# Closed-Loop Epileptic Seizure Control Device

# Epilepsy - a disabling neurological disorder Result of hyperactive electrical discharge in the brain

#### **Impact on US alone:**

- 3 million Americans
- 200,000 new diagnoses annually
- Direct Annual Healthcare cost of \$17.6 billion
- **Indirect Cost** 
  - −loss of lifetime earnings
  - -high incidence of depression & psychosis among epilepsy patients

#### **Unmet Medical Needs**

Anti-Epileptic Drugs (AED)

- First-line treatment
  - Approximately 70% respond to AED

#### **Alternative Treatments**

- Epilepsy Surgery
  - Only 8% are eligible
  - Effective 50-60%
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation: 30% of those eligible have ≥ 50% reduction
- Neuropace RNS: > 50% reduction in seizures for  $\sim 50\%$  of patients tested

Approximately 20% of all epileptic patients do not respond to any available treatments

# Innovative Approach: Closed-Loop Neuromodulation System that incorporates Patented Technologies

#### 1. Record single neuron activity with our patented technology



 Interference from other brain regions Complex data analysis

Inability to PREDICT

seizure onset

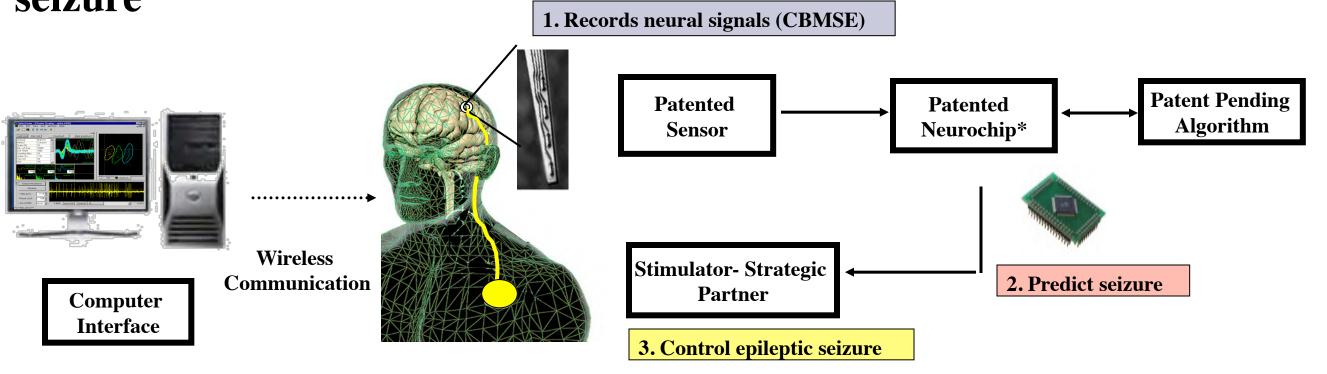


 Direct neural recording Efficient data interpretation

PREDICT seizure onse

Using our patented Ceramic Based Multi-Site Electrode (CBMSE), we can directly record the electrical activity of multiple single neurons. This method is a direct approach to recording from the epileptic focus and provides for efficient data interpretation.

# 2. Creating a closed-looped technology to predict and prevent a seizure



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## Animal model: Pilocarpine Induced Spontaneous Seizure

- Pilocarpine: an excitotoxic agent widely used in epilepsy studies
- A small amount is infused into the hippocampus of rats
- Rats exhibit seizure activity immediately after infusion
- After a few days, rats display sudden spontaneous seizures
- Seizure model is very similar to human temporal lobe epilepsy, the most common form of human epilepsy

### **Animal Proof of Concept:**

- Neural synchrony is increased in the minutes before seizure onset
  - 1.between neurons
  - 2.between neurons and the on-going oscillations in the brain
- 100% of seizures predicted with 30% false positive rate

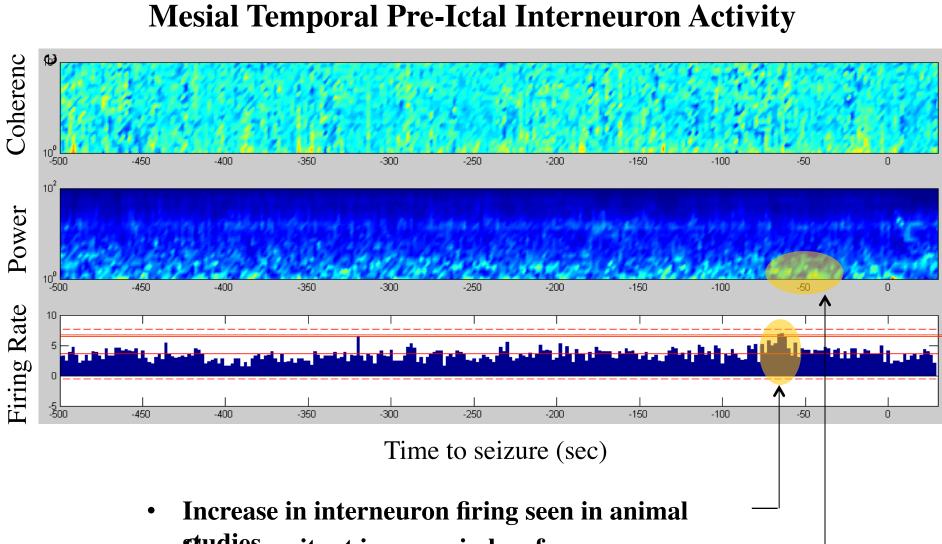
1.in real-time

2.using a single neural-synchrony variable

# Human Study (Offline Data Analysis)

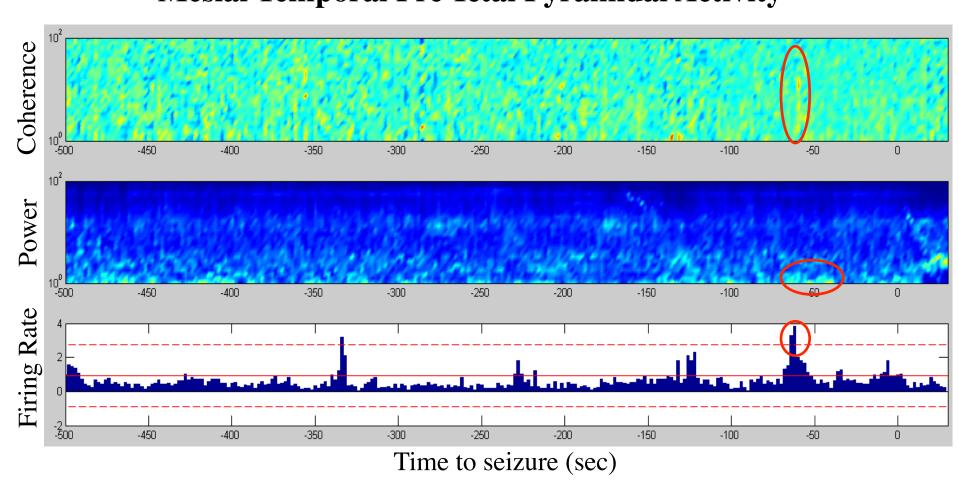
## **Patient Summary**

Patient ID	# of Seizures	# Recorded	# Containing single neurons	# Int	# Pyr
TJ038	7	4	3	2	6
TJ039	0	0	0	0	0
TJ041	2	2	1	9	9
TJ042	1	1	1	2	4
TJ045	4	4	2	5	4
TJ048					
TJ049		alysis in Progress			



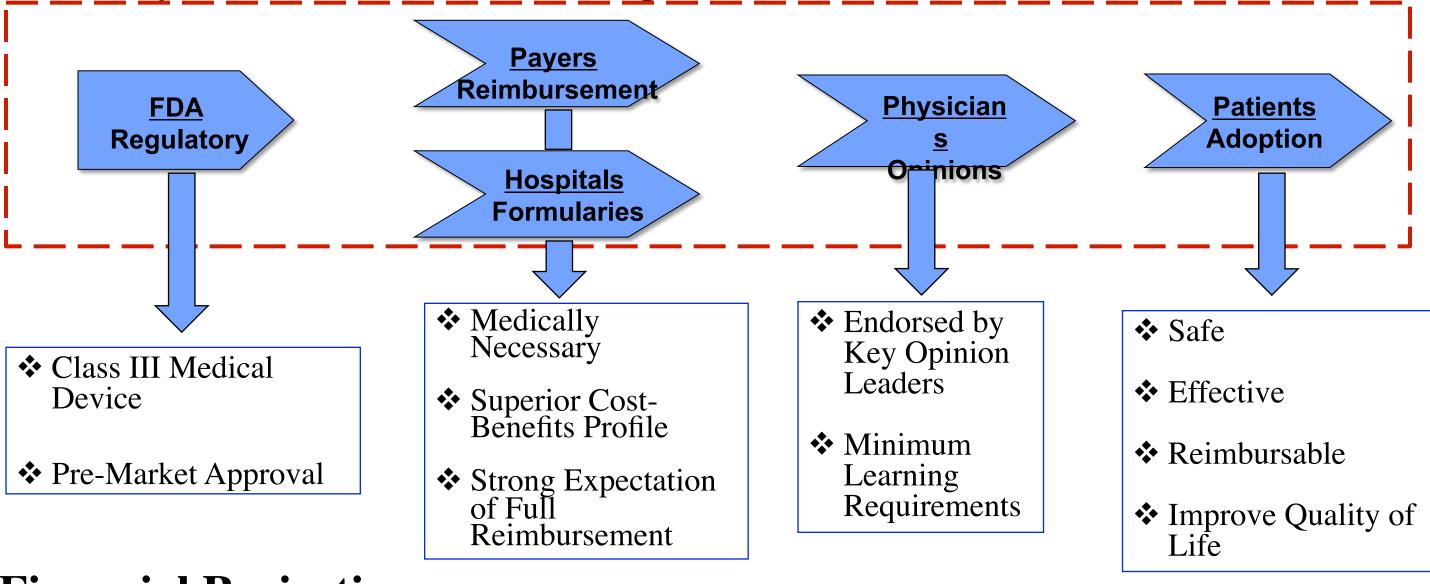
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#### **Mesial Temporal Pre-Ictal Pyramidal Activity**



- Simultaneous increase in pyramidal cell activity and coherence across frequencies
- Coincides with increase in low frequency power from interneuron firing

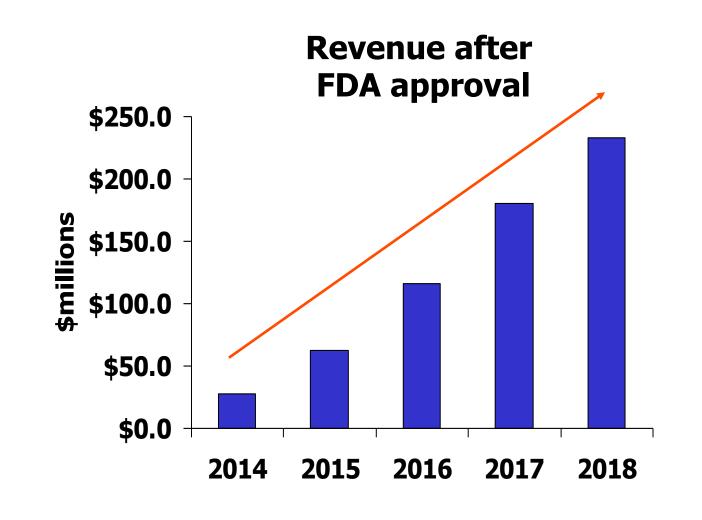
Pathway to Market & Advantages:

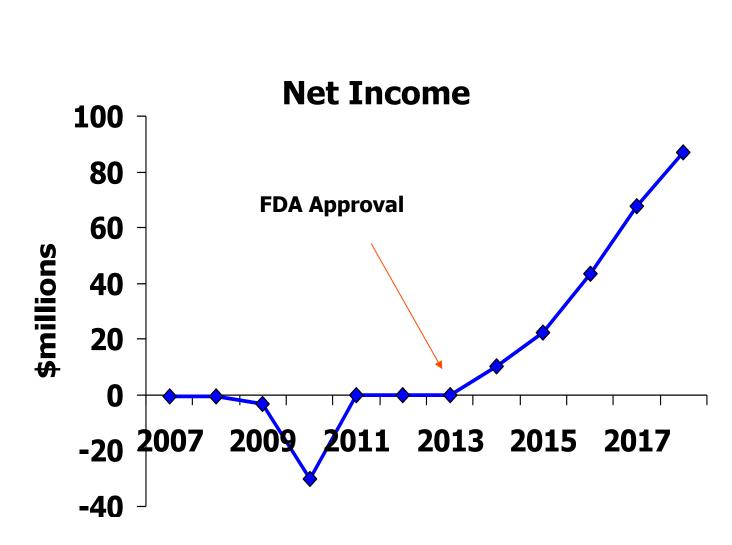


**Translational Potential** 

# **Financial Projections:**

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Treatment Centers</b>	20	25	35	45	50
Target Market	140,000	164,440	213,684	262,436	285,801
Adoption rate	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
<b>Units sold</b>	2,800	6,578	12,821	20,995	28,580





#### Conclusion

- Preliminary results show similar trending in interneuron behavior as seen in animal studies at about 60 seconds prior to clinical seizure onset. Limited numbers of neurons limit our ability to run automated detection algorithms, but optimization in recording technique have already improved yield. Novel findings of synchronous pyramidal cell firing coincides with the behavior of interneurons one minute prior to seizure and will be incorporated to make prediction algorithms more robust.
- Proven technology with high growth potential
- Clear commercialization strategy with validated models
- Strong industry know-how
- Favorable exit opportunities with active M&A activities in industry
- Patent protected technology with future patents on complimenting technologies

## **Future Directions**

- Begin construction and bench testing of the stimulation system to prevent seizures
- Obtain IDE to make the device fully implantable in humans

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• Human data was

Consent from each

**Measures Used:** 

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coherence.

Hospital

before use.

obtained from patients

in Thomas Jefferson

patient was required

All data was de-identified

**Coherence:** how

potential (LFP),

synchronized was the

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spiking, 2s binsize) and

frequency (1-100Hz, 1Hz

Power: the time-frequency

decomposition of the

Same binsizes as in

3. Firing Rate: the intensity

certain time window.

Tested on 3 generalizing

False Positive Rate: 5/hr

seizures to mesial temporal

on Human Data

Sensitivity: 100%

(offline):

Testing The Algorithm

of neuronal firing within a

neural signal recording.

decomposed in time (about

with intractable epilepsy













