# **Wireless Brain Regeneration: Activating Stem Cells with Electricity**

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## What do we need?

### **Solutions for Neurodegenerative Diseases**







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**Neurons can regrow!** But how do we activate neural stem cells?





Neurotoxic environment

Neurodegeneration affects more than 200,000 people in the UK, more than 60m people worldwide<sup>1</sup> (the size of the UK!), and **it has no cure**. **Cell Replacement Therapies** are a way to transplant additional neural cells in the degenerating brain to replace dead cells<sup>3</sup>. However, integration into the host circuit is challenging, and it can take a long time.

Reduce inflammation

Promote neura

protection

Adult Neurogenesis

Neuron-generating stem cells are found in certain parts of the brain of adults, playing an important role in memory loss and emotional regulation<sup>2,4</sup>. To date, there is no viable way to activate them in the clinic.

## How are we tackling it?

Brain

inflammation

## The Trick: Temporal Interference (TI) Stimulation

#### The approach: Taking Inspiration from Nature



minimal costs and side effects.

counteract neural loss.

neurological disorders.

... and more!

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