

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

EBC European Brain Council 2006	Cas en millions	Coûts Mia€/an
Dépression	21	104
Addiction (sans nicotine)	9	57
Demence (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

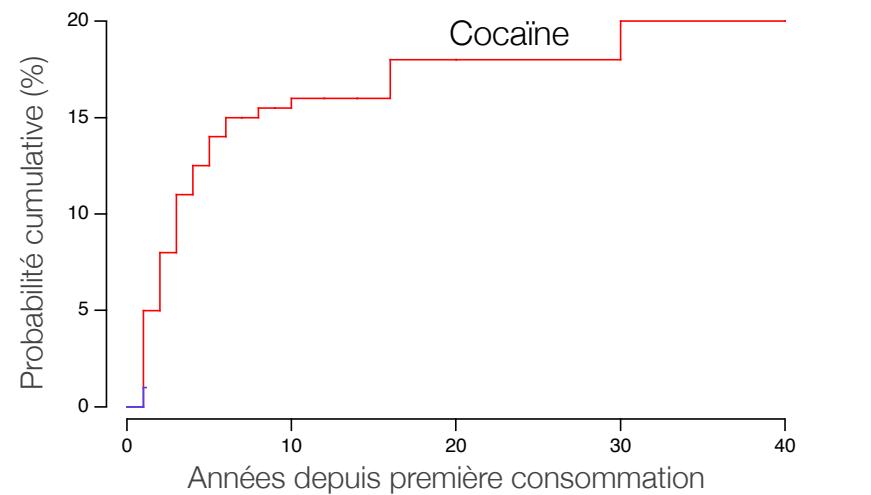
Risque relatif d'addiction

Goldstein & Kalant, Science 1990

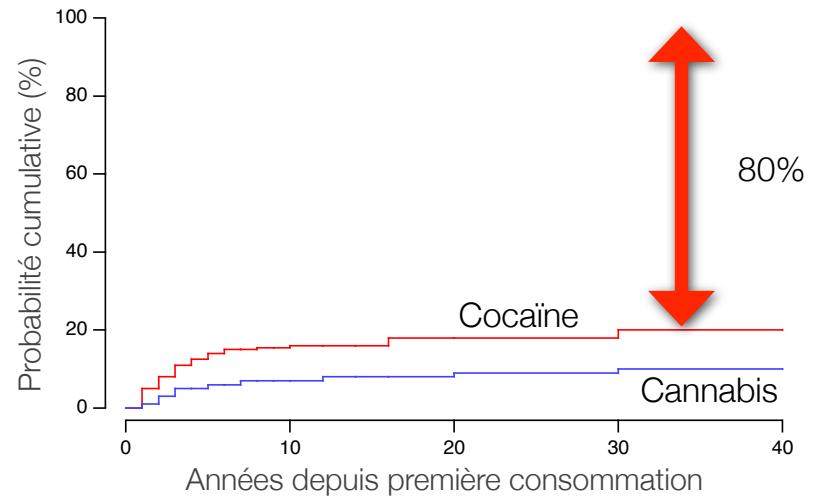
Hallucinogènes (LSD)	1
Cannabis (THC)	2
Benzodiazépines (BDZ)	2
Alcool	3
Nicotine	3
Opiacés (Morphine, Héroïne)	4
Amphétamines	5
Cocaïne	5



Addiction vs. consommation



Addiction vs. consommation récréative



Wagner & Anthony, Neuropsychopharmacology, 2002

Dangers de la cocaïne

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

Vulnérabilité individuelle ?

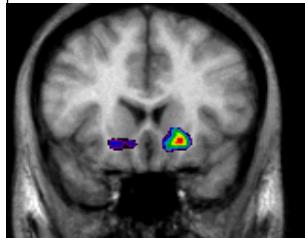
Cocaine Morphine Nicotine Gambling Chocolate



Addiction

Activation of the ventral striatum

Drugs

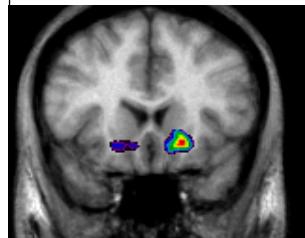


e.g. Amphetamines

Leyton et al., 2002

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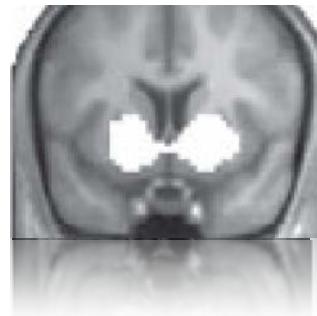
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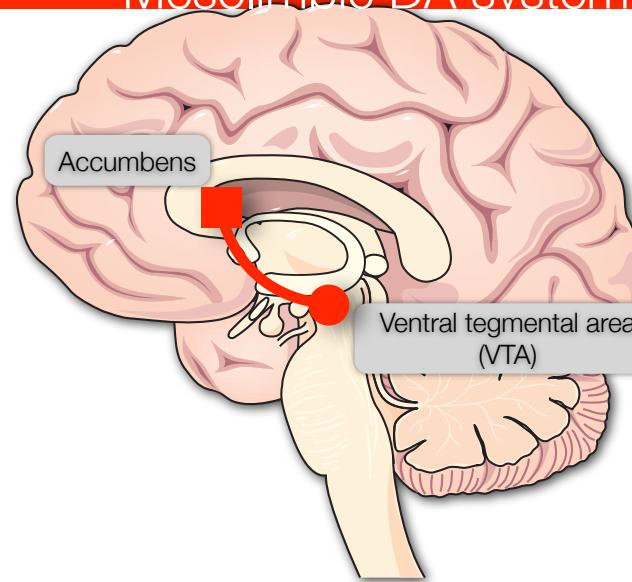
Gambling



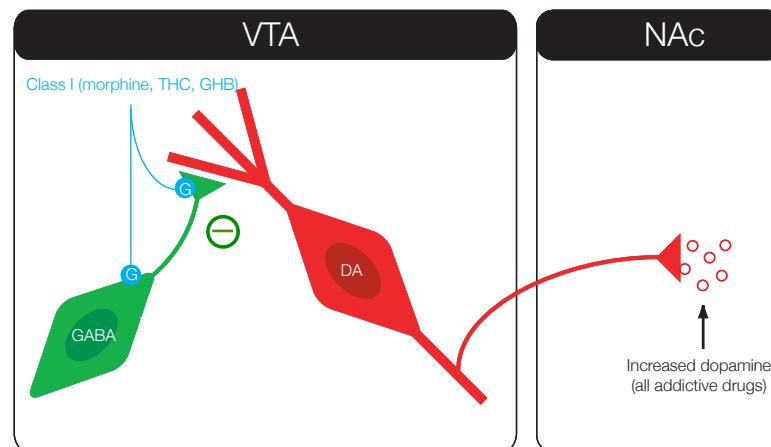
e.g. Poker

Boileau et al., 2003

Mesolimbic DA system



Ventral tegmental area



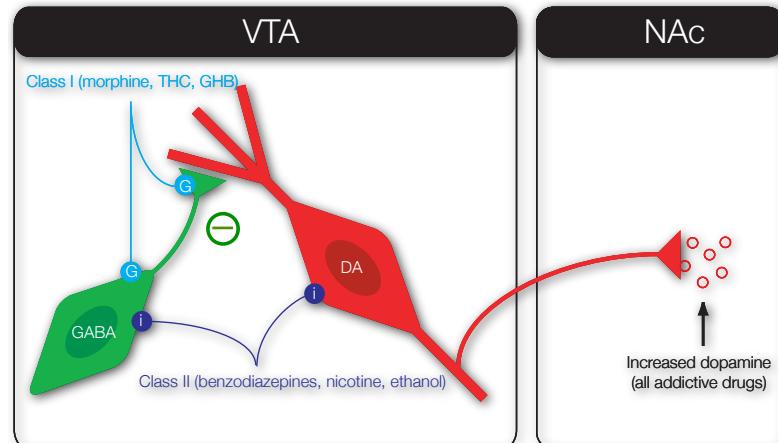
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● Ionotropic receptor

● Dopamine transporter

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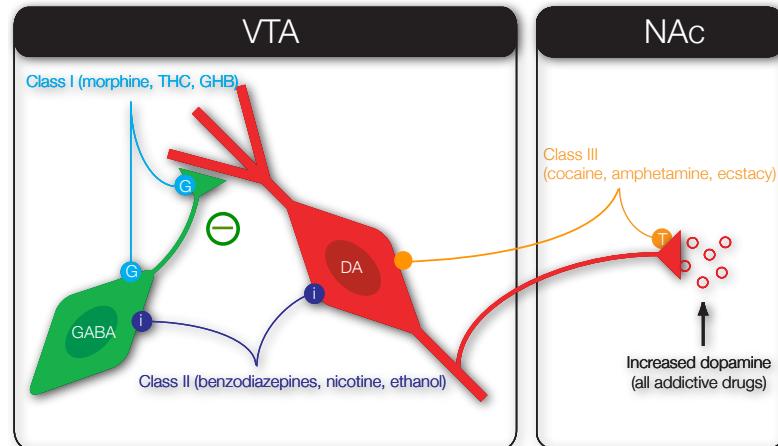
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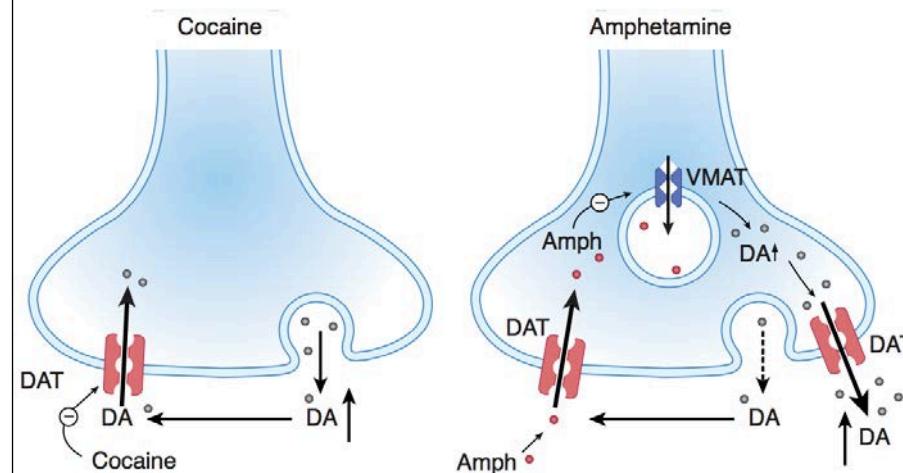
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Classe III-drogues



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_{α_i})	agonist	disinhibition	4
Cannabinoids	CB1R (G_{α_i})	agonist	disinhibition	2
γ -hydroxy butyric acid (GHB)	GABA _A R (G_{α_i})	weak agonist	disinhibition	NA
LSD, Mescaline, Psilocybin	5-HT _{1A} R (G_{α_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	RR
Alcohol	GABA _A R, 5-HT _{2A} R, nAChR, NMDAR, K _{ATP} channels		excitation	3
Benzodiazepines	GABA _A R	positive modulator	disinhibition	3
Phenothiazine, Ketamine	NMDAR	antagonist	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

Lüscher and Ungless, PLOS Med, 2006

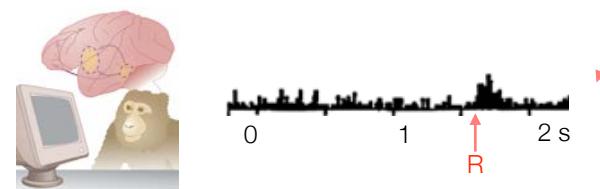
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Mesolimbic dopamine ↑

Addiction

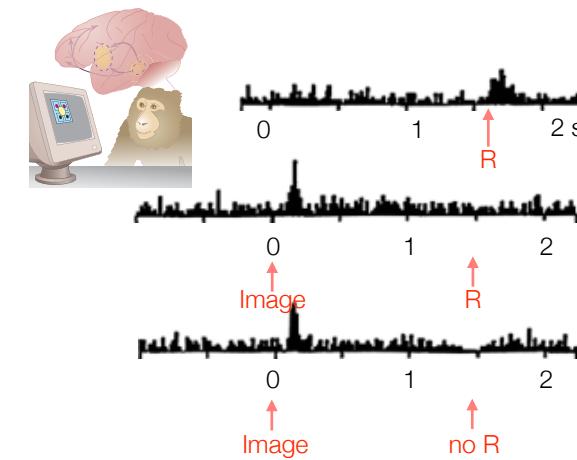


Prediction error

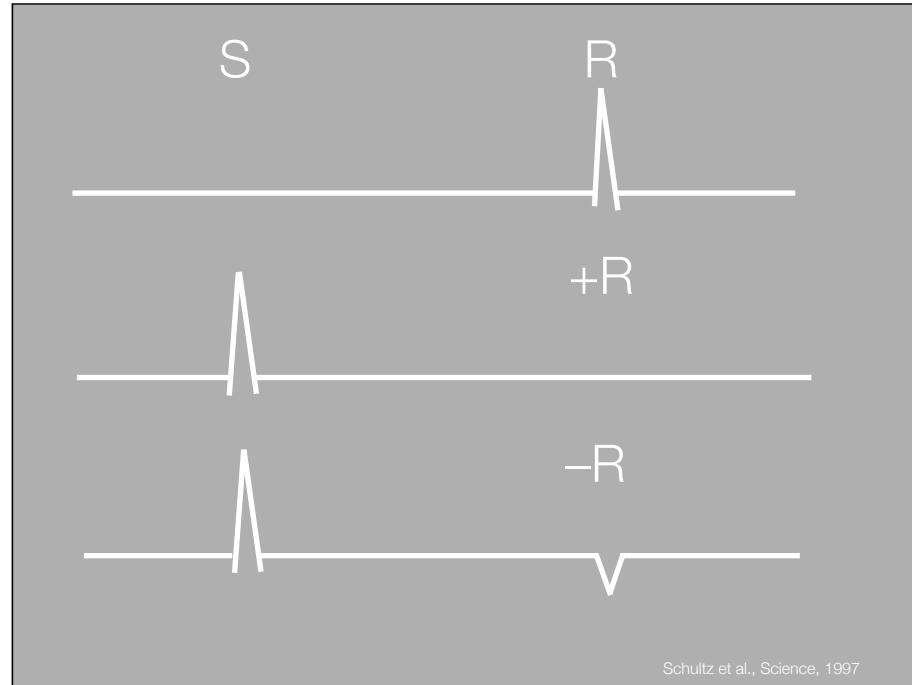


Schultz et al., Science 1997

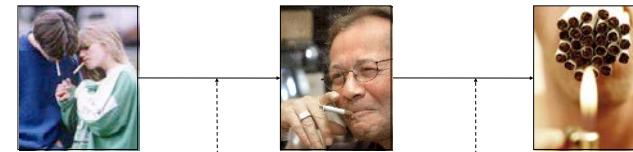
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Addiction



Initiation

Repeated Consumption

Addiction

Context

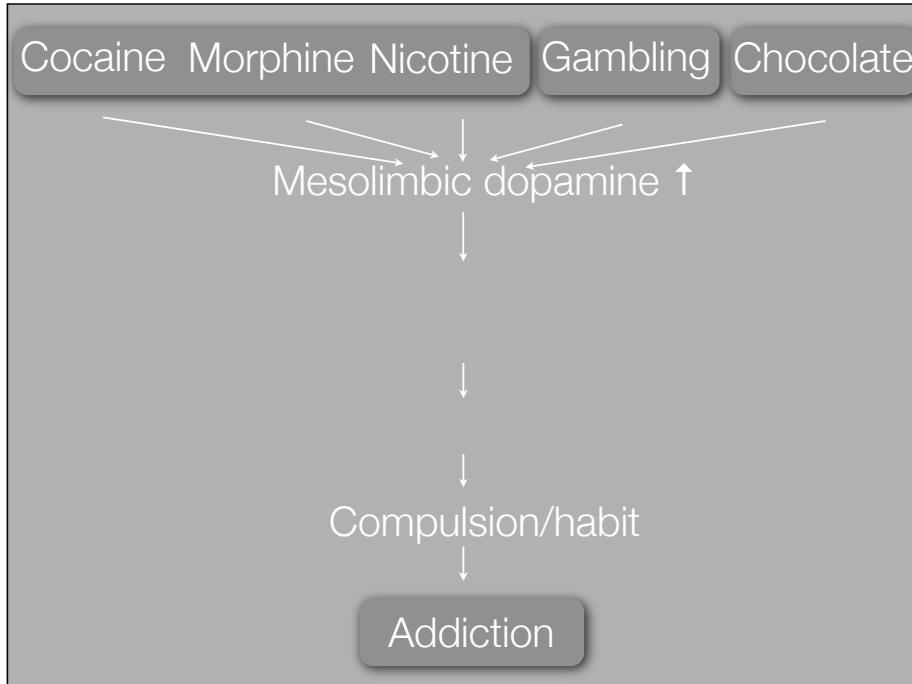
« Pleasure »

Automatisation/Habit

Planned decision

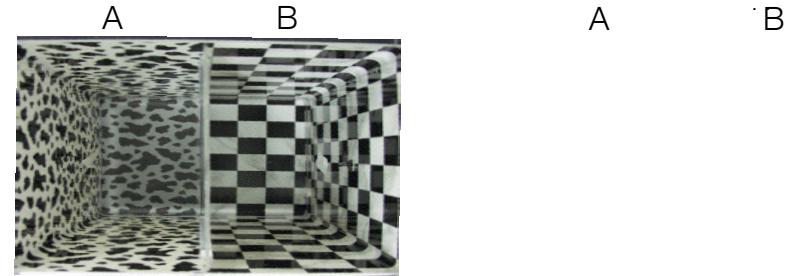
dopamine

Automatic decision/
Habit



Animal models to study addiction

Memory trace in rodents



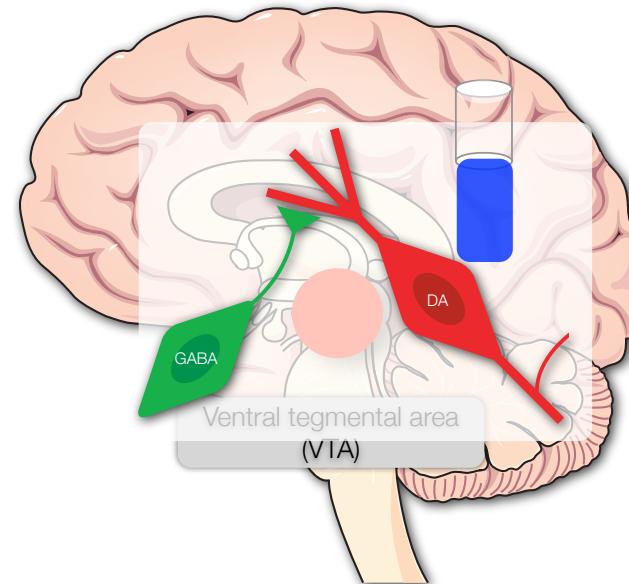
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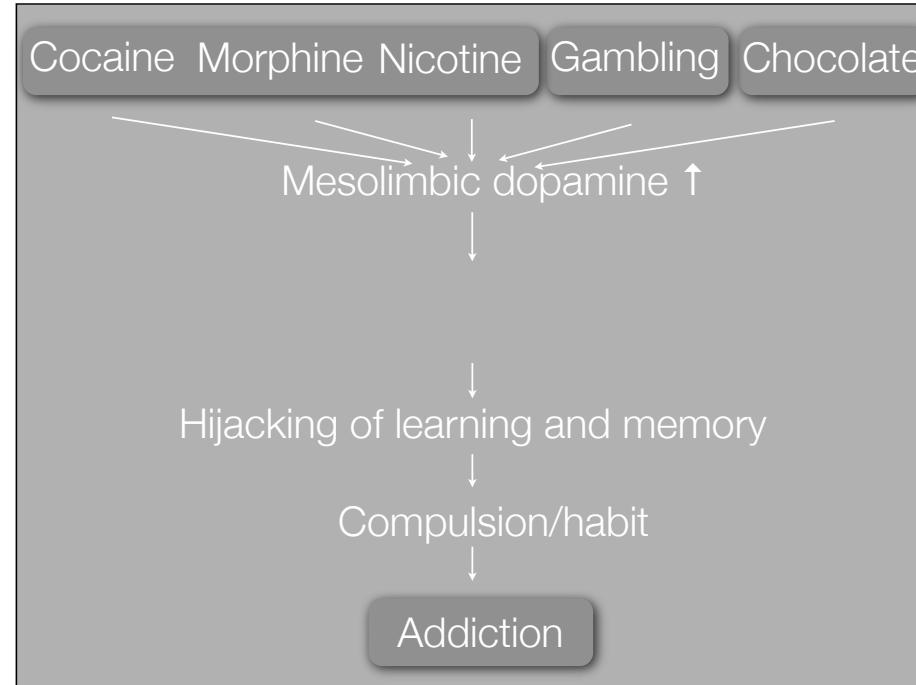
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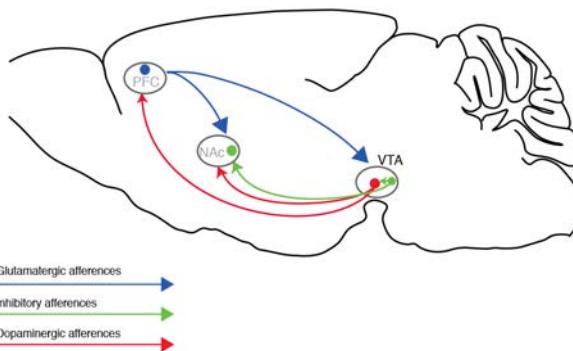
Excited by “blue light”



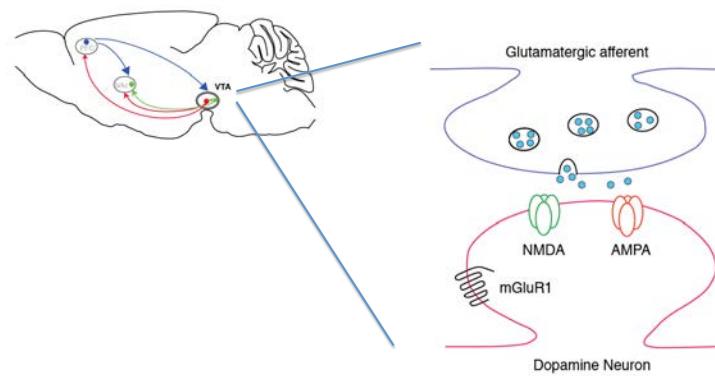


And here is what we have done over the last few years to experimentally test this hypothesis.

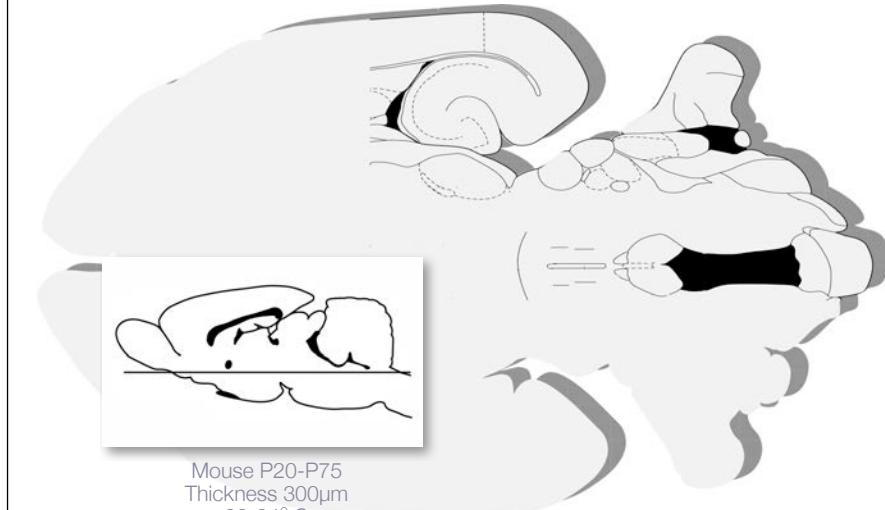
Mesocorticolimbic system



Excitatory transmission



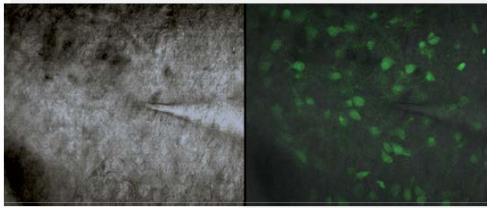
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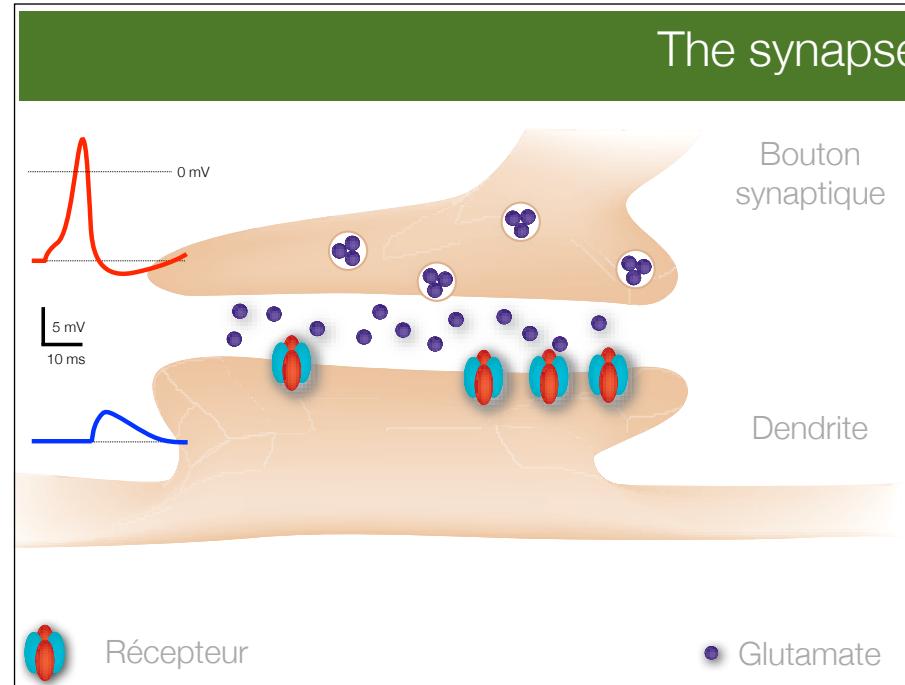
pitx3-GFP^{+/−}

Meng Li, London

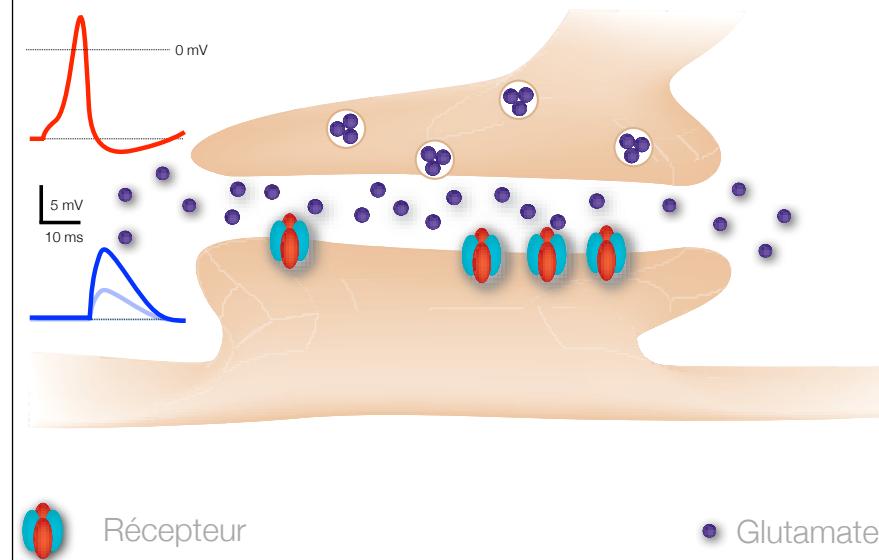


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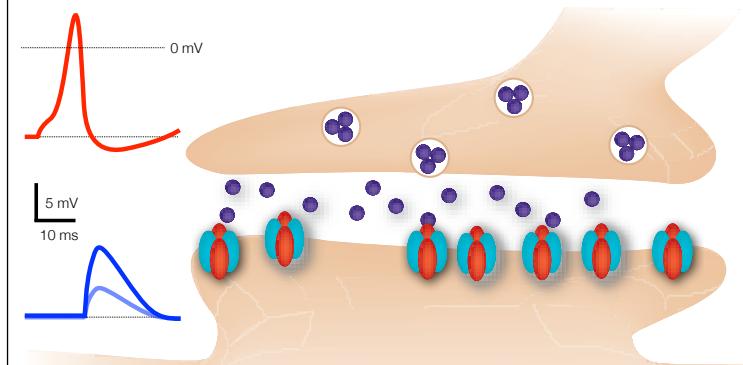
The synapse



Increase in neurotransmitter



Increase in number of Receptors



Synaptic plasticity

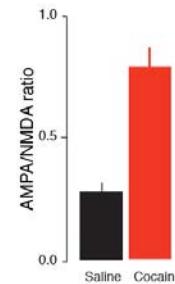
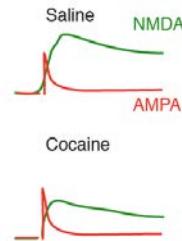
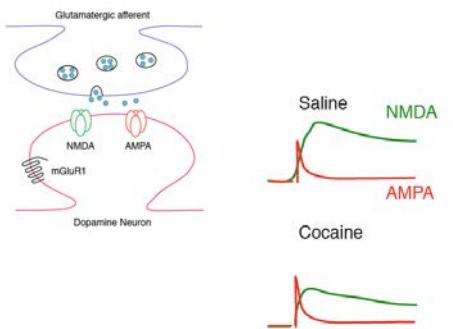


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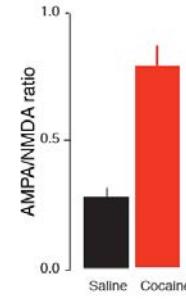
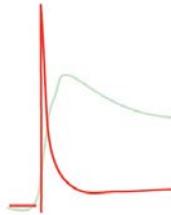
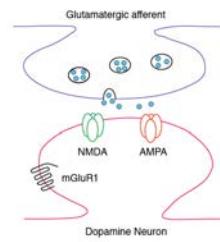


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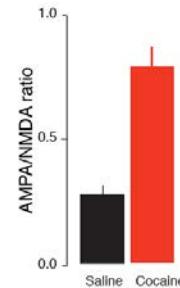
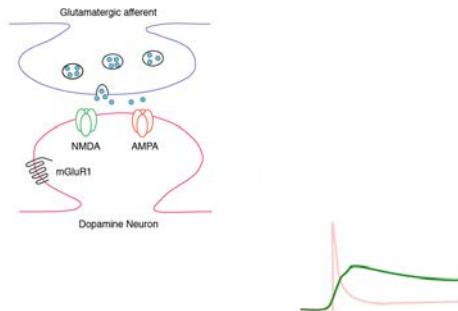
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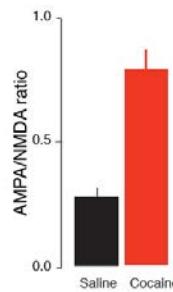
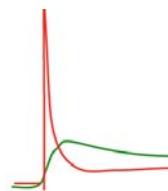
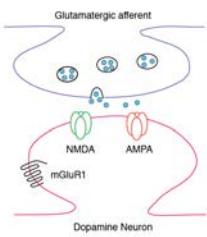
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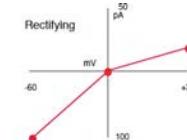
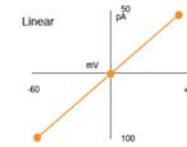
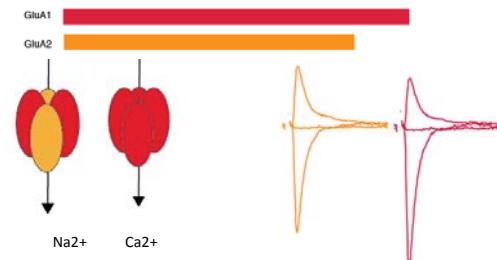
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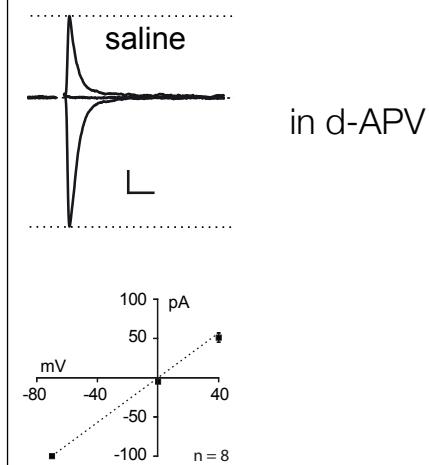
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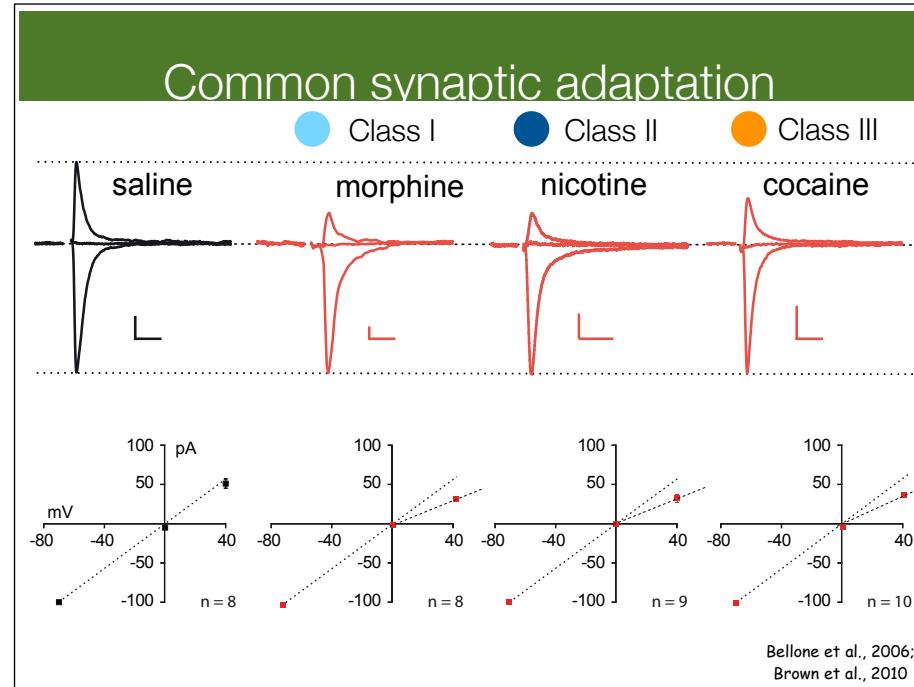


AMPARs



Common synaptic adaptation





AMPAR subunit composition

