

# **“The Role of Sleep and Arousal in the Development of Obesity”**

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SLEEP

CIRCADIAN  
RHYTHMS

FUEL

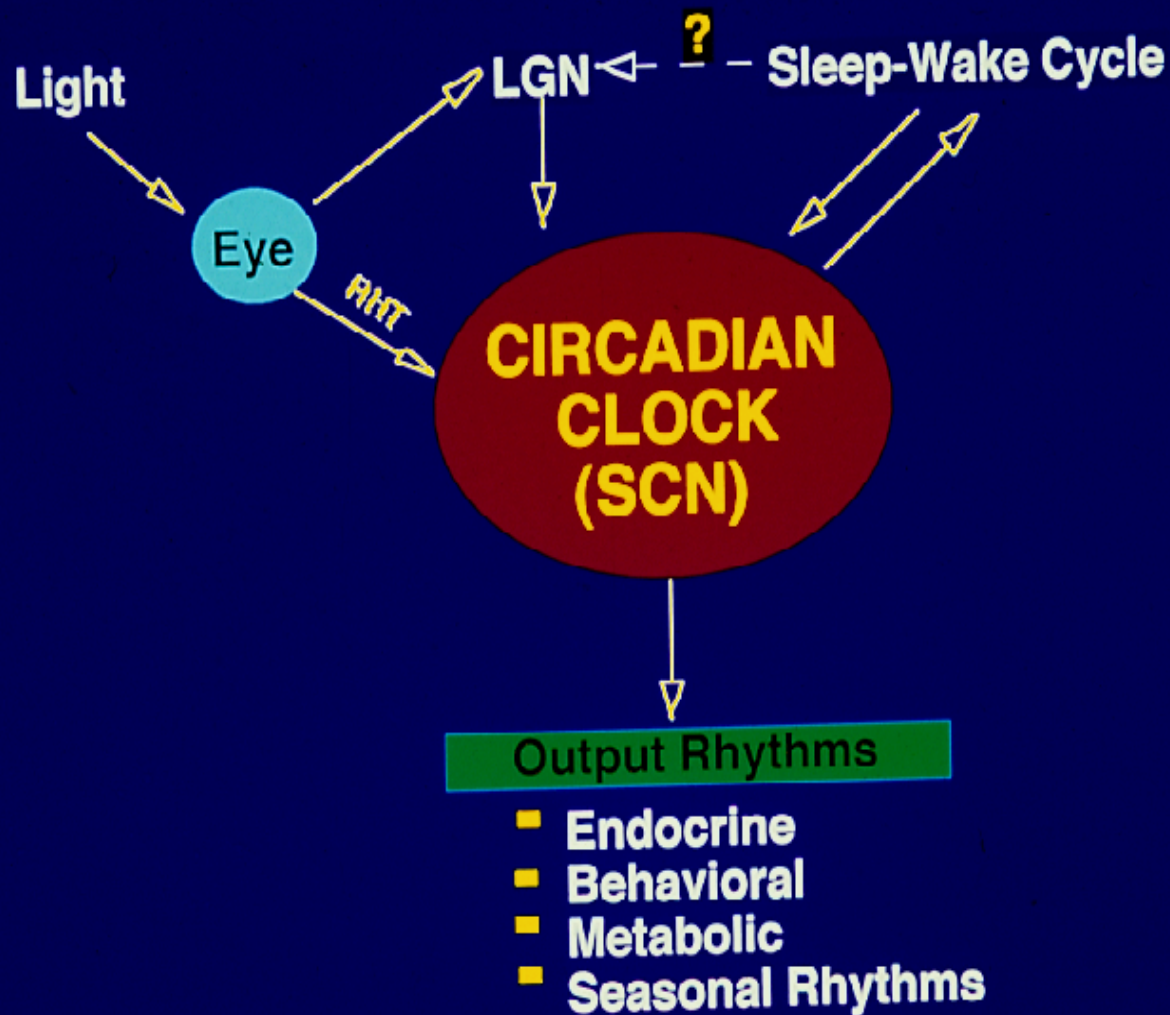
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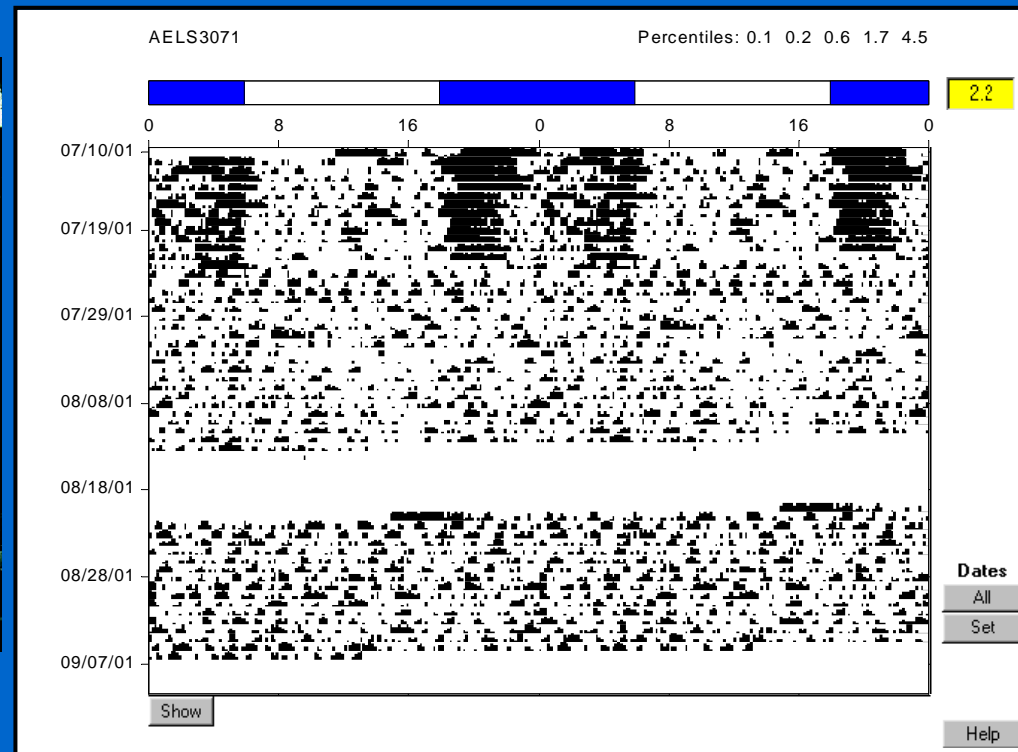
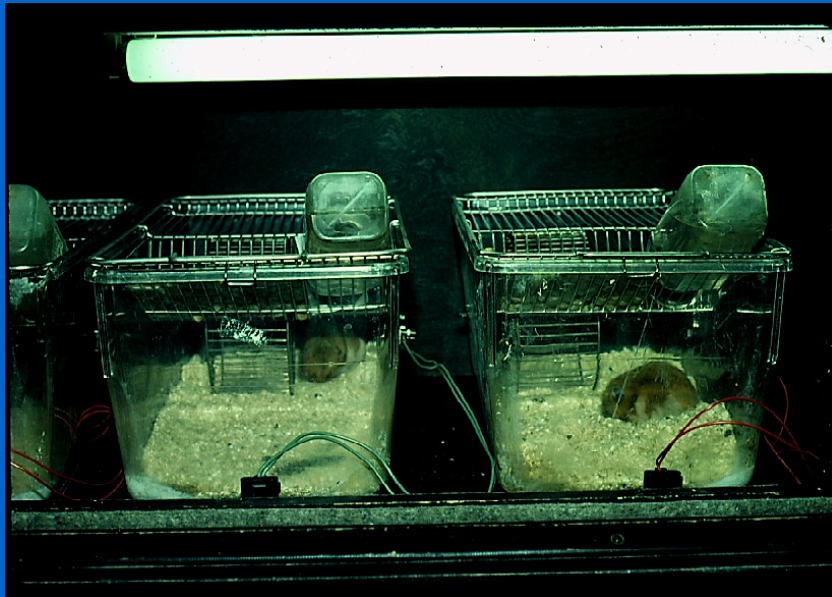




# Suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN)

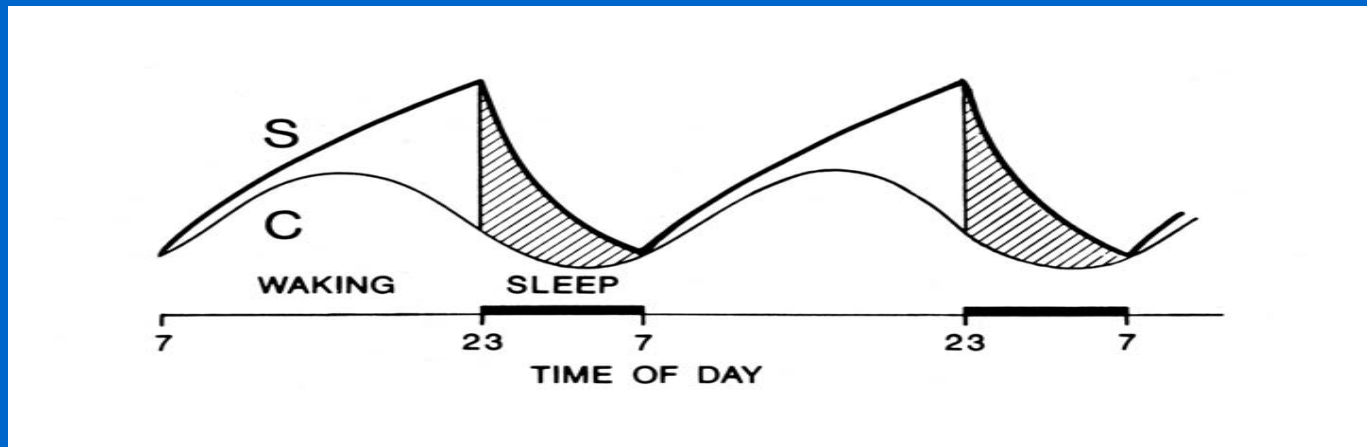
## “Master Circadian Pacemaker”

- Lesioning the SCN abolishes most biological rhythms



# Circadian regulation of sleep

**Two-Process model: The circadian pacemaker modulates the time of sleep and wake onset**



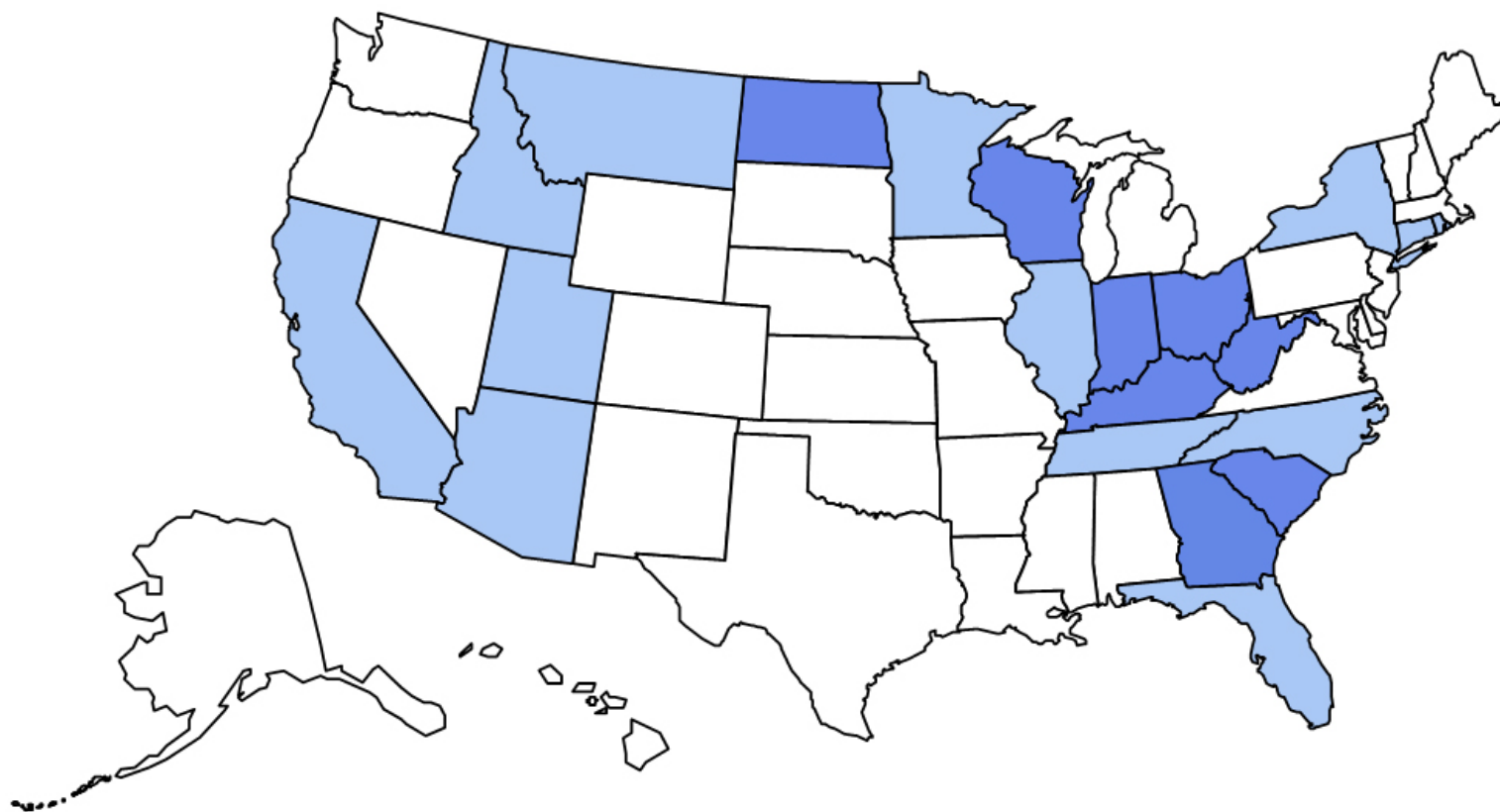
(Daan and Borbely, 1984)

- C and S are independent processes, that interact to optimize the quantity and quality of sleep.


# Obesity Trends\* Among U.S. Adults


## BRFSS, 1985


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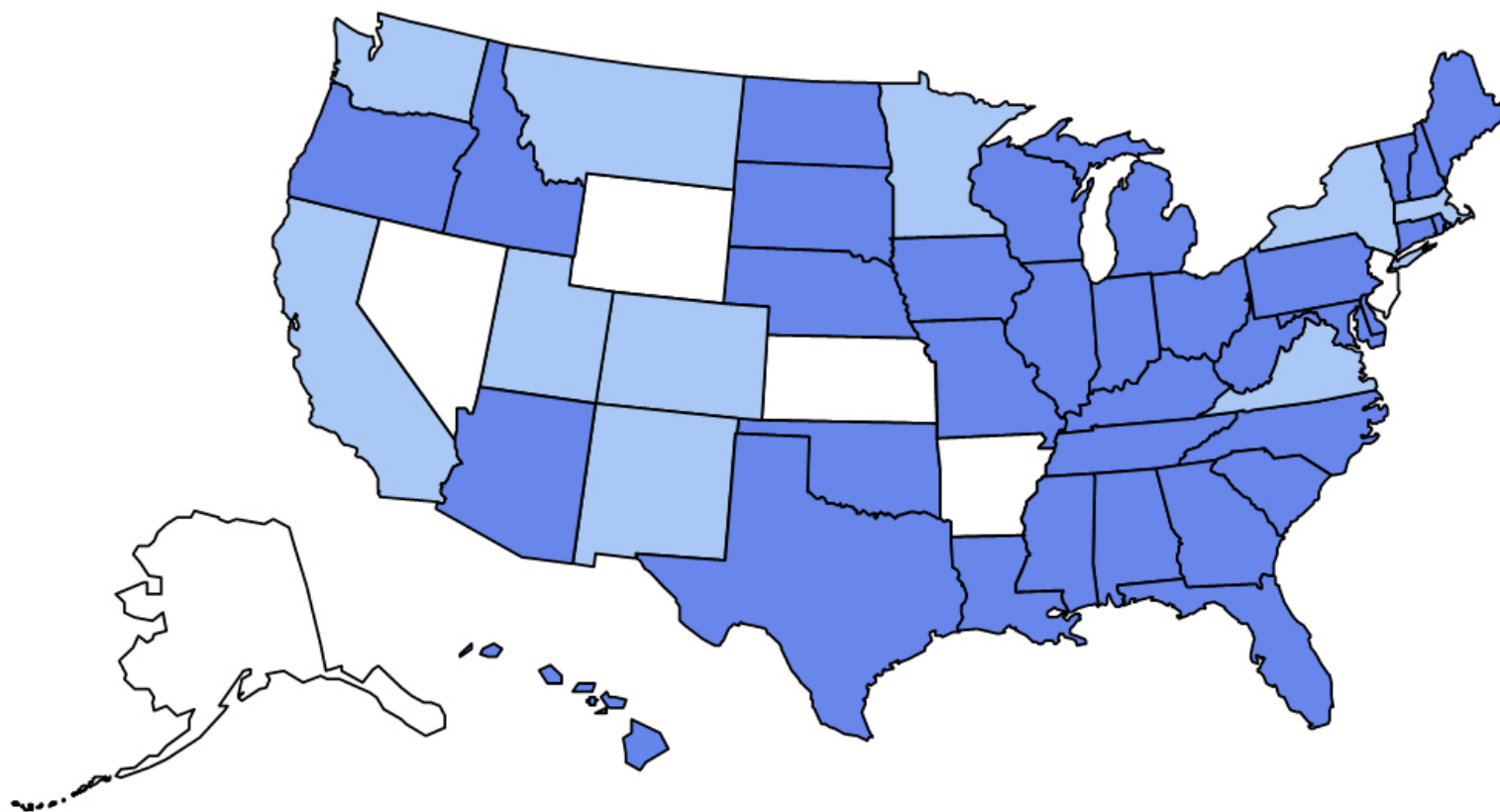
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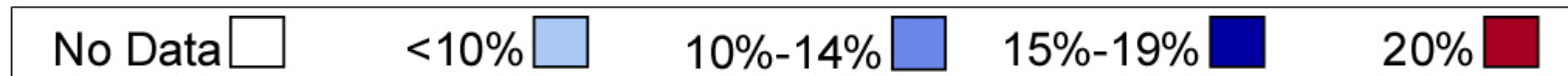
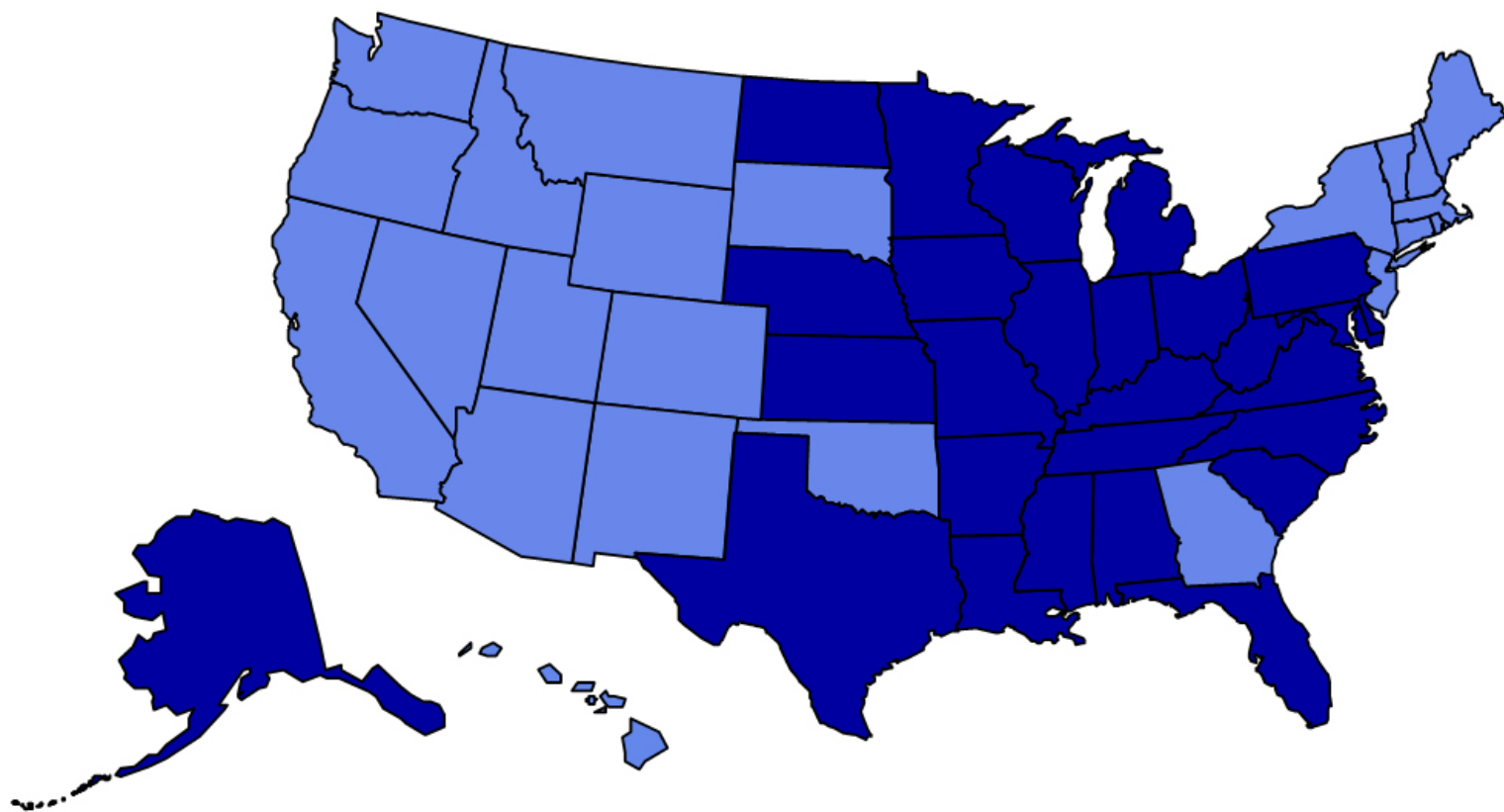
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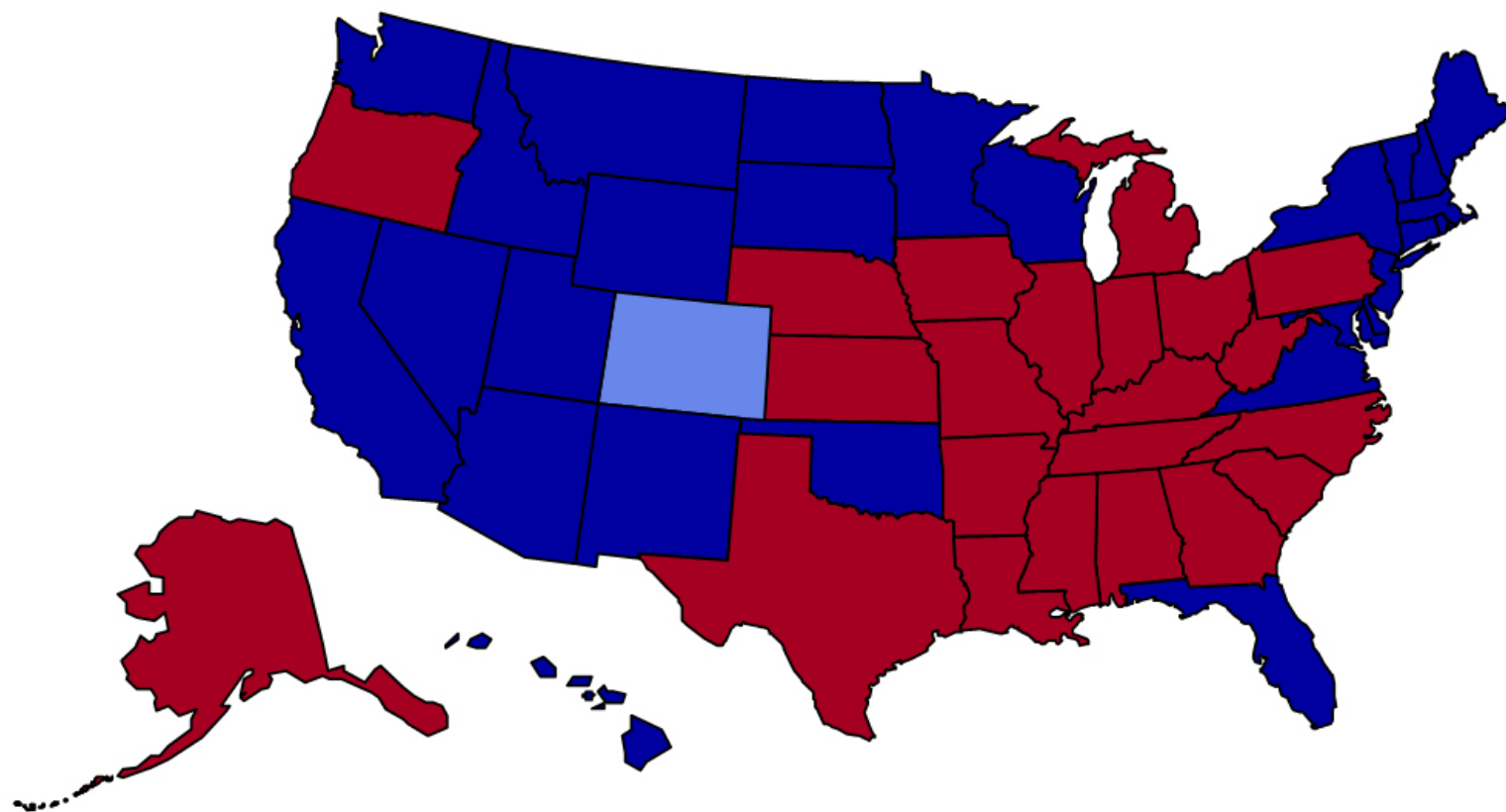
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**Average sleep duration of the normal working population has decreased from about 9 hours per night in 1910 to about 7.5 hours currently, a trend that is inverse to that of obesity.**

# Importance of Sleep for Obesity, Diabetes and CVD

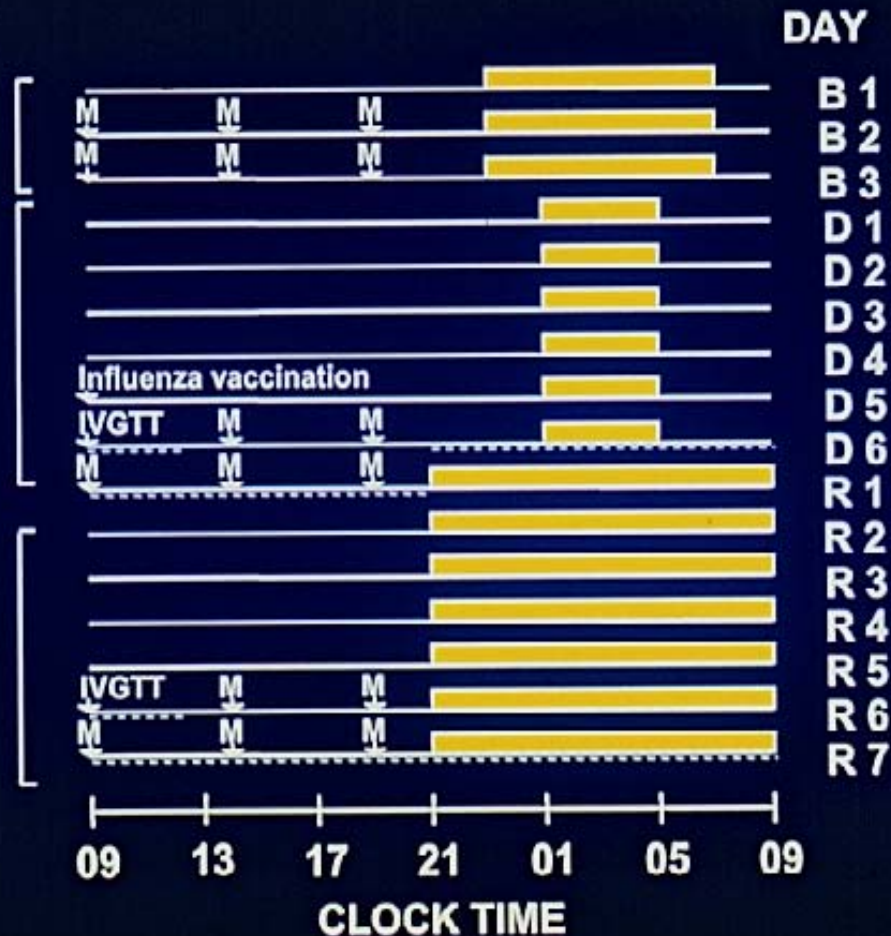
*Eve Van Cauter Group at  
University of Chicago  
1999*

# PROTOCOL FOR SLEEP DEBT STUDY

**BASELINE**  
8-h bedtime

**SLEEP  
DEBT**  
4-h bedtime

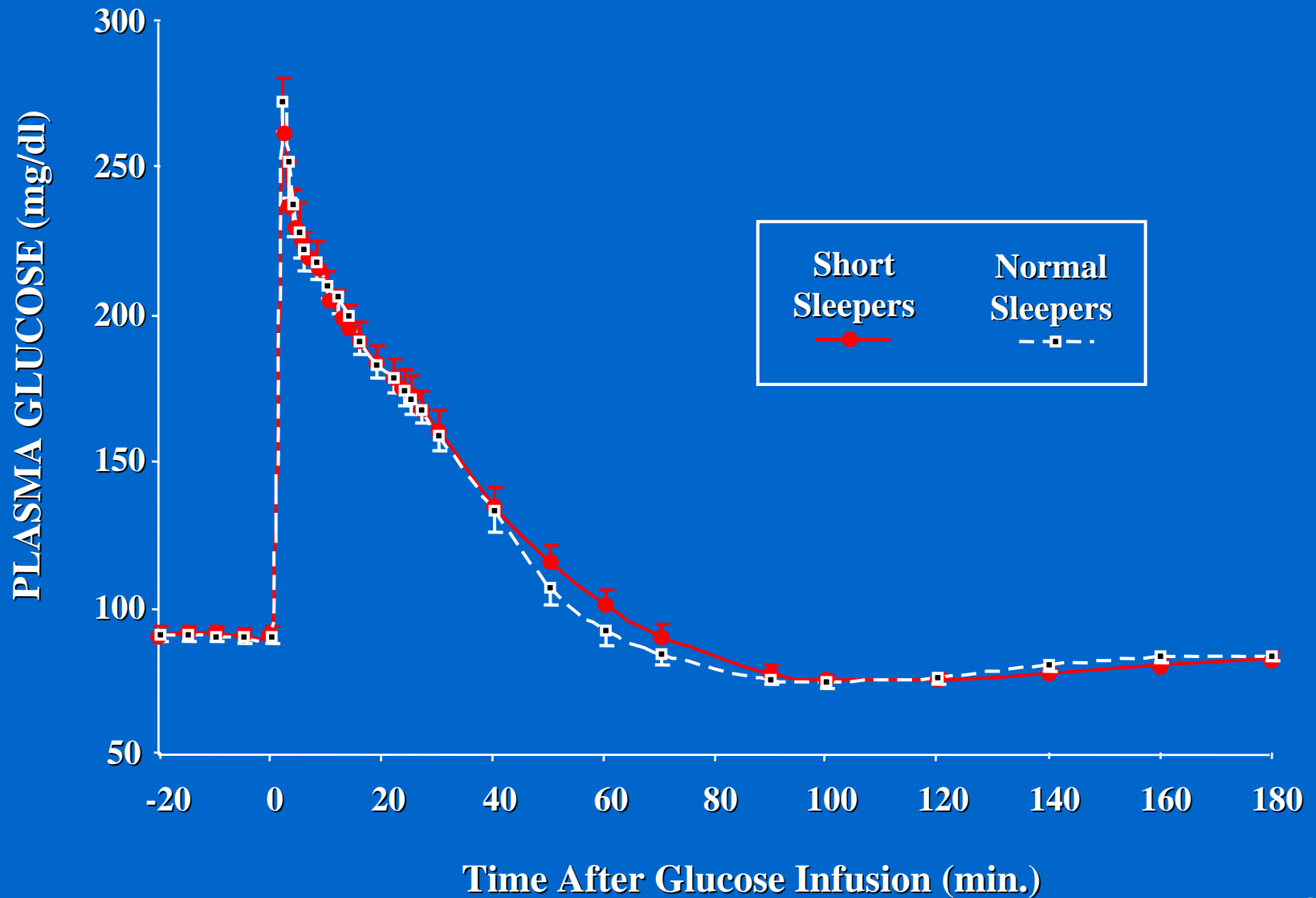
**SLEEP  
RECOVERY**  
12-h bedtime



*From Van Cauter*

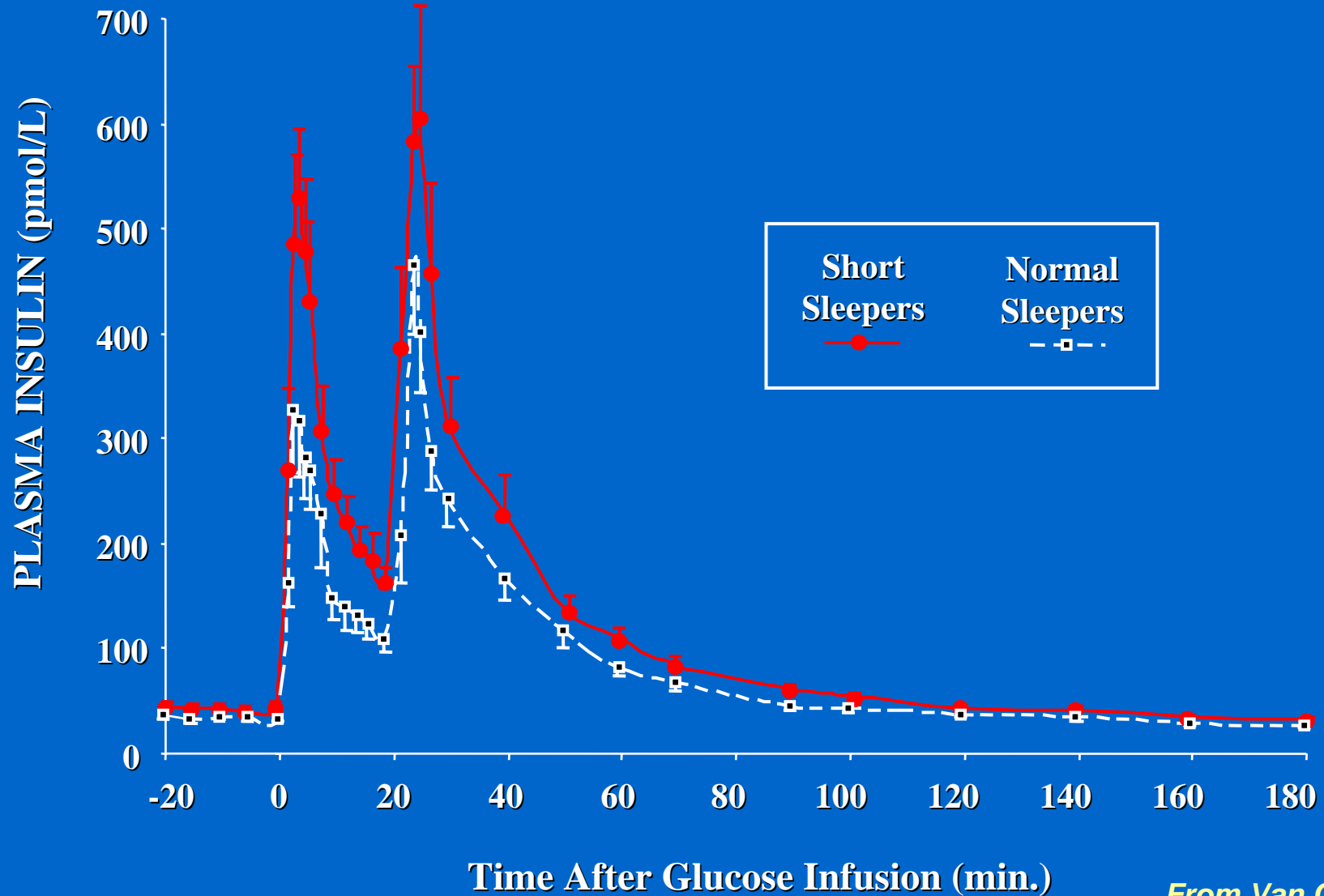


# IVGTT: Glucose



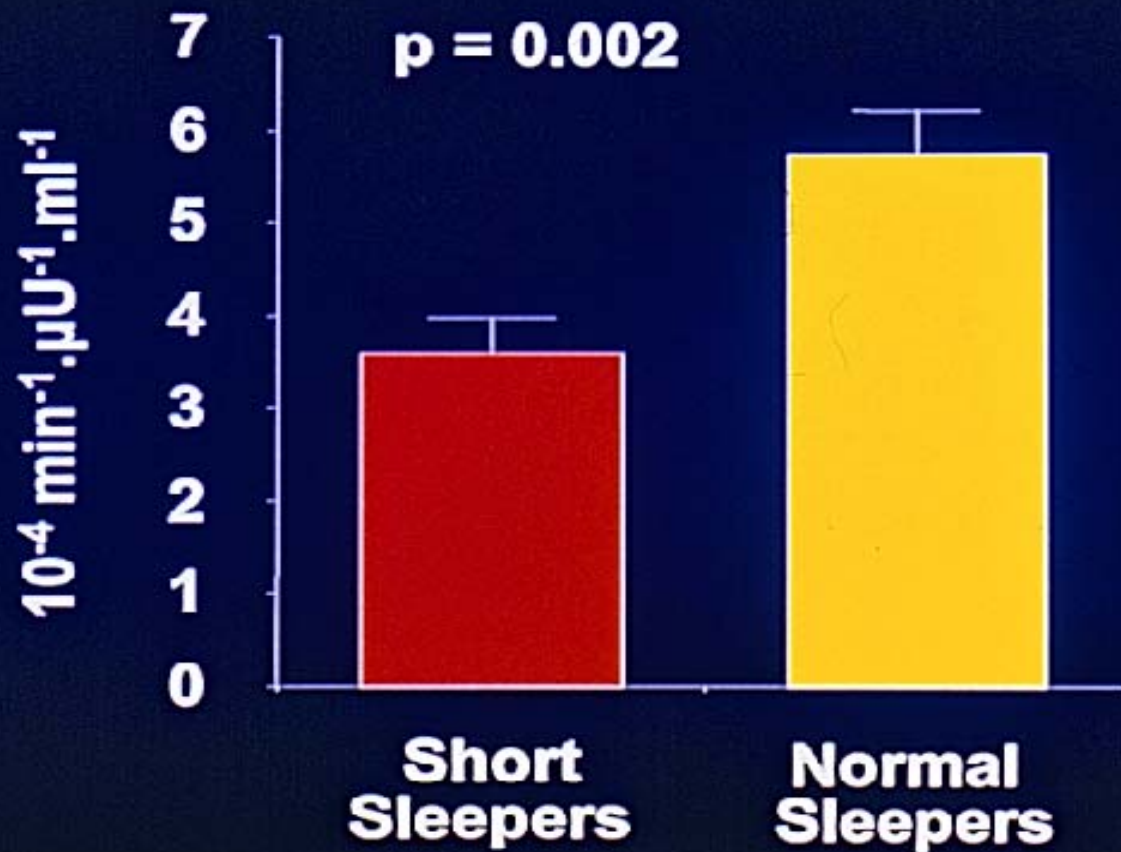
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# IVGTT: Insulin



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# INSULIN SENSITIVITY



*From Van Cauter*



# Henry VIII

**Royal Road  
to Obesity**





# Neuroscience of Drug Reward: Relevance to Food Reward

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**Neuroscience of Psychoactive Substance Use  
and Dependence**

Published by World Health Organization, 2004

- **Links between food reward and drug reward: individual differences**
- **Effects of sleep deprivation on food reward and drug award**
- **Effects of Stress on food reward and drug reward**
- **Reward signals, food choices and different macronutrients**
- **Beyond Dopamine**

# Natural Factors Associated with Enhanced DAergic Transmission

- Intrinsic:      hunger  
                         sex  
                         curiosity/exploration
- Extrinsic:      sweet food  
                         attractive sexual stimuli  
                         enriched environment

# **Sleep deprivation produces behavioral supersensitivity to DA agonists, amphetamine and cannabis in rats**

*Tufik et al., 1978*  
*Ferguson et al., 1969*  
*Carlini et al., 1977*



*Table. Average Ratings of Appetite after 2 Days of Sleep Restriction or Sleep Extension*

Food Category*	Ratings for 10 h in Bed ( <i>n</i> = 12)	Ratings for 4 h in Bed ( <i>n</i> = 12)	<i>P</i> Value	Change, %
Sweets (cake, candy, cookies, ice cream, and pastry)	5.4	6.6	0.03	33
Salty food (chips, salted nuts, pickles, and olives)	5.0	6.7	0.02	45
Starchy food (bread, pasta, cereal, and potatoes)	5.9	7.4	0.03	33
Fruits and fruit juices	6.4	7.2	0.07	17
Vegetables	5.6	6.6	0.02	21
Meat, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.9	6.9	0.11	21
Dairy (milk, cheese, and yogurt)	5.5	6.4	>0.2	19
Overall appetitet	39.7	47.7	0.01	23

\* Each category is rated on a 0- to 10-cm visual analogue scale.

† Rated on a 0- to 70-cm visual analogue scale.

**Sweets - 33%**

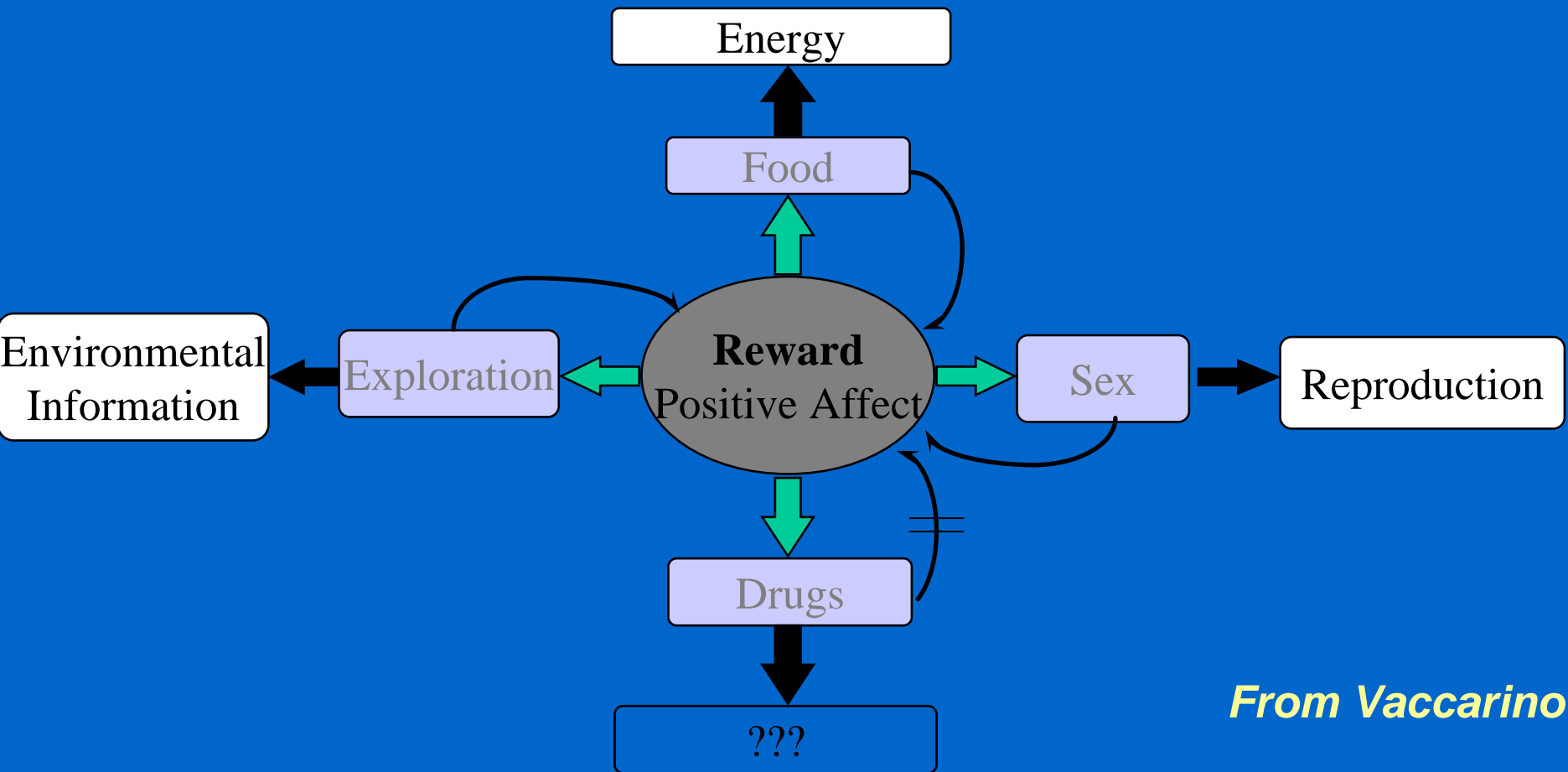
**Salty foods - 45%**

**Starchy foods - 33%**

*Spiegel et al., 2004*

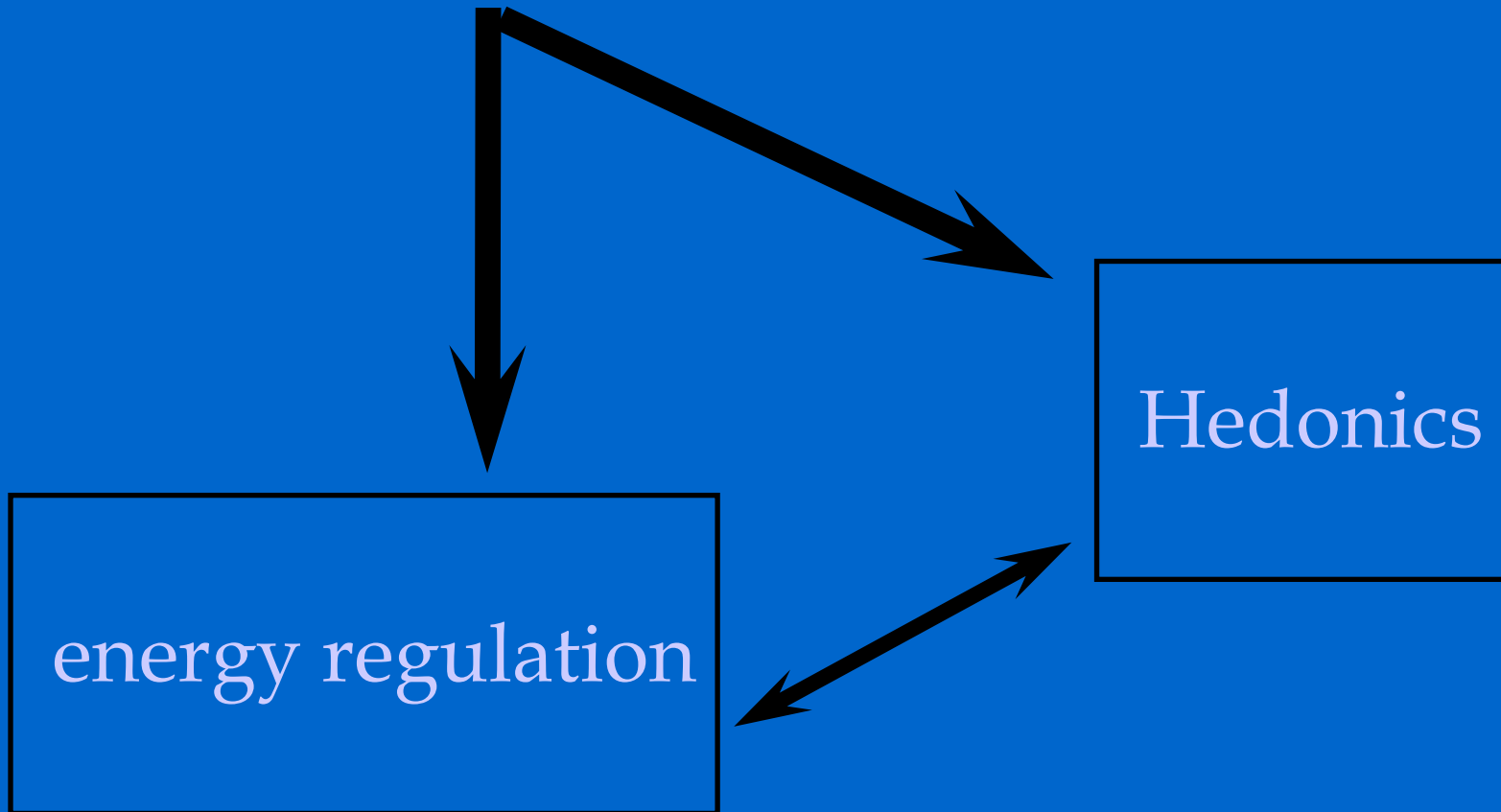
# Biological Relevance of Reward

- Stimuli with positive affective valence increase reward system activity.
- Increased reward system activity is expressed as increased behavior directed at the relevant stimuli.



*From Vaccarino*

# FOOD and EATING



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# **Links Between Food *Reward* and Drug *Reward*:**

## **Evidence from Individual Differences in Reward and Dopamine Sensitivity**

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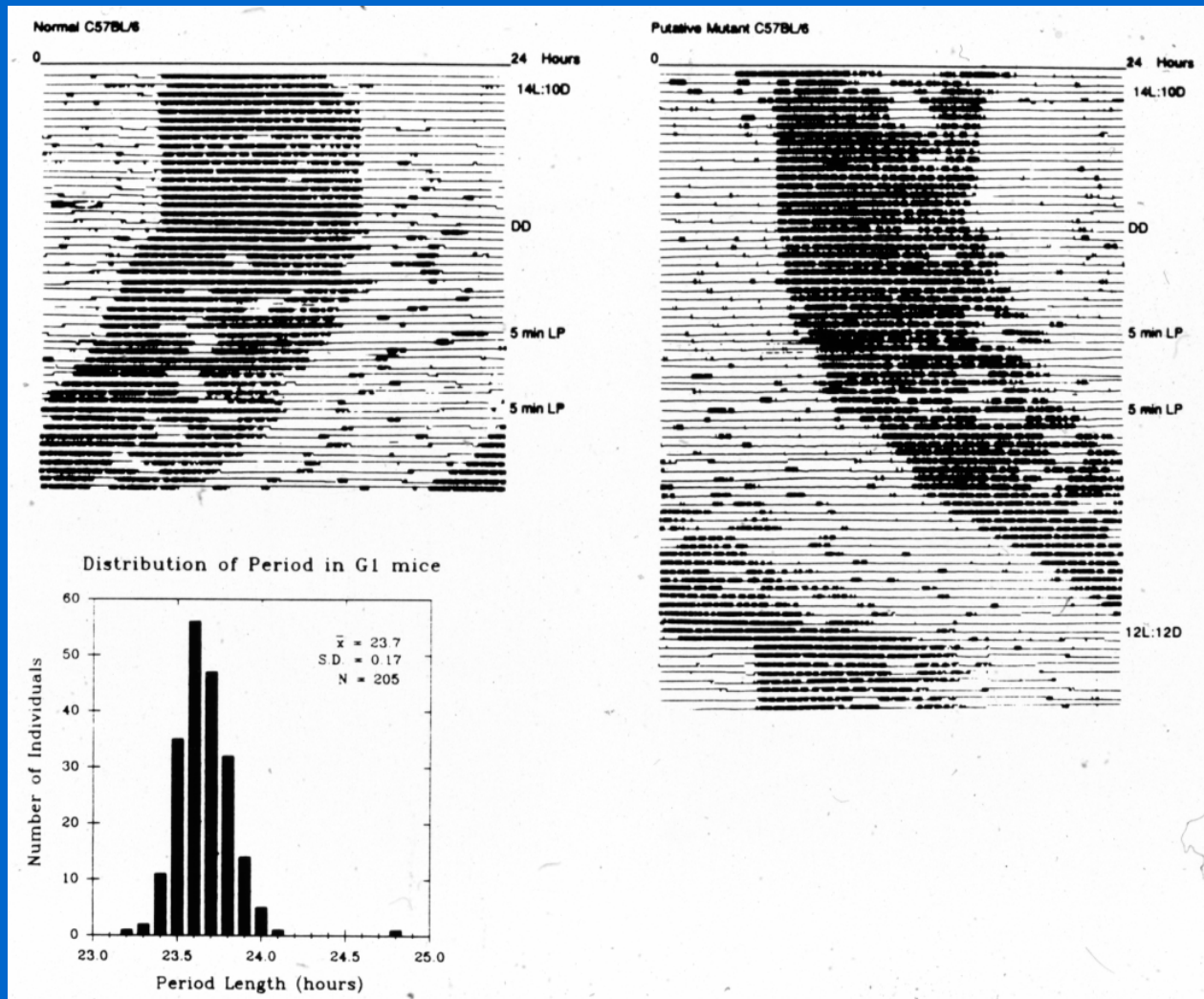
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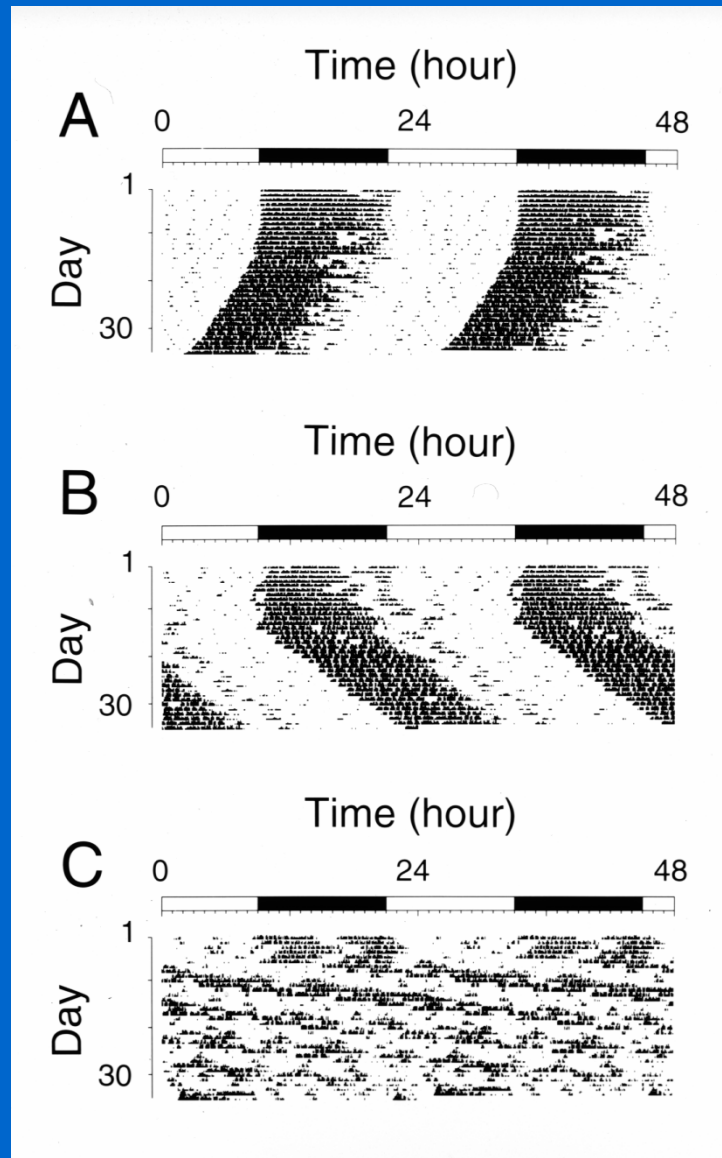
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# Discovery of the Mutant



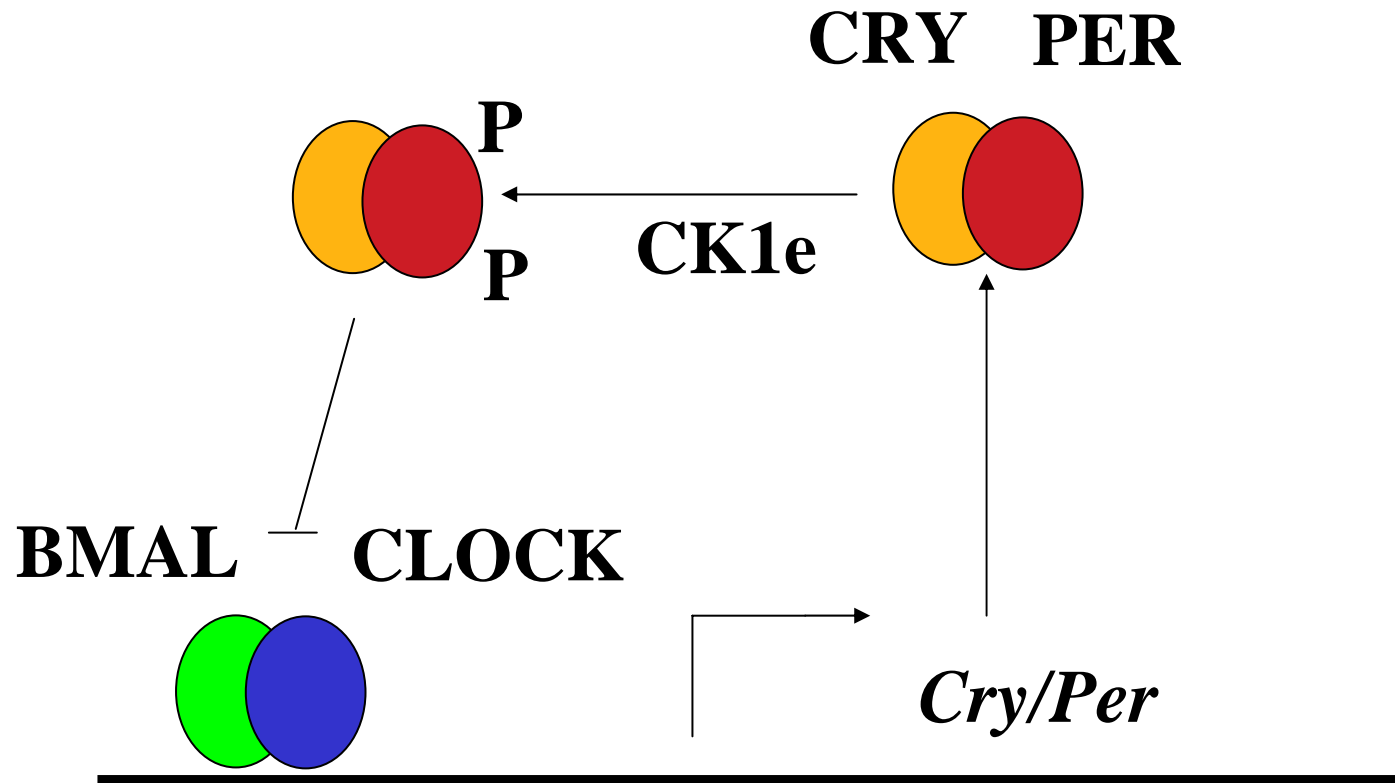
# *Clock* is a semidominant mutation





**Discovery of Clock Gene  
Led to Discovery of Many  
Clock Genes**





**Liver Has Rhythm**

**Fred W. Turek and Ravi Allada**

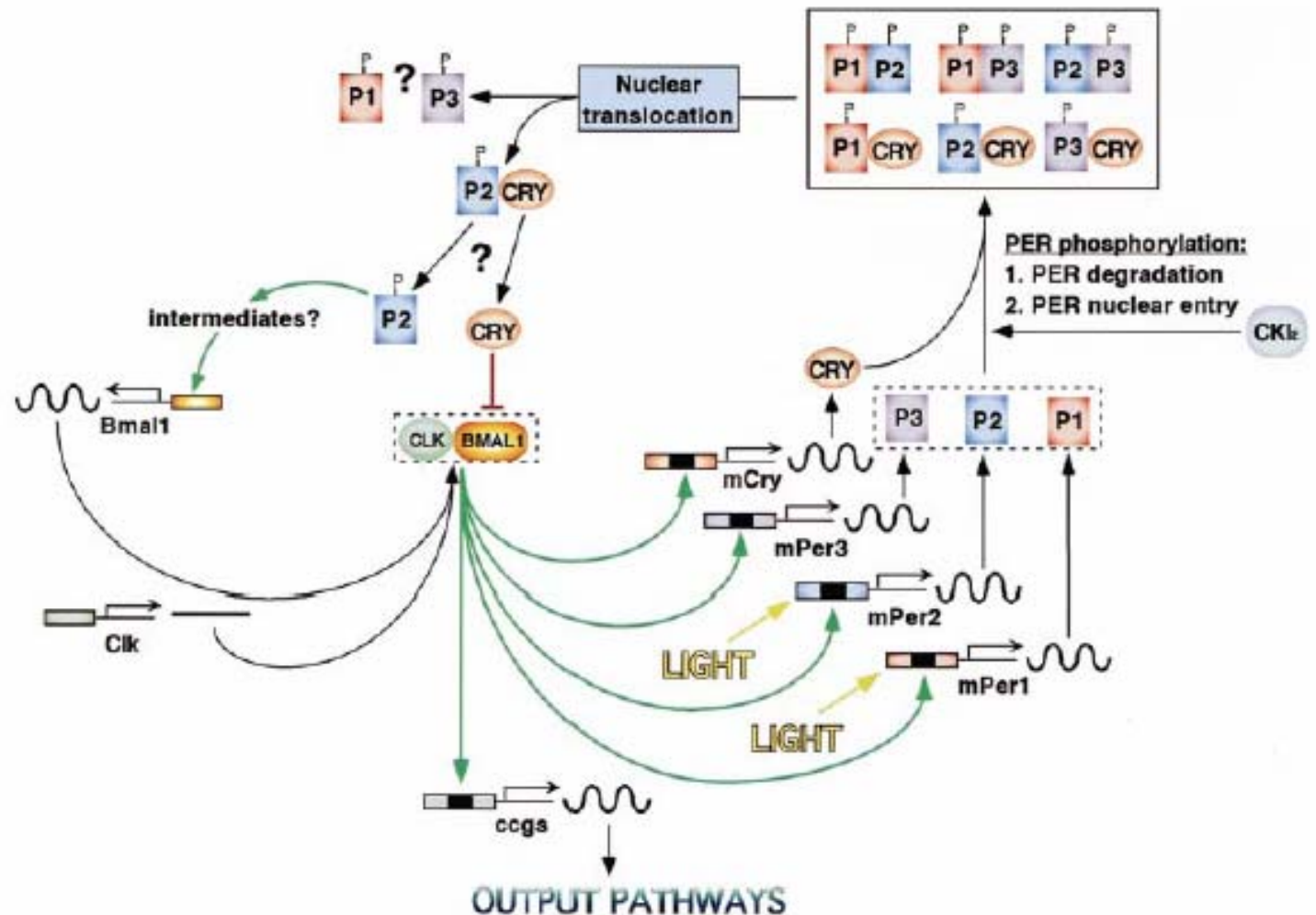
*Hepatology, April 2002*



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# Core circadian clock genes

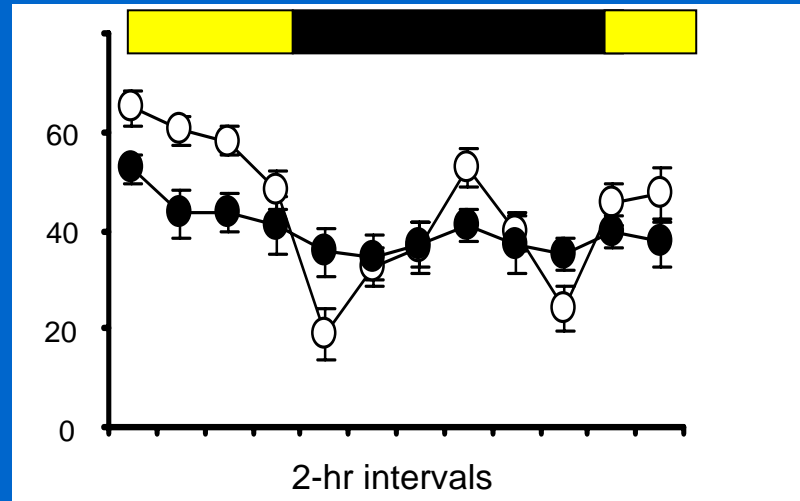
## Transcriptional – translational feedback loop



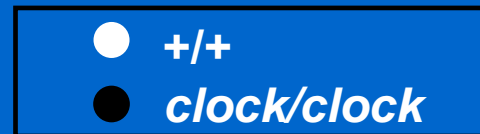


# *Clock/Clock* mice: Baseline sleep

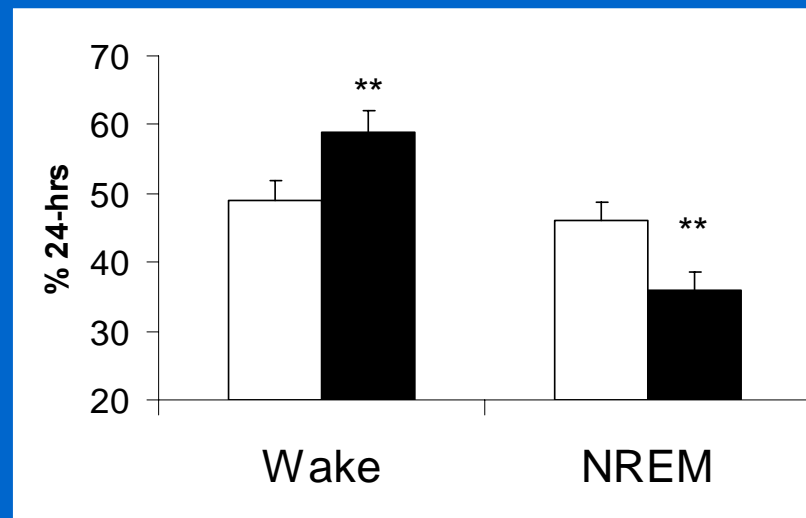
Reduced amplitude  
of sleep-wake cycle  
(NREM %)



(Easton, 2004)



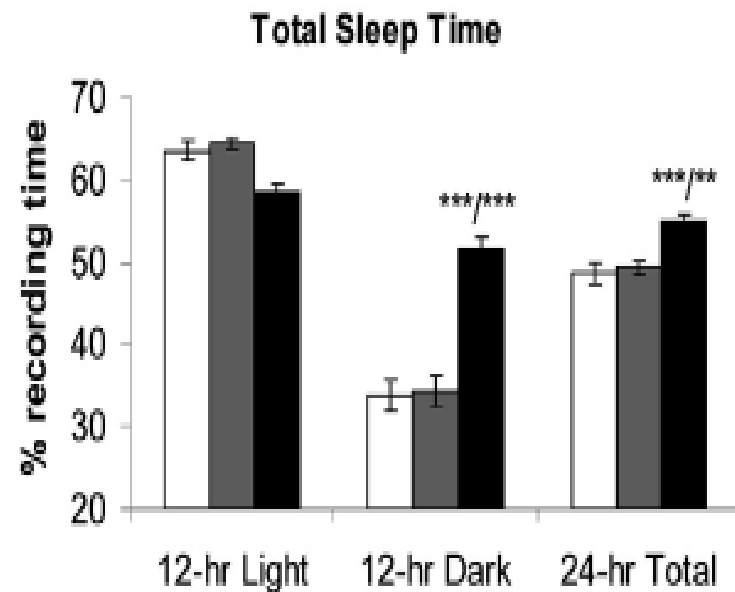
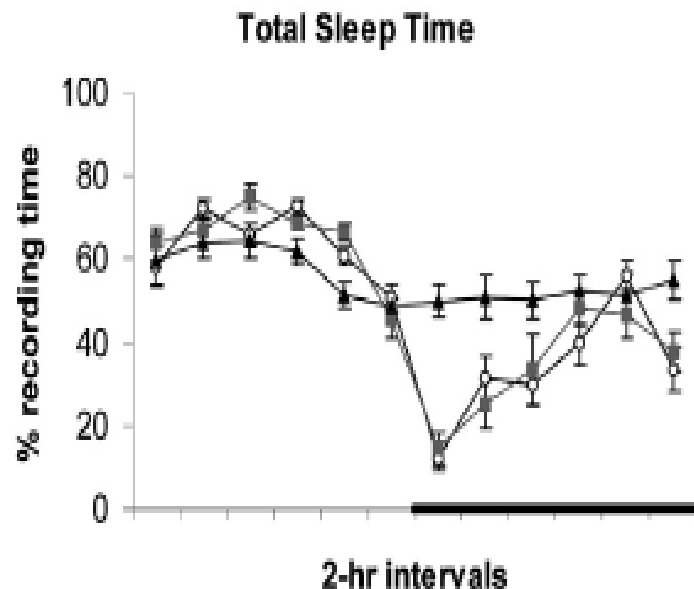
Increased wake time  
(+ 2 hrs/day)



(Naylor et al., 2000)

# Sleep in *Bmal1/Mop3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

- Increased total sleep time (+ 1.5 hours)



- Increased sleep fragmentation
- Impaired recovery from sleep deprivation

# Circadian clock genes influence total sleep amount, sleep consolidation, and sleep homeostasis

	24-hr Wake %	24-hr NREM %	24-hr REM %	Sleep Fragmentation	Bsln NREM delta power	Recovery NREM	Recovery REM	Recovery NREM delta power
<i>Cl/Cl</i> (Naylor et al., 2000)	↑	↓	▒	▒	▒	↓	↓	▒
BMAL1/Mop3 <sup>-/-</sup> (Laposky et al., 2005)	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓
Cry 1,2 <sup>-/-</sup> (Wisor et al., 2003)	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓

- Different sleep phenotypes for different circadian genes
- Phenotypes maintained in L:D and D:D

# From Flies to Mice (to Humans)

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- Core clock genes influence sleep regulatory processes
- Amount, consolidation, sleep architecture, sleep rebound

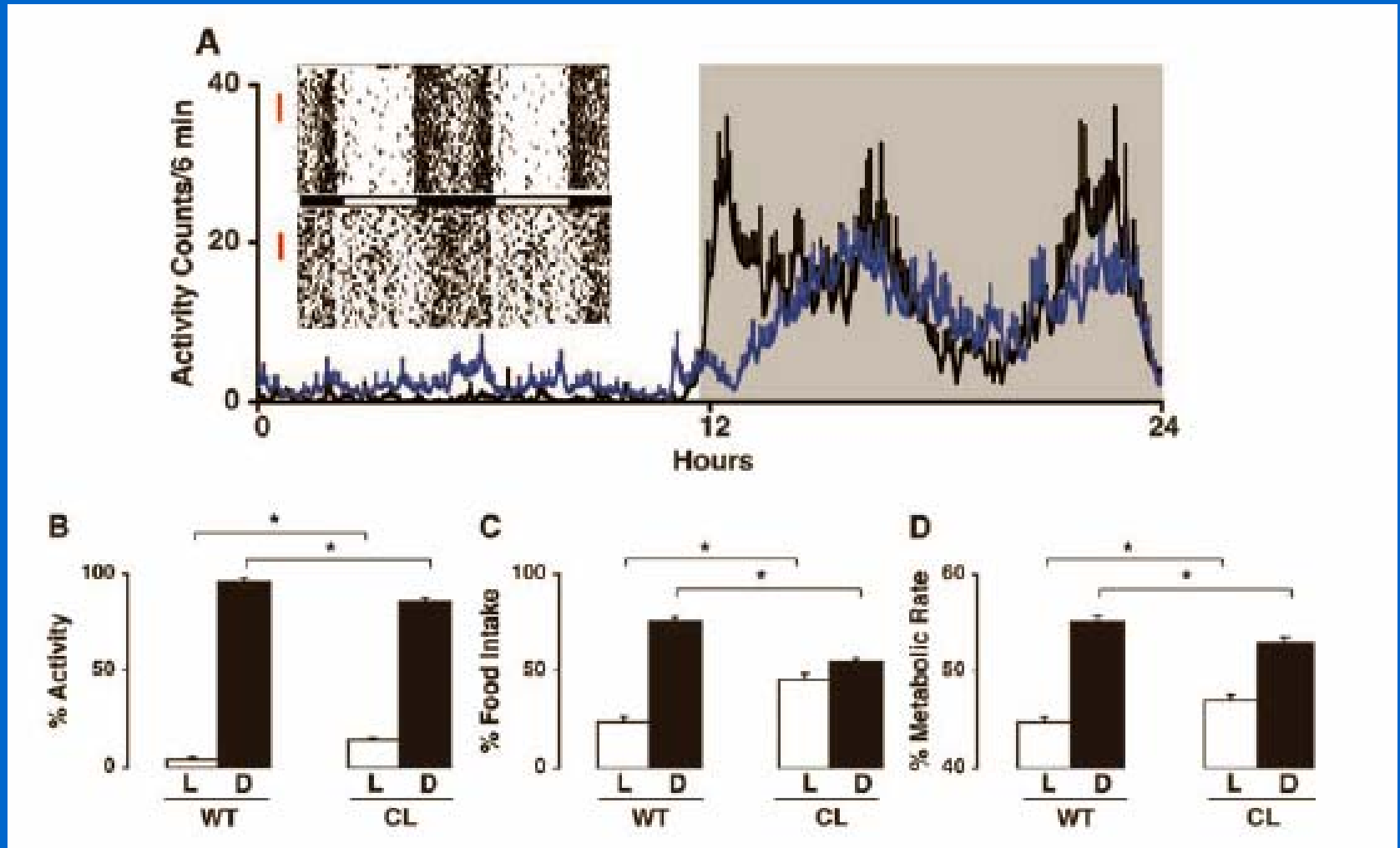
# **Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome in Circadian *Clock* Mutant Mice**

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**Turek FW, Joshu C, Kohsaka A, Lin E, Ivanova G, McDearmon E, Laposky A, Losee-Olson S, Easton A, Jensen DR, Eckel RH, Takahashi JS, and Bass J.**

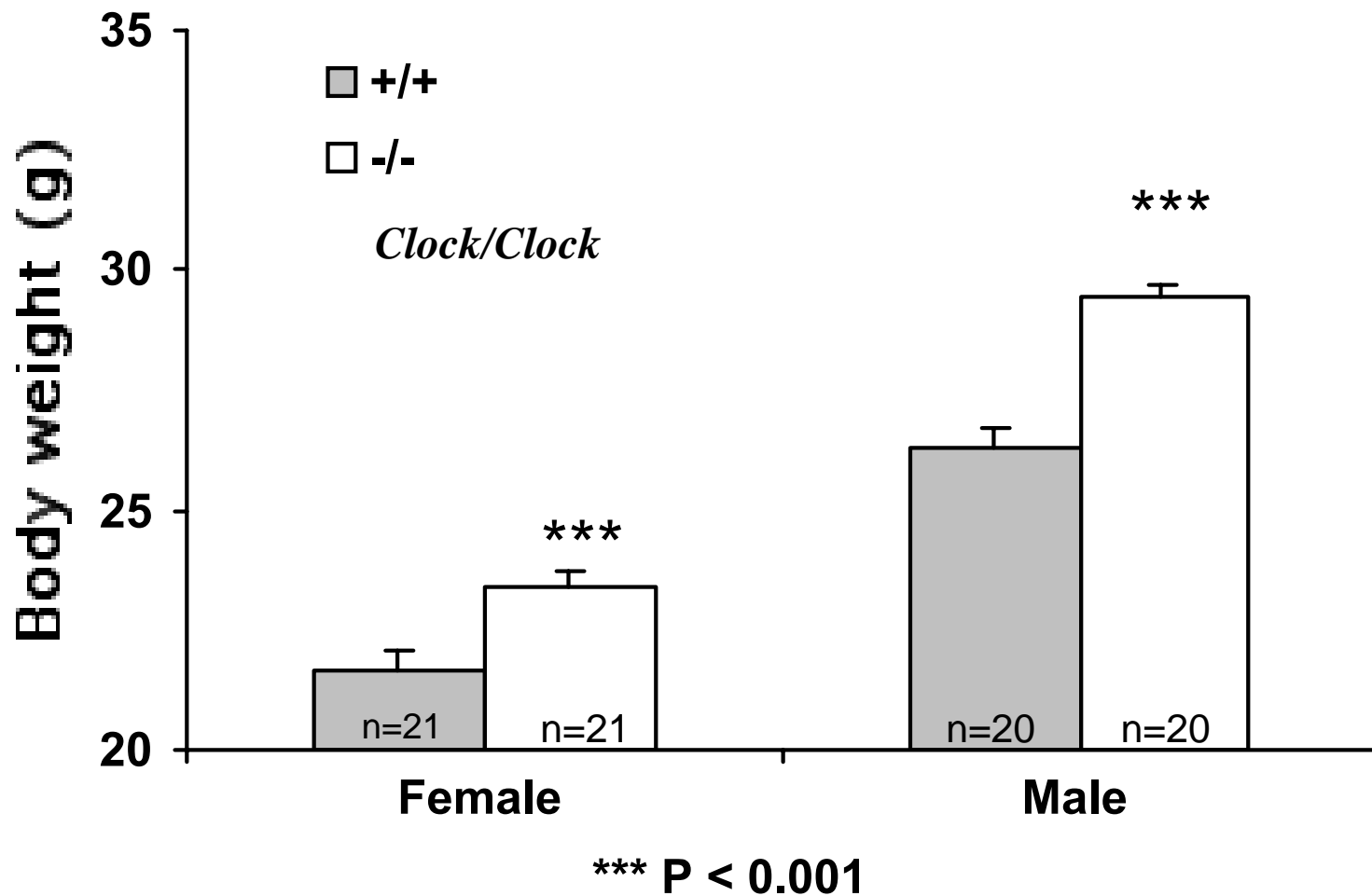
***Science* 308, 13 May 2005, p. 1043-1045**

# Activity and Energy Balance



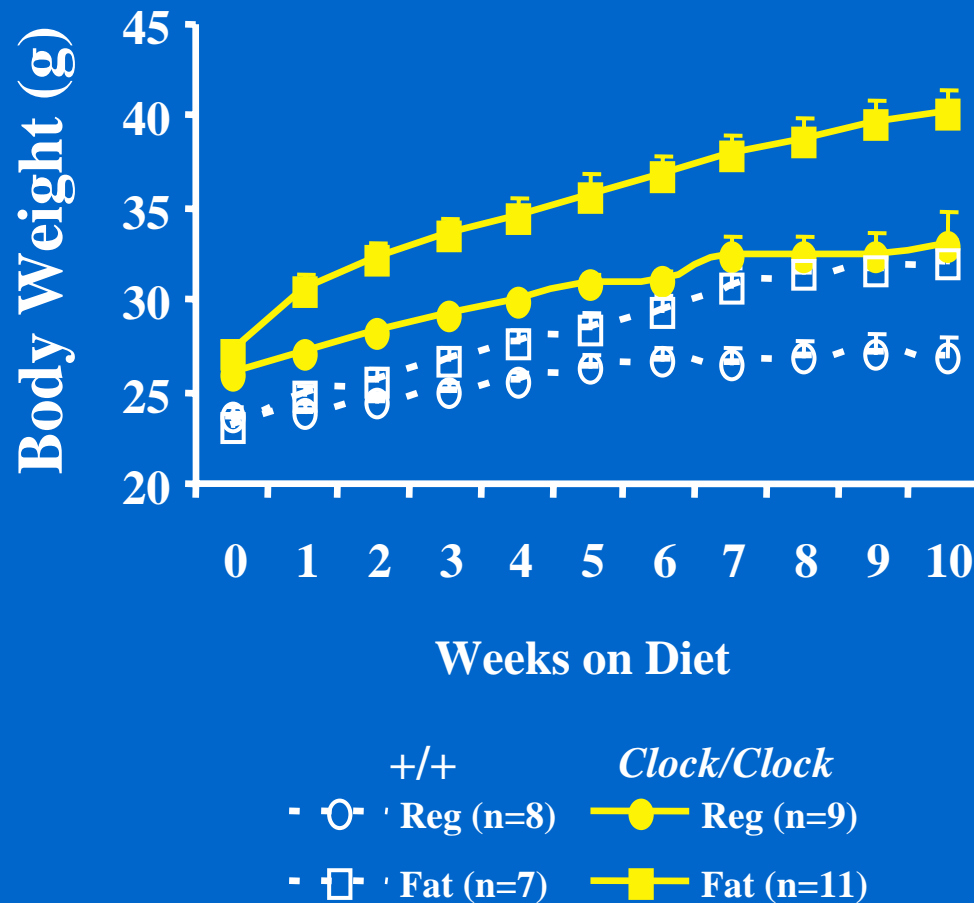


## Increased Body Weight of Clock Mutants

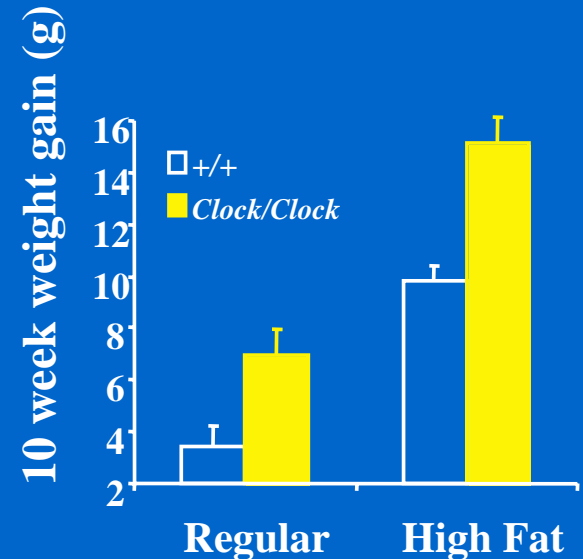


*From Science 2005*

# Sleep, Circadian and Metabolic Phenotypes of the *Clock* mutant model



#3 Energy homeostasis deficit

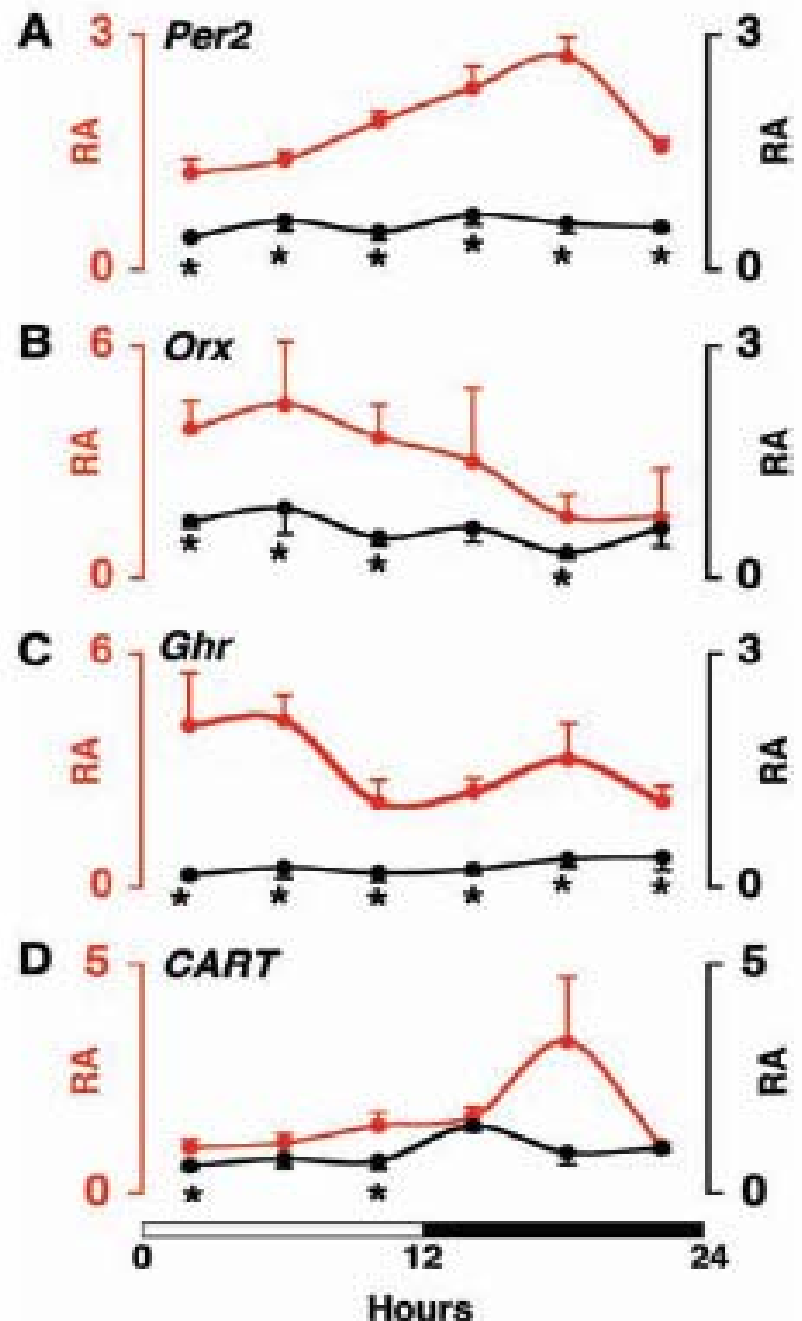


<b>Metabolic parameters</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b><i>Clock</i></b>	<b><i>P</i> value</b>
<b>Triglyceride (mg/dl)</b>	<b>136 ± 8</b>	<b>164 ± 8</b>	<b>&lt; 0.05</b>
<b>Cholesterol (mg/dl)</b>	<b>141 ± 9</b>	<b>163 ± 6</b>	<b>&lt; 0.05</b>
<b>Glucose (mg/dl)</b>	<b>130 ± 5</b>	<b>161 ± 7</b>	<b>&lt; 0.01</b>
<b>Insulin (ng/ml)</b>	<b>1.7 ± 0.3</b>	<b>1.1 ± 0.1</b>	<b>N.S.</b>
<b>Leptin (ng/ml)</b>	<b>3.4 ± 0.4</b>	<b>4.6 ± 0.3</b>	<b>&lt; 0.05</b>

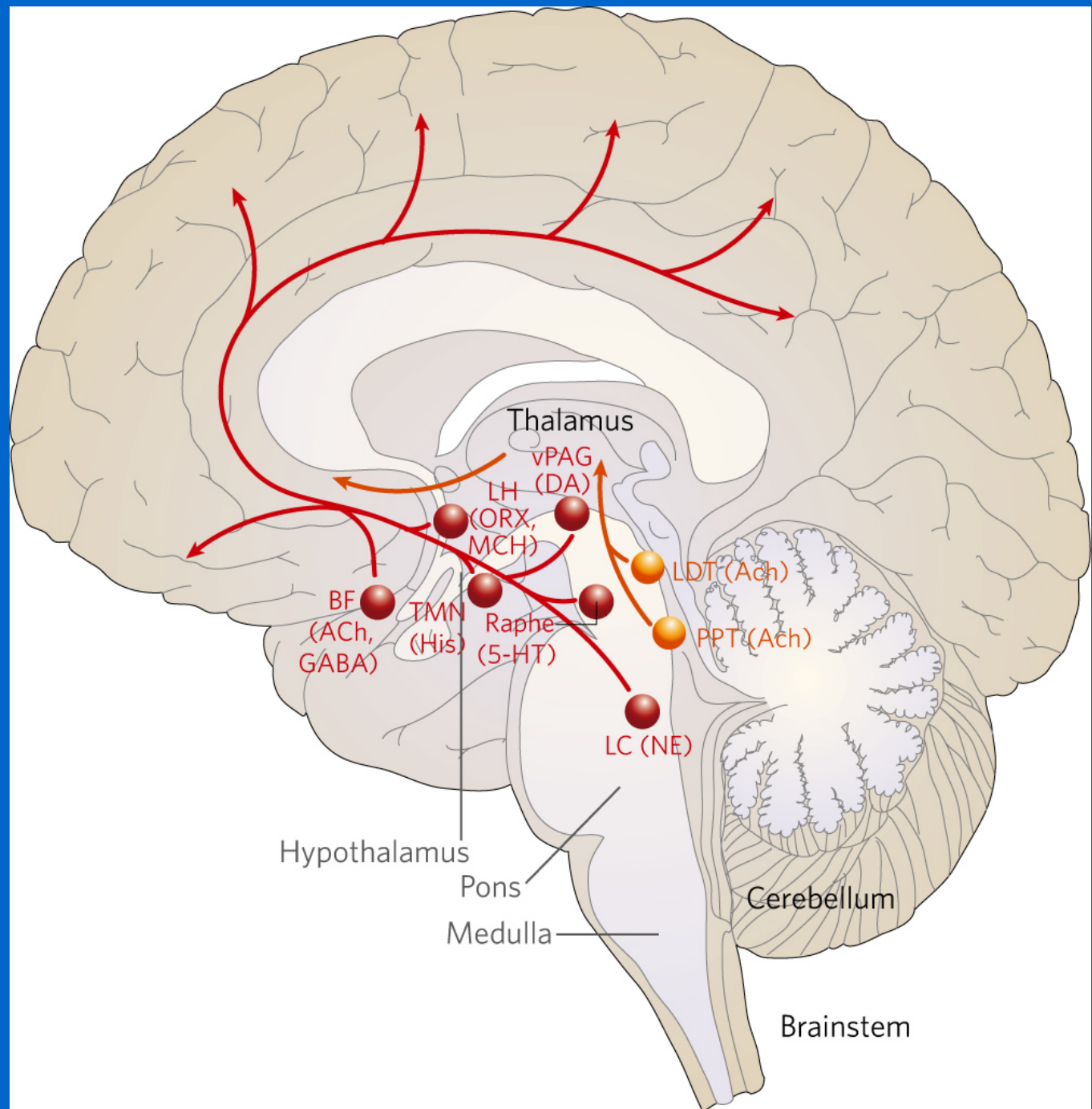
# Diurnal rhythms in the mediobasal hypothalamus

Wild-type = red

*Cl/Cl* mutant = black

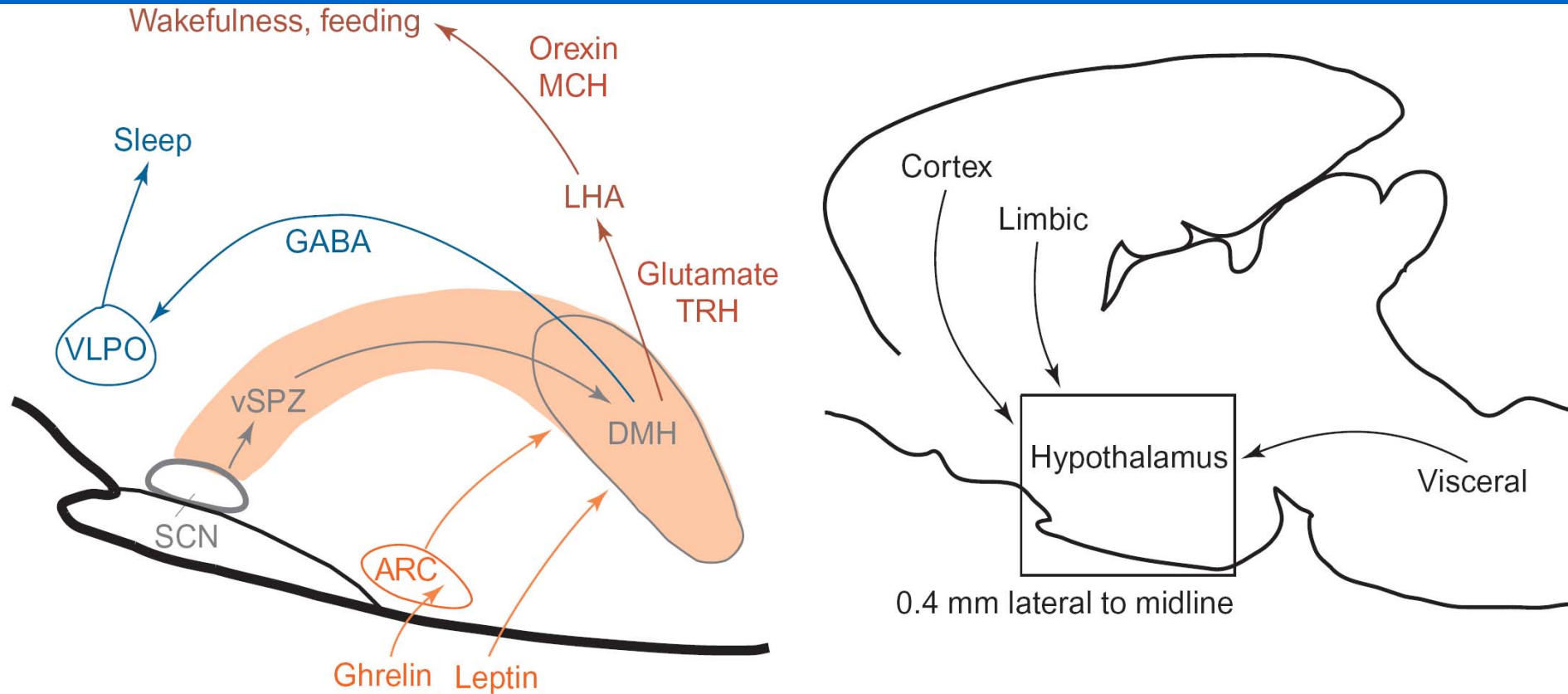


# Ascending Arousal Pathways



Saper et al., *Nature*  
437:1257, 2005

# Interactions of Circadian Regulation of Sleep and Feeding

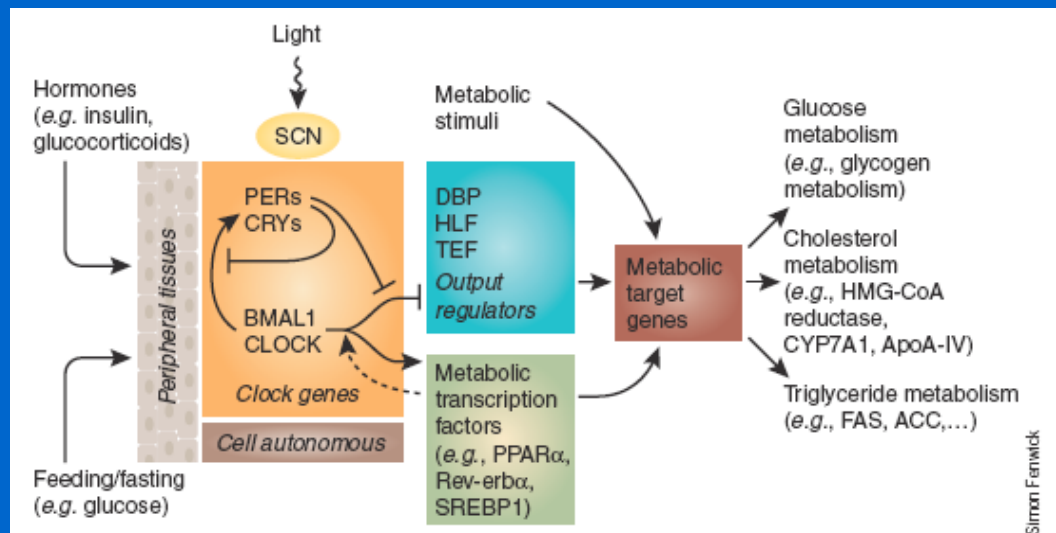


# Nature Medicine January 2006

## When the *Clock* stops ticking, metabolic syndrome explodes

Bart Staels

Circadian control depends on oscillating transcription factors, master switches synchronized by stimuli such as light and feeding. Recent studies show that altering circadian rhythmicity also results in pathophysiological changes resembling the metabolic syndrome.

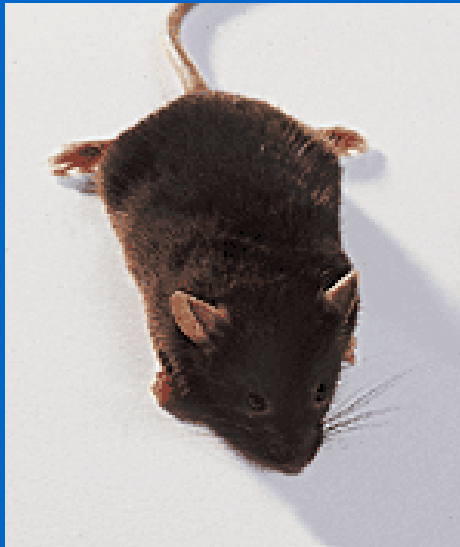


**Figure 1** Transcriptional control of metabolic pathways by circadian oscillators. The molecular circadian oscillator is composed of two coupled feedback loops—Per-Cry and Clock-Bmal1—that regulate each other rhythmically. These feedback loops also control the expression of downstream transcription factors such as DBP, HLF and TEF. The circadian oscillator can be modulated by light, which acts on the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) in the brain, and by metabolic stimuli such as hormones and nutritional status, which act on peripheral tissues. The transcription factors of the Clock machinery also regulate genes involved in metabolic control in peripheral tissues such as liver and adipose tissue.



# The *ob/ob* mouse :

a genetic animal model for metabolic disorders



**Wild type**



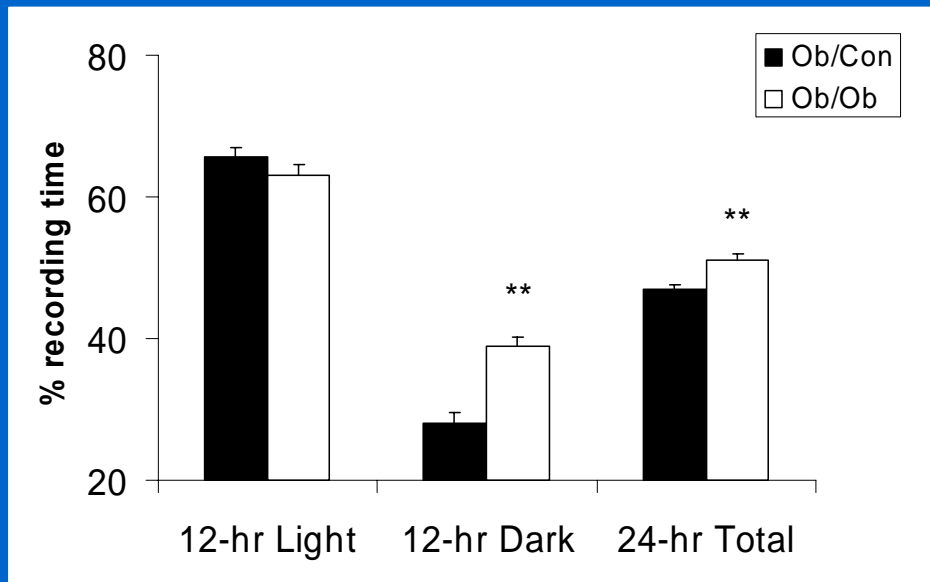
***ob/ob***

1. Obesity arose from spontaneous mutation of leptin gene (*ob*)
2. In addition to obesity, *ob/ob* mice are hyperphagic, and exhibit a metabolic syndrome characterized by:
  - hyperglycemia
  - glucose intolerance
  - hyperinsulinemia

# Altered sleep regulation in *ob/ob* mice

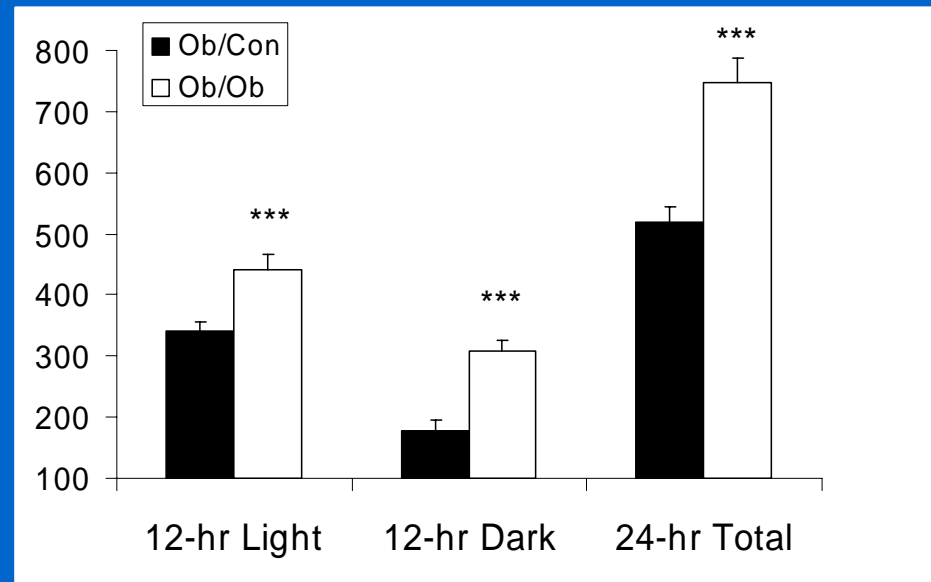
- Increased sleep time  
(+ 1 hour/day)

## Total sleep time



- Increased sleep fragmentation

## Stage Shifts



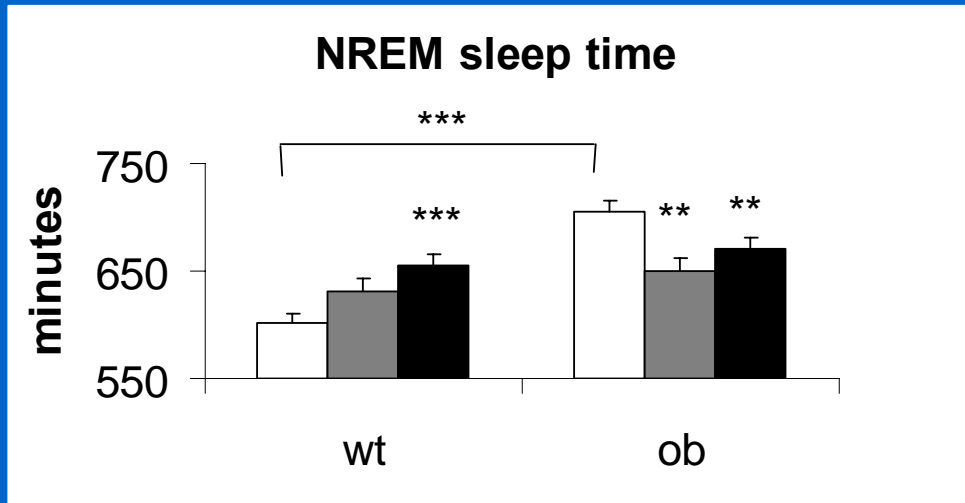
Wild type



*ob/ob*

# Effect of leptin repletion on sleep in *ob/ob* mice

Leptin normalizes  
NREM sleep time  
between genotypes



Vehicle

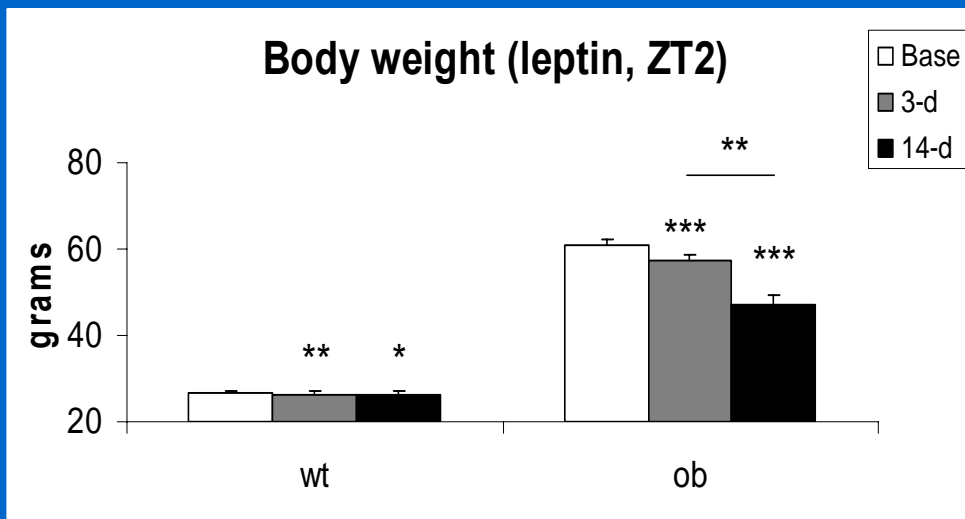


Leptin (3 days)  
• 100 ug/kg/day,  
mini-pump)



Leptin (14 days)  
• 100 ug/kg/day,  
mini-pump)

Sleep effects do not  
correlate with body  
weight



# Sleep in animal models of obesity/diabetes

- *ob/ob* mice (leptin deficient)
- *db/db* mice (leptin resistant)
- diet induced obesity - mice
- Zucker Diabetic Fatty rats

# **Sleepless in America: A Pathway to Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome?**

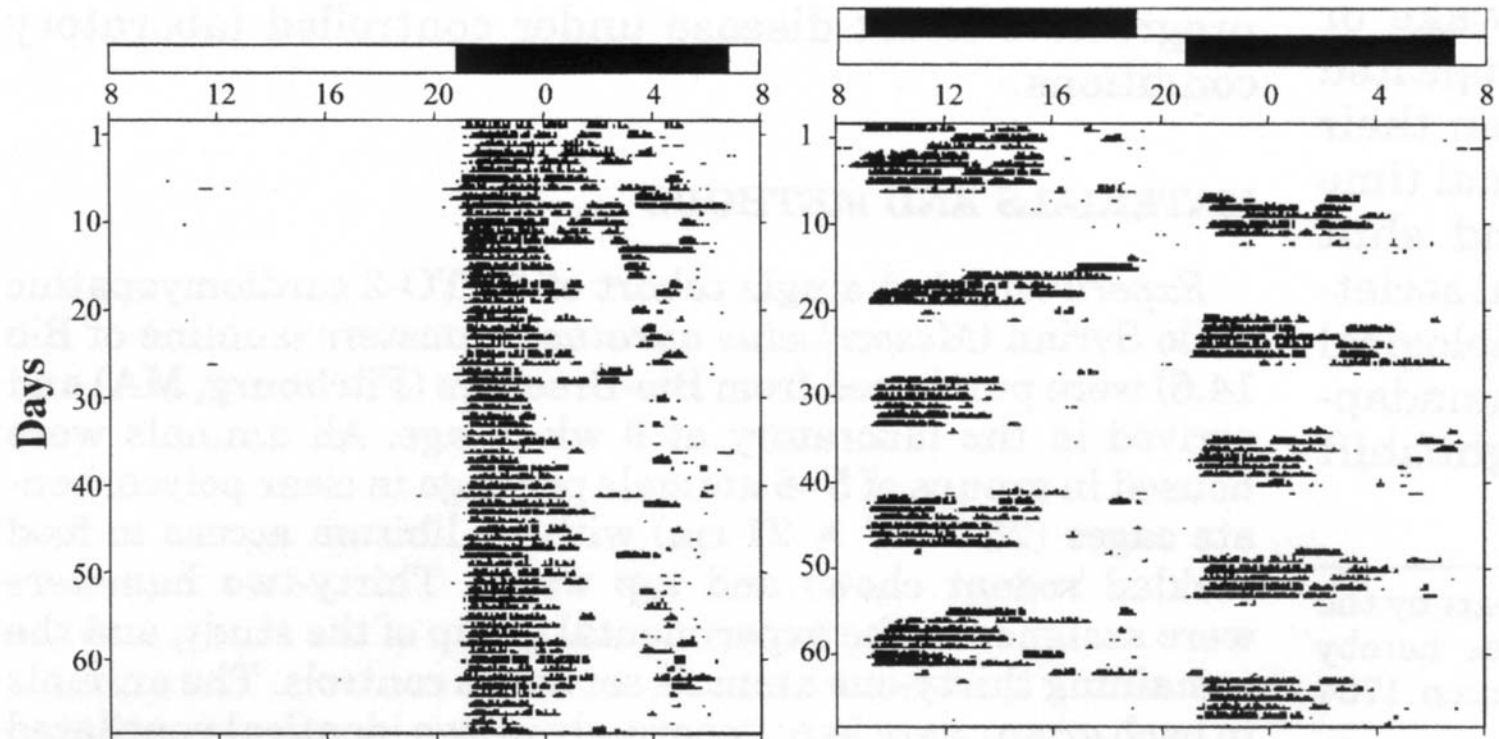
**Joseph Bass and Fred W. Turek**

***Archives of Internal Medicine, 2005***

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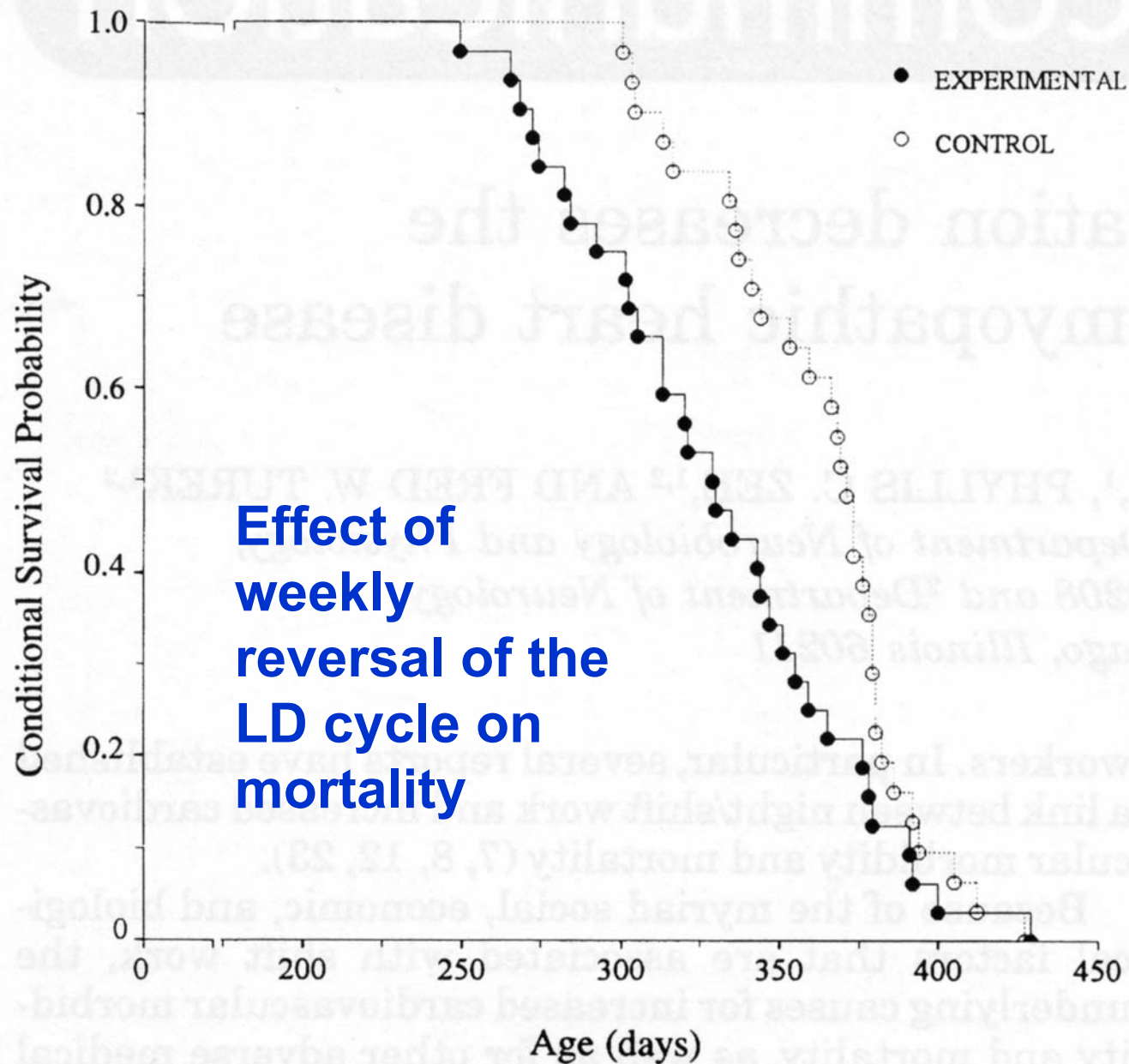
**“While there is a growing awareness among some sleep, metabolic, cardiovascular, and diabetes researchers that “insufficient sleep” could be leading to a cascade of disorders, few in the general medical profession or in the lay public have yet made the connection.”**

**Substitute circadian dysregulation for insufficient Sleep**



Effect of weekly reversal of  
the LD cycle on locomotor  
behavior

*Am. J. Physiol.* 275  
*Penev, et al., 1998*



*Am. J. Physiol.* 275  
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# Chronic Disrupted Sleep/Circadian Rhythms

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Three fundamental discoveries in just last few years:

- Chronic sleep loss leads to obesity/diabetes and CVD
- Circadian dysregulation leads to disease and metabolic dysfunction
- Molecular circadian clock core machinery: **EVERYWHERE**

# Circadian clock genes are everywhere !!

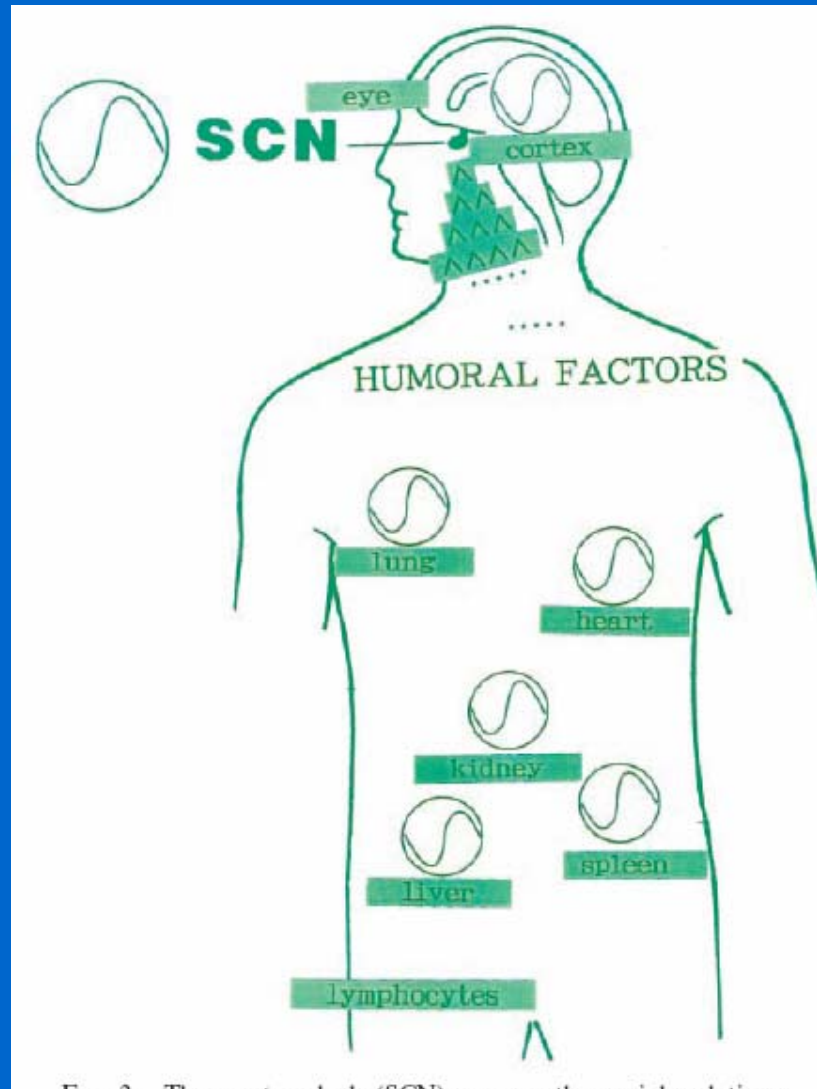
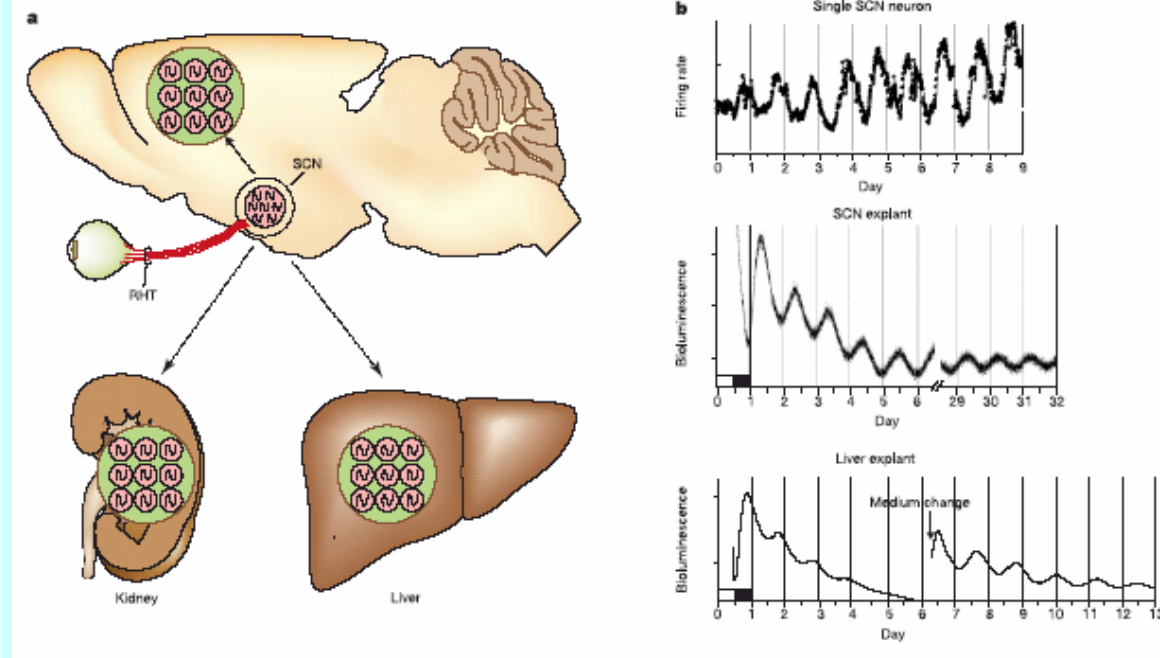
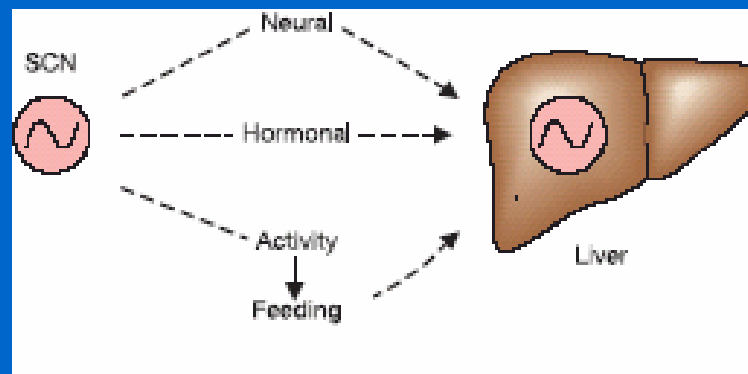


FIG. 2. The master clock (SCN) governs the peripheral tissue rhythm in mammals. The fact that the rhythmic expression of *RPER2* mRNA in several tissues completely depends on the SCN suggests that some signals (Humoral Factors) are needed to maintain coordinately the rhythm of the whole body.



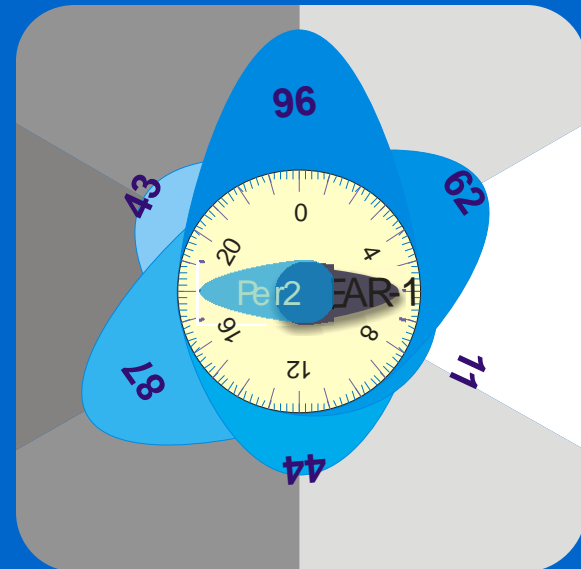
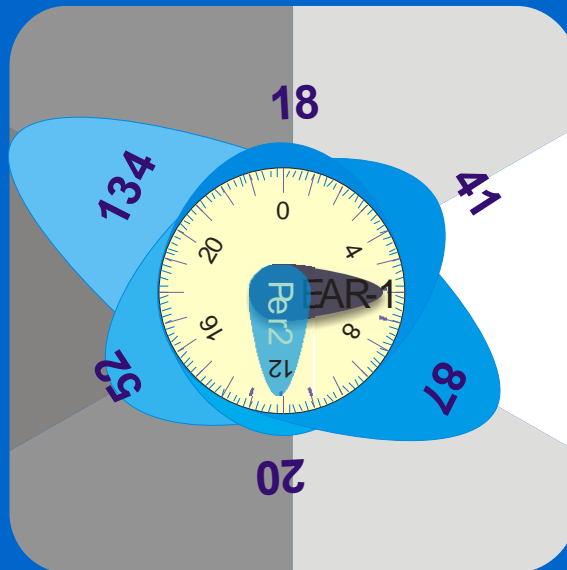
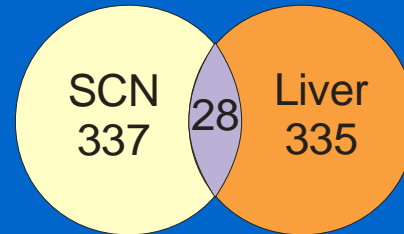
**Figure 1** The mammalian circadian timing system is a hierarchy of dispersed oscillators. **a**, The master clock in the SCN is composed of numerous clock cells. The SCN receives light information by a direct retinohypothalamic tract (RHT) to entrain the clock to the 24-h day. The entrained SCN, in turn, coordinates the timing of slave oscillators in other brain areas (for example, cortex) and in peripheral organs (for example, kidney and liver). **b**, A single SCN neuron in culture expresses robust circadian rhythms in firing rate over 9 days of study, proving that the core clock

mechanism is contained within single cells (adapted from ref. 83). SCN and liver explants from transgenic rats expressing a *mPer1*-driven luciferase reporter gene exhibit bioluminescence rhythms in culture; the black and white bars along the x axis indicate the light-dark cycle at the time of tissue collection (adapted from ref. 9). The SCN explant rhythm persists for weeks in culture, whereas the liver explant rhythm dampens. A medium change on day 7 restarts the liver oscillation, showing that the dampening was not due to tissue death.

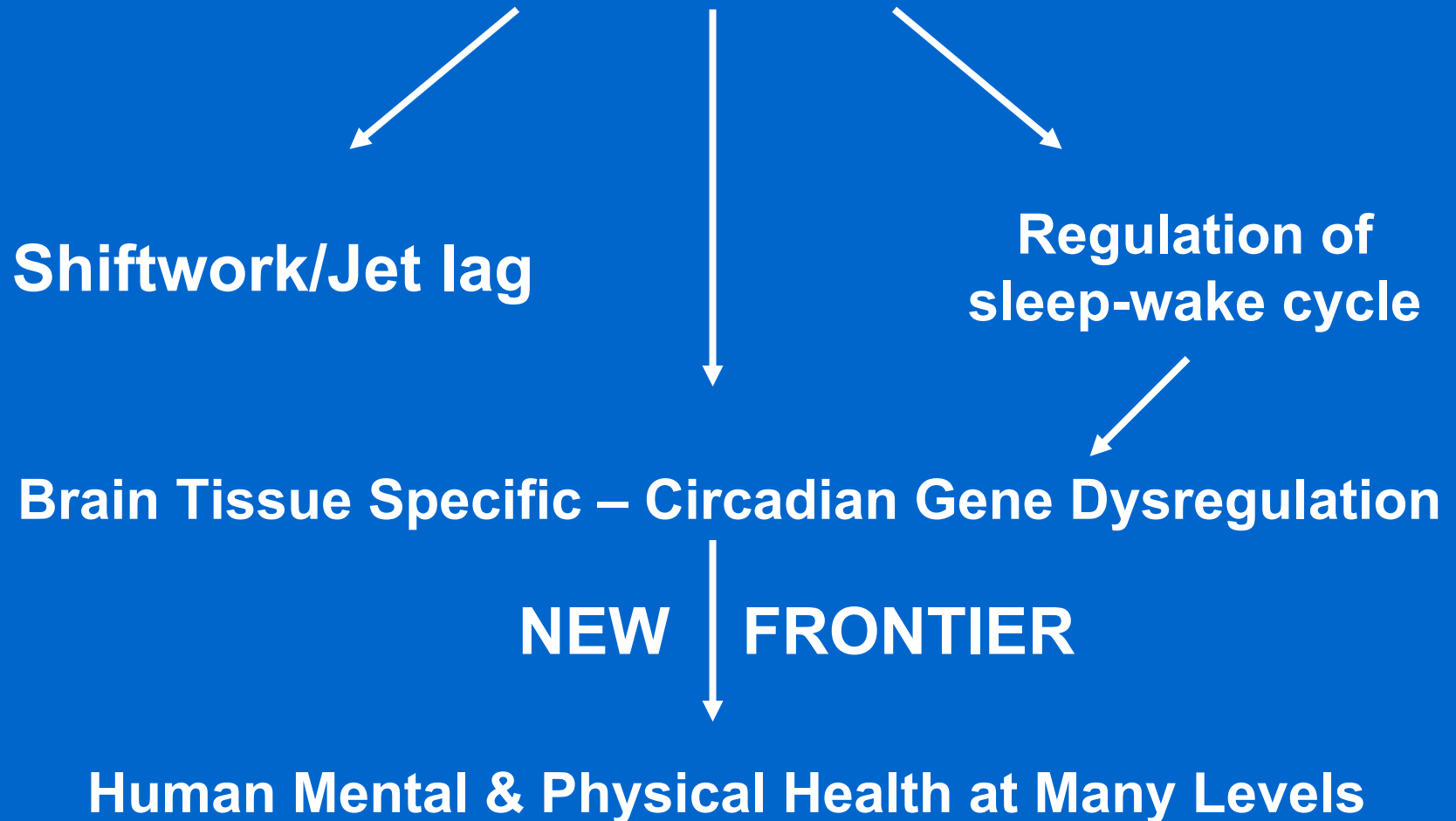


From:  
Reppert and Weaver (2002).  
Nature (418): 935

# Nearly ten percent of genes have a circadian rhythm in their expression



# Circadian Disruption and Human Health



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