

Introduction to Chronobiology

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Outline

- Basic concepts
- Molecular biology of the circadian clock
- Circadian timing in health and diseases



Biological oscillations



Ecology

Reproduction

Hormone

Circadian rhythms

Mitotic

Calcium waves

Heart beat

Neuronal firing

msec

sec

min

hour

day

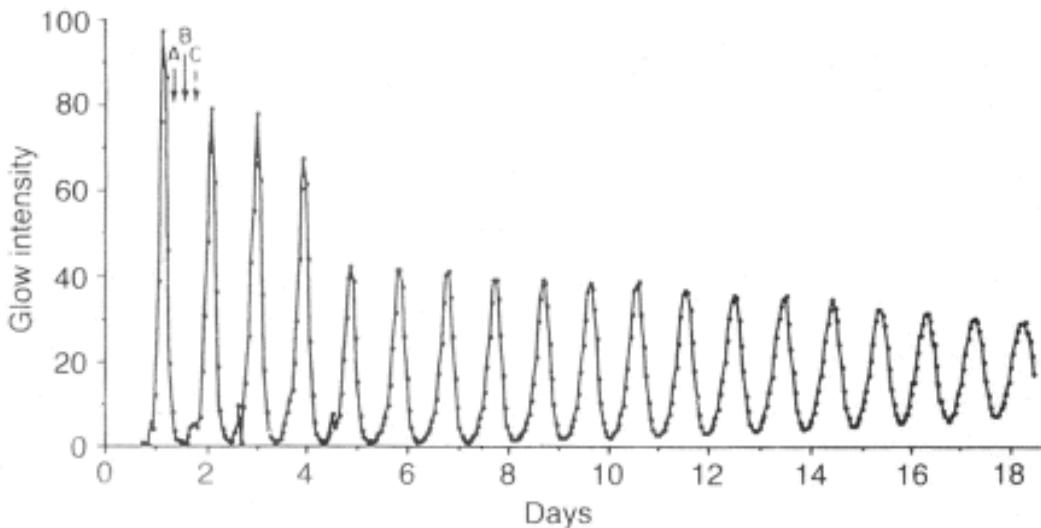
month

1 year

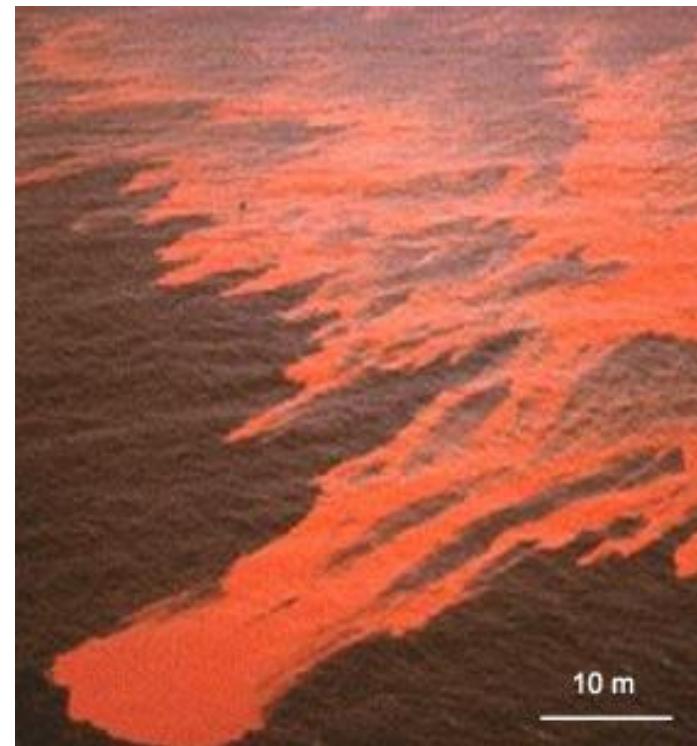
years

10 Logs !

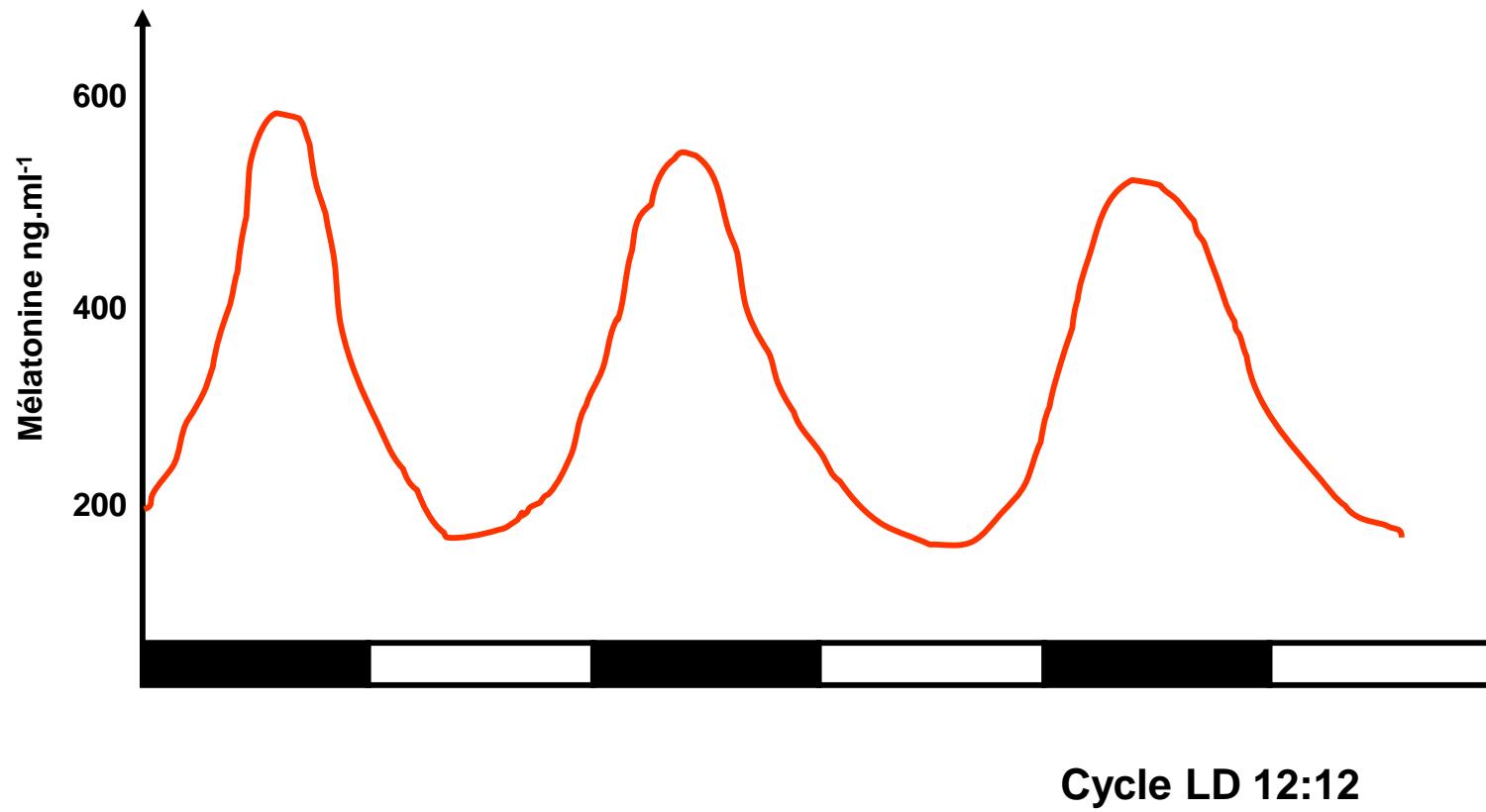
Circadian rhythm of bioluminescence in a dinoflagellate (*Lingulodinium polyedrum*)



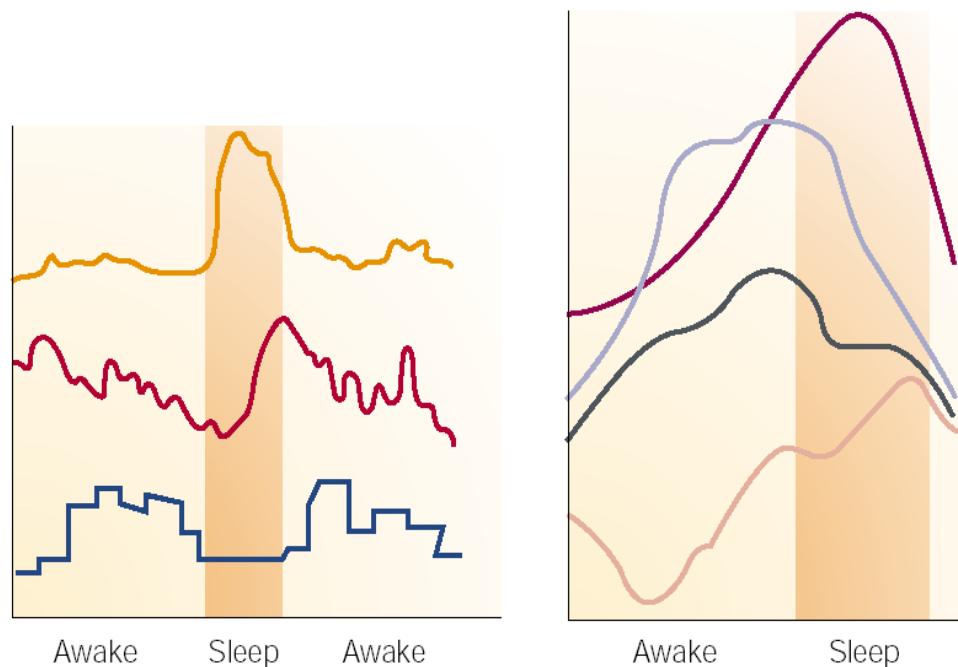
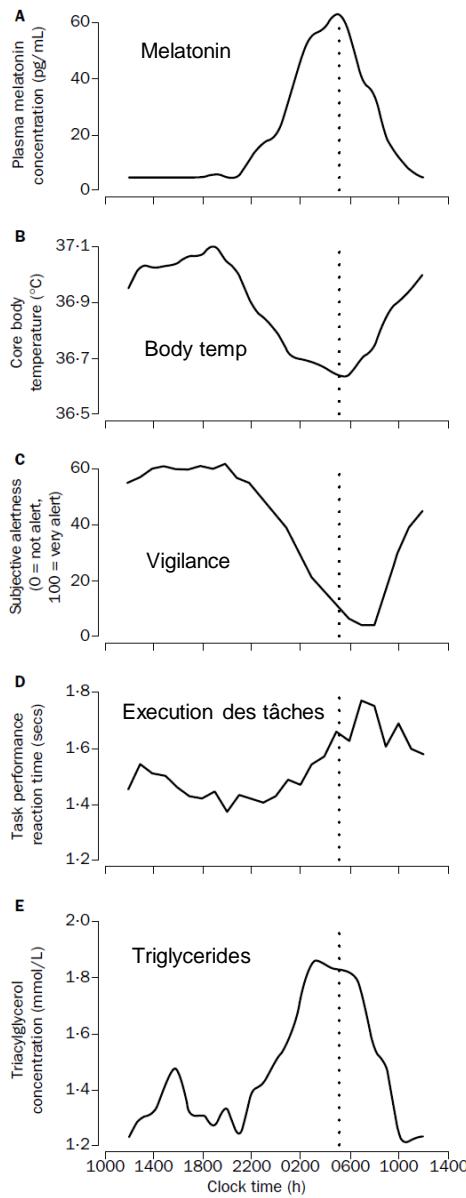
20 days in LL



Melatonin secretion from avian pineal gland *in vitro*



Examples of daily rhythms in human



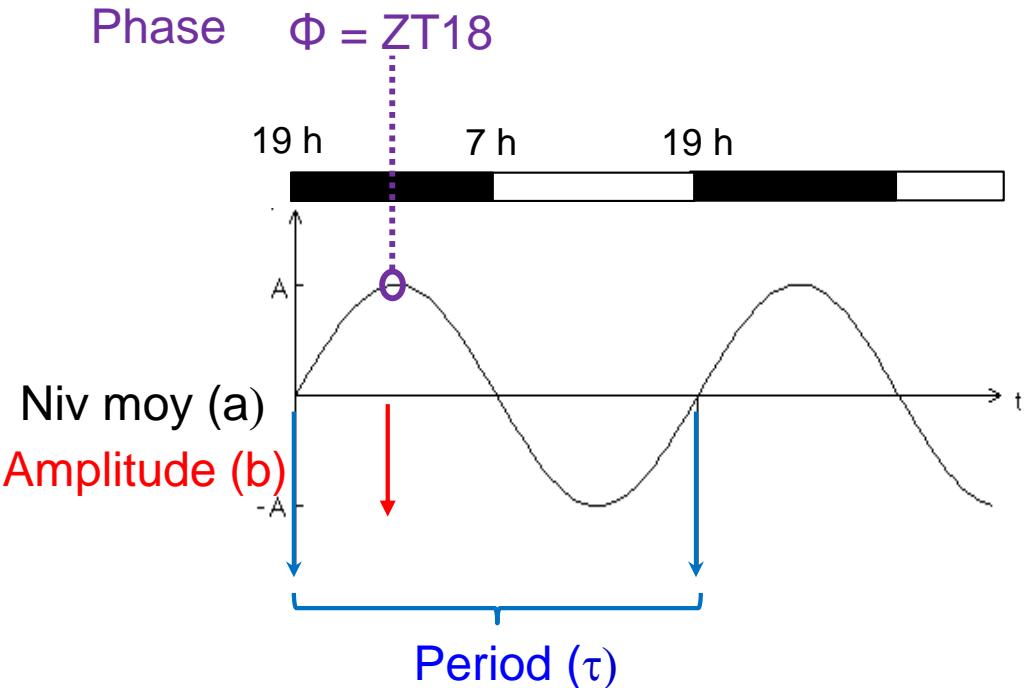
— Aldosterone
— Cortisol
— Urine output

— Lymphocytes
— Monocytes
— Platelets
— Eosinophils

Fu & Lee, *Nature* 2003
Rajaratnam & Arendt, *Lancet* 2001

Some definitions for biological rhythms

Synchronizer = zeitgeber (ZT)



$$\text{Biological rhythm} \rightarrow Y = a + b \cos(2\pi(\tau - \Phi))$$

$\tau < 20 h$	ultradian
$20 h < \tau < 28 h$	circadian
$\tau > 28 h$	infradian

The pioneer of modern chronobiology

Jean d'Ortous de Mairan
(1678-1771)

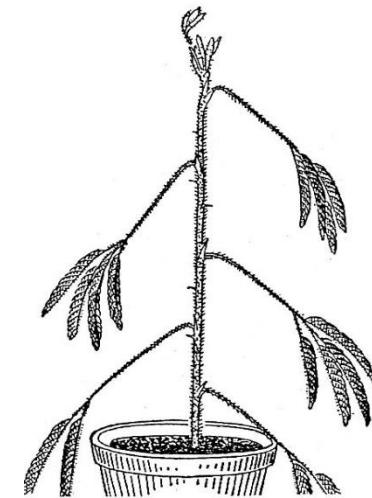


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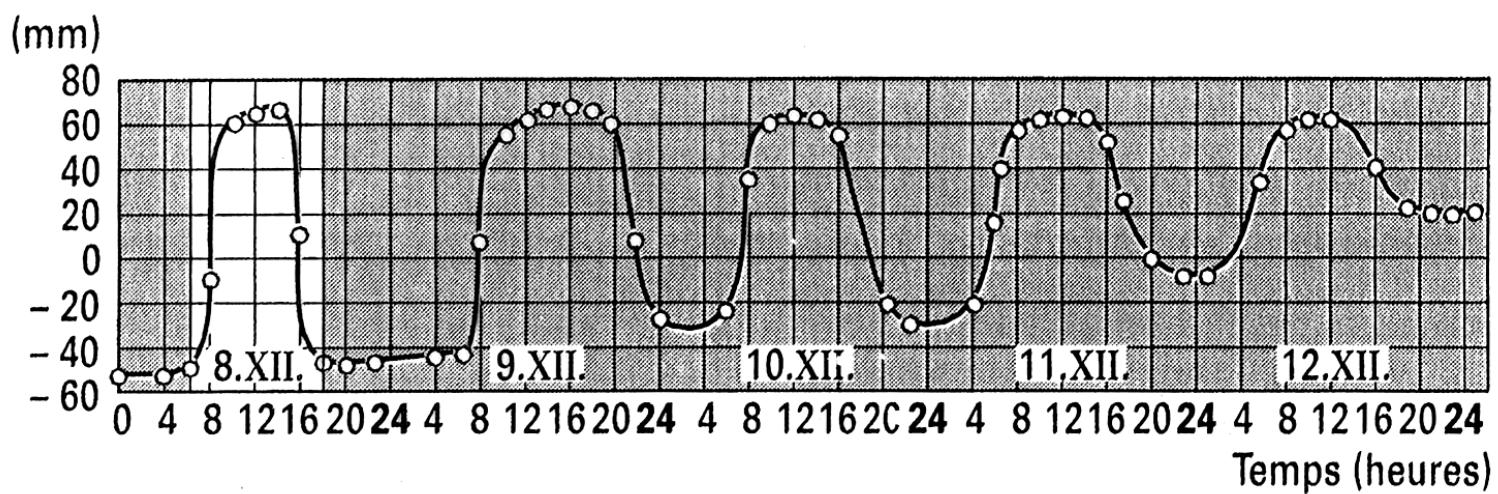
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Mimosa pudica (sensitive)

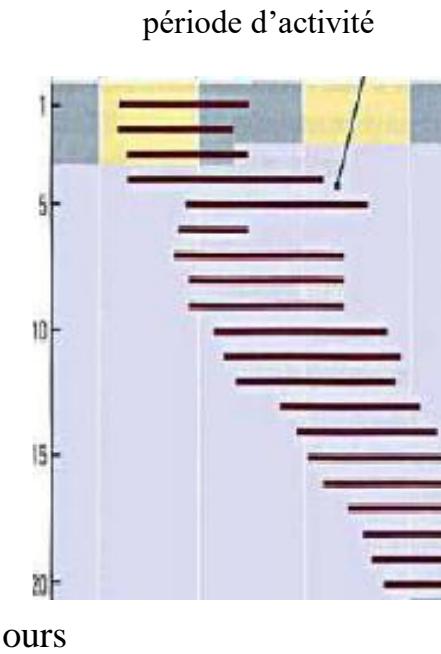


Nuit



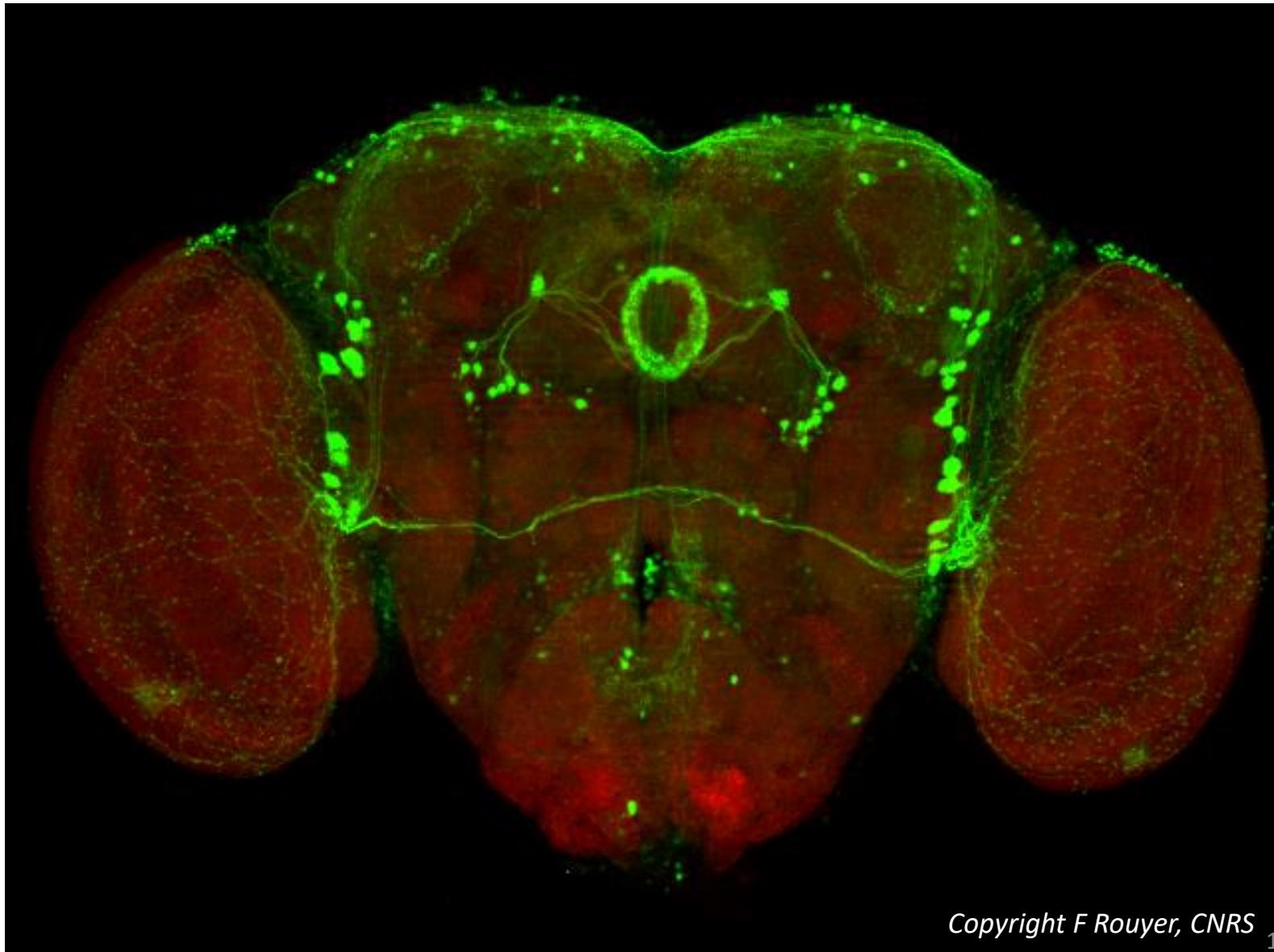
Free-running in human

1962, Michel Siffre stays 58 days in-free running conditions (gouffre de Scarasson)



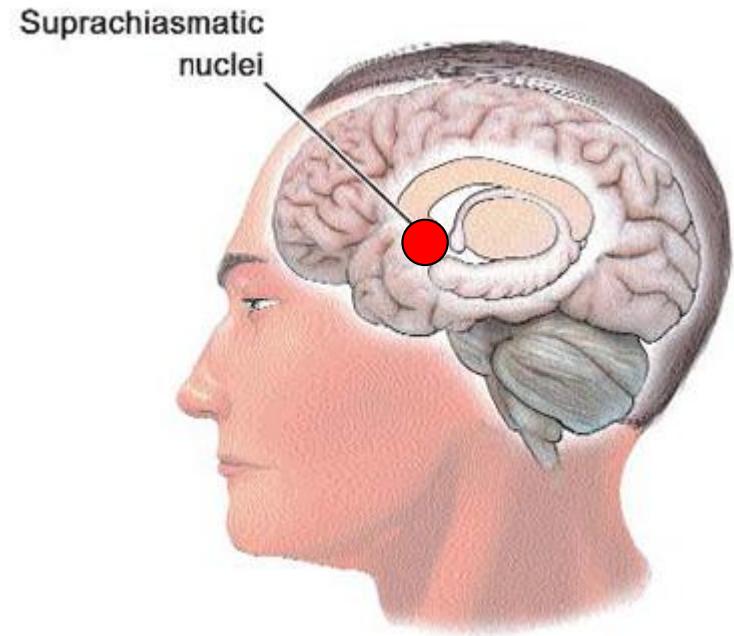
Many physiological processes remained rhythmic

The central clock



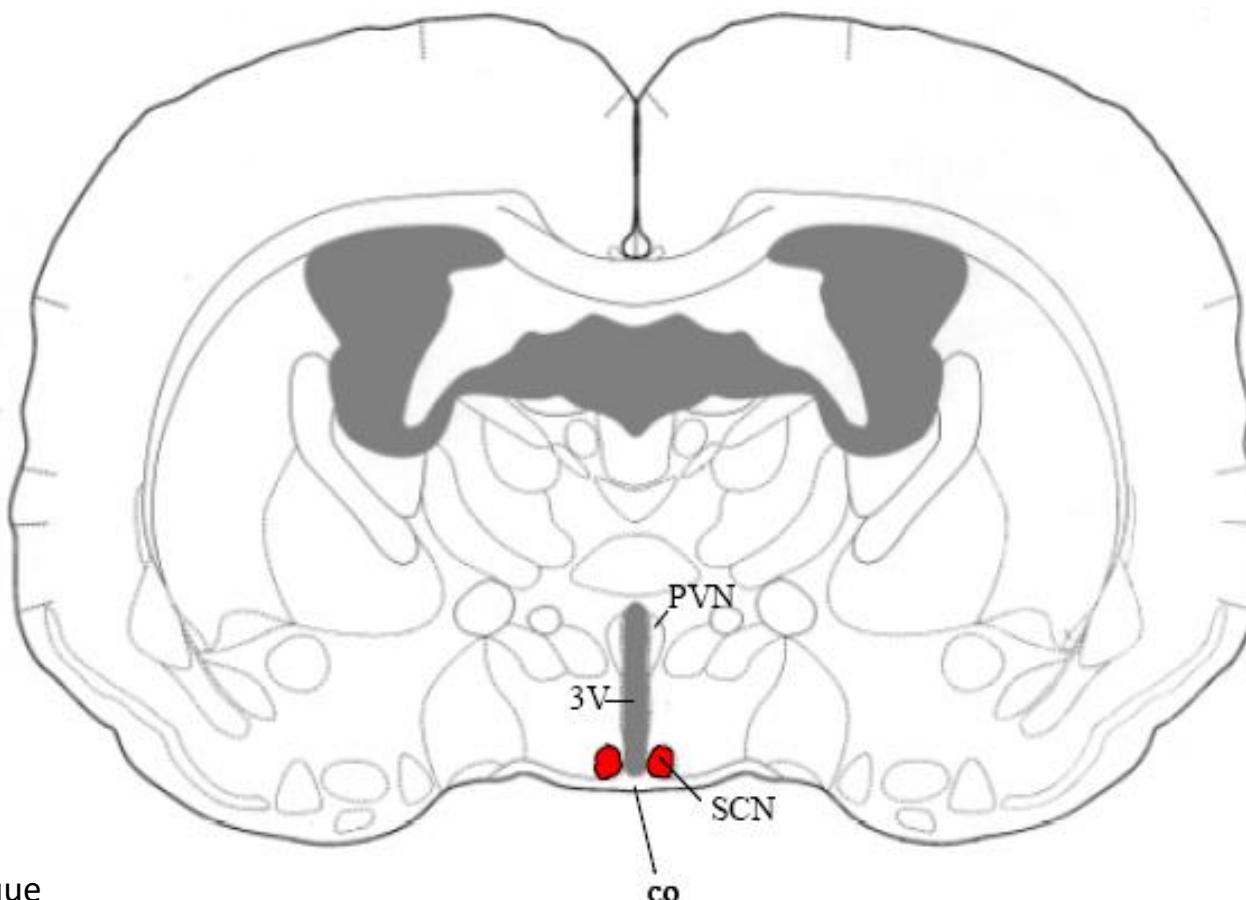
Localisation of the clock in mammals

1972 : Moore & Eichler and Stephan & Zucker locate the circadian Clock in the **suprachiasmatic nuclei** of mammals





SCN neurons are the only clock neurons

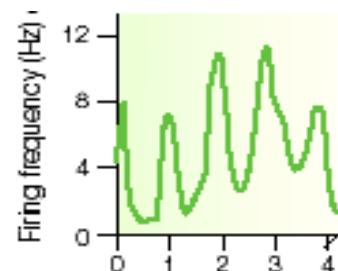


Co: chiasma optique

3V: 3ème ventricule

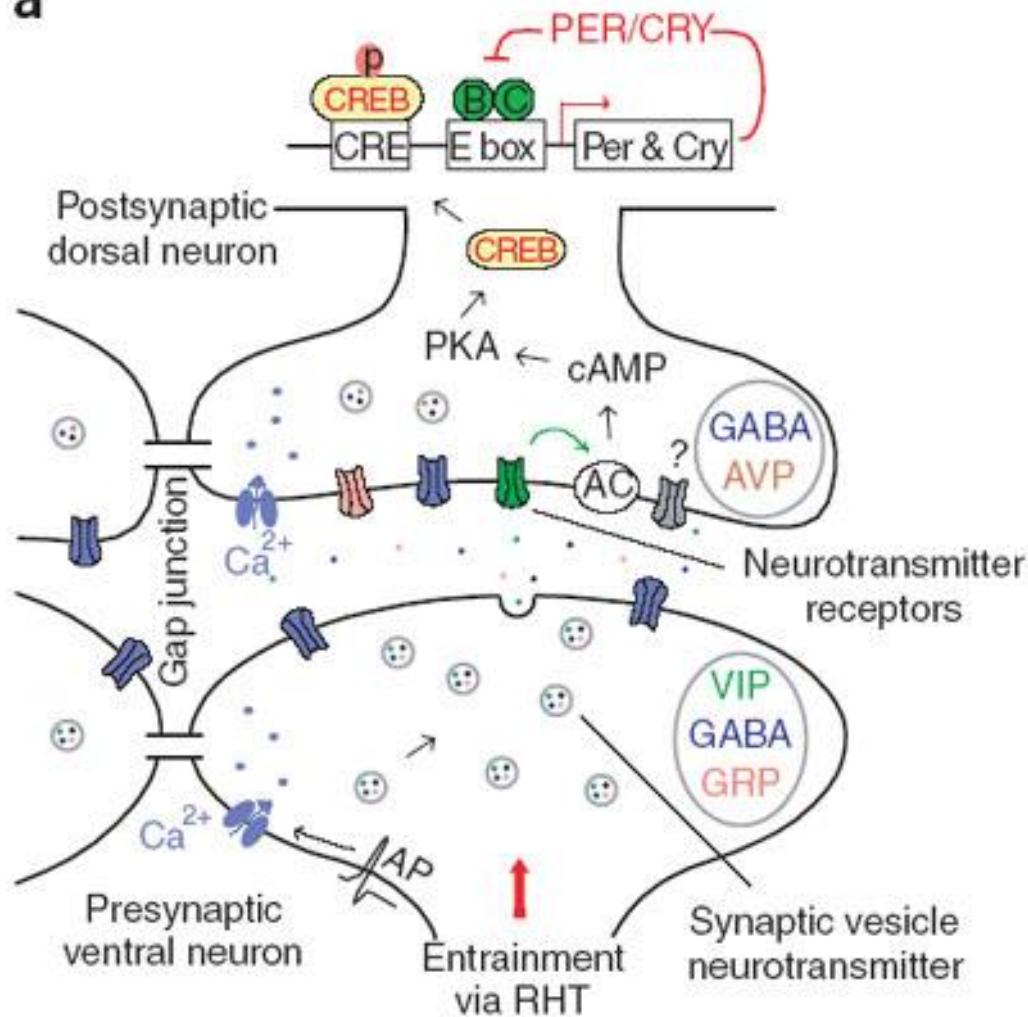
SCN: noyaux suprachiasmatiques

PVN: noyaux paraventriculaires

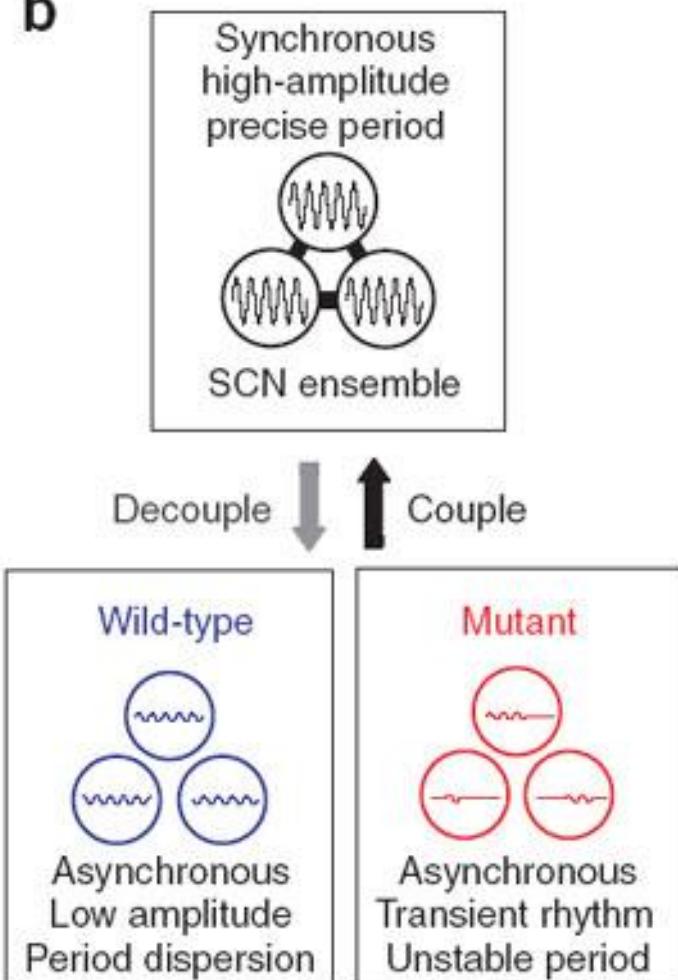


Intercellular coupling between SCN neurons

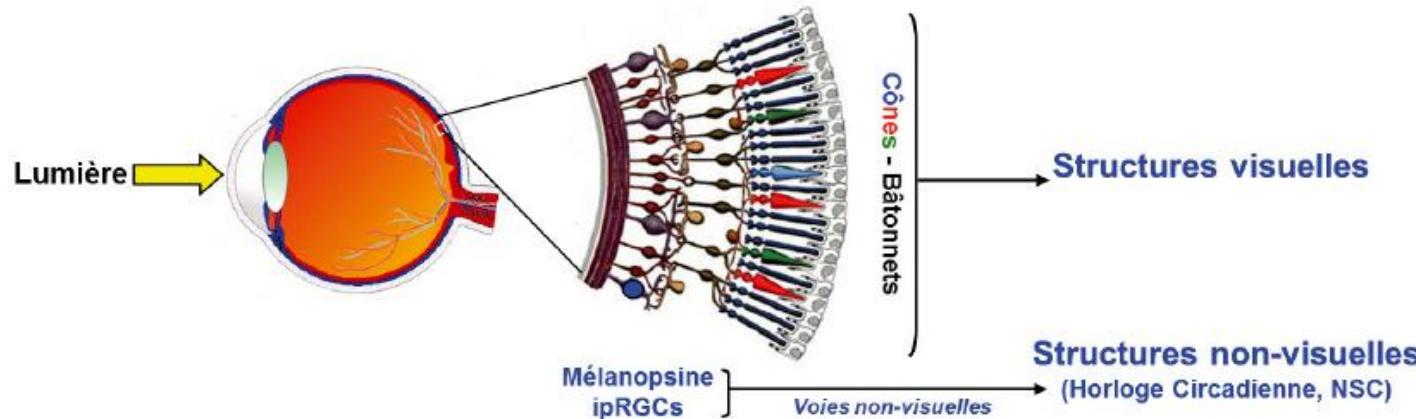
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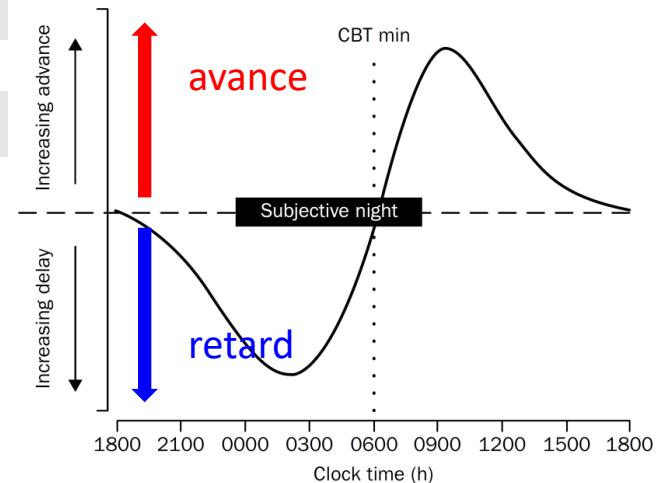
Synchronisation de l'horloge



Gronfier, Biologie d'Aujourd'hui 2014

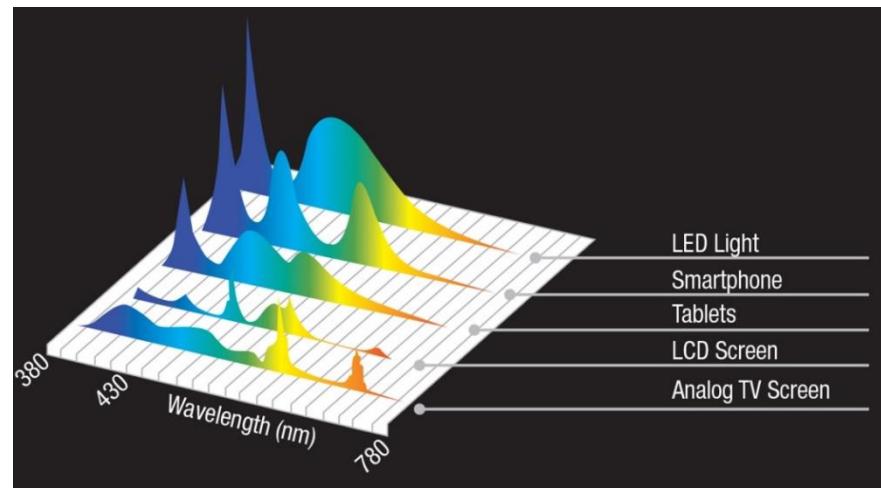
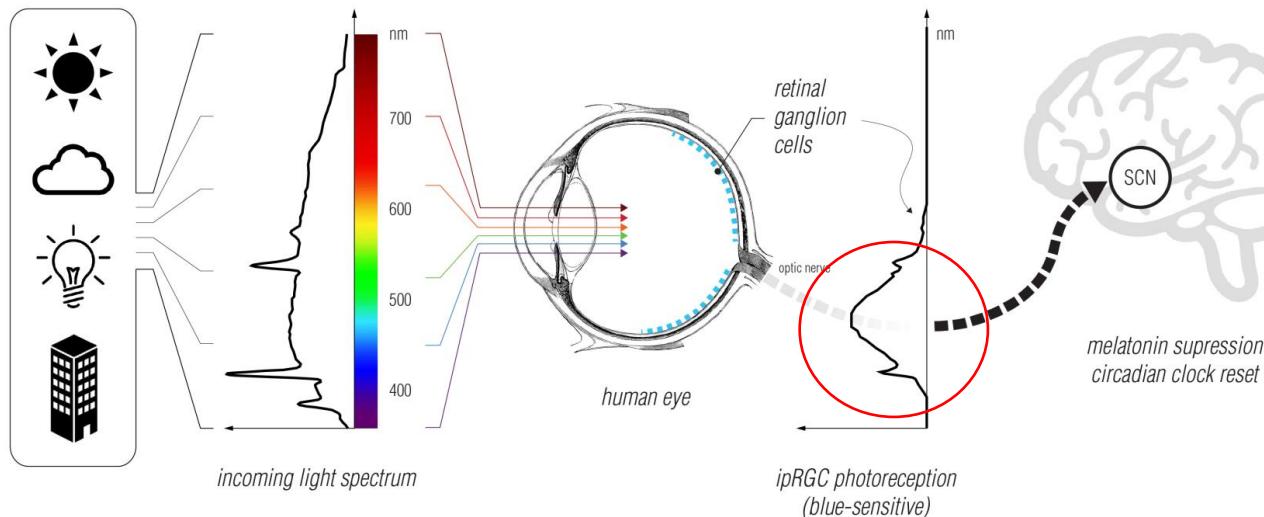
Lumière en **début** de nuit : **retard** de phase (voyage vers l'ouest)

Lumière en **fin** de nuit : **avance** de phase (voyage vers l'est)

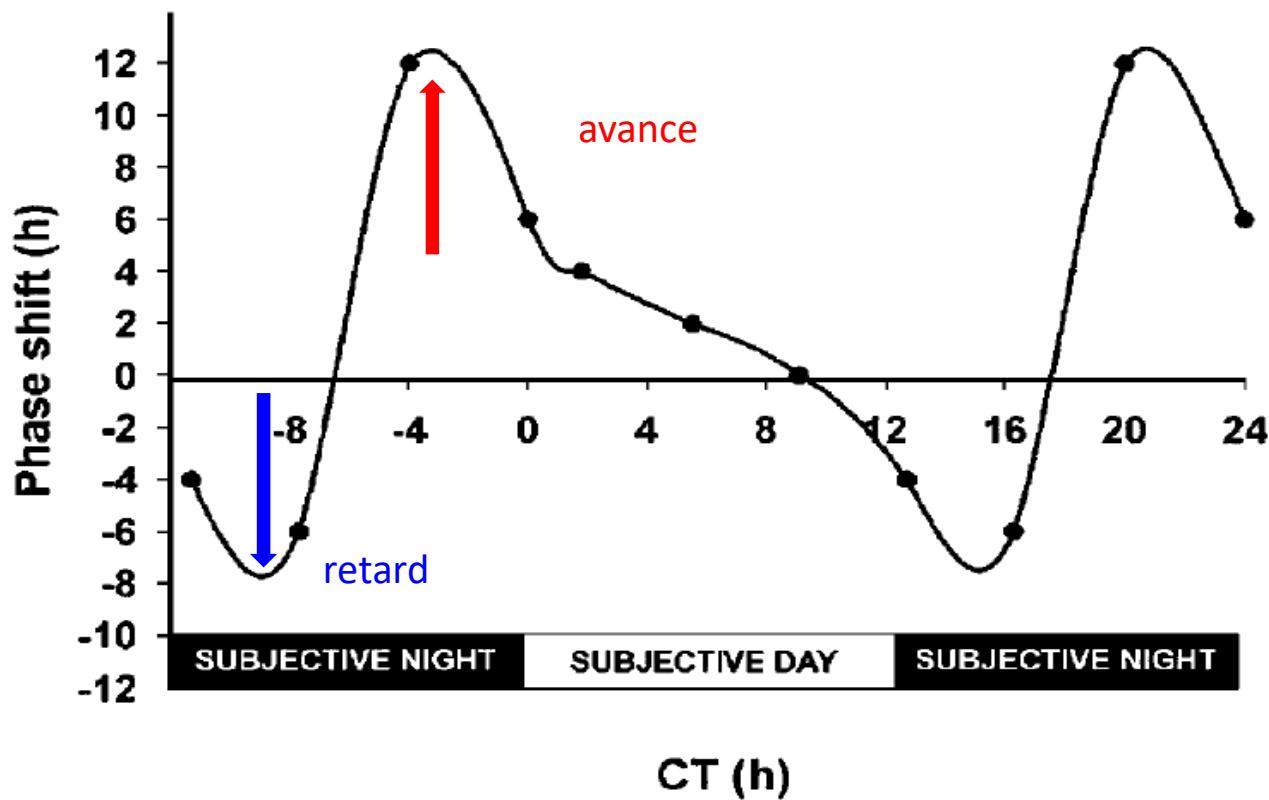


Rajaratnam & Arendt, Lancet 2001

La lumière bleue est la plus efficace pour resynchroniser notre horloge

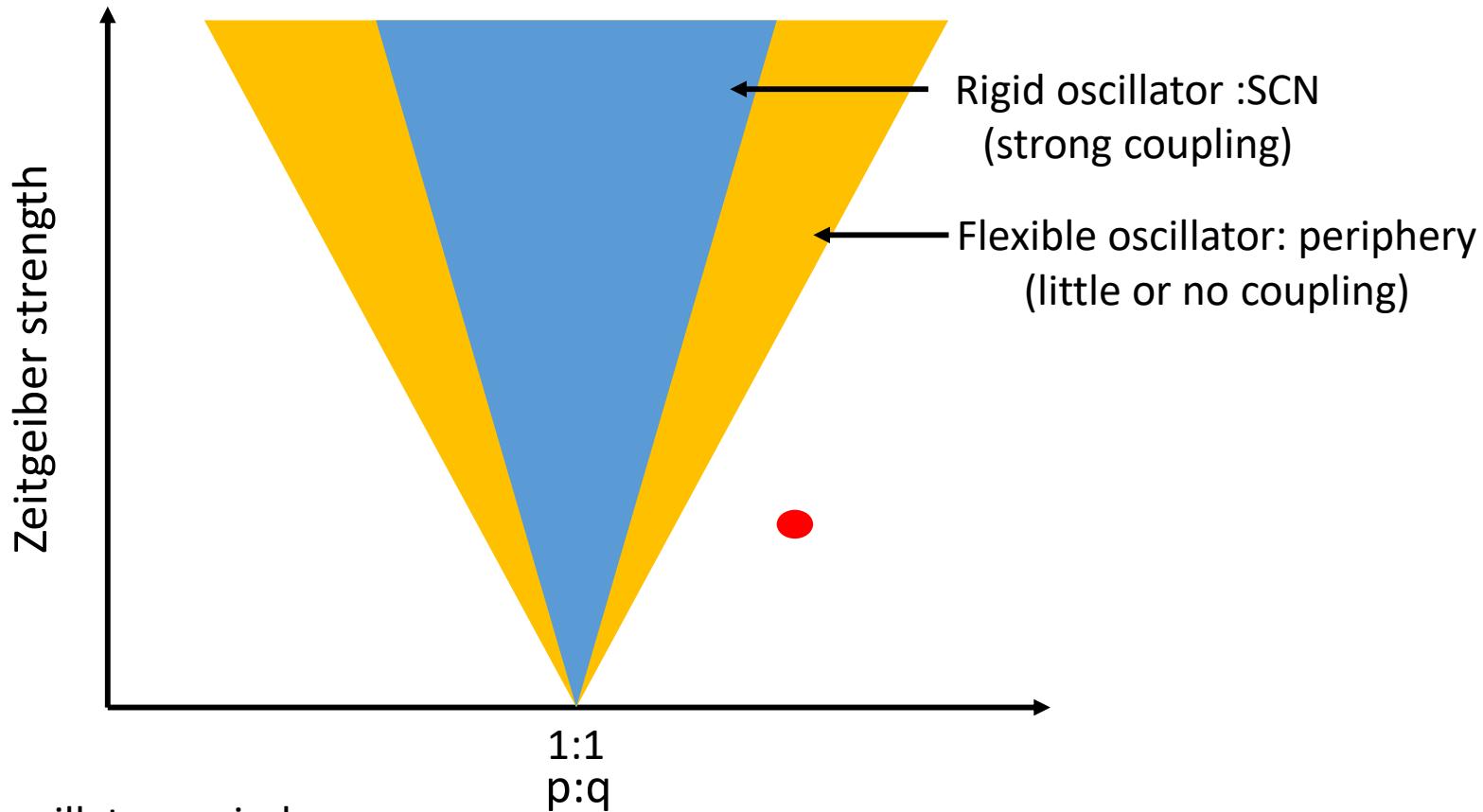


Light a universal synchronizer of circadian clocks

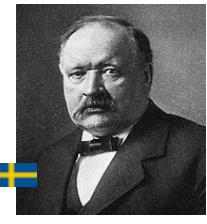


Phase response curve in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

The entrainment range depends on the coupling



The circadian clock is temperature compensated

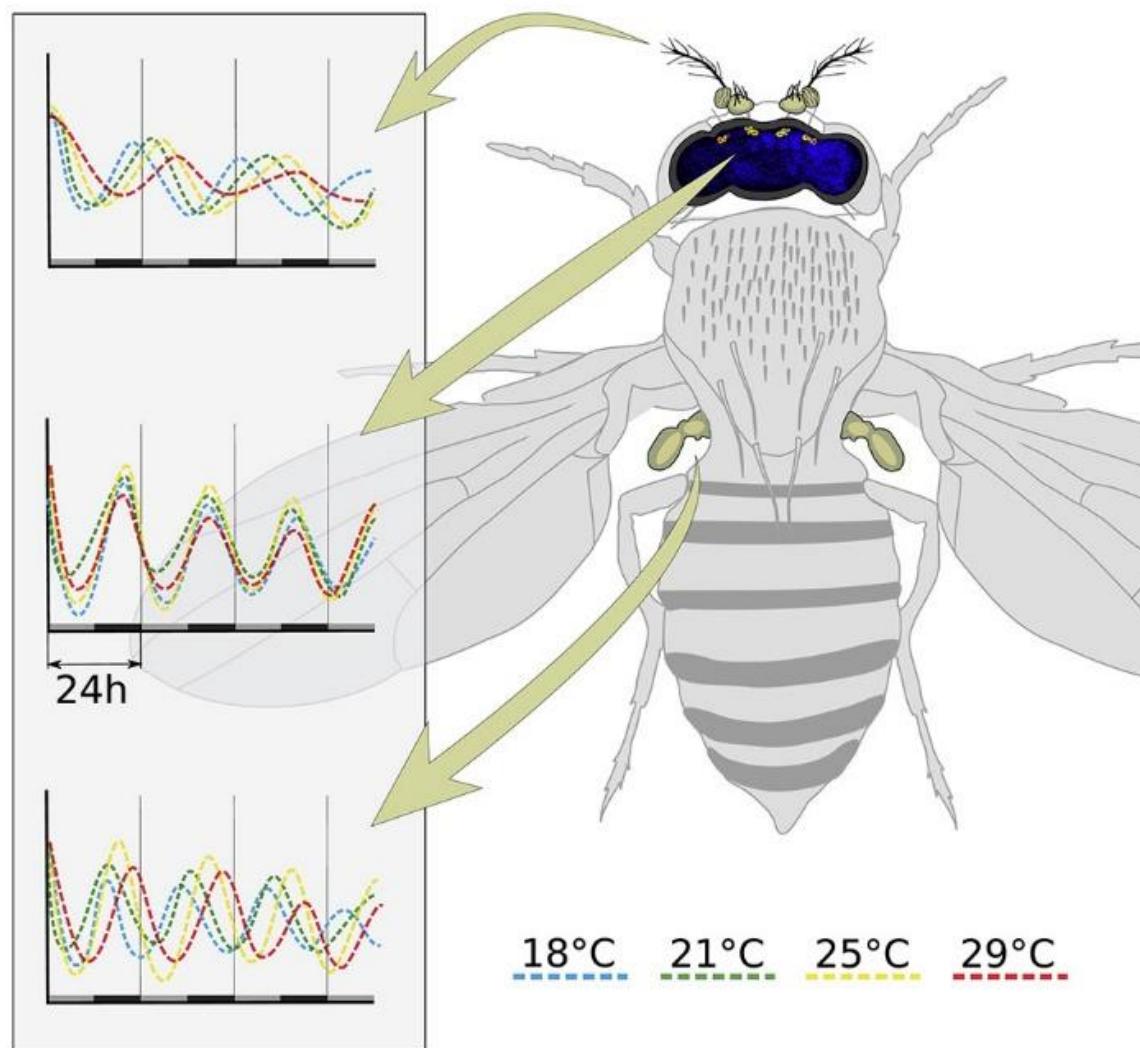


- Le coefficient thermique Q_{10} représente l'augmentation du taux d'une réaction pour un écart de température de 10°C.
- La vitesse de réaction peut être assimilée à n'importe quel processus (vitesse de production d'un composé chimique, vitesse de propagation d'un potentiel d'action, courant conduit à travers un canal ionique, rythme cardiaque, consommation d'oxygène).

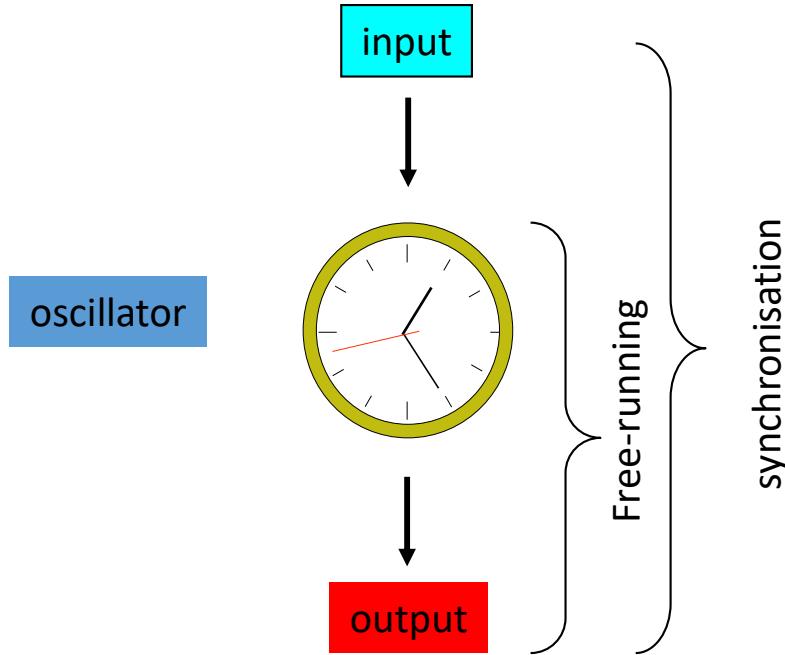
$$Q_{10} = \left[\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right] \frac{10}{(t_2 - t_1)}$$

Horloge circadienne: $Q_{10} \sim 1$

Thermal compensation of the circadian clock



The 3 components of the circadian clock



Summary 1

- Many biological processes oscillate with a circadian period
- The circadian clock is an endogenous mechanism
- The central pacemaker is localized in specialized neurons
- The circadian clock is synchronized by external cues
- The circadian clock is temperature compensated



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JC Hall



M Rosbash

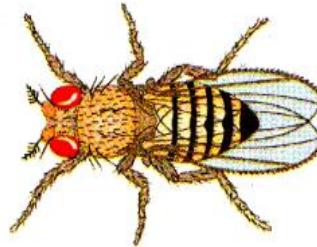


MW Young

The genetic origin of circadian rhythms



S Benzer (1921-2007)



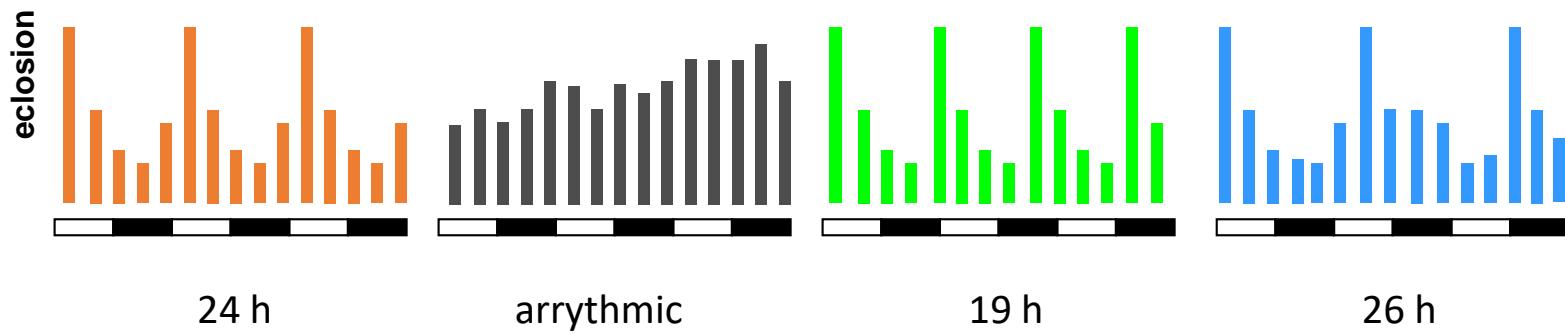
Mutagenesis

WT

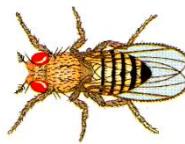
Per⁰

Per^s

Per^l



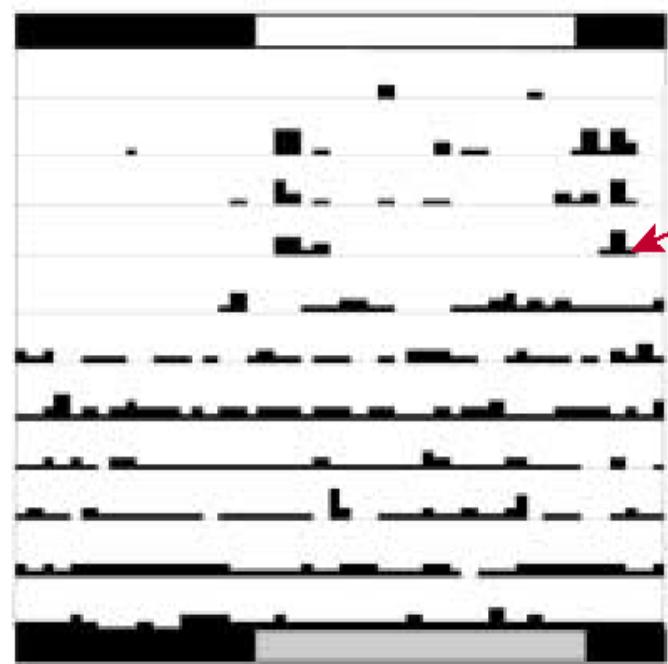
Per⁰ flies are arrhythmic



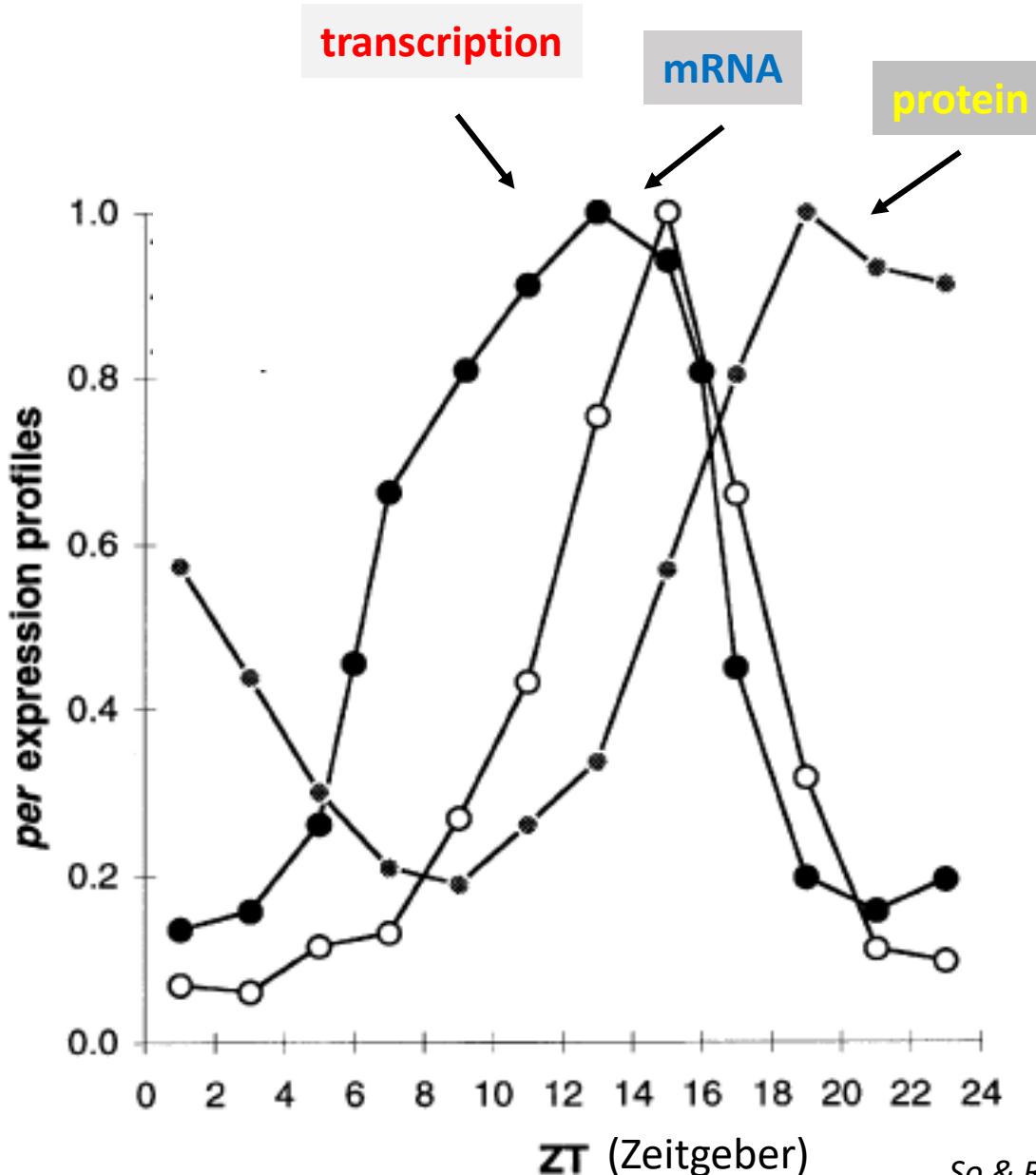
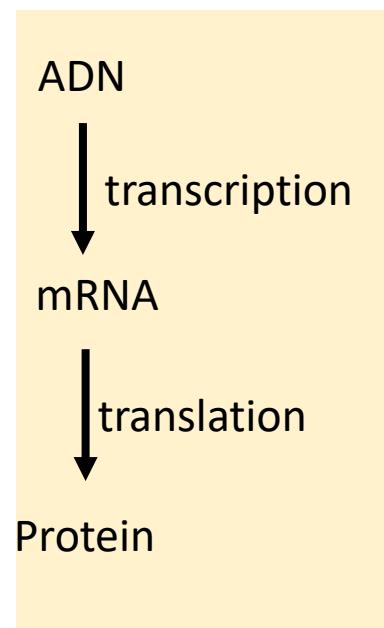
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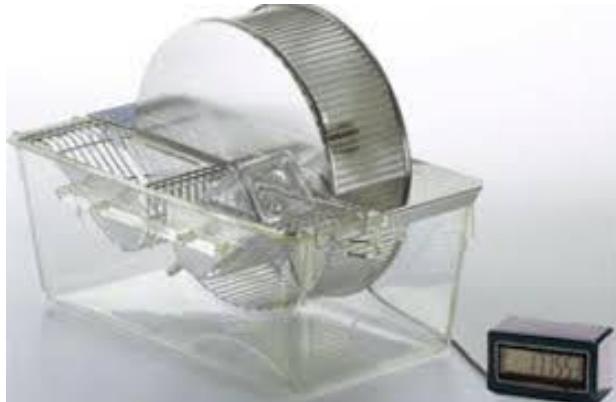
per⁰



The *Period* gene is rhythmically expressed



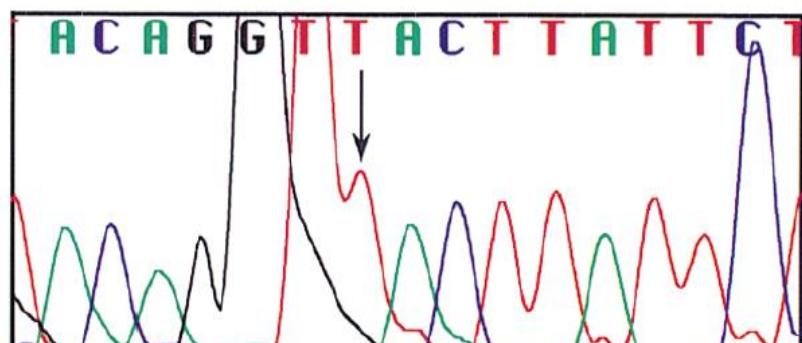
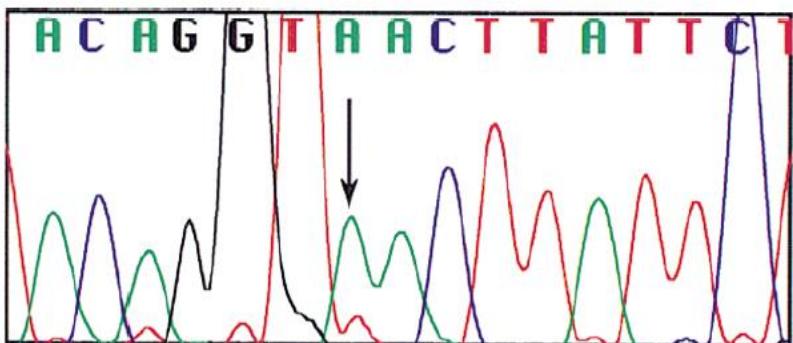
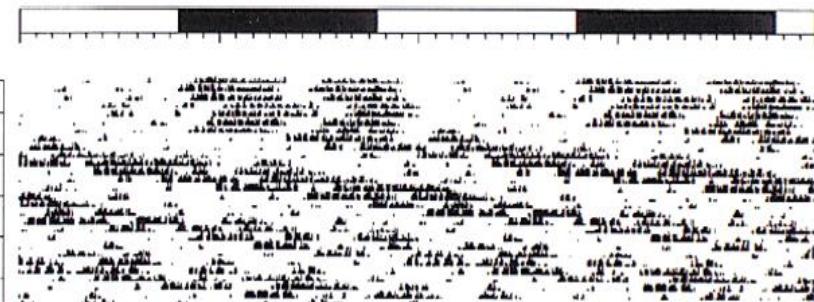
The *Clock* mutant mouse



Wild-type

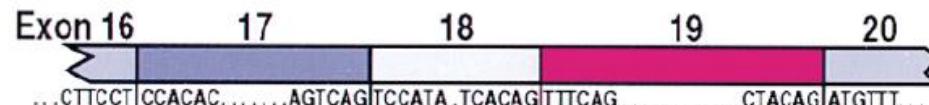


Clock/Clock

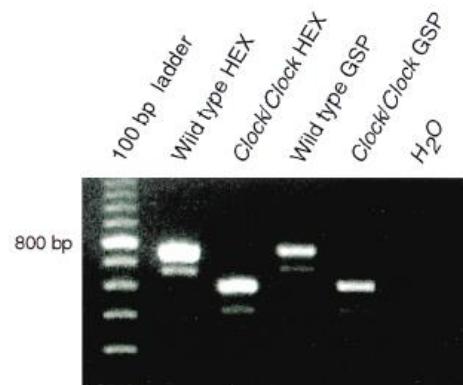
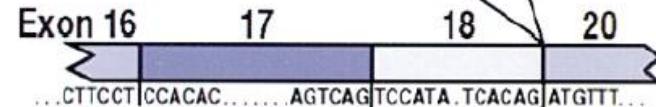


The Clock mutation in the mouse

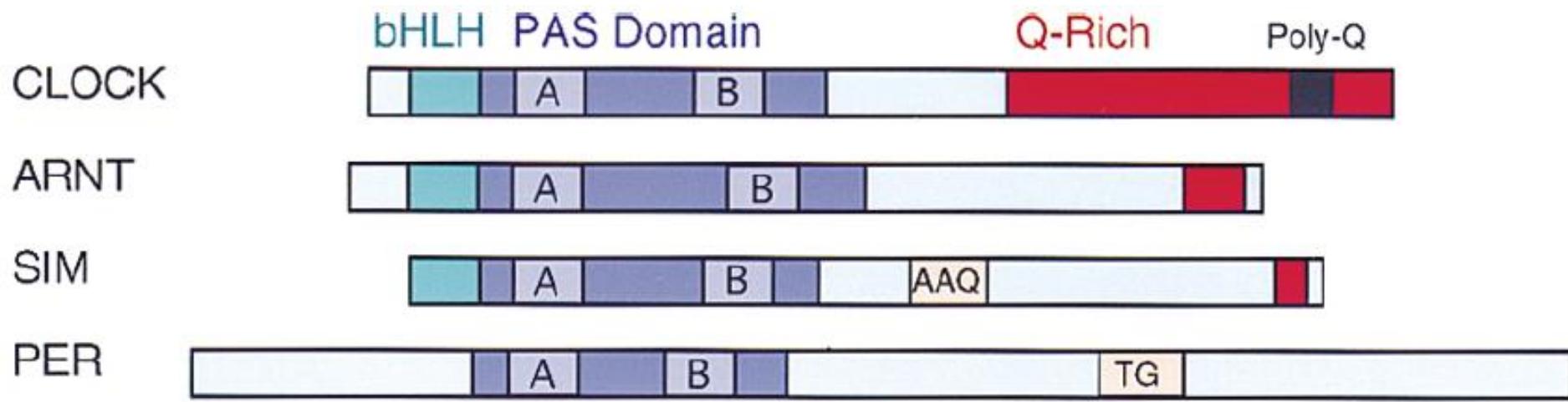
Wild type



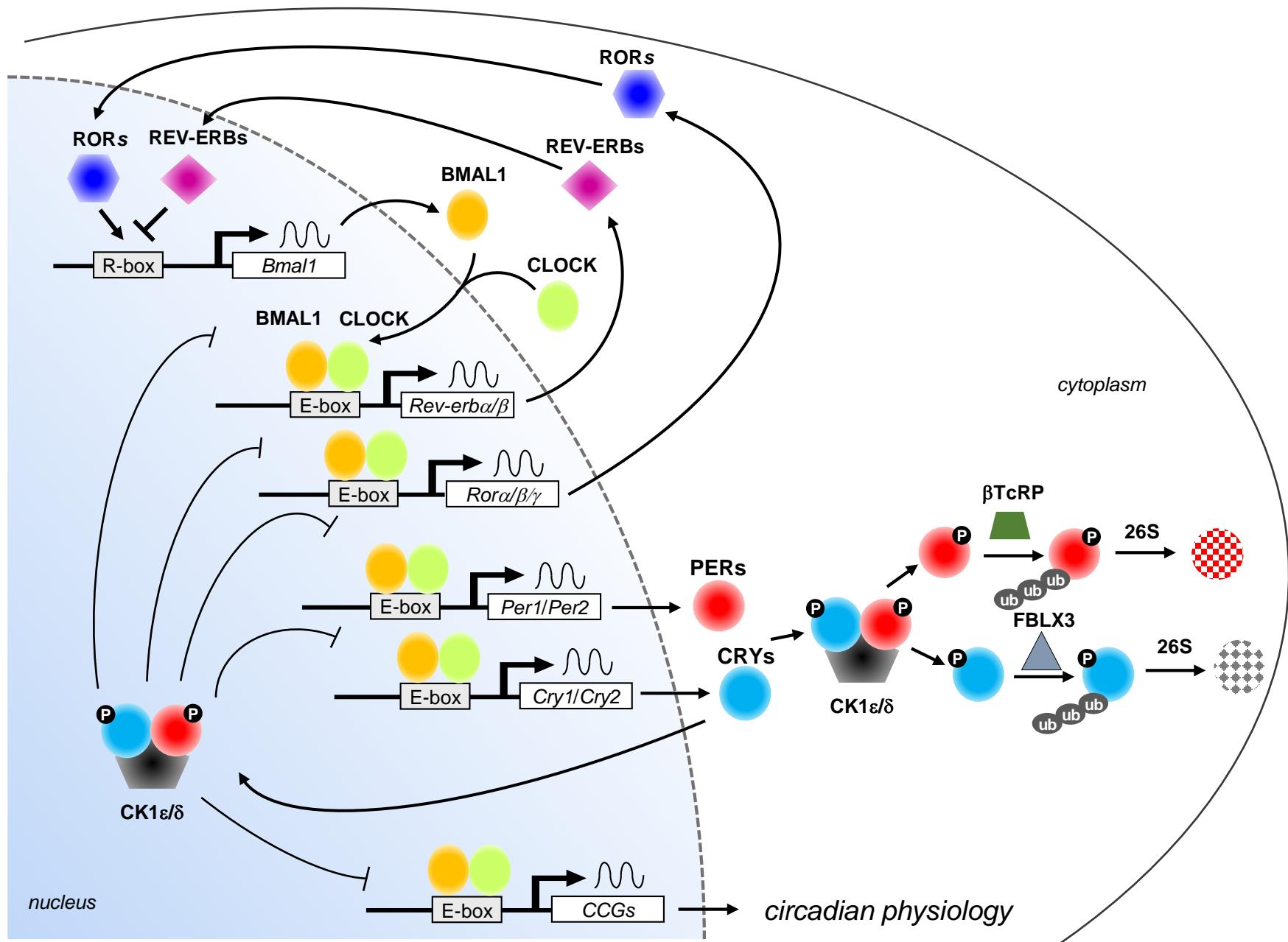
Clock



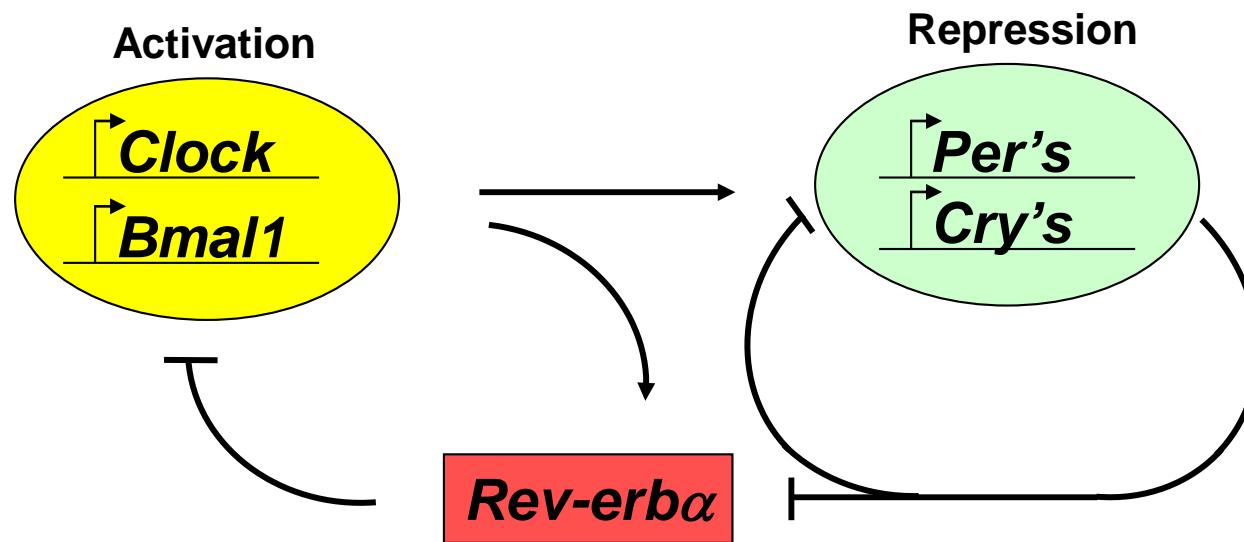
The CLOCK protein is a PAS domain transcription factor



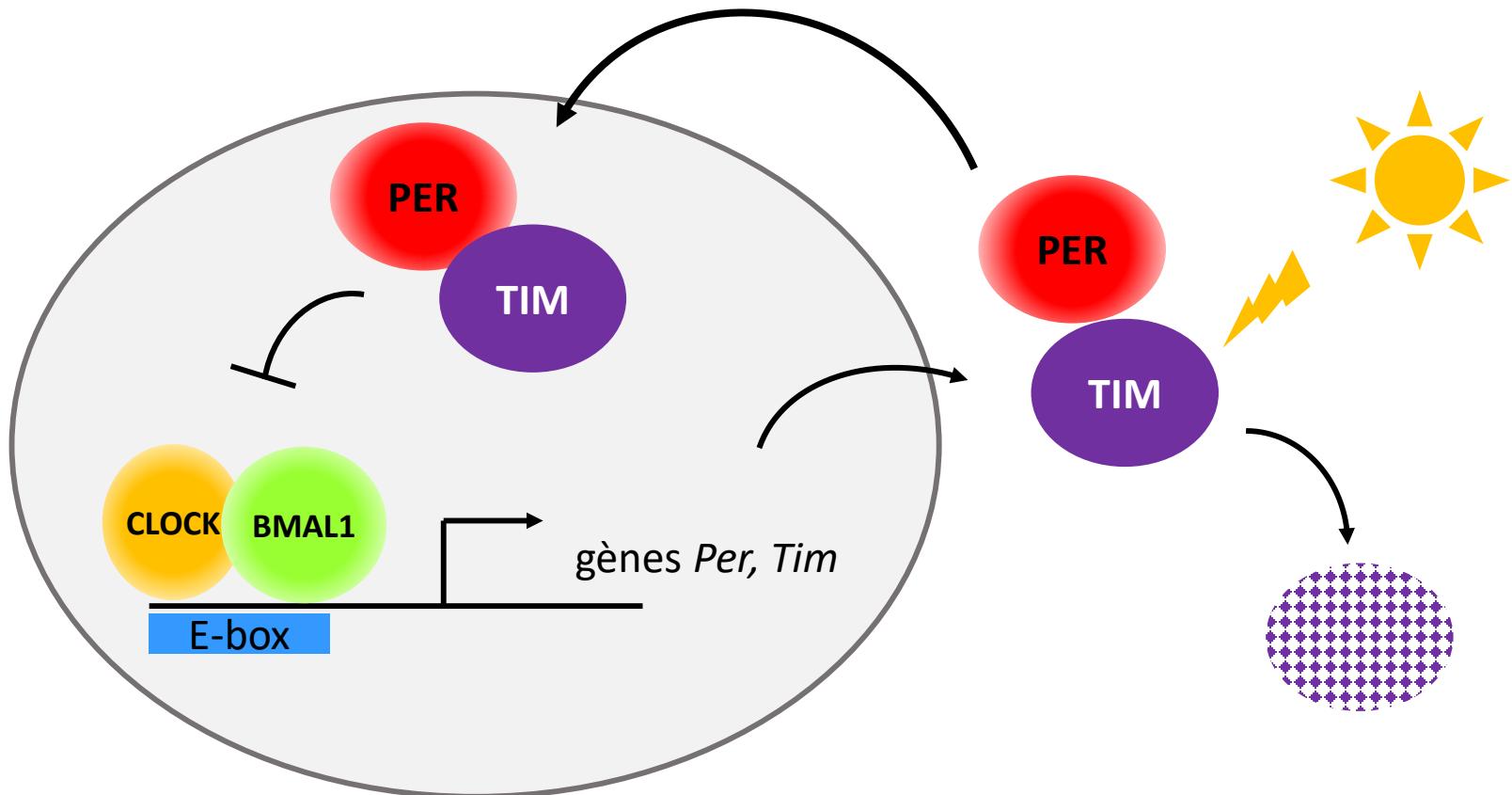
The circadian oscillator is a genetic network



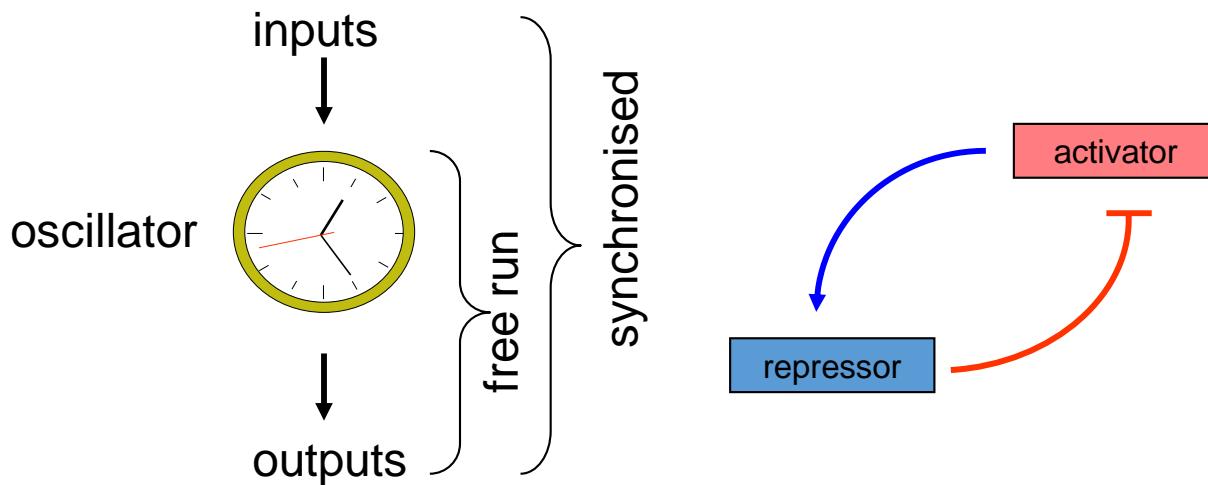
Simplified model of the mammalian circadian clock



Simplified model of the *Drosophila* circadian clock



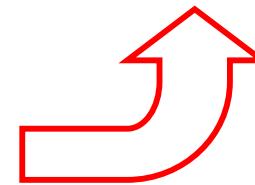
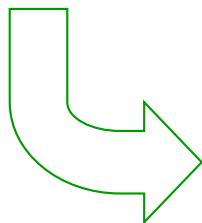
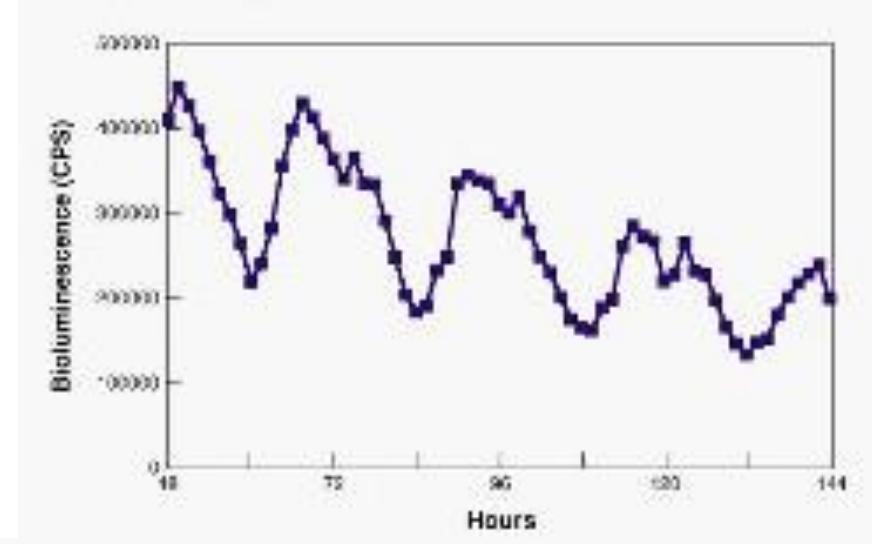
The same basic mechanistic principles govern all circadian clocks



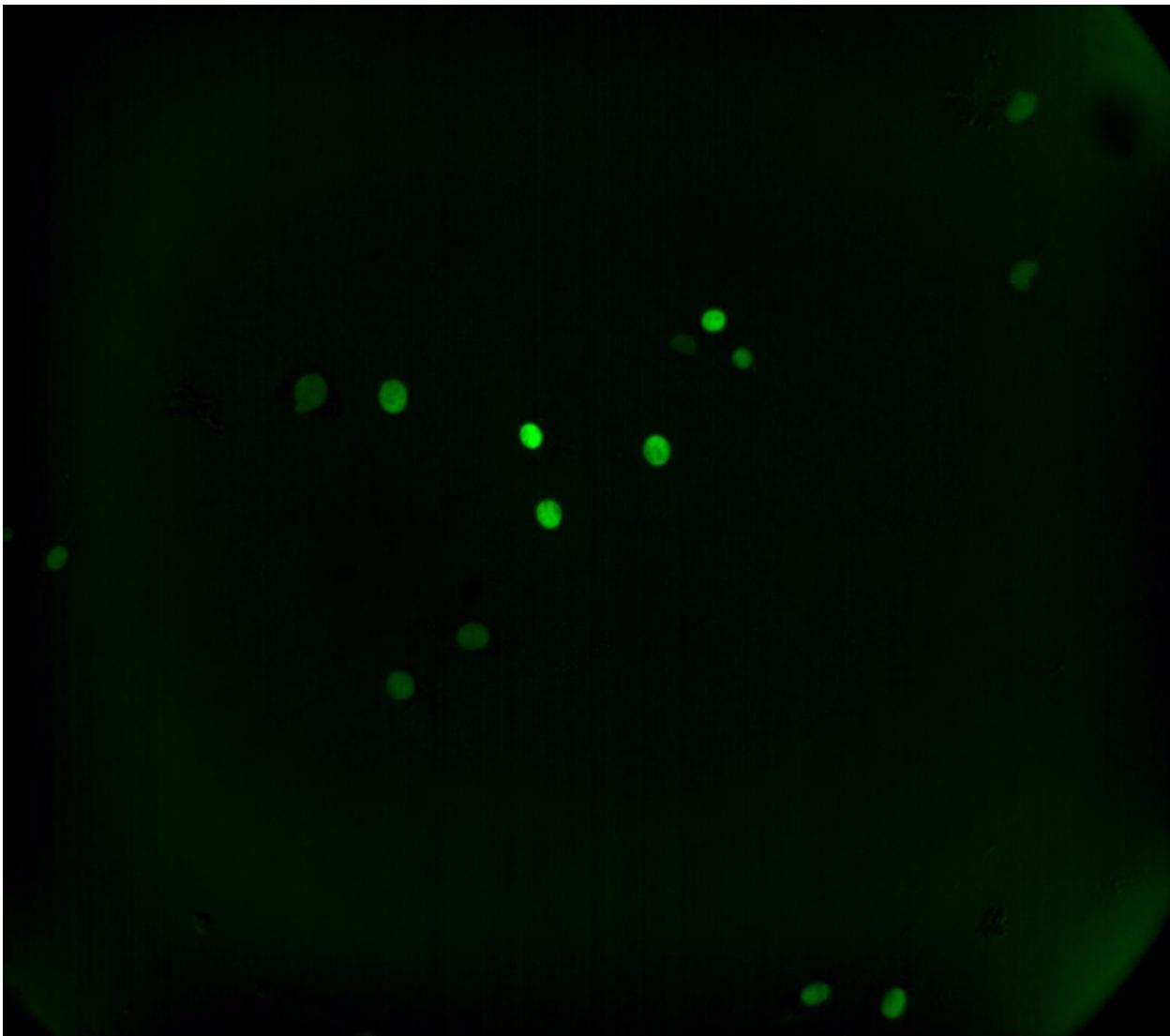
Biochemical / genetic oscillators

Function	Components	Period	Class
Metabolism	Gluoose, ATP, PFKase	2 min	Amplified delayed feedback loop
Signaling	NF-kB, IKK	~ 2 h	Delayed negative feedback loop
Signaling	P53, MDM2	5 h	Delayed negative feedback loop
Development	Her1, Her7, Notch	30-90 min	Delayed negative feedback loop
Embryonic cell cycle	CDK1, CCNB, Wee1, Cdc25, Cdc20	30 min	Amplified negative feedback loop
Circadian rhythms	PER, CRY, CLOCK, BMAL1, CSNK1D...	24 h	Delayed negative feedback loop

Peripheral clocks



A clock in every cell



Cicadian Omics

- Methylome
- Acetylome
- Transcriptome
- Proteome
- Phosphoproteome
- Metabolome

> 400 datasets
> 50 tissues
> 10 species
> 10 condition types (KO, disease, diet, drugs)

- Circadian regulation operates at all levels
- Highly tissue specific
- Feeding behaviour which is controlled by the central clock has a prominent impact on rhythms in the periphery
- Many CCGs are involved in pathways targeted by drugs
- Emerging human circadian omics

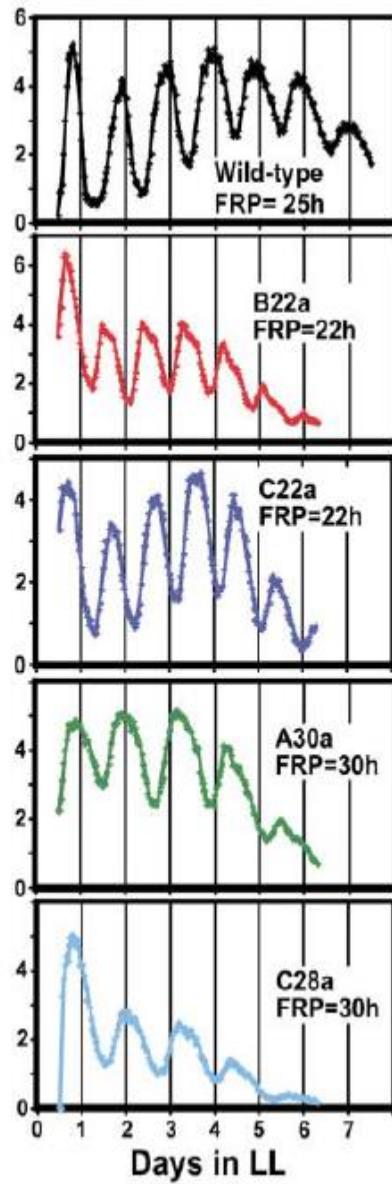
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<http://circadb.hogeneschlab.org/>

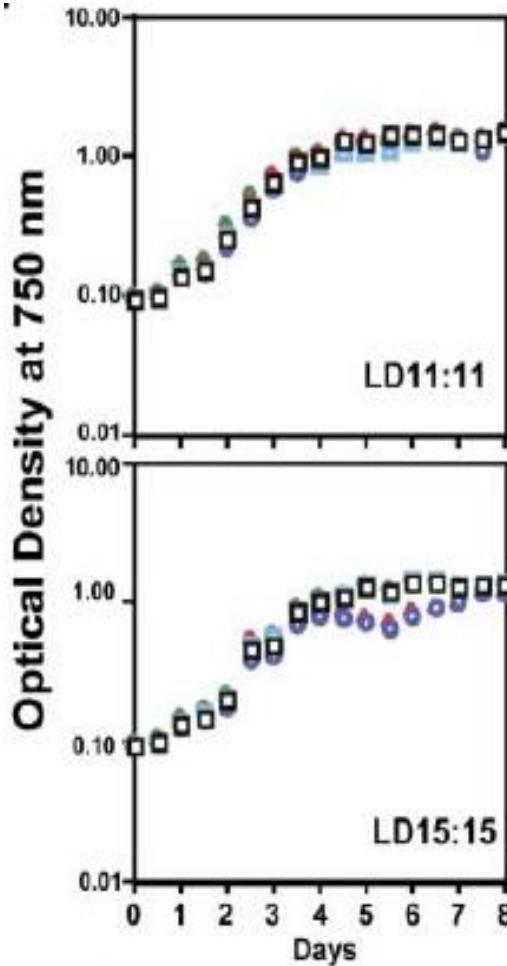
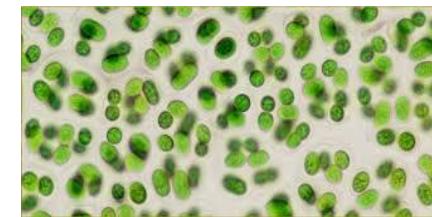
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The adaptive value of circadian clocks

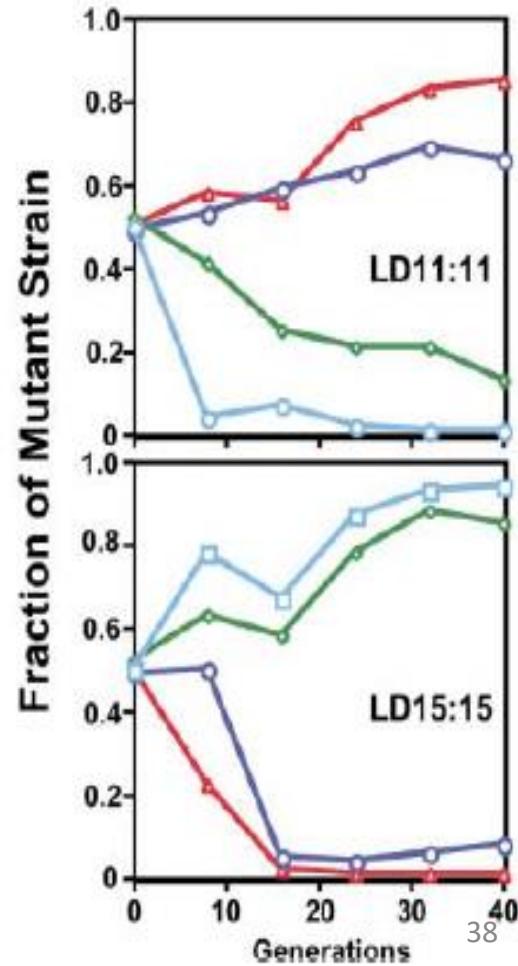
Relative Luminescence



Synechococcus elongatus



Fraction of Mutant Strain



Summary 2

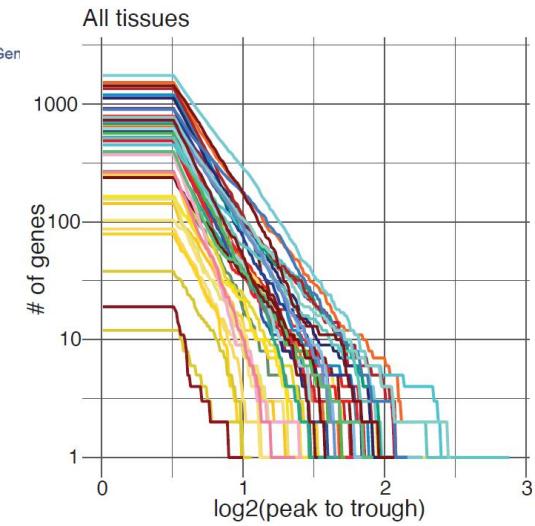
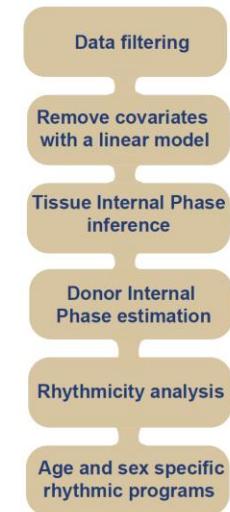
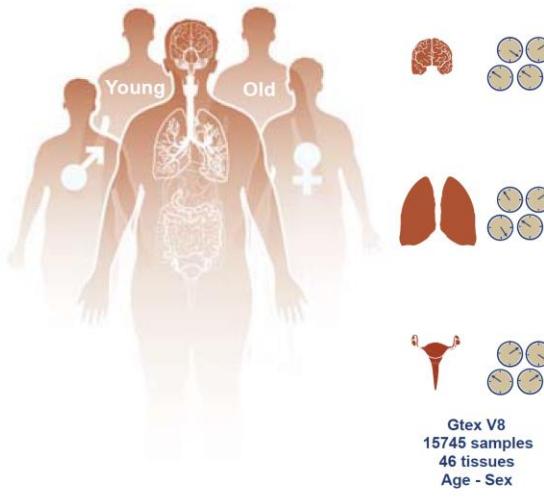
- Clock genes govern circadian rhythms
- A delayed negative feedback loop drives all circadian clock oscillator
- Circadian oscillators are present in virtually every cell
- Circadian gene expression is extensive and highly tissue-specific
- The clock has an adaptative value

CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS

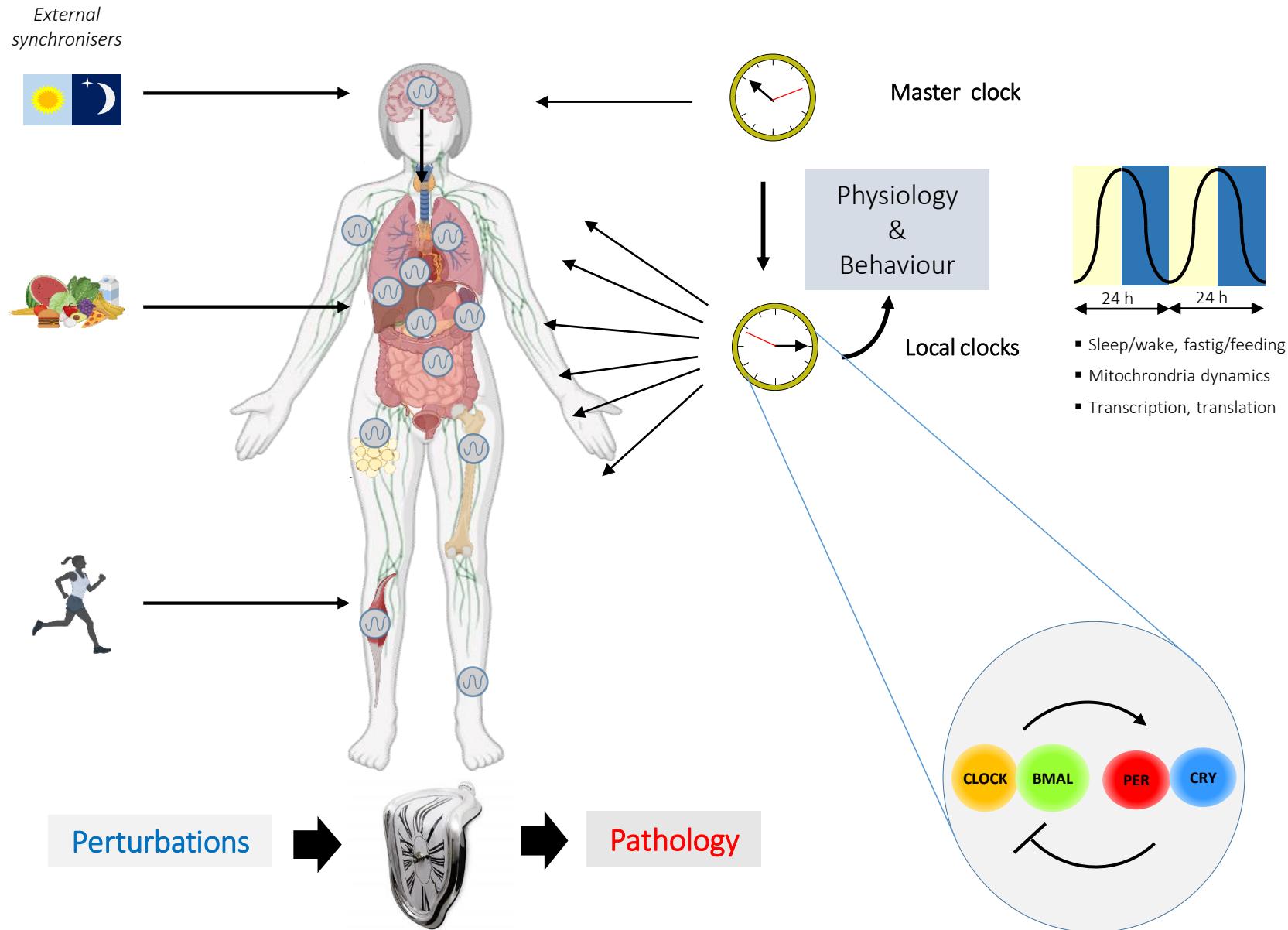
Sex-dimorphic and age-dependent organization of 24-hour gene expression rhythms in human

Lorenzo Talamanca†, Cédric Gobet†, Felix Naef*

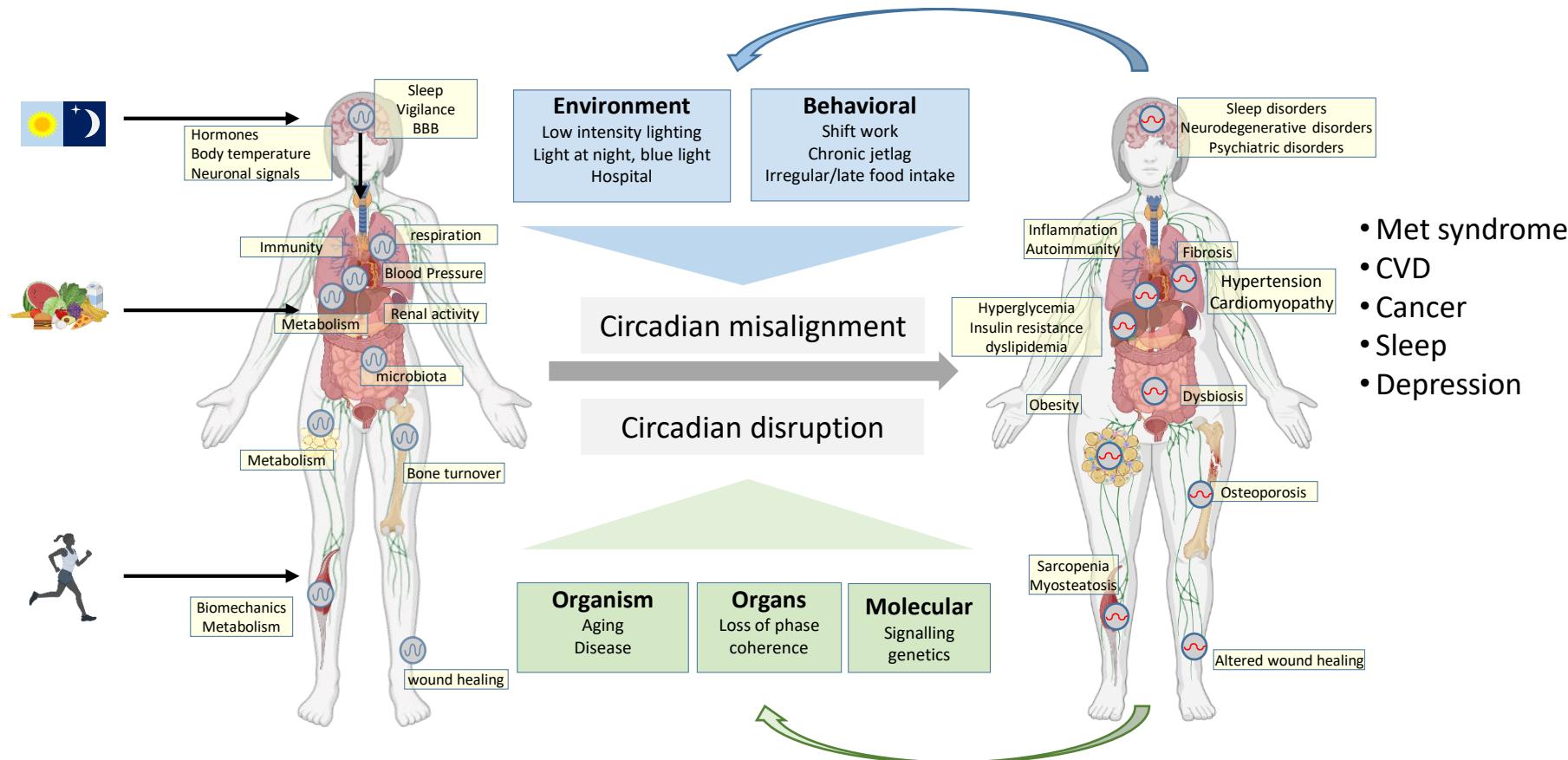
Brain
Amygdala
Anterior cing. cortex
Caudate
Cerebellar Hem.
Cerebellum
Cortex
Frontal Cortex
Hippocampus
Hypothalamus
Nucleus accumbens
Putamen
Spinal cord
Substantia Nigra
Artery
Aorta
Coronary
Tibial
Hearth
Atrial Appendage
Left Ventricle
Adipose
Subcutaneous
Visceral
Skin
Not Sun Exposed
Sun Exposed
Esophagus
Gastro. Junction
Mucosal
Muscularis
Colon
Sigmoid
Transverse
Small intestine
Stomach
Kidney
Liver
Lung
Muscle
Pancreas
Spleen
Adrenal Gland
Min. Salivary Gland
Nerve - Tibial
Pituitary
Thyroid
Breast
Ovary
Prostate
Testis
Uterus
Vagina



The circadian timing system



Biomedical implications of chronobiology research

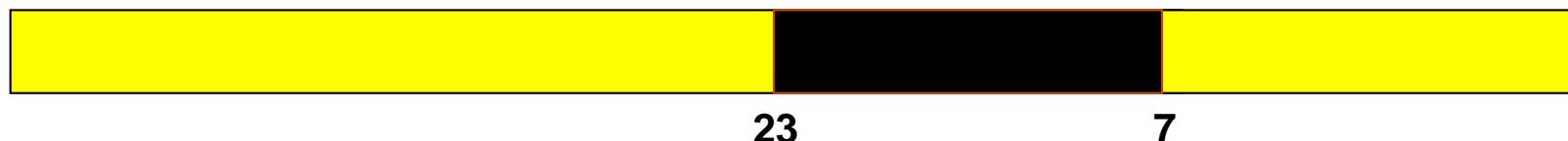


Les désordres du rythme circadien du sommeil (11% des consultations pour insomnie)

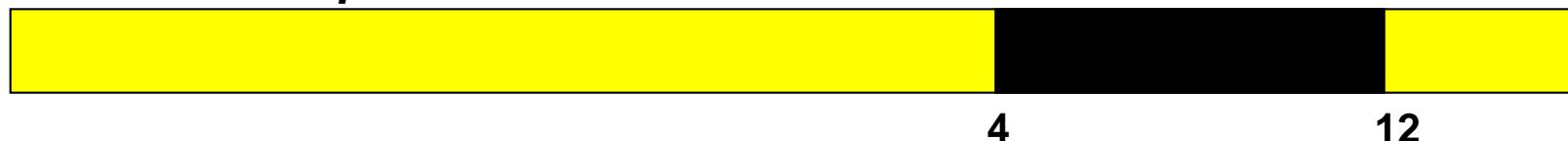
Syndrome d'avance de phase du sommeil : 13.5%



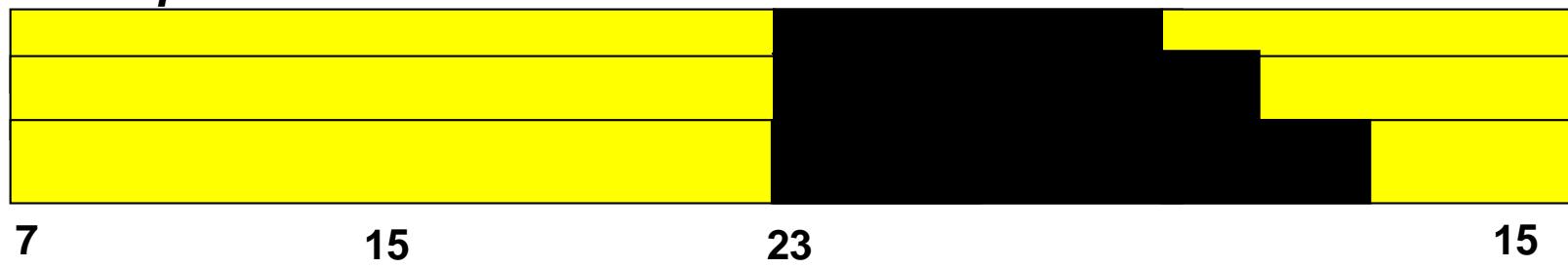
Sommeil normal



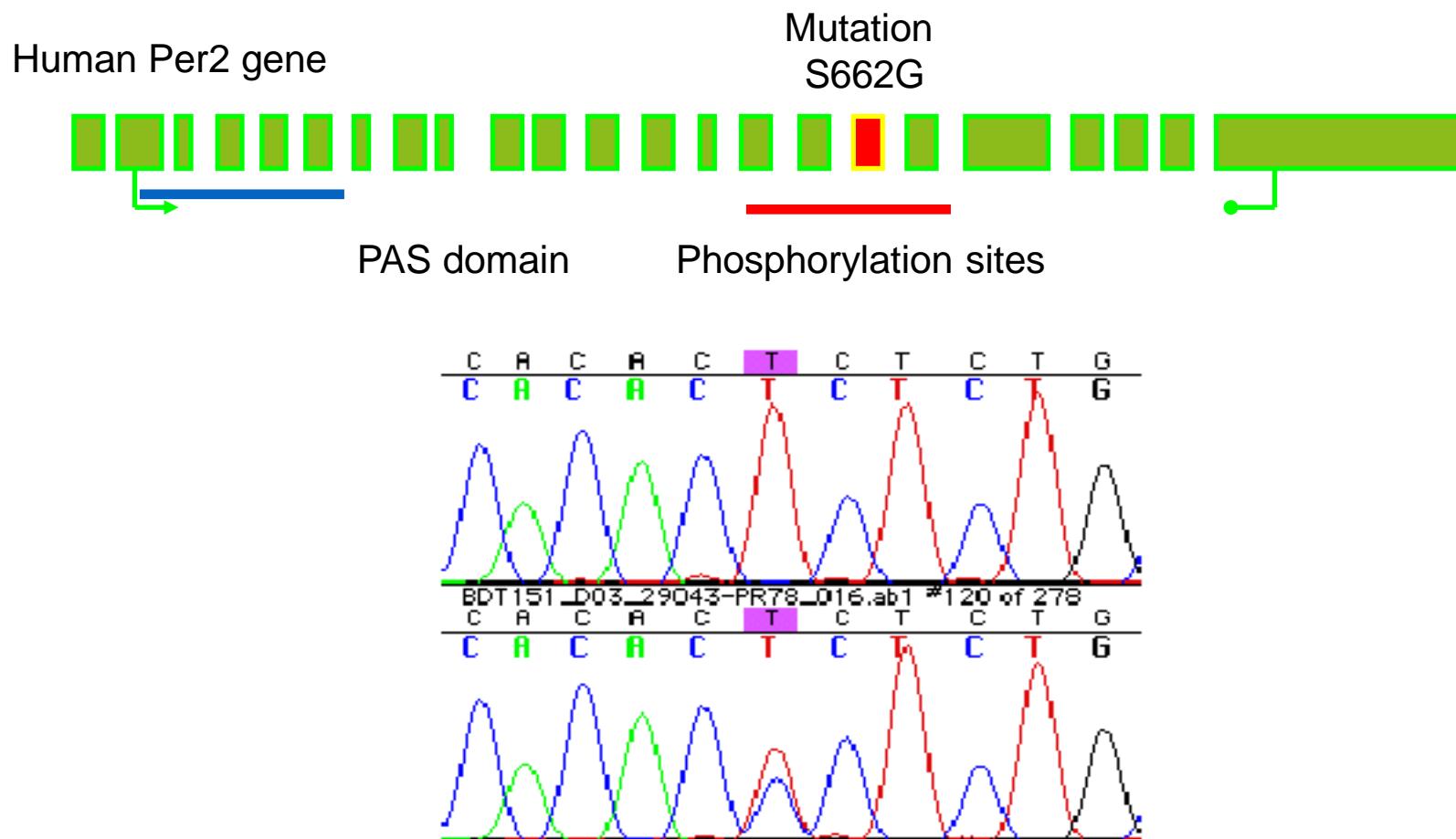
Syndrome de retard de phase du sommeil : 82.7%



Anomalie de la période du sommeil : 3.8%



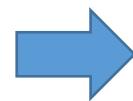
Une mutation dans le gène *Per2* humain est la cause d'une maladie du sommeil FASPS



Impact of circadian misalignment on metabolic homeostasis

Karlsson et al 2003 (WOLF study)

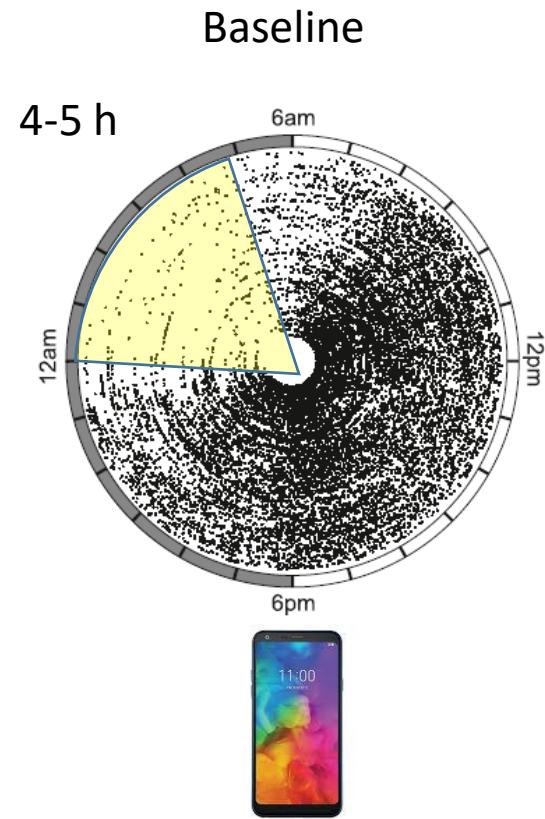
Scheer et al 2009



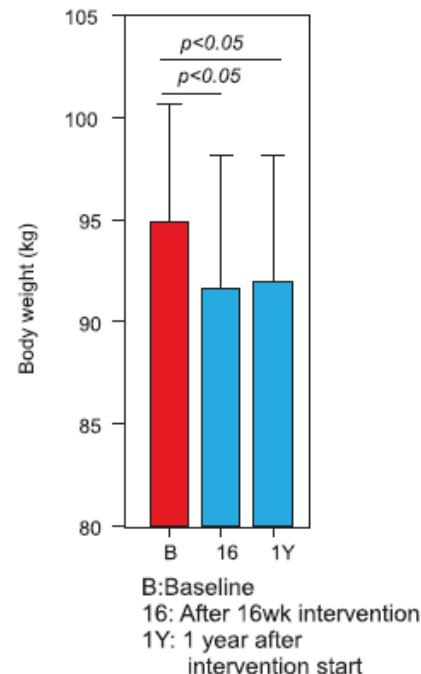
- Triglycerides ↑
- HDL-Cholesterol ↑
- Post-prandial glucose ↑
- Post-prandial insulin ↑
- Waist/hip ratio ↑

Feeding pattern in humans

- Healthy adults non shift workers
(n = 156)

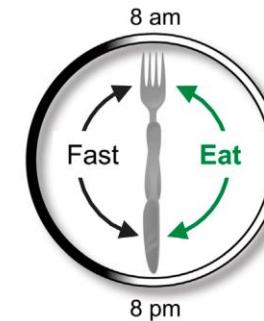


- Intervention
(> 25 BMI, > 14 h feeding duration → 12 h, n=8)



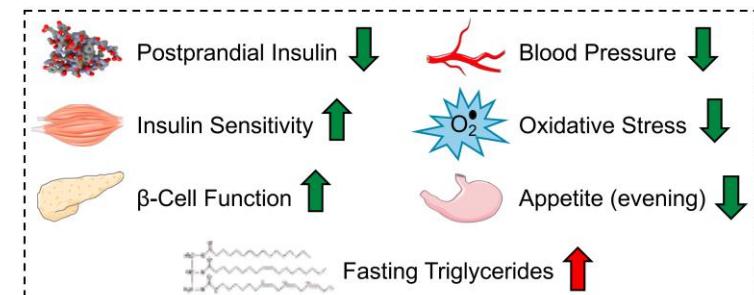
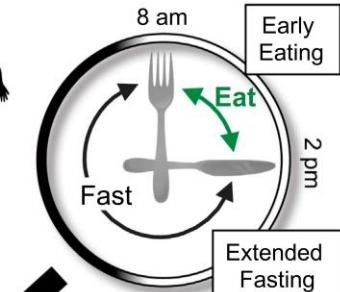
- Prediabetic men (n=6)

Median American Eating Patterns

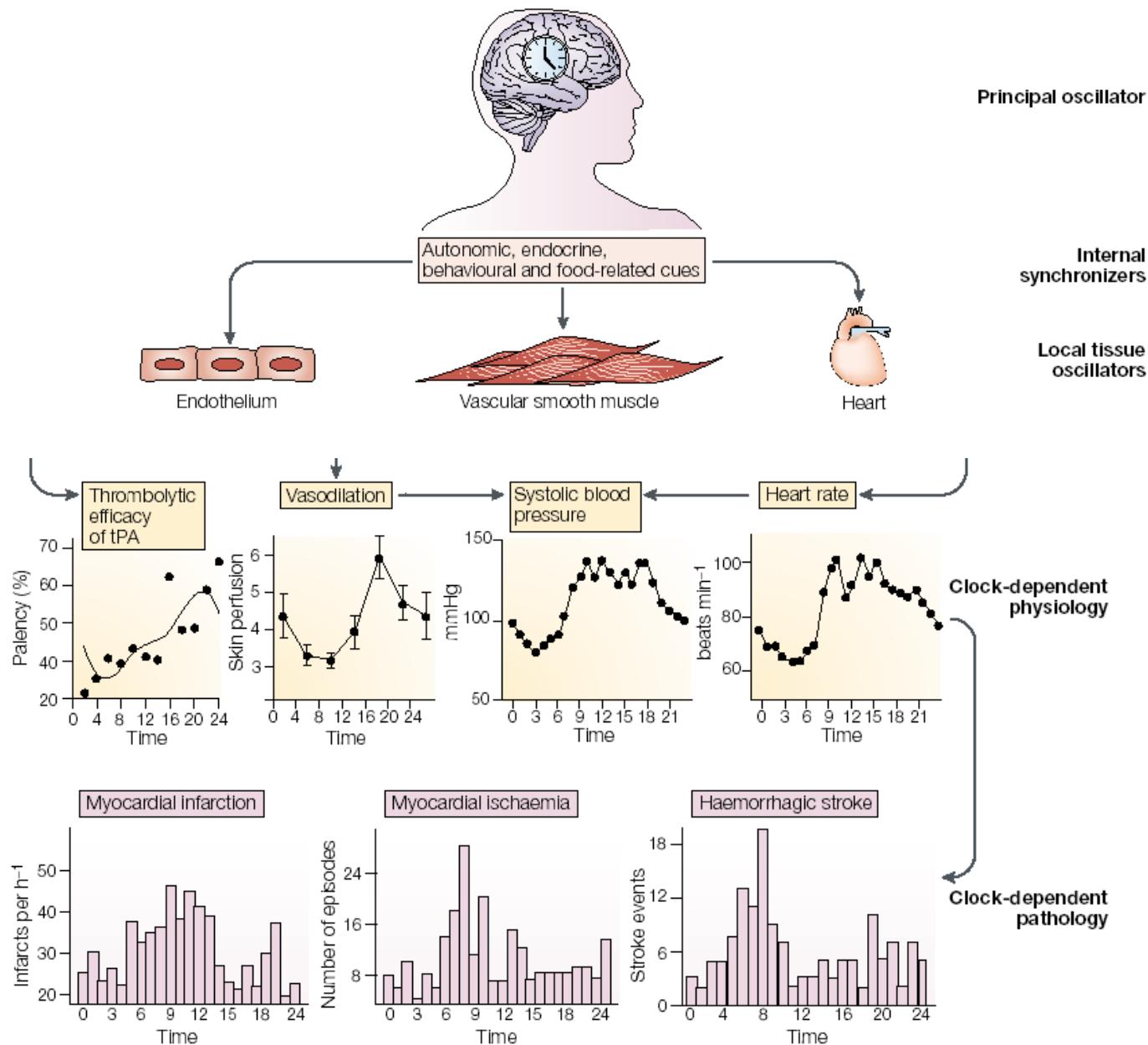


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Early Time-Restricted Feeding



Circadian rhythms and cardiovascular pathologies



Cardiac surgery

Daytime variation of perioperative myocardial injury in cardiac surgery and its prevention by Rev-Erb α antagonism: a single-centre propensity-matched cohort study and a randomised study

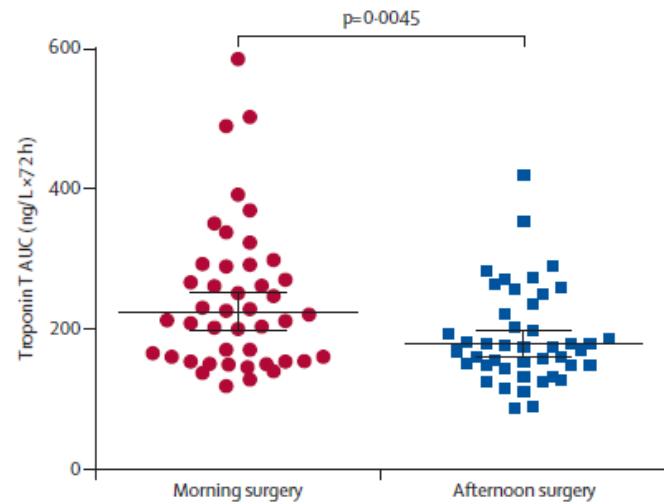
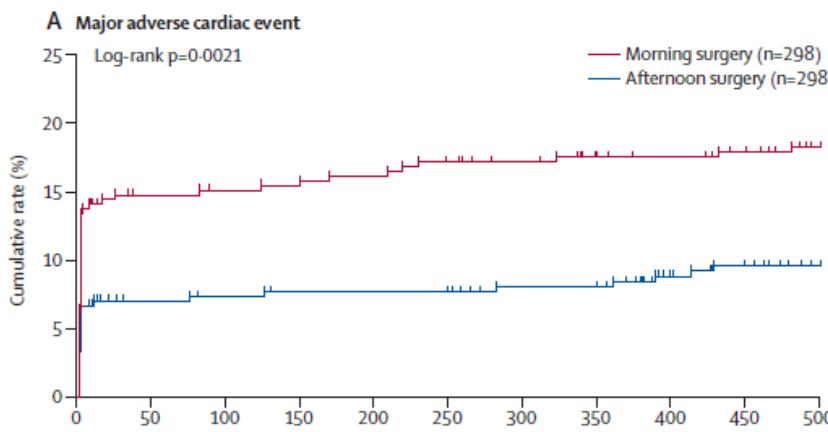


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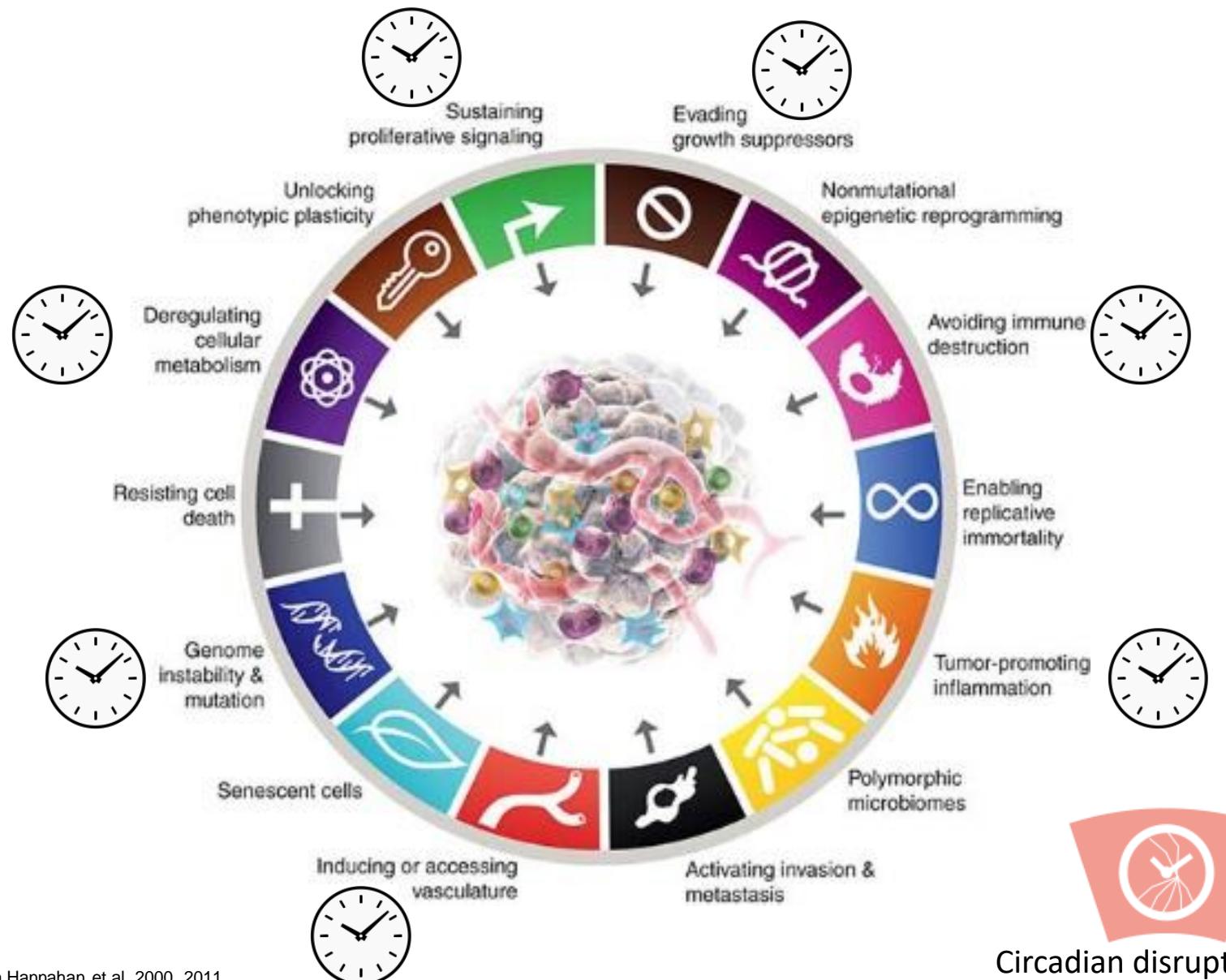
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- Remplacement de la valve aortique
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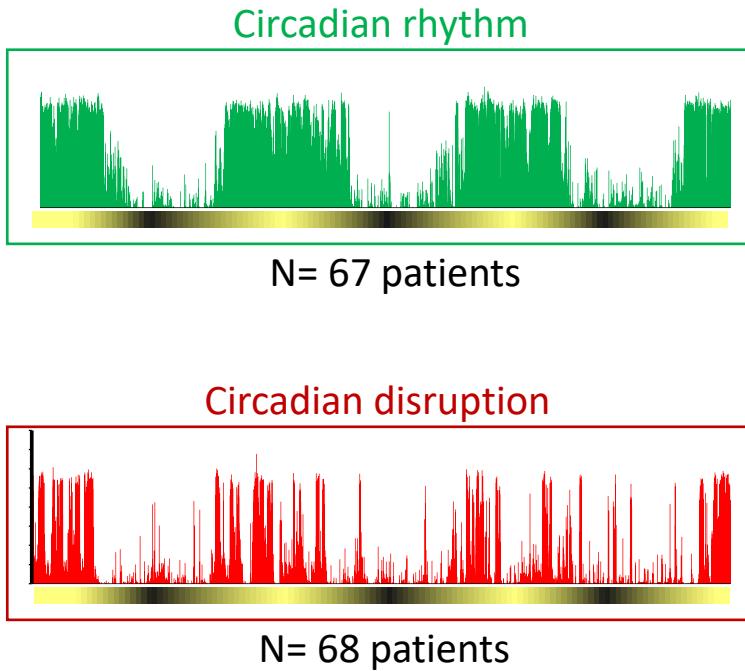
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Circadian disruption and cancer

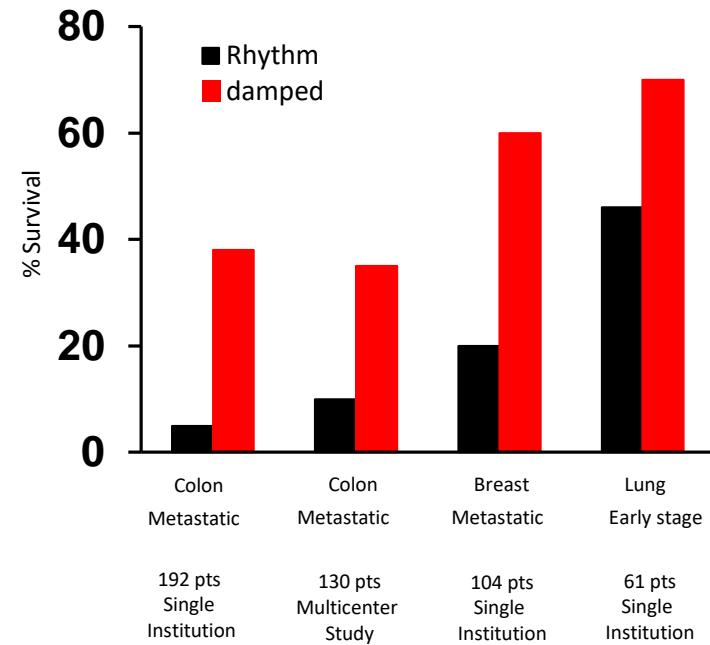
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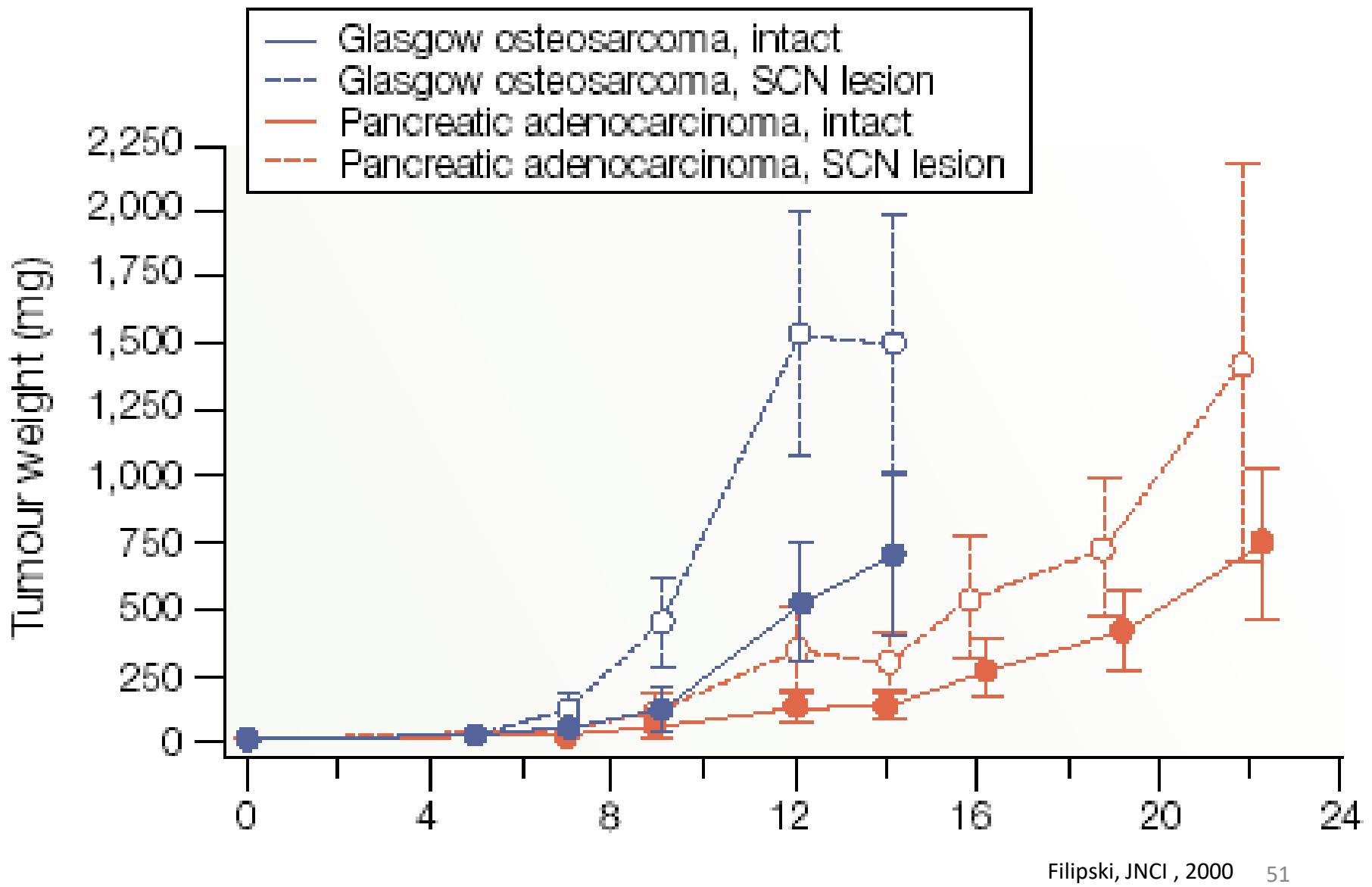
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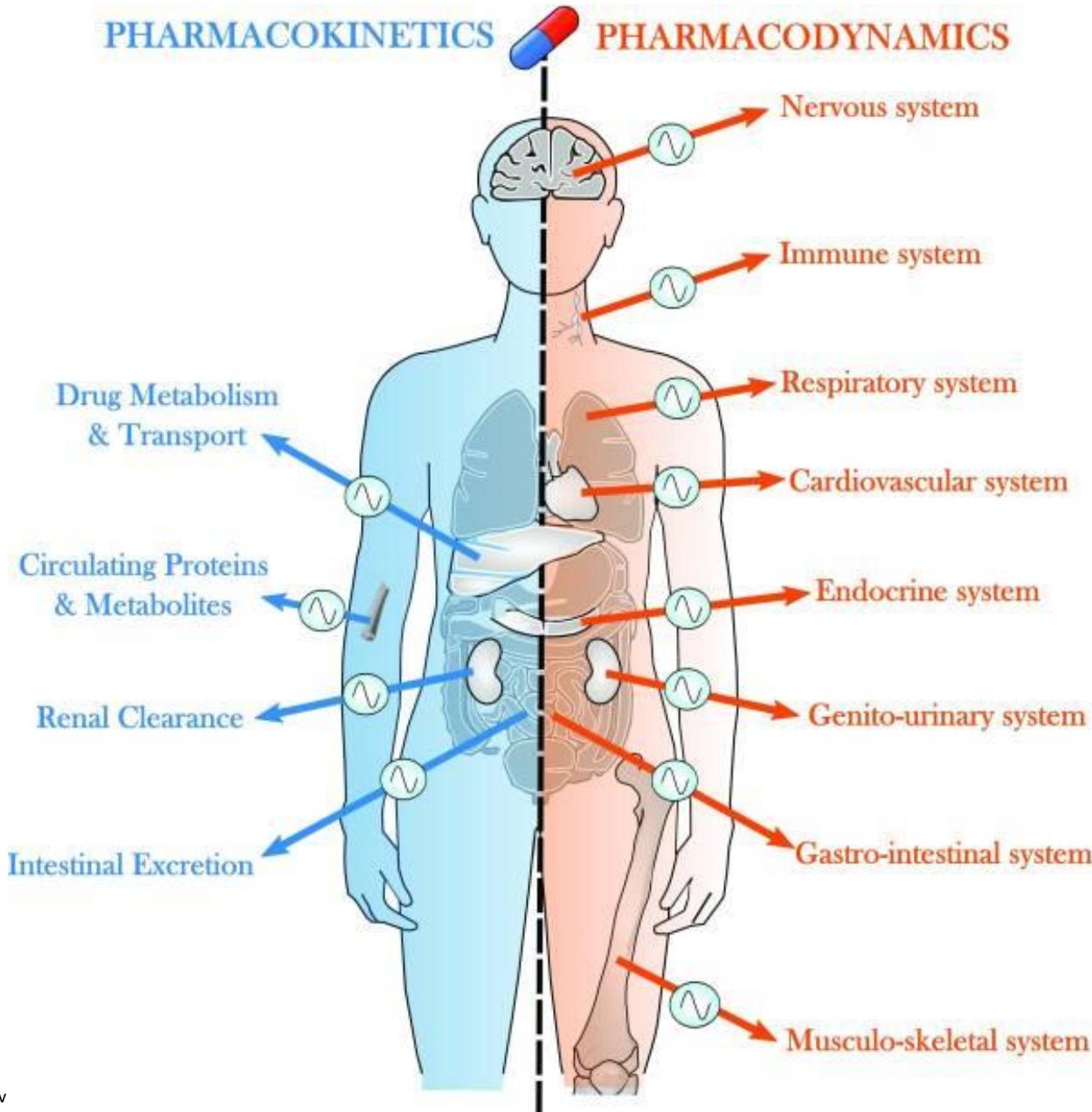


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Circadian disruption accelerates tumour growth



From chronobiology to chronopharmacology



Tolerability of anticancer drugs in mice

Antimetabolites

- Gemcitabine (triangle)
- L-alanosine (circle)

Topoisomerase inhibitors

- Irinotecan (diamond)
- Mitoxantrone (triangle)
- Etoposide (circle)

Intercalating agents

- Theprubicin (circle)

Alkylating agents

- Peptichemo (triangle)
- Cisplatin (square)
- Carboplatin (diamond)
- Oxaliplatin (circle)

Nitrosoureas or related

- Mitomycin-C (circle)
- Systemustin (diamond)

Mitotic spindle poisons

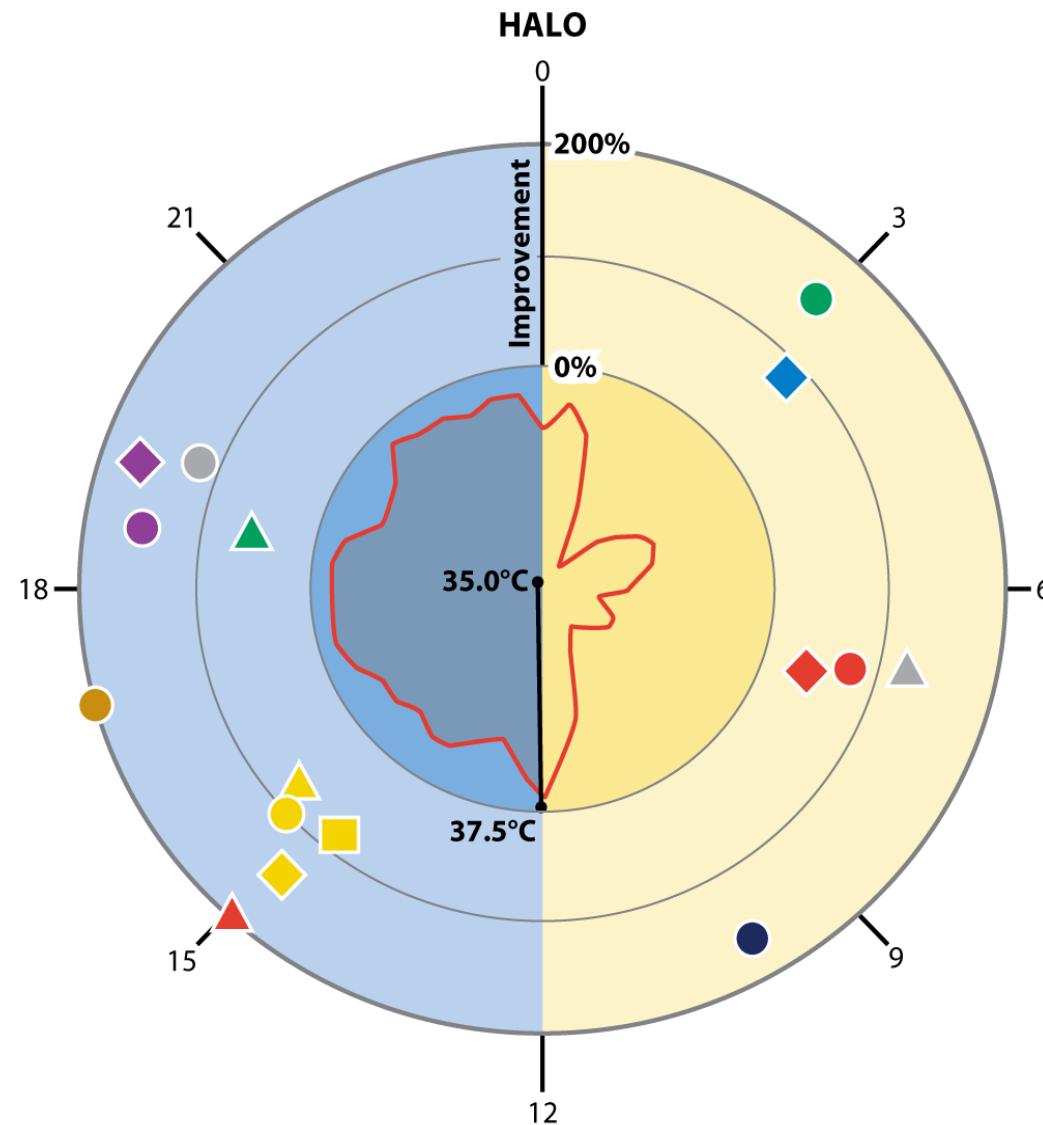
- Docetaxel (circle)
- Vinorelbine (triangle)

Cytokines

- Interleukin-2 (circle)

Small kinase inhibitors

- Seliciclib (diamond)



The paradigm shift of anticancer chronochemotherapy

Current paradigm : the dose makes the poison (*Paracelese*)

Chronotherapy paradigm : dosing time makes the poison

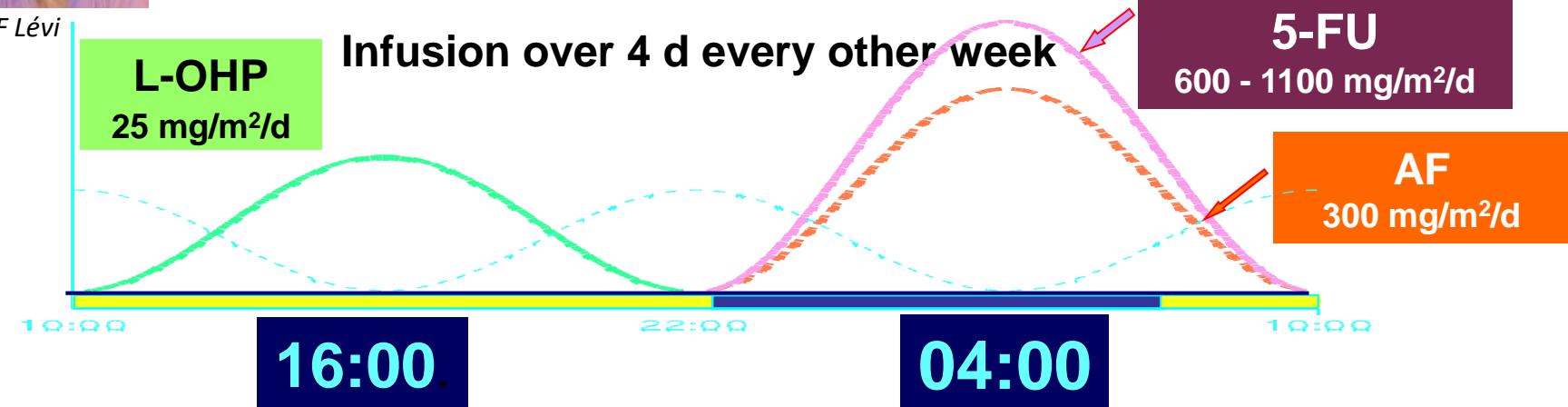
Anticancer chronotherapy:

- Efficacy can be increased by 2
- Toxicity can be decreased by 2-10
- Improved therapeutic index

Chronotherapy: technological implementation



Time-scheduled delivery regimen



Multichannel pump for chronotherapy

- Centralized programmation
- Any modulation of delivery rate
- 4 reservoirs (100-2000 ml)
- 2 independent channels
- Rates from 1 to 3000 ml/h



Summary 3

- Many diseases have a circadian component
- Circadian disruption is a risk factor for many pathologies
- Diseases alter the circadian coordination
- Human chronobiology is emerging
- Chronotherapy works but is not much implemented in the clinic