

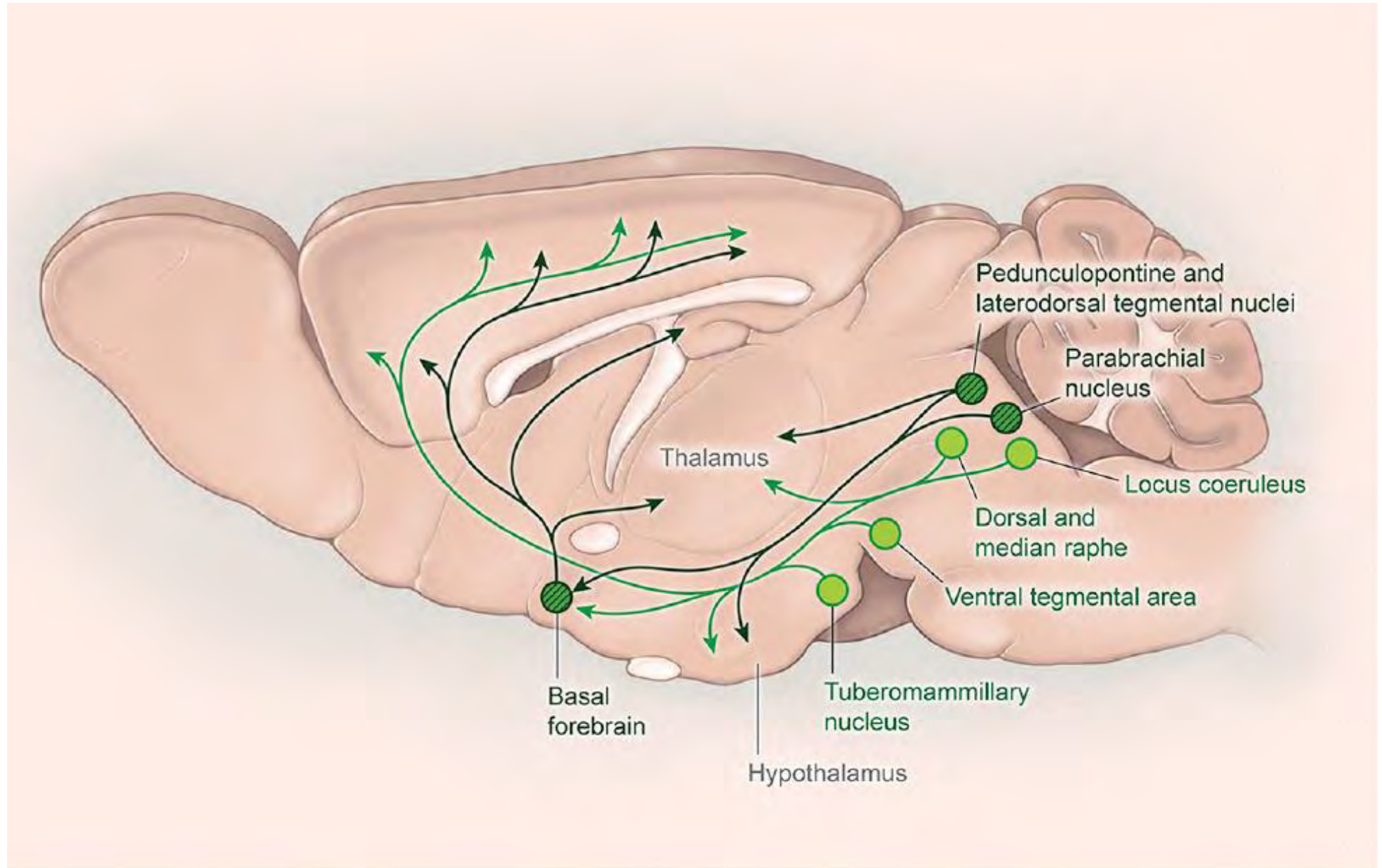
Sleep as a Network State (Part II)

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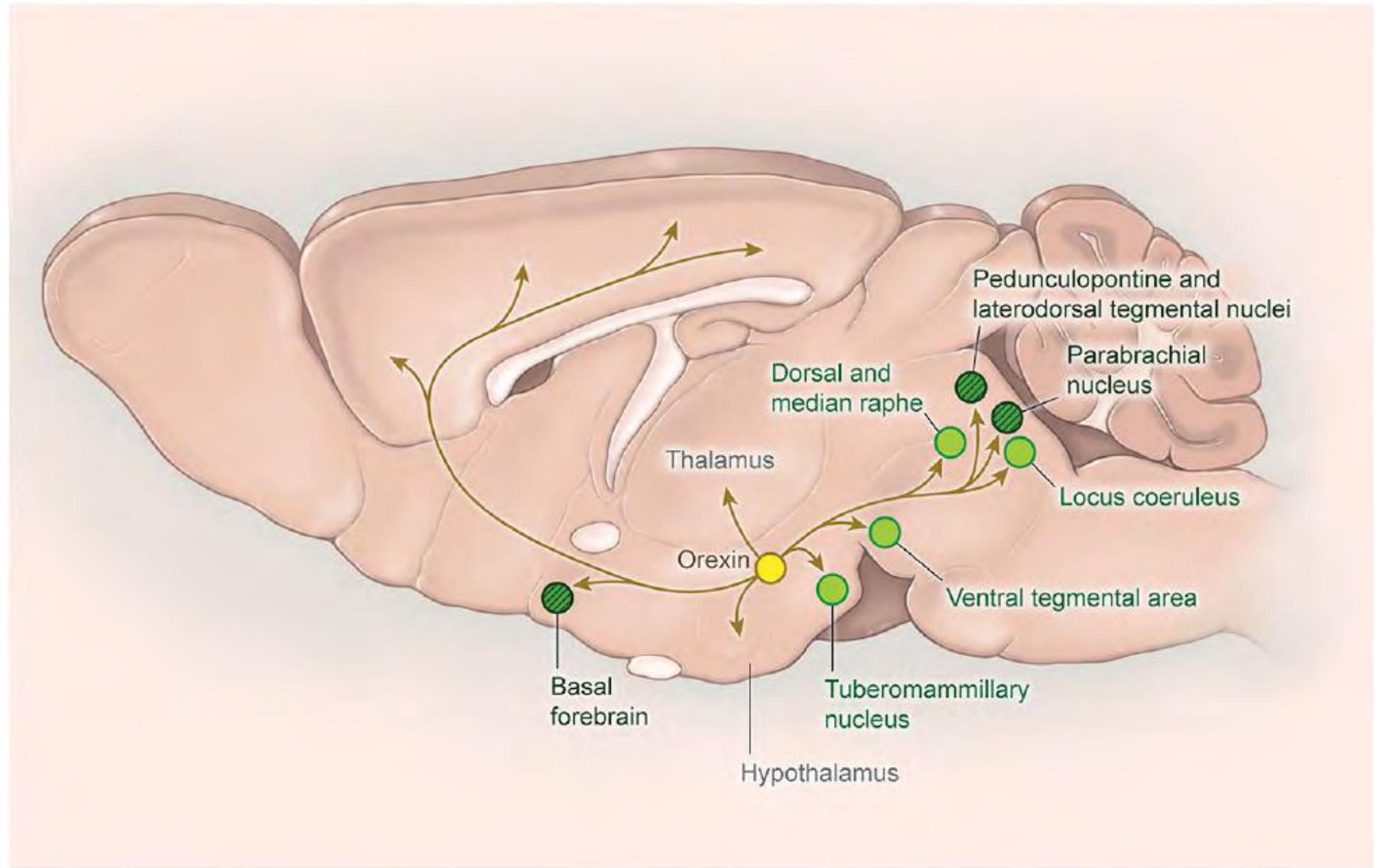
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Wake

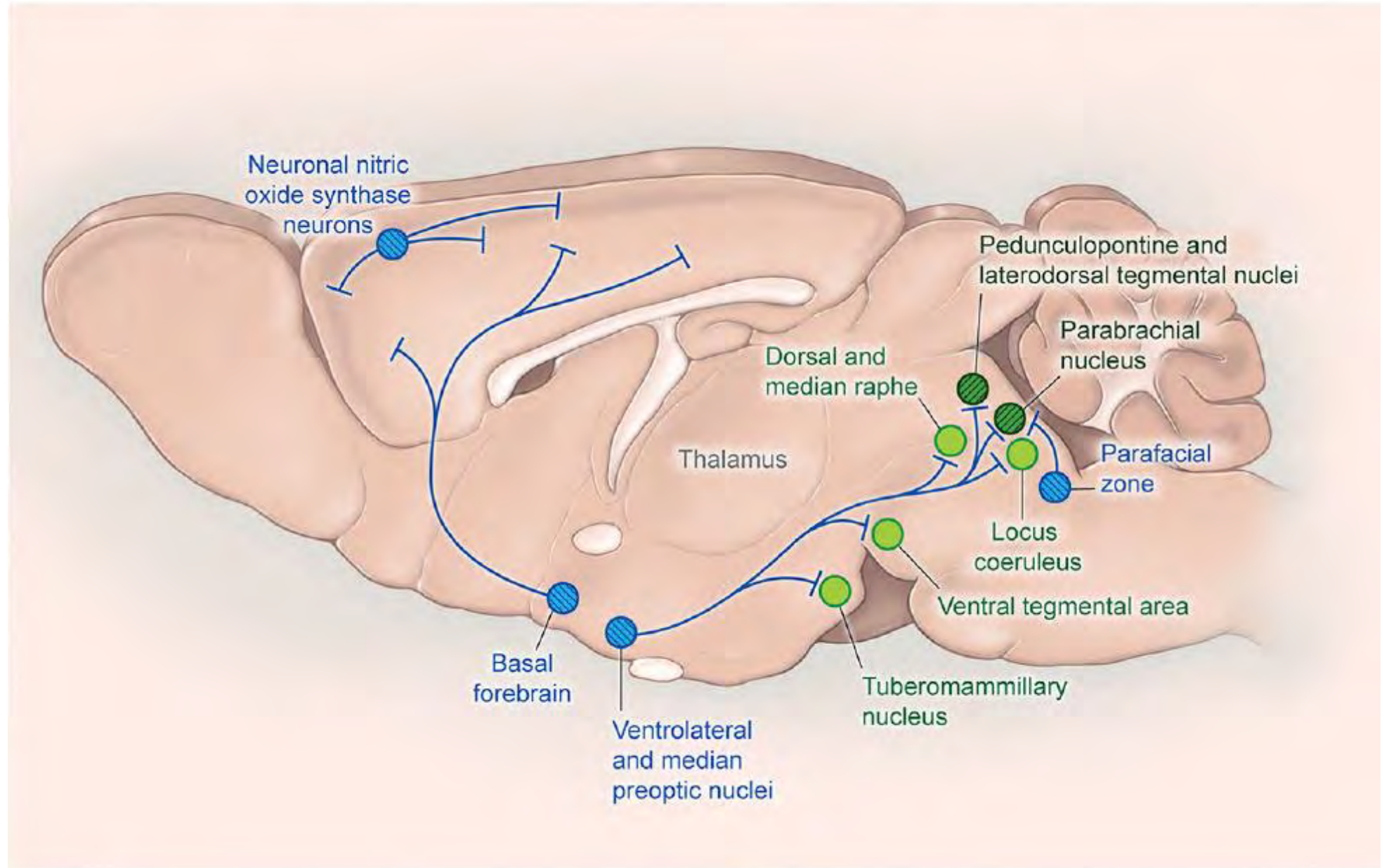
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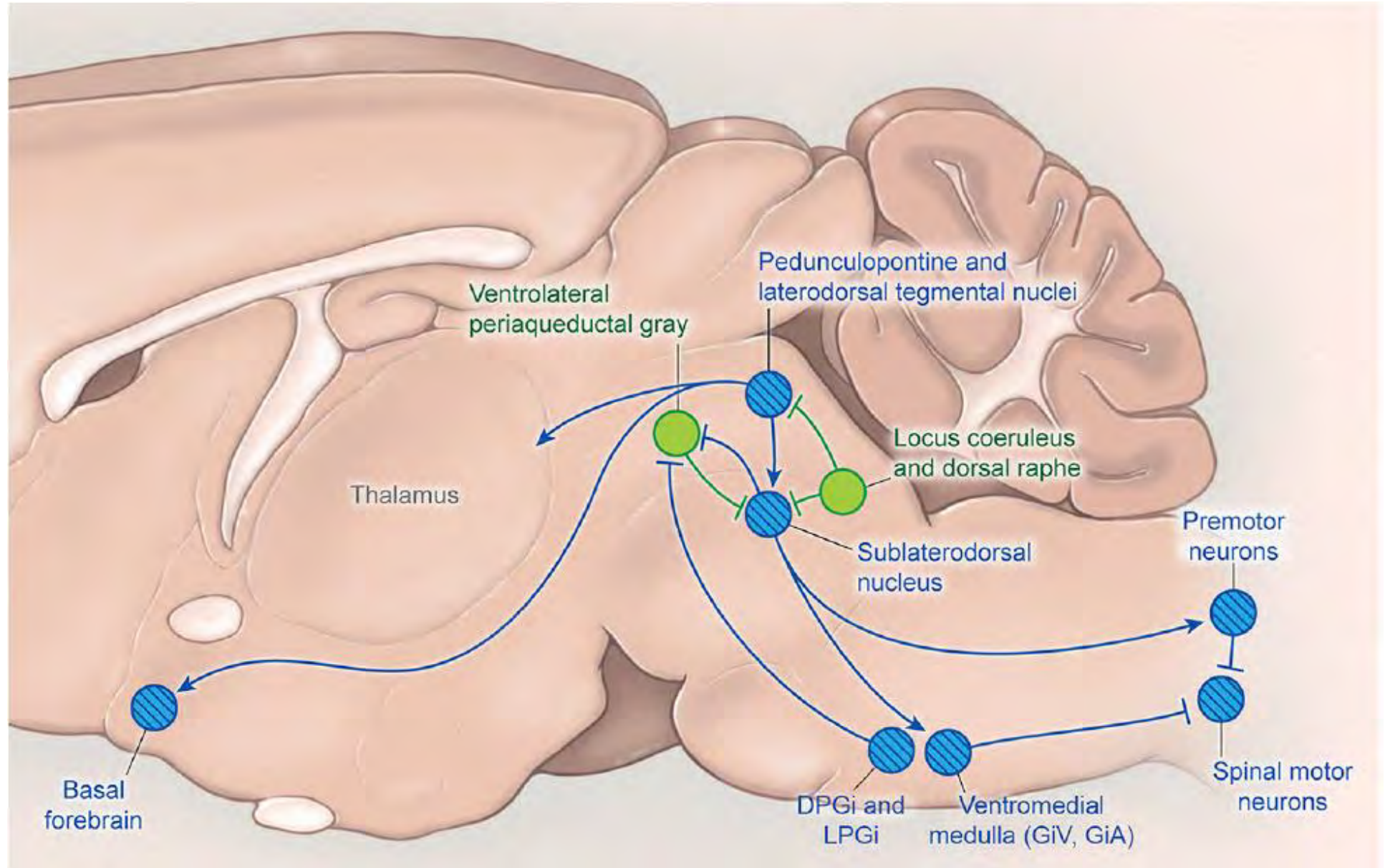
Orexin



NREM



REM



Continuation...why bother? Targets

- Epilepsy – brain health, prognostic and therapeutic markers
- Dementia – progression, regression through cortical network
- Stroke recovery – brain-autonomic-cardiac-respiratory network
- Atrial fibrillation – recurrence risk through autonomic network
- Neuromuscular disorders – brain-muscle networks, targeted therapy
- Parkinson's disease brain-autonomic-motor network
- Dyspnea - cardiorespiratory-cortical network
- Sleep disorders
 - Sleep apnea impact on heart failure, atrial fibrillation
 - Periodic limb movements
 - Insomnia
 - Hypersomnia, narcolepsy

What can Network Physiology do for sleep science and sleep medicine

- What is this sleep glue that hold disparate oscillators in synchrony? We have a “binding problem” in sleep. How does this inform consciousness?
- What is the minimum unit of sleep to perform function? That is, is there a universal law of tolerance to sleep fragmentation/arousals?
- Why are certain individuals with incredibly fragmented sleep asymptomatic, and vice versa?
- Can the “disruption grade” of pathology be quantified?
- Is a “network map” of sleep useful in clinical practice?

Large scale network influences and breakdowns

- **Binding mechanisms**
 - Slow oscillation
 - Cyclic alternating pattern
 - PGO waves
- **Breakdown etiologies**
 - Congestive heart failure
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Severe traumatic brain injury
 - Treatment-resistant depression
 - Mania
 - Neurodegeneration

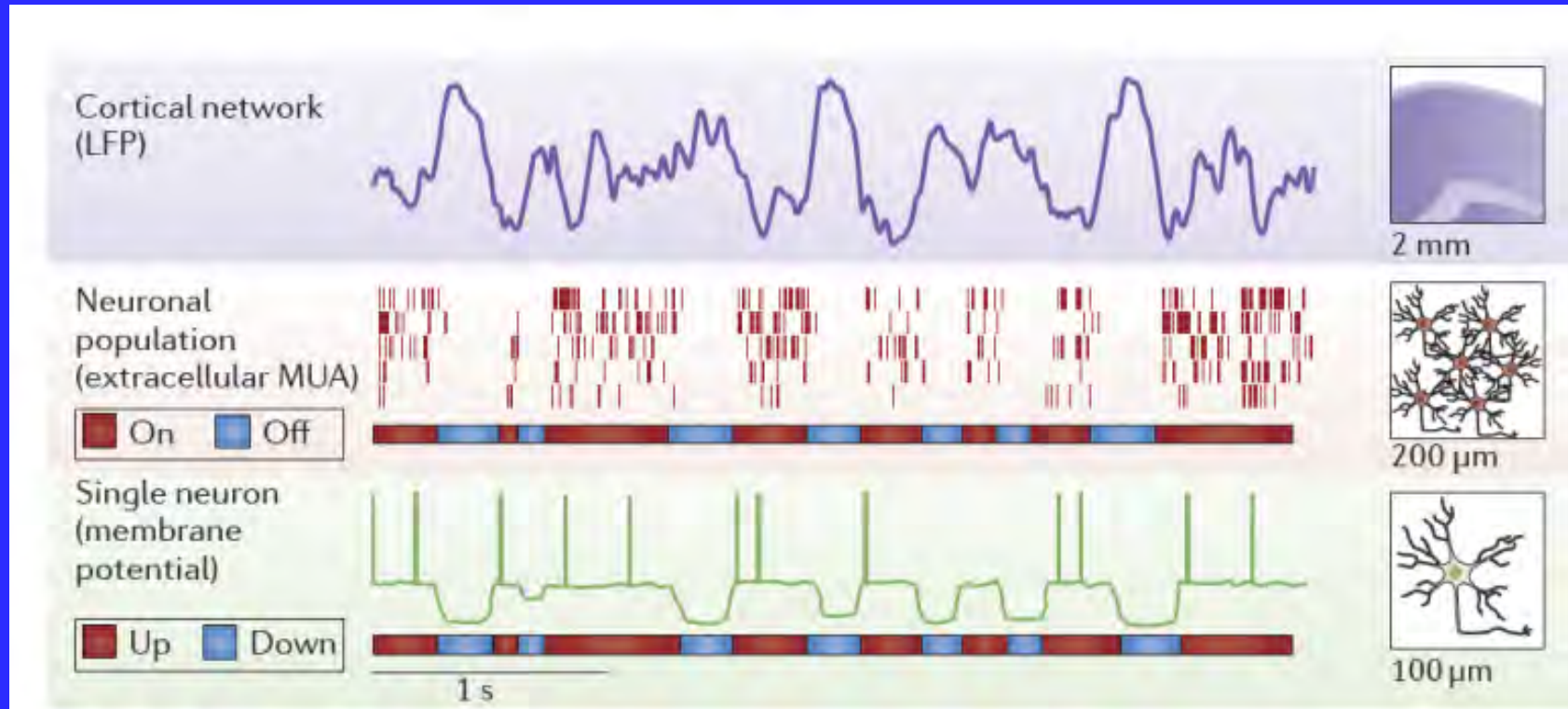
Network breakdown

- **Cortical**
 - Normally highly resilient and redundant (e.g. stroke)
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease
 - Epilepsy
- **Thalamocortical network**
 - Prion disease
 - Tumor
 - Stroke (including paramedian)
- **Sleep-wake transition network**
 - Insomnia (various driver mechanisms, including circadian)
 - Amygdala-based syndromes: anxiety, fear, PTSD
 - Pain, stress

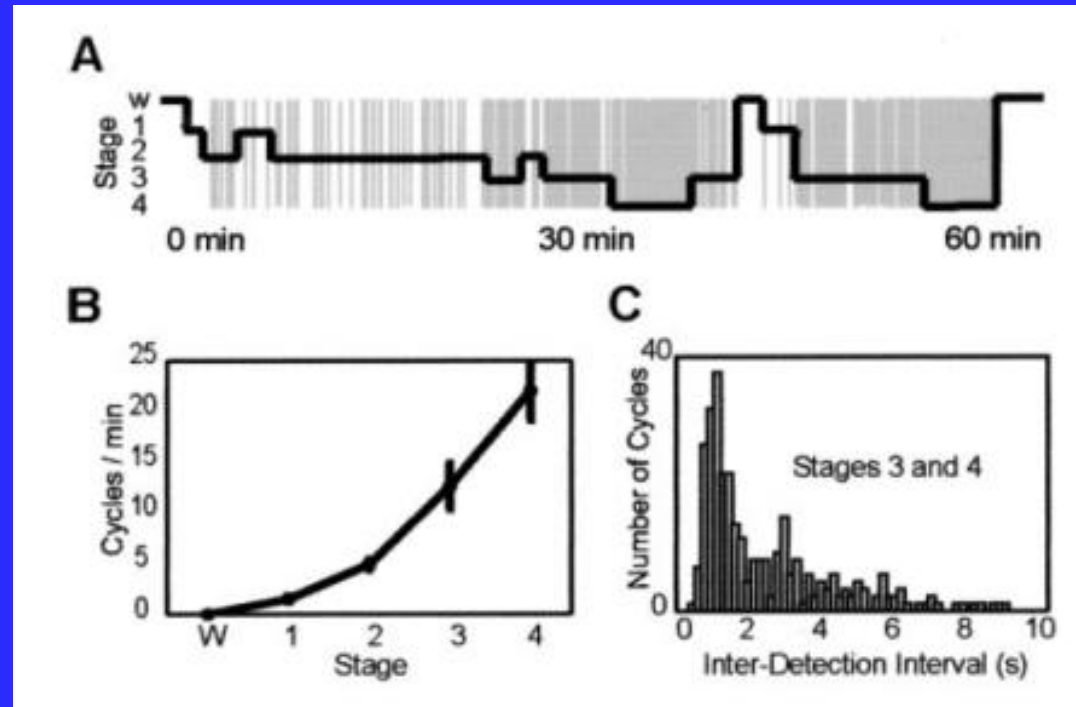
Network breakdown

- **REM sleep network**
 - RBD, PTSD, nightmares
- **NREM sleep network**
 - Sleepwalking, insomnia, depression
- **Arousal network**
 - **Unstable**
 - Bipolar, Kleine-Levin syndrome
 - **Hypoactive**
 - Coma, Persistent vegetative state, minimally conscious state
 - Anesthesia (all anesthetic agents are not equal, e.g., ketamine-xylazine results in greater glymphatic flow than isoflurane)
 - **Hyperactive**
 - Extrinsic: pain, abnormal respiration
 - Intrinsic: PTSD, stress

The “up” and “down” (on/off) states of the cerebral cortex. It permeates the whole brain.



The Slow Oscillation (SO) builds in frequency and spatial extent as sleep starts and deepens. Below-high within individual stability.

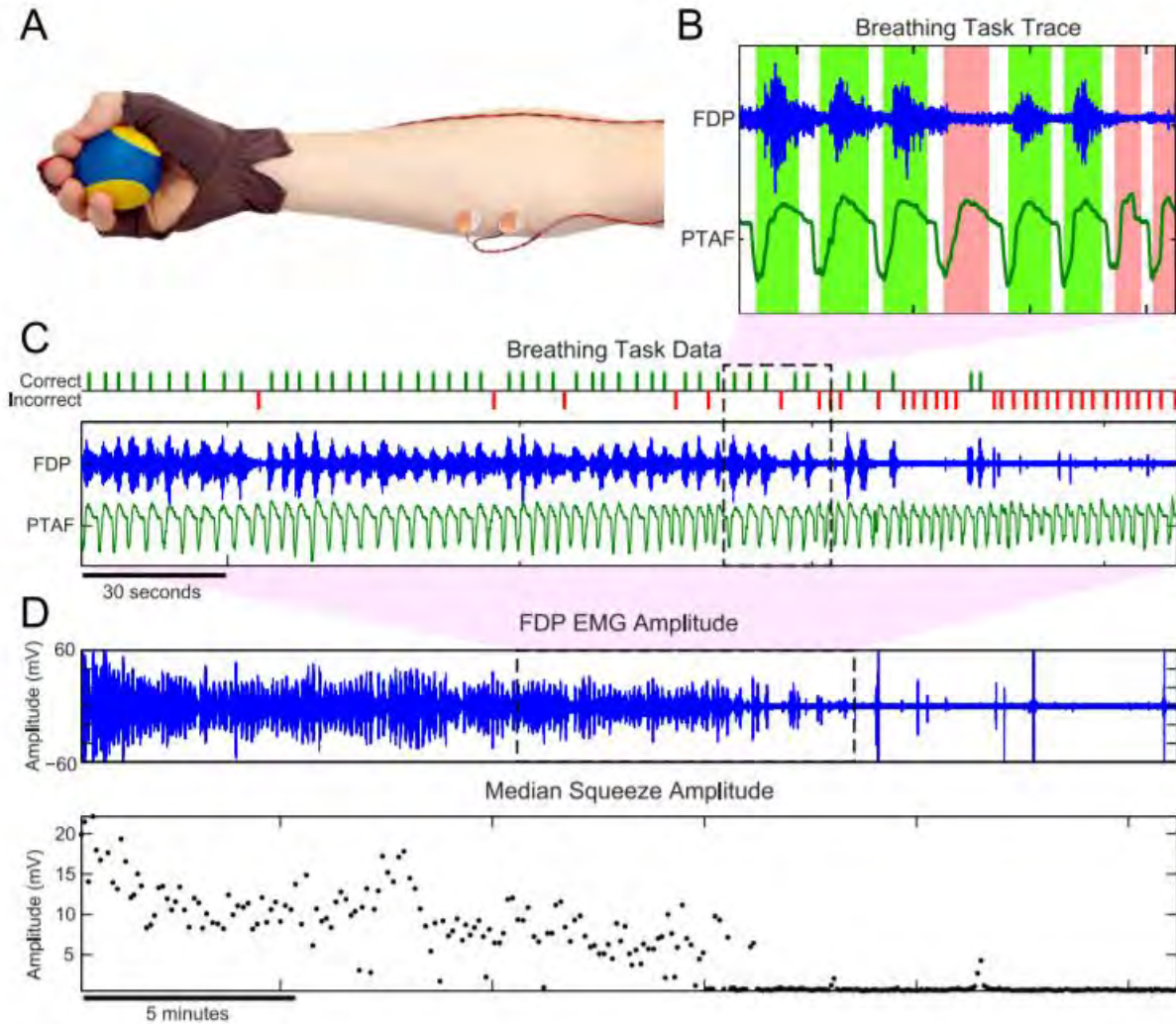


Consequences of the time of night distribution of the SO glue

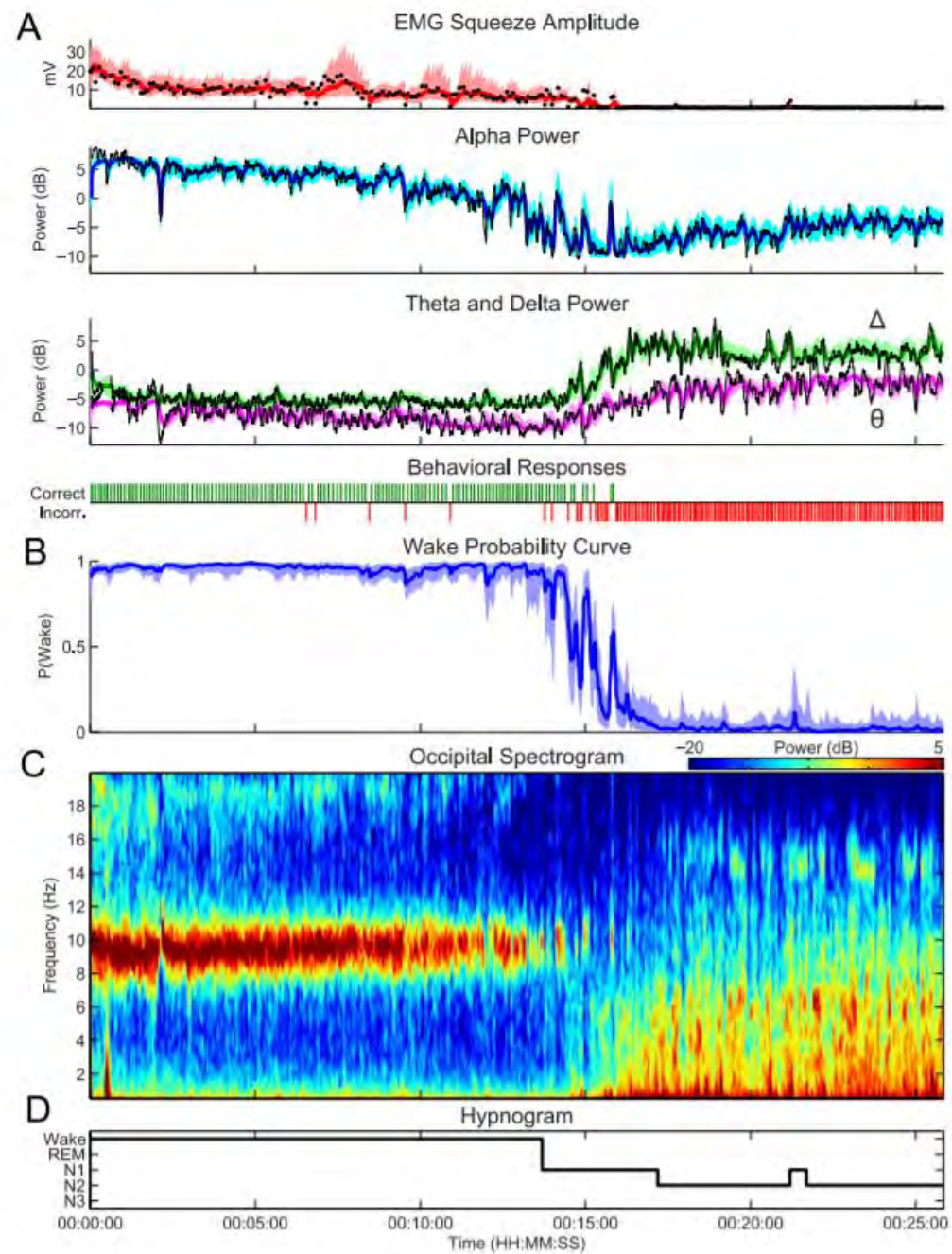
- First half of the night is less vulnerable to sleep disruption
- Arousability of sleep increases as the night progresses
- Successful insomnia treatment likely improves effective SO glue
- Critical points of weakness occur regularly across the night
- SO breaks down with poor cortical health, or excessive subcortical drivers, or perhaps inadequate subcortical NREM driving
- Genetic factors associated with sleep resilience likely impact SO
- Insomnia pharmacotherapy is from one view illogical
 - Greatest help needed when SO is weakest (second half of night)

Sleep Onset

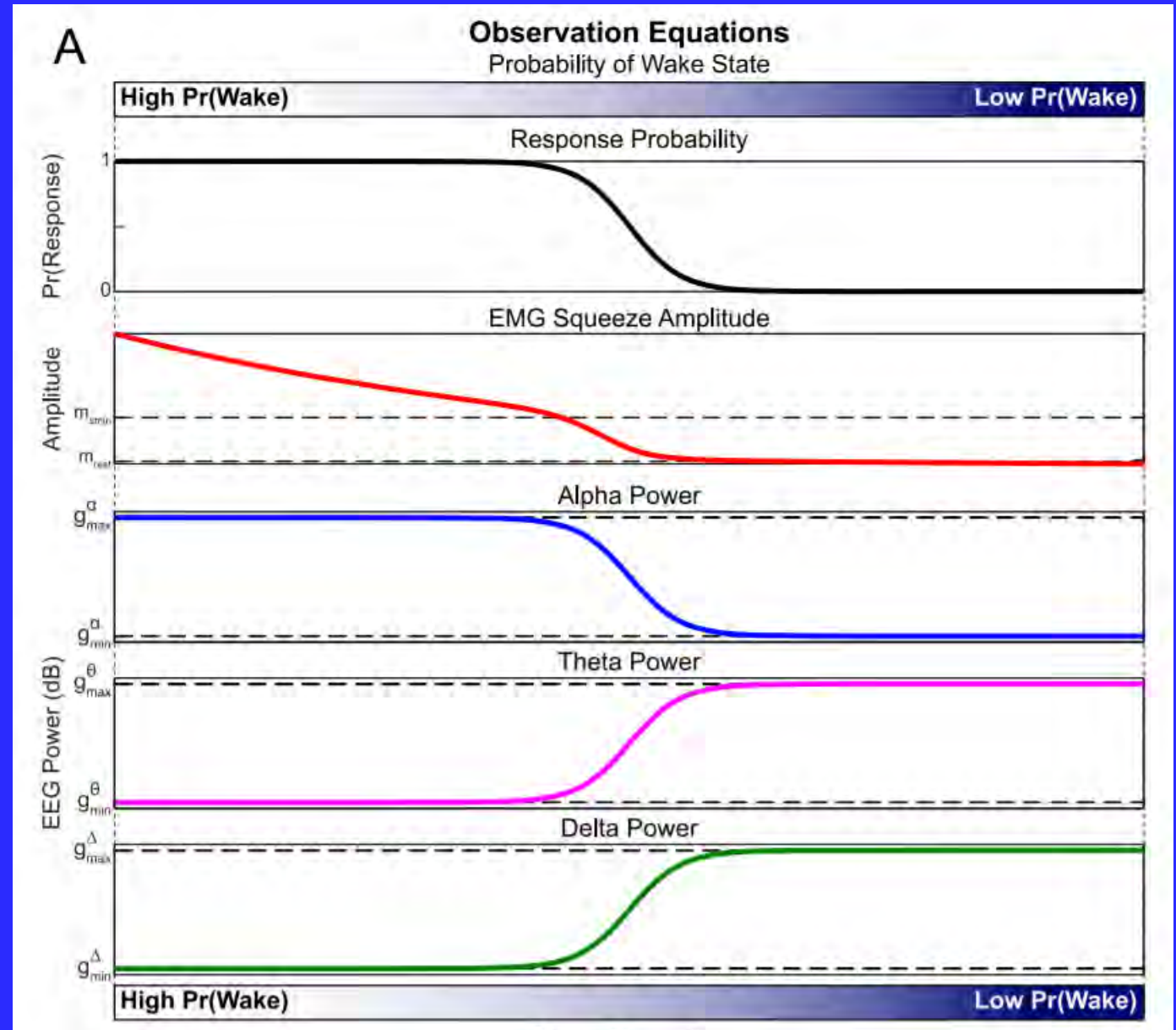
Tracking the Sleep Onset Process



Sleep Onset

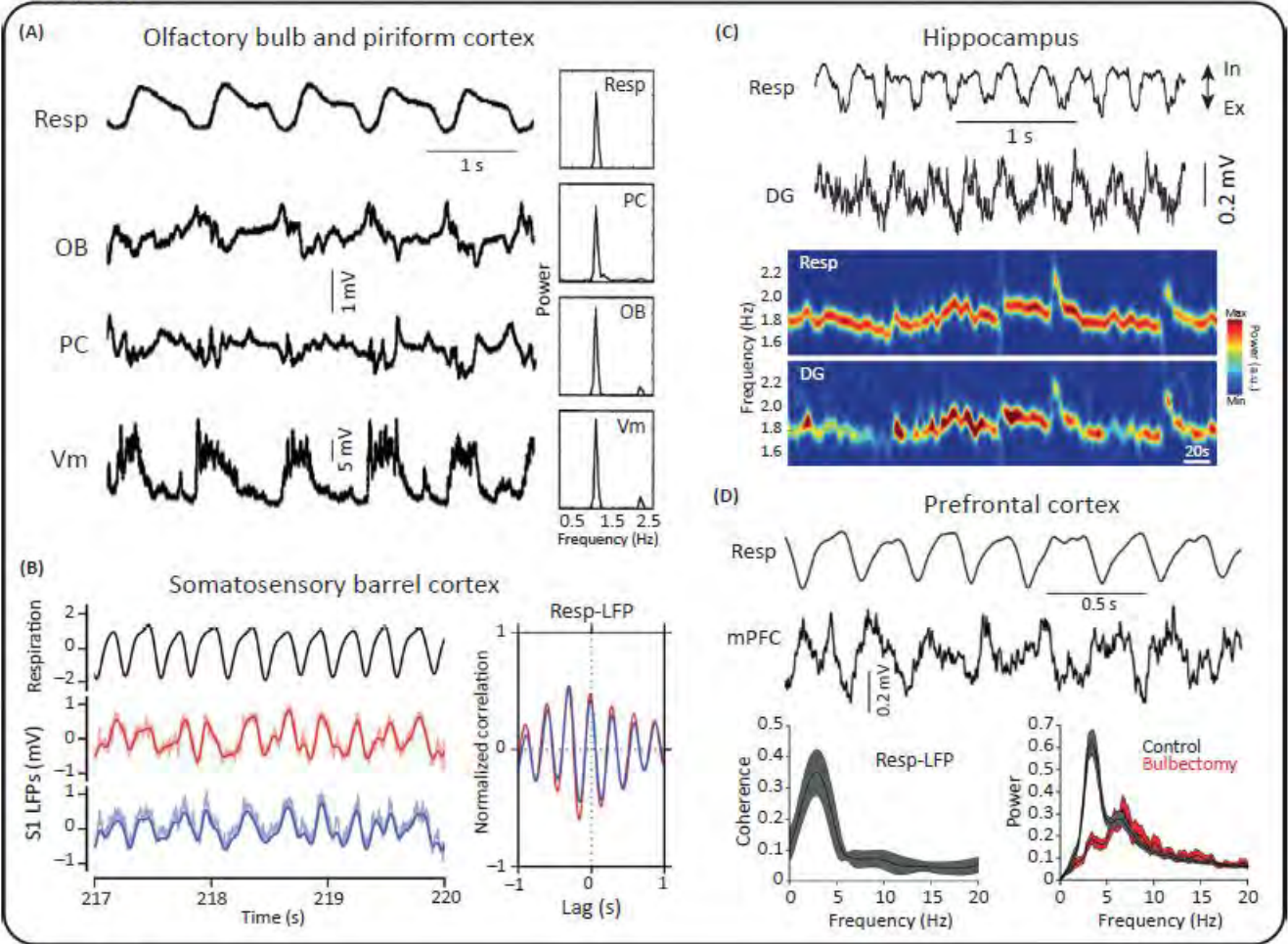


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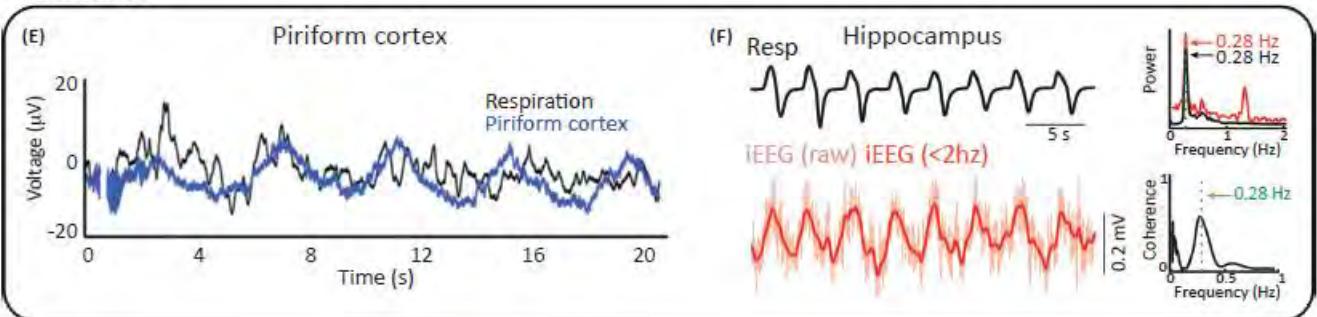


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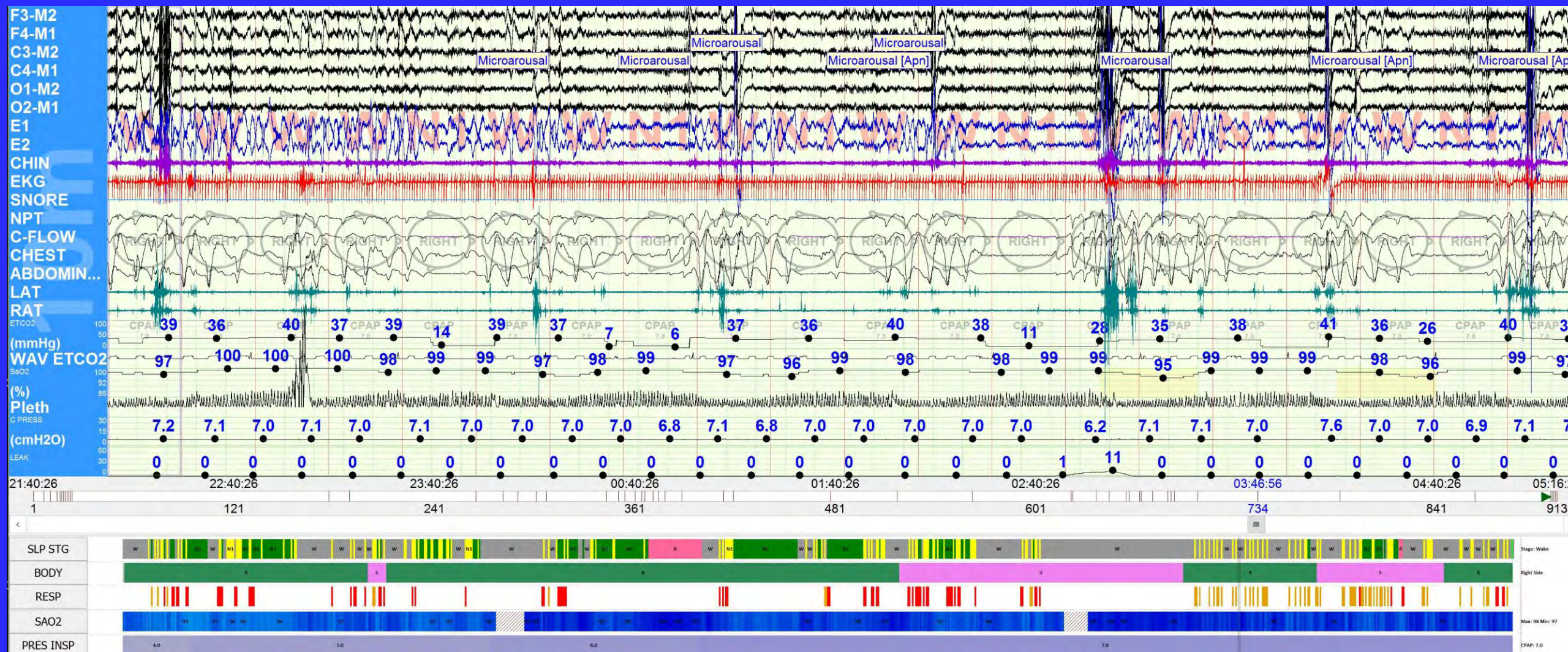
Rodents



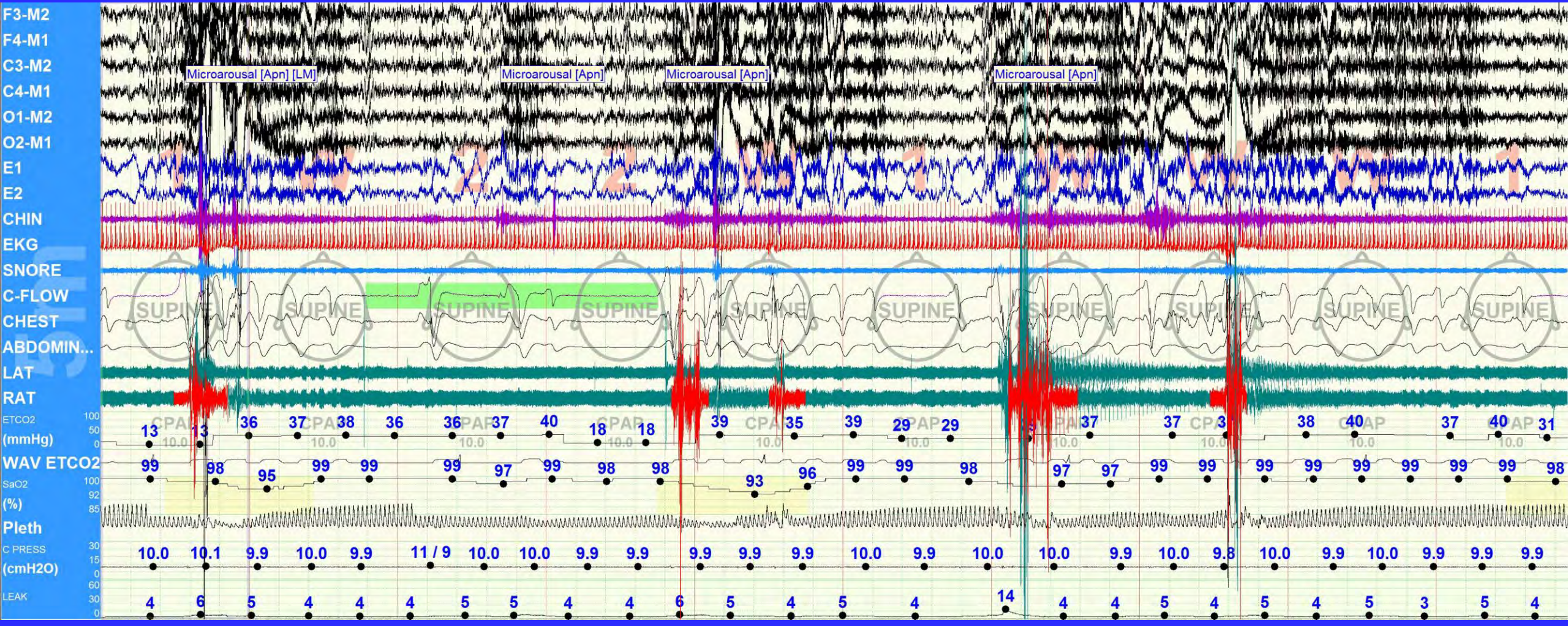
Humans

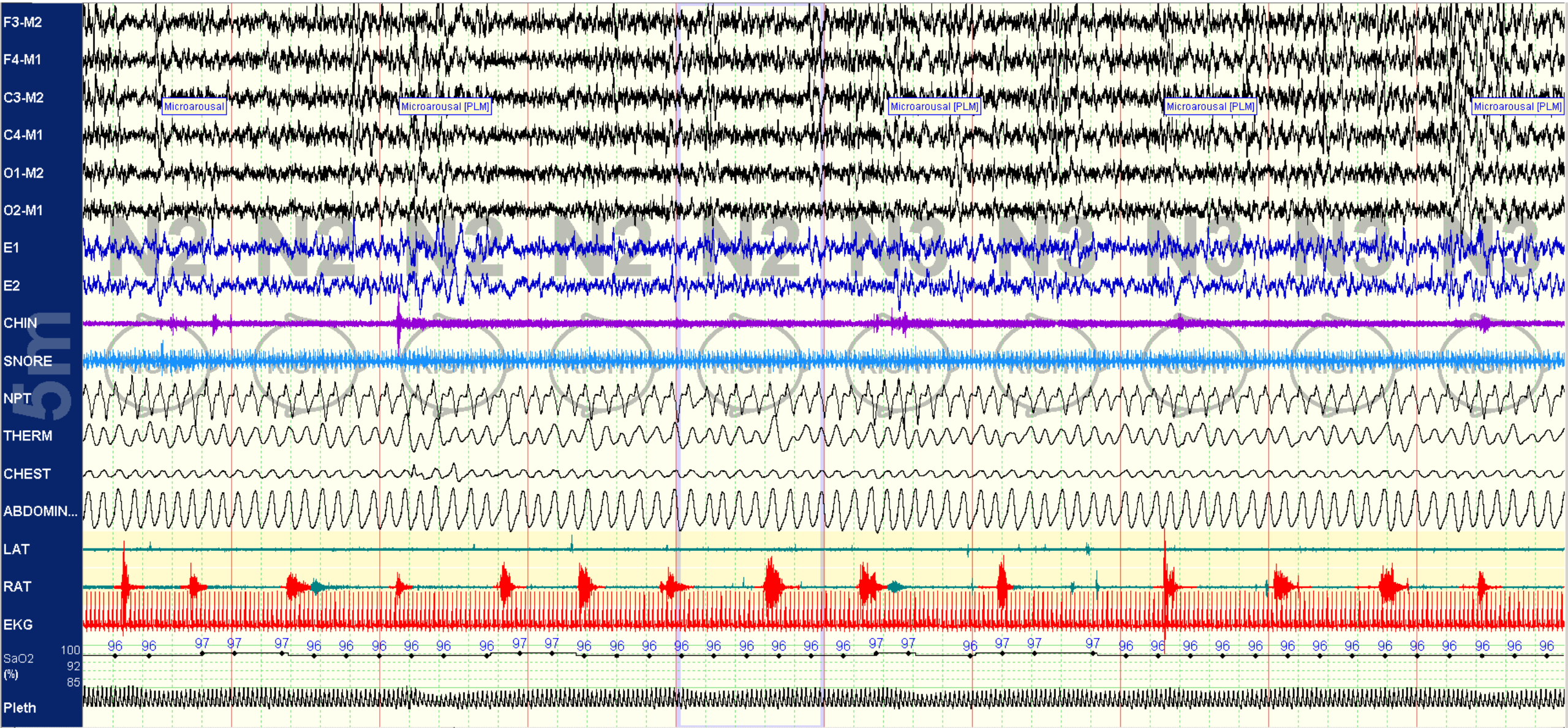


Amplified wake-sleep transitional instability (AWSTI)

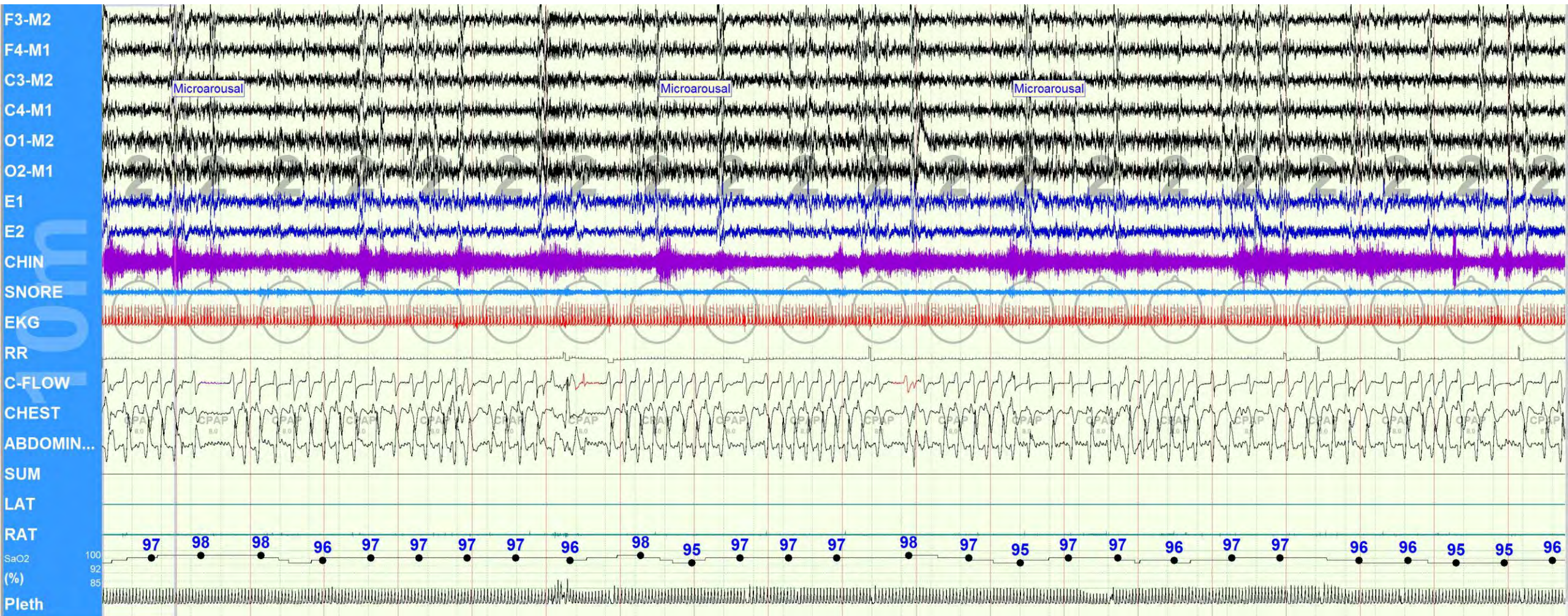


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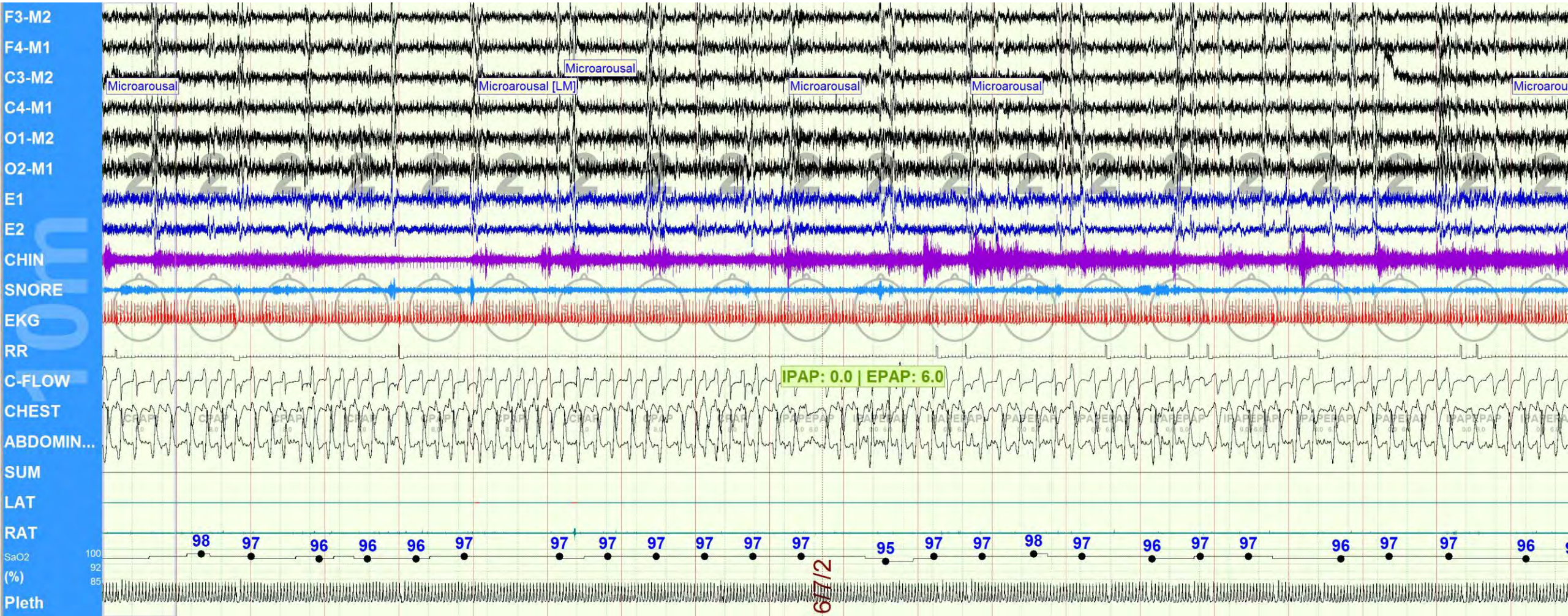




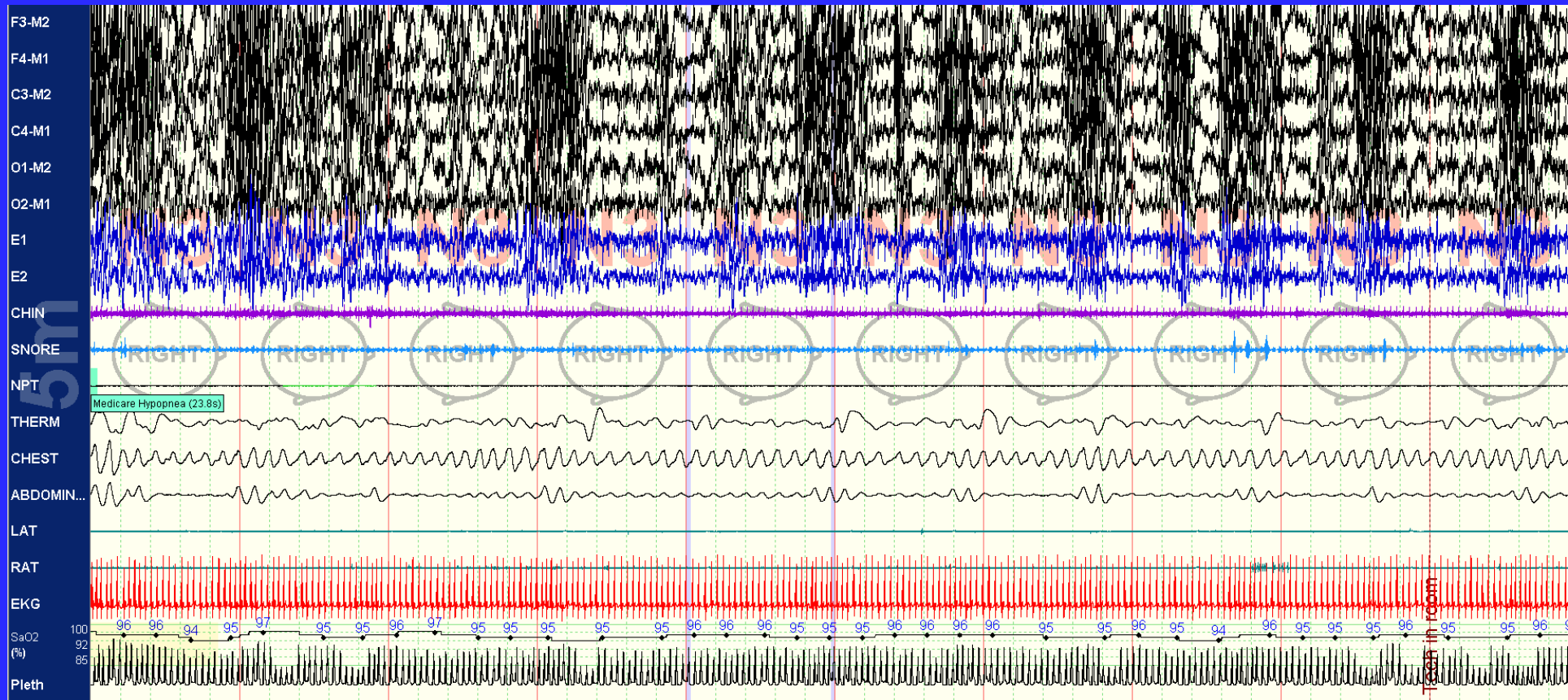
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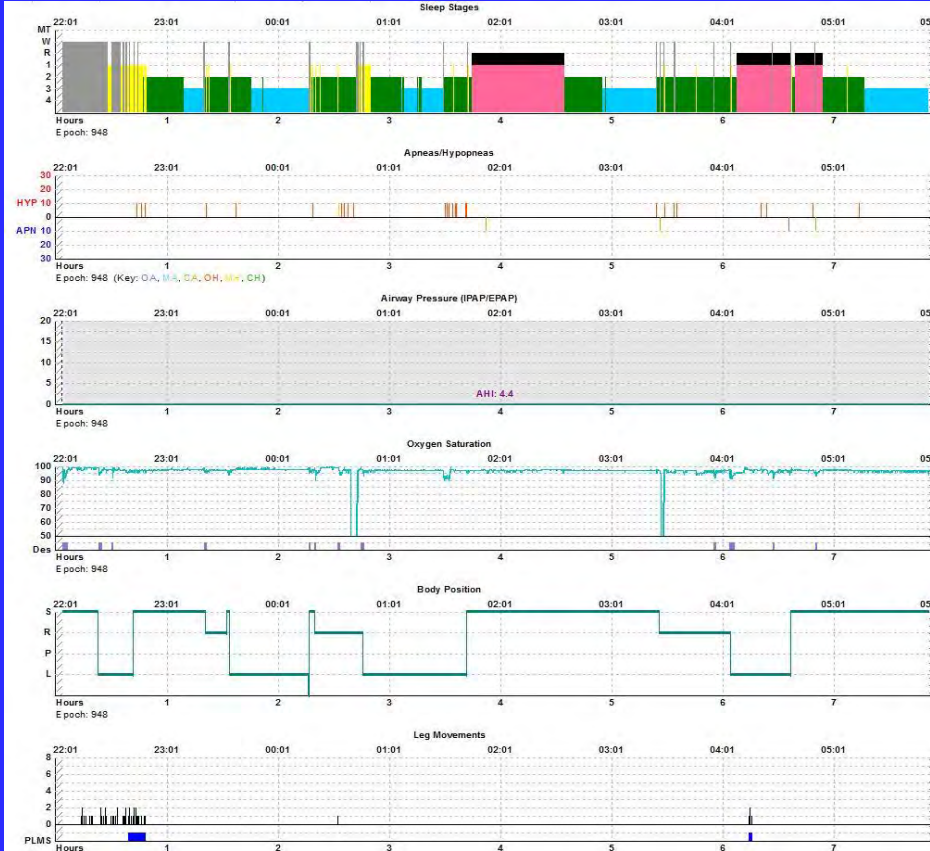


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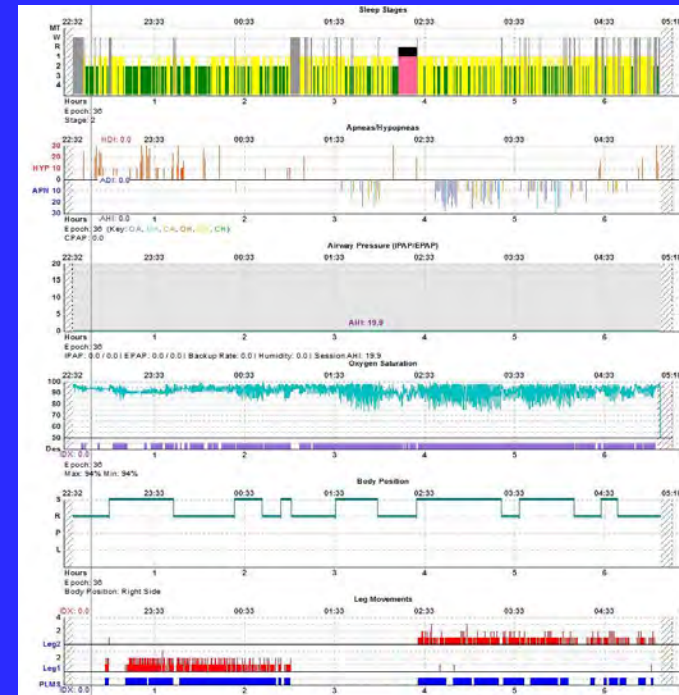


N3 CAP (5-minute)

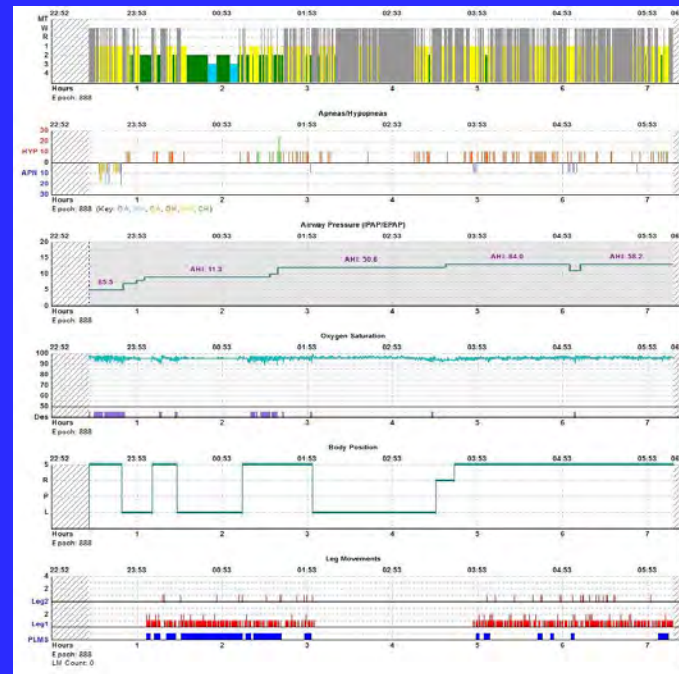




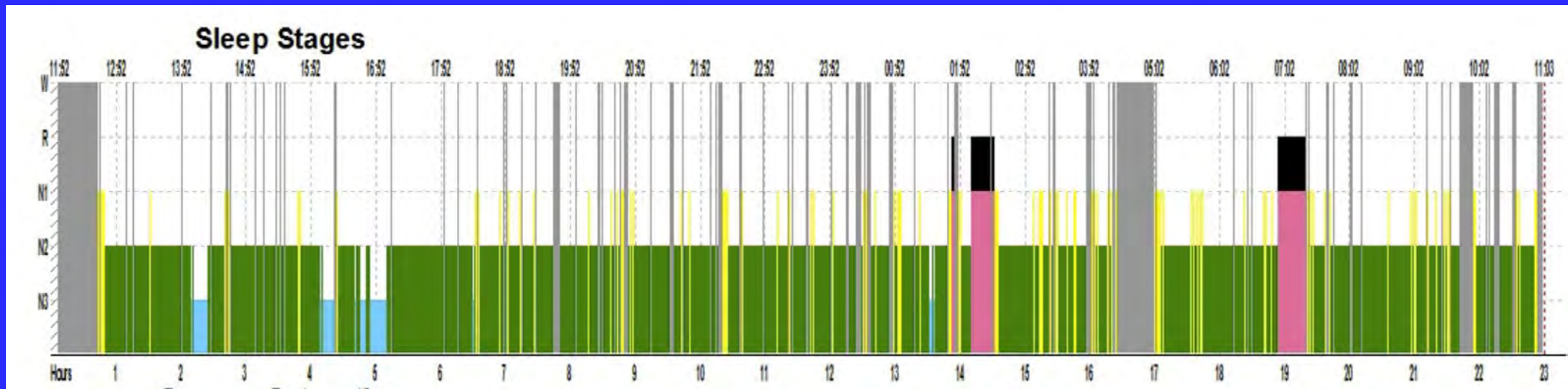
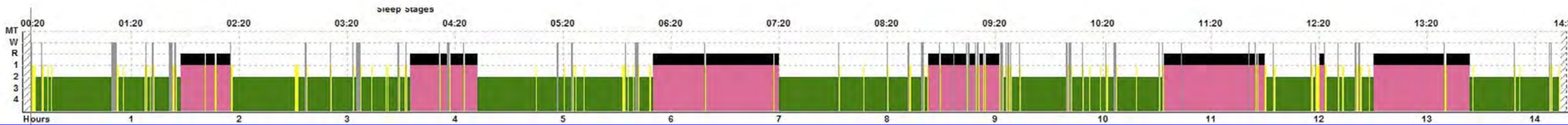
Network success



Network failure!

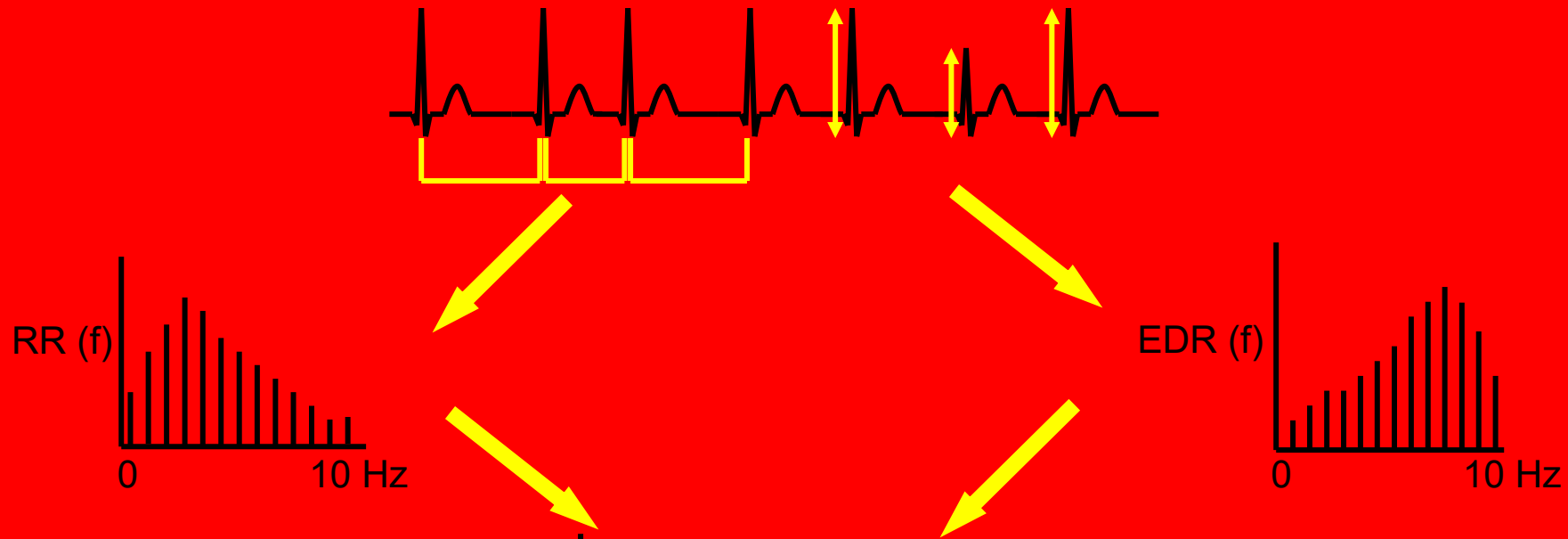


Idiopathic hypersomnia: network-off failure



A speculative word on idiopathic hypersomnia

- **Relevant to all hypersomnias with substantial sleep inertia**
- **A network transition disorder**
- **Pathological persistence of sleep network = long sleep**
- **Pathological inability to switch off for wake network = sleep inertia**
- **Mixed sleep-wake network persistence = fog**
- **Stimulants do not work well due to persistent activation of components of the NREM sleep network**



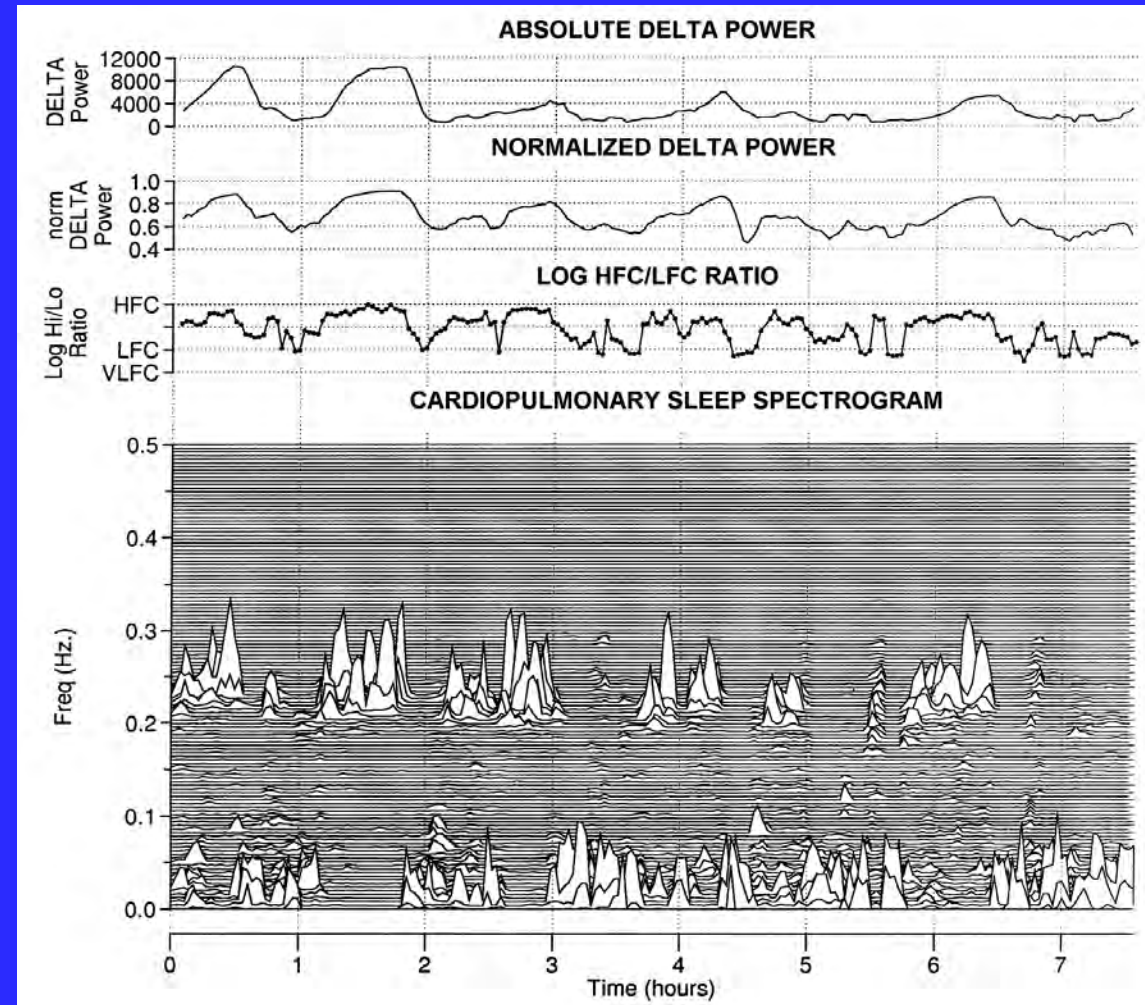
Now we talk
about clinical
tracking of
instabilities

Cross-Spectral Power

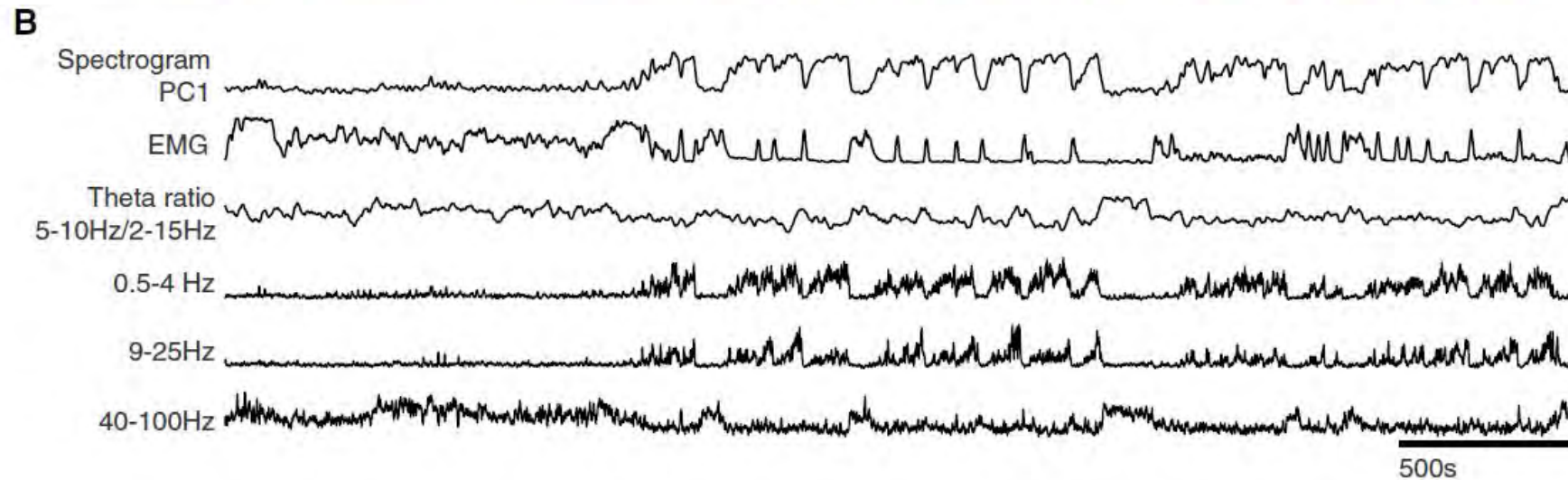
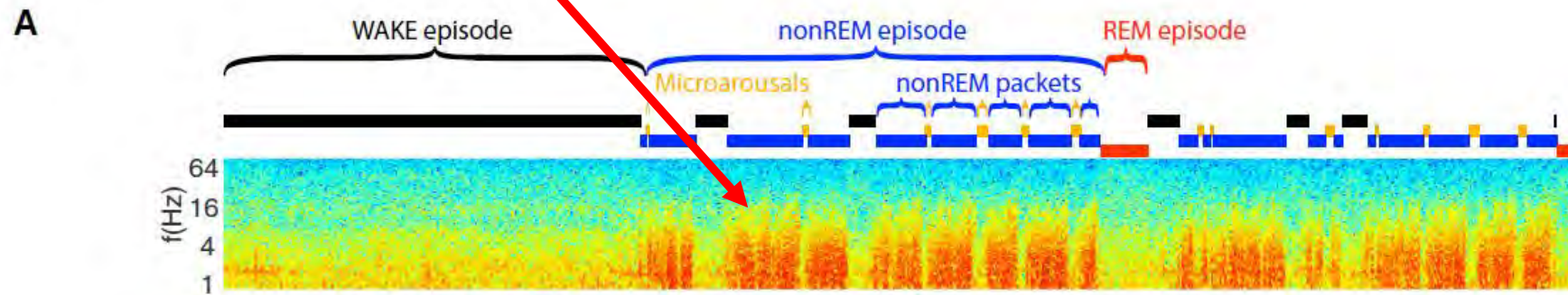
Coherence

$$\text{Cardiopulmonary Coupling} = [\text{Cross-Spectral Power}]^2 \times [\text{Coherence}]$$

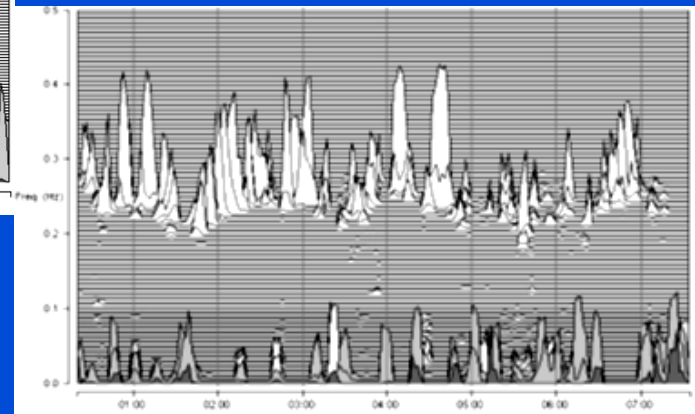
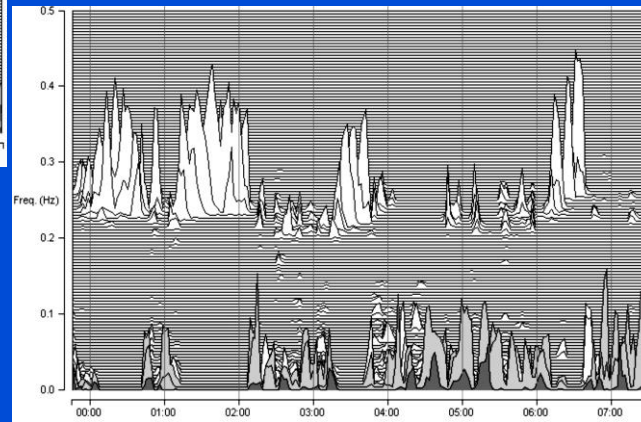
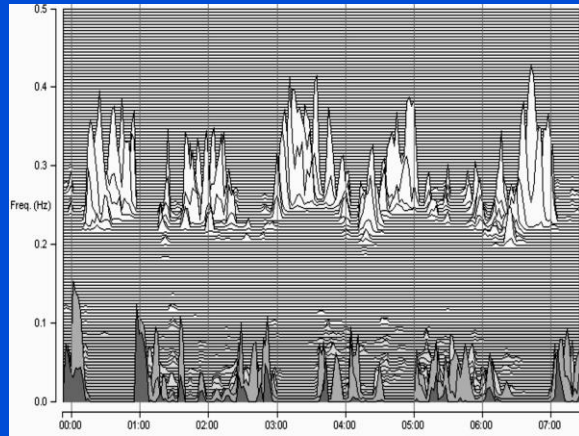
Slow wave power and ECG-spectrogram



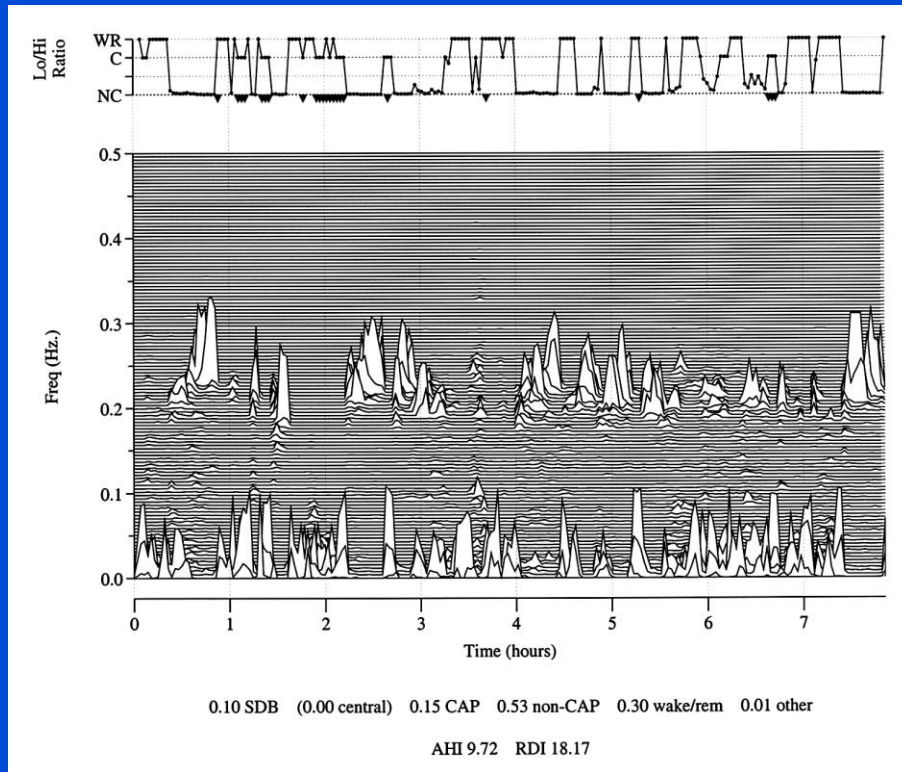
Direct recording from the cortex of rodents show that NREM occurs in “packets”



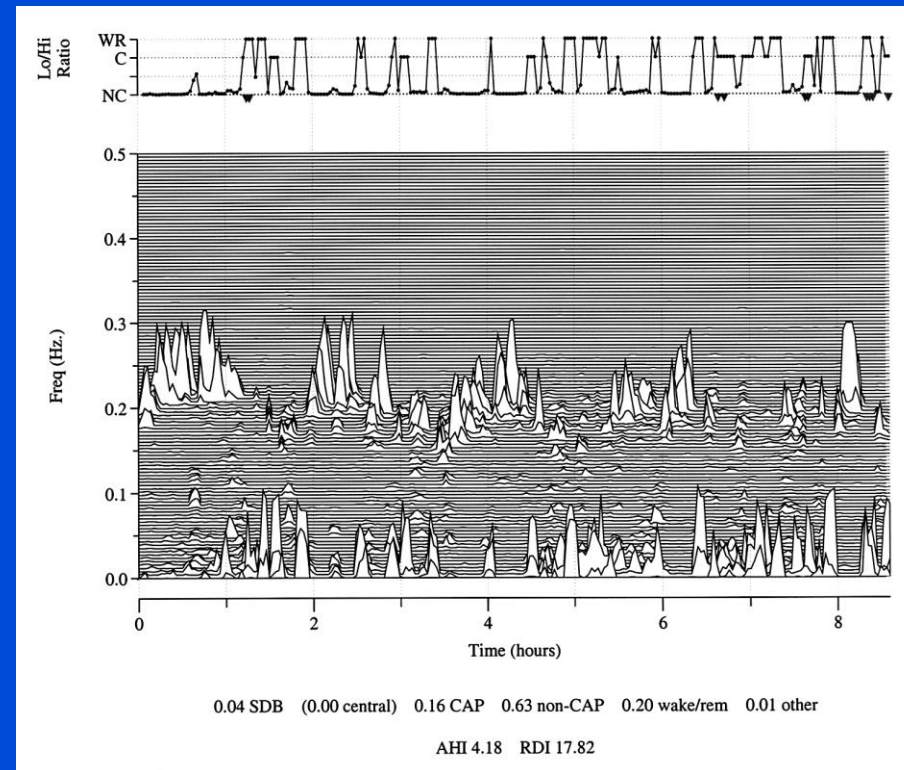
Night-to-night stability



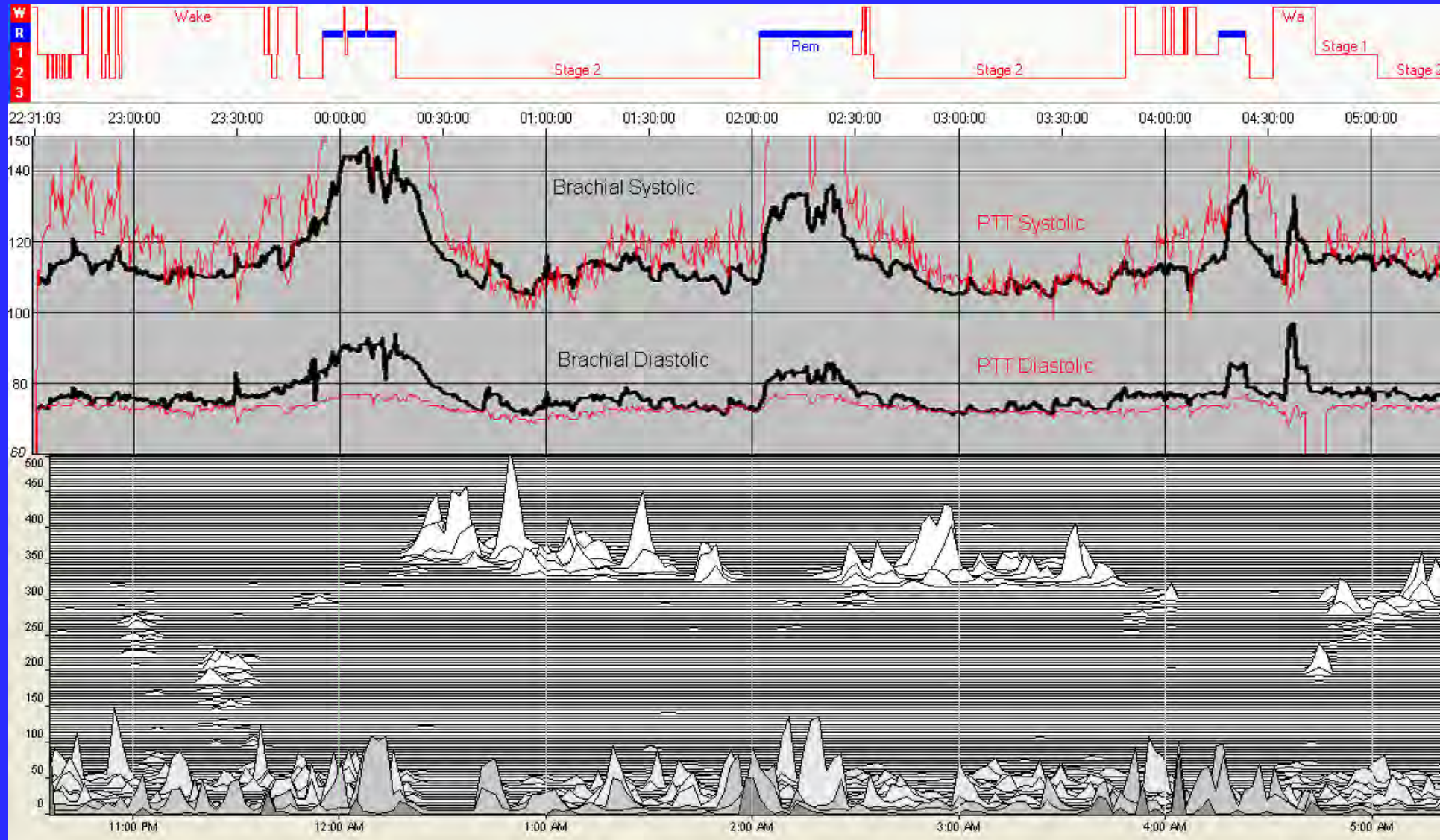
Rested -
human



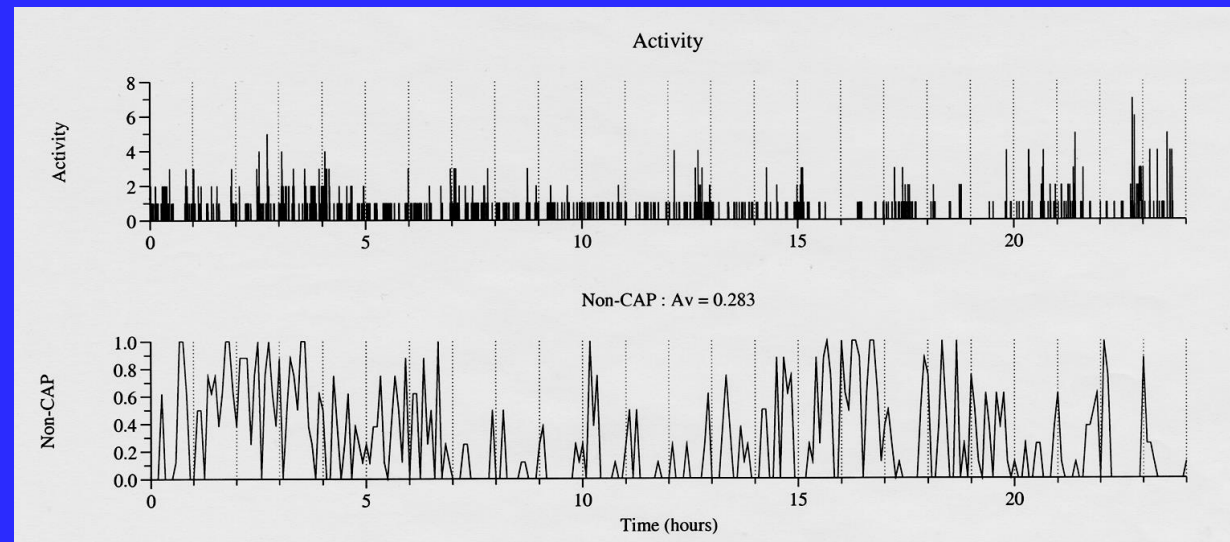
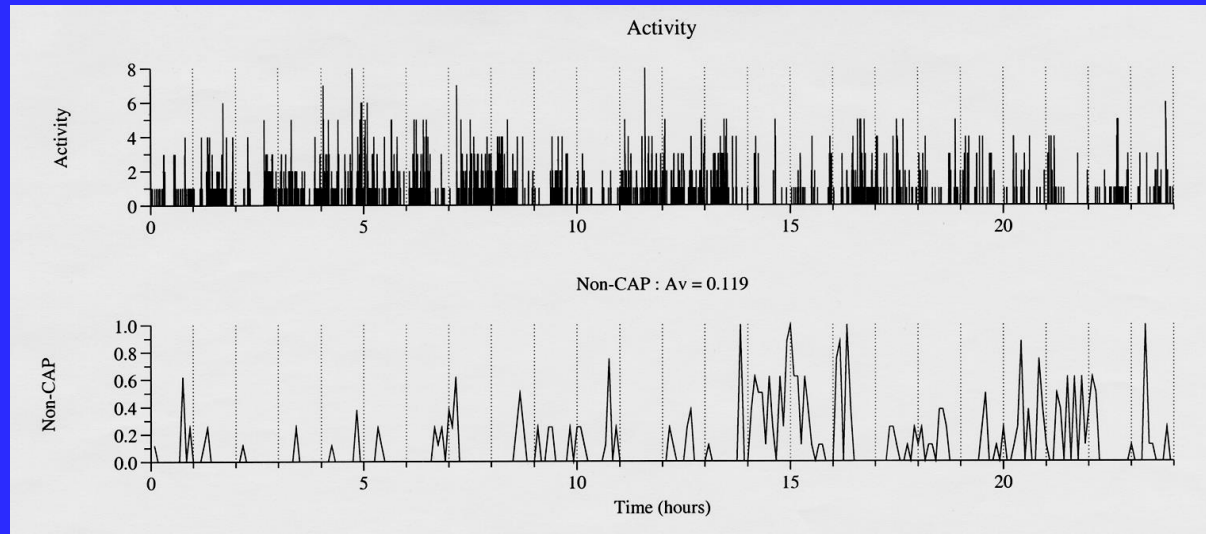
Sleep deprivation recovery
– increased HFC all across
the night



Blood pressure "dips" only during the periods of high frequency coupling

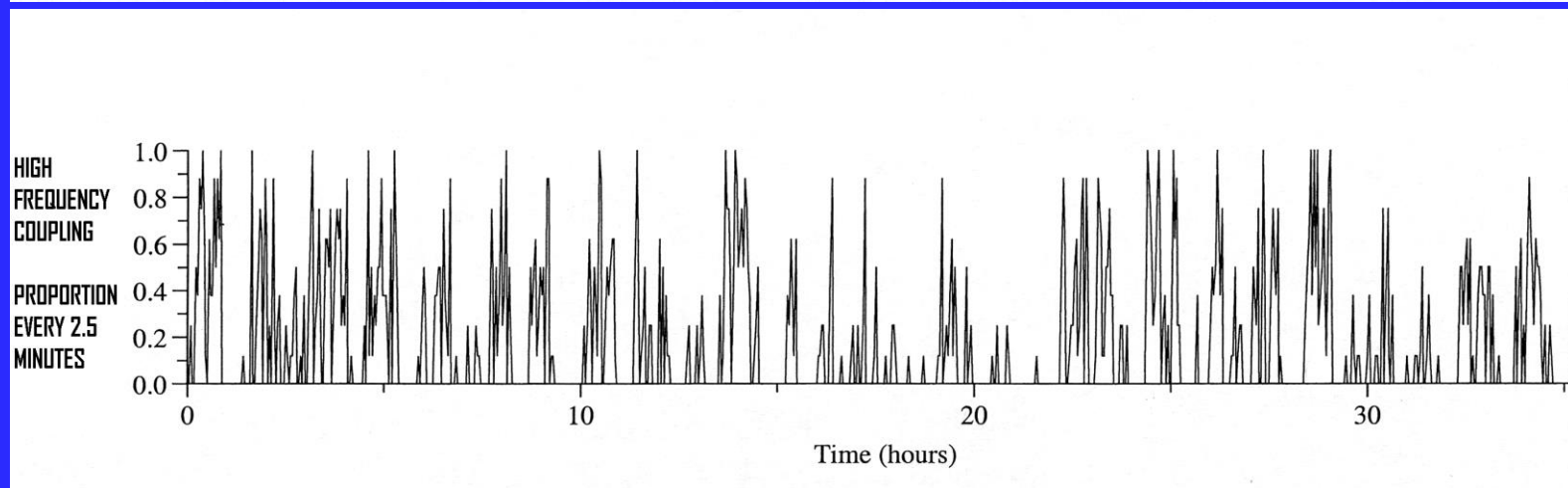
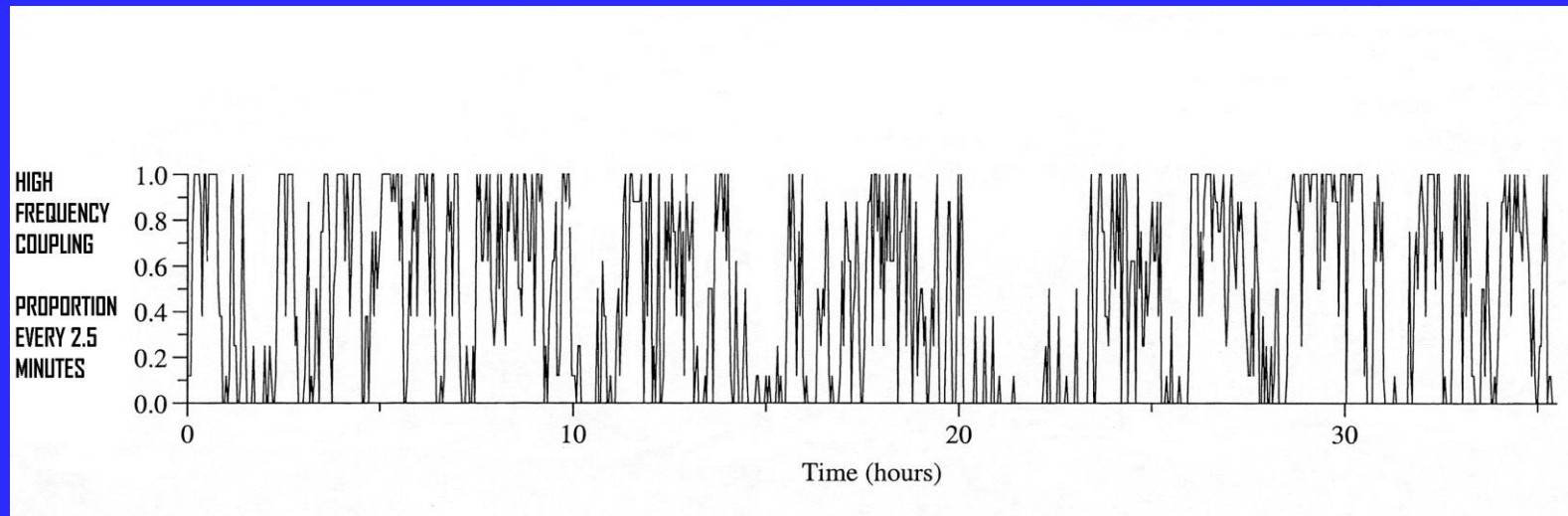


Benzodiazepines decrease slow wave but increases integrated stability (rat data)

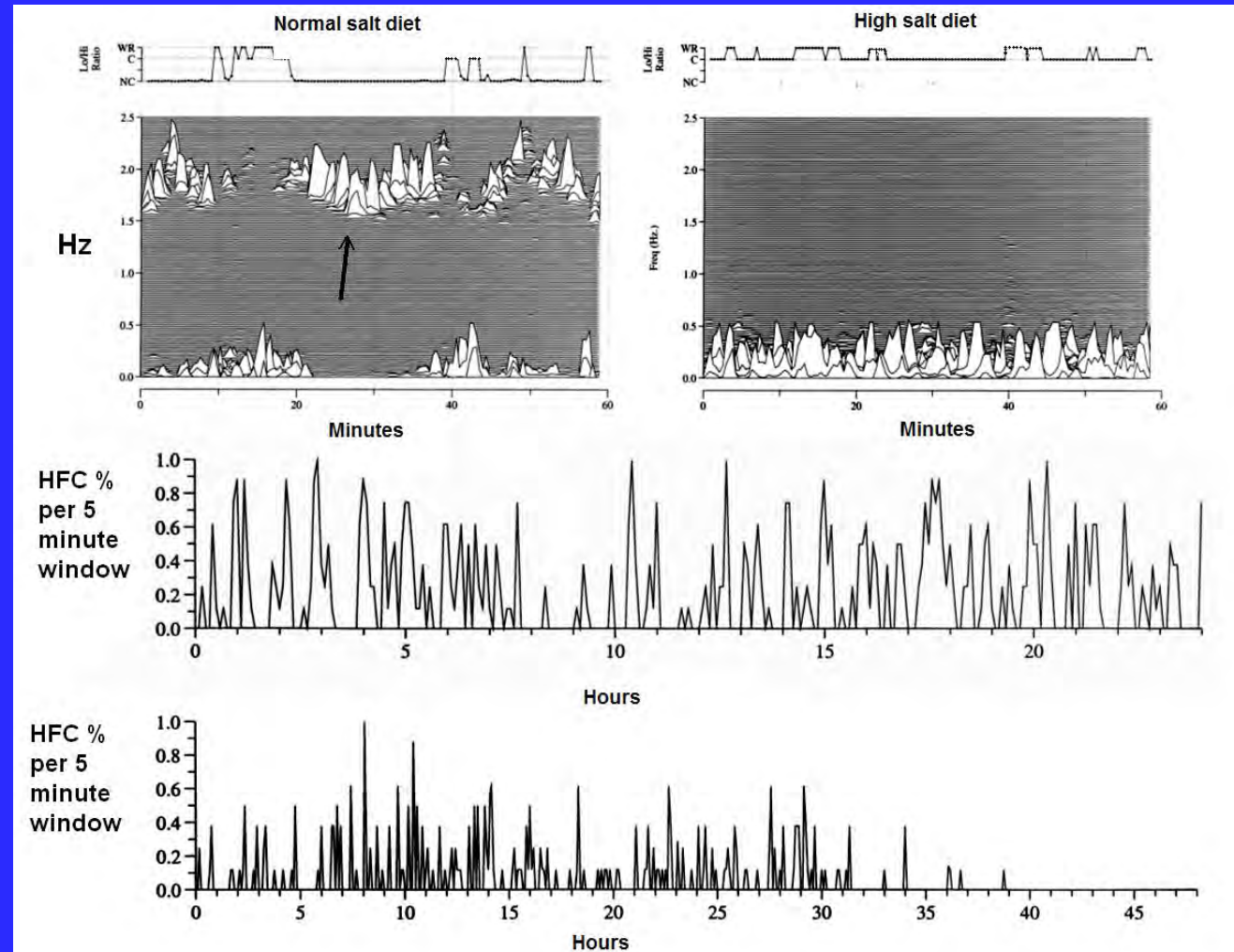


Lorazepam 0.9
mg/Kg/day

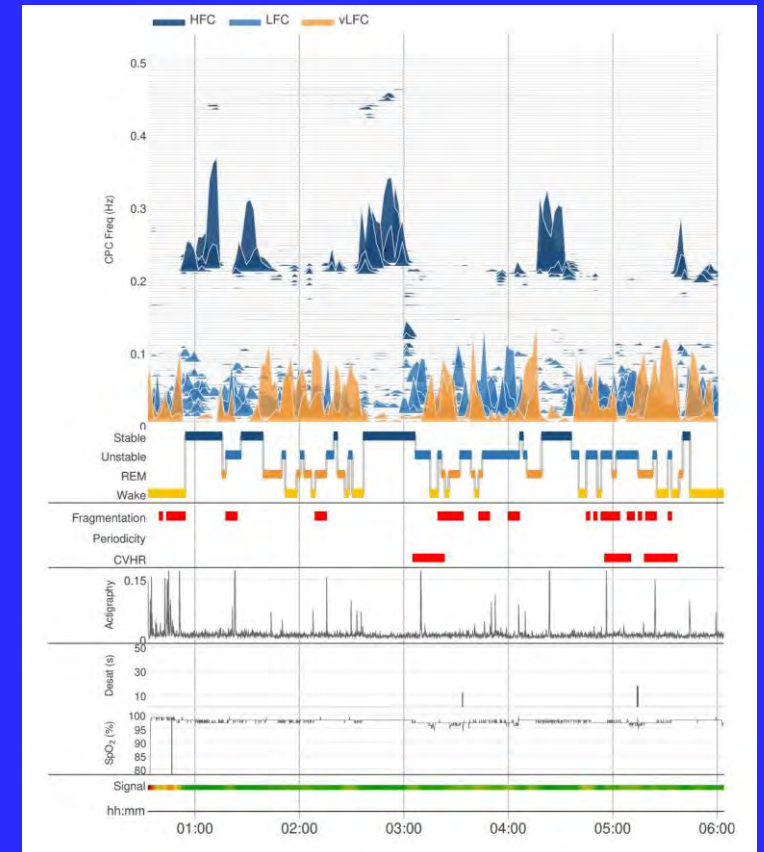
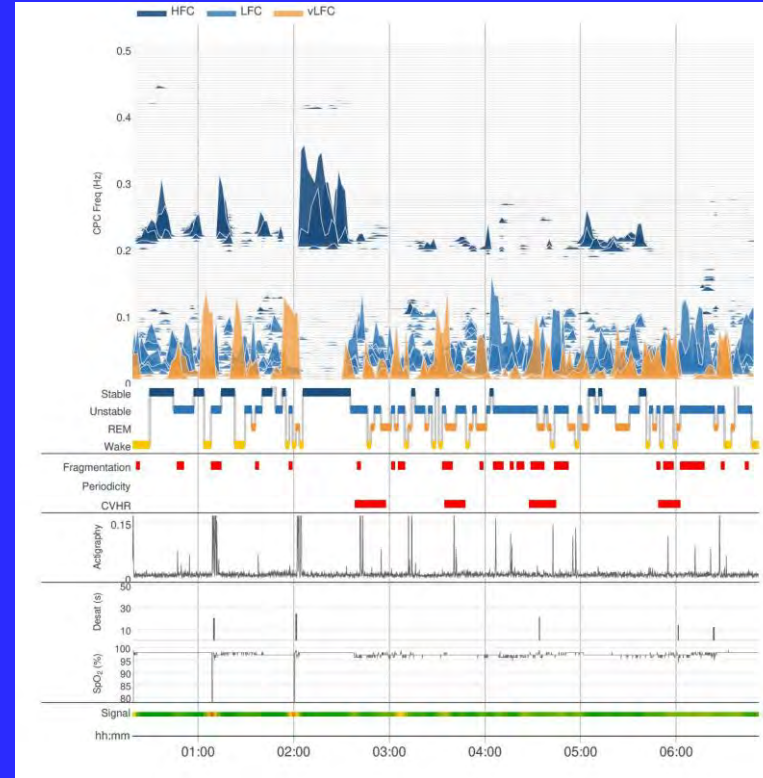
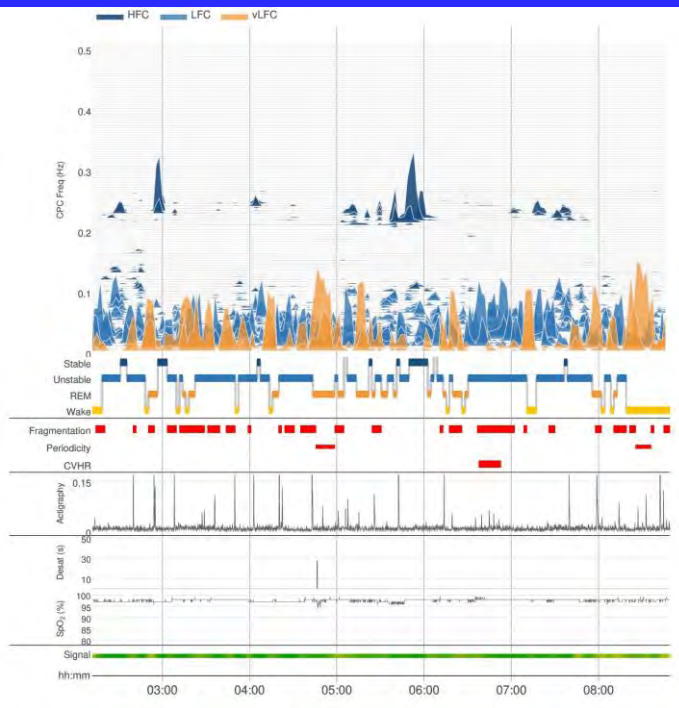
Sleep network fragmentation in Alzheimer's disease (transgenic mouse)

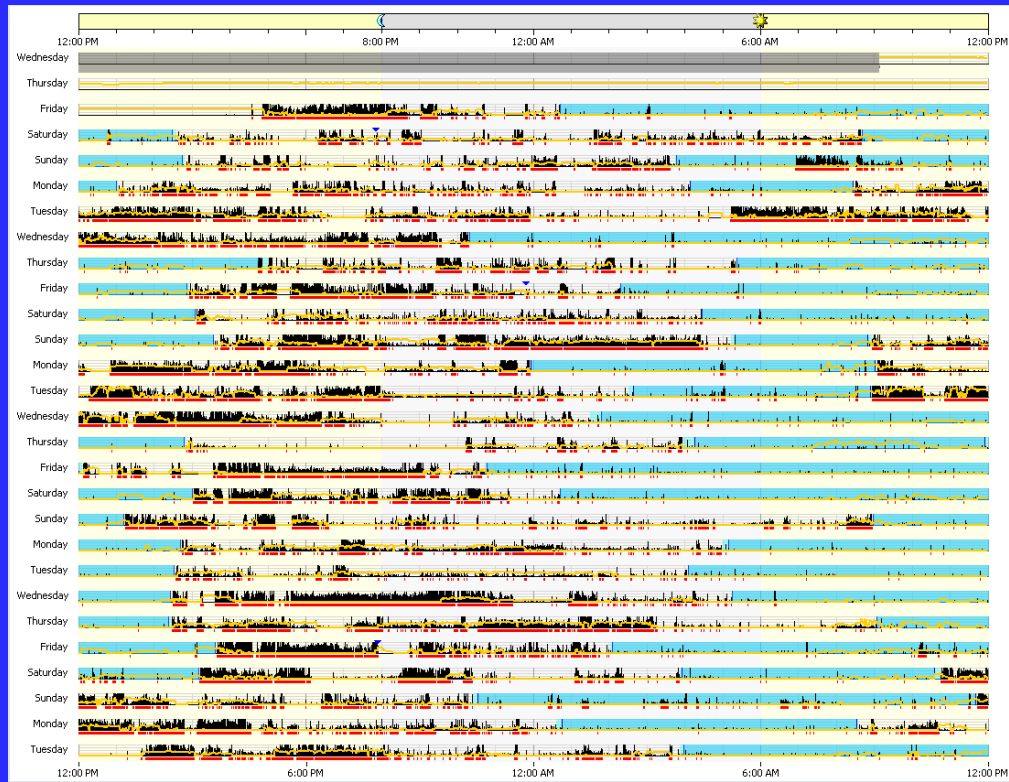


Sleep network fragmentation in heart failure

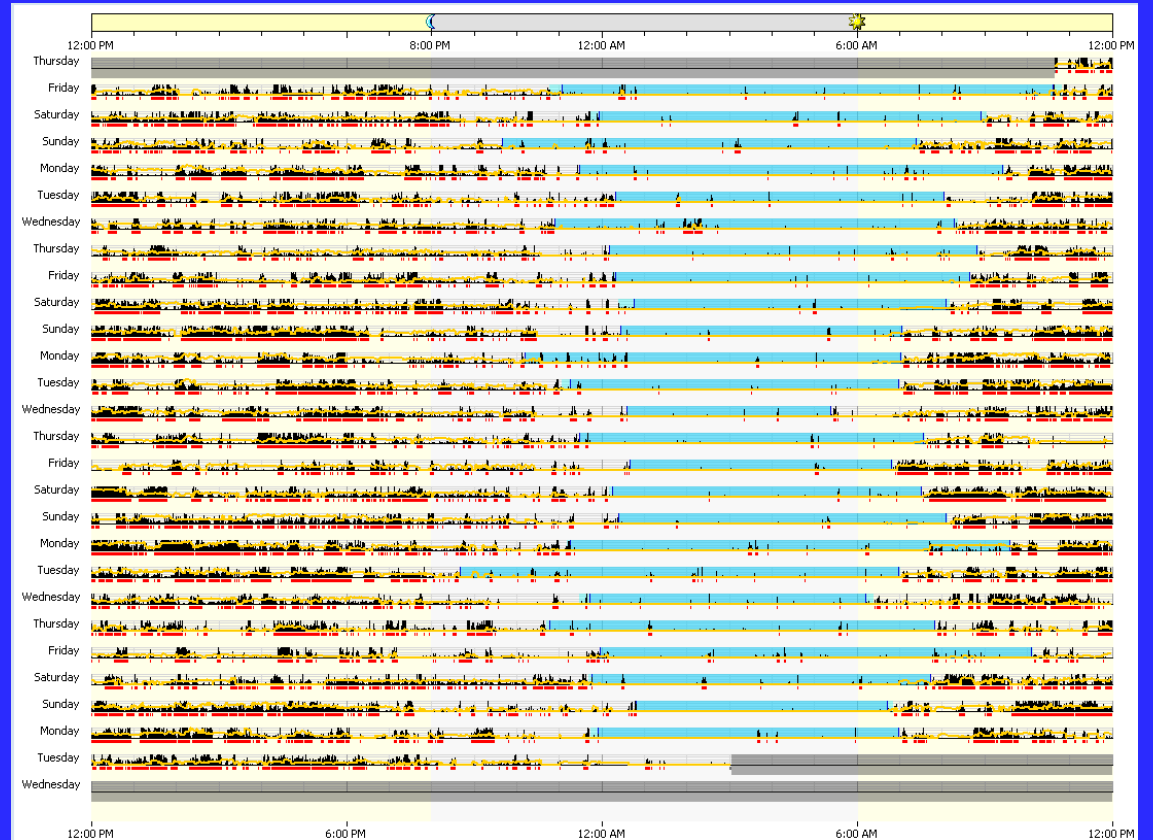


Sleep quality instability





Sleep timing
instability –
pre/post lithium



Stabilizing networks to target sleep disorders

- **Sleep restriction - redistribution of homeostatic sleep drive, improved network continuity, interactions, connectivity, increased TDS**
- **Sodium oxybate – improve network cohesion and sharpen state boundaries**
- **Acetazolamide – stabilize respiratory control network**
- **Benzodiazepines – stabilize integrated sleep network**
- **Stimulants – stabilize wake network and sleep-wake boundaries**
- **RBD circuit – REM behavior disorder**
- **Closed loop stimulation approach to enhance slow waves in NREM sleep**

In summary

- **Sleep is a unique networked state**
- **Multi-physiology**
- **Four dimensions**
- **Dynamic, morphing**
- **Phase transitions**
- **Predictable changes in disease**
- **Predictable effects of therapy**
- **Network analysis is severely underused in sleep research and non-existent in sleep practice**