

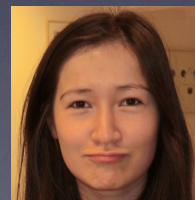
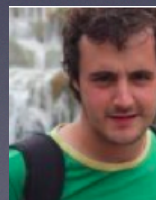
LEARNING OUTSIDE AWARENESS (WP2c)

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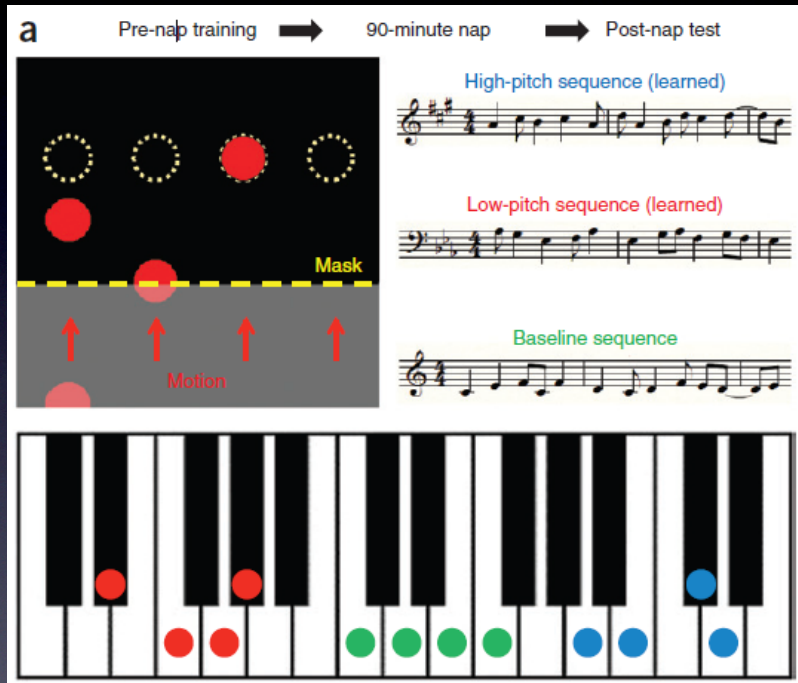
I. CAN WE MODULATE RECENT MEMORIES DURING SLEEP ?

I.a. Effects of within-sleep, non-awakening auditory stimulations on the memory consolidation of emotional and neutral declarative memories

I.b. Effects of boosting slow oscillatory activity (using transcranial direct current stimulation [tDCS]) on the consolidation of neutral and emotional memories

Cued memory reactivation during sleep influences skill learning

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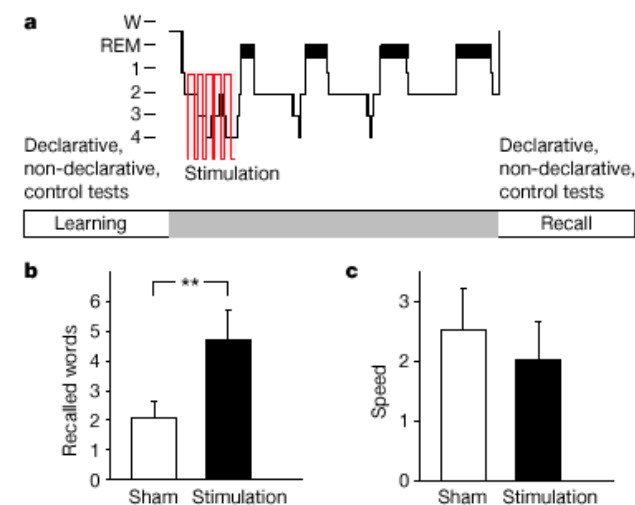
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Boosting slow oscillations during sleep potentiates memory

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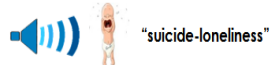
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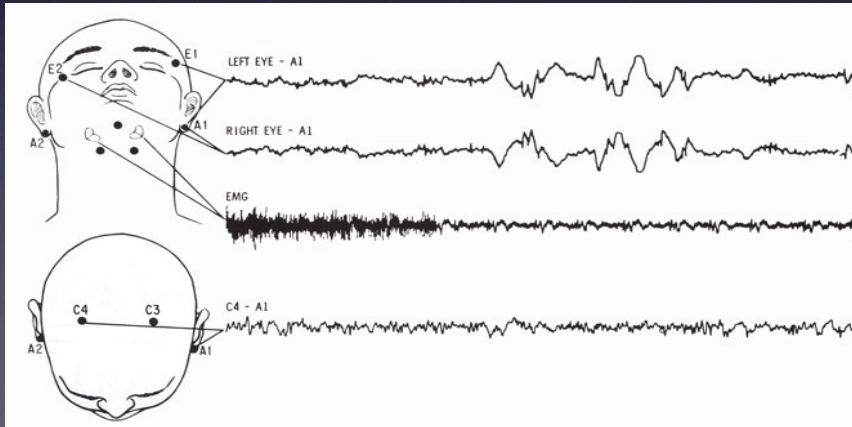
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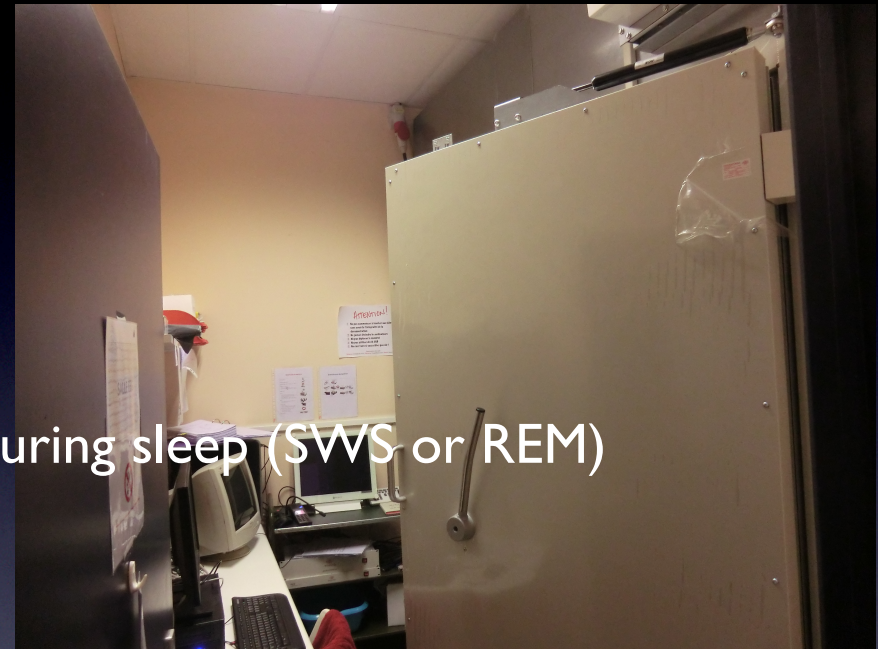
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b.I. 50 % auditory cues presented again during sleep (SWS or REM)



Tickling memories during sleep ?



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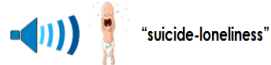
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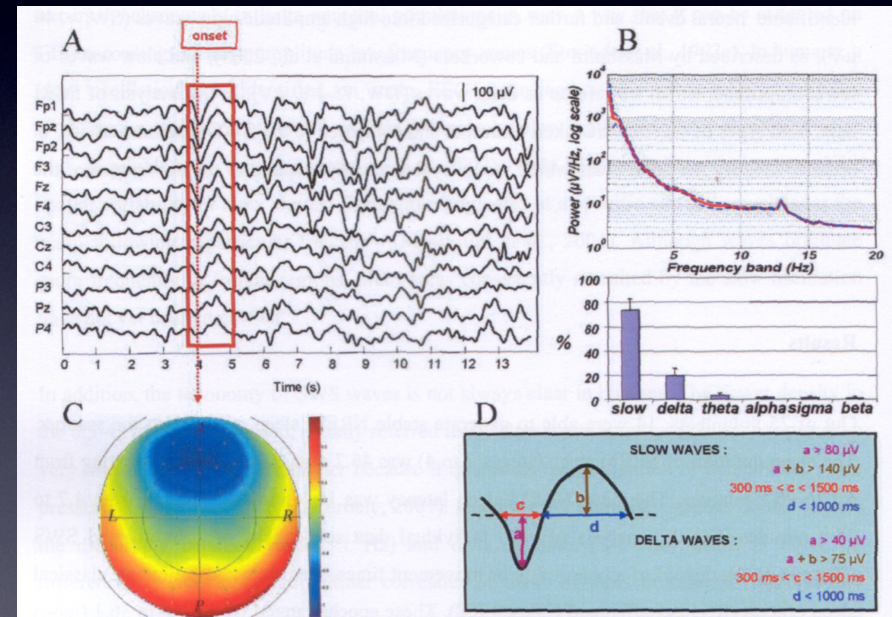
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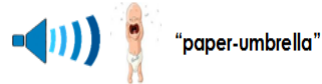


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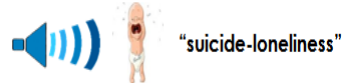
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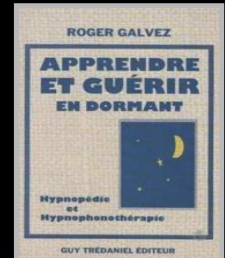
b. 50 % auditory cued presented again during sleep (SWS or REM)

OR b. slow transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) during sleep

c. Testing cued vs. uncued X emotional vs. neutral pairs (wakefulness)

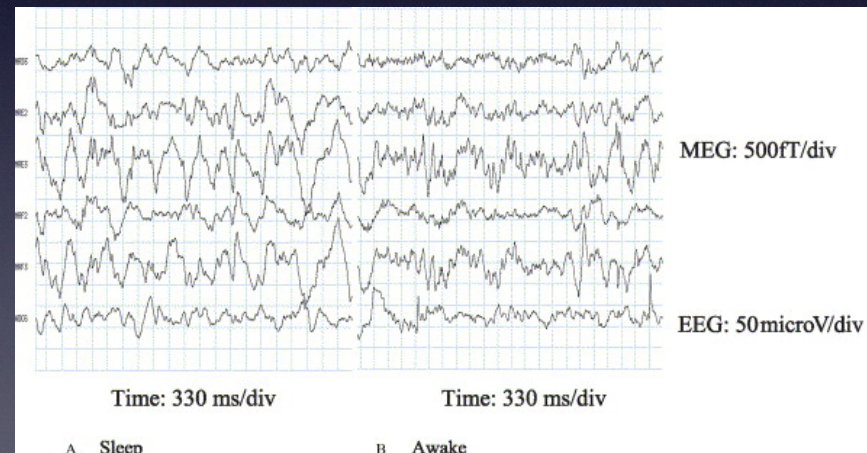


2. CAN WE LEARN DURING SLEEP ?



2.a. Is it possible creating new associations during sleep ?

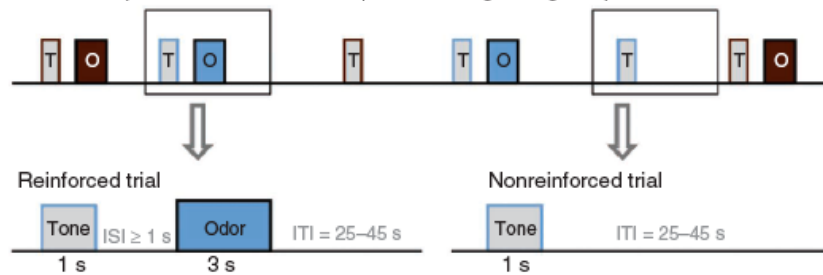
2.b. More than stimulus-response associations ?



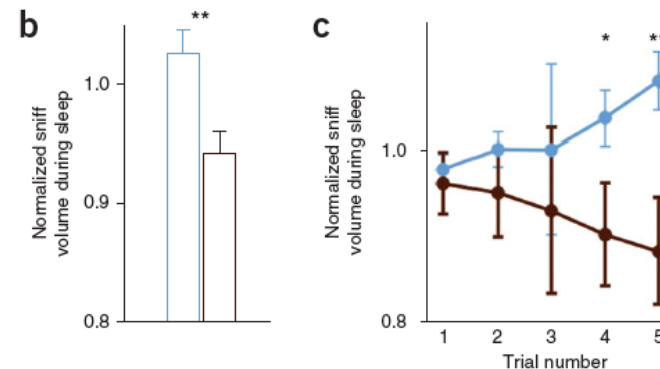
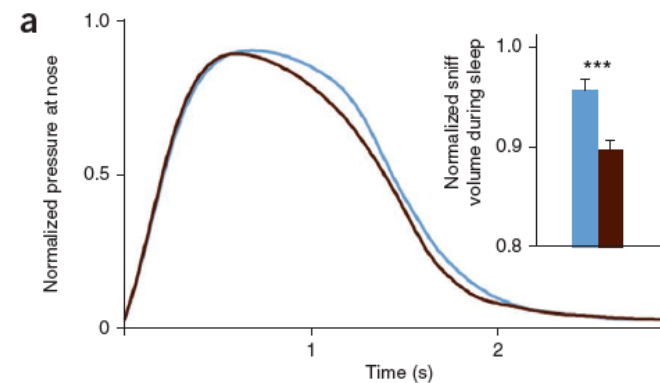
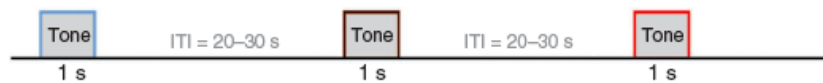
Humans can learn new information during sleep

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a Differential partial-reinforcement trace conditioning during sleep

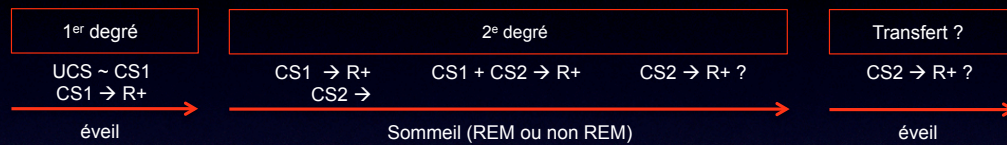


b Retention during wake

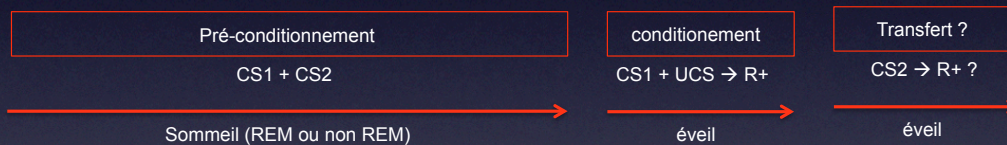


(trace vs. delay) conditioning during sleep ?

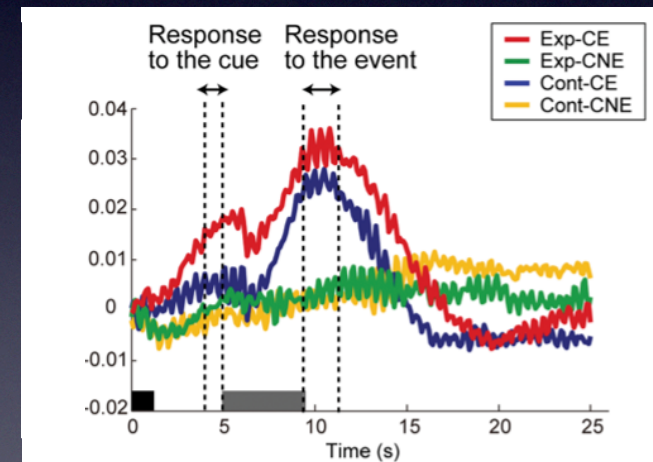
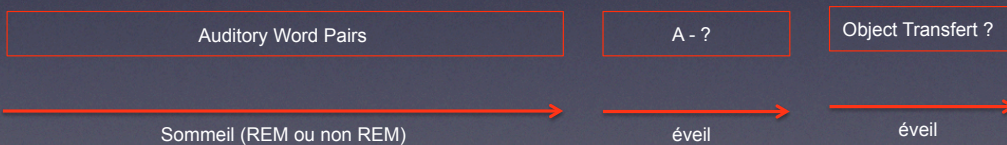
➤ Second-order conditioning: wake → sleep

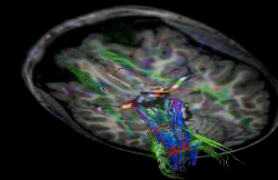


➤ Pre-conditioning: sleep → wake



➤ Paired word associations in sleep → priming at wake





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- during sleep ?
- what type of material/associations ?
- playing with reconsolidation/prediction errors ?
- ...
- WP = Work in Progress ! See you next year !

