### Lecture 5

Neuro-vascular coupling

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1890

"The chemical products of cerebral metabolism contained in the lymph which bathes the walls of the arterioles of the brain can cause variations of the caliber of the cerebral vessel: that in this re-action the brain possesses an intrinsic mechanism by which its vascular supply can be varied locally in correspondence with the local variations of functional activity".

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## Neuro-engineering perspective of neurovascular coupling for clinical applications

Application	Description
Imaging	Development of technologies such as MRI, PET, and fMRI to provide detailed maps of brain activity and blood flow
Modeling	Development of computational models to simulate the complex interactions between neurons, astrocytes, and blood vessels
Device Development	Development of tools and devices such as neurovascular stents, microfluidic devices, and TMS to modulate blood flow and neuronal activity in the brain
Drug Therapy	Development of drugs that target the production of signaling molecules such as nitric oxide and prostaglandins to modulate blood flow and improve outcomes in patients with neurological disorders



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Neuroengineerin g Application	Description
Electrophysiology	Measuring neuronal activity in response to stimuli using techniques such as LFPs or multi-unit recordings, and correlating with changes in blood flow and oxygenation levels using imaging techniques
Optogenetics	Using light to control the activity of specific neurons in the brain and measuring resulting changes in blood flow and oxygenation levels using imaging techniques
Microfluidics	Designing and fabricating devices that manipulate fluids on a small scale to create artificial blood vessels or study the behavior of individual cells in response to changes in blood flow or oxygenation
Biomaterials	Developing new biomaterials, such as hydrogels or nanoparticles, for use in animal models to mimic brain tissue properties, deliver drugs, or imaging agents to specific brain regions





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### Glymphatic system: perivascular clearance in the brain



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## Modeling NVU on a chip

