

# SPARC Closing the Loop Considerations for Human Studies



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# NeuroDesign



#### **Closing the Loop**

address key issues in design, development and delivery of safe and robust biohybrid adaptive systems

#### Important trends for closing the loop:

- neurotechnology to provide targeted neural sensing and activation
- neurotechnology with adaptive capabilities
- neurotechnology that is increasingly integrated with biological systems
- neurotechnology for personalized precision treatment



### **Investigational Device Exemption (IDE)**

to conduct studies with your New Device

- Overview of Clinical Plans Methods, Facilities and Controls
  - Experimental Plan
    - Study Design
    - Sample Size
    - Outcome Measures
    - Expected Results
- Prior Investigations
  - Non-Clinical Test Data
  - Clinical Test Data
  - Investigational Plan
    - Purpose
    - Clinical Protocol
    - Risk Analysis
    - Monitoring
    - Records and Reports

- Device Manufacturer and Suppliers
- Manufacturing Process Info
- Manufacturing Compliance Info
- Device Design and Manufacturing
  - Design Inputs
  - Design Outputs
  - Design Verification
  - Design Validation
  - Manufacturing Controls
  - Packaging and Usage
- Investigator Agreements
- IRB information
- Labeling









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placing the neural interface at the appropriate location and keeping it there

# 2<sup>nd</sup> order challenges:

delivering meaningful stimuli, interpreting neural codes

# 3<sup>rd</sup> order challenges:

dealing with variability, complexity, plasticity



- placement at a location that enables <u>selective</u> communication with the target tissue
  - proximity
  - practical surgical procedures
  - stability of the interface
- biocompatibility
  - chemical properties
  - biological effects
  - mechanical
  - charge/charge density

#### **Proximity to Target**



Invasiveness

Modified from DelValle & Navarro, Int Rev Neurobiol 2013

### **Proximity to Target**

Bladder Control- Closed Loop (Access- Dorsal roots; Control - Sacral root stim) Surgical reduction in rat of L6 dorsal root into 100µm rootlets





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#### **Proximity to Target**



Dhillon et al. J Hand Surg 2004

### **Surgical Procedures**

• Surgical tools and procedures for electrode and lead management

LIFE implanted with tungsten needle (cadaver study)







#### Multi Lead Multi Electrode management system

Expose the nerve; remove fascia and other connective tissue to isolate (1) the nerve



Remove the sutures from the outer sheath; lift the end sheath and bundle of protective sheaths along the slit of the outer sheath



Remove the end sheath to free the individual LIFEs encased in protective sheaths; remove one protective sheath to expose a LIFE

#### Thota et al, J Neurosc Meth 2014

# **Stability of the Interface**

- Anchoring the electrode
- Mechanical Stress
  - Effect on tissue
  - Effect on electrodes

#### mechanical testing (FIU)



e-dura (EPFL)



- Distributed sensing and recording
  - Multiple sites on one lead
  - Multiple leads
    - Need robust management system

DIME (FIU)

IEEE Spectrum, Jan 2015

Distributed intrafascicular multielectrode lead



Thota et al, J Neurosci Meth 2014



http://professional.medtronic.com/pt/ion3

### **Stability of the Interface**

Integrating electronics with the electrode

stretchable electronics



 New opportunities present new challenges mass, heat ..... wireless-location under skin durability

Kim et al, 2009



### **Biocompatibility**



Collias & Manuelidis, J Neurosurgery, 1957 local tissue (brain) response to the electrode

#### concerns:

- systemic damage
- local damage
- encapsulation

#### factors:

- size
- location
- materials
- charge transfer
- mechanical compliance
- coatings
- manufacturing processes
- implantation techniques



Kuntaegowdanahalli & Jung (Unpublished)

### Stimulation

Recording

- spatially distributed
  - temporally complex
  - mismatch in timescales between neurons and physiological processes
  - interconnectivity enables context dependence

### **Delivering Meaningful Stimuli**

- vary location, frequency, amplitude
  discrete, graded, stable sensations
  - freq and amplitude → naturalistic



### **Delivering Meaningful Stimuli**

Autonomic innervation:

- complex codes
- timescale mismatch
- State/context dependence



Kandel et al. Principles of Neuroscience

control system complexities:

- multiple-input multiple-output MIMO control
- nonlinear mappings
- multi-channel stimulation pulse coordination



# delivering meaningful stimuli; interpreting neural code



- variability
  - across users
    - may be enhanced by impairment
  - across time
    - circadian rhythms
    - potentiation, habituation
    - adaptation, fatigue
  - across tissues
    - neural
    - target organ

- human factors
  - personal capabilities
    - affected by age, impairment, tolerance for technology
    - ease of use
    - need for training
  - personal needs (self-dosing)
    - at home, at work, ...
    - comfort
  - personal preferences
    - activities, style, ...

# Hardware Programming/ User Fitting / Data Management

### Hardware/Firmware

- Create new Stim programs
- View/Modify Programs

### **User Fitting**

- Calibrate electrodes
- Determine stimulation parameters
- Set channel modality

### **Experimental/Test Panels**

- Determine Maps
- Conduct Studies
- Annotate and Store Data



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safely and effectively address user needs

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