



Spontaneous EEG and Sleep  
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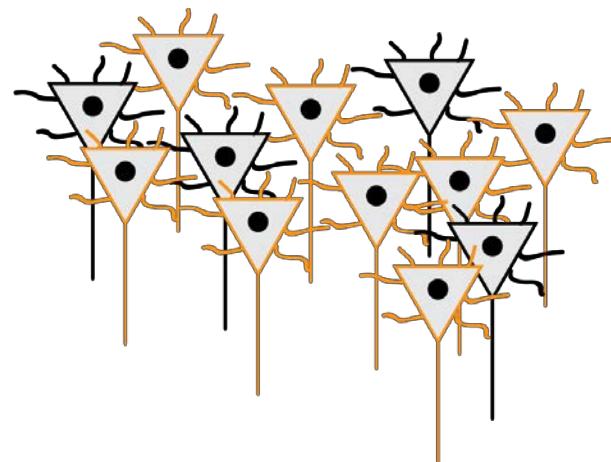
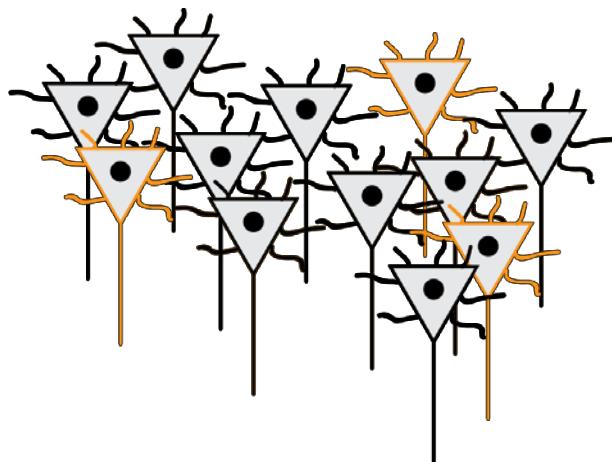
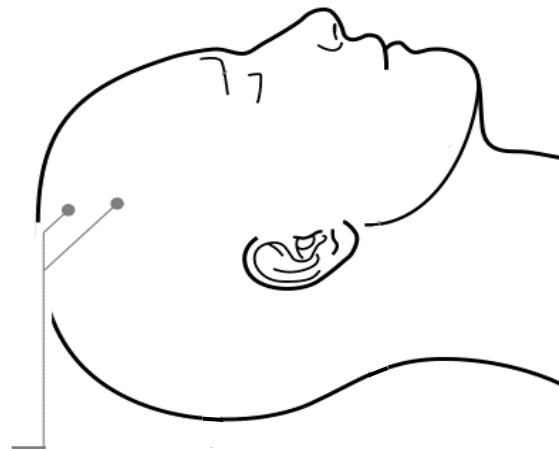
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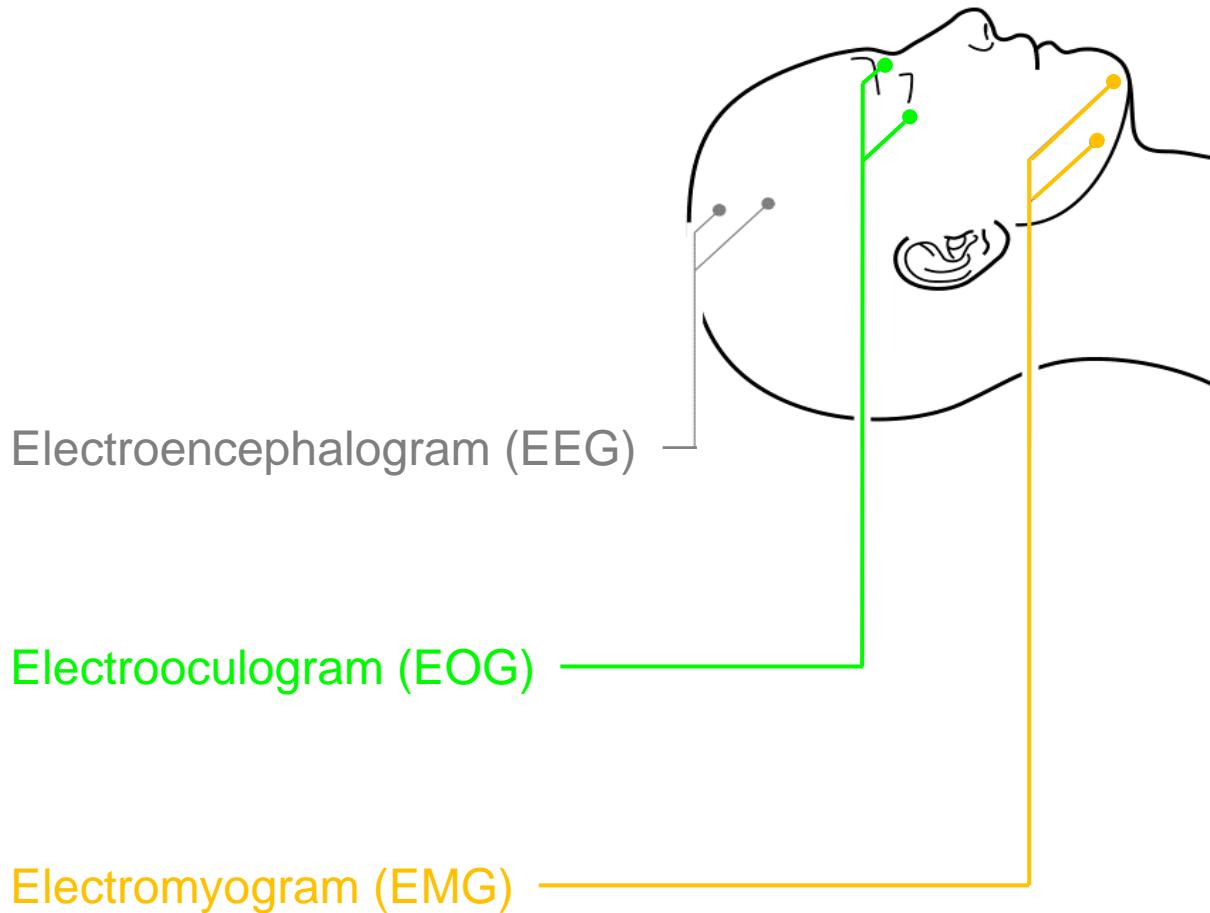
# Polysomnography

Electroencephalogram (EEG)





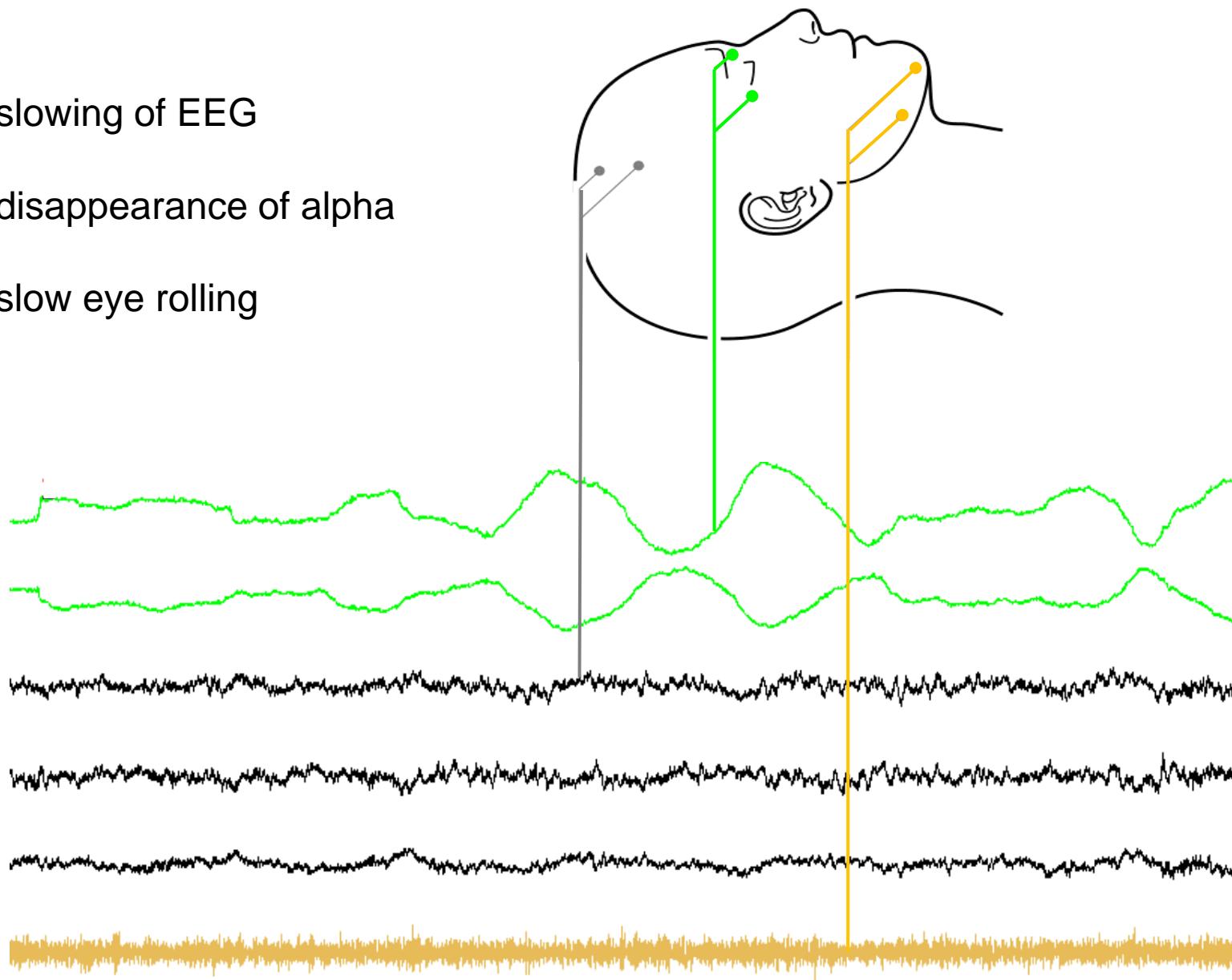
# Polysomnography





## Sleep stages: N1

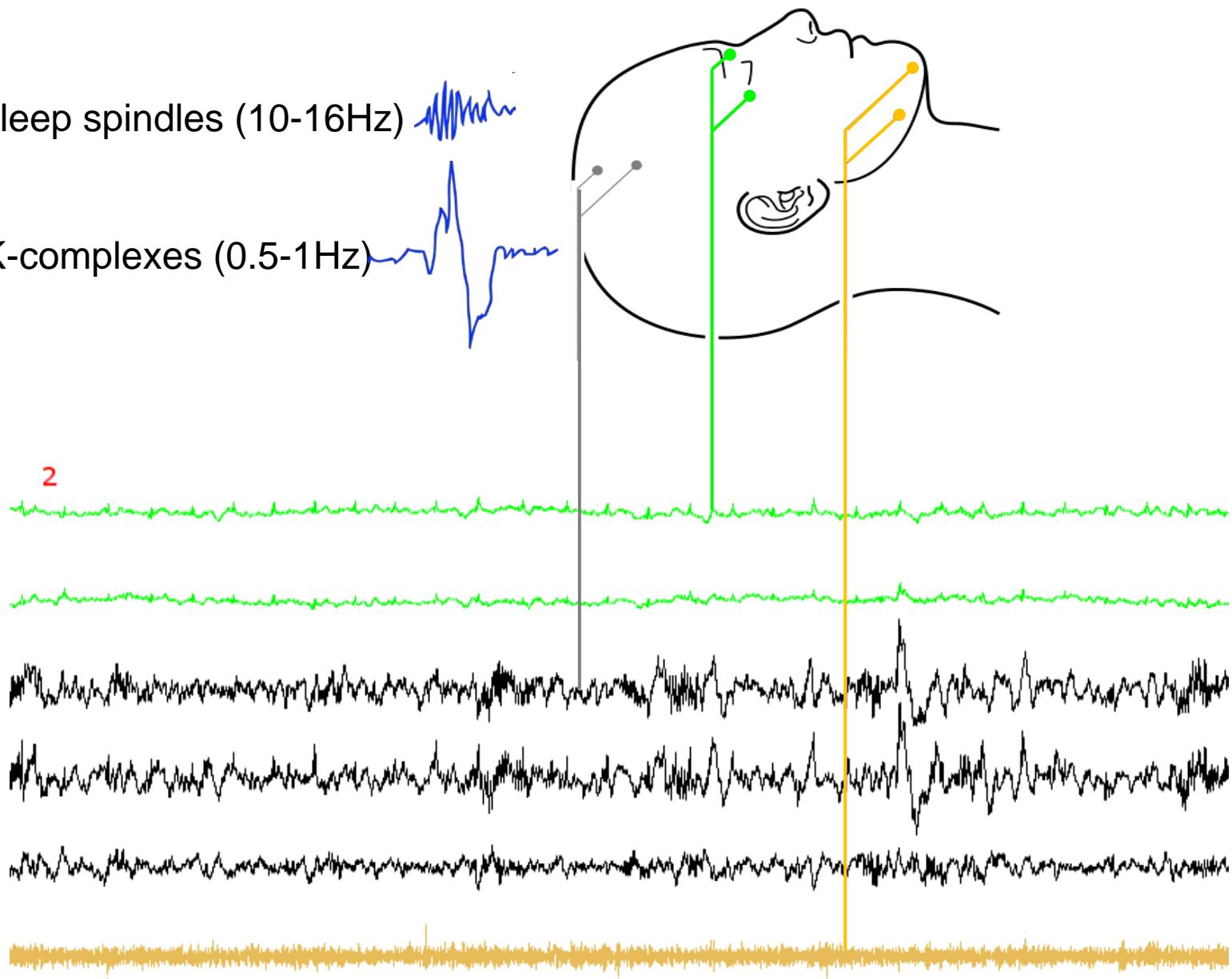
- slowing of EEG
- disappearance of alpha
- slow eye rolling





## Sleep stages: N2

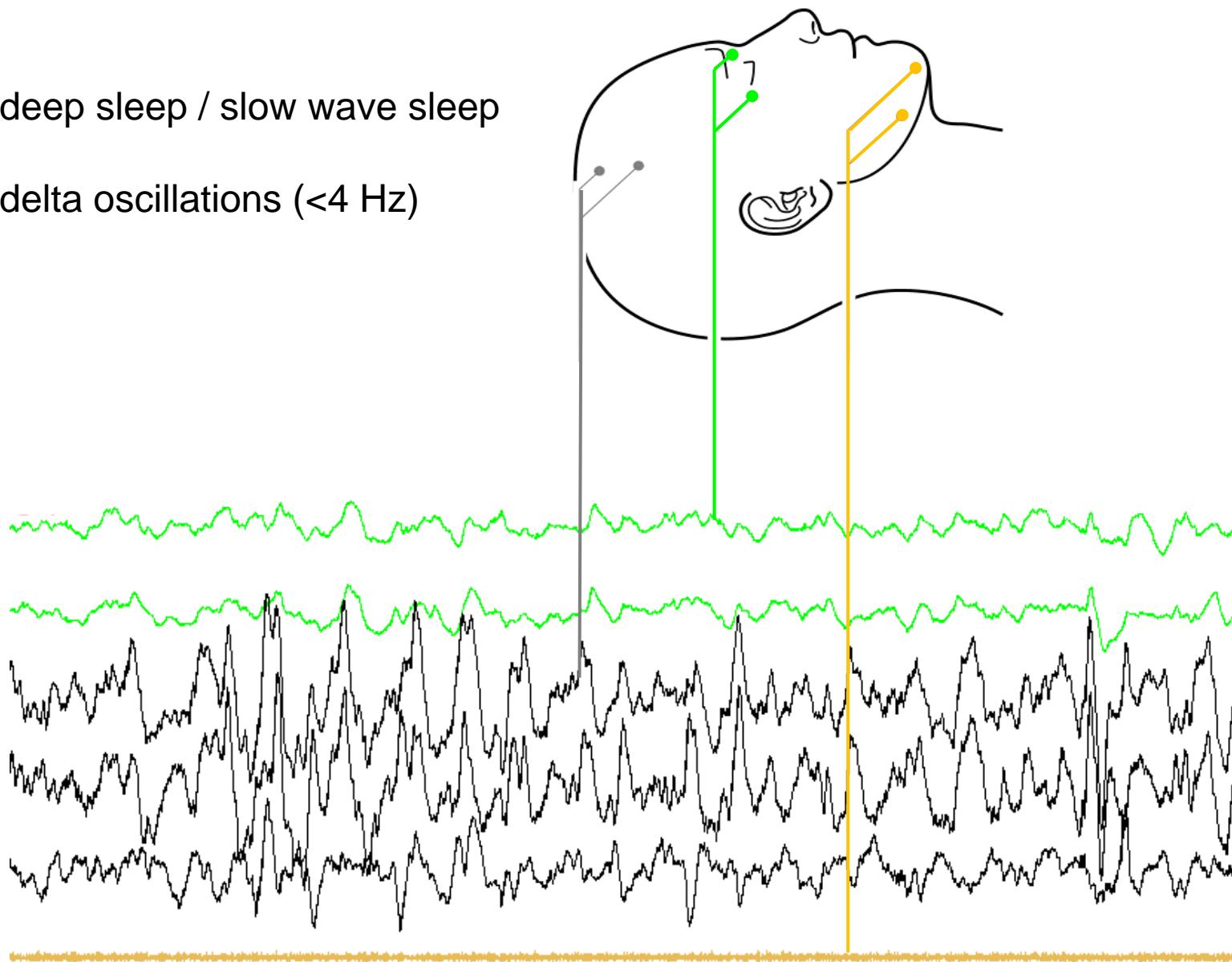
- sleep spindles (10-16Hz)
- K-complexes (0.5-1Hz)





## Sleep stages: N3

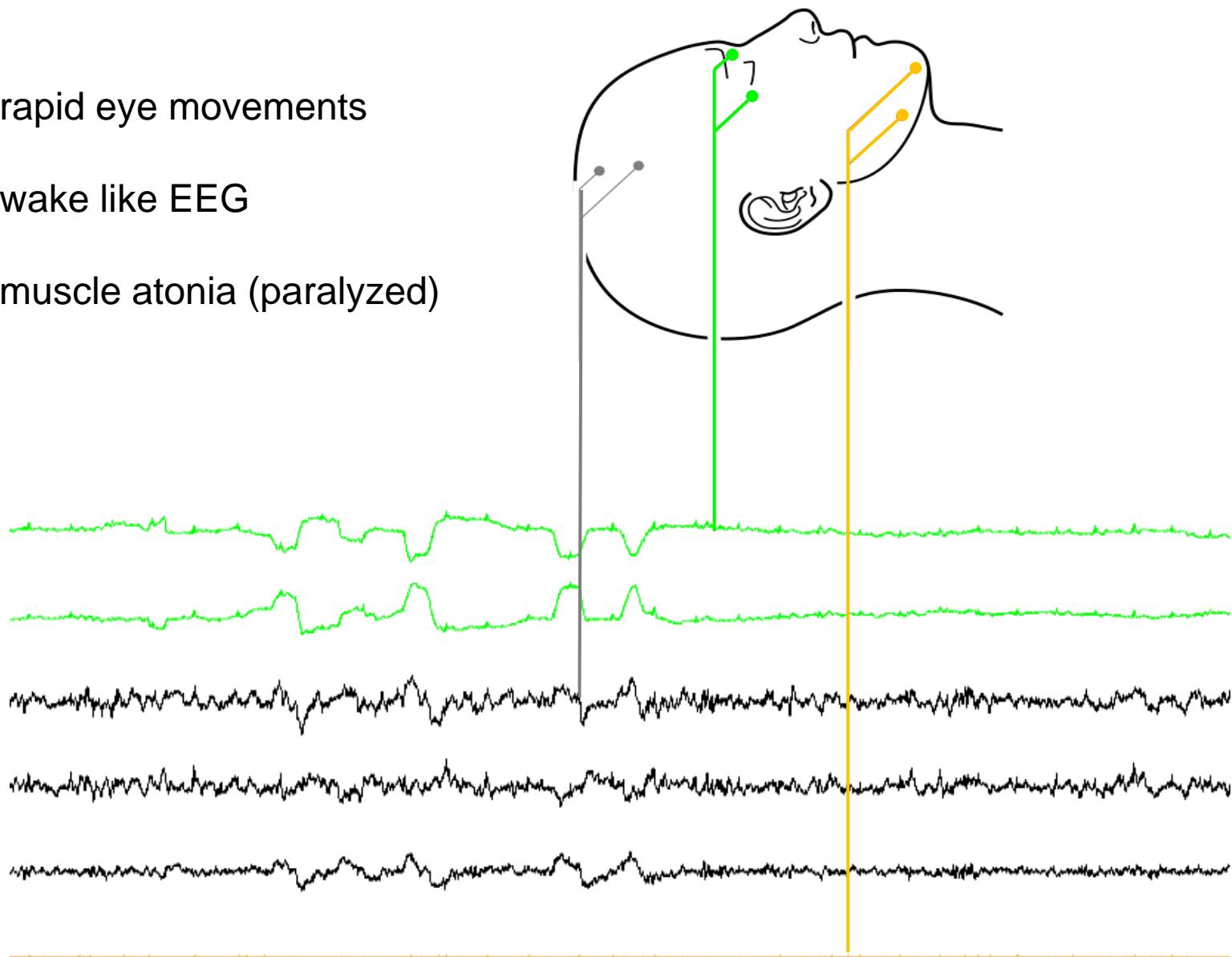
- deep sleep / slow wave sleep
- delta oscillations (<4 Hz)





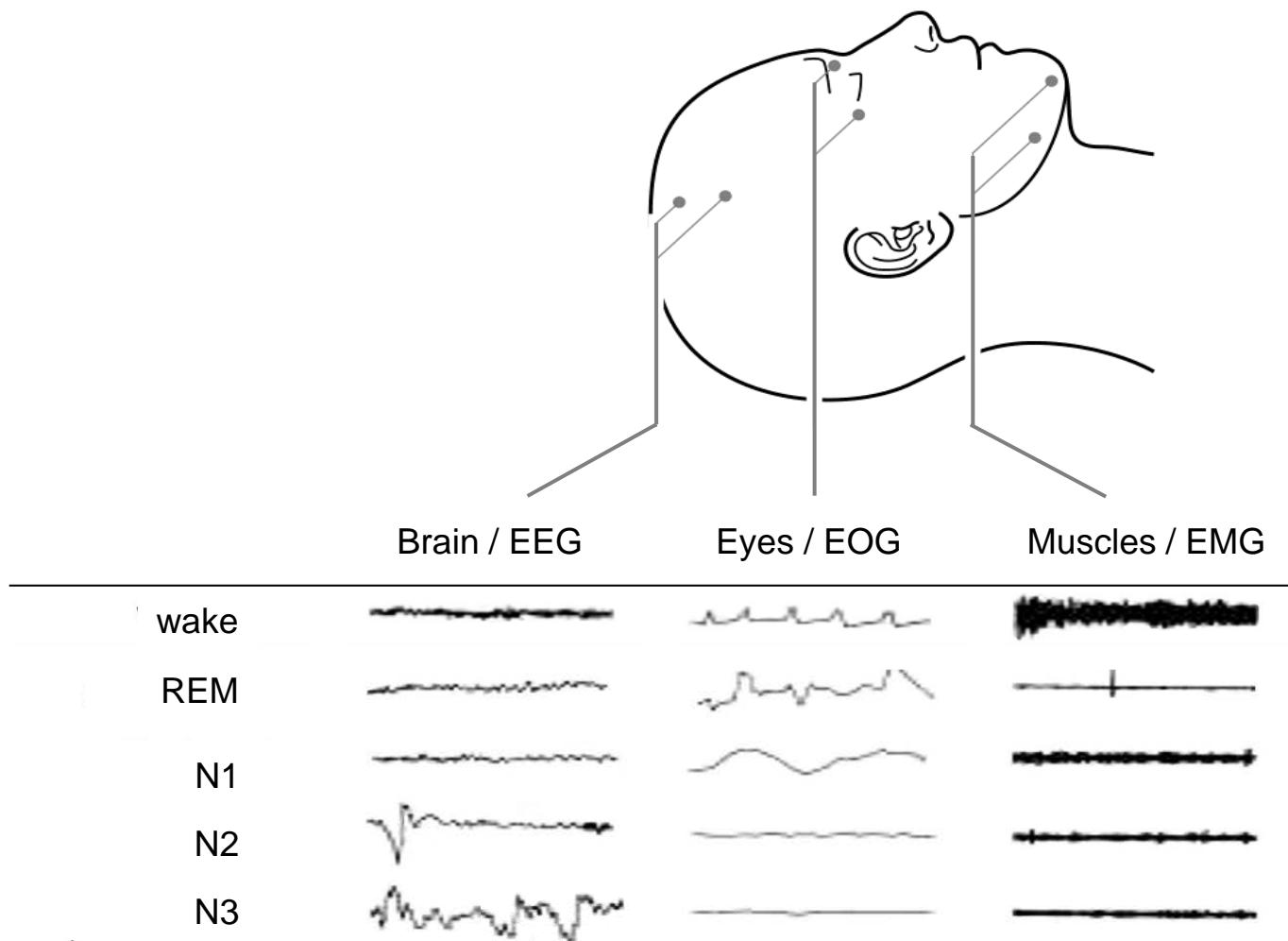
## Sleep stages: REM

- rapid eye movements
- wake like EEG
- muscle atonia (paralyzed)



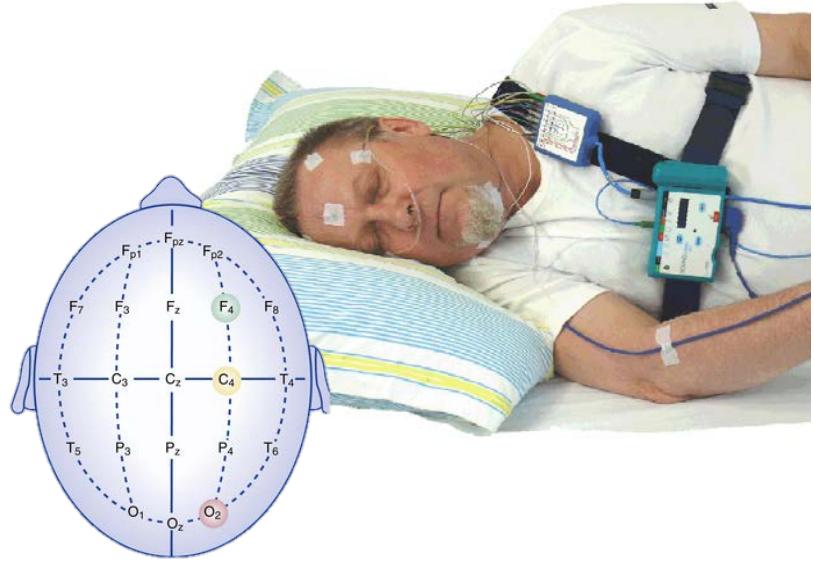
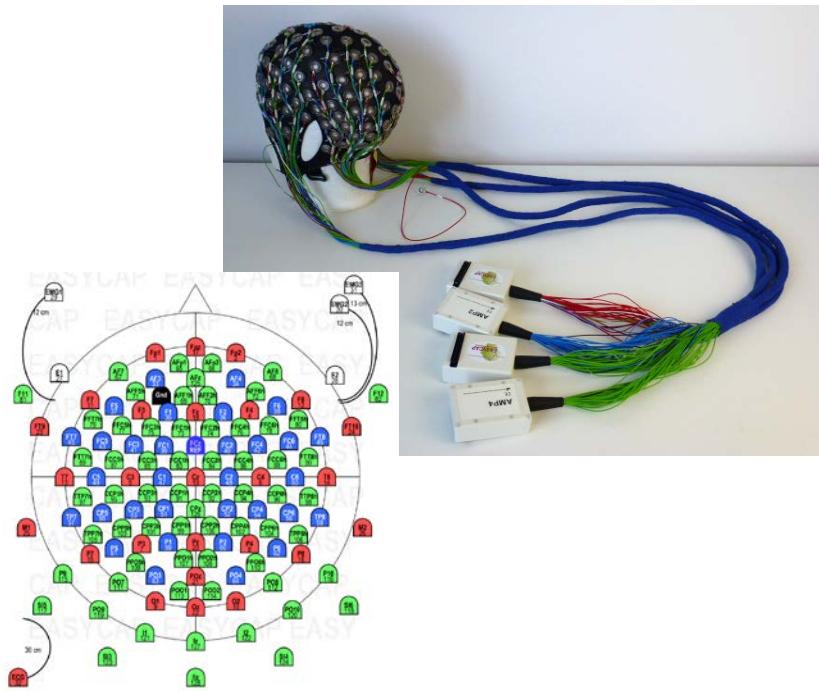


# Sleep stages: overview



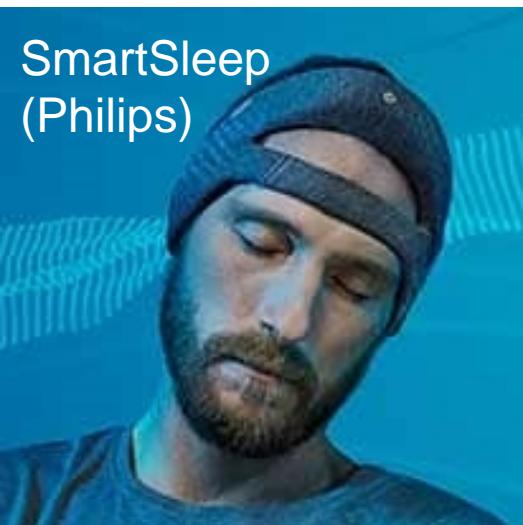


# Sleep EEG: lab vs. home recordings





## Sleep EEG headbands



SmartSleep  
(Philips)



Dreem  
(rythm)



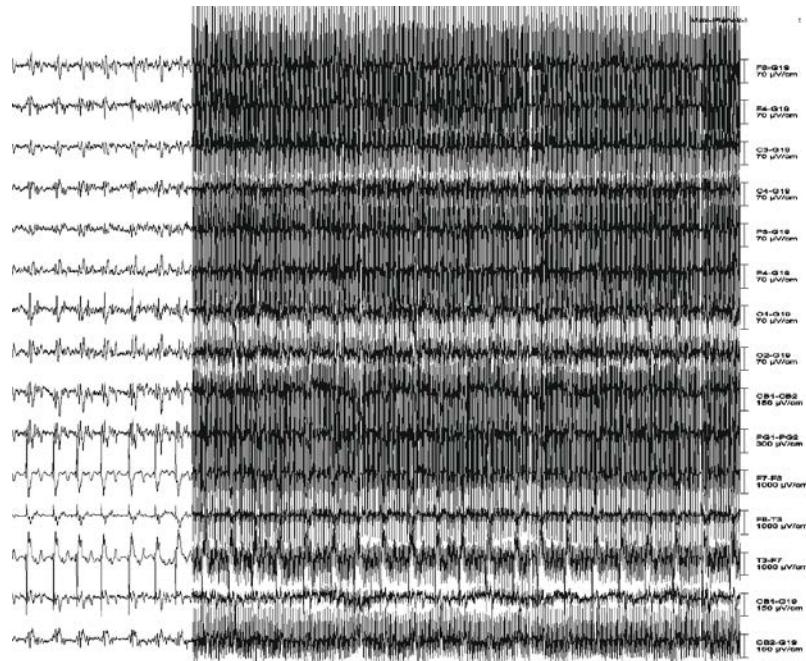
Zmax  
(Hypnodyne)

Aurora Dreamband  
(iWinks)



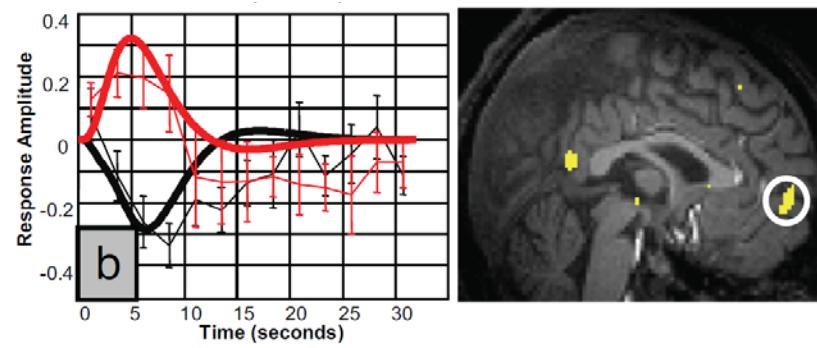
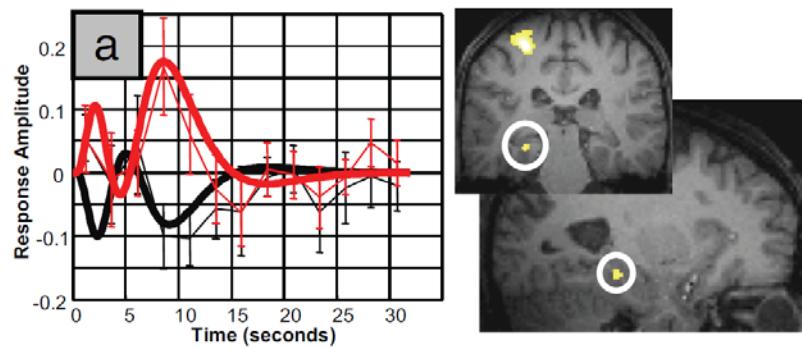
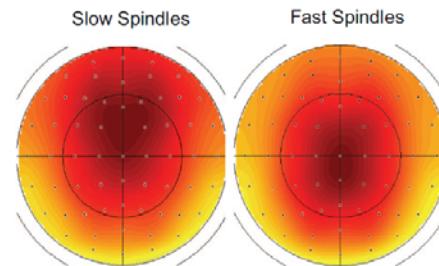
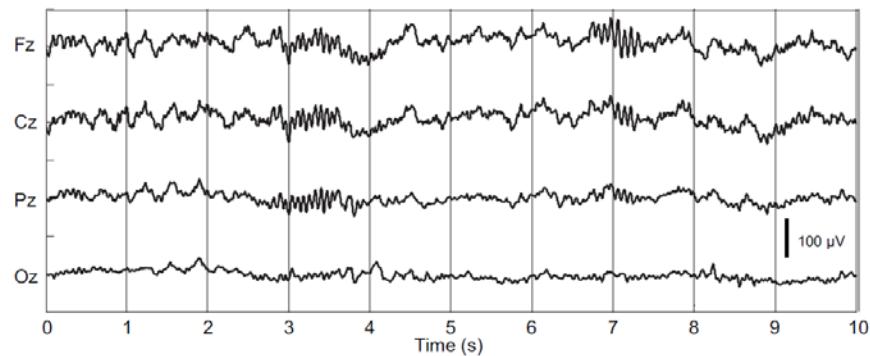


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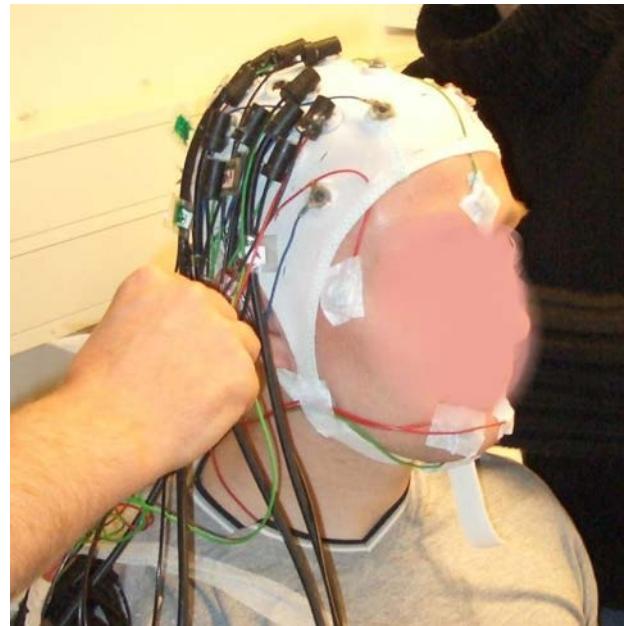
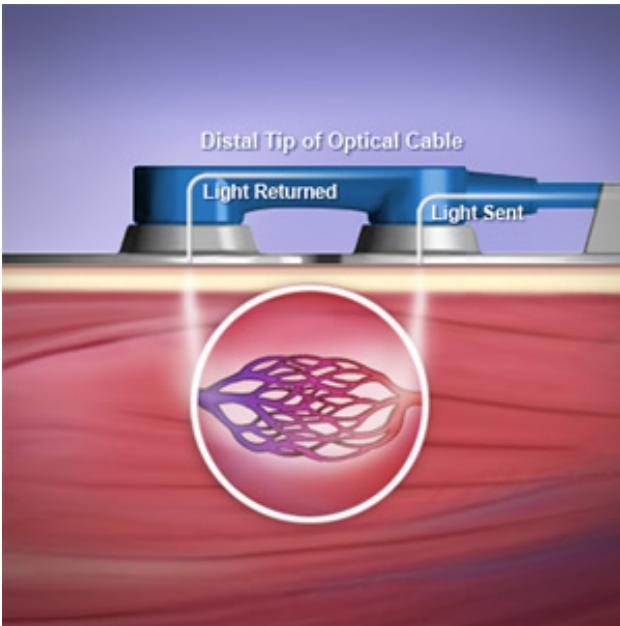


# Combined EEG/fMRI: sleep spindles





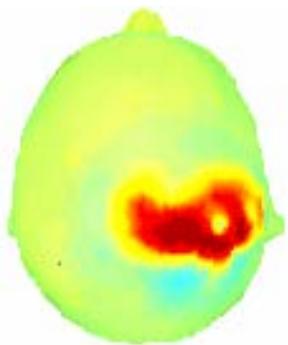
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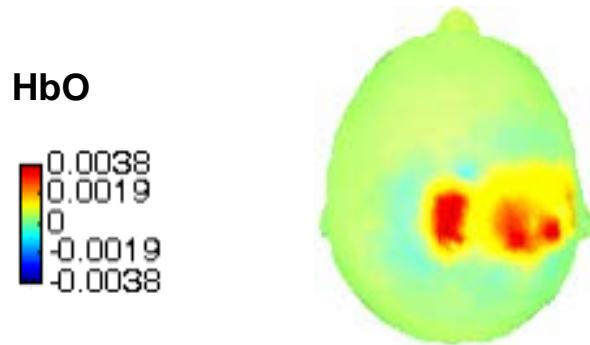


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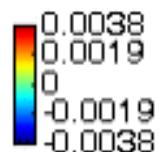
real hand movements



dreamed hand movements



HbO





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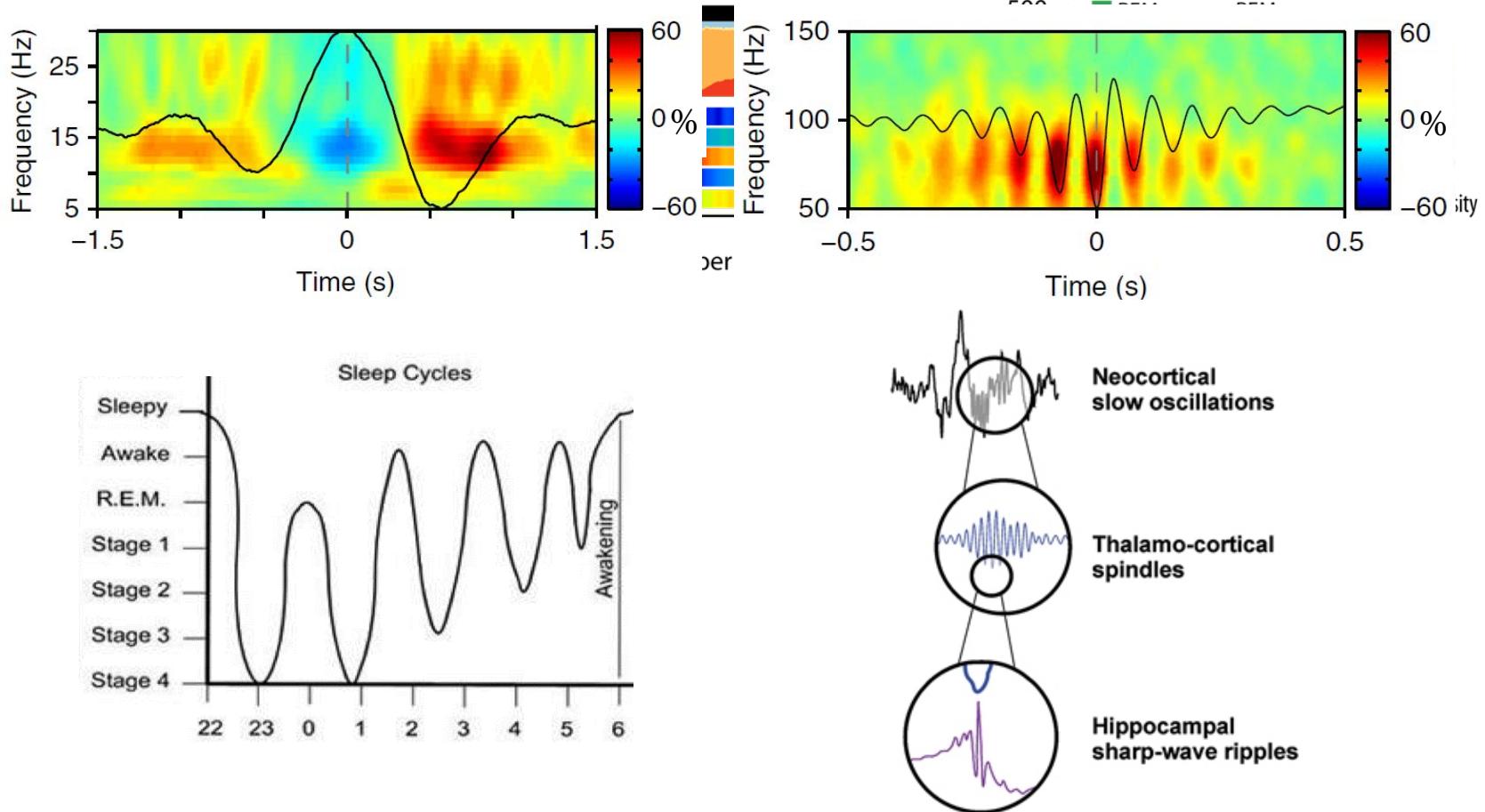


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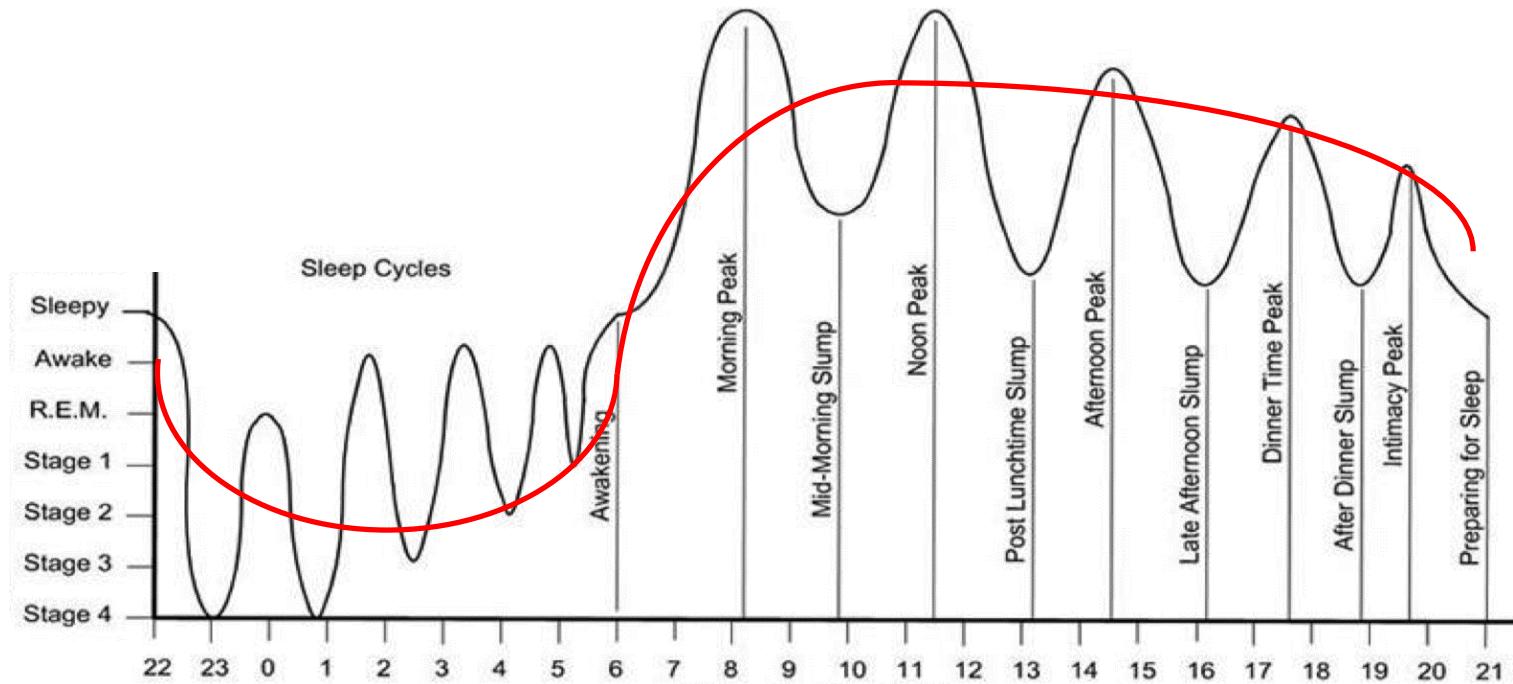




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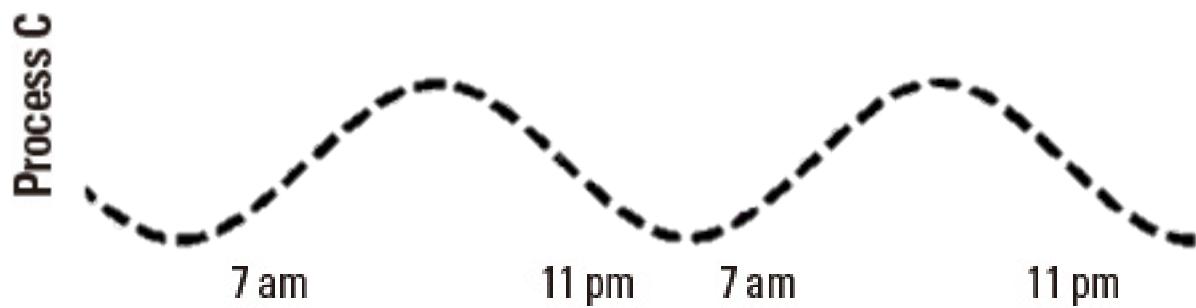


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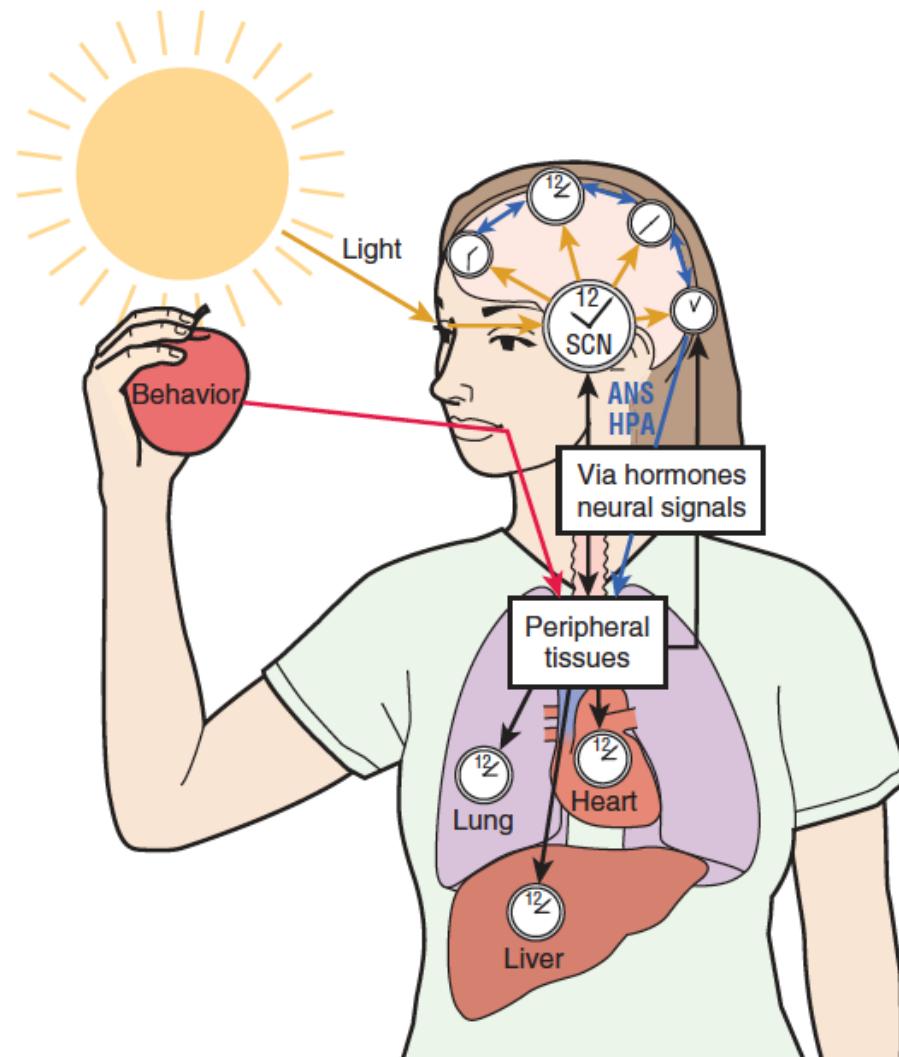


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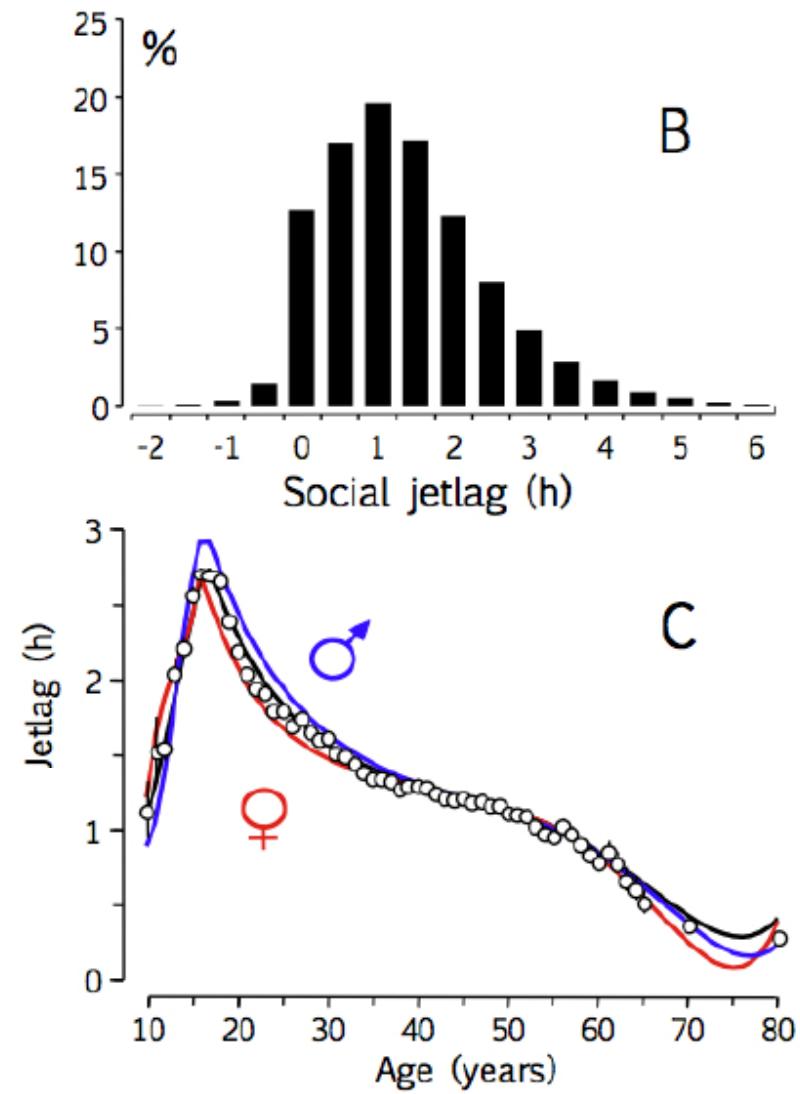
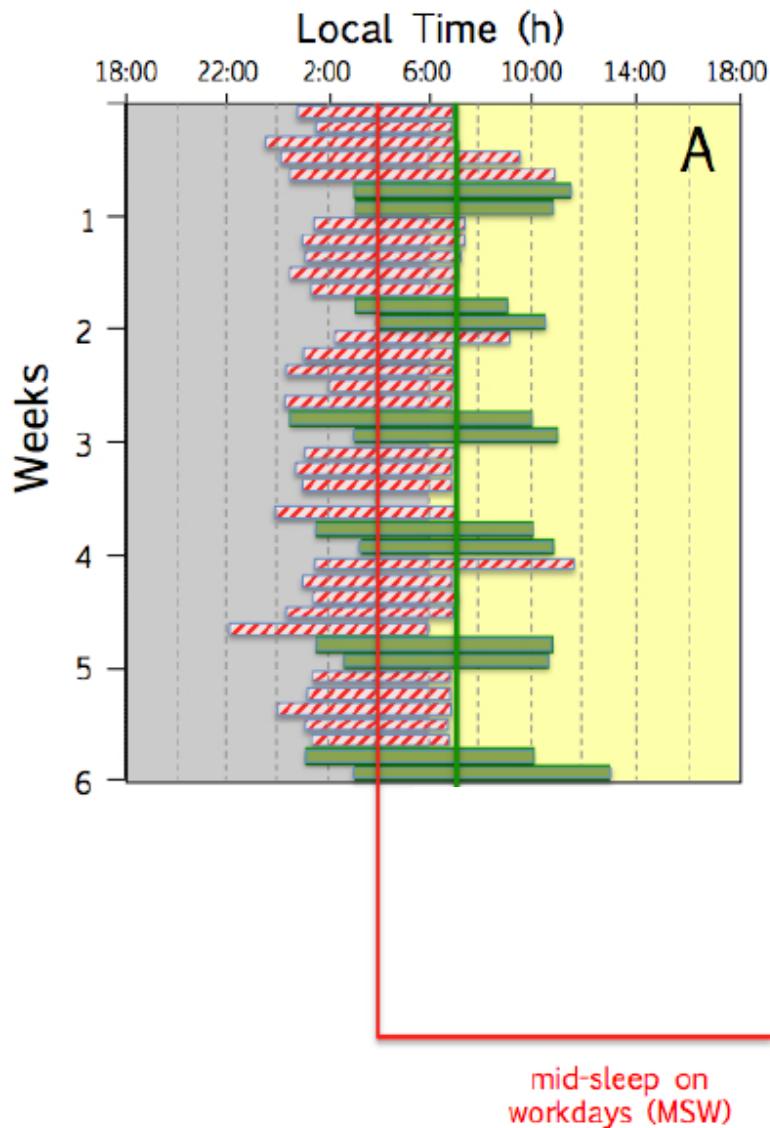


# Sleep: synchronization through light



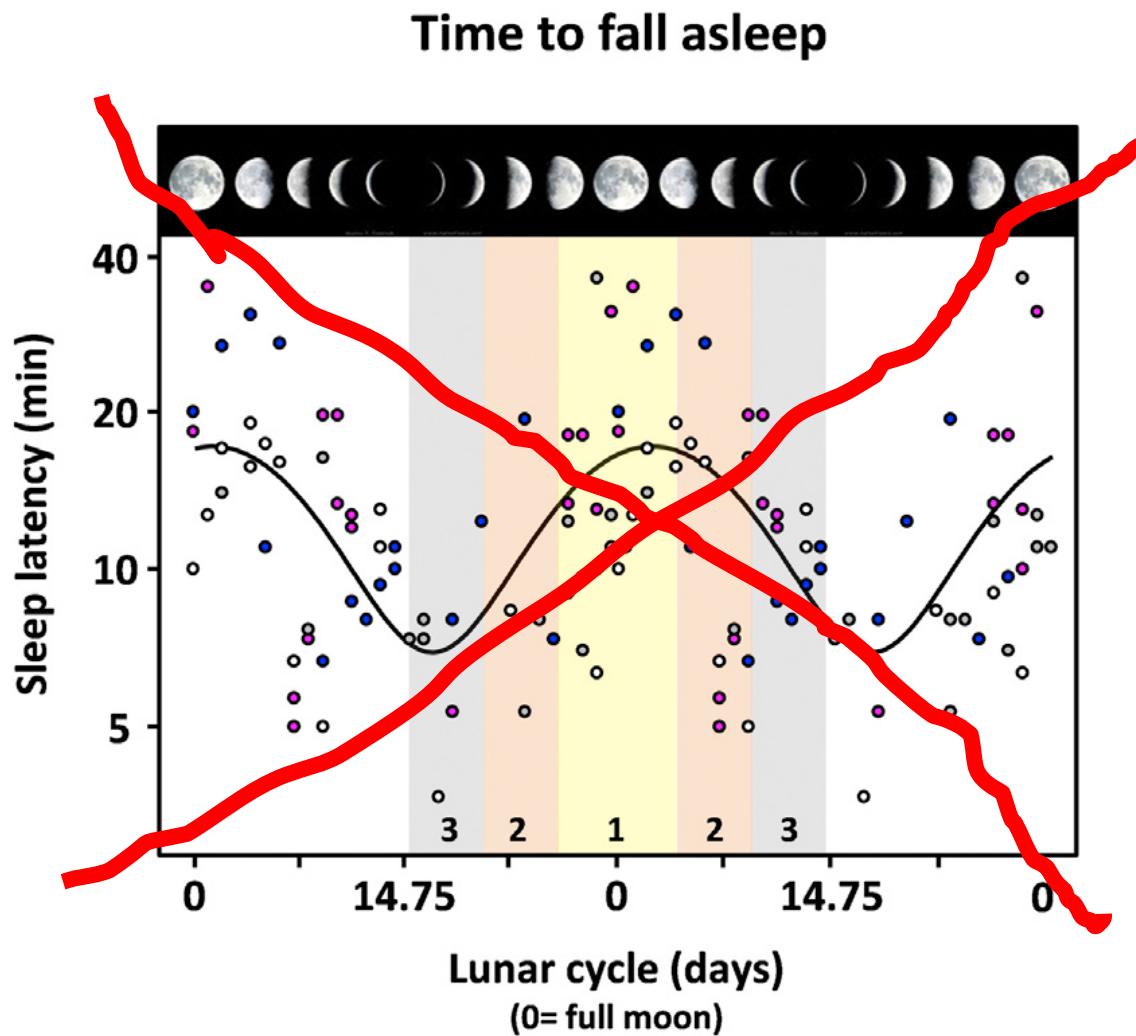


## Sleep: weekly oscillations





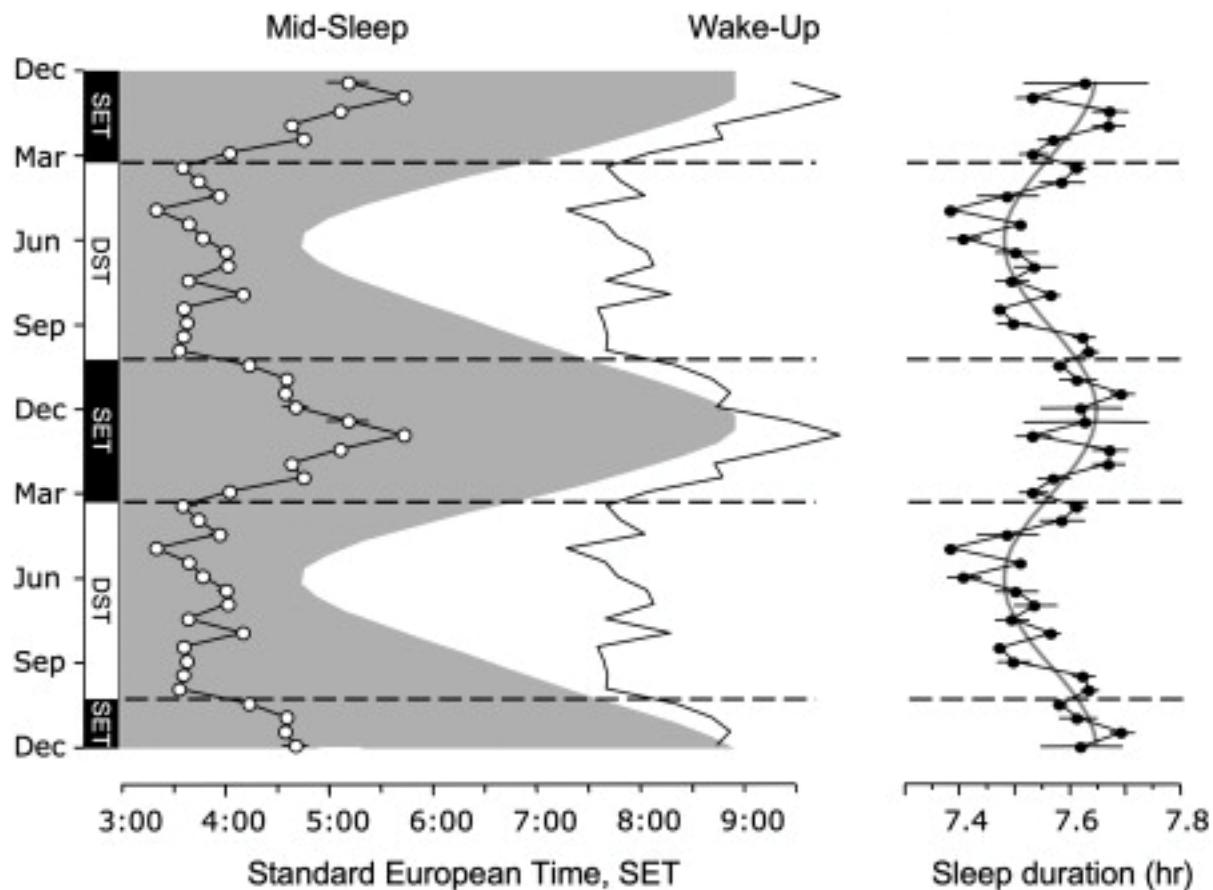
# Sleep: monthly oscillations?



Cajochen et al., 2013  
but: Cordi et al., 2014

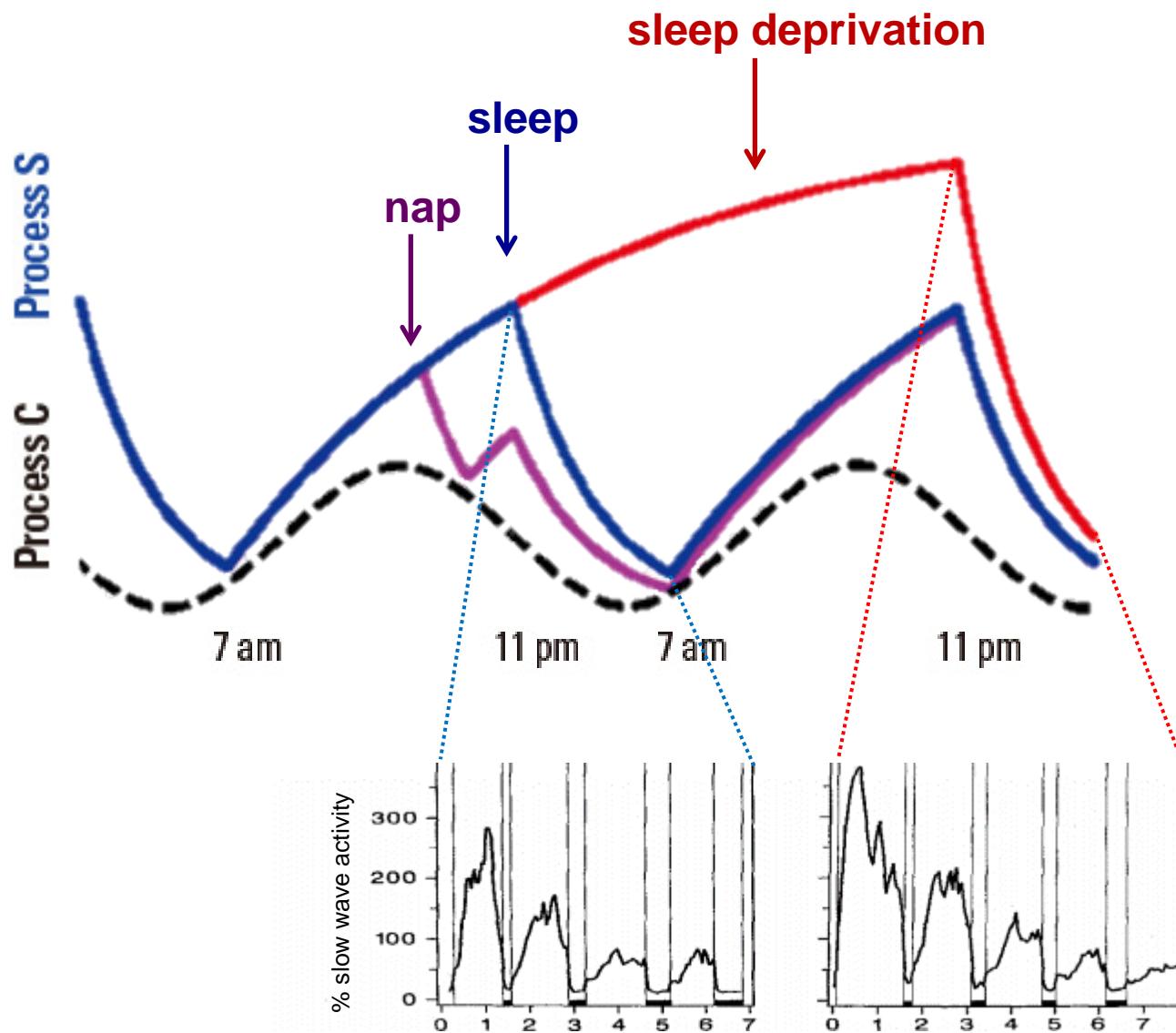


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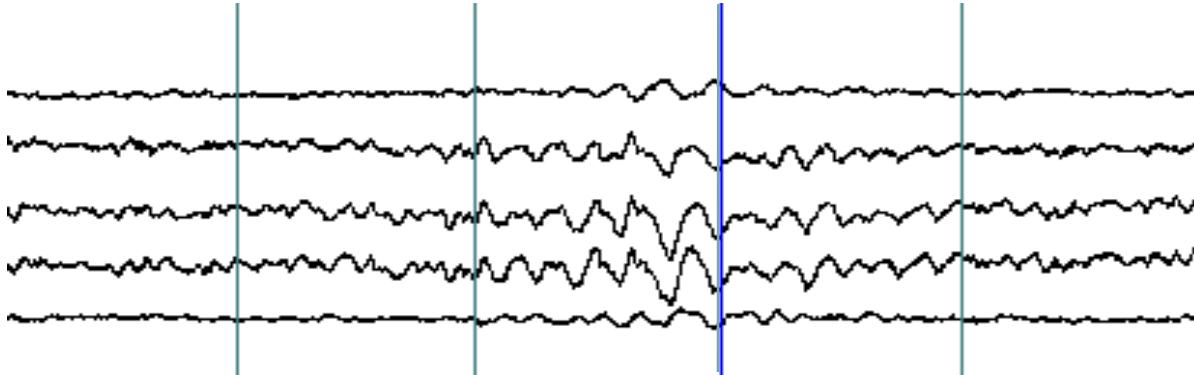


## Sleep regulation: two-process model





## Sleep pressure

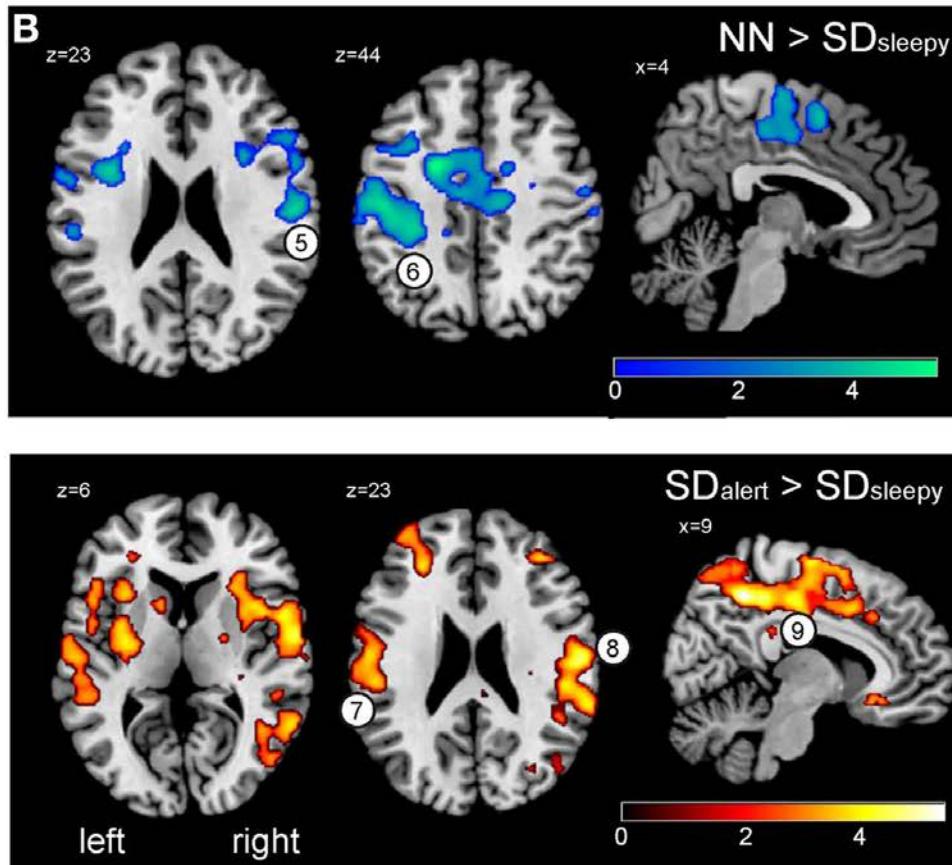


– microsleep

– local sleep



# Combined EEG/fMRI: vigilance measurement





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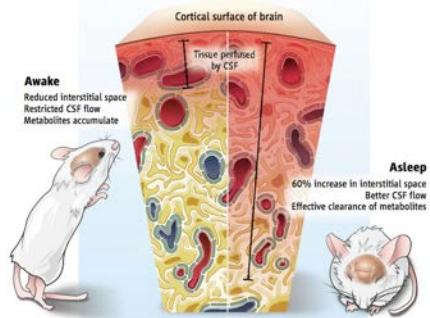
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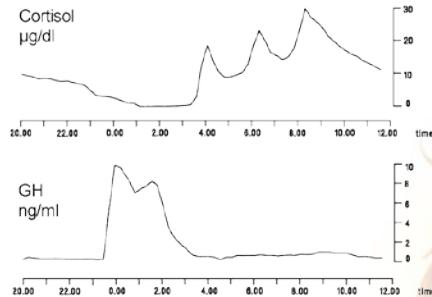


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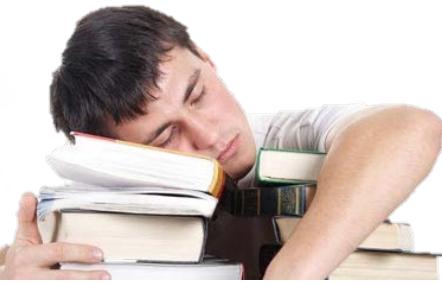
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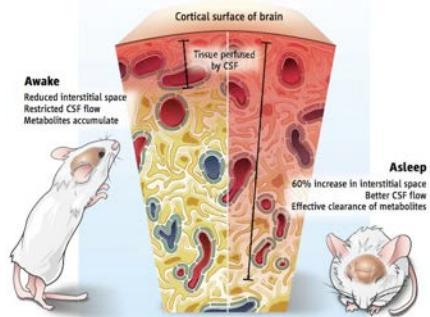


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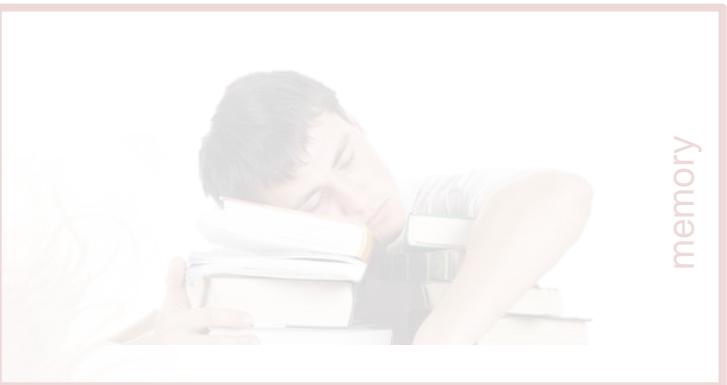


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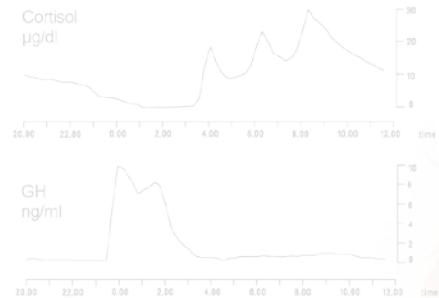
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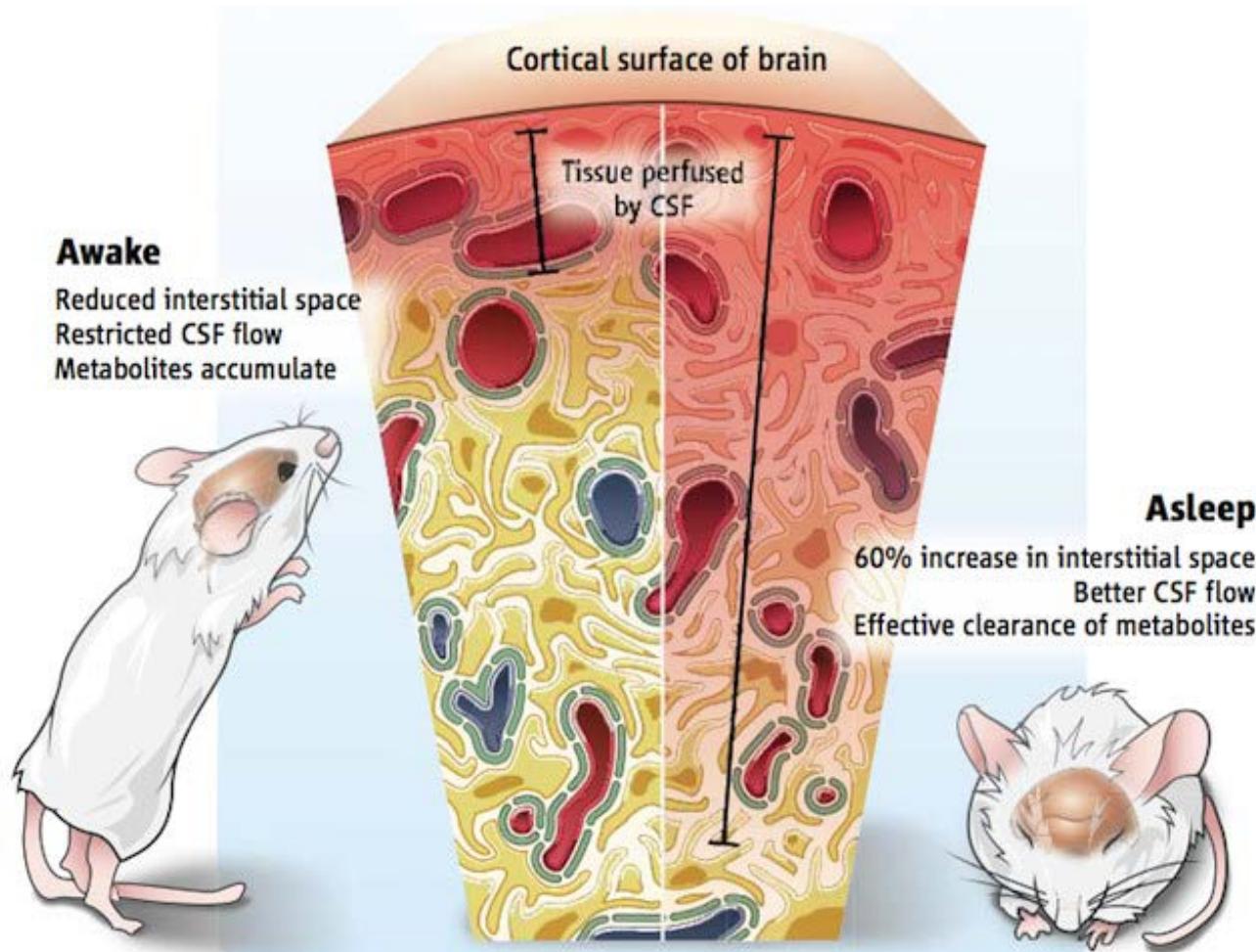


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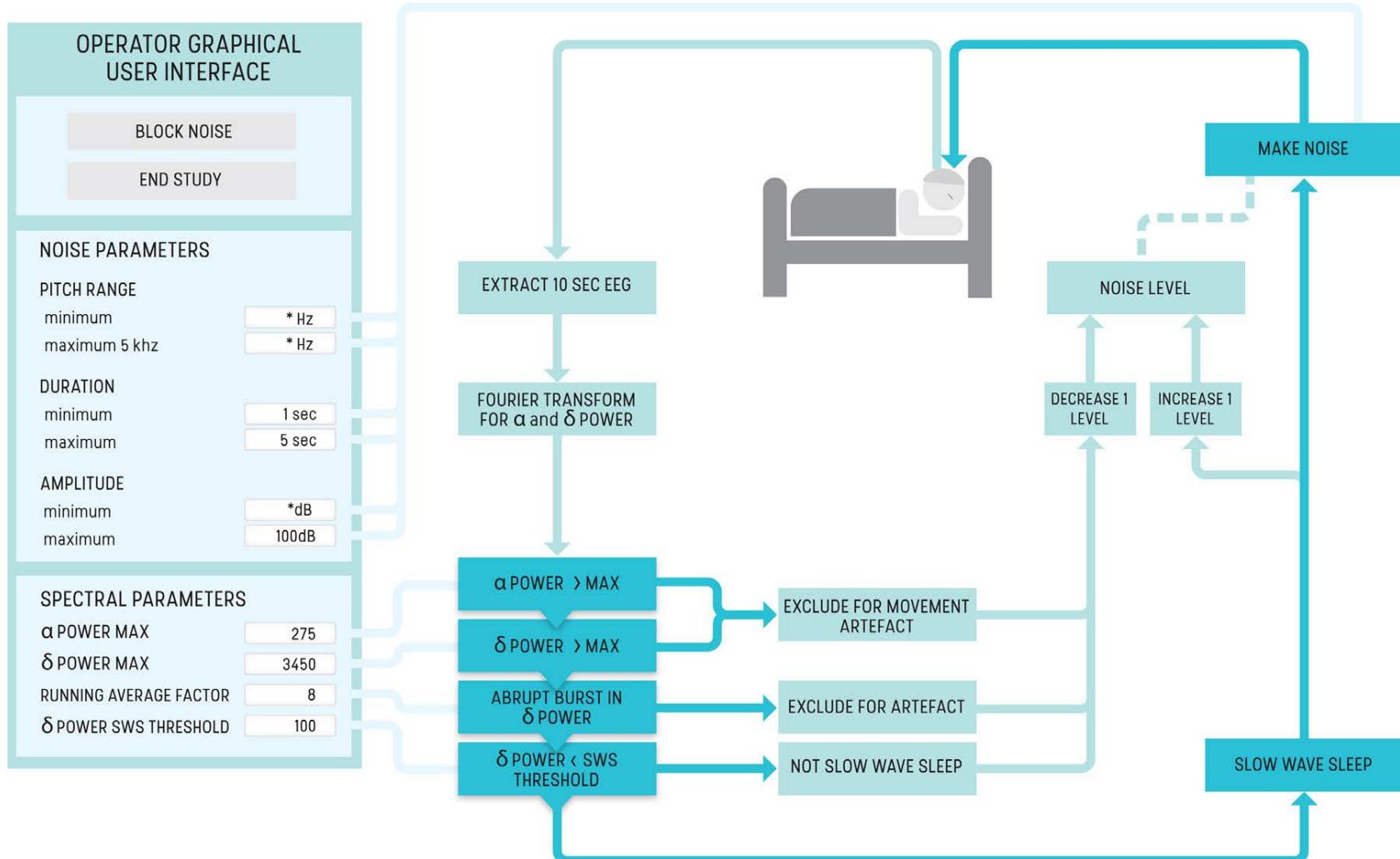


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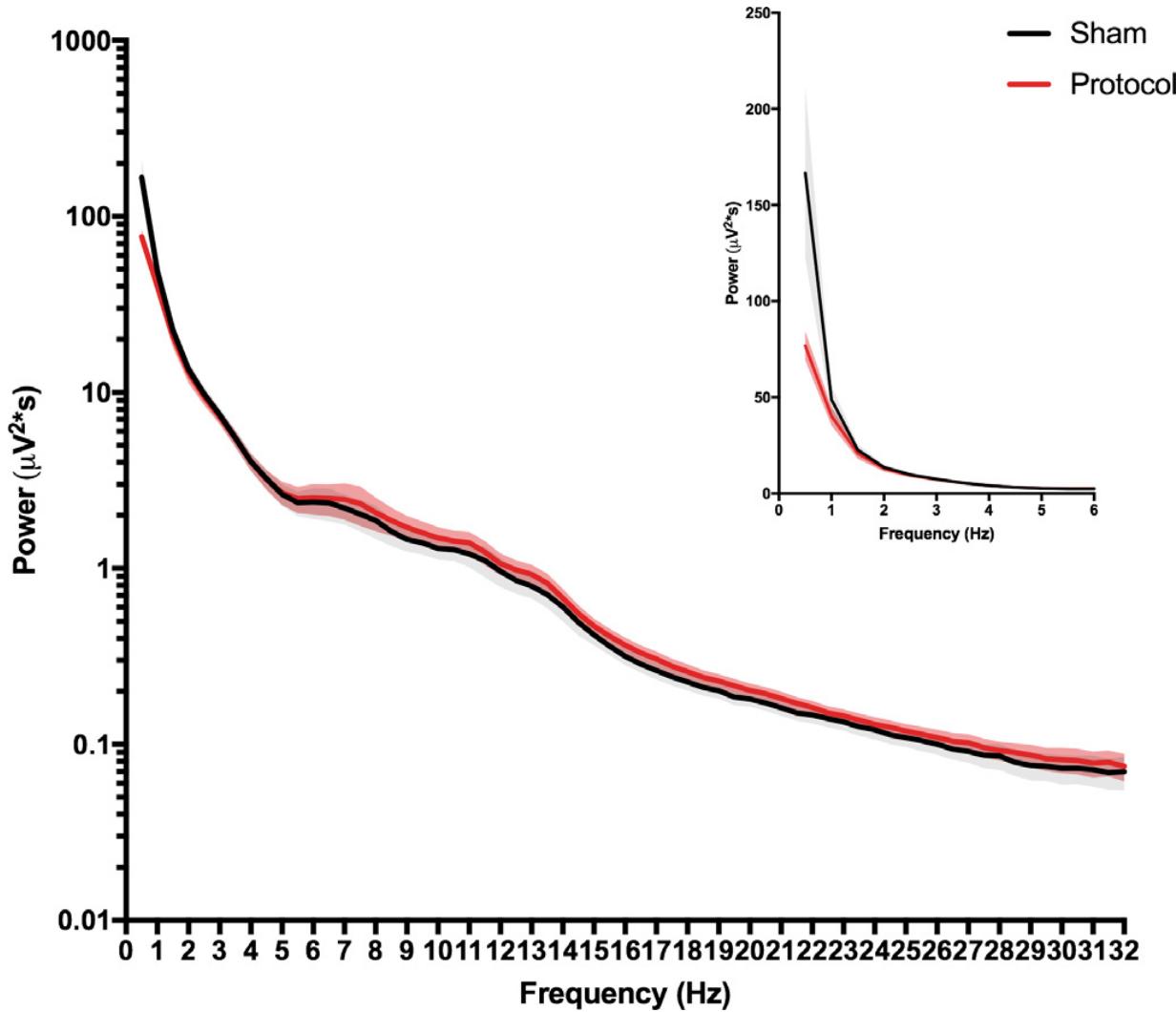


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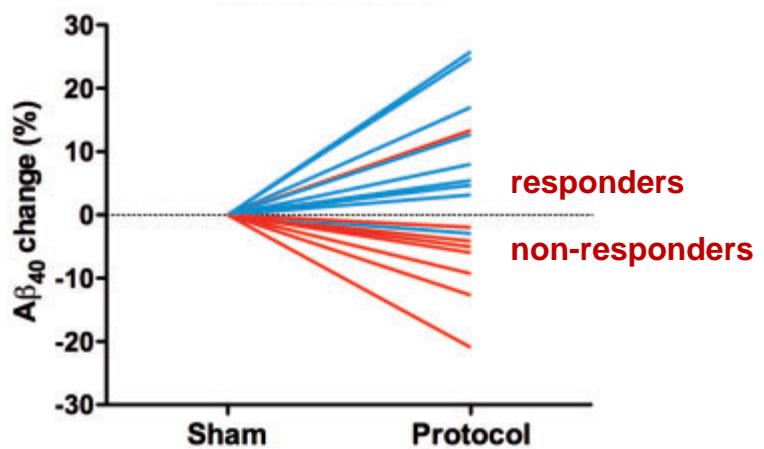
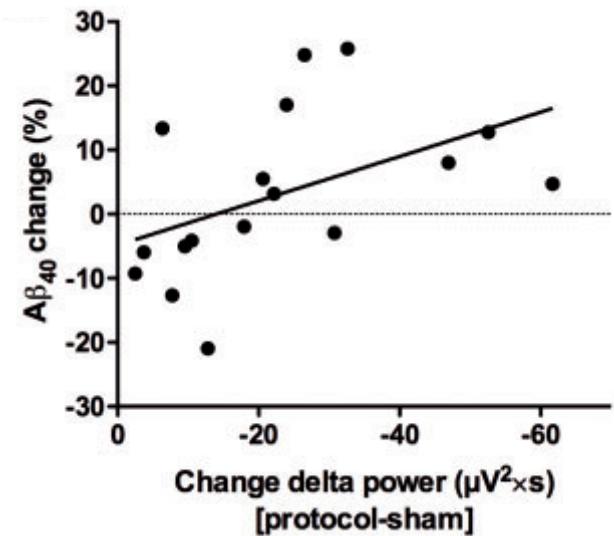
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Ooms et al., 2017



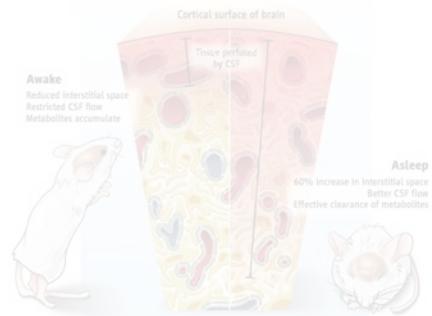
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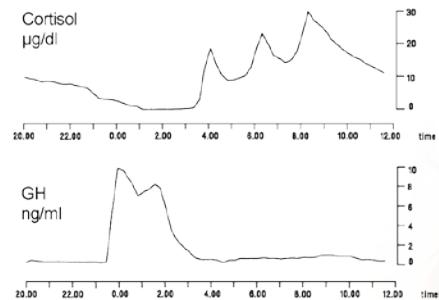


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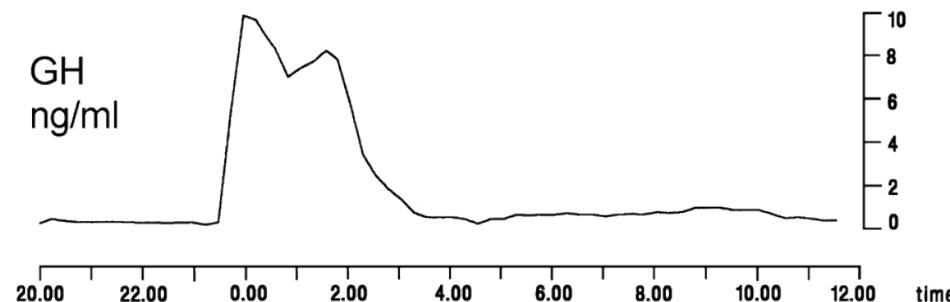
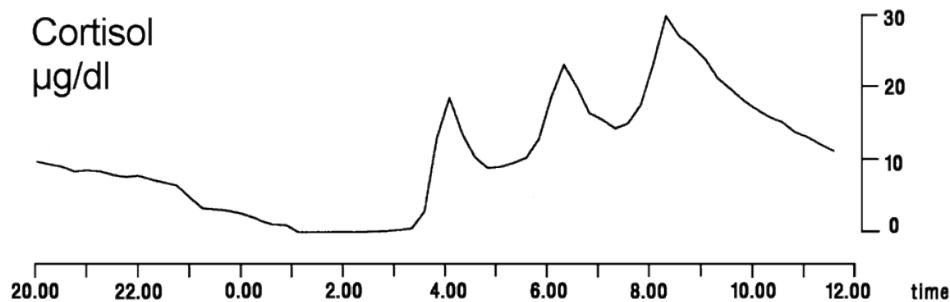
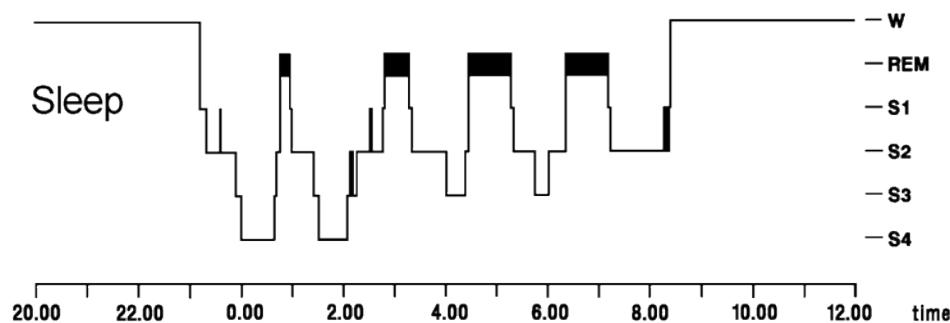
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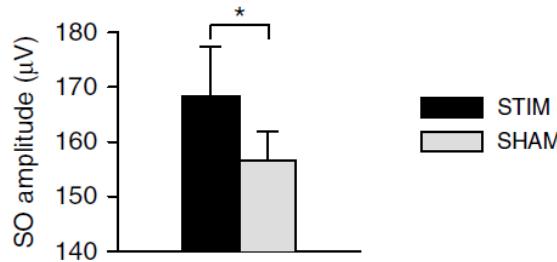
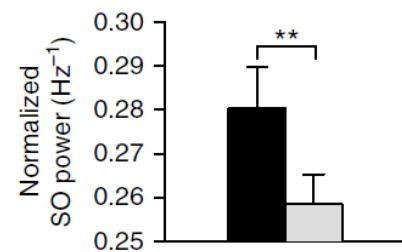
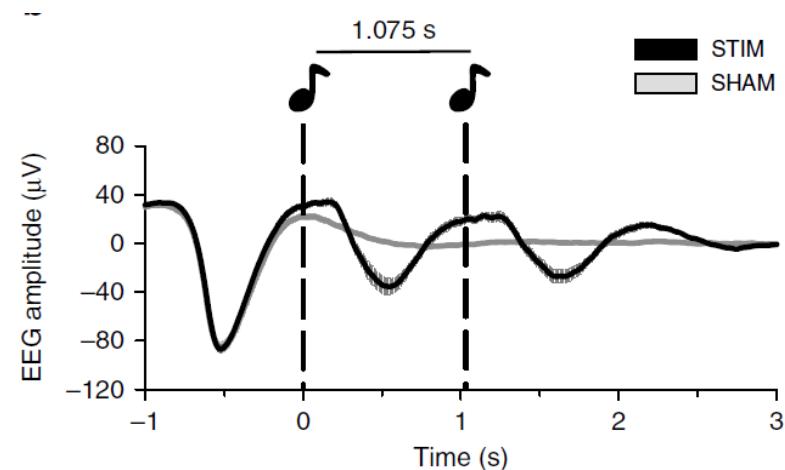
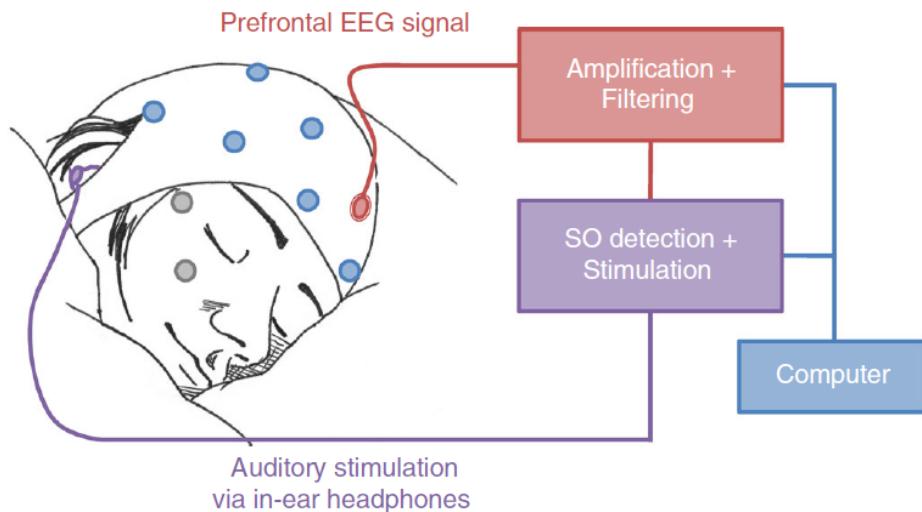
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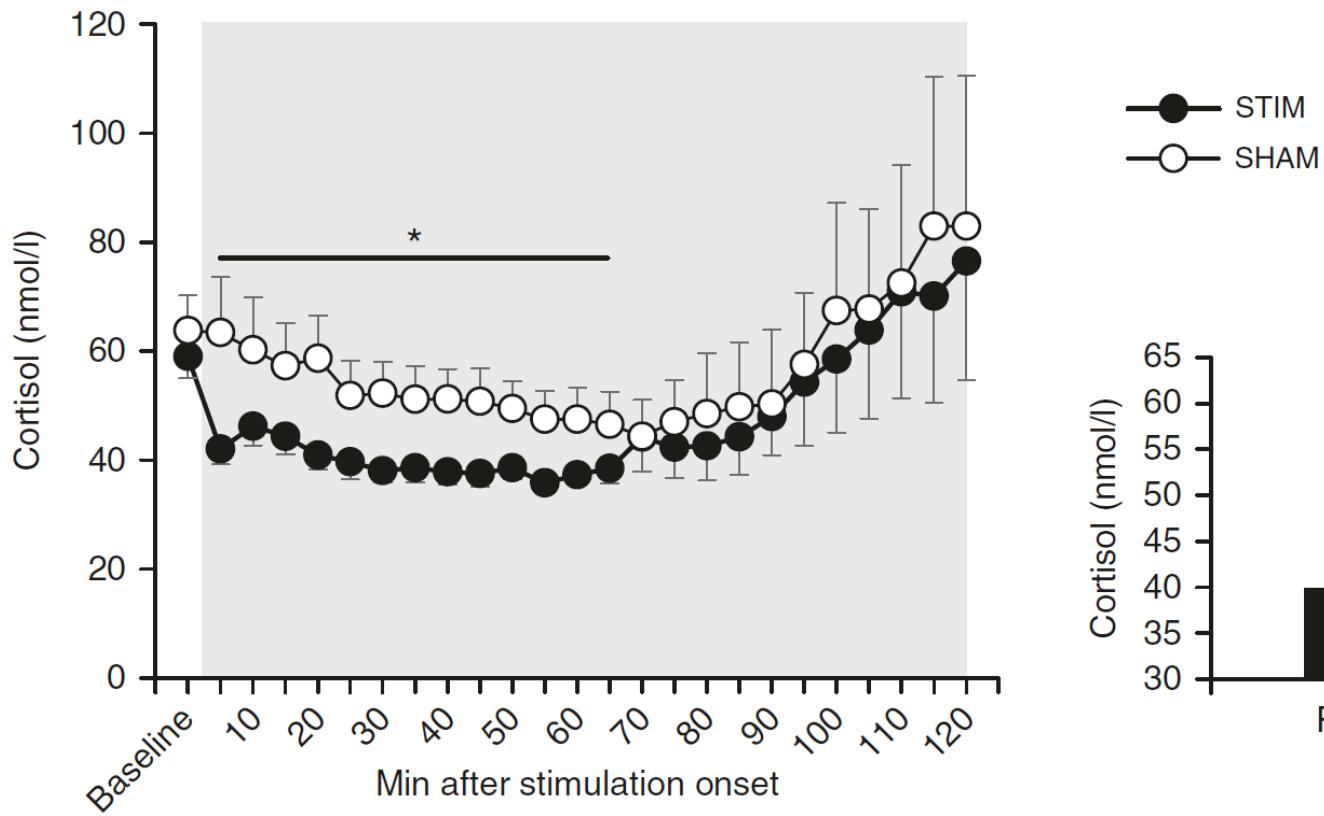
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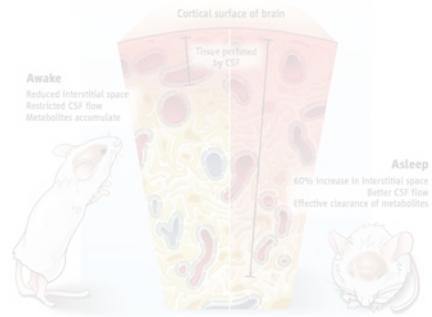
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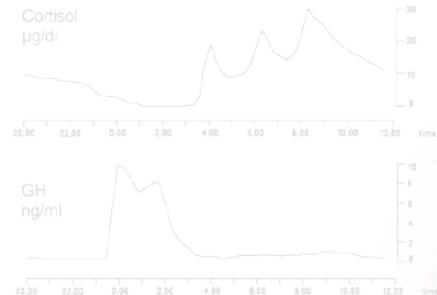


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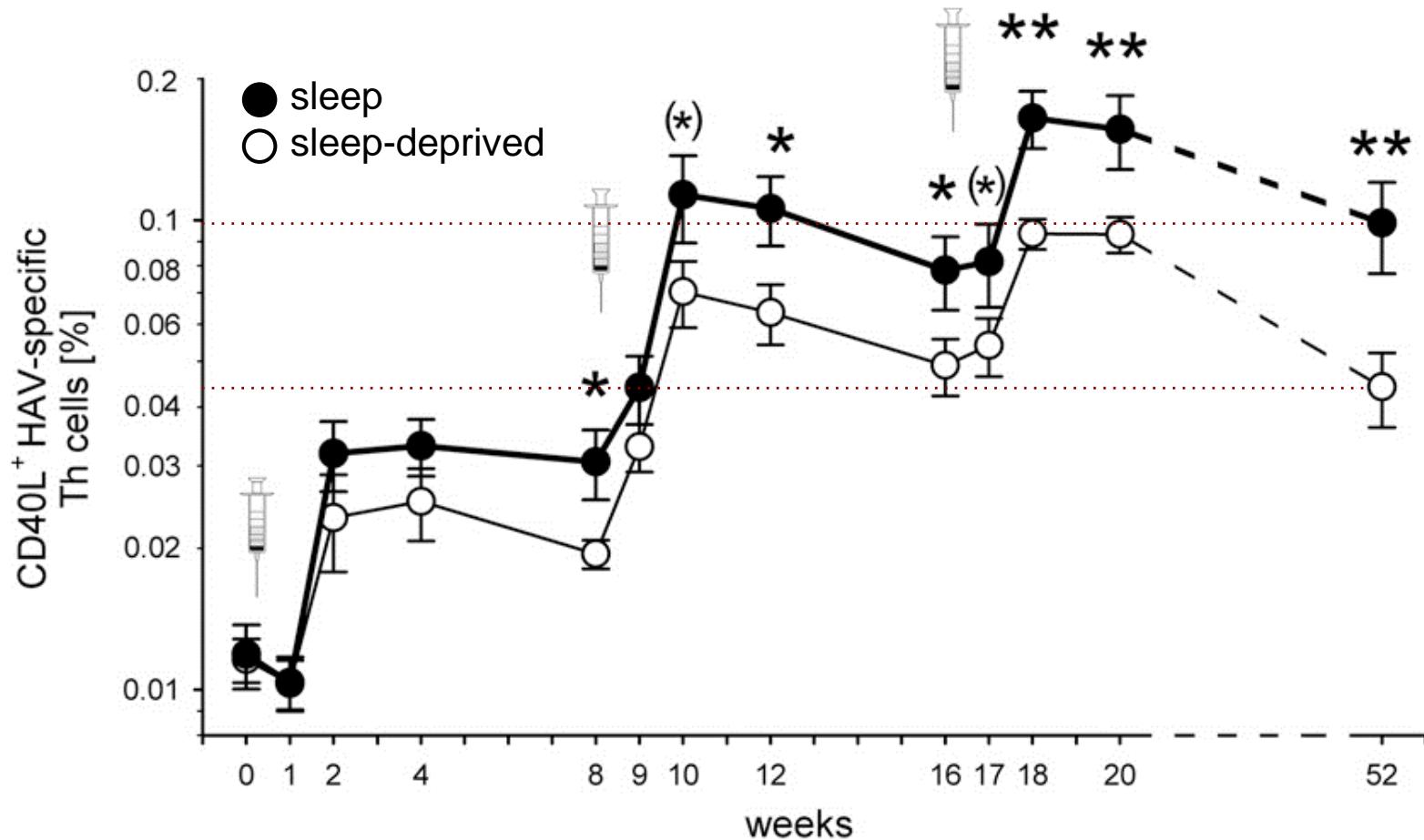


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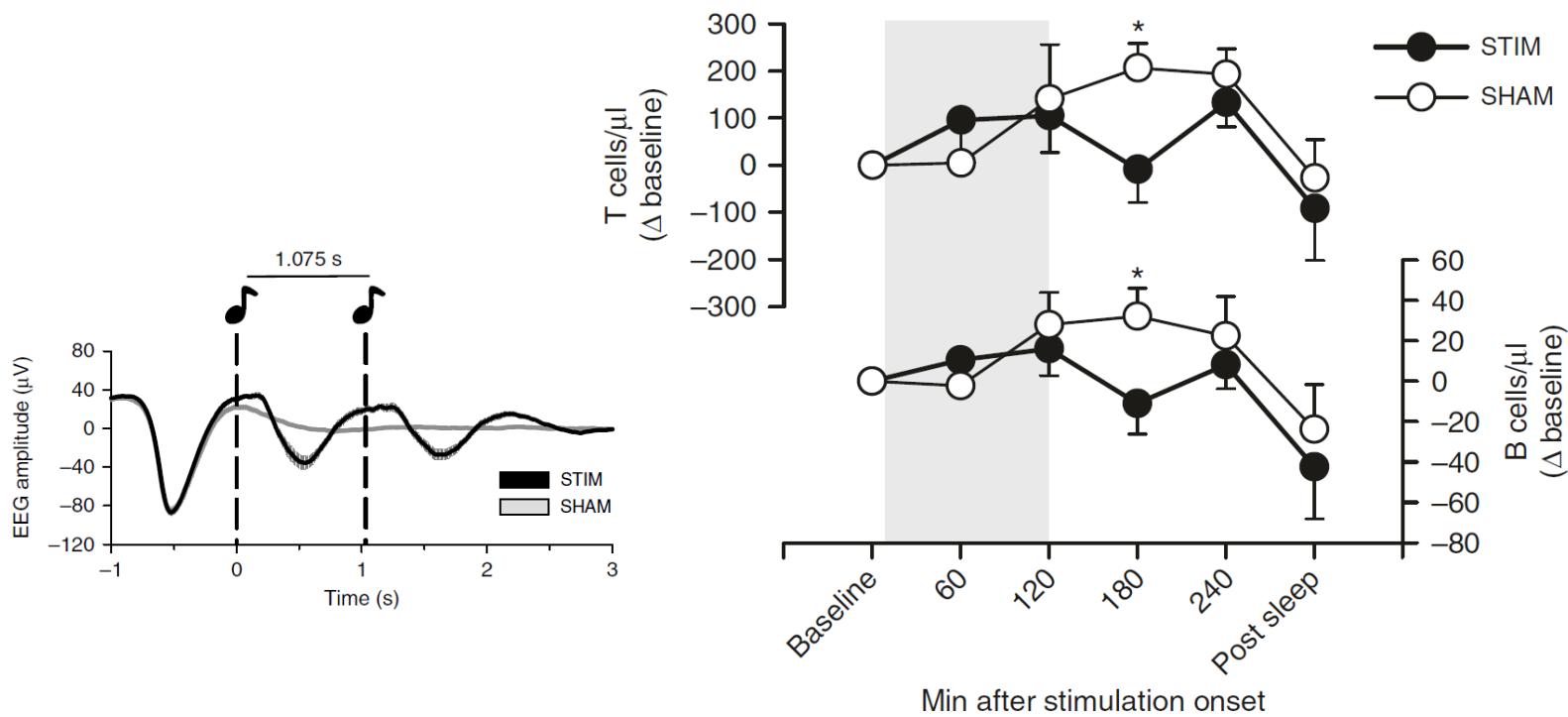
# Immunological function of sleep



Lange et al., 2011



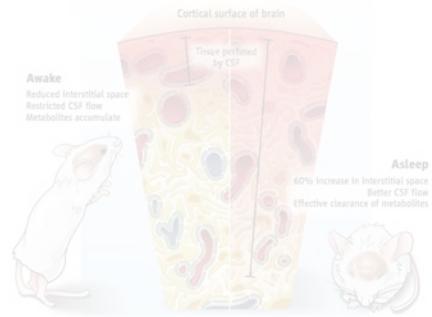
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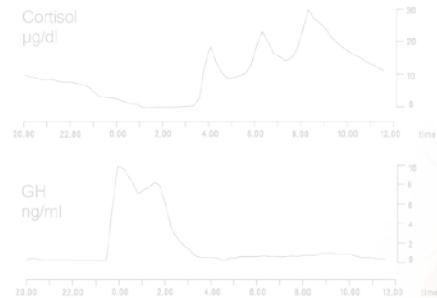


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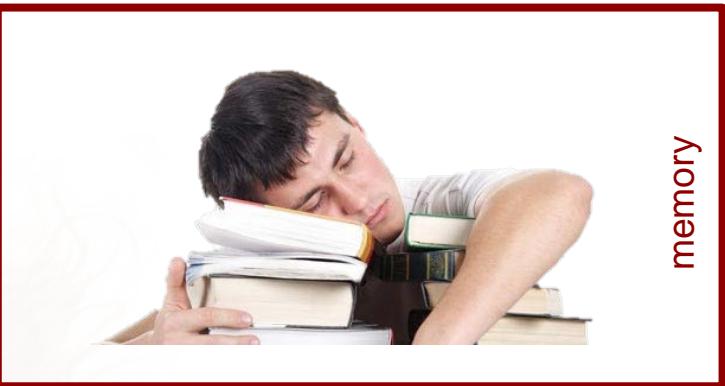
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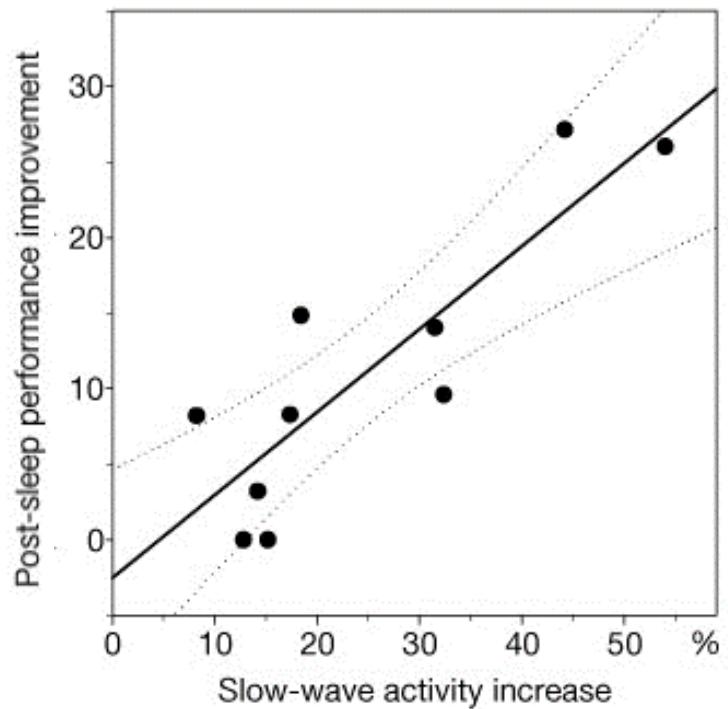
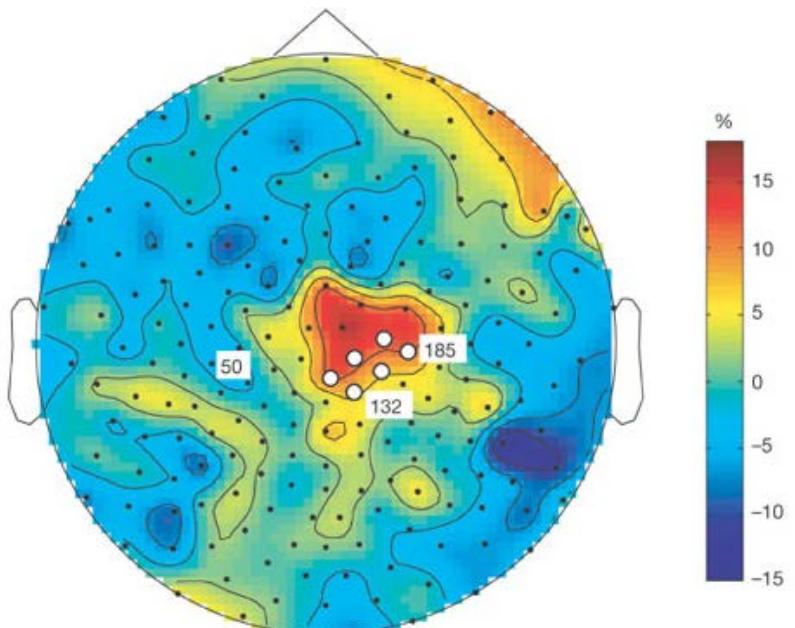


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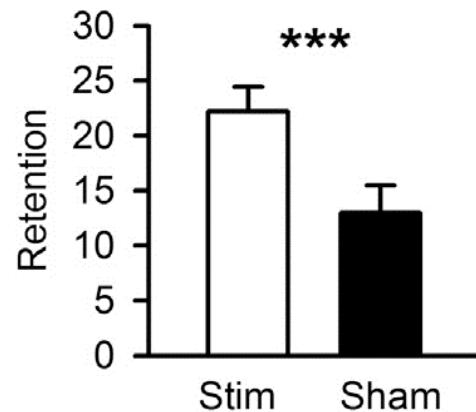
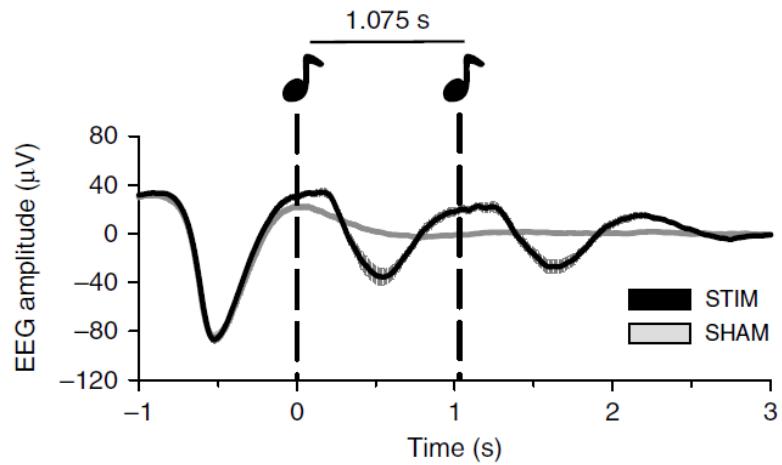
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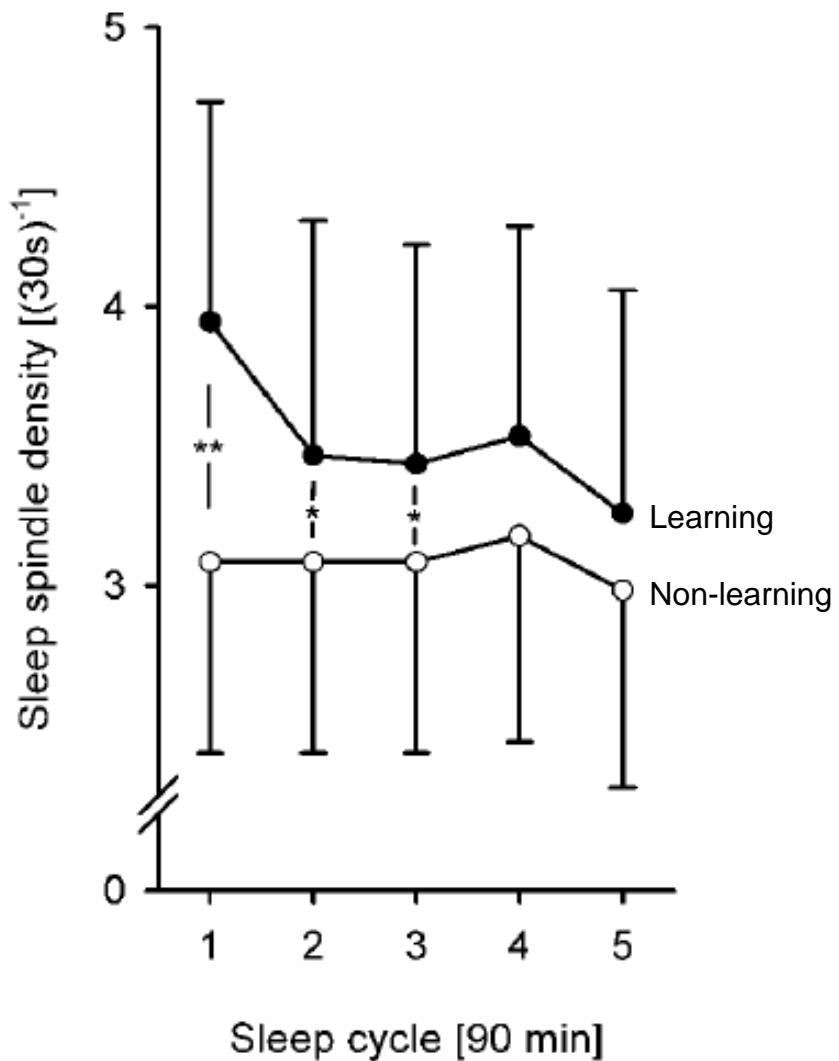


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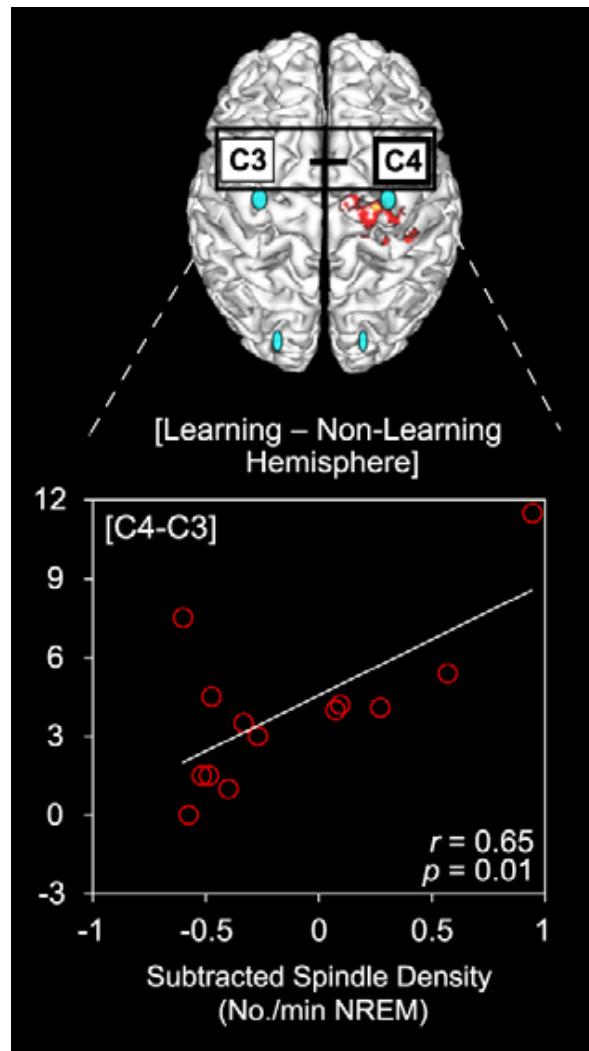




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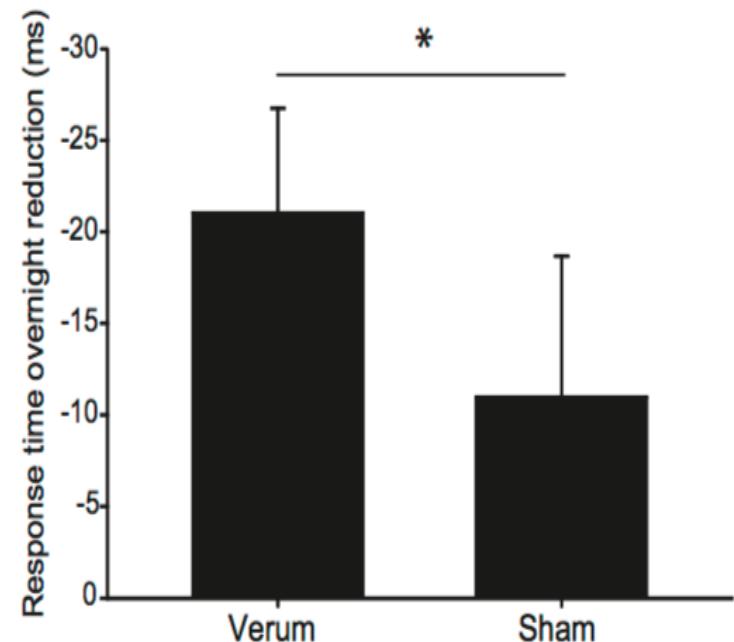
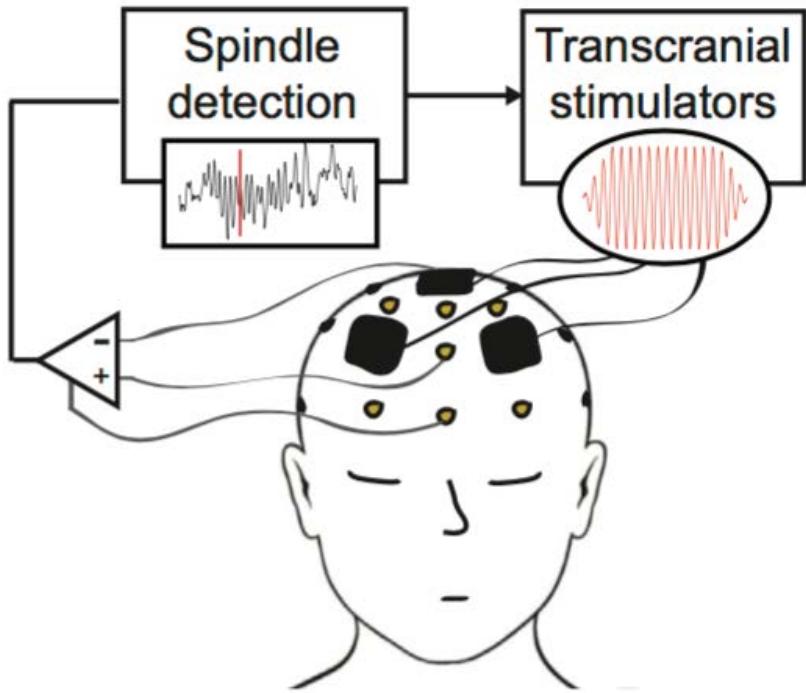


Gais et al., 2002



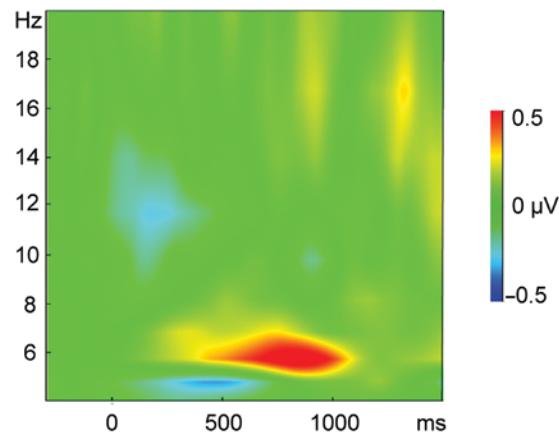
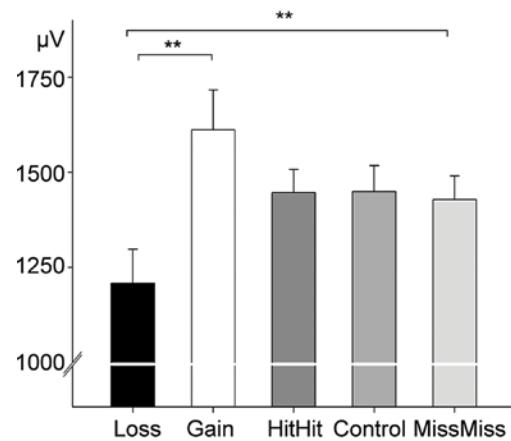
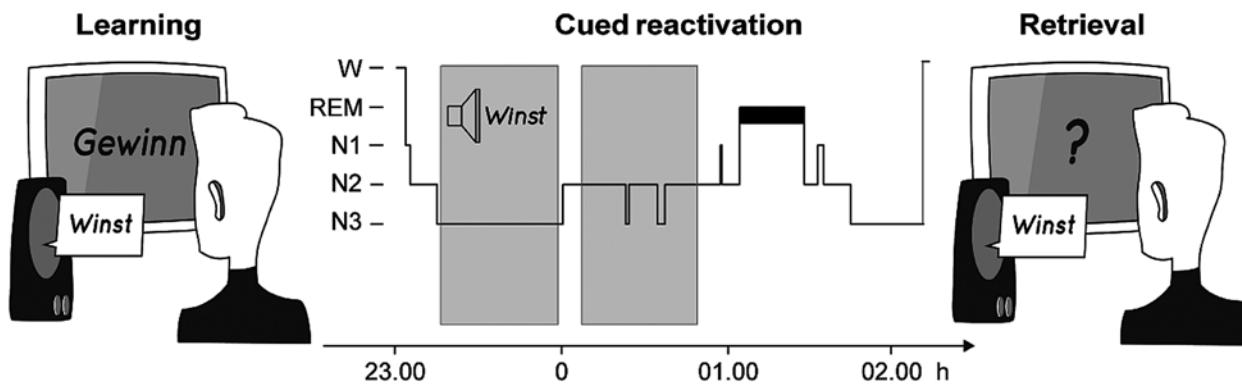
Nishida & Walker, 2007

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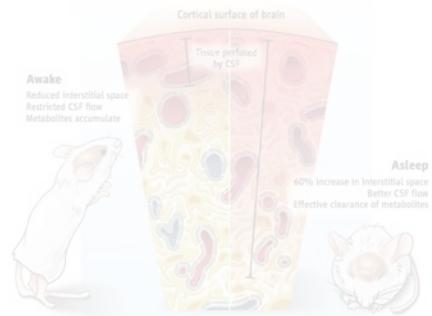
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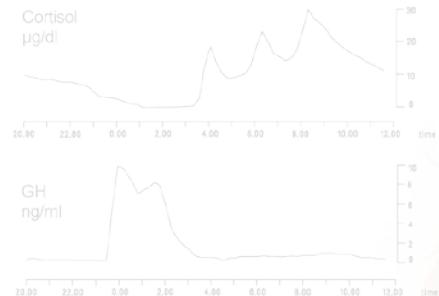


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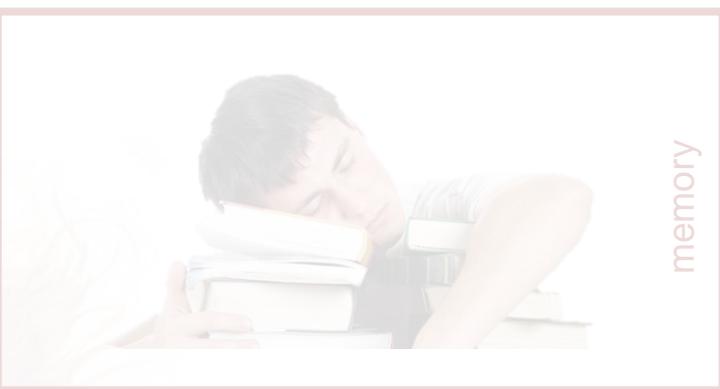
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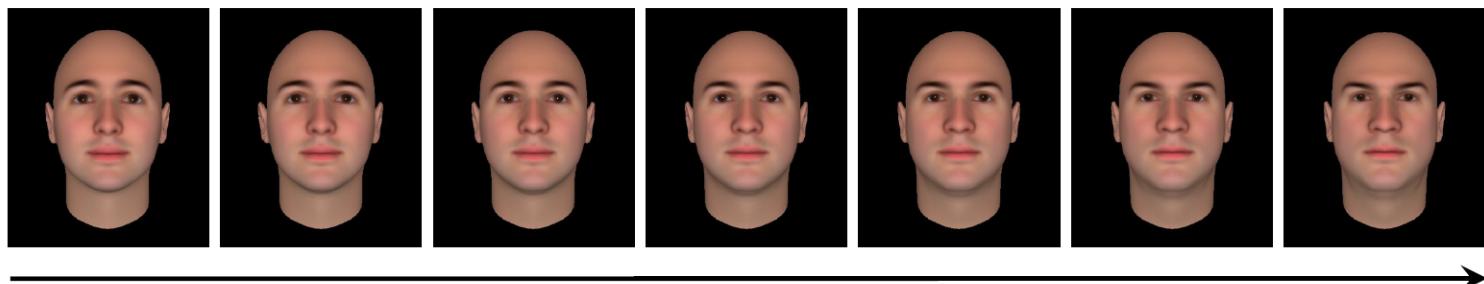
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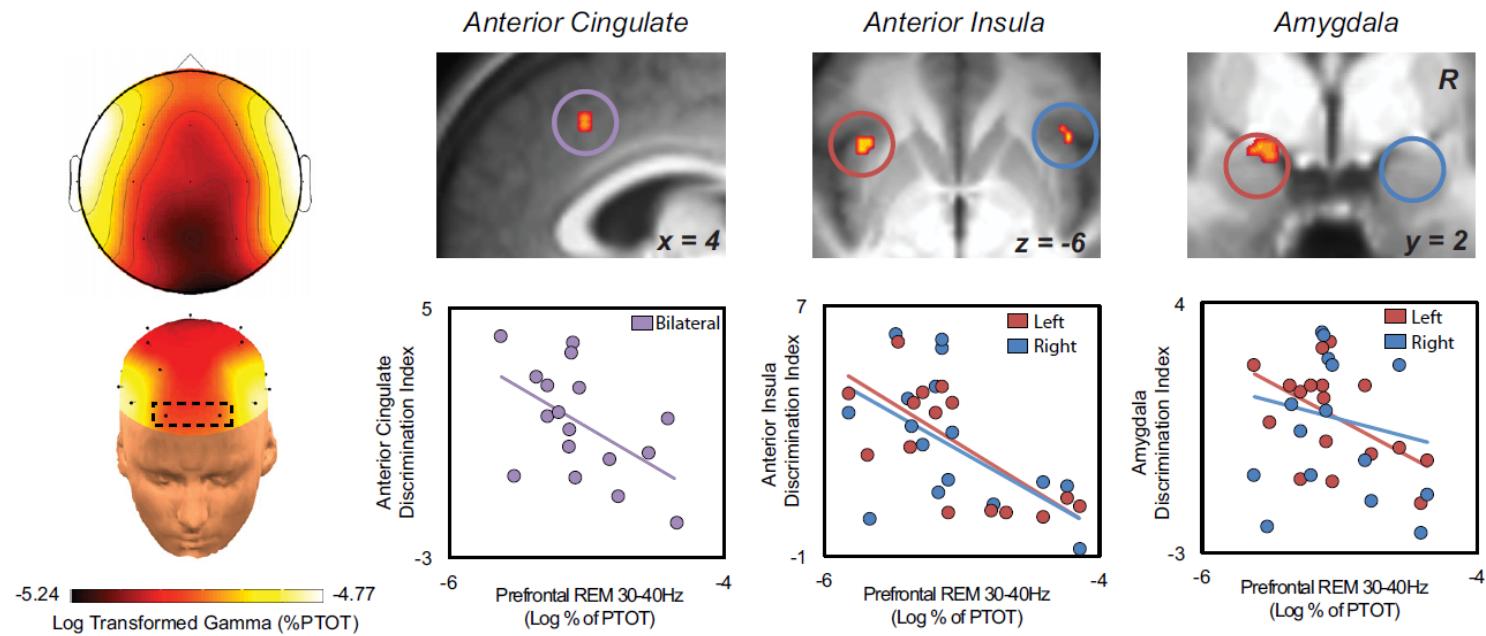


# Emotional function of sleep



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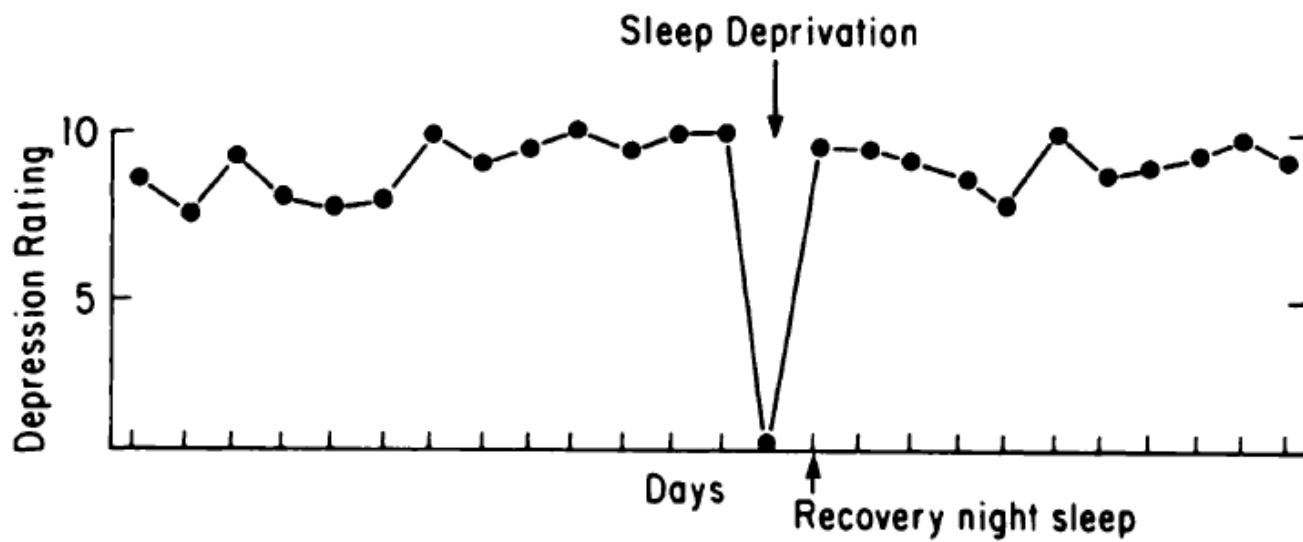
Threatening



Goldstein-Piekarski et al., 2015



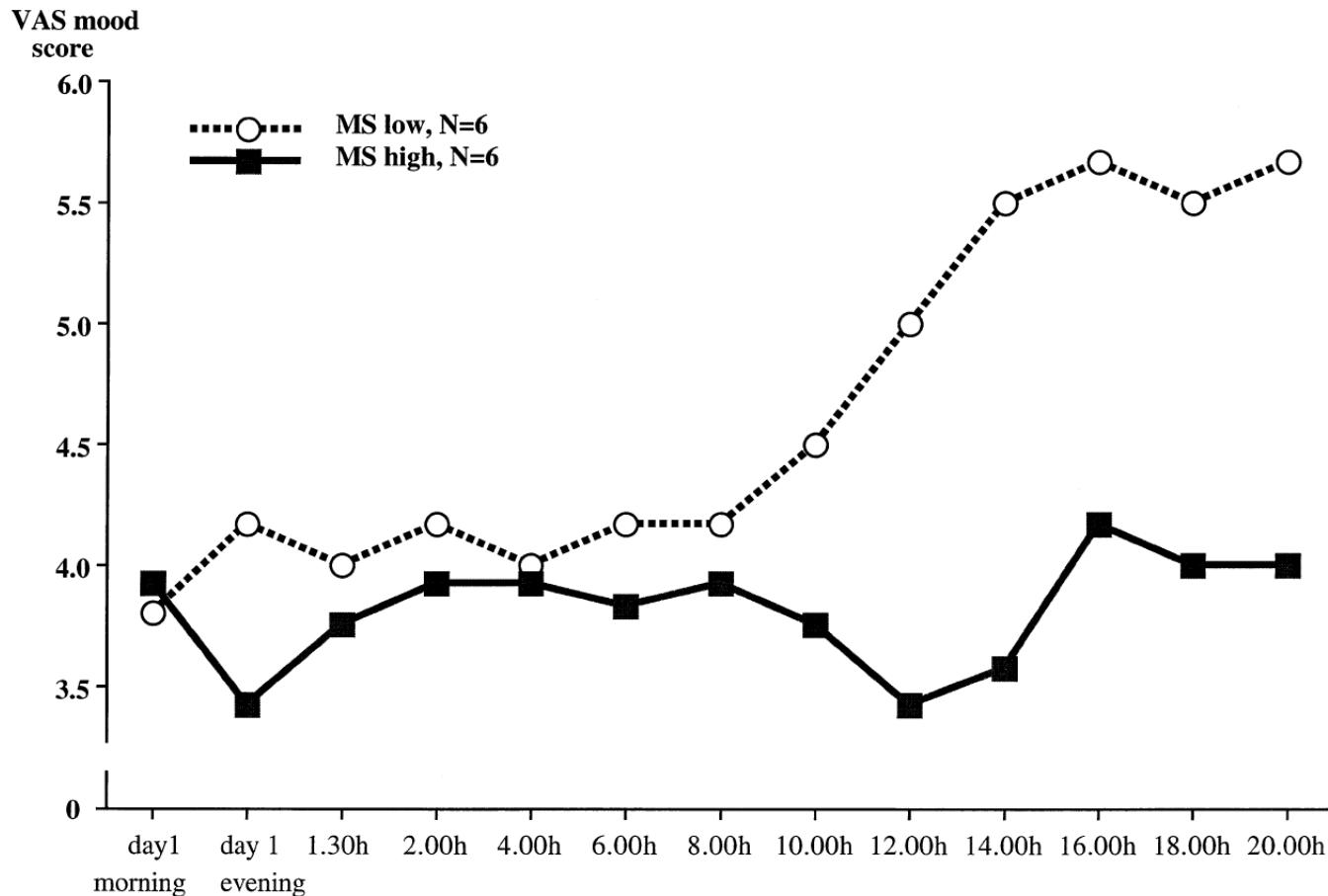
## Depression and sleep deprivation



Wu & Bunney, 1990



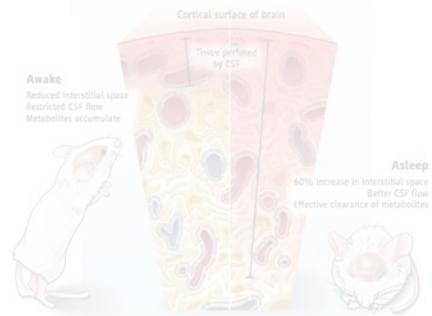
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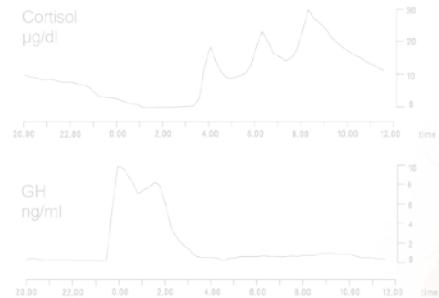


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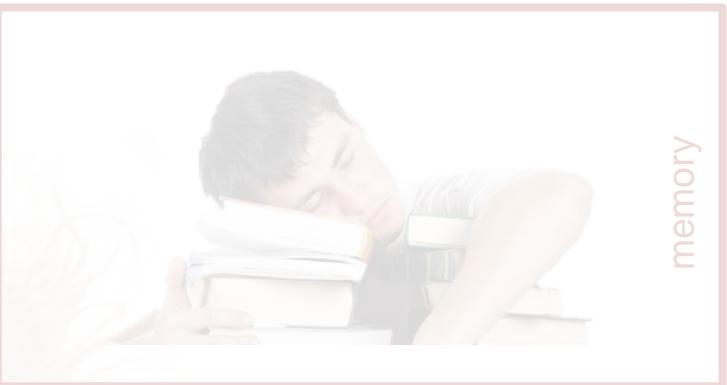
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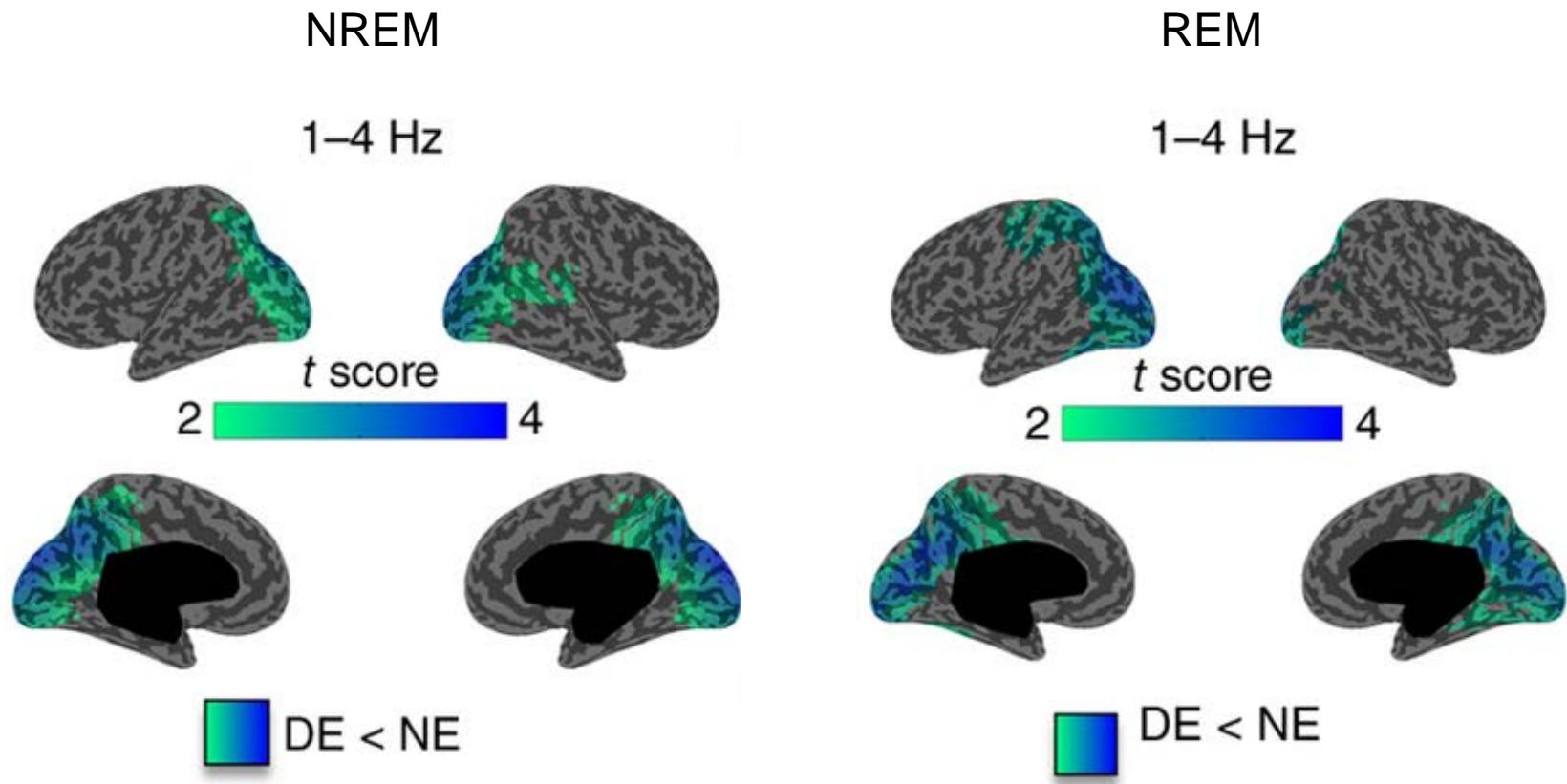


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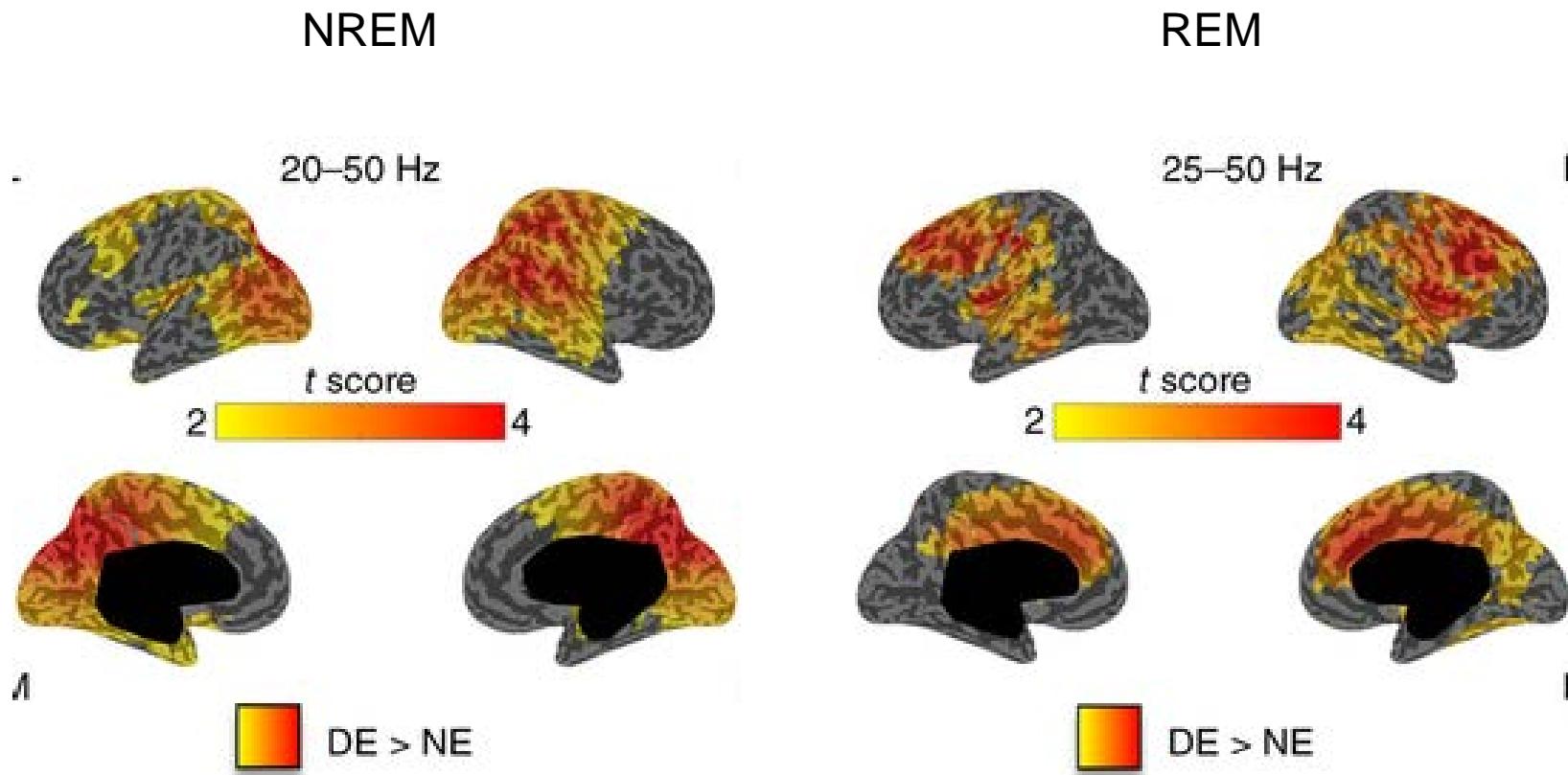


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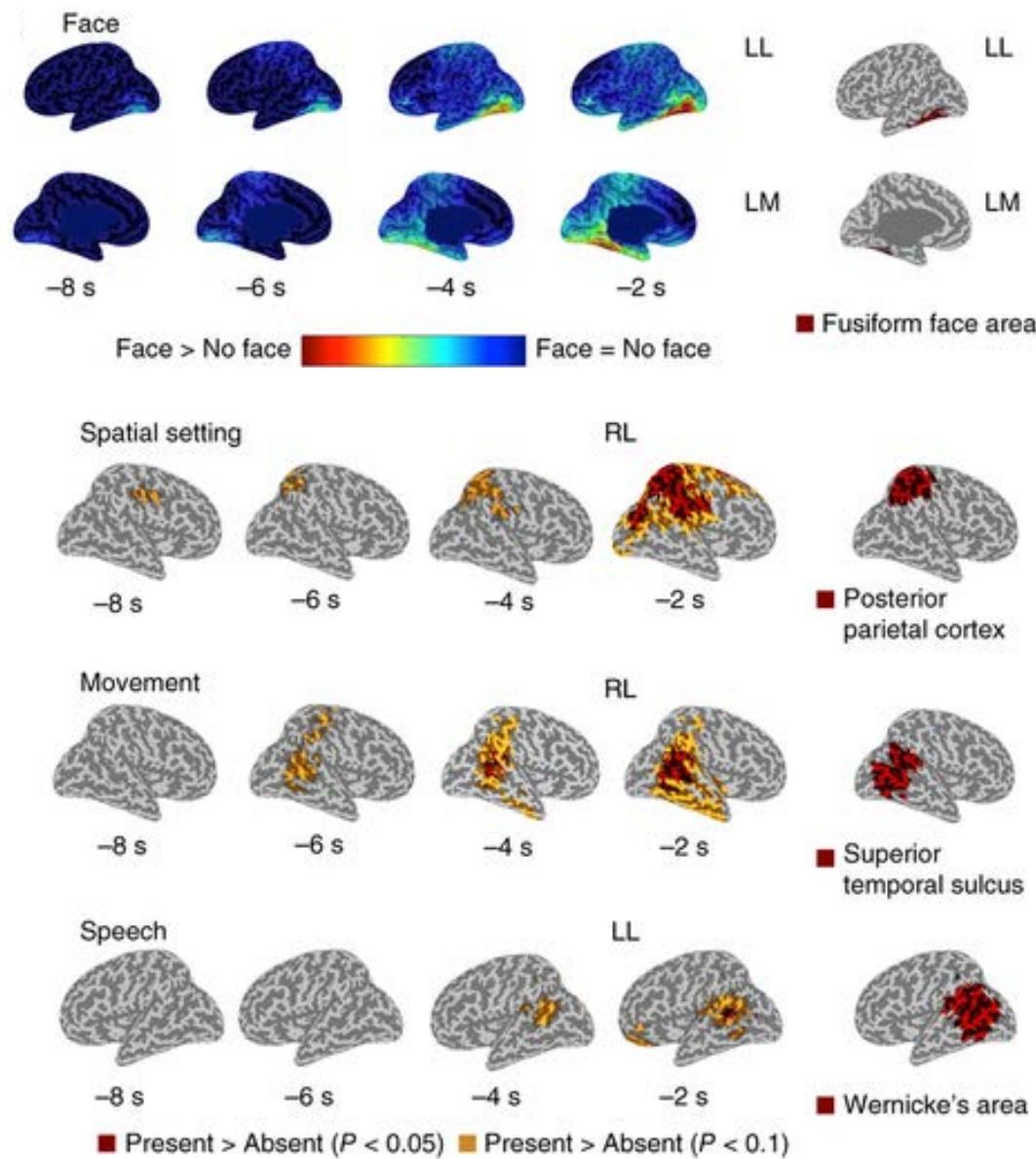




## Dream experience vs. no experience



# Dream content



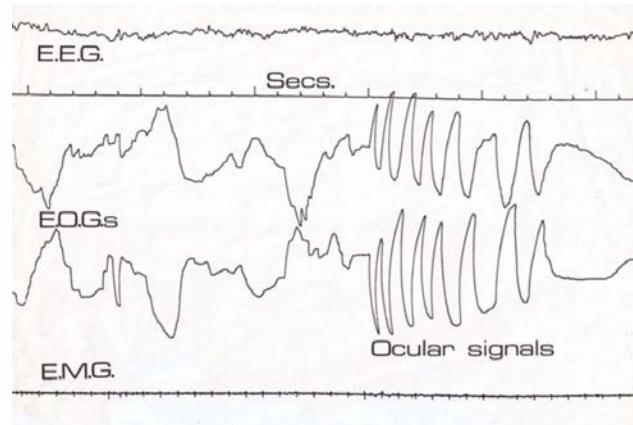


...am I  
dreaming?

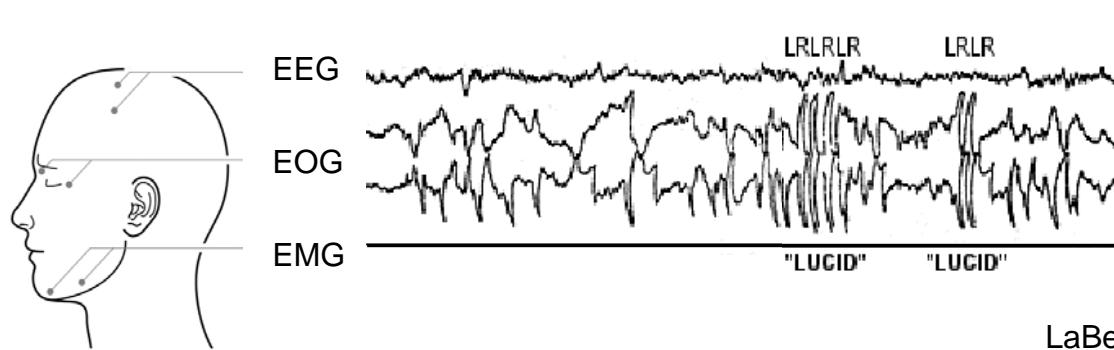




# Lucid dreaming



Hearne, 1978

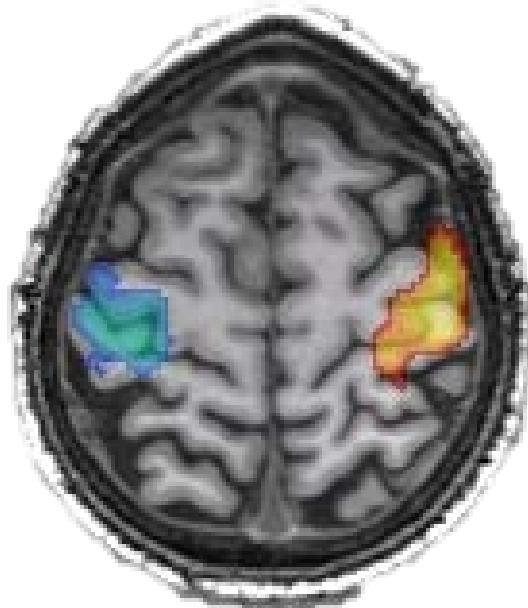


LaBerge et al., 1981

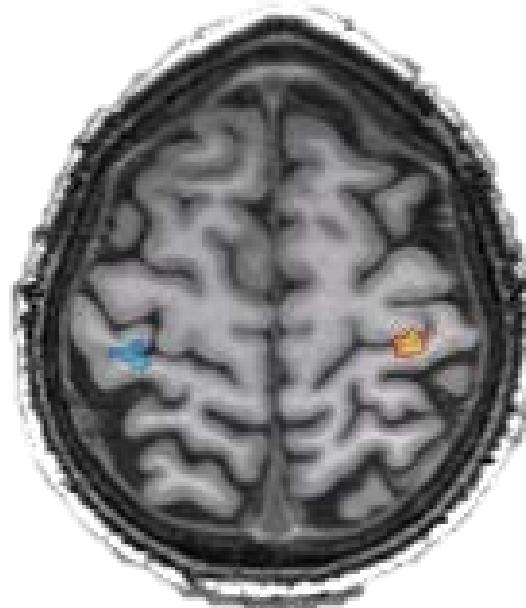


# Neural correlates of dream content

real hand movement



dreamed hand movement

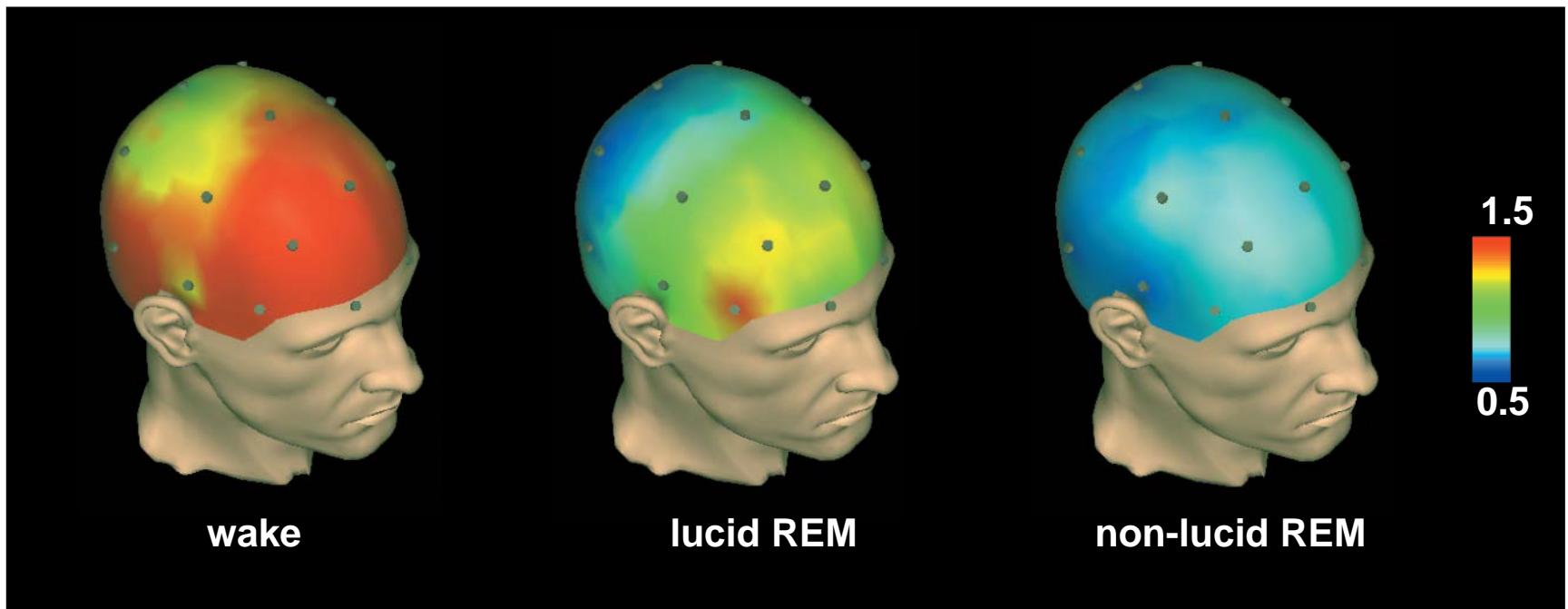


Dresler et al., 2011



# Neural correlates of lucid dreaming

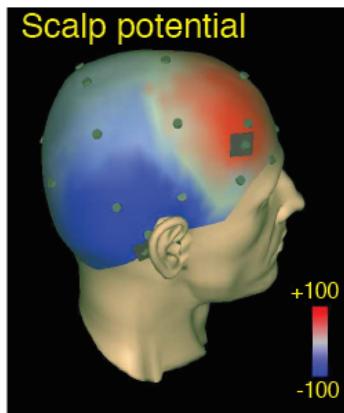
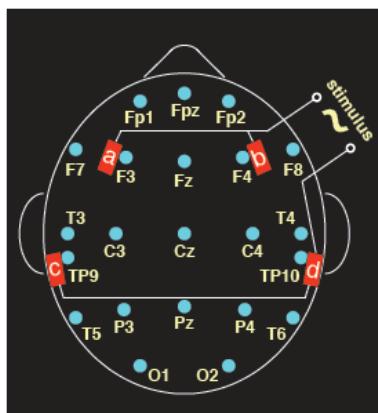
40 Hz gamma power





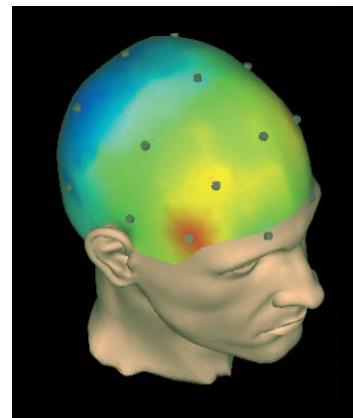
# Neural correlates of lucid dreaming

transcranial alternating current stimulation (tACS)

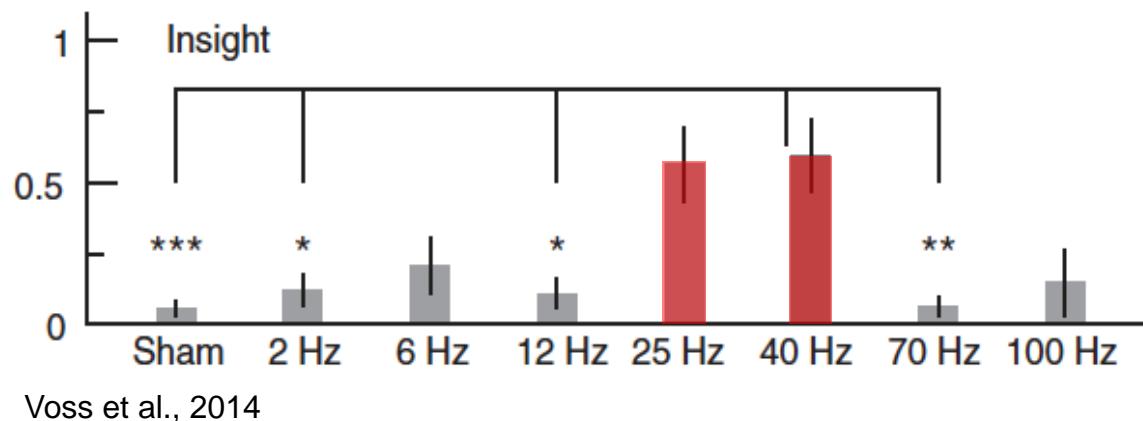


Voss et al., 2014

40 Hz: lucid REM



Voss et al., 2009



Voss et al., 2014



## Conclusions

- Spontaneous EEG activity harbors important information
- In particular sleep before, during, after experiment!
- Cascade of nested oscillations
- Options to manipulate spontaneous oscillations