

Lecture 3

10 February, 2025

Announcements (2/10/25)

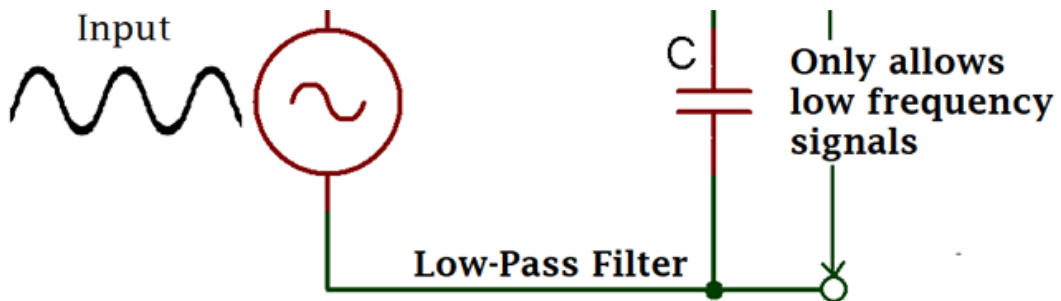
- Electricity Test next week (Feb 17)
- Please do not forget to use the
Comment/Question tool on the class website
(gives you attendance credit)

Electricity Test Objectives

- Describe positive and negative charges
- State the law of attraction and repulsion
- Describe free electrons
- Describe the relationship between electromotive force, resistance, and flow (i.e. understand Ohm's Law)
- Draw a simple DC electric circuit comprised of a battery and:
 - Single resistor
 - Resistors in series
 - Resistors in parallel
- Solve for voltage, current, or resistance in simple DC circuits:
 - In Series
 - In Parallel
- Reduce a compound circuit to a simple equivalent
- Describe the difference between alternating and direct current (AC/DC!)
- Describe the role of a capacitor in an AC and DC circuit

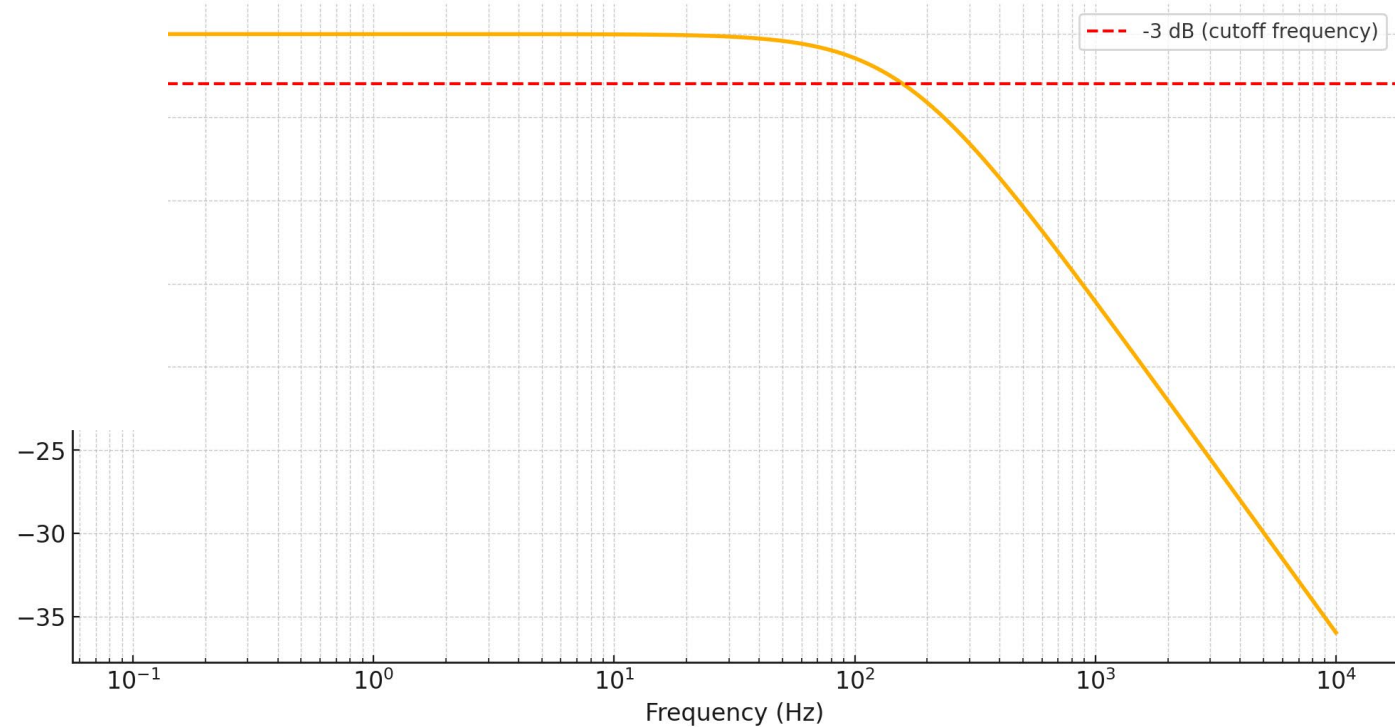
Questions an

In the Prosopagnosia study, we covered the guilty knowledge test in the context of lie detection. Are both approaches, when used together is it better at validating convictions or cases of "not guilty"

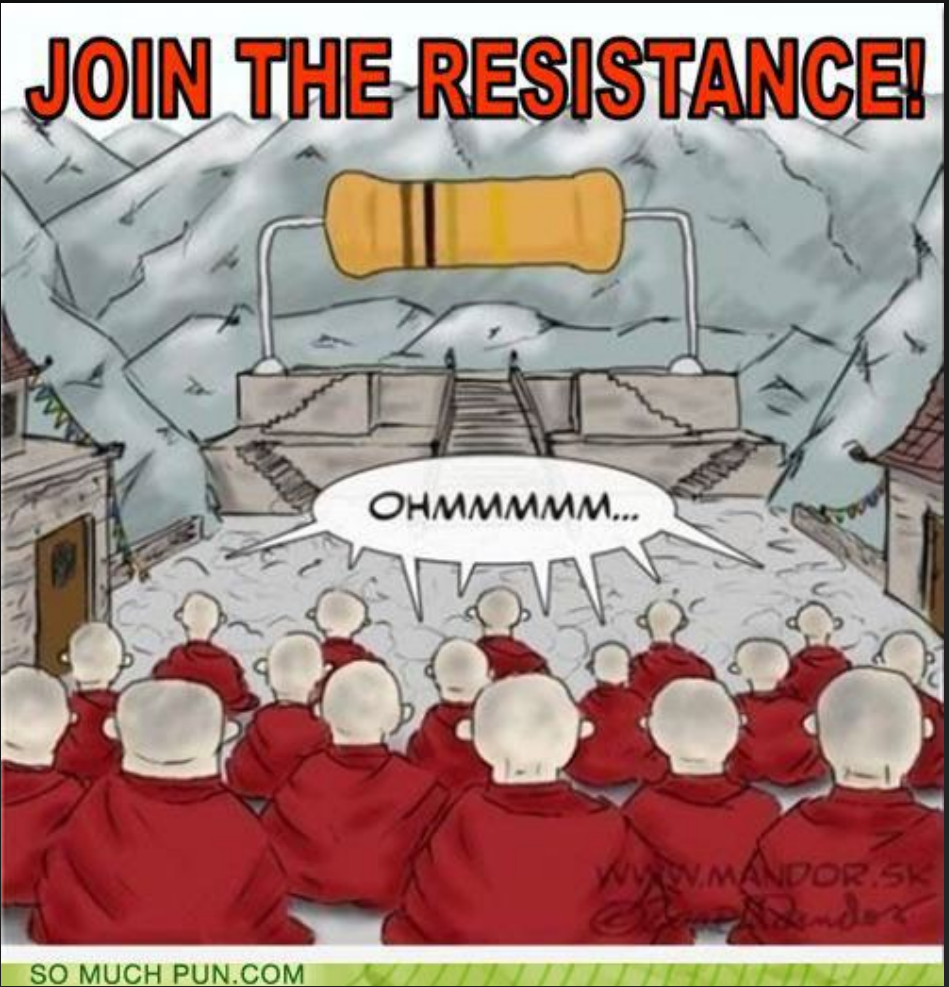


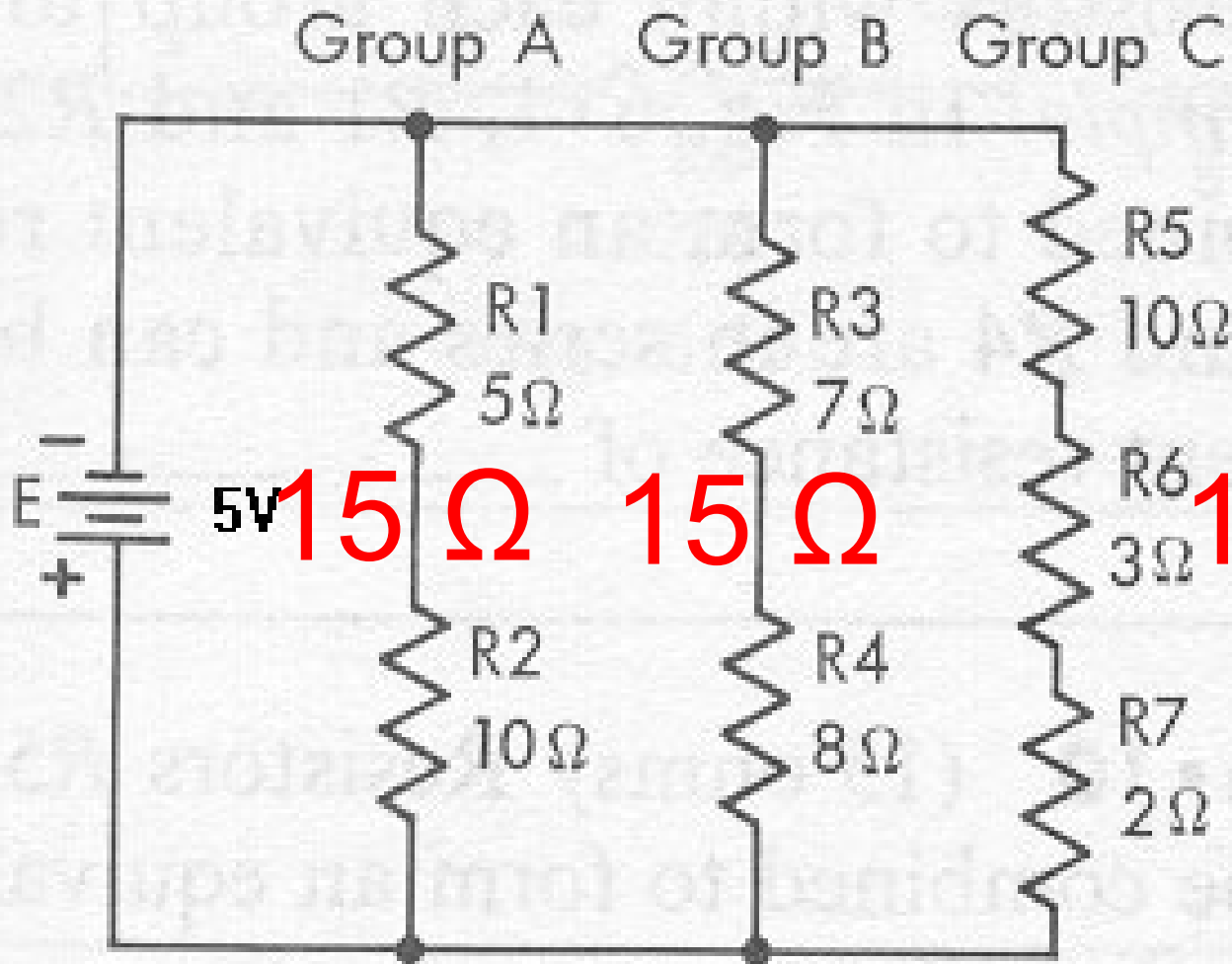
Feature	Battery	Capacitor
Energy Storage Mechanism	Chemical reactions (stores potential energy chemically)	Electrostatic field (stores potential energy in an electric field between plates)
Charge/Discharge Rate	Slow (can take minutes to hours to charge/discharge)	Fast (can charge/discharge almost instantaneously)
Energy Density	Higher (can store more energy for a given size)	Lower (stores less energy for a given size)
Power Density	Lower (delivers power less quickly)	Higher (delivers power quickly)
Voltage Output	Relatively constant during	Voltage decreases gradually as it

Frequency Response of Brain Tissue (Modeled as an RC Low-Pass Filter)



Brief Review





Calculate the total equivalent resistance of the circuit, and calculate the current running through each of the three parallel arms (Group A, B, C)

$$1/R_t = 1/R_A + 1/R_B + 1/R_C = 3/15 = 1/5$$

$$R_t = 5\Omega$$

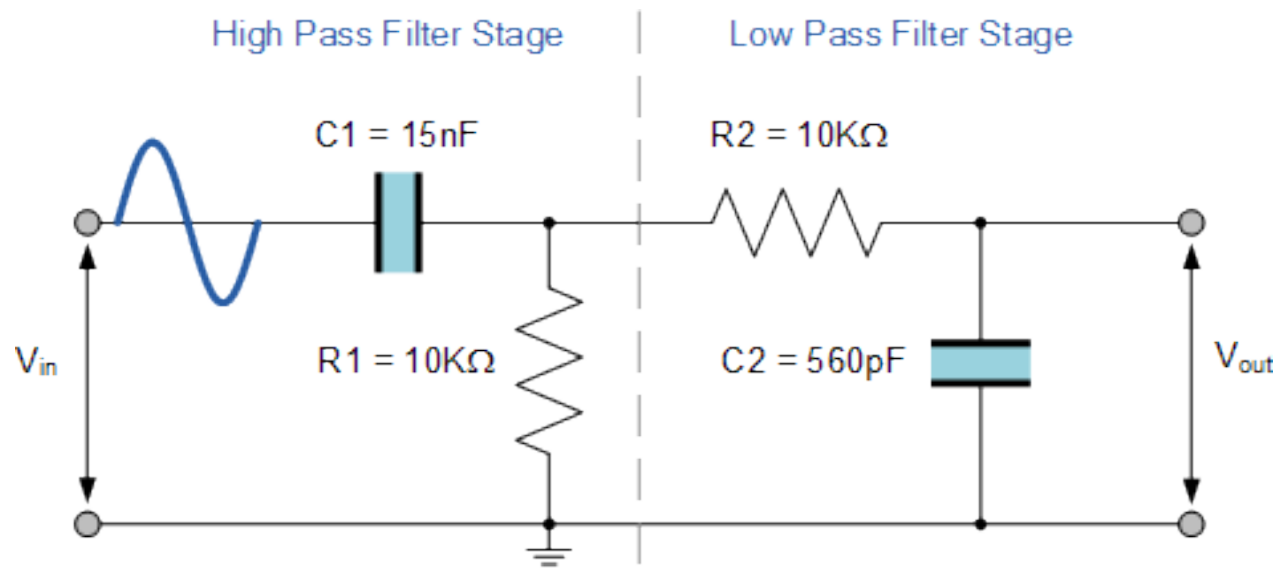
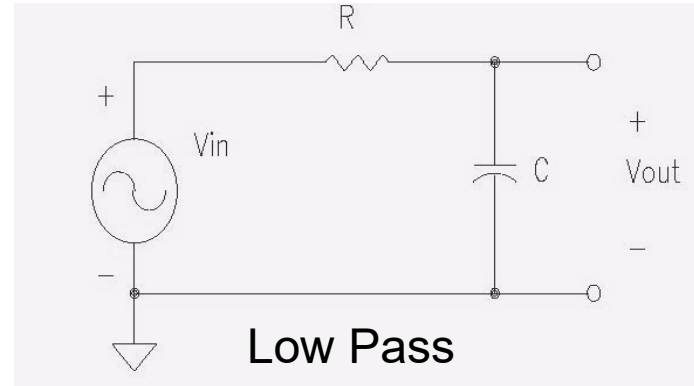
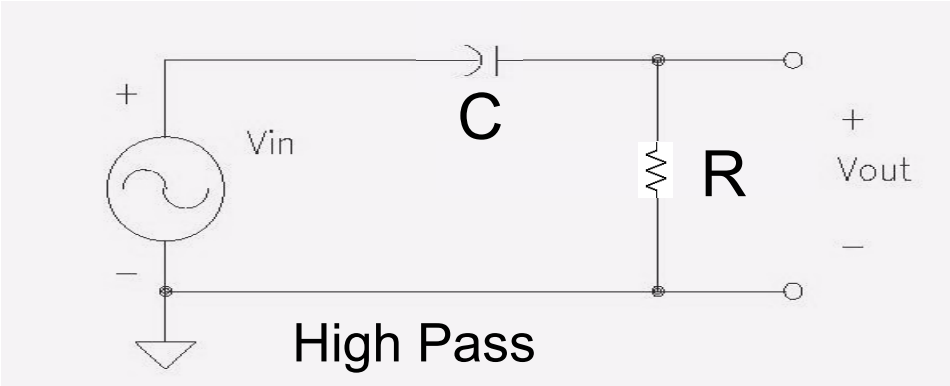
$$I_A = E_s / R_A = 5/15 = 1/3 \text{ A}$$

$$I_B = E_s / R_A = 5/15 = 1/3 \text{ A}$$

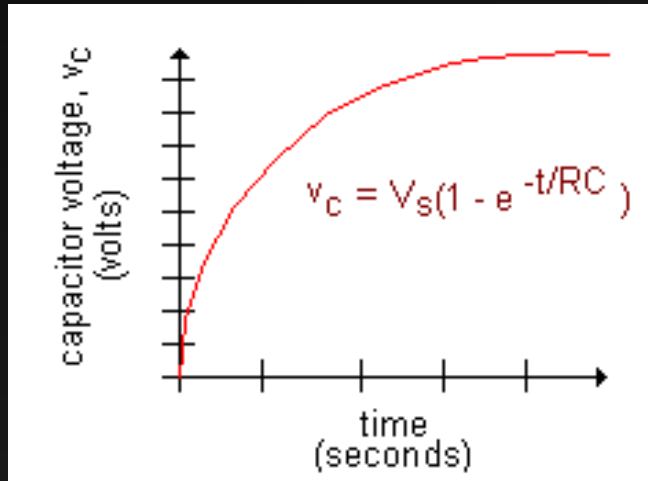
$$I_C = E_s / R_A = 5/15 = 1/3 \text{ A}$$

Double check:

$$I_t = E_t / R_t = 5V / 5\Omega = 1A$$

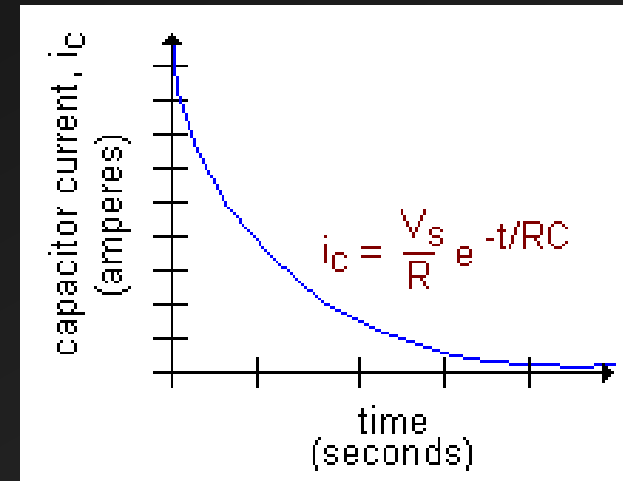


Capacitor Time Constants



Over time...

Capacitor's voltage increases



Current flow grinds to a halt

The capacitor's time constant $TC =$

- The time in seconds for it to become 63.2% charged ($1 - e^{-1} = .632$)
- The time in seconds for current flow have slowed by 63.2% from its starting value

Today:

Basic Neuroanatomy

The Electrodermal Response System

BASIC NEUROANATOMY

*If the human brain were so
simple that we could
understand it,
we would be so simple that we
couldn't.*

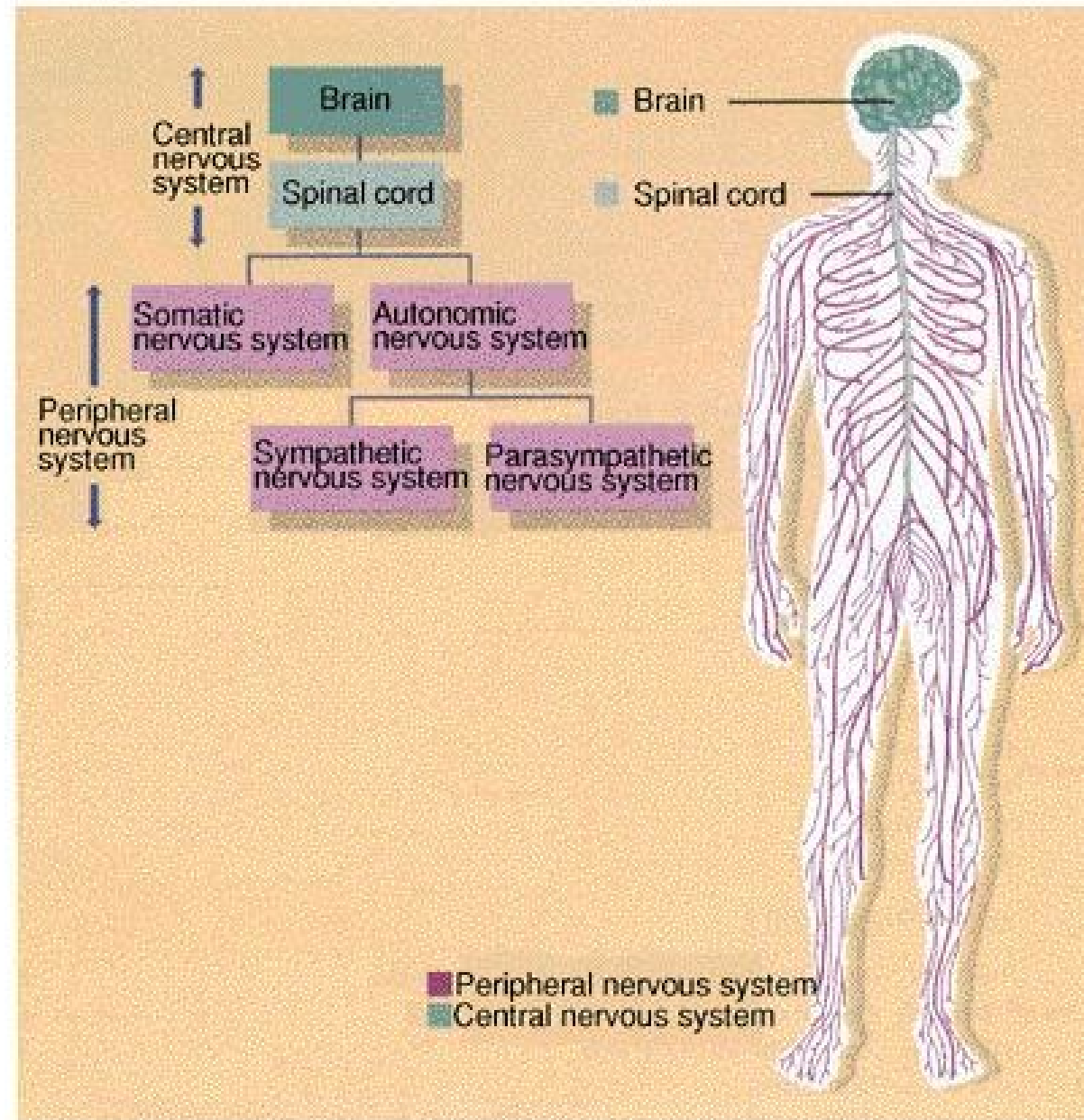
V. Organization of the nervous system

A. Central nervous system

1. Brain

2. Spinal cord

Human Nervous System



V. Organization of the nervous system

B. Peripheral nervous system

1. Somatic system

2. Autonomic system; two branches
work in generally antagonistic
fashion

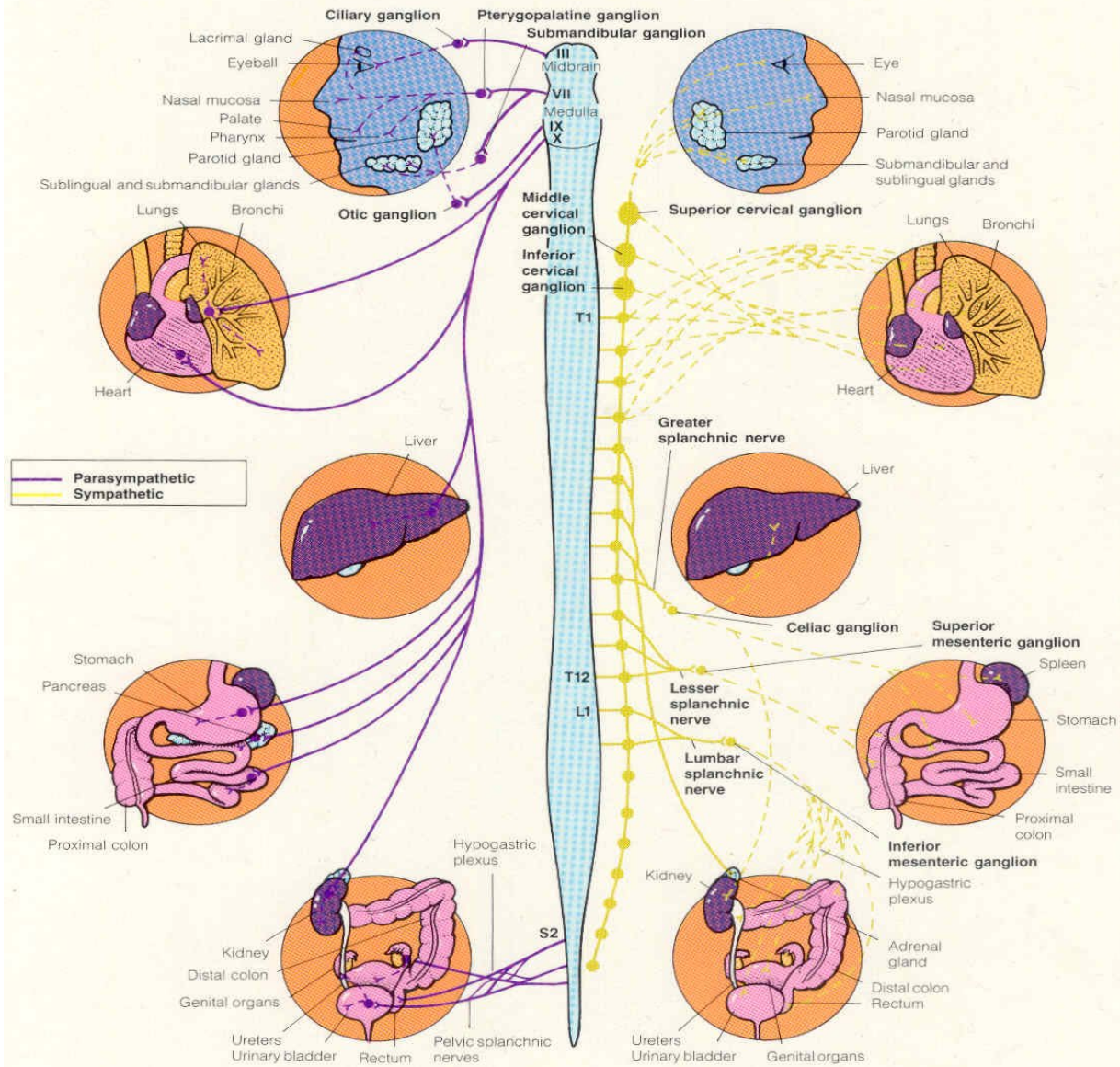
Somatic System

- Descending motor tracts within spinal cord synapse at approximate level of exit
- Post-synaptic neuron directly innervates target
- 2-neuron system

Autonomic System

- Descending motor tracts within spinal cord
 - synapse not necessarily at level of exit
- After exit, synapse again before innervating target
- 3-neuron system

Autonomic Nervous System



V. Organization of the nervous system

B. Peripheral nervous system

2. Autonomic system

a. Sympathetic nervous system

1. tends to have system-wide effects
2. flight or flight; activity

b. Parasympathetic nervous system

1. tends to affect one organ at a time
2. quiescent processes--digestion, protects and conserves energy
3. “rest and digest”

VI. The common household brain

A. Overview of brain

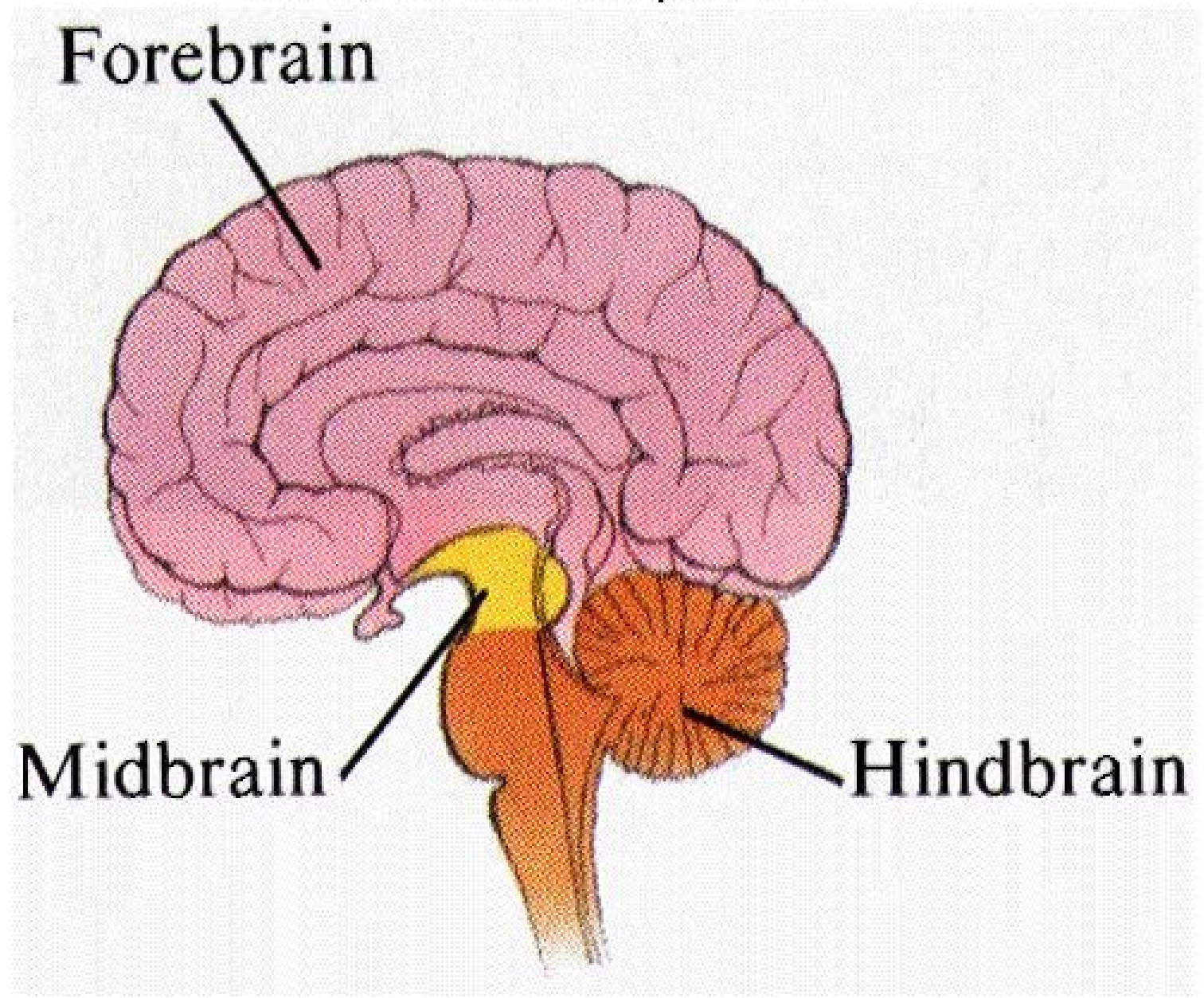
1. The primitive central core
2. Limbic system, or the “Inner Lizard”
3. Cerebrum (AKA cerebral hemispheres)
 - a. Ontogeny
 - b. Phylogeny
 - c. Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny
4. These three layers are interconnected extensively; do not function independently

Directions please!

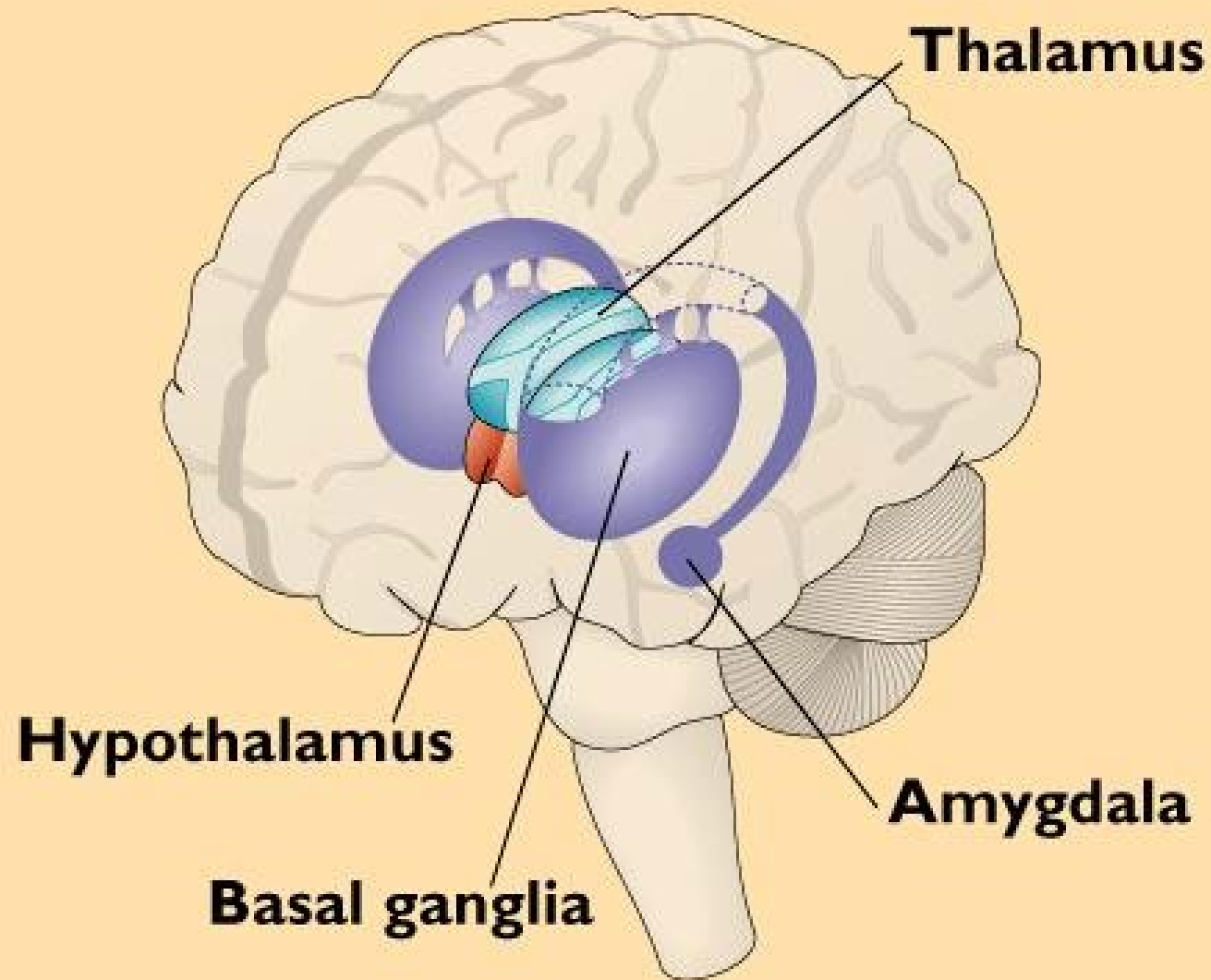
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- ventral--front
dorsal--back
- rostral--towards the nose;
caudal--towards the tail
- efferent--output/motor;
afferent--receiving/sensory



The Human Brain: Major Areas



Principal Structures of the Limbic System





3 weeks



4 weeks



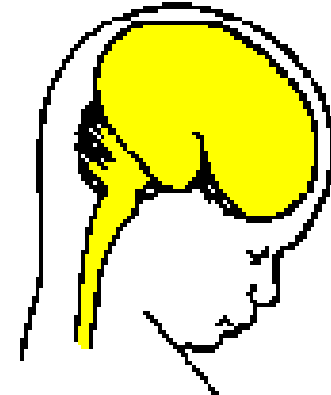
5 weeks



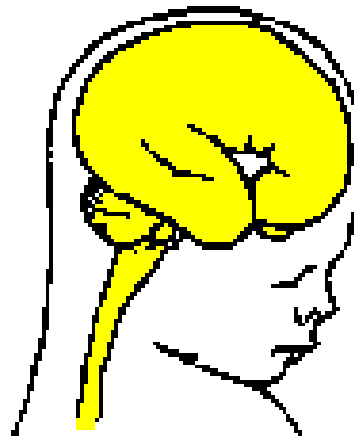
7 weeks



11 weeks



4 months



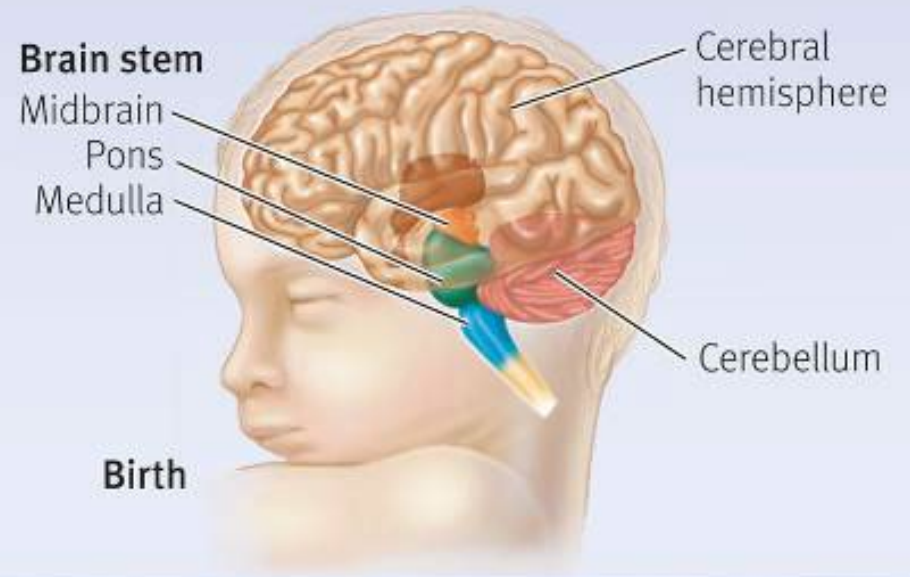
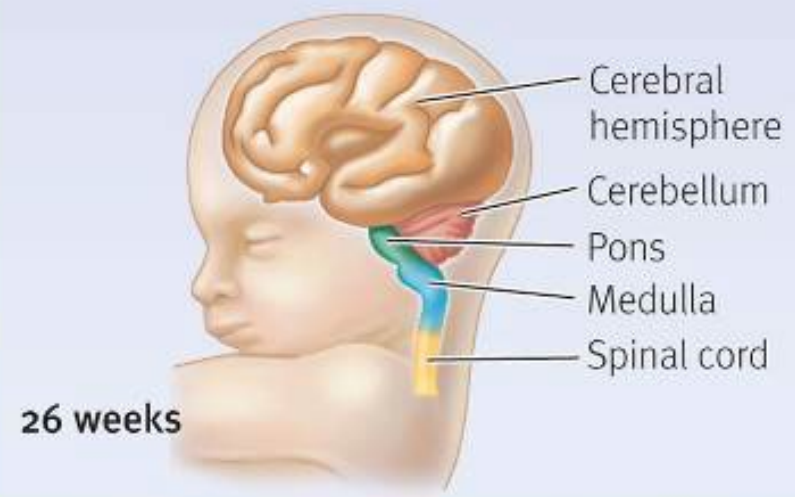
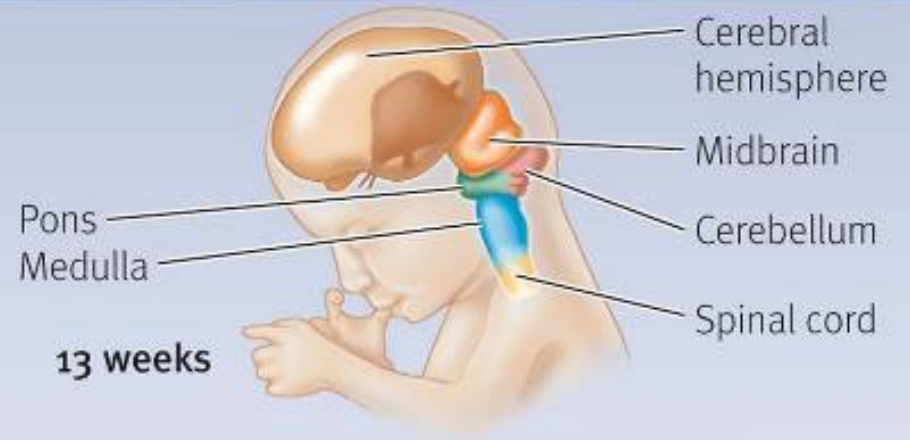
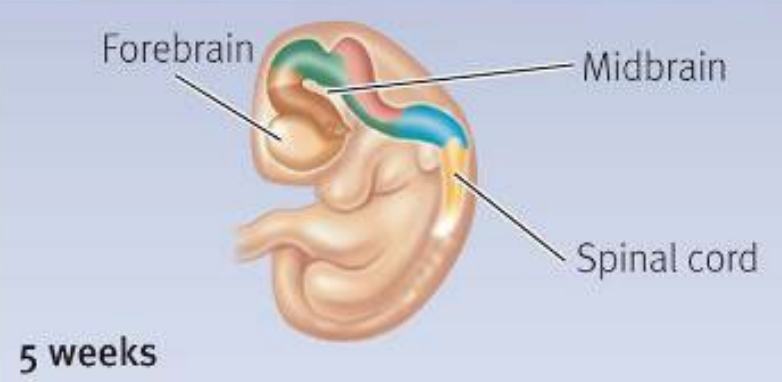
6 months



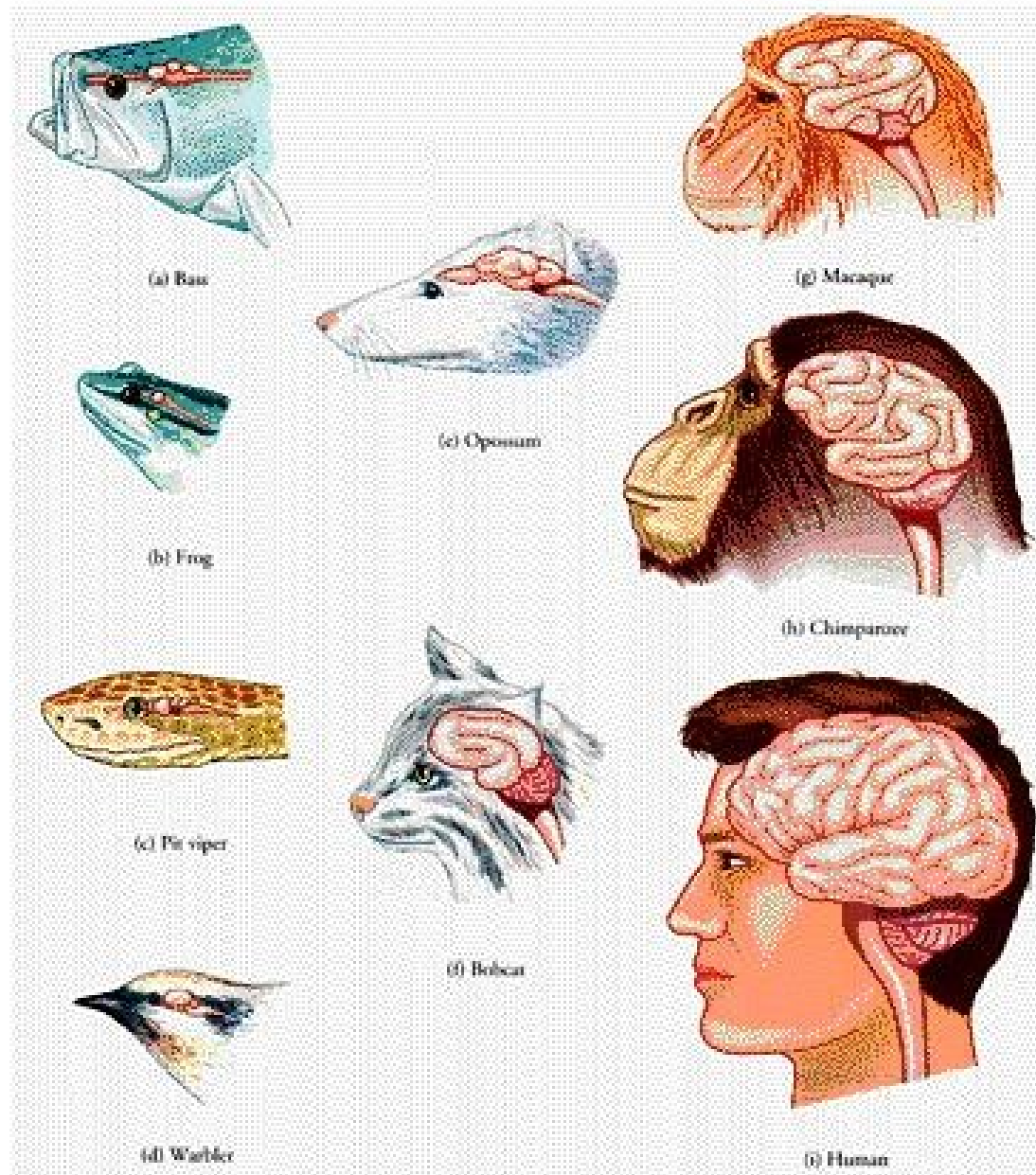
8 months

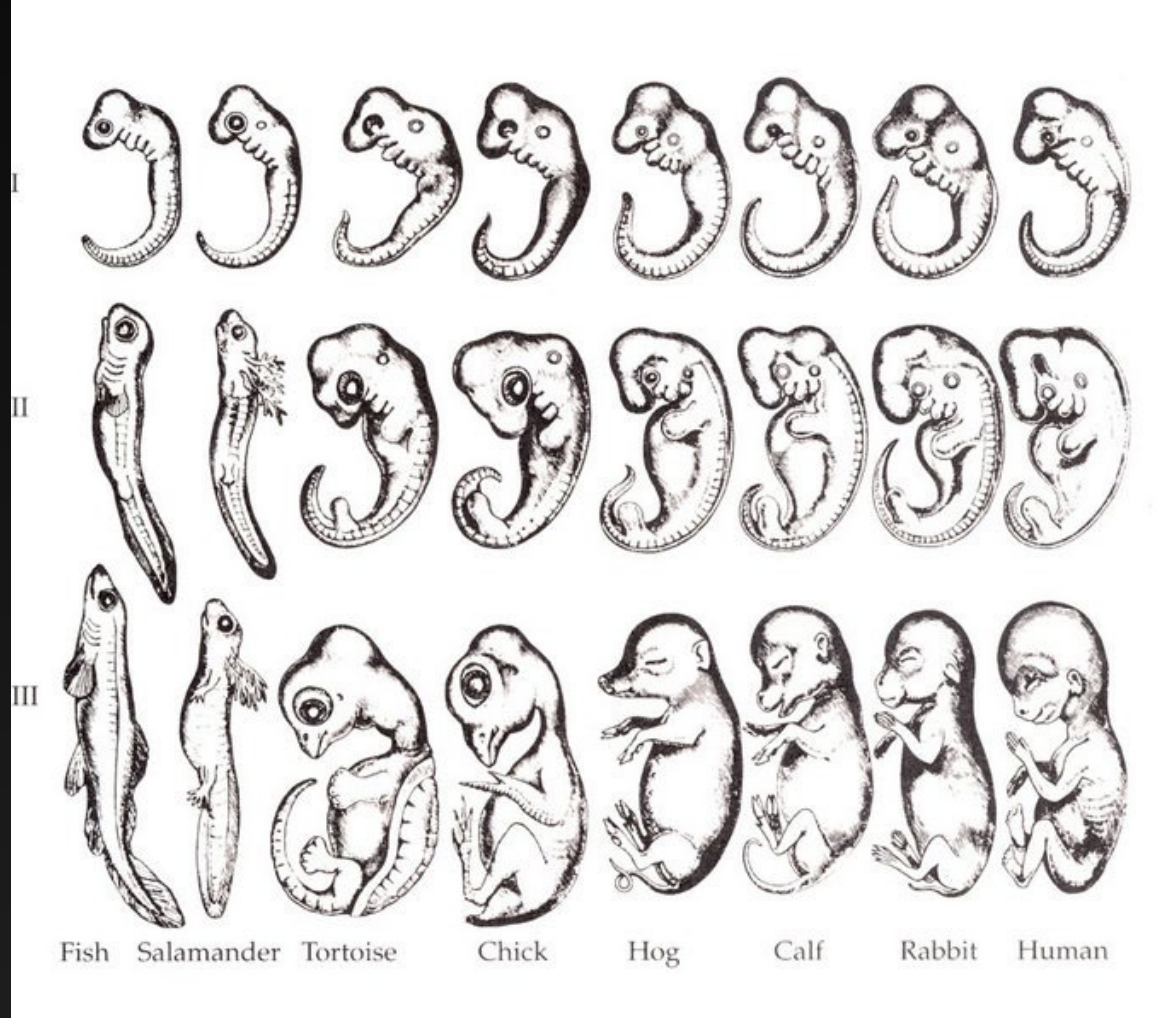


Newborn



The Evolution of the Cerebrum*



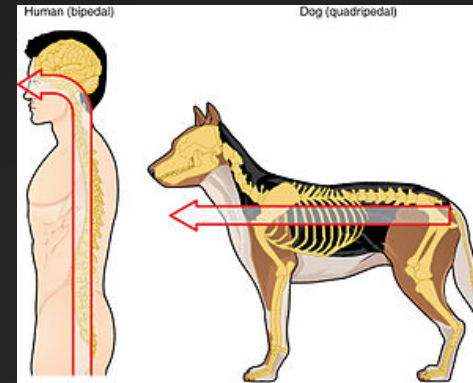
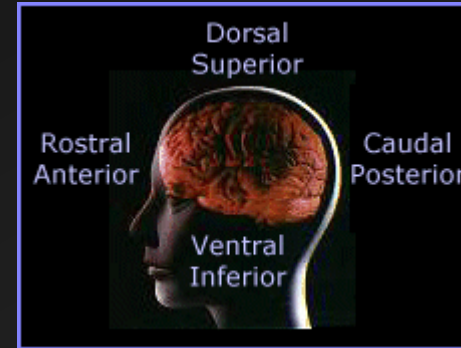


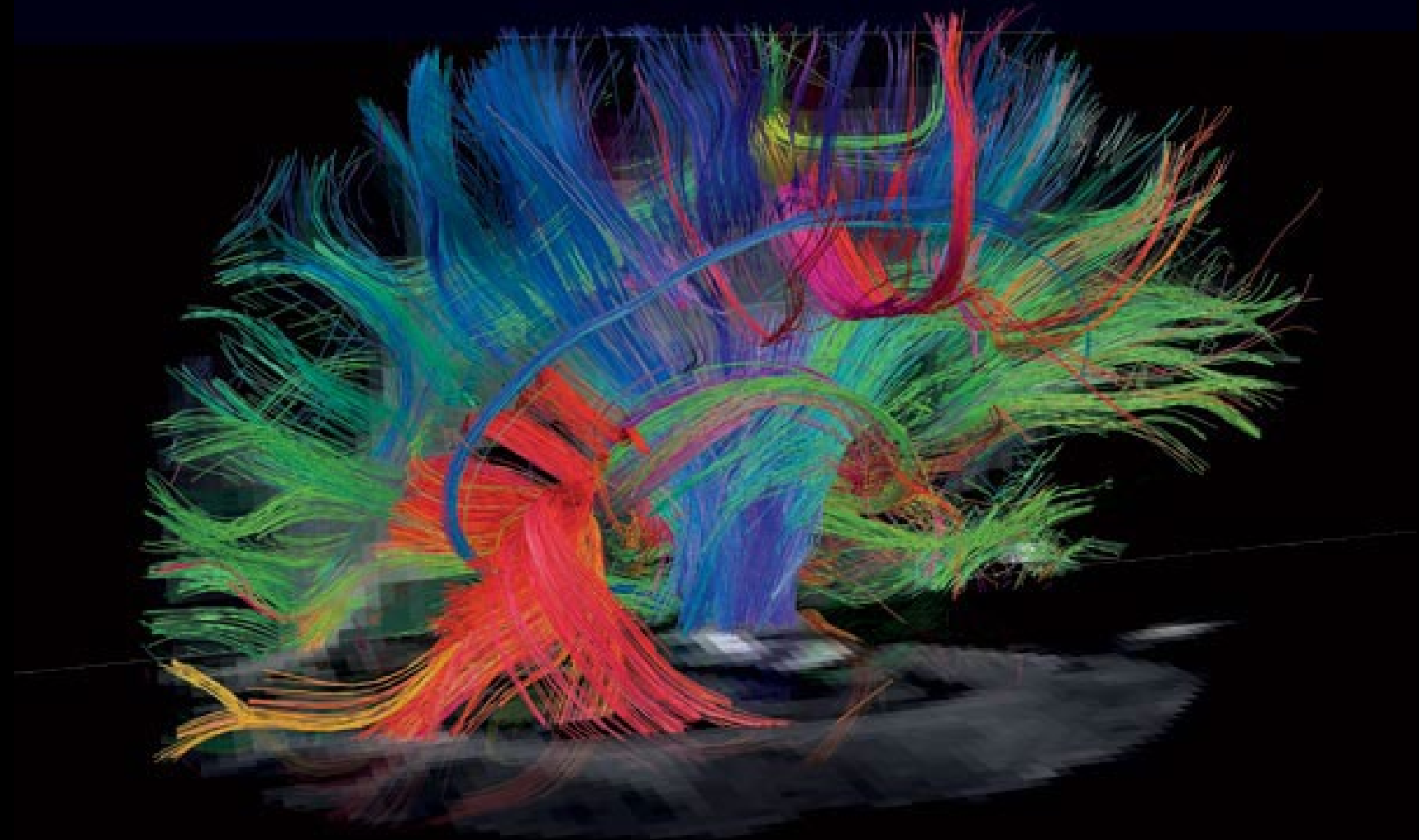
"... this history of the embryo (ontogeny) must be completed by a second, equally valuable, and closely connected branch of thought - the history of race (phylogeny). Both of these branches of evolutionary science, are, in my opinion, in the closest causal connection; this arises from the reciprocal action of the laws of heredity and adaptation... 'ontogenesis is a brief and rapid recapitulation of phylogenesis, determined by the physiological functions of heredity (generation) and adaptation (maintenance).'"

Haeckel, E. 1899. *Riddle of the Universe at the Close of the Nineteenth Century*.

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Left-Right

Anterior-Posterior

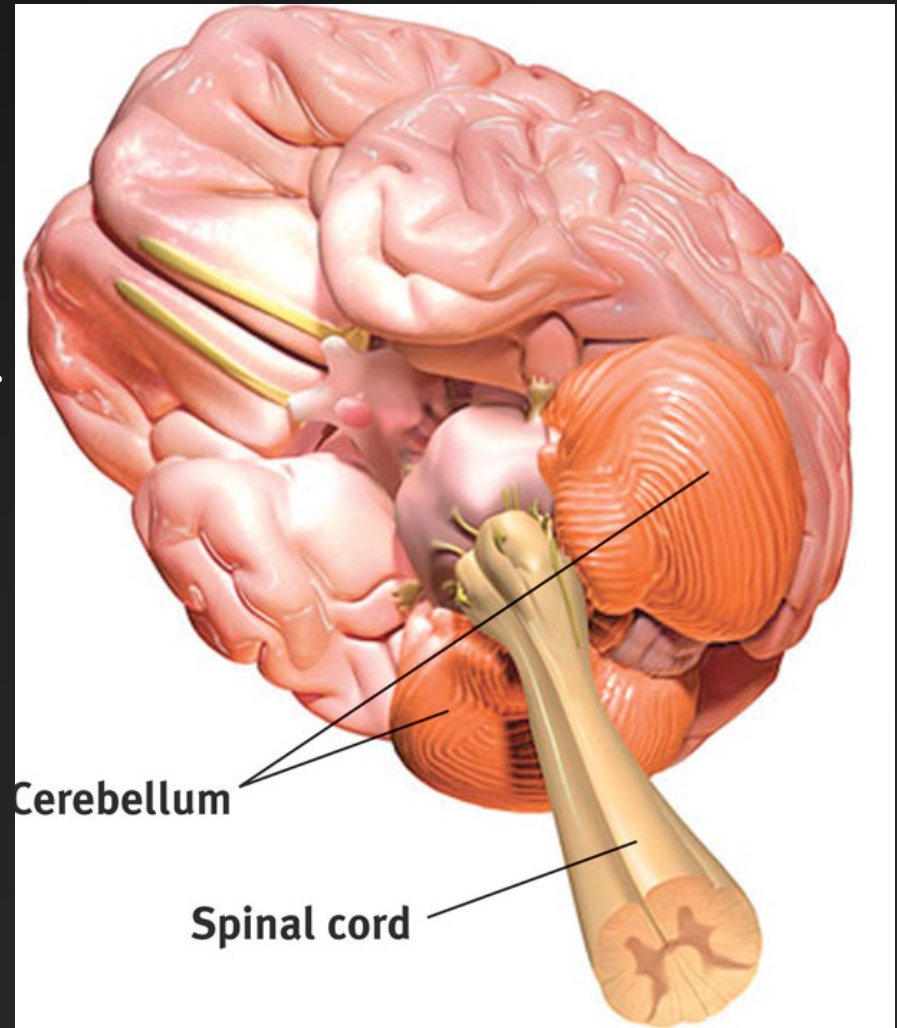
Superior-Inferior

B. Brain Specifics

1. Primitive central core

a. Cerebellum

1. "little brain"
2. smooth coordination of movements
3. learning of complex motor activities

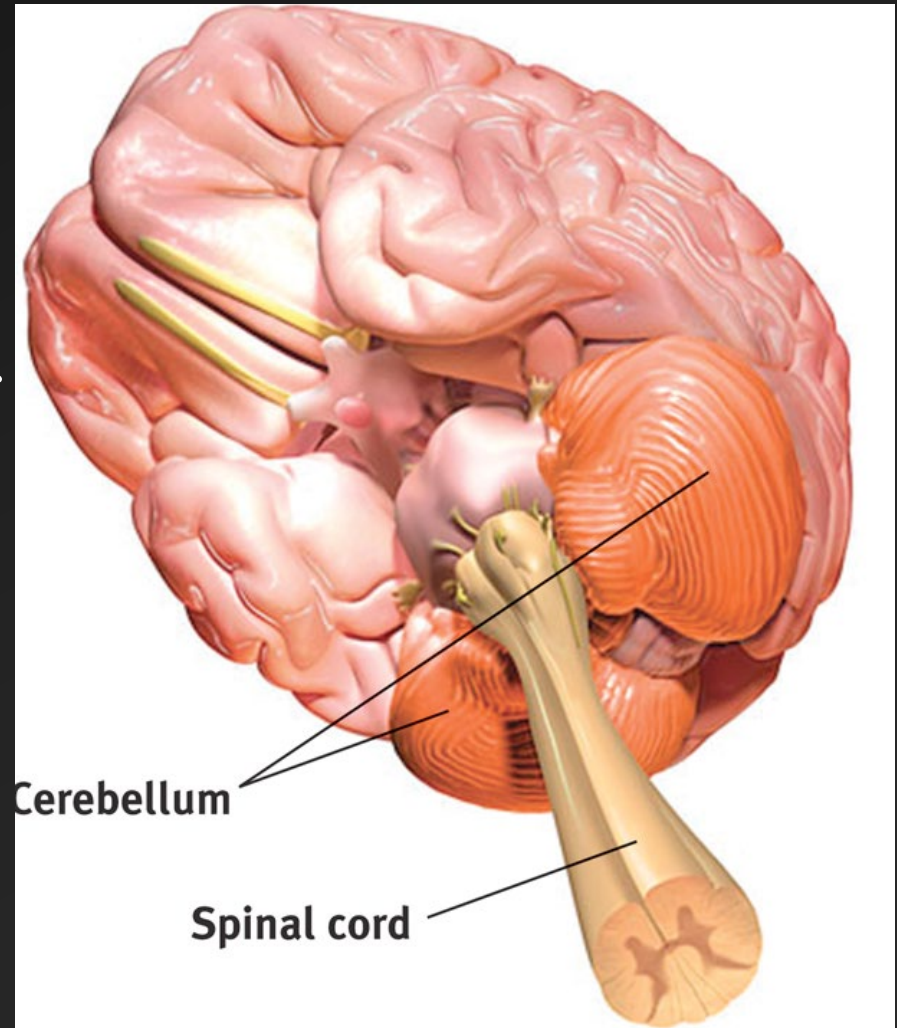


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B. Brain Specifics

1. Primitive central core

b. Thalamus & Hypothalamus: located just above the brain stem & tucked inside the cerebral hemispheres

1. Thalamus is a relay station for sensory information

a. "Gateway to the cortex"

b. coming from spinal cord to cortex

c. taste touch hearing vision -- olfaction is exception

B. Brain Specifics

1. Primitive central core

b. Thalamus & Hypothalamus:

2. Hypothalamus

a. literally = "under thalamus"

b. 4 F's:

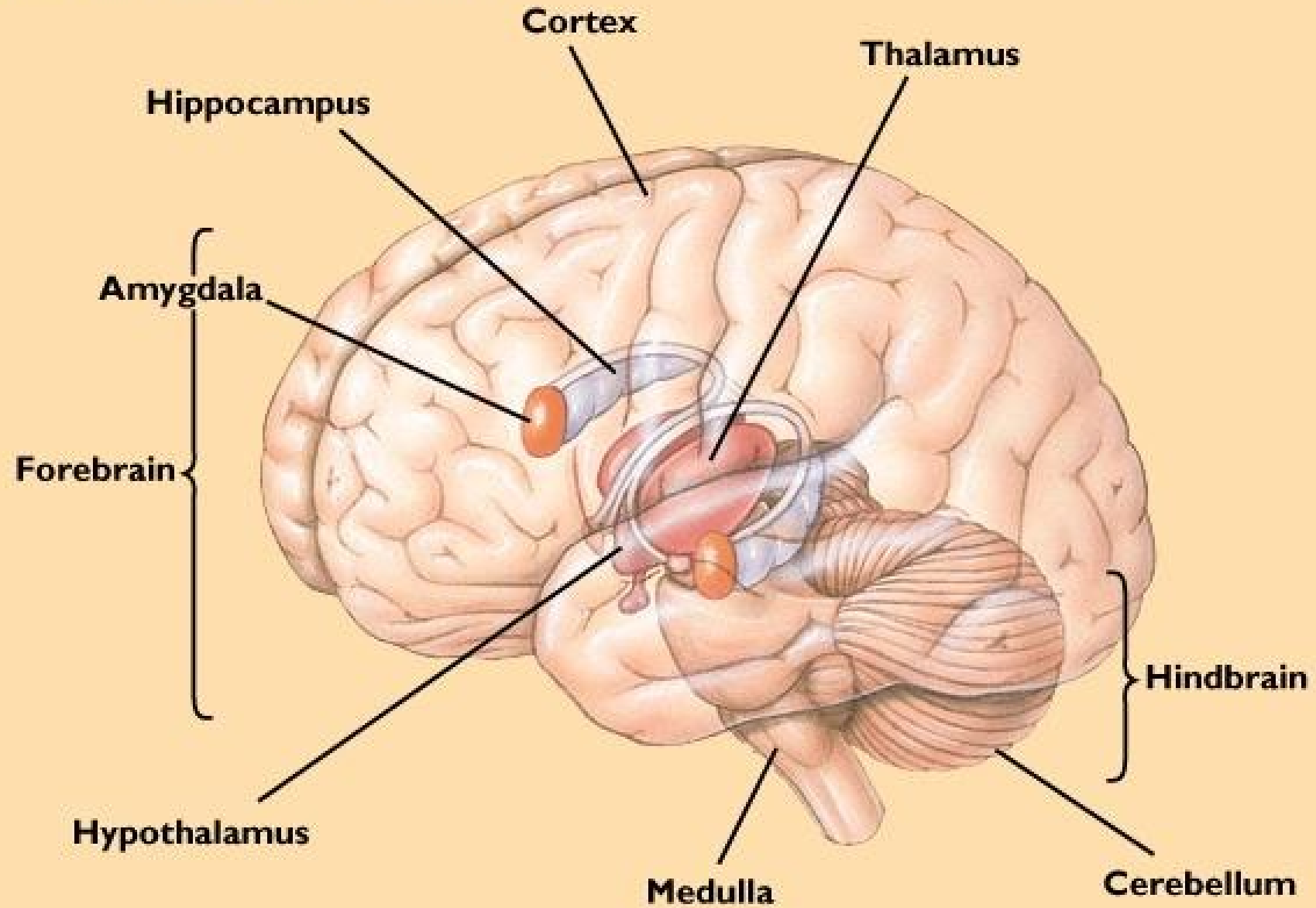
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Thirst/Hunger **Feeding**

Body Temp **Fever**

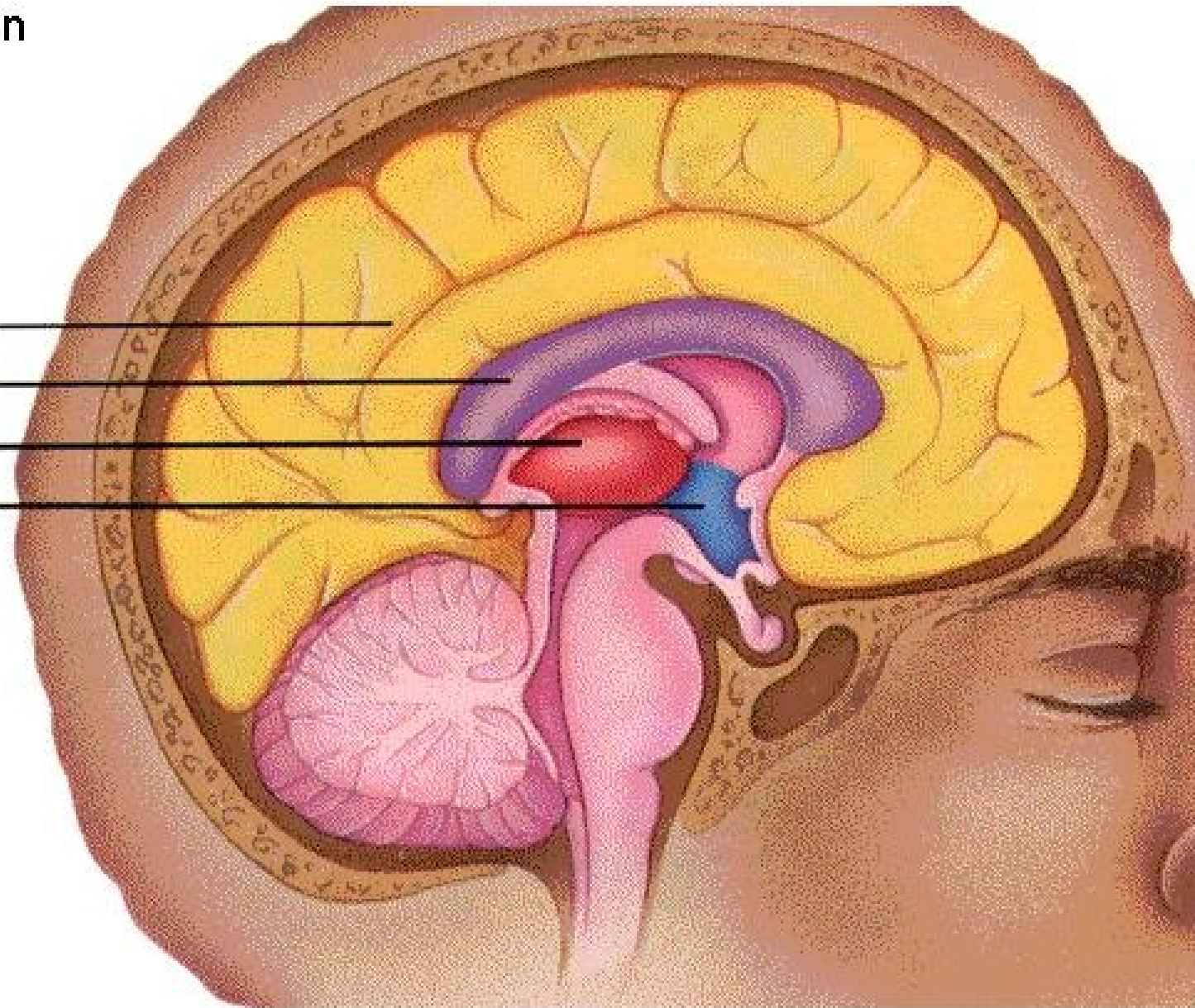
Sexual Drives **Fourth F**

Structures of the Brain



Forebrain

- Cerebral cortex
- Corpus callosum
- Thalamus
- Hypothalamus



B. Brain Specifics

1. Primitive central core

b. Basal Ganglia:

1. Necessary for voluntary motor movements

2. Involved in numerous disorders

a. Parkinson's

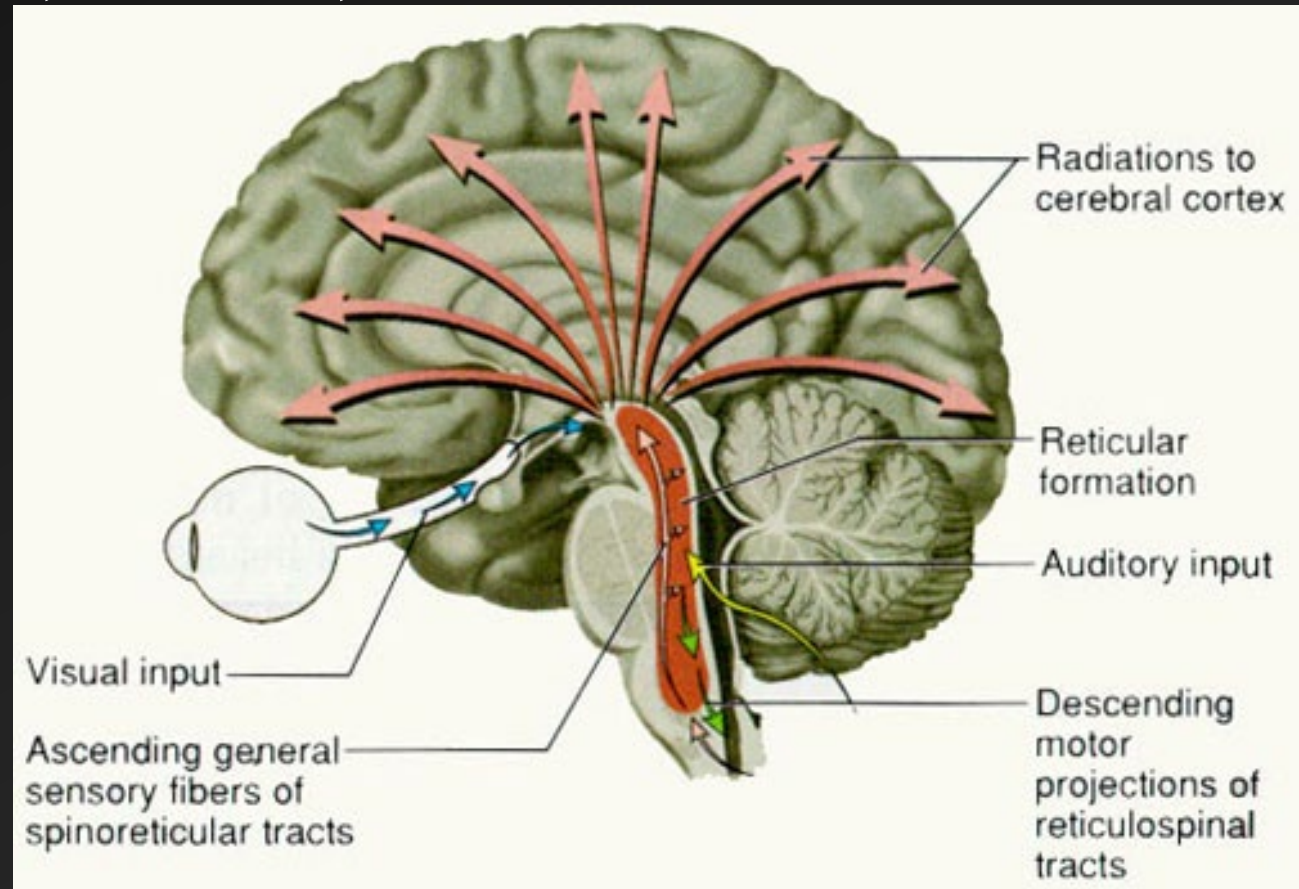
b. Obsessive-Compulsive

B. Brain Specifics

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c. Reticular system

1. diffuse from brainstem to thalamus
2. 3 A's, arousal, awareness, attention

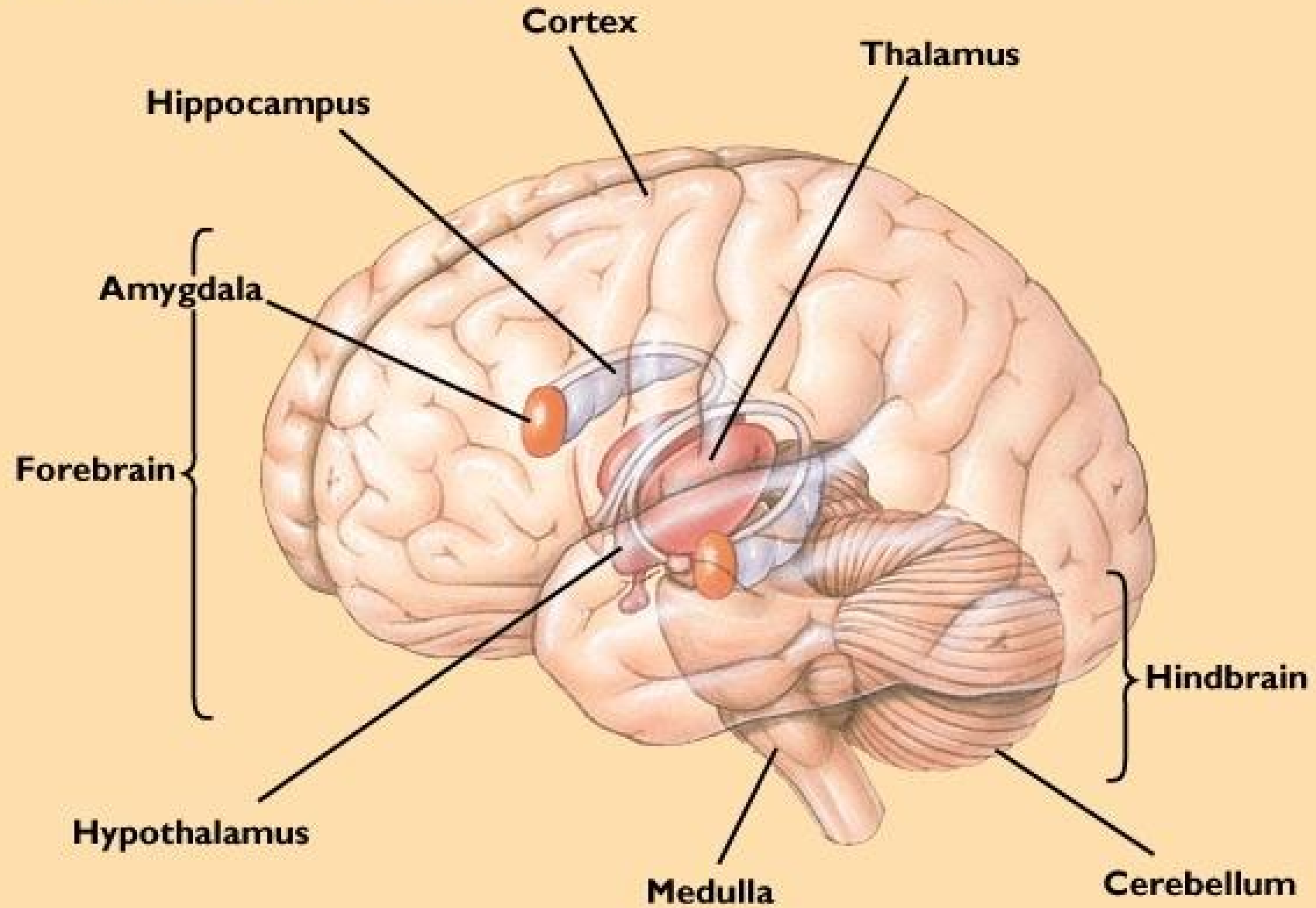


B. Brain Specifics

2. Limbic system

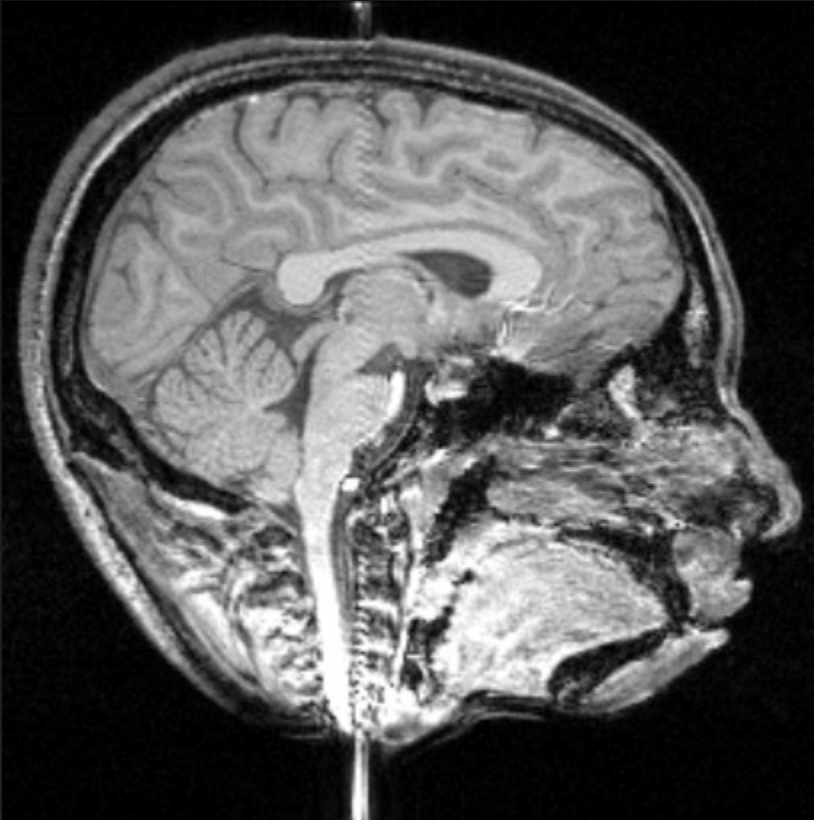
- a. a group of structures lying along the innermost edge of the cerebral hemispheres
- b. involved in instinctual behaviors in lower animals (caring for young, mating, fleeing from attackers, fleeing from prey)
- c. involved in memory and emotion in humans
- d. Especially important structures within the Limbic system:
 - i.. Hippocampus
 - ii. Amygdala

Structures of the Brain

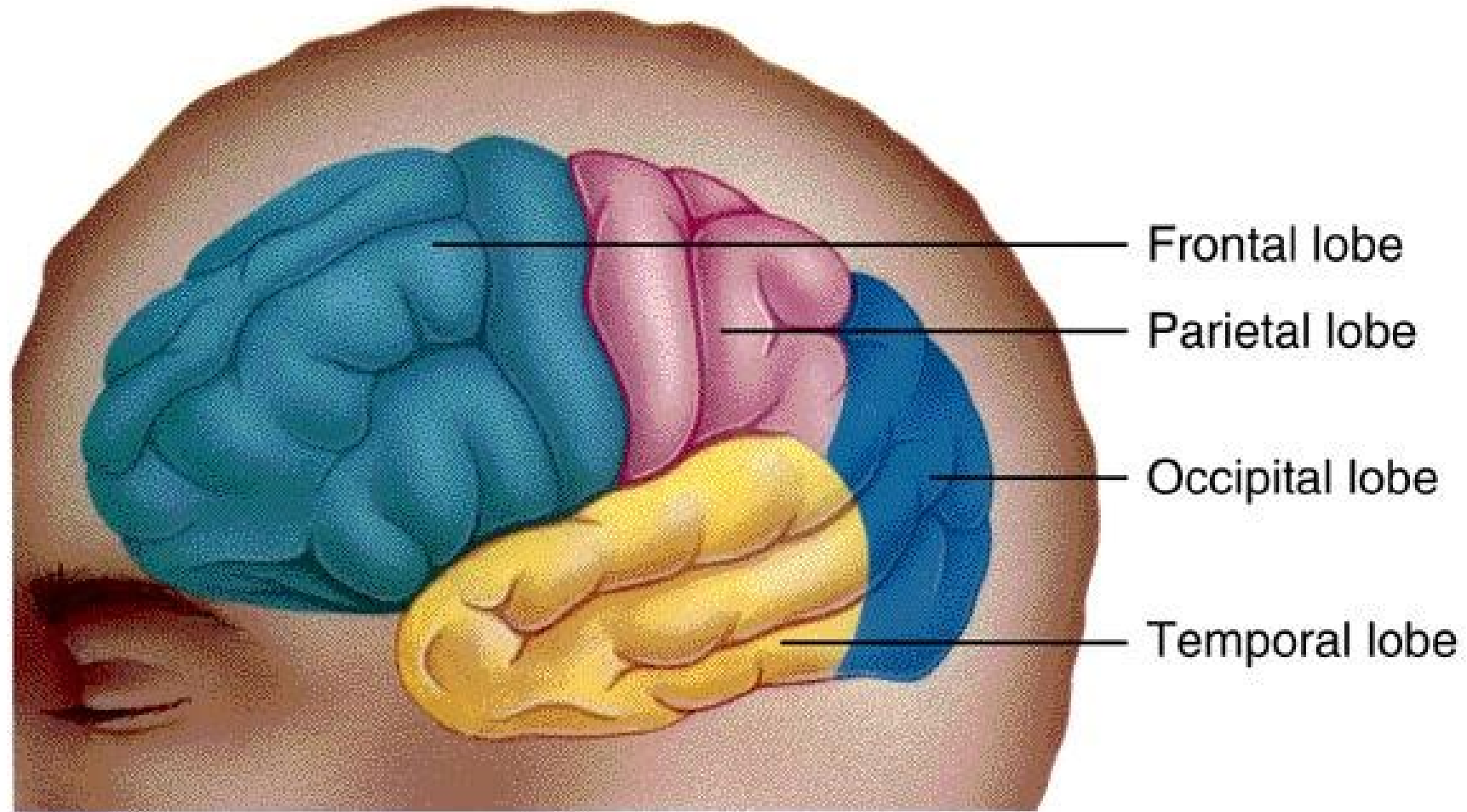


The common household brain

- 3. The cerebral hemispheres
 - a. Grey matter vs white matter



Four Lobes of the Cerebral Cortex

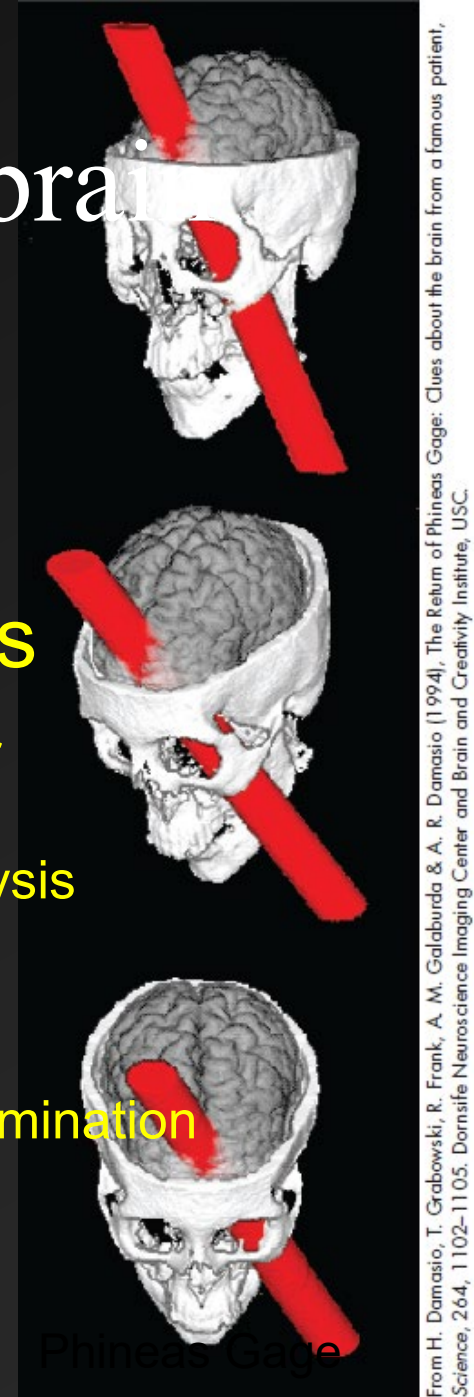


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3. The cerebral hemispheres

b. Four lobes: **Sample Functions**

1. frontal **Planning, Abstract thought, Motor**
2. parietal **Sensory Integration, Spatial analysis**
3. occipital **Visual Perception**
4. temporal **Object Identification, sound discrimination**



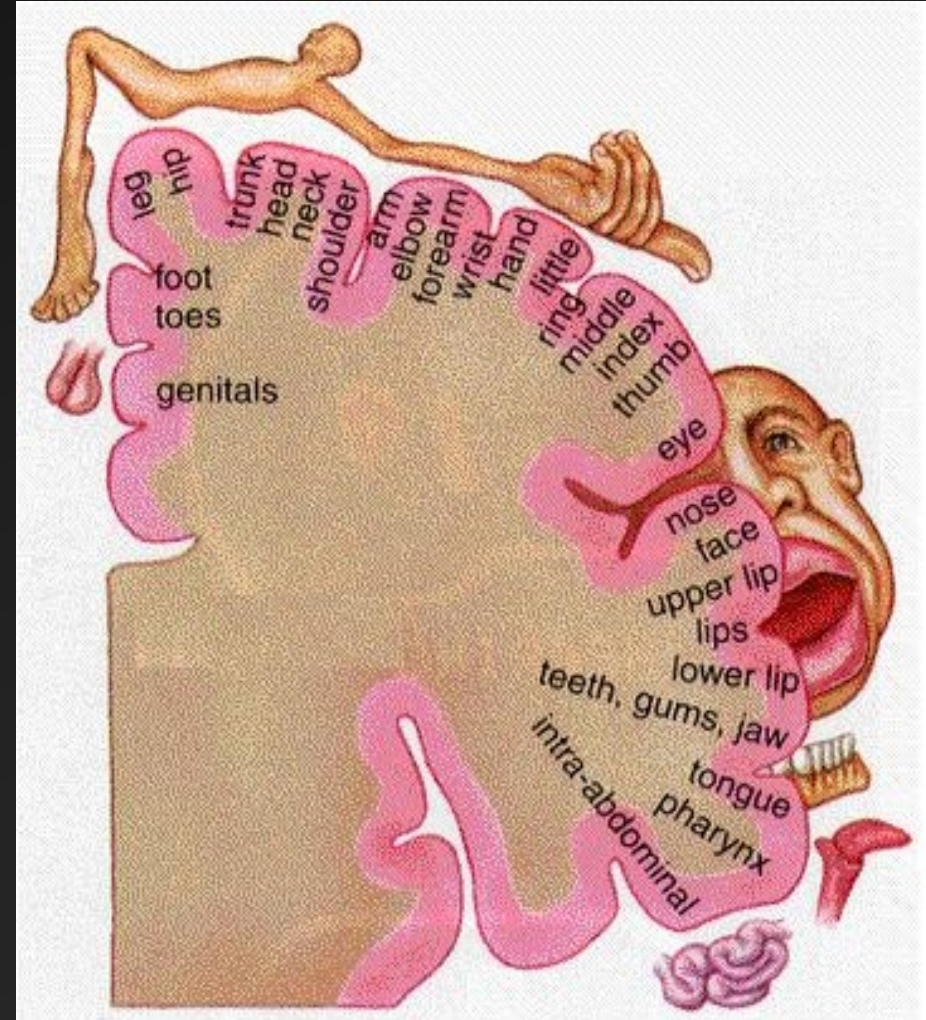
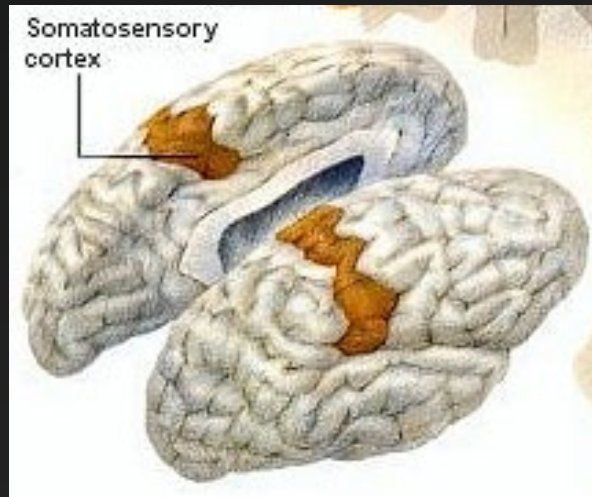
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3. The cerebral hemispheres

c. Somatosensory area

1. heat, cold, touch, pain, sense of body movement
2. contralateral
3. space appropriated in accord to amount of use or need

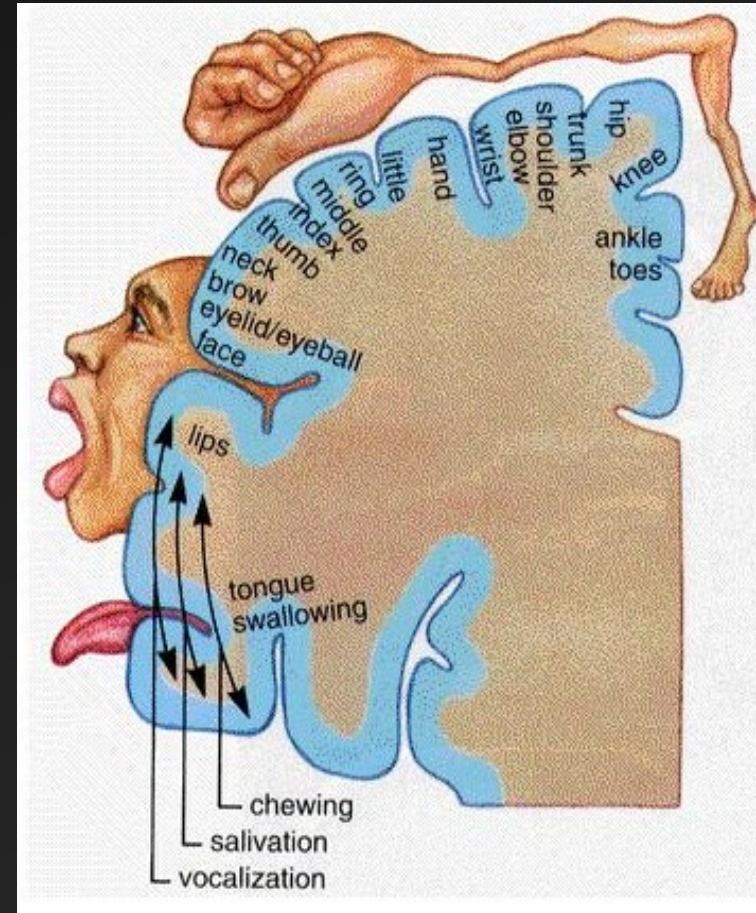


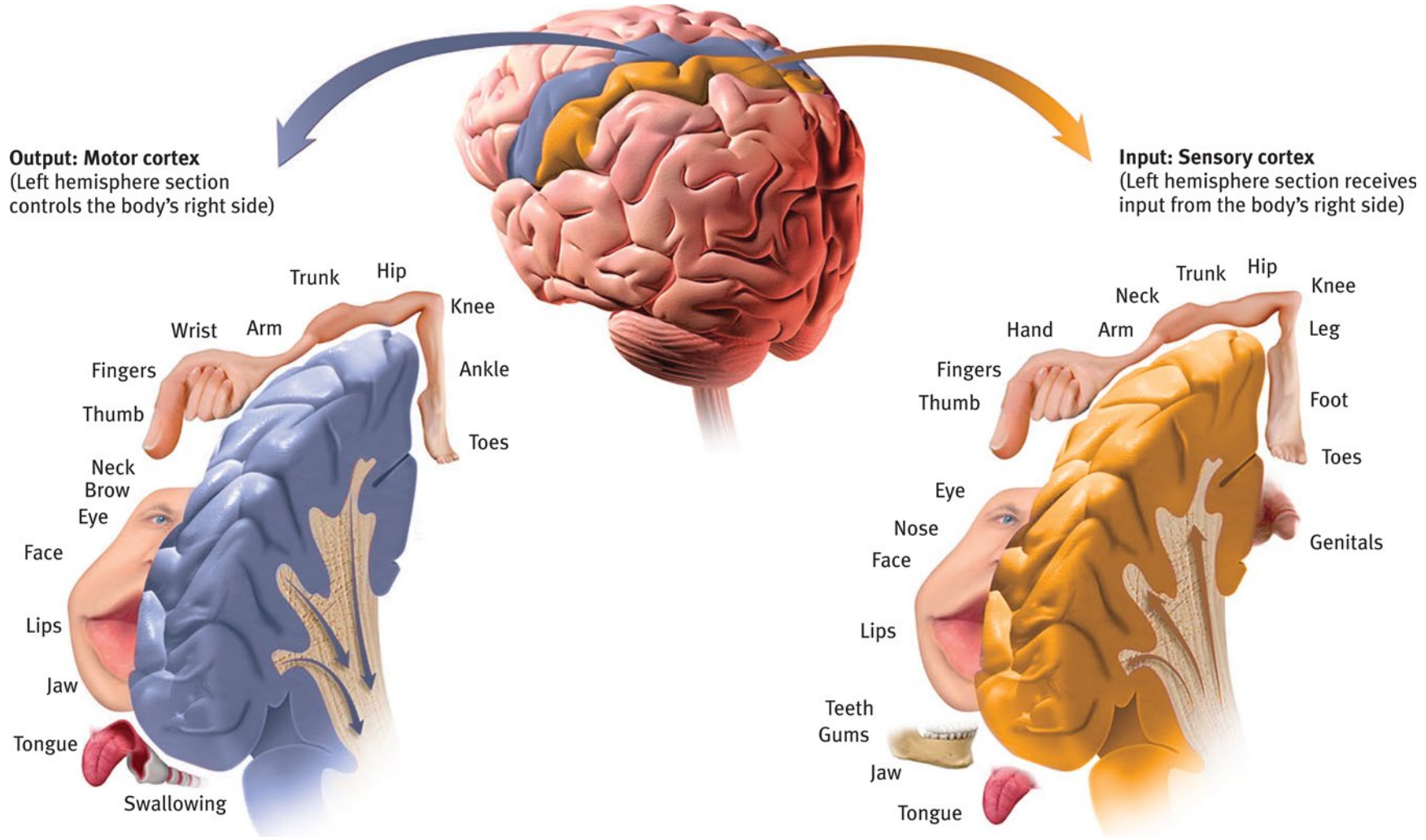
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3. The cerebral hemispheres

d. Motor area

1. topographic organization--
Homunculus
2. contralateral control of body



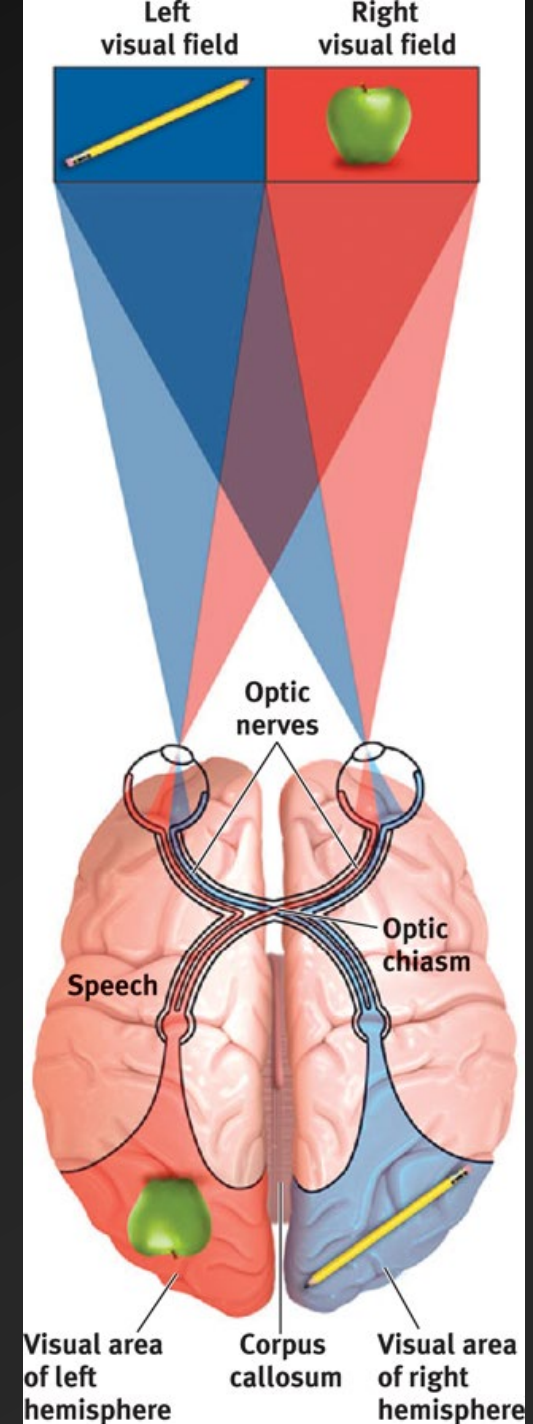




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3. The cerebral hemispheres

- e. Visual area
 - 1. Contralateral visual field
 - 2. Primary vs Secondary



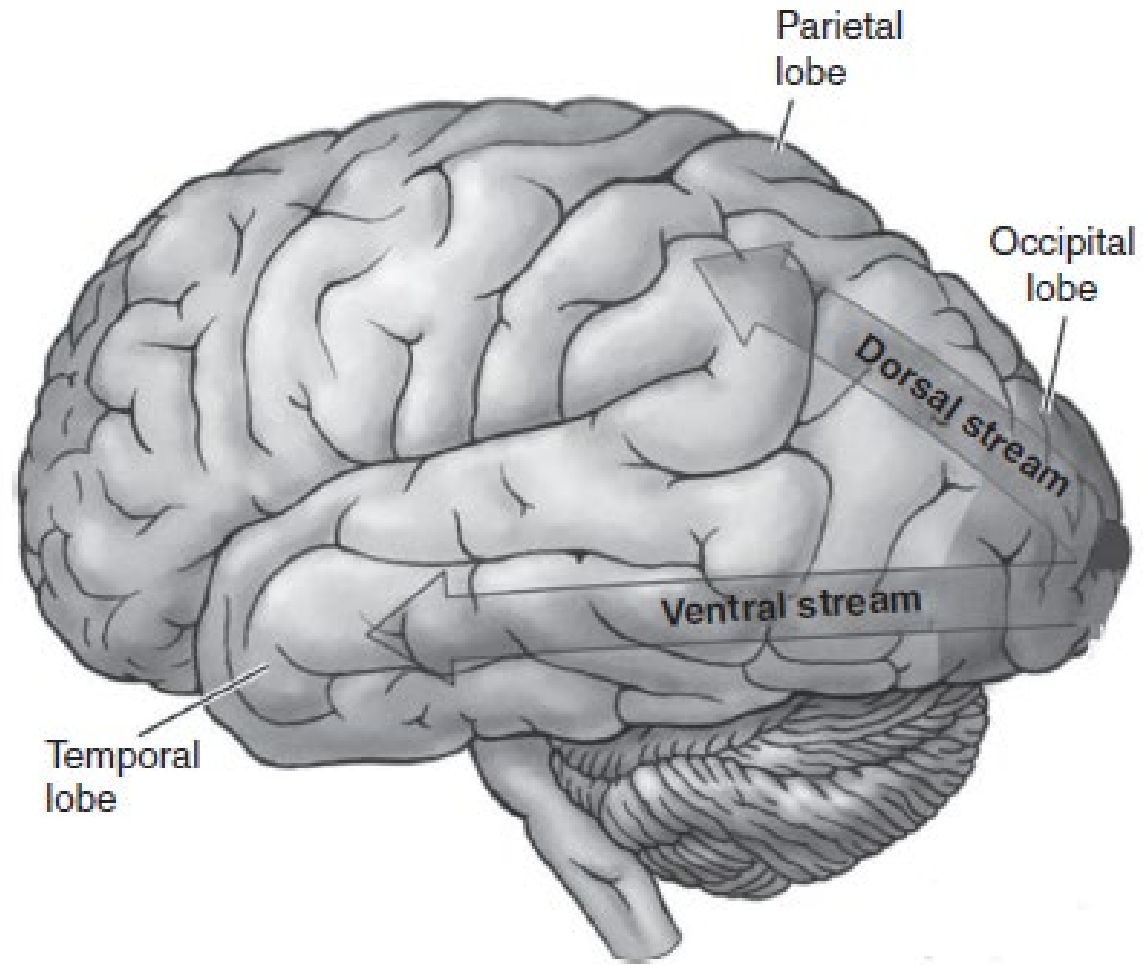
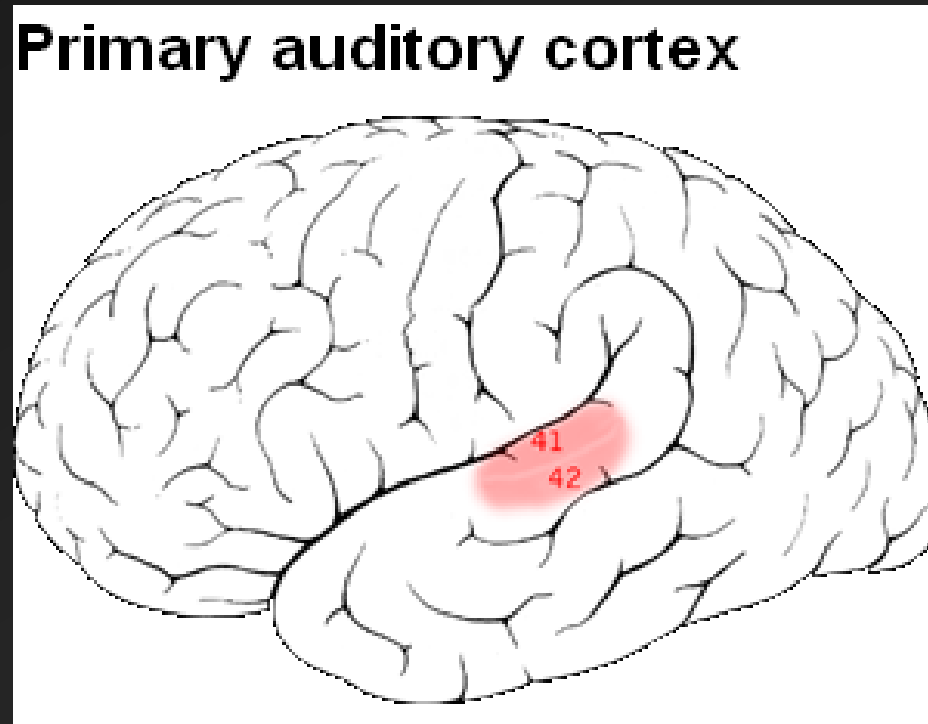


Figure 3.1 Two streams of visual processing. The dorsal stream is an unconscious online control of movement. The ventral stream is a conscious system for object recognition. (Adapted from Kolb & Wishaw, 2003.)

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f. Auditory area

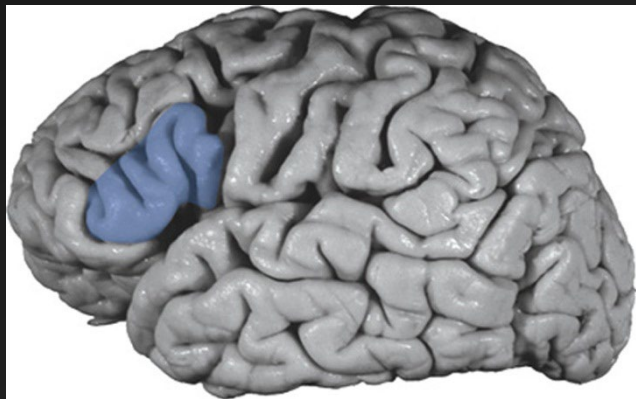
1. bilateral representation
2. contralateral stronger



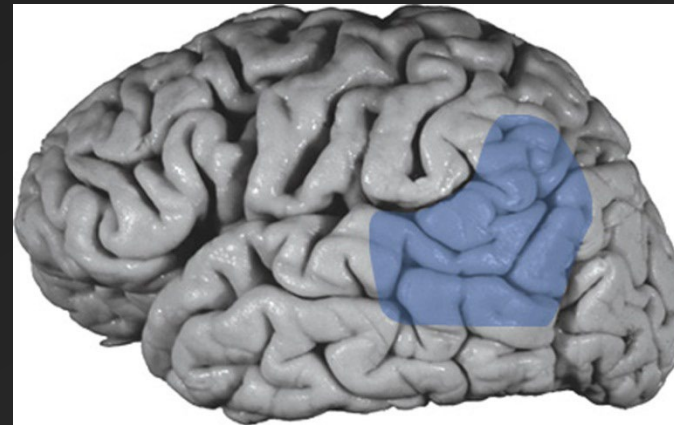
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g. Association areas

1. functions which are not directly sensory or motor
2. Examples:
 - a. motor planning
 - b. thought
 - c. Speech
 - d. problem solving
 - e. complex object recognition (e.g. prosopagnosia)



Broca's



Wernicke's

Luria's Functional Systems

1. **Primary**

a. **Motor** (precentral gyrus);
(1) topographic organization

b. **Sensory**

(1) Somatosensory (post central gyrus)

(2) Visual (Occipital cortex)

(3) Auditory (Banks of Lateral Sulcus)



Luria's Functional Systems

2. Secondary

a. Motor (rostral to precentral gyrus): motor programming, sequences of movements

b. Sensory (caudal to postcentral gyrus): **unimodal** sensory integration

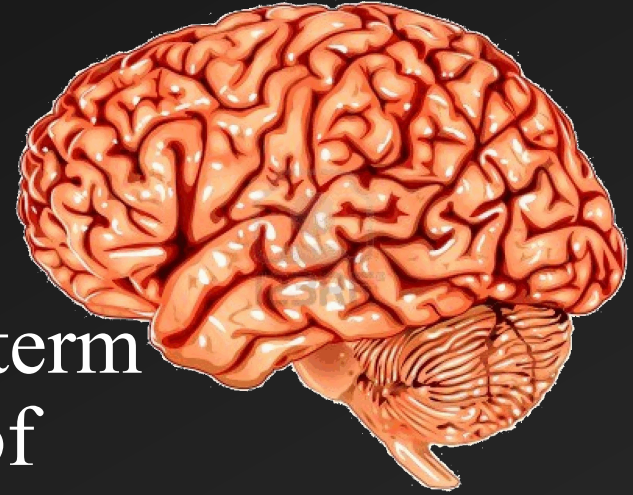


Luria's Functional Systems

3. Tertiary

a. Motor (frontal lobes): goal directed acts, long-term & short-term planning, internal manipulation of "ideas" and representational systems that are basic to abstract thought

b. Sensory (parietal and to some extent temporal): **cross-modal** integration of sensory information



Skin Conductance:

Pontificating about sweat

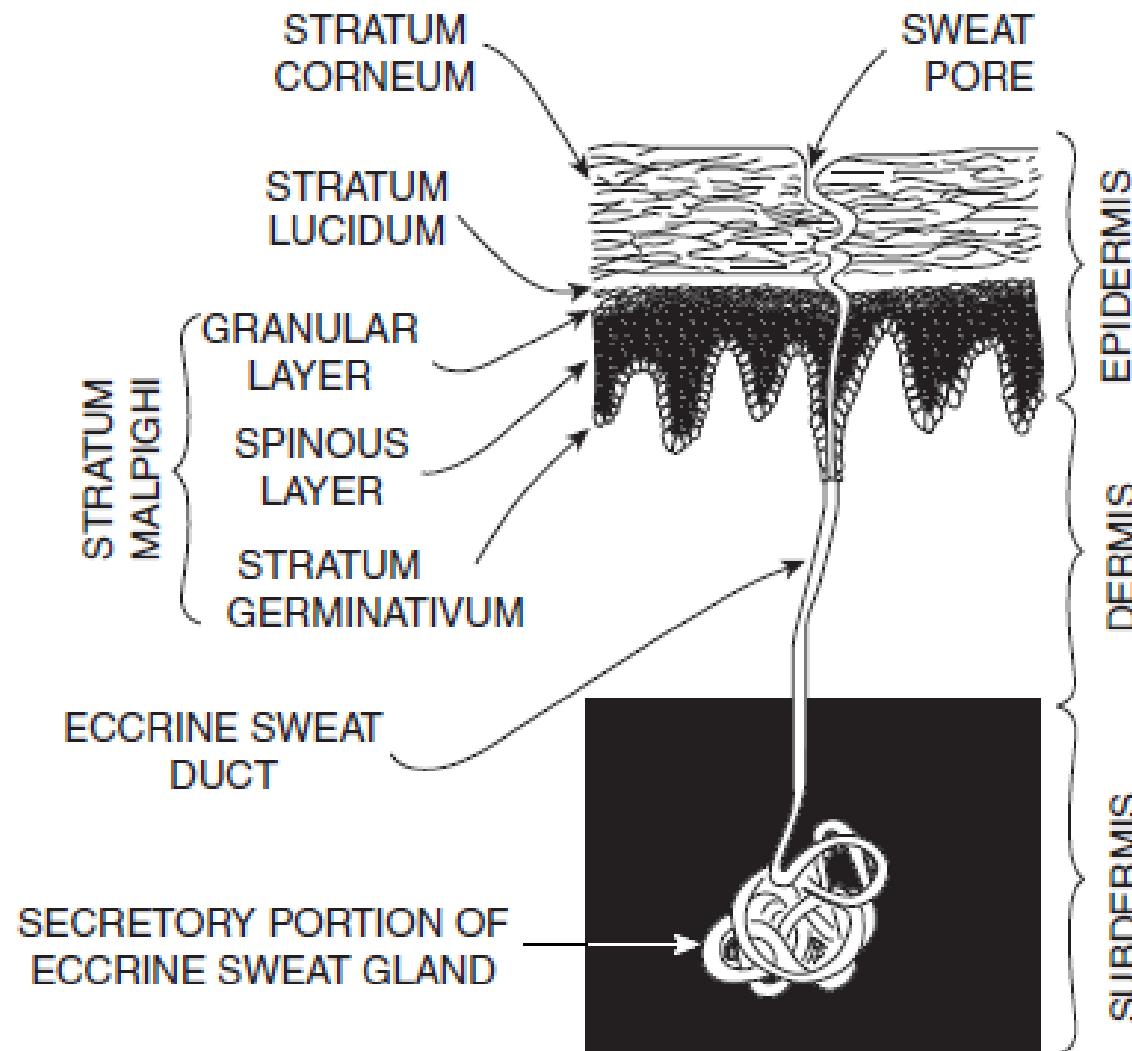
Two types of Sweat Glands

- **Eccrine**
 - forms basis of skin conductance recording
 - located all over body, but dense concentrations on surface of hands and feet
 - has many functions
- **Apocrine**
 - found with hair follicles
 - dense under armpits and genital areas
 - function in humans remains a matter of debate
 - not widely studied by psychophysicologists

Functions of Sweat Glands

- Thermoregulation
- Thermal Preparation
- Facilitate manipulative contact
- Minimize abrasion
- Accentuate Tactile Acuity
- Odiferous communication? (Apocrine)

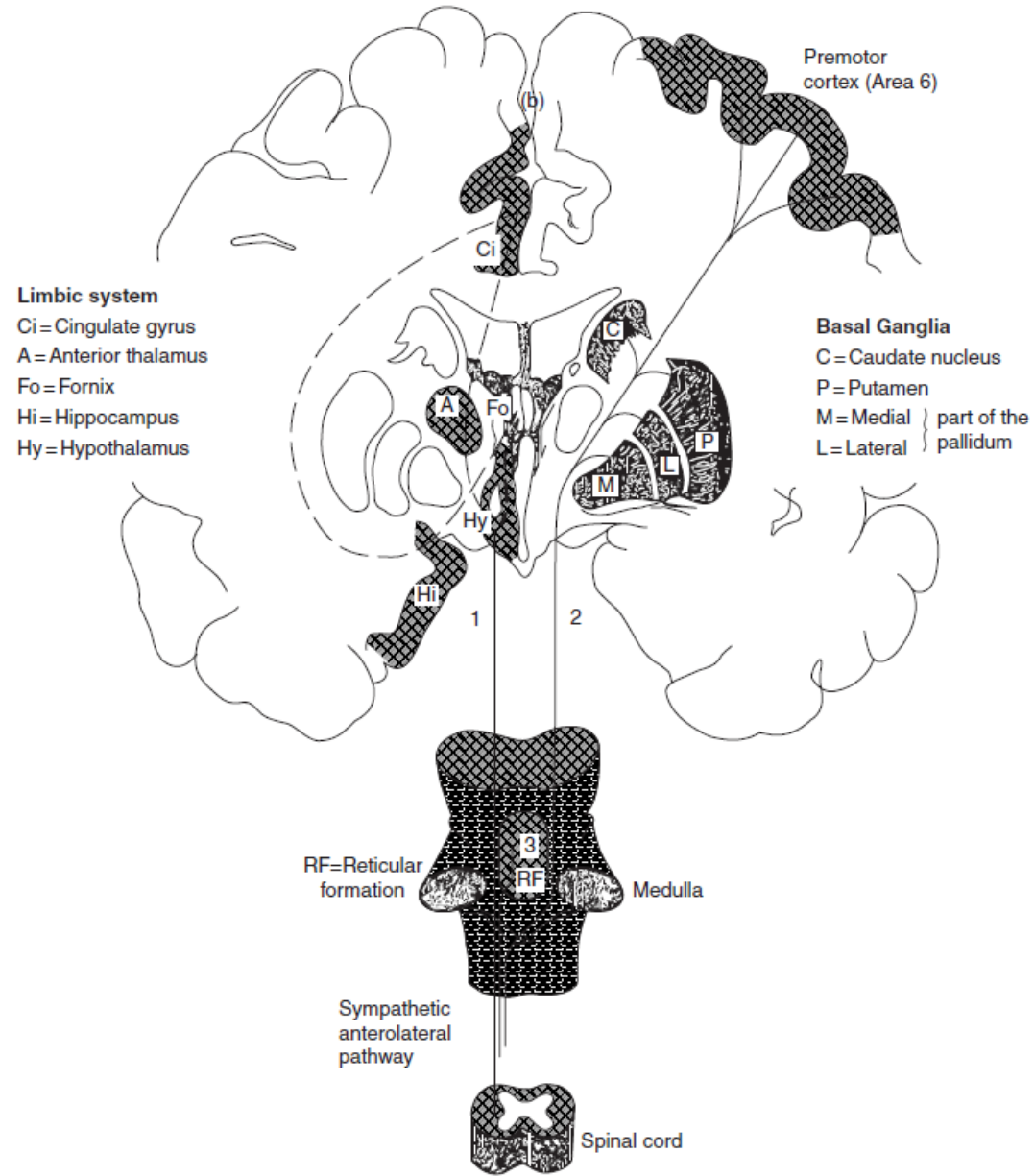
Anatomy of a Gland and the Skin



- Sweat glands primarily driven by sympathetic innervation that is cholinergic
- Sudomotor fibers originate in the sympathetic chain, terminate on sudomotor cell of sweat gland
- Stratum Corneum acts as a variable resistor, with decreased resistance due to sweat

Figure 10.1 Anatomy of the eccrine sweat gland in various layers of skin. (Adapted from Hassett, 1978.)

Central Control



Distributed, multiple pathways

- Contralateral cortical and basal ganglion influences
 - Premotor Cortex:
 - Excitatory
 - Situations requiring fine motor control
 - Frontal Cortex:
 - Excitatory and inhibitory
 - Attention, orienting
- Ipsilateral hypothalamus and limbic system
 - Thermoregulation
 - Emotion
- Reticular formation
 - EDA associated with:
 - Gross movements
 - Increased muscle tone

Figure 10.2 Central nervous system determinants of EDA in humans. (From Boucsein, 2012.)

From Dawson et al 2016

Glossary of Abbreviations (GOA)

- Generic terms
 - EDA = electrodermal activity
 - GSR = galvanic skin response
- Skin Resistance (exosomatic method)
 - SRL = skin resistance level (tonic); 10,000-500,000 Ω
 - SRR = skin resistance response (phasic); 100-10,000 Ω
- Skin Conductance (exosomatic method)
 - SCL = skin conductance level (tonic); 2-50 μ siemens ← Formerly: μ mho
 - SCR = skin conductance response (phasic); .05-5 μ siemens
 - SSCR or NSSCR = spontaneous or non-specific skin conductance response
- Skin Potential (endosomatic method)
 - SPL = skin potential level (tonic); 0-60 mV
 - SPR = skin potential response (phasic); .1-10 mV



Werner von Siemens 1816-1892
The “Father of Electrical Engineering” in Germany

Unfounded is the complaint that the study of science and the technical application of the forces of nature gives to mankind a thoroughly material direction, makes them proud of their knowledge and power, and alienates ideal endeavours. The deeper we penetrate into the harmonious action of natural forces regulated by eternal unalterable laws, and yet so thickly veiled from our complete comprehension, the more we feel on the contrary moved to humble modesty, the smaller appears to us the extent of our knowledge, the more active is our endeavour to draw more from the inexhaustible fountain of knowledge, and understanding, and the higher rises our admiration of the endless wisdom which ordains and penetrates the whole creation

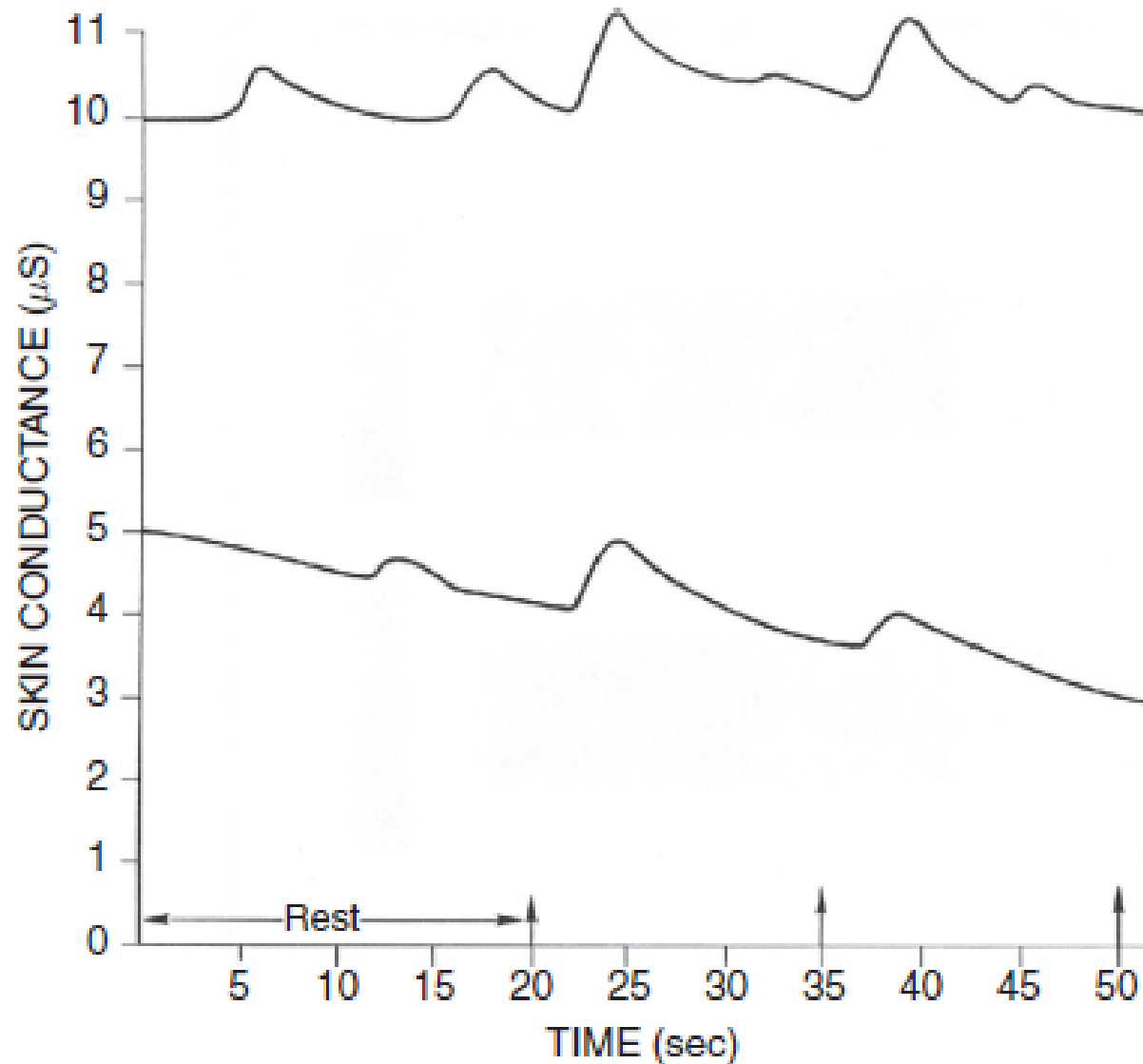


Figure 10.4 Two hypothetical skin conductance recordings during 20 sec of rest followed by three repetitions of a simple discrete stimulus. Arrows represent the presentation of a stimulus. (From Dawson & Nuechterlein, 1984.)

Table 10.1 Electrodermal measures, definitions, and typical values

Measure	Definition	Typical values
Skin conductance level (SCL)	Tonic level of electrical conductivity of skin	2–20 μS
Change in SCL	Gradual changes in SCL measured at two or more points in time	1–3 μS
Frequency of NS-SCRs	Number of SCRs in absence of identifiable eliciting stimulus	1–3 per min
SCR amplitude	Phasic increase in conductance shortly following stimulus onset	0.2–1.0 μS
SCR latency	Temporal interval between stimulus onset and SCR initiation	1–3 s
SCR rise time	Temporal interval between SCR initiation and SCR peak	1–3 s
SCR half recovery time	Temporal interval between SCR peak and point of 50% recovery of SCR amplitude	2–10 s
SCR habituation (trials to habituation)	Number of stimulus presentations before two or three trials with no response	2–8 stimulus presentations
SCR habituation (slope)	Rate of change of ER–SCR amplitude	0.01–0.5 μS per trial

Key: SCL: skin conductance level; SCR: skin conductance response; NS-SCR: non-specific skin conductance response.

Glands Act as Resistors in Parallel

- Resistance will therefore decrease with increased recording surface area – **keep surface area constant across subjects**
- Resistance is not linearly related to the # of resistors

$$\frac{1}{R_t} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

- Conductance, however, is linearly related to the number of resistors in the circuit
 - Therefore, there exists a linear relation between measures of conductance and sweat secretion
 - Not so for Resistance
 - The metric of conductance more accurately reflects the activity of the system

	SRL (Ω)	SCL(μ S)	SRR	SCR
R1 Pre	100,000	10		
R1 Post	99,000	10.1	1000	0.1
R2 Pre	20,000	50		
R2 Post	19,000	52.6	1000	2.6

- Conductance is the Reciprocal of Resistance
- This shows how two vastly different responses will appear the same using skin resistance response metrics

Recording -- Placement

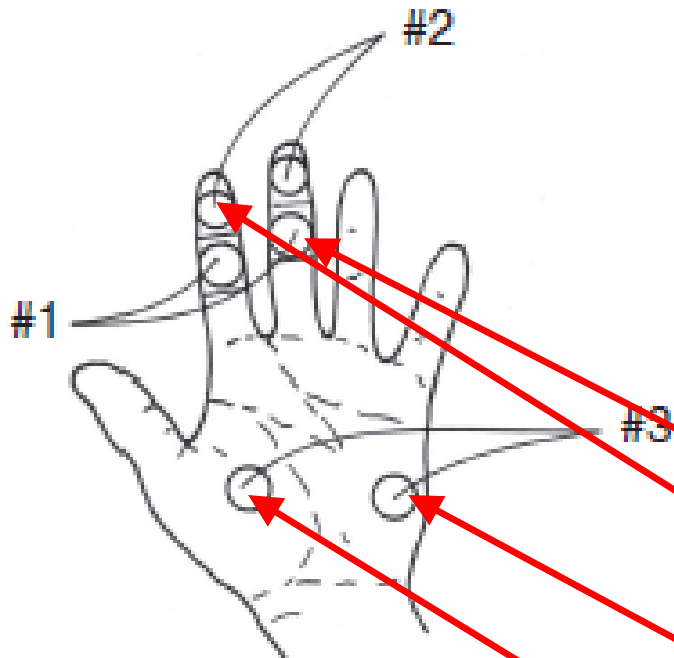


Figure 10.3 Three electrode placements for recording electrodermal activity. Placement #1 involves volar surfaces on medial phalanges, placement #2 involves volar surfaces of distal phalanges, and placement #3 involves thenar and hypothenar eminences of palms.

Methodology

A Major Effect of Recording Site on Measurement of Electrodermal Activity

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ABSTRACT

Although the medial phalanx has been recommended as the preferred site for recording skin conductance activity, a review of articles published in *Psychophysiology* indicates that a large minority (34%) of studies employ the distal phalanx. Informal observations also suggest that the distal site may be more reactive than the medial site. This study formally tests this observation by recording skin conductance from both medial and distal phalanges. Twenty-four right-handed subjects (12 male, 12 female) were exposed to a series of 10 orienting and defensive stimuli. Electrodes were placed on the fore and middle fingers of each hand, with distal sites used on one hand and medial sites on the other for each subject. Skin conductance amplitudes were 3.5 times larger at distal than medial sites ($p < .002$), while skin conductance levels were 2.08 times larger at distal sites ($p < .0005$). A significant Site \times Stimulus interaction ($p < .025$) indicated that the distal site was more sensitive to habituation over trials and to increases in skin conductance amplitudes with increasing stimulus intensity than the medial site. On the basis of these findings it is recommended that distal sites be used in preference to medial sites in the recording of skin conductance activity.

Recording locations compared

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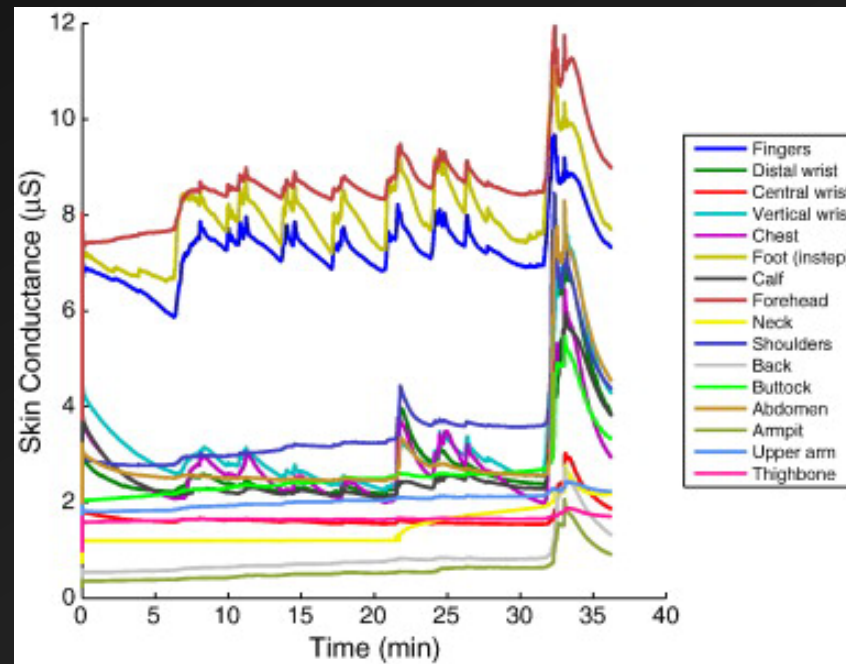
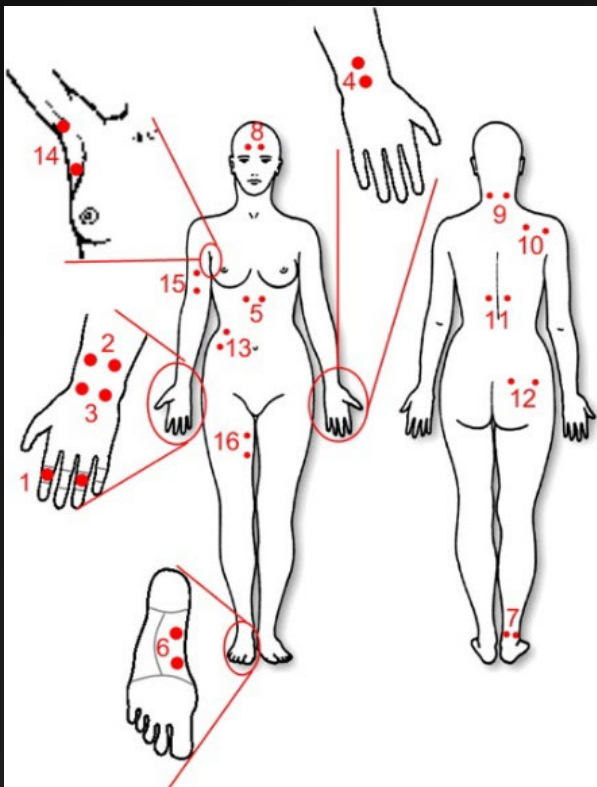


Fig. 2. An example of the SC traces at all 16 body positions for one individual participant.

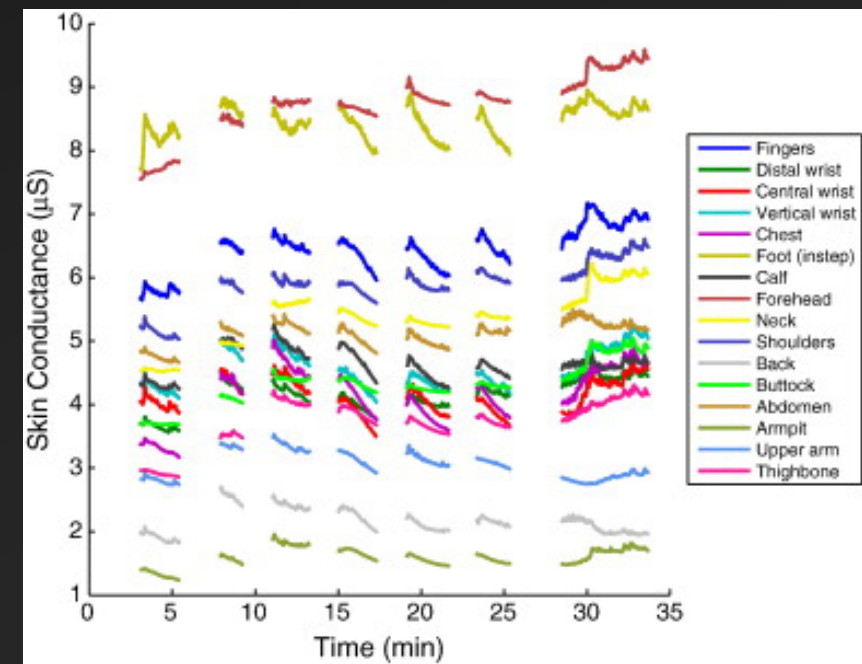
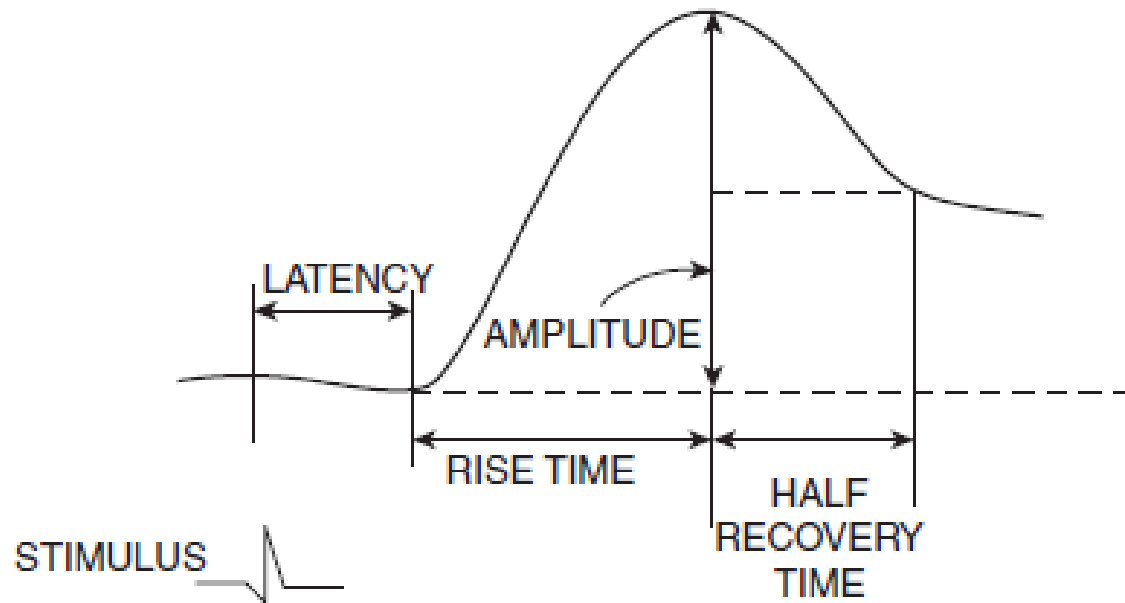


Fig. 4. Mean skin conductance for the sixteen different measurement locations over time. The vertical axis depicts the skin conductance and the horizontal axis depicts time. Parts not involving movie watching are left out as they are not the same duration for each participant.

Recording Considerations

- Prep the Skin?
 - Never abrade
 - Don't use other agents (ETOH)
 - Washing with soap and H₂O recommended to standardize across subjects
- Electrodes – Ag-AgCl
 - More expensive and fragile (unless sintered)
 - But well worth it – resist polarization
- Conductive Paste
 - Because current passed continuously, can interact with with the tissue
 - Unibase + physiological saline (Fowles et al, 1981) will keep properties of tissue and paste constant over duration of recording session
 - Other gels are bad news;
 - highly conductive, but saturated with NaCl,
 - over time will migrate to skin tissue, inflating SCL
- Surface Area Exposed
 - Keep constant across subjects and session
- Constant Voltage Amplification
 - Preferred over Constant current (Lykken and Venables, 1971)
- Temporal responsivity – SC system is S...L...O...W

The Generic SCR



- Latency typically 1-3 secs
- Rise time typically 1-4 secs

Figure 10.5 Graphical representation of principal EDA components.

Real data!



Scoring Issues

- Responses that ride on responses
- Range Correction (Lykken et al., 1966)
 - Level
$$\frac{(SCL_{observed} - SCL_{min})}{(SCL_{max} - SCL_{min})}$$
 - Response
$$\frac{(SCR_{observed})}{(SCR_{max})}$$
- Note also slope and intercept regression approaches

Applications

- Orienting (Bauer, 1984; Tranel and Damasio, 1985)
- Fear conditioning (Öhman)
- Individual Differences
- Deficient anticipatory fear (Hare)
- Deception Detection

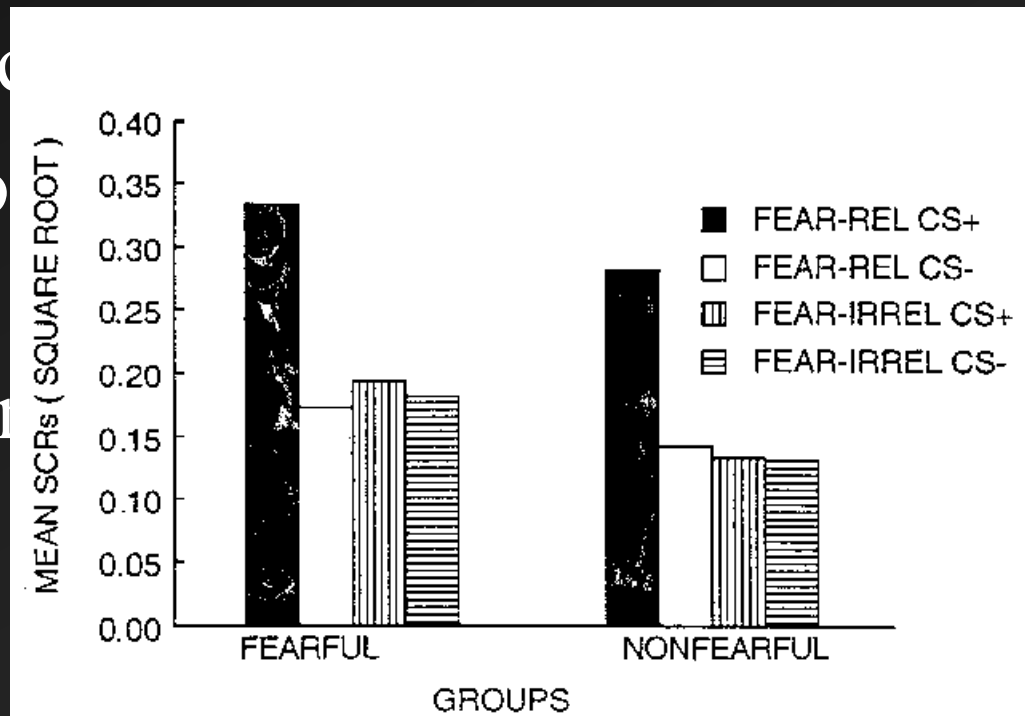


Figure 1. Mean skin conductance responses (SCRs) (square-root transformed) to fear-relevant (snakes, spiders, and rats) or fear-irrelevant (flowers and mushrooms) stimuli previously followed (CS+) or not followed (CS-) by an electric shock unconditioned stimulus among the fearful and nonfearful groups of subjects during extinction.

Applications

- Orienting (Bauer, 1984; Tranel and Damasio, 1985)
- Fear conditioning (Öhman)
- Individual Differences in Neuroticism
- Deficient anticipatory anxiety in psychopathy (Hare)
- Deception Detection (Myriad authors)

Neuroticism

- A trait-like tendency to experience negative affect and for increased reactivity to stress and aversive stimuli
- Would skin conductance reflect greater physiological reactivity to negative stimuli, and poorer physiological recovery?

Norris, Larsen, & Cacioppo (2007), *Psychophysiology*

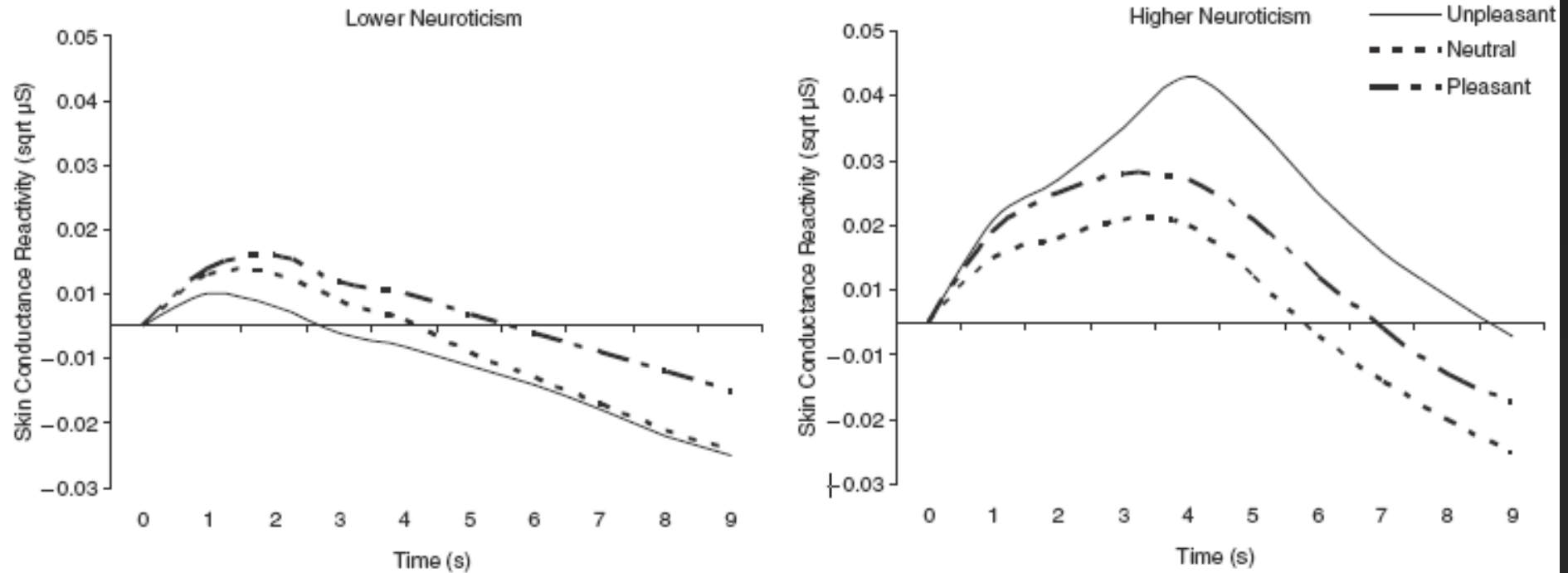


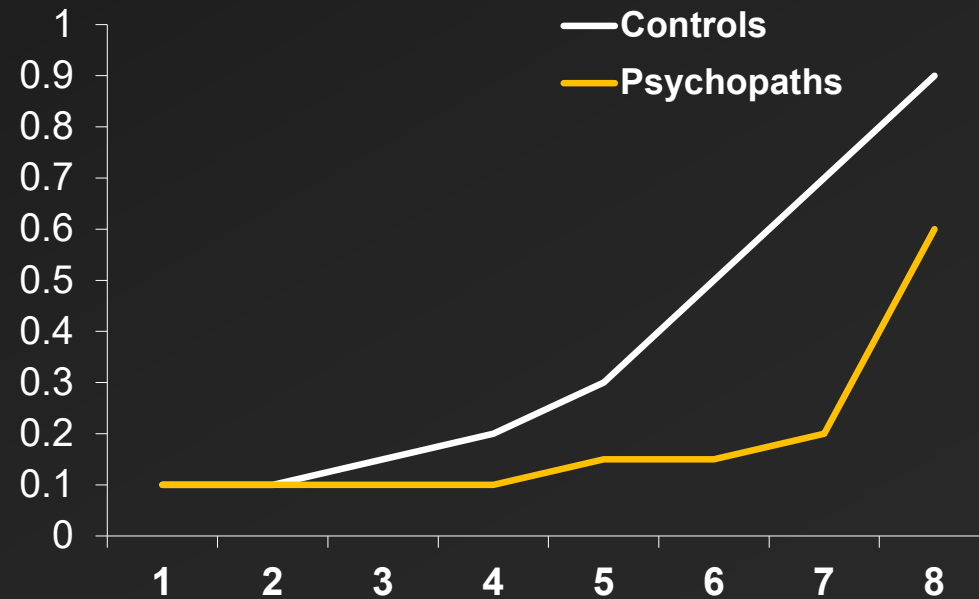
Figure 1. Skin conductance reactivity as a function of picture valence, time, and neuroticism. Pictures were presented from 1–6 s. Estimated means for participants lower (1 *SD* below the mean) and higher (1 *SD* above the mean) in neuroticism are plotted separately.

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Anticipatory Arousal in Psychopathy

- Hare Countdown Task (1965)
- #'s appear from 1..8
- At "8" punishment is given (shock):



Fearless Dominance (dual-process model of Psychopathy)

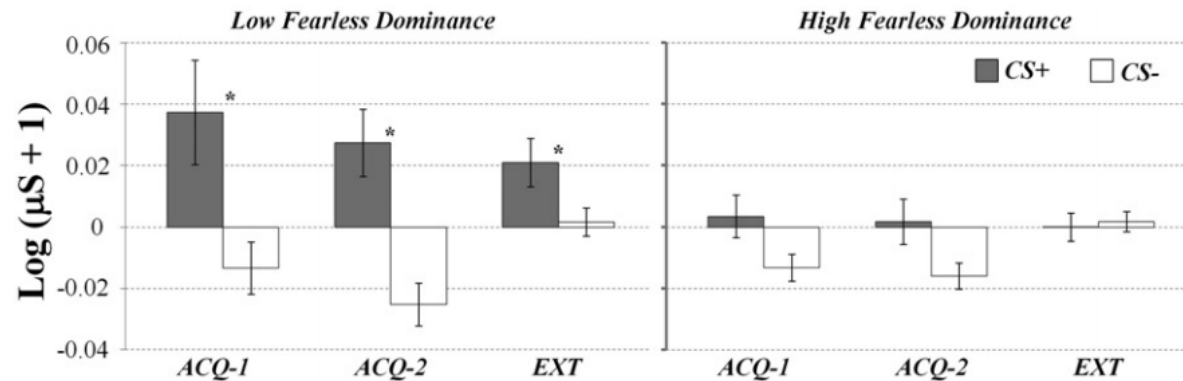


Figure 1. Mean skin conductance change (log [$\mu\text{S} + 1$]) for high and low fearless dominance groups when viewing CS+ and CS- during acquisition (ACQ-1 and ACQ-2) and extinction (EXT) phases of the fear conditioning procedure.