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# SLEEP RECOVERY

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Prime Human Performance Institute  
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Cost: R1500



John Underwood



**JOHN UNDERWOOD**  
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CONSULTANT FOR  
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Director Founder of the American Athletic Institute – Human Performance Project. A former NCAA All-American, International-level distance runner and World Masters Champion, John has coached or advised more than two dozen Olympians including many World and Olympic Champions. He holds three International Olympic Solidarity diplomas for coaching and has been a crusader for drug-free sport at all levels. John is an internationally recognized human performance expert, specializing in recovery, peaking training and lifestyle impact on mental and physical performance. John's innovative program "Life of an Athlete", has gained international prominence. John has worked with nearly all sport federations including the National Federation of High School Athletics, NCAA, NHL, NFL, NBA, the U.S. Olympic Committee, Sport Canada and the International Olympic Committee. John Underwood is Human Performance Consultant for the U.S. Navy SEALS.

**20 years Olympic Sport**  
**19 years HPP**

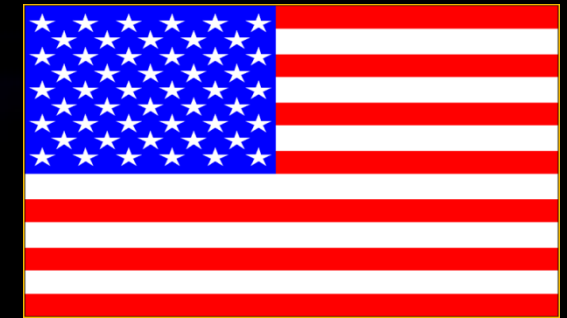
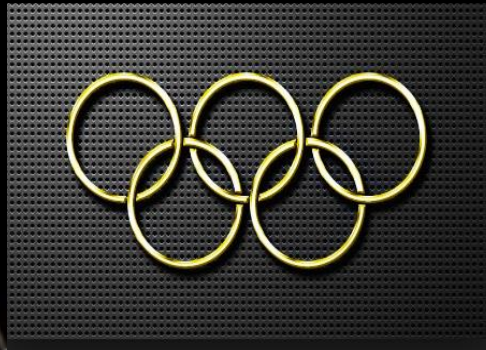






**28 OLYMPIANS**





**SPORT CANADA**

**TEAM USA**







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Life of an Athlete  
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# HUMAN PERFORMANCE PROJECT





# U.S. Navy SEALs

## Naval Special Warfare



## TRAINING AT THE NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER



The SEALs met Underwood, who had studied in Finland for three years, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., and asked for his help in changing the way SEALs trained.

Sports Illustrated



# NSWG2 Laboratory





**Naval Special Warfare**

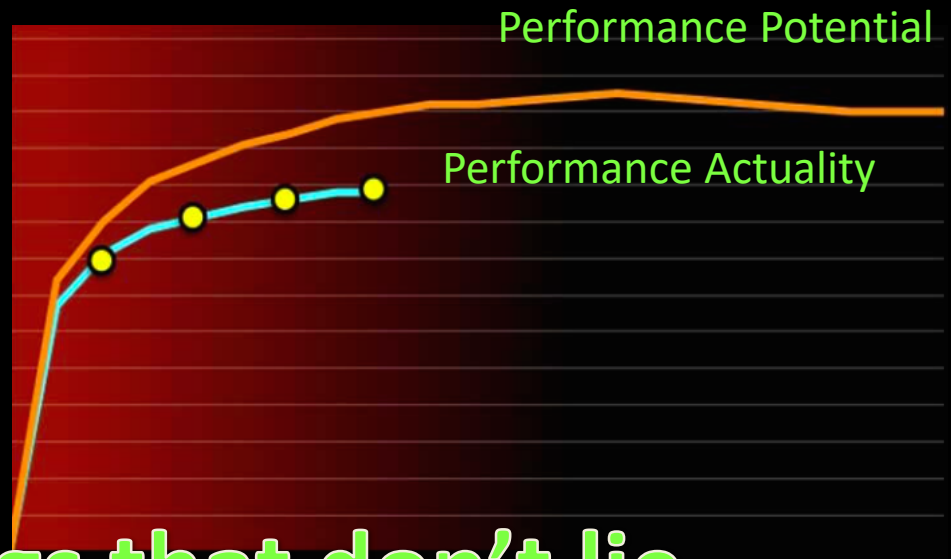




**ADVICE?**

**108-0**





The only things that don't lie  
Science and results  
*This ain't no guessing game...*





*A science based approach to performance*







## THE COACH'S PLAYBOOK



# Power Back Diet

Diet Nutrition Summary  
for Athletes

*John Underwood Life of an Athlete  
Human Performance Project*



## ⚡ Sleep and Recovery

An applicable approach to a lifestyle of  
recovery and rest for athletes



## Coaches Super Clinic



## LEADERSHIP GUIDE



### ELEVATE YOUR TEAM

Read, understand, and commit  
to living a life of excellence!



## Mental Wellness for Top Performance

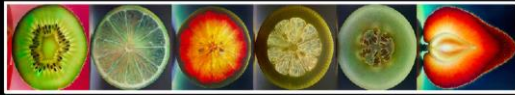


### High Expectations Bring High Stress

We expect so much from our youth today academically, athletically, in activities and in the jam packed schedules they keep during their waking hours. One in four of them will develop mental health related issues during their teen years. We are asking them to perform at high levels without even giving them the tools to make it happen. This guide is to help them understand a healthy outlook to high level performance and skills to deal with the stress and stressors they face today in their daily lifestyle.



## Athletes and Nutrition



Power Back Diet



## Athletes and Recovery



## Athletes and Marijuana



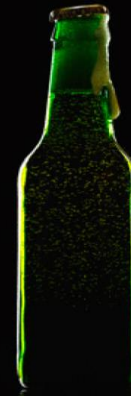
## Athletes and MOOD



## Athletes and Training



## Athletes and Alcohol



## Athletes and Stress



## Athletes and Technology

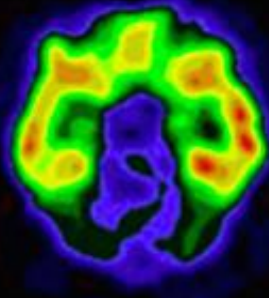
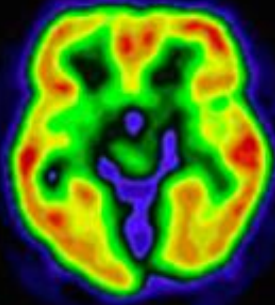


## Athletes and Sleep



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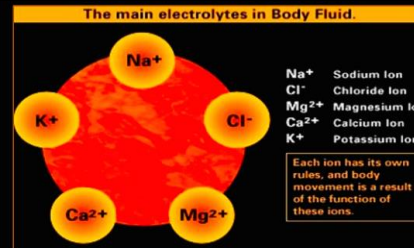


## Athletes and Neurotransmitters

## Athletes and Blue Light



## ATHLETE LEADERSHIP



## ATHLETES AND ELECTROLYTES

## ATHLETES AND FATIGUE



Fatigue status changes over minutes hours and days...  
There are no patterns that are predictable...  
Every stress and stressor contributes to levels of fatigue...

## FATIGUE STATUS







# RECOVERY AND LIFESTYLE

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# USE EVERY ASSET



# 1% FACTOR



# THE 100m FINAL OLYMPIC STADIUM, LONDON, AUG 5 2012

WIND  
SPEED  
+1.5m/s



LANE 9 <b>Churandy Martina</b> HOL	LANE 8 <b>Ryan Bailey</b> USA	LANE 7 <b>Usain Bolt</b> JAM	LANE 6 <b>Justin Gatlin</b> USA	LANE 5 <b>Yohan Blake</b> JAM	LANE 4 <b>Tyson Gay</b> USA	LANE 3 <b>Asfa Powell</b> JAM	LANE 2 <b>Richard Thompson</b> TRI
<b>TIME</b> 9.94sec	<b>TIME</b> 9.88	<b>TIME</b> 9.63 (OR)	<b>TIME</b> 9.79	<b>TIME</b> 9.75	<b>TIME</b> 9.80	<b>TIME</b> 11.99	<b>TIME</b> 9.98
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9.63

9.98

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1:54.38

1:54.40

1:54.52

1:54.64

1:54.67

1:54.82

1:54.84

1:54.87

1:54.88

.57 Secs.









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This photo finish shot shows how close the coxless fours race was as Great Britain's boat crosses the line 0.08 seconds ahead of the Canadian crew.

# Gold and Silver



0.001



1	GBR 	PENDLETON	
2	AUS 	MEARES	+0.001

Ω OMEGA

# THE REST IS UP TO YOU

You are here...

You signed up for this...

You owe it to yourself, your teammates to be at your best!





# Recovery



**STRESS**  
**RECOVERY**  
**ADAPTATION**



# REST.

(it's part of the program!)



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**REPAIR**

**RESTORE**

**REBOOT**

**RELOAD**

**REFUEL**

**REINFORCE**



A silhouette of a person in a crouched position, stretching their legs, set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise background. The person is on the left side of the frame, and the sun is visible as a bright glow in the upper right.

# PHYSICAL RECOVERY

If you are going to train very hard ...  
You need to rest very hard!

A man is lying down, his head tilted back, looking towards the upper left. A white starburst icon is positioned above his head. The entire scene is bathed in a deep blue light, creating a serene yet intense atmosphere.

# STRESS



## GET THIS!

*Elite performance will never revolve around which athletes can stand the most stress... rather to reduce as much as possible the stress and stressors that impact training recovery and performance*

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# How fast you can recover!

## QUALITY OF TRAINING

60  
MINUTES

During the first hour after a workout the majority of recovery takes place and training effect is maximized.

The first hour



# 70 20 10 Rule



**Turn around time**



# METABOLIC



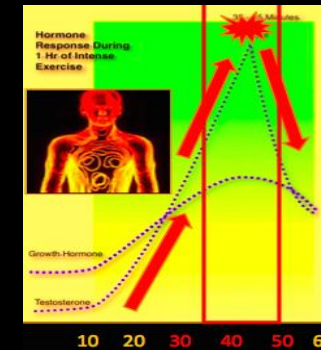
Metabolism Changes  
Ex. Fuels Thermal NTs  
Alertness Focus

# STRUCTURAL



Primary failure/ Core/  
Skeletal/ Postural

# ENDOCRINE



Hormonal  
Decline

# NEURO-MUSCULAR

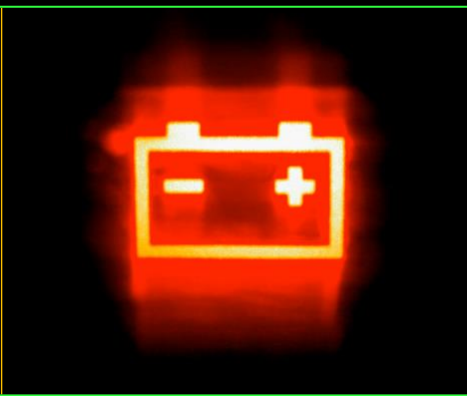
Signal / Neural Drive/ Misfires  
NT's /Neural Fatigue





**The single most impacting factor in athlete performance is CNS READINESS**





# It is all in your Head...

What makes awesome happen?

## BRAIN SCIENCE



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- ◆ Impact of Sleep on performance
- ◆ Impact of Alcohol and Marijuana on performance
- ◆ Impact of Technology Use on performance
- ◆ Impact of Neural Fatigue on performance
- ◆ Impact of Blood Glucose on performance
- ◆ Impact of Hydration of performance
- ◆ Impact of Stress on performance
- ◆ Impact of Mood on performance
- ◆ Impact of Energy Drinks on performance
- ◆ Impact of Diet on performance



# CNS READINESS

Brain function during performance is being studied world wide. Whether you are an athlete, musician, actor, dancer, or student Central Nervous System (CNS) Readiness is the single biggest factor in performance.

# Neural Drive

The brain provides what is known as neural drive to the body. This is the electrical signal sent

f  
g **BRAIN MUST BE HIGHLY RESTED** r  
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recruitment. Young athletes do not yet command this process but by training over time this activation develops. Eventually the recruitment increases force development and outputs.



**MUSCLES MUST BE HIGHLY RESTED**



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**PERFORMANCE**



**TRAIN**

**RECOVER**

**ADAPT**





RANDOM DOES NOT PRODUCE RESULTS  
CREATURES OF HABIT  
GO WITH WHAT WORKS

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# Timing and Timelines



**LIFESTYLE**



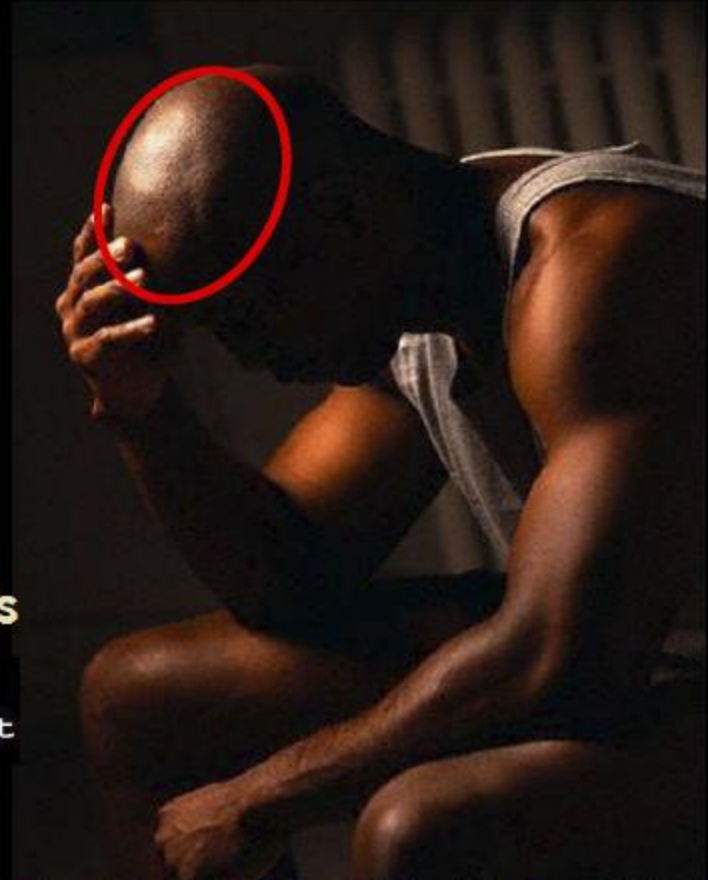
# NEURAL FATIGUE?

Random performance is a result of lack of attention to recovery processes and methods in body systems. Sleep, hydration, nutrient intake, compression, thermal exposure, and sleep are critical to the recovery timeline. If an athlete as random recovery process methods it almost insures random performance. When inconsistant performance occurs, many times it is a result of fatigue in the Central Nervous System. The CNS once fatigued, can take nearly twice as long to recover as the heart, lungs (Central System), and muscles. Older athletes have decreasing hormone levels that do not support 24 hour recovery to full capacities.

**Pay Attention to Recovery Details**

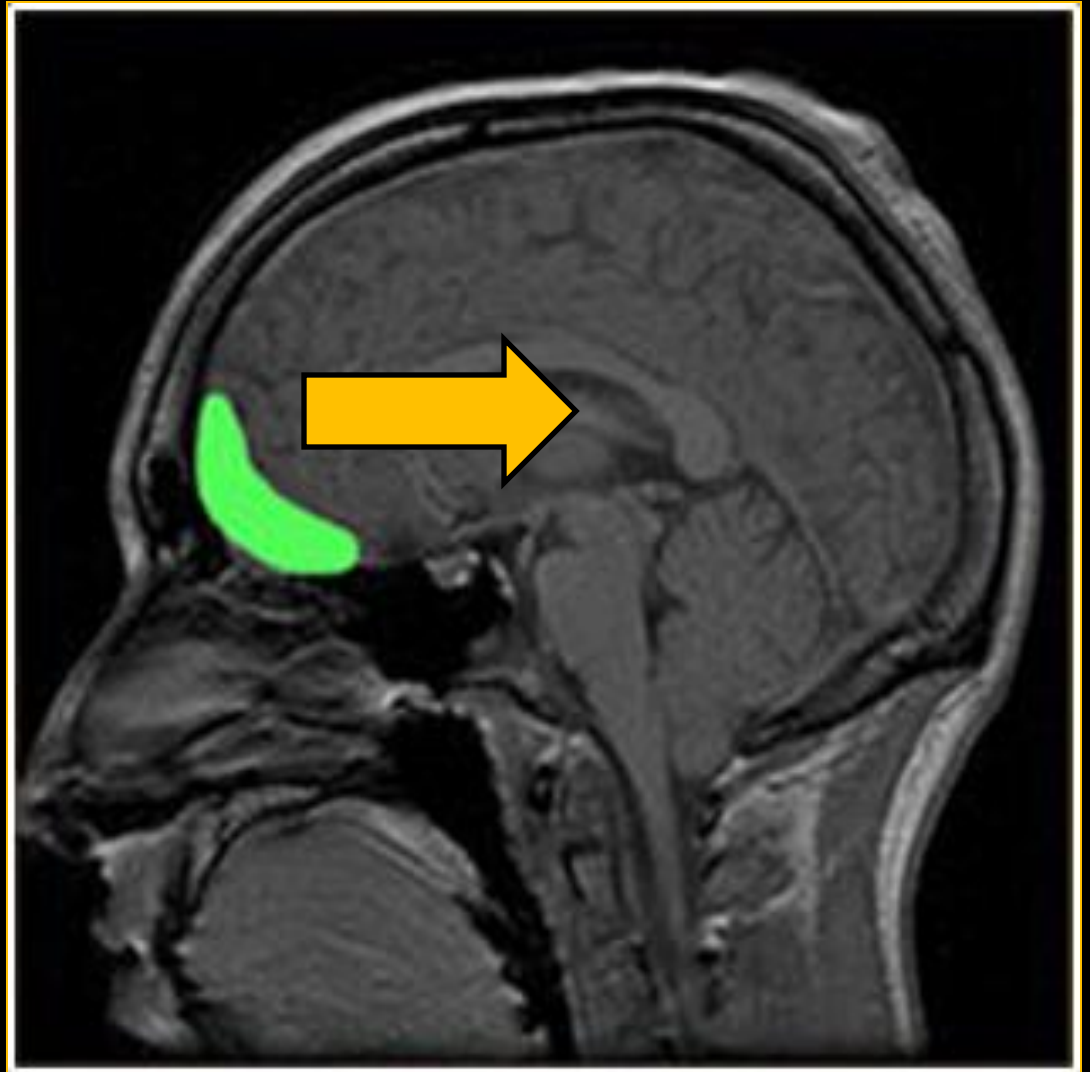


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**INCONSISTANT PERFORMANCE  
#1 SUSPECT**

# TIRED BRAIN



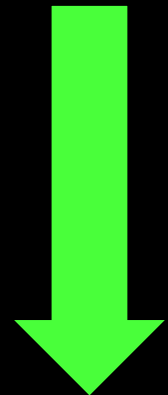
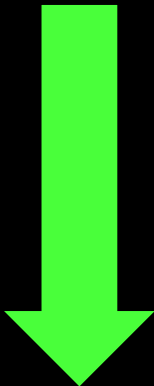
Neural fatigue in processing (FRONTAL CORTEX)  
fatigues other regions of brain function...



# NEURAL FATIGUE



## TOTAL QUALITY MOVEMENTS

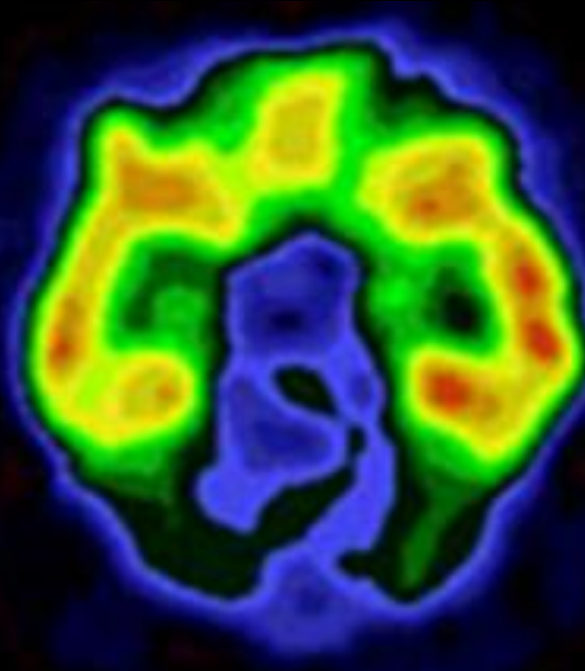
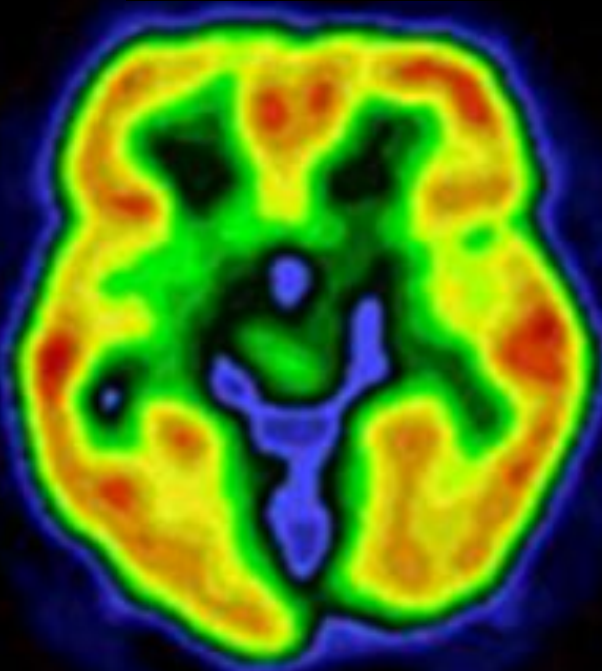


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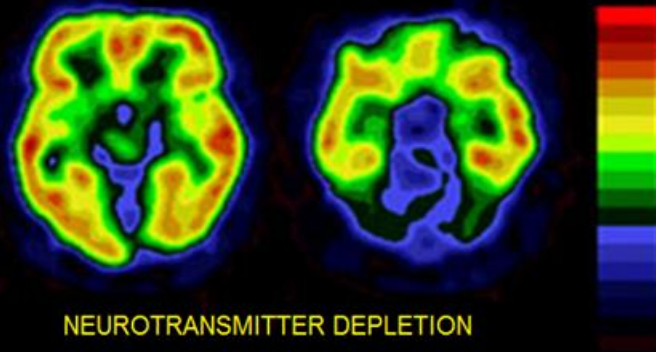


NEUROTRANSMITTER DEPLETION

RELOADED DURING SLEEP

# ACCELERANTS

## USING IT UP



The importance of the connection between serotonin and dopamine stems from the balance that must be maintained within the body for brain/body function

### Neurotransmitters and Substances

As soon as the body starts moving, serotonin is released.  
It functions as an accelerator for movement and makes motor neurons more active.



Smoke it , Chew it, Drink it, FAIL!

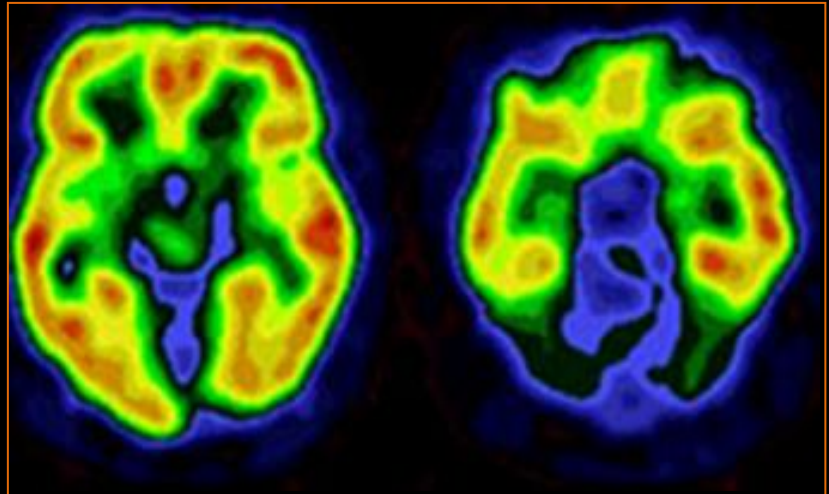
Using substances, uses up the chemicals your brain needs  
for high level mental and physical performance!



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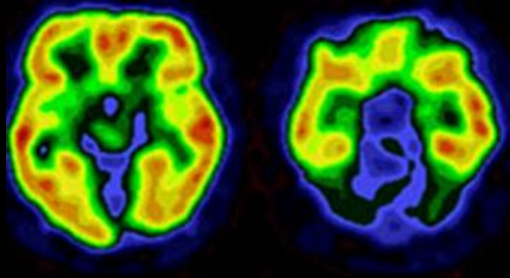
# DEPLETED DOPAMINE



# DECREASED MOTIVATION

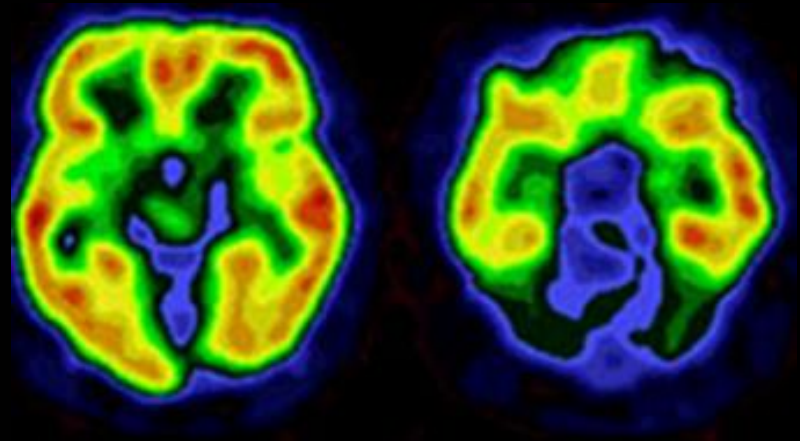


# 350X



# Caffeine increases neurotransmitter uptake

500X



Stimulant Users have high level CNS  
trauma when they come off effects...

# NEURAL FATIGUE INFLAMMATION

## AFTER EFFECTS:

CNS Neural Fatigue  
Sensitivity to Light  
Irritability Anxiety  
Weakness Fatigue  
<Sleep Quality /Quantity  
Moodiness Negative Mood  
Decreased Appetite  
>DOMS and Muscle Soreness.

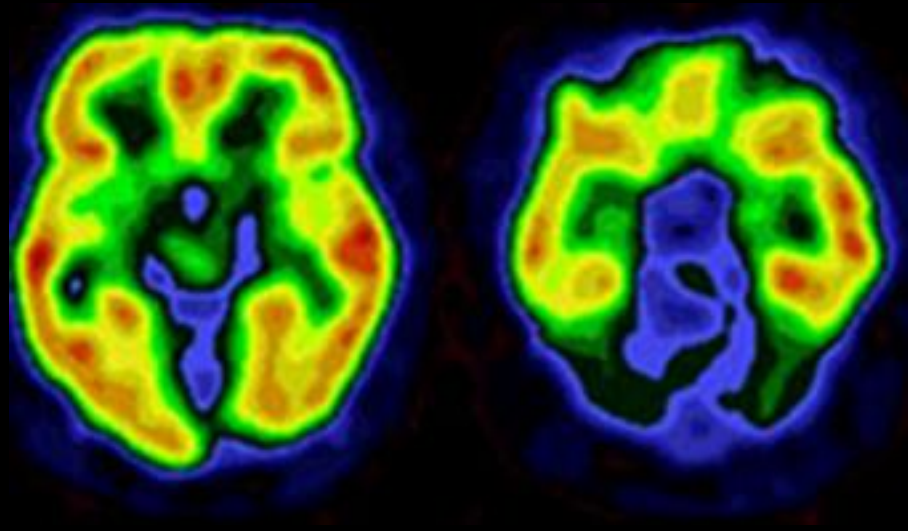




# Nicotine increases neurotransmitter uptake

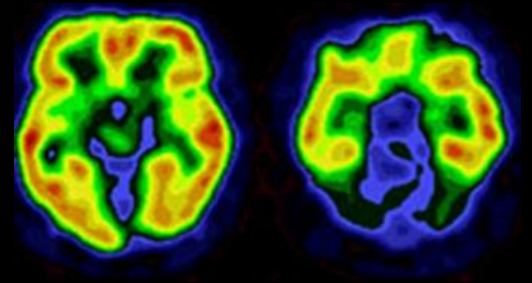


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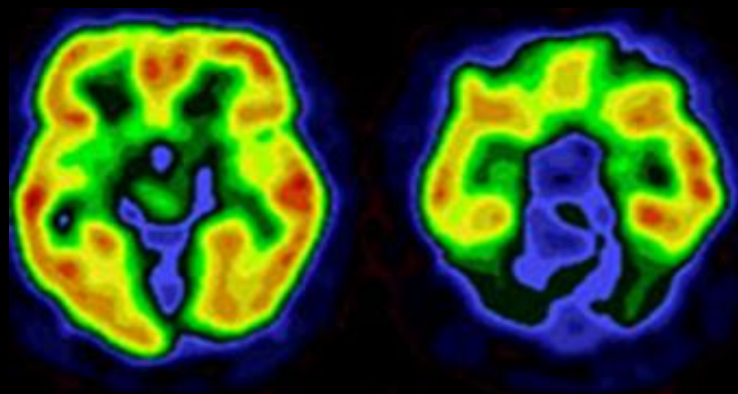
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Neurotransmitter uptake

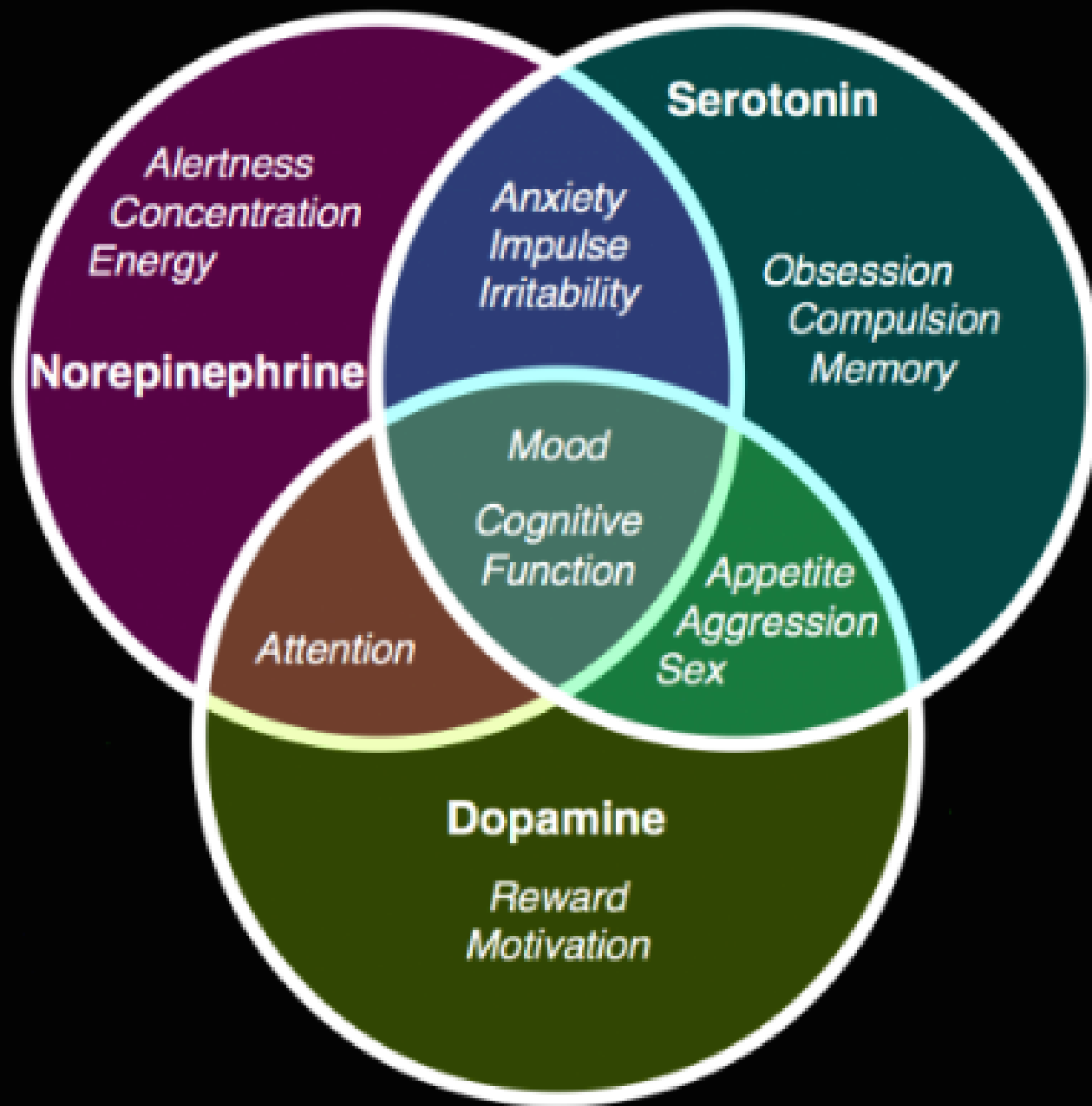


100X



Neurotransmitter uptake





**NOREPINEPHRINE**

**ATTENTION  
MOTIVATION  
PLEASURE  
REWARD**

**DOPAMINE**

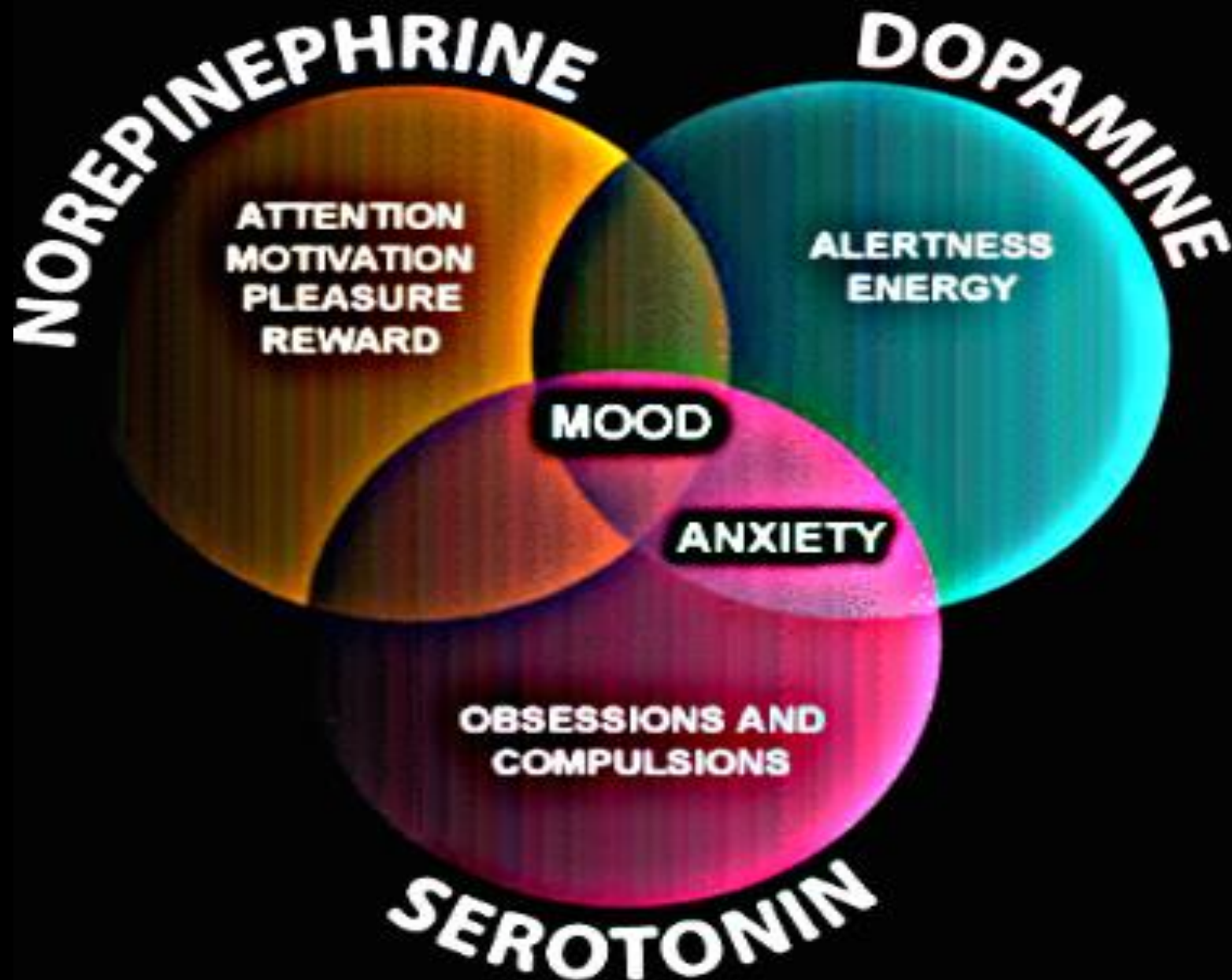
**ALERTNESS  
ENERGY**

**MOOD**

**ANXIETY**

**OBSESSIONS AND  
COMPULSIONS**

**SEROTONIN**



Sleep Quality

Soreness

INFLAMMATION



Mood

RPE





# TOTAL QUALITY MOVEMENTS

TOTAL QUALITY MOVEMENTS



8.0 HOURS

ALERTNESS



SLEEP

Just a decrease of 1.5 hours of normal sleep time can result in a 30% drop in alertness

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Athlete

6.5 HOURS

30% <

Every minute you spend doing this  
could have been spent recovering!



Life of an Athlete

NEURAL FATIGUE  
RUINS PERFORMANCE

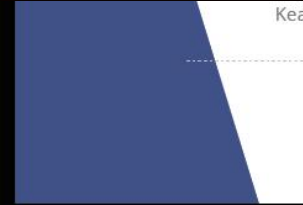




Morning training is worthless  
if you are not rested! SLEEP!



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# SLEEP QUALITY SLEEP QUANTITY

You have to have sufficient SLEEP QUANTITY  
to accumulate enough SLEEP QUALITY



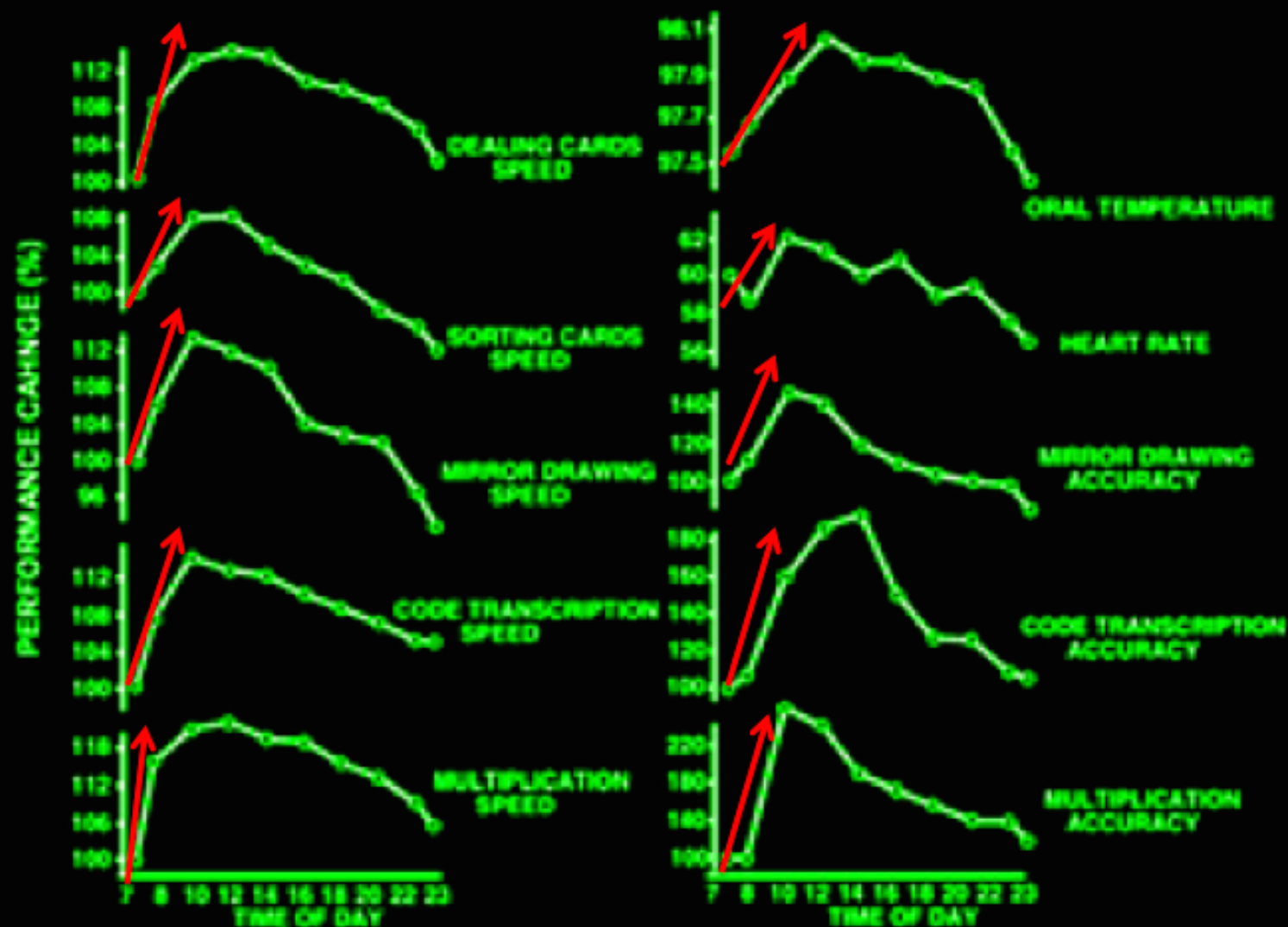
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# Thinking Pre-Movement Movement



# Circadian rhythm of performance





Once in a state of fatigue the more you struggle to close the gap between what you can do and what you think you can do, the further down the performance curve you move and the more compromised you are! *John Underwood Human Performance Project*



**14 HOURS**





@dallascowboys



**90%**  
**SPEED**

90% OF MAX



**CNS TAKES A HUGE HIT**



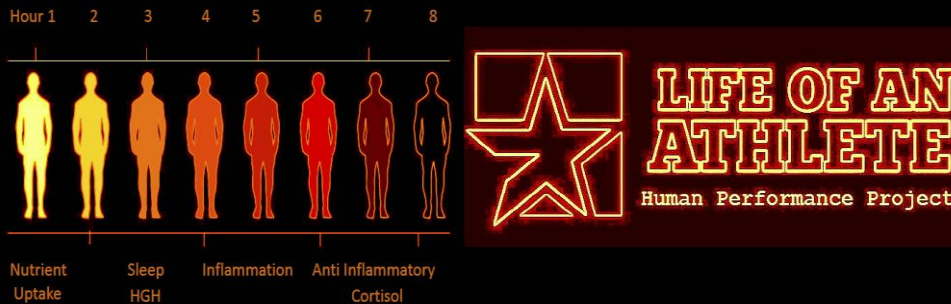
**MAY TAKE UP TO 48 HRS TO COME BACK**



# CHEMICAL MESSENGERS

# DAMAGE REPORT

**Athletes need timelines**



**Even Elite Athletes**



MUSCLE DAMAGE  
BLEEDS  
OVERSTRETCHED  
MICROTEARS  
FLUID ACCUMULATION  
RESIDUE  
MYOKINES  
PH DAMAGE  
HYPOXIC DAMAGE  
BRUISING  
SWELLING  
FRICTION HEAT DAMAGE  
COMPRESSION DAMAGE  
PERCUSSION DAMAGE  
COMPARTMENT DAMAGE  
GRAVITATIONAL DAMAGE

# DAMAGE REPAIR



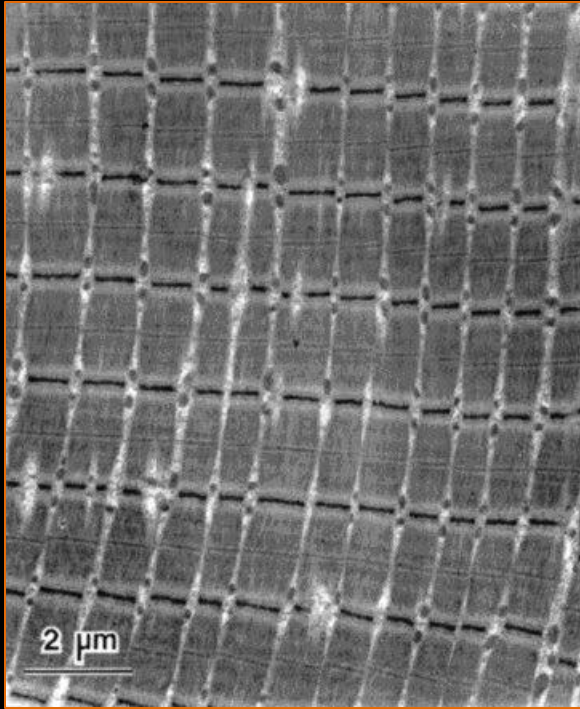
# SLEEP HAS BIGGEST IMPACT



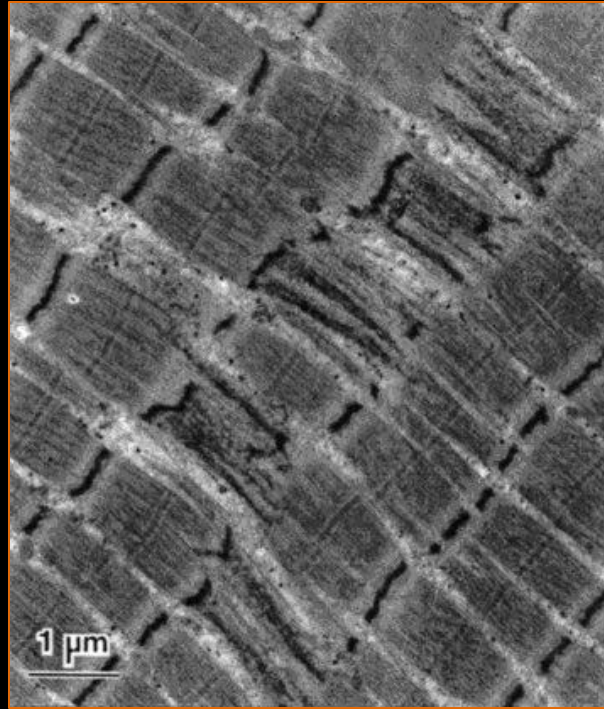
# REPAIR REBUILD REFUEL



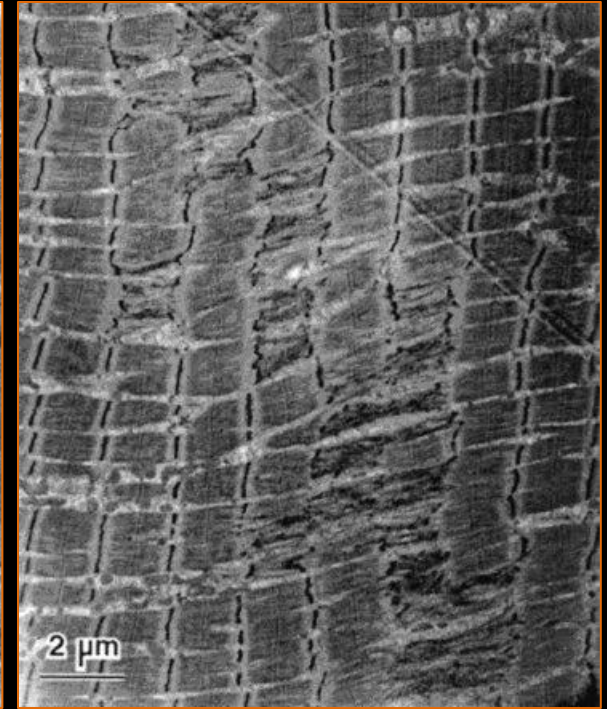




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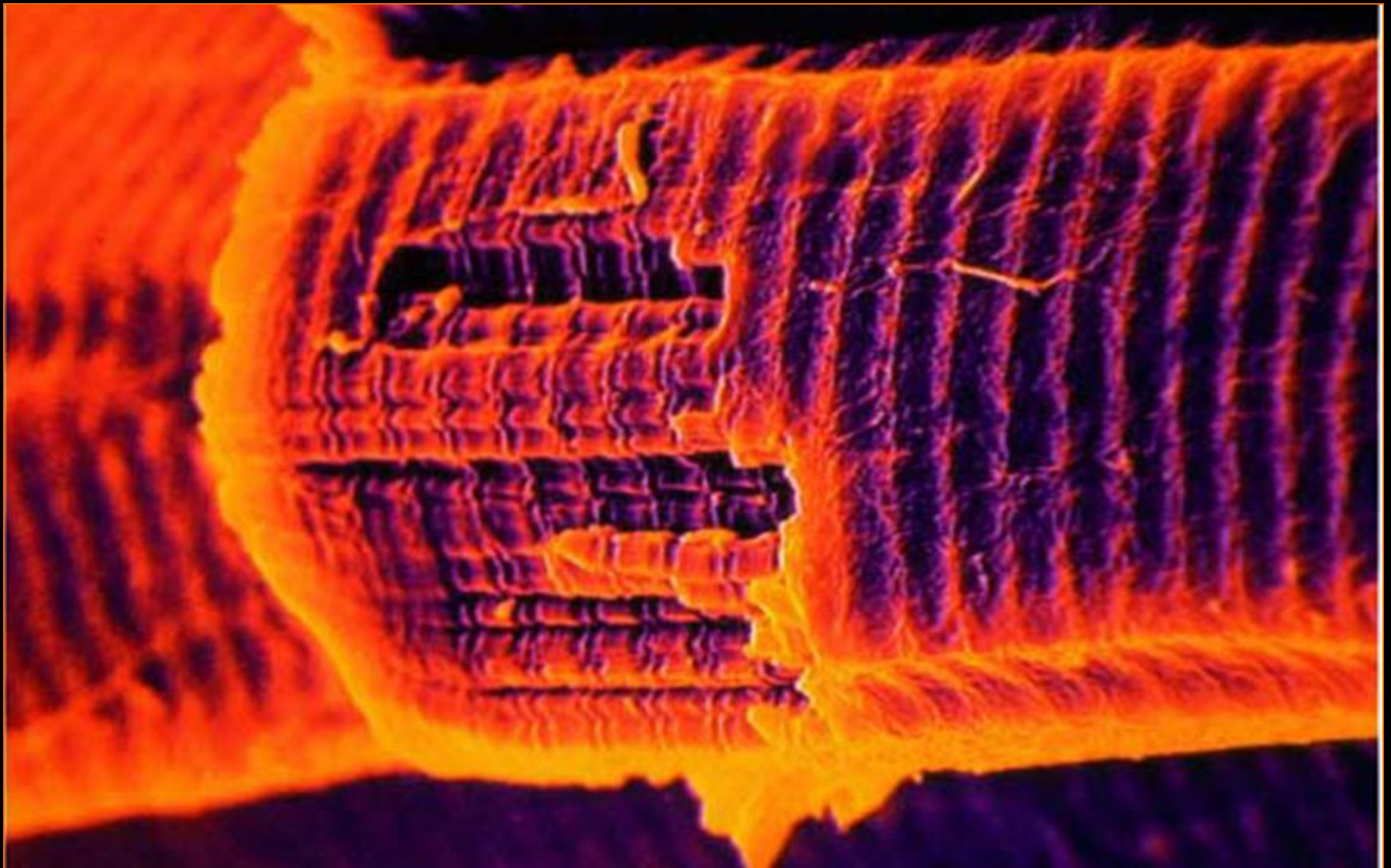
MEDIUM



EXTREME

# MUSCLE DAMAGE ON GOING





**REPAIR NEW MASS**



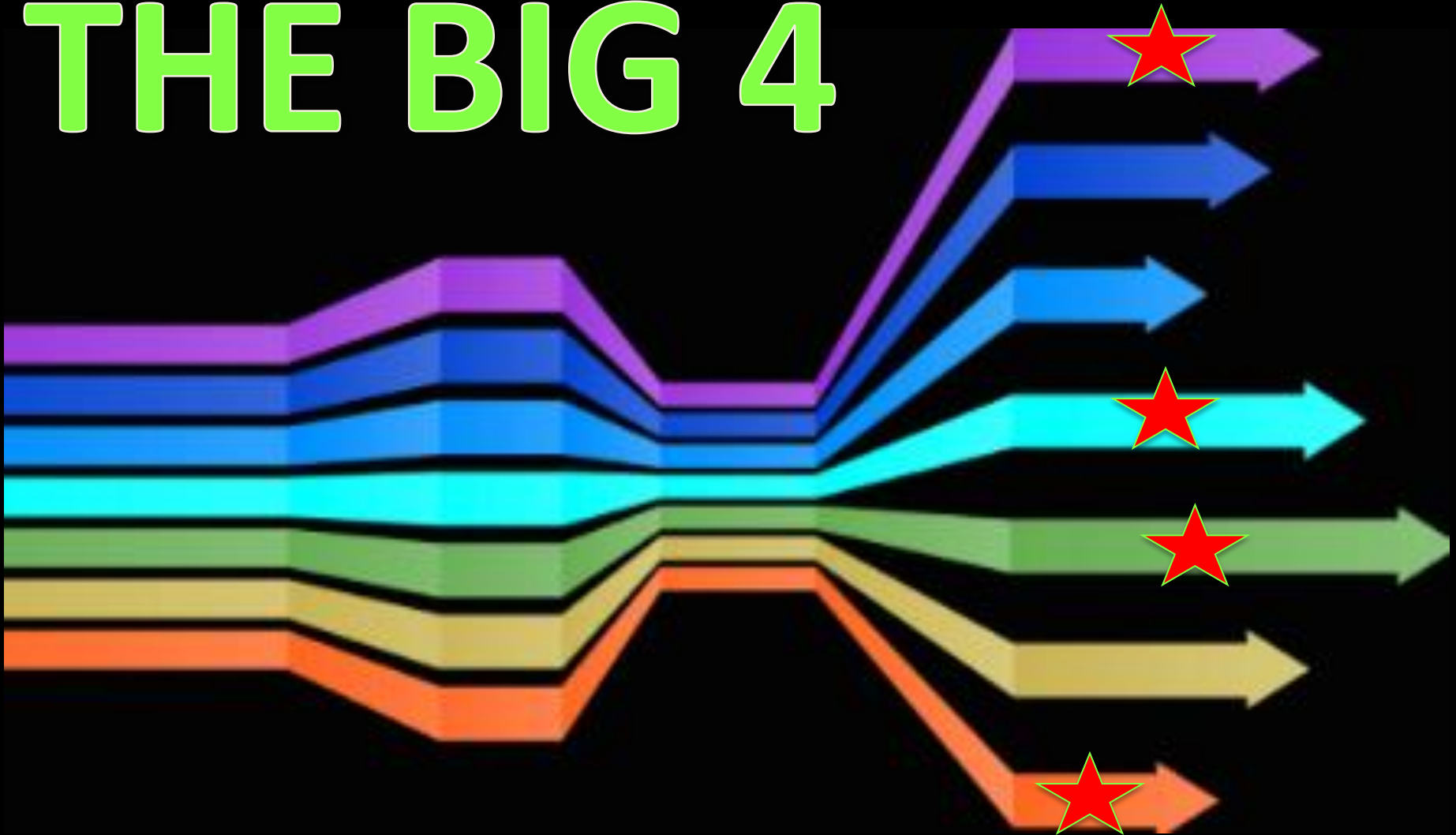
# Cumulative Damage

After 16 stages and day  
after day damage repair  
functions fail!





# RECOVERY THE BIG 4





**Turn around time**

# LOWER BODY TEMP

# VAGAL TONE

#1





# #1

## LOWER YOUR CORE TEMP



# RESET CENTRAL SYSTEM





In conclusion, drinking water at different temperatures evoked distinct cardiovascular and metabolic changes in young and healthy humans. Drinking cold water increased cardiac vagal tone and decreased substantially the workload to the heart and lungs.



# COLD RESET

**Table 1** Baseline data recorded 30 min prior ingesting each of the drinks (data are presented as means  $\pm$  SE)

Drink temperature	Cold [3 °C]	Room [22 °C]	Body [37 °C]
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	Drinking cold water at 3C degrees decreased : Heart Rate Blood Pressure Core Temperature Skin Temperature RPE CO SV RER		
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg			
Heart rate, beats min <sup>-1</sup>			
Stroke volume, mL			
Double product, mmHg beat min <sup>-1</sup>			
Cardiac output, L min <sup>-1</sup>			
Total peripheral resistance, mmHg L <sup>-1</sup> min			
Baroreflex sensitivity, ms mmHg <sup>-1</sup>			
Resting energy expenditure, kJ min <sup>-1</sup>			
Resting oxygen consumption, mL min <sup>-1</sup>			
Respiratory exchange ratio			
Skin blood flux, arbitrary units			

# **WHEY PROTEIN** **#2 RECOVERY FACTOR**



**70%**  
**of RECOVERY**

# BIGGEST FACTOR IN RECOVERY

JUMP STARTS RECOVERY BY 70%

BLUNTS DAMAGE BY 83%

DOUBLES GAINS IN MASS



# What this is for?



## 36 DON'T CARE?



**HOW  
FAST?**



**THE QUICKER THE BETTER**



# #3 MUSCLE RESTORATIVE ACTIONS





# There is more to training than the workout...

When the workout is over the recovery timeline begins. If all you care about is rushing to the next activity in your life, you will reduce the quality of training impact.

**TRAIN RECOVER ADAPT**

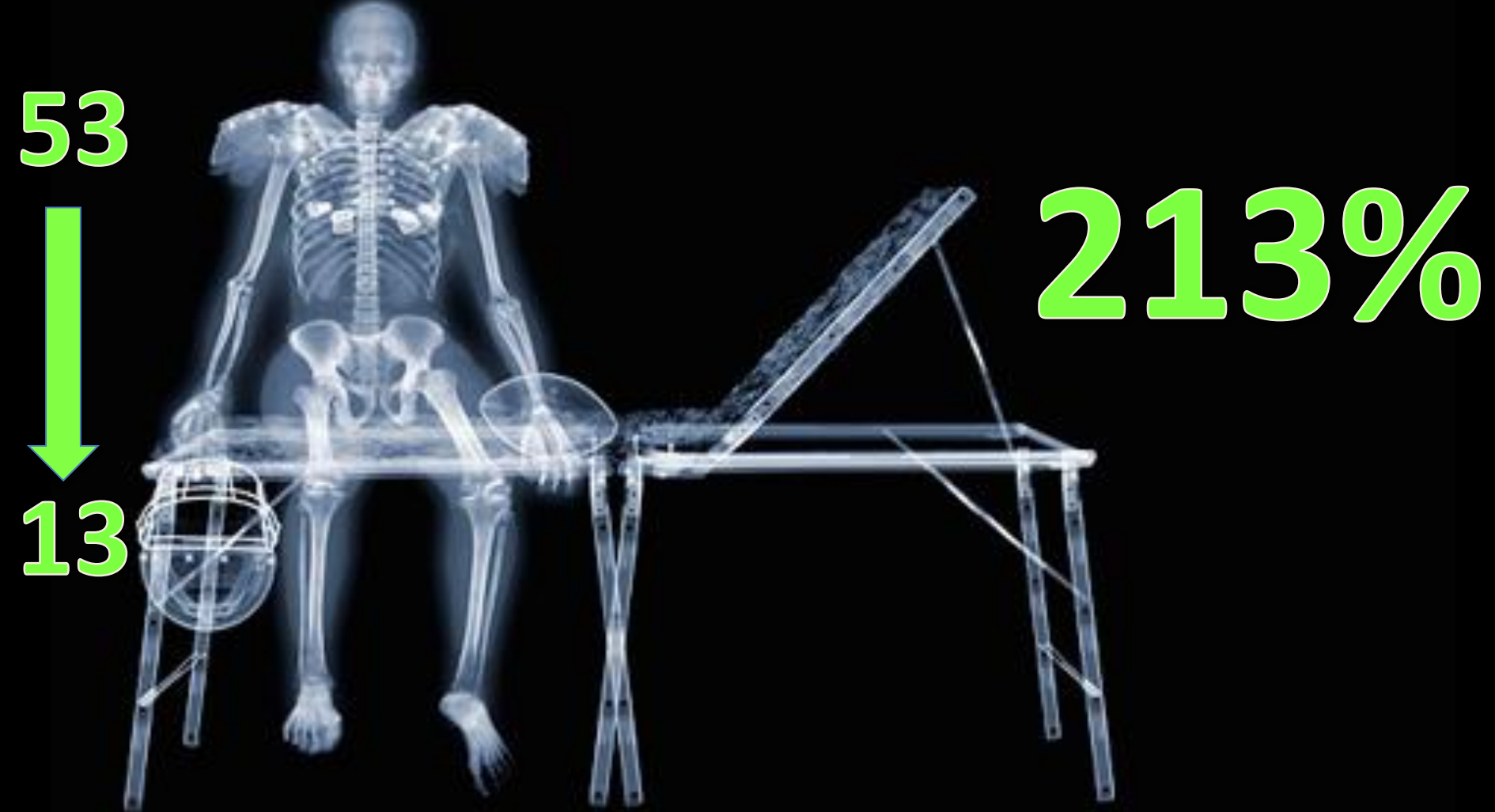


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# FEEDBACK = RESULTS



# INCREASED POST TRAINING MUSCLE RESTORATIVE TIME





# #4 SLEEP



# Athletes and Sleep



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**We are just starting  
to understand it...**

# **SLEEP and Human Performance**



*You could not begin to imagine how important sleep is to your performance capacities. Sleep is the single most significant factor in trainability, recovery and performance.*

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# WORLDWIDE SLEEP STUDIES





# Don't try to fight it: Your need to sleep is 80 percent genetic!



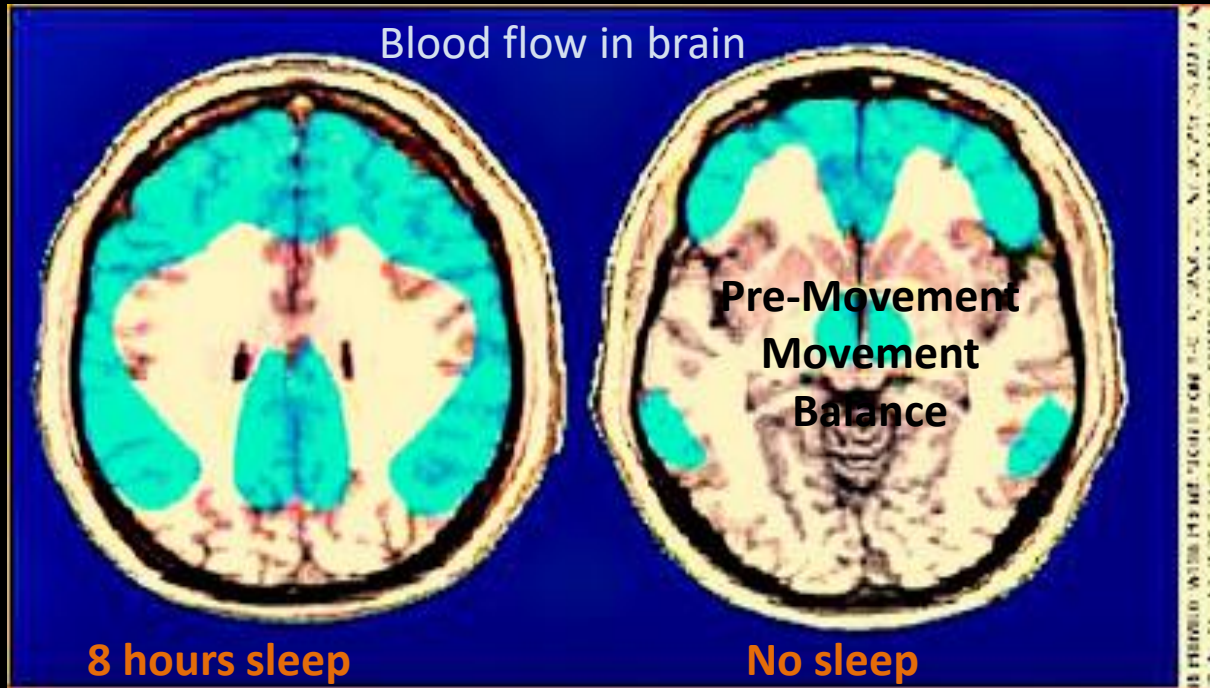
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Recently, researchers have also found that our need for sleep is largely determined by our genes. So if you need eight hours of sleep to feel well-rested, it's impossible to train yourself to get by with less and still operate at peak capacity. (Though that doesn't stop people from trying — surveys have found that about 40 percent of Americans get six hours or less each night.) Athletes are no exception!



# Sleep

# No Sleep



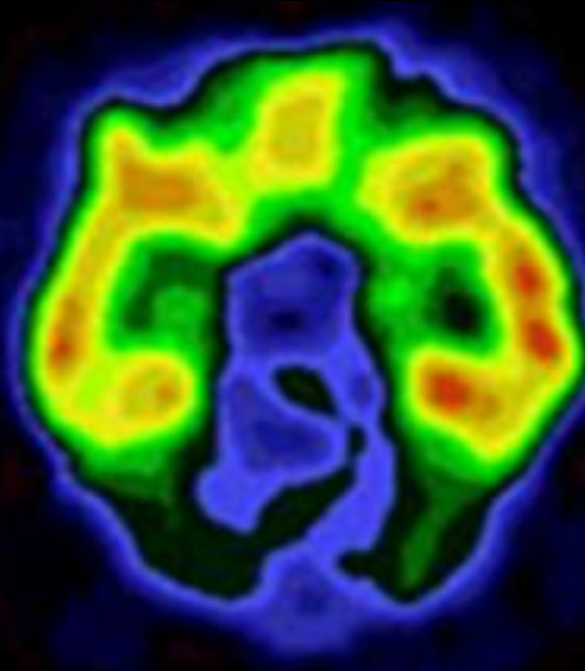
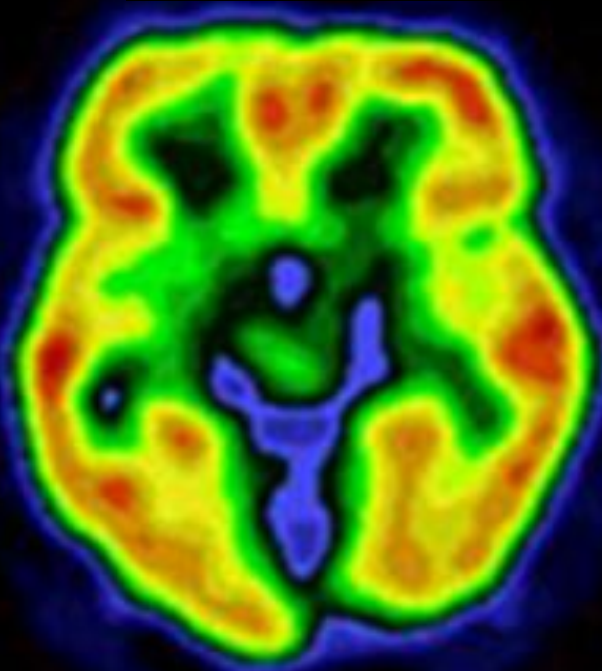
## Blood Flow in Brain

# Optimal not possible



LOADED

DEPLETED



NEUROTRANSMITTER DEPLETION

RELOADED DURING SLEEP

# Sleep Studies Athletes



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## STANFORD SLEEP STUDIES CHERI MAH

Extended sleep beyond one's habitual nightly sleep contributes to improved athletic performance, reaction time, < daytime sleepiness, and - mood. Improvements in all stats percentage, sprint times, reaction time, mood, fatigue, and vigor were all observed with increased total sleep time.



Stanford  
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## EFFECTS OF SLEEP EXTENSION ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

**The Effects of Sleep Extension on the Athletic Performance of Collegiate Basketball Players**  
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**Universal effect**  
**All performance improved**  
**Stats improved**  
**Less fatigue**



# GAINS HAPPEN DURING SLEEP



Most of the intra-muscular chemistry and synthesis takes place at night when you are sleeping. It is also well known that during early sleep (90-120 minutes after falling asleep) there is a huge release of human growth hormone (HGH). This is one of the most critical factors in muscle growth. You also need protein available in your system during this timeframe. Casein protein, a protein isolate of milk is a very good choice for this critical nutrient intake. It goes into your system very slowly all night and makes protein uptake available for repair and new mass.



# TRAINING EFFECT



# Don't fight it... SLEEP

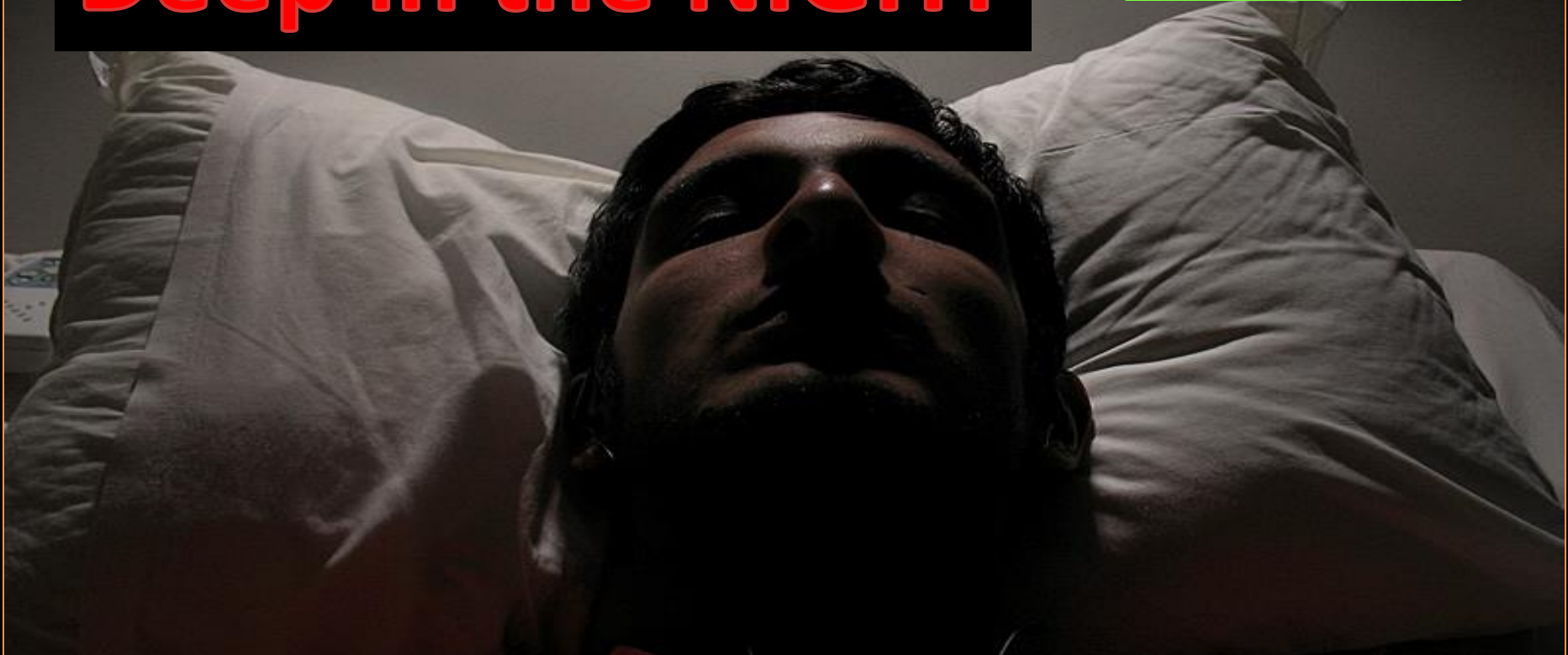
To train and compete at a high level you need regular sleep cycles. That means you need to go to bed at wake at the same time every day... Even on weekends. Your body gets used to many physiological responses during sleep and they happen at critical times during the night. Sleep includes muscle restorative phases, organ restorative phases and brain and CNS restorative phases. If you have random sleep patterns, these responses will be random. Critical recovery and adaptation occurs based on these cycles. In the recent Stanford Sleep Studies it was proved that the more you sleep the better you perform.



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**Muscle Restorative**  
**Organ Restorative**  
**CNS Restorative**

# Deep in the NIGHT



It is during sleep that you repair the damage your body systems accumulate during your waking hours. **GROWTH REPAIR RESTORATION RECOVERY AND TRAINING EFFECT TAKE PLACE DURING SLEEP.**

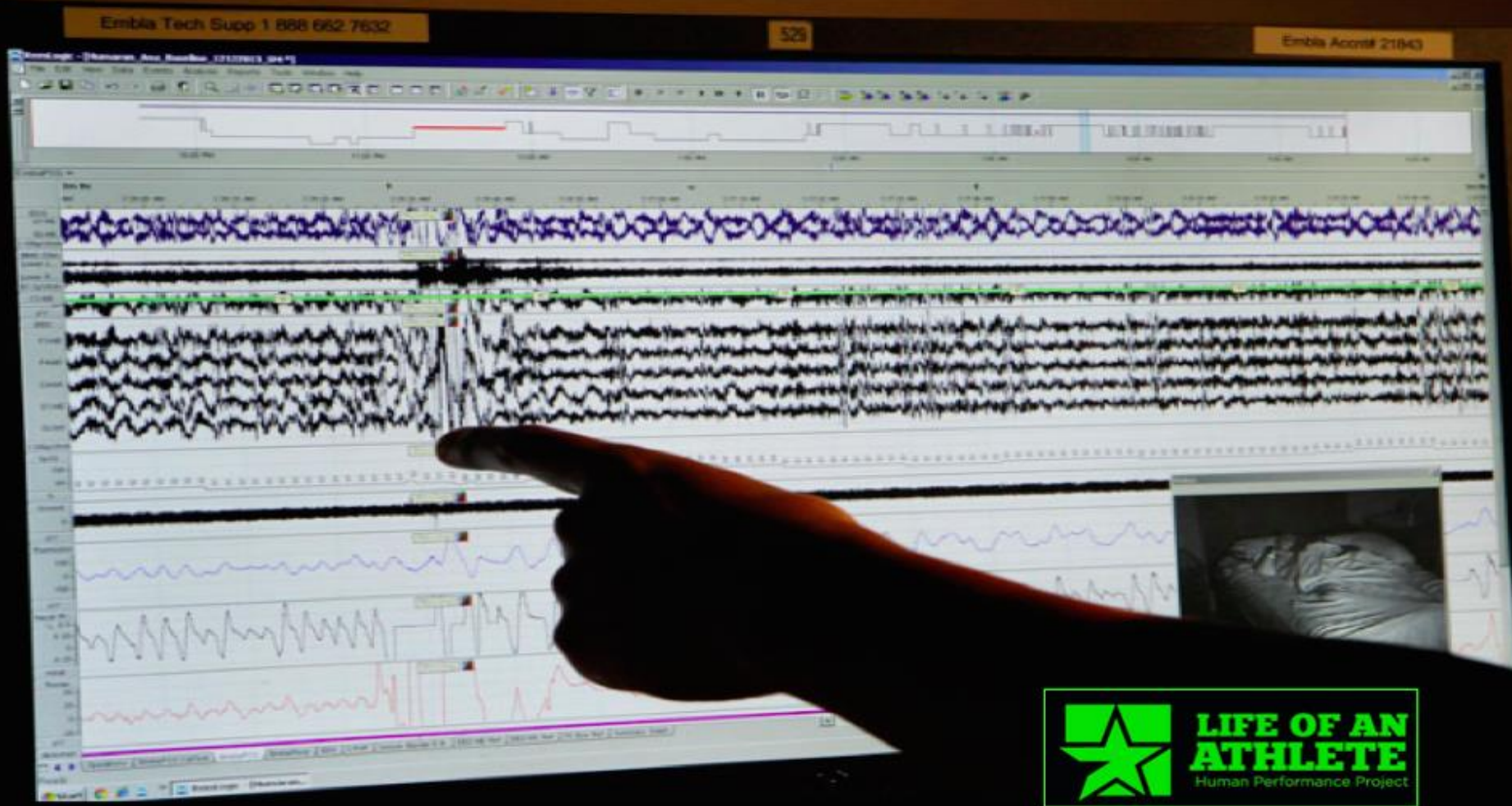
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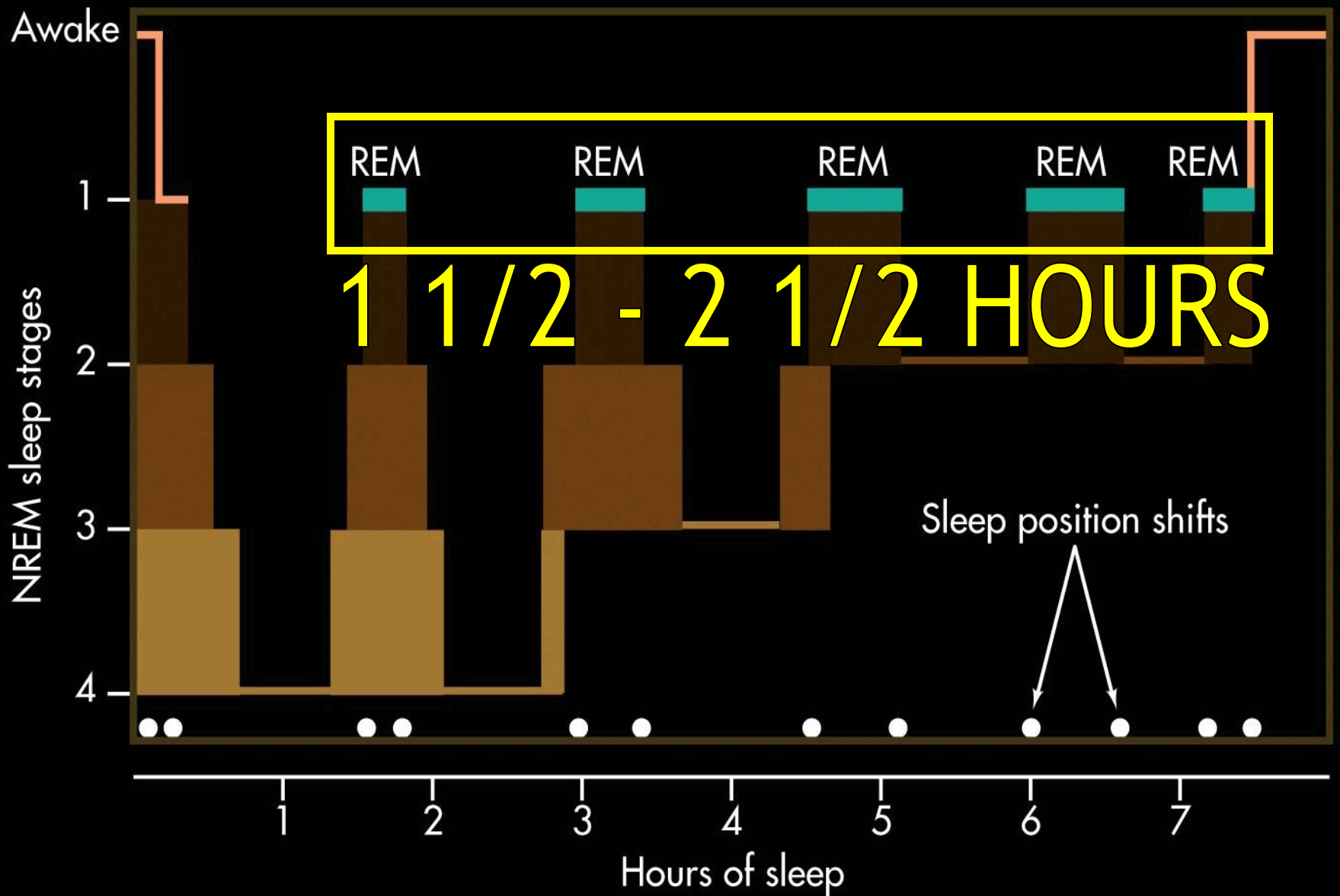
**The more you train  
The harder you train  
The more you need sleep**



# REM SLEEP CRITICAL

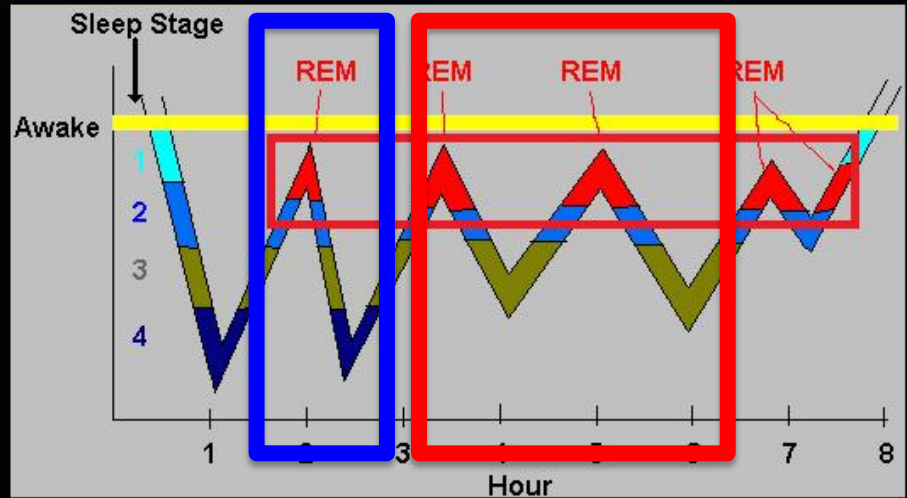


Restore Repair Rejuvenate Reload Reboot



8 HOURS OF SLEEP

Body Repair    Neural Repair



1 1/2 - 2 HOURS OF REM PER NIGHT ACCUMULATES  
DURING 8 HOURS OF TOTAL SLEEP

THAT IS WHAT YOU NEED TO RECOVER AND RESTORE!



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# Review of 40 years of games

## The Impact of Circadian Misalignment on Athletic Performance in Professional Football Players

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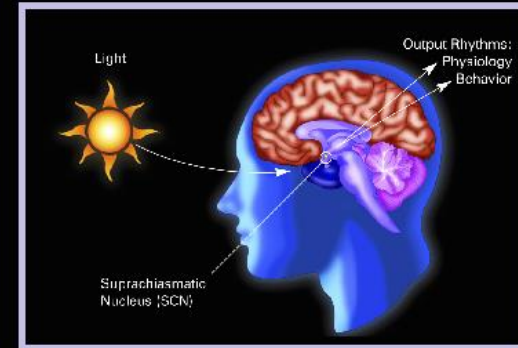
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**Objective:** We hypothesized that professional football teams would perform better than anticipated during games occurring close to their circadian peak in performance.

**Design:** We reviewed the past 40 years of evening and daytime professional football games between west coast and east coast United States teams. In order to account for known factors influencing football game outcomes we compared the results to the point spread which addresses all significant differences between opposing teams for sports betting purposes. One sample t-tests, Wilcoxon signed ranked tests, and linear regression were performed. Comparison to day game data was included as a control.

**Results:** The results were strongly in favor of the west coast teams during evening games against east coast teams, with the west coast teams beating the point spread about twice as often ( $t = 3.95$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ) as east coast teams. For similar daytime game match-ups, we observed no such advantage.

**Conclusions:** Sleep and circadian physiology have profound effects on human function including the performance of elite athletes. Professional football players playing close to the circadian peak in performance demonstrate a significant athletic advantage over those who are playing at other times. Application of this knowledge is likely to enhance human performance.



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East teams lost during West games 75% of the time...  
3 hour time difference

**6 Hours 14  
Minutes**

**4-6 Hours**

**Average sleep for most NCAA athletes**



# SLEEP Connections

- 39% awoken feeling un-refreshed, fatigued or tired.
- 31% said they seldom get a good night sleep.
- 28% reported less than six hours of sleep per night
- 18% reported getting eight hours or more per night
- NCAA Average Sleep per night was 6 hours 14 minutes

## SLEEP SURVEYS





**RECHARGING THE BRAIN**



**1-3 days**

The brain builds up energy deficits or energy reserves over several days and will function at that level.

**CNS READINESS**





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# Why You Shouldn't Worry About a Bad Night of Sleep Before a Race



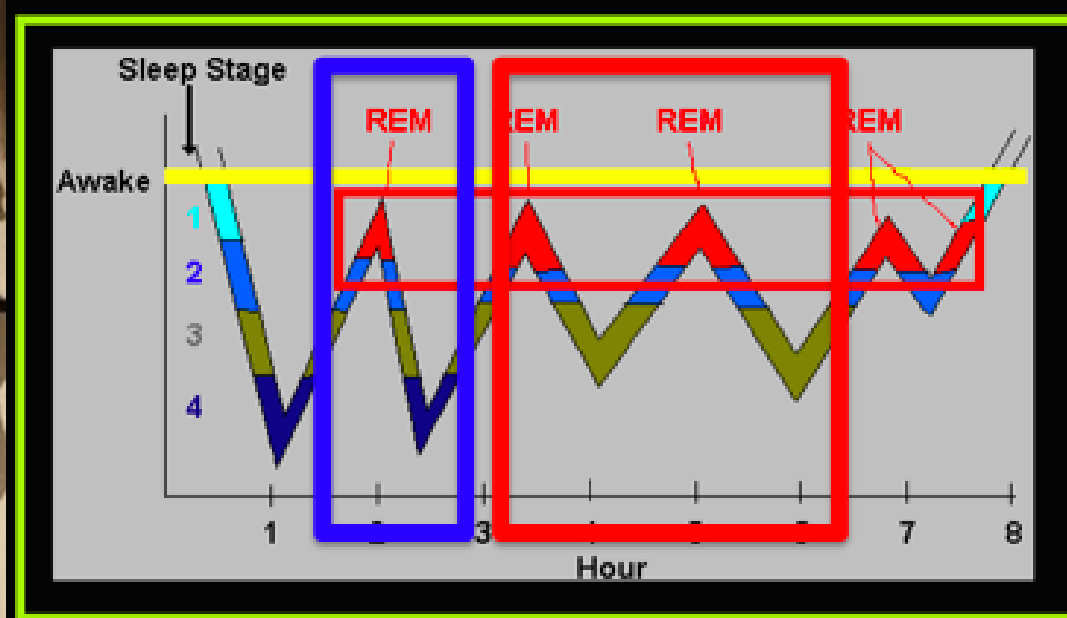
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The brain/body builds up reserves  
or deficits over 1-3 days...

When a person is taught a new skill his or her performance does not improve until he or she receives at least eight hours of sleep.

# ACCURACY STATS

## SKILL REINFORCEMENT



## MOVEMENT MEMORY

# ADVANCED BRAIN COMMUNICATION

## Pattern Recognition Reaction

### ATHLETE BRAIN

## Emotional Regulation



The energy expenditures of the brain and CNS during high level performance is very demanding. Besides the mental processing functions of competition, the brain must also use huge energy reserves to send myographic impulses to muscles via the nervous system. If you want to perform, make sure your CNS is rested. This is quite different than the rest requirements for heart, lungs and muscles.

## Spatial Reasoning



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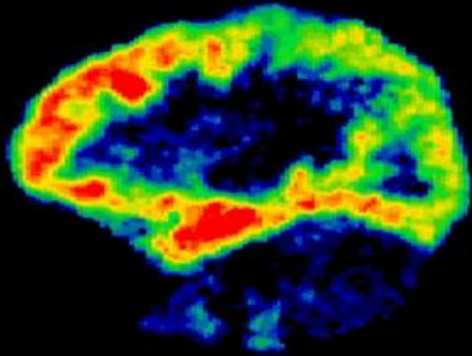
## Anticipation

## FOCUS CONCENTRATION

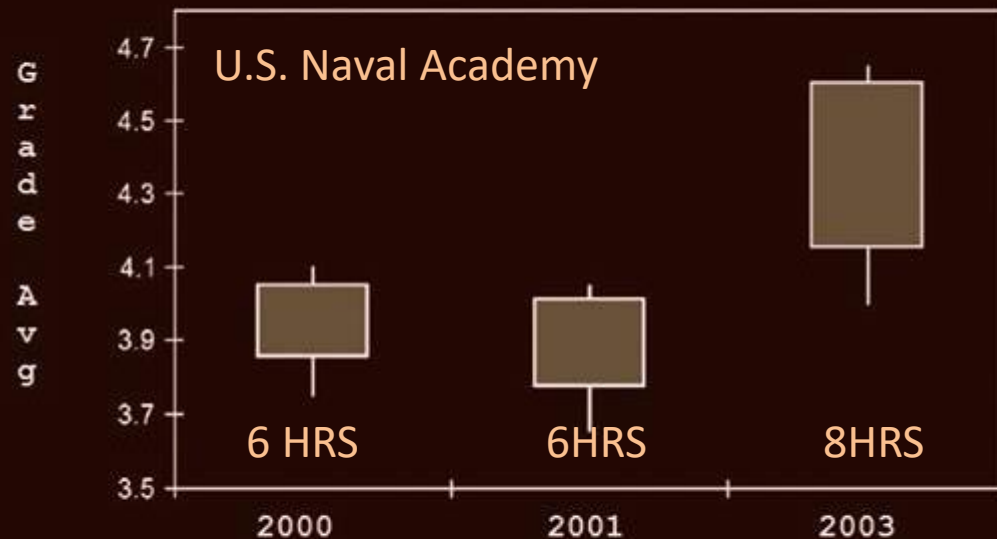
## High Speed Decision Making







# SLEEP makes you smarter!



Average standardized test scores by year. United States Navy recruits in years 2000 and 2001 were allocated 6 hr of sleep per night, whereas recruits in year 2003 were allocated 8 hr of sleep per night.

Wanna be smarter?  
Try sleep!



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## The effect of sleep debt on...

# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Your mother probably told you to get a good night sleep before a test. Well, she was right!

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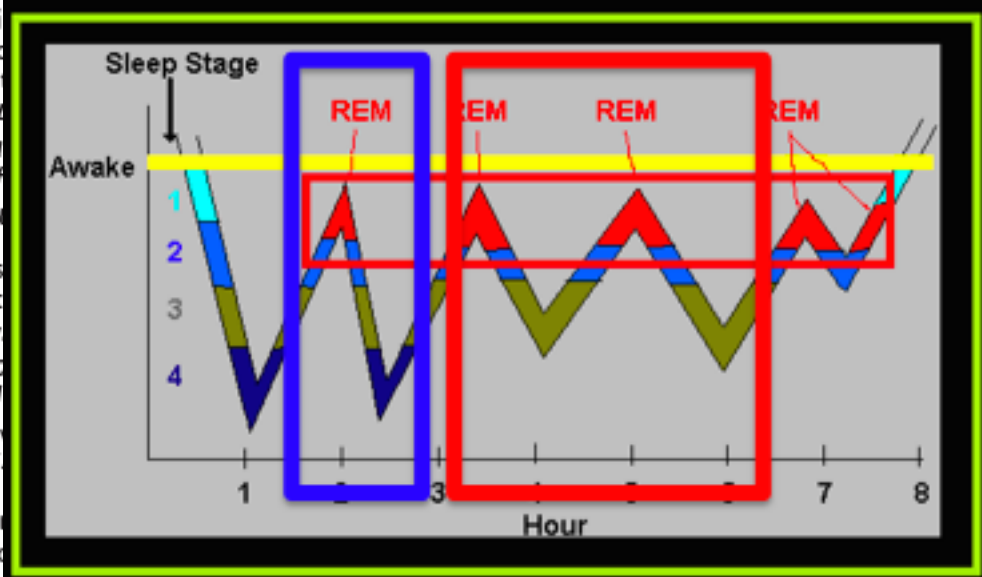
A's and B's in high school report thirty

minutes more sleep than those who

struggle or fail.

Additionally, students who are sleep deprived are more likely to procrastinate studying and more likely to be motivated strictly to obtain a passing grade, rather than the intrinsic value of learning.

Numerous studies have linked poor sleep habits with poor academic performance. One study (below) found that students who average seven hours of sleep or more had an average GPA that



UC-Berkeley students who slept more than seven hours per night reported significantly higher GPA's than those who slept less.

Sadly, most students still lack basic sleep knowledge. At one major state institution, seven in ten students said that if they knew the impact of sleep on their grades, they would change their sleep habits. So, get out and spread the word!

## GOOD SLEEP HABITS

1. Develop a standard sleep schedule and stick to it.
2. Sleep in a dark, quiet place and in comfortable clothes.
3. Regular exercise can help sleep.
4. Avoid caffeine, nicotine and alcohol prior to sleep.
5. Develop a relaxing bedtime routine.
6. Remember...

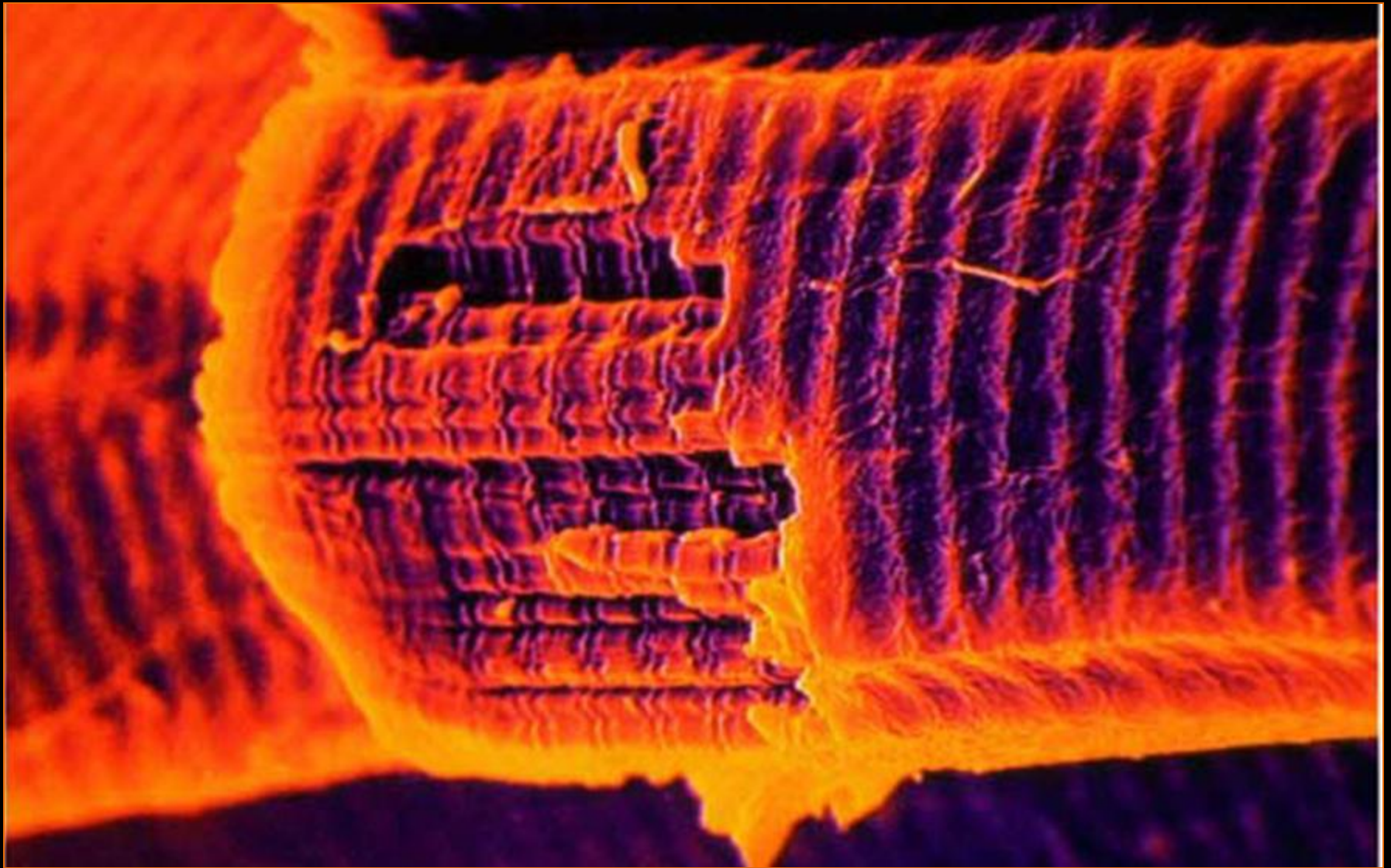
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# CNS TAKES HUGE HIT





**REPAIR NEW MASS**



# DAMAGE REPORT

MUSCLE DAMAGE

BLEEDS

OVERSTRETCHED

MICROTEARS

FLUID ACCUMULATION

RESIDUE

MYOKINES

PH DAMAGE

HYPOXIC DAMAGE

BRUISING

SWELLING

FRICTION HEAT DAMAGE

COMPRESSION DAMAGE

PERCUSSION DAMAGE

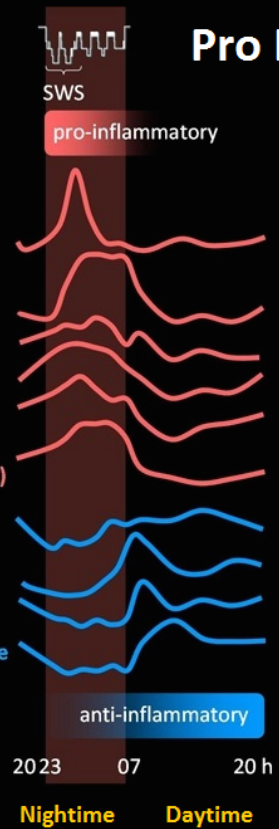
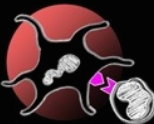
COMPARTMENT DAMAGE

GRAVITATIONAL DAMAGE



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## Pro Inflammatory Activation during early (SWS Slow Wave Sleep)

## Anti-Inflammatory Activation during Daytime Hours

Effects of sleep  
in comparison with  
nocturnal wakefulness

Rhythms of blood hormone levels and cytokine production Blood levels of growth hormone (GH), prolactin, cortisol, epinephrine and norepinephrine, as well as production of interleukin (IL)-6, tumor necrosis factor (TNF)-alpha, IL-12 and IL-10 by stimulated monocytes and of IL-12 by stimulated myeloid dendritic cell precursors show characteristic changes during a 24-hour period including regular sleep between 2300 h and 0700 h (maroon area).

One form is known as the pro-inflammatory polypeptide regulators. These types of cytokines are created primarily by immune cells that are engaged in the process of amplifying inflammatory reactions as a means of dealing with some sort of health threat to the body. By relaying messages between the cells, these cytokines help to trigger the immune system's rate of response to whatever threat is present.

Along with the pro-inflammatory cytokines, there is also anti-inflammatory cytokines. These have the opposite effect, in that they help to limit of inflammation . This counters the stress response from night time normal inflammation and resets this reactive response system.

During Sleep

During Daytime



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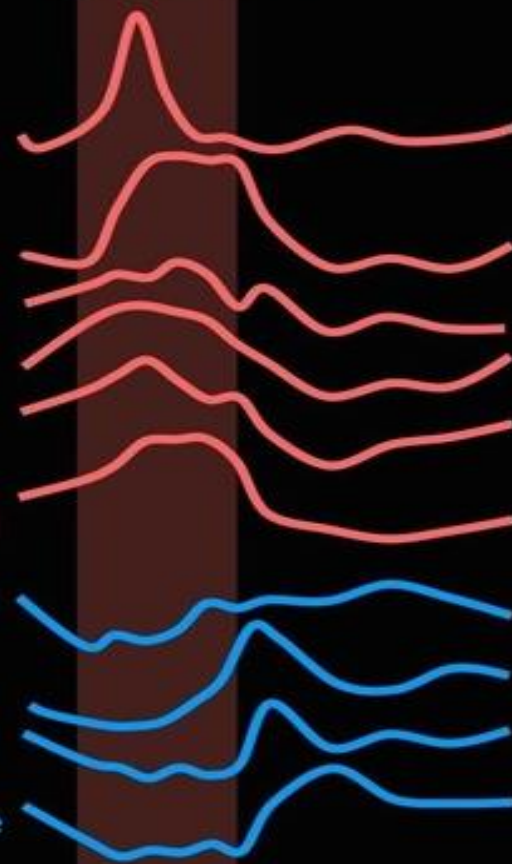


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pro-inflammatory

Growth hormone  
Prolactin  
Monocytes { IL-6  
TNF- $\alpha$   
IL-12  
IL-12 (Dendritic cells)  
IL-10 (Monocytes)  
Cortisol  
Epinephrine  
Norepinephrine



anti-inflammatory

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Nighttime

Daytime

# GROWTH HORMONE

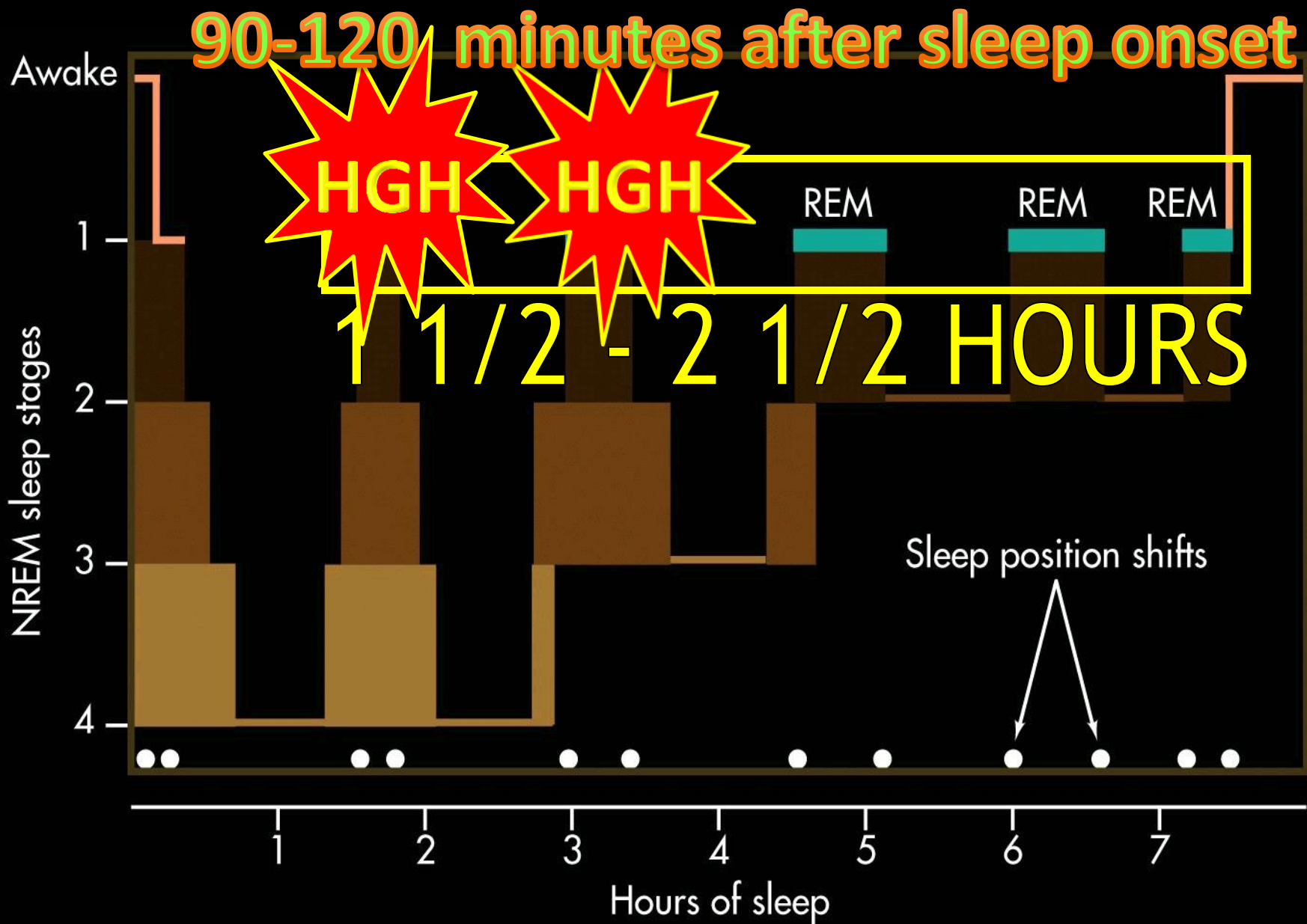


New muscle mass

Repair muscle mass

Maintain muscle mass





# HGH 24 Hours

NIGHT EARLY SLEEP

90-120 MINUTES > SLEEP



AM WORKOUT

PM WORKOUT



8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 0 2 4 6

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# The single biggest event in 24 hours

TONIGHTS  
**BIG**  
EVENT



THE **BIG**  
EVENT



# Why 10 P.M. Is The Perfect Bedtime



Early to bed early to rise  
make you ready to kick butt!

I'm going to take a wild guess that you already know that sleep affects how well you perform. You're also probably aware that sleep quality is part of the equation (not just quantity).

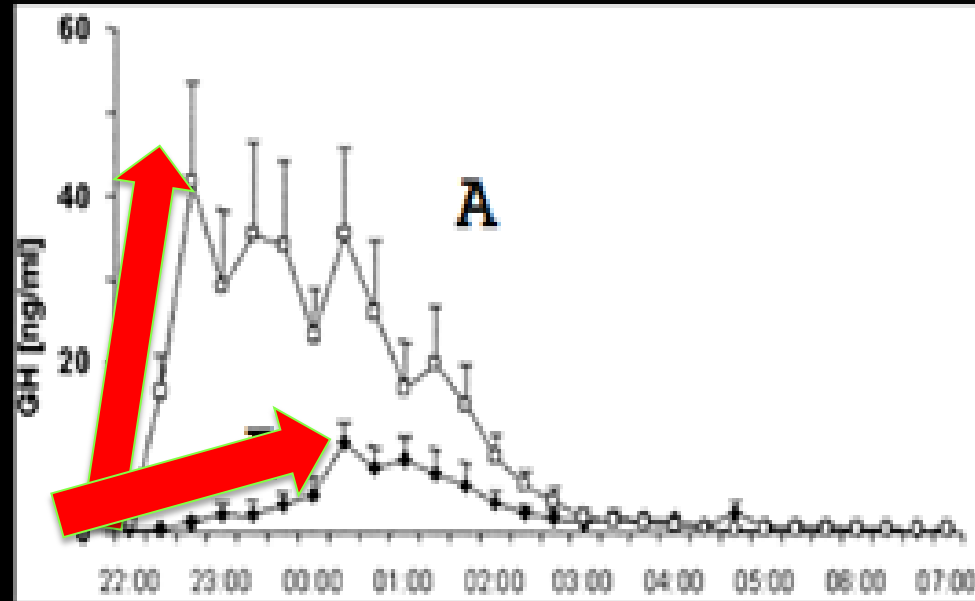
But the truth is, the time you go to bed, what you do in the hours before going to bed, and what you do when you wake up ALL have a big impact on your total benefits of sleep. Studies on athletes and sleep have shown that training athletes have many sleep disturbance syndromes. You could for instance sleep 8 hours but only attain 5 hours of quality sleep, which leaves you fatigued and unready to train and compete the next day. We also know that you can build up energy reserves or deficits over 1-3 days.

Is there is a golden bedtime for everyone? Everyone's body IS different, so it's most important to listen to what works best for you. But if you haven't tried going to bed before midnight, give it a chance. Sleep patterns are light sensitive. We are biological beings affected by the sun's patterns, so if we go to bed with the sun and wake up with it, we're working with our natural circadian rhythm. In fact, the closer we can get to the sun's patterns, the better our energy is. We recommend a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. sleep schedule for athletes. In early sleep (90-120 minutes after falling sleep) much of our muscle repair takes place! Based on a 10pm bedtime that happens at 11:30-midnight. From 2-6 am much of our neurological processes of repair and restoration and rebooting energy levels and reloading neurotransmitters takes place. That is the deal! Then you get up, wake up, fuel up and go train! An athlete's life! A creature of habit! A champion!



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# Athlete Sleep and HGH Release



10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

A Normal Bedtime 10:00 PM

B Late Sleep 12:00PM

# REST NAPS DOWN TIME SLEEP



NON WEIGHT BEARING  
MENTAL REST

## 30 MINUTE NAPS



# POWER UP POWER NAPS



Napping reduces the stress hormone cortisol and promotes muscle-building growth hormone. Taking a nap, even for just 20-30 minutes, creates an environment in your body that builds muscle and burns fat. It also re-energizes the brain and CNS, increasing alertness and arousal levels!

Try naps prior to training and between workouts if you train more than once per day! You will notice increased quality to your workouts.



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## The amazing 26-minute NASA power nap

A 1995 NASA study that found a 26-minute nap improved performance 34% and alertness 54%.



The best time to nap is usually in the early afternoon, between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m., for those who keep regular hours. This falls just after lunch, when our bodies naturally get tired anyway. For those who sleep odd hours, prime nap time is about seven hours after waking up.

- Increased stamina
- Lowered stress hormones
- Improved mood
- Increased learning ability
- Improved memory
- Improved decision making
- Greater creativity
- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Increased ability to stay asleep through the night
- Increased motivation to exercise
- Increased cell repair
- Increased hormone balance

# Sleep in a dark room!

In the absense of light, your brain's pineal gland starts to release melatonin (sleep hormone) which after about 30 minutes transitions you from wake state to sleep state. If you have light in the room the release is decreased. Complete darkness is best!

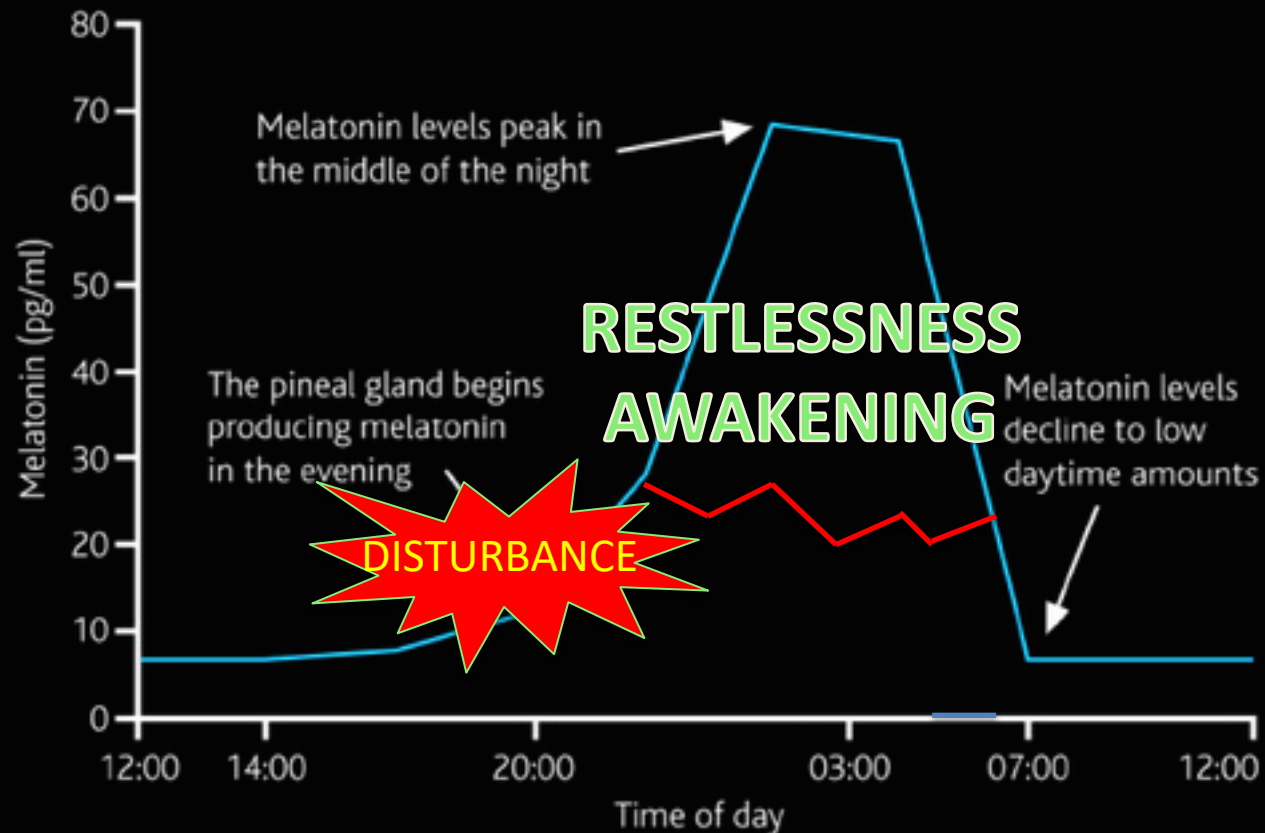


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DARK?

Figure 1: Fluctuation in melatonin levels over a 24-hour period



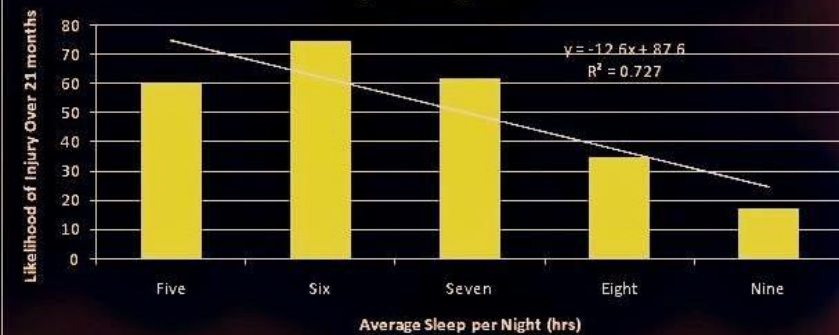




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# Injuries and hours of SLEEP

Likelihood of Injury Based on Hours of Sleep per Night



Researchers in Los Angeles surveyed athletes about their sleep and training habits and tracked them for 21 months...

## WAKE UP CALL

The best predictor of injury was the number of hours the athletes slept each night.

## WHY?

The most essential event in athletic recovery is the night time release of Human growth hormone, which happens during sleep!



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Staying off the  
Injured List...  
Try more sleep!



The more you sleep the less chance that you will be injured!

# Too Late Too Much

Late night eating causes disturbances to hormonal systems that create disturbances to sleep cycles.

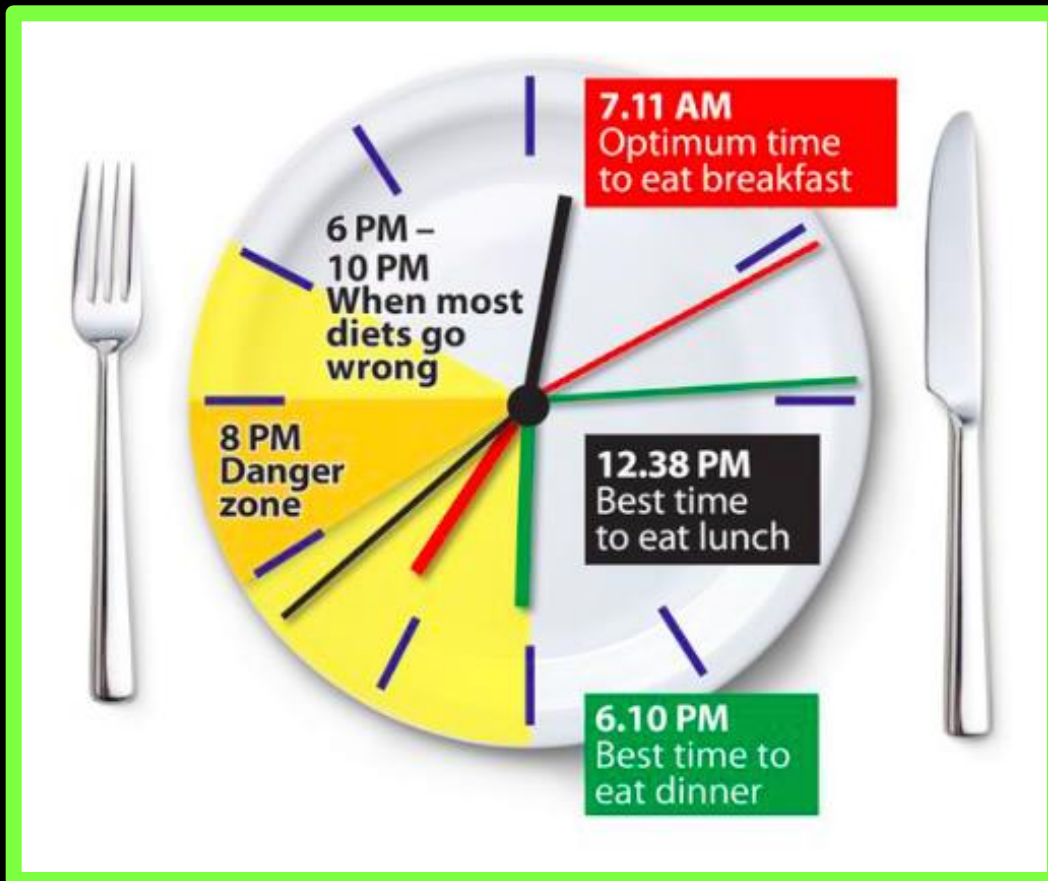


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# TIMING OF MEALS AND SLEEP

**The meal hours** influence the brain through hormones that have been discovered quite recently like the hypocretin/orexin (which has a common action in the food intake behaviors and the circuits of sleep).



Try as best you can to stick to a time schedule for the intake of nutrients. Your body will establish set points for responding to hormonal changes associated with digestion and blood glucose levels.





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### Sleep More

Not getting enough sleep affects more than just your energy the next day; it throws off your levels of leptin and ghrelin, the hormones that help regulate energy use and appetite. Research from Stanford University and the University of Wisconsin shows that regularly clocking just five hours of sleep reduces levels of leptin by 15.5 percent and increases levels of ghrelin by 14.9 percent. When it comes to a healthy metabolism, athletes should shoot for nine hours a night, suggests the Human Performance Project!

Energy Levels Energy Use and Appetite Regulated by SLEEP

# SLEEP IS THE REGULATOR

# Sleep Manual



Human Performance Project Sleep Manual





Optimal Sleep Temperature

68°–72° F



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## Night is for Repair

Pro-Inflammatory response occurs at night when your body uses body systems to counteract the damage from physical stressors. Your body releases hormones to repair and restore cells that are broken down from physical trauma.



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You need 1 1/2 - 2 hours of total accumulated REM sleep at night for your brain and CNS to recover and repair and recharge. It takes a minimum of 8 hours of total sleep time to get the REM you need. If you want to perform...SLEEP!

# Get your REM!



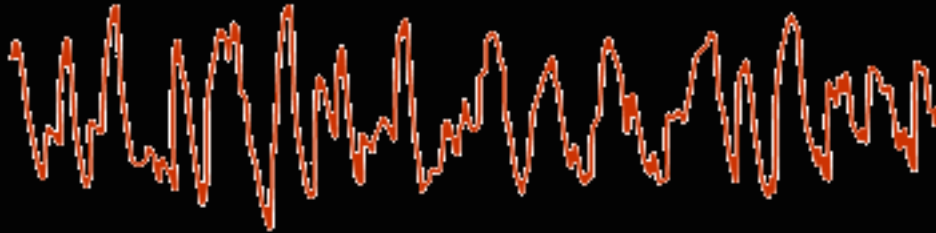
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A



B



A. = Awake  
B. = Dreaming

your brain is still very active. When you dream your brain is as active as it is when you are awake.

Why we need sleep. Without it we can't think logically, we get tired, lose co-ordination and muscle function. Sleep gives the brain and body time to recover and sort out the day's events. Sleep lets your muscles recover, lets your organs rest and downloads the day's patterns to your circuitry and catalogs them in the memory storage sectors of your brain.

How would you describe a person's brain activity while they are awake and while they are dreaming? Which do you think is which?

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Gotta game tomorrow?



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Key to success for any athlete is how much you sleep!

# The Sandman Hormone

Athletes need to sleep to recover and restore

Melatonin is absent from the system or undetectably low during daytime. Its onset in dim or decreasing light, dim-light melatonin onset (DLMO), at about 21:00 (9 p.m.) can be measured in the blood or the saliva. Its major metabolite can also be measured in morning urine. Both DLMO and the midpoint (in time) of the presence of the hormone in the blood or saliva have been used as circadian markers

After studying sleep research for many years our recommendations for athletes training and competing at a high level are for

## 9 hours and 15 minutes of sleep



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## HGH Release related to SLEEP



### Growth Hormone and Sleep

A major pulse of growth hormone occurs shortly after falling asleep (90-120 minutes after transition to deep sleep) in relation to slow wave sleep and delta waves (0.5-3.5Hz). This spike accounts for approximately 50% of the daily overall exposure of growth hormone in otherwise healthy young men. This is your muscle building, repair and maintainer. No HGH no gains... No performance.



"You grow while you sleep," is perfectly true, and we could all do better to pay more heed to this bit of age old wisdom.



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# No sleep, No gains More damage, More pains



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# HGH

## HGH 24 Hours

### 90-120 MINUTES > SLEEP

NIGHT EARLY SLEEP



Early sleep at night HGH

When it all happens



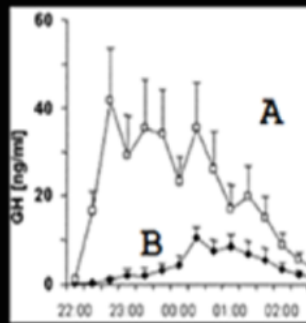
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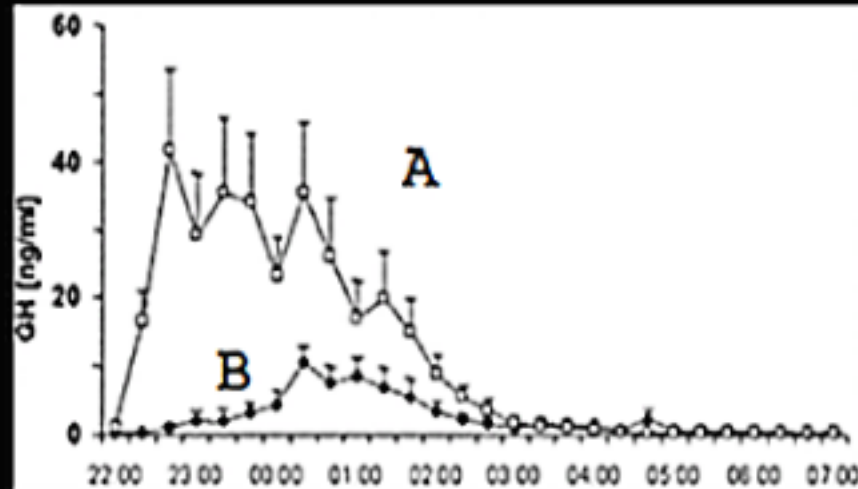
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A. sleep from 10pm.  
B. Sleep from 12am.



A. sleep from 10pm. - 6am.  
B. Sleep from 12am. - 8am.

# Release and

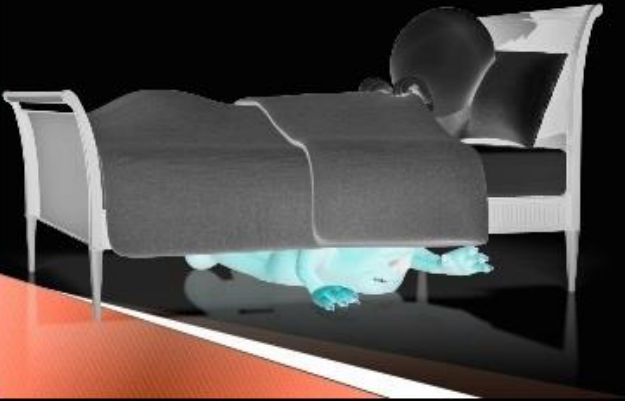
sleep and go into REM  
this is an example of how  
every night. A. is an  
the huge release of HGH!  
at 8 am. Note the minimal  
nights, he lost the optimal  
me. This shows the critical  
clock to function for hormonal  
some!

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## Sleep and Athletic Performance: The Effects of Sleep Loss on Exercise Performance, and Physiological and Cognitive Responses to Exercise

Hugh H. K. Fullagar · Sabrina Skorski ·  
Rob Duffield · Daniel Hammes · Aaron J. Coutts ·  
Tim Meyer



Sleep restriction is generally associated with:

- ↘ Cognitive Performance
- ↘ Alertness
- ↗ Reaction Time
- ↘ Memory
- ↘ Decision Making
- ↗ Sleepiness
- ↘ Overall Mood States

# All capacities are diminished!



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## Create An Electronic Sundown.

The smallest amount of light can impact your Melatonin levels (the sleep hormone). About ninety minutes before bed, turn off all electronic devices in your bedroom.



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70 million Americans have persistent trouble falling or staying asleep.



## New Sleep Aid



Most sleep aids have a residual and you awake and feel groggy and unresponsive. They are habit forming and you can become dependent on them!

## Don't mess with your own sleep hormone levels!

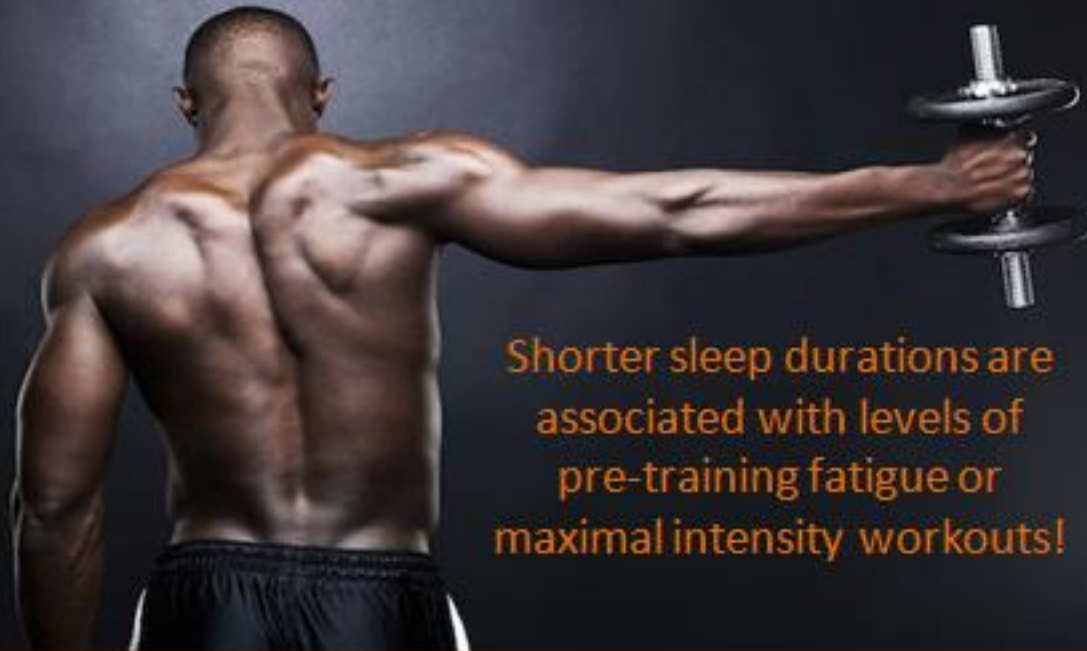
Your body outputs melatonin the sleep hormone! In the absence of daylight or dimness of light melatonin starts to release in waves and you get drowsy and then usually within thirty minutes you transition to deep sleep. If you have problems in this transition from wake state to sleep state it is likely one of many sleep disturbances. Certain acid based foods, sugar, stimulants, spicy foods, stress (emotional and physical), exposure to blue light or LCD light, use of alcohol or marijuana may be the cause. Before you use a sleep aid, consider that if you take melatonin from an external source ex. pill, your body may reduce your own natural output, making you dependent on using the sleep aid all the time. Start with identifying the sleep issue!



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# Athletes have sleep disturbances most of the time!



Shorter sleep durations are associated with levels of pre-training fatigue or maximal intensity workouts!



The quality of sleep is not enough to offset the stress and fatigue from workouts as much as you think!

Sleep disturbances are common!



Shorter sleep durations are associated with levels of pre-training fatigue or maximal intensity workouts!

Shorter sleep durations may be associated with the quality of sleep as much as you think!

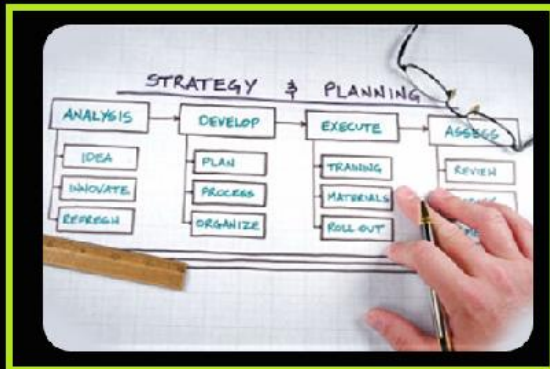
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# SLEEP AND COGNITION



## Cognitive Output and Sleep

Restriction of sleep produces a neural sleep wave pattern that is sometimes observed in depression. A reduction in sleep reduces higher levels of cognition such as problem solving, high speed decision making, processing and reaction. Much of your sport depends on how you think and quickly react. Sleep and you will see more functional mental performance.



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## Using Caffeine When you are Trashed



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In most situations that involve limited sleep loss, caffeine, can provide significantly improved alertness and performance starting with doses as low as 75 mg. Normal dosage of 100-200mg (equal to 2 standard cups of coffee) (SEAL Study).

In situations involving extended sleep loss (more than 2 nights), available data indicate that caffeine administered as a single dose of 600 mg is roughly comparable to (but not as long lasting as) a single 20-mg dose of d-amphetamine or a single 400-mg dose of modafinil. However, all of these doses and medications may be associated with side effects that could limit use under certain operational conditions.

The Use of Stimulants to Modify Performance During Sleep Loss: A Review by the Sleep Deprivation and Stimulant Task Force of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine

Stimulants and Sleep Loss—Bonnet et al

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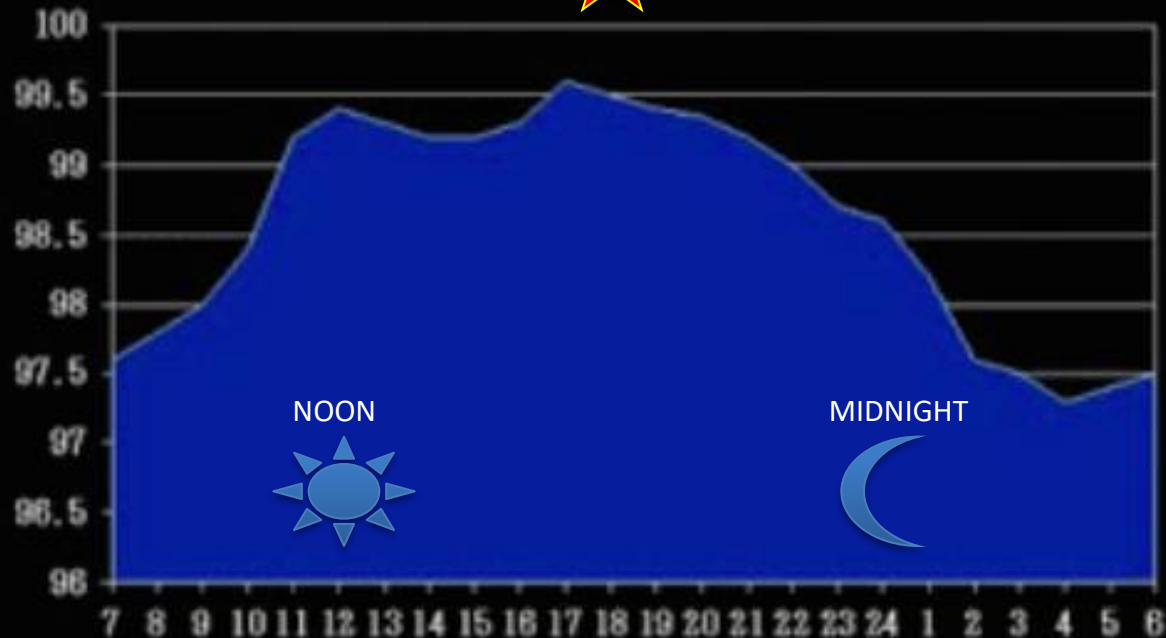


**Physical activity** has a significant influence on the body temperature. The warmer the organism is during the day, the stronger becomes the action of sleep hormone (melatonin) on the fall of body temperature in the evening.

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## Body temperature and sleep

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During high intensity exercise your body's system for regulating temperature is kicked up into high gear. Heat production by the body can cause your internal temperature to rise up to as high as 104 degrees Fahrenheit

Aerobic activities are traditionally associated with a deeper sleep.



We spend one-third of our lives asleep.

**121 days per year**

**9,581 days** in your lifetime are spent sleeping.

**26 years!**



# SLEEP RESEARCH WORLDWIDE



- Heavy cell phone use showed an increase in sleep disorders in men and an increase in depressive symptoms in both men and women.
- Those constantly accessible via cell phones were the most likely to report mental health issues.
- Men who use computers intensively were more likely to develop sleeping problems.
- Regular, late night computer use was associated with sleep disorders, stress and depressive symptoms in both men and women.
- Frequently using a computer without breaks further increases the risk of stress, sleeping problems and depressive symptoms in women.
- A combination of both heavy computer use and heavy mobile use makes the associations even stronger.

Modern technology is affecting our sleep. The artificial light from TV and computer screens affects melatonin production and throws off circadian rhythms, preventing deep, restorative sleep.

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# ATHLETE SLEEP SURVEYS

JUNIOR ATHLETES 6:40 MIDDLE SCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIOR ATHLETES 6:14 COLLEGE NCAA  
ELITE ATHLETES 6:30 OLYMPIC PROFESSIONAL



6 Hours 40 Minutes  
4-6 Hours



HIGH SCHOOL AGE ATHLETES



6:14

The average sleep for an NCAA athlete is 6 hours 14 minutes...

**COLLEGE AGE ATHLETES**



# TODAY'S ATHLETES

High Levels of Fatigue



Most of the time...

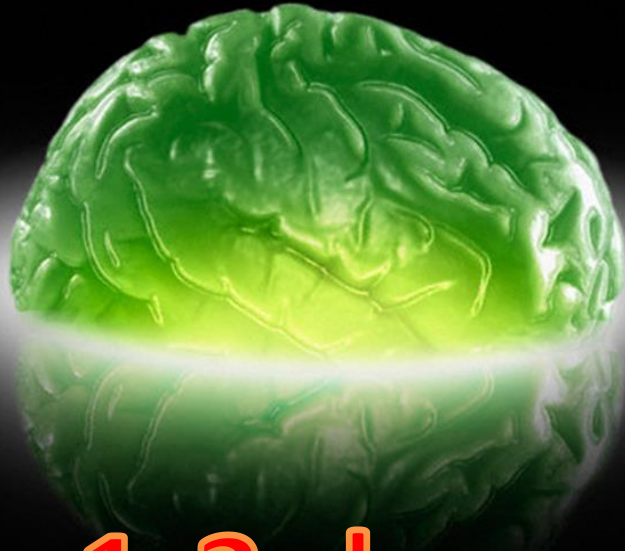




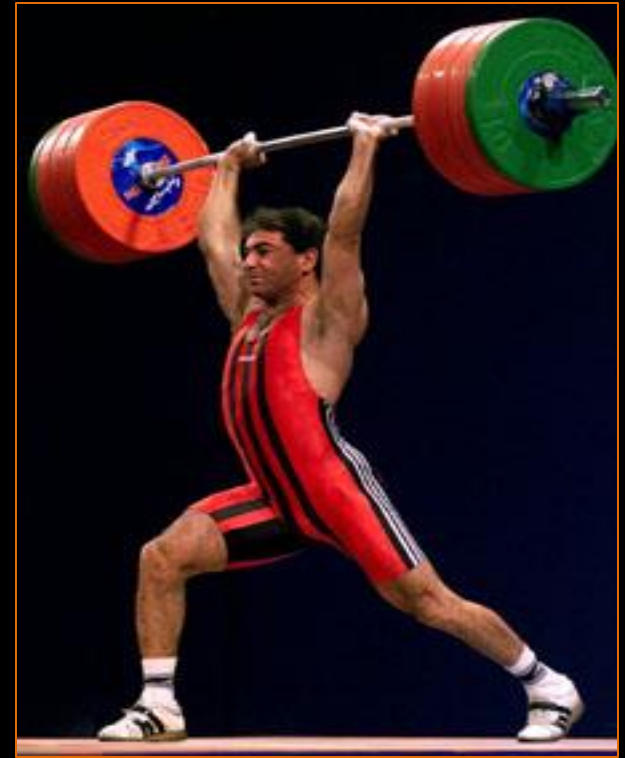
If you are tired most of the time...  
You can get used to being tired!

# Sleep Studies Athletes





**1-3 days**



The brain seems to be able to build up energy deficits or energy reserves over several days and will function at that level.

**CNS READINESS**





# Perform Saturday

## CNS Readiness begins Wednesday

M T **W** R F **S** S





Banged up, beat up, sore, inflamed?

Try understanding the recovery processes and you will greatly increase the quality of your training. Gains in condition and performance are limited without proper recovery methods ...

**SLEEP**



**TRAIN RECOVER COMPETE REPEAT**



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# Sleep and Basketball Performance

EFFECTS OF SLEEP EXTENSION ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

The Effects of Sleep Extension on the Athletic Performance of Collegiate Basketball Players

## SLEEP INCREASES PERFORMANCE



Subjects demonstrated a faster timed sprint

Shooting accuracy improved

Free throw percentage increasing by 9%

3-point field goal percentage increasing by 9.2%

Psychomotor Vigilance increased

Reaction Time Faster

Mood Elevated

Increased Energy

Decreased Fatigue

Subjects also reported improved overall ratings of physical and mental well-being during practices and games.



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## STANFORD SLEEP STUDIES CHERI MAH

Extended sleep beyond one's habitual nightly sleep contributes to improved athletic performance, reaction time, < daytime sleepiness, and - mood. Improvements in all stats percentage, sprint times, reaction time, mood, fatigue, and vigor were all observed with increased total sleep time.

# SLEEP PREPARATION

## CREATING YOUR HEALTHY SLEEP SCHEDULE

7:00 am	<b>Wake up:</b> set a consistent time to wake each morning so your body's clock will begin to naturally wake you up.
2:30 pm	<b>Nap:</b> If you're feeling sleep deprived, a 30 minute afternoon nap is a great way to overcome sleep debt. (Set your alarm so you don't transition into deep sleep.)
6:00 pm	<b>No more sugar:</b> Eliminating sugar after dinner aids in the body's ability to fall asleep. In addition, avoid caffeine or spicy foods
8:30 pm	<b>Technology sunset:</b> Shut off/ put away all electronics 90 minutes before bed (including laptop, cell phone and TV) to avoid blue light.
9:00 pm	<b>Eat a banana:</b> Foods like bananas, cherries and walnuts help induce sleepiness.
9:00 pm	<b>Avoid physical activity:</b> Physical activity stimulates the body and mind making sleep more difficult
9:30 pm	<b>Pre-sleep protein:</b> Drink 8-10 oz. of liquid, casein protein before sleep to promote muscle repair and to build muscle during sleep: the best time to build muscle!
10:00 pm	<b>Get to sleep:</b> In a completely dark room, with a temperature between 68-72 degrees



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