

TMU Neuroscience Research Center Monthly Meeting Minutes

Chair: Director Y. C. Chiang (蔣永孝主任)

Host: Prof. C. H. Lai (Neural Rehabilitation Team)

Time: 2020/5/20 (Wednesday) 12:10-13:30

Recorded by: Professor J. Y. Wang, Secretary C. N. Huang

Place: Net Meeting via Zoom, only speakers and NRC staffs at 2nd Conference room are at 15th Floor, United Medical Building (Back Building), Taipei Medical University (250, Wu-Xing St)

Meeting Agenda (議程):

- 1. Opening by Director Chiang
- 2. Team progress report presented by the "Neural Rehabilitation" Team
 - 1) "Novel Assembled Sensorized Glove Platform for Comprehensive Hand Function Assessment by Using Inertial Sensors and Force Sensing Resistors" presented by Dr. I-Jung Lee (李怡蓉)
 - 2) "Design a Paired Associative Nerve Stimulation System and Treatment Strategy for Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury: A Preliminary Study " presented by Dr. Yin-Kai Huang (黃胤凱)

1. Opening by Director Chiang

This monthly meeting, we invited the Neural Rehabilitation Team which led by Prof. C. H. Lai. 本中心五月份月會由神經復健團隊進行報告,賴建宏教授為團隊召集人。

2. Team progress report presented by the research team group of "Neural Rehabilitation"

1) "Novel Assembled Sensorized Glove Platform for Comprehensive Hand Function Assessment by

Using Inertial Sensors and Force Sensing Resistors " presented by Dr. I-Jung Lee (李怡蓉)

Prof. Lai introduced the first speaker, Dr. I-Jung Lee (李怡蓉). Dr. Lee is a P.H. D. candidate in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in National Taipei University (NTPU). Her professor is Prof. Bor-Shing Lin (林伯星), the chairman of the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering and the Vice Dean of College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of NTPU.

Prof. Lai has cooperated with Prof. Lin for several years.

賴教授介紹首位講者為李怡蓉博士候選人,目前就讀國立台北大學資訊工程系,指導教授為林 伯星教授。林教授目前為台北大學資訊工程學系系主任以及電機資訊學院副院長,與賴教授已 合作多年。

Brief summary of Dr. Lin's speech:

This study proposed a novel assembled sensorized glove combining nine-axis inertial measurement units (IMUs) and force sensing resistors (FSRs) to simultaneously measure hand kinematics and fingertip force. The sensorized glove was designed to have high flexibility and extensibility. The accuracy and reliability of the hand kinematics measurements were verified using four-finger flexion-extension tasks. The results of the study shown that the sensorized glove proposed in this study is reliable and has a strong potential for application in practical rehabilitation settings.





Inertial Sensors and Force Sensing Resistors presented by Dr. I-Jung Lee (5/20)

2) "Design a Paired Associative Nerve Stimulation System and Treatment Strategy for Incomplete

Spinal Cord Injury: A Preliminary Study" presented by Dr. Yin-Kai Huang (黃胤凱)

Dr. Lai performed repetitive magnetic brain stimulation for stroke patients for a couple years. Now he applied magnetic brain stimulation to spinal cord injury patients. The second topic is his pilot research with design a paired associative nerve stimulation system for brain and spine to treatment incomplete spinal cord injury patients. The second speaker is Dr. Yin-Kai Hung. He joins the study since last year and he has two backgrounds. He is the first-year resident in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in TMUH and also a Ph. D candidate in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at National Taiwan University.

賴教授針對腦中風病患進行電刺激研究已有數年,目前則將電刺激應用於脊隨損傷患者。第二 個主題是他的初步研究,設計針對大腦和脊椎的互動式神經刺激系統,以治療不完全脊髓損傷 的患者。第二位講者為黃胤凱博士,黃博士自去年開始加入賴教授的研究。他目前為北醫附設 醫院的第一年住院醫師,同時也就讀國立台灣大學醫學工程學系博士班。

Brief summary of Dr. Huang's speech:

People who suffer from spinal cord injury (SCI) usually loss sensory and motor function of extremities that depend on the severity and location of the injury. Following SCI, brain reorganization and

motorneuronal connection from brain to spinal cord play a crucial role in the recovery and rehabilitation of sensory and motor dysfunction of distal limbs. Hence, how to strengthen the plasticity of brain and spinal cord to optimize the functional outcome in people with SCI is a challenge. Both repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) and trans-spinal electrical stimulation (tsES) have become popular neuroplasticity methods that improve motor function by modulating neuroplasticity of brain and spinal cord. However, few studies examined the effectiveness of combined rTMS with tsES therapy. Therefore, we first implemented the design in combination of rTMS with tsES therapy for individuals with iSCI. We used paired stimulation of rTMS and tsES to facilitate the convergence of descending motor and local sensory circuits in the spinal cord. Next, we assessed the effects of rTMS and tsES on corticospinal excitability and motor performance in individuals with iSCI and then evaluated whether different settings of paired stimulation could have different impact on individuals with iSCI.



Design a Paired Associative Nerve Stimulation System and Treatment Strategy for Incomplete Spinal

Cord Injury: A Preliminary Study presented by Dr. Yin-Kai Huang (5/20)

At the end of the meeting, Prof. Wang announced that the next monthly meeting will be hosted by the NeuroImage Team on Jung 17 via Zoom. Looking forward to your active participation.

會議結束時間為13:30。