### What's in Your Hologram?

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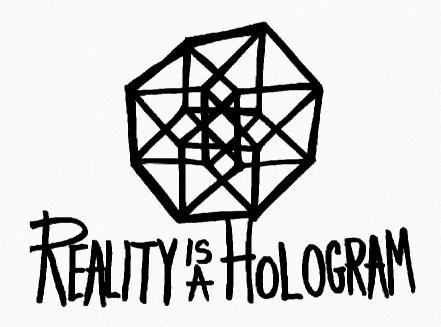
#### Holograms

Two or more laser beams come together to produce a full technicolor three dimensional image

It isn't there, but it is!



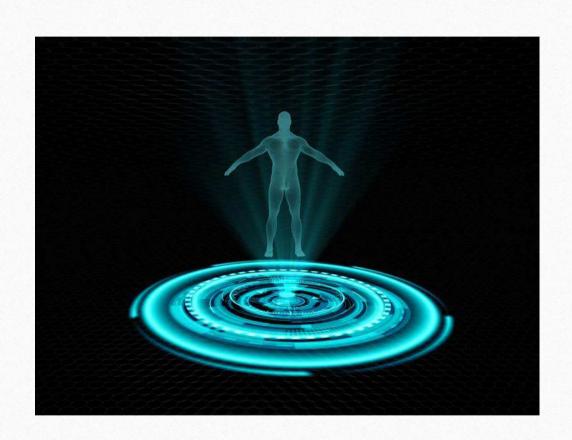
### Human Perception = Holographic Experience



### Pain is a Perceptual Experience

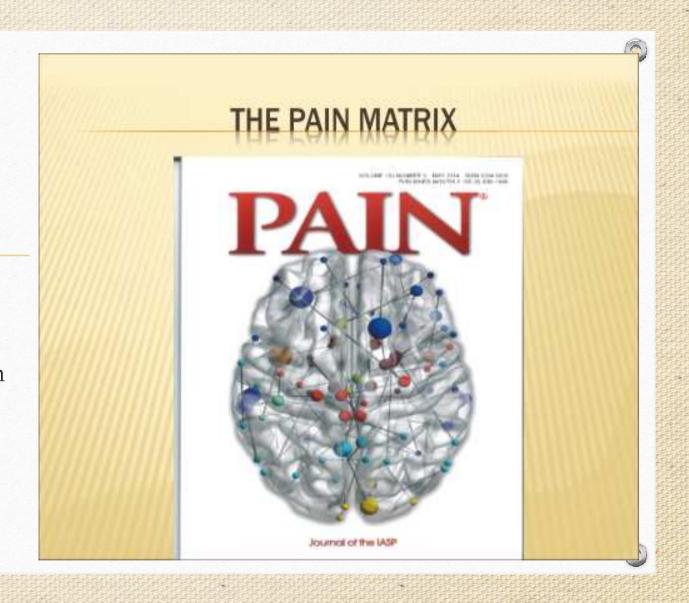
IASP definition: "...an
unpleasant sensory and
emotional experience
associated with actual or
potential tissue damage, or
described in terms of such
damage" IASP Pain
Terminology.

So it isn't there, but it is!



#### The Pain Hologram

The Pain Matrix demonstrates the rich interconnectedness of multiple brain areas involved in the creation of a pain perception hologram

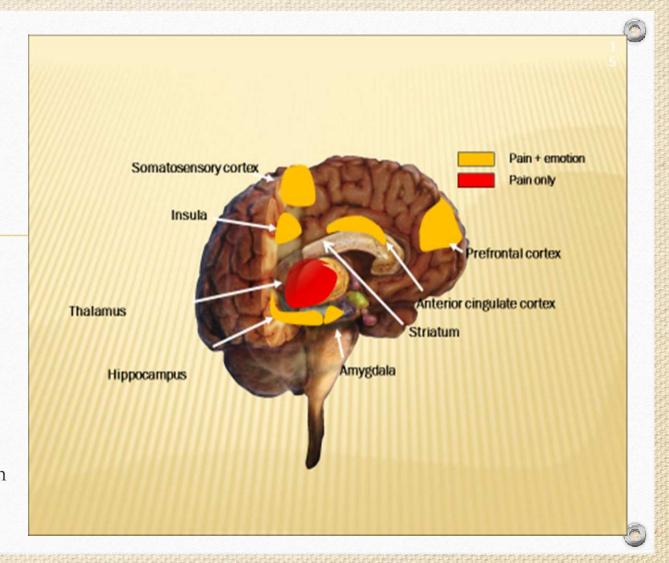


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Pain is created by a hologram with inputs from 16-18 areas of the brain

6-8 of these overlap with cognition, emotion, and memory

TAN: tonically active neurons in striatum act as switching station for cognition, emotion, and memory with majority of the output signal to the basal ganglia



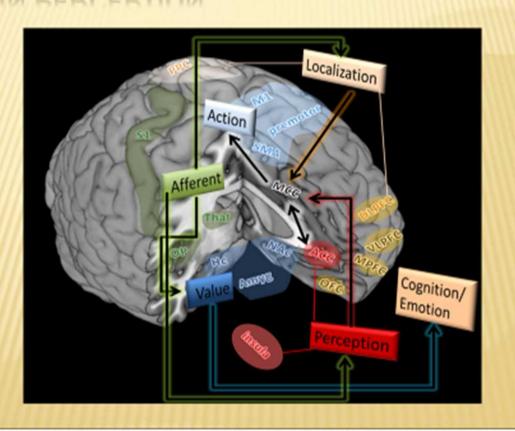


#### The Pain Hologram

The actual perception of pain will take on different presentation depending on the strength of each input

Helps us understand why each person's pain is unique to them: because their "laser beams" are unique to them

#### PAIN PERCEPTION





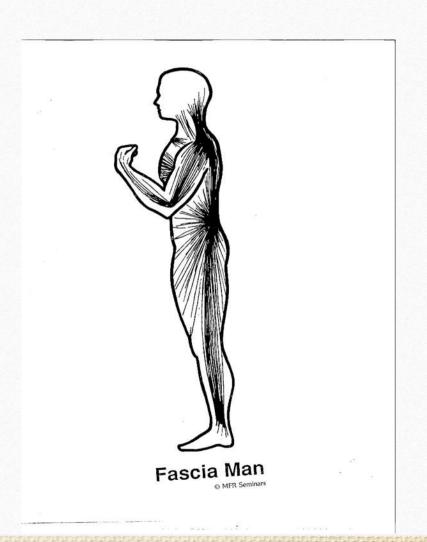


#### Peripheral input

Peripheral input to spinal cord "switching station"

Spinal cord to brain

Brain to brain





## Acute Pain Perception

Peripheral input

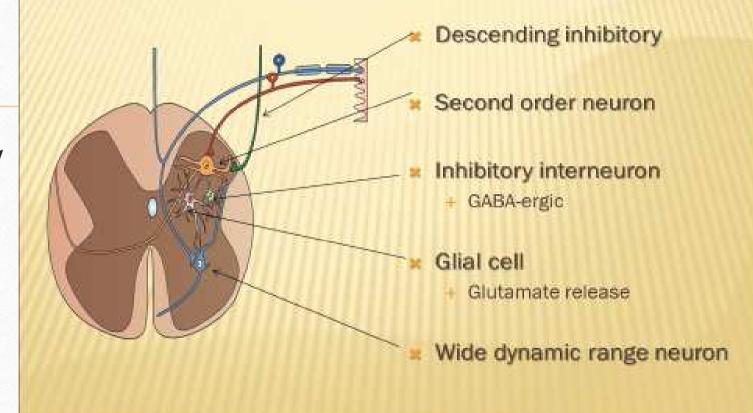
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#### **EUDYNIA: NORMAL PAIN TRANSMISSION**







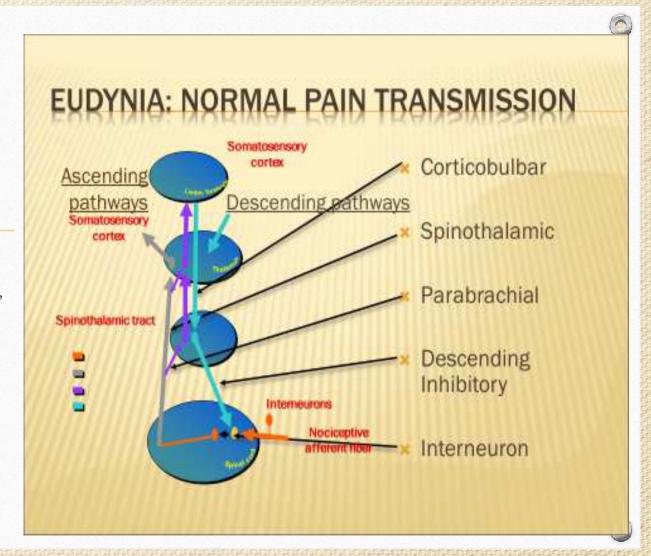
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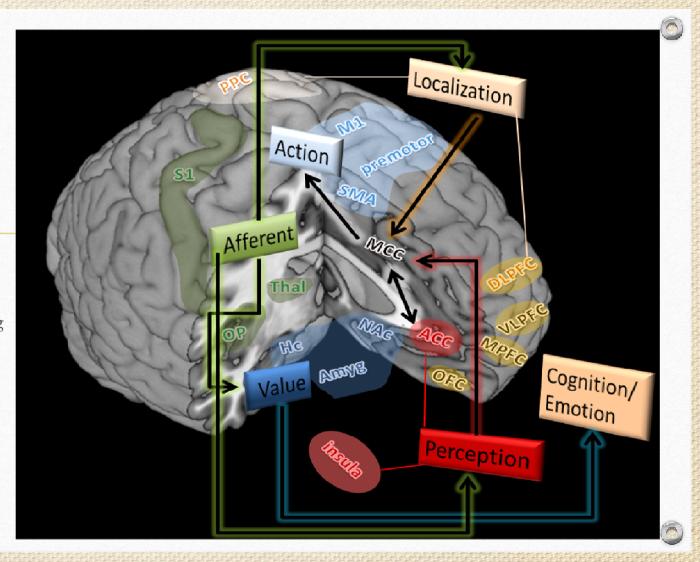
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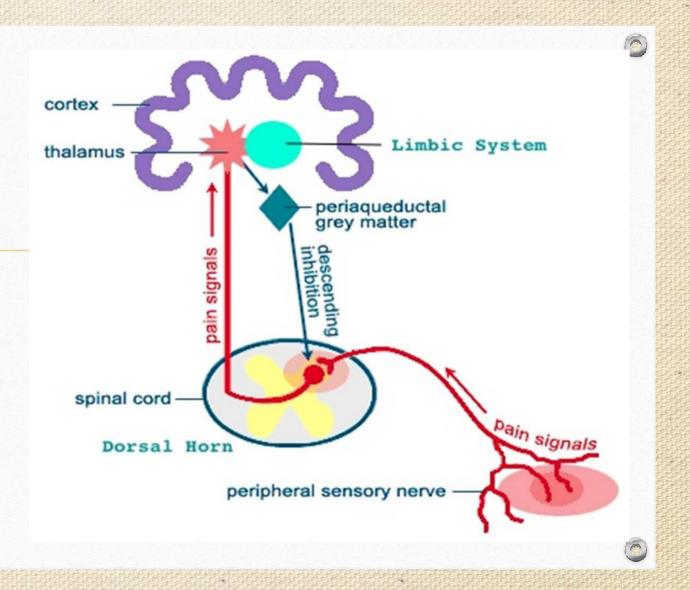
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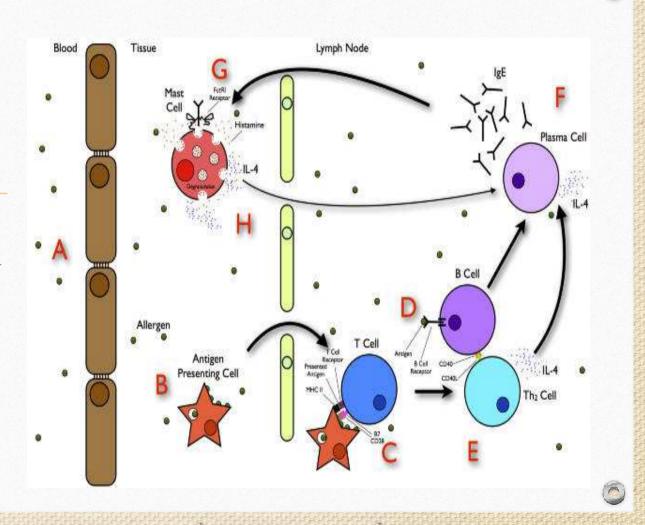
#### Acute to Chronic Pain

**Inflammation** is the real culprit, including low level inflammation

Inflammatory response can be measured and monitored

Inflammation considered the seat of most disease states

Chronic pain now considered a true disease state



## Acute to Chronic Pain

Neuroplastic changes allow for sensitization of the system including:

Genome

Gut

Peripheral nervous system

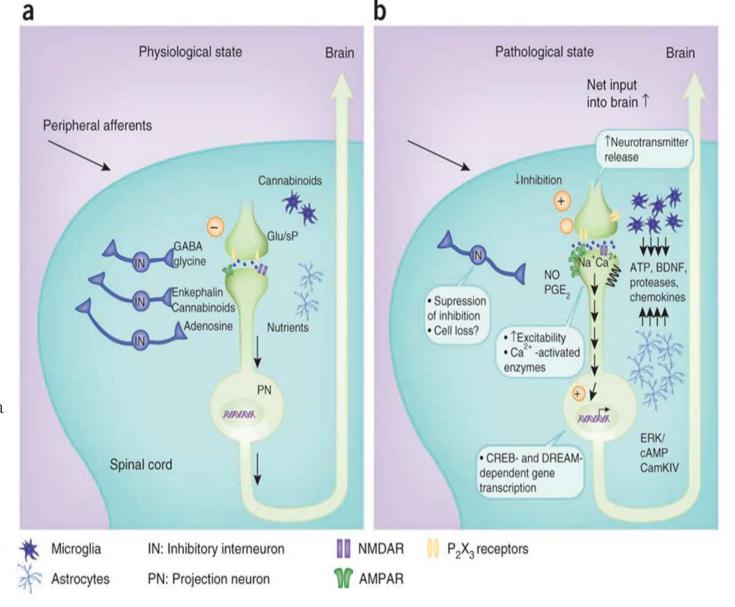
Fascial system

Spinal cord recruitment including a-beta fibers, more vertebral levels

Brain

What fires together, wires together





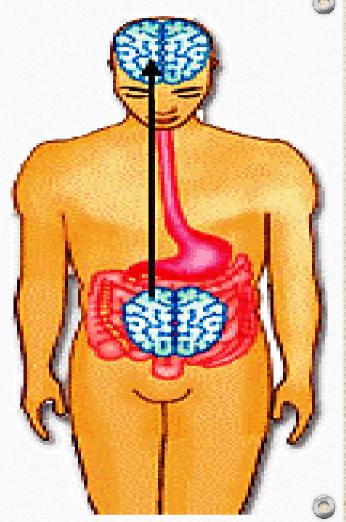
There are multiple inputs to our pain perception. Two of the most foundational are our **gut** and our **genome.** 

Research articles confirm input from the **gut** microbiome tells the brain what to do. This research is looking at the effects on such medical conditions as Parkinson's, dementia, depression, fibromyalgia, the arthridities, and their symptoms, including pain.

The genome has the ability to modify SNPs through **long term potentiation** (when acute pain becomes chronic) which affects gene function. These then influence the "balance" of inputs that make our holograms unique to

Gut Microbiome

Genomic SNPs



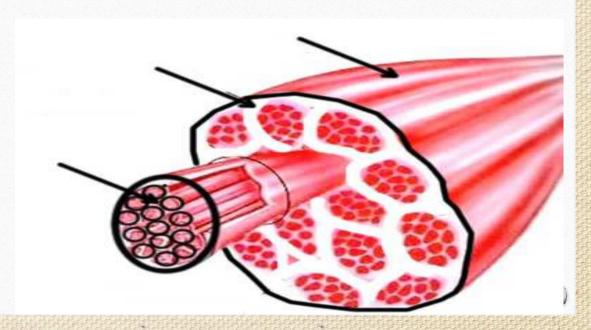
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Fascial sensitization is important input from the periphery. Can occur from physical excitation and/or "stress" only

Fascial input reaches the brain  $\sim 85\%$  directly, and 15% via spinothalamic tract. It is faster than spinothalamic tract

Muscle input is the reverse, with 80-85% via spinothalamic tract

- Gut Microbiome
- Genomic SNPs
- Fascial sensitization





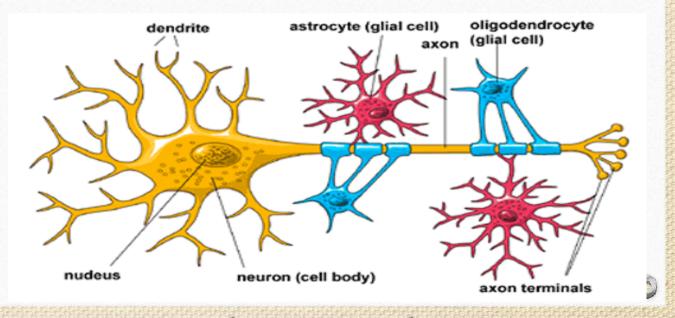
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Recruitment from non-nociceptive fibers, A-beta

Recruitment from higher and lower levels of vertebral afferent fibers

Enhancement of glial cells producing glutamate

- Gut Microbiome
- Genomic SNPs
- Fascial sensitization
- Recruitment

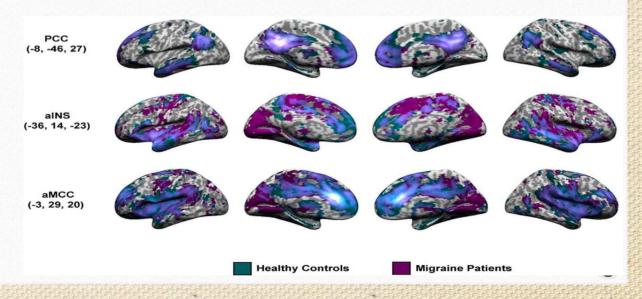


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Brain sensitization

What fires together, wires together

- Gut Microbiome
- Genomic SNPs
- Fascial sensitization
- Recruitment
- Brain sensitization





#### Changing chronic pain

Change the hologram, change the pain Reverse neuroplastic changes RETRAIN THE BRAIN

#### Physical changes can include:

modalities, such as heat, ice,
electric stimulation,
massage,
pharmaceuticals, laser,
movement ie, Pilates,
myofascial release (JBMFR),
exercise/reconditioning,
Yoga, Tai Chi







#### The Role of Laser

Altering mitochondrial dysfunction

Increasing ATP for cell function

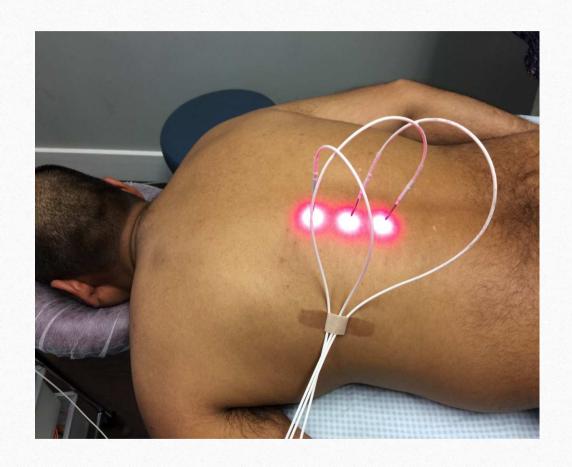
Altering acupuncture meridian
function

Reversing neuroplastic sensitization

Establishing normal cellular function

Reversing inflammatory states

Muscle, nerve, blood cells, fascia









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#### Mental changes can include:

meditation

hypnosis

eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR)

cognitive-behavioral techniques

patient education

family involvement

self soothing

giving and receiving love







#### Changing Chronic Pain

Change the hologram, change the pain Reversing neuroplastic changes

#### Nutritional changes

repair leaky gut
establish healthy microbiome
eat low glycemic load foods
high fiber content
keep inflammation down
organic fruits and vegetables
modified Mediterannean diet
supplements





#### Putting it all together

Chronic pain is the disease state itself Each person's pain is unique to them

The laser inputs to each hologram is specific to that person

We can treat those holograms by multiple paths

Laser can become one strength in the battle against chronic painful conditions

What fires together, wires together
What fires apart, wires apart



### Thank You for Your Attention

Questions??????





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