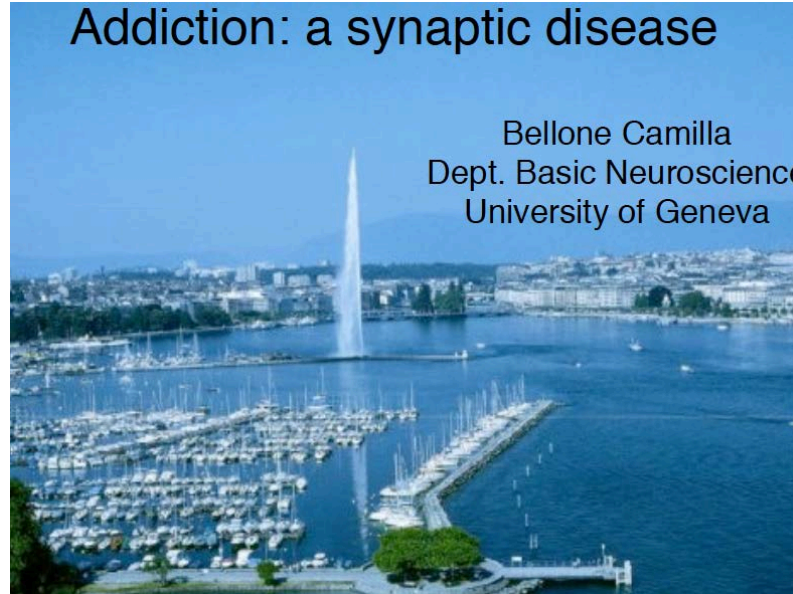


Addiction: a synaptic disease

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Définitions

- **Addiction:** consommation compulsive en dépit de toutes conséquences négatives
- **Dépendance:** survenu d'un syndrome de sevrage à l'arrêt brusque de la drogue

Maladies du cerveau en Europe

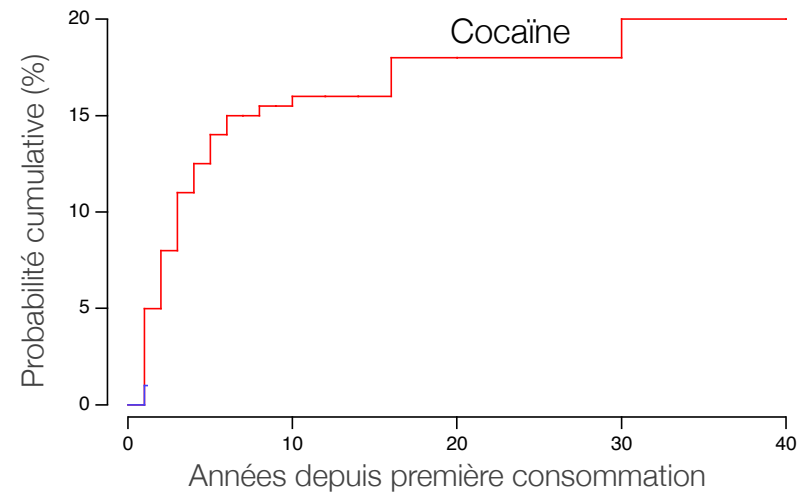
 2006	Cas en millions	Coûts Mia€/an
Dépression	21	104
Addiction (sans nicotine)	9	57
Démence (Alzheimer)	5	55
Troubles anxieux	41	41
Schizophrénie	3.5	35
Migraine	41	27
AVC	1	22
Epilepsie	3	15
Maladie de Parkinson	1.2	11

Risque relatif d'addiction

Goldstein & Kalant, Science 1990

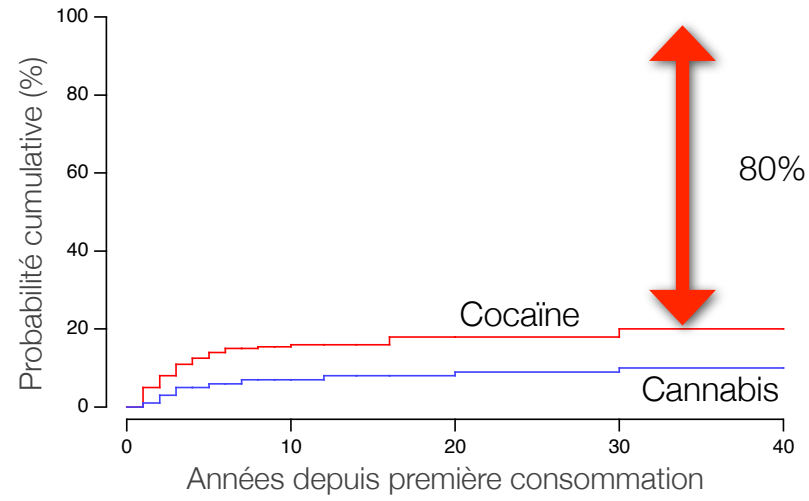
●	Hallucinogènes (LSD)	1
●	Cannabis (THC)	2
●	Benzodiazépines (BDZ)	2
●	Alcool	3
●	Nicotine	3
○	Opiacés (Morphine, Héroïne)	4
●	Amphétamines	5
●	Cocaïne	5

Addiction vs. consommation



Wagner & Anthony, Neuropsychopharmacology, 2002

Addiction vs. consommation récréative



Wagner & Anthony, Neuropsychopharmacology, 2002

Dangers de la cocaïne

- Pression sanguine ↑↑
- Infarctus du myocarde
- Arythmie cardiaque
- Hémorragie cérébrale
- Addiction

Vulnérabilité individuelle ?

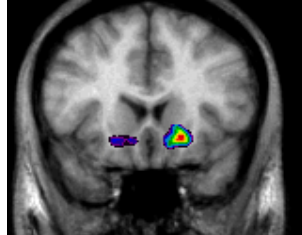
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Activation of the ventral striatum

Drugs

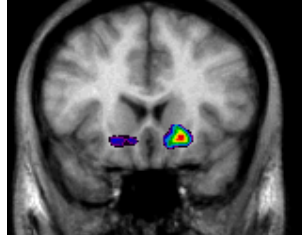


e.g. Amphetamines

Leyton et al., 2002

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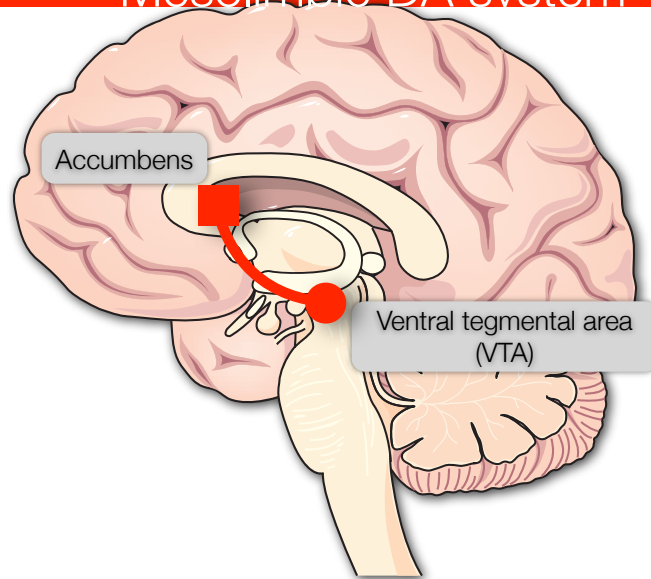
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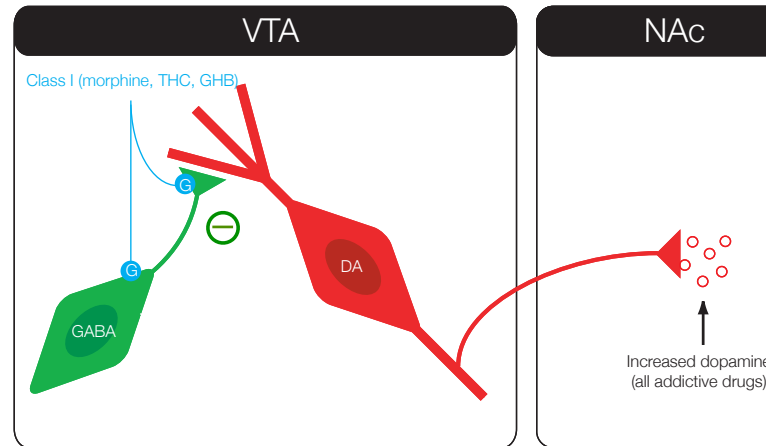
e.g. Poker

Boileau et al., 2003

Mesolimbic DA system



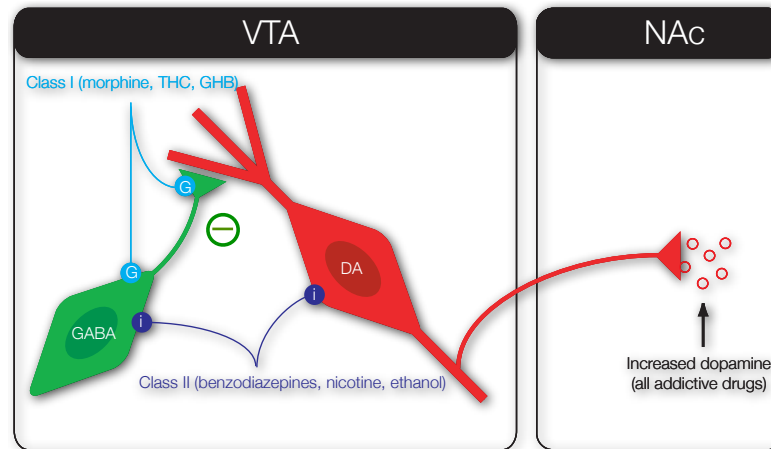
Ventral tegmental area



● G-protein coupled receptor ● Ionotropic receptor ● Dopamine transporter

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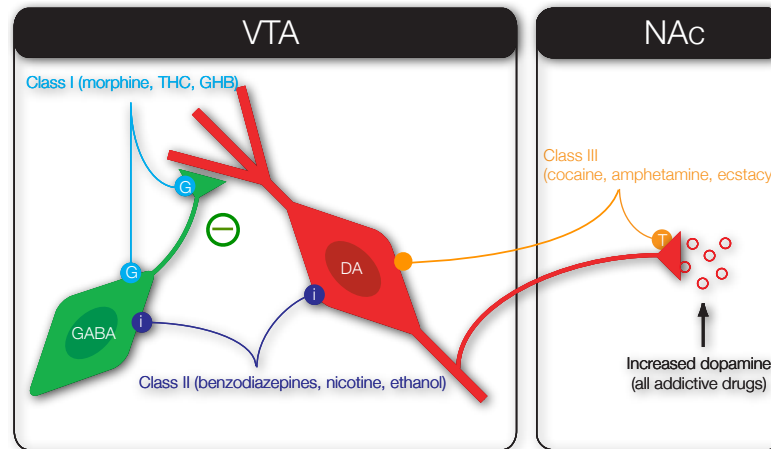
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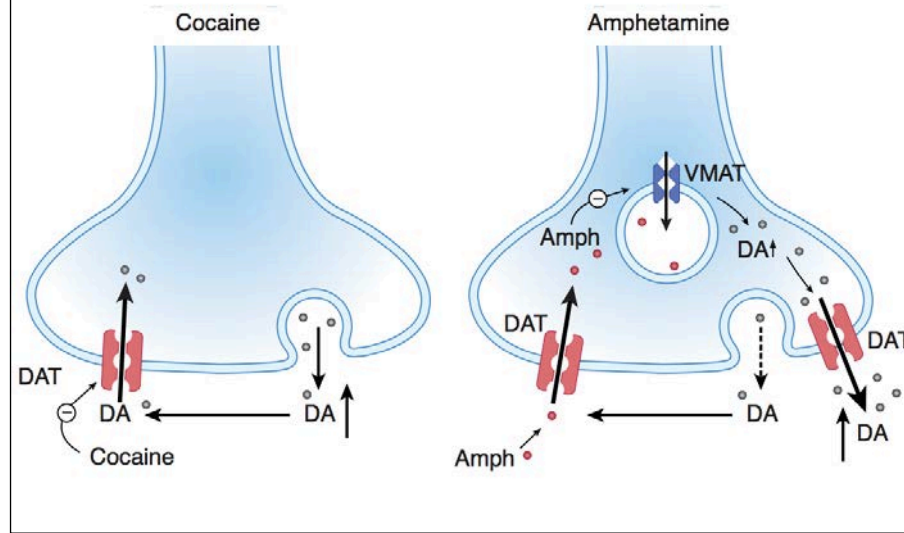
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Classe III-drogues



Mechanistic classification

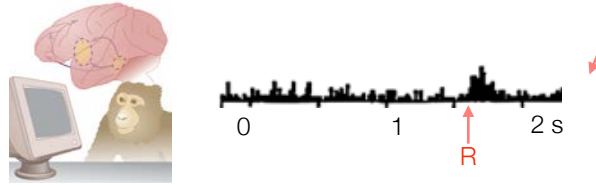
Class I: Drugs that activate G protein coupled receptors				
Name	Main molecular target	Pharmacology	Effect on dopamine neurons	RR
Opioids	μ -OR (G_{i1})	agonist	disinhibition	4
Cannabinoids	CB1R (G_i)	agonist	disinhibition	2
γ -hydroxy butyric acid (GHB)	GABA _B R (G_{i1})	weak agonist	disinhibition	NA
1,2,3,4-Tetrahydrocannabinol	CB1R (G_i)	partial agonist		1
Class II: Drugs that bind to ionotropic receptors and ion channels				
Name	Main molecular target	Pharmacology	Effect on dopamine neurons	RR
Nicotine	nAChR ($\alpha 4\beta 2$)	agonist	excitation, disinhibition, modulates release	4
Alcohol	GABA _A R, 5-HT _{1R} , nAChR, NMDAR, K _v 3 channels		excitation	3
Benzodiazepines	GABA _A R	positive modulator	disinhibition	3
Phenylethylamine: Amphetamine	nAChR	agonist/partial	disinhibition (?)	1
Class III: Drugs that bind to transporters of biogenic amines				
Name	Main molecular target	Pharmacology	Effect on dopamine neurons	RR
Cocaine	DAT, SERT and NET	inhibitor	blocks DA uptake	5
Amphetamine	DAT, NET and SERT, VMAT	reverses transport	blocks DA uptake, synaptic depletion, excitation	5
Ecstasy	SERT > DAT, NET	reverses transport	blocks DA uptake, synaptic depletion	NA

Cocaine Morphine Nicotine Gambling Chocolate

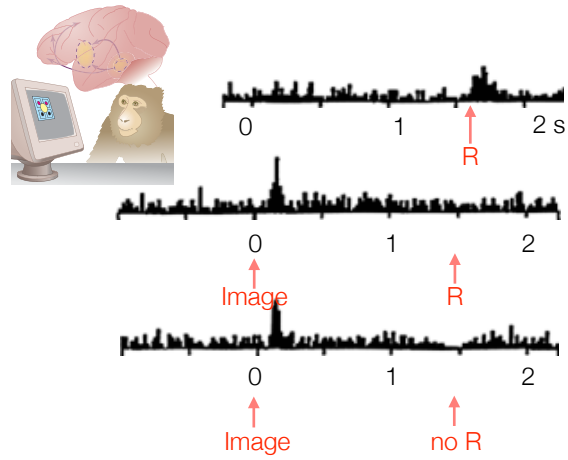
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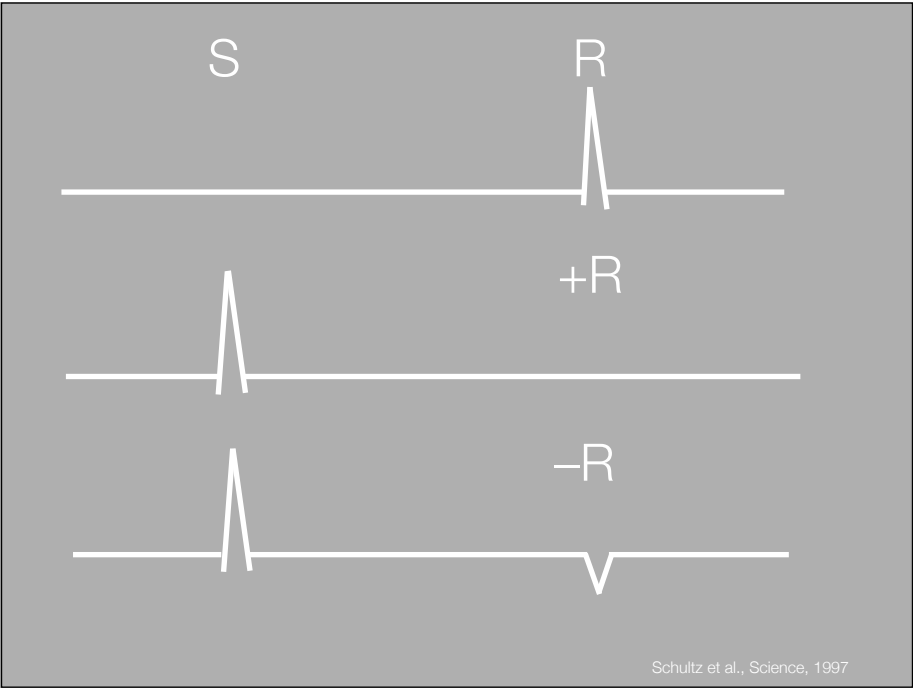
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Prediction error



Prediction error





Addiction



Initiation



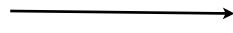
Repeated
Consumption



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Context « **Pleasure** » **Automatisation/Habit**

Planned decision



Automatic decision/
Habit

dopamine

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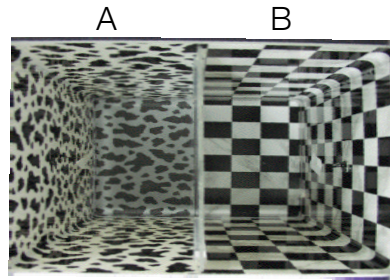
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Compulsion/habit

Addiction

Animal models to study addiction

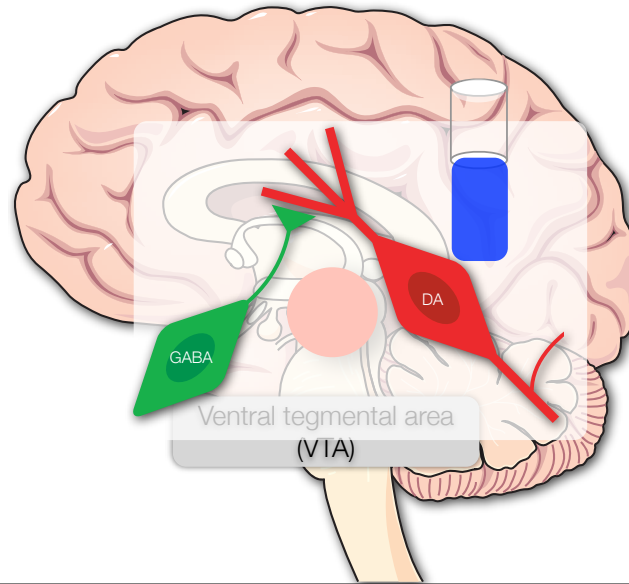
Memory trace in rodents

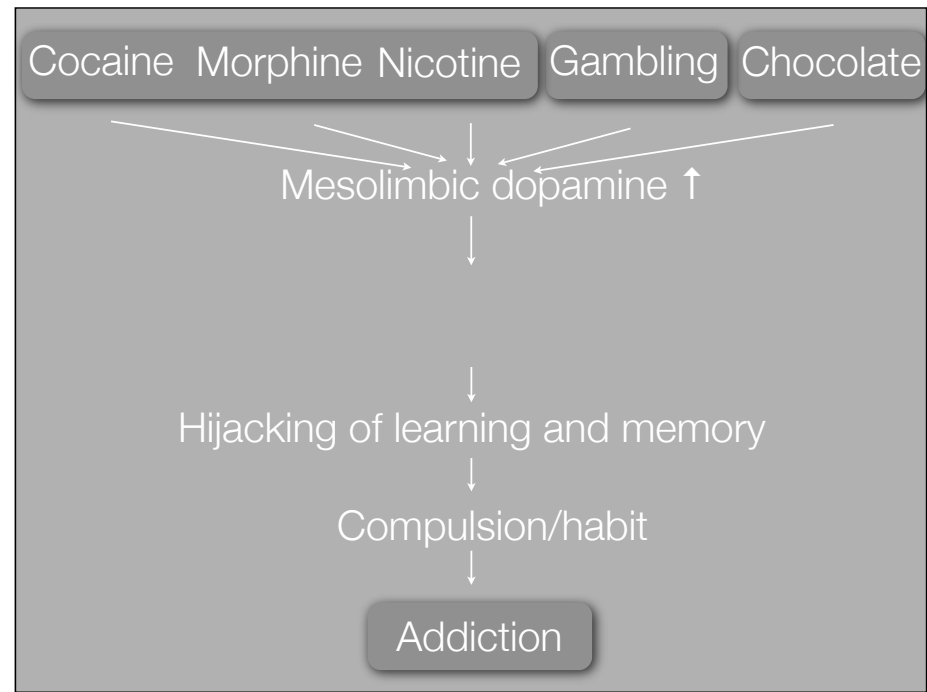


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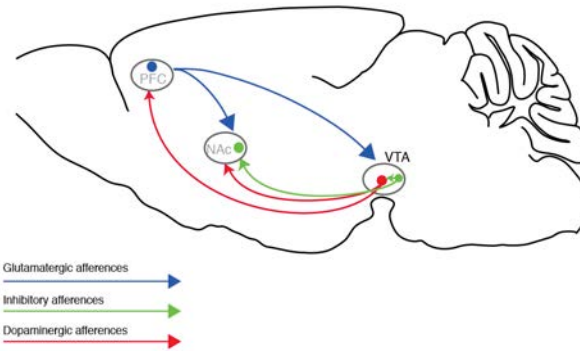
Excited by “blue light”



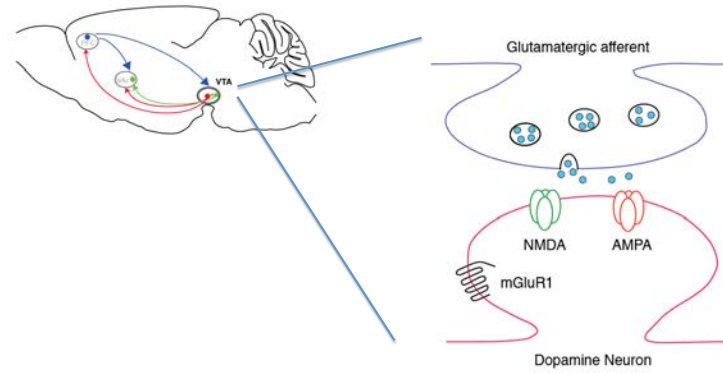


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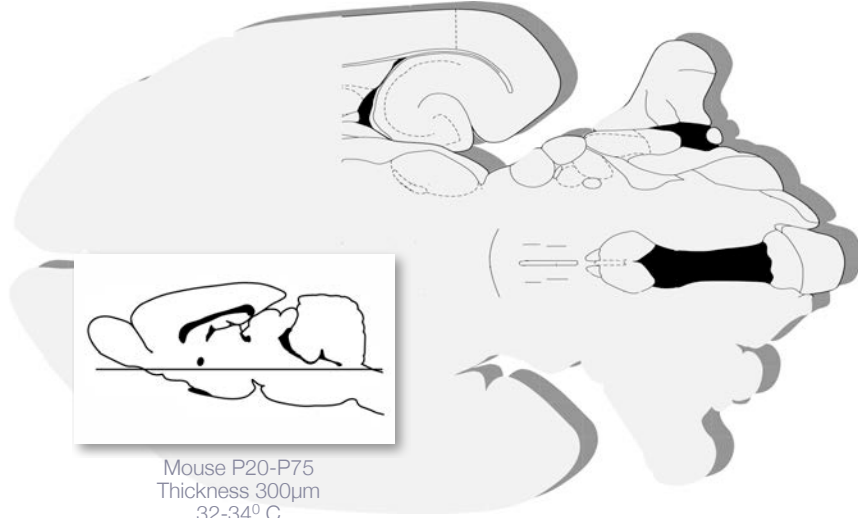
Mesocorticolimbic system



Excitatory transmission



Slice preparation



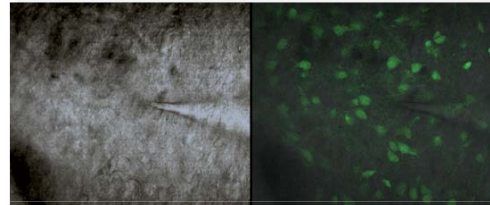
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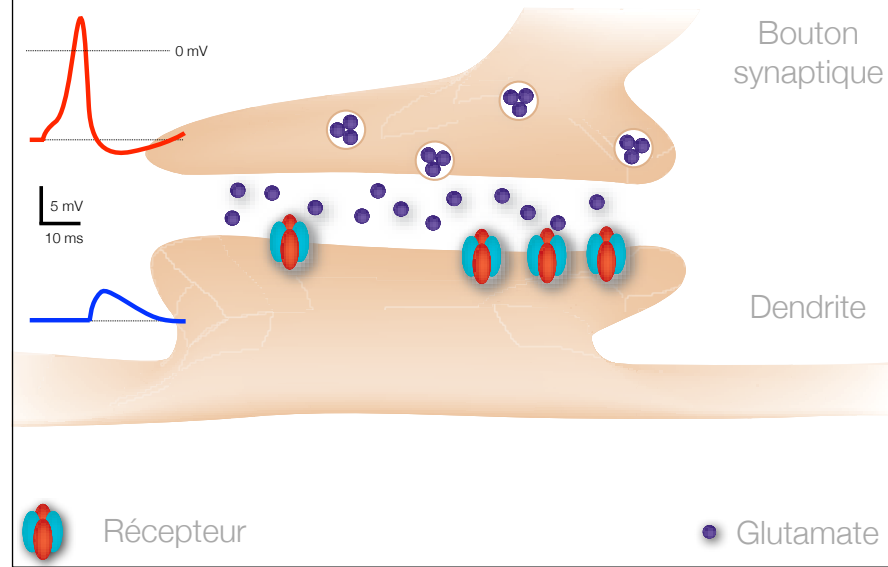
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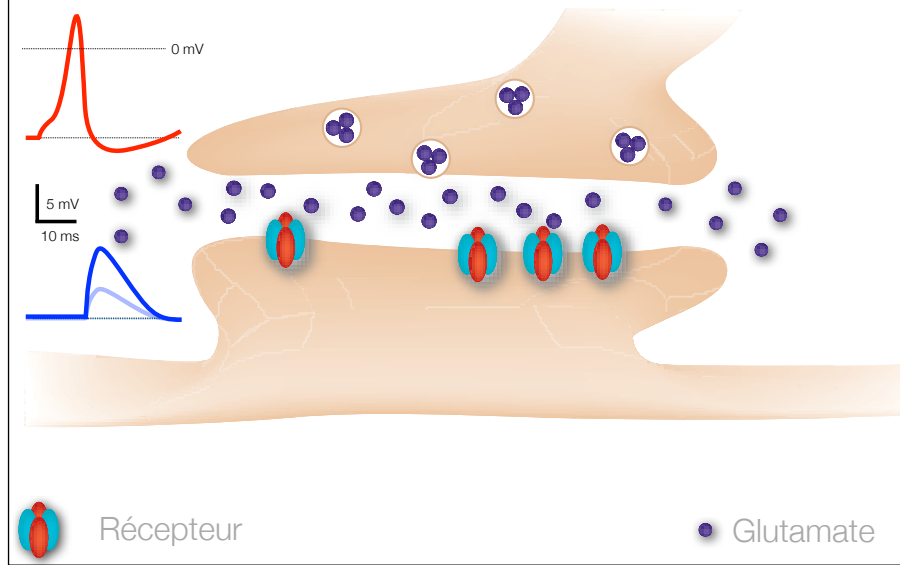
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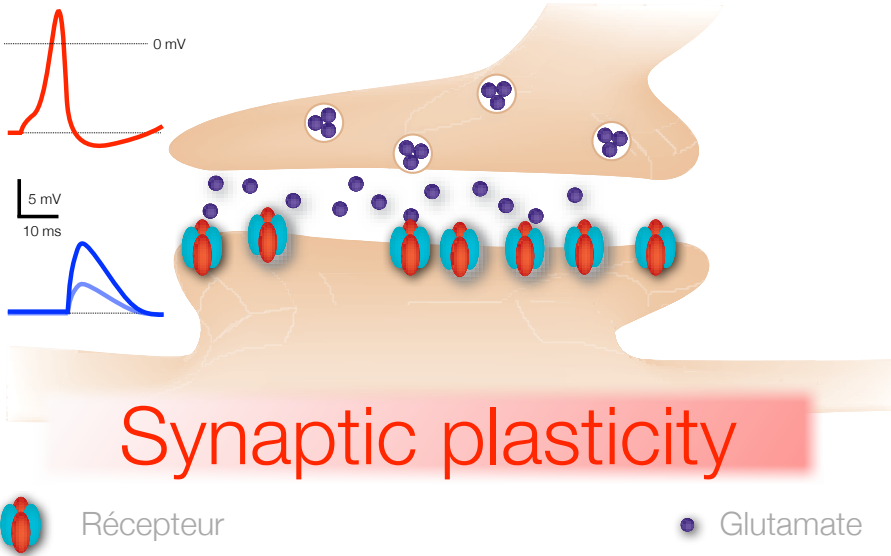
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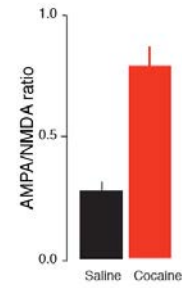
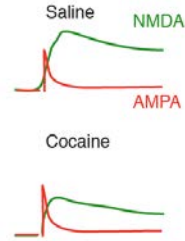
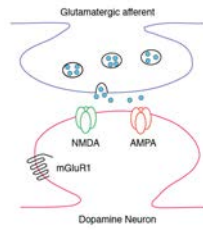
Increase in neurotransmitter



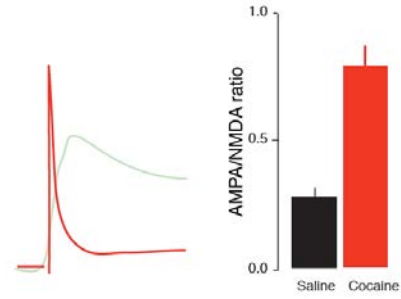
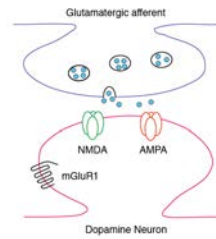
Increase in number of Receptors



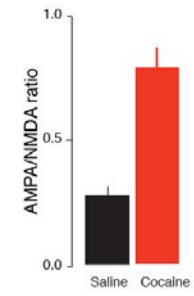
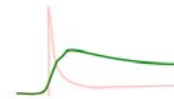
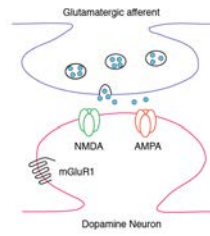
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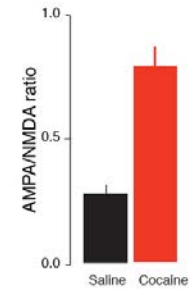
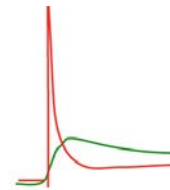
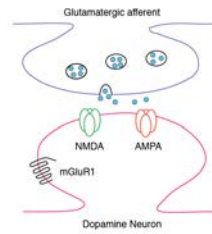
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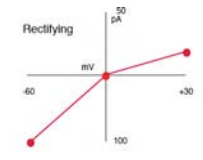
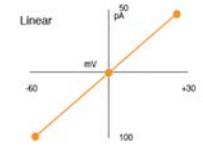
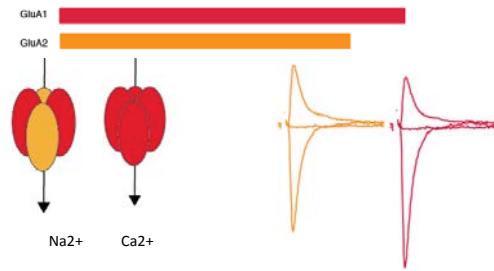
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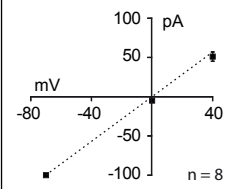
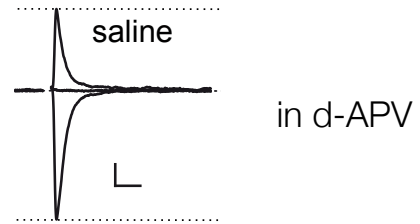
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AMPA

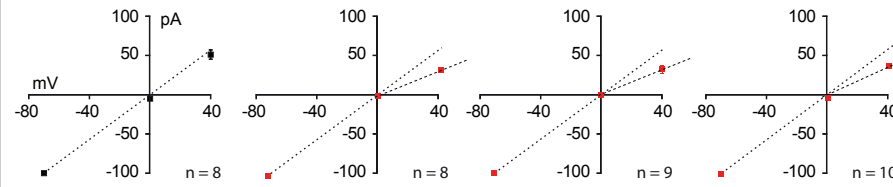
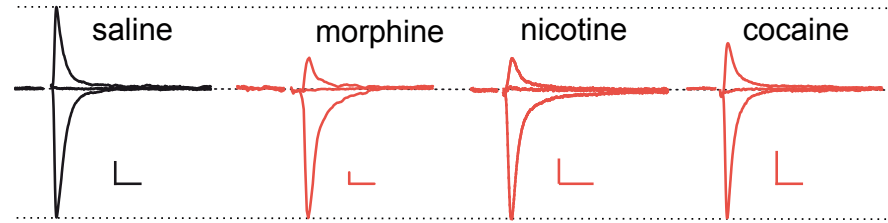


Common synaptic adaptation



Common synaptic adaptation

● Class I ● Class II ● Class III



Bellone et al., 2006;
Brown et al., 2010

AMPA subunit composition

