

**REAL-TIME INTENTION EXPRESSION THROUGH
A BRAIN COMPUTER INTERFACE
USING TWO NON-MOTOR CORTEX NEURONS**

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A. Indirect BCI

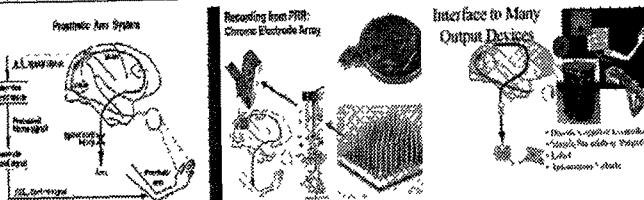
B. Direct BCI

A. Output BCI

B. Input BCI

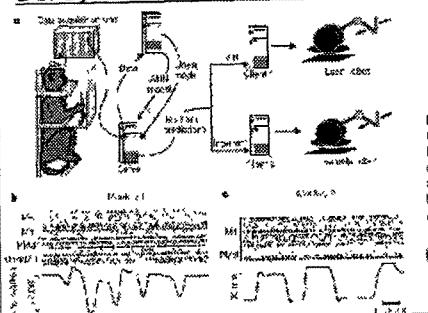
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BCI with neurons in association cortex



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BCI by decoding motor neuron activity



Duke University Medical Center neurobiologist Miguel Nicolelis with an owl monkey and a robot arm which monkeys learned to operate using only their brain signals

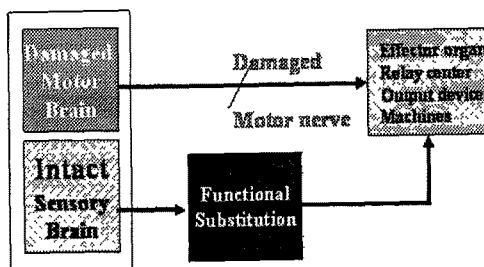
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If,
When
then



Questions

- (1) a BCI system using spontaneous activity of SI cortex for rats to quench thirst?
- (2) without using sensory input and muscle movement?
- (3) minimal number of neurons for a BCI?
- (4) efficiency of BCI dependent on trial numbers?
- (5) without motor cortex?
- (6) specific to animal's intention?
- (7) What kind of SI neurons are good for BCI?
- (8) Can we build a multi-dimensional intentional BCI using SI spontaneous activity?



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Rats

1. 24hr water deprived
2. Vibrissae cut

Lesions

1. Motor nerve to vibrissae
2. Sensory nerve to vibrissae

Neural activity

1. Spontaneous activity
2. RH 8 LH 8 microwire electrodes
3. Maximum $32+32=64$ units

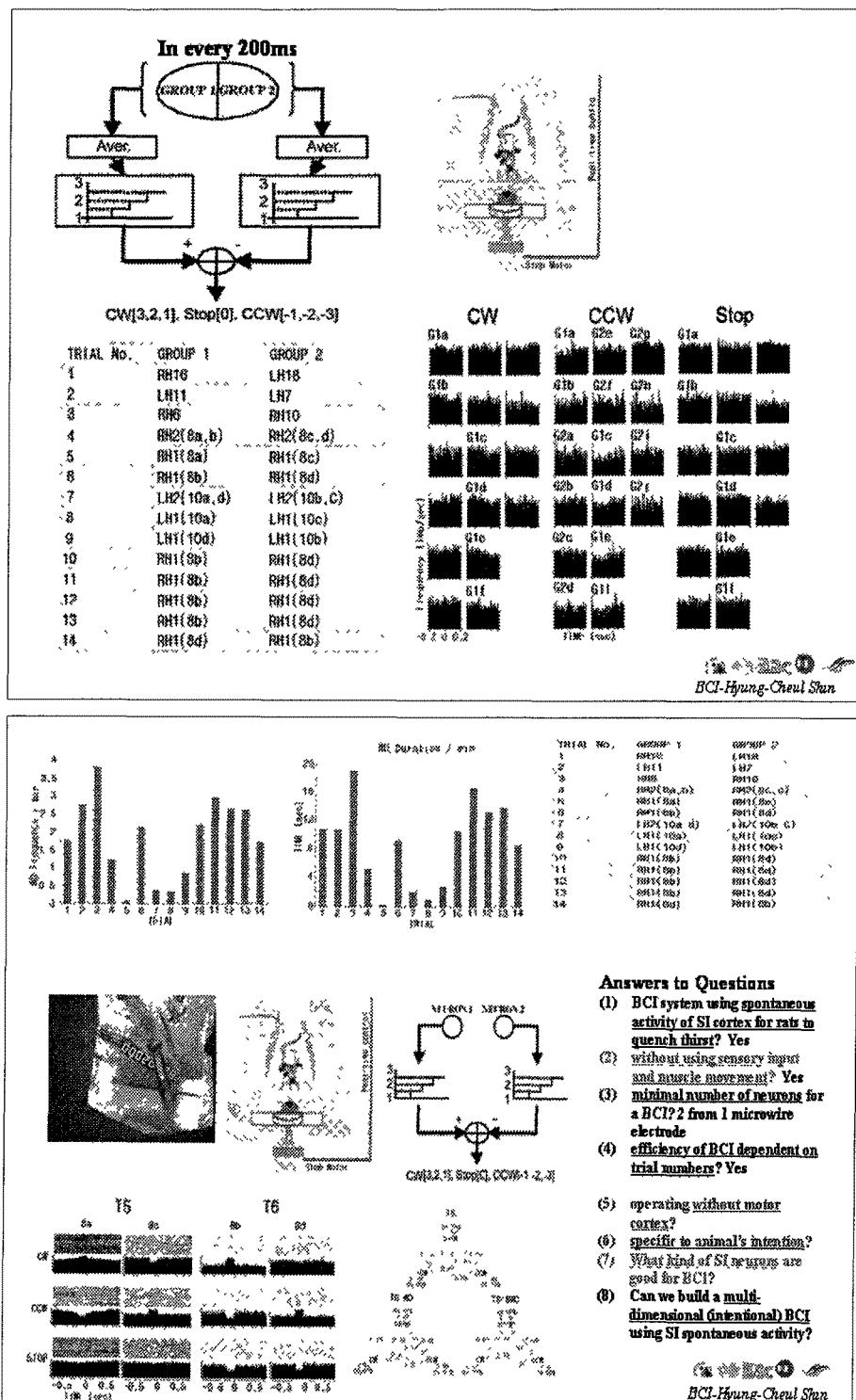
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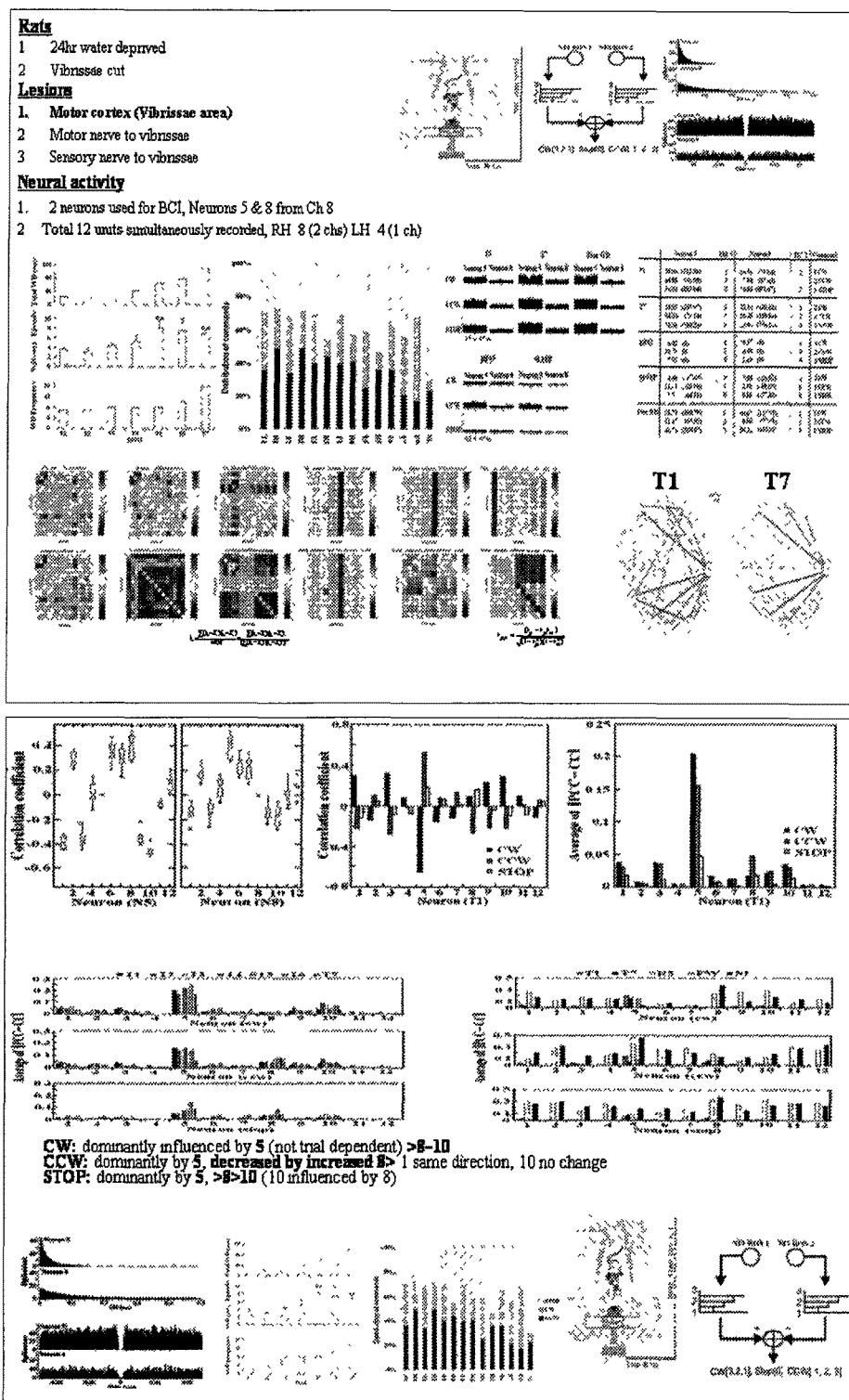
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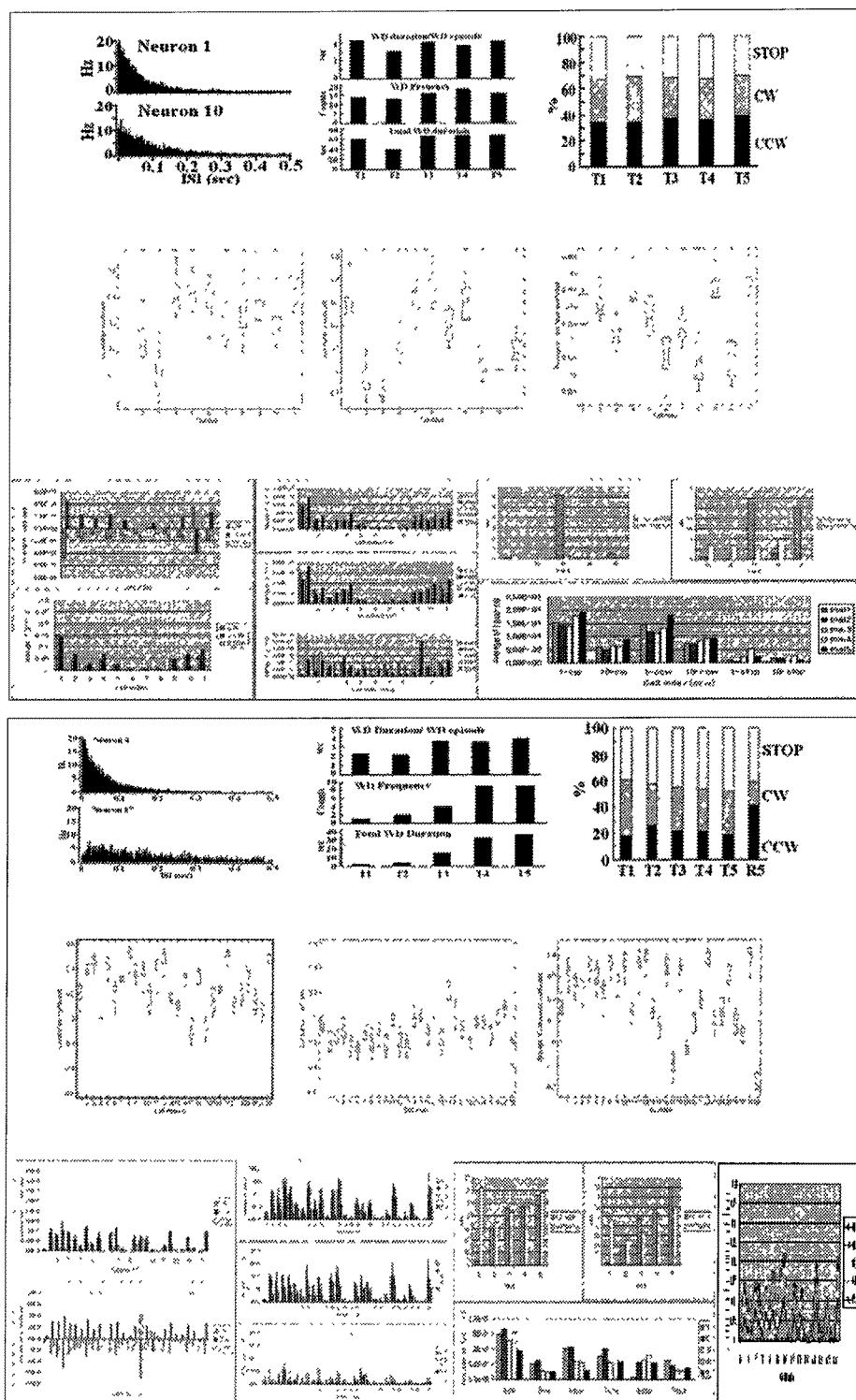
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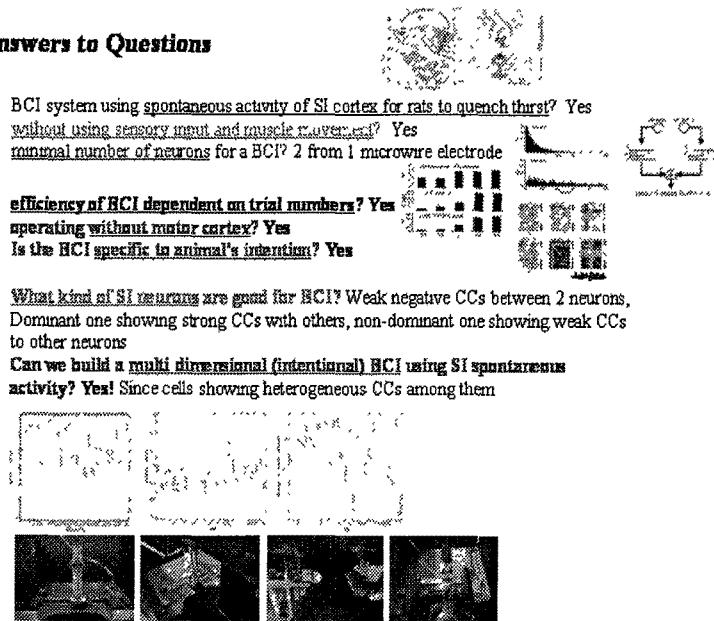
Answers to Questions

(1) BCI system using spontaneous activity of SI cortex for rats to quench thirst? Yes
 (2) without using sensory input and muscle movement? Yes
 (3) minimal number of neurons for a BCI? 2 from 1 microwire electrode

(4) efficiency of BCI dependent on trial numbers? Yes
 (5) operating without motor cortex? Yes
 (6) Is the BCI specific to animal's intention? Yes

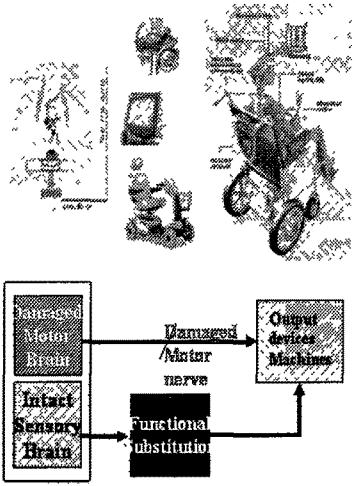
(7) What kind of SI neurons are good for BCI? Weak negative CCs between 2 neurons, Dominant one showing strong CCs with others, non-dominant one showing weak CCs to other neurons

(8) Can we build a multi dimensional (intentional) BCI using SI spontaneous activity? Yes! Since cells showing heterogeneous CCs among them



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Future studies



1. Multi-dimensional BCI
2. Modulation Source
3. 1 neuron BCI
4. Different signal transformation algorithms
5. Automatic selection of optimal neurons for BCI
6. Network analysis
7. Other brain areas
8. Monkey BCI
9. Development of neural prosthesis
10. Use for disabled people

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