Relevance of tES in scientific research

Non-invasive transcranial electrical stimulation (tES) is known to modulate brain activity in both healthy subjects and patients with neurological or psychiatric disorders. Physiological and functional effects can be demonstrated by using brain stimulation techniques under certain tasks or in combination with neuroimaging methods, such as EEG, MEG and fMRI. neuroConn, the technology brand of the neuroCare Group, provides a highly sophisticated and unique range of transcranial electrical stimulators covering all requirements for research. These devices and their applications allow users maximum flexibility and research validity.

Modulating brain functions with the DC-STIMULATOR
leading technology for transcranial electrical stimulation in neuroscience research

Pioneering technology in tES and its combination with neuroimaging techniques

- neuroConn is the pioneer of tACS, tRNS, tDCS-fMRI, EEG-tDCS and EEG-tACS/tRNS. For over 10 years we have developed the technology for these innovative techniques in close cooperation with the leading tES researchers in Germany and worldwide.
- neuroConn DC-STIMULATORS are used in 80% of all publications with tES and in the largest depression and stroke trials worldwide.
- all neuroConn DC-STIMULATORS are approved to the highest safety standards in the medical electrical device industry.

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** by manufacturer according to customer requirements
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Technology for use in double-blind studies

neuroConn DC-STIMULATORS are particularly suited for use in double-blind sham-controlled trials. The DC-STIMULATOR MOBILE is the latest innovation, facilitating the handling for researchers and participants in clinical trials whilst ensuring the highest patient safety. The device applies a pre-defined, unchangeable stimulation sequence under fully-blinded verum and sham conditions. The cloud-based stimulation database allows remote clinician / researcher supervision.

Multi-channel stimulation

The worldwide unique multi-channel DC-STIMULATOR MC allows for computer-controlled, full-band stimulation from independent electrical sources. The device is used for controlled simultaneous tES or sham stimulation of patient groups, multi-channel stimulation of selected regions of the brain and validation of tES with fMRI or EEG.

Simultaneous tDCS/tACS with EEG

tES-EEG is often applied in neuroscience research to evaluate the modulation of oscillatory brain activity and cerebral plasticity during stimulation. The neuroConn DC-STIMULATOR PLUS delivers a galvanically isolated reference signal of the applied stimulation. The fullband DC-EEG device NEURO PRAX® TMS/TES uses this signal to eliminate artefacts induced by the stimulation from all EEG channels in real time.

Combining tES with neuroimaging techniques

Neuroimaging techniques like fMRI, MRS and PET are capable of precisely identifying cortical activation sites due to their reliable spatial resolution. neuroConn DC-STIMULATORS with MR extension allow for simultaneous tES during neuroimaging. This combination can provide evidence of brain regions affected by the stimulation and how functional interactions between brain regions are modulated.

DC-STIMULATORS - well-established in clinical and neuroscientific research

neuroConn tES technology is being used in the leading research centers worldwide, investigating neuroscientific aspects and the clinical application of tES; among these are the pioneers of tES at the Universities of Göttingen, Munich, Boston, London, Oxford, Sydney and São Paolo.

Some research milestones with neuroConn tES technology

- tACS: Antal A. et al., Brain Stimul., 2008
- tRNS: Terney D. et al., J Neurosci., 2008
- MRS-tDCS: Stagg C.J. et al., J Neurosci., 2009
- fMRI-EEG: Moser E. et al., Sensors, 2010
- EEG-tTACS: Schlegelmilch F., Clin Neurophysiol., 2013

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