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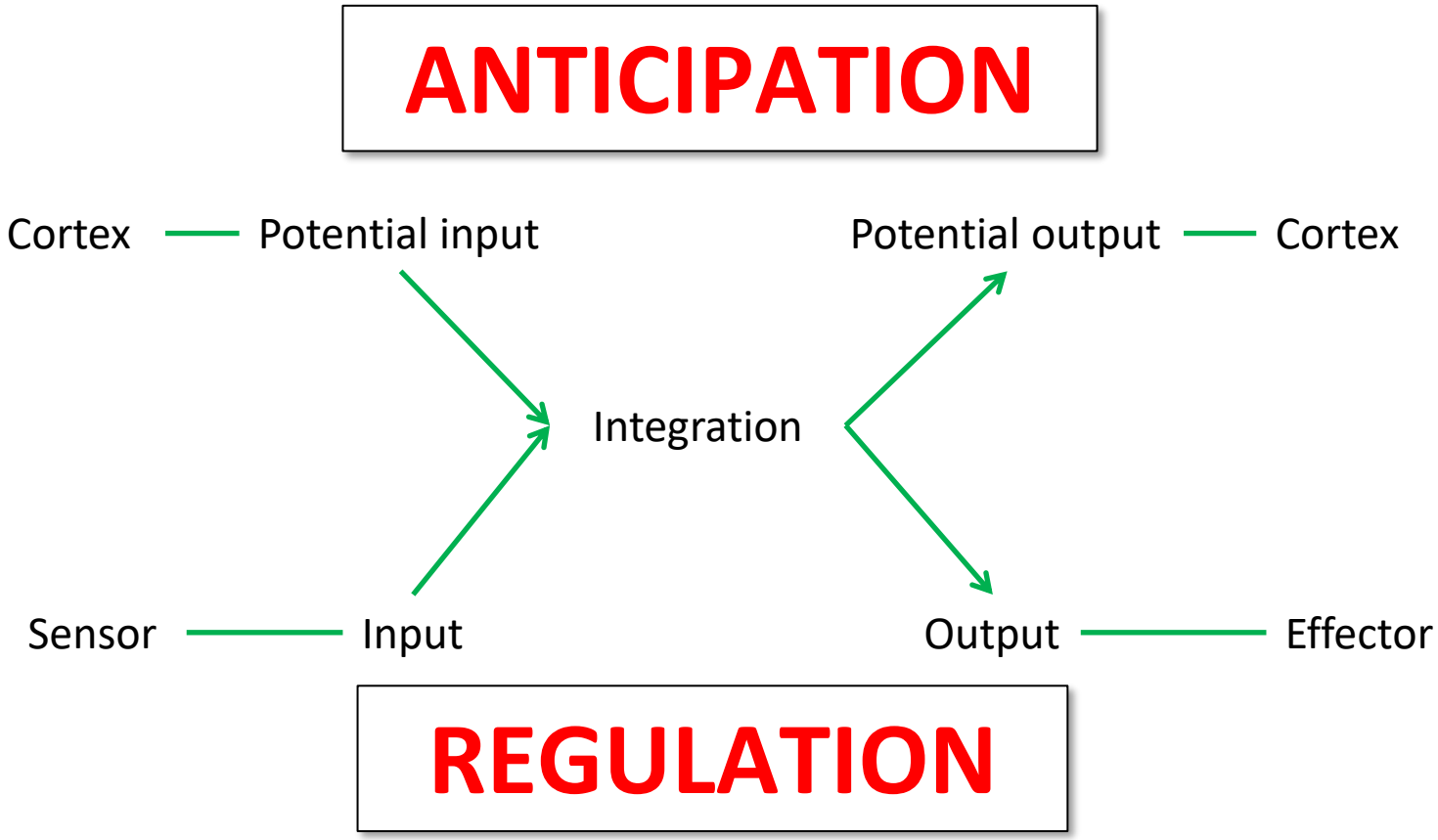
Limbic system
Neocortex I

The role of nervous system



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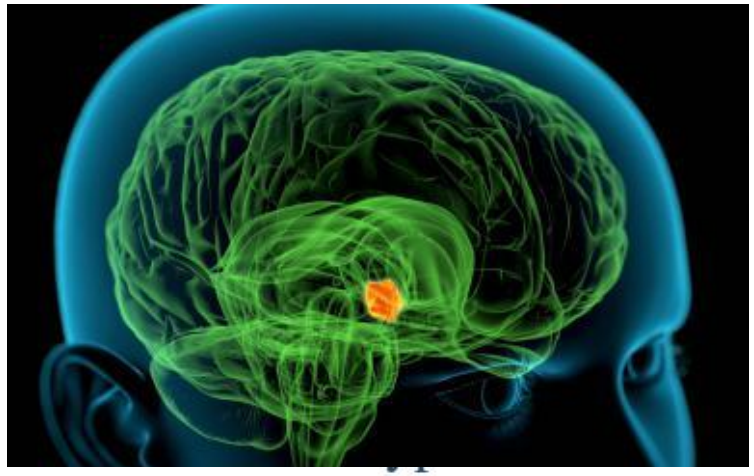

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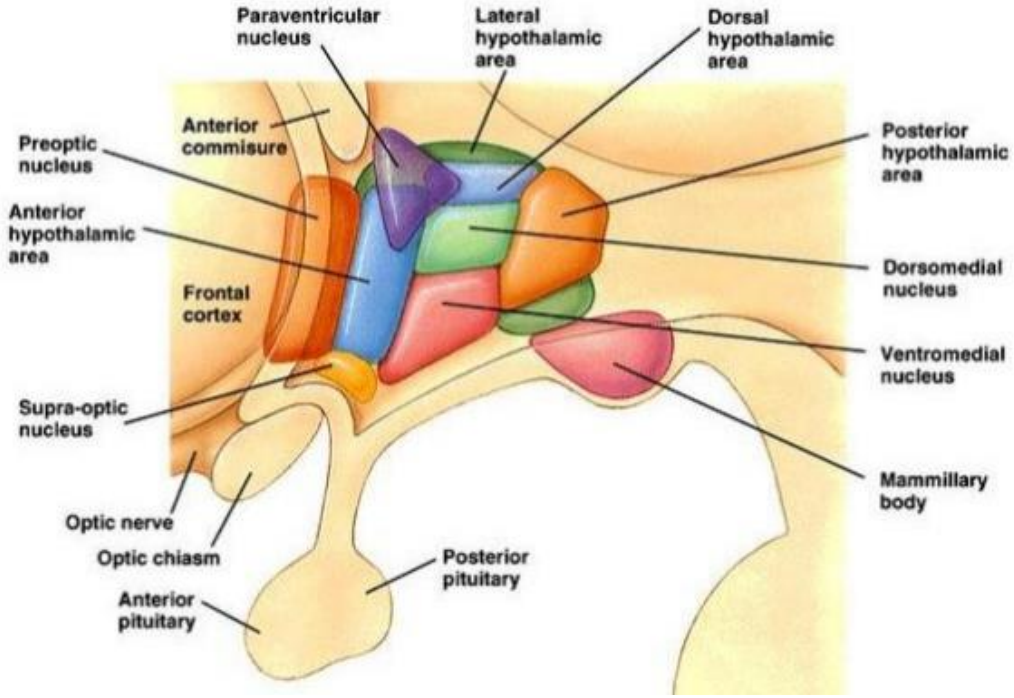

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✓Food and water intake regulation
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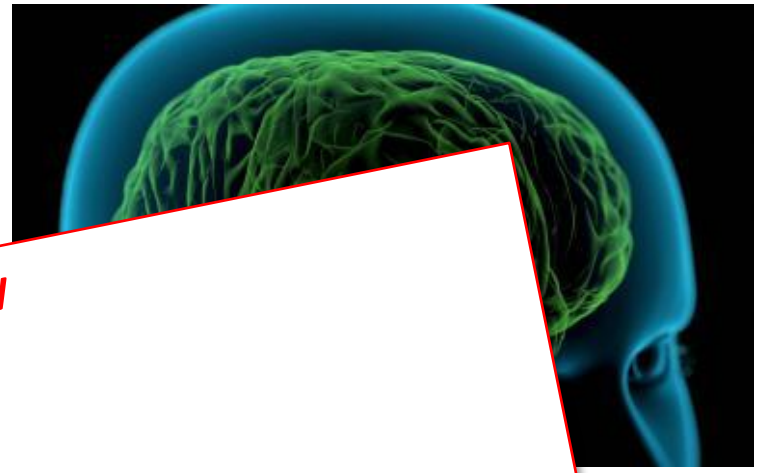

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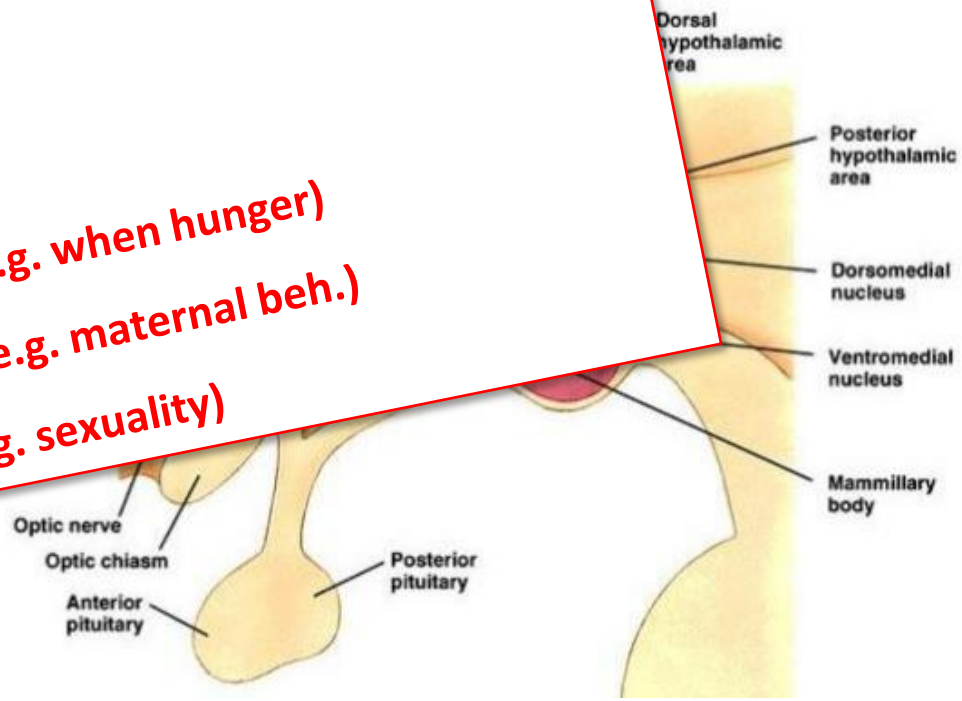

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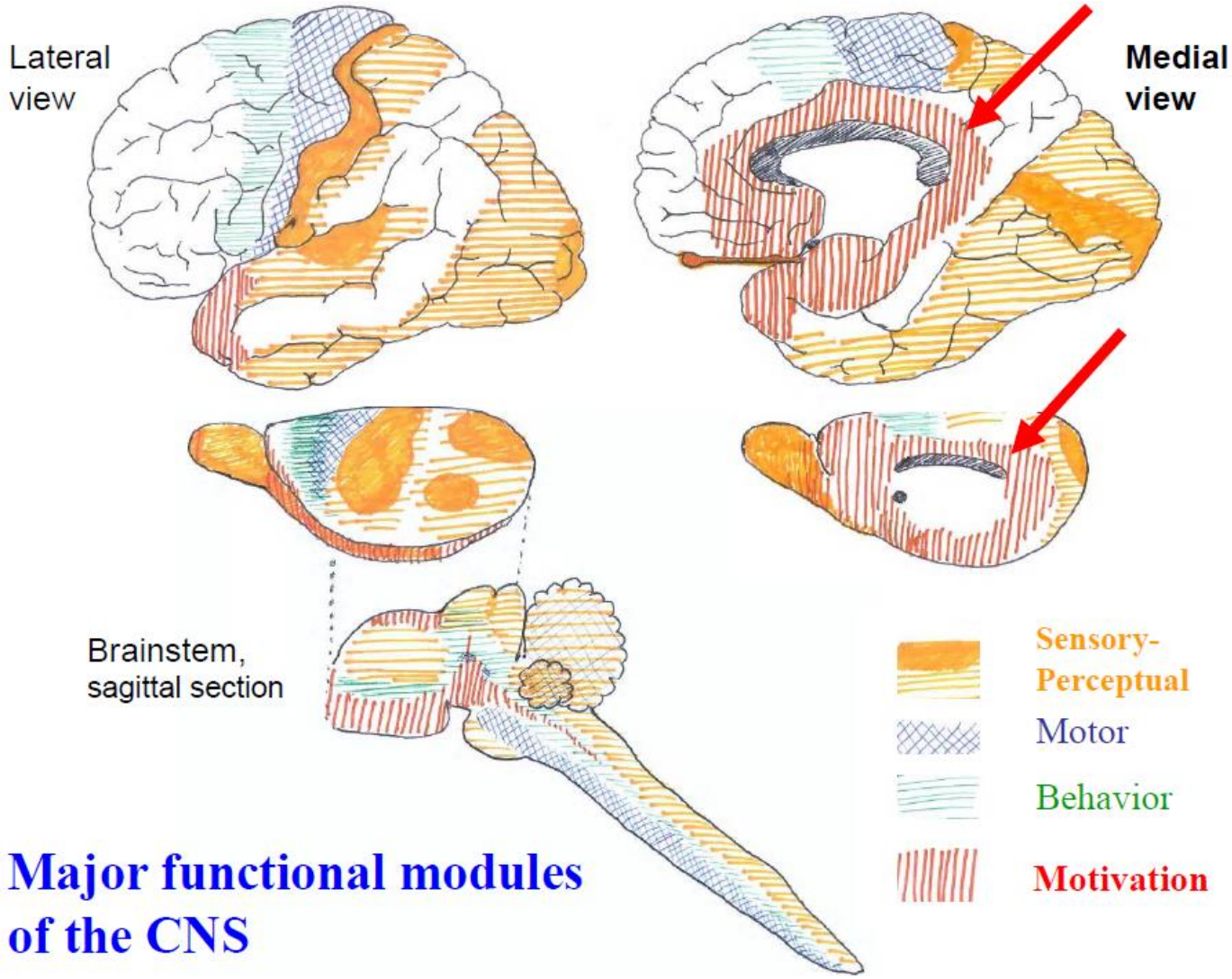

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Concept of the limbic system

- Voluntary

Somatic nervous system
Inputs – mainly from outer environment
Control – skeletal muscle

- Automatic

Autonomic nervus system
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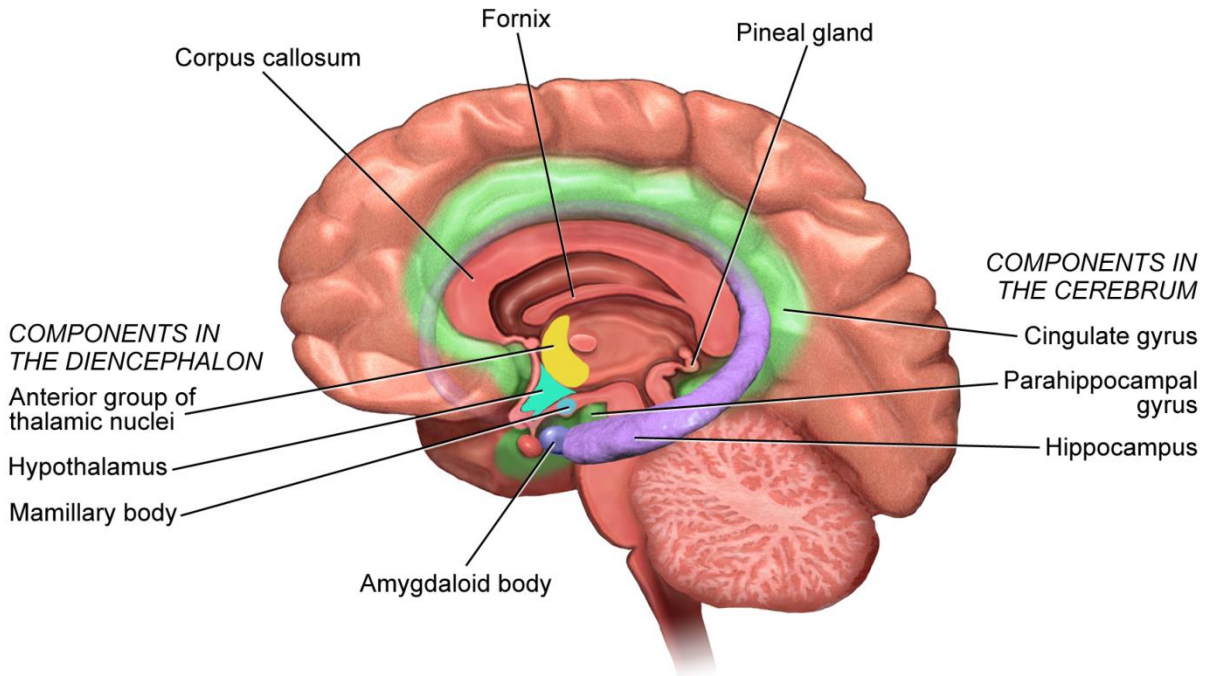

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Potencial conflict

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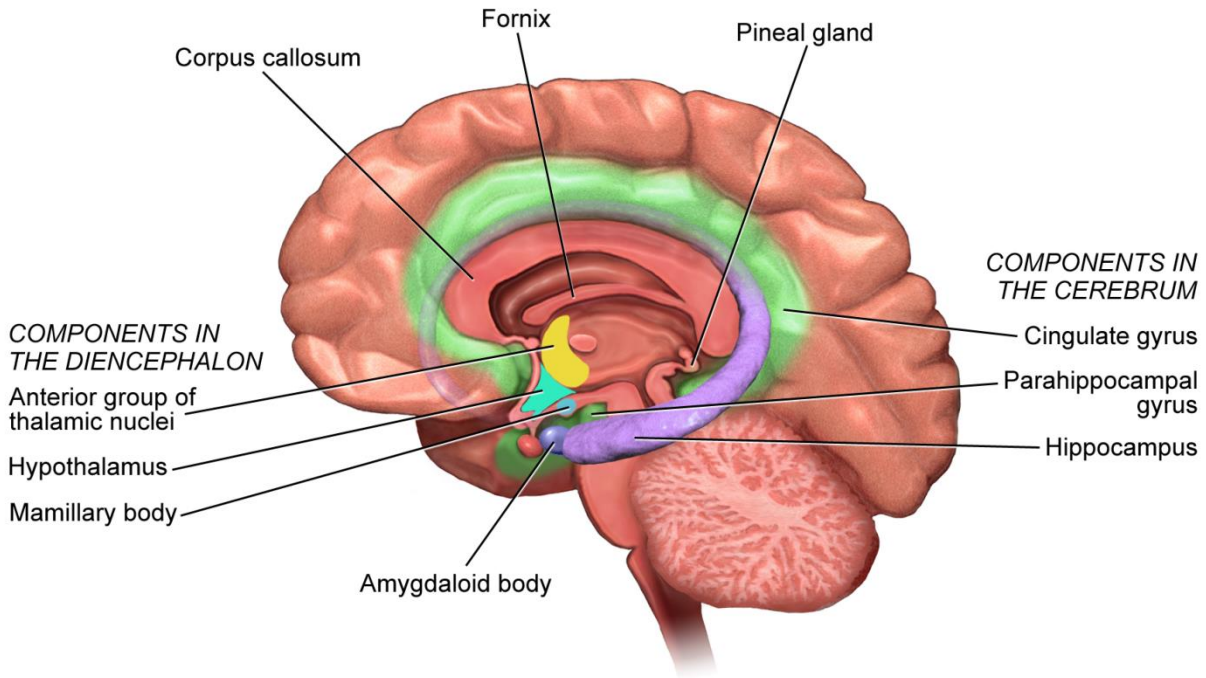

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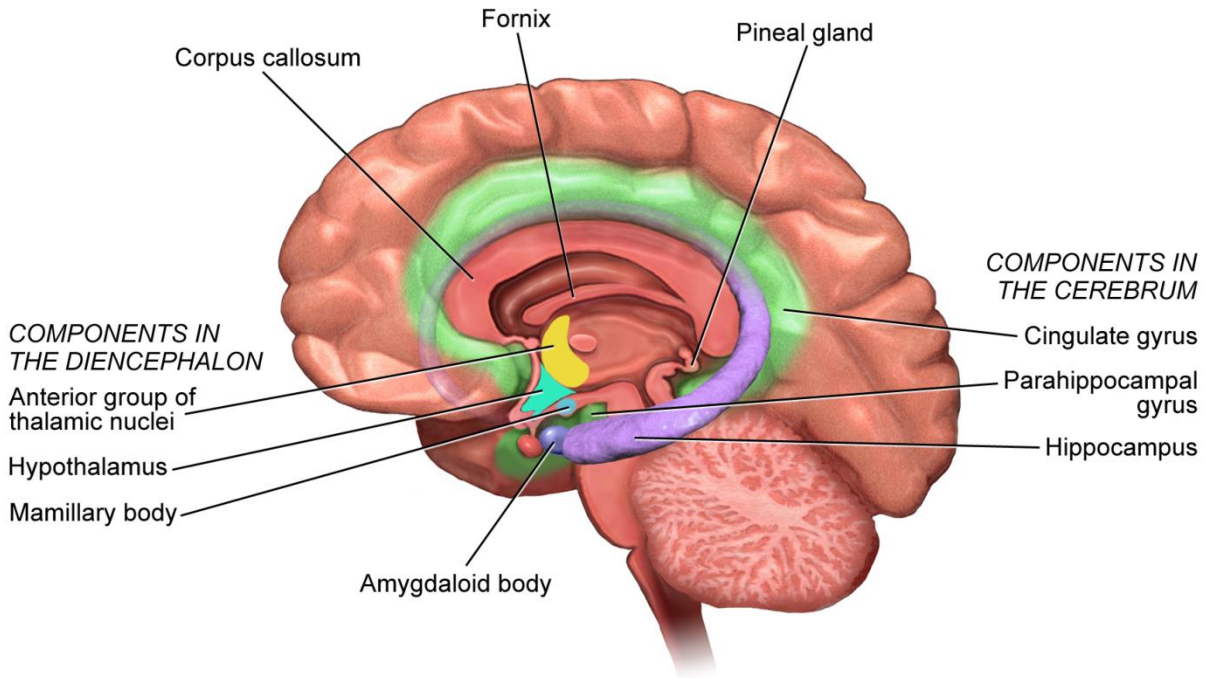

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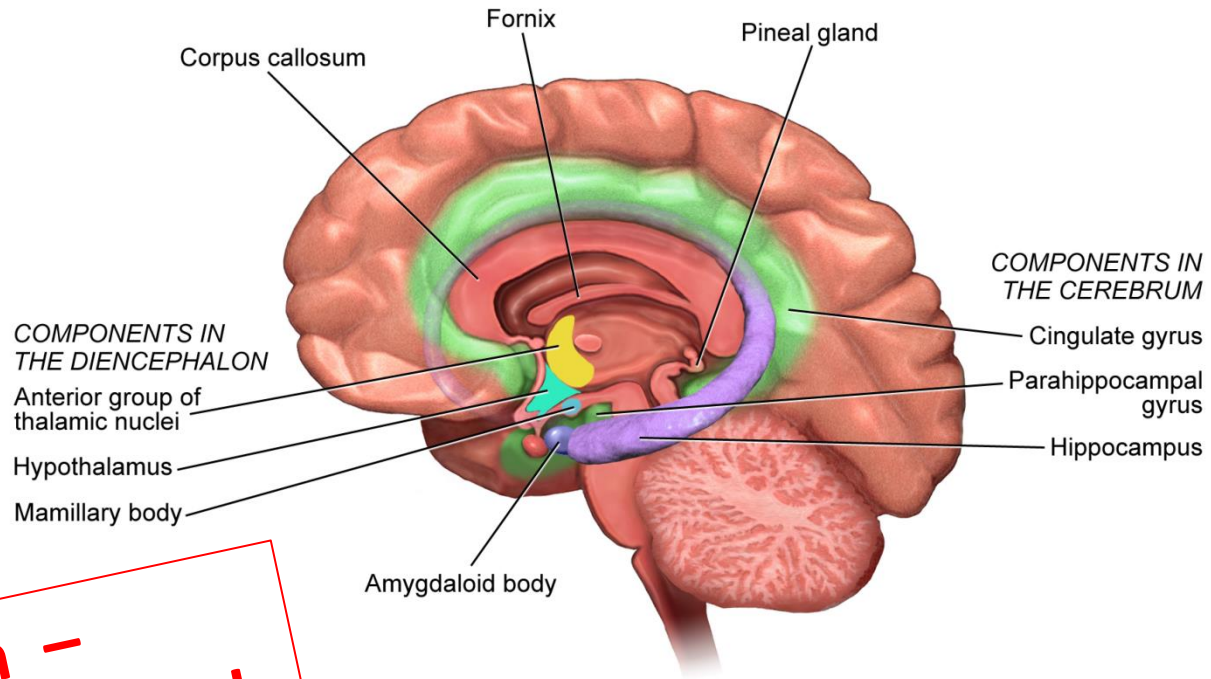

Limbic system – hypothalamus and related structures

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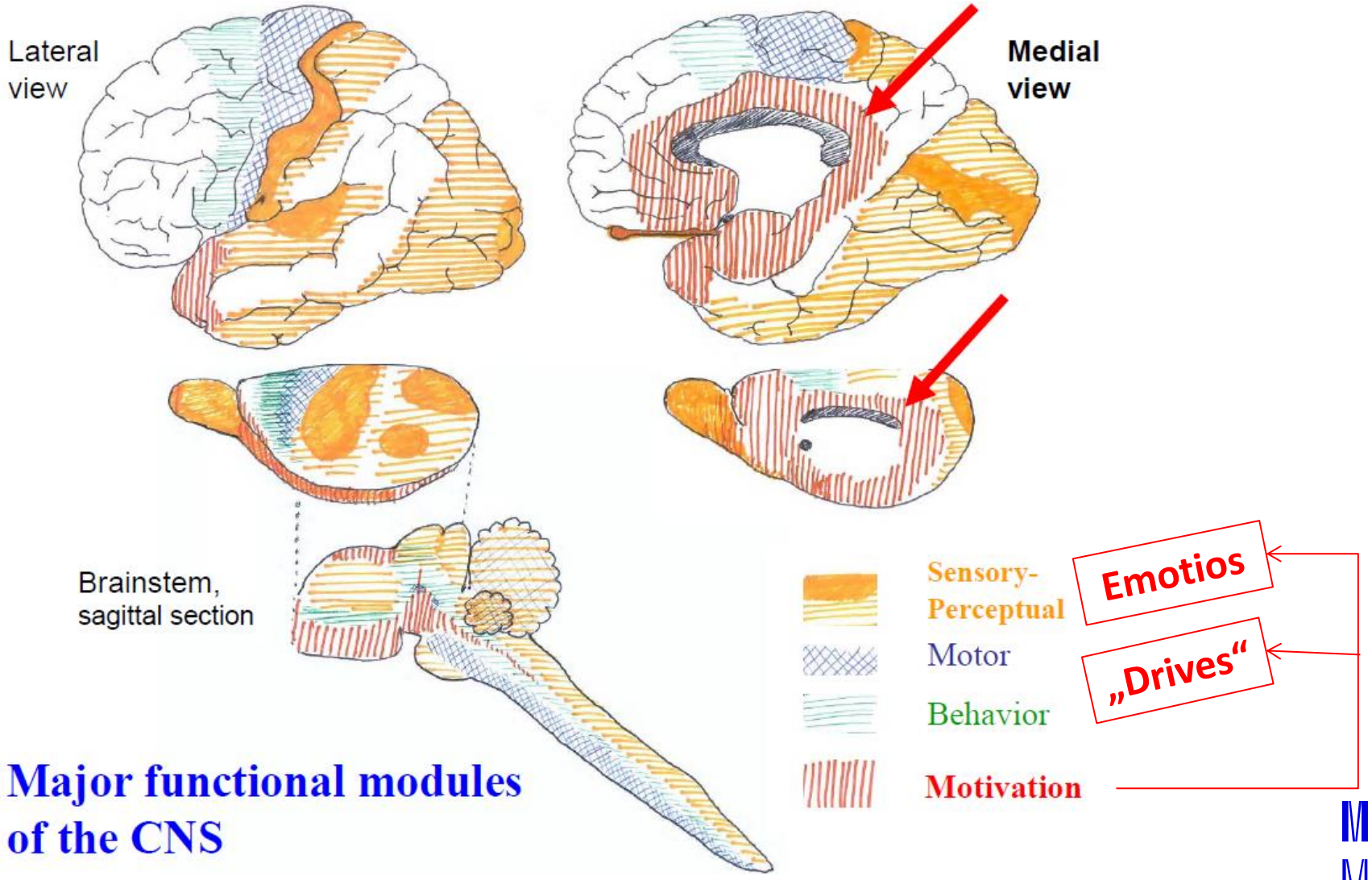

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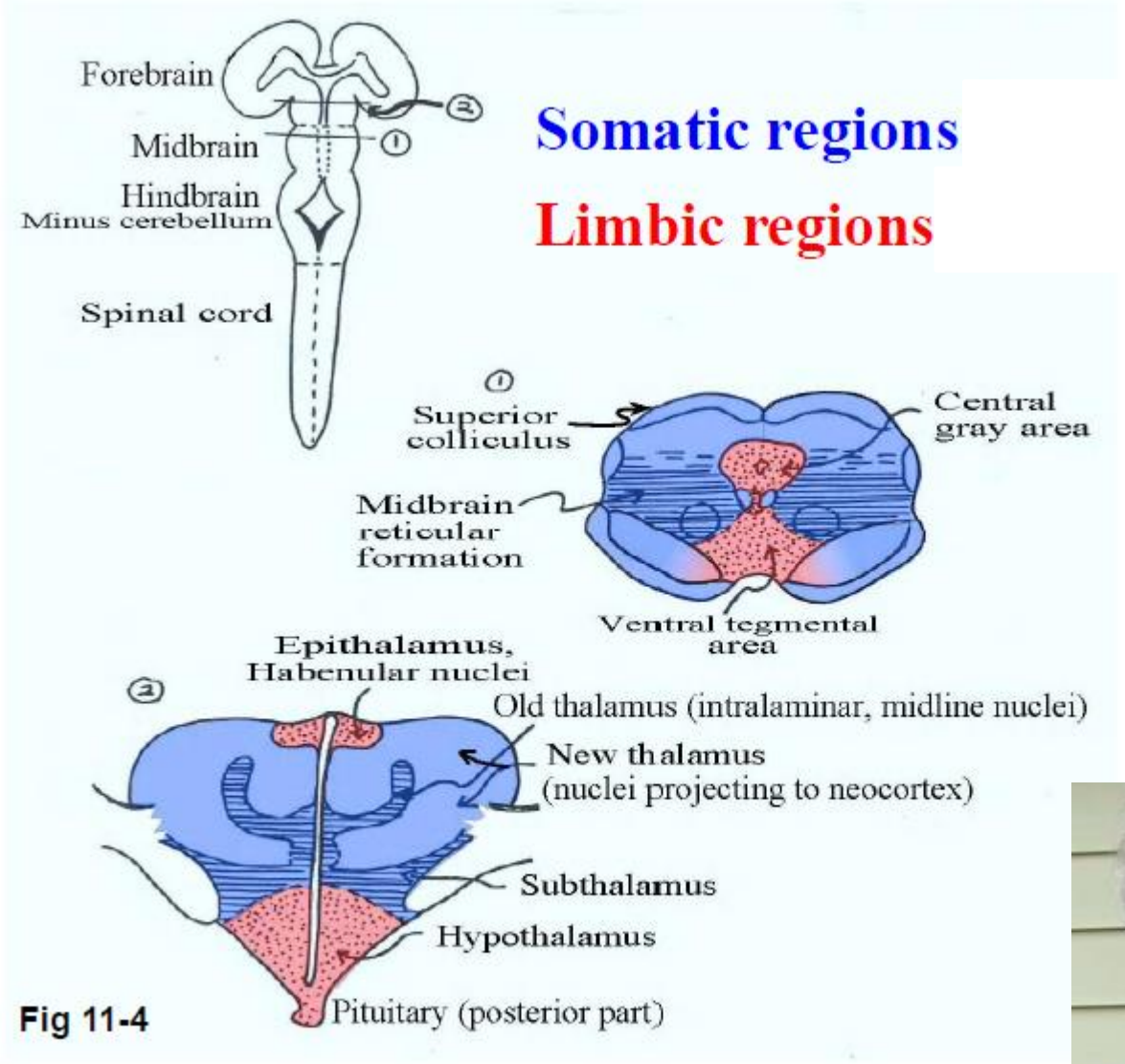

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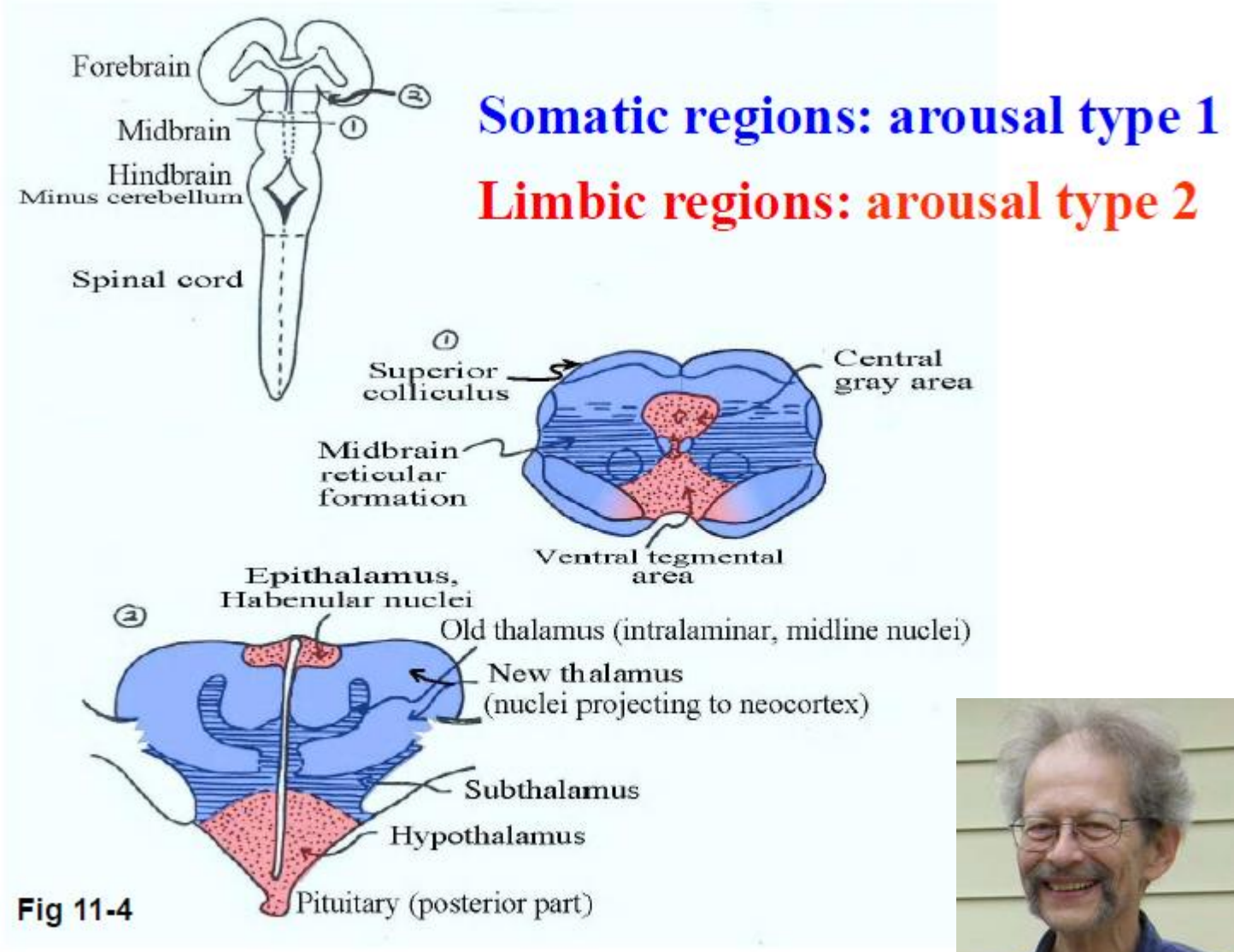

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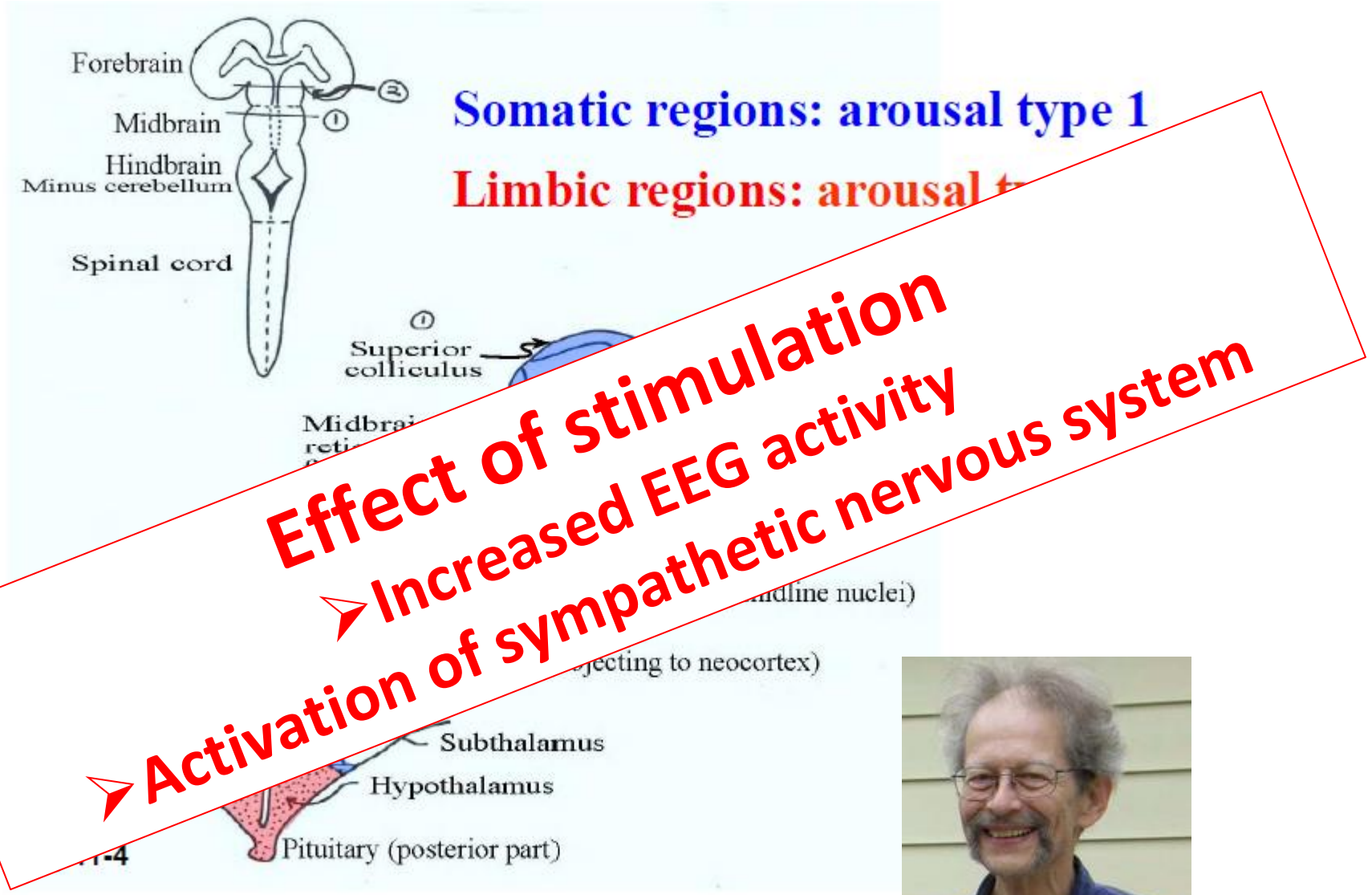

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Arousal type 1 (somatic)

ARAS (ascendent retikulation activation system)

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  - Habituation
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  - Neocortex, corpus striatum, thalamus

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Effect of stimulation

➢**Increased EEG activity**

➢**Activation of sympathetic nervous system**

Cooperation of both systems is a key to maintaining consciousness (through neuromodulation)

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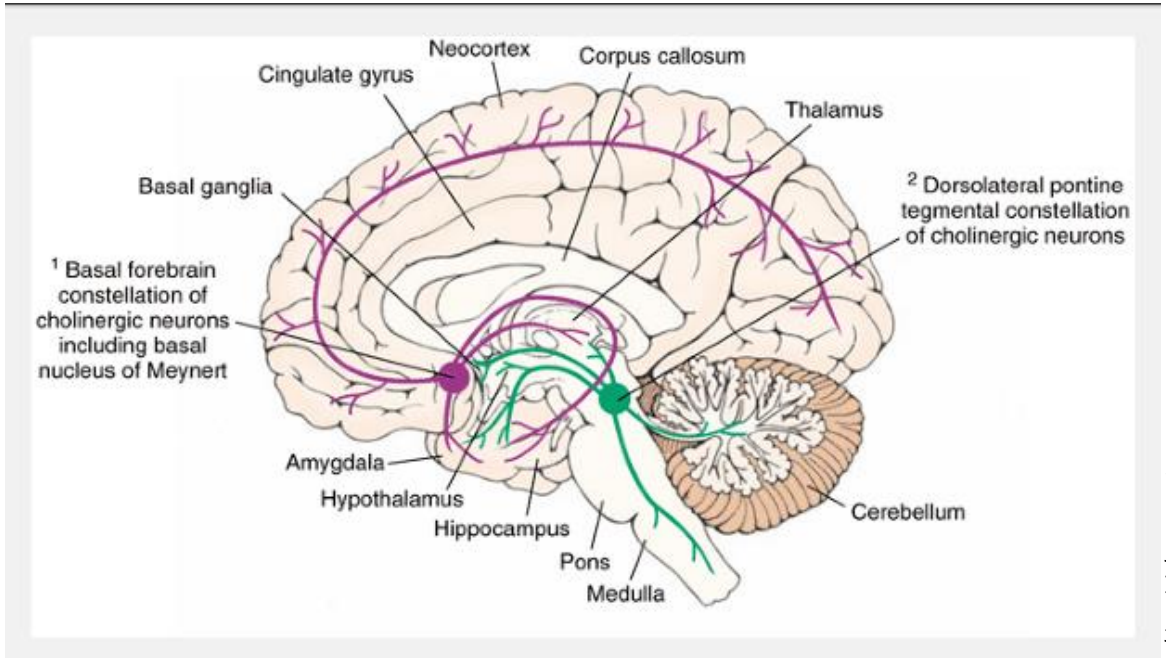
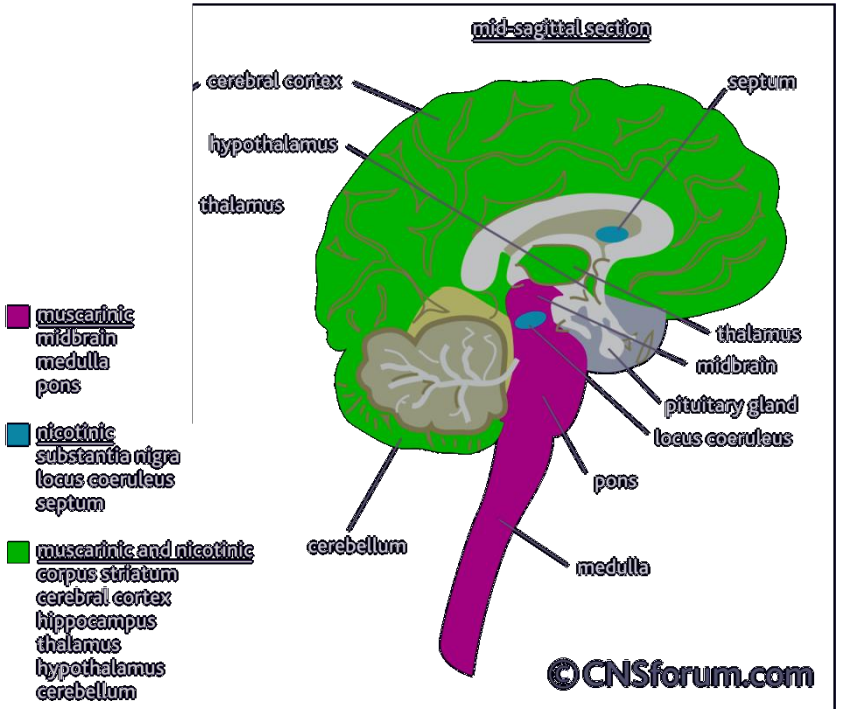
Acetylcholine

- Nucleus basalis (Meynerti) abd other nuclei
- Nicotin receptors
- Muscarin receptors

- Sleep/wake regulation
- Cognitive functions
- Behavior
- Emotions





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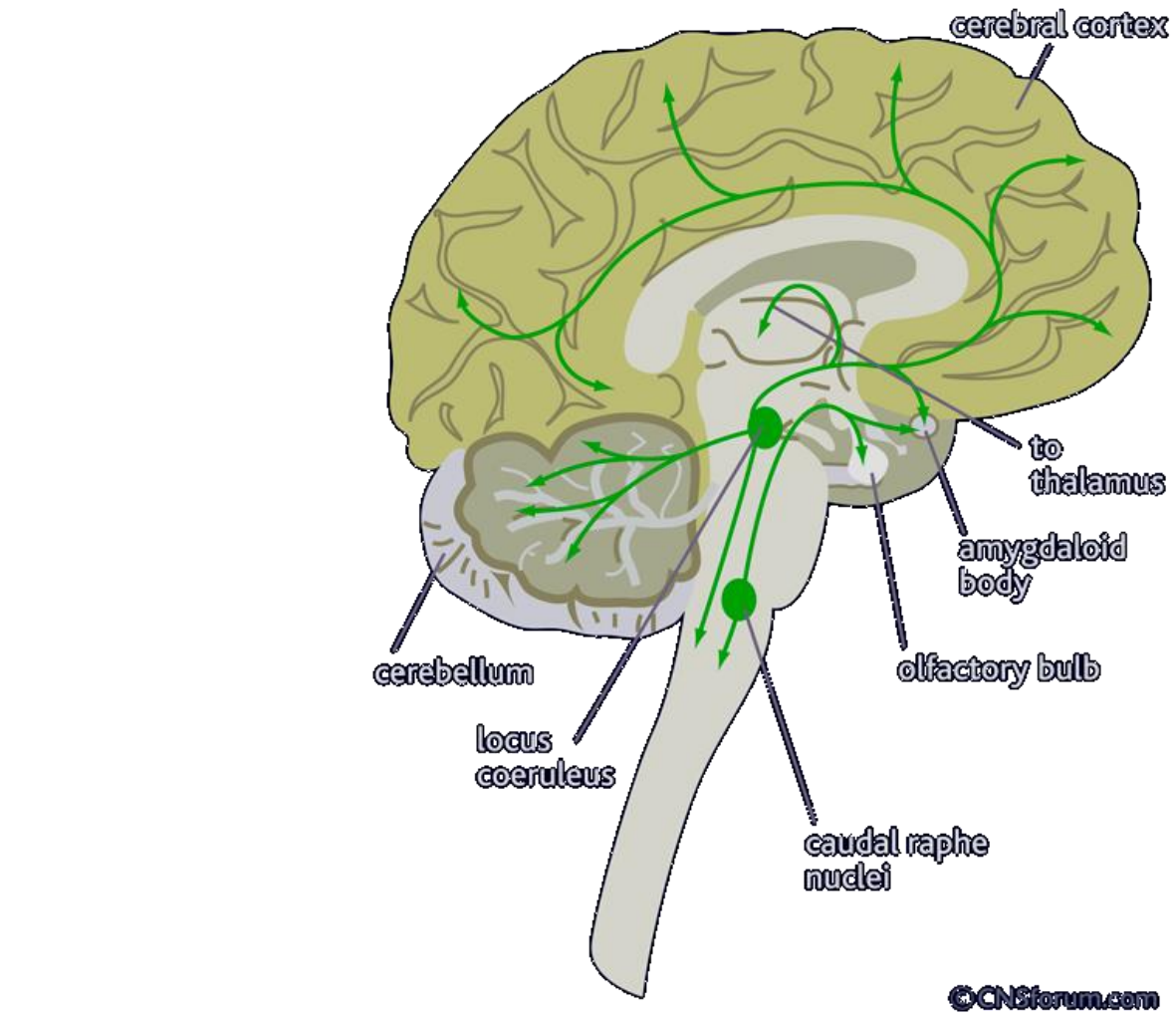
Norepinefrine

- Locus coeruleus
- Nuclei raphe caudalis

- Vigilance
- Responsiveness to unexpected stimuli
- Memory
- Learning



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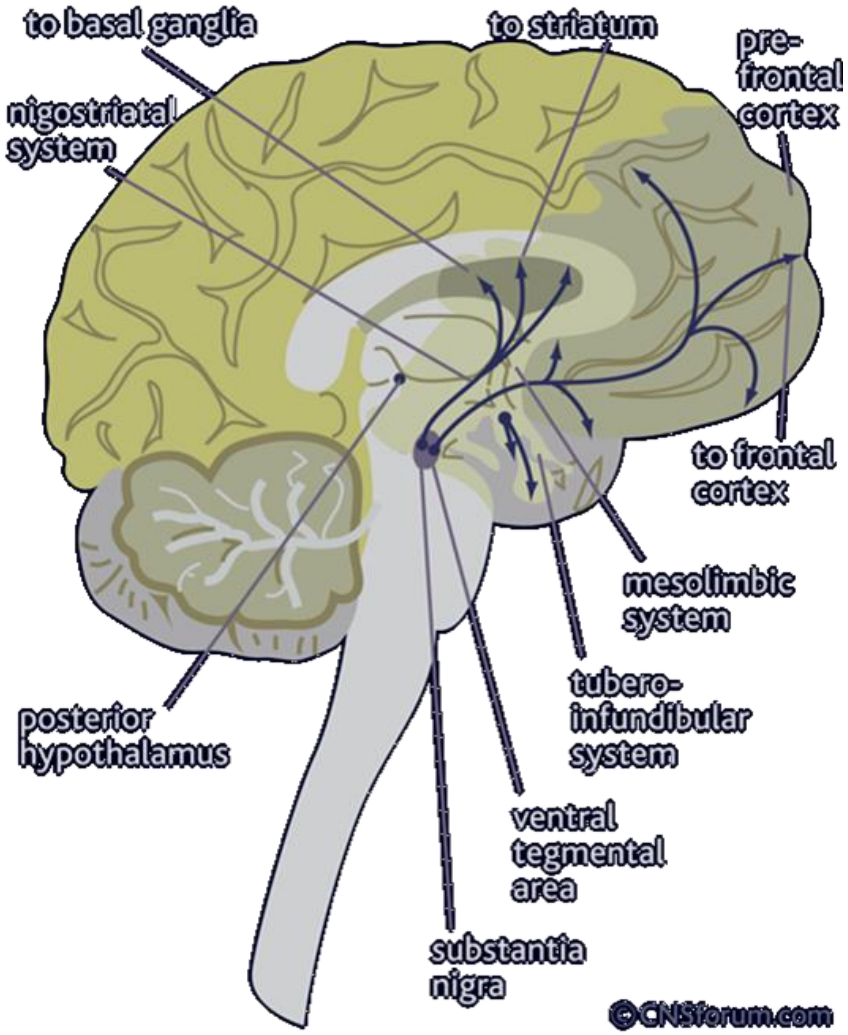
Dopamine

- Nigrostriatal system
  - Movement
  - Sensory stimuli
- Ventrotegmentno-mesolimbic-frontal system
  - Reward
  - Cognitive function
  - Emotional behavior
- Tubero-infundibular system
  - Hypotalamic-pituatory regulation
- D1 receptors – excitatory
- D2 receptors - inhibitory



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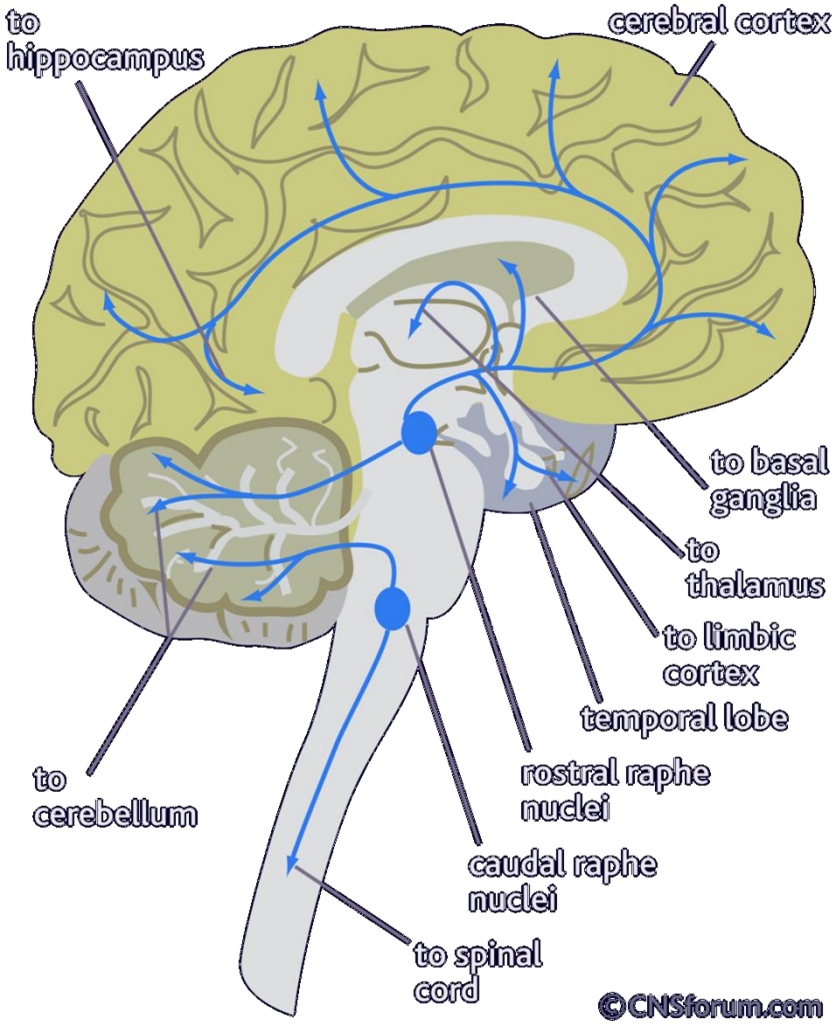
Serotonin

- Nuclei raphe rostralis
- Nuclei raphe caudalis

- Anxiety/relaxation
- Impulsive behavior
- Sleep



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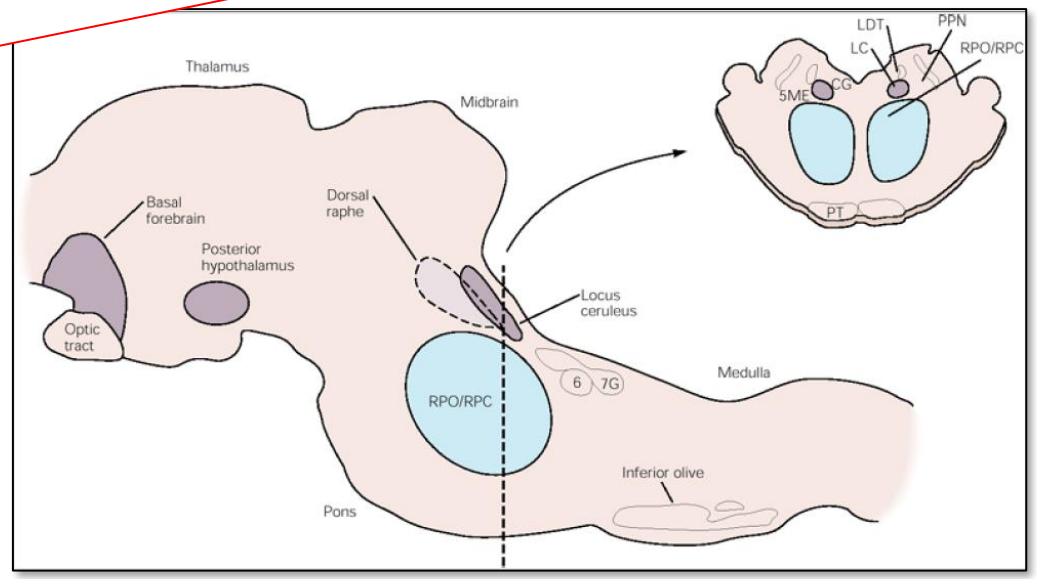
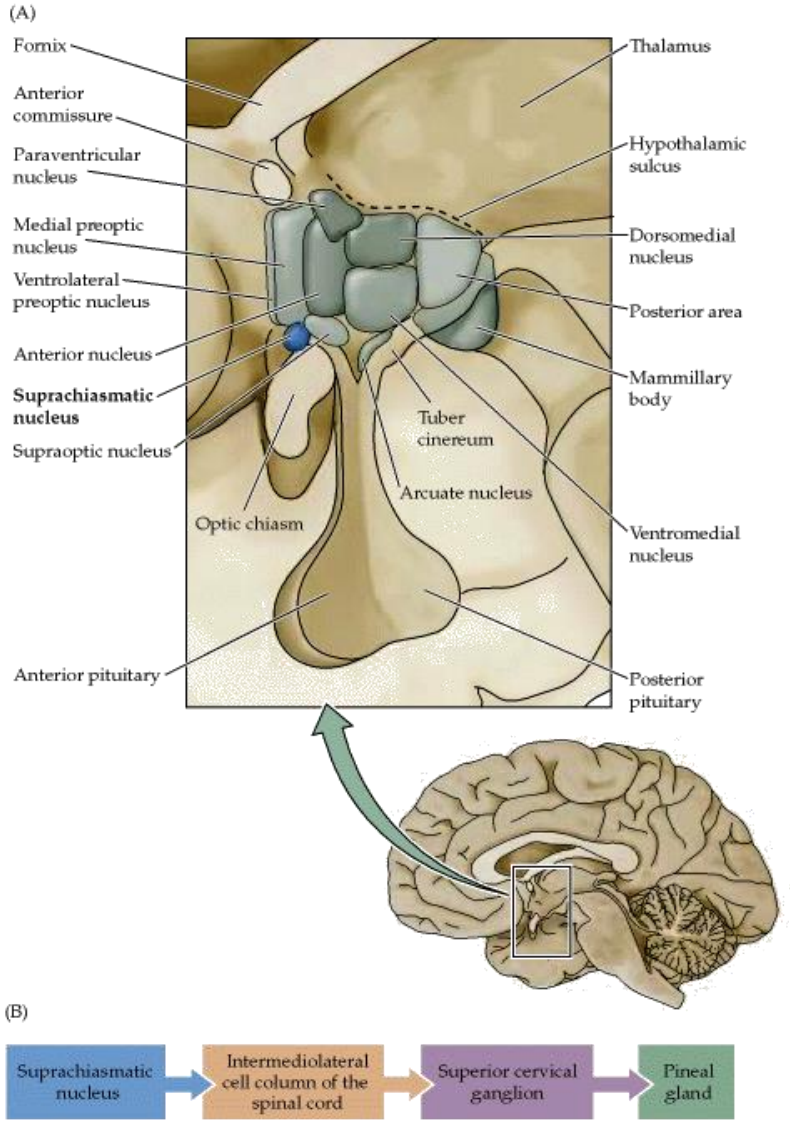
Sleep and wakefulness

Cooperation of ARAS and limbic activating system



RPO/RPC – nucleus reticularis pontis oralis/caudalis



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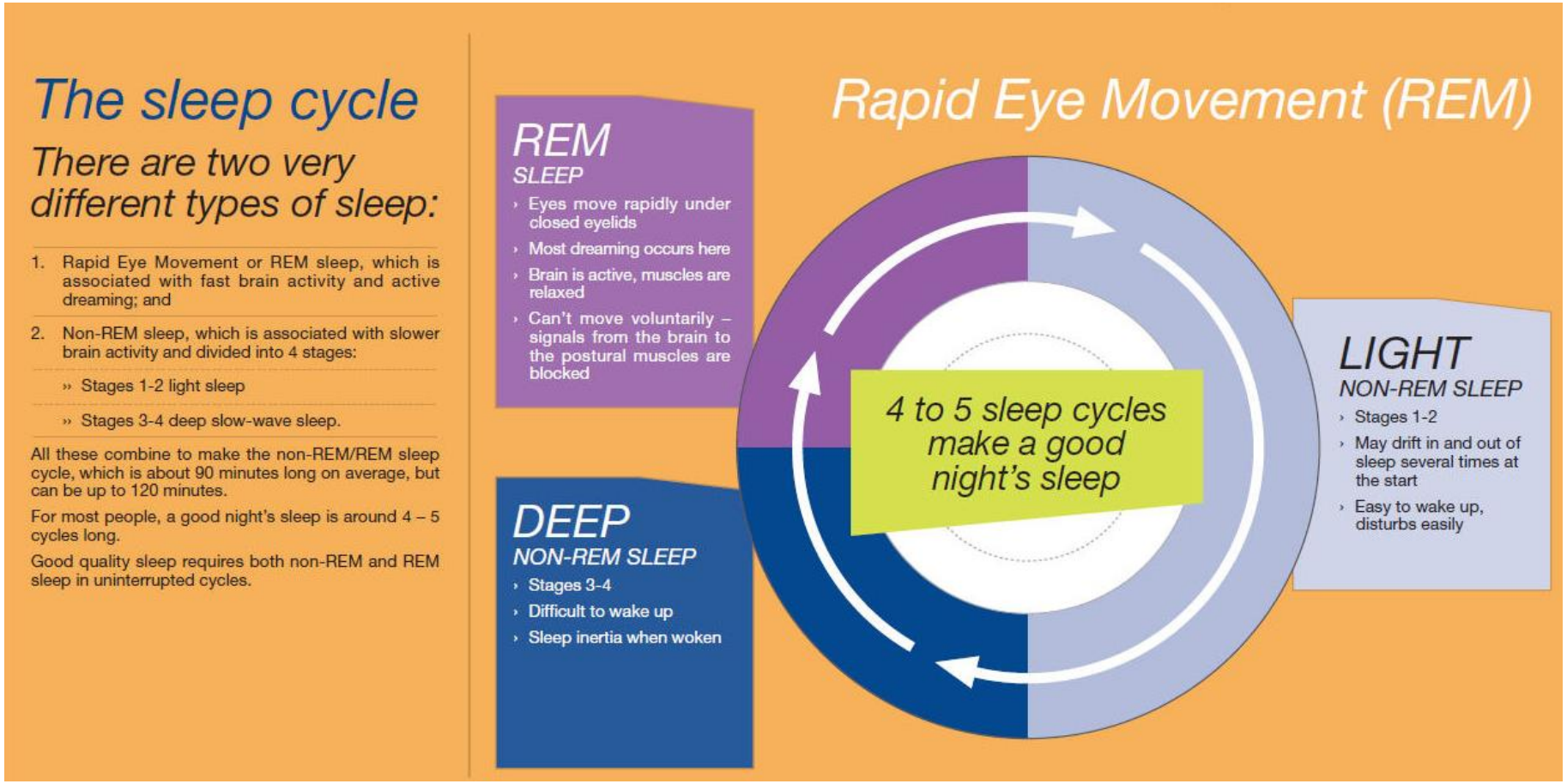

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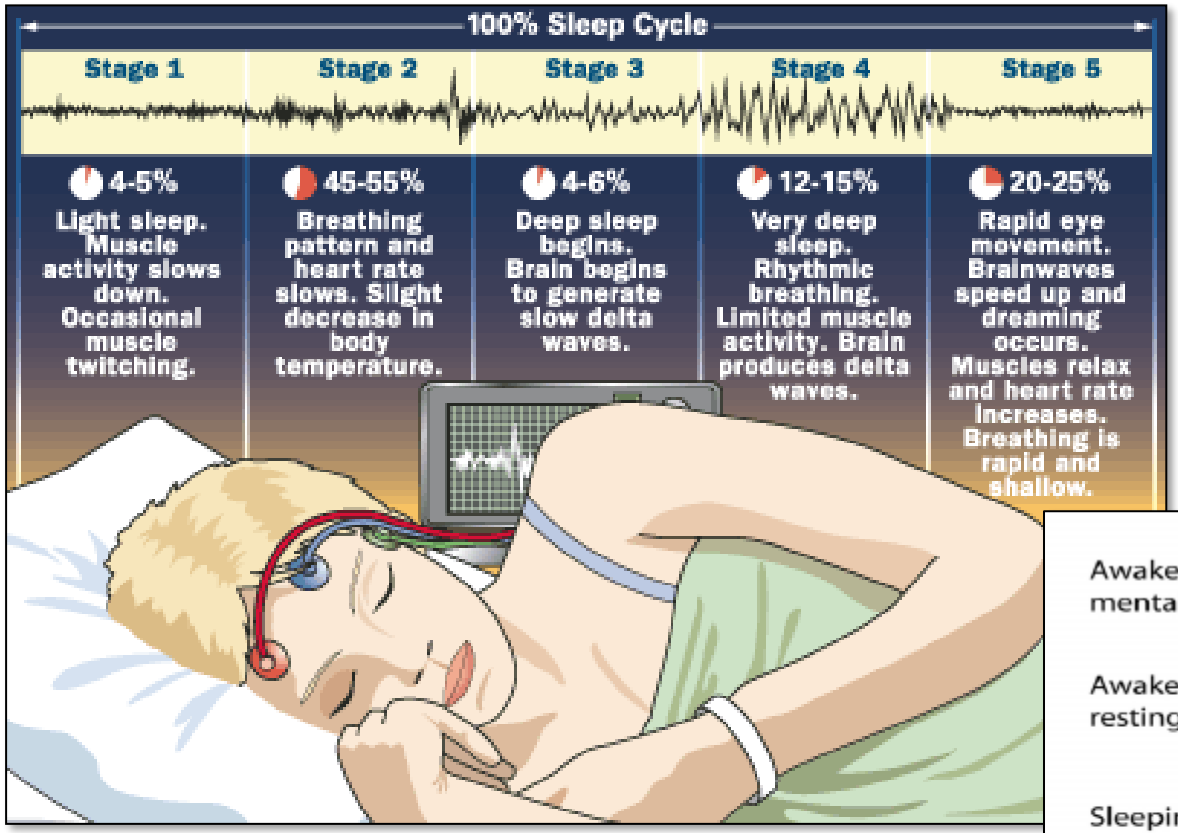

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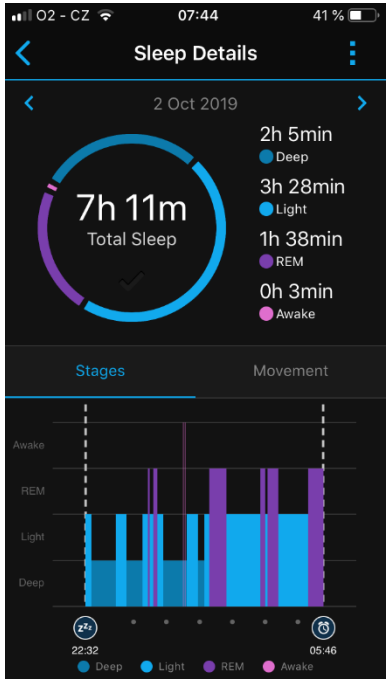

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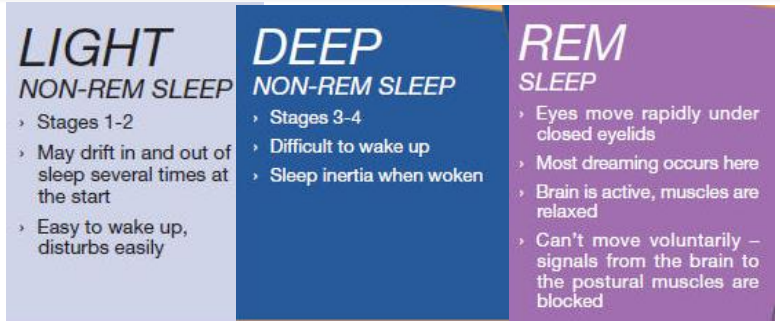

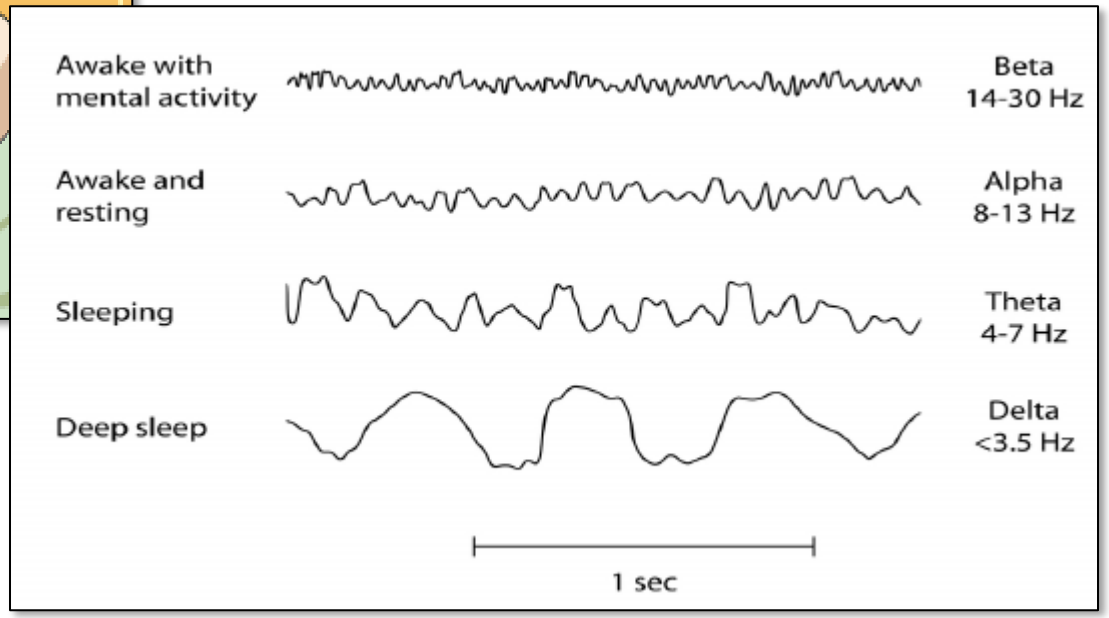

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Brainstem nuclei responsible	Neurotransmitter	Activity state
WAKEFULNESS		
Cholinergic nuclei of pons-midbrain junction	**Acetylcholine**	**Active**
Locus coeruleus	**Norepinephrine**	**Active**
Raphe nuclei	**Serotonin**	**Active**
NON-REM SLEEP		
Cholinergic nuclei of pons-midbrain junction	**Acetylcholine**	**Decreased**
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REM SLEEP ON		
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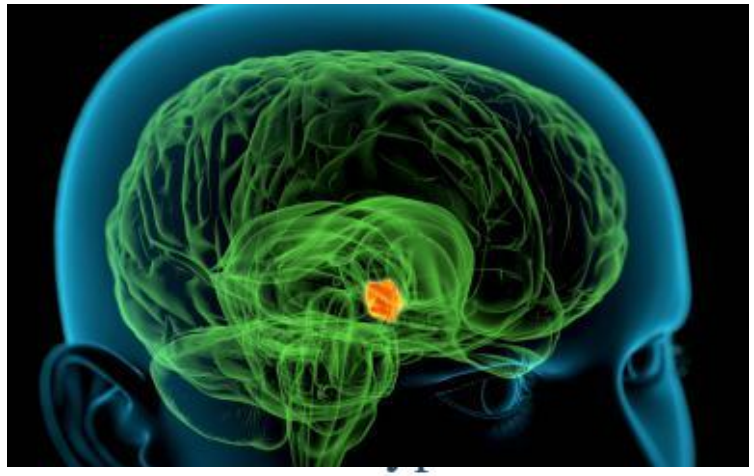

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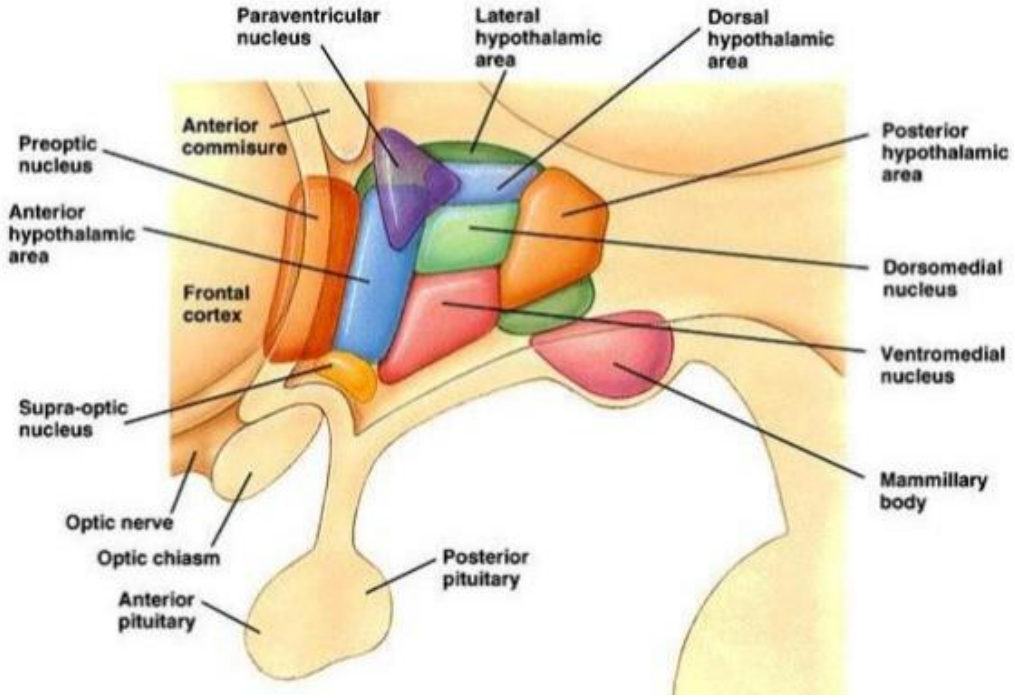

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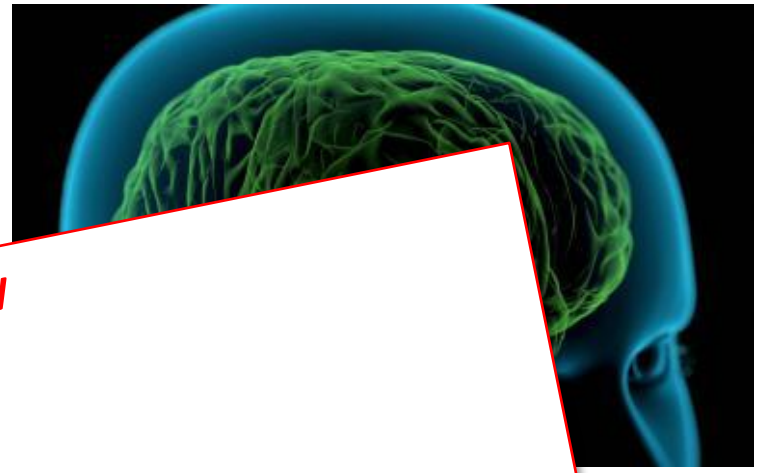

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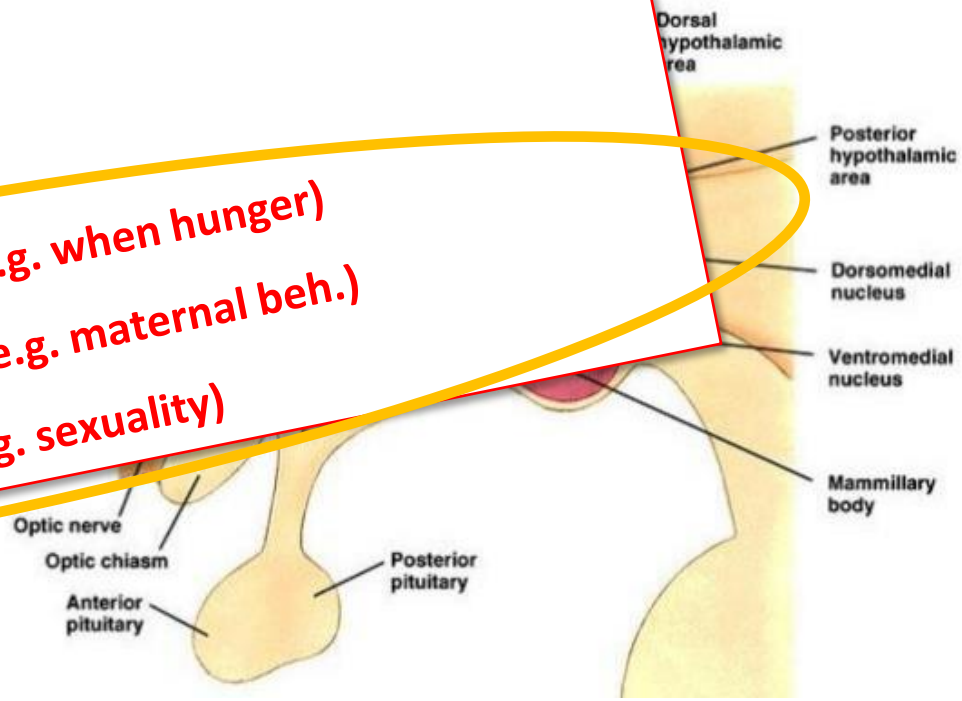

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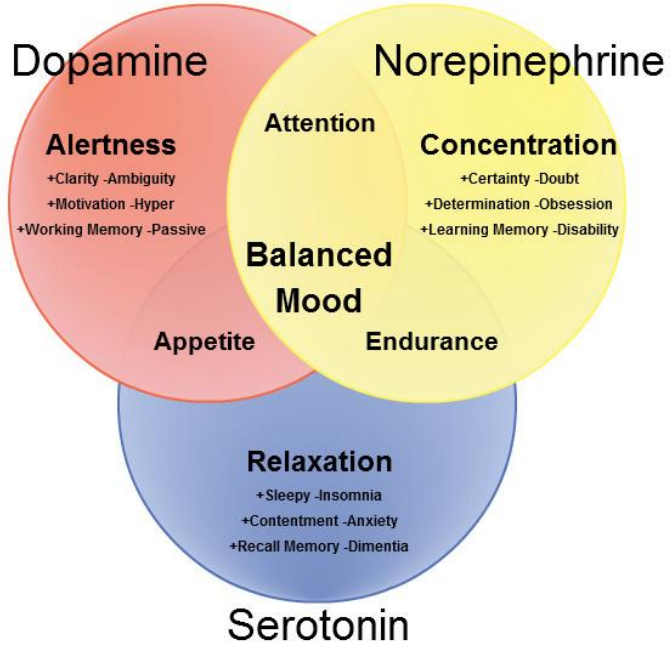
Influence of hypothalamus on neocortex

- Via neuromodulating systems
  - Consciuosness (see above)
  - Mood
- Via thalamus
  - Via nucleus mediodorsalis to orbitofrontal cortex (influence on decision making)
  - Influence gating function of other thalamic nuclei
- Papez circuit



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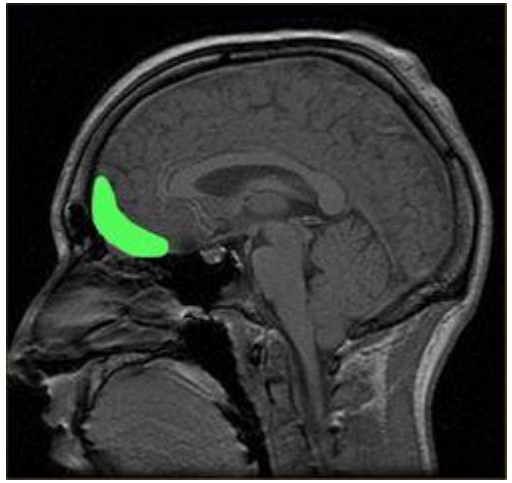
Orbitofrontal cortex



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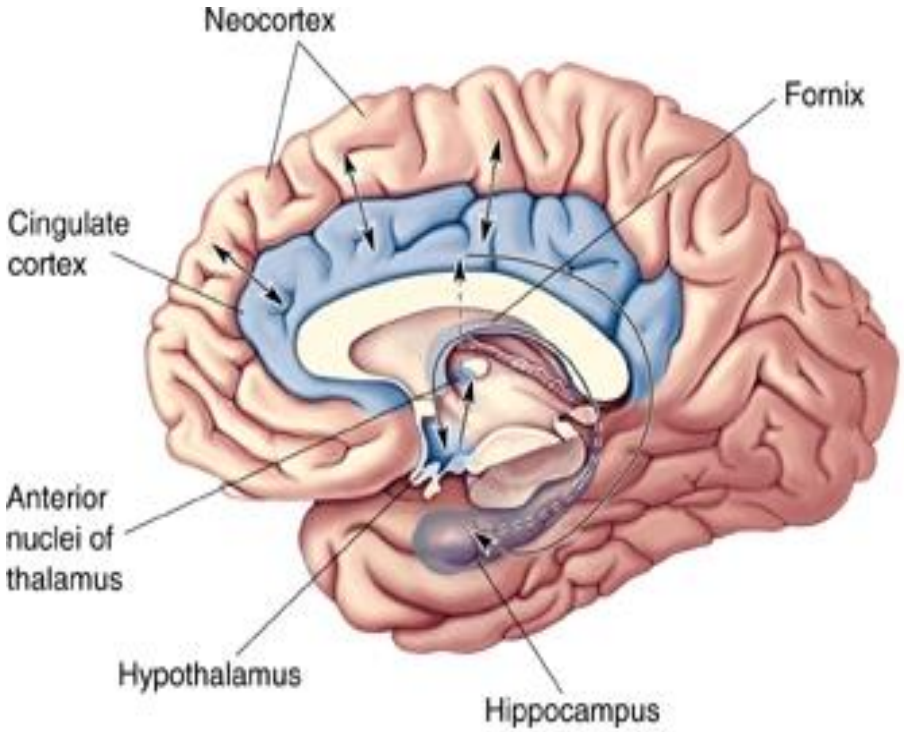

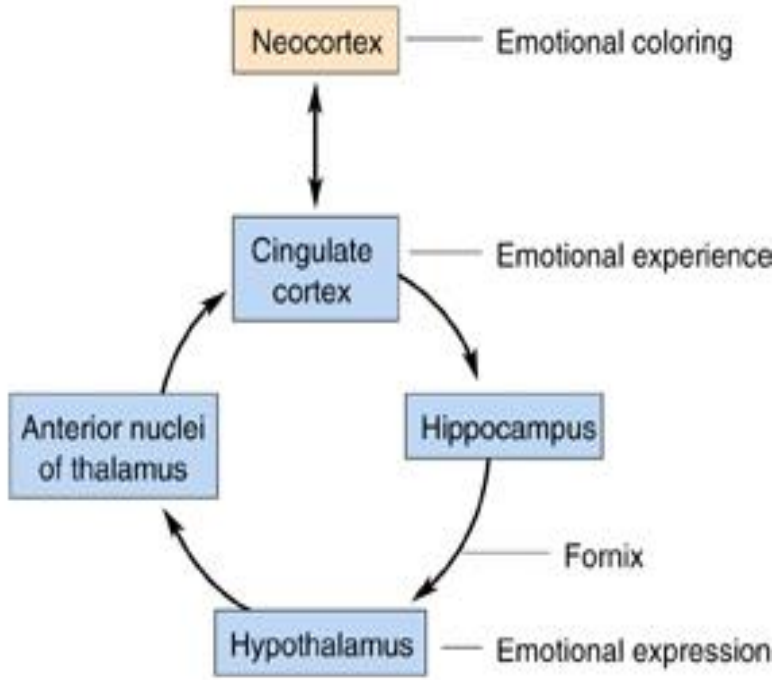

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- ***Suggestion: the ascending axons of this circuit are continuously activating memories of places that lie ahead, in the direction indicated by the current direction of the head.*** Thus, decisions about direction of locomotion are influenced by memories of those places, including their good or bad values.
- ***Axons in the Papez circuit are of more than one type. Only the ones signaling head direction have been characterized.***
- ***What is the hippocampus sending to other parts of the hypothalamus? It may alter motivational levels according to remembered information about locations in the current frame of reference.***

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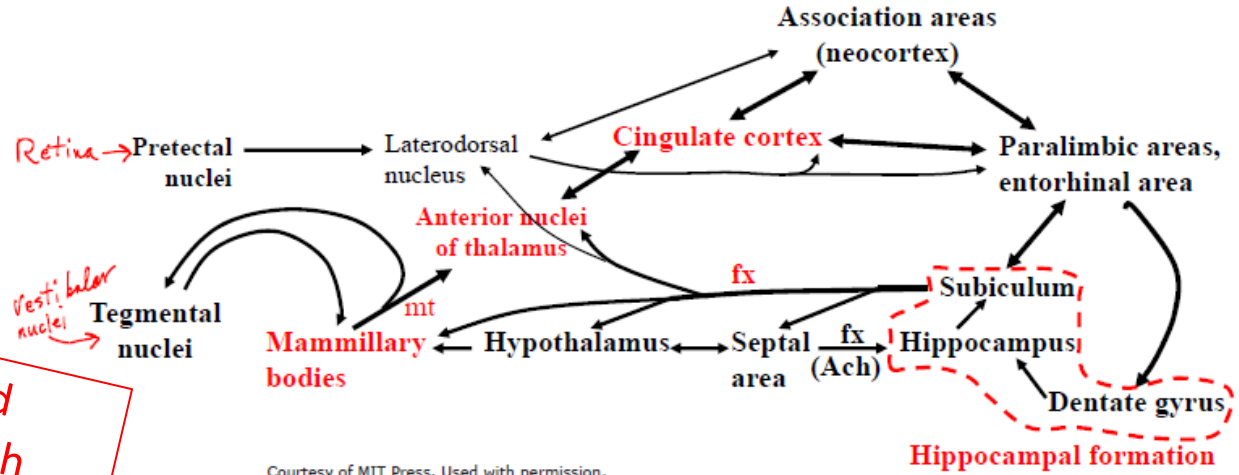

Spatial orientation and emotions associated with particular place

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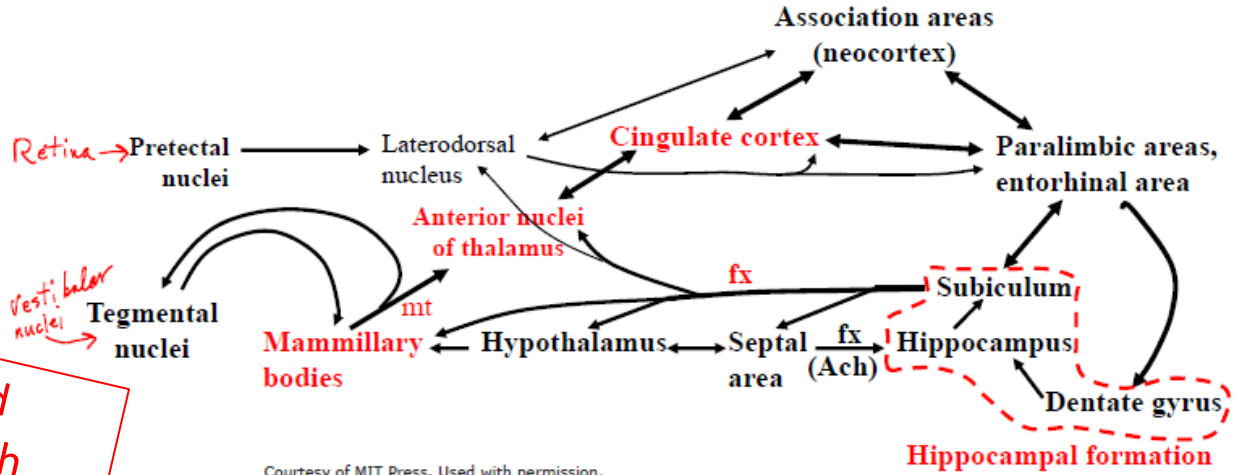

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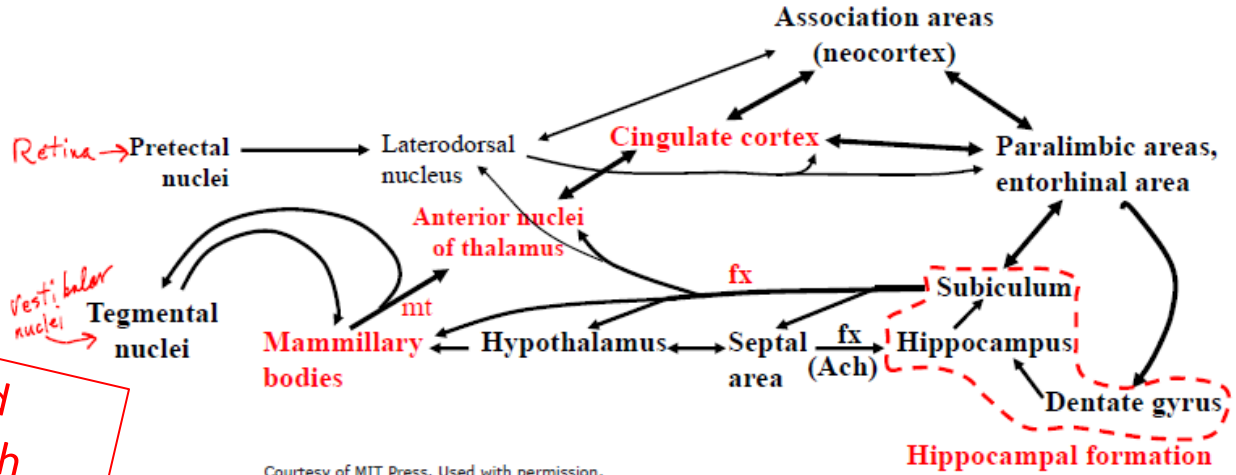

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Working/Short term memory
– „RAM“
Long term memory
– „Hard disk“

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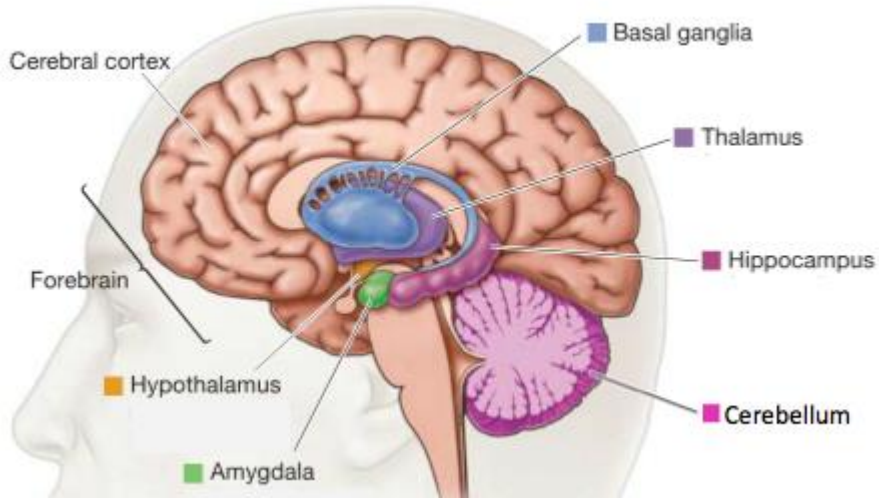

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- „Amygdala hijack“
- „Affective tags“
  - Both possitive and negative
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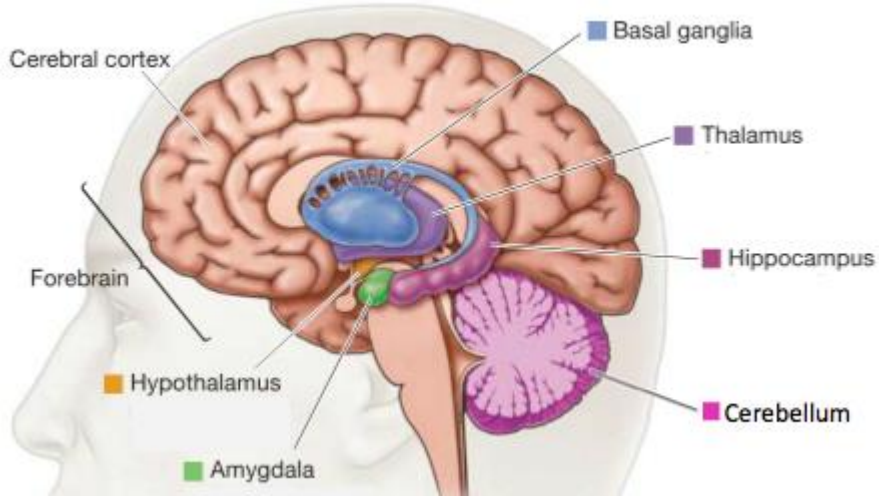

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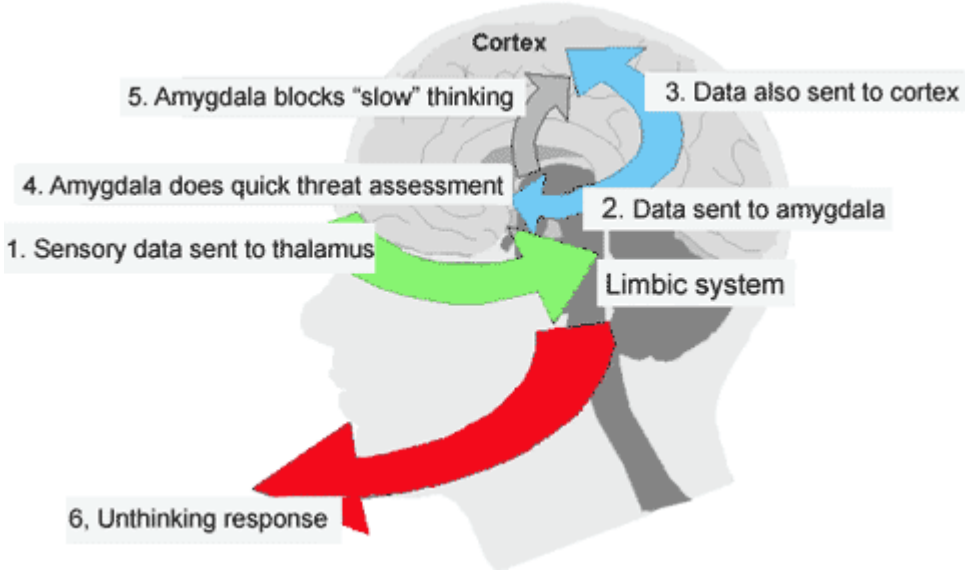

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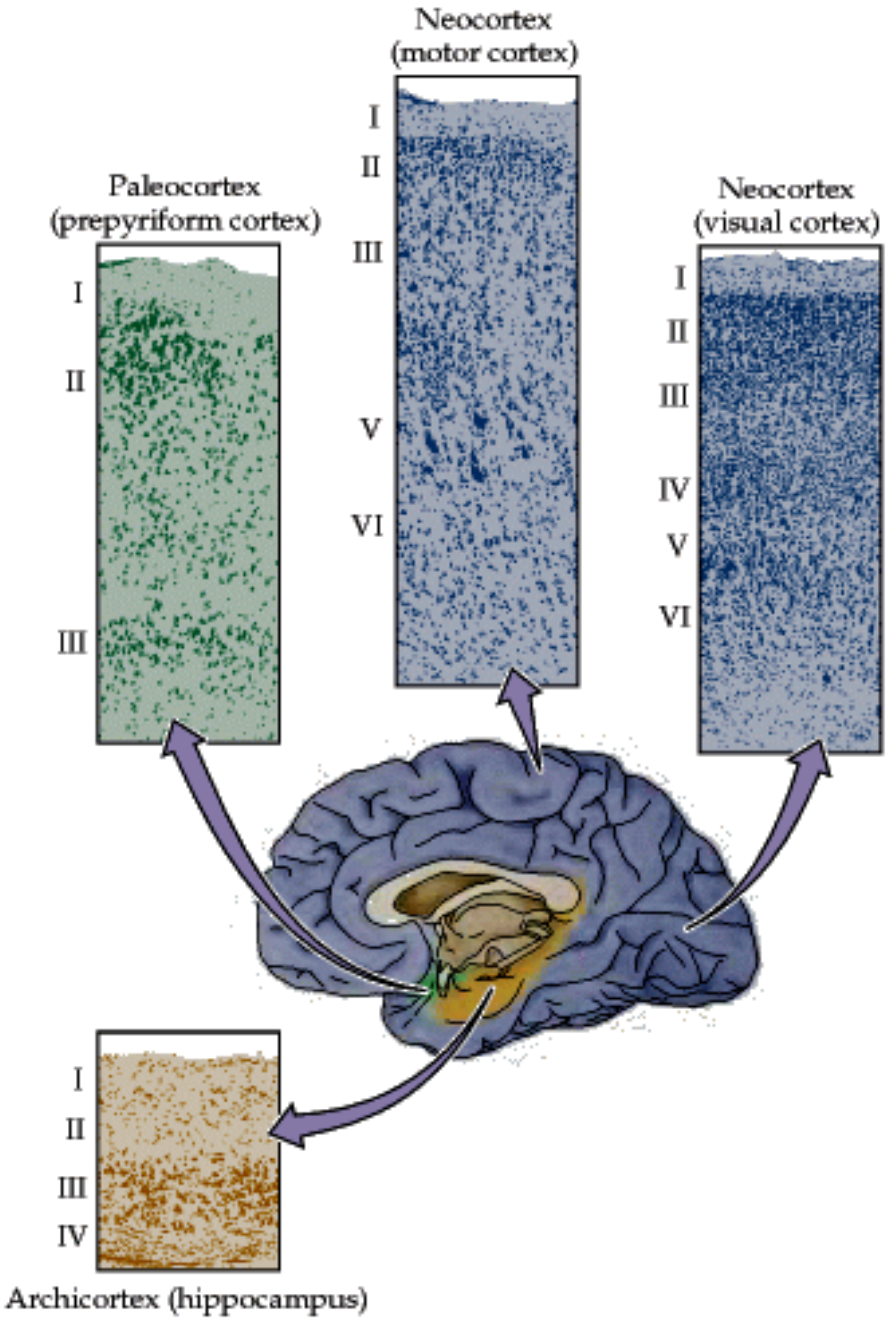
Neocortex

Cerebral cortex

- Paleocortex (1%)
  - 3 layers
  - rhinencephalon
- Archicortex (4%)
  - 3-4 layers
  - hippocampus
- Neocortex
  - 6 layers



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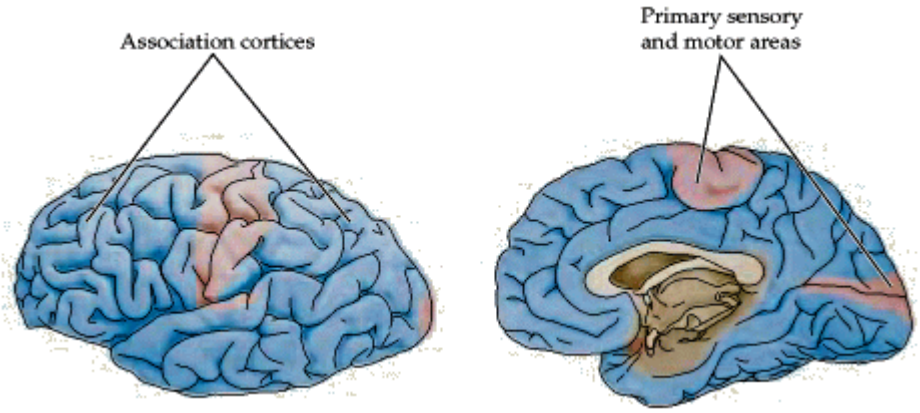


Primary areas

✓Somathotopic organization

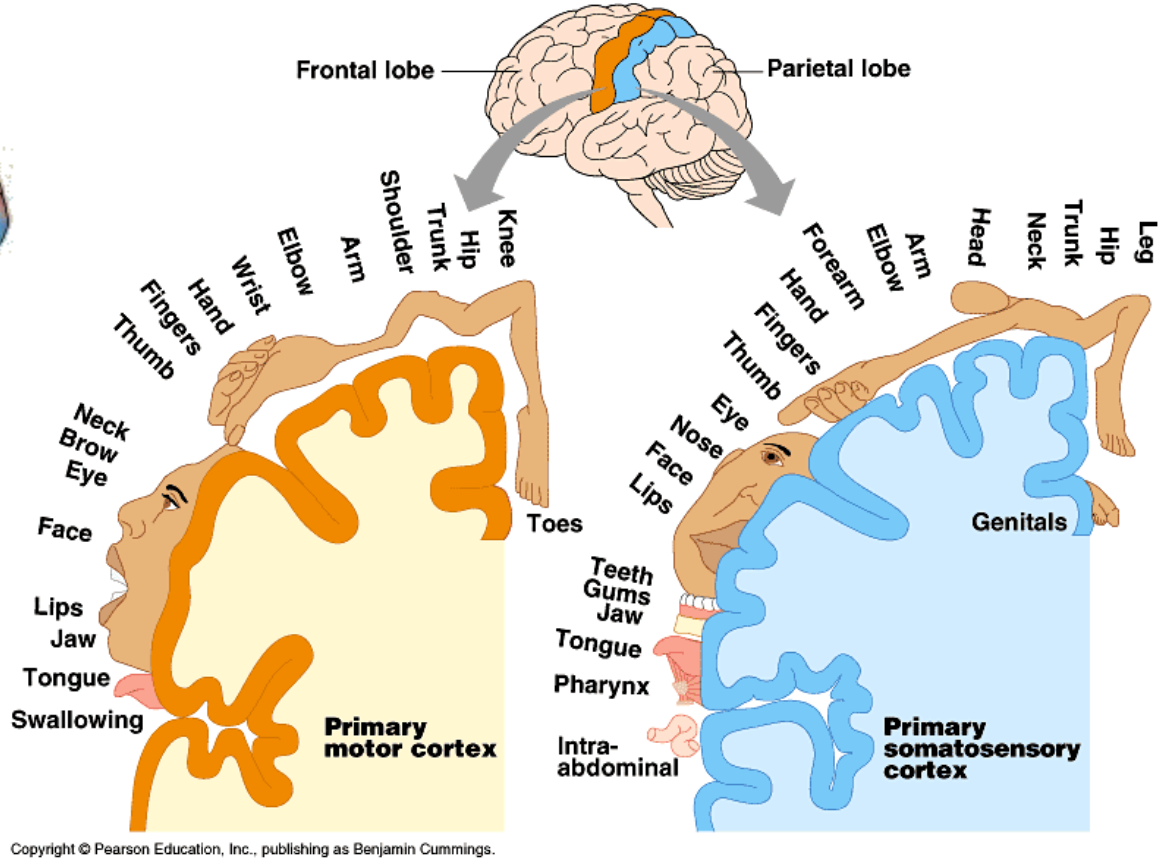
Association areas

✓No somathotopic organization

✓Unimodal

✓Polymodal

✓Association areas are thought to be the anatomical substrates of the highest brain functions—conscious thought, perception, and goal-directed action



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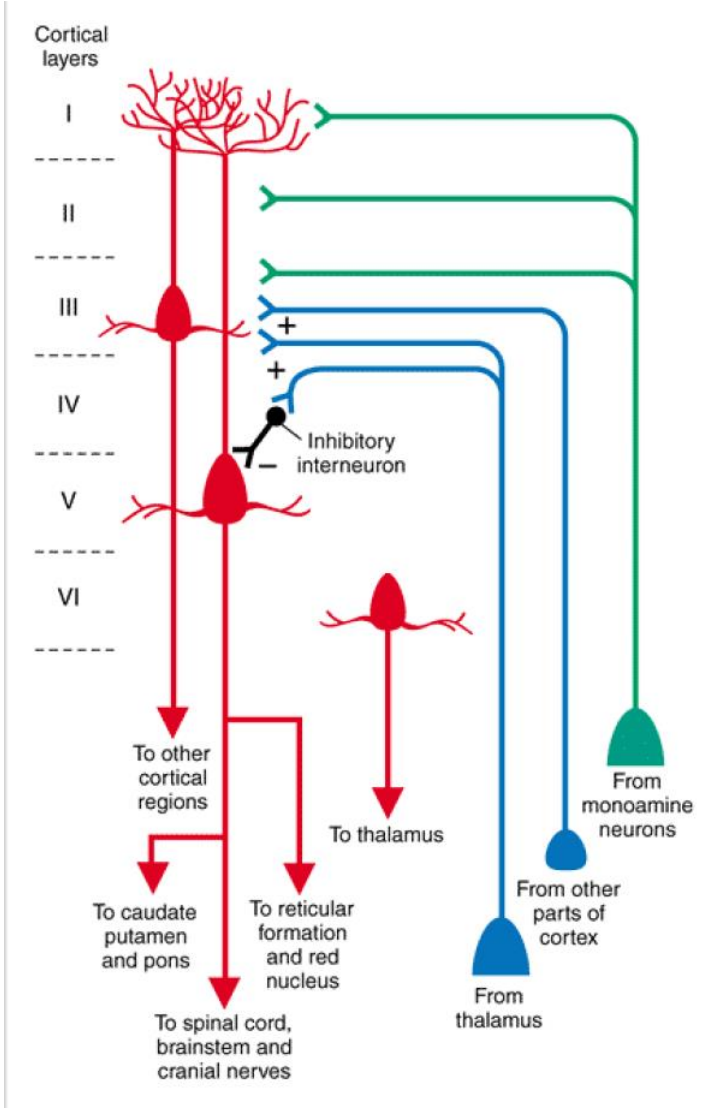
Organization of neocortex

- Specific inputs/outputs to/from each layer
- Vertical and horizontal connections in each layer
- Each layer usually contains cells with similar functions

- Local differences in cytoarchitecture were used by Brodmann for construction of the map of brain areas



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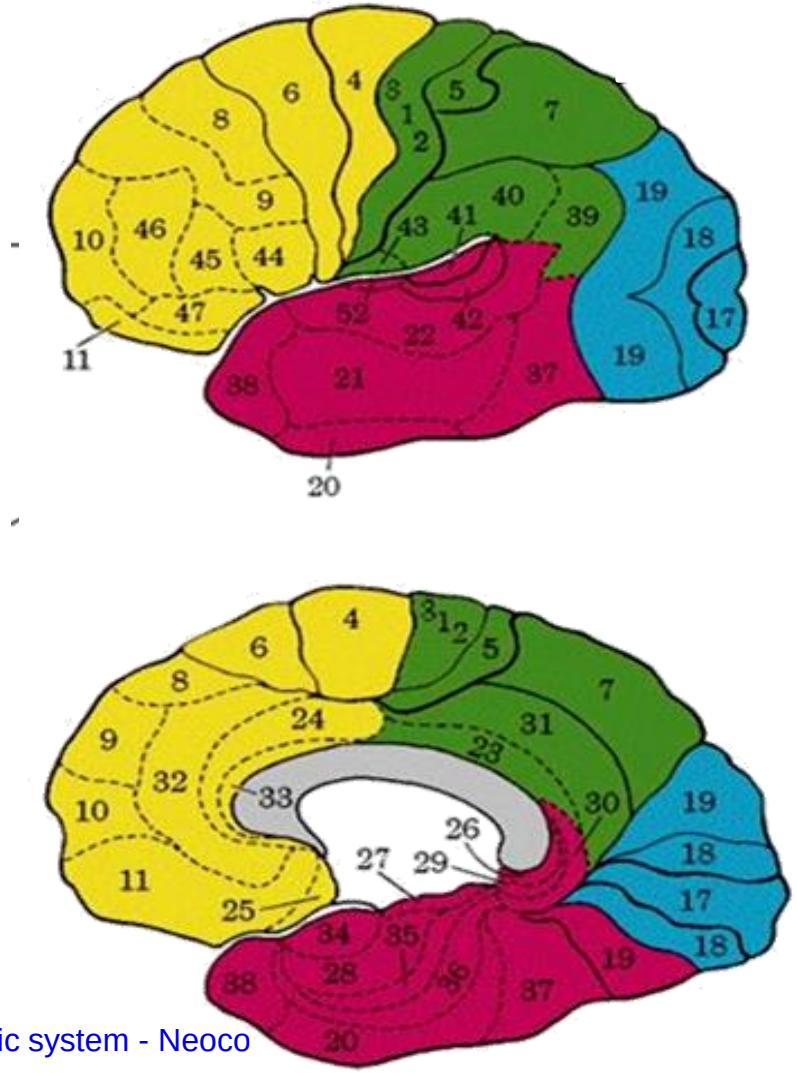
Brodman areas



Broadman's #	NAME	FUNCTION
17	Occipital Lobe	Visual Projection Cortex
18		Visual Association Cortex
19	Posterior Parietal Lobe	Visual Association Cortex
37	Tempero-parietal-occipital area	General Sensory Association Cortex
39	Angular Gyrus	Word Recognition
40	Supramarginal Lobe	Somatosensory Association Cortex
1,2,3	Postcentral Gyrus	Somatosensory Projection Cortex
5, 7	Superior Parietal Lobule	General Sensory Association Cortex
41, 42	Middle 1/3 of Superior Temporal Cortex	Auditory Projection Cortex
22	Superior Temporal Gyrus	Auditory Association Cortex
21, 20, 38	Inferior Temporal Cortex	General Sensory Association Cortex
4	Precentral Gyrus	Primary Motor Cortex
1,2,3	Postcentral Gyrus	Somatosensory Projection Cortex
6,8,9	Premotor Cortex	Motor Association Cortex
41, 42	Middle 1/3 of Superior Temporal Cortex	Auditory Projection Cortex
44,45,46	Broca's Area	Motor Association Cortex - Specific to speech
10	Preftontal Cortex	General Motor Association Cortex
11	Orbital Gyri	General Motor Association Cortex

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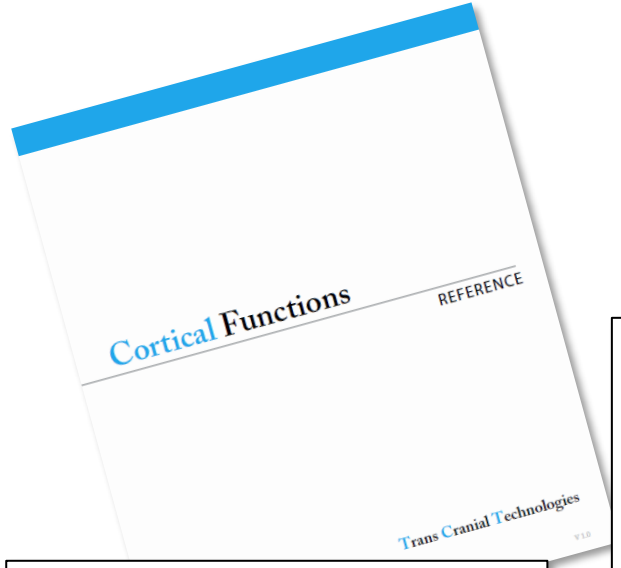

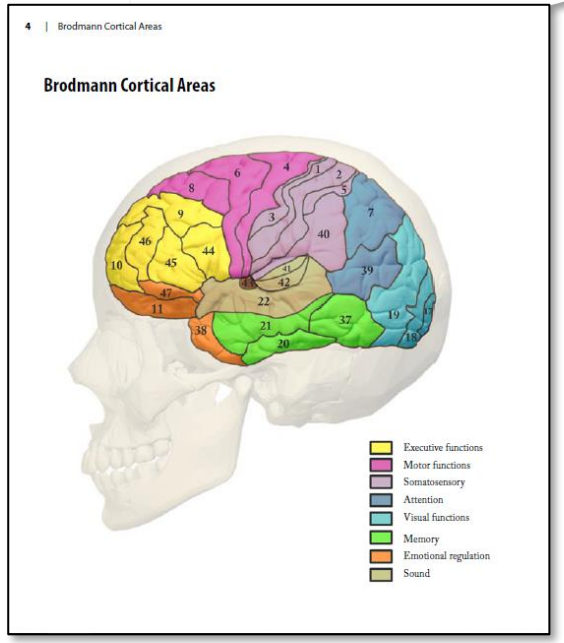

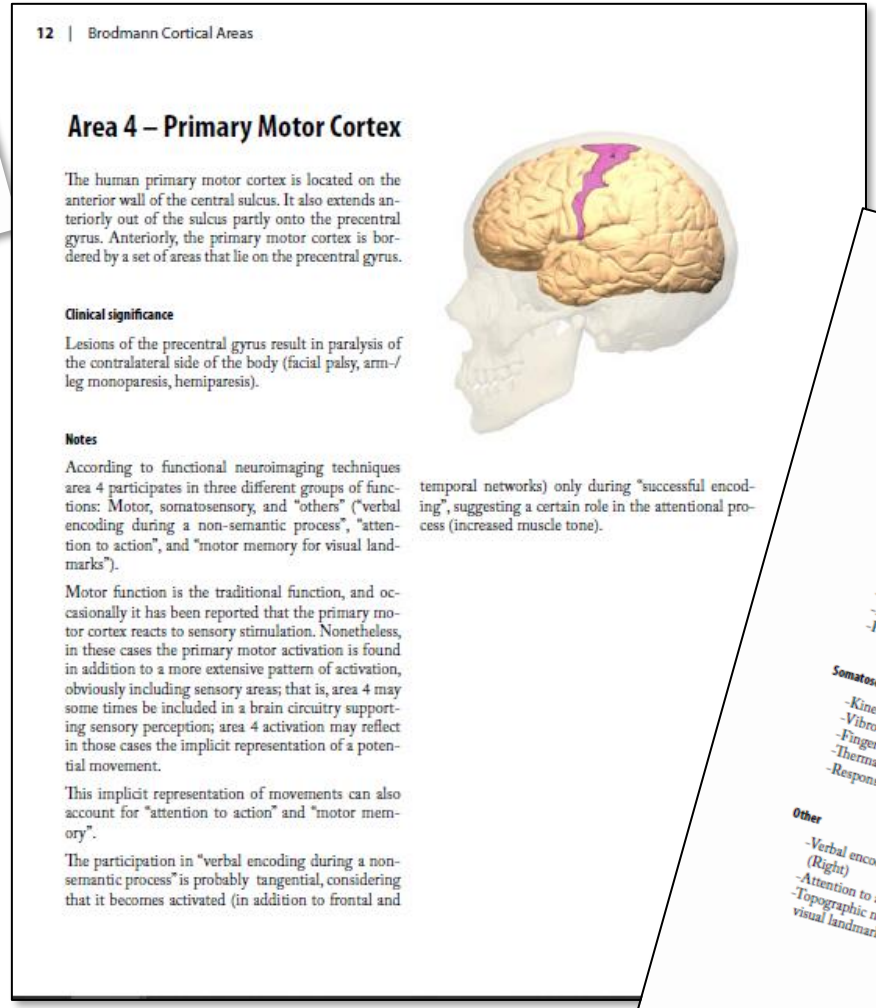

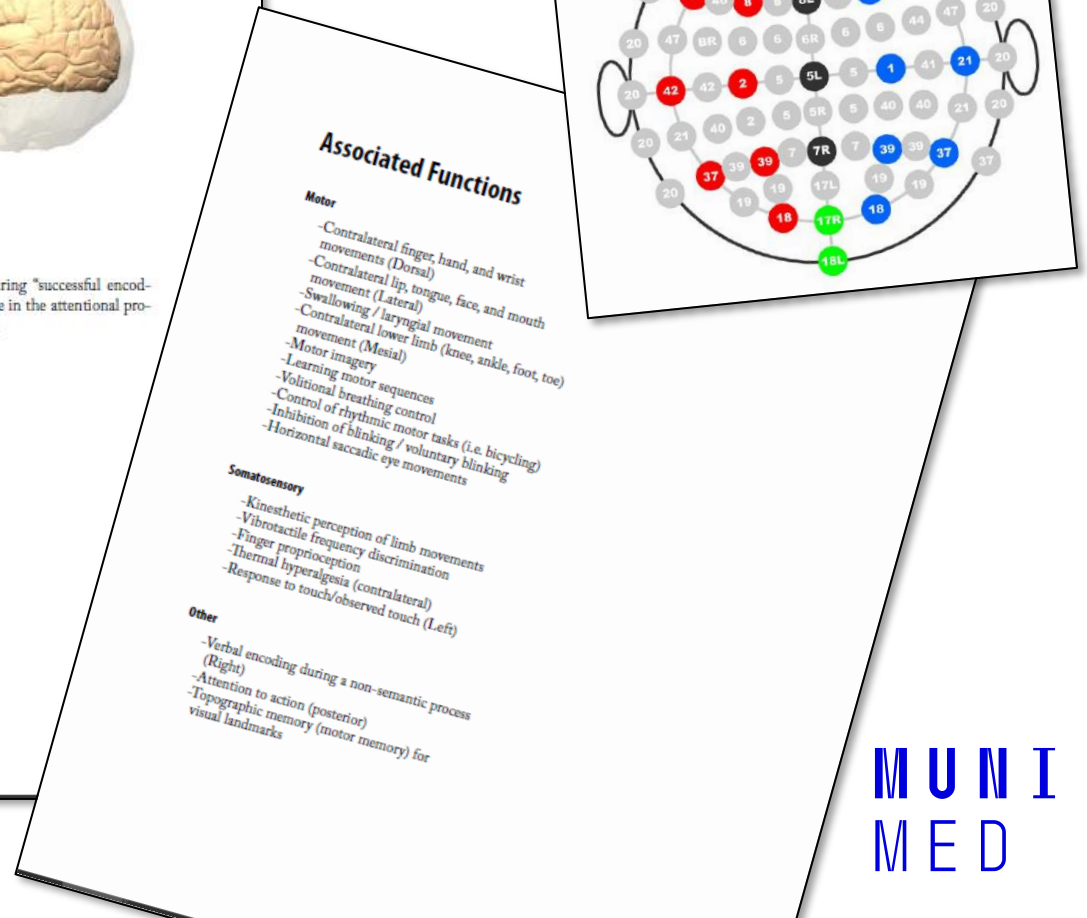

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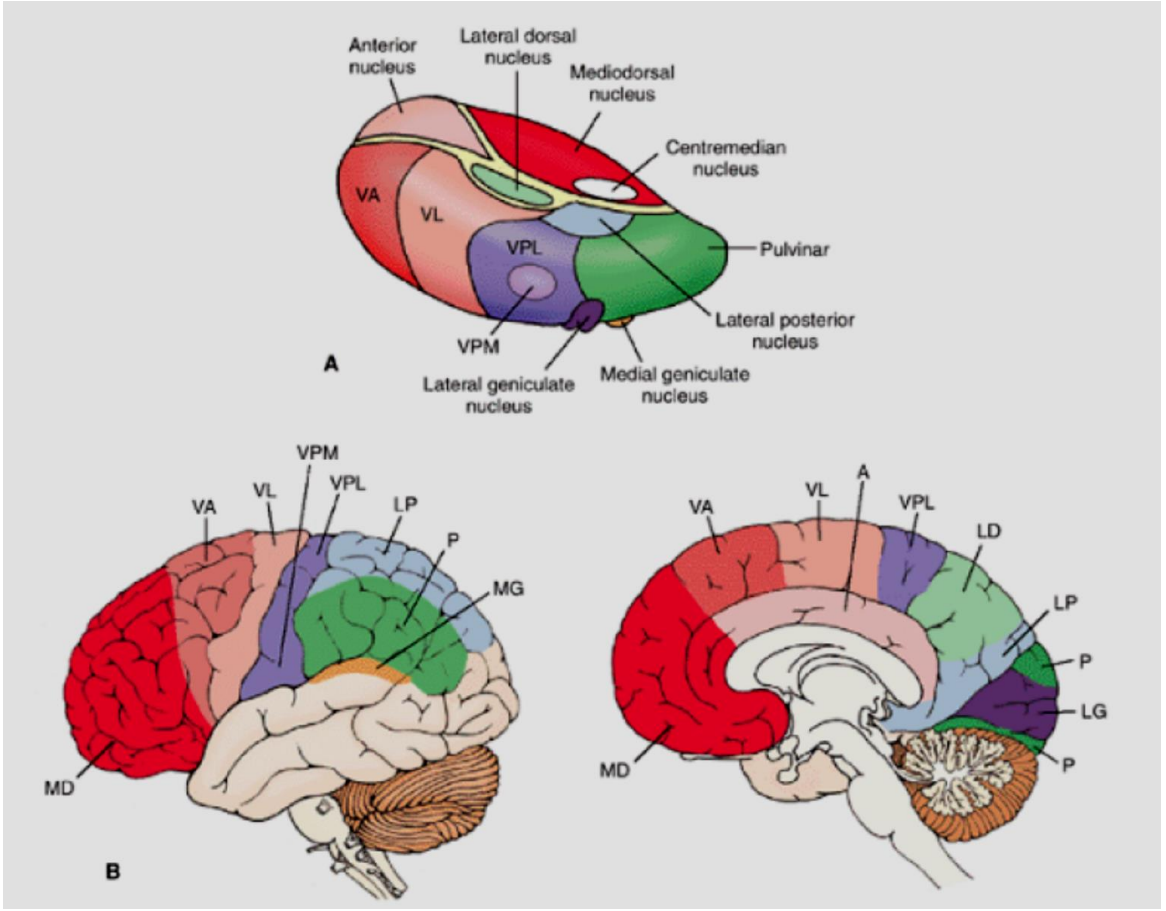
Cerebral cortex and thalamus

- Close cooperation between cerebral cortex and thalamus
- Bilateral connections
- Almost all sensory information reaching cerebral cortex is gated by thalamus
- Exception - olfaction



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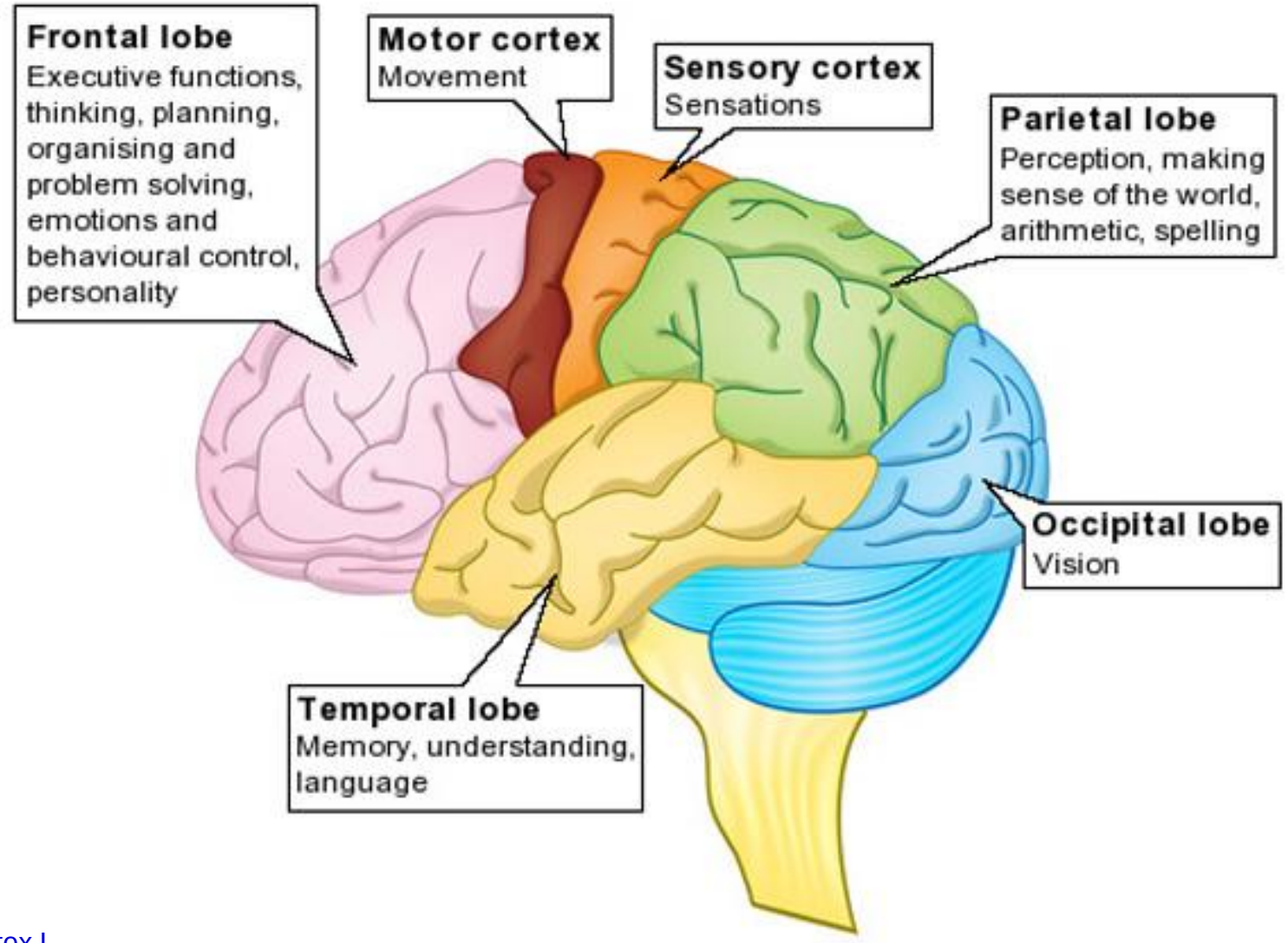
Cortical functions



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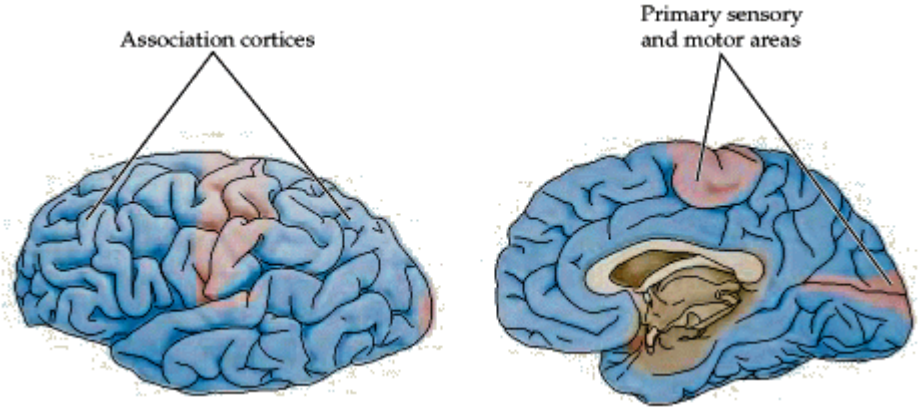
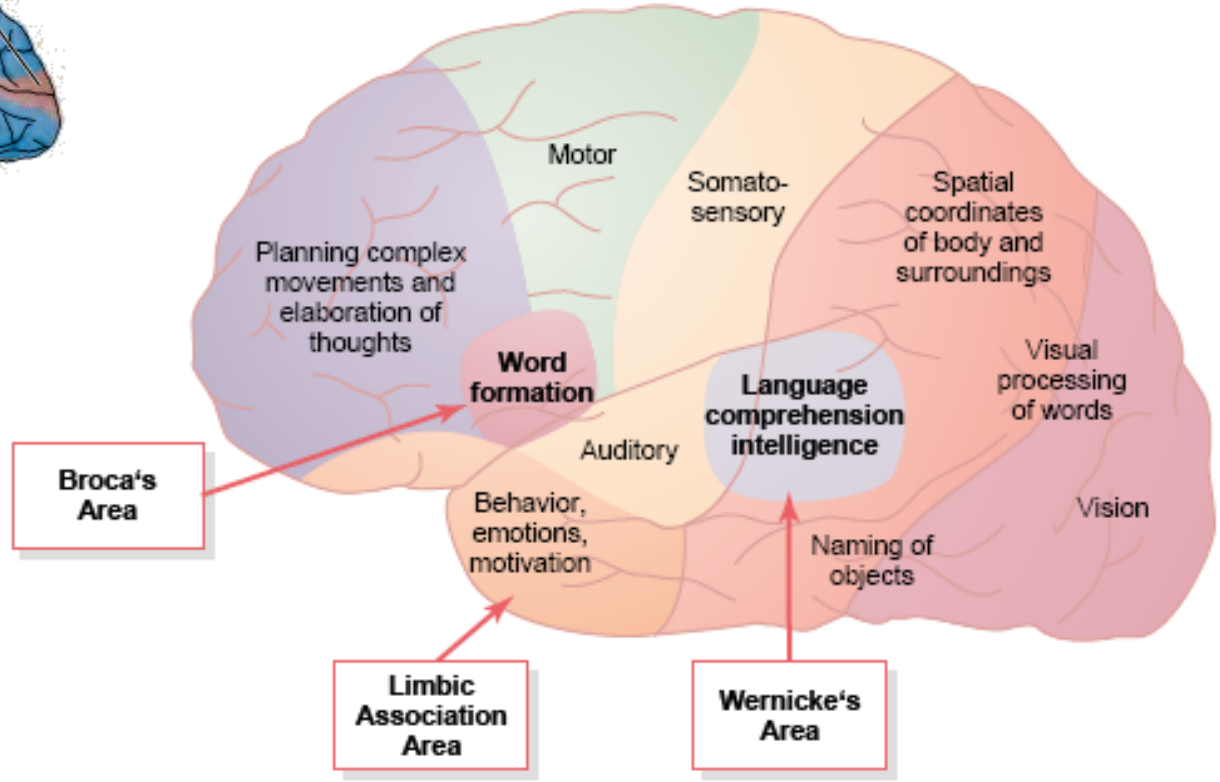
Association areas



- Neither receptive
- Nor effector

- Integrative function

- Limbic
- Parieto-occipito-temporal
- Frontal



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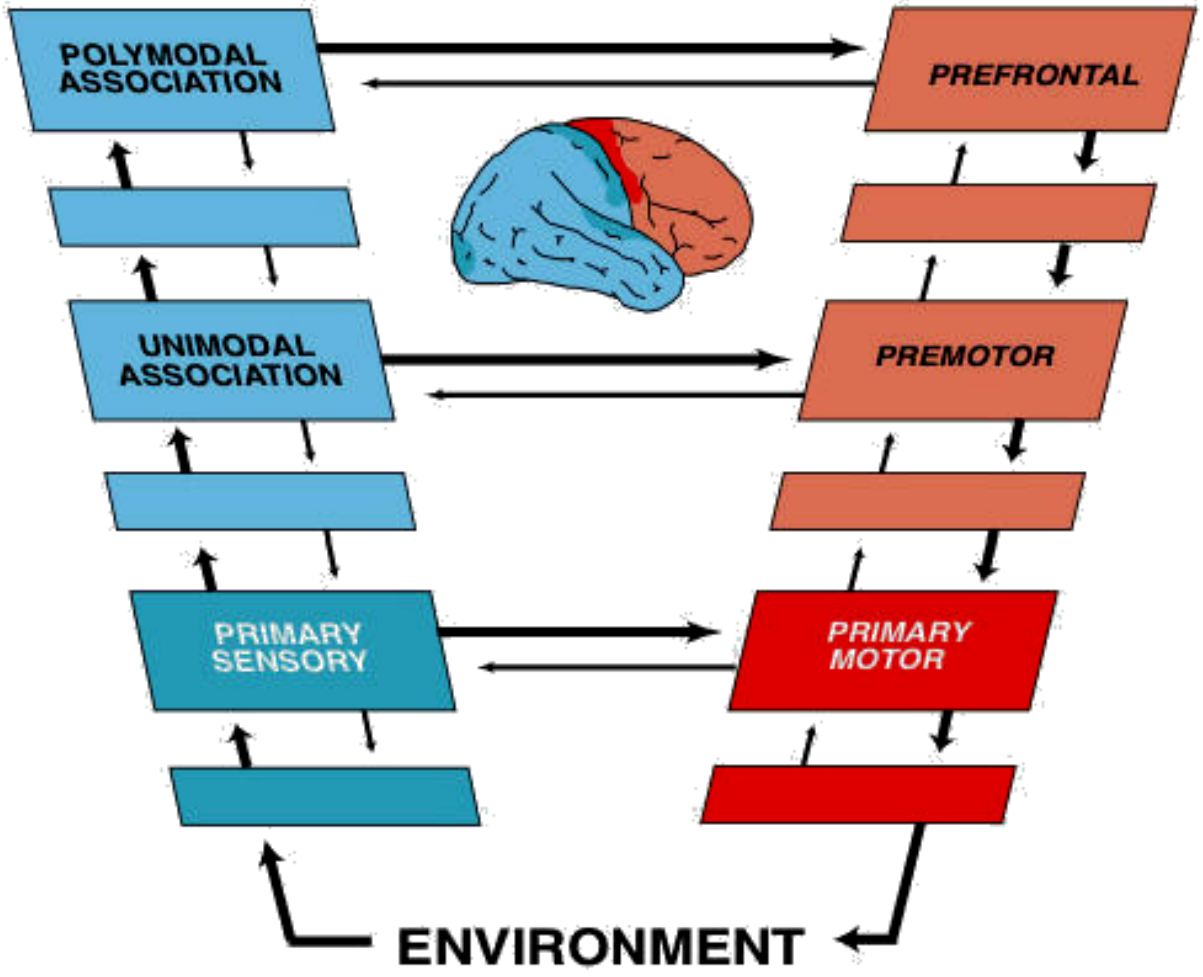
Signal processing algorithm



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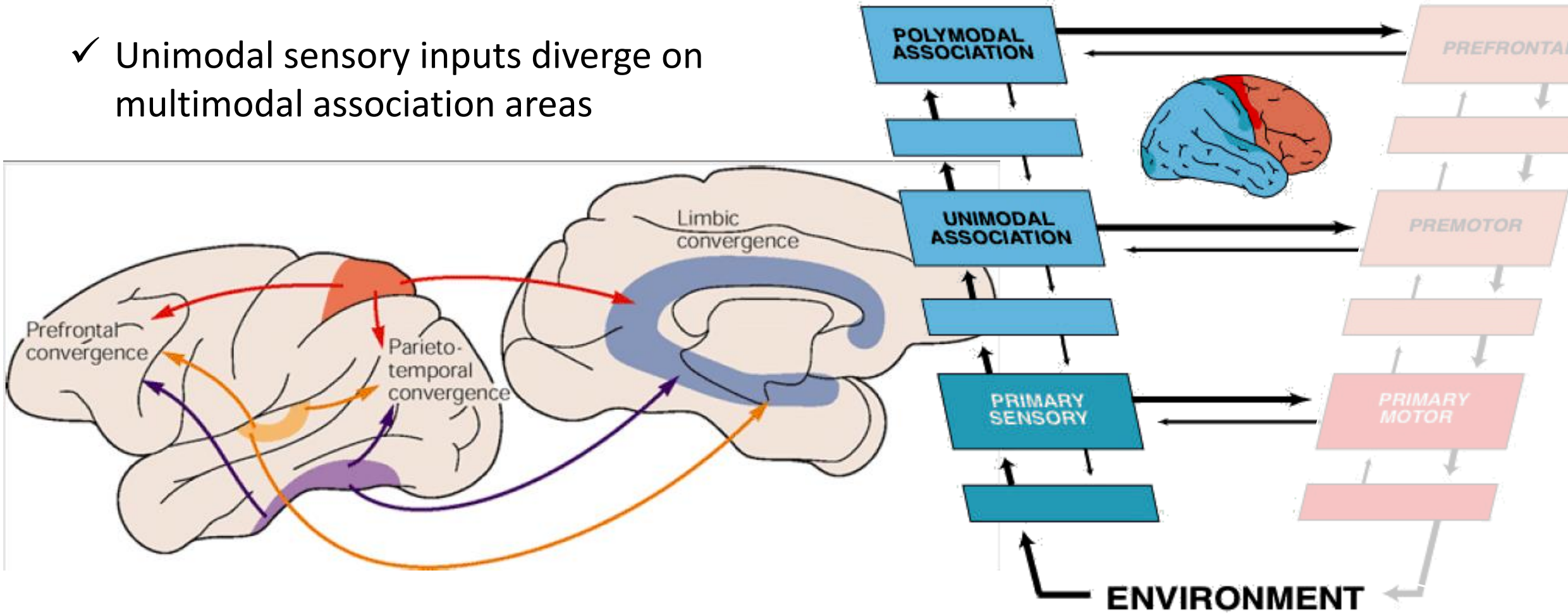
Aferentation

- ✓ Unimodal sensory inputs diverge on multimodal association areas



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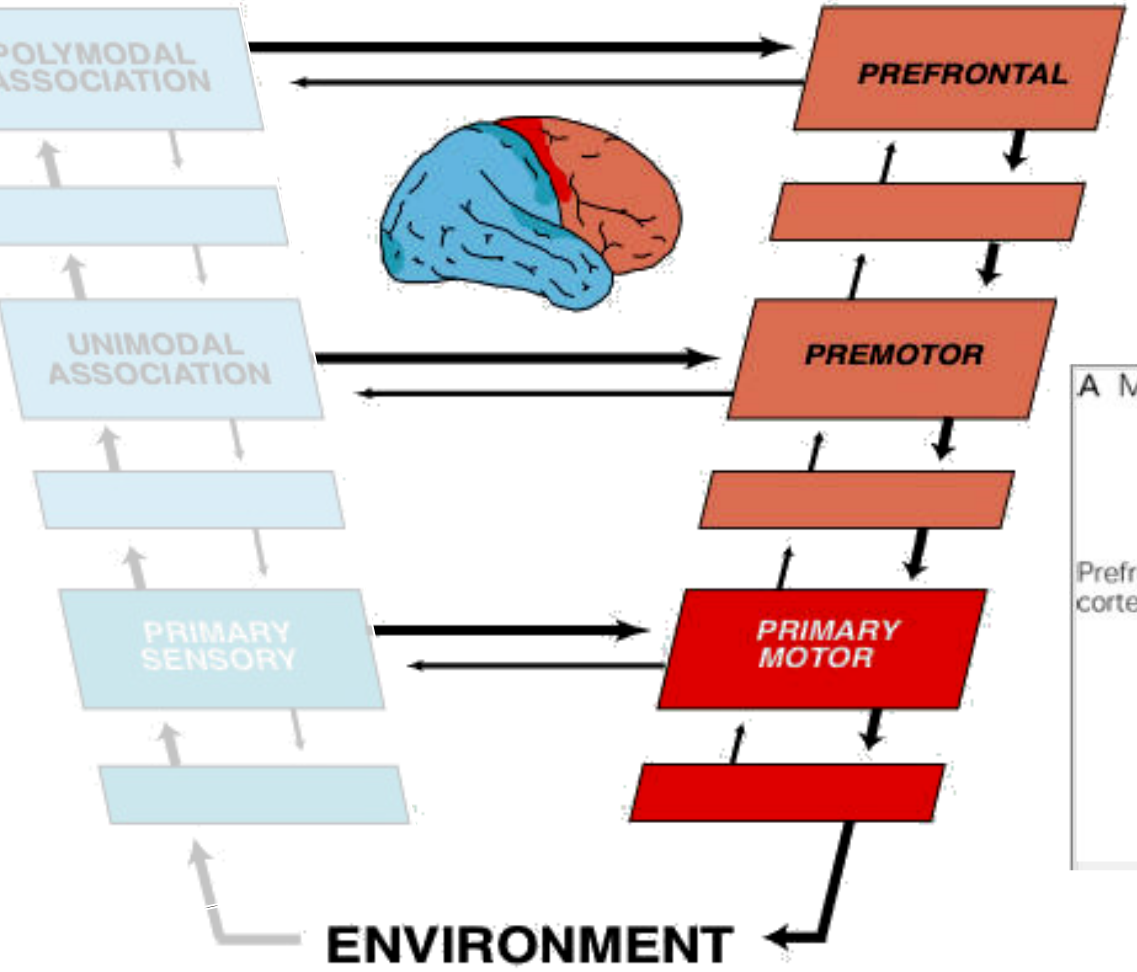
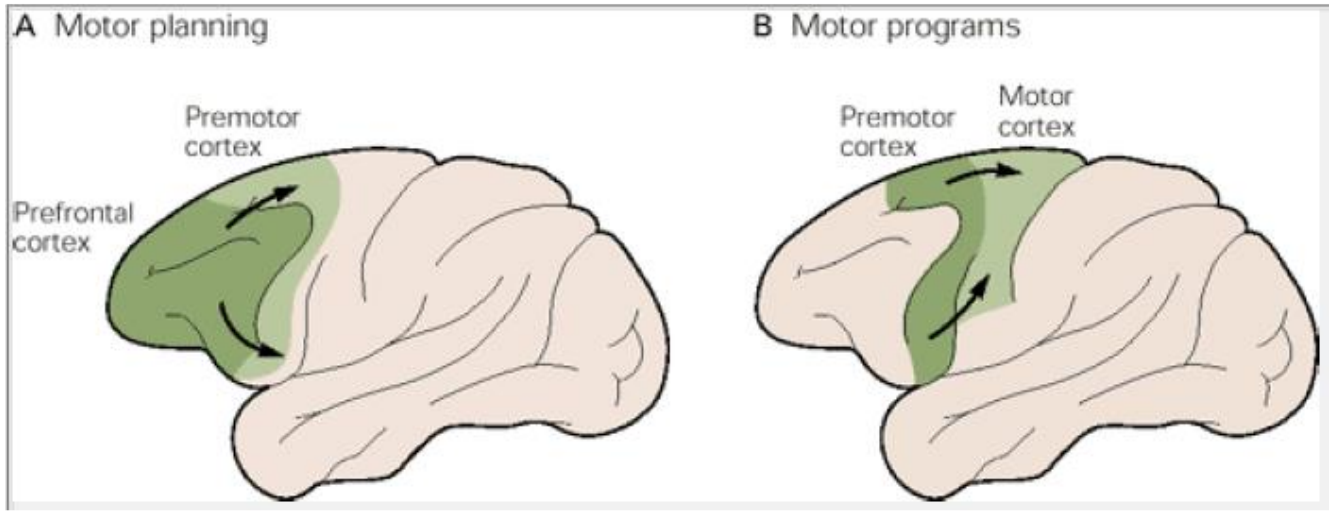


- ✓ The Sequence of Information processing Is Reversed in the Motor System



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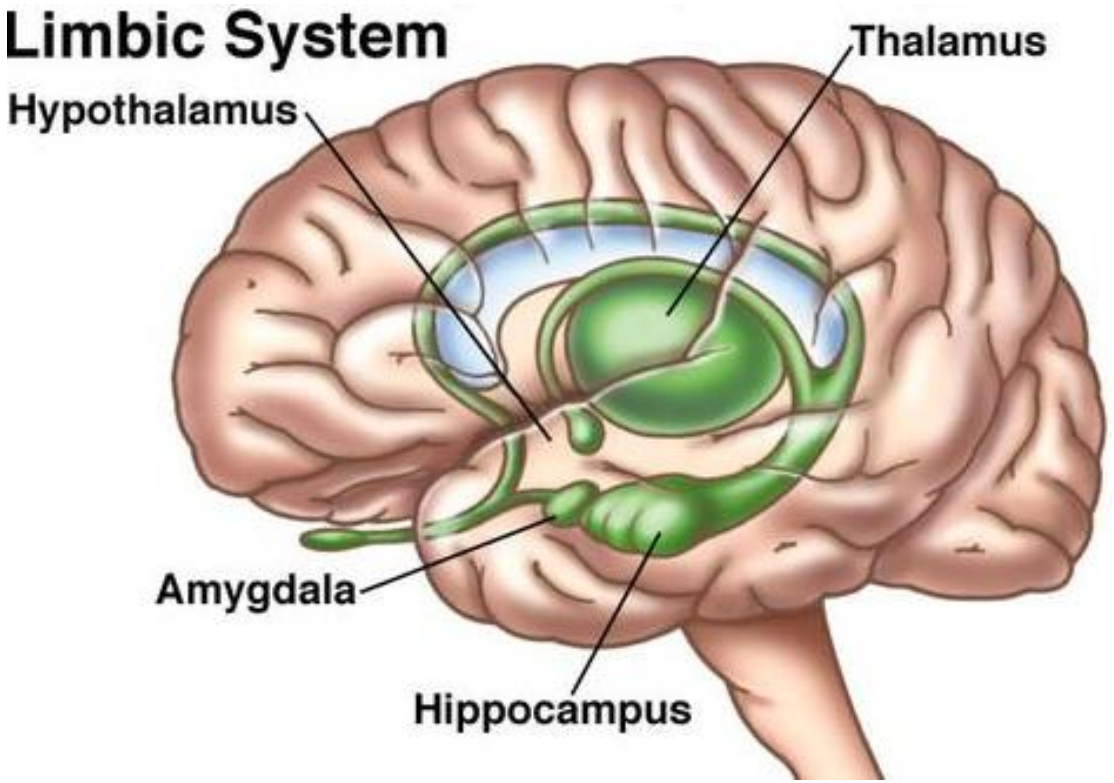
Limbic association area

- Integration of information from inner and outer environment

- Hypothalamus

- Emotions
- Motivation
- Instinct behavior



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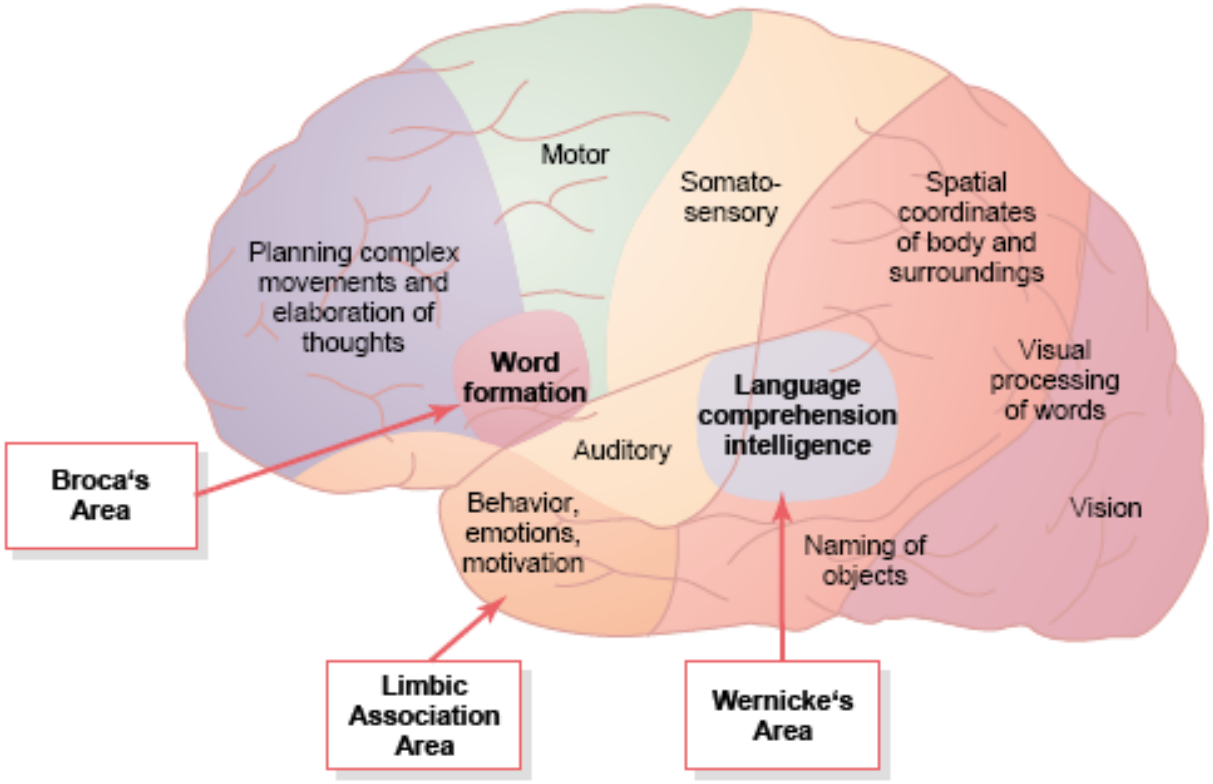
Parieto-occipito-temporal association area

- Linkage and interpretation of information from several sensory modalities

- Visual – acoustic – sensory analysis
- Object recognition and categorization
- Language comprehension
- Attention



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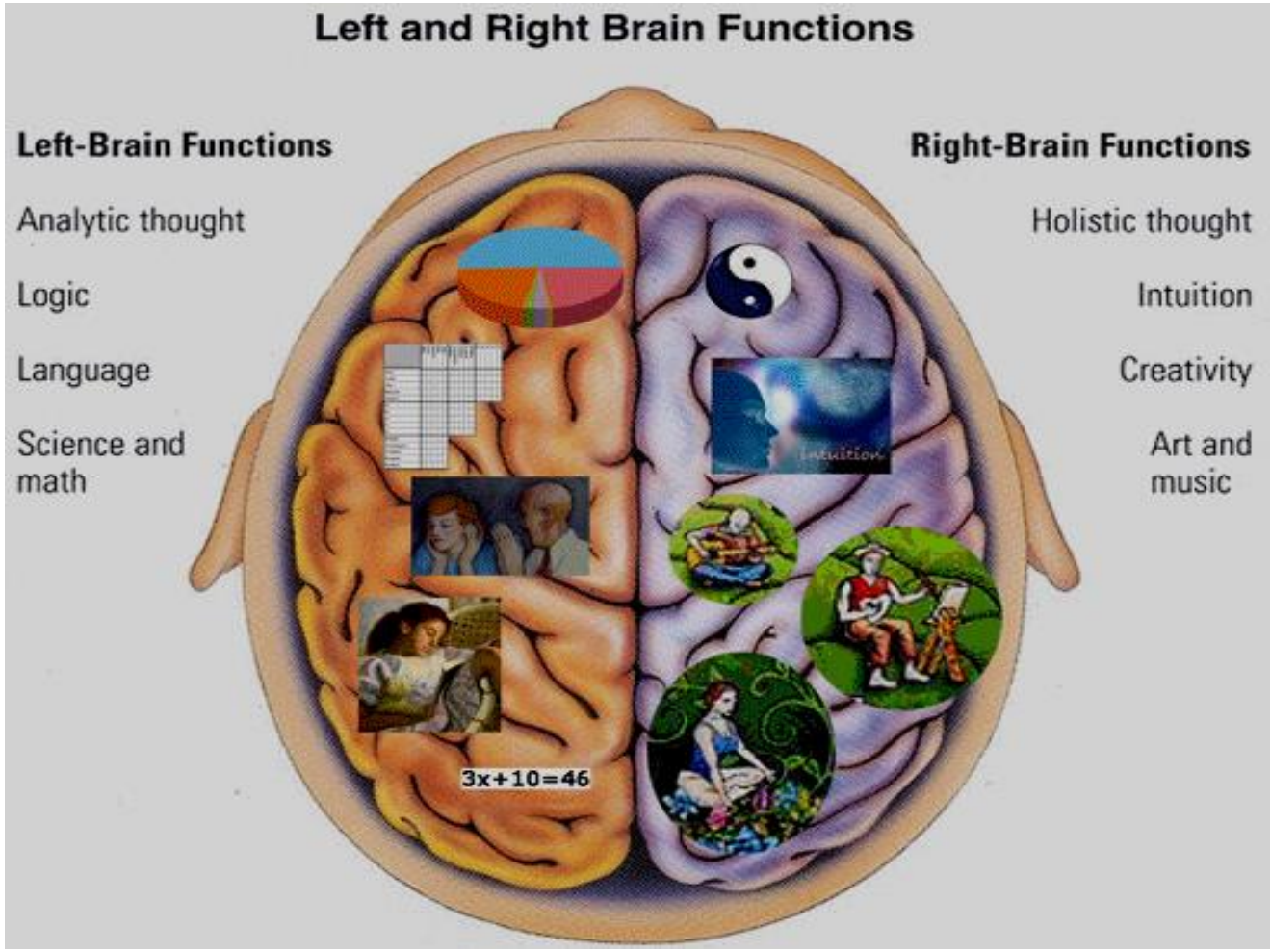

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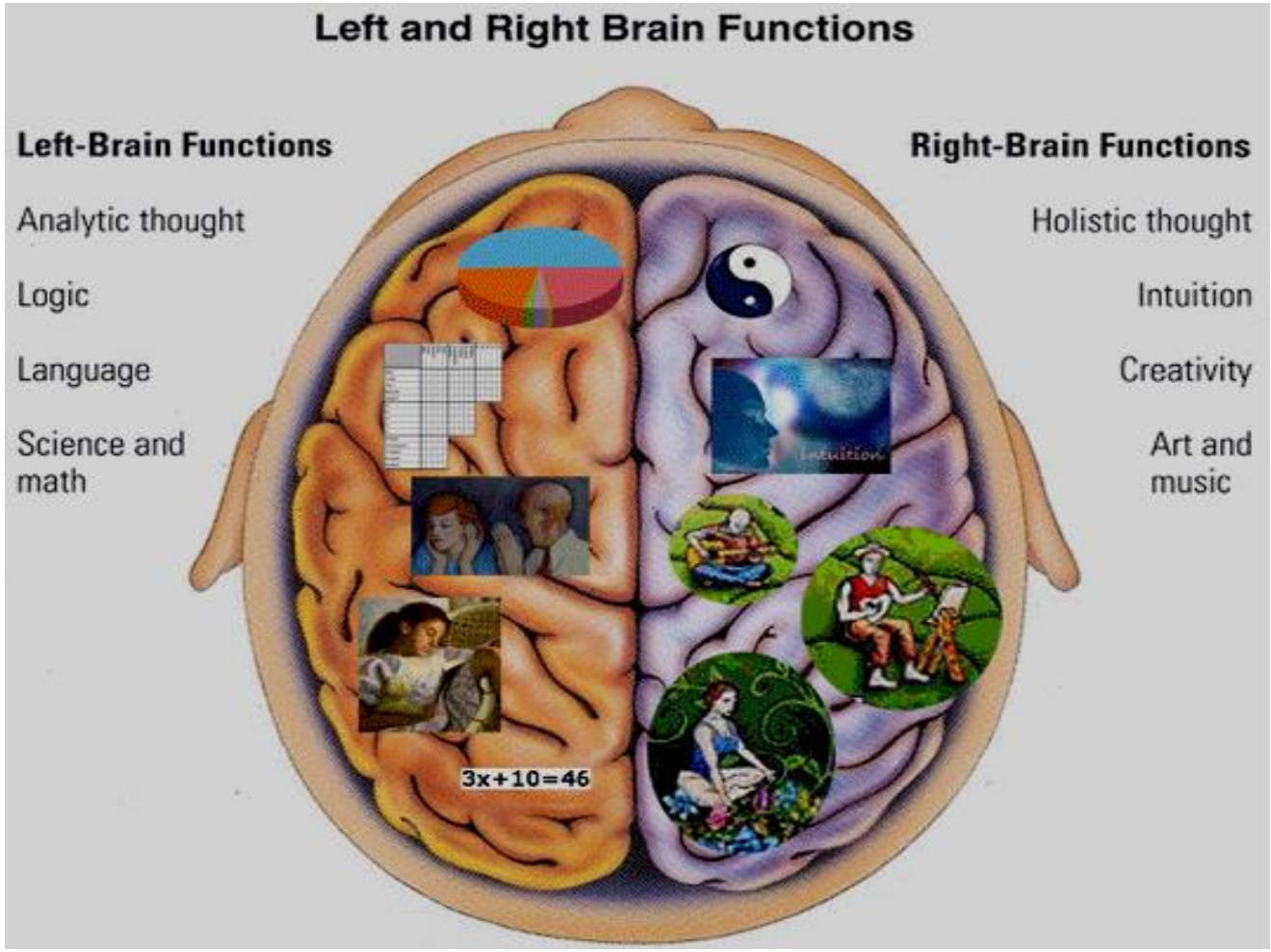
Aphasia

Acalculia

Tactile agnosia

Conceptual apraxia

Ideomotor apraxia



Orientation disorders

Constructional apraxia

Anosognosia

Neglect syndrome

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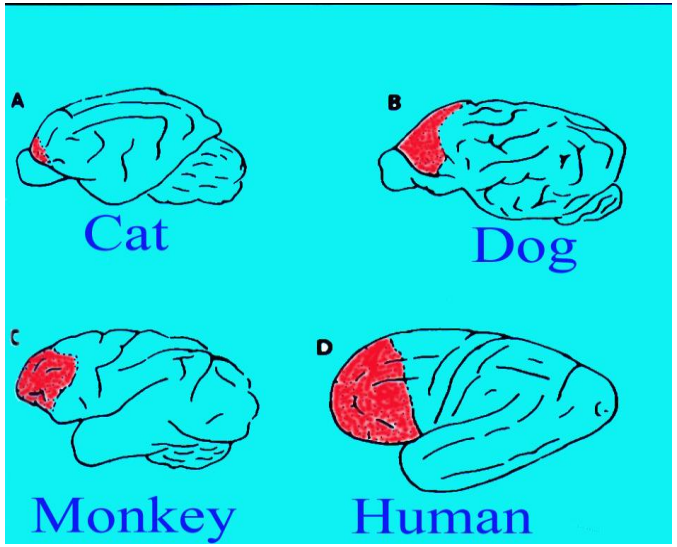
Frontal association area

- Executive function
  - Motor / behavioral
  - Cognitive

- Mostly developed in human



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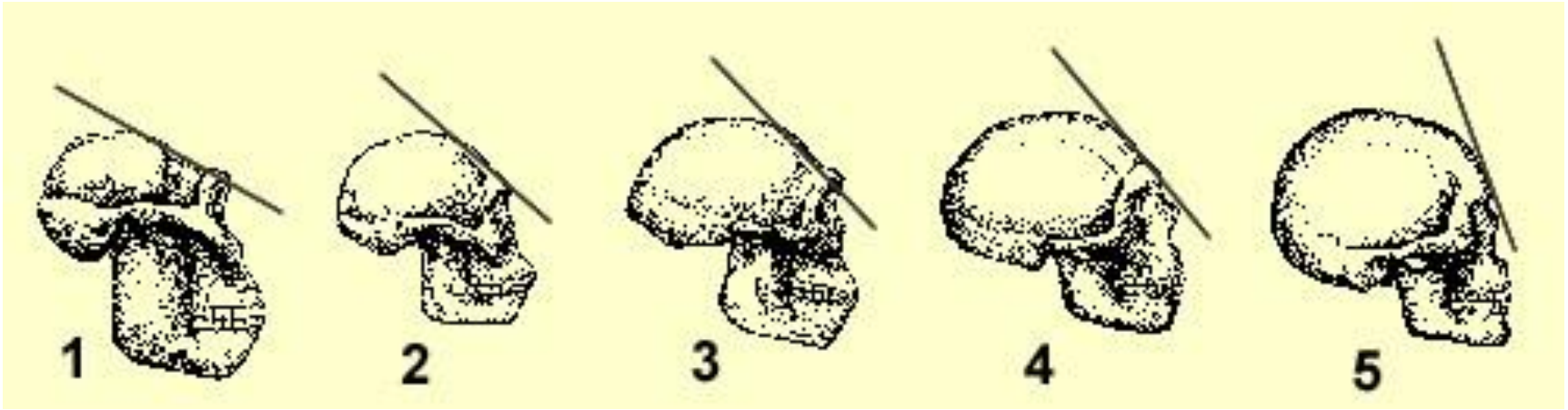

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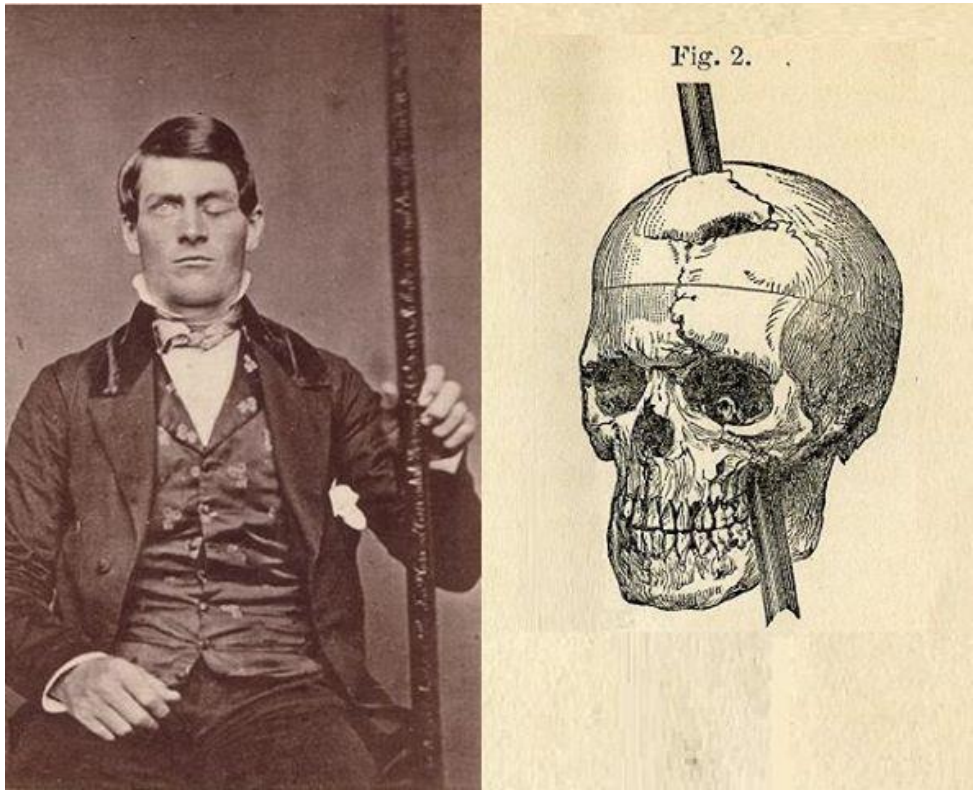
Phinease Gage (1823 – 1860)

- 1848 – work injury
- Before injury
  - Reliable
  - Friendly
  - Responsible
  - Polite
- After injury
  - Unreliable
  - Hostile
  - Irresponsible
  - Rude
- 1860 – died from status epilepticus



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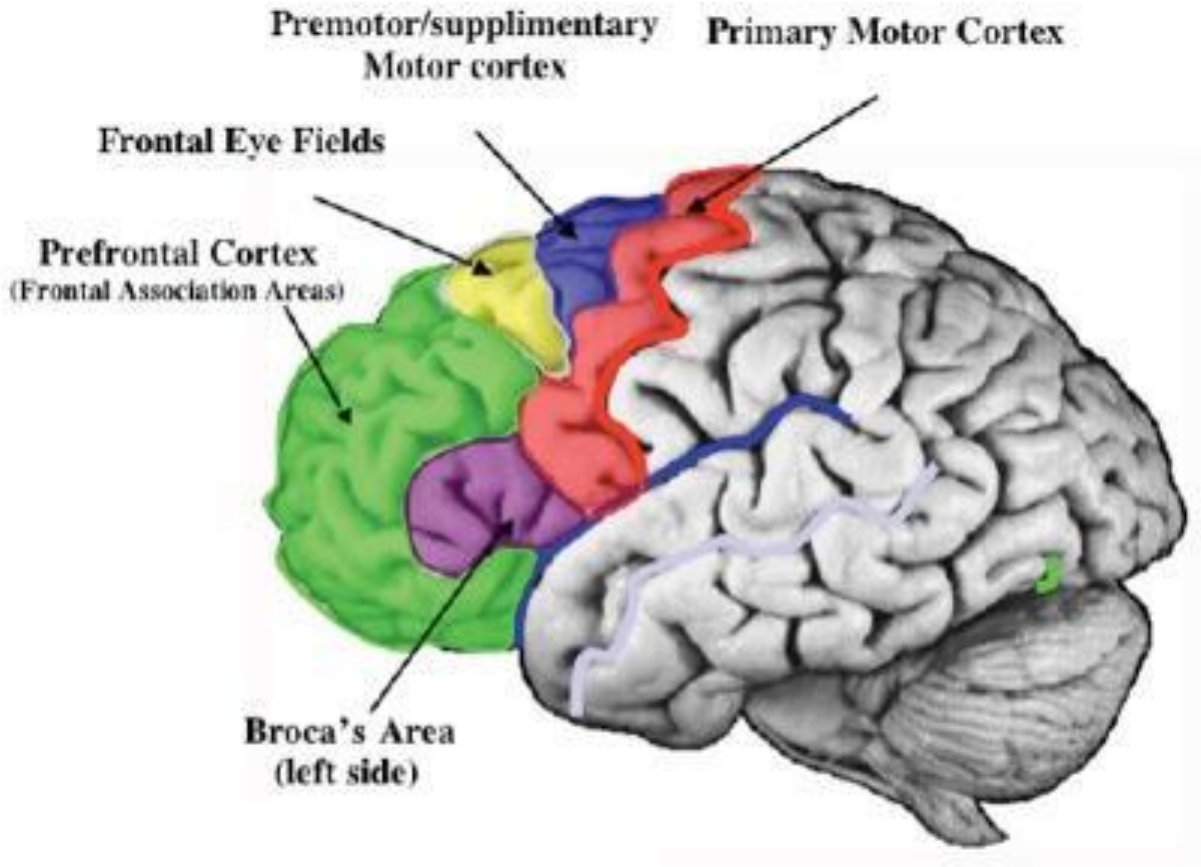
Frontal lobe



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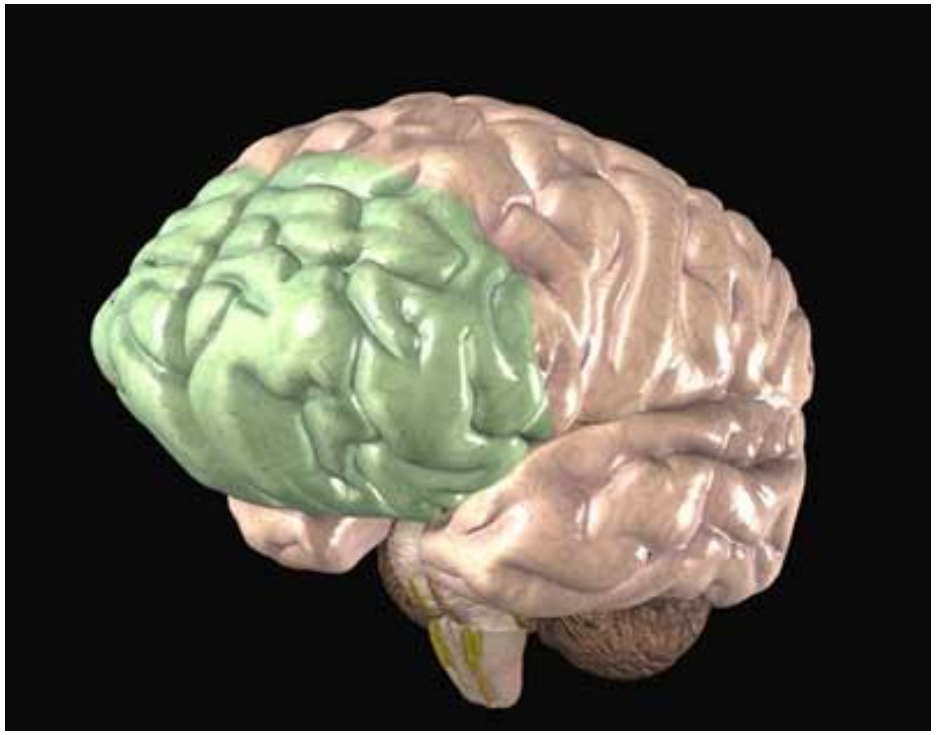
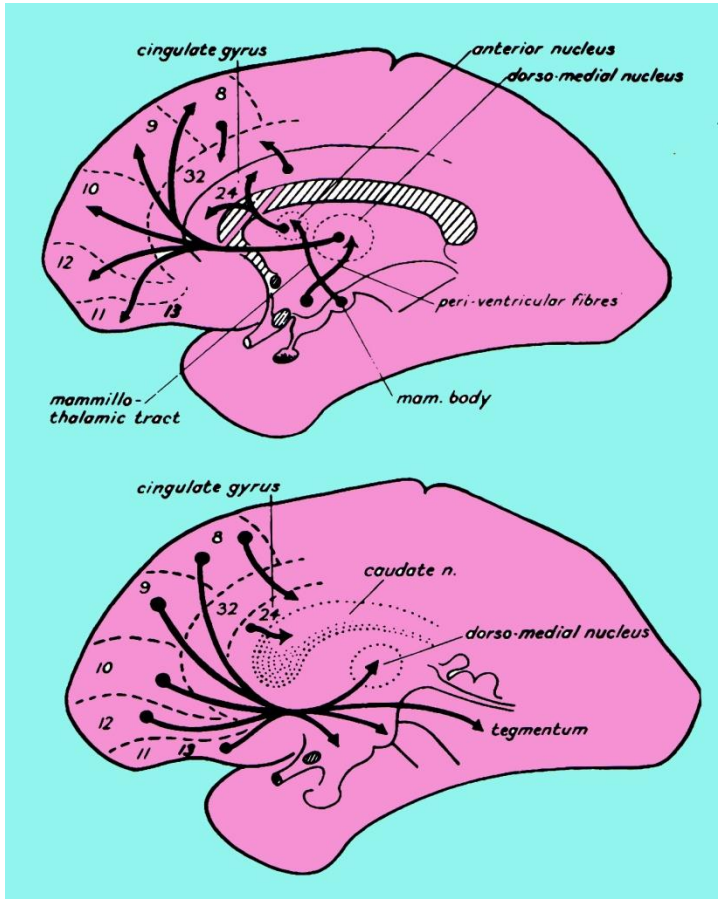
Frontal association area

- ~ 1/3 of neocortex
- One of the evolutionary youngest cortical areas
- Late development in ontogeny
  - Differentiation during the 1st year of life
  - Mostly developed around the 6th year of life
  - ? End of maturation around the 20th year of life?



Frontal association area

- Input from association cortex
  - P-O-T association area
  - Limbic association area
- Reciprocal connections:
  - prefrontal processing modulates perceptual processing
  - „Loops“
- Input to premotor areas



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Functions of frontal association area

- Motor/non-motor planning/organization - strategy - anticipation

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- Thinking – mental models processing
- Attention – „information filtering“
- Behavioral control
  - Facilitation of „wanted“
  - Inhibition of „unwanted“

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1. Motor planning / organization

- Frontal association area
- Premotor area

✓ Close cooperation with motor cortex

✓ Planning and preparing of complex motor action (in cooperation with Basal ganglia)

✓ Close cooperation with P-O-T area which sends visual-acoustic-sensory-spatial information

✓ Voluntary motor control

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2. Thinking skills

- Organization
  - The ability to arrange information in a meaningful system
- Planning
  - The ability to create a strategy for reaching goals
- Time management
  - The ability to estimate time needed for reaching goals
- Working memory
  - The ability to hold information in awareness while performing a mental operation

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3. Attention

- Selective attention
  - –The ability to filter information
- Sustained attention
  - –The ability to actively attend to a task
- Divided attention
  - –The ability to attend to two tasks at once
- Shifting attention
  - –The ability to shift attention between two or more tasks

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4. Behavioral control

- Facilitation/ initiation of „wanted“ (re)action
- Inhibition of „unwanted“ (re)action
  - –Anticipation
  - –Self-regulation x procrastination
- Flexibility
  - – The ability to revise plans when it is needed
- Goal-directed persistence
  - –The ability to self-motivate
- Social brain
  - –Mentalization
  - –Empathy
  - ➢Social behavior - frontal association area
  - ➢Instinct behavior - limbic association area

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Frontal lobe and mental arousal

- Right frontal lobe
  - –Bilateral influence
  - –Inhibition
- Left frontal lobe
  - –Unilateral influence
  - –Activation
- Left frontal lobe damage
  - –Reduced spontaneous activity
  - –Reduced self-control; impulsive instinct behavior

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Frontal lobe functions

Motor	Cognitive	Behavior	Arousal
Voluntary movements	Memory	Personality	Attention
Language Expression	Problem solving	Social and sexual	
Eye movements	Judgment	Impulse control	
Initiation	Abstract thinking	Mood and affect	
Spontaneity			

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