

The effects of direct brain stimulation in humans depend on frequency, amplitude, and white-matter proximity

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Abstract

Researchers have used direct electrical brain stimulation to treat a range of neurological and psychiatric disorders. However, for brain stimulation to be maximally effective, clinicians and researchers should optimize stimulation parameters according to desired outcomes. To examine how different kinds of stimulation affect human brain activity, we compared the changes in neuronal activity that resulted from stimulation at a range of frequencies, amplitudes, and locations with direct human brain recordings. We recorded human brain activity directly with electrodes that were implanted in widespread regions across 106 neurosurgical epilepsy patients while systematically stimulating across a range of parameters and locations. Overall, stimulation most often had an inhibitory effect on neuronal activity, consistent with earlier work. When stimulation excited neuronal activity, it most often occurred from high-frequency stimulation. These effects were modulated by the location of the stimulating electrode, with stimulation sites near white matter more likely to cause excitation and sites near gray matter more likely to inhibit neuronal activity. By characterizing how different stimulation parameters produced specific neuronal activity patterns on a large scale, our results help guide clinicians and researchers when designing stimulation protocols to cause precisely targeted changes in human brain activity.

1 **Introduction**

2 Direct electrical stimulation shows potential as a treatment for a variety of neurological conditions and
3 as a tool for studying neuropsychiatric disorders and cognition. However, we do not yet have a detailed
4 understanding of the widespread neuronal effects that result from different types of stimulation. The
5 goal of our study was to examine this issue by characterizing at a large scale how different types of
6 brain stimulation modulate directly recorded human neuronal activity.

7 For years, direct electrical stimulation has been used to effectively treat motor disorders, such
8 as Parkinson's Disease, essential tremor, dystonia, and epileptic seizures [Benabid et al., 1987, Lang
9 and Lozano, 1998a,b, Koller et al., 1997, Kumar et al., 1999, Coubes et al., 2000, Yianni et al.,
10 2003, Fisher et al., 2010, Fisher and Velasco, 2014]. In the past two decades, researchers have
11 extended stimulation protocols from motor disorders to better understand and modulate brain circuits
12 of neuropsychiatric and cognitive disorders, such as major depression [Mayberg, 1997], obsessive
13 compulsive disorder [Nuttin et al., 2003], anorexia nervosa [Lipsman et al., 2017], addiction [Kuhn
14 et al., 2007, Levy et al., 2007], schizophrenia [Kuhn et al., 2011, Bakay, 2009], and Alzheimer's
15 disease [Kuhn et al., 2015, Lozano et al., 2016]. While direct electrical stimulation holds potential
16 to treat patients with neurological disorders who cannot be treated pharmacologically, understanding
17 more fully how different stimulation parameters differentially affect neuronal activity is important for
18 optimizing such therapies.

19 Researchers and clinicians have found that stimulation produces a wide range of behavioral effects.
20 Cortical stimulation was first linked to memory in Wilder Penfield's pioneering studies where stimulating
21 an awake patient's temporal lobe caused them to spontaneously recall old memories [Penfield and
22 Perot, 1963]. Penfield's subsequent work showed that the particular location that was stimulated
23 greatly affected the way in which patients re-experienced old memories. Following this, many studies
24 applied direct electrical stimulation to the temporal lobe using a variety of stimulation parameters.
25 The results from these studies were wide-ranging, emphasizing the complexity of precisely modulating
26 human neuronal activity with stimulation [Selimbeyoglu and Parvizi, 2010, Borchers et al., 2012,
27 Suthana and Fried, 2014, Ezzyat and Rizzuto, 2018]. Some studies showed that stimulation impaired
28 recall of complex scenes [Halgren et al., 1985], subsequent item recognition [Coleshill et al., 2004],
29 spatial, and verbal memory recall [Jacobs et al., 2016, Lacruz et al., 2010]. However, a number of
30 studies have also shown improvements to verbal, visual, and spatial memory [Suthana et al., 2012, Fell
31 et al., 2013, Miller et al., 2015, Ezzyat et al., 2017]. Studies using brain stimulation to treat other
32 neurological diseases also found inconsistent cognitive effects [Gutman et al., 2009, Mayberg et al.,
33 2005, Lang and Lozano, 1998a,b]. There were substantial variations in stimulation protocols between
34 these studies, including stimulation location, frequency, duration, amplitude, pulse pattern (continuous
35 or intermittent), and timing. To explain why these studies found such diverse behavioral and cognitive
36 effects from stimulation, it is helpful to understand the physiology of how different kinds of stimulation
37 alter underlying neuronal activity.

38 Earlier studies showed that stimulation can cause both excitatory and inhibitory effects on local
39 and connected regions. Yet, within the realm of treating Parkinson's Disease with deep brain stim-
40 ulation (DBS) where clinical outcomes are well established, the electrophysiology of stimulation is
41 unclear. While some studies demonstrate that stimulation causes inhibition [Limousin et al., 1995,
42 Welter et al., 2004, Boraud et al., 1996, Dostrovsky et al., 2000], other studies show excitation after
43 stimulating at different frequencies and locations [Anderson et al., 2003, Hashimoto et al., 2003,
44 Maurice et al., 2003, Windels et al., 2000, Johnson et al., 2008]. There is evidence that the location
45 of a stimulation electrode also has an important role in dictating the outcome of stimulation, with
46 white- and gray-matter stimulation sites causing different effects [Histed et al., 2009, 2013, Nowak

47 and Bullier, 1998a,b]. Further, Logothetis et al. [2010] show evidence in monkeys that specific patterns
48 of stimulation can simultaneously induce inhibitory both excitatory effects in different affected
49 regions. These findings, which illustrate the diverse range of electrophysiological effects that result
50 from brain stimulation, demonstrate the challenge in designing brain stimulation protocols to alter
51 brain activity in targeted ways that achieve desired behavioral outcomes.

52 The goal of our study was to comprehensively evaluate the effects of different types of stimulation
53 on neuronal activity across the human brain. To examine changes in neuronal activity due to
54 stimulation, we collected and analyzed direct brain recordings from 106 neurosurgical patients who
55 underwent an extensive stimulation “parameter search” paradigm involving a range of stimulation
56 frequencies and amplitudes at different cortical surface and depth locations. We then measured how
57 different stimulation parameters correlated with the directional changes in neuronal activity that re-
58 sulted from stimulation. Because we sought to understand the effects of stimulation on the mean
59 activity across neuronal populations, we measured high-frequency broadband power, which provides
60 an estimate of the mean rate of local neuronal spiking activity [Manning et al., 2009, Watson et al.,
61 2018]. Our results provide a more comprehensive study of the direct electrical stimulation parameter
62 space than any prior human study. We find that the neuronal effects of stimulation are highly parame-
63 ter dependent. Specifically, the prevalence of excitation and inhibition are modulated by the frequency
64 and amplitude of stimulation and by the distance of the stimulation site to white-matter tracts. These
65 results provide guidance for clinicians and researchers to more optimally craft stimulation parameters
66 according to the desired types of changes to ongoing brain activity.

67 **Methods**

68 **Participants.** The 106 patients in our study were surgically implanted with depth, surface grid,
69 and/or surface strips of electrodes for the purpose of identifying epileptic regions. The patients’ clin-
70 ical teams determined electrode placement to best monitor each patient’s epilepsy. We conducted
71 these procedures at eight hospitals: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Philadelphia, PA); Univer-
72 sity of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX); Emory University Hospital (Atlanta, GA);
73 Dartmouth–Hitchcock Medical Center (Lebanon, NH); Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
74 (Philadelphia, PA); Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN); National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, MD); and
75 Columbia University Hospital (New York, NY). Following institutional review board protocols at each
76 hospital, all participating patients provided informed consent.

77 **Stimulation Paradigm.** This stimulation “parameter search” paradigm was part of a larger project
78 aimed to enhance episodic and spatial memory using direct electrical stimulation [Jacobs et al., 2016,
79 Ezzyat et al., 2017, 2018]. Blackrock Microsystems provided neural stimulation equipment for these
80 protocols. As part of this larger project, subjects participated in this paradigm to characterize the
81 brain-wide effects of applying electrical stimulation at different sites with varying frequencies and
82 amplitudes. During each session of this stimulation procedure, we instructed subjects to sit quietly
83 and rest with eyes open as we applied various types of stimulation and measured neuronal activity.
84 The main goal in applying stimulation across frequencies, amplitudes, and sites was to identify specific
85 stimulation locations and parameters that would enhance performance in a subsequent memory task
86 [Ezzyat et al., 2017]. Therefore, stimulation was often applied in MTL and lateral temporal lobe
87 locations based on their functional relevance for memory [Eichenbaum, 2000, Ojemann et al., 1989],
88 as well as other areas (Table S2).

89 A clinical neurologist oversaw all stimulation sessions. We performed a separate amplitude screen-
90 ing procedure before beginning stimulation for each target site. In the screening procedure, each

91 site was progressively stimulated for 0.5 s at each tested frequency, beginning at 0.5 mA, in steps
92 of 0.5 mA, up to a maximum of 1.5 mA for depth electrodes or 3 mA for surface electrodes. A
93 neurologist monitored visually for afterdischarges throughout this process. We then logged for each
94 site the maximum current that could be applied without causing afterdischarges.

95 Then, in the main stimulation protocol for each site, we applied bipolar stimulation across neigh-
96 boring anode and cathode electrodes using 300- μ s charge-balanced biphasic rectangular pulses. For
97 each site, we stimulated at frequencies of 10, 25, 50, 100, or 200 Hz, with amplitudes from 0.25 mA
98 up to the site's determined maximum in steps of 0.25 mA, as well as 0.125 mA. Each stimulation trial
99 was applied for 500 ms, with a random delay of 2750–3500 ms (uniformly distributed) between the
100 offset and onset of consecutive stimulation trials. Within each \sim 25-minute session that targeted one
101 stimulation site, we randomly ordered the stimulation trials with different frequencies and amplitudes
102 for each site. Each targeted electrode received 24 stimulation trials for each combination of frequency
103 and amplitude. Some subjects participated in a version of this procedure that also included sham
104 trials without stimulation. Individual subjects participated in this stimulation protocol for between 1
105 and 9 individual sites (mean = 2.8 sites). Overall, we collected a total of 354 sessions, stimulating
106 at 319 distinct sites from 106 subjects. Following artifact rejection (see below), we included in our
107 data analyses 292 sessions over 263 stimulation sites from 94 subjects while recording simultaneous
108 neuronal activity from 10,310 bipolar electrode pairs.

109 **Electrocorticographic recordings and referencing** To measure the electrophysiological effects of
110 stimulation, throughout stimulation we recorded neuronal activity at 500, 1000, or 1600 Hz using a
111 clinical intracranial electroencephalographic (iEEG) recording system at each hospital (Nihon Kohden
112 EEG-1200, Natus XLTek EMU 128, Natus Quantum EEG, or Grass Aura-LTM64 systems). We
113 referenced each electrode's signal to a common contact placed intracranially, on the scalp, or mastoid
114 process. To reduce non-physiological artifacts, we used bipolar referencing, computed as the voltage
115 difference between pairs of adjacent electrodes. The location of each bipolar pair was taken as the
116 midpoint between the two physical electrodes. We further filtered electrical line noise using a 57–63-Hz
117 Butterworth notch filter.

118 **Anatomical localization.** We determined the location of each electrode by co-registering a post-
119 surgical CT scan to T1 and T2 weighted structural MRIs taken prior to implantation. We determined
120 electrode localization in cortical regions by co-registration of the post-implantation CT, corrected for
121 post-operative brain shift, with Freesurfer's automated cortical parcellation based on the Desikan-
122 Killiany brain atlas [Desikan et al., 2006]. We based localization to medial temporal lobe (MTL)
123 structures on MTL segmentation using Automatic Segmentation of Hippocampal Subfields (ASHS)
124 [Yushkevich et al., 2015].

125 **Artifact Rejection.** Applying electrical stimulation can cause the appearance of non-physiological
126 signals in iEEG recordings that may manifest as complete amplifier saturation as well as overall shifts
127 in signal amplitude, such as rise, decay, or deflection following stimulation before returning to baseline
128 (Fig. S2). These non-physiological changes could impair our ability to accurately measure true physio-
129 logical signals related to stimulation. Therefore, to minimize the impact of artifacts on our results, we
130 excluded from our analyses any recording electrodes and trials that showed post-stimulation artifacts.
131 We implemented a detection algorithm to identify channels that are prone to complete signal satura-
132 tion as well as gradual artifact following stimulation. Following earlier methods [Solomon et al., 2018],
133 we compared the average voltage of the signal from -500 to -100 ms prior to stimulation onset and
134 from 100 to 500 ms after stimulation offset. To include data from as many recording electrodes

135 as possible, we took a two-phase approach to exclude artifacts on the single-trial level as well as on
136 an electrode level. To identify artifacts, we employed Grubb's outlier test to classify the trials that
137 exhibited large non-physiological changes in voltage. Specifically, we excluded the data of any trials
138 that showed a change in voltage between the pre- and post-stimulation intervals that was greater than
139 2 standard deviations of the corresponding mean voltage changes for matching sham trials for that
140 electrode (Fig. S2). We excluded any electrodes completely that showed artifacts on more than half of
141 all trials for a particular combination of parameters. Some stimulation sites were especially conducive
142 to spreading artifacts across recording electrodes, and thus we excluded stimulation sites that caused
143 artifacts on over half of all recording electrodes. Overall, we excluded 56 stimulation sites, an average
144 of 10% of bipolar recording electrodes, and 12% of stimulation trials on remaining contacts (see Table
145 S3).

146 **Spectral Power Analysis.** To measure the effect of stimulation on mean neuronal firing rates, we
147 extracted the high-frequency activity (HFA) signal from each iEEG recording, as this signal has been
148 shown to provide a reliable measure of mean neuronal activity [Manning et al., 2009, Miller et al.,
149 2009]. We measured HFA power in our data by calculating power spectra post- (200 to 700 ms after
150 stimulation offset, defined as the last pulse of the stimulation trial) and pre- (−600 to −100 ms before
151 stimulation onset) stimulation at 12 log-spaced frequencies between 30 and 100 Hz using multi-tapers,
152 which provide better resolution at high frequencies [Mitra and Pesaran, 1999]. We allowed this buffer
153 of 100 ms before and after stimulation to prevent any impact of stimulation artifacts on our results.
154 In order to detect sites where activity resets to a specific level following stimulation, we calculated the
155 variance of HFA power values before and after stimulation across all trials with the same combination
156 of stimulation site, frequency, and amplitude. If variances are unequal and post-stimulation variance
157 was less than the pre-stimulation variance, we categorized the site as showing "resetting."

158 **Linear Mixed-Effects Model.** We used a linear mixed-effects (LME) model to analyze the effects of
159 stimulation on neuronal activity and identify how the prevalence of these effects vary with parameters.
160 An LME model is a type of regression model that models the variation of a dependent variable as a
161 function of both fixed and random effects. An LME model may be implemented in a group-based way
162 that can account for repeated measurements from one sample [Baayen et al., 2008]. This feature is
163 important for our study because our dataset included possibly correlated measurements, as we tested
164 the effects of different parameters at the same stimulation site. Additionally, the LME model is useful
165 for this dataset because it can account for uneven sampling across groups and conditions, which also
166 occurred when separate sites were stimulated with different sets of frequencies and amplitudes.

167 To apply the LME model to our data, we used three random factors: frequency (up to 5 possible
168 values per site), amplitude (usually 3 per site), and distance from the stimulation site (in Talairach
169 units). We defined the direction of HFA change as a fixed factor because increases and decreases
170 were the only changes of interest compared. For each stimulation site, the model fits either a random
171 or fixed intercept and slope for each factor. Then the data across sites are combined to provide a
172 summary coefficient for the factor that indicates the mean effect over all stimulation sites (groups)
173 based on the normal distribution [Bates et al., 2014]. To compare the effects of stimulating distinct
174 groups of electrodes, such as surface versus depth electrodes or white versus gray matter stimulation,
175 we used a two-way ANOVA.

176 **Seizure-onset zones.** Clinical teams at each hospital provided information about electrodes identified
177 as in seizure onset zones. To verify that our results were not directly related to abnormal brain tissue,
178 we performed the population analyses of the effects of stimulation frequency and amplitude for the sets

179 of stimulation sites ($n = 98$) that were located in seizure onset zones (Fig. 2). All main frequency-
180 and amplitude-related effects continued to be significant in this restricted analysis, confirming our
181 main results.

182 **White matter categorization.** We categorized each stimulation site as either being in/near white
183 matter or in gray matter to determine the impact of white matter on the effects of stimulation.
184 We estimated the white matter near each stimulation site by counting the number of white matter
185 vertices within 3 Talairach units of the midpoint of the stimulation anode and cathode. We used
186 Freesurfer white matter segmentation of patients' T1 MRI scan to determine white matter vertex
187 locations [Solomon et al., 2018]. We then categorized stimulation sites as near white matter or in
188 gray matter by splitting the number of white matter vertices surrounding stimulation sites along the
189 median of the distribution.

190 **Data Availability.** Raw electrophysiological data used in this study are available at http://memory.psych.upenn.edu/Electrophysiological_Data.

192 Results

193 The goal of our study was to characterize the effects of different types of direct electrical brain stimu-
194 lation on ongoing neuronal activity in humans. Here, we recorded intracranial electroencephalographic
195 (iEEG) activity from widespread electrodes while delivering electrical stimulation at different locations,
196 frequencies, and amplitudes as patients rested quietly. To assess the effect of stimulation on neuronal
197 activity, we measured the amplitude of signals in the high-frequency-activity (HFA) range (30–100 Hz),
198 which is an iEEG signal that correlates with the mean level of spiking activity across a local neuronal
199 population [Manning et al., 2009, Watson et al., 2018, Fries et al., 2007, Miller et al., 2009].

200 **Effects of stimulation at low and high frequencies.** To illustrate the neuronal effects from stim-
201 ulation at different frequencies, we first show data from an example subject who received electrical
202 stimulation in one location at four frequencies: 10, 50, 100, and 200 Hz. Each frequency was tested
203 96 times at each amplitude. To measure the effect of stimulation at each frequency on neuronal
204 activity, we computed the mean spectral power in the HFA band at each recording electrode in a
205 500-ms interval before and after each stimulation trial (Fig. 1A). In many cases we found statistically
206 reliable changes in HFA as a result of stimulation at a particular frequency (e.g., see Figure 1B–C;
207 $z = 5.47$, $p < 10^{-6}$, signed-rank test, uncorrected). The HFA changes from stimulation were often
208 present at multiple recording electrodes. This extent of these HFA changes is illustrated in Figure
209 1D, which shows that this subject had widespread electrodes that showed significantly decreased HFA
210 power when 10-Hz, 1-mA stimulation was applied at a site in the left lateral temporal lobe.

211 To quantify the changes in HFA power that resulted from each type of stimulation, we computed
212 the mean power change across stimulation trials for each recording electrode (Fig. 1E), excluding sites
213 showing artifacts (see *Methods*). For this site, 10-Hz stimulation at 1 mA caused a significant decrease
214 in mean HFA power across electrodes ($z = -7.59$, $p < 10^{-10}$, signed-rank test, uncorrected; Fig. 1E).
215 Notably, the recording electrodes that showed significant changes in HFA power included locations
216 both proximal and distal to the stimulation site, even in contralateral areas (Fig. 1D), which might
217 be considered surprising in light of previous studies that focused on the local effects of stimulation
218 [Limousin et al., 1995, Dostrovsky et al., 2000, Logothetis et al., 2010].

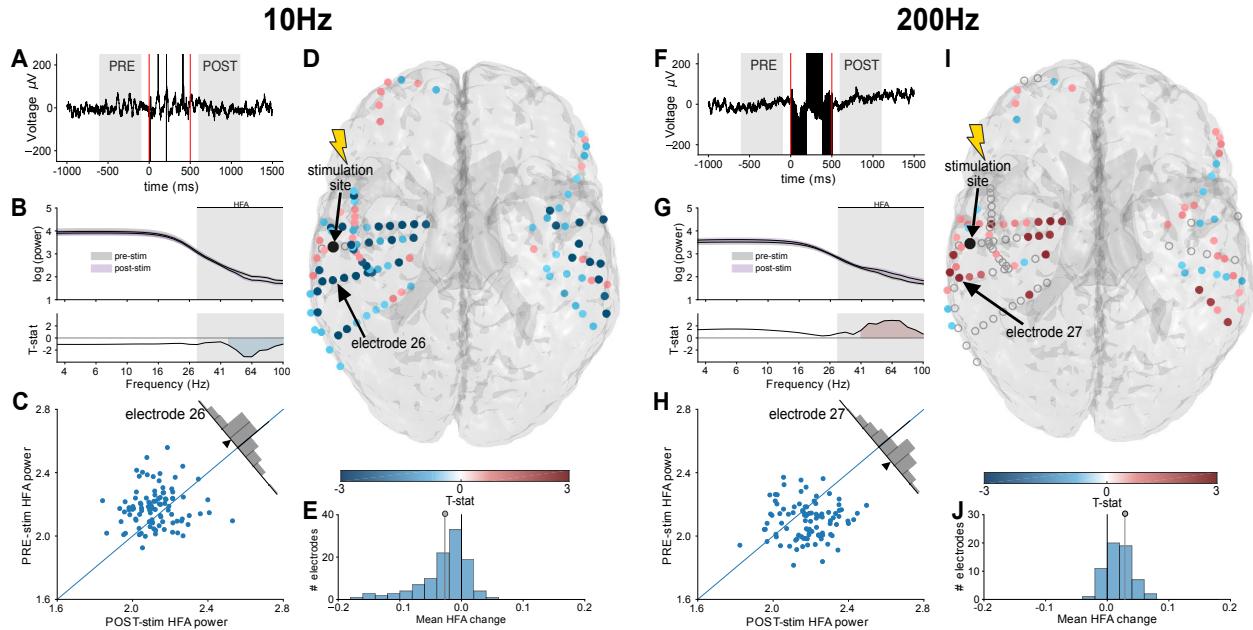


Figure 1: Effects of low- and high-frequency stimulation on HFA power. Left panels (A–E) indicate effects of 10-Hz stimulation and right panels (F–J) indicate 200-Hz stimulation, all in Patient 195. Stimulation was applied at the same site and amplitude (1 mA) for all panels. **(A)** Raw signal recorded on example electrode 26 on one trial. Shading indicates the 500-ms time periods before and after each stimulation trial during which we measured HFA power. Red lines denote stimulation onset and offset. **(B)** Top panel shows log-transformed mean power spectra from recording electrode 26 for the pre- and post-stimulation intervals across the 96 stimulation trials at 10 Hz and 1 mA. Gray shading indicates the HFA band (30–100 Hz). Bottom panel shows *t* statistic of the difference between pre- and post-stimulation (POST-PRE) power at each frequency. Blue shading indicates significant differences at $p < 0.05$. **(C)** The distribution of pre- and post-stimulation HFA power across individual trials for electrode 26. **(D)** Brain map showing the mean HFA responses to 10-Hz stimulation across all recording electrodes. The stimulation site is indicated in black and color indicates the *t* statistic of the change in HFA power at each recording electrode. Recording electrodes excluded due to artifact indicated by an open gray circle. **(E)** The distribution across electrodes, of the mean HFA power change in response to 10-Hz stimulation. Each value in this plot represents one electrode's mean HFA power change from stimulation (POST-PRE). **(F–J)** Plots follow format from panels A–E except for 200-Hz stimulation with example data from recording electrode 27.

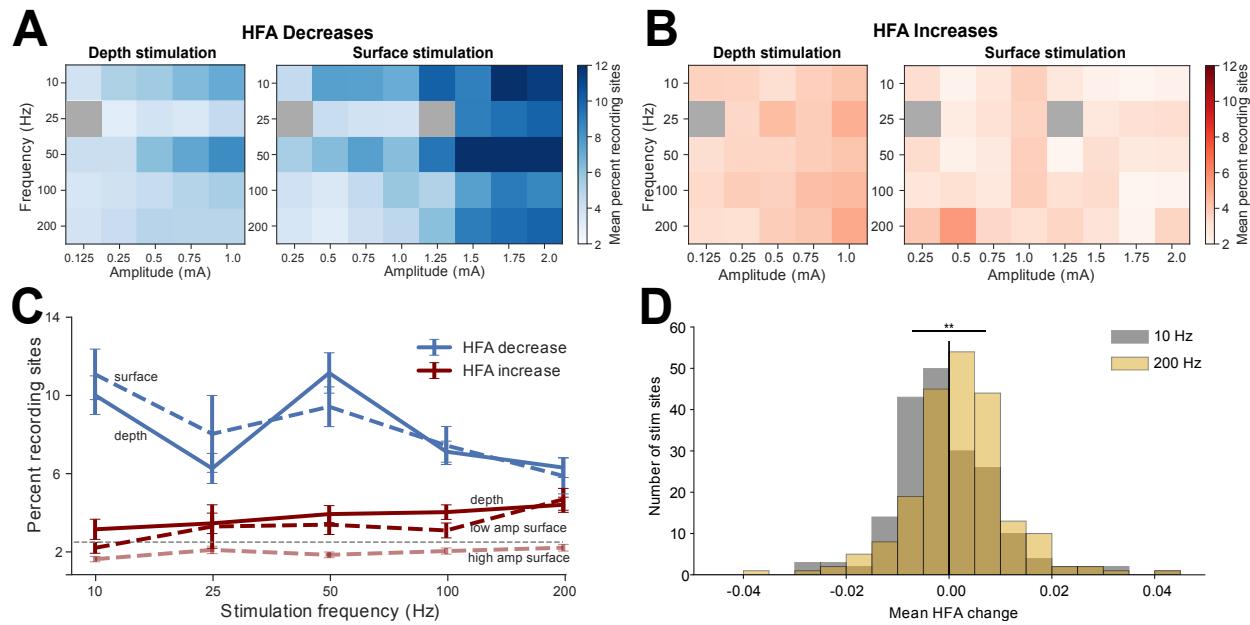


Figure 2: Population analysis of the frequency- and amplitude-dependence of HFA changes from stimulation. **(A)** Percent of recording electrodes showing significant HFA decreases for each combination of stimulation frequency and amplitude, separately computed for depth (left) and surface (right) stimulation. **(B)** Percent of recording electrodes showing significant HFA increases for each combination of stimulation parameters. **(C)** Prevalence of recording electrodes showing significant HFA increases and decreases for each stimulation frequency. Calculations were performed separately across depth and surface stimulation sites. Data in this plot included 1 mA stimulation for both effects of depth stimulation and surface HFA decreases; surface HFA increases calculations separately measured for currents ≥ 0.75 mA and < 0.75 mA. Error bars: ± 1 SEM. Gray dashed line indicates percent of electrodes increasing or decreasing by chance (2.5%). **(D)** Histogram of the mean HFA change for each stimulation site, separately computed for high and low-frequency stimulation; ** denotes a significant difference ($z = -3.81, p = 0.0001$, rank-sum test).

219 We next examined whether a similar pattern of HFA changes was present for stimulation at other
 220 frequencies in this subject. Figure 1B shows the pattern of HFA power changes that resulted from
 221 200-Hz, 1-mA stimulation at this same site. In contrast to the 10-Hz stimulation, here we instead
 222 found HFA power increases (Fig. 1I). This HFA power increase was robust at the level of individual
 223 electrodes (Fig. 1H; $z = 5.03, p < 10^{-5}$, signed-rank test, uncorrected) as well as at the group level
 224 across this subject's brain (Fig. 1J; $z = 4.64, p < 10^{-5}$, signed-rank test, uncorrected). Thus, the data
 225 from this subject illustrate that the effect of stimulation can be frequency dependent, with 10- and
 226 200-Hz stimulation at the same site and amplitude having opposite effects on HFA power. Because
 227 we also found similar patterns of results in other subjects (Fig. S1), we next characterized this effect
 228 at the group level.

229 **Population analysis of the effects of stimulation frequency and amplitude.** To characterize the
 230 effects of stimulation with different parameters across our dataset, we computed the proportion of all
 231 recording electrodes that showed significant HFA decreases or increases for each unique combination
 232 of stimulation site, frequency, and amplitude. Figure 2A illustrates, for each stimulation parameter,
 233 the percentage of recording electrodes that showed significant HFA power decreases averaged across
 234 stimulation sites. HFA decreases were most prevalent for stimulation at low frequencies and high
 235 amplitudes. This pattern was present for both depth and surface stimulation sites. When stimulating

236 surface electrodes at high amplitudes, HFA decreases were prevalent for all frequencies.

237 To assess the reliability of these effects statistically, we used a linear mixed-effects (LME) model
238 to analyze how the prevalence HFA changes depend on the parameters used for stimulation (see *Meth-
239 ods*). Due to our clinical data collection environments, our dataset is heterogeneous, with individual
240 subjects having variable numbers of stimulation sites and individual sites being stimulated at different
241 frequencies and amplitudes. LME modeling is well-suited for analyzing this type of heterogeneous
242 dataset because it can identify linear trends (including interactions) across multiple factors and can
243 accommodate both repeated and missing measurements [Baayen et al., 2008]. We used the LME
244 model to analyze the distributions of HFA power changes across the dataset (Fig. 2A), and the results
245 confirmed that the frequency and amplitude dependence of HFA power decreases mentioned above
246 were statistically reliable for both depth electrodes (all z 's=3.39–4.87; all p 's< 10^{-3} for effects of
247 frequency, amplitude, and their interaction) and surface electrodes (z 's=1.9–3.34; all p 's< 0.05, see
248 Table S4).

249 We also used the LME model to examine the parameter dependence of stimulation-induced HFA
250 power increases. Figure 2B shows the mean percentages of recording electrodes that showed significant
251 HFA power increases following stimulation at various parameters. Stimulation on depth electrodes at
252 high frequencies and high amplitudes was most closely linked to increases in HFA power. The LME
253 model confirmed that this effect was robust for depth electrodes, by showing significant effects of
254 stimulation frequency on HFA power as well as a frequency \times amplitude interaction (both p 's < 0.05,
255 see Table S4). This finding that higher stimulation currents are associated with broader HFA power
256 increases is consistent with the earlier finding that higher currents are associated with more widespread
257 phosphenes in the visual cortex [Winawer and Parvizi, 2016]. In contrast, for surface electrodes, HFA
258 increases were most prevalent for high-frequency stimulation and low amplitudes (all z 's= 0.82–1.80;
259 p 's > 0.05 see Table S4).

260 Figure 2C summarizes these results. Overall HFA decreases were more prevalent than increases,
261 regardless of stimulation frequency and electrode type. Further, stimulation on depth electrodes at
262 high and low frequencies, respectively, was associated with HFA increases and decreases (LME model:
263 HFA increase/decrease \times Frequency: z = 3.55; p = 0.0004). Notably, for stimulation on surface
264 electrodes, we observed different patterns of frequency dependence for high versus low amplitudes.
265 Whereas high-frequency surface stimulation at high amplitudes rarely caused HFA increases, at lower
266 amplitudes, high-frequency stimulation often caused HFA power increases (see above LME model
267 results).

268 While these trends were robust statistically, we observed that the HFA power changes showed vari-
269 ability across individual stimulation sites (e.g., Fig. 2D). To measure this variability, we quantitatively
270 compared HFA response patterns across different stimulation sites in the same subject. On average,
271 only 16% of subjects showed similar (positively correlated) patterns of HFA power changes in response
272 to different stimulation sites (Fig. S3A), which supports our approach of separately analyzing individ-
273 ual stimulation sites. Nonetheless, to confirm that our results were not affected by treating individual
274 stimulation sites independently, we also performed the above analyses at the level of each subject, by
275 averaging response patterns across the stimulation sites in each subject prior to population-level sta-
276 tistical analysis. This subject-level analysis confirmed our primary results of a frequency-dependence
277 of HFA power changes (Fig. S3B-E). More broadly, the variability between HFA changes caused by
278 different stimulation sites in a subject suggests that it is important to understand the role of location
279 in modulating neuronal activity.

280 **Distance to white matter mediates the effects of stimulation.** Previous studies showed different
281 neurobehavioral changes from applying stimulation in white versus gray matter [Mayberg et al., 2005,

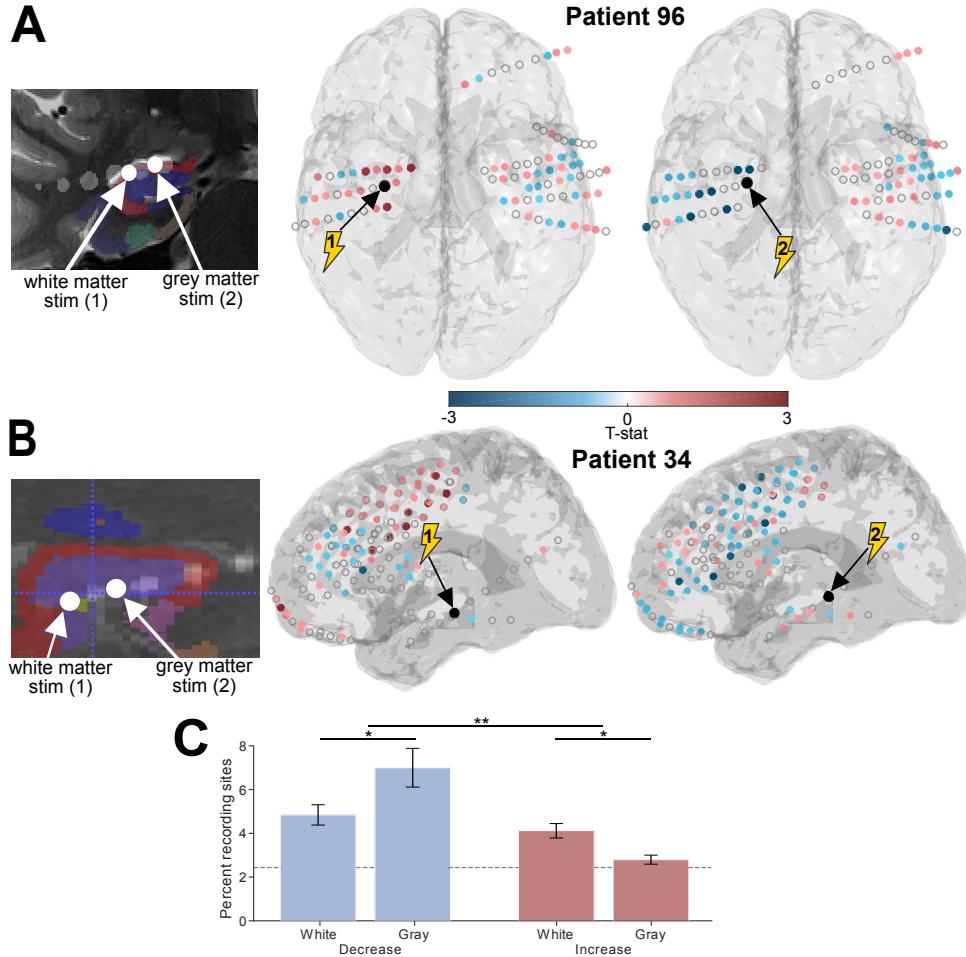


Figure 3: Role of white-matter proximity in modulating the effects of stimulation. **(A)** Brain maps of HFA responses in example Patient 96 of HFA. Stimulation site is indicated in black and color indicates t-statistic of HFA change for recording electrodes. Both sites were stimulated at 200Hz and 0.75mA. Left brain map indicates data for a stimulation site near white matter, which caused significant HFA power increases on 4 recording electrodes (dark red). The right brain map shows data from stimulation at a site in gray matter, which caused a significant decrease in HFA power on 8 recording electrodes (dark blue). Far left panel, coronal MRI image showing the precise location of these two stimulation sites, labeled 1 and 2 corresponding to the left (white) and right (gray) brain maps, respectively. **(B)** Brain map of HFA responses to stimulation near white and in gray matter in example Patient 34. Both sites were stimulated at 200 Hz and 1 mA. Plot format follows panel A. **(C)** Group-level analysis, illustrating the percent of recording electrodes across the entire dataset that showed significant HFA power increases and decreases for white- and gray-matter stimulation. Gray dashed line indicates chance . Error bars: ± 1 SEM. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$.

282 Titiz et al., 2017]. Modeling and animal studies demonstrated that bipolar stimulation creates an
283 electrical potential field between and around the anode and cathode of the stimulation site that
284 activates elements within the activated volume [McIntyre et al., 2004b, Histed et al., 2009, Lujan
285 et al., 2013]. Based on these models, we hypothesized that stimulation applied in proximity to white-
286 matter tracts would have different neuronal effects compared to stimulation in gray matter.

287 To compare the physiology of white- versus gray-matter stimulation on a large scale, we investi-
288 gated how the proximity of the stimulation site to white matter correlates with the resulting change
289 in HFA power. We first classified each depth stimulation site according to whether it was in white
290 or gray matter, based on its mean proximity to white matter tracts (see *Methods*), and separately
291 compared the HFA changes for each group. Figures 3A and B show data from two patients who were
292 each stimulated at two nearby sites, one labeled as white matter (labeled # 1) and labeled as gray
293 matter (# 2). Both subjects showed HFA decreases when stimulation was applied at the gray-matter
294 site and, inversely, HFA increases for stimulation at the white-matter site.

295 We next performed a group-level analysis of the relation of white and gray matter on HFA changes
296 from stimulation. We focused this analysis on stimulation parameters in the range of 100–200 Hz
297 and 0.5–1 mA, which were chosen as the parameters most likely to cause HFA increases. We then
298 compared the prevalence of HFA power changes across sites in white (n=70) and gray matter (n=61).
299 Stimulation at white-matter sites caused a greater rate of HFA increases compared to sites in grey mat-
300 ter (Fig. 3C). Inversely, gray-matter stimulation caused HFA power decreases at more sites compared
301 to white-matter stimulation. Analyzing the prevalence of each type of HFA change with a two-way
302 ANOVA, we confirmed that there was a statistically significant interaction between the white- or gray-
303 matter location of stimulation and the prevalence of HFA increases and decreases ($F(1,1) = 6.55$; p
304 = 0.01).

305 **Spatial spread of neuronal activity changes from stimulation.** We next examined the spatial
306 spread of stimulation-induced changes in HFA. To do this, we measured the prevalence of HFA in-
307 creases and decreases as a function of recording electrodes' distance from the stimulation site. Overall,
308 the prevalence of HFA power decreases was greater for recording electrodes near the stimulation site
309 compared to distal electrodes (Fig. 4A–D; Fig. S1). A similar distance dependence was present for
310 recording electrodes that showed HFA increases. Although HFA increases were generally less prevalent
311 than decreases, the prevalence of HFA decreases fell off more drastically with distance to the stimu-
312 lation site as compared to HFA increases (LME model: Distance \times Direction interaction: $z = 5.62$,
313 $p < 10^{-9}$, see Table S4).

314 We compared the spatial spread of HFA increases and decreases separately for depth and surface
315 stimulation (Fig. 4A). Stimulation at both depth and surface sites showed that the prevalence of HFA
316 decreases diminished with distance at approximately the same rate, but HFA decreases from surface
317 stimulation are more prevalent across the brain (Depth vs. surface: $F(1) = 5.52$, $p=0.01$; Distance \times
318 depth/surface interaction: $F(4,1) = 1.21$, $p=0.30$, two-way ANOVA). Inversely, HFA power increases
319 from depth stimulation were more prevalent and showed a distance effect than increases from surface
320 stimulation (Depth vs. surface: $F(1) = 7.77$, $p=0.005$; Distance \times depth/surface interaction: $F(4,1)$
321 = 2.25, $p=0.06$, two-way ANOVA).

322 Next we examined the role of stimulation frequency on the distance dependence of HFA power
323 changes (Fig. 4B). For all frequencies, HFA power decreases were most prevalent at recording elec-
324 trodes near the stimulation site. This effect was significantly larger for stimulation at low frequencies
325 (LME model: Distance \times Frequency: $z = -4.26$, $p = 0.00002$). A related drop-off with distance
326 was also present for the sites that showed HFA power increases (right panel); however, this effect was
327 most prevalent for 200-Hz stimulation (Distance \times Frequency: $z = -2.72$, $p = 0.006$, LME model).

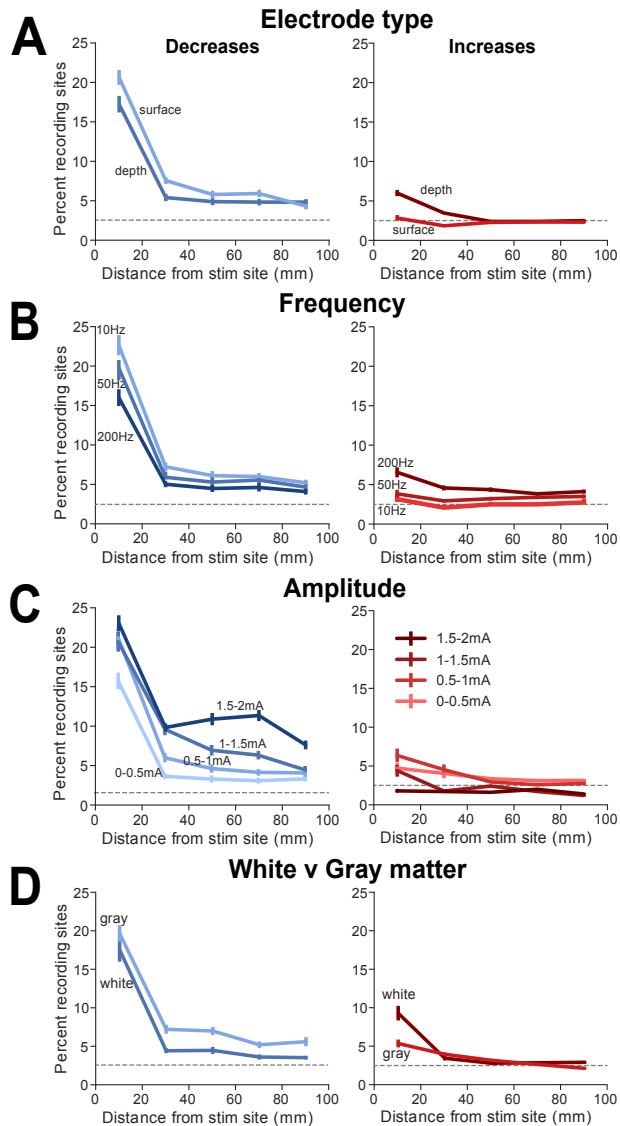


Figure 4: Spatial spread of neuronal activity changes. All plots show the mean percent of recording electrodes that showed significant HFA power decreases (left) and increases (right) binned by their distance from the stimulation site. (A) Comparison of effects between depth and surface stimulation sites. Gray dashed line indicates chance. All error bars denote: ± 1 SEM. (B) Analysis for effects of stimulation frequency (10, 50, and 200 Hz.) (C) Analysis for effects of stimulation amplitude (0–0.5, 0.5–1, 1–1.5, & 1.5–2 mA). (D) Analysis for effects of stimulation near white versus gray matter (see Methods).

328 We also examined the role of stimulation amplitude in the distance dependence of HFA changes
 329 (Fig. 4C). As in the above analyses, the prevalence of HFA changes decreased with distance from the
 330 stimulation site. However, the rate of this fall-off inversely correlated with stimulation amplitude. For
 331 low stimulation amplitudes, HFA decreases were present at $\sim 5\%$ electrodes with distances ≥ 30 mm
 332 from the stimulation site, but for amplitudes at ≥ 1 mA, $\sim 10\%$ of electrodes spaced at ≥ 30 mm showed
 333 HFA decreases. The interaction between distance and amplitude had a statistically significant effect
 334 on the prevalence of HFA decreases (Distance \times Amplitude interaction: $z = -3.08$; $p = 0.002$, LME
 335 model). This indicates that larger stimulation amplitudes increase the spatial spread of stimulation-
 336 induced HFA decreases. This type of distance dependence was not evident in the sites that showed
 337 HFA increases from stimulation (Fig. 4C, right panel).

338 Finally, we analyzed the spatial spread of HFA power changes from white- versus gray-matter stim-
 339 ulation (Fig. 4D). This analysis showed that the spatial spread of HFA decreases was more prevalent
 340 across the brain when stimulation was applied near gray matter (left panel: White vs. Grey
 341 Matter: $F(1) = 4.46$, $p = 0.04$; Distance \times Matter interaction: $F(4,1) = 0.41$, $p=0.8$, two-way
 342 ANOVA), and an opposite effect was present for HFA increases, which were more prevalent when

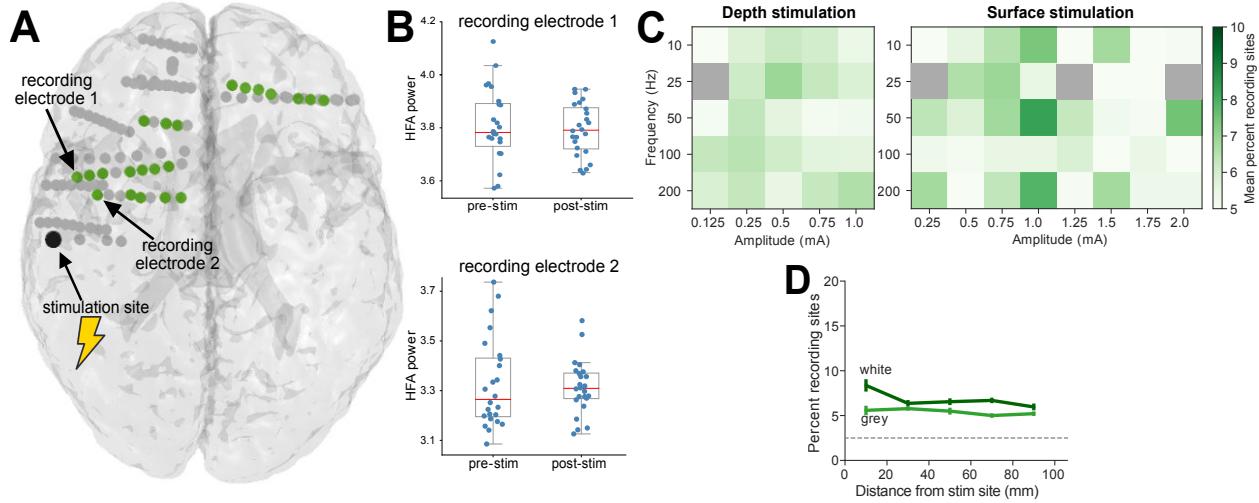


Figure 5: Stimulation induced HFA power resetting. (A) Brain map from Patient 200 illustrating the recording electrodes that showed significant power resetting (green) following stimulation at one labeled site (black). (B) HFA power measured from two example recording electrodes in this patient before and after stimulation. Both sites show significant resetting, in which the variance of HFA power significantly decreases from pre- to post-stimulation without a significant change in the mean power (contact 1: $p < 10^{-6}$, uncorrected F -test; contact 2: $p < 10^{-8}$). (C) Group-level analysis showing the overall mean percent of recording electrodes that showed significant HFA resetting for each combination of parameters. (D) Mean percent of recording electrodes that showed significant power resetting as a function of distance from white- and gray-matter stimulation sites.

343 stimulating near white matter (right panel: White vs. Grey Matter: $F(1) = 4.63$, $p = 0.03$; Distance
 344 \times Matter interaction: $F(4,1) = 1.15$, $p=0.33$, two-way ANOVA). We have confidence that our
 345 results are not due to limitations of the recording system because the presence of our effects differ with
 346 the precise location of the electrodes with regard to the brain, which is unlikely to be related to the
 347 electrical characteristics of the recording and stimulation systems. In particular, given HFA increases
 348 are greater for stimulation on depth electrodes near white matter than other areas, it means that
 349 the effect is likely related to physiological differences rather than stimulation artifact. More broadly,
 350 because our results show different effects for white- versus gray-matter stimulation, it suggests that
 351 clinicians should select stimulation sites based on tractography to bring about desired changes in
 352 neuronal activity.

353 **Stimulation-induced resetting of neuronal activity.** In addition to identifying HFA power increases
 354 or decreases from stimulation, we also observed a different phenomenon, in which stimulation caused
 355 HFA power to adjust to a fixed level. In contrast to the above-described sites that showed increases
 356 or decreases in mean HFA power after stimulation, an electrode that exhibited “HFA resetting” would
 357 show variable HFA power prior to stimulation across trials that became tightly clustered after stim-
 358 ulation. Therefore, to identify this phenomenon we compared the variances of HFA power at each
 359 electrode between pre- and post-stimulation intervals (rather than comparing the means as in earlier
 360 analyses). Figure 5A shows two example left temporal-lobe recording electrodes that exhibited resets
 361 in HFA power from stimulation. Each of these electrodes showed substantial variation in HFA power
 362 before stimulation, with this variation decreasing significantly (both p 's $< 10^{-6}$) afterward (Fig. 5B).
 363 The data in this figure illustrate two characteristics of resetting: First, that the recording electrodes
 364 that show HFA power resets are often spatially clustered. Second, that HFA resetting is not necessarily

365 found immediately surrounding the stimulation site, which could have been indicative of artifact.

366 To statistically characterize HFA resetting, we identified the recording electrodes that showed a
367 significant decrease in the variance of HFA power from pre- to post- stimulation (F test, $p < 0.05$) with
368 no change in mean (t test, $p > 0.05$). Analogous to the above analyses, we computed the proportions
369 of electrodes that showed significant resetting for each combination of stimulation frequency and
370 amplitude (Fig. 5C). This analysis suggested that HFA resetting for each stimulation site is dependent
371 on stimulation frequency (both p 's $< 10^{-4}$, for depth and surface stimulation, see Table S4). The LME
372 model did not show a significant dependence for the prevalence of HFA resetting according to the
373 stimulation amplitude (Depth: $p = 0.22$; Surface: $p = 0.61$) or the interaction between frequency
374 and amplitude (Depth: $p = 0.24$; Surface: $p = 0.08$).

375 We also examined the prevalence of HFA resetting as a function of distance to the stimulation
376 site. HFA resetting was greater at recording electrodes closer to the stimulation site. For electrodes
377 near the stimulation site, the prevalence of resetting was significantly less than that of HFA power
378 decreases and greater than the prevalence of HFA power increases (LME model, Distance \times Resetting
379 vs. Increase vs. Decrease: $z = 2.4$, $p = 0.007$; Fig. 5D). Additionally, we found that the prevalence of
380 HFA resetting was greater for stimulation in white rather than gray matter (White vs. Grey Matter:
381 $F(1) = 4.01$, $p = 0.04$; Distance \times Matter interaction: $F(4,1) = 0.58$, $p = 0.67$, two-way ANOVA).
382 In light of its distinctive characteristics, these results indicate that stimulation-induced HFA resetting
383 reflects a distinctive neuronal phenomenon compared to stimulation-induced HFA power increases and
384 decreases.

385 **Control analyses of stimulation artifact effects.** While one cannot completely separate artifact
386 from physiological signals in clinical iEEG recordings, we took a two-stage approach to identify and
387 mitigate their potential impact on our results. As described in the *Methods*, we ensured that electrical
388 artifacts from the activation of the stimulator did not impact our HFA power calculations by measuring
389 HFA using temporally precise multitapers at an interval that was separated in time from when the
390 stimulator was active. As shown in Figure S4, this approach successfully identified reliable patterns of
391 HFA power increases that had different timecourses compared to stimulation artifacts.

392 We also examined whether our results were affected by artifacts related to amplifier saturation.
393 After stimulation concludes, on many electrodes the iEEG recording shows a transient low-frequency
394 deflection. This type of deflection could disrupt accurate power measurement. To minimize the influence
395 of this type of artifact on our results, as described in the *Methods* we removed both individual
396 trials and recording electrodes that exhibited large post-stimulation voltage changes (Fig. S2). To
397 further validate that our results were not correlated with this kind of artifact, we also performed the
398 above population analysis (Fig. 2A,B) using three different artifact-rejection thresholds (Fig. S6).
399 The relationship between HFA changes and stimulation parameters remained present for all thresholds
400 (Table S4). This indicates that the HFA changes we found are not a result of post-stimulation
401 artifacts because these artifacts were removed at different rates across thresholds. We also measured
402 the prevalence of artifacts for each combination of stimulation amplitude and frequency (Table. S3).
403 Because artifact rates, unlike HFA, did not substantially vary across stimulation parameters, it
404 additionally supports our view that the frequency dependence of HFA changes we observed was not a
405 result of stimulation artifacts.

406 Discussion

407 Clinicians and researchers are increasingly interested in brain stimulation because it provides a way to
408 directly modulate ongoing brain activity to support various goals including treatment of neurological

409 disorders. However, for brain stimulation to be used optimally, stimulation should be targeted precisely
410 according to the desired outcome. One goal of our project was to guide selection of stimulation
411 parameters by characterizing—across space, frequency, and amplitude—the neuronal effects of direct
412 cortical stimulation in humans. Our work indicates that effects of stimulation significantly differ
413 depending on the parameters used for stimulation. There were also substantial variations in the
414 effects of stimulation across subjects. Together, our results indicate that we may achieve more
415 effective outcomes for stimulation by choosing parameters according to the desired neuronal pattern.

416 A key result from our work is demonstrating that the neuronal effects of direct brain stimulation
417 in humans are frequency dependent. While the general effect of stimulation on HFA was negative, we
418 demonstrated that high- and low-frequency stimulation inversely impact neuronal activity, preferentially
419 causing HFA power increases and decreases, respectively (Fig. 2C). In this way, our work extends prior
420 studies that demonstrated that the frequency of stimulation was an important factor in driving specific
421 clinical outcomes from stimulation. For example, when using DBS for Parkinson's disease, stimulation
422 at frequencies over 90 Hz alleviated tremor while frequencies below 60 Hz aggravated tremor [Ushe
423 et al., 2004, Fogelson et al., 2005, Kuncel et al., 2006]. Further, there is evidence of frequency
424 dependence in the use of stimulation to treat epilepsy, in which stimulating at frequencies below 2 Hz
425 and above 70 Hz reduced epileptic activity, whereas intermediate frequencies had no effect [Mina et al.,
426 2013, Yu et al., 2018]. With these findings and others, our work indicates that stimulation frequency
427 should be tailored according to the goals of the procedure.

428 The frequency dependence we observed is generally consistent with findings from animals. Of
429 particular relevance to our work is the study by Logothetis et al. [2010] who measured the resultant
430 changes in neuronal activity in various brain regions of monkeys following microstimulation at a range
431 of frequencies. Consistent with our results, that study found that low-frequency stimulation caused
432 decreases in neuronal activity whereas high-frequency stimulation caused mixed increases and decreases
433 in different downstream regions. It is notable that the findings from that study converged with ours
434 despite the substantial methodological differences. Whereas we applied stimulation at macroelectrodes
435 in human patients and measured HFA power, the Logothetis et al. [2010] study used microstimulation
436 in normal monkeys and measured fMRI and single-neuron spiking .

437 A question that arises from these results is why stimulation at low frequencies suppresses and stim-
438 ulation at high frequencies is more likely to activate. Quantitative models suggest that high-frequency
439 stimulation selectively activates fibers of passage and axon terminals with low thresholds that would
440 not normally be activated by low-frequency stimulation [McIntyre and Grill, 2002]. This may occur
441 because high-frequency stimulation delivers a higher rate of charge with shorter time between pulses,
442 which increases mean spiking rates because neurons have less time to hyperpolarize [Ranck Jr, 1975,
443 Benazzouz and Hallett, 2000, Jensen and De Meyts, 2009, McIntyre et al., 2004a]. By additionally
444 incorporating neuroanatomy, models may also explain our finding of prevalent HFA decreases near the
445 stimulation site, while HFA increases were relatively more widespread (Fig. 4A–C). These spatial vari-
446 ations may be explained by the anatomical organization of the stimulated neurons. When stimulation
447 activates axons, which is more likely with high frequencies [McIntyre and Grill, 2002]; models suggest
448 that the excitatory effects can spread more broadly, following axonal projections to other regions. In-
449 versely, when stimulation impacts cell bodies, the effects are likely to be inhibitory and spatially limited
450 [McIntyre and Grill, 2002, McIntyre et al., 2004a, Herrington et al., 2015].

451 It is notable that we found variability in HFA power changes between stimulation sites even within an
452 individual. This result is consistent with the idea that local and distal effects of stimulation depend on
453 the neuronal morphology surrounding the stimulation site [Pouratian et al., 2004, Lesser et al., 2008,
454 Borchers et al., 2012]. For instance, the effects of stimulation may depend on the precise positioning of
455 the implanted electrode and its specific orientation relative to cortical layers or fibers of passage. At the

456 broadest level, our findings support the idea that the effective use of brain stimulation should consider
457 neuron organization, thresholds, and neurotransmitters of an area to better predict the downstream
458 effects of stimulation [Ranck Jr, 1975]. This variation that we found in the responses to stimulation at
459 different sites might help explain prior studies that showed diverse perceptual and behavioral responses
460 to stimulation between subjects and stimulation locations [Selimbeyoglu and Parvizi, 2010, Borchers
461 et al., 2012, Pouratian et al., 2004]. Despite this variability, in 16% subjects, we found significantly
462 correlated patterns of HFA power changes across different stimulation sites. This suggests that
463 some individuals have distinctive neuroanatomical patterns, perhaps involving connectivity or genetic
464 differences [Fox et al., 2005], that causes them to show consistent HFA changes even across widespread
465 distributed stimulation targets.

466 We found that inhibitory and excitatory effects were relatively more likely from stimulation in
467 gray and white matter, respectively. This result adds to a growing body of literature emphasizing
468 that behavioral and electrophysiological outcomes depend on the proximity of stimulation to struc-
469 tural connections. In particular, many studies showed that positive behavioral outcomes result from
470 stimulation in white rather than gray matter. In particular, studies reported improvement of mem-
471 ory specificity and depression symptoms when applying stimulation to white matter rather than gray
472 matter [Suthana et al., 2012, Titiz et al., 2017, Mayberg et al., 2005, Gutman et al., 2009]. Sim-
473 ilarly, one recent study showed that white-matter stimulation amplifies oscillatory theta coherence
474 across memory networks [Solomon et al., 2018]. Additionally, studies in rodents show similar results,
475 demonstrating that microstimulation in white matter was more effective for exciting distal neuronal
476 populations [Nowak and Bullier, 1998a,b]. Our findings add to this body of work, by suggesting a
477 mechanism for white-matter stimulation to improve behavior, by preferentially causing neuronal exci-
478 tation. Recent modeling studies determined patient-specific stimulation locations based on predictions
479 of electrical-field generation based on patient tractography [Lujan et al., 2013]. Going forward, it may
480 be beneficial for clinicians to integrate patient-specific models to guide stimulation locations relative
481 to relevant structural connections.

482 Besides using stimulation to excite and inhibit, we observed the novel phenomenon of stimulation-
483 induced HFA resetting. Some prior closed-loop stimulation studies continuously monitored the current
484 brain state and delivered stimulation to increase or decrease a particular measure of neuronal activity
485 when it crossed a critical threshold [Ezyat et al., 2017, Sun and Morrell, 2014]. In contrast to this
486 approach of using stimulation to shift neuronal activity in one direction, the existence of stimulation-
487 induced resetting indicates that targeted stimulation can induce a specific state regardless of the level of
488 neuronal activity prior to stimulation. By leveraging stimulation-induced resetting, we hypothesize that
489 targeted white-matter stimulation protocols can transition brain activity into particular states [Stiso
490 et al., 2018], supplementing existing closed-loop methods that focus on shifting ongoing neuronal
491 patterns in one direction.

492 Although we conducted our work with electrodes implanted in surgical patients, our results also
493 have implications for non-invasive brain stimulation. Much like direct electrical stimulation, transcranial
494 magnetic stimulation (TMS) and transcranial electrical stimulation (TES) have been shown to produce
495 mixed excitatory and inhibitory responses. The direction of the changes in neuronal activity caused by
496 TMS and TES were shown to depend on parameters that were analogous to those we tested, such as
497 the location, frequency, and amplitude of stimulation [Hallett, 2000, 2007, Barker and Shields, 2017,
498 Fertonani and Miniussi, 2017, Antal and Paulus, 2013]. Furthermore, non-invasive brain stimulation
499 studies also found substantial inter-subject variability [López-Alonso et al., 2014, Wiethoff et al.,
500 2014], which is also consistent with our results. Given these similarities, our results support the
501 approach of customizing non-invasive stimulation parameters for each individual, as we found with
502 invasive stimulation.

503 Although electrical stimulation can cause substantial artifacts in neural recordings, we have reason
504 to believe that artifacts are not driving our results. We applied an established method of artifact rejec-
505 tion (see *Methods*; Solomon et al. [2018]) and showed that our main results persist irrespective of the
506 particular level of artifact rejection that we applied (Fig. S6). An additional reason we have confidence
507 that our results reflect neural signals is because our characterization of HFA changes matches the fre-
508 quency dependence seen in animals [Logothetis et al., 2010]. Additionally, the stimulation-induced
509 HFA changes we found also interact with neuroanatomy—HFA increases were more prevalent when
510 stimulating white rather than gray matter—which is a pattern that is unlikely to appear as the result
511 of electrical artifacts.

512 A focus of many types of brain stimulation is to recapitulate a target neuronal pattern. Because
513 we show the stimulation parameters that cause different types electrophysiological signals, our work
514 provides a guide for clinicians to help select stimulation frequencies and amplitudes that recreate
515 particular target patterns. In this regard, the most important features of our results are (1) that high-
516 and low-frequency stimulation are associated with HFA power increases and decreases, respectively,
517 and (2) that high stimulation currents cause HFA power decreases across broader cortical regions.
518 These patterns also help explain key features of previous neuromodulation work. For example, in
519 one study we found that stimulation at a particular site caused a patient to spontaneously recall an
520 old autobiographical memory, and, notably, this site showed HFA decreases when that memory was
521 remembered normally [Jacobs et al., 2012]. Our current findings help explain why this occurred,
522 because the 50-Hz stimulation that was used was likely to cause an HFA power decrease that matched
523 the neuronal pattern associated with that memory. Further, our results help explain the recent finding
524 that high-frequency stimulation in the lateral temporal lobe can help improve episodic memory encoding
525 [Kucewicz et al., 2017, Ezzyat et al., 2017]. Normally, successful learning of episodic memories
526 is associated with elevated HFA power [Burke et al., 2013]. Therefore, our results help explain
527 that high-frequency stimulation improved memory encoding is because it recreated the elevated HFA
528 power that was normally associated with successful encoding. Our findings do not eliminate the
529 current clinical standard of iteratively testing parameters to optimally select patient-specific stimulation
530 parameters. They do, however, provide clinicians with a better starting point for selecting patient-
531 specific stimulation frequencies to evoke a specific neuronal responses.

532 There is widespread and growing interest in using brain stimulation for various research, clinical, and
533 practical purposes [Borchers et al., 2012, Ezzyat and Rizzuto, 2018]. In many cases, the stimulation
534 parameters that are chosen for a given task are modeled after the ones used in other protocols or in
535 other subjects [Lozano et al., 2019]. Our work supports a tailored approach to choosing stimulation
536 parameters, by customizing the parameters for each person based on how different types of stimulation
537 affects their own ongoing brain signals as well as the electrophysiological pattern of interest. By
538 combining our observations of electrophysiological effects of stimulation with modeling and knowledge
539 of neuronal patterns, clinicians and researchers can design more targeted therapeutic stimulation
540 protocols to more effectively treat neurological and psychiatric disorders.

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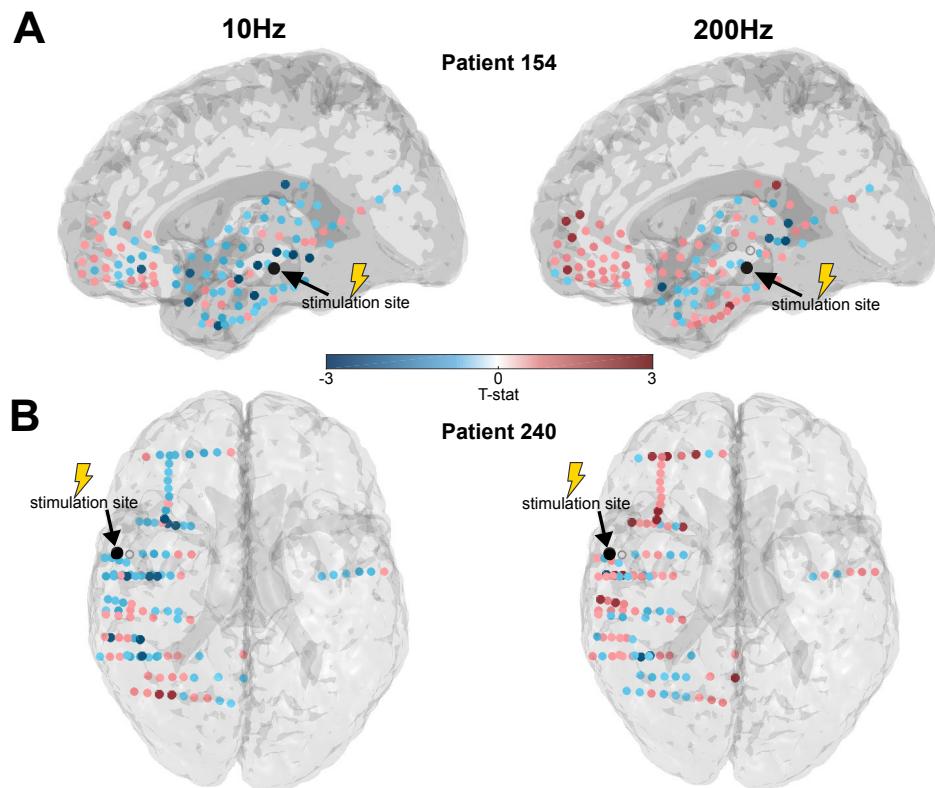


Figure S1: HFA responses depend on stimulation frequency: Additional example subjects. (A) Brain maps showing the mean HFA responses across recording electrodes to 10-Hz (left) and 200-Hz (right) stimulation at the same site in Patient 154. The stimulation site is indicated in black and color indicates the t statistic of the change in HFA power from stimulation at each recording electrode. The recording electrodes that are excluded due to artifacts are indicated with an open gray circle. **(B)** Brain maps of HFA responses to 10-Hz (left) and 200-Hz (right) stimulation at the same site in example Patient 240. Plot format follows panel A.

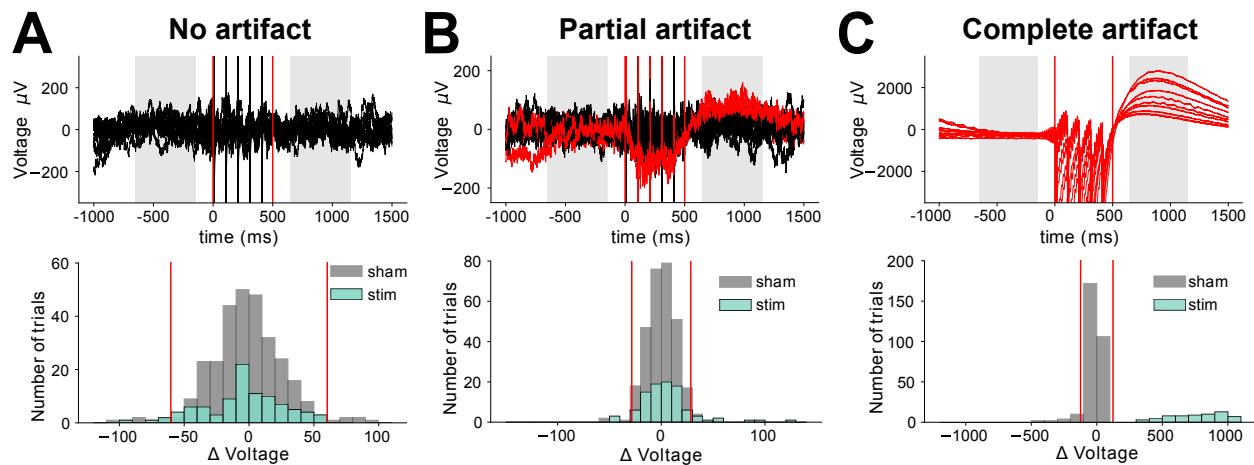


Figure S2: Illustration of our methods for detecting post-stimulation artifacts. (A) Top panel, raw signals from 10 trials recorded on an example electrode (Patient 195, electrode 21). Shading indicates the 500-ms time periods before and after each stimulation trial when we measured HFA power. Red lines denote stimulation onset and offset. Bottom panel, histogram of the differences in voltage (post- minus pre-stimulation) for trials when stimulation was applied (turquoise) as well as sham trials (gray). Red lines indicate the artifact-rejection threshold (2SD of sham distribution). Because all of the voltage values on stimulation trials fell within the inner bounds of the thresholds, no trials were rejected. **(B)** An analogous plot to Panel A, created from data of 10 trials on a different example recording electrode (Patient 195, electrode 22). Here, two trials (shown in red) were identified as showing post-stimulation artifacts because their change in voltage (POST-PRE) fell outside the 2-SD threshold computed from the voltage difference measured on that electrode for sham trials (see bottom panel). **(C)** This plot shows data from a third electrode (Patient 195, electrode 18), where all ten trials were identified as showing post-stimulation artifacts. This entire electrode was excluded from subsequent analyses because all trials showed artifacts (see Methods).

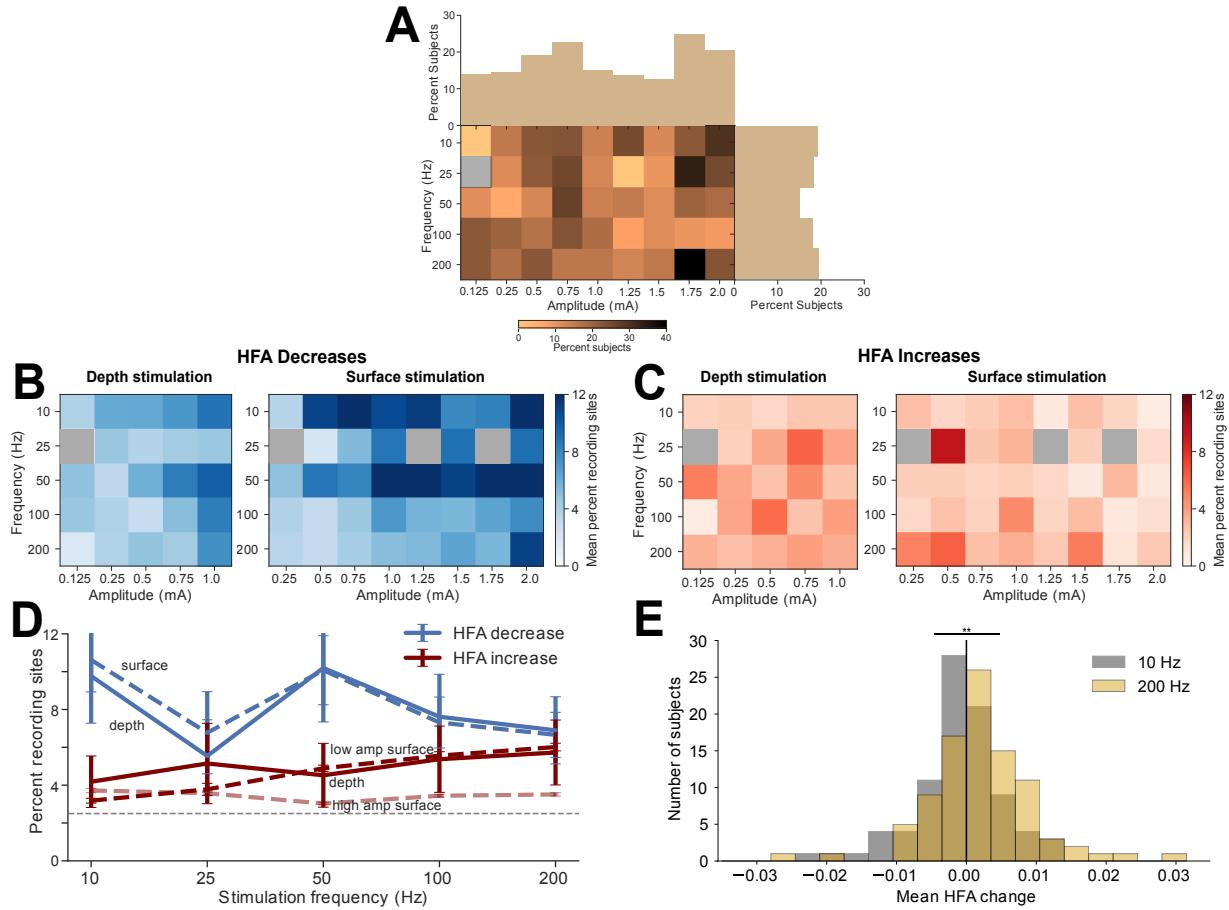


Figure S3: Subject-level analyses of the effect of stimulation frequency and amplitude on HFA power. (A) To test whether a subject showed the same response pattern across different stimulation sites, we computed the intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) between HFA patterns produced by different stimulation sites. A significant ICC indicates that a similar brain-wide HFA pattern was created by stimulating at different locations in the same subject. This plot illustrates, for each frequency and amplitude, the percentage of subjects that showed similar response patterns across different stimulation sites (as identified with a significant positive ICC). This analysis showed that, on average, 16% of subjects show similar HFA patterns for multiple stimulation sites. Because of this above-chance similarity across stimulation sites, we conducted subject-level analyses of the effects of stimulation, rather than stimulation site-level analyses as in Figure 2. **(B)** Subject-level analysis of the mean percent of recording electrodes that showed significant HFA decreases for each combination of stimulation frequency and amplitude, separately computed for depth (left) and surface (right) stimulation. LME modeling shows a similar pattern of statistical effects as in Figure 2A (see Table S4). **(C)** Subject-level analysis of the mean percent of recording electrodes that show significant HFA increases for each combination of stimulation parameters. Again, LME modeling shows similar results as Figure 2B. **(D)** Subject-level analysis that is analogous to Figure 2C. Direction of HFA change \times Frequency interaction: $z = 3.21$; $p = 0.0006$, LME model. **(E)** Subject-level analysis that is analogous to Figure 2D. These distributions differ significantly ($z = -3.82$, $p < 10^{-3}$, rank-sum test).

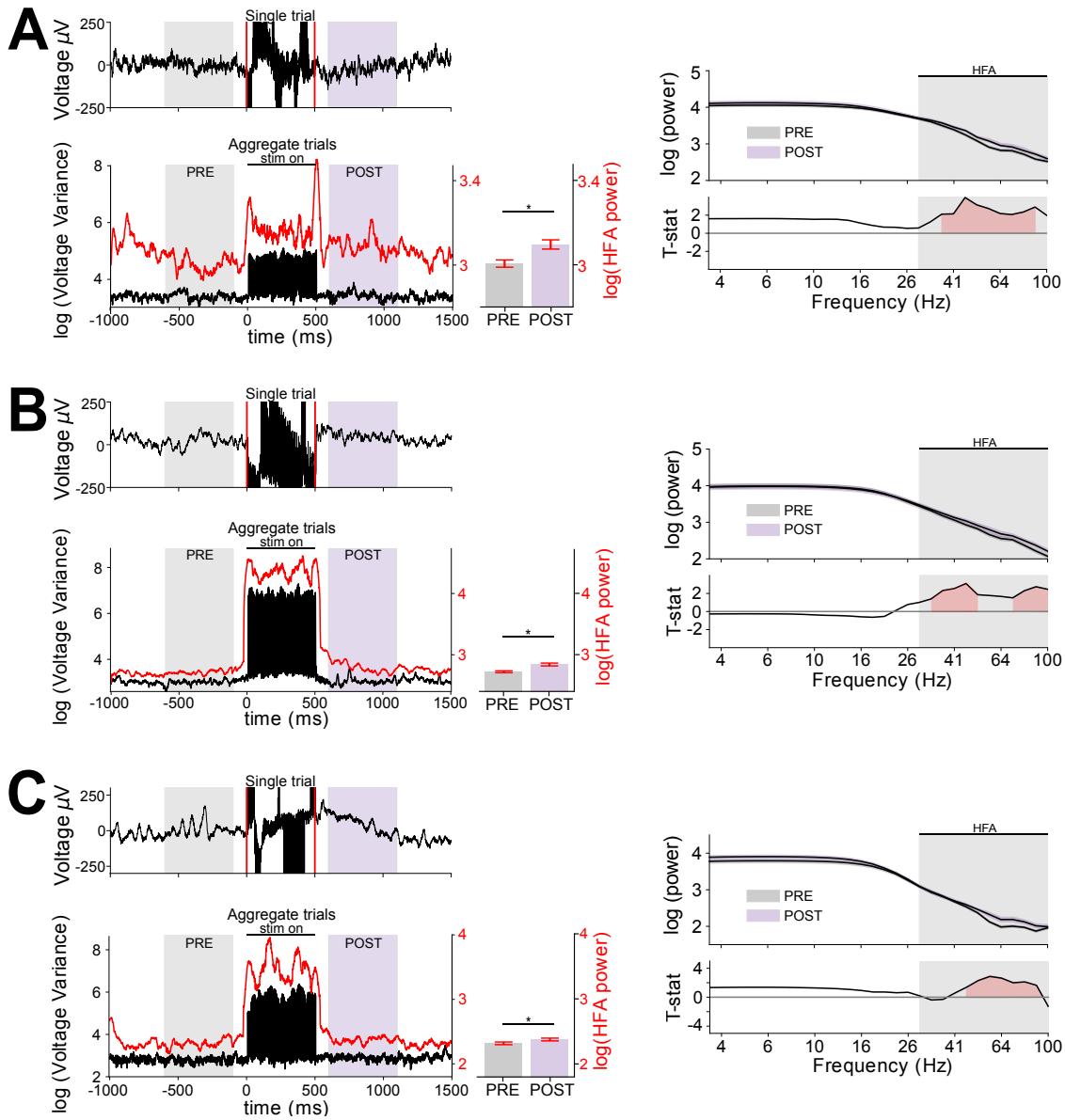


Figure S4: Illustration of how our analysis method avoids high-frequency stimulation artifacts. (A) Top-left panel, raw signals (black line) from one trial recorded from Patient 195, Electrode 67. Red lines denote stimulation onset and offset. Bottom-left panel, illustration of the timecourse of stimulation artifacts seen on this channel. Black line indicates the variance of voltage measurements across trials at each timepoint. The marked increase in variance indicates that stimulation artifact affects recordings specifically when the stimulator was active ("stim on"). The red line indicates the mean HFA power. The gray and purple shading indicates the pre and post-stimulation analysis periods. Critically, as this plot shows, the impact of stimulation artifacts on HFA power consistently drops off before and after stimulation and does not overlap with the pre- (gray) or post-stimulation (purple) analysis periods. Right-top panel, log-transformed mean power spectrum for the pre- and post-stimulation intervals. This plot illustrates that stimulation most strongly increases activity in the HFA band (gray shading from 30-100 Hz). Right-bottom panel, *t* statistic of the difference in pre- and post-stimulation power at each frequency. Red shading indicates positive significant differences at $p < 0.05$. **(B)** Plots follow panel A for Patient 154, Electrode 37 **(A)** Plots follow panel A for Patient 240, Electrode 36

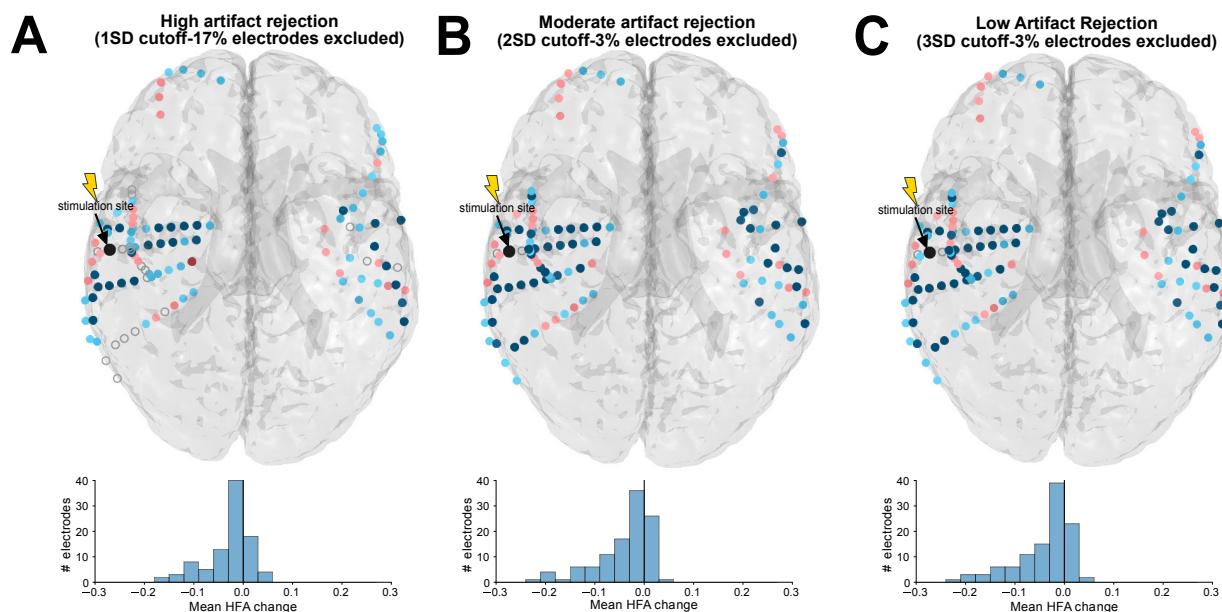


Figure S5: Effects of different artifact-rejection thresholds on HFA power: Data from one example subject. (A) Illustration of HFA power changes in patient 195 from 10-Hz, 1-mA stimulation after artifact rejection with a 1-SD cutoff, which excludes 31% of trials and 17% of recording electrodes. Top panel indicates the brain-wide mapping of HFA power changes. Recording electrodes excluded due to artifact indicated are indicated by an open gray circle. Bottom panel, the distribution of mean HFA changes across all analyzed recording electrodes in this subject. **(B)** Analysis of HFA power changes in this patient with a 2-SD cutoff, which excludes 11% of trials and 3% of recording electrodes. **(C)** Analysis of HFA power changes in this patient with a 3-SD cutoff, which excludes 5% of trials and 3% of recording electrodes.

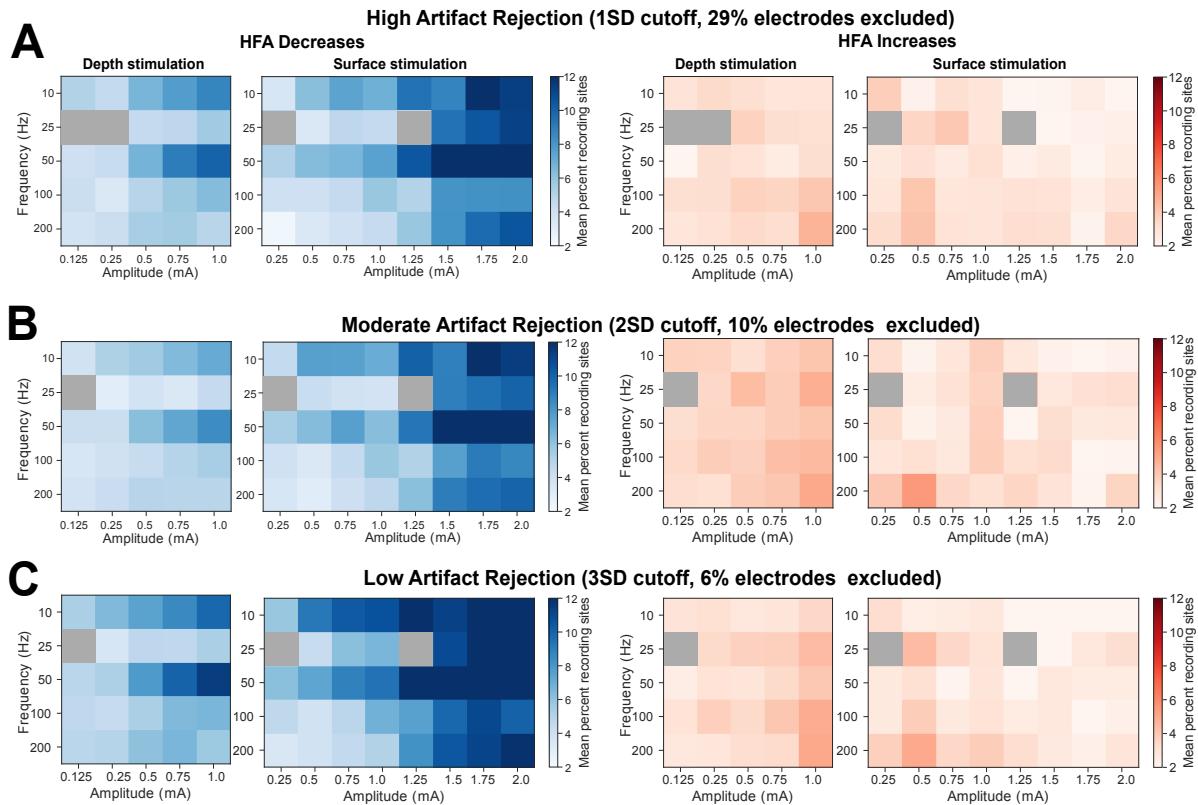


Figure S6: Effects of different artifact-rejection thresholds on HFA power: Population-level analysis. **(A)** Analysis of the percent of recording sites where HFA significantly increased or decreased for when using a 1-SD artifact-rejection threshold. With this threshold we excluded 29% of recording electrodes and 28% of stimulation trials on the remaining electrodes. LME model analysis confirmed a similar relationship between HFA changes and stimulation parameters as in Figure 2A,B (see Table S4). **(B)** Same analysis as our main population results in Figure 2 using a 2-SD artifact-rejection threshold. With this threshold, we excluded 10% of recording electrodes and 12% of trials on the remaining electrodes. **(C)** Same analysis as above, but using a 3-SD artifact-rejection threshold. Here, we excluded 6% of recording electrodes and 5% of trials on remaining electrodes. LME model analysis confirmed a similar relationship between HFA changes and stimulation parameters as in Figure 2A,B (see Table S4).

Subject #	Age	Gender	Handedness	Epileptic Region	Stimulation Location	Low Frequency effect		High Frequency effect		Subject #	Age	Gender	Handedness	Epileptic Region	Stimulation Location	Low Frequency effect		High Frequency effect	
						Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase							Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase
25	19	F	R	L Front (9), R Hipp (4)	R Hipp (1)	1.7	1	1.1	4.9	124	40	F	R	L Temp (5), L Hipp (4), R MTL (3), R Temp (6), R Limbic (2)	L Hipp (2), L MTL (2)	5.2	2.6	5.8	1.9
30	23	M	L	L MTL (10), L Limbic (1)	L MTL (1)	6.6	0	4.3	3.2	125	44	F	R	R MTL (6)	L MTL (6)	3.6	2.2	4.2	3.5
34	29	F	R	L Hipp (3)	L Hipp (3)	1.5	4.5	4.1	5	129	34	F	R	R Limbic (10), R Front (4)	R Limbic (5), R Front (1)	1.8	2.1	1.5	3
44	58	M	R	L Hipp (4), L Limbic (2), L MTL (1), L Temp (1), L Sub (1)	L MTL (2)	4.4	2.6	4.2	4	130	57	M	R	L Front (14), L Parietal (4)	L Front (2)	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.7
45	51	M	R	L Hipp (16), L MTL (2), L Temp (3), L Limbic (1), R Hipp (2), R MTL (2), R Limbic (1), R Temp (1)	L MTL (1)	0.5	7	5.7	5.1	131	24	M	R	R Temp (37), R Front (24), R Sub (1)	R Hipp (3), R MTL (1)	3.3	1.9	2.7	2.3
50	20	M	R	L Temp (8), L Parietal (4)	L Temp (2)	4	2.5	2.7	1.4	134	64	M	R	L Occ (6), L Hipp (3), R MTL (2), R Temp (1)	R Hipp (1), L MTL (1)	1.7	2.3	4.3	1.2
51	24	F	R	L Front (1), L Limbic (1), R Limbic (1)	R Limbic (2)	3.3	3.1	1.5	4.2	136	56	F	R	L Temp (2)	L MTL (1)	3.6	2.4	0.7	4.3
54	23	M	R	L Temp (16), L Parietal (2), L Sub (2), R Temp (11), R Occ (9)	L Hipp (2)	2.4	3.1	2.2	5.2	138	41	M	R	R Hipp (6), R Parietal (4)	R Hipp (2), L MTL (1)	3	4.3	3.7	4.3
56	34	M	A	R Hipp (5)	R Hipp (2), R MTL (1), R Limbic (1), R Parietal (1)	2.6	2.7	2.4	4.5	142	43	F	L	R Front (7), R Limbic (2), R Sub (4)	R Temp (1)	2.7	2.5	4.9	3.4
60	36	F	R	R Temp (1)	R Front (1)	5.4	1.8	3.3	1.2	144	53	M	R	L Hipp (9)	L Hipp (2), L MTL (2), L Temp (1)	3	3.7	2.9	2.8
61	21	M	R	R Front (8), R Temp (5)	L Hipp (1)	3.8	5.7	1.5	4.9	145	45	M	R	R MTL (3), L Limbic (3), L Hipp (2)	R Front (2), R Temp (1)	2.7	1.6	3.8	0.7
62	23	F	R	R Front (27), R Sub (5)	R Sub (1)	9.2	1.1	2.2	1.7	149	28	F	R	R Limbic (6)	L Temp (1)	8.3	1.7	6.2	2
65	34	F	R	L Hipp (19), L Temp (2)	L MTL (1)	2.9	3.5	2.4	2.4	150	49	F	R	R Sub (30), R Temp (1), L Parietal (1)	R MTL (1)	3.1	2.4	1.6	4.4
67	45	F	R	L Temp (20), L Hipp (2), R MTL (1), L Parietal (2), L Front (1)	L Hipp (2)	2.4	3.6	2.2	7	153	38	M	L	L Hipp (4), R MTL (3), R Limbic (1)	L Hipp (1), L Temp (1)	4.4	2.7	3.5	2.8
68	39	F	A	R Temp (26), R Hipp (12), R MTL (9), R Limbic (5)	R Hipp (2)	3.7	3.2	NaN	NaN	154	36	F	R	R Temp (4)	L Temp (4)	7	1.8	3.7	2.1
69	26	M	R	L Front (1)	L Front (1)	4.1	1.6	4.1	3.7	155	37	M	R	R Limbic (1)	R Hipp (1)	5.5	2.1	4	1.1
70	40	F	R	L Temp (1)	R Limbic (1)	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.4	157	22	M	R	R Parietal (13), R Temp (12)	R Hipp (1)	4.3	3	3.6	1.9
73	60	M	R	L Temp (14), L MTL (10)	L MTL (2)	6.6	2.2	3	4.6	158	45	F	R	R MTL (3), L Temp (3)	L Temp (2)	7.1	1.7	4.8	2.5
74	24	M	R	L Parietal (3), L Frontal (4)	L Front (1)	3	1.5	2.6	2.8	161	53	F	R	R Parietal (11)	L Hipp (2)	10.3	4.2	7.2	3.5
77	47	F	R	R Temp (3)	L Hipp (1)	2.7	2.1	3.2	1.8	162	30	F	R	R Temp (3), R Limbic (3)	R MTL (1)	6.3	3.8	5.5	4.3
81	33	F	R	R Front (12), R Parietal (3), L Limbic (2), L Front (10), L Parietal (10), L Parietal (9)	R Hipp (1)	2.5	1.1	3	1	163	45	M	R	R Parietal (3), L Hipp (2), R MTL (1), L Temp (1)	L Hipp (1), L MTL (1), L Temp (1)	4.6	2.4	2.5	2.7
84	25	M	R	L Parietal (2)	L Front (1)	2.5	2.4	2.5	4	164	37	M	R	L Hipp (2)	L MTL (1)	4.8	3.2	2.5	7.1
86	20	M	L	L Hipp (5), L MTL (5), L Temp (5), L Temp (1)	L Hipp (1), L Front (1)	2	1.7	3.5	2.9	166	38	M	L	R Parietal (5), L Front (1)	L Front (1)	9.9	2	5.8	2.1
87	51	M	R	R Temp (14), L MTL (3), L Parietal (3)	L MTL (1)	2.7	3.1	1.9	8	168	24	M	R	R Temp (5), R Hipp (4), R Limbic (2)	L Temp (3)	6	2.2	4.7	1.8
89	36	M	L	R Temp (16), R Parietal (4), R Hipp (6)	L Limbic (2)	3	2.5	2.8	1.6	170	20	M	R	L Temp (8)	L Temp (3)	5.1	2.8	3.6	2.1
93	24	M	R	L MTL (3), R Temp (2)	L Temp (1)	3.6	2.7	3.3	3.5	173	18	F	R	R Frontal (5)	L Limbic (1)	3.4	3.4	2	3.8
94	47	M	R	L Hipp (14), L Parietal (2)	L Hipp (1), L Temp (1)	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.4	174	29	M	R	R Temp (7), L Parietal (4)	L Temp (2)	5.4	1.9	3.6	2.8
96	34	F	R	L Hipp (3)	L Hipp (3)	2.7	3.4	4.3	3.5	176	41	F	R	R Sub (6), R Temp (1)	L Temp (2), L Hipp (1)	3	1.5	3.6	2.1
100	43	F	R	L MTL (3)	Hipp (1)	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.8	177	23	F	R	R Temp (12)	L Temp (3)	7.5	5	5.4	5.2
101	25	F	L	L Limbic (1)	R Hipp (1), L Temp (1), R Hipp (1), R Temp (1)	4	1.8	2.5	2.1	180	21	F	R	R Temp (20), L Sub (1)	L Temp (1)	6.6	2.7	6.5	1.3
104	22	M	R	R Front (19), R Hipp (6), R MTL (2), R Limbic (2), R Temp (1)	R Hipp (3), R MTL (1)	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.2	183	36	M	R	R Hipp (4), R Temp (2)	L Temp (1)	3.5	1.7	1.8	2.4
105	25	M	R	R Parietal (4)	Hipp (1), R Limbic (1)	6.1	1.8	7.1	2.3	184	42	M	R	R Temp (41), R Parietal (13)	Parietal (1)	4.8	2.2	3	2
108	23	F	R	L Front (10), L Hipp (4), L Limbic (3)	R Hipp (4)	15.1	3.5	10.8	3.8	195	44	M	R	R Frontal (11), L Temp (4)	L Temp (4)	5.8	2.3	3.2	4
111	20	M	R	L Temp (17), L Parietal (7), L Occ (6)	L Temp (2), L MTL (2), L Limbic (1), L Parietal (1)	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	200	25	M	R	R Frontal (11), L Temp (4)	L Temp (2)	10.1	5.1	5.9	9.2
112	29	F	R	R Hipp (6), R Front (3), R Limbic (2), R MTL (1), R Sub (1), R Temp (1)	R Hipp (3), R MTL (2), R Limbic (1)	2.3	2.5	3.4	2.2	201	36	M	R	R Hipp (3), R Parietal (1)	R Temp (3)	10	0.9	6.8	2.2
113	36	F	R	L Hipp (3), R Limbic (2), R MTL (1)	R MTL (3), L Hipp (2)	3.8	2.8	4.3	3.8	202	29	F	R	R Temp (18), R Front (10)	Front (2), R Temp (1)	8.3	1.5	4.6	3
114	31	F	A	R Temp (22)	R Hipp (1), L Temp (1), R MTL (3), R Limbic (3)	6.3	1.4	7.6	2.1	203	36	F	R	R Hipp (9), R Temp (1), L MTL (3), L Limbic (3)	L Temp (4), L Hipp (1)	7.6	1.5	4.1	2.5
115	47	M	L	R Hipp (4), L Temp (1), R MTL (3), R Limbic (3), R Hipp (2), R Temp (2)	R Frontal (1)	3.8	3.6	3.4	2.1	204	25	F	R	R Hipp (3), L Temp (5)	L Temp (5)	8.5	1.6	3.5	3.5
117	25	M	R	R MTL (4), L Temp (3), L Limbic (3)	L Temp (1)	3.7	3.7	3.7	2.5	217	37	M	R	R Hipp (6)	L Temp (2)	9.3	1.3	4.7	2.2
118	33	M	R	R Limbic (9), L Temp (7), L Occ (1)	L MTL (1)	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	222	20	F	R	R Temp (4), L Front (4)	L Temp (4)	7.7	1.5	5.6	1.3
120	33	F	L	R Hipp (10), R MTL (8), R Temp (1)	L Limbic (1)	0.5	9.6	1.4	12.8	223	42	F	R	R Temp (1), L Limbic (1)	L Temp (3)	9	2.3	4.6	5.1
121	34	M	R	R Front (48), R Temp (21), L Front (2)	R Front (9)	7.8	1.3	9.4	2.1	230	56	F	R	R Front (1)	L Temp (5), L Parietal (1)	5	2.2	3.4	2.7
122	48	F	R	L Hipp (11), L Limbic (4)	R Hipp (1), R Limbic (1)	3.5	3.5	2.5	1.7	237	41	M	R	R Parietal (5), L Front (2), R Parietal (2)	L Temp (3)	6.7	2.1	5.2	1.6
										240	37	F	R	R Hipp (3), R Temp (4)	L Temp (3)	4.9	2	4.7	2.2
										243	63	M	A	R Hipp (5)	L Temp (3)	5.2	2.8	2.9	3.5
										251	31	M	L	R Temp (38), R Front (7), R Parietal (2)	R Temp (3)	4.3	1.3	4.1	2
										260	57	F	R	R Hipp (6), L Temp (1), L MTL (8), L Front (7), L Hipp (4), L Limbic (4)	L Temp (5)	NaN	NaN	5.4	3
										274	44	F	R	R MTL (7), R Front (3)	L Temp (3)	3.8	1.1	2.5	4.2
										276	28	M	R	R Hipp (7), R MTL (3)	L Temp (4)	NaN	NaN	4.9	1.8
										284	32	F	L	L Temp (3)	L Temp (1)	NaN	NaN	3.8	2

Table S1: Subject summary table. Gender: M: Male, F: Female; Handedness: R: right, L: left, A: ambidextrous, U: undetermined. Electrode locations: R/L: right/left; Front: frontal cortex; Temp: Temporal cortex; MTL: Medial Temporal Lobe (non-hippocampal); Hipp: hippocampus. Numbers in parentheses indicate number of bipolar contacts in each area for both clinically determined epileptic regions and stimulation sites. Columns labeled “Low-” and “high-frequency effects” indicates the average number of recording electrodes in each subject that show significant HFA increases or decreases, averaged across stimulation sites and amplitudes for low- (10–50 Hz) and high-frequency (100–200 Hz) stimulation, respectively.

A	0.125mA	0.25mA	0.5mA	0.75mA	1mA	1.25mA	1.5mA	1.75mA	2mA
10Hz	20	123	167	130	105	22	34	25	25
25Hz		47	89	70	51	6	20	11	12
50Hz	17	122	162	130	106	21	34	26	27
100Hz	21	118	156	127	105	22	34	26	26
200Hz	18	125	160	128	102	30	42	32	30

B	Brain Region	Number of Stimulation sites	Number of Recording sites
	<i>L Temporal</i>	90	2177
	<i>L Frontal</i>	7	1839
	<i>L Parietal</i>	2	1186
	<i>L MTL</i>	36	233
	<i>L Hipp</i>	35	172
	<i>L Occipital</i>	1	160
	<i>L Limbic</i>	10	204
	<i>R Temporal</i>	16	1498
	<i>R Frontal</i>	16	1235
	<i>R Parietal</i>	2	662
	<i>R MTL</i>	10	147
	<i>R Hipp</i>	22	103
	<i>R Occipital</i>	3	82
	<i>R Limbic</i>	13	197

Table S2: Number of stimulation sites across subjects. **(A)** Number of total stimulation sites used in population analyses across subjects for each combination of frequency and amplitude. **(B)** Number of stimulation and recording sites in each brain region across subjects.

Depth-Electrode stimulation

	<i>0.125mA</i>	<i>0.25mA</i>	<i>0.5mA</i>	<i>0.75mA</i>	<i>1mA</i>	<i>1.25mA</i>	<i>1.5mA</i>
10Hz	95	92	94	92	93	92	83
25Hz		90	89	90	88	90	84
50Hz	86	89	91	90	89	88	81
100Hz	92	90	90	90	88	89	81
200Hz	85	90	89	88	85	87	75

Surface-Electrode stimulation

	<i>0.125mA</i>	<i>0.25mA</i>	<i>0.5mA</i>	<i>0.75mA</i>	<i>1mA</i>	<i>1.25mA</i>	<i>1.5mA</i>	<i>1.75mA</i>	<i>2mA</i>
10Hz	98	96	95	96	95	93	94	94	95
25Hz		99	95	95	94	94	96	94	94
50Hz	98	94	93	93	93	86	90	91	92
100Hz	98	94	93	93	92	90	93	92	91
200Hz	94	94	93	92	92	90	92	89	83

Table S3: Percent non-artifactual recording sites, by stimulation parameter. Average percent of recording electrodes by stimulation site type (depth-top; surface-bottom), frequency, and amplitude that were included in analyses after being determined as non-artifactual by artifact rejection algorithm.

A

Population parameter dependence of HFA changes

	Frequency	Amplitude	Frequency x Amplitude
HFA decrease from depth stimulation	$z = 4.34, p = 0.00001$	$z = 4.13, 0.00004$	$z = -3.74, p = 0.0007$
HFA decrease from surface stimulation	$z = 1.90, p = 0.04$	$z = 3.04, p = 0.003$	$z = 3.34, p = 0.001$
HFA increase from depth stimulation	$z = 4.18, p = 0.00002$	$z = 1.79, p = 0.07$	$z = 2.41, p = 0.02$
HFA increase from surface stimulation	$z = 1.80, p = 0.07$	$z = -1.59, p = 0.11$	$z = 0.82, p = 0.41$
HFA reset from depth stimulation	$z = 5.00, p < 10^{-6}$	$z = 1.12, P = 0.26$	$z = -1.15, p = 0.25$
HFA reset from surface stimulation	$z = 4.37, p = 0.0002$	$z = 0.52, p = 0.61$	$z = 0.59, p = 0.56$

B

Population parameter dependence of HFA changes, subject-level analysis

	Frequency	Amplitude	Frequency x Amplitude
Correlation of stimulation sites within subject	$z = 1.61, p = 0.11$	$z = 1.43, p = 0.15$	$z = -1.45, p = 0.14$
HFA decrease from depth stimulation	$z = 4.32, p = 0.0002$	$z = 3.1, p = 0.001$	$z = 3.36, p = 0.001$
HFA decrease from surface stimulation	$z = 7.2, p < 10^{-8}$	$z = 3.12, p = 0.002$	$z = -2.1, p = 0.04$
HFA increase from depth stimulation	$z = 1.19, p = 0.23$	$z = -1.45, p = 0.15$	$z = -1.3, p = 0.18$
HFA increase from surface stimulation	$z = 1.02, p = 0.28$	$z = 1.53, p = 0.13$	$z = 2.34, p = 0.04$

C

HFA changes by frequency

	Frequency	HFA change direction	Frequency x HFA change direction
HFA change by frequency.	$z = 9.43, p < 10^{-20}$	$z = -7.58, p < 10^{-13}$	$z = 3.55, p = 0.0004$
HFA change by frequency by subject.	$z = 7.98, p < 10^{-13}$	$z = -8.32, p < 10^{-14}$	$z = 3.21, p = 0.0006$

D

Spatial Spread of HFA changes

Distance from stim site *Independent variable #2* *Distance x Independent variable #2*

Spread of HFA increases v decreases	$z = -9.28, p < 10^{-19}$	HFA change direction: $z = 5.24, p < 10^{-6}$	$z = 5.62, p < 10^{-9}$
HFA decreases by frequency	$z = -10.24, p < 10^{-23}$	Frequency: $z = 4.48, p < 10^{-5}$	$z = -4.26, p = 0.00002$
HFA increases by frequency	$z = -2.71, p = 0.007$	Frequency: $z = 2.43, p = 0.02$	$z = -2.72, p = 0.006$
HFA decreases by amplitude	$z = -13.59, p < 10^{-40}$	Amplitude: $z = 5.99, p < 10^{-8}$	$z = -3.08; p = 0.002$
HFA increases by amplitude	$z = -2.10, p = 0.04$	Amplitude: $z = 6.87, p < 10^{-11}$	$z = -2.01, p = 0.05$

E

Control Analysis, varying artifact rejection thresholds

Frequency *Amplitude* *Frequency x Amplitude*

HFA decrease from depth stimulation. 1SD	$z = 3.92, p = 0.00009$	$z = 3.51, p = 0.0005$	$z = 2.13, p = 0.03$
HFA decrease from surface stimulation. 1SD	$z = 2.15, p = 0.03$	$z = 2.45, p = 0.01$	$z = 2.32, p = 0.02$
HFA increase from depth stimulation. 1SD	$z = 3.12, p = 0.002$	$z = 1.19, p = 0.23$	$z = 1.97, p = 0.05$
HFA increase from surface stimulation. 1SD	$z = 1.20, p = 0.23$	$z = -0.84, p = 0.40$	$z = 2.04, p = 0.04$
HFA decrease from depth stimulation. 3SD	$z = 8.48, p < 10^{-14}$	$z = 4.40, p = 0.00001$	$z = -3.39, p = 0.0004$
HFA decrease from surface stimulation. 3SD	$z = 2.85, p = 0.004$	$z = 3.01, p = 0.003$	$z = 2.95, p = 0.003$
HFA increase from depth stimulation. 3SD	$z = 3.32, p = 0.0008$	$z = 0.43, p = 0.67$	$z = 2.82, p = 0.005$
HFA increase from surface stimulation. 3SD	$z = 1.99, p = 0.05$	$z = -1.97, p = 0.05$	$z = 1.69, p = 0.09$

Table S4: Results of fitted linear mixed effects (LME) models. Each table row indicates one fitted model. Columns indicate model independent parameters. Bold values indicates $p < 0.05$. **(A)** LME models analyzing the dependence of HFA decreases, increases, and resetting on stimulation frequency and amplitude across the population (Figs. 2A–B and 5C). **(B)** LME models examining subject-level effects of HFA power changes (Fig. S3B–C) and of correlation between HFA changes across stimulation sites (Fig. S3A). **(C)** LME model analysis of HFA decreases and increases by frequency only (Figs. 2C, S3D). **(D)** LME model analysis of the spatial spread of HFA decreases and increases (Fig. 4A–D). Models were separately computed to identify how the spread of HFA changes vary with stimulation frequency (Fig. 4B) and amplitude (Fig. 4C). **(E)** Artifact-rejection control analysis comparing the dependence of HFA decreases and increases on stimulation frequency and amplitude (Fig. S6A,C) with the main population results. Results from artifact rejection thresholds of 1 SD and 3 SD are comparable to those found with the 2-SD threshold, as used in the main analyses (Table S4A).