

# The Uninjured Hemisphere in Hemiplegia: Friend or Foe?



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# Hemiparesis is the Most Common Pattern of Motor Impairment

- 795,000 strokes/year in US
- Est. current prevalence: 7,400,000
- Est. prevalence in 2030: 11,000,000
- Direct and indirect costs total \$34.3 billion/yr
- 40% of all cases of cerebral palsy; 2/1000



# Knowing Role of Uninjured Hemisphere Will Change Therapy

- Friend: Some hand control in hemispherectomy
- Foe: “Inhibitory” brain stim or other interventions promote recovery



# The Uninjured Hemisphere

## Friend

- **Winston Byblow, PhD**

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- **Jason Carmel, MD, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Neuroscience, Weill Cornell Medical College  
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## Foe

- **Lara Boyd, PT, Ph**

Professor and Canada Research Chair, Department of Physical Therapy, University of British Columbia

- **Leonardo G. Cohen, MD**

Chief, Human Cortical Physiology and Stroke Neurorehabilitation Section, National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke

# Schedule

8:30 Intro of speakers and format

8:35 Perspective 1 present argument

9:05 Perspective 2 presents argument

9:35 Rebuttal from Perspective 1

9:45 Rebuttal from Perspective 2

9:55 Discussion and conclusion

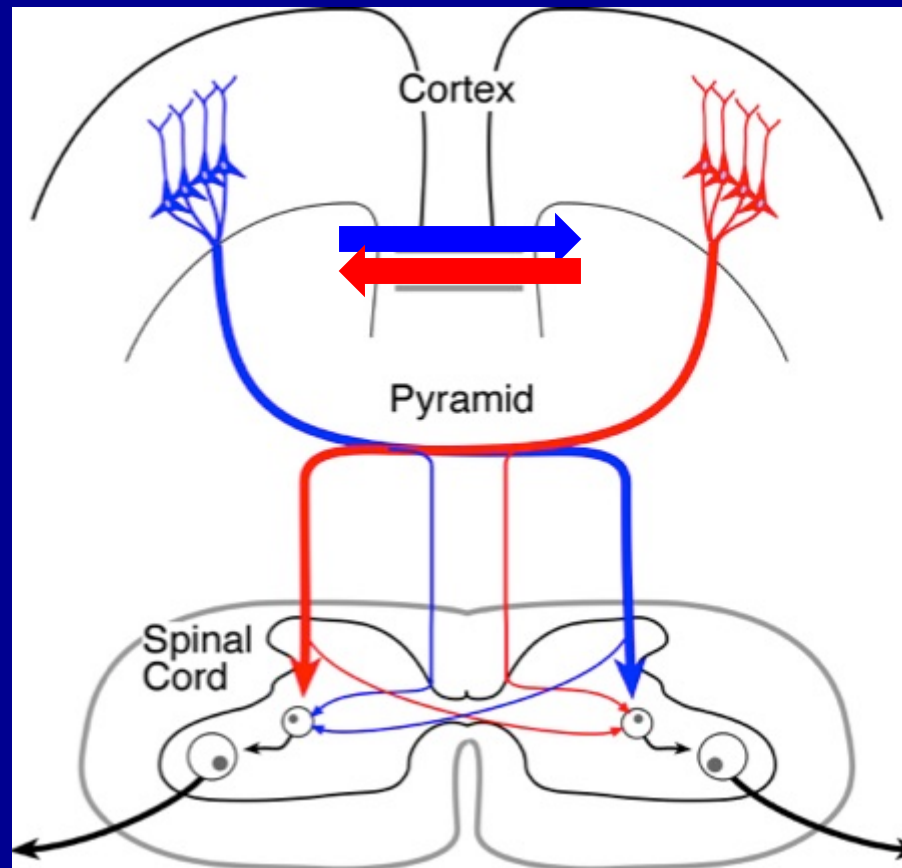
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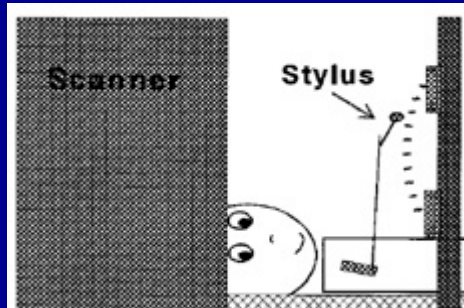
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# The Corticospinal System





# Recruitment of ipsilateral hemisphere with increased difficulty of task

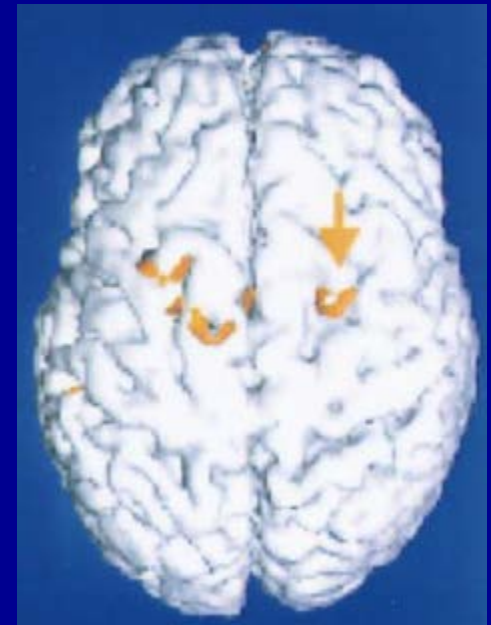


Contra Ipsi



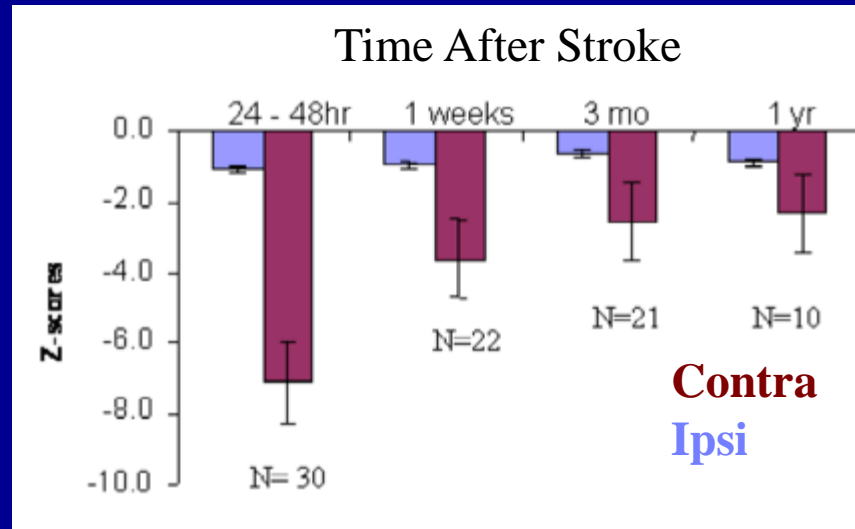
Mvmt vs No Mvmt

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Difficult > Easy

# Stroke Impairs Ipsilateral Hand/Forelimb



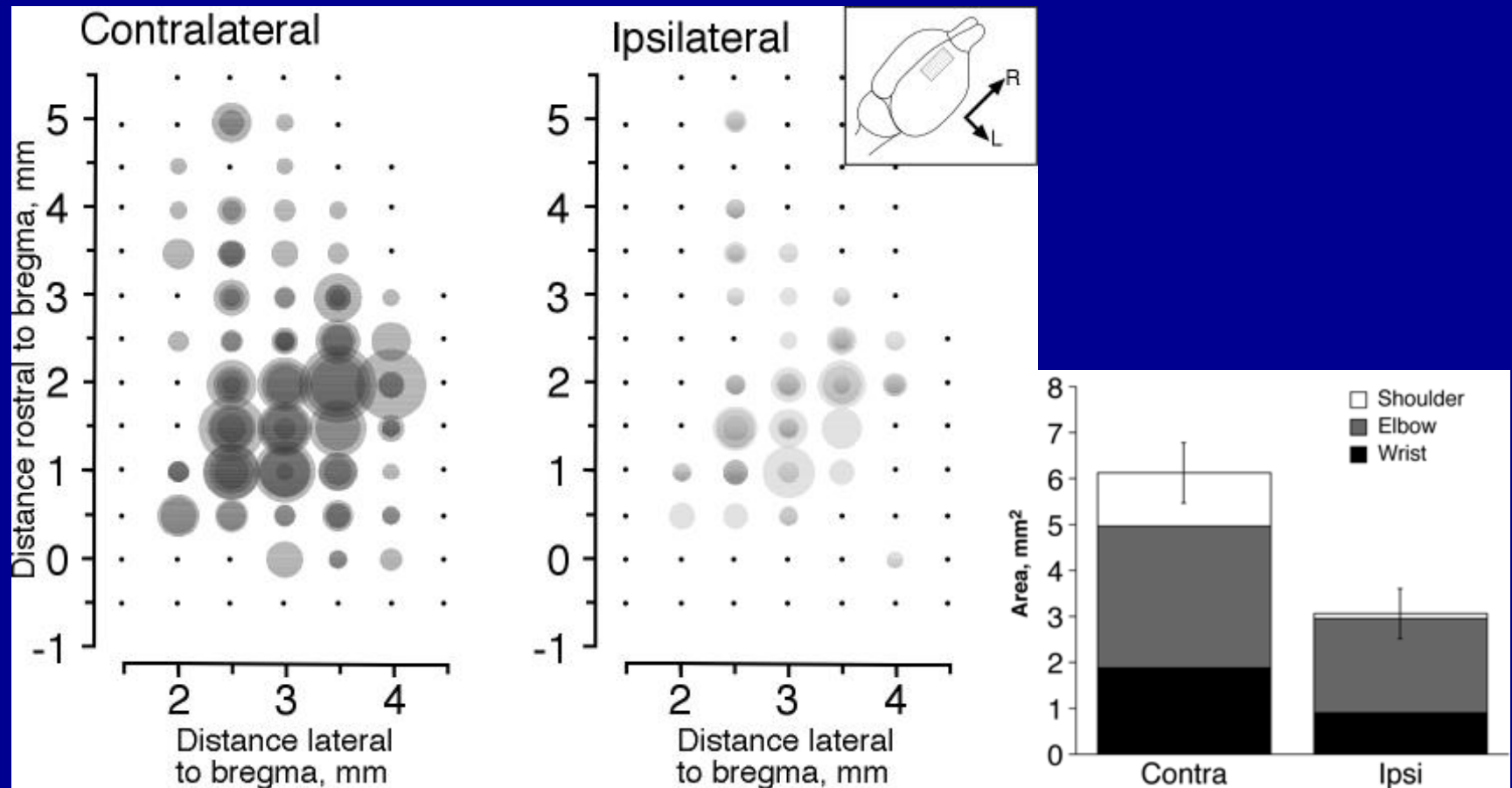
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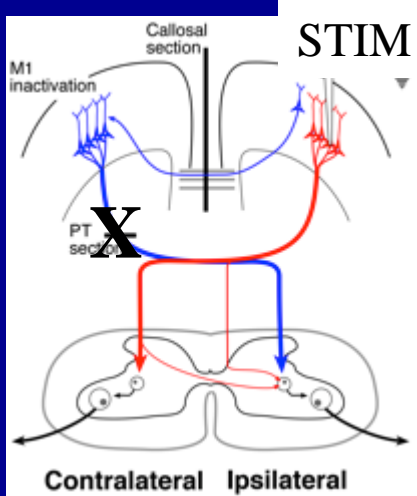
Species and type of injury	Reference
Rat	
Cortex	Price & Fowler (1981) Montoya <i>et al.</i> (1991)
Basal ganglia	Dummett <i>et al.</i> (1988) Montoya <i>et al.</i> (1990) Miklyeva <i>et al.</i> (1994) Olsson <i>et al.</i> (1995) Fricker <i>et al.</i> (1996) Whishaw <i>et al.</i> (1997) Dobrossy <i>et al.</i> (2000) Jeyasingham <i>et al.</i> (2001)
Stroke	Grabowski <i>et al.</i> (1993) Marston <i>et al.</i> (1995) Sharkey <i>et al.</i> (1996) Cregan <i>et al.</i> (1997) Hudrik <i>et al.</i> (2000) Virley <i>et al.</i> (2000) Butovas <i>et al.</i> (2001) Moyanova <i>et al.</i> (2003)
Other	Henderson <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Human	
Stroke	Brodal (1973) Haaland & Delaney (1981) Fisk & Goodale (1988) Haaland & Harrington (1989) Jones <i>et al.</i> (1989) Dickstein <i>et al.</i> (1993) Tskanova & Tarkka (1995) Winstein & Pohl (1995) Desrosiers <i>et al.</i> (1996) Baskett <i>et al.</i> (1996) Steenbergen <i>et al.</i> (1996) Yelnik <i>et al.</i> (1996) Marque <i>et al.</i> (1997) Carey <i>et al.</i> (1998) Hemdsdorfer <i>et al.</i> (1999a, b) Sunderland <i>et al.</i> (1999) Winstein <i>et al.</i> (1999) Andrews & Bohannon (2000) Hemdsdorfer & Goldenberg (2002) Sunderland (2000) Debaere <i>et al.</i> (2001) Laufer <i>et al.</i> (2001) Pohl <i>et al.</i> (2001) Hanna-Pladdy <i>et al.</i> (2002) Sugaman <i>et al.</i> (2002) Swinnen <i>et al.</i> (2002) Kim <i>et al.</i> (2003)

# Control of Ipsilateral Movement in Motor Cortex

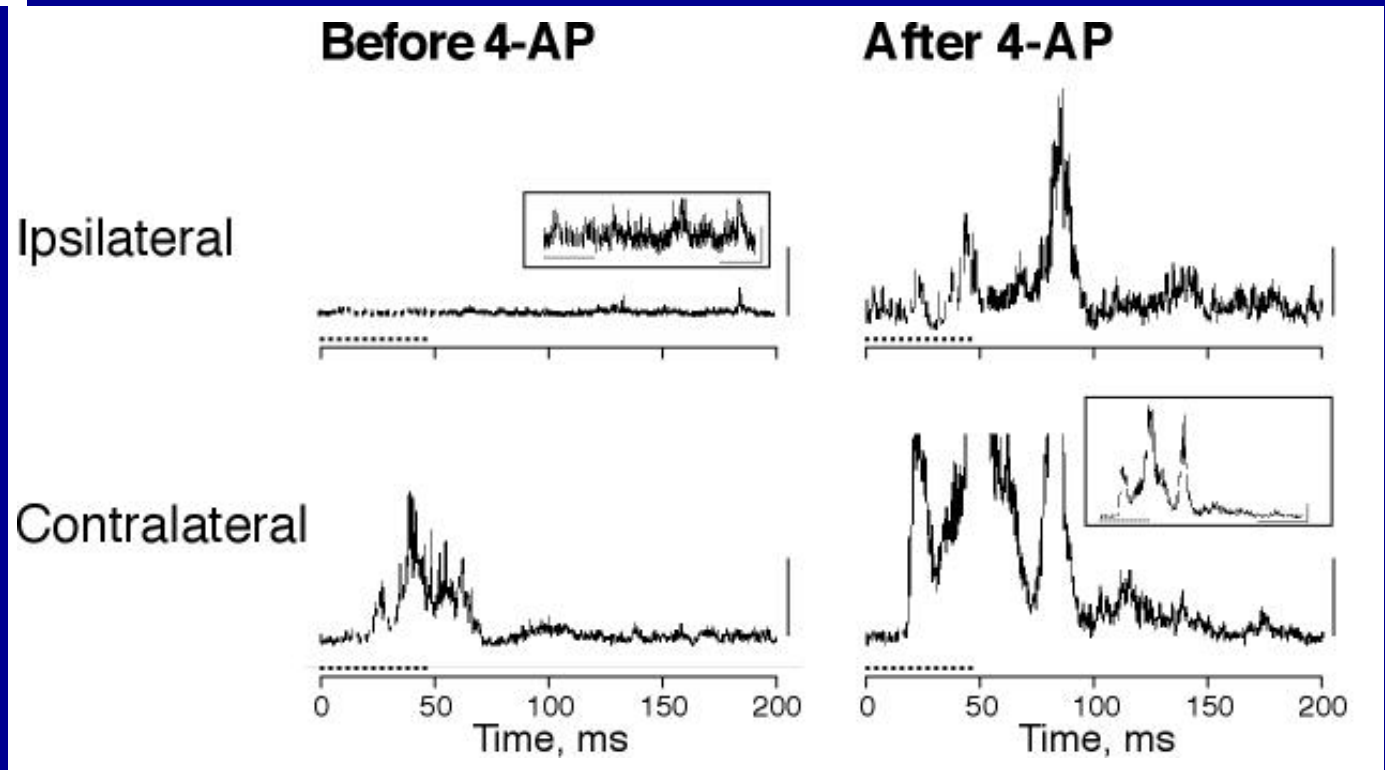
- Mapping of ipsilateral movements in motor cortex
- How does it relate to contralateral motor map?
- How does map change after injury to opposite side?

# Similar Contra & Ipsi Motor Maps





# 4-AP Restores Ipsi Responses After CST injury



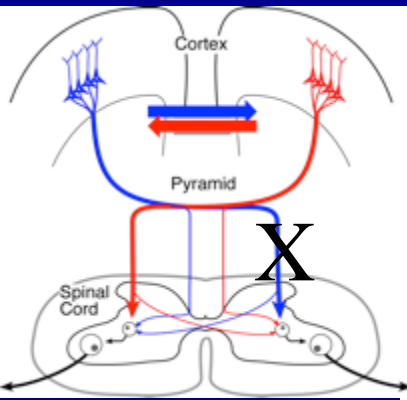
# Conclusions: Ipsilateral Control

- Activation with difficult tasks
- Worse ipsi hand function with injury
- In rats, ipsi map surprisingly robust
- Ipsi responses require other hemisphere
  - Interaction in the spinal cord

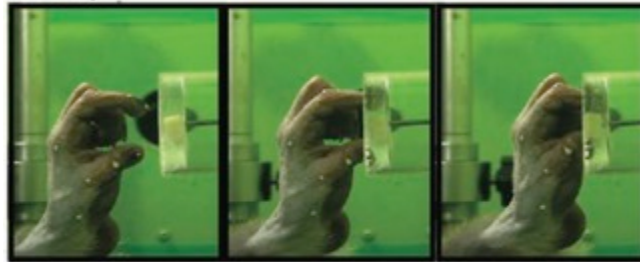
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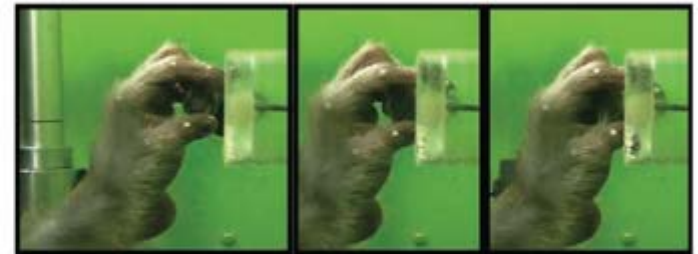
# Injury and Recovery after CST Lesion in the Monkey



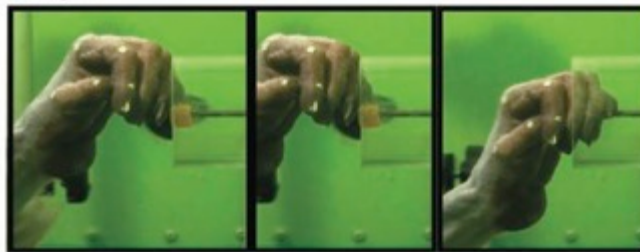
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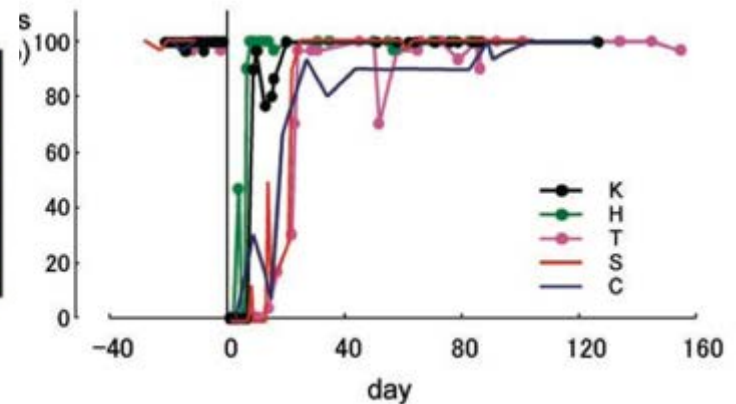
Day 99



Day 7

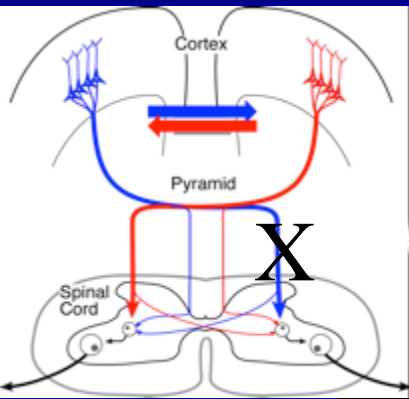


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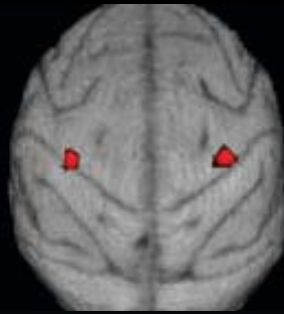


# Uninjured M1 Active in Early Recovery



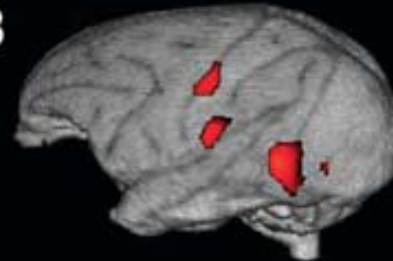
**Early > Preop**

Injured      Uninjured



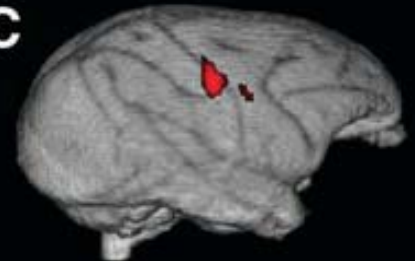
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Uninjured

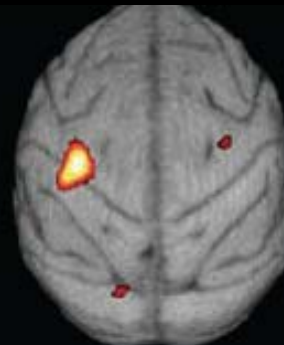
**C**



**Late > Preop**

Injured      Uninjured

**I**



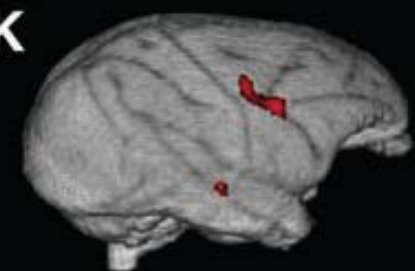
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**J**

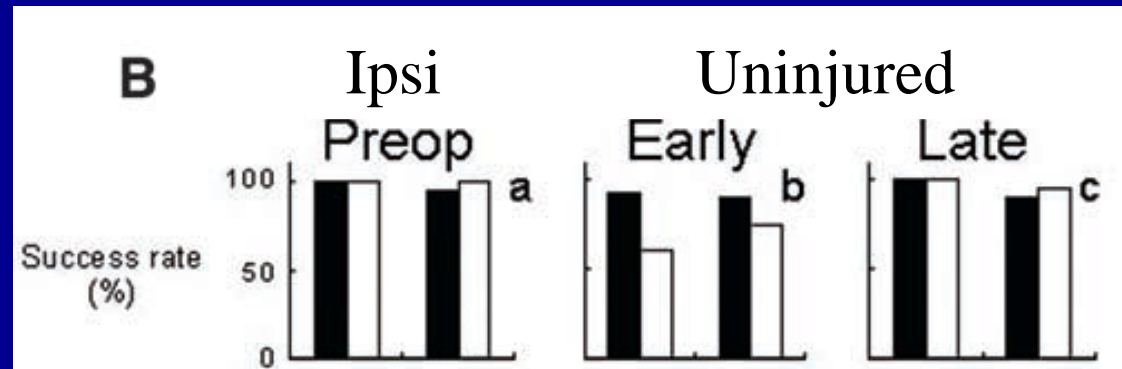
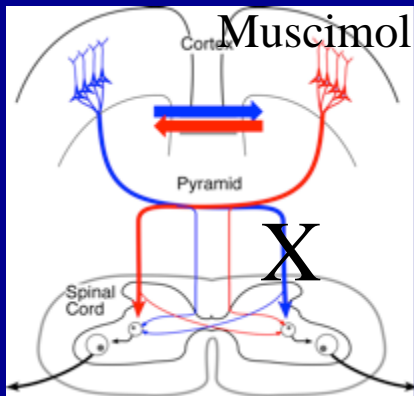


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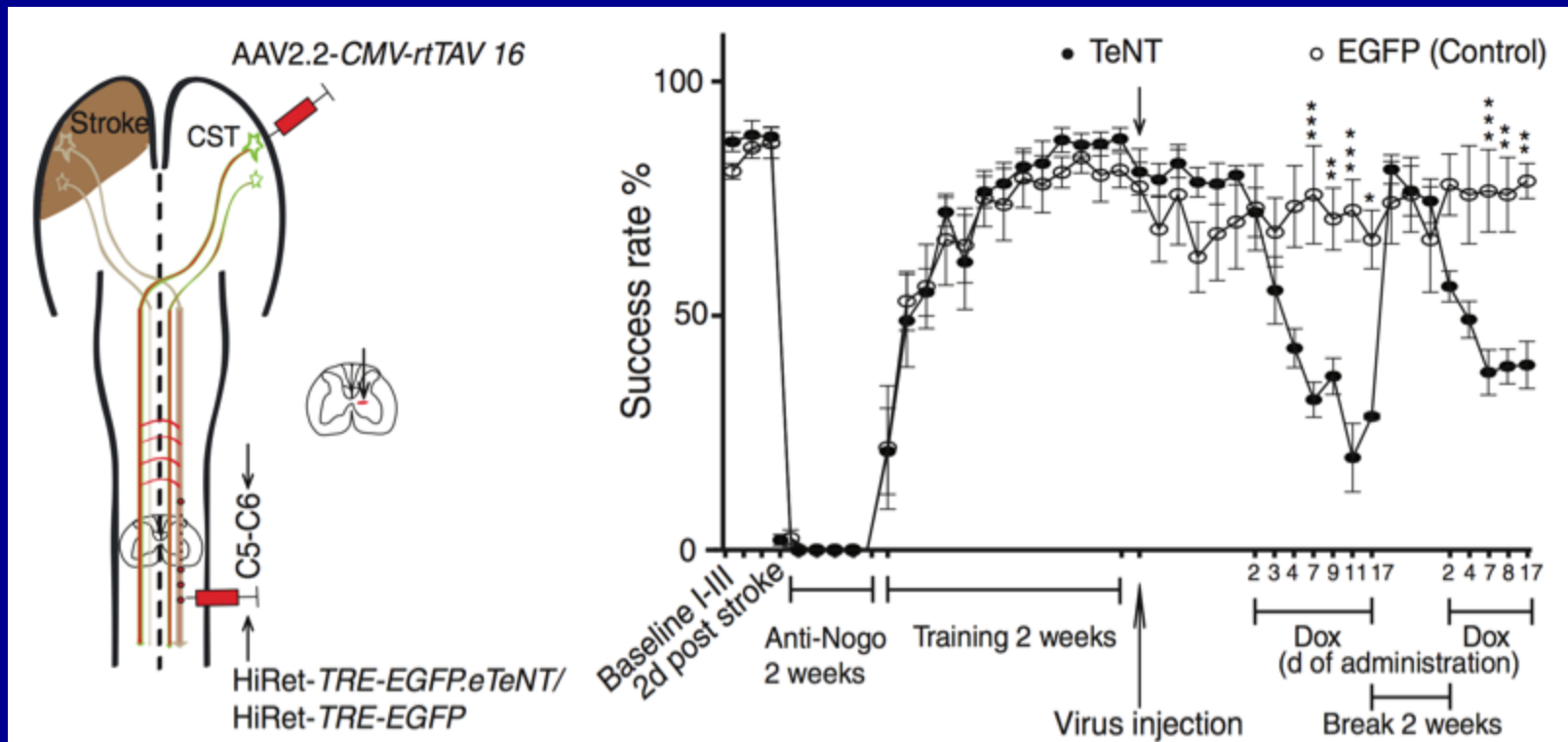
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# Ipsilateral Motor Cortex Critical for Early Recovery

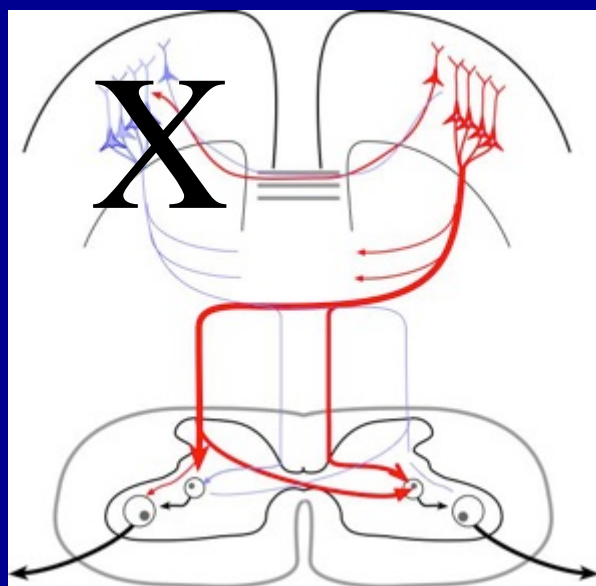
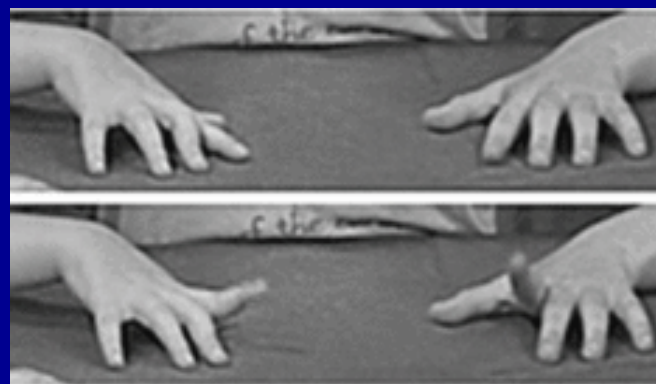


# Ipsilateral Control after Stroke Therapy in Rats



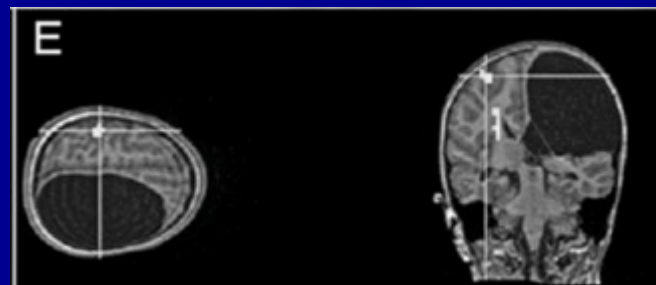
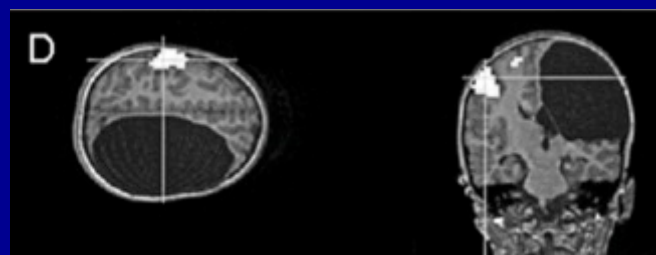
# Bilateral Control From One Hemisphere

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- Extensive physical training
- Independent finger movements

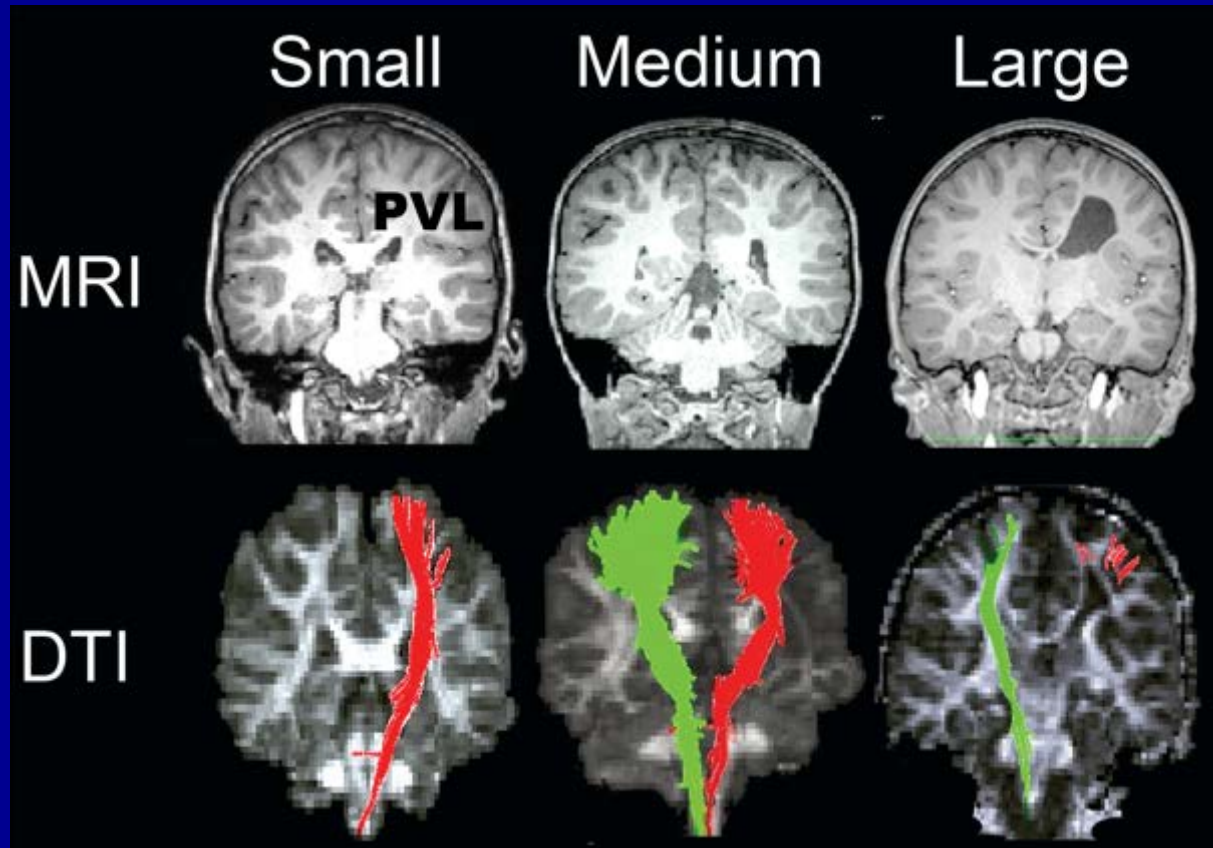


Left moves

Right moves



# Connectivity in Peds Hemiplegia



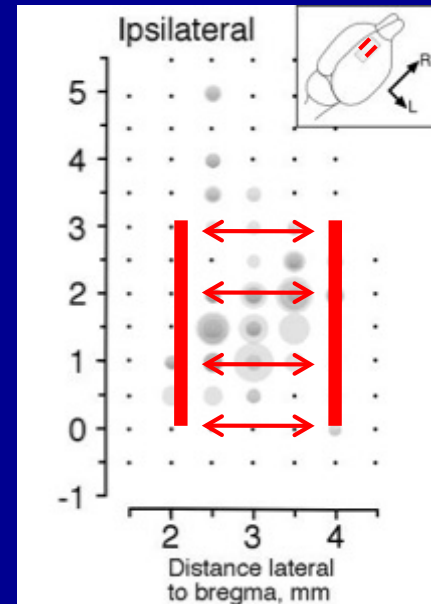
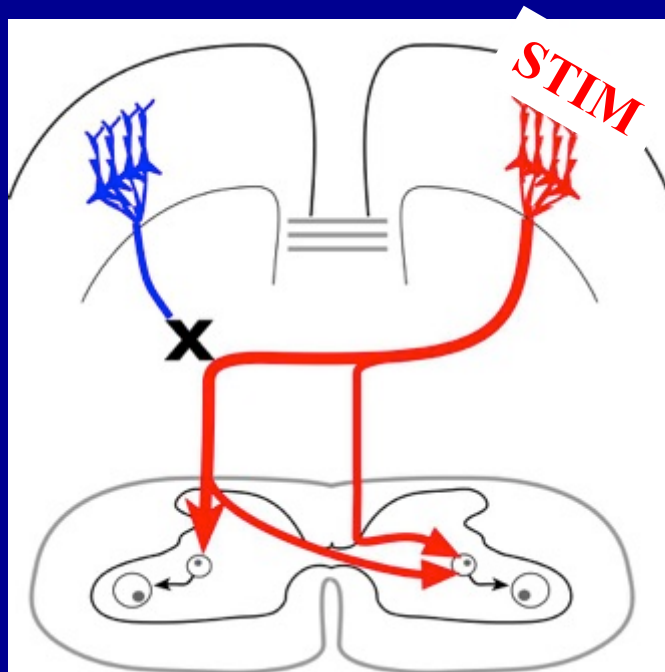
# Conclusions: Hemiplegia Recovery

- Uninjured hemisphere critical for early recovery in monkey CST injury
- Ipsilateral CST mediates therapy-induced stroke recovery in rats
- Adaptive ipsilateral control in peds hemiplegia

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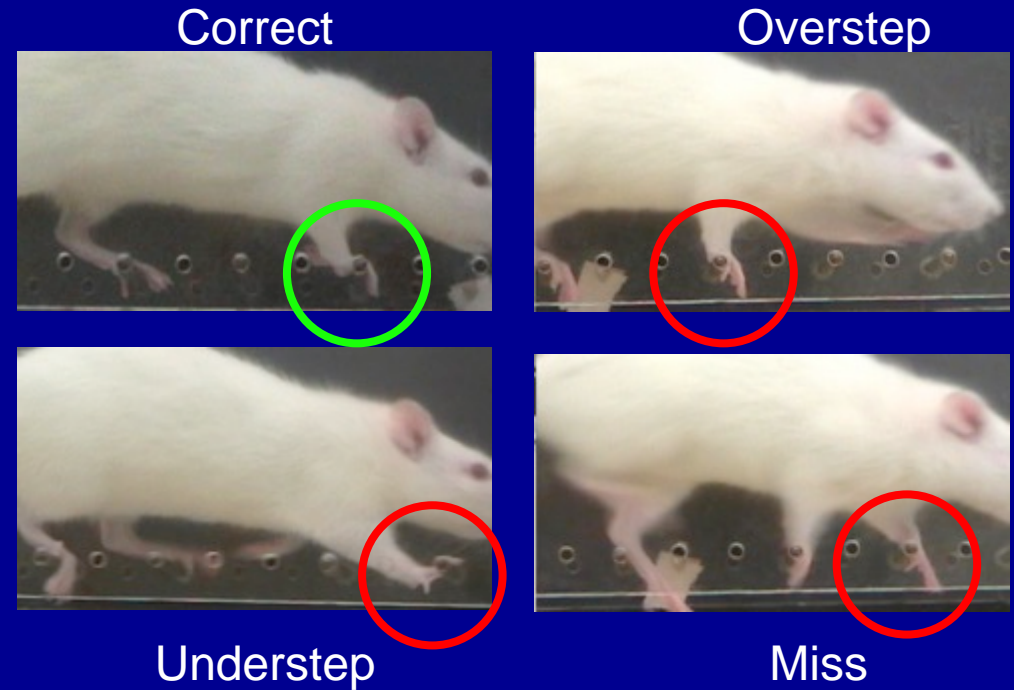
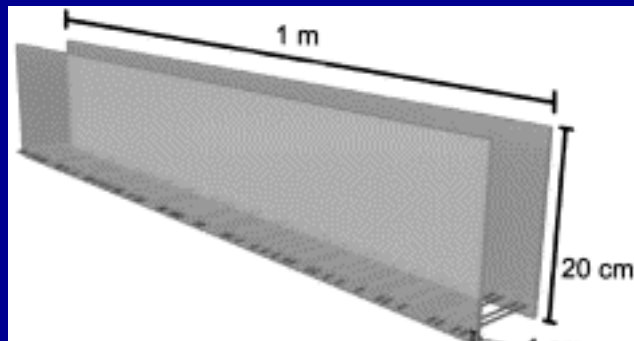
# Stimulating the uninjured hemisphere to restore limb control



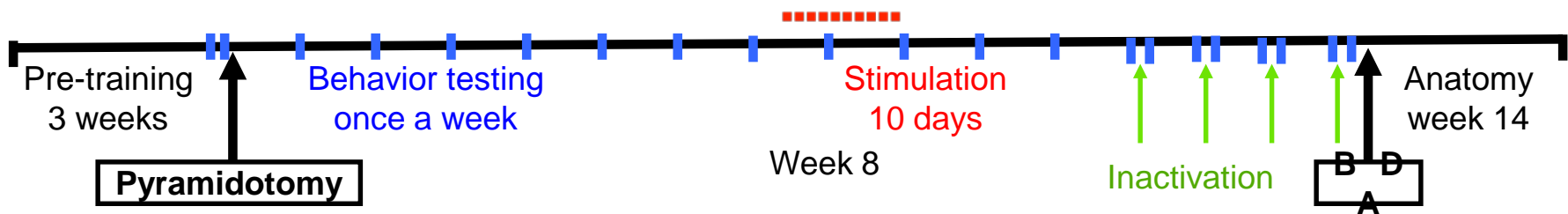
- 10 days; 6 hrs/day; 333 Hz; 0.2 ms pulses
- Threshold 1.1-1.8mA



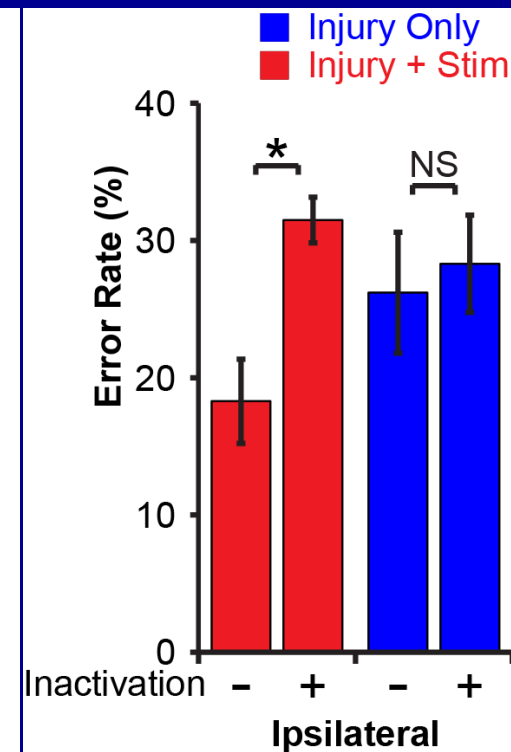
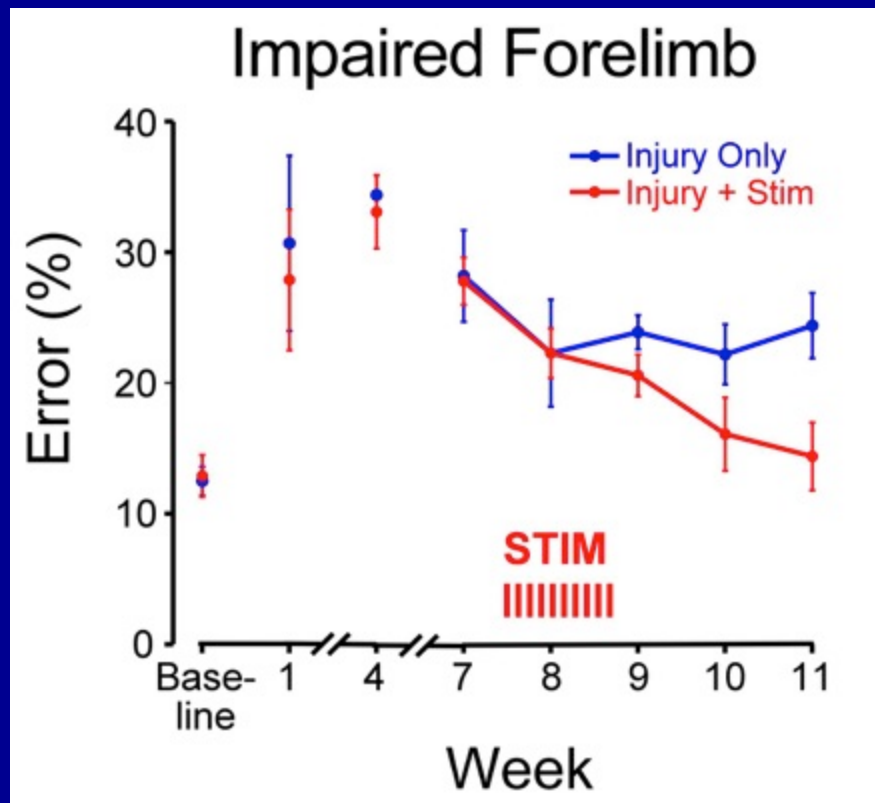
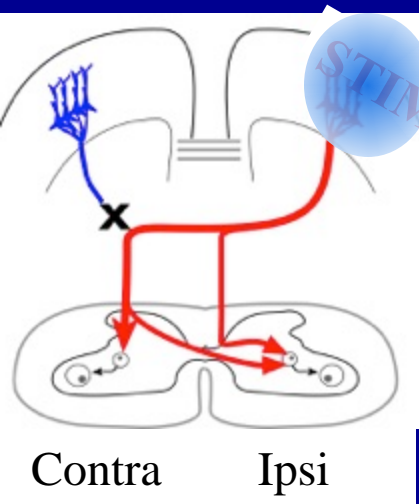
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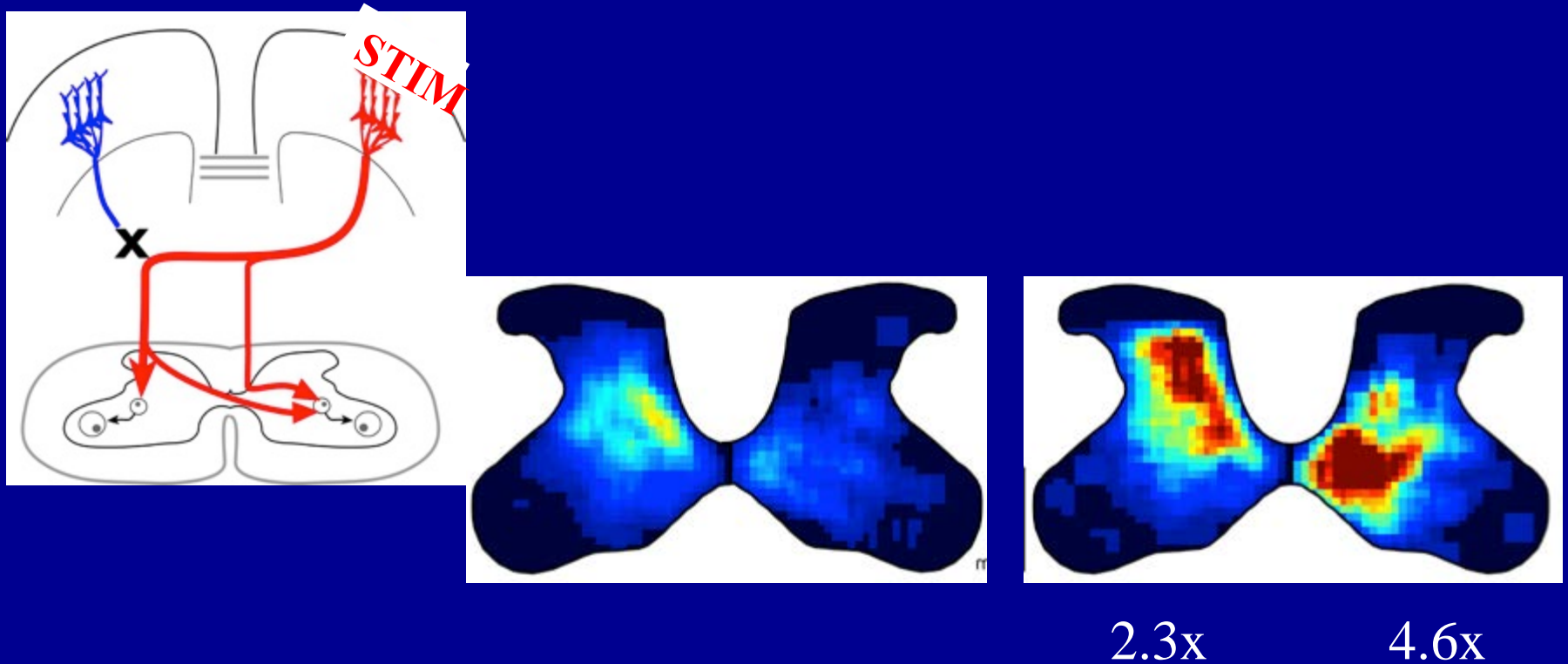
## Timeline



# Stimulation after Chronic Injury



# Spinal Cord Axon Outgrowth





# Conclusions: Stimulation Studies

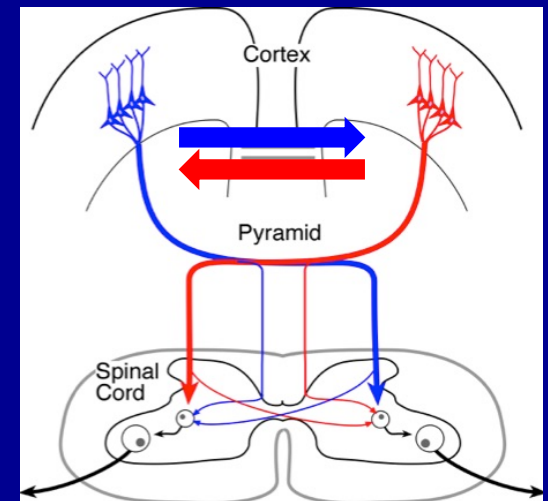
- Gain in control from uninjured hemisphere
- Effective after chronic injury
- Accompanied by axon outgrowth

# Uninjured Hemisphere: Friend

- Difficult tasks require both hemispheres
- Capacity for bilateral control
- Injury causes ipsilateral deficits
- Recovery mediated by uninjured motor cortex
- Validated target for repair

# How to Fill the Gap

- Understand recovery network
  - Independent tests of descending and transcallosal circuits
  - Pathway specific activation (pairing)
  - Pathway specific inactivation



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## Current



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