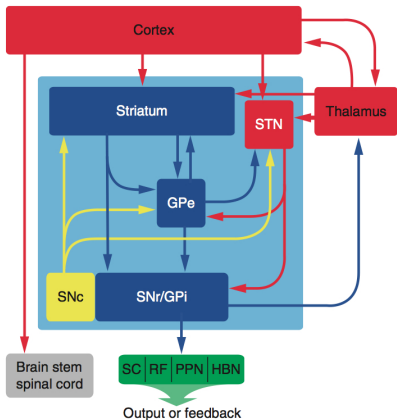


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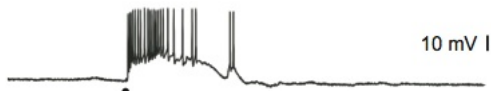
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- Deep-brain nuclei involved in motor, cognitive, associative and mnemonic functions
  - ▶ Striatum (Str)
  - ▶ Ext. segment globus pallidus (GPe)
  - ▶ Int. segment globus pallidus (GPi)
  - ▶ Subthalamic nucleus (STN)
  - ▶ Substantia nigra (SN)
- Interact with cortex, thalamus, brain stem and spinal cord, and other structures.



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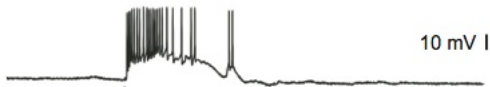
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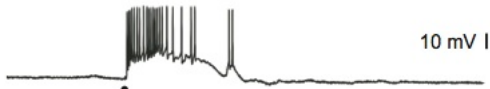
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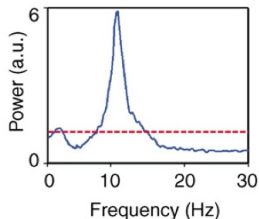
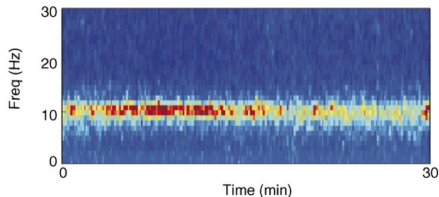
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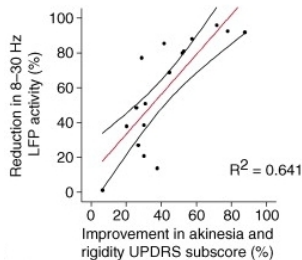
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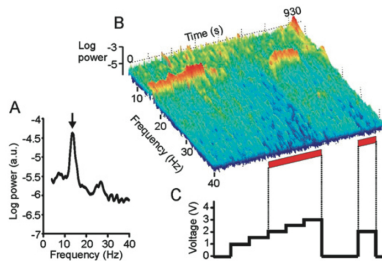
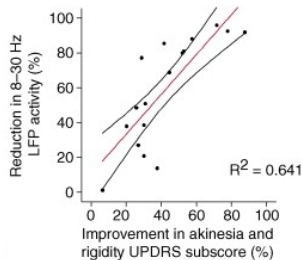
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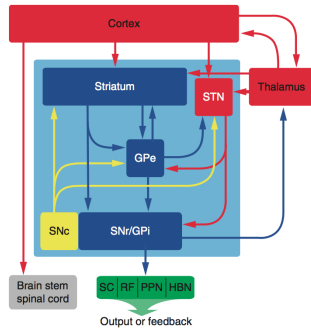
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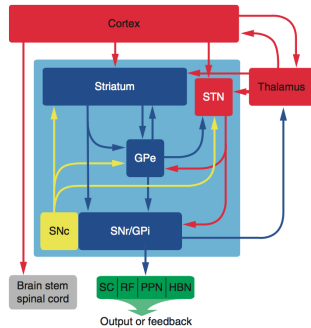


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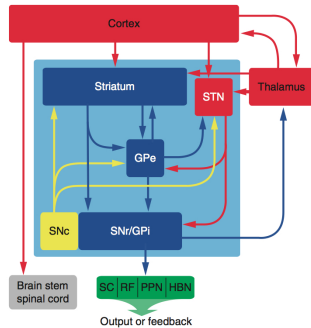


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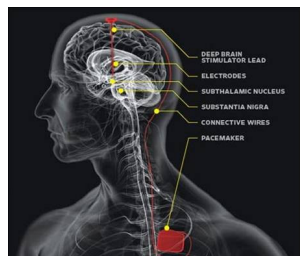
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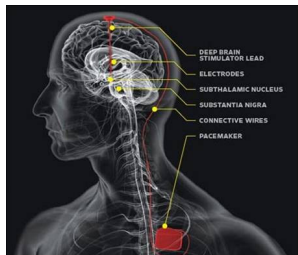
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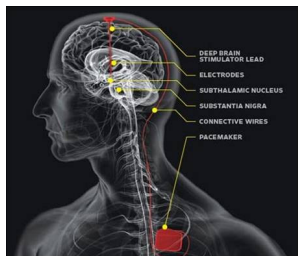
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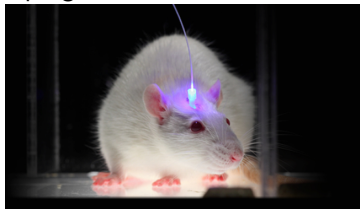
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- Sonogenetics [Ibsen et al. 2015]
- Transcranial current stim. [Brittain et al. 2013]
- Transcranial magnetic stim. [Strafella et al. 2004]
- Magnetothermal stim. [Chen et al. 2015]

# Some attempts towards closed-loop brain stimulation

Approach	Model	Experimental validation	Analysis tools	Reference
<b>Adaptive &amp; on-demand</b>				
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Adaptive	Conductance-based	-	Artificial neural networks	[Leondopoulos 2007]
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Multi-site	Phase dynamics	-	Simulations	[Lysyansky et al. 2011]
Delayed	Phase dynamics	-	Systems theory	[Rosenblum & Pikovsky 2004]
<b>Proportional, derivative and integral feedback</b>				
Proportional and/or multi-site	-	Culture of cortical neurons	-	[Wagenaar et al. 2005]
Proportional, PID	Phase dynamics	-	Systems theory	[Zheng et al. 2011; Pyragas et al. 2007]
Nonlinear PID	Rulkov model	-	Systems theory	[Tukhlina et al. 2007]
Nonlinear PID	Network + volume cond.	-	Systems theory + simu.	[Grant & Lowery 2013]
Filtered proportional	Hindmarsh-Rose	-	Simulations	[Luo et al. 2009]
Proportional	Phase dynamics	-	Systems theory	[Franci et al. 2011]
Filtered proportional	Firing rates dynamics	-	Systems theory	[Pasillas-Lépine et al. 2013]
<b>Optimal control</b>				
Optimization	Rubin & Terman	-	Optimization	[Feng & Fei 2002]
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Survey: [Carron et al. 2013]

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# Neuronal populations: limitations of existing models

- **Spatial heterogeneity** needs to be considered:
  - ▶ Oscillations onset might be related to local neuronal organization  
[Schwab et al., 2013]
  - ▶ Spatial correlation could play a role in parkinsonian symptoms  
[Cagnan et al., 2015]
  - ▶ Possible exploitation of multi-plot electrodes.
- Techniques needed for analytical treatments of:
  - ▶ **Nonlinearities**
  - ▶ Position-dependent **delays**.



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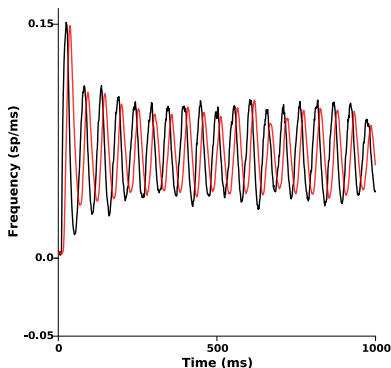
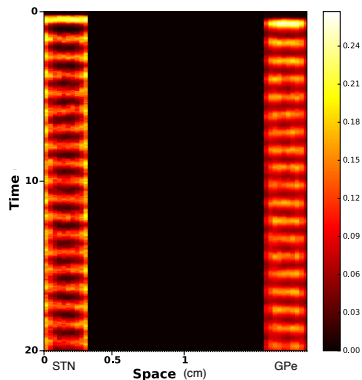
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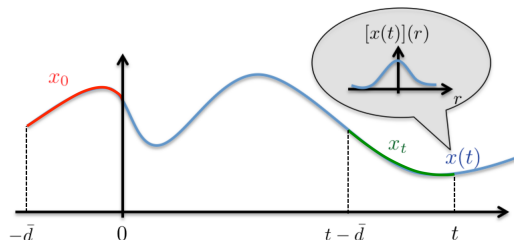
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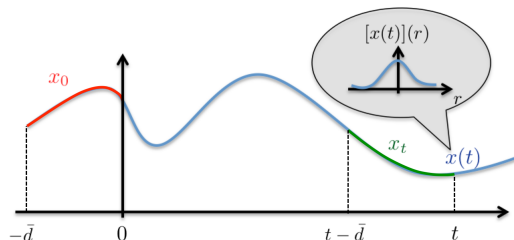
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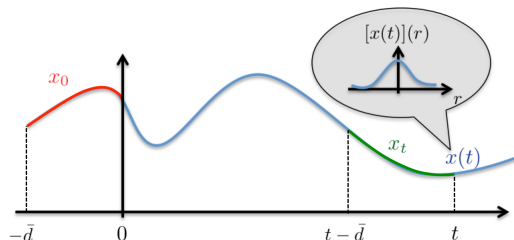
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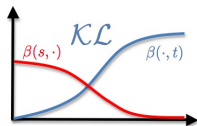
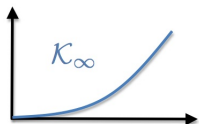


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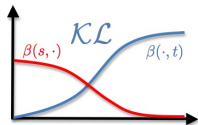
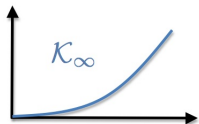
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## Theorem: Lyapunov-Krasovskii function for ISS

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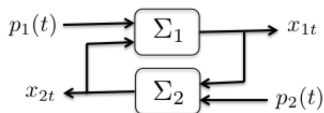
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Then the system (2) is ISS.

Proof similar to Sontag's original result.



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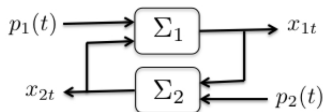
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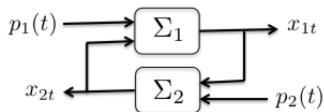
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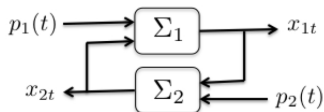
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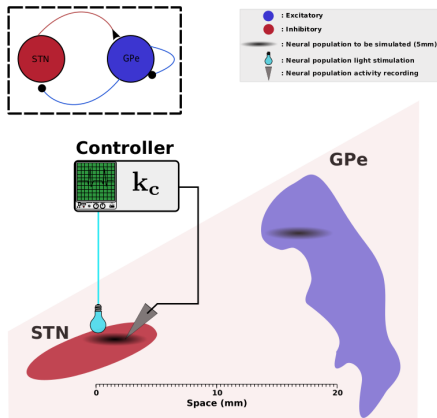
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# Proportional feedback on STN



Control input:  $u(r, t) = -kx_1(r, t)$ :

- Similar control in an averaged model: [Haidar et al. 2016]
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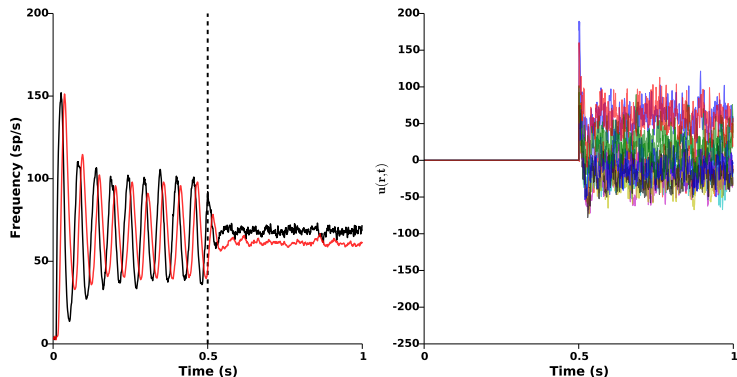
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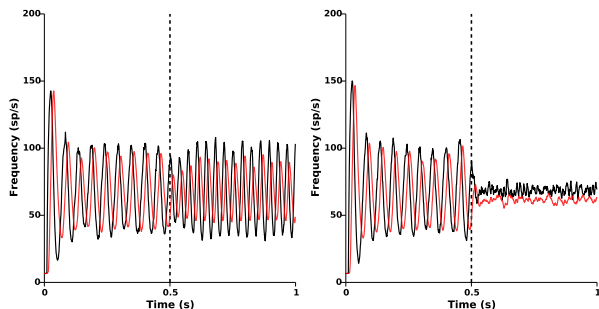
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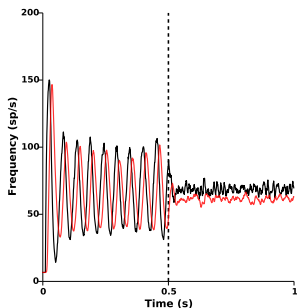
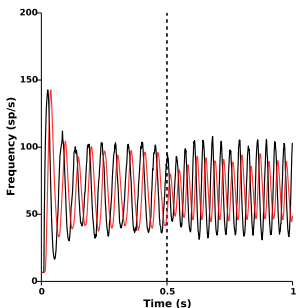
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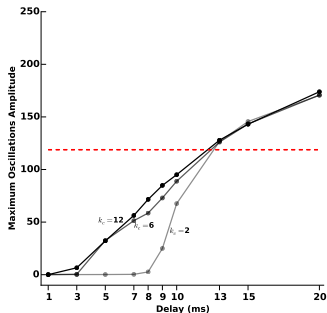
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STN oscillations magnitude as a function of acquisition/processing delays.

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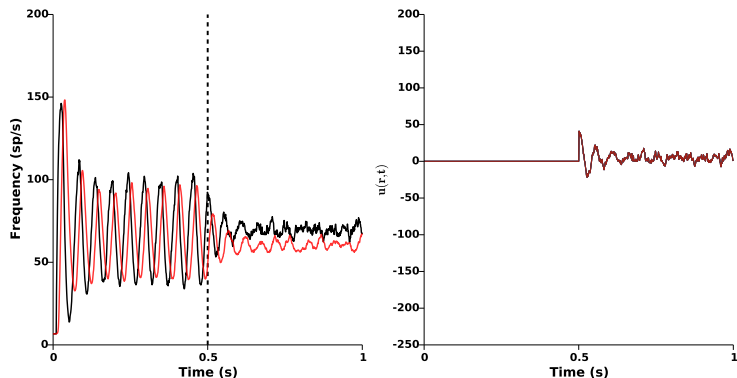
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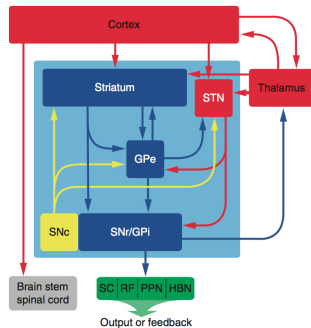


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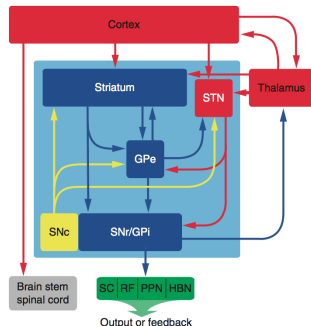
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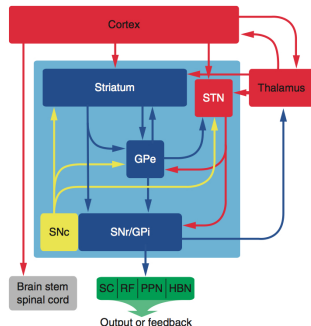


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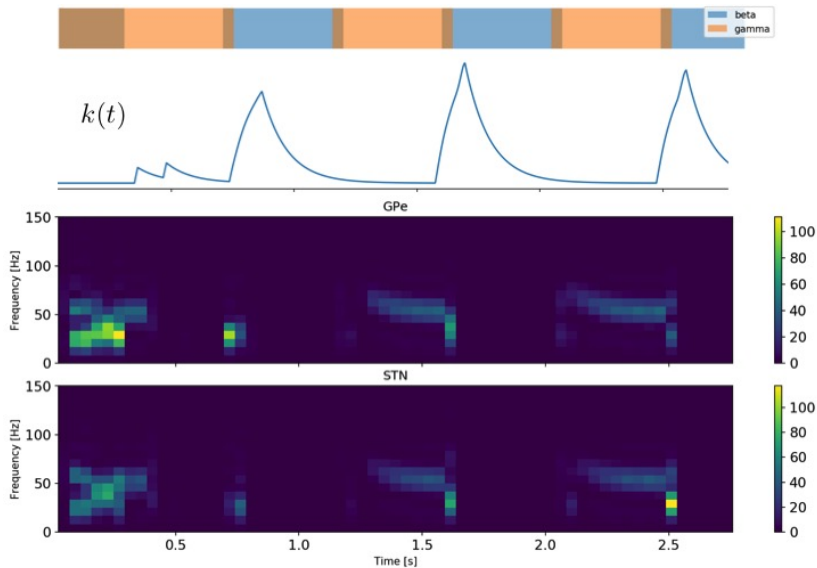
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