

*NST IB Psychology*

# Emotion and motivation – 3

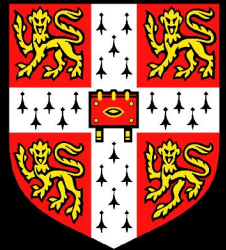
## Psychological basis and neurobiology of motivation

**Rudolf Cardinal**

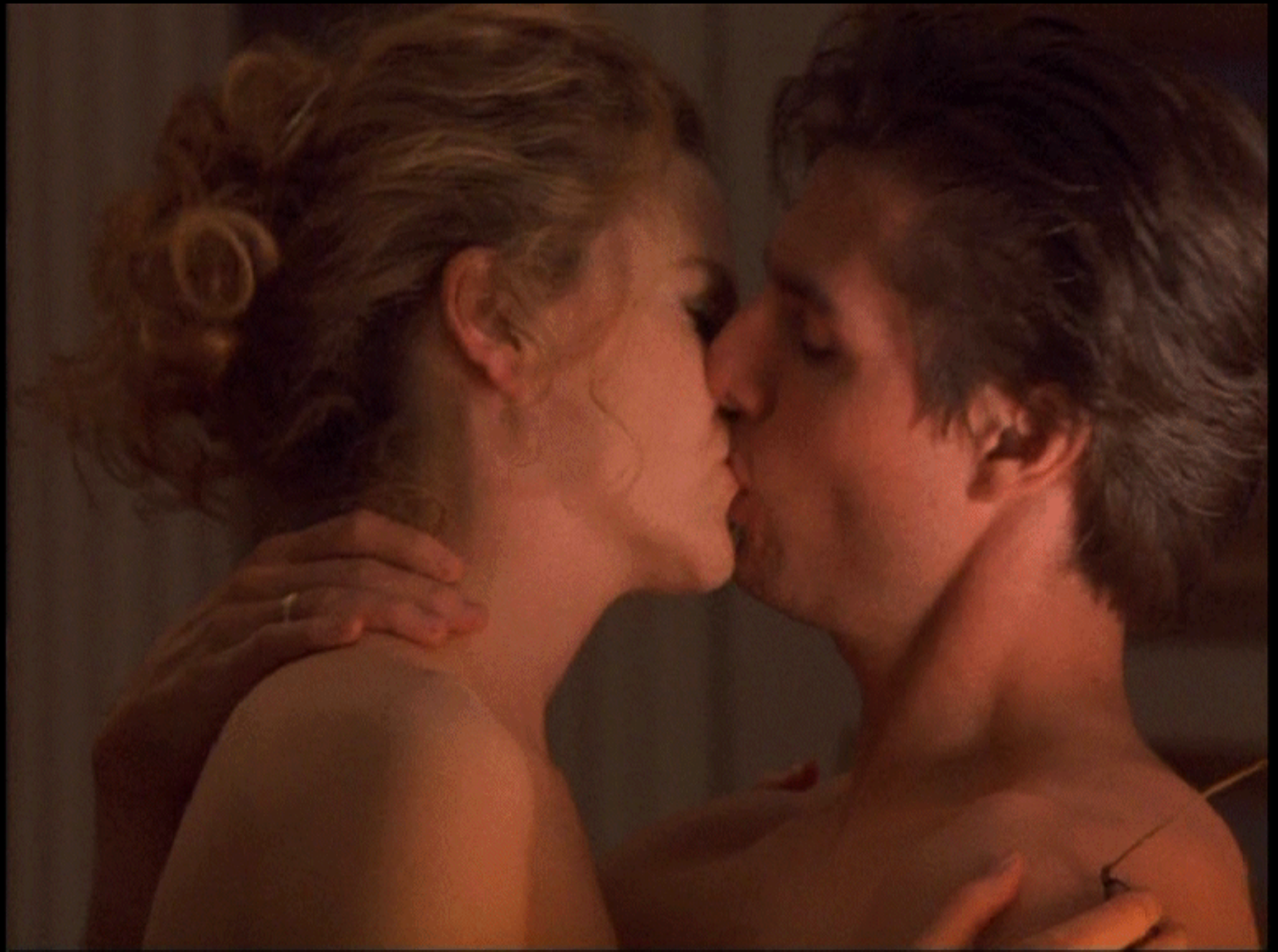
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*Thursday 6, Saturday 8, Tuesday 11 March 2003; 11am*

*Lecture Theatre 3, Physiology*







*Kubrick (1999): 'Eyes Wide Shut'*

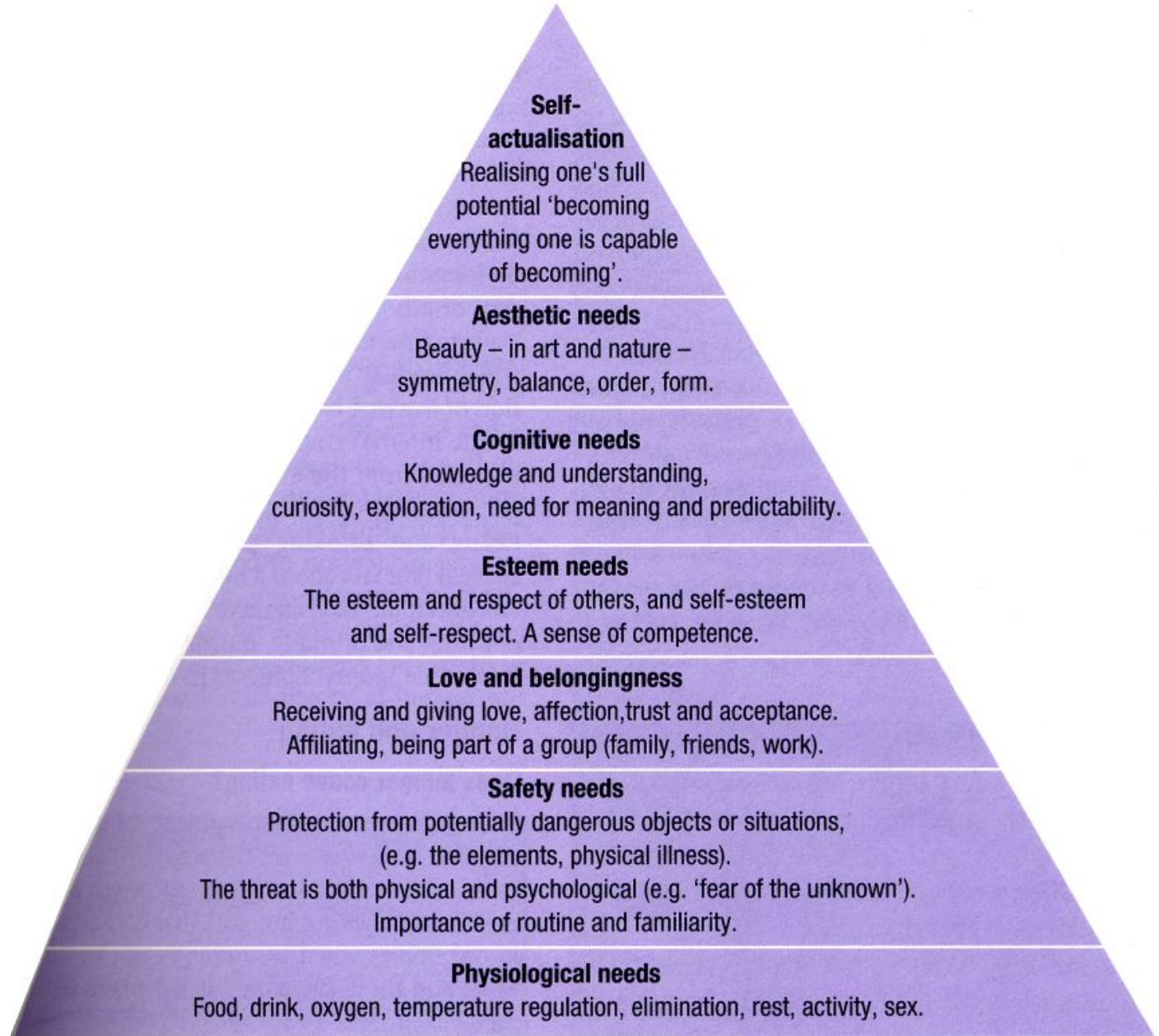


*Demme (2001): 'Blow'*

# *Theories of motivation*

# Maslow's 'hierarchy of needs' — not very helpful

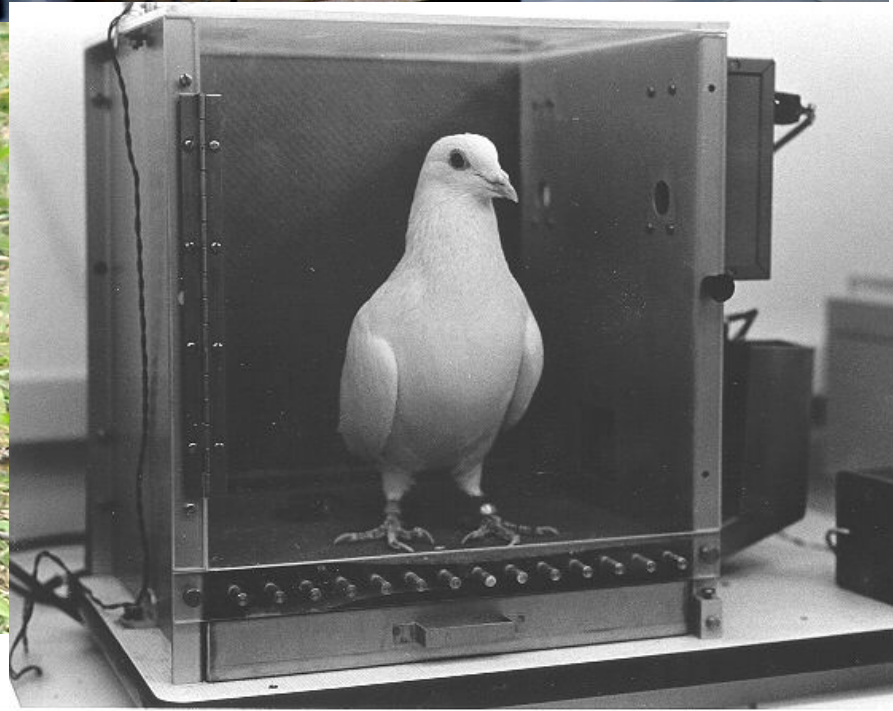
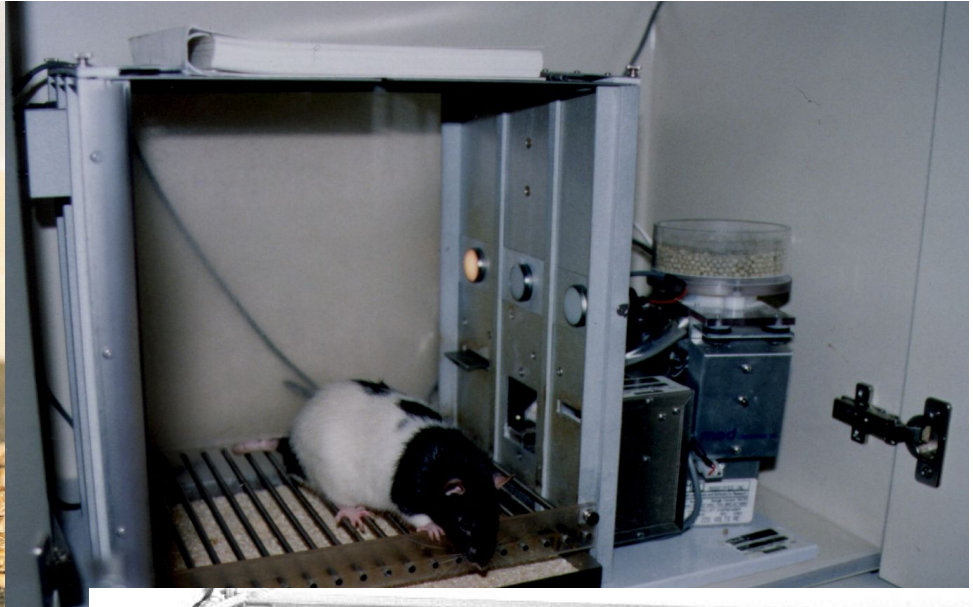
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*Manigault (1909) 'The Rocket'*

# Behaviourism: positive and negative reinforcement

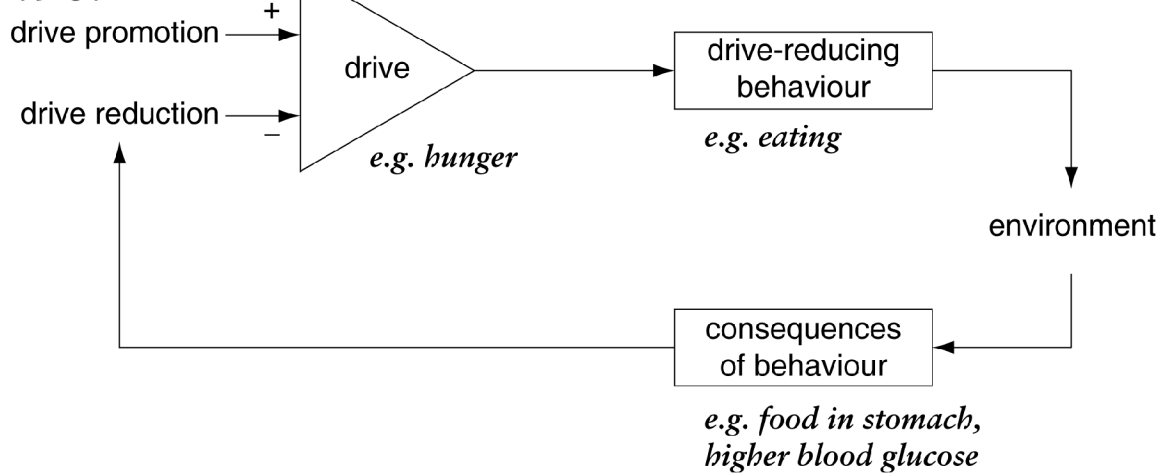


*e.g. Skinner (1938)*



# Motivational states, drives, homeostasis

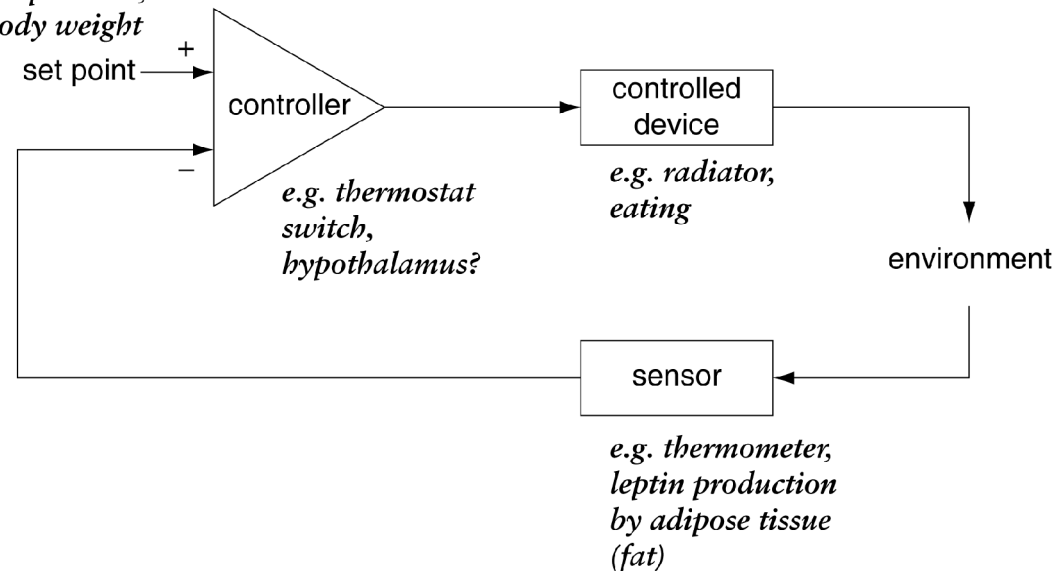
*e.g. exercise,  
energy consumption,  
hypoglycaemia*



*Hull (1943): events that reduce 'drives' are reinforcing.*

*Homeostasis (a term coined by Cannon).  
Negative feedback.*

*e.g. desired  
temperature,  
body weight  
set point*

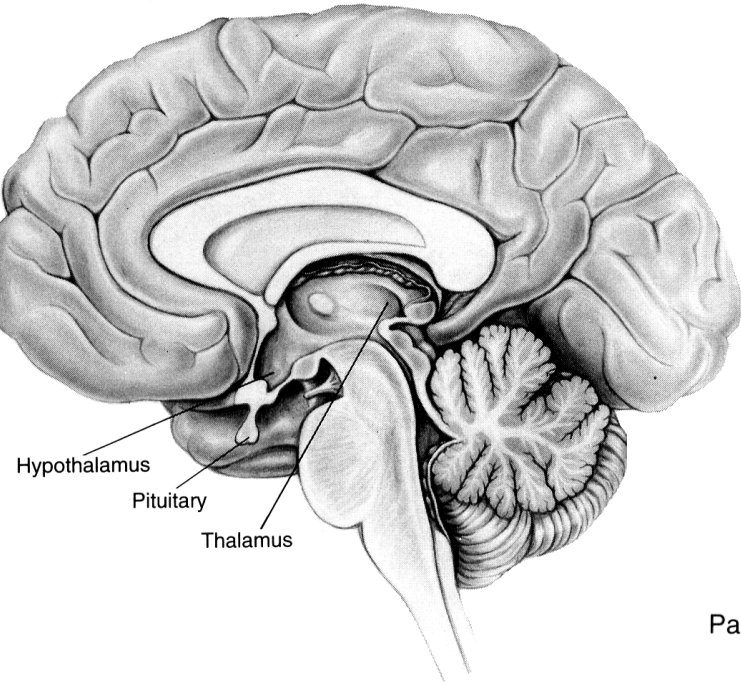


Not all motivation is obviously homeostatic

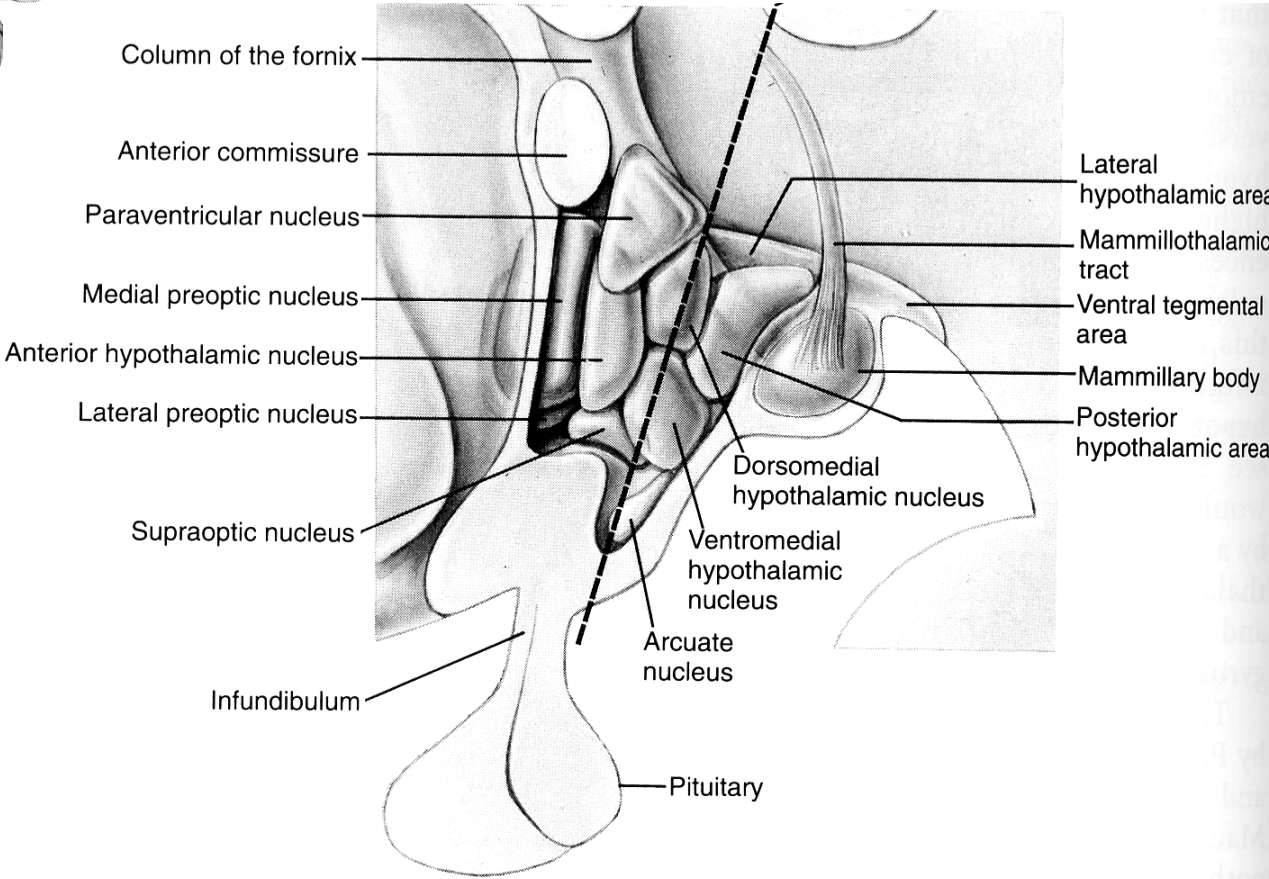


*The hypothalamus  
and consummatory behaviour*

# The hypothalamus



Hypothalamus  
Pituitary  
Thalamus



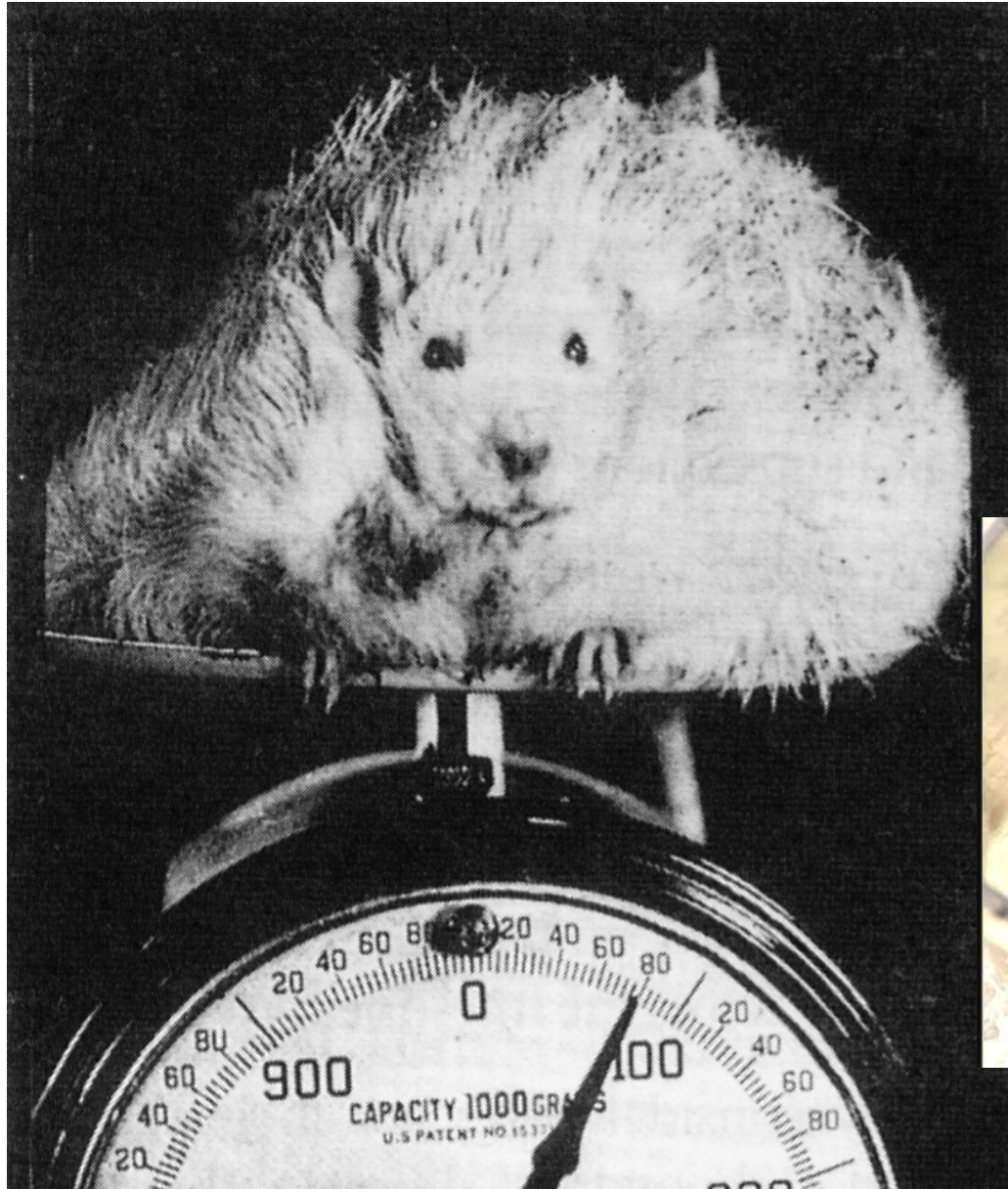
Column of the fornix  
Anterior commissure  
Paraventricular nucleus  
Medial preoptic nucleus  
Anterior hypothalamic nucleus  
Lateral preoptic nucleus  
Supraoptic nucleus  
Infundibulum  
Pituitary

Lateral hypothalamic area  
Mammillothalamic tract  
Ventral tegmental area  
Mammillary body  
Posterior hypothalamic area  
Dorsomedial hypothalamic nucleus  
Ventromedial hypothalamic nucleus  
Arcuate nucleus

from Kupfermann (1991)



# Rodents that eat all the pies



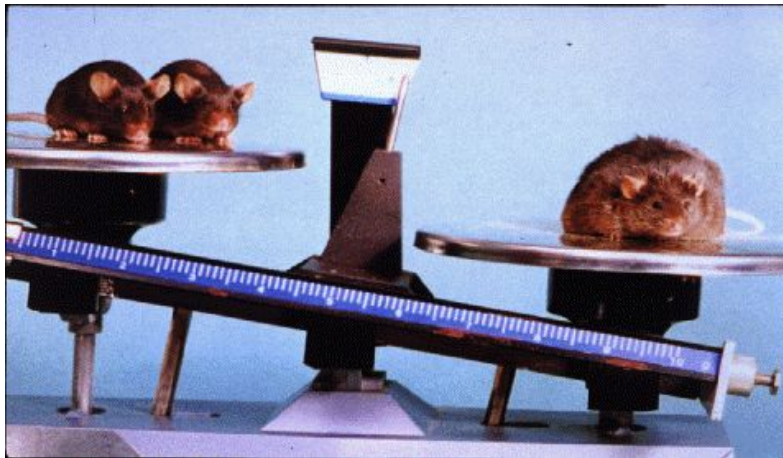
*Left: rat with ventromedial hypothalamic lesion; above: mice with leptin or leptin-receptor deficiency*

*Hetherington & Ranson (1939); Coleman & Hummel (1969)*

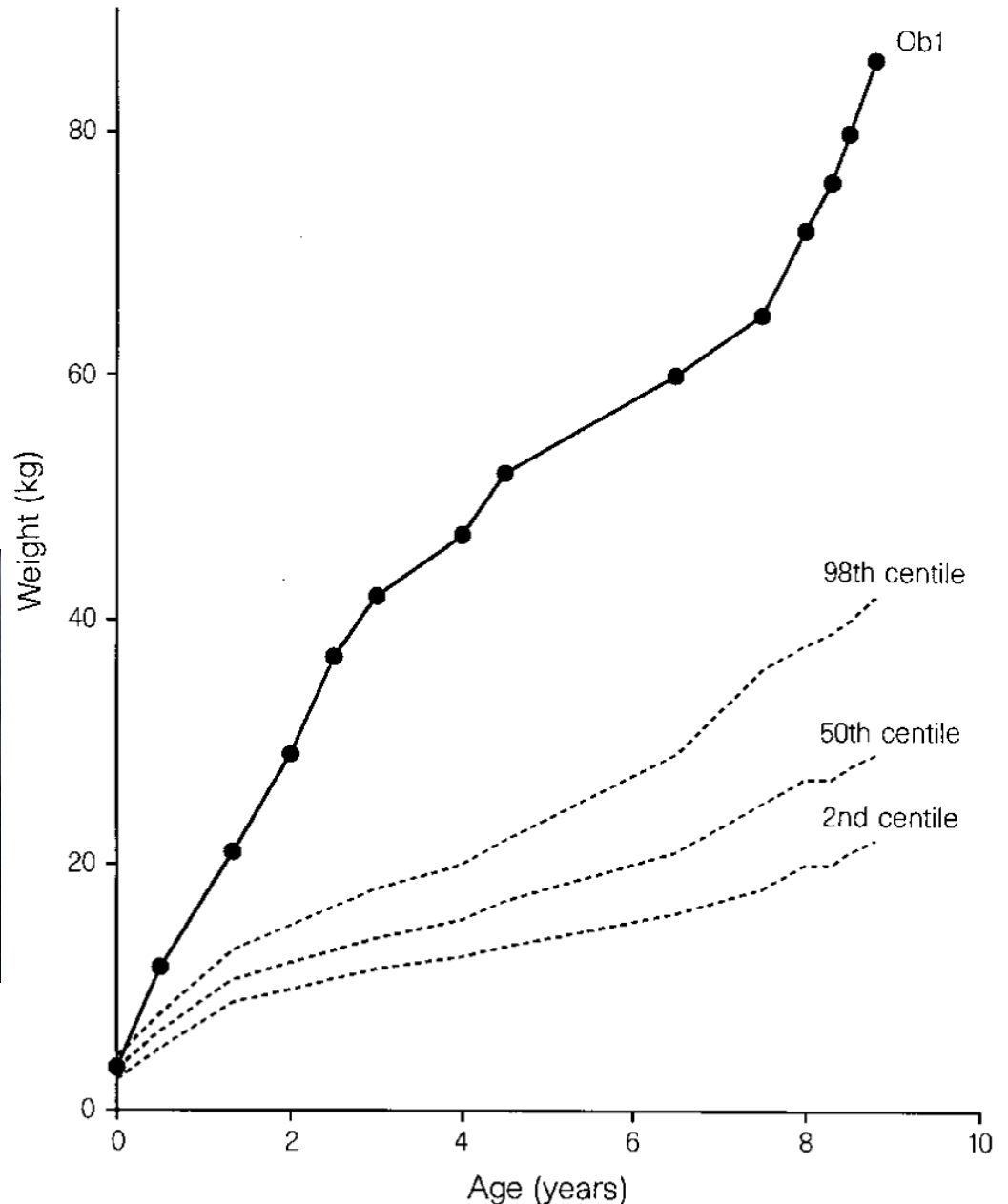
# Humans with leptin deficiency get a bit chunky, too

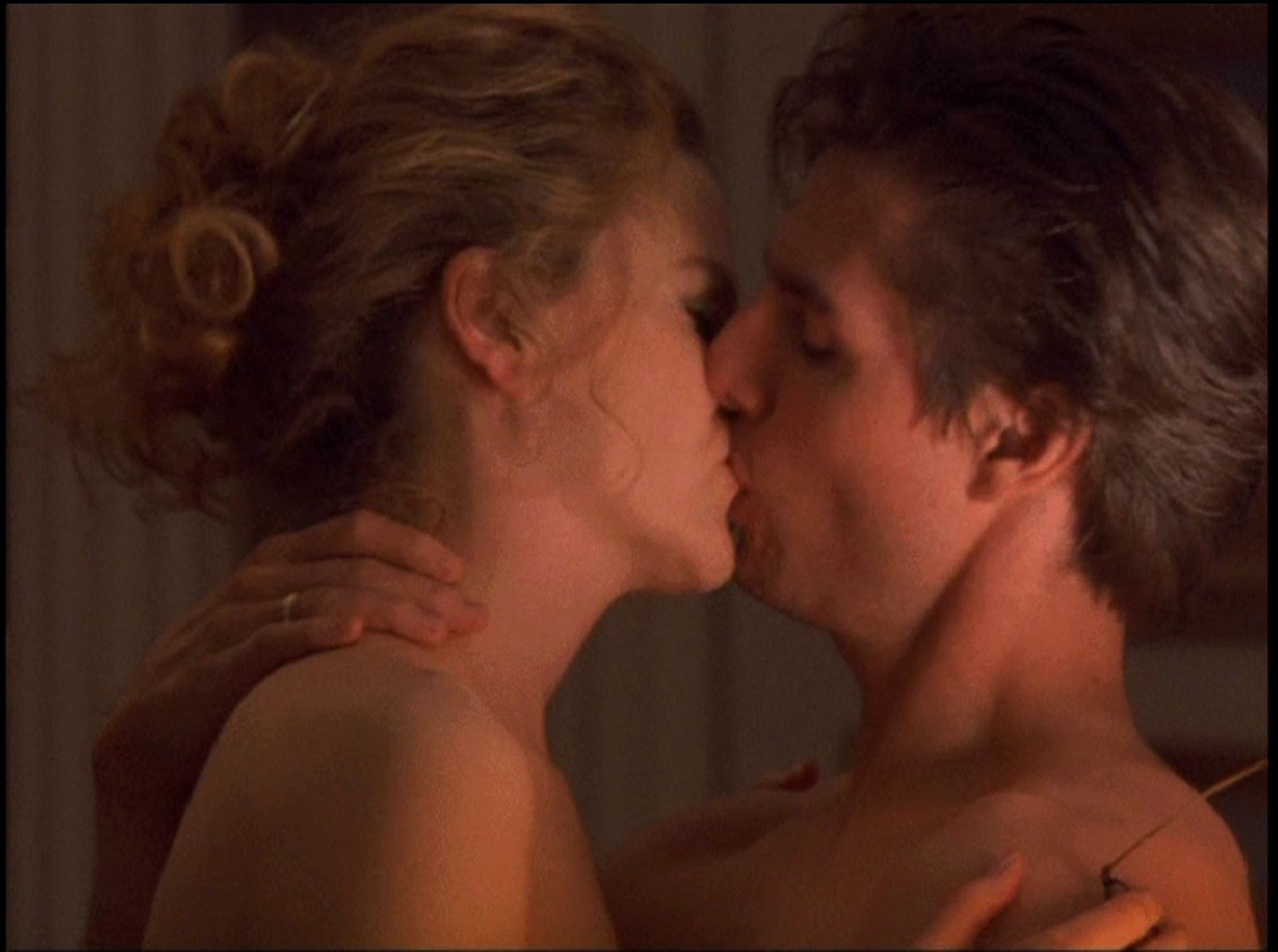
*8 year-old girl.  
1.37 m tall (75th centile).  
86 kg. BMI of 46.  
Mobility severely impaired.*

*BMI = body mass index =  
mass in kg / (height in m)<sup>2</sup>.  
20–25 normal; >25 obese.*



*(And another picture of  
the mice.)*





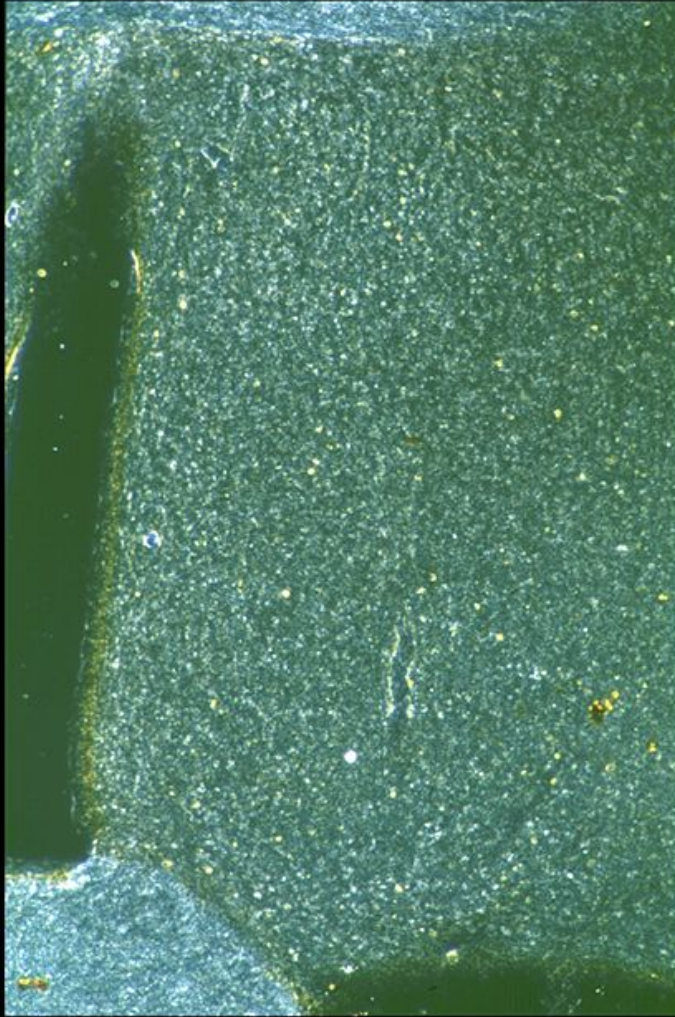
*Kubrick (1999): 'Eyes Wide Shut'*



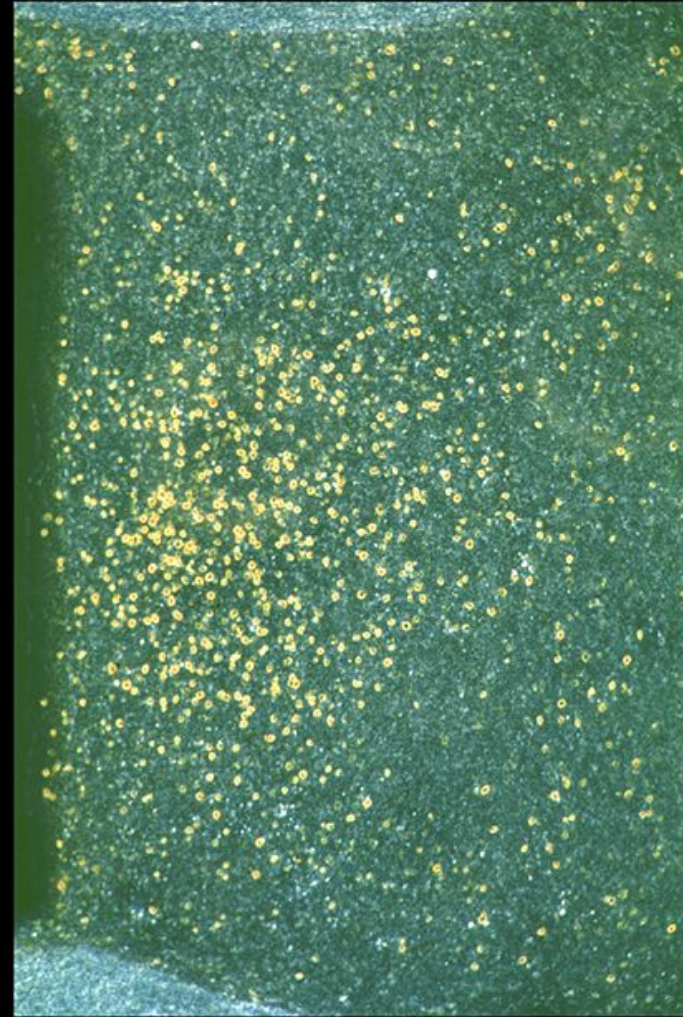


# Induction of c-fos expression in the medial preoptic area by sexual behaviour in male rats

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*control*



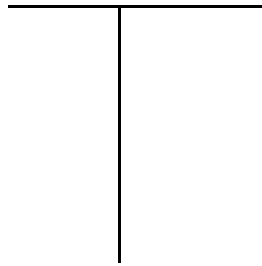
*sexual activity*

## Second-order schedules (e.g. of sexual reinforcement)

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*For example,*

***FI 15 min : (FR10:S)***



*(Fixed ratio 10)*

*Every 10 responses earns one **stimulus***

*(Fixed interval 15 minutes)*

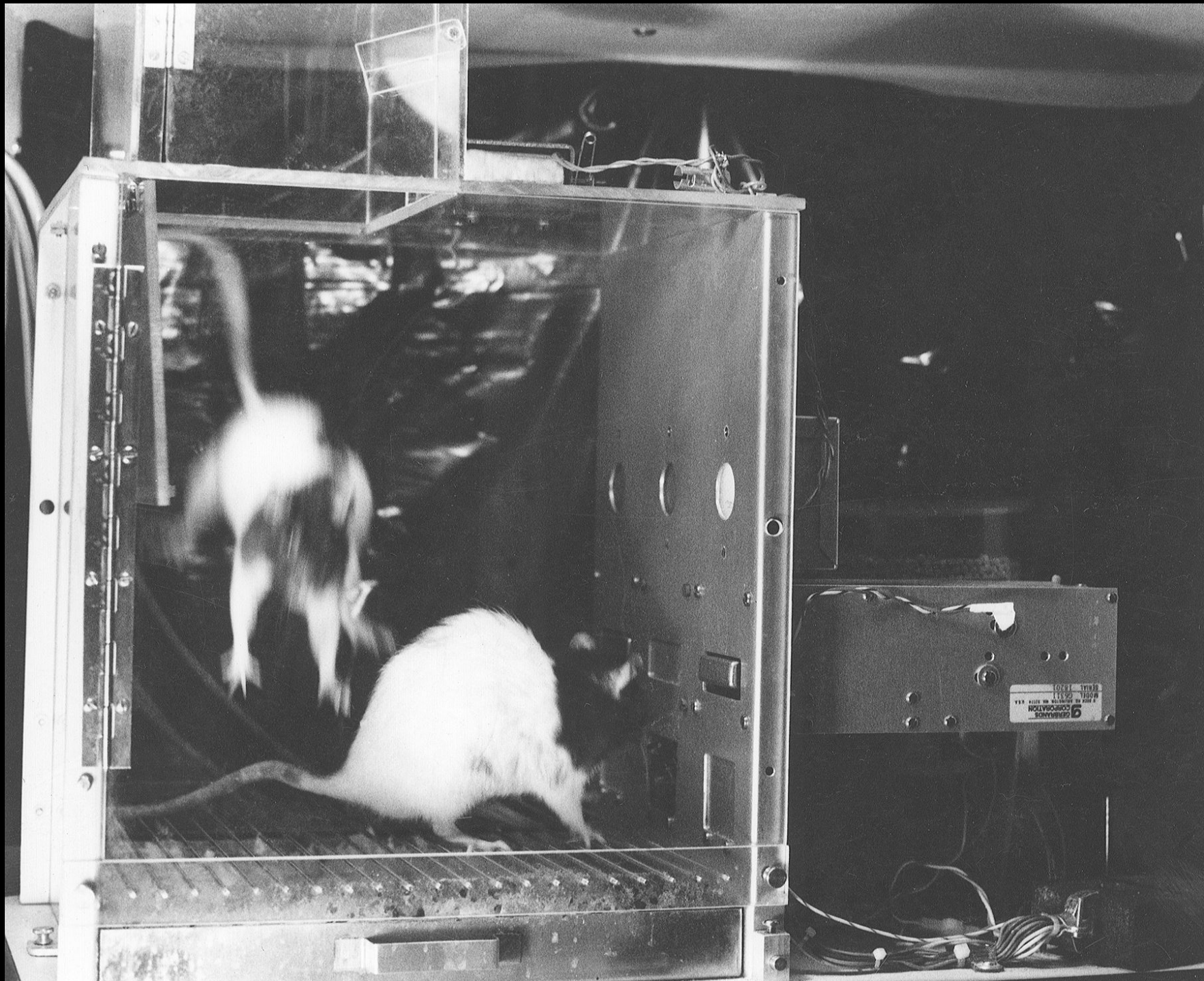
*The first time the subject*

*earns a stimulus after 15 minutes*

*have elapsed, it also earns **primary reinforcement***







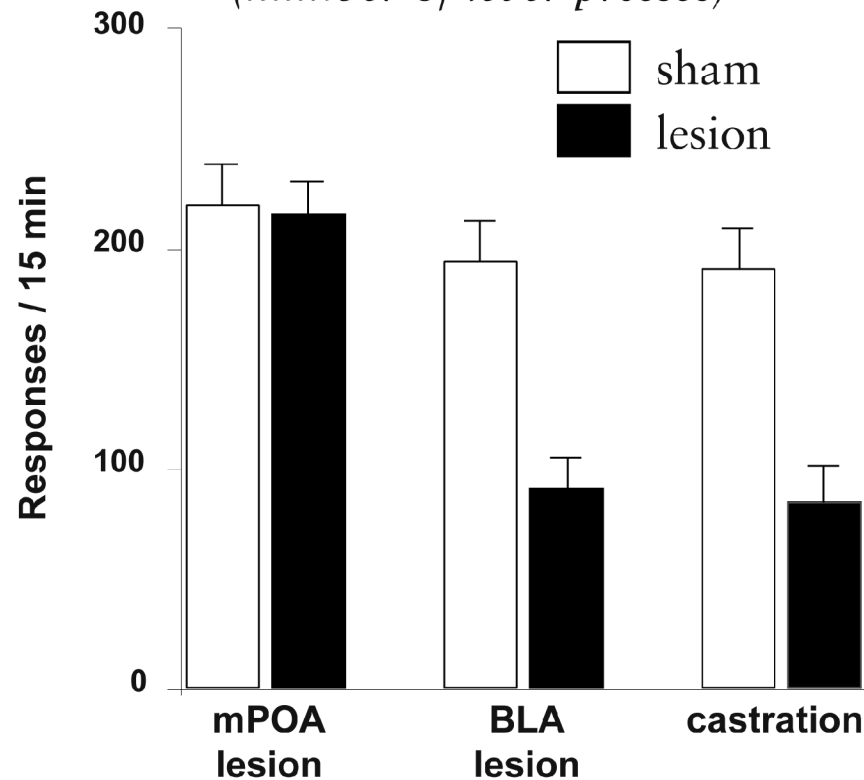
# Double dissociation of appetitive / consummatory behaviour

*Effects of*

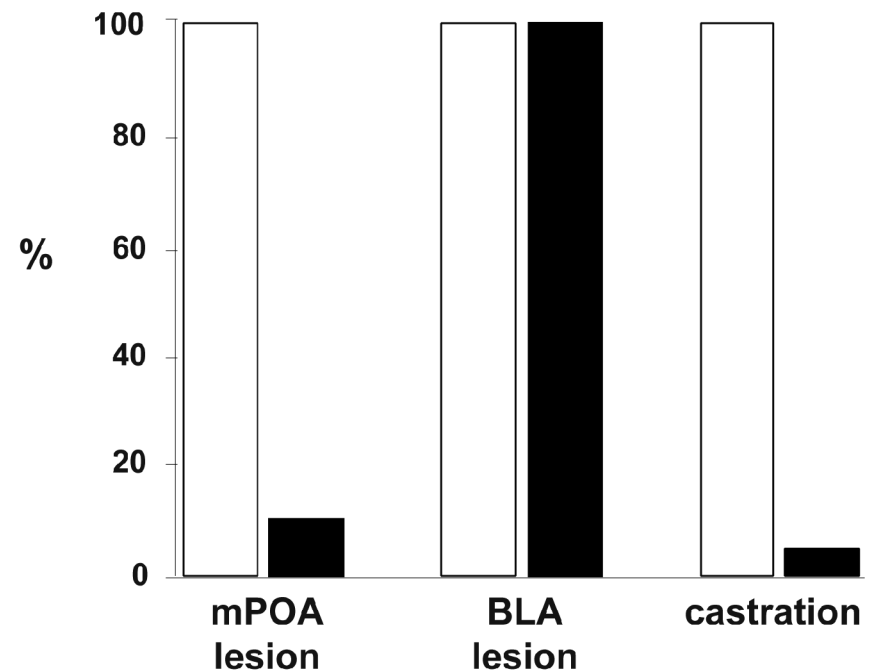
- *basolateral amygdala (BLA) lesions*
- *medial preoptic area (mPOA) hypothalamic lesions*
- *castration*

*on appetitive and consummatory sexual responses in male rats.*

*Appetitive (instrumental) responses  
(number of lever presses)*



*Consummatory responses  
(proportion of rats copulating)*



*Everitt & Stacey (1987); Everitt, Cador & Robbins (1989)*

*What's reinforcing?  
Dopamine?*



# What's reinforcing?

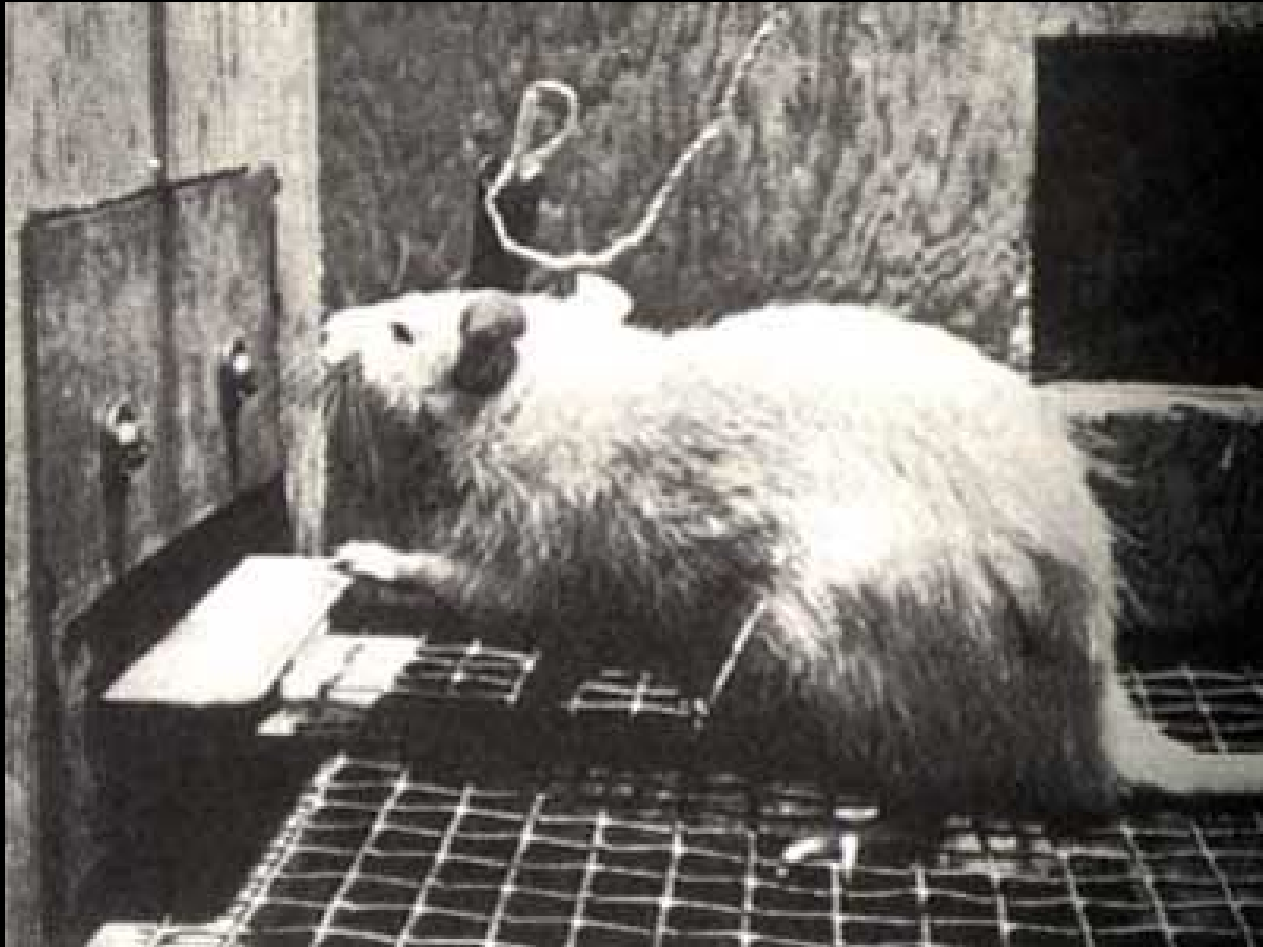
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*Premack (1963); Hundt & Premack (1953)*

# Electrical intracranial self-stimulation (ICSS)

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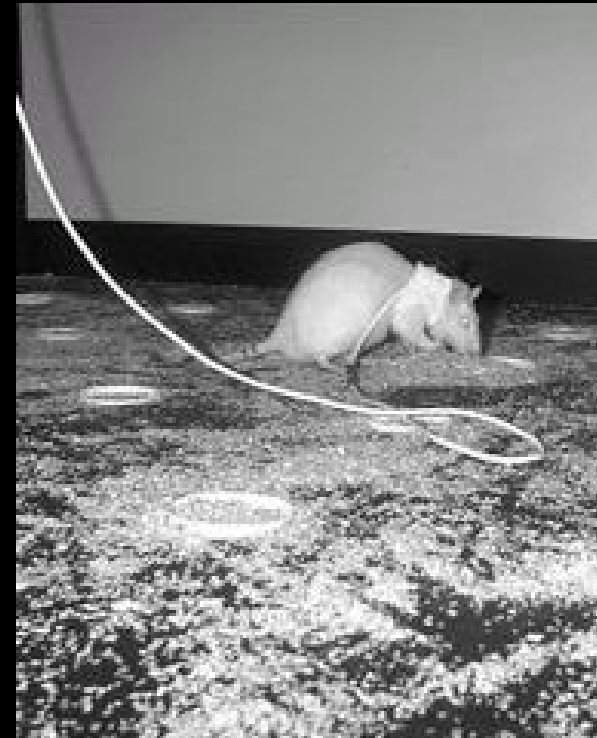


*The mind is its own place, and in itself, can make  
heaven of Hell, and a hell of Heaven.*

*Olds & Milner (1954)*

*(Satan, in John Milton's Paradise Lost, book 1, ll. 254–5)*

# Remote-controlled rats and a cocaine sniffer rat



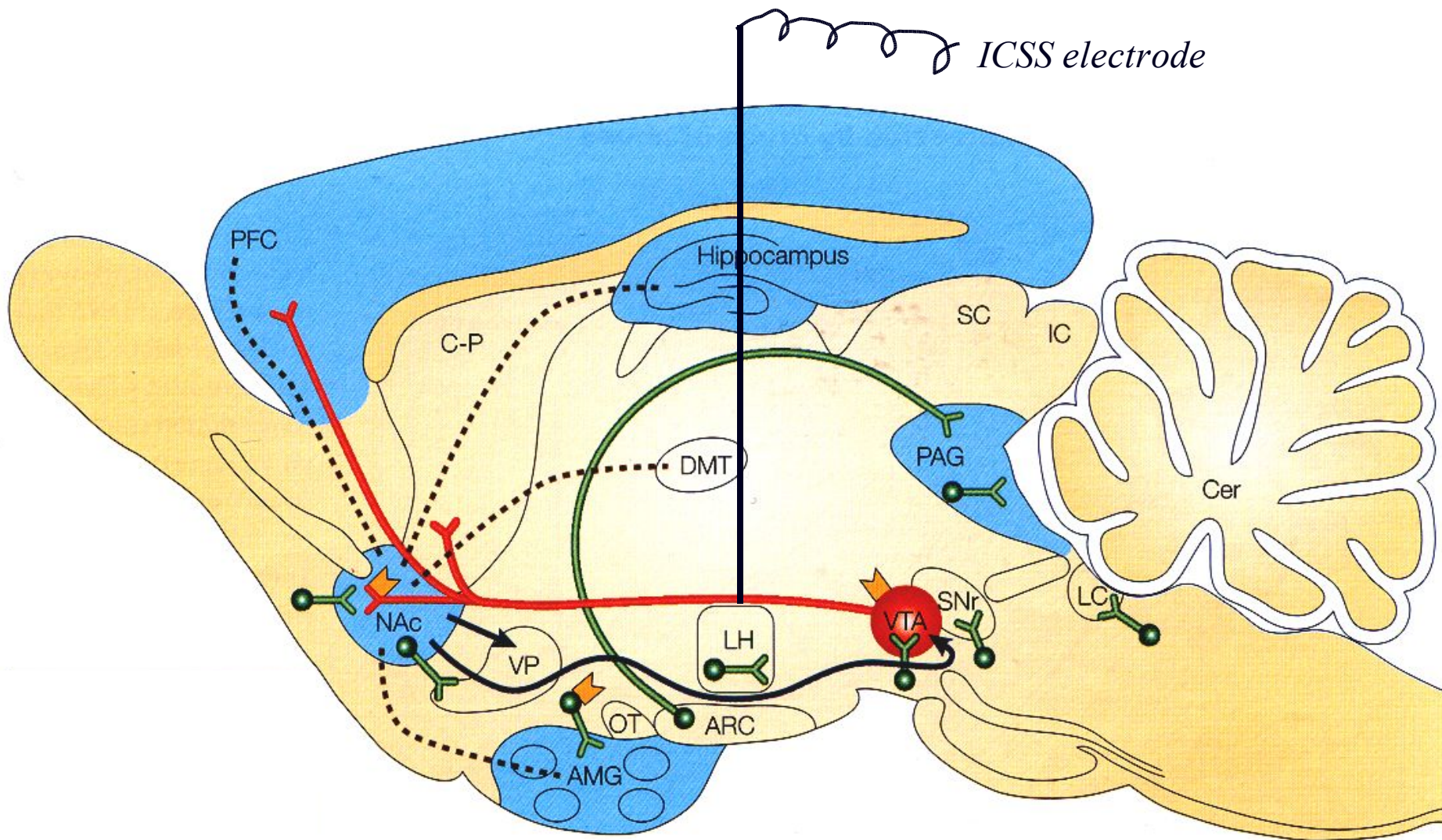
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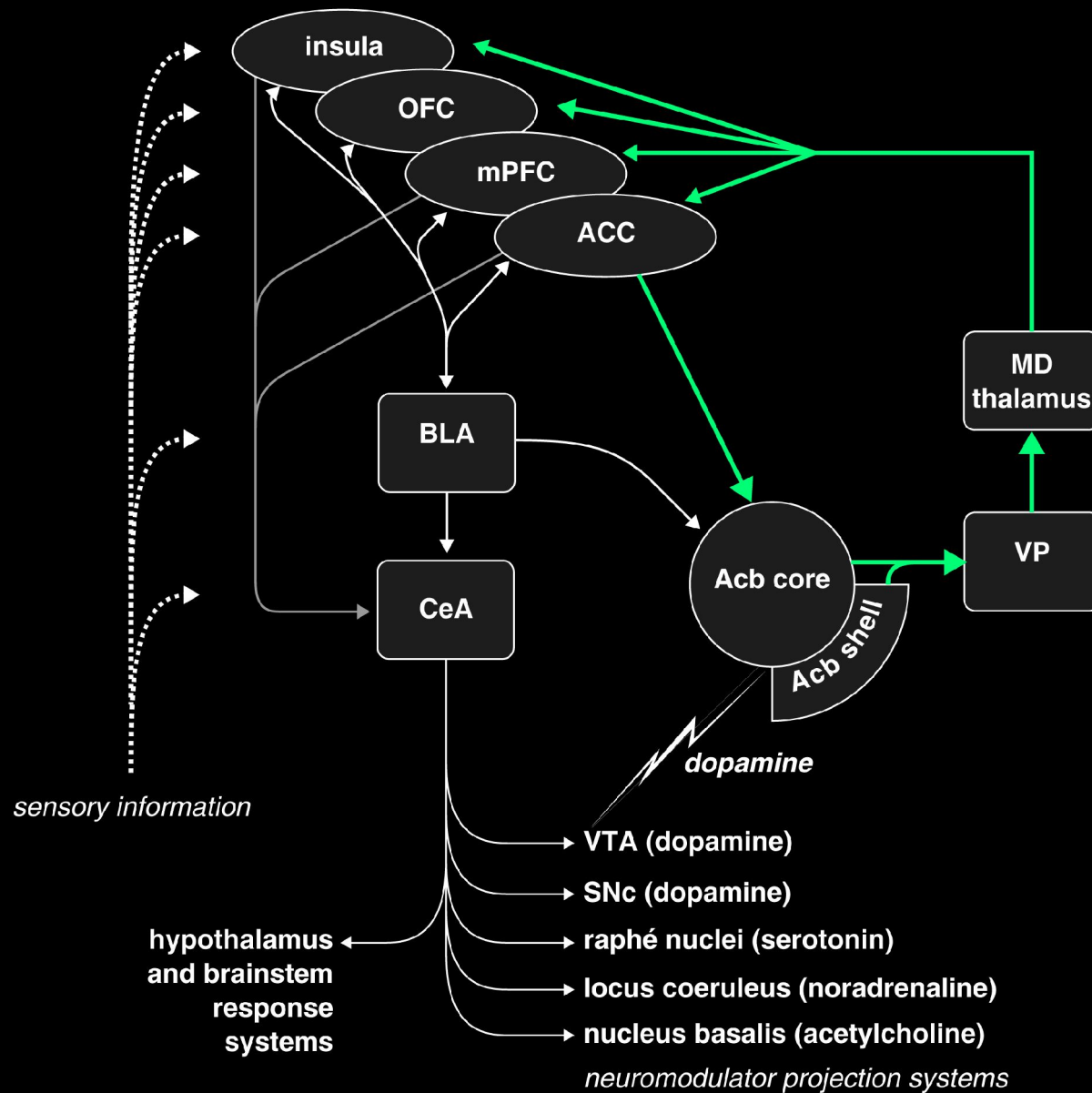
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# The mesolimbic dopamine system and ICSS — a 'reinforcement pathway' (though *not* necessarily a 'pleasure system')

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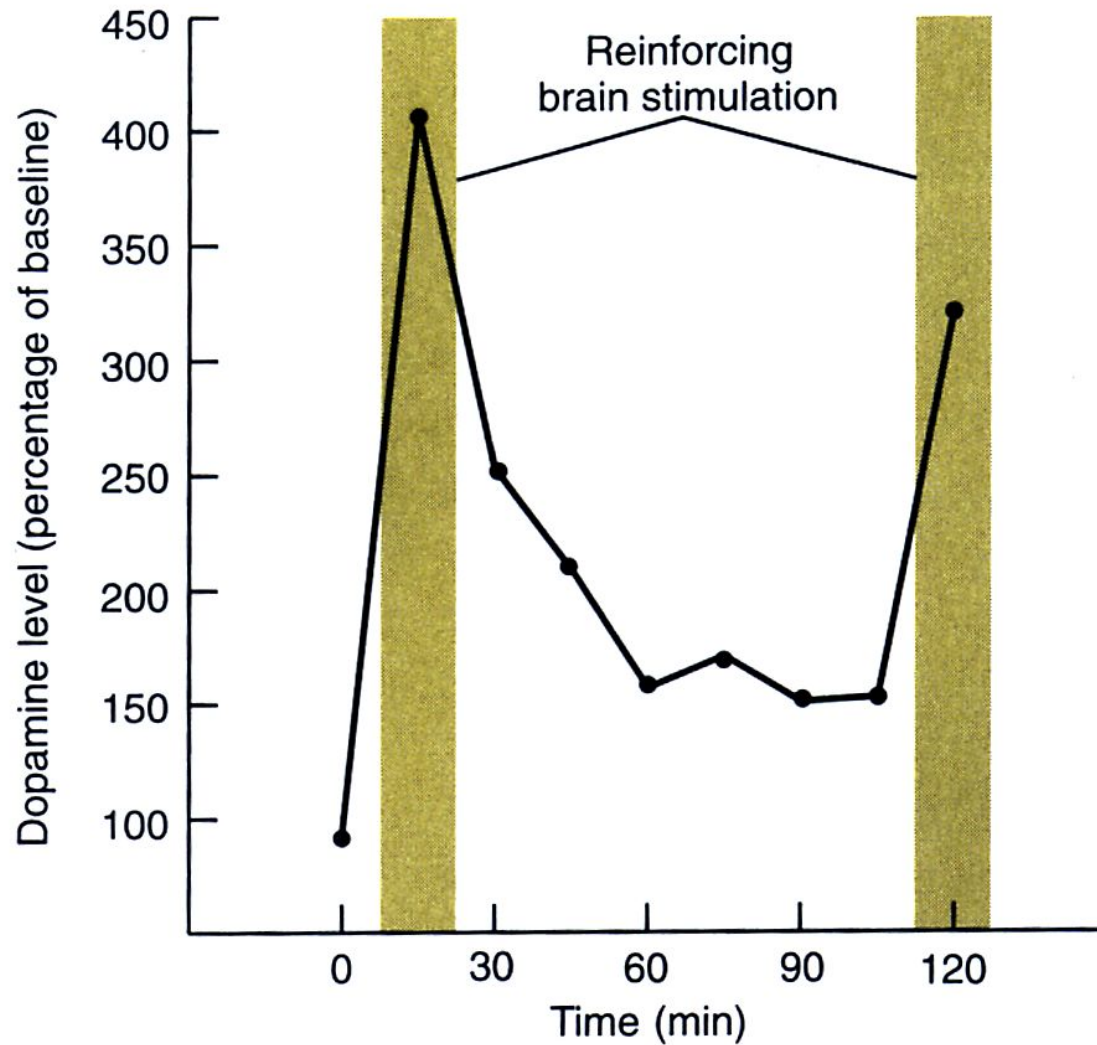


# The 'limbic' corticostriatal circuit

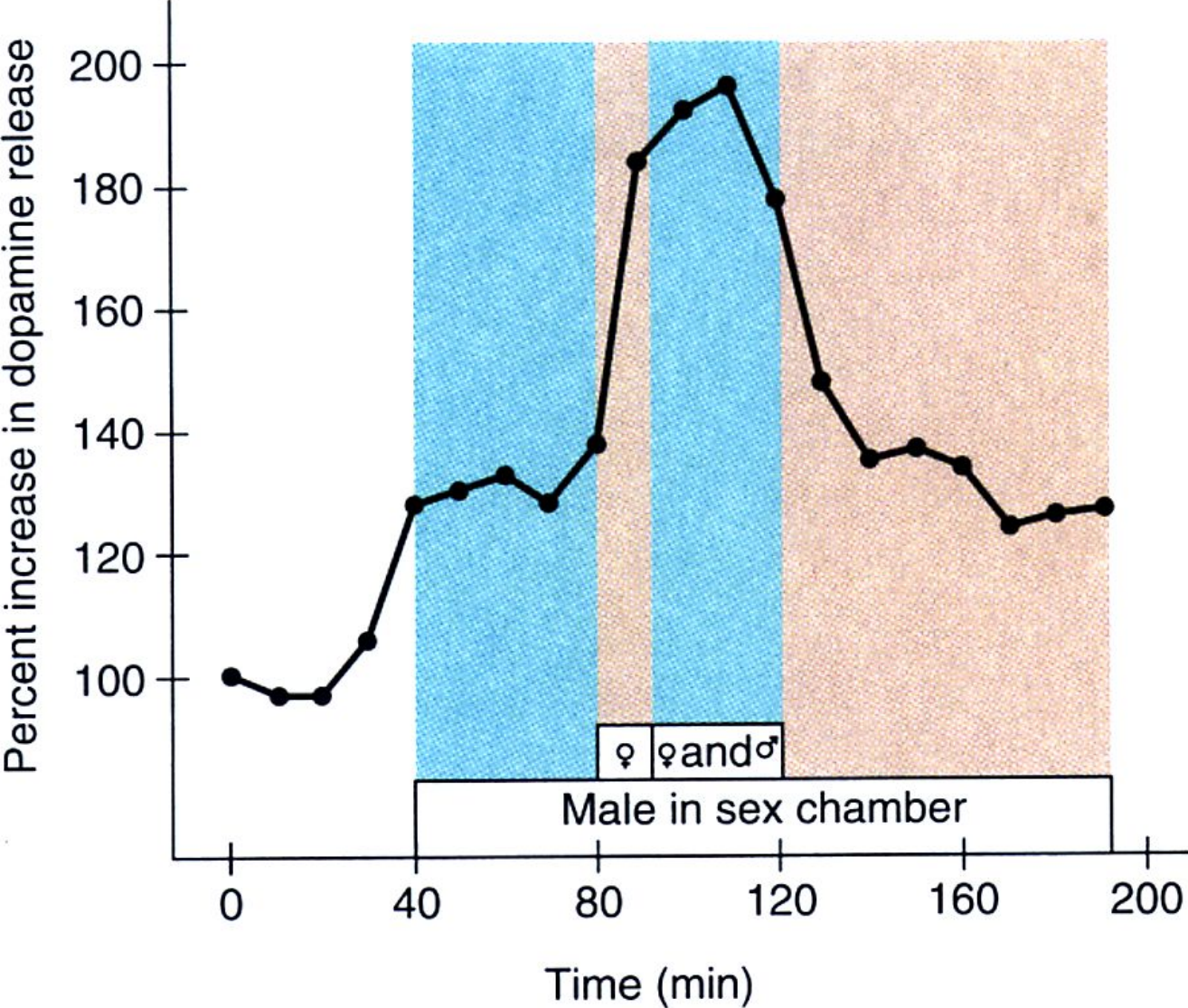


# Dopamine release in the nucleus accumbens during ICSS

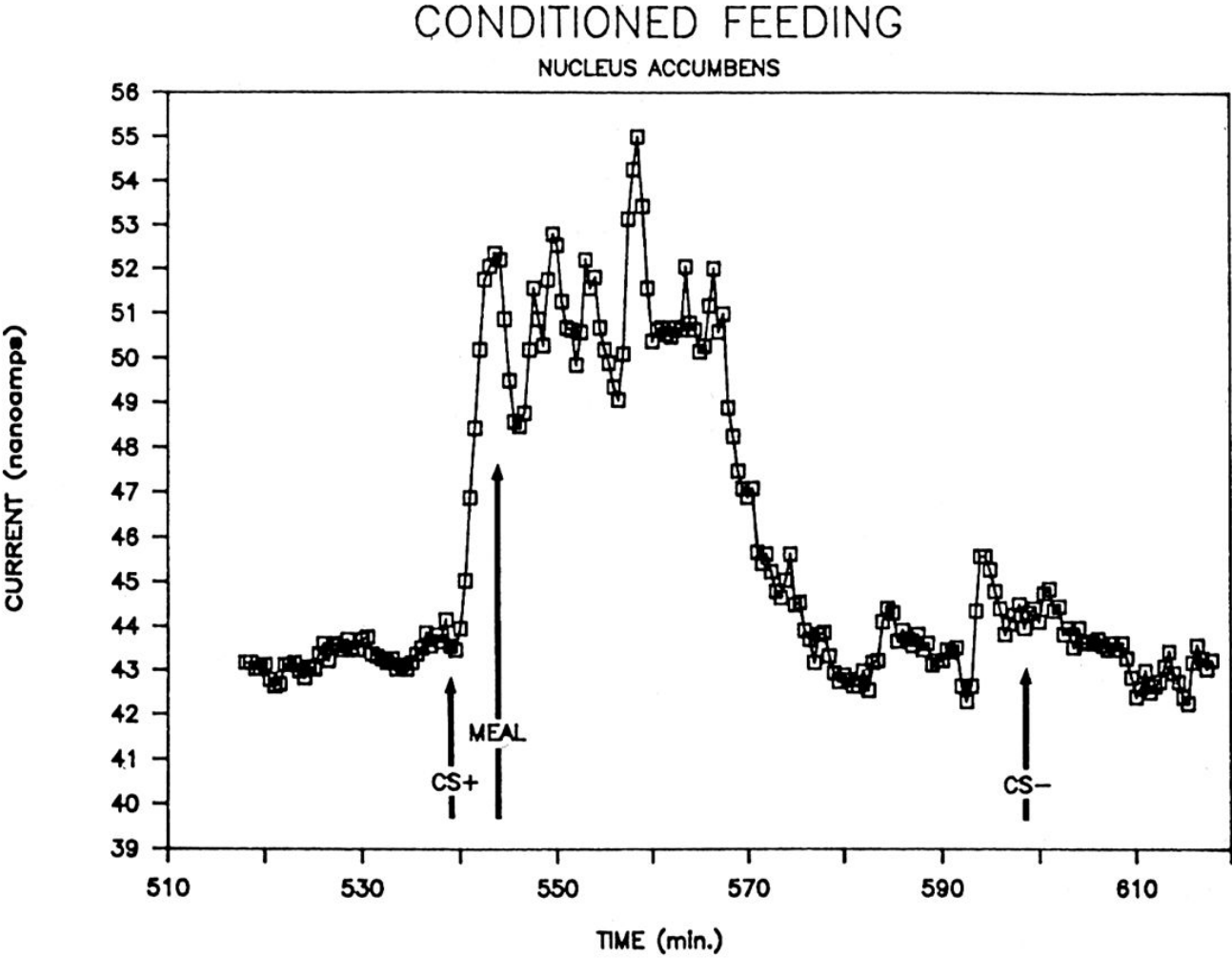
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# Dopamine release in the nucleus accumbens of a male rat during sexual behaviour — and in anticipation of sex

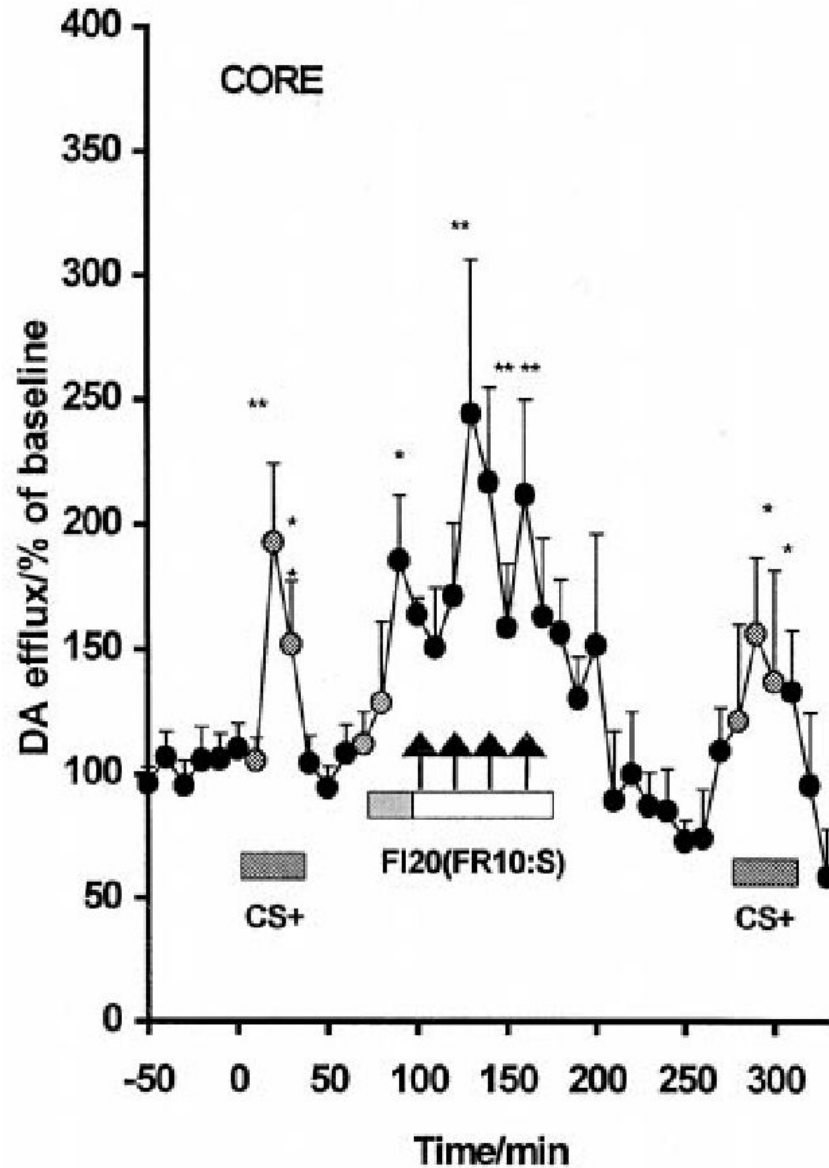


# Dopamine release in the nucleus accumbens during ingestion of a preferred food — and in response to a CS for food





# Dopamine release in the nucleus accumbens during IV cocaine self-administration — and to a CS for cocaine

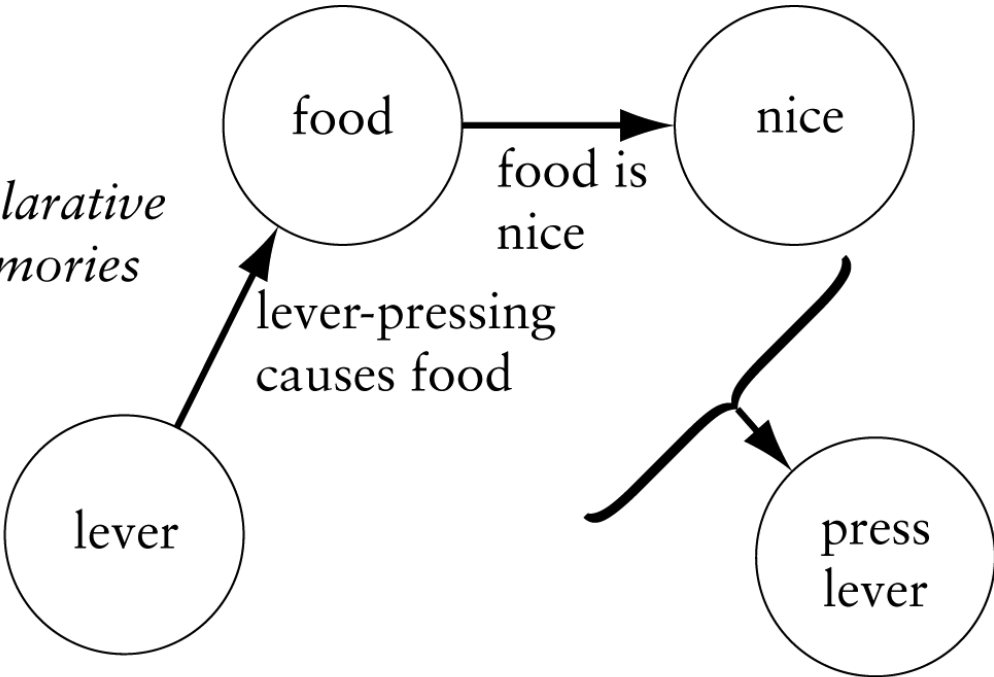


*Psychological basis  
of instrumental conditioning*

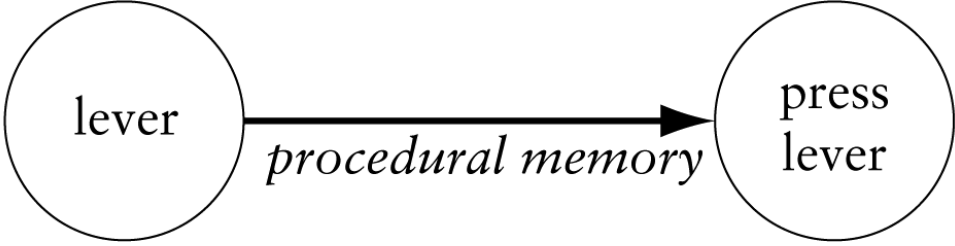
# Animals work for reinforcement for several reasons, including...

*goal-directed action*

*declarative memories*



*stimulus-response habit*



after Dickinson (1980)

# Learning the 'incentive value' of foods

Stage	Controls	Comparison	Devalued	Change in devalued group
Training	L → food		L → food	
Devaluation	food		food → LiCl	hedonic change
Test 1	L	=	L	
Re-exposure	food		food	incentive learning
Test 2	L	>	L	

L = lever

LiCl = lithium chloride

# 'Hedonic' taste reactivity patterns (1)

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## *Hominoids: Apes & Humans*

*Mid-face Aversion (bitter)*



*Eye squinch & nose wrinkle*

*Midface 'Smile' (sweet)*

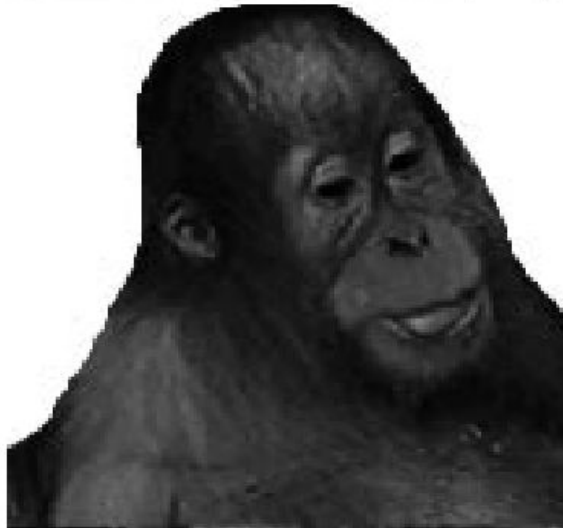


*Elevation & relaxation*

## 'Hedonic' taste reactivity patterns (2)

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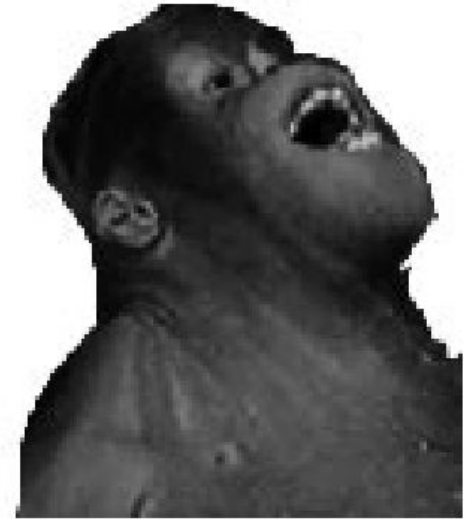
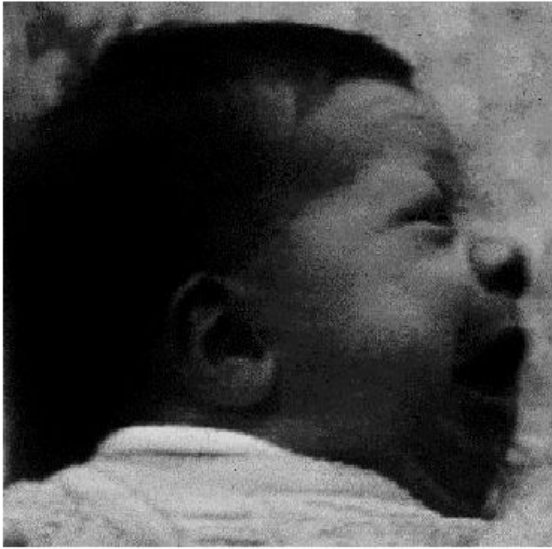
*'Universal hedonic reaction' — tongue protrusion to sweet substances*



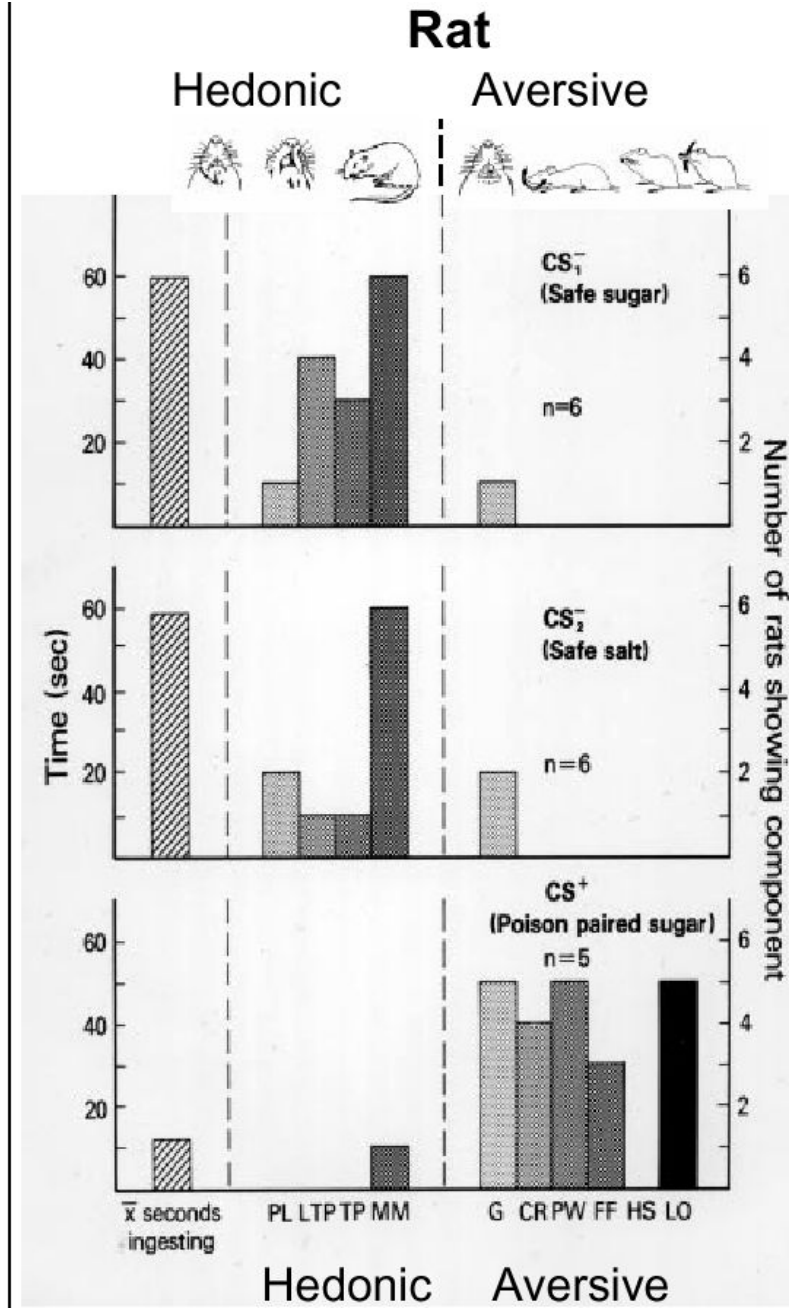
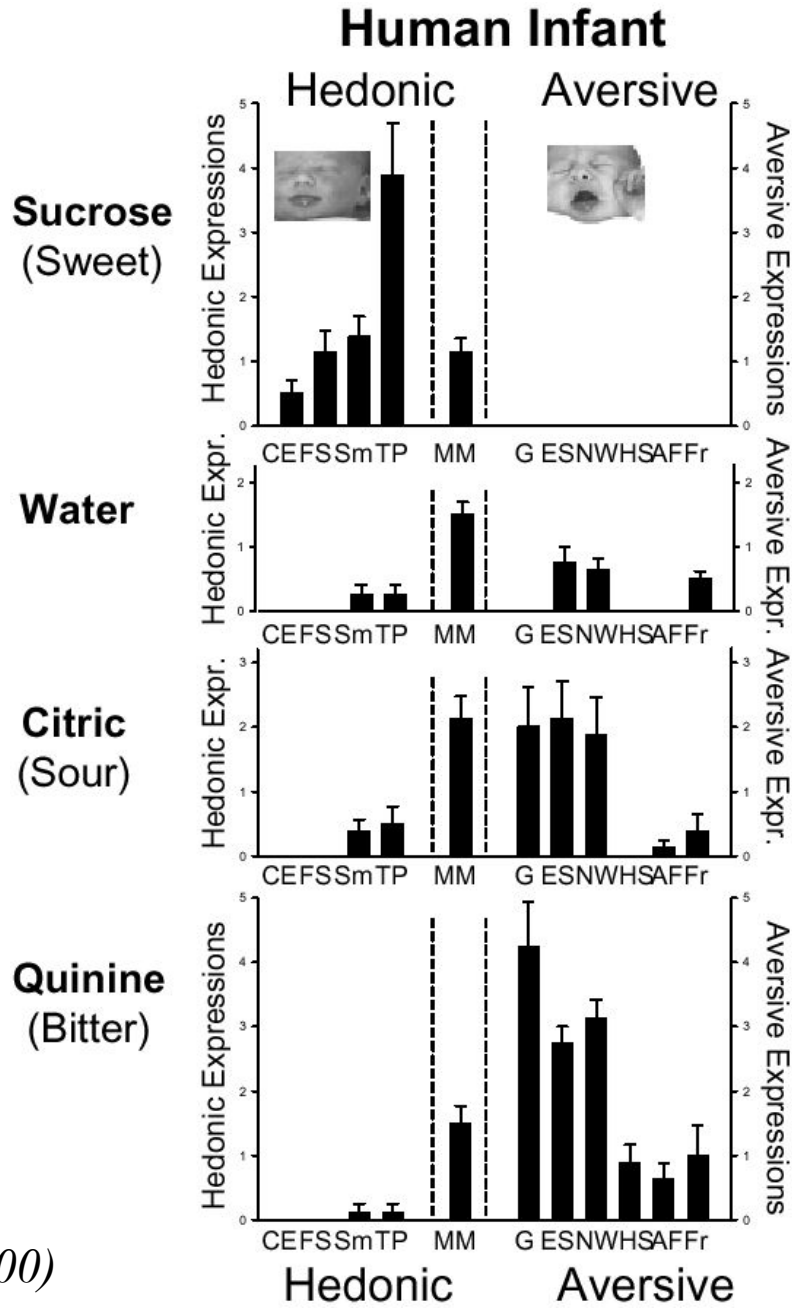
# 'Hedonic' taste reactivity patterns (3)

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*'Universal aversive reaction' — gaping to bitter substances*

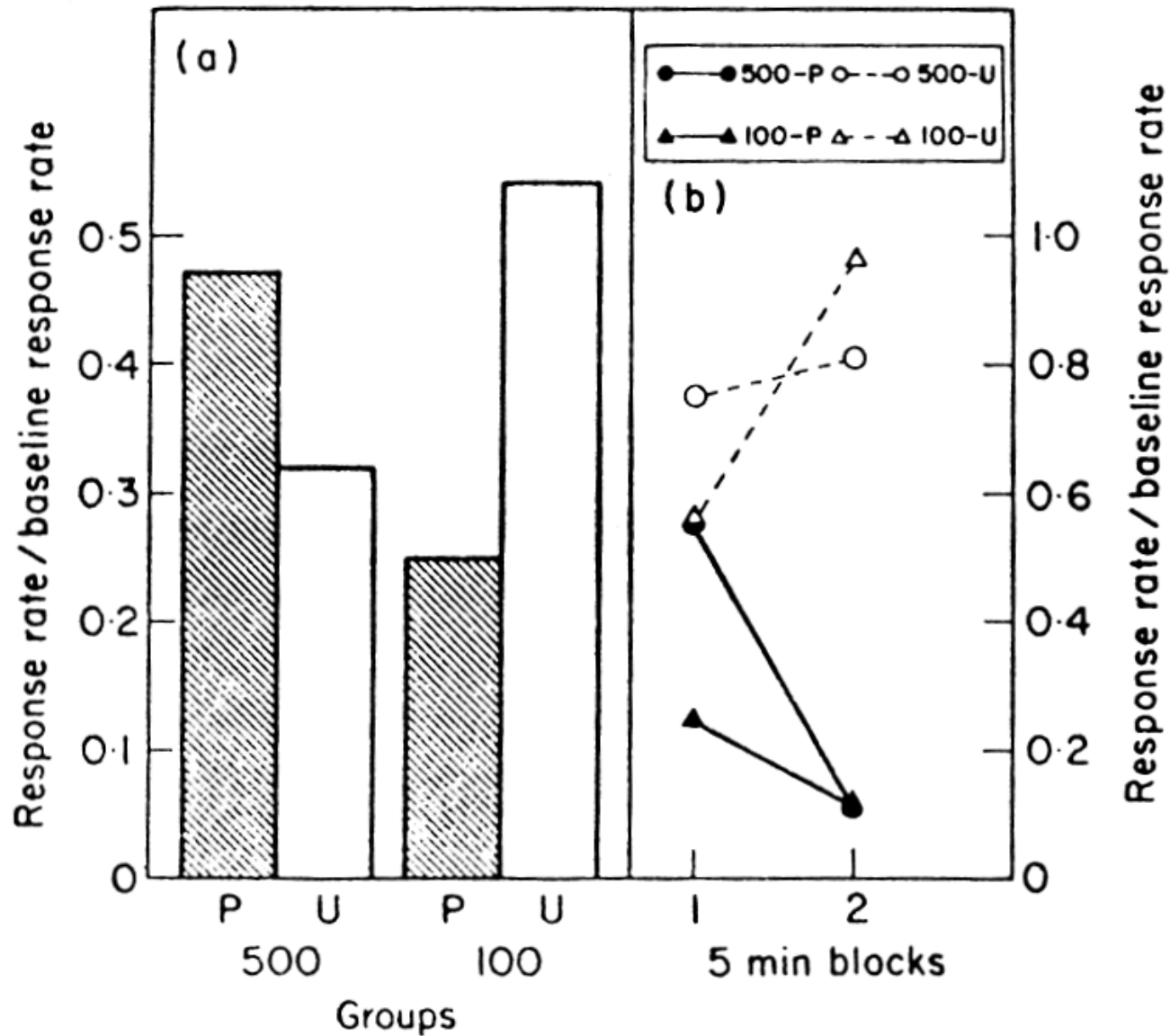


# 'Hedonic' taste reactivity patterns (4): they can alter





# Stimulus-response habits develop after extended training

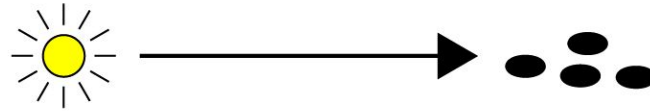


# Cues paired with reinforcement can also motivate

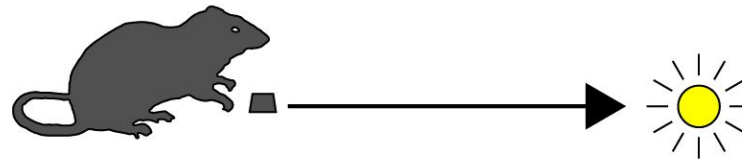
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## *Conditioned reinforcement*

*Training*



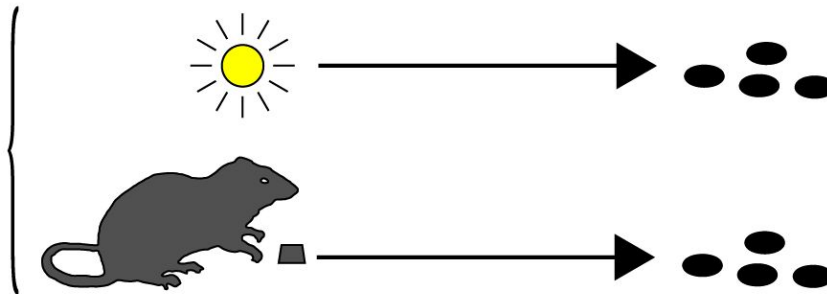
*Test*



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## *Pavlovian-instrumental transfer (PIT)*

*Training*



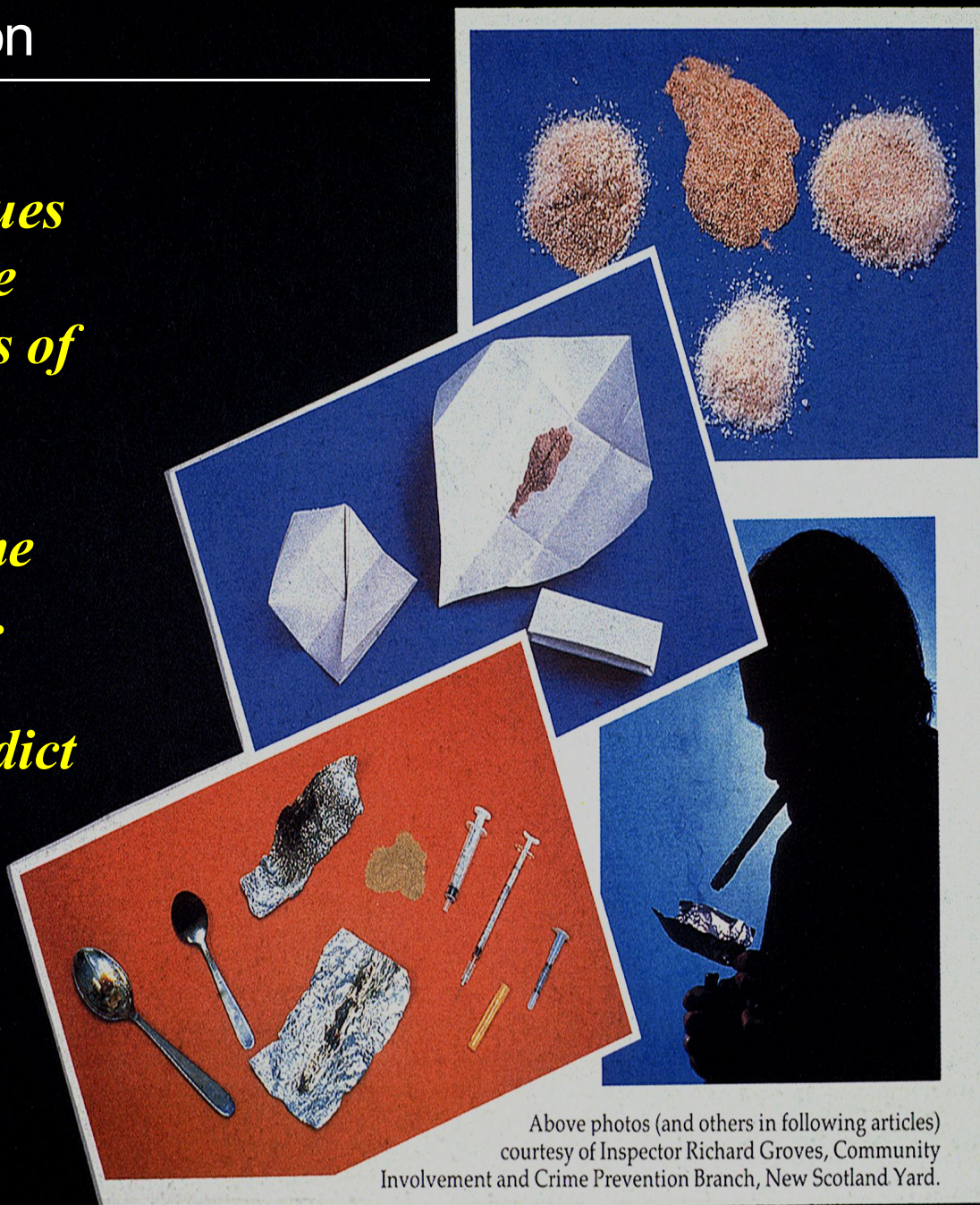
*Test*



# Conditioning and addiction

*Environmental stimuli (cues and contexts) may become associated with the effects of drugs such as cocaine through Pavlovian conditioning. They become conditioned stimuli (CSs).*

*They may motivate an addict to seek out drugs — cue-induced (conditioned) craving.*



Above photos (and others in following articles) courtesy of Inspector Richard Groves, Community Involvement and Crime Prevention Branch, New Scotland Yard.

# Summary of learning theory

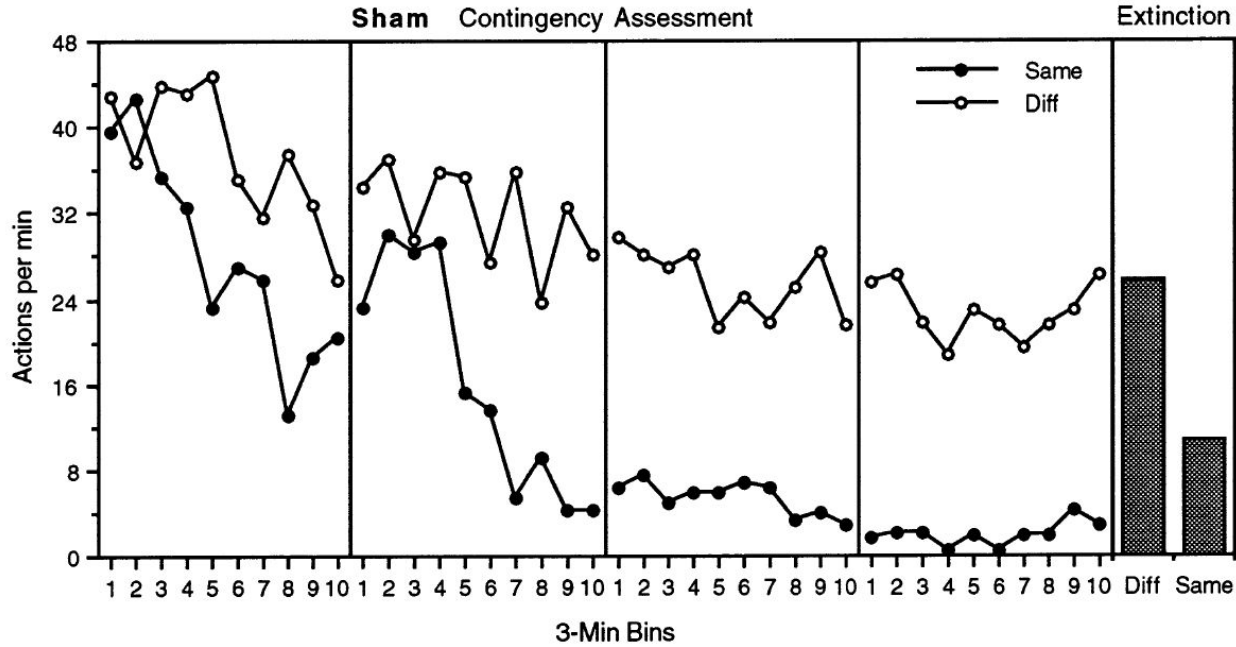
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- Animals form multiple psychological representations during Pavlovian and instrumental conditioning.
- For example, an animal learning to respond for a reward encodes
  - the instrumental (action–outcome) contingency;
  - the value of the outcome as an instrumental goal;
  - the (dissociable) ‘affective’ value of the outcome;
  - direct stimulus–response ‘habits’;
- ... and is influenced by Pavlovian processes including conditioned reinforcement and Pavlovian–instrumental transfer.
- The neural basis of some of these processes is starting to be understood.

*Neural basis  
of instrumental conditioning*

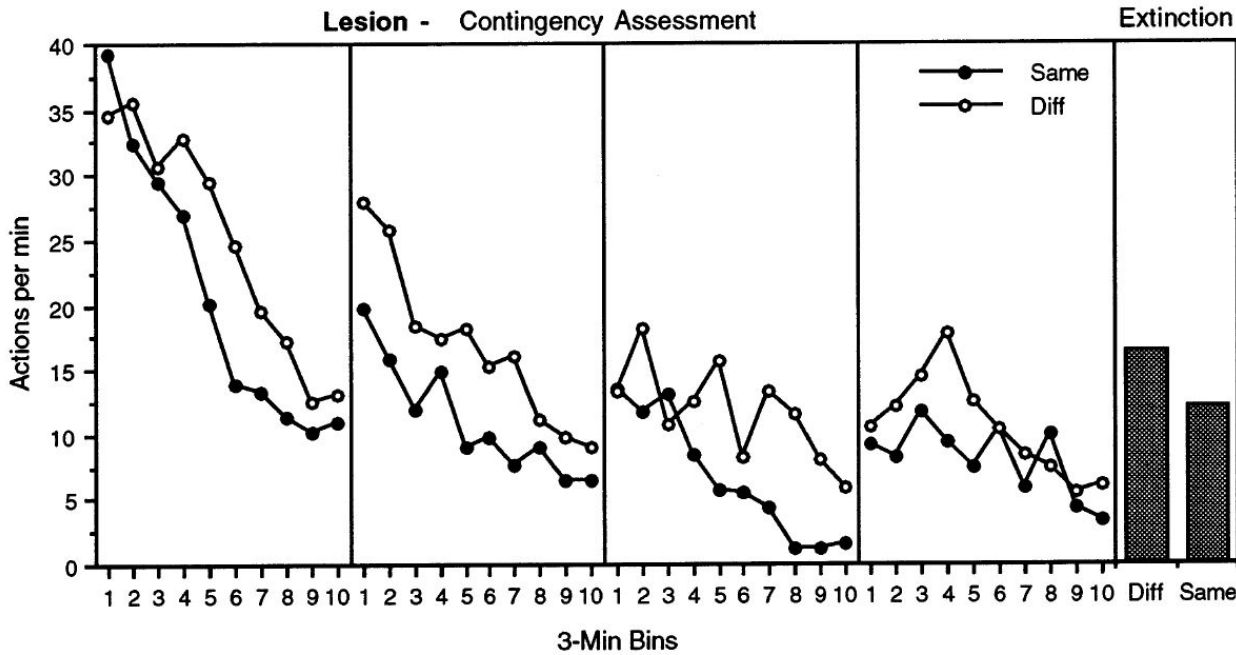
# Action–outcome contingency: prefrontal cortex?

*sham-operated rats*



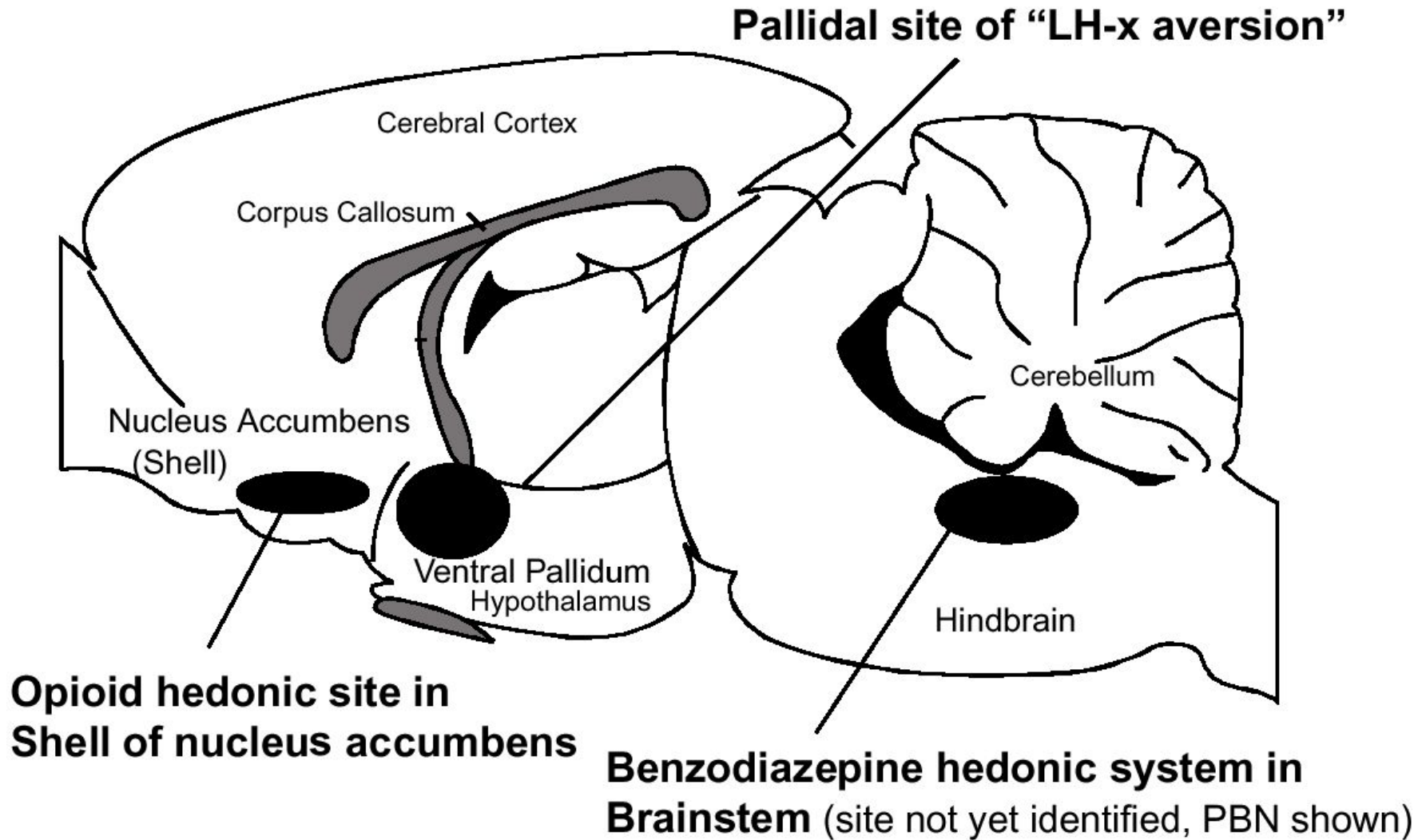
*Test of action–outcome contingency knowledge*

*rats with prelimbic cortex lesions (~ equivalent to dorsolateral prefrontal cortex in primates)*



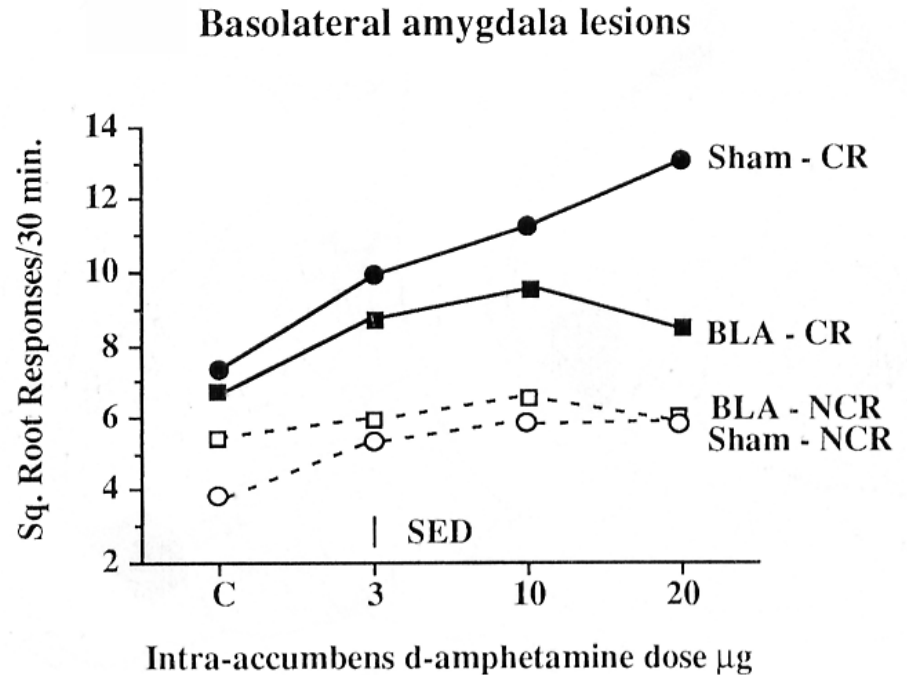
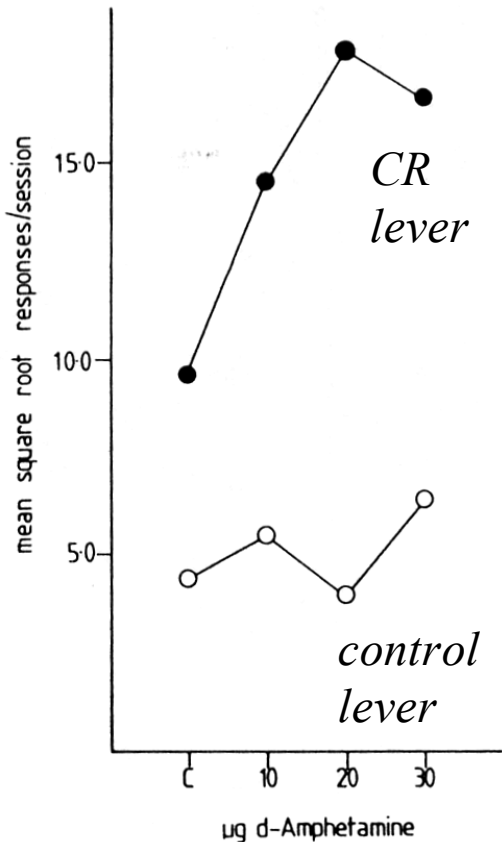
# Hedonic experience: accumbens / pallidum / hindbrain?

*Sites that affect taste reactivity patterns ('hedonics'):*



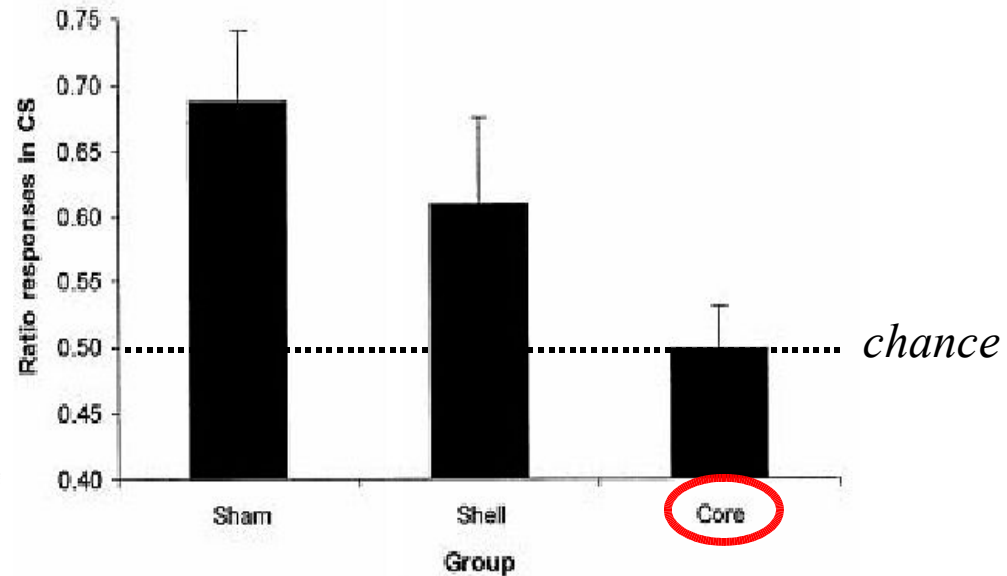
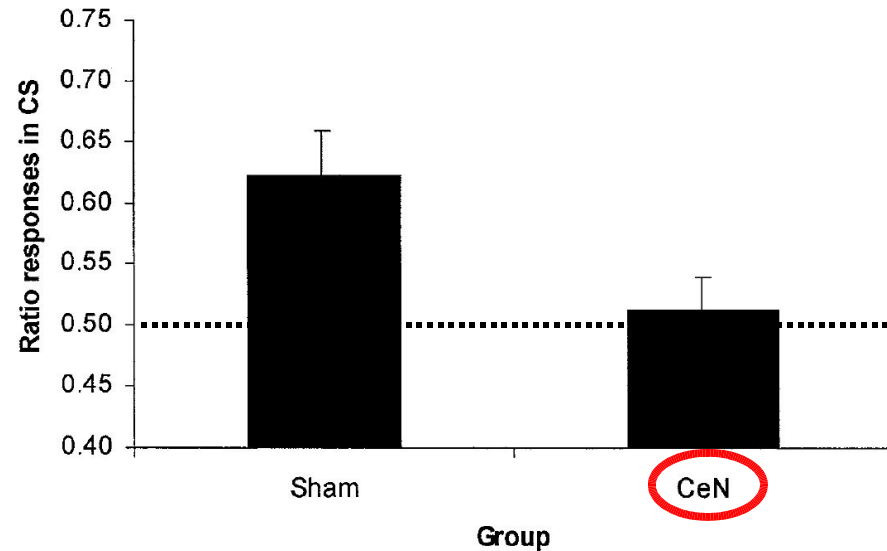
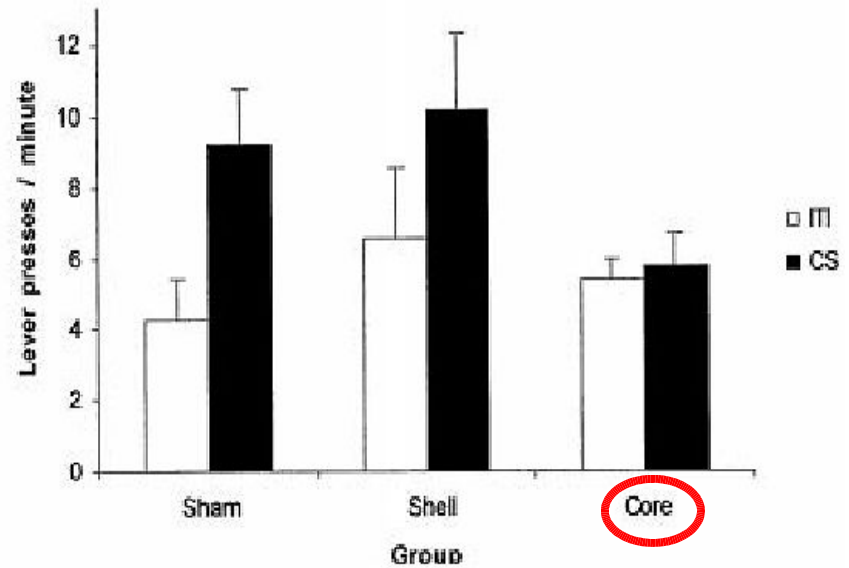
# Conditioned reinforcement depends in part upon the basolateral amygdala, and can be enhanced by intra-accumbens amphetamine

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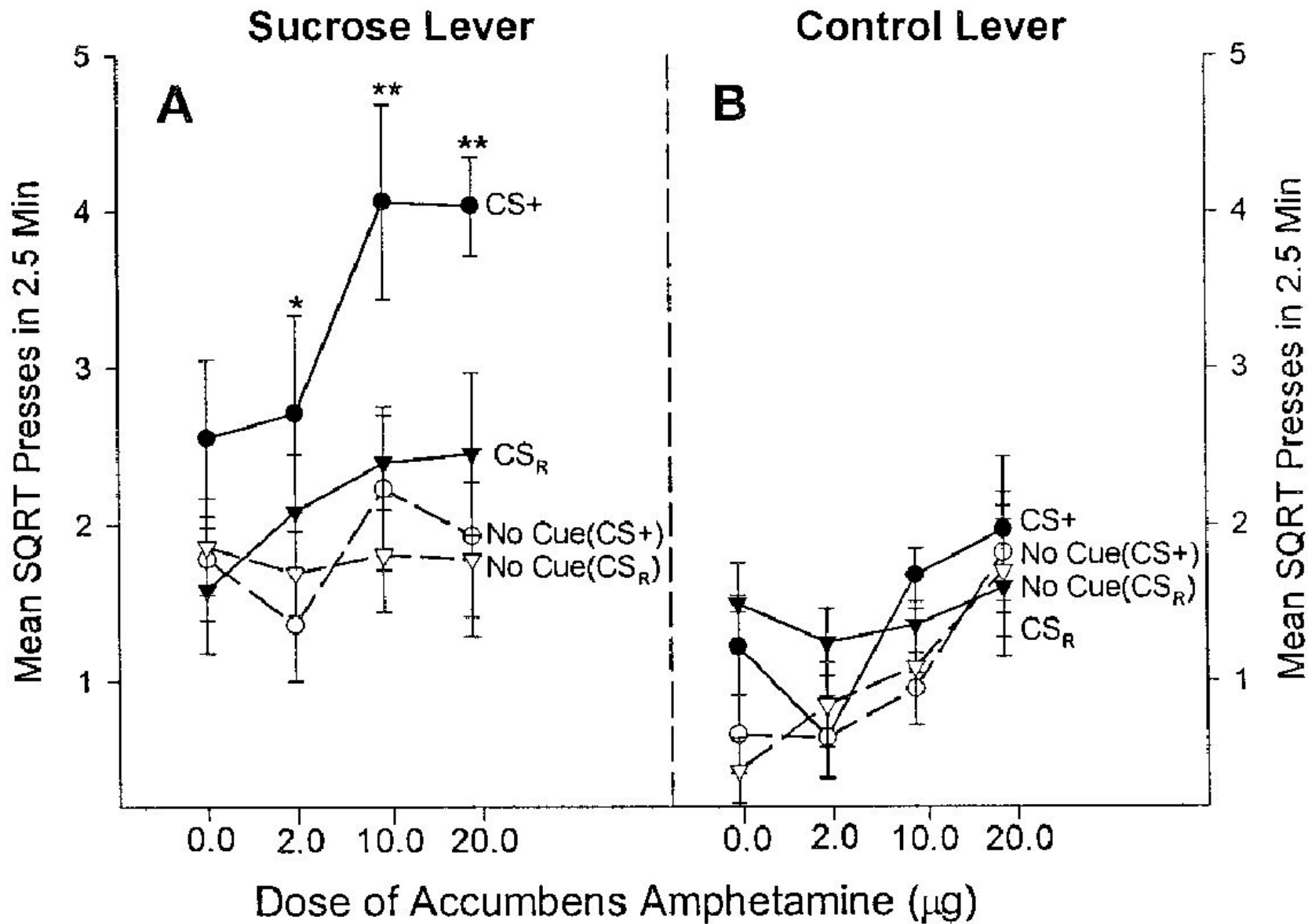




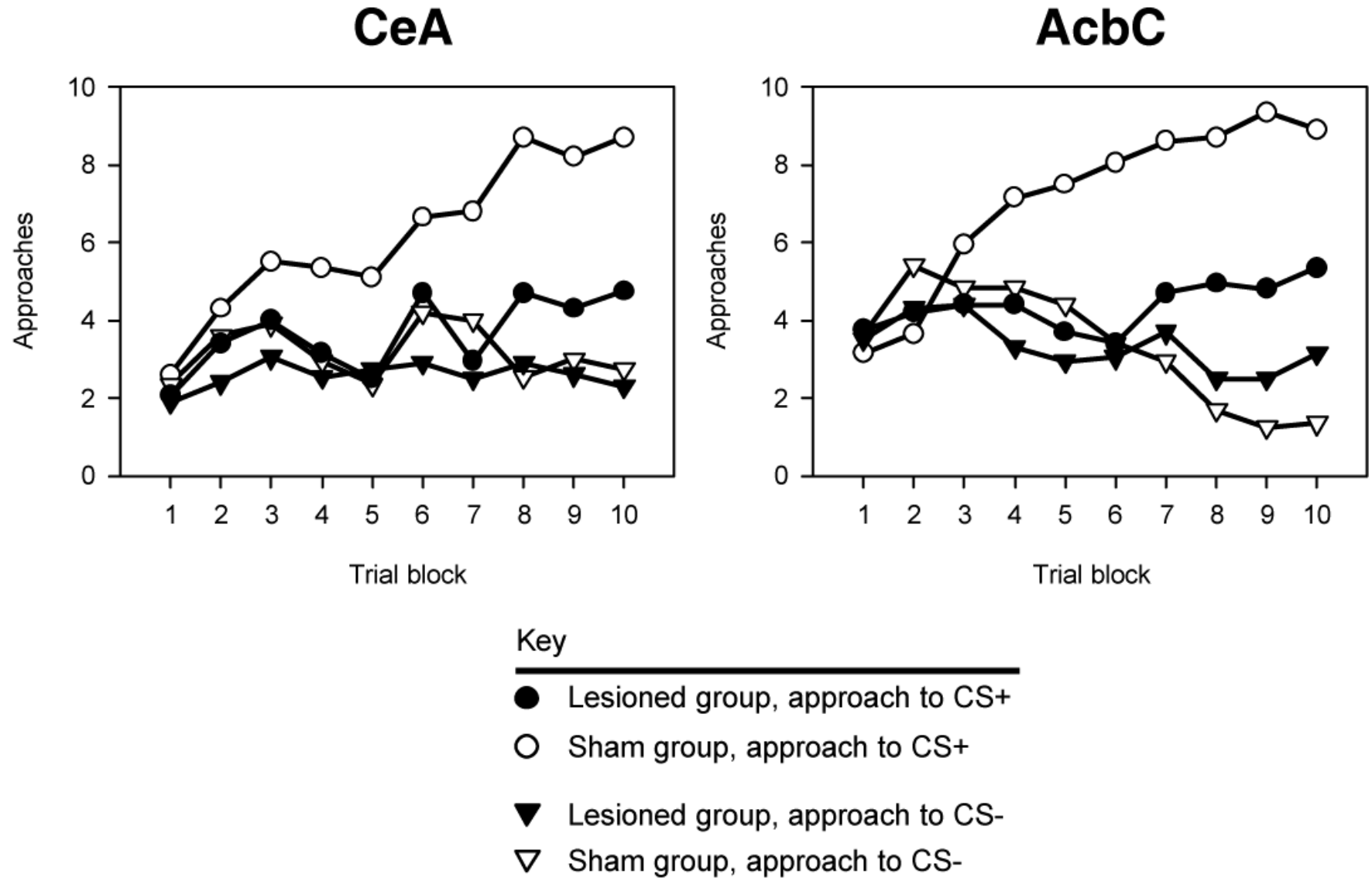
# Lesions of the nucleus accumbens core (or central nucleus of the amygdala) abolish PIT



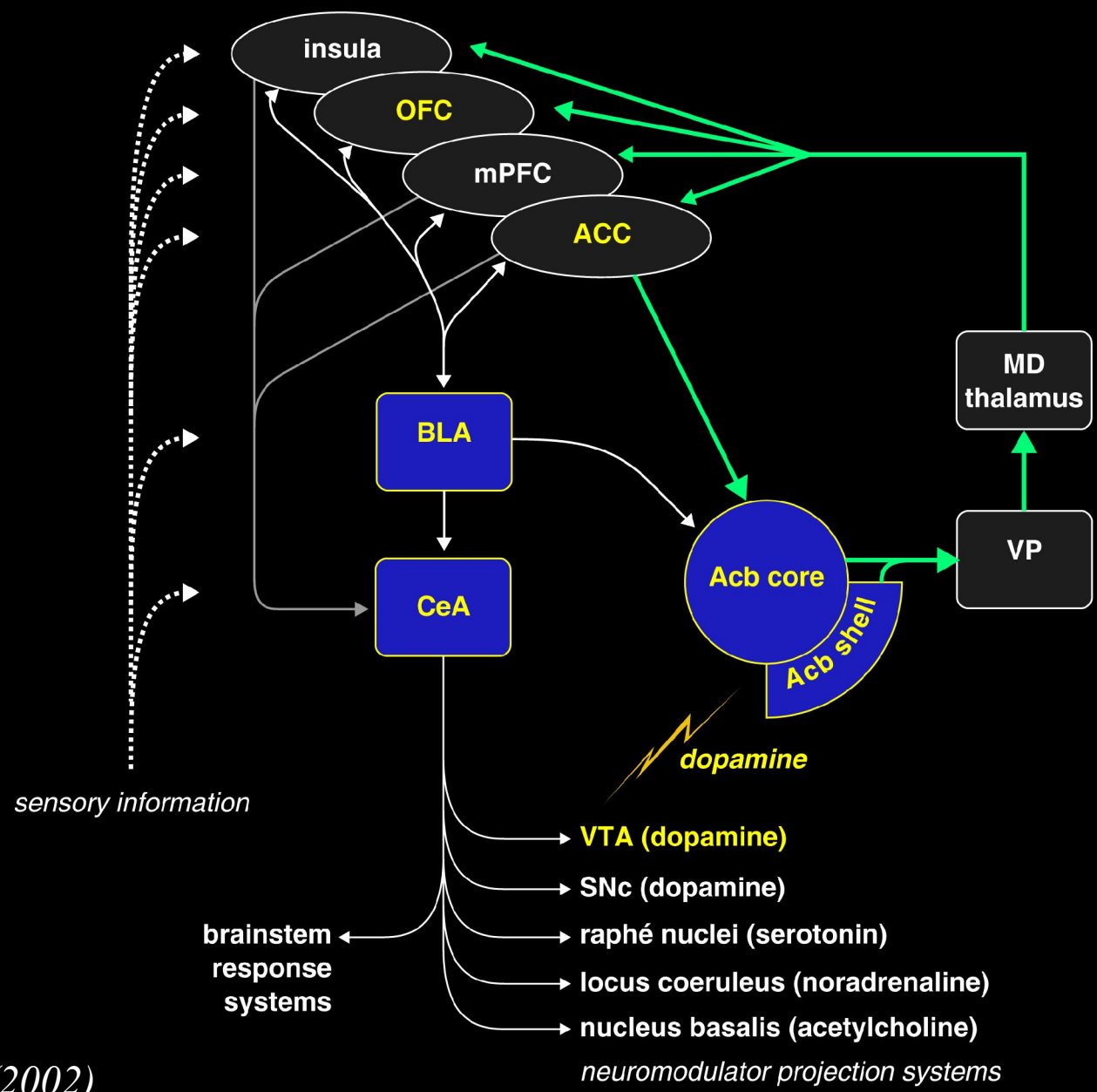
# Intra-accumbens amphetamine enhances PIT



# Conditioned approach also requires the Acb and amygdala

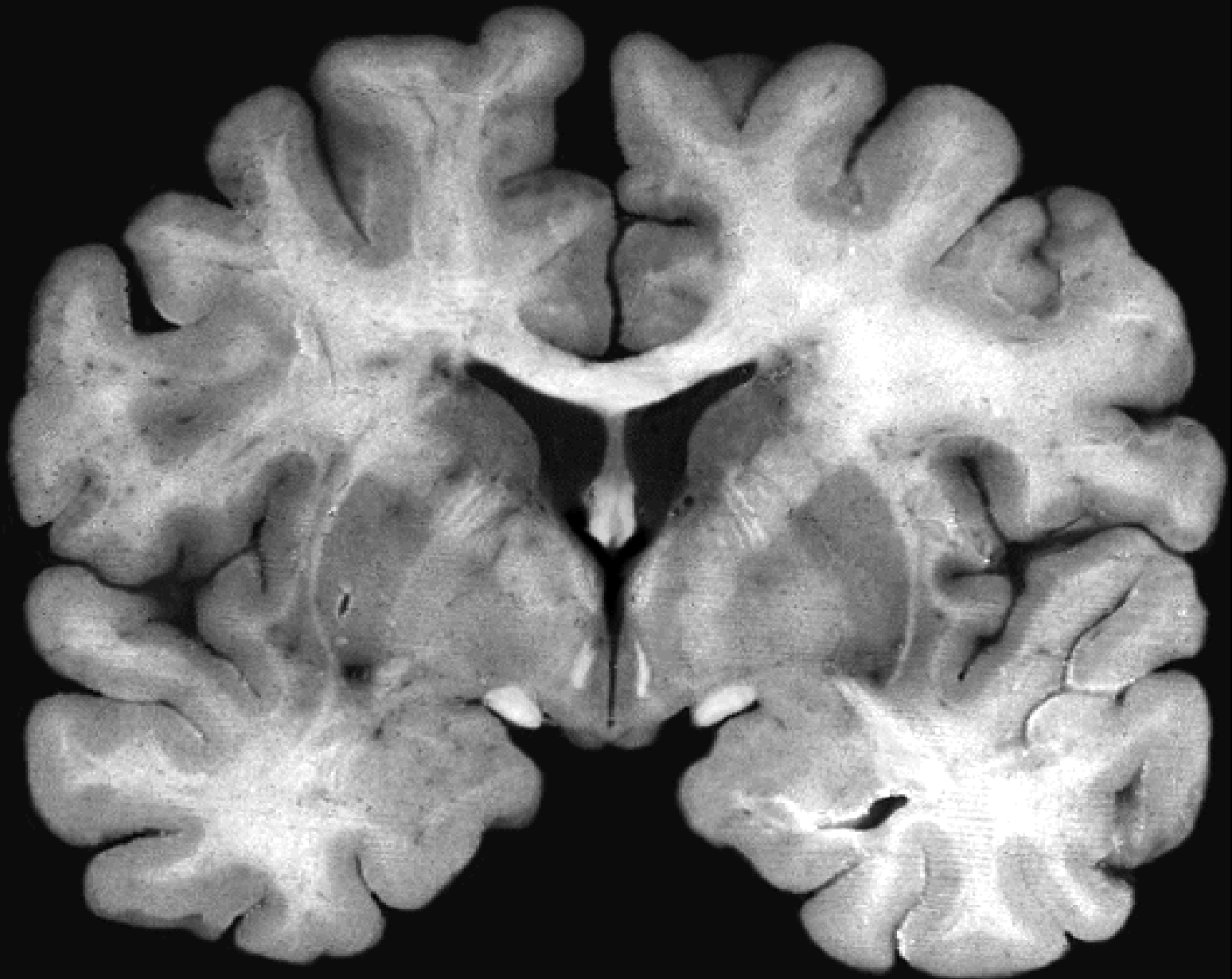


# The limbic corticostriatal circuit: conditioned motivation



# Habits: the dorsal striatum? (1)

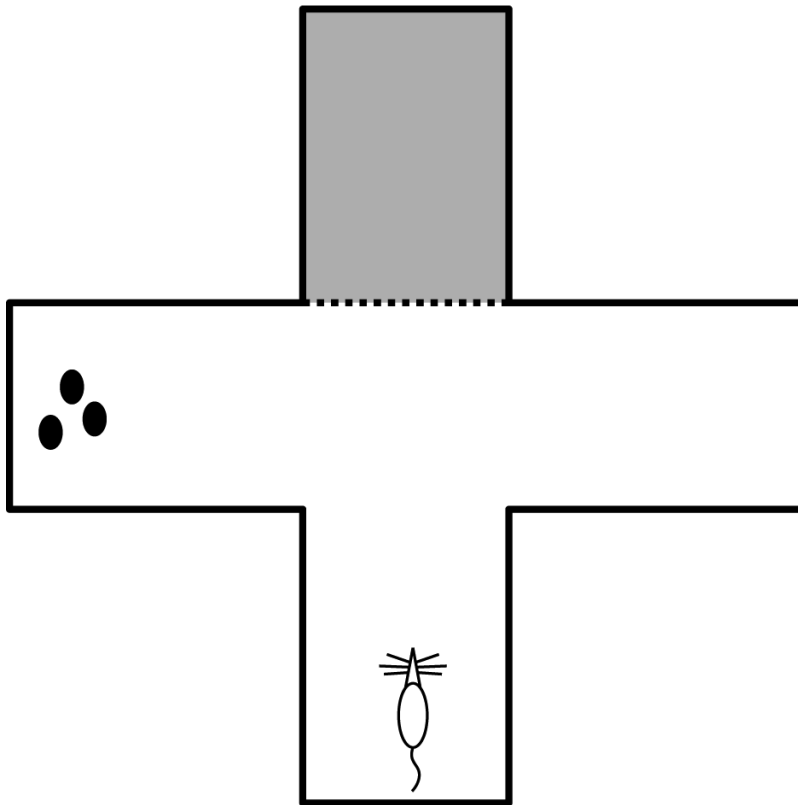
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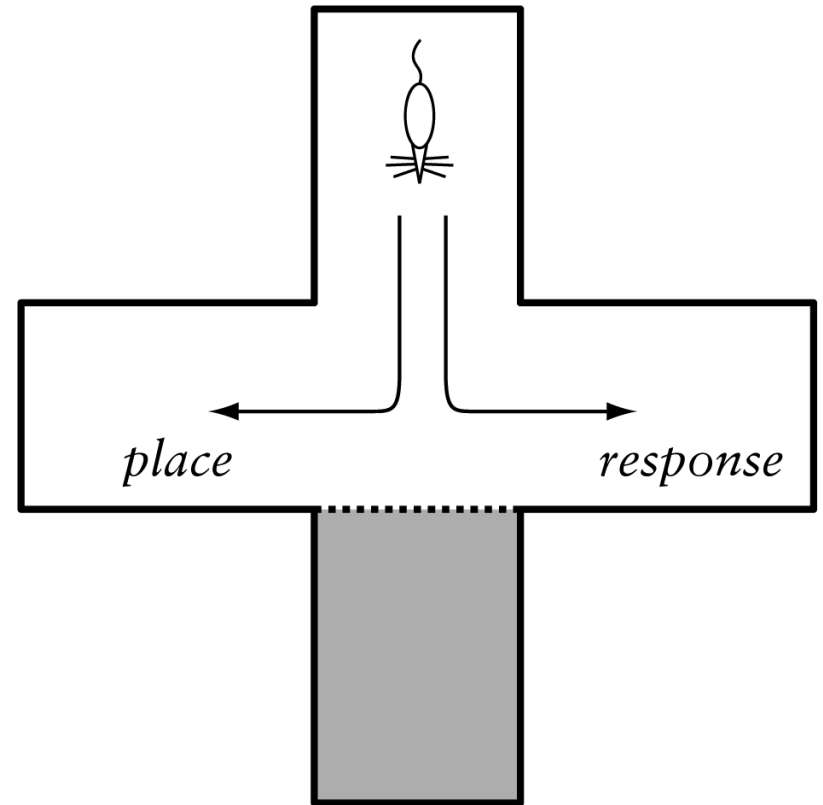
# Habits: the dorsal striatum? (2)

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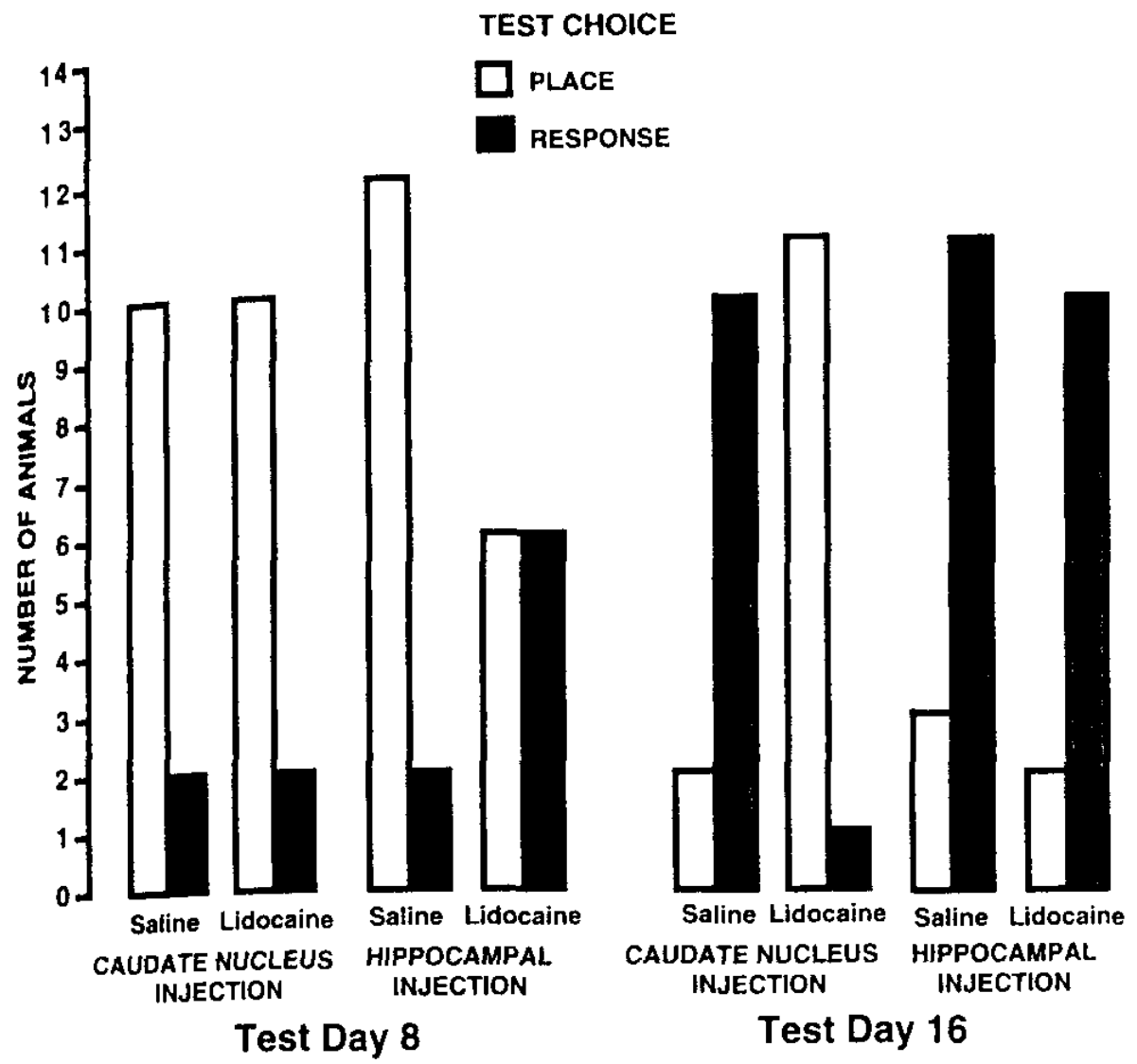
*Training*



*Testing*



# Habits: the dorsal striatum? (3)



# Summary

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- Knowledge of the relationship between your own actions and their outcomes may depend on prefrontal cortex.
- ‘Liking’ particular foodstuffs (hedonic experience) may depend on opioid and GABA receptors (e.g. in accumbens / pallidum / brainstem).
- If you discover you like a food, its instrumental incentive value becomes high (neural basis unclear).
- Pavlovian conditioned motivation (sometimes referred to as ‘wanting’ or ‘craving’) can be distinguished from true goal-directed action, and from hedonic value. It depends on an amygdala / nucleus accumbens circuit, and its dopamine innervation.
- Habits develop with time; these may depend on the dorsal striatum.
- Once your goals have been obtained, consummatory behaviour



