







Summary

- To provide an efficient way to observe the interaction ٠ of brain and heart activities during strenuous exercise.
- ٠ Alpha & beta - vigilance, alertness and attention
- Theta during running - related to memory and cognitive functions
- The order of the changes during exercise •
 - → provide the useful hints as to the cause/effect relationship between cerebral activity and autonomic functioning





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Theta wave of EEG

- Sleep propensity (Torsvall & Akerstedt, 1987; Vyazovskiy & Tobler, 2005)
- Cognition and memory (Gevin et al., 1997; Klimesch 1999) •
- Attention and motivation (Bennett et al., 1973) •
- Integration of motor programming (Morris and Hagan, 1983) ٠
- Hippocampal theta in rats • locomotion, orienting, spatial learning, memory, REM sleep (Winson, 1978; Bland, 1985)

Type 1: large movement

Type 2: REM sleep & anesthesia

Effect of aging on treadmill exercise induced theta power in the rat

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Characteristic of theta rhythms

- Theta amplitude
- sleep propensity
- locomotion magnitude
- environment
- spatial learning
- Theta frequency
- speed of locomotion
- motivation

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Effect of aging on locomotion induced theta

- Amplitude in rat's hippocampus (Barnes, 1979)
- ⇔ amplitude, ↓ frequency in rat's hippocampus (Markowska, et al., 1995)
- ⇔ amplitude, ⇔ frequency in rat's hippocampus (Abe and Toyosawa, 1999)

adult and old rats." (Orr et al., 2001)

• A amplitude in human's fronto-central midline scalp (Cummins and Finnigan, 2007)

"The theta rhythm does not differ between



Abe and Toyosawa, 1999 Speed & locomotion induced theta, free running



Slawinska and Kasicki, 1998

Specific aims

- To confirm whether **brains of awake <u>young rats</u>** showed a significantly response to treadmill exercise when compared to before exercise.
- To determine whether <u>older rats</u> have a lower baseline level and/or show a lower response to exercise than young rats
- To determine whether treadmill exercise is still able to evoke brain activity in the <u>older rats</u>.









Quantitative analyses of time constants in hippocampal theta frequency (Frq) and power (Amp) of electroencephalogram, electromyogram power (EMG), heart rate (HR), and physical activity (PA) in rats



*p < 0.05 vs. EMG, $\dagger p < 0.05$ vs. PA, $\ddagger p < 0.05$ vs. Frq, # p < 0.05 vs. Amp.

Two-dimensional scattergram showing the relationship between hippocampal theta components (frequency, Frq; amplitude, Amp) and corresponding parameters of body movement (electromyogram power, EMG; heart rate, HR; physical activity, PA)





The correlation coefficients between hippocampal theta components (frequency, Frq; amplitude, Amp) and parameters of body movement (electromyogram power, EMG; heart rate, HR; physical activity, PA) in rats



**p* < 0.05 from zero by 95% confidence interval analysis.

Summary

- The running exercise is heterogenous and can be classified into initiation and maintenance according to EEG responses.
- A switch for theta amplitude during initial movement: theta frequency.
- Maintenance: positive correlation between theta component and physical activity.
- Our finding may provide electrophysiological evidences for psychologists with exercise treatments on patients.