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Return of bradykinesia after subthalamic stimulation ceases:

Relationship to electrode location

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Abstract

In 20 subjects we quantified the rate at which subthalamic nucleus deep brain stimulation effects on Parkinson's bradykinesia "washed-out" after stimulation ceased. We found that wash-out was a two-step process, consisting of an initial fast decrease in stimulation's therapeutic effect, followed by a further, slow decline. Moreover, the relative contribution of the fast and slow component differed between patients. Finally, we found that lateral stimulation caused more of the fast-decaying component, while medial stimulation caused more of the slow-decaying component. This implies the existence of at least two separate mechanisms by which subthalamic nucleus deep brain stimulation improves bradykinesia, associated with activation of spatially separate zones in the vicinity of the subthalamic nucleus.

Keywords

Parkinson's; Deep Brain Stimulation; Subthalamic Nucleus; Zona Incerta; Plasticity

INTRODUCTION

Deep brain stimulation (DBS) of the subthalamic nucleus (STN) is an effective treatment for symptoms of Parkinson's disease (PD) [Deuschl et al. 2006]. It is well known that the therapeutic effects of STN DBS do not cease instantaneously when stimulation is turned off, but, rather, decay gradually [Temperli et al. 2003]. The implications of this observation for the design of clinical trials are well recognized, but little work has been done to quantify precisely the rate of decay, or to establish how it varies from one patient to another. Temperli et al. [2003] give average figures for time to 75%, or 90% of maximum and these results justify a 1–2 hour washout period. However, Keresztesy et al. [2007] reported much faster rates of decay. These differences could be related to study design or inter-subject variability. The present study was designed to assess inter-subject variability with respect to both rapid and slow decay of DBS effects.

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In addition to its practical implications, the decay of DBS effects provides important clues to the physiological mechanisms by which DBS exerts its therapeutic effect. Temperli et al. [2003] pointed out that the slow decay of STN DBS therapeutic effect implicated physiological mechanisms capable of persistent changes. We have suggested that DBS-induced synaptic plasticity is such a mechanism [Cooper et al. 2008] [Cooper et al. 2009]. Given that current theories on DBS mechanisms propose that it overrides a native, pathological pattern of activity it is possible that slow decay of DBS therapeutic effects could reveal whether a particular DBS-induced change in neuronal activity (i.e. power in the beta frequency band) has a causal relation to DBS therapeutic effects [Eusebio & Brown 2009]: if beta-suppression causes therapeutic effects, then it should persist, after DBS ceases, for about as long as the therapeutic effects do [Bronte-Stewart et al. 2009]. While this proposition is not without controversy [Foffani et al. 2006], it does provide further motivation to understand the factors affecting the decay of DBS therapeutic effects.

In the present paper we measure STN DBS therapeutic effect on bradykinesia, and report on rates of decay of that effect after stimulation is turned off. We found that inter-subject variation was high, but non-random, exhibiting both a fast- and a slow-decaying process. Moreover, these did not represent two separate patient populations but rather two separate physiological processes which could occur simultaneously in the same patient. As a result, we found that individuals differed in the relative contributions of fast and slow processes to their net DBS effect. Finally, we associated the fast and slow processes with spatially distinct sites of stimulation. These results address ambiguities in the previous literature and point toward a better understanding of physiological mechanisms underlying the therapeutic effect of DBS.

METHODS

Subjects

Subjects were patients with Parkinson's disease and STN DBS devices at the Cleveland Clinic. All had 1) a diagnosis of PD by a movement disorders neurologist 2) 5 or more years disease duration, 3) clear levodopa response 4) no dementia and 1) were at least 3 months post-implantation on the tested side 2) had completed the initial postoperative period of stimulator adjustments, and reached stable stimulator settings in the judgement of the treating clinician 3) were obtaining satisfactory and expected clinical benefit from the stimulation. Mean (median) time from last clinical change of stimulator settings to time of experiment was 20 (14) months.

Details of subjects' pre- and postoperative medication regimens are given in Supplementary Material.

Surgical procedure

The initial target was MR image-based, and the angulation adjusted to avoid cortical sulci, blood vessels, and, when possible, ventricles. The target was further refined using intraoperative microelectrode recording and microstimulation. Intraoperative stimulation through the DBS electrode was used to confirm a satisfactory therapeutic window between therapeutic effects and side effects.

Testing procedure

Testing was in the off-medication state: mean (median) delay between medication withdrawal and testing was 12.8 (12.0) hours (range: 10.5–16.5). The dominant hand and contralateral stimulator were tested.

Subjects performed three tasks, in rotation: A) a 20 second block of continuous finger-tapping (UPDRS item 23), B) a 20 second block of muscle-tone testing using the device developed by Patrick et al. [2001], and C) a 30 second block of a visual choice reaction time task (only the finger-tapping results are reported here), maintaining an interval of about 2 minutes between consecutive bradykinesia measurements. The time of each bradykinesia measurement was known to an accuracy of one second. This continued for 20 minutes constituting the initial stimulation-on period, designated Epoch 0.

At the conclusion of Epoch 0, the stimulator was turned off using a Medtronic model 8840 or 7451 programmer. Subjects then resumed performing the three tasks in rotation for a further 50 minutes with the stimulator now off: this constituted the stimulation-off period, designated Epoch 1.

At the conclusion of Epoch 1, the stimulator was turned back on again and tasks resumed in rotation with the stimulator back on again, for a further 20 minutes designated Epoch 2.

The procedure for turning on/off stimulators is detailed in Supplementary Material.

Bradykinesia measurements

To measure bradykinesia, we used an instrumented version of UPDRS item 23 (“finger tapping”), in which subjects tapped the tip of the thumb and index finger together “as fast as possible” and “as wide as possible” for 20 seconds. Angular velocity sensors(model G-1, NeuroKinetics, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) were taped to first phalange of thumb & index finger to detect metacarpophalangeal flexion/extension. Validation of the quantitative tapping measurement procedure against UPDRS_III is presented in Supplementary Material.

Data analysis

All data analysis was done using the pylab, numpy, and scipy libraries (www.enthought.com or www.scipy.org) The angular velocity signals were sampled (PCI-6025E, National Instruments, Austin, TX) at 16 bits x 10 KHz resolution and the Euclidean sum (x^2+y^2) taken. A power spectrum was then computed (Welch’s method, with window $2^{15} = 32768$ samples) and the total power computed in a band of 1.0 to 10.0 Hz.

Ideally, the subject is a stationary system, and all changes over time reflect only the dynamics of the subject’s response to stimulation. However, factors, such as fatigue or boredom may also cause changes over time. Therefore, we excluded from analysis four experiments in which bradykinesia did not improve when the stimulator was turned back on again at the end of the experiment (the Epoch-1 to Epoch-2 transition), since, in such experiments, changes during Epoch-1 could not reliably be attributed to turning off the stimulation.

Curve fitting

Curves were fit to the graph of tapping-power vs. time (see Fig 1) using Nelder-Mead iterative minimization of summed, squared error (scipy.optimize.fmin function).

To the three epochs of the experiment, we fit the piecewise equation

$$Y = \begin{cases} f(t) & : t \leq t_{\text{off}} \\ g(t) & : t_{\text{off}} < t < t_{\text{on}} \\ h(t) & : t \geq t_{\text{on}} \end{cases}$$

where t =time and Y = tapping power, and where t_{off} and t_{on} are the time stimulation was turned off, and on, respectively. $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ correspond to epochs 0, 1, and 2, respectively. Note that we made no a priori assumption that the equation was continuous across the boundaries between epochs, allowing for the possibility of abrupt changes when stimulation was turned on/off.

The derivation of $f(t)$, $g(t)$, and $h(t)$ is discussed in detail in Supplementary Material. Briefly, for $g(t)$ we used a simple decaying exponential (see Fig 1); the form of $f(t)$ and $h(t)$ did not affect our results. In this paper, we report HALFLIFE (time to decrease by a factor of 2), and STEP, defined as the fraction of total (from initial to asymptotic value) change which occurred *abruptly* when DBS was turned off (see Fig 1).

Statistics

Regression and tests of significance were done with the R statistical programming language [R development core team 2009]

Electrode localizations

In subjects with sufficient perioperative clinical data (see Table 1) we created a patient-specific DBS computer model using Cicerone v1.2, a freely available academic DBS research tool [Miocinovic et al. 2007], following our previously described methodology [Butson et al. 2007] (see Supplementary Material). Four subjects were excluded from the electrode localization analysis because of incomplete data due to: 1) operated at another institution (surgical records not available) 2) “frameless” stereotaxic system used (incompatible with Cicerone software 3) incomplete surgical records and 4) incomplete radiological records.

RESULTS

Inter-subject variation

Fig 1 shows several experiments, illustrating the range of results we obtained. Note the contrast between Fig 1A, in which tapping power declines gradually after DBS is turned off (“Slow” decay) and Fig 1D, in which tapping power drops abruptly, followed by a small residual slow decay (“Fast-slow”). Fig 1B & C show intermediate cases in which the initial abrupt drop and the subsequent slow decay were of comparable magnitude, illustrating that A and D are extremes of a continuum. This analysis was done in 20 subjects (see Methods). Finally, Fig. 1E shows an example with a prominent tremor appearing promptly when stimulation was turned off, and where *tapping became entrained to tremor*. In such “tremor entrained” subjects, total power measured tremor, not bradykinesia; the two tremor-entrained subjects were not included in the regression analysis (next section) for that reason. Nonetheless, we note that, in both tremor-entrained subjects, tapping power declined with similar half-life to the others.

In order to deal more rigorously with these variations, we fit a curve to each experiment’s data (see Methods section) so that the time course of DBS effects was described by two parameters STEP and HALFLIFE (Fig. 1). The resulting bivariate distribution is shown in Fig. 2. The amplitude of the STEP parameter is expressed as a fraction of the total change in bradykinesia from baseline to its asymptotic value after “washout” of DBS effect. Thus, subjects with “slow decay” had a STEP close to zero, while those with “fast-slow” decay had values ranging between zero and -1.0 . (The two “tremor-entrained” subjects (inset) had large positive values greater than $+1.0$.) STEP was uncorrelated with (independent of) HALFLIFE.

Relation to stimulating contact location

We reconstructed the location of the active electrode contacts in each hemisphere (see Methods section), and regressed the STEP parameter on the stereotaxic X (mediolateral), Y (anteroposterior), and Z (dorsoventral) coordinates, relative to the centroid of the subthalamic nucleus (Fig 3). Contacts inducing more fast effect were located lateral, and slightly anterodorsal to those causing more slow effect (Fig 3A). Regression of the STEP parameter on X, Y, and Z was statistically significant at $p = 0.02$, confirming that the location of stimulation determines the proportion of fast- vs. slow-decaying STN DBS effect. X, Y, and Z coefficients were 3.4, 1.1, and 1.5 standard errors respectively, suggesting that statistical significance was driven mainly by X; in keeping with this, simple regression of STEP on X was significant at (Bonferroni-corrected) $p = 0.02$.

Additional details of the statistical analysis are given in Supplemental Material.

Relation to other clinical variables

Regression of STEP on the following variables was not statistically significant: Stimulation voltage, duration of Parkinson's disease, total daily levodopa equivalent preoperatively, and total daily levodopa equivalent at time of testing.

DISCUSSION

In this paper, we quantified the rate at which STN DBS effects on PD bradykinesia “wash-out” after stimulation ceases. We found that wash-out is a two-step process, consisting of an initial fast decrease in DBS therapeutic effect, followed by a further, slow decline. We also found that the relative contribution of the fast and slow processes differ between patients. Finally, we found that the difference is attributable to the site of stimulation, with lateral stimulation causing more of the fast-decaying process, while medial stimulation caused more of the slow-decaying process. This has two important implications. First, it provides a way to reconcile some apparent conflicts in the literature. Second, it implies the existence of at least two distinct physiological mechanisms of STN DBS, associated with stimulation of different anatomical entities.

Potential resolution to conflicts in the literature

Do lingering effects decay in tens of minutes, or tens of seconds?—Temperli et al. [2003] found that 60–90 minutes were required for STN DBS effect on bradykinesia to decay by 90% after STN DBS ceased (equivalent to a half-life of about 15–30 minutes, for single-exponential decay). That is, DBS effects “lingered” for a while after stimulation ceased. Lopiano et al. [2003] and Waldau et al. [2011] obtained similar results but Keresztesy et al. [2007] measured time constants between 15 & 30 *seconds* (half lives about 10–20 sec). We propose that their subject populations, like ours, exhibited both fast and slow processes, but that differences in experimental design led to their differing results: Keresztesy et al. [2007] (measurement over 5 minute after DBS turned off) could not exclude an additional slower decay over tens of minutes. Conversely, Temperli et al. [2003], (measurements over hours, but at intervals of tens of minutes) could not exclude additional changes with a half life in the 10–20 second range.

Lingering effects and beta oscillations—Lingering STN DBS effects may test hypotheses about the relation of therapeutic effects to patterns of neuronal activity. For example, Kuhn et al [2008] and Bronte-Stewart et al [2009] measured power in the beta frequency band of LFPs recorded from STN after STN DBS ceased, and reported that suppression of beta power persisted after stimulation ceased, just as therapeutic effects on bradykinesia do. From this, they argued that a causal relation existed between the two.

However, Foffani et al [2006] observed no such lingering beta-suppression. As we report here, when STN DBS is turned off, some patients experience a very rapid return of bradykinesia, while in others it returns more gradually. Thus, the differences among the above cited papers may be due to differences among the patients studied (or their electrode locations).

Candidate physiological mechanisms for lingering effects

The “slow” effect may reflect DBS-induced, long term potentiation at glutamatergic synapses [Cooper et al 2008], [Cooper et al 2009]. “Early-phase,” non-protein-synthesis-dependent LTP [Raymond 2007] has a decay time constant approaching that of lingering effects [Abraham & Otani 1991], making it a candidate mechanism for “slow” STN DBS effects. Alternatively, extracellular glutamate accumulation might mediate the slow effects. Lee et al [2007] found that STN DBS increased local extracellular glutamate concentration, and estimated a time constant of 19 minutes (1140 sec) for decay of this effect, which is in good agreement with our value for the “slow” half life.

Anatomical targets associated with fast and slow effects

Origin of the slow-decaying effect—Slow-decaying bradykinesia effects evoked from medial contacts might result from activation of medial STN, although this region is more limbic than motor [Benarroch 2008]. Alternatively, the volume of tissue activated might extend beyond the boundaries of the nucleus to regions medial to it. It is noteworthy that this region contains both pallidothalamic fibers and the zona incerta (ZI). It is known that stimulation of pallidothalamic fibers, at their source in globus pallidus pars interna, is as effective as STN DBS for symptoms of Parkinson’s Disease in human patients [Follett et al 2010]. It has also been reported that stimulation in or near ZI is clinically equally or more effective than stimulation of the STN proper for treatment of Parkinson’s symptoms [Guehl et al 2008], [Henderson et al 2002], [Yelnik et al 2003], [Godinho et al 2006], [Plaha et al 2006]

Origin of the fast-decaying effect—Fast-decaying bradykinesia effects evoked from lateral contacts likely result from stimulation of lateral, somatomotor STN, though the volume of tissue activated might extend to laterally adjacent internal capsule. It is noteworthy that recent studies have implicated antidromic activation of corticosubthalamic axons in DBS therapeutic effects [Gradinaru et al 2009].

In summary, our results do not enable us to say exactly what structures were responsible for the fast- and slow-decaying effects. However, our finding that two distinguishable therapeutic effects were obtained from spatially separate zones indicates that STN DBS exerts its therapeutic effects at multiple sites not all necessarily within STN proper.

Limitations of the present study

Effect of turning off DBS—In this study, turning off stimulation resulted in worsening of bradykinesia, consistent with previous literature; however, this is not a conclusion of our study, since subjects were aware that their stimulator settings were changed. Rather we conclude that the dynamics (fast vs. slow) of worsening bradykinesia is related to electrode position, regarding which subjects *were* blinded.

Bradykinesia measurements—To measure bradykinesia, we used a version of the UPDRS finger tapping item 23 which replaced the semiquantitative scale with a continuous, fully quantitative one. We have previously used this approach [Butson et al. 2007], and in the present paper, present additional data validating it against the UPDRS item 23 rating. It

is clear from our results that performance of finger tapping worsened, with the dynamics we describe, after turning off STN DBS, and we feel justified in describing this as worsening of bradykinesia.

Bradykinesia vs other symptoms—Temperli et al [2003] found that, when STN DBS was turned off, bradykinesia, rigidity, tremor, and axial symptoms differ in the rate at which they return. Therefore, it remains to be established to what extent our findings extend to other Parkinson's symptoms.

Interpretation of STEP—We have interpreted STEP as the proportion of DBS therapeutic effect due to the fast process, and (1 - STEP) as the proportion due to the slow process. Since STEP is correlated with electrode position, (1 - STEP) necessarily is correlated as well. It is possible that, during stimulation, the fast process contributes 100% of therapeutic effect, and that the slow process is only “unmasked” after stimulation ceases. This would occur, for example, if the fast process were due to direct driving of action potentials in STN efferents, while the slow process were due to synaptic changes “upstream” of STN efferent axons. Under this interpretation, it remains true that a more prominent slow-decaying effect is associated with more medial electrode placement.

Sample size—We analyzed 20 subjects, which is comparable to the 35 of Temperli et al [2003] and more than other studies in the literature [Lopiano et al 2003], [Keresztenyi et al 2007]. Insufficient sample size could result in a statistical Type II error but this is inapplicable, since our results were statistically significant. It is, of course possible that this was a statistical Type I error (wrongly rejecting the null hypothesis), but this possibility occurs with any test of statistical significance. It is also possible, that *additional* effects not observed in the present study, might have been apparent with a larger sample size.

Time resolution—To measure fast processes requires measurements repeated at short intervals. In our experiments, the interval between turning off DBS and making the first “stimulation-off” measurements was about 200 seconds. Thus, for the time constant of the “fast” process, we can only say it was less than 200 seconds. It seems likely, however, that it corresponds to the value of 15–30 sec measured by Keresztenyi et al. [2007].

Conversely, to measure slow processes requires measurements continued for a long time. Our measurements continued for 50 minutes with DBS off. Therefore, for processes with longer time scales we can only set a lower limit. Our half lives were about 1000 sec, but other, even slower processes may also play a role in STN DBS effects. For example, our clinical experience suggests that STN DBS effects may evolve over hours to weeks after a change in stimulator settings. Indeed, our distribution of half lives included one subject with a half life of nearly 100,000 sec. Studies of such hyper-slow processes pose technical challenges, but the present study shows they may be informative.

Supplementary Material

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Research Highlight

STN DBS wash-out is a fast decrease, followed by further slow decline.

The relative contributions of the fast and slow processes differ between patients.

The fast process is associated with lateral, and the slow with medial stimulation.

This implies there are at least two distinct physiological mechanisms of STN DBS.

Change in neuronal oscillation with DBS might relate to slow but not fast mechanism.

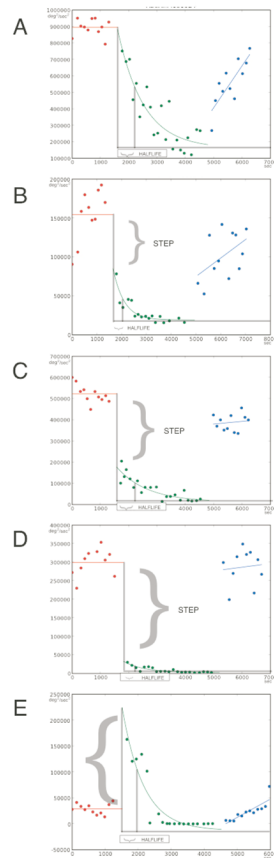


Figure 1.

Decrease in tapping power after STN DBS is turned off, showing “Fast” and “Slow” changes for 5 individual subjects, illustrating the spectrum of results we observed. Tapping power vs time: 20 minutes baseline, followed by 50 minutes with stimulation off, during which tapping power changes, followed by a further 20 minutes with stimulation back on, during which tapping power recovers.

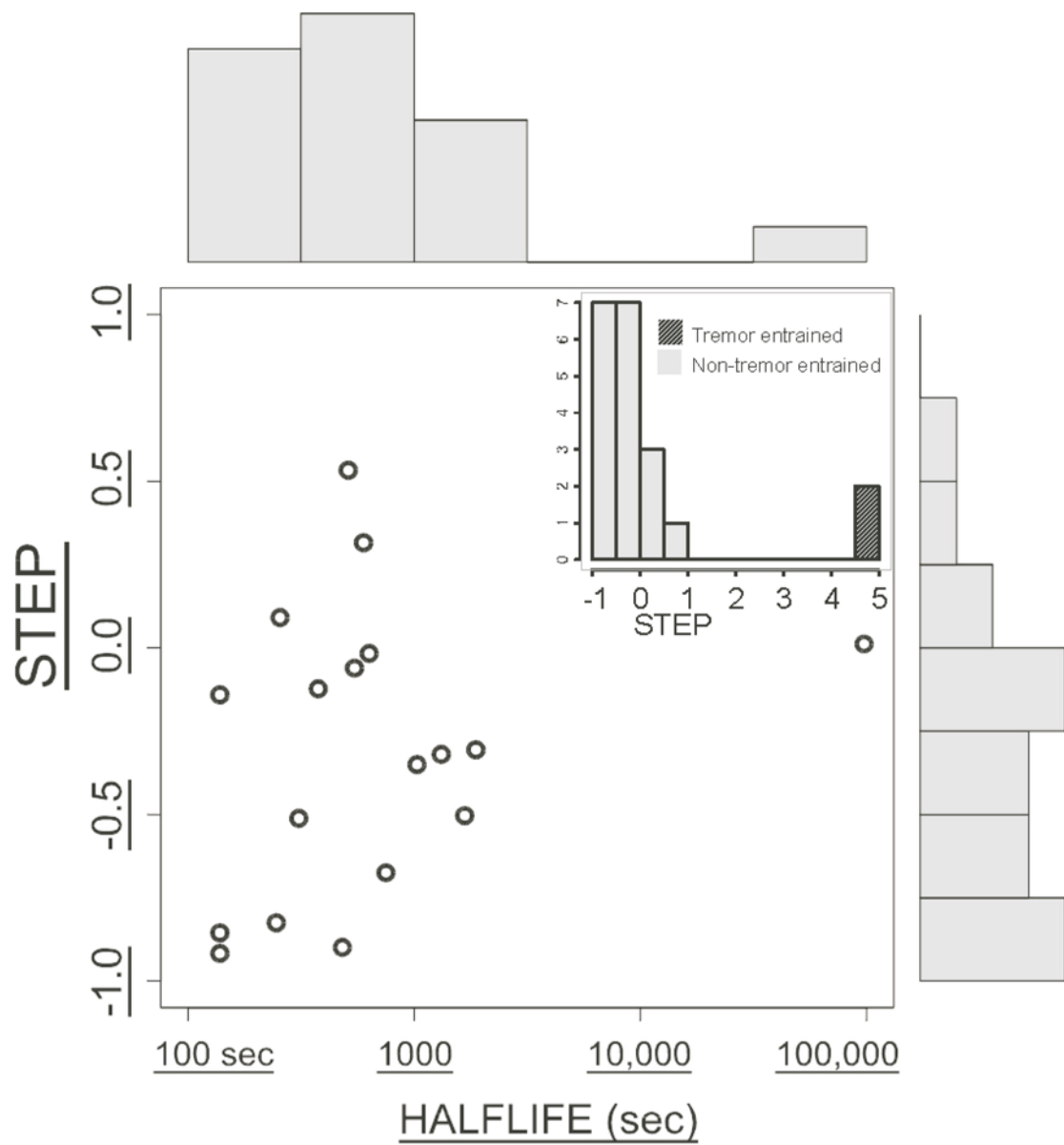


Figure 2. “STEP” parameter vs. HALFLIFE (semilog axis). N = 20 subjects. Histograms of STEP and HALFLIFE are shown along the vertical and horizontal axes, respectively, for non-tremor-entrained subjects (tremor entrained subjects shown in the inset).

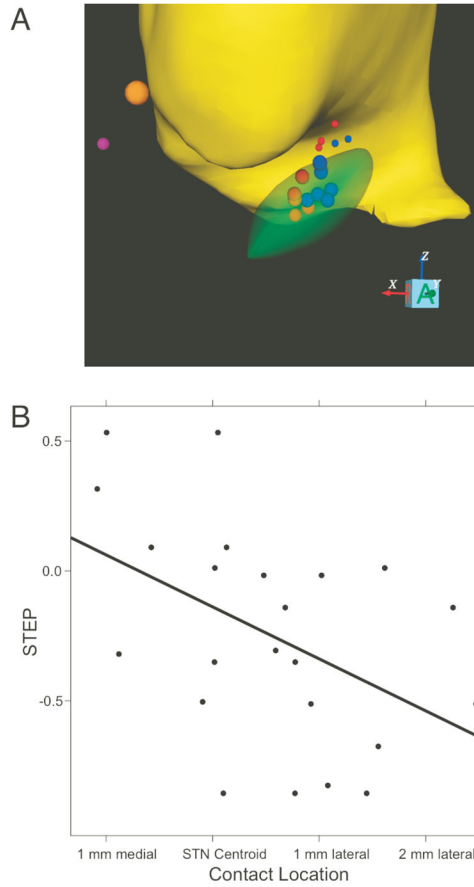


Figure 3.

A: Geometrical interpretation of the regression: The subjects with the 5 highest and 5 lowest values of STEP are shown (out of a total of 14 with sufficient perioperative data to reconstruct contact locations). Smaller STEP: red; larger STEP:blue. Large spheres: negative contacts; small spheres: positive contacts. Thalamus: yellow; STN: green; anterior commissure: orange; posterior commissure: purple. The relation of STEP to X,Y,Z location of active contacts (including all 14 subjects) is statistically significant (multiple linear regression $p = 0.02$). In part A, only the highest, and lowest one-third of the data are shown, in order to show more clearly the physical separation between high and low values of STEP. For a more rigorous, but less visual statistical analysis including all the data, see Part B of this figure (regression on X) and the text (regression on X,Y, & Z). In part A, all contact locations are mapped into a common atlas space so that the borders of the STN can be shown. The regression of STEP on contact location is statistically significant whether this remapping is done or not. B: STEP parameter vs. location of each active contact on the X (mediolateral) axis (single linear regression $p = 0.005$) $N = 14$ subjects).

Table 1

subject	handedness	age	yearsOPD	UPDRS_III_OFF	LEpreop	LEatTesting	monthsSinceSurg	sinceNondomSurg	electrodeModel	side	contacts	frequency	pulseWidth	voltage	nonstationary	tremorEntrained	contactLocations
1	right	62	27	28	1954	1033	28	28	_3389	left	1neg2neg3pos	130	90	4.0	no	no	YES
2	right	65	15	*	2148	1250	74	74	_3387	left	1neg3pos	135	90	3.5	no	no	YES
3	right	58	19	50	1275	550	5	na	_3389	left	1negCpos	130	60	3.1	no	no	YES
4	right	53	18	16	935	992	75	75	_3387	left	1neg3pos	185	90	3.6	no	no	YES
5	right	70	24	42	1234	500	61	61	_3387	left	2negCpos	185	60	3.6	no	no	no
6	left	64	15	14	1113	956	77	77	_3387	right	3negCpos	145	60	3.2	no	YES	no
7	right	63	16	29	1250	0	70	70	_3387	left	1negCpos	145	90	2.9	no	no	YES
8	right	72	9	28	0	0	26	45	_3387	left	2negCpos	185	90	2.8	no	no	no
9	right	74	26	*	850	293	106	106	_3387	left	2negCpos	185	60	2.8	no	no	no
10	left	52	7	30	1239	300	11	11	_3389	right	1neg3pos	130	60	3.6	no	no	YES
11	right	57	>10	*	1125	400	88	88	_3387	left	1neg2neg3pos	160	120	3.6	no	no	no
12	right	69	12	13	1150	493	8	na	_3389	left	2negCpos	130	60	2.8	no	no	YES
13	right	54	15	39	1193	617	16	16	_3389	left	1negCpos	130	60	2.0	no	no	YES
14	right	64	12	43	1439	750	8	8	_3389	left	1negCpos	130	60	2.8	no	no	YES
15	right	64	11	33	650	300	9	na	_3389	left	1neg3pos	185	90	3.3	no	no	no
16	right	61	13	21	706	293	7	7	_3389	left	2neg3pos	135	60	3.6	no	no	YES
17	right	73	17	30	1683	821	49	49	_3387	left	1neg3pos	185	90	3.6	no	no	no
18	right	67	10	25	542	701	9	9	_3389	left	3neg2pos	130	60	2.9	no	no	YES
19	right	57	13	29	2252	550	42	17	_3387	left	1negCpos	185	90	3.6	no	YES	no
20	right	62	19	47	863	200	25	22	_3389	left	1neg3pos	185	90	3.5	no	no	YES
21	right	62	11	38	551	300	18	18	_3389	left	2neg1pos	185	60	3.5	YES	no	no
22	right	59	16	21	1200	650	25	25	_3389	left	2neg3negCpos	185	90	3.5	YES	no	no
23	right	47	27	14	800	625	65	65	_3389	left	1neg2pos	130	60	2.8	YES	no	no
24	right	55	16	55	867	200	5	5	_3389	left	2neg3pos	130	60	3.6	YES	no	no

age in years, at time of testing. **yearsOfPD** years since onset of Parkinson's. **UPDRS_III_OFF** UPDRS motor section total score in the off-medication, DBS-naive state. **LEpreop** Total daily levodopa equivalent preoperatively. **LEatTesting** Total daily levodopa equivalent at time of testing. **monthsSinceSurg** time, in months, at the time of testing, since electrode implantation, on the side tested. **sinceNondomSurg** time, in months, at the time of testing, since electrode implantation, on the other, nondominant side (na=subject was implanted only on the dominant side). **electrodeModel** type of electrode implanted (Medtronic model 3387 or 3389). **side** side of brain tested (finger-tapping performed contralateral to this). **contacts** electrode contacts stimulated (0–3, and “Case”). **voltage** stimulation amplitude, in volts. **frequency** stimulation frequency, in Hz. **pulseWidth** stimulation pulse width setting, microsec. Contacts, voltage, frequency, & pulse width were all the same as subject's usual contacts, as clinically optimized prior to, and independently of the experiment. **nonstationary** subject failed stationarity criterion (see Methods). **tremorEntrained** subjects had a prominent tremor to which their finger-tapping became entrained (see Results). **contactLocations** location of stimulating contacts was computed in stereotactic space (see Methods section on electrode localization, below. Missing data indicated by “*”) Details of how levodopa equivalent was computed are given in Supplementary Material.