# EMOTION

PSY 101 General Psychology

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What is emotion?

A state of feeling in response to an event.

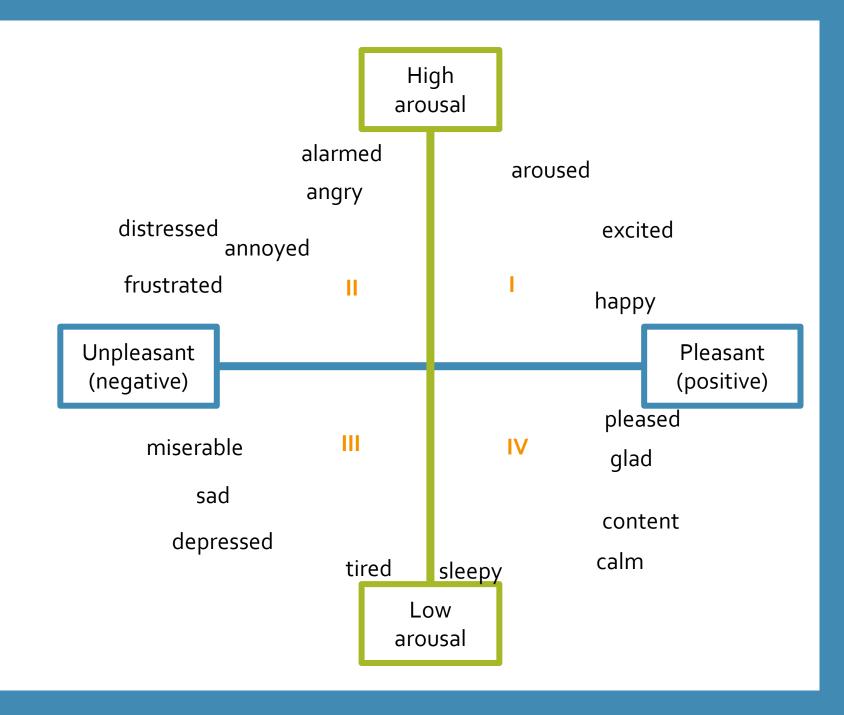
#### Involves:

physiological dimension behavioral/expressive dimension

cognitive dimension

### What is emotion?

Russell et al., (1989)



#### Theories on emotion

James-Lange theory

Cannon-Bard theory

Schachter-Singer theory (two-factor theory)

Zajonc-LeDoux theory

Lazarus theory

## James-Lange theory (1890s)





## Cannon-Bard theory (1940s)





Physiological arousal

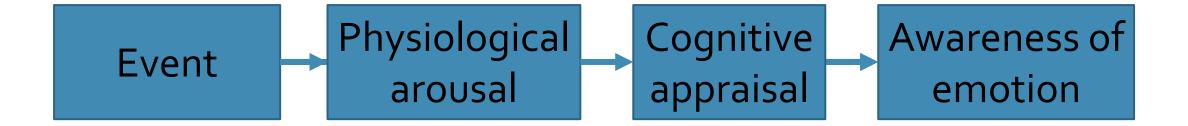
Event

Awareness of emotion

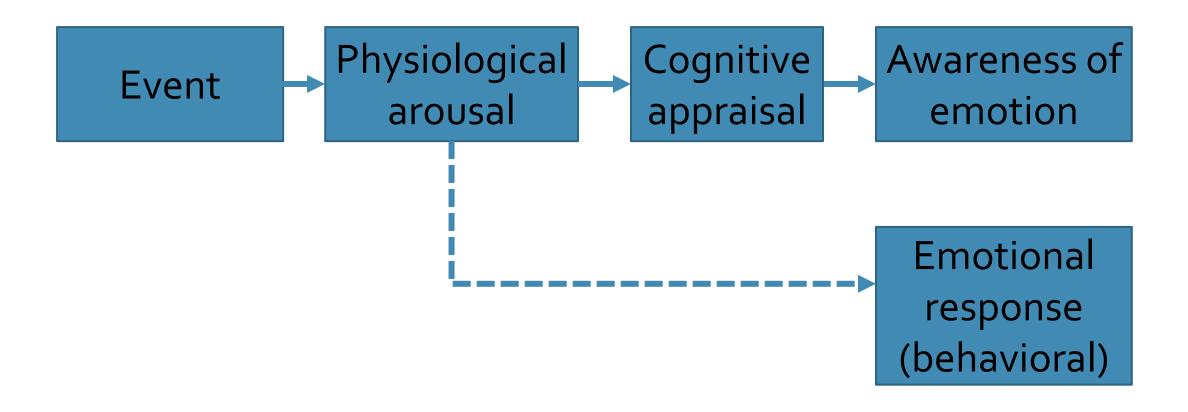
# Two-factor theory (Shachter & Singer, 1960s)







## Zajonc-LeDoux theory (1980s)



### Emotion in the brain

Slow, appraisal track

Fast, response track

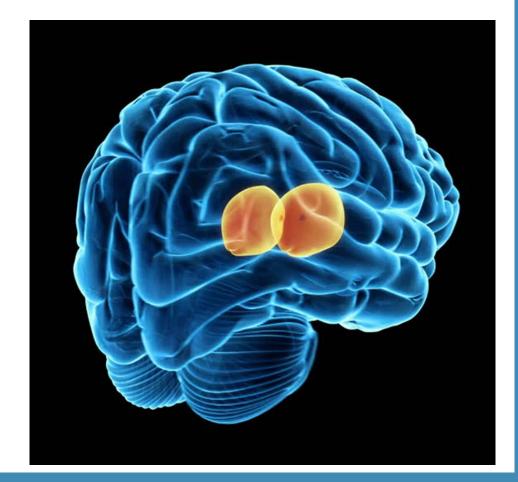
Sensory Cortex
Prefrontal Cortex
Awareness

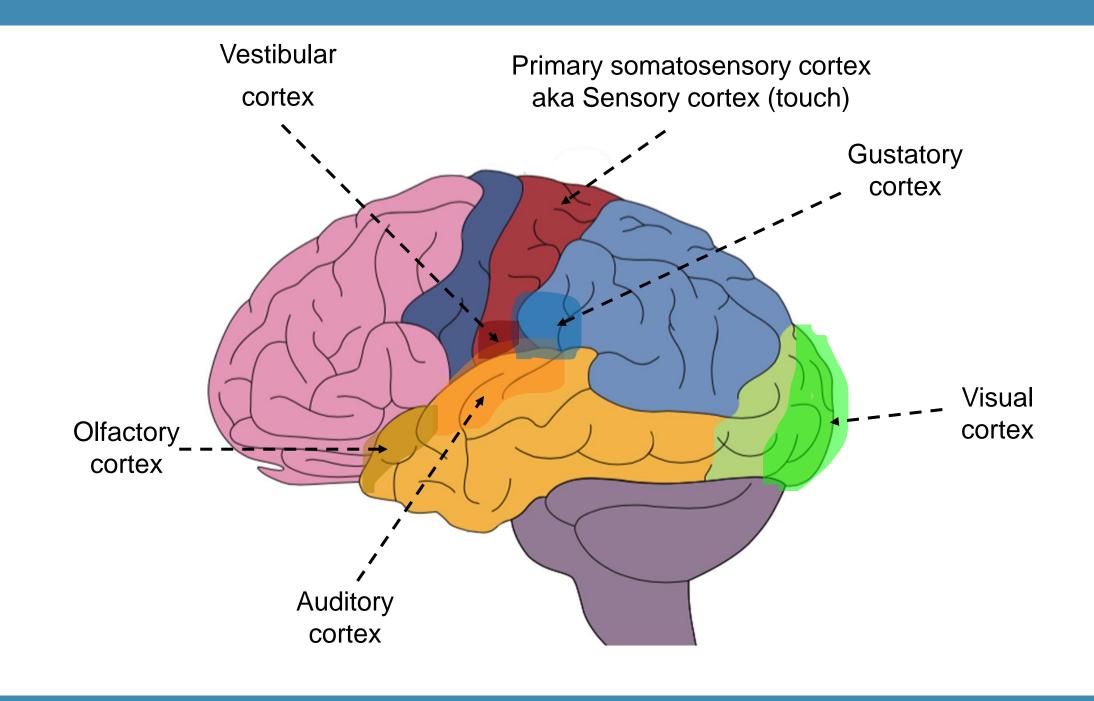
Sensory signals (nerve impulse) travel to the brain

First stop: thalamus

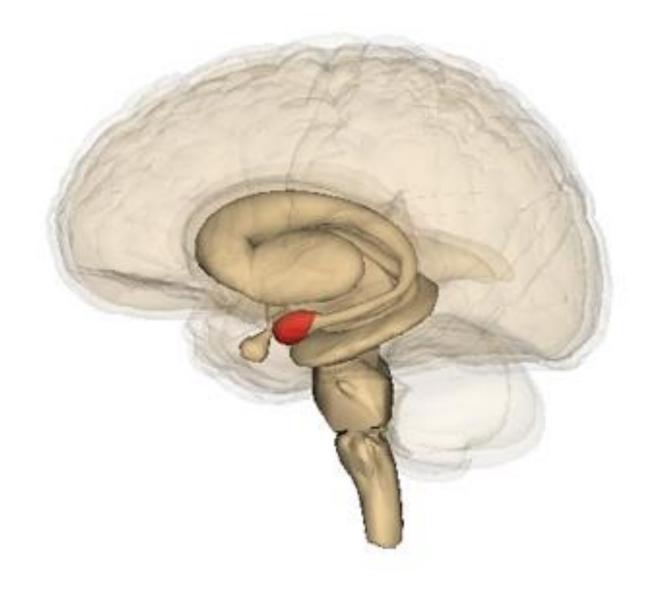
Second stop: specific sensory cortex

Exception: Olfactory pathway

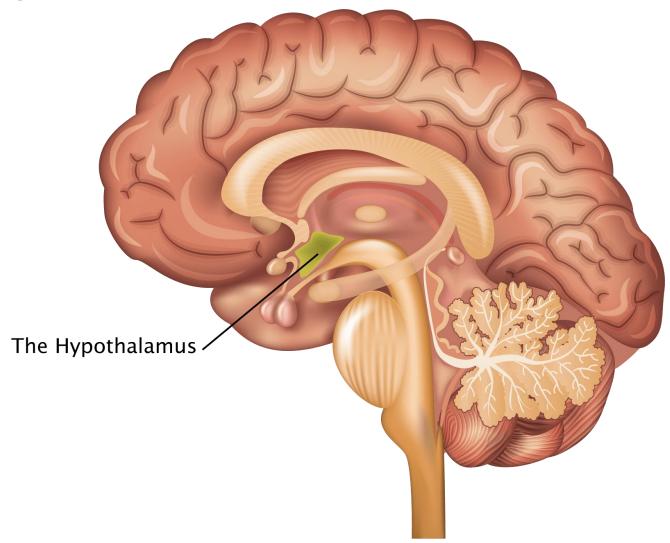




# Amygdala



# Hypothalamus



#### Emotion in the brain

Slow, appraisal track

**Thalamus** 

Sensory Cortex

**Prefrontal Cortex** 

Amygdala

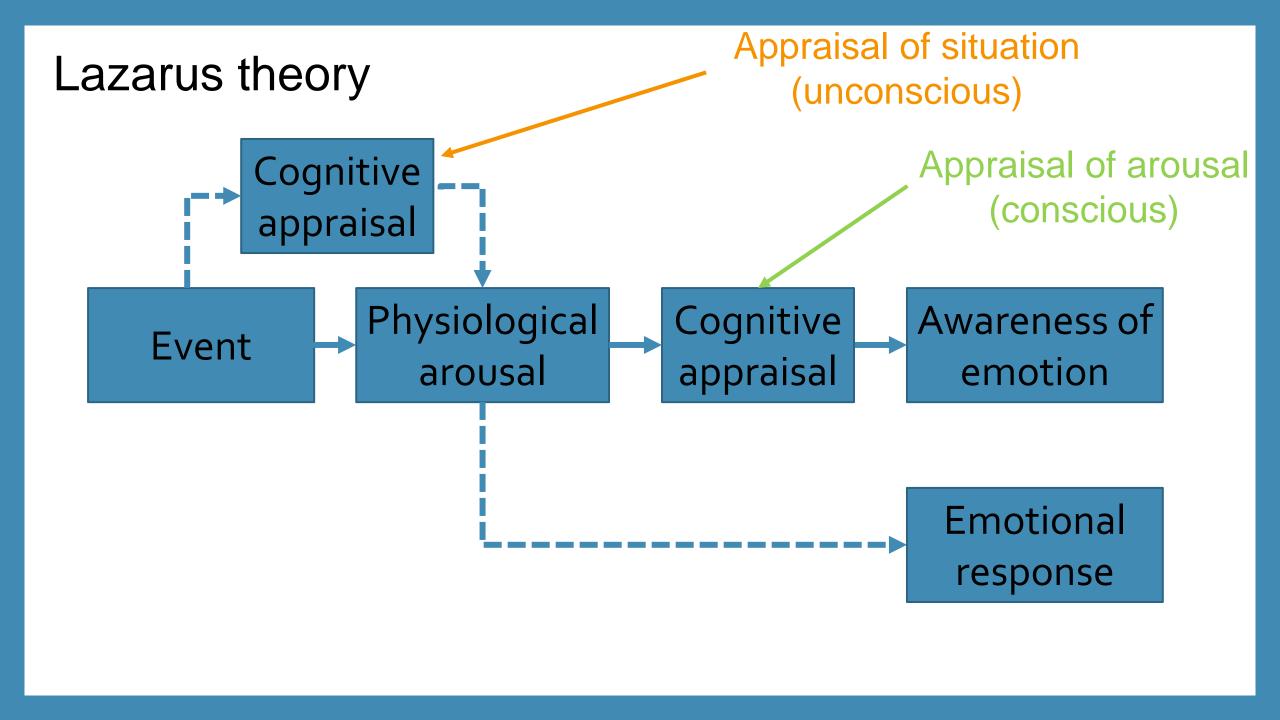
Emotion response

Fast, response track

Thalamus

Amygdala

Emotion/behavioral response



# Experience of emotion



Fear

Sexual attraction

Love?

