

# 511-2018-11-02-fear-stress-reward

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# Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing

Stevie Wonder - Don't you worry bout a thing

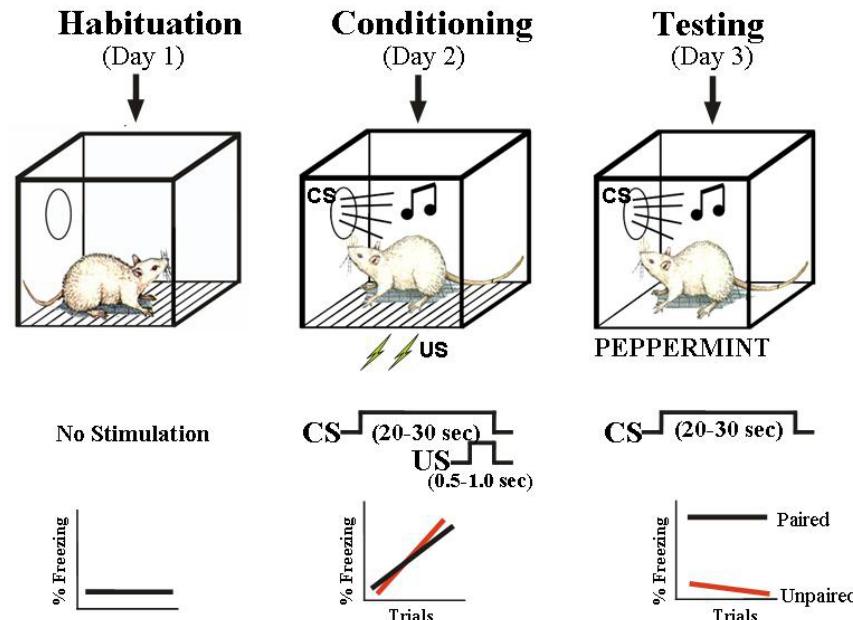


# Today's topics

- Fear
- Stress
- Reward

# Animal model of learned 'fear'

Pavlovian Threat Conditioning Paradigm



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Conditioned suppression of a rat's lever pressing

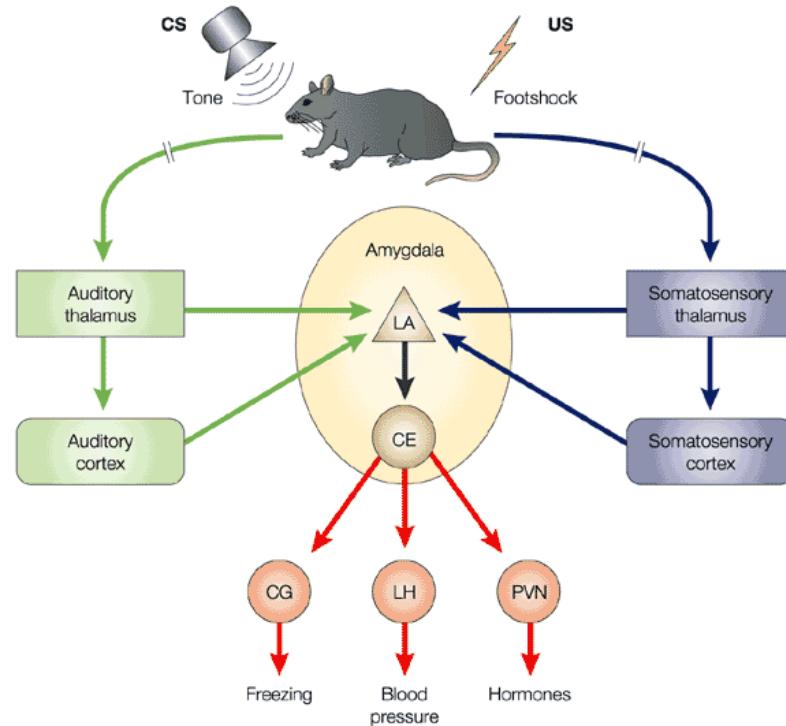


# Rat vs. Human

Measures in Animal Model	DSM-III: Generalized Anxiety
Heart rate increase	Heart pounding
Salivation decrease	Dry mouth
Stomach ulcers	Upset stomach
Respiration change	Respiration increase
Scanning & vigilance	Scanning & vigilance
Startle response increase	Jumpiness, easy startle
Urination	Frequent urination
Defecation	Diarrhea
Grooming	Fidgeting
Freezing	Apprehensive expectation

Adapted from [\(Davis, 1992\)](#)

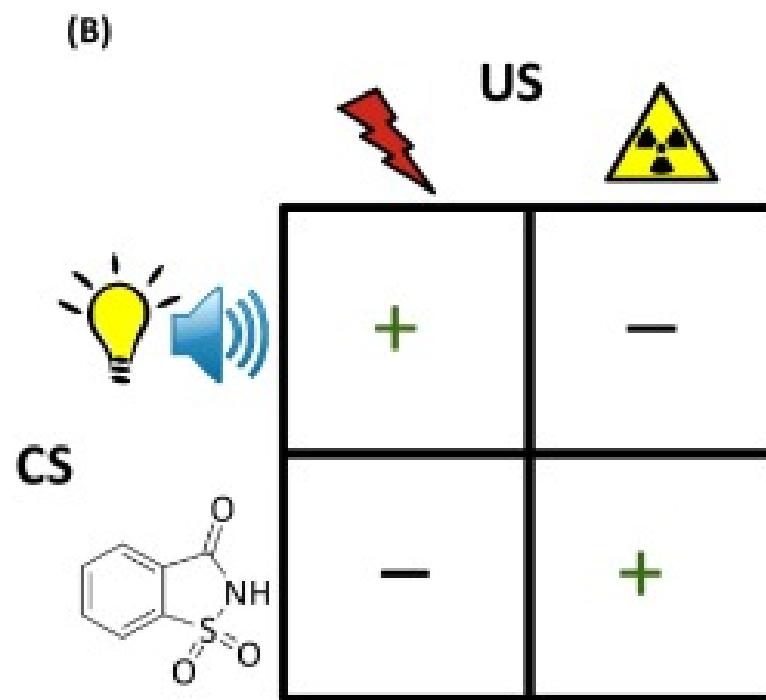
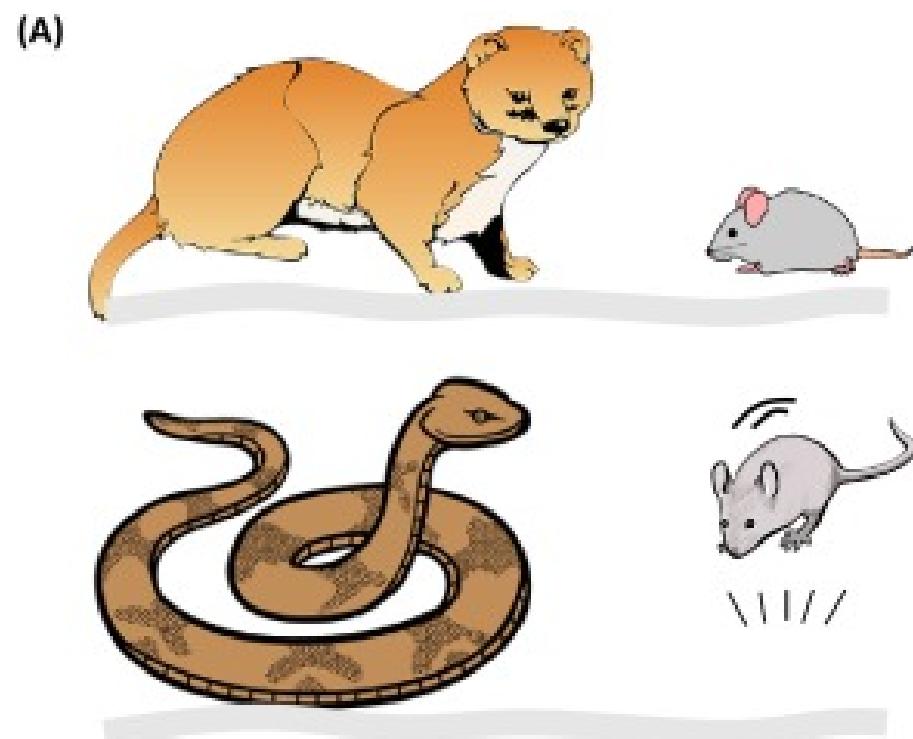
# Amygdala circuits



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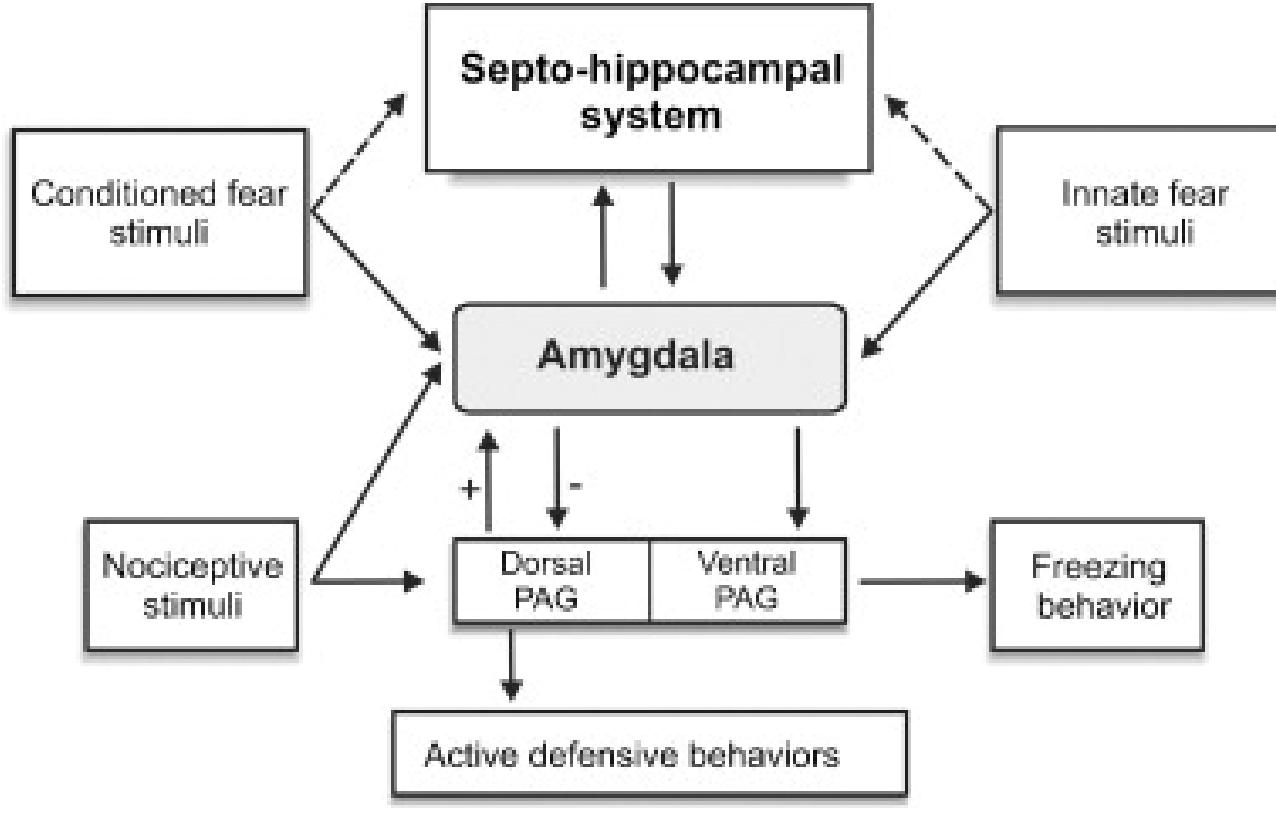
(Medina, Repa, Mauk, & LeDoux, 2002)

# Specificity of learning

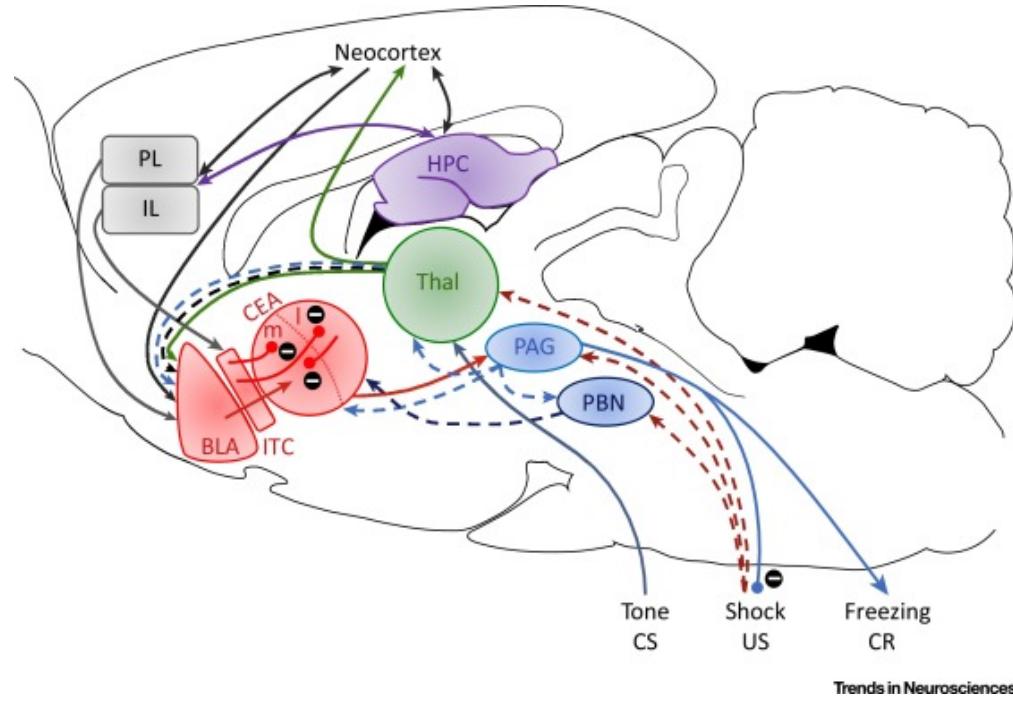


- Light/sound + footshock OR X-ray + saccharin vs
- Light/sound + X-ray or footshock + saccharin

# Circuitry



(Brandão, Zanoveli, Ruiz-Martinez, Oliveira, & Landeira-Fernandez, 2008)



(Pellman & Kim, 2016)

- BLA, basolateral complex of the amygdala
- CEA, central nucleus of the amygdala
- ITC, intercalated cells of the amygdala
- PL, prelimbic cortex
- IL, infralimbic cortex
- HPC, hippocampus
- Thal, thalamus
- PAG, periaqueductal gray
- PBN, parabrachial nucleus

# Brain under stress

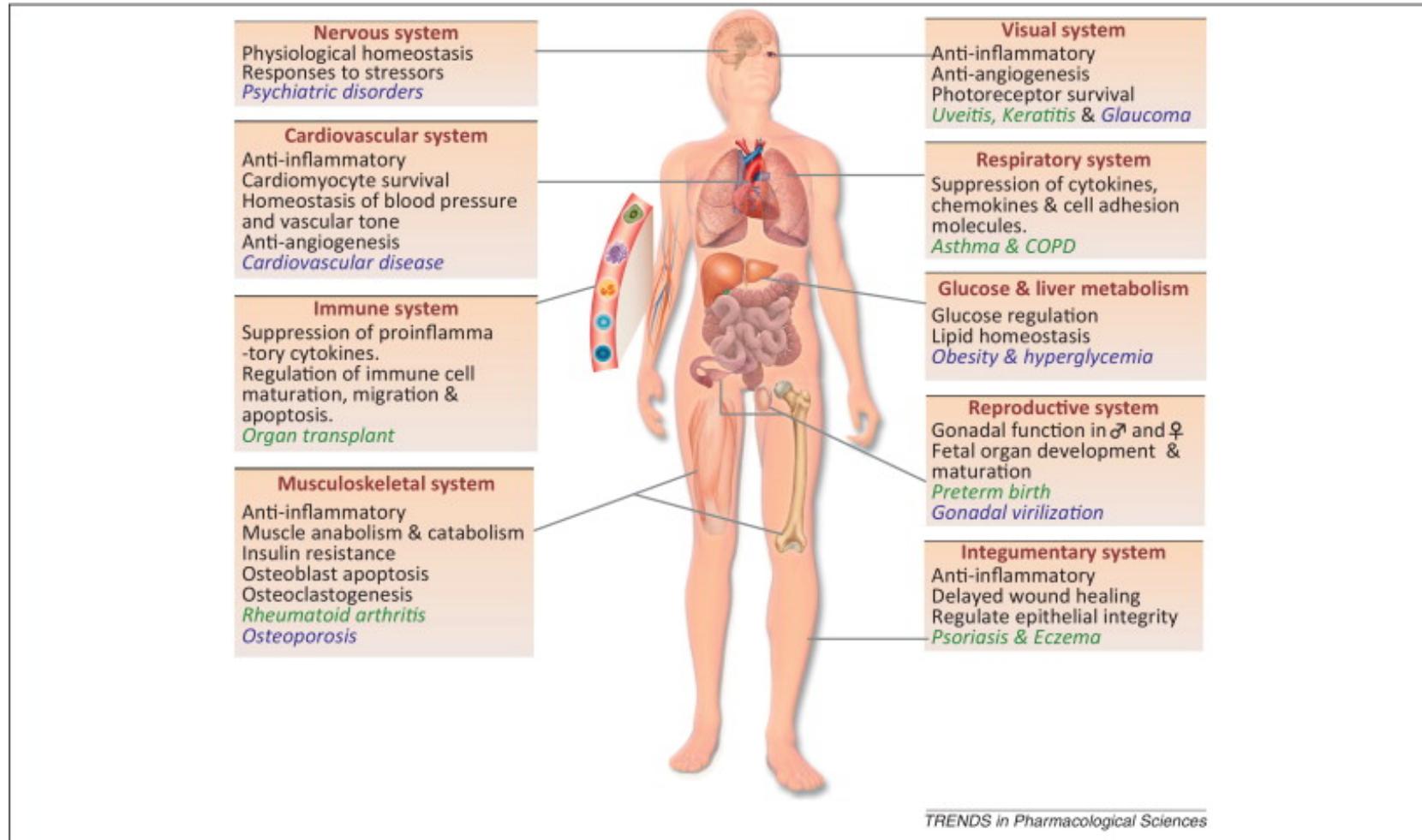
- Acute stress
  - Short duration
  - Fast action required
  - HPA (Cortisol), SAM (NE/Epi) axes
- Brain detects threat
- Mobilizes physiological, behavioral responses

# Brain under stress

- vs. Chronic or stress
  - Long duration, persistent

# Glucocorticoids

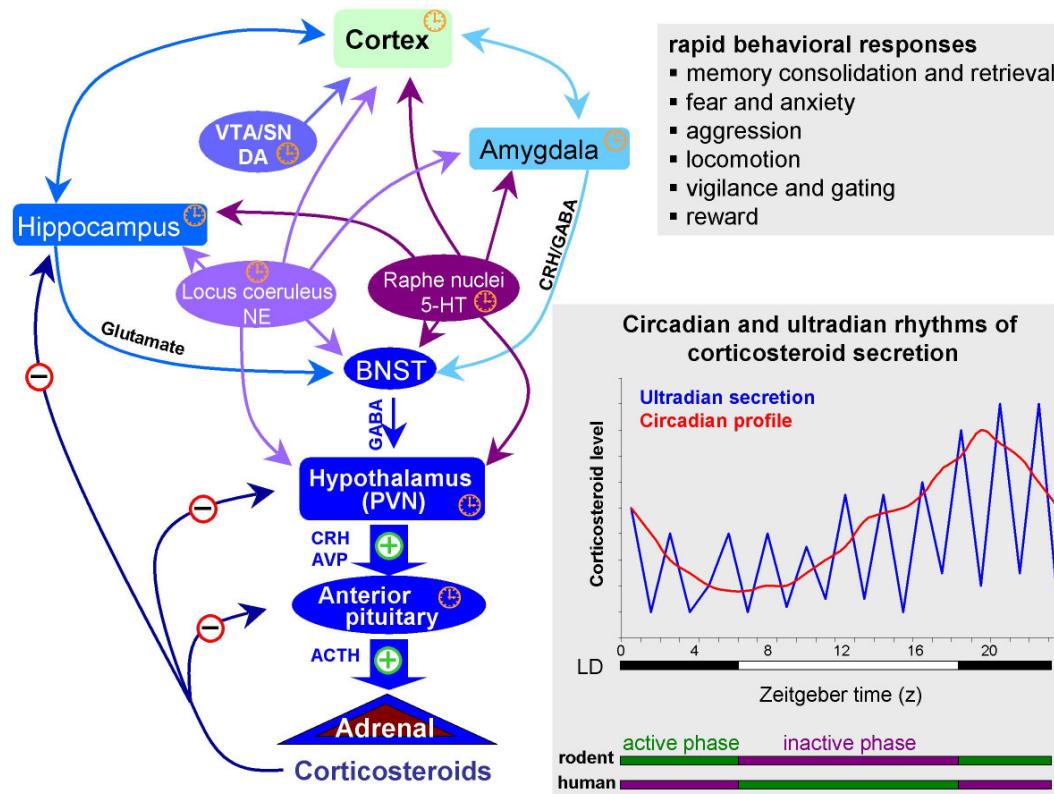
- Adrenal cortex releases hormones
  - Cortisol (hydrocortisone)
    - Increases blood glucose levels
    - Suppresses immune system
    - Reduces inflammation
    - Aids in metabolism
  - Receptors in brain and body



(Kadmiel & Cidlowski, 2013)

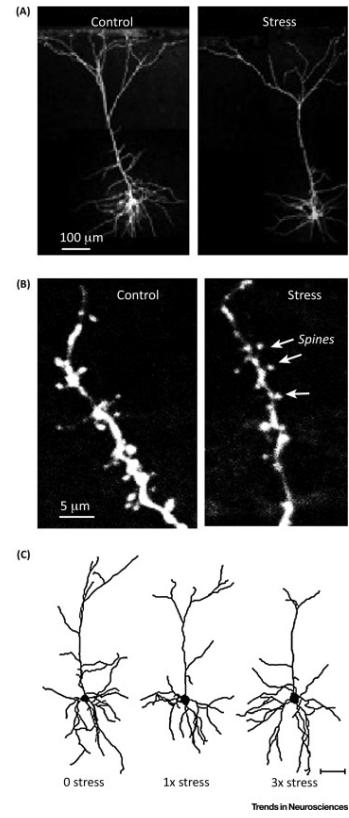
Glucocorticoid receptors in body

# Cortisol and the brain



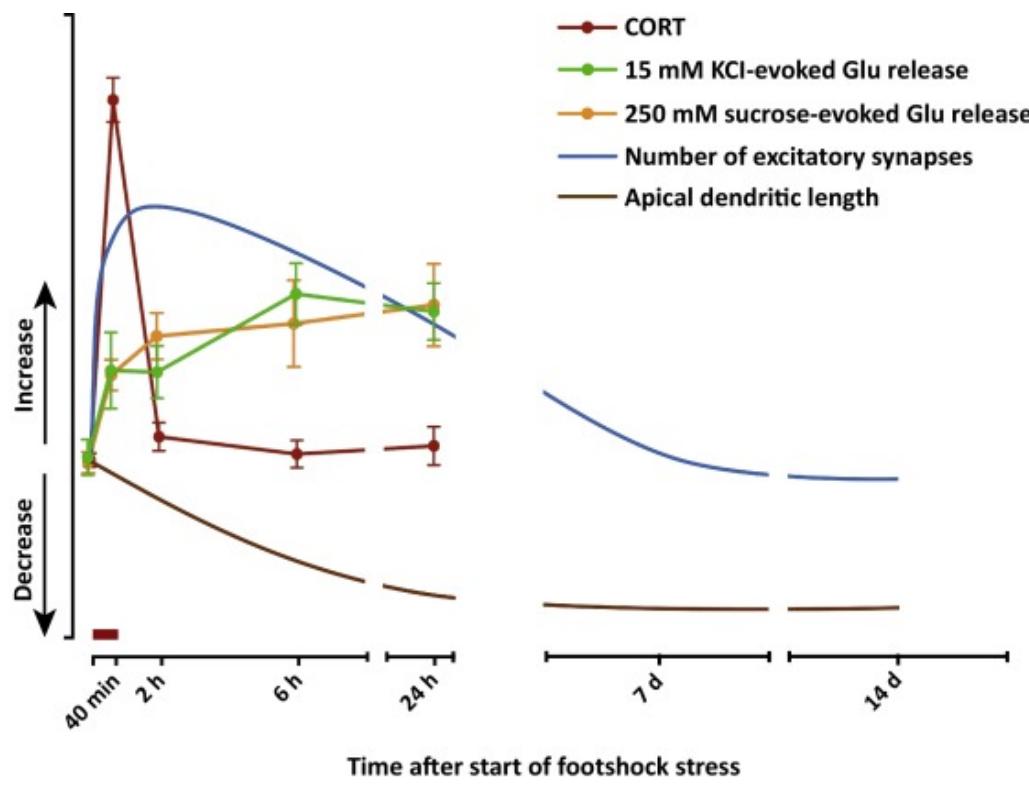
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# Impacts of acute stress



(Musazzi, Tornese, Sala, & Popoli, 2017)

# From cortisol to enhanced glutamate

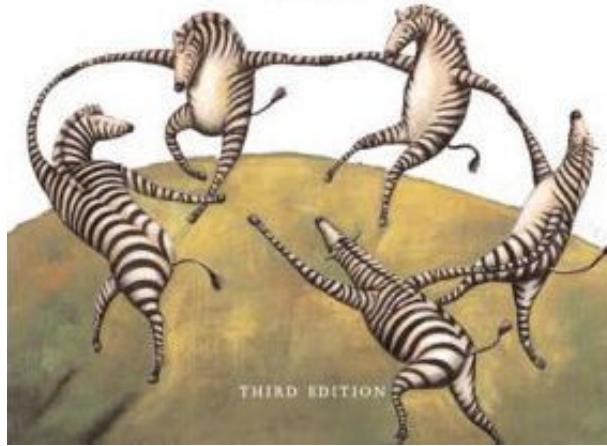


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# WHY ZEBRAS DON'T GET ULCERS

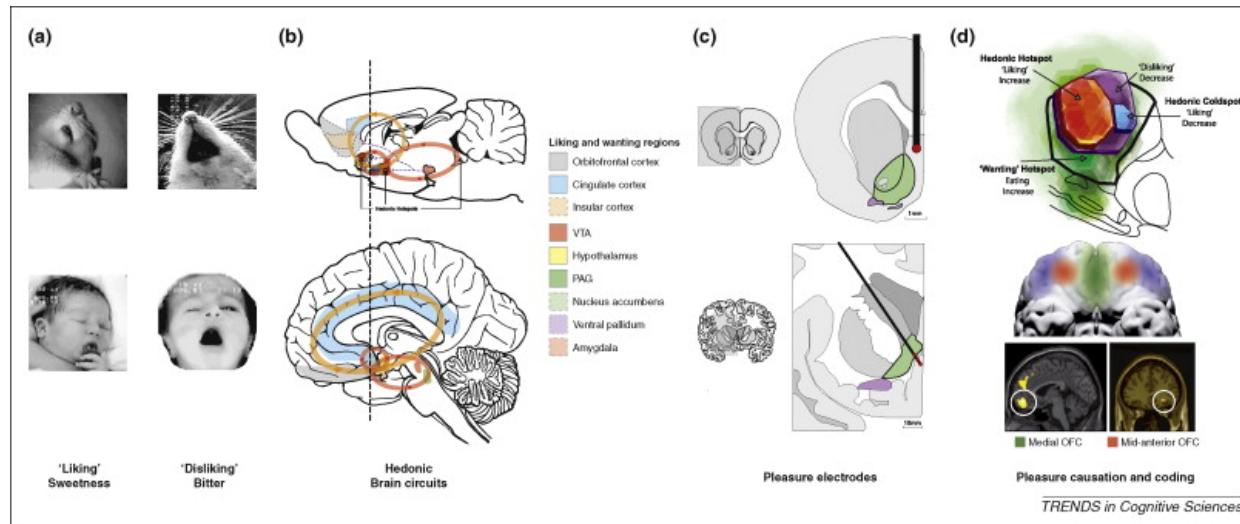
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Pleasure/reward

# Neuroanatomy of 'happiness'



(Kringelbach & Berridge, 2009)

# Rewards

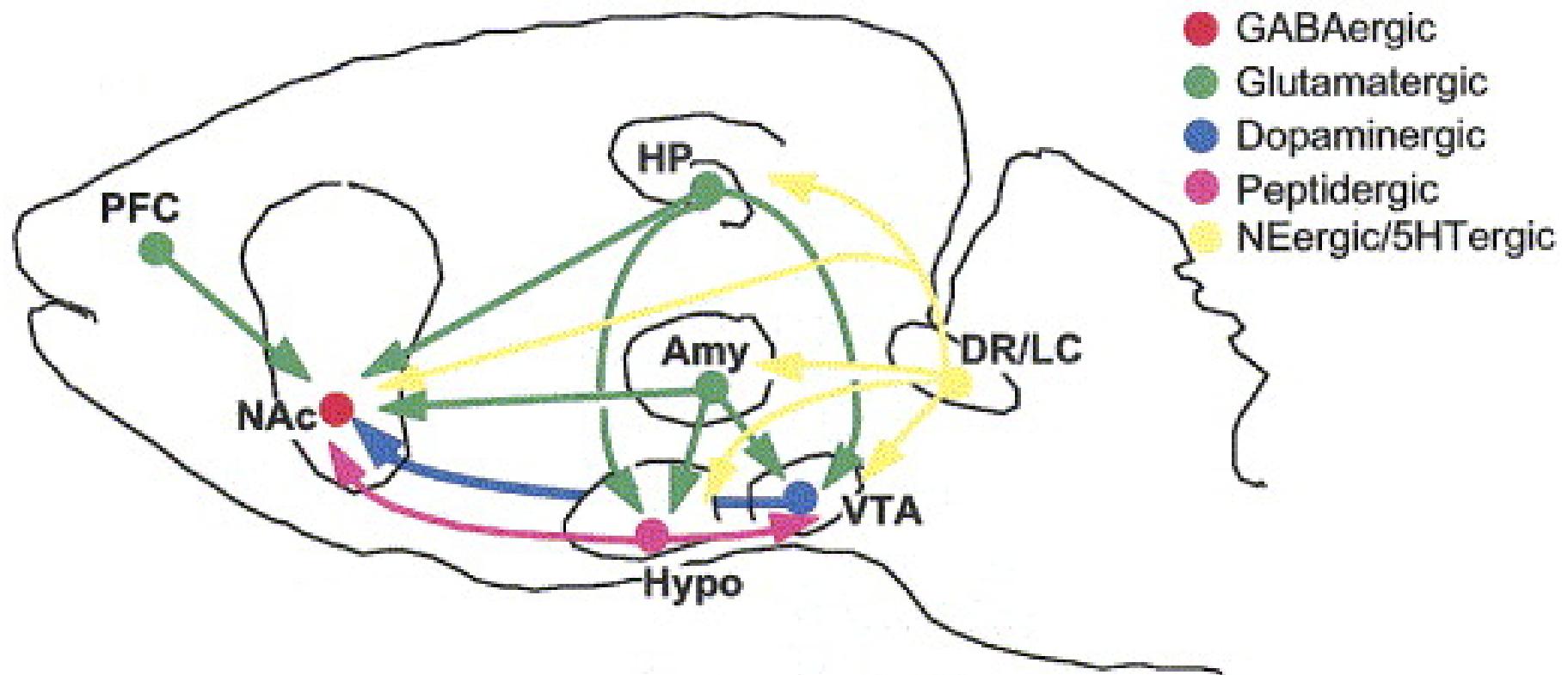
- A reinforcement reinforces (makes more prevalent/probable) some behavior
- Milner and Olds ([Milner, 1989](#)) discovered 'rewarding' power of electrical self-stimulation
- ([Heath, 1963](#)) studied effects in human patients.

# Electrical self-stimulation

Brain Mechanisms of Pleasure and Addiction



# "Reward" circuitry in the brain



(Nestler & Carlezon, 2006)

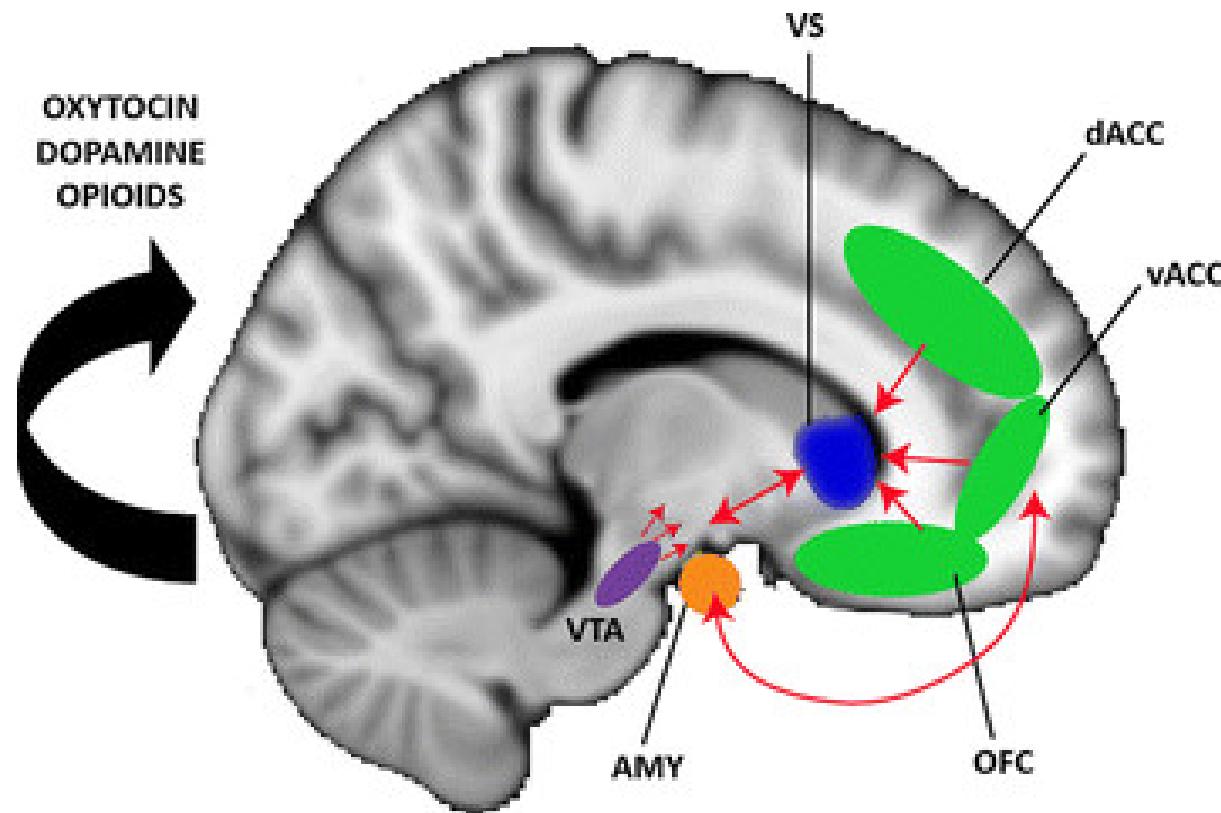
# Components of the "reward" circuit

- Lateral Hypothalamus (Hyp)
- Medial forebrain bundle (MFB)
- Ventral tegmental area (VTA) in midbrain
- Nucleus accumbens (nAcc)
- Dorsal Raphe Nucleus/Locus Coeruleus (DR/LC)

# Components of the "reward" circuit

- Amygdala (Amy)
- Hippocampus (HP)
- Prefrontal cortex (PFC)

# Nucleus accumbens and dorsal striatum

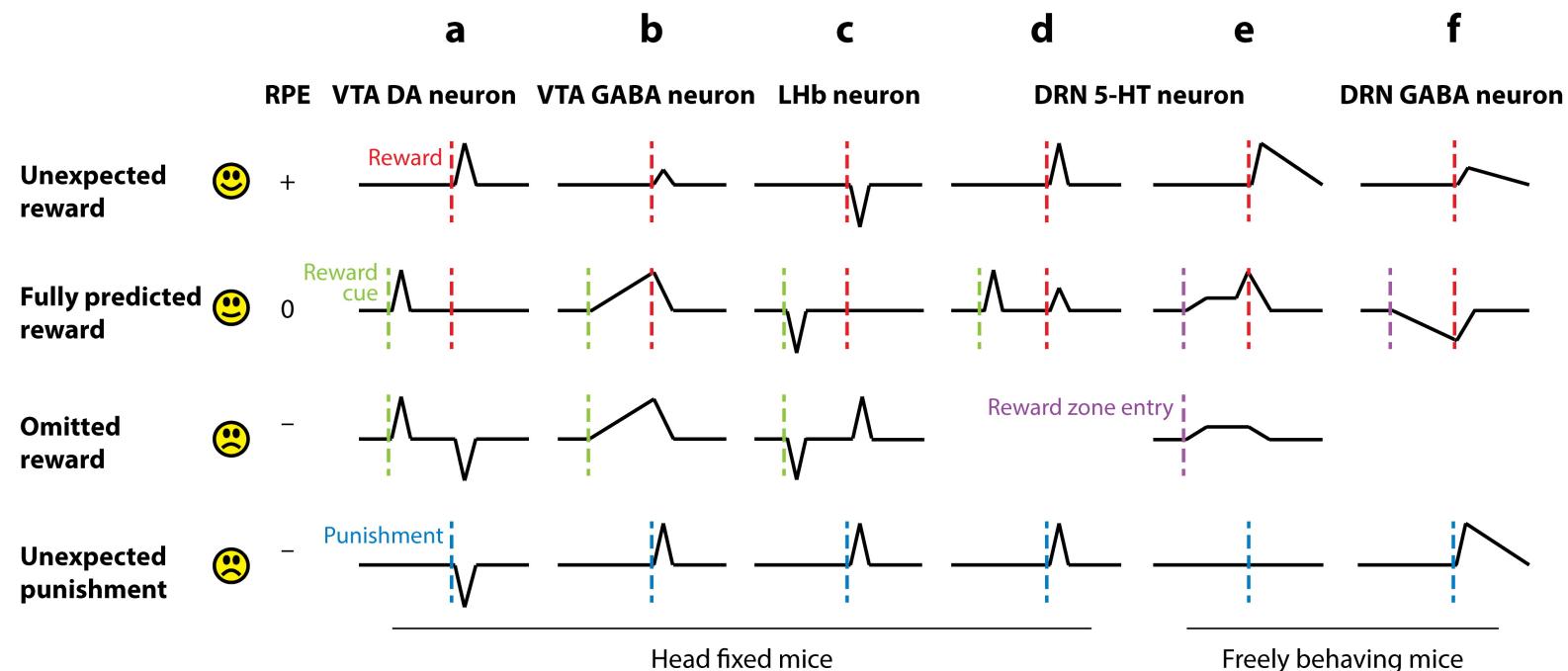


(Kohls, Chevallier, Troiani, & Schultz, 2012)

# What does DA signal?

- Hedonia and anhedonia
- Incentive salience
- Reward prediction error (RPE)

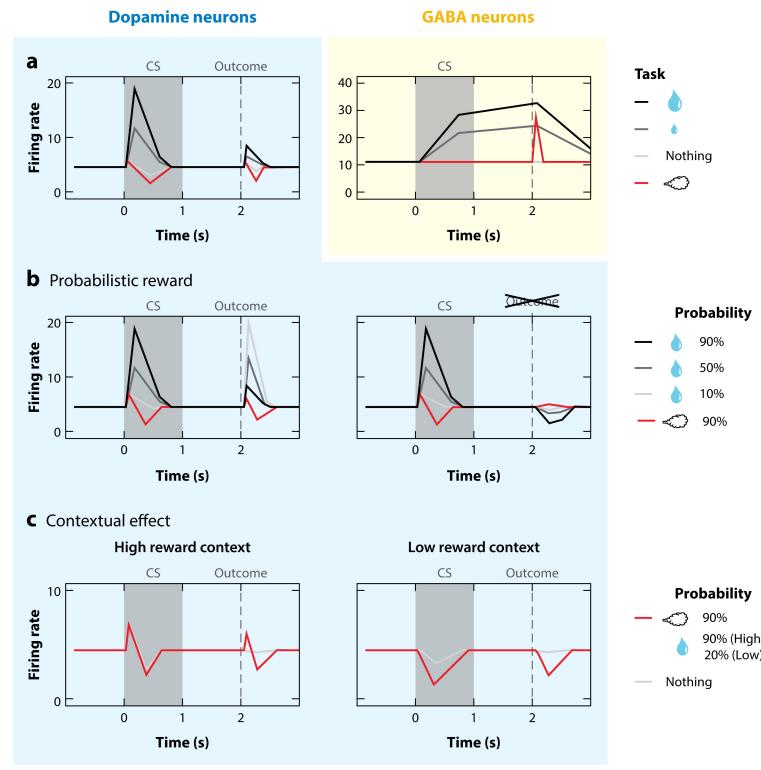
# RPE



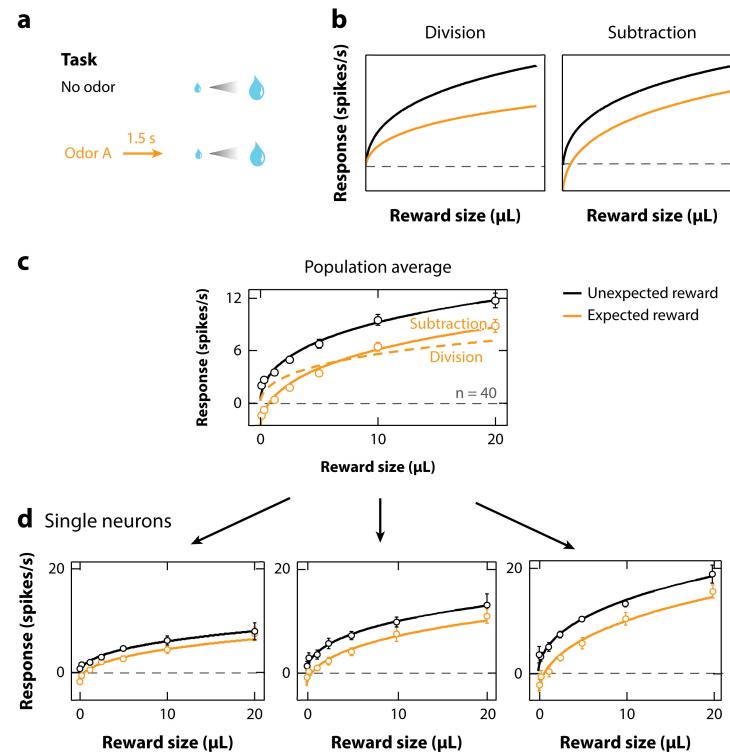
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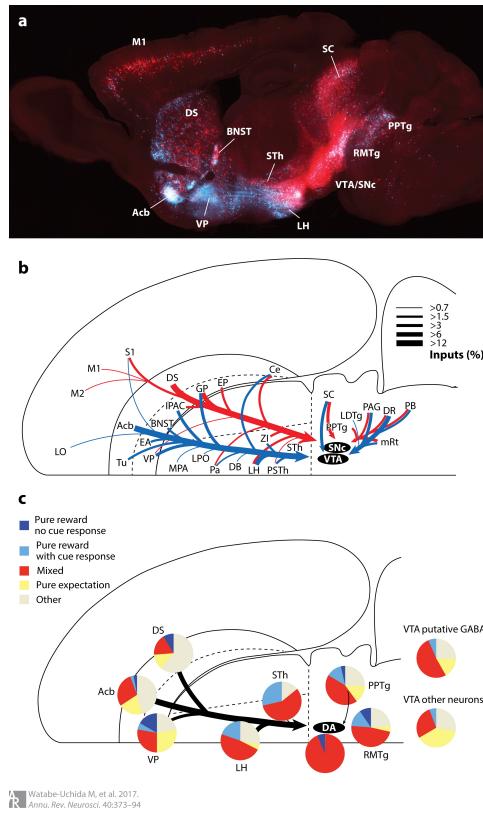
# DA & GABA signaling in RPE



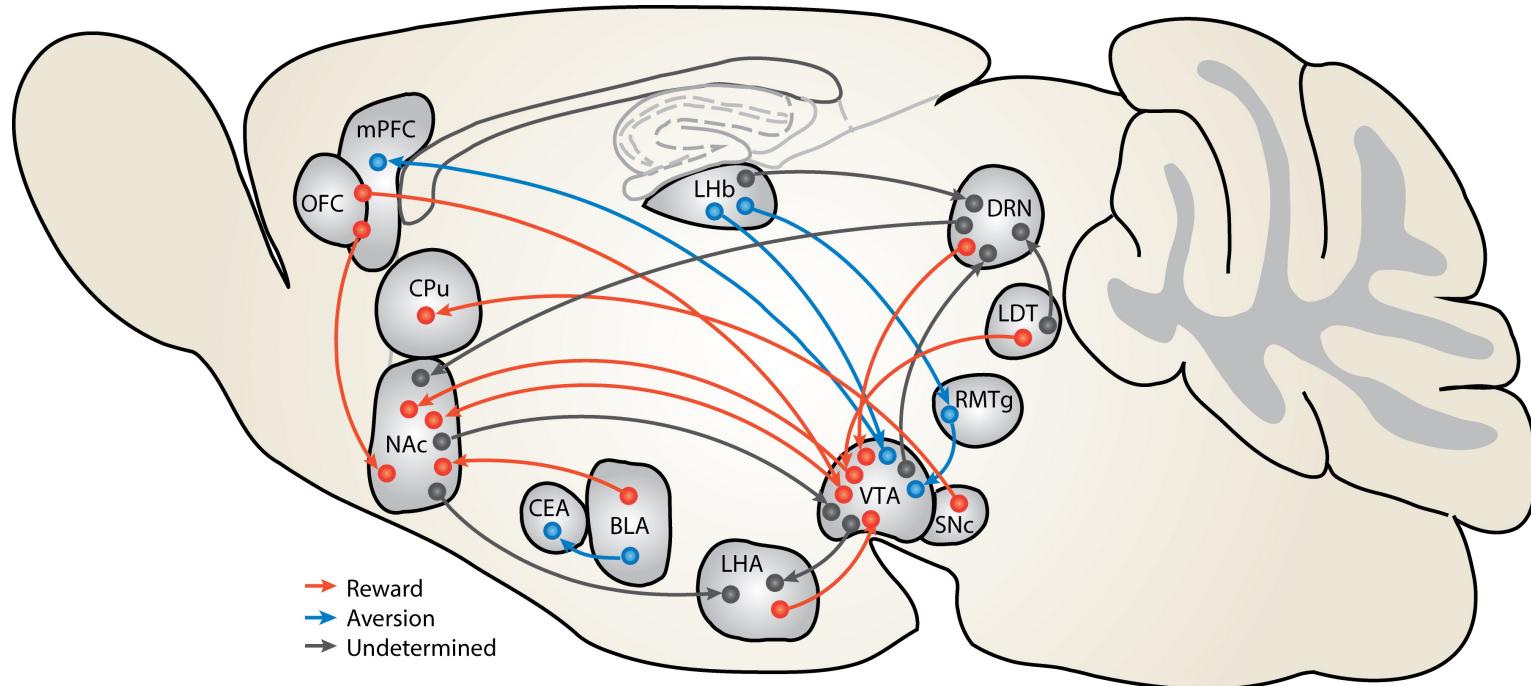
# Expectation modulates DA signaling



# DA network



# Reward & Aversion Networks



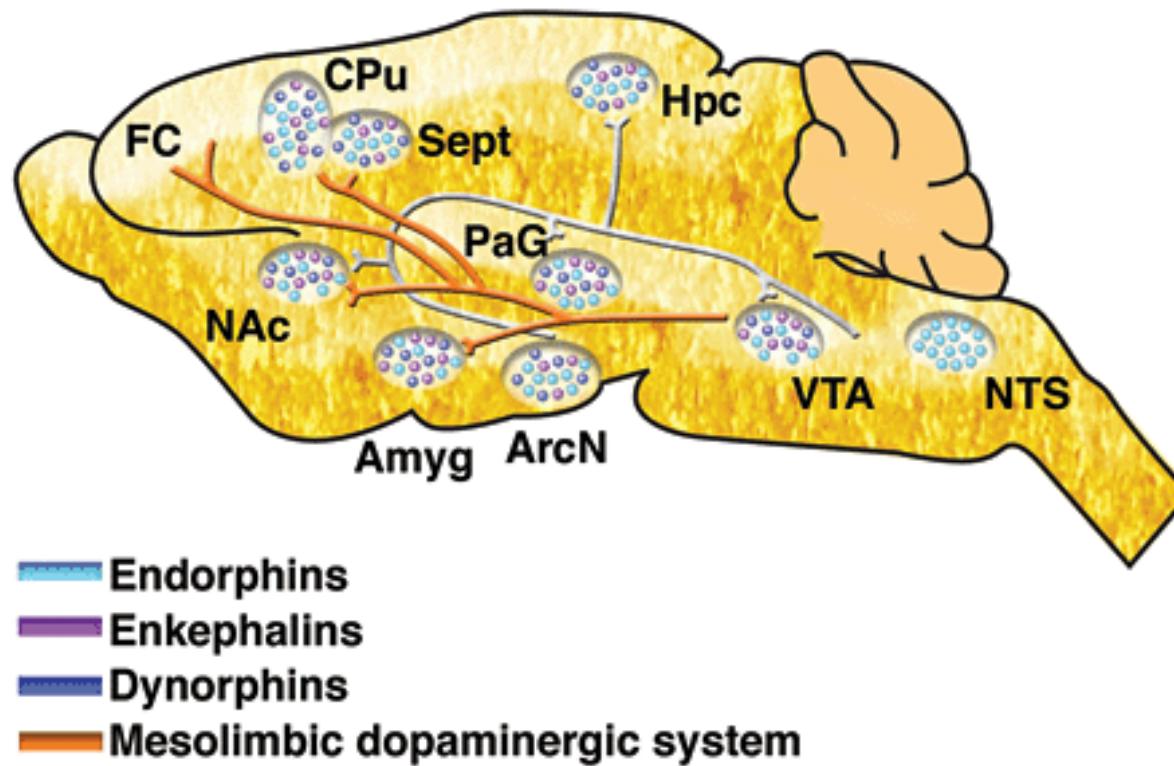
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# Psychopharmacology of pleasure

- Dopamine
- Opioids
- Cannabinoids
- Serotonin, Norepinephrine
- ACh

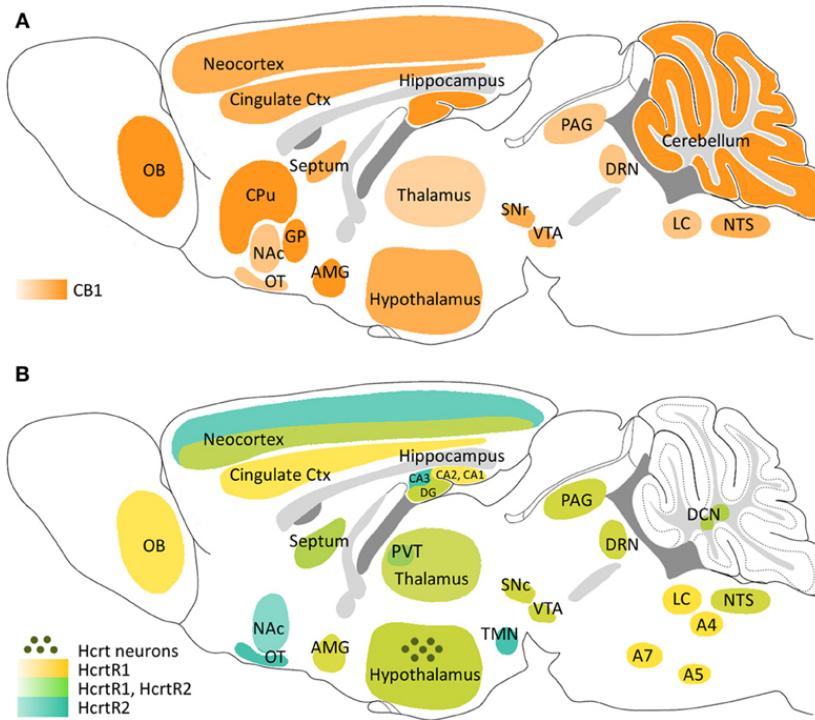
# Endogenous morphine-like NTs (endorphins) from hyp, NST



(Clapp, Bhave, & Hoffman, n.d.)

# Endogenous cannabinoid system

- Cannabinoids, psychoactive compounds found in cannabis
- Cannabinoid CB1 receptors in CNS; CB2 in body, immune system

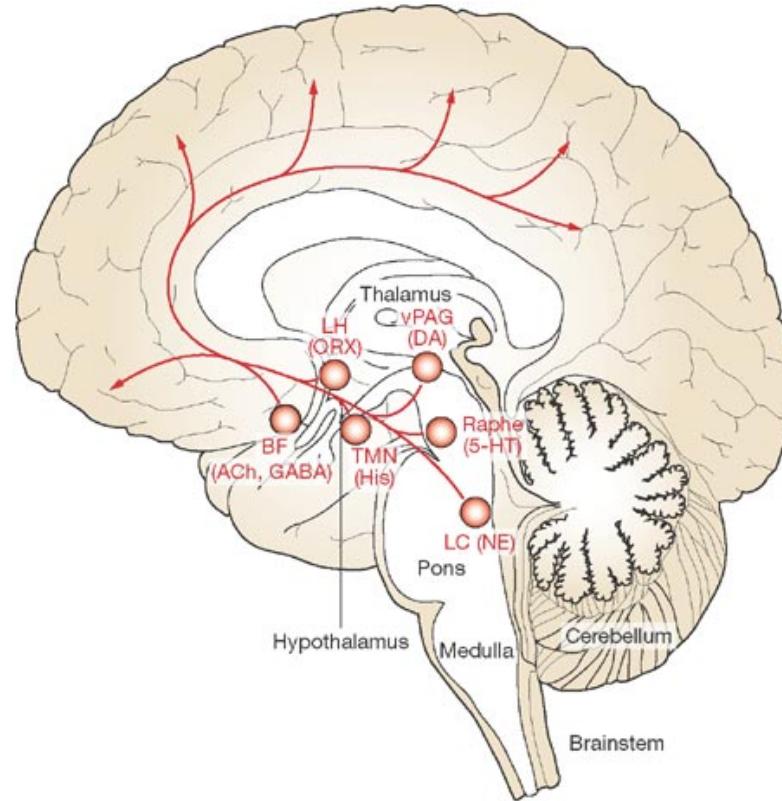


(Flores, Maldonado, & Berrendero, 2013)

# Brain contains its own systems for binding drugs associated with 'pleasure'

- Endogenous opioids (endorphins)
- Endogenous cannabinoids

# ACh projections in the CNS



(Cock, Vidailhet, & Arnulf, 2008)

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