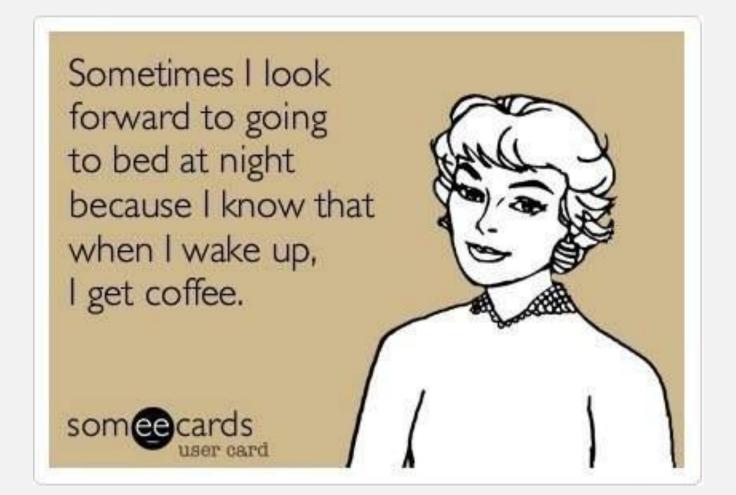
## NORMAL SLEEP

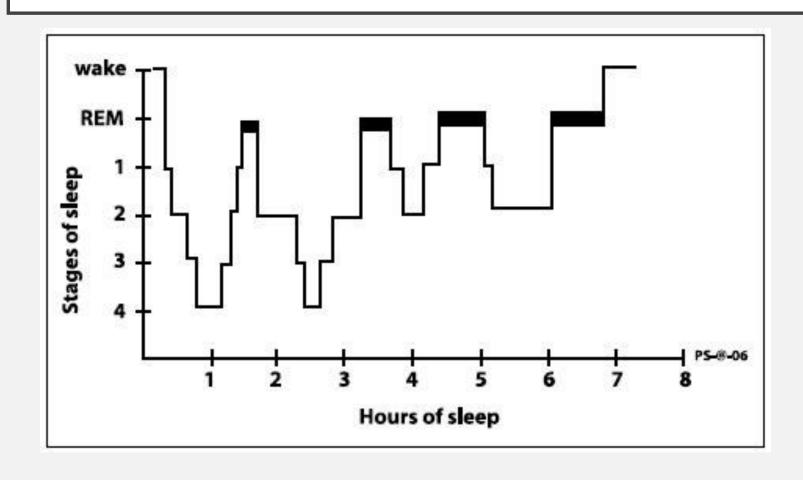
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#### WHAT IS SLEEP

- We spend ~ eight hours per day, 56 hours per week, 224 hours per month and 2688 hours per year sleeping
- I/3 of our lives
- Sleep was defined by behavioral criteria before we had the tools to study it:
  - a reversible behavior state of perceptual disengagement and relative insensitivity to the environment
  - typically accompanied by a relaxed posture, both eyes closed, and decrease in motor activity

#### SLEEP HYPNOGRAM



#### HISTORY OF SLEEP

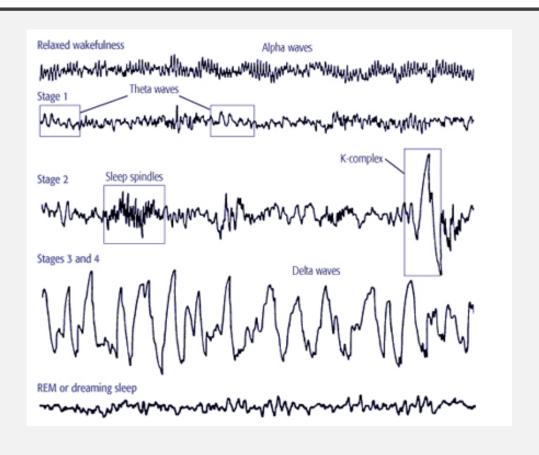
## SLEEP DESCRIBED THROUGHOUT HISTORY

- Hypnos, Greek god of sleep
- Concept of the "soul"
- Ancient Egyptians wrote dreams on papyrus
- Sleep & culture
- Father of Sleep Medicine, Dr. William Dement performs first polysomnogram in the 1950's

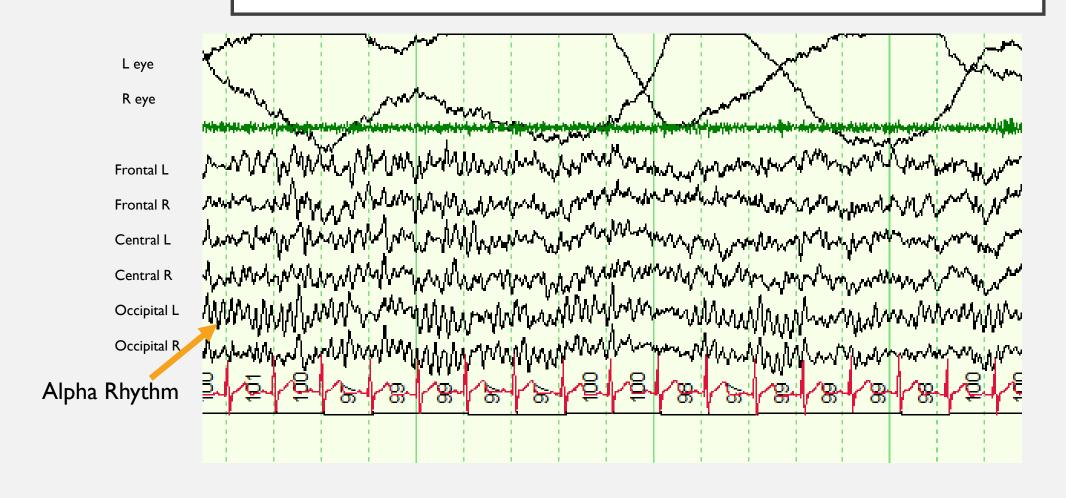


JOHN WILLIAM WATERHOUSE, 1874

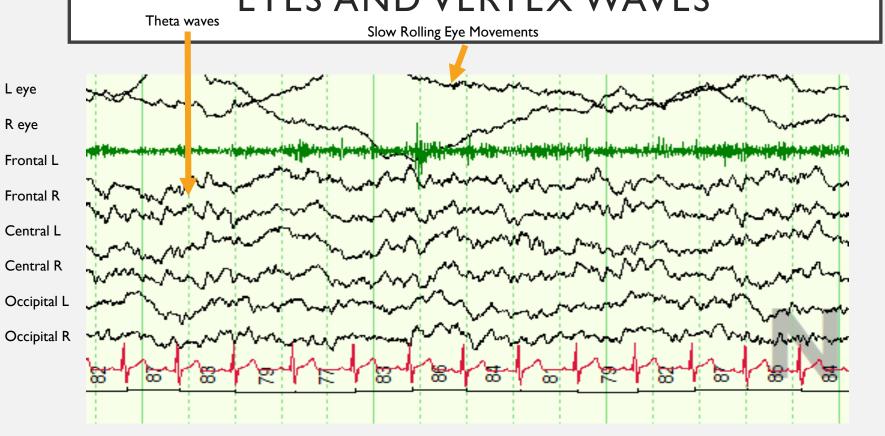
#### **SLEEP WAVES**



# AWAKE AND RELAXED WITH EYES CLOSED



## NON-REM I (NI) WITH SLOW ROLLING EYES AND VERTEX WAVES

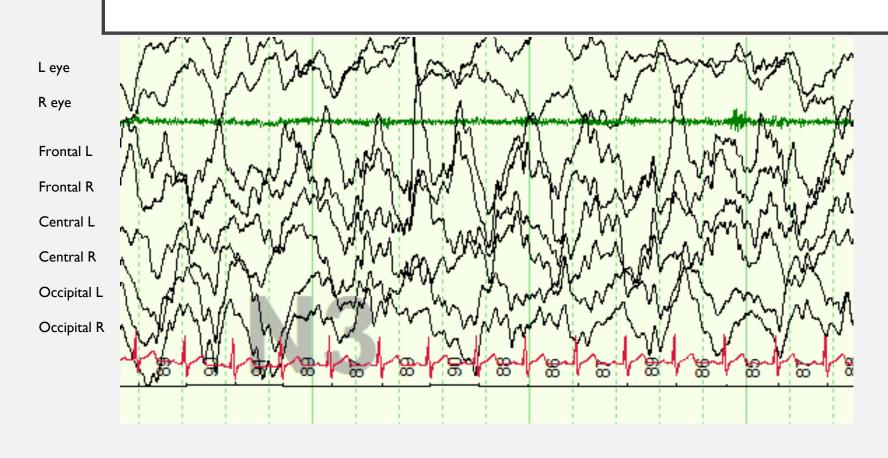


# NON-REM 2 (N2) WITH SPINDLES AND K Spindle K COMPLEX

Complex

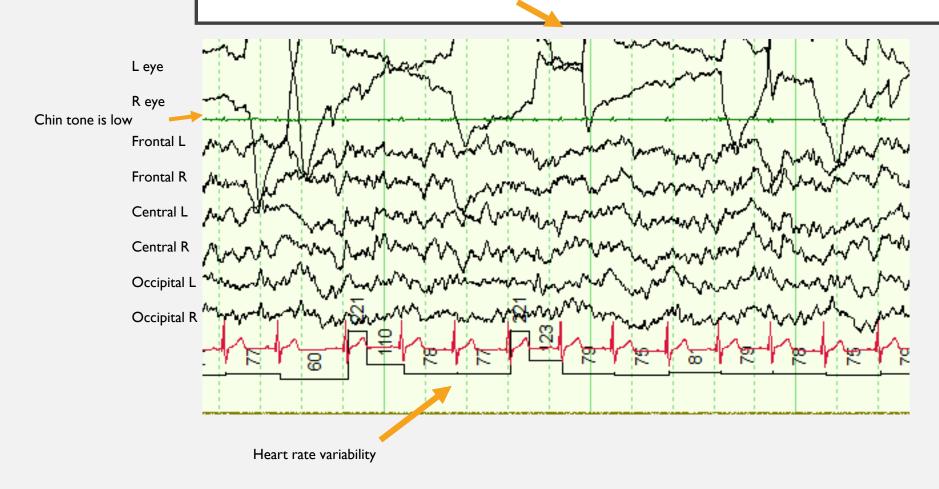


## SLOW WAVE SLEEP (N3)- DELTA WAVES



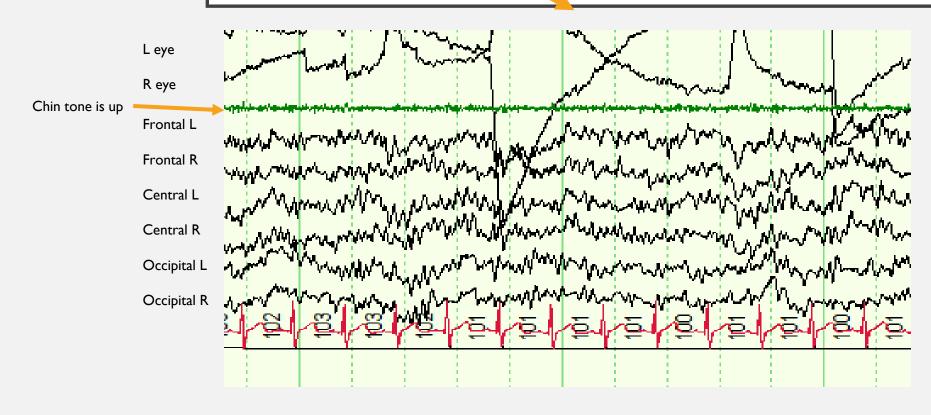
## RAPID EYE MOVEMENT (REM) SLEEP

Rapid eye movements



#### AWAKE AND ALERT LOOKS LIKE REM!

Rapid eye movements while awake



#### WHY WE SLEEP

- Sleep is crucial for:
  - Restoration and recovery for the body and brain
  - Sleep strengthens our immune defenses and insufficient sleep impairs them
    - induces a 24 hour oscillation between type one and type two cytokines
    - increases immune response efficacy
      - longer sleep and subjective reports of decreased fatigue the night before were associated with higher natural killer cell activities
  - Brain growth and development
  - Central nervous system repair
  - Maintaining normal body and hormonal functions
  - Learning and Consolidation of memory and daily experiences

### WHY WE SLEEP (PART II)

- Energy conservation
- Brain anabolism
  - Brain neurons depend on glycogen for energy
- Strategies for prey and predator
  - Animals match their sleep wake times to their needs for foraging and safety
  - Before electricity and shiftwork, we forged in hunted it when it was light and rested when night fell

# Great white shark caught napping on camera for

Gorillas build new sleeping nests each night (RM Fauna/Alamy)

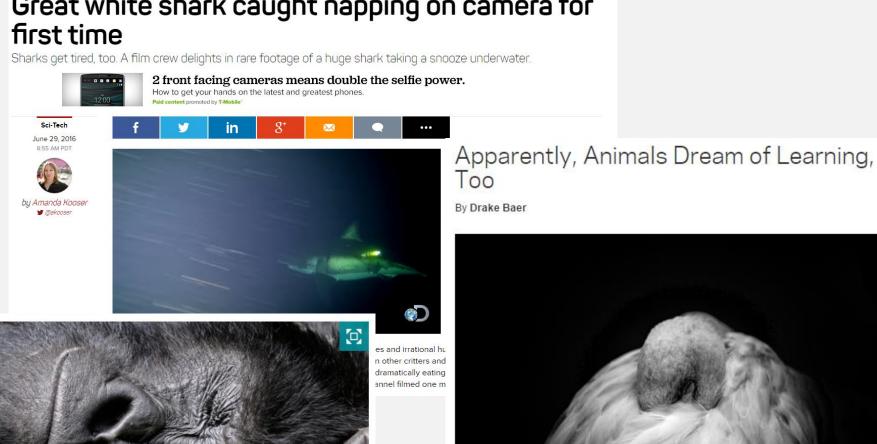


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#### ANIMALS & SLEEP

- Some animals such as dolphins display unihemispheric sleep
- May be associated with unilateral or bilateral eye opening
- Birds had only one-thirds sleep time in migratory season
- Provides benefits of sleep and survival
- Provided first insight into human sleep behavior/biology

#### **BRAIN PLASTICITY**

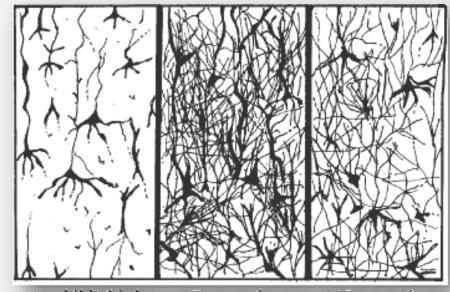
- Neurons communicate with each other by synaptic connections and networks
  - New neuronal firing patterns are made during sleep
  - Sleep allows time to maintain our functional synaptic circuit
    - Connections are made efficient and effective
      - Prune the ones you don't need
        - Reverse learning, or deleting unimportant memories so only the highly important memories are saved
      - Rejuvenate the ones you do need

#### BRAIN PLASTICITY PART II

- To learn a memory task or skill, we must first be trained, then encode and consolidate memories to retain them
  - Sufficient sleep the night before initial training is crucial for encoding new memories and learning
  - Memories are reviewed, refined, and consolidated during
    - REM sleep, NREM2, Slow wave sleep
  - During N2 sleep, different brain regions communicate with each other
    - Spindles arise from the thalamus to the cortex
    - The cortex sends K complexes back down
  - REM sleep enhances learning
- We learn best when we are in sync with our internal circadian clock
- Visual learning is enhanced by sleep and impaired by sleep loss

#### SYNAPTIC PRUNING

- Synapses are formed, strengthened and pruned at explosive rates during adolescence
- Restricted sleep then may lead to improper refinement of neural circuits.
- If chronic, may result in aberrant or mis-wiring (e.g. schizophrenia).



at a child's birth

at 7 years of age

at 15 years of age

#### NEUROBIOLOGY OF SLEEP

- Sleep prompting neurons and wake prompting neurons that inhibit each other > forms a "flip flop switch" circuit
  - results in rapid and complete transition in behavioral state also between REM and NREM sleep
- Allows for consolidated waking during the day and alternation between non-REM and REM sleep at night
- Break down of the circuitry results in and explains a variety of sleep disorders including:
  - Insomnia
  - Narcolepsy
  - REM sleep behavioral disorder

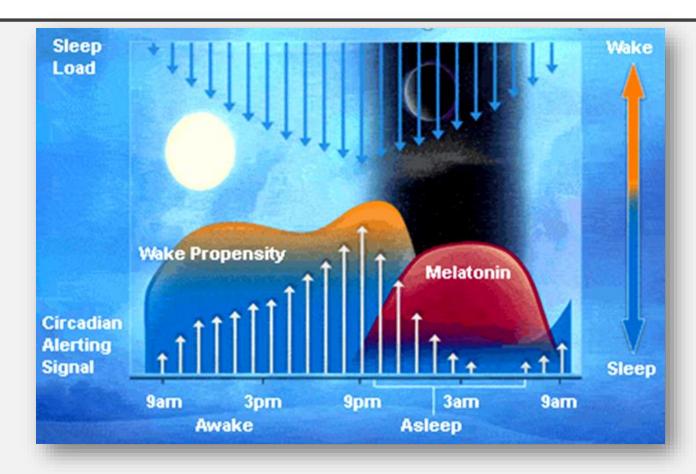
#### SUPRACHIASMATIC NUCLEUS (SCN)

- SCN=Circadian rhythm generator or "internal clock"
- Primary circadian pacemaker
  - Located in the anterior ventral hypothalamus
  - consists of only about 10,000 neurons
- Lesions of the SCN result in loss of the circadian rhythm of:
  - the sleep wake cycle to synchronize with the external light/dark cycle
  - melatonin secretion
  - cortisol secretion

#### **MELATONIN**

- Melatonin is secreted by the pineal gland
  - helps the suprachiasmatic nucleus sense the length of the night
  - bright light suppresses melatonin secretion
  - sleep occurs during the peak of melatonin secretion
  - levels rise about two hours before sleep onset
  - peak levels are a fivefold to tenfold rise compared with the low levels during the day
- Melatonin can reset our internal clock act as a chemical timekeeper and reset our internal clock
- Core body temperature rhythm can persist in the absence of SCN input

# MELATONIN SECRETION AND LIGHT

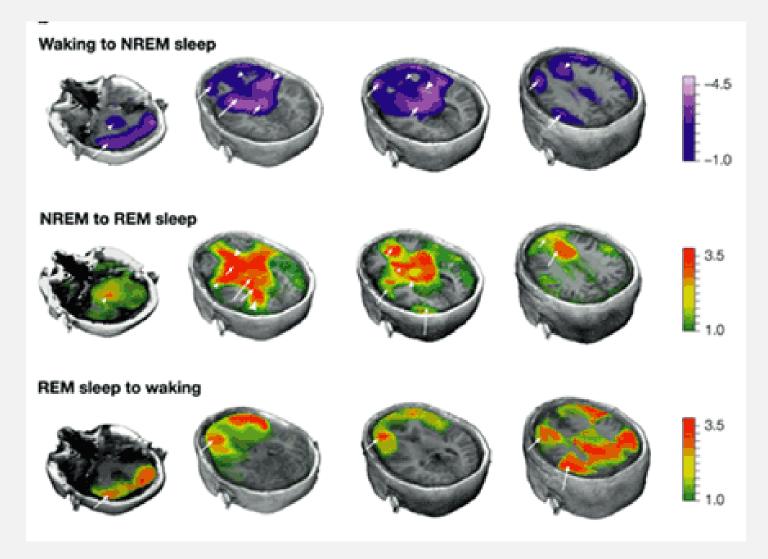


• In the absence of light, melatonin secretion in entrained individuals occurs almost exclusively during the nighttime hours starting between 9-11 pm, reaching peak serum levels 1-3 am, falling to low baseline values 7-9 am.

#### BRAIN ACTIVE IN PARTS DURING SLEEP

- Cerebral blood flow and cerebral metabolism are reduced during non-REM sleep:
  - wide portions of the frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital cerebral & parts of the thalamus
    - the thalamus is in relay mode in wakefulness->allows incoming sensory information to reach the cerebral cortex
    - Changes to an oscillatory mode in sleep ->blocks transmission of sensory data
      - allows for restoration and rebuilding of selective portions of the brain during NREM sleep
- Parts that are selectively active include: hypothalamus and basal forebrain->generate and maintain the sleep state
- Regional glucose metabolism in REM sleep resembles that seen in wakefulness except for
  - selective the activation of higher order association
  - activation of visual association cortex areas

# THE BRAIN IN DIFFERENT SLEEP STATES AND TRANSITIONS

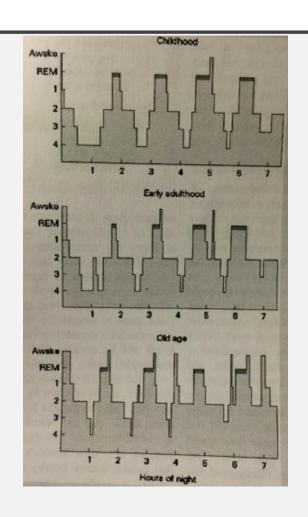


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#### SLEEP THROUGH THE AGES

- Age is the strongest and most consistent factor affecting the pattern of sleep stages across the night
- Sleep needs decline with age
- The biological clocks of teenagers change with puberty
  - tend to run later
  - By mid puberty, adolescents are sleepier mid morning and more alert mid afternoon
- A teen or adult who sleeps more than two hours more at night on the weekend compared with the weekday probably needs more sleep on weekdays

#### SLEEP NEEDS THROUGH THE AGES



Age	Sleep Needs (Hours per 24)
Normal full-term infant	16 to 18
4 months	14 to 15
6–8 months	13 to 14
Young children	9 to 10
Teenagers	8.5 to 9.25 (but they often do not get it so they get catch-up sleep on weekends)
Adults	7.0 to 8.5 per night
Older adults	5 to 6 per night; may compensate by taking 1-hour daytime naps

#### OTHER SLEEP CHANGES WITH AGE

- N1 sleep increases gradually across adult life
- Sleep efficiency (the percentage of time in bed and asleep) decreases with increasing age
- Sleep efficiency is relatively stable from childhood to age 30
  - declines in the fourth decade in men and fifth decade for women
- A gradual increase in the number of awakenings and arousals after sleep onset is observed across adulthood

# OTHER FACTORS THAT MODIFY SLEEP STAGE DISTRIBUTION:

- Prior sleep history
- Drug effects
- Circadian processes and homeostatic processes impact→sleep amount
  - sleep needs are genetically determined
  - one cannot learn to sleep less
  - Timing: Sleep phase advance, Sleep phase delay
  - It is hard to delay or advance our circadian clock by more than two hours per day
  - Architecture
    - Core body temperature affects sleep architecture

#### IN SUMMARY

- Sleep is important for biological and behavioral needs
- Sleep in animals and humans based on environment
- Sleep can be assessed through sleep stages
- Brain remains active in sleep
- Sleep changes as a person develops
- Sleep can be modified by lifestyle, medications, disease processes

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#### **QUESTIONS?**

# "Sleep is the best meditation."

~ Dalai Lama